

# Outline

- Introduction to Bioinorganic Chemistry
- Biometals and common oxidation states
- Biological ligands
- Metal Binding Sites in Biological Systems
- Hemoglobin and Myoglobin

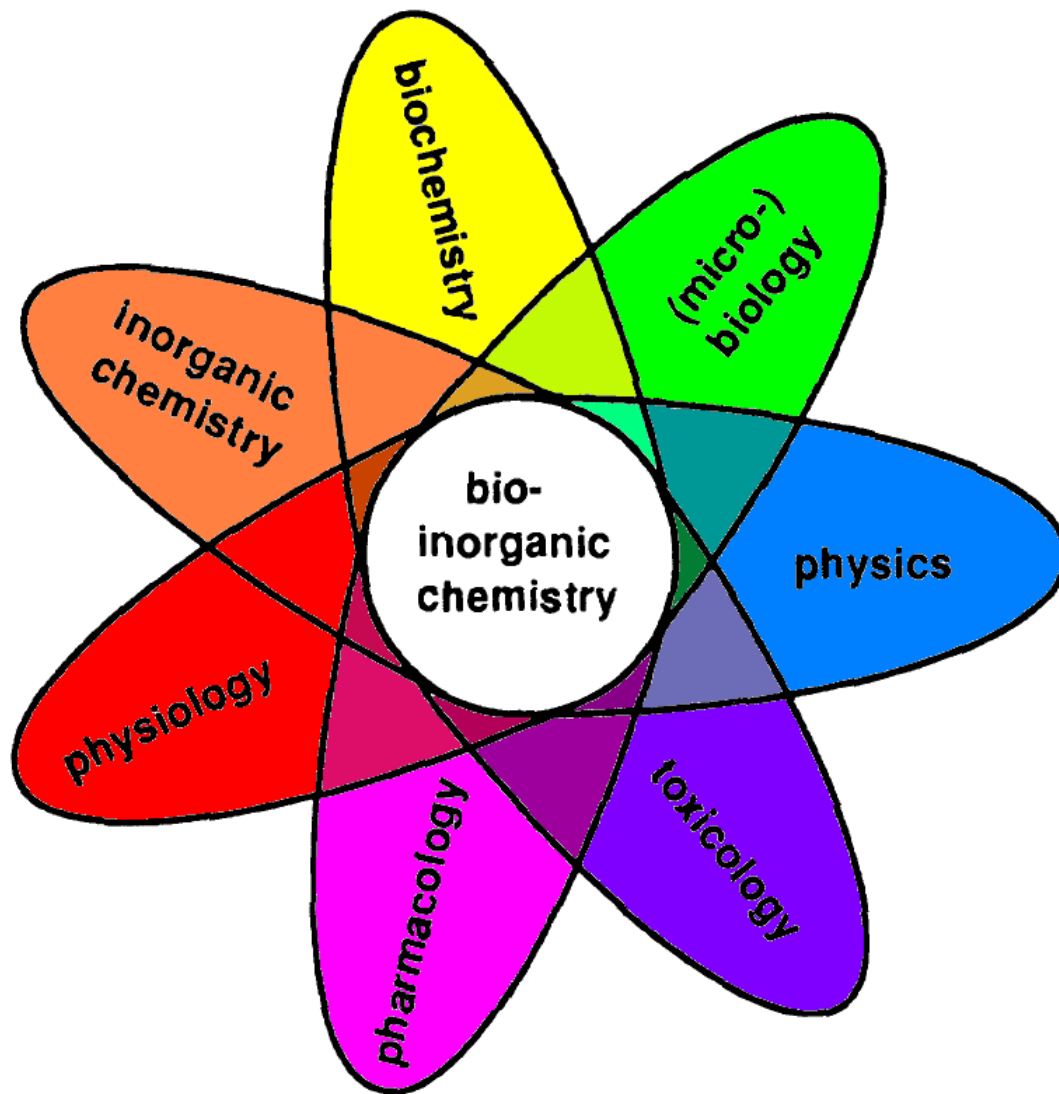
# History

- Bulk inorganic elements long been known to be essential
- Blood known to contain iron since 17th century
- Need for Zinc, 1896
- Bioinorganic chemistry developed as a field after 1960
- First inorganic biochemistry symposium in 1970
- SBIC (Society of Biological Inorganic Chemistry) formed in 1995

<i>Average elemental composition of a human body (adult, 70 kg)</i>			
element	symbol	mass	year of discovery as an essential element
oxygen	O	45500	
carbon	C	12600	
hydrogen	H	7000	
nitrogen	N	2100	
calcium	Ca	1050	
phosphorus	P	700	
sulfur	S	175	
potassium	K	140	
chlorine	Cl	105	
sodium	Na	105	
magnesium	Mg	35	
iron	Fe	4.2	17 <sup>th</sup> Century
zinc	Zn	2.3	1896
silicon	Si	1.4	1972
rubidium <sup>a</sup>	Rb	1.1	
fluorine	F	0.8	1931
zirconium <sup>a</sup>	Zr	0.3	
bromide <sup>b</sup>	Br	0.2	
strontium <sup>a</sup>	Sr	0.14	
copper	Cu	0.11	1925
aluminum <sup>a</sup>	Al	0.10	
lead <sup>b</sup>	Pb	0.08	
antimony <sup>a</sup>	Sb	0.07	
cadmium <sup>b</sup>	Cd	0.03	(1977)
tin <sup>b</sup>	Sn	0.03	(1970)
iodine	I	0.03	1820
manganese	Mn	0.02	1931
vanadium <sup>b</sup>	V	0.02	(1971)
selenium	Se	0.02	1957
barium <sup>a</sup>	Ba	0.02	
arsenic <sup>b</sup>	As	0.01	1975
boron <sup>b</sup>	B	0.01	
nickel <sup>b</sup>	Ni	0.01	(1971)
chromium	Cr	0.005	1959
cobalt	Co	0.003	1935
molybdenum	Mo	<0.005	1953
lithium <sup>b</sup>	Li	0.002	

<sup>a</sup> Not Essential      <sup>b</sup> Essentiality Uncertain

# An Interdisciplinary Research Field



# Who's Who in Bioinorganic Chemistry



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# Who's Who in Bioinorganic Chemistry

Harry Gray—electron transport

Steve Lippard—cis platin

Liz Theil—iron storage

Alison Butler—Vanadium in the sea

Ken Raymond—siderophores, imaging agents

Mike Maroney—Nickel containing enzymes

Bob Scott—Nickel containing enzymes

Val Culotta—Copper transport

Ed Stiefel—nitrogenase/Valdez oil spill

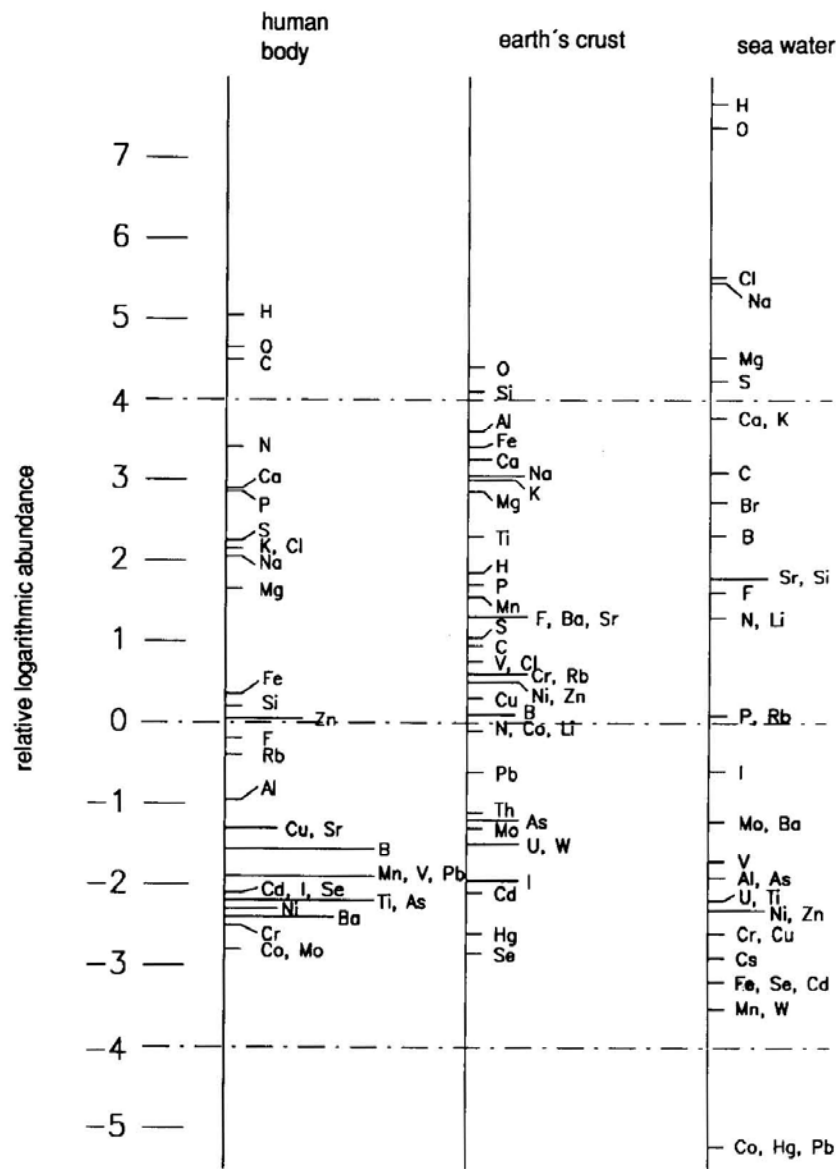
Dick Schrock--nitrogenase

Dick Holm—iron sulfur clusters

Yi Lu—artificial enzymes

Eckard Munck—iron sulfur clusters

# Element Abundance



Element	Sea Water (M) x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Human Plasma (M) x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
Fe	0.005-2	2230
Zn	8.0	1720
Cu	1.0	1650
Mo	10	1000
V	4.0	17.7
Mn	0.7	10.9
Cr	0.4	5.5
Ni	0.5	4.4
Co	0.7	0.0025

Bertini, I.; Gray, H. B.; Lippard, S. J.; Valentine, J. S. Bioinorganic Chemistry; University Science Books: Sausalito, CA, 1994.

