Chem 352 - Lecture 4
Part II: Enzyme Catalysis

Enzymes are biological catalysts; nearly every reaction that takes place in a living cell is catalyzed by an enzyme. Most enzymes are proteins, with some requiring non-protein components called coenzymes in order to function. The control of enzymatic activity plays a central roll in controlling the activities and proper functioning of a living cell.

Introduction to Enzyme Catalysis

Enzymes can be amazingly proficient.

TABLE 5.2 Catalytic proficiencies of some enzymes

	Nonenzymatic rate constant (k_n in s^{-1})	Enzymatic rate constant (k_{cat}/K_m in $M^{-1}s^{-1}$)	Catalytic proficiency
Carbonic anhydrase	10^{-1}	7×10^{6}	7×10^{7}
Chymotrypsin	4×10^{-9}	9×10^{7}	2×10^{16}
Chorismate mutase	10^{-5}	2×10^{6}	2×10^{11}
Triose phosphate isomerase	4×10^{-6}	4×10^{8}	10^{14}
Cytidine deaminase	10^{-10}	3×10^{6}	3×10^{16}
Adenosine deaminase	2×10^{-10}	10^{7}	5×10^{16}
Mandelate racemase	3×10^{-13}	10^{6}	3×10^{18}
β-Amylase	7×10^{-14}	10^{7}	10^{20}
Fumarase	10^{-13}	10^{9}	10^{21}
Arginine decarboxylase	9×10^{-16}	10^{6}	10^{21}
Alkaline phosphatase	10^{-15}	3×10^{7}	3×10^{22}
Orotidine 5′-phosphate decarboxylase	3×10^{-16}	6×10^{7}	2×10^{23}

Introduction to Enzyme Catalysis

Overview

- Review of chemical reactions mechanisms
- Discussion of catalysis in general terms
- Examination of some major modes of enzymatic catalysis
  - acid/base catalysis
  - covalent catalysis
  - substrate binding
  - transition state stabilization

Chemical Reaction Mechanisms

A chemical mechanism lays out in detail the steps in a chemical reaction.

- With a focus on
  - the making and breaking of covalent bonds.
  - the movement of electrons at each step in a reaction.

Chemical Reaction Mechanisms

We will focus on three possible aspects to a reaction mechanism:

- Nucleophilic substitution
- Covalent bond cleavage
- Oxidation/Reduction

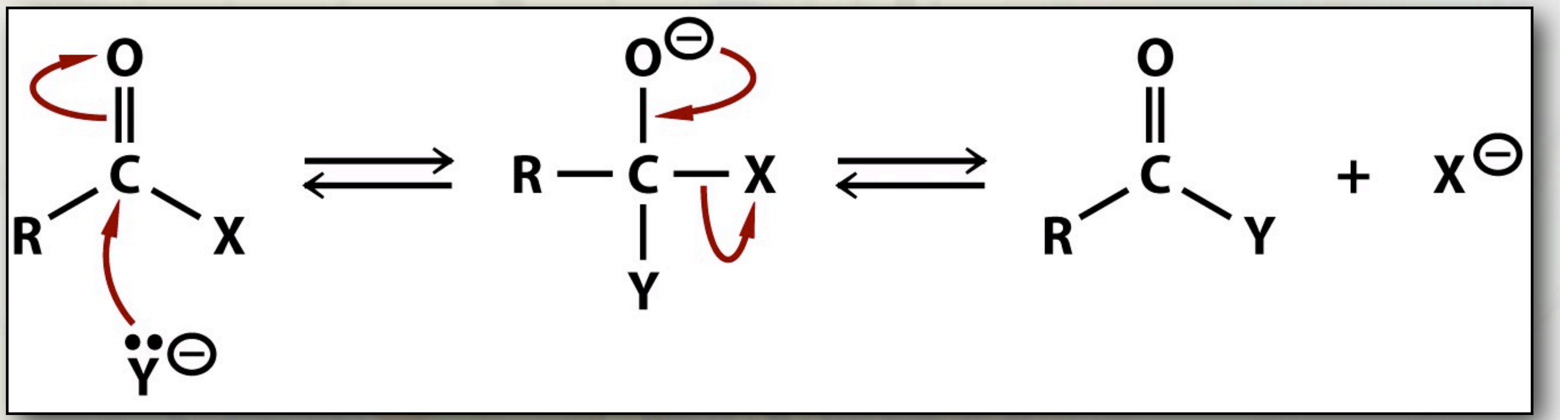
These are not necessarily independent of one another.

- e.g. Oxidation/Reduction can also involve covalent bond cleavage.

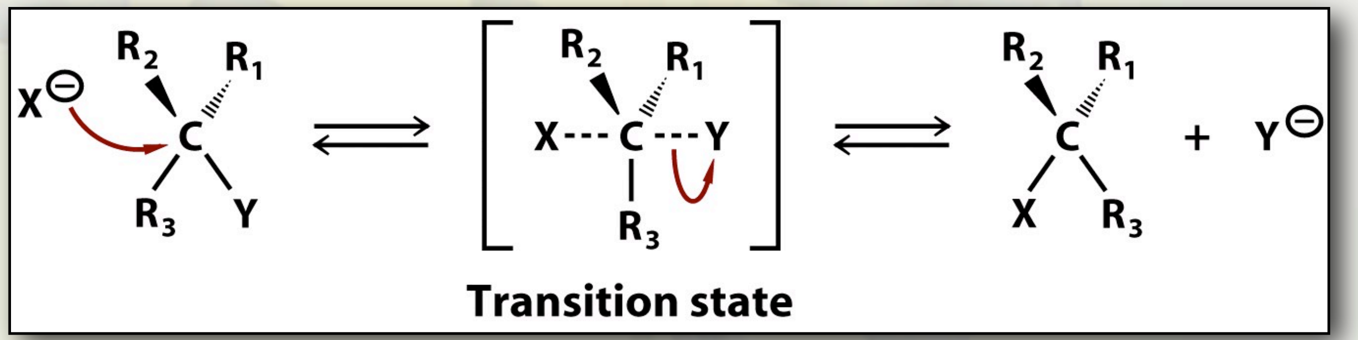
Chemical Reaction Mechanisms

Nucleophilic substitution

- **nucleophiles** vs **electrophiles**
- Nucleophilic attack on a carbonyl group



- S_N2 reaction with pentacoördinate transition state



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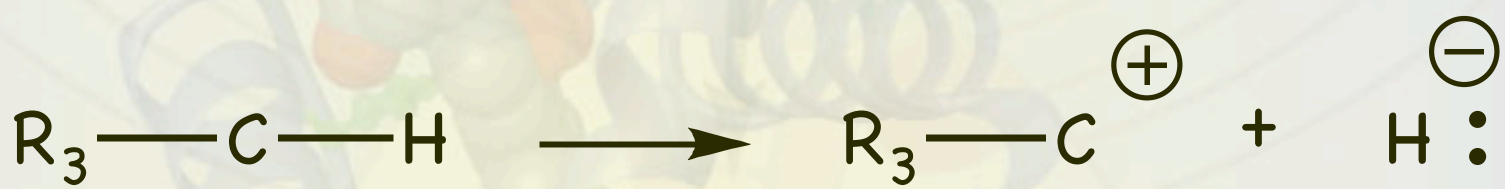
Covalent bond cleavage reactions

- Formation of carbanion and hydrogen ion

- Formation of carbocation and hydride ion



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  - This mechanism is used in dehydrogenation oxidation/reduction reactions.

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Covalent bond cleavage

- Formation of free radicals

$$R_1O{-}OR_2 \longrightarrow R_1O\bullet + \bullet OR_2$$

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Chemical Reaction Mechanisms

Oxidation/Reduction Reactions

- These reactions are used to extract energy from the foods we eat.
- Definitions of oxidation and reduction

Oxidation	Reduction
Gain oxygen	Lose oxygen
Lose electrons	Gain electrons
Lose hydrogen	Gain hydrogen

Chemical Reaction Mechanisms

Oxidation/Reduction

- Dehydrogenation reactions represent a large fraction of the biological oxidation/reduction reactions.
  - Usually involves a cleavage reaction that forms a carbocation.
  - e.g. alcohol dehydrogenase

$$\underset{\text{ethanol}}{CH_3{-}CH_2{-}OH} + NAD^+ \longrightarrow \underset{\text{acetaldehyde}}{CH_3{-}\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\|}}{C}{-}H} + NADH + H^+$$

- In this reaction, NAD^+ is the oxidizing reagent

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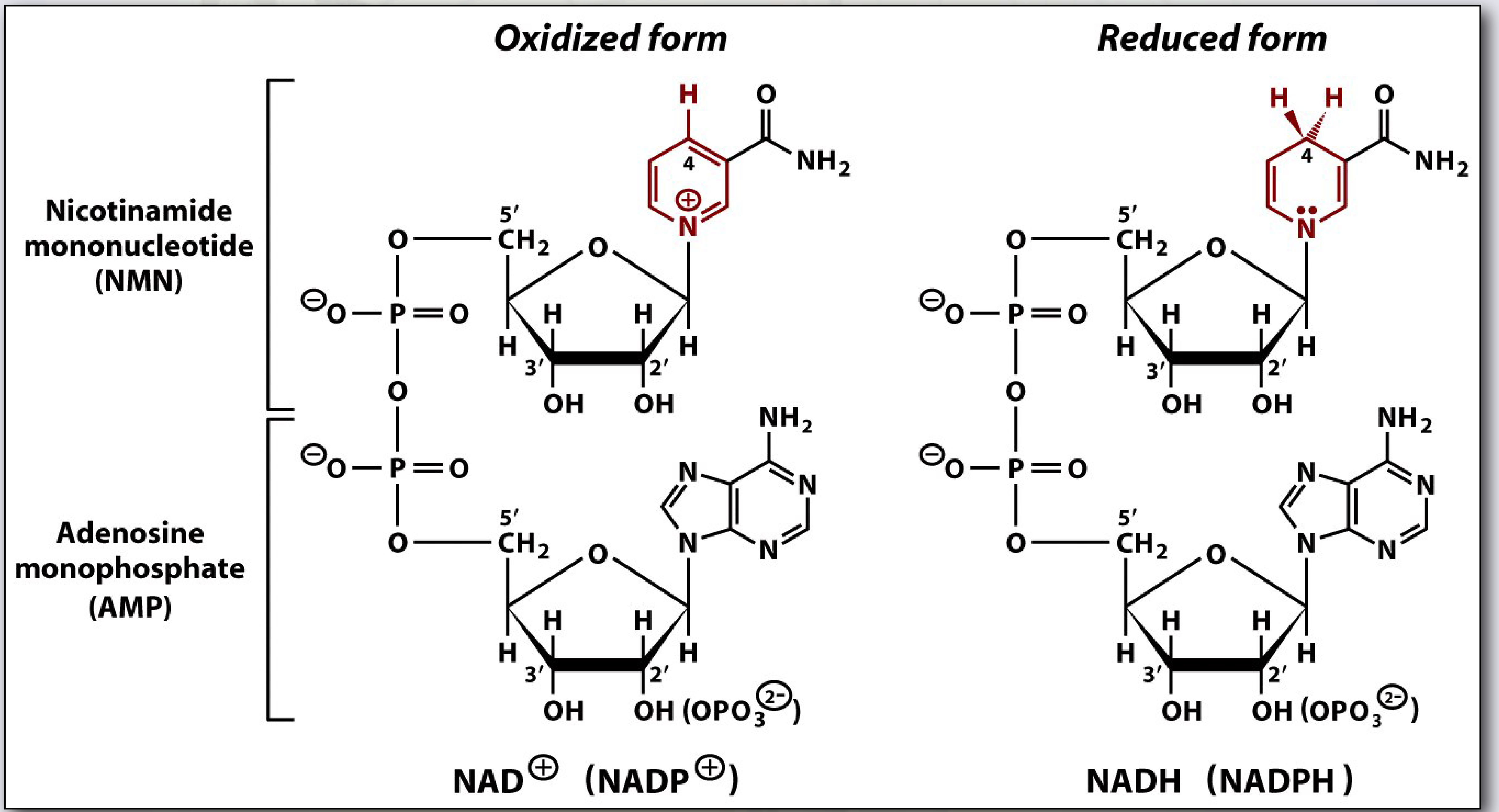

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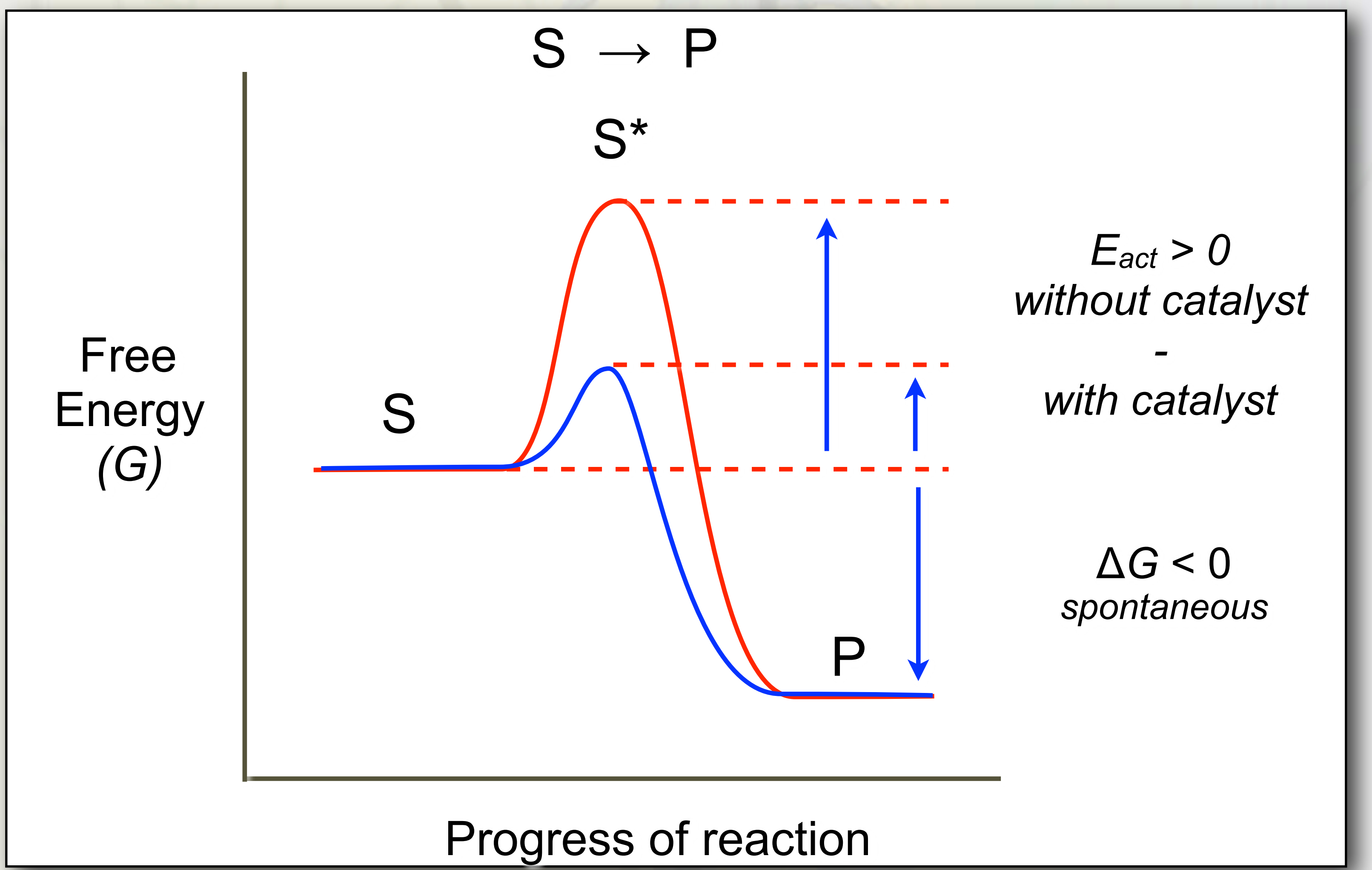

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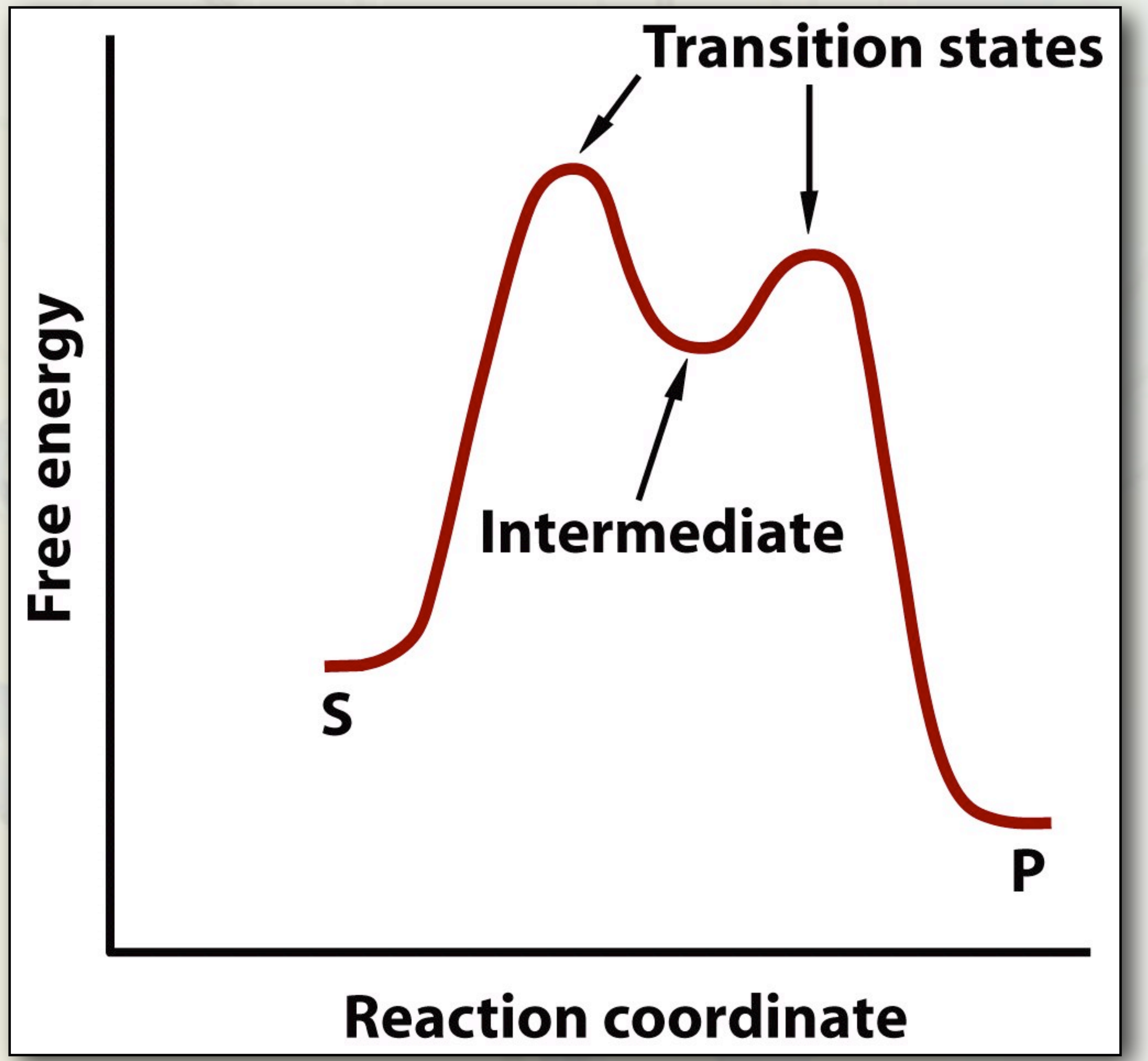
Intermediates are represented by valleys in the reaction profile.



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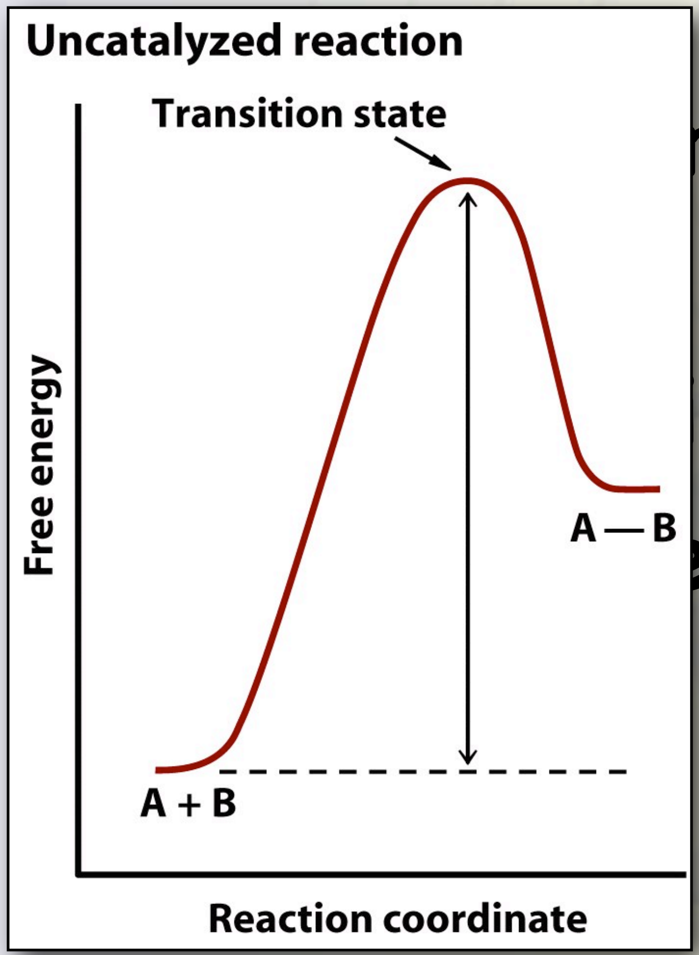

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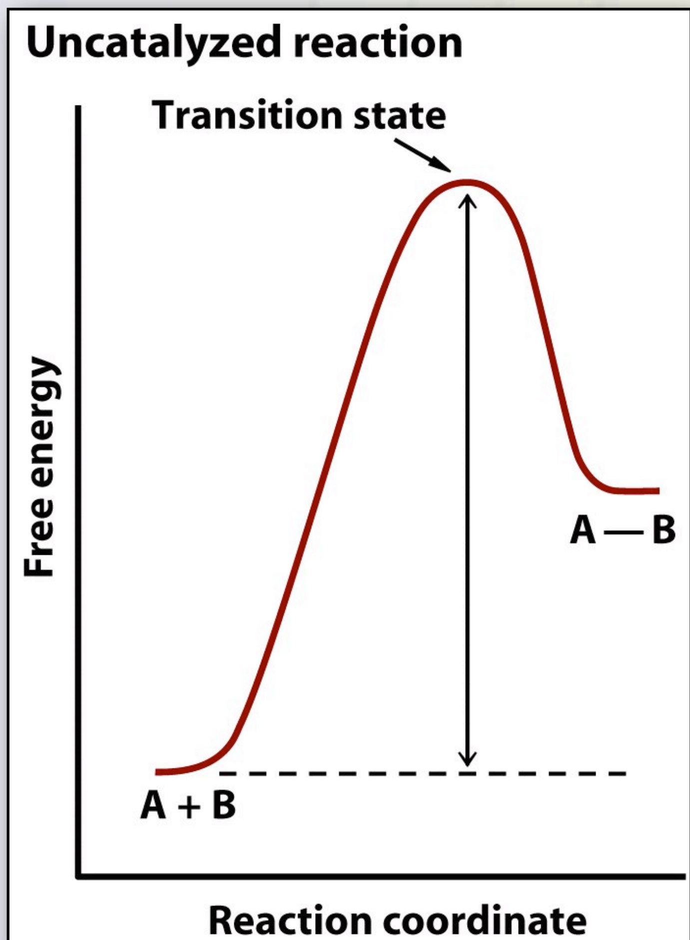

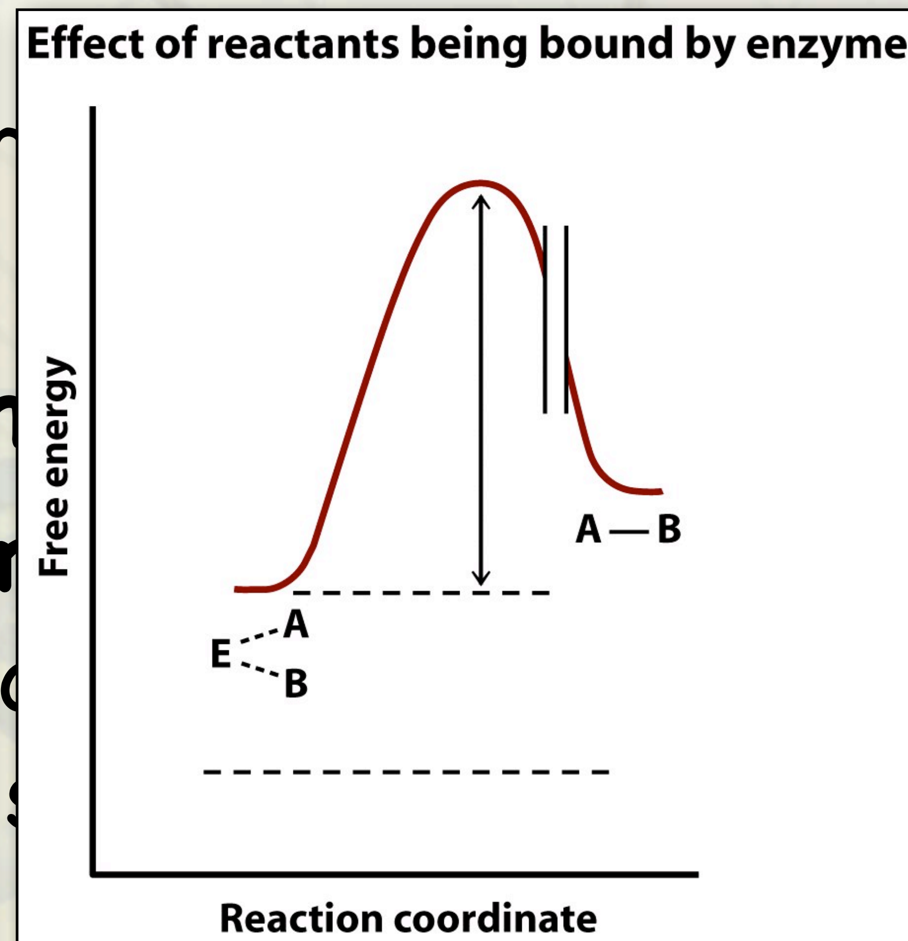

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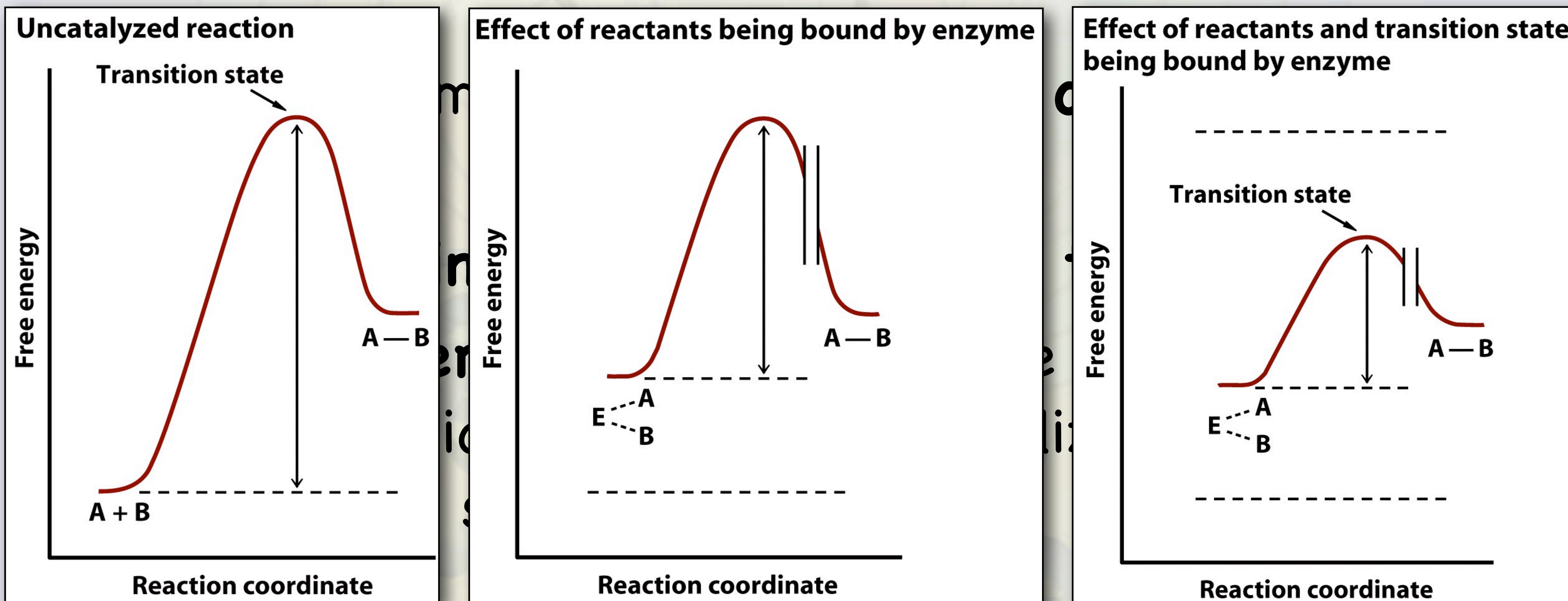

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Functional groups present at the active site of an enzyme can provide alternative pathways from substrate to product.

