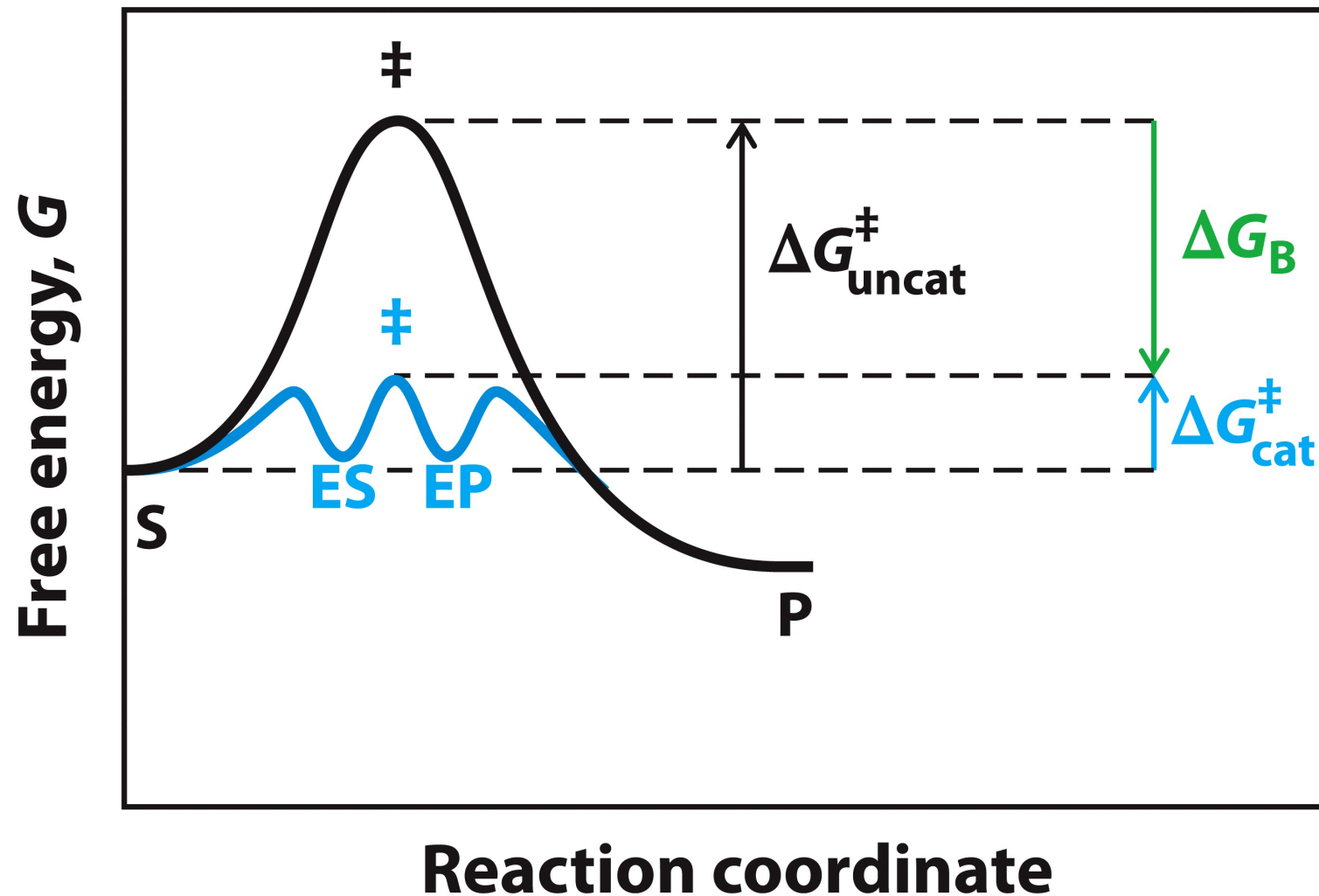
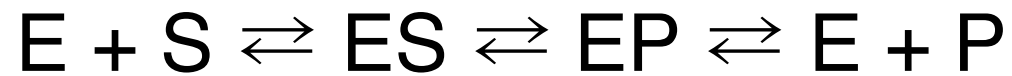


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# Enzymes Affect Rxn Rates



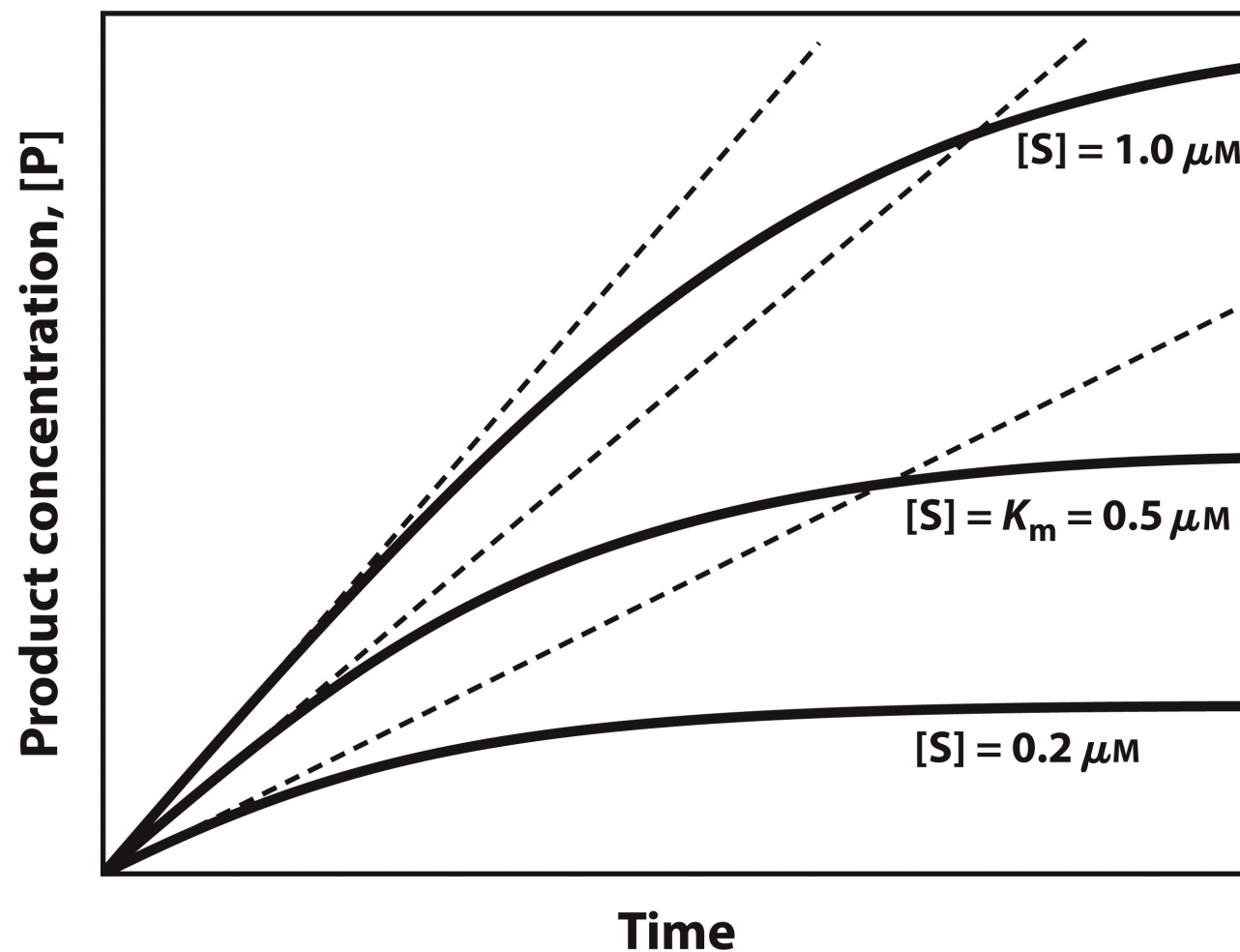
$$k = (kT/h) * e^{-\Delta G^\ddagger/RT}$$

$$V = k [S]$$

What can we learn on Enzymes by looking at Rxn Rates?

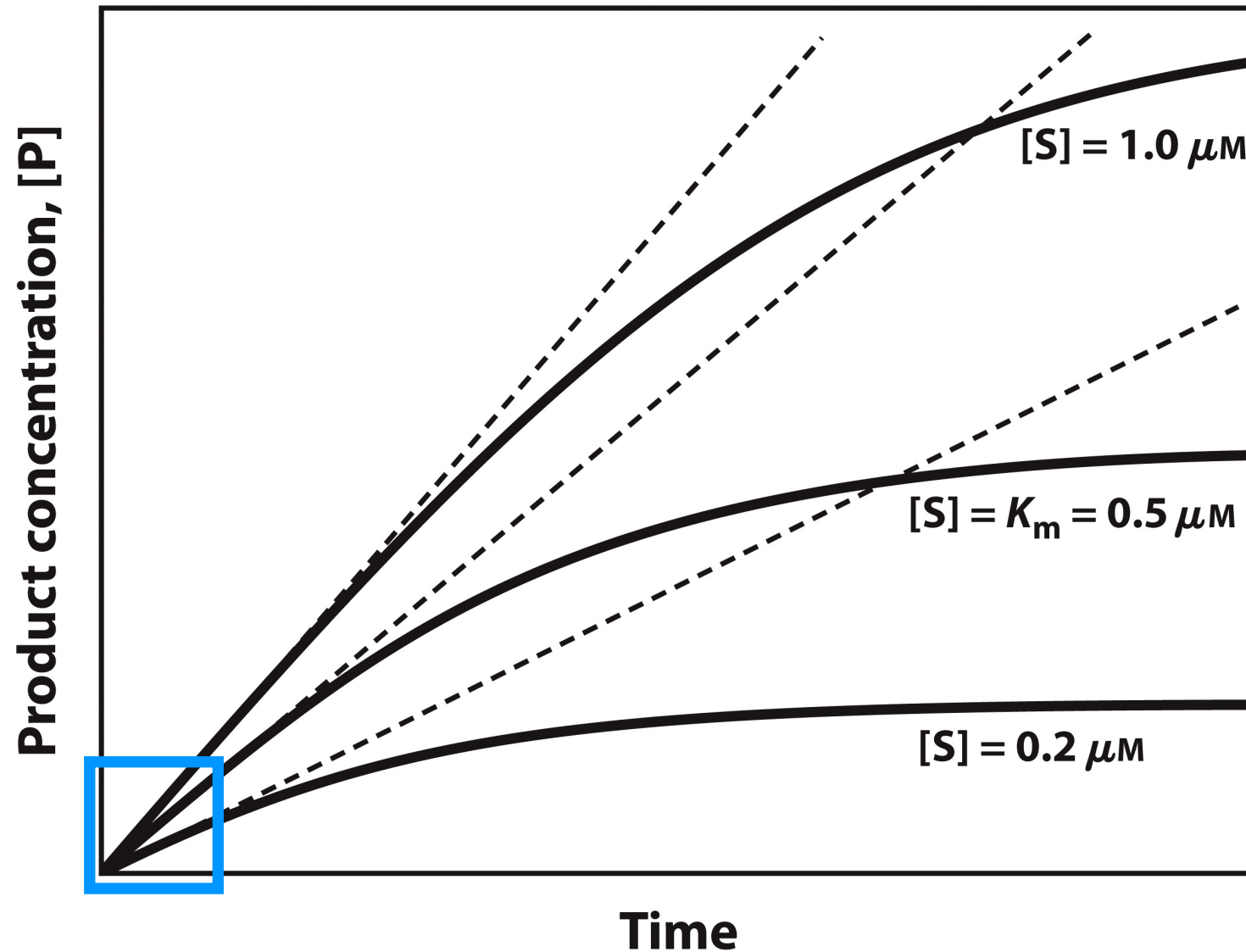
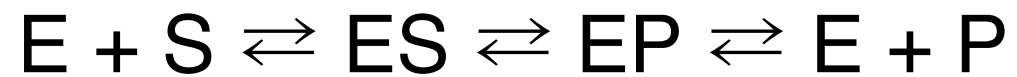
# Intro to Enzyme Kinetics

The oldest approach to understanding **enzyme mechanisms**, and the one that remains the most important, is to determine the rate of a reaction and **how it changes in response to changes in experimental parameters**. This is the discipline known as **enzyme kinetics**. A key factor affecting the rate of a reaction catalyzed by an enzyme is the concentration of substrate,  $[S]$ .



Studying the effects of substrate concentration is complicated by the fact that  $[S]$  changes during the course of an in vitro reaction as substrate is converted to product. One simplifying approach in kinetic experiments is to measure the initial rate (initial velocity), designated  $V_0$

