

Enzyme Catalyzed C-S Bond Forming Reactions

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Lecture plan:

part I: acid/base catalyzed C-S bond formation

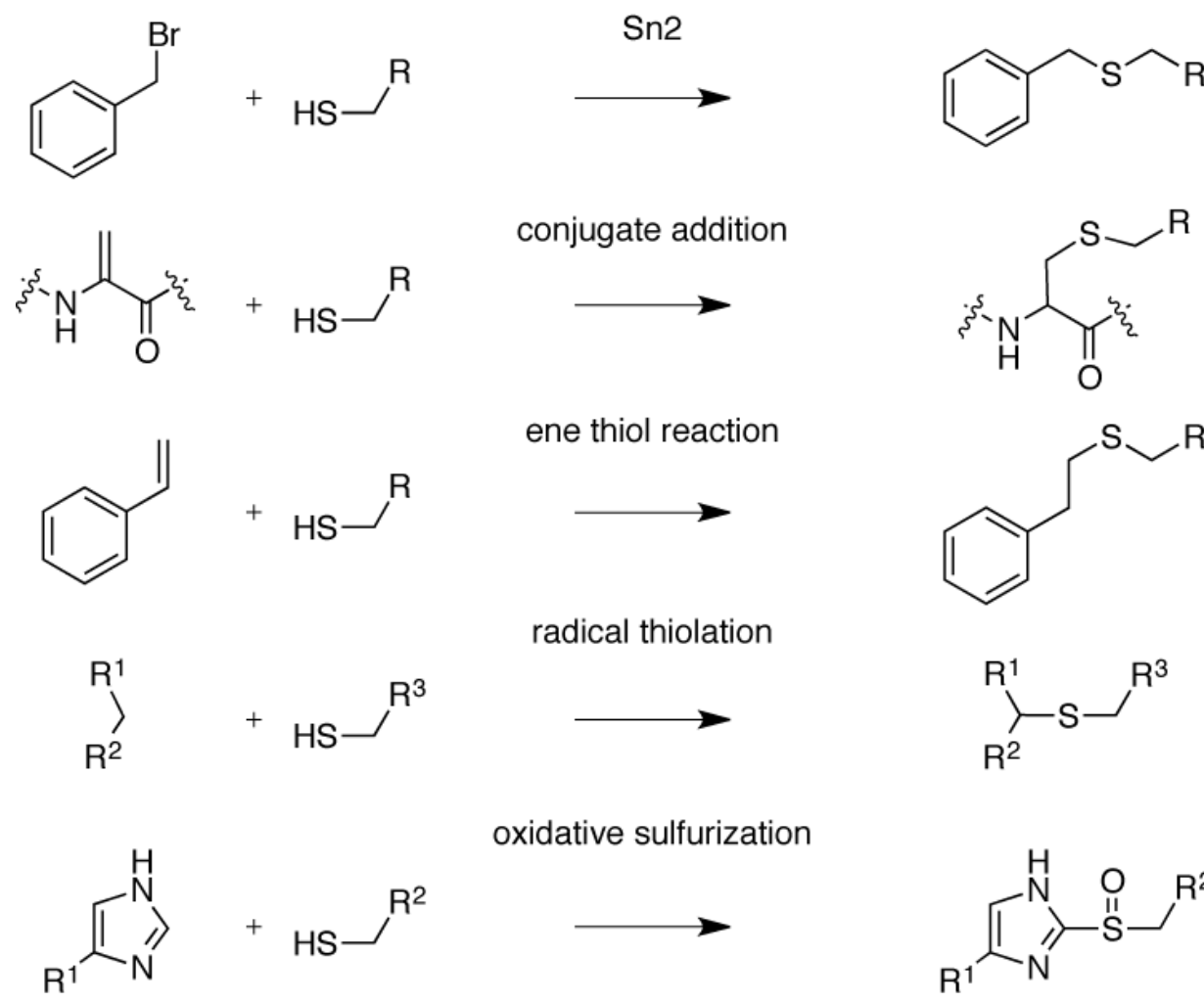
part II: metal catalyzed C-S bond formation

part III: metal mediated radical C-S bond formation

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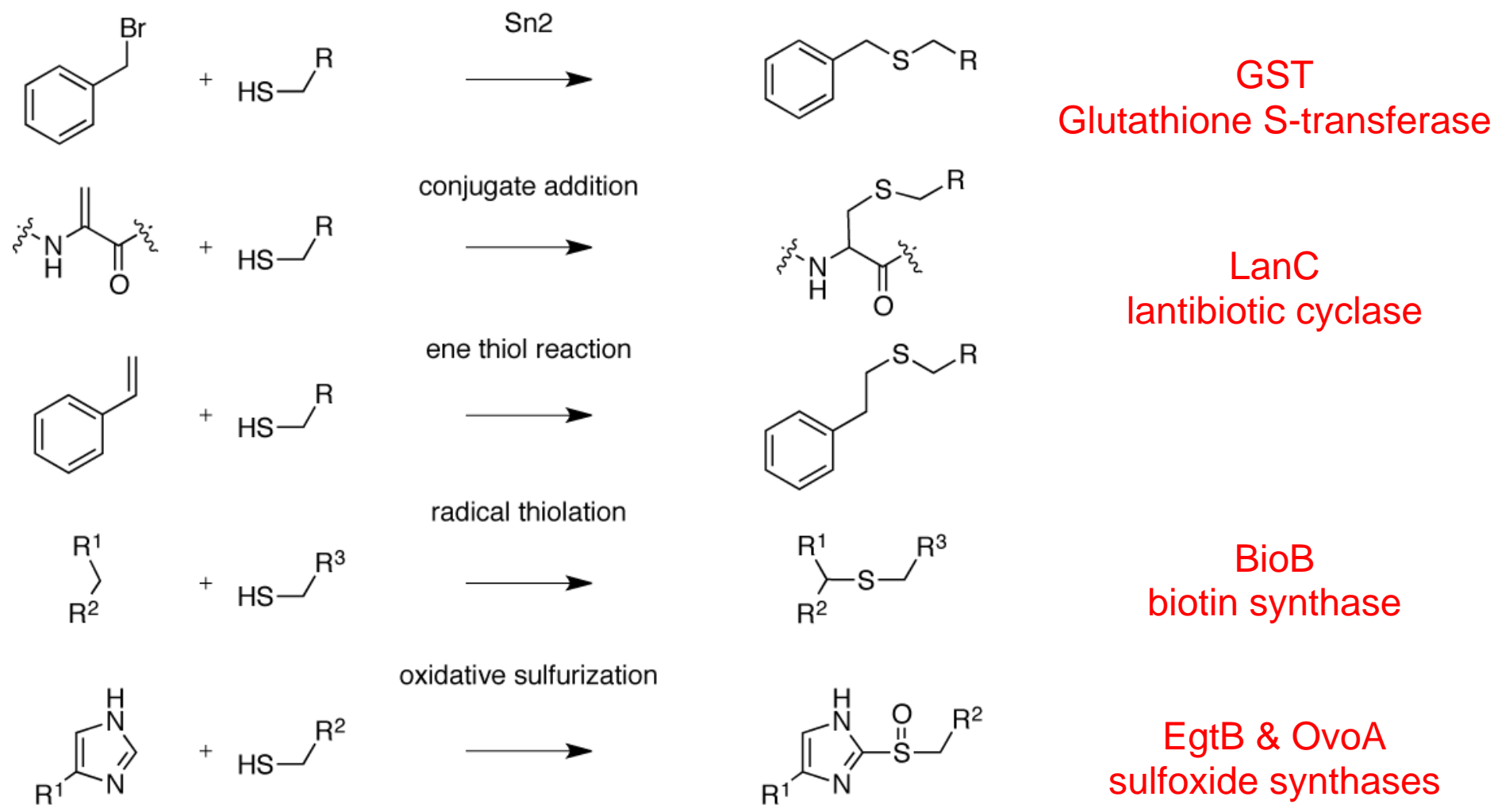
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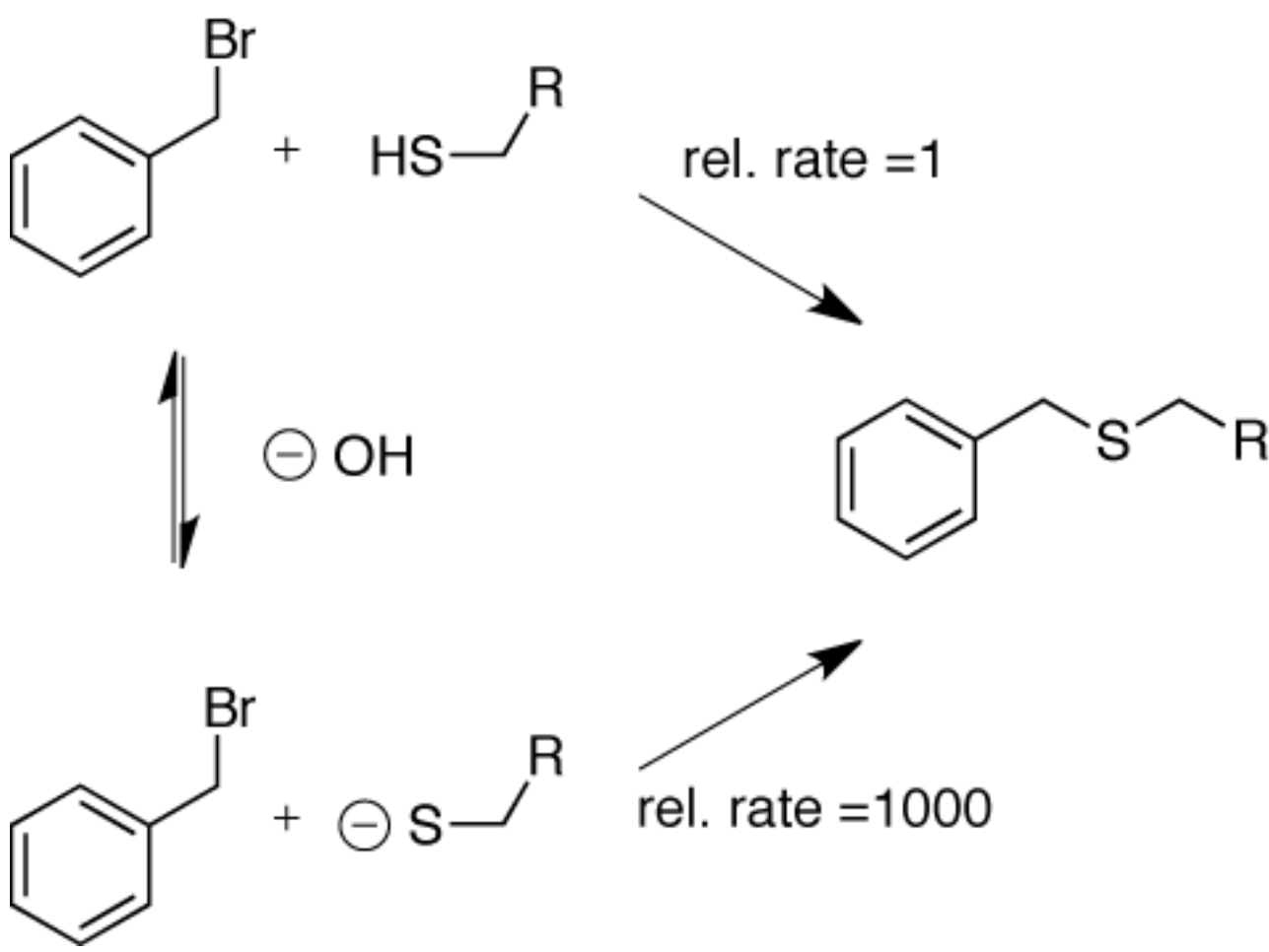
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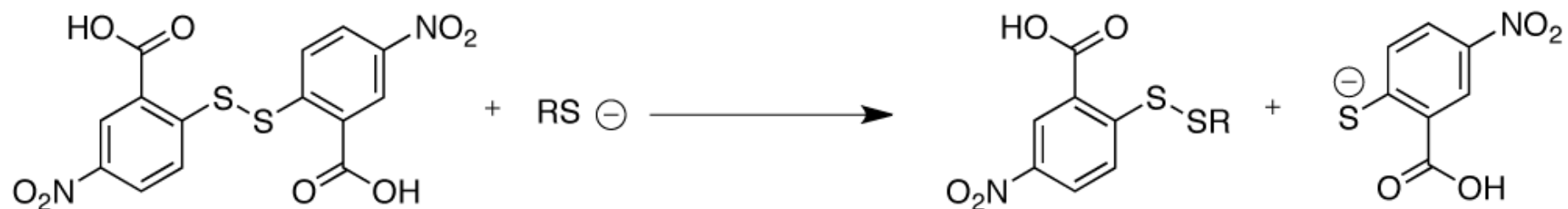


Specific base catalysis

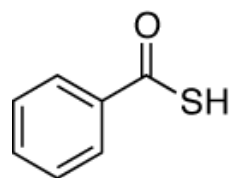
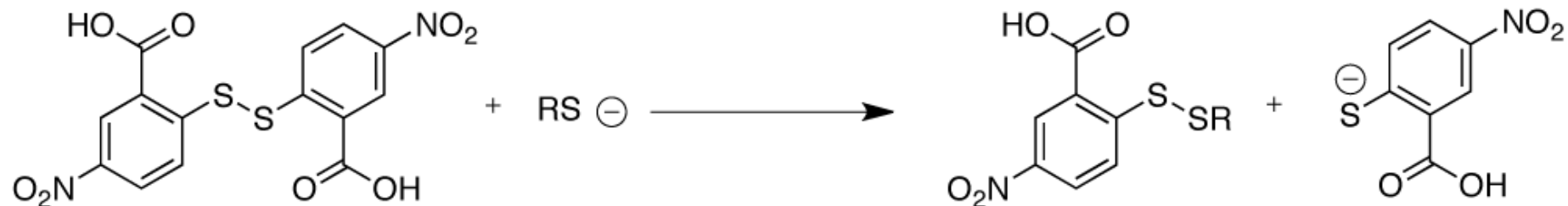


→ Is the pK_a of a thiolate a good metric to estimate the reactivity in substitution reactions?

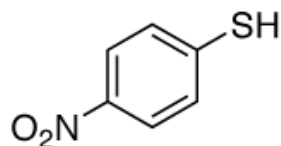
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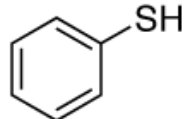
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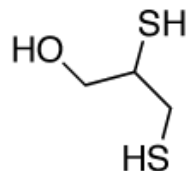
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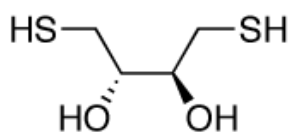
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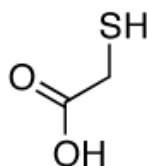
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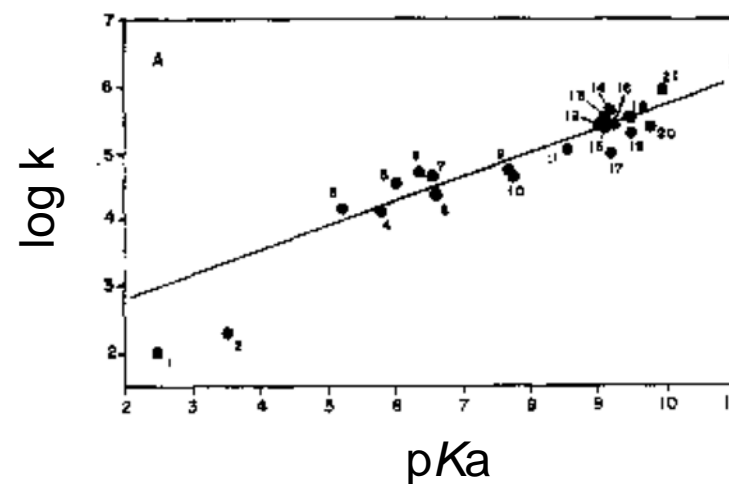
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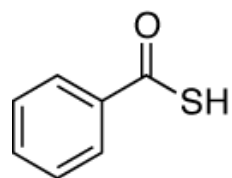
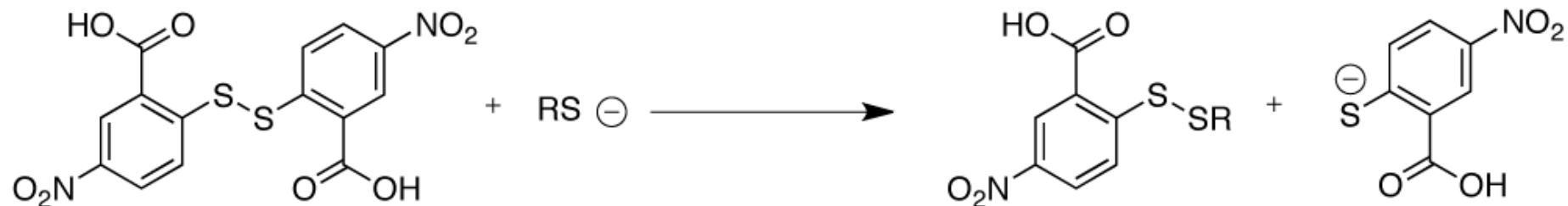
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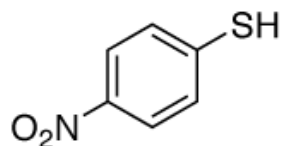
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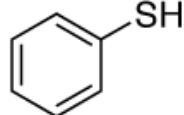
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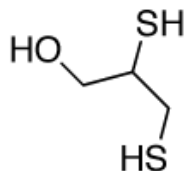
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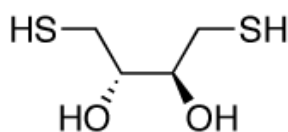
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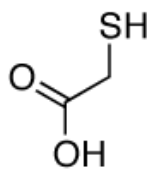
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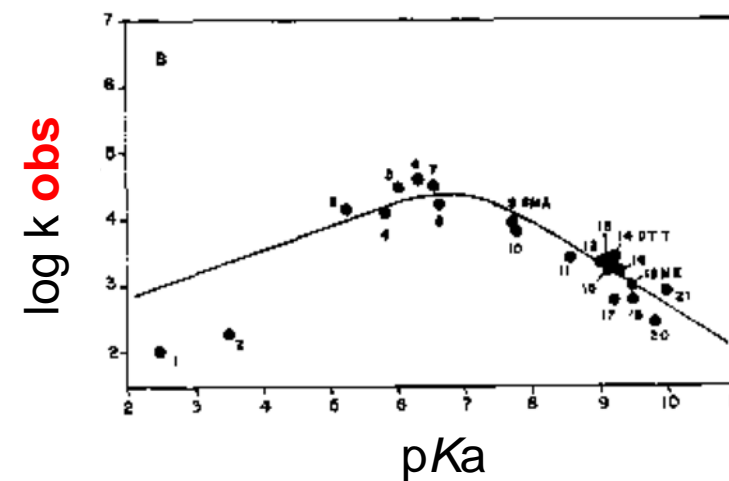
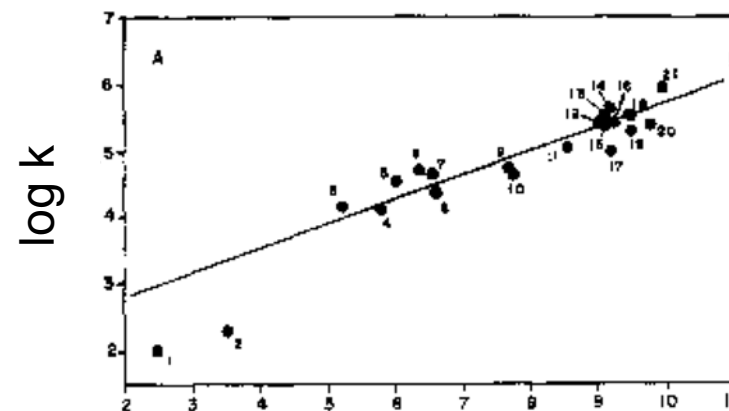
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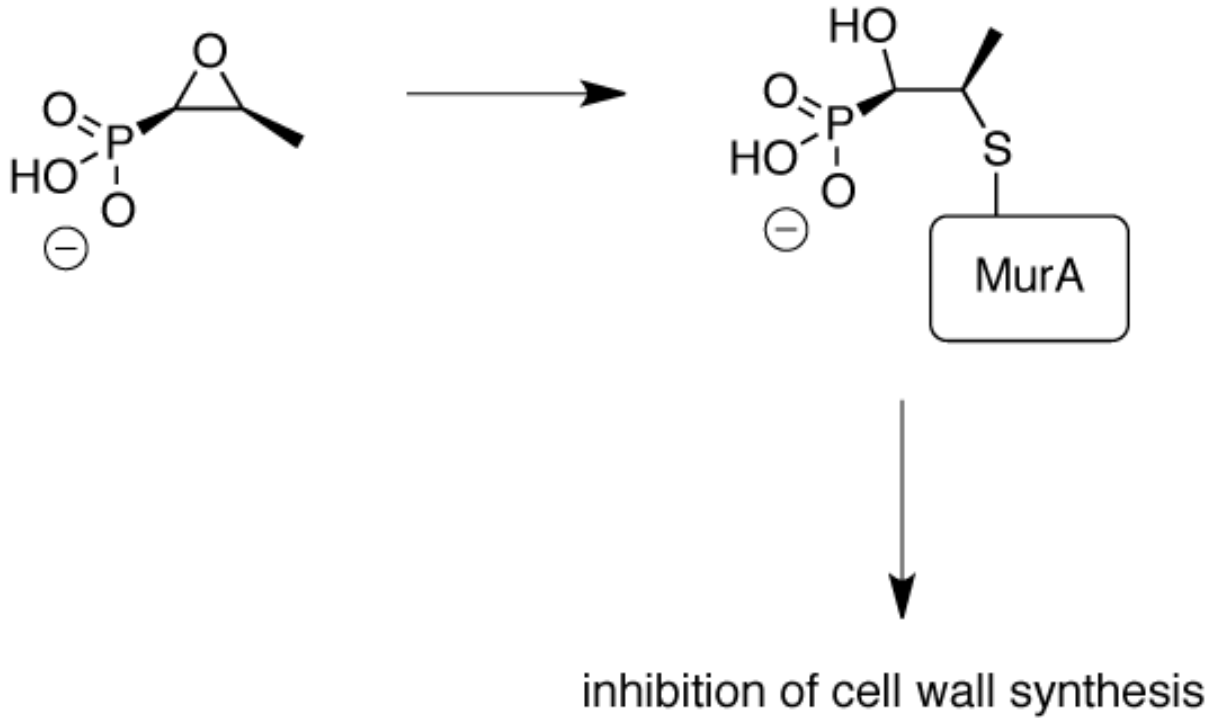
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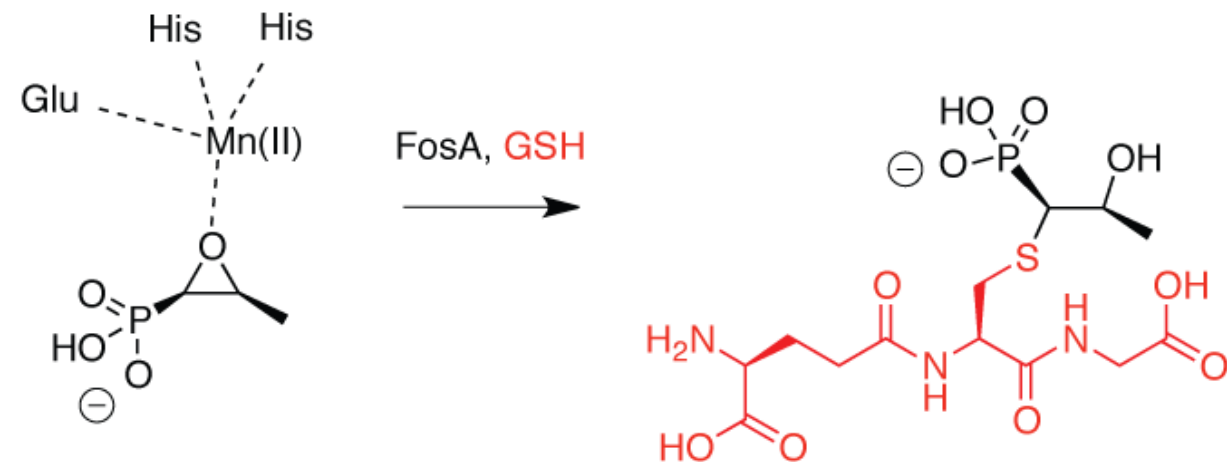
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Lewis acid catalysis in fosfomycin resistance enzyme FosA

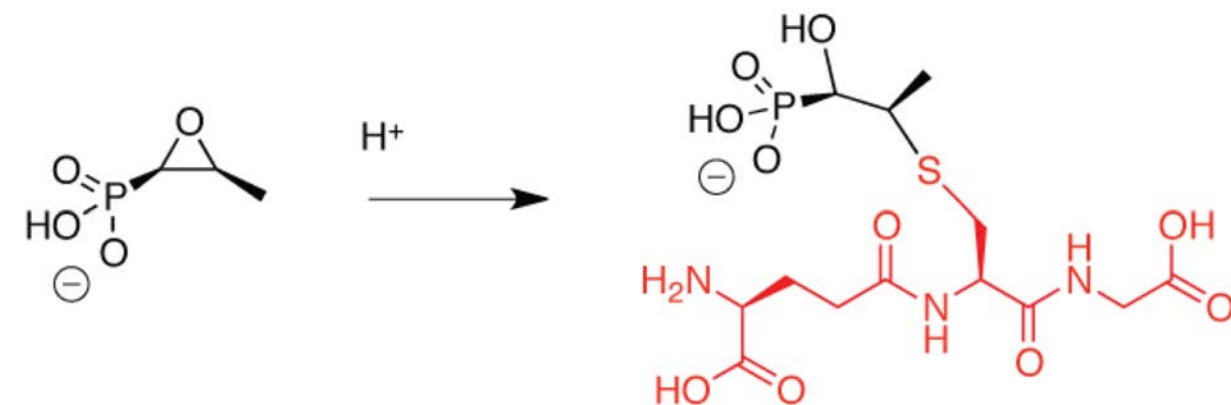


Lewis acid catalysis in fosfomycin resistance enzyme FosA



$$k_{\text{cat}} = 450 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{M}} = 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

