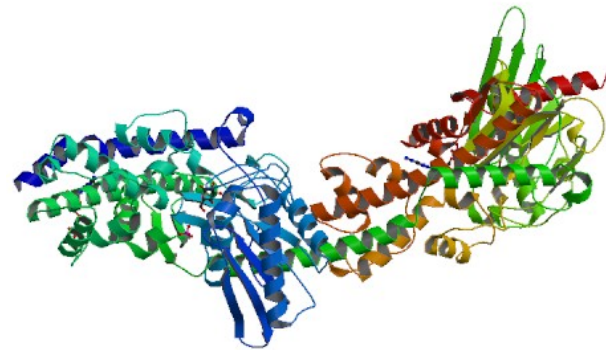
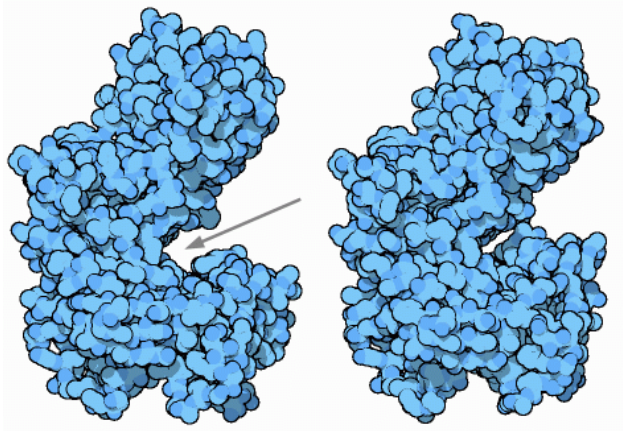
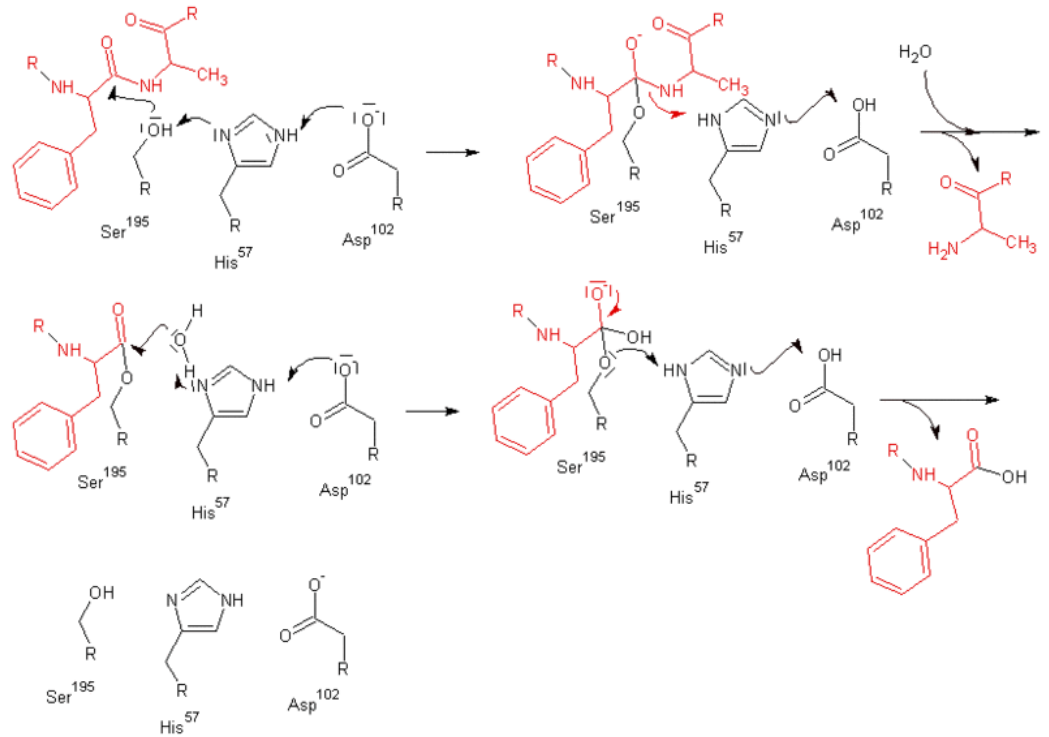
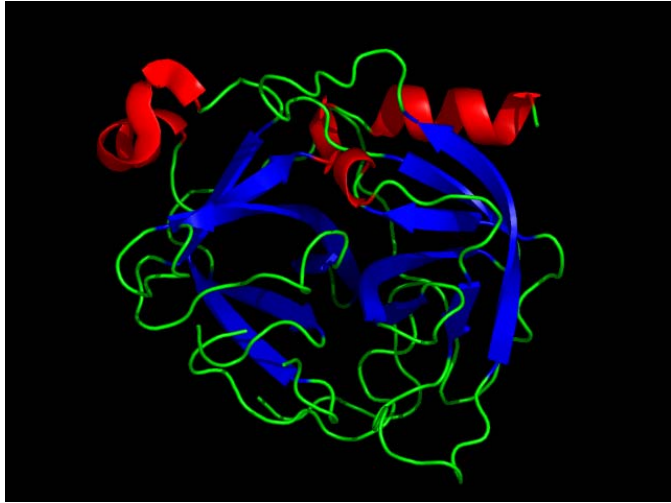
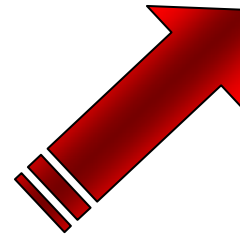
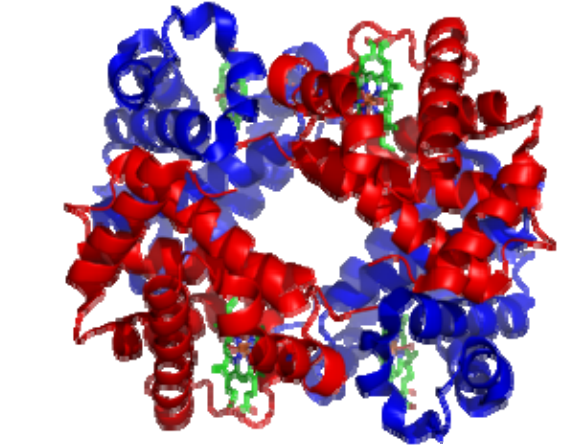
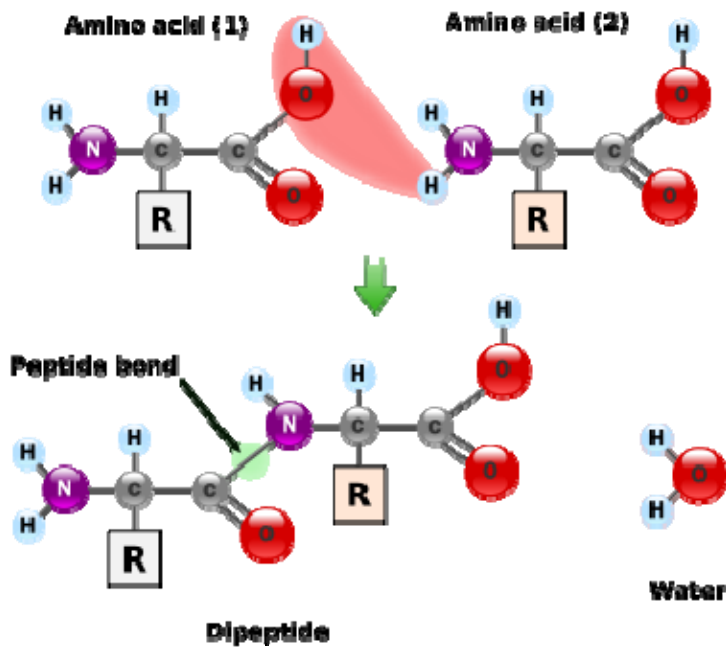
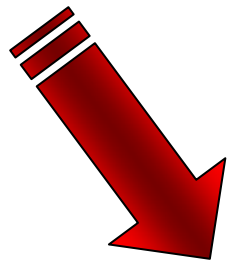
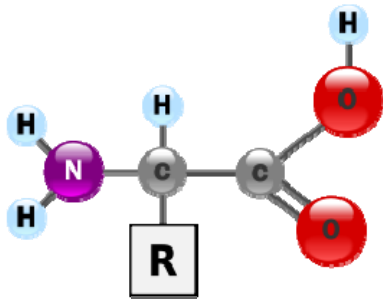


