

# From order to disorder

From the Chemistry Exam to the Final  
Exam in Biochemistry

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# Units

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$10^1$	deca	da	$10^{-1}$	deci	d
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$10^3$	kilo	k	$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^6$	mega	M	$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
$10^9$	giga	G	$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^{12}$	tera	T	$10^{-12}$	pico	p
$10^{15}$	peta	P	$10^{-15}$	femto	f
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# Gas laws

Give the relationship between the state marker parameters (pressure (p), temperature (T), volume (V), molar amount (n)).

**State marker parameters:** depend only on the current equilibrium state of the system, but not on the path by which the system arrived at its present state.

Process functions are e.g. mechanical work and heat, they describe quantitatively the transition between equilibrium states of a thermodynamic system.

**Boyle's law:** Relationship between the pressure and volume of the ideal gas at constant temperature.

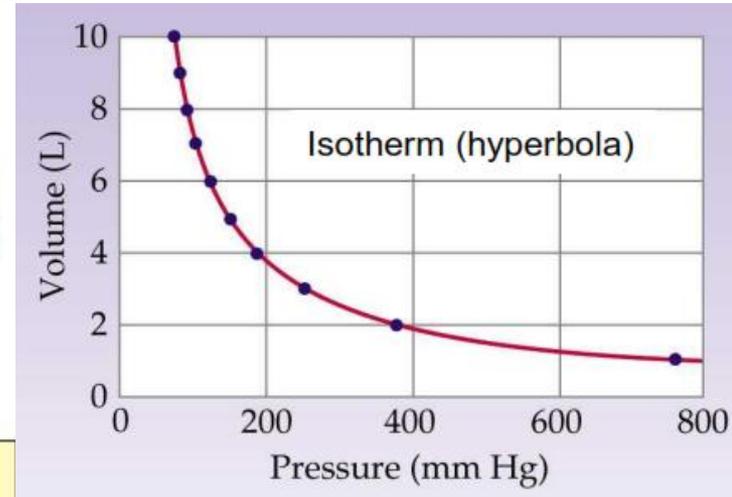
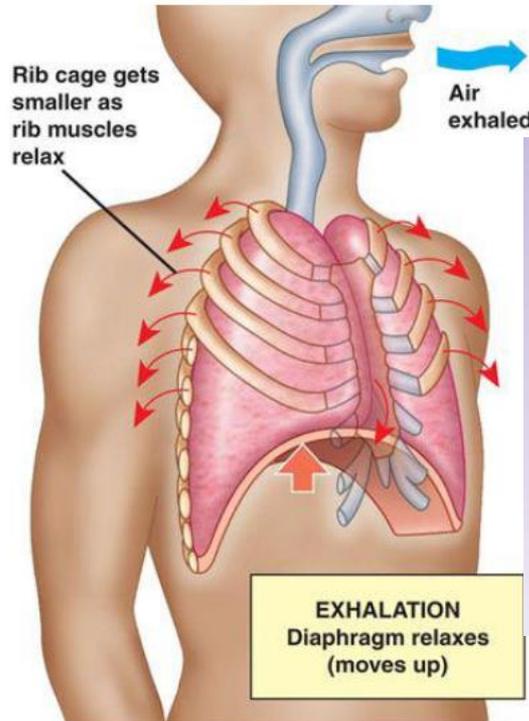
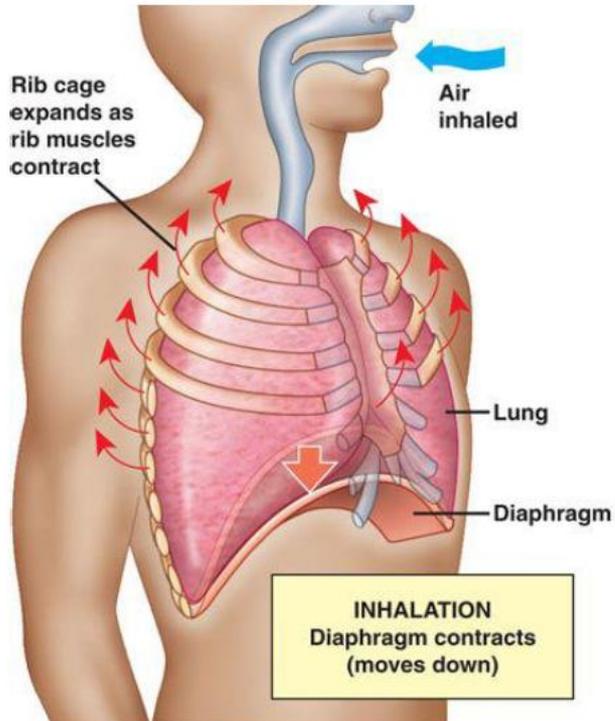
$$p \cdot V = k$$

T and n are constant  
(*isotherm*)

for two different states of the gas:

$$p_1 \cdot V_1 = p_2 \cdot V_2$$

# Boyle's law



During an inhalation, the lungs expand, the pressure in the lungs decreases, and air flows towards the lower pressure in the lungs. During an exhalation, lung volume decreases, pressure within the lungs increases, and air flows from the higher pressure in the lungs to the outside.

# Question

**For a perfect gas, according to Boyle's law (where  $p$  = Absolute pressure,  $V$  = Volume, and  $T$  = Absolute temperature)**

1.  $V/T = \text{constant}$ , if  $p$  is kept constant
2.  $p V = \text{constant}$ , if  $T$  is kept constant
3.  $T/p = \text{constant}$ , if  $V$  is kept constant
4.  $p/T = \text{constant}$ , if  $V$  is kept constant

# Question

**When two bodies are in thermal equilibrium with a third body, they are also in thermal equilibrium with each other. This statement is called**

1. Second law of thermodynamics
2. First law of thermodynamics
3. Kelvin Planck's law
4. Zeroth law of thermodynamics

# Question

**First law of thermodynamics provides**

- a. a statement that energy balance occurs when a system undergoes the change of state or the process
- b. a statement about whether the change of state or the process is at all feasible or not
- c. both a. and b.
- d. none of the above

# Question

Which of the following statements best describes the Second Law of Thermodynamics?

- a)** The internal energy of the universe is constant.
- b)** Energy can be neither created nor destroyed.
- c)** When an isolated system undergoes a spontaneous change, the entropy of the system will increase.
- d)** At absolute zero, the entropy of a perfect crystal is considered to be zero.

# Thermodynamics

**The zeroth law of thermodynamics:** If two systems are each in thermal equilibrium with a third, they are also in thermal equilibrium with each other (thermometer, thermostat).

**The first law of thermodynamics:** energy can not be created or destroyed, just transformed in other types of energy (law of conservation of energy)

In a closed system the internal energy (E) remains constant till work (W) or heat (Q) change it:  **$\Delta E = Q + W$**      **Q: reaction heat**

- Without expansion work:  **$\Delta E = Q_v$**      ( $Q_v$ : reaction heat by constant volume)
- With expansion work:  **$\Delta E = Q_p - p\Delta V$**      ( $Q_p$ : reaction heat by constant pressure)

$$Q_p = \underbrace{\Delta E + p\Delta V}_{\Delta H}$$

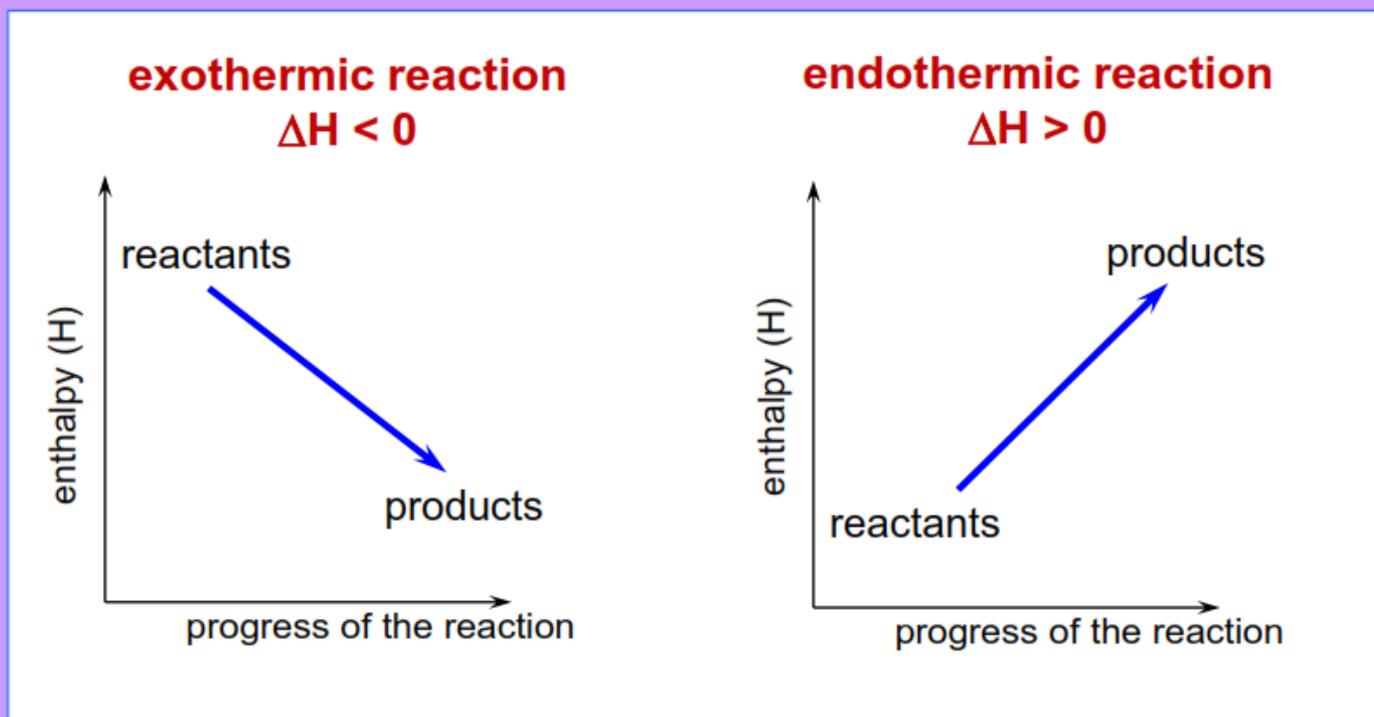
**$\Delta H = \Delta E + p\Delta V$**       $\Delta H =$  Enthalpy change (reaction heat at a constant pressure)