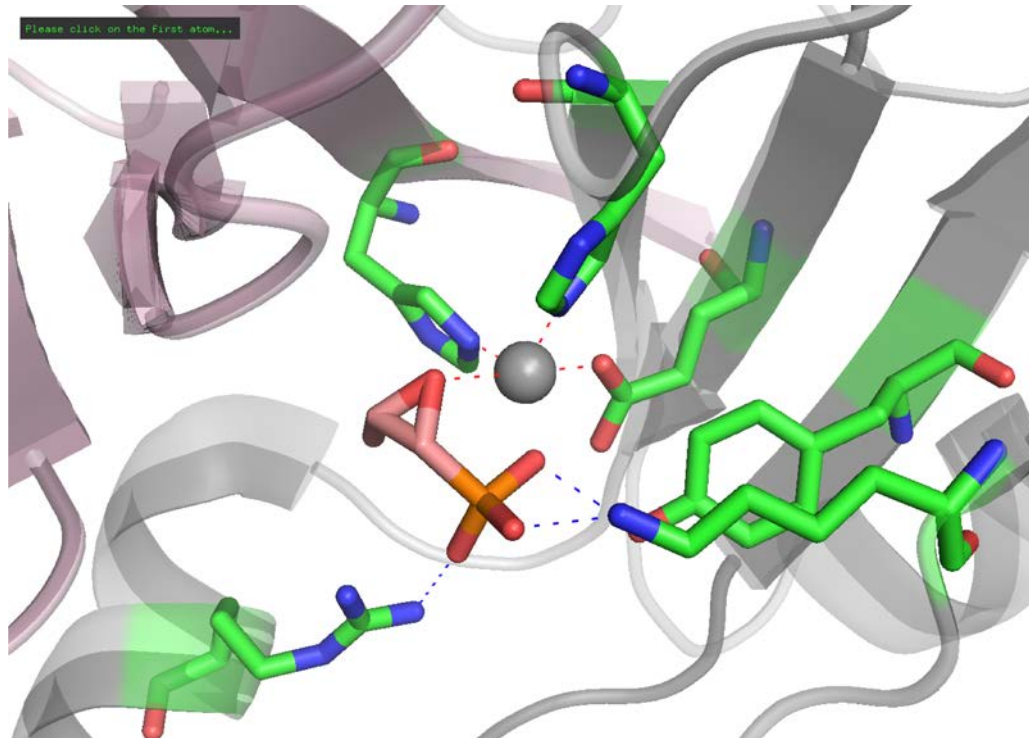
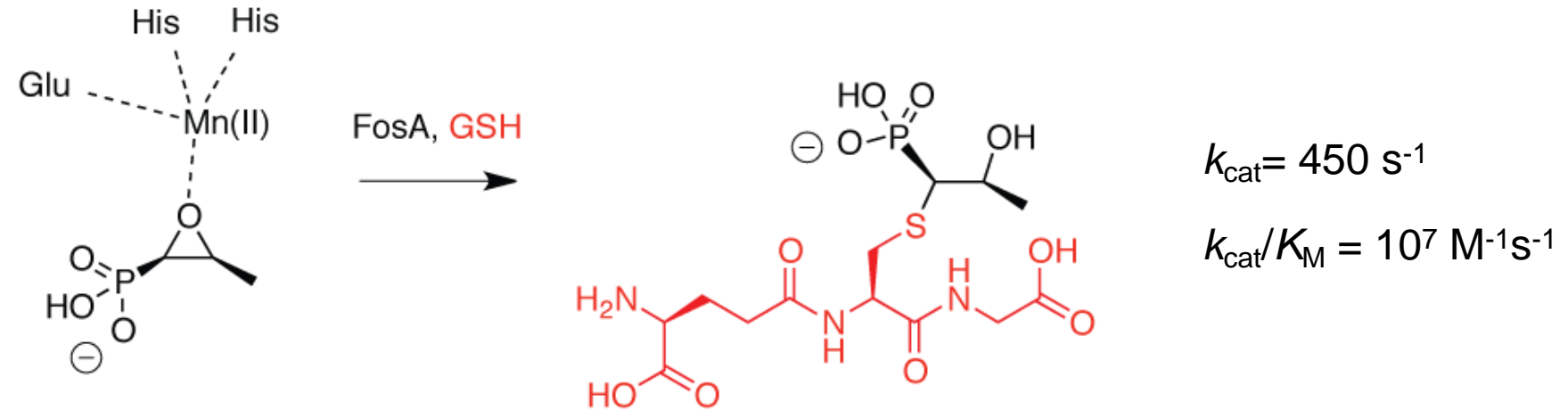


$$k_{\text{uncat}} = 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

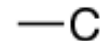
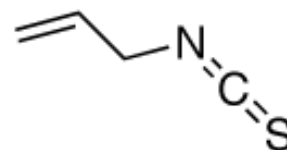
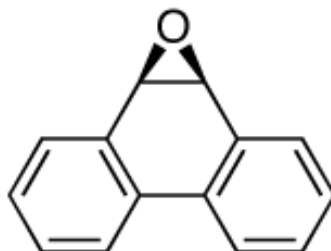
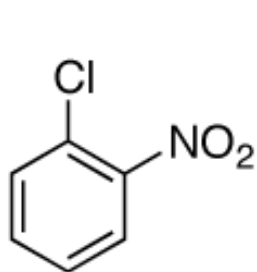
$$\text{Catalytic proficiency} = (k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{M}}) / k_{\text{uncat}} = 10^{15} \text{ M}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 21 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

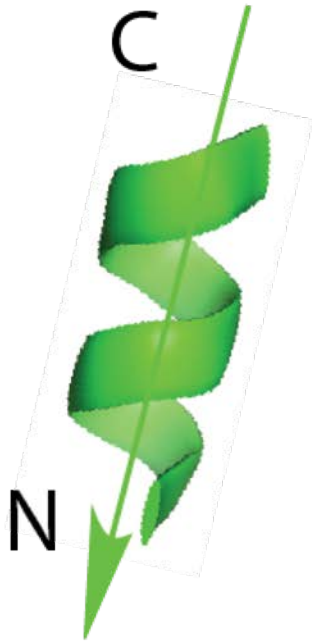
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Glutathione S-transferases: jack of all traits



General bases dependent glutathione S-transferase A1-1

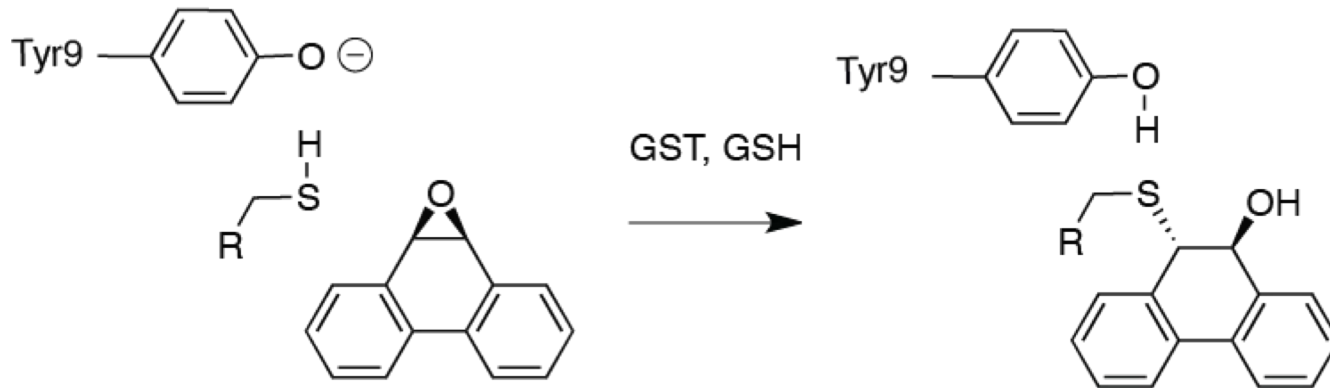


$\text{pK}_{\text{a}_{\text{tyr}}}$ in solution = 11

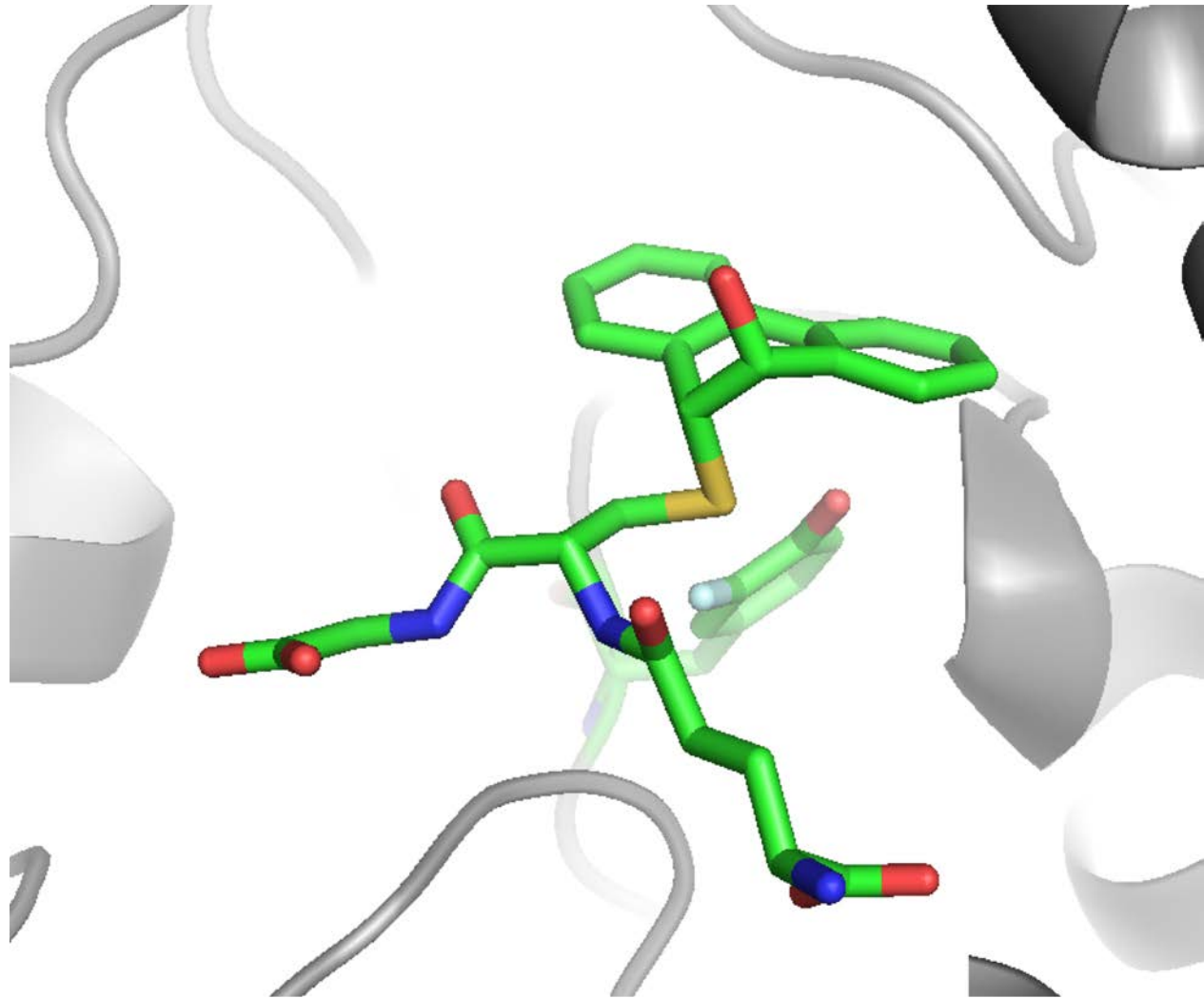
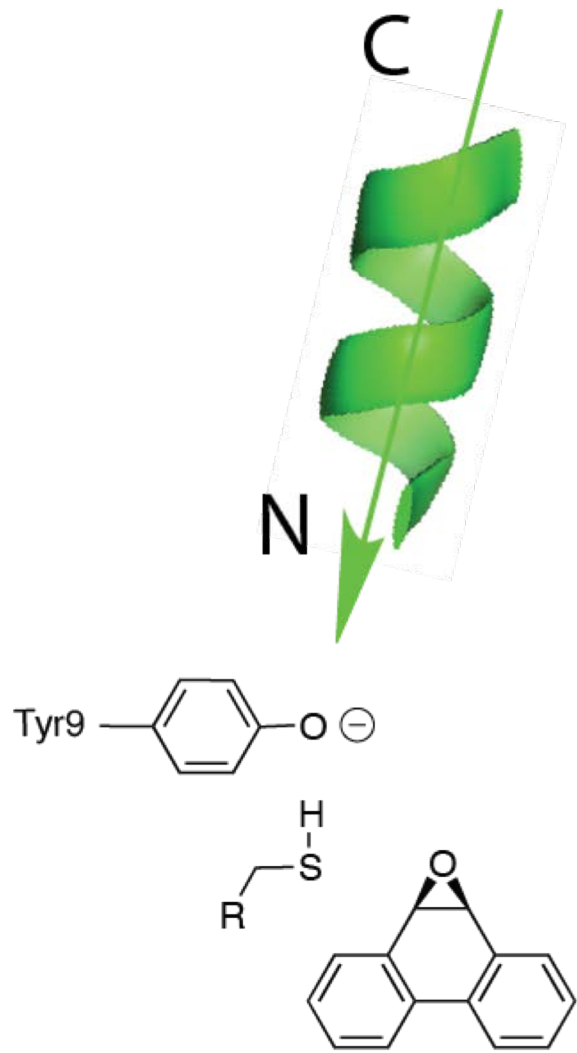
$\text{pK}_{\text{a}_{\text{tyr}}}$ in GST = 8.8

pKa suppression of 2 pH units
 $\Delta G = RT \ln(100) = 2.7 \text{ kcal/mol}$

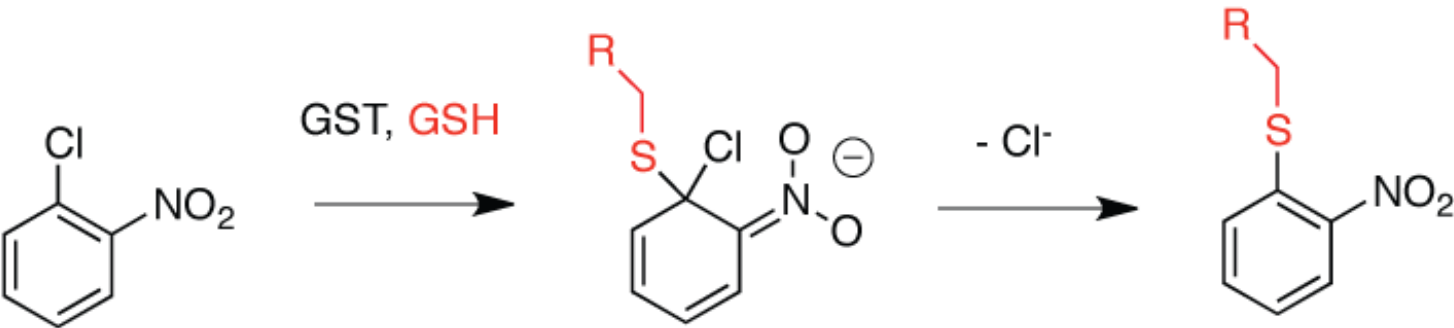
R = gas constant $\approx 2 \text{ kcal/K/mol}$; T = 300 K



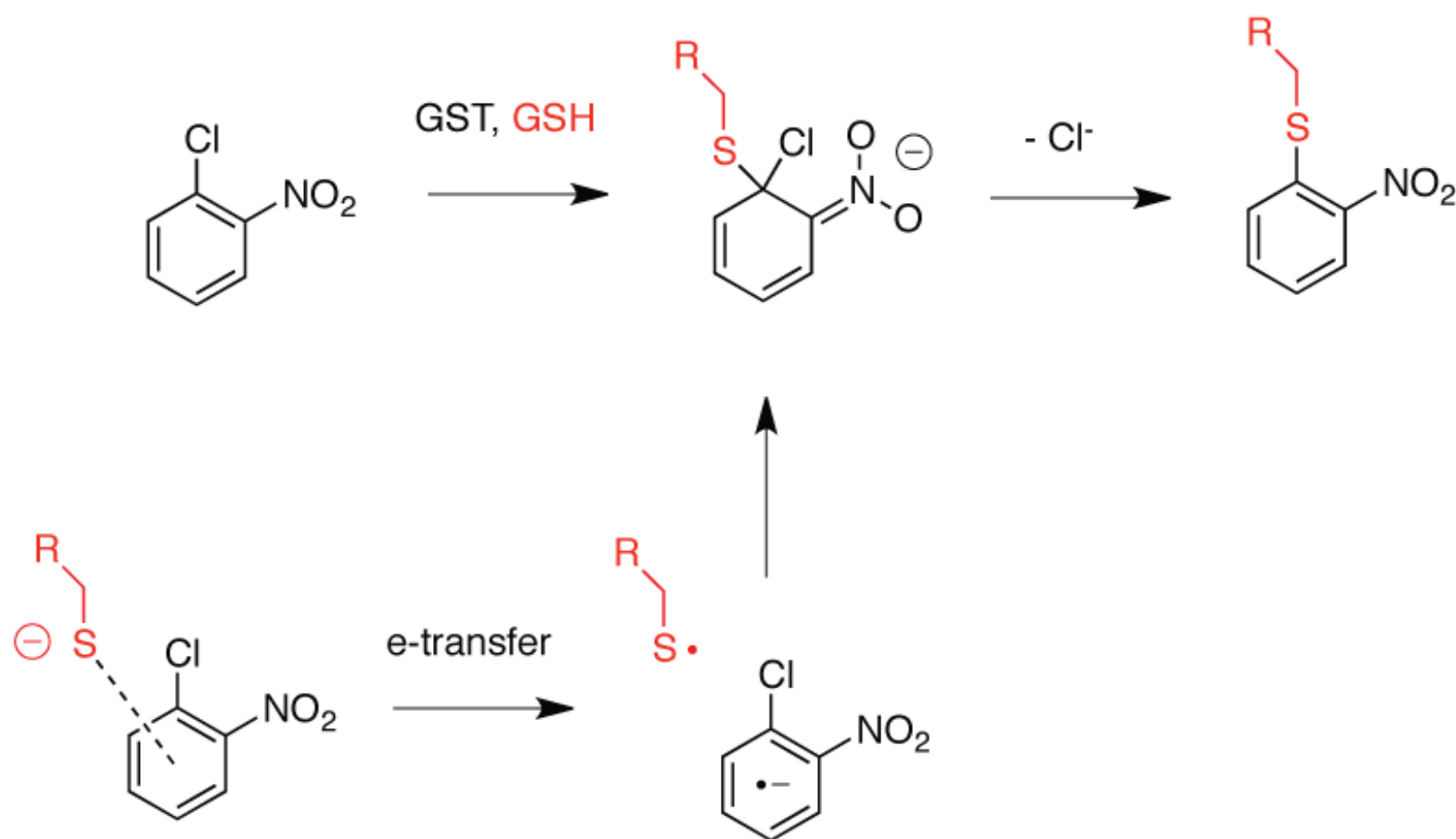
General bases dependent glutathione S-transferase A1-1



Nucleophilic aromatic substitution by GST

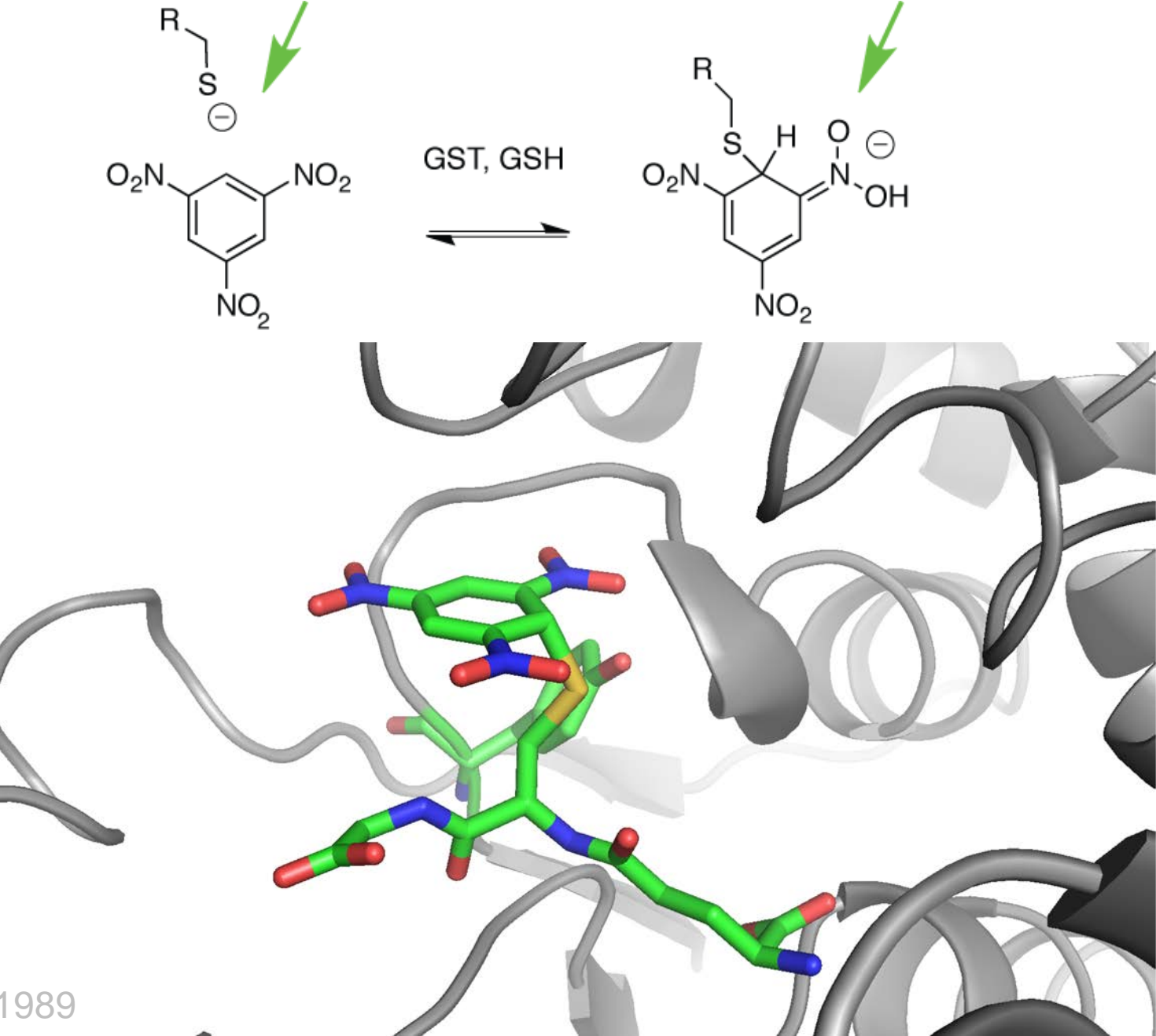


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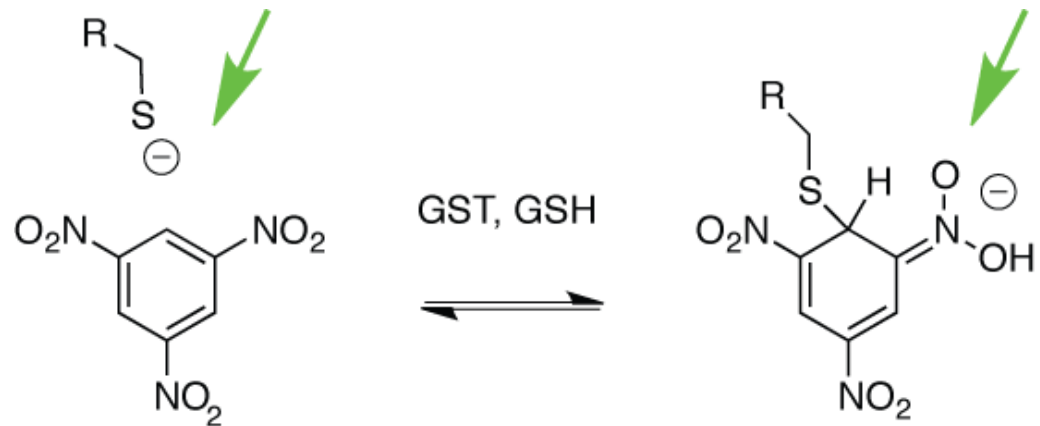


