

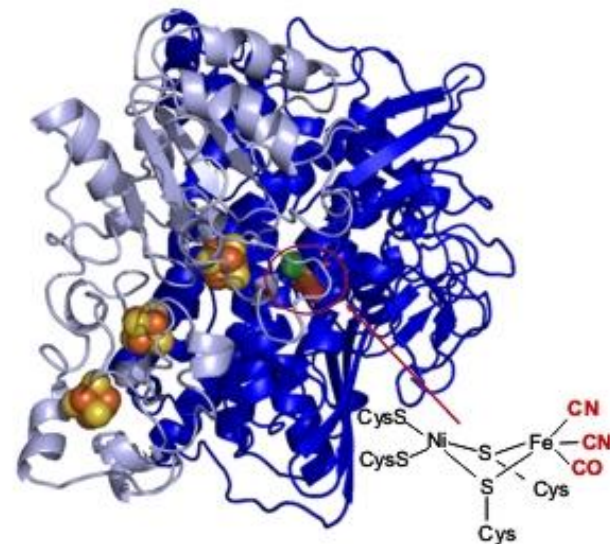
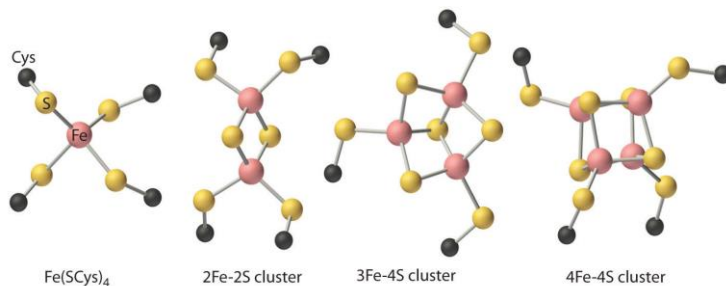
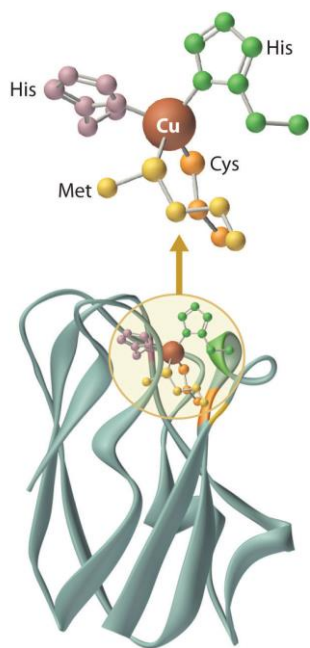
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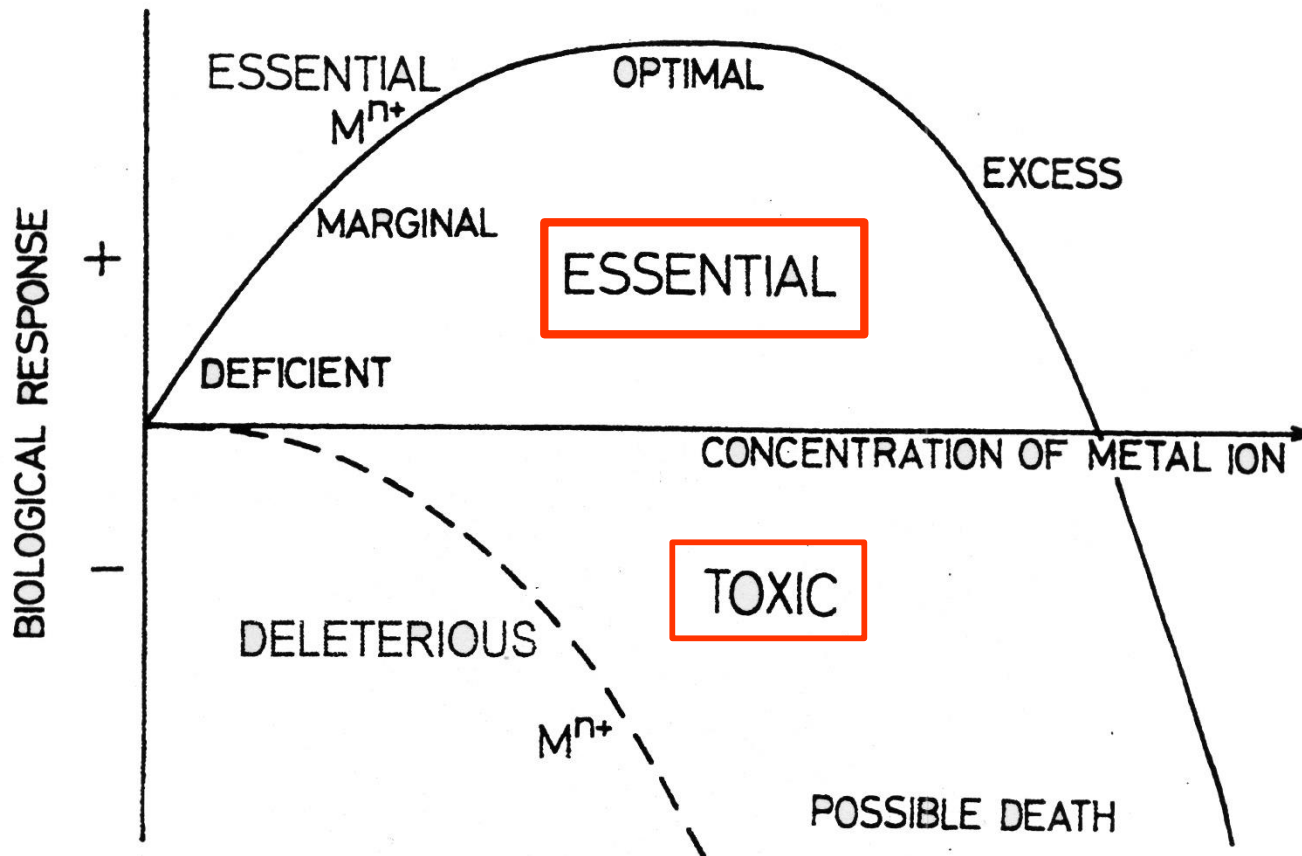
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Iones metálicos en sistemas vivos Metaloenzimas y Metaloproteínas



Bertrand Diagram

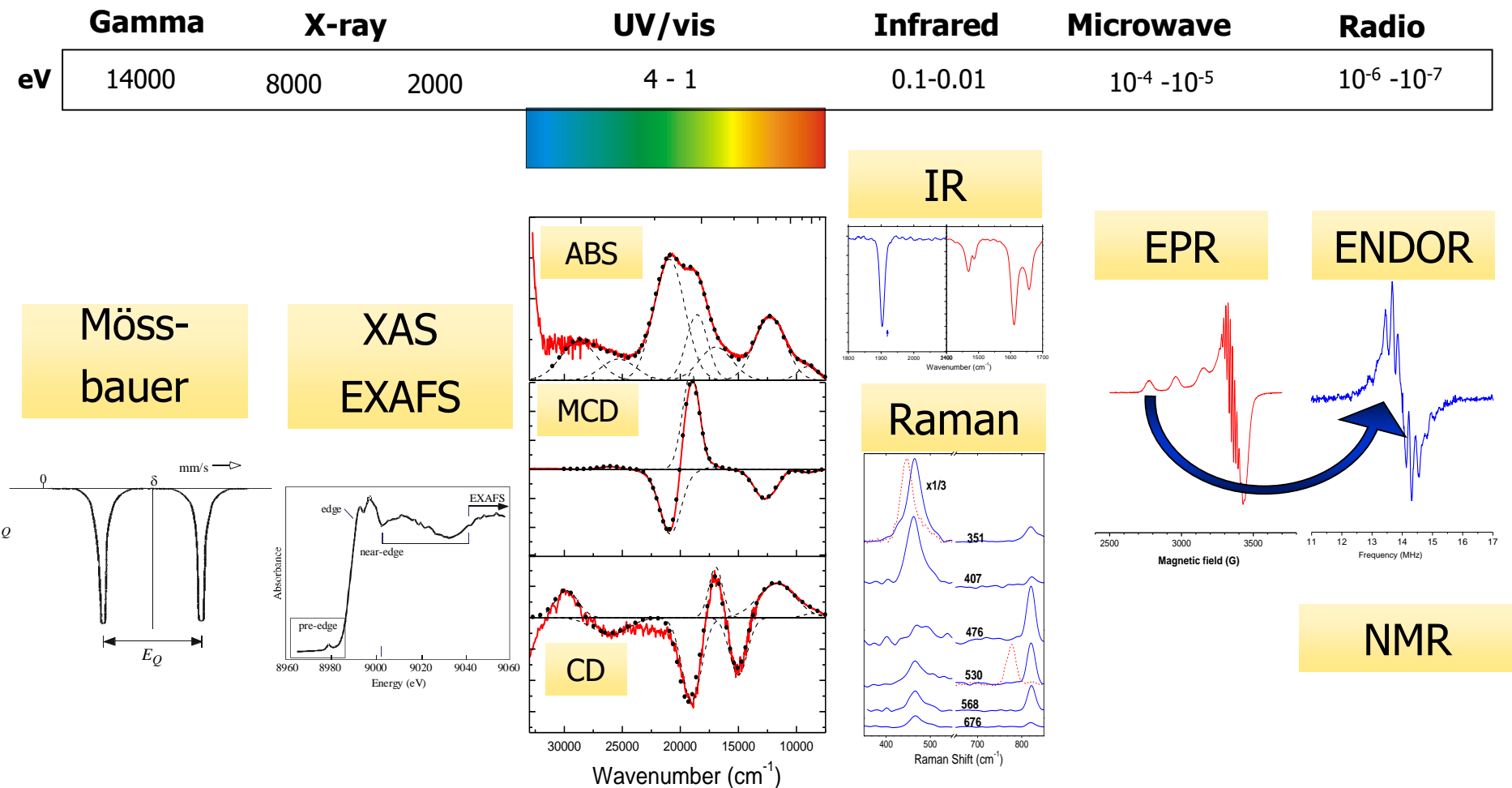
Dose-Function Relationship (Cr?)



Biological response dependence on the concentration of an essential nutrient (solid curve) and of a deleterious substance (dashed curve)

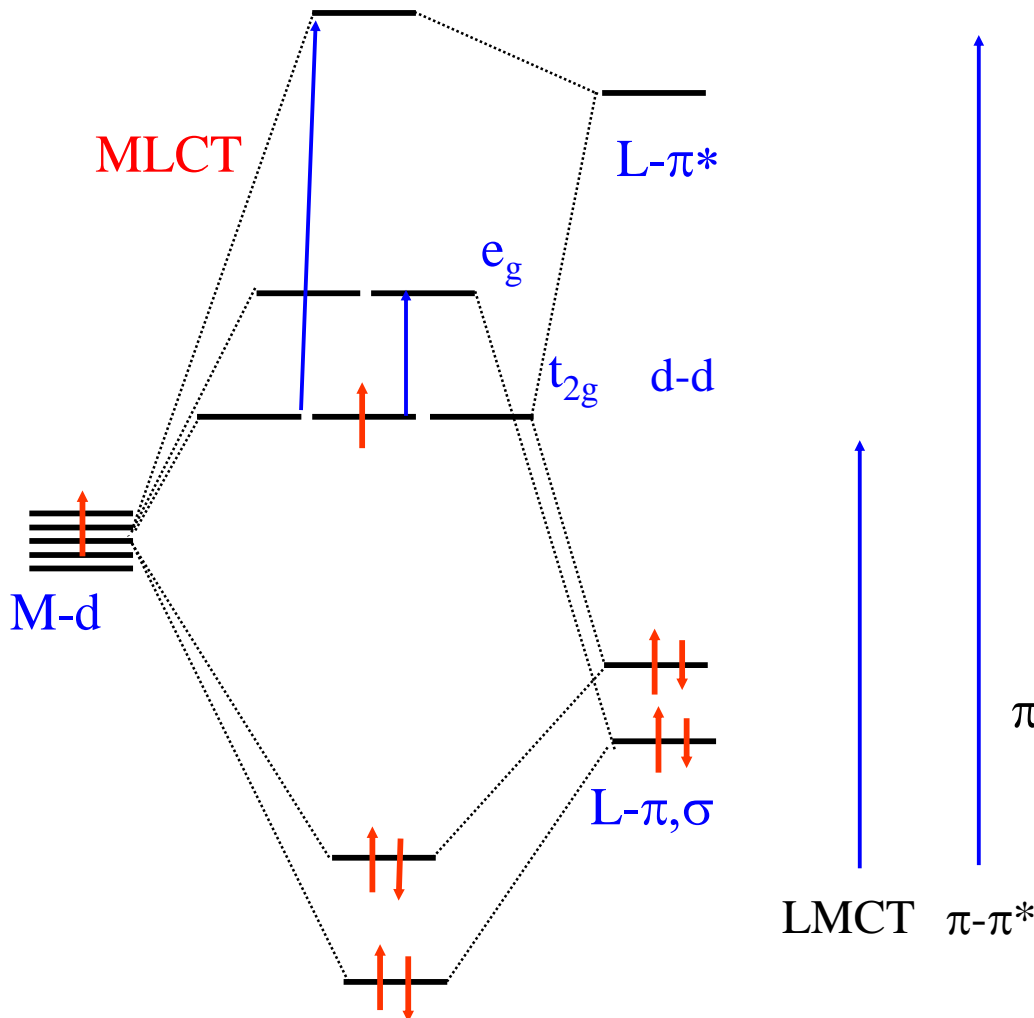
Spectroscopy is important

Practical Approaches to Biological Inorganic Chemistry, 1st Edition,
R.R. Crichton, R. Louro, Elsevier, 2013



Optical Properties

Spin and Laporte allowed electronic transitions



Typical Intensities

d-d : $\epsilon \sim 0-500 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

LMCT: $\epsilon \sim 500-15,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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$\pi-\pi^*$: $\epsilon \sim 1000-100,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