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TABLE 6.3 Frequency distribution of catalytic residues in enzymes.

	% of catalytic residues	% of all residues
His	18	3
Asp	15	6
Arg	11	5
Glu	11	6
Lys	9	6
Cys	6	1
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Asn	5	4
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TABLE 6.2 Typical p*K*a values of ionizable groups of amino acids in proteins

Group	p*K*a
Terminal α-carboxyl	3–4
Side-chain carboxyl	4–5
Imidazole	6–7
Terminal α-amino	7.5–9
Thiol	8–9.5
Phenol	9.5–10
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Guanidine	~12
Hydroxymethyl	~16

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Acid/Base catalysis

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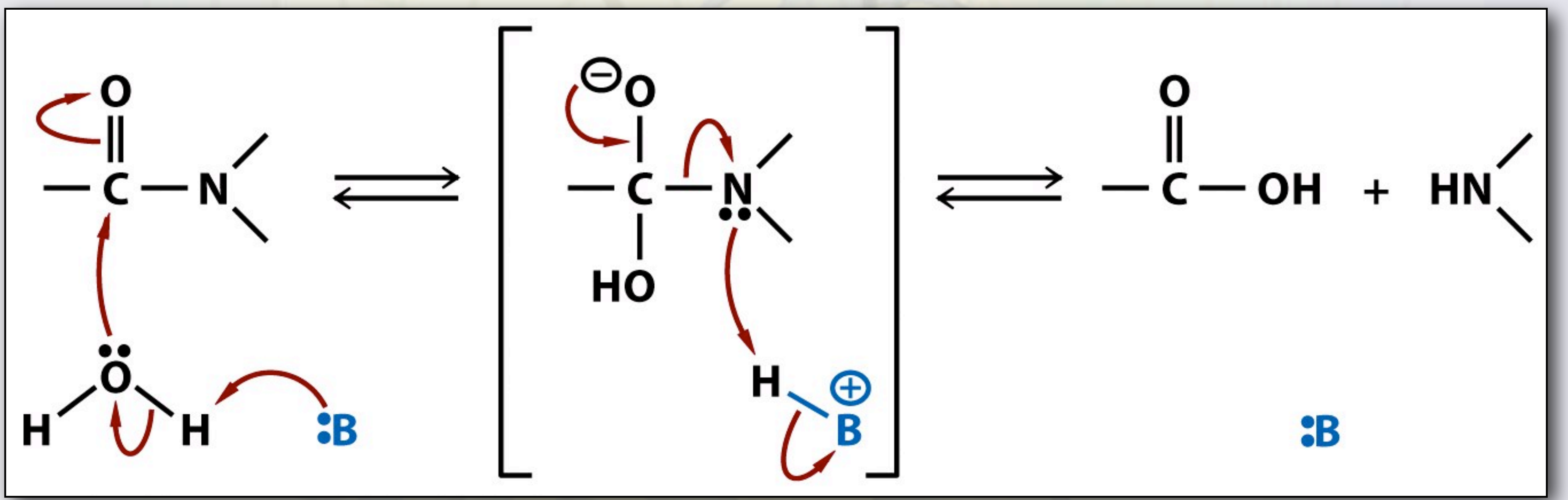

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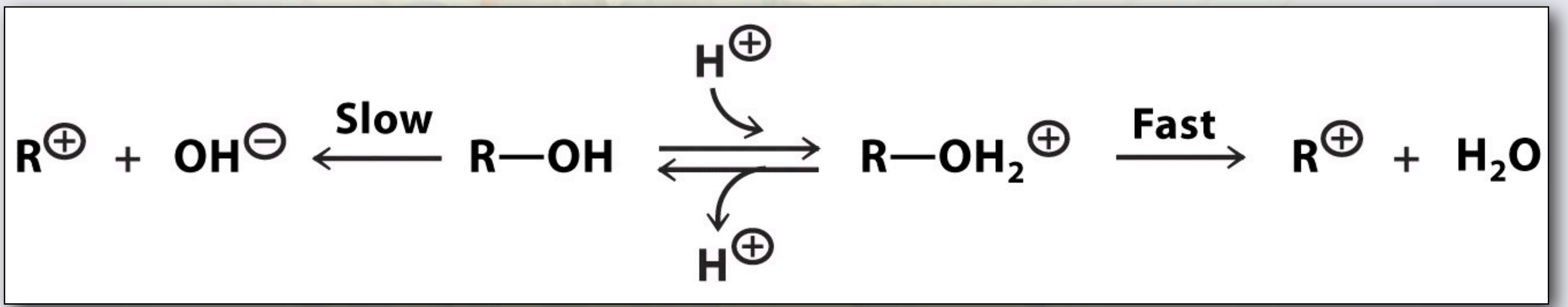
- OH_2 makes a better leaving group than OH^-



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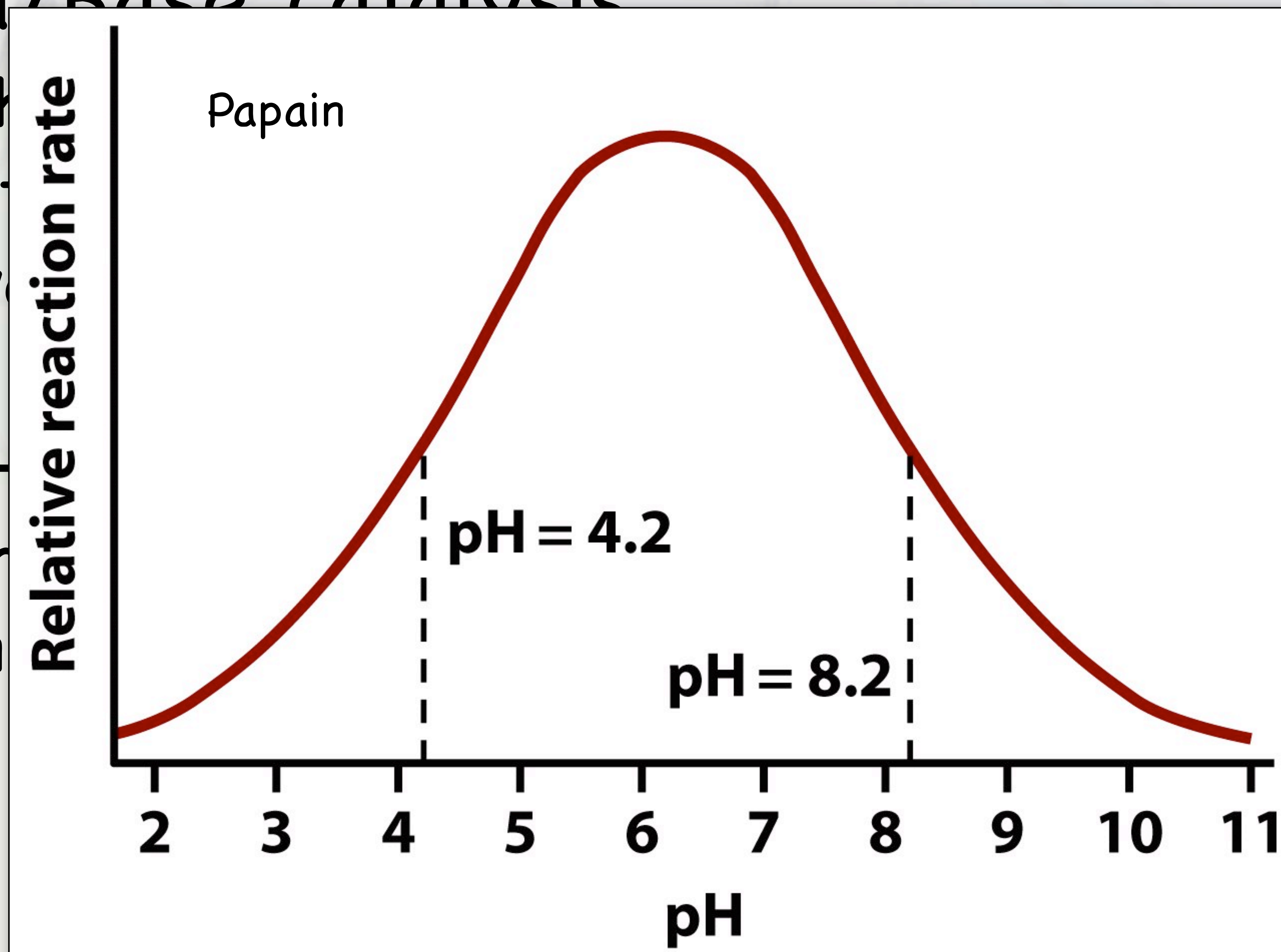

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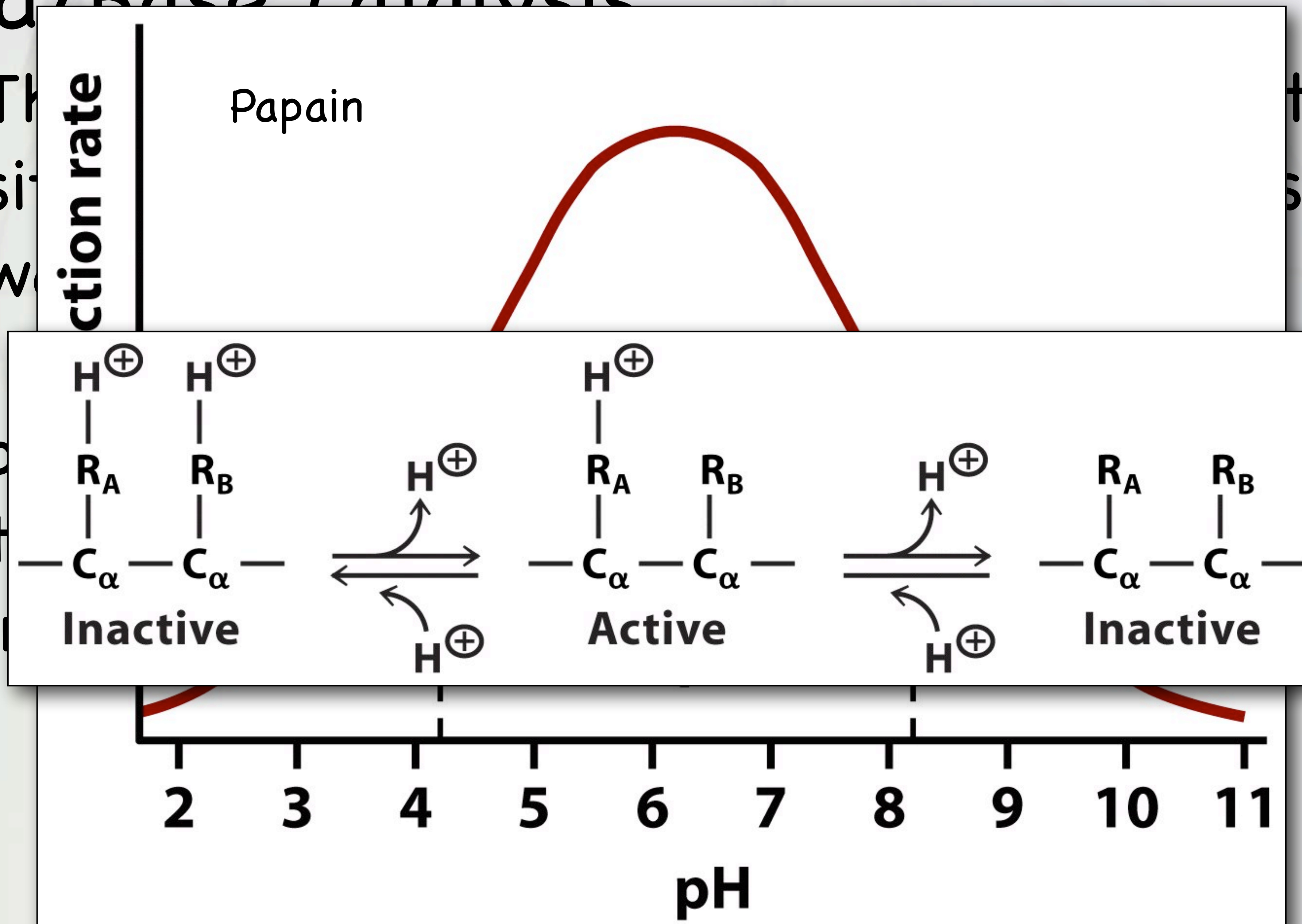

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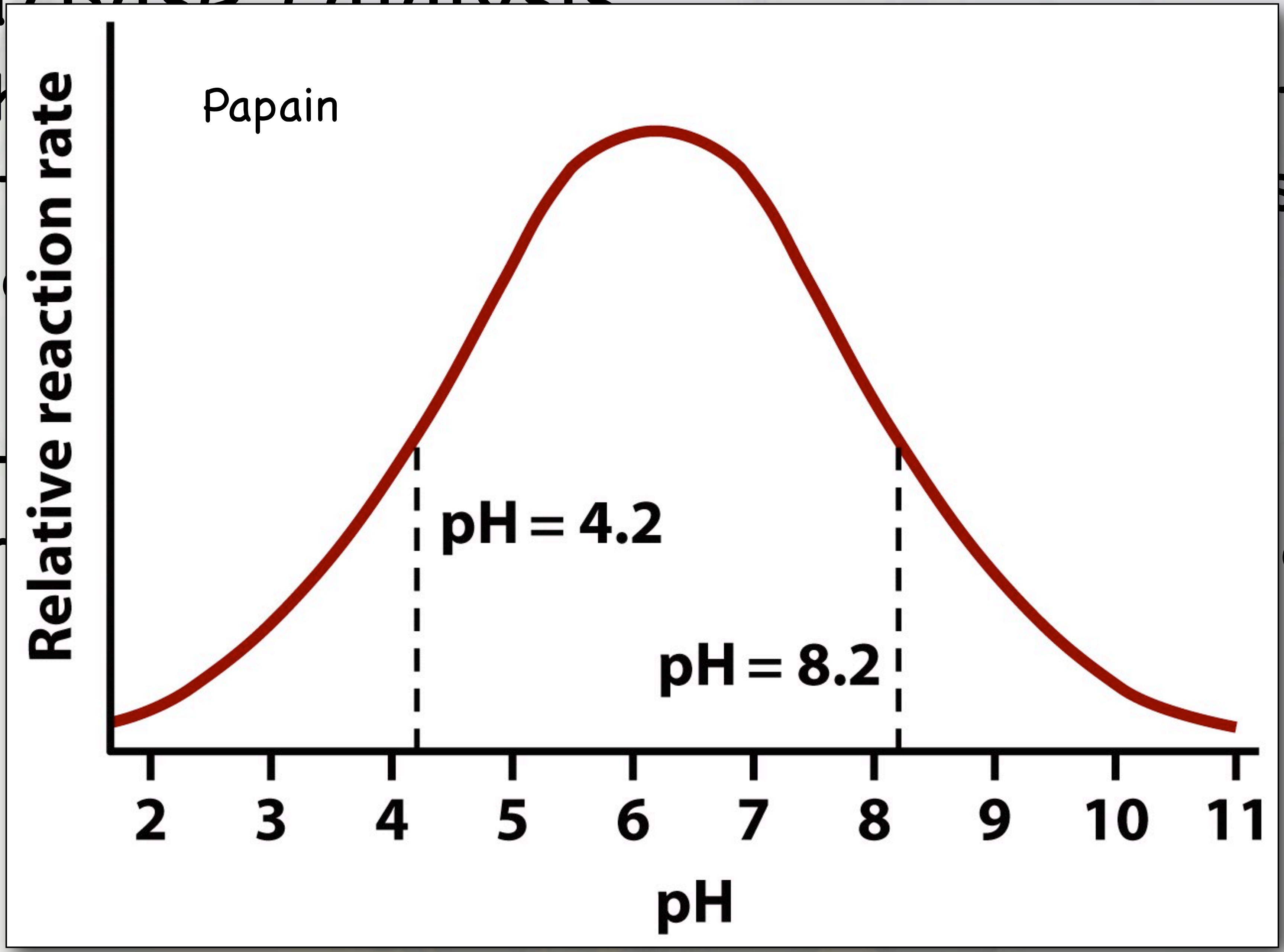

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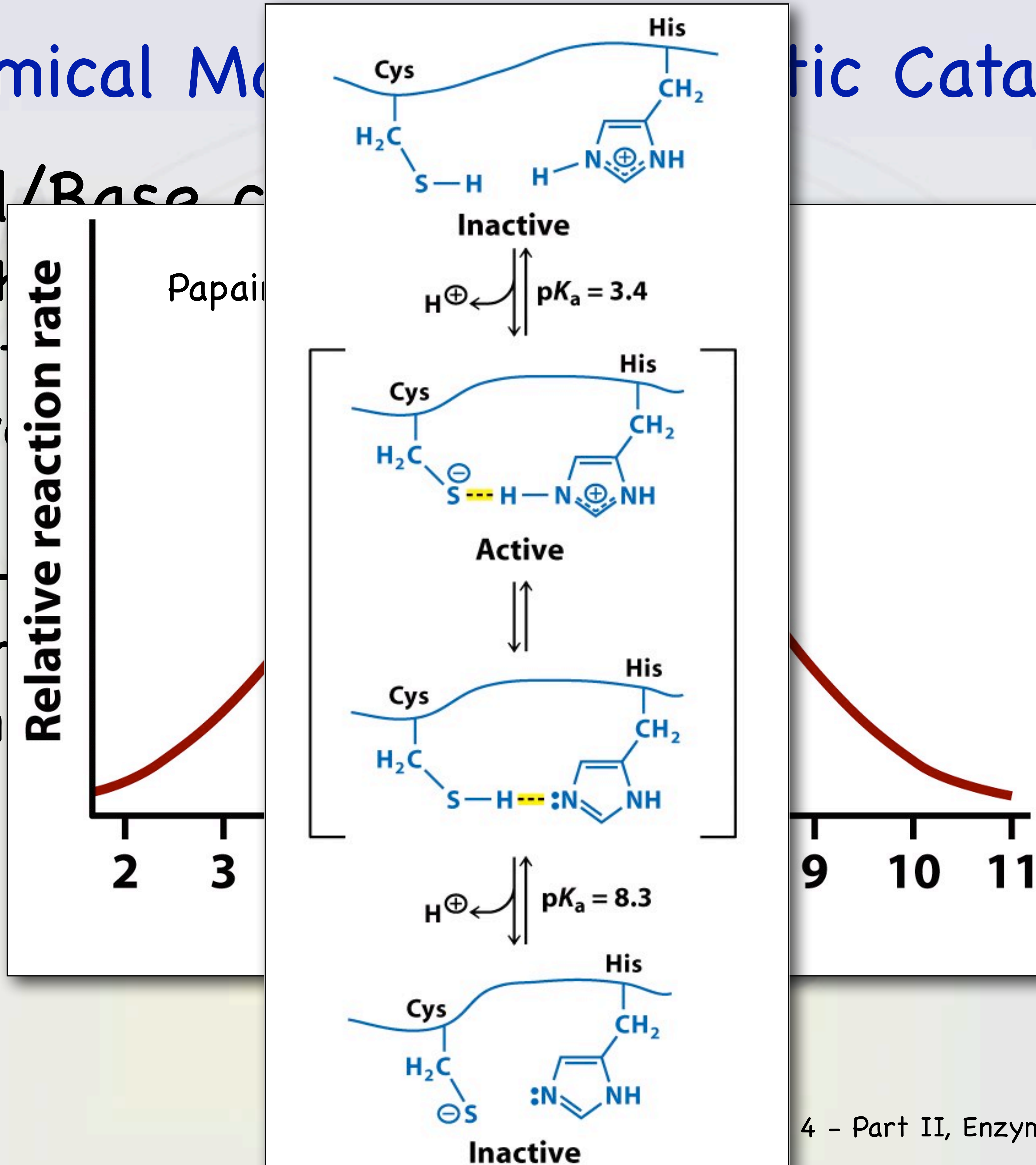

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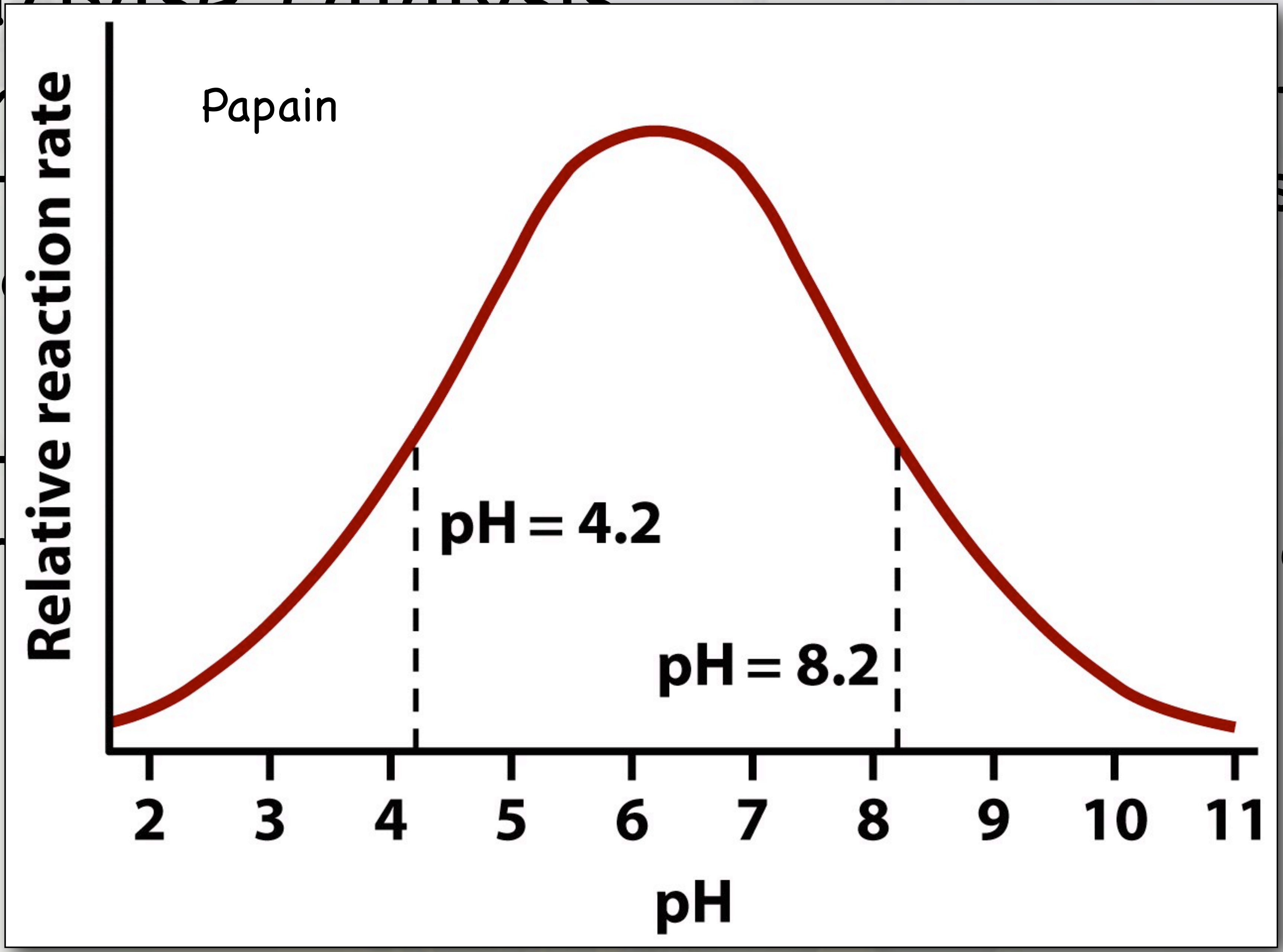