$$V_0$$



$$V = [P]/t = k [S]$$

$$V_t = k [S]_t$$

$$[S]_t = [S]_0 - [P]_t$$

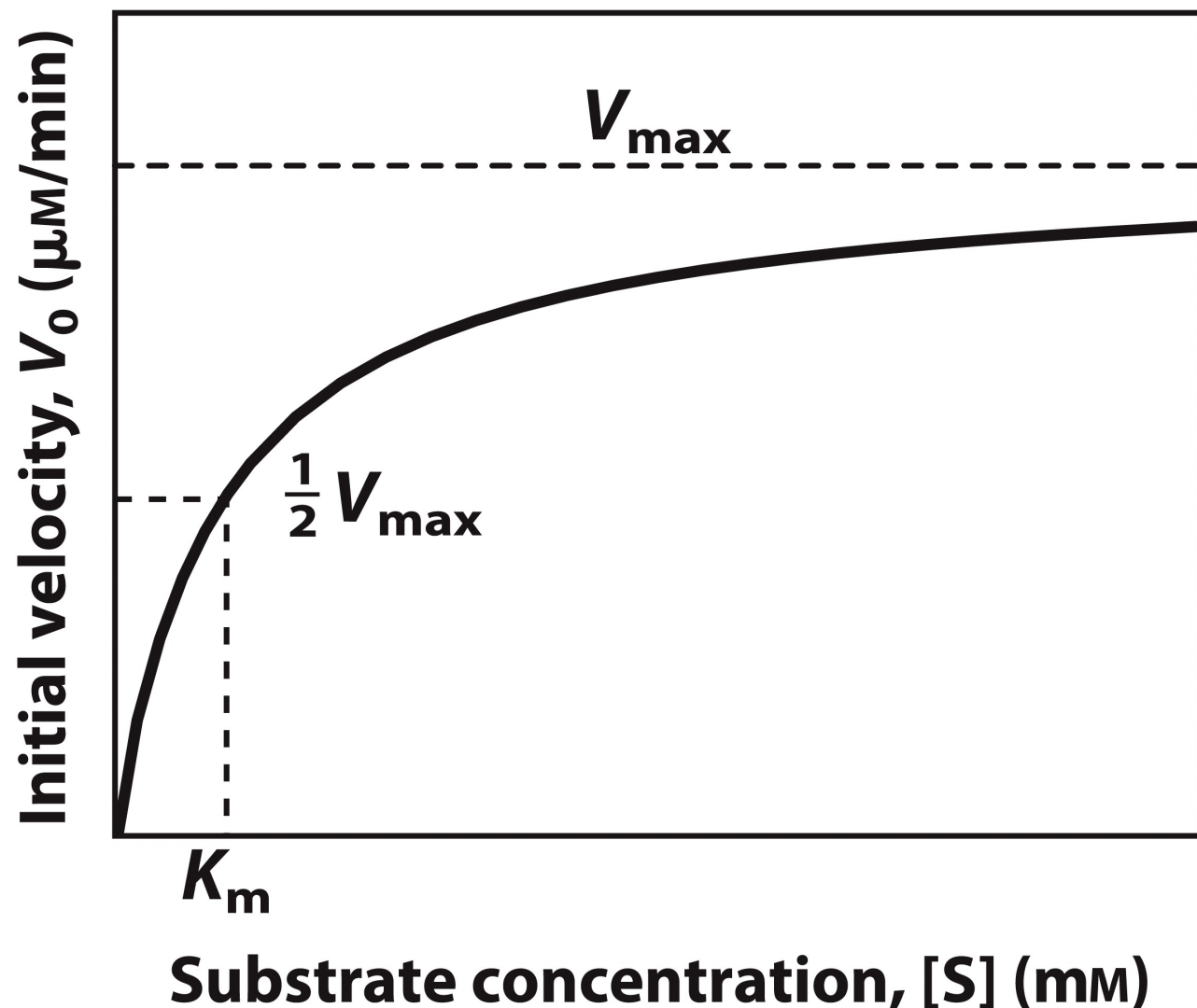
$$V_t = k ([S]_0 - [P]_t)$$

$$V_0 = k ([S]_0 - 0)$$

$$V_0 = k [S]_0$$

# Effect of [S] on $V_0$

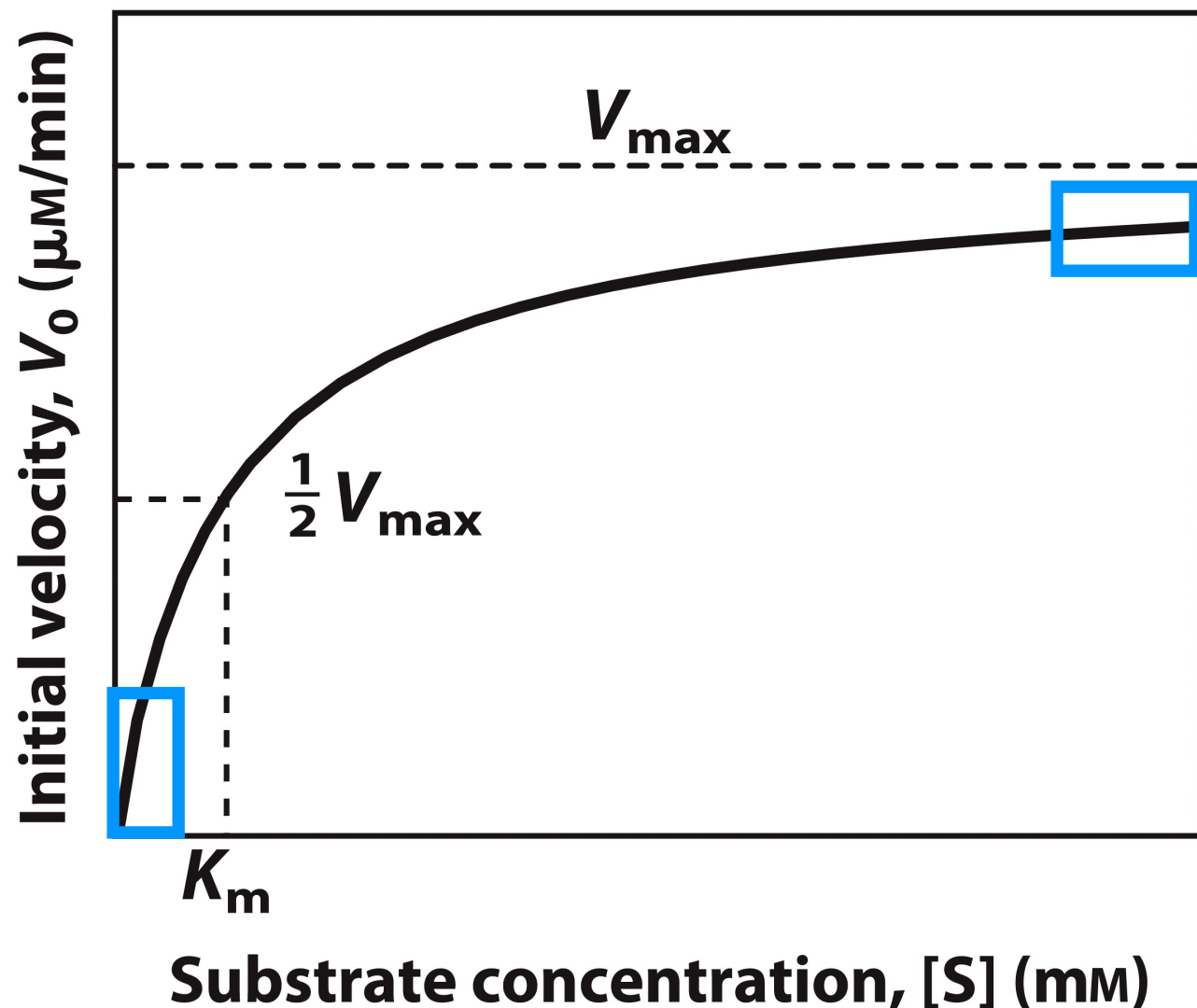
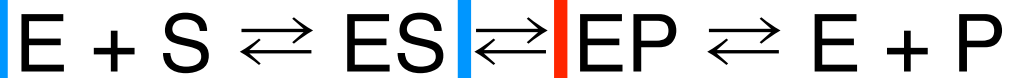
The effect on  $V_0$  of varying [S] when the enzyme concentration is held constant is shown. This is the appearance of a  $V_0$  vs [S] kinetic plot for a typical enzyme.



At relatively low concentrations of substrate,  $V_0$  increases almost linearly with an increase in [S]. At higher substrate concentrations,  $V_0$  increases by smaller and smaller amounts in response to increases in [S]. Finally, a point is reached beyond which increases in  $V_0$  are vanishingly small as [S] increases. This plateau-like  $V_0$  region is close to the maximum velocity,  $V_{\text{max}}$ .

# Effect of [S] on $V_0$

How can we 'intuitively' explain this?



When  $[E] > [S]$  Then  $V_0 = k [S]$

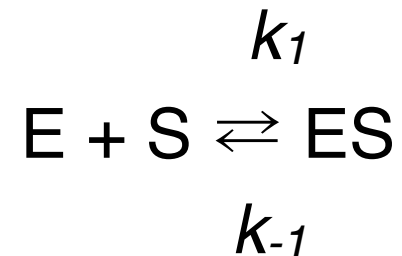
When  $[S] \gg [E]$  then all E will be engaged with S in a ES complex. E is **saturated**

At this point adding more S will not make the Reaction Faster

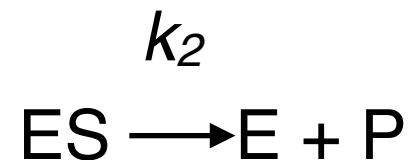
# Effect of [S] on $V_0$

How can we formally describe this?

The ES complex is the key to understanding the kinetic behavior of an enzyme. The enzyme first combines with its substrate to form an enzyme-substrate complex in a relatively fast reversible step:



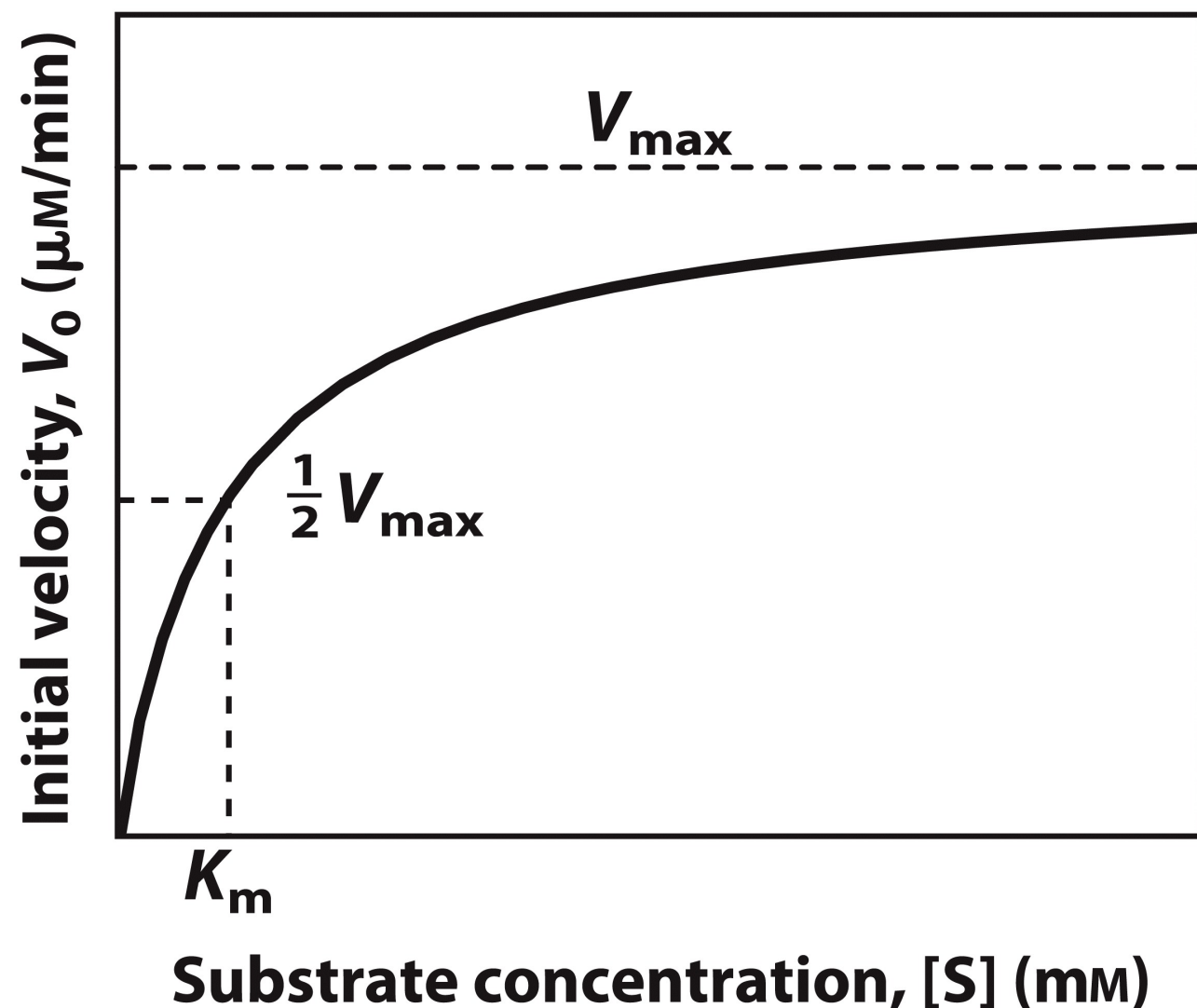
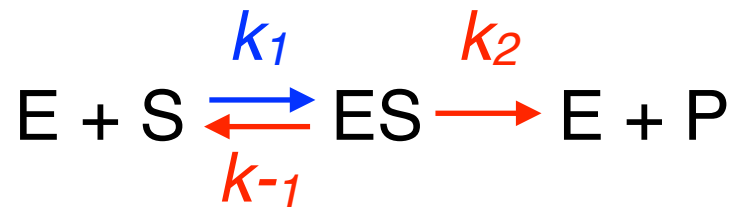
The ES complex then breaks down in a slower second step to yield the free enzyme and the reaction product P:



If the slower second reaction limits the rate of the overall reaction, the overall rate must be proportional to the concentration of the species that reacts in the second step, i.e., ES.

$$V_0 = k_2 [\text{ES}]$$

# The Role of the ES Complex



**Eq1:** rate of [ES] production  
 $= k_1[E]_{\text{free}}[S]$

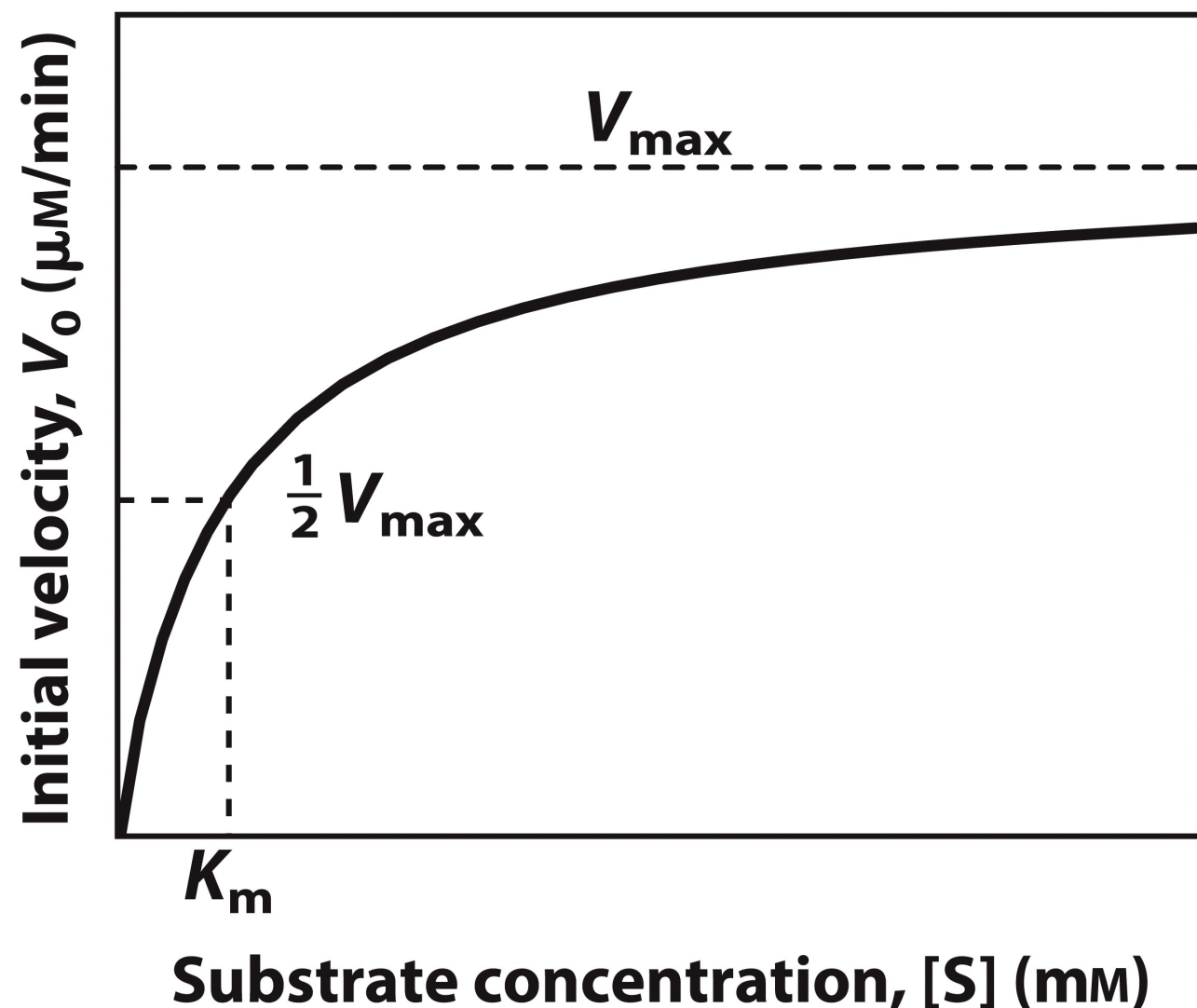
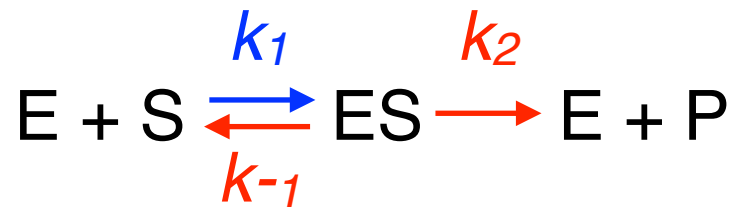
$$= k_1([E]_{\text{tot}} - [ES])[S]$$

