

## Lecture 16 (10/19/20)

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## Lecture 16 (10/19/20)

### ENZYMES:

#### Enzyme Kinetics

Collection and manipulation of data

Lineweaver-Burk; double reciprocal;  $1/v_o$  vs.  $1/[S]$

Eadie-Hofstee;  $v_o$  vs.  $v_o/[S]$ ; Similar to Scatchard Plot for binding; ( $Y$  vs.  $Y/[S]$ )

Hanes-Woolf;  $[S]/v_o$  vs.  $1/[S]$

Inhibition

Irreversible: protein modification

Reversible

Competitive; like substrate;  $K_m$  affected by  $(1 + [I]/K_i) = \alpha$

Uncompetitive; binds only ES; both  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$  affected in opposite ways

Noncompetitive; binds both E & ES (mixed, non-equal binding);  $V_{max}$  affected

Mixed inhibition if I binds E differently than it binds ES

Uses of Steady-state kinetics

Active-site identification

Determine mechanism-distinguish ping-pong *versus* sequential

pH studies; do ionizations match amino acid  $pK_a$ 's when looking at pH vs. activity?

Protein modification; Irreversible

X-ray crystallography structure; cleft, complexes with ligands (inhibitors or substrates)

Energetics of Catalysis

$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$  is negative

$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta\Delta H^\ddagger - T\Delta\Delta S^\ddagger$ ; bonding effects & proximity/position effects

Rate dependent on  $(kT/h)\text{EXP}(-\Delta G^\ddagger/RT)$

Example of enzyme; Proline Racemase

HIV protease; tetrahedral t.s. seen in two nM inhibitors ( $K_i < 1$  nM); bioavailability

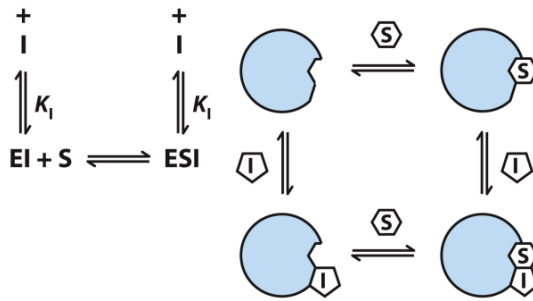
#### Enzyme Mechanisms

Proteases

Serine Proteases

## Non-competitive Inhibition

### Non-competitive inhibition



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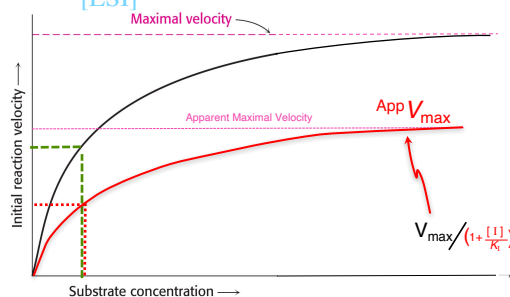
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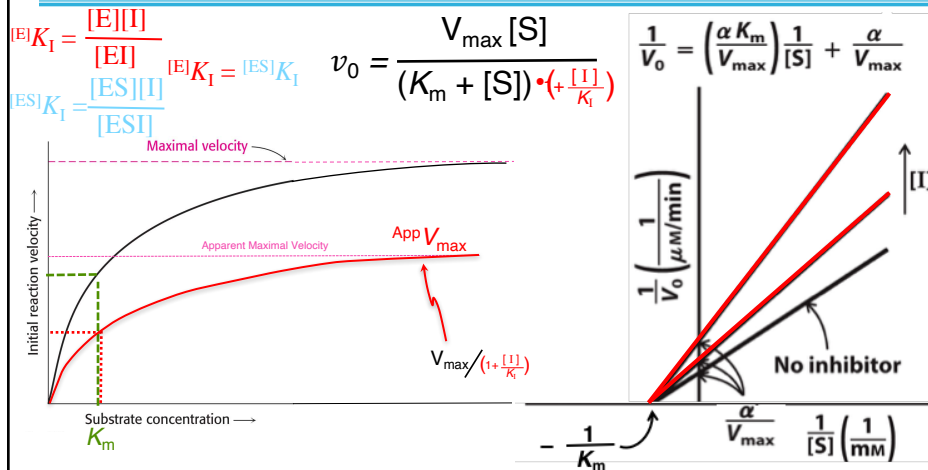
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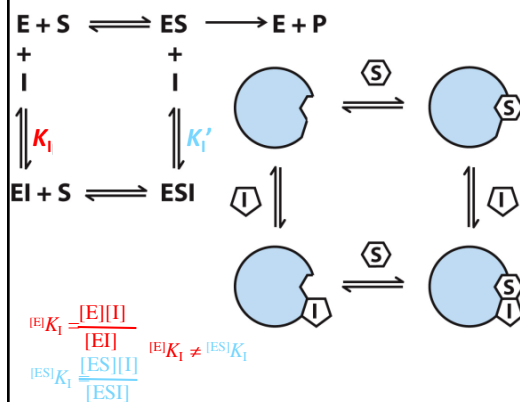
## Mixed Inhibition

### • Variation of Non-competitive\*

- binds to regulatory/inhibitory site differently in free enzyme (E) versus enzyme-substrate complex (ES)

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### Mixed inhibition



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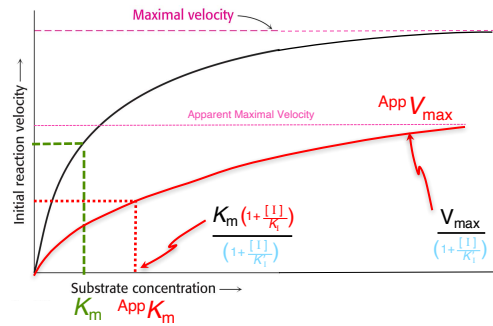
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\*Noncompetitive inhibitors are mixed inhibitors such that there is no change in  $K_m$ .

