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## A New 'Microscopic' Look at Steady-state Enzyme Kinetics

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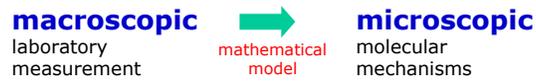
## Outline

**Part I:**        **Theory**  
steady state enzyme kinetics: a new approach

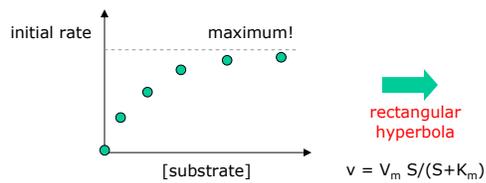
**Part II:**       **Experiment**  
inosine-5'-monophosphate dehydrogenase

## Enzyme kinetic modeling and its importance

WHAT CAN ENZYME KINETICS DO FOR US?



**EXAMPLE:** Michaelis-Menten (1913)

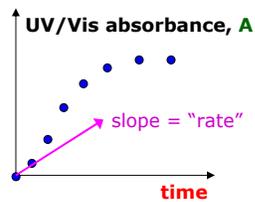


*MECHANISM:*

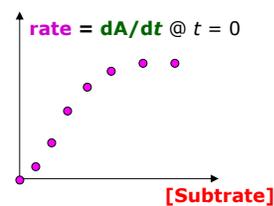
substrate and enzyme form a **reactive complex**, which decomposes into products and **regenerates** the enzyme catalyst

## Two types of enzyme kinetic experiments

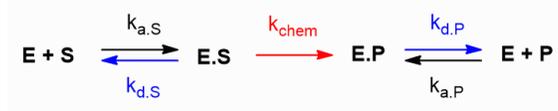
1. "reaction progress" method:



2. "initial rate" method:



## The **steady-state** approximation in enzyme kinetics



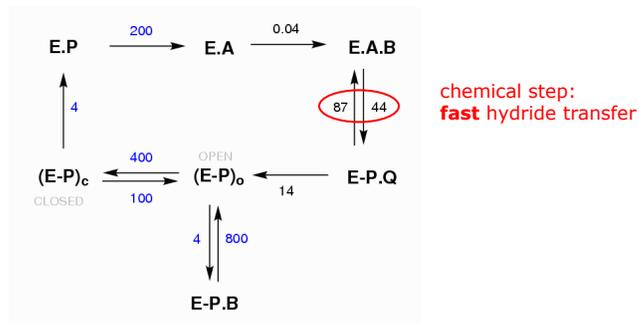
Two different mathematical formalisms for **initial rate** enzyme kinetics:

1. **"rapid equilibrium"** approximation
 
$$\begin{array}{l}
 k_{chem} \ll k_{d,S} \\
 k_{chem} \ll k_{d,P}
 \end{array}$$
2. **"steady state"** approximation
 
$$\begin{array}{l}
 k_{chem} \approx k_{d,S} \quad \text{or} \quad k_{chem} > k_{d,S} \\
 k_{chem} \approx k_{d,P} \quad \text{or} \quad k_{chem} > k_{d,P}
 \end{array}$$

## Importance of steady-state treatment: Therapeutic **inhibitors**

MANY ENZYMES THAT ARE TARGETS FOR DRUG DESIGN DISPLAY "FAST CHEMISTRY"

**Example:** Inosine-5'-monophosphate dehydrogenase from *Cryptosporidium parvum*



T. Riera *et al.* (2008) *Biochemistry* **47**, 8689–8696

## Steady-state initial rate equations: The conventional approach

The King-Altman method conventionally proceeds in **two separate steps**:

**Step One:** Derive a rate equation in terms of **microscopic rate constants**

**Step Two:** Rearrange the original equation in terms of **secondary "kinetic constants"**

EXPERIMENT:

- **Measure** "kinetic constants" ( $K_m$ ,  $V_{max}$ , ...) experimentally.
- **Compute** micro-constant ( $k_{on}$ ,  $k_{off}$ , ...) from "kinetic constants", when possible.

