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# Dioxygen Activation in Non-Heme Iron Enzymes

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# Dioxygen Activation

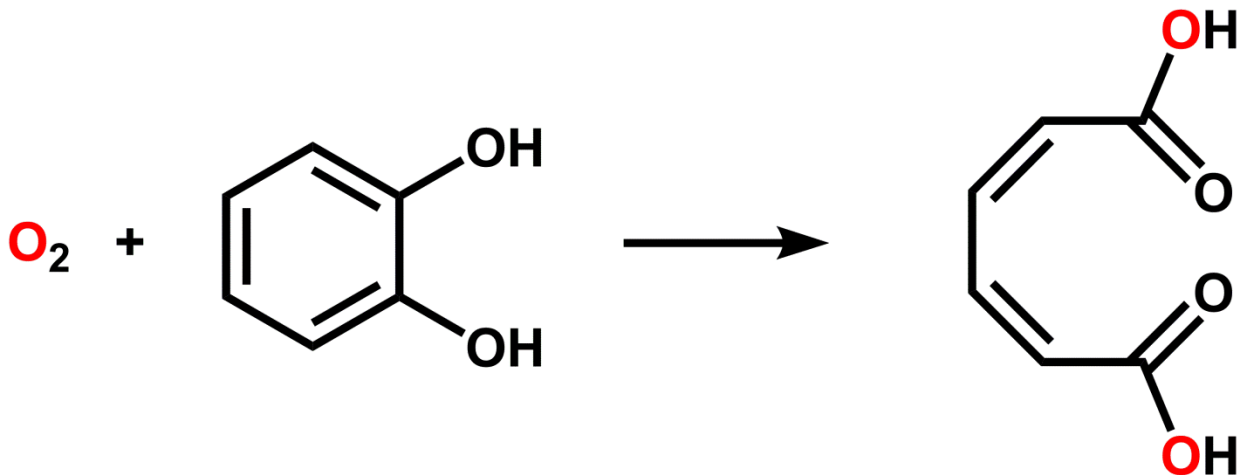
In general, the biological utilization of dioxygen is a 4-electron process



Metabolic Utilization  
(Cytochrome c oxidase)

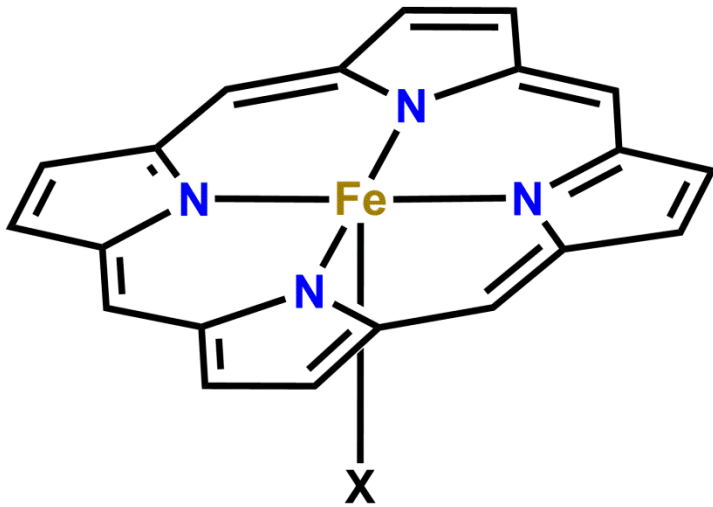


Monooxygenase Activity  
(Methane Monooxygenase)



Dioxygenase Activity  
(Intradiol Ring Cleaving  
Dioxygenase)

