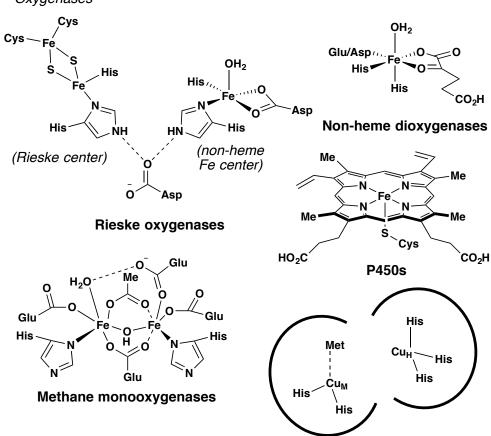
## Cofactor diversity of natural metalloenzymes

Oxygenases



#### **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

**Cu-dependent monooxygenases** 

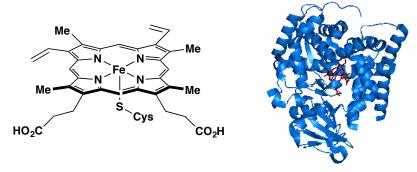
Dioxygenase – both oxygen atoms are incorporated into the substrate(s)

Ribonucleotide reductase

More exotic cofactors

Ni pincer lactate racemase

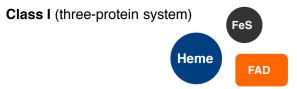
#### The P450s



- 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 II (FAD- and FMN-containing reductase)

As separate proteins:

Fused (e.g. P450-BM3):



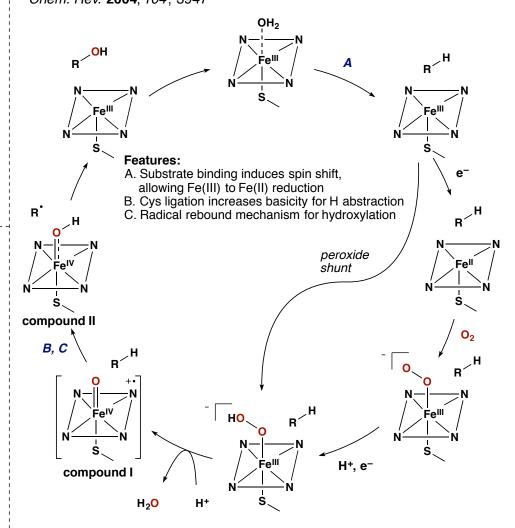


## **Terminology**

FAD domain: flavin adenine dinucleotide binding domain FMN domain: flavin mononucleotide binding domain

New electron transfer chain mechanisms have recently been discovered in P450s

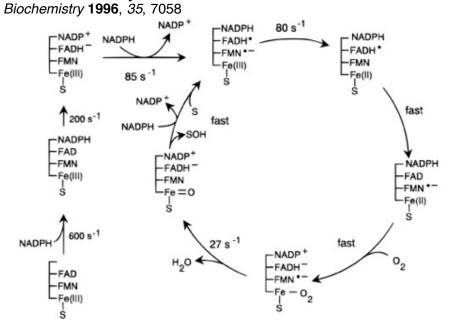
# Catalytic cycle of P450 hydroxylation Chem. Rev. 2004, 104, 3947



Compound I basicity: *Science* **2004**, *304*, 1653 Compound I characterization: *Science* **2010**, *330*, 933 Radical rebound overview: *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2004**, 207

