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Exploring the intrinsic properties of bioinorganic complexes by Ion-Molecule Reactions



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Ion-Molecule Reactions

- First observation (Thomson, 1913)
- Chemical Ionization Source (Munson and Field, 1966)
- Multiple-stage Mass Spectrometers (ion isolation + reactions with specific gaseous reagent under low-energy, controlled conditions)
- High degree of experimental flexibility

The Gas Phase, in the absence of solvent and counterions, allows to elucidate the **intrinsic behavior in ionic reactions** and expose the role of the environment.



IMPACT of IMR

fundamentals

Thermodynamic properties
Reaction mechanisms

applications

Identification of functional group
Fine structural elucidation
Biochemistry, astrochemistry,...



IMR by FT-ICR

Pros

- sensitivity
- specificity
- speed
- efficiency
- numerous reaction-based strategies
- no extensive purification/sample preparation
- (indirect) structural information

Cons

- inferred information on neutral products
- volatile neutrals (b.p. < 200 °C)



Gas phase ion molecule reactions

- **General aspects** (reaction efficiency; double-well potential energy surface)
- **Instrumentation**
- **IMR** (functional group-selective reactions; structurally diagnostic reactions)
- **Applications of IMR**

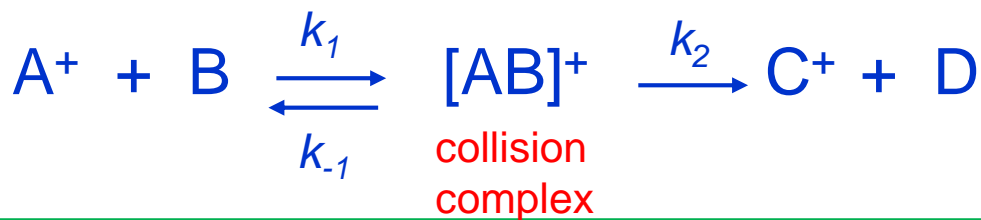


General aspects

Collision rate
the greatest possible reaction rate

number of charges in the ion

dipole moment and polarizability of the neutral



Capture/collision rate : $k_{\text{coll}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

One or two order of magnitude larger than molecule-molecule reactions



How to calculate the k_{coll}

Calculations of collision rate constant

- Ion/induced dipole potential: **Langevin** theory
- Average dipole orientation (**ADO**) : Su & Bowers
- Angular momentum conserved ADO (**AADO**) : Su & Chesnavich

$$k_L = 2\pi e \left(\frac{\alpha}{\mu} \right)^{1/2}$$

capture rate coefficient

Langevin theory

α = polarizability

μ = the reduced mass of the pair

Interaction: ion-induced dipole



ADO theory

ADO: averaged dipole orientation

$$k_{\text{ADO}} = \frac{2\pi q}{\sqrt{\mu}} \left\{ \sqrt{\alpha} + C\mu_{\text{D}} \left(\frac{2}{\pi k_{\text{B}} T} \right)^{1/2} \right\}$$

the first term is the Langevin contribution

Interaction: ion- dipole

μ is the reduced mass; μ_{D} is the permanent dipole;
 C is a correction factor depending on $\mu_{\text{D}} / \alpha^{1/2}$;
 k_{B} is Boltzmann's constant

The dipole orientation is not considered

k_{ADO} predicts accurate Proton Transfer rate constants



k_{AADO} Theory

AADO: angular momentum conserved ADO
parametrized trajectory theory

- there is a net angular momentum transfer between the rotating molecule and the ion-molecule orbital motion.
- the AADO theory yields capture rate constants larger than ADO theory
- the AADO equation represents the best means to obtain an estimated capture rate for comparison with experimental reaction rate constants ($\pm 10\%$).

$$k_{\text{AADO}} = k_{\text{L}} G(x)$$

$$G(x) = \frac{(x+0.509)^2}{10.526} + 0.9754 \quad x < 2$$

$$G(x) = (x+0.509)^2 + 0.9754 \quad x \geq 2$$

empirical
parametrization

$$x = \frac{\mu_{\text{D}}}{(8\pi\epsilon_0\alpha k_{\text{B}}T)^{1/2}}$$

This equation makes it possible to approximate k_{coll} within $\pm 10\%$.



Reaction Rates



$$-\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = k n R(t) \quad \text{bimolecular reaction}$$

n = number density of neutral N

In a conventional bimolecular process the number density of neutral reactant would decrease with time. Here, it does not.

$$I_{(t)} = I_0 e^{-nkt} \quad \text{pseudo-first order reaction}$$

$$\ln \frac{I_{(t)}}{I_0} = -nkt \quad k = k_{exp}$$



The total signal intensity is used to normalize the data and avoid errors from slight variations in the number of ions.

The signal intensity of $I_{(t)}$ can be monitored as a function of time and the rate constants for the disappearance of reactant ions and the appearance of product ions are obtained.



- The semilog plot of the decrease of the parent ion abundance with time is linearly interpolated and the **pseudo-first order rate constant** is obtained.
- The bimolecular rate constant (k_{exp}) at 300 K is gained from the ratio between the negative slope and n , the number density of the neutral.
- n is calculated from the ideal gas equation and allows to convert the measured value of the neutral pressure (mbar) in molecule cm^{-3} at 300 K.

$$k_{exp} = \frac{-\text{slope (s}^{-1}\text{)}}{n \text{ (molecule cm}^{-3}\text{)}} = \dots \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

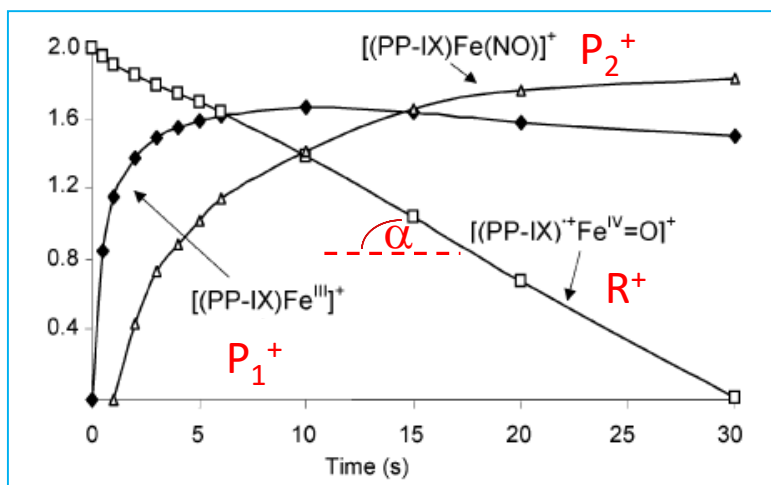
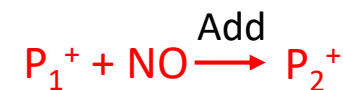


Figure 2. Plot of the logarithm of the relative ion abundances (%) versus time for the reaction of $(\text{PP-IX})^{\bullet+}\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$ with NO at 3.0×10^{-8} mbar.



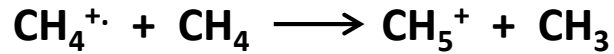
Two consecutive reactions

Typically, the reproducibility of k_{exp} values is within 10%;
while the error in the absolute rate constants is estimated to
be $\pm 30\%$.

It is mainly due to uncertainty in pressure measurements.

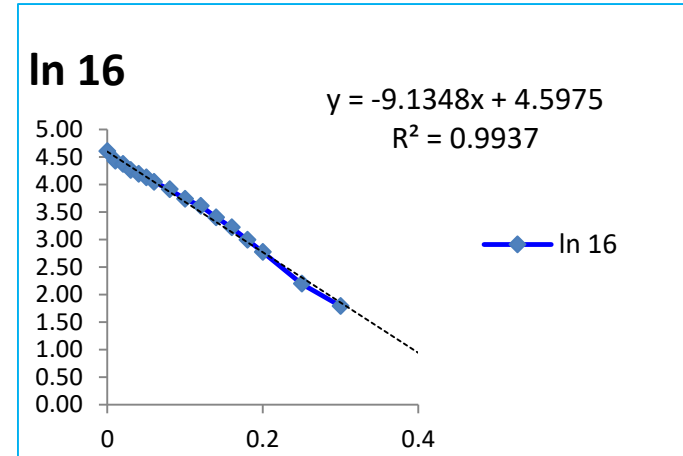
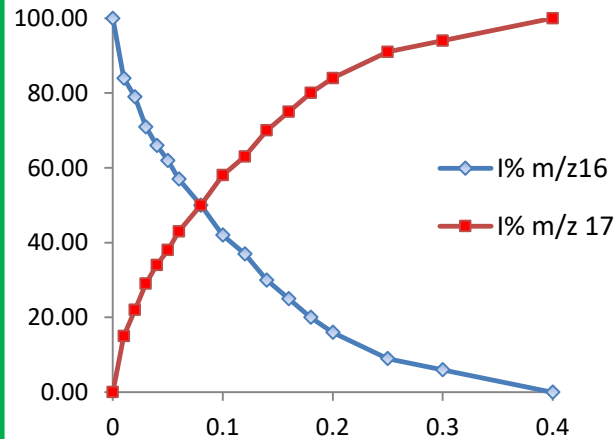


calibration of cold cathode gauge



$$k_{\text{CH}_4} = 1,1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule s}^{-1}$$

time	I% m/z 16	I% m/z 17	ln 16
0	100.00	0.00	4.605
0.01	84.00	15.00	4.431
0.02	79.00	22.00	4.369
0.03	71.00	29.00	4.263
0.04	66.00	34.00	4.190
0.05	62.00	38.00	4.127
0.06	57.00	43.00	4.043
0.08	50.00	50.00	3.912
0.1	42.00	58.00	3.738
0.12	37.00	63.00	3.611
0.14	30.00	70.00	3.401
0.16	25.00	75.00	3.219
0.18	20.00	80.00	2.996
0.2	16.00	84.00	2.773
0.25	9.00	91.00	2.197
0.3	6.00	94.00	1.792
0.4	0.00	100.00	



