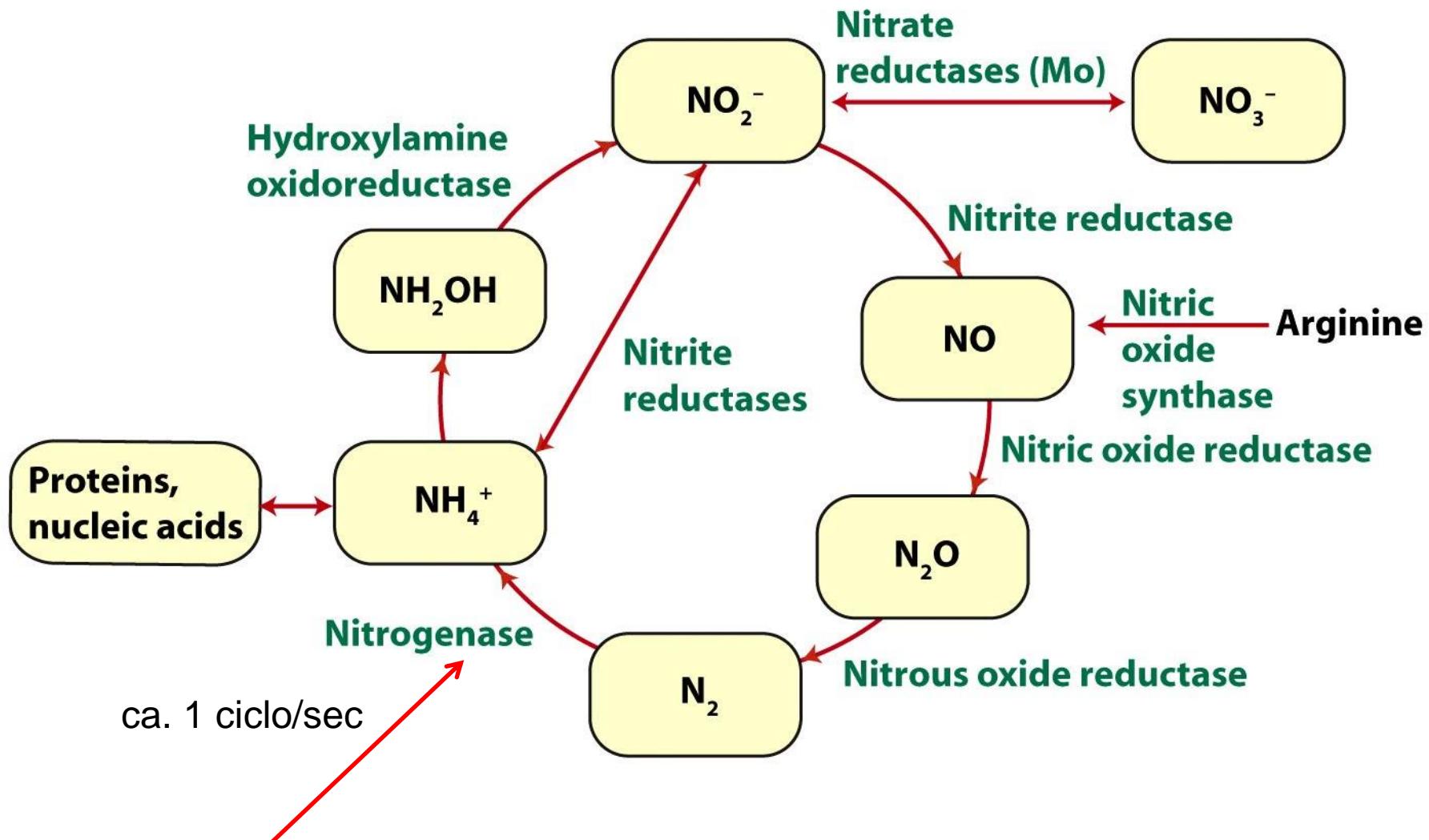


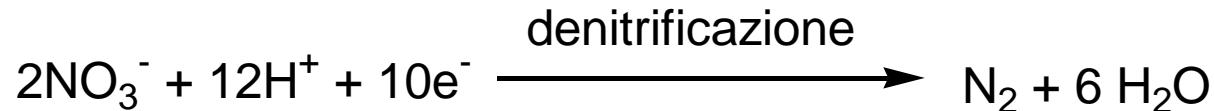
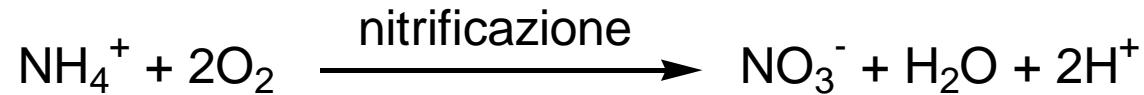
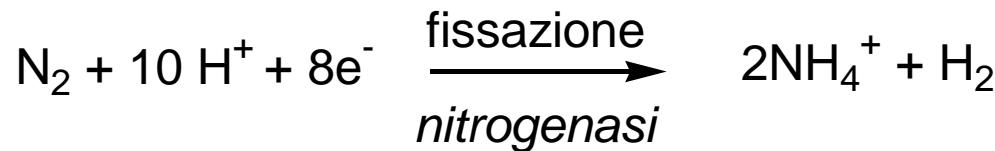
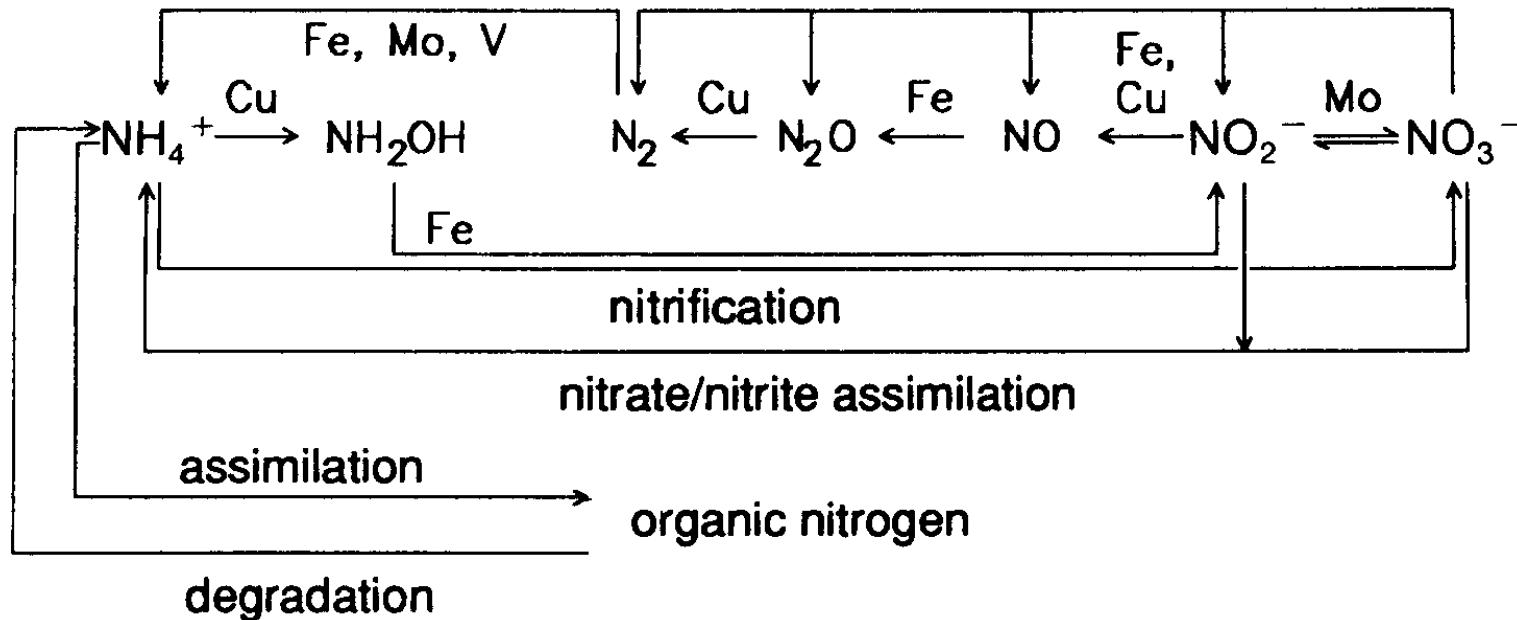
Ciclo dell'azoto



Batteri procarioti diazotropici: 10^8 ton N_2 /y

**nitrogen fixation through
N₂-binding organisms**

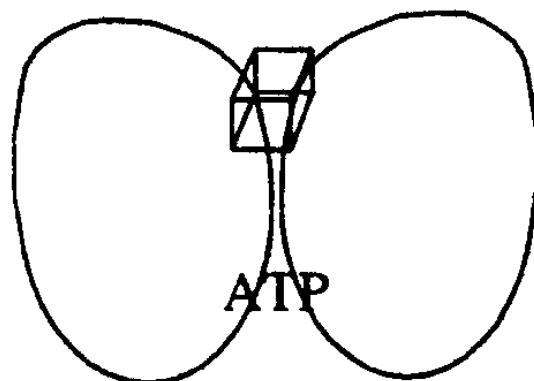
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Nitrogenasi



