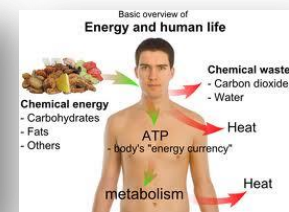
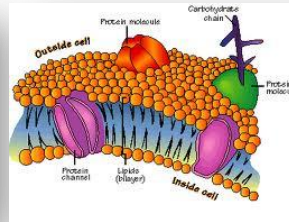
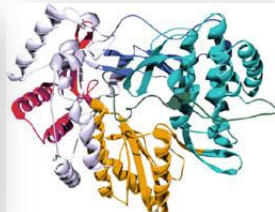
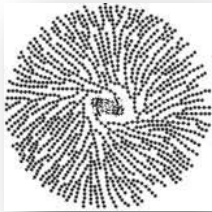




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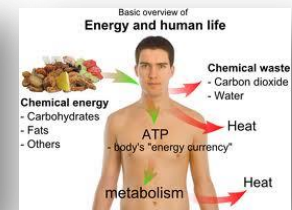
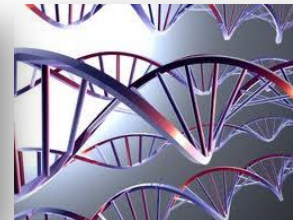
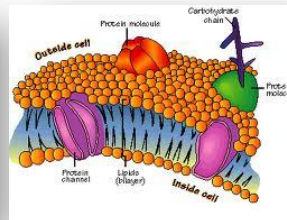
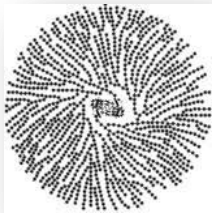
## Biochemistry for Biologists



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# Enzymes:

## Biological catalysts



# History of enzymes

## Nomenclature and discovery of ENZYME?

- ▶ The name enzyme derived from two Greek terms:  
'en' means 'in' and 'zyme' means yeast
- ▶ Hence, the enzyme means something 'in yeast' which catalyzes the reaction of fermentation.

- ▶ In 1878:

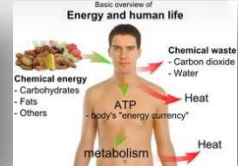
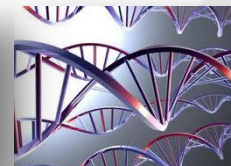
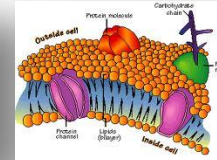
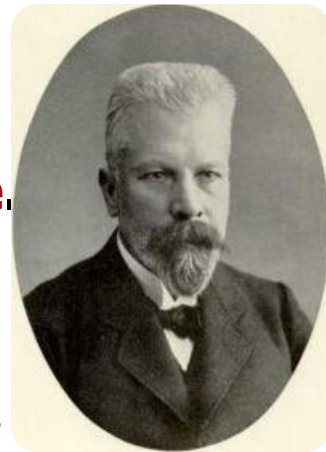
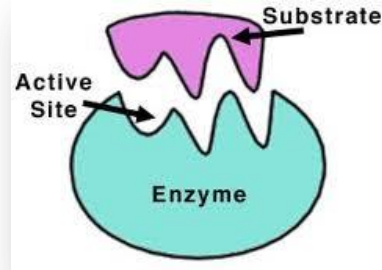
**Fredrich Wilhelm Kuhne** first created the name of enzyme.

- ▶ In 1897:

**Eduard Buchner** obtained a cell-free extract that could catalyze the synthesis of **ethanol from glucose**.

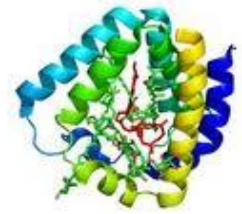
- ▶ In 1926:

**James Sumner** for the first time crystallized the enzyme from jack beans and demonstrated that this crystal consist of protein.



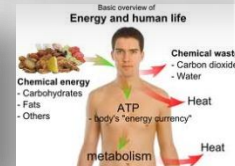
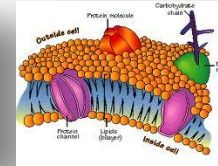
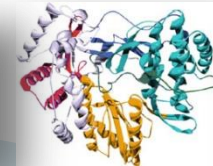
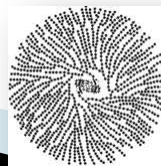


# History of enzymes

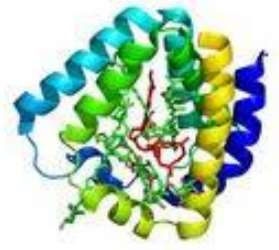


## Nomenclature and discovery of ENZYME? Contd...

- ▶ **Mid 1930:** John Northrop and Moses Kunitz for the first time confirmed the protein nature of crystalline enzymes such as- trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin etc.
- ▶ They found the **direct correlation between the activities of above enzymes and the amount of proteins** in the reaction mixtures.
- ▶ **In 1963:** the first amino acid sequence of an enzyme (bovine pancreatic ribonuclease) was reported.
- ▶ **In 1965:** the first X-ray structure of an enzyme (hen egg white lysozyme) was elucidated.
- ▶ **In 1986:** Thomas Cech has demonstrated that some **Ribonucleic Acid (RNA)** species also have activities like enzymes.
- ▶ **In 2011:** Thousands of purified and characterized enzymes are available.

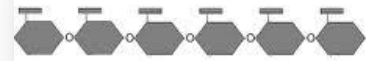


# Which are enzymes?



- ▶ Enzymes are biological catalyst which **increase, decrease or regulate** the rate of biological reaction
- ▶ The proteins which have **biological activity and can increase, decrease or regulate** the rate of biological reaction are called ENZYME.
- ▶ Almost all enzymes are PROTEIN but all proteins are NOT enzymes
- ▶ For example, food starch is converted to smaller carbohydrate units by an enzyme called **Amylase**.
- ▶ **Proteins are converted to amino acids** by enzymes called *trypsin*, *chymotrypsin* and *pepsin*.
- ▶ **Fat is converted to free fatty acid and glycerol** by and enzyme called **lipase**.

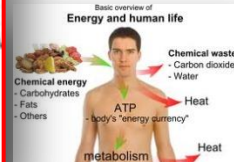
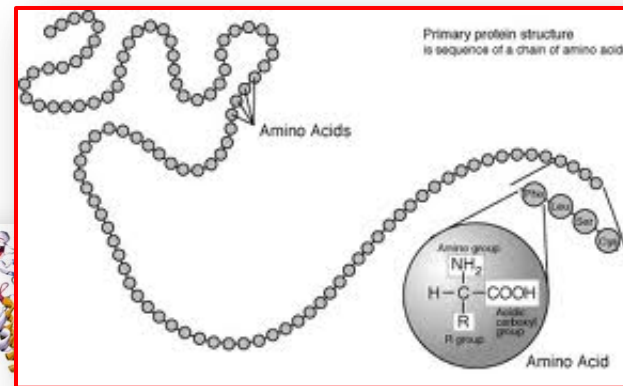
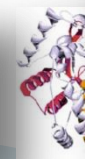
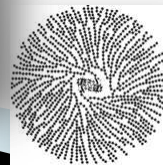
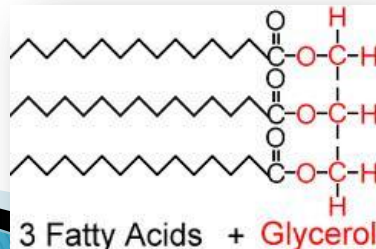
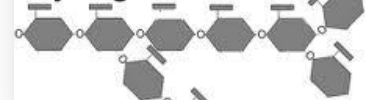
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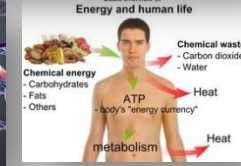
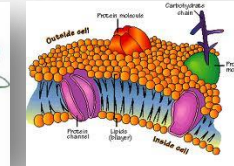
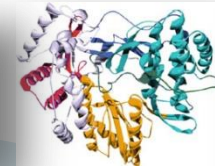
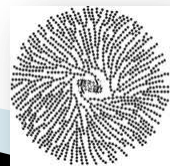
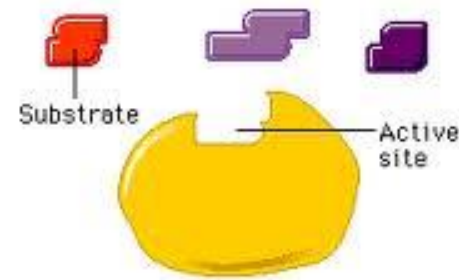
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# Properties of enzymes?

- ▶ Living process completely dependent on the numerous biochemical reactions.
- ▶ The primary role of enzyme is to **INCREASE** the rate of these biochemical reactions.
- ▶ Enzyme catalyzed reactions are typically  **$10^3$  to  $10^{20}$**  times **faster** than corresponding uncatalyzed reactions.
- ▶ Enzymes are **usually unchanged or can be temporarily changed during the reactions**, but finally stay unchanged at the end of the reactions.
- ▶ Enzymes **highly specific to substrates or reactants** such as-

Glucose to Glucose-6-phosphate (Glucokinase)  
Hexose to Hexose-6-phosphate (Hexokinase)





# Catalysts vs. enzymes?

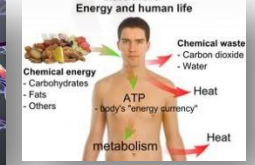
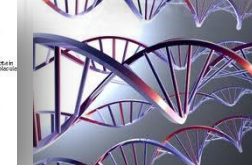
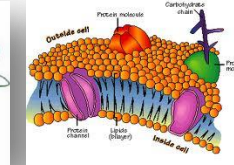
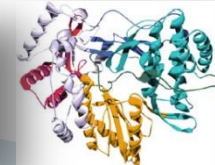
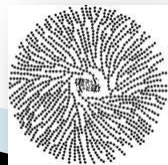
Difference between chemical and biological catalyst (enzyme):

## Reaction rates:

- ▶ Rates of enzymatically-catalyzed reactions are **significantly higher** than the chemical reactions
- ▶ Enzymes can **regulate the rate of biological reactions at several magnitude** compared to chemical catalysts.

## Reaction conditions:

- ▶ Enzymatic reactions occur relatively **mild conditions and usually under physiological conditions** such as-
  - At 37°C (body temperature)
  - pH 7 (neutral pH)
  - Atmospheric pressure
- ▶ Chemically catalyzed reactions usually require **significantly higher environmental conditions.**

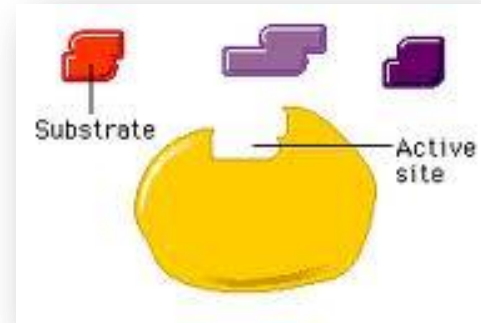


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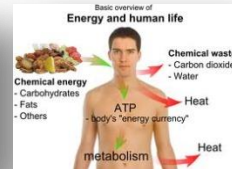
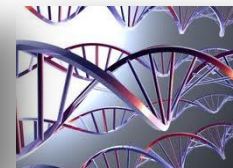
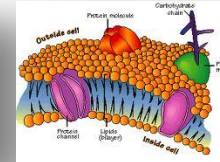
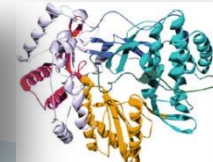
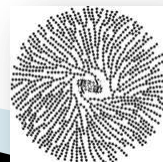
## Reaction specificity:

- ▶ Enzymes are **highly specific to their substrates** or reactants while chemical catalysts are not.



## Capacity of regulation or control:

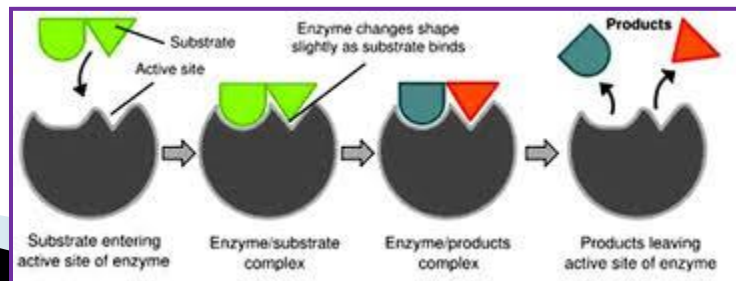
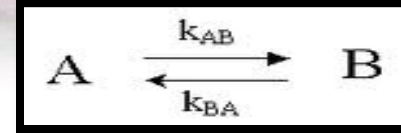
- ▶ Enzymes can **regulate the reactions rates in many different ways at several levels** while chemical catalyst can't do the same job.
- ▶ Physiological system is **AUTOMATICALLY ECONOMIC** while chemical system is not.





# How do catalysts work?

- ▶ A catalyst either **INCREASES** or **DECREASES** the rate or velocity of a chemical reaction in **both forward and backward** directions.
- ▶ A catalyst may be **temporarily changed during the reaction**, **but it is remain UNCHANGED** in the overall process.
- ▶ Most biological catalysts are enzymes and they also regulate the rate of the biological reactions.
- ▶ An un-catalyzed reaction **requires more energy** compared to a catalyzed reaction.
- ▶ A catalyst **ENHANCES** the rate of reaction but **DECREASES** the required energy of the reaction.
- ▶ Sometimes catalysts provide an **ALTERNATIVE reaction pathway** that requires **LESS** energy.



# Transition state theory?



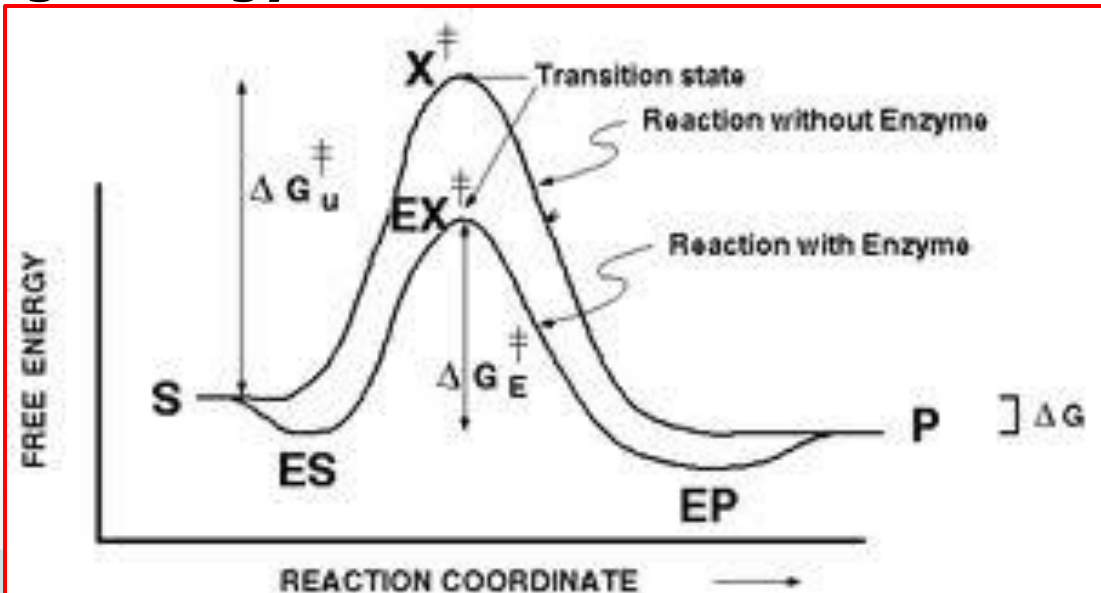
- ▶ Transition state is a state between the **reaction of reactants with or without enzymes** and the formation of products.
- ▶ Transition state is an **UNSTABLE but HIGH ENERGY state** and usually shown by a square [ ] bracket.
- ▶ **Highest amount of energy requires** at this state compared to any other state of the whole reaction process.
- ▶ Major reactions between the reactants happen at this state
- ▶ **Bond breaking and bond formation** to form a product also occur at this state by high energy

$\Delta G^\circ$  = Difference between the free energy of product and reactants

-ve  $\Delta G^\circ$  = Reaction spontaneous

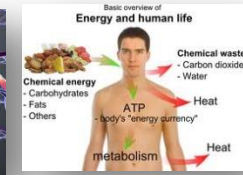
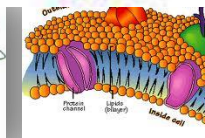
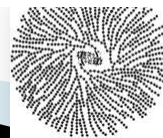
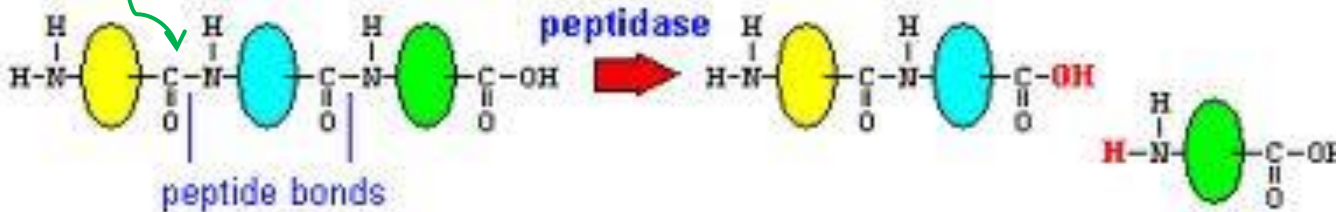
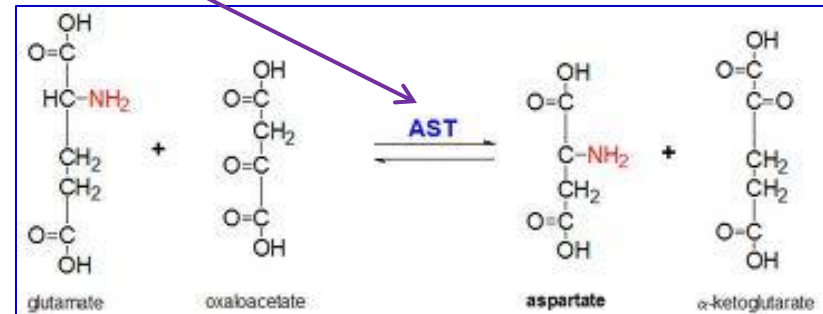
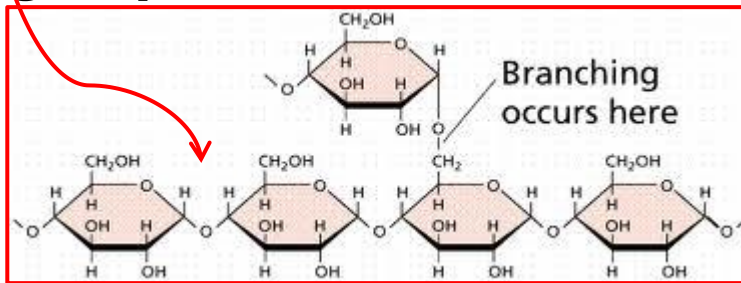
+ve  $\Delta G^\circ$  = reaction non-spontaneous

Zero  $\Delta G^\circ$  = Reaction equilibrium



# Terminology/ nomenclature?

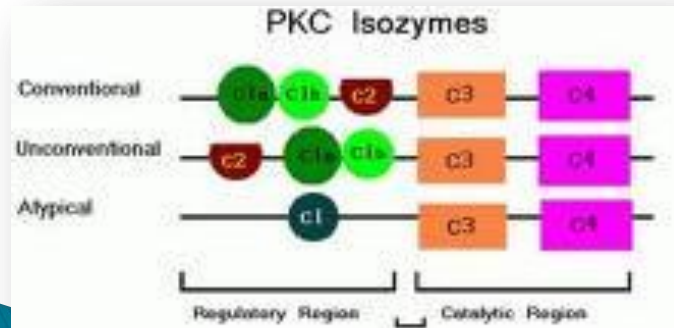
- Enzymes are often named by adding the suffix – *ase* to the substrate/ reactants such as-
- Urease:** [Urea  $\longrightarrow$  Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) +  $\text{CO}_2$ ]
- Peptidase:** Which hydrolyze the peptide bonds in a protein
- Amylase:** Which hydrolyze amylose and amylopectin in starch)
- Transaminase or aminotransferase:** Which transfer amino group from amino acids to keto acids



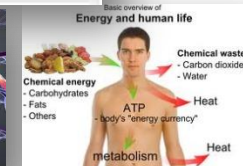
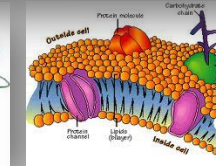
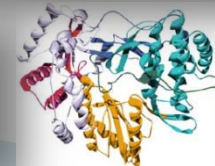
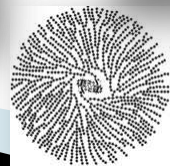


# Terminology/ nomenclature?

- ▶ There are also some trivial names of enzymes are still used as they were such as- **Trypsin, Chymotrypsin, pepsin** etc.
- ▶ The above nomenclature was confusing considering the vast number of enzymes.
- ▶ Finally, the **Enzyme Commission (EC) of the International Union of Biochemistry (IUB)** developed a new naming system.
- ▶ Each enzyme will have a code and a systemic name comprises of two parts. For example- an enzyme oxidizes alcohol is called "*Alcohol dehydrogenase*" which coding name is **E.C.1.1.1.1**.



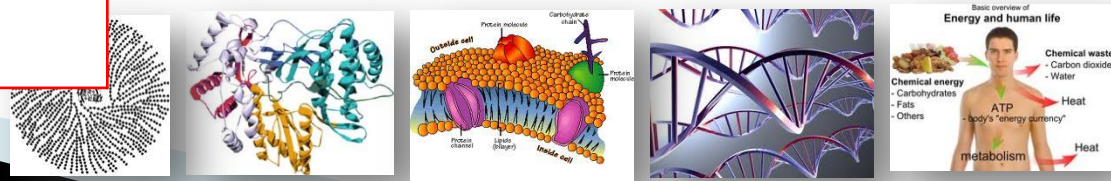
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# Classification of enzymes?