-slope

$$k_{\text{exp}} = \frac{9,13}{2,4 \times 10^{16} \times 1,1 \times 10^{-7}} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

number density at 1.1×10^{-7} mbar

$$K_{\text{exp}} / k_{\text{CH}_4} = f \text{ (calibration factor)}$$



The efficiency (Φ) of an ion molecule reaction can be determined by comparing the experimental rate constant (k_{exp}) with a theoretical estimate of the capture rate constant as percentages of the collision rate constant (k_{coll}).

$$\Phi = \frac{k_{exp}}{k_{coll}} \quad \text{measure of reaction probability per collision} \\ \text{(number of events that bring to reaction)}$$

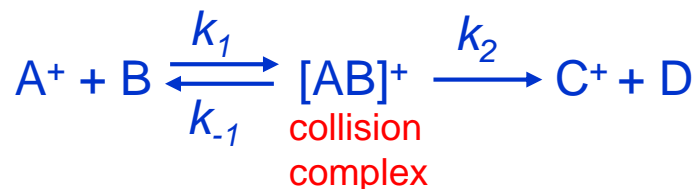
Many exothermic reactions exhibit unit reaction probability at room T;
others proceed with reaction efficiency much less than unity.



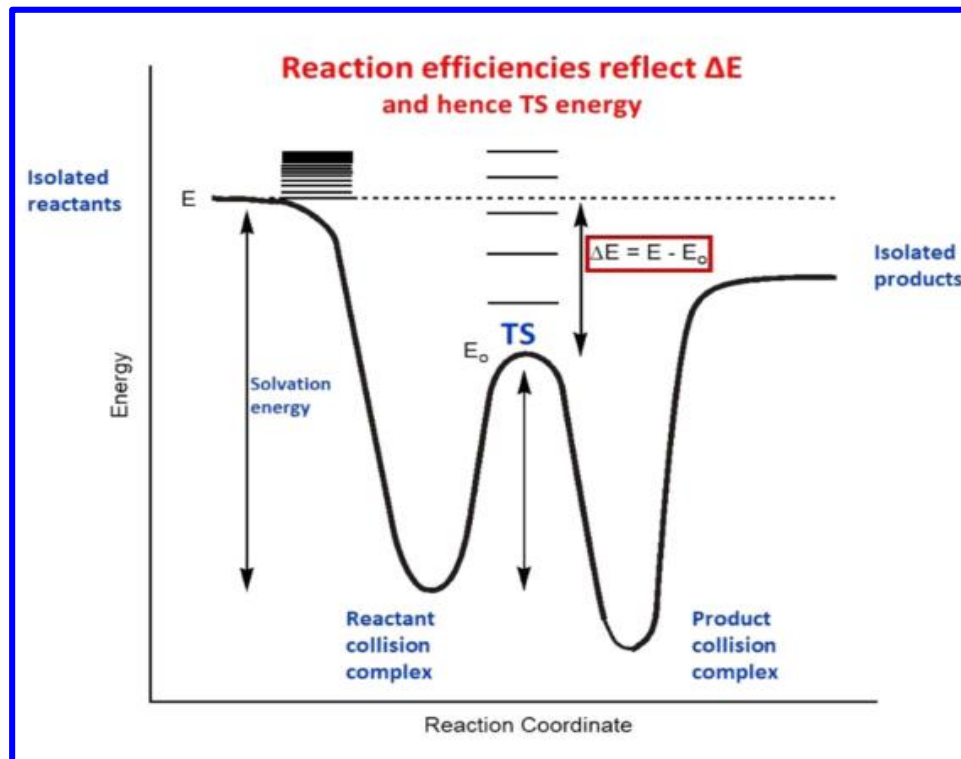
Brauman double-well model

Many exothermic IMR have unit efficiency (fast reactions), others present very low efficiency (slow reactions)

slow means that most of the collisions simply return back to reactants



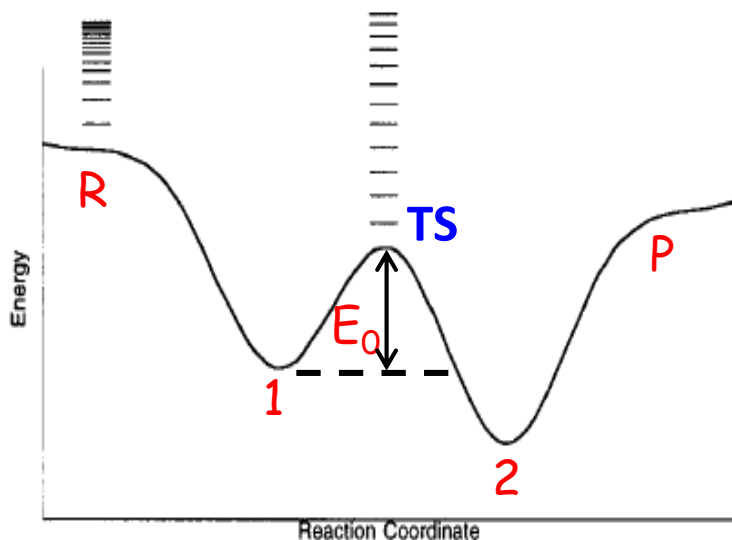
Capture is a necessary but not sufficient condition for reaction...



Only exothermic IMR with all barriers below the total energy level can proceed fast.



Overall, the efficiency depends on the height of the central barrier and the entropic constraints at the transition state.



under the collisionless condition of FT-ICR, the intermediate complexes 1 and 2 are chemically activated

k_2 : unimolecular isomerization with a *tight* (highly organized) TS (low A pre-exponential factor);
 k_{-1} : fragmentation reaction with a *loose* (with many degrees of freedom) TS (high A pre-exponential factor)

TS may correspond to an entropic bottle-neck

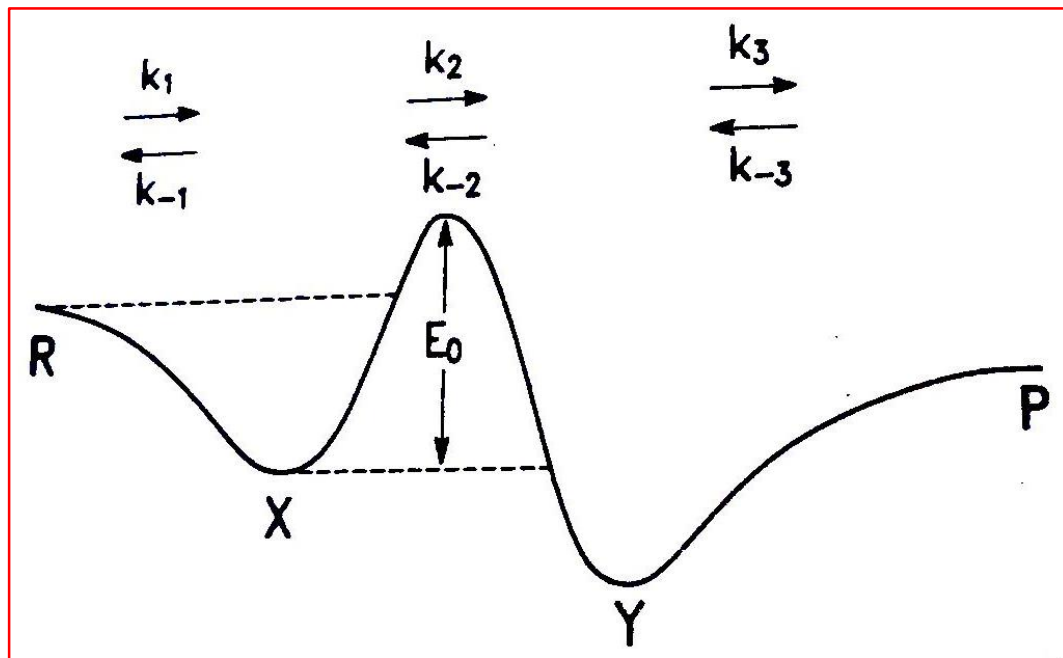
competition takes place between one pathway that is energetically favored and another that is entropically favored.