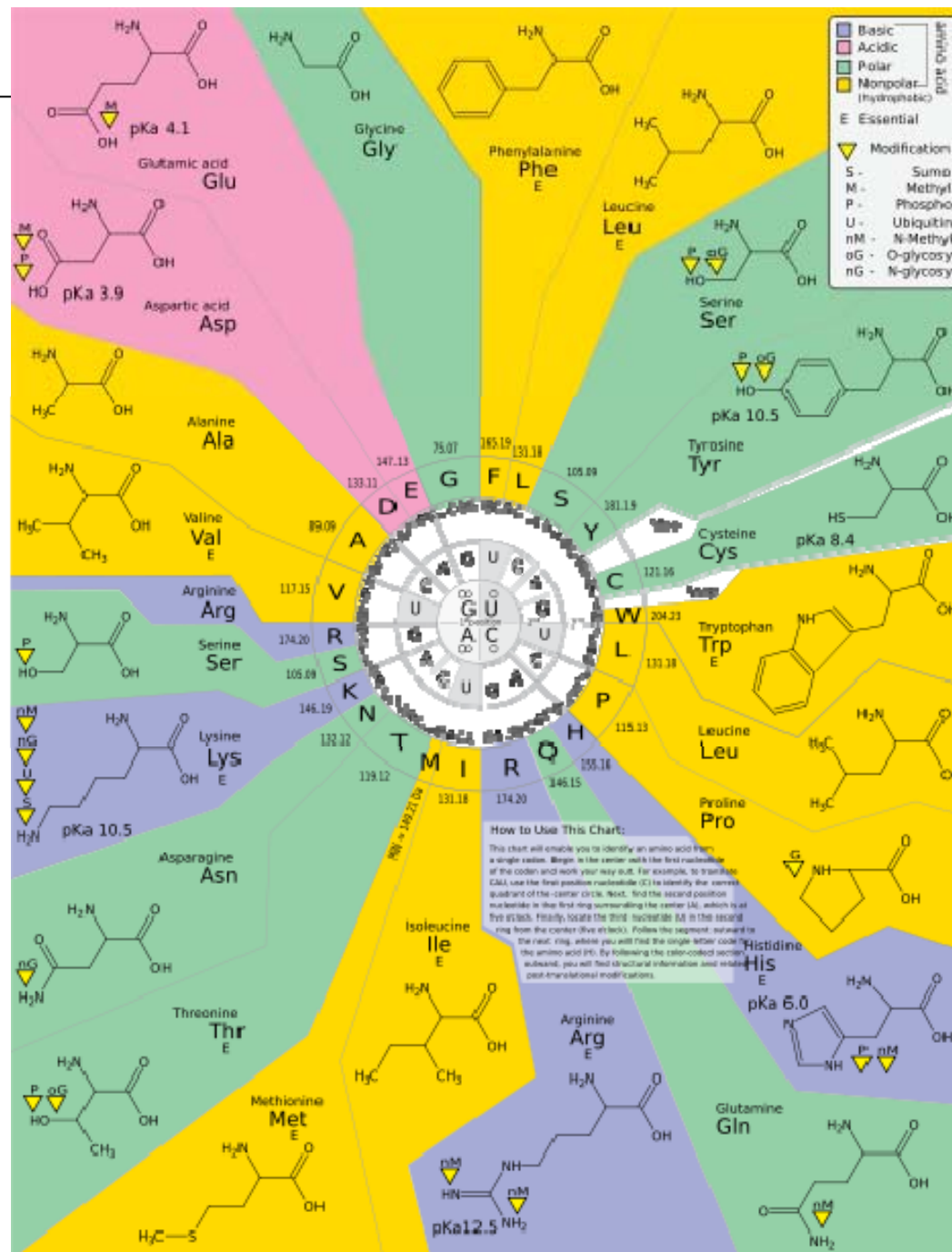
Enzymes and Protein Structure



Last Week...



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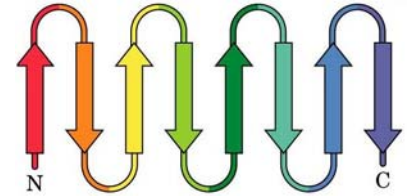


We (Re)Learned About

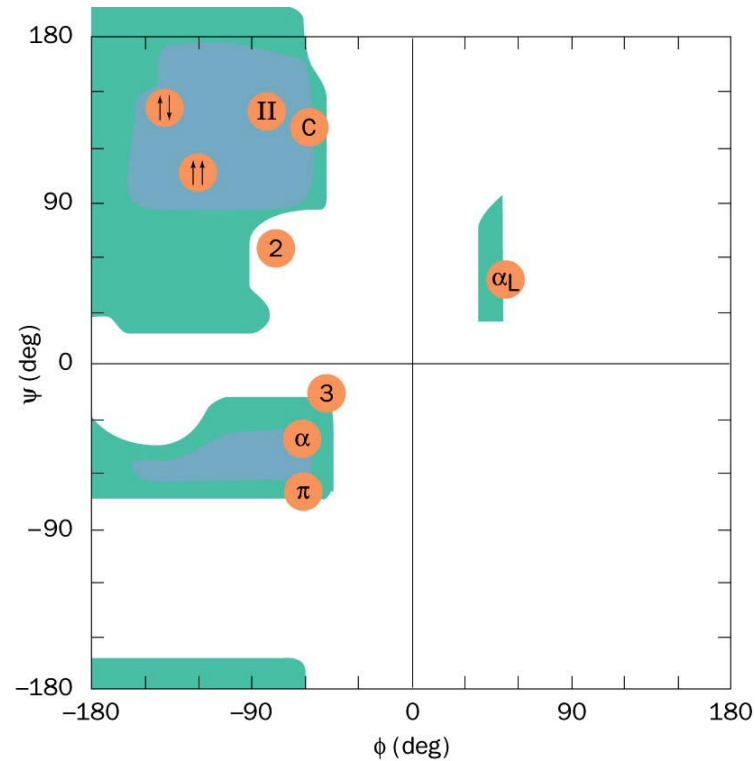
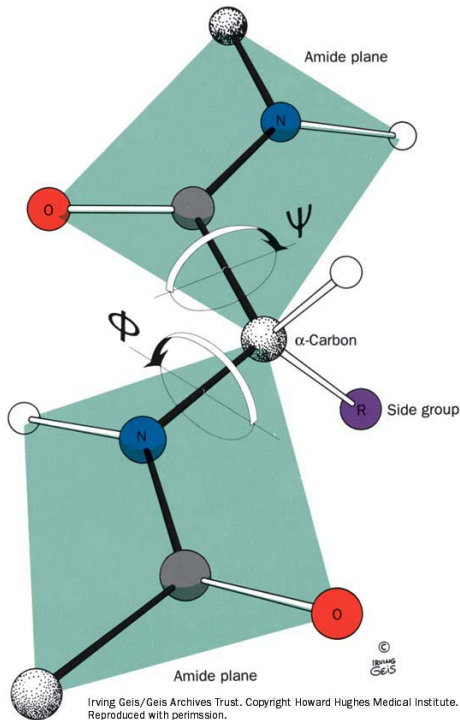
Primary Structure



And Tertiary Structure



Secondary Structure



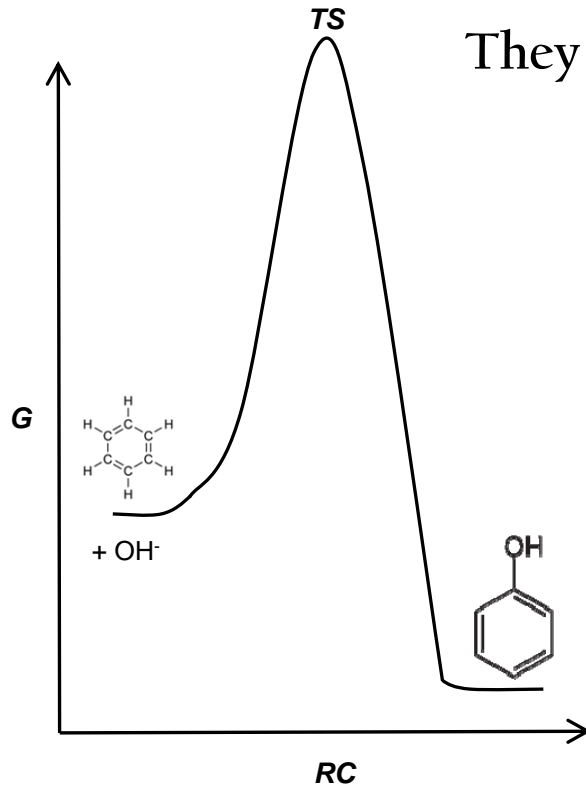
Enzymes

What are these crazy things called 'Enzymes'?

And...

Why do we care about them?

- Enzymes are the catalysts of biology.



They solve **this** problem

This reaction will go, but it'll take a gazillion years...

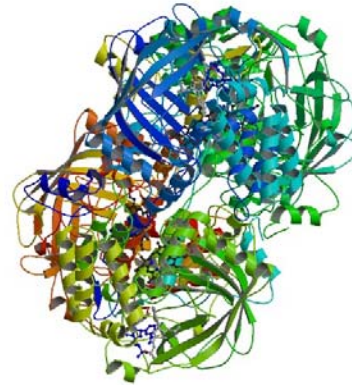
or

You could heat it up to a gazillion degrees

Enzymes Allow...

- **Higher reaction rates** (same as any catalyst)

- The rates of Enzyme reactions are $10^6 - 10^{12}$ times those of the corresponding uncatalyzed reaction...



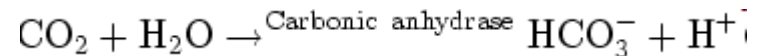
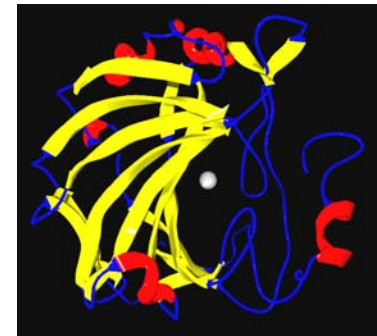
Catalase



Pretty darn fast:

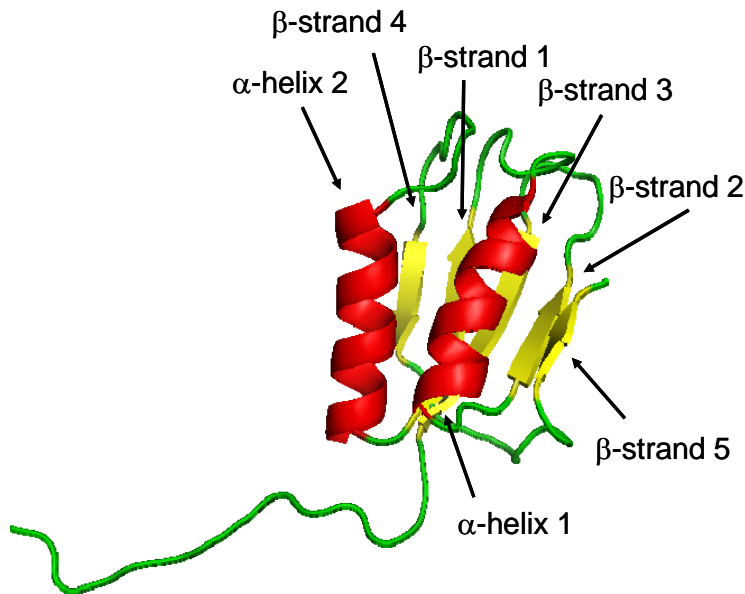
$$\sim 6 \times 10^5 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

- The rates of reaction for the fastest enzymes are diffusion limited, around 10^6 turnovers per second.