Possible non-enzymatic mechanism

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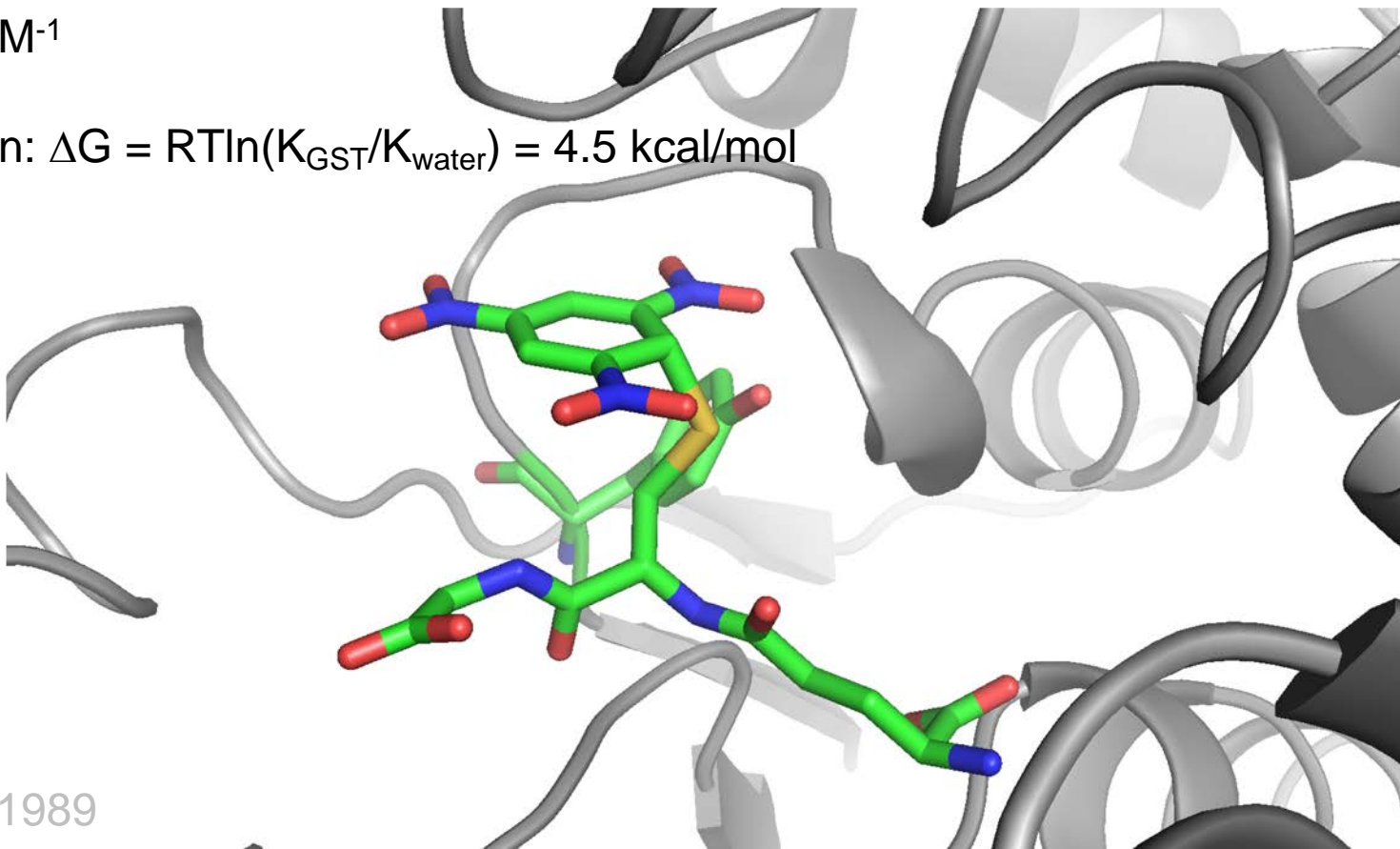
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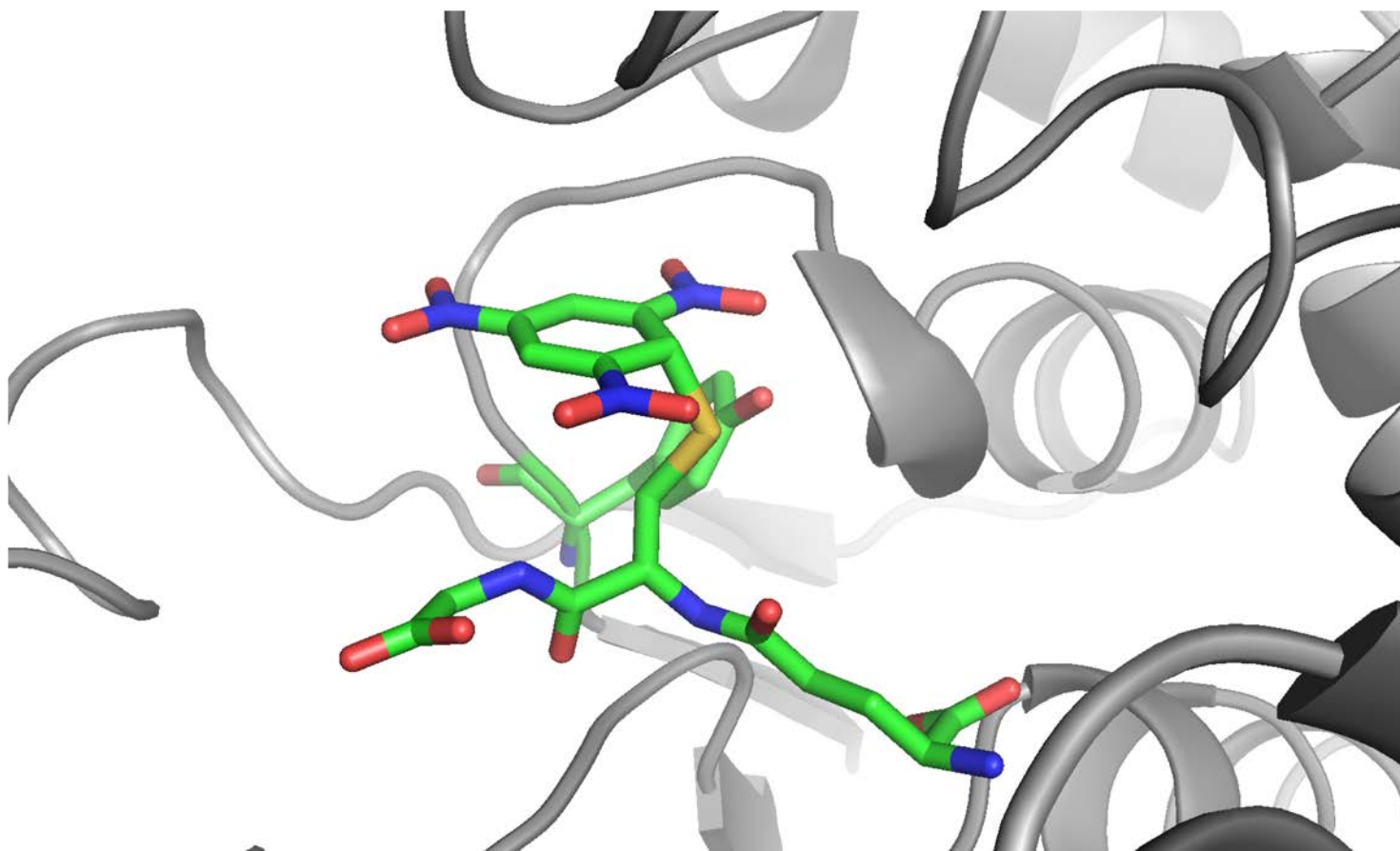
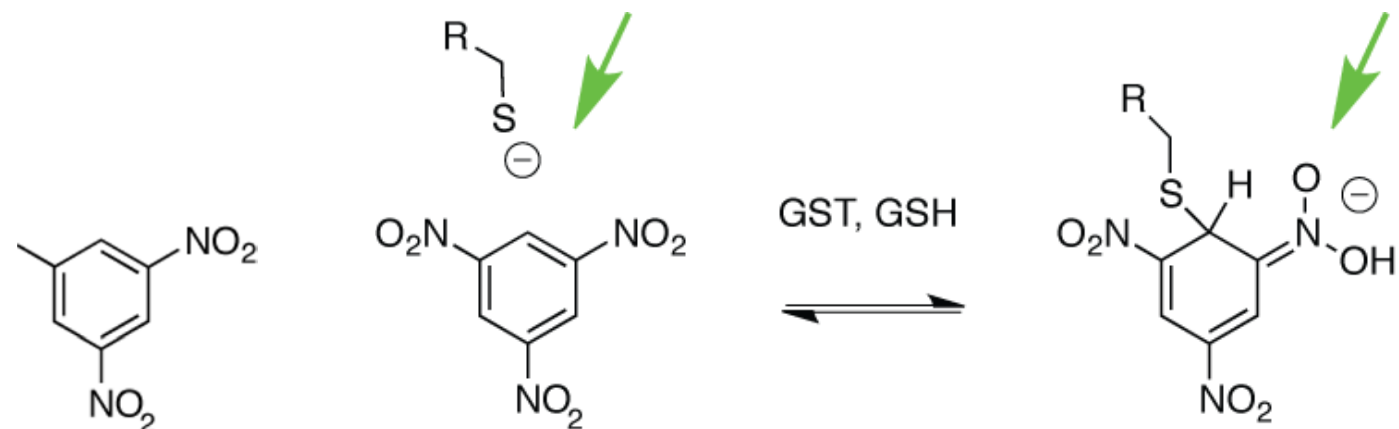
$$K_{\text{GST}} = 50000 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

$$K_{\text{water}} = 28 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

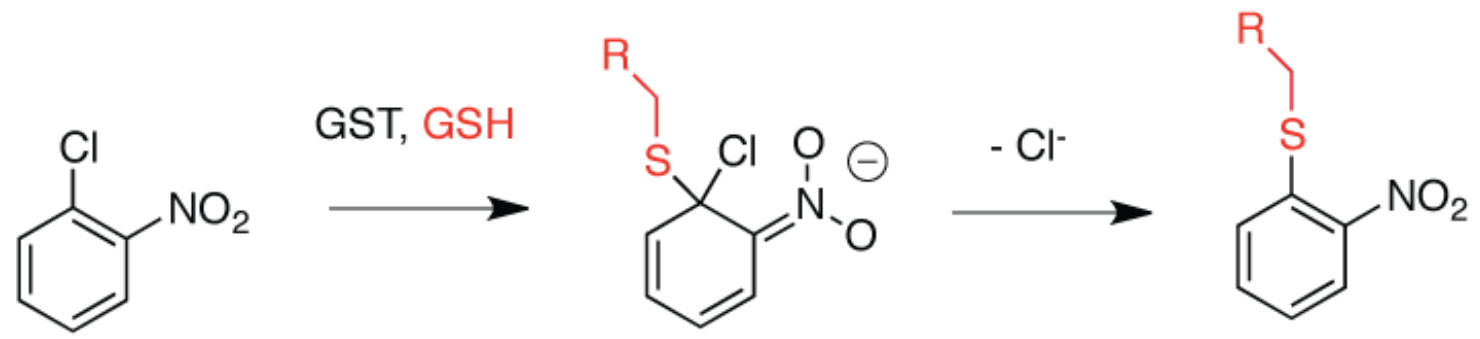
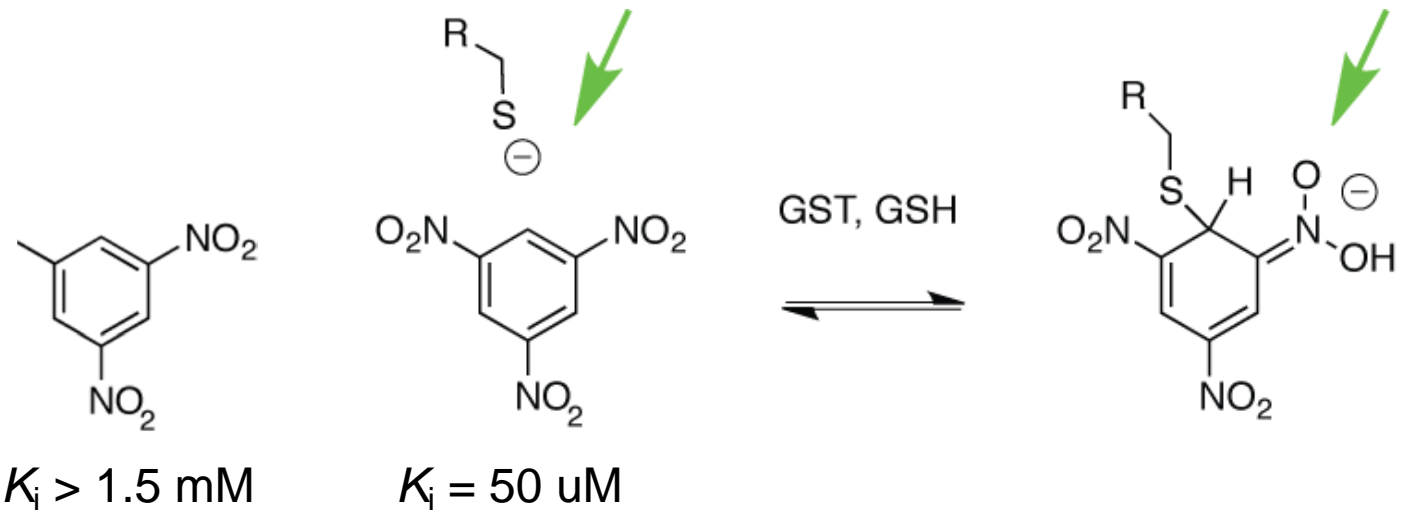
$$\text{Stabilization: } \Delta G = RT \ln(K_{\text{GST}}/K_{\text{water}}) = 4.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



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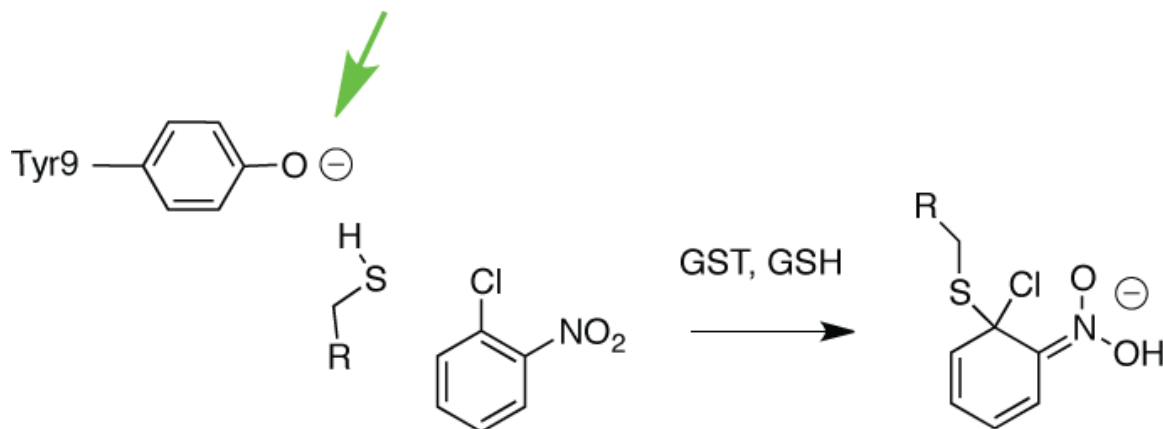


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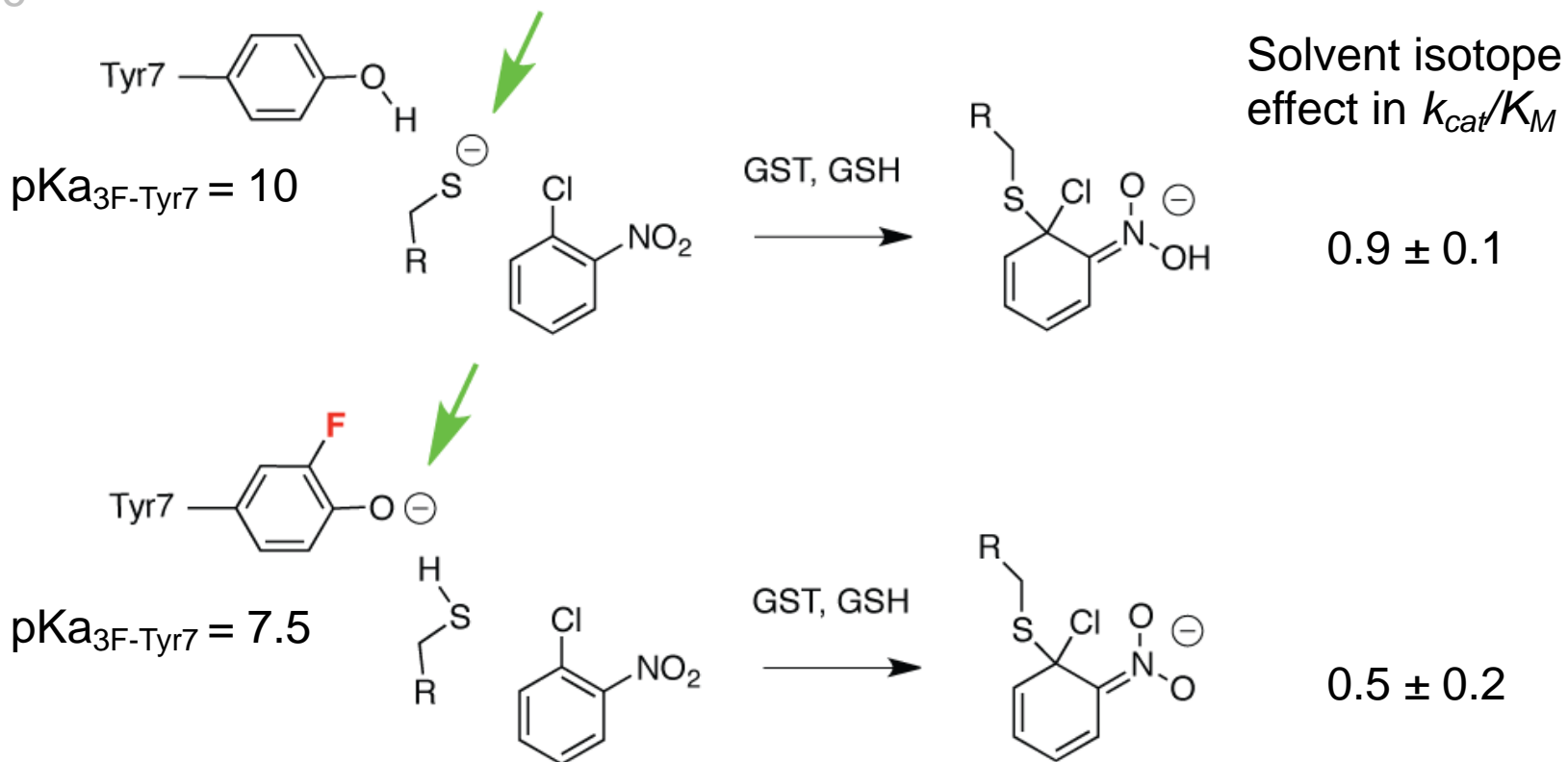


Distinction between base and electrostatic catalysis by GST

Atkins 1993

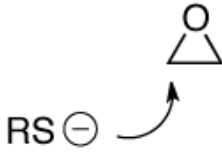
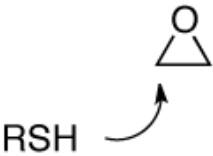


Parsons 1996

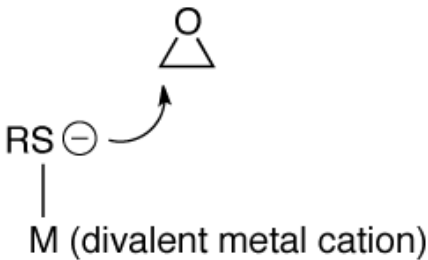
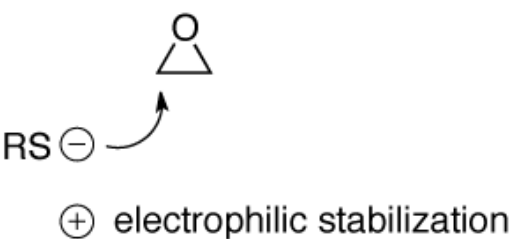
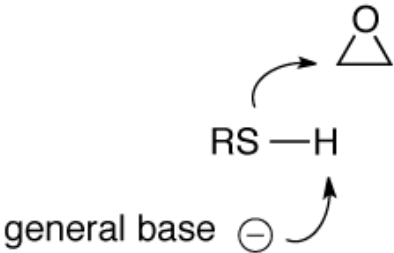
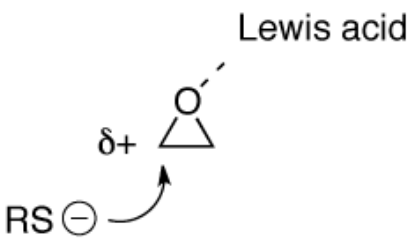


Review – Part I

slow



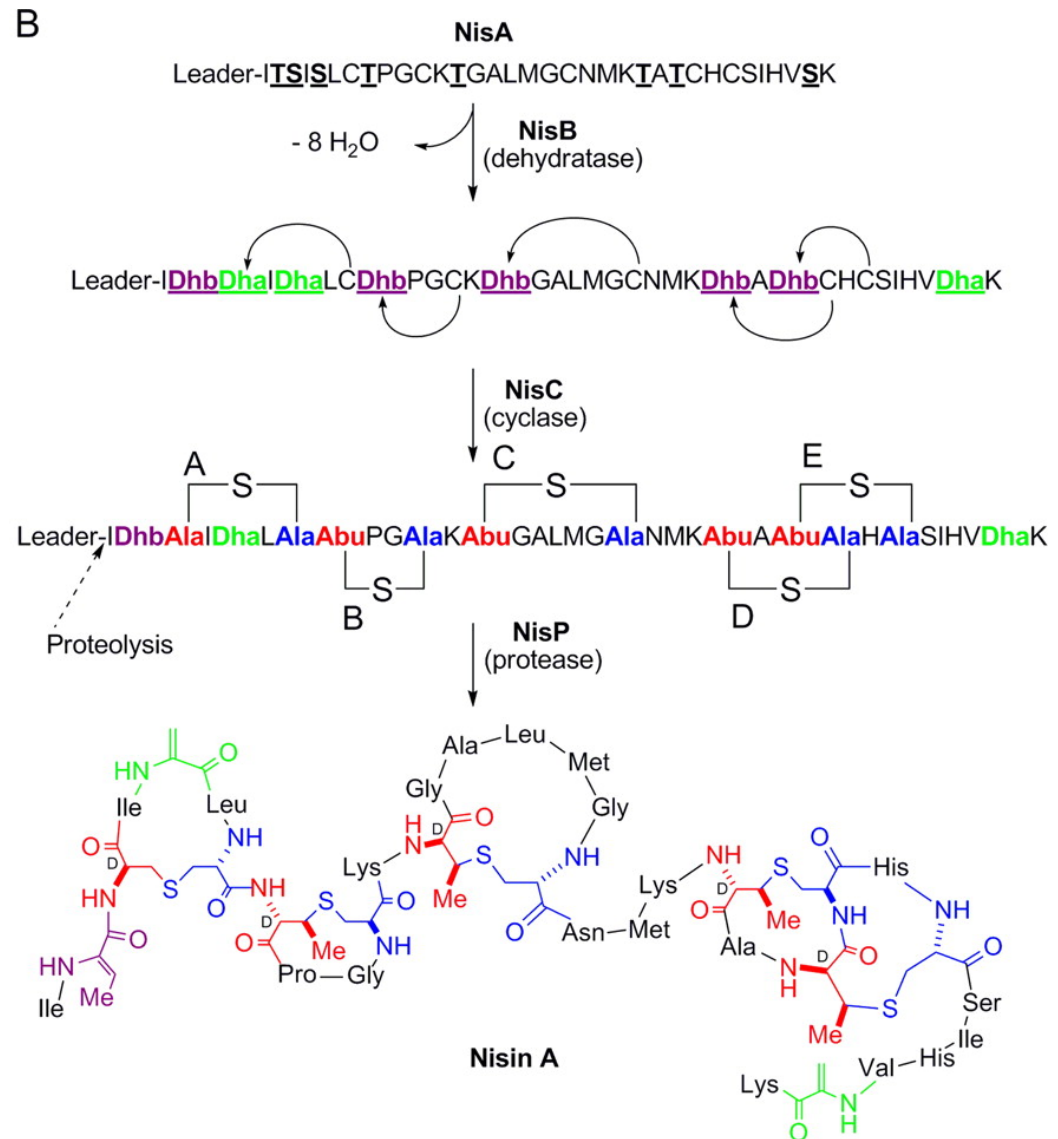
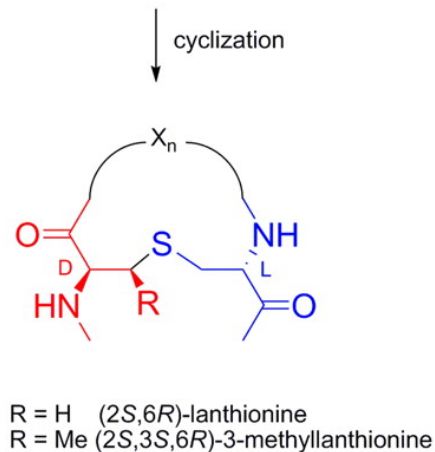
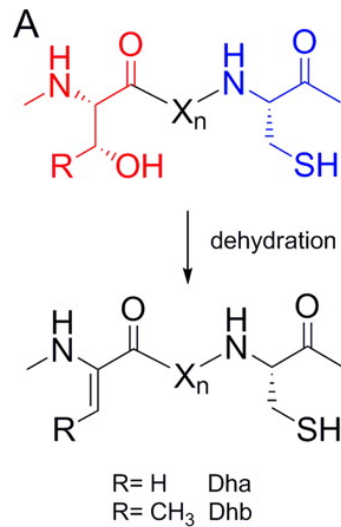
slow at physiological pH



