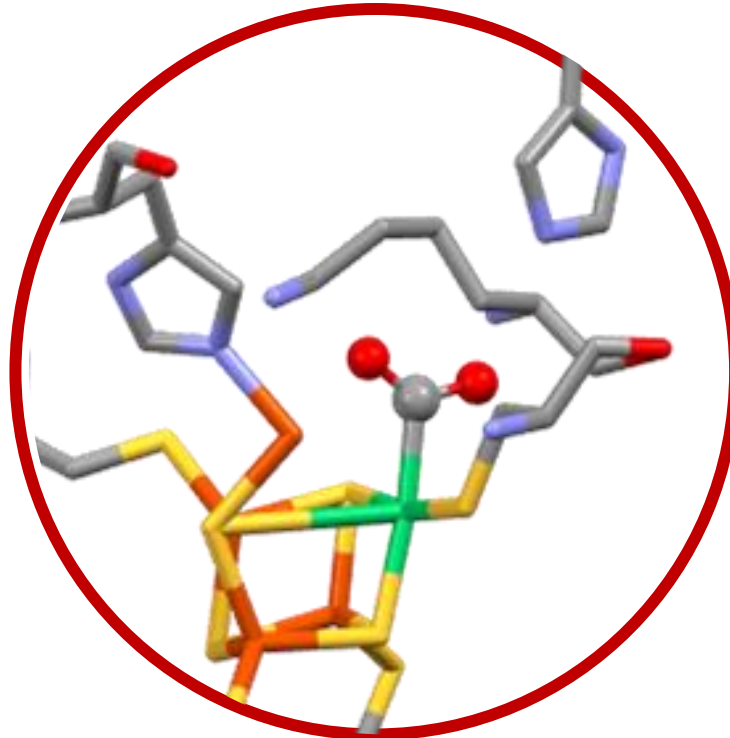


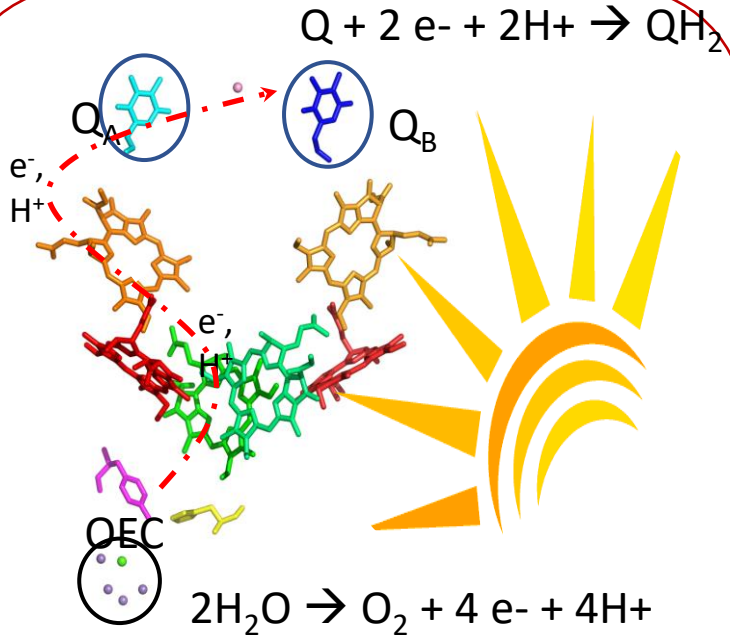
Catalyse bioinspirée pour l'électrocatalyse de la réduction du CO₂.

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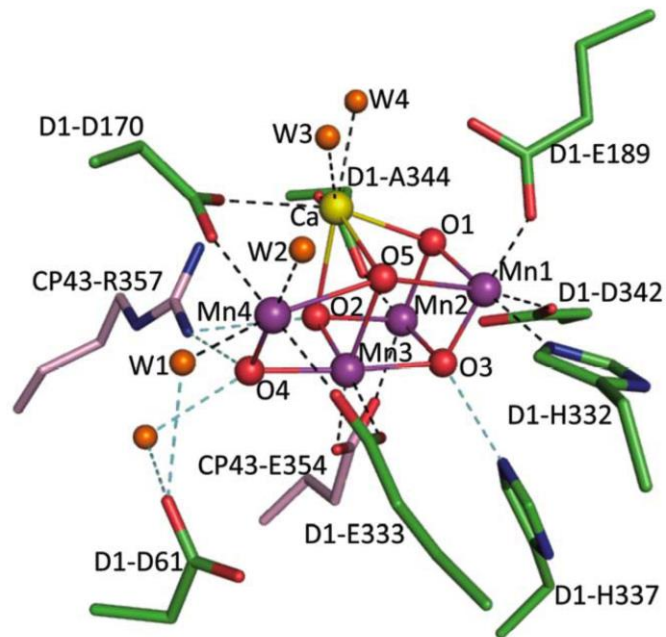
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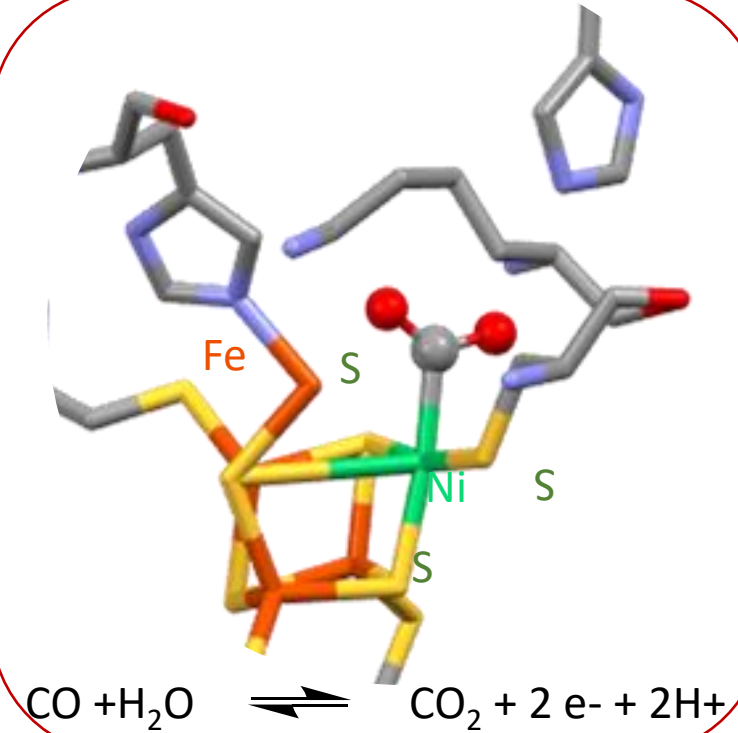
Nature's complexed machineries!



Map of co-factors of PSII

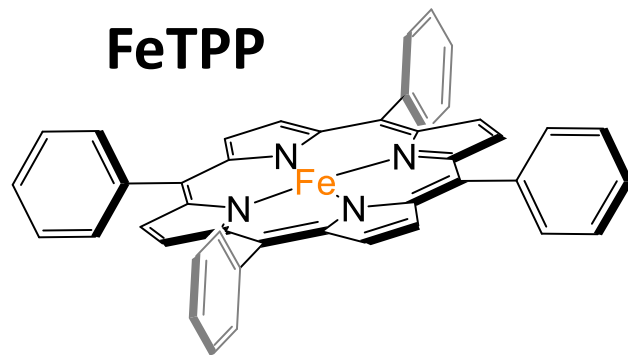
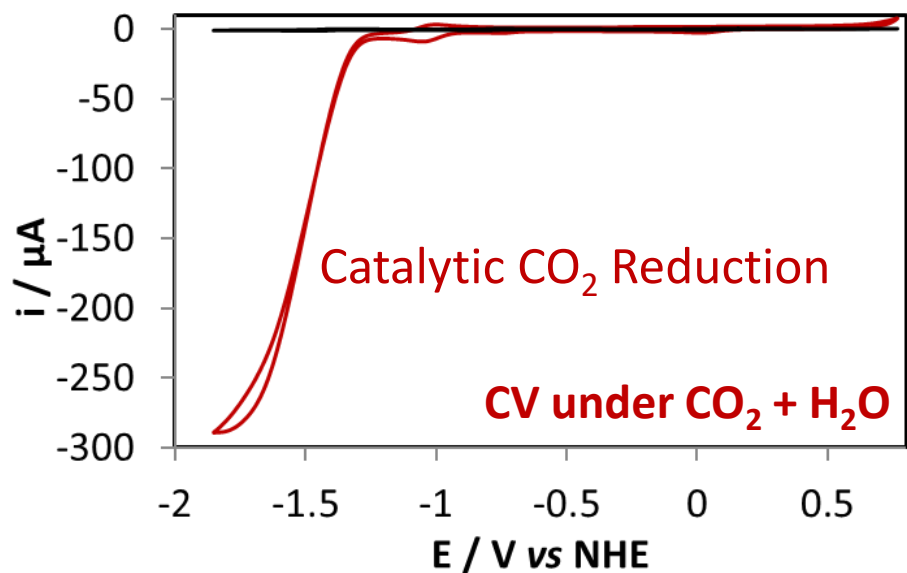
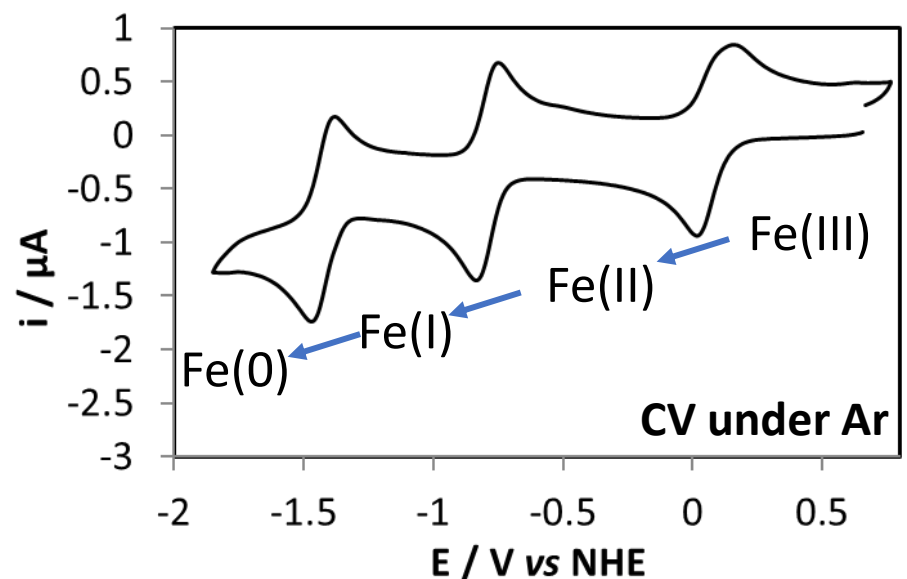


