

## A structural view of synthetic cofactor integration into [FeFe]-hydrogenases

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**Table S1. RMSD of C $\alpha$  carbons of the reported structures in Å when superposed to the equivalent chain of Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> or native Cpl (3C8Y).**

	Cpl <sup>ADT</sup>	native Cpl
apoCpl A	0.46	0.23
apoCpl B	0.4	0.32
Cpl <sup>ADT</sup> A	-	0.31
Cpl <sup>ADT</sup> B	-	0.29
Cpl <sup>PDT</sup> A	0.53	0.45
Cpl <sup>PDT</sup> B	0.42	0.36
Cpl <sup>ODT</sup> A	0.44	0.39
Cpl <sup>ODT</sup> B	0.39	0.3
Cpl <sup>SDT</sup> A	0.4	0.38
Cpl <sup>SDT</sup> B	0.42	0.33
native Cpl	0.32	0.36

**Table S2. Conserved glycine residues, their relative position and their dihedral angles in apoHydA1 and apoCpl.**

Residue	RMSD [Å]	Degree of conservation <sup>a</sup>	apoHydA1		apoCpl	
			$\phi$ (°)	$\psi$ (°)	$\phi$ (°)	$\psi$ (°)
G245/G412	15.5	90.80%	<b>86<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>-179</b>	-63	-27
G251/G418	14.8	87%	<b>117</b>	<b>-174</b>	-65	-12
G254/G421	7.2	99%	91	2	96	-6
G255/G422	3.7	100%	<b>99</b>	<b>163</b>	-72	-50
G283/G450	16.0	83%	83	9	<b>92</b>	<b>-176</b>
G286/G453	1.4	78%	69	15	-70	-35

<sup>a</sup> According to a recent MSA from Winkler et al., 2013.

<sup>b</sup> Values in bold-face indicate angle-combinations only favorable for glycine according to Lovell et al., 2003.

**Tabel S3. Position of 2FeH subcluster within the active site cavity in different Cpl structures given as distances in Å and angles in °.**

Atom 1	Atom 2	native Cpl (3C8Y)		apoCpl		Cpl <sup>ADT</sup>		Cpl <sup>PDT</sup>		Cpl <sup>ODT</sup>		Cpl <sup>SOT</sup>	
		chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b
230 CA	299 CA	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.2
230 CA	2FeH Fed	6.2		6.2		6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1
299 CA	2FeH Fed	6.1		6.2		6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3
353 CA	497 CA	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6
353 CA	2FeH FeP	7.0		7.0		7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0
497 CA	2FeH FeP	8.9		8.8		8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
417 CA	358 CA	14.8	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.8
417 CA	2FeH Fed	6.1		6.1		6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1
358 CA	2FeH Fed	9.0		9.0		9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0
417 CA	2FeH FeP	6.5		6.5		6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5
358 CA	2FeH FeP	8.5		8.5		8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
230 CB	2FeH O5 (COB)	3.0		3.3		3.3	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0
353 SD	2FeH O5 (COB)	3.2		3.3		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Dihedral C(COB) - Fed - FeP - O (COB)		-3		-1		0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1
Dihedral C(COB) - S1 - S2 - O (COB)		-2		-7		-2	-6	-6	-6	-3	-6	3	2

**Table S4. Distances between parts of the 2FeH cluster and potential interaction partners in the protein in Å.**

		Cpl native (3C8Y)		Cpl <sup>ADT</sup>		Cpl <sup>PDT</sup>		Cpl <sup>ODT</sup>		Cpl <sup>SDT</sup>	
		chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b	chain a	chain b
adt	C299 SG	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5
	C299 CA	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8
	M497 SD	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
CND	S323 OG	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9
	P324 N	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4
	Q325 N	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	K358 NZ	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0
CNP	P231 N	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
	S232 N	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
	OG	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8
COB	M353 SD	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
	M353 SD	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.7
S1	F417 O	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6

Table S5: Distances, angles and dihedral angles of [ZrFe25]-clusters in comparison.