**Eq2:** rate of [ES] breakdown

$$= k_{-1}[ES] + k_2[ES]$$



# The Role of the ES Complex



## Steady state assumption

Here we assume that  $V_o$  reflects a condition where  $[ES]$  is constant that is

$[ES]$  production =  $[ES]$  breakdown

**Eq3**

$$k_1([E]_{\text{tot}} - [ES])[S] = k_{-1}[ES] + k_2[ES]$$

# Derivation of the Michaelis-Menten Equation

**Eq3**  $k_1([E]_{tot} - [ES])[S] = k_{-1}[ES] + k_2[ES]$



**Eq4**  $k_1[E]_{tot}[S] - \boxed{k_1[ES][S]} = (k_{-1} + k_2)[ES]$



**Eq5**  $k_1[E]_{tot}[S] = (k_1[S] + k_{-1} + k_2)[ES]$  Here we solve for [ES]

**Eq6**  $[ES] = \frac{k_1[E]_{tot}[S]}{k_1[S] + k_{-1} + k_2}$

Here we simplify combining the rate constants

**Eq7**  $[ES] = \frac{[E]_{tot}[S]}{[S] + \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1}}$

**Eq8**  $\frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1} = K_m$

Michaelis constant

# Derivation of the Michaelis-Menten Equation

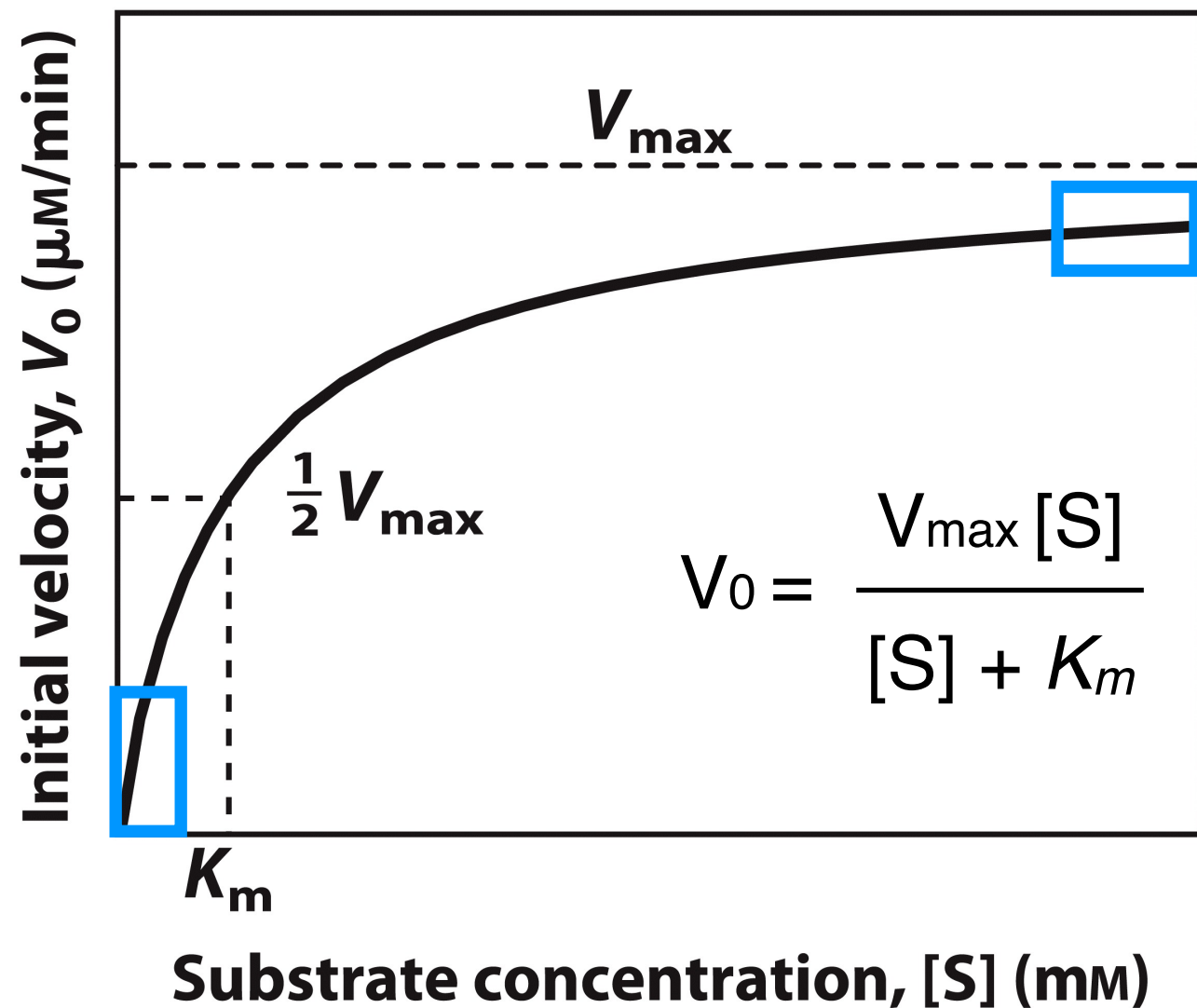
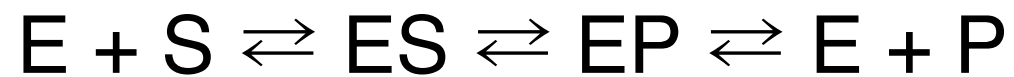
**Eq9**  $[ES] = \frac{[E]_{tot} [S]}{[S] + K_m} \longrightarrow V_0 = k_2 [ES]$

**Eq10**  $V_0 = \frac{k_2 [E]_{tot} [S]}{[S] + K_m} \qquad V_{max} = k_2 [E]_{tot}$

**Eq11**  $V_0 = \frac{V_{max} [S]}{[S] + K_m}$  Michaelis-Menten Equation

The MM equation describes the kinetic behavior of many enzymes, and all enzymes that exhibit a hyperbolic dependence of  $V_0$  on  $[S]$  are said to follow Michaelis-Menten kinetics. Even though the MM equation holds true for many enzymes, both the magnitude and the real meaning of  $V_{max}$  and  $K_m$  can differ from one enzyme to another. This is an important limitation of the steady-state approach to enzyme kinetics.

# Validation of the Michaelis-Menten Equation



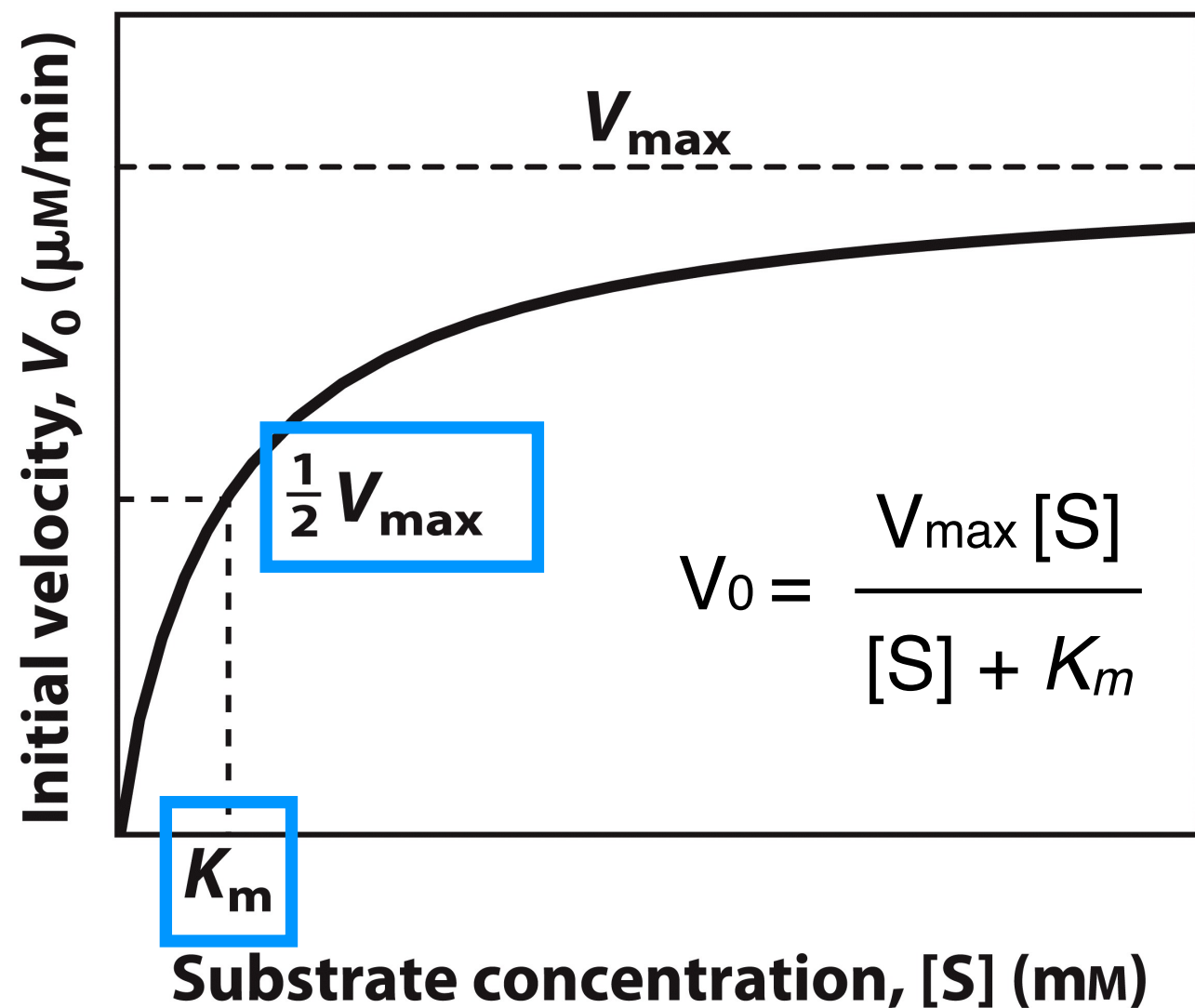
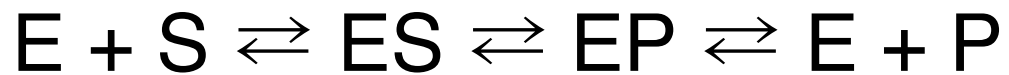
When  $[S]$  is low i.e.,  $[S] \ll K_m$   
then

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\text{max}} [S]}{K_m} \quad V_0 = k[S]$$

When  $[S]$  is high i.e.,  $[S] \gg K_m$   
then

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\text{max}} [S]}{[S]} \quad V_0 = V_{\text{max}}$$

# Validation of the Michaelis-Menten Equation



When  $V_0 = \frac{V_{\text{max}}}{2}$   
then

$$\frac{[S]}{[S] + K_m} = \frac{1}{2} \quad K_m = [S]$$

$K_m$  is equivalent to the substrate concentration at which  $V_0$  is one-half  $V_{\text{max}}$ .

# Double-reciprocal Plot

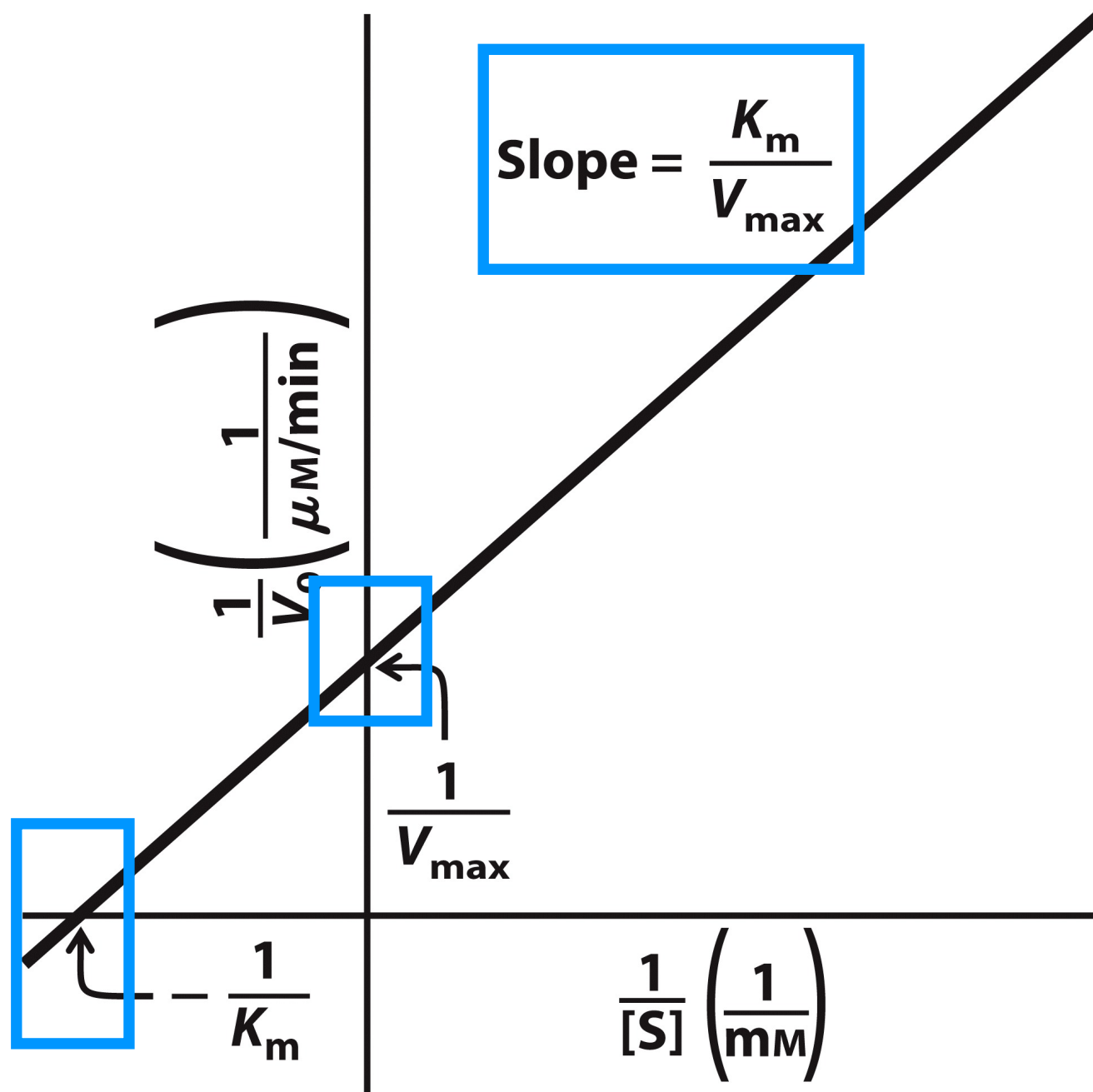
Because the plot of  $V_0$  vs  $[S]$  for an enzyme-catalyzed reaction asymptotically approaches the value of  $V_{\max}$  at high  $[S]$ , it is difficult to accurately determine  $V_{\max}$  (and thereby,  $K_m$ ) from such graph. The problem is readily solved by converting the Michaelis-Menten kinetic equation to the so-called double-reciprocal equation (Lineweaver-Burk equation) which describes a linear plot from which  $V_{\max}$  and  $K_m$  can be easily obtained

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{[S] + K_m} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{V_0} = \frac{[S] + K_m}{V_{\max} [S]} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{V_0} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\max} [S]} + \frac{[S]}{V_{\max} [S]}$$