**Hess' law:** the enthalpy change of a chemical reaction depends only on the starting and the final states of the system, and it is independent of reaction pathway. (law of conservation of energy for chemical reactions)

**Enthalpy change (reaction heat) of a chemical reaction:**

$$\Delta H = \sum H_{\text{products}} - \sum H_{\text{reactants}}$$

**Reaction heat at a constant pressure ( $\Delta H$ )**



Enthalpy (H) is the measure of the energy of a thermodynamic system

**The second law of thermodynamics:** In spontaneous processes entropy increases (direction of reactions).

**Entropy change:**  $\Delta S = S_{\text{final state}} - S_{\text{initial state}}$

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> law:**  $\Delta S_{\text{total}} > 0$        $(\Delta S_{\text{system}} + \Delta S_{\text{surrounding}} > 0)$

**Entropy (S):** the measure of disorder (J/ K)       $S = k \ln W$

k: Boltzmann's constant ( $1.381 \cdot 10^{-23}$  J/K)

W: number of microstates, which give a certain macrostate

**Spontaneous processes:** take place without external force

**Non-spontaneous processes:** do not take place, requires external energy

**The third law of thermodynamics:**

the entropy of a perfect crystal at 0 K temperature is 0 J/K.

Effect of temperature on entropy change during chemical reactions:

$$\Delta S = \frac{\Delta Q}{T} \quad \text{at a constant pressure: } \Delta S = \frac{\Delta H}{T}$$

$\Delta Q$ : reaction heat

**Spontaneous chemical reactions occurs in that direction which decreases enthalpy and increases entropy.**

enthalpy = free energy + energy 'stored' in disorder

$$H = G + TS$$

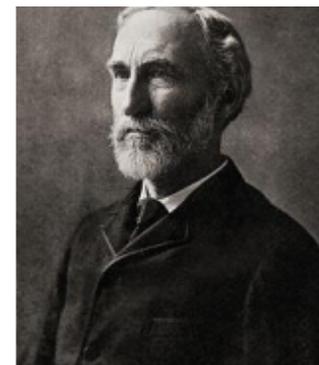
**Free energy (G): the work capacity of the system**

**Free energy change in chemical reactions:**

$$\Delta G = G_{\text{final state}} - G_{\text{initial state}}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

**Gibbs equation**



Josiah Willard Gibbs  
(1839-1903)

If  $\Delta G < 0$  the process takes place spontaneously, exergonic

If  $\Delta G > 0$  the process doesn't take place, endergonic

If  $\Delta G = 0$  no net transformation, equilibrium

**In the equilibrium:  $\Delta G = 0$**

For standard state reactants and products:

standard free energy change:  $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$

$$0 = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln K$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$



Solid water

$$\Delta S^\circ = +22.0 \text{ J}/(\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}) \quad (\text{Entropy increases})$$

$$\Delta H^\circ = +6.01 \text{ kJ}/\text{mol} \quad (\text{Endothermic})$$

→ Spontaneous above 0°C

← Spontaneous below 0°C

$$\Delta S^\circ = -22.0 \text{ J}/(\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}) \quad (\text{Entropy decreases})$$

$$\Delta H^\circ = -6.01 \text{ kJ}/\text{mol} \quad (\text{Exothermic})$$


Liquid water

### Free energy and chemical equilibrium – the extent of the reaction

Characterization of the composition of the reaction mixture: reaction quotient (Q) or mass-action ratio

$$a A + b B = c C + d D \quad Q = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b} \quad \text{at any moment of the reaction}$$

(here [X] doesn't mean equilibrium conc.!)

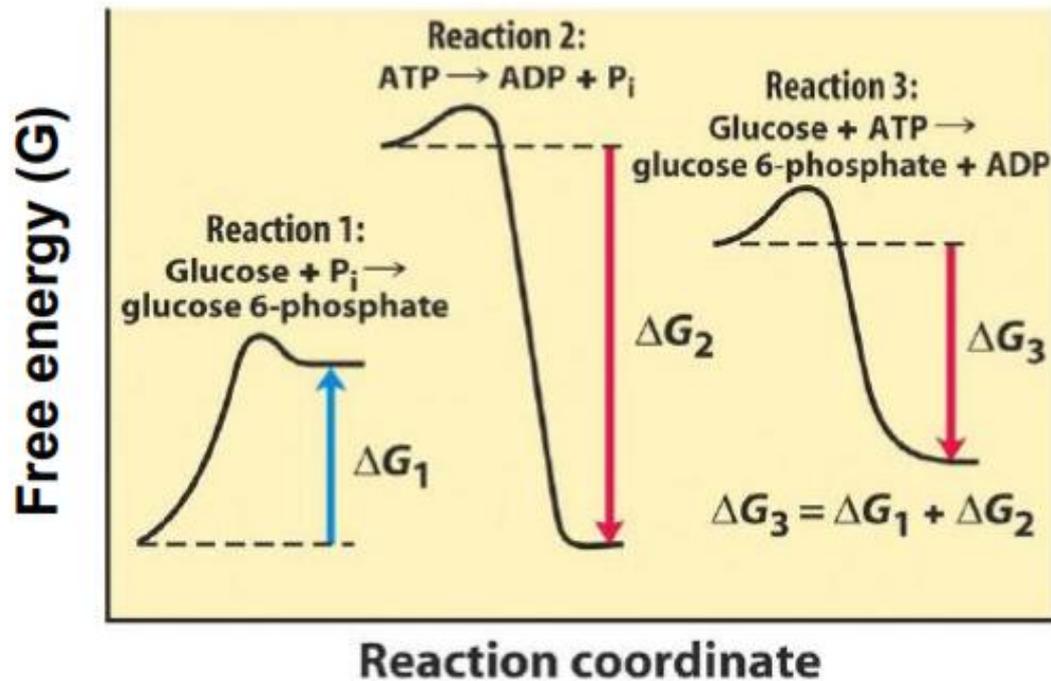
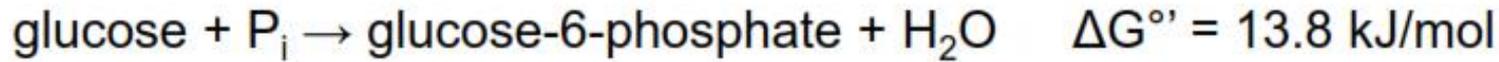
**The direction of the reaction always depends on the actual composition!**  
(Le Châtelier-Braun principle)

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

# Question

**The energy of an isolated system**

- a.** is always decreasing
- b.** is always constant
- c.** is always increasing
- d.** none of the above



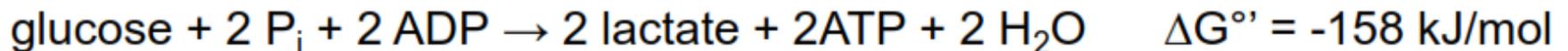
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**Anaerobe and aerobe metabolism: fill-up of the 'ATP-stock'**

### **Energy production of anaerobic cells: fermentation**



Fill-up of the 'ATP-stock':



### **Energy production of aerobic cells:**



During the aerobe oxidation of 1 glucose molecule 32 ATP form!

32 · 30 kJ = 960 kJ energy is stored



$$\Delta G'^{\circ} = -1920 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