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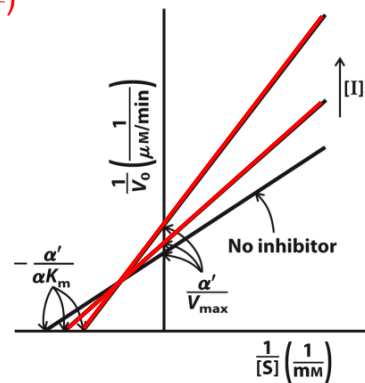
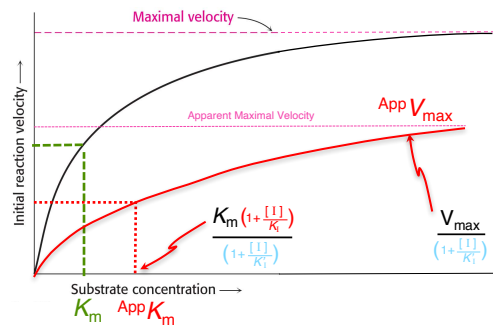
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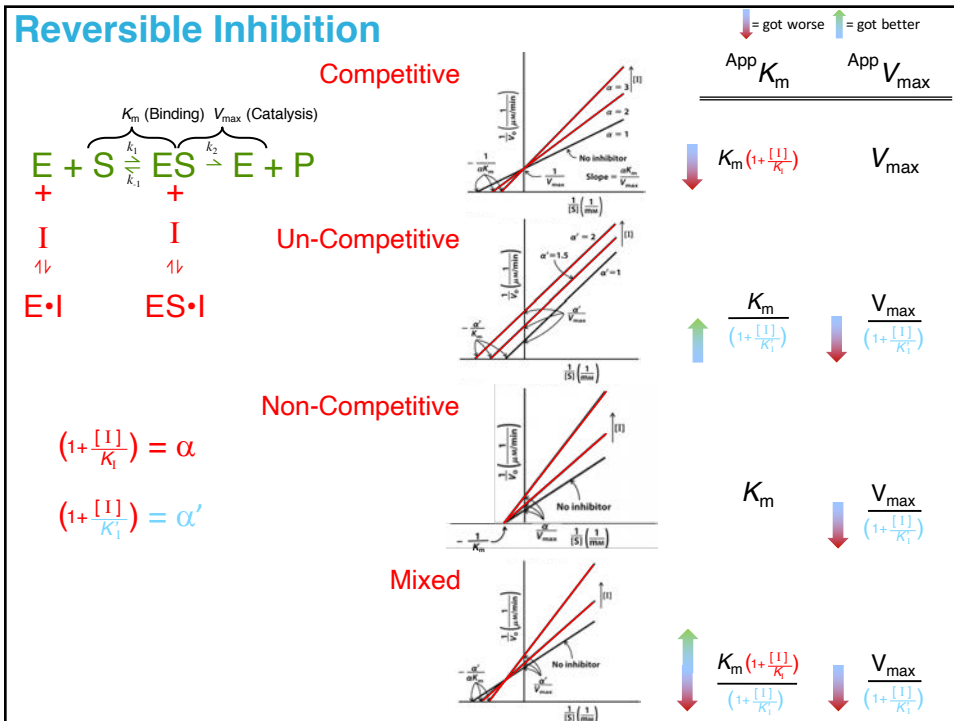
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## Enzymes

# ACTIVE SITE

### SUMMARY SO FAR:

We have described enzymes in general terms such as:

- turnover cycle
- nomenclature
- binding, even stereo-specific binding
- transition state theory
- catalytic strategies (what to do)
- mechanistic strategies (how to do)
- enzyme kinetics and inhibition

ALL of this happens at the ACTIVE SITE

Now, we want to ask what all happens here, how do we determine what happens, and can we quantify the energy needed to get the kind of rate enhancements enzymes enjoy.

## Enzymes

### How do you determine what is going on at the active site?

We will discuss FOUR methods for study of the active site

1. Enzyme kinetics
2. pH studies
3. Protein modification
4. Structural studies

## Enzymes

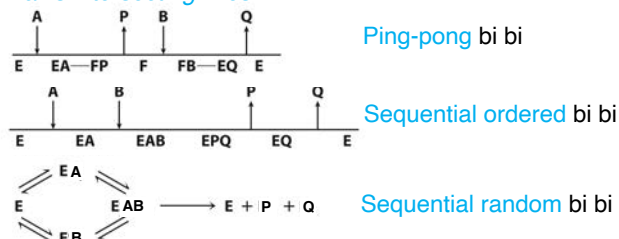
### 1) Use M-M Kinetics to determine the kinetic mechanism

#### Steady-state kinetic analysis of bi-substrate reactions

- Is it sequential random bi bi or ping-pong bi bi?
- We cannot easily distinguish sequential ordered from ping-pong.

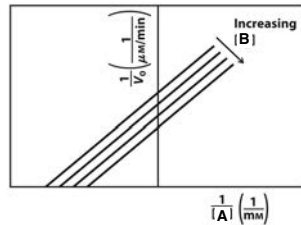
Recall: In enzyme inhibition, if S MUST bind before I, you get parallel lines, and if I can bind to both forms of the enzyme (E and ES) you get x-axis intersecting lines.

*It's that same principle for bi-substrate enzymes: if A MUST bind before B, you get parallel lines, and if B can bind to both forms E and EA of the enzyme, you get x-axis intersecting lines.*



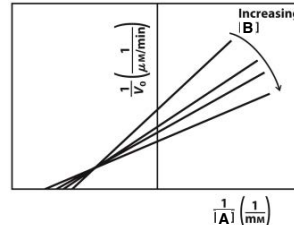
## Enzymes

In these double-reciprocal plots, the concentration of A is varied while the concentration of B is held constant (at less than saturating concentrations). This is repeated for several values of [B], generating several separate lines.



Lineweaver-Burk: **lines are parallel**

Ping-pong bi bi **or** Sequential ordered bi bi



Lineweaver-Burk: **lines intersect**

Sequential random bi bi

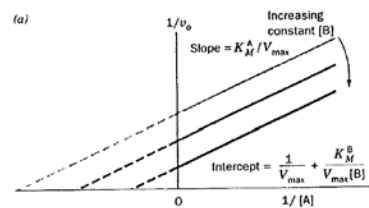
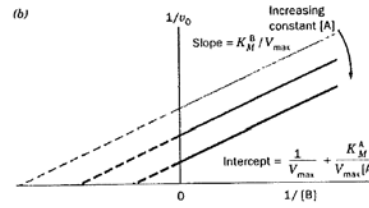


FIGURE 13-17. Double-reciprocal plots for an enzymatic reaction with a Ping Pong Bi Bi mechanism. (a) Plots of  $1/v_0$

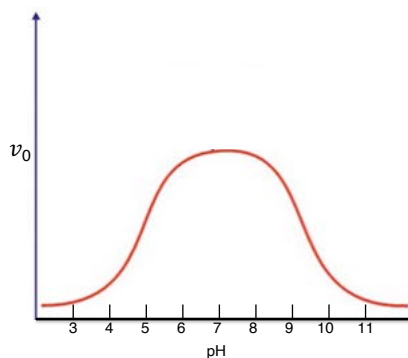


versus  $1/[A]$  at various constant concentrations of B. (b) Plots of  $1/v_0$  versus  $1/[B]$  at various constant concentrations of A.

## Enzymes

### 2) Use M-M Kinetics to determine if there is acid-base catalysis

Lets suppose you assay enzyme 1 at varying pH values. And, you get this:



What is the difference?  
What does this mean in each case?  
What other information can you get?

Then on enzyme 2, you get this:

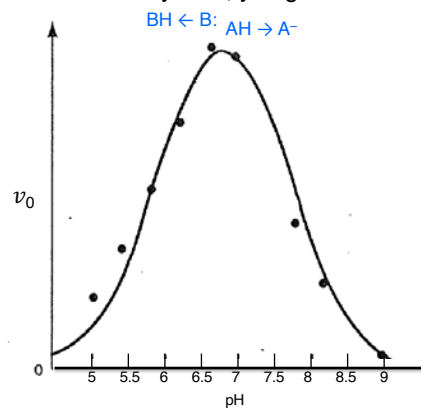


FIGURE 13-14. The effect of pH on the initial rate of the reaction catalyzed by the enzyme fumarase. [After Tanford, C., *Physical Chemistry of Macromolecules*, p. 647, Wiley (1961).]