1992

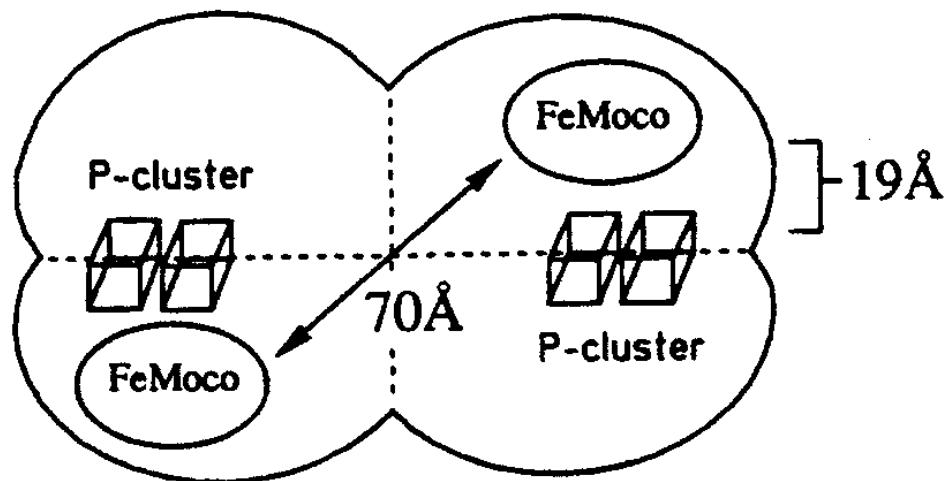


Fe protein

γ_2

60 kDa

+

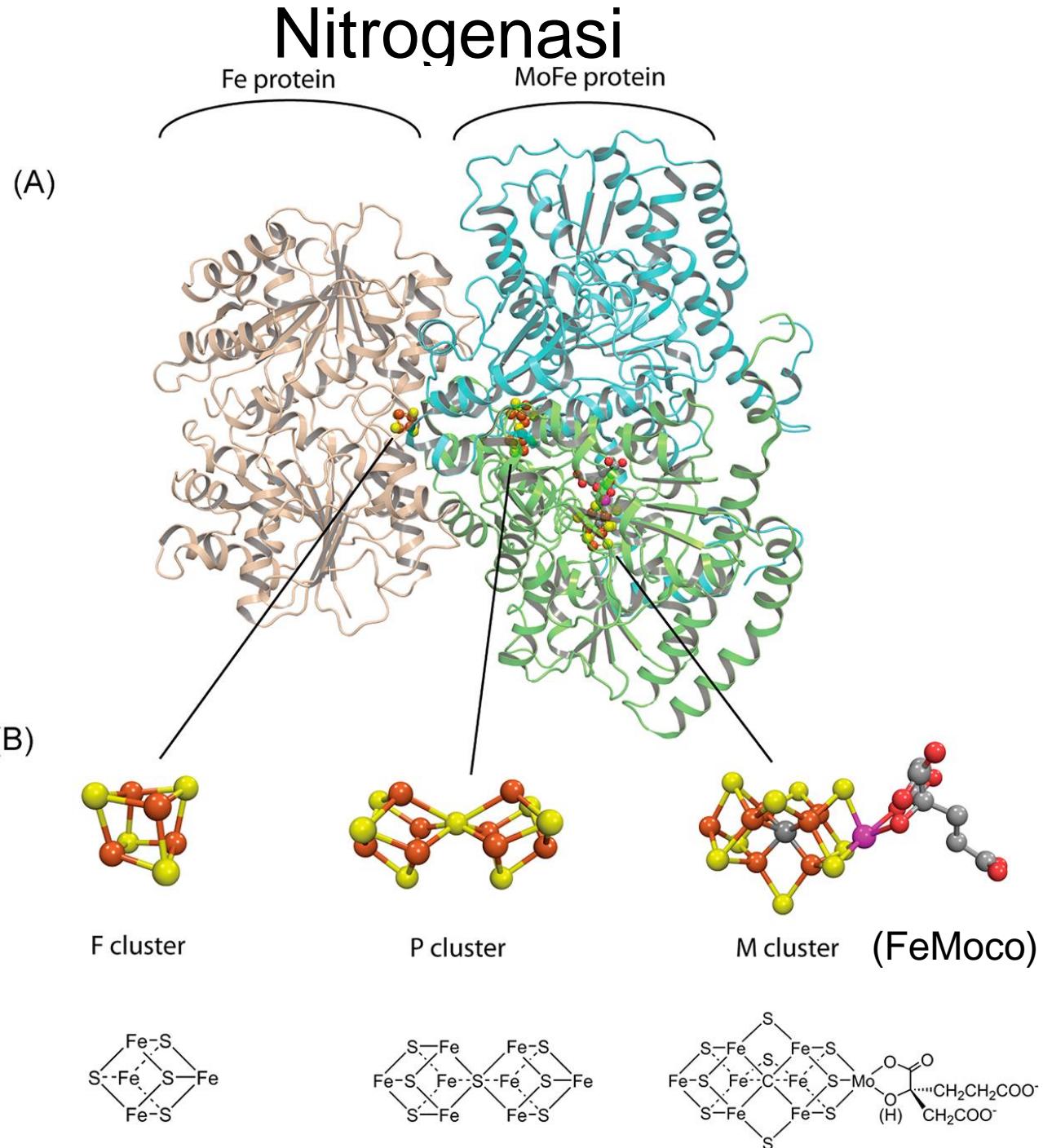


FeMo protein

$\alpha_2\beta_2$

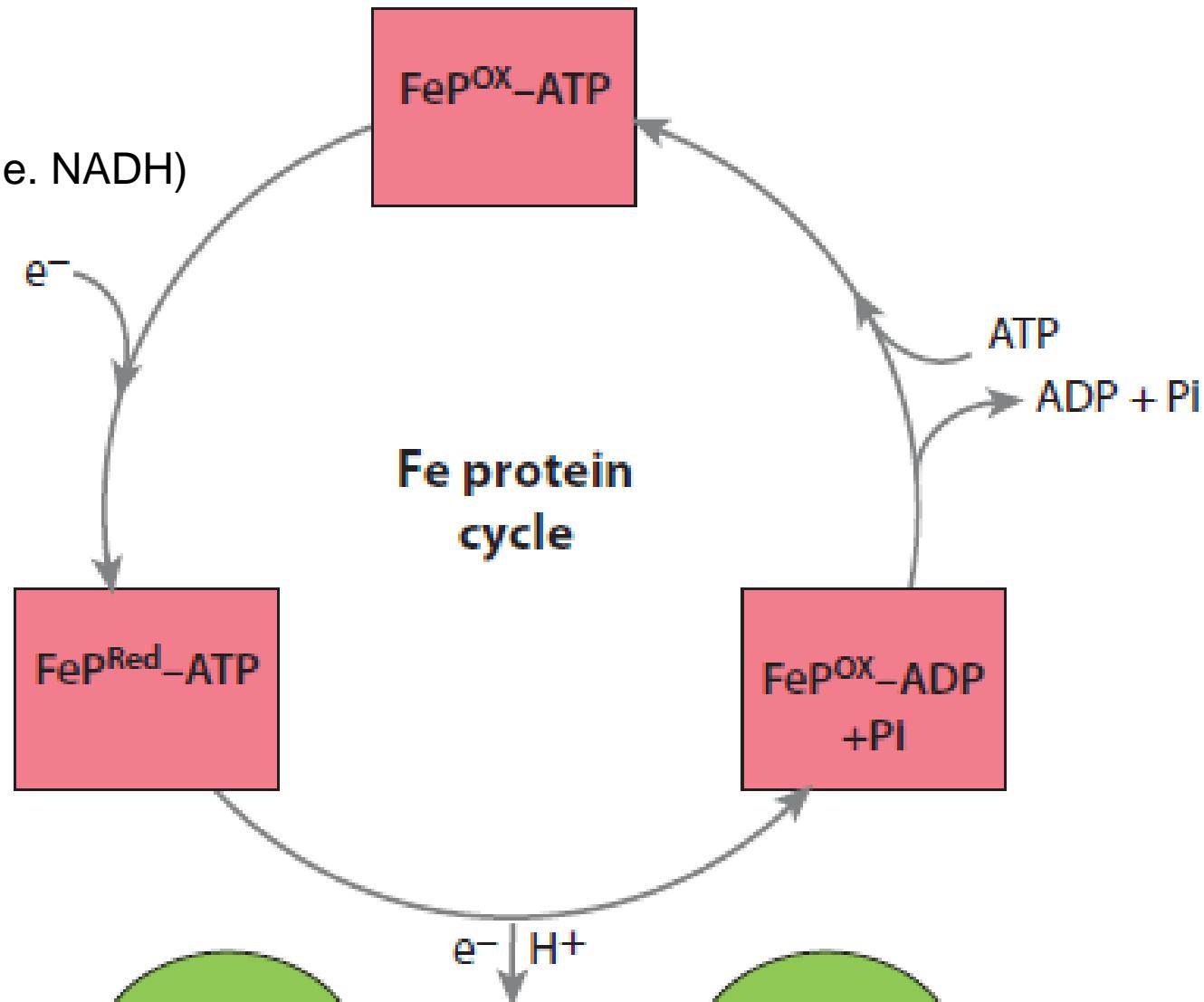
220 kDa

Nitrogenasi



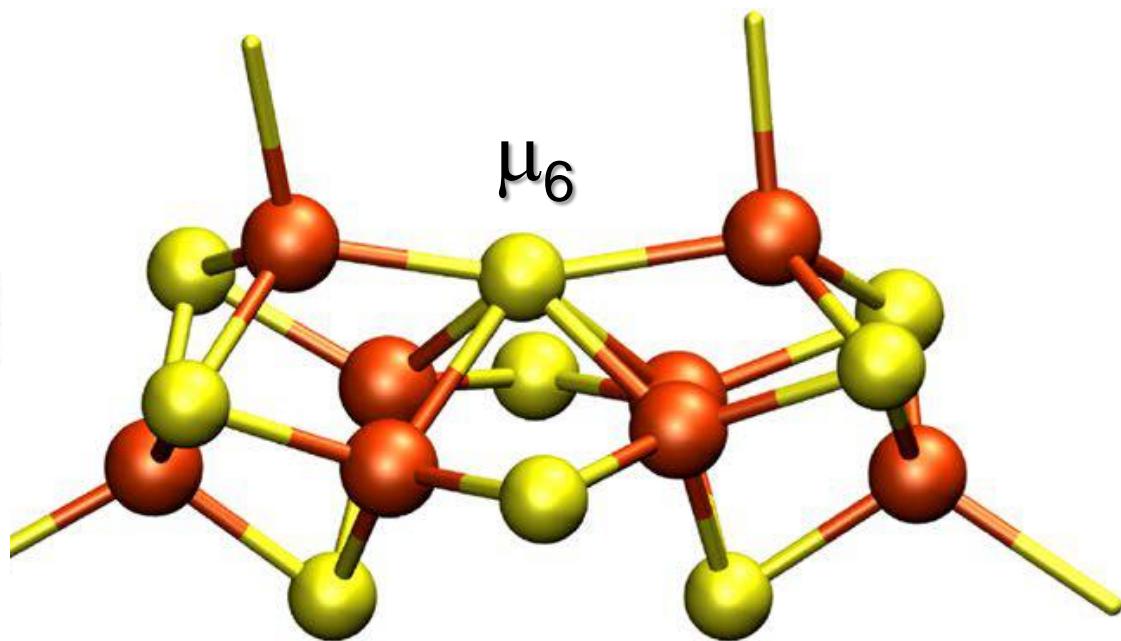
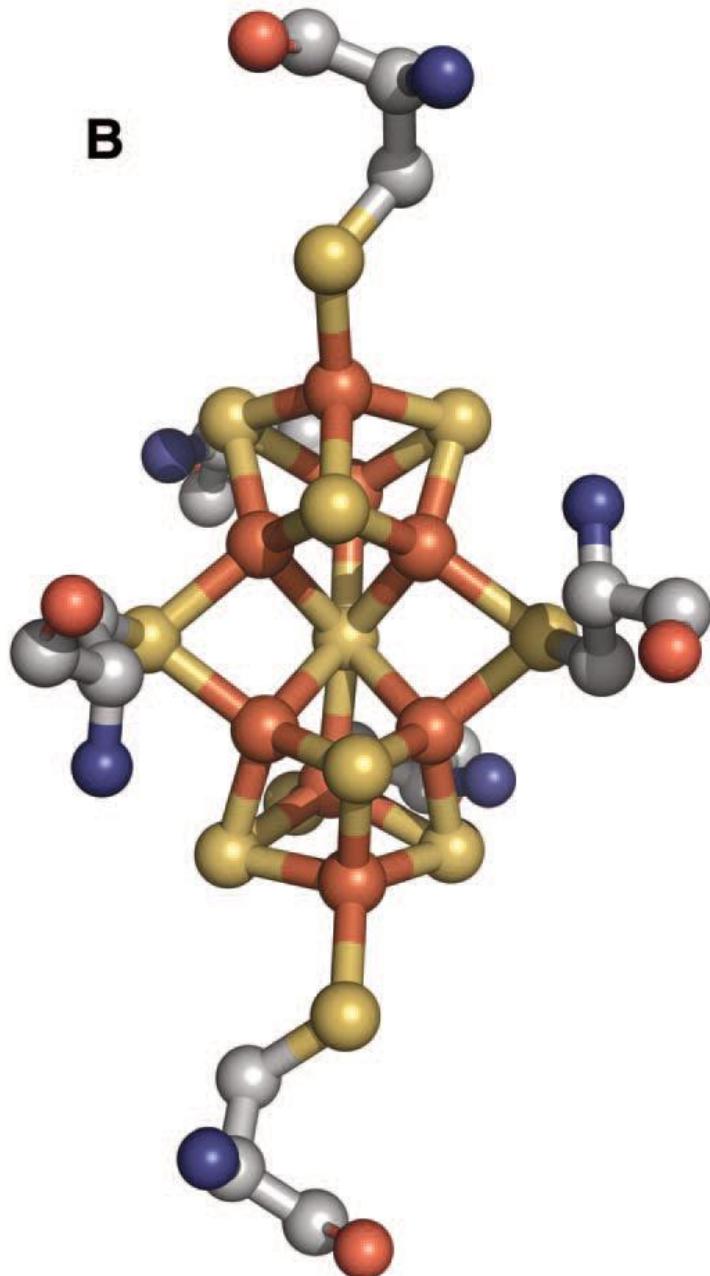
Fe-proteina

ferridossina o
flavodossina (i.e. NADH)



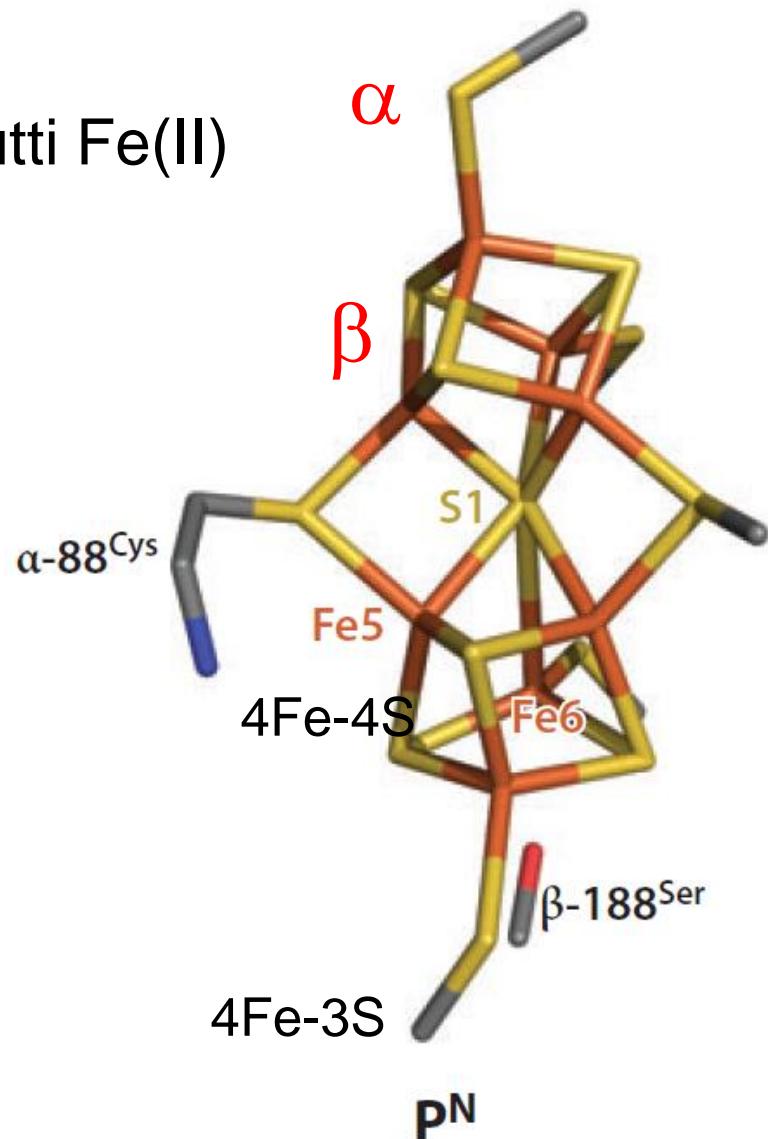
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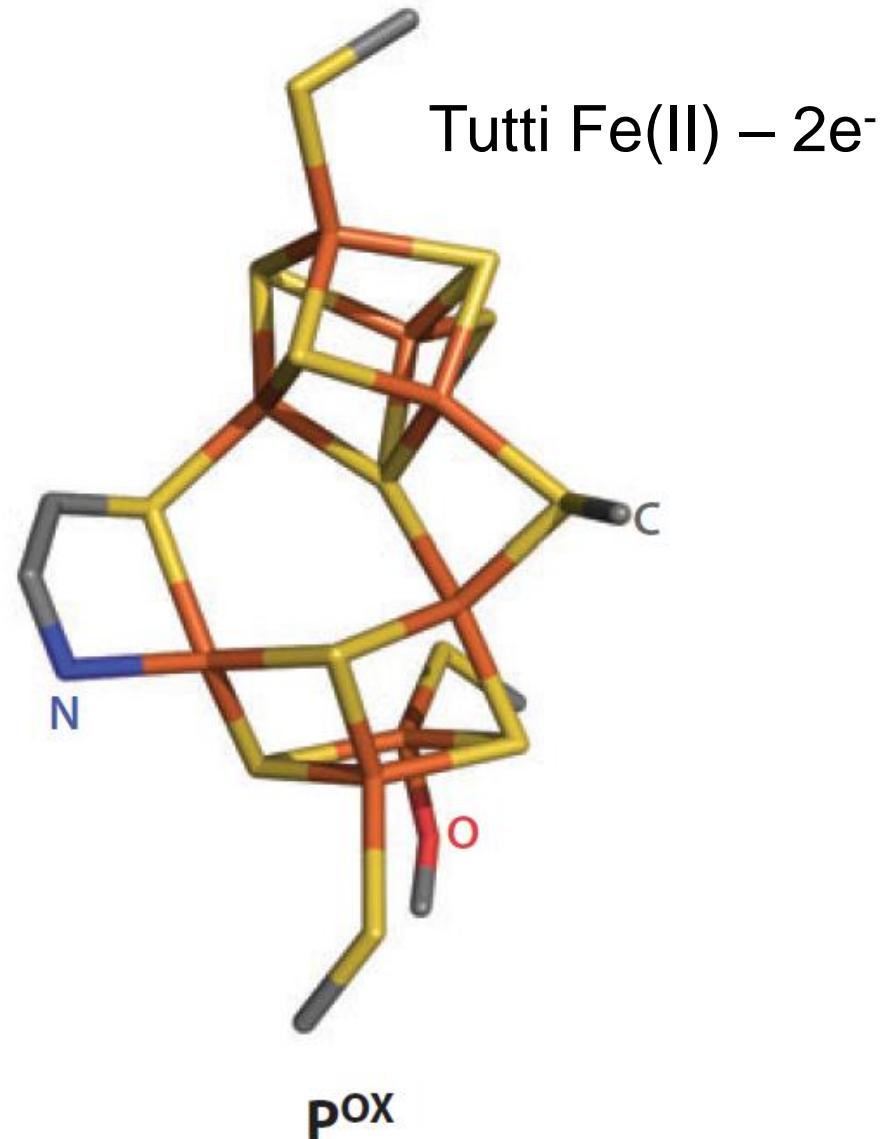


