

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

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Supplementary Information

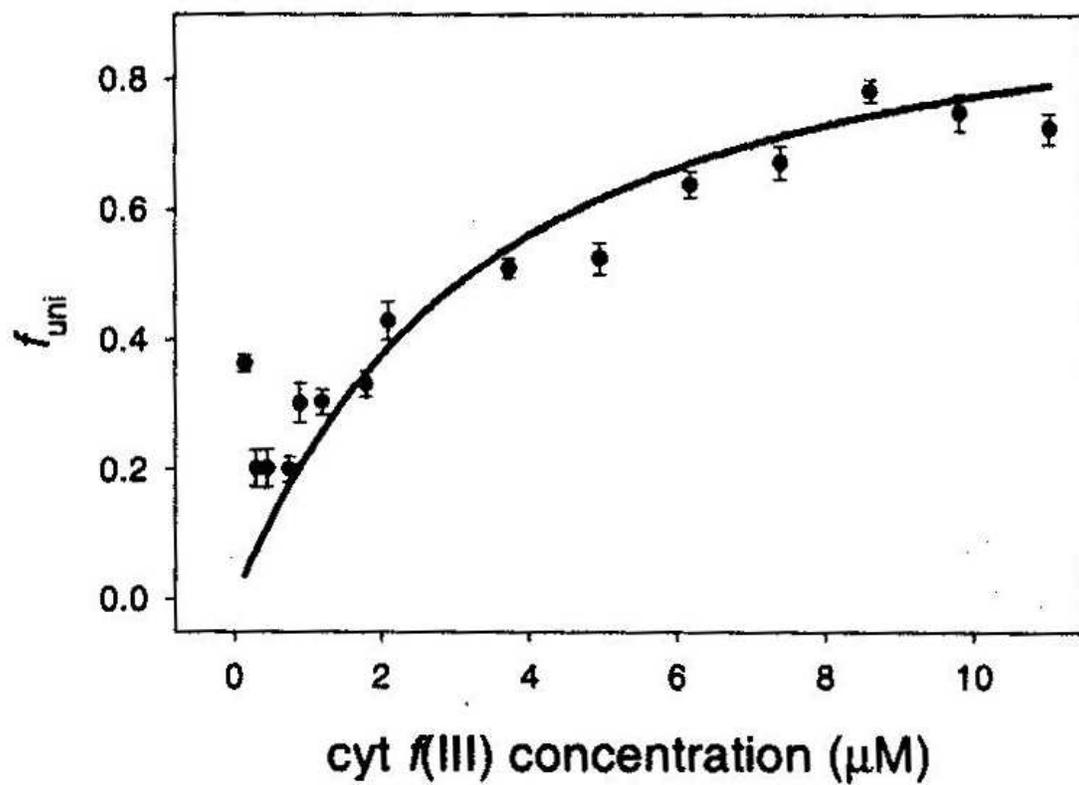


Fig. S1. Fraction of the reaction occurring by the unimolecular mechanism, via the persistent complex in Scheme 1, as a function of the cytochrome *f*(III) concentration.

