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## What is a Substrate.

- Substance upon which an enzyme act is called substrate.

## Enzyme specificity.

- Enzyme having varying degree of specificity for substrates.
- Enzyme may recognize and catalyze:
  - a single substrate
  - a group of similar substrates.
  - a particular type of bond.

### (1) Absolute specificity.

- Catalyze one type of reaction for single substrate.
- Used as the only substrate for urease.
- glucose oxidase will oxidize only beta-D-glucose.

### (2) Bond specificity.

- Catalyze one type of reaction for a specific type of bond.
- most of the proteolytic enzymes are showing bond specificity
  - Trypsin can hydrolyze peptide bonds formed by carboxyl group of arginine or lysine residues in any proteins.

### 3. Group Specificity.

- One enzyme can catalyze the same reaction on a group of structurally similar compounds.
- Hexokinase can catalyze phosphorylation of glucose, galactose & mannose.

### 4. Stereospecificity.

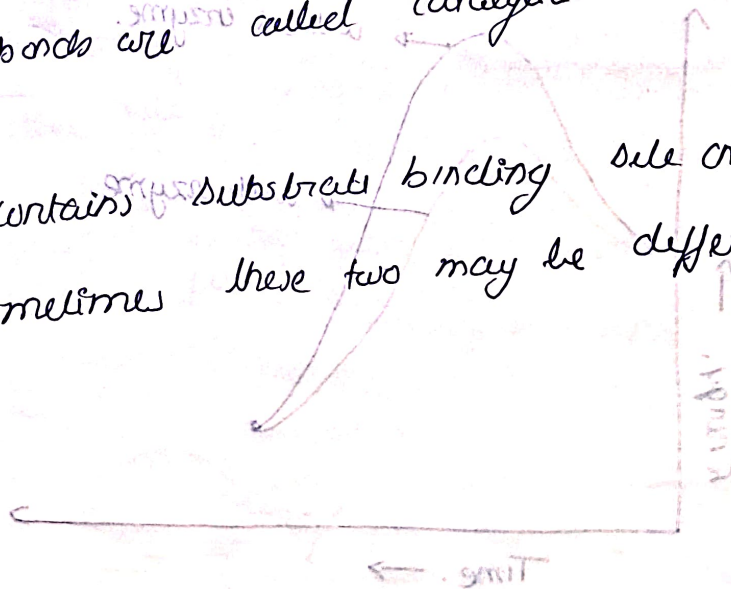
- Human enzymes are specific for L amino acids and D carbohydrates.
- Lactate dehydrogenase, acting on pyruvate will form only L lactate, but not the D variety.

### Enzyme unit.

- One standard unit or international unit of enzyme activity is the amount of enzyme that will convert one micromole of substrate per minute per litre of sample.
- abbreviation: IU/L.

## Active site / active centre

- The region of the enzyme where substrate binding and catalysis occurs is referred to as active site or active centre of enzyme.
- Active site occupies only small portion of the whole enzyme.
- Substrate binds to enzyme at active site by non-covalent bonds.
- The binding of substrate to the active site depends on the alignment of specific groups or atoms at active site.
- Amino acids or groups that directly participate in making / breaking bonds are called catalytic residues or catalytic groups.
- Active site contains substrate binding site and catalytic site; sometimes these two may be different.

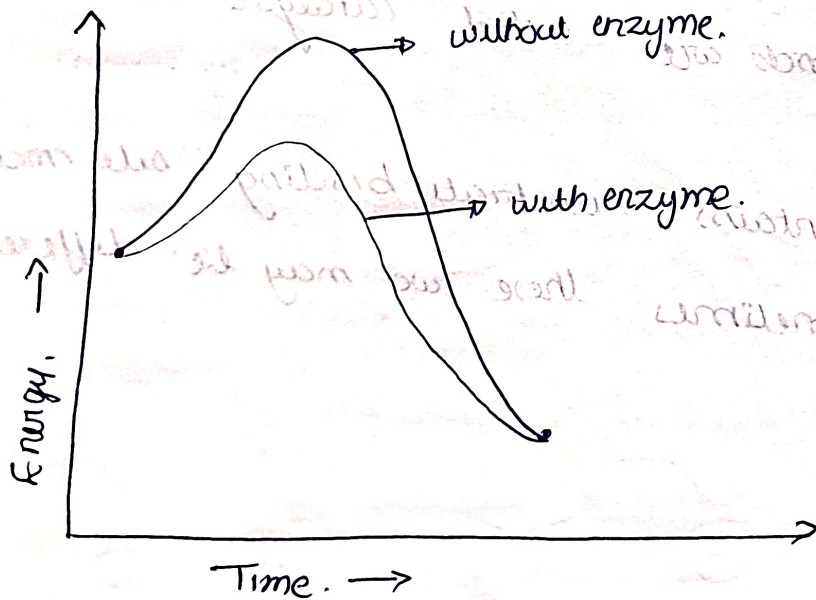


## MODE OF ACTION OF ENZYMES.

→ Lowering of Activation Energy.

