

**Lecture 18: Applications of  $K_M$  and  $k_{CAT}$ , Temperature effects, Inhibitors.**

**Goals:**

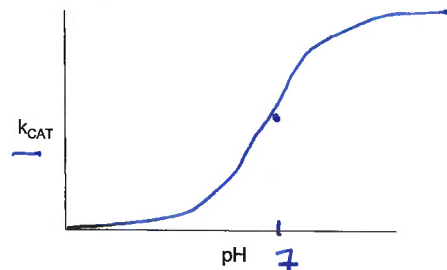
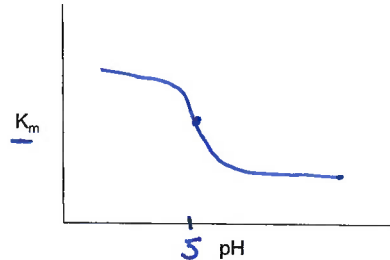
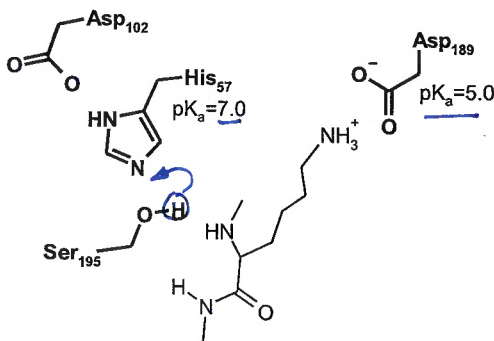
- Use pH effects to support mechanism
- Predict effects of temperature on enzyme kinetics
- Distinguish between types of inhibitors (covalent, competitive, mixed/allosteric)
- Key properties of suicide & competitive inhibitors.
- Effect of competitive inhibitors on steady-state kinetics, measurement of  $K_i$ .

**Applications of  $K_M$  and  $k_{CAT}$ :**

**Mechanistic Information** - about particular enzyme-substrate pairs.

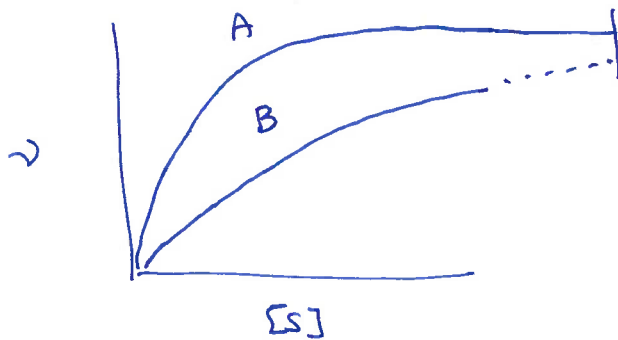
1. The active site region of Trypsin is shown below.

- Sketch the  $k_{CAT}$  as a function of pH.
- Sketch the  $K_M$  as a function of pH.



2. The two substrates shown on the right were presented to trypsin. Their structures and measured  $K_M$  and  $k_{CAT}$  values are given.

- Explain the differences in  $K_M$  values.
- Why are the  $k_{CAT}$  values the same?



Substrate	$K_M$	$k_{CAT}$
<b>A</b>  <chem>C[C@@H](NC(=O)C)C(=O)N</chem>	10 $\mu M$ <i>better lower</i>	1000 $s^{-1}$
<b>B</b>  <chem>C[C@@H](NC(=O)C)C(=O)N</chem>	100 $\mu M$	1000 $s^{-1}$

*No distortion of triads*

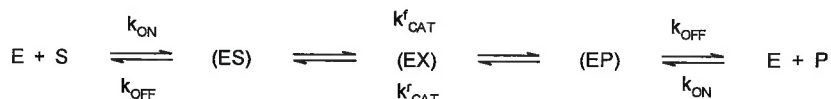
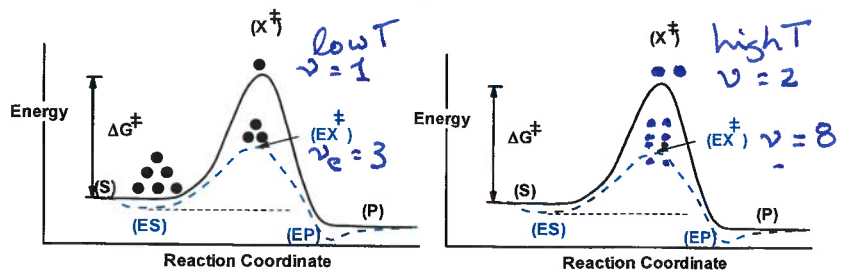
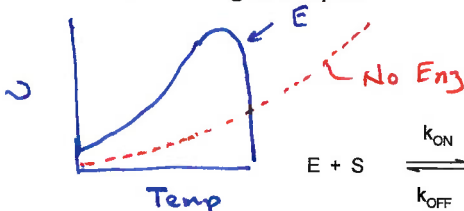
**Effect of Temperature:**