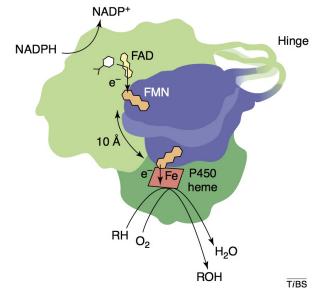
## Electron transport chain

## Electron transfer cycle in P450BM3



### Reduced flavin species

### Protein dynamics of electron transfer



Trends Biochem. Sci. 2002, 27, 250

## Catalytic diversity of P450s

Ferric superoxide

Nat. Prod. Rep. **2012**, 29, 1251 Nat. Prod. Rep. **2017**, 34, 1141

Utilization of different intermediates in catalytic cycle for catalysis

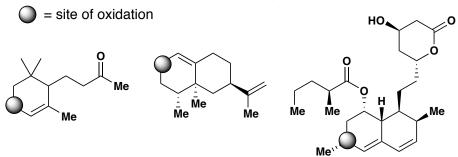
Ferric peroxynitrite

Nat. Chem. Biol. 2012, 8, 814

### P450-BM3 (CYP102A1)

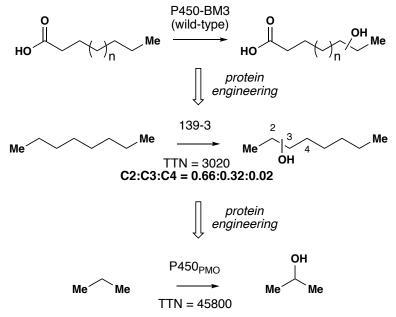
- · Has been extensively studied due to the "fused" nature of the protein
- · Native activity: long-chain fatty acid hydroxylase

Examples of site-selective hydroxylation by P450-BM3 variants



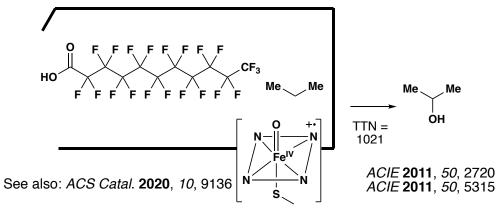
Chem. Soc. Rev. 2012, 41, 1218

## Altering the site-selectivity of BM3 oxidation by enzyme engineering



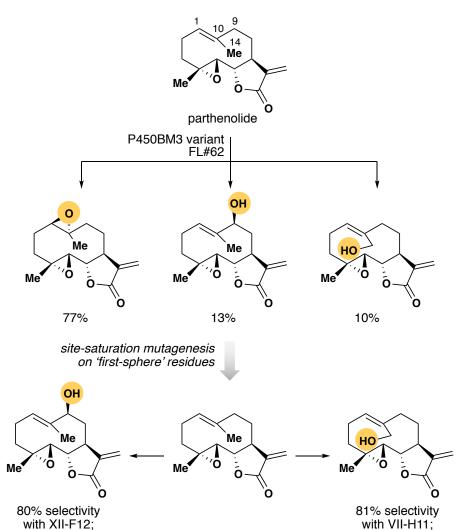
Nature Biotechnol. **2002**, *20*, 1135 *JACS* **2003**, *125*, 13442 *ACIE* **2007**, *46*, 8414

## Alternative approach for propane oxidation – use of decoy



## Application in terpene oxidation

 $TTN = 1310^{\circ}$ 

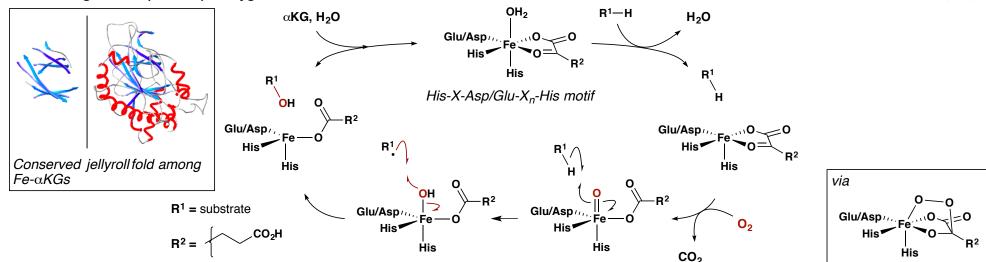


Bioorg. Med. Chem. **2018**, *26*, 1365 Bioorg. Med. Chem. **2016**, *24*, 3876 ACS Chem. Biol. **2014**, *9*, 164