## Steady-state initial rate equations: Example

1. postulate a particular kinetic mechanism:



2. derivation ("Step One"):

$$v = [E] \frac{n_1 [S]}{d_1 + d_2 [P] + d_3 [S]}$$

$$n_1 = k_{a,S} k_{chem} k_{d,P}$$

$$d_1 = k_{d,P} (k_{d,S} + k_{chem})$$

$$d_2 = k_{a,P} (k_{d,S} + k_{chem})$$

$$d_3 = k_{a,S} (k_{d,P} + k_{chem})$$

**micro-constants**

3. rearrangement ("Step Two"):

$$v = [E] k_{cat} \frac{[S]/K_{m(S)}}{1 + [P]/K_{i(P)} + [S]/K_{m(S)}}$$

$$k_{cat} = \frac{k_{chem} k_{d,P}}{k_{d,P} + k_{chem}}$$

$$K_{m(S)} = \frac{k_{d,P} (k_{d,S} + k_{chem})}{k_{a,S} (k_{d,P} + k_{chem})}$$

$$K_{i(P)} = \frac{k_{d,P}}{k_{a,P}}$$

**"kinetic" constants**

Details: Segel, I. (1975) *Enzyme Kinetics*, Chapter 9, pp. 509-529.

## Several **problems** with the conventional approach

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**1. Fundamental** problem:

**Step 2** (deriving " $K_m$ " etc.) is in principle **impossible for branched** mechanisms.

**2. Technical** problem:

Even when **Step 2** is possible in principle, it is **tedious and error prone**.

**3. Resource** problem:

Measuring "kinetic constants" ( $K_m$ ,  $K_{ij}$ , ...) consumes a lot of **time and materials**.

## A solution to the **fundamental** problem

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TURN THE CONVENTIONAL APPROACH ON ITS HEAD:

CONVENTIONAL APPROACH:

- **Measure** "kinetic constants" ( $K_m$ ,  $V_{max}$ , ...) experimentally, when they do exist.
- **Compute** micro-constant ( $k_{on}$ ,  $k_{off}$ , ...) from "kinetic constants", when possible.

THE NEW APPROACH:

- **Measure** micro-constant ( $k_{on}$ ,  $k_{off}$ , ...) experimentally.
- **Compute** "kinetic constants" ( $K_m$ ,  $V_{max}$ , ...), when they do exist.

## A solution to the technical / logistical problem

USE A SUITABLE **COMPUTER PROGRAM TO AUTOMATE** ALL ALGEBRAIC DERIVATIONS

**INPUT:**

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DynaFit v. im-002.txt
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Input Output
[task]
task = simulate
data = rates
approximation = king-altman

[mechanism]
reaction S ---> P
E + S <=> E.S : ka.S kd.S
E.S ---> E + P : kd.P

[constants]
ka.S = 1, kd.S = 1
kd.P = 1
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**OUTPUT:**

$$v = [E]_0 \frac{N}{D} = d[P]/dt = + k_{d,P} [E.S]$$

**Numerator**

$$N = n_1 [S]$$

where

$$n_1 = \frac{k_{a,S} k_{d,P}}{k_{d,S} + k_{d,P}}$$

**Denominator**

$$D = d_1 + d_2 [S]$$

where

$$d_1 = 1$$

$$d_2 = \frac{k_{a,S}}{k_{d,S} + k_{d,P}}$$

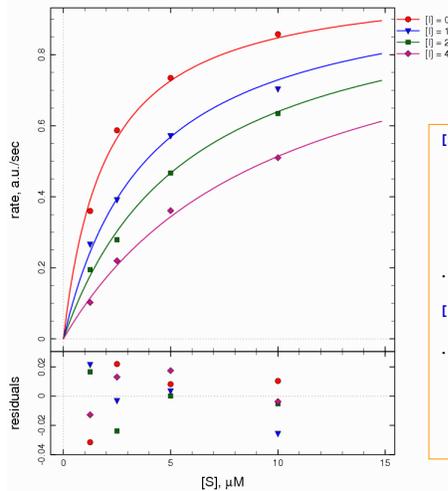
$$k_{cat(f)} = n_1/d_2 = k_{d,P}$$

$$K_{m(s)} = d_1/d_2 = \frac{k_{d,S} + k_{d,P}}{k_{a,S}}$$

Kuzmic, P. (2009) *Meth. Enzymol.* **467**, 247-280.