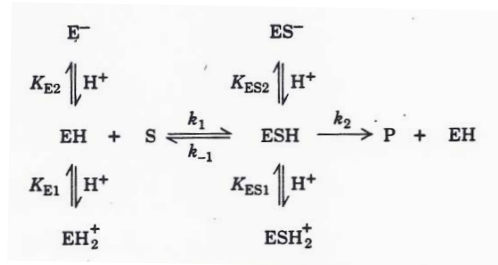
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Lets take enzyme 2 and determine the values of  $V_{\max}$  and  $K_m$  at varying pH values.

What are you treating protons as?

Now, plot the  $V_{\max}$  and  $V_{\max}/K_m$  versus  $[H^+]$  (i.e., pH)



Do the  $pK_a$  ( $K_s \approx K_i$ ) values give you any clue as to what residues are functioning as acid/base catalysts at the active site?

If  $pK_{E1} = 4.5$  ?Glu must be de-protonated for binding  
 If  $pK_{ES2} = 9.5$  ?Lys must be protonated for catalysis

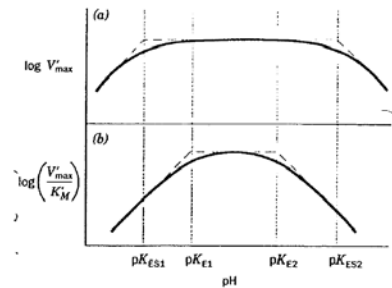


FIGURE 13-15. The pH dependence of (a)  $\log V'_{\max}$  and (b)  $\log (V'_{\max}/K_M)$  illustrating how the values of the molecular ionization constants can be determined by graphical extrapolation.

# Enzymes

## 3) Use protein modification to determine what residues might be AT the active site

If you react your enzyme with chemical reagents that are specific to certain amino acid residues, and these residues are at the active site, you might abolish activity.

Certain controls are usually required:

- make sure that reagent doesn't just denature the enzyme
- test to see if substrates or competitive inhibitors will protect
- should measure stoichiometry of reaction

### Common Reagents for the Modification of Proteins

Reagent	Residue	Detection
2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzyl bromide (Koshland's reagent)	Tryptophan	410 nm
N-bromosuccinimide	Tryptophan	260/280 nm
Phenylisothiocyanate (Edman's Reagent)	Amino-terminal	Release of a PTH-amino acid
Iodoacetic acid	Cysteine	Carboxymethyl derivatives
N-ethylmaleimide (NEM)	Cysteine	Derivatives of NEM
5,5'-Dithiobis(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (Ellman's Reagent - DTNB)	Cysteine	412 nm
Diethylpyrocarbonate (DEPC)	Histidine	240 nm
Imidates	Lysine	Derivatives of imidates
2,4,6-trinitrobenzenesulfonic acid (TNBS)	Lysine	420 nm

How can you use this idea and identify WHICH of the many His, Cys, Lys, etc. might be the one at the active site?



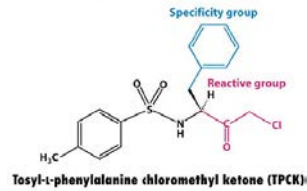
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Use a "Trojan Horse"

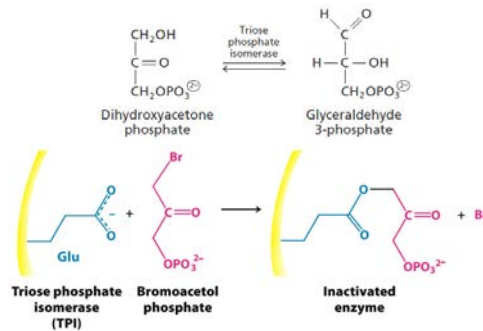
This combines the specificity of binding at the active site with the reactivity of the reagent for certain residues

Examples:



This will specifically Kill chymotrypsin

General term:  
Affinity Labeling



You can then perform protein sequencing studies to find which residue is modified

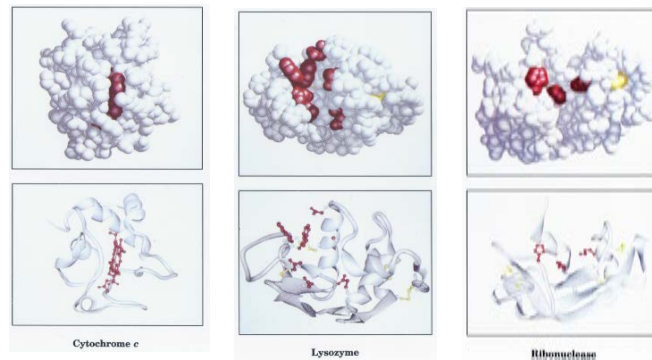
# Enzymes

## 4) Use structural studies to SEE the active site

X-ray crystallography can often reveal a cleft, which is usually that active site.

Can look in the cleft for metal ions, coenzymes, acid/base groups, and/or nucleophiles

Examples:



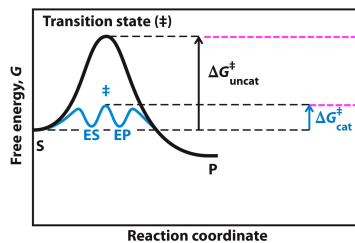
You can then test which residues you actually see at the active site by protein modification, pH studies, or site-directed mutagenesis.

# Enzymes

## What enzyme energetics are involved in lowering the activation energy?

Now that we can discover what the “geography” of the active site might be, let's discuss what has to happen there...

Recall Transition State Theory and the 4 Catalytic Strategies:



$$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta G^\ddagger_{\text{cat}} - \Delta G^\ddagger_{\text{uncat}}$$

There is always a difference in activation energies that yield a negative  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$ .  
This is the amount of energy that must be supplied somehow to the reaction by the enzyme

### Catalytic Strategies

- **Position Effects**: bind substrates where they need to be for reaction (rather than depending on random collisions)
- **Polarization of bonds**: make substrates more reactive by polarizing bonds (make better nucleophiles, electrophile, or leaving groups) (Electrostatics)
- **Strain of bonds**: bind substrates in such a way that they “look” like products (put strain on bonds that are to be broken (sensible)) (Geometry)
- **De-solvation**: assist in removal of water shell around substrates or adding to products upon release (S & P are usually in direct contact with residues at the active site (no water))

# Enzymes

Enzymes organize reactive groups into **close proximity** and **proper orientation**.