Enzymes Allow...

- **Milder reaction conditions** (same as any catalyst, but better)
 - We won't have to heat the reaction up to a gazillion degrees to make it go at a reasonable pace

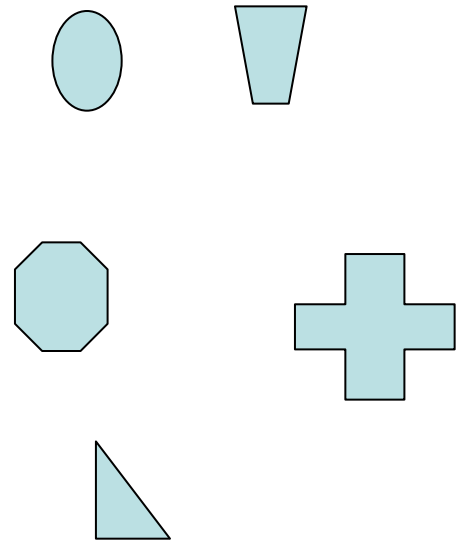


- Enzymes from **hythermophiles** work well at around 85°C, but not at room temp!!

Acylphosphatase from *Sulfolobus solfataricus*

Enzymes Allow...

- **Reaction Specificity** (better than inorganic catalysts)



- Can't really do this with an inorganic catalyst. A set of similar molecules will likely all be reactive...

Enzymes Allow...

- **Capacity for Regulation** (way better than inorganic catalysts)
- For inorganic catalysts, you can really only interfere with their activity by using competitive inhibitors or permanent covalent deactivation

E.g. you can ‘poison’ a platinum catalyst surface with SiO_2 , presumably by bridging the tetrahedral coordination sites.

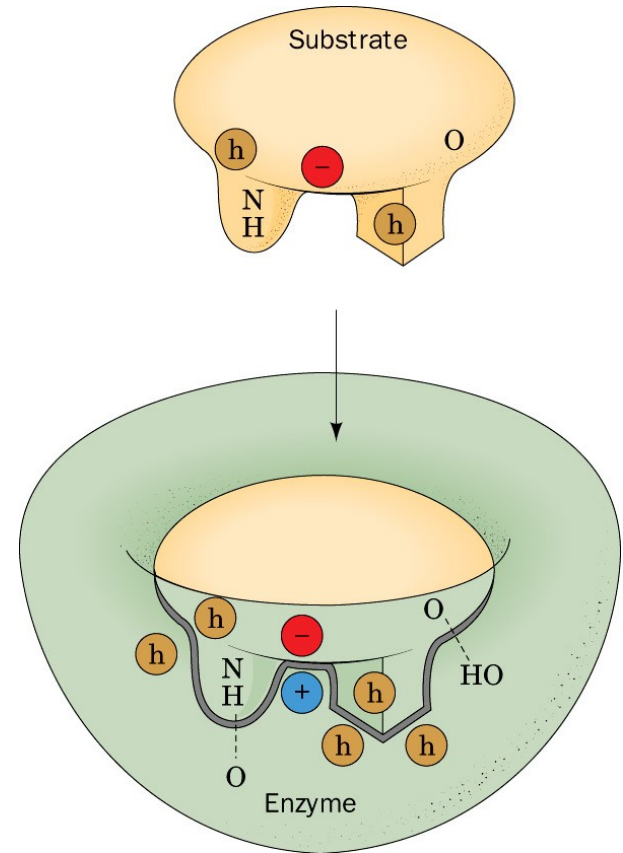
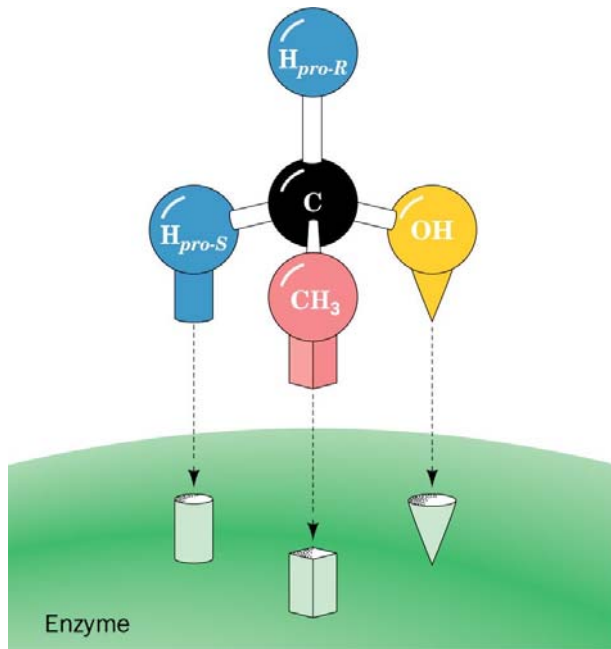
- Enzymes can be controlled by:
 - Expression levels
 - (ir)Reversible covalent modification (i.e. PTMs)
 - Non-covalent ‘competitive’ inhibition
 - Non-competitive ‘allosteric’ inhibition
 - Un-competitive inhibition

The 'Lock and Key' Model

- The lock and key model is **almost completely useless**, but it does express two important, basic concepts about enzymes:

- **Geometric** and **Chemical** Specificity

- Geometric Specificity extends to the **stereoisomer**: **L** for Amino Acids and **D** for sugars



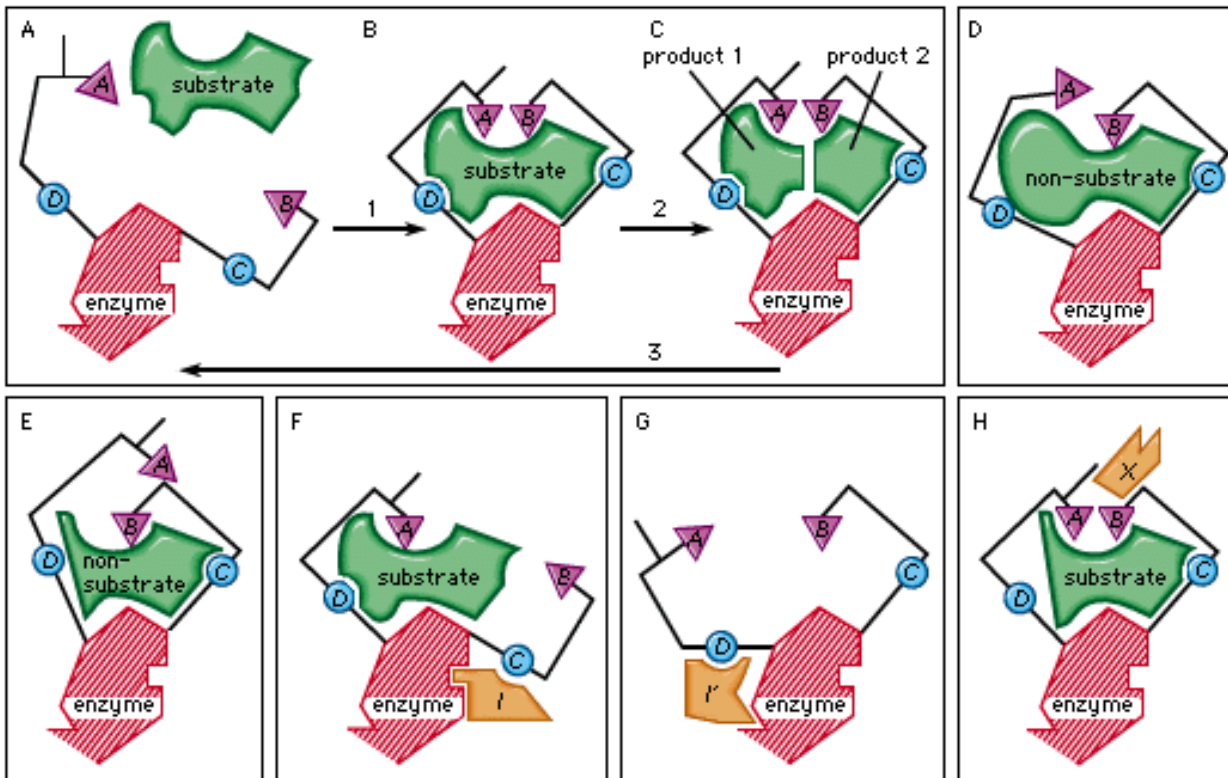
Why the Lock and Key Model is Useless

- So the **Enzyme** and **Substrate** structures are **complimentary**... So I can **predict** the **structure** of a substrate or an **inhibitor** by *wedging small molecules into the enzyme structure*. **Rational Drug Design**

...Actually not so much.

Why?