Basis on the **nature of the functions of enzymes** in biochemical reactions they are classified into **6 major classes**:

1. **Oxidoreductase**
2. **Transferases**
3. **Hydrolases**
4. **Lyases**
5. **Isomerase and**
6. **Ligases**

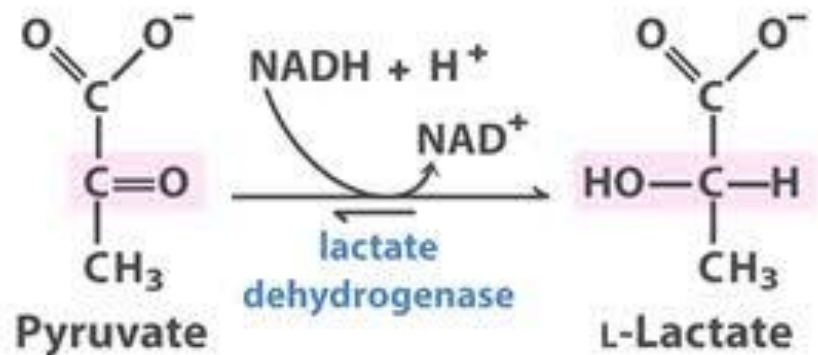
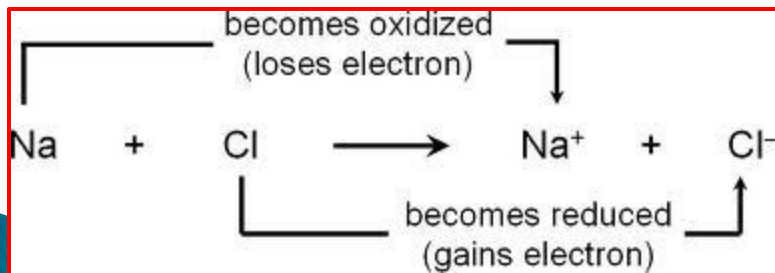


# Class of enzymes?



## 1. Oxidoreductase:

- ▶ The enzymes which catalyze the **oxidation-reduction reactions** are called oxidoreductase. For example-
  - Dehydrogenases e.g. alcohol dehydrogenase
  - Oxidases e.g. Xanthine oxidase
  - Oxygenases e.g. Cyclooxygenase (COX)
  - Reductases e.g. Glutathion reductase
  - Peroxidases e.g. Glucose peroxidase
  - Hydroxylases e.g. Tryptophan hydroxylase
- ▶ Most of the enzymes in this class are **dehydrogenase** e.g. *Lactate dehydrogenase*



$$\Delta G'^{\circ} = -25.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$$



# Class of enzymes?



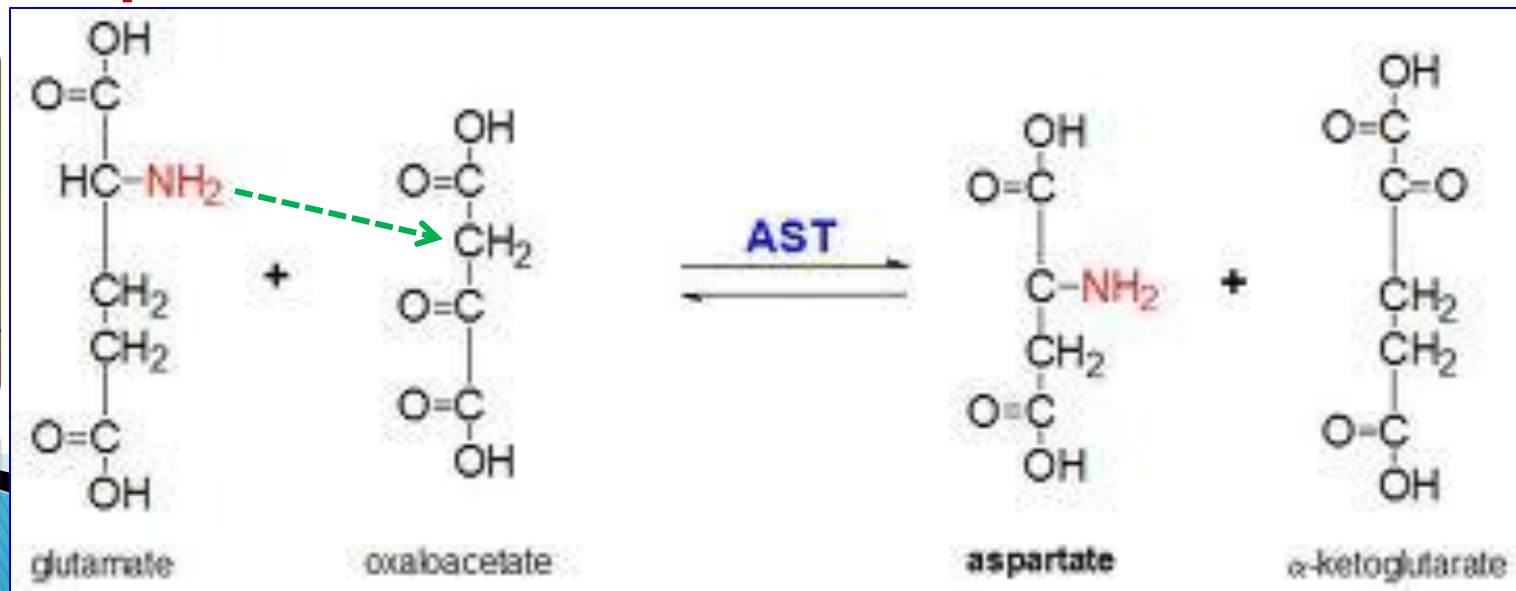
## 2. Transferases:

- ▶ Catalyze group transfer reactions e.g. **–NH<sub>2</sub> group from amino acid to keto acid, phosphate group from ATP** etc.
- ▶ Many of them require **co-enzymes** to work.
- ▶ Enzymes include in this group are amino **transferases** (or transaminases), **Kinases** (or phosphotransferase) etc.

### General example-



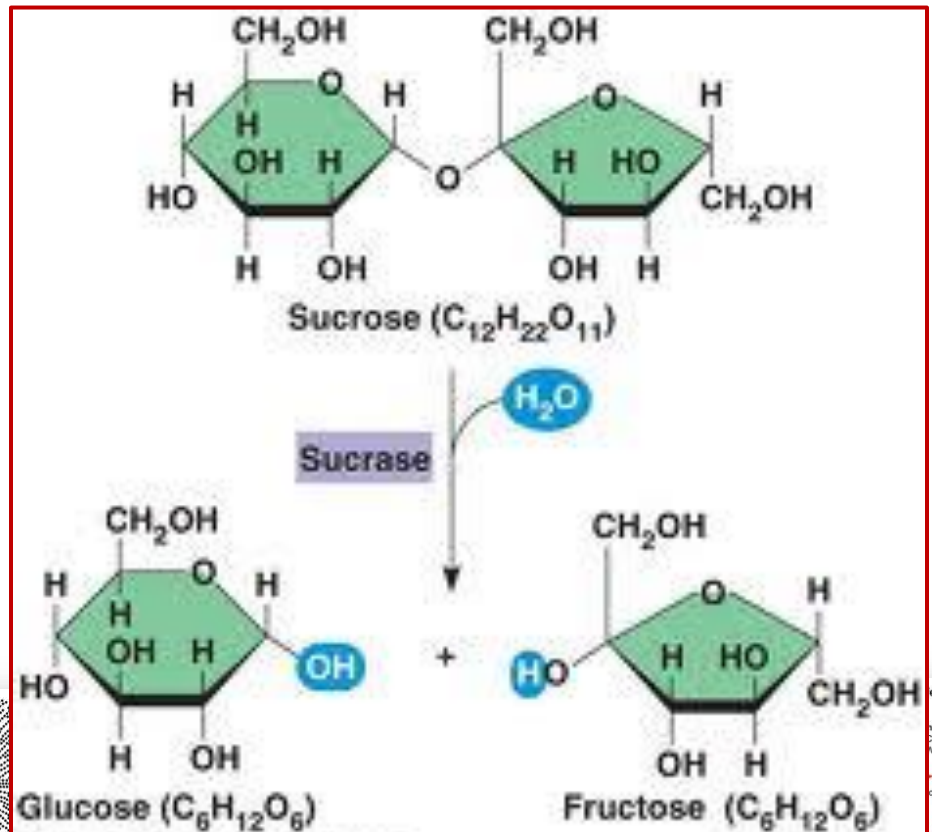
### Specific example-



# Class of enzymes?

## 3. Hydrolases:

- ▶ Catalyze **hydrolysis** reaction
- ▶ Water used in these enzymes act as an acceptor of the transferred chemical group



# Class of enzymes?



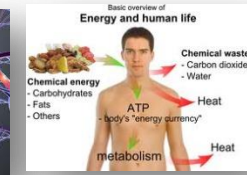
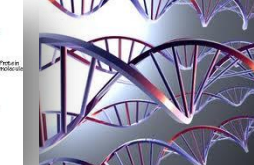
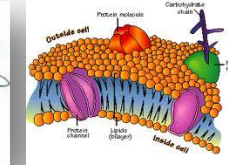
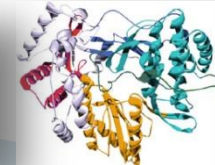
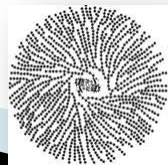
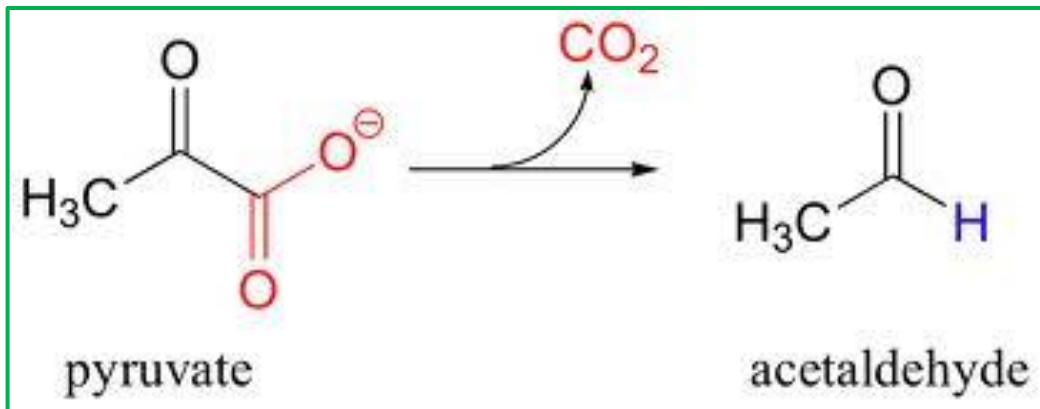
## 4. Lyases:

- ▶ Catalyze reaction in which  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  etc are removed from or added to a double bond
- ▶ These include decarboxylases, hydratases, dehydratases, deaminases and synthases.

General example-



Specific example-

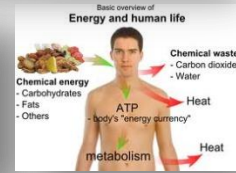
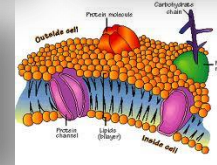
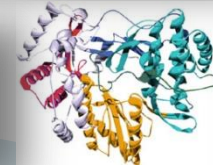
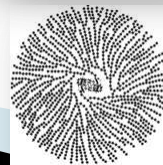
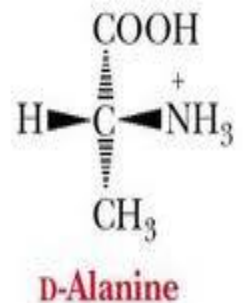
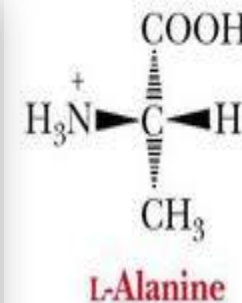
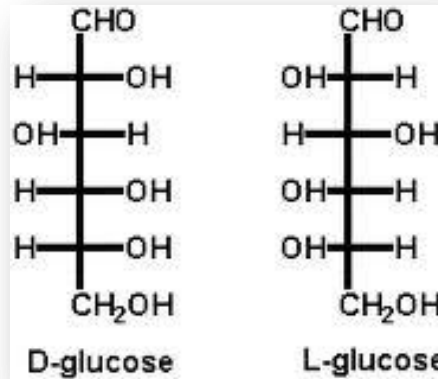




# Class of enzymes?

## 5. Isomerases:

- ▶ Reaction of a **single substrate** and a **single product**
- ▶ Catalyze **intramolecular change** within a single molecule and form a single product
- ▶ These include **epimerases, mutases and recemases**

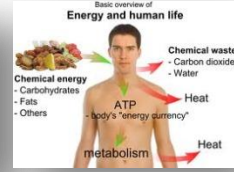
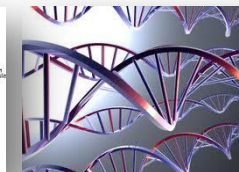
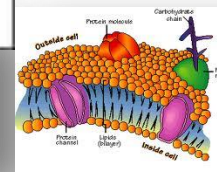
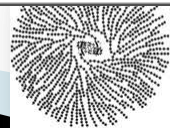
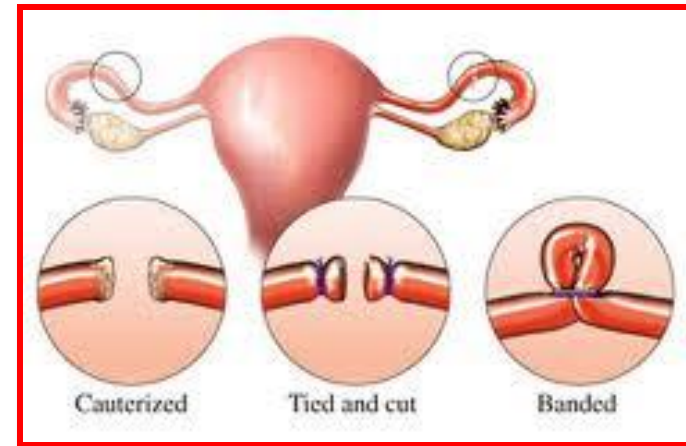
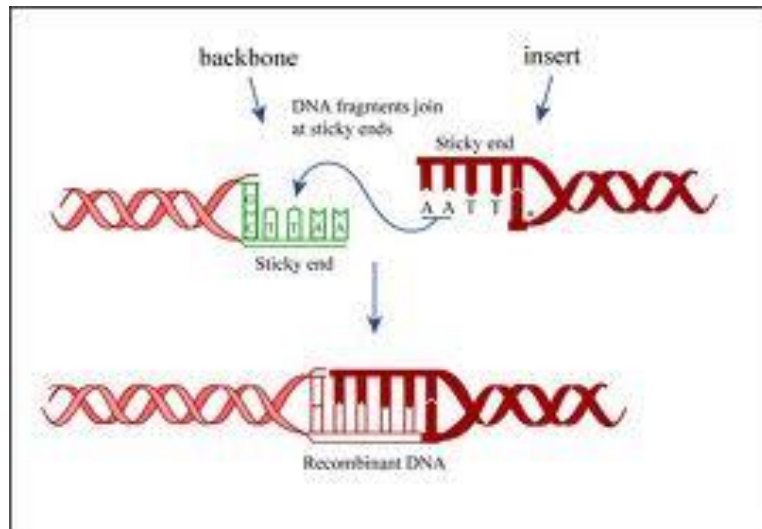
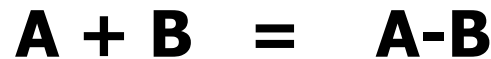


# Class of enzymes?

## 6. Ligases:

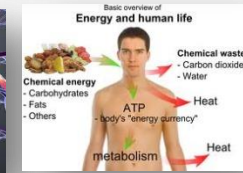
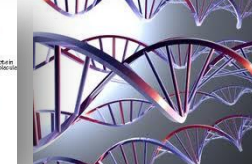
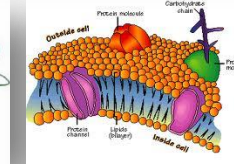
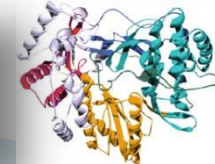
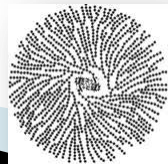
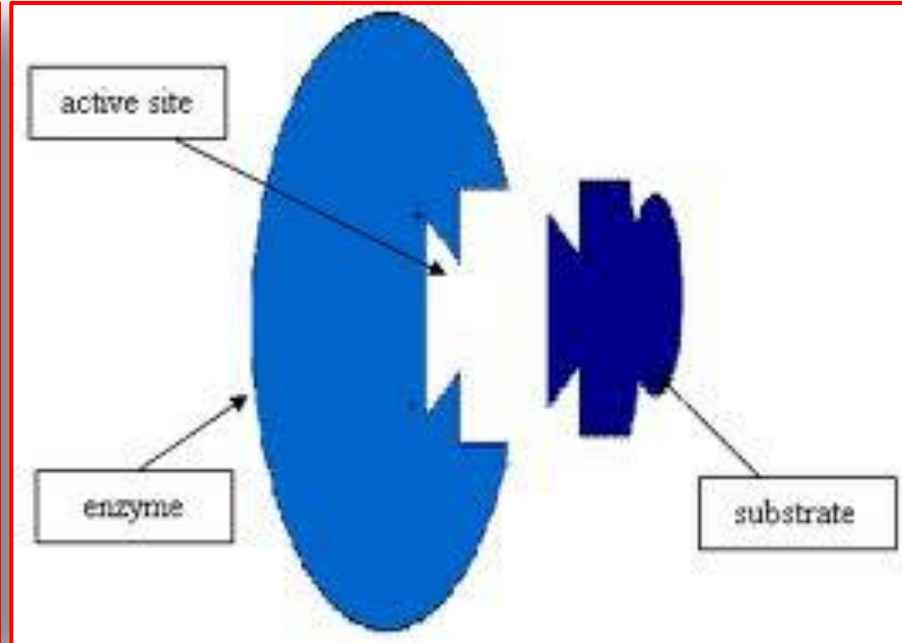
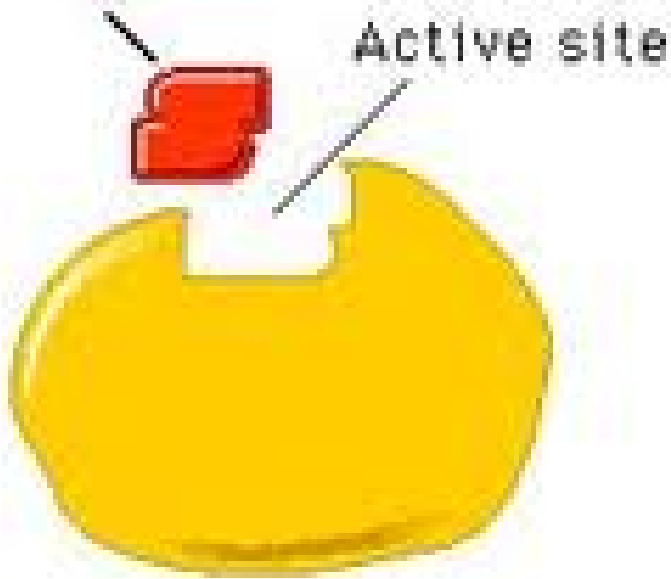
- ▶ Catalyze **ligation, joining or bond formation** between two substrates
- ▶ This is an energy requiring process which always supplied by the hydrolysis of ATP
- ▶ These include mostly **synthetases and carboxylases** etc.

**Example-**



# Active site of enzymes?

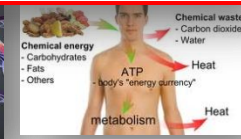
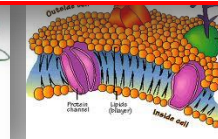
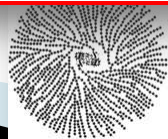
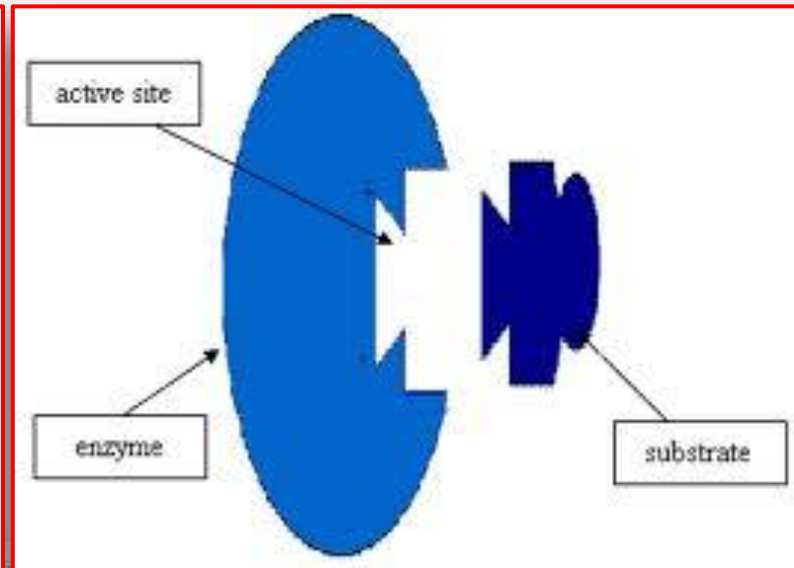
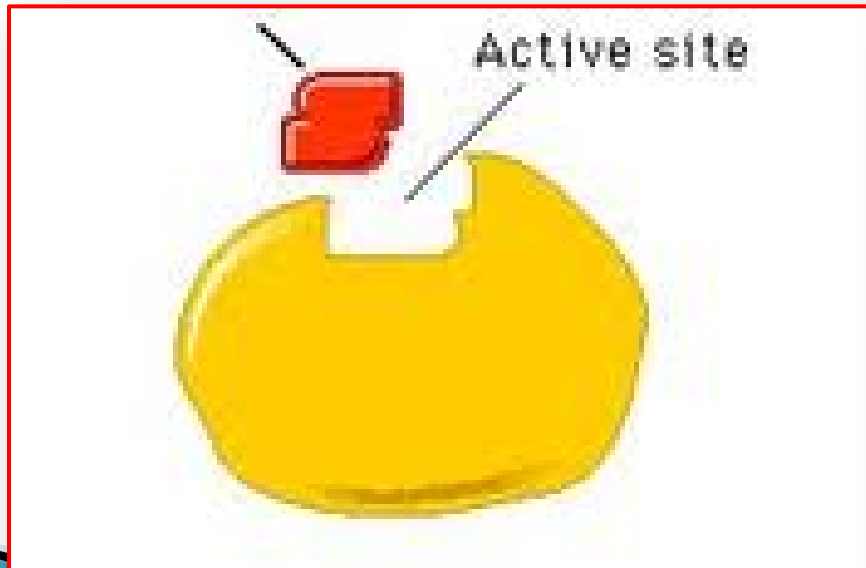
- ▶ Active site is a location or part in an enzyme **where substrate molecule binds non-covalently**
- ▶ Only **specific substrate can fit into a specific enzyme** or specific active site





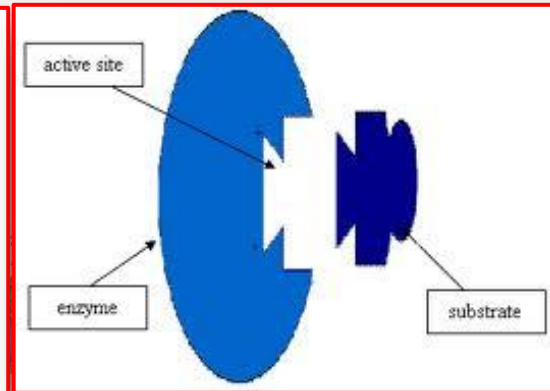
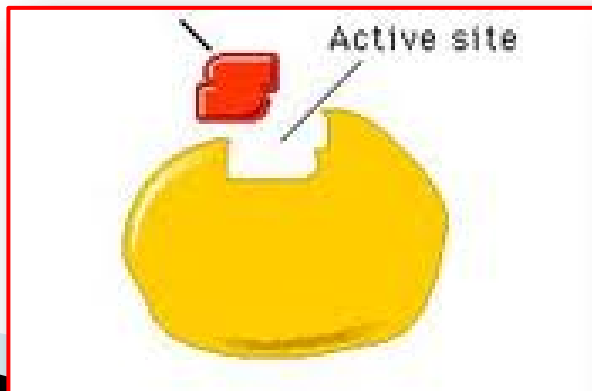
# Active site of enzymes?