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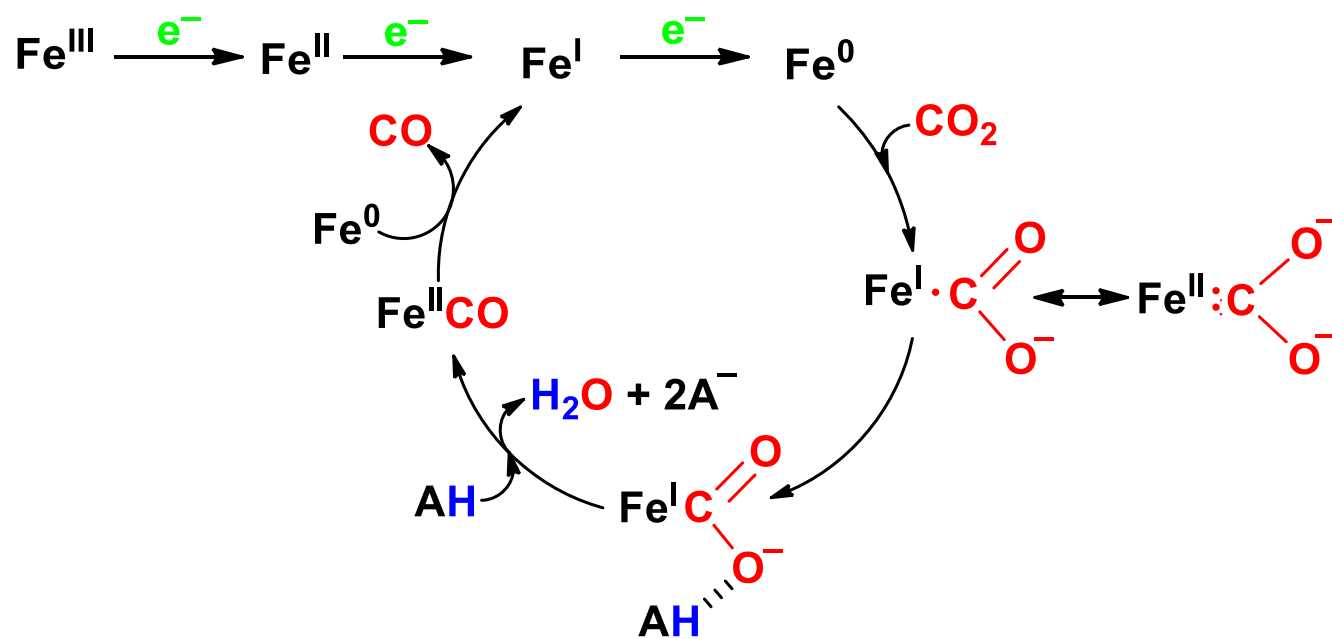
Iron porphyrin as catalysts



High Turnover Frequency
 $\text{TOF} = 10\,700\text{ s}^{-1}$

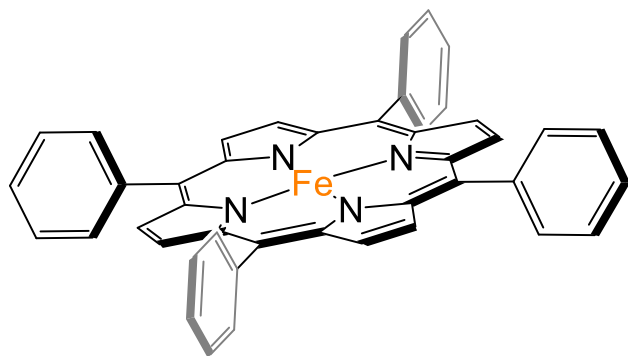


High Overpotential
 $\eta = 730\text{ mV}$

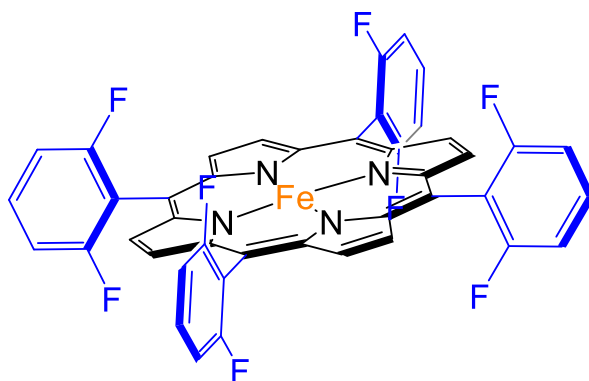


Manipulating the electrocatalytic activity of Iron porphyrin

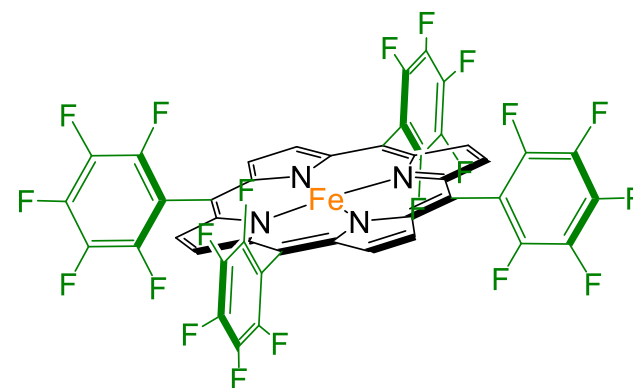
How can the overpotential be lowered?



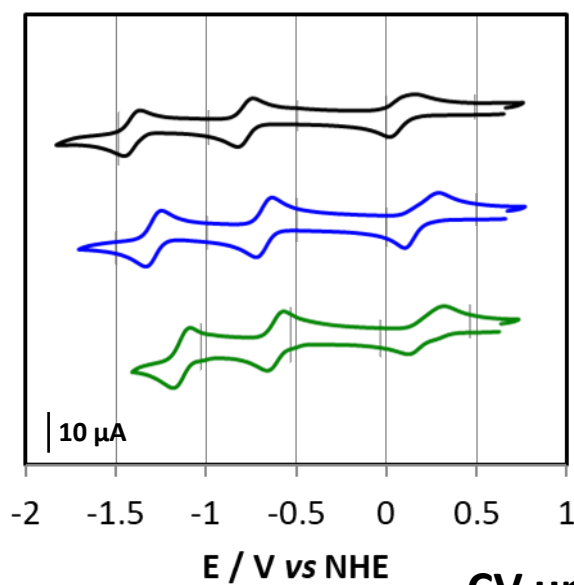
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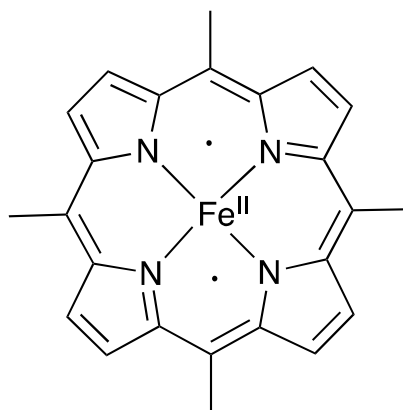
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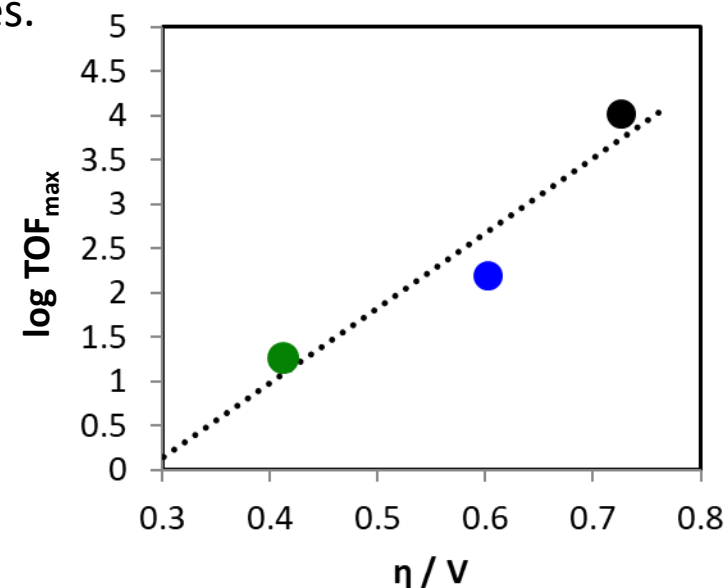
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Electrochemical performance of complexes.