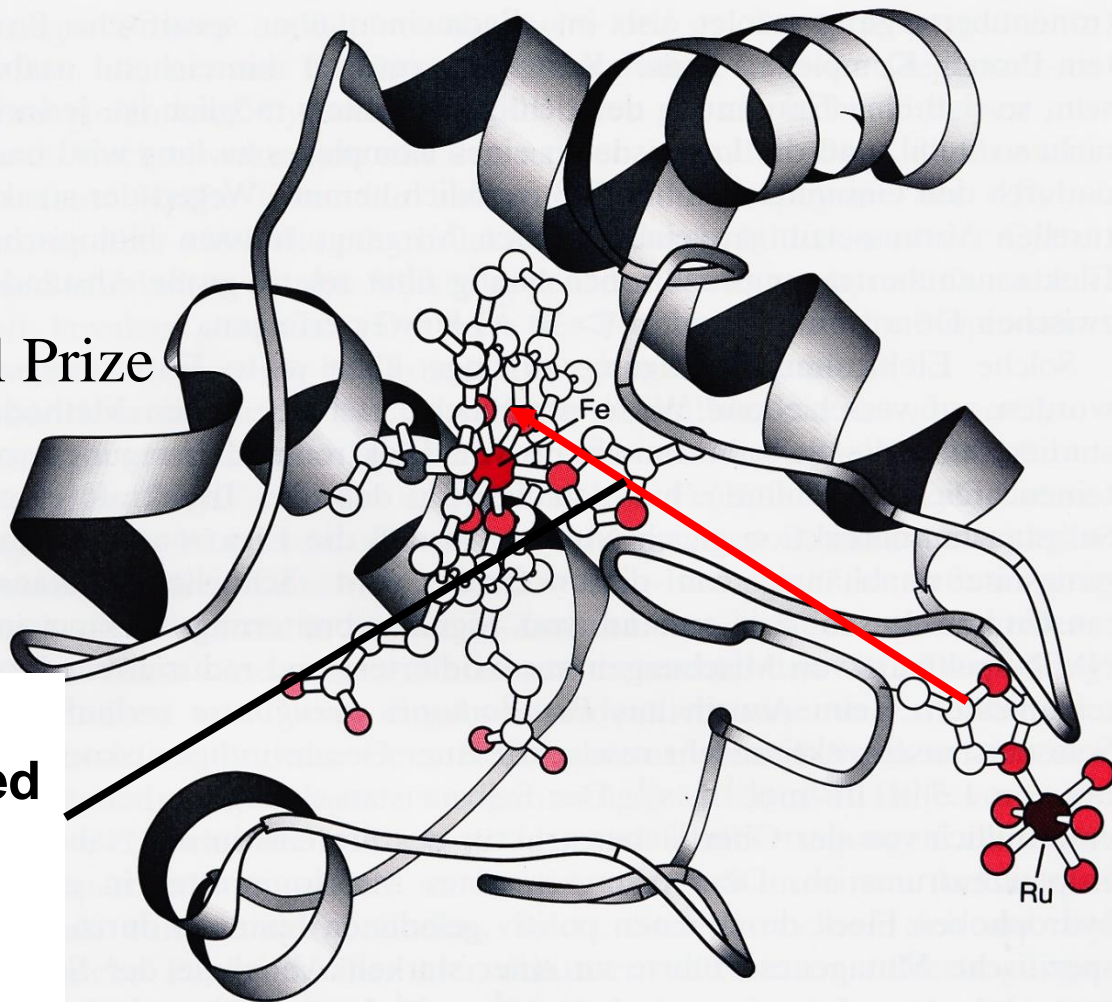
LMCT $\pi-\pi^*$

Problem: Electron Transfer through protein matrix

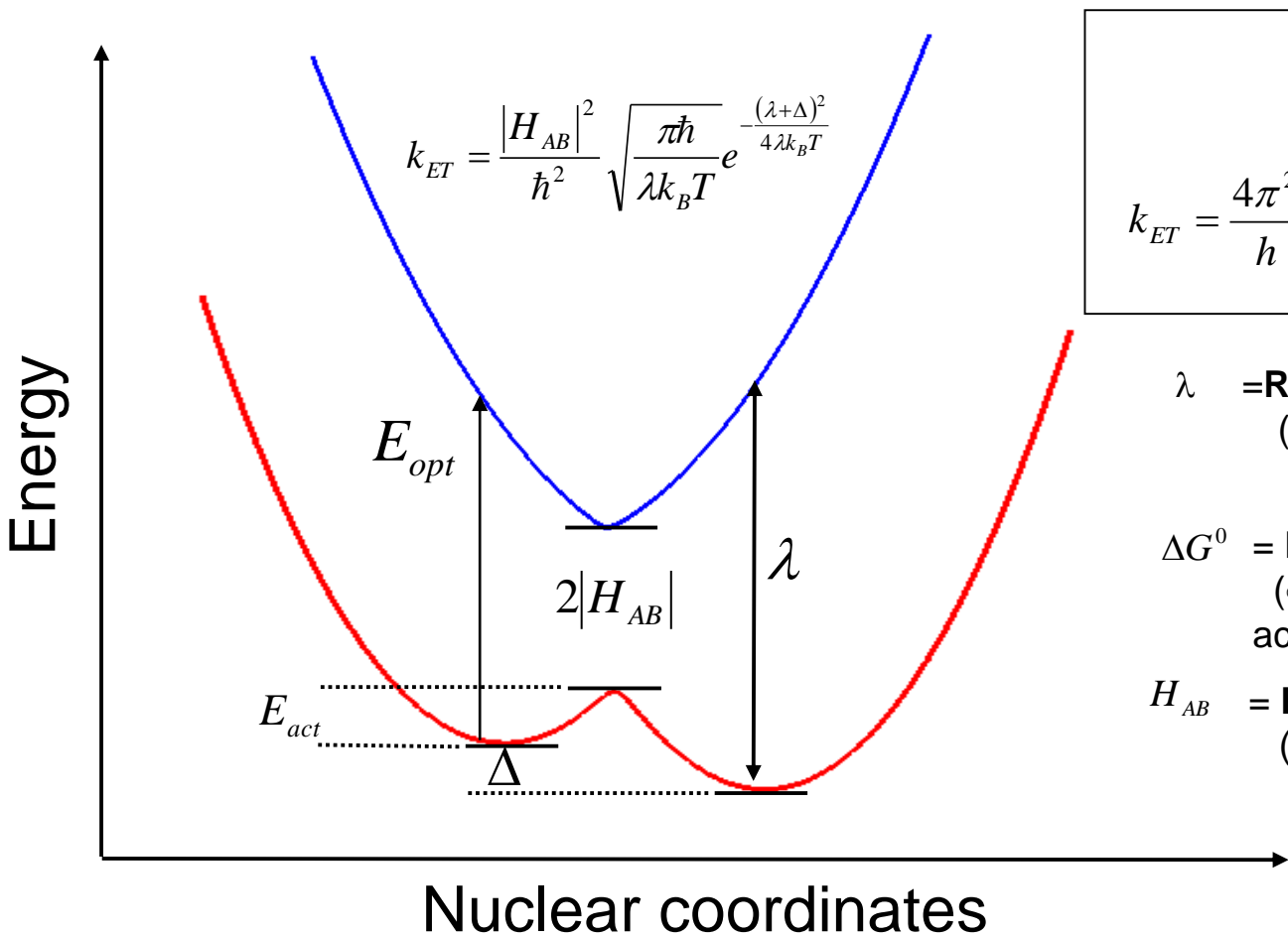


RA Marcus Nobel Prize
Chemistry 1992

**Ru-Complex
covalently attached
to Fe protein
cytochrome c**



Electron transfer: Marcus Theory



$$k_{ET} = \frac{|H_{AB}|^2}{\hbar^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi\hbar}{\lambda k_B T}} e^{-\frac{(\lambda+\Delta)^2}{4\lambda k_B T}}$$

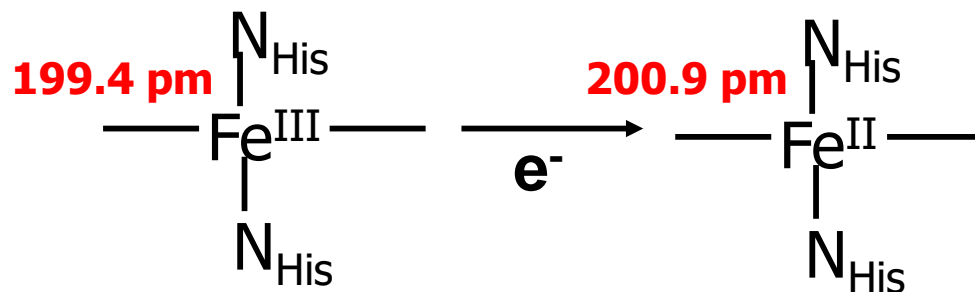
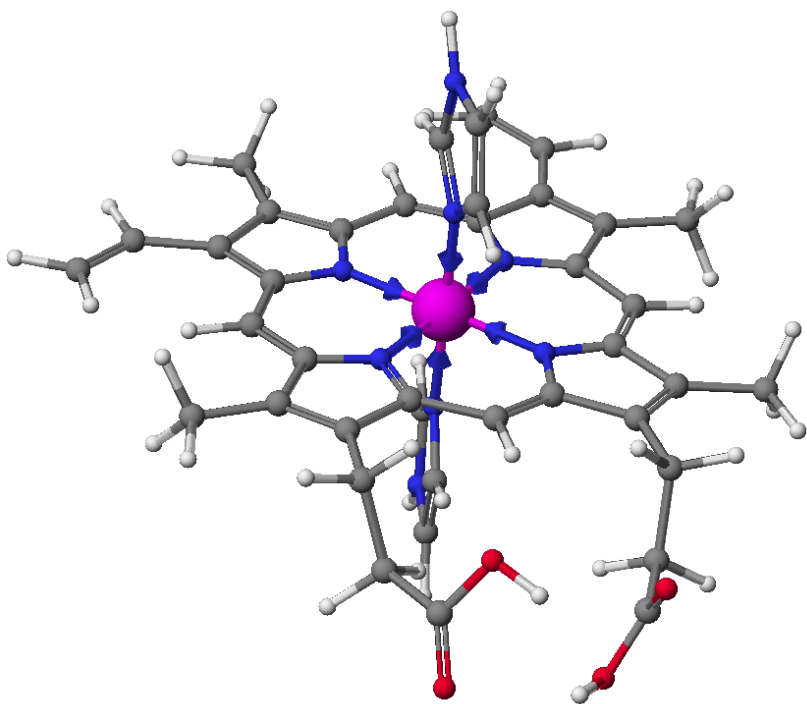
$$A_{ox} + B_{red} \rightarrow A_{red} + B_{ox}$$

$$k_{ET} = \frac{4\pi^2}{h} \underbrace{(4\pi\lambda kT)^{-1/2} e^{-\left(\frac{(\Delta G^0 - \lambda)^2}{4\lambda kT}\right)}}_{\text{"Franck-Condon Factor"}} \underbrace{H_{AB}^2}_{\text{"Electronic Factor"}}$$

- λ = **Reorganization energy**
(\propto structural change upon ET)
- ΔG^0 = **Driving force**
(\propto difference of potentials donor vs acceptor)
- H_{AB} = **Electronic Coupling**
("overlap of orbitals")