...Because the enzyme ***moves!***



Enzymes: The Ultimate Catalysts

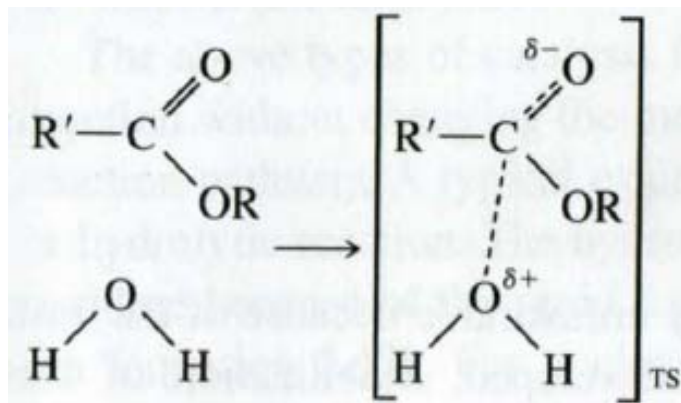
- Enzymes are almost always better than a comparable inorganic or small molecule catalyst

But why?

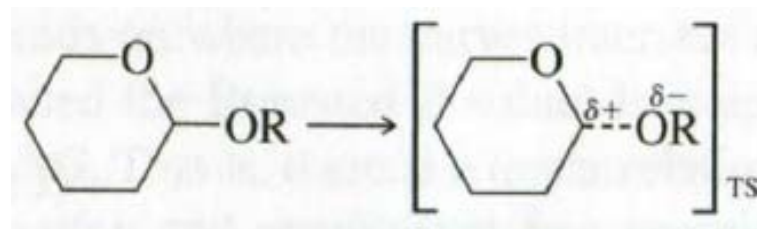


The Chemistry of Catalysis

- Catalysis is all about stabilization of the **Transition State**



Attack by Water on an
Ester

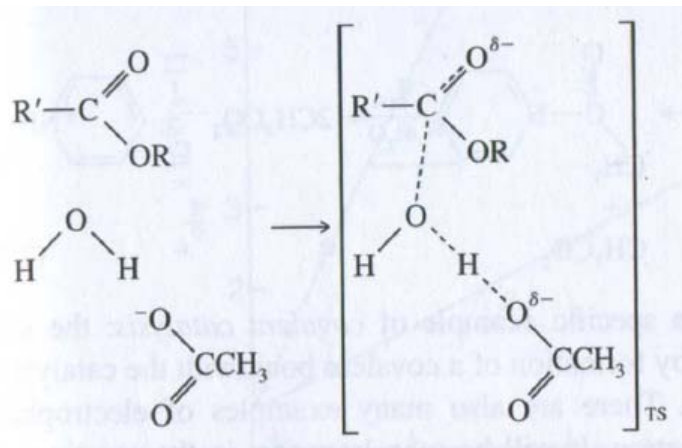


Hydrolysis of an Acetal

- Both of these reactions involve very unfavorable **charge separation** in the **Transition State**

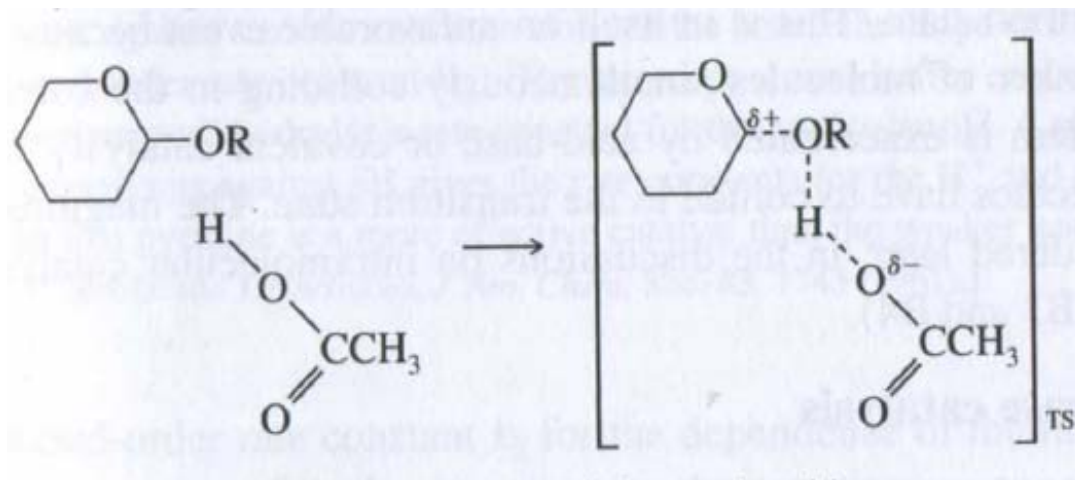
The Chemistry of Catalysis

- In many cases catalysts work by **stabilizing this charge buildup**



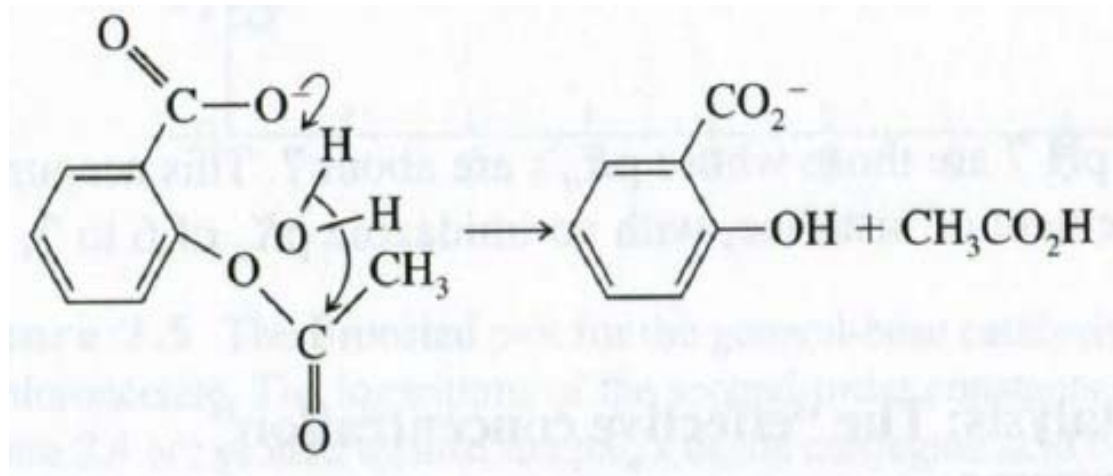
- General **Base** Catalysis by acetate ion

- General **Acid** Catalysis by Acetic Acid



Enzymes and Effective Concentration

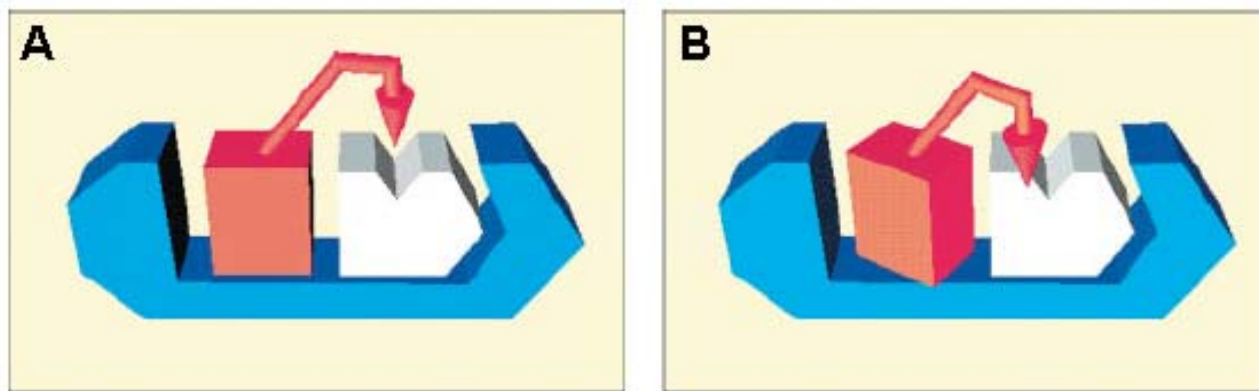
- Effective concentration is a measure of concentration based on the proximity of reactive groups
- You can either have a solution that is **highly concentrated** (i.e. water = 55 M)
- or
- You can have two groups on the same molecule!



Autocatalyzed hydrolysis of **Aspirin**

Enzymes and Orbital Steering

- The **much misaligned** theory of orbital steering is that on an enzyme reactive groups can be precisely positioned relative to each other to maximize orbital overlap:



Cartoon depiction of orbital overlap in **isocitrate dehydrogenase**

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- Orbital overlap in the transition state is helpful, but not critical. Error allowed without significant change: **$\sim 10^\circ$ or so.**

