

**substrate**

A *chemical species*, the reaction of which with some other chemical reagent is under observation (e.g. a compound that is transformed under the influence of a *catalyst*). The term should be used with care. Either the context or a specific statement should always make it clear which chemical species in a reaction is regarded as the substrate.

See also *transformation*.

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