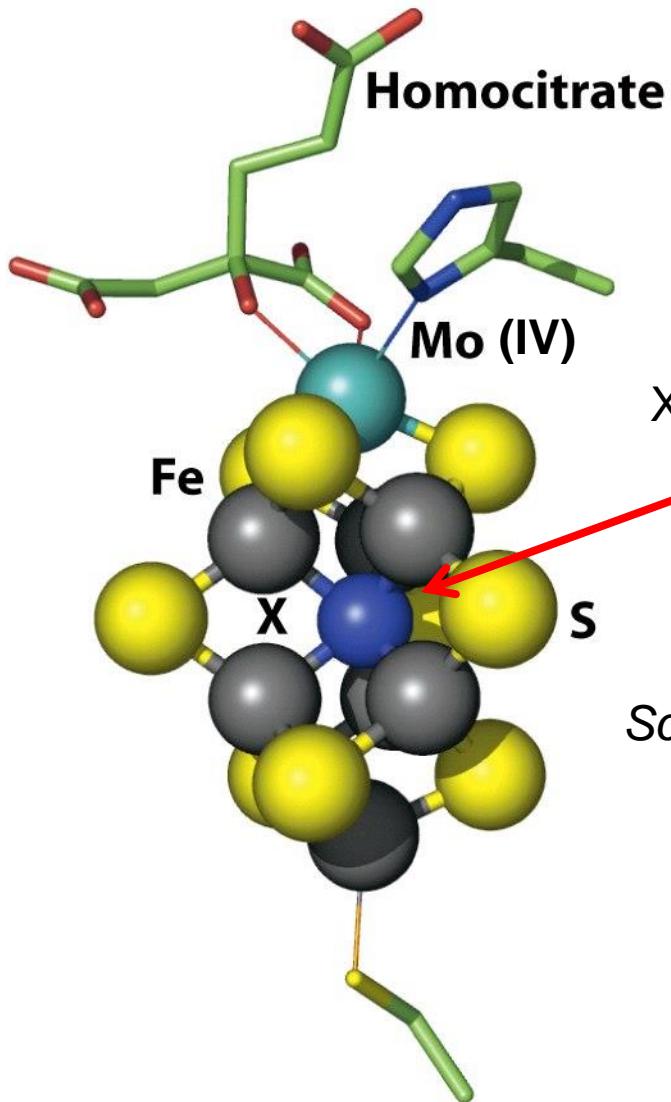
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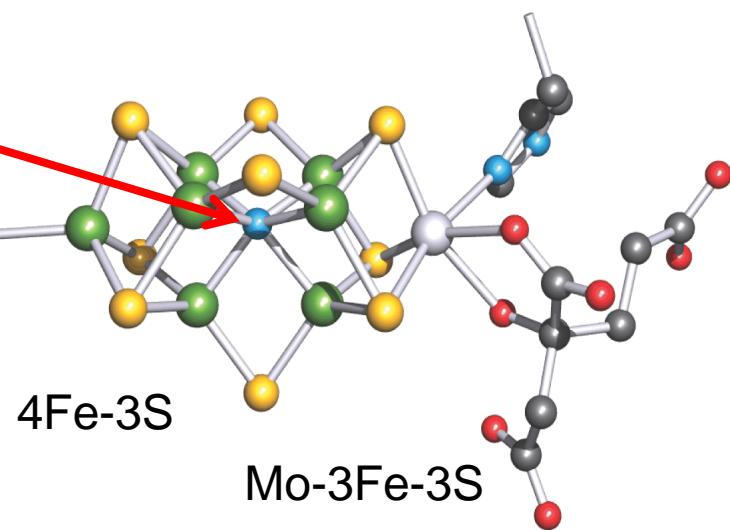
Tutti Fe(II) – 2e⁻





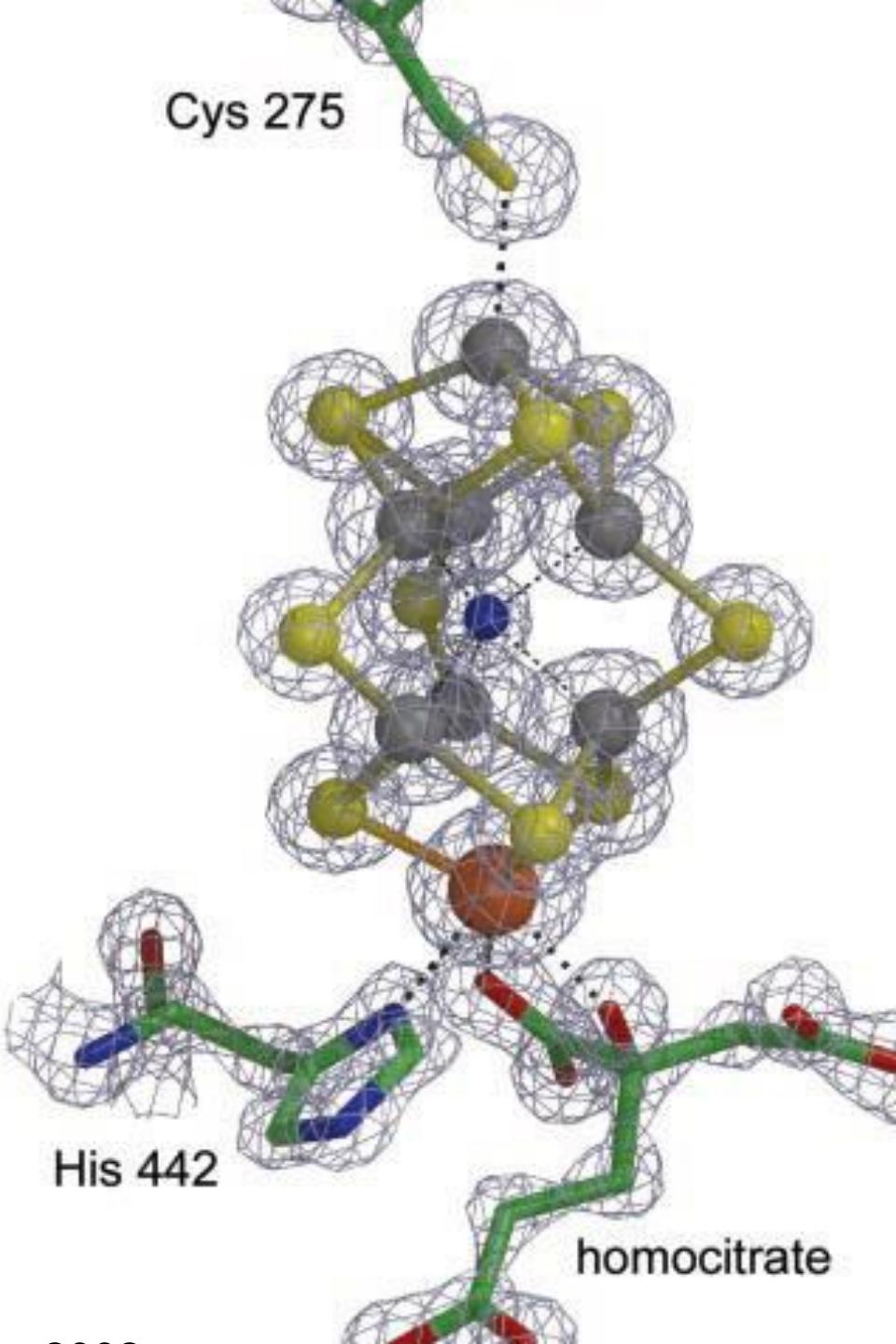
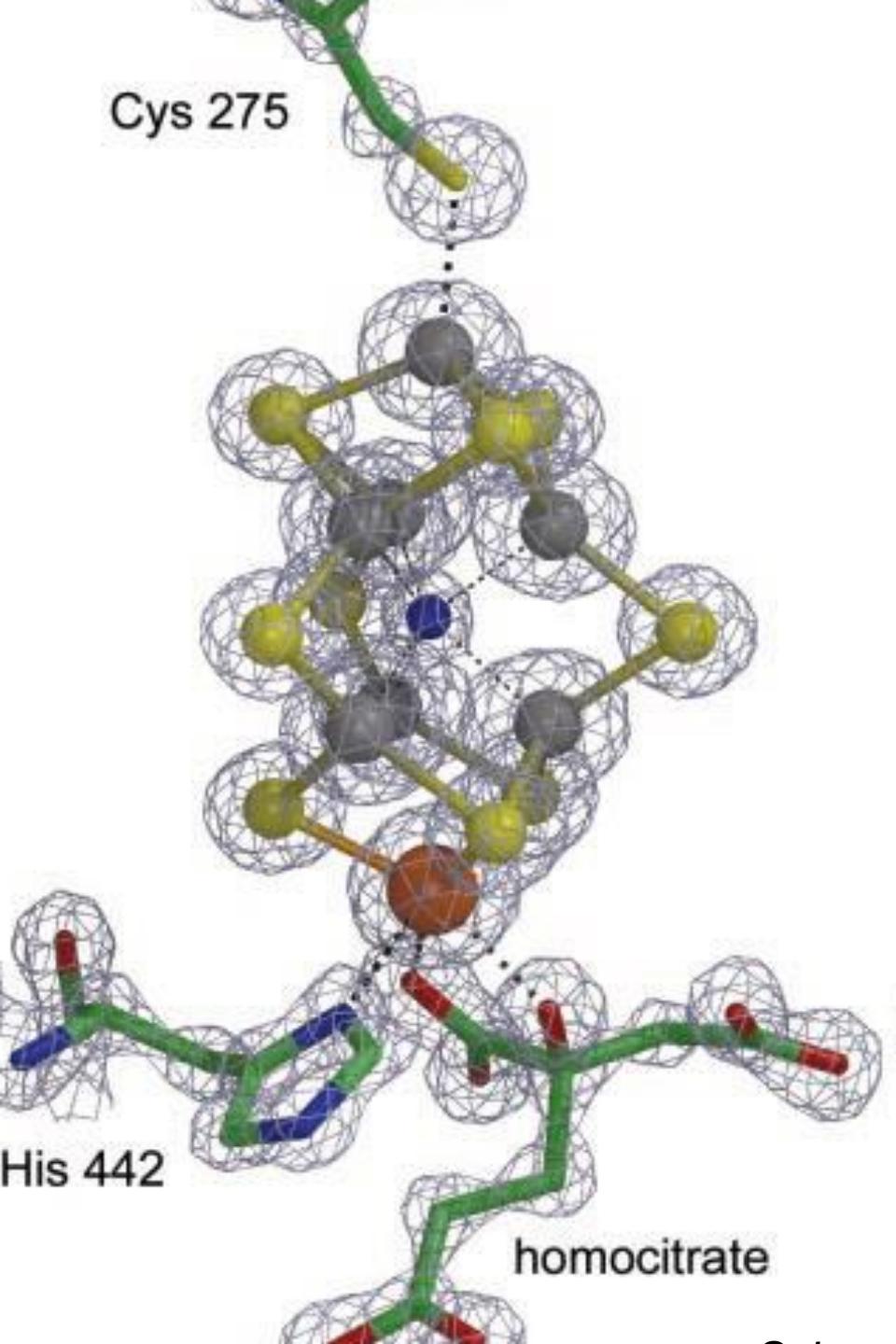
Cofattore FeMo 7Fe-9S-Mo-omocitrato