- ▶ **Active site contains the amino acid residues (catalytic amino acid) that directly participate in the making and breaking of bonds during biochemical reactions.**
- ▶ **Although enzymes differ widely in terms of their mode of actions but there are a number of generalizations regarding their active sites.**



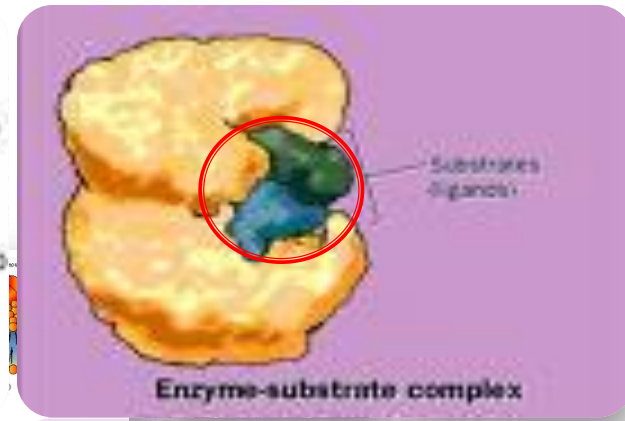
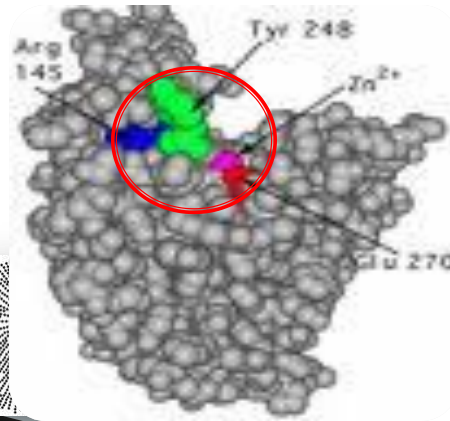
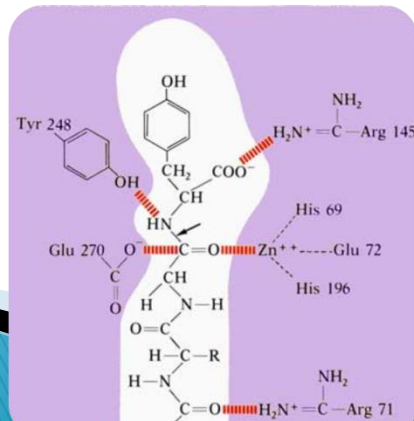
# How big the active site is?

- ▶ Active site takes up a relatively small part of the total volume/surface of an enzyme **which is about 5% of the total molecular surface of an enzyme**
- ▶ Nearly all enzymes are made of more than 100 amino acid residues e.g. **lysozyme has 129 amino acids when only 5 amino acids are involved in the active site.**
- ▶ **Chymotrypsin composed of 245 amino acid residues but only 3 amino acids are participate in the active site**
- ▶ The **small number** of amino acids participate in the active site are called **catalytic amino acids** which bind non-covalently with substrate molecule during reactions.
- ▶ **Then why enzymes are so BIG in structure?**



# 3D structure of active site

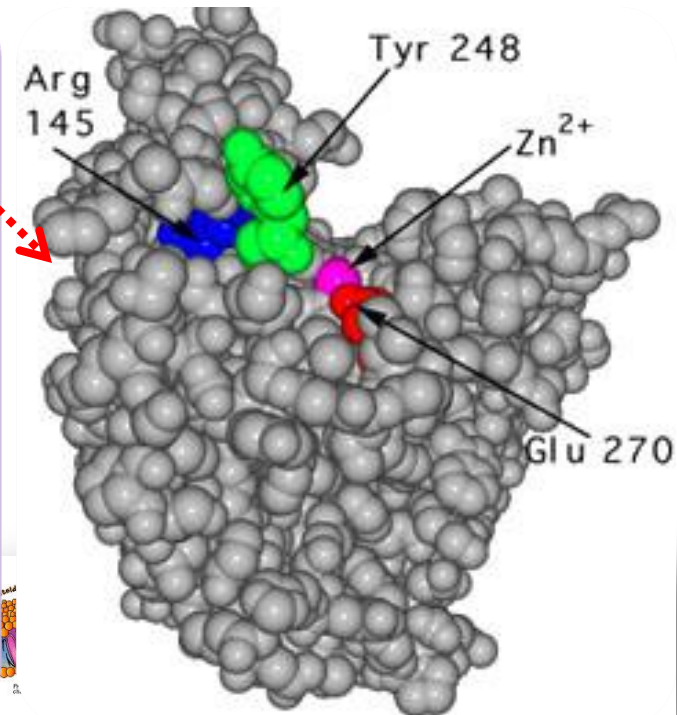
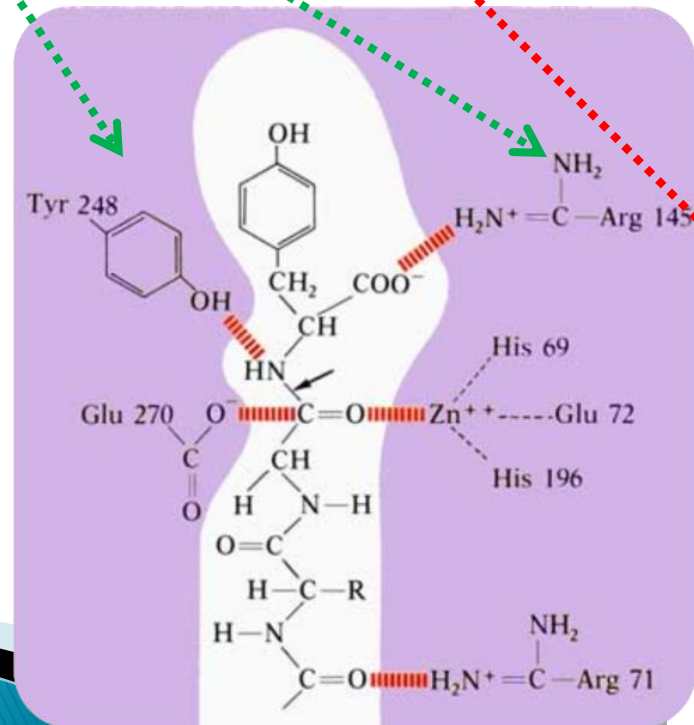
- ▶ Active site is a 3-dimensional entity formed by binding
  - catalytic amino acid residues and
  - structural amino acid residuesin the polypeptide primary structure.
- ▶ The R-group of amino acids forms the active site occupy distant position along the polypeptide chain and are brought together by many
  - Folds
  - Twists and
  - Bends (secondary and tertiary structure)of the polypeptide structures.





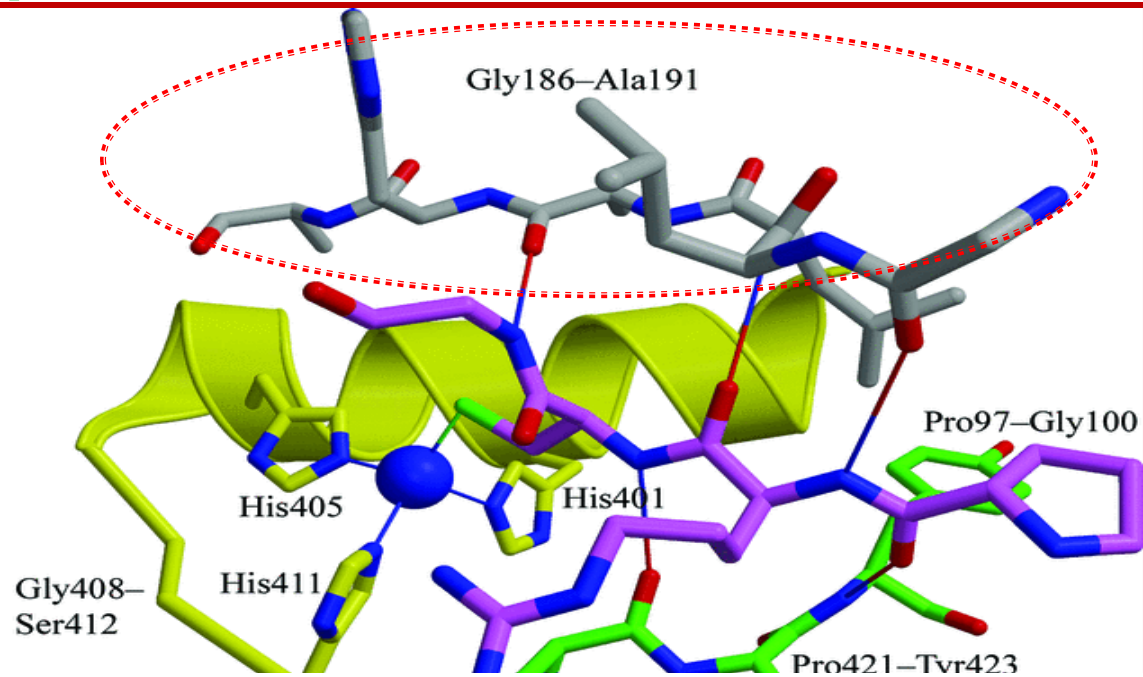
# 3D structure of active site- contd..

- ▶ These amino acid residues are very important to the activity of the enzymes that is why they are called **BINDING or CATALYTIC residues**.
- ▶ Other amino acid residues are not directly involved in the active site events but they are crucial for the stabilization of the 3D conformation of the entire enzyme and active site so they are called **structural amino acid residues** (most of the AA).



# Cleft or pocket of active site

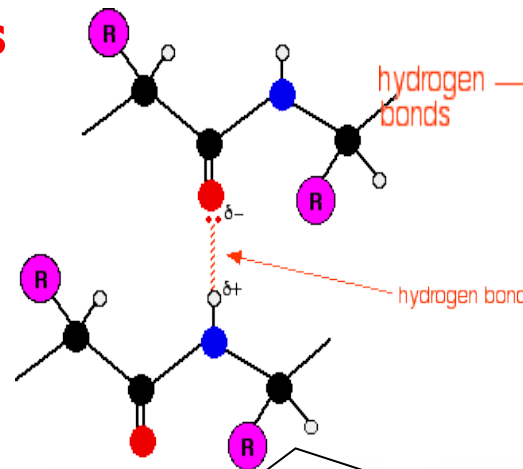
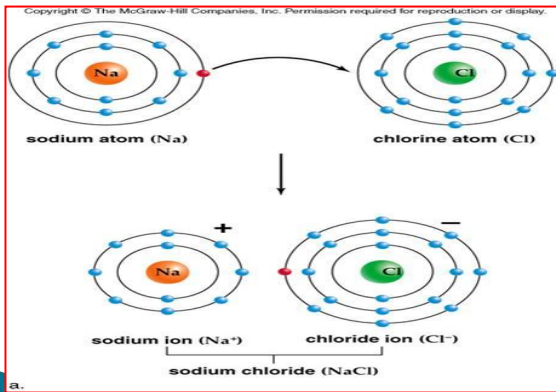
- ▶ In all enzymes, substrate molecules are bound to a part called **CLEFT** or **POCKET**
- ▶ Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) is excluded unless it is a reactant
- ▶ **NON-POLAR** character of most of the **CLEFT** enhances binding of substrate by **HYDROPHOBIC** interactions
- ▶ Cleft may also contains **POLAR** residues
- ▶ It creates a microenvironment in which certain of these residues acquire special properties essential for catalysis



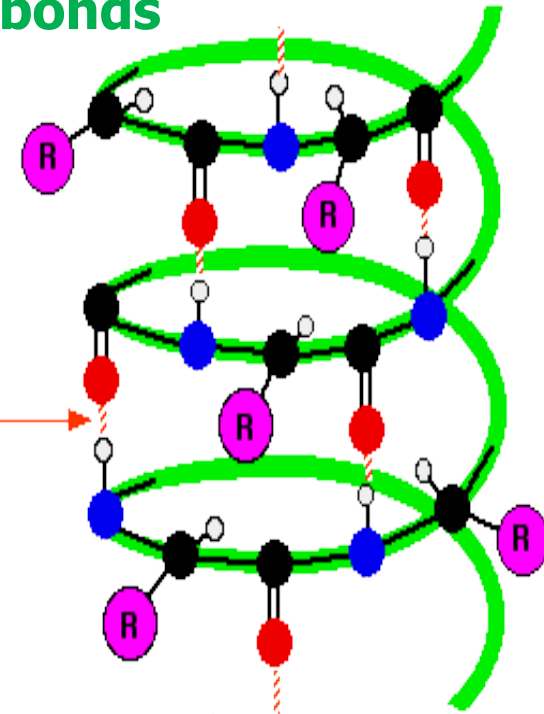
**Fig.** Ball-and-stick drawing of the active-site cleft. The cleft is delineated by the bulge-edge strand, residues 186-191, shown in grey, which runs horizontally across the figure.

# How substrates bind to enzymes?

- ▶ Substrates are bound to enzymes by multiple weak interactions
- ▶ The non-covalent interactions in Enzyme-Substrate complexes are much weaker than covalent bonds
- ▶ Interactions are attributed to:
  - Ionic bonds
  - Hydrogen bonds
  - Hydrophobic interactions and
  - van der Waals forces



**Hydrogen bonding in  $\beta$ -pleated sheet structure of protein/ enzyme**

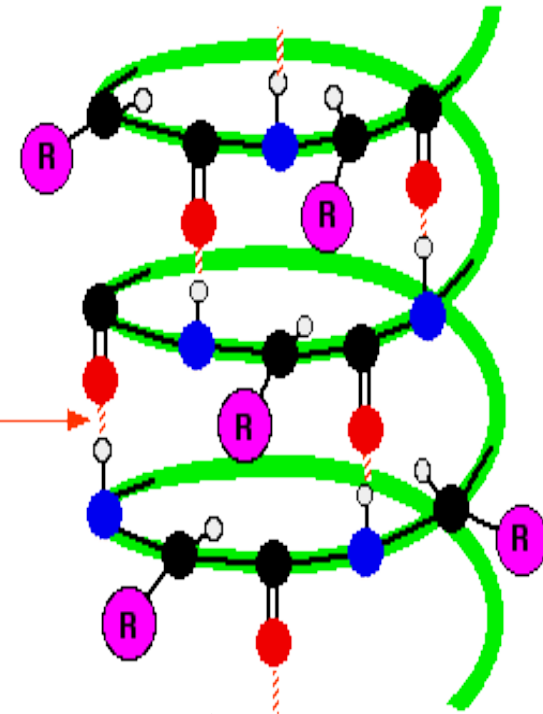
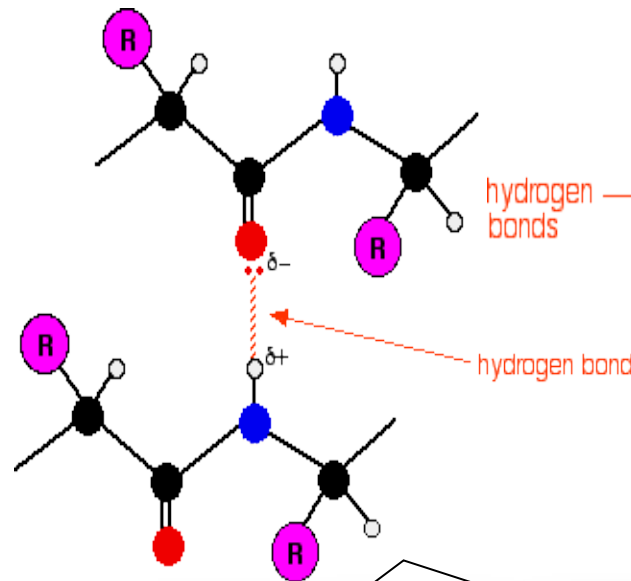
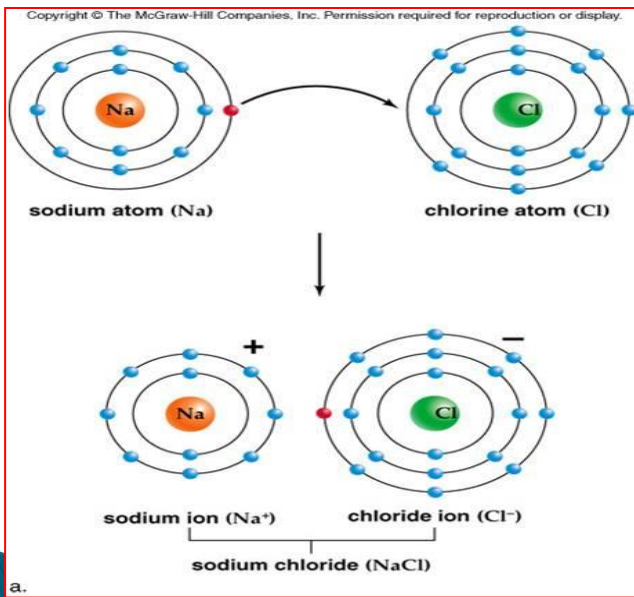


**Hydrogen bonding in  $\alpha$ -helix structure of protein/enzyme**



# How substrates bind to enzymes?

- ▶ van der Waals forces only become significant when numerous substrate atoms can simultaneously come close to many enzyme atoms
- ▶ **HYDRONGEN BONDING** between enzyme and substrate often enforces a high degree of specificity to the active site



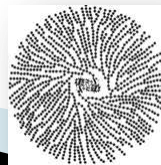
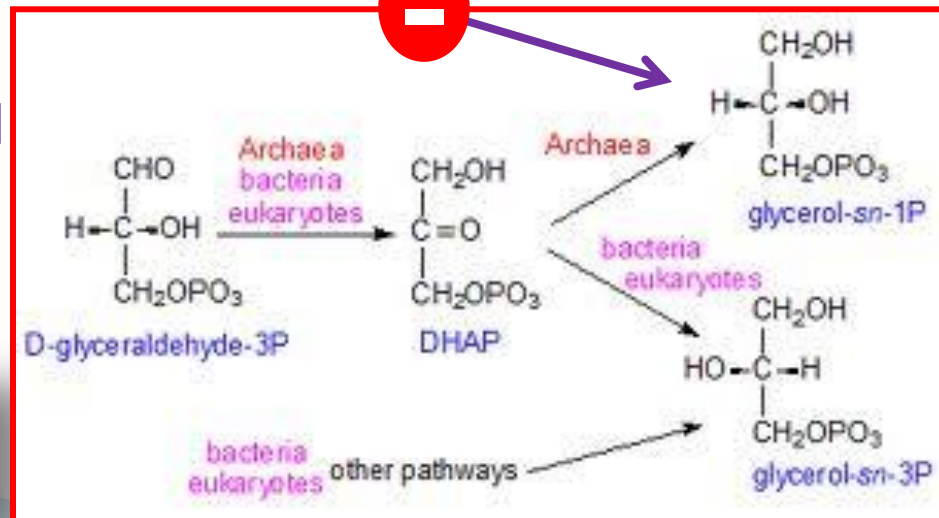
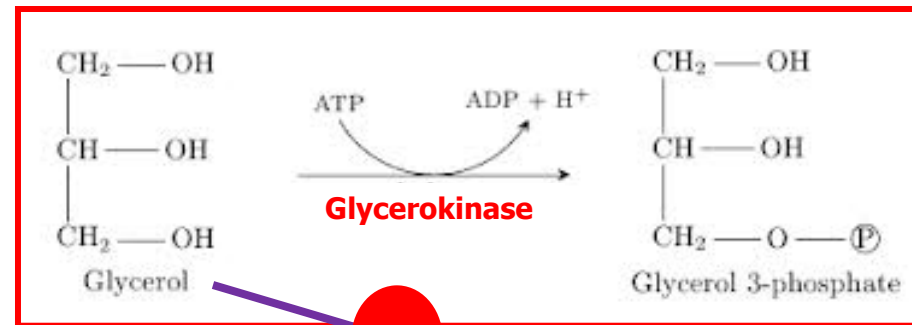
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# Enzyme-substrate interactions

