

# **Quick recap**

The rate of Chemical Reactions → Rises linearly as the substrate concentration
 [S] increases.

**The rate of Enzymatic Reactions**  $\rightarrow$ Rises **rapidly** with the substrate concentration [S] initially and then begins to **level off** (when the enzyme is saturated) and approaches a **maximum** ( $V_{max}$ ) at higher substrate concentrations where the enzyme is over saturated (*Plateau*).



• When the substrates' concentration is very high: The rate of the reaction depends on the catalytic activity of the enzyme, not on the concentration of the substrate. *The only way to change the rate at this point is to change the [E]*.

When the substrates' concentration is low: The rate of the reaction is almost linearly proportional to the substrates' concentration.

• **Turnover Number:** is the **number of substrate molecules** converted (*Turned over*) into **product** by a **single enzyme** molecule in a **unit time** when the enzyme is fully saturated with substrate.

# **The Michaelis-Menten Equation**



1) What happens if the [S] is very low relative to  $K_m$ ? The enzymatic reaction rate ( $V_o$ ) would be low.

2) What happens if the [S] is very high relative to  $K_m$ ?  $K_m$  would almost be negligible  $\rightarrow Vo = V_{max}$ 

3) What happens if  $[S] = K_m$ ?  $Vo = \frac{1}{2} V_{max}$  Quick mafs;) Note: Very low values are only negligible in addition and subtraction. However, it is not in multiplication and division since even low values can have a huge impact. From the previous  $3^{rd}$  question, we notice that the **K**<sub>M</sub> is actually the **substrate** concentration [S] at which V<sub>o</sub> is half maximal (V<sub>max</sub>).



The Michaelis constant (K<sub>M</sub>)

**Steady State Approximation**, is a chemical equation derived by Michaelis and Menten. It included that the **substrate enzyme complex** (ES) is **used up** as soon as it has **formed**, thus the concentration of the ES does **not change**.

#### In other words, the rate of ES formation = the rate of its dissociation.

The derivation of the Michaelis-Menten Equation is not required.

$$E + S \xrightarrow[k_{-1}]{k_1} ES \xrightarrow{k_2} E + P$$

 $K_1 \rightarrow$  Rate constant of the **formation** reaction of **ES** 

**K**  $_{-1}$   $\rightarrow$  Rate constant of the **degradation** reaction of **ES** 

 $K_2 \rightarrow$  Rate constant of the formation of E + P

Taking these constants into consideration, Michaelis and Menten came up with  $K_M$ .

$$\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{M}} = \frac{\mathbf{k}_{-1+} \mathbf{k}_{2}}{\mathbf{k}_{1}} \longrightarrow Dissociation Constants}$$
Association Constants

#### KM up until now can indicate the following:

- 1) The substrate concentration [S] at which  $V_o$  is half maximal ( $V_{max}$ ).
- 2) The affinity of an enzyme to a substrate "discussed below".
- 3) The substrate concentration [S] when 50% of the enzymes' active sites are bound with the substrate.
- **4**) Related to the **rate of dissociation** of the substrate from the enzyme, to the formation of the enzyme-substrate complex.

**<u>Rule</u>**: The lower the  $K_M$  value of an enzyme towards a substrate is, the higher the affinity to the same substrate is. It's only an indication for affinity but not an accurate measure of it.

For further explanation, imagine these two situations:

1) 200 molecules of a substrate + 10 molecules of an enzyme After a while, we notice that 5 out of the 10 enzyme molecules are bound to the substrate (which is 50% of enzymes' active sites)  $\rightarrow K_{M1} = 200$ 

2) 50 molecules of a substrate + 10 molecules of an enzyme Here we used the same enzyme but a different substrate (which has a different affinity). After a while, we notice that 5 out of the 10 enzyme molecules are bound to the substrate  $\Rightarrow K_{M 2} = 50$ 

<u>Conclusion</u>: The 2<sup>nd</sup> substrate had more affinity because the number of molecules required to fill half of the active sites on the enzyme was fewer. Notice that  $K_{M 2} < K_{M 1}$ 

→  $K_M$  is a measure of affinity and it is **inversely proportional** to it. It is the same concept when we mentioned that myoglobin has more affinity than hemoglobin, since myoglobin requires 2 Torr only of  $O_2$  to be 50% bound while hemoglobin requires 25 Torr.