Distances [Å]	CpI <sup>act</sup>		CpI <sup>int</sup>		CpI <sup>out</sup>		CpI <sup>int</sup>		CpI <sup>out</sup>		native CpI (3CBY)	DdH (IHFH)	EAXS of ZFe <sub>9</sub> of HydAl <sup>a</sup>	Calculated <sup>b</sup> CpI <sup>act</sup>	Calculated <sup>b</sup> CpI <sup>int</sup>	Calculated <sup>b</sup> CpI <sup>out</sup>	Calculated <sup>b</sup> CpI <sup>out</sup>	[ZrFe25]-act complex alone <sup>c</sup>	[ZrFe25]-odd- monoorgano complex alone <sup>d</sup>	[ZrFe25]-odd- hecateryno complex alone <sup>e</sup>	[ZrFe25]-odd- dicyno complex alone <sup>f</sup>
	chain a	chain b																			
Fe-P	S1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.22	2.42	2.41	2.43	2.28	2.24	2.25	2.28	
Fe-P	S2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.22	2.29	2.38	2.39	2.29	2.25	2.27	2.28	
Fe-d	S1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.22	2.34	2.33	2.37	2.28	2.27	2.26	2.27	
Fe-d	S2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.22	2.31	2.33	2.38	2.29	2.26	2.26	2.27	
Fe-P	Fe-d	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.53	2.56	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.52	
S1	C <sub>act1</sub>	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.87	1.88	1.90	1.91	1.87	1.83	1.83	1.83	
S2	C <sub>act2</sub>	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.84	1.88	1.91	1.91	1.88	1.84	1.82	1.82	
C <sub>act1</sub>	N <sub>act</sub>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.48	1.42	1.42	1.54	
C <sub>act2</sub>	N <sub>act</sub>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.51	1.52	1.52	1.47	1.39	1.40	1.51	
Fe-P	C <sub>COP</sub>	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.84	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.76	1.76	1.73	
Fe-P	C <sub>CNP</sub>	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.84	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.94	1.92	1.93	
Fe-P	C <sub>COB</sub>	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.84	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.74	1.74	1.93	
Fe-d	C <sub>CND</sub>	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.84	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.94	1.94	1.93	1.93	
Fe-d	C <sub>COd</sub>	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.84	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.75	1.75	1.74	1.74	
Fe-P	C <sub>COB</sub>	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.84	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.36	
C <sub>COP</sub>	N <sub>CNP</sub>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.16	1.15	1.15	1.18	
C <sub>CNP</sub>	O <sub>COB</sub>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.20	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.16	
C <sub>CND</sub>	O <sub>COd</sub>	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	
C <sub>COd</sub>	O <sub>COd</sub>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.15	1.14	1.14	1.17	
Fe-d	N <sub>act</sub>	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.52	3.52	3.44	3.42	3.54	3.54	3.27	3.62	
C <sub>act1</sub>	C <sub>act2</sub>	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.60	2.60	2.58	2.48	2.44	2.34	2.70	2.59	
S1	S2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.31	3.31	3.32	3.35	3.10	3.04	3.09	3.09	

Angles		S1	S2	86	85	88	86	85	84	88	87	87	82	82	86.4	87.5	87.9	85.5
S1	Fe-P	110	111	124	124	119	171	170	107	127	125	117	99	99	125	112.1	112.8	117.2
S1	C <sub>act1</sub>	169	171	170	170	171	170	170	171	168	169	170	177	177	166.3	166.3	163.3	177.5
Fe-P	C <sub>COP</sub>	177	175	169	170	179	179	172	178	178	174	179	179	169.8	169.8	169.8	179.4	
Fe-P	C <sub>CNP</sub>	172	173	171	170	172	172	173	171	171	166	172	177	177	169.0	169.0	179.5	
Fe-d	C <sub>CND</sub>	170	176	174	171	171	173	173	175	174	174	175	180	167.3	167.3	167.3	177.9	
S1	Fe-P	172	174	171	173	173	171	171	169	171	170	174	176	171.0	171.0	172.0	158.3	
S1	Fe-d	86	88	86	87	87	86	86	84	84	87	87	81	83.3	84.1	84.6	100.8	
S1	Fe-d	87	91	88	88	88	88	89	89	94	91	88	81	92.5	93.0	93.7	158.6	
S1	Fe-d	173	173	173	170	170	172	172	172	172	171	174	173	179.8	178.9	178.0	100.7	
S1	Fe-d	93	89	89	86	86	86	89	92	91	91	91	92	88.5	89.2	89.9	88.0	
Fe-P	C <sub>COB</sub>	155	144	159	155	155	147	147	155	129	132	145	92	140.0	140.0	140.0	100.7	
Fe-d	C <sub>COB</sub>	114	132	119	121	121	128	128	121	151	145	132	92	140.9	140.9	140.9	100.7	