energy favors k_2 ; entropy favors k_{-1}

At low E_0 a fast reaction will occur



At high E_0 : (very) slow reaction



Slow reactions

k_{-1} will always be larger than k_2

At low pressure, double-minimum potential surface with TS lying above the reactants in energy : dissociation is energetically and entropically favored

For **long-lived** initial complexes, the energy can be removed *via* emission of a photon (**radiative stabilization**) and a slow reaction will be observed



Instrumental aspects

Where to perform IMR:

- Chemical ionization ion source
- Atmospheric pressure ion source
- rf-only quadrupole or a triple quadrupole
- Ion-trapping instruments: linear quadrupole ion-trap and FT-ICR (the most versatile MS)

In FT-ICR:

- low pressure measurements (10^{-5} - 10^{-8} torr)
- reagent introduction with variable leak valves and/or pulsed valves
- time and energy control of reactions
- mass selection of reactant and product ions
- structural characterization by CID, ECD, IRMPD
- multistep MS^n sequences
- high resolution, high mass accuracy mode of operation

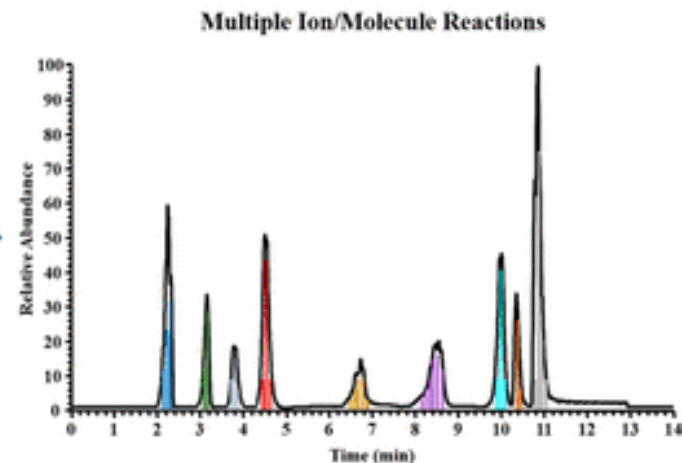
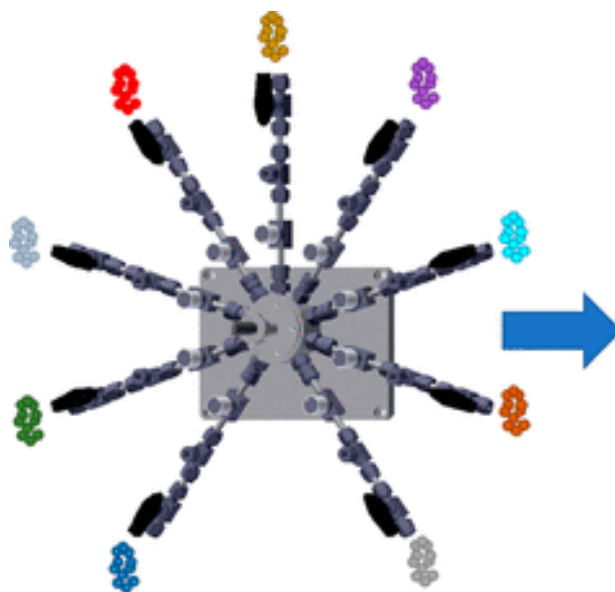


Multichannel Pulsed-Valves Inlet System

Integration of a Multichannel Pulsed-Valve Inlet System to a Linear Quadrupole Ion Trap Mass Spectrometer for the Rapid Consecutive Introduction of Nine Reagents for Diagnostic Ion/Molecule Reactions

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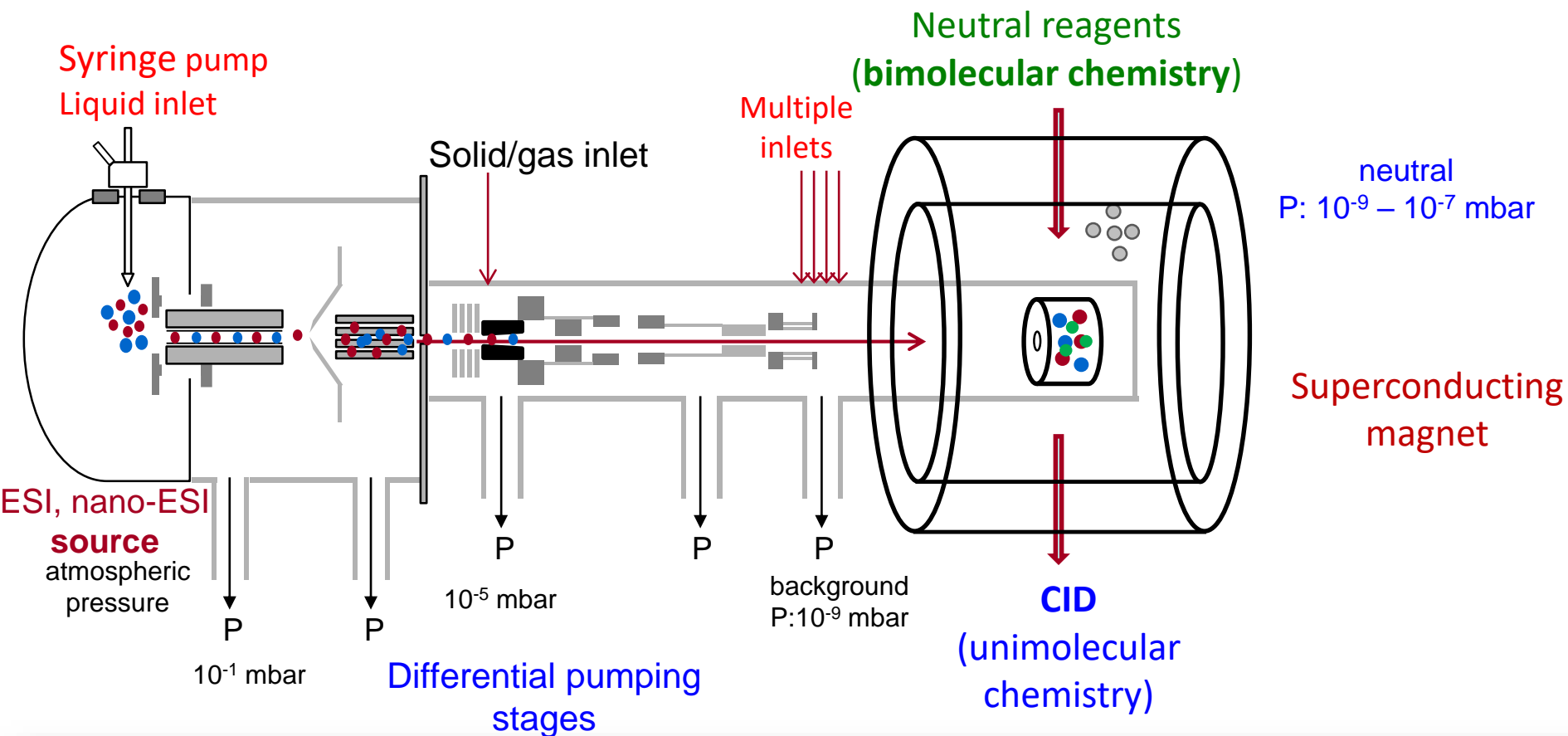
- rapid consecutive introduction of up to 9 reagents
- automatic triggering allows to perform IMR on the HPLC time scale
- each component of a complex mixture: eluted, ionized, isolated, exposed to 9 different reagents



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Bruker Apex II,
4.7T FT-ICR MS



Equipment for TNA in Roma



Types of Ion-Molecule Reactions

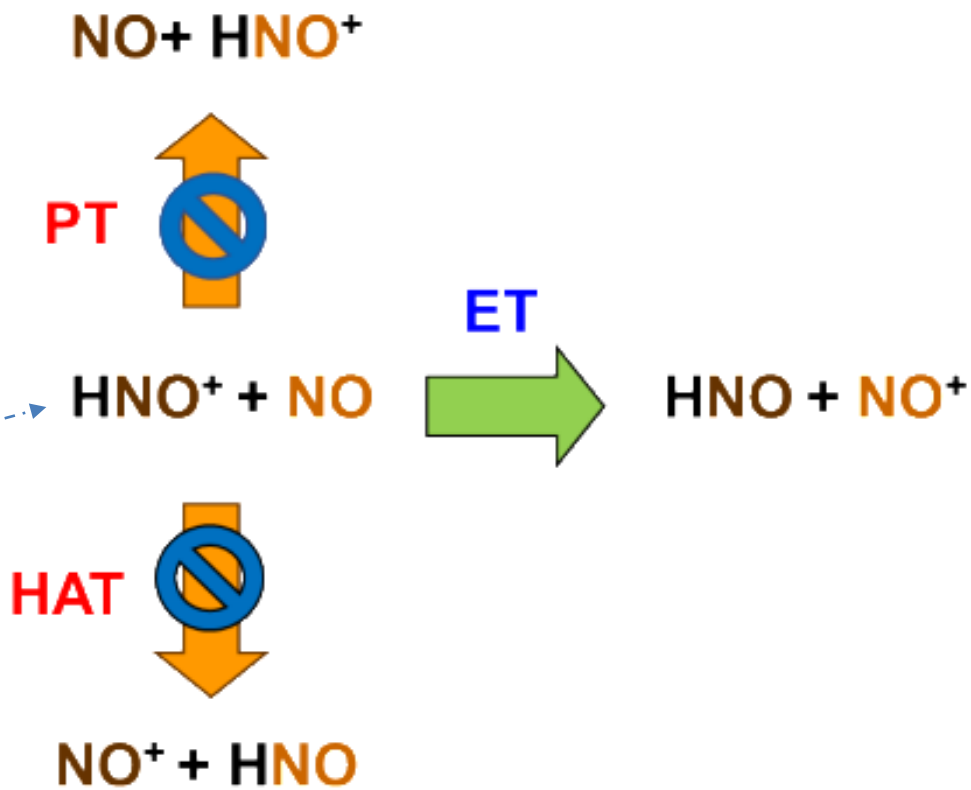
- Electron-Transfer
- Proton transfer
- H-atom/ O-atom transfer
- H/D exchange
- Functional-group selective
- Nucleophilic displacement
- Radiative association