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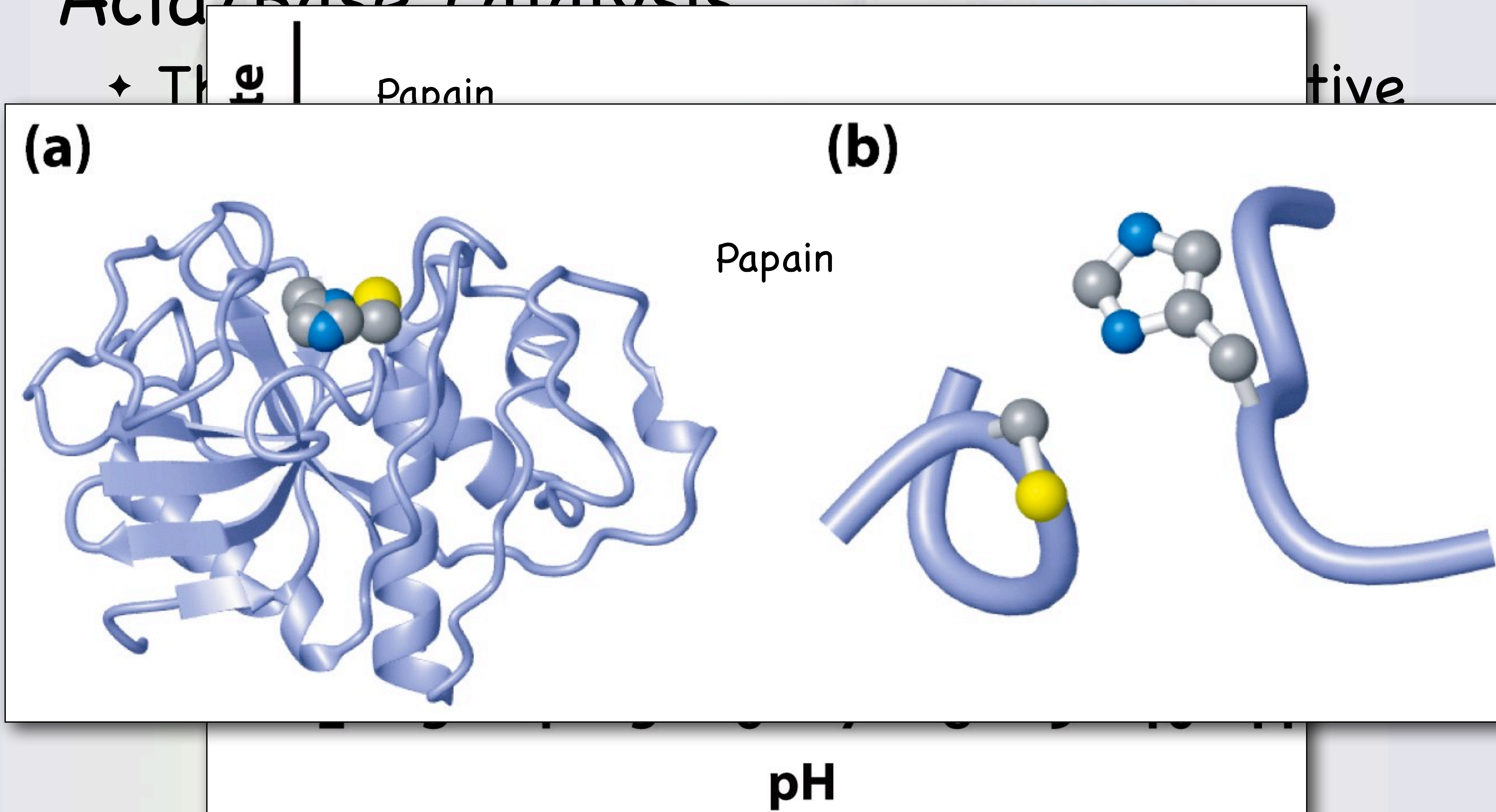

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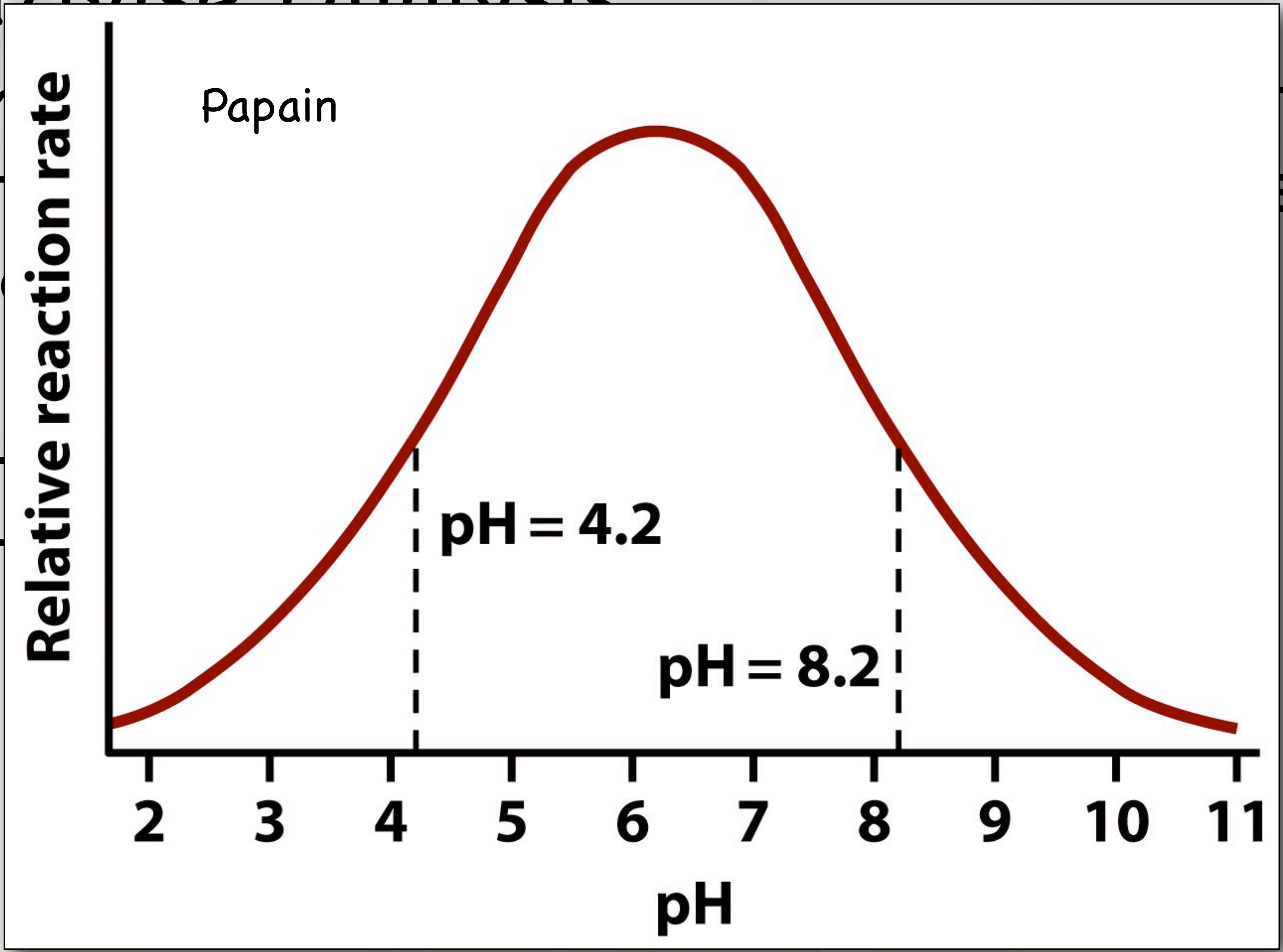

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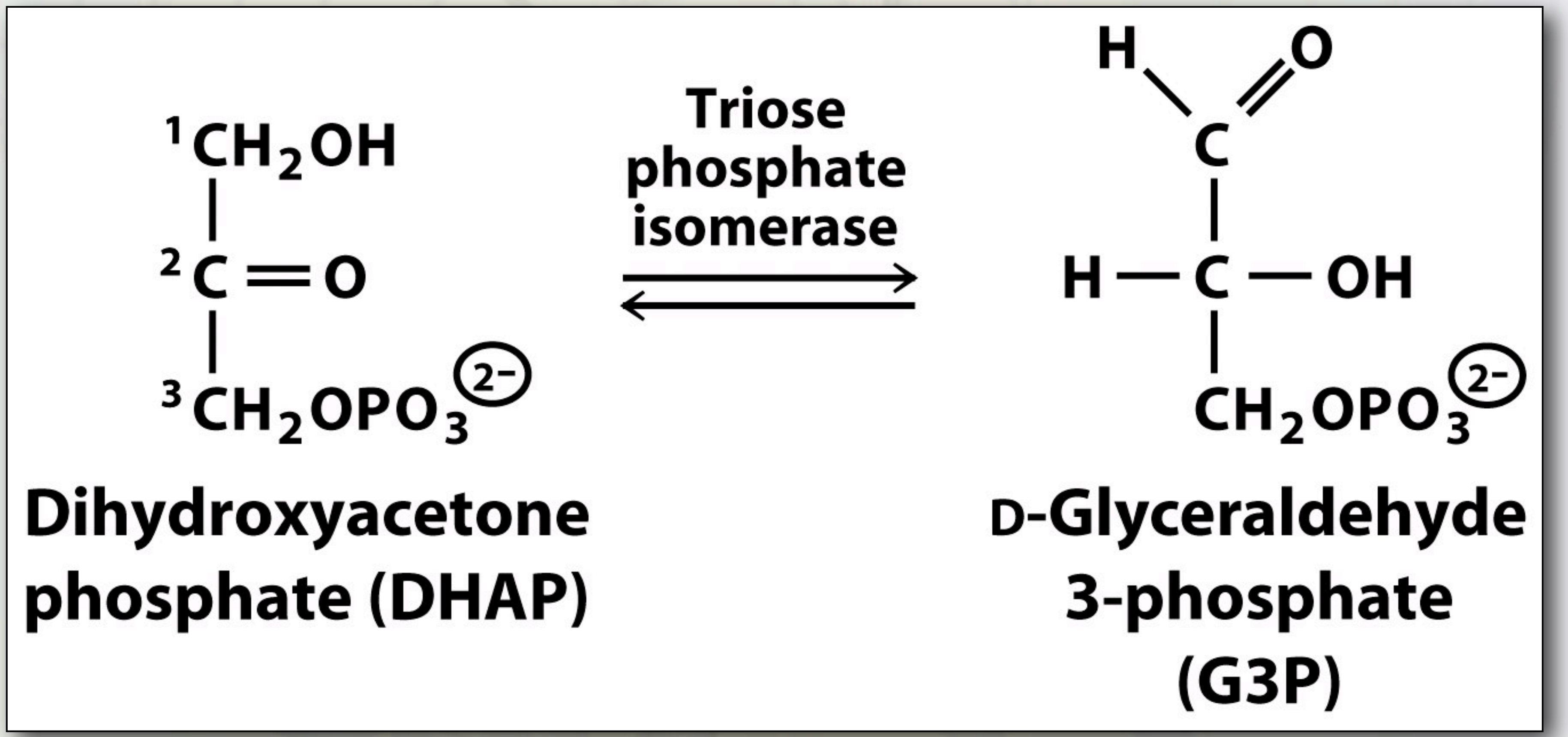

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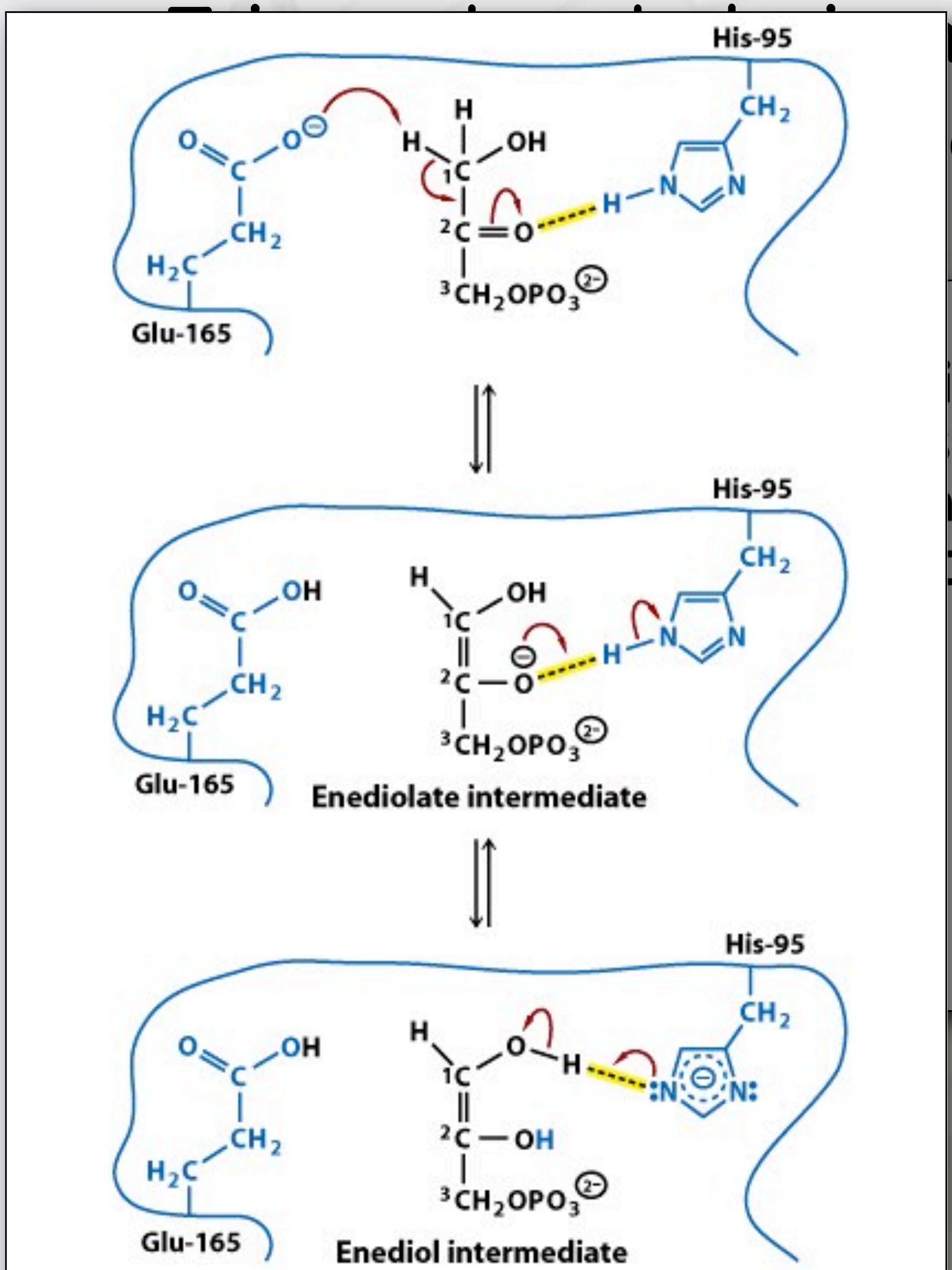

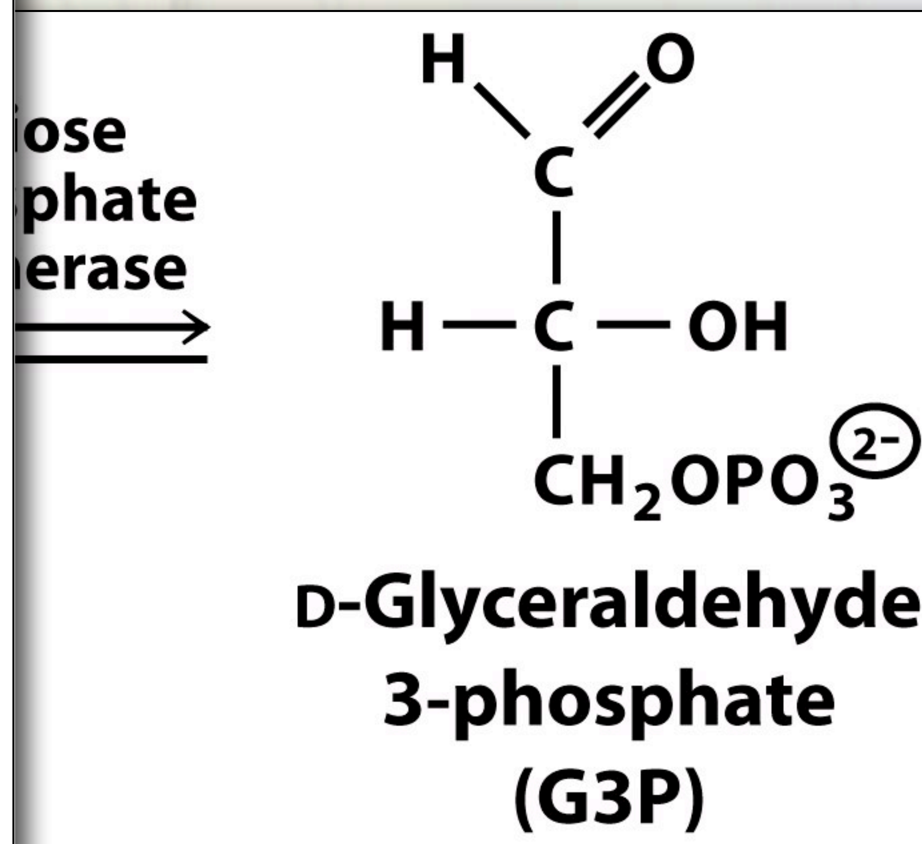

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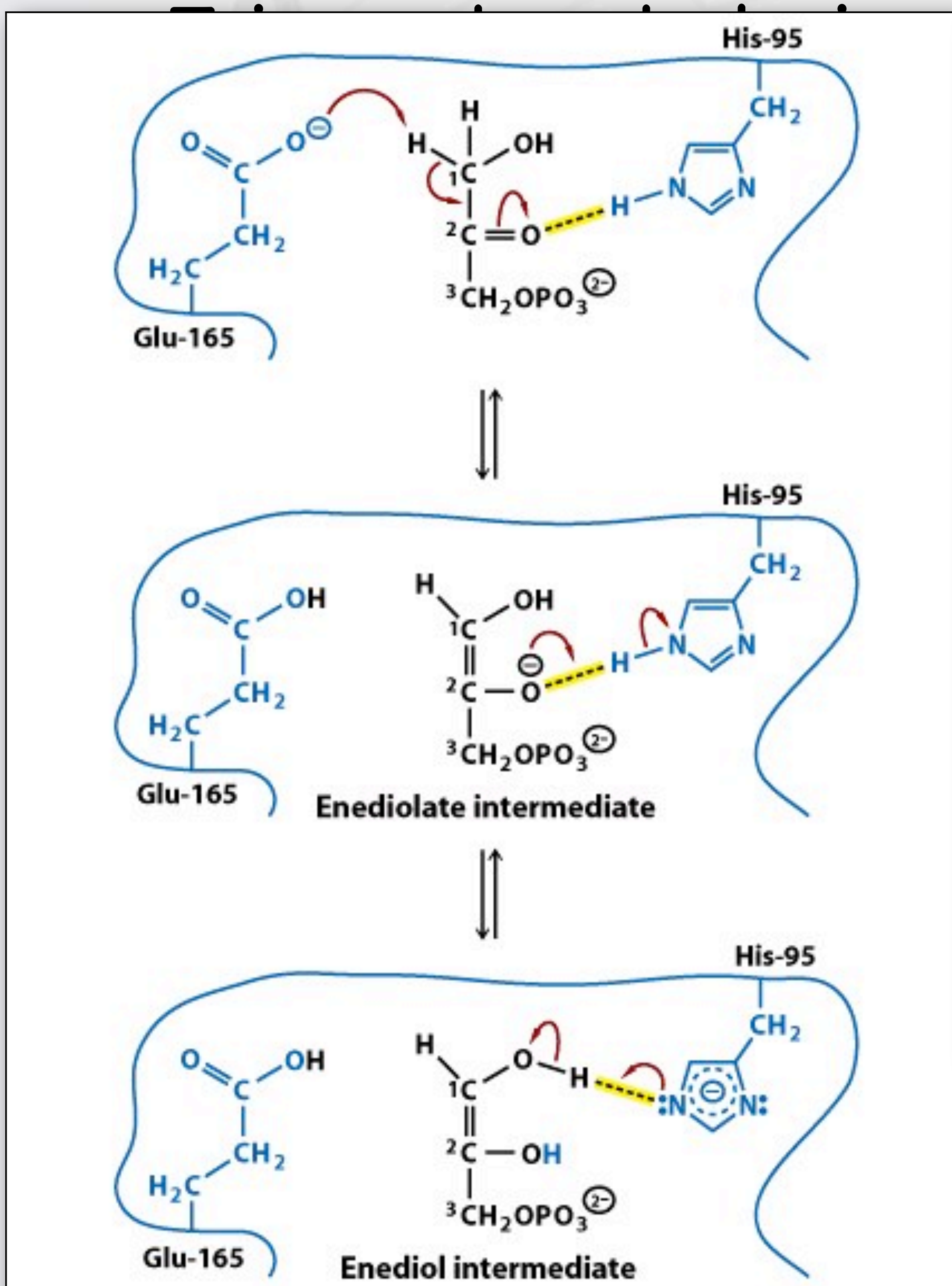

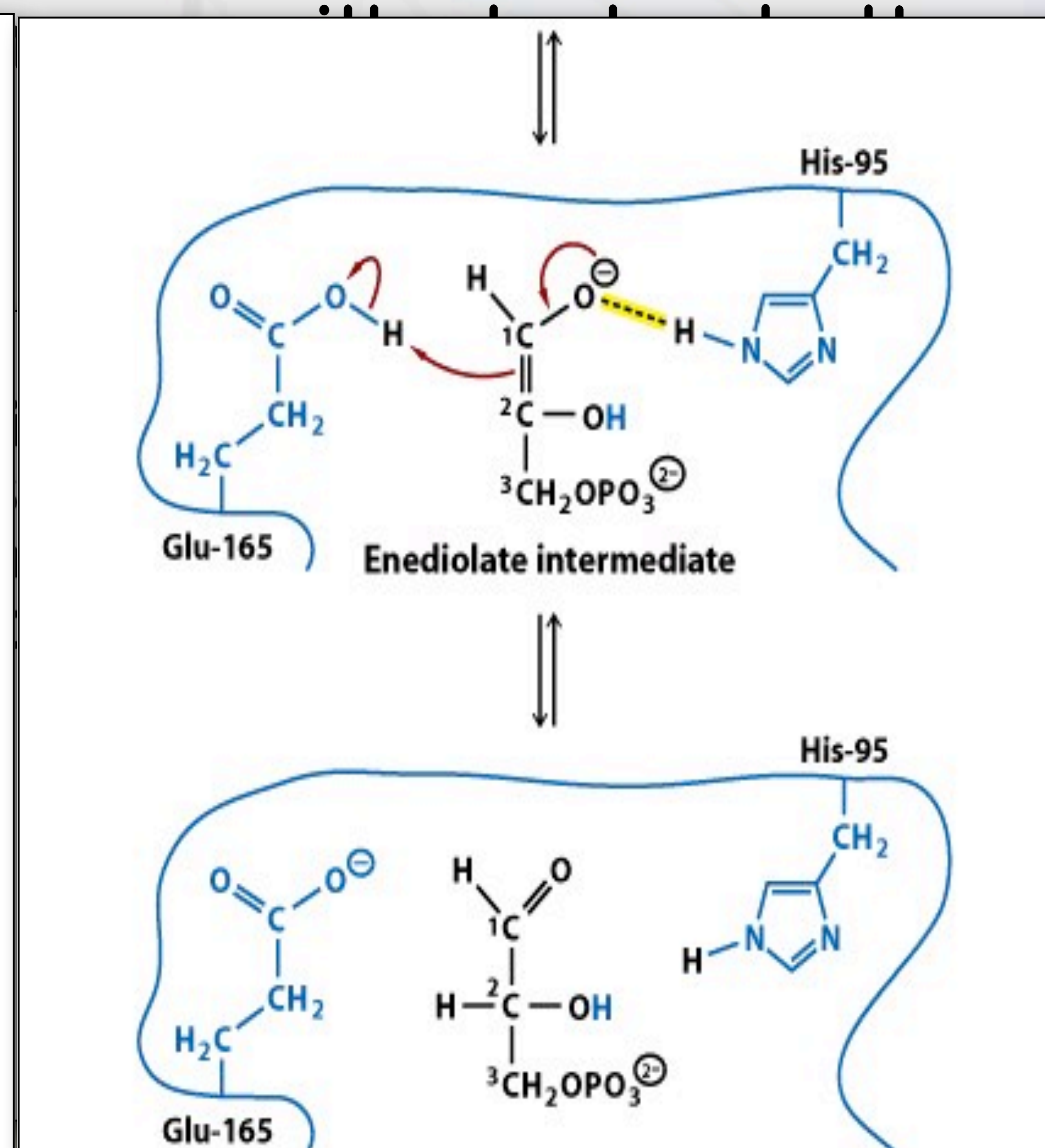

Chemical Modes of Enzymatic Catalysis

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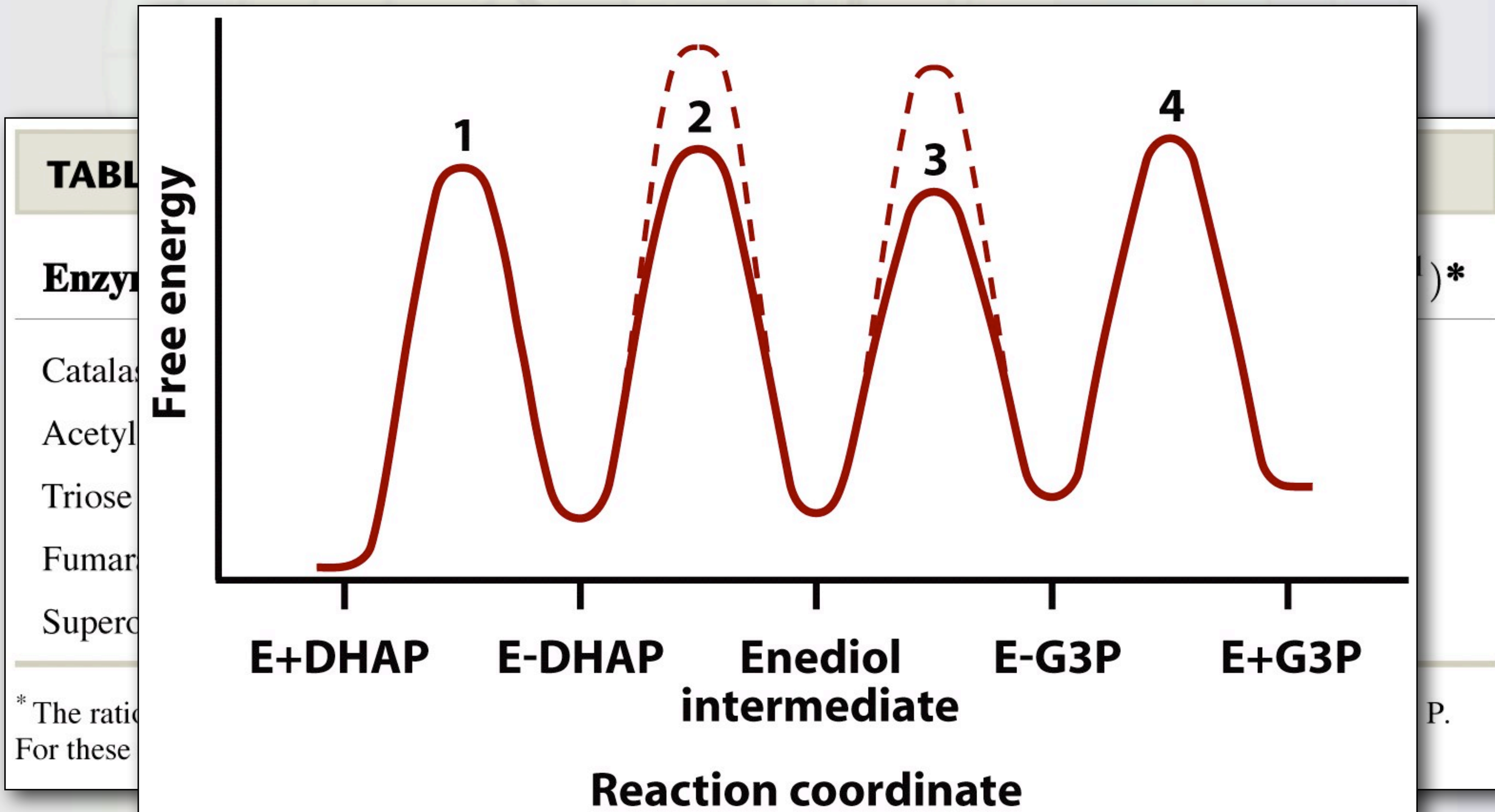

