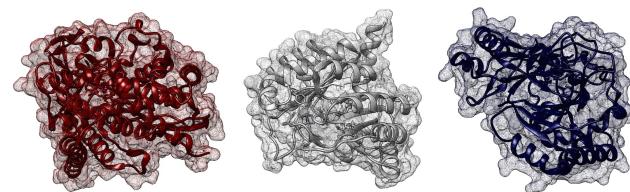


# NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL METALLOENZYMES

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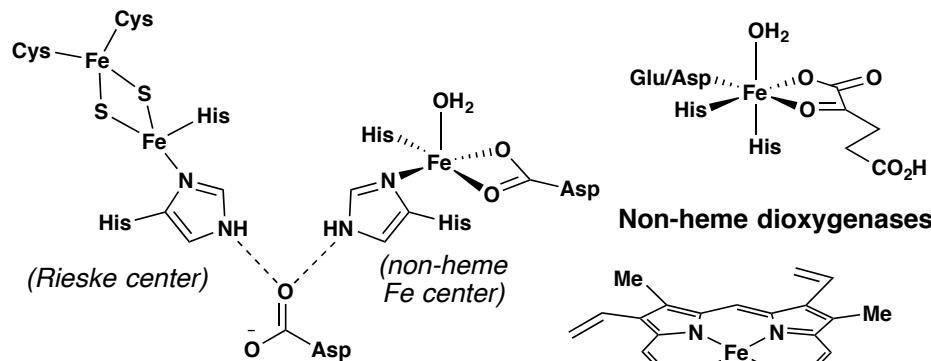


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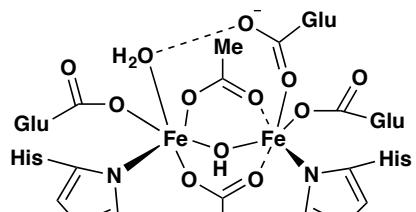
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## Cofactor diversity of natural metalloenzymes

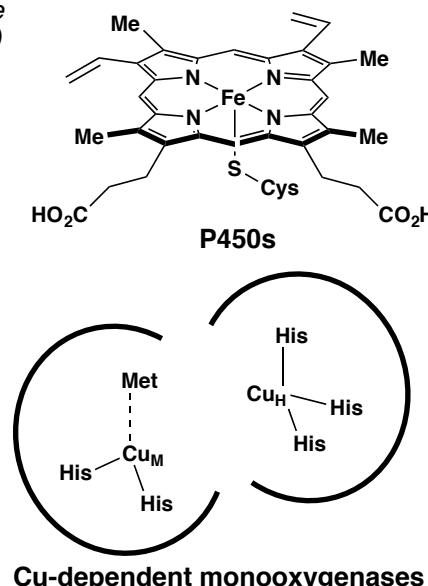
### Oxygenases



### Rieske oxygenases



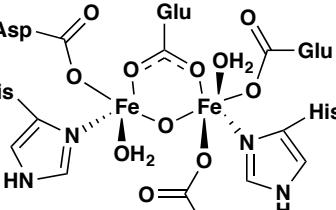
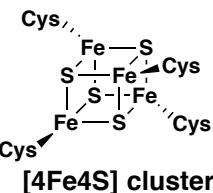
### Methane monooxygenases



### Definition:

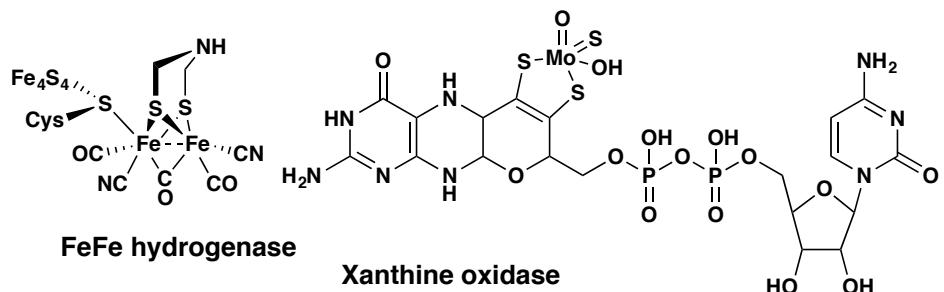
Monooxygenase – only one oxygen atom from O<sub>2</sub> is incorporated into the substrate, the other being reduced to H<sub>2</sub>O

Dioxygenase – both oxygen atoms are incorporated into the substrate(s)



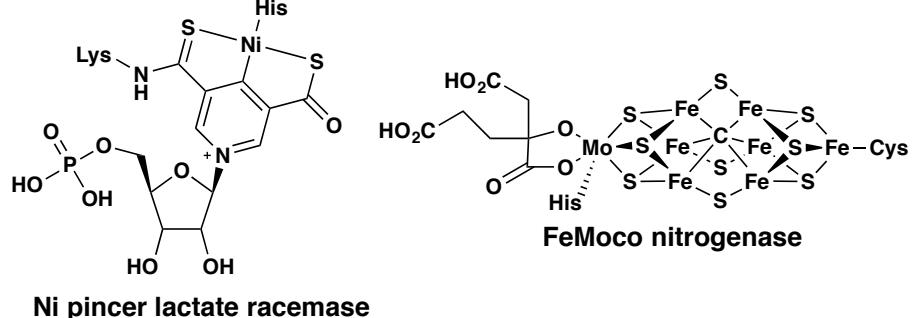
### Ribonucleotide reductase

### More exotic cofactors



### FeFe hydrogenase

### Xanthine oxidase

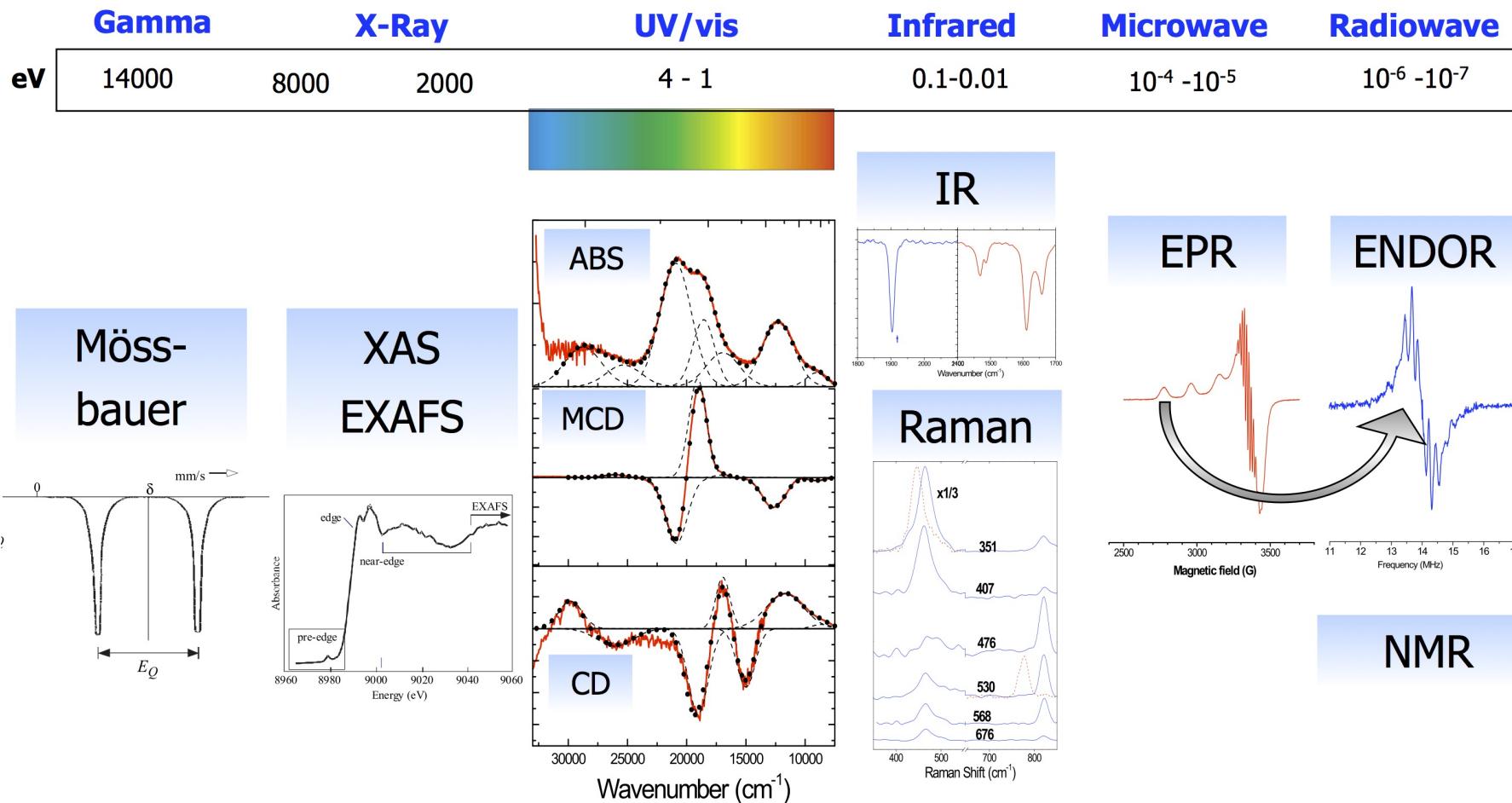


### Ni pincer lactate racemase

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Spectroscopic techniques to study metalloenzymes

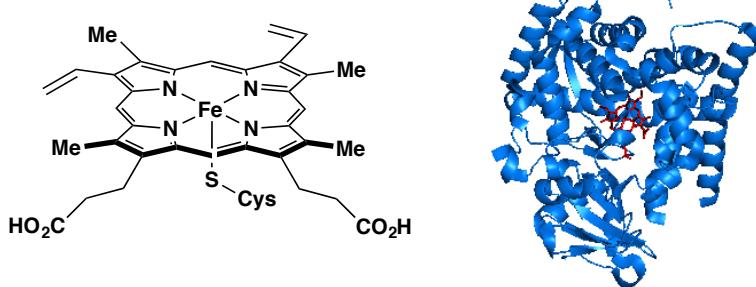


Adapted from Frank Neese's "Vibrational Spectroscopy" lecture;  
PSU Bioinorganic Chemistry Workshop 2014

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## The P450s



- Presence of heme (protoporphyrin IX) cofactor
- Axial Cys ligation
- Characteristic Soret peak at 450 nm for ferrous-CO complex

## Different domain organizations of P450

*Trends Biotechnol.* 2012, 30, 26; *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 2007, 1770, 330; *Trends Biochem. Sci.* 2013, 38, 140

### Class I (three-protein system)



### Class II (FAD- and FMN-containing reductase)

As separate proteins:



Fused (e.g. P450-BM3):