Electron-Transfer Reactions

HNO⁺ is more stable than HON⁺ by 16.7 kcal/mol; isomerization requires 55.7 kcal/mol.

decomposition of hydroxylamine phosphate salt



calculations at the CCSD(T)/augccpVTZ//B3LYP/def2-TZVP level of theory



Proton-Transfer Reactions



base A of unknown GB (PA)

base B of known GB (PA)

by using several reference bases B, the **GB (PA)** of A can be determined

Bracketing method: kinetics



- measurement of k_{exp}
- presence of gaseous B

Equilibrium method: equilibrium



- measurement of K_{eq}
- presence of gaseous A and B

$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\text{BH}]^+ [\text{A}]}{[\text{AH}]^+ [\text{B}]} \quad \ln K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{-\Delta G^\circ}{RT}$$



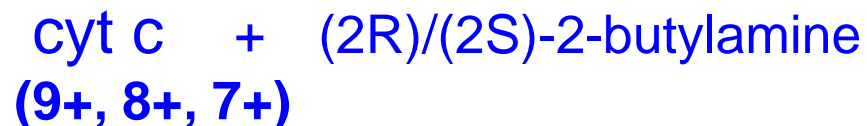
Chiral recognition in deprotonation reactions

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Chiral Recognition Is Observed in the Deprotonation Reaction of Cytochrome *c* by (2*R*)- and (2*S*)-2-Butylamine

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- (2*R*)- 10 times greater than (2*S*)-
- one reacting species for 9⁺ and two for 8⁺ and 7⁺ : different conformers

chiral probes of gas-phase structures provide :

- indirect information on protein structures (intermediates of defined structures) and
- thermochemical data about individual sites in large (bio)molecules



OAT from the naked core of Cpd I

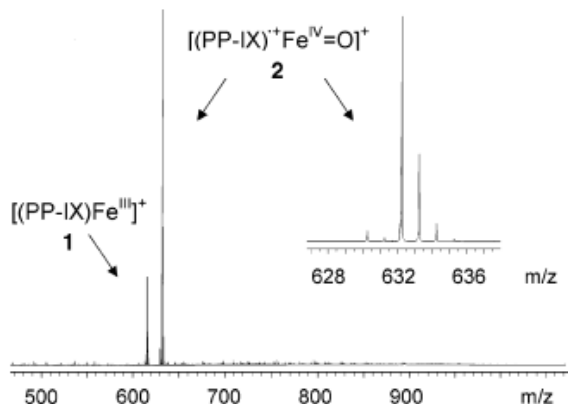
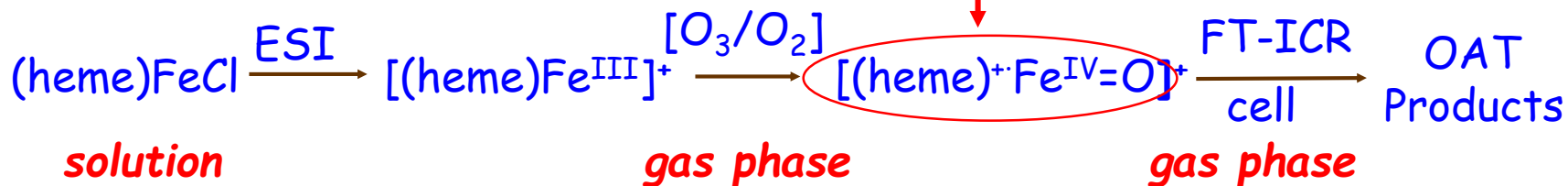


Figure 1. ESI FT-ICR mass spectrum from a methanol solution of (PP-IX)FeCl (10 μM), admitting O_3/O_2 in the capillary/skimmer interface of the ESI source. The inset is an enlargement of the spectrum displaying signals characteristic of (PP-IX) $^+\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$ ions (2).

Ion-molecule reactions of $[(\text{heme})^+\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}]^+$

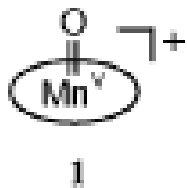
Table 1. Gas-Phase Reactivity of Selected Substrates (L) with (PP-IX) $^+\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})^+$ (2) Formed by the Reaction of $\text{Fe}(\text{PP-IX})^+$ (1) with O_3

L	k_{exp}^a	Φ^b	product ions 1/(PP-IX)Fe(O)(L) $^+$
NO	3.0	4.2	100/0
NO ₂	1.9	2.9	100/0
propyne	0.036	0.027	100/0
Me ₂ S	1.7	1.3	80/20
Me ₂ S ₂	2.8	2.4	90/10
pyridine	2.4	1.7	100/0
P(OMe) ₃	8.6	7.3	95/5

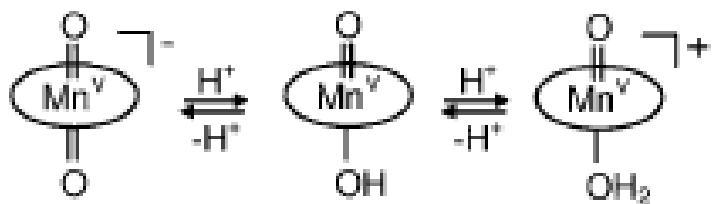
Oxophilic Character

C
N
S
P

OAT by Mn(V)-Oxo porphyrin complex



Mn^V-oxo-porphyrin complexes prepared in aqueous solution:
diamagnetic d² low-spin ground state



high pH

low pH

The OAT reactivity in water is found to be strongly pH-dependent: prototropic equilibria



L = propene, (E)-2-butene, (Z)-2-butene, styrene, cyclohexene, 1,3,5-CHT, (+)-camphene, indene, β -pinene, (R)-(+)-limonene. OAT reactivity increases with the olefin's IE value



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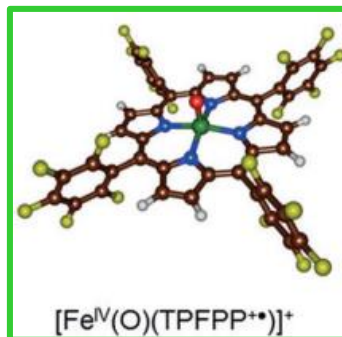
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A comprehensive test set of epoxidation rate constants for iron(IV)-oxo porphyrin cation radical complexes†

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Probing the Compound I-like Reactivity of a Bare High-Valent Oxo Iron Porphyrin Complex: The Oxidation of Tertiary Amines

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Reaction Mechanisms

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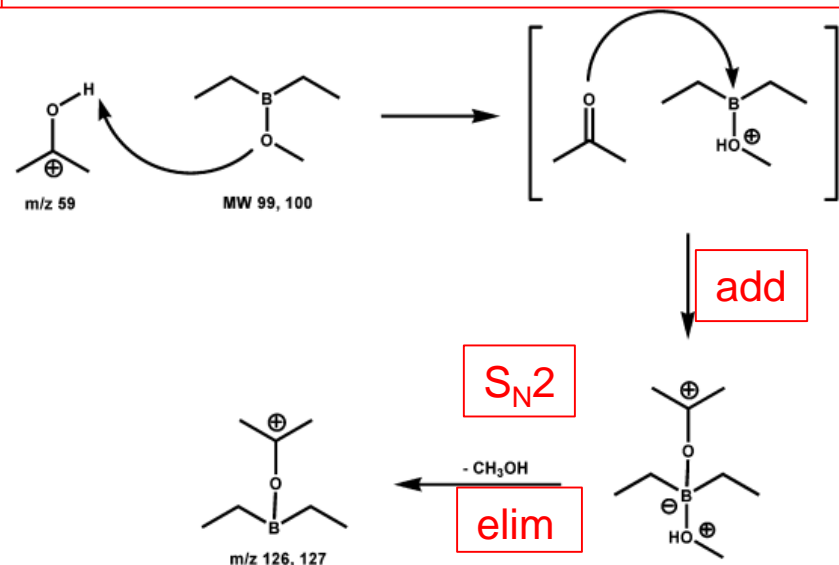
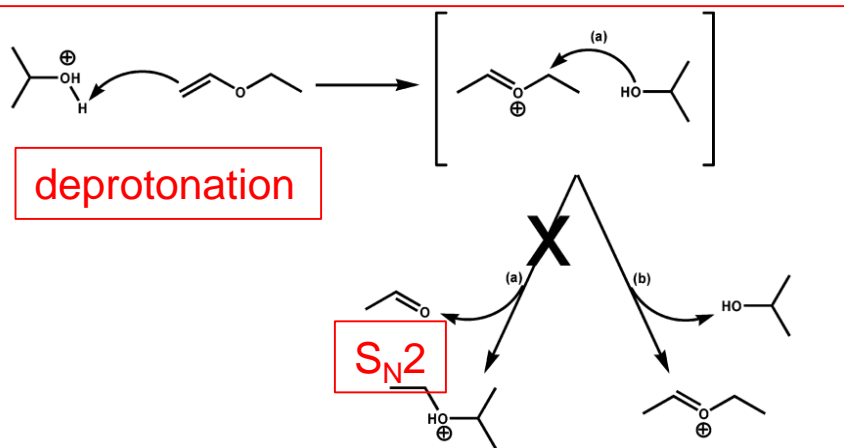
Functional-group selective IMR