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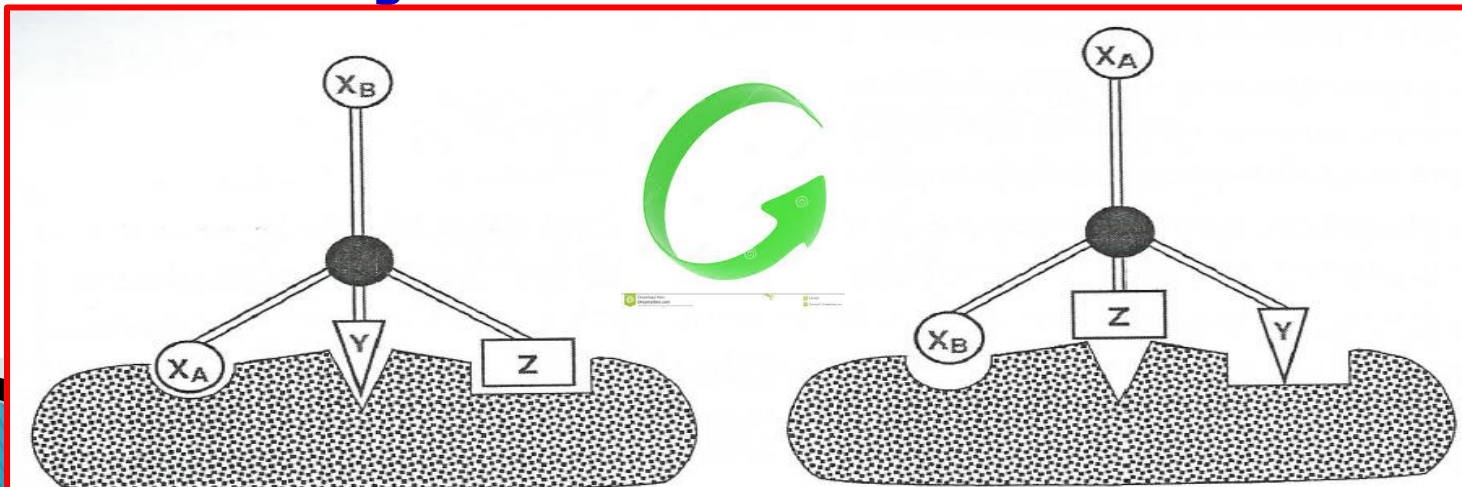
- ▶ The specificity of binding depends on the precisely defined arrangement of atoms in an active site.
- ▶ **Example- Glycerol is a symmetric molecule, consequently it is assumed that both the – CH<sub>2</sub>OH groups would react IDENTICALLY.**
- ▶ **This was proven not to be the case by OGSTON (1948) rather his experiment showed that an asymmetric enzyme, which attacks a symmetrical molecule, could distinguish between its identical groups.**



# Enzyme-substrate interactions

## Roles of the atoms of active site on E-S interactions:

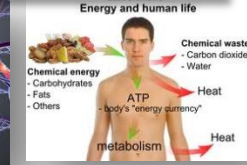
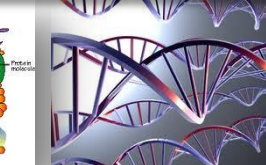
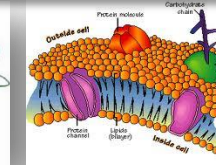
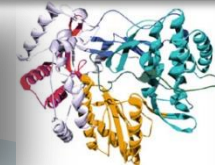
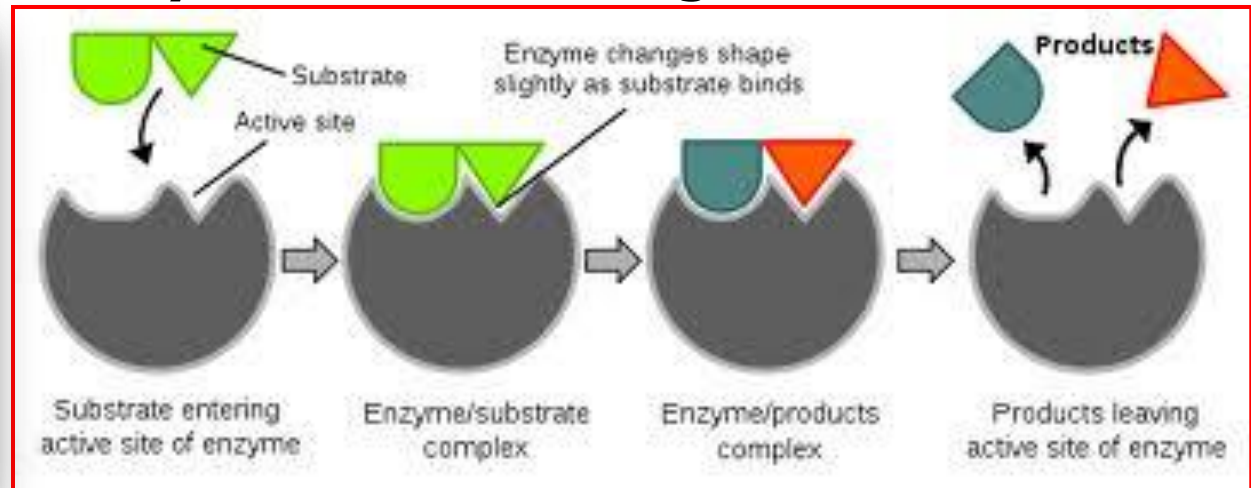
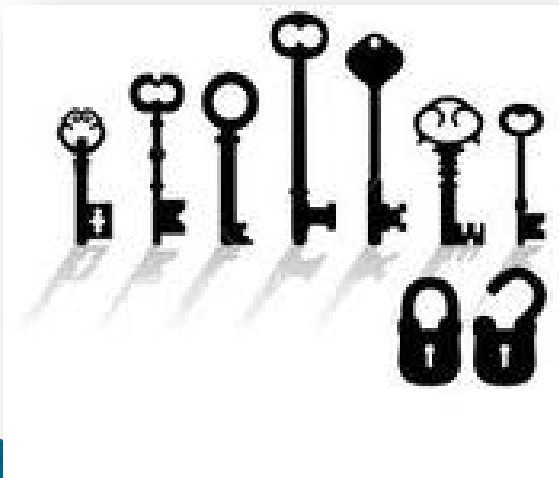
- ▶ Consider, a molecule has 2 hydrogen atoms  $X_A$  and  $X_B$ , a group  $Y$  and another group  $Z$  bonded tetrahedrally to a carbon atom.
- ▶ Now suppose the enzyme binds 3 groups of this substrate i.e.  $X_A$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  at 3 complimentary sites.
- ▶ In contrast the other combination  $X_B$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  cannot be bonded to this active site, because the 2 hydrogen atoms  $X_A$  and  $X_B$  are not sterically equivalent in terms of  $Y$  and  $Z$ .
- ▶ Therefore the bonding of the substrate depends on the precisely defined arrangement of atoms in the active site.



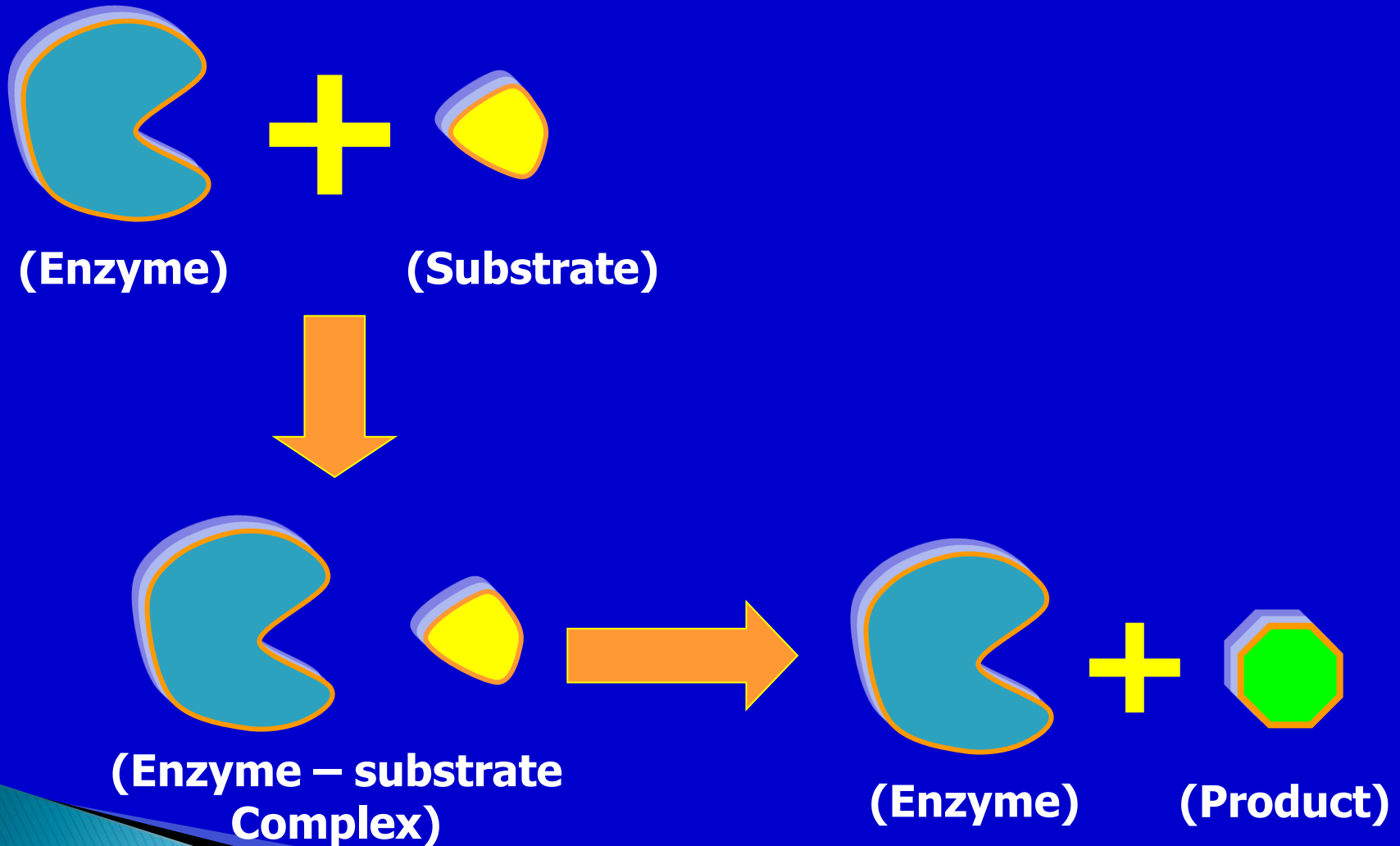


# Lock and key model?

- ▶ Lock and Key Model of enzyme was first described by **E. Fishcer** in **1890**
- ▶ The enzyme and substrate recognize each other by Lock and Key recognition process is also called **STATIC RECOGNITION**
- ▶ To fit into an **ACTIVE SITE** the substrate must have a **matching or complementary shape** which is called "Lock and Key Model" of enzyme substrate recognition

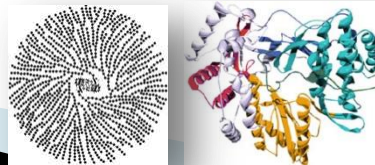
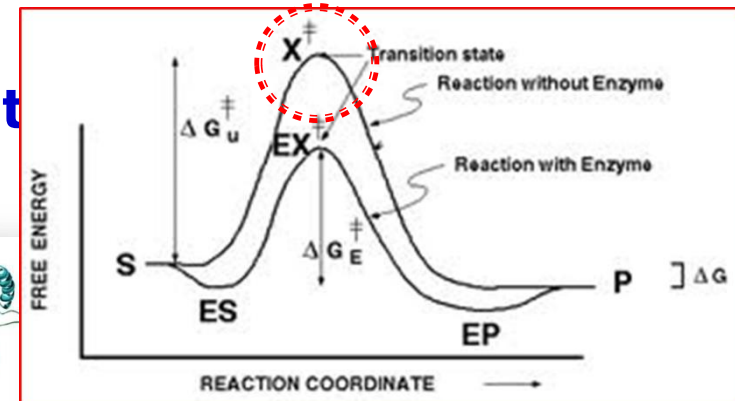


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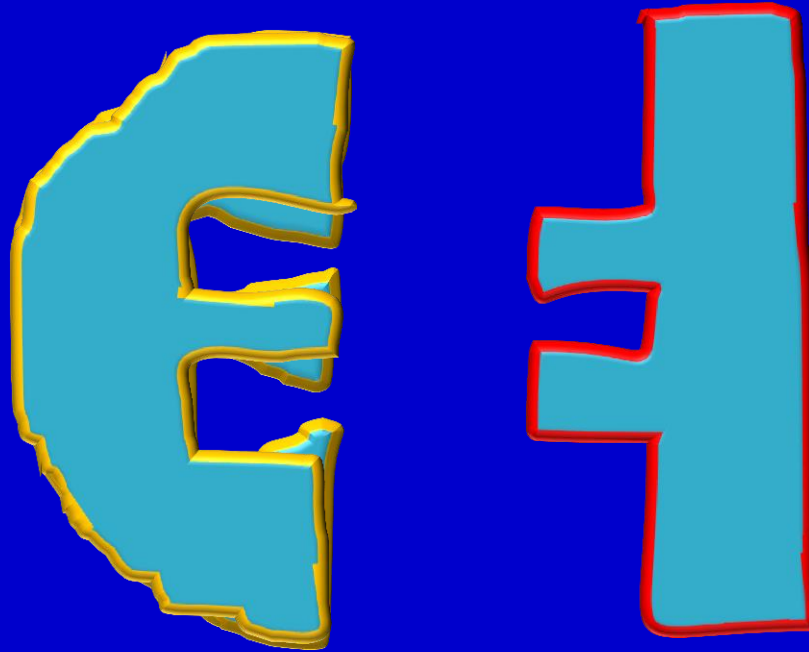
# Induced-fit model?

- ▶ Active sites of some enzymes are **not rigid**
- ▶ **In 1958, D.E. Koshland** predicted that the binding of substrate modifies the shapes of some enzymes
- ▶ Active sites of some enzymes are **become complementary** to the shape of the substrate as soon as they bind to the enzyme
- ▶ As it is a **substrate induced active site/ binding** so it is called **INDUCED-FIT model**
- ▶ Induced-fit **implies DISTORTION on the enzyme** and substrate which helps to change the shape of the active site at a friendly state
- ▶ This distortion occurs during the **transition state of the reaction**
- ▶ **This currently exists as the dominant model for enzymatic catalysis.**



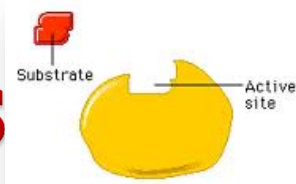


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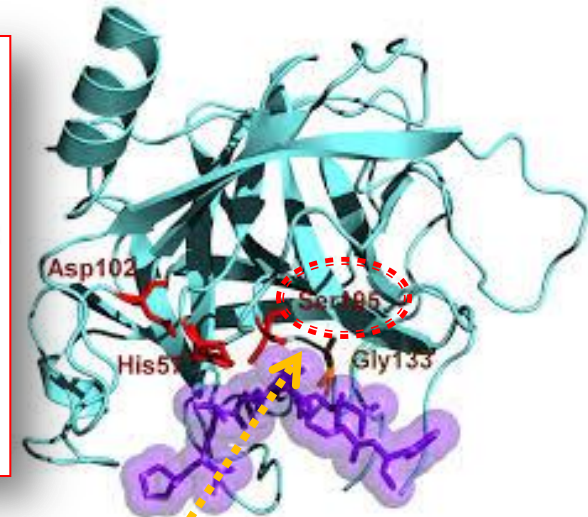
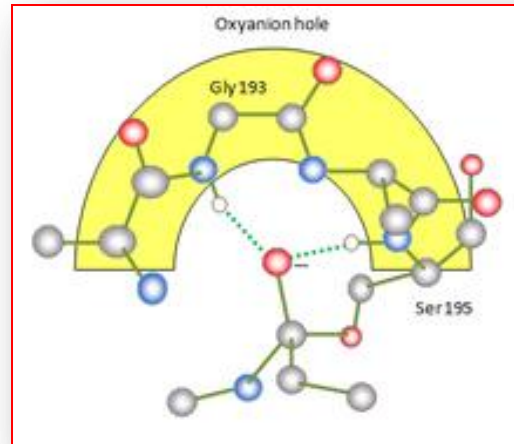
(Enzyme) + (Substrate) → (Enzyme-Substrate Complex)

# Structures & mode of actions



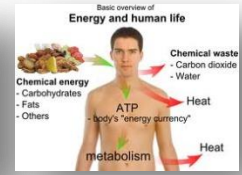
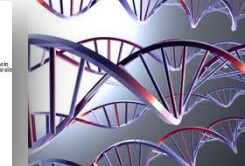
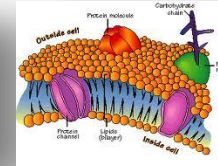
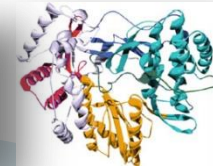
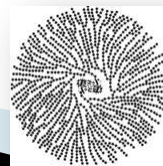
- ▶ To illustrate these general principles of enzymes in more detailed manner; two specific enzymes will be discussed:

- Chymotrypsin
- Carboxypeptidase A

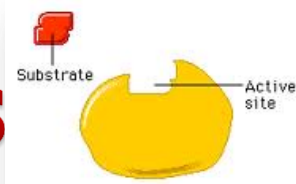


## Chymotrypsin:

- ▶ Chymotrypsin together with ELASTASE and trypsin belong to a diverse group of enzymes that is commonly referred to as the **Serine Protease**.
- ▶ These enzymes are so named because a **serine residue** belonging to the enzyme's active site plays a critical role in the catalytic process.

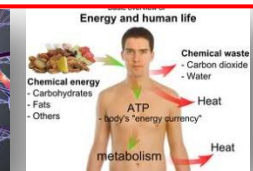
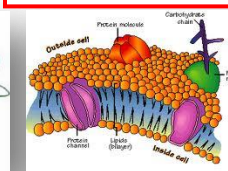
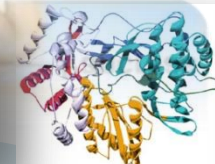
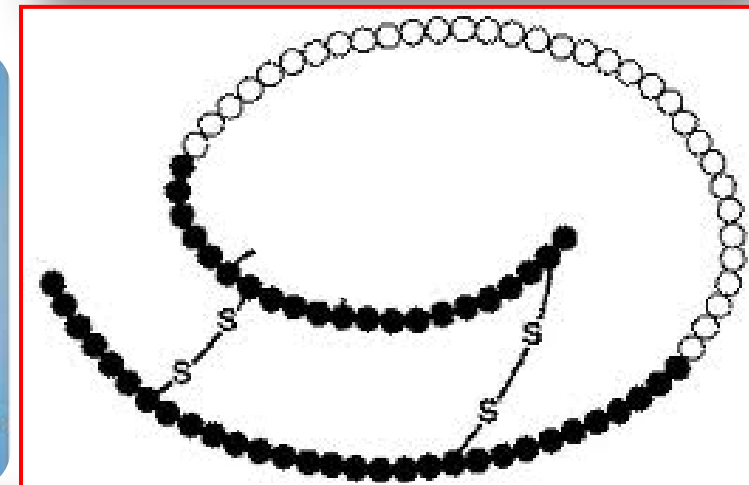
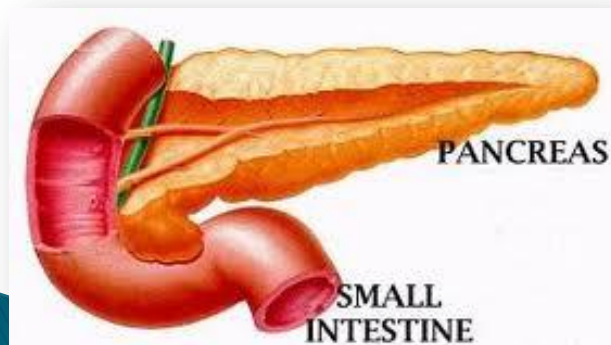
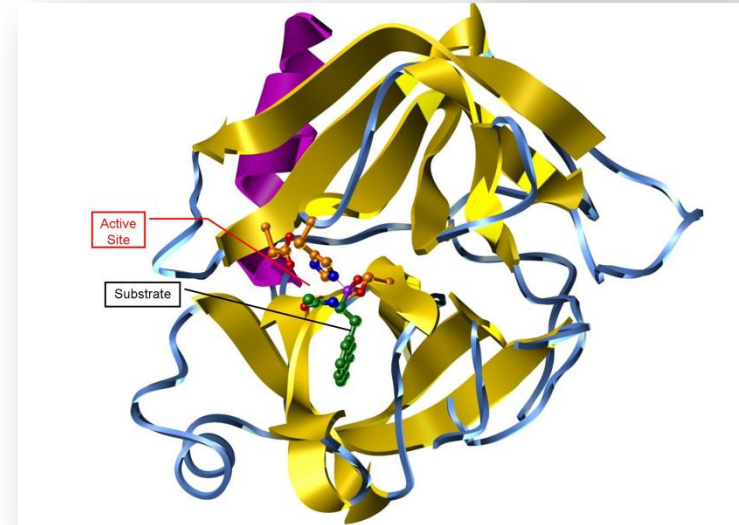


# Structures & mode of actions



## Chymotrypsin: contd...

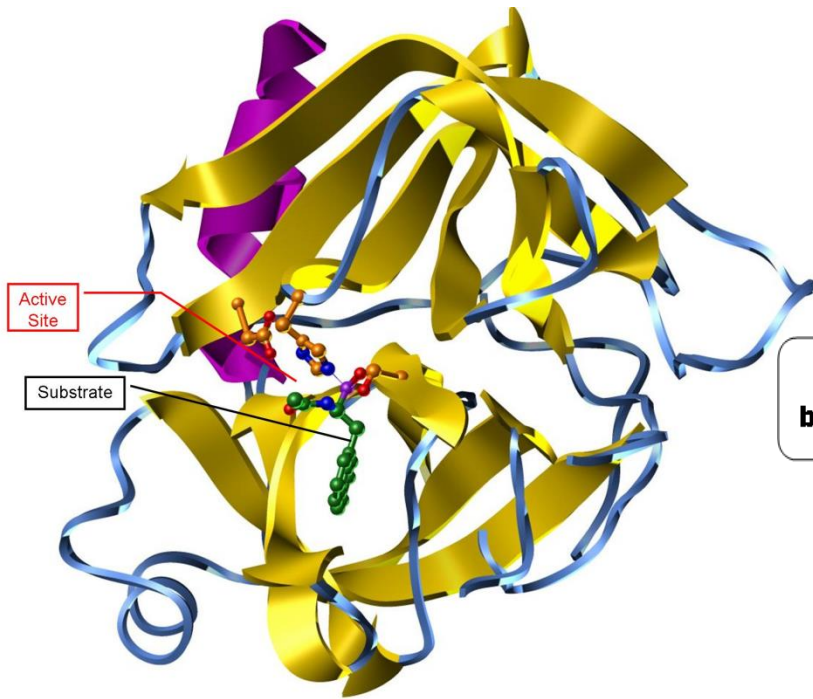
- ▶ Chymotrypsin is a 25kD enzyme, consisting of 245 amino acids, 3 polypeptide chains connected by **2 inter-chain disulfide bonds**.
- ▶ Chymotrypsin is synthesized in the pancreas and is responsible for hydrolysis of proteins in the small intestine.