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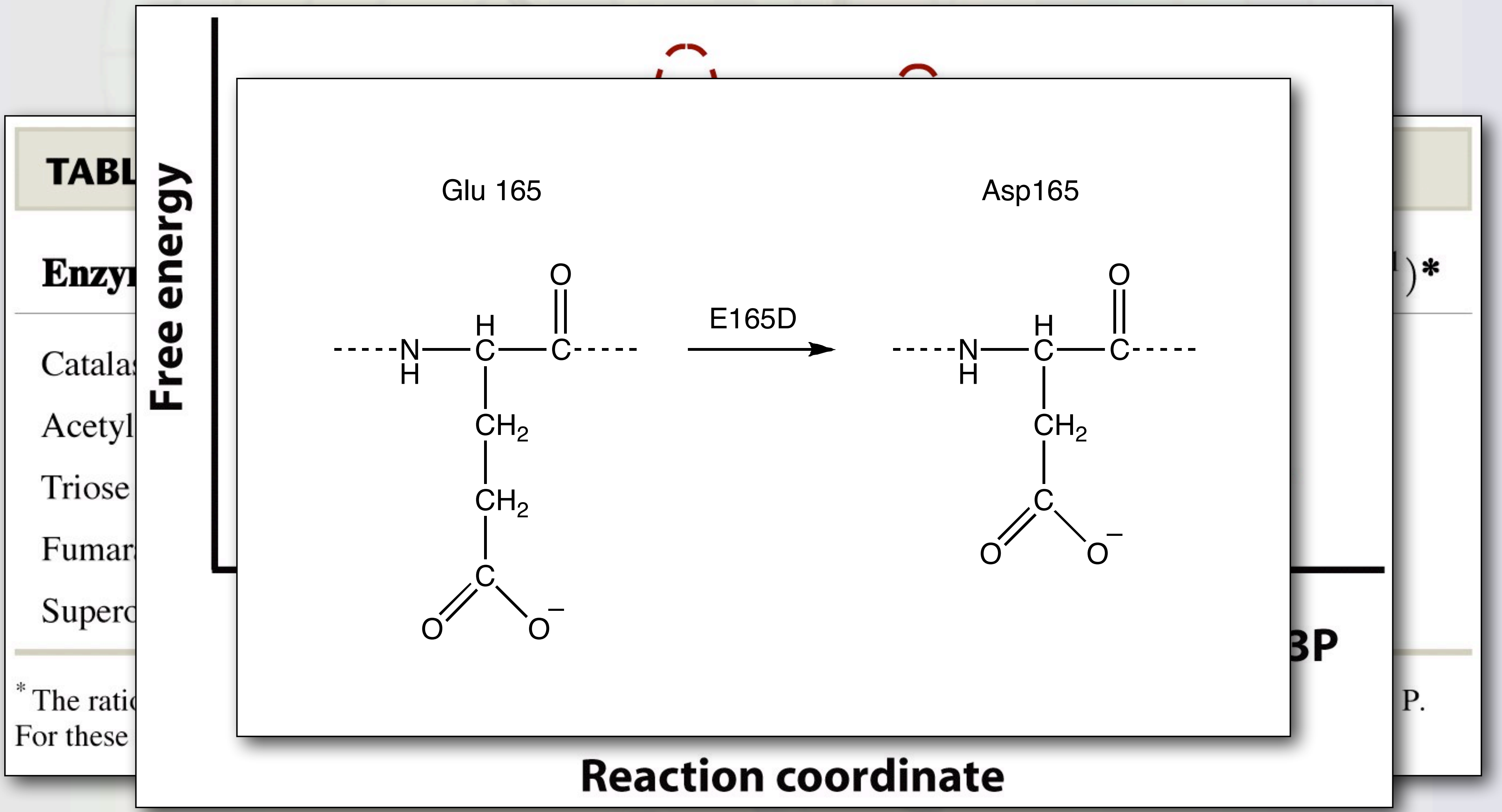

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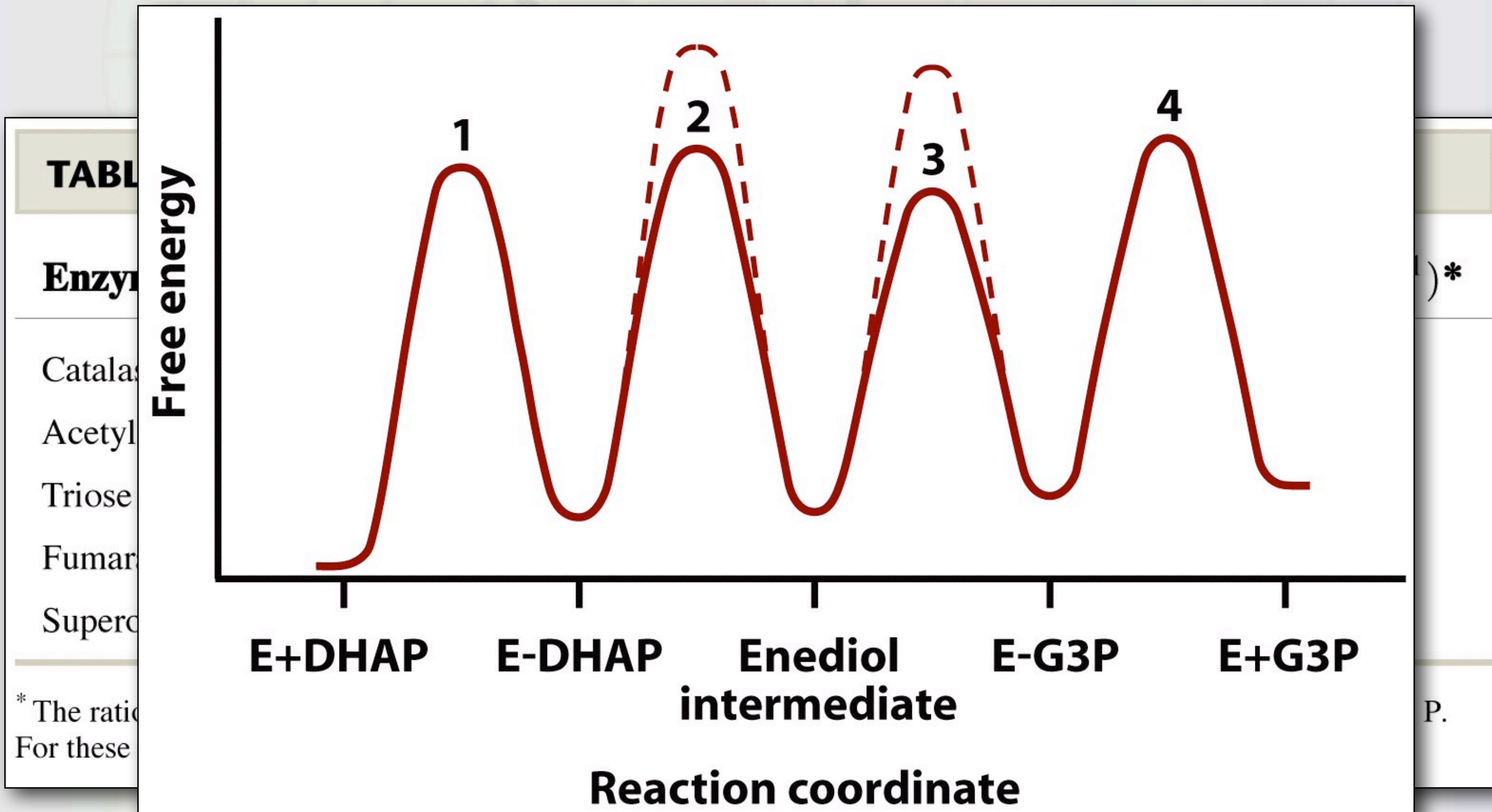

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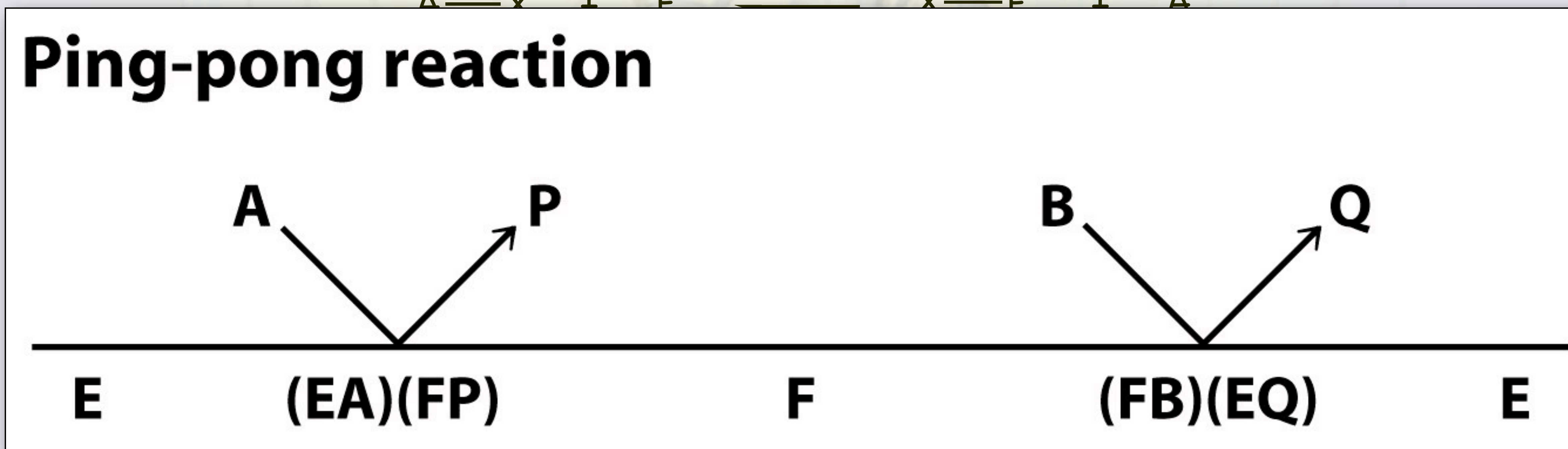

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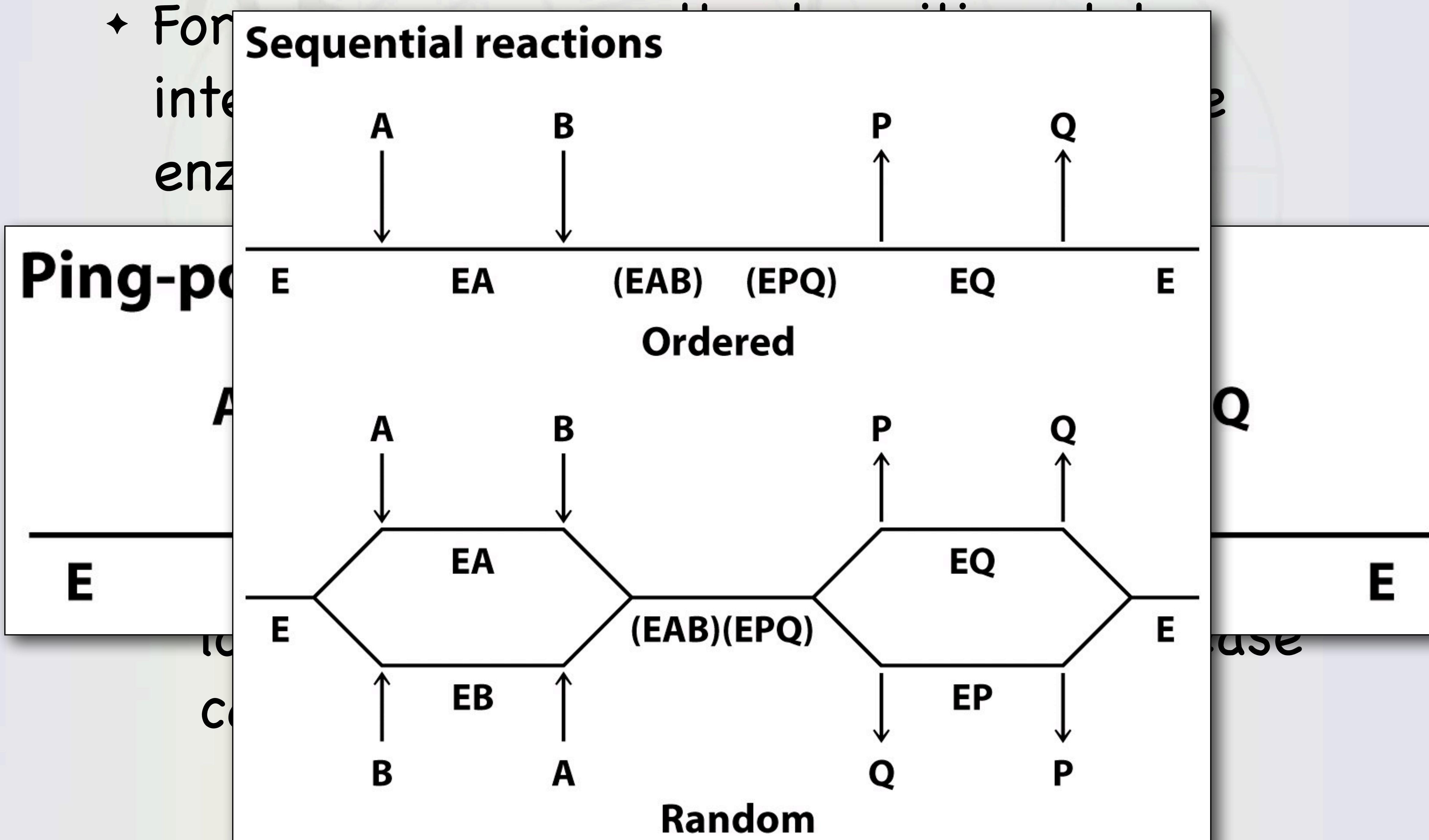

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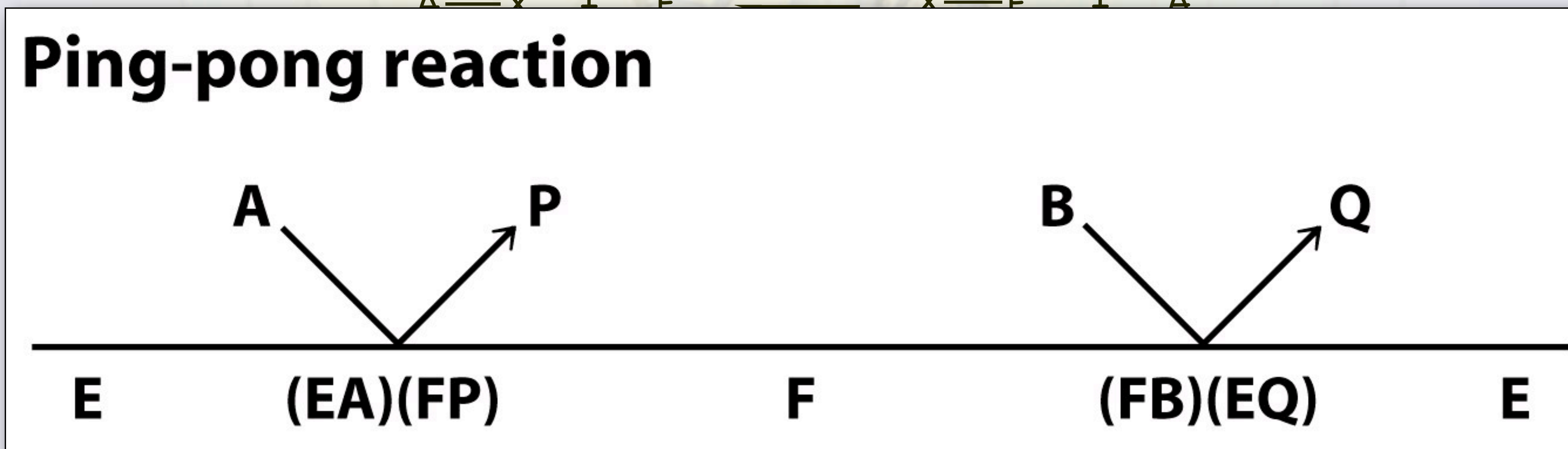

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- Acid/Base catalysis and covalent bond catalysis can account for an approximately 10 to 100 fold increase in the reaction rates

- However, 10^8 fold increases are observed

Binding Modes of Enzymatic Catalysis

- Enzymes also bind of substrates and orient them relative to one another and to catalytic groups on the enzyme.

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The Proximity Effect

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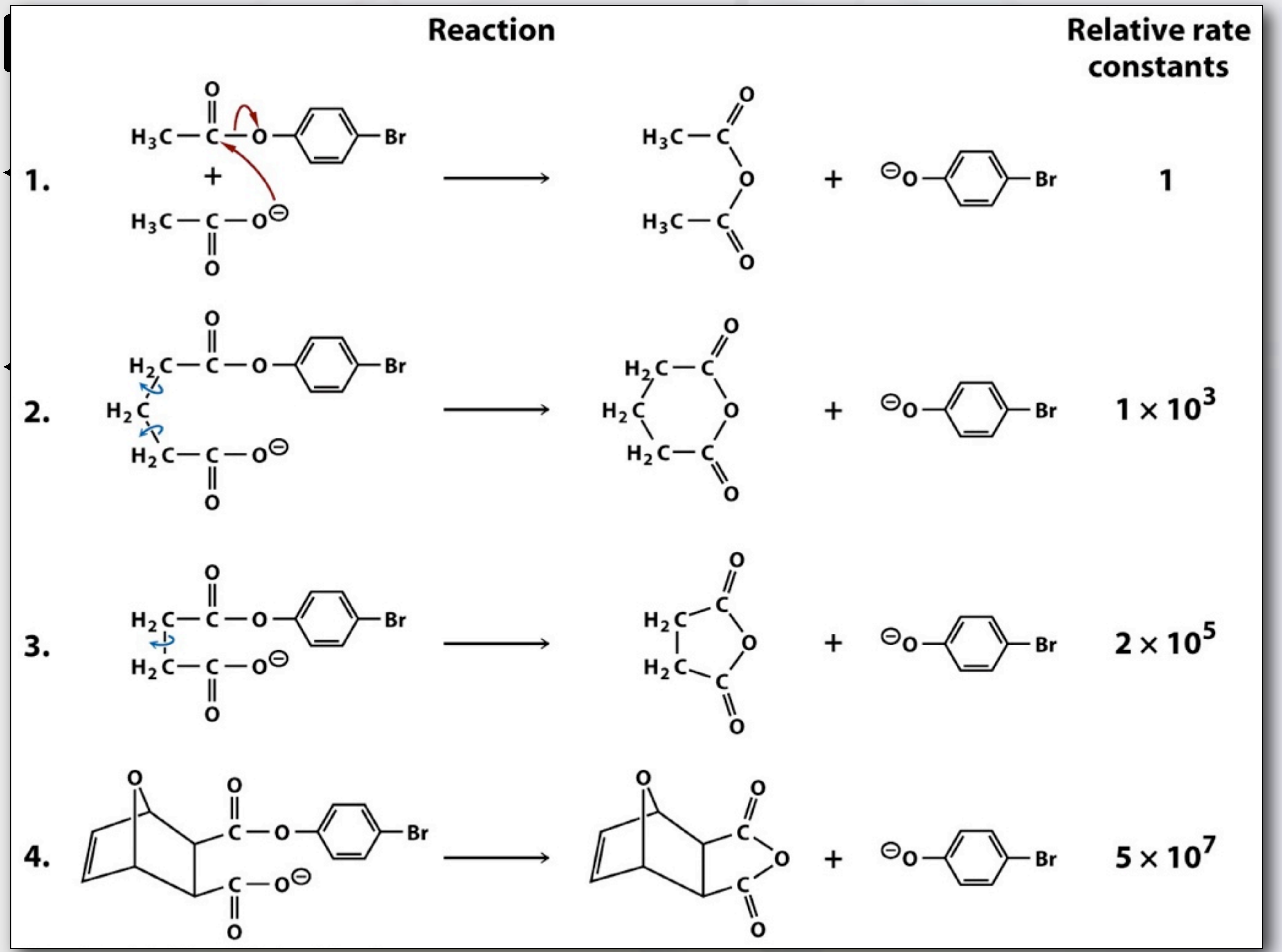

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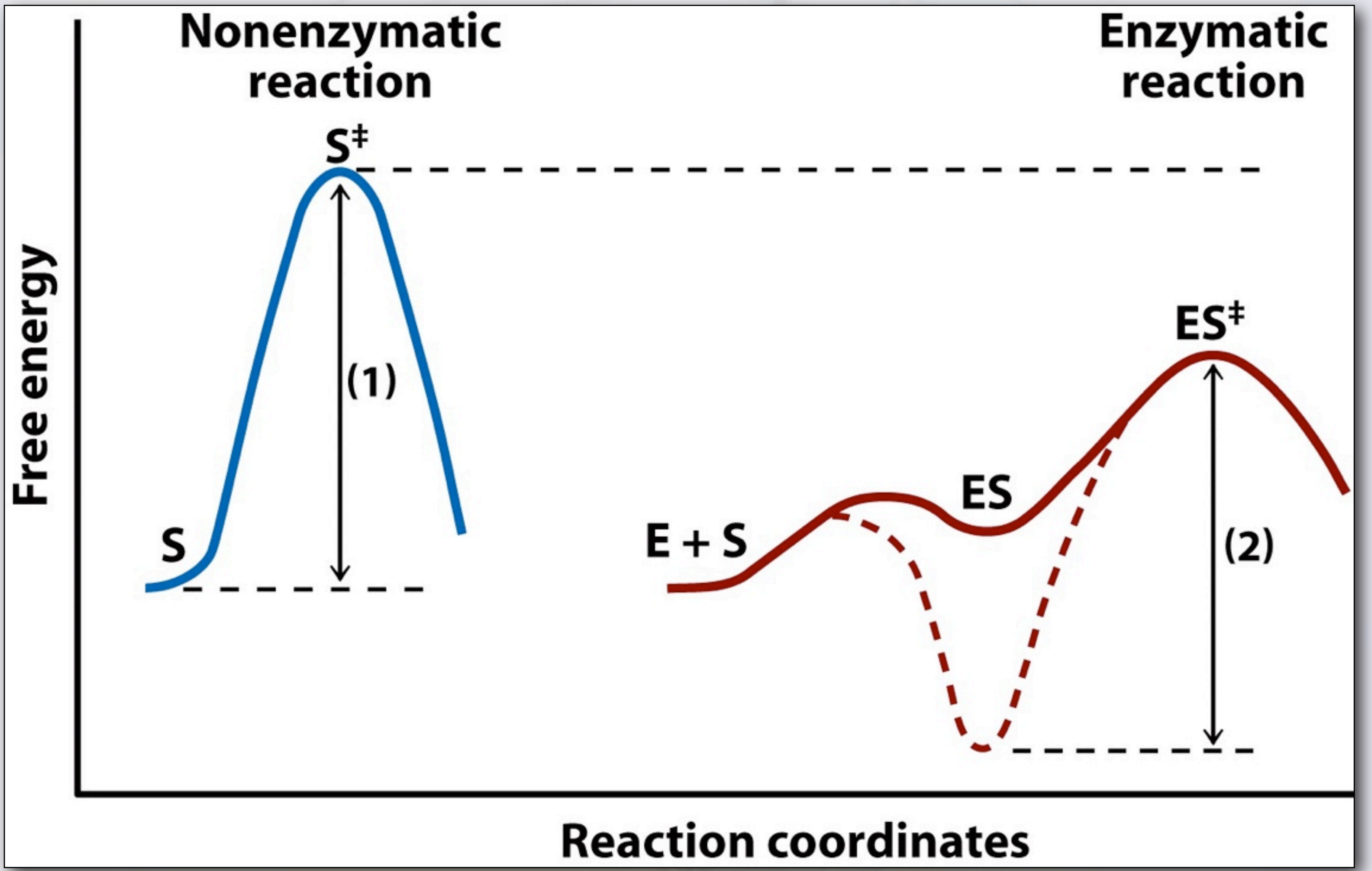

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"Lock and Key" model

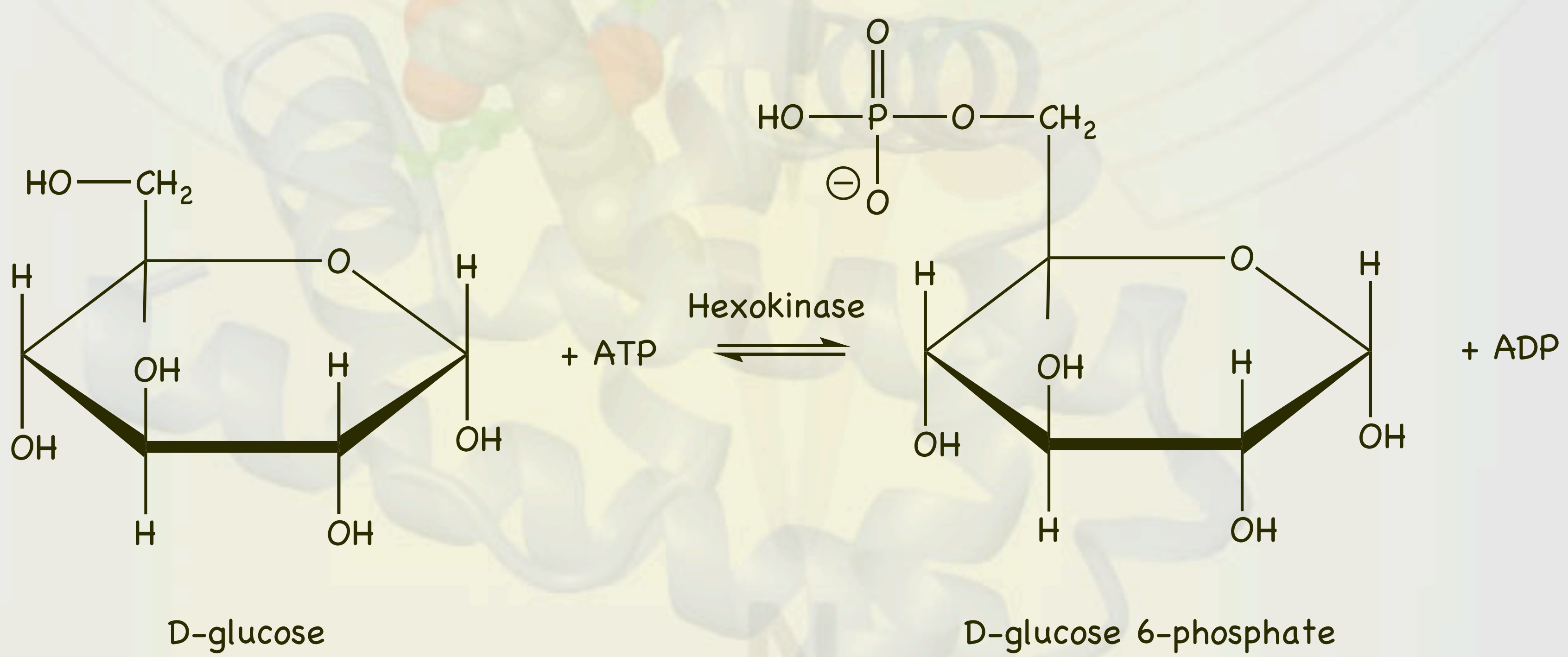
- In the late 1880's Emil Fischer, with his "lock and key" model, predicted what we know now to be the contribution of substrate binding to enzyme catalysis.