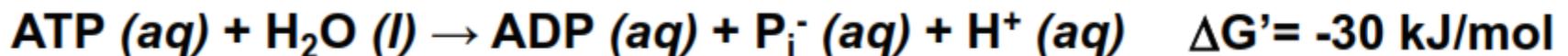
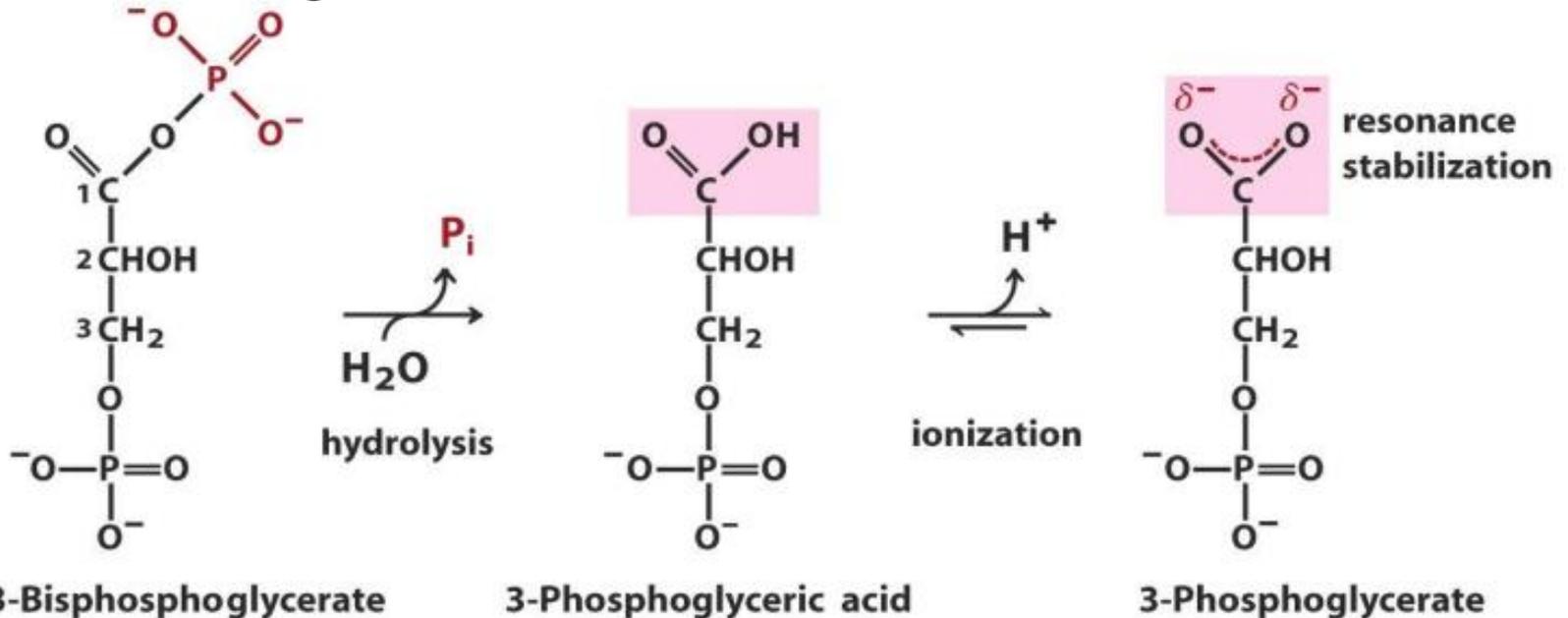
# Question

Which of the following statements will always apply when a reversible chemical reaction has attained equilibrium?

- a)** All reactants will convert to products
- b)** The reaction proceeds alternately in the forward and reverse directions
- c)** The Gibbs free energy of the system reaches a minimum
- d)** The forward reaction will dominate over the reverse reaction

# Question

Calculate the free energy of the phosphoglycerate kinase reaction under standard circumstances! Which partial reaction is exergonic, and which is endergonic?



## Living systems are never in thermodynamical equilibrium

The direction of the reactions is determined by the actual intracellular concentrations of the metabolites involved

„Thermodynamically favoured” does not necessarily mean „quick”

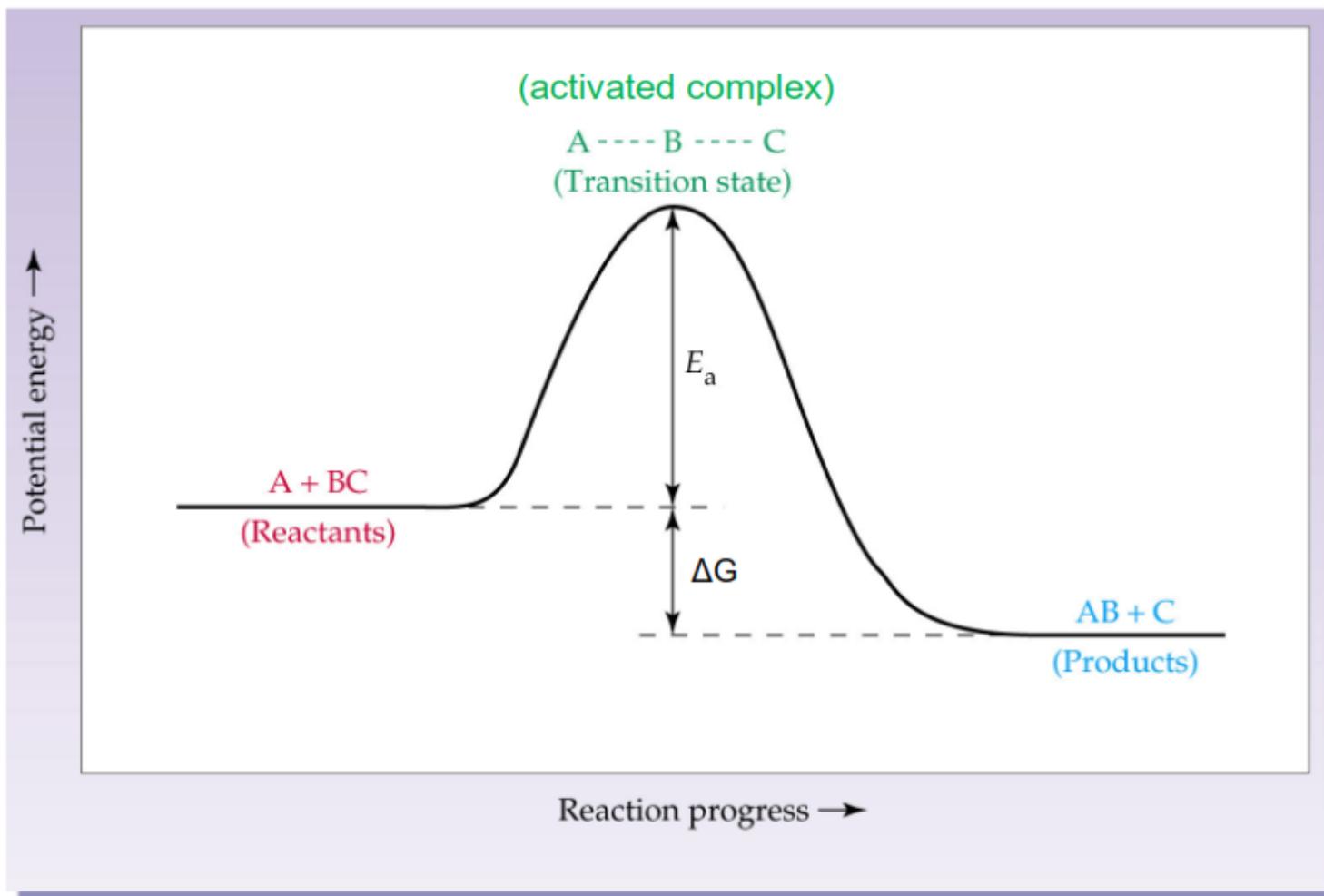
Reaction rate is independent of  $\Delta G$ .

Catalysts (e.g. enzymes) do **not** influence the „position” of chemical equilibrium, they only accelerate the reactions leading to it.

**Every elementary reaction is reversible – in theory**

In biochemistry a reaction is called „irreversible” when:  
under cellular conditions (temperature, concentrations) one of the reactions appears to be *undetectably slow*.

# Reaction kinetics



**$E_a$ : activation energy:** the energy, which is needed to form the activated complex

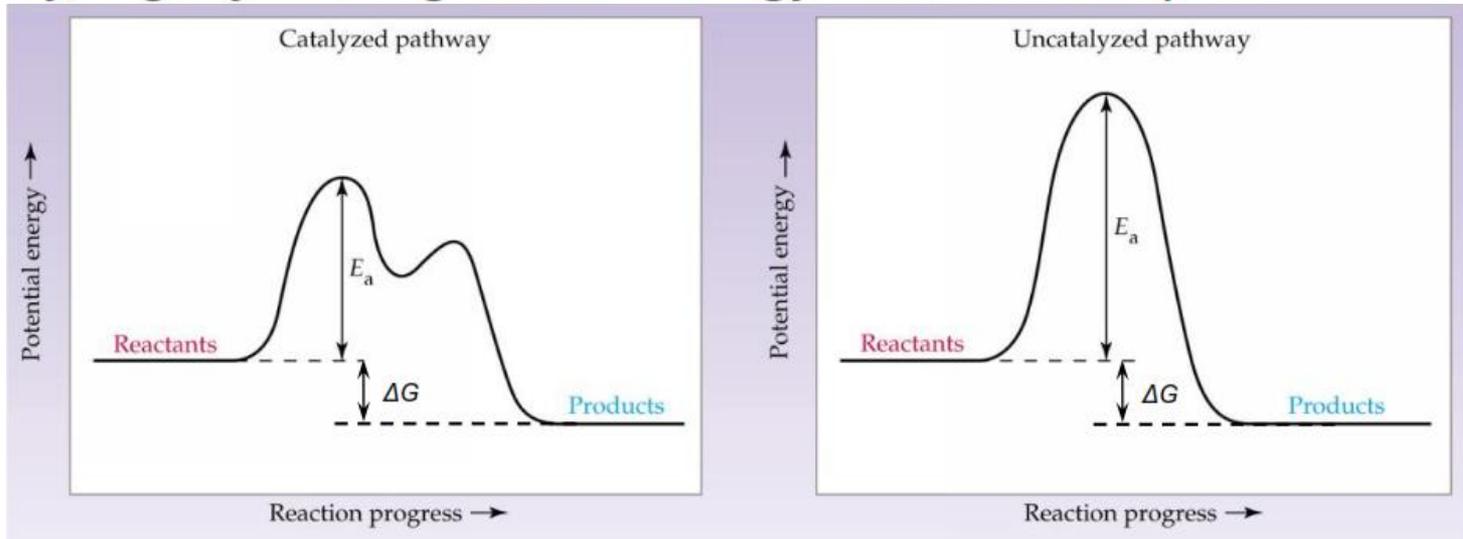
$\Delta G$ : reaction free energy

# Catalysis

**Catalyst:** a substance which increases the rate of the reaction without being consumed by the reaction.

In the absence of catalyst the reaction is much slower.

The catalyst decreases the activation energy by opening an other reaction pathway, e.g. by forming a lower energy activated complex.