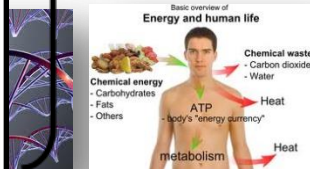
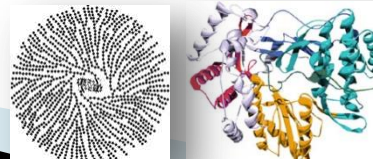
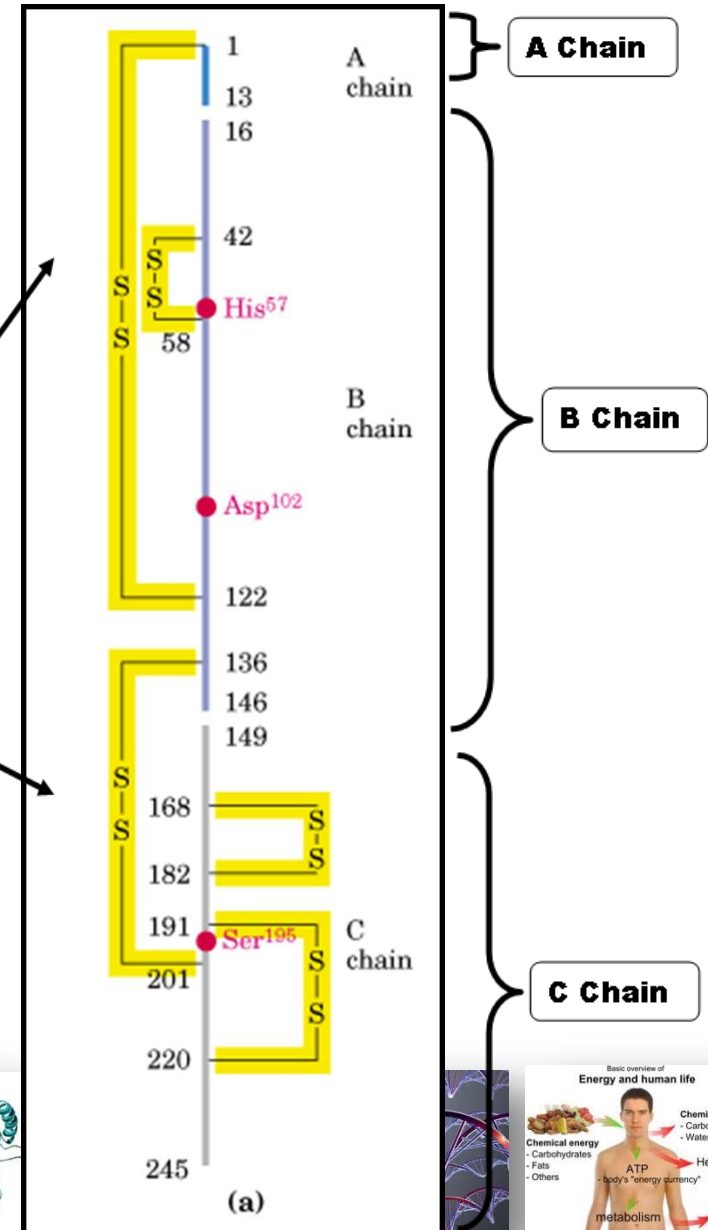


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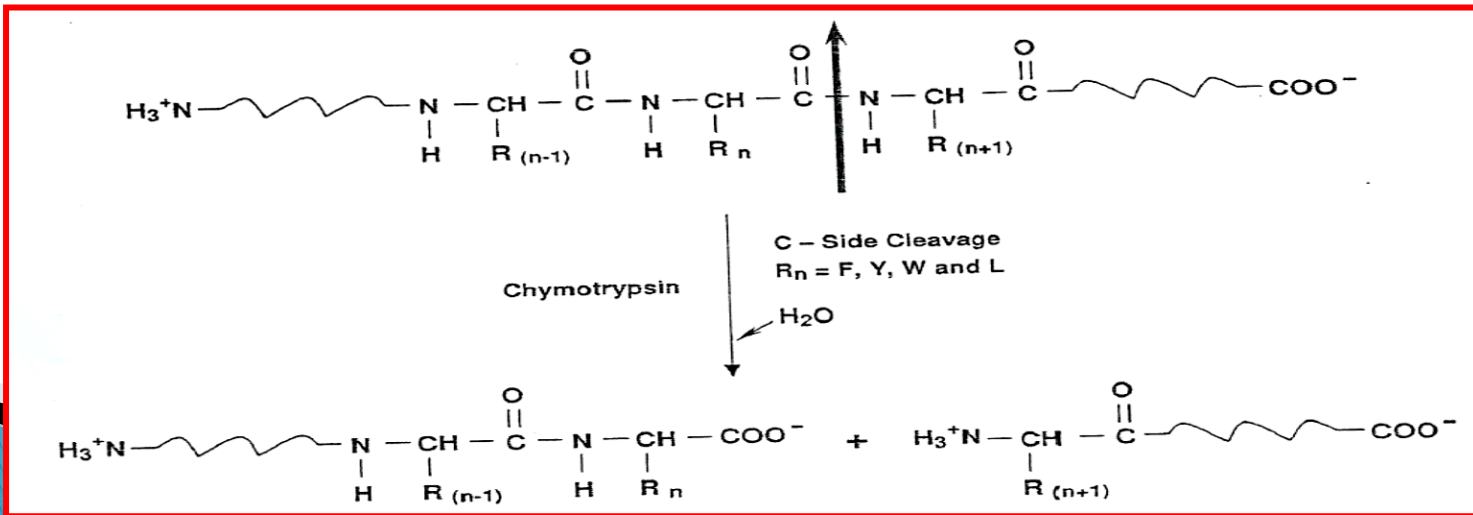
Disulfide  
bonds/ bridges



# Structures & mode of actions

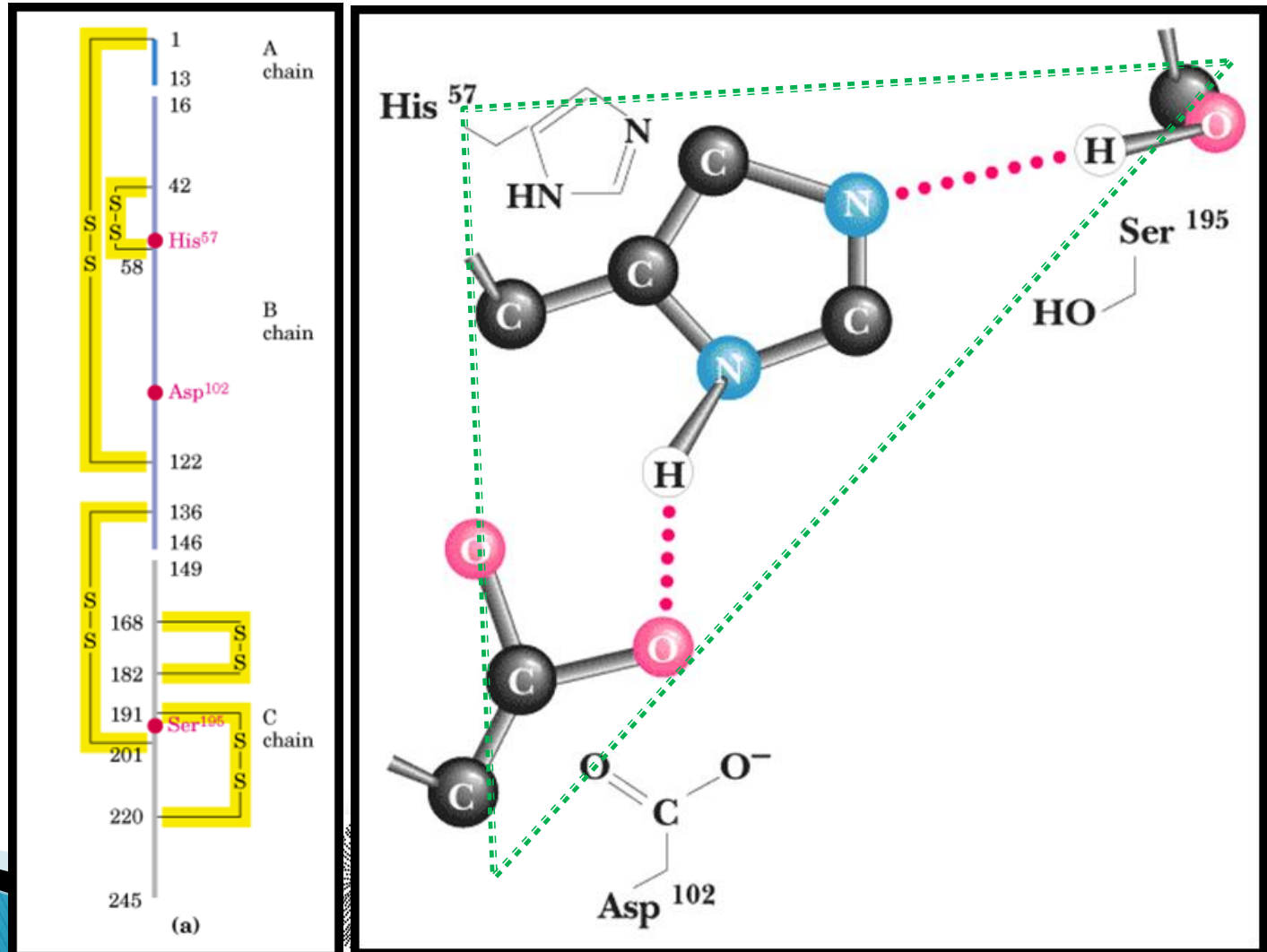
## Chymotrypsin: contd...

- ▶ It catalyzes the hydrolysis of peptide bonds.
  - ▶ It does not cleave all peptide bonds, instead it is selective for peptide bonds on the  $-\text{COOH}$  side of the aromatic amino acid residues such as-
    - Tyrosine
    - Tryptophan and
    - Phenylalanine
- and of large hydrophobic residues e.g. Leucine
- ▶ In addition, it can also act as an esterase for esterification reaction



# Hydrolysis by chymotrypsin

- ▶ **Ser<sub>195</sub>, His<sub>57</sub> and Asp<sub>102</sub> form a catalytic TRIAD.** This functions as an alternating donor and acceptor of protons.

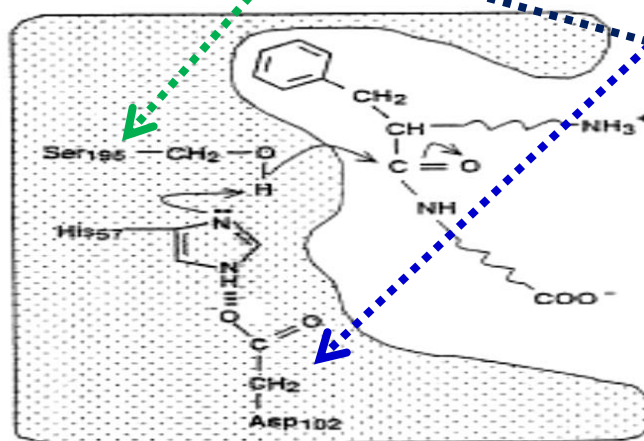




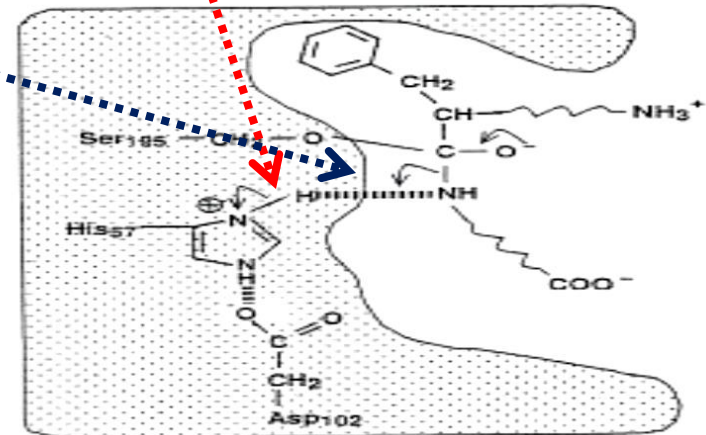
# Hydrolysis by chymotrypsin

## ACYLATION: Step 1-3

- ▶ Acylation starts with a nucleophilic attack by the **oxygen atom of the hydroxyl group of Ser195** on the carbonyl carbon atom of the susceptible peptide bond.
- ▶ A proton is then transferred from **Ser195 to His57**. The catalytic triad facilitates this transfer, i.e. **ASP102** precisely orientates the imidazolium ring of His57 and it also neutralizes the newly acquired positive charge that develops on it.
- ▶ A tetrahedral transition state is thus formed.



**STEP 1**  
Polypeptide substrate binds noncovalently with side chains of hydrophobic pocket to form the enzyme-substrate complex

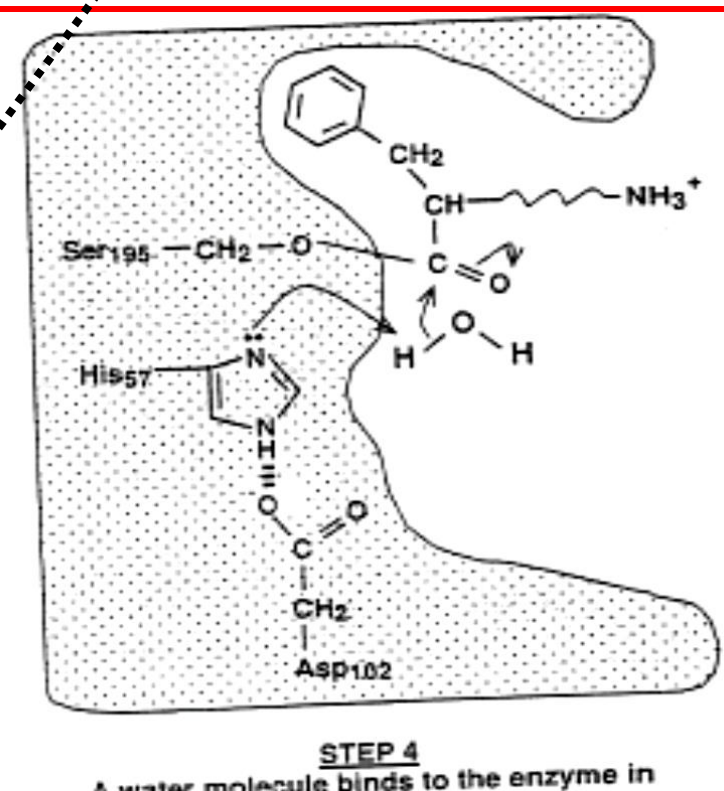
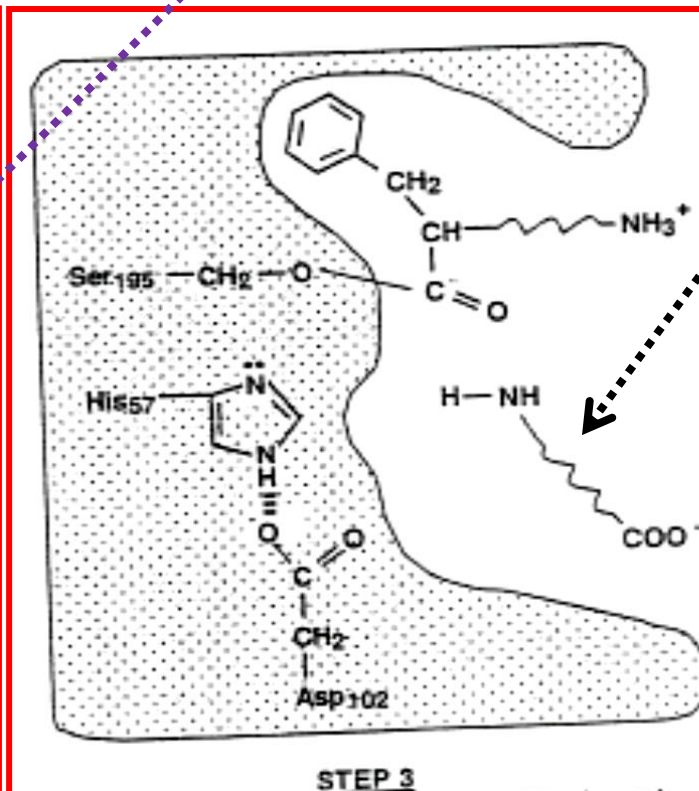
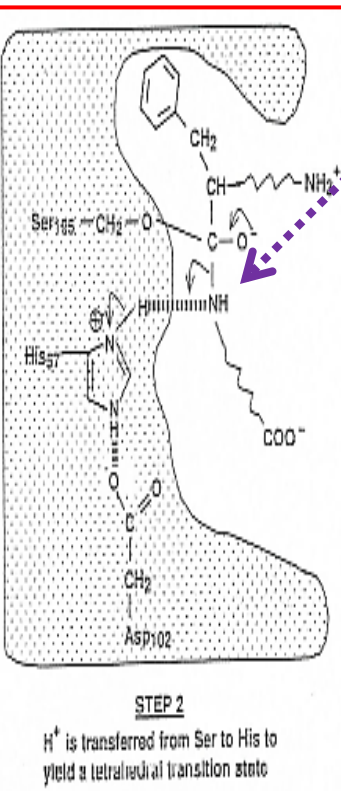


**STEP 2**  
H<sup>+</sup> is transferred from Ser to His to yield a tetrahedral transition state

# Hydrolysis by chymotrypsin

## ACYLATION: Step 1-3 contd..

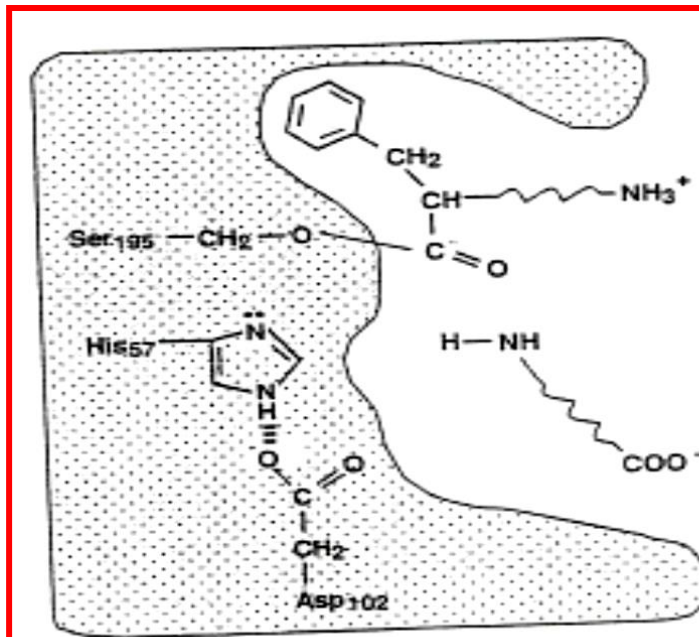
- ▶ The proton from His57 is donated to the N atom of the susceptible peptide bond. The bond is cleaved and the amine component of the substrate diffuses away.



# Hydrolysis by chymotrypsin

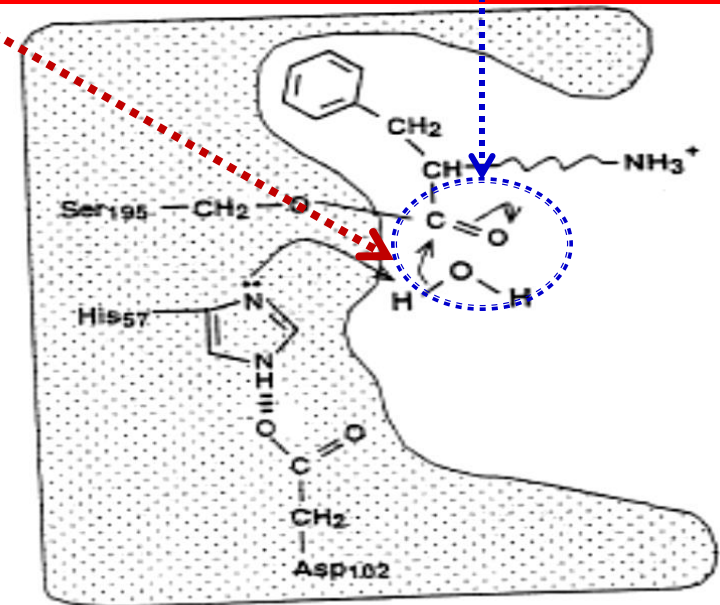
## DEACYLATION: Step 4-6

- ▶ Deacylation is the reverse of the acylation process with **water replacing the amine component.**
- ▶ The catalytic triad, i.e. His<sub>57</sub> draws a proton from H<sub>2</sub>O and the OH<sup>-</sup> ion attacks carbonyl carbon atom of the acyl group that is attached to Ser<sub>195</sub>.



### STEP 3

H<sup>+</sup> is transferred to the C-terminal fragment, which is released by cleavage of the susceptible peptide bond. The N-terminal portion of the peptide is acylated to Ser.