TTN = 420

### Fe-αketoglutarate (Fe-αKG) dioxygenase

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



## First discovery of Fe-αKG: Prolyl 4-hydroxylase

$$O_2$$
,  $\alpha KG$ ,  $O_2$ H

 $O_2$ H

Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 1966, 24, 179

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

FEBS J. **2009**, *276*, 3669

L-asparagine

ACS Chem Biol. 2007, 2, 187

Plant Mol. Biol. 1997, 34, 935

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2019, 141, 4043

### Fe-αKG halogenases

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

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^1 \\
H \\
\hline
O \\
Fe \\
\hline
O \\
His
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^1 \\
O \\
O \\
His
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
O \\
Fe \\
\hline
O \\
His
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
Fe \\
\hline
O \\
His
\end{array}$$

Chem. Rev. 2006, 106, 3364

First characterization of Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenase, SvrB2

Threonine-SyrB1

Note: Norvaline-SyrB1 gives primarily hydroxylation PNAS 2005, 102, 10111

PNAS **2009**, 106, 17723

For mechanistic studies with EPR: JACS 2015, 137, 6912 For QM/MM: ACS Catal. 2019, 9, 4930

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:

RS 
$$\stackrel{O}{\underset{\bar{N}H_2}{\bigvee}}$$
 Me  $\stackrel{SyrB2}{\underset{N_3^- \text{ or } NO_2^-}{\bigvee}}$  RS  $\stackrel{O}{\underset{\bar{N}H_2}{\bigvee}}$  X = N<sub>3</sub> or NO<sub>2</sub>

Nat. Chem Biol. 2014, 10, 209

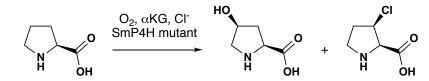
A standalone Fe- $\alpha$ KG halogenase was recently characterized:

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

swapping out Glu to non-coordinating residue gave non-functional enzyme Rational engineering was recently performed on WelO5 based on solved crystal structure:

## Improving halogenase activity on hydroxylase by engineering



mutant	hydroxylation:halogenation	$k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{m}} (\text{min}^{-1}/\text{M}^{-1})$			
SmP4H-0	24:1		0.23		
SmP4H-7	12:1		22		
		$\sim$	D' 01	0004	

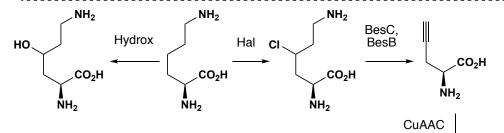
ChemBioChem 2021, 13, 3914

fluor

N-N

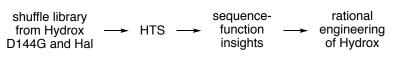
CO<sub>2</sub>H

 $\bar{N}H_2$ 



Nat. Chem. Biol. 2022, 18, 171

### strategy to engineer halogenase activity in Hydrox



engineering result

### Optimization of C-H azidation on SadA

Biochemistry 2017, 56, 441

SadX (MBP-SadA D157G) 14% vield

**4-IC** 91% yield 4-IC = SadX V38I R48C I71V I138V F152L R172H Q233L F261L

### representative product scope

ACIE 2023, e202301370

## **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)

## Pyrrolnitrin biosynthesis

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

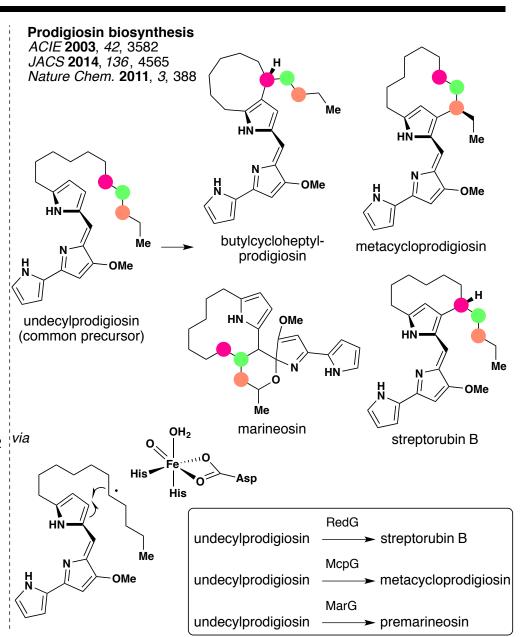
Mechanistic studies indicated presence of various intermediates

