

**SIMULTANEOUS TRUE, GATED, AND COUPLED ELECTRON-TRANSFER  
REACTIONS AND ENERGETICS OF PROTEIN REARRANGEMENT**

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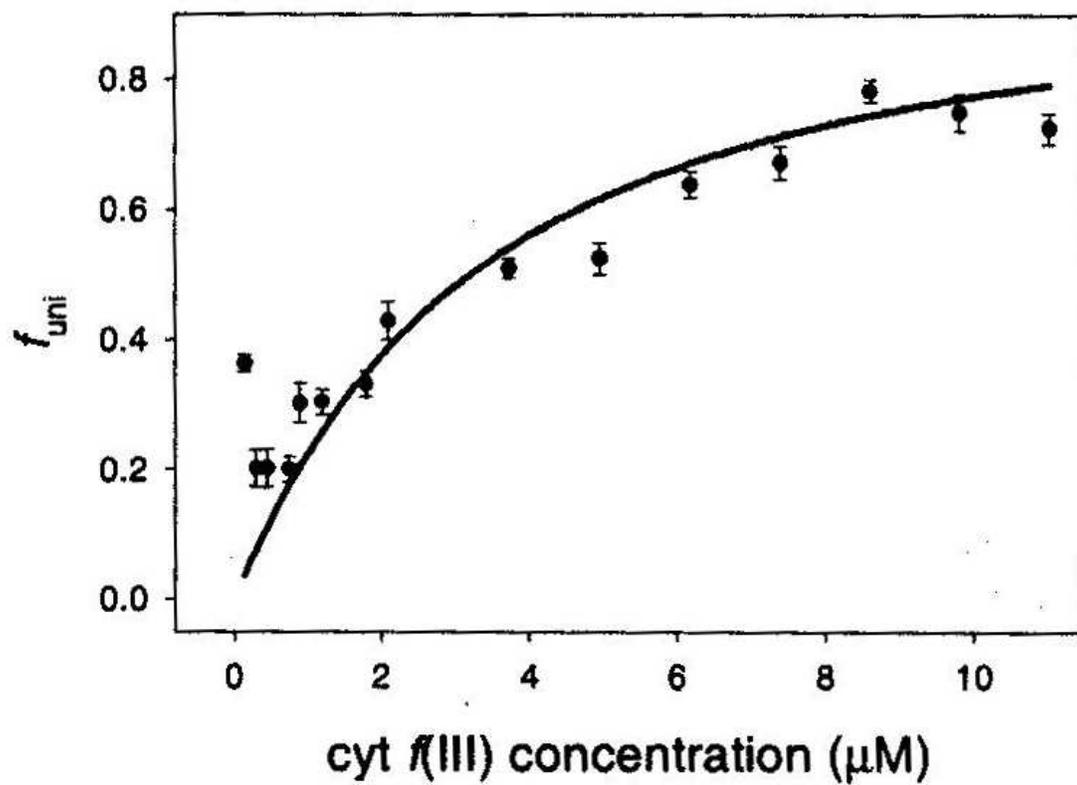
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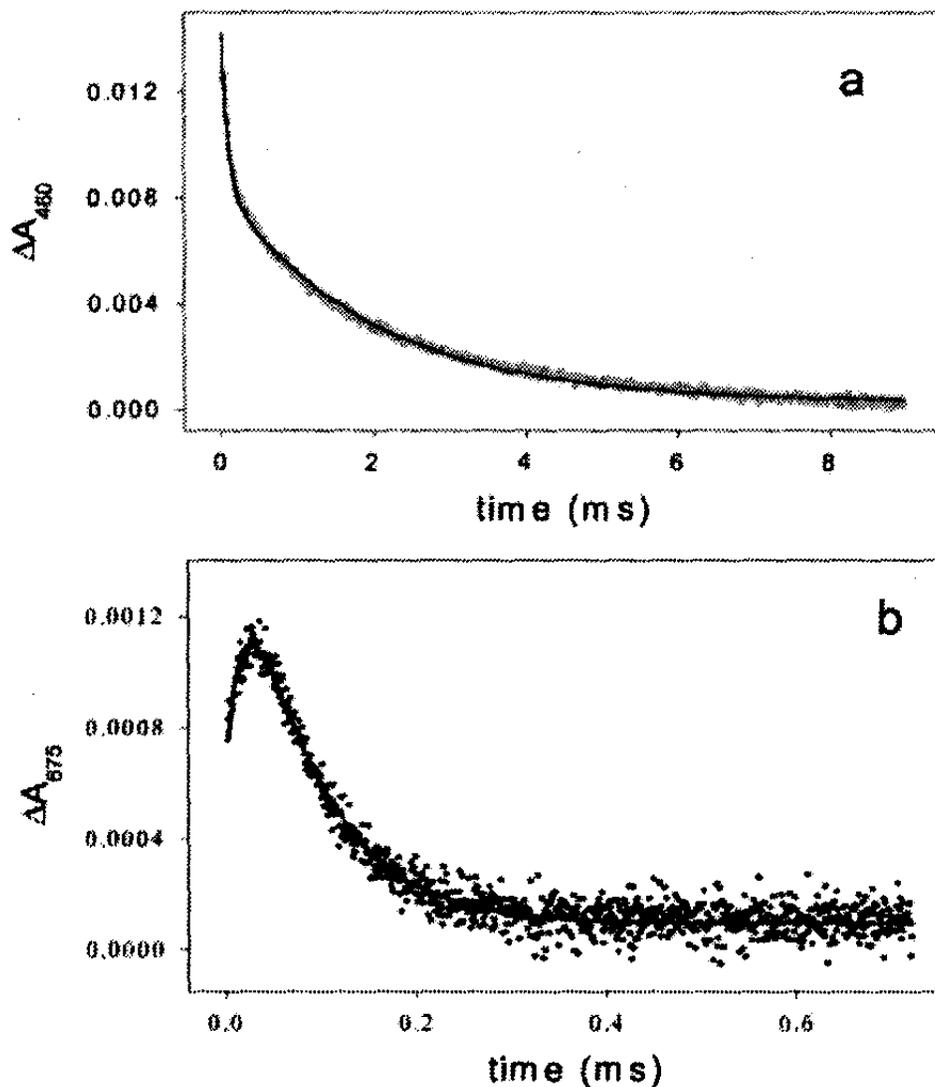