### STEP 4

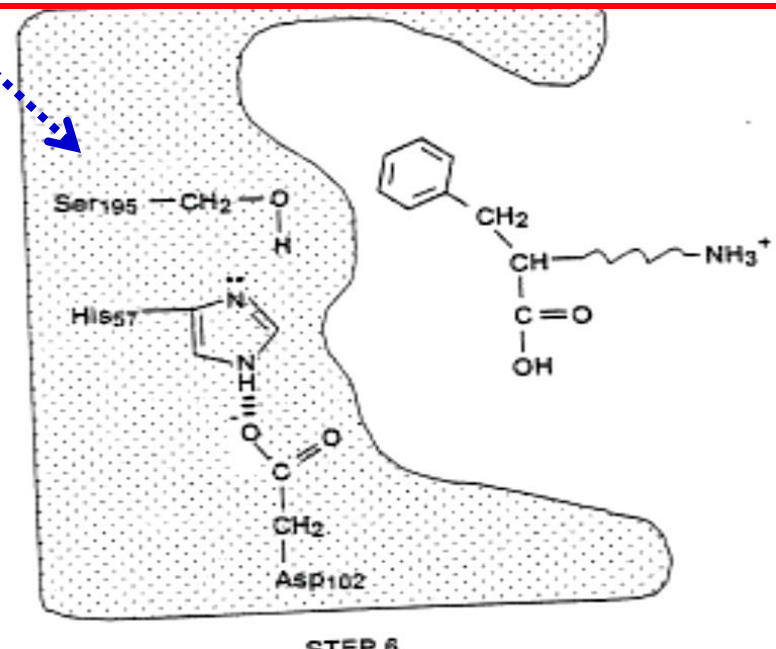
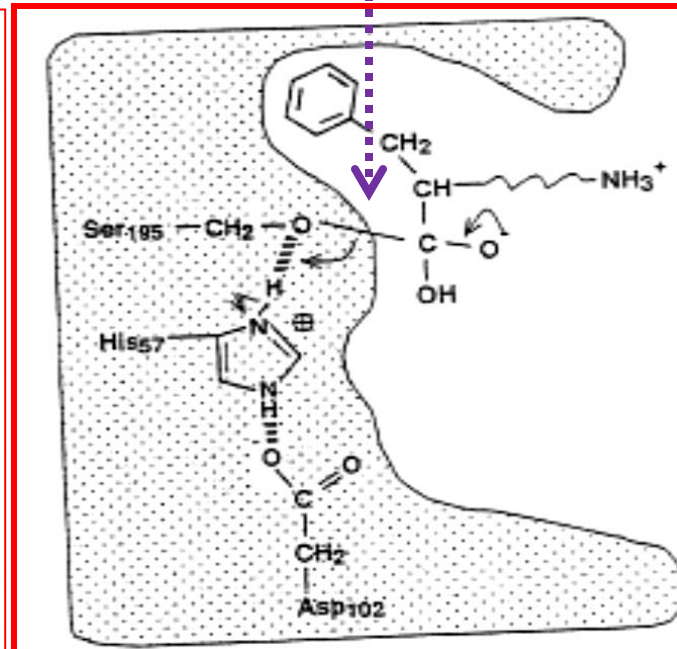
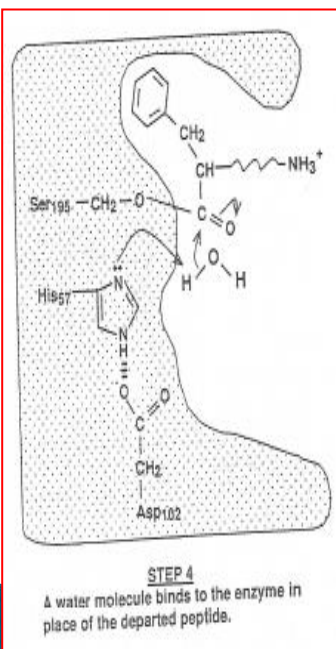
A water molecule binds to the enzyme in place of the departed peptide.



# Hydrolysis by chymotrypsin

## DEACYLATION: Step 4-6 contd...

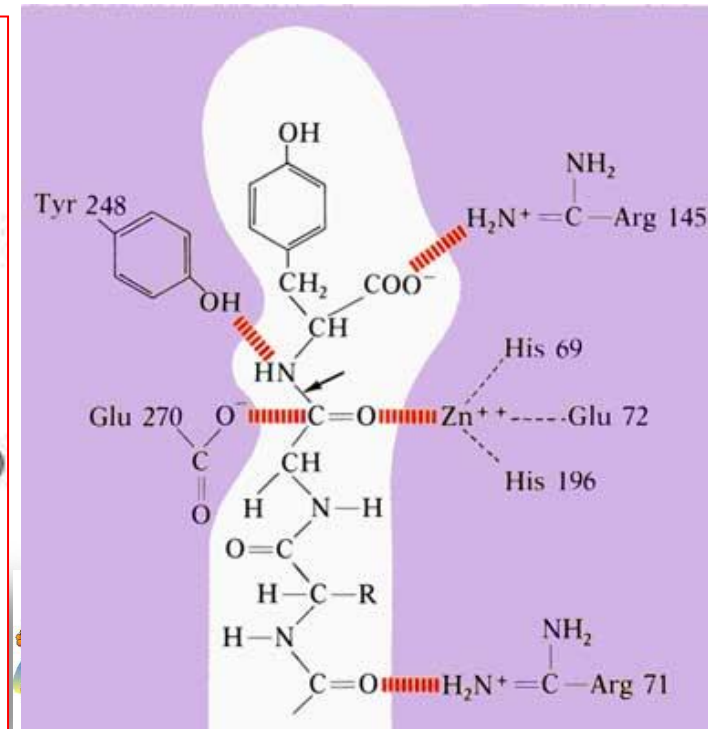
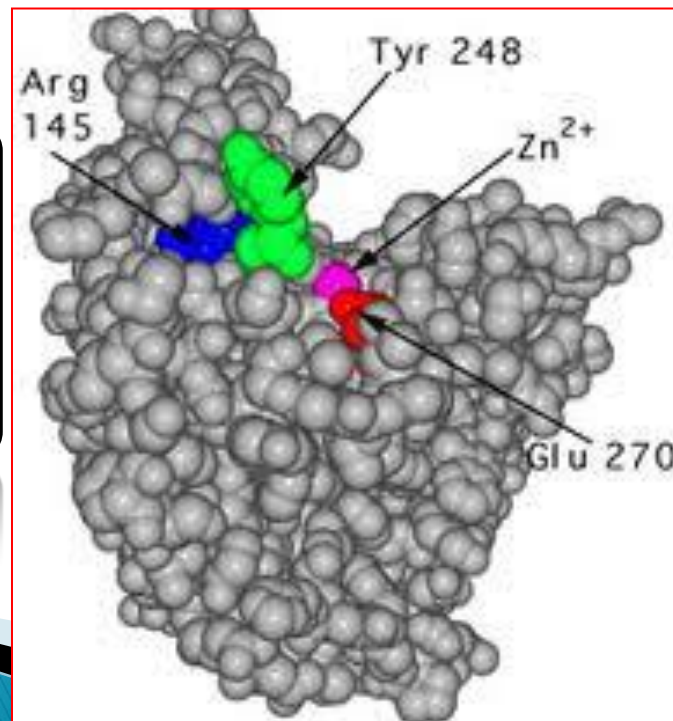
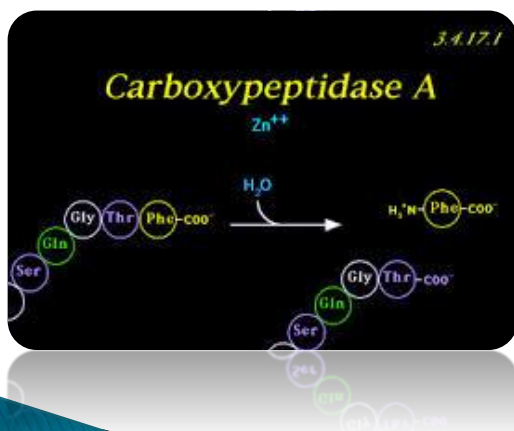
- ▶ A tetrahedral transition state is formed.
- ▶ His<sub>57</sub> then donates a proton to Ser<sub>195</sub>, which releases the acid component of the substrate.
- ▶ The free enzyme is generated for another round of catalysis.





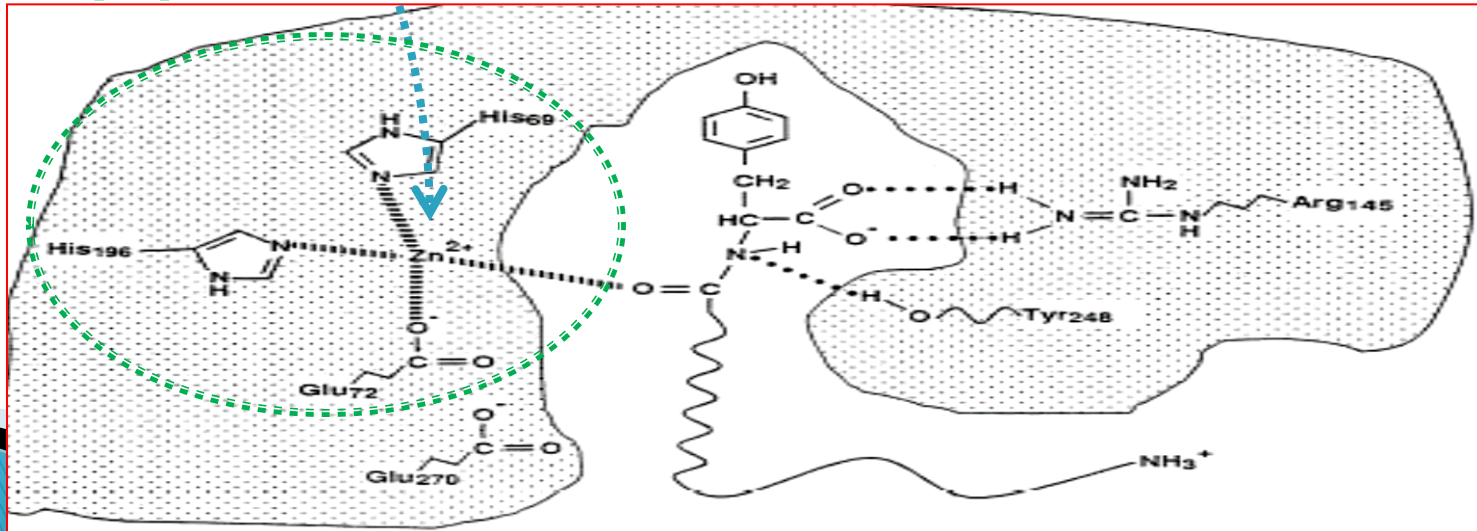
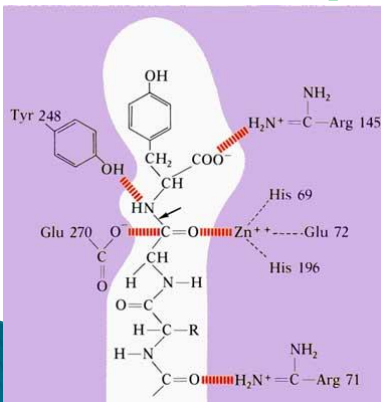
# Carboxypeptidase

- ▶ This enzyme belongs to a group of enzymes that are commonly referred to as the Zinc Proteases.
- ▶ Carboxypeptidase hydrolyzes the **CARBOXYL TERMINAL AMINO ACID** residues of proteins and peptides hence it is called carboxypeptidase.
- ▶ Hydrolysis occurs most readily when the terminal residue is an **aromatic or bulky aliphatic side chain**.



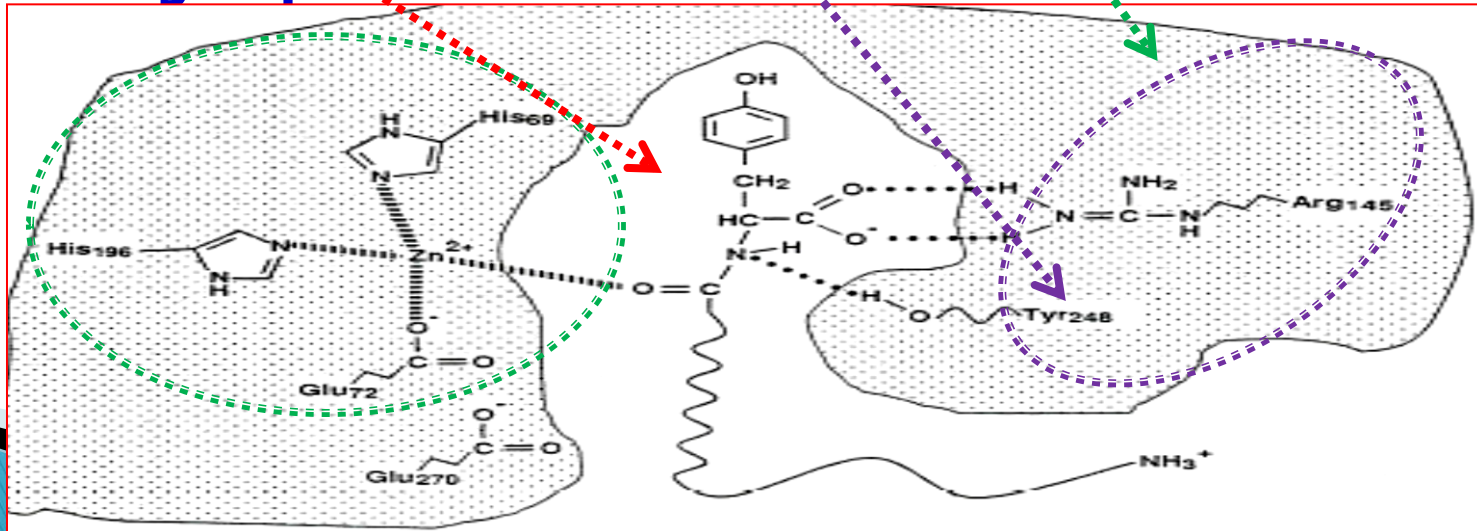
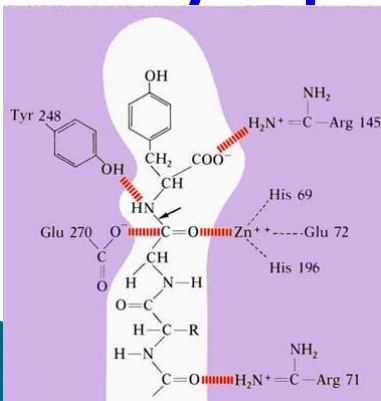
# Carboxypeptidase - Mechanism

- ▶ The following amino acid residues are critical to the catalytic mechanisms of Carboxypeptidase A:
  - **Zn<sup>2+</sup> Ion:**
    - This is an essential cofactor for catalytic activity.
    - It's electron-withdrawing character, increases the polarity of the susceptible carbonyl carbon atom.
  - **His<sub>69</sub>, His<sub>196</sub> and Glu<sub>72</sub>:**
- ▶ His<sub>69</sub>, His<sub>196</sub> and Glu<sub>72</sub> are responsible for holding the Zn<sup>2+</sup> ion in position so as to interact optimally with the susceptible peptide bond of the substrate.



# Carboxypeptidase - Mechanism

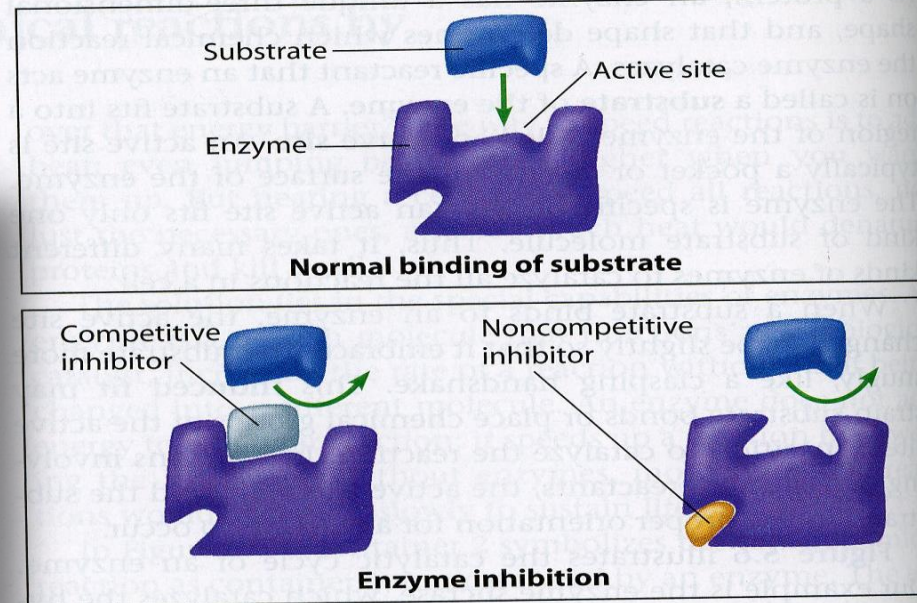
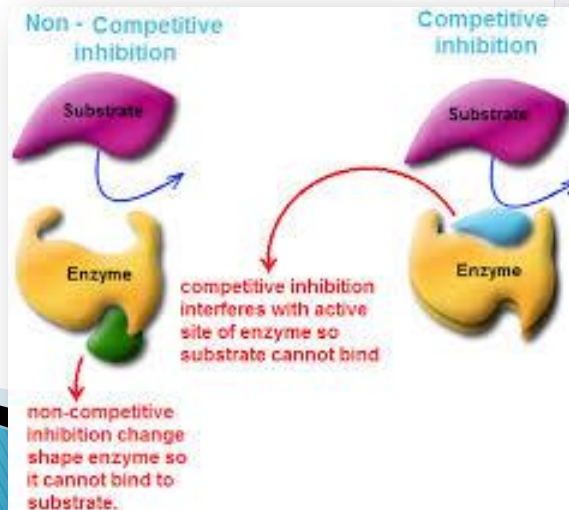
- **Tyr<sub>248</sub>:**
- Tyr<sub>248</sub> in conjunction with Zn<sup>2+</sup> interacts with the substrate to sensitize the susceptible peptide bond in the substrate, which is subsequently cleaved by H<sub>2</sub>O.
- **Tyr<sub>248</sub> and Arg<sub>145</sub>:**
- Tyr<sub>248</sub> and Arg<sub>145</sub> have important hydrogen bonding interactions with the substrate and these interactions account for the carboxyl-terminal specificity of this protease.
- **Deep pocket:**
- ▶ Deep pocket helps anchor the substrate by binding the hydrophobic R-group of the C-terminal residue.





# Enzyme inhibition

- ▶ The inhibition of enzymatic activity by specific small molecules and ions is important because it serves as a major control mechanisms in biological system.
- ▶ Many drugs and toxic agents act by inhibiting enzymes.
- ▶ Inhibition can also be used to study the mechanism of enzyme action.
- ▶ Enzyme inhibition can be classified into TWO major classes such as-
  - Irreversible inhibition and
  - Reversible inhibition



**Figure 5.8** How inhibitors interfere with substrate binding



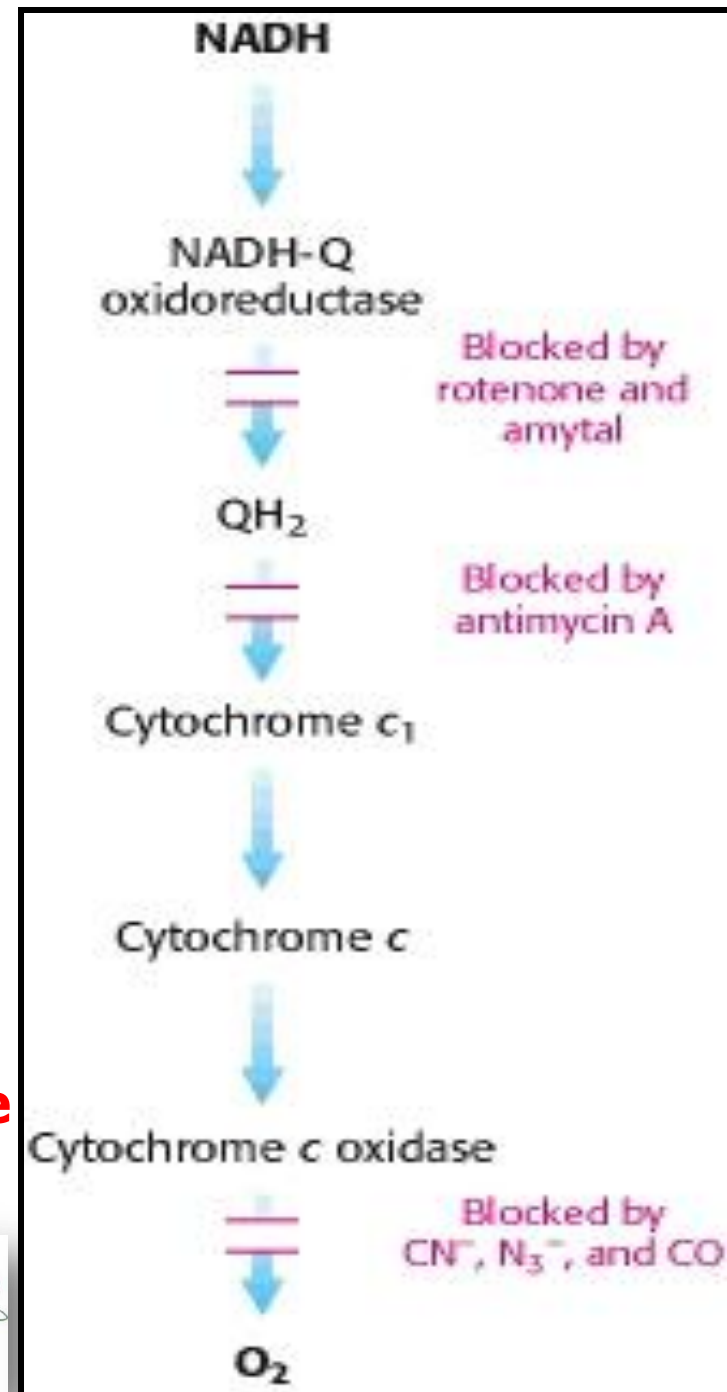
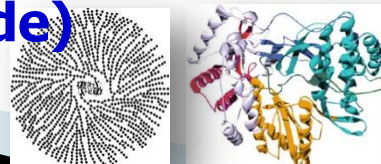
# Enzyme inhibition

## Irreversible inhibition:

- ▶ Some substances bind **COVALENTLY** with enzymes so as to inactivate them irreversibly.
- ▶ All irreversible enzyme inhibitors are toxic substances either neutral or man-made e.g.
  - Cyanide
    - Reacts with enzyme metal ions,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

Irreversible inhibitors react with some functional group in the active site, to block the substrate from binding to the active site and inactivate the enzyme.