$$NH_2$$
 $NH_2$ 
 $NH_2$ 

ACIE 2006, 45, 622

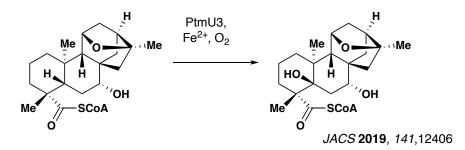
Engineering based on molecular modeling was shown to improve the catalytic efficiency of the enzyme (*J. Bacteriol.* **2006**, *188*, 6179)

CI 
$$O_{2}$$
,  $PrnD$   $O_{2}$   $O$ 

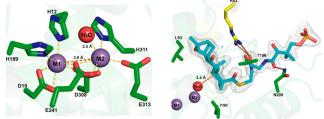


## Nonheme diiron monooxygenase in oxidation chemistry

JACS 2004, 126, 3694; PNAS 2008, 105, 6858; JACS 2015, 137, 1608

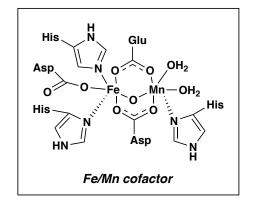


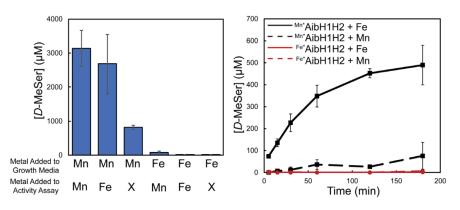
### active-site picture:



For mechanistic proposal: Inorg. Chem. 2021, 60, 17783

## Beyond Fe....

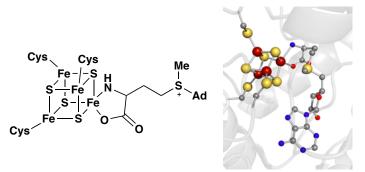




bioRxiv DOI:10.1101/2023.03.10.532131

#### Radical SAM enzymes

• Cofactor components:



Chem. Rev. 2014, 114, 4229

• General mechanism for radical generation

5'-deoxyadenosyl radical

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

Energetic considerations for radical SAM enzyme reduction

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

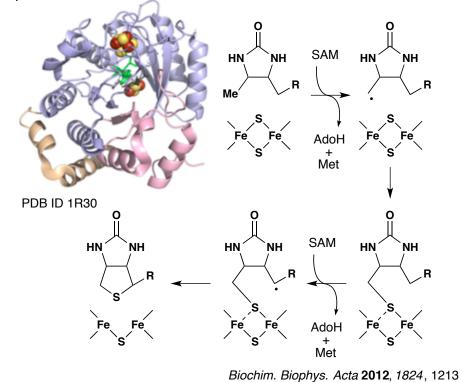
Selectivity considerations in C-S bond cleavage

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

## **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



Similar reactivity in the biosynthesis of lipoic acid

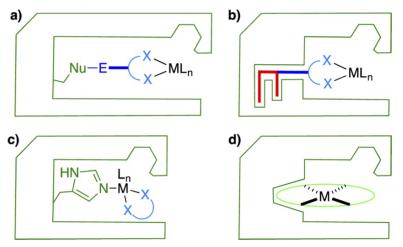
C-C coupling in tunicamycin biosynthesis

## **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

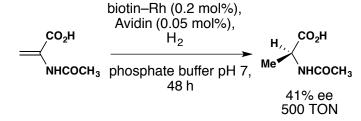
Acc. Chem. Res. 2019, 52, issue 3 (special issue on ArMs)