- In the 1960's, Daniel Koshland proposed an alternative "induced fit" model

Binding Modes of Enzymatic Catalysis

"Induced fit" model

- In the "induced fit" model, substrate binding induces conformational changes in the enzyme.
- Hexokinase provides a good example of "induced fit"



Binding Modes of Enzymatic Catalysis

Hexokinase, with (1BDG) and without (1HKG) bound substrate (glucose)

- without glucose
- with glucose

- Spacefill On/Off

- Spin On/Off

Jmol

Binding Modes of Enzymatic Catalysis

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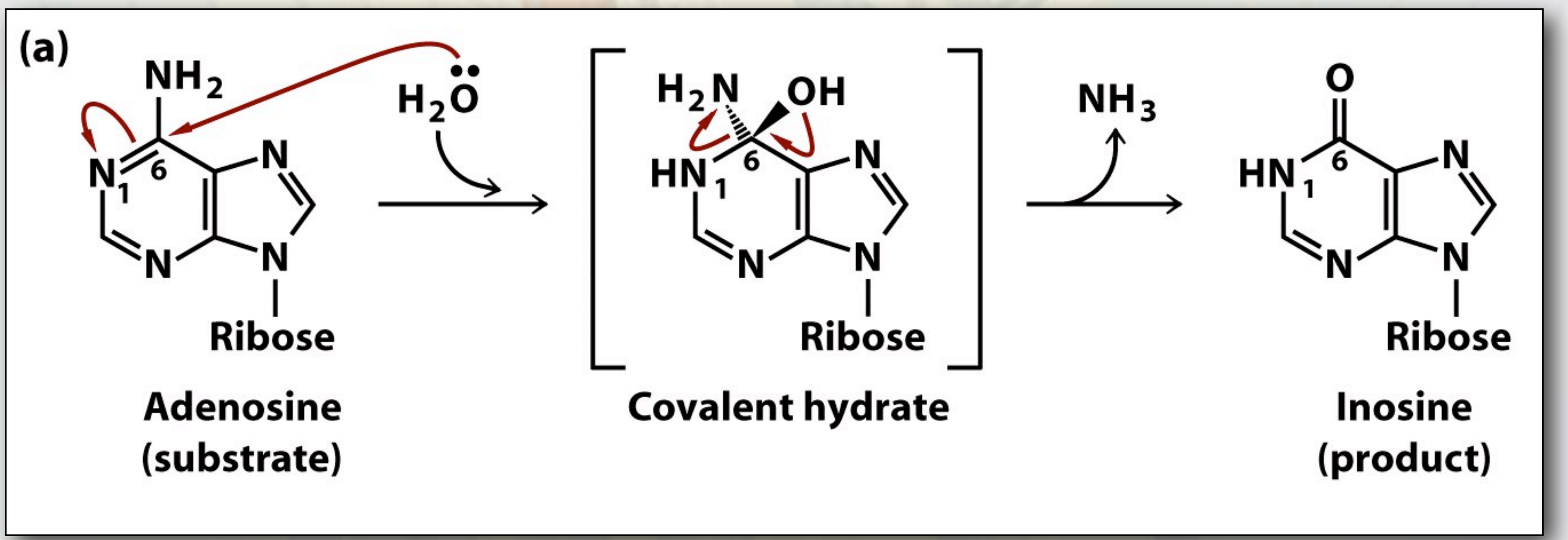

Adenosine deaminase

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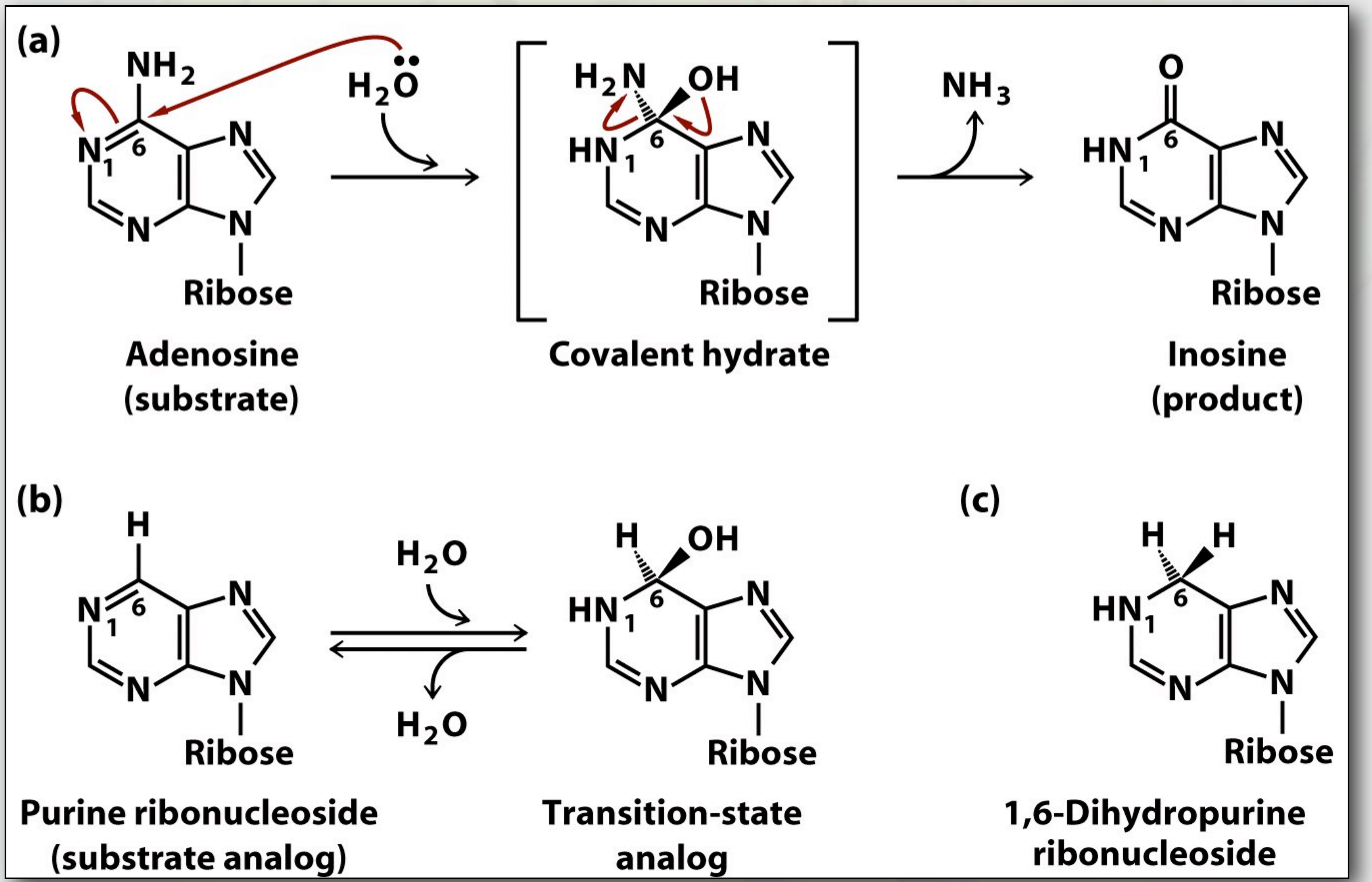

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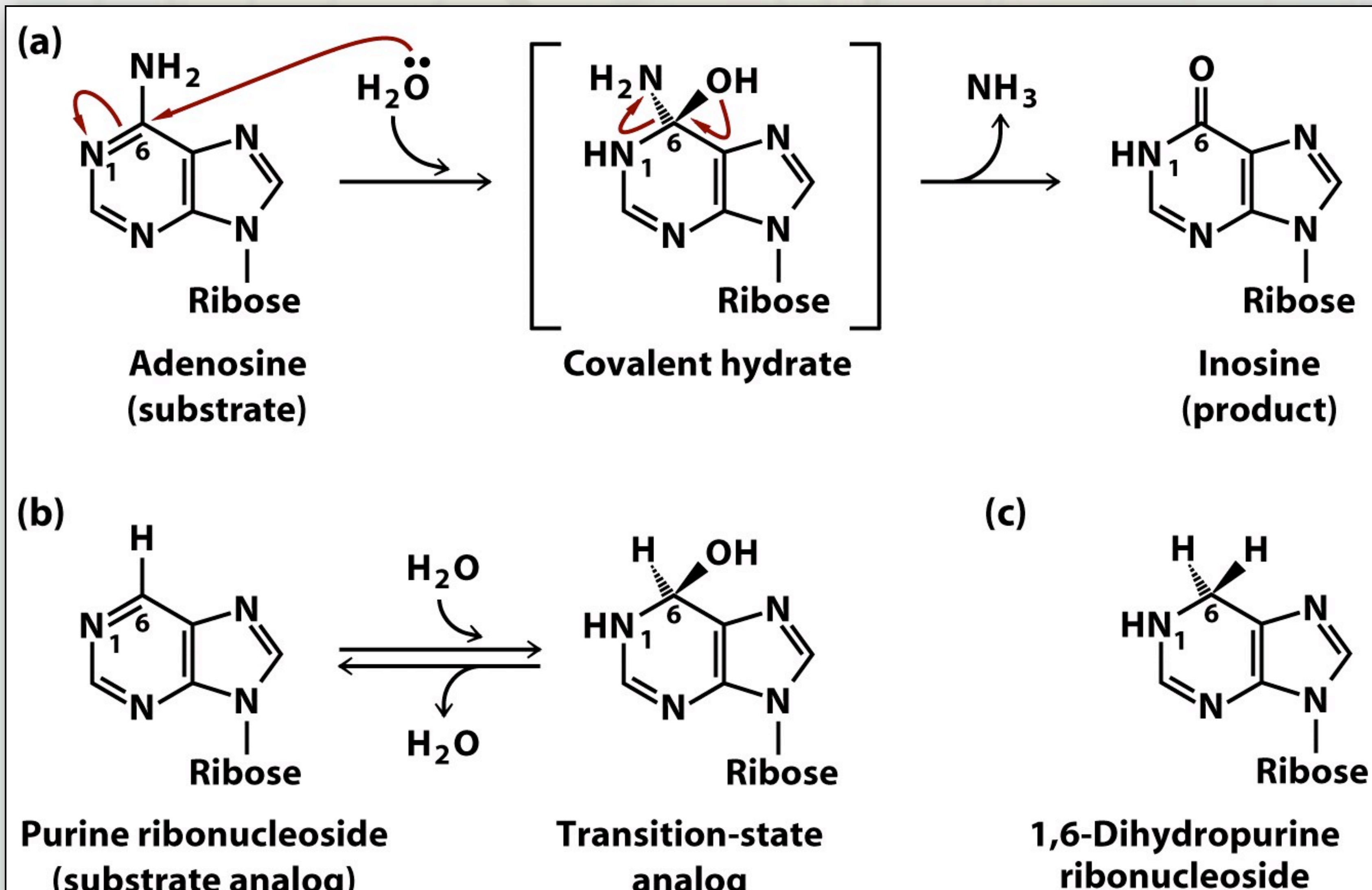

The binding affinity for the transition state analogue is 10^8 higher than that for either the substrate or product.

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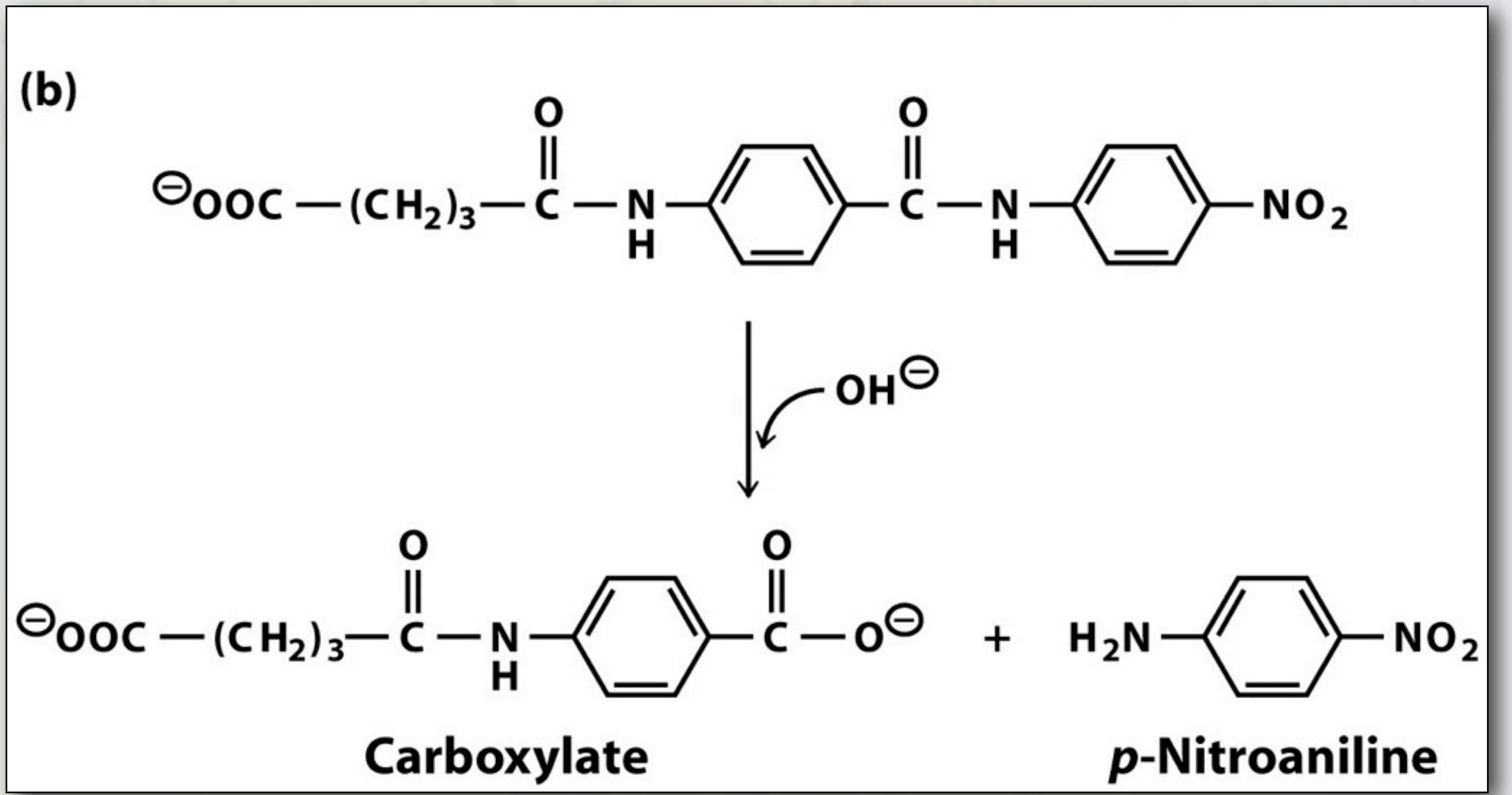

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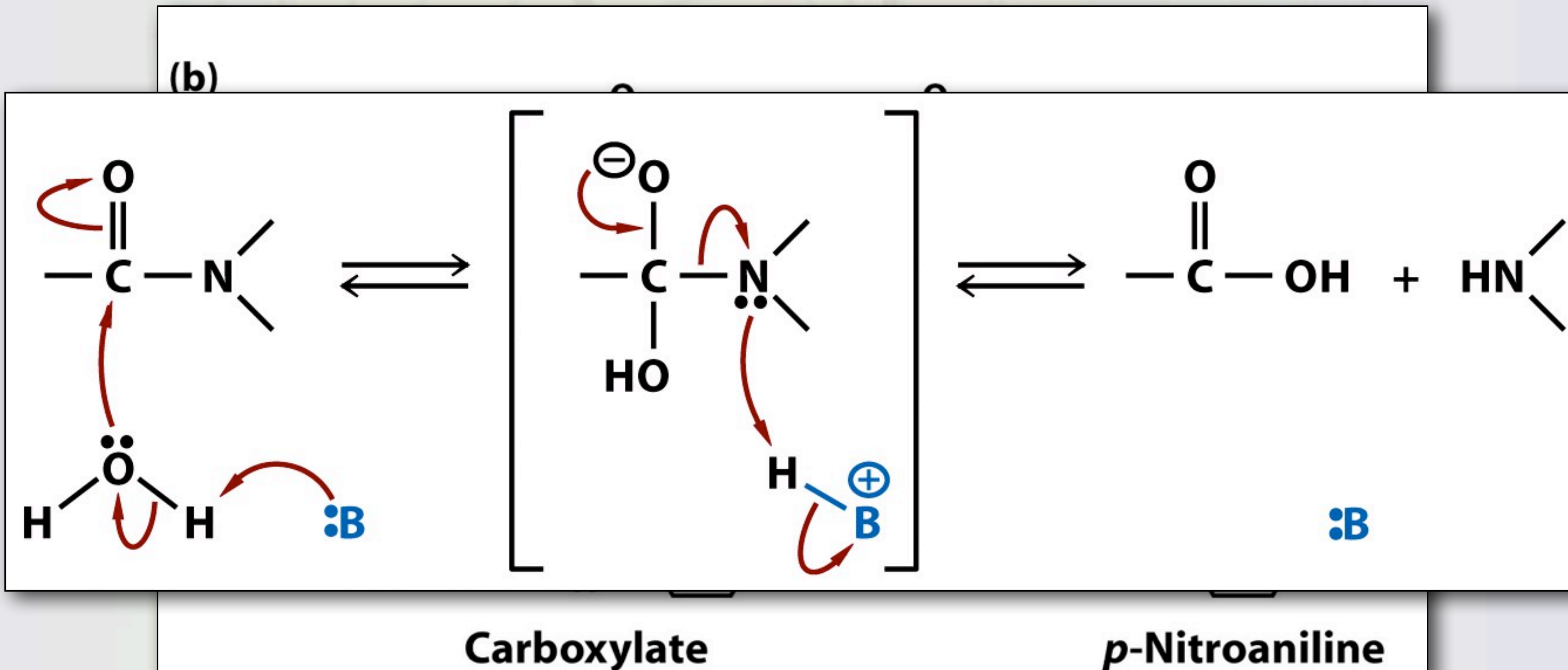

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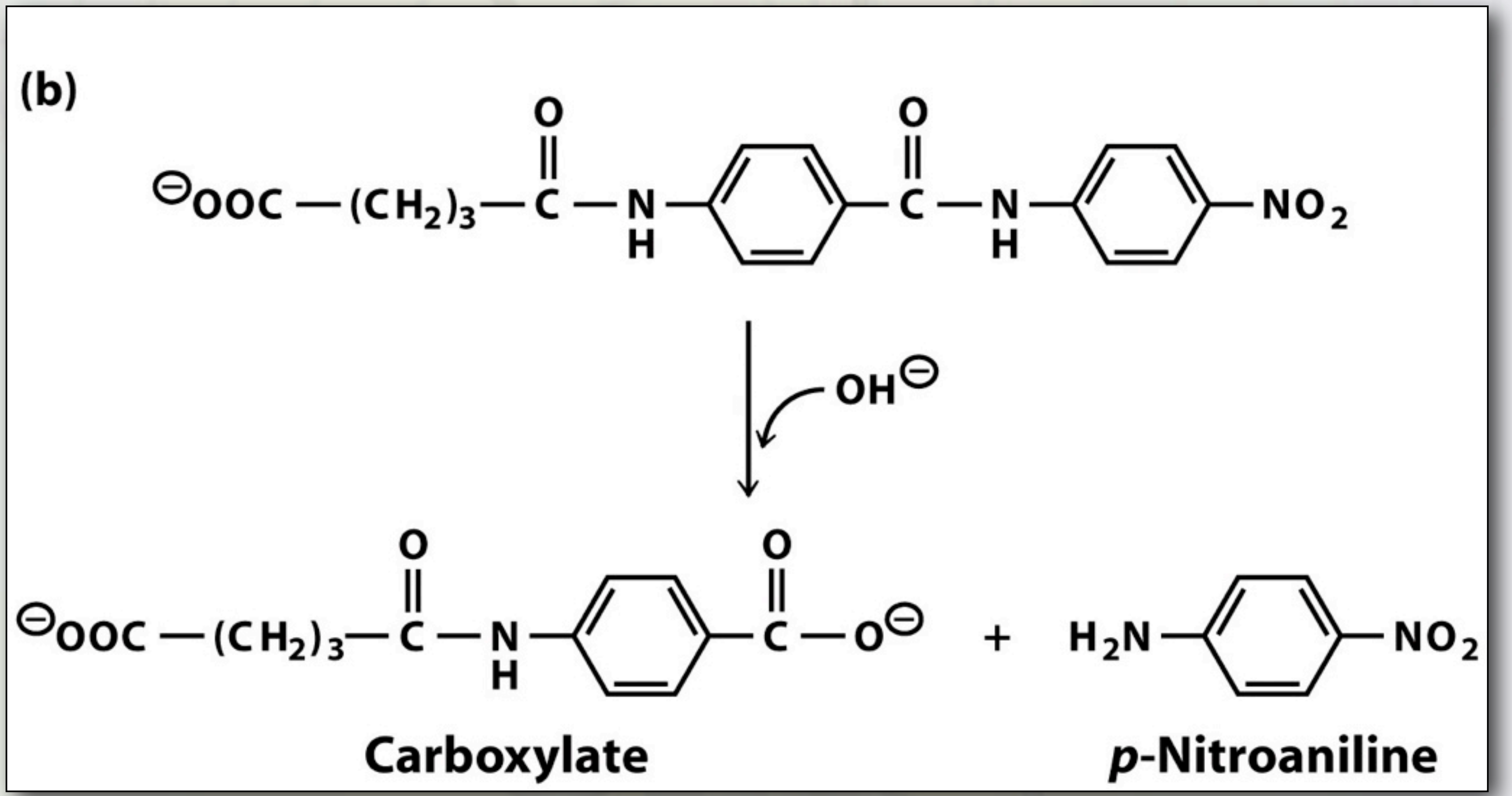

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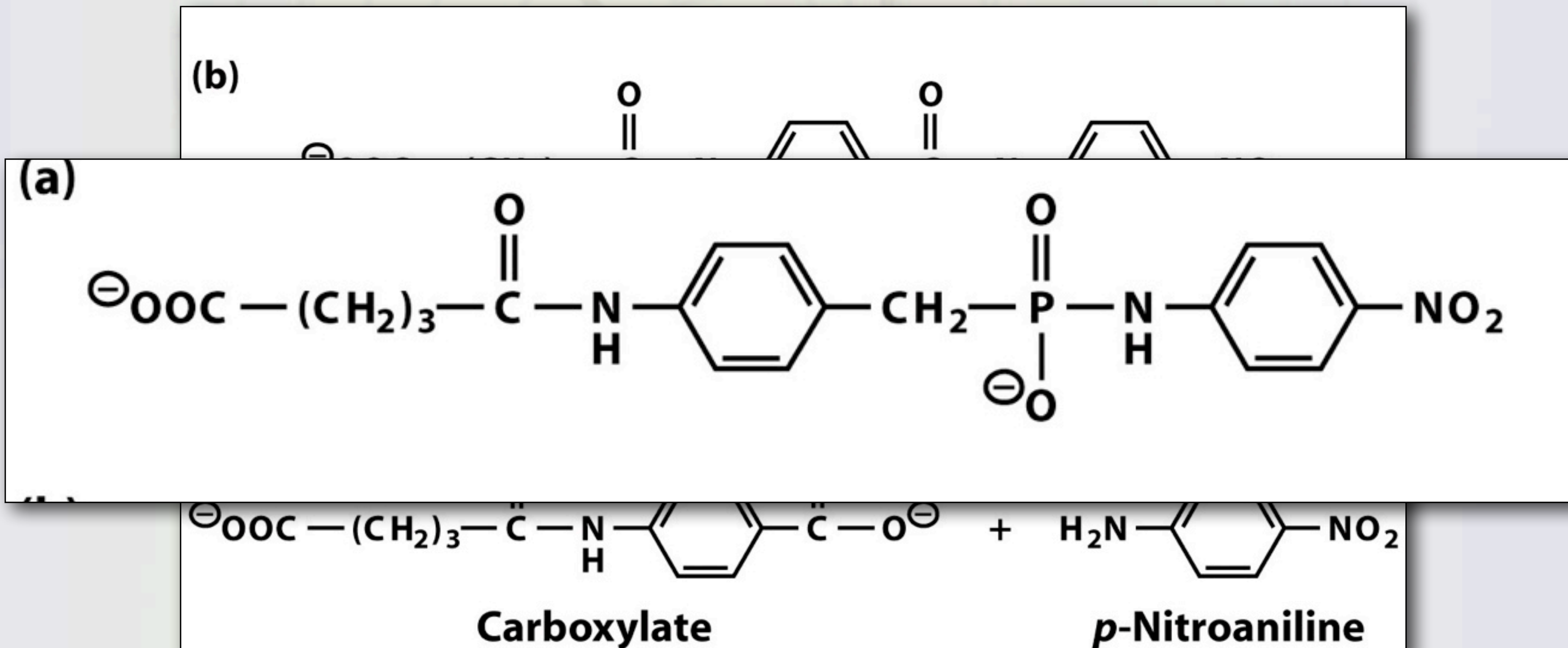