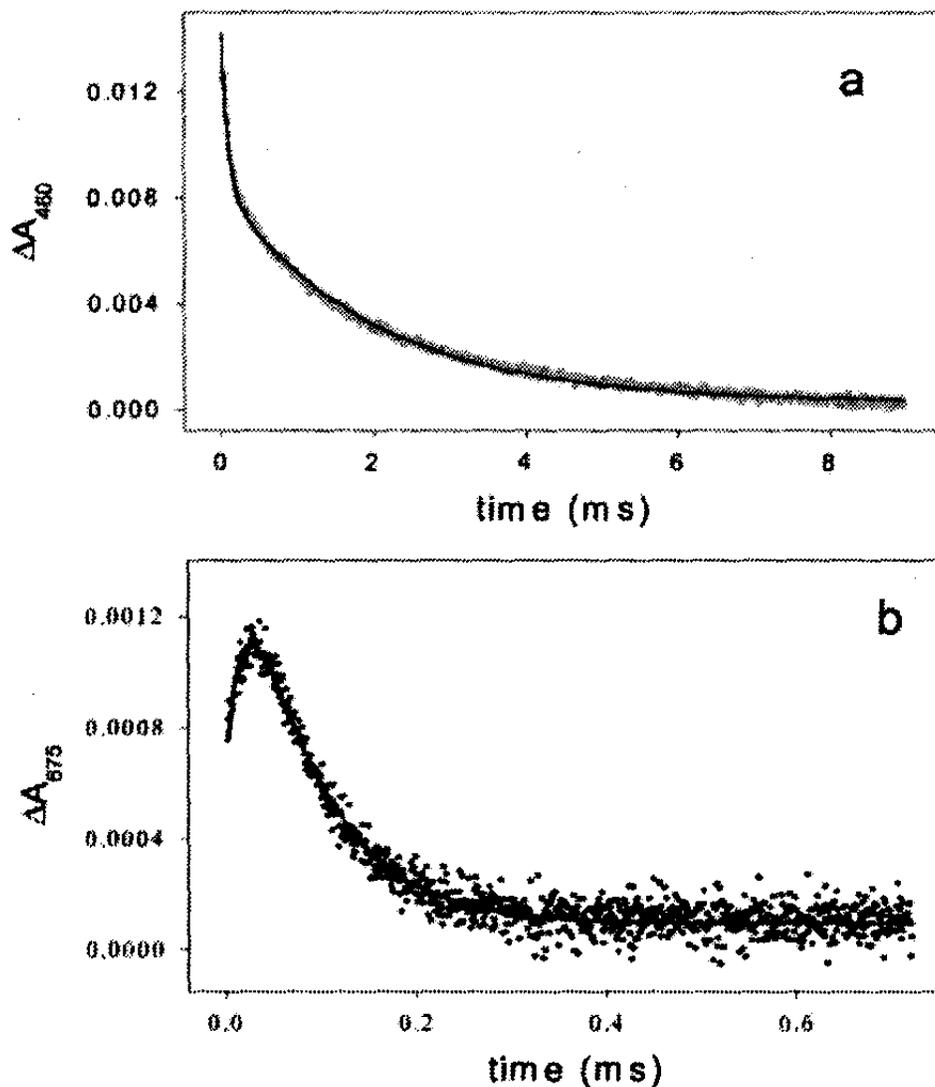


Fig. S2. Transient absorbance changes in a solution initially containing 1.0 μM zinc cytochrome c_6 and 3.0 μM cytochrome $f(\text{III})$ at pH 7.00 and room temperature. (a) Disappearance of the triplet state monitored at 460 nm. (b) Formation and disappearance of the cation radical monitored at 675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

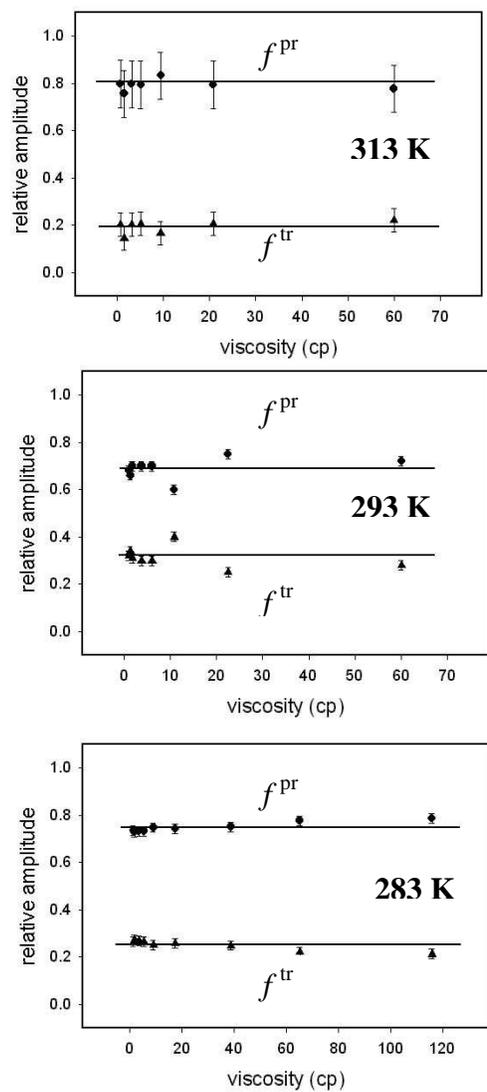


Fig. S3. Independence of solution viscosity of the relative amplitudes f^{pr} and f^{tr} , respectively, of the electron-transfer reaction occurring within persistent (●) and transient (▲) protein complex in Scheme S1 at different temperatures. Viscosity of the sodium phosphate buffer solution at pH 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.

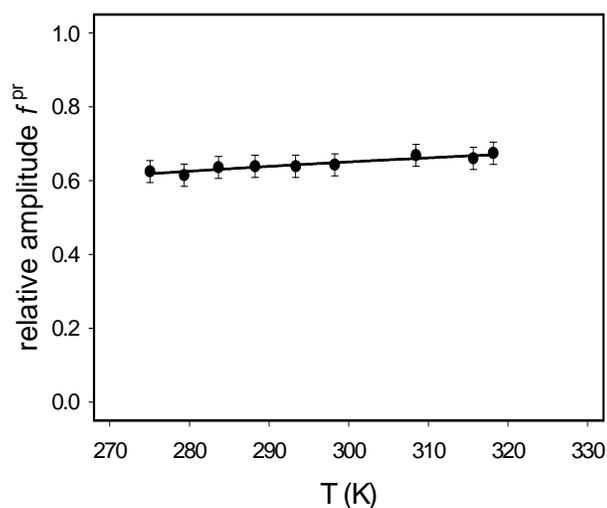


Fig. S4. Temperature dependence of the relative amplitude f^{Pr} for the reaction between $^3\text{Zncyc}t c_6$ and $\text{cyt } f(\text{III})$, in sodium phosphate buffer at pH 7.0 and ionic strength 10 mM. The solid line is fitting to eq S3.

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

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

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

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⁻¹mol⁻¹. 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 ΔG_a are obtained from the two different sets of experiments and are in full agreement.

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