Curr. Opin. Chem. Biol. 2017, 37, 48 Curr. Opin. Chem. Biol. 2015, 25, 27

Curr. Opin. Chem. Biol. 2014, 19, 99

Curr. Opin. Chem. Biol. 2010, 14, 184

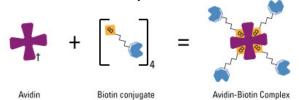
## First demonstration of ArM catalysis using avidin/biotin technology



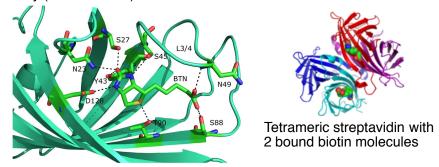
biotin-Rh:

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

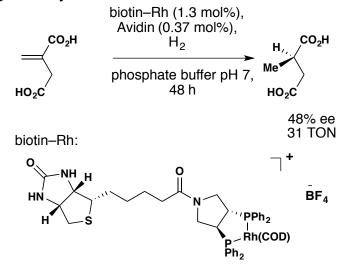
### Primer on biotin and avidin/streptavidin



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



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



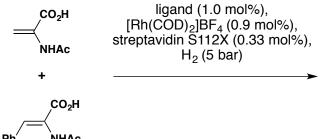
Reetz's papain system

"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

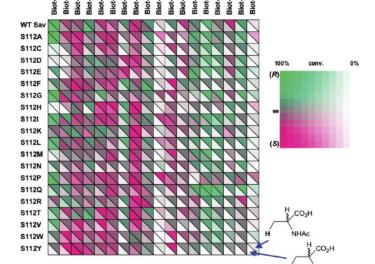
Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1999, 10, 1887

## Systematic study by Ward + protein engineering



CO₂H Me — ← H NHAc

able to obtain quant. conversion with more than 90% ee for R or S enantiomer depending on ligand used



representative ligands:

*JACS* **2003**, *125*, 9030 *JACS* **2004**, *126*, 14411 *ACIE* **2005**, *44*, 7764

### Adaptation to cross coupling

Pd cat (1 mol%) Sav S112Y K121E (0.5 mol%)

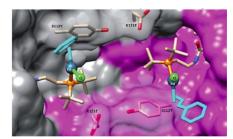
NaOH (2 eq), 9:1 water:DMSO

90% ee, 50 TON

Pd cat:

H
Biot

H
P
tBu
P
tBu
CI



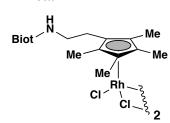
Chem. Sci. 2016, 7, 673

### Adaptation to C-H activation

Rh cat (1 mol%) Sav S112Y K121E (0.66 mol%)

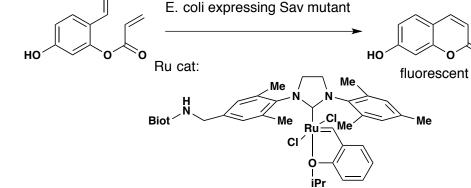
4:1 MOPS buffer:MeOH

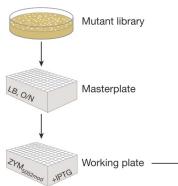
up to 32:1 rr, 86% ee, 48 TON Rh cat:

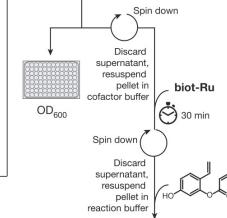


Science 2012, 338, 500

# Adaptation to RCM, with in vivo directed evolution Ru cat (2.1 $\mu$ M)





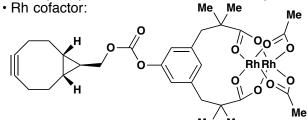


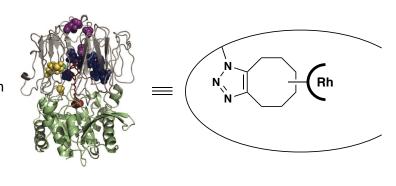
Fluorescent metathesis assay



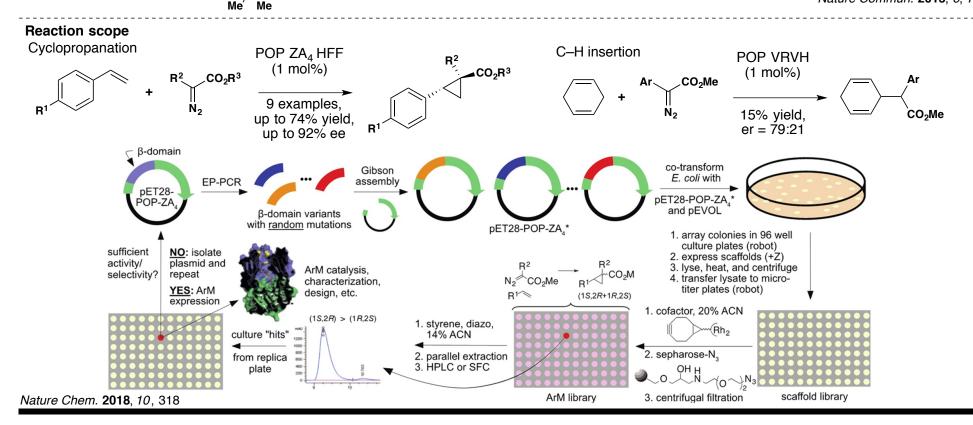
#### Prolyl oligopeptidase scaffold for ArM construction (Lewis)

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





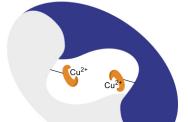
*Nature Commun.* **2015**, *6*, 7789



## Other protein scaffolds for ArM creation

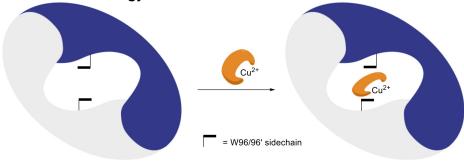
- LmrR : lactococcal multidrug resistance regulator
- homodimeric protein with a large hydrophobic pore

Chem. Sci. 2015, 6, 770



(obtained via amber suppression)

### **Alternative strategy**

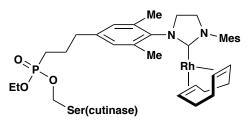


- Bypasses amber suppression protocol
   Relies on hydrophobic interaction between phen and the 2 Trp residues

JACS 2015, 137, 9796

### Miscellaneous strategies

· Anchoring onto serine hydrolase

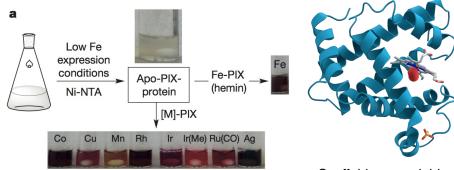


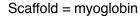
Chem. Comm. 2015, 51, 6792

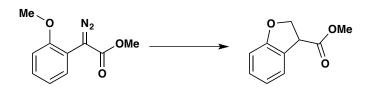
Anchoring onto chymotrypsin

Chem. Comm. 2012, 48, 1662

## Metal substitution strategy for ArM creation (Hartwig)



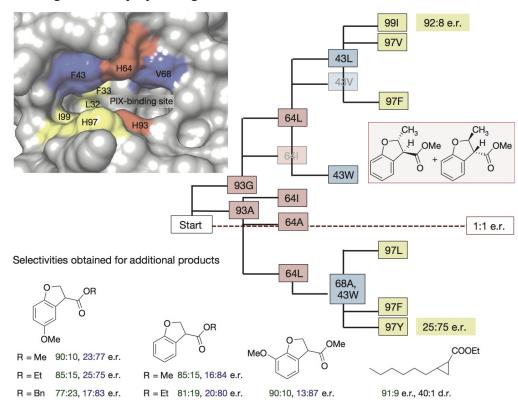




C-H insertion	93H	93C	93D	93E	93M	93S	93A	93G	
Fe(CI)-PIX									
Co(CI)-PIX									
Cu-PIX									
Mn(Cl)-PIX									TON
Rh-PIX									<4
Ir(CI)-PIX									4–10
Ir(CI)-PIX Ir(Me)-PIX									11–30
Ru(CO)-PIX Ag-PIX									31–60
Ag-PIX									>60