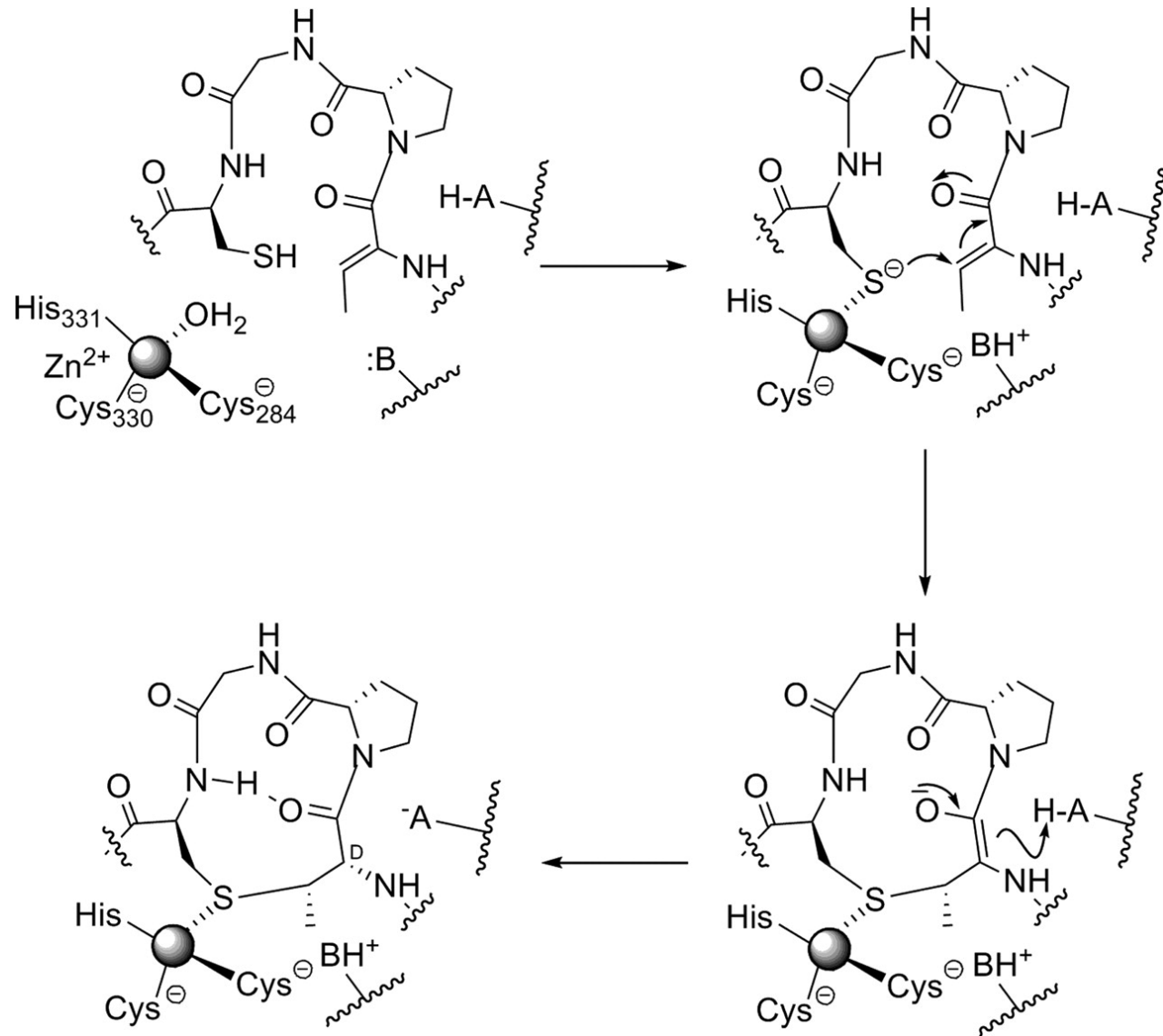
Part II: metal mediated C-S bond formation



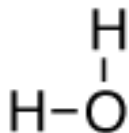
Nisin cyclase: metal catalyzed C-S bond formation



Nisin cyclase: conjugate addition

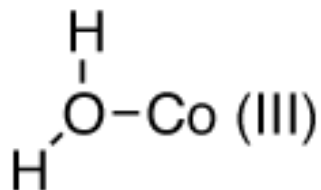


Are divalent transition metals fat protons?



$$\text{pK}_{\text{a}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}} = 15.7$$

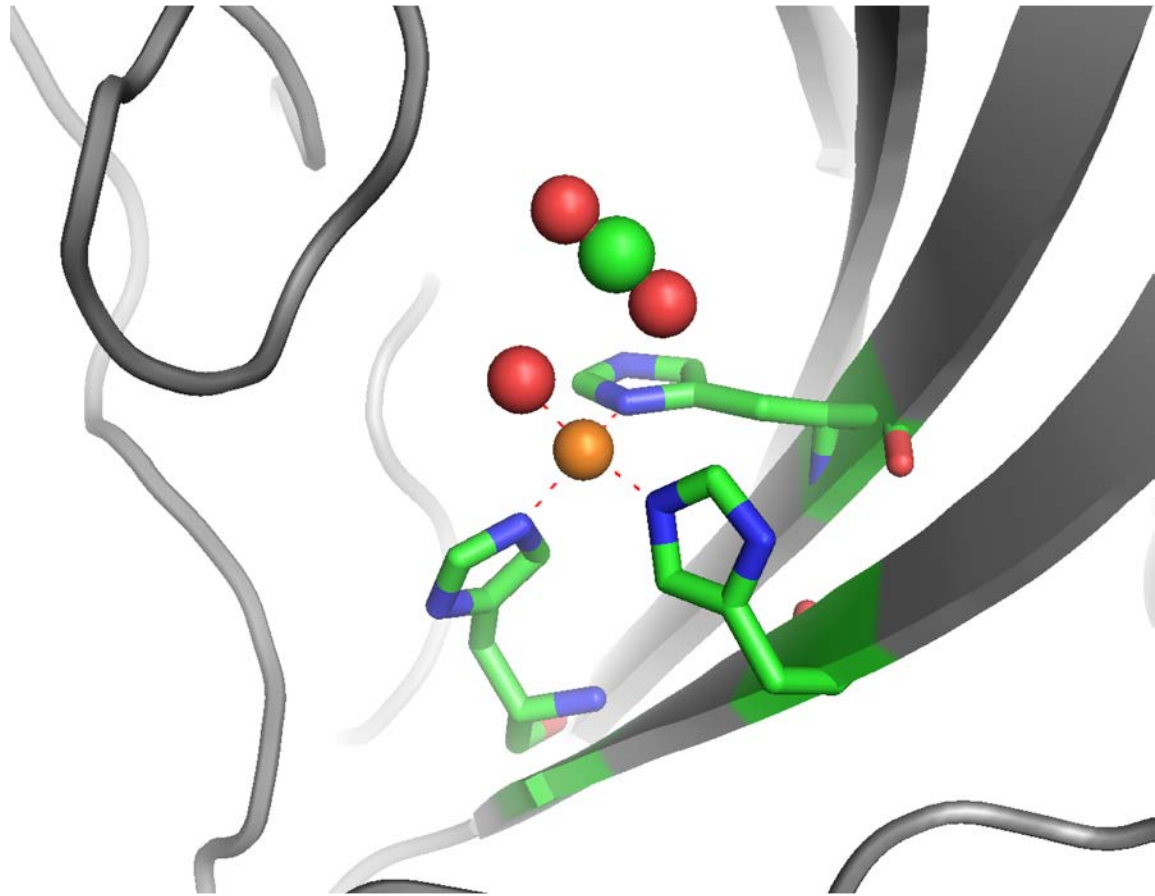
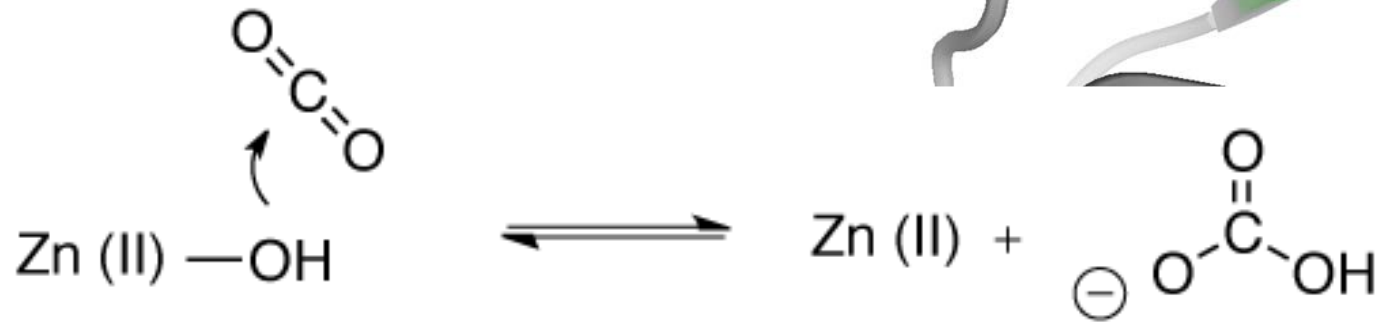
$$[\text{OH}^-]_{\text{pH}7} = 100 \text{ nM}$$



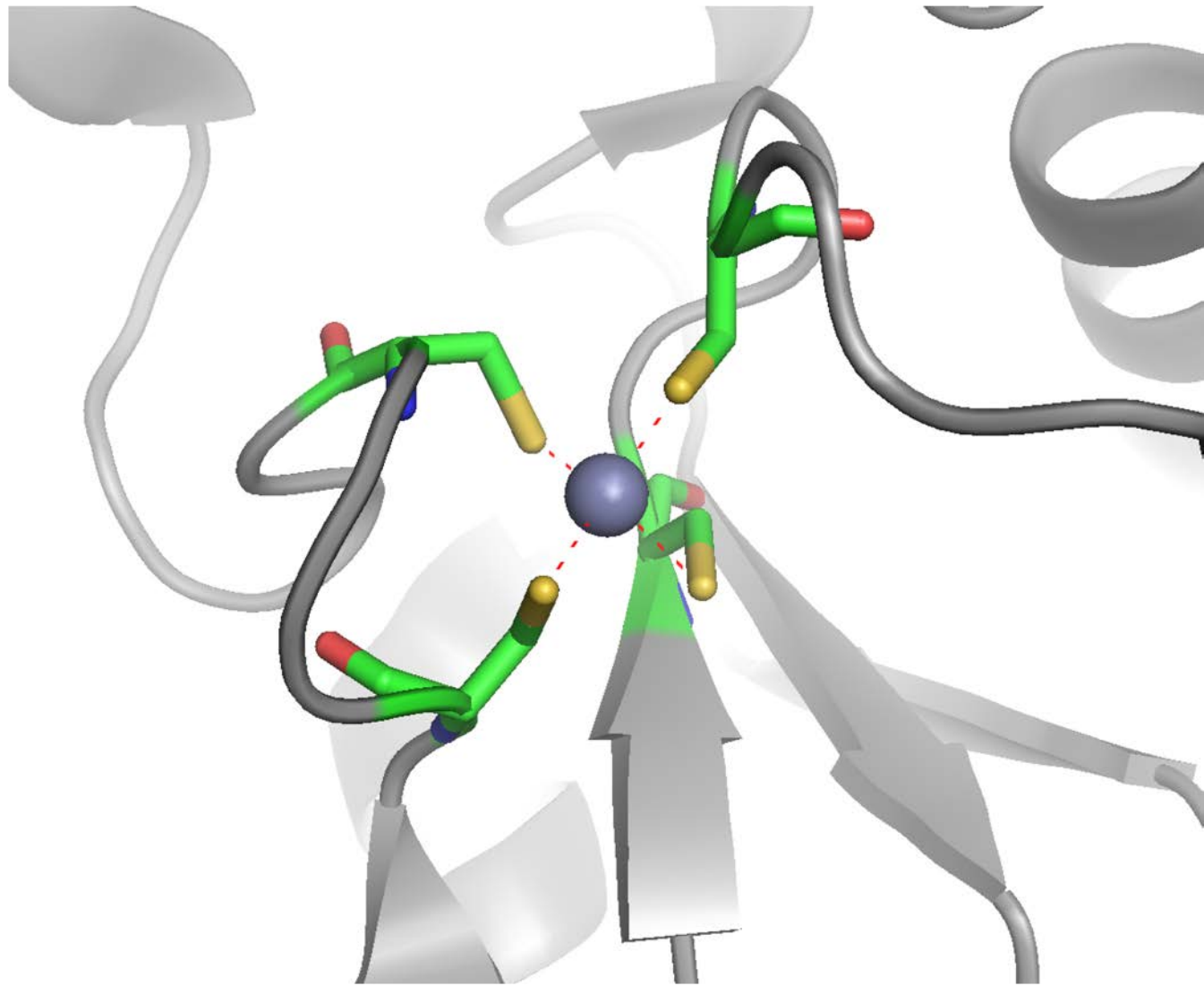
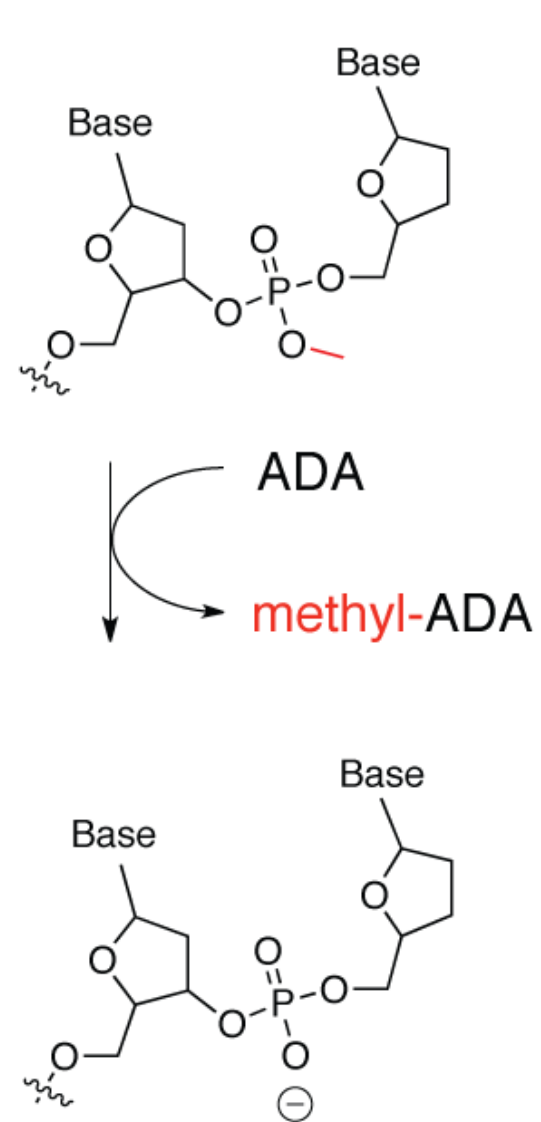
$$\text{pK}_{\text{a}} = 6.5$$

10^9 -fold increased acidity
40-fold reduced nucleophilicity

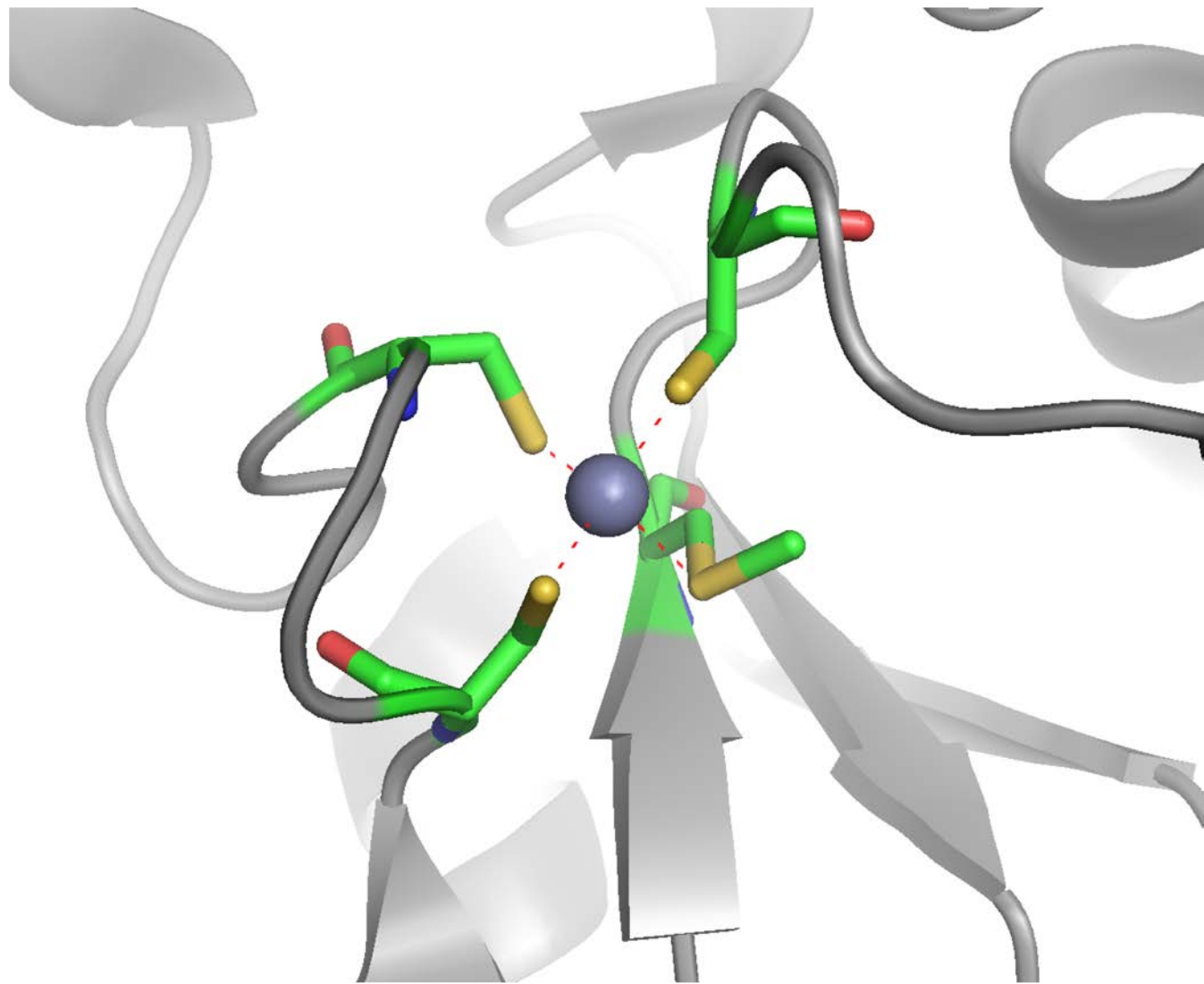
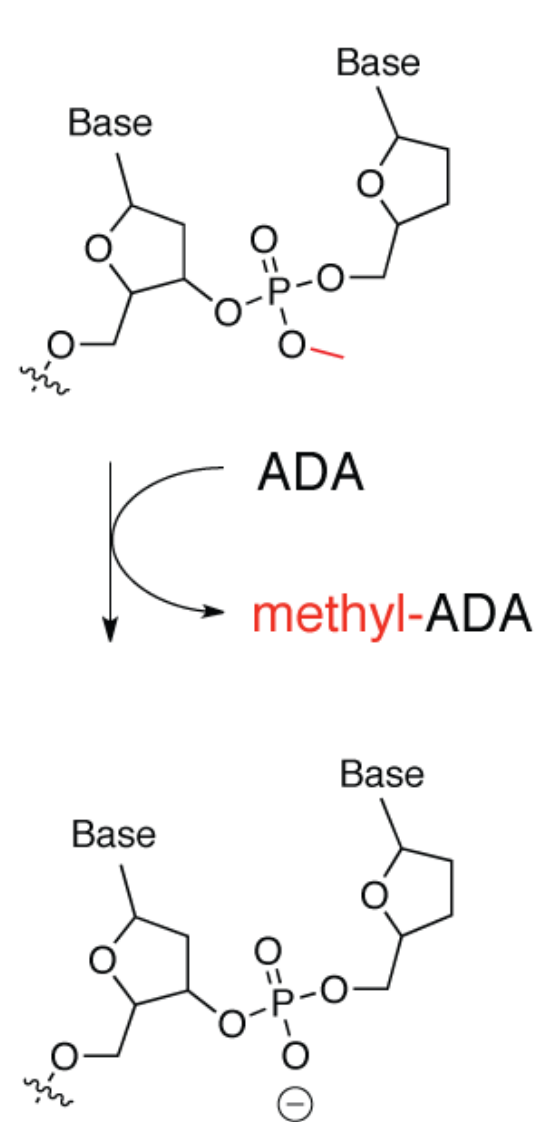
Nucleophile activation in carbonic anhydrase



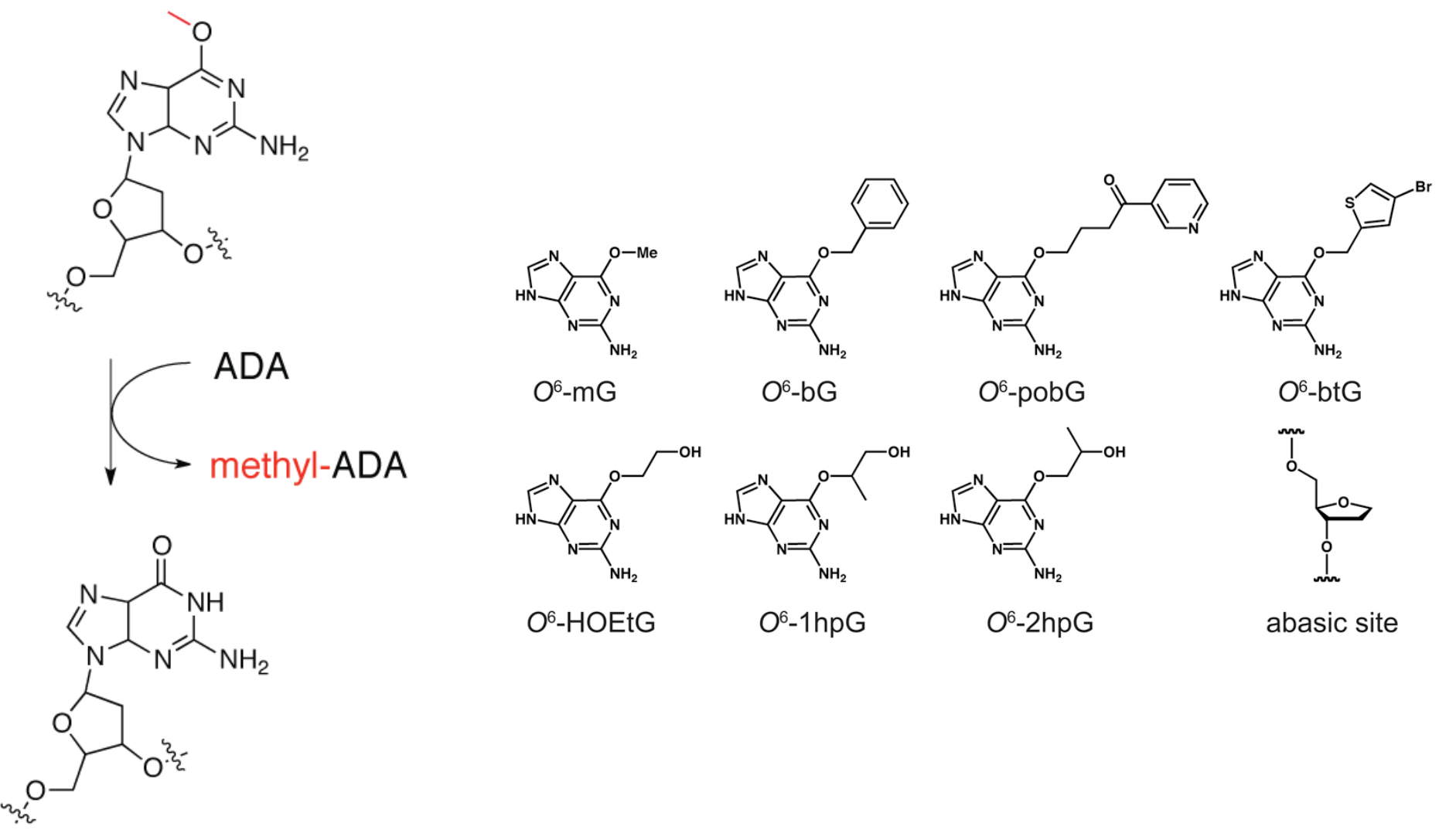
Sacrificial O⁶-alkyl guanine transferase



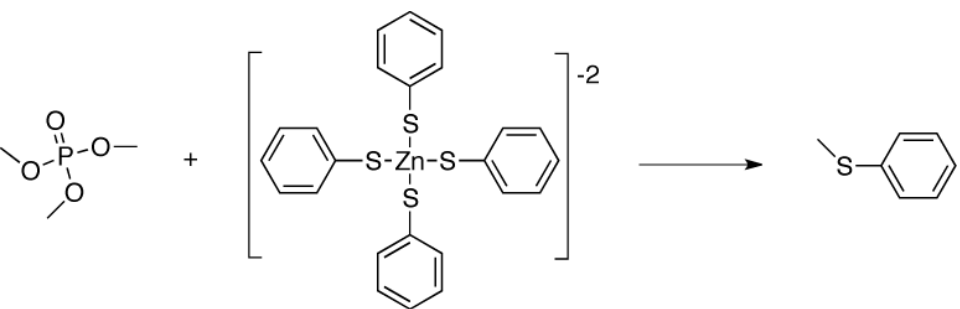
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Example: Sacrificial O⁶ -alkyl guanine transferase