Two competing factors:

1. Increase in population of [EX]

$$\frac{n_X}{n_S} = e^{-\Delta G/RT}$$

2. Unfolding of enzyme



**Inhibitors:**

Studies on Inhibitors are useful for:

1. Mechanistic studies to learn about how enzymes interact with their substrates.
2. Understanding the role of inhibitors in enzyme regulation.
3. Drugs if they inhibit aberrant biochemical reactions:
  - penicillin, ampicillin, etc. interfere with the synthesis of bacterial cell walls
4. Understanding the role of biological toxins.
  - Amino acid analogs - useful herbicides (i.e. roundup)
  - Insecticides - chemicals targeted for insect nervous system.

**Types of Inhibitors:**

1. Covalent/Suicide – inhibitor *covalently* modifies enzyme, usually in active site.
2. Competitive – inhibitor blocks substrate, *reversibly*.
3. Mixed type (allosteric) – inhibitor causes allosteric change, *reversibly*.

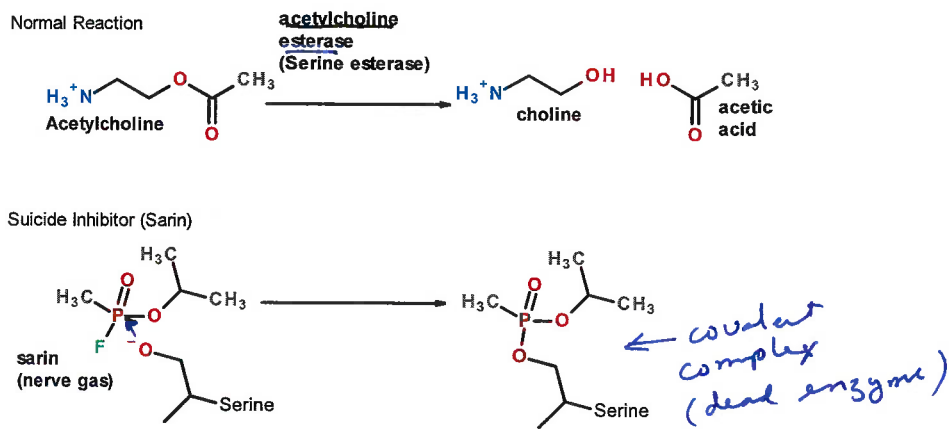
**1. Suicide Inhibitors:**

Inhibitor binds in the active site. This type of inhibitor binds *irreversibly*.

- Transition state is a reactive compound that forms a covalent bond with the enzyme, irreversibly inactivating it.

**Example: Sarin nerve gas**

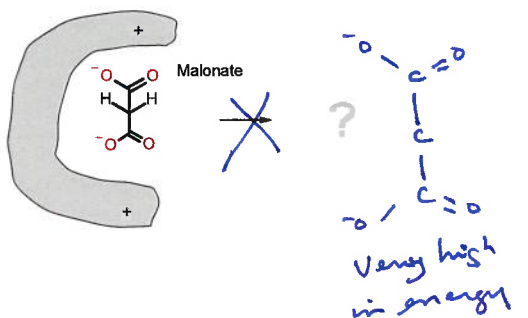
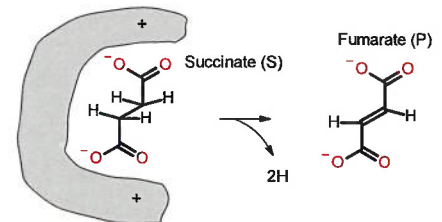
- Acetylcholine esterase is required to breakdown the neural transmitter acetylcholine in neuro-muscular junctions so that the muscle will relax.
- Esterase has an active site Serine that is activated in a similar manner as serine proteases.
- Sarin modifies the active site serine in the serine esterase acetylcholine esterase by forming a stable covalent bond with the serine that cannot be easily hydrolyzed.
- Inhibition of acetylcholine esterase results in suffocation since the diaphragm muscles no longer function properly.