In biological systems the enzymes catalyse the transformations of molecules.

homogenous catalyst: is in the same phase as the reactants

heterogeneous catalyst: exist in different phase as the reactants.

**Inhibitor**: decreases the rate of a reaction without being consumed by the reaction.

# The rate of a reaction

It's a measure of how fast the changes are taking place in a reaction per unit time:

- increase in the concentration of the product(s) or
- decrease in the concentration of the reactant(s).

It depends on:

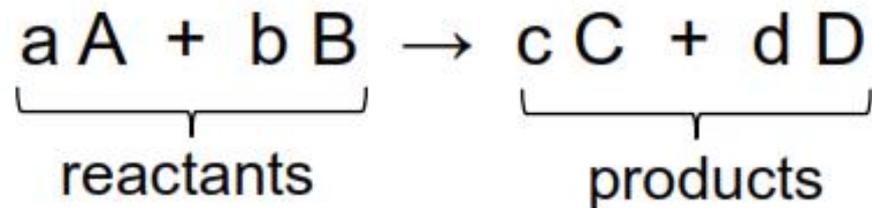
- the chemical quality of the reactants
- the concentration of the reactants
- the temperature
- the physical state of the reactants

## **Rate law:**

Equation which describes the rate of the reaction as a function of the concentration of the reactants.

Rate limiting step: the slowest step in a reaction mechanism

## Stoichiometric equation:



capital letters (A, B, C, D): compounds or elements

small letters (a, b, c, d): stoichiometric coefficients

## Rate law:

$$v = k [A]^x [B]^y$$

v: rate of the reaction

k: rate constant

square brackets ([A], [B]): concentrations (mol/dm<sup>3</sup>)

x, y: exponents, reaction order

**Reaction order:** the sum of the exponents in the rate law

$$v = k [A]^x [B]^y \quad x + y = \text{reaction order}$$

- e.g. if  $x = 1$  the rate depends linearly on the concentration of A  
if  $x = 2$  the rate is the quadratic function of the concentration of A, etc.

**The exponents must be determined by experiment, they cannot be deduced from the stoichiometry of the reaction!**

**TABLE 12.2**

Balanced Chemical Equations and Experimentally Determined Rate Laws for Some Reactions

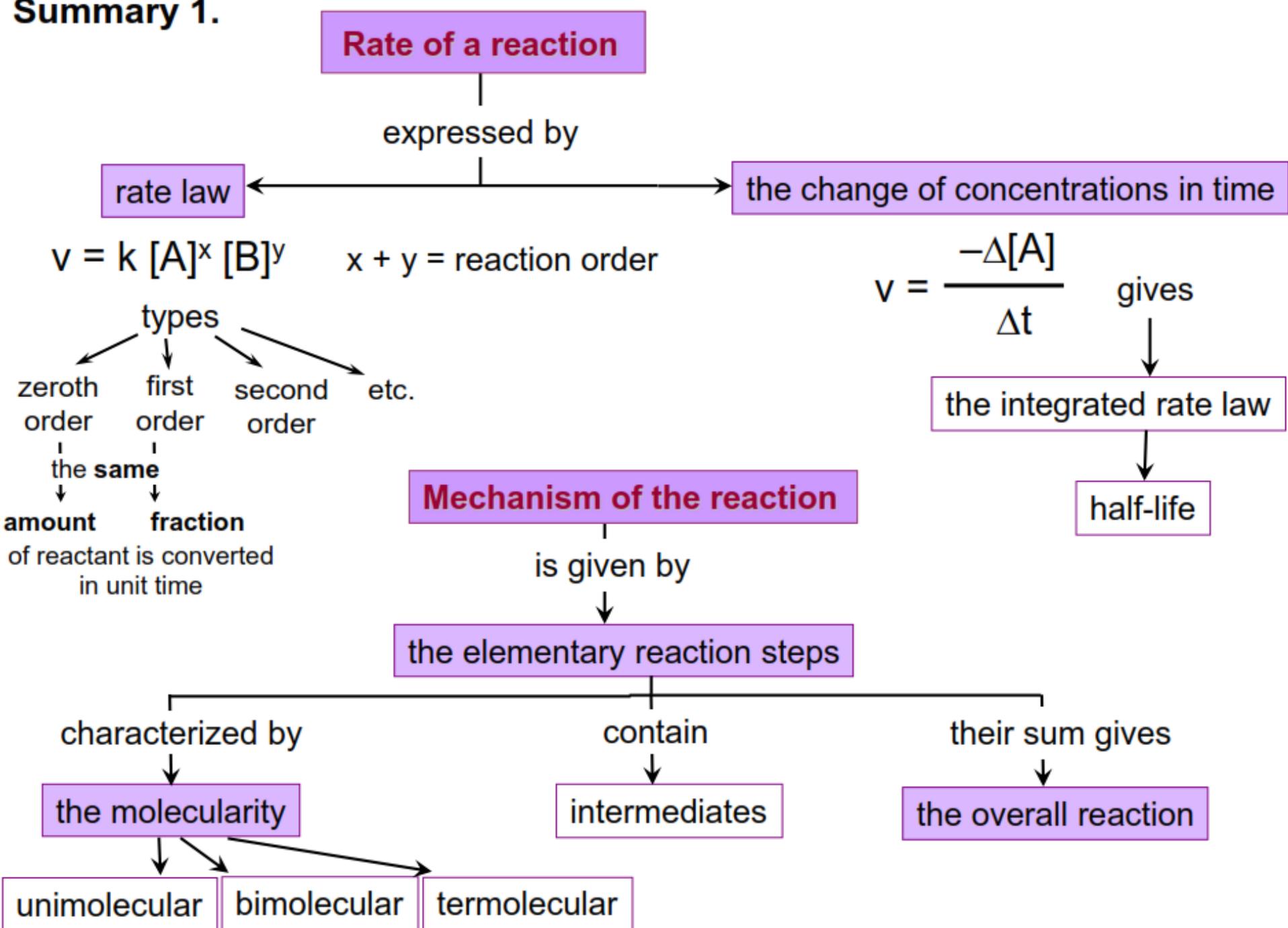
Reaction	Rate Law
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(aq) \longrightarrow (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COH}(aq) + \text{H}^+(aq) + \text{Br}^-(aq)$	Rate = $k[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CBr}]$
$\text{HCO}_2\text{H}(aq) + \text{Br}_2(aq) \longrightarrow 2 \text{H}^+(aq) + 2 \text{Br}^-(aq) + \text{CO}_2(g)$	Rate = $k[\text{Br}_2]$
$\text{BrO}_3^-(aq) + 5 \text{Br}^-(aq) + 6 \text{H}^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3 \text{Br}_2(aq) + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$	Rate = $k[\text{BrO}_3^-][\text{Br}^-][\text{H}^+]^2$
$\text{H}_2(g) + \text{I}_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 \text{HI}(g)$	Rate = $k[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]$
$\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}(g) \longrightarrow \text{CH}_4(g) + \text{CO}(g)$	Rate = $k[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}]^{3/2}$
$2 \text{NH}_3(g) \rightarrow \text{N}_2(g) + 3 \text{H}_2(g)$ (1130K, Pt catalyst)	Rate = $k$

Rate Law	Overall Reaction Order	Units for $k$
Rate = $k$	Zeroth order	M/s or $\text{M s}^{-1}$
Rate = $k[A]$	First order	1/s or $\text{s}^{-1}$
Rate = $k[A][B]$	Second order	$1/(\text{M} \cdot \text{s})$ or $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
Rate = $k[A][B]^2$	Third order	$1/(\text{M}^2 \cdot \text{s})$ or $\text{M}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

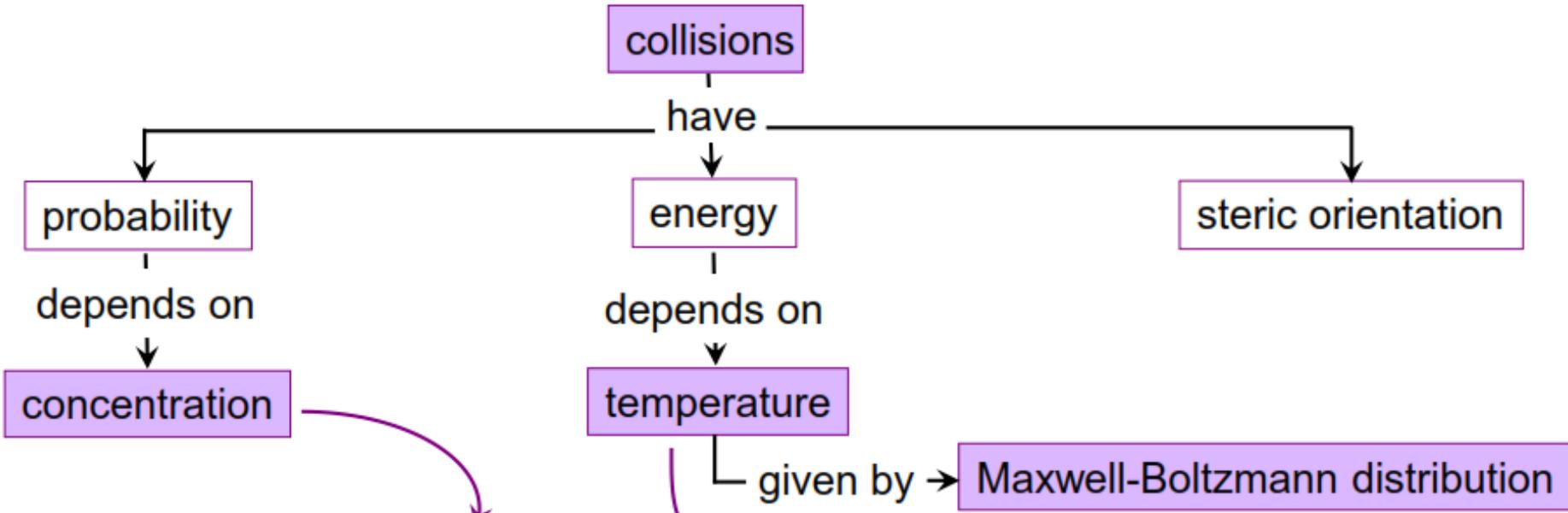
The rate always has unit of M/s, but the units of the rate constant ( $k$ ) depend on the overall reaction order:

# Summary 1.



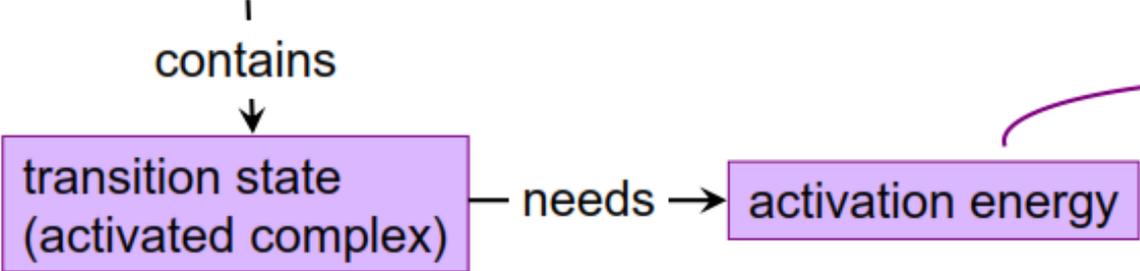
# Summary 2.

## Rate of a reaction is explained by the collision theory



$$v = k [A]^x [B]^y$$

## Pathway and energy profile of the reaction



$$k = A e^{-E_a / RT}$$

Arrhenius equation

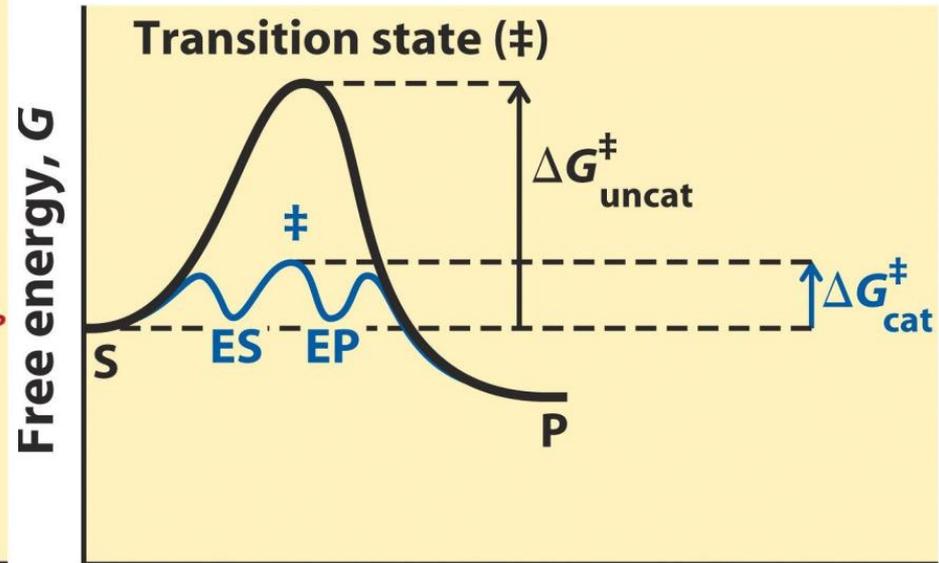
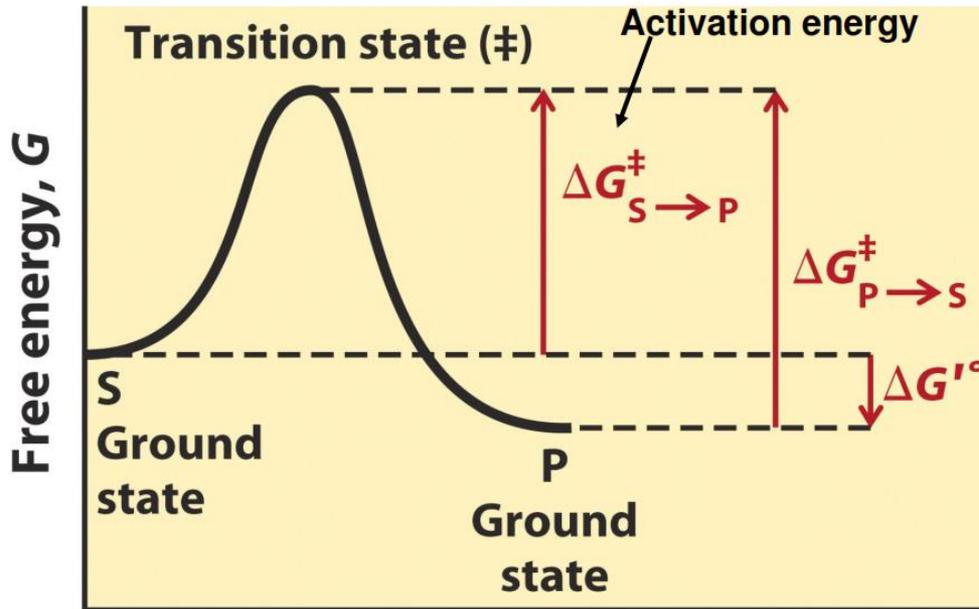
# Question

Which of the following is true of enzymes?

- I. They increase the rate of reaction by stabilizing the transition state
- II. They raise activation energy to shift the equilibrium to favor the products
- III. They lower activation energy by altering the products of a reaction

- A. I only
- B. II+III
- C. I+III
- D. III only

# Enzymes



# Classification of enzymes

**TABLE 6-3** International Classification of Enzymes

Class no.	Class name	Type of reaction catalyzed
1	Oxidoreductases	Transfer of electrons (hydride ions or H atoms)
2	Transferases	Group transfer reactions
3	Hydrolases	Hydrolysis reactions (transfer of functional groups to water)
4	Lyases	Addition of groups to double bonds, or formation of double bonds by removal of groups
5	Isomerases	Transfer of groups within molecules to yield isomeric forms
6	Ligases	Formation of C—C, C—S, C—O, and C—N bonds by condensation reactions coupled to cleavage of ATP or similar cofactor

**Table 6-3**  
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**TABLE 6-1****Some Inorganic Ions That Serve as Cofactors for Enzymes**

Ions	Enzymes
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	Cytochrome oxidase
$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ or $\text{Fe}^{3+}$	Cytochrome oxidase, catalase, peroxidase
$\text{K}^{+}$	Pyruvate kinase
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	Hexokinase, glucose 6-phosphatase, pyruvate kinase
$\text{Mn}^{2+}$	Arginase, ribonucleotide reductase
Mo	Dinitrogenase
$\text{Ni}^{2+}$	Urease
Se	Glutathione peroxidase
$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	Carbonic anhydrase, alcohol dehydrogenase, carboxypeptidases A and B

# Cofactors

Table 6-1  
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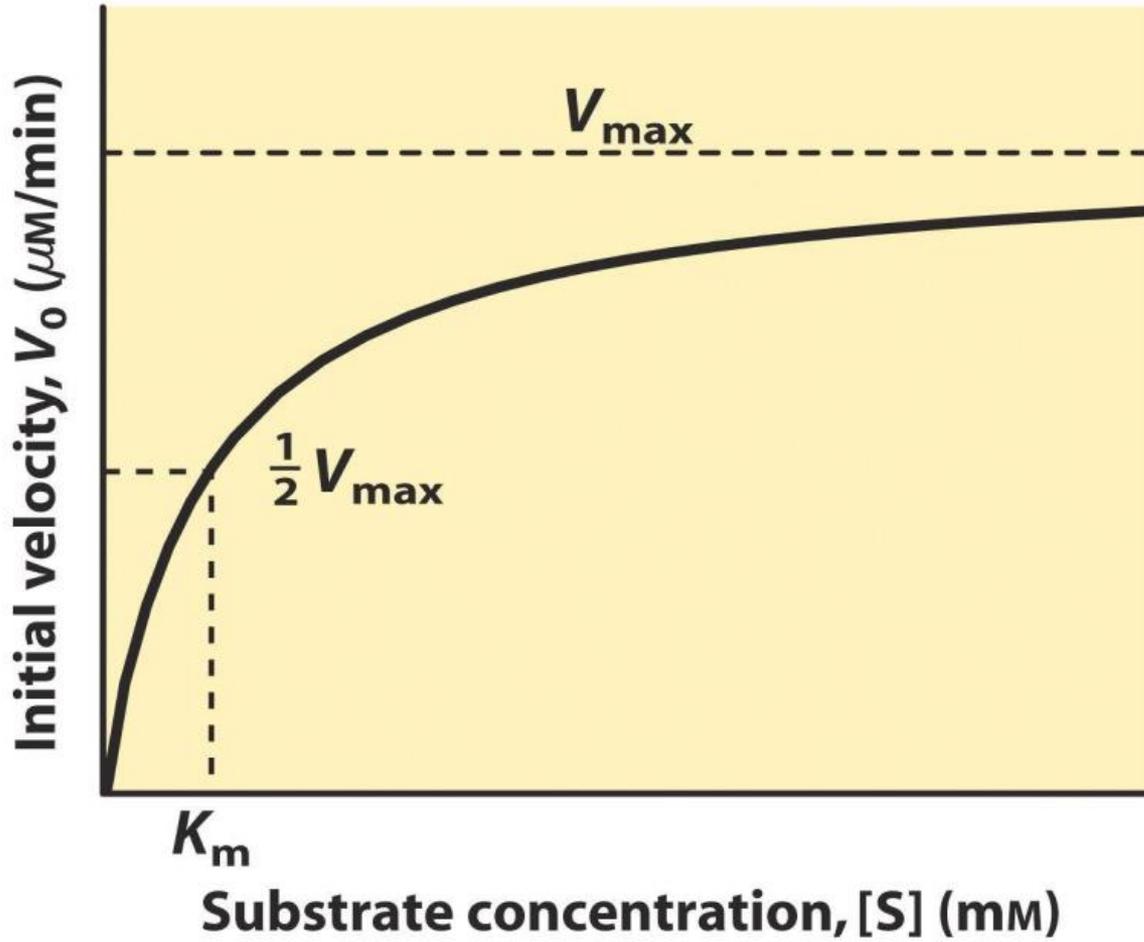
Coenzyme	Examples of chemical groups transferred	Dietary precursor in mammals
Biotin	$\text{CO}_2$	Biotin
Coenzyme A	Acyl groups	Pantothenic acid and other compounds
5'-Deoxyadenosylcobalamin (coenzyme $\text{B}_{12}$ )	H atoms and alkyl groups	Vitamin $\text{B}_{12}$
Flavin adenine dinucleotide	Electrons	Riboflavin (vitamin $\text{B}_2$ )
Lipoate	Electrons and acyl groups	Not required in diet
Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide	Hydride ion ( $:\text{H}^-$ )	Nicotinic acid (niacin)
Pyridoxal phosphate	Amino groups	Pyridoxine (vitamin $\text{B}_6$ )
Tetrahydrofolate	One-carbon groups	Folate
Thiamine pyrophosphate	Aldehydes	Thiamine (vitamin $\text{B}_1$ )