Example – DFP (next slide)

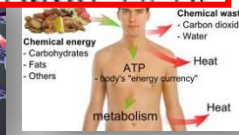
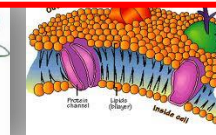
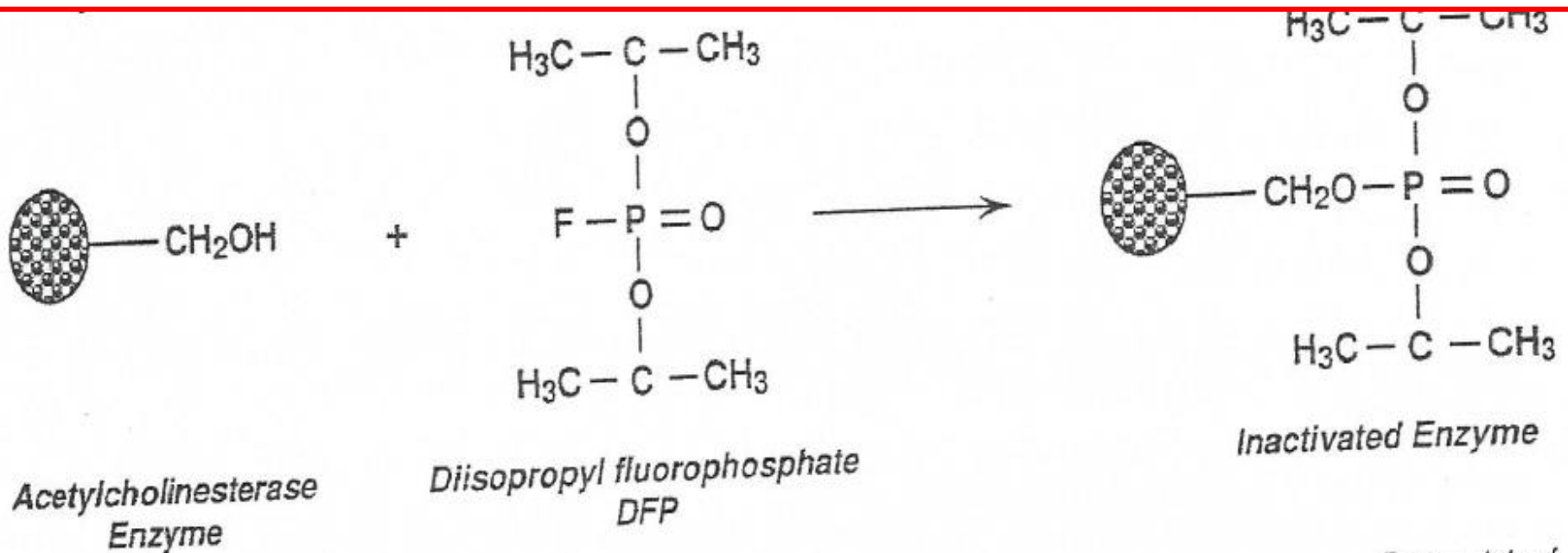
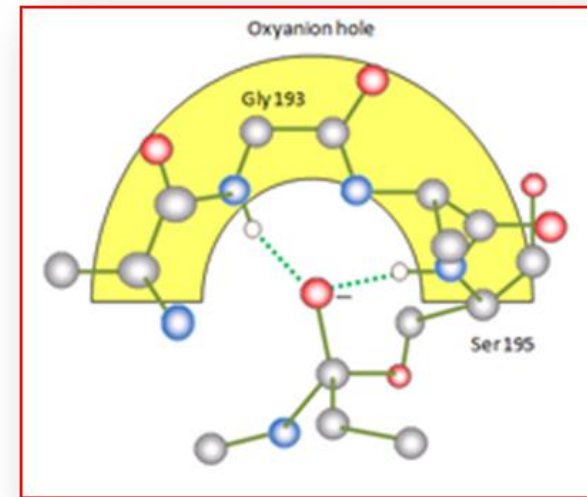


# Enzyme inhibition

## Irreversible inhibition: contd...

### ◦ Diisopropyl fluorophosphate (DFP)

- DFP acts as an irreversible inhibitor of enzymes that contain an essential SERINE residue in their active site e.g. Chymotrypsin or acetylcholinesterase (ACE). **Binds with serine covalently.**

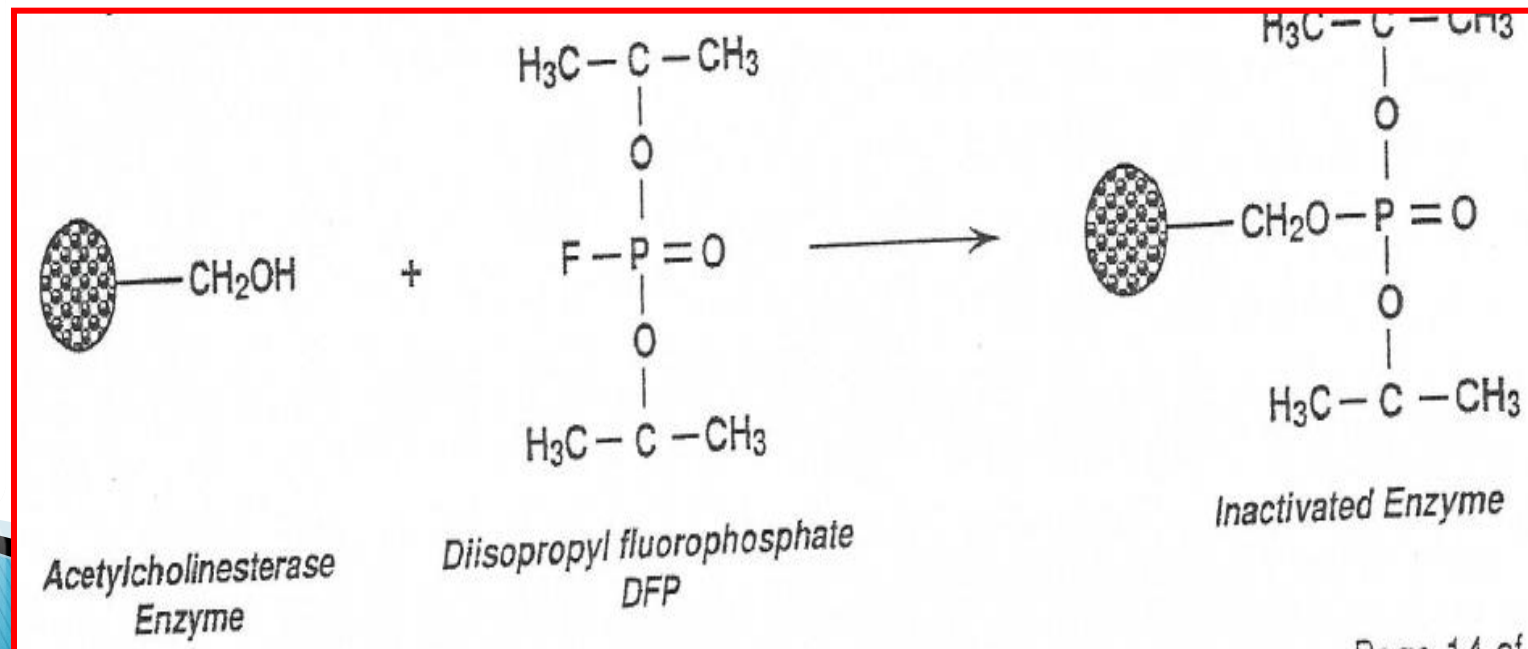


# Enzyme inhibition



## Irreversible inhibition: contd...

- Diisopropyl fluorophosphate (DFP)
- Acetylcholinesterase (ACE) is essential for nerve conduction and its inhibition by DFP causes **rapid paralysis of vital functions.**
- Numerous insecticides and nerve gases are potent acetylcholinesterase (ACE) inhibitors which are usually used as biological weapons during war.

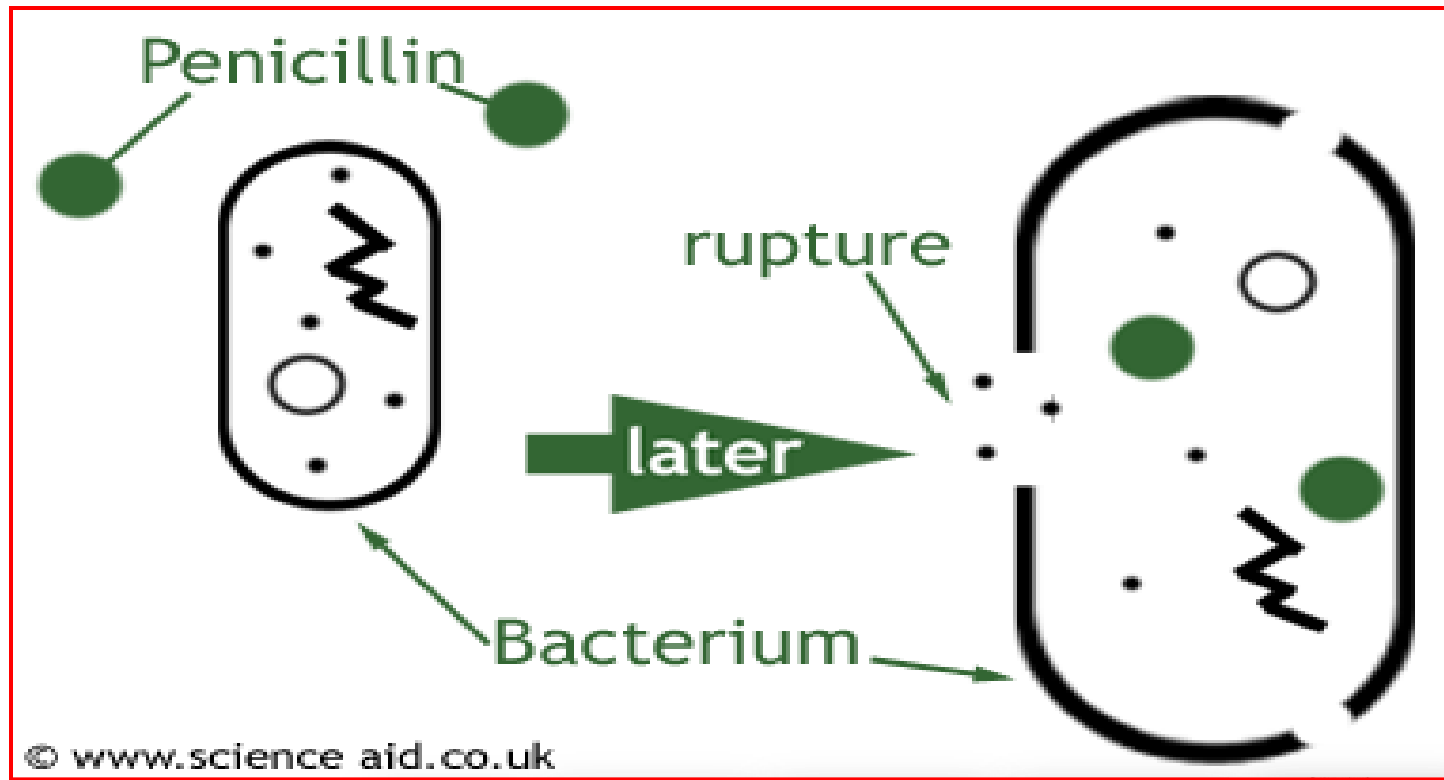
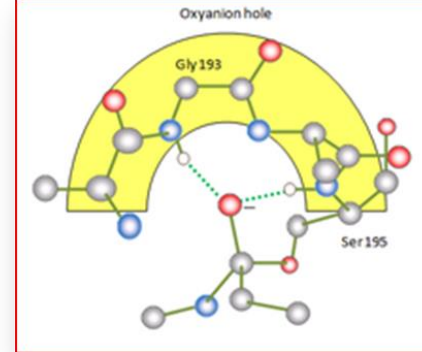


# Enzyme inhibition

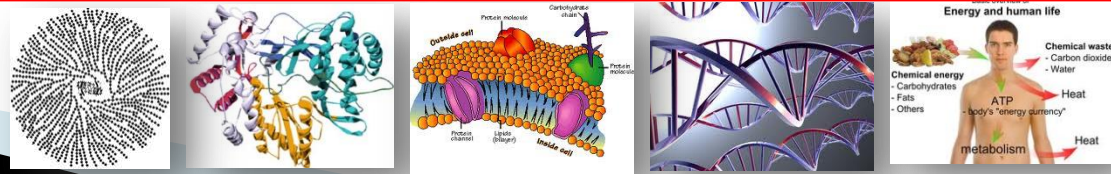
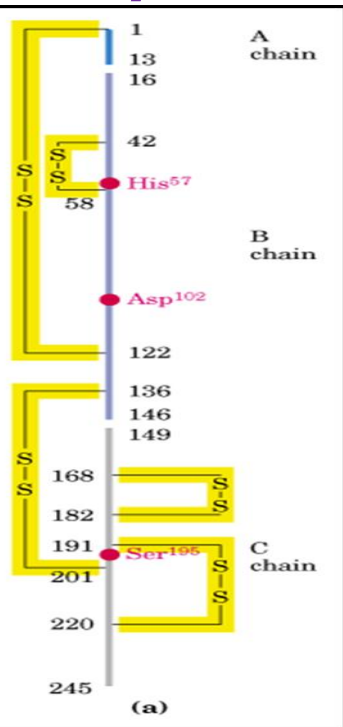
## Irreversible inhibition: contd...

### ○ Penicillin:

- Penicillin reacts covalently with active site **serine residue** and inhibits enzymes that are involved in bacterial cell wall synthesis



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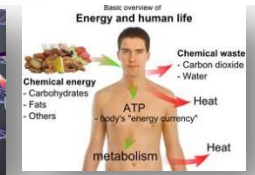
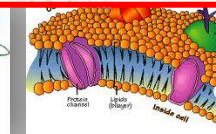
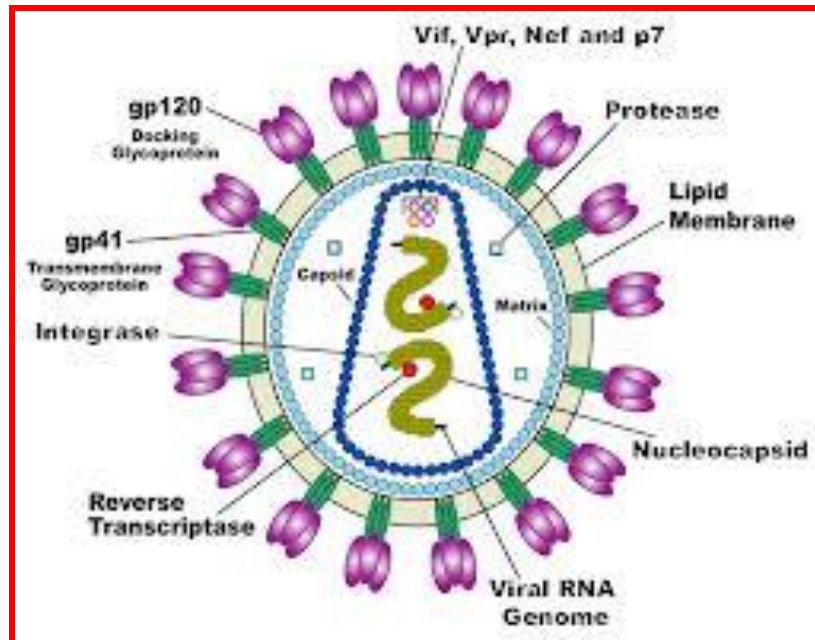
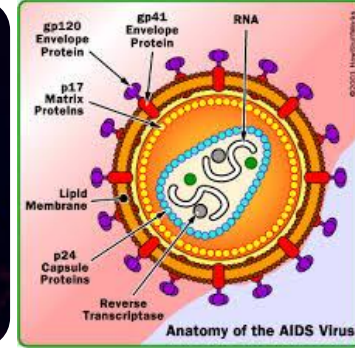
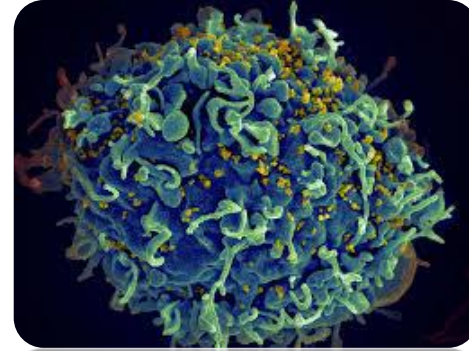


# Enzyme inhibition

## Irreversible inhibition: contd...

### ◦ Multi-drug therapy

- Currently the most effective HIV (AIDS) treatment is a multi-drug therapy that includes protease inhibitors.
- This inhibitor inactivate a viral enzyme that is crucial in viral replication.



# Enzyme inhibition

## Reversible inhibition:

- ▶ Reversible inhibition is classified into three sub-classes:
  - Competitive inhibition
  - Non-competitive inhibition
  - Uncompetitive inhibition
- ▶ The various modes of reversible inhibition all involve the NON-COVALENT binding of an inhibitor to the enzymes, but they differ in their mechanisms of binding.
- ▶ By this way, they decrease the enzymes activity and this is how they affect the kinetics of the reaction.

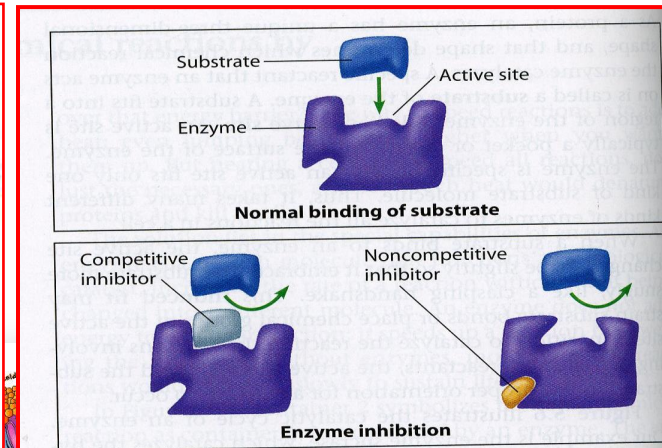
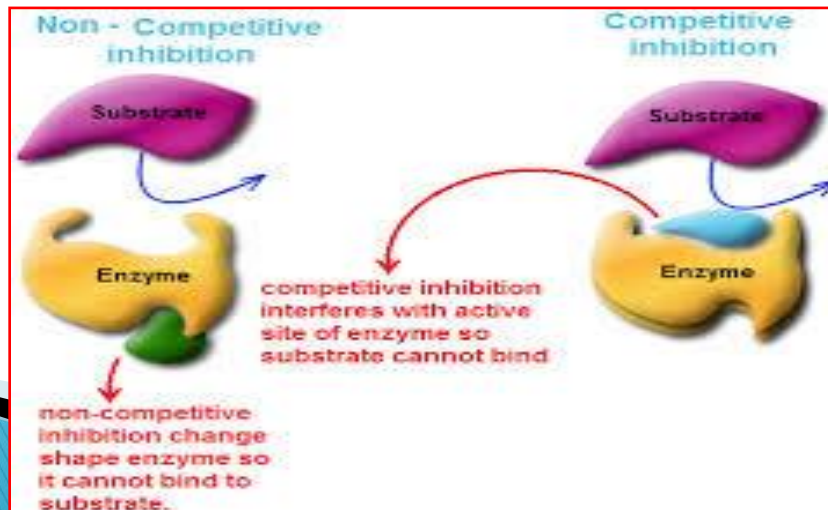


Figure 5.8 How inhibitors interfere with substrate binding



# Enzyme inhibition

## (1) Competitive inhibition:

- ▶ A competitive inhibitor (I) is a substance that reversibly binds with the free form of an enzyme (E) to produce a binary EI complex that is incapable of binding a substrate (S).
- ▶ Therefore when E, S, and I are present, E can bind with S to yield ES, or E can bind with I to yield EI.
- ▶ However, E cannot bind simultaneously with S and I to yield a ternary complex EIS.