Low (zero) Reorganization Energy

Low-Spin Heme center



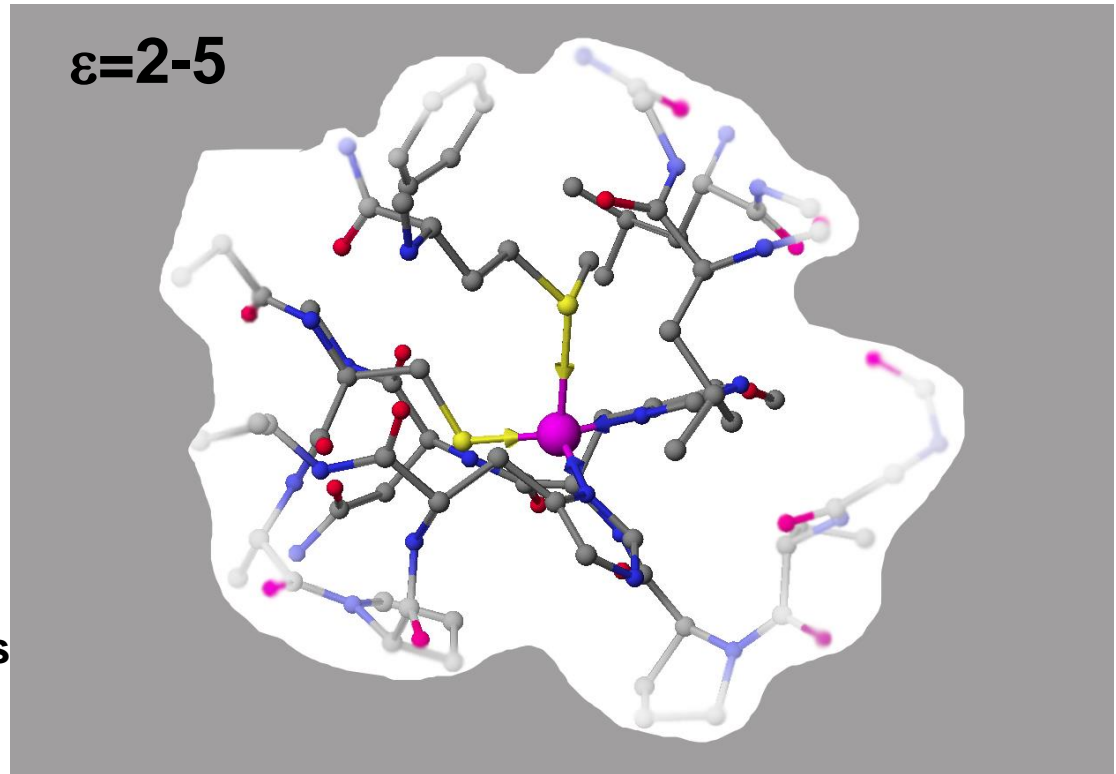
Reorganization Energy

in Cytochromes $\leq 4\text{-}5$ kcal/mol

Bio-ET/Catalysis

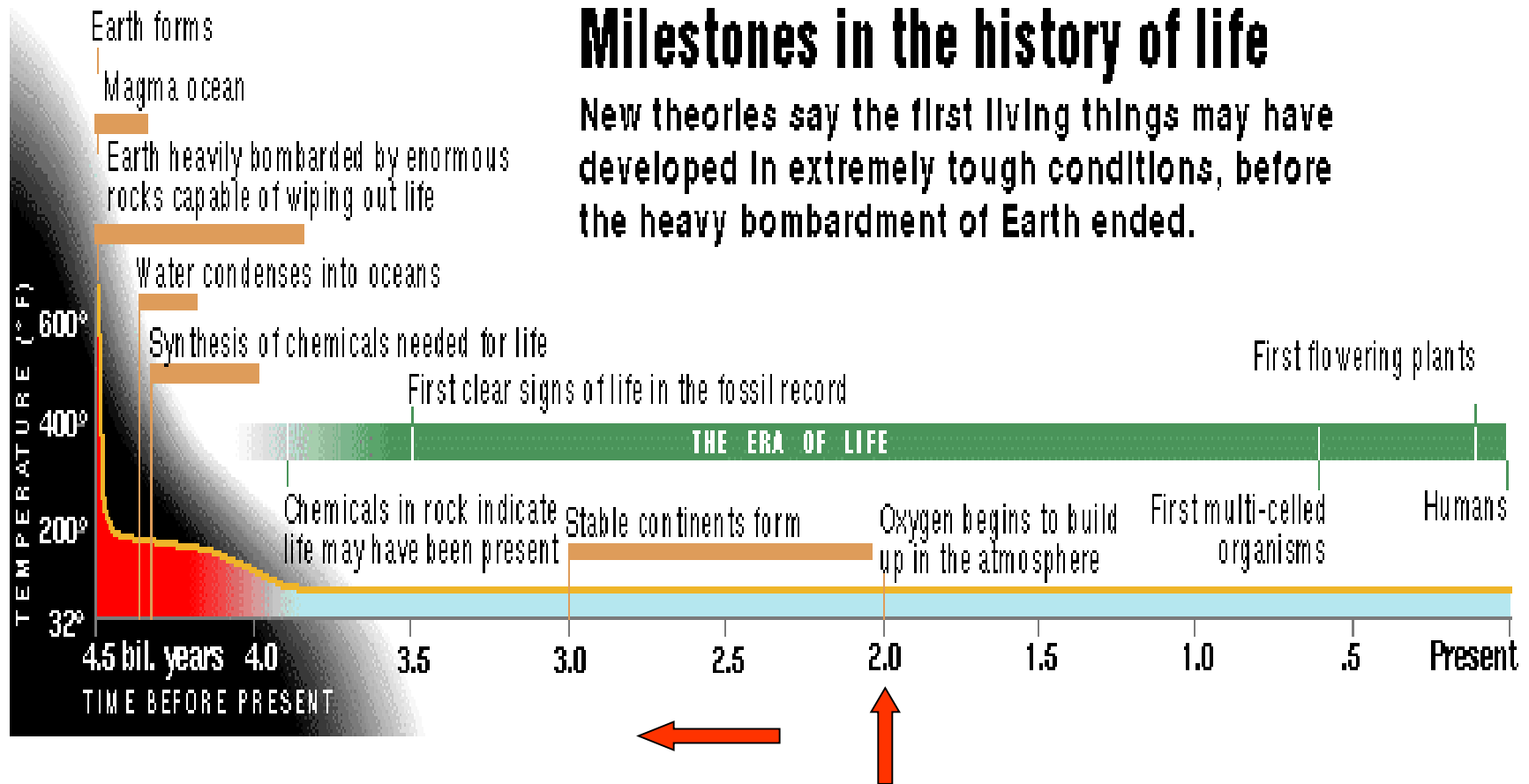
Influence of the protein environment

- Stabilization of unfavorable metal-ligand combinations
- Low polarity
 - Hydrophobic chemistry
- Preformed sites
 - ‚Entatic State‘
- Substrate specific channels and bindings sites
- Fine-tuned acid/base chemistry
- Local production of intermediates – transition states



Forms of Life – From *Anaerobic* to *Aerobic*

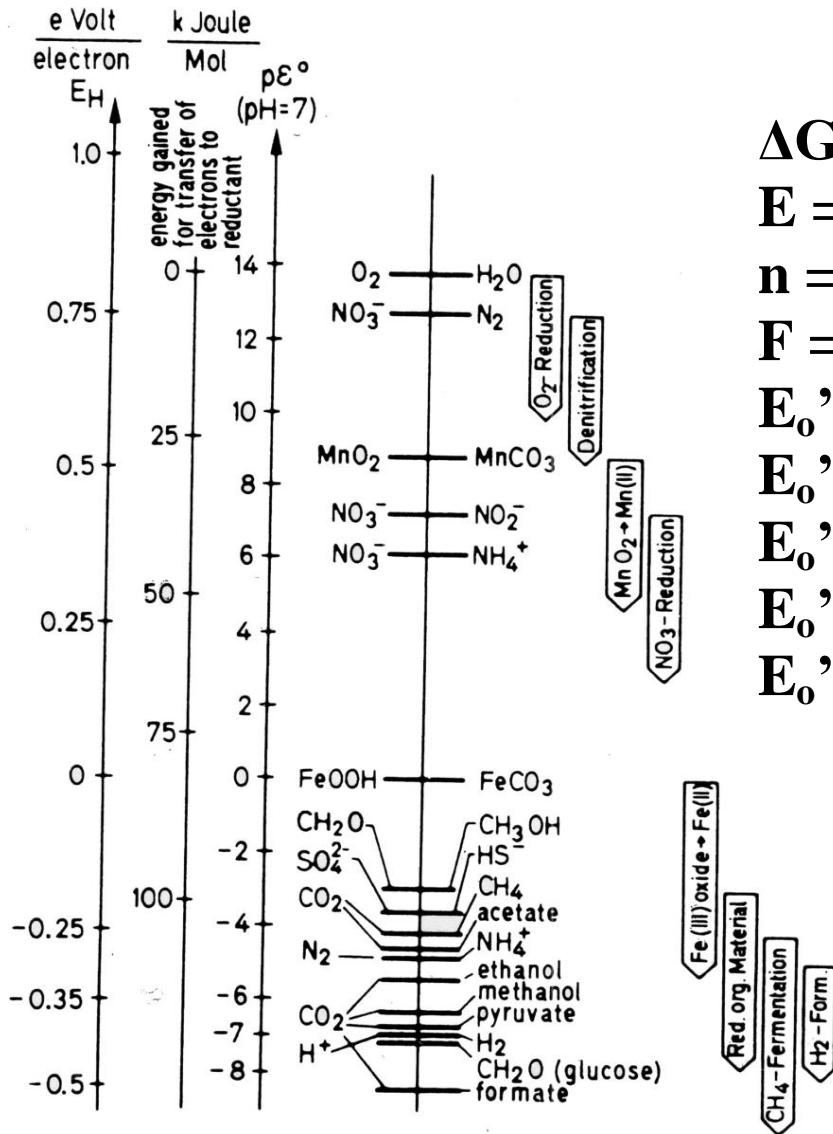
anoxic conditions (-O₂) vs oxic conditions (+O₂)



Metals, Microbes, Minerals: The Biogeochemistry of Life, P. Kroneck, M.E. Sosa Torres, Metal Ions in Life Sciences, Vol. 21, 2021

REDOX: Energy Conservation

Thauer et al., Bacteriol. Rev., 41, 100-180 (1977)



$$\Delta G_o' = - n \cdot F \cdot \Delta E_o'$$

$$E = E_o + 2.3 RT/nF \log_{10} ([OX]/[RED])$$

n = number of electrons transferred

F = Faraday constant, R = Gas constant)

E_o' H⁺/1/2H₂ = - 420 mV (H₂ 1.0 atm)

E_o' NAD⁺/NADH = - 320 mV

E_o' Cit. c ox/red + 220 mV

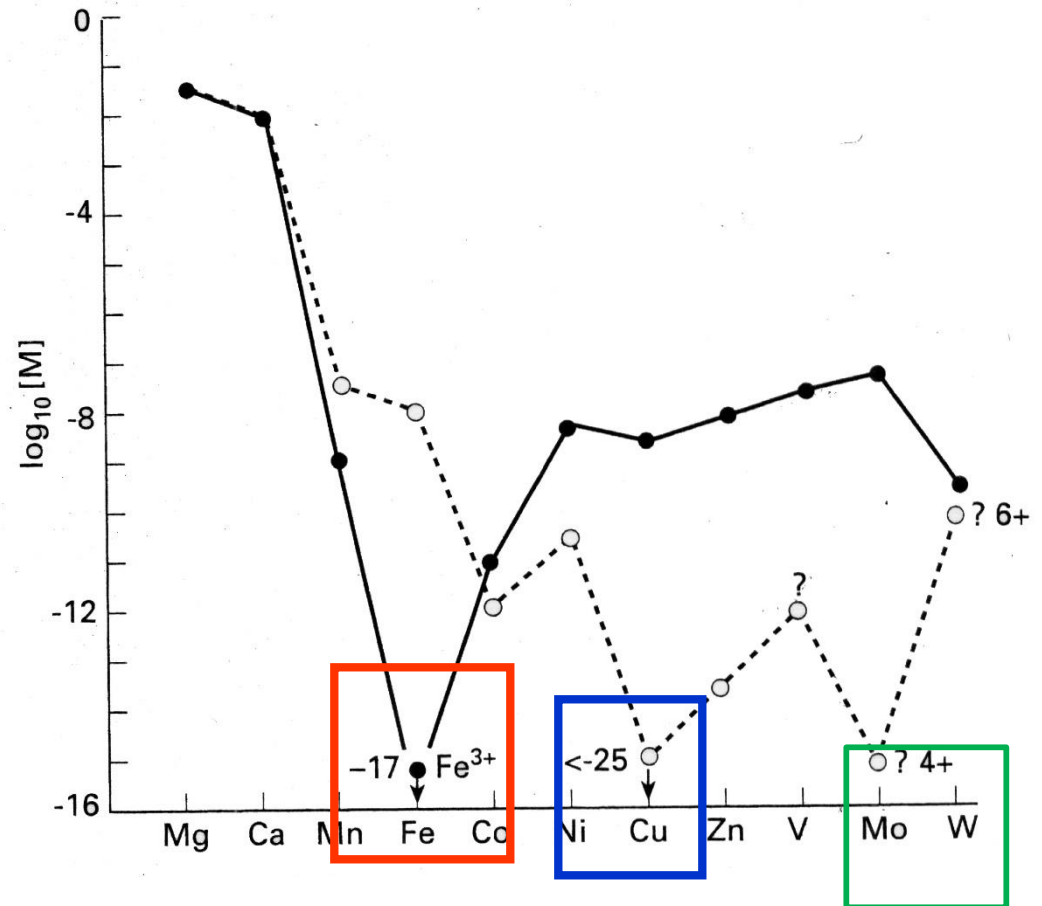
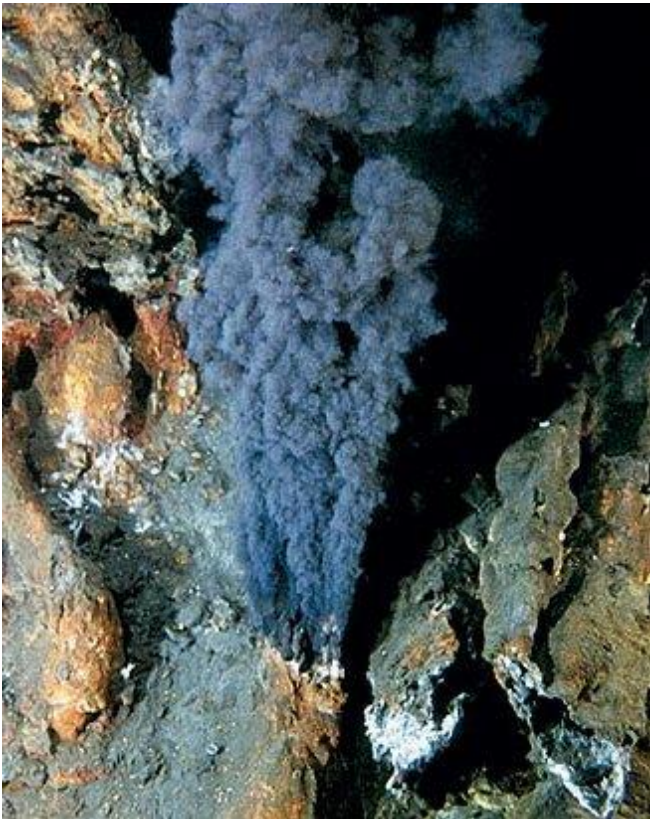
E_o' S⁰/H₂S = - 240 mV

E_o' O₂(1.0 atm)/2H₂O (55 M) = + 820 mV

Bioavailability of Essential Metals **Fe**, **Cu**, **Mo**, **W**

Solubility

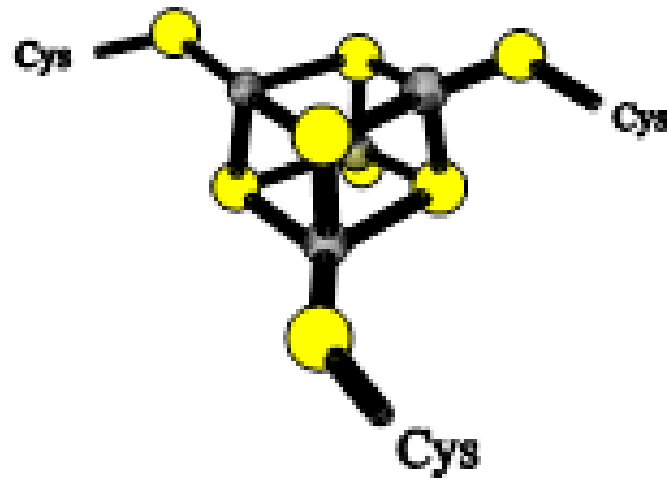
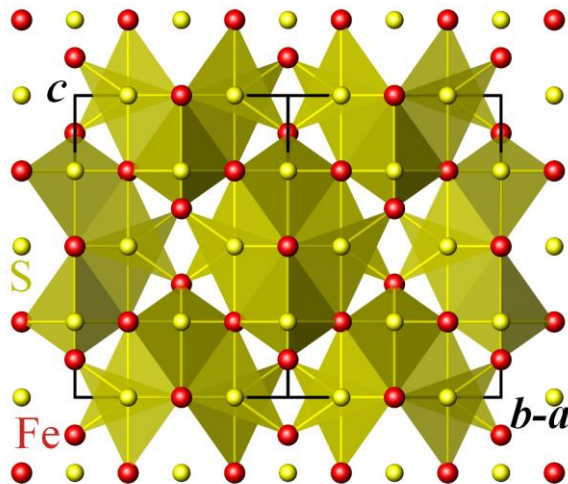
(free elements, in aerated - vs sulfidic sea --)



Early Life Catalysts

Candidate for a catalyst: the mineral Greigite, $[\text{Fe}_3\text{S}_4]$ (Fe(II)Fe(III)₂ mineral)

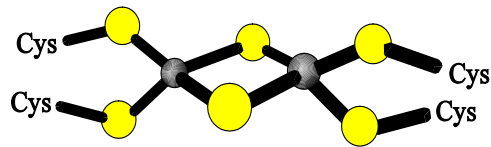
Note: its molecular structure is very similar to that of the $[4\text{Fe-4S}]$ unit found in FeS proteins.