## A solution to the resource problem

USE **GLOBAL FIT** OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL DATA TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DATA POINTS



16-20 data points are sufficient

**DYNAFIT INPUT:**

```
[mechanism]
reaction S ---> P
modifiers I

E + S <=> E.S : ka.S kd.S
E.S ---> E + P : kd.P
E + I <=> E.I : ka.I kd.I
...

[data]
variable S
...
file d01 | conc I = 0 | label [I] = 0
file d02 | conc I = 1 | label [I] = 1
file d03 | conc I = 2 | label [I] = 2
file d04 | conc I = 4 | label [I] = 4
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**global fit**

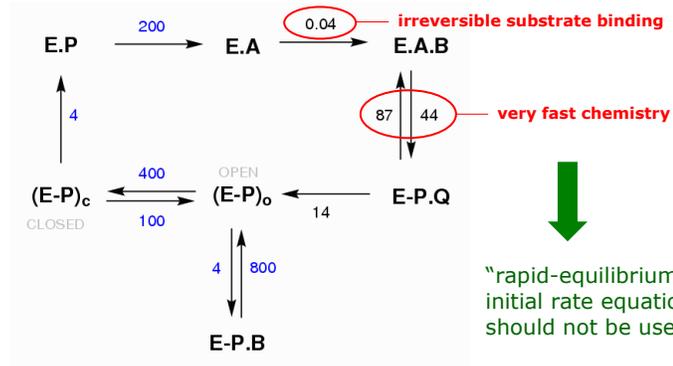


## IMPDH kinetics: **Fast** hydrogen transfer catalytic step

HIGH REACTION RATE MAKES IS NECESSARY TO INVOKE THE **STEADY-STATE** APPROXIMATION

A = IMP  
B = NAD<sup>+</sup>  
P = XMP  
Q = NADH

UNITS:  
μM, sec



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IMPDH from *Cryptosporidium parvum*

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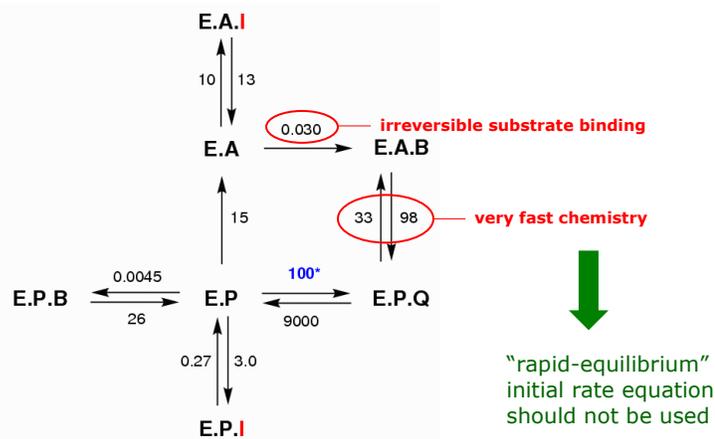


## **Transient** kinetic model for *Bacillus anthracis* IMPDH

THIS SCHEME FOLLOWS FROM **STOPPED-FLOW (TRANSIENT)** KINETIC EXPERIMENTS

A = IMP  
B = NAD<sup>+</sup>  
P = XMP  
Q = NADH

UNITS:  
μM, sec



Y. Wei, *et al.* (2015) unpublished  
IMPDH from *Bacillus anthracis*

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## Goal: Validate transient kinetic model by initial rate data

