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Electron Transfer in Biophotoelectrochemical Devices

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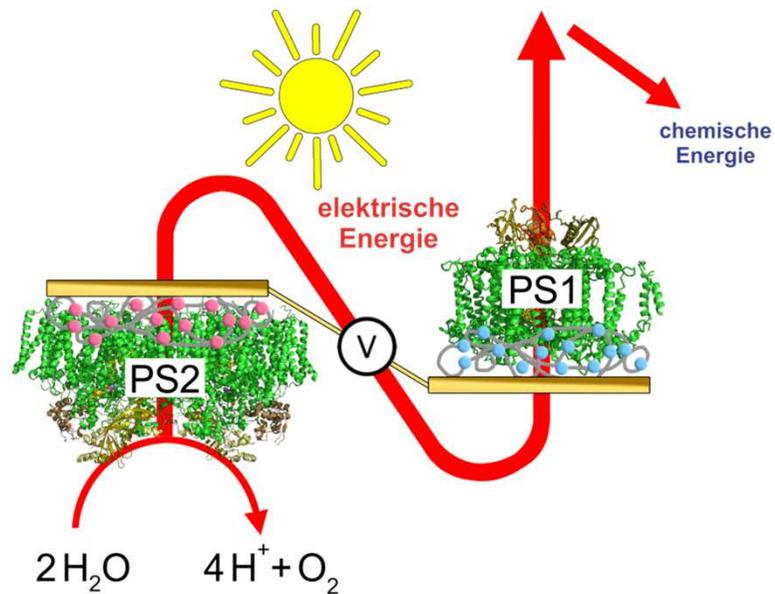
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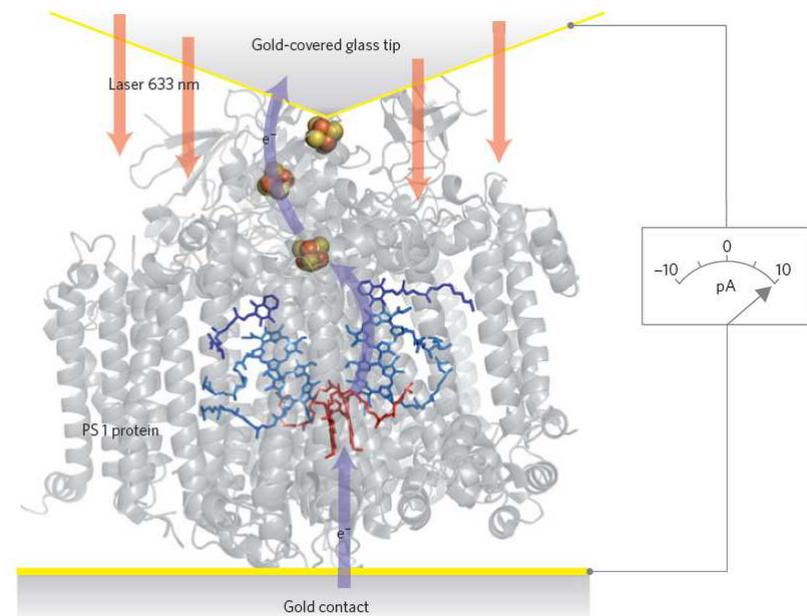




Photosystem based- photovoltaics



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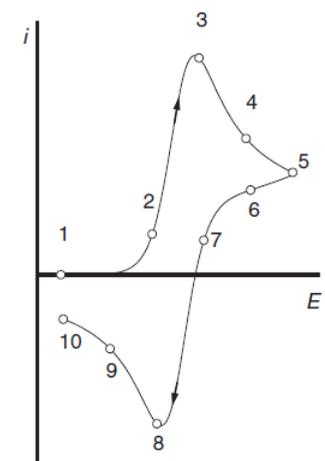
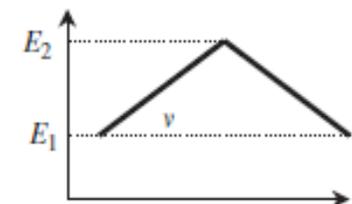
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Advanced Electroanalytical Methods

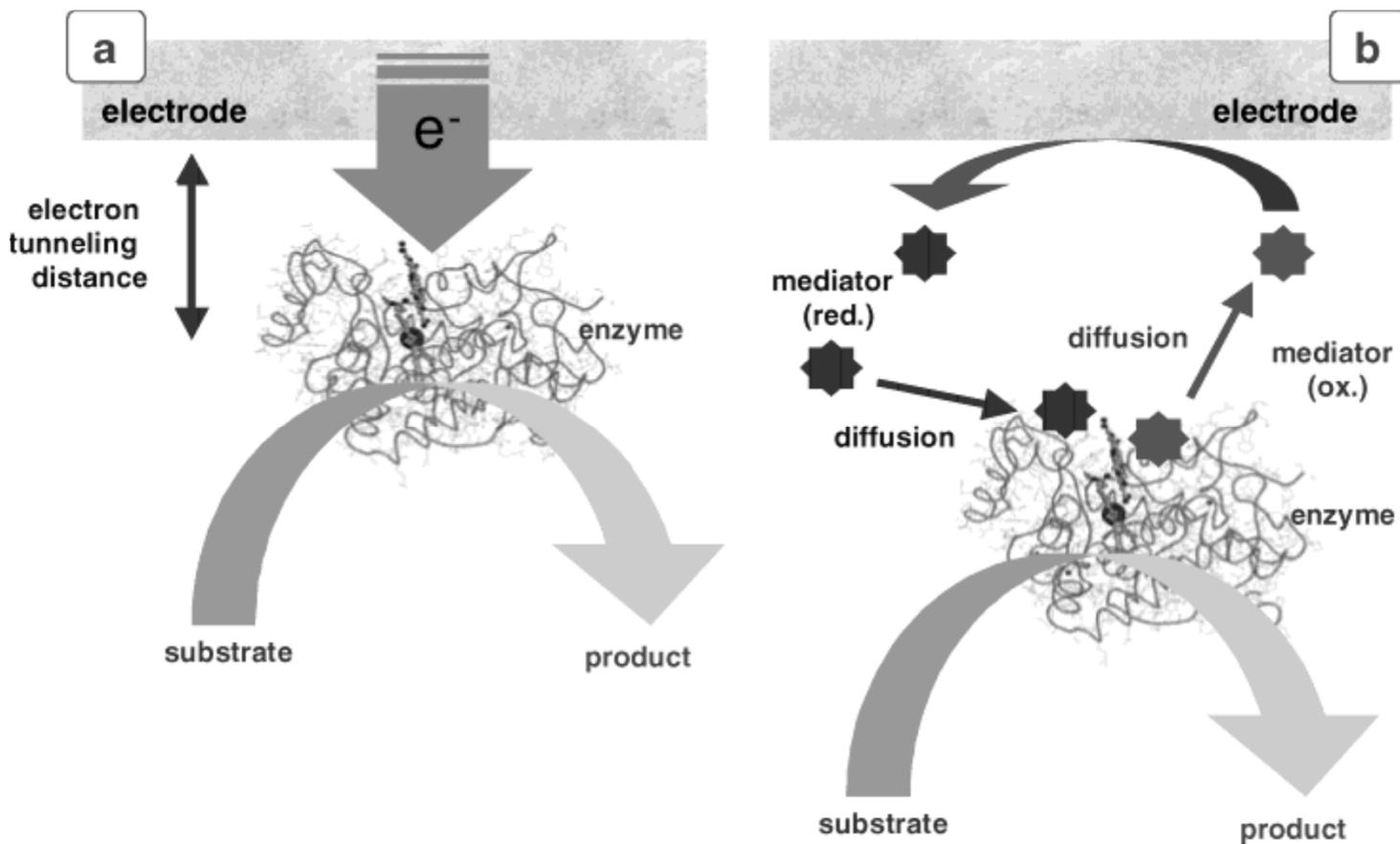
- Electrochemical methods offer efficient alternatives (to laser-flash experiments) for the study of electron transfer in biophotoelectrochemical systems.
- Kinetic measurements using, for example, cyclic voltammetry are based on the coupling between one heterogeneous electrochemical reaction and the catalytic reaction to be studied.
- The resulting “catalytic current” contains the kinetic information.
- The extraction of rate constants from (light driven) enzymatic electrocatalysis is well established.

More than measuring photocurrents: electroanalytical methods allow to identify rate limiting steps in bio(photo)electrochemical systems.



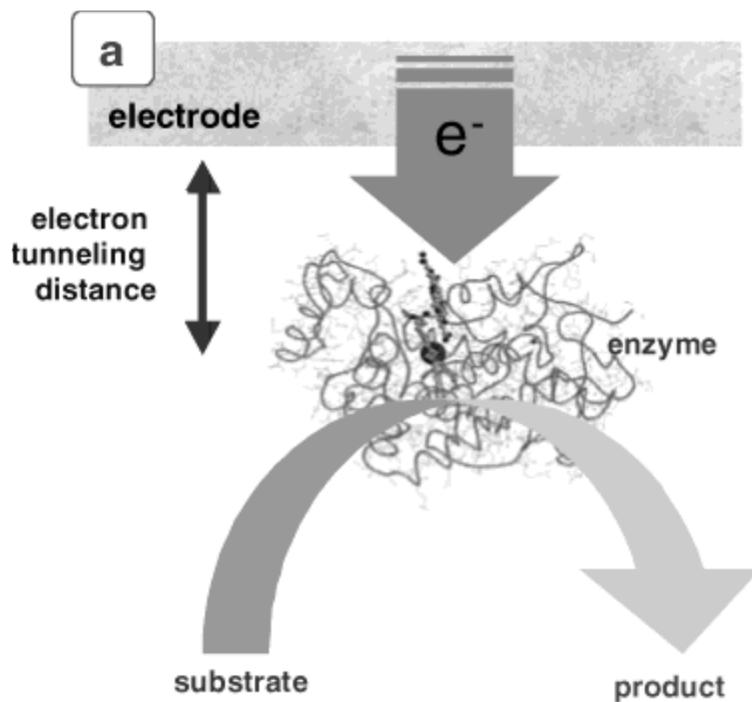


Direct vs Mediated Electron Transfer





Direct Electron Transfer

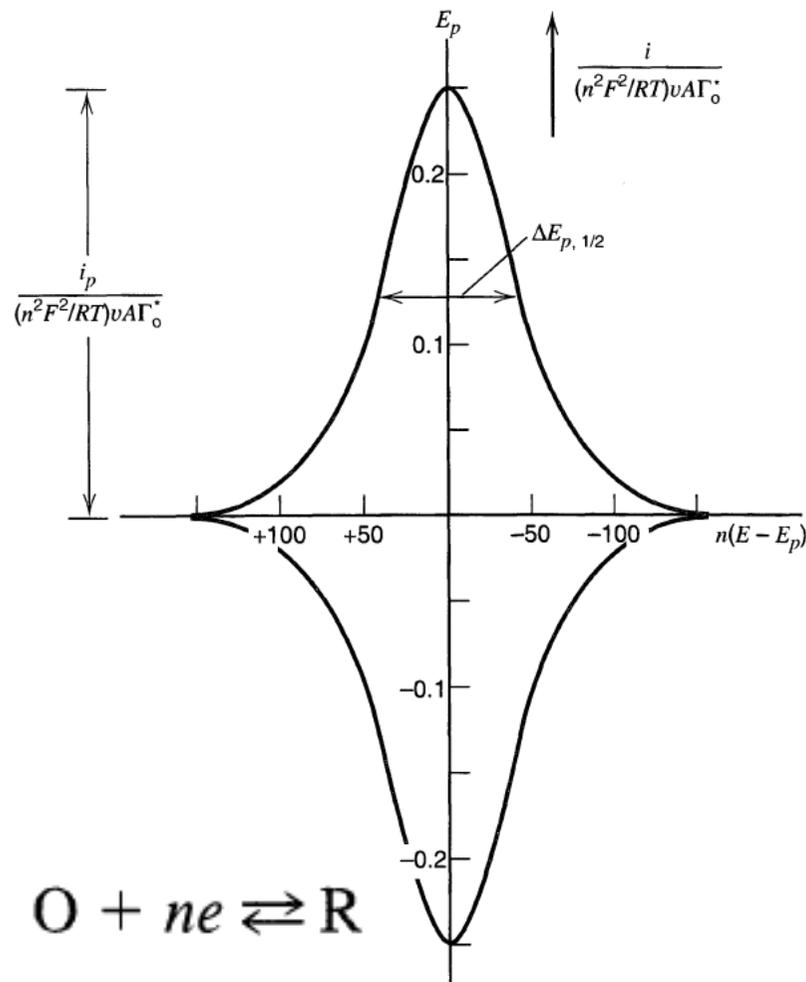


- Determination of the heterogeneous electron transfer rates.
- Determination of the kinetics of reactions with substrate or charge carrier.



Voltammetry of adsorbed monolayers

Reversible system - adsorbed species



The oxidation and reduction signal are symmetrical (ideal case).

$$\Delta E_p = 0 \text{ and } E_p = E^{0'}$$

Peak current is given by:

$$i_p = \frac{n^2 F^2}{4RT} v A \Gamma_0^*$$

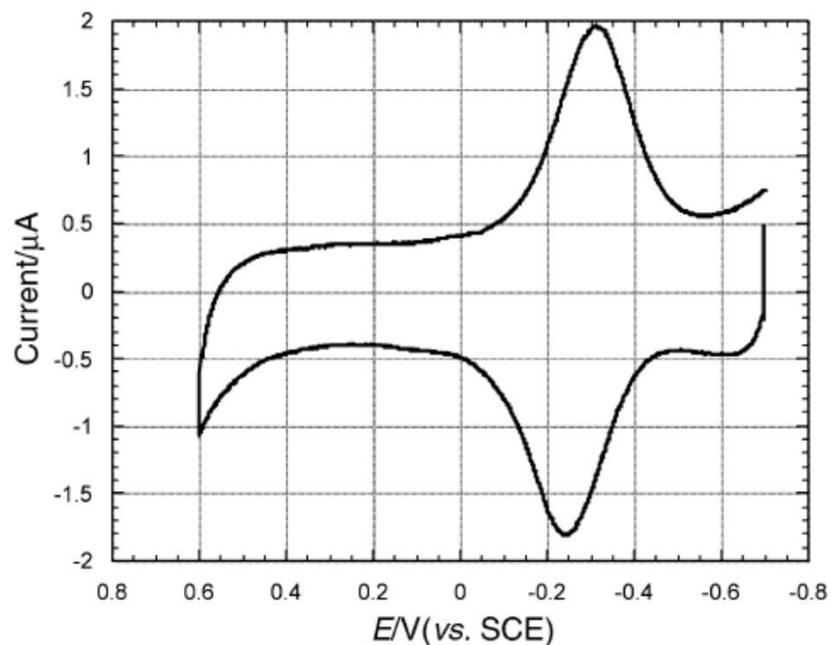
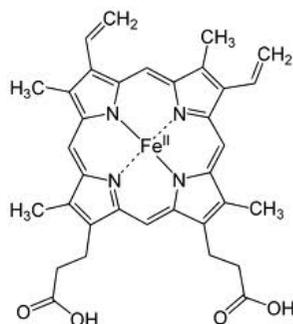
$$Q = nFA\Gamma_0$$



Protein Film Voltammetry

Direct electron transfer

Peroxidase with
Heme



Deviation from ideal protein film voltammetry:

$$\Delta E_p = 55 \text{ mV} > 0$$

Reason for $\Delta E_p > 0$: kinetic limitation often because of slow electron transfer between electrode and redox sites.

The electron transfer is not reversible but quasireversible: it is defined by the heterogeneous electron transfer rate (k_s) and the transfer coefficient (α).

CE **Electron transfer rate constant**

Determination of k_s and α based on ΔE_p by varying the scan rate ν .

If ΔE_p ($E_{p,c} - E_{p,a}$) value larger than 200 mV can be obtained experimentally by varying the scan rate ν , α can easily be obtained by plotting E_p vs $\log \nu$.

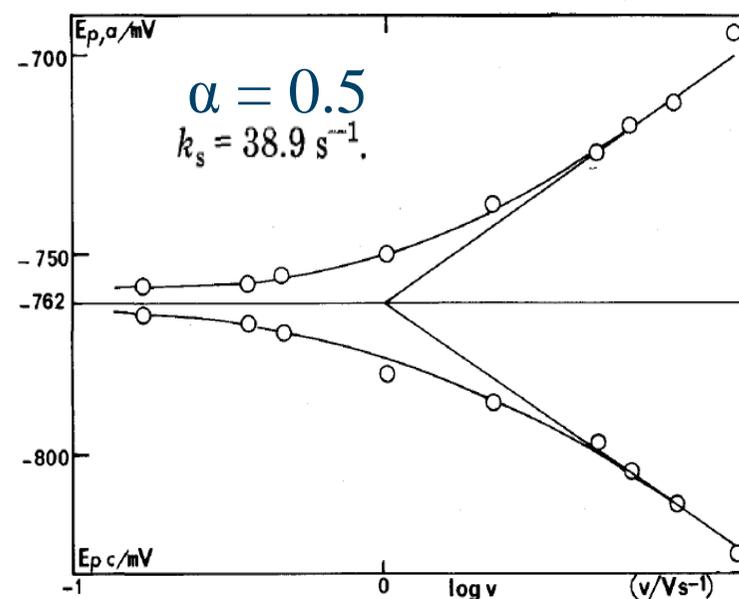
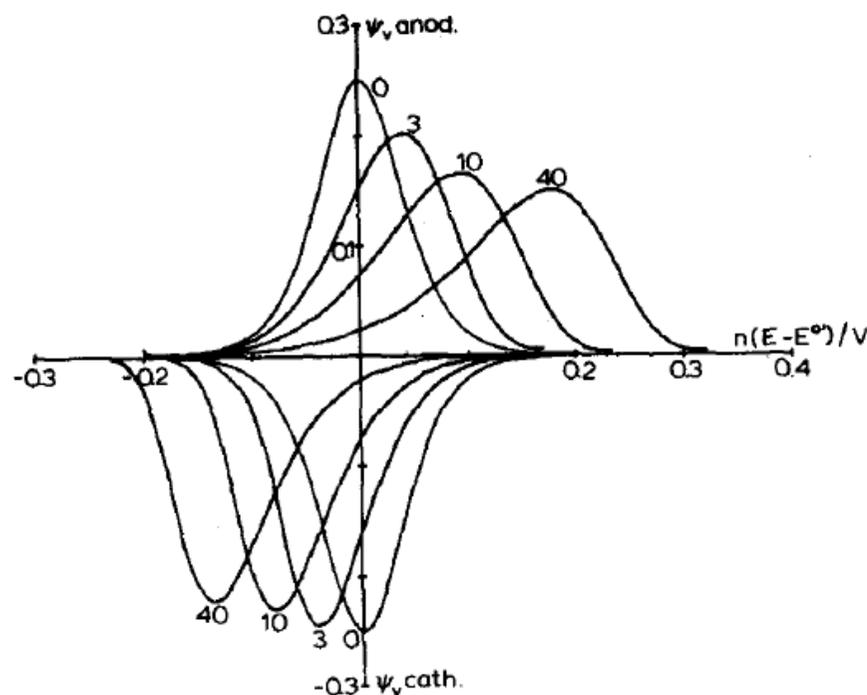


Fig. 6. $(E_p - E^0) = f(\log \nu)$ for benzo(c)cinnoline.