**2. Competitive Inhibition:**

- Succinate dehydrogenase converts succinate to fumarate by removing two hydrogens (oxidation).
- Malonate is a competitive inhibitor of succinate.

Can malonate be converted to a product using the same reaction (H removal)?



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i) binds in active site (because of similarity to substrate)

ii) cannot undergo reaction "doesn't make products"

Goals: (i) Determine how well inhibitors bind  
 (ii) Allosteric inhibitors / mixed type inhibitors  
 Complete the following statements (i-iv):

$K_I = K_D$

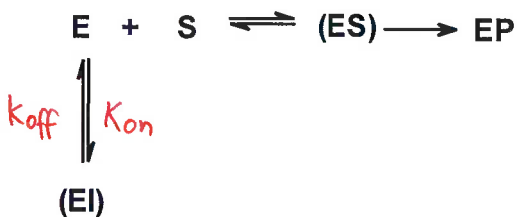
i. A competitive inhibitor binds to the Active site

ii. A competitive inhibitor and the substrate are similar in structure.

iii. A competitive inhibitor cannot undergo catalysis / a chemical reaction.

iv. A competitive inhibitor can only bind to the enzyme when the substrate is absent.

**Effect of Competitive Inhibitor on Kinetics:** A competitive inhibitor reduces the amount of [E] by the formation of [EI] complex. The inhibitor cannot affect the [ES] complex after it has formed since the inhibitor can no longer bind. How will high concentrations of substrate affect the inhibition?



$$K_I = \frac{(E)(I)}{(EI)} = K_D$$

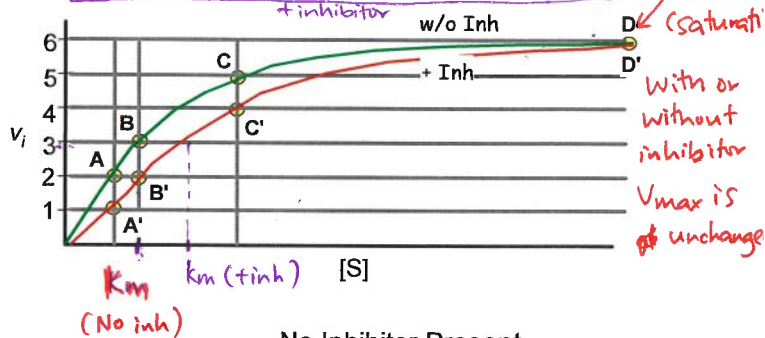
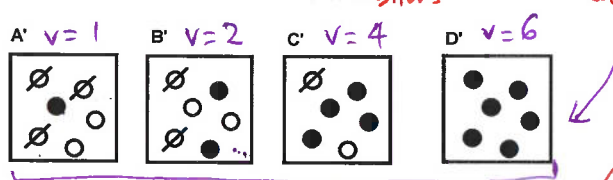
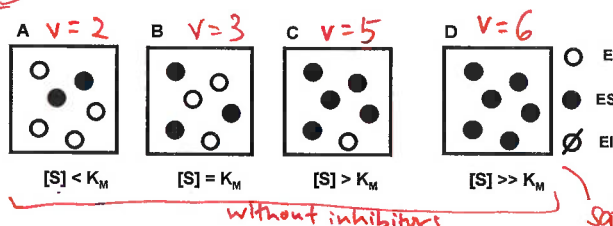
to remind us that it is an inhibitor.

There are two consequences of a competitive inhibitor binding on the kinetics of the enzyme:

- $V_{MAX}$  is unchanged:** At high levels of substrate all of the inhibitor can be displaced by substrate, and  $[ES] = E_{TOTAL}$ ,  $V_{MAX} = k_{CAT}[ES] = k_{CAT}[E_{TOT}]$ .
- The observed  $K_M$  is increased:** It requires more substrate to reach 1/2 maximal velocity because some of the enzyme is complexed with inhibitor.