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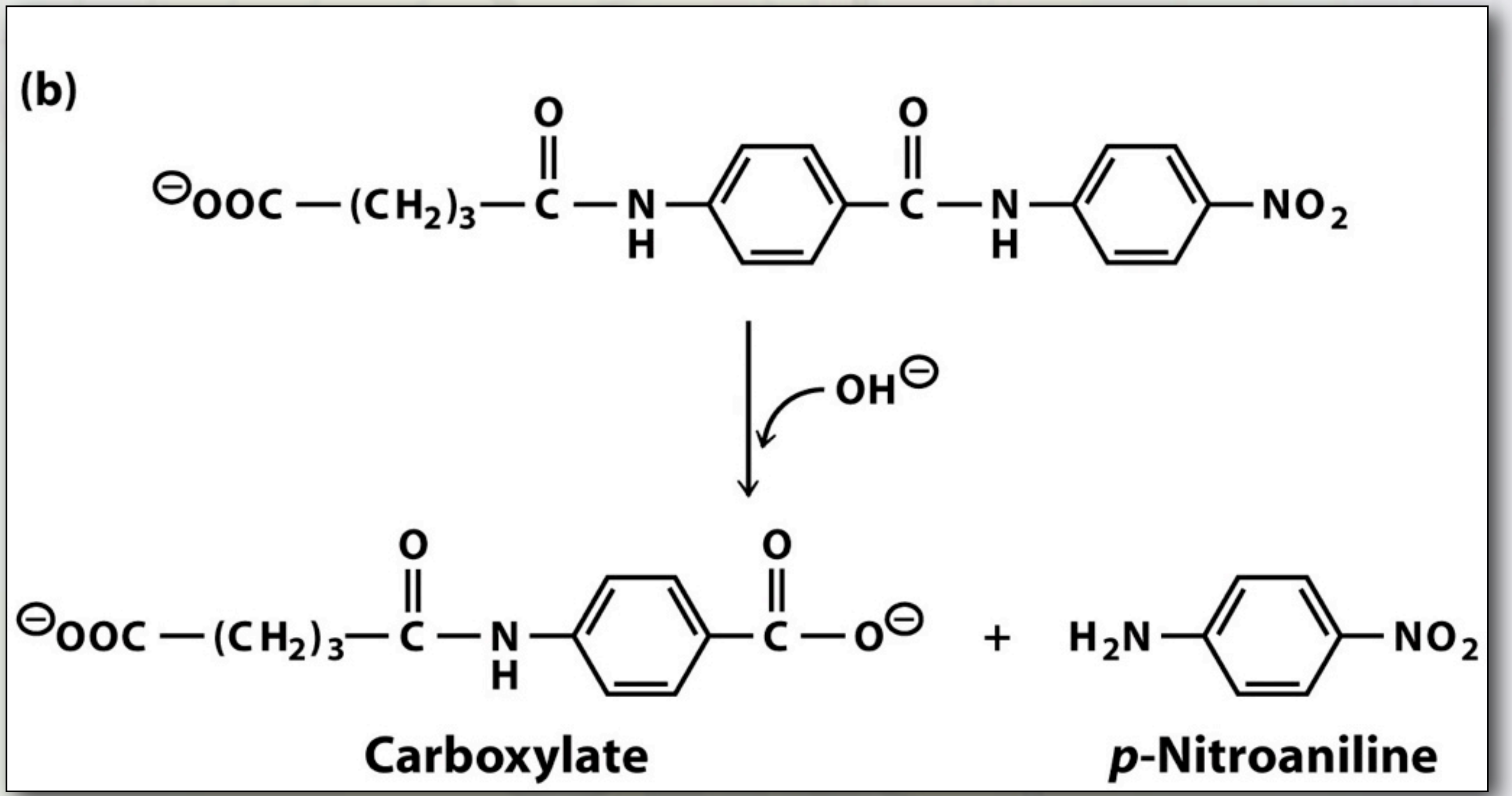


Abzyme speed up reaction 10^5 times

Serine Proteases - A Case Study

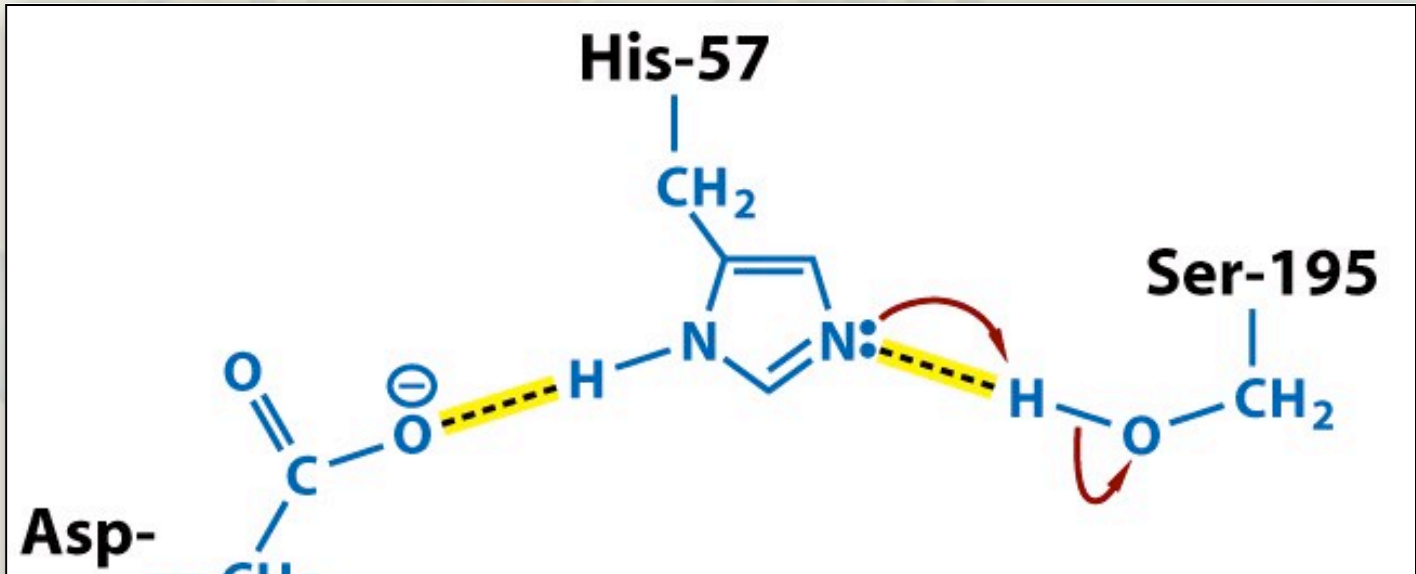
Case studies of enzyme catalyzed reactions:

- **Lysozyme**
  - Cleaves the polysaccharide found in bacterial cell walls.
- **Chymotrypsin**
  - A Serine protease that cleaves the polypeptide backbone during protein digestion.

Serine Proteases - A Case Study

Serine proteases are a group of enzymes that cleave peptide bonds.

- There are many different serine proteases
- All contain a serine side chain in their active site, along with a histidine and an aspartic acid sidechain.



The catalytic triad

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Serine proteases nicely illustrate many of the tricks that can be used to speed up chemical reactions

- Catalytic modes of enzymatic catalysis
  - Acid/base catalysis
  - Covalent catalysis
- Binding modes of enzymatic catalysis
  - Proximity effect
  - Transition state stabilization

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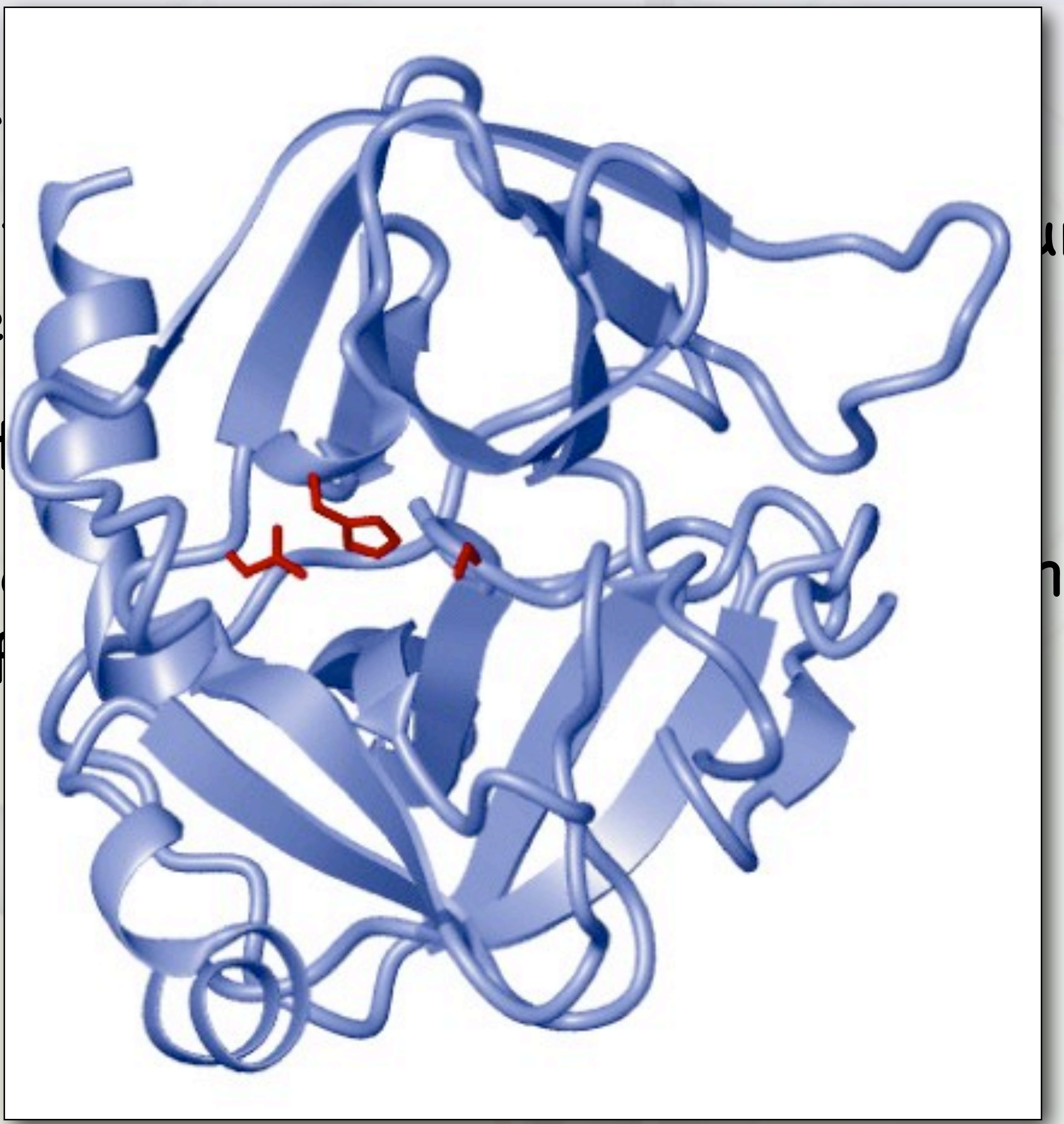

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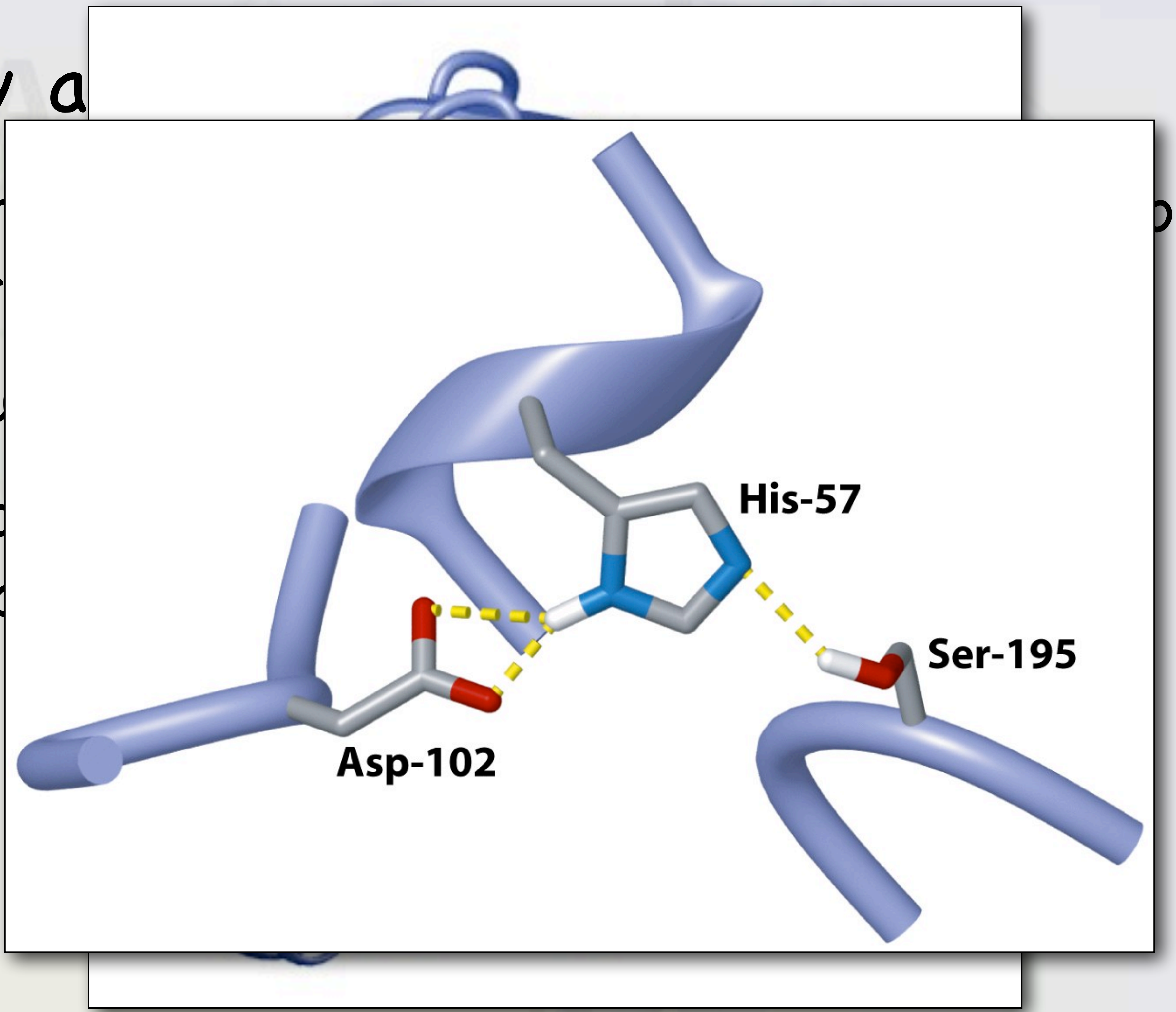

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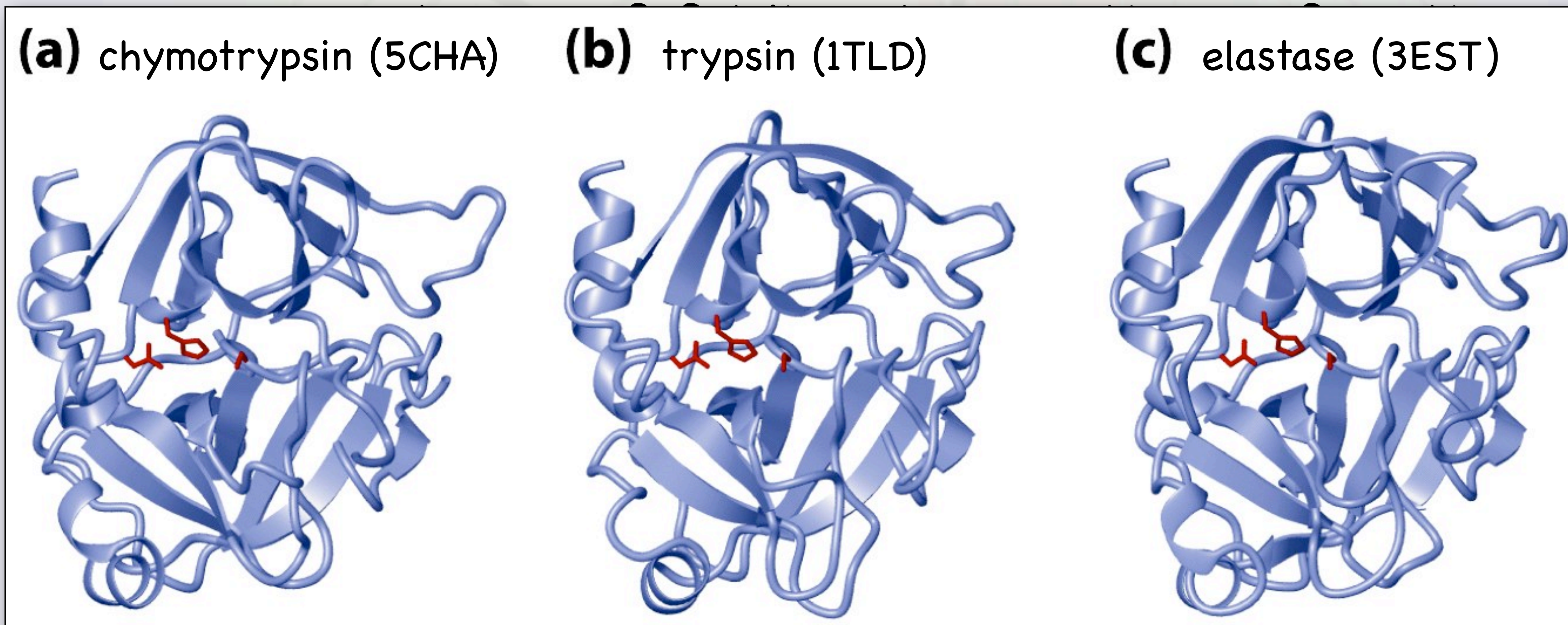

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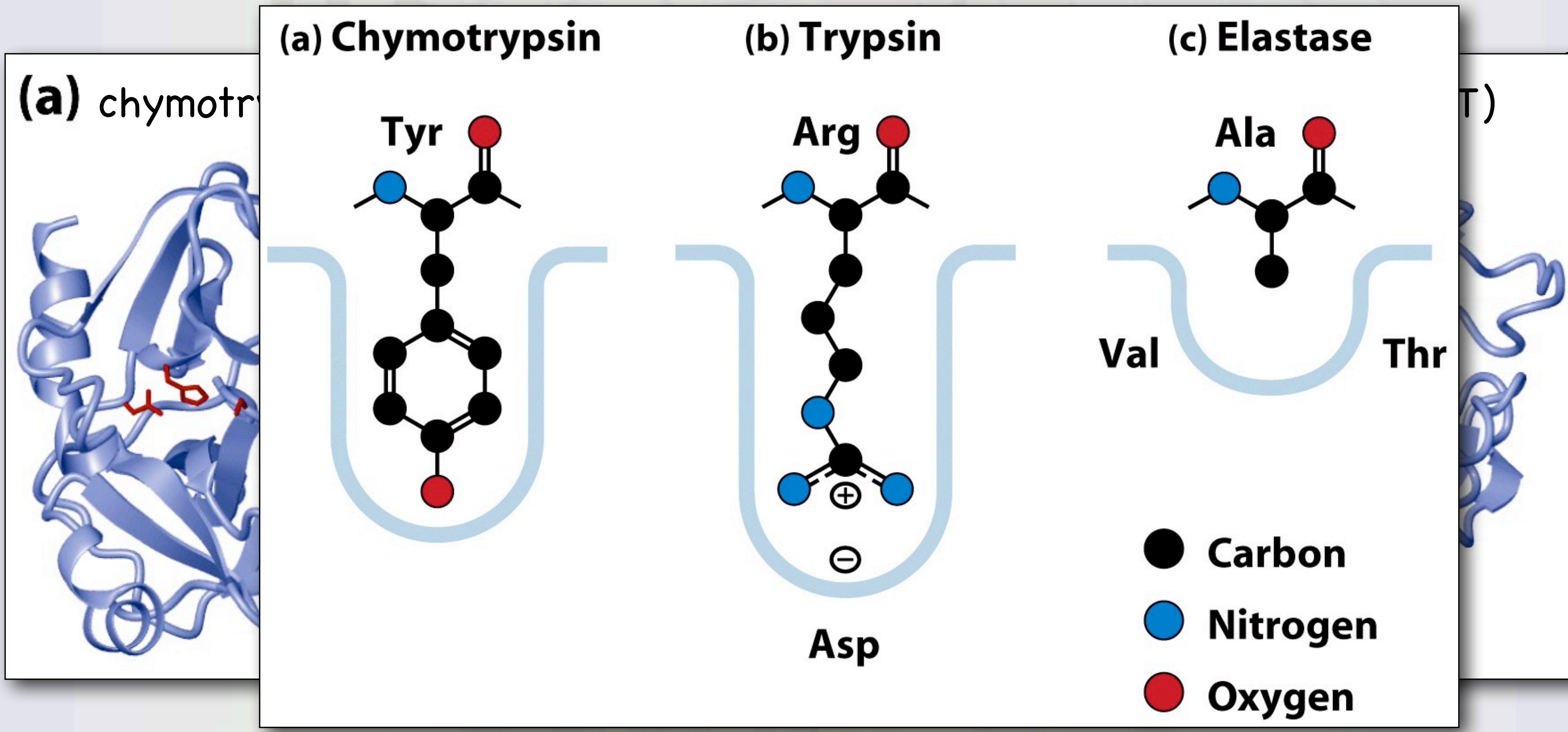

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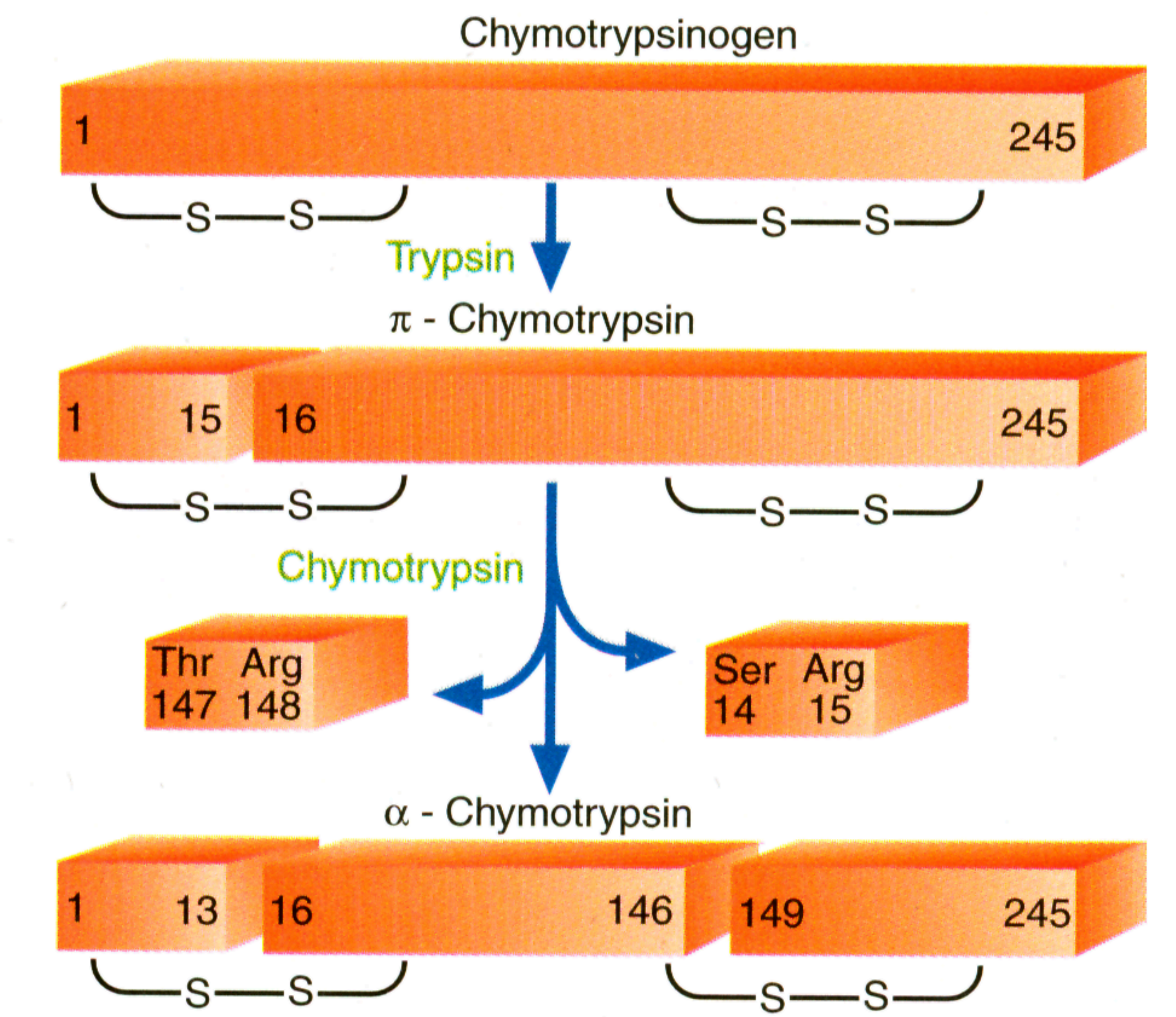
Zymogen (inactive precursor)
synthesized in the pancreas