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k_s can be calculated with the help of the equation:

$$\log k = \alpha \log(1-\alpha) + (1-\alpha) \log \alpha - \log(RT/nF\nu) - \alpha(1-\alpha)nF \Delta E_p / 2.3RT$$

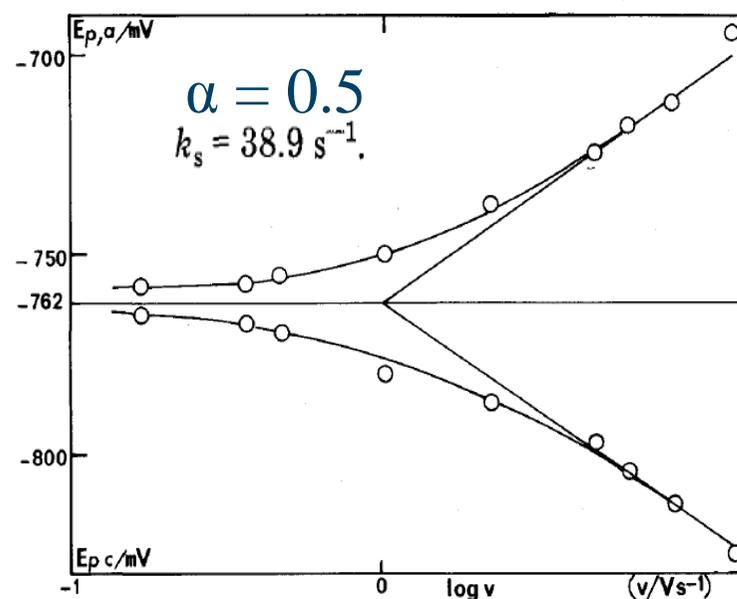
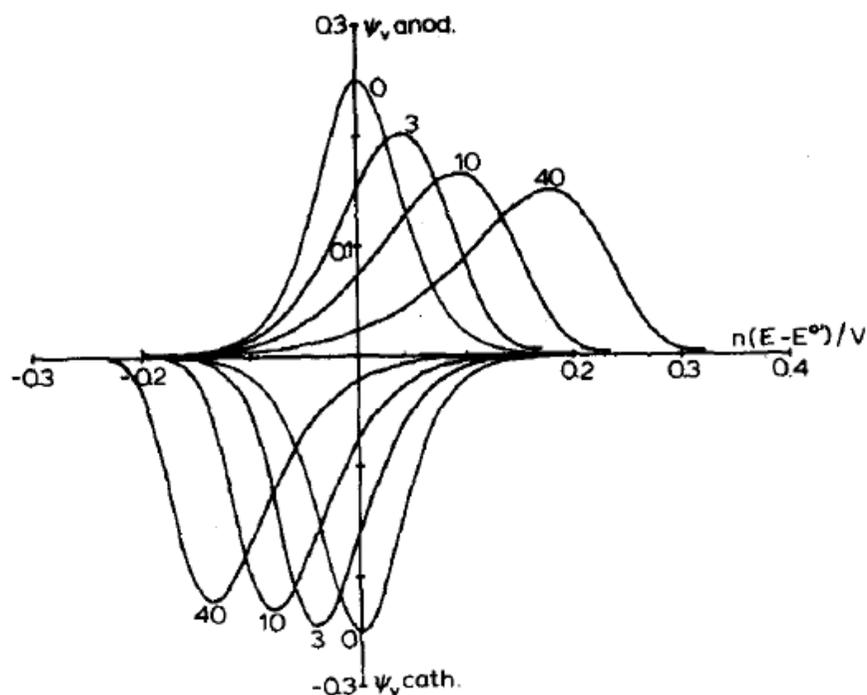
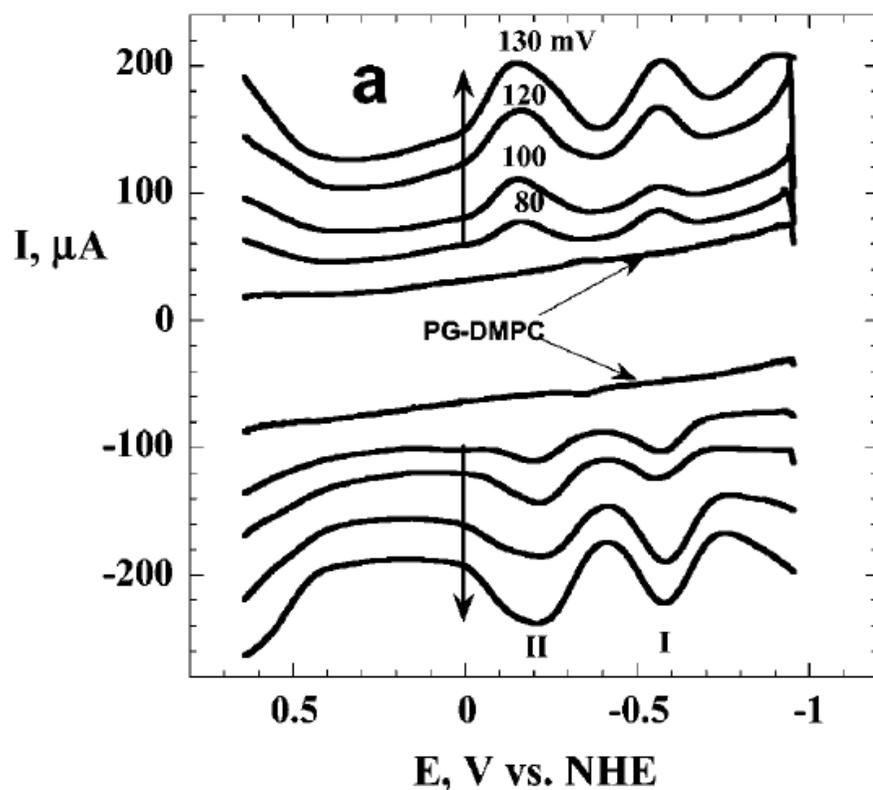


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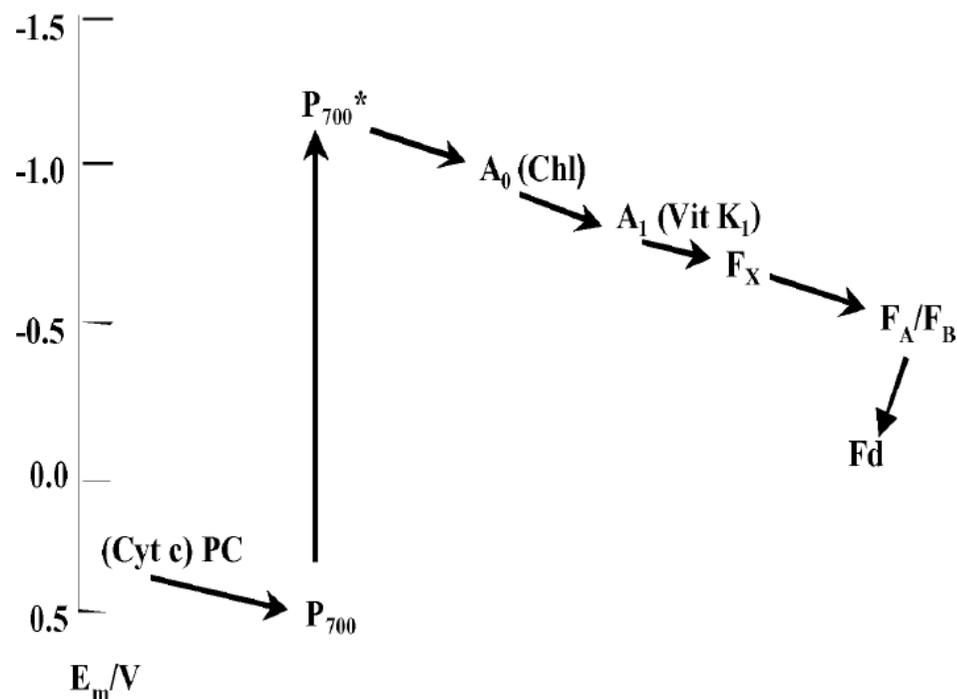
Direct electrochemistry of PS1

PS1 immobilized on pyrolytic graphite electrodes



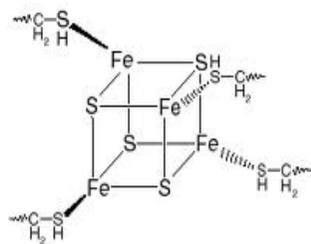
Square Wave Voltammetry

Electron Transfer Pathways for PS I^a

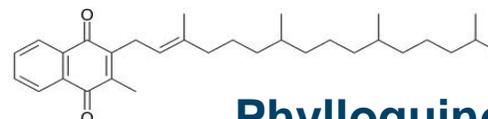




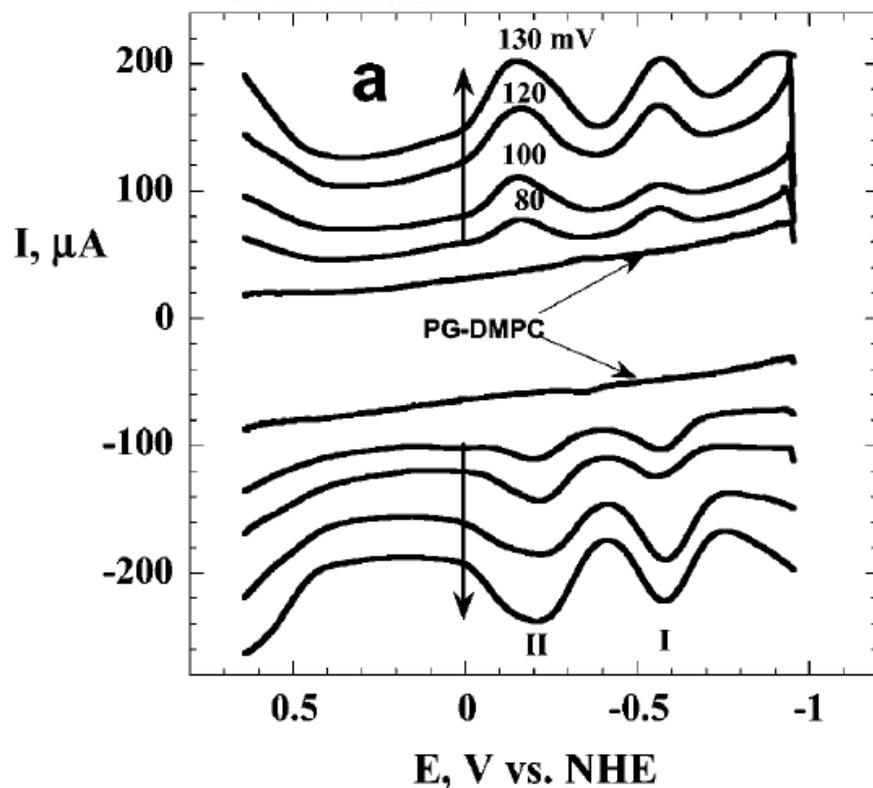
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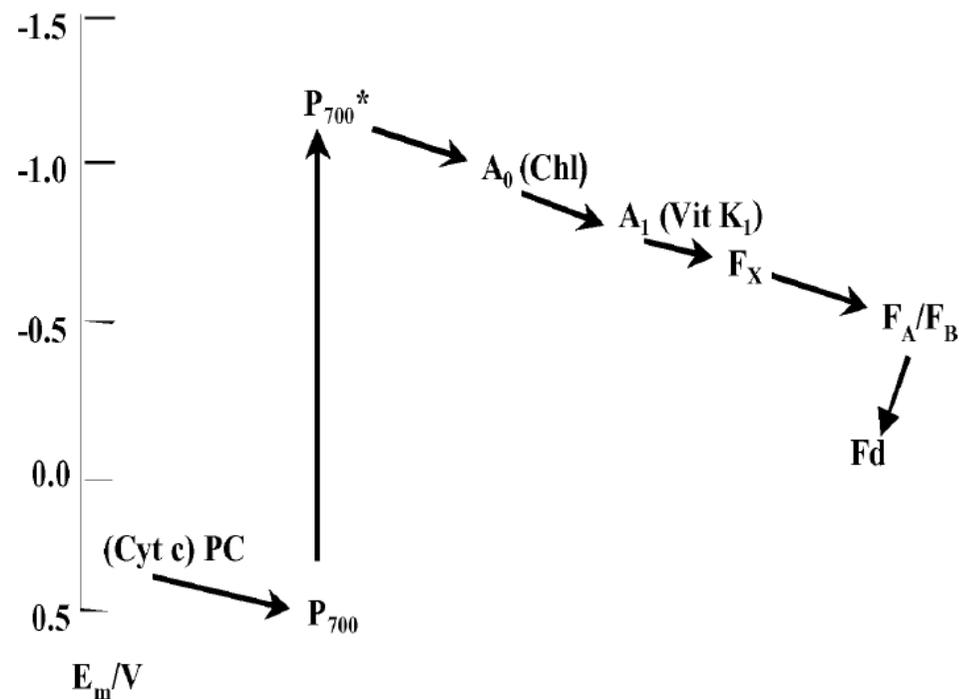


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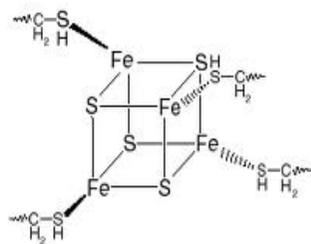
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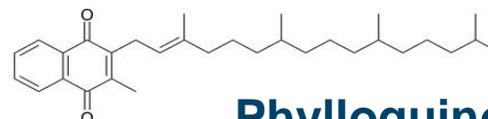




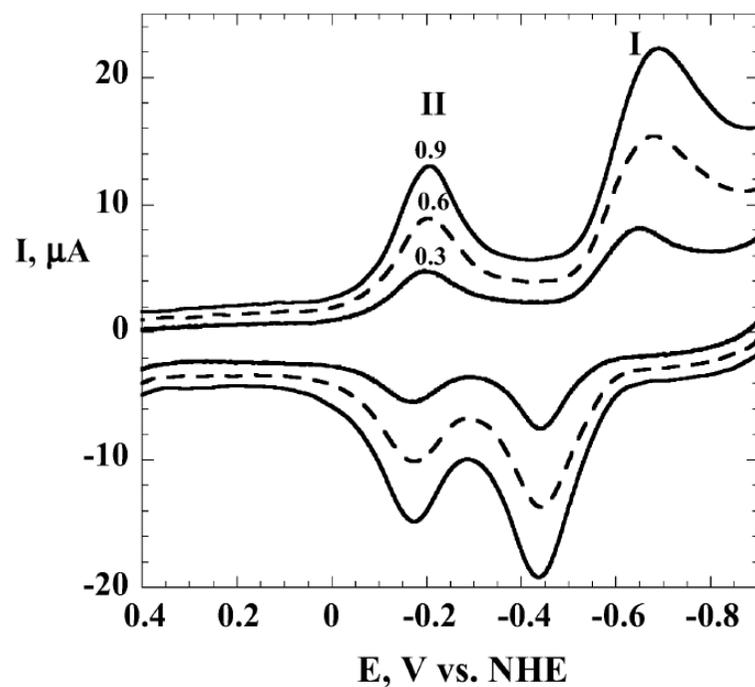
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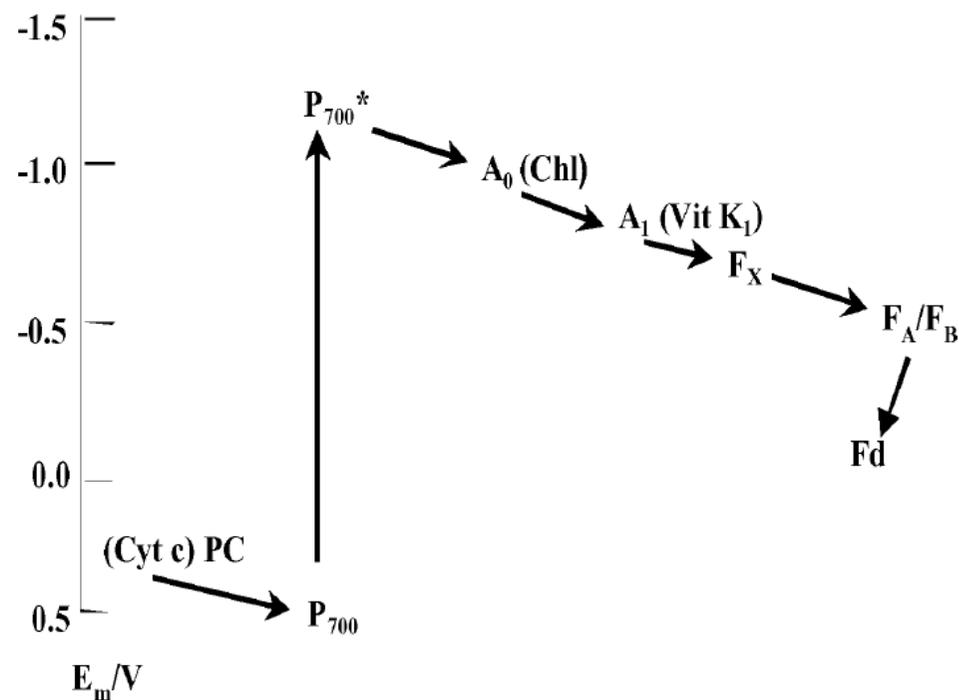


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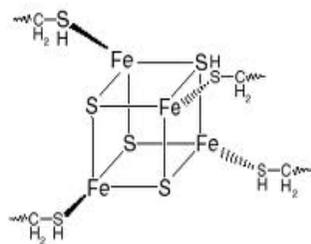
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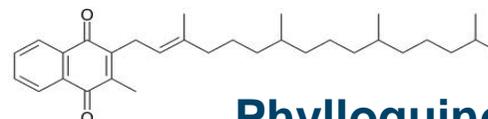




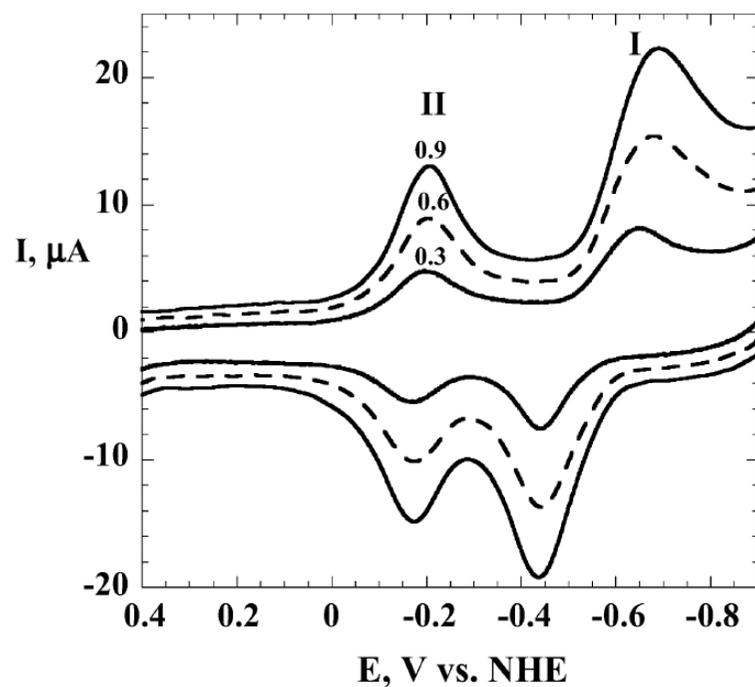
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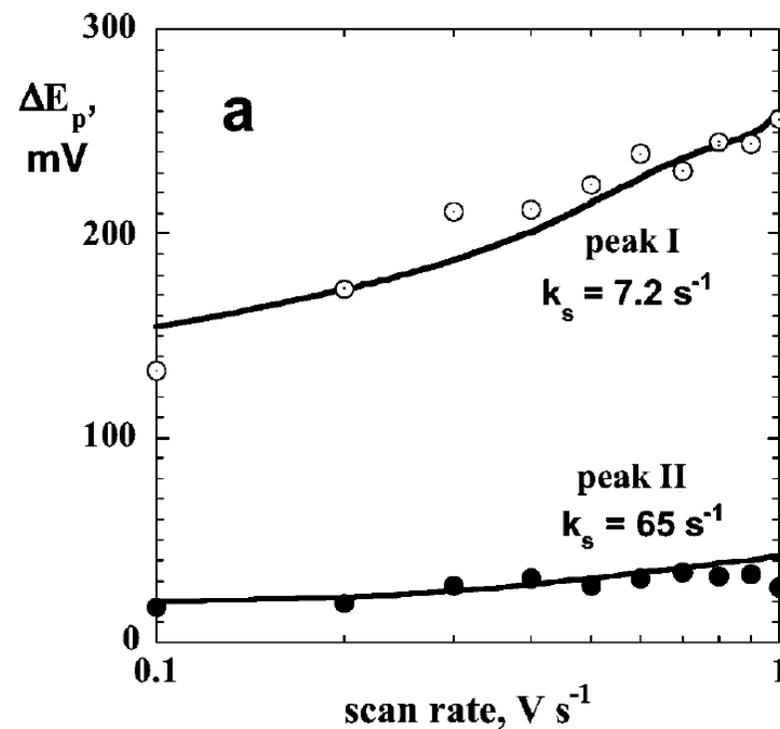
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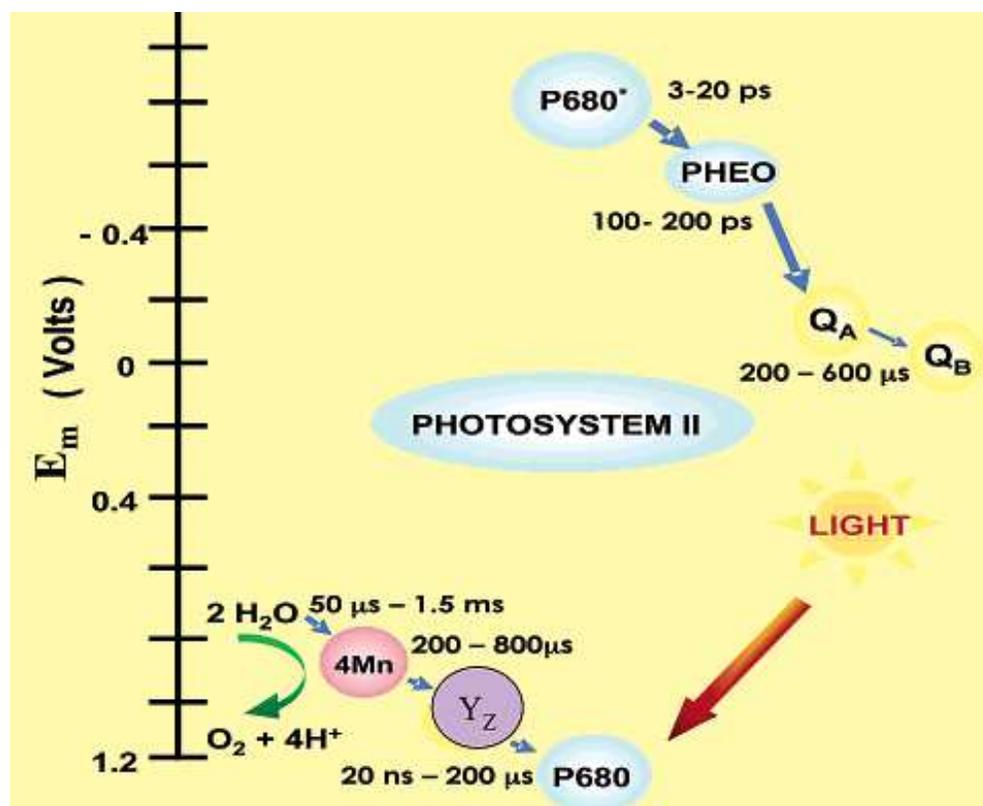
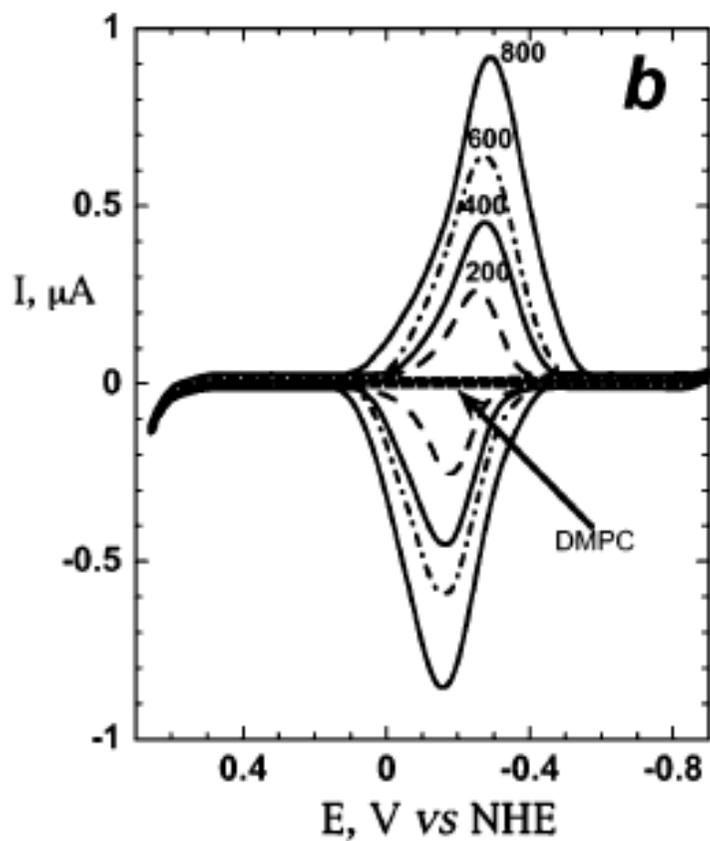
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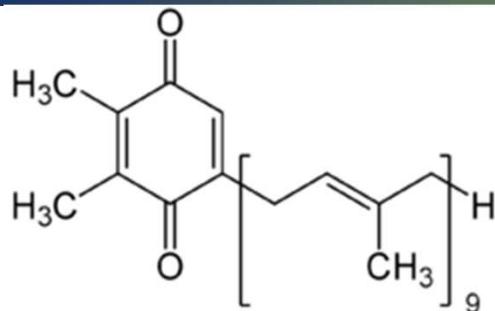
Direct electrochemistry of PS2