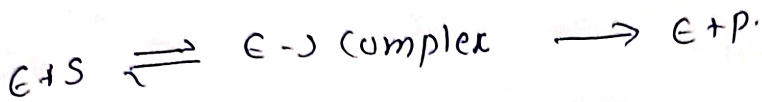
activation energy - Energy required to convert all molecules of a reacting substance from the ground state to transition state.

- Enzyme reduces magnitude of activation energy & increase rate of reaction.

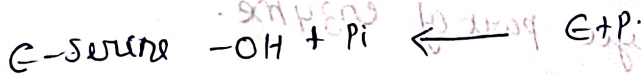
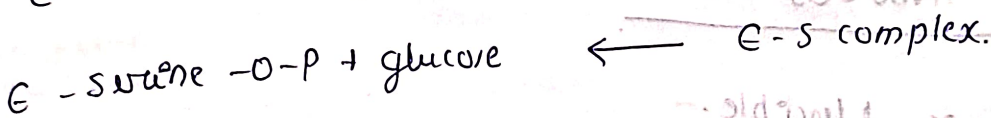
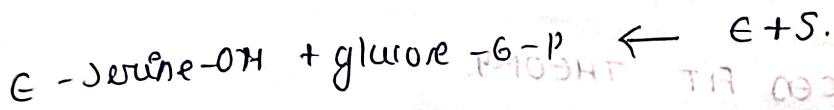


MICHAELIS - MENTEN THEORY.

Enzyme + Substrate  $\rightleftharpoons$  Enzyme-Substrate Complex  $\rightarrow$  Enzyme + Product

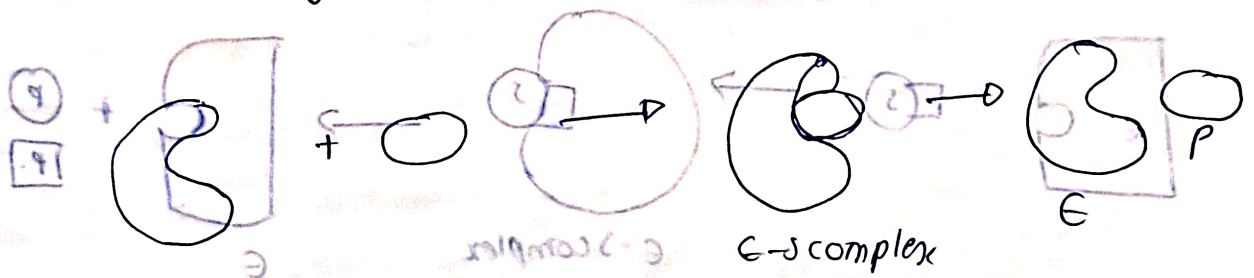


eg: alkaline phosphatase hydrolyses phosphate esters.



FISHER'S TEMPLATE THEORY. (Lock & Key model)

- 3D structure of active site of enzyme is complementary to substrate.
- Enzyme and substrate fit each other, similar to lock and key.



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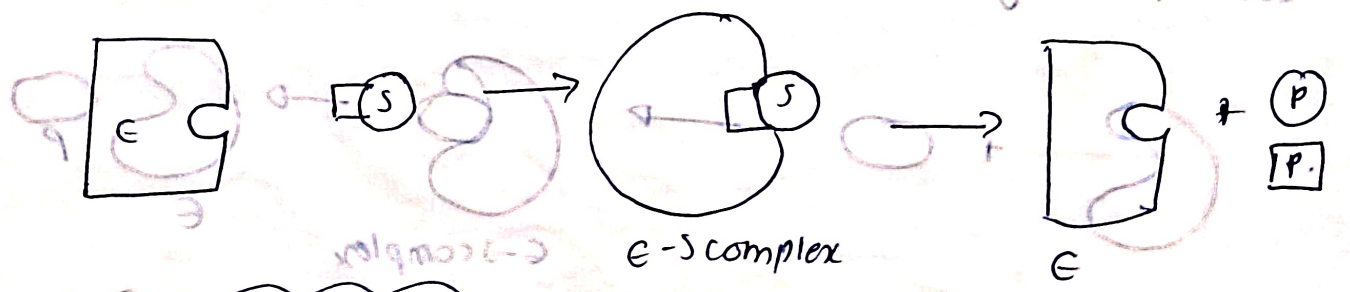


KOJHLAND'S INDUCED FIT THEORY.

- The enzyme is flexible.
- Substrate binds to specific part of enzyme.
- This leads to more 2° binding and conformational change of the active site of enzyme.

OR

The substrate induces conformational change in the enzyme.



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## Other mechanisms.

- Substrate strain theory.
- acid base catalysis
- covalent catalysis.
- entropy effects.

## Substrate Strain theory

- Binding of substrate to active site of enzyme con-  
include strain in the S<sup>‡</sup>.
- The strain inclusion increases the energy level of  
the substrate -  
attains transition state and easily converted to  
products.

## Acid - Base Catalysis.

- Here the protonated form of an amino acid act as an acid, which interact with its conjugated  
base (non protonated form) - product is released.
- At physiological pH, the protonated form of the AA  
Histidine function as an acid and its corresponding  
conjugate as base eg: action of Ribonuclease.