Electrostatics and Enzyme Catalysis

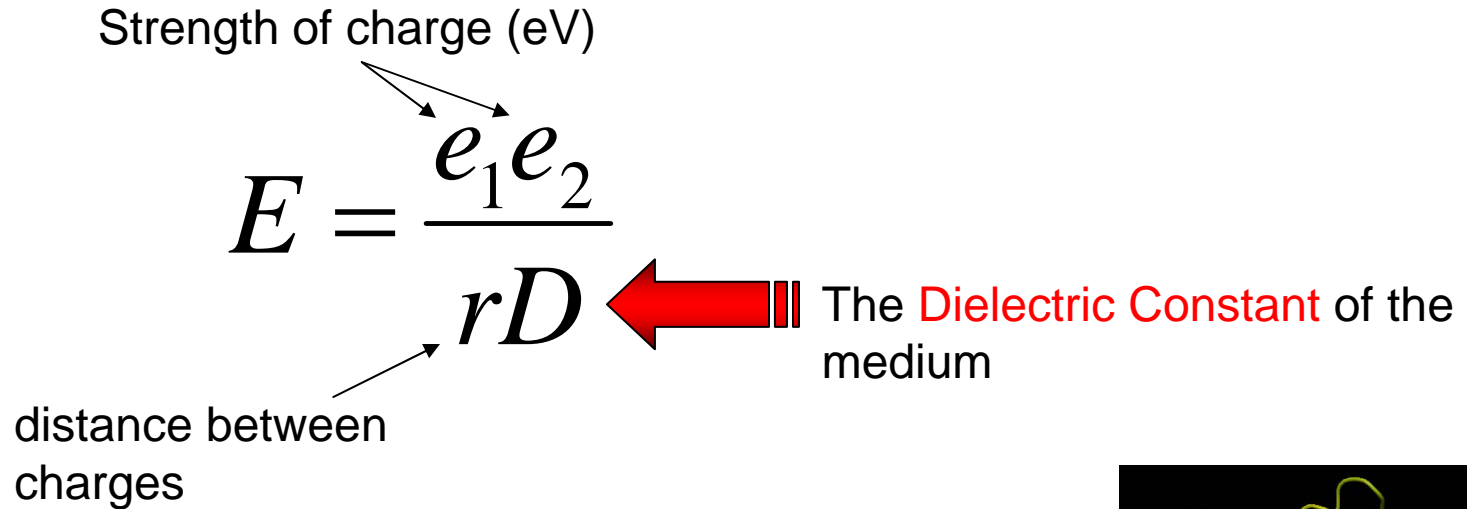
- Water obscures electrostatic catalysis!

Strength of charge (eV)

$$E = \frac{e_1 e_2}{rD}$$

distance between charges

The **Dielectric Constant** of the medium

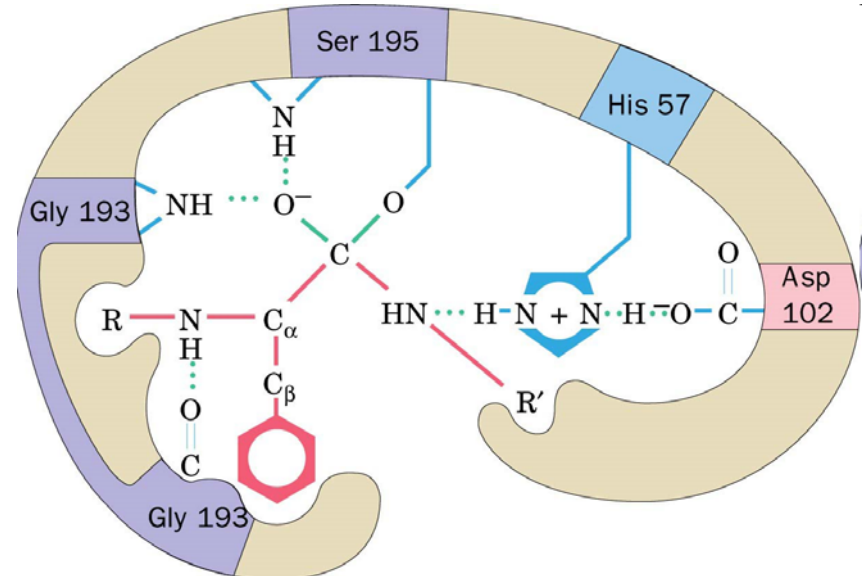
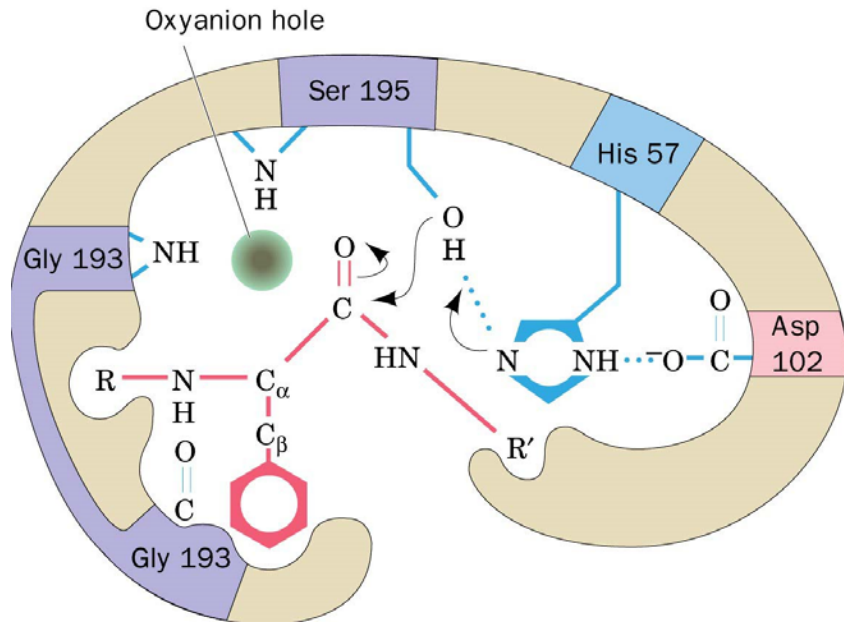


- Enzymes can create a nice, cozy **hydrophobic environment** to promote **Electrostatic Catalysis**



Common Kinds of Catalysis

- Covalent Nucleophilic



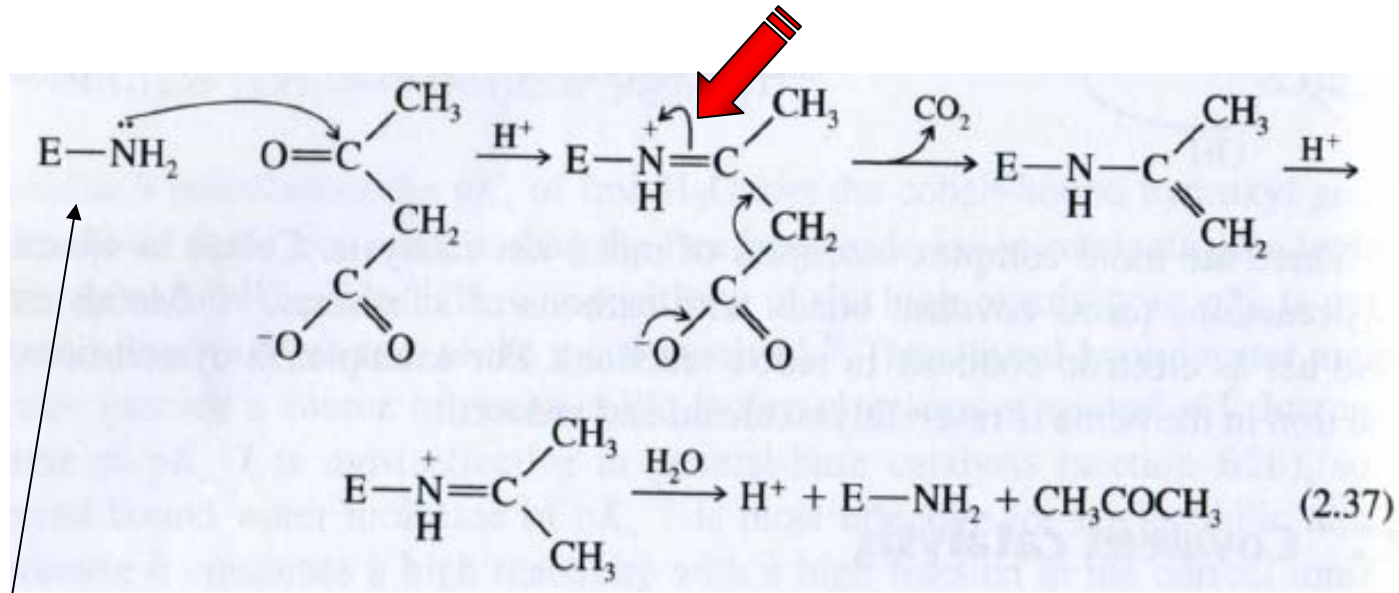
- The most famous of all enzymatic mechanisms: The Chymotrypsin 'ping-pong'

Nucleophilic Hydrolysis is Pretty Common!

Nucleophile	Enzyme	Intermediate
—OH (serine)	Serine proteases	Acylenzyme
	Alkaline phosphatases, phosphoglucomutase	Phosphorylenzyme
—OH (threonine) ^a	Proteasome, amidases	Acylenzyme
OH [−] (zinc-bound)	Carbonic anhydrase, liver alcohol dehydrogenase	—
—SH (cysteine)	Thiol proteases, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	Acylenzyme
—CO ₂ [−] (aspartate)	ATPase (K ⁺ /Na ⁺ , Ca ²⁺)	Phosphorylenzyme
—NH ₂ (lysine)	Acetoacetate decarboxylase, aldolase, transaldolase, pyridoxal enzymes	Schiff base
	DNA ligase	Adenylenzyme (phosphoamide)
Imidazole (histidine)	Phosphoglycerate mutase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, nucleoside diphosphokinase, histone phosphokinase, acid phosphokinase	Phosphorylenzyme
—OH (tyrosine)	Glutamine synthetase	Adenylenzyme
	Topoisomerases	Nucleotidylenzyme (phosphotyrosine)

Common Kinds of Catalysis

- Covalent Electrophilic (Schiff Base)