PS2 immobilized on pyrolytic graphite electrodes

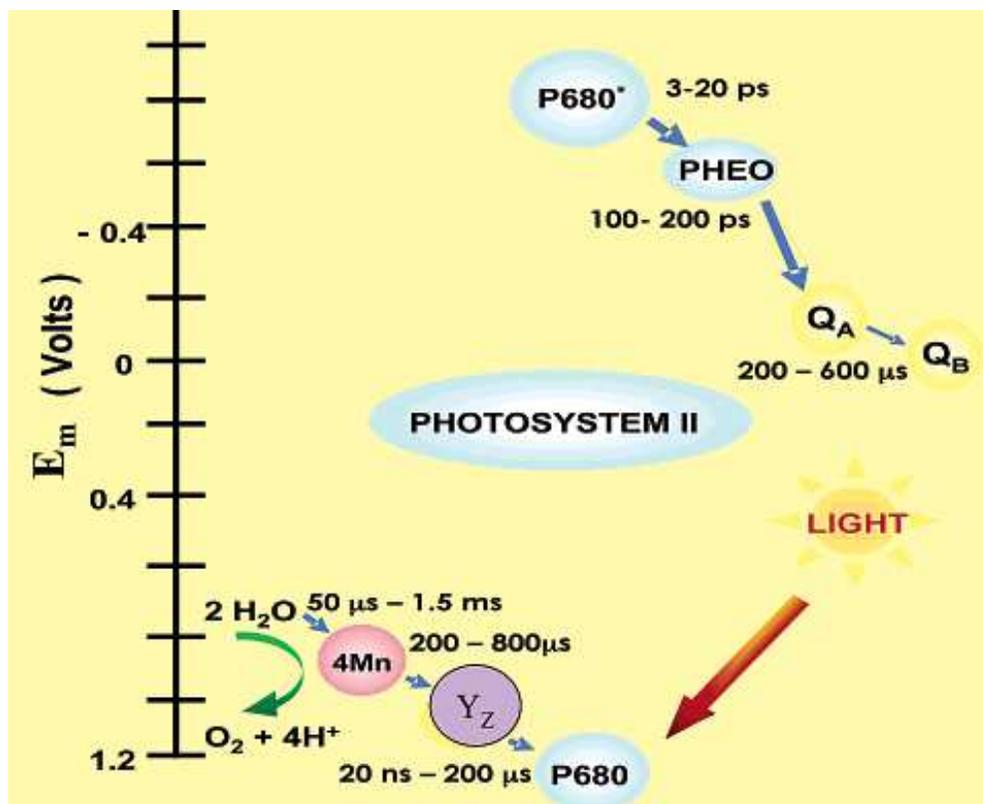
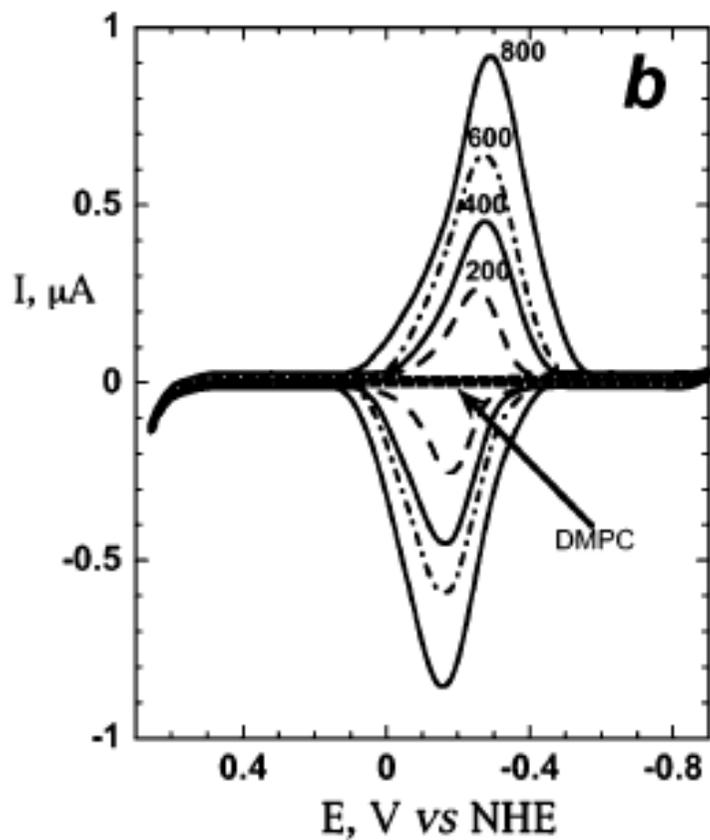




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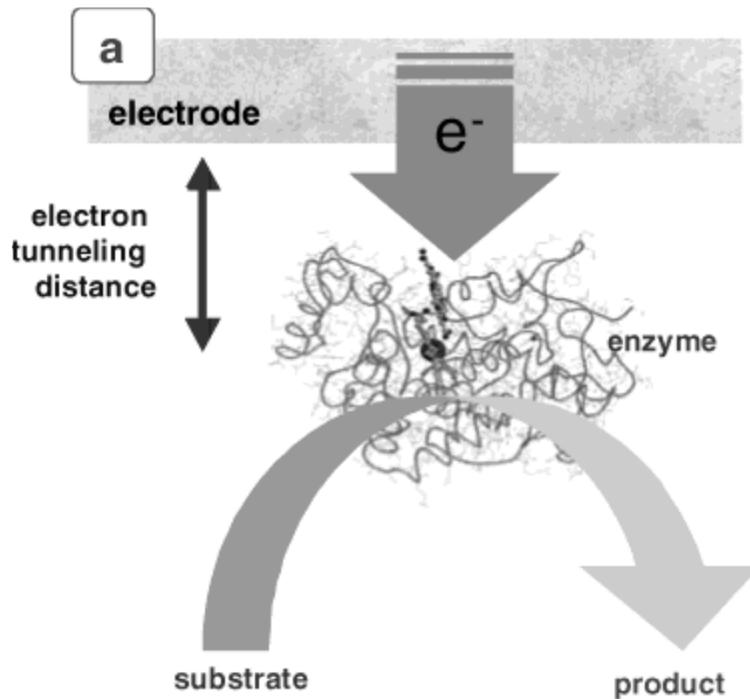


Plastoquinone A or B





Direct Electron Transfer

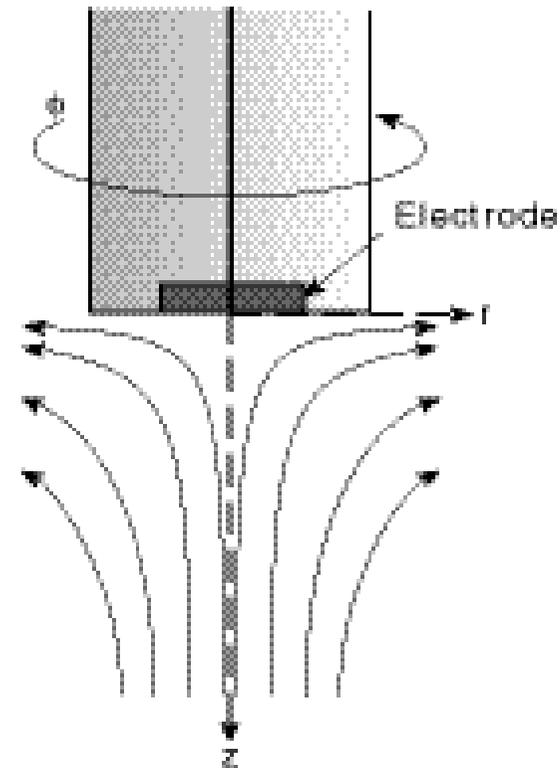
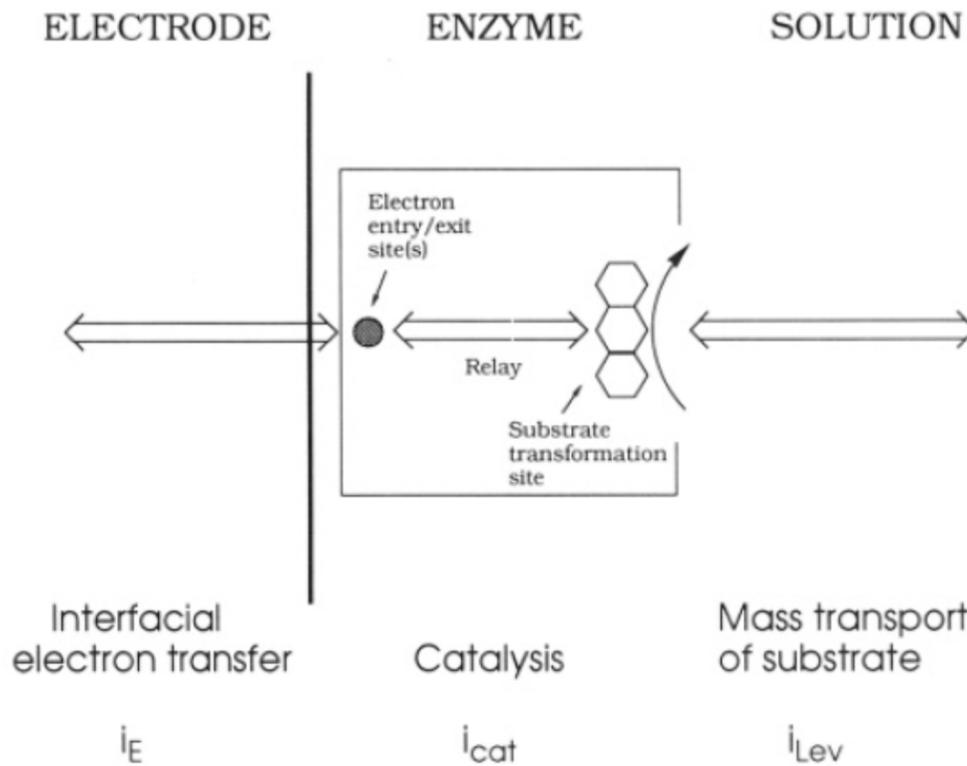


- Determination of the heterogeneous electron transfer rates.
- **Determination of the kinetics of reactions with substrate or charge carrier.**



Kinetics of reactions with charge carrier or substrate

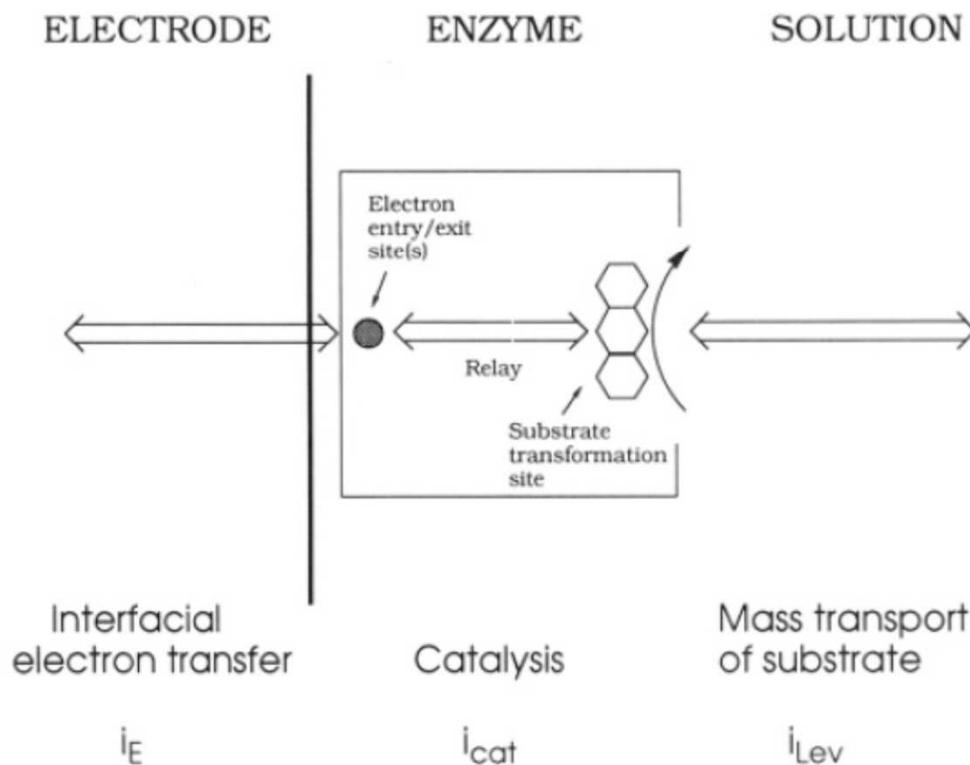
In presence of substrate - Rotating disk electrodes (RDE)





Kinetics of reactions with charge carrier or substrate

In presence of substrate - Rotating disk electrodes (RDE)



Under steady state conditions:

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{i_{Lev}} + \frac{1}{i_E} + \frac{1}{i_{cat}}$$

The 1st term deals with transport of substrate molecules between bulk of solution and enzyme, which is described by the levich equation:

$$i_{Lev} = 0.62nFAD^{2/3}Cv^{-1/6}\omega^{1/2}$$

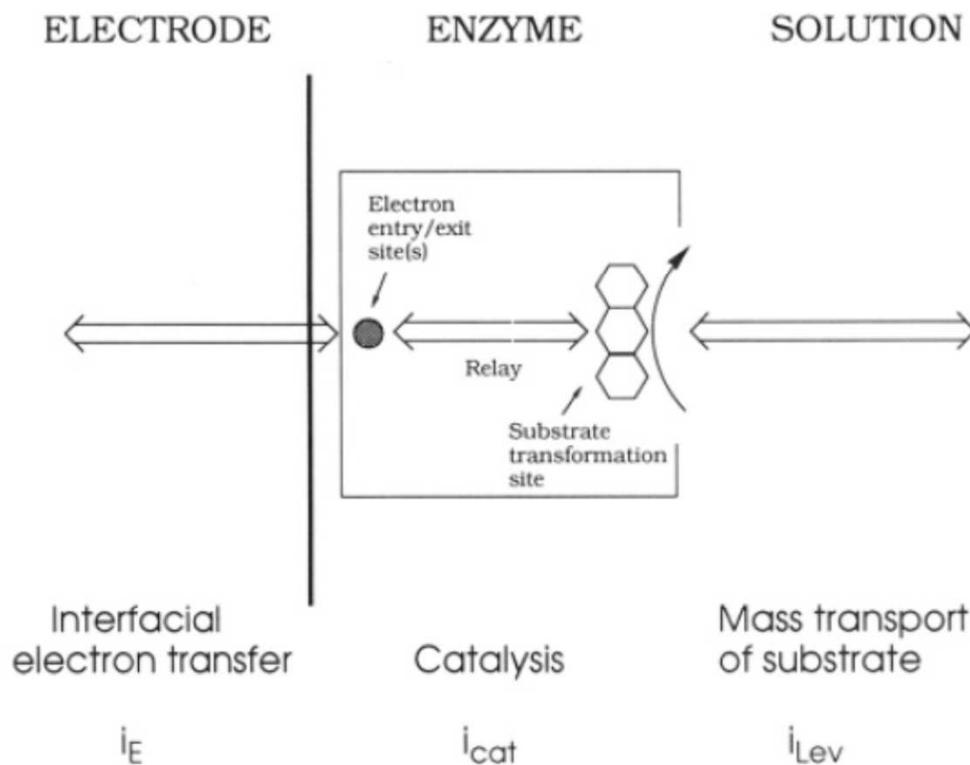
With :

- A: electrode surface area
- C: bulk concentration of substrate
- D: diffusion coefficient of substrate
- v: kinematic viscosity of the solution
- ω : electrode rotation rate



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The 2nd term is the current contribution due to interfacial electron transfer between the electrode and the primary electron entry/exit site on the enzyme. The potential dependence of i_E is given by Marcus theory or Butler-Volmer model:

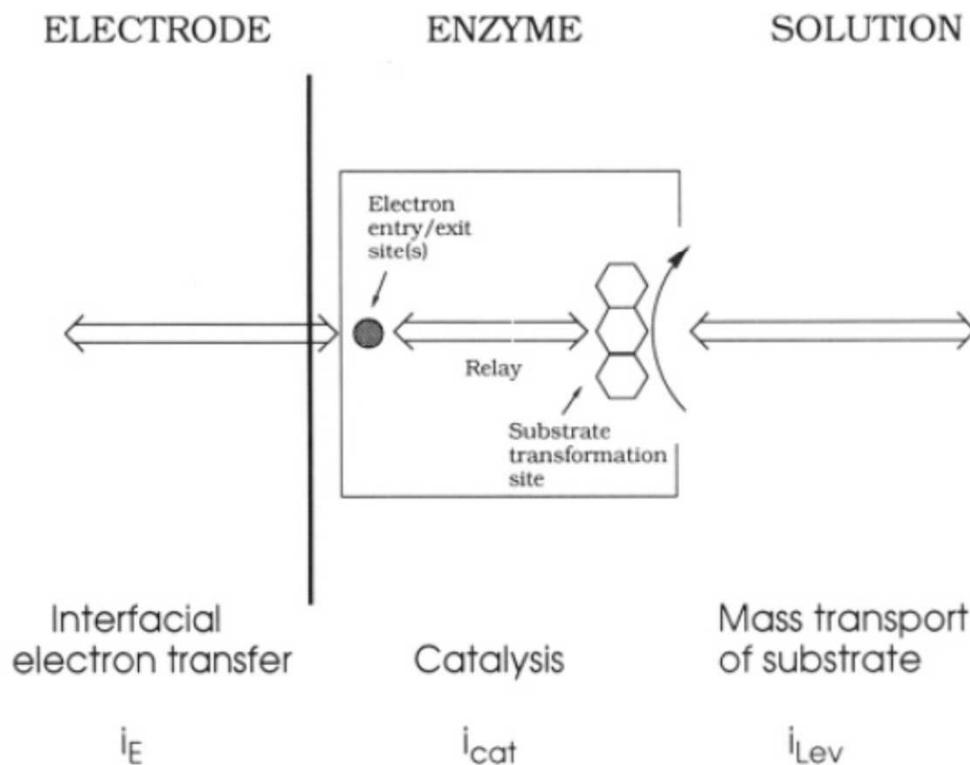
$$i_E = nFAk_s [\Gamma_O \exp \left\{ -\frac{\alpha nF(E - E^{0'})}{RT} \right\} - \Gamma_R \exp \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha)nF(E - E^{0'})}{RT} \right\}]$$