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Ion–Molecule Reactions for Mass Spectrometric Identification of Functional Groups in Protonated Oxygen-Containing Monofunctional Compounds

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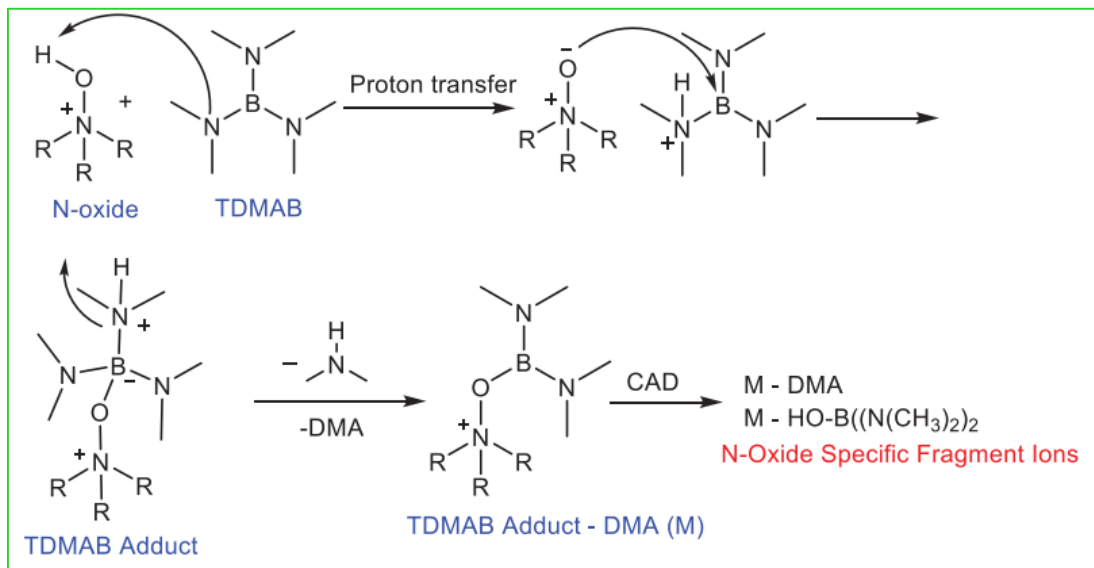
- 1) ethyl vinyl ether
- 2) diethylmethoxyborane



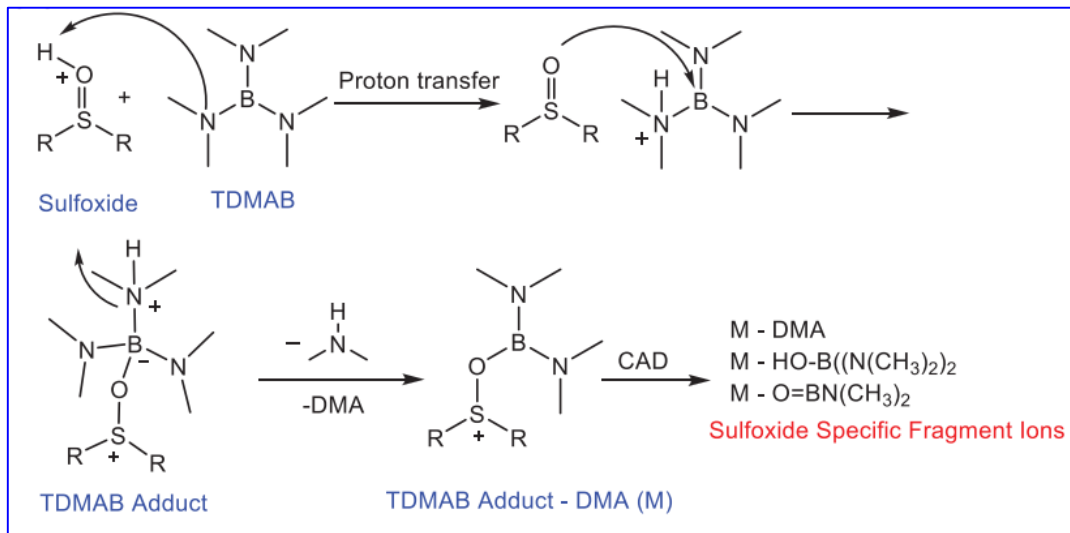
diethylmethoxyborane reacts with protonated monofunctional oxygen-containing analytes (**alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, esters, ethers, carboxylic acids, amides**) by deprotonation followed by substitution of methanol:
provides structure elucidation for unknown mixture components



Identification of N-oxide and sulfoxide functionalities in protonated drug metabolites by using IMR



PA (TDMAB) = 230 kcal/mol
 PA (N-oxides) = 220-240 kcal/mol
 PA (sulfoxides) = 215-220 kcal/mol



Application to antipsychotics drug metabolites

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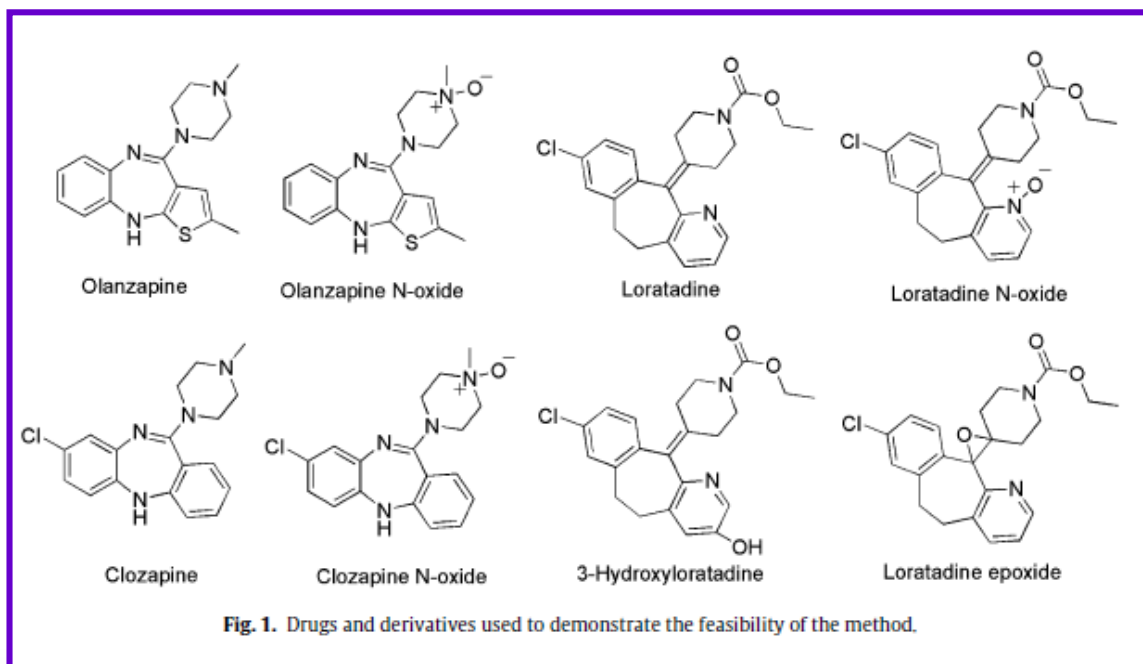
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Probing the exposure of the phosphate group in modified amino acids and peptides by ion-molecule reactions with triethoxyborane in Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