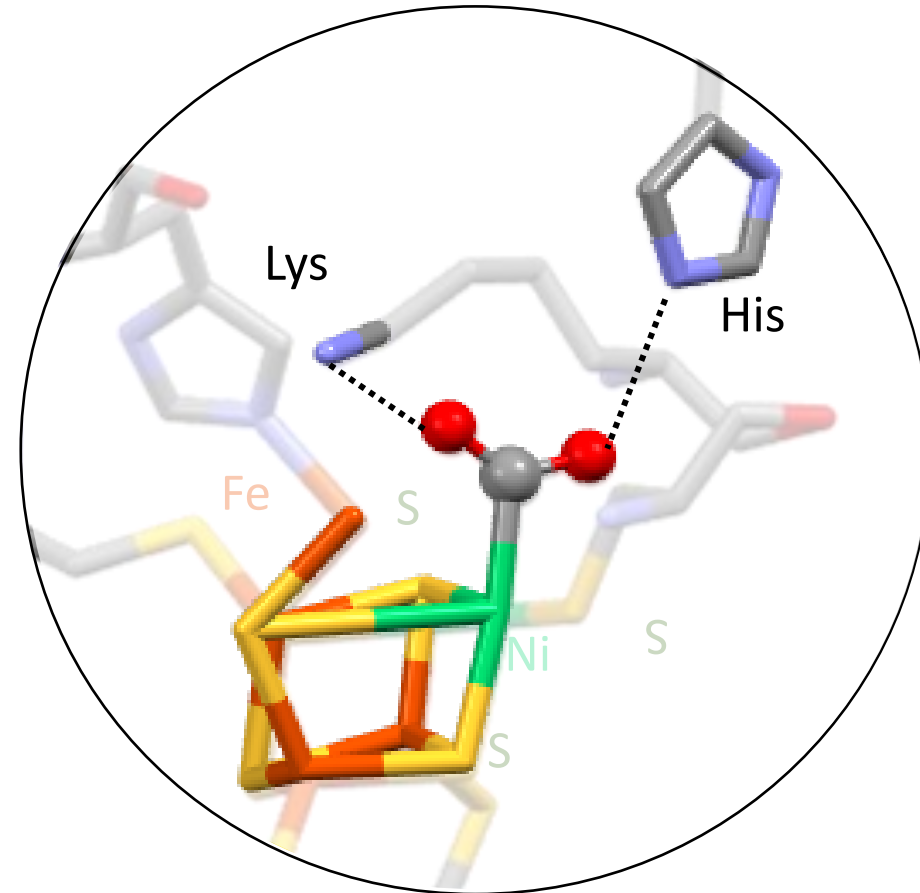


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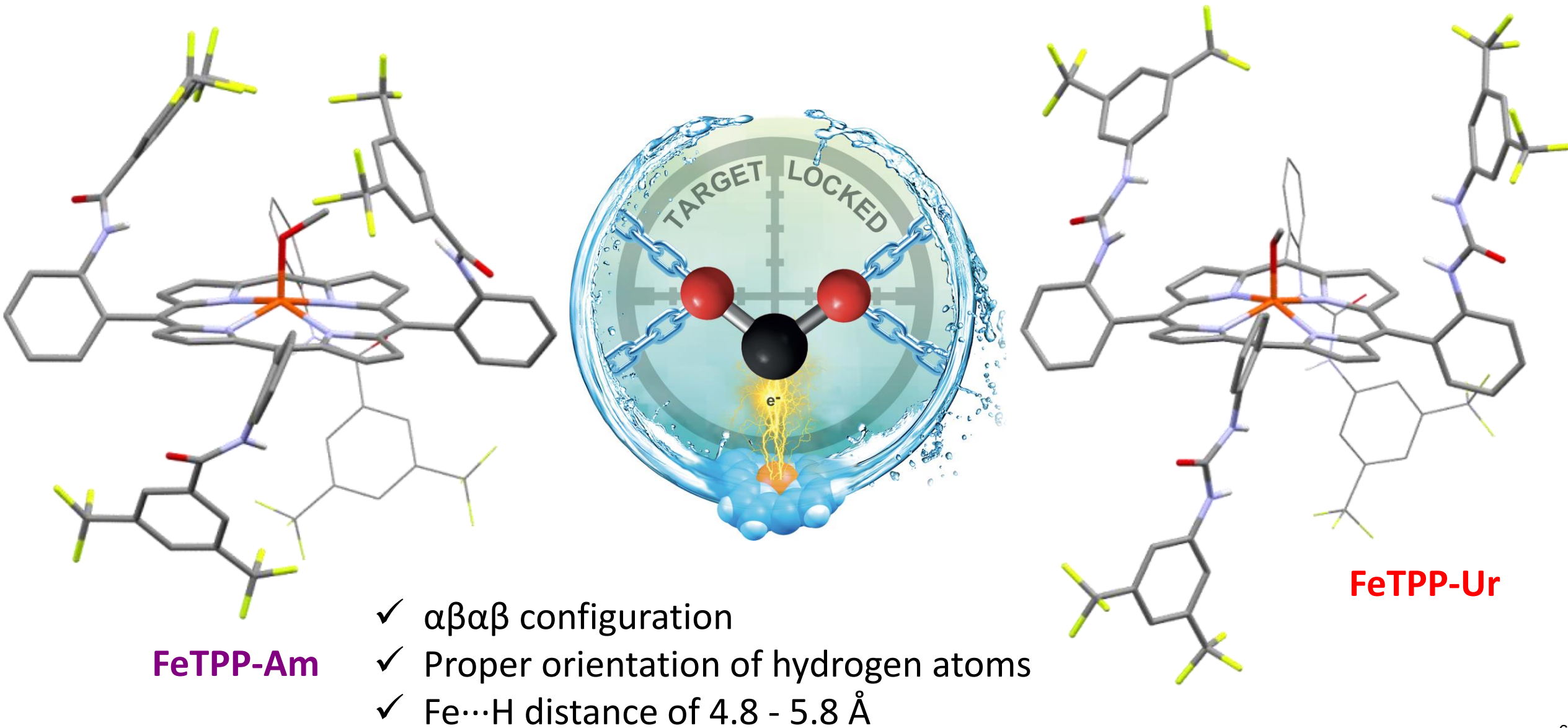


Leveraging Nature's Secrets

- Multi-hydrogen bonding scheme
- Bimetallic cooperativity
- Electrostatic interactions
- Proton relays
- Entatic states
- Structural dynamics

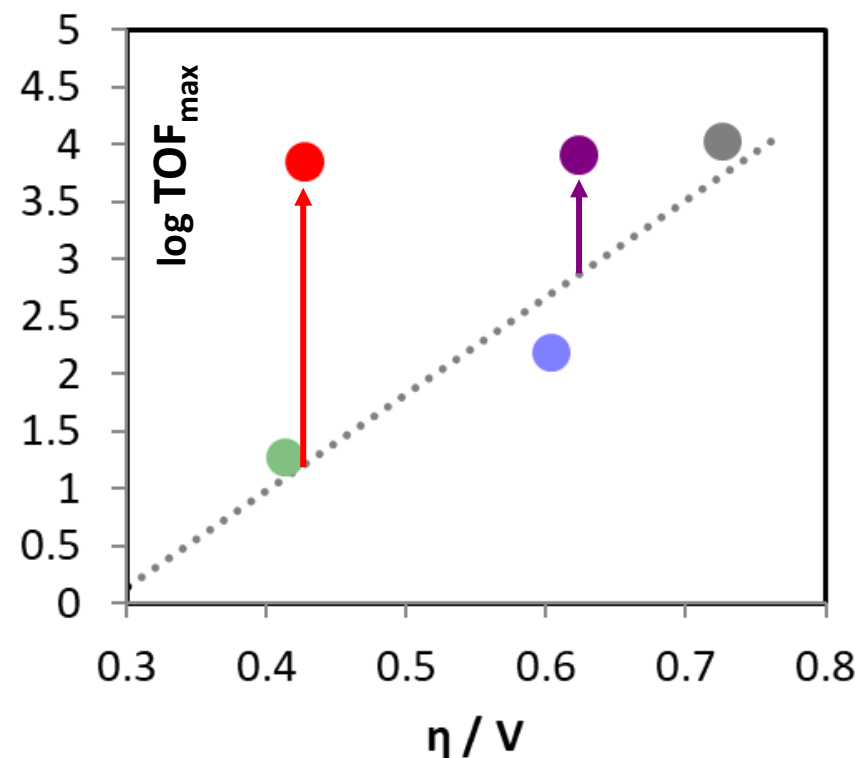
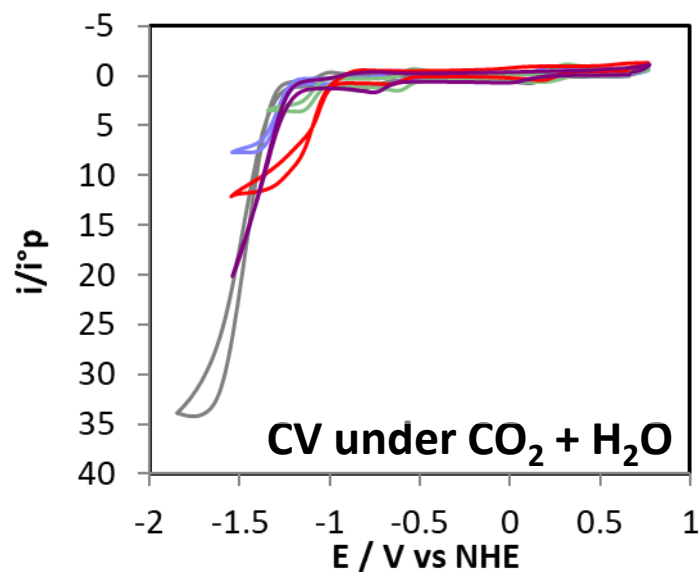
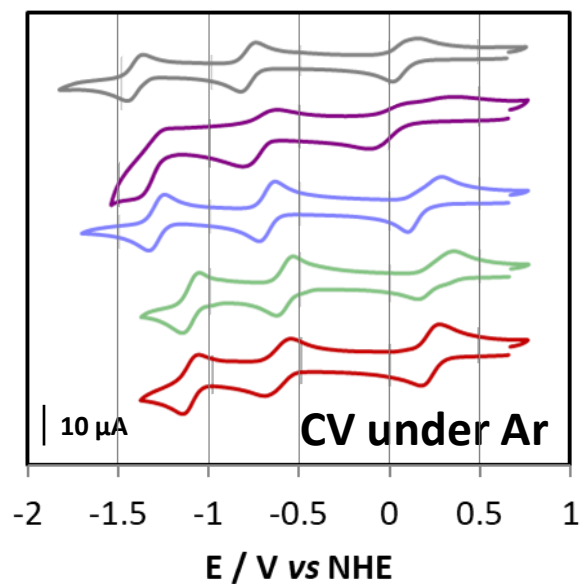


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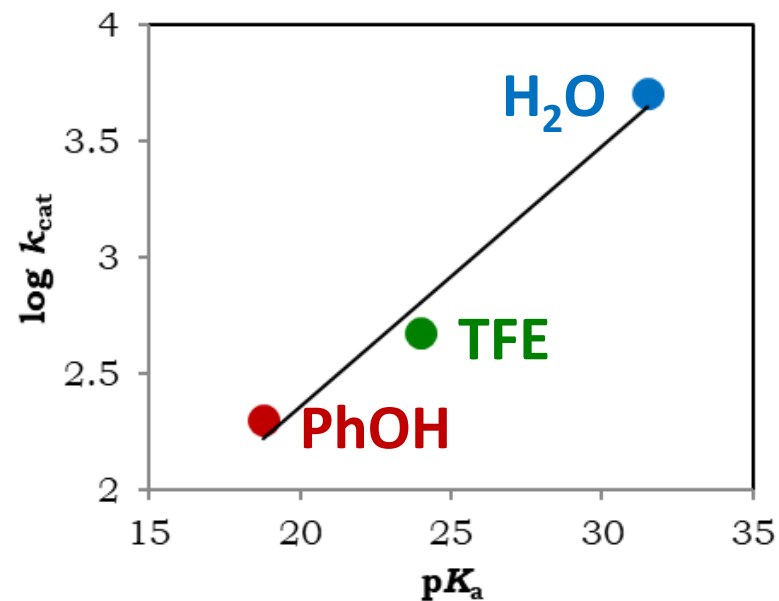


Electrochemical performance of complexes.