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Two major goals:

**1. Validate existing transient kinetic model**

Are stopped-flow results sufficiently supported by initial rate measurements?

**2. Construct the "minimal" initial rate model**

How far we can go in model complexity based on initial rate data alone?

*Probing the IMPDH inhibition mechanism from two independent directions.*

## Three types of available initial rate data

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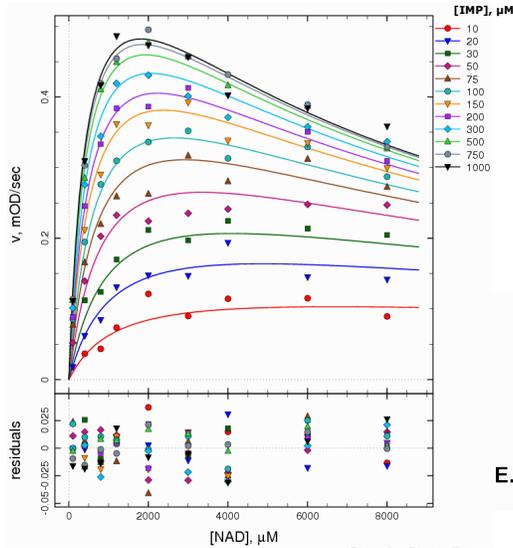
1. Vary **[NAD<sup>+</sup>]** and **[IMP]**  
substrate "B" and substrate "A"

2. Vary **[NAD<sup>+</sup>]** and **[NADH]** at saturating [IMP]  
substrate "B" and product "Q" at constant substrate "A"

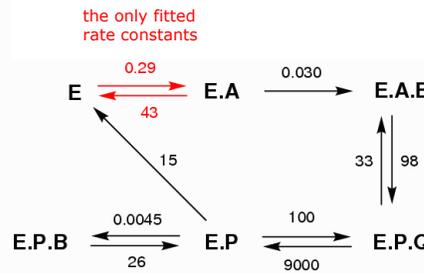
3. Vary **[NAD<sup>+</sup>]** and **[Inhibitor]** at saturating [IMP]  
substrate "B" and inhibitor "I" at constant substrate "A"

## Simultaneous variation of [NAD<sup>+</sup>] and [IMP]

ADDED A NEW STEP - BINDING OF IMP (substrate "A") TO THE ENZYME



UNITS: A = IMP  
μM, sec B = NAD<sup>+</sup>  
P = XMP  
Q = NADH



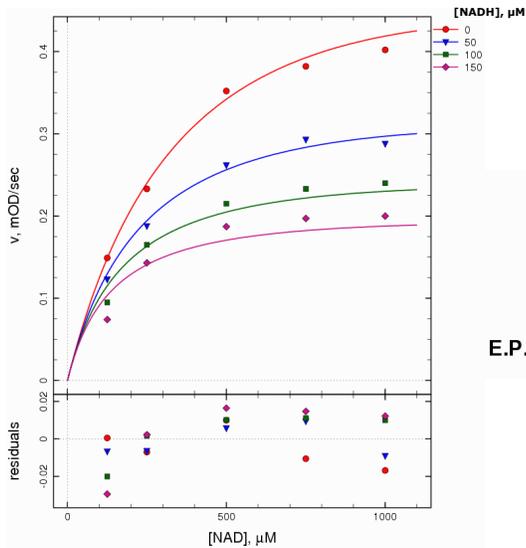
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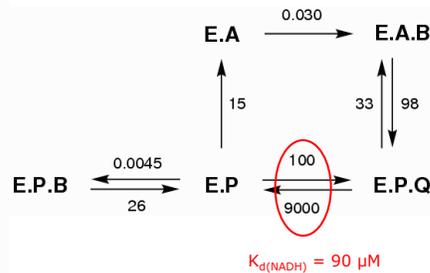
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## Simultaneous variation of [NAD<sup>+</sup>] and [NADH]

THIS CONFIRMS THAT NADH IS REBINDING TO THE E.P COMPLEX ("PRODUCT INHIBITION")