## Terminology

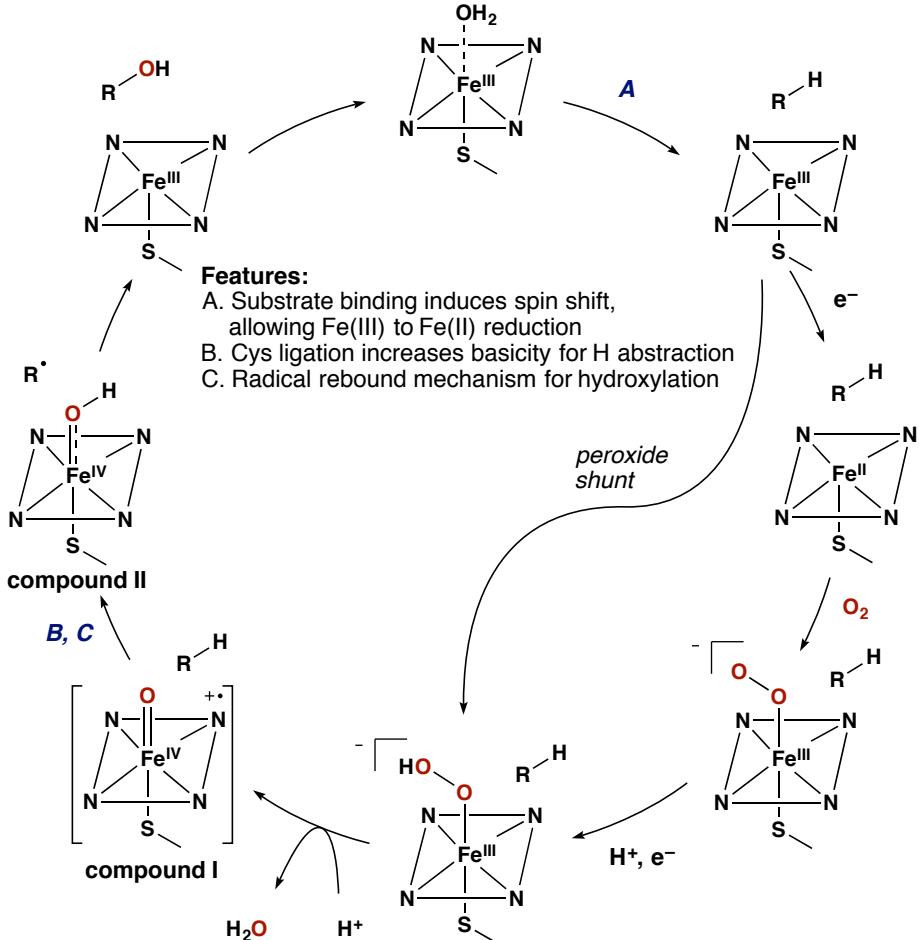
FAD domain: flavin adenine dinucleotide binding domain

FMN domain: flavin mononucleotide binding domain

New electron transfer chain mechanisms have recently been discovered in P450s

## Catalytic cycle of P450 hydroxylation

*Chem. Rev.* 2004, 104, 3947



Compound I basicity: *Science* 2004, 304, 1653

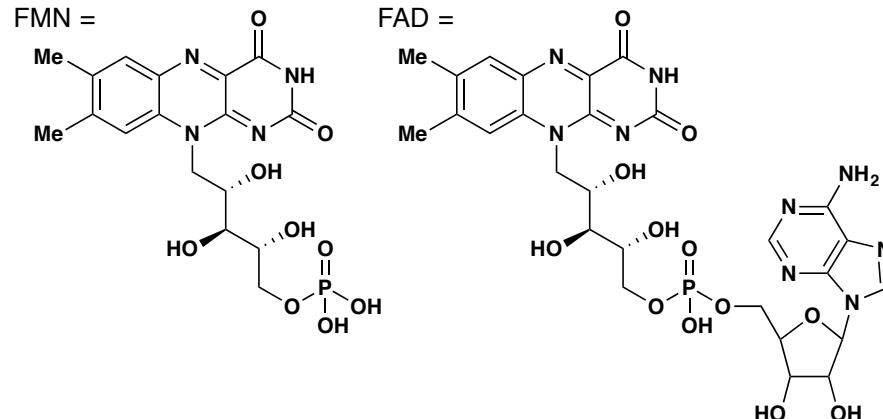
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Radical rebound overview: *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* 2004, 207

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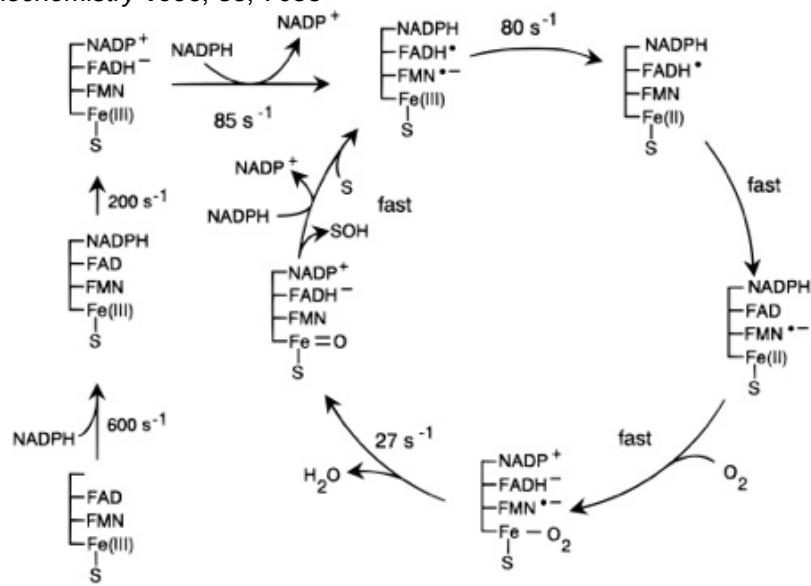
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## Electron transport chain

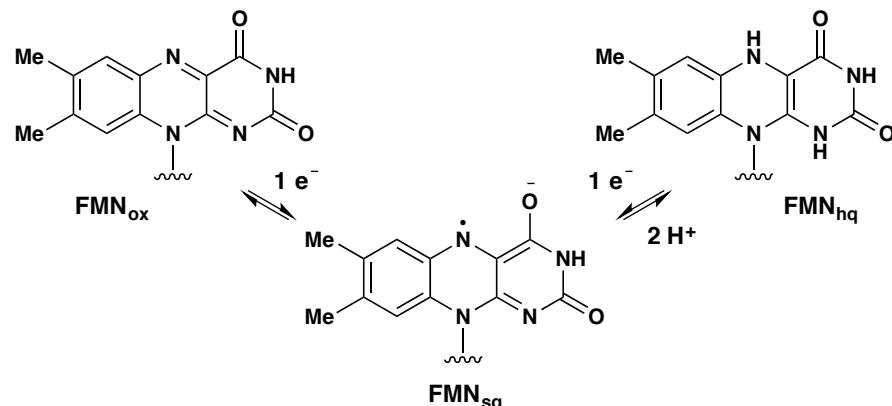


## Electron transfer cycle in P450BM3

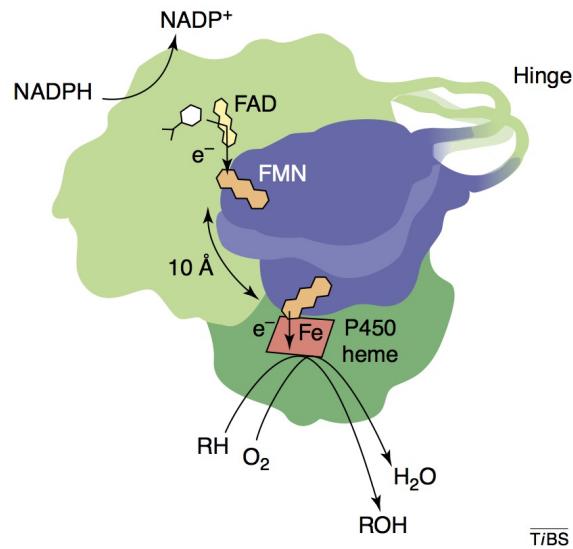
Biochemistry 1996, 35, 7058



## Reduced flavin species



## Protein dynamics of electron transfer

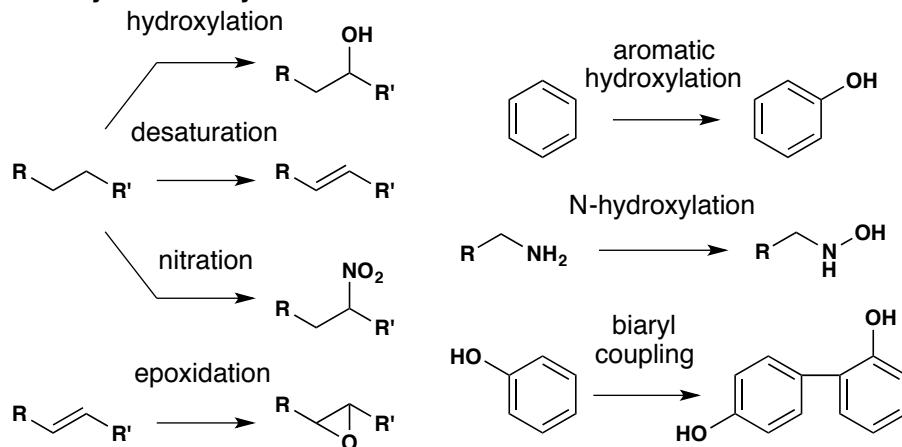


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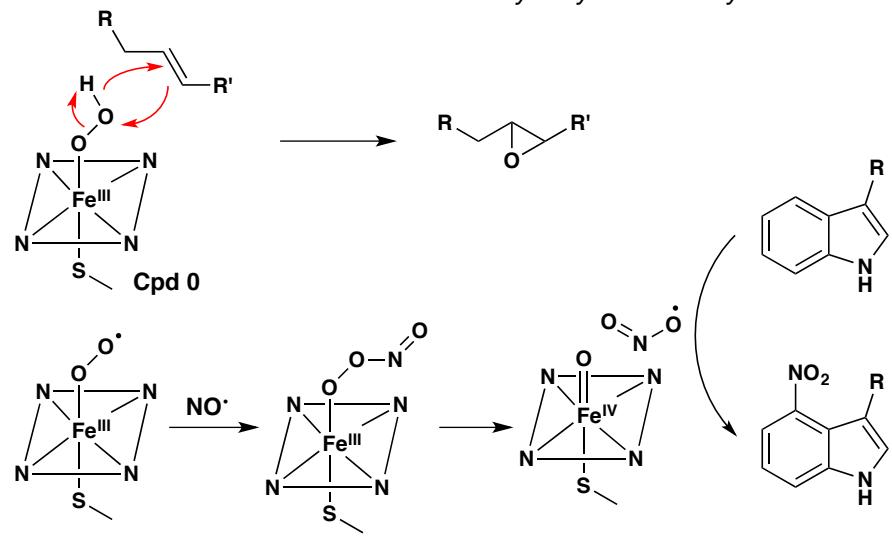
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## Catalytic diversity of P450s



*Nat. Prod. Rep.* 2012, 29, 1251  
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## Utilization of different intermediates in catalytic cycle for catalysis

