

k_{cat}

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How to calculate k_{cat} in terms of s^{-1} or moles product per moles enzyme per second

(moles product * molecular weight of enzyme, Da = g/mol) ÷ (amount of enzyme used, g * number of seconds reaction took place) = mol product * mol enzyme⁻¹ * s⁻¹ or simply s⁻¹

Example :

Eucalyptus isoprene synthase = 68 kDa or 68000 g/mol

The reaction produced 0.13 nmol isoprene

0.71 µg protein was added to the reaction vial

The reaction took 12 minutes

(0.13x10⁻⁹ moles isp * 68000 g mol⁻¹) ÷ (0.71x10⁻⁶ g isp synthase * 12 min * 60 sec min⁻¹) = 0.017 mol isp mol⁻¹ isp synthase s⁻¹ or 0.017 s⁻¹