X = C, N, O??
Science, 2002

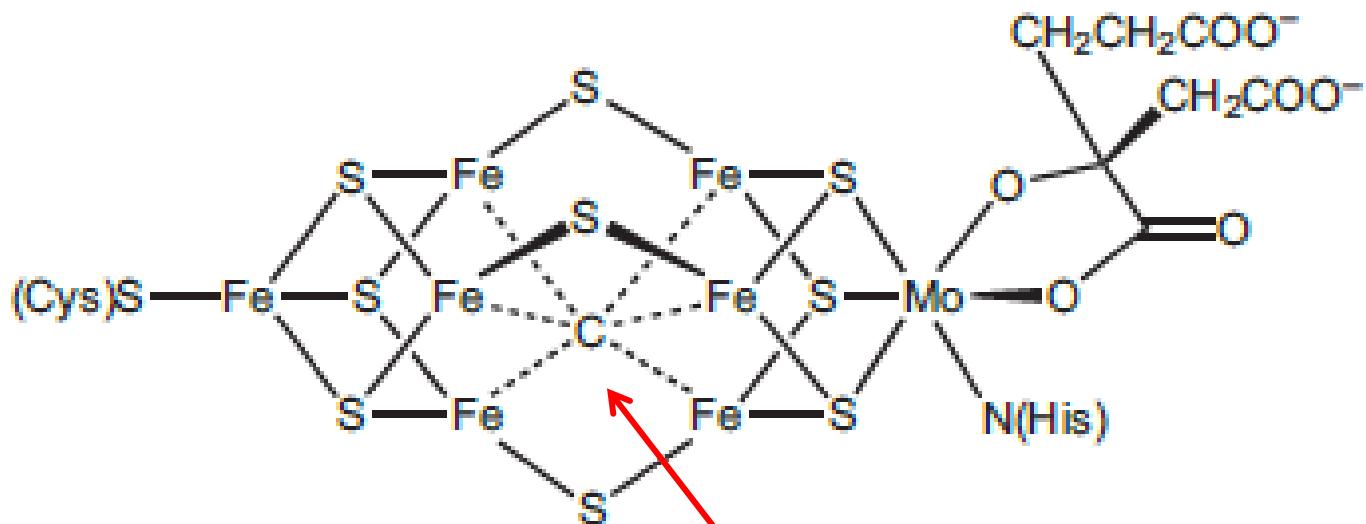


Tutto in α

Nitrogenase FeMoCo

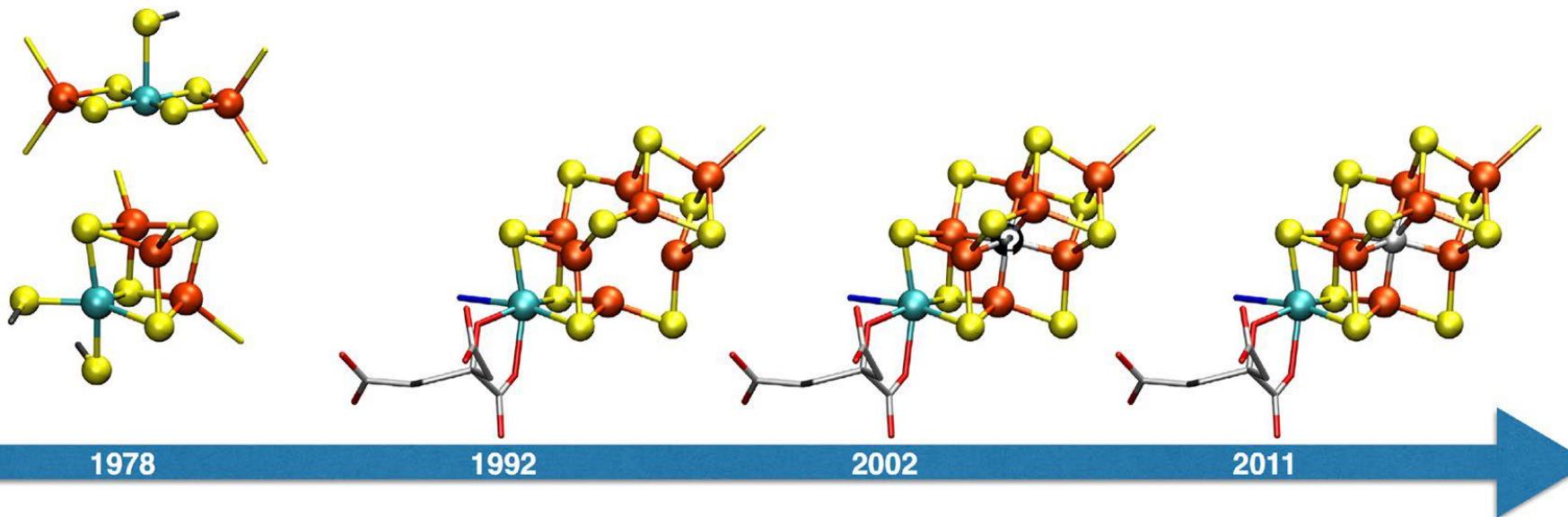


$X = C$



Science, 2011

Carburo, C^{4-}



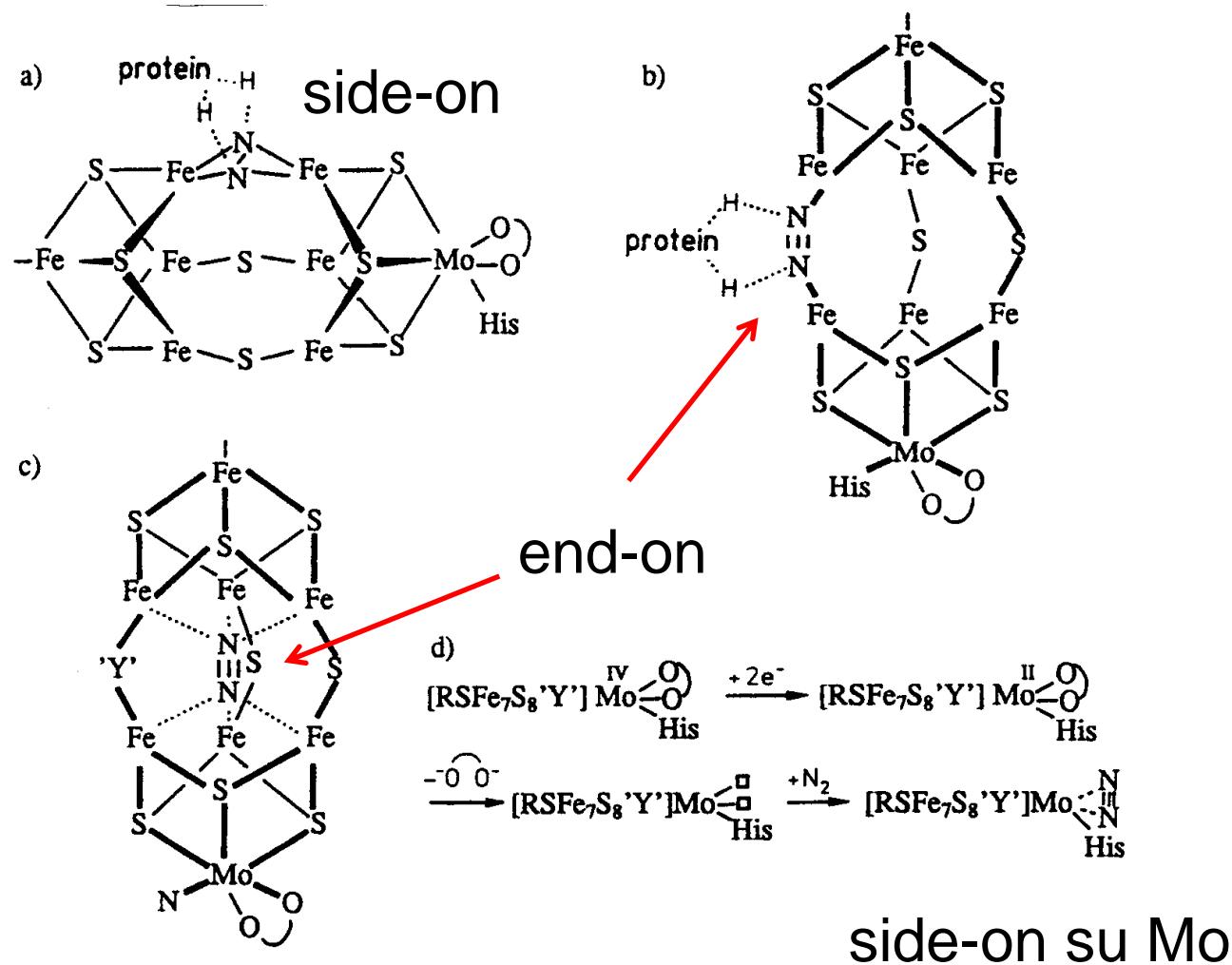
First structural models from EXAFS

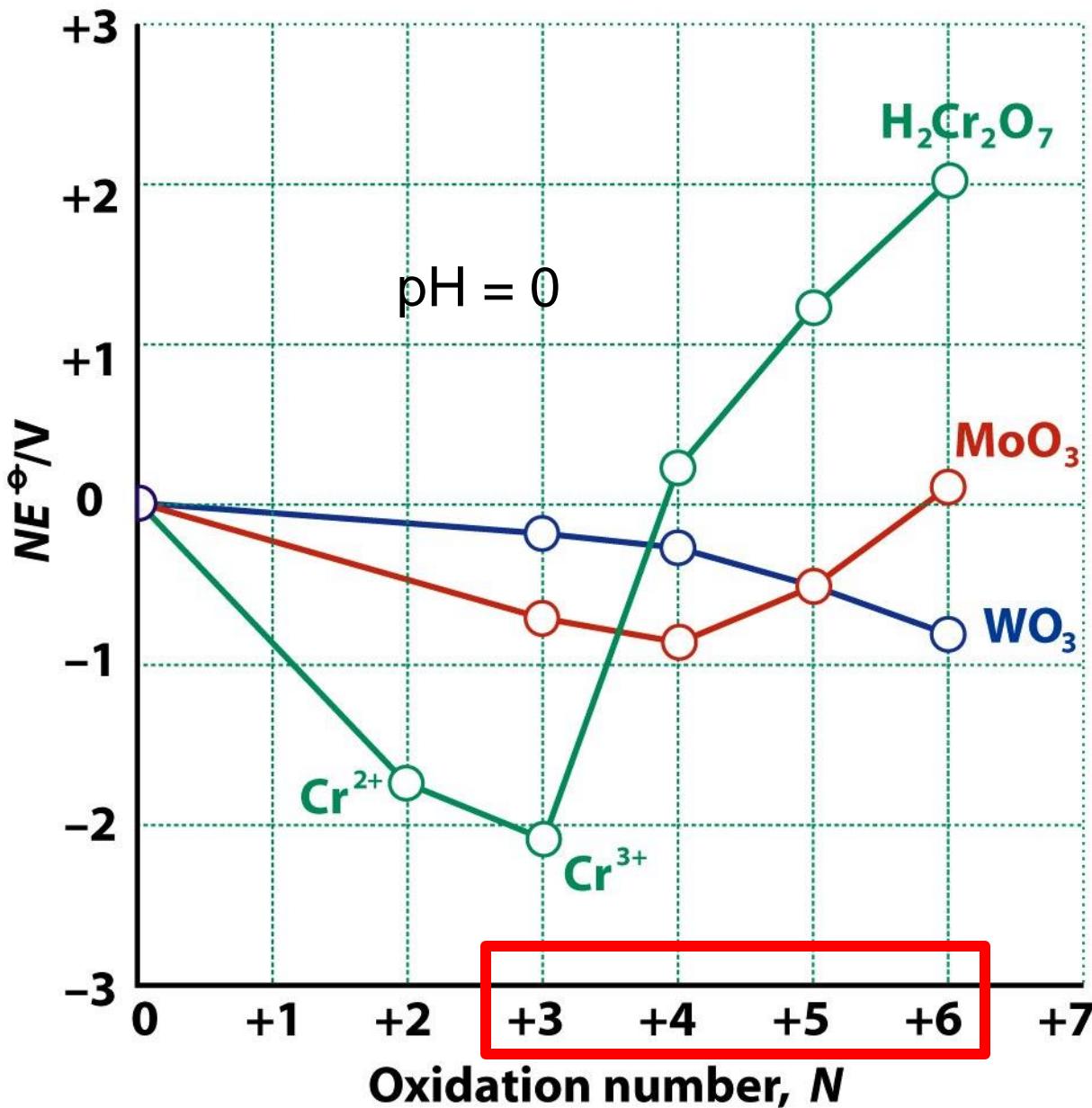
First crystal structure (2.7 Å)