# Isoenzymes (isozymes)

Isozymes catalyze the same reaction,  
but may differ in:

- sequence, structure, subunit composition
- encoding gene or even chromosome
- necessary cofactors
- substrate affinity ( $K_M$ )
- localization (among organs or organelles).

# Affinity



$K_M$  is numerically equivalent to the substrate concentration at which the reaction rate is half of the maximal ( $v = \frac{1}{2} \cdot v_{\text{max}}$ ), which is thus at half saturation.  $K_M$  measures also the affinity of the enzyme towards the substrate.

**Definition:** The activity of a catalyst (a.k.a. catalytic activity) is a measure of how fast a catalyst converts starting materials into products.

Enzyme activity is a measure of the quantity of active enzyme present: moles of substrate converted per unit time.

The SI unit is the katal, the enzyme amount capable to convert 1 mol substrate in a second, but this is an excessively large unit. A more practical and commonly used value is enzyme unit (U), 1  $\mu\text{mol}$  in 1 minute.

Pure enzymes have well-defined specific activities on this scale between 5 and 500 U/mg.

- IUBMB unit is called „unit”  
 $U (\mu\text{mol} / \text{min})$
- SI unit is called „katal”
  - katal (mol / s)
  - Nanokatal =  $10^{-9}$  katal
  - $1U = 16.7$  nkatal
  - $60\text{mU} = 1$  nkatal

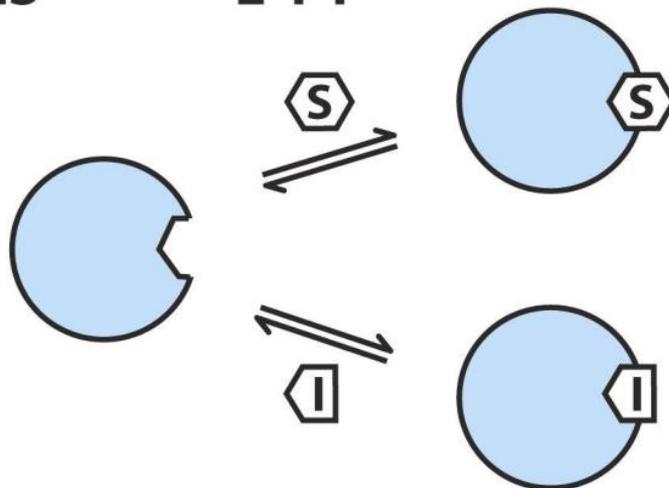
# Enzyme inhibitions

## Reversible:

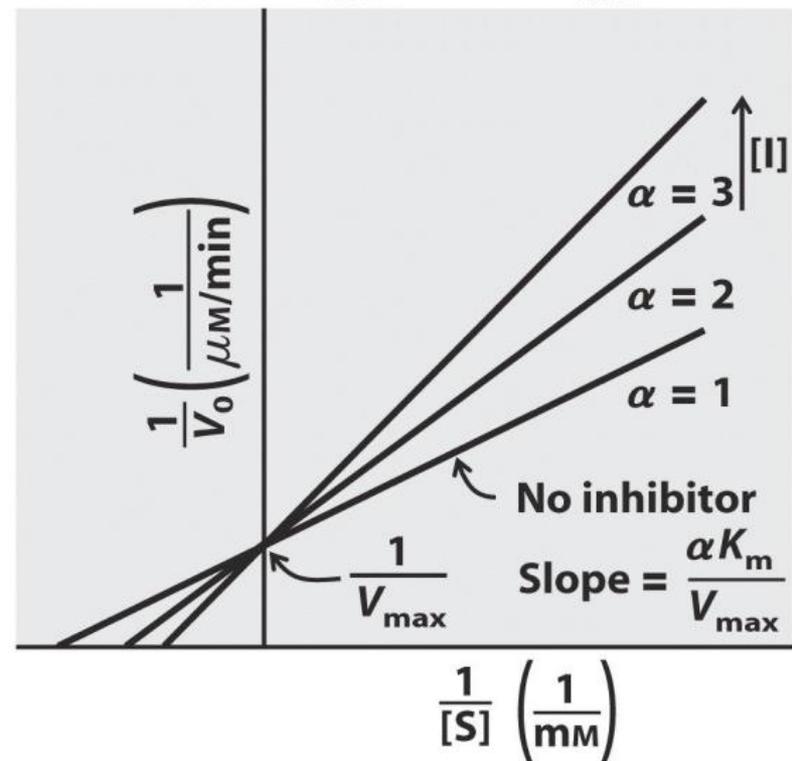
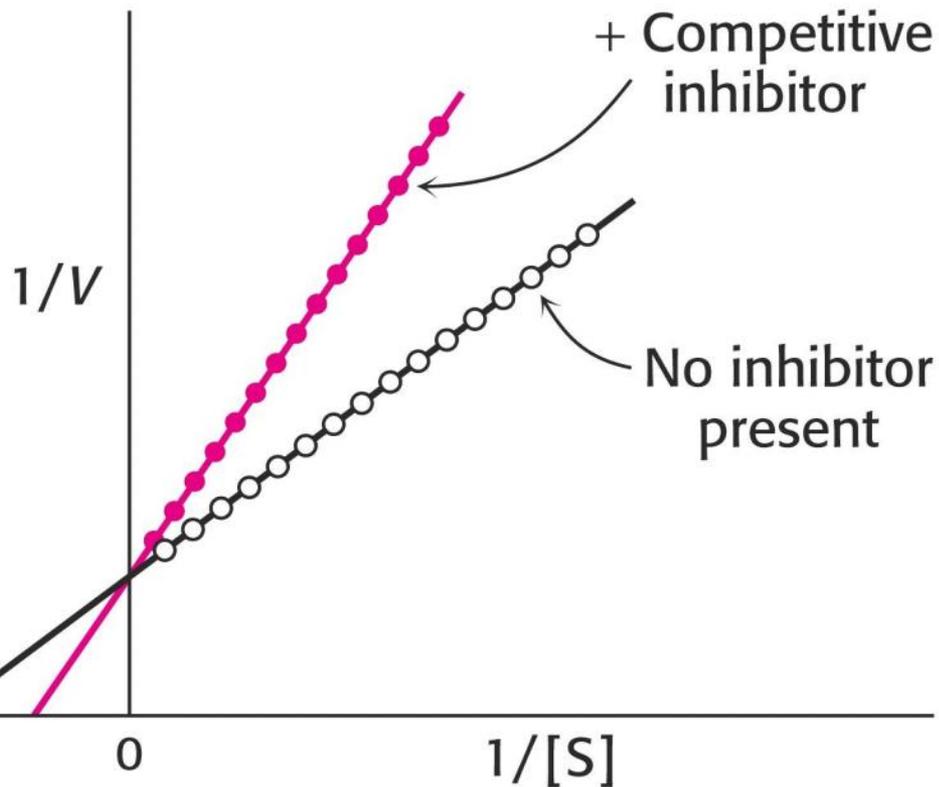
- Michaelis-Menten type:  
competitive inhibition  
uncompetitive inhibition  
mixed inhibition (incl. noncompetitive inhibition)
- Allosteric regulation
- Covalent modification
- Binding protein association

Irreversible: inactivation of the enzyme

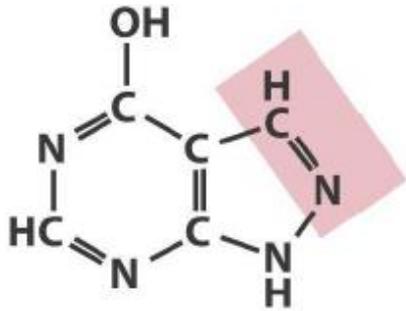
# Competitive inhibition



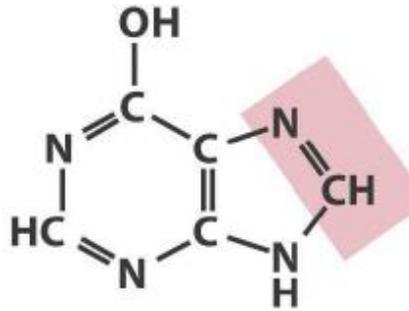
$$\frac{1}{V_0} = \left( \frac{\alpha K_m}{V_{\max}} \right) \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$$