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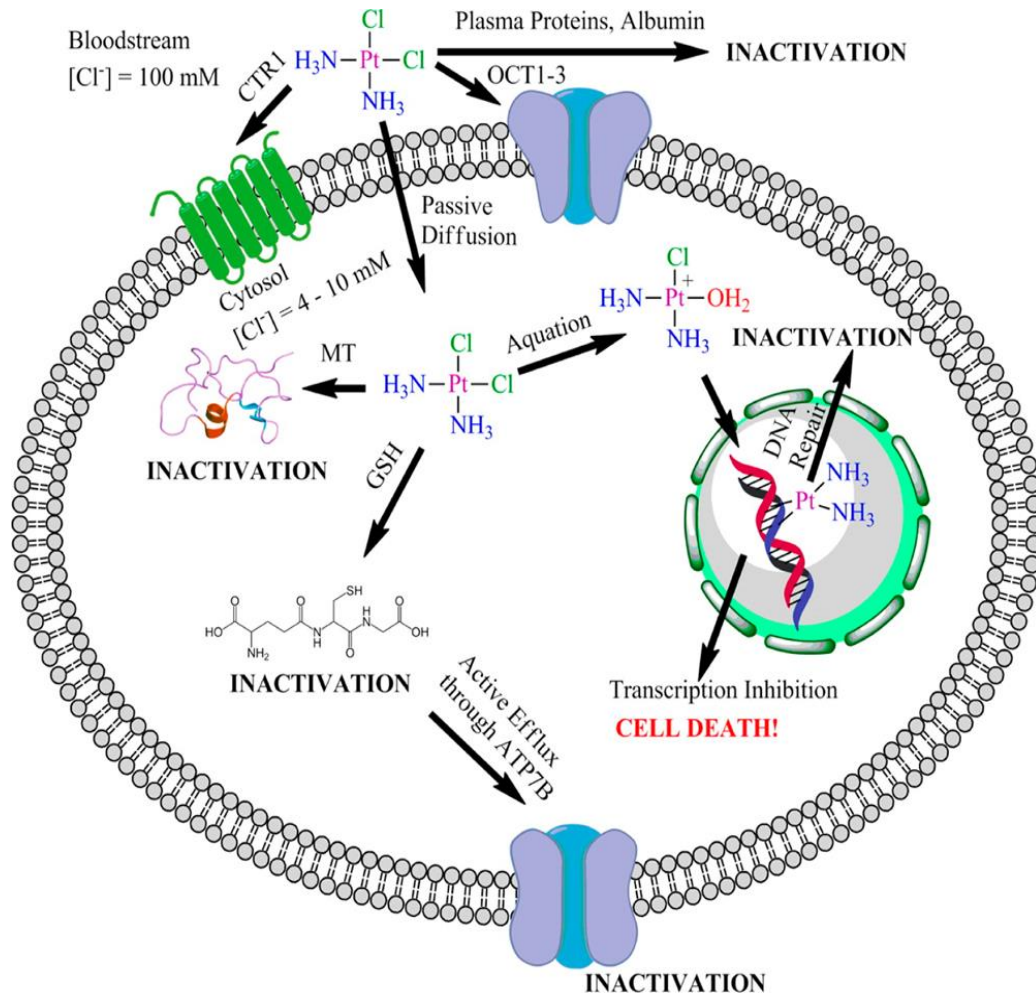
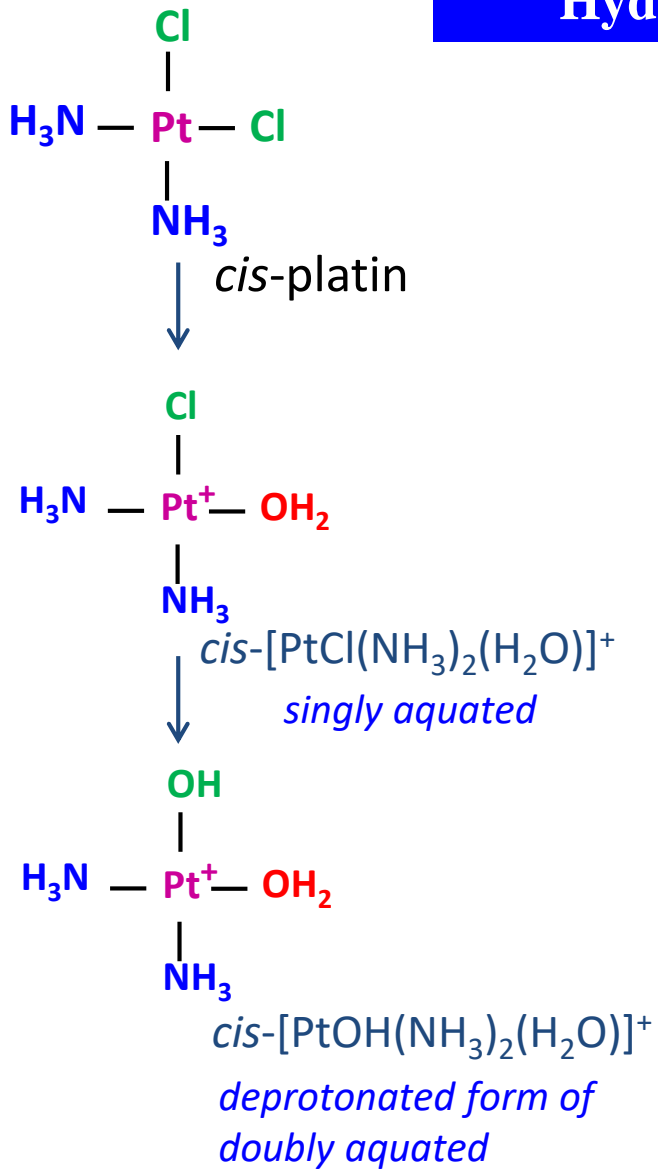
Scheme 1. Addition-elimination reaction of phosphorylated amino acids and peptides with alkoxyboranes B(OR)₃.

Potential to measure the effect of local environment, the exposure and accessibility of a phosphate moiety on the surface of a biomolecule and to distinguish positional phosphorylated peptide isomers

The reaction efficiency allows to explore the accessibility of phosphate groups in biomolecules



Hydrolysis of cis and transplatin



in solution it is not easy to separate the influence of the nature of the incoming and leaving ligands



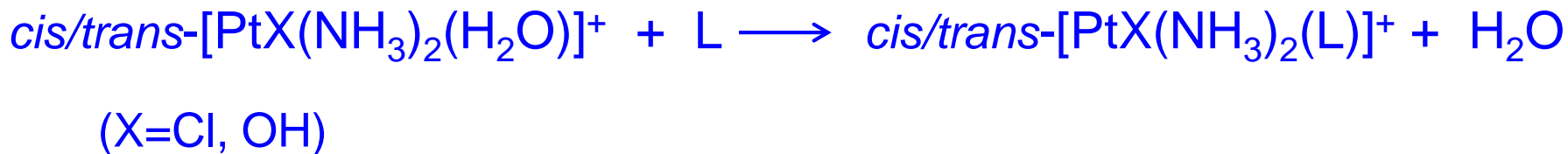
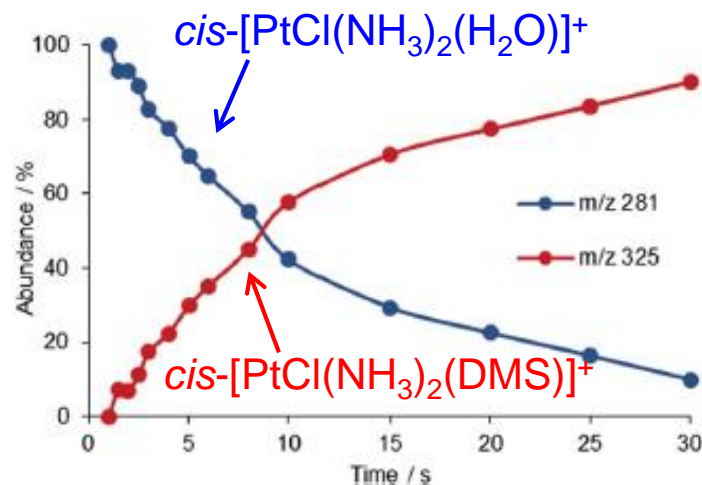


Table 2 Reactivity of $[PtX(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$ (X = Cl, OH; *cis* and *trans* isomers) with simple molecules in the gas-phase

Reagent ion	Neutral	k_{exp}^a	Eff ^b (%)
<i>cis</i> - $[PtCl(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$	TMP	3.7	2.5 ^b
	Pyridine	0.6	0.41 ^{b,c}
	Thioanisole	1.4	1.1 ^b
	Dimethylsulfide	0.034	0.026
<i>trans</i> - $[PtCl(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$	TMP	3.3	2.3
	Pyridine	1.4	0.93 ^d
	Thioanisole	7.7	6.3
	Dimethylsulfide	2.4	1.7
<i>cis</i> - $[Pt(OH)(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$	TMP	0.96	0.66
	Pyridine	0.46	0.31 ^e
	Thioanisole	0.1	0.08
	Dimethylsulfide	n. r. ^f	
<i>trans</i> - $[Pt(OH)(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$	TMP	1.1	0.78
	Pyridine	0.05	0.03 ^e
	Thioanisole	0.46	0.37
	Dimethylsulfide	n. r. ^f	