With : Γ : surface concentration
 α : transfer coefficient
 n : number of electron
 E : applied electrode potential
 $E^{0'}$: apparent standard potential



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The 3rd term describes the catalytic properties of the enzyme and is assumed to be independent of electrode rotation. It can be expressed as the electrochemical form of the Michaelis Menten equation:

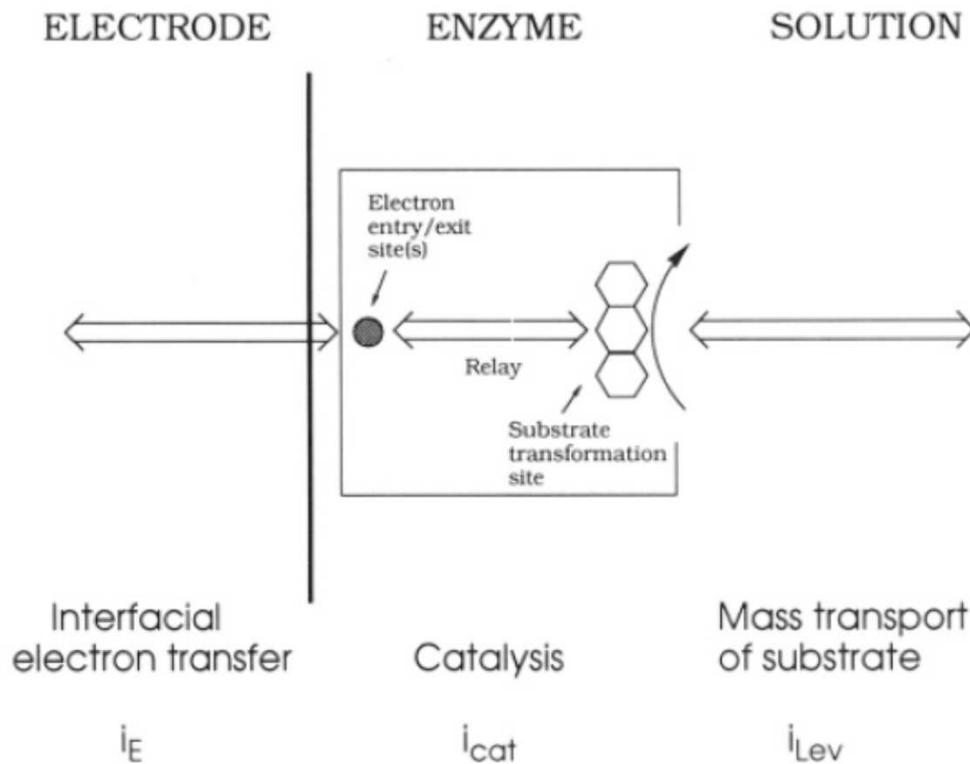
$$i_{cat} = \frac{nFA\Gamma k_{cat}C}{C + K_M}$$

K_M and k_{cat} are the apparent michaelis-Menten parameters, which are assumed to be independent of applied potential. For $C \gg K_M$, i_{cat} becomes independent of C . 21



Kinetics of reactions with charge carrier or substrate

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$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{i_{Lev}} + \frac{1}{i_E} + \frac{1}{i_{cat}}$$

$1/i_E$ vanishes for $i_E \gg i_{cat}$ and i_{Lev} .

This is the case when :

- k_s is large,
- k_{cat} is small,
- K_M is large,
- C is large,
- ω is low or

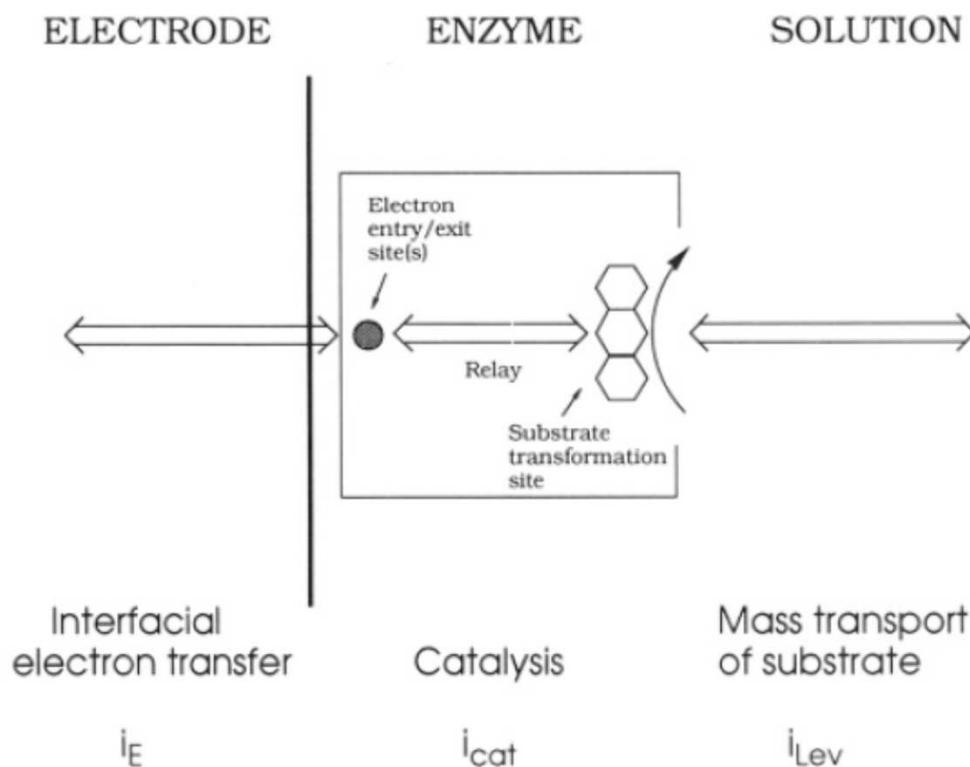
the electrochemical driving force ($E - E^0$) is sufficiently high.

In the resulting $i-E$ profile the current reaches a constant value i_L once the electrochemical driving force ceases to be a controlling factor



Kinetics of reactions with charge carrier or substrate

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Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{i_L} = \frac{1}{i_{Lev}} + \frac{1}{i_{cat}}$$

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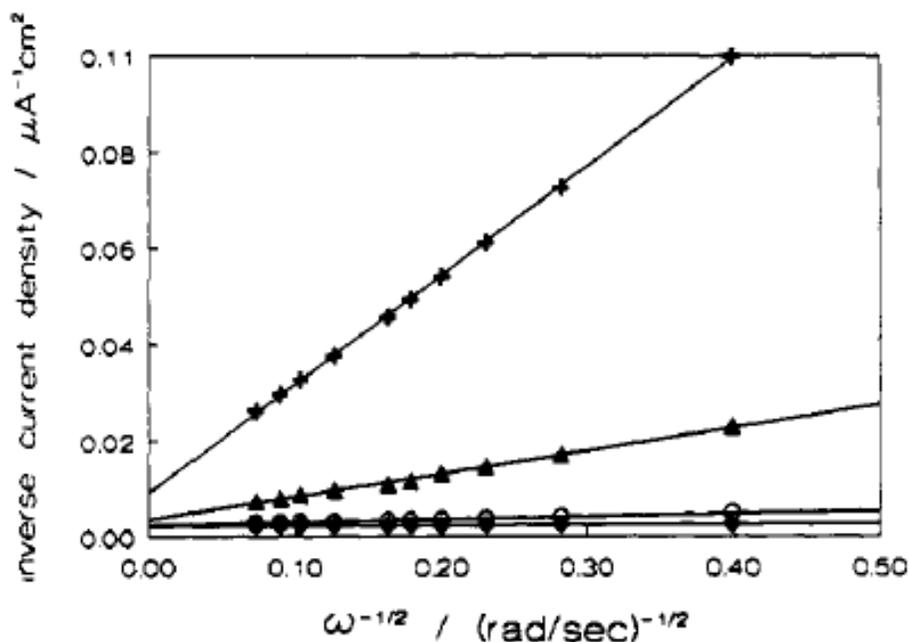
$$\frac{1}{i_L} = 0.62nFAD^{2/3}Cv^{-1/6}\omega^{1/2} + \frac{nFA\Gamma k_{cat}C}{C + K_M}$$

i_L is measured for various ω , and $1/i_L$ is plotted vs $\omega^{1/2}$. The intercept on the $1/i_L$ axis yields $1/i_{cat}$. (D can be obtained from the slope).



Voltammetry of enzymes

In presence of substrate - Rotating disk electrodes (RDE)



Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{i_L} = \frac{1}{i_{Lev}} + \frac{1}{i_{cat}}$$

or:

$$\frac{1}{i_L} = \frac{1}{0.62nFAD^{2/3}Cv^{-1/6}\omega^{1/2}} + \frac{C + K_M}{nFA\Gamma k_{cat}C}$$

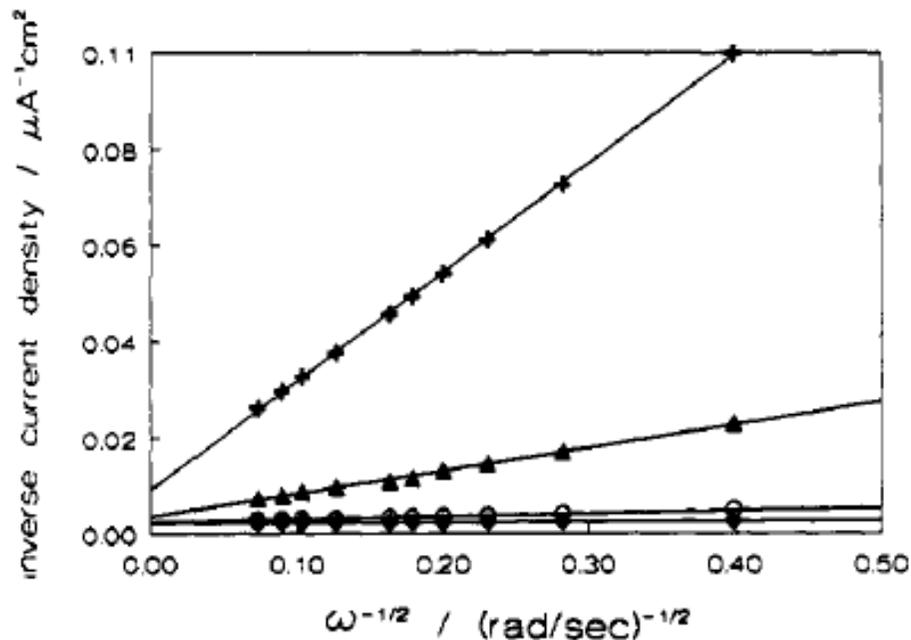
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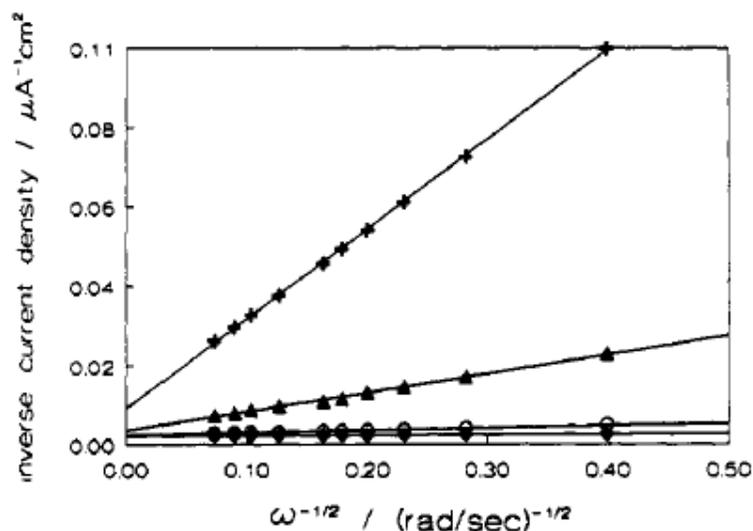
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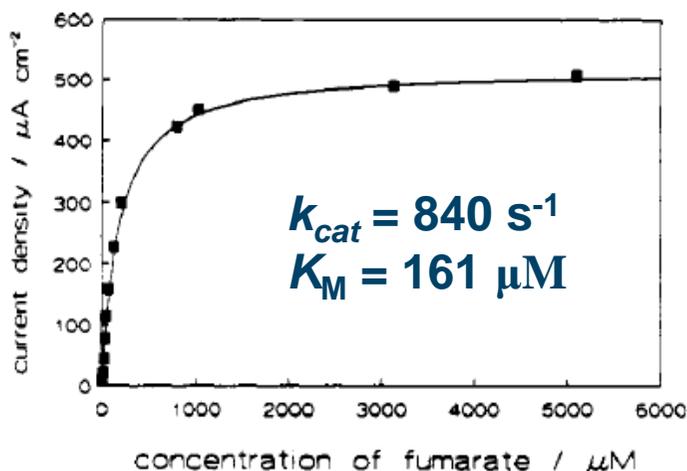
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The measurements are repeated for increasing substrate concentration.

And the i_{cat} values are plotted vs the corresponding C values.



k_{cat} and K_M are obtain from this Michaelis-Menten curve by inserting numerical values for n , F , A and Γ (obtained from CV) in:

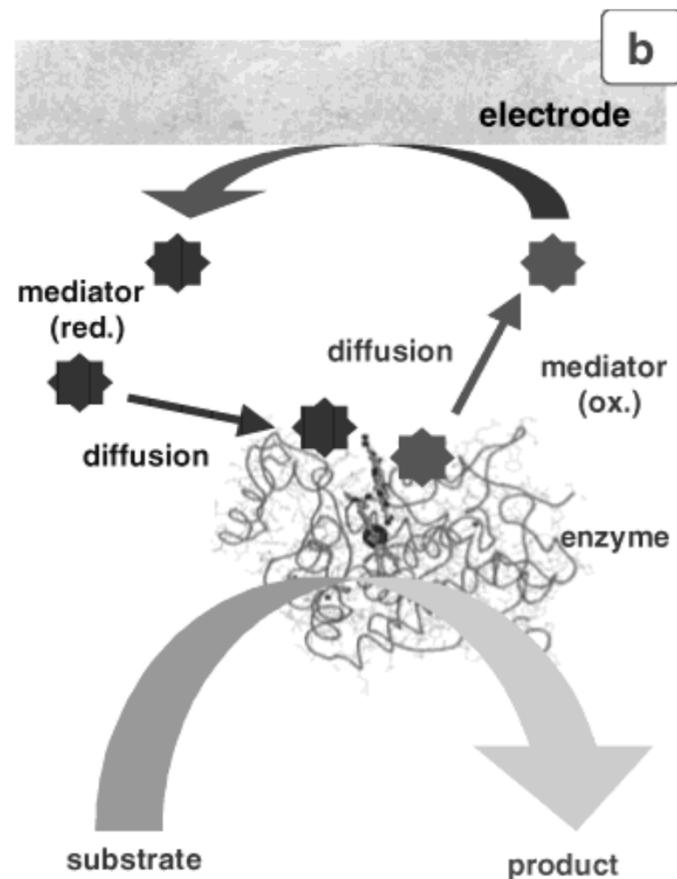
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Mediated Electron Transfer (MET)

3 common cases:

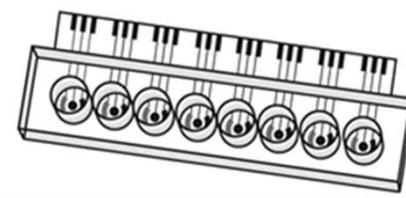
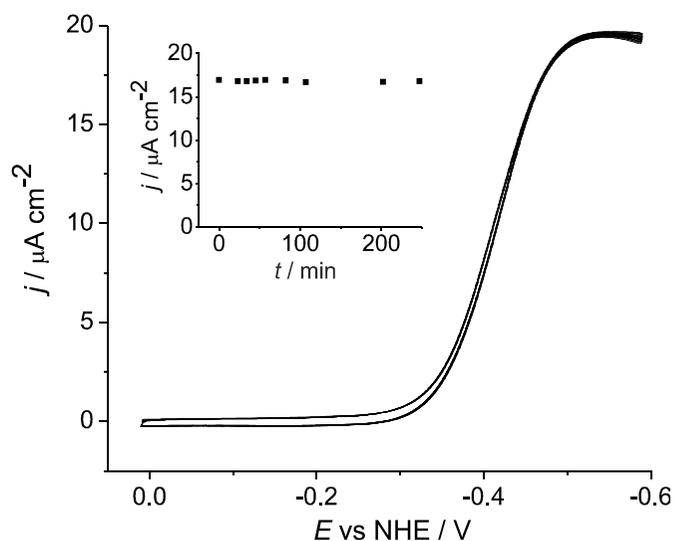
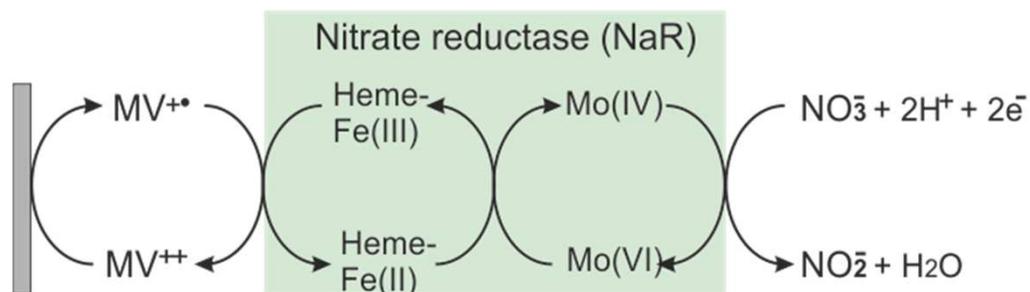
- Both enzyme and mediator are freely diffusing in solution.
- Enzyme is adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator is freely diffusing in solution.
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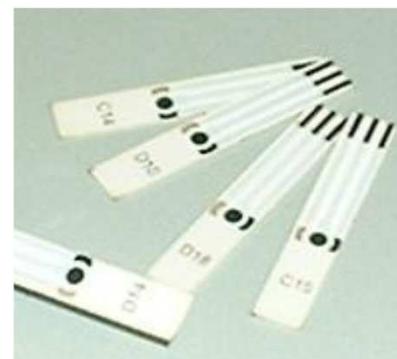


Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

Enzyme and mediator freely diffusing in solution



$V_{\text{tot}} = 200 \mu\text{L}$



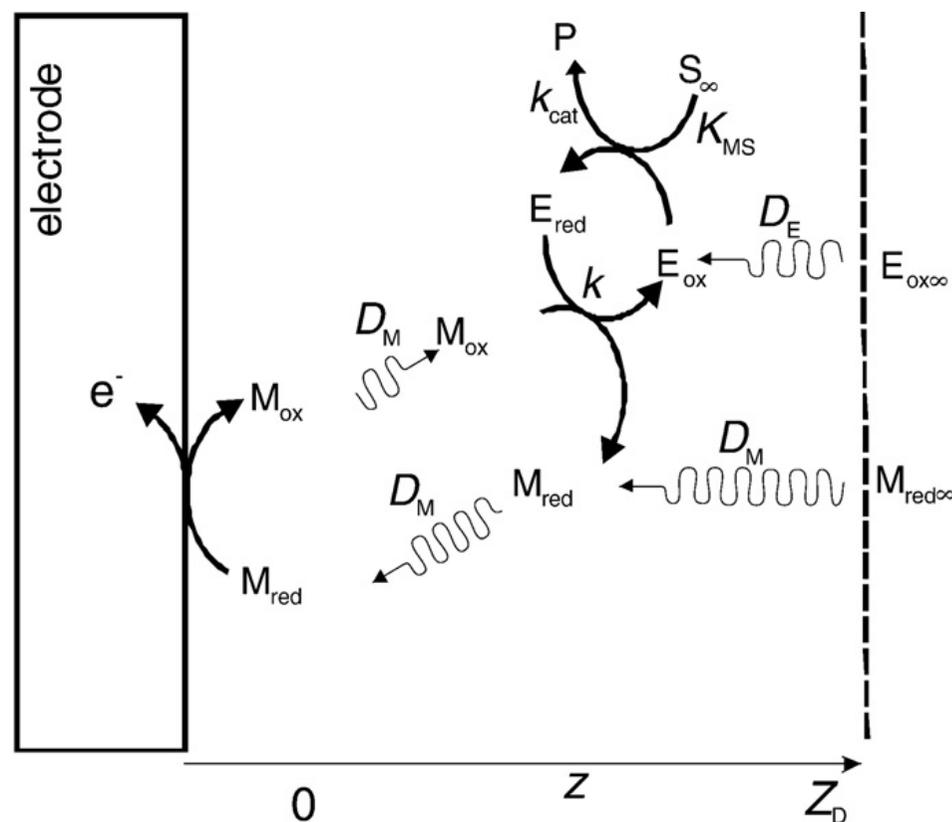
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Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

Enzyme and mediator freely diffusing in solution

- M_{ox} and M_{red} : oxidized and reduced forms of the mediator
- E_{ox} and E_{red} : oxidized and reduced enzyme.
- S and P: substrate and product of the enzymatic reaction.
- D_E and D_M : diffusion coefficients of enzyme and mediator.