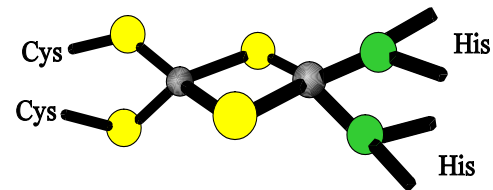
Basic [2Fe-2S] Centers

2 Types:

[2Fe-2S]-Cluster



**Plant type [2Fe-2S]
(Ferredoxin)**



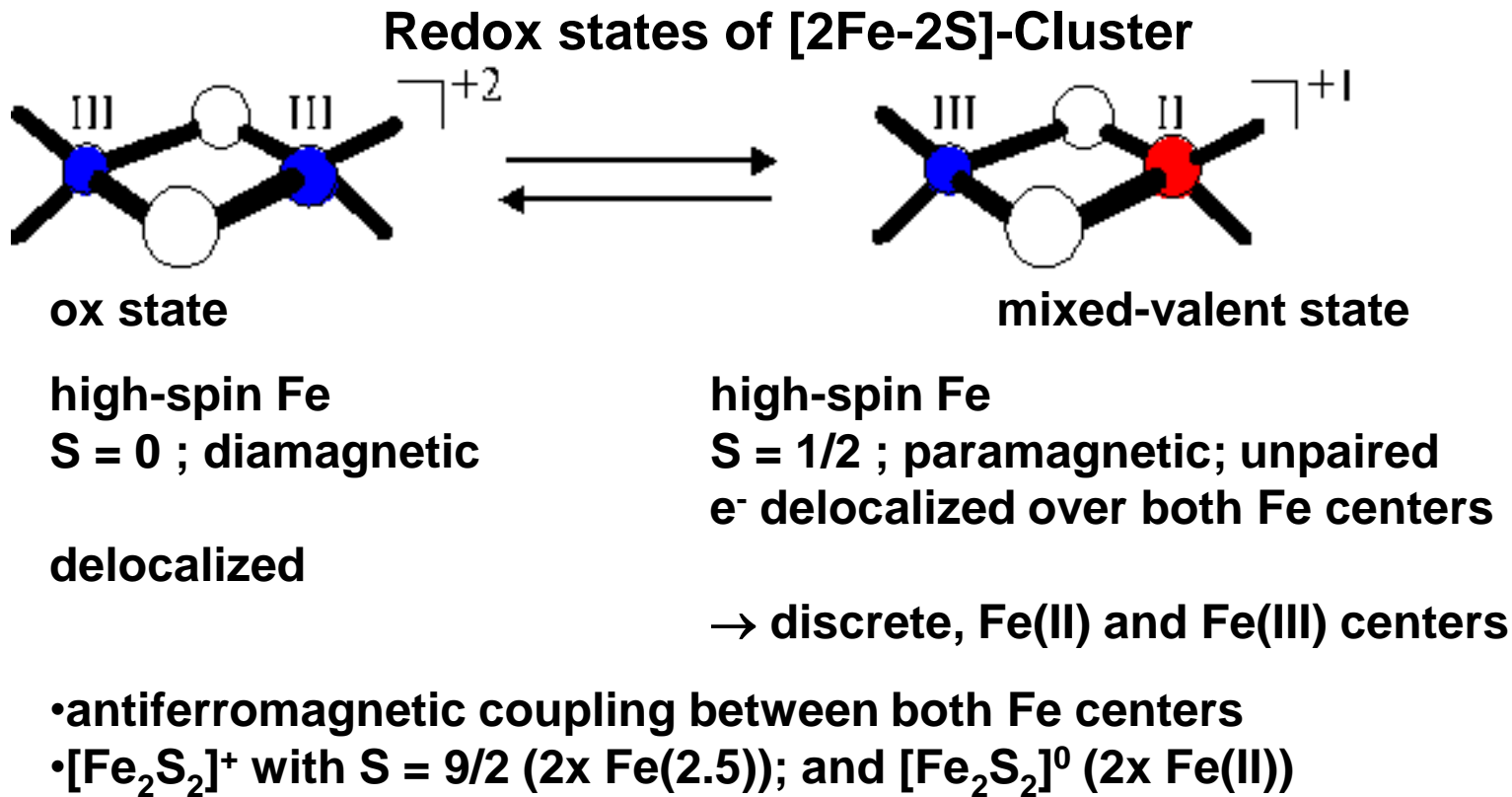
Rieske type [2Fe-2S]

2 tetrahedrally coordinated Fe-Atoms, bridged via 2 acid-labile, inorganic sulfur (S^{2-})

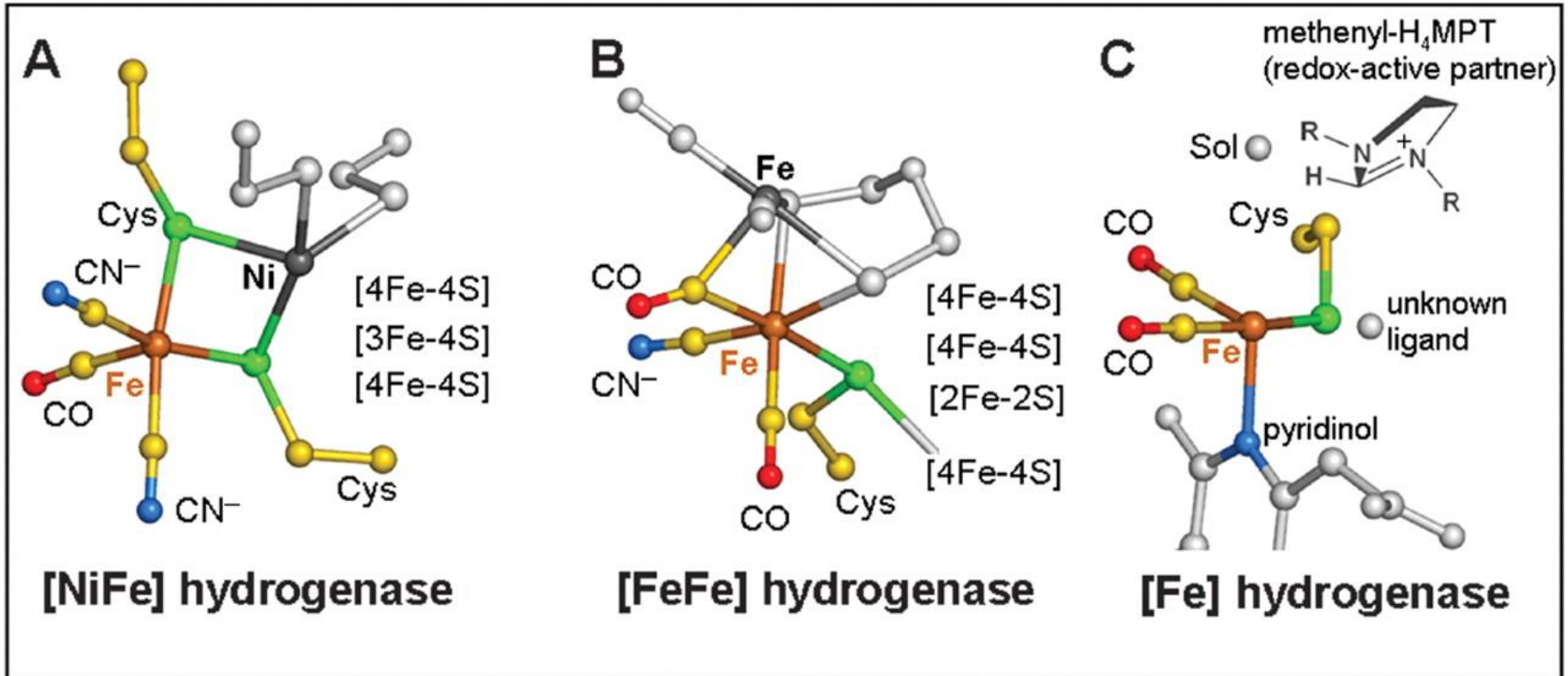
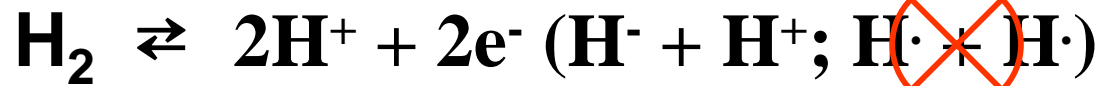
Xtal structures known

Redox potentials: -420 to 0 mV (Plant type), +150 to +350 mV (Rieske)

[2Fe-2S] FeS center

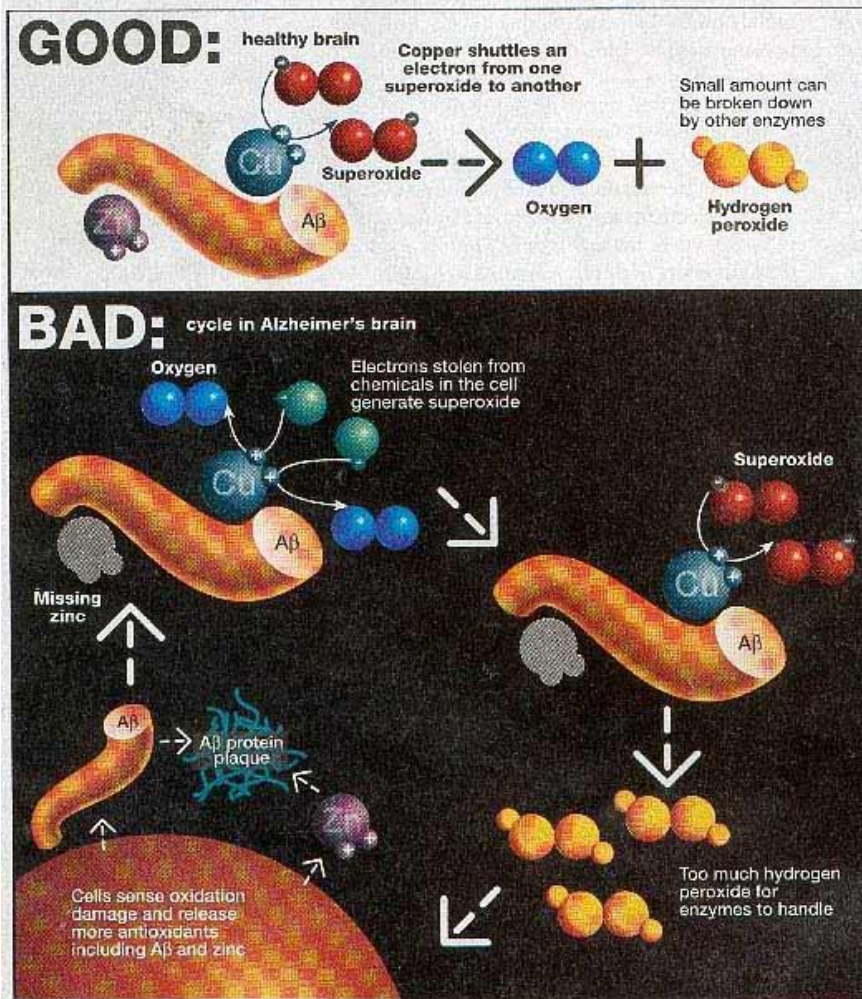


Dihydrogen = most simple Fuel



S. Shima et al. (2008), Science, 321, 572 - 575

Alzheimer Disease – A β Protein Plaque



**Initial Steps ??
Depending on
status of brain:
increased
formation of O $_2^{\cdot-}$
and H $_2$ O $_2$
(Reactive Oxygen
Species = ROS)**

Cu and Fe proteins

Activation and Transformation of O₂



Otto Heinrich Warburg (1883–1970), was a German physiologist, medical doctor and Nobel laureate. He earned double doctorates in chemistry and medicine, and won the Nobel Prize in 1931, for his research into cellular respiration, showing that cancer thrives in anaerobic (without oxygen) or acidic conditions. He was one of the twentieth century's leading biochemists. He was nominated an unprecedented three times for the Nobel prize for three separate achievements.

"Cancer, above all other diseases, has countless secondary causes. But, even for cancer, there is only one prime cause. Summarized in a few words, the prime cause of cancer is the replacement of the respiration of oxygen in normal body cells by a fermentation of sugar."