Complex	E_{cat} / V vs NHE	η / mV	TOF_{max} / s ⁻¹
FeTPP	-1.420	730	10 700
FeTPP-Am	-1.315	630	7 100
FeTPP-F8	-1.296	610	160
FeTPP-F20	-1.106	420	20
FeTPP-Ur	-1.118	430	6 800



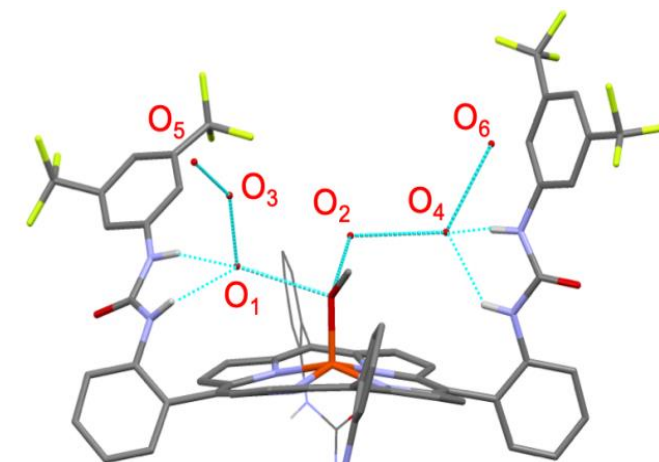
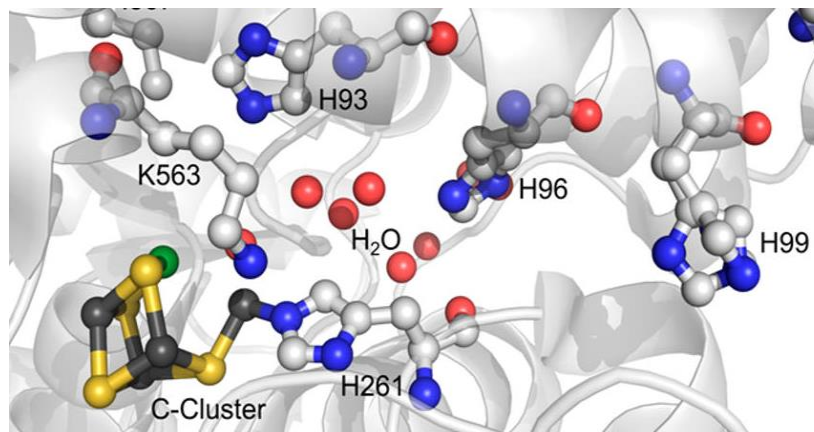
Effect of Proton Source



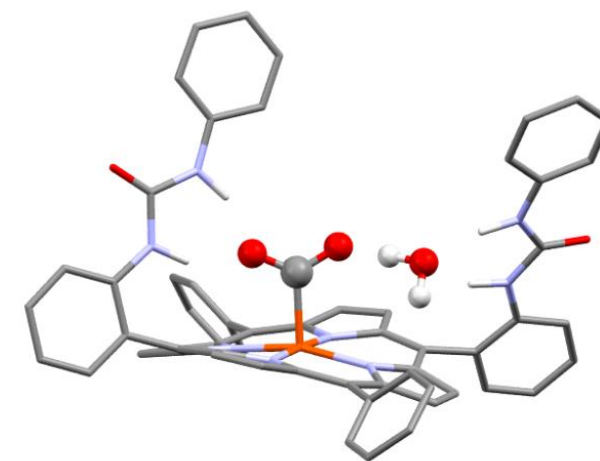
Kinetic Isotope Effect

$$H/D_{\text{ave}} = 5.77$$

- Proton transfer is involved in rate-determining step
- Water network in the vicinity of the catalytic site is presumed to play a critical role