UNITS: A = IMP  
μM, sec B = NAD<sup>+</sup>  
P = XMP  
Q = NADH

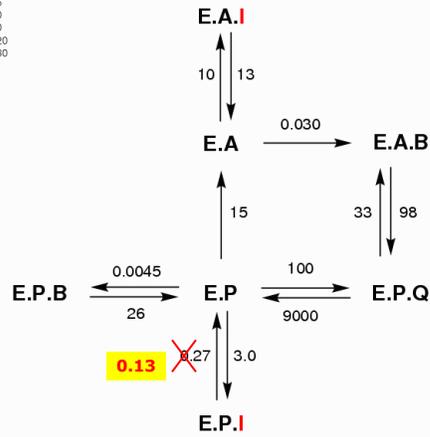
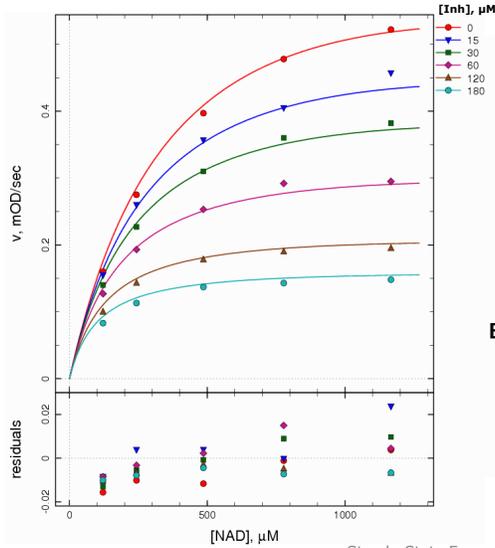


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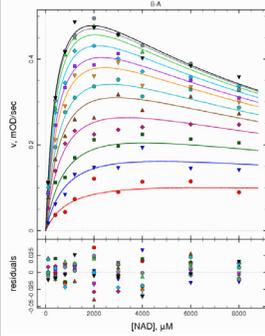
## Simultaneous variation of [NAD<sup>+</sup>] and inhibitor [A110]



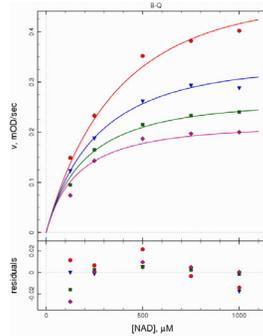
## Toward the “minimal” kinetic model from initial rate data

WHAT IF WE DID NOT HAVE THE STOPPED-FLOW (TRANSIENT) KINETIC RESULTS?

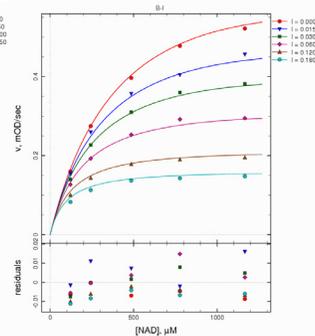
vary B + A



vary B + Q



vary B + I

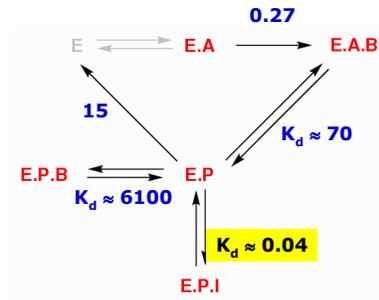


combine all three data sets, analyze as a single unit (“global fit”)

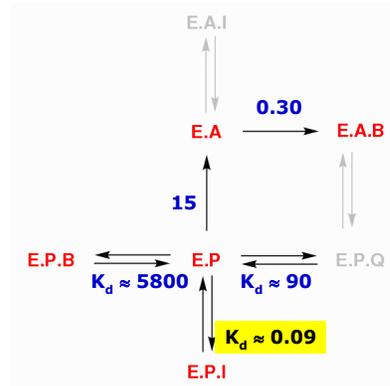
## The “minimal” kinetic model from initial rate data

INITIAL RATE AND STOPPED-FLOW MODELS ARE IN REASONABLY GOOD AGREEMENT

UNITS:  
μM, sec



from initial rates



from stopped-flow



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## The “minimal” kinetic model: derived kinetic constants

DYNAFIT DOES COMPUTE “ $K_m$ ” AND “ $K_i$ ” FROM BEST-FIT VALUES OF MICRO-CONSTANTS

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[mechanism]
reaction A + B ---> P + Q
modifiers I

E + A <=> E.A      : ka.A      kd.A
E.A + B ---> E.A.B : ka.EA.B
E.A.B <=> E.P + Q  : kd.EP.Q  ka.EP.Q
E.P ---> E + P     : kd.P
E.P + B <=> E.P.B  : ka.EP.B  kd.EP.B
E.P + I <=> E.P.I  : ka.EP.I  kd.EP.I
```