Active Enzyme
activated in the small intestine



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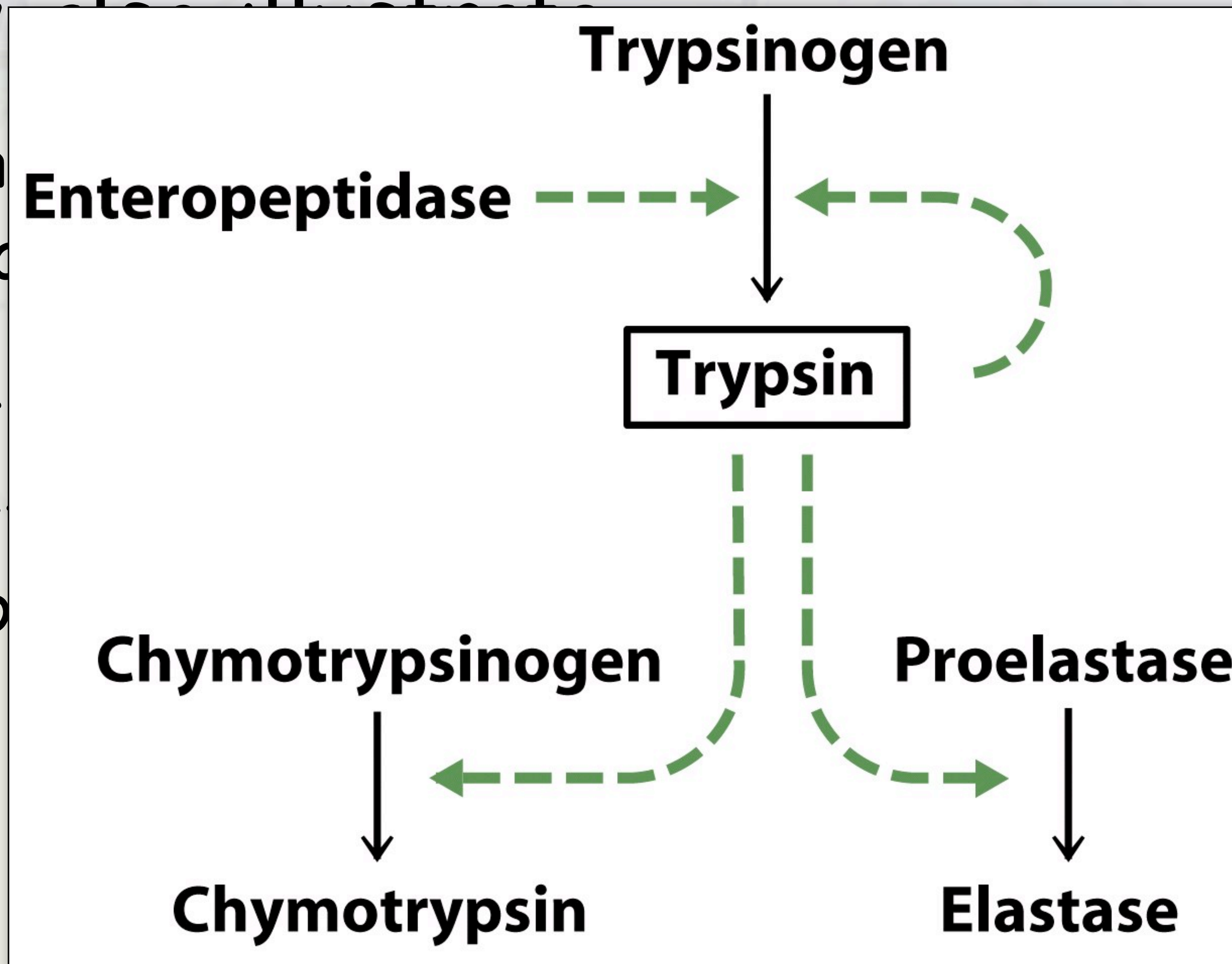

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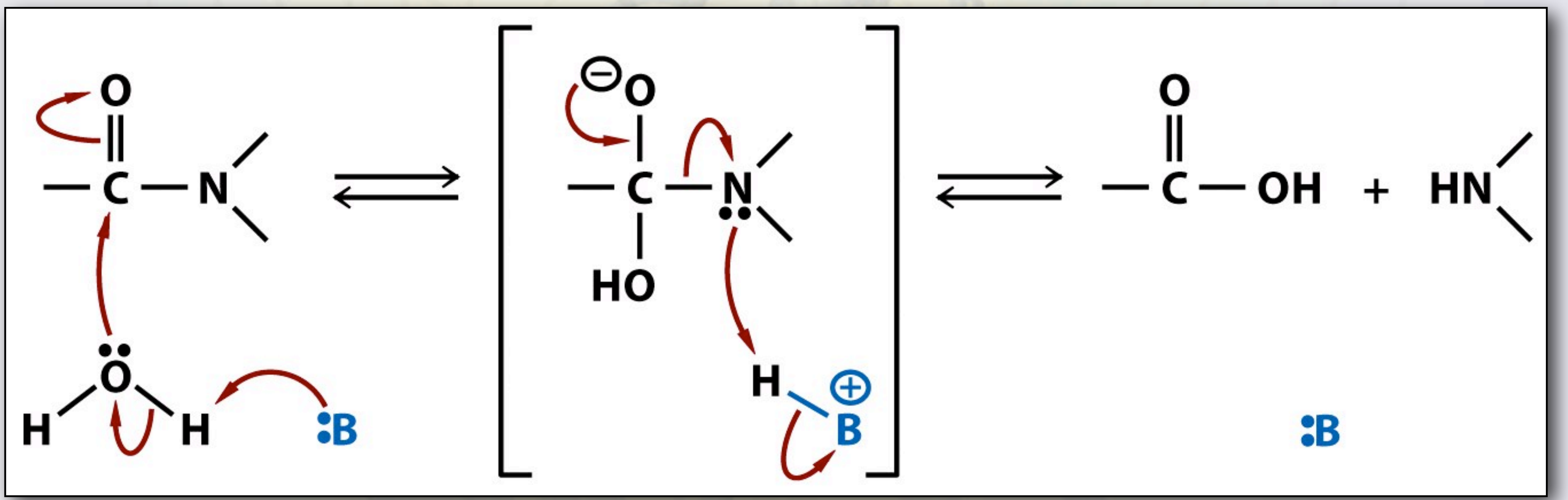

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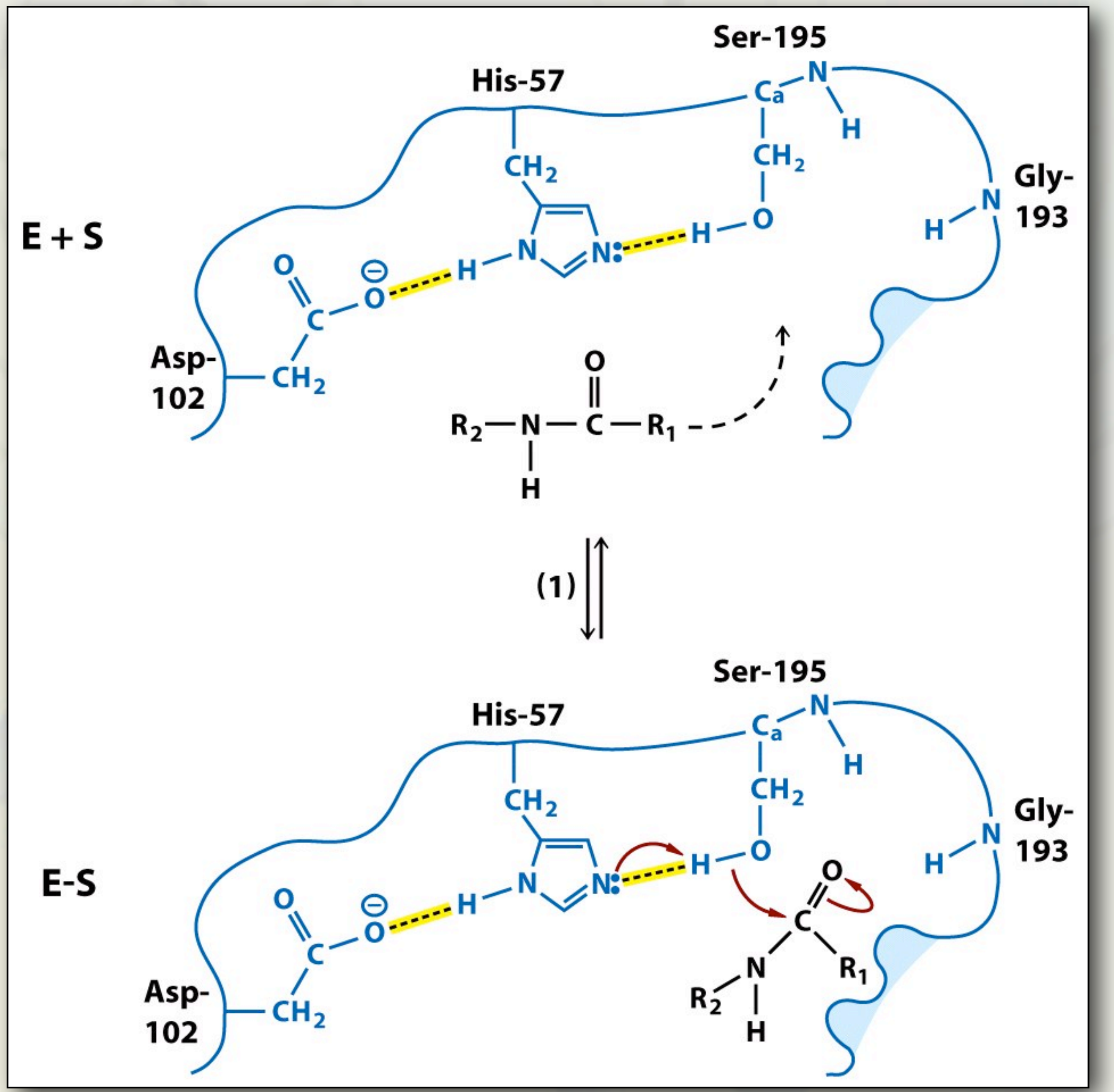

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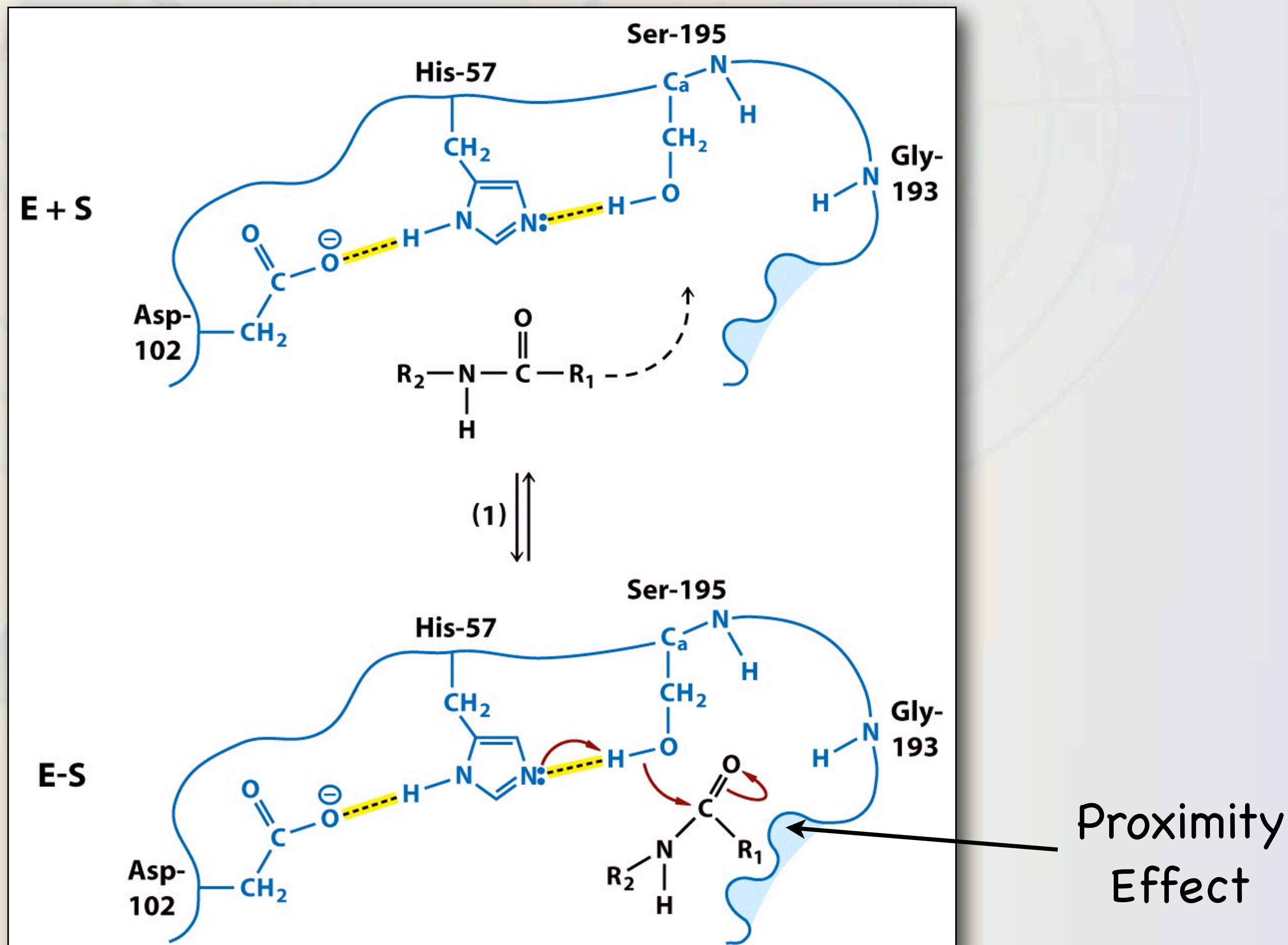

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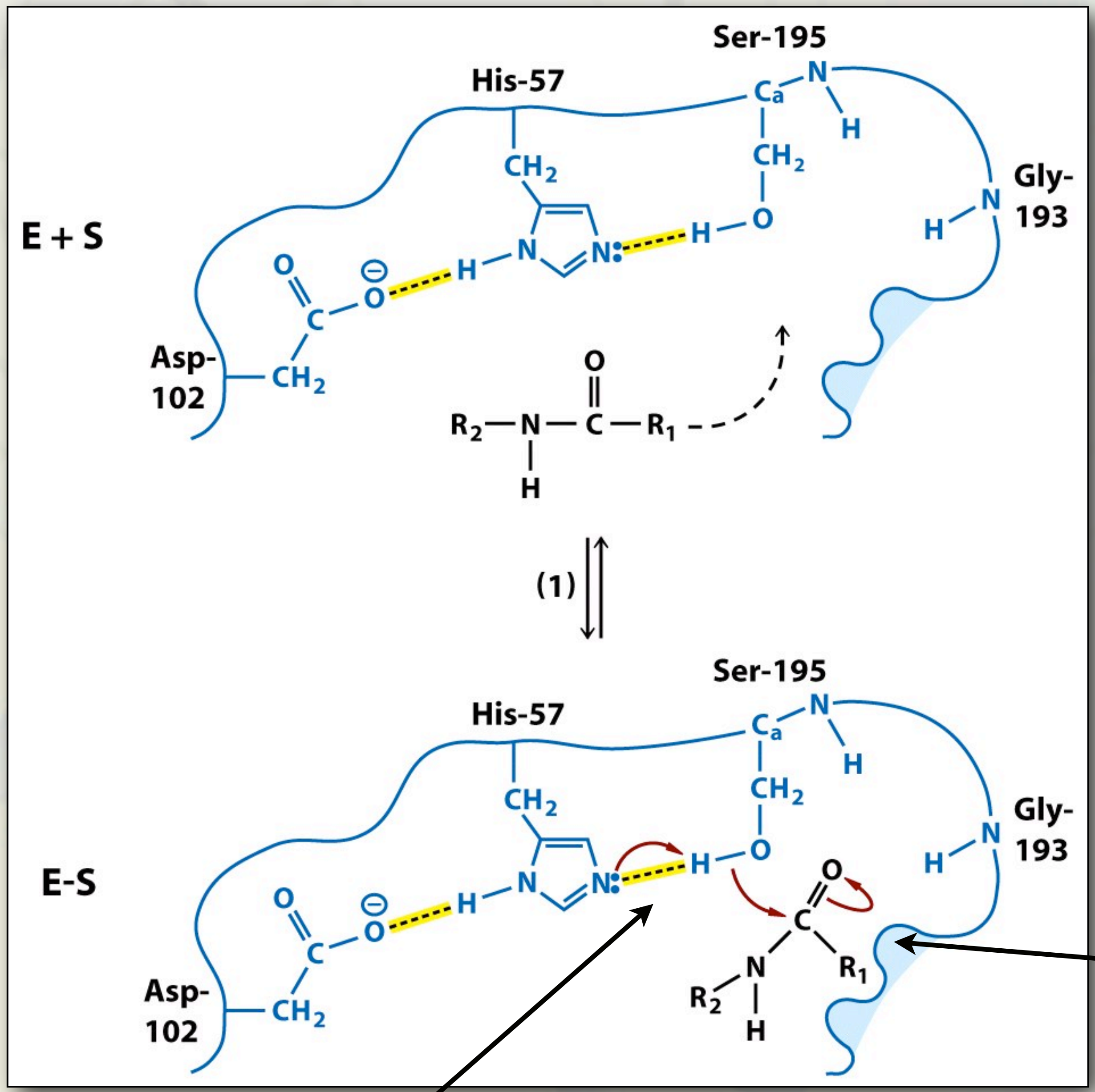

Proximity Effect

Acid/Base Catalysis

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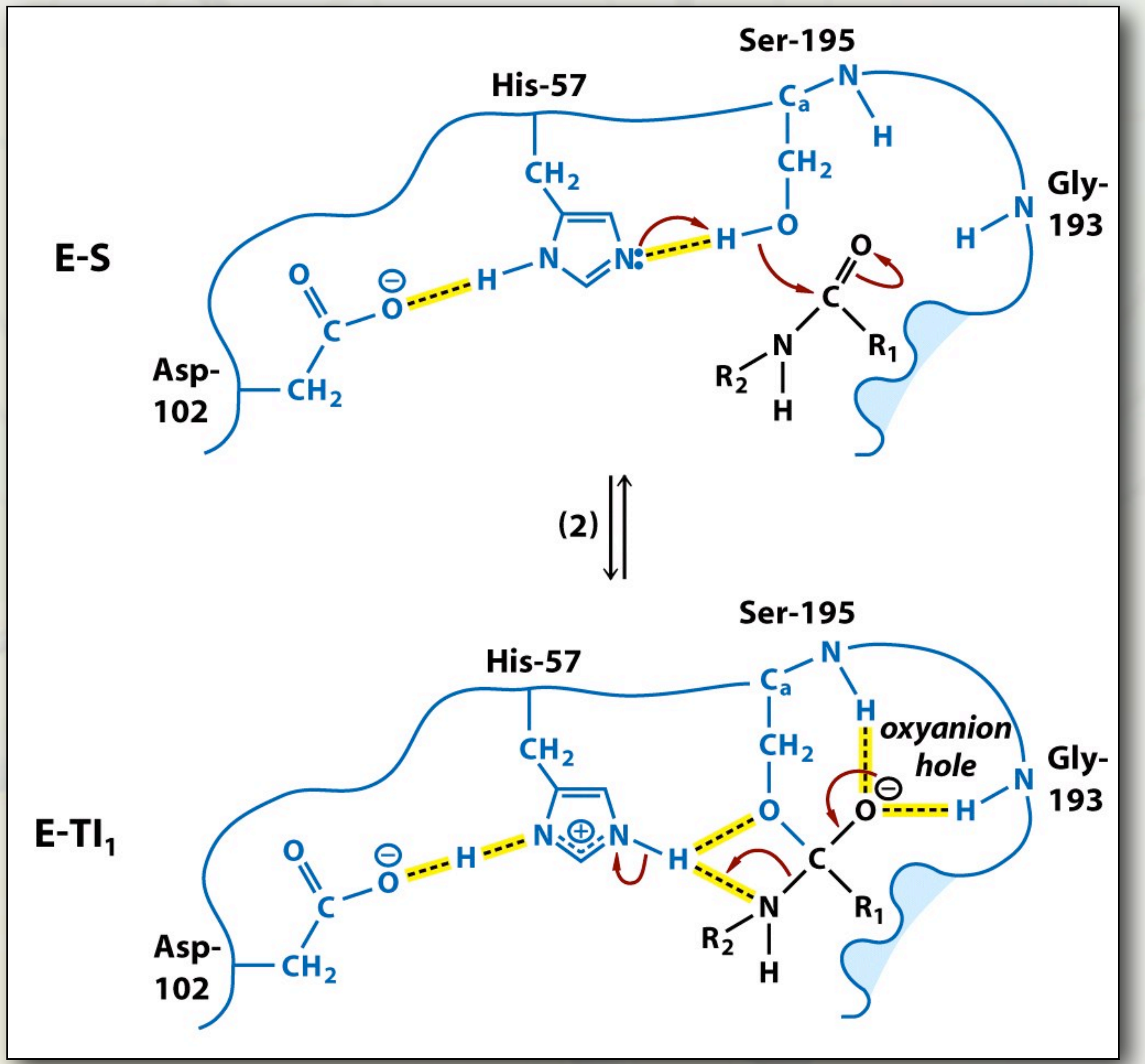

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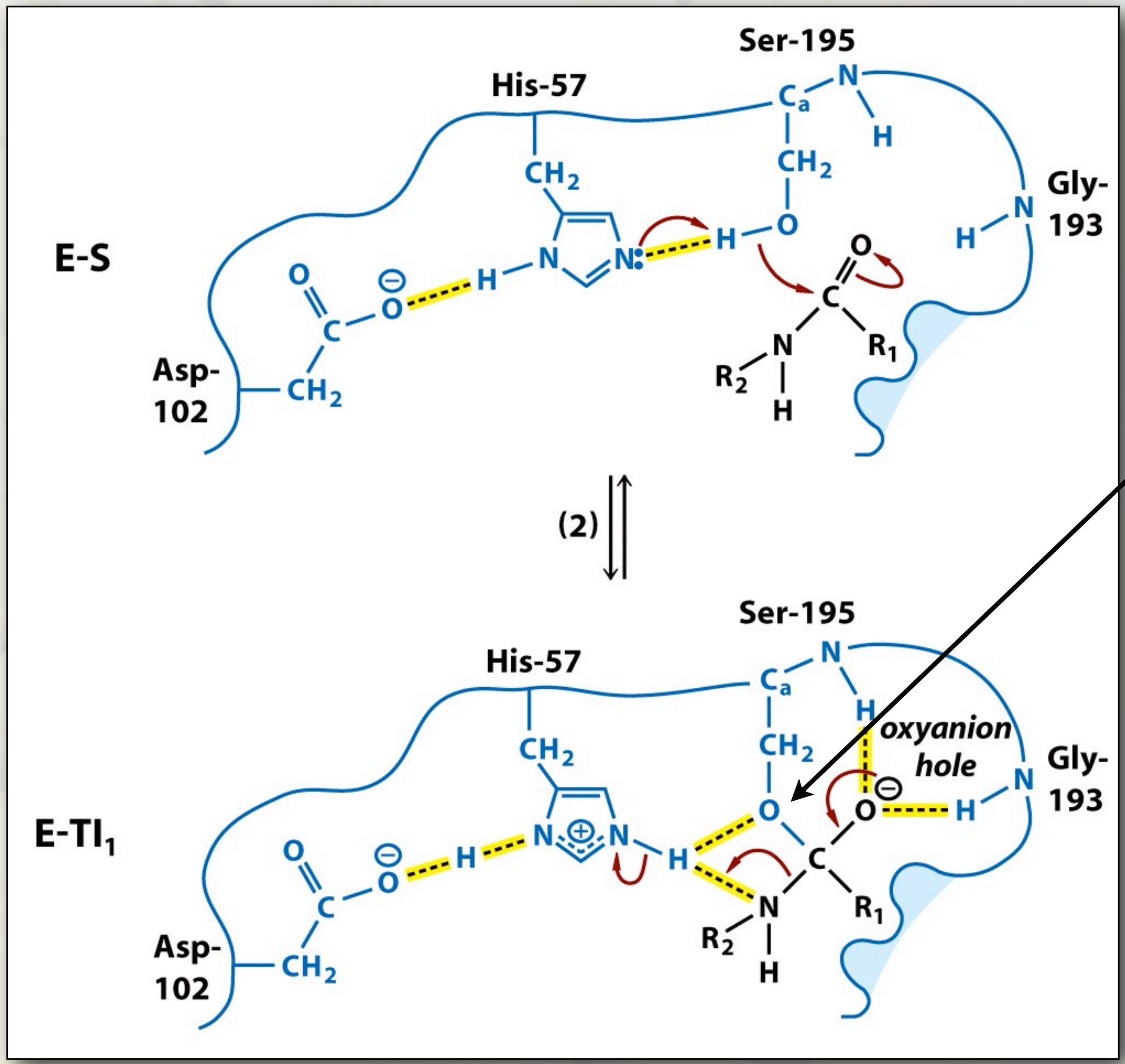

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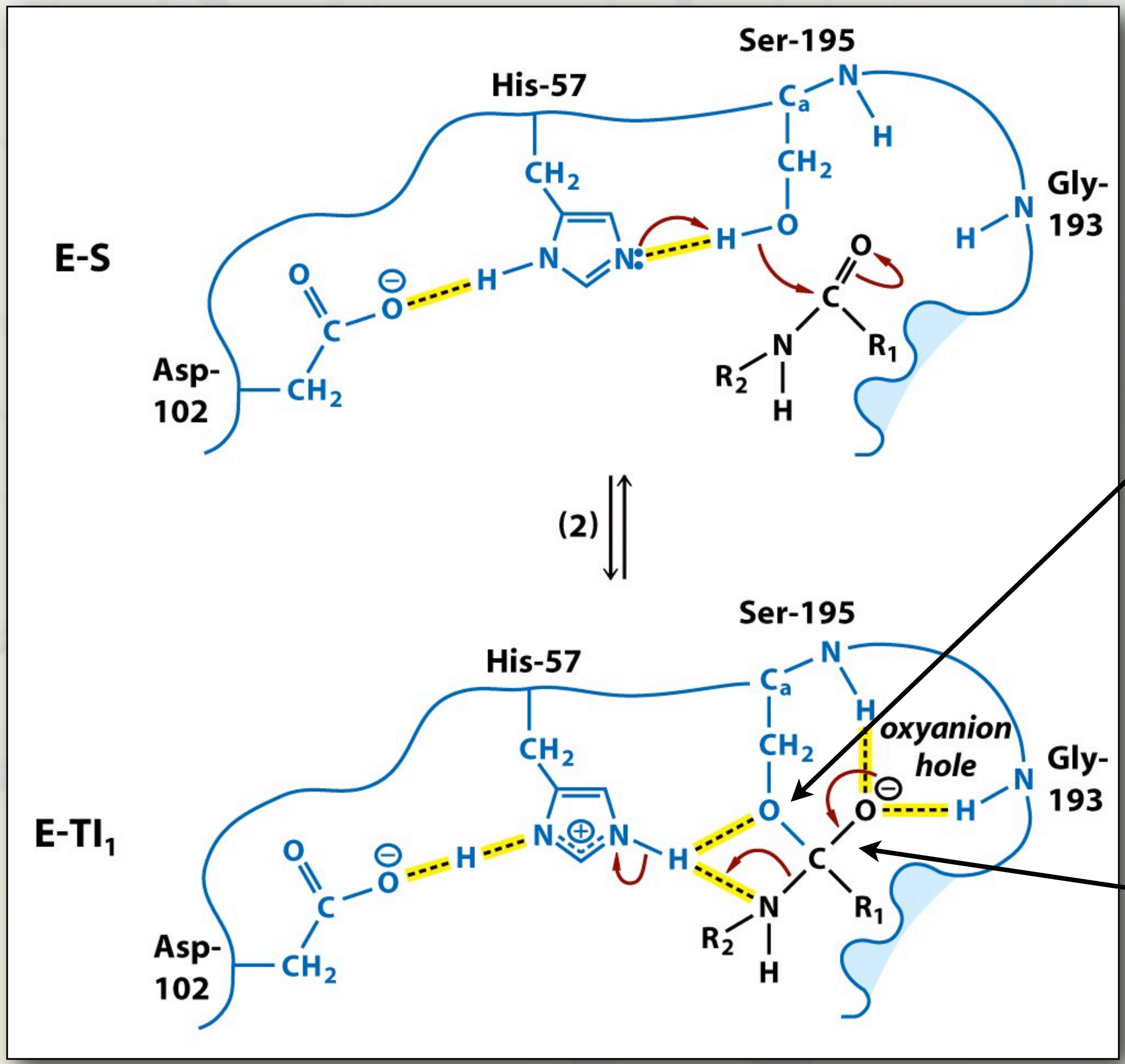