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

$$y = mx + b$$

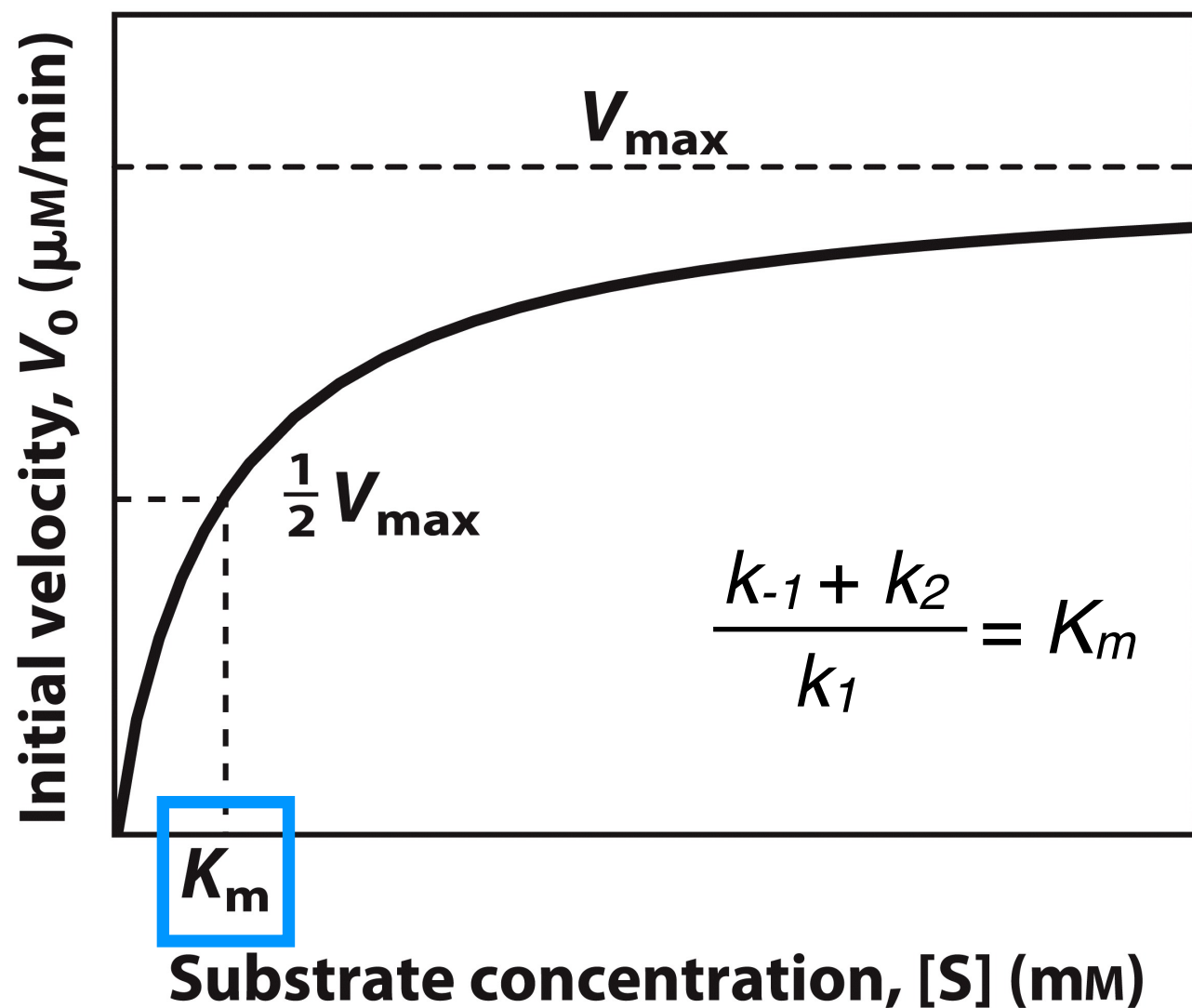
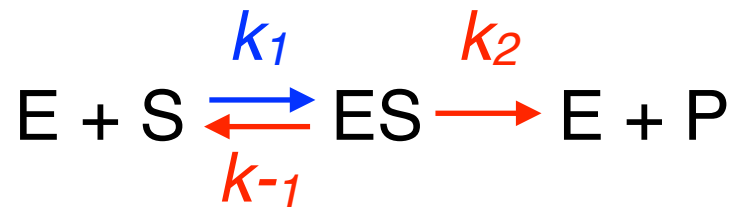
# Double-reciprocal Plot



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

The plot of  $1/V_0$  vs  $1/[S]$  gives a straight line, the y-intercept of which is  $1/V_{\max}$ , the x-intercept of which is  $-1/K_m$  and the slope of which is  $K_m/V_{\max}$

# The Meaning of the $K_m$



The  $K_m$  is sometimes used as an indicator of the affinity of an enzyme for its substrate. The actual meaning of the  $K_m$  depends on the reaction mechanism such as the number and relative rates of the individual steps. For example, for a reaction with two steps,  $K_m = (k_2 + k_{-1})/k_1$ . If  $k_2$  is rate-limiting, then  $k_2 \ll k_{-1}$ , and  $K_m$  reduces to  $k_{-1}/k_1$ , which is the dissociation constant,  $K_d$  of the ES complex. Where these conditions hold,  $K_m$  represents a measure of the affinity of the enzyme for its substrate. However this scenario often doesn't apply and  $K_m$  cannot always be considered a simple measure of the affinity of an enzyme for its substrate.



# The Meaning of the $K_m$

The  $K_m$  can vary greatly from enzyme to enzyme, and even for different substrates of the same enzyme

**TABLE 6–6**  $K_m$  for Some Enzymes and Substrates

Enzyme	Substrate	$K_m$ (mM)
Hexokinase (brain)	ATP	0.4
	D-Glucose	0.05
	D-Fructose	1.5
Carbonic anhydrase	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	26
Chymotrypsin	Glycyltyrosinylglycine	108
	N-Benzoyltyrosinamide	2.5
$\beta$ -Galactosidase	D-Lactose	4.0
Threonine dehydratase	L-Threonine	5.0

$$V_{\max}$$

The meaning of the quantity  $V_{\max}$  also varies greatly from one enzyme to the next. If an enzyme reacts via the two-step MM mechanism, then  $V_{\max} = k_2[E_t]$ . However, the number of reaction steps and the identity of the rate-limiting step can vary from enzyme to enzyme. Therefore, it is useful to define a more general rate constant,  $k_{cat}$ , to describe the rate constant of the rate limiting step(s) of any enzyme-catalyzed reaction at saturation. With the modification that  $V_{\max} = k_{cat}[E_t]$ , the MM equation becomes

$$V_0 = \frac{k_{cat}[E]_{tot} [S]}{[S] + K_m}$$

The constant  $k_{cat}$  is a first-order rate constant and hence has the units of reciprocal time ( $s^{-1}$ ). It is also called the turnover number for the enzyme-catalyzed reaction. It is equivalent to the **number of substrate molecules converted to product in a given unit of time on a single enzyme molecule when the enzyme is saturated with substrate.**

$k_{cat}$

**TABLE 6–7** Turnover Number,  $k_{cat}$ , of Some Enzymes

Enzyme	Substrate	$k_{cat}$ ( $s^{-1}$ )
Catalase	$H_2O_2$	40,000,000
Carbonic anhydrase	$HCO_3^-$	400,000
Acetylcholinesterase	Acetylcholine	14,000
$\beta$ -Lactamase	Benzylpenicillin	2,000
Fumarase	Fumarate	800
RecA protein (an ATPase)	ATP	0.5

# The Specificity Constant ( $k_{cat} / K_m$ )

$$V_0 = \frac{k_{cat} [E]_{tot} [S]}{[S] + K_m} \longrightarrow \text{When } [S] \ll K_m \longrightarrow V_0 = \frac{k_{cat}}{K_m} [E]_{tot} [S]$$

Together, the parameters  $k_{cat}$  and  $K_m$  can be used to evaluate the catalytic efficiency of an enzyme. The best way to determine the catalytic efficiency of an enzyme is to determine the ratio of  $k_{cat}/K_m$  for its reaction. This parameter, sometimes called the specificity constant, is the rate constant for the conversion of  $E + S$  to  $E + P$ .

$V_0$  in this case depends on the concentration of two reactants,  $[E_t]$  and  $[S]$ . Therefore, this is a second-order rate equation and the constant  $k_{cat}/K_m$  is a second-order rate constant with the units  $M^{-1}s^{-1}$ . There is an upper limit to  $k_{cat}/K_m$ , imposed by the rate at which  $E$  and  $S$  can diffuse together in an aqueous solution. This diffusion-controlled limit is  $10^8$  to  $10^9 M^{-1}s^{-1}$ , and many enzymes have a  $k_{cat}/K_m$  near this range. Such enzymes are said to have achieved catalytic perfection.



# The Specificity Constant ( $k_{cat}/K_m$ )

**TABLE 6–8** Enzymes for Which  $k_{cat}/K_m$  Is Close to the Diffusion-Controlled Limit ( $10^8$  to  $10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )

Enzyme	Substrate	$K_{cat}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$K_m$ (M)	$K_{cat}/K_m$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ )
Acetylcholinesterase	Acetylcholine	$1.4 \times 10^4$	$9 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \times 10^8$
Carbonic anhydrase	$\text{CO}_2$	$1 \times 10^6$	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.3 \times 10^7$
	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	$4 \times 10^5$	$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5 \times 10^7$
Catalase	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$4 \times 10^7$	$1.1 \times 10^0$	$4 \times 10^7$
Crotonase	Crotonyl-CoA	$5.7 \times 10^3$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.8 \times 10^8$
Fumarase	Fumarate	$8 \times 10^2$	$5 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \times 10^8$
	Malate	$9 \times 10^2$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.6 \times 10^7$
$\beta$ -Lactamase	Benzylpenicillin	$2.0 \times 10^3$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^8$

Source: Fersht, A. (1999) *Structure and Mechanism in Protein Science*, p. 166, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York.

# Introduction to Enzyme Inhibition

Enzyme inhibitors are molecules that **interfere with catalysis, slowing or halting enzymatic reactions**. Enzyme inhibitors are among the most important pharmaceutical agents known. For example, aspirin (acetylsalicylate) inhibits the enzyme that catalyzes the first step in the synthesis of prostaglandins, compounds involved in many processes, including some that cause pain. The study of enzyme inhibitors also has provided valuable information about enzyme mechanisms and has helped define metabolic pathways. There are two broad classes of enzyme inhibitors: **reversible** and **irreversible** inhibitors.

**reversible** inhibitors can be Competitive, non-Competitive, or Uncompetitive

**irreversible** inhibitors can also be suicide inactivators or transition state analogs

# Competitive Inhibition

A competitive inhibitor (I) competes with the substrate for binding to the active site of an enzyme. While the inhibitor occupies the active site, it prevents the binding of the substrate to the enzyme. Many competitive inhibitors are structurally similar to the substrate and combine with the enzyme to form an EI complex, but without leading to catalysis. Competitive inhibition can be analyzed quantitatively by steady-state kinetics.

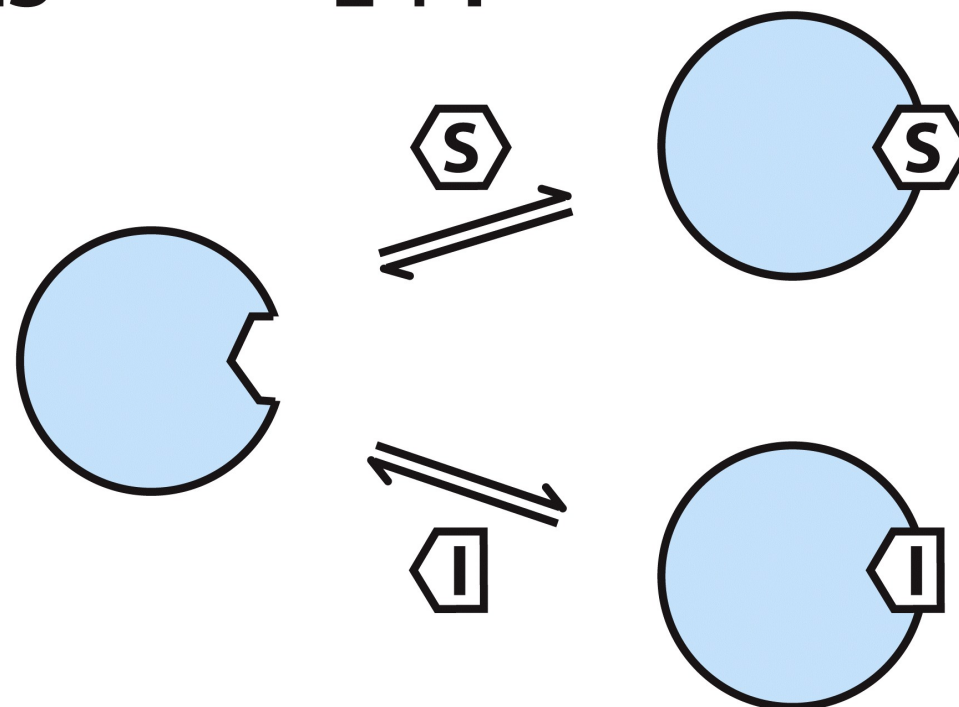
## Competitive inhibition



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# Competitive Inhibition

In the presence of a competitive inhibitor, the MM equation becomes

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{[S] + K_m} \quad \longrightarrow \quad V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{[S] + \alpha K_m}$$

where

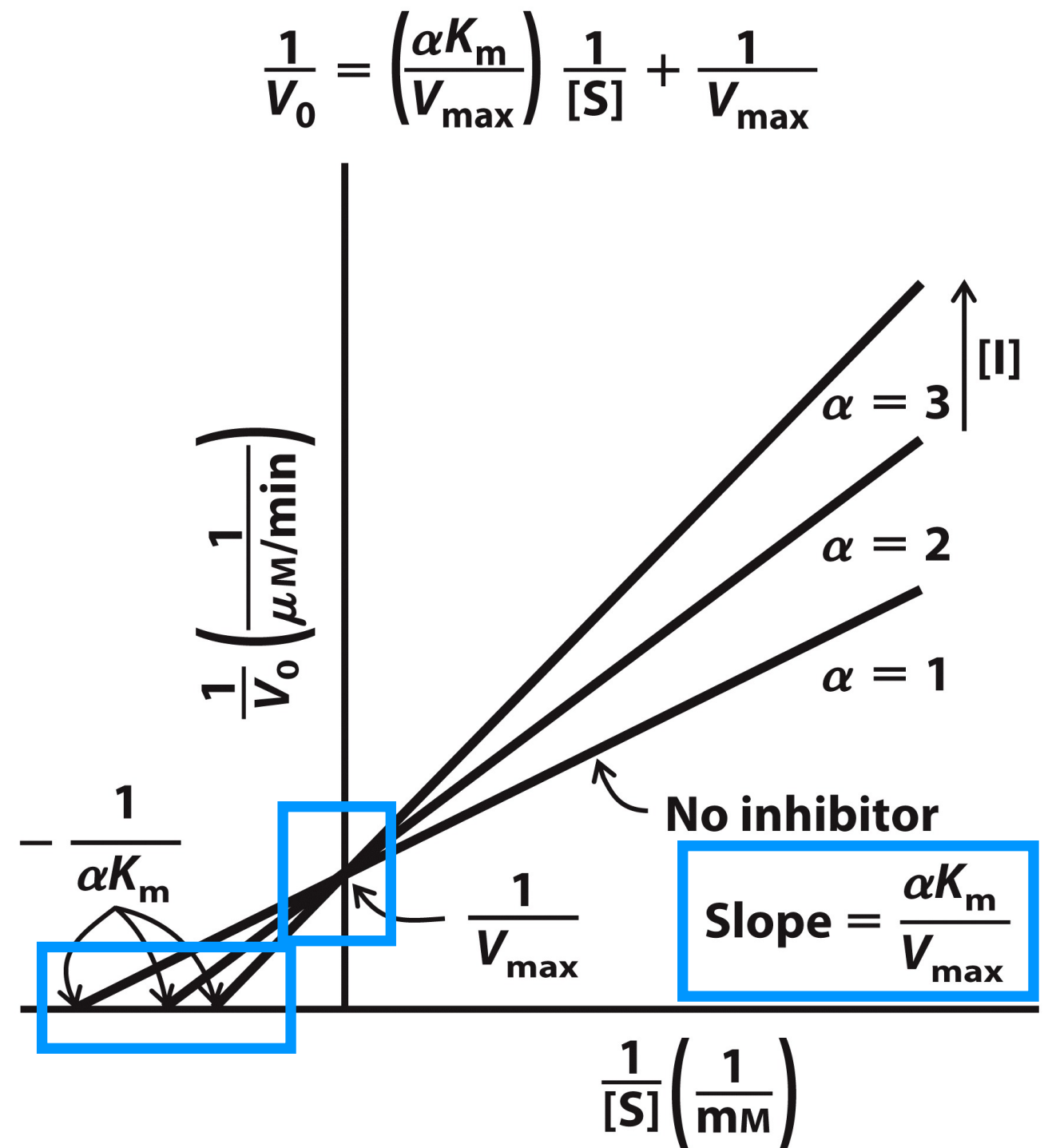
$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I} \quad \text{and} \quad K_I = \frac{[E][I]}{[EI]}$$

The experimentally determined variable  $\alpha K_m$ , the  $K_m$  observed in the presence of the competitive inhibitor, is often called the “apparent”  $K_m$ .