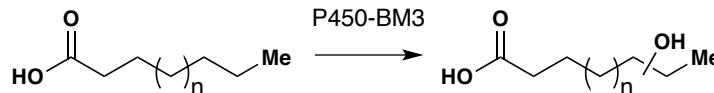


Ferric superoxide

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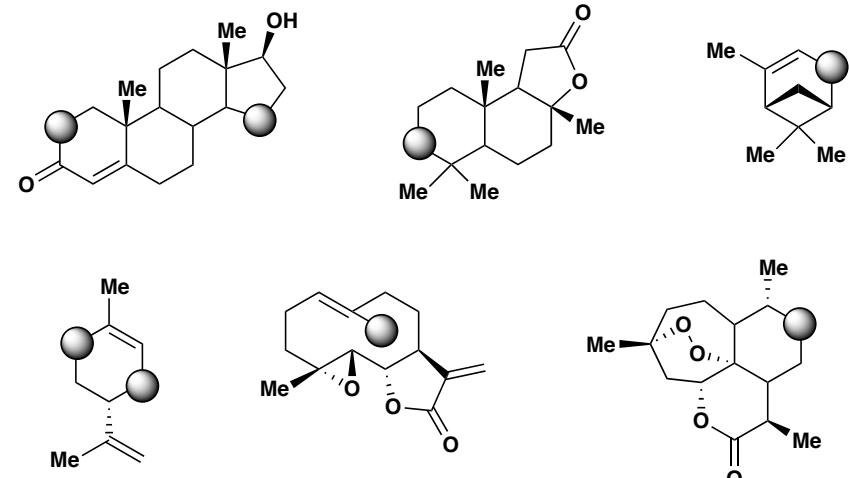
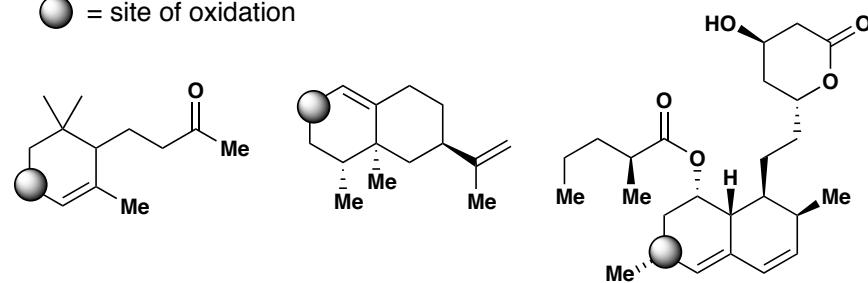
## P450-BM3 (CYP102A1)

- Has been extensively studied due to the "fused" nature of the protein
- Native activity: long-chain fatty acid hydroxylase



Examples of site-selective hydroxylation by P450-BM3 variants

● = site of oxidation



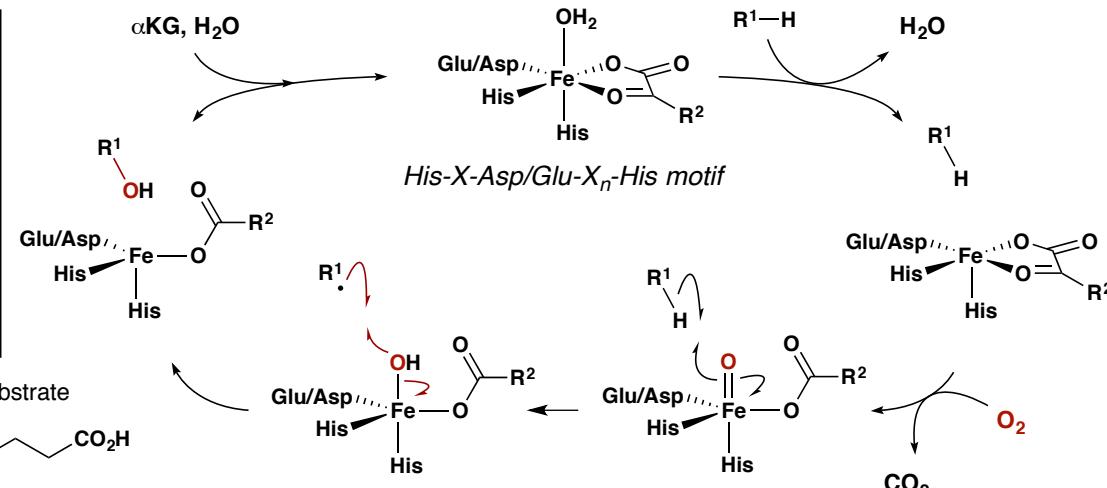
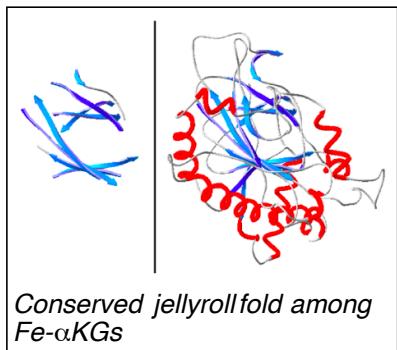
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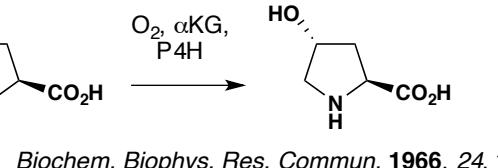
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## Fe- $\alpha$ ketoglutarate (Fe- $\alpha$ KG) dioxygenase

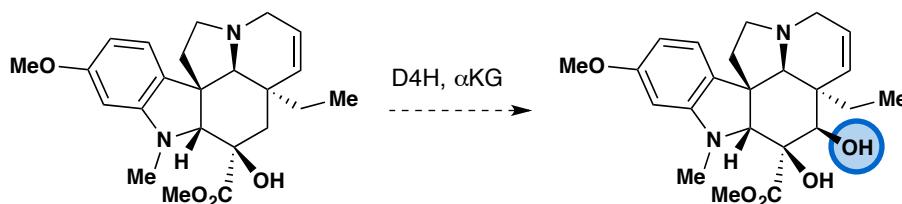
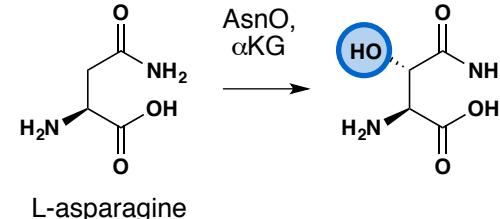
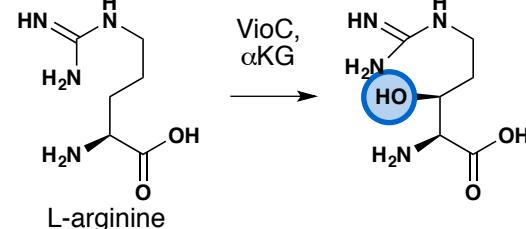
Crit. Rev. Biochem. Mol. Biol. 2004, 39, 21



## First discovery of Fe- $\alpha$ KG: Prolyl 4-hydroxylase



## Selected reactivity of other $\alpha$ KGs:

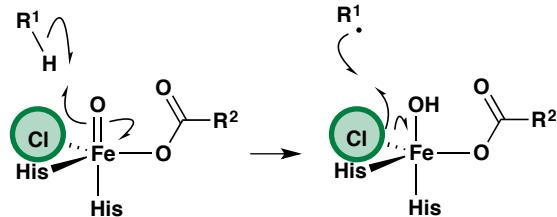


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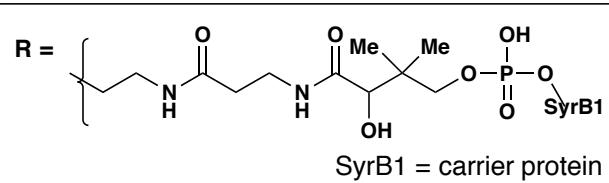
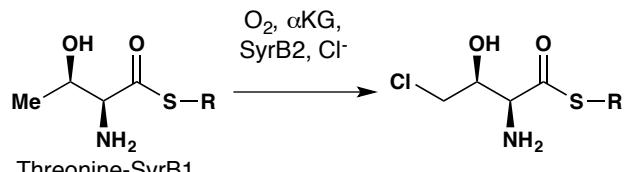
## Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenases

In Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenases, the carboxylate ligand is replaced by a halide:



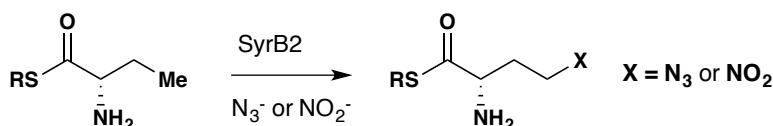
Chem. Rev. 2006, 106, 3364

First characterization of Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenase, SyrB2



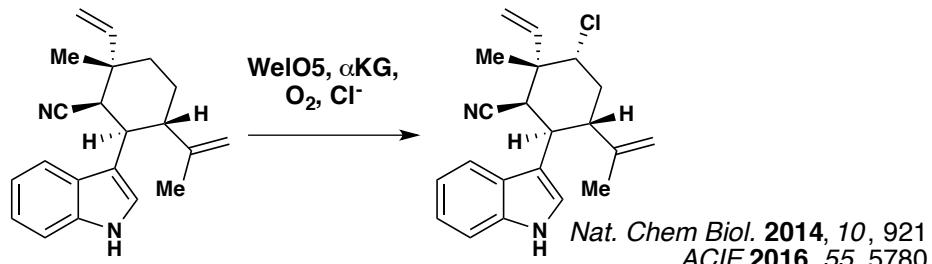
PNAS 2005, 102, 10111

Extensive mechanistic study of this enzyme has been performed by Bollinger-Krebs group (PSU). Under stoichiometric conditions, they also observed that SyrB2 can catalyze nitration and azidation:



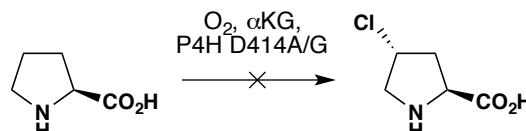
Nat. Chem Biol. 2014, 10, 209

A standalone Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenase was recently characterized:



A related enzyme, AmbO5 (79% sequence identity), was characterized and shown to have less-stringent substrate specificity than WelO5. WelO5-AmbO5 fusion showed similar promiscuity but with altered regioselectivities.