### The K<sub>M</sub> values of enzymes range widely mostly between 10<sup>-1</sup> and 10<sup>-7</sup> M

Each **substrate/enzyme** combination has a unique  $K_M$  value. If the enzyme binds to **another substrate** generating <u>different products</u>, then  $K_M$  ( $V_{max}$  too) will be different.

Examine the table in the next page.

#### • Catalases' KM = 25 mMol

It means that 25 mMol H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is needed to fill 50% of the enzyme active sites.

Also it means that 25 mMol is required to reach  $1/2 \text{ V}_{\text{max}}$ .

• **Hexokinase**, *which phosphorylates hexoses sugars* has **different** K<sub>M</sub> values for each different **substrate** (*each give different products*).

$K_{\rm m}$ for Some Enzymes and Substrates		
Enzyme	Substrate	<i>К</i> <sub>т</sub> (тм)
Catalase	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	25
Hexokinase (brain)	ATP	0.4
	D-Glucose	0.05
	D-Fructose	1.5
Carbonic anhydrase	HCO3	26
Chymotrypsin	Glycyltyrosinylglycine	108
	N-Benzoyltyrosinamide	2.5
β-Galactosidase	D-Lactose	4.0
Threonine dehydratase	L-Threonine	5.0

• Which substrate has the highest affinity to Hexokinase?

Glucose, because it has the **lowest**  $K_M$  value, so you need only 0.05mM of Glucose to reach half  $V_{max}$ .

• Which substrate has the lowest affinity to Hexokinase?

Fructose, because it has the **highest**  $K_M$  value so you need lots of it to reach half  $V_{max}$ .

Please note that the enzymes' concentration [E] in the previous comparisons is constant.

# <u>The binding ability differs betweent different substrates, but does the V<sub>max</sub> differ when it's the same enzyme?</u>

No,  $V_{max}$  only reflects **the catalytic activity of the enzyme**, it does **not** depend on the **substrate**. However, **K**<sub>M</sub> **differs** since it **depends** on the substrate.



A reaction is catalyzed by an **enzyme** with **2 different** substrates, **S** (*high affinity*) and **S'** (*low affinity*).

**Vmax is the same** (depends on the enzyme), but **K**<sub>M</sub> (depends on the substrate) **differs.** 

S' has a **higher**  $K_M$  because it has a **lower** affinity.

### Please see the last page for further explanation.

**Example:** A biochemist obtains the following set of data for an enzyme that is known to follow Michaelis-Menten kinetics. Approximately, what is the  $V_{max}$  and  $K_M$  of this enzyme?

<b>V</b> <sub>max</sub> is the value when the <b>velocity</b> changes are <b>very minimal</b> .	Substrate Concentration	Initial velocity (umol/min)
V <sub>max</sub> is approximately <b>700</b> .	1	49 26
$\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{M}}$ is the substrates' concentration at	2 8	96 349
which $V_0$ is half maximal.	50	621
<b>N</b> 700	1000	698
$V_o = 700$ $1/2 V \approx 350$	5000	699
$K_M = [S] = 8$		

# **Dissociation constant** (K<sub>D</sub>)

 $K_M$  describes the **affinity of enzyme** for the substrate, but it's not an **accurate** measure of affinity.  $K_D$  (*dissociation constant*) is the **actual** measure of the affinity.

$$E + S \xrightarrow[k_{-1}]{k_1} ES \xrightarrow{k_2} E + P$$

Which constants do you think are related to the affinity?

*K*<sub>2</sub> is related to the *kinetic activity* of the enzyme to form products.