Dihedrals		Fe-d	S1	C <sub>act1</sub>	-103	-104	-108	-105	-107	-111	-110	-110	-107	-103	-94.8	-97.9	-100.2	-106.1
Fe-P	Fe-d	103	105	107	101	99	99	99	106	106	104	104	105	105	94.0	97.0	97.1	102.8
Fe-P	S1	-5	-4	-5	-3	-3	-5	-5	-6	-6	-4	-4	-4	-2	-5.3	-5.1	-4.5	-12.7
Fe-P	S1	-5	-6	-6	-3	-5	-5	-5	-6	-5	-7	-5	-6	-6	-5.1	-4.9	-5.6	-41.3
Fe-d	S1	48	50	48	50	47	47	47	50	45	47	51	48	48.1	48.7	47.7	12.4	
Fe-d	S1	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-2	-2	-3	0	1	2	3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	-40.2	
Fe-d	S1	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-1	1	-3	-2.6	-1.5	-1.4	13.1	

<sup>a</sup> Lambertz et al., 2014.

<sup>b</sup> Pandey et al., 2008.

<sup>c</sup> Land auchfluss 2002.

<sup>d</sup> Song et al., 2004

<sup>e</sup> Song et al., 2007

<sup>f</sup> Schmidt et al., 1999

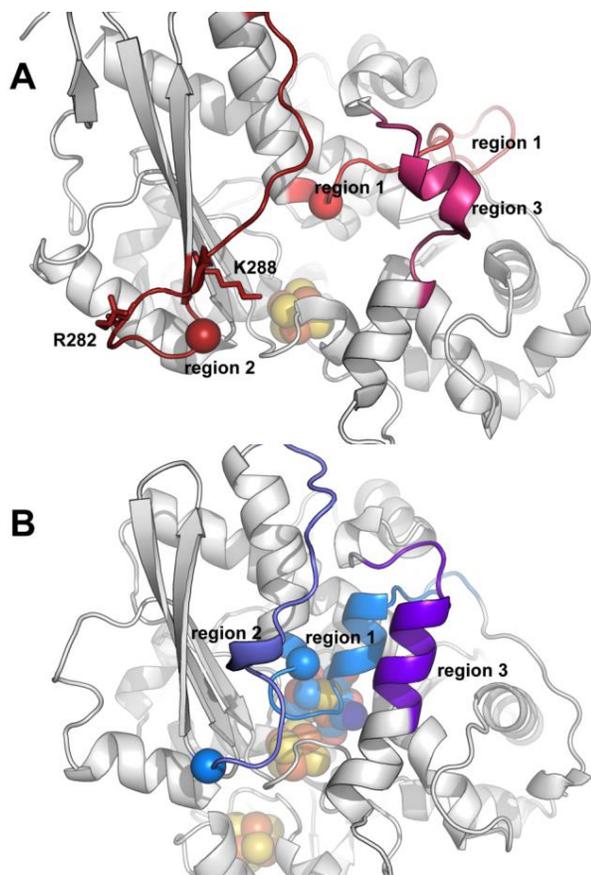
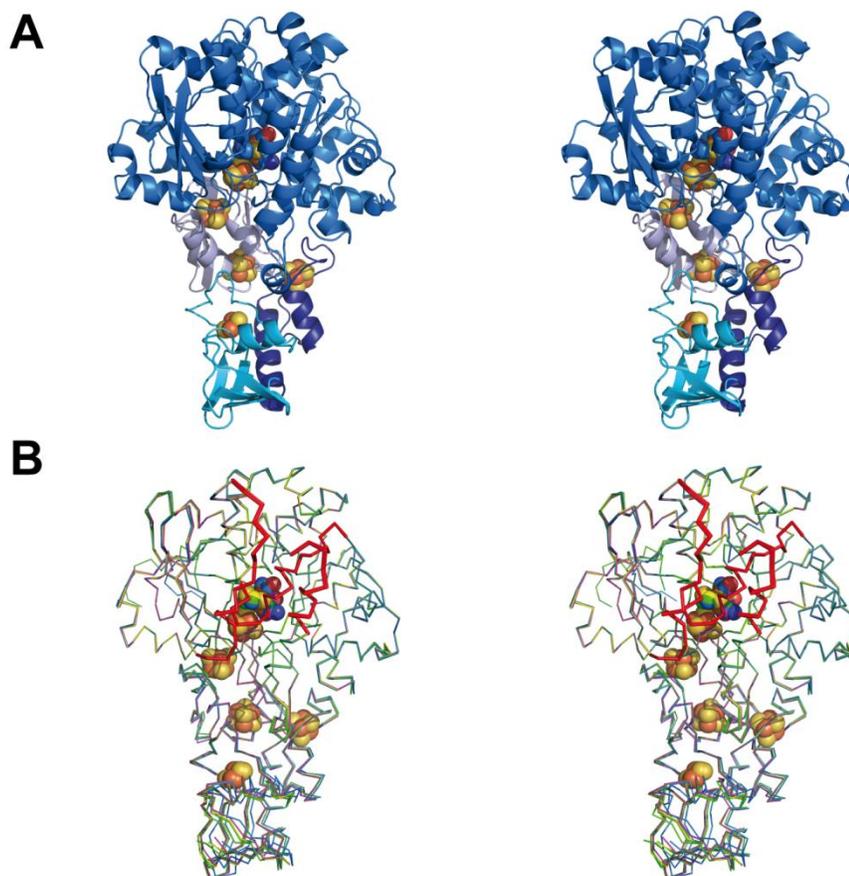
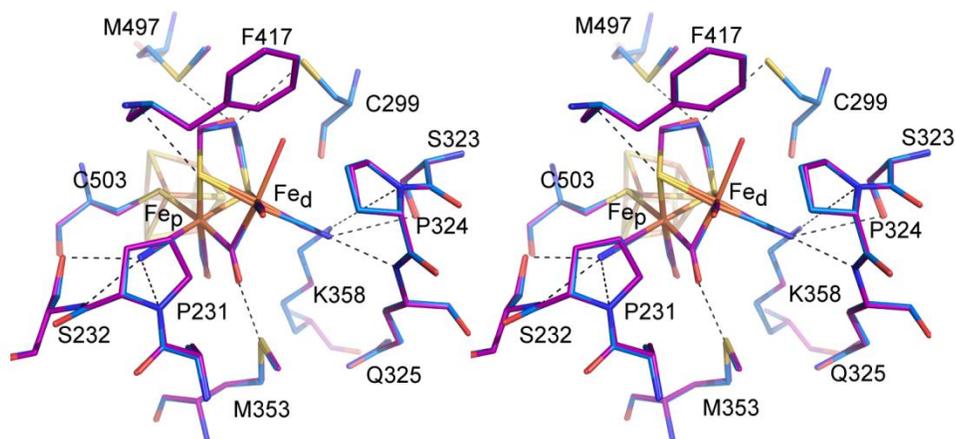