**Figure 2.2**  
Logarithmic diagrams of relative molar concentrations of the elements in different environments (arbitrary units) (data from [1] and [4])

# Functions of Metals in Mammals





- Structure
  - Hard material – bone and teeth
  - Cell membranes
  - DNA and RNA structure
  - Protein, including enzyme conformation
- Charge carriers
  - $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
- Electron transfer (Redox rxns)
  - Fe, Cu, Mn, Mo, Ni, Co
- Metabolism
  - Degradation of organic molecules
- Activation of small molecules
  - $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$

Group 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18  
 Period

# Periodic Table

1	1 H																2 He		
2	3 Li	4 Be									5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne			
3	11 Na	12 Mg									13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar			
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*	71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Uun	111 Uuu	112 Uub	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo

*Lanthanoids	*	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb
**Actinoids	**	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No

-  - Bulk Essential Element
-  - Trace Essential Element
-  - Possible Trace Essential Element
-  - Used as Probes or Drugs



# Function in Biology and Affects of Metal Deficiency in Humans

## Elemental Composition of the Adult Human Body

### **Bulk or Constituent Elements:**

H, O, C, N, Ca, P, Na, K, S, Cl

### **Trace Elements:**

Mg, Si, F, Fe, Zn, B, Rb, Sr, Br, Cu

### **Ultra Micro Trace Elements:**

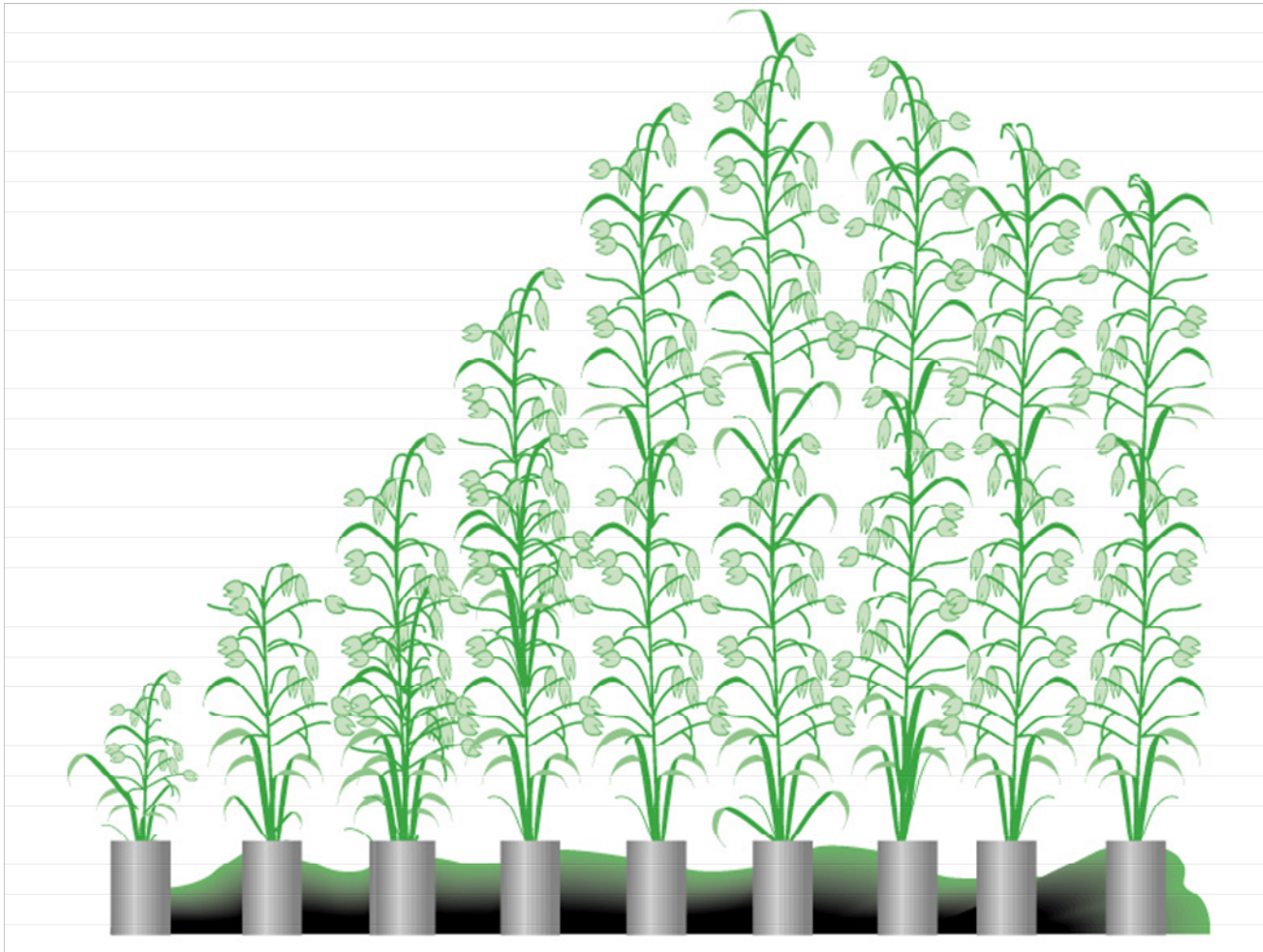
V, Li, Se, Mn, Ba, Ge, As, Ni, Mo, Cd, I, Sn, Cr, Pb, Co

<i>Metal</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Typical deficiency symptoms</i>
Sodium	Charge carrier; osmotic balance	
Potassium	Charge carrier; osmotic balance	
Magnesium	Structure; hydrolase; isomerase	muscle cramps
Calcium	Structure; trigger; charge carrier	retarded skeletal growth
Vanadium	Nitrogen fixation; oxidase	
Chromium	Unknown, possible involvement in glucose tolerance	diabetes symptoms
Molybdenum	Nitrogen fixation; oxidase; oxo transfer	retardation of cellular growth; propensity for caries
Tungsten	Dehydrogenase	
Manganese	Photosynthesis; oxidase; structure	infertility; impaired skeletal growth
Iron	Oxidase; dioxygen transport and storage; electron transfer; nitrogen fixation	anemia; disorders of the immune system
Cobalt	Oxidase; alkyl group transfer	pernicious anemia
Nickel	Hydrogenase; hydrolase	growth depression; dermatitis
Copper	Oxidase; dioxygen transport; electron transfer	artery weakness; liver disorders; secondary anemia
Zinc	Structure; hydrolase	skin damage; stunted growth; retarded sexual maturation

1) Kaim, W.; Schwederski, B. *Bioinorganic Chemistry: Inorganic Elements in the Chemistry of Life. An Introduction and Guide*; John Wiley and Sons, Inc.: New York, 1994.

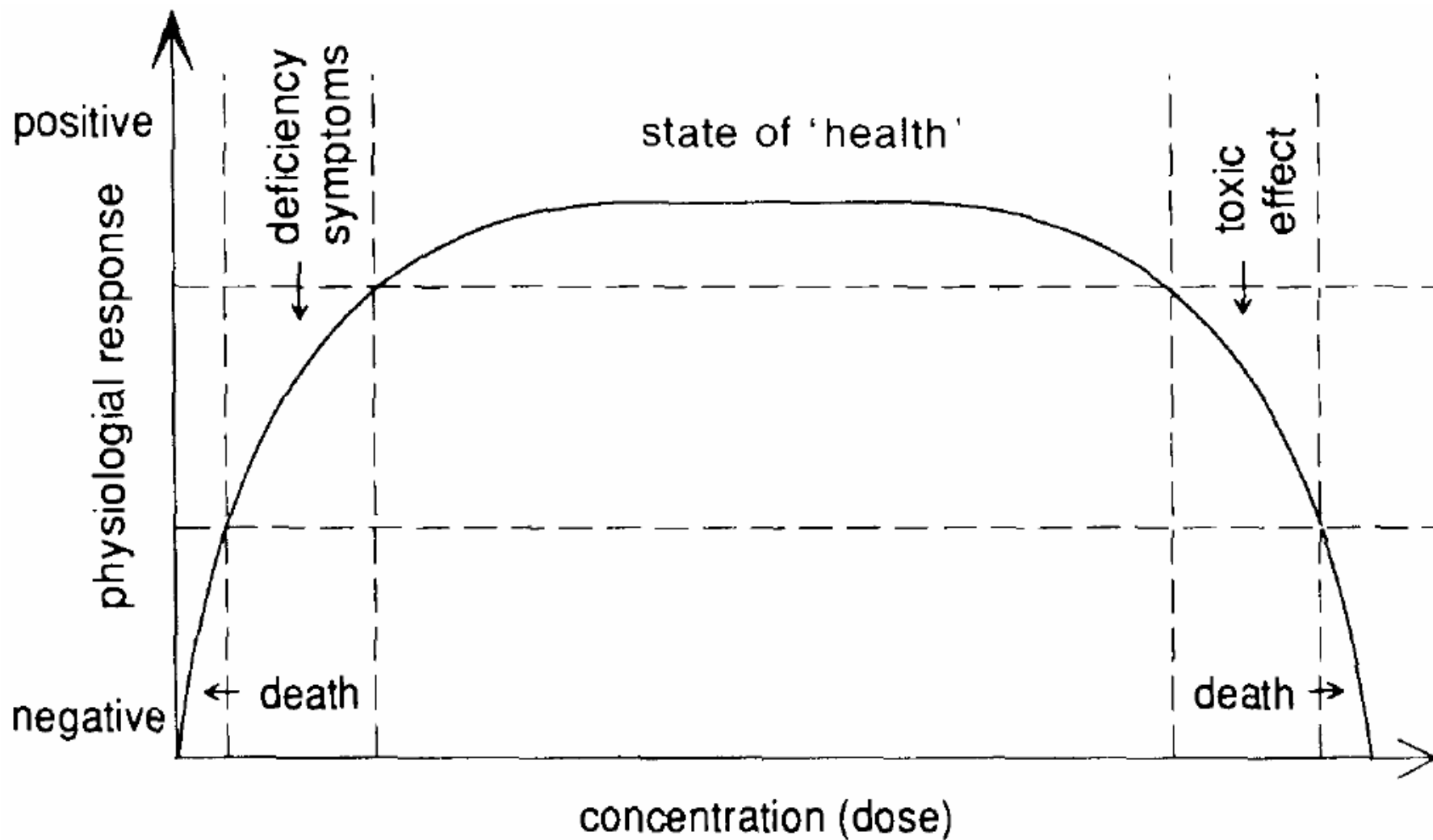
2) Lippard, S. J.; Berg, J. M. *Principles of Bioinorganic Chemistry*; University Science Books: Mill Valley, CA, 1994.