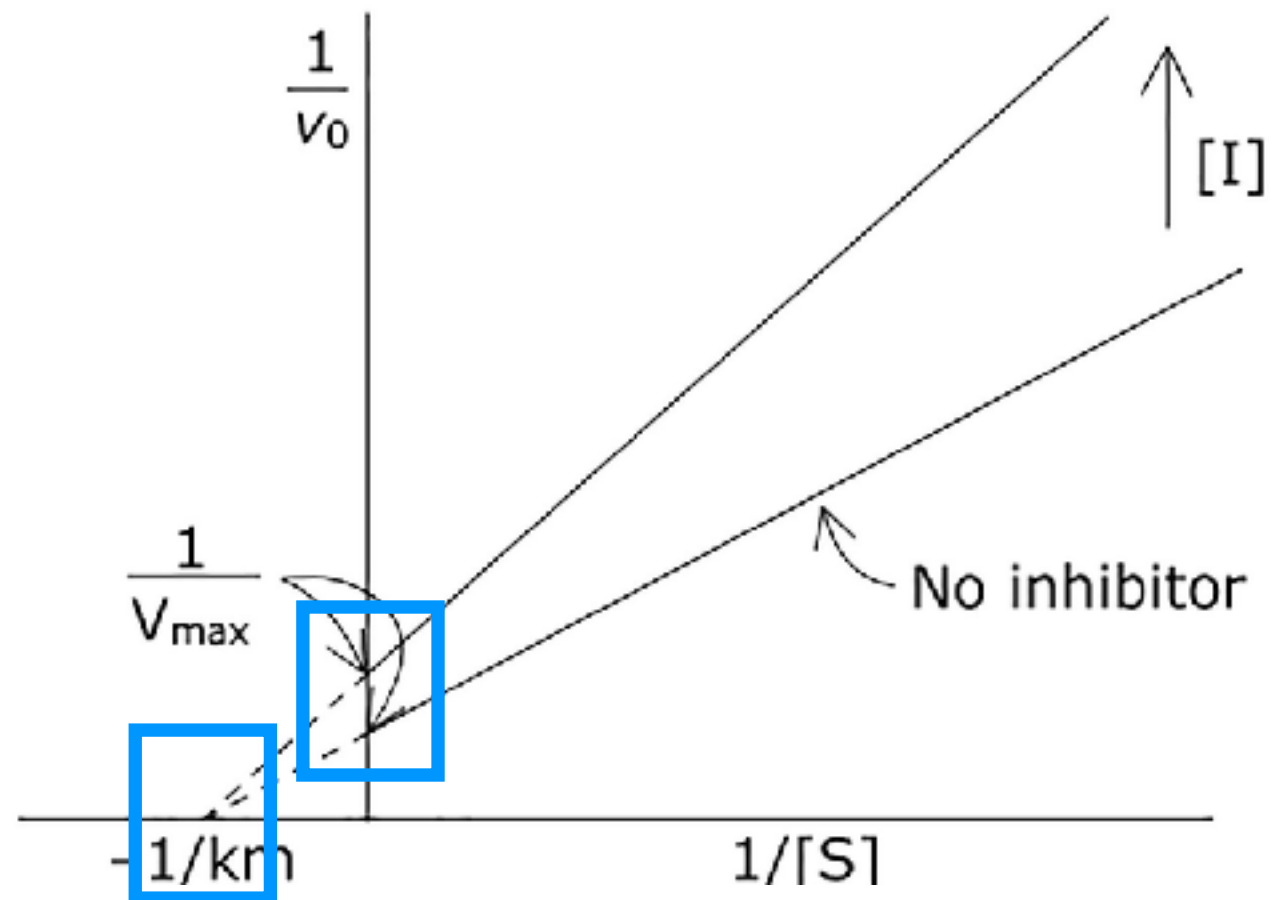
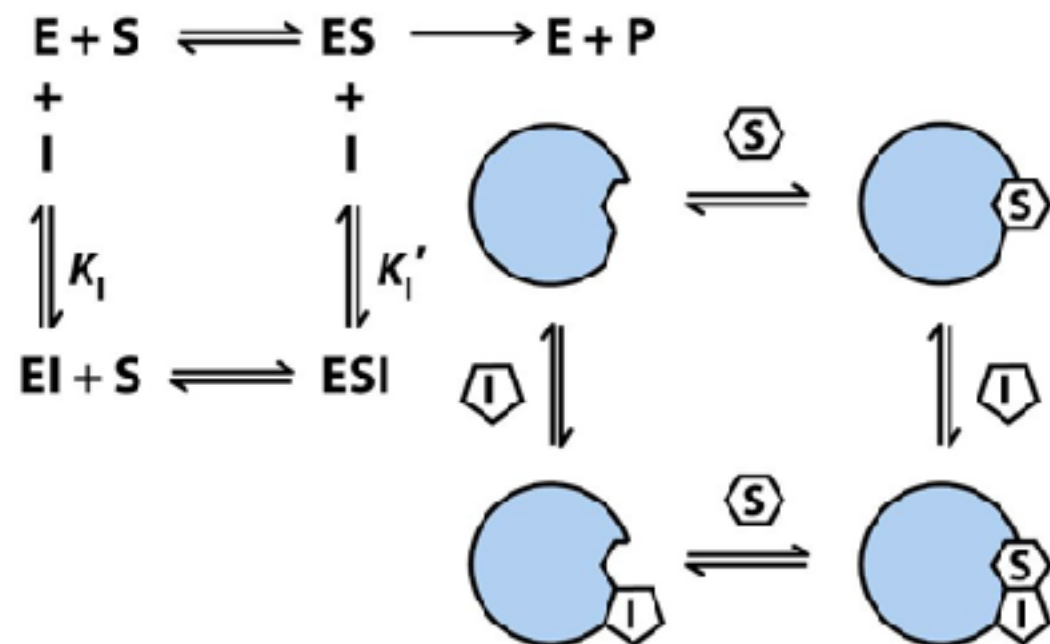
# Competitive Inhibition

When  $[S]$  far exceeds  $[I]$ , the probability that an inhibitor will bind to the enzyme is minimized and the reaction exhibits a normal  $V_{\max}$ . However, the  $[S]$  at which  $V_0 = 1/2 V_{\max}$ , the apparent  $K_m$ , increases in the presence of inhibitor by the factor  $\alpha$ . This affect on apparent  $K_m$ , combined with the absence of an effect on  $V_{\max}$ , is diagnostic of competitive inhibition and is readily revealed in a double-reciprocal kinetic plot. The equilibrium constant for inhibitor binding,  $K_i$ , can also be obtained from these plots.



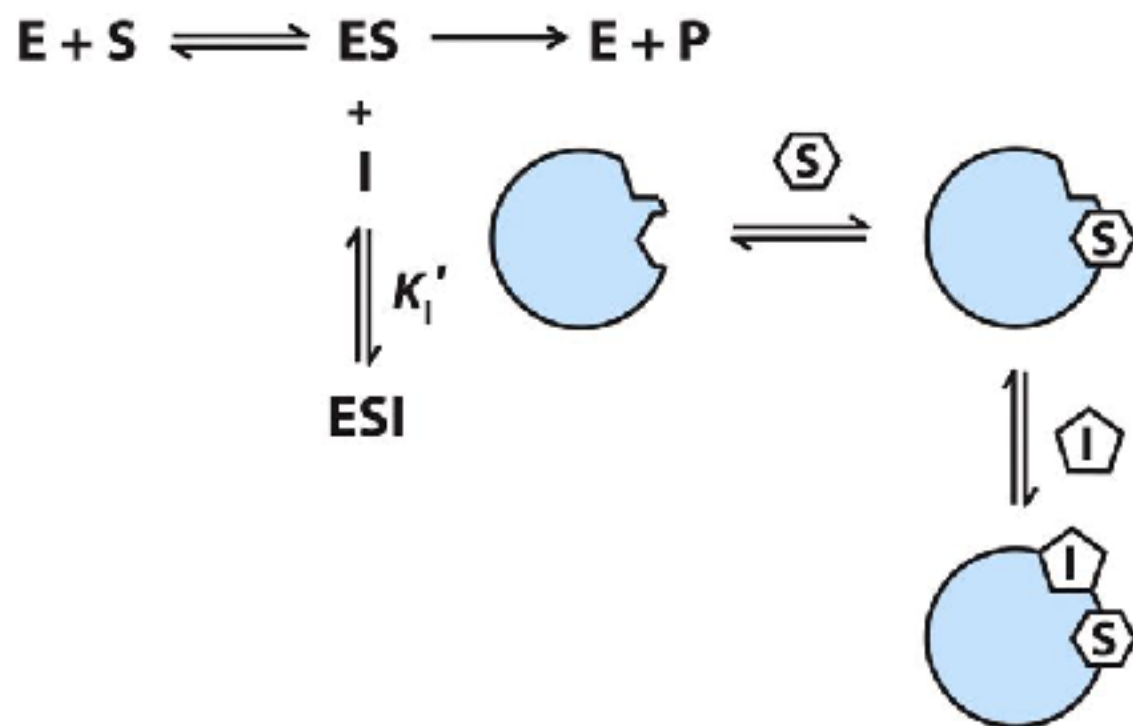
# non-Competitive Inhibition

A non-competitive inhibitor (I) binds the enzyme in a different site and independently from S. It does not interfere with the binding of S to E but reduces the [ ] of active ES. And thus the  $V_{\max}$  competes with no effect on the  $K_m$



# Uncompetitive Inhibition

An uncompetitive inhibitor (I) binds the enzyme in a different site but it does bind only the ES complex. It does not interfere with the binding of S to E but reduces the [ ] of active ES