- Whatever way they do this, they have to have a **negative  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$**

$$\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger = \underbrace{\Delta\Delta H^\ddagger}_{\text{Catalyzed bimolecular and unimolecular reactions MUST use binding energy from somewhere to, not only pay the entropic cost of organizing the reactants into a fairly rigid ES complex staged to achieve the transition state, but also to get enough energy to lower the activation energy.}} - \underbrace{T\Delta\Delta S^\ddagger}_{\text{Catalyzed bimolecular and unimolecular reactions have to position reactants and/or strain them to reach the transition state in the active site}}$$

- This can be from strong **polarizing bonds** in ES & ES<sup>‡</sup>
- This can come from differences in energy of the solvated S and ES complex

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$\Delta\Delta S^\ddagger$  Value is:  $\ominus$

–  $T\Delta\Delta S^\ddagger$  value is:  $\oplus$

This  $\Delta\Delta H^\ddagger$  MUST be much more  $\ominus$  than  $-T\Delta\Delta S^\ddagger$  is  $\oplus$

## Enzymes

Any easy way to express this is simply to say that:  
**Enzymes bind transition states best.**

- This idea was proposed by **Linus Pauling** in 1946.
  - Enzyme active sites are complimentary to the transition state of the reaction.
  - Enzymes bind transition states better than substrates.
  - Stronger/additional interactions with the transition state as compared with the ground state lower the activation barrier.

As shown on last slide, this is largely  $\Delta\Delta H^\ddagger$  effect

**What is an example of using binding energy, i.e., bonds, to increase rates?**

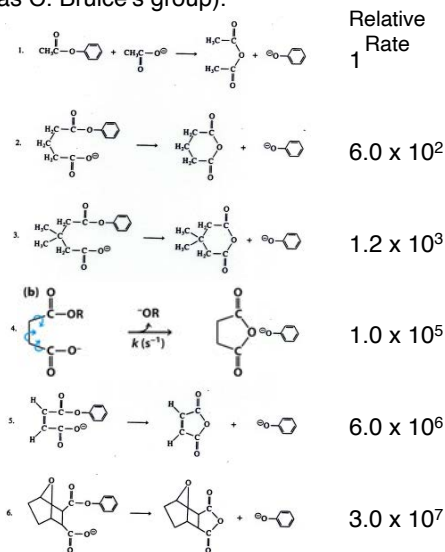
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## Enzymes

- Enzymes increase reaction rates ( $v_0$ ) by decreasing  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ .

$$v_0 = k_{\text{cat}} [E]_T$$

$$\Delta k_{\text{cat}} = \left( \frac{k_B T}{h} \right) e^{\left( \frac{-\Delta \Delta G^\ddagger}{RT} \right)}$$

$k_B$  = Boltzmann's constant ( $J/^\circ K$ )  
 $h$  = Plank's constant ( $J \cdot \text{sec}$ )  
 $T$  = Temperature ( $^\circ K$ )  
 $R$  = Gas constant ( $J \cdot ^\circ K^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ )

TWO points about this equation:

- the relationship between  $\Delta \Delta G^\ddagger$  and rate is negative; the higher the negative value, the larger the rate
- the relationship between  $\Delta \Delta G^\ddagger$  and rate is exponential; a small change in energy, a large change in rate

$\Delta \Delta G^\ddagger$ (kcal/mole)	$\Delta k_{\text{cat}}$ ( $s^{-1}$ )
-1.4	$10^1$
-2.8	$10^2$
-5.6	$10^4$
-8.0	$10^6$

## Enzymes

### Transition-State Analogs Are Potent Inhibitors of Enzymes

**Binding Energy** is the free energy released upon interaction of the enzyme and substrate.

**Binding Energy** need NOT be just in the interactions directly with the substrate; it could be that **Binding Energy** (bonds) is gained from the entire protein (enzyme dynamics) in the ES complex.

It has been proposed that the ES complex is a high-energy state, sort of a “wound-up” protein, and this **Binding Energy** helps force the  $ES \rightarrow ES^\ddagger$  reaction, i.e.,  $ES^\ddagger$  is more easily achieved as the whole protein finds a lower energy state.

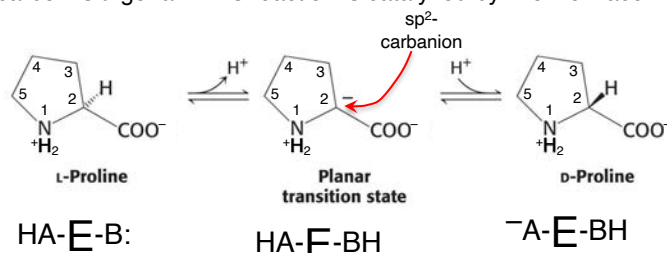
It seems clear now that **Binding Energy** is greatest when the enzyme interacts with S as it approaches the transition state, thus facilitating the formation of the transition state.

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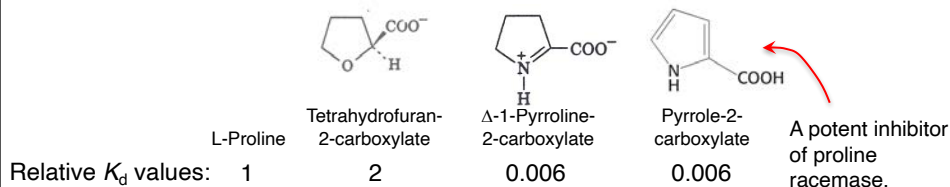
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Other substrates/inhibitors that have a trigonal geometry ( $sp^2$ ) might look more like the transition state, so called transition-state analogs. These might bind better than S.



## ENZYMES: Lecture 16 (10/19/20)-part 2

### B. Enzyme Mechanisms

#### 1. Proteases

Introduction; roles and types

Roles: Serine:

Types: based on mechanism; Serine,  
Thiol, Carboxyl (acid), Metallo

#### 2. Serine Proteases

Reaction & specificity

Activation (zymogens); Ile  $\alpha$ -amino pKa somehow important

Active Site Determination

esterase activity

burst kinetics  $\Rightarrow$  two-steps (Ping-pong ordered bi bi)

protein modification

pH studies

X-ray crystallography

Proposed mechanism

Catalytic triad (Ser-His-Asp) – highly conserved

Mechanism; tetrahedral intermediates and stabilize t.s. with oxy-anion hole

Old; charge relay (but Ser-195 does not have the correct pK<sub>a</sub>)

Low-barrier Hydrogen bonds- Role for Asp

Specificity

Chymotrypsin *versus* elastase

#### 3. Other protease mechanisms

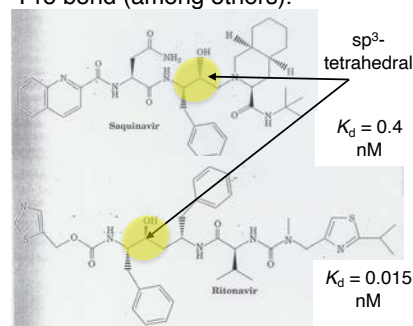
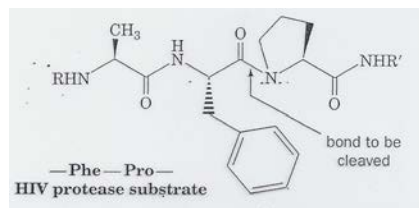
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### Transition-State Analogs Are Potent Inhibitors of Enzymes

#### EXAMPLE: HIV protease

This protease is important in the processing of the viral proteins and is encoded by the HIV genome. It was the first successful target for treatment of HIV. Saved millions of lives to date.