input

derived  
kinetic  
constants

primary output  
microscopic  
rate  
constants

No.	Par#	Set	Initial	Final
#1	ka.A	0.29	0.256004	
#2	kd.A	42.9	29.9727	
#3	ka.EA.B	0.0303	0.0266841	
#4	kd.EP.Q	90	67.1446	
#5	kd.P	15	14.7149	
#6	kd.EP.B	5000	6053.58	
#7	kd.EP.I	0.05	0.0368578	

secondary output

Kinetic Constants  
King-Altman steady-state model

$K_{cat(f)}$	12.0698
$K_{m(A)}$	47.1467
$K_{m(B)}$	452.32
$K_{i(A,B)}$	0.0449353
$K_{i(A)}$	117.079
$K_{i(B)}$	1123.24
$K_{i(B,A)}$	7380.24
$K_{i(Q,A,B)}$	81.8595



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## The "minimal" kinetic model: derivation of kinetic constants

DYNAFIT DOES "KNOW" HOW TO PERFORM KING-ALTMAN ALGEBRAIC DERIVATIONS

As displayed in the program's output:

**Rate Equation**

$$v = [E]_0 N/D$$

**Numerator**

$$N = n_1 [A][B]$$

**Denominator**

$$D = d_1 + d_2 [B] + d_3 [A] + d_4 [A][B] + d_5 [A][B][I] + d_6 [A][B][Q] + d_7 [A][B]^2$$

where

$$d_1 = 1 \quad n_1 = \frac{k_{a,A} k_{a,EAB}}{k_{d,A}}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{k_{a,EAB}}{k_{d,A}}$$

$$d_3 = \frac{k_{a,A}}{k_{d,A}}$$

$$d_4 = \frac{k_{a,A} k_{a,EAB} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})}{k_{d,A} k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}$$

$$d_5 = \frac{k_{a,A} k_{a,EAB} k_{a,EP1}}{k_{d,A} k_{d,P} k_{d,EP1}}$$

$$d_6 = \frac{k_{a,A} k_{a,EAB} k_{a,EPQ}}{k_{d,A} k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}$$

$$d_7 = \frac{k_{a,A} k_{a,EAB} k_{a,EPB}}{k_{d,A} k_{d,P} k_{d,EPB}}$$

automatically derived kinetic constants:

$$k_{cat(I)} = n_1/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}{k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ}}$$

$$K_{m(A)} = d_2/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}{k_{a,A} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})}$$

$$K_{m(B)} = d_3/d_4 = \frac{k_{a,EAB} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})}{k_{d,EPQ} k_{a,EP1}}$$

$$K_{(I,A,B)} = d_5/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EP1} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})}{k_{d,EPQ} k_{a,EP1}}$$

$$K_{(A)} = d_1/d_2 = \frac{k_{d,A}}{k_{a,A}}$$

$$K_{(B)} = d_1/d_3 = \frac{k_{d,A}}{k_{a,A}}$$

$$K_{(B,A)} = d_1/d_5 = \frac{k_{d,EPB} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})}{k_{d,EPQ} k_{a,EPB}}$$

$$K_{(Q,A,B)} = d_6/d_6 = \frac{k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ}}{k_{a,EPQ}}$$

## Checking automatic derivations for *B. anthracis* IMPDH

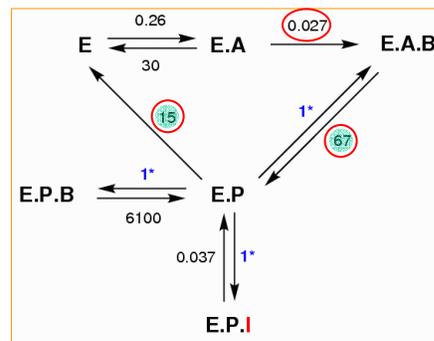
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turnover number, "k<sub>cat</sub>":

$$k_{cat(I)} = n_1/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}{k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ}} = 15 \frac{67}{15 + 67} = 12 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

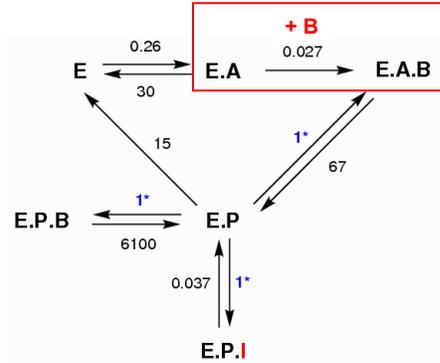
"K<sub>m</sub>" for NAD<sup>+</sup>:

$$K_{m(B)} = d_3/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P}}{k_{a,EAB} (k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ})} = \frac{67}{0.027} \times \frac{15}{15 + 67} = 450 \text{ } \mu\text{M}$$



similarly for other "kinetic constants"

**Reminder: A “ $K_m$ ” is most definitely not a “ $K_d$ ”**



$$k_{on} = 2.7 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{off} \approx 0$$

$$K_d^{(NAD)} = k_{off}/k_{on} \approx 0$$

$$K_m^{(NAD)} = 450 \text{ } \mu\text{M}$$

A  $K_d$  is a dissociation equilibrium constant. However,  $\text{NAD}^+$  does not appear to dissociate.

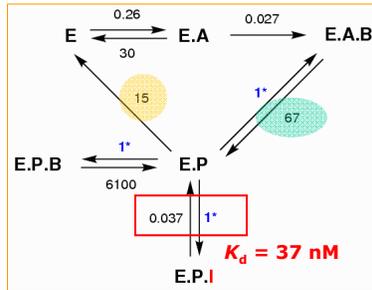
A  $K_m$  sometimes is the half-maximum rate substrate concentration (although **not** in this case).