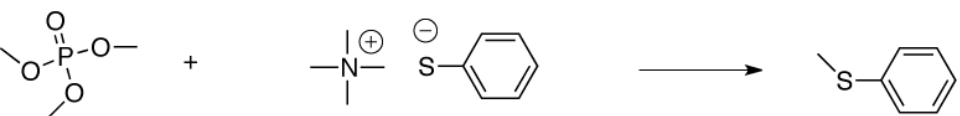


Model alkyl transfers: zinc fingers

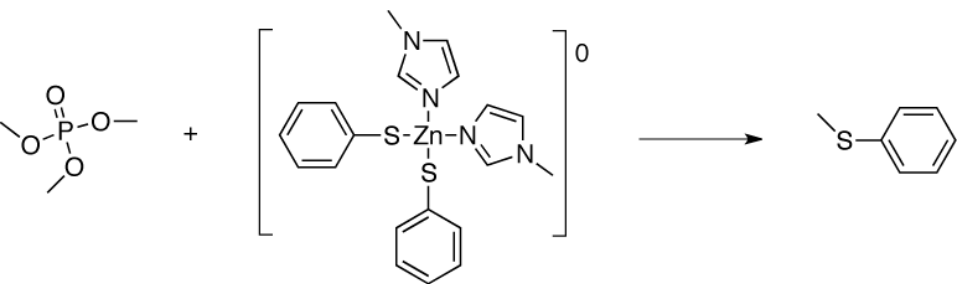


DMSO, 24°C, pseudo 1st order

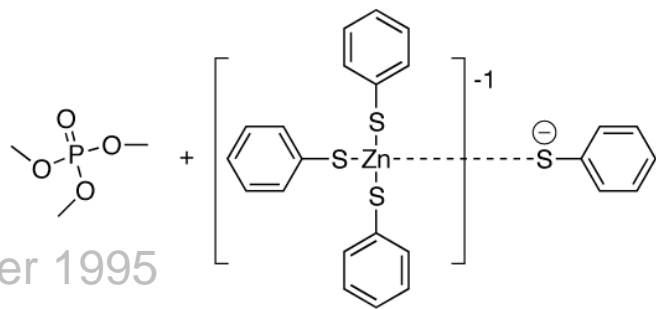
$$k = 0.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



$$k = 1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



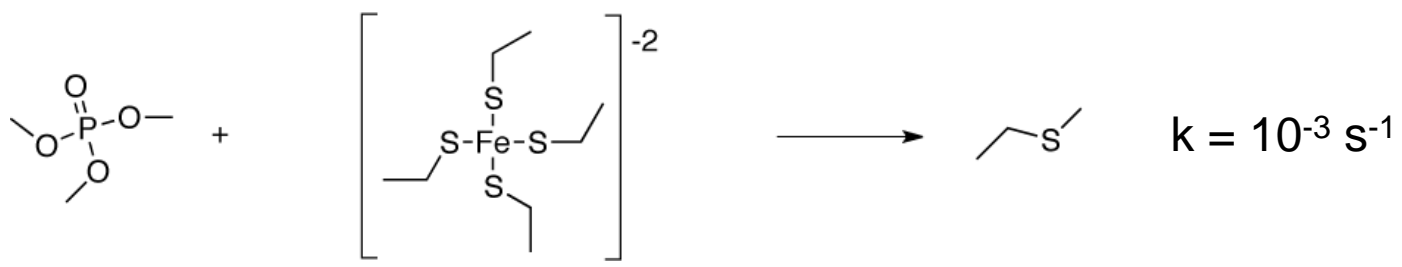
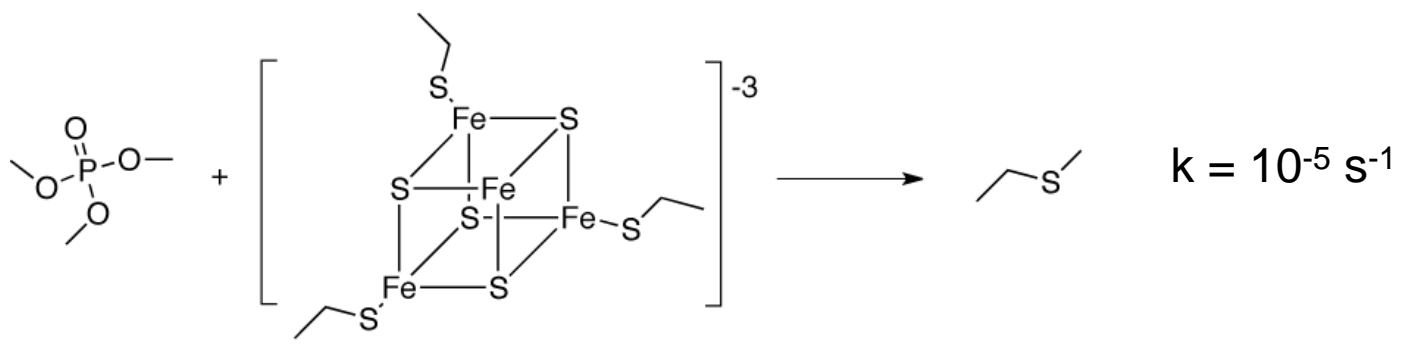
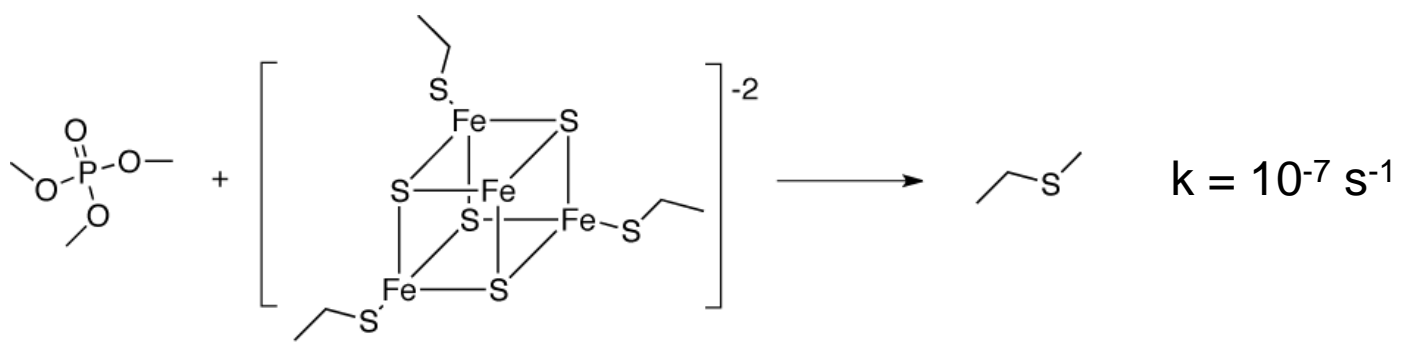
$$K < 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Dissociative mechanism

Model alkyl transfers: iron sulfur clusters

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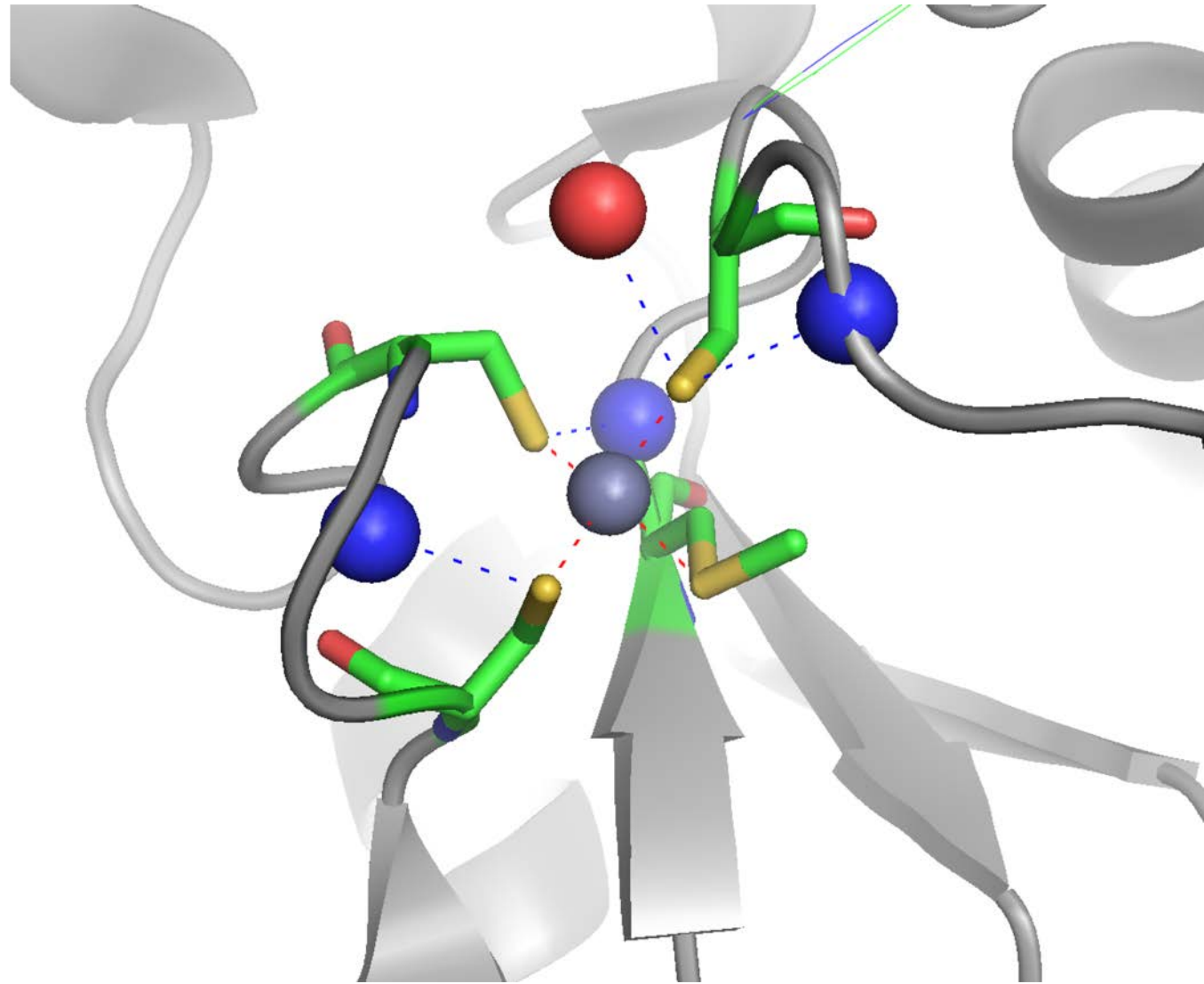
Model alkyl transfers: iron sulfur clusters

- charge of the complex
- charge delocalization lowers nucleophilicity
- metal enhanced nucleophilicity is not observed
- $\text{Zn}(\text{SR})_4^{-2}$ alkylation may proceed via dissociative mechanism
- Zinc fingers and Fe/S clusters can catalyze S-alkylation

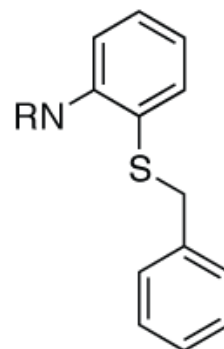
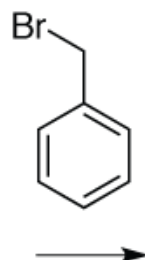
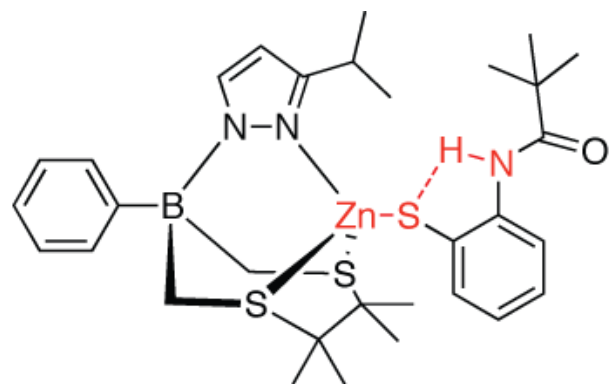
Q:

- specificity for one S-ligand
- nucleophilicity of mixed sphere Zn sites
- Second sphere influences

Sacrificial O⁶-alkyl guanine transferase



Influence of the secondary sphere



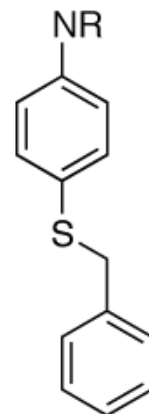
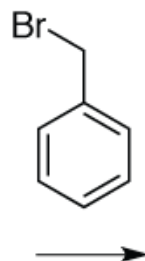
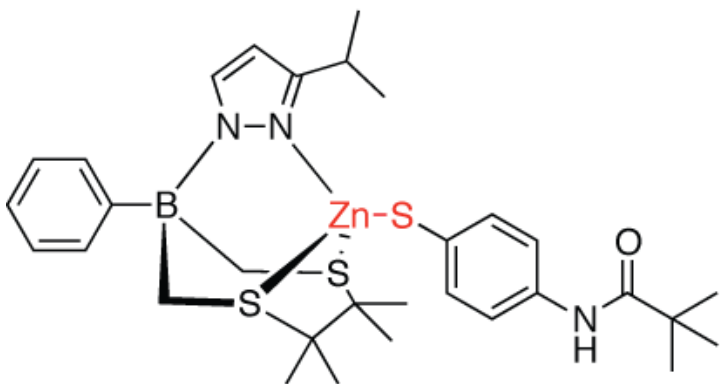
Toluene, 60°C, SN2

$$k_{\text{ortho}} = 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{rel}} = 1$$

$$k_{\text{ortho,deutero}} = 4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{rel}} = 3$$

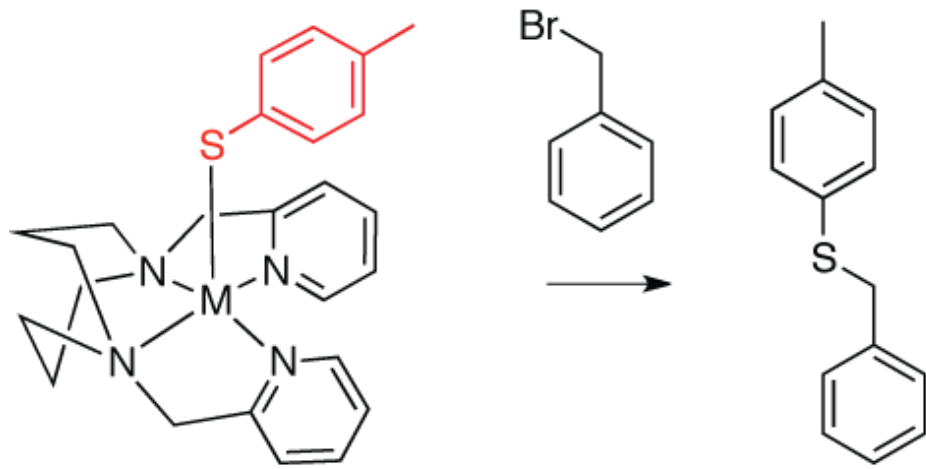


$$k_{\text{para}} = 4.4 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{rel}} > 30$$

k_{Cd} is 17 fold larger than $k_{\text{Zn}} \rightarrow$ ionic radius (Zn) = 75 pm
ionic radius (Cd) = 95 pm

Influence of the metal



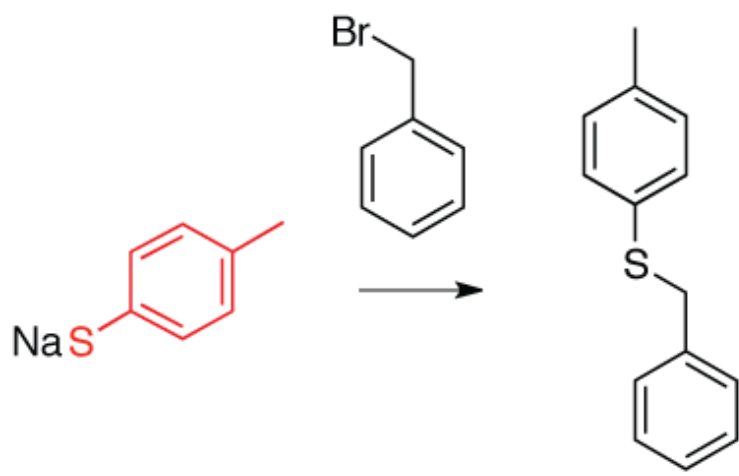
Acetonitrile, 30°C

$$k_{\text{Fe}} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{Co}} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

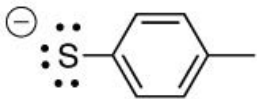
$$k_{\text{Ni}} = 3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{Zn}} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

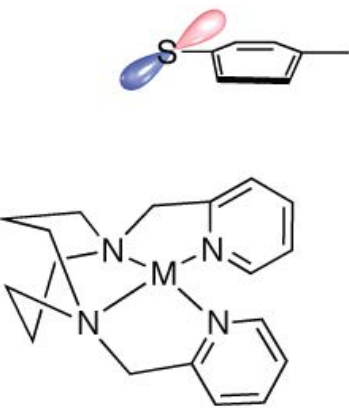


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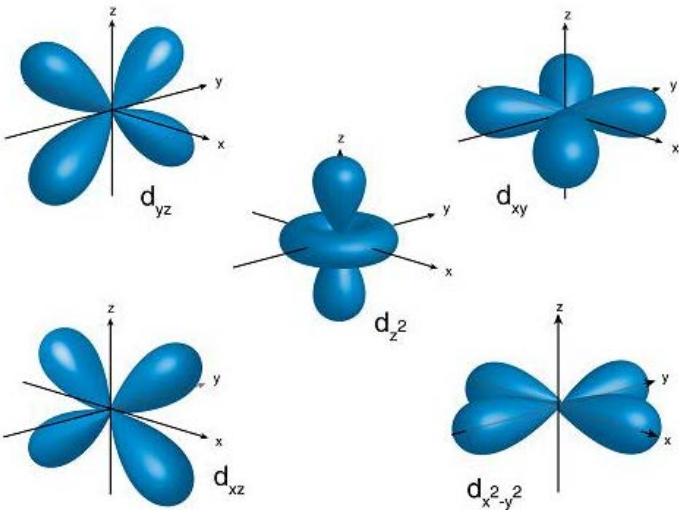
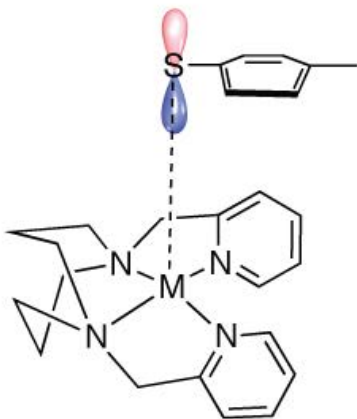
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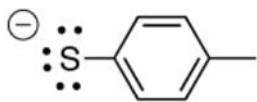


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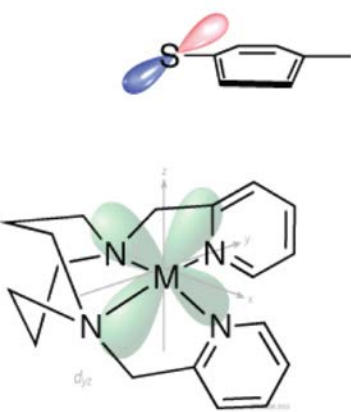


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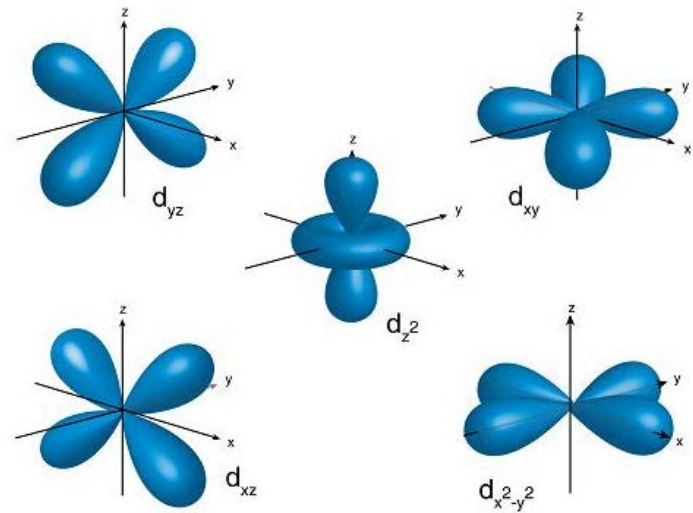
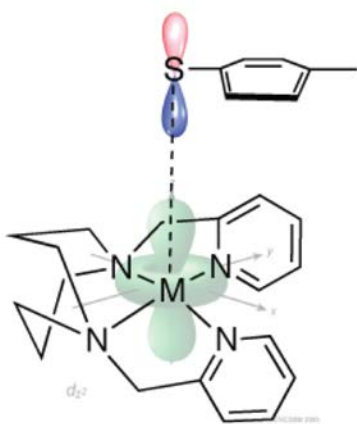
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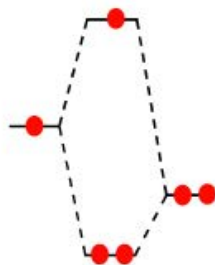
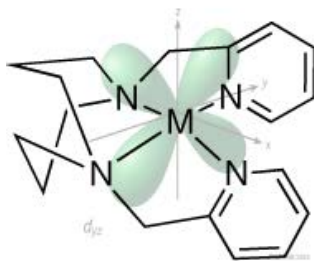


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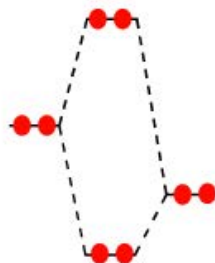
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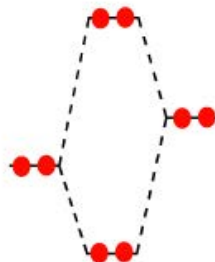
π_{ip} lone pair stabilized

→ partial e-transfer to the metal,
reduced nucleophilicity



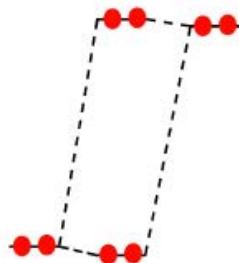
π_{ip} lone pair stabilized
(filled/filled interaction)

→ no e-transfer



π_{ip} lone pair destabilized
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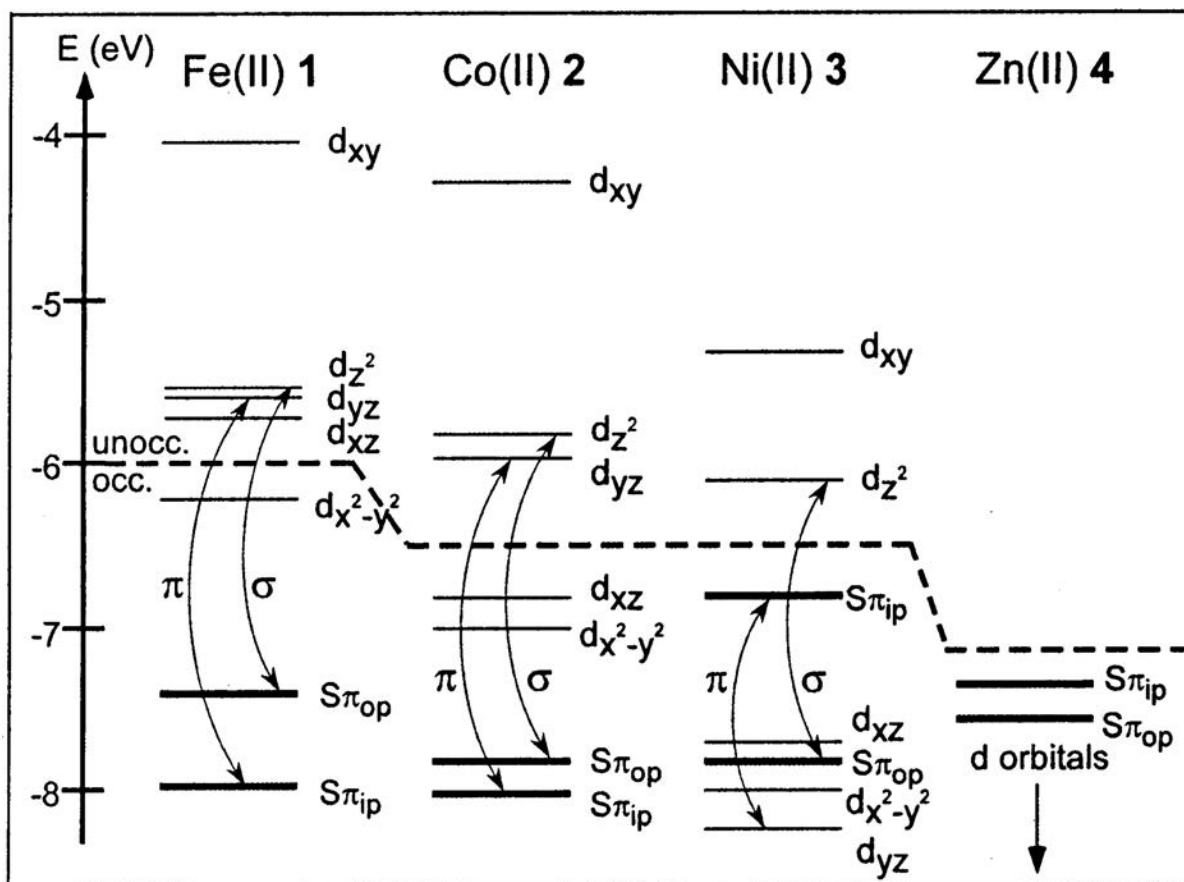
→ **increased nucleophilicity**



fully ionic bonding character,
covalency is lost

→ **increased nucleophilicity**

DFT calculated molecular orbital energy-level diagrams



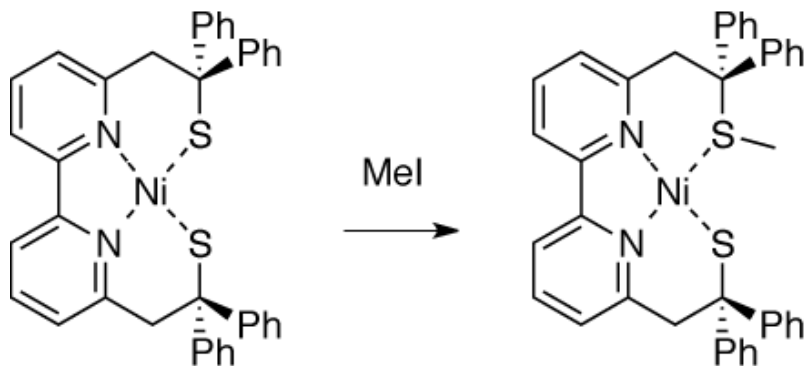
Three electronic effects influence the nucleophilicity of thiolate complexes of first row divalent transition metals