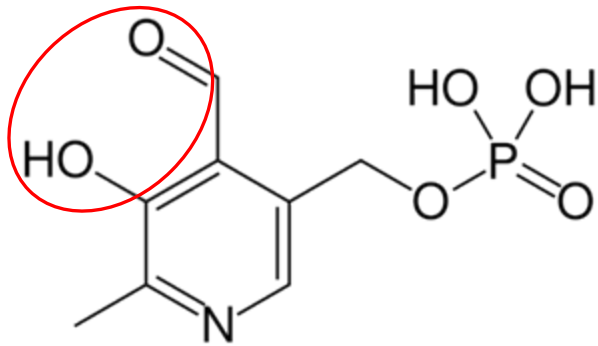


Acetoacetate decarboxylase mechanism

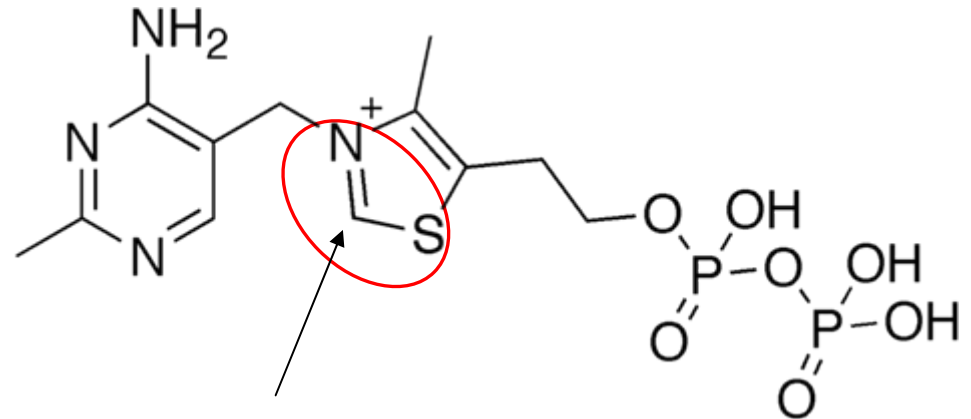
Lysine residue (not the Schiff Base)

The 'Other' Electrophilic Catalysts

- Since there aren't many Amino Acids that make good electrophiles, many electrophilic catalysis enzymes use **co-enzymes**:



Pyridoxal phosphate
(decarboxylases)



Thiamine
Pyrophosphate
(dehydrogenases)

Common Kinds of Catalysis

- Metalloenzymes

Can use

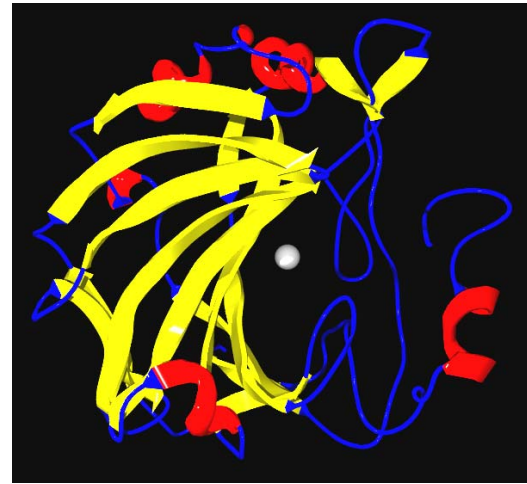
Zn^{2+}

$\text{Fe}^{2+/3+}$

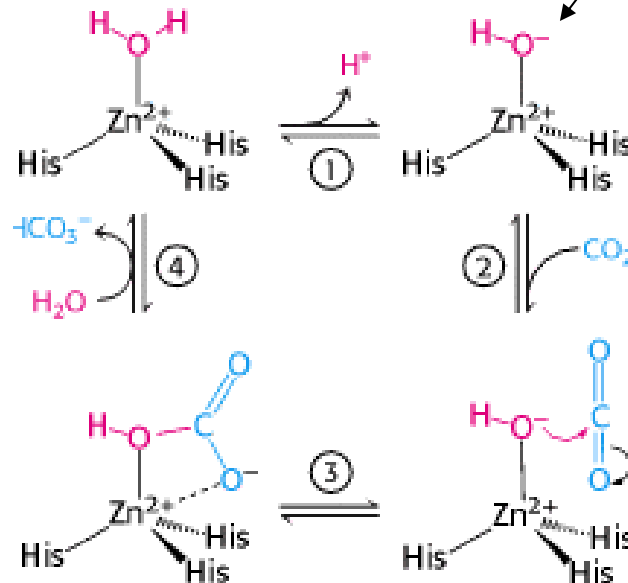
Cu^{2+}

Co^{3+}

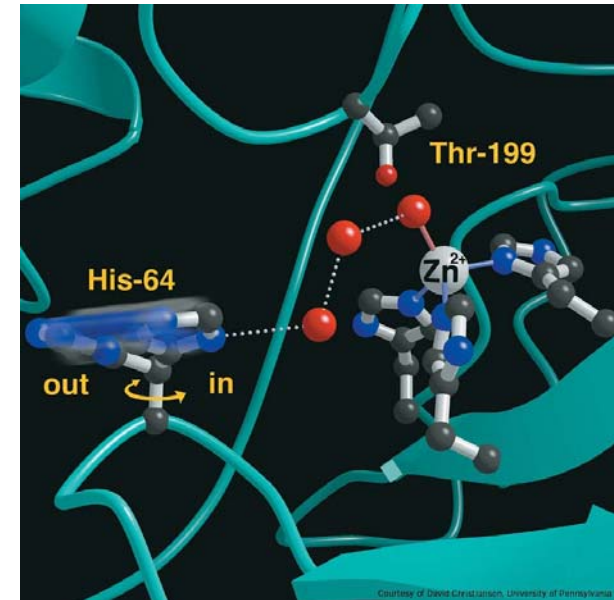
Mn^{2+}



Carbonic anhydrase

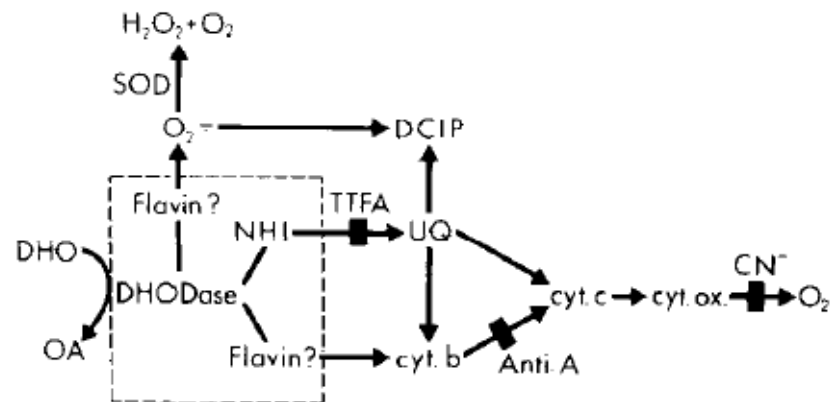
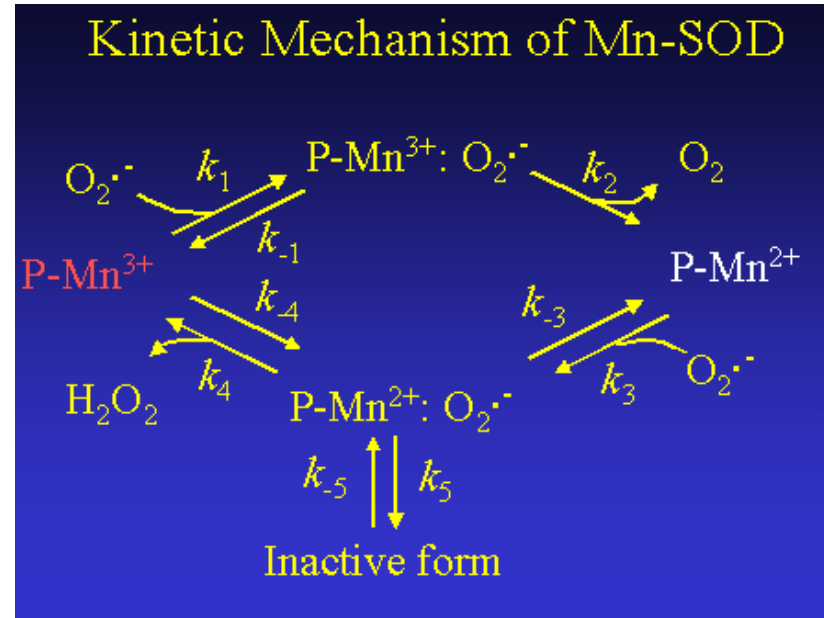
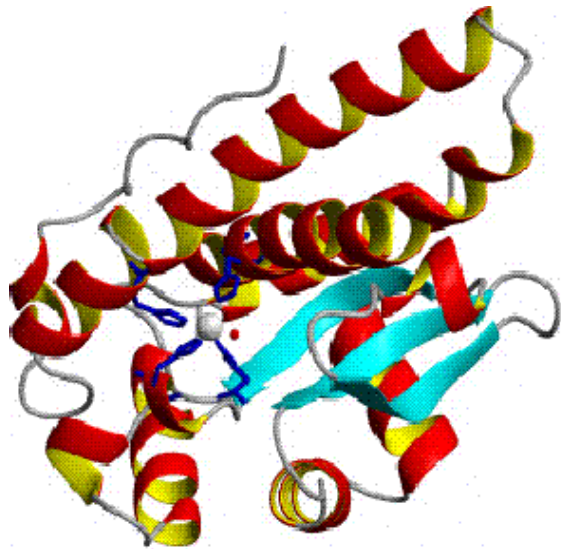


A stable hydroxyl group... at neutral pH!