**Advantage of “ $K_m$ ”s: Reasonably portable across models**

	full model	minimal model	
$k_{cat}, \text{ s}^{-1}$	13	12	turnover number
$K_{m(B)}, \text{ } \mu\text{M}$	430	440	Michaelis constant of $\text{NAD}^+$
$K_{i(B)}, \text{ mM}$	6.6	7.4	substrate inhibition constant of $\text{NAD}^+$
$K_{i(Q)}, \text{ } \mu\text{M}$	77	81	product inhibition constant of $\text{NADH}$
$K_{i(I,EP)}, \text{ nM}$	50	45	“uncompetitive” $K_i$ for A110

Reminder: A “ $K_i$ ” is *not necessarily* a “ $K_d$ ”, either ...

minimal model (initial rates):



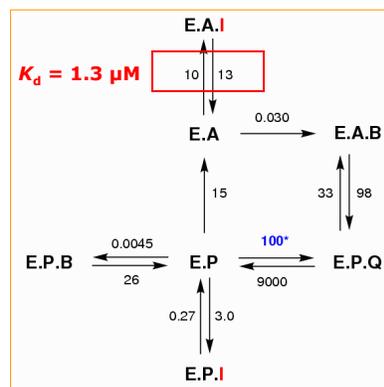
King-Altman rate equation automatically derived by DynaFit:

$$K_{i(I,EP)} = \frac{k_{d,EPI}}{k_{a,EPI}} \times \frac{k_{d,EPQ} + k_{d,P}}{k_{d,EPQ}}$$

$$= 37 \text{ nM} \frac{67+15}{67} = 45 \text{ nM}$$

... although in most mechanisms some “ $K_i$ ”s are “ $K_d$ ”s

full model (transient kinetics)



King-Altman rate equation automatically derived by DynaFit:

$$K_{i(I)} = d_1/d_2 = \frac{k_{d,EAI}}{k_{a,EAI}} K_d$$

$$K_{i(I,B)} = d_3/d_4 = \frac{k_{d,EPI} (k_{rev} k_{d,P} + k_{d,EPQ} k_{d,P} + k_{for} k_{d,P} + k_{for} k_{d,EPQ})}{k_{for} k_{d,EPQ} k_{a,EPI}}$$

CONCLUSIONS:

- The “competitive”  $K_i$  is a **simple**  $K_d$
- The “uncompetitive”  $K_i$  is a **composite**

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## Part III: Summary and Conclusions

### Importance of steady-state approximation

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- “Fast” enzymes *require* the use of **steady-state** formalism.
- The usual **rapid-equilibrium** approximation cannot be used.
- The same applies to mechanisms involving **slow release** of products.
- The **meaning of some (but not all) inhibition constants** depends on this.

## A “microscopic” approach to steady-state kinetics

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- Many enzyme mechanisms (e.g. Random Bi Bi) **cannot have “ $K_m$ ”** derived for them.
- However a rate equation formulated in terms of **micro-constants** always exists.
- Thus, we can always **fit initial rate data to the micro-constant rate equation**.
- If a “ $K_m$ ”, “ $V_{max}$ ” etc. do actually exist, they can be **recomputed after the fact**.
- This is a **reversal** of the usual approach to the analysis of initial rate data.
- This approach combined with **global fit** can produce savings in time and materials.

## Computer automation of all algebraic derivations

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- The **DynaFit software** package performs derivations by the **King-Altman method**.
- The newest version (4.06.027 or later) derives “kinetic constants” ( $K_m$ , etc.) if possible.
- DynaFit is available from [www.biokin.com](http://www.biokin.com), free of charge to all academic researchers.

## IMPDH kinetic mechanism

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- IMPDH from *B. anthracis* follows a mechanism that includes **NADH rebinding**.
- This “product inhibition” can only be revealed if **excess NADH** is present in the assay.
- The **inhibitor “A110”** binds almost exclusively to the **covalent intermediate**.
- The observed inhibition pattern is “**uncompetitive**” or “**mixed-type**” depending on the exact conditions of the assay.
- Thus a proper **interpretation of the observed inhibition constant** depends on microscopic details of the catalytic mechanism.

Note:

- **Crystal structures** of inhibitor complexes are all **ternary: E·IMP·Inhibitor**
- Therefore X-ray data may **not show the relevant interaction**.

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