# Heme vs. Non-Heme Oxidases

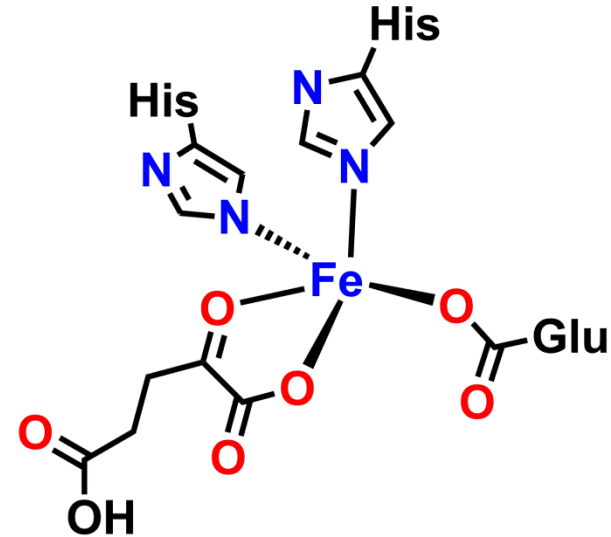


General Heme Protein Environment

$X = S_{\text{Met/Cys}}, N_{\text{His}}, O_{\text{Tyr}}$

Porphyrin ligand is redox active

Usually **nonspecific** oxidases



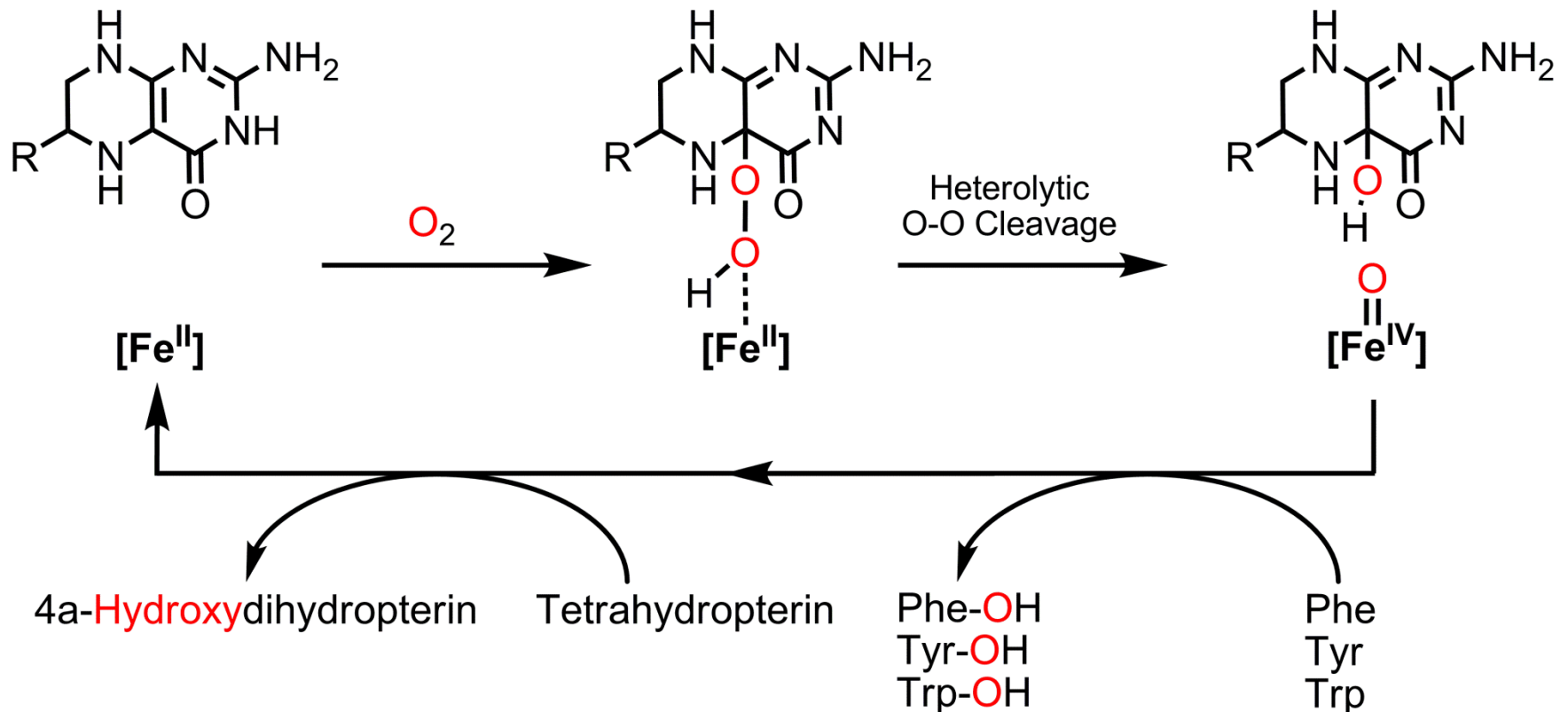
Taurine  $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate Dioxygenase