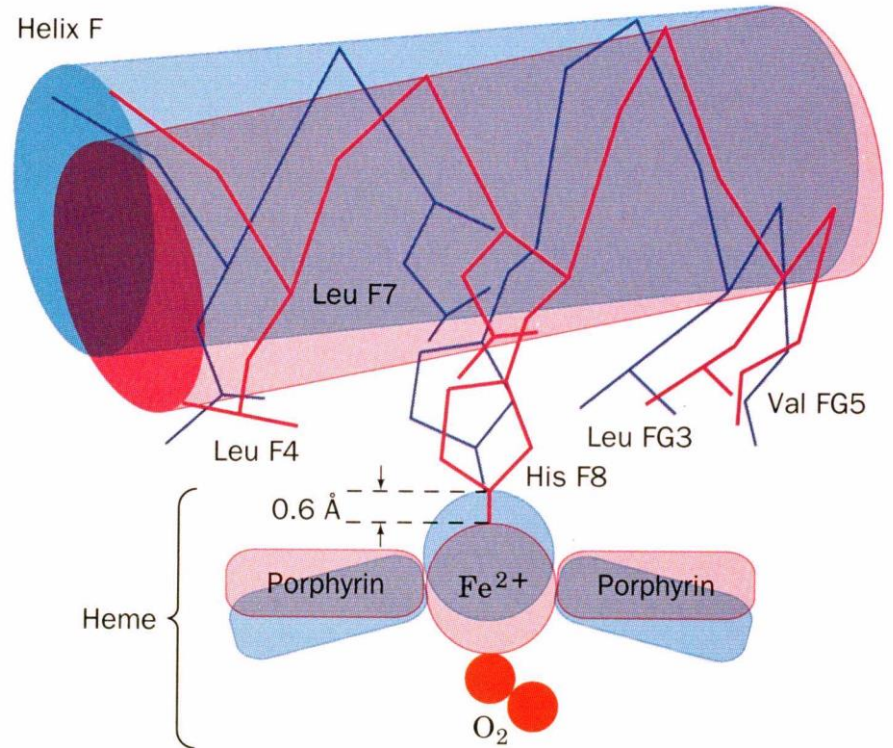
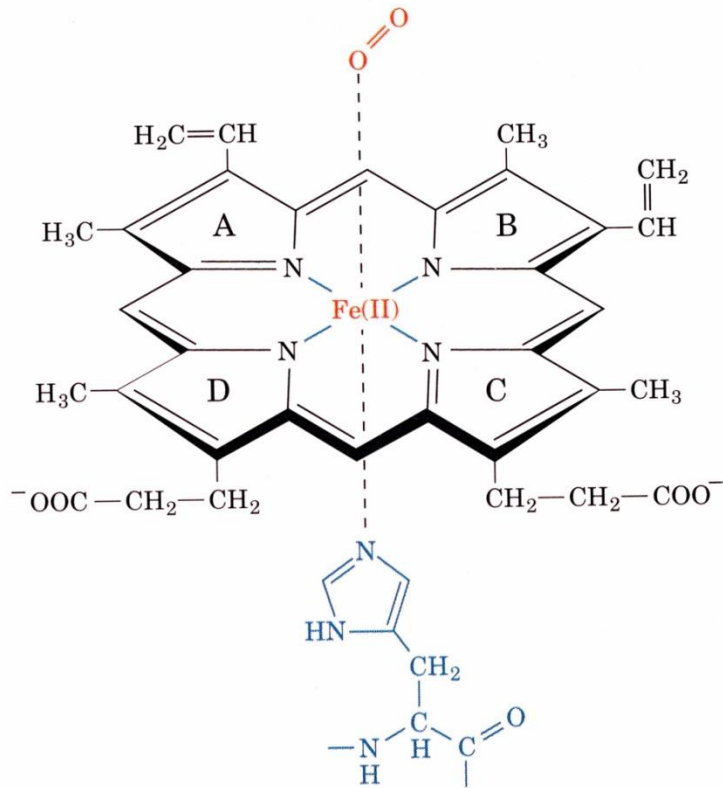
O. Warburg (1956), "On the origin of cancer cells", *Science* 123, 309–14

Otto H. Warburg
Nature Reviews (2011)
11, 325

Activation of O₂ – Reaction Types

- **Reversible binding of O₂ – Myoglobin, Hemoglobin (Fe), Hemocyanin (Cu-Cu)**
- **O₂^{•-} dismutation – Superoxide Dismutase (Mn, Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn)**
$$\text{O}_2^{\cdot-} + \text{O}_2^{\cdot-} + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$$
- **H₂O₂ decomposition – Catalase (Mn, heme-Fe)**
$$2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$$
- **Oxygenases (focus on Monooxygenase Cytochrome P450)**
$$\text{R-H} + \text{O}_2 + \text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{R-OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NADP}^+$$
- **Oxidases (2-electron reduction to H₂O₂; Fe, Cu)**
$$\text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^- + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$$
 (focus on Cu enzyme Galactose Oxidase)
- **Oxidases (4-electron reduction to H₂O; heme-Fe, Cu)**
$$\text{O}_2 + 4\text{e}^- + 4\text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
 (focus on Cu enzyme Ascorbic Acid Oxidase and Fe,Cu enzyme Cytochrome *c* Oxidase)

Reversible O₂ Binding Myoglobin and Hemoglobin



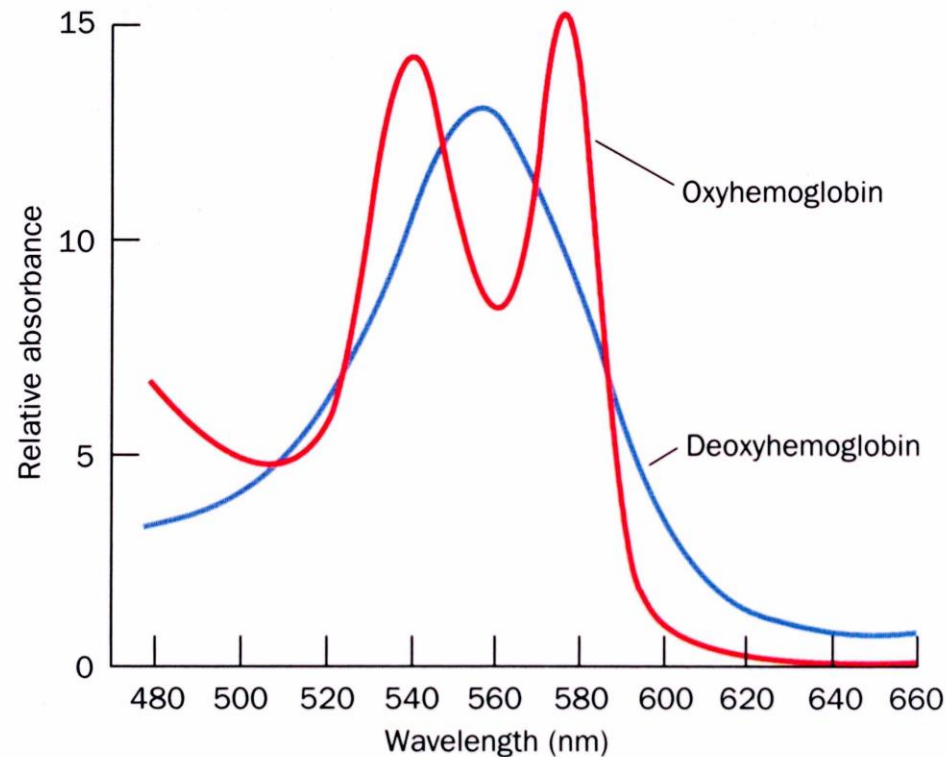
The Fe must be in the Fe(II) (ferrous oxidation) state

Binding of O₂ rearranges the electronic distribution and alters the d orbital energy.

This causes a difference in the absorption spectra.

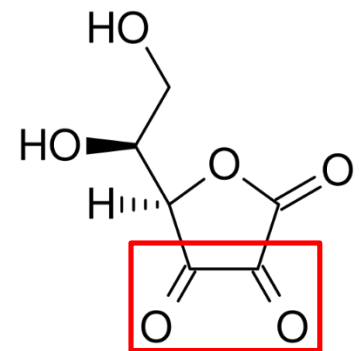
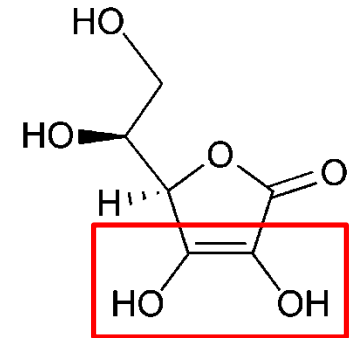
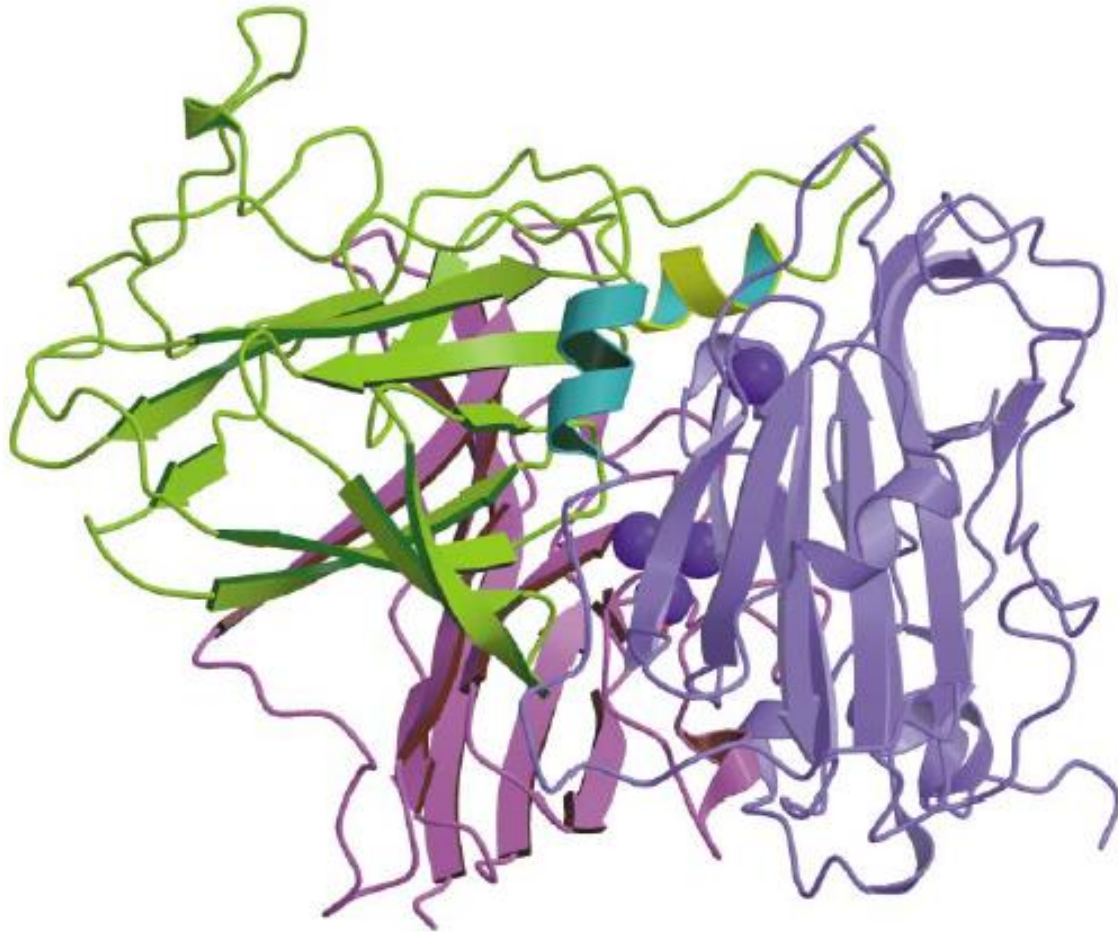
Bluish for deoxy Hb, Redish for Oxy Hb

Measuring the absorption at 578 nm allows an easy method to determine the percent of O₂ bound to hemoglobin.

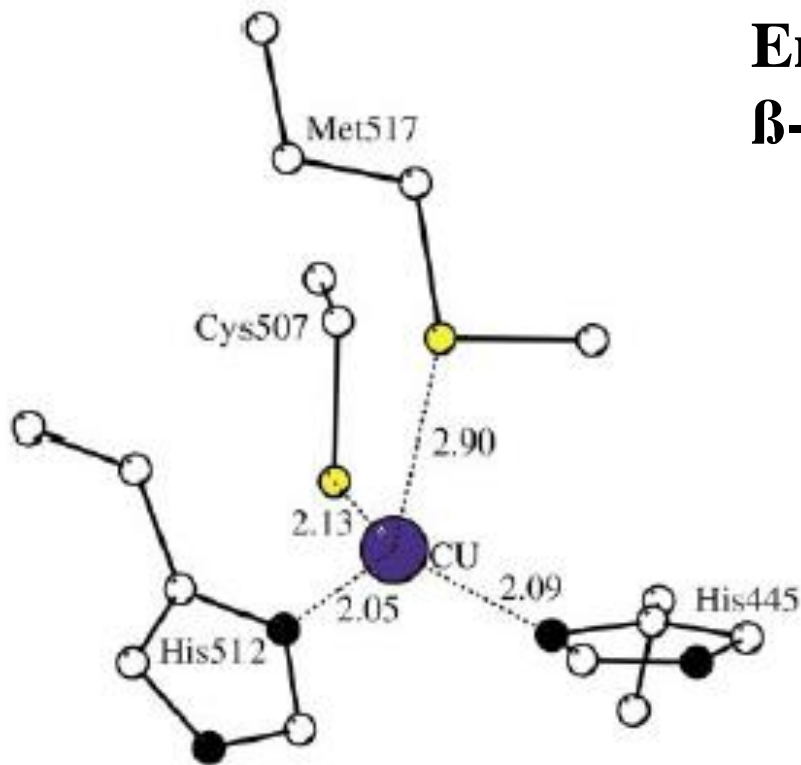


Plant Ascorbic acid (Vitamin c) oxidase

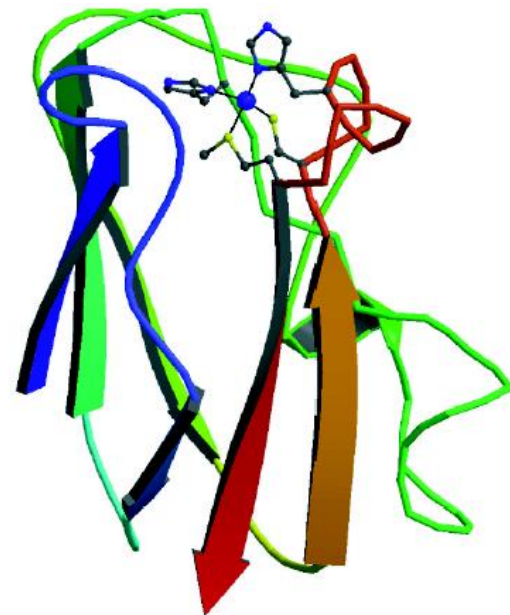
Multi-Copper oxidase (8Cu/homodimer) PDB code 1AOZ