Nature 2016, 534, 534

### Tuning selectivity by mutagenesis



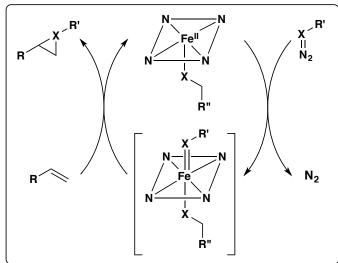
## Improvement of kinetics and reaction scope by using different scaffold

55% yield, 68% ee

CYP119 = thermostable P450 from *S. solfataricus* 

Science 2016, 354, 102

# Repurposing hemeproteins 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

Ph + 
$$N_2$$
 Arf CI  $N_1$  Arf  $N_2$  Arf  $N_1$  Arf  $N_2$  A

#### **Enantioselective cyclopropanation**

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

Note:  $P411_{BM3} = P450_{BM3}$  with Cys to Ser axial substitution

#### N-H insertion

Chem. Sci. 2013, 5, 598

#### **Enantioselective amination and sulfimidation**

ACIE 2013, 52, 9309

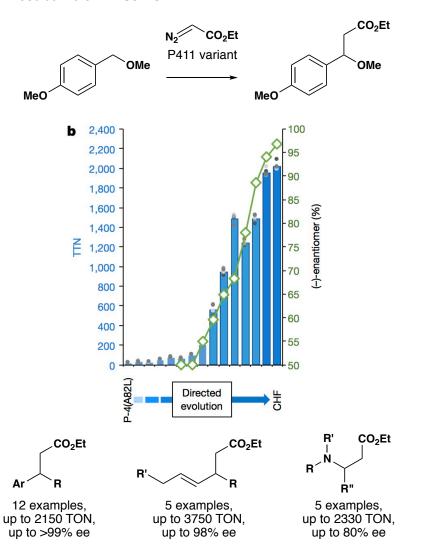
$$R^4 \xrightarrow{||} S$$
 Me  $P411_{BM3}$ -CIS  $R^4 \xrightarrow{||} S$  Me

JACS 2014, 136, 8766

## For related studies by Fasan:

ACIE **2015**, *54*, 1744; Chem. Comm. **2015**, *15*, 1532; Chem. Sci. **2015**, *6*, 2488; ACIE **2016**, *55*, 16110; JACS **2017**, *139*, 5293

#### **Enantioselective C-H insertion**

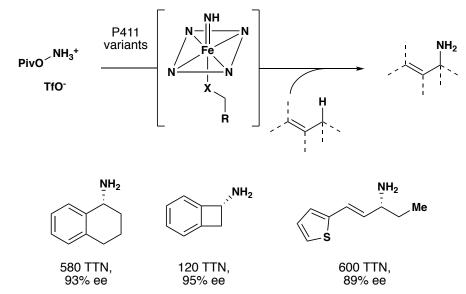


Nature **2019**, *565*, 67

#### **Enantioselective intermolecular C-H amination**

Nature Chem. 2017, 9, 629

#### Alternative nitrene source



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2020, 142, 10279

## **Atom Transfer Radical Cyclization with P450**

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
R^1 & O & P450_{BM3} \\
\hline
 & Variant & R \\
\hline
 & P450_{ATRCase}
\end{array}$$
 $\begin{array}{c|cccc}
R^4 & N & R^5 & (P450_{ATRCase}) \\
\hline
 & R^3 & R^2 & R^3 & R$ 

#### Selected product scope

TTN = 890-8100 e.r. = 85:15-97:3

TTN = 330 e.r. = 78:22

TTN = 470 e.r. = 68:32

# diastereodivergent cyclization with different ATRCases

TTN = 1410 e.r. = 99:1, d.r. = 24:1

TTN = 245 e.r. = 55:45, d.r. = 1:4.7

### Proposed mechanism (supported by DFT)

Science 2021, 374, 1612

For discussion on the role of hydrogen bonding in the active site in enantiocontrol: *JACS* **2022**, *144*, 13344