# All things can be poisons

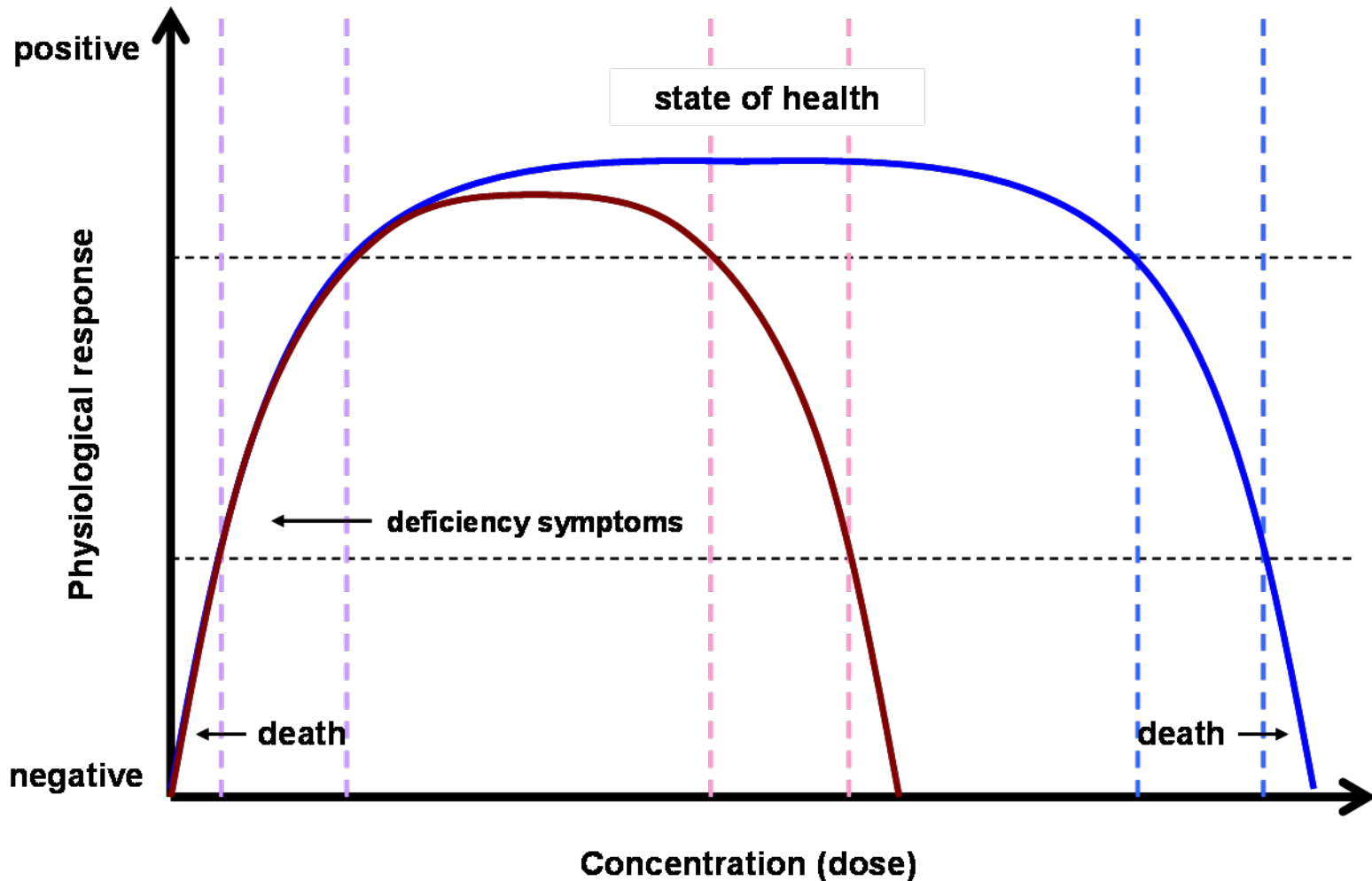


**It depends on: dosage, individual health, and way of administration**

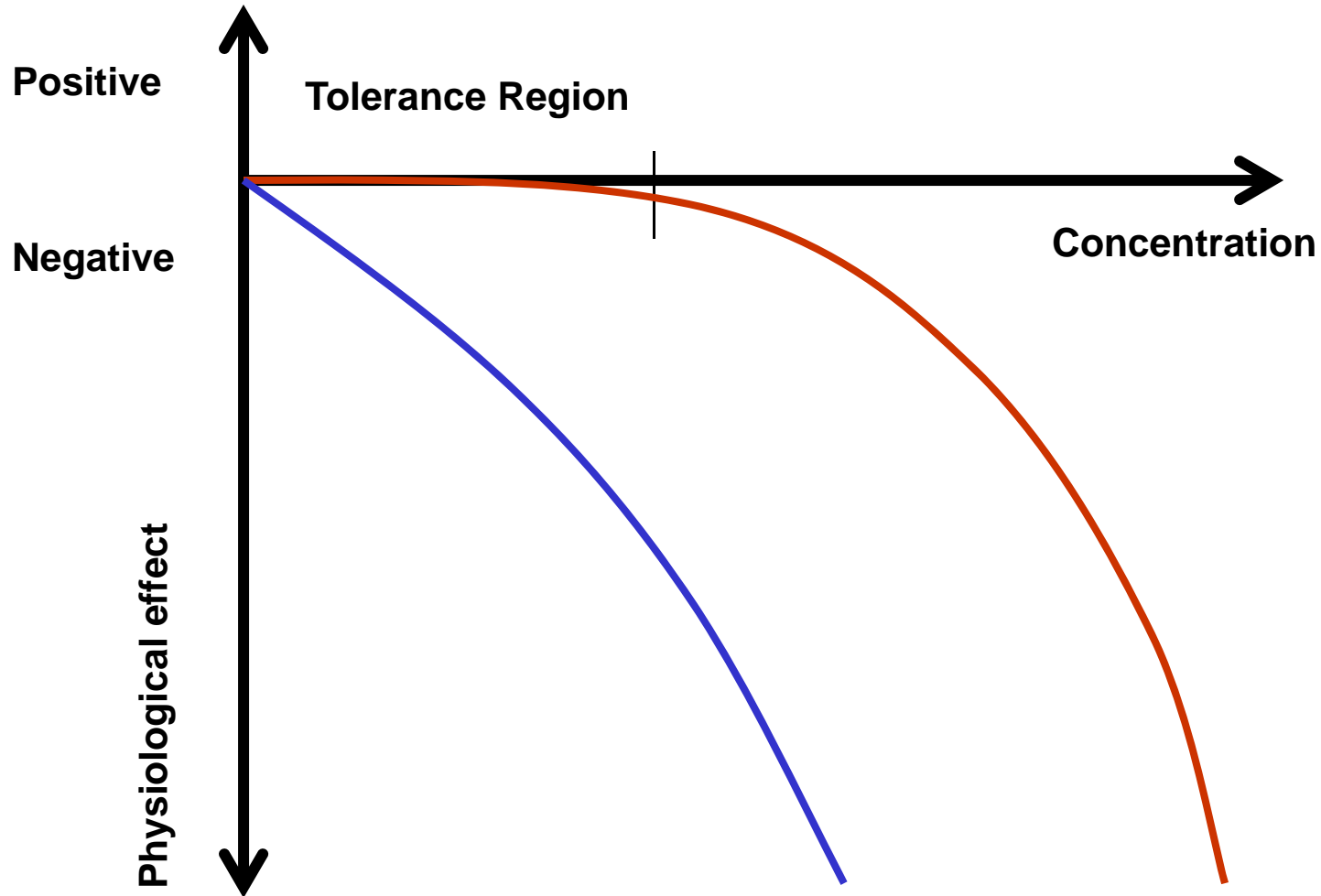
# Essential Element Dosage and Physiological Response: Metal Homeostasis



# Dose Response: Essential Elements



# Dose Response: Non-essential Elements



# Recommended Daily Allowances for Inorganic Elements in the Human Body

Fe was the first essential transition metal discovered (17<sup>th</sup> century)

Zn → 1896

The rest followed in the 1900s

inorganic constituents	recommended daily allowances (in mg)	
	adult <sup>a</sup>	infant <sup>b</sup>
K	2000 – 5500	530
Na	1100 – 3300	260
Ca	800 – 1200	420
Mg	300 – 400	60
Zn	15	5
Fe	10 – 20	7.0
Mn	2.0 – 5	1.3
Cu	1.5 – 3	1.0
Mo	0.075 – 0.250	0.06
Cr	0.05 – 0.2	0.04
Co	ca. 0.2 (vitamin B <sub>12</sub> )	0.001

Adapted from J. Chem. Ed. (1985), Vol. 62, No. 11, pp 917.

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# Transition Elements Relevant to Bioinorganic Chemistry: The Biometals

V, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Mo, W

## First Row Transition Metals

Sc <sup>2+</sup>	Ti <sup>2+</sup>	V <sup>2+</sup>	Cr <sup>2+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>
d <sup>1</sup>	d <sup>2</sup>	d <sup>3</sup>	d <sup>4</sup>	d <sup>5</sup>	d <sup>6</sup>	d <sup>7</sup>	d <sup>8</sup>	d <sup>9</sup>	d <sup>10</sup>

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## Oxidation States:

V = 2+, 3+, 4+, and 5+

Mn = 2+ (common), 3+ (common), 4+ (strong oxidant), 5+ (rare, very strong oxidant)

Fe = 2+ (common), 3+ (common), 4+ (rare, strong oxidant)

Co = 1+ (strong reductant), 2+ (common), 3+

Ni = 1+ (strong reductant), 2+ (common), 3+

Cu = 1+ (common), 2+ (common)

Zn = 2+ (common)

Mo = 3+, 4+, 5+, 6+

W = 4+, 5+, 6+



# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Vanadium

- 2+ to 5+ oxidation states are common
- 4+ is stable oxidation state
- 2+ and 3+ are reducing
- 5+ is slightly oxidizing
- O and N ligands are common

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Manganese

- Wide range of stable oxidation states (from the strong reductant  $\text{Mn}^0$  to the strong oxidant  $\text{Mn}^{7+}$ )
- Prefers hard donor ligands such as oxygen
- **No S donors**
- CN = 4 – 6 are known