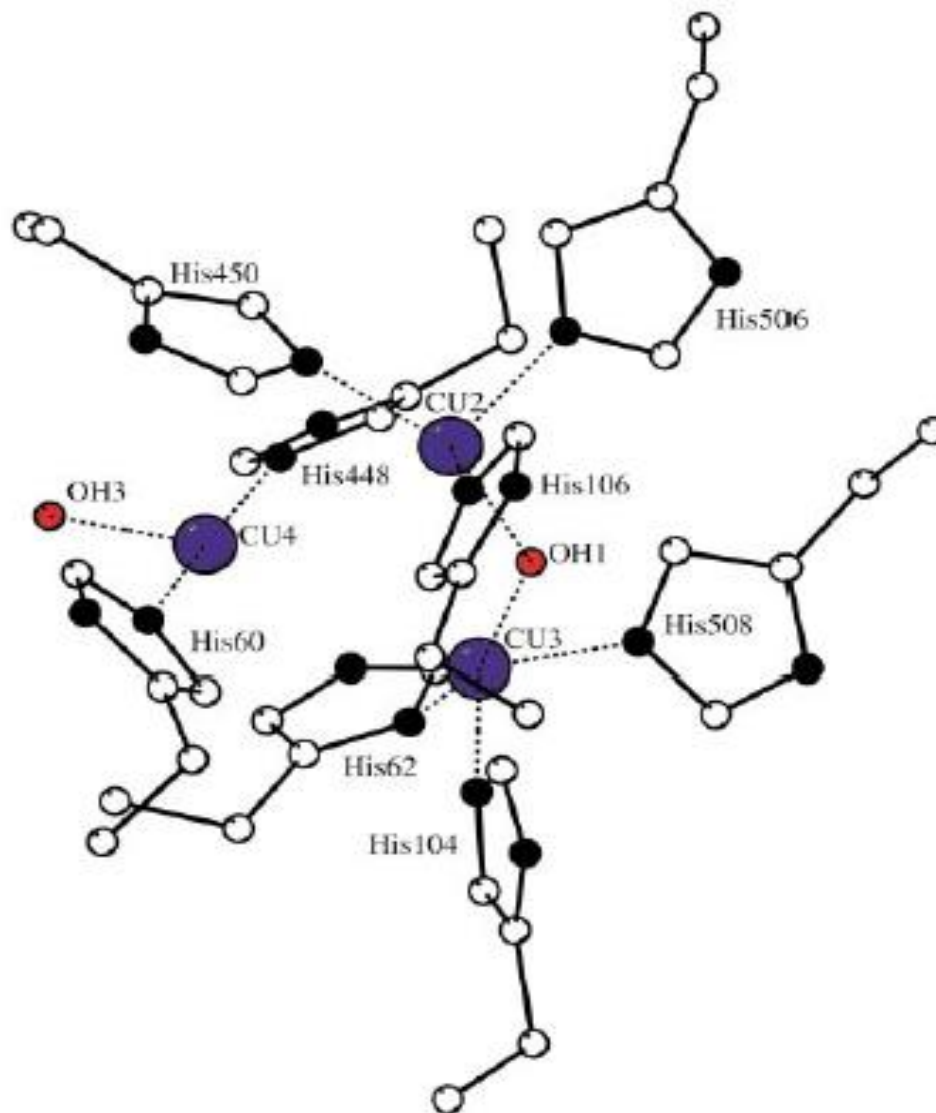
Type 1 Cu ET center (like in Plastocyanin)



Entrance point for electrons
 β -barrel structural module



Trinuclear Cu center - O₂ to H₂O reduction site



Cytochrome *c* oxidase

S. Yoshikawa, K. Muramoto, K. Shinzawa-Itoh *Annu. Rev. Biophys.* (2011) 40, 205–23
Tomoya Hino, et al. *SCIENCE* (2010) 330, 1666-1670

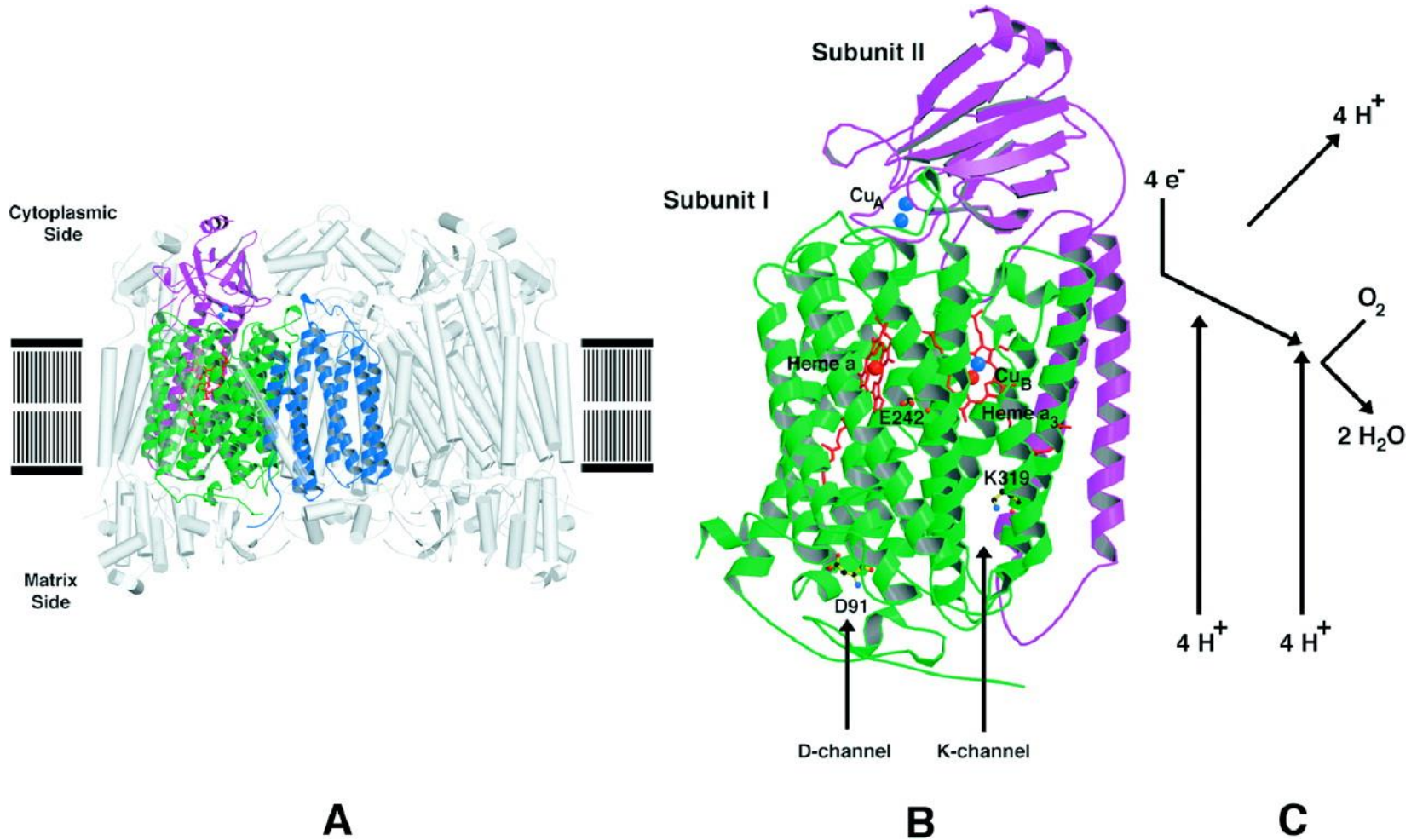
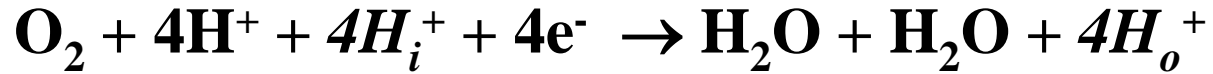


metals (CuA, Fe-heme, Mg, Zn)

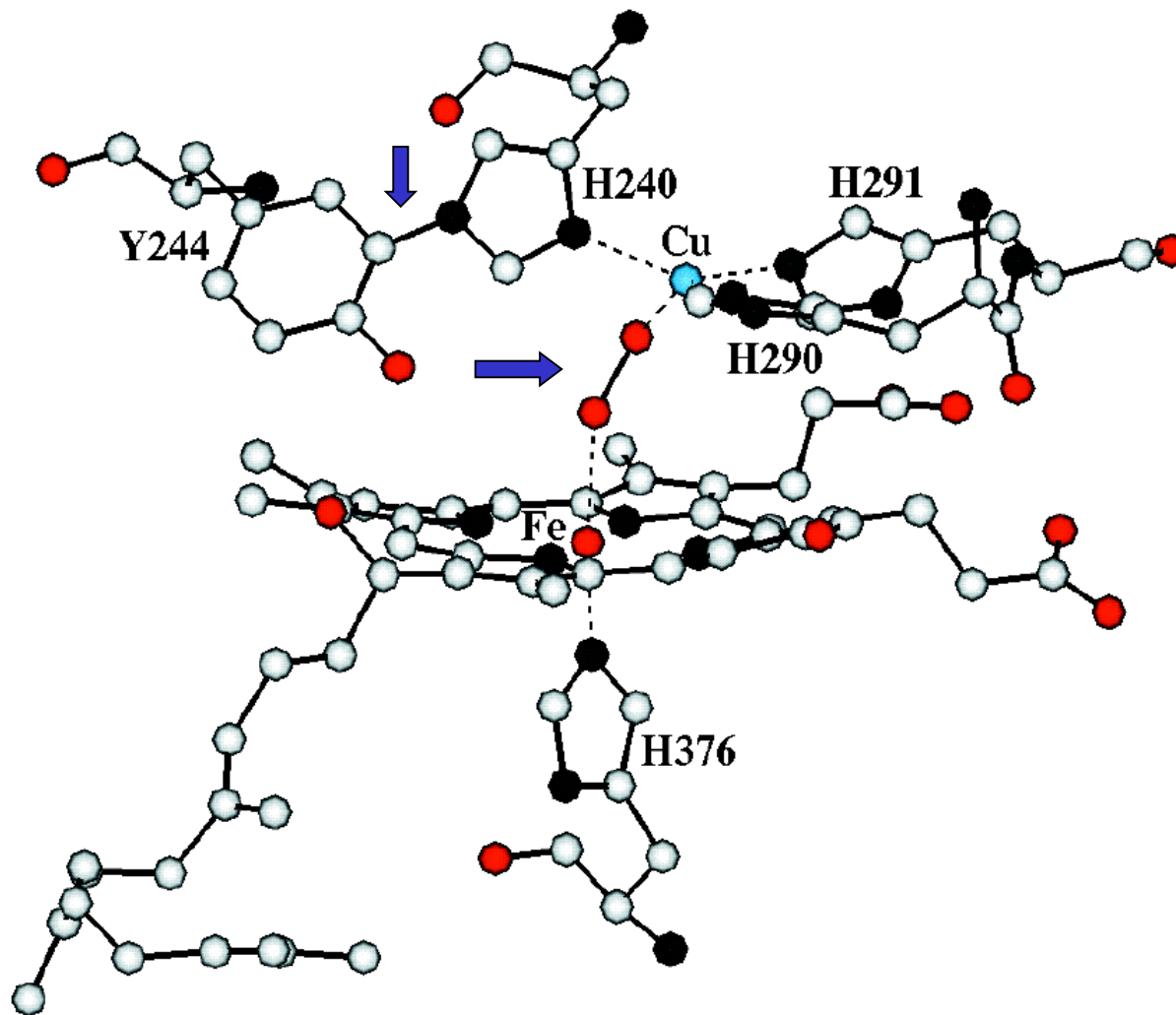
e^- transfer (redox; tyrosyl radical ?), H^+ transfer (pump)

metal centers: CuA \rightarrow ET; Fe-CuB \rightarrow O_2 reduction

Cytochrome *c* oxidase



Site of O₂ Reduction (Fe(III)-Cu(II) State – covalent link Tyr-His)



Heterogenous Catalysis

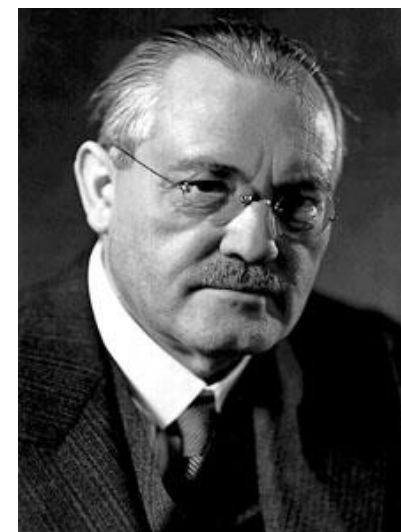
How to cleave kinetically stable compounds



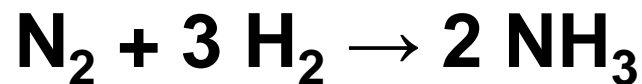
Fritz Haber
1868 - 1934
Nobel Prize 1918



Gerhard Ertl, Fritz-Haber Institute Berlin
(Nobel Laureate/Chemistry/2007)

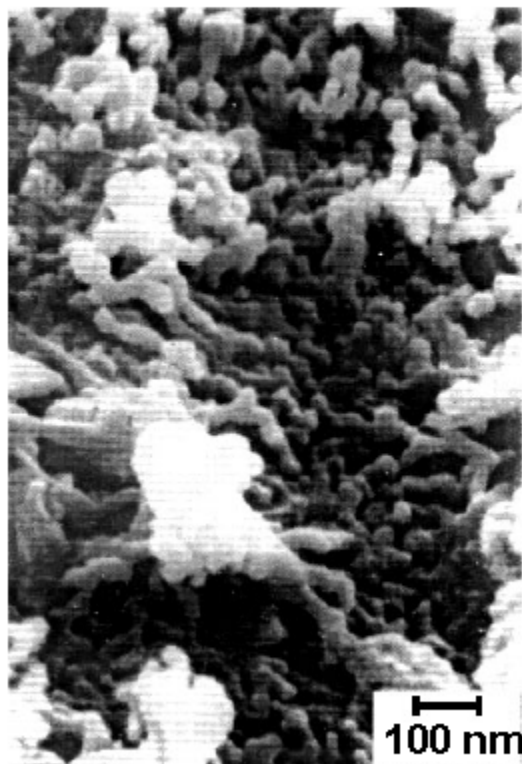


Carl Bosch
1874 - 1940
Nobel Prize 1931



Catalytic synthesis of ammonia

(Haber- Bosch process)



Technical conditions: $T \approx 400^\circ\text{C}$, $p \approx 300$ bar
promoted iron catalyst

BASF S6-10 catalyst (at. %)

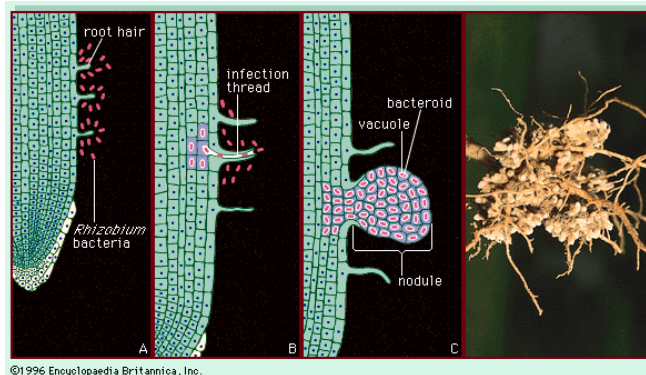
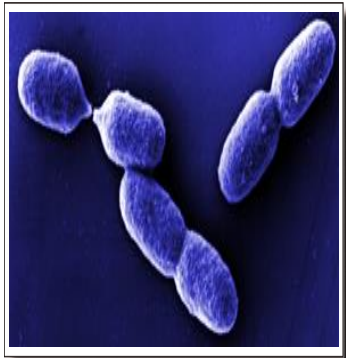
	Fe	K	Al	Ca	O
Bulk composition	40.5	0.35	2.0	1.7	53.2
Surface –					
unreduced	8.6	36.2	10.7	4.7	40.0
reduced	11.0	27.0	17.0	4.0	41.0
cat. active spot	30.1	29.0	6.7	1.0	33.2

Biological N₂ Fixation

Microorganisms can do the job under „normal conditions“ (T, P)

- free living soil bacteria, e.g. *Azotobacter vinelandii*
- Cyanobacteria with specialized cells, e.g. *Anabaena sp.*, *Nostoc sp.*)
- *Rhizobia* which live in special plant organelles (root noudles)

The process, however, is costly. Plants have to deliver up to 25% of their photosynthetically produced ATP to N₂ fixing bacteria in the root nodules.