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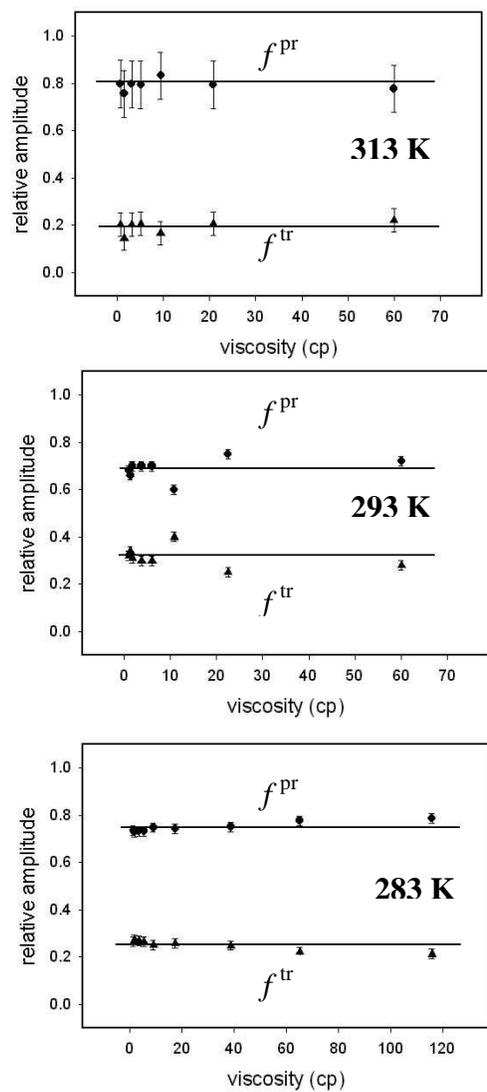
**Supplementary Information**



**Fig. S1.** Fraction of the reaction occurring by the unimolecular mechanism, via the persistent complex in Scheme 1, as a function of the cytochrome  $f(III)$  concentration.