Utilizes an  $\alpha$ -ketoacid cofactor as a source of electrons

Usually **tailored** to one substrate

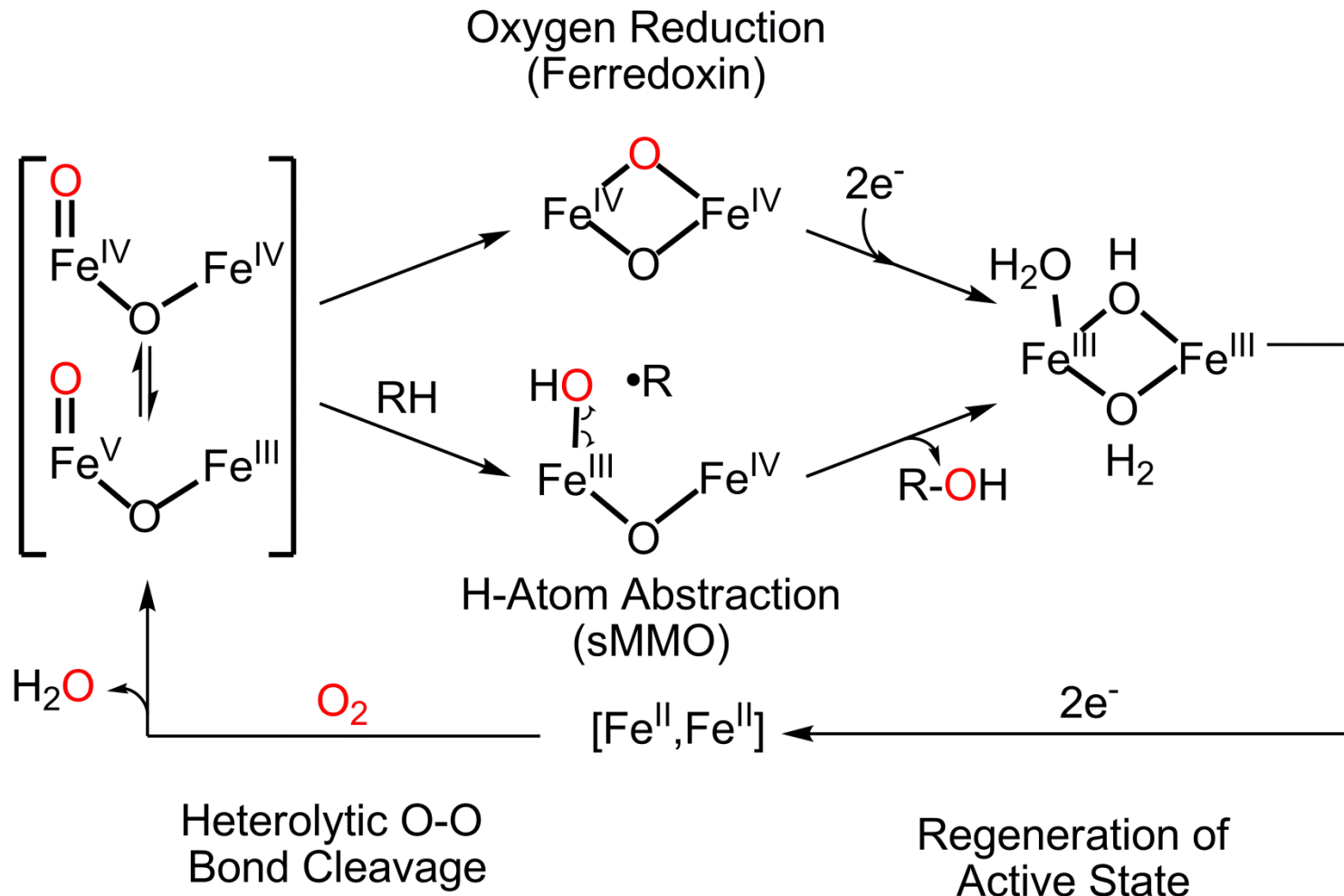
# Mononuclear Non-Heme O<sub>2</sub> Activation

Aromatic Amino Acid Hydroxylases Use a Pterin Cofactor that Provides Two Reducing Equivalents