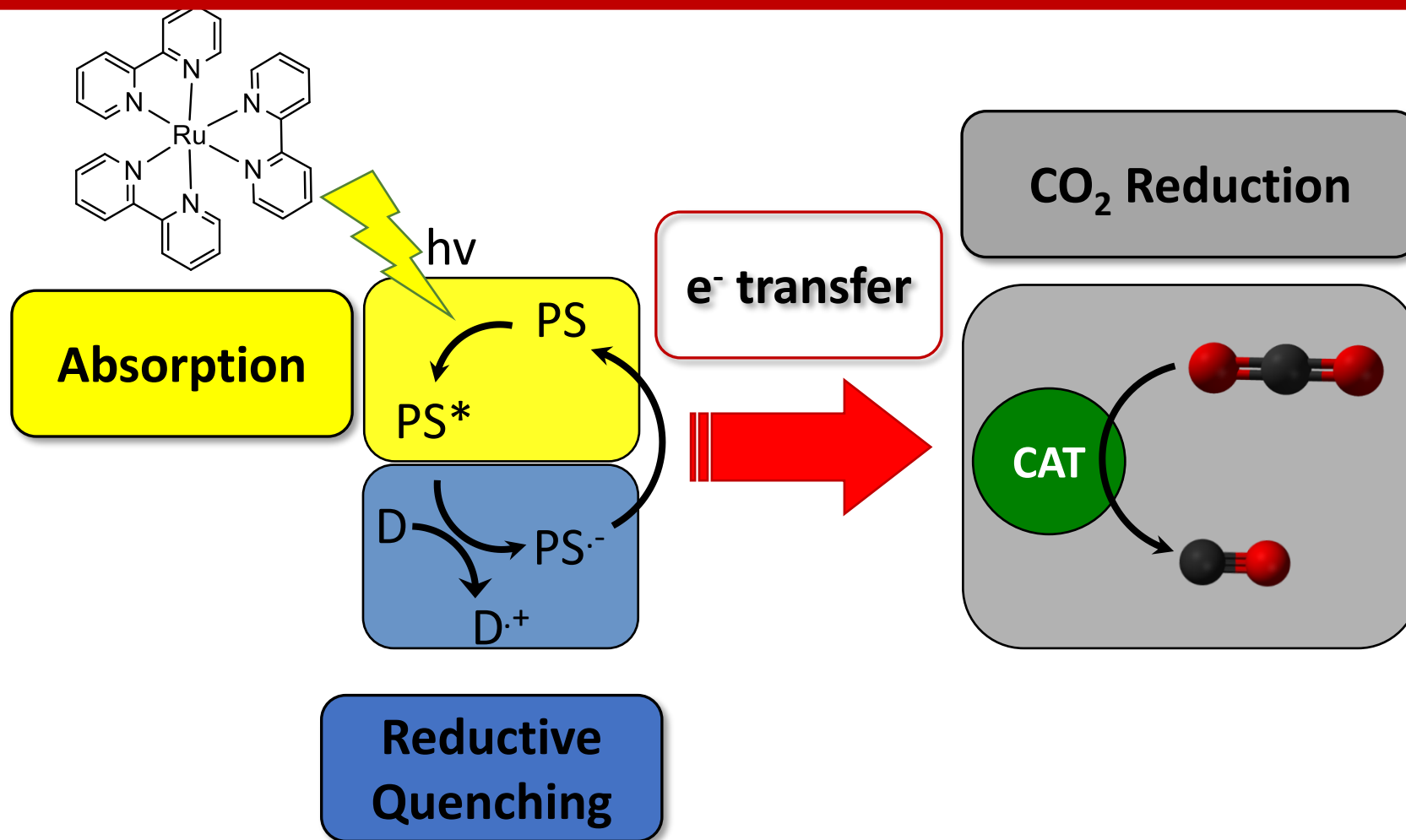
X-ray structure of *FeTPP-Ur* w/ H_2O



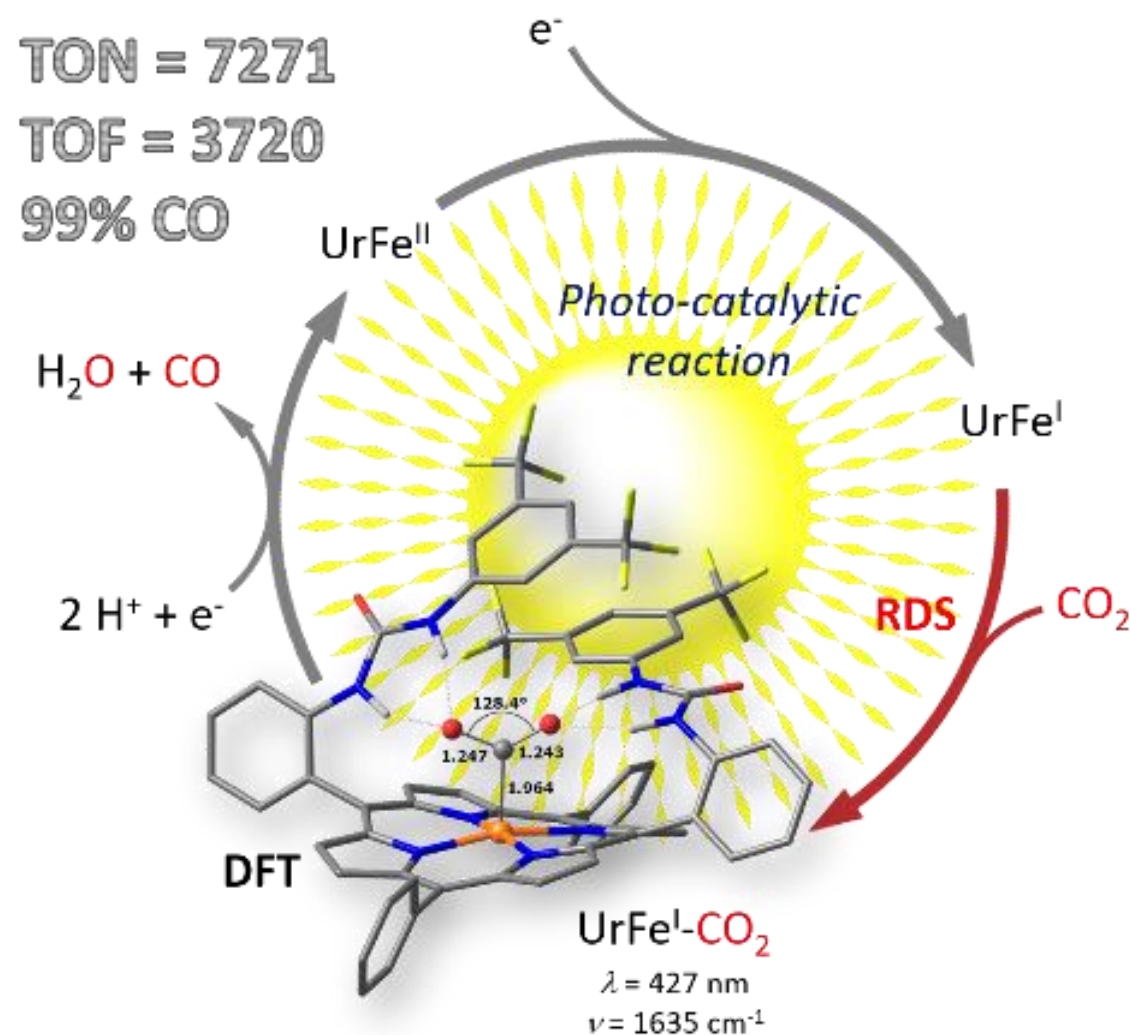
DFT-optimized $\text{CO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ adduct

Two-Electron Two-proton Photocatalysis

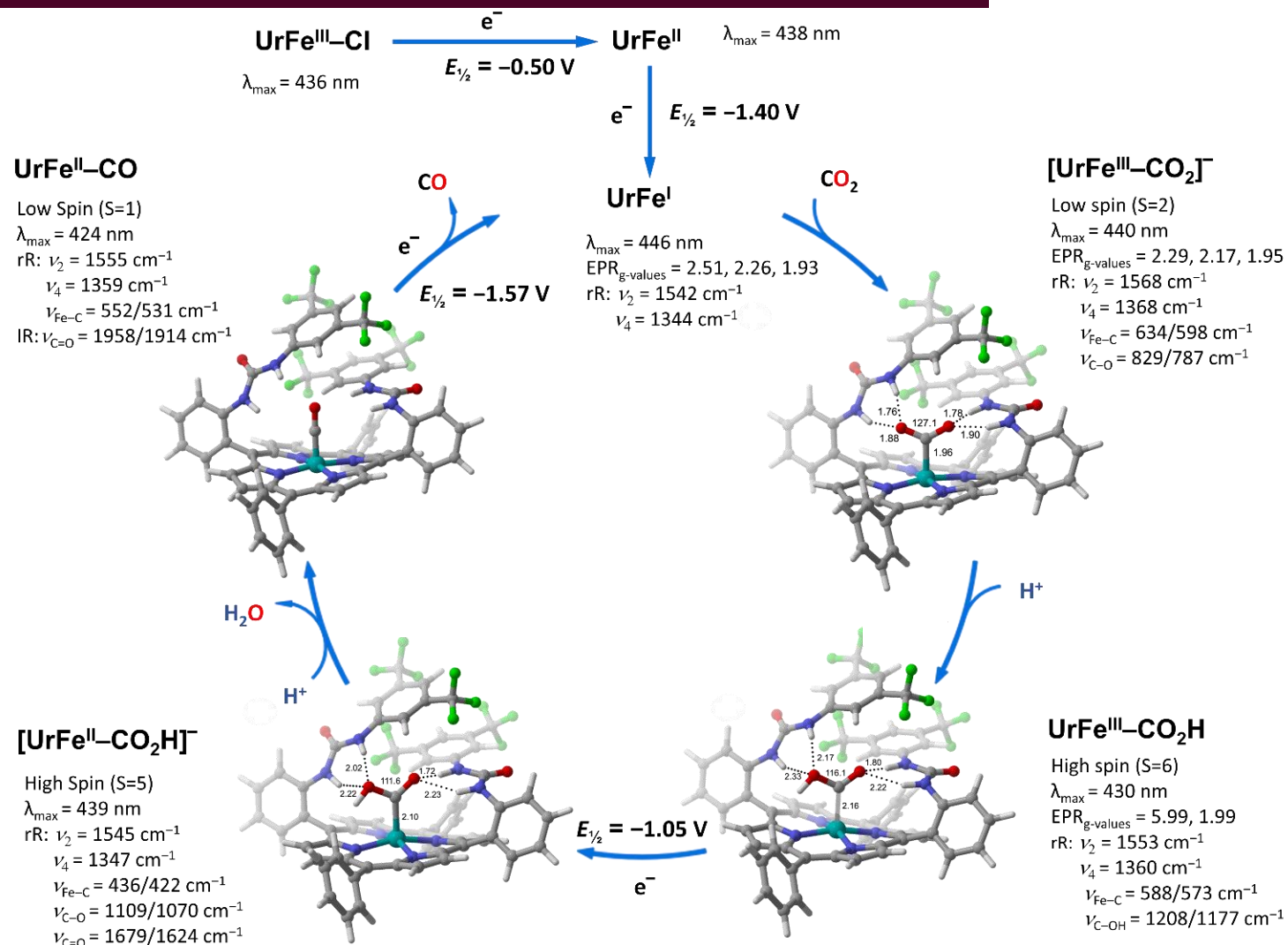
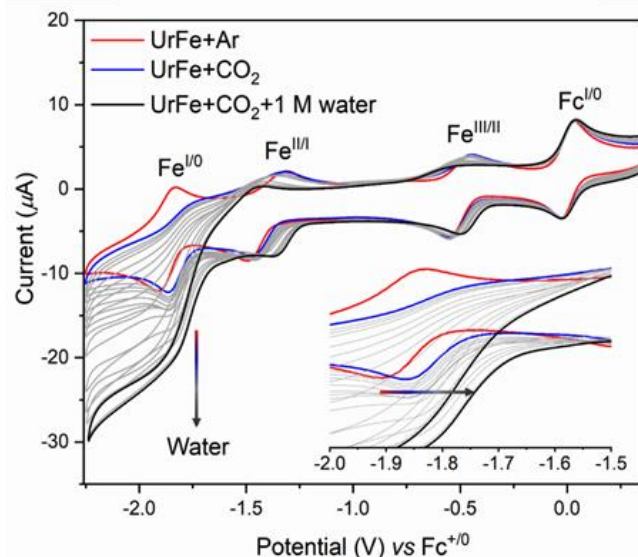
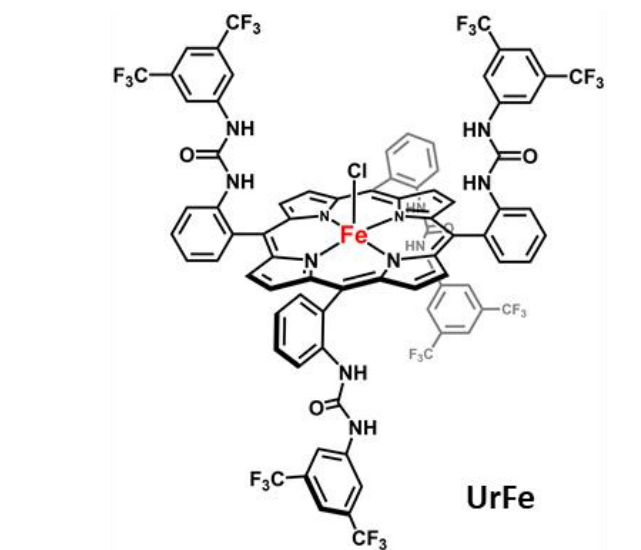
CO₂ Reduction