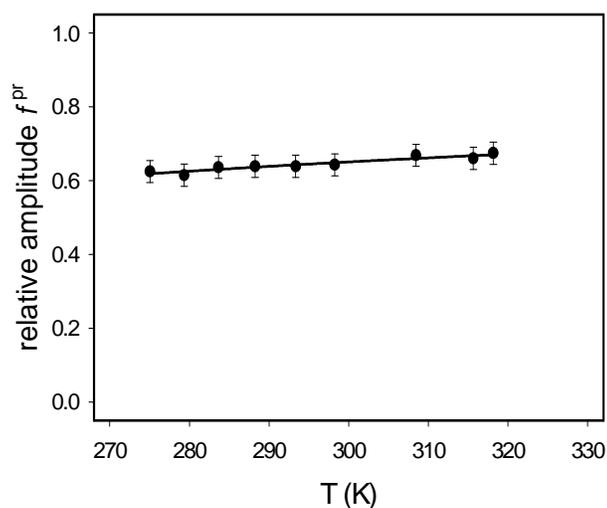
**Fig. S2.** Transient absorbance changes in a solution initially containing 1.0  $\mu\text{M}$  zinc cytochrome  $c_6$  and 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  cytochrome  $f(\text{III})$  at pH 7.00 and room temperature. (a) Disappearance of the triplet state monitored at 460 nm. (b) Formation and disappearance of the cation radical monitored at 675 nm.



**Fig. S3.** Independence of solution viscosity of the relative amplitudes  $f^{Pr}$  and  $f^{Tr}$ , respectively, of the electron-transfer reaction occurring within persistent (●) and transient (▲) protein complex in Scheme S1 at different temperatures. Viscosity of the sodium phosphate buffer solution at pH 7.0 and ionic strength 10 mM was adjusted with glycerol.

### Temperature Dependence of Association between Zinc Cytochrome $c_6$ and

**Cytochrome  $f(\text{III})$ .** Temperature effects on the association constant were studied in the temperature range from 0.5 to 40 °C. The results in Figure S4 were fitted to equation S3.



**Fig. S4.** Temperature dependence of the relative amplitude  $f^{\text{Pr}}$  for the reaction between  $^3\text{Zncyc}t c_6$  and  $\text{cyt } f(\text{III})$ , in sodium phosphate buffer at pH 7.0 and ionic strength 10 mM. The solid line is fitting to eq S3.

$$K_a = \exp(-\Delta G_a / RT) \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$K_a = \exp(\Delta S_a / R) \exp(-\Delta H_a / RT) \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$f^{\text{Pr}} = (1/2[\text{Zncyc}t c_6]_0) * \{ [\text{Zncyc}t c_6]_0 + [\text{cyt } f(\text{III})]_0 + (\exp(\Delta S_a / R) \exp(-\Delta H_a / RT))^{-1} - \\ (([\text{Zncyc}t c_6]_0 + [\text{cyt } f(\text{III})]_0 + (\exp(\Delta S_a / R) \exp(-\Delta H_a / RT))^{-1})^2 - 4[\text{Zncyc}t c_6]_0 [\text{cyt } f(\text{III})]_0)^{0.5} \} \quad (\text{S3})$$

Values for enthalpy and entropy of association obtained from the fitting are  $\Delta H_a = (4 \pm 1)$  kJ/mol, and  $\Delta S_a = (127 \pm 4)$  JK<sup>-1</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. Free energy of association calculated from these two

parameters is  $\Delta G_a = -33$  kJ/mol. From the kinetic experiments, using relative amplitudes, we calculated the equilibrium constant [1],  $K_a = (6 \pm 2) \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ , and from the eq S1  $\Delta G_a = -33$  kJ/mol. These values of  $\Delta G_a$  are obtained from the two different sets of experiments and are in full agreement.

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