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Iron

- 2+ and 3+ oxidation states are common
- 4+ and 5+ are implicated as intermediates
- Binds hard and soft donor ligands (O, N, S ligands)
- Tetrahedral geometry with S ligands ( $\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4$  clusters)
- 5 – 6 coordinate with O, N ligands (Heme)
- Flexible geometries

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Cobalt

- 2+ is the most stable oxidation state
- 1+ (good nucleophile and reductant) and 3+ (strong oxidant) are accessible
- Prefers N donor ligands
- CN varies with oxidation state:
  - $\text{Co}^{1+} = 4$  coordinate
  - $\text{Co}^{2+} = 5$  coordinate
  - $\text{Co}^{3+} = 6$  coordinate

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Nickel

- $2+ = d^8$  is the most stable and prevalent
- $1+$  (good nucleophile and reductant) and  $3+$  (good oxidant) are accessible
- Binds both hard and soft donors
- CN and geometry varies with oxidation state:
  - $Ni^{1+} = 4$  coordinate
  - $Ni^{2+} = 4$  coordinate, square planar
  - $Ni^{3+} = 6$  coordinate, distorted octahedral

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Copper

- 2+ and 1+ oxidation states are common
- Binds both hard and soft donors
- CN and geometry varies with oxidation state:
  - $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  = 4-6 coordinate, square planar, distorted octahedral
  - $\text{Cu}^{1+}$  = 2-4 coordinate, linear, trigonal planar, tetrahedral
- $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  geometries are distorted due to Jahn Teller effects

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Zinc

- 2+ is the only accessible oxidation state ( $d^{10}$ )
- Binds both hard and soft donors
- Tetrahedral geometry preferred, NOT square planar
- 5-6 CN are accessible
- Good Lewis acid because high charge/radius ratio

# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Molybdenum

- 4+, 5+ and 6+ oxidation states are most common
- Prefers O and S ligands
- Mo=O units are common



# Common Properties of the Biometals

## Tungsten

- 4+, 5+ and 6+ oxidation states are most common
- Prefers O and S ligands
- W=O units are common
- Lower redox potentials than corresponding Mo complexes

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# Biological Ligands

<u>Ligand</u>	<u>Name / Abbrev.</u>
$\text{Cl}^-$	chloro
$\text{CN}^-$	cyano
$\text{CO}$	carbonyl
$\text{NO}$	nitric oxide
$\text{N}_2$	dinitrogen
$\text{H}^-$	hydrido
$\text{H}_2$	dihydrogen
$\text{O}^{2-}$	oxo
$\text{O}_2$	dioxygen
$\text{O}_2^-$	superoxo
$\text{O}_2^{2-}$	peroxo
$\text{OH}_2$	aqua
$\text{OH}^-$	hydroxo
$\text{S}^{2-}$	sulfido
$\text{RS}^-$	thiolato
$\text{RCO}_2^-$	carboxylate
$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	phosphate

## Classification of Ligands:

Hard/Soft Lewis bases

All are 2-electron Sigma donors—and IN ADDITION

Some are pi donors (typically hard):

**Cl<sup>-</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup>, OR<sup>-</sup>**

Some are pi acceptors (typically soft):

**CO, CN<sup>-</sup>, NO<sup>+</sup>, aromatic ring-N**

Some bind through a bonded pair



Side-on

through electrons in a pi bond: **N<sub>2</sub>**

through electrons in a sigma bond: **H<sub>2</sub>**

Back-bonding from Metal stabilizes side-on bonding

**Table 2.1**  
**Hard-soft acid-base classification of metal ions and ligands important to bioinorganic chemistry**

Metals			Ligands		
<b>Hard</b>					
H <sup>+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>
Na <sup>+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>	Co <sup>3+</sup>	OH <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	RNH <sub>2</sub>
K <sup>+</sup>	Ga <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	ROH	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Tl <sup>3+</sup>	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	R <sub>2</sub> O	RO <sup>-</sup>
			ROPO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	(RO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>
<b>Borderline</b>					
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
Co <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>		N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
			SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>		
			Br <sup>-</sup>		
			N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
<b>Soft</b>					
Ce <sup>+</sup>	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	R <sub>3</sub> S	R <sub>3</sub> P	
Au <sup>+</sup>	Tl <sup>+</sup>	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	RS <sup>-</sup>	CN <sup>-</sup>	
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Pb <sup>2+</sup>		RSH	RNC	
			(RS) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	(RO) <sub>2</sub> P(O)S <sup>-</sup>	
			SCN <sup>-</sup>	CO	
			H <sup>+</sup>	R <sup>-</sup>	

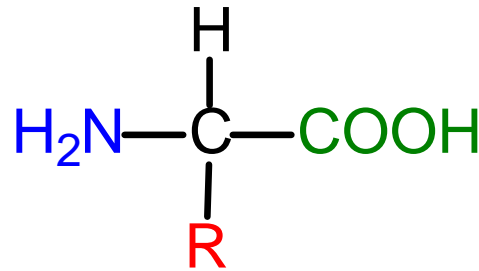
# Biological Ligands

<u>Ligand</u>	<u>Name / Abbrev.</u>
Cl <sup>-</sup>	chloro
CN <sup>-</sup>	cyano
CO	carbonyl
NO	nitric oxide
N <sub>2</sub>	dinitrogen
H <sup>-</sup>	hydrido
H <sub>2</sub>	dihydrogen
O <sup>2-</sup>	oxo
O <sub>2</sub>	dioxygen
O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	superoxo
O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	peroxo
OH <sub>2</sub>	aqua
OH <sup>-</sup>	hydroxo
S <sup>2-</sup>	sulfido
RS <sup>-</sup>	thiolato

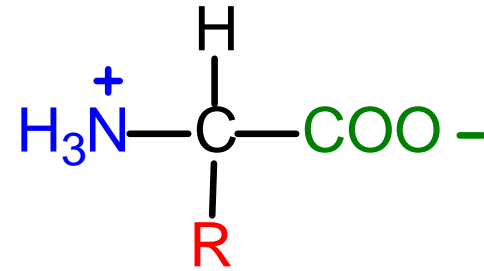
Common N, S, O – donors to metals come from amino acid residues in proteins

**What do these look like??**

# Amino Acids



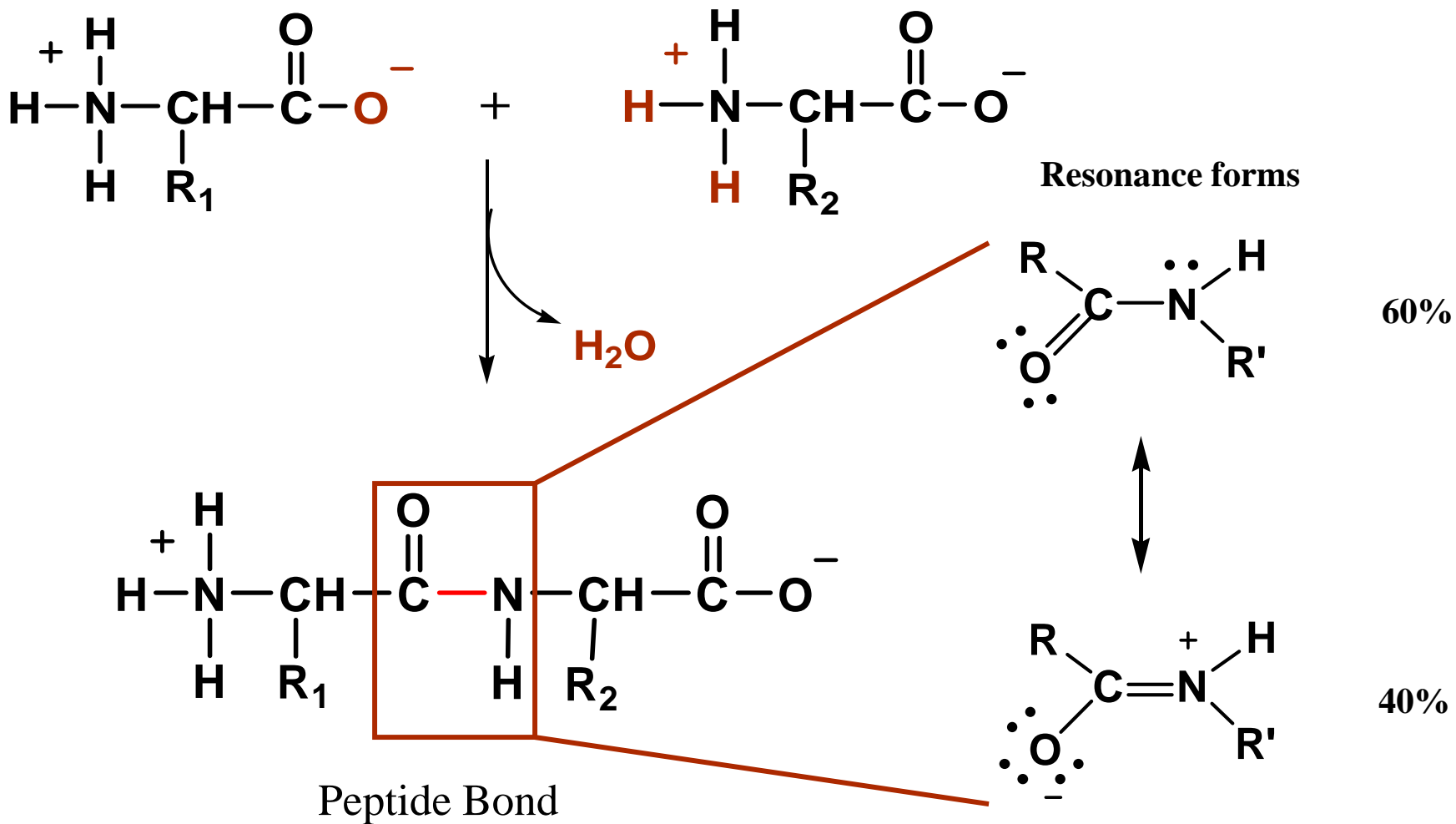
General Structure



Zwitterionic Amino Acid  
Physiological pH

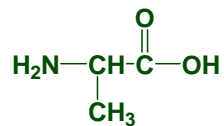
- Contain amine and carboxyl groups
- About 22 different **R** groups
- pK<sub>a</sub> for the –COOH group is 2
- pK<sub>a</sub> for the –NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> group is 10
- At physiological pH (~7.4), the amino acids exist as zwitterions