Note: N₂ Fixation is done by anaerobes.

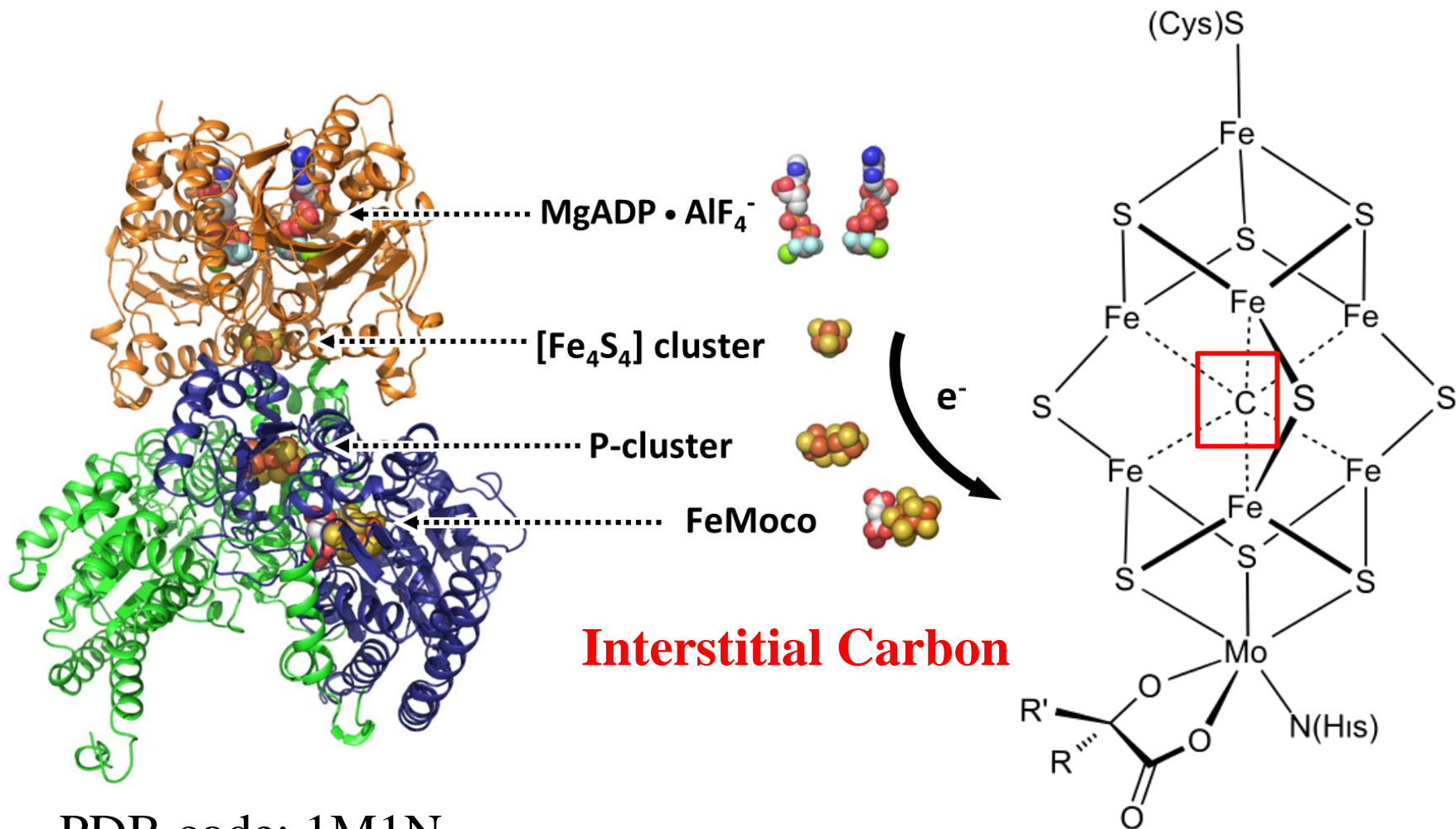
N₂ Fixation

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitrogenase>



Basic Structural Elements of Nitrogenase

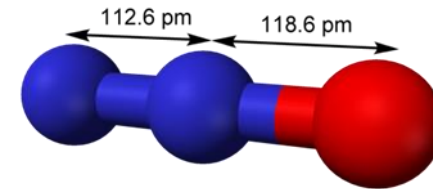
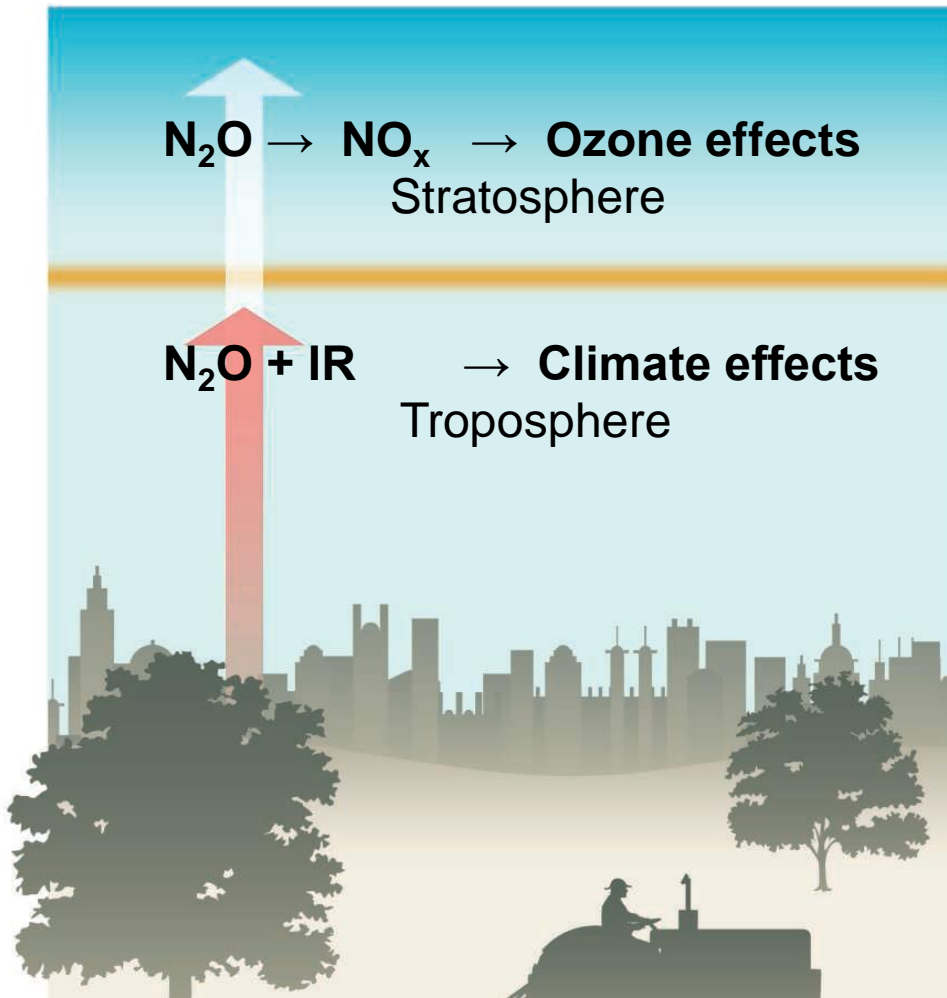
Hu, Ribbe, Acc. Chem. Res. (2010), 43, 475-484; Ramaswamy, Science (2011), 334, 914-915



PDB code: 1M1N

N₂O – Potent Greenhouse Gas

Wuebbles, Science (2009), 326, 56-57



Steady increase in the atmosphere

3rd only to CO₂ and CH₄

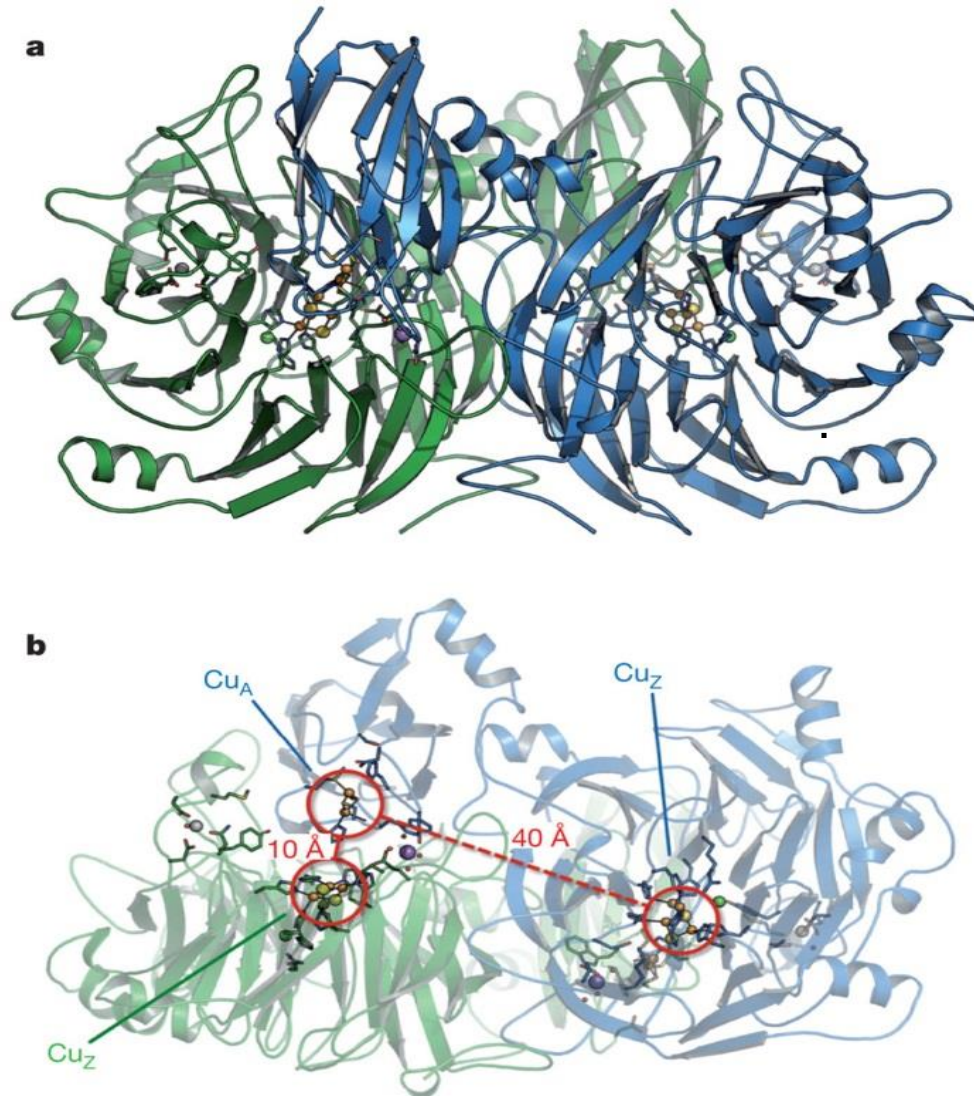
N₂O is isoelectronic to CO₂

green-house effect of N₂O/CO₂ ~ 200



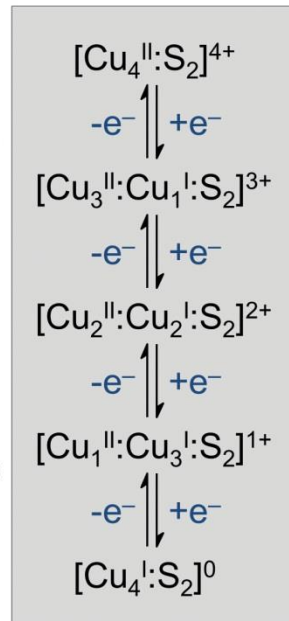
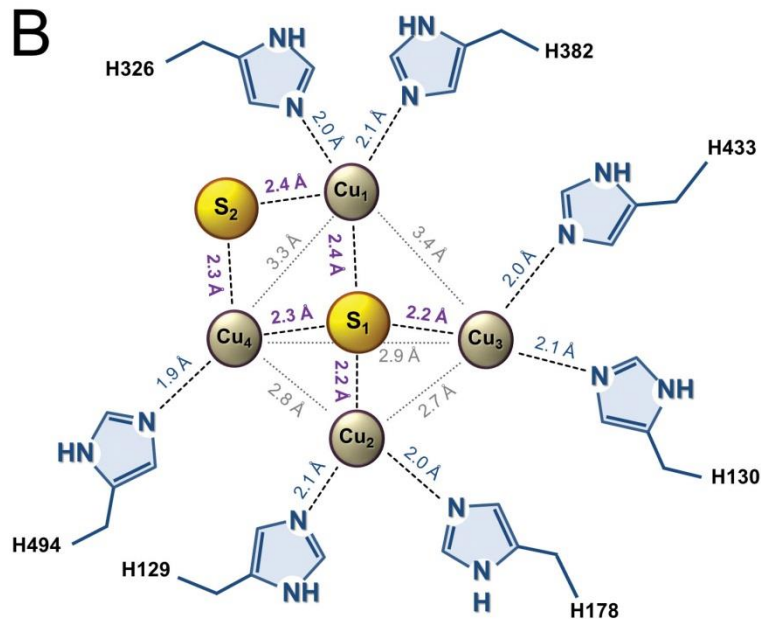
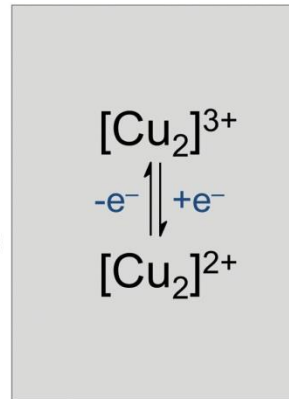
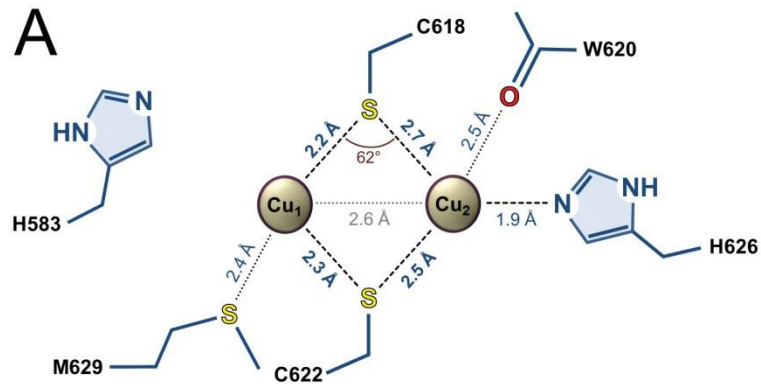
Nitrous Oxide Reductase is a head-to-tail homodimer, with 6 Cu/monomer

