

Copper



Group 11 metal

"Copper" comes from Latin "cuprum" ("from the island of Cyprus") Used in human civilization for thousands of years

Found in the active sites of many enzymes

Electronic Configuration: 1s²2s²2p⁶3s²3p⁶3d¹⁰4s¹

 $Cu(I) = d^{10}$ flexible geometry

 $Cu(II) = d^9$ square planar, square-pyramidal, or trigonal-bipyramidal

Cu(III) = d⁸ square planar, less common, stabilized by basic/anionic ligands







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Copper in Biology: Enzymes



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Oxygenase vs. Oxidase



Stahl, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2004, 43, 3400–3420.

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Peptidylglycine α -Hydroxylating Monooxygenase (PHM)

$$Cu^{II} = O = O = Cu^{II}$$

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nucleophilic

Tyrosinase (Tyr)



electrophilic

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Molecular Orbitals of Dioxygen-Dicopper Systems



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PHM Modification of Peptides



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Tyrosinase Oxidation of Phenols



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Dehydrogenative Aminooxygenation: Formyl-Substituted N-Heterocycles



R = OMe (66%), Me (77%), F (70%), CN (42%), COOMe (56%)

40%

46%

Zhang; Zhu, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 5678-5681.

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Amidine-Directed Aliphatic C–H Oxygenation



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72%

65%

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Formation of α -Ketoamides from Terminal Alkynes



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Incorporation of O from O₂ confirmed by ¹⁸O studies.

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Application in Total Synthesis: The Azaphilones

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Porco, Jr. J. Org. Chem. 2011, 76, 2577-2584.

Summary

Copper plays an important role in biochemistry and many other fields.

Dioxygen-copper compounds make up the active sites of several important enzymes.

The structure of the dioxygen-dicopper core influences a catalytic system's reactivity.

Copper-catalyzed reactions with molecular oxygen can also effect many useful transformations in synthetic organic chemistry.