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37 Rb Rubidium 84.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium 98.907	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.906	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.71	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.904	54 Xe Xenon 131.29

- **d-orbitals decrease in energy relative to the thiolate MOs**
(contraction due to increasing effective nuclear charge)
 - **filled/filled or filled/half filled interactions** modulate ligand based HOMO
 - **Spin densities** play no role in this system
- **Zn (II) is ideal for alkylation reactions:**
- A) forms nucleophilic thiolate complexes
 - B) low affinity for the neutral thioether product (product inhibition)

Comparison between Ni (II) and Zn (II)

- Much fewer proteins depend on Ni (II) than on Zn (II)
- Ni (II) is highly toxic

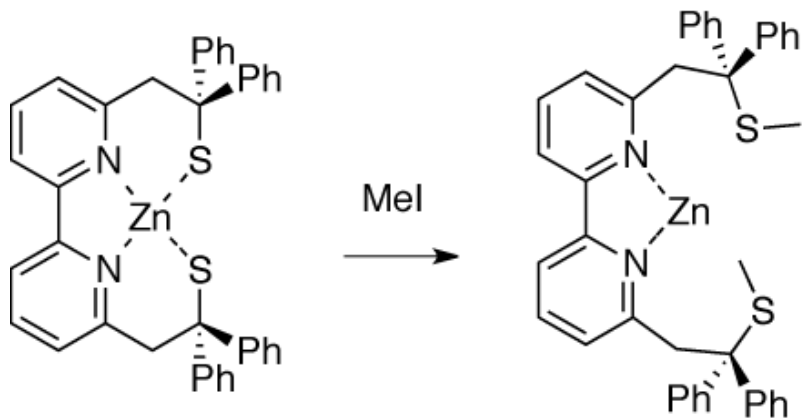


Chloroform, 28°C

$$k_{1,\text{Ni}} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{2,\text{Ni}} \ll k_{1,\text{Ni}}$$

→ reduced nucleophilicity, steric hindrance



$$k_{1,\text{Zn}} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{2,\text{Zn}} > k_{1,\text{Zn}}$$

Calculated bond strengths: $\text{Ni} - \text{S}_{\text{thiolate}} \geq \text{Ni} - \text{S}_{\text{thioether}} \geq \text{Zn} - \text{S}_{\text{thiolate}} \gg \text{Zn} - \text{S}_{\text{thioether}}$

$\text{Ni} - \text{S}_{\text{thiolate}}$ and $\text{Ni} - \text{S}_{\text{thioether}}$ are covalent; $\text{Zn} - \text{S}_{\text{thiolate}}$ is ionic

DinB_2: a new class of zinc-dependent GSTs

2-His-1-carbox fac. triade

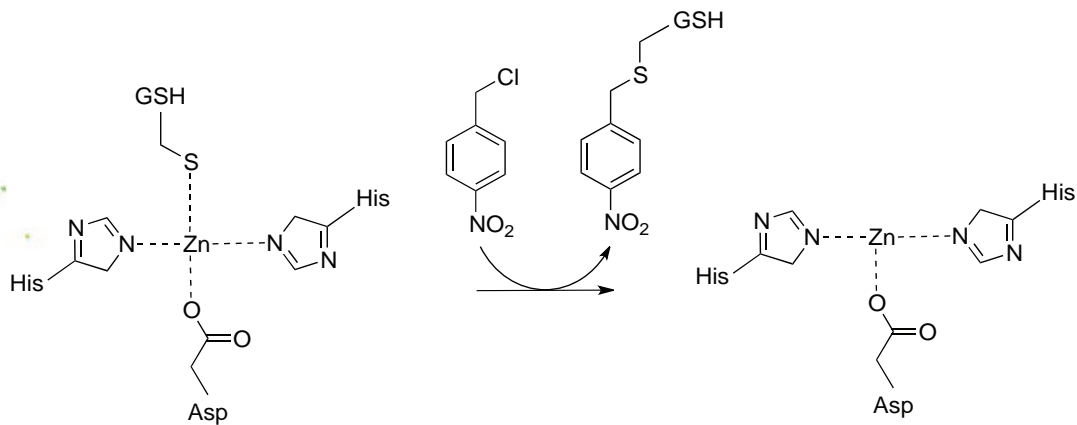
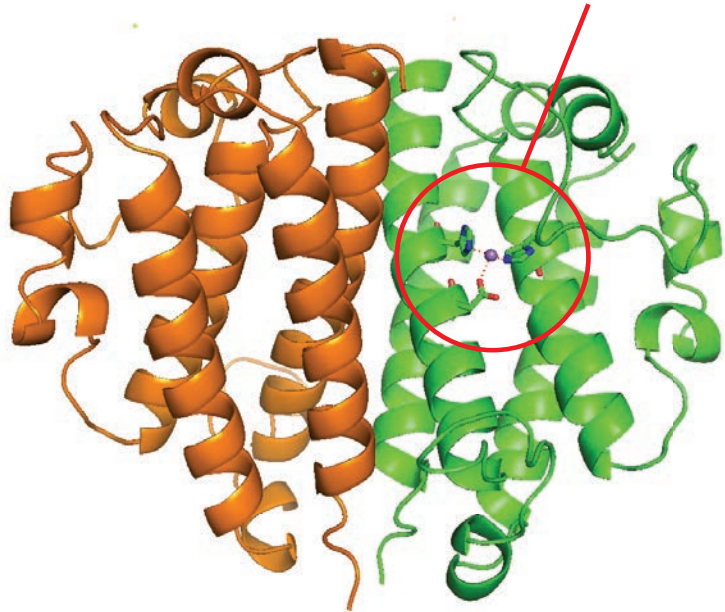
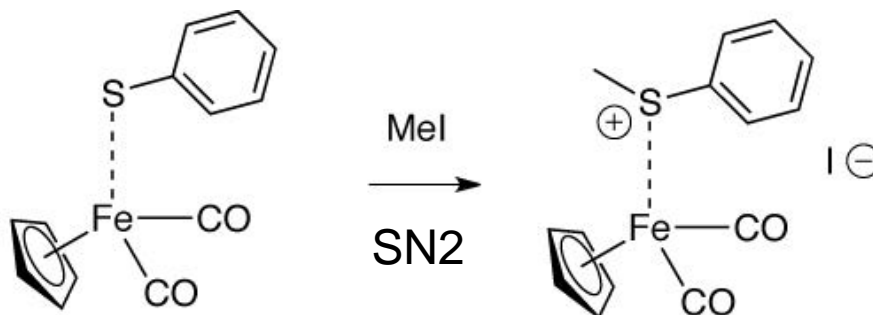


Table 1: Summary of the Michaelis-Menten parameters with different metals.

Metal	K_M [μM]	k_{cat} [min^{-1}]	k_{cat}/K_M [$min^{-1}M^{-1}$]	R-sq
Zn	1.6 ± 0.3	0.56 ± 0.01	350000	0.91
Co	26 ± 5	0.59 ± 0.03	23000	0.96
Mn	4.1 ± 1	0.25 ± 0.01	61000	0.91
Ni	6526 ± 1836	21.5 ± 6	3300	0.99
Fe	1480 ± 735	1.62 ± 0.3	1090	0.84

Destabilizing $d\pi - p\pi$ orbital interactions in iron (II)-thiolate complexes



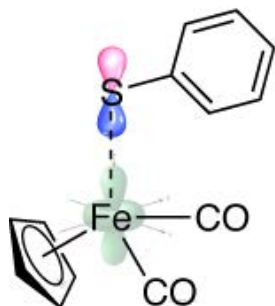
Acetone, 20°C

$$k_{\text{methyl}} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

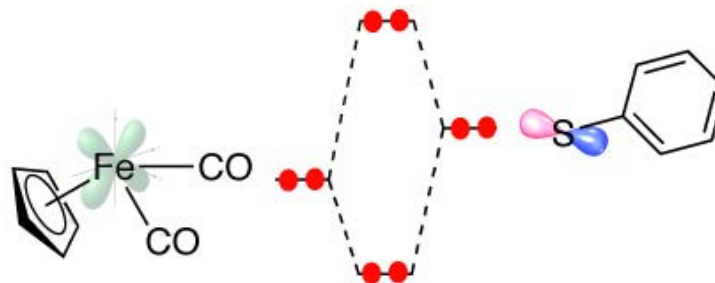
$$k_{\text{ethyl}} = 9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{isopropyl}} \ll k_{\text{ethyl}}$$

- pseudooctahedral d^6 complex
- CO: π -acceptor ligands, thiolate: π -donor ligand



d_{z^2} and 3_{p_z} form a σ -bond

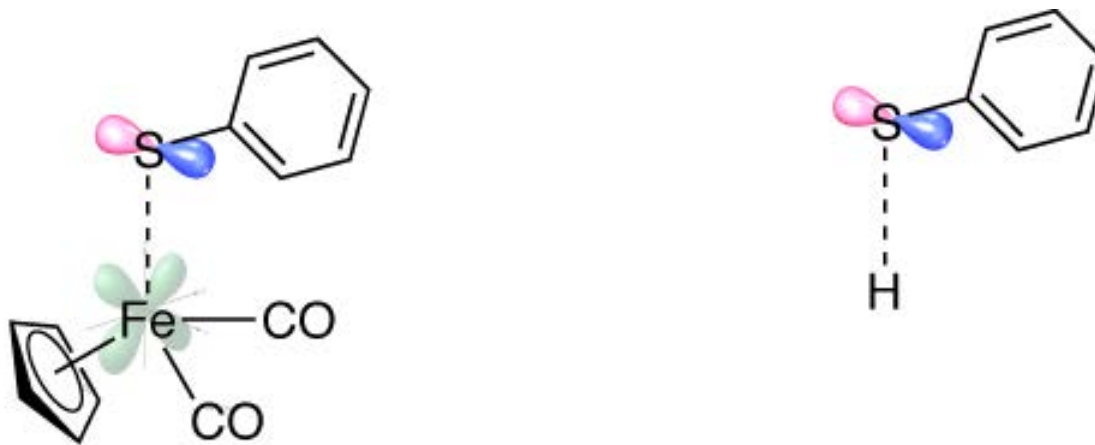


d_{z^2} and 3_{p_x} form a π - and π^* orbitals

→ π^* is the sulfur based HOMO

→ Homo is destabilized by 1.3 eV (23 kcal/mol)

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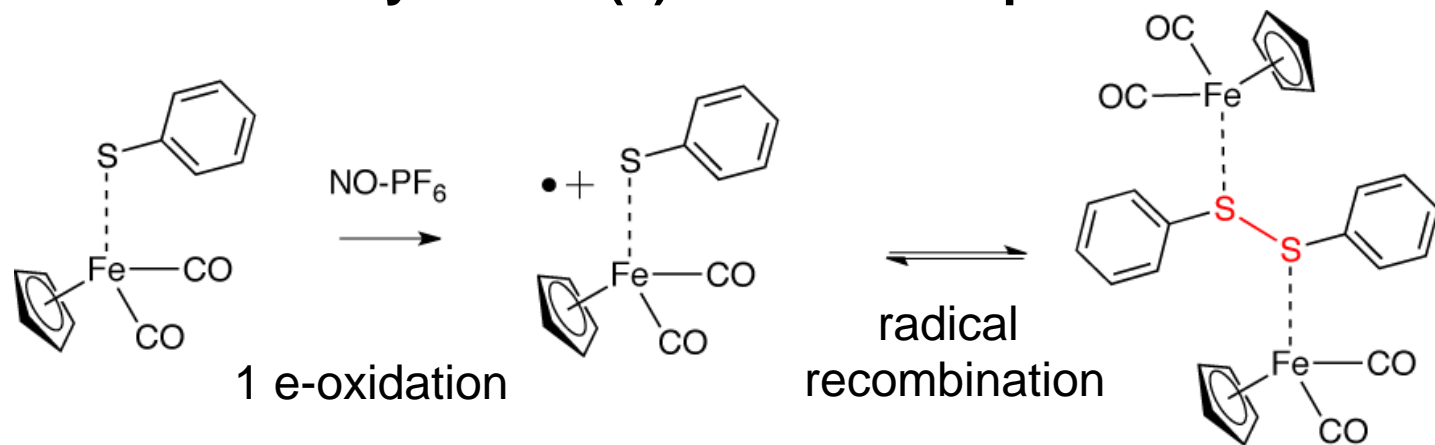


→ HOMO is destabilized by 1.3 eV (23 kcal/mol)

(gas phase photoelectron spectroscopy & computation)

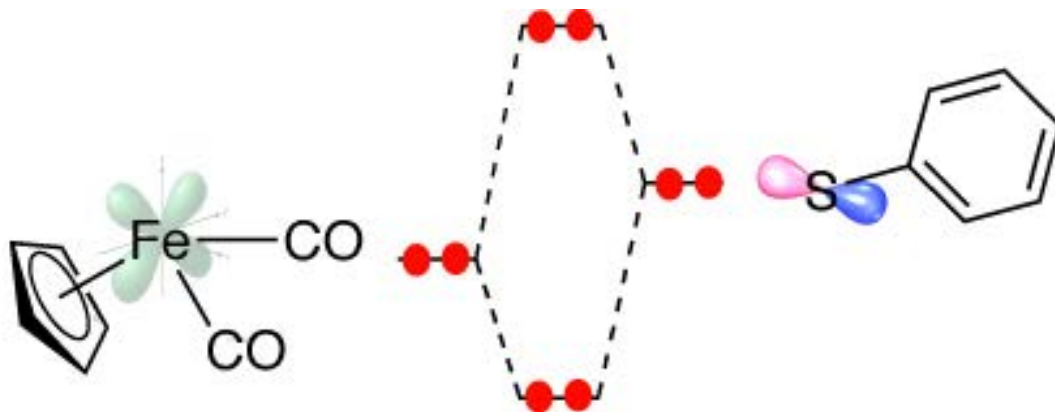
→ S-nucleophilicity is enhanced due to $d\pi - p\pi$ filled-filled interactions

Redox chemistry in iron (II)-thiolate complexes

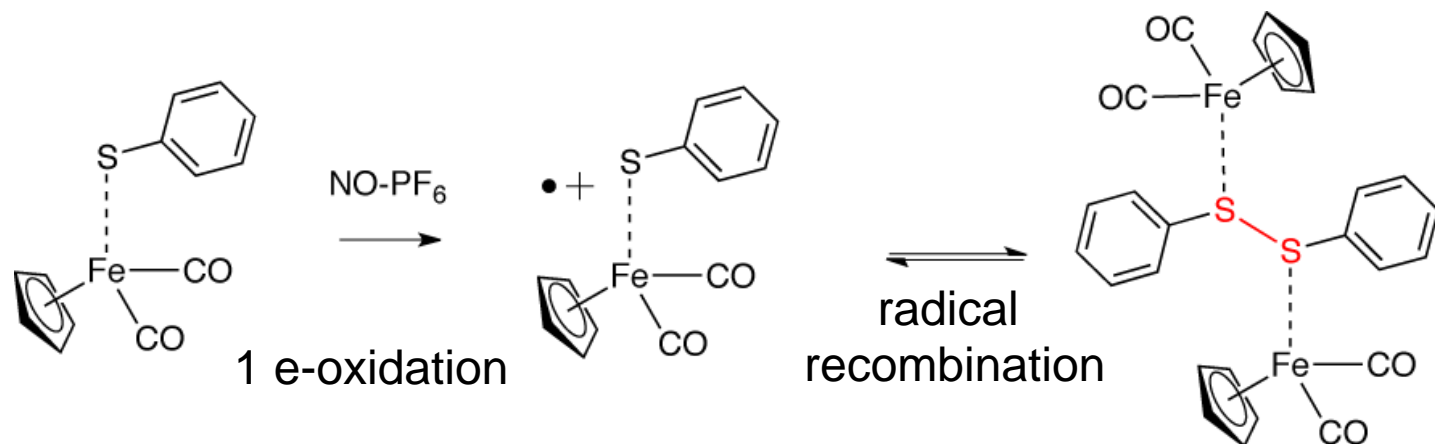


Phosphine ligands disfavor, isocyanide ligands favor disulfide bond formation

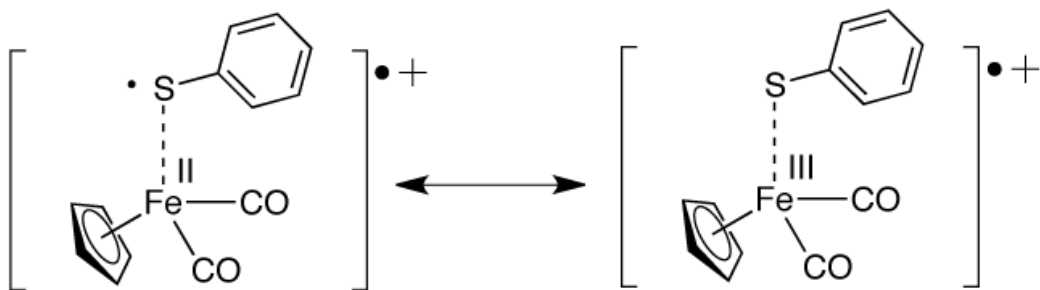
phosphines \uparrow
isocyanide \downarrow



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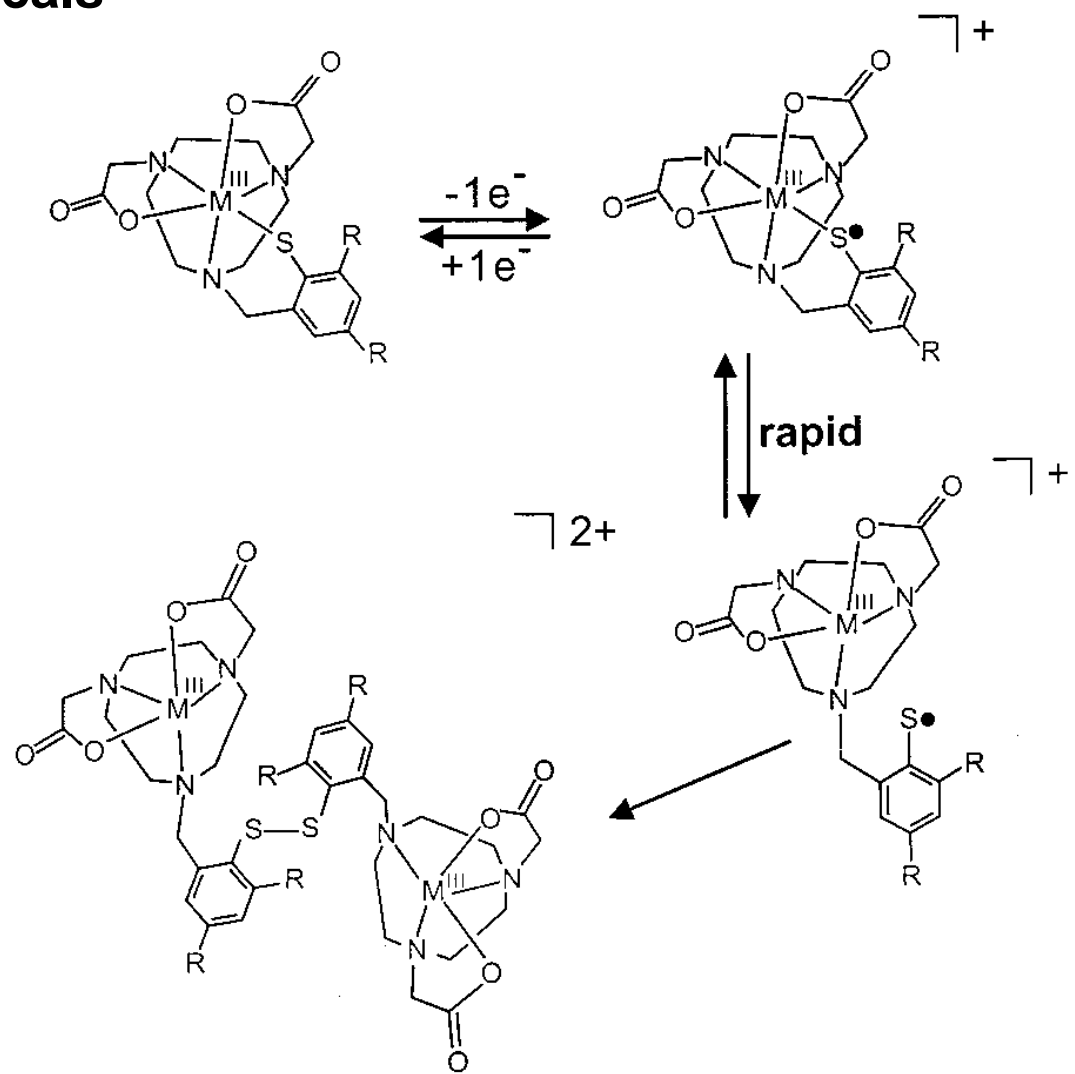


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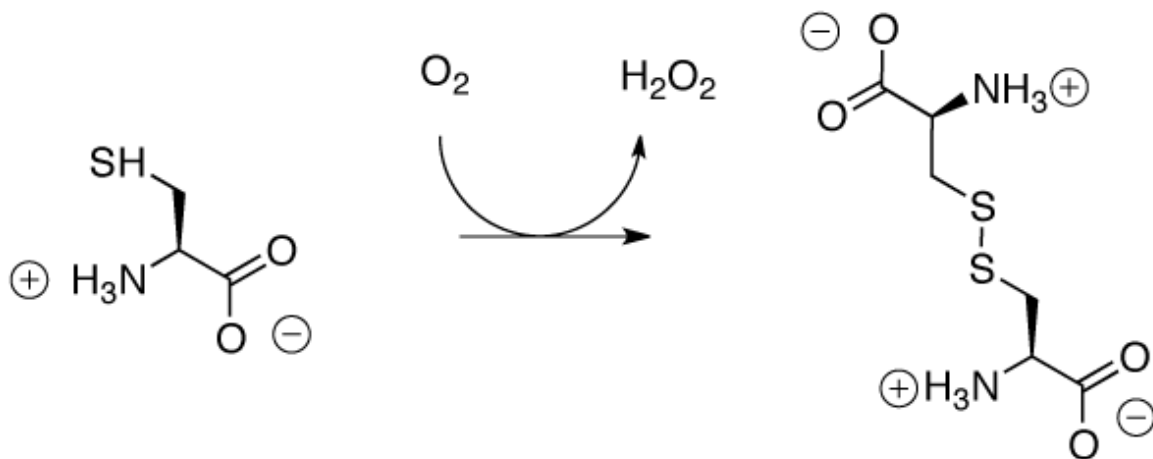
→ the SUMO (Singly Occupied Molecular Orbital) has predominantly S-character

One electron oxidation of iron (III)-SR complexes produce sulfur-based radicals



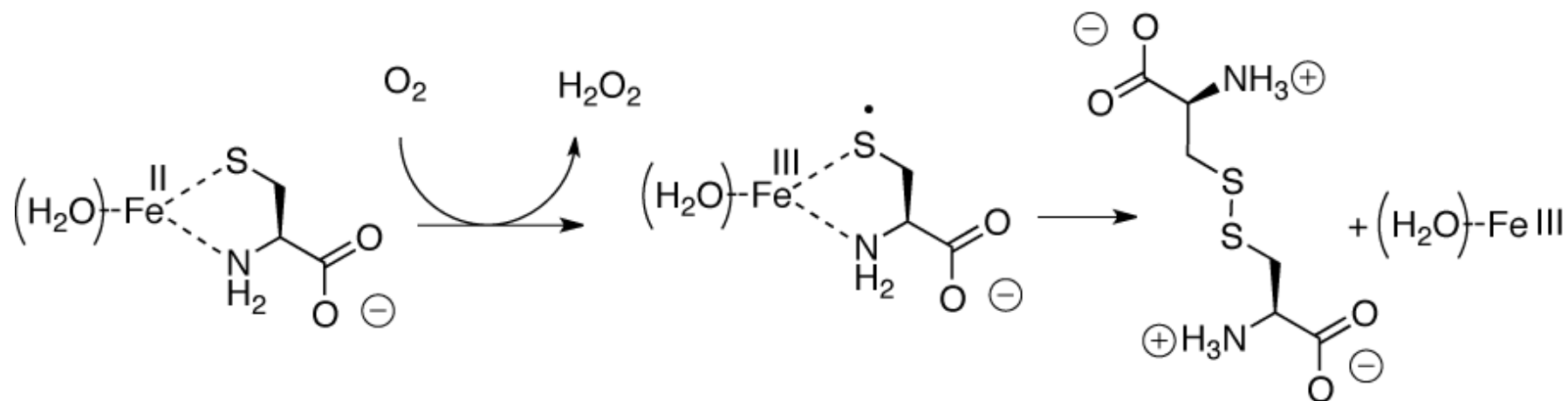
$[M^{III}L^2]$ $M=Ga, Fe, Co; R=H$

Autooxidation of cysteine in metal-free aqueous solutions

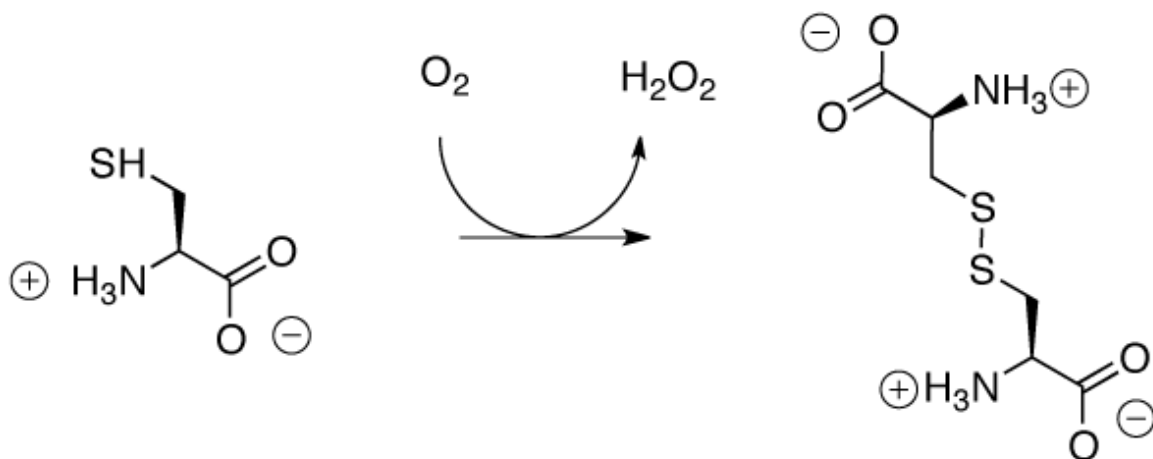


Metal-free oxidation of cysteine does not happen!