A. Pomowski, W.G. Zumft, P.M.H. Kroneck, O. Einsle (2011) *Nature* 477, 234-237



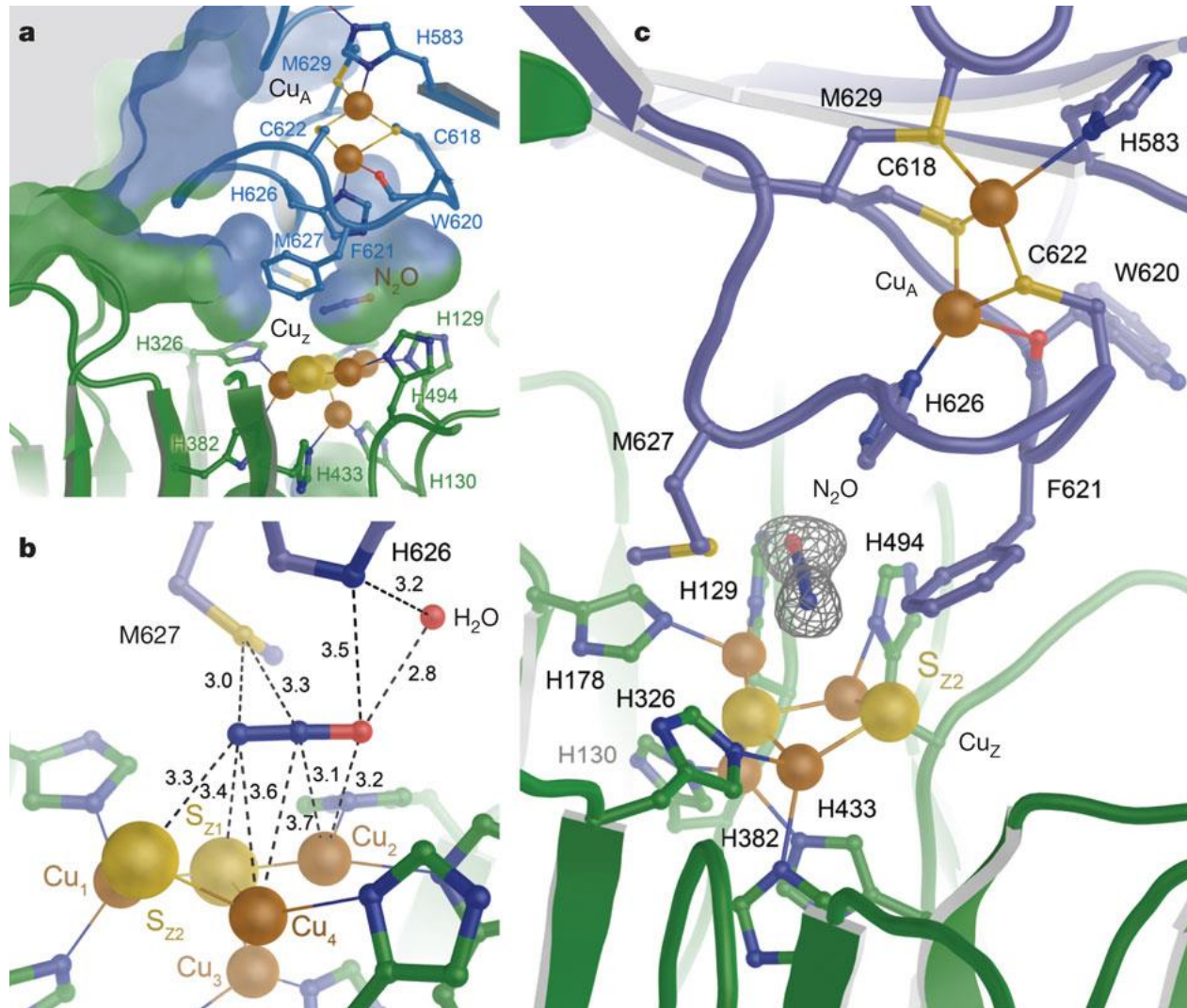
Two novel Copper-Sulfur sites

(A) the dinuclear CuA, (B) the tetranuclear CuZ

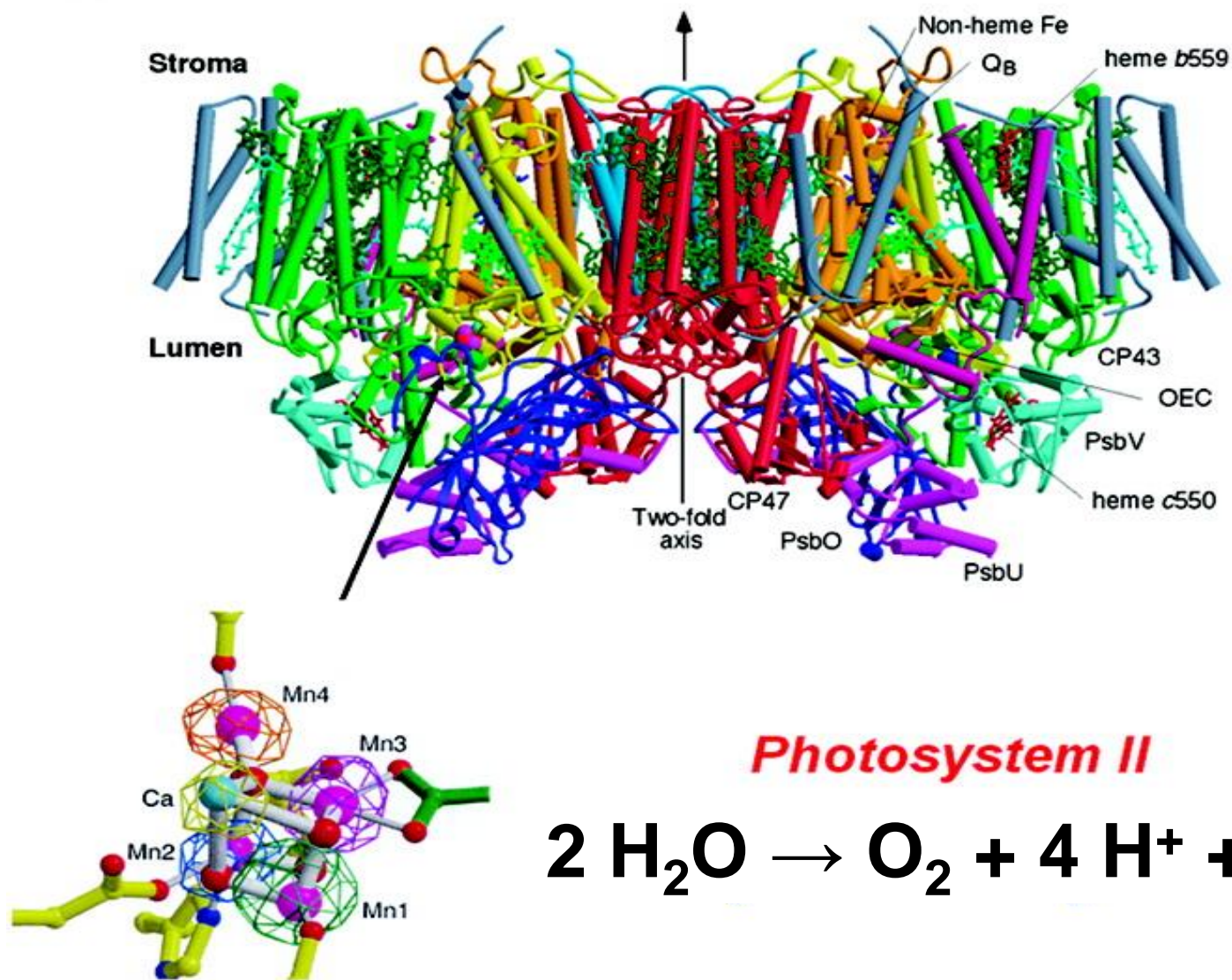


Catalysis: CuA and CuZ operate *in concert*

Xtal under N₂O pressure



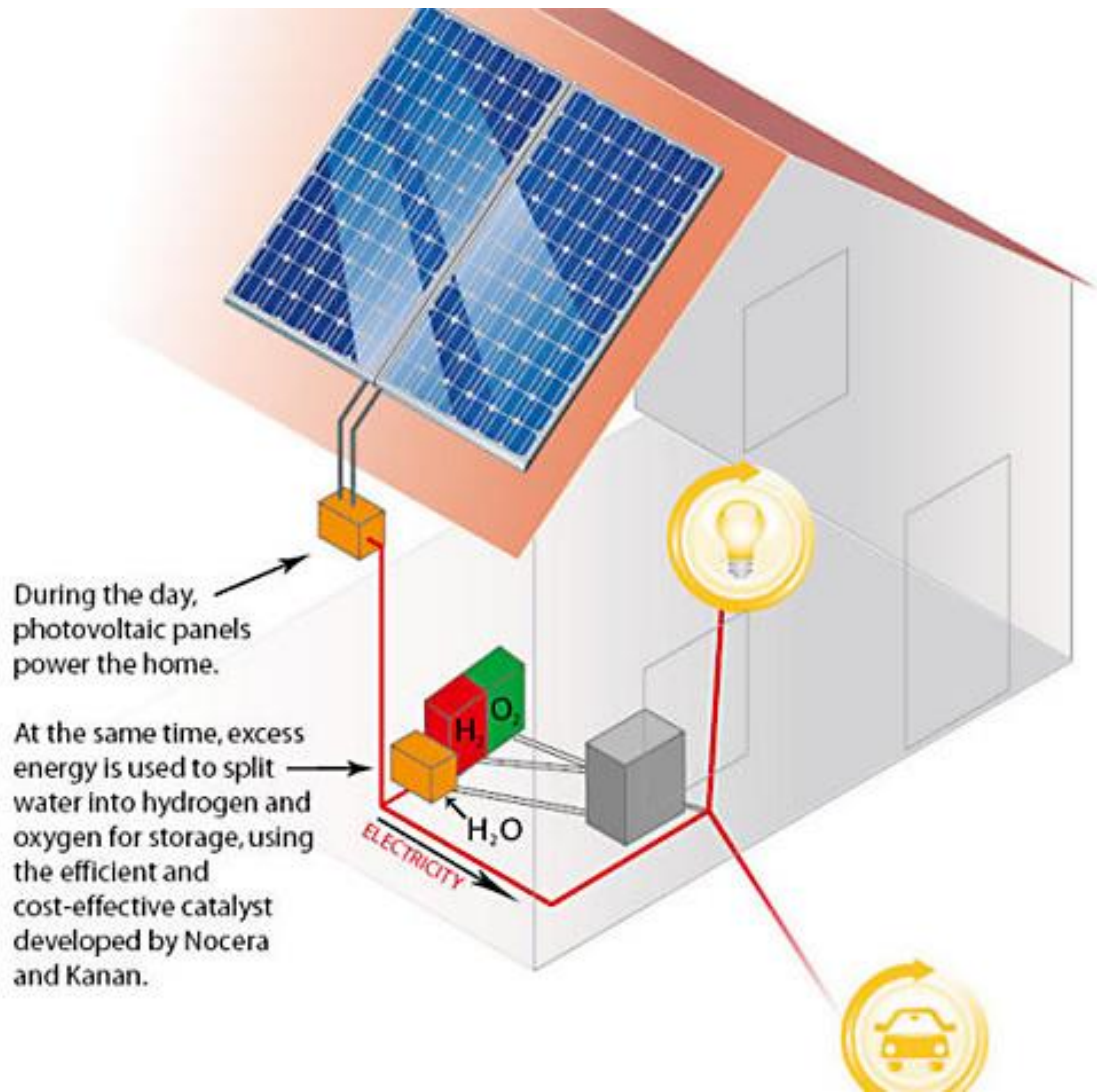
The O₂ Evolving Complex – Splitting of H₂O at a CaMn₄ catalytic center



The Future ? Photosynthesis – *Sun Catalytix*



Dan Nocera, MIT
Acc. Chem. Res. 2012,
45, 767-776



During the day, photovoltaic panels power the home.

At the same time, excess energy is used to split water into hydrogen and oxygen for storage, using the efficient and cost-effective catalyst developed by Nocera and Kanan.

The Future ? Photosynthesis and Modern Housing



**Photosynthetic
Microalgae**

Conclusion

The structural and functional properties of metal ions in biological systems can be understood by combining the principles of coordination chemistry with the knowledge of the unique environment created by biomolecules



Bo G. Malmström, Göteborg, 1927-2000