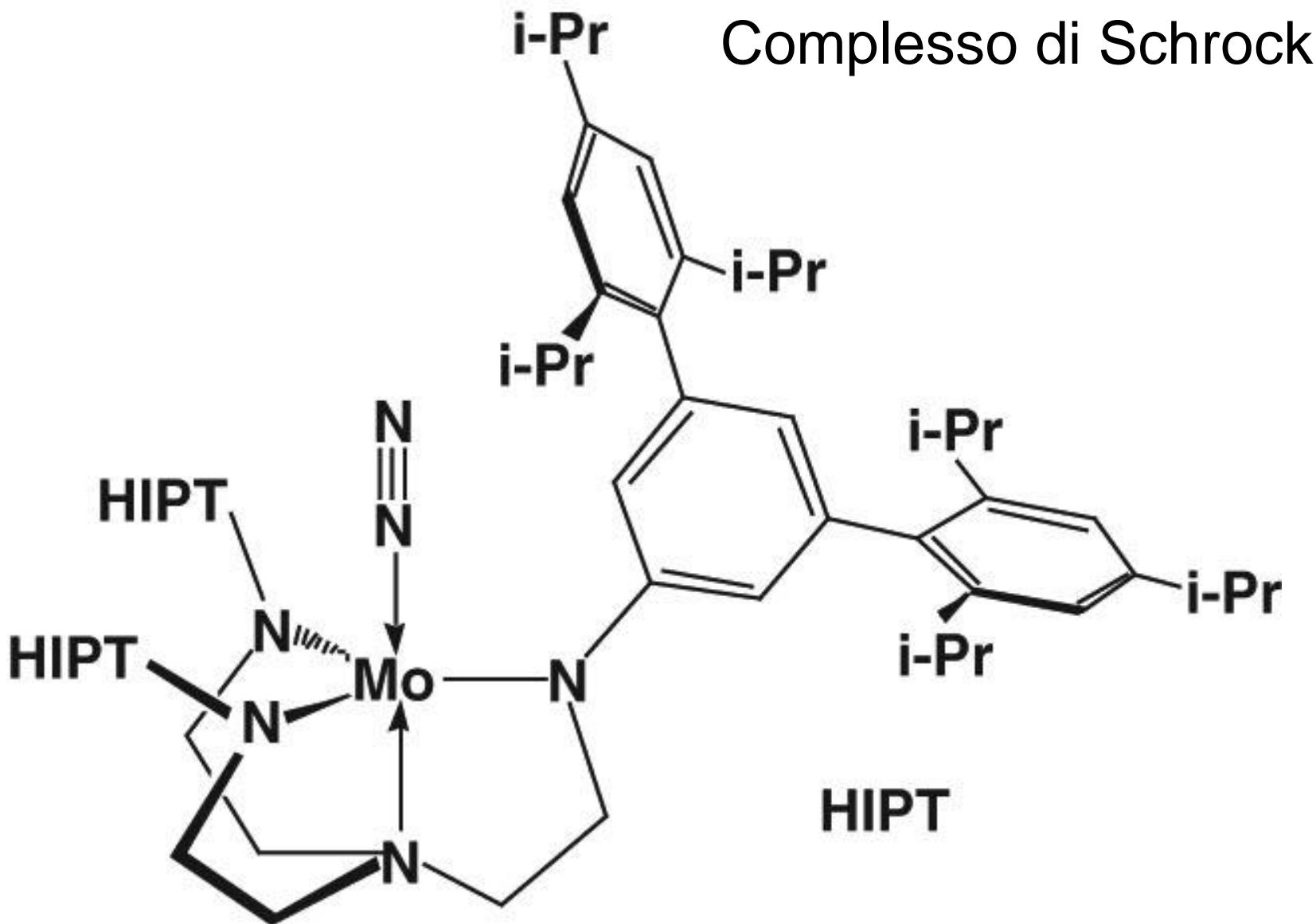
Discovery of interstitial atom

Interstitial atom identified as carbon

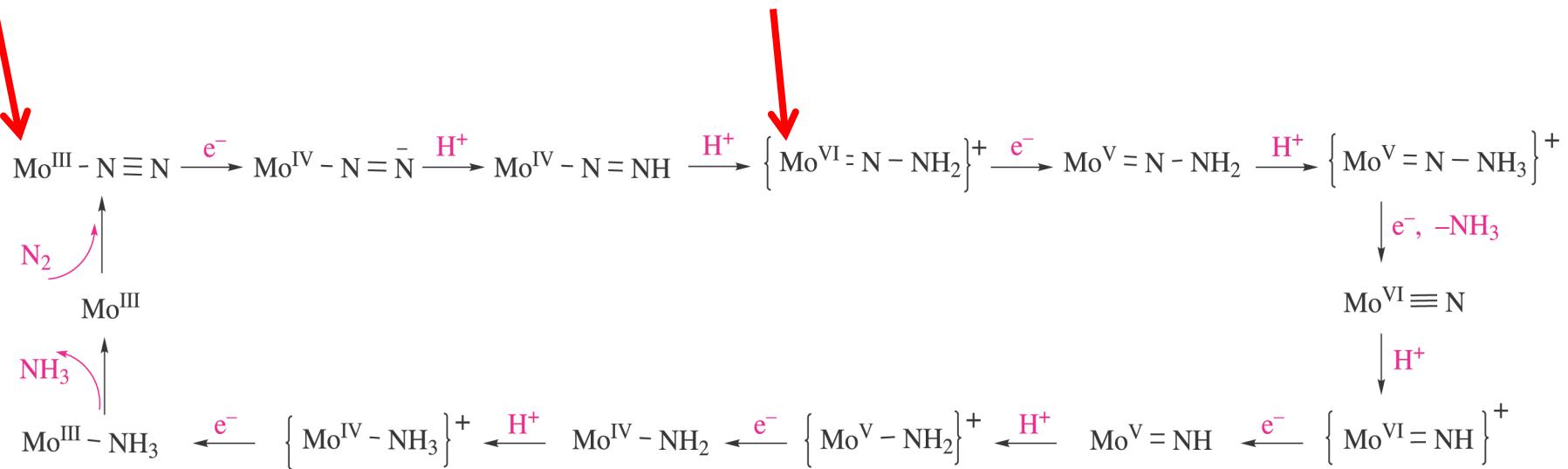
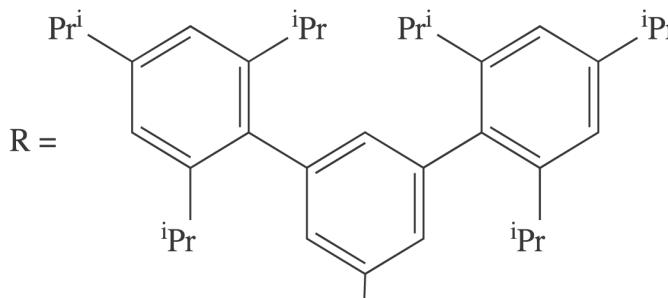
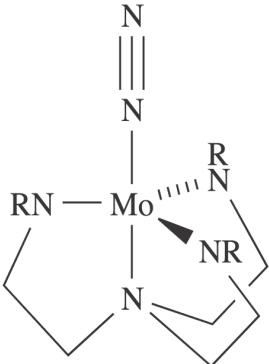
Ipotetici modi di coordinazione di N₂ al FeMoco







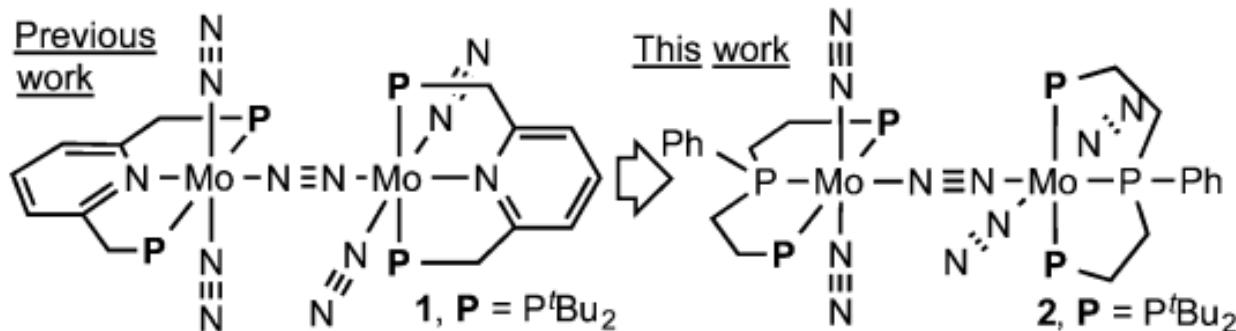
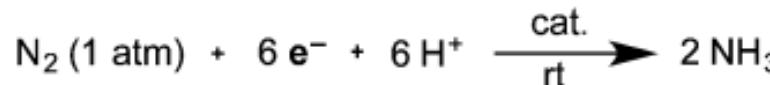
Schema della riduzione catalitica di N₂ a NH₃ su Mo



8 cicli catalitici, meccanismo *distale*

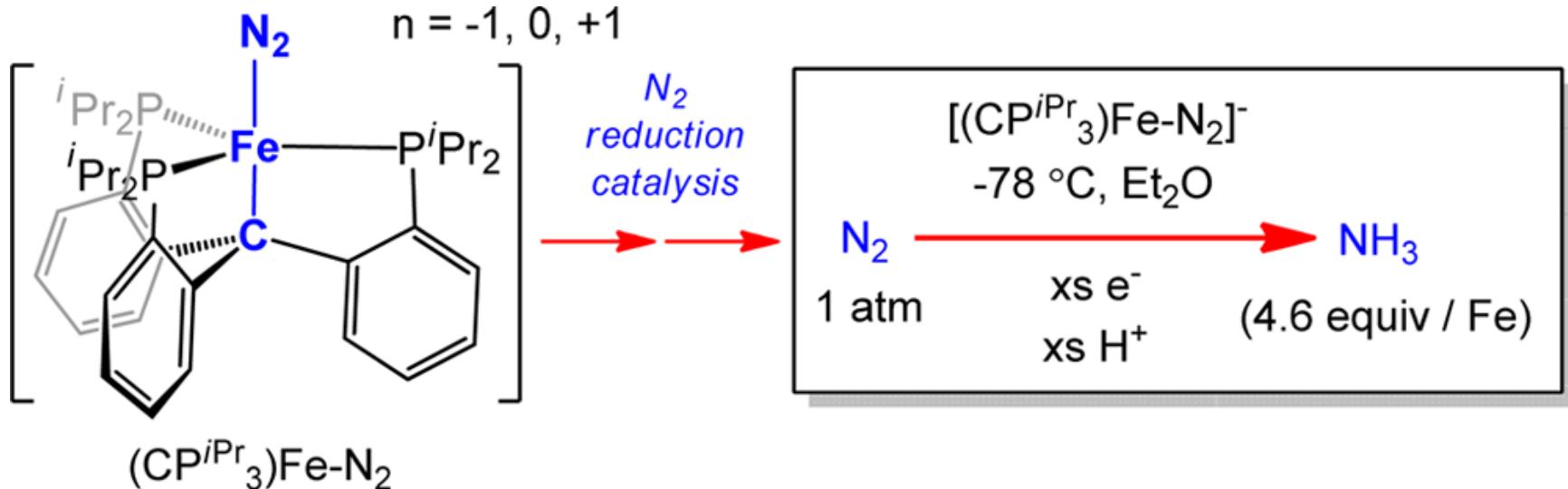
Complessi di Nishibayashi (2011 e 2015)

26 cicli catalitici, riducente CoCp^*_2



Complesso di Peters (2014)

4.6 cicli catalitici, riducente K

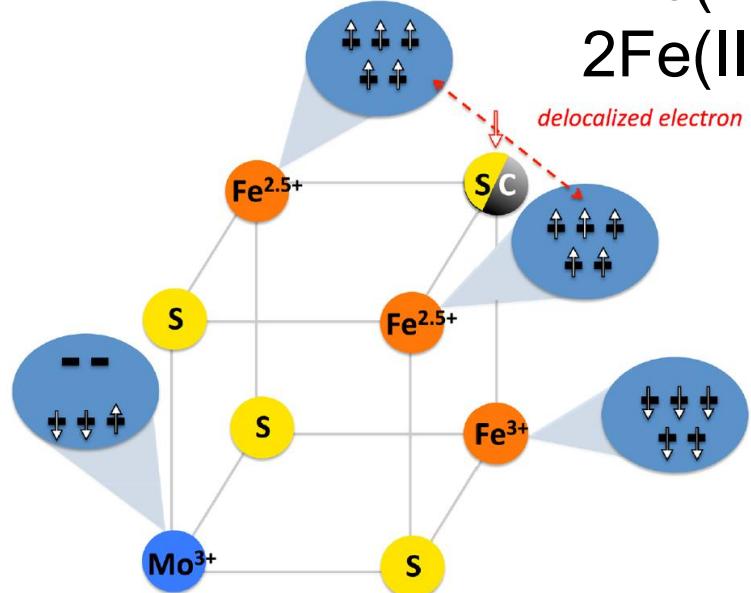
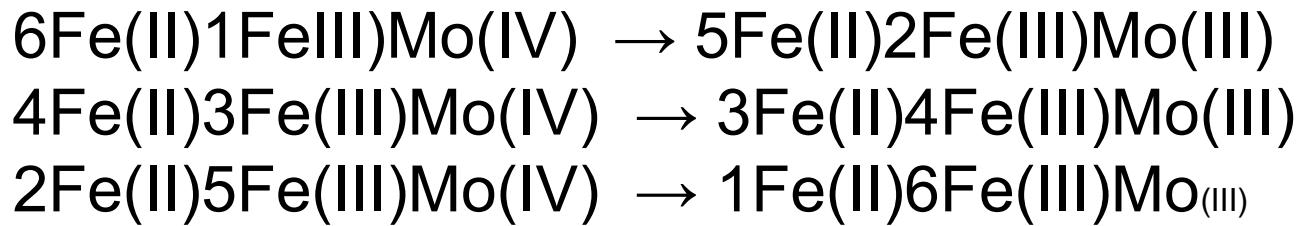