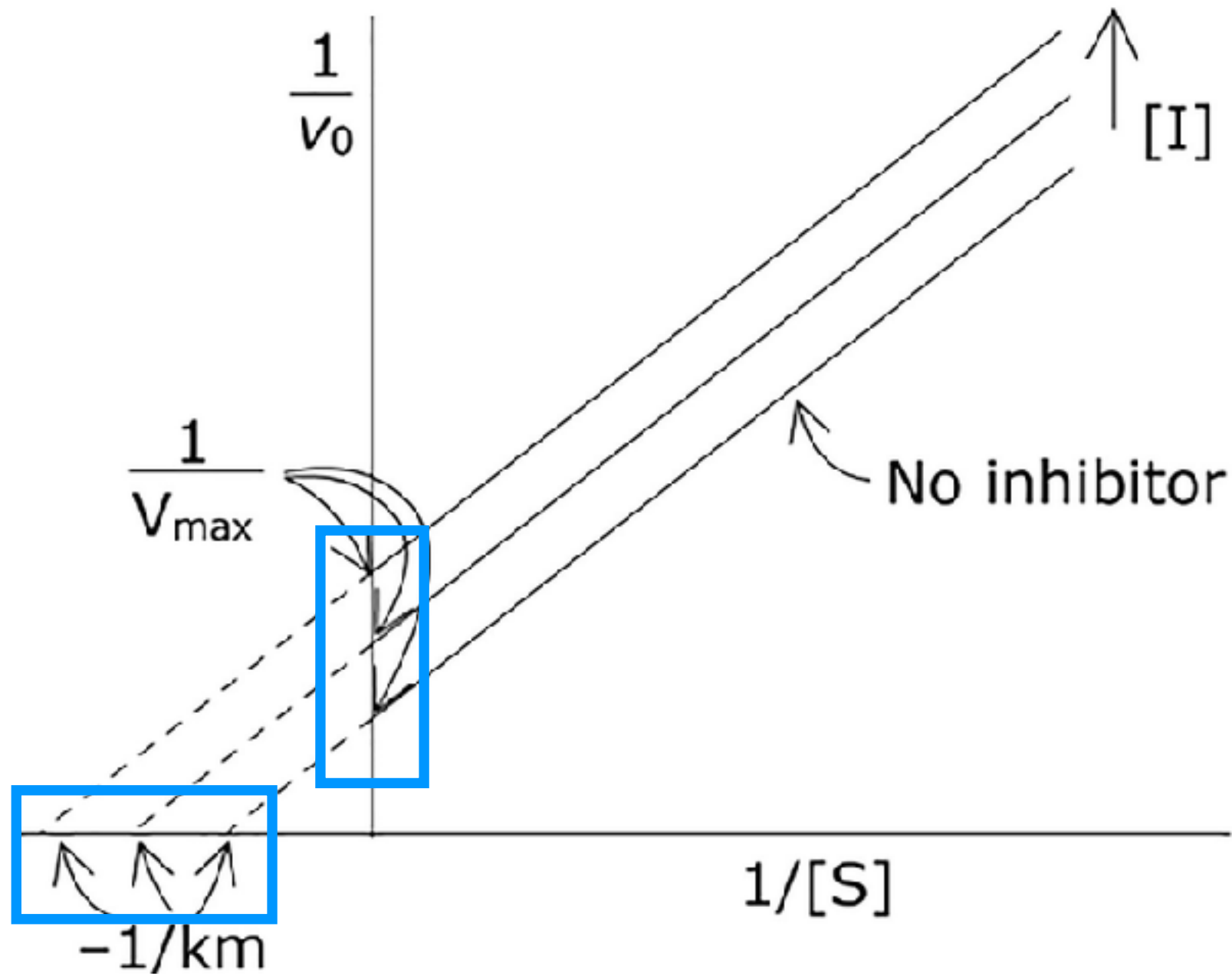


$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{\alpha [S] + K_m}$$

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

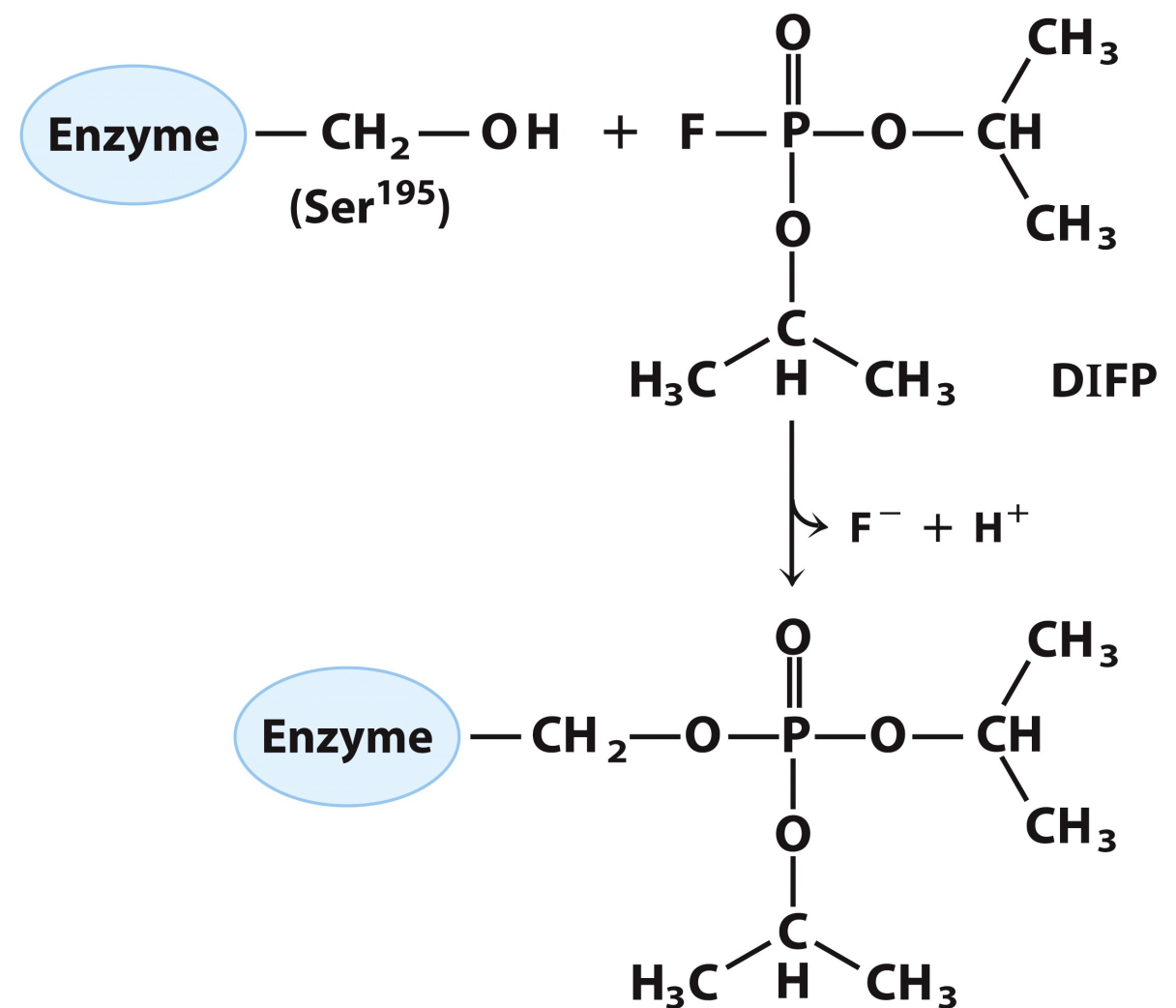
$$k_I = \frac{[ES] [I]}{[ESI]}$$

# Uncompetitive Inhibition



# Irreversible Inhibition

Irreversible inhibitors bind covalently to or destroy a functional group on an enzyme that is essential for the enzyme's activity. They also can inhibit an enzyme by forming a particularly stable noncovalent association with the enzyme. An example of a irreversible covalent inhibitor of the protease, chymotrypsin. Chymotrypsin contains a reactive serine residue in its active site that is intimately involved in catalysis of peptide bond cleavage. This serine will react with the inhibitor diisopropylfluorophosphate (DIFP) which modifies the serine residue irreversibly, and thereby inhibits the proteolytic activity of the enzyme.

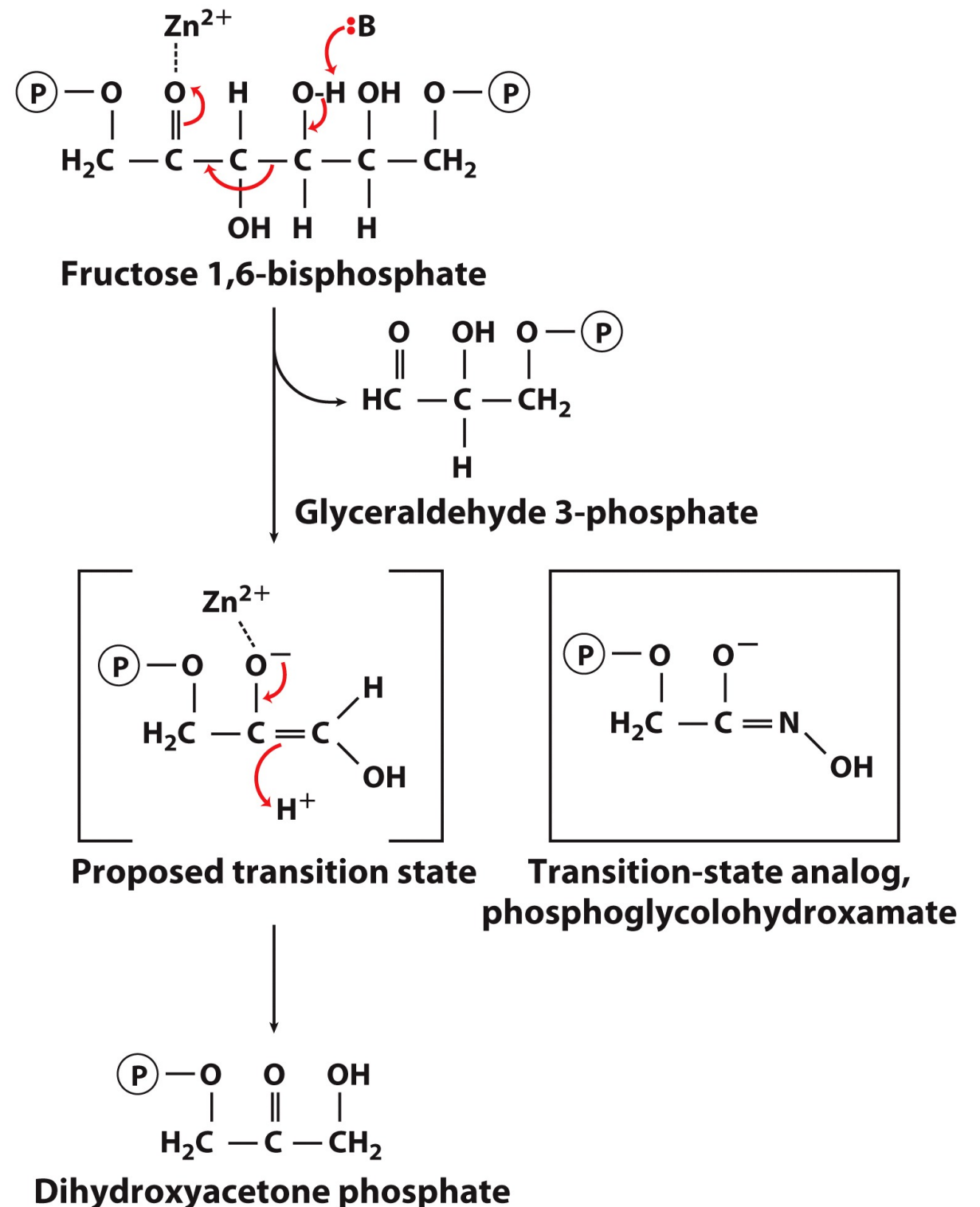


# Suicide Inhibition

A special class of irreversible inhibitors are the mechanism-based (suicide) inactivators. These compounds are relatively unreactive until they bind to the active site of a specific enzyme. A suicide inactivator undergoes the first few chemical steps of the normal enzymatic reaction, but instead of being transformed into the normal product, the inactivator is converted into a very reactive compound that combines irreversibly with the enzyme. These inhibitors earn their name because they hijack the normal enzyme reaction mechanism to inactivate the enzyme. Because drugs that serve as mechanism-based inactivators are highly specific for their target enzymes, they often have the advantage of few side effects.

# Transition-state Analogs

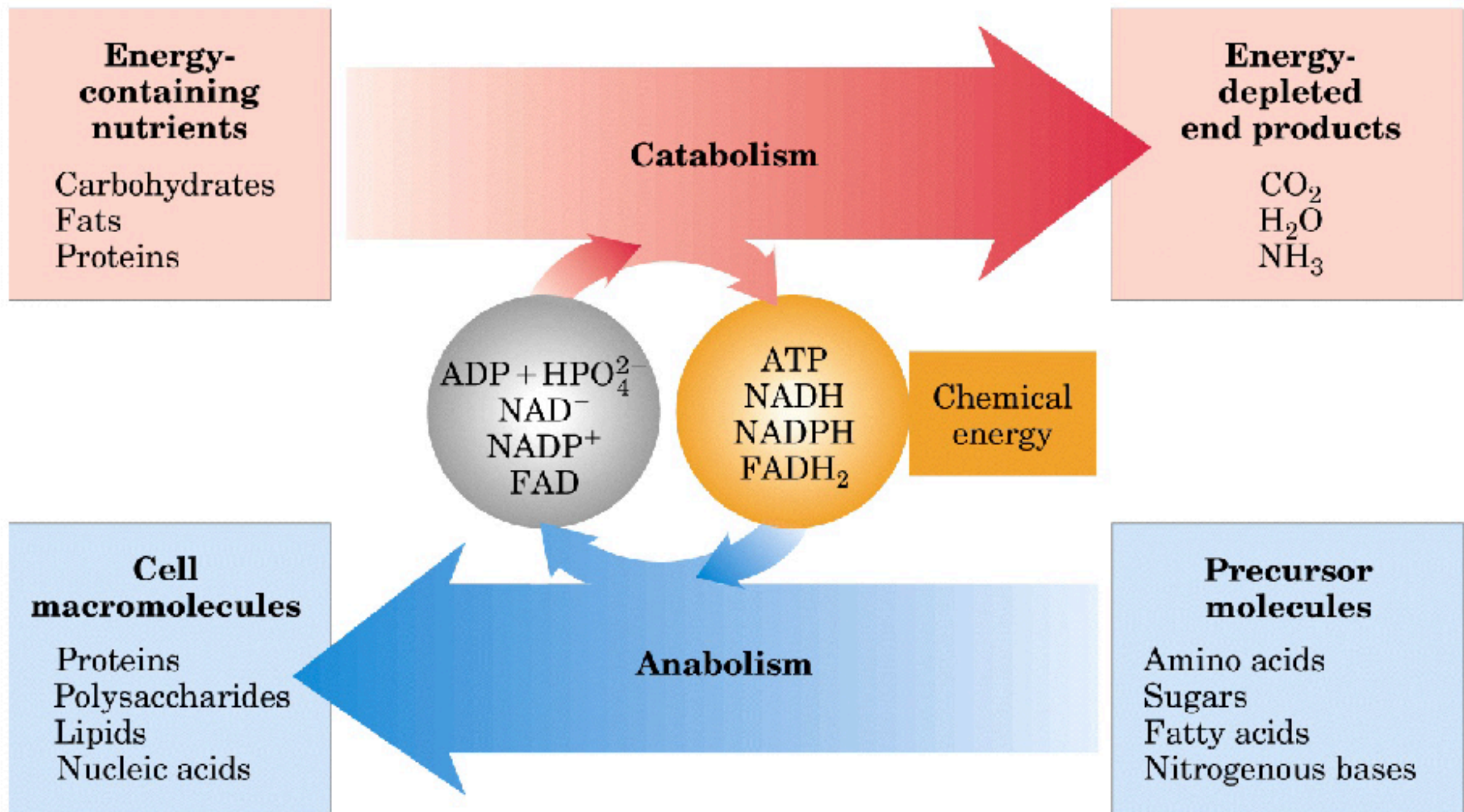
These inhibitors commonly resemble the predicted transition state structure of the reaction and are called transition-state analogs. These compounds bind more tightly to an enzyme than the substrate because they fit into the active site better. For example, transition state analogs designed to inhibit the glycolytic enzyme aldolase bind to that enzyme more than four orders of magnitude more tightly than its actual substrates. Observations that such molecules are effectively irreversible inhibitors of enzymes, support the concept that enzyme active sites are most complementary to that of the transition state of the reaction.



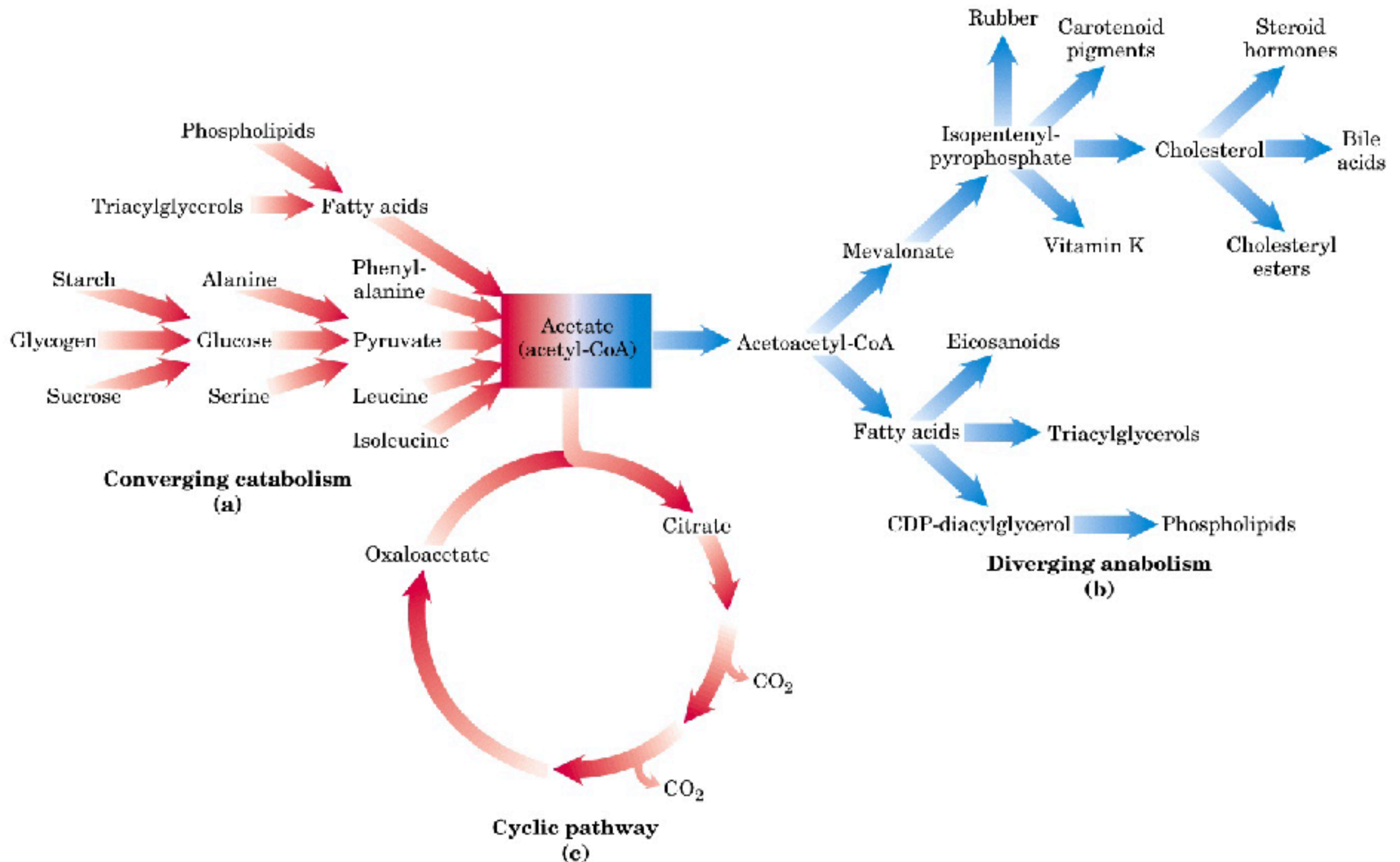
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# Catabolism $\rightleftharpoons$ Anabolism



# Convergence <-> Divergence



# The second law

**The second law of thermodynamics** states that the total entropy of an isolated system can never decrease over time. Isolated systems spontaneously evolve towards **thermodynamic** equilibrium, the state with **maximum entropy**.