This is a protease that uses an Asp at the active site (Asp-protease or acid protease), but it has a specificity for cleavage at a Tyr/Phe – Pro bond (among others).



What are all these other substituents doing?

In drug development, issues of Bioavailability are paramount:

survival in the gut, absorption, half-life, membrane permeability, off-target minimization

## Enzymes

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# ENZYME MECHANISMS

## Enzymes

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### What is an Enzyme Mechanism?

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- In organic chemistry, there is a chemical mechanism.
- In biochemistry, there is a chemical mechanism performed by the enzyme.
  - This mechanism may not have the same pathway as one in organic chemistry (think covalent catalysis).
  - An Enzyme Mechanism is a description of step-by-step what goes on at the active site, what are the intermediates, what order to they occur, and what are the rate constants (energetics and rate-limiting steps, etc.).

## Enzyme Mechanism

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### Protease (Peptide hydrolase)

- During digestion, dietary proteins must be broken down into small peptides by proteases.
- During protein turnover in the cell, proteins must be broken down by proteases (lysosomal cathepsins, proteasome, etc.)
- During regulation, protein processing:
  - Pro-collagen → collagen
  - Generation of endorphins
  - Blood clotting
- During development, from fertilization (acrosome) onward

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Class of Protease	Examples
Serine	Trypsin, Chymotrypsin, Elastase
Thiol	Papain, Cathepsin B, Caspases
Acid	HIV protease, Pepsin, Cathepsin D, Renin, Chymosin
Metal	Carboxypeptidase A, Thermolysin

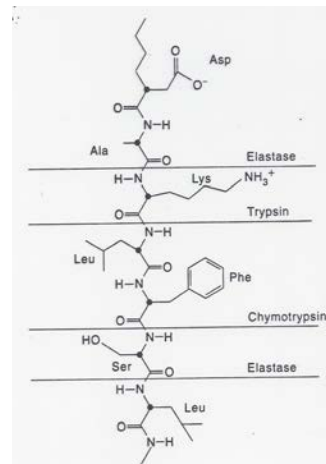
## Enzyme Mechanism

### Serine Proteases

TABLE 14-4. A SELECTION OF SERINE PROTEASES

Enzyme	Source	Function
Trypsin	Pancreas	Digestion of proteins
Chymotrypsin	Pancreas	Digestion of proteins
Elastase	Pancreas	Digestion of proteins
Thrombin	Vertebrate serum	Blood clotting
Plasmin	Vertebrate serum	Dissolution of blood clots
Kallikrein	Blood and tissues	Control of blood flow
Complement C1	Serum	Cell lysis in the immune response
Acrosomal protease	Sperm acrosome	Penetration of ovum
Lysosomal protease	Animal cells	Cell protein turnover
Cocoonase	Moth larvae	Dissolution of cocoon after metamorphosis
$\alpha$ -Lytic protease	<i>Bacillus sorangium</i>	Possibly digestion
Proteases A and B	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	Possibly digestion
Subtilisin	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Possibly digestion

Source: Stroud, R.M., *Sci. Am.* 231(1): 86 (1974).

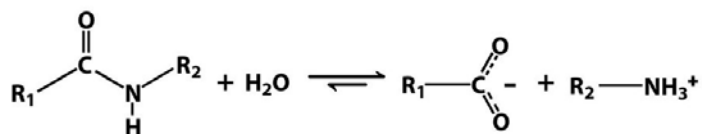


## Enzyme Mechanism

### Serine Proteases

- Serine proteases are among the best studied enzymes.
- Illustrate charge delocalization and transition-state stabilization by general acid/base catalysis
- Also, illustrates how enzymes are regulated (for the first time for us)..... Zymogen activation.

What is the reaction?

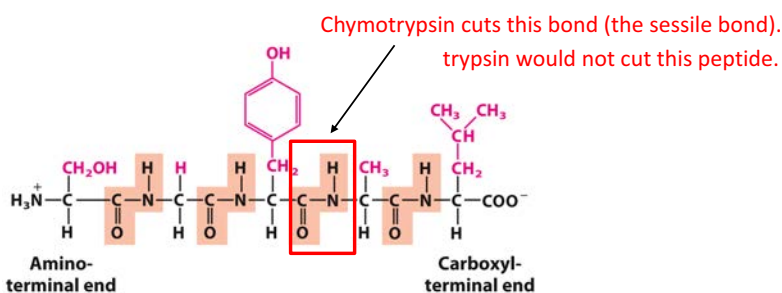


This is a bi bi reaction. The specificity comes from R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> (mostly R<sub>1</sub>)

## Enzyme Mechanism

### Chymotrypsin/trypsin

- This protease is able to cleave the peptide bond adjacent to aromatic amino acids.



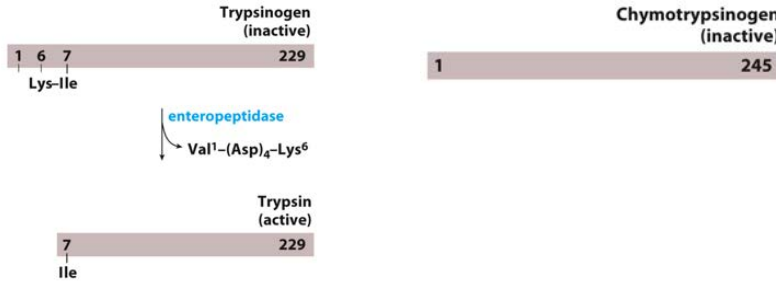
#### OUTLINE

- Regulation
- Kinetic mechanism
- Enzyme intermediates from protein modification studies
- Enzyme intermediates from pH studies
- Enzyme intermediates from structural studies
- Enzyme mechanism and binding energy