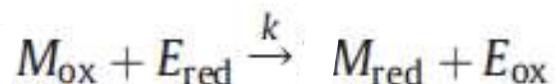
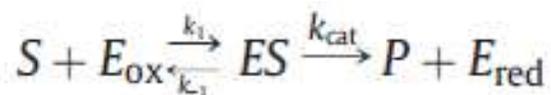
Determination of k and k_{cat} ?



Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

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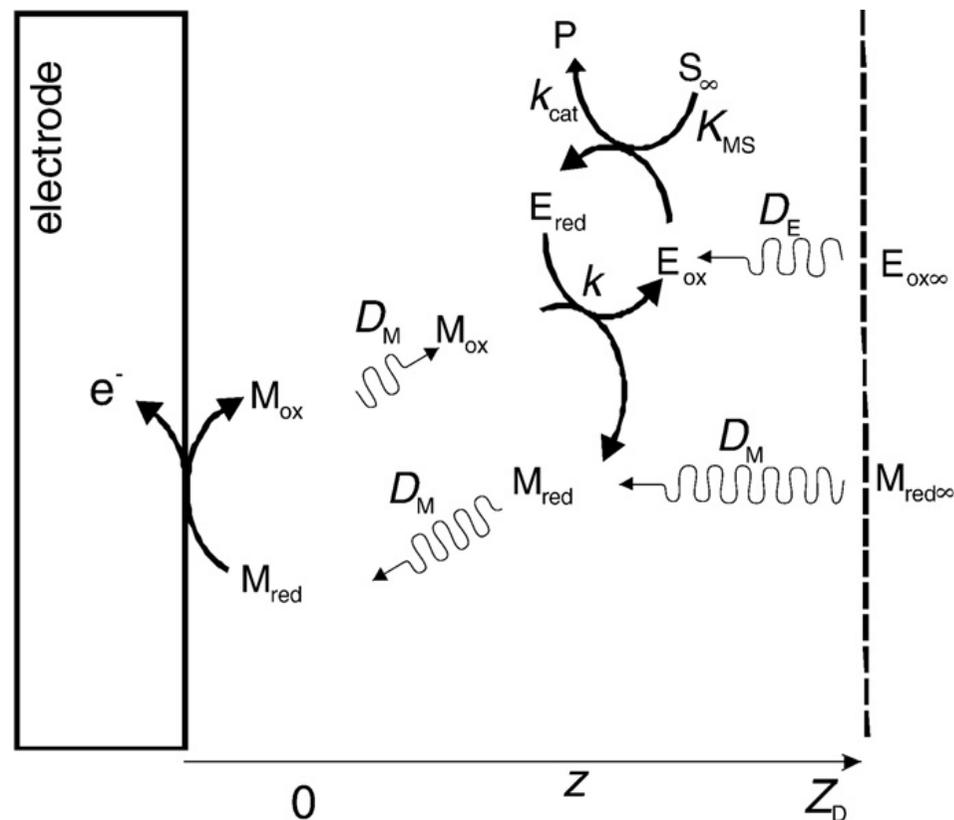
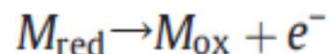
- The reactions occurring in solutions are:



with

$$K_{MS} = (k_{-1} + k_{cat})/k_1$$

- At the electrode surface:

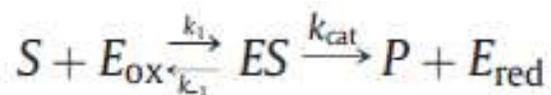




Determination of k

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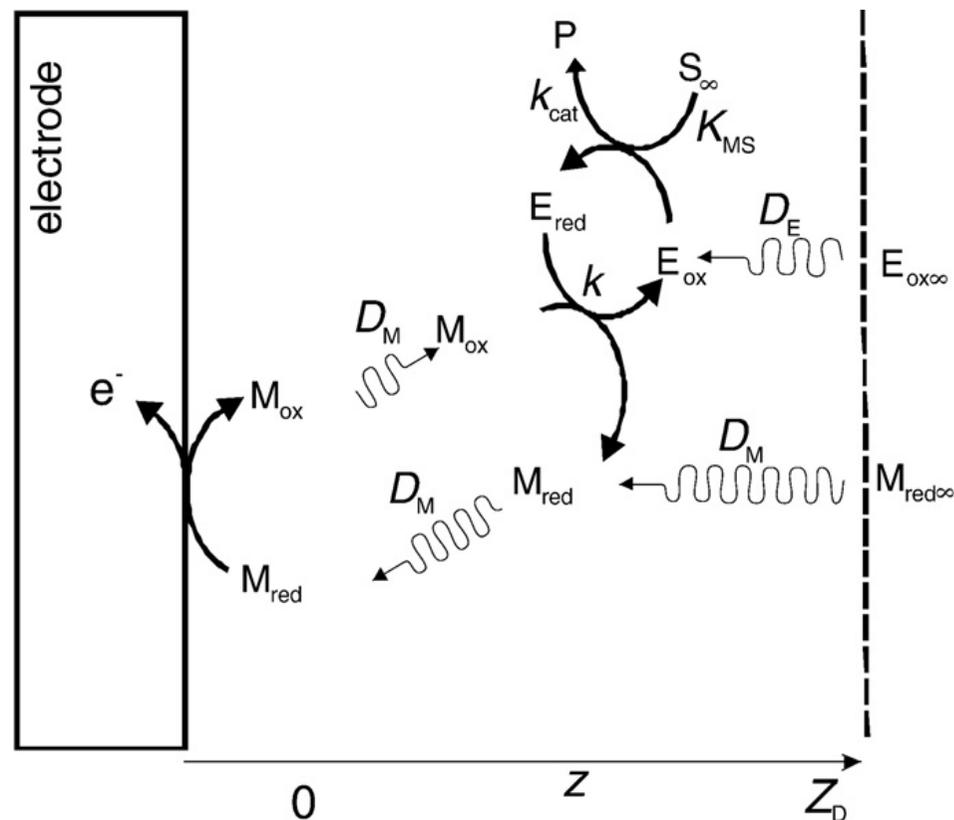
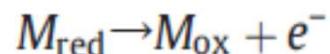
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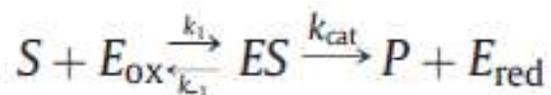
Enzyme - Mediator limited kinetics



Determination of k

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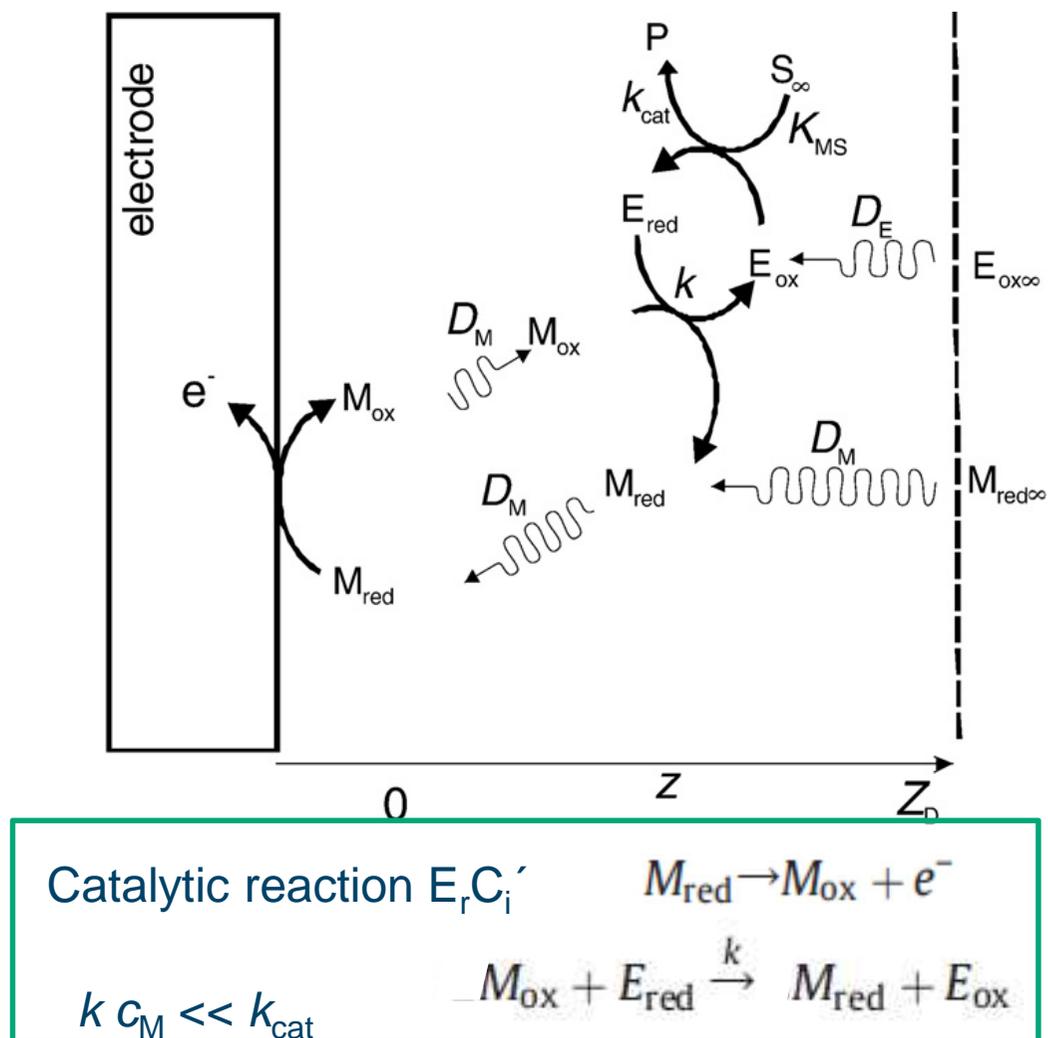
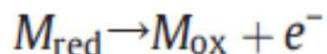
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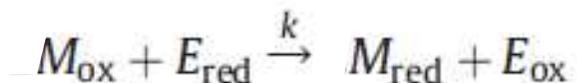
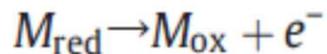
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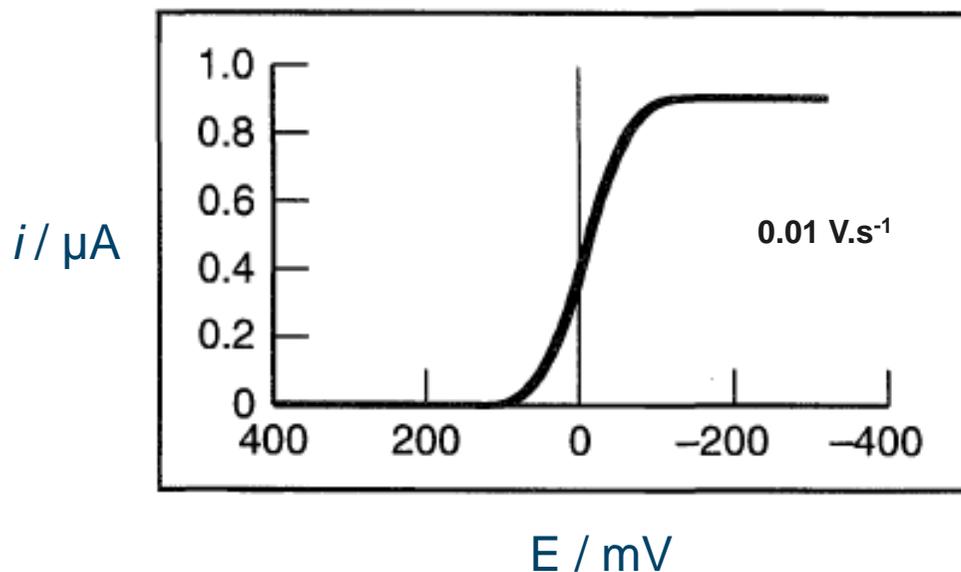
Assumptions:

1. pseudo-first order conditions,
i.e: $k c_M \ll k_{\text{cat}}$

2. substrate concentration (c_S)
remains constant,

i.e: $c_S \gg c_P$

3. long time scale (low scan rates):



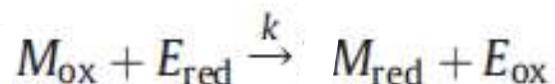
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Determination of k_{cat} (and K_{MS})

Enzyme and mediator freely diffusing in solution

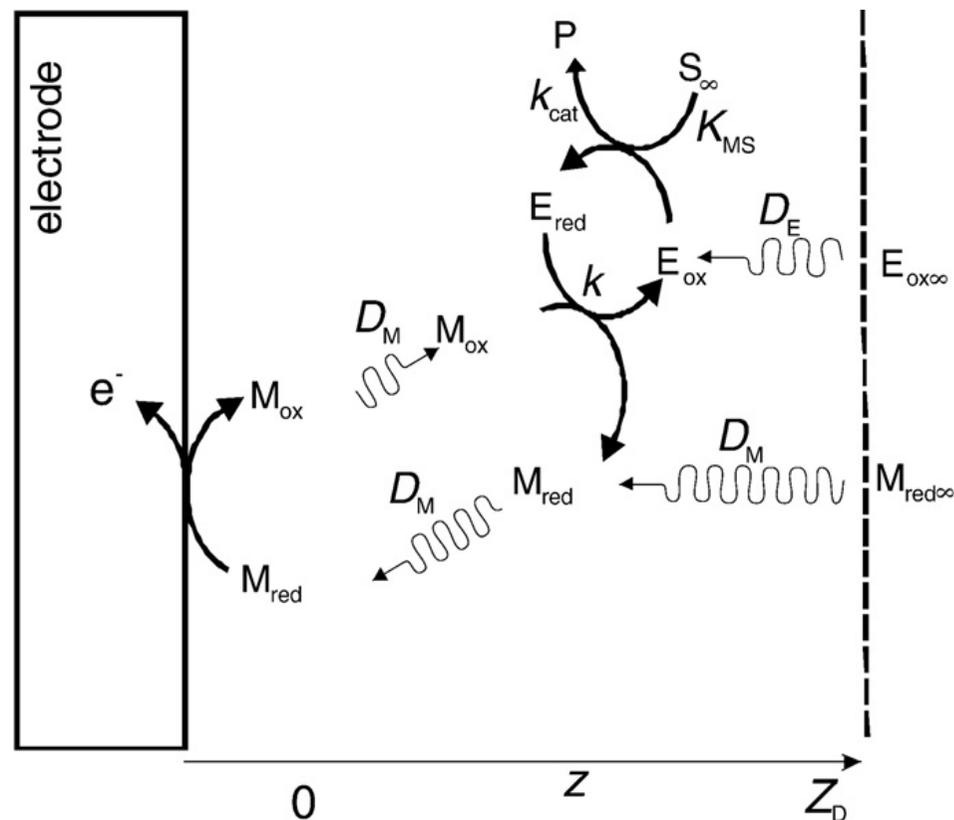
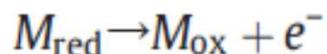
- The reactions occurring in solutions are:



with

$$K_{\text{MS}} = (k_{-1} + k_{\text{cat}})/k_1$$

- At the electrode surface:



Enzyme - Substrate limited kinetics



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Enzyme - Substrate limited kinetics:

At high mediator concentration, the catalytic current is given by:

$$i = nFA \left(\frac{D_M k_{\text{cat}} c_E c_M c_S}{c_S + K_{\text{MS}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

For $c_S \ll K_{\text{MS}}$

$$i = nFA \left(\frac{D_M k_{\text{cat}} c_E c_M c_S}{K_{\text{MS}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Thus a plot of i against $c_S^{1/2}$ should give a straight line through the origin at low c_S . From the slope of this line a value for the ratio $k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{MS}}$ can be obtained.



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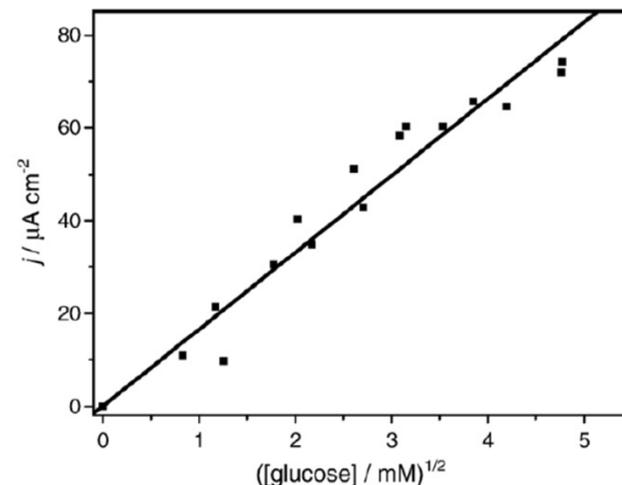
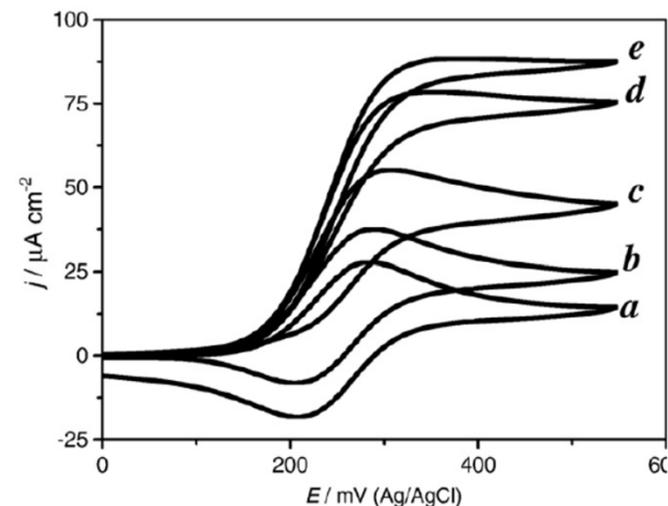
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Determination of k_{cat} (and K_{MS})

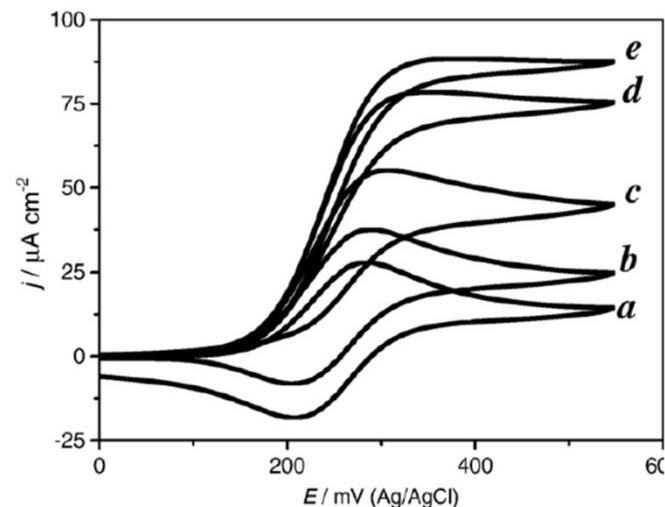
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$$i = nFA \left(\frac{D_M k_{\text{cat}} c_E c_M c_S}{c_S + K_{\text{MS}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The value of the rate constant k_{cat} is calculated from the current in the saturated region, i_{max} , i.e. when $c_S \gg K_{\text{MS}}$

$$i_{\text{max}} = nFA (D_M k_{\text{cat}} c_E c_M)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

To verify the assumptions based on K_{MS} , the value of the latter is then extracted from the value of $k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{MS}}$





Determination of k , k_{cat} (and K_M)