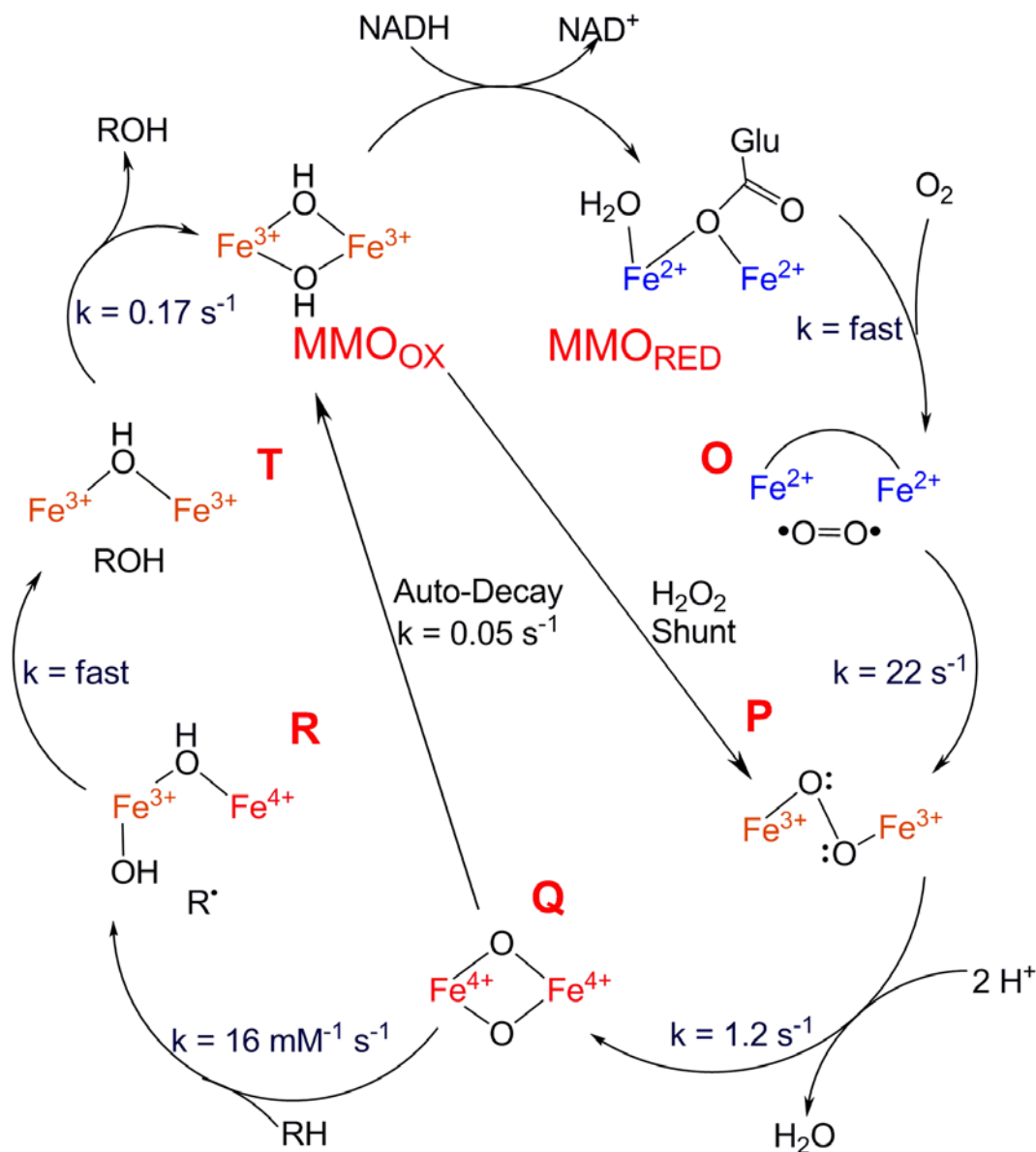


# Binuclear Non-Heme O<sub>2</sub> Activation

Binuclear iron enzymes generally do not utilize a cofactor, receiving their electrons from a reductase subunit, instead.