Metalloenzymes

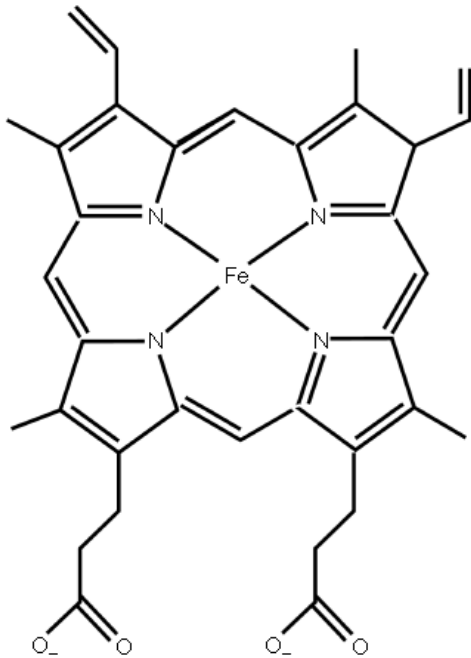
Superoxide Dismutase



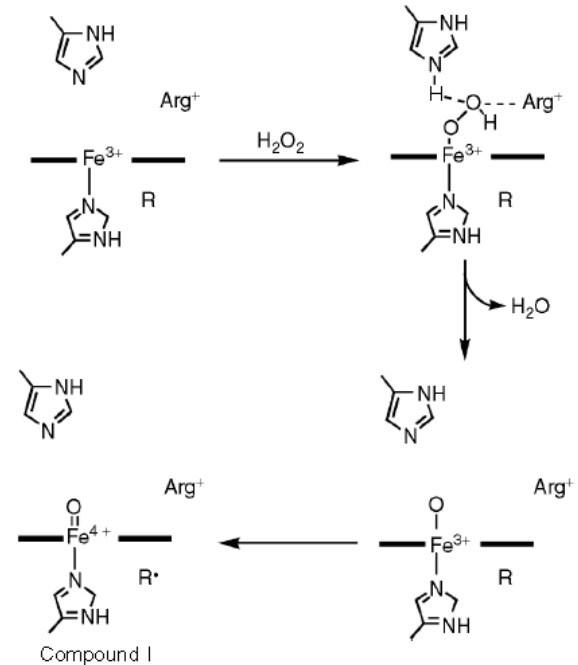
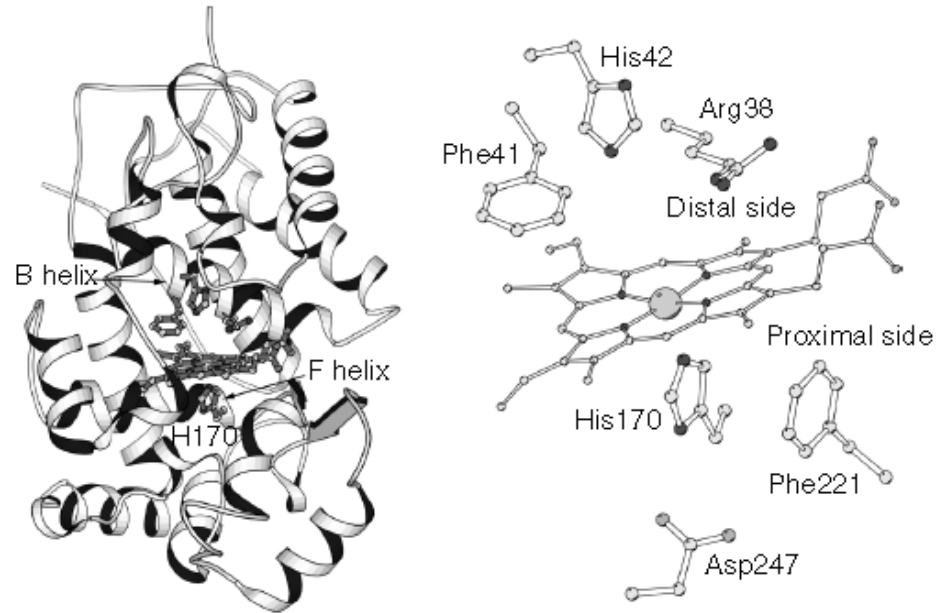
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Heme Enzymes

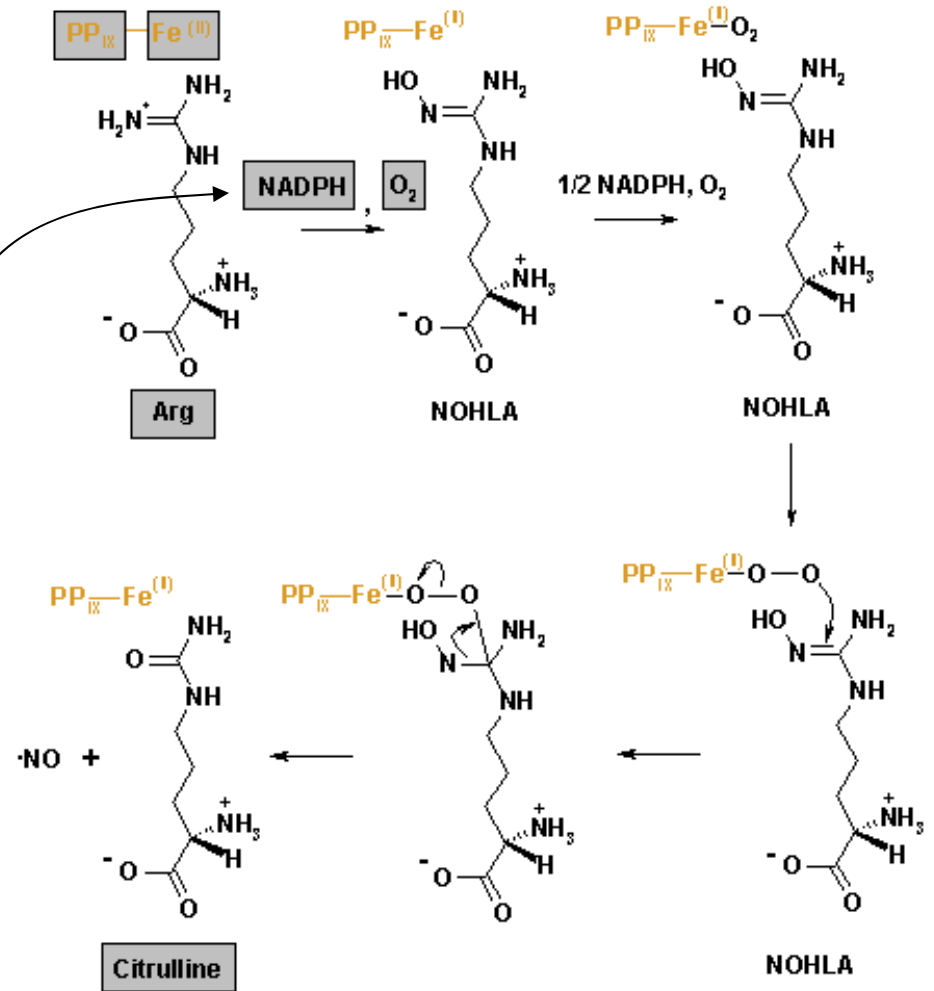
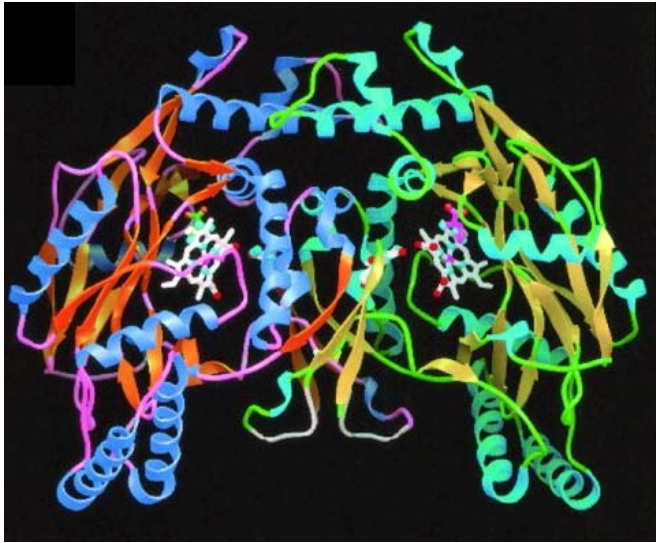
Heme



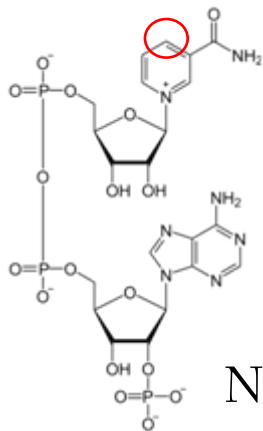
Horseradish peroxidase



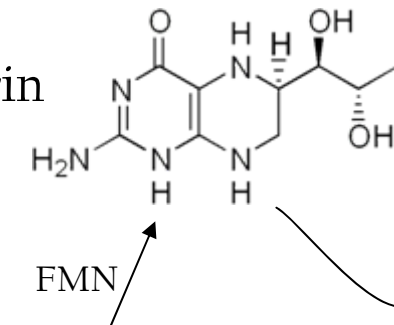
The Nitric Oxide Synthases (NOS)