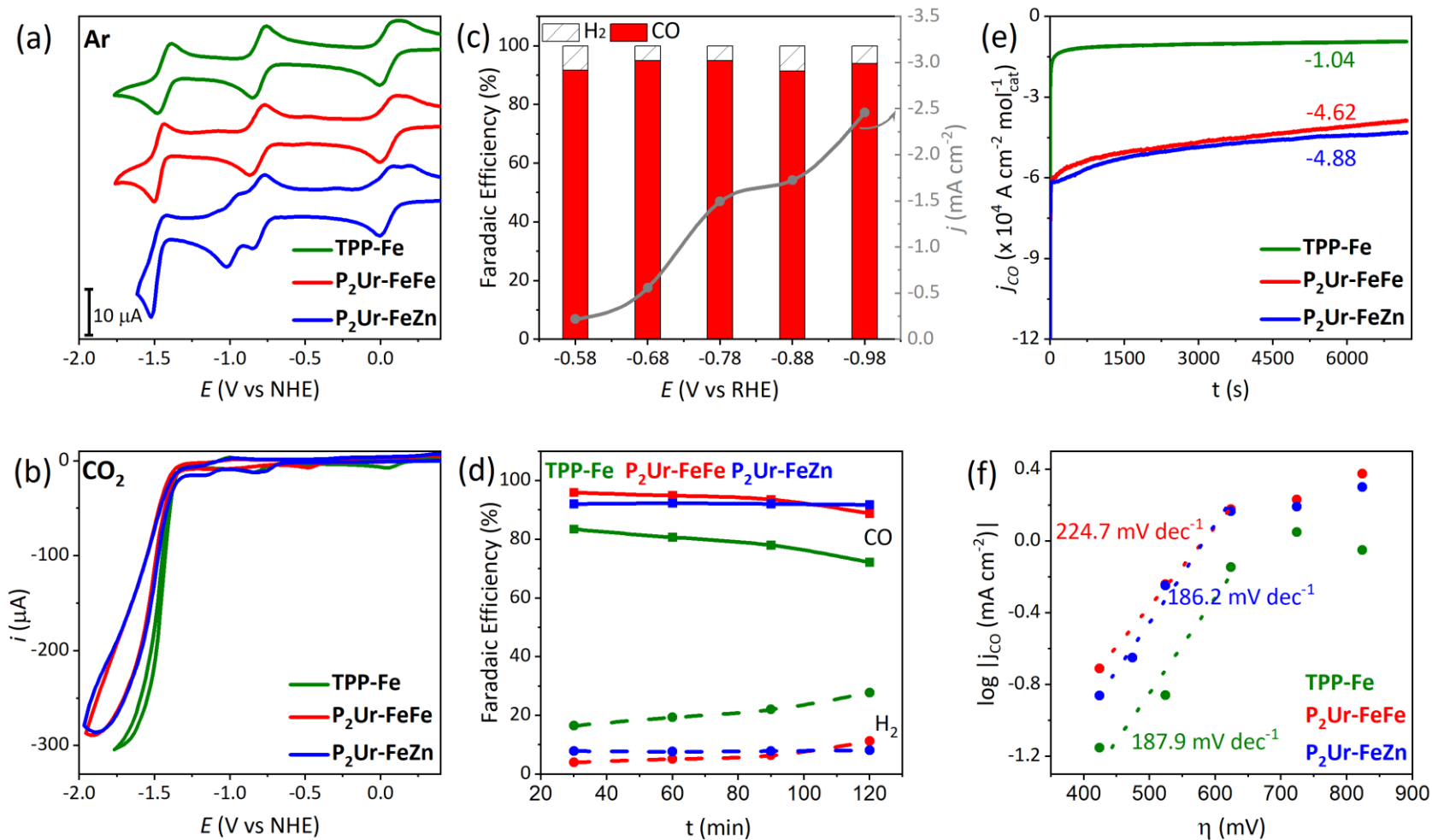
Photocatalytic CO₂ reduction



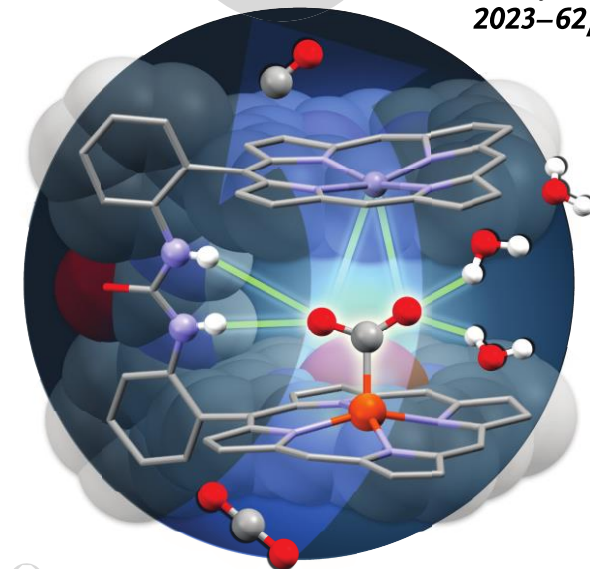
Second Coordination Sphere Effect Shifts CO₂ to CO Reduction by Iron Porphyrin from Fe⁰ to Fe^I



Bimetallic heterogeneous catalysis



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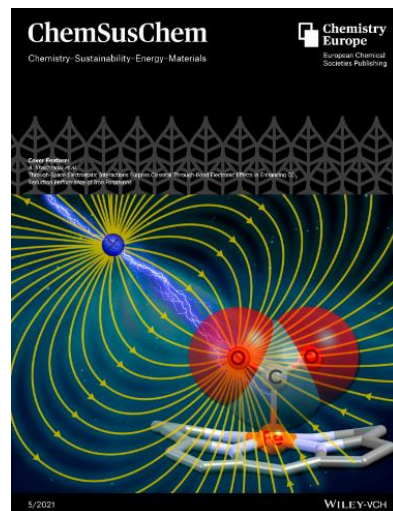
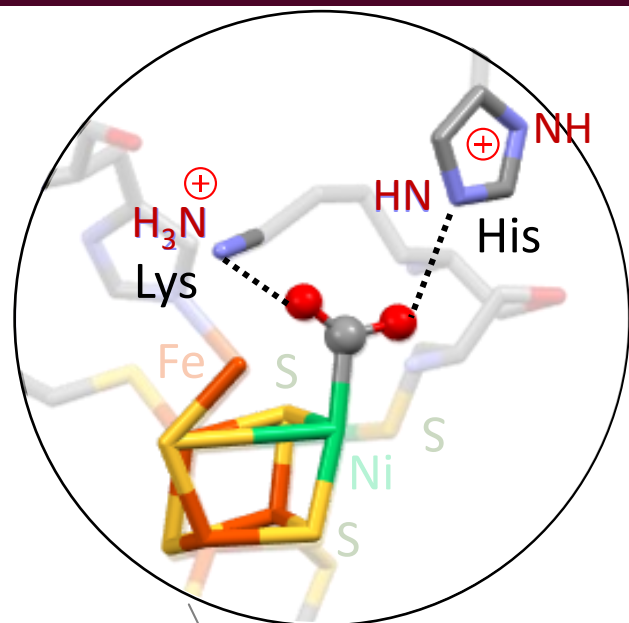


Inspired by the active site ...

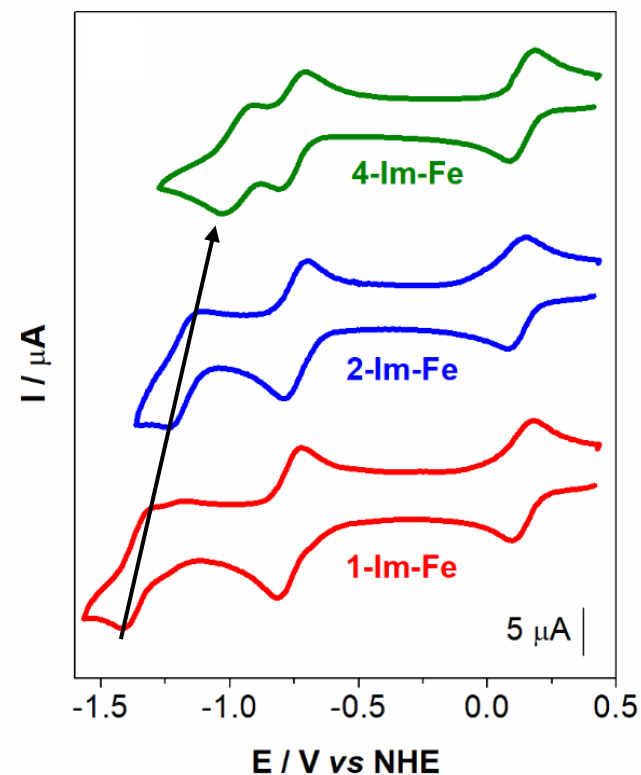
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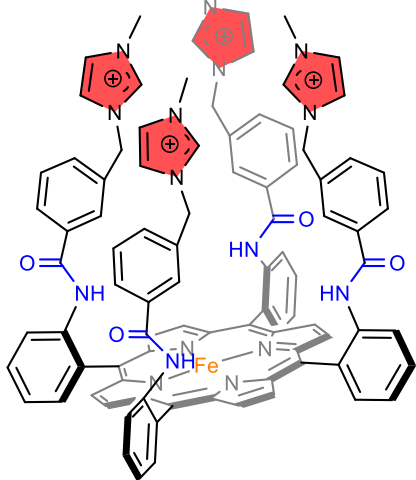
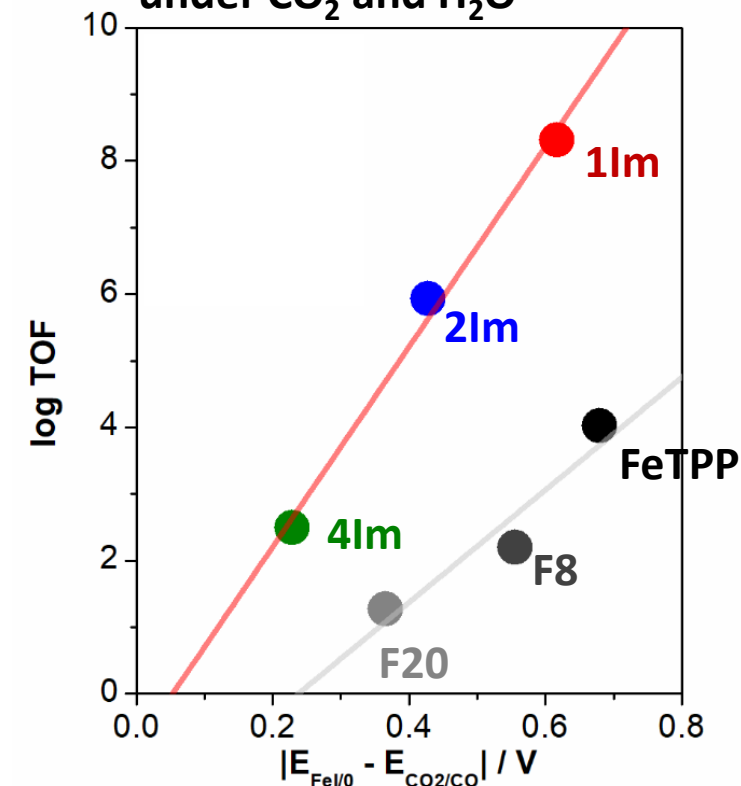
Electrostatic assisted catalysis