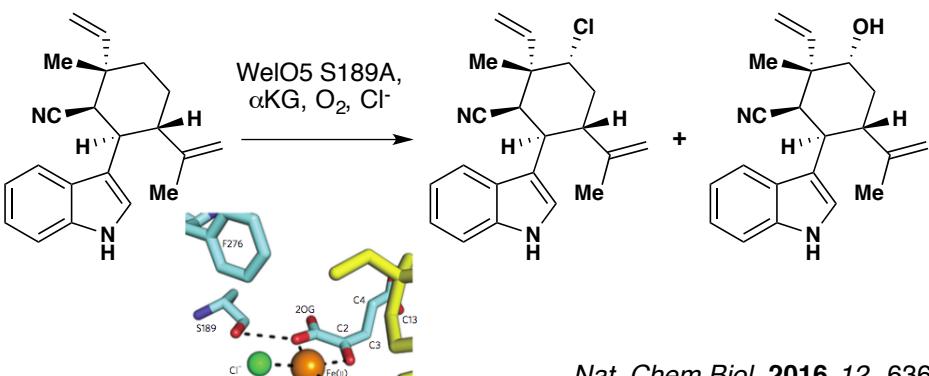
Converting Fe- $\alpha$ KG hydroxylase to a halogenase is not trivial



PLoS ONE 2009, 4, e7635

swapping out Glu to non-coordinating residue gave non-functional enzyme

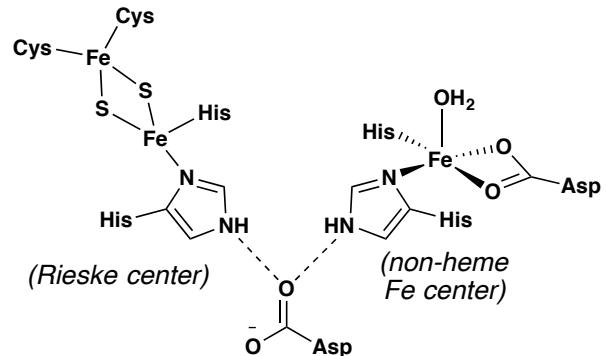
Rational engineering was recently performed on WelO5 based on solved crystal structure:



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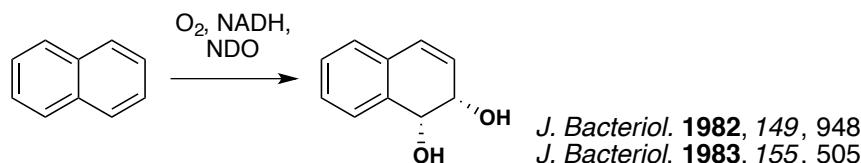
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## Rieske Dioxygenases

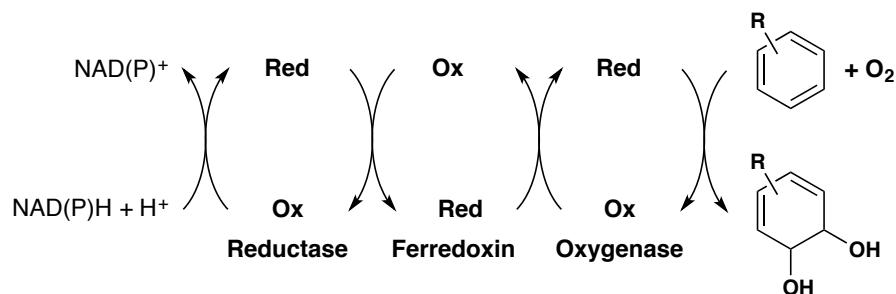


ACS Catal. 2013, 3, 2362

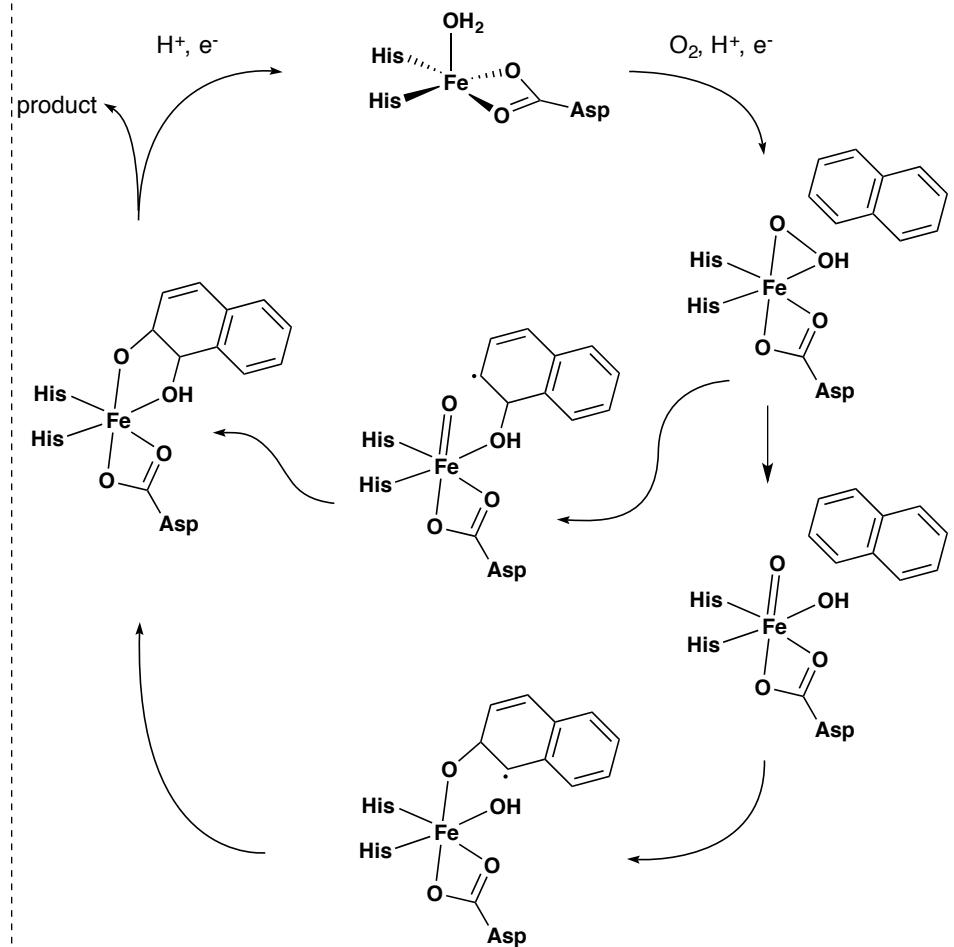
- First identified in degradation of aromatic compounds by *P. putida*.
- Identified to be three-component system naphthalene and toluene dioxygenase



- Components: flavin-dependent reductase, ferredoxin, and terminal oxygenase



## Postulated mechanism for arene dihydroxylation



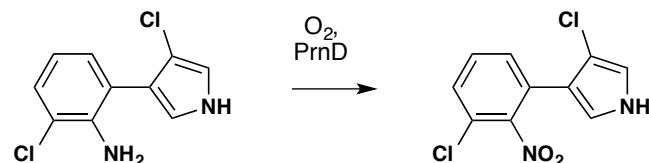
### Challenges in studying Rieske oxygenases:

- Multi-component system
- Oxygen-sensitive nature of [2Fe-2S] cluster
- Lack of chromophore for spectroscopic studies (cf. P450)

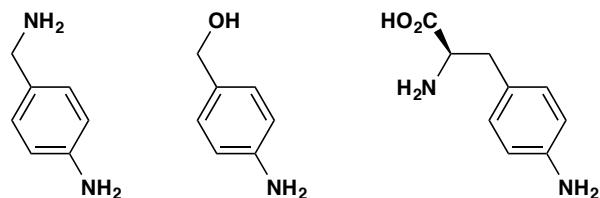
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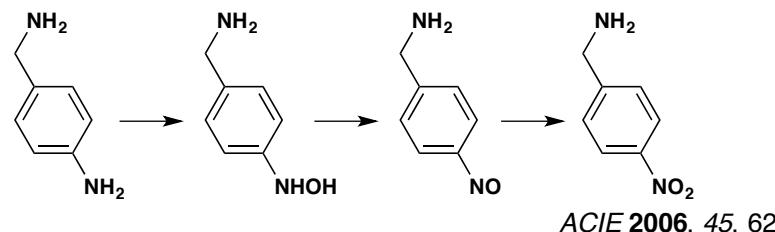
## Pyrrolnitrin biosynthesis



Other reported substrates (*J. Biol. Chem.* 2005, 280, 36719)

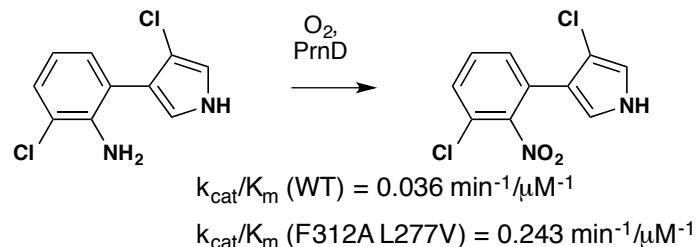


Mechanistic studies indicated presence of various intermediates



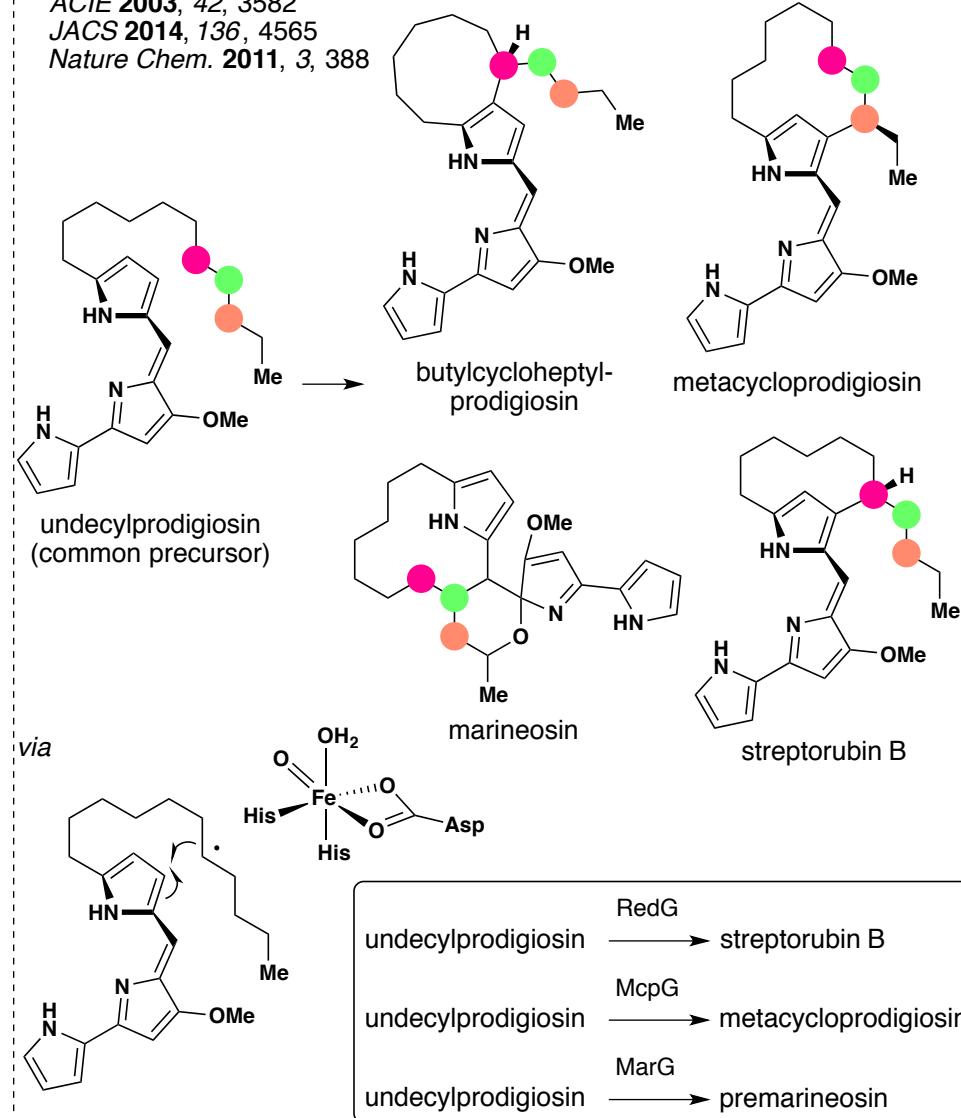
*ACIE* 2006, 45, 622

Engineering based on molecular modeling was shown to improve the catalytic efficiency of the enzyme (*J. Bacteriol.* 2006, 188, 6179)