Struttura elettronica di FeMo-co

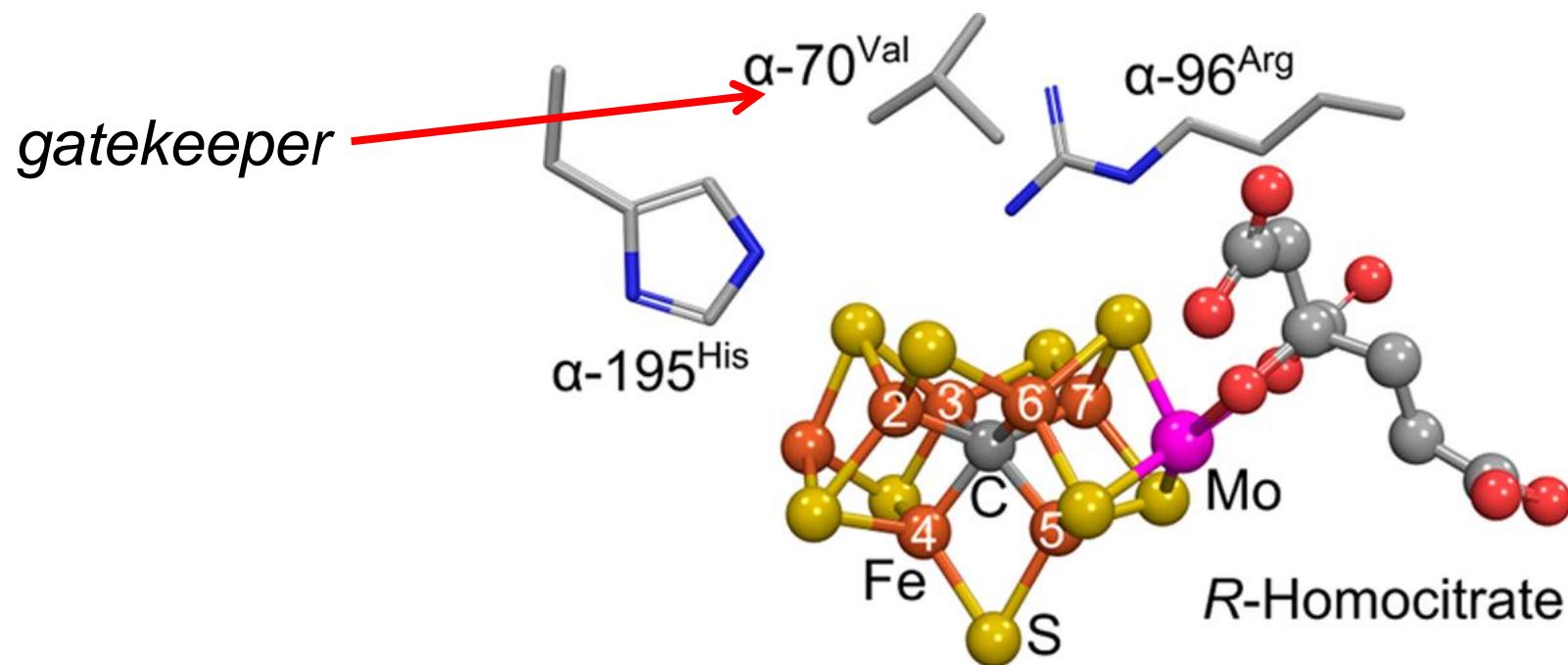
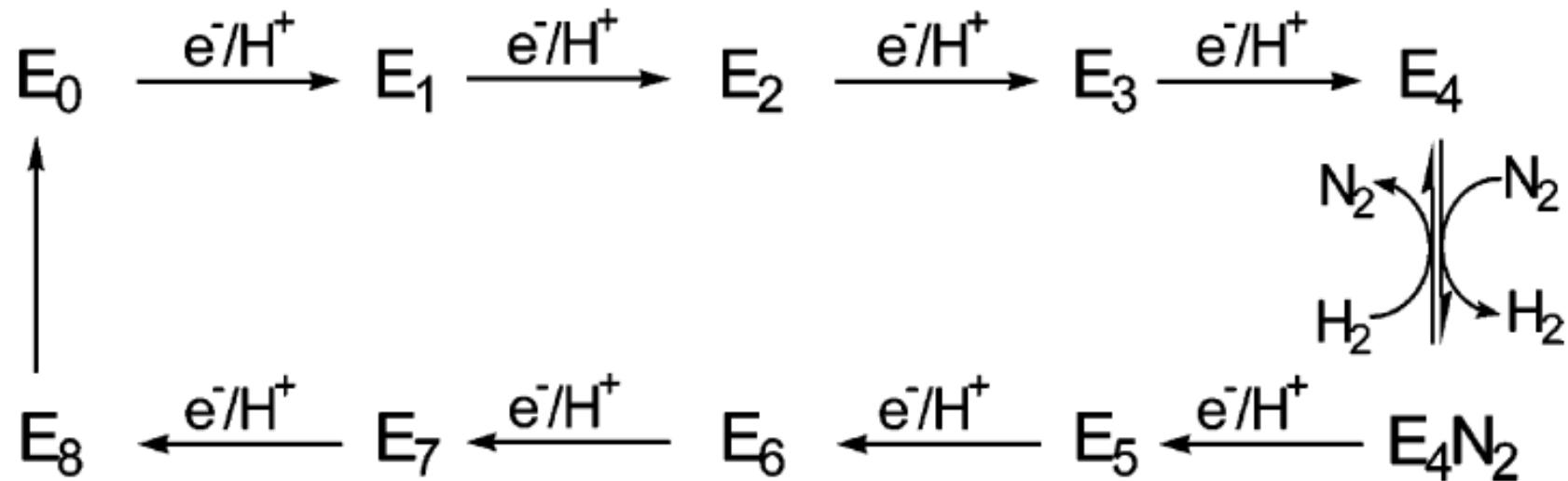
Resting state: $S = 3/2$

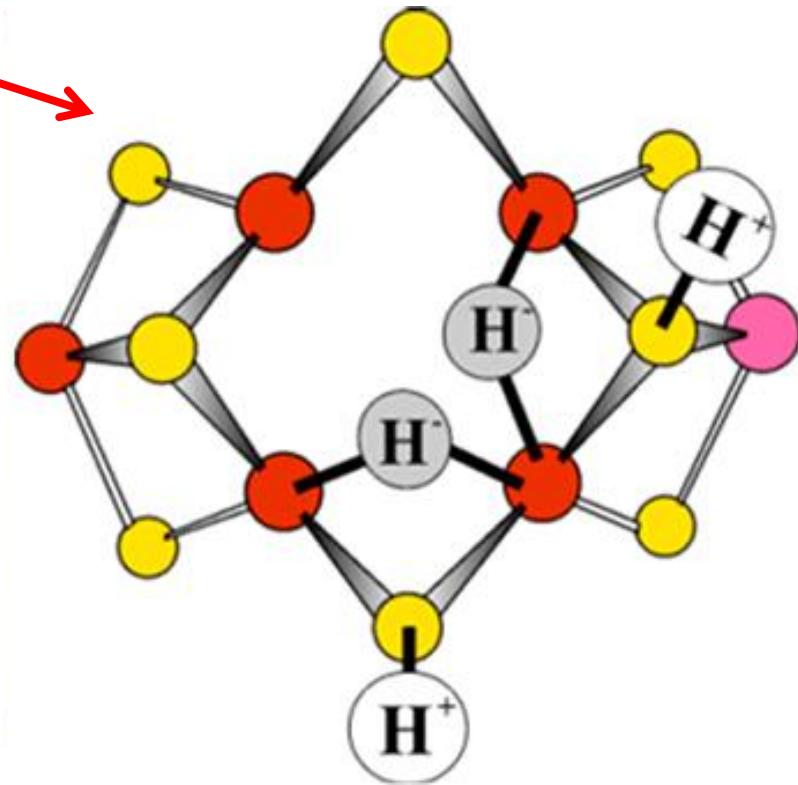
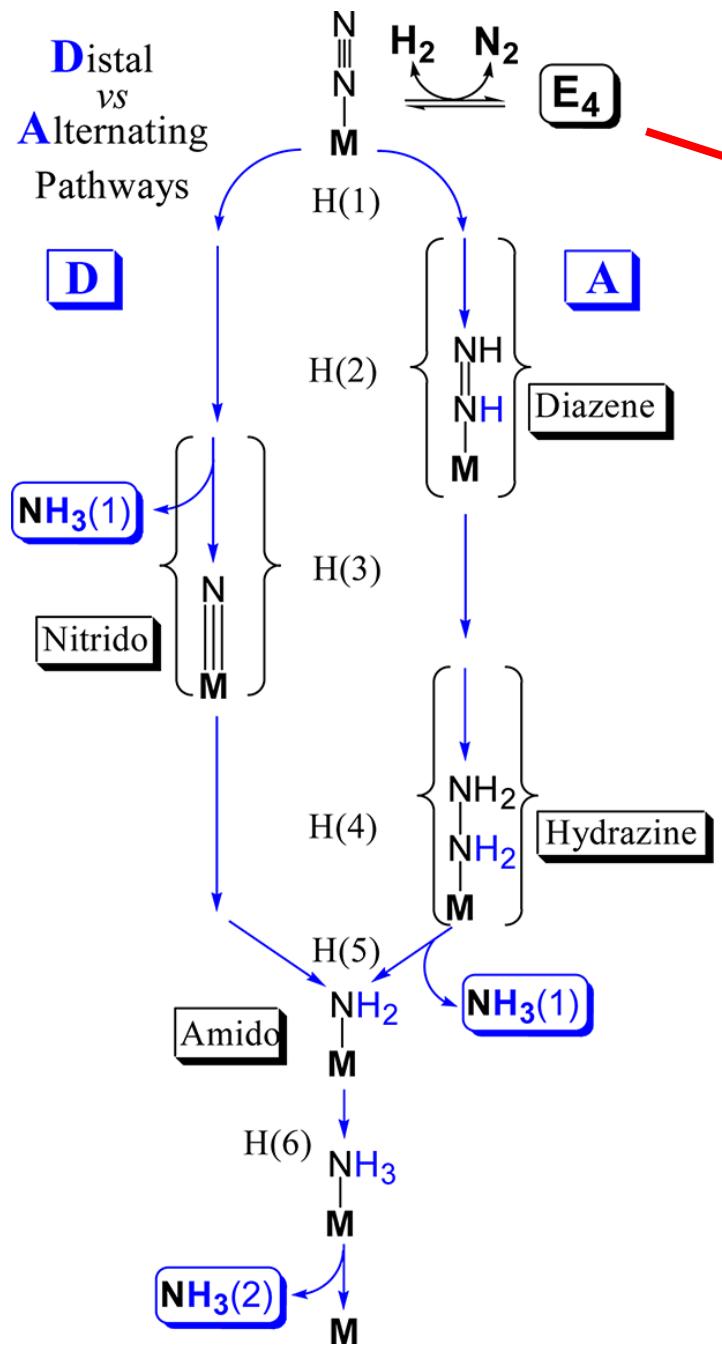
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|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) $[\text{MoFe}_7\text{S}_9\text{C}]^{3-}$ | 6Fe(II)1Fe(III)Mo(IV) | |
| 2) $[\text{MoFe}_7\text{S}_9\text{C}]^{1-}$ | 4Fe(II)3Fe(III)Mo(IV) | Mo(IV), d ² $S = 0$ |
| 3) $[\text{MoFe}_7\text{S}_9\text{C}]^{1+}$ | 2Fe(II)5Fe(III)Mo(IV) | |

