



- Biomolecules synthesized by living cells
- Enzymes (Greek: en, in & Zyme, yeast)
- 1897 Eduard Buchner discovered that yeast extracts could ferment sugar to alcohol
- Isolation/crystallization of urease James
 Sumner in 1926
- Sumner postulated that all E are proteins
- J. B. S. Haldane suggested weak bonding interactions between E & S



Eduard Buchner, 1860–1917

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James Sumner, 1887–1955



J. B. S. Haldane, 1892–1964

- E catalyst for chemical reactions in biological system i.e. biological catalyst
- Most E protein in nature & RNA also acts as an E
- Thomas Cech & Sidney Altman
- RNA can act as highly specific E
- Nobel prize in **Chemistry** for **1989**
- They changed the deeply held principle of Biochemistry that <u>all E must be proteins</u>.
- Energy of activation, Substrate, catalytic site

Energy of activation





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Steps in enzyme catalyzed reaction



1.LOCK & KEY THEORY - EMIL FISCHER, 1896 2.INDUCED FIT THEORY - DANIAL KOSHLAND, 1958



When the substrate binds to the enzyme's active site, the enzyme changes shape slightly. This "induced fit" results in tighter binding of the substrate to the active site

- E capable of increasing the reaction rates from 10³ to as high as 10¹⁴ times faster than the uncatalyzed reactions
- In general, E capable of acting on 100 to 1,000 substrate molecules per second
- No. of substrate molecules acted upon by an E in one second is called its turnover number.
- Rate or velocity of an enzyme-catalyzed reaction is the number of substrate molecules, which are converted to product molecules per unit time; it is usually expressed as µmole product formed per minute.

Units of E activity 2. Katal

Chemical nature of E

• Pure Protein only

1. IU

- E = Protein + non-protein part Holoenzyme = Apoenzyme + Cofactor
- Cofactor: Organic , inorganic
- Prosthetic group???

Holoenzymes

- 1. Apoenzyme Protein portion
- 2. Cofactor non-protein portion

Cofactor can be

- inorganic ion (ex: metal ions)
- organic molecule; called Coenzyme (ex: NAD + /NADH+H+ nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, FAD +/FADH₂Flavin adenine dinucleotide)

Michaelis Menten equation

- Relationship between substrate & E concentration
- Proposed in 1913, Leonor Michaelis & Maud Menten
- Describes how reaction velocity varies with substrate concentration

$$V_{o} = (V_{max} [S]) / (K_{m} + [S])$$

V_o = initial reaction velocity (dependent on [S]) V_{max} = maximal velocity (velocity under substrate conc.)

[S] = concentration of substrate



ENZYMES CLASSIFICATION

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

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FACTORS AFFECTING ENZYME ACTIVITY

- 1. Enzyme Concentration
- 2. Substrate Concentration
- 3. Effect of temperature
- 4. Effect of pH
- 5. Effects of products of reaction
- 6. Presence of cofactors
- 7. Presence of inhibitors

Enzyme Concentration

- Rate of reaction proportional to the amount of E (reaction of first order)
- E concentration -fall or rise depending on E synthesis &/or degradation (hormones & metabolites regulation)
- E conc. do not change in a short time but take hours to days to take place.

Substrate Concentration

- As S conc. increase, rate of reaction rises (reaction of first order)
- At very high S conc., FOR any further increase in S conc. no further increase in rate of reaction observed (reaction of zero order/saturation effect)

Reason for this saturation effect

At high S conc., all active sites of E present become saturated with the S

Effect of Enzyme and Substrate concentrations on Enzyme Activity



Effect of Temperature

- E reactions in man occur 37 °C
- Optimum temp.
- Plant enzymes 60°C Optimum temperature
- E reactions-chemical reactions, rate increased initially by a rise in temp.

Reason:

Increase in temp. increase the thermal motion of molecules, increase fraction of molecules having sufficient internal energy to enter the transition state

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BUT Rise in E activity with rise in temp.
limited
High temp., the enzymes DENATURE
Q_{10} - temperature coefficient
Expression of the increase in reaction rate for a 10°C
rise in temperature
Majority of E - a Q_{10} value of 3 or lower
Q<sub>10</sub> value of 3 means that a rise of 10°C increases the
reaction rate 3 times
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Effect of Temperature



Effect of pH

Most E - optimum pH near 7

- Optimum pH of pepsin = 1.5 salivary amylase = 6.4 - 6.9 trypsin = 8 - 9
- Extreme changes in pH may actually denature the enzyme

At optimum pH, important proton donating or proton accepting groups in enzyme catalytic site are in their required state of ionization



 Changes in pH of the medium act by increasing or decreasing the ionized or unionized states of the E and / or the substrate

$$Enz^- + SH^+ \longrightarrow EnzSH$$

At low pH, $Enz^- + H^+ \longrightarrow EnzH$ uncharged enzyme cannot form complex with SH⁺

At high pH, SH^+ $S + H^+(H_2O)$ uncharged substrate cannot form complex with E

- pH varied <u>a change in the conformation of E may</u> <u>occur</u>
- A charged group far from catalytic site may be necessary to maintain an active tertiary & quaternary structure
- As the charge on this group is changed, the protein may unravel (open) or become more compact or dissociate into subunits – all with a resulting loss of activity (Denaturation)



Effects of products of reaction

Suppose an enzyme catalyzes the reaction;

 $A + B \longleftrightarrow C + D$

- If products C & D removed as fast as formed, then reaction is 100% complete
- If not removed, reaction will remain incomplete. WHY????????

Two reasons:

- Firstly, the E reactions are usually reversible & some A & B are being re-formed
- Secondly, the products of reaction having some structural resemblance to the substrate will bind some enzyme, thus slowing the rate of activity

<u>Cofactors</u>

 Some enzymes associate with a nonprotein cofactor

Functions

- 1. Needed in enzymatic activity
- 2. They tend to have specific geometries
- 3. Aid in positioning the groups involved in a reaction for optimum catalysis.
- 4. regenerated for further reaction
- Examples : metal ions or organic molecules

Role of Metal ions

1. either maintaining or producing active structural conformation (3-D shape)

- 2. formation of ES complex
- 3.making structural change in S molecule
- 4. accept or donate electrons

Examples

- **Fe**²⁺ (cytochrome oxidase, catalase, peroxidase)
- **Cu**²⁺ (cytochrome oxidase)
- Zn²⁺ (Carbonic anhydrase, Alcohol dehydrogenase)
- Mg²⁺ (Hexokinase, Pyruvate kinase)

Inhibitors

- Presence of certain substances called inhibitors may block or reduce the reaction rate
- They interfere with
- 1. the formation of ES OR
- 2. Breakdown of ES complex
- Such phenomenon called inhibition

Enzyme inhibition - two types

- 1. Irreversible Inhibition
- 2. Reversible Inhibition



2. Reversible Inhibition

Three subtypes

- 1. Competitive
- 2. Noncompetitive
- 3. Uncompetitive



2. Non-Competitive inhibition



- $_{\rm O}$ I & S bind simultaneously to E
- I bind with E at a site other than active site, involve an <u>allosteric site</u>
- o I affects E 3-D structure
- $_{\rm O}$ I interferes with the breakdown of ES complex