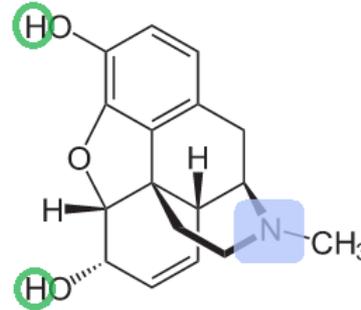
# Pharmaceuticals



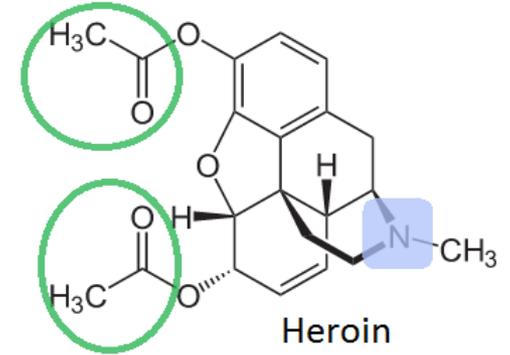
Allopurinol



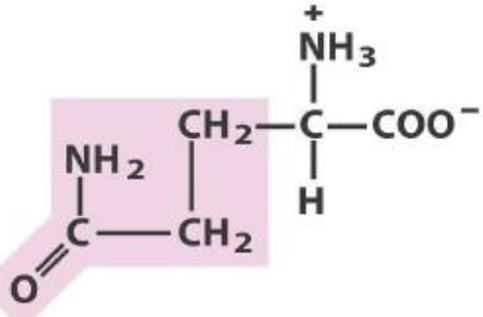
Hypoxanthine  
(enol form)



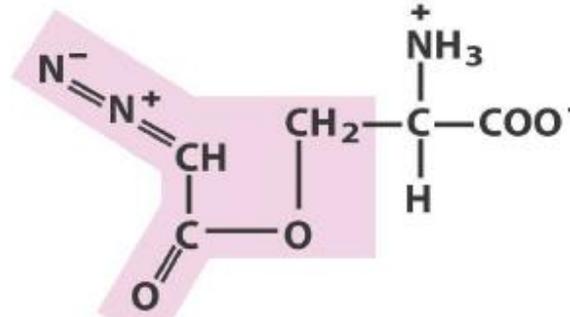
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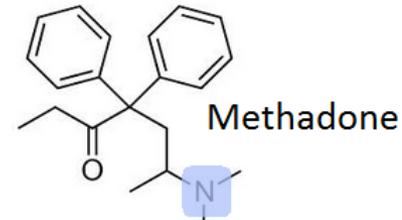
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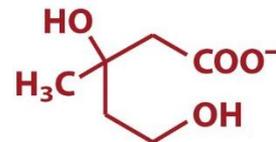
Glutamine



Azaserine



Methadone



Mevalonate



$R_1 = H$

$R_2 = H$

Compactin

$R_1 = CH_3$

$R_2 = CH_3$

Simvastatin (Zocor)

$R_1 = H$

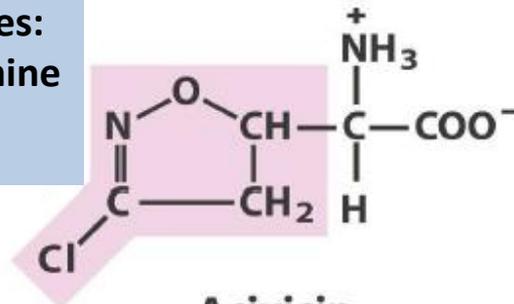
$R_2 = OH$

Pravastatin (Pravachol)

$R_1 = H$

$R_2 = CH_3$

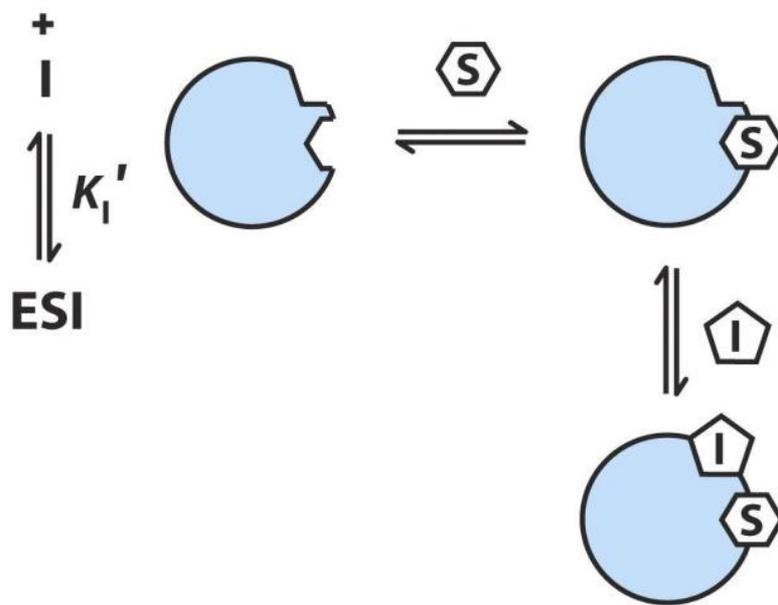
Lovastatin (Mevacor)



Acivicin

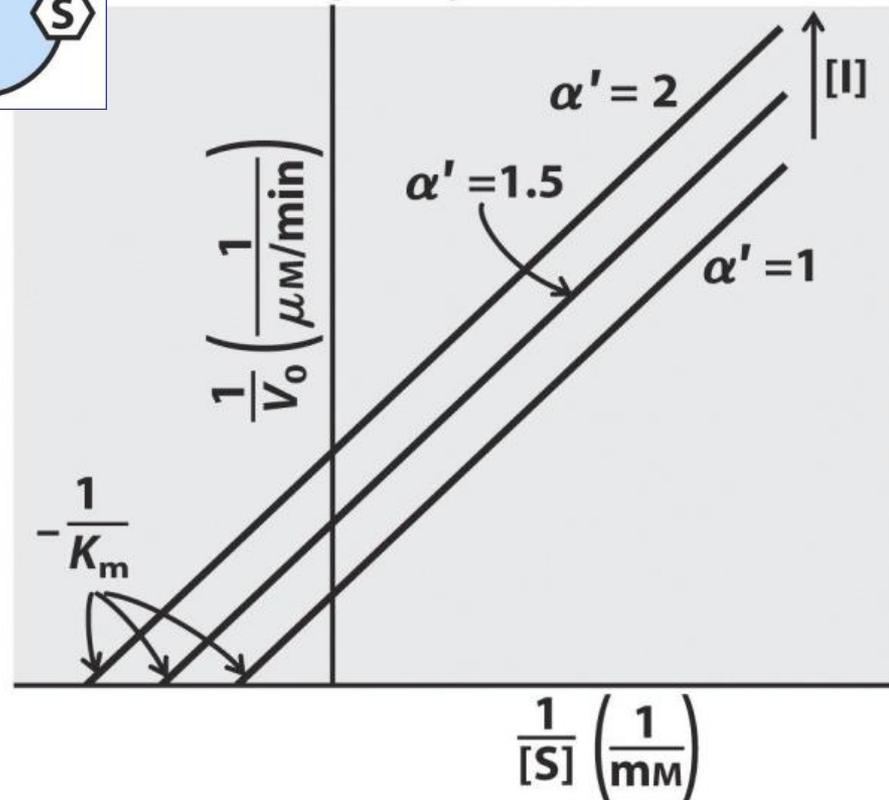
Glutamine analogues:  
inhibitors of glutamine  
amidotransferase



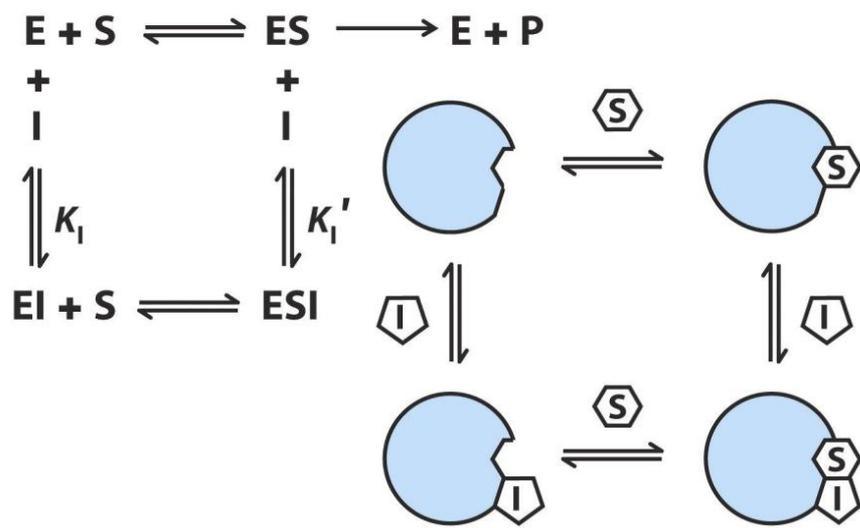


# Uncompetitive inhibition

$$\frac{1}{V_0} = \left( \frac{K_m}{V_{\max}} \right) \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{\alpha'}{V_{\max}}$$