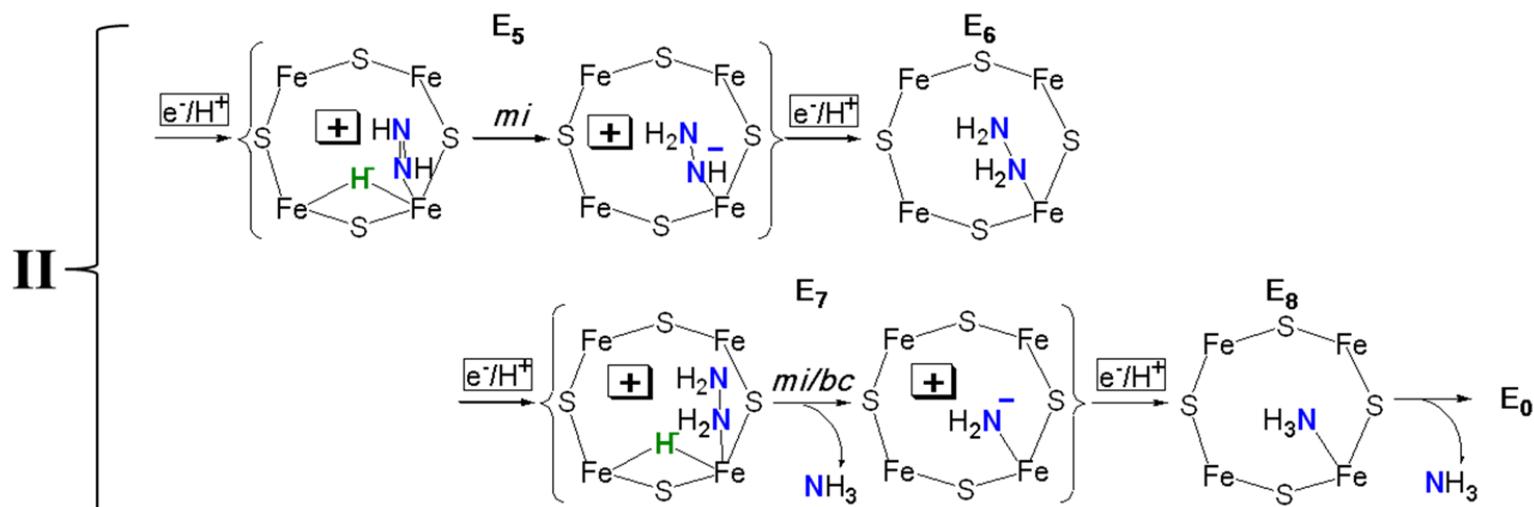
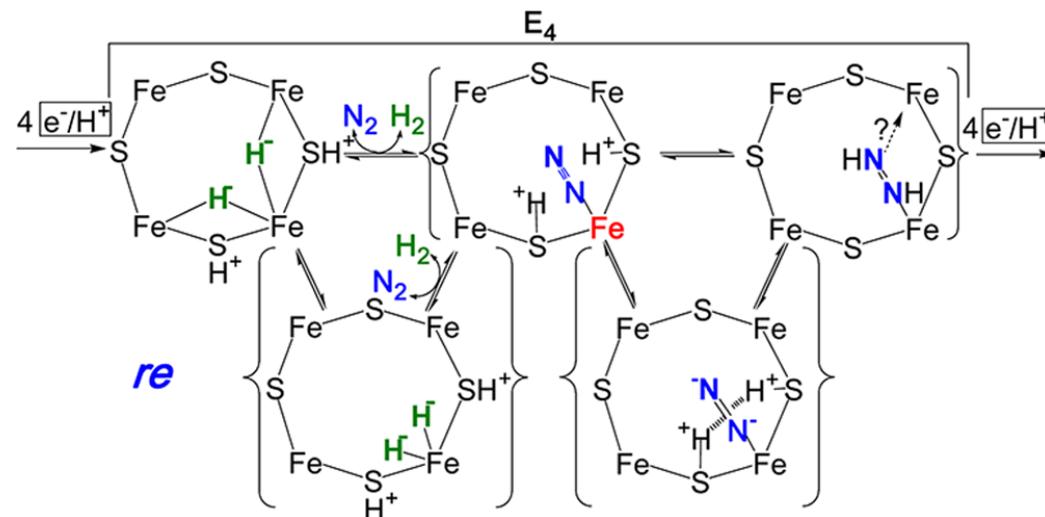
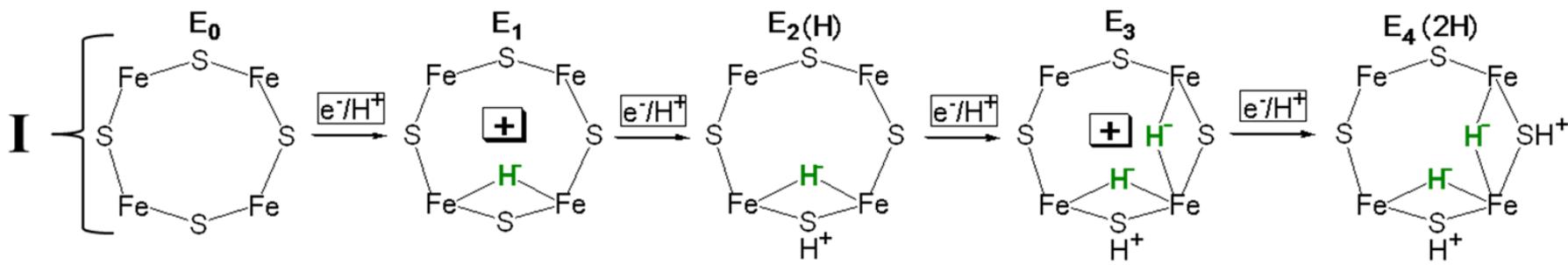
2014: Mo(III), d³ basso spin ($\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow$)?

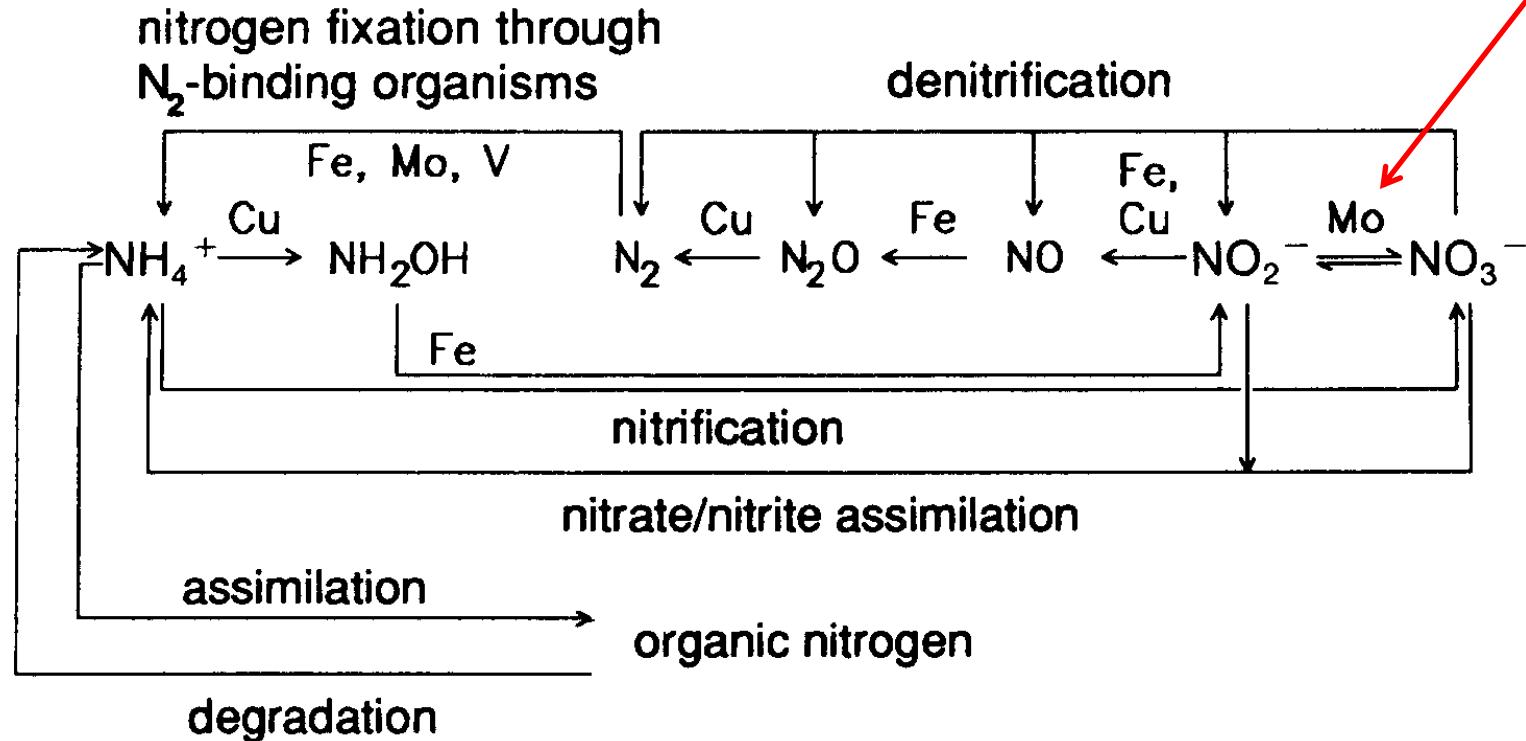


Ciclo catalítico





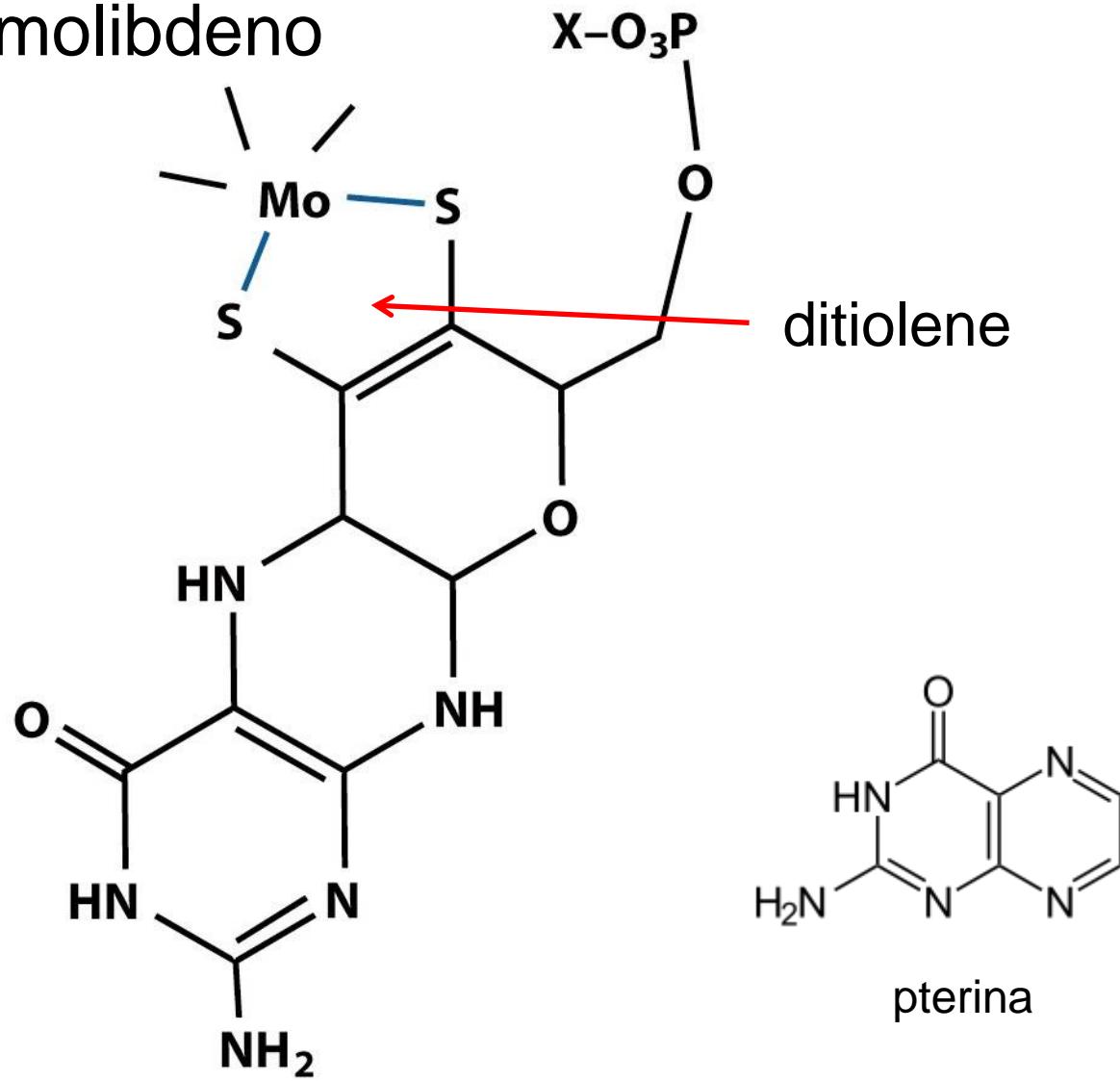




Tre famiglie di enzimi al Mo (*osso-trasferasi*)

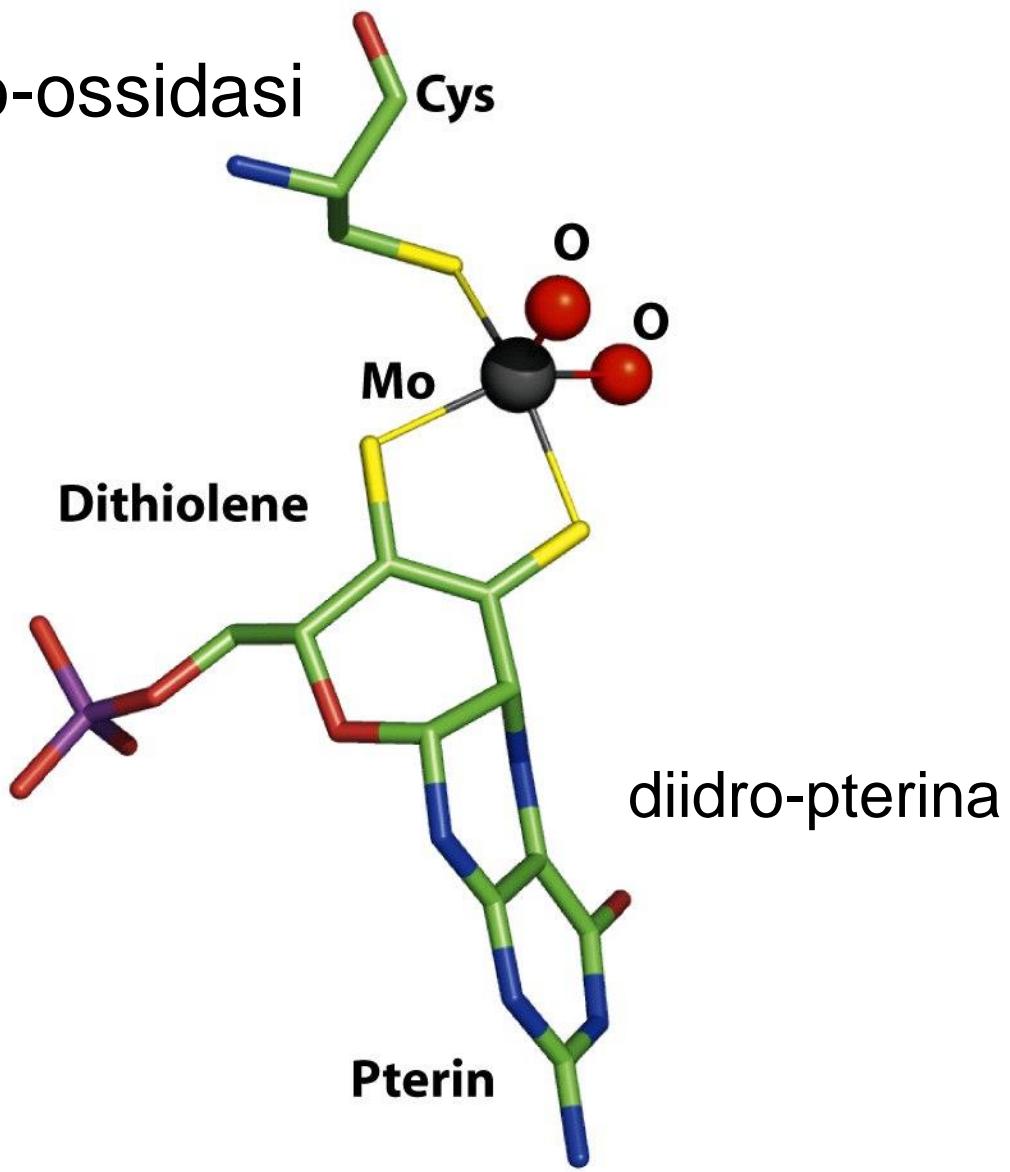
- xantina-ossidasi
- solfito-ossidasi
- DMSO-riduttasi