# Fundamentals of Peptide Formation: Condensation Reaction

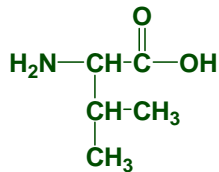




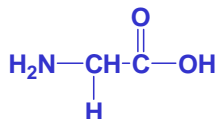
# Library of Ligands: Amino Acids



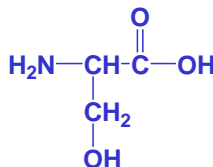
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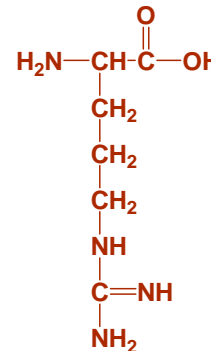
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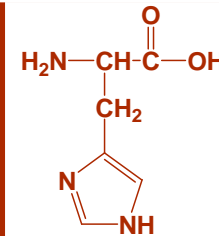
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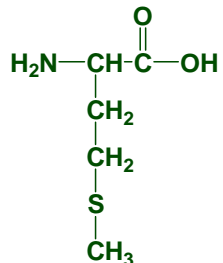
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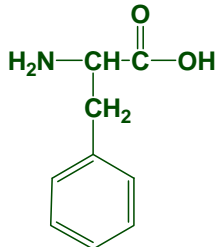
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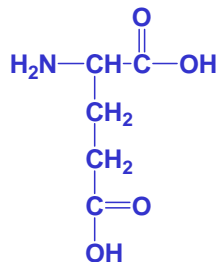
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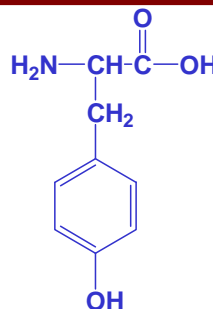
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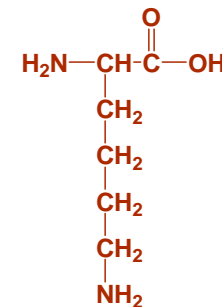
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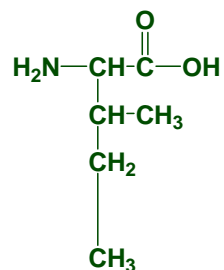
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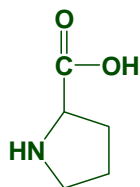
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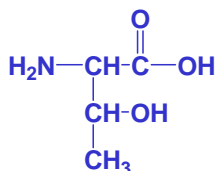
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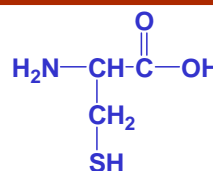
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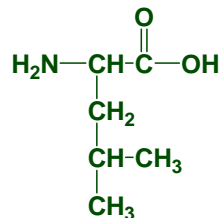
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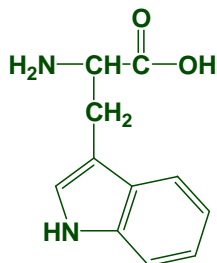
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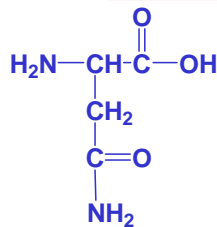
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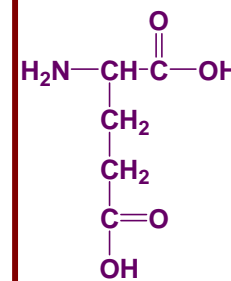
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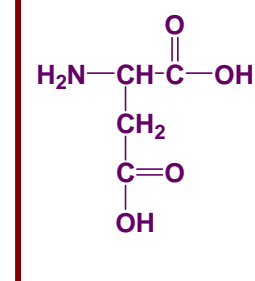
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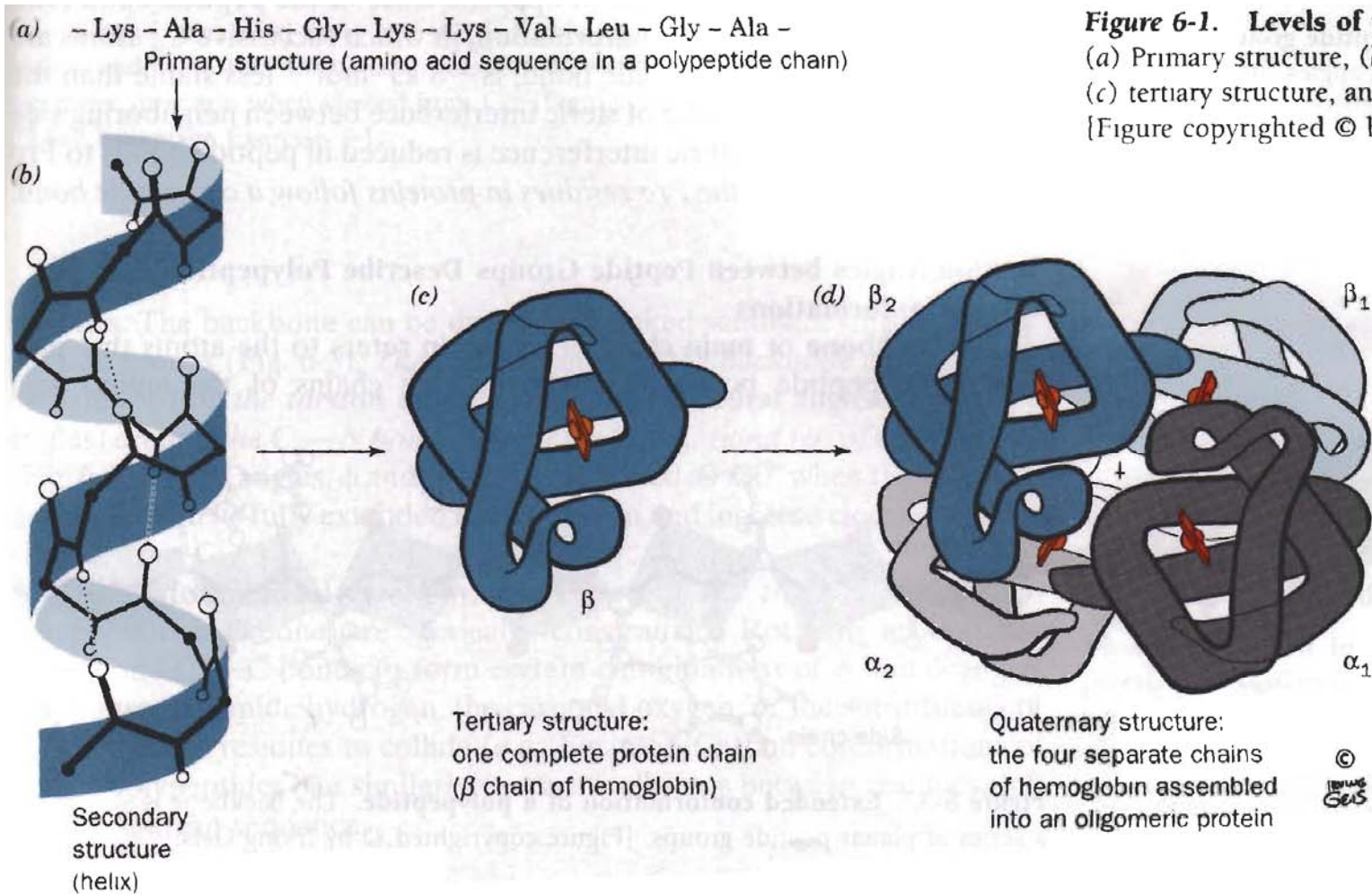


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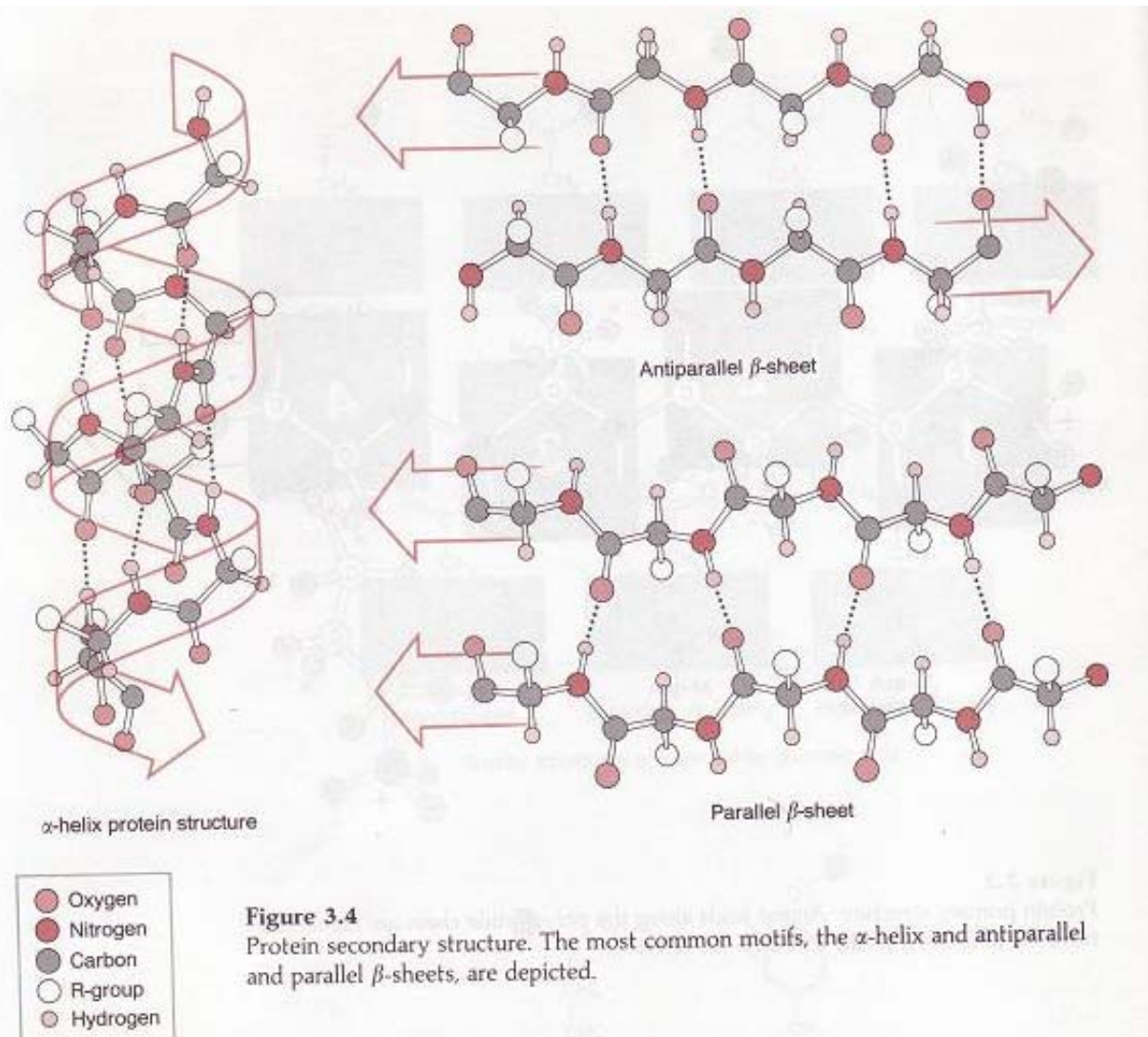
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# Amino Acid Building Blocks: Four levels of Protein Structure



**Figure 6-1. Levels of protein structure.** (a) Primary structure, (b) secondary structure, (c) tertiary structure, and (d) quaternary structure. [Figure copyrighted © by Irving Geis.]