## Prodigiosin biosynthesis

*ACIE* 2003, 42, 3582  
*JACS* 2014, 136, 4565  
*Nature Chem.* 2011, 3, 388

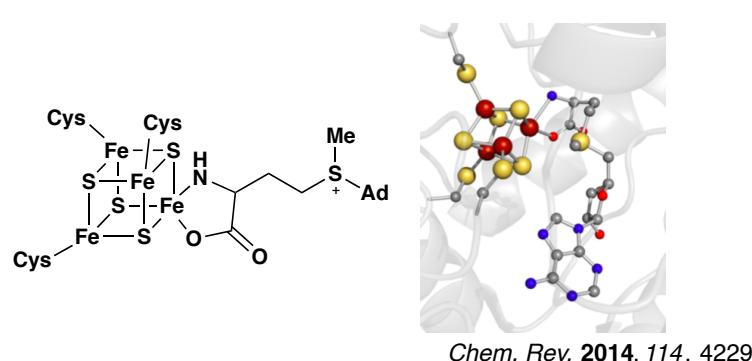
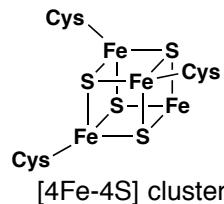
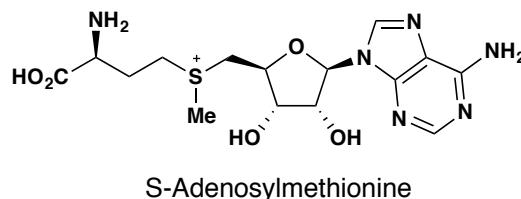


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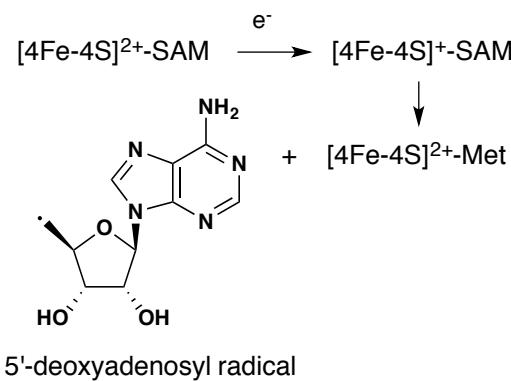
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### Radical SAM enzymes

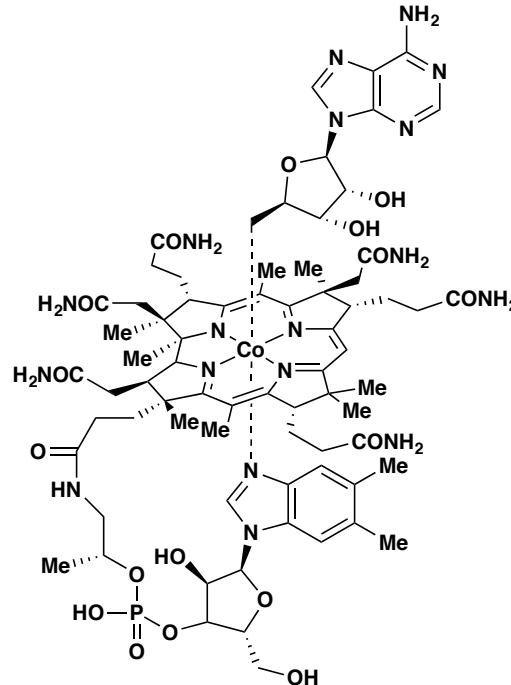
- Cofactor components:



- General mechanism for radical generation



- The same radical intermediate can be generated from adenosylcobalamin (AdoCbl)



### Energetic considerations for radical SAM enzyme reduction

- Reduction potential of free SAM  $\sim -1800$  mV
- Reduction potential of  $[4Fe-4S]$   $\sim -500$  to  $-600$  mV
- Radical generation is energetically unfavorable when considered in isolation!

### Selectivity considerations in C–S bond cleavage

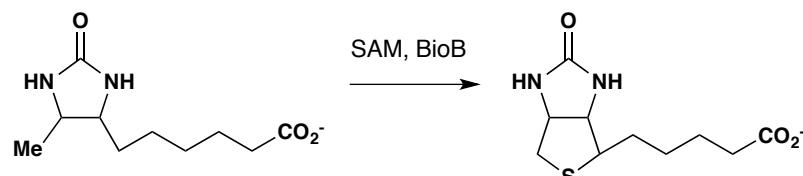
- Spectroscopic studies suggest direct orbital overlap between Fe-S cluster and sulfonium S; orbital overlap determines which C–S bond is cleaved

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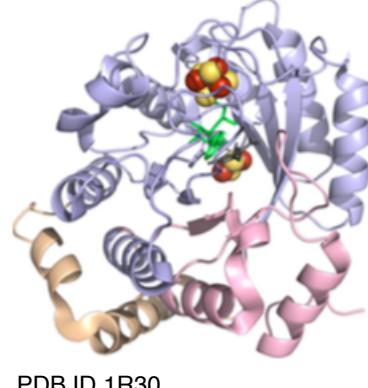
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## Examples of radical SAM in action

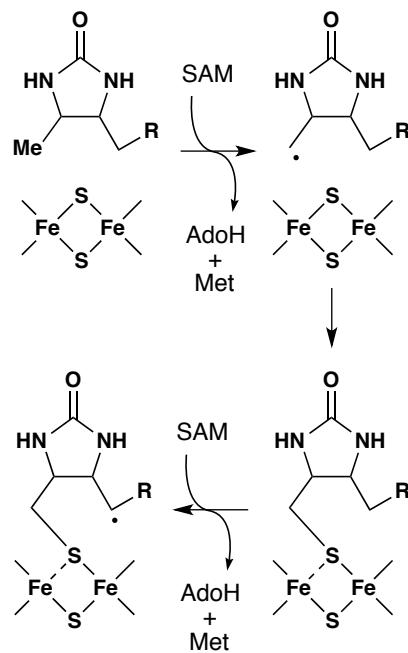
Sulfur insertion – biosynthesis of biotin



- Successful reconstitution showed presence of one [4Fe-4S] and one [2Fe-2S] cluster per enzyme monomer
- [4Fe-4S] was retained during turnover, and [2Fe-2S] degraded
- [2Fe-2S] likely the source of sulfur in biotin

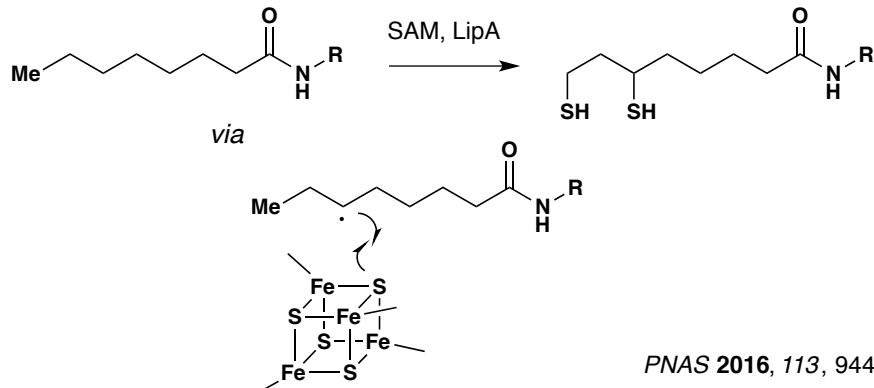


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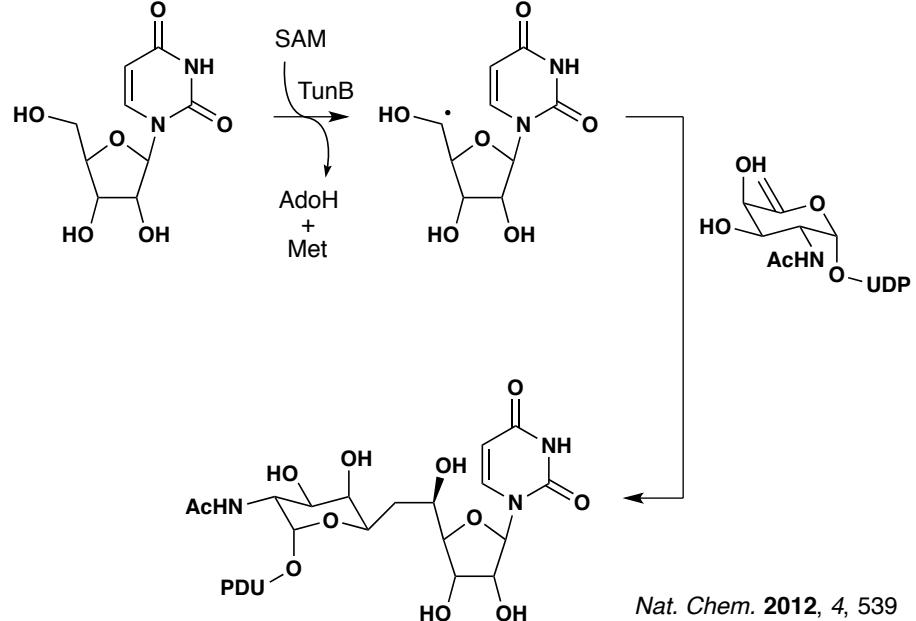
*Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 2012, 1824, 1213

Similar reactivity in the biosynthesis of lipoic acid



*PNAS* 2016, 113, 9446

C-C coupling in tunicamycin biosynthesis



*Nat. Chem.* 2012, 4, 539

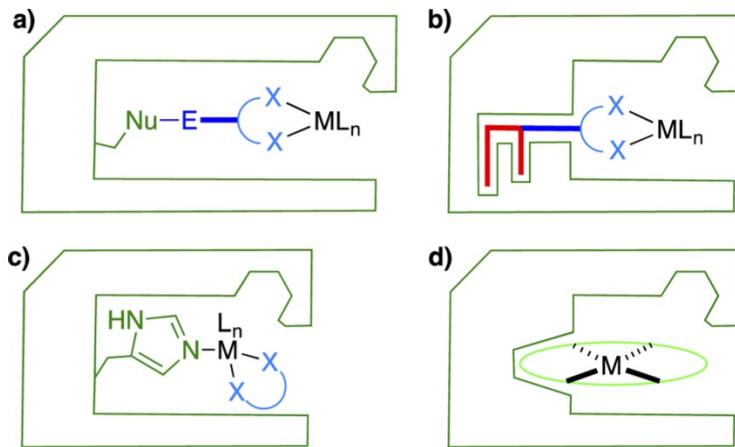
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## Artificial metalloenzymes (ArMs)

### Definition:

An ArM is an unnatural enzyme derived from insertion of a catalytically competent metal cofactor into a protein scaffold

### Current strategies for incorporation:



a: via covalent bond (with residues within the scaffold)

b: supramolecular anchoring (exploits high affinity of certain scaffolds for particular substrates)

c: dative bonding

d: metal substitution

### Some reviews:

*Chem. Rev.* **2018**, *118*, 142

*Acc. Chem. Res.* **2019**, *52*, issue 3 (special issue on ArMs)