Cofattore del molibdeno

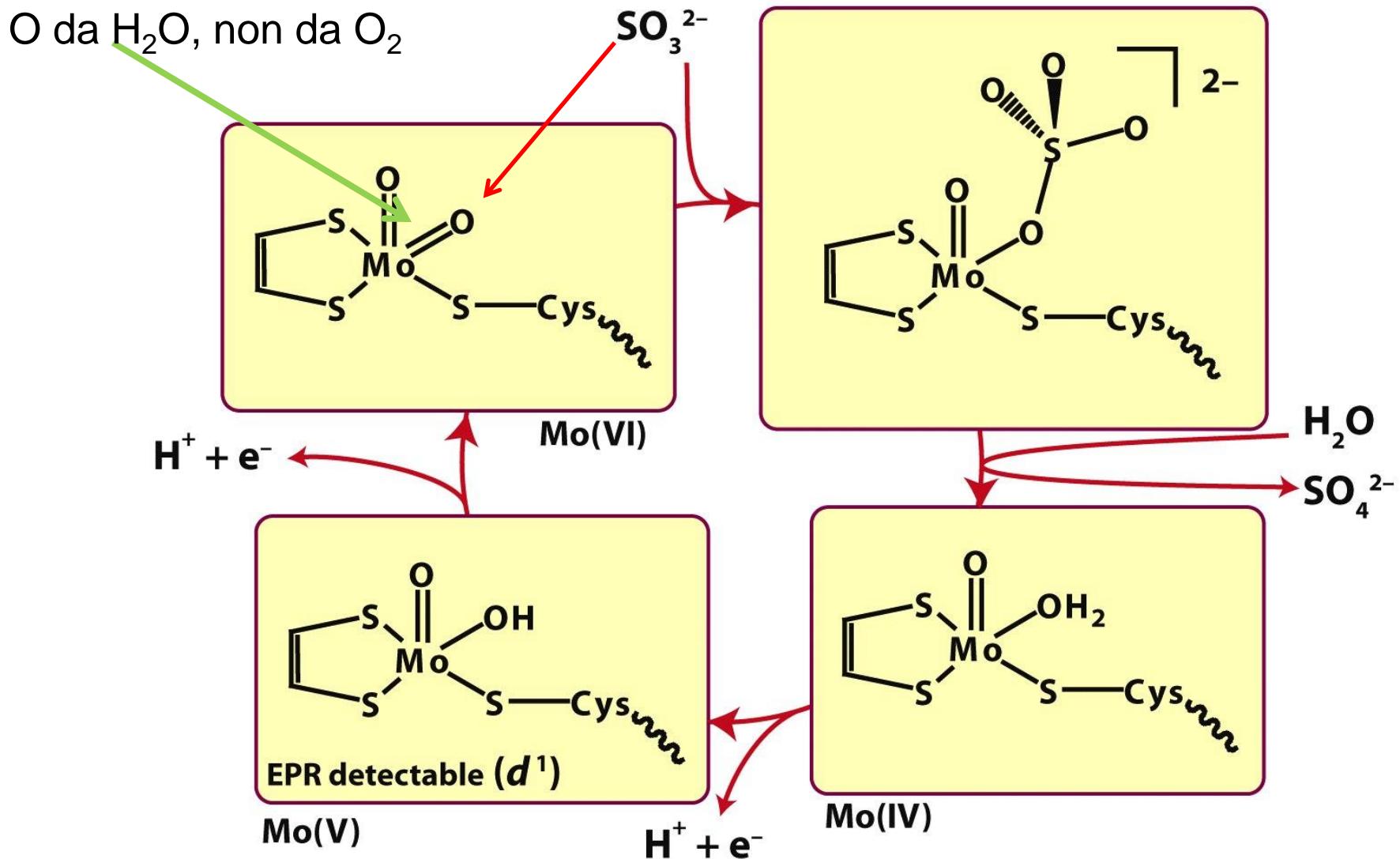


Molybdopterin as ligand

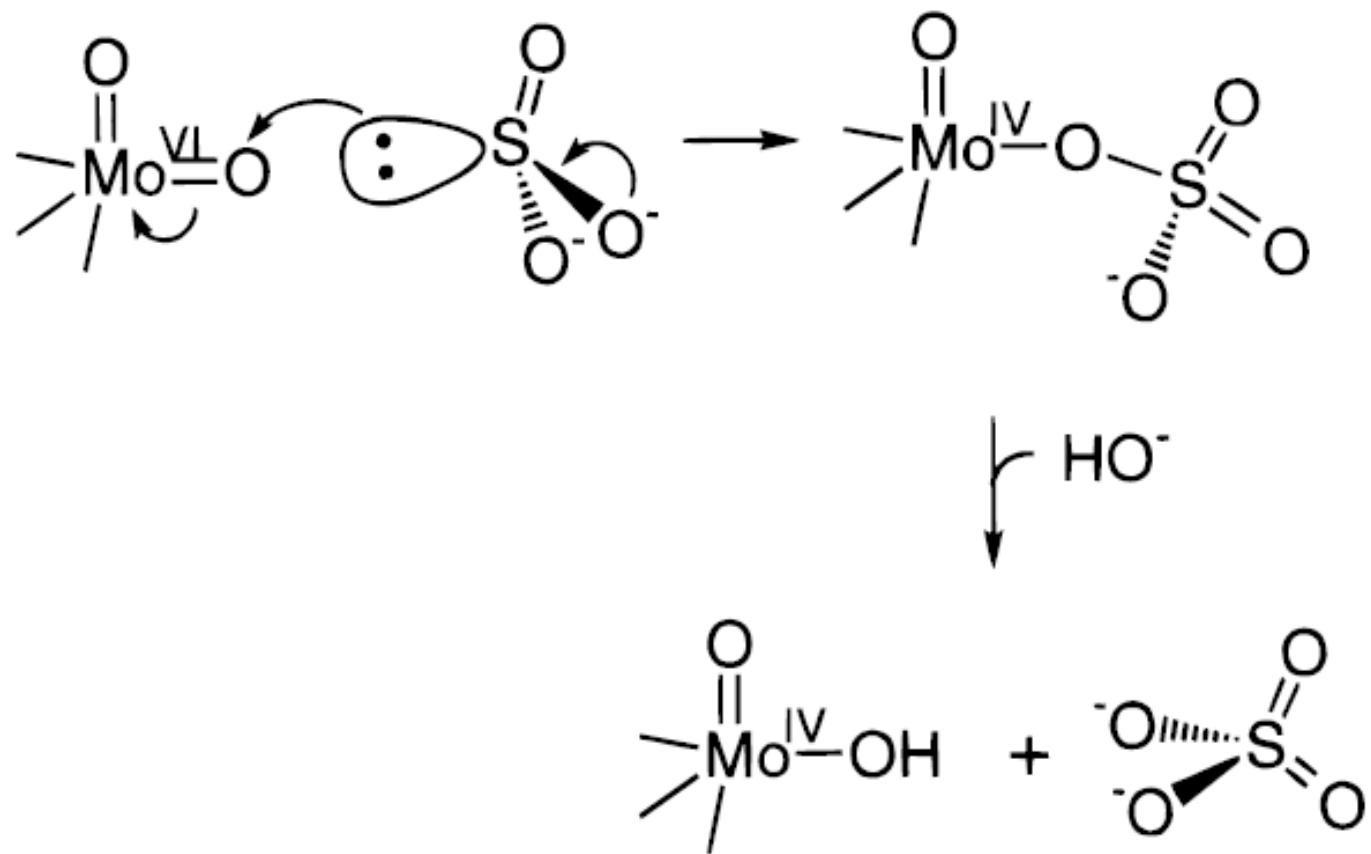
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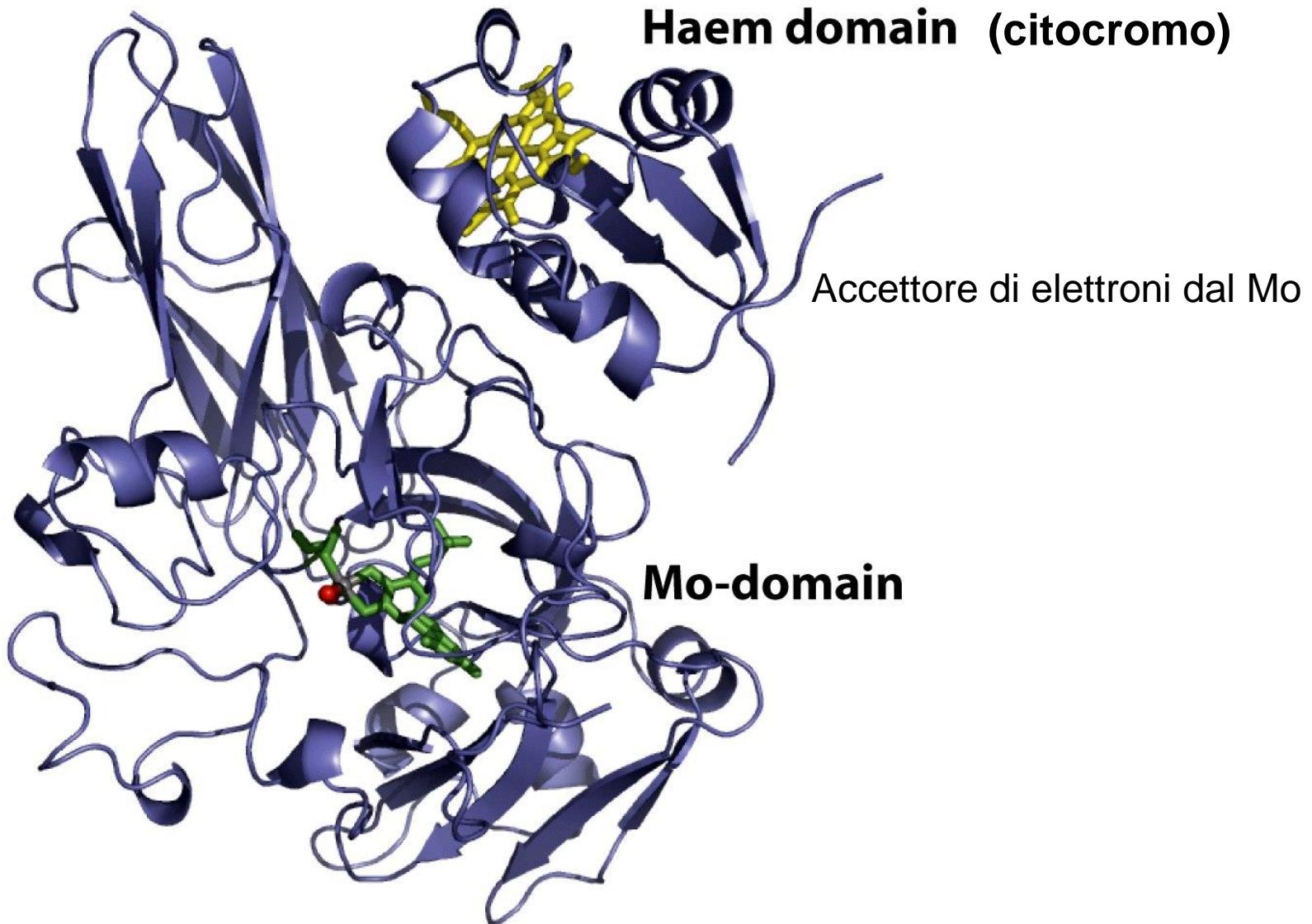
Ciclo catalitico della solfito-ossidasi



Mo possiede tre stati di ossidazione stabili, Mo(IV), Mo(V) e Mo(VI)



Struttura della solfito-ossidasi



Scala di entalpia delle reazioni di trasferimento di atomi di ossigeno