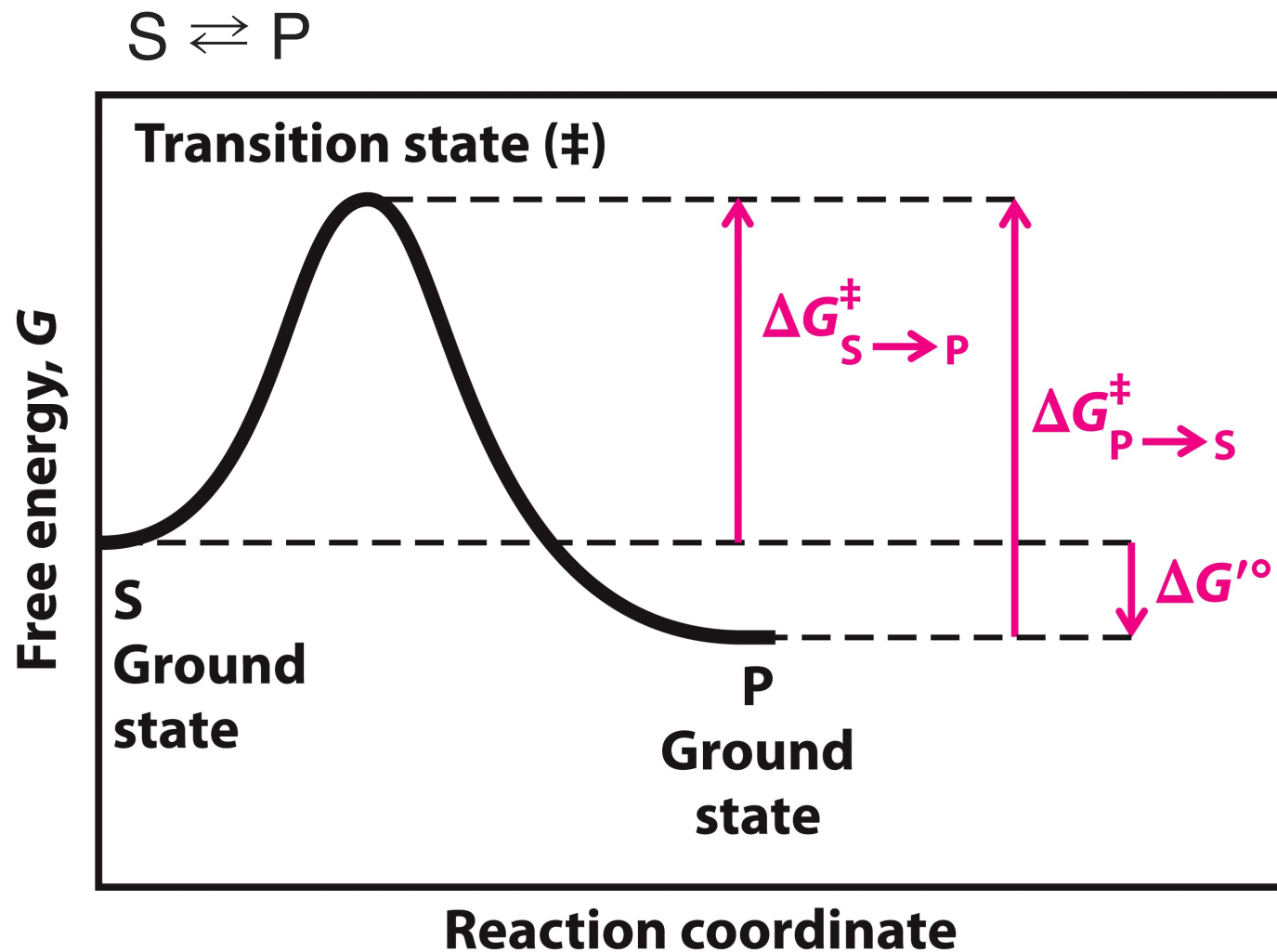
In a chemical reaction entropy increases when the products of the reaction are less complex and more disordered than its substrates

Many Biochemical reactions '**produce**' **order** (*i.e.*, in biosynthetic pathways) which seems to contradict the second law.

The order produced by cells in their growth and division is compensated by taking **free energy** from the environment in the form of nutrients or solar light and exchanging it for heat and entropy.

**How do cells exploit free energy?**

# Variations in $\Delta G$ are additive



In case of sequential reactions,



each of the two reactions will have its characteristic  $\Delta G'^0$  ( $\Delta G_1'^0$  and  $\Delta G_2'^0$ )

As the reactions are sequential we can write them in the form



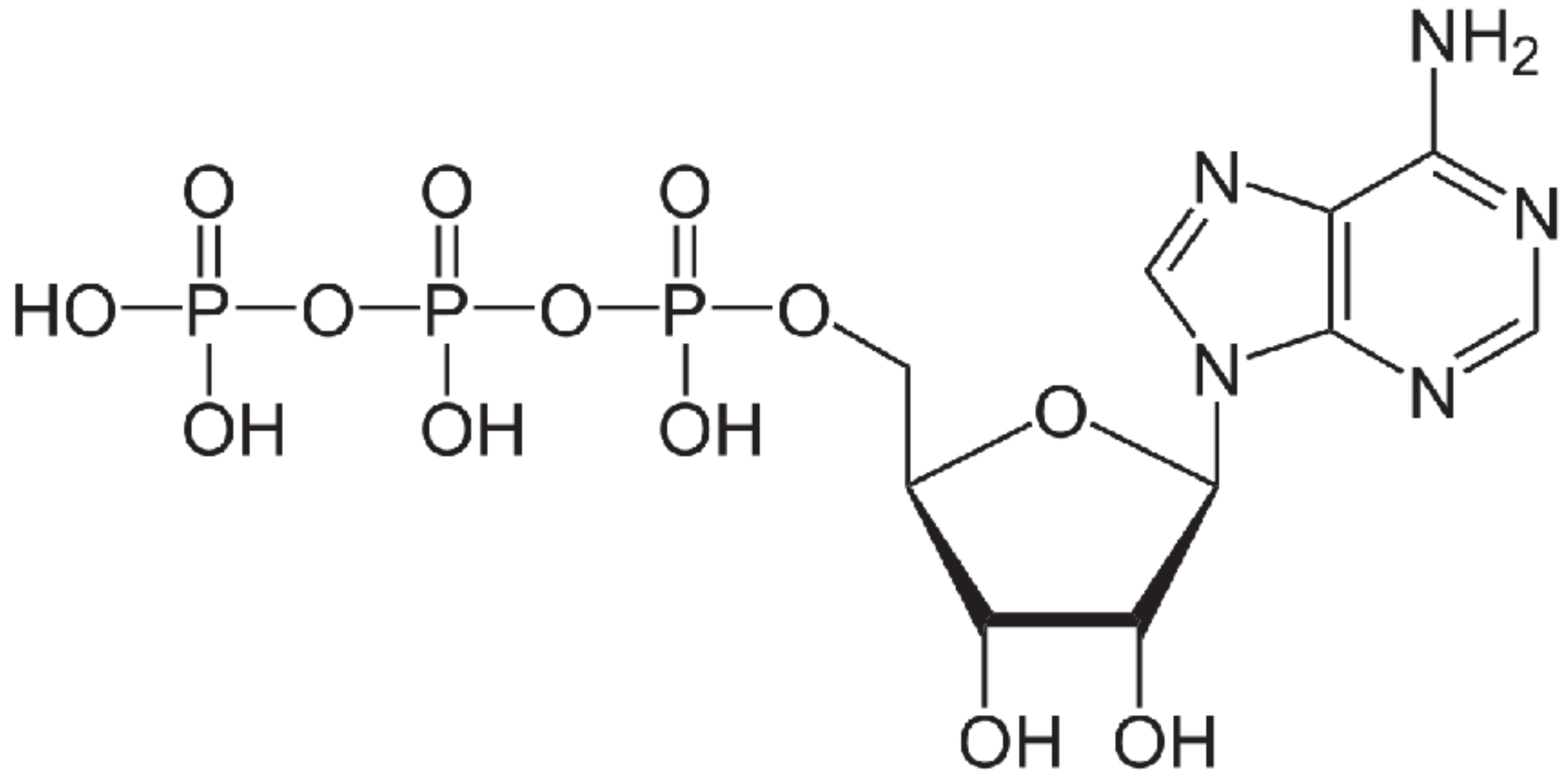
Here the overall  $\Delta G$  variation ( $\Delta G_{\text{tot}}'^0$ ) is the sum of the  $\Delta G'^0$  associated of the individual reactions:

$$\Delta G_{\text{tot}}'^0 = \Delta G_1'^0 + \Delta G_2'^0$$

One can make an unfavourable reaction favourable by coupling it with a highly favourable reaction

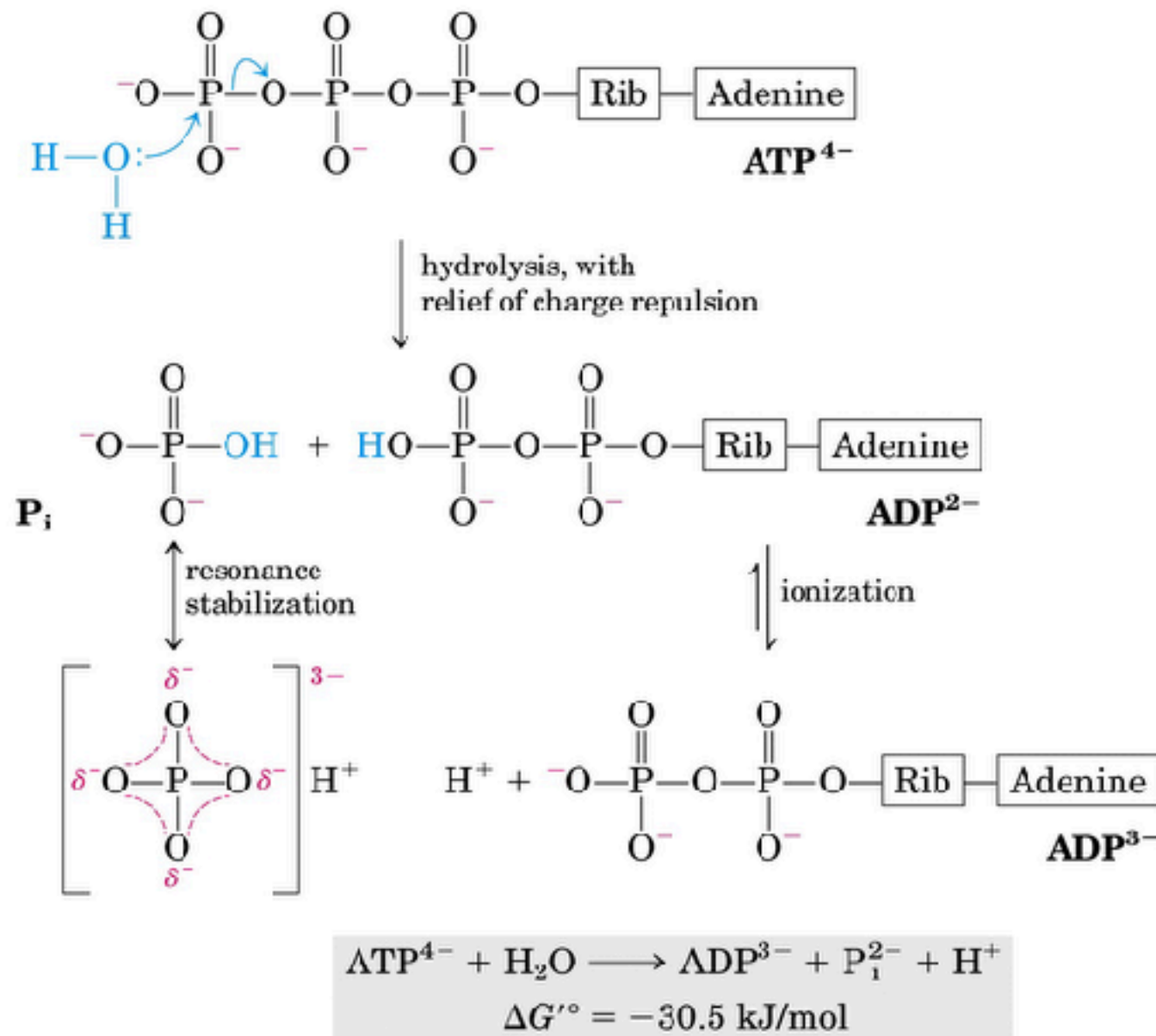


# the ATP



ATP: Adenosine triphosphate is the **energy currency** of the cell.

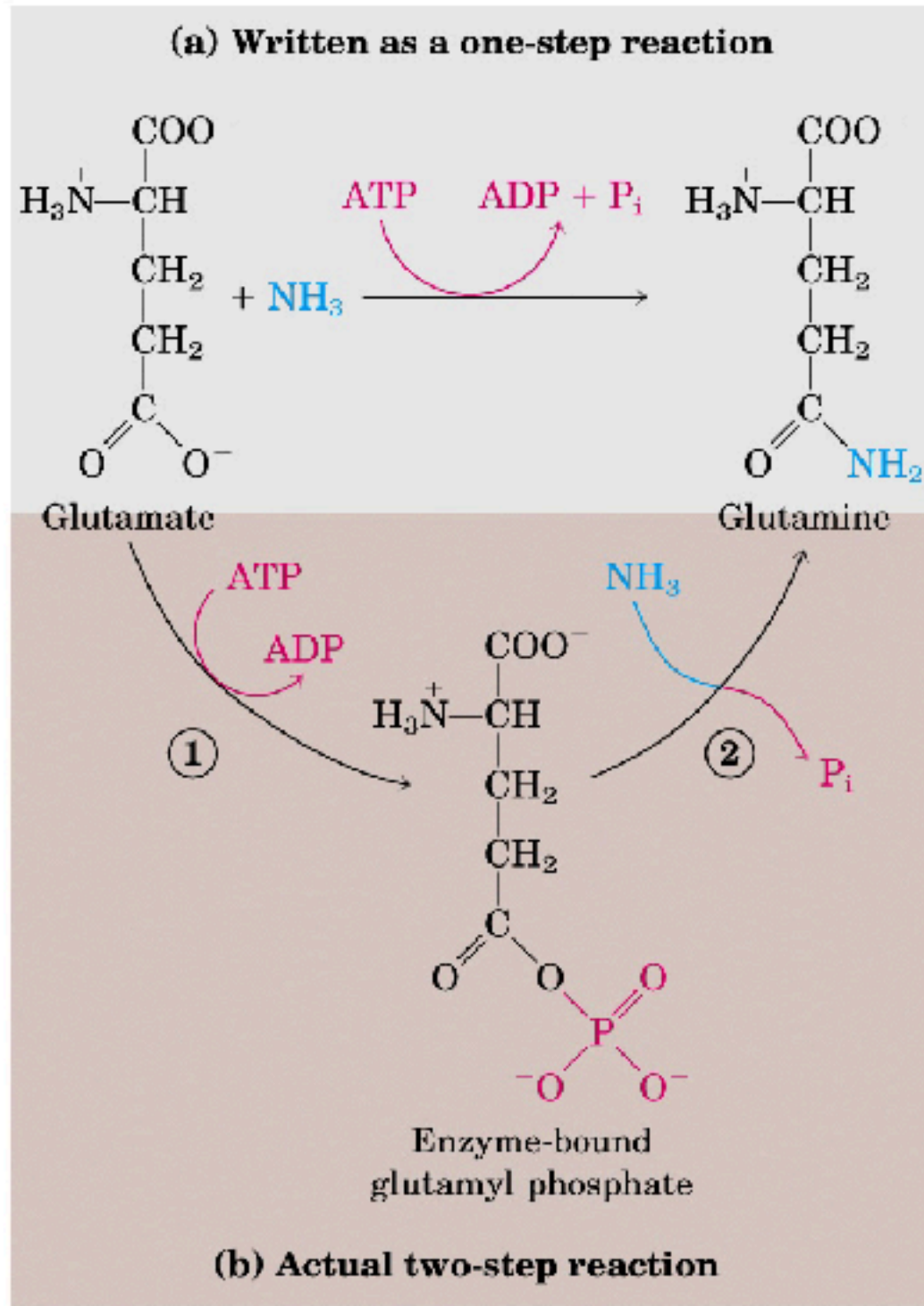
# the ATP



Why is the hydrolysis of ATP highly exergonic?