Autooxidation of cysteine in **metal-free** aqueous solutions

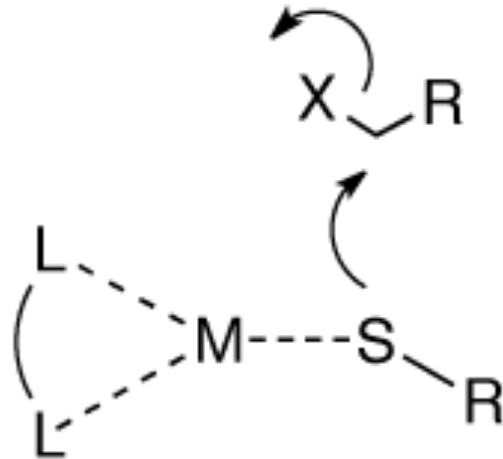


A possible mechanism for iron (II) catalyzed cysteine “autooxidation”



Metal-free oxidation of cysteine does not happen!

Review – Part II

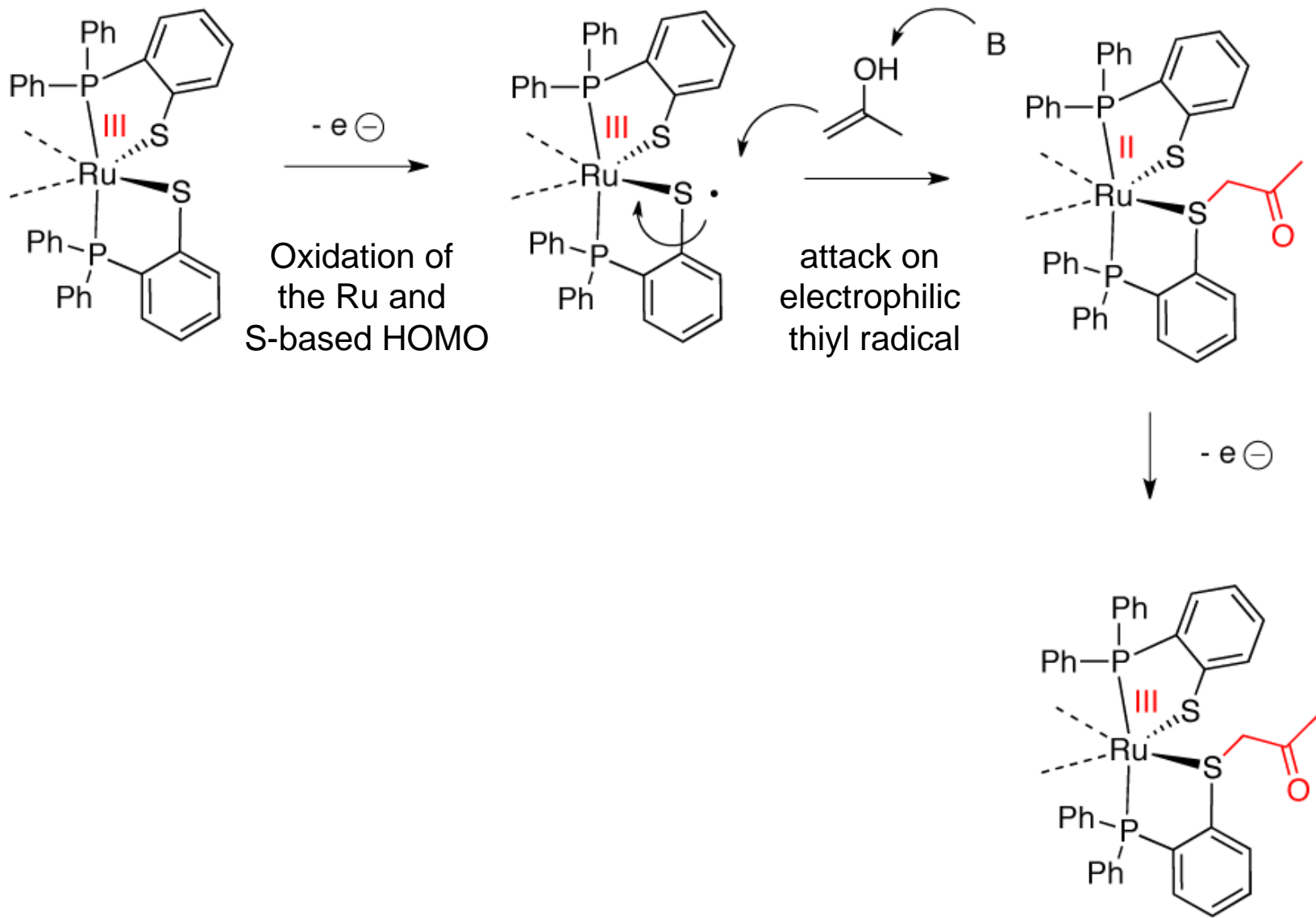


- metal enhanced S-nucleophilicity is not observed compared to sodium thiolates
- Zn (II)-SR bonds are highly ionic → activation through charge concentration
- Ni (II)-SR bonds are significantly covalent → activation through orbital interactions
- Fe (II)-SR complexes with strong p-acceptor ligands also destabilize the S-HOMO
- DinB_2 proteins present a new class of Zn-dependent GSTs
- Redox active metal centers may induce thiyl-radical chemistry

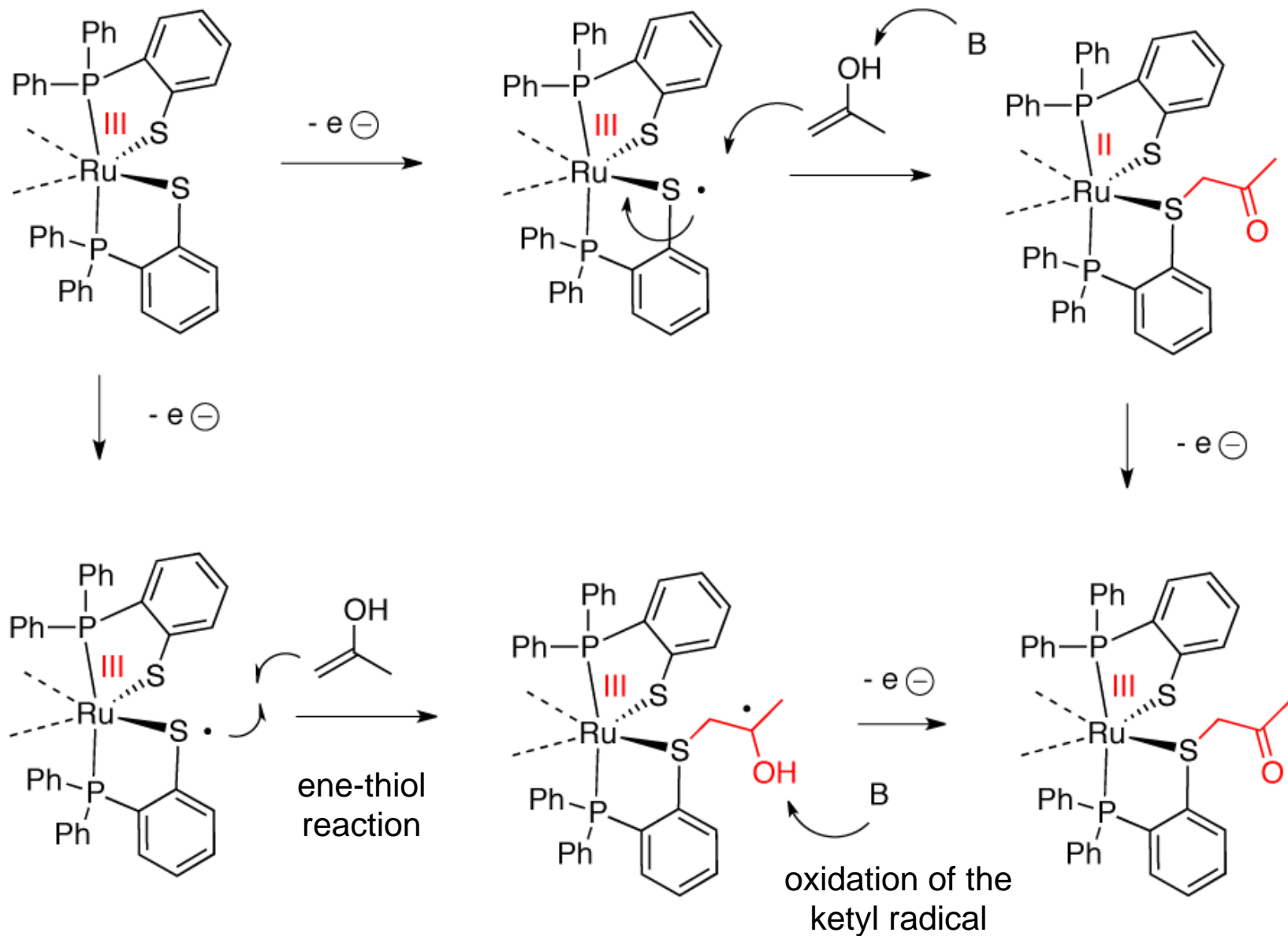
Part III: metal mediated radical C-S bond formation

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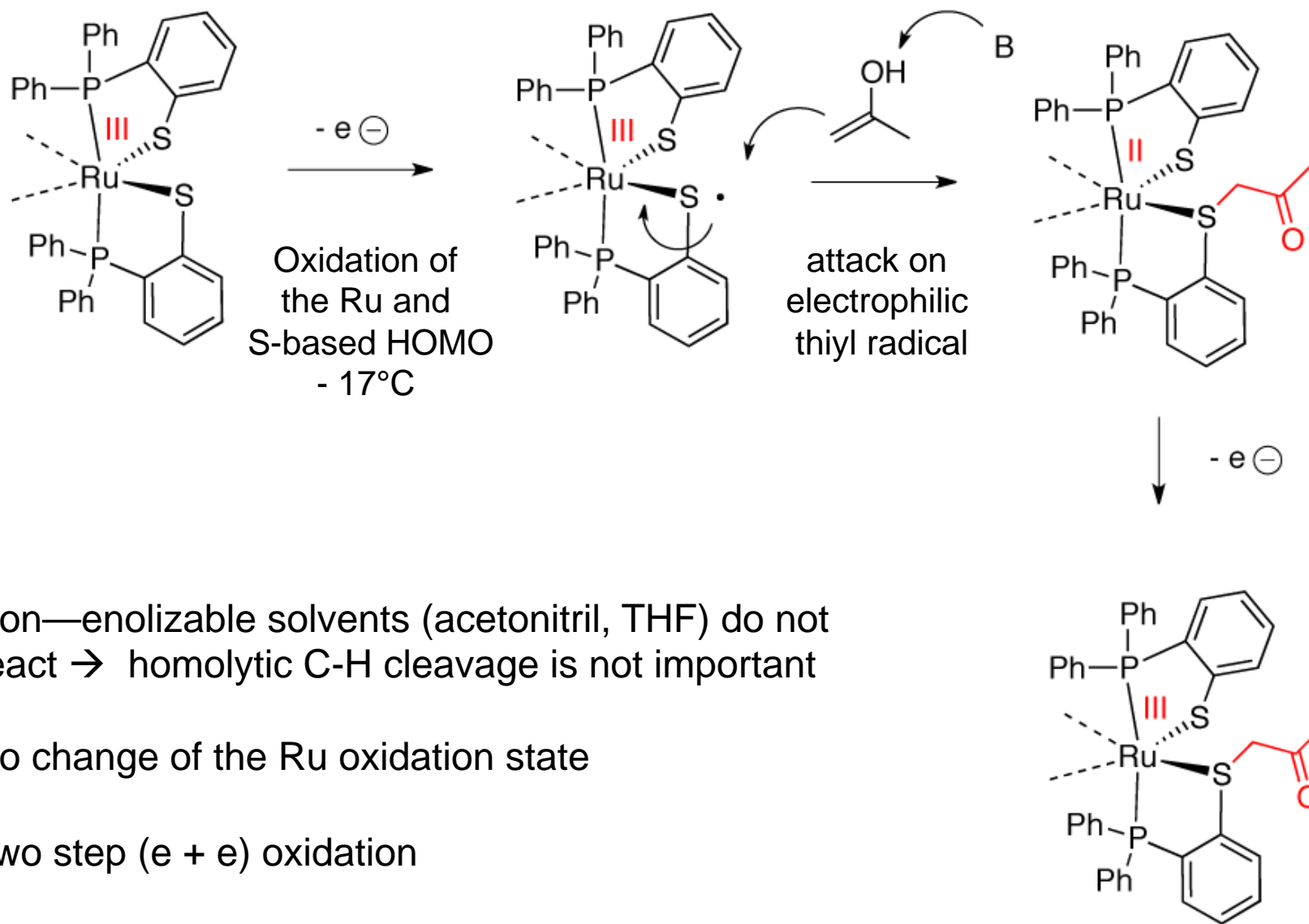
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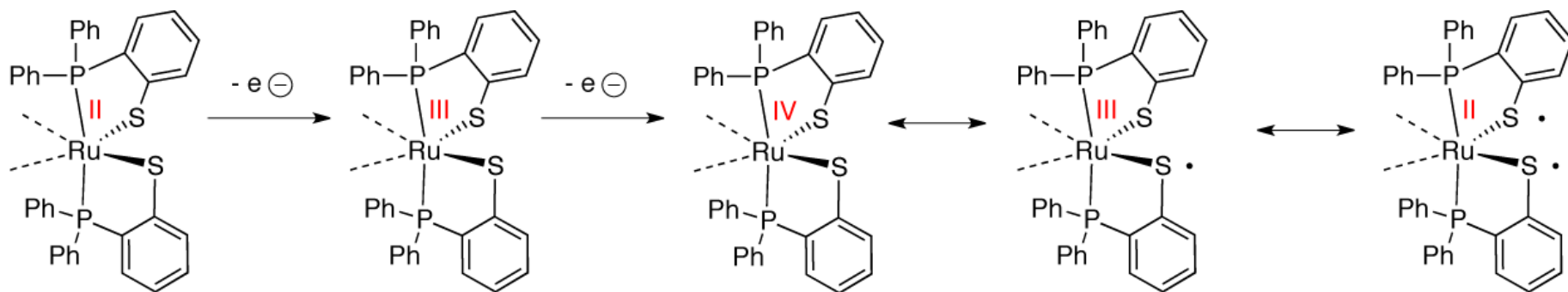


Non-enolizable solvents (acetonitril, THF) do not react \rightarrow homolytic C-H cleavage is not important

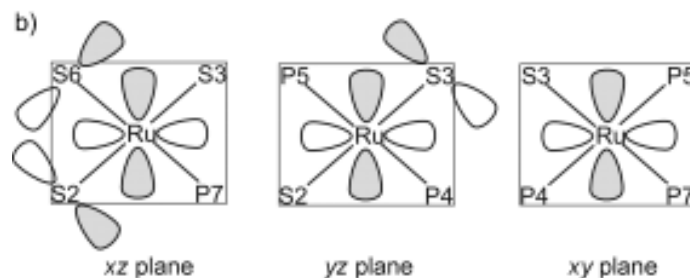
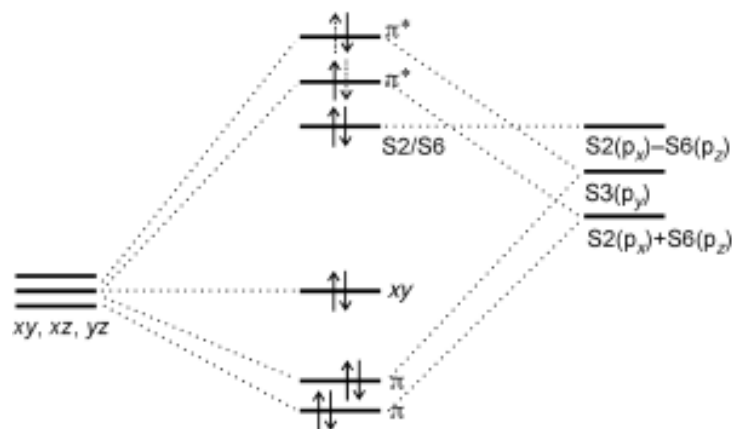
No change of the Ru oxidation state

Two step ($e^- + e^-$) oxidation

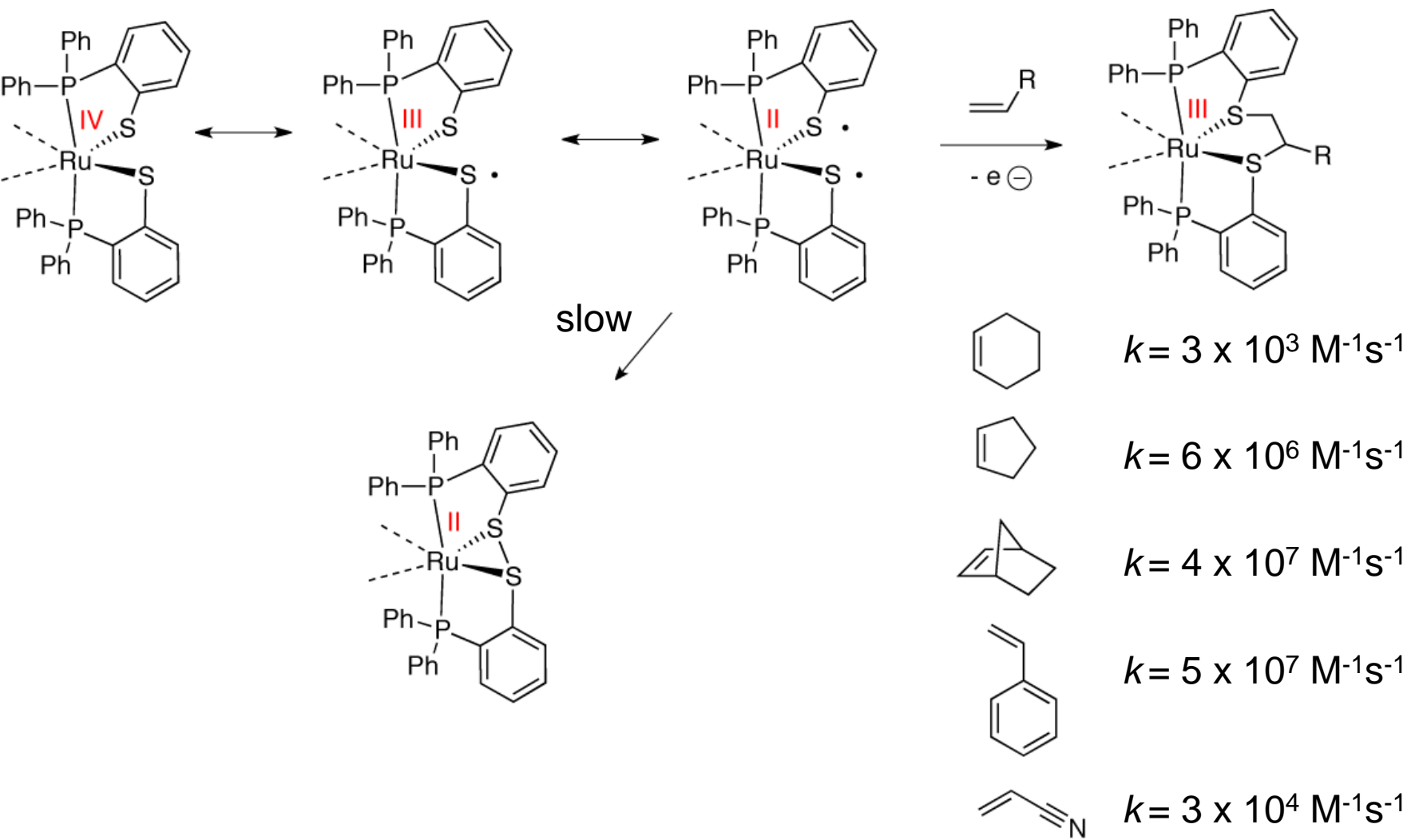
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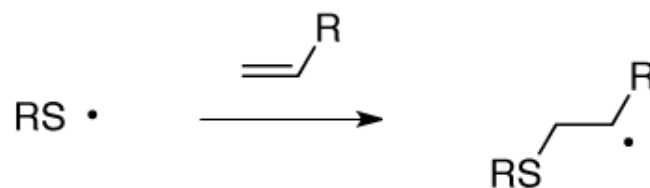
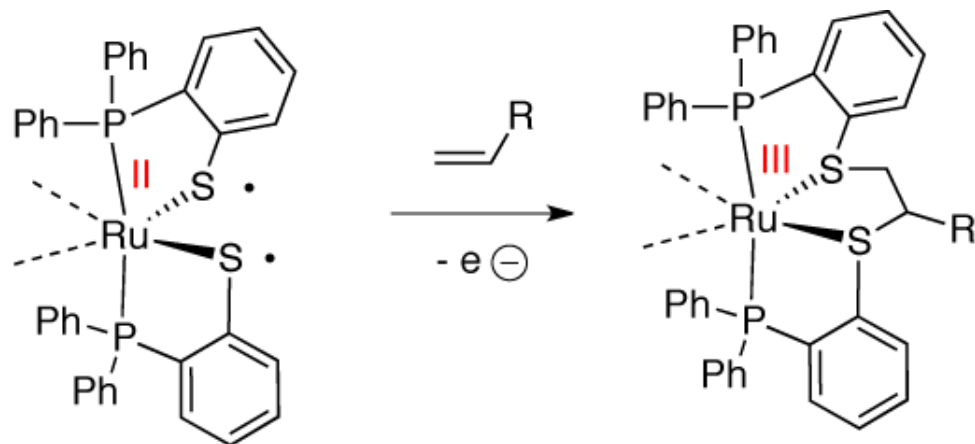
HOMO & HOMO-1 have π^* character with significant Ru and S character (DFT calculation)



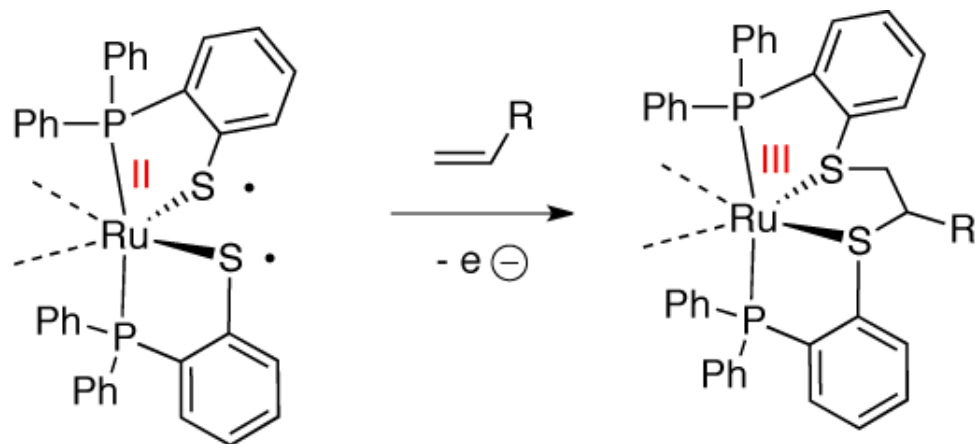
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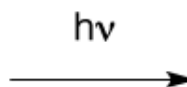