Where do the metals come in to play?



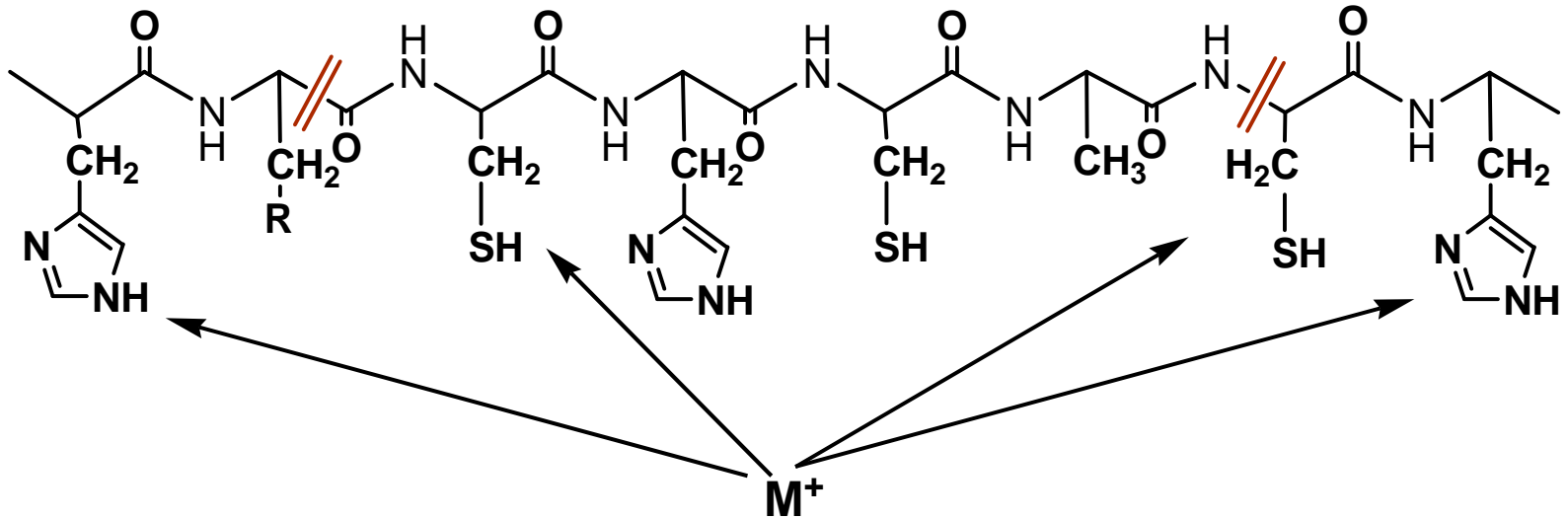
**Figure 3.4**  
 Protein secondary structure. The most common motifs, the  $\alpha$ -helix and antiparallel and parallel  $\beta$ -sheets, are depicted.

# Outline

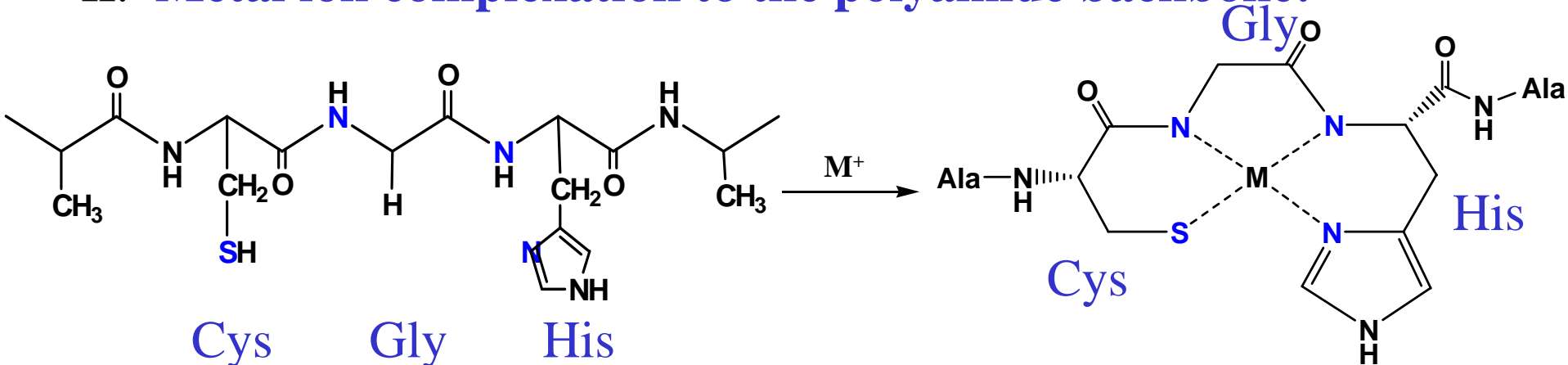
- Introduction to Bioinorganic Chemistry
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# Metal Ion Complexation by Peptides

## I. Metal Ligation by side-chain residues: from two to many amino acid units apart

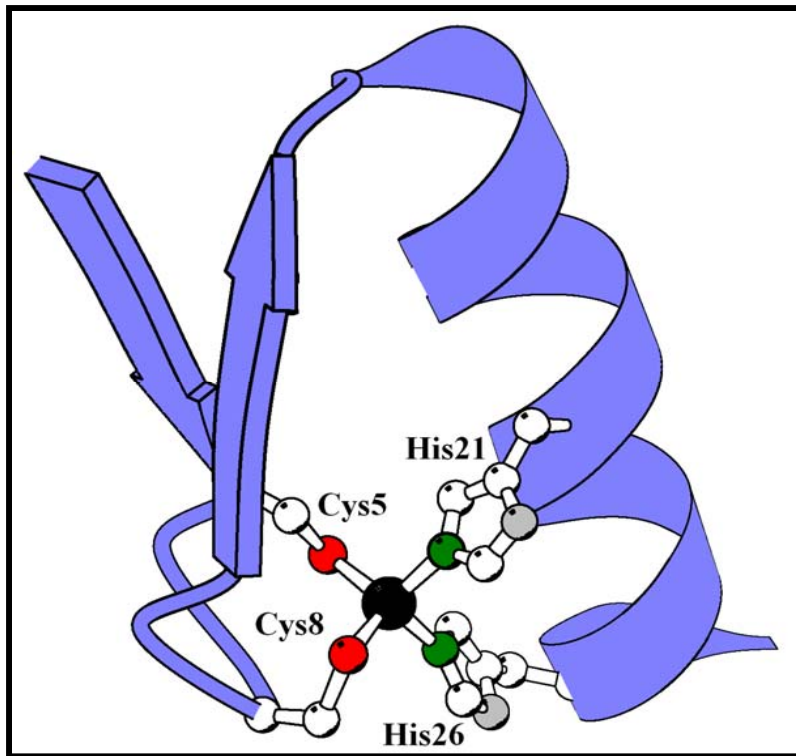


## II. Metal ion complexation to the polyamide backbone:



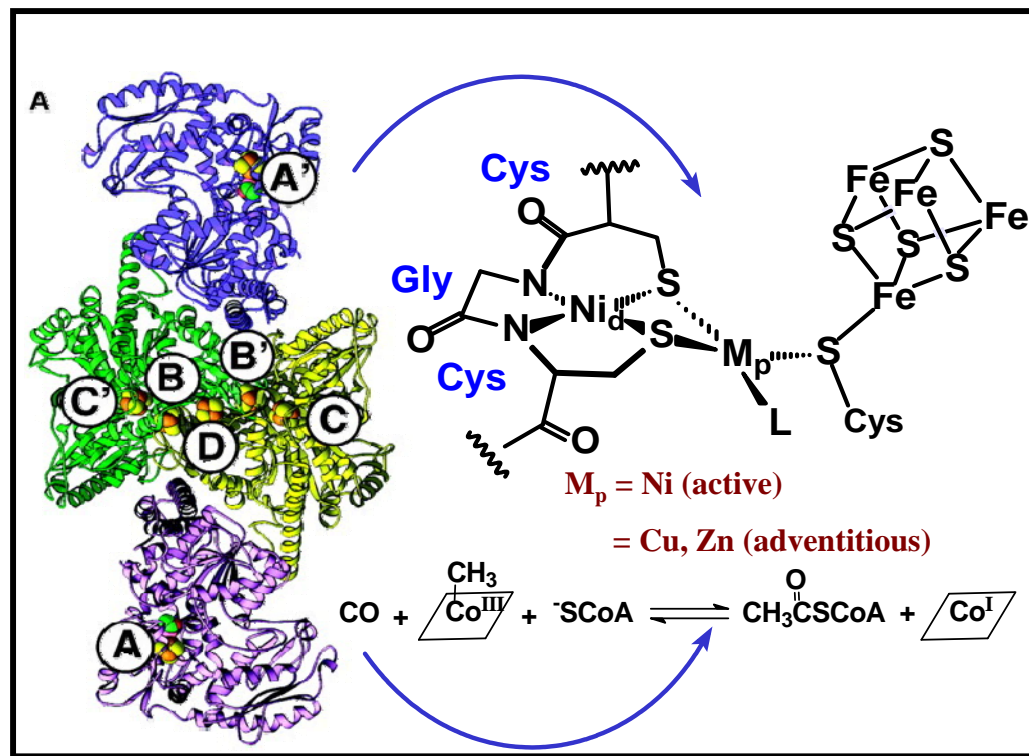
# The Two Classes of Peptide Ligands in Metalloproteins