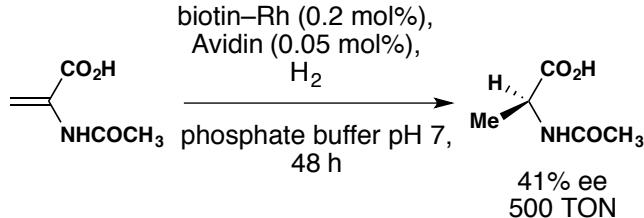
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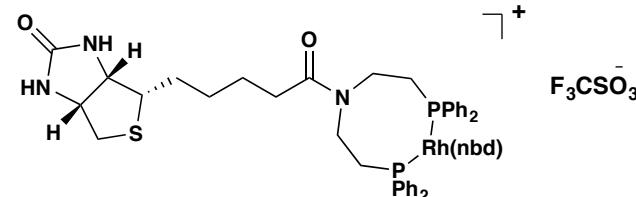
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## First demonstration of ArM catalysis using avidin/biotin technology

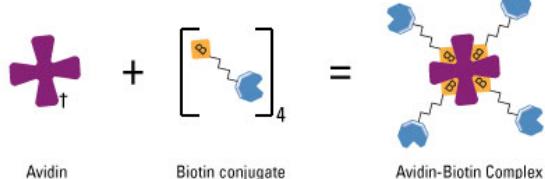


biotin–Rh:

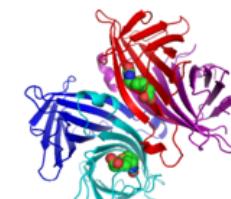
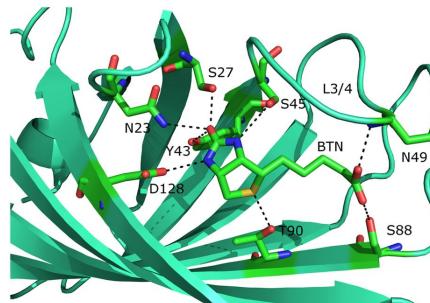


*JACS* **1978**, *100*, 306

## Primer on biotin and avidin/streptavidin



Avidin/streptavidin: tetrameric protein capable of binding biotin with high affinity ( $K_d \sim 10^{-14} M$ )

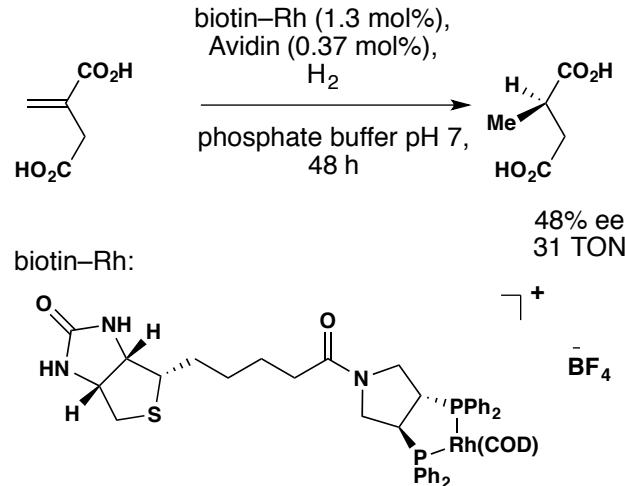


Tetrameric streptavidin with 2 bound biotin molecules

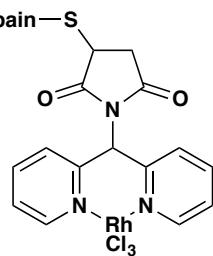
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Revisiting of the system in the late 90s...



Reetz's papain system

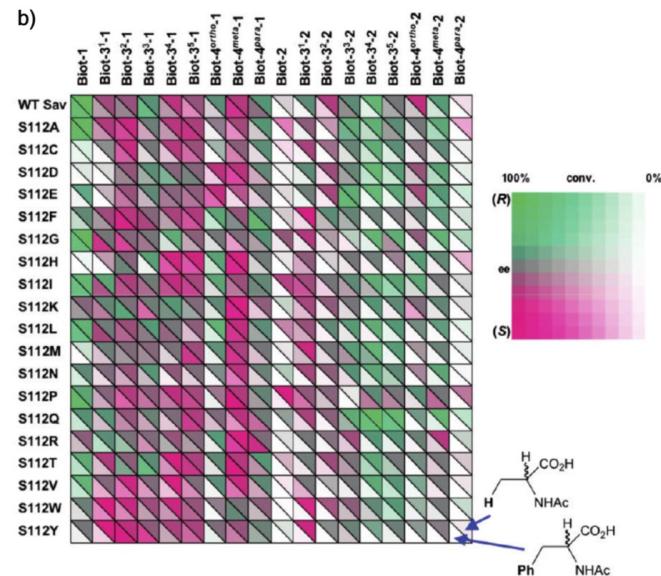
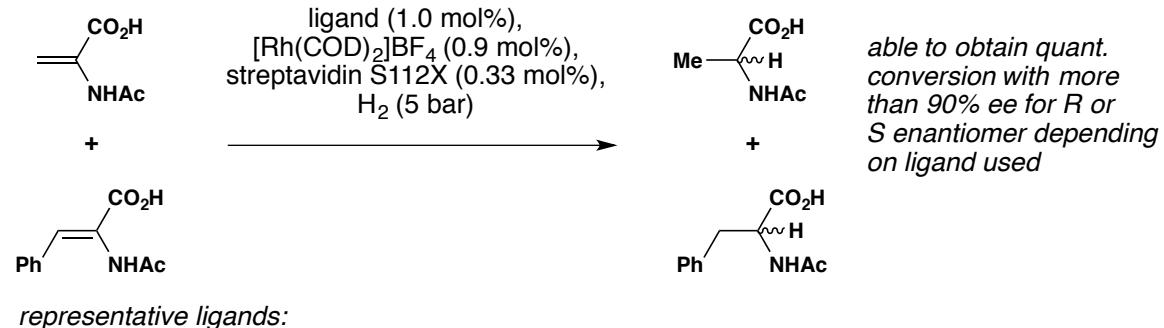


"Preliminary experiments concerning catalysis show that... are hydrogenation catalysts, ... although the ee values turned out to be less than 10%, which is no surprise."

*Chimia* 2002, 56, 721

*Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* 1999, 10, 1887

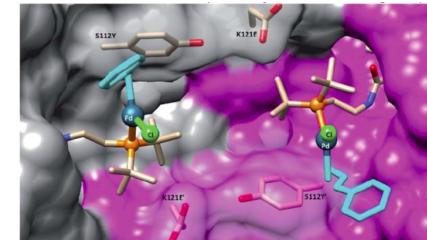
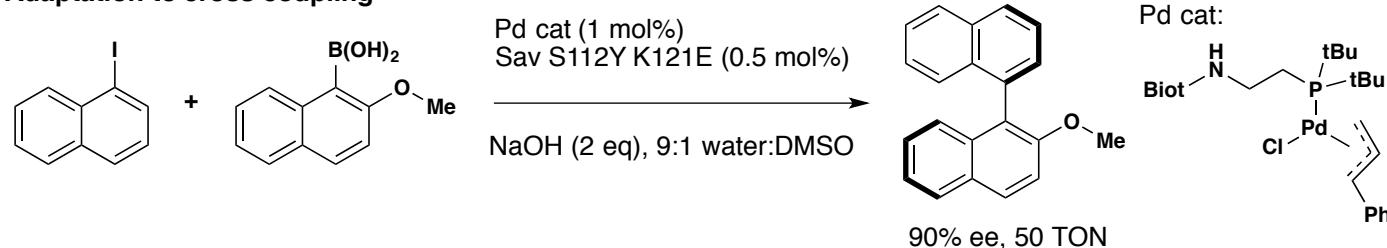
Systematic study by Ward + protein engineering



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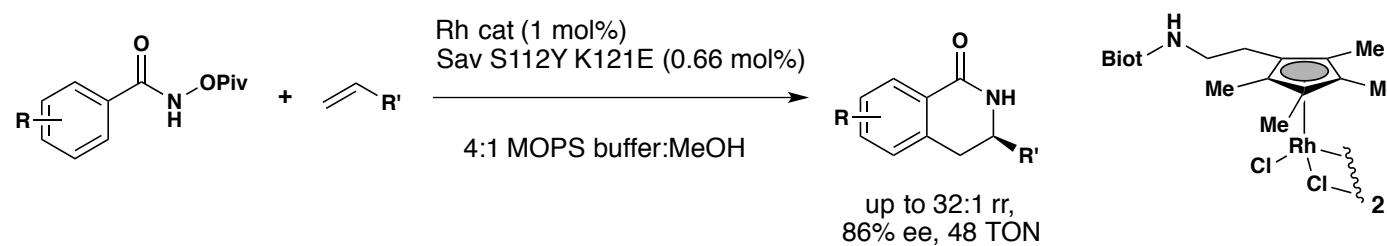
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## Adaptation to cross coupling



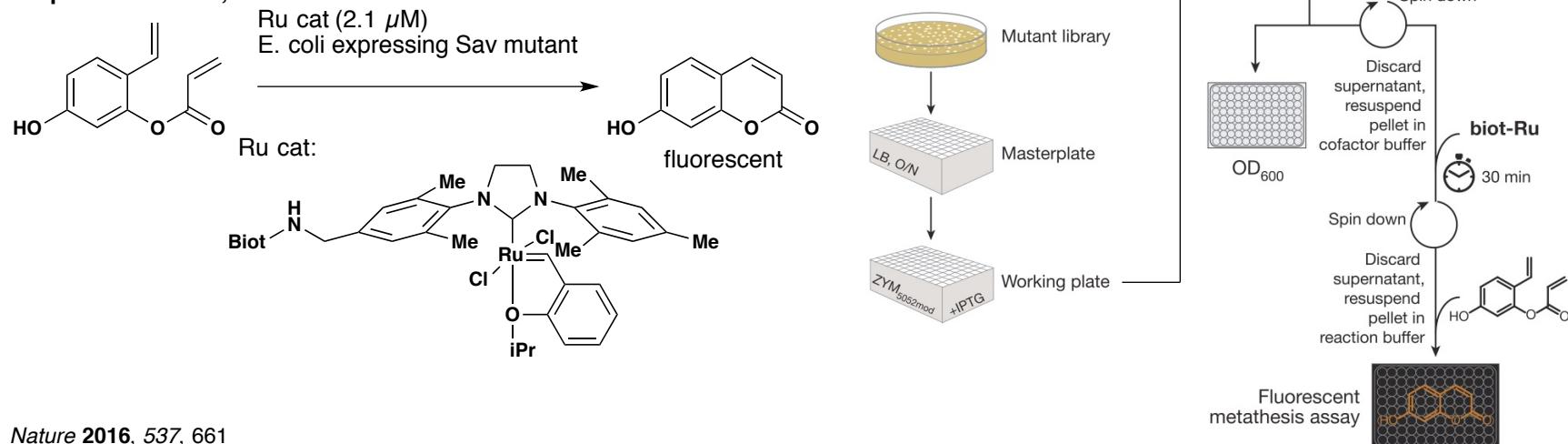
Chem. Sci. 2016, 7, 673

## Adaptation to C–H activation



Science 2012, 338, 500

## Adaptation to RCM, with *in vivo* directed evolution



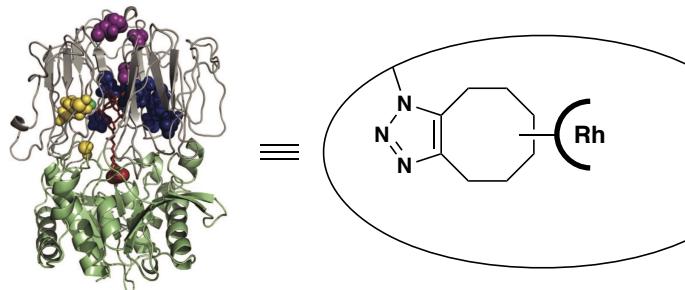
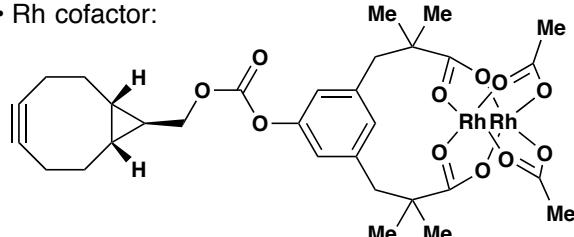
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## Prolyl oligopeptidase scaffold for ArM construction (Lewis)