Summary: Enzyme and mediator freely diffusing in solution

Enzyme - Mediator limited kinetics
 (Determination of k)

$$k c_M \ll k_{\text{cat}}$$

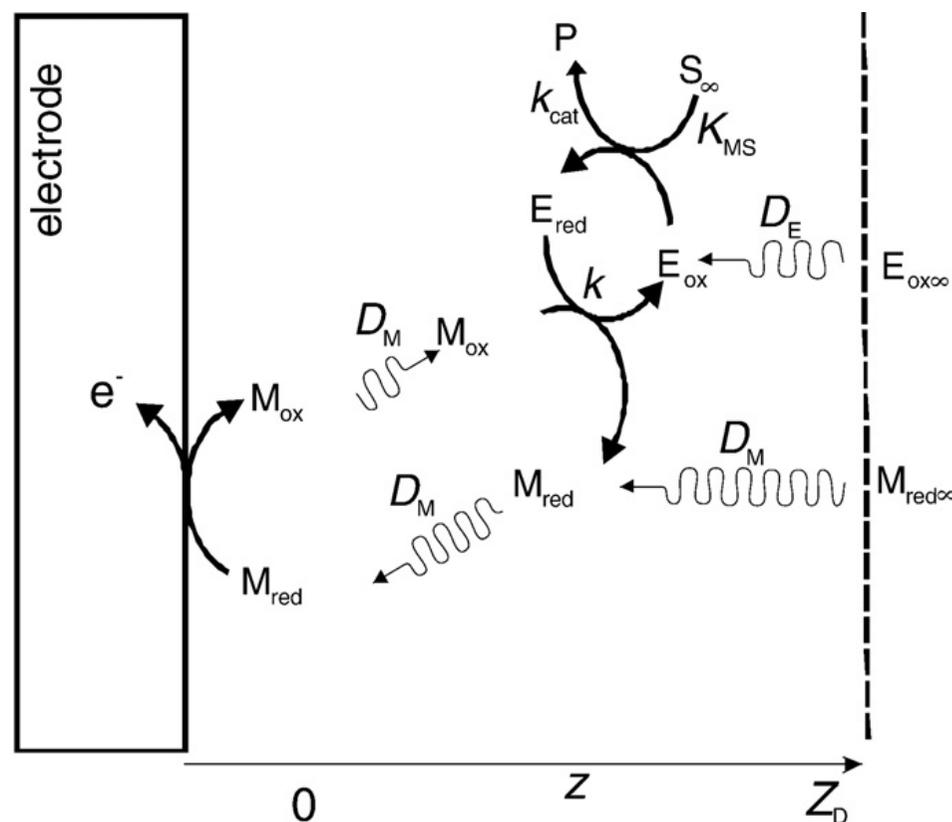
$$c_S \ll c_M$$

Enzyme - substrate limited kinetics
 (determination of k_{cat})

$$c_S \gg K_{MS}$$

Enzyme - substrate limited kinetics
 (determination of K_{MS} via k_{cat}/K_{MS})

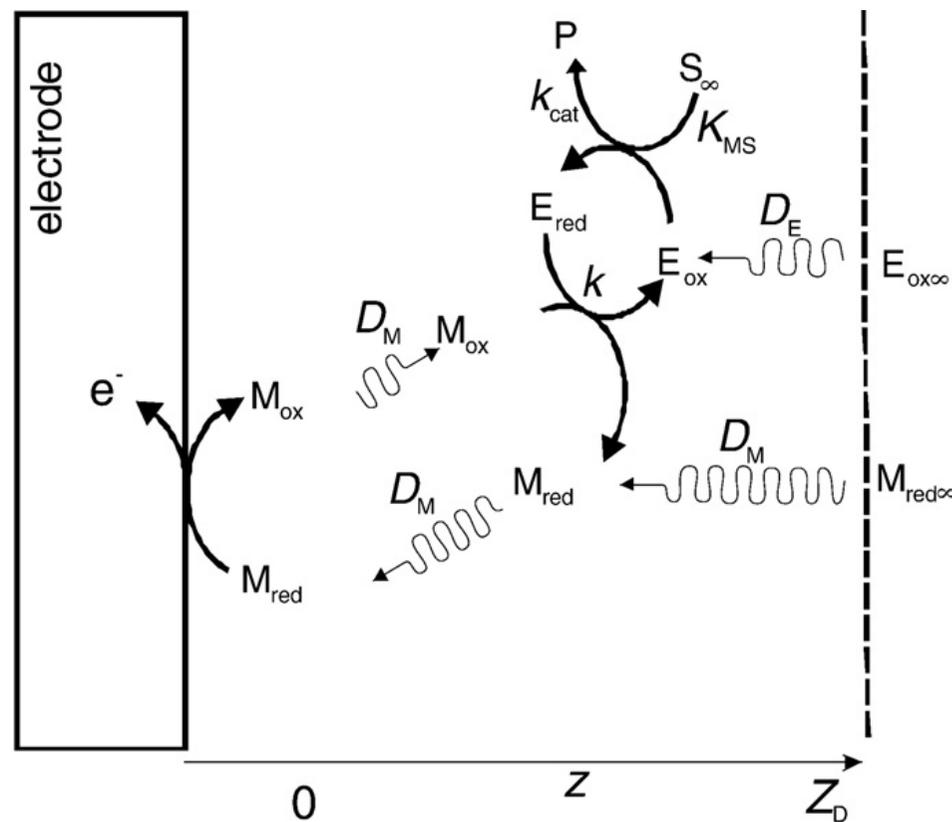
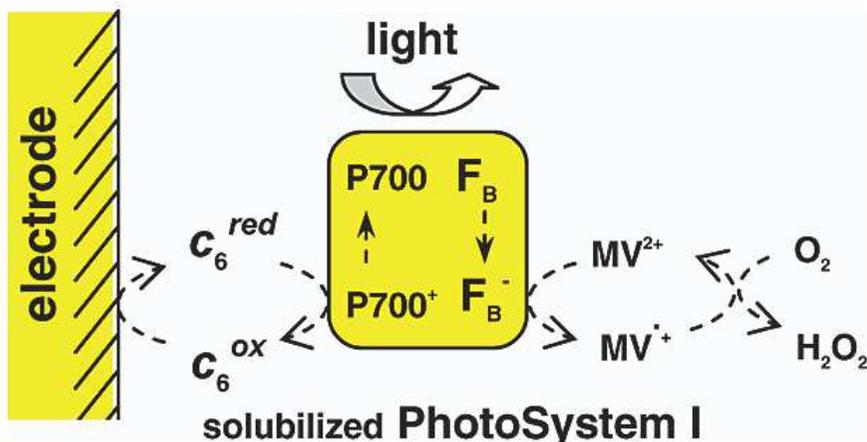
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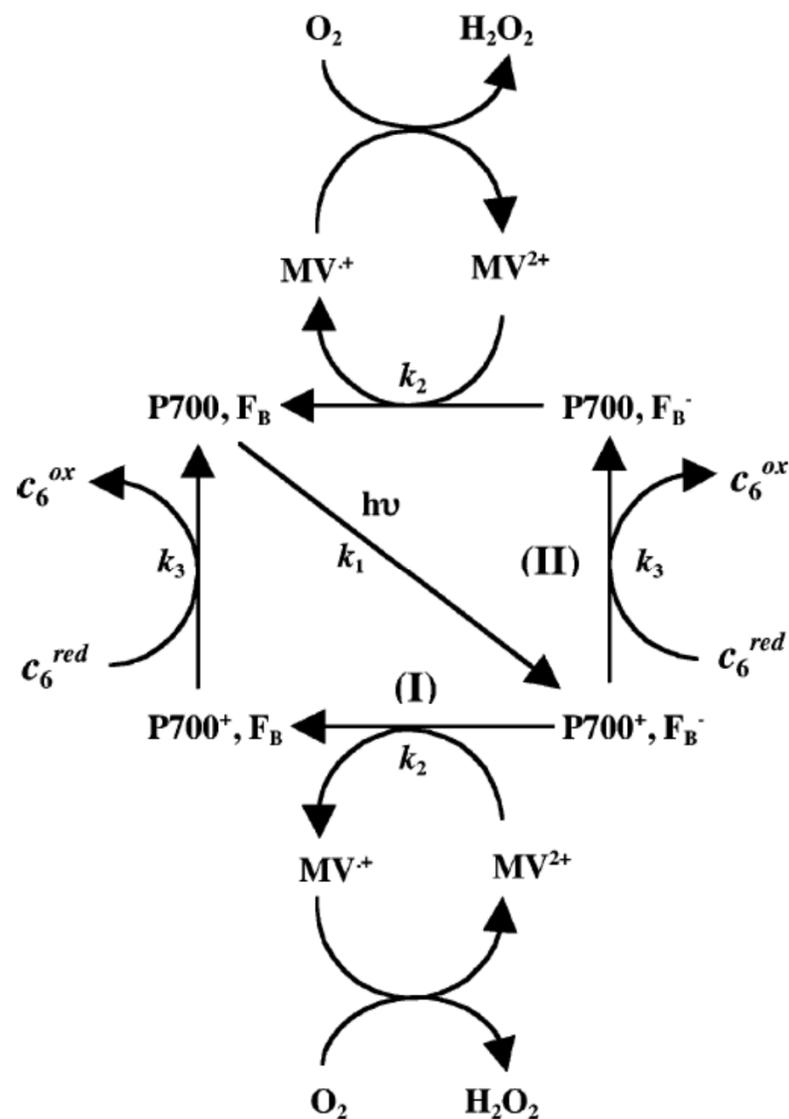
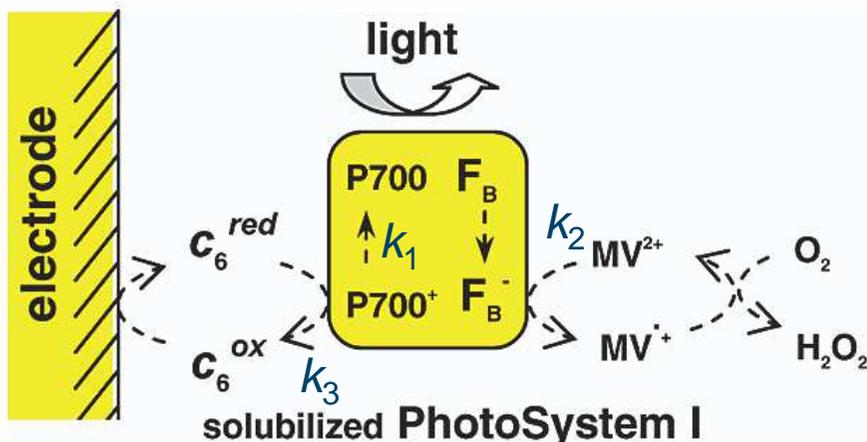
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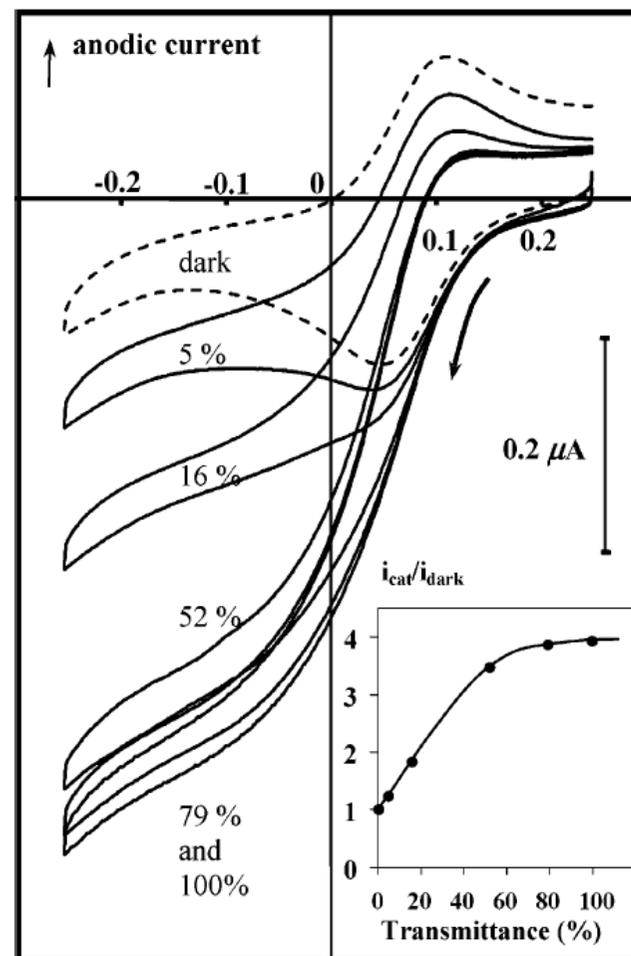
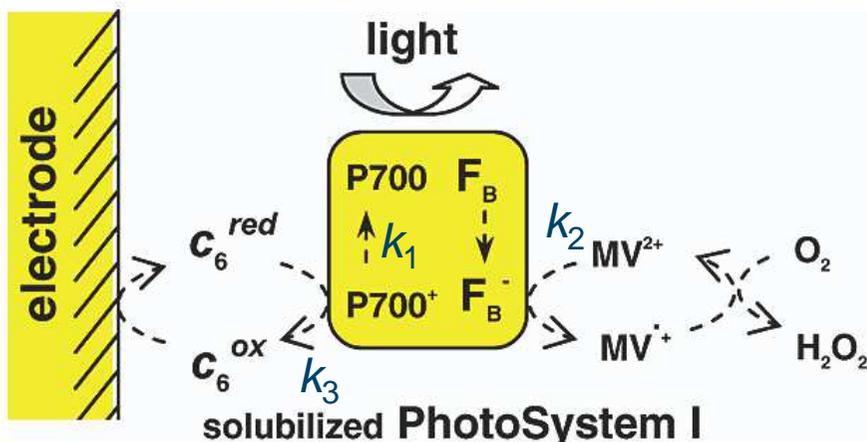
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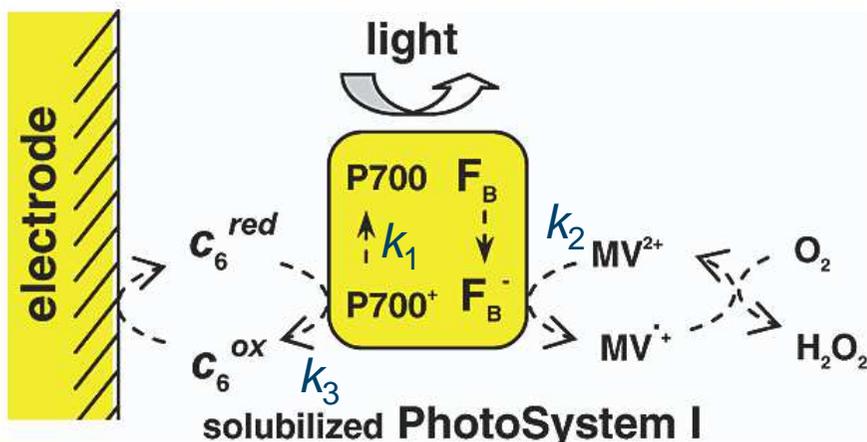
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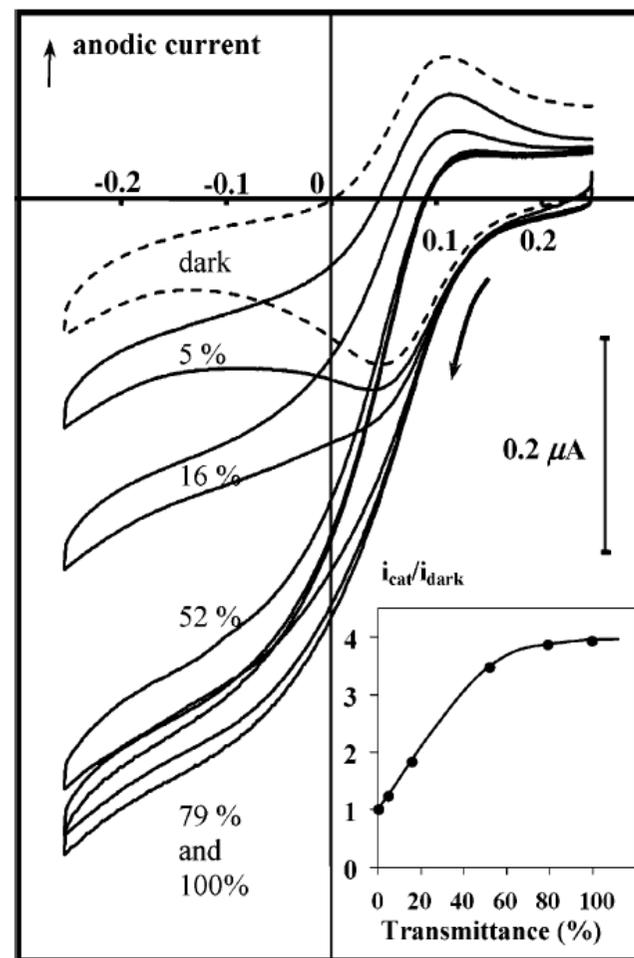
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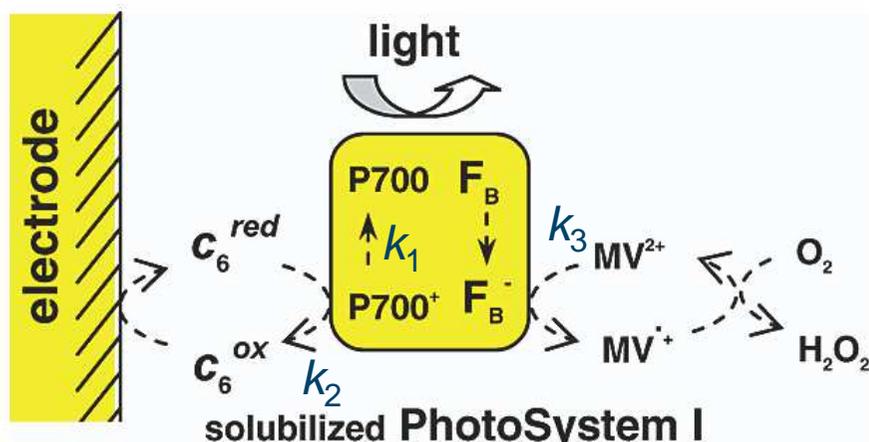
$$\frac{i_{\text{cat}}}{i_{\text{dark}}} = 2.24\sqrt{\frac{RT[\text{PSI}]}{Fv}}k_{\text{app}}$$





Mediated Bioelectrochemistry – PS1

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Determination of k_3 ?

$$k_{app} = \frac{2k_3}{\rho + \sigma} \left\{ 1 - 2[(\rho + \sigma)(\rho - 3\sigma)]^{-1/2} \left[\tan^{-1} \left((2\sigma + 1) \sqrt{\frac{\rho + \sigma}{3\sigma - \rho}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\rho + \sigma}{3\sigma - \rho}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\sigma = k_3 C_6^0 / k_2 C_{MV}^0 \quad \rho = k_3 C_6^0 / k_1$$

For $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ and $\rho \rightarrow 0$, $k_{app} = k_3$

This is the case for $C_6 \rightarrow 0$

(reduction of P700⁺ by C_6^{red} becomes rate limiting)

$$k_3 = 6 \pm 0.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

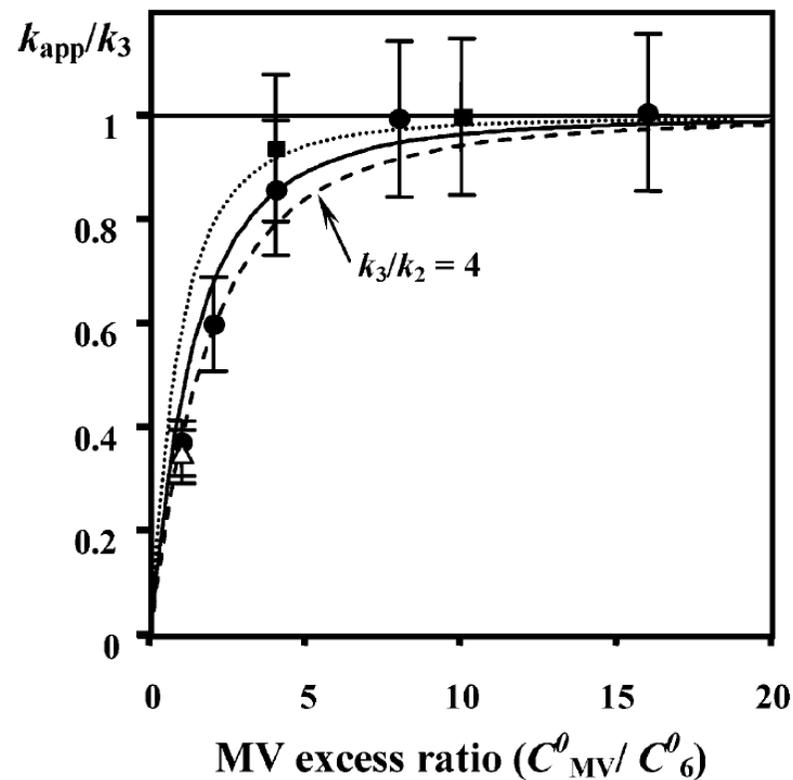
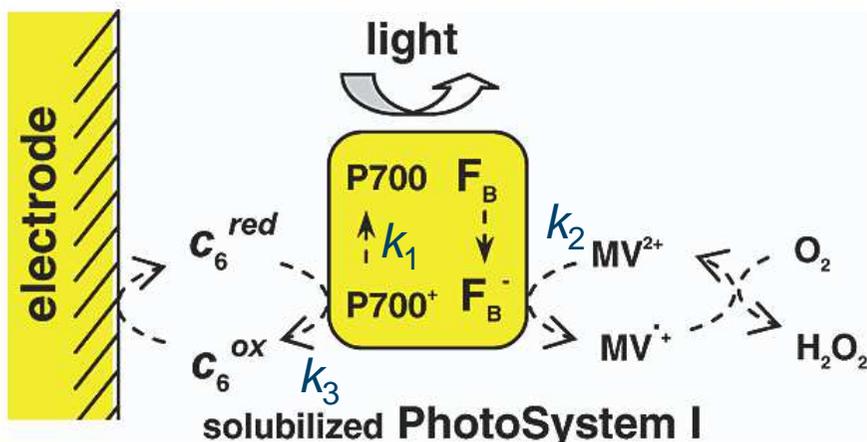
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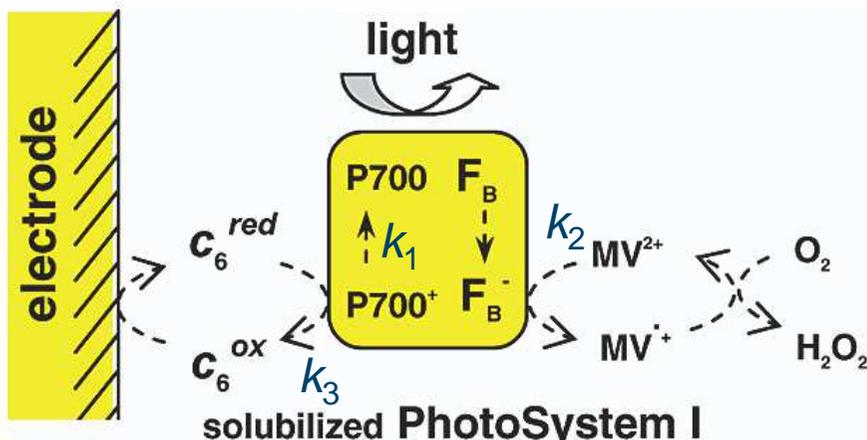
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Determination of k_2 ?