- Relieves electrostatic repulsion between the negatively charged phosphates.
- Inorganic phosphate can be stabilized by resonance hybrid.
- ADP<sup>2-</sup> can ionize.
- The products are better solvated than the reactants.

# the ATP

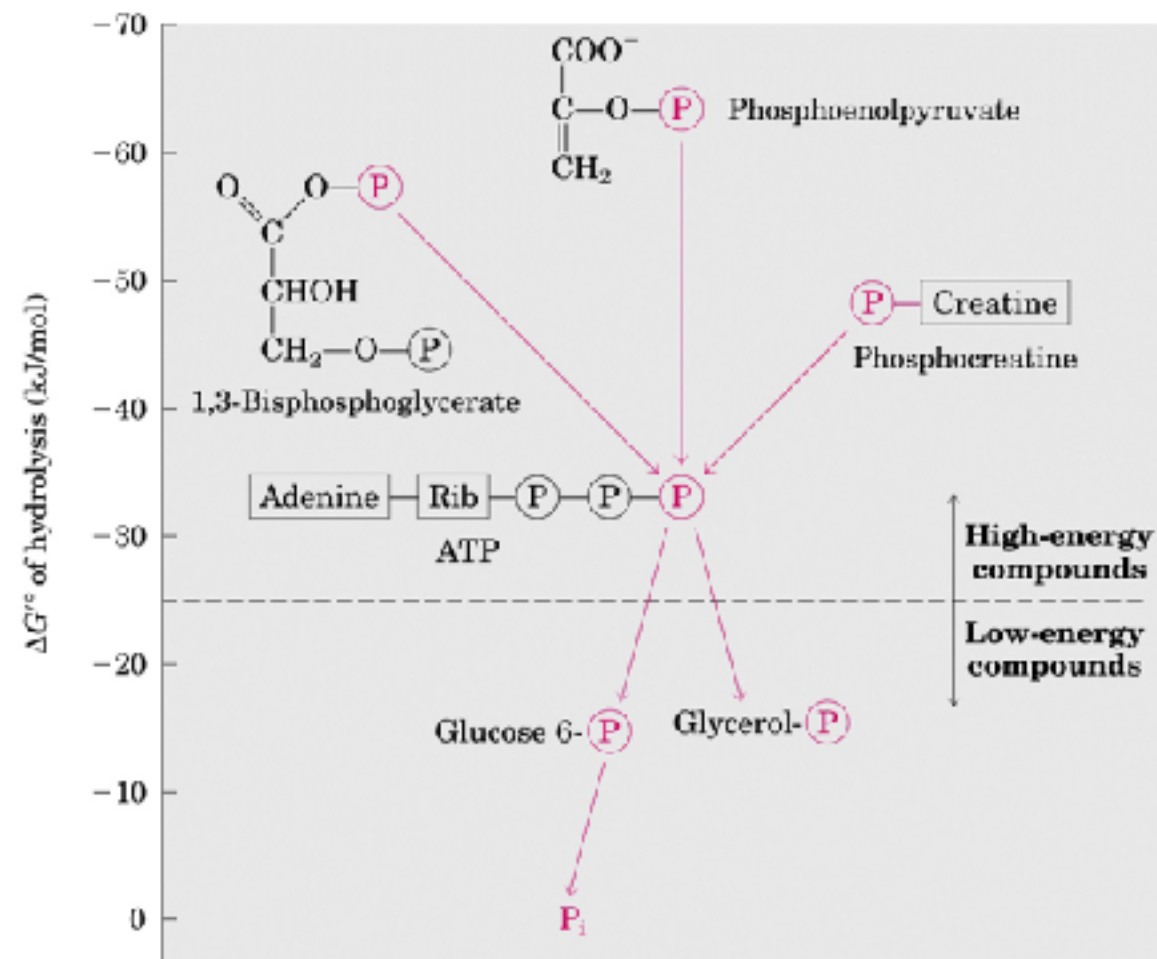


**The ATP provides energy by transferring its phosphate group and not by mere hydrolysis.**

Often we use to say that a given reaction is coupled to ATP hydrolysis which provides the energy required for the reaction to happen.

ATP hydrolysis per se only produces heat. In many reactions ATP is used as a phosphate donor to a substrate that, once phosphorylated, acquires an higher free energy.

# High energy phosphorylated compounds



Phosphoenolpyruvate	-61.9
1,3-bisphosphoglycerate (→ 3-phosphoglycerate + P <sub>i</sub> )	-49.3
Phosphocreatine	-43.0
ADP (→ AMP + P <sub>i</sub> )	-32.8
ATP (→ ADP + P <sub>i</sub> )	-30.5
ATP (→ AMP + PP <sub>i</sub> )	-45.6
AMP (→ adenosine + P <sub>i</sub> )	-14.2
PP <sub>i</sub> (→ 2P <sub>i</sub> )	-19
Glucose 1-phosphate	-20.9
Fructose 6-phosphate	-15.9
Glucose 6-phosphate	-13.8
Glycerol 1-phosphate	-9.2
Acetyl-CoA	-31.4

## How to produce Hi-NRG compounds



# Biological Oxidation-Reduction

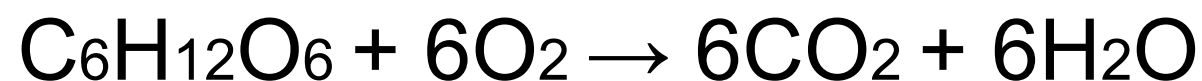
- The flow of electrons can do it.
- Electrons flow from a reducing agent to an oxidizing agent due to their different electron affinities.
- This difference in affinities is called the electromotive force (emf).
- The reducing agent undergoes oxidation and the oxidized undergoes reduction.

# Electronegativity series: $O > N > S > C > H$

Methane	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	8	Acetaldehyde (aldehyde)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad \diagup \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{O} : \\   \quad \diagdown \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	3
Ethane (alkane)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	7	Acetone (ketone)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	2
Ethene (alkene)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{C} : \text{C} : \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	6	Formic acid (carboxylic acid)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \diagup \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{O} : \text{H} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	2
Ethanol (alcohol)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{O} : \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	5	Carbon monoxide	$:\text{C}:::\text{O}:$	2
Acetylene (alkyne)	$\text{H} : \text{C} :: \text{C} : \text{H}$	5	Acetic acid (carboxylic acid)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{O} \\   \quad \diagup \\ \text{H} : \text{C} : \text{C} : \text{O} : \text{H} \\   \quad \diagdown \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	1
Formaldehyde	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{C} : \text{O} : \\ \diagup \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	4	Carbon dioxide	$\text{O} :: \text{C} :: \text{O}$	0

# Dehydrogenation = Oxidation

- Carbon is less electronegative than all atoms it is bound to, except hydrogen.
- Thus all atoms that bind to carbon oxidize it except hydrogen.
- Thus removing a hydrogen and replacing that bond with any other atom (including carbon) is synonymous with oxidation.



$$\Delta G'^0 = -2,840 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

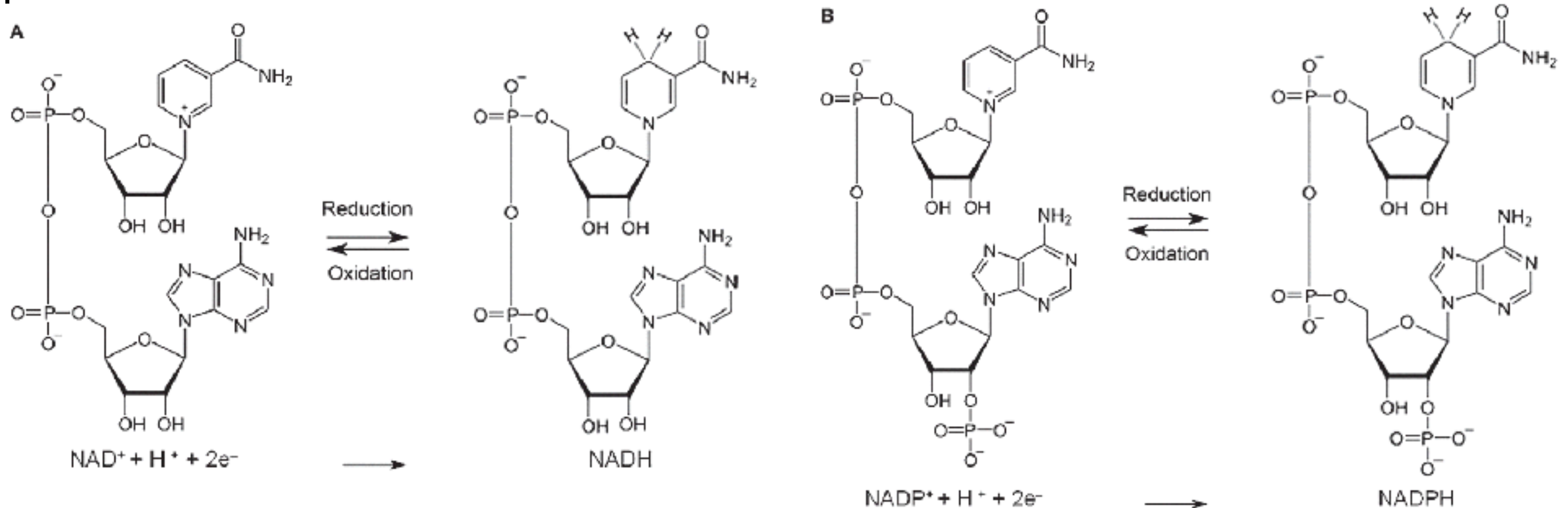
## How to store/use this free NRG

# Electron Carriers

## NAD<sup>+</sup>, NADP<sup>+</sup>, FAD & FMN

Electron carriers can undergo reversible oxidation-reduction cycles. Their reduction allows to store the free energy deriving from the oxidation of substrates.

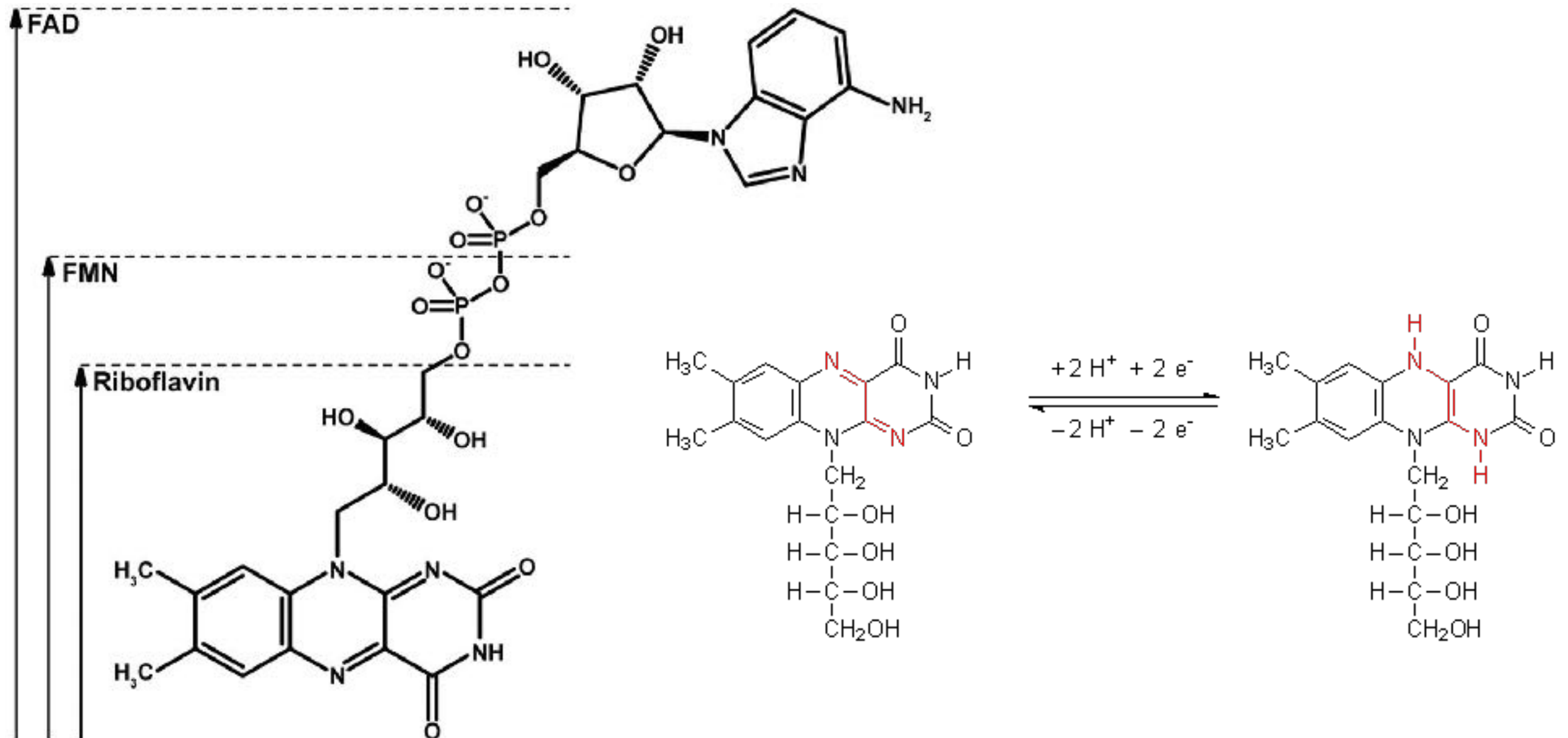
Electron carriers include specific nucleotide-based molecules, quinones, and proteins.



Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) NAD-phosphate (NADP)

# Electron Carriers

NAD<sup>+</sup>, NADP<sup>+</sup>, FAD & FMN



Flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD) Flavin mononucleotide (FMN)

# Enzymes II - Take Home Messages

- Enzymes Kinetics describe how reactions change in response to changes in experimental parameters
- Concepts of  $V_o$ ,  $V_{max}$ ,  $K_M$ ,  $k_{cat}$  and specificity constant
- The MM equation and its derivation
- the principle of reversible and irreversible Enzyme Inhibition
- Cell metabolism can be divided in Catabolic and Anabolic phases that involve converging/ cyclic and diverging pathways respectively
- ATP is the energy currency of the cell
- ATP can be produced by oxidation of nutrients
- Oxidative reactions require electron carriers such as  $NAD^+$ ,  $NADP^+$ , FMN, and FAD

# Questions?