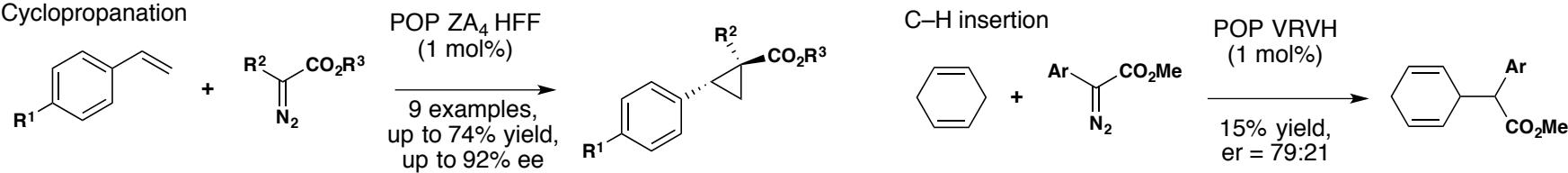
- chosen due to its cylindrical shape
- large internal volume for cofactor anchoring
- cofactor anchoring by strain promoted azide alkyne cycloaddition
- Azidophenylalanine residue introduced by amber suppression
- Rh cofactor:



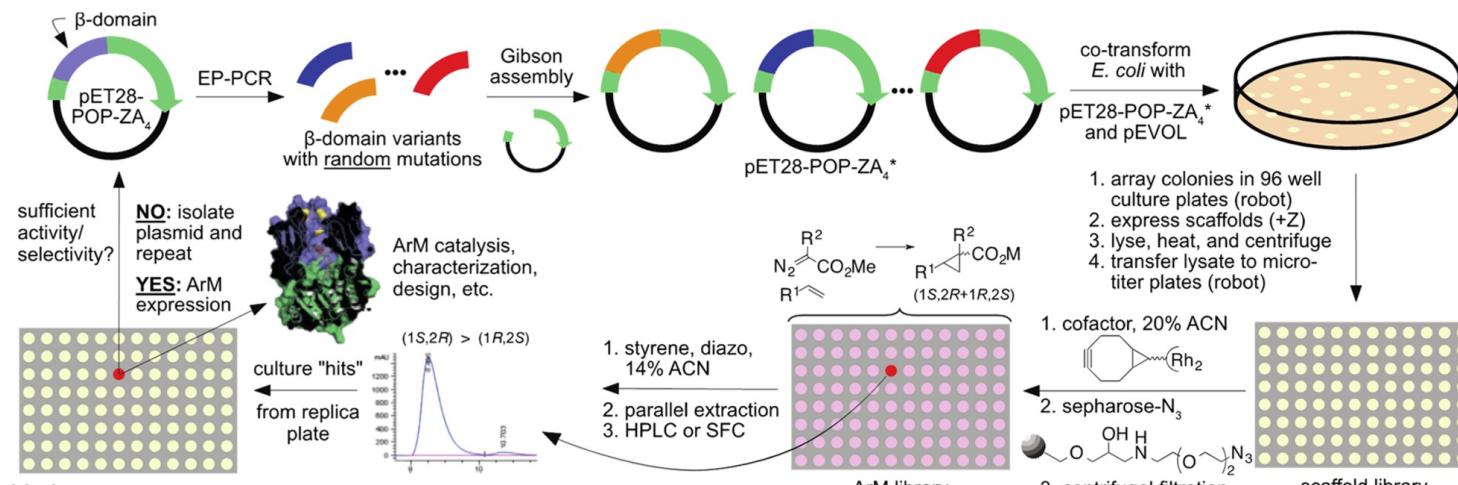
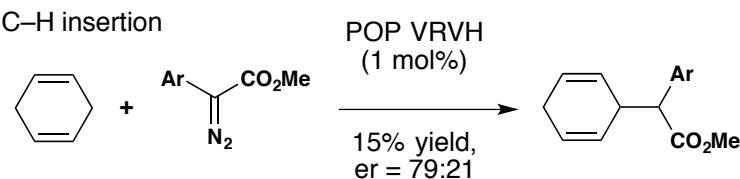
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## Reaction scope

### Cyclopropanation



### C–H insertion

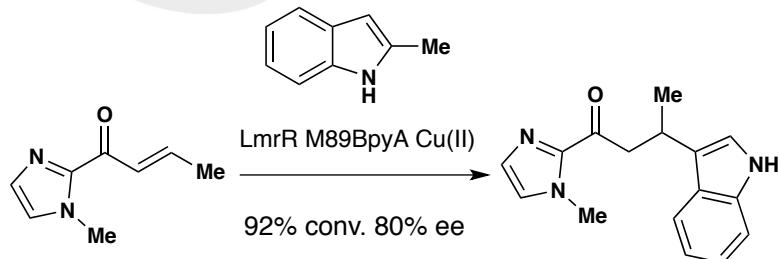
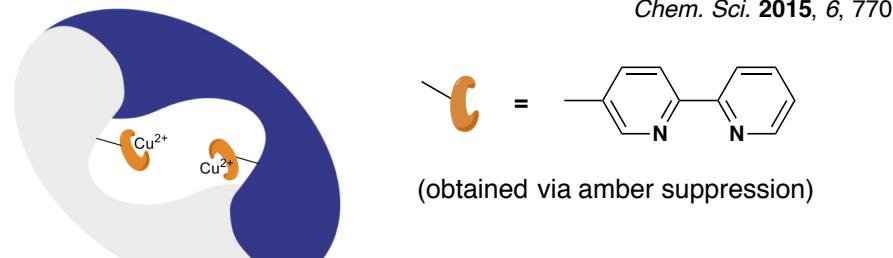


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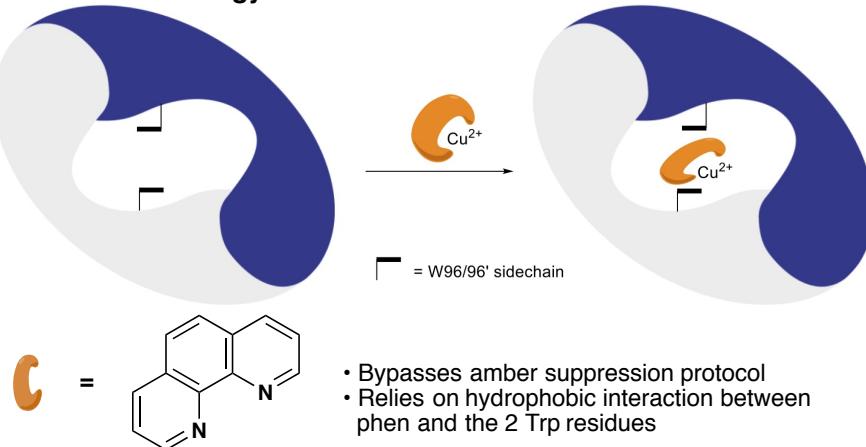
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## Other protein scaffolds for ArM creation

- LmrR : lactococcal multidrug resistance regulator
- homodimeric protein with a large hydrophobic pore

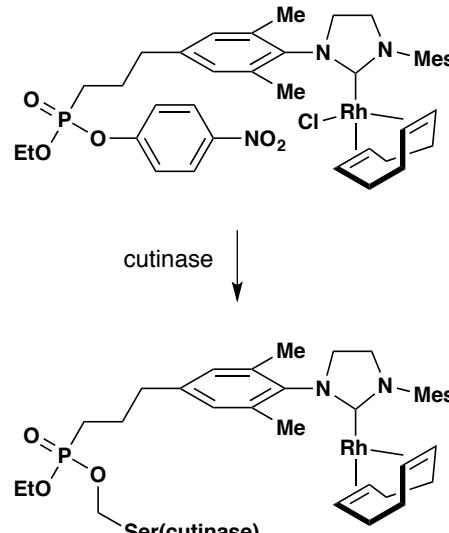


## Alternative strategy



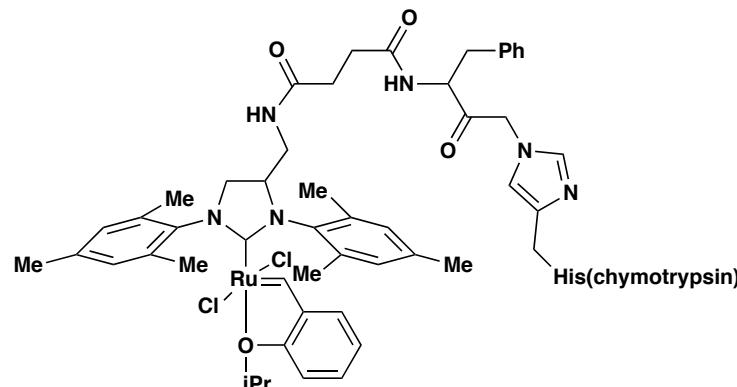
## Miscellaneous strategies

- Anchoring onto serine hydrolase



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- Anchoring onto chymotrypsin

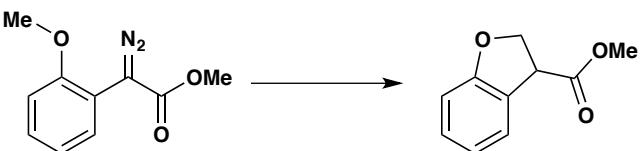
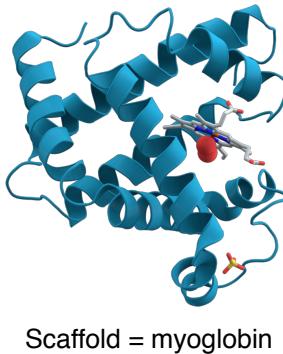
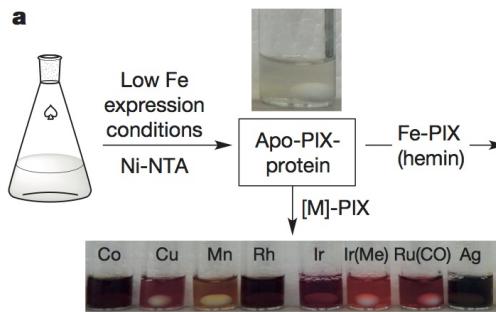


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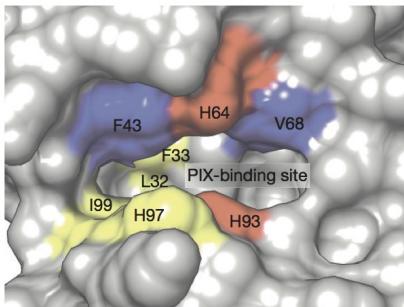
## Metal substitution strategy for ArM creation (Hartwig)



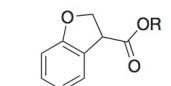
C-H insertion	93H	93C	93D	93E	93M	93S	93A	93G	TON
Fe(Cl)-PIX									<4
Co(Cl)-PIX	■								4-10
Cu-PIX		■							11-30
Mn(Cl)-PIX		■							31-60
Rh-PIX	■								>60
Ir(Cl)-PIX		■							
Ir(Me)-PIX			■						
Ru(CO)-PIX				■					
Ag-PIX					■				

Nature 2016, 534, 534

## Tuning selectivity by mutagenesis



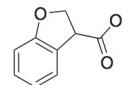
Selectivities obtained for additional products



R = Me 90:10, 23:77 e.r.