However, K<sub>1</sub> and K -1 are related to the formation and dissociation of [ES].

$$\rightarrow K_D = \frac{K-1}{K \ 1}$$

# Vmax and enzyme concentration

The **reaction's rate** depends on the ability of the substrate to find an active site on the enzyme. So by **increasing** the **enzymes' concentration**, the **rate** of the reaction is **increased**.

 $K_M$ , affinity and the catalytic power of the enzyme are NOT altered because it is the same substrate.



As you can see in the graph above, the concentration of the enzyme was **doubled** which caused a **proportional increase** in the **reaction rate** ( $V_{max}$  *is doubled*). The **K**<sub>M</sub>, however, is **unchanged**.

## <u>Kcat</u>

- **K**<sub>cat</sub> (*also known as K2*) is the **turnover number**, which is the number of substrate molecules converted into product per unit time of a fully saturated enzyme.
- It describes how **quickly an enzyme acts** (how fast the ES complex proceeds to E + P, check the equation).
- In other words, the maximal rate, V<sub>max</sub>, reveals the K<sub>cat</sub> of an enzyme if the total concentration of active sites **[E]T** is known, using the following equation:

 $Kcat = \frac{Vmax}{[E]total}$ 

- K<sub>cat</sub> means, the number of reactions that can happen per second per one catalytic molecule.
- Each enzyme has its own Kcat. Example: Catalase's  $K_{cat} = 40 * 10^6$
- → 40 \*10<sup>6</sup> molecules of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> are converted to H<sub>2</sub>O and O<sub>2</sub> by one catalase molecule within one second.

Turnover Numbers ( $k_{cat}$ ) of Some Enzymes			
Enzyme	Substrate	$k_{\rm cat}~({ m s}^{-1})$	
Catalase	$H_2O_2$	40,000,000	
Carbonic anhydrase	HCO <sub>3</sub>	400,000	
Acetylcholinesterase	Acetylcholine	14,000	
$\beta$ -Lactamase	Benzylpenicillin	2,000	
Fumarase	Fumarate	800	
RecA protein (an ATPase)	ATP	0.4	

Note that  $K_{cat}$  is directly proportional to the efficiency of the enzyme.

## **Questions**

 An enzyme has a molecular weight of 50,000 g/mol. 10 μg was used of the enzyme in an experiment and the results show that the enzyme at best converts 9.6 μmol of the substrate per min at 25°C. The turnover number (*Kcat*) for the enzyme is:

MW = 50,000 g/mol

Weight =  $10^{-5}$ g

→  $[E]_{T} = \frac{10-5 g}{50,000 g/mol} = 2 * 10^{-10}$ V<sub>o</sub> = 9.6 \* 10<sup>-6</sup> mol per min = 1.6 \* 10<sup>-7</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

$$K_{cat} = \frac{V_{max}}{[E]total} = \frac{1.6 * 10 - 7}{2 * 10 - 10} = 800/s$$

2) Calculate the Kcat for a 10<sup>-6</sup> M solution of carbonic anhydrase which catalyzes the formation of 0.6 M H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> per second when it is fully saturated with substrate.

$$K_{cat} = \frac{V_{max}}{[E]total} = \frac{0.6}{10^6} = 6 \times 10^5 \, \text{s}^{-1}$$

 $K_{cat}$  calculates the number of reactions that occur per unit of time. So to know how long each reaction takes, we divide the rate by  $K_2$ .

**Example:** From the previous calculation we know that  $6 *10^5$  reactions occur per second which is  $K_{cat}$  (equals  $K_2$ ), so each catalyzed reaction takes place in a time equal to  $\frac{1}{K_2}$ , which is 1.7 µs for the carbonic anhydrase.

<u>Note:</u> The turnover numbers of most enzymes with their physiological substrates fall in the range from 1 to  $10^4$  per second.

#### Vmax does not change:

Same Enzyme, different substrates (Glucose/ATP), same products (Glucose 6-phosphate).



#### Vmax changes:

Same Enzyme, different substrates (Glucose/Fructose), different products (Glucose 6- phosphate/ Fructose 6- phosphate).



Refer to Dr. Nafeths' lecture 20 record if you did not understand this point. 40:00