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$$\sigma = k_3 C_6^0 / k_2 C_{MV}^0 \quad \rho = k_3 C_6^0 / k_1$$

Decrease viologen concentration:
increase σ but $\rho \rightarrow 0$,

$$k_{app} = \frac{2k_2 C_{MV}^0}{C_6^0} \left(1 - \frac{2k_2 C_{MV}^0}{\sqrt{3} k_3 C_6^0} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1 + 2k_3 C_6^0 / k_2 C_{MV}^0}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \pi/6 \right] \right)$$

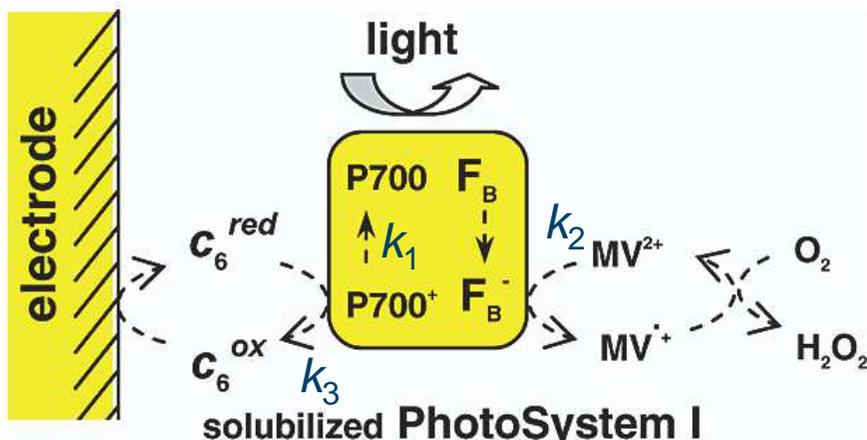
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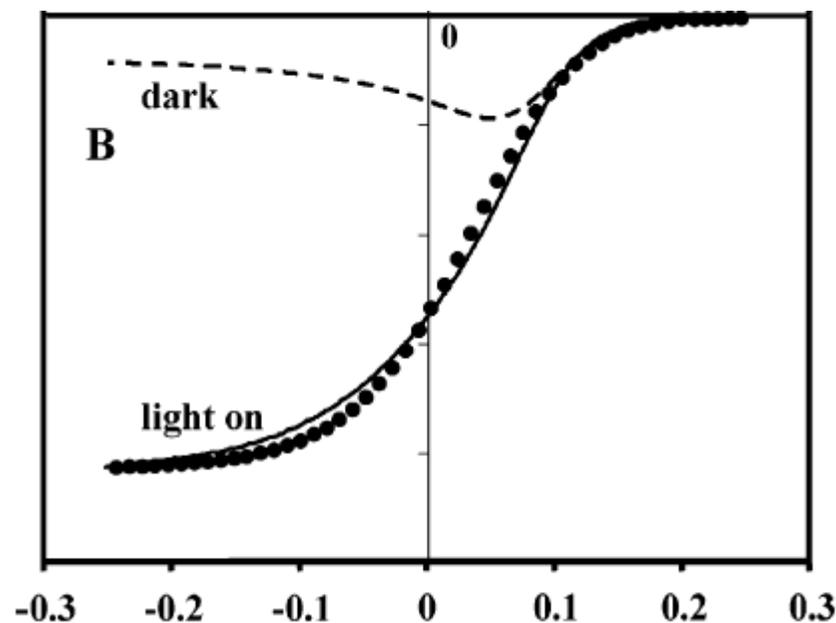


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k_2 ?



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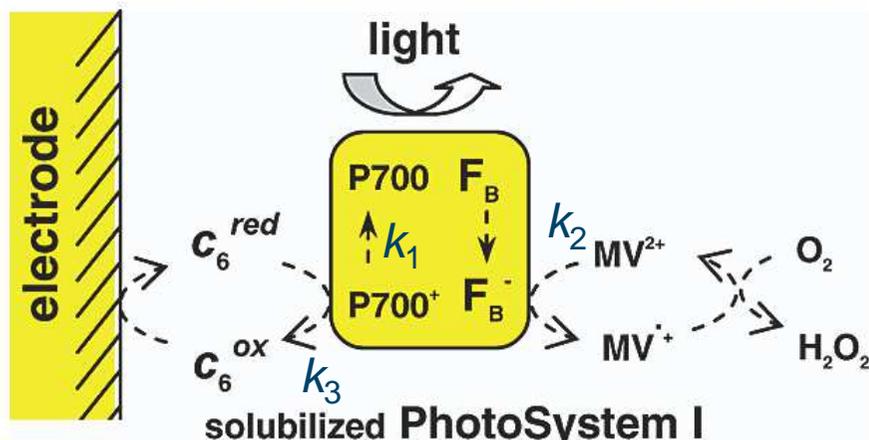
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Mediated Bioelectrochemistry – PS1

PS1 and mediators freely diffusing in solution



→ increase concentration of the quencher (O_2) as qualitative test for charge recombination processes.

→ compare k_2 values from:

- Laser flash experiments (single turnover)
- Electrochemical experiments (steady-state conditions)

Charge recombination ?

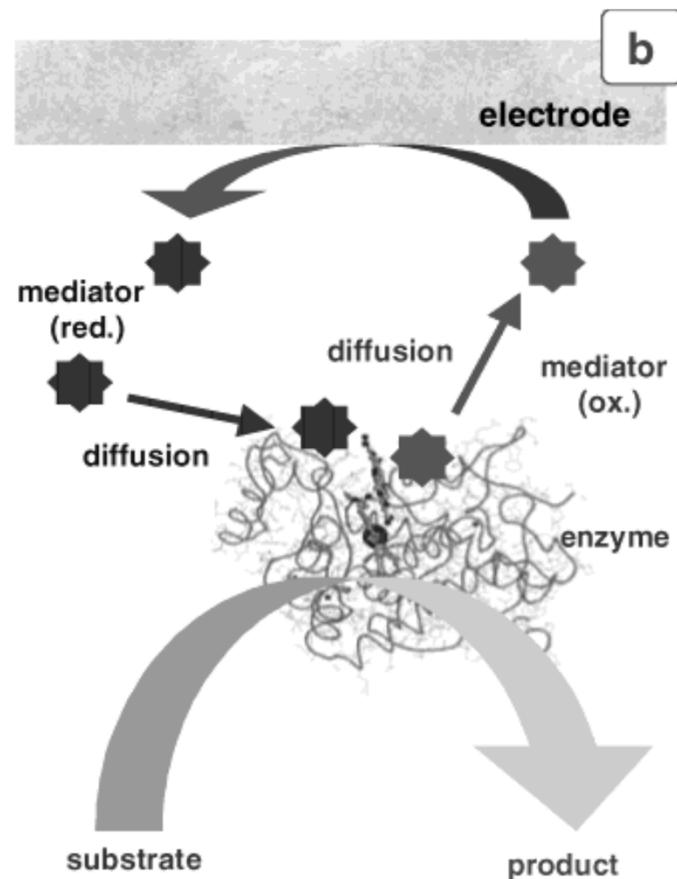
- between $MV^{+\bullet}$ and electrode
- between $MV^{+\bullet}$ and C_6^{ox}
- between $MV^{+\bullet}$ and $P700^+$



Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

3 common cases:

- Both enzyme and mediator are freely diffusing in solution
- **Enzyme adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator freely diffusing in solution**
- Both enzyme and mediator are adsorbed on electrode surface.

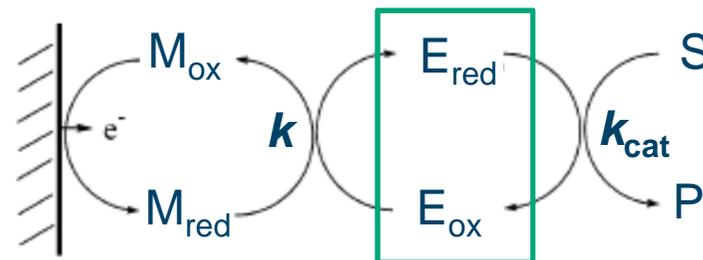
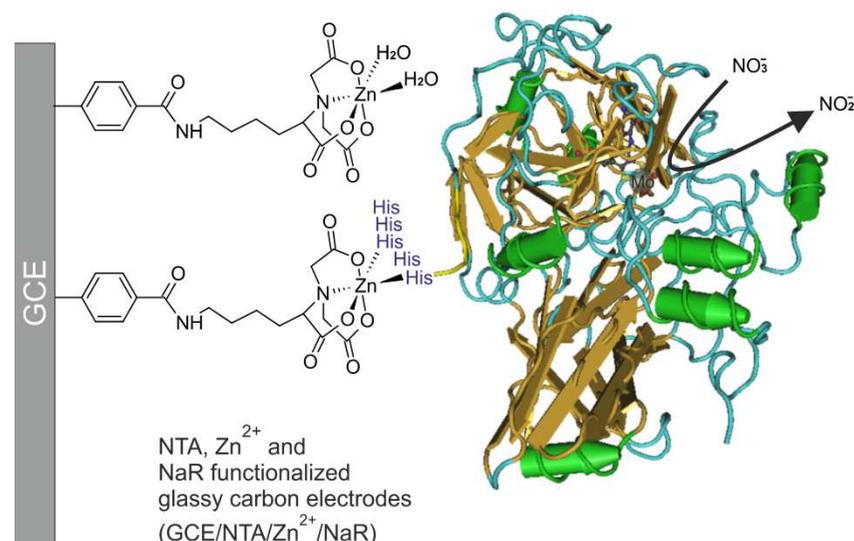


CE Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

Enzyme adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator freely diffusing in solution

- M_{ox} and M_{red} : oxidized and reduced forms of the mediator
- E_{ox} and E_{red} : oxidized and reduced enzyme.
- S and P: substrate and product of the enzymatic reaction.
- D_M : diffusion coefficients of mediator.

Determination of k and k_{cat} ?



Surface confined



Determination of k and k_{cat}

Enzyme adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator freely diffusing in solution

The current flowing through the electrode according to the reaction scheme below is given the following equation:

$$i = i_D + i_{\text{cat}}$$

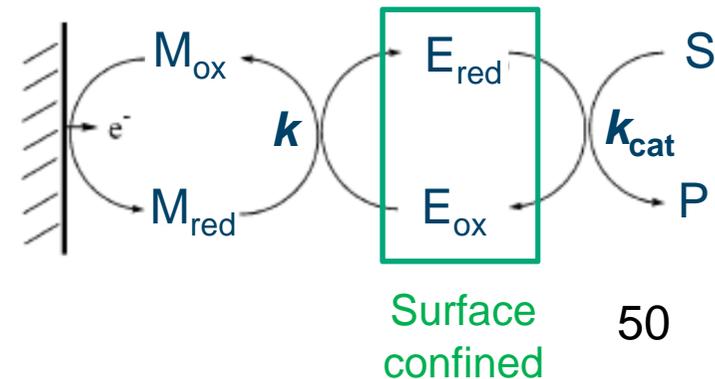
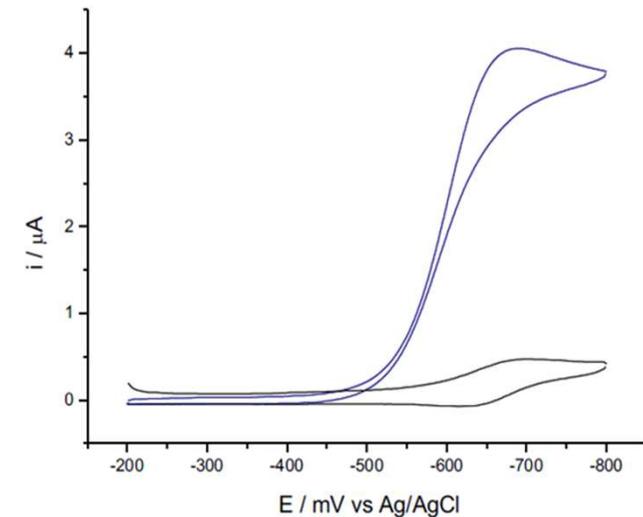
$$i = FAD_M \left(\frac{\partial c_M}{\partial x} \right)_{X=0} + \frac{nFA\Gamma_E}{\frac{1}{k_{\text{cat}}} + \frac{1}{k c_M}}$$

n : number of electrons involved in the reduction or oxidation of S to P.

F : Faraday constant

A : electrode surface area.

Γ_E : enzyme surface concentration.





Determination of k and k_{cat}

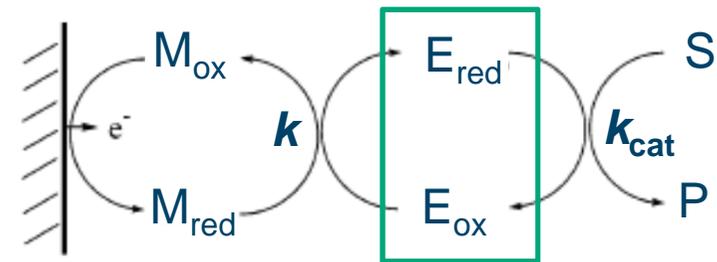
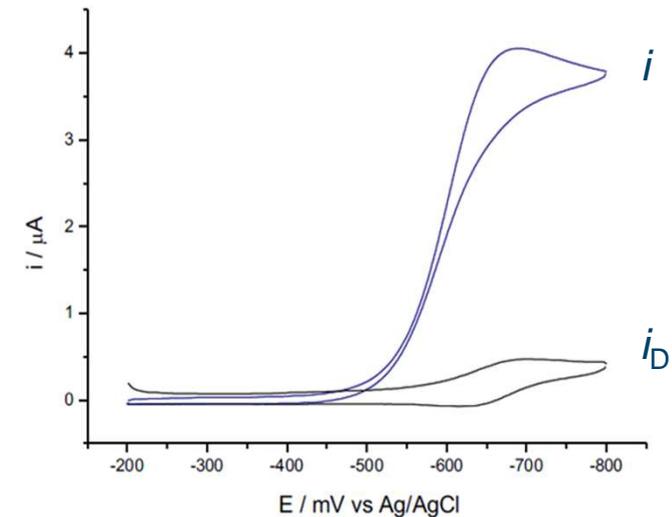
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i_{cat} is obtained by subtracting the diffusion current (i_D) from the total current (i).

The experiment is repeated for several c_M values and $1/i_{\text{cat}}$ is plotted vs $1/c_M$

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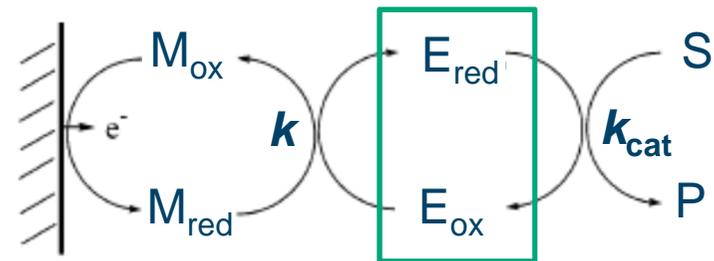
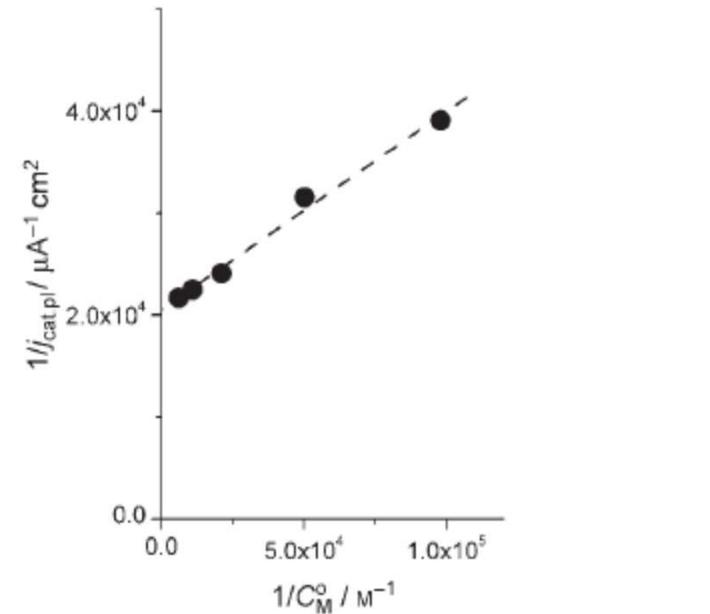
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From intercept: $k_{\text{cat}}\Gamma_E$ value

From slope: $k\Gamma_E$ value



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Determination of k and k_{cat}

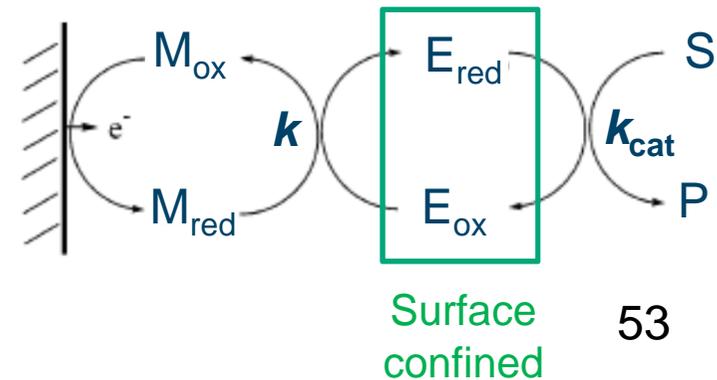
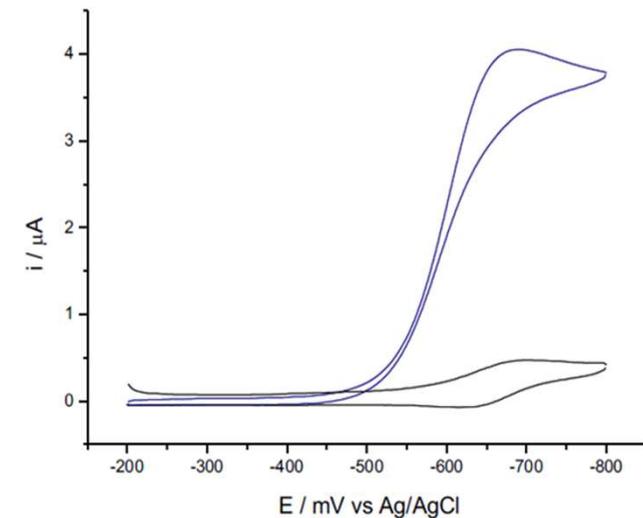
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Alternative methods for k_{cat} determination based on equation:

$$i_{\text{cat}} = \frac{nFA\Gamma_E}{\frac{1}{k_{\text{cat}}} + \frac{1}{k c_M}} \quad (1)$$

If $k_{\text{cat}} \ll k c_M$ (high c_M value), equation (1) simplifies to :

$$i_{\text{cat}} = nFA\Gamma_E k_{\text{cat}}$$





Determination of Γ_E

Enzyme adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator freely diffusing in solution

From intercept: $k_{\text{cat}}\Gamma_E$ value

From slope: $k\Gamma_E$ value

How to determine Γ_E value to obtain k and k_{cat} values ?