Figure S1: Presumed maturation channel in apoHydA1 and Cpl<sup>MIM</sup>. (A) View along the presumed maturation channel of a cartoon representation of apoHydA1 (PDB ID 3LX4). Regions with high RMSD in comparison to Cpl are marked in red tones and labeled as mentioned in the text (region 1: 238-256; region 2: 270-288; region 3: 402-413; numbering of 3LX4). Conserved cationic amino acids R282/449 and K288/455 are shown in stick representation (numbering as in 3LX4/3C8Y). (B) Cartoon representation of Cpl<sup>MIM</sup> in the same orientation as apoHydA1 in A with regions of difference marked with blue hues (region 1: 405-423; region 2: 437-453; region 3: 529-540; numbering as in 3C8Y). Potential glycine hinges G255/422 and G286/453 and FeS clusters are shown as spheres in A and B.

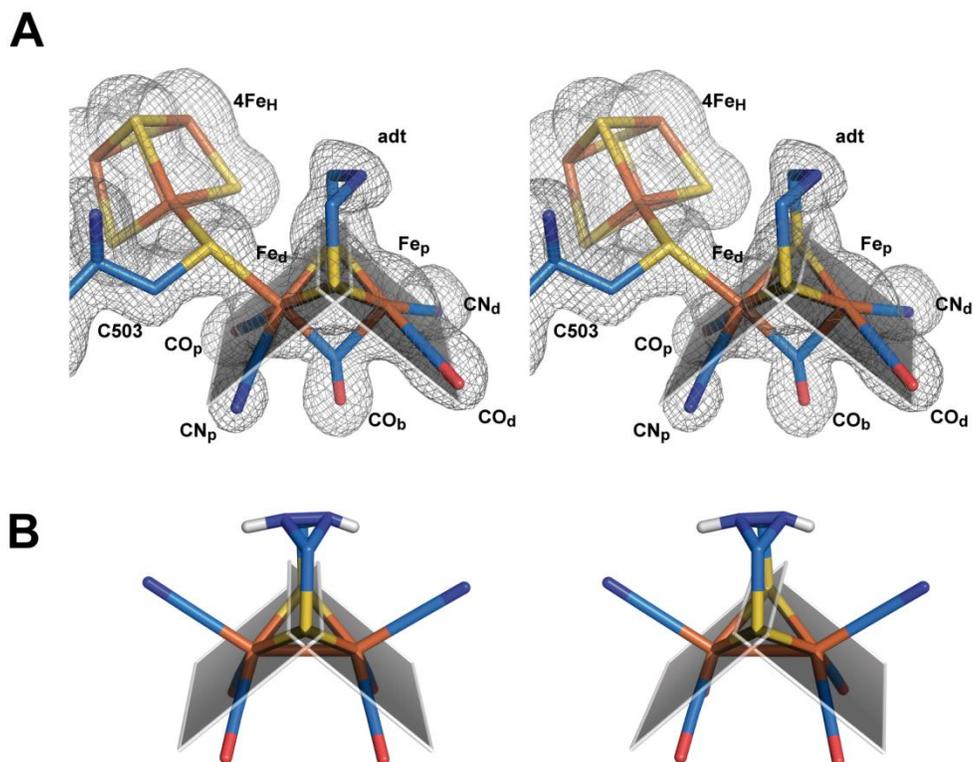


**Figure S2: Stereo view of Figure 1: Structures of unmaturred and semisynthetic [FeFe]-hydrogenases.**

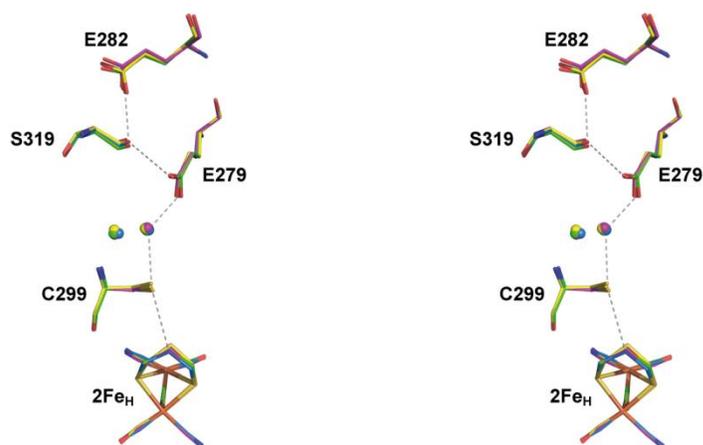
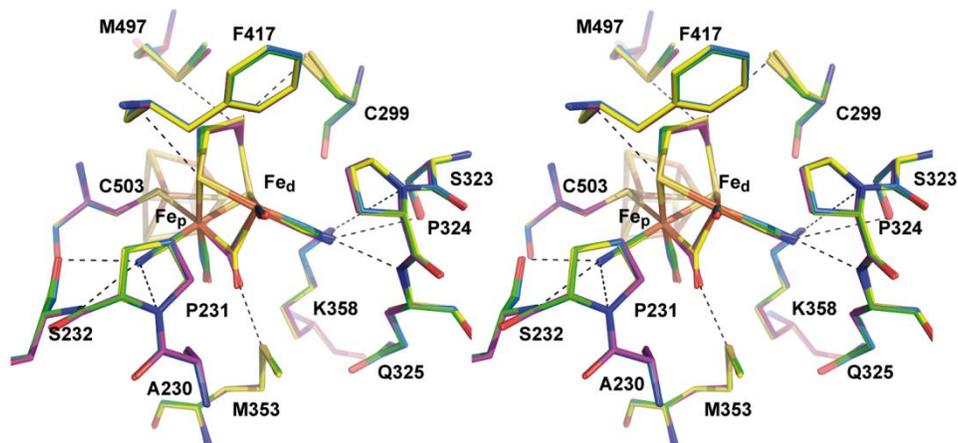
(A) Cartoon model of [FeFe]-hydrogenase Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> with domains in different hues of blue. (B) Overlay of ribbon models of [FeFe]-hydrogenases apoCpl (cyan), Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> (marine), Cpl<sup>PDT</sup> (magenta), Cpl<sup>ODT</sup> (green) and Cpl<sup>SDT</sup> (yellow). H-domain regions significantly different to apoHydA1 indicated as thicker ribbon and in red in B. FeS cluster atoms depicted as spheres and colored according to element (Fe=brown, S=beige, O=red, N=blue, C in color of respective protein) in A and B.