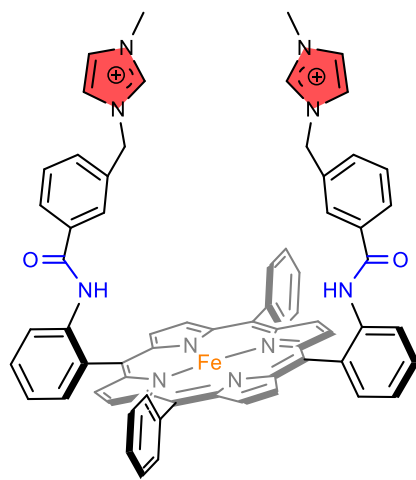
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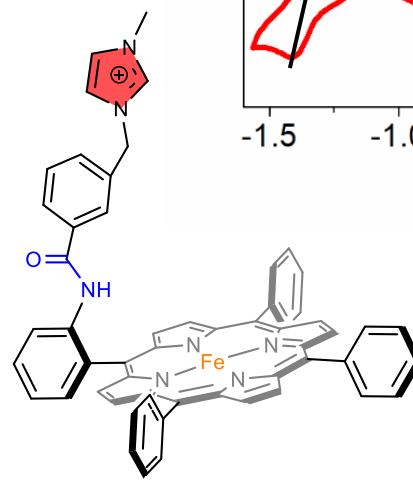
under CO₂ and H₂O



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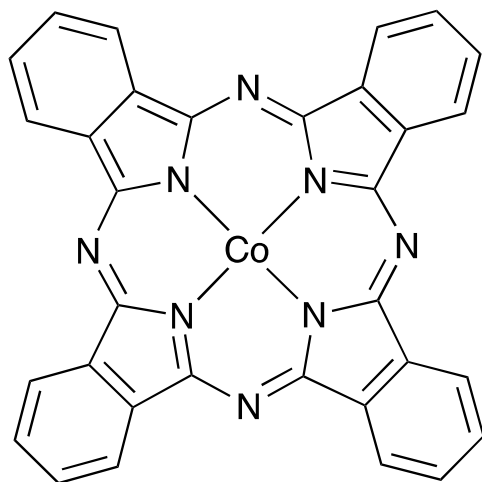
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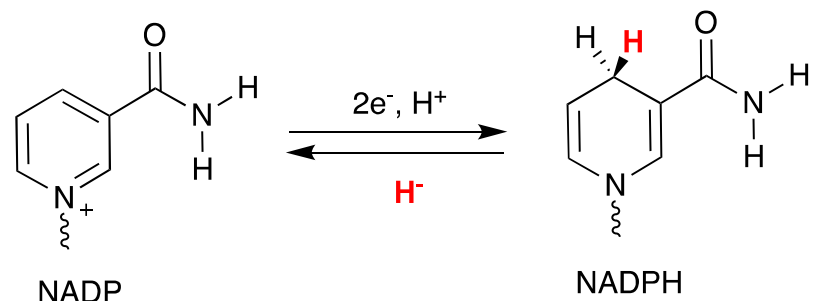
o-1Im-FeTPP

- Overpotential as a function of the number of imidazolium groups
- Through-space electrostatic effect > Through-bond electronic effect

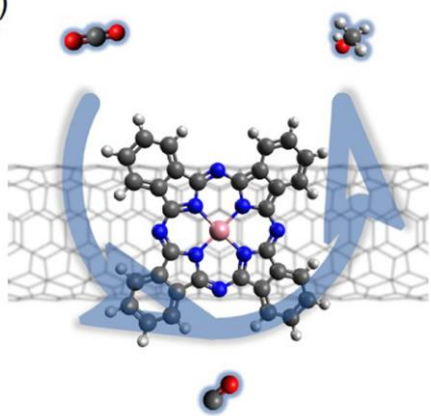
Cobalt Phthalocyanine for CO₂ Reduction: Hydride transfer?



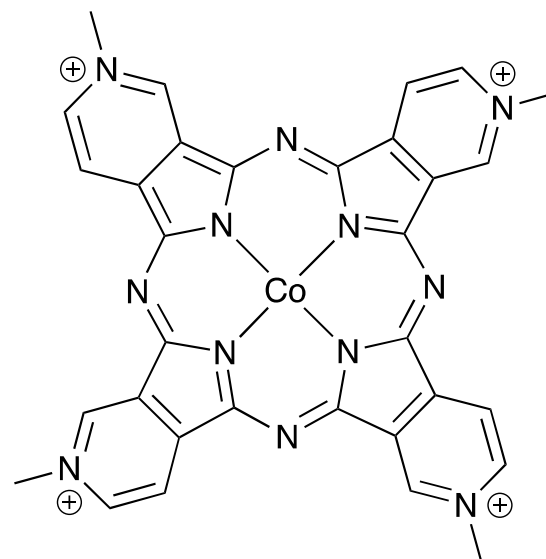
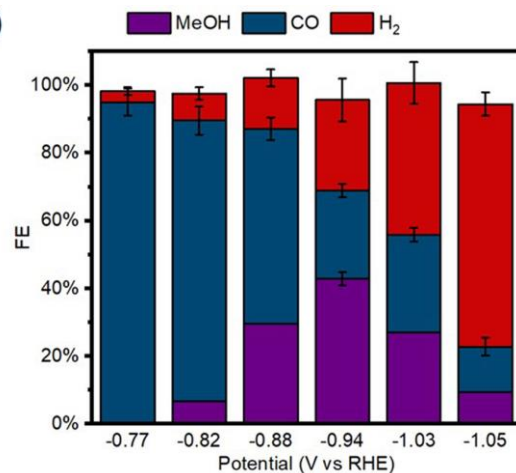
Introducing a potential center for organic hydride formation



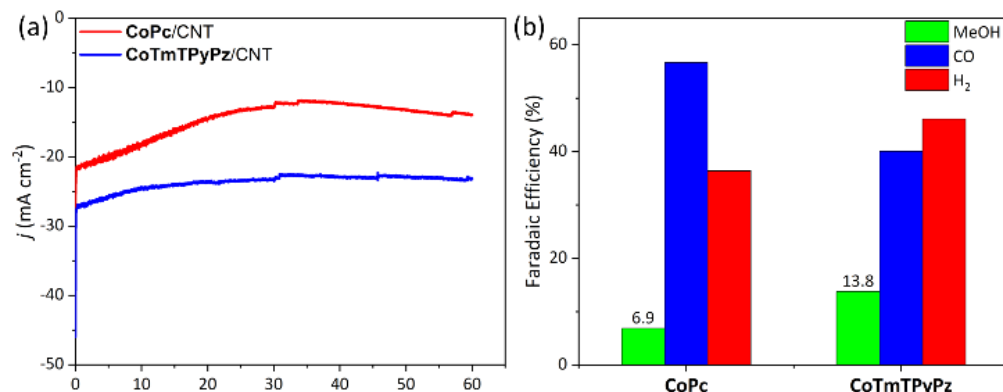
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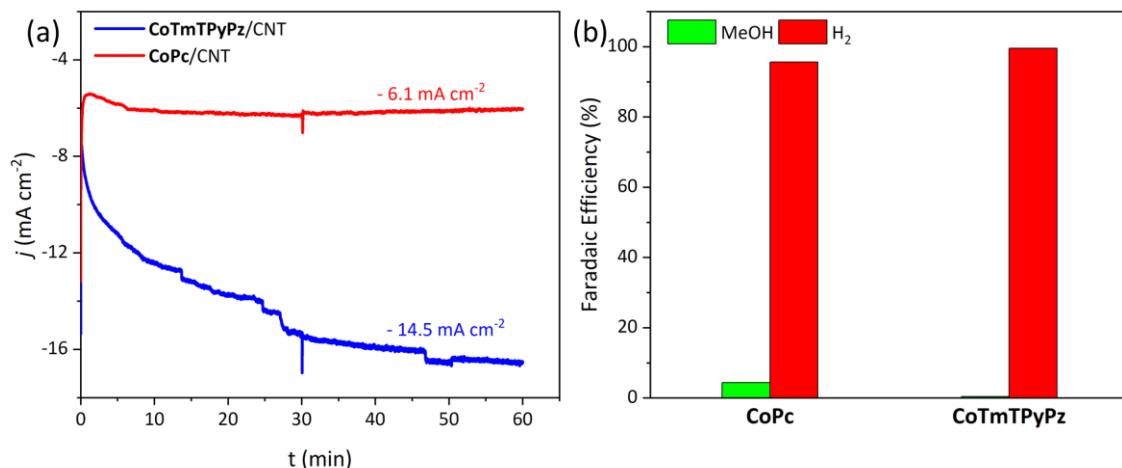
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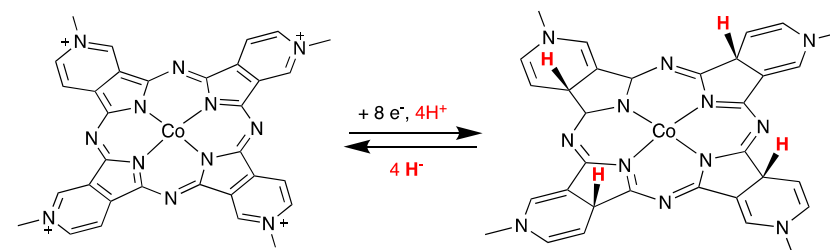
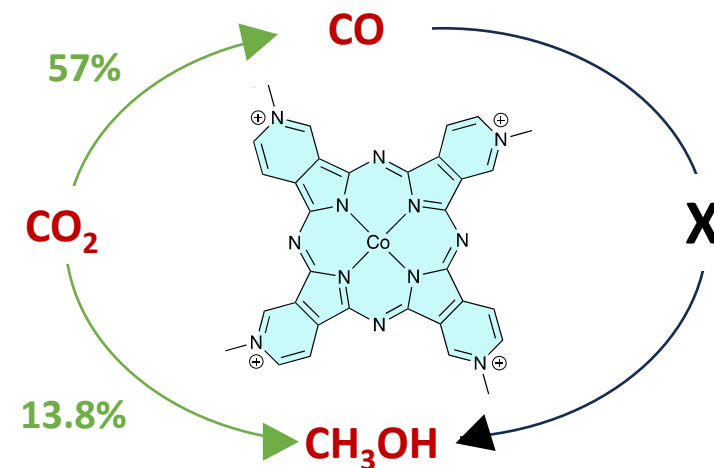
Cobalt Phthalocyanine for CO₂ Reduction



a) current density vs t and b) faradaic efficiency of MeOH (green), CO (blue) and H₂ (red) of 1 hour electrolysis of CoTmTPyPz/CNT/CP (blue) and CoPc/CNT/CP (red) in CO₂-saturated 0.5 M KHCO₃ aqueous solution (pH = 7.3) at -1.0 V vs RHE.