## Enzyme Mechanism

• Regulation

Zymogens are Activated by Irreversible Covalent Modification

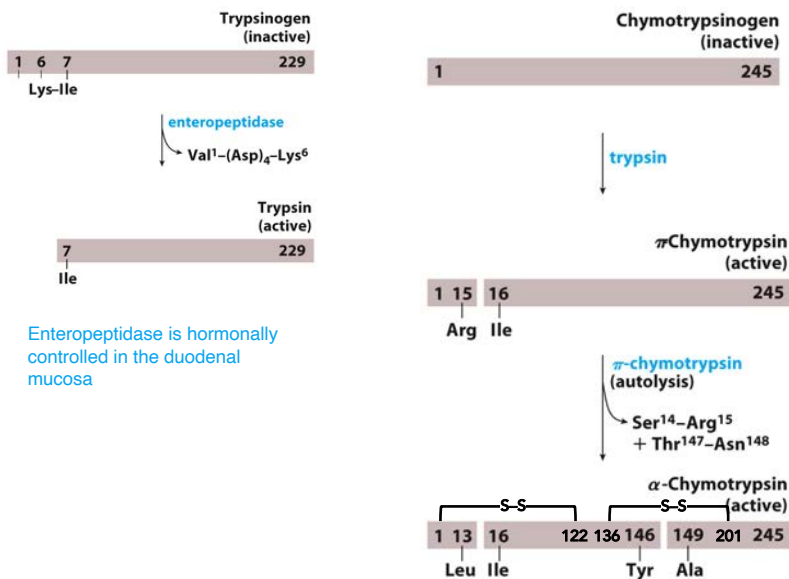


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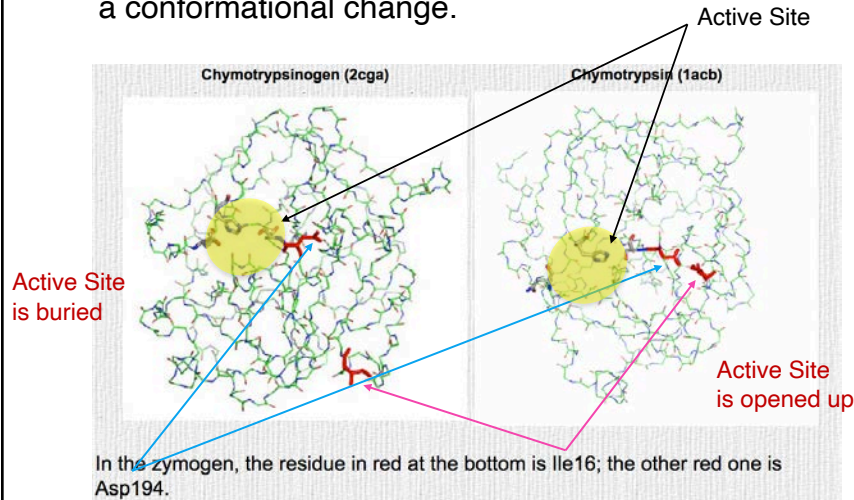
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## Enzyme Mechanism

• Regulation

### Chymotrypsin

- This protease is activated by proteolysis, which leads to a conformational change.



## Enzyme Mechanism

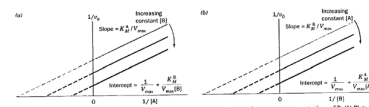
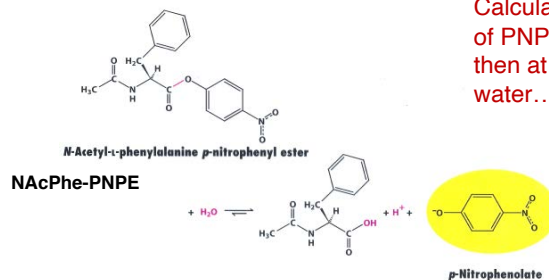
• Kinetic mechanism

### Chymotrypsin

- This protease cleaves peptide bonds with  $k_{\text{cat}}$  value of  $\sim 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .
- This is very fast and difficult to study
- This protease cleaves ester bonds with slower  $k_{\text{cat}}$  values ( $\sim 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), but also the products (alcohols) are more easily measured using a spectrophotometer.
- This is easier to study.

What is the kinetic mechanism?

Calculate  $K_m$  &  $V_{\text{max}}$  by measuring the rate of PNP formation versus  $[\text{NACpHe-PNPE}]$ , then at varying concentrations of water..... wha wha

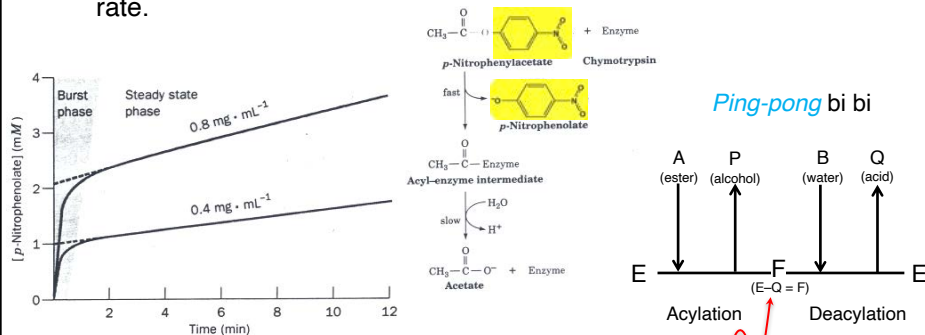


Schwert, G.W. *et al.* (1948) *J Biol Chem* 172:221-239

# Enzyme Mechanism • Kinetic mechanism

## Chymotrypsin

- React with *p*-nitrophenylacetate or *N*-acetyl-L-phenylalanine *p*-nitrophenyl ester (**NAcPhe-PNPE**).
- Monitor *p*-nitrophenolate (**PNP**) as a function of time
- There are two rates: a fast “burst” rate and a slower steady-state rate.



This is called pre-steady state kinetics

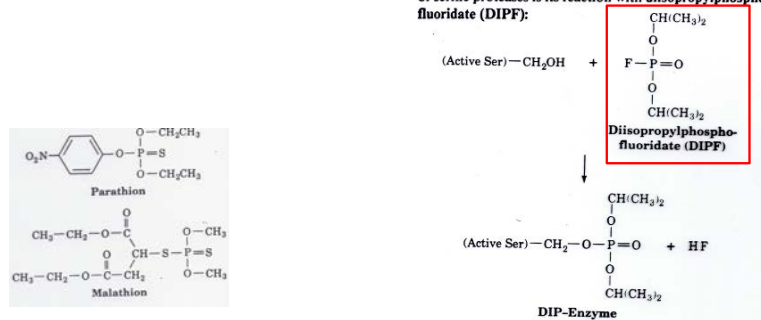
What is the nature of this enzyme intermediate (F)?