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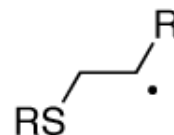
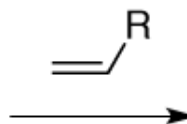
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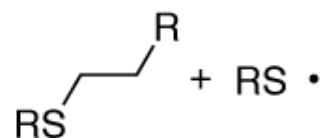
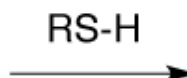
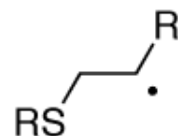
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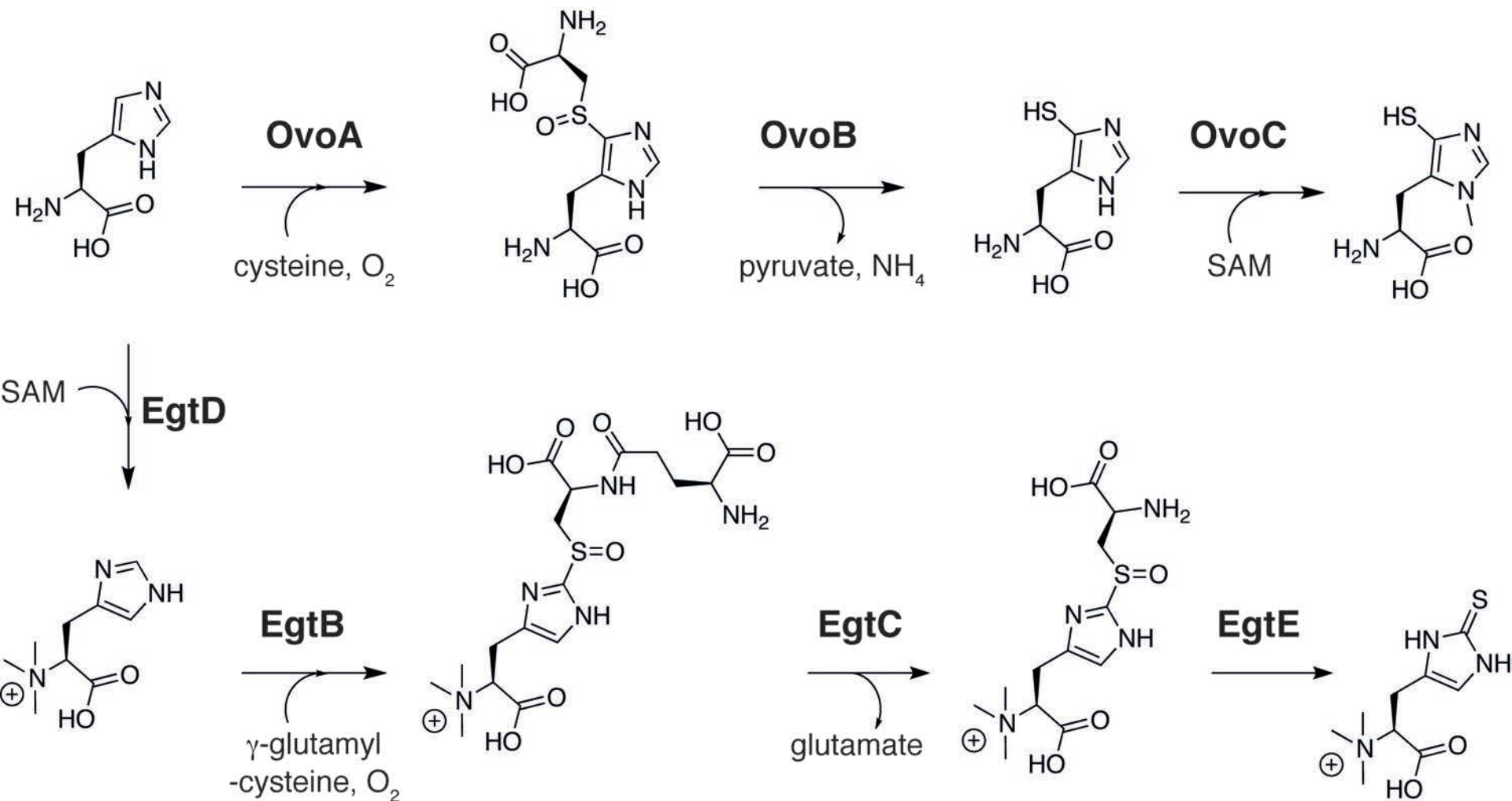
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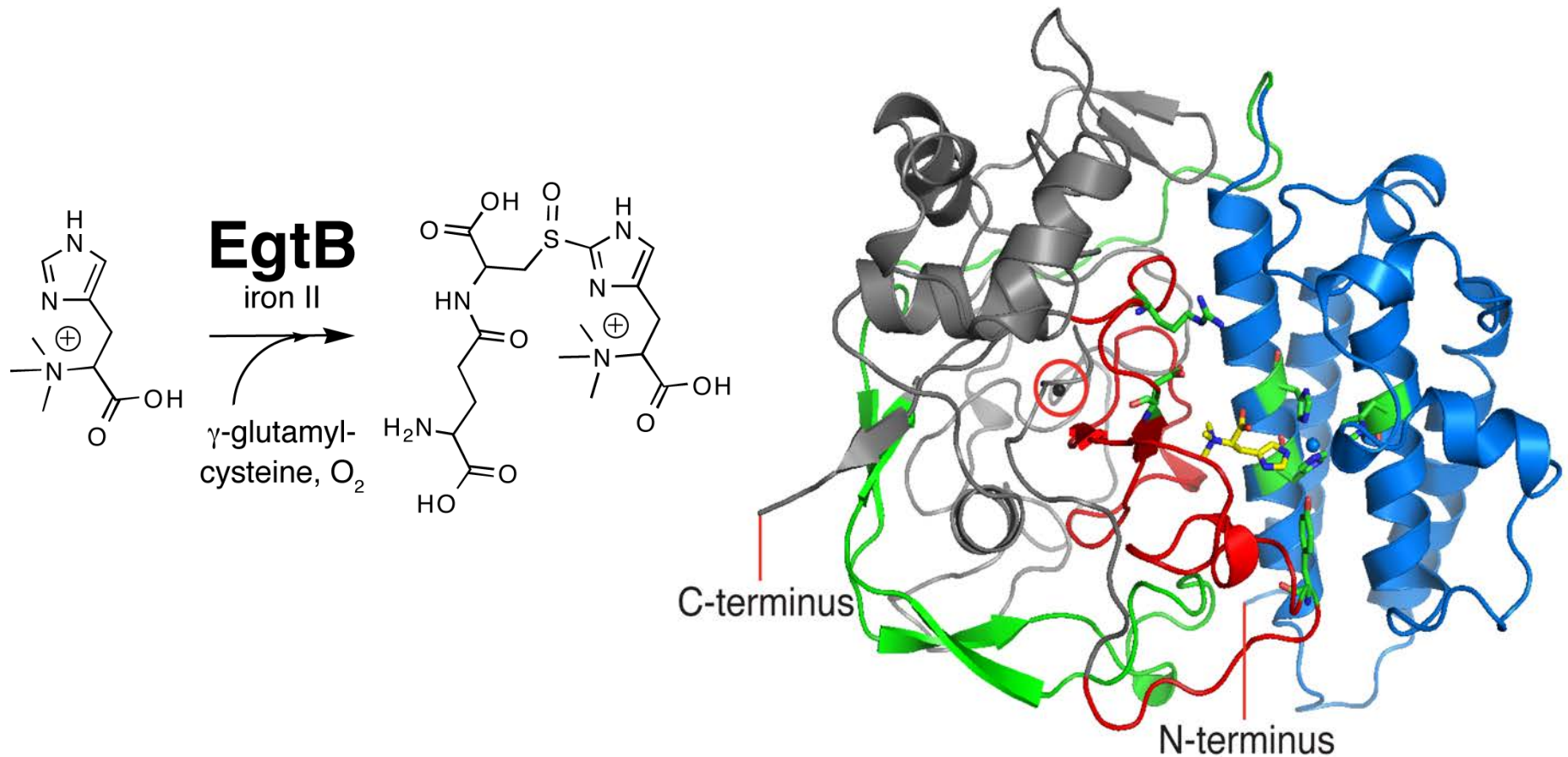
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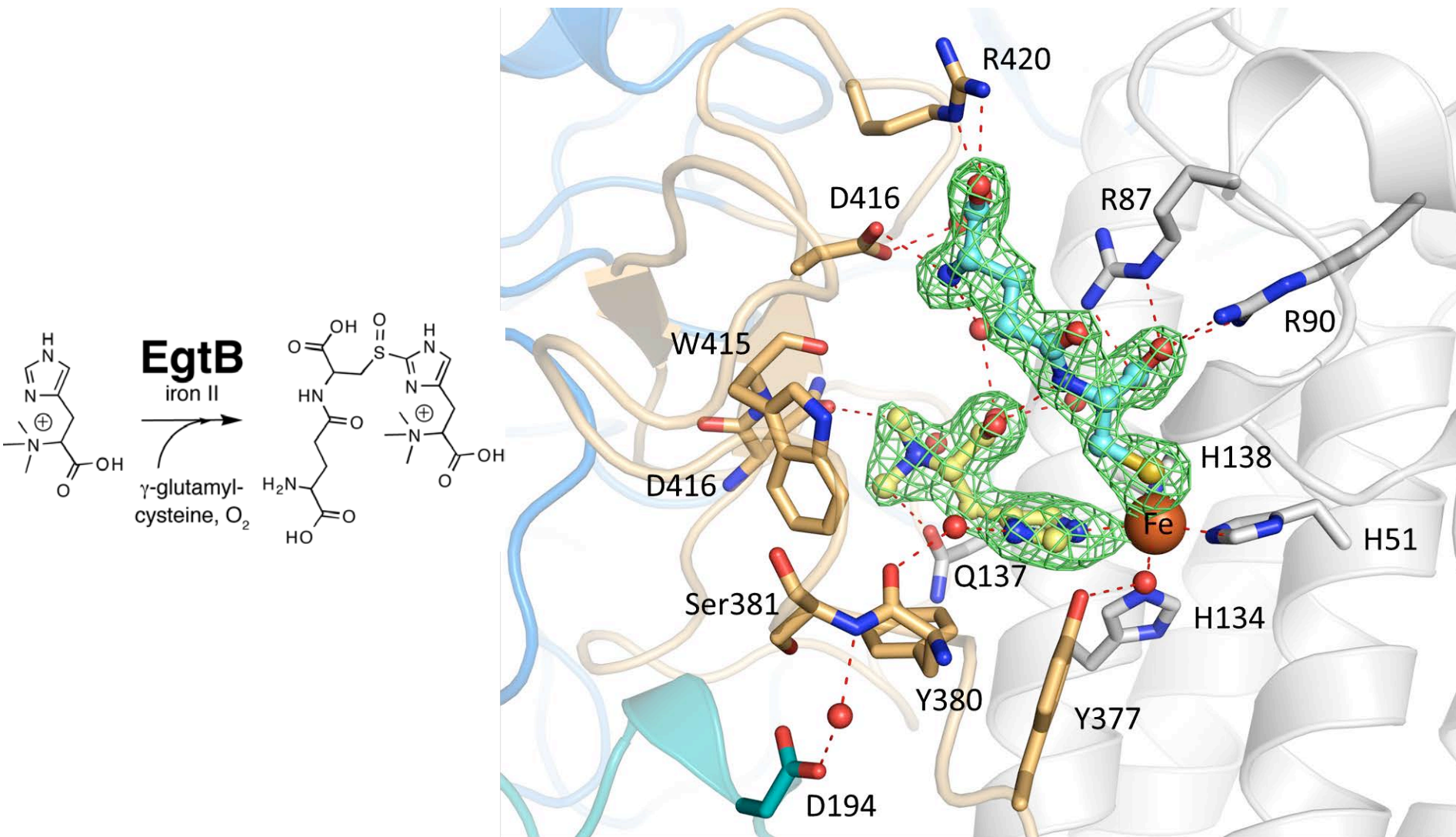
Biosynthesis of thiohistidines



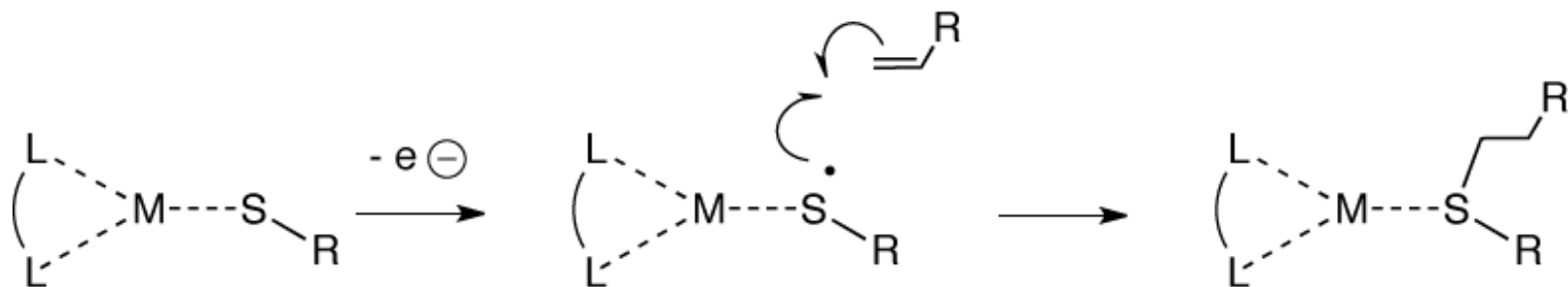
The sulfoxide synthase EgtB



EgtB in complex with trimethylhistidine and iron

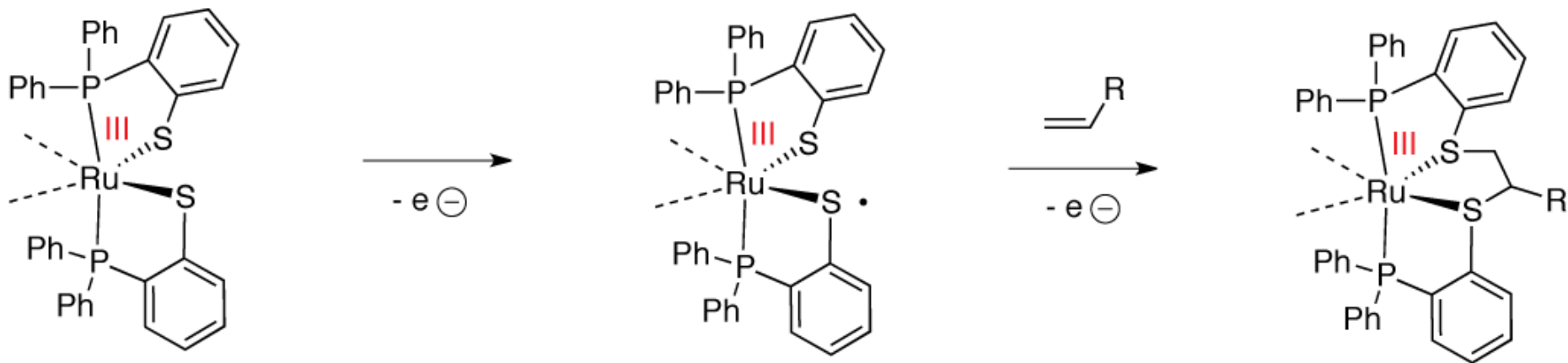


Model chemistry: oxidative sulfur transfer

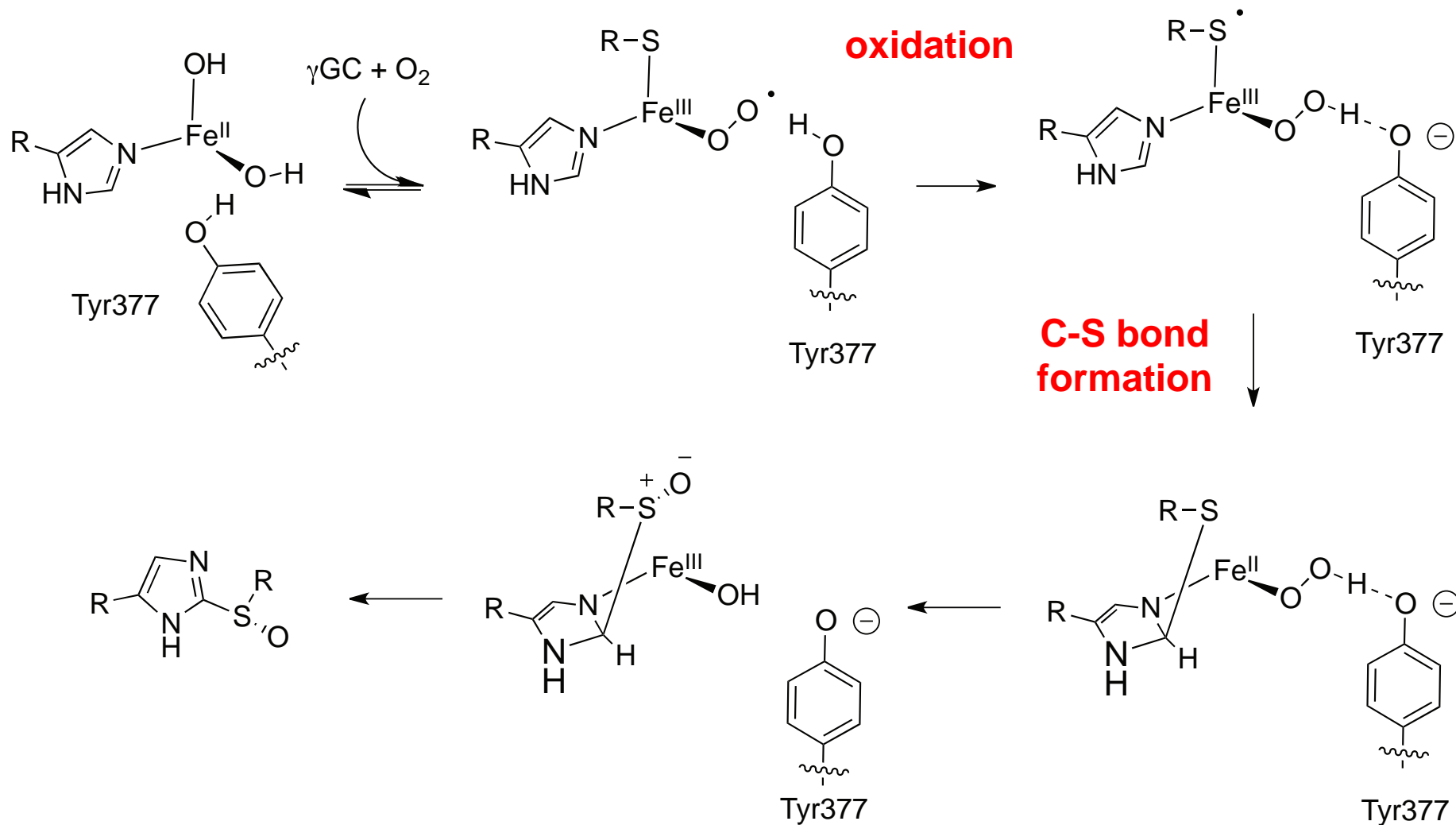


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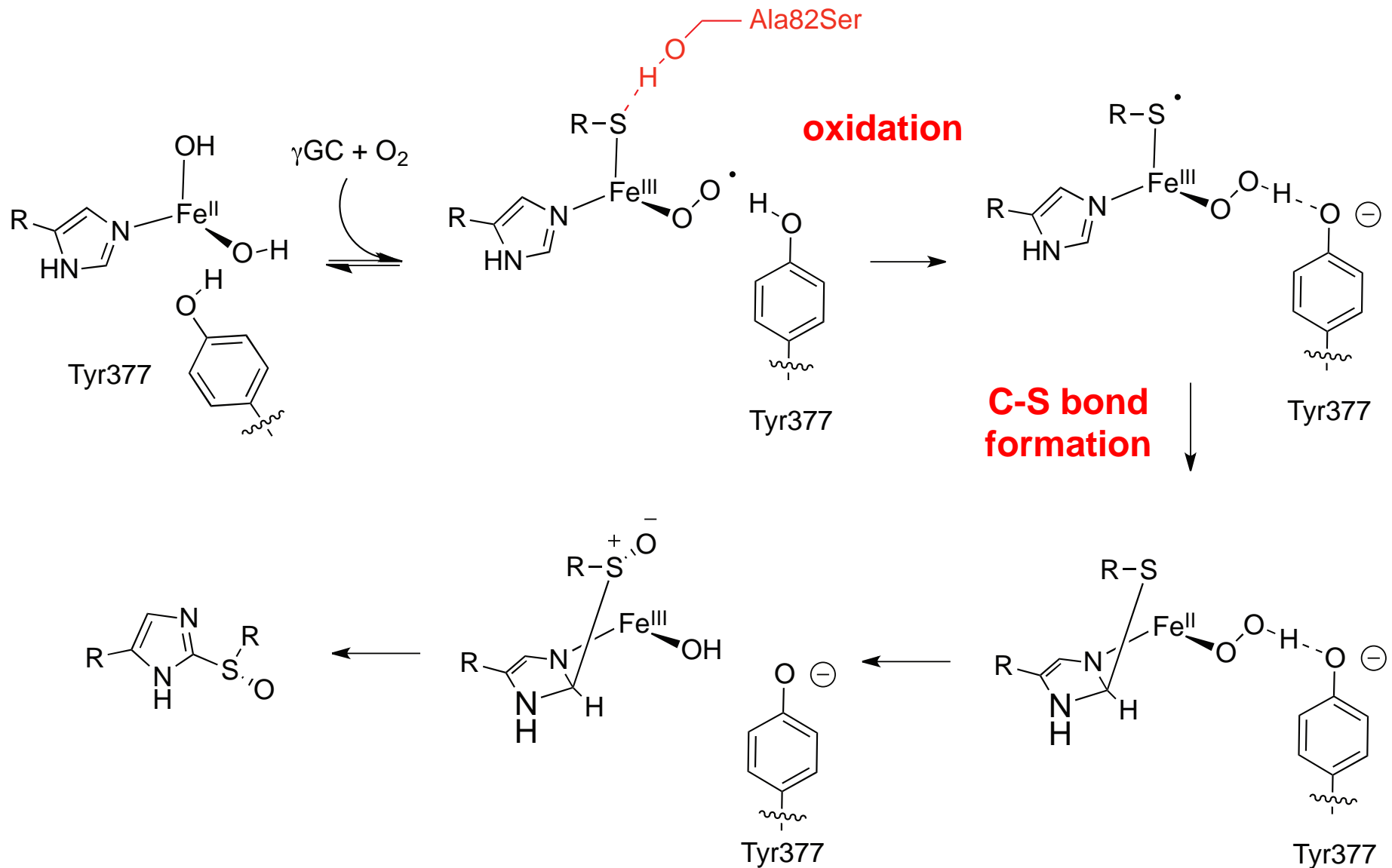
**C-S bond
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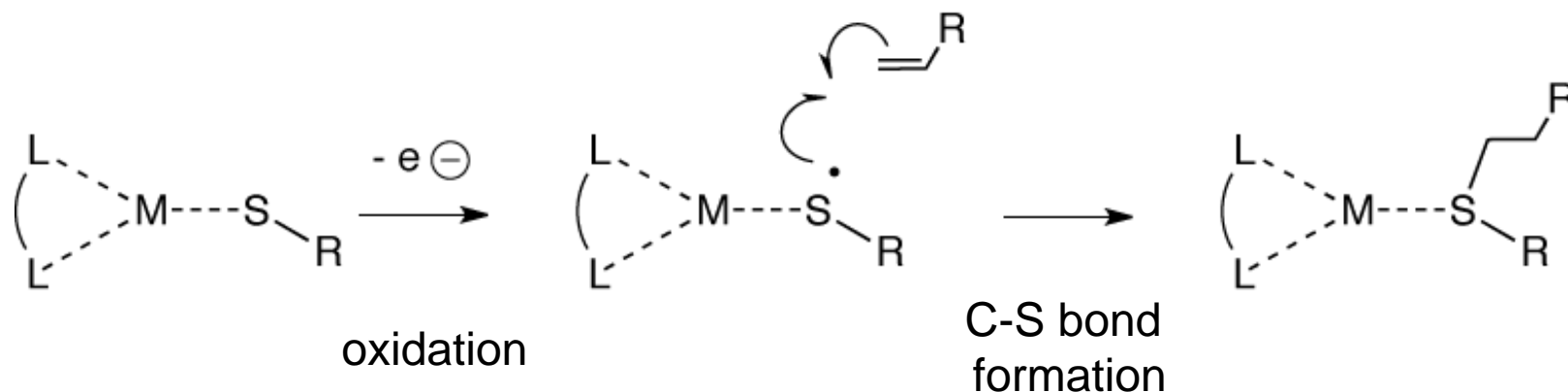
A possible mechanism for EgtB



Project 1: modulating the electron density on the substrate



Review – Part III



→ oxidative sulfur transfer

- Ru-based complexes generate stabilized thiyl radicals
- thiyl radicals can attack a broad range of alkenes
- prediction of reaction rates depends on several parameters
- mixing of charge transfer & triplet configuration are important

Questions ?