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Transition State Stabilization

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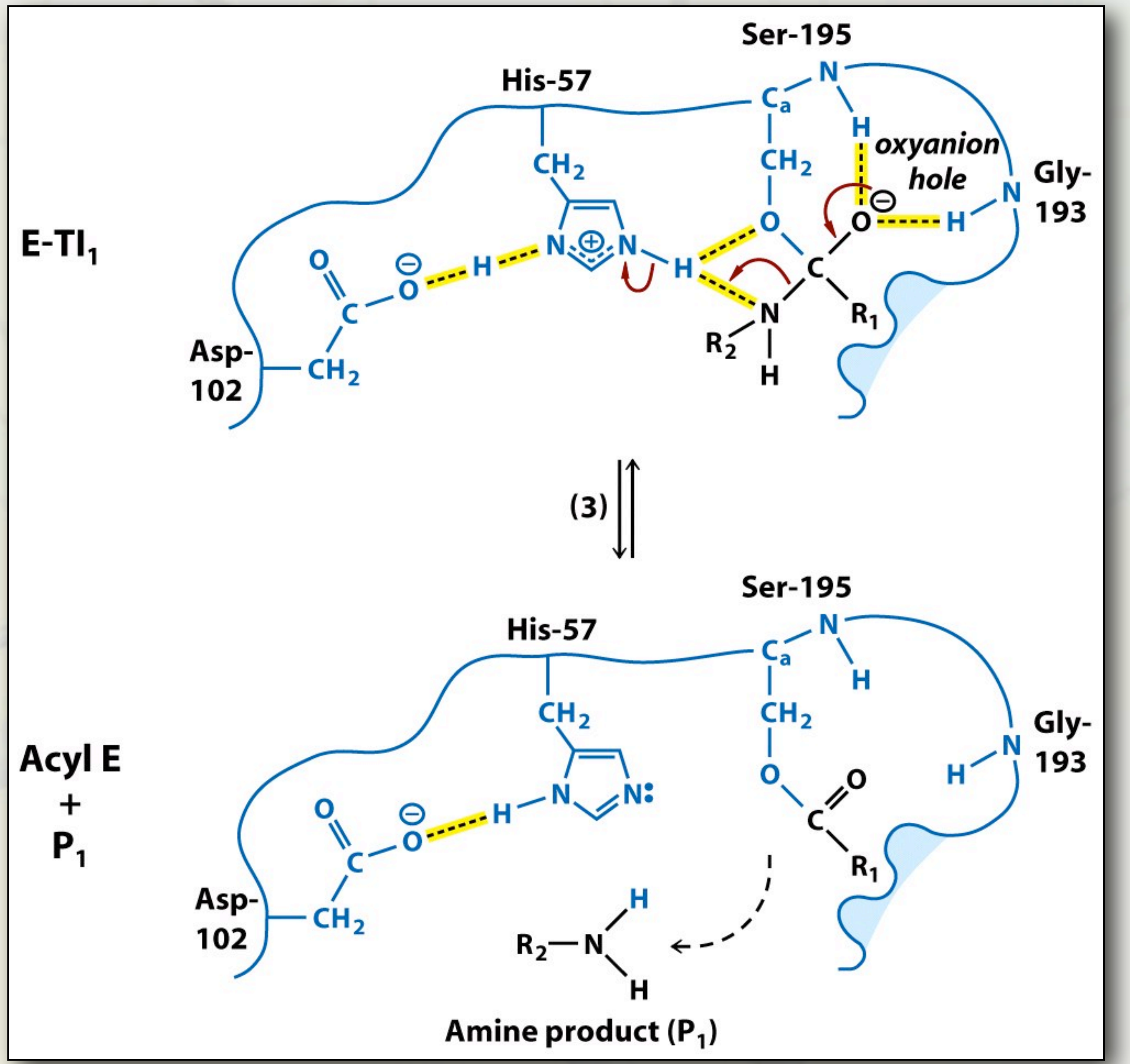

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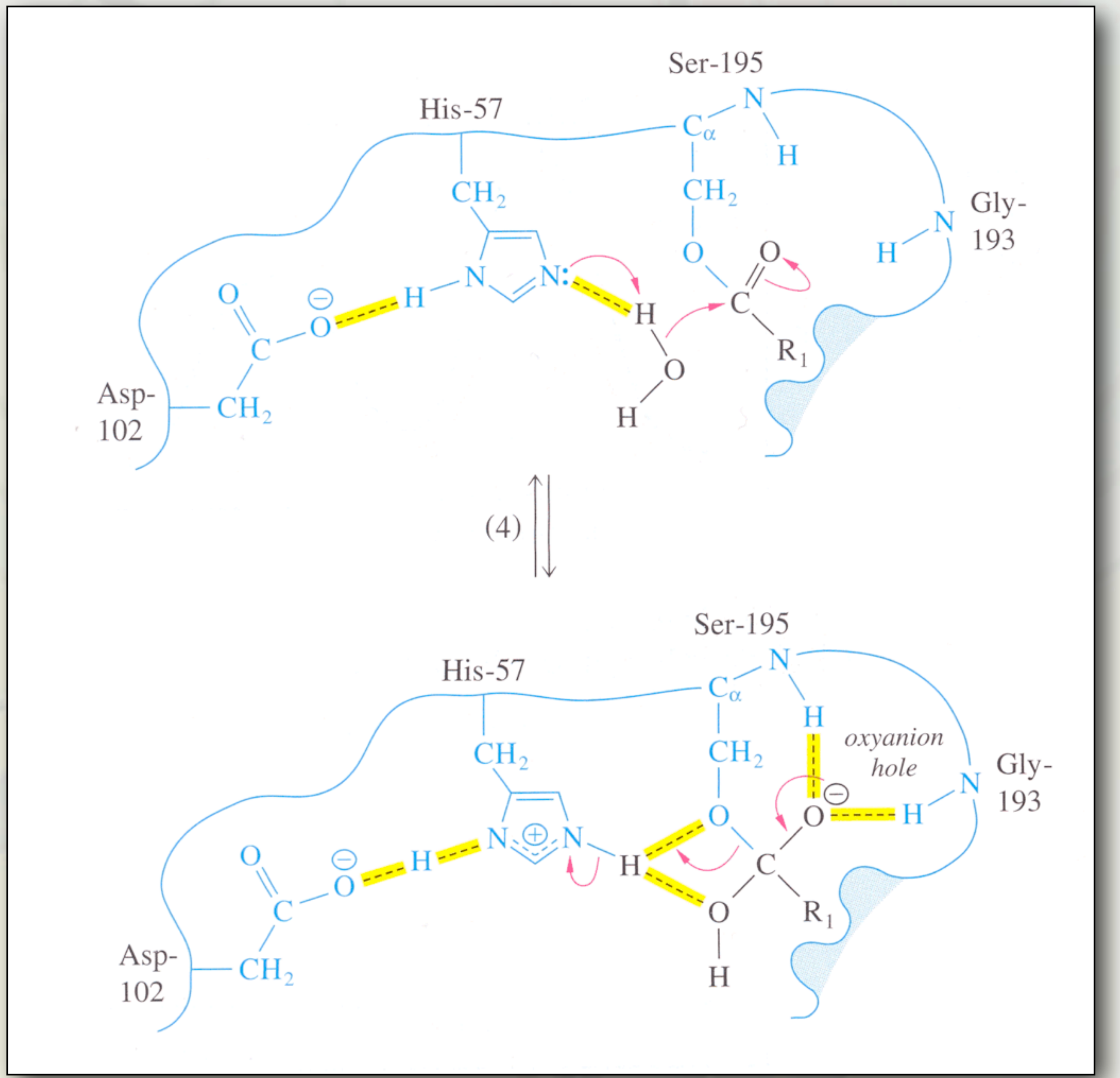

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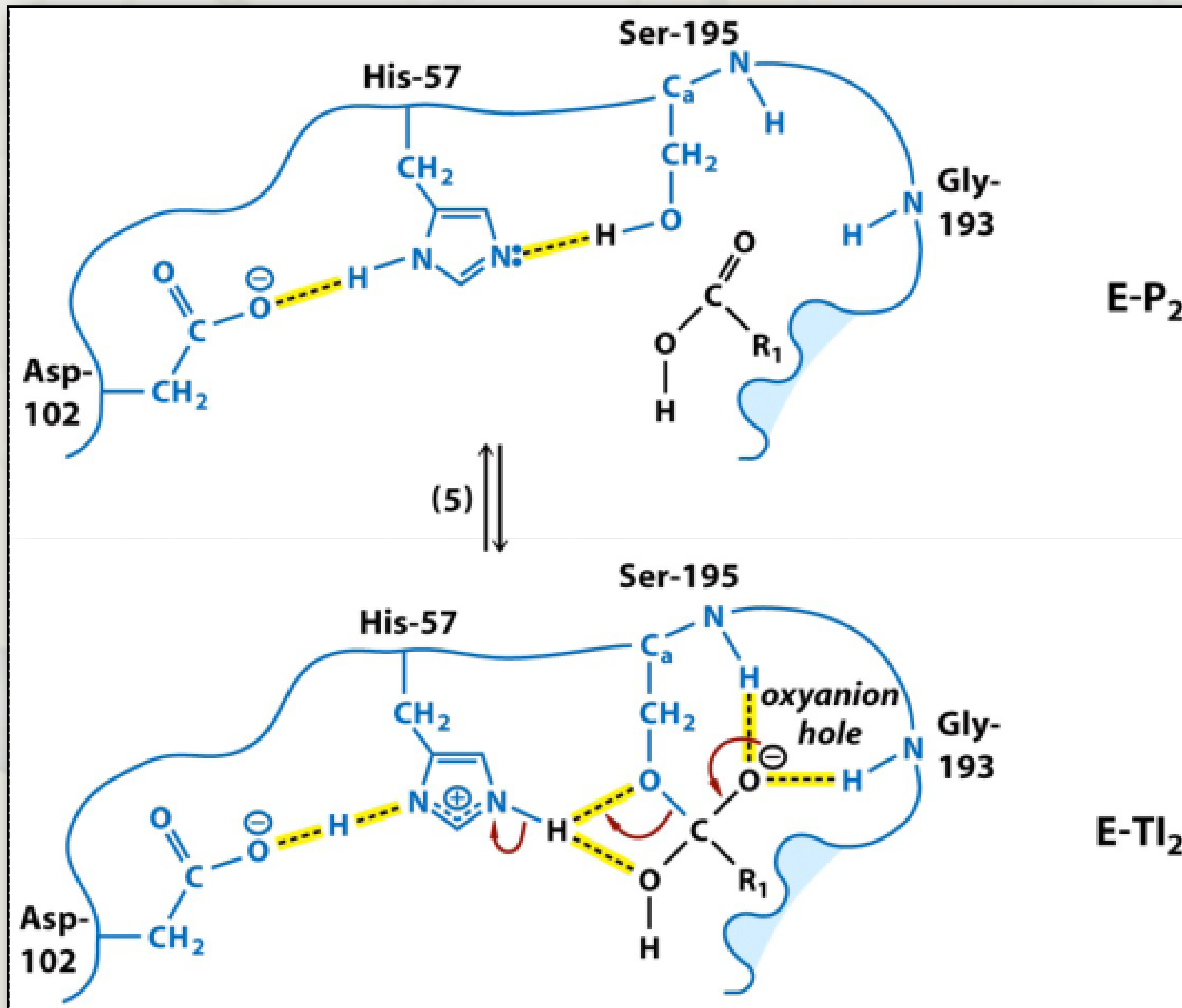

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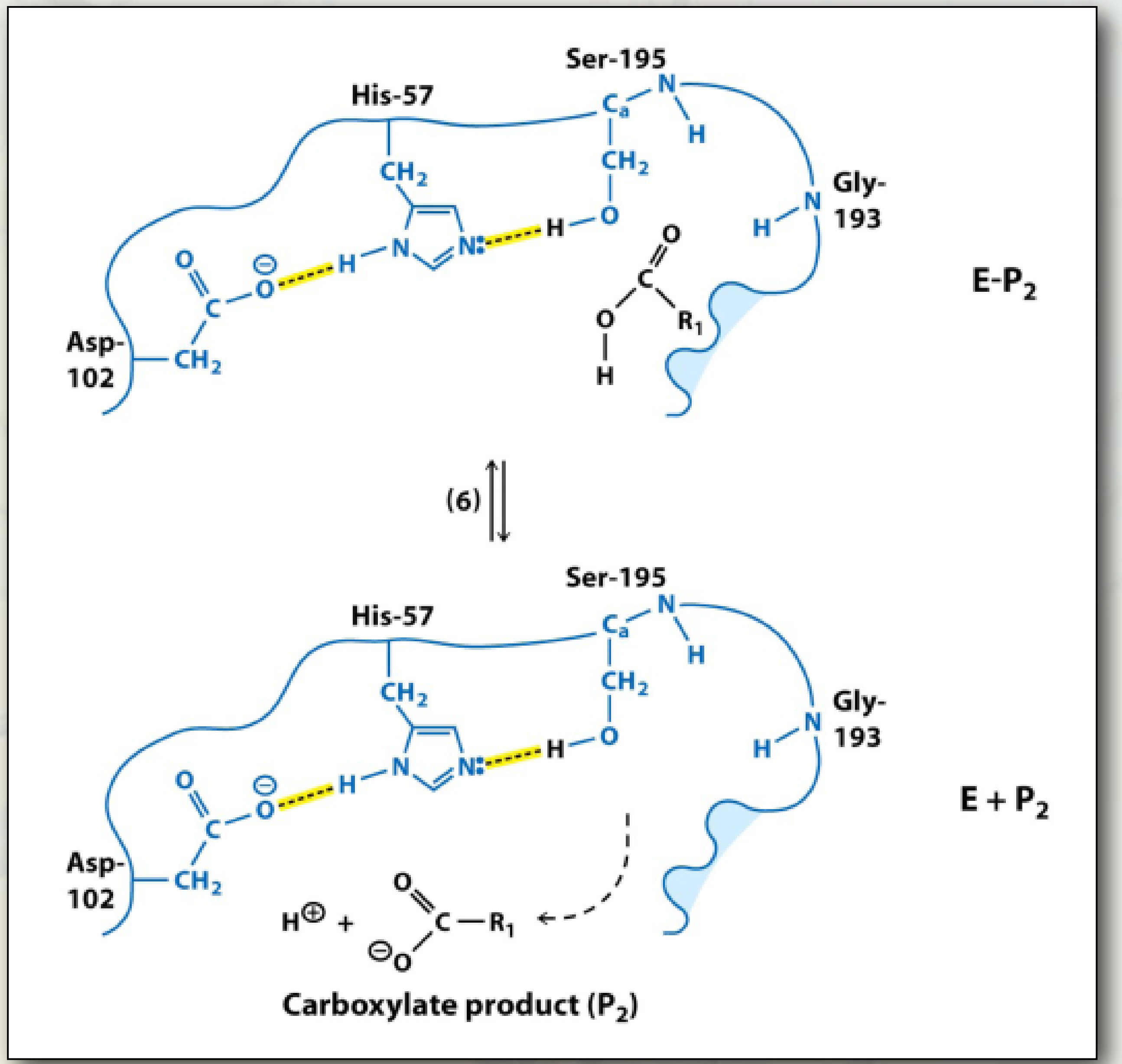

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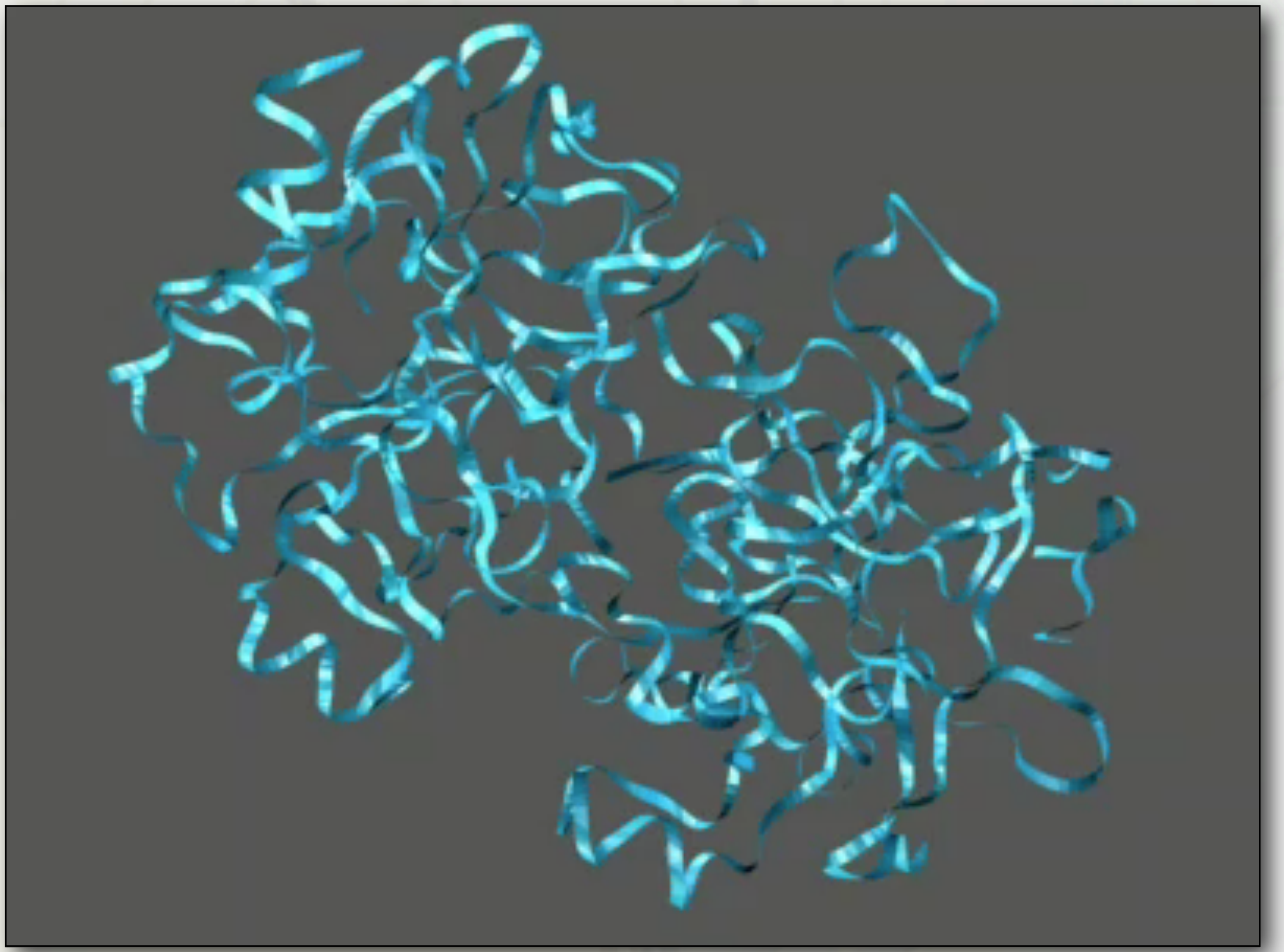

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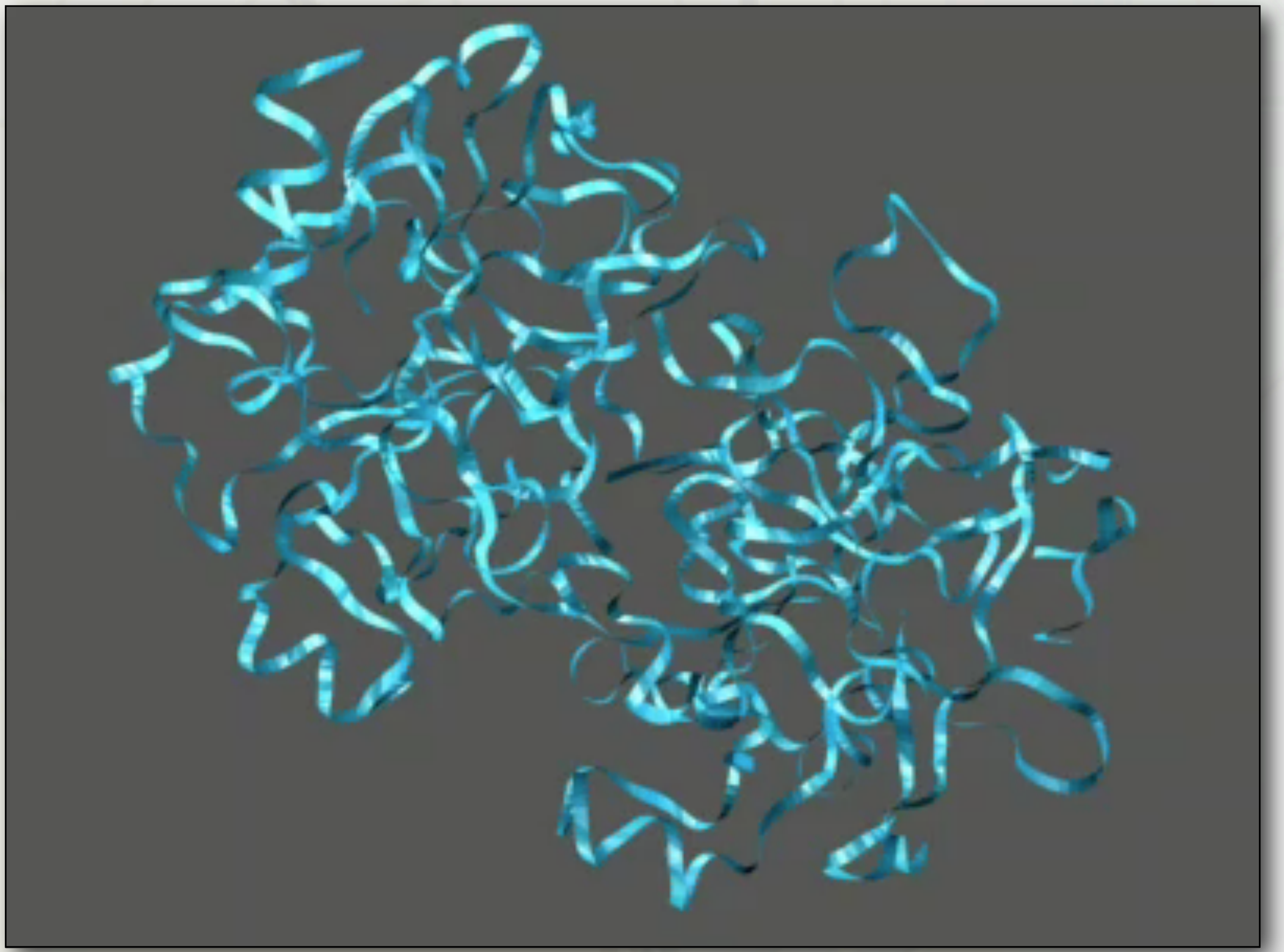

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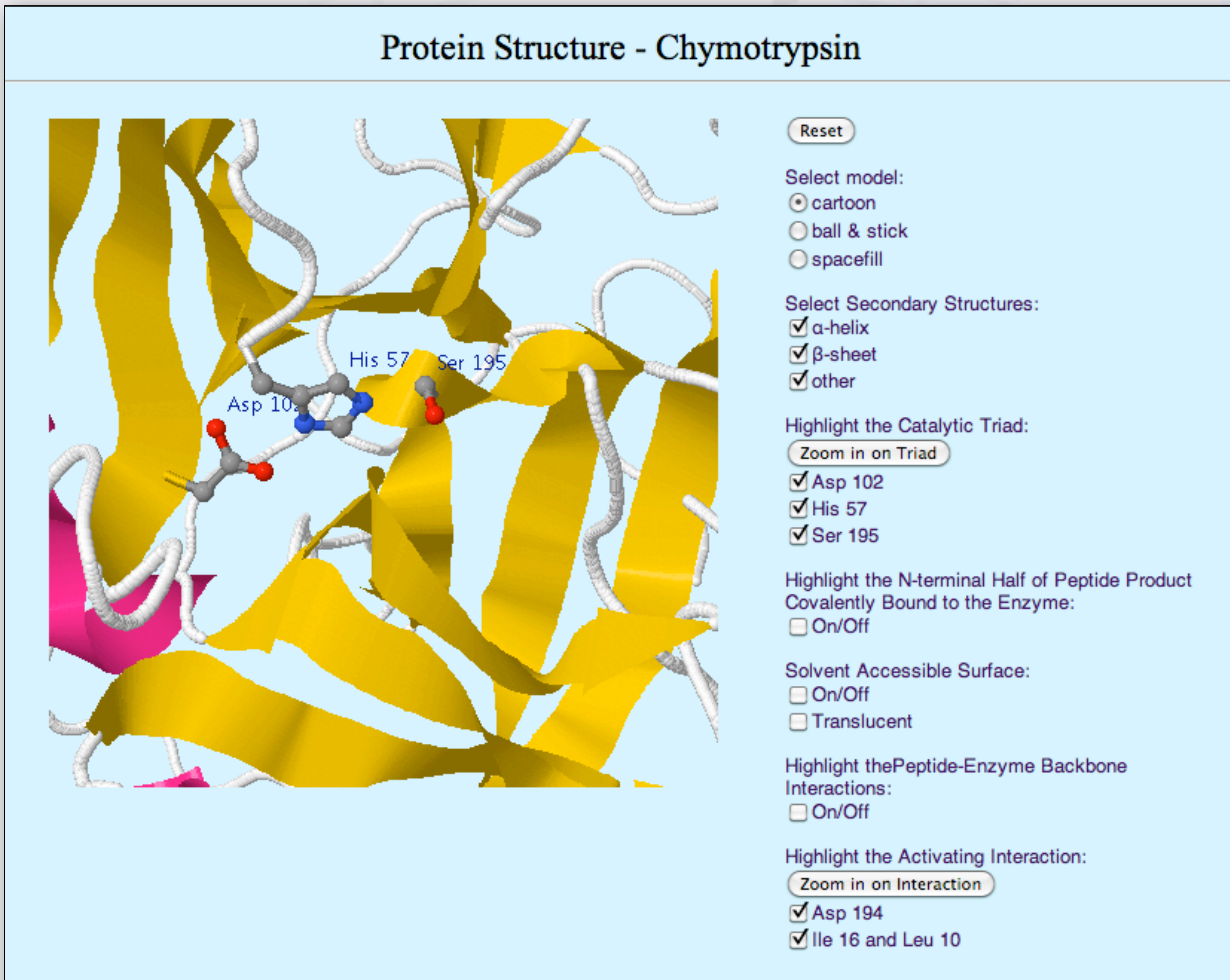

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  - We will discuss cofactors and vitamins as we encounter them throughout the rest of the semester.
- Carbohydrates (Chapter 8)