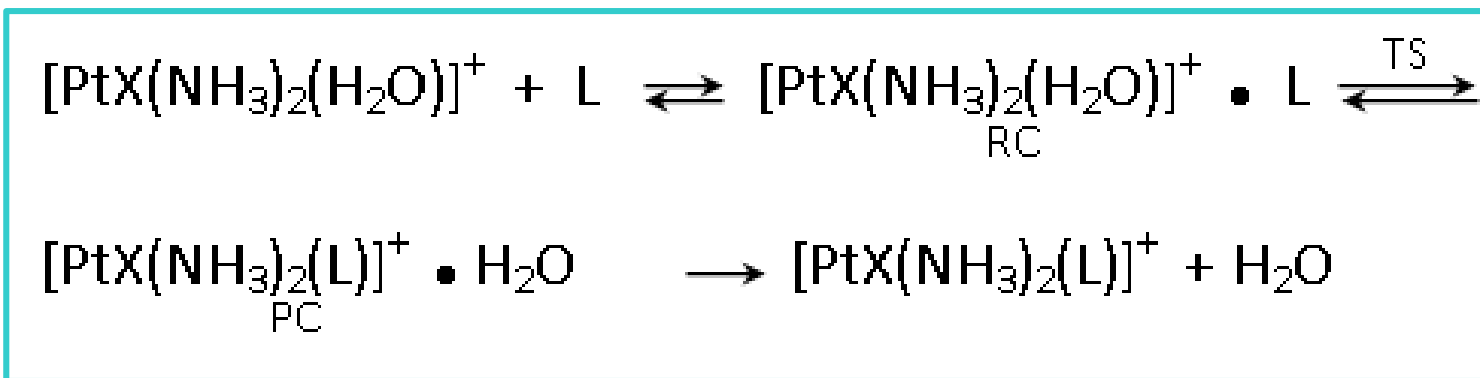
^a Second order rate constant in units of $10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298 K, estimated error $\pm 30\%$. ^b Other sampled compounds proved to be

In solution, formation of hydroxo-bridged polynuclear complexes.



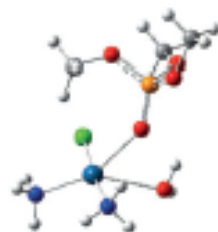
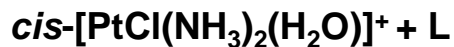
- ligand exchange; low efficiencies
- Cl complexes more reactive than OH
- TMP more reactive than TA
- *trans*Pt more reactive than *cis*Pt vs S ligands

The ligand exchange is a stepwise process

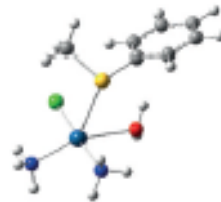


The Φ of the overall process depends on the branching of RC





TMP_TS



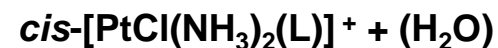
TA_TS

TMP
(143)

TA
(88)

TMP_TS
(76)

TA_TS
(40)

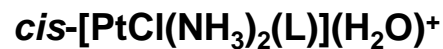
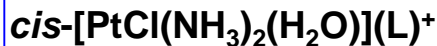


TMP_1
(41)

TMP_1
(-14)

TA_1
(-21)

TA_1
(-84)



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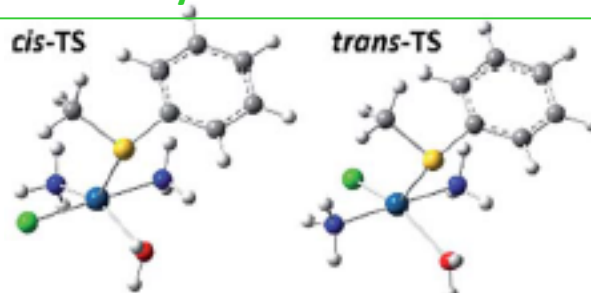
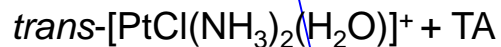
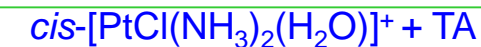
higher Φ of TMP :
high threshold
energy for back
dissociation of RC
vs activation energy
for ligand exchange

for TA: increased
competition for
back dissociation

PES for the reaction of $cis-[PtCl(NH_3)_2(H_2O)]^+$ with L= TMP, TA. Relative enthalpies (kJ mol⁻¹) at 298 K are reported at the wB97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

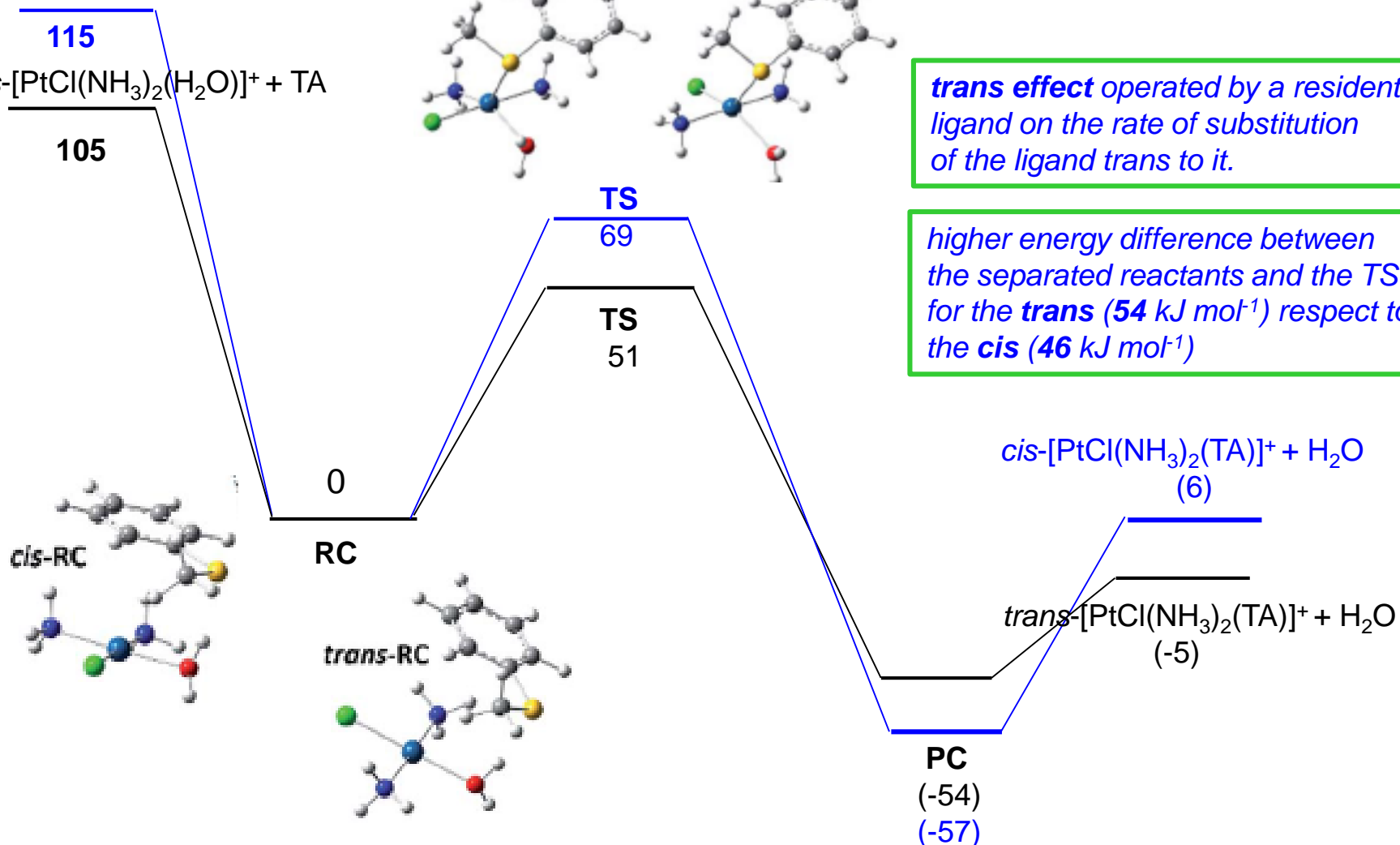


Ligand exchange of water by TA is kinetically more favored in the *trans*- with respect to the *cis*-isomers



trans effect operated by a resident ligand on the rate of substitution of the ligand *trans* to it.

higher energy difference between the separated reactants and the TS for the *trans* (54 kJ mol⁻¹) respect to the *cis* (46 kJ mol⁻¹)



water is displaced by TA more easily when the *trans*-site is occupied by a Cl than by NH₃, according to *trans*-directing sequence Cl⁻ > NH₃



Association Reactions

- solvation of an ion by weak electrostatic forces or hydrogen bonding;
- ion ligation involving bonds of intermediate strength;
- strong chemical bond formation



at the low operating pressures of the FT-ICR cell: thermal equilibration of the adduct ion via IR radiative emission

The rate of radiative emission is expected to increase with increasing size of the ion



Heme-peptide/protein ions and phosphorous ligands: search for site-specific addition reactions

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- Fe(III)-heme⁺
- MP11
- cyt c
- myoglobin