# Enzyme Mechanism • Protein modification studies

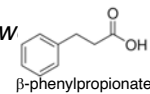
## Chymotrypsin

- React with *acylating reagent*

**Ser 195.** A diagnostic test for the presence of the active Ser of serine proteases is its reaction with **diisopropylphosphorofluoridate (DIPF)**:



- Denature the enzyme; *no reaction*
- Add substrate or inhibitor (*β*-phenylpropionate); *reaction blocked/slow*
- Use as an inhibitor of the whole class of Serine Proteases and Esterases

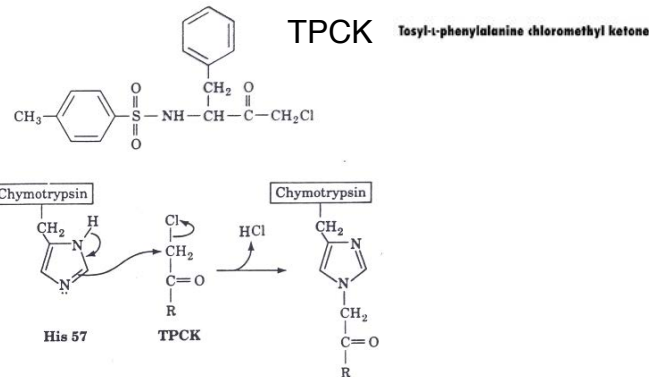


The nature of this enzyme intermediate (F) is an acylated enzyme at Ser-195

# Enzyme Mechanism • Protein modification studies

## Chymotrypsin

- React with *Affinity Label*



- Denature the enzyme; *no reaction*
- Add substrate or inhibitor; *reaction blocked/slowed*

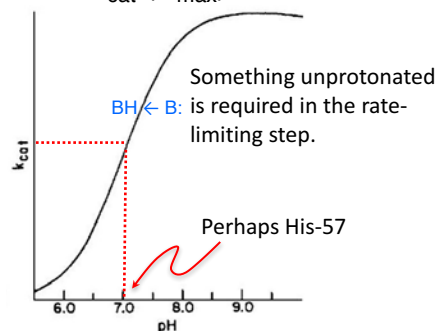
The enzyme must utilize a His-57 in the active site, near Ser-195. Does it activate the Ser (acting as a base)?

# Enzyme Mechanism • pH studies

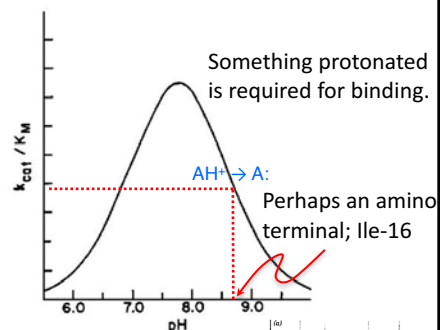
## Chymotrypsin

- Measure activity and enzyme constants as a function of pH

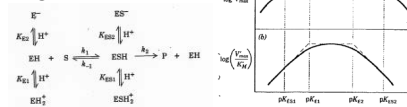
1) pH vs.  $k_{cat}$  ( $V_{max}$ )



2) pH vs.  $k_{cat}/K_m$



Log  $k_{cat}$  and  $k_{cat}/K_m$  gives a better measurement; RECALL:



This is consistent with His-57 in the active site, near Ser-195 acting as a base.

## Enzyme Mechanism

• *pH studies*

From the book.....

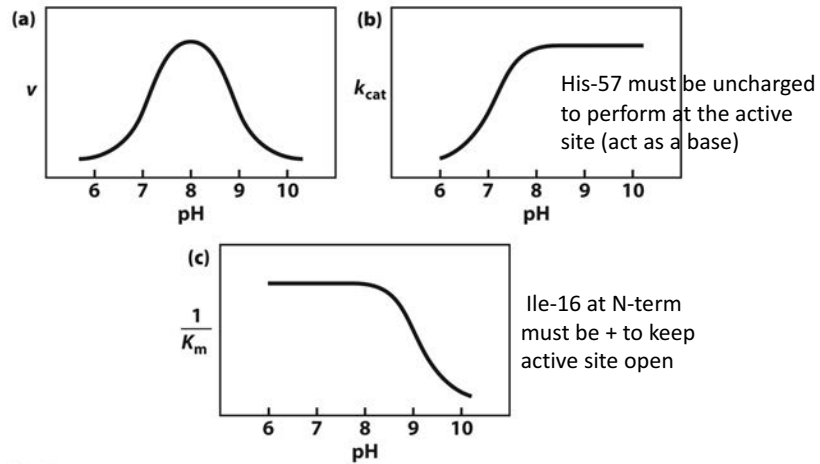


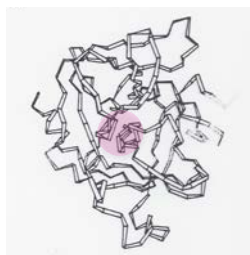
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## Enzyme Mechanism

• *structural studies*

### Chymotrypsin

- *X-ray crystallography*



Chymotrypsin



Elastase



Trypsin

In the active site, near Ser-195 & His-57, there is ALWAYS an Asp (Asp-102). This is called the "Catalytic Triad."

# Enzyme Mechanism • structural studies

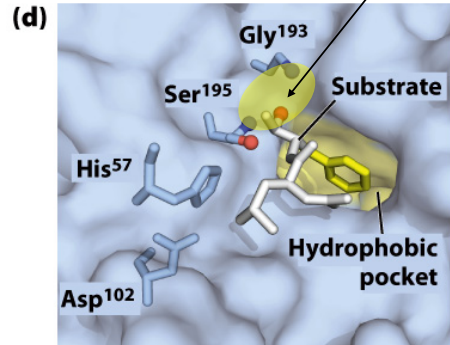
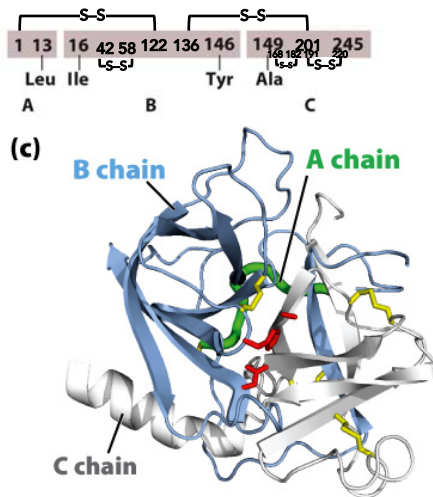
## Chymotrypsin

- X-ray crystallography

Chymotrypsin Uses Two of our  
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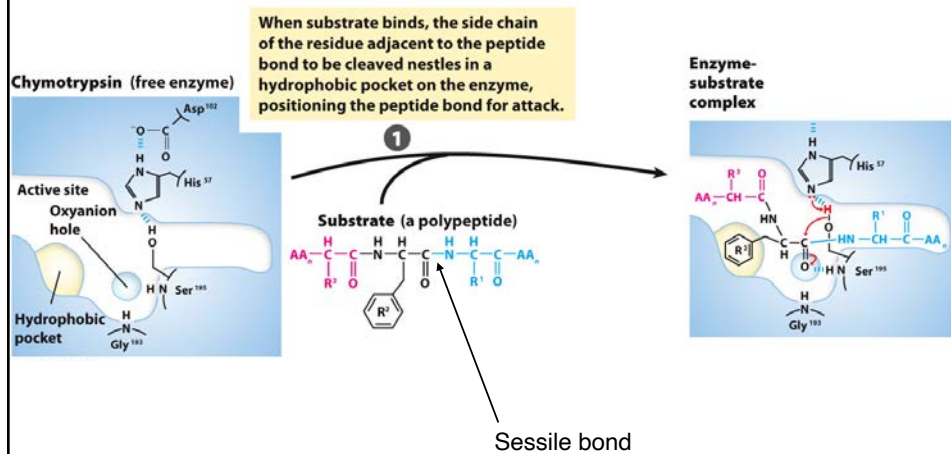
covalent  
acid/base

