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## Spectroscopic and Kinetic Studies of Perturbed Trinuclear Copper Clusters: The Role of Protons in Reductive Cleavage of the O-O Bond in the Multicopper Oxidase Fet3p.

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Figure S1. Room temperature absorption spectra (A) and X-band EPR spectra at 77 (B) of holo WT Fet3p and E487D, E487A, and D94E mutants



Figure S2. Gaussian Fits of absorption and CD spectra

	T1	D	T1DE487D		T1DE487A		T1DD94E	
Band no.	energy <sup>a</sup>	$\Delta \epsilon / \epsilon^{b}$						
1 d-d	10200	N/D	10200	N/D	10200	N/D	10200	N/D
2 d-d	12500	-8.41	12500	-6.3	12500	-4.61	12430	-18.4
3 d-d	14080	1.39	14080	4.19	14080	1.56	15490	3.46
4 d-d	15120	-9.47	15120	-5.95	15120	-2.18	13190	-0.99
5 d-d	17300	18.9	17300	18.5	17300	19.0	17200	23.1
6 d-d	19630	31.2	19630	13.1	19630	12.0	19100	29.7
7 His $\pi$	24770	-0.68	24770	-0.68	24750	-0.19	23900	-1.11
8 μ-OH	28000	0.38	28000	0.33	28000	0.48	28250	0.22
9 μ-OH	30400	-0.18	30650	-0.2	30800	-0.10	30800	-0.17

<sup>a</sup> Energies are in cm-1 and obtained through a simultaneous fit of the CD and absorption

spectra. <sup>b</sup> The Khun anisotropy factors are a ratio of the CD intensity ( $\Delta \epsilon M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ) to the absorption intensity ( $\epsilon m M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ).

	T1D	T1DE487D	T1DE487A	T1DD94E
$g_x$	2.041	2.041	2.041	2.038
$g_y$	2.055	2.055	2.055	2.055
$g_z$	2.243	2.243	2.243	2.243
$Ax^{a}$	17	17	17	17
$Ay^{\mathrm{a}}$	15	15	15	15
$Az^{a}$	190	190	190	188

Figure S3. EPR Spin Hamiltonian Parameters

<sup>a</sup> All hyperfine coupling constants, A values, are shown in X x  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>

	T1D	T1DE487D	T1DE487A	T1DD94E
Band no.	energy/cm <sup>-1</sup>	energy/cm <sup>-1</sup>	energy/cm <sup>-1</sup>	energy/cm <sup>-1</sup>
1 <i>xy</i>	(+) 9800	(+) 9800	(+) 9800	(+) 10000
$2 z^2$	(-) 10540	(-) 10540	(-) 10540	(-) 11080
3 <i>xz</i>	(+) 11700	(+) 11700	(+) 11700	(+) 11540
4 <i>yz</i>	(-) 13940	(-) 13940	(-) 13940	(-) 14380
5 His $\pi$	(-) 16700	(+) 18930	(+) 18720	(-) 16800
$6 \text{ OH } \pi$	(-) 20140	(+) 21980	(+) 22330	(-) 20400
7 His $\pi$	(-) 24800	(+) 26590	(+) 25510	(-) 25280
8 His $\pi$	(+) 28270	(+) 27930	(+) 27500	(+) 28300
9 His $\pi$	(+) 30800	(+) 30940	(+) 30960	(+) 30900

## Figure S4. Gaussian fit of MCD spectra

Figure S5. Room temperature CD spectrum of T1D PI from 5000 - 33,000 cm<sup>-1</sup>



	T1E	) PI	T1DE487D PI		T1DE487A PI		T1DD94E PI	
Band no.	energy <sup>a</sup>	$\Delta \epsilon / \epsilon^{b}$						
2	11690	-0.72	11600	-0.63	12000	-0.78	12430	-0.62
3	14230	0.54	14270	13.4	14310	0.74	13920	1.44
4	15280	-1.61	15100	-5.95	15150	-1.76	14680	-4.39
5	16540	-0.98	16510	-0.64	16470	-0.58	16060	-0.83
6	20850	-0.15	20650	-0.10	21130	-0.02	20920	-0.06
7	24800	0.26	25020	0.77	25040	0.21	24550	0.30
8	27580	0.94	27730	1.12	27580	1.20	27210	0.76
9	30625	-0.21	31340	-0.40	30820	-0.15	30660	-0.19

Figure S6. Gaussian Fits of absorption and CD spectra

<sup>a</sup> Energies are in cm-1 and obtained through a simultaneous fit of the CD and absorption spectra. <sup>b</sup> The Khun anisotropy factors are a ratio of the CD intensity ( $\Delta \epsilon M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ) to the absorption intensity ( $\epsilon m M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ).

S7. For analysis of kinetic isotope effects using the Westheimer model, a linear transition state is assumed of type A-----B-----C where in this case A is the starting point, a carboxylate and C is the ending point, the  $\mu$ 2-OH in the native intermediate, and B is the proton of interest.

The kinetic isotope effect (KIE) is given by the following formula:

KIE = (zero-point energy) x (mass and moments of inertia) x (excited vibrational states) In the Westheimer model the KIE is only dependent upon the zero-point energy (ZPE) as the other components are approximated to be 1, which is a fair approximation under the conditions of the experiments performed herein.

The KIE was then calculated for 3 possible transition states (TS): a product-like TS, a reactant-like TS, and a symmetric TS where the proton (B) is located near the midpoint between A and C. The results are summarized in the following table:

Position of TS	KIE
Reactant	1.00
Symmetric	6.90
Product	0.70

In all cases, the initial A-B bond frequency (that for a carboxylate O-H stretch) was taken

as 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the final product B-C bond frequency (that for the  $\mu$ 2-OH stretch in the

native intermediate) was taken as 3600 cm<sup>-1</sup>. And the ZPE was calculated as:

 $ZPE = exp[1/2(U_{Hreactant} - U_{Dreactant})\text{-}(U_{HTS} - U_{HTS})]$  and  $U_i = h\nu_i/k_BT$ 

Where *h* is Planck's constant ( $6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  J s),  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant ( $1.38066 \times 10^{-34}$  J s)

 $10^{-23}$  J K<sup>-1</sup>), and T the absolute temperature (T = 293 K for the calculations in this paper).