## I. Binding to side chain residues



Zinc Finger

## II. Binding to deprotonated peptides



Acetyl CoA Synthase A-cluster

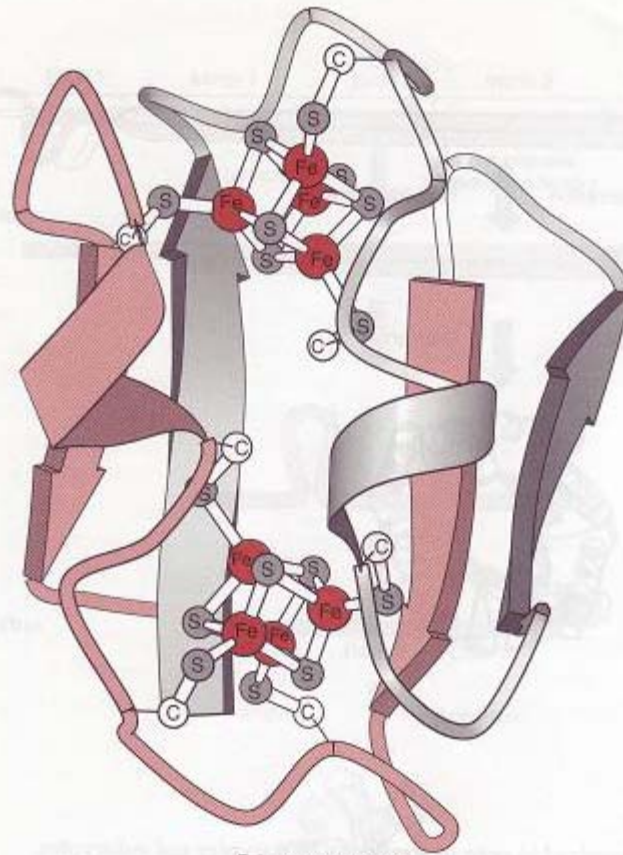
## Metalloprotein vs. Metalloenzyme?

I. Berg, J.M.; Godwin, H.A. *Annu. Rev. Biophys. Biomol. Struct.* **1997**, 26, 357-371.

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The capture of a 4Fe4S cube by 4 cysteine sulfurs in a ferridoxin protein.





Primary structure

AYVINDSC<sub>9</sub> IAC<sub>11</sub> GAC<sub>14</sub> KPEC<sub>18</sub> PVNIQQGSI  
Y A I D A D S C<sub>35</sub> I D C<sub>38</sub> G S C<sub>41</sub> A S V C<sub>45</sub> P V G A P N P E D

Figure 3.6

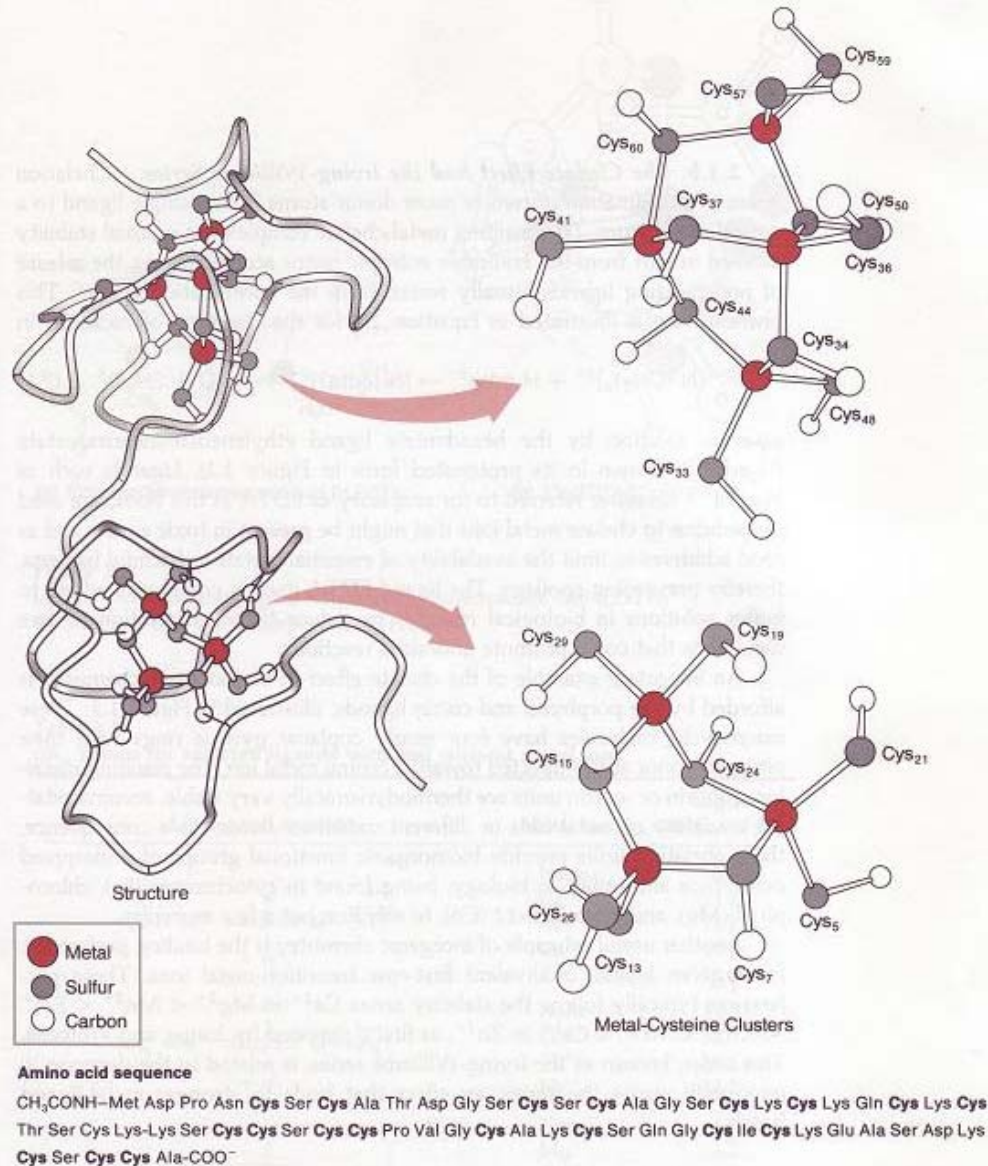
Primary and tertiary structures of an eight-iron ferredoxin. Although the primary structure includes two separate CXXCXXCXXC sequences, each of the Fe<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub> cubes is bonded to cysteine residues from both cys-rich sequences.

**Table 2.1**  
**Hard-soft acid-base classification of metal ions and ligands important to bioinorganic chemistry**

Metals			Ligands		
<b>Hard</b>					
H <sup>+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>
Na <sup>+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>	Co <sup>3+</sup>	OH <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	RNH <sub>2</sub>
K <sup>+</sup>	Ga <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	ROH	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Tl <sup>3+</sup>	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	R <sub>2</sub> O	RO <sup>-</sup>
			ROPO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	(RO) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>
<b>Borderline</b>					
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
Co <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>		N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
			SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>		
			Br <sup>-</sup>		
			N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>		
<b>Soft</b>					
Ce <sup>+</sup>	Pt <sup>2+</sup>	Pt <sup>4+</sup>	R <sub>3</sub> S	R <sub>3</sub> P	
Au <sup>+</sup>	Tl <sup>+</sup>	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	RS <sup>-</sup>	CN <sup>-</sup>	
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Pb <sup>2+</sup>		RSH	RNC	
			(RS) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	(RO) <sub>2</sub> P(O)S <sup>-</sup>	
			SCN <sup>-</sup>	CO	
			H <sup>+</sup>	R <sup>-</sup>	



Sulfur in  
thiolates or  
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Metals as in  
Metallo-  
thionen, a  
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toxic  
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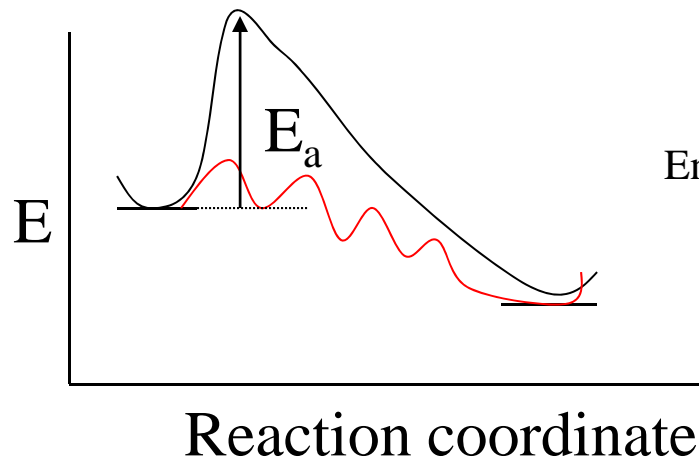


**Figure 2.1**  
Amino acid sequence and three-dimensional structure of metallothionein and its tetrametallic (top) and trimetallic (bottom) clusters.

About 40 % of metalloproteins  
are metalloenzymes

# Enzymes

- Proteins serve different functions in cells, including catalysts, transport agents, and as structural supports.
- **Enzyme** = protein that catalyze reaction(s)
- Catalysts don't change  $\Delta G_o$ , they DO change the rate by lowering the energy of transition states.
- **Enzyme Mechanism** = series of steps through which catalysis is achieved.
- **Active Site** = where substrates bind and products are released.