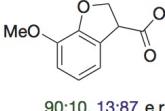
R = Et 85:15, 25:75 e.r.

R = Bn 77:23, 17:83 e.r.

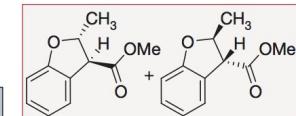


R = Me 85:15, 16:84 e.r.

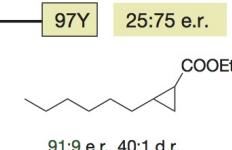
R = Et 81:19, 20:80 e.r.



90:10, 13:87 e.r.

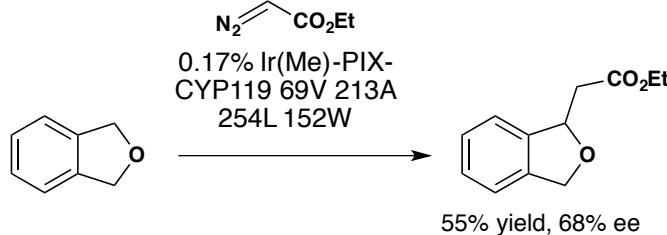


1:1 e.r.



25:75 e.r.

## Improvement of kinetics and reaction scope by using different scaffold

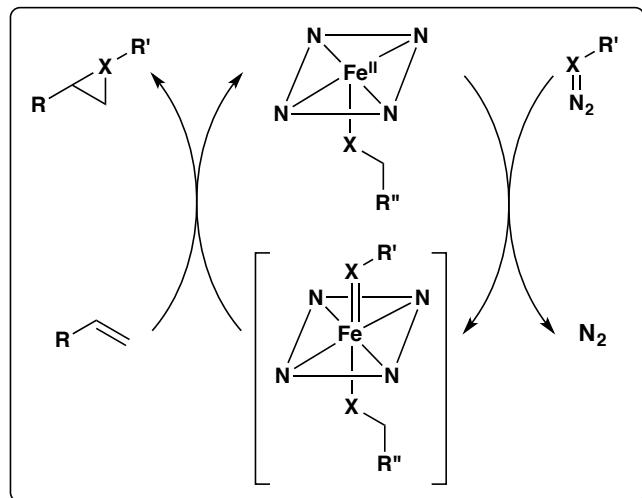


CYP119 = thermostable P450 from *S. solfataricus* Science 2016, 354, 102

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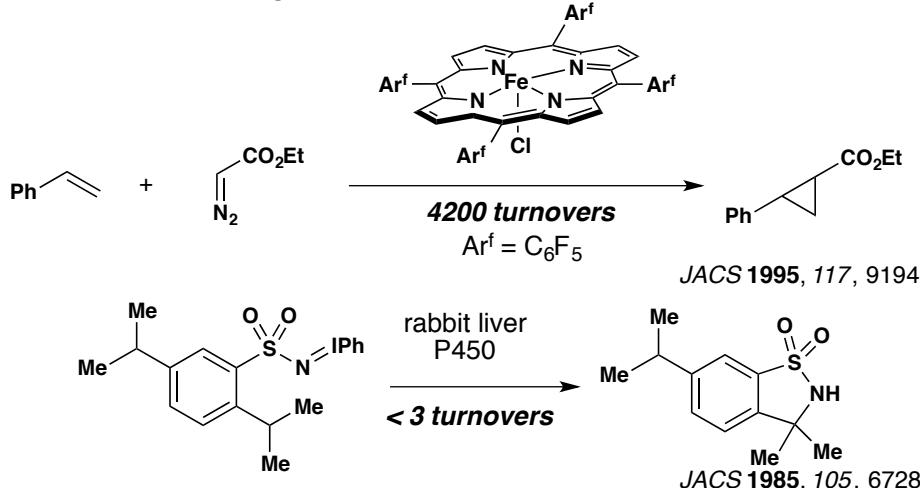
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## Repurposing heme proteins for carbene/nitrene transfer (without metal substitution)

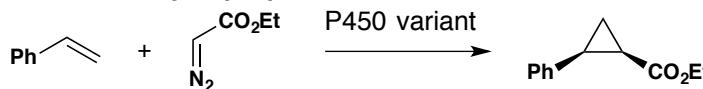


For carbene,  $X = C$ ,  $R' = CO_2Et$   
 For nitrene,  $X = N$ ,  $R' = SO_2Ar$

## Precedents from organometallic literature



## Enantioselective cyclopropanation

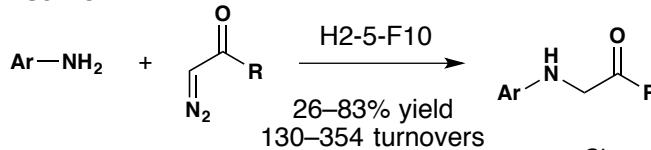


P450<sub>BM3</sub>-CIS T438S: cis:trans = 92:8  
 $ee_{cis} = 97\%$   
 P411<sub>BM3</sub>-CIS: cis:trans = 90:10  
 $ee_{cis} = 99\%$

*Science* 2013, 339, 307  
*NCB* 2013, 9, 485

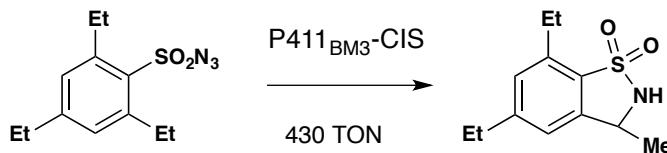
Note: P411<sub>BM3</sub> = P450<sub>BM3</sub> with Cys to Ser axial substitution

## N-H insertion

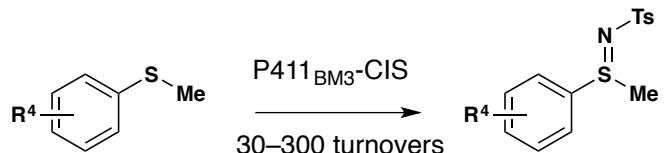


*Chem. Sci.* 2013, 5, 598

## Enantioselective amination and sulfimidation



*ACIE* 2013, 52, 9309



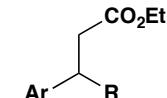
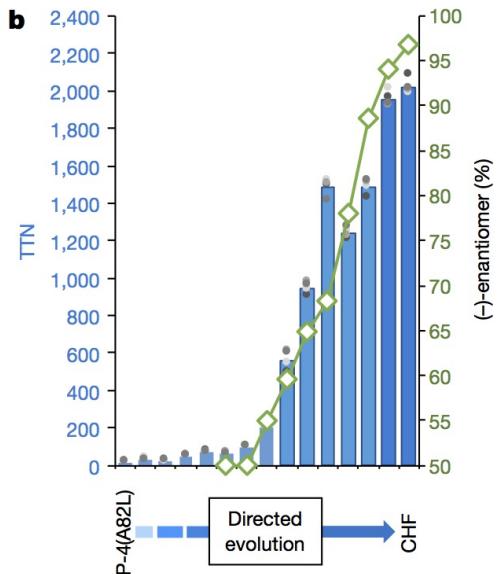
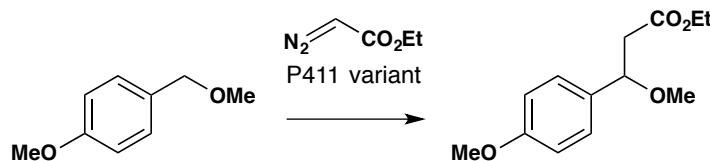
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## For related studies by Fasan:

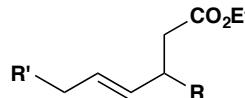
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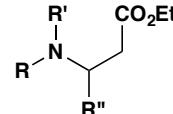
## Enantioselective C-H insertion



12 examples,  
up to 2150 TON,  
up to >99% ee

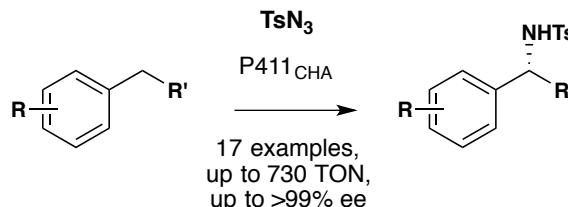


5 examples,  
up to 3750 TON,  
up to 98% ee



5 examples,  
up to 2330 TON,  
up to 80% ee

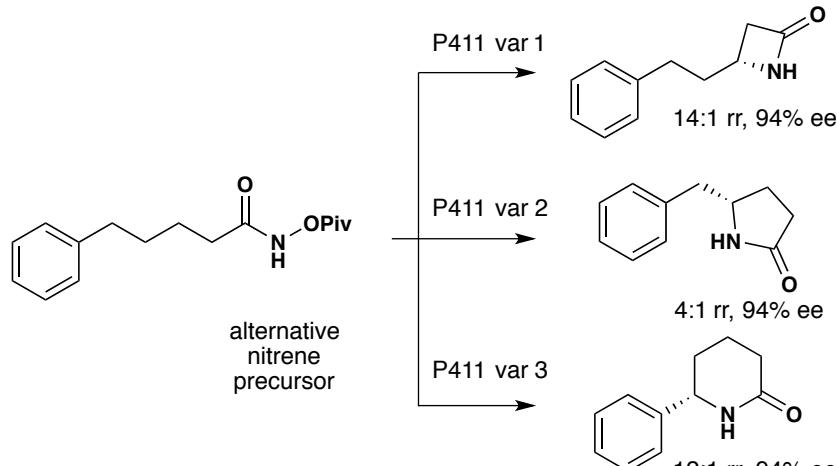
## Enantioselective intermolecular C-H amination



17 examples,  
up to 730 TON  
up to >99% ee

*Nature Chem.* 2017, 9, 629

## Regioselective intramolecular C-H amination



Science 2019, 364, 575

Nature 2019, 565, 67