Anion "Hole"



## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 1: Substrate Binding

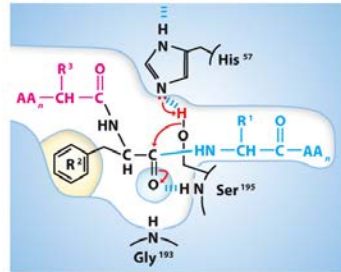




## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 2: Nucleophilic Attack

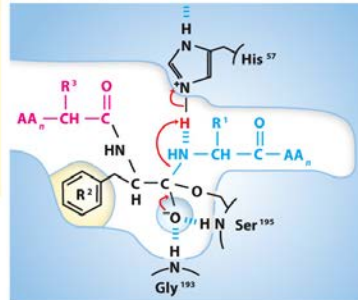
**Enzyme-substrate complex**



Interaction of Ser<sup>195</sup> and His<sup>57</sup> generates a strongly nucleophilic alkoxide ion on Ser<sup>195</sup>; the ion attacks the peptide carbonyl group, forming a tetrahedral acyl-enzyme. This is accompanied by formation of a short-lived negative charge on the carbonyl oxygen of the substrate, which is stabilized by hydrogen bonding in the oxyanion hole.

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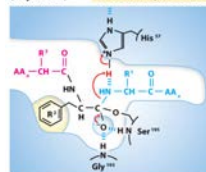
**Short-lived intermediate\* (acylation)**



## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 3: Substrate Cleavage

**Short-lived intermediate\* (acylation)**

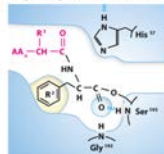


Instability of the negative charge on the substrate carbonyl oxygen leads to collapse of the tetrahedral intermediate; re-formation of a double bond with carbon displaces the bond between carbon and the amino group of the peptide linkage, breaking the peptide bond. The amino leaving group is protonated by His<sup>57</sup>, facilitating its displacement.

**Product 1**

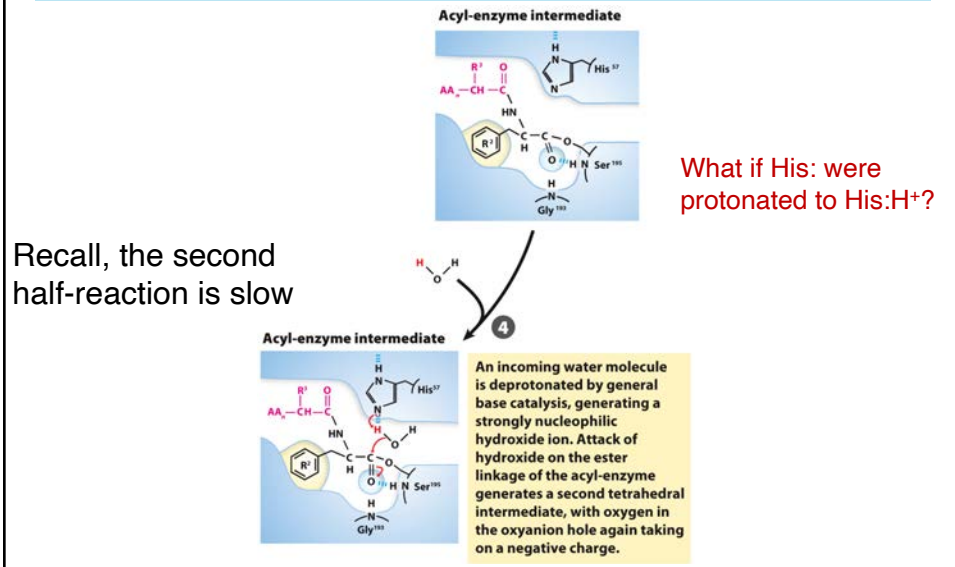


**Acyl-enzyme intermediate**



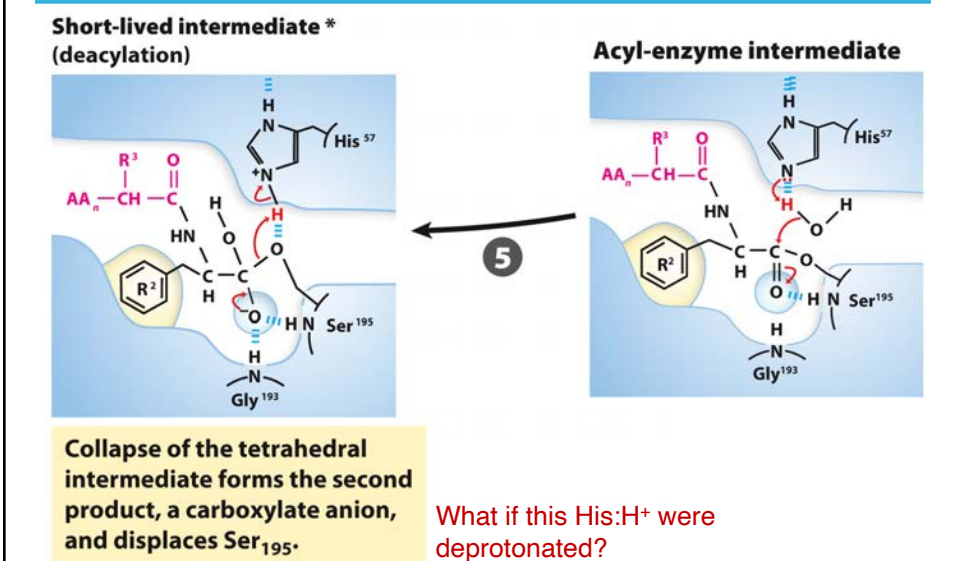
## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 4: Water Comes In



## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

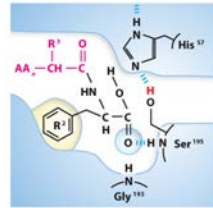
### Step 5: Water Attacks



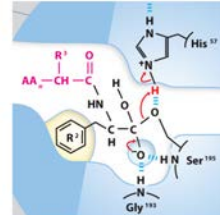
## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 6: Break-off from the Enzyme

Enzyme-product 2 complex



Short-lived intermediate\* (deacylation)

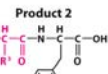
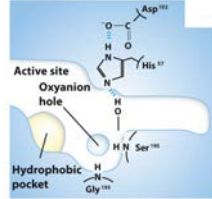


Collapse of the tetrahedral intermediate forms the second product, a carboxylate anion, and displaces Ser<sub>195</sub>.

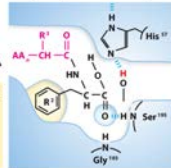
## Chymotrypsin Mechanism

### Step 7: Product Dissociates

Chymotrypsin (free enzyme)



Enzyme-product 2 complex



Dissociation of the second product from the active site regenerates free enzyme.

# Chymotrypsin Mechanism

## Animation