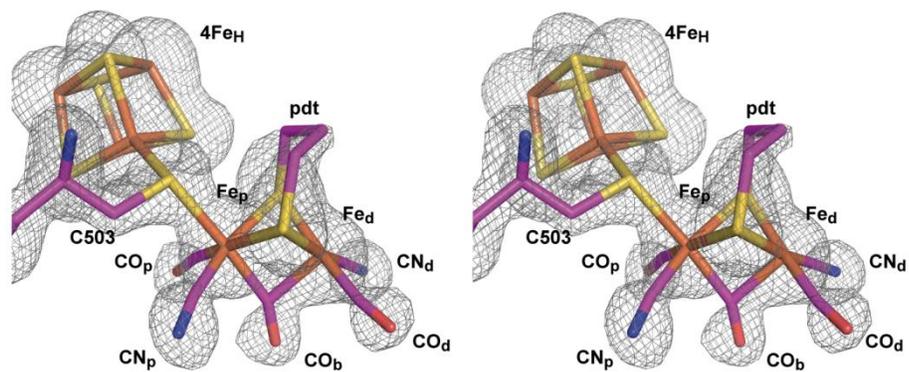
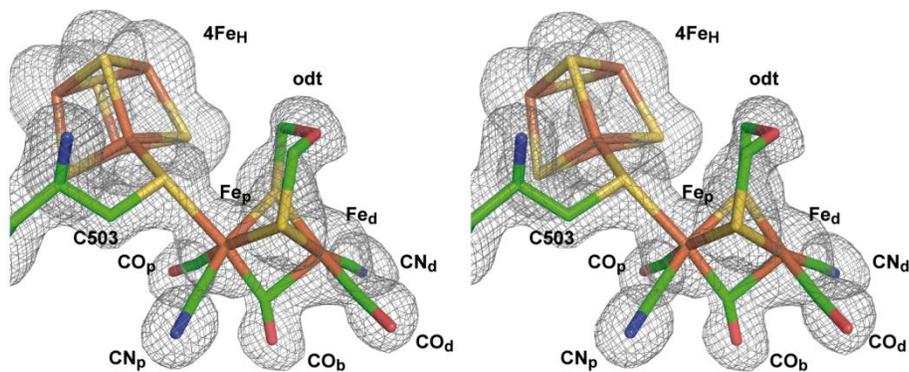
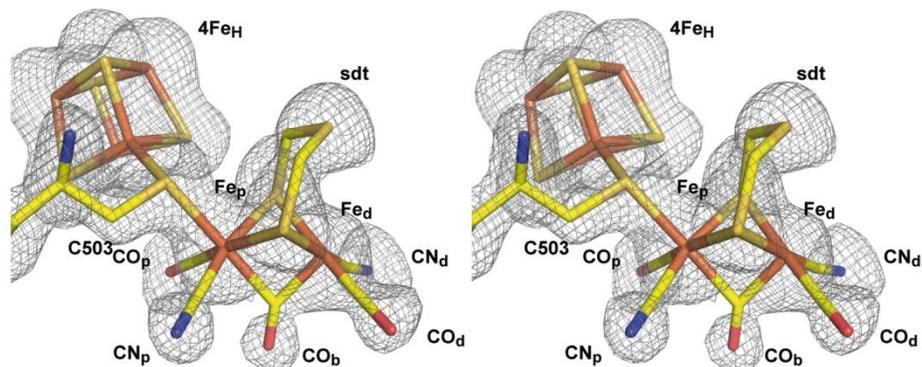
**Figure S3: Stereo view of Figure 3: Comparison of the active site of Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> and native Cpl.** Stick model of the environment of the 2Fe<sub>H</sub>-subcluster of Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> (carbon atoms in marine) superposed to a stick model of native Cpl (PDB ID 3C8Y) (carbon atoms in magenta). Dashed lines indicate potential interactions between 2Fe<sub>H</sub> and the protein listed in table S4. Numbering of amino acids as in the structure of native Cpl.



**Figure S4: Stereo view of Figure 4: Structure of semisynthetic H-cluster and structural changes in ligand coordination upon integration of 2Fe<sub>H</sub>.** (A) Stick model of the H-cluster of CpI<sup>ADT</sup> colored according to element with F<sub>o</sub>-F<sub>c</sub> simulated annealing omit map contoured at 3.5σ. (B) Stick model of the crystal structure of Fe<sub>2</sub>[μ-(SCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH](CN)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>. The planes in A and B are drawn through the sulfur atoms of the [2Fe] complexes and one of the two Fe atoms each to clarify the coordination geometry of the Fe ligands.

**A****B**

**Figure S5: Stereo view of Figure 5: Comparison of the catalytically important amino acids in Cpl derivatives.** Stick models of the potential proton transfer pathway (A) and the environment of the  $2\text{Fe}_\text{H}$ -subcluster (B) of Cpl<sup>ADT</sup> (carbon atoms in marine) superposed to stick models of Cpl<sup>PDT</sup> (magenta), Cpl<sup>ODT</sup> (green) and Cpl<sup>SDT</sup> (yellow). Dashed lines indicate potential proton transfer interactions or potential interactions of  $2\text{Fe}_\text{H}$  with the protein as listed in table S4. Numbering of amino acids as in the structure of native Cpl.

**A****B****C**

**Figure S6: Stereo view of Figure 6: Models of the H-cluster of non-native Cpl derivatives.** Stick models of (A) Cpl<sup>PDT</sup> (carbon atoms in magenta), (B) Cpl<sup>ODT</sup> (carbon atoms in green) and (C) Cpl<sup>SDT</sup> (carbon atoms in yellow) with F<sub>o</sub>-F<sub>c</sub> simulated annealing omit maps contoured at 3.5 $\sigma$ .

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