The change in  $K_M$  can be used to determine how well the inhibitor binds to the free enzyme →

can use the effect of inhibition on kinetics to get  $K_I$



No Inhibitor Present

$$v = V_{MAX} \frac{[S]}{K_M + [S]} \quad \leftarrow \text{No inhibitor}$$

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_M}{V_{MAX}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{MAX}} \quad \leftarrow \text{double recip}$$

Inhibitor Present

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}$$

$$v = V_{MAX} \frac{[S]}{\alpha K_M + [S]}$$

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{\alpha K_M}{V_{MAX}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{MAX}}$$

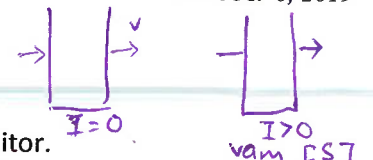
$\alpha =$  ratio of slopes (+I/no inh)

$$K_I = [I]/(\alpha - 1)$$

$\alpha$ : degree of inhibition.  
= ratio of slopes.



**Measuring Inhibitor-Enzyme Affinity ( $K_i$ )**



**A. Data Collection**

- i) Measure initial velocity for different [S], in the *absence* of inhibitor.
- ii) Measure initial velocity for different [S], in the *presence* of a fixed concentration of inhibitor (i.e. only [S] is varied, not [I]). Multiple inhibitor concentrations can be used.

**B. Analysis:**

**1. Linearization of Data using Double-Reciprocal Plot**

- i) Both data sets are plotted on a double reciprocal plot.
- ii) Ratio of the slopes gives  $\alpha$  (degree of inhibition).
- iii)  $K_i = [I]/(\alpha-1)$ .

**2. Directly Fitting to Experimental Data (best method):**

There are three parameters:  $V_{MAX}$ ,  $K_M$ ,  $\alpha$ . The data is directly fit to theoretical equations.

- i) Predict  $v$  versus [S] for  $I=0$  [ $v_{Pred}=V_{MAX}[S]/(K_M+[S])$ ]
- ii) Predict  $v$  versus [S] for  $I>0$  [ $v_{Pred}=V_{MAX}[S]/(\alpha K_M+[S])$ ]
- iii) Sum differences between actual and predicted velocities,  $\chi^2 = \sum |(v_{obs}-v_{pred})|_{I=0} + \sum |(v_{obs}-v_{pred})|_{I>0}$
- iv) Use Solver to minimize  $\chi^2$ , use  $\alpha$  to obtain  $K_i$ .

example. →

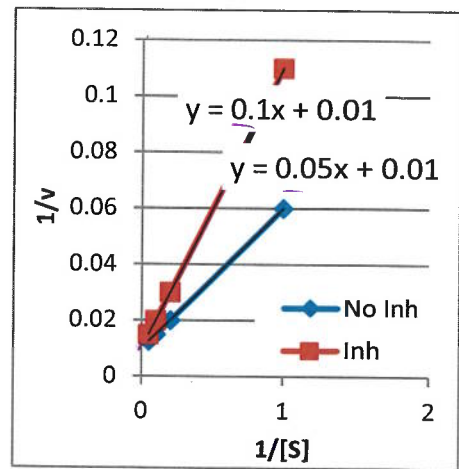
**A: Experimental Data**

[S] mM	$v_i$ [I]=0	$v_i$ I=10 $\mu$ M	1/[S]	1/ $v$ [I]=0	1/ $v$ I=10 $\mu$ M
1	16.7	9.1	1.0	0.060	0.110
5	50.0	33.3	0.2	0.020	0.030
10	66.7	50.0	0.1	0.015	0.020

**B. Double Reciprocal Plots**

$\alpha = \frac{0.1}{0.05} = 2$

$K_i = \frac{[I]}{(\alpha-1)} = \frac{10\mu M}{2-1} = 10\mu M$



**C. Fitted Parameters:**  $V_{max}$  100.06  
 $K_m$  5.00  
 $\alpha$  2.00

$= \frac{V_{max} \cdot A^3}{(V_{max} \cdot A^3 + A^3)} = V_{MAX}[S]/(\alpha K_M + [S])$