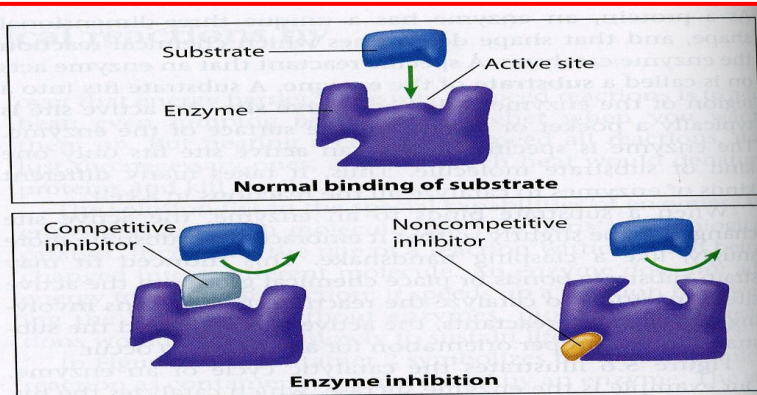


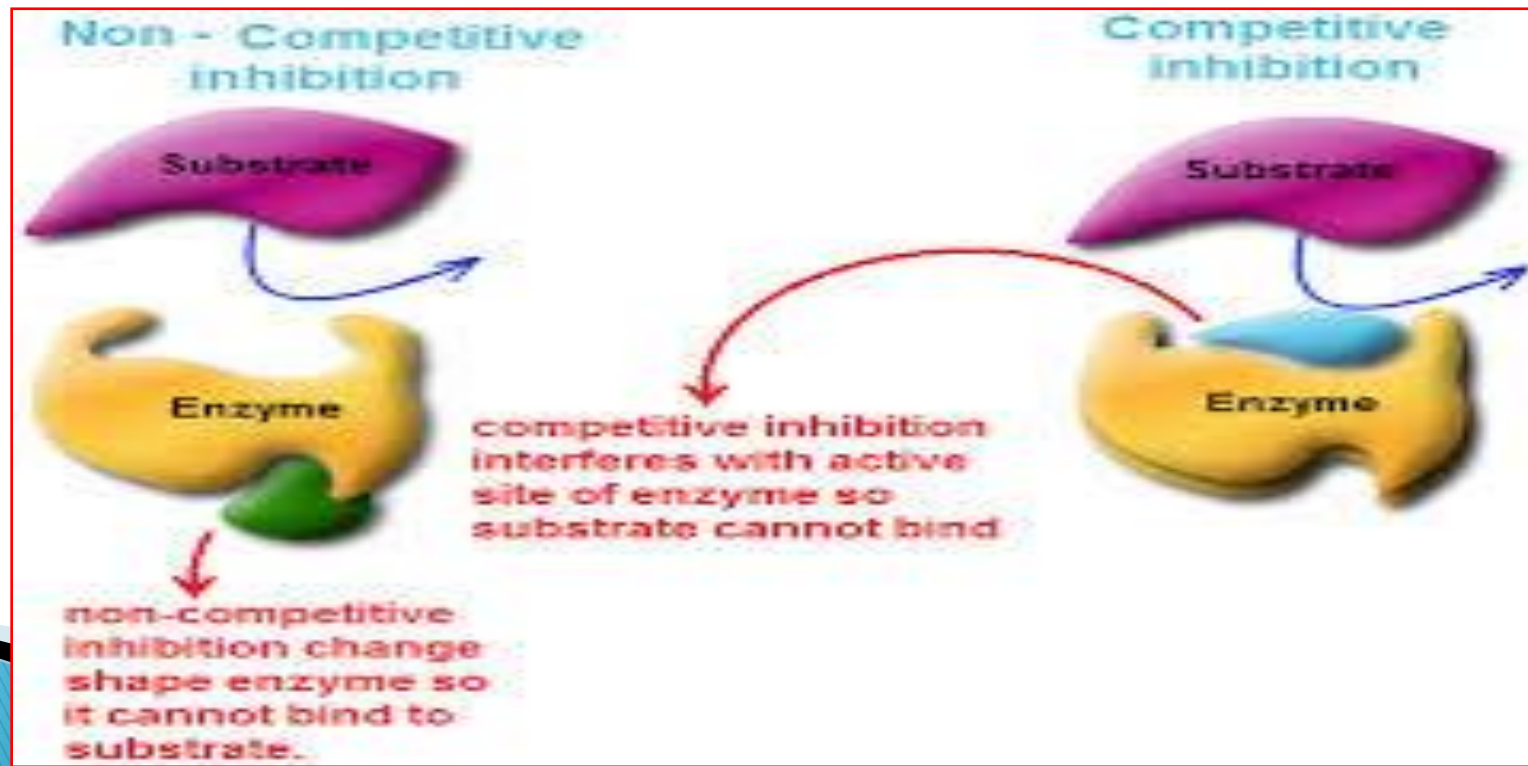
Figure 5.8 How inhibitors interfere with substrate binding



# Enzyme inhibition

## (2) Non-competitive inhibition:

- ▶ This form of inhibition occurs when an inhibitor (I) molecule or ion can bind to a second site on an enzyme surface (NOT on the active site) but an inhibitor site.
- ▶ **Non-competitive inhibitor do not resemble to substrate.**
- ▶ **Inhibitor binding results in distortion or modification of the enzyme's conformation, which prevents product formation.**

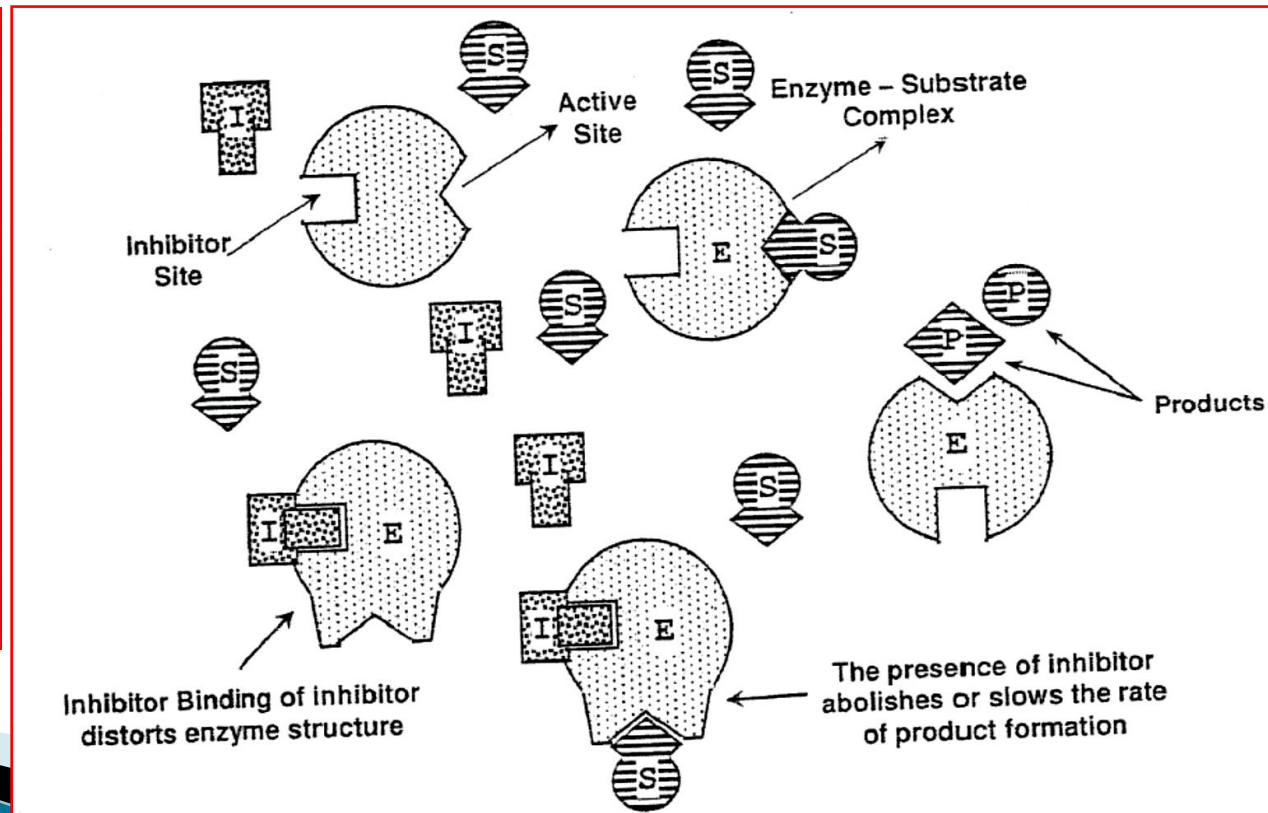
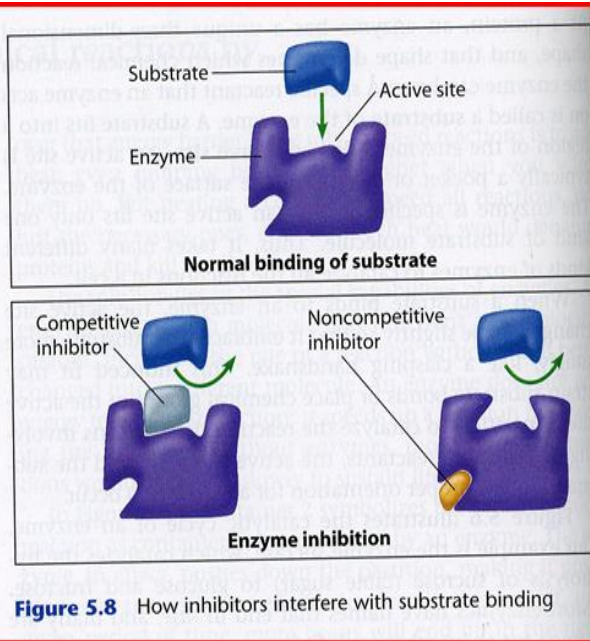




# Enzyme inhibition

## (2) Non-competitive inhibition: contd...

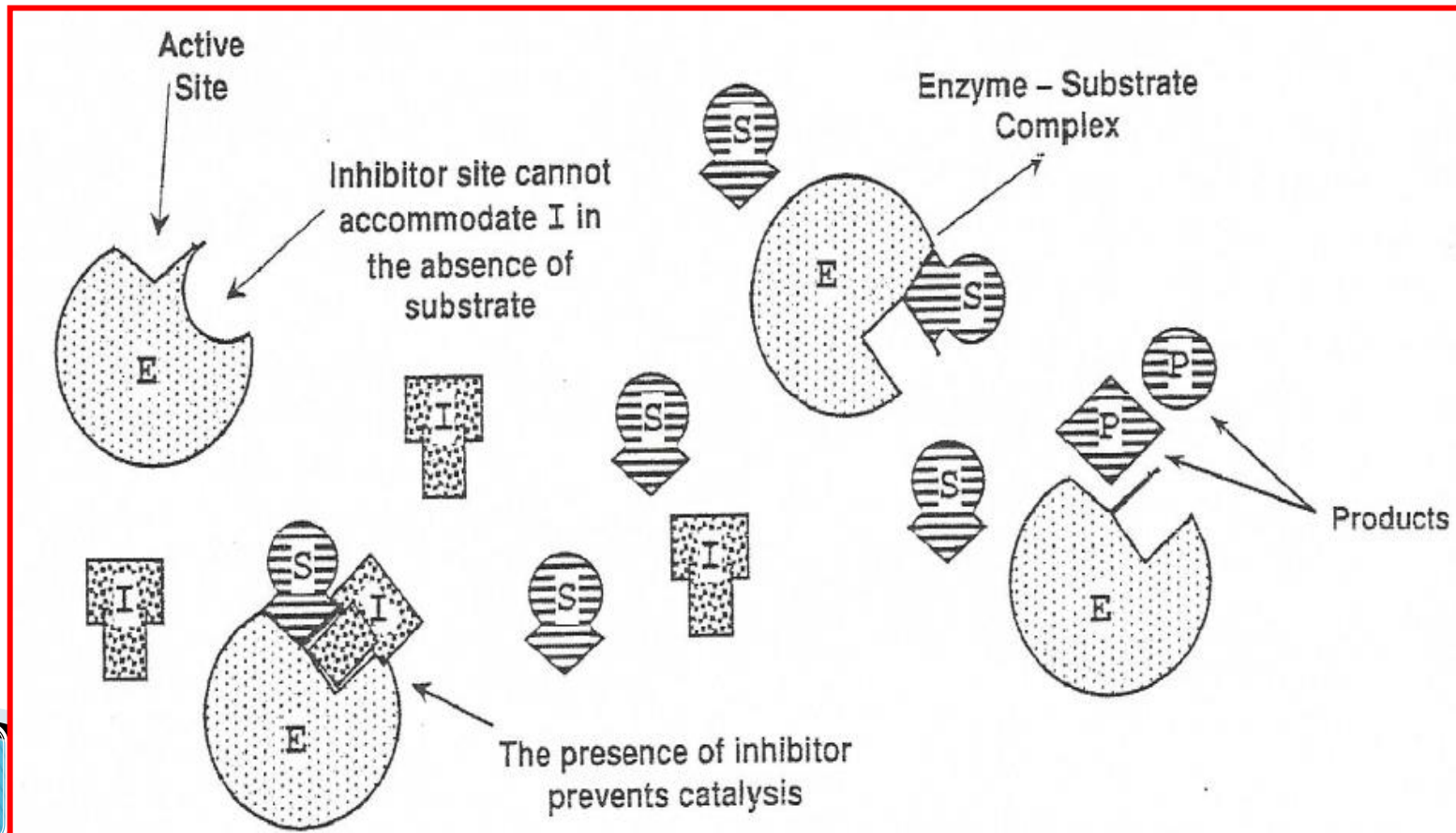
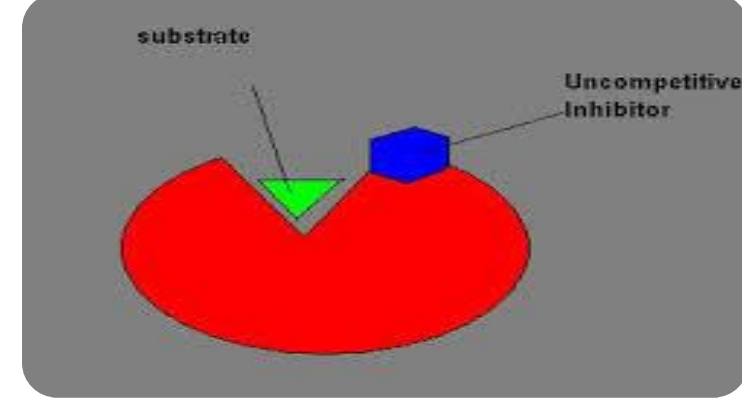
- ▶ The EIS ternary complex may either be totally or partially inactive in terms of catalyzing the substrate to product reaction.
- ▶ In pure non-competitive inhibition, with total inactivation, inhibitor binding does not affect substrate binding.



# Enzyme inhibition

## (3) Un-competitive inhibition:

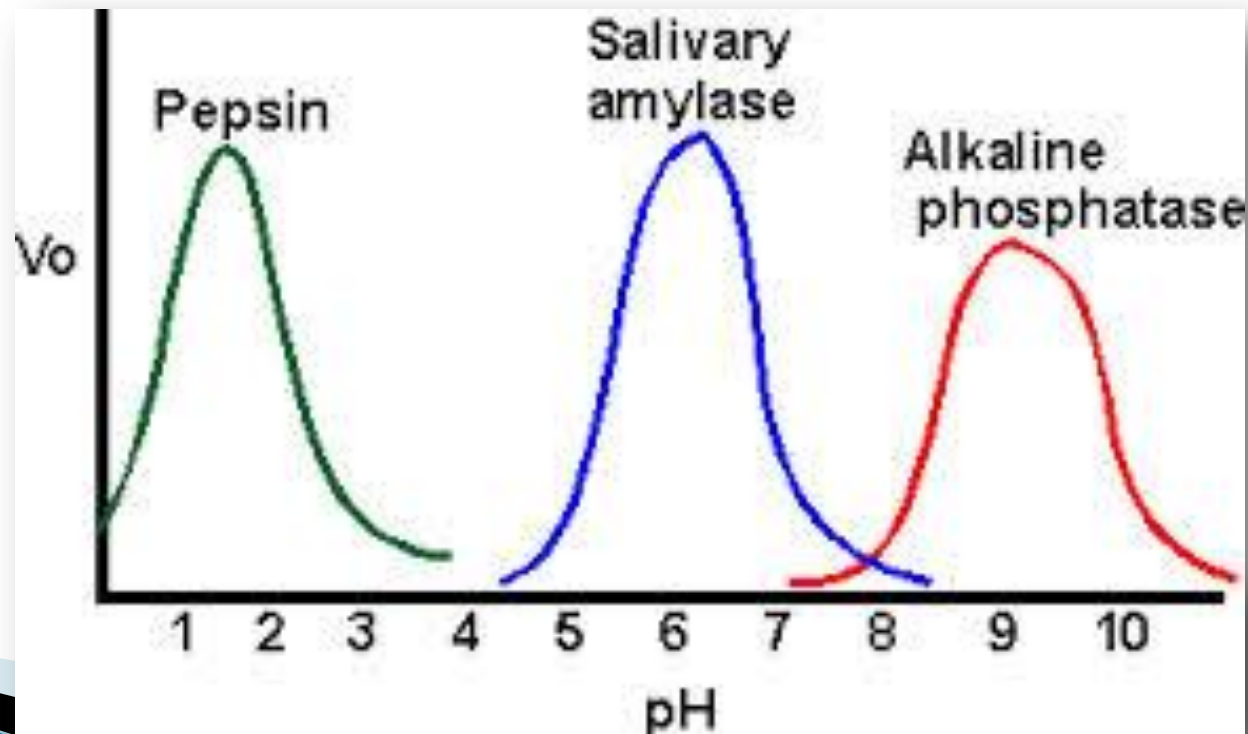
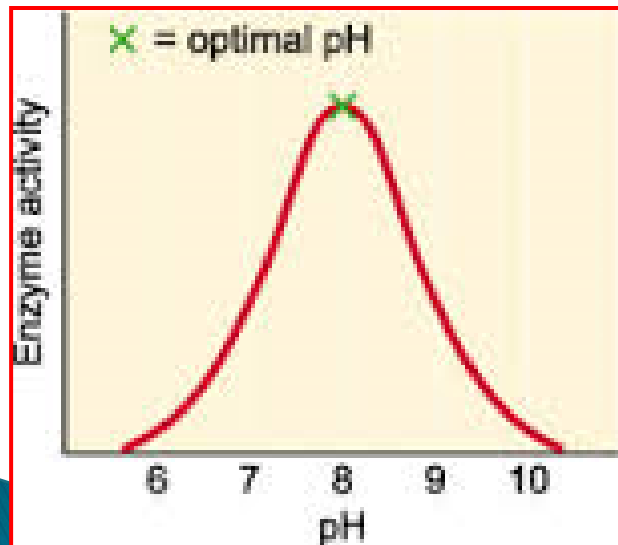
- ▶ The inhibitor binds exclusively to the enzyme-substrate complex (ES).
- ▶ Substrate binding results in a modification of the enzyme's conformation, which promotes the binding of the inhibitor.



# Factors affect enzyme activity

## Effects of pH on enzyme activity:

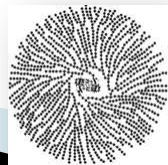
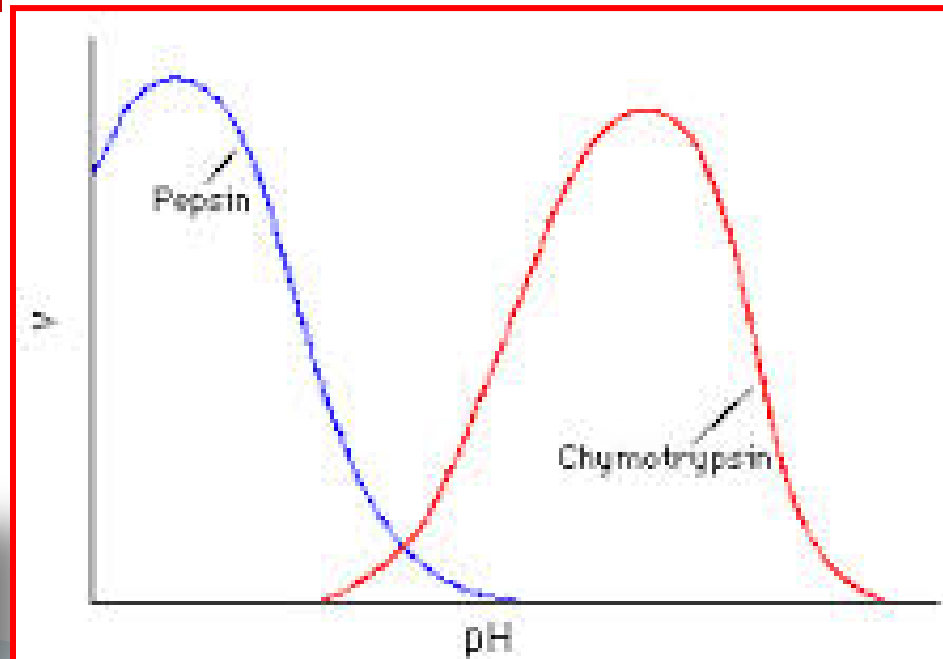
- ▶ Most enzymes have an optimal pH at which their activity is maximal.
- ▶ If an enzyme is kept saturated with substrate at all pH values tested, many enzymes would have a pH activity profile that is characterized by a “bell-shaped” curve.
- ▶ However, pH activity profiles of certain enzymes may vary considerably.



# Factors affect enzyme activity

## Effects of pH on enzyme activity: contd...

- ▶ The pH activity profile of an enzyme is dependent on the acid-base behavior of the enzyme and the substrate, i.e.
  - Any ionizable R-groups belong to the active site (catalytic AA residue)
  - Ionizable R-groups of the structural AA residues and
  - Ionizable groups belonging to the substrate molecule that is involved in binding interactions with the enzyme.
- ▶ It is notable that the optimal pH of an enzyme is not necessary the pH of the cellular environment.
- ▶ Thus it may be that the intracellular pH may exert some control of the activity of an enzyme.

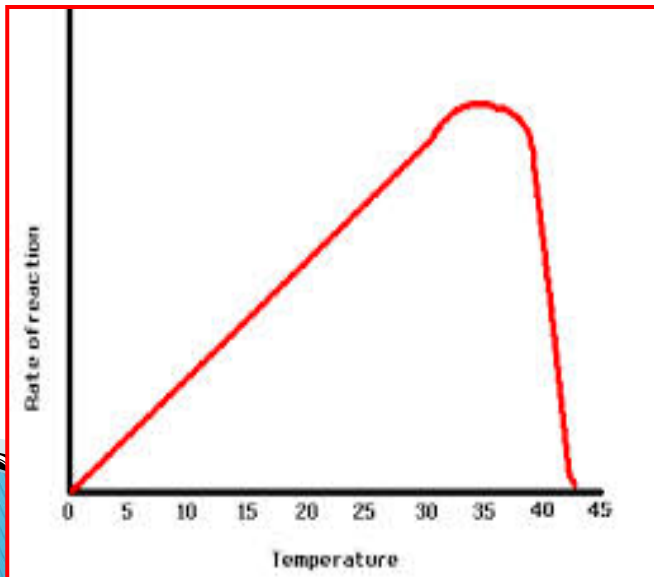




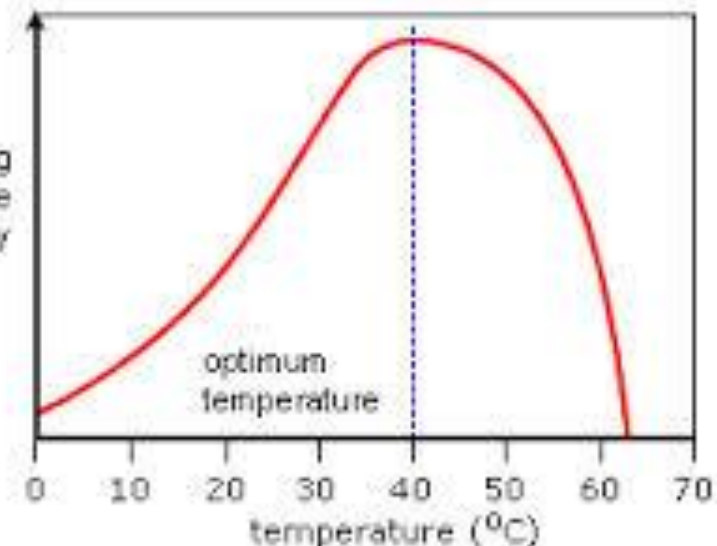
# Factors affect enzyme activity

## Effects of temperature on enzyme activity:

- ▶ The rates of enzyme catalyzed reaction generally increase with temperature, within the  $T^{\circ}$  range in which the enzyme is stable and retains full activity.
- ▶ Although enzyme catalyzed reactions have an optimum temperature, the peak in such a plot of catalytic activity versus temperature results because enzymes being proteins are denature by heat and become inactive.
- ▶ Most enzymes are denatured or inactivated at temperatures above  $55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



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# The End