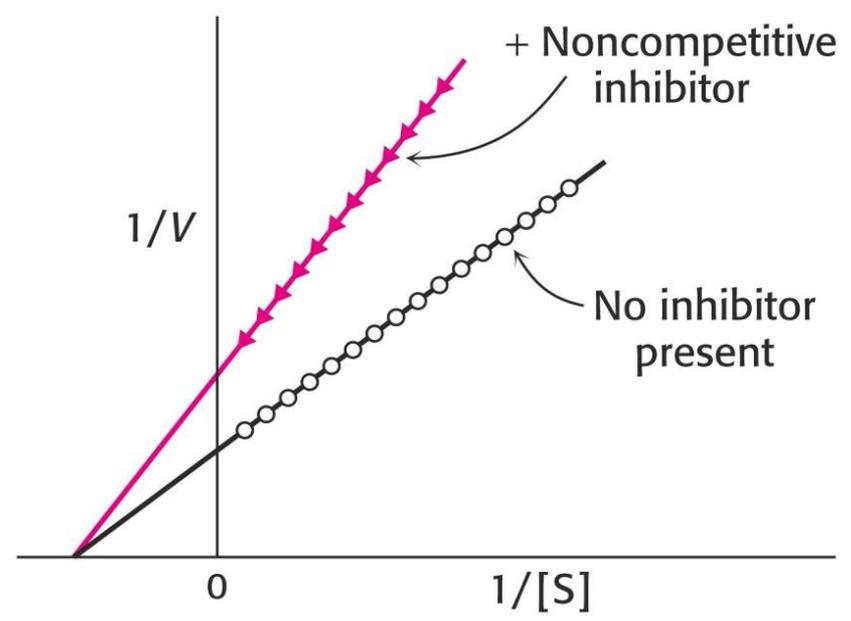
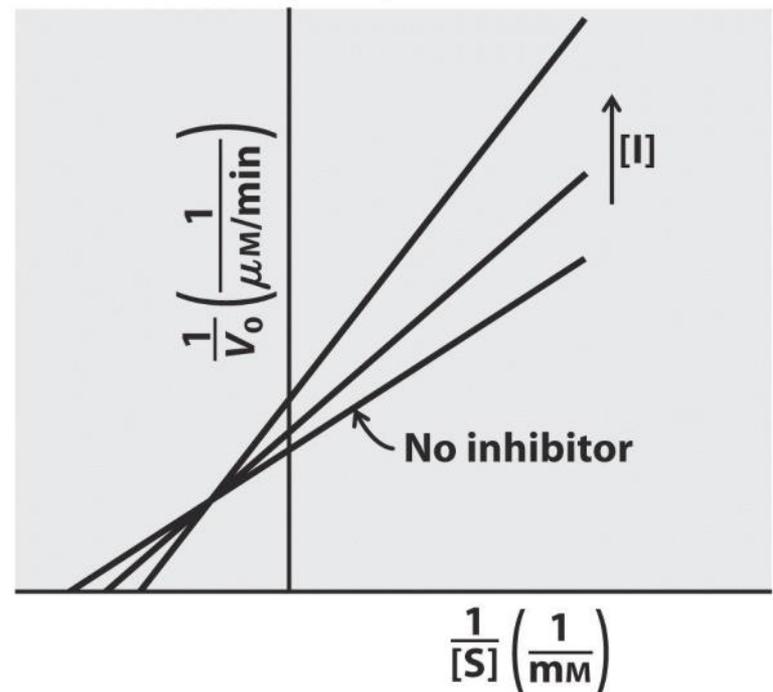
### (c) Mixed inhibition



$$\frac{1}{V_0} = \left( \frac{\alpha K_m}{V_{\max}} \right) \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{\alpha'}{V_{\max}}$$

# Mixed type inhibition

# Noncompetitive inhibition



# Question

Potassium cyanide is a poison which combines with cytochrome  $a_3$  to prevent binding of oxygen to the enzyme without altering the  $K_M$  of the reaction with respect to reduced cytochrome c. Which type of inhibition does this represent?

- a. Competitive inhibition
- b. Uncompetitive inhibition
- c. Noncompetitive inhibition
- d. Irreversible inhibition

# Summary

- Competitive inhibitors increase the  $K_M$ -value, but the  $v_{\max}$  remains unchanged. (Active center)
- Uncompetitive inhibitors (rare) bind specifically the enzyme-substrate complex. They decrease  $v_{\max}$  and the apparent  $K_M$ -value.
- Mixed type inhibitors increase the  $K_M$ -value and decrease  $v_{\max}$ .
- As a special case of the mixed type, the noncompetitive inhibitors decrease only the  $v_{\max}$  but the  $K_M$ -value remains unchanged. In the case of single-substrate enzymes, this type does not occur.

# Allosteric inhibition (or activation)

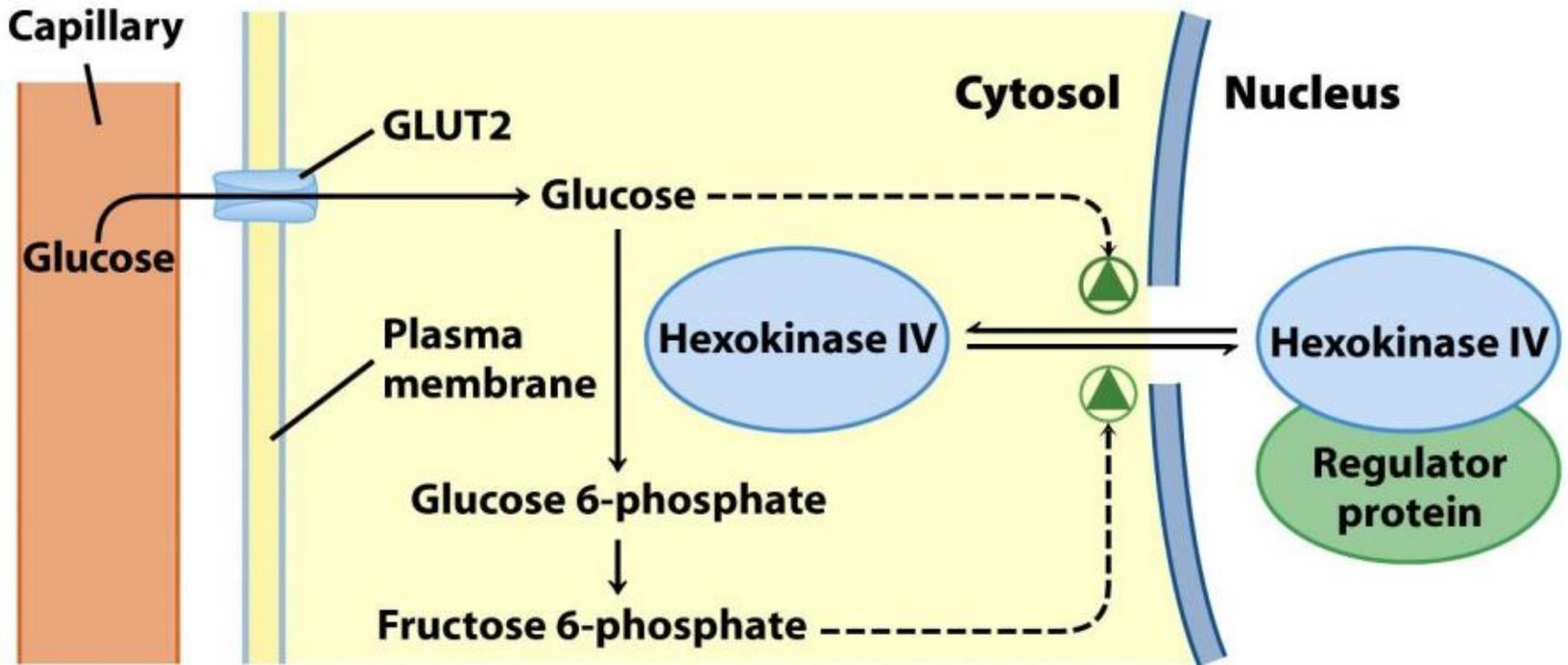
- Homotropic – the substrate and the modulator are the same
- Heterotropic – they are different

## Covalent modifications

**TABLE 10.1 Common covalent modifications of protein activity**

<b>Modification</b>	<b>Donor molecule</b>	<b>Example of modified protein</b>	<b>Protein function</b>
<b>Phosphorylation</b>	<b>ATP</b>	<b>Glycogen phosphorylase</b>	<b>Glucose homeostasis; energy transduction</b>
<b>Acetylation</b>	<b>Acetyl CoA</b>	<b>Histones</b>	<b>DNA packing; transcription</b>
<b>Myristoylation</b>	<b>Myristoyl CoA</b>	<b>Src</b>	<b>Signal transduction</b>
<b>ADP ribosylation</b>	<b>NAD<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>RNA polymerase</b>	<b>Transcription</b>
<b>Farnesylation</b>	<b>Farnesyl pyrophosphate</b>	<b>Ras</b>	<b>Signal transduction</b>
<b>γ-Carboxylation</b>	<b>HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup></b>	<b>Thrombin</b>	<b>Blood clotting</b>
<b>Sulfation</b>	<b>3'-Phosphoadenosine-5'-phosphosulfate</b>	<b>Fibrinogen</b>	<b>Blood-clot formation</b>
<b>Ubiquitination</b>	<b>Ubiquitin</b>	<b>Cyclin</b>	<b>Control of cell cycle</b>

# Binding protein association (Sequestrational regulation)



**Figure 15-13**  
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# Question

In the first step of glycolysis, hexokinase produces glucose-6-phosphate. G-6-P itself can also bind to hexokinase at the active site, blocking access to ATP. This is an example of:

- a) allosteric inhibition
- b) feedback inhibition
- c) noncompetitive inhibition
- d) uncompetitive inhibition