(a) j vs t , (b) Faradaic efficiency of methanol (green) and H₂ (red) for the controlled potential electrolysis of CoPc/CNT/CP (red) and CoTmTPyPz/CNT/CP (blue) electrodes in CO-saturated 0.5 M KCl aqueous solution (catholyte) and 0.5 M KHCO₃ aqueous solution was used for the anolyte

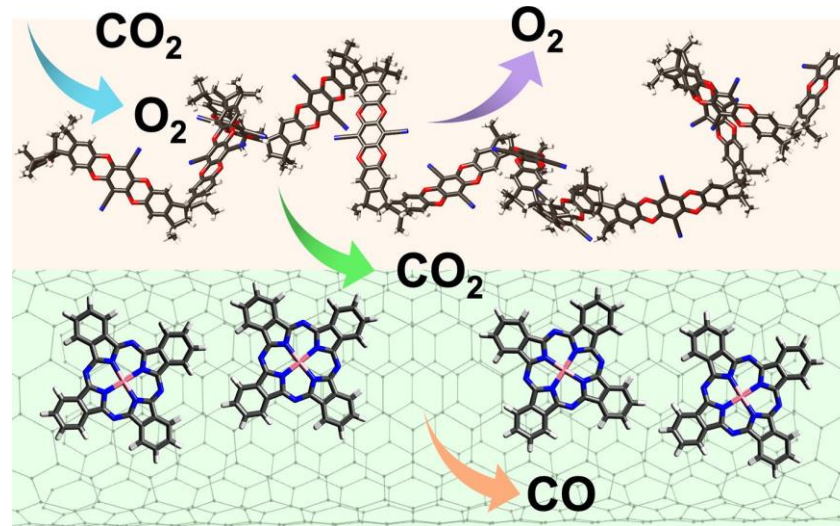


Collaboration with VITO, Belgium

Reducing CO₂ in presence of O₂

O₂ reduction is thermodynamically favored over that of CO₂.

5% O₂ in CO₂ near catalyst surface is sufficient to completely inhibit the CO₂ reduction reaction

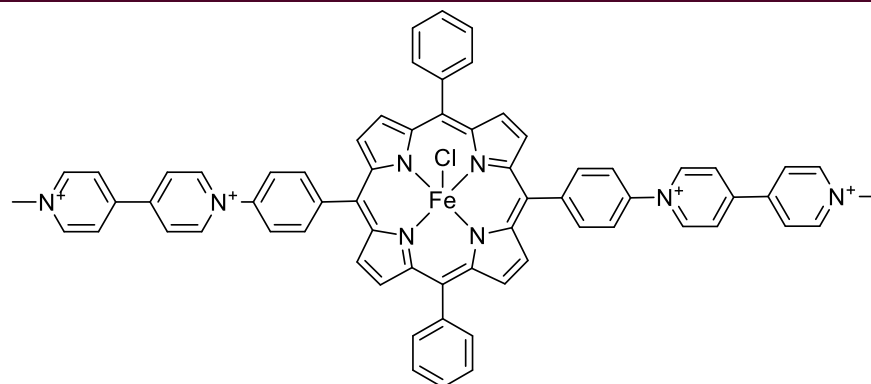


FE_{CO}=75.9%
O₂ =5%

Schematic diagram of the PIM-CoPc/CNT hybrid electrode for O₂-tolerant catalytic CO₂ reduction.

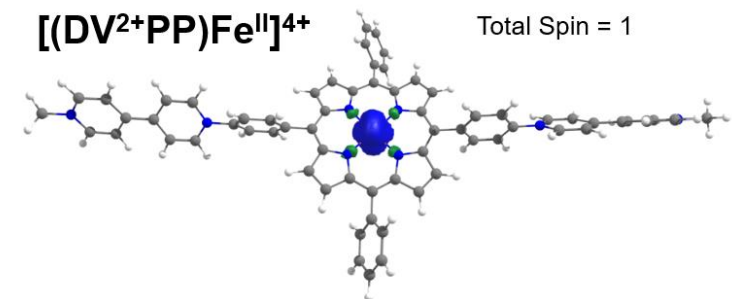
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CV and Heterogeneous electrocatalysis



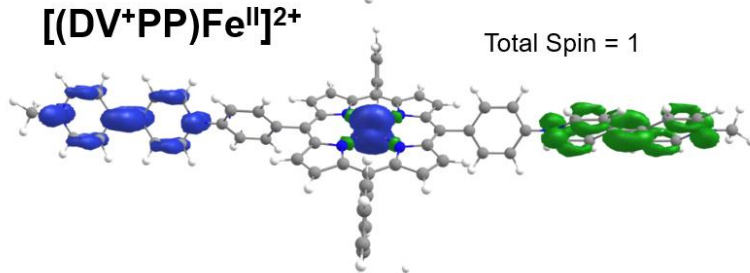
$[(\text{DV}^{2+}\text{PP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}]^{4+}$

Total Spin = 1

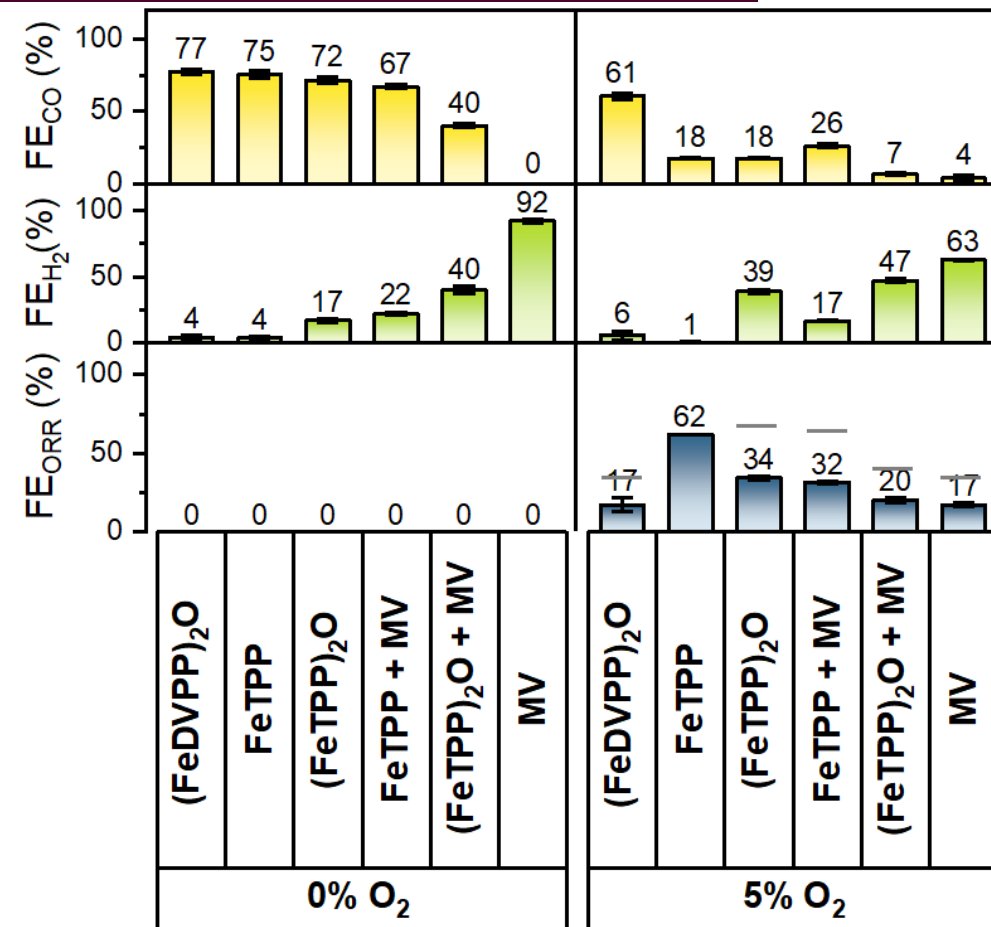
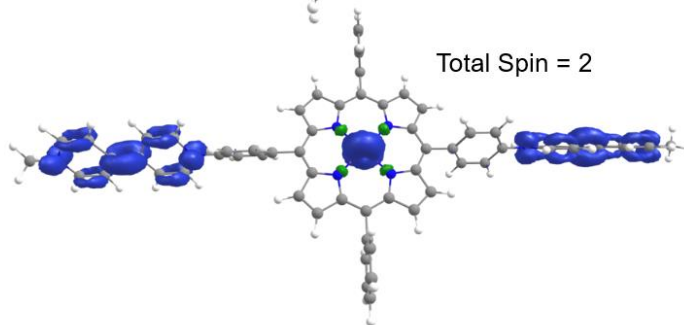


$[(\text{DV}^+\text{PP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}]^{2+}$

Total Spin = 1



Total Spin = 2



Faradaic efficiencies (FE) of **(FeDVP)₂O** in comparison to various controls [FeTPP, (FeTPP)₂O, FeTPP + MV, (FeTPP)₂O + MV, MV] after 30 min electrolysis at -0.8 V vs RHE at 0 % and 5 % O₂ Volume fraction. Proper stoichiometries are maintained for accurate comparison of controls relative to **(FeDVP)₂O**.

Perspectives

Réduire le CO₂ directement de l'air à des faibles concentrations

- i) Introduction d'un module pour le captage du CO₂
- ii) Développement de catalyseurs
- iii) Réalisation de réduction du CO₂ en présence de O₂
- iv) Développement de la catalyse hétérogène

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