Tetrahydrobiopterin



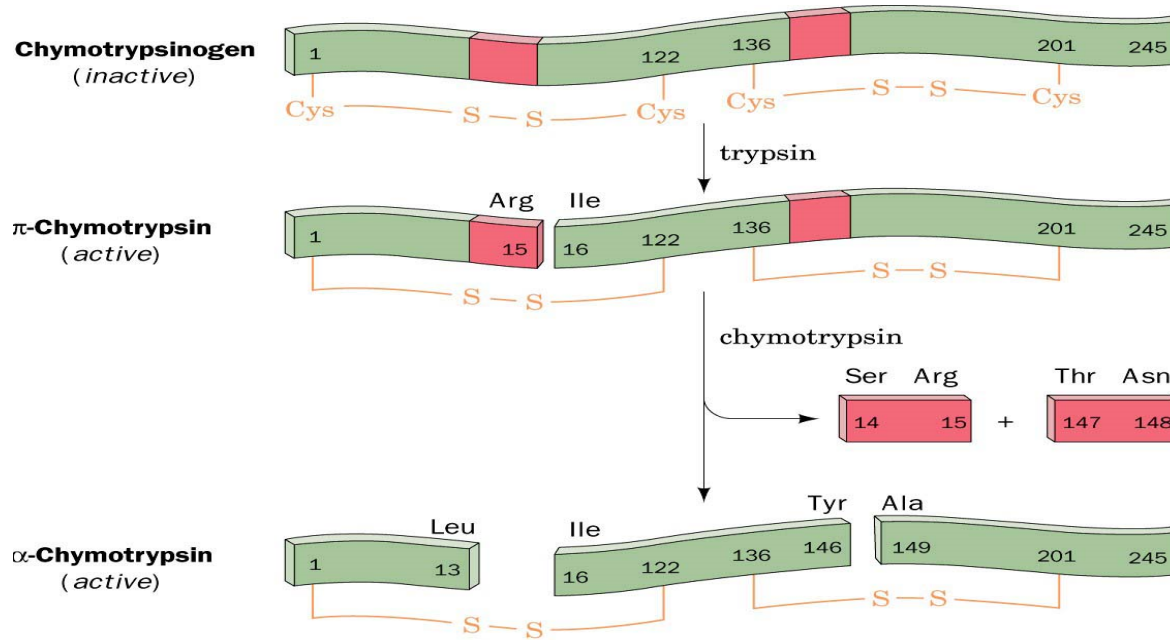
FMN


$$\text{NADPH} \rightarrow \text{NADP}^+ + \text{e}^-$$

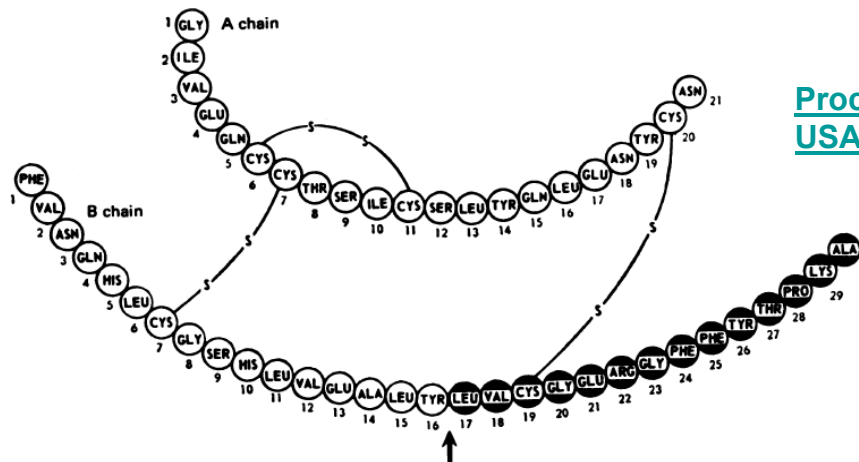
Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate

Zymogens (pro-enzymes)

- Some enzymes are not 'born' active, they have to be cut first:



- Many proteins of the coagulation pathway



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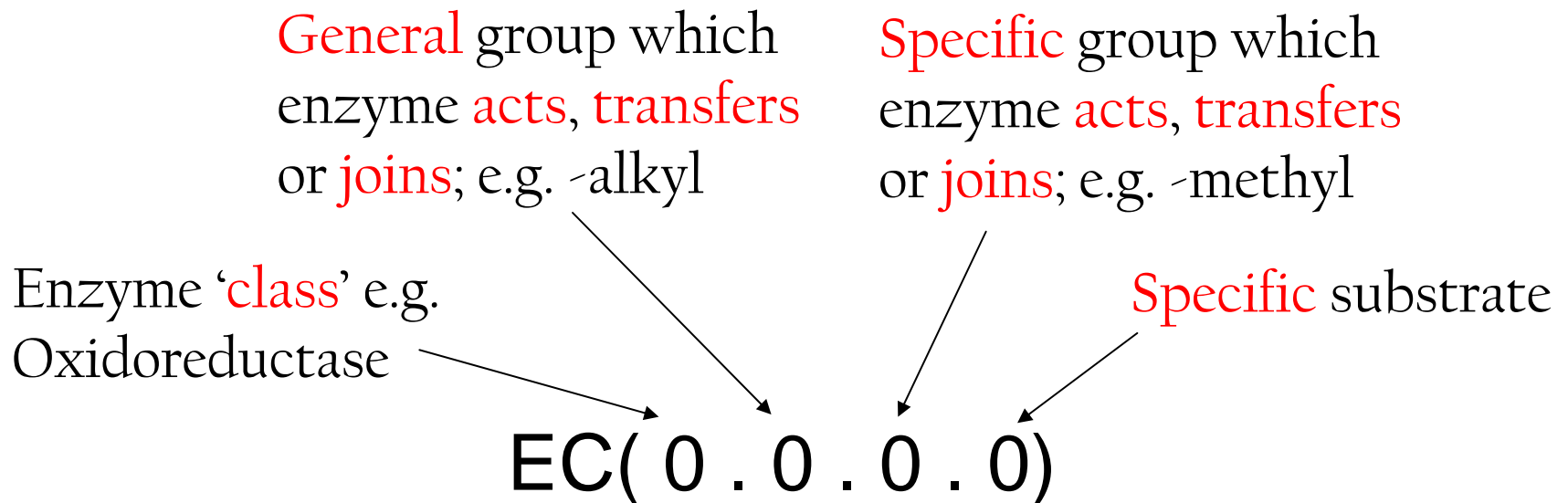
Insulin (yes, I know it's not an enzyme)

Types of Enzymes

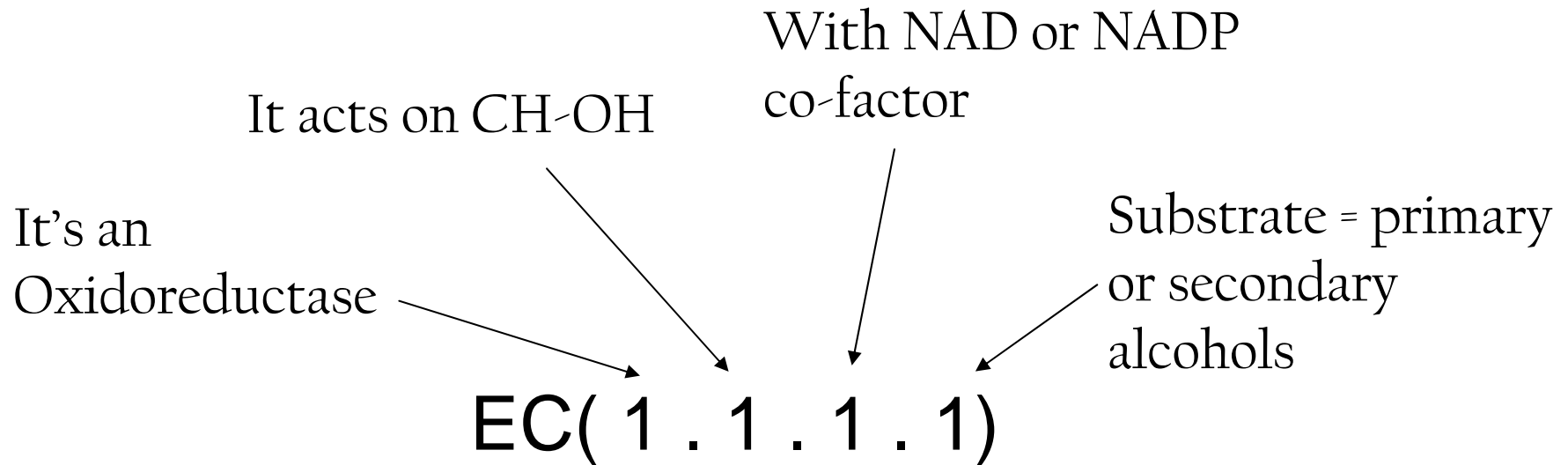
- Enzyme types by reaction catalyzed:
 - **Oxidoreductase** (oxidation/reduction, e.g. HRP)
 - **Transferase** (transfer of a reactive group, e.g. DNA methyltransferase)
 - **Hydrolase** (hydrolysis of a bond, e.g. proteases)
 - **Lyase** (non-oxidative, non-hydrolytic bond making/breaking, e.g. adenylyl cyclase (cAMP))
 - **Isomerase** (isomerization, e.g. prolyl isomerase)
 - **Ligases** (linkage of molecules *using energy from NTP*, e.g. Succinyl-CoA synthetase)

Naming the Enzymes

- In 1955, the 'International Union of Biochemistry' formed a 'Commission on Enzyme Nomenclature'
- In 1961 commission released it's first **Enzyme Nomenclature Guide** with 712 enzymes
- By 1992, there were **3,196** enzymes
- It works like this:



Example



It's **Alcohol Dehydrogenase**

Enzymes, the Web and You

- Useful Websites:
 - BRENDA (<http://www.brenda-enzymes.org/>): all you ever wanted to know about any enzyme... *and more!*
 - Expasy (<http://www.expasy.org/>): mostly useful as a link to BRENDA!
 - NIST database (http://xpdn.nist.gov/enzyme_thermodynamics/enzyme_thermodynamics_data.html): Thermochemical data on Enzyme reactions
 - Kegg and ERGO: Genome databases
 - PDB.org (www.pdb.org): Protein structures!!

The End...