+ OP(OMe)₃ (GB: 206 kcal/mol)
+ P(OMe)₃ (GB: 215.3 kcal/mol)

the addition of phosphite is limited to just one molecule, irrespective of charge state, in contrast with a charge-dependent number of added phosphate ligands

- OP(OMe)₃ is engaged in H bonding to protonated sites
- P(OMe)₃ is sampling the protein prosthetic group

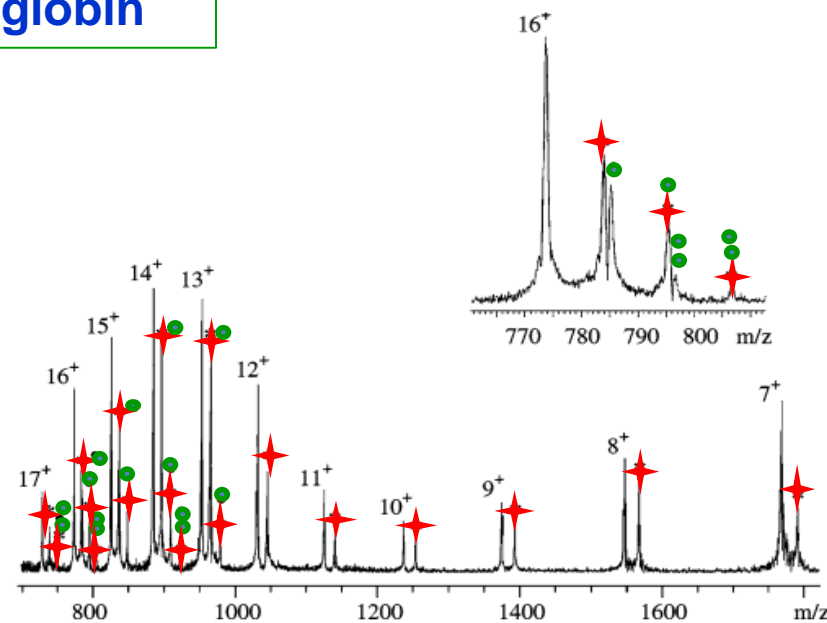


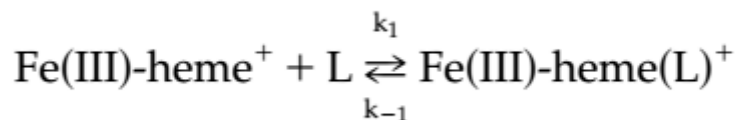
Fig. 9 FT-ICR mass spectrum of cyt *c* allowed to react with a 70:30 mixture of triethylphosphite, P(OEt)₃, and triethylphosphate, OP(OEt)₃, at 2.4×10^{-8} mbar for 3 s. Numbers denote the charge states of cyt *c* ions. Each charge state forms adducts with a single P(OEt)₃ molecule (represented by a star). The high charge states add up to four OP(OEt)₃ molecules; each OP(OMe)₃ molecule is represented by a circle

Binding of Gaseous Fe(III)-Heme Cation to Model Biological Molecules: Direct Association and Ligand Transfer Reactions

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Ligand association equilibrium



L = NO, amines, carbonyl compounds, ethers, nitriles, sulfides, phosphoryl compounds

$$\text{HCB(L)} = -\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}}$$

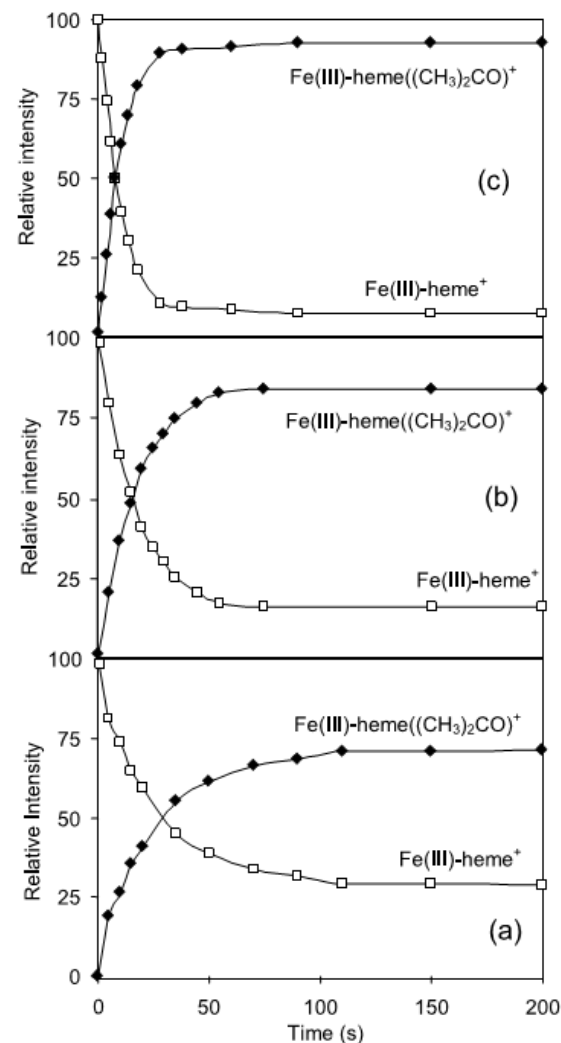
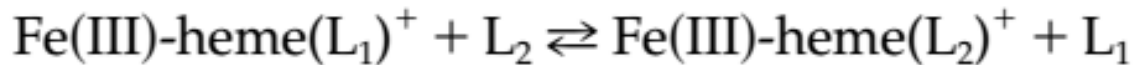


Figure 5. Time dependence of ion abundances for the Fe(III)-heme⁺ ion reaction with acetone at 5.2×10^{-8} mbar (a), 8.7×10^{-8} mbar (b), 2.1×10^{-7} mbar (c).

Ligand transfer equilibria



$$\text{HCB(L}_1\text{)} - \text{HCB(L}_2\text{)} = -\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}}$$

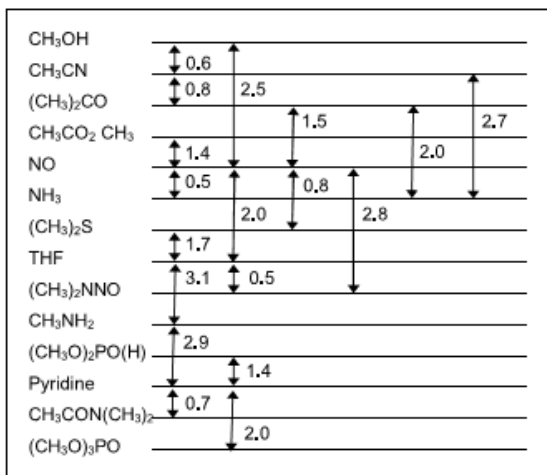


Table 6. Free energy changes for gas-phase ligand binding toward H^+ and Fe(III)-heme^+

L	GB ^a	HCB ^b
CH ₃ OH	173.2	13.1
CH ₃ CN	179.0	13.7
(CH ₃) ₂ CO	186.9	14.6
CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	189.0	14.8
NO	120.8	16.1
NH ₃	195.7	16.6
(CH ₃) ₂ S	191.5	16.9
Tetrahydrofuran	189.9	18.1
(CH ₃) ₂ N-NO	203.0 ^c	18.9
CH ₃ NH ₂	206.6	21.2
(CH ₃ O) ₂ PO(H)	206.1	22.7
Pyridine	214.7	24.1
CH ₃ CON(CH ₃) ₂	209.6	24.8
(CH ₃ O) ₃ PO	205.7	26.1

Figure 7. ΔG_5° (kcal mol⁻¹, 300 K) ladder for the Fe(III)-heme transfer reactions between selected pairs of ligands. The values in the ladder correspond to HCB differences for each couple of ligands.

NO stands out as a superior ligand

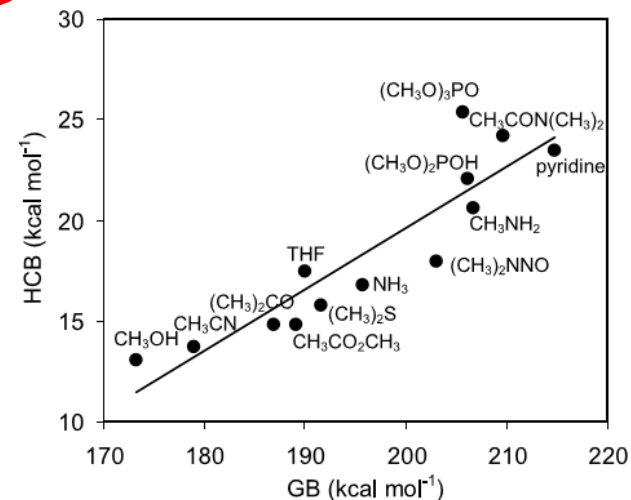


Figure 9. General correlation between Fe(III)-heme⁺ cation basicities (HCB, equal to $-\Delta G_1^\circ$ for the ligand association reaction) and gas phase basicity toward the proton (GB) values.

A linear correlation between HCBs and ΔGB s of the ligands suggests that similar effects play a role when a lone pair donor binds to a proton or to Fe(III)heme⁺





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