# Detailed Look at Activation Mechanism



Addition of O<sub>2</sub> to MMO<sub>Red</sub> results in an unobserved, but kinetically implicated species **O**

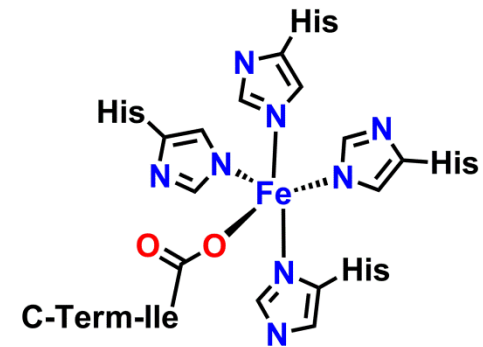
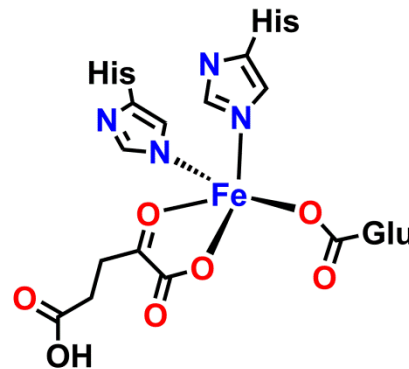
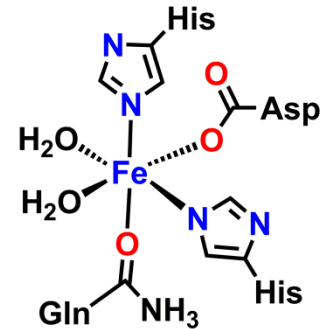
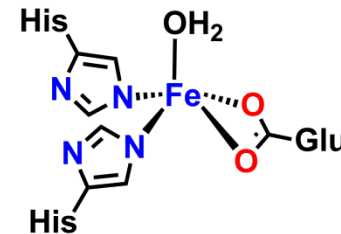
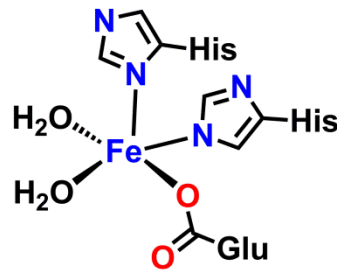
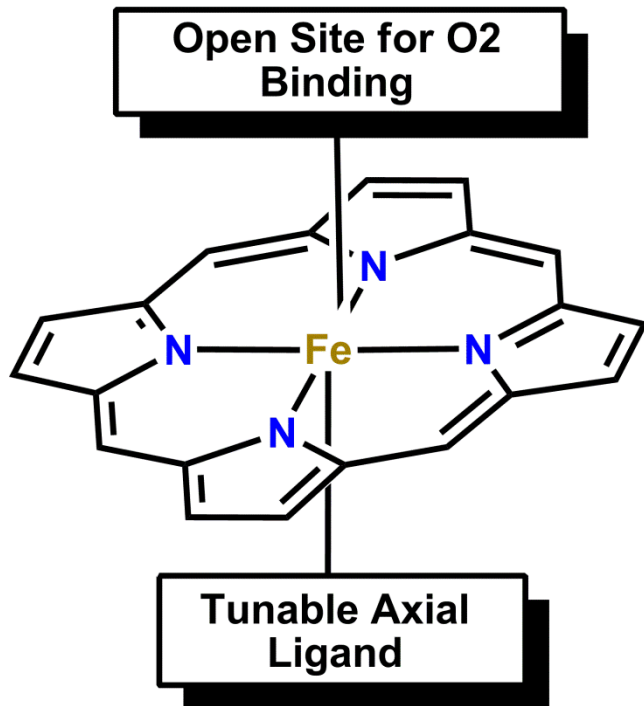
Heterolytic Cleavage of peroxo bond (**P** → **Q**) forms a Fe(IV)Fe(IV)-oxo species, termed **Q**.

**sMMO<sub>Ox</sub>** can directly convert to **P** by the addition of peroxide.

\*Rates reported at 4°C

# Why Use Non-Heme Oxygenases?

Oxygen is **dangerous**. One misfire of the enzyme can hydroxylate the active site, rendering it useless. Heme oxygenases like P450 can hydroxylate nearly anything, but lack control and tunability. Non-heme oxygenases are **customizable**, and the potency of the intermediate can be reduced.



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