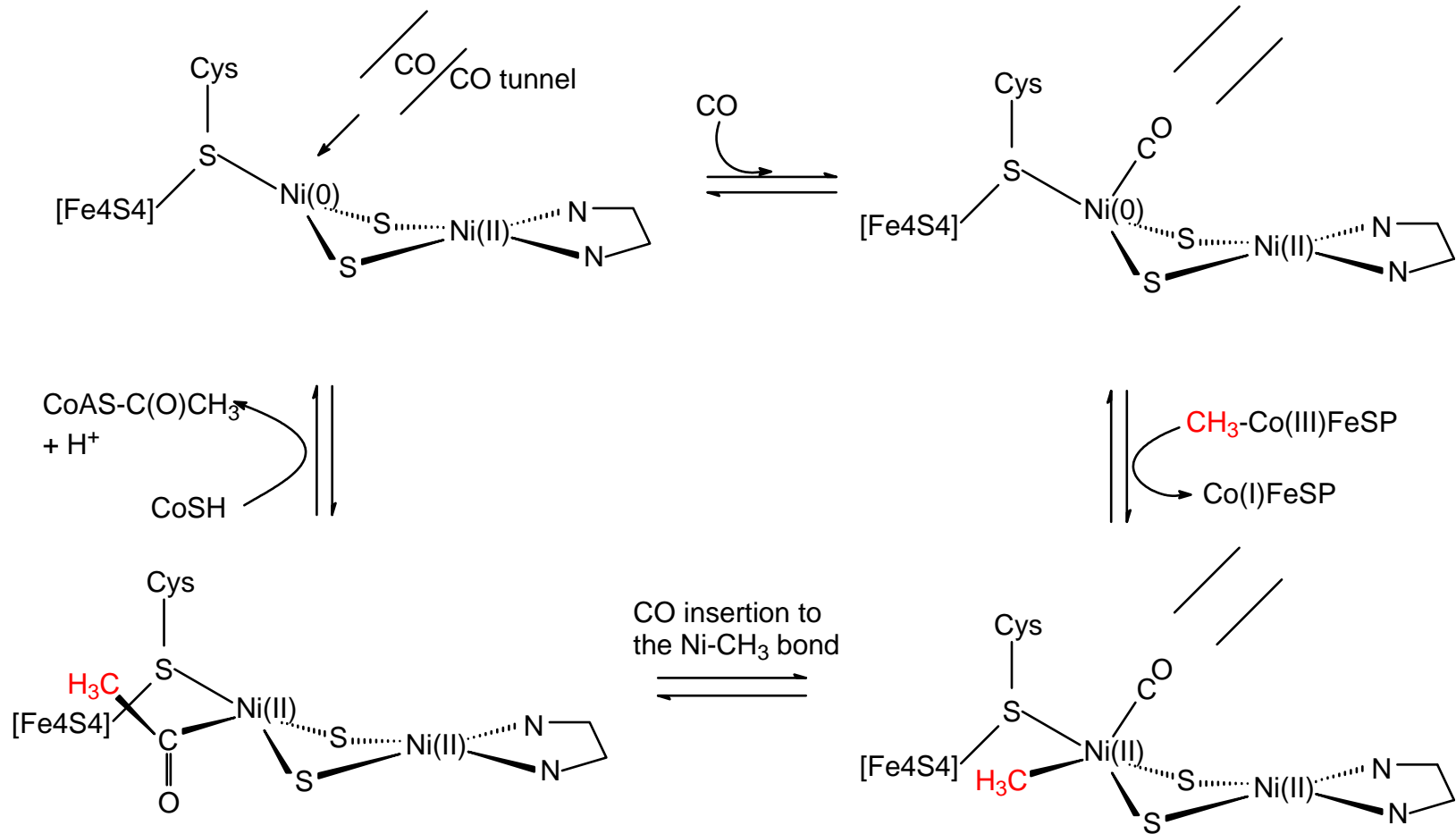


Enzymes affect **only Kinetics!!**

# Rules for Constructing Catalytic Mechanisms

1. All substrates must be used in the mechanism.
2. All products must be released during the mechanism.
3. The catalyst must return to its original state at the end of the cycle.
4. A mechanism will be separated into fundamental steps.
5. Each step can only include 1 or 2 molecules.
6. Each step must be chemically reasonable.

# A sample catalytic mechanism: ACS



## Why does biology utilize transition metals?

- Transition Metals are extremely good catalytic active sites in enzymes, because they:
  - are stable in a variety of geometries and CN
  - have multiple coordination sites
  - Are stable in a variety of oxidation states
  - Are able to change the reactivity of ligands
  - Have “weak” coordinate bonds (where needed)
  - Are capable of stabilizing intermediates

### Why does it matter what ligands are attached to the metal ?

- Tune Redox Properties
- Assist in stabilization of multiple oxidation states of transition metals
- Lability/Stability

# Transition Metals Relevant to Bioinorganic Chemistry

- V, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Mo, & W

## Amino Acid Residues Commonly Used as Ligands in Metalloenzymes

- Cysteine, Histidine, Aspartic Acid, Glutamic Acid, Methionine, Tyrosine, Serine, & Lysine

# Enzymes Classified by Metal Centers: a few examples

- **Fe**
  - Hemes: Hemoglobin/Myoglobin, Cytochrome C, Cytochrome P450, Cytochrome C Oxidase
  - Binuclear Fe-Oxo: Hemerythrin, Methane Monooxygenase (MMO), Ribonucleotide Reductase
  - Iron Sulfur Clusters: Rubredoxin, ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{S}_4$ , and  $\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4$ ) Ferredoxins, Aconitase, Sulfite Reductase
- **Co**
  - Cobalamins: Cyanocobalamin (Vit. B12), Methylcobalamin (Coenzyme B12), Ribonucleotide Reductase, Methionine Synthase
- **Cu**
  - Others: Plastocyanin, CuZn SOD, Galactose Oxidase, Hemocyanin, Ascorbate Oxidase
- **Ni**
  - NiFe Hydrogenase, Acetyl CoA Synthase/ Carbon Monoxide Dehydrogenase (ACS/CODH), Coenzyme F430 Methyl Reductase, Urease
- **Mn**
  - Mn Cluster of Photosystem II
- **Mo**
  - Nitrogenase, DMSO Reductase, Sulfite Oxidase
- **W**
  - Aldehyde Ferredoxin Oxidoreductase
- **Zn**
  - Carbonic Anhydrase, Alcohol Dehydrogenase, Zinc Fingers
- **V**
  - Haloperoxidase



# Metals in Medicine

# Metal-based drugs

<i>Element</i>	<i>Compound</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Trade names/comments</i>
<i>Approved agents (mostly US or worldwide):</i>			
Li	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Manic depression	Camcolit; Cibalith-S; Lithane (of many)
Fe	[Fe(NO)(CN) <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	Vasodilation	Nipride. For acute shock. NO release
Ga	Ga(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Hypercalcemia of malignancy	Ganite. Possible anticancer agent. In clinical trials for use in lymphomas
As	As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Anticancer agent	Trisenox. Use in acute promyelocytic leukemia
Ag	AgNO <sub>3</sub> Ag(sulfadiazene)	Disinfectant Antibacterial	Neonatal conjunctivitis Flamazine; Silvadene; treatment of burns. 1% cream
Sb	Sb <sup>III</sup> (tartarate)	Antiparasitic, leishmaniasis	Tartar Emetic Stibophen; Astiban
Pt	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(amine) <sub>2</sub> X <sub>2</sub> ]	Anticancer agents	Platinol; Paraplatin; Eloxatine Testicular, ovarian, colon cancers
Au	Au(PEt <sub>3</sub> )(acetylthioglucose)	Rheumatoid arthritis	Ridaura. Orally active
Bi	Bi(sugar) polymers	Antiulcer; antacid	Pepto-Bismol; Ranitidine Bismutrex; De-Nol
Hg	Hg-organic compounds	Antibacterial Antifungal	Thiomersal; mercurochrome (amongst many) Slow release of Hg <sup>2+</sup>
<i>Agents in clinical trials:</i>			
Pt	Polynuclear Pt <sup>IV</sup> species	Anticancer agents	BBR3464, Satraplatin, AMD-473 Expands spectrum of activity of cisplatin; overcomes resistance; oral activity?
Mn	Mn chelates	Anticancer agents	SOD mimics
Ru	<i>trans</i> -[RuCl <sub>4</sub> (Me <sub>2</sub> SO)(Im)] <sup>-</sup>	Anticancer agent	NAMI-A; antiangiogenic?
V	VO(maltate) <sub>2</sub>	Type II diabetes	BMOV; insulin mimetic
Ln	Ln(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Hyperphosphatemia	Fosrenol; phosphate binder

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## Metal-based drugs, II

Bi	Bi(sugar) polymers	Antiulcer; antacid	Pepto-Bismol; Ranitidine Bismutrex; De-Nol
Hg	Hg-organic compounds	Antibacterial	Thiomersal; mercurochrome (amongst many)
		Antifungal	Slow release of Hg <sup>2+</sup>
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# Cinnabar: HgS



## Medicinal use

Despite its toxicity, cinnabar has historically been used in traditional Chinese medicine, where it is called *zhūshā* (朱砂).

# Metal-based diagnostics

Imaging Agents: Gd for MRI;  
Tc-99m for heart

# Metal-based therapeutics

Anti-cancer Agents: cis Platin  
Ferrocifen

Vasodilation Agents: NO-releasing  
agents

Other small molecule releasing agents:  
Carbon Monoxide Releasing Agents

Your big project: **Powerpoint Presentation**  
On topic of your choice—well, sorta.  
Chosen from Metals in Biology or  
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### **Topics for Presentations**

#### From M. in Bio.

- Iron-Sulfur Clusters
- Nitrogenase
- Zinc Enzymes – Carboxypeptidase; Carbonic Anhydrase
- Zinc Finger Proteins
- Carbon Monoxide Dehydrogenase and Acetyl CoA Synthase: Nature suggests organometallic catalysis
- Hydrogenases --Organometallics in Nature
- Vitamin B-12 – Metal-carbon bonds
- Photosystem II (Science, 2004, 303, 1831) and the Oxygen-Evolving Complex
- Copper Proteins and Copper-Related Disorders (Wilson's, Menke's, Lou Gehrig's) Similarities and Differences to Iron
- Copper Enzymes –  
Cu-Amine Oxidase  
Hemocyanine – Model Compounds
- Mn, Mo, W Enzymes
- Non-heme Iron Enzymes
- Iron-Management – Ferritin and Siderophores

#### From M. in Med.

- 1M) Cis-Platin Anti-Cancer
- 2M) Gold Anti-Arthritis
- 3M) Imaging Agents (Gd or Tc or Both)
- 4M/B) Vanadium in medicine or biology or both
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- 6M) NO Releasing Agents (NORA) – what they are and what they do
- 7M) CO Releasing Materials (CORM)



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- Presentation date will be set by MYD—cannot be changed
- Research by first going to classic text book like Lippard and Berg
- Research secondly by going to key journal articles.
- Present abstract, outline and sketch of slides to MYD 2 weeks prior to presentation
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- Members of the audience will prepare questions addressing the fundamental inorganic chemistry and lead discussions on the topic.