- **AFM**
- EQCM
- Desorption of the enzyme followed by quantification.
- SPR
- UV-Vis Absorbance

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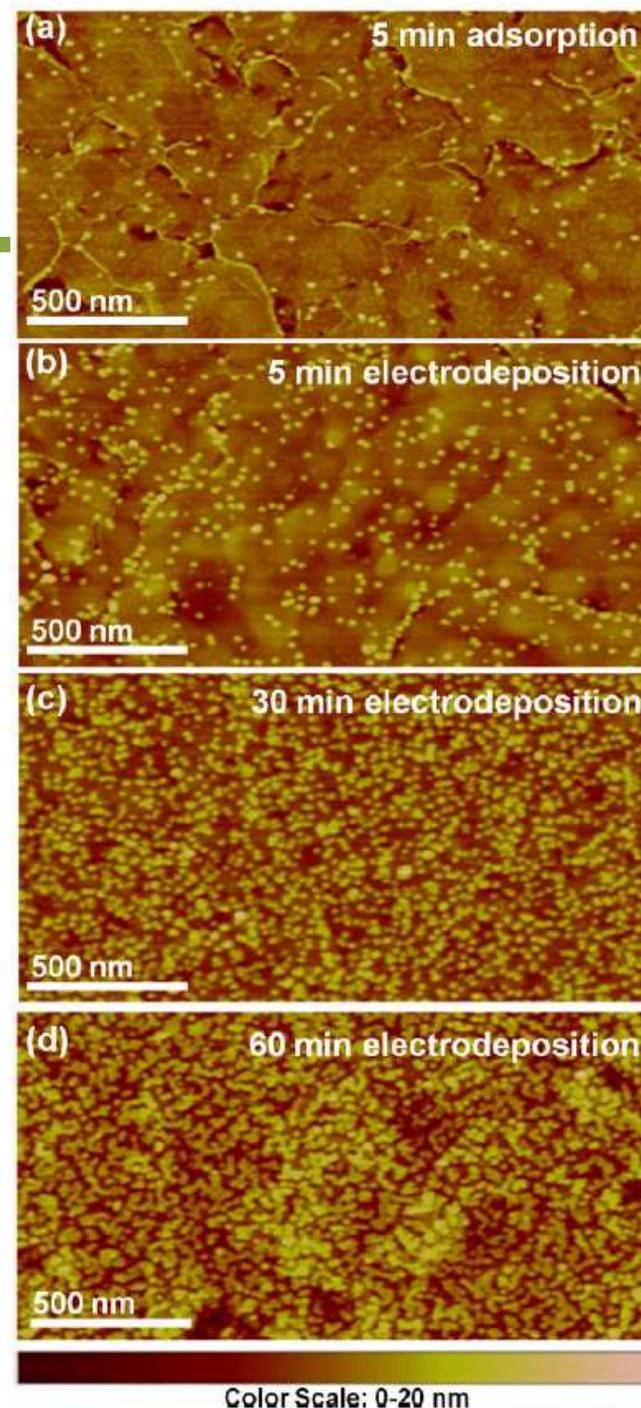
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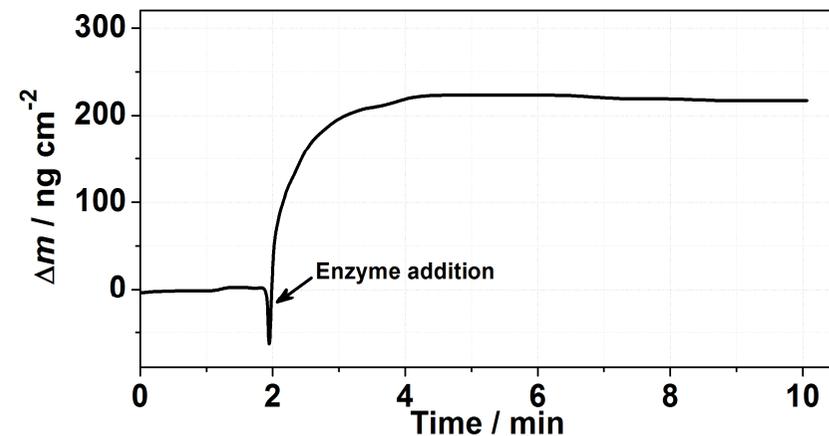
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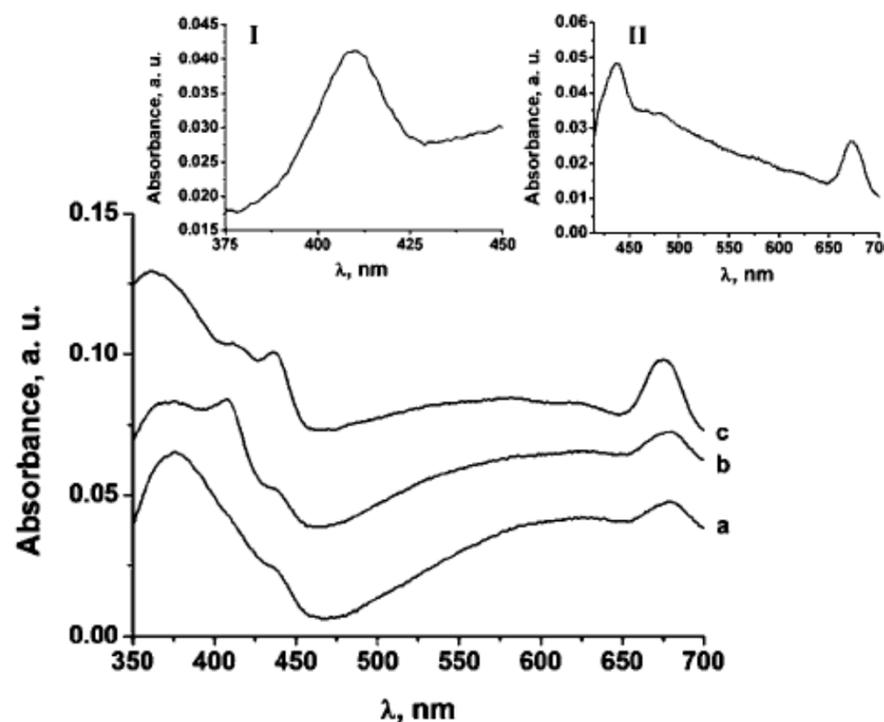
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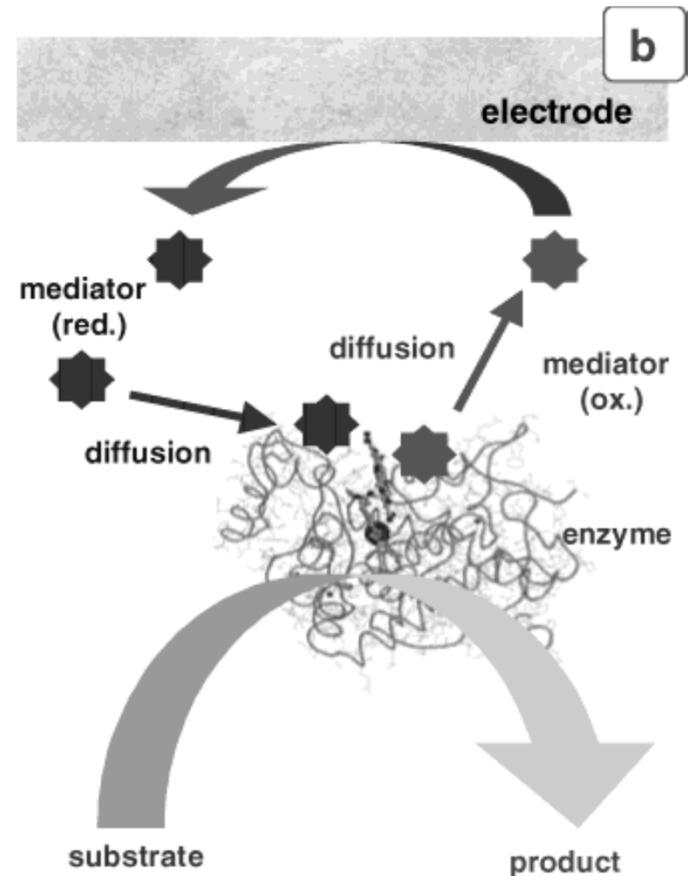
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Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

3 cases:

- Both enzyme and mediator are freely diffusing in solution.
- Enzyme is adsorbed on electrode surface and mediator is freely diffusing in solution.
- **Both enzyme and mediator are adsorbed on electrode surface.**

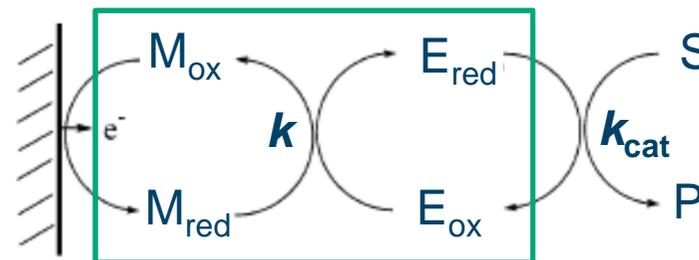
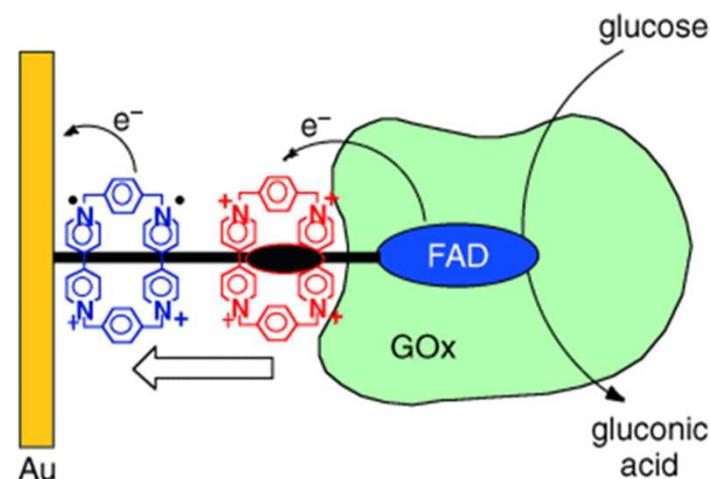




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Determination of k and k_{cat} ?

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confined



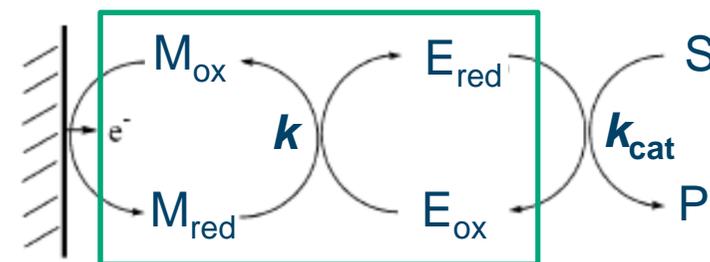
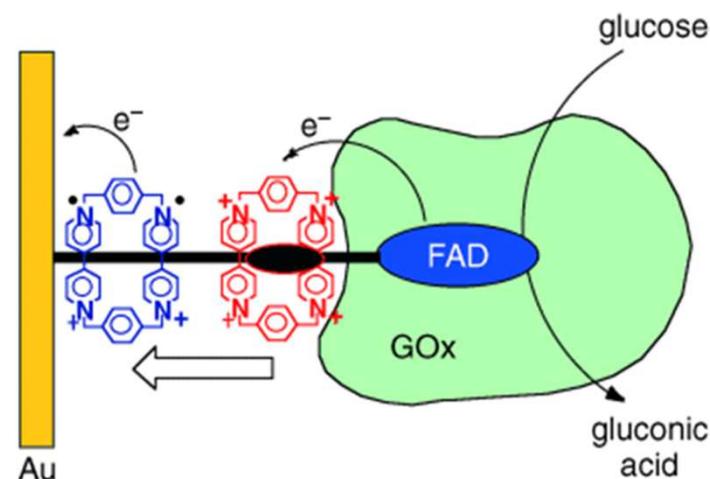
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The determination of the individual values of k and k_{cat} is difficult since the concentration of M cannot be varied to reach pseudo first order conditions. Instead the global rate constant k' may be determined:

$$\frac{1}{k'} = \frac{1}{k_{cat}} + \frac{1}{k}$$

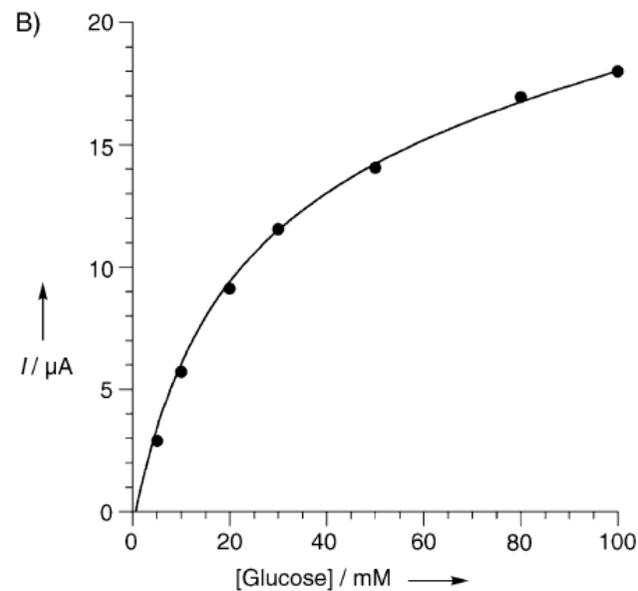
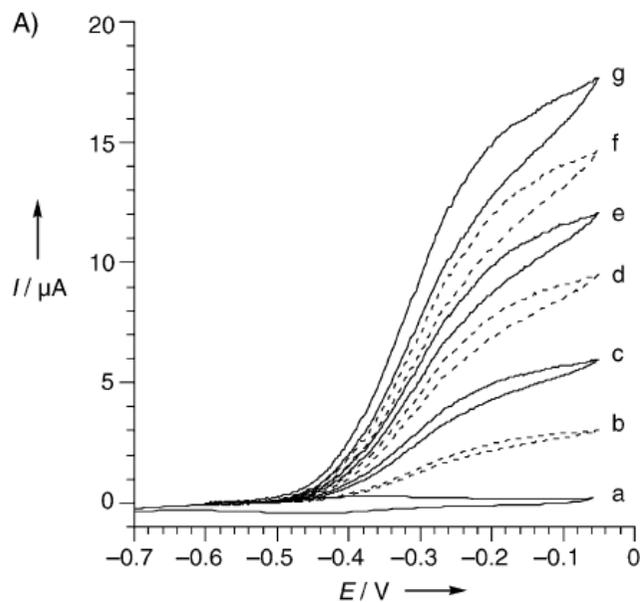


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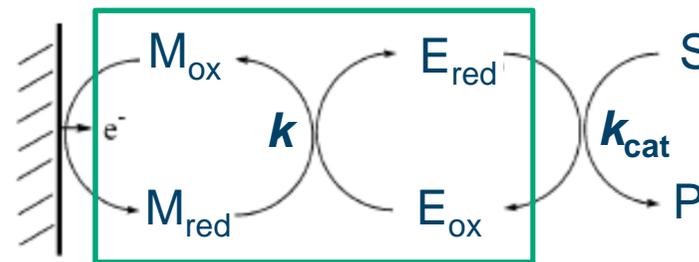


Determination of k'

Enzyme and mediator adsorbed on electrode surface



$$i = nFA \frac{k' \Gamma_E c_S}{c_S + K_{MS}}$$

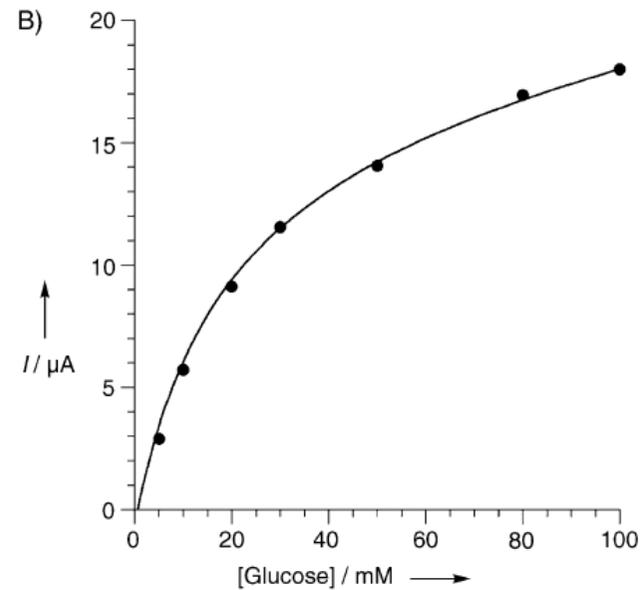
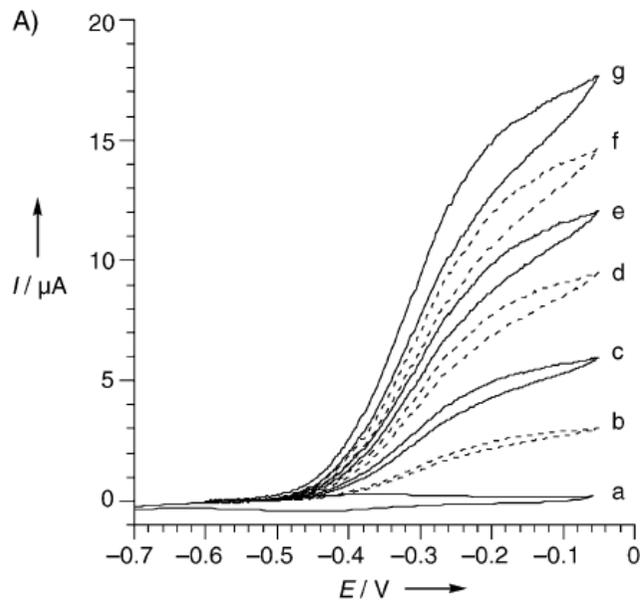


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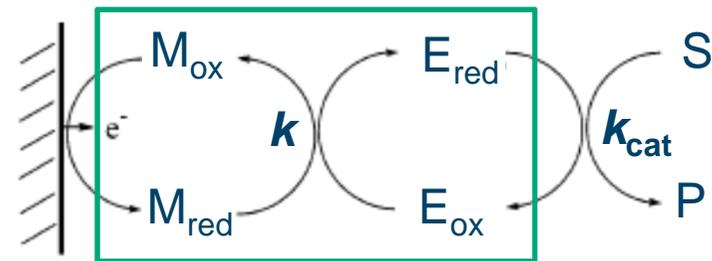
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For $c_S \ll K_{MS}$

$$i = nFA \frac{k' \Gamma_E c_S}{K_{MS}}$$

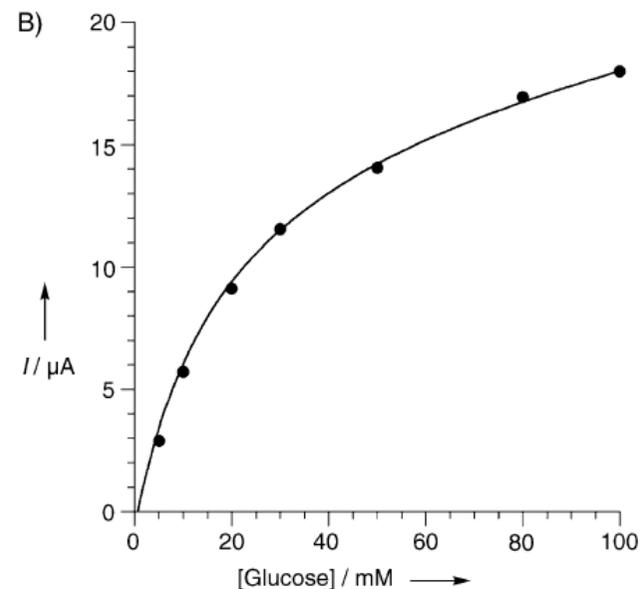
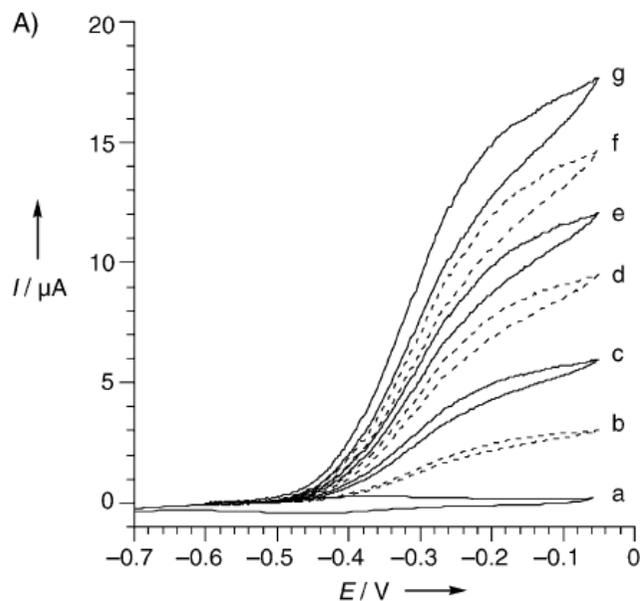


Surface confined



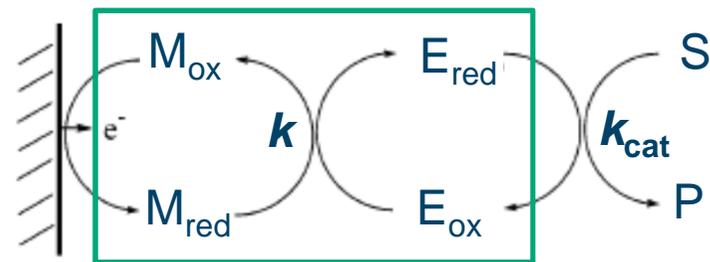
Determination of k'

Enzyme and mediator adsorbed on electrode surface



For $c_S \gg K_{MS}$

$$i = nFAk'\Gamma_E$$



Surface
confined

(RDE may be used here as well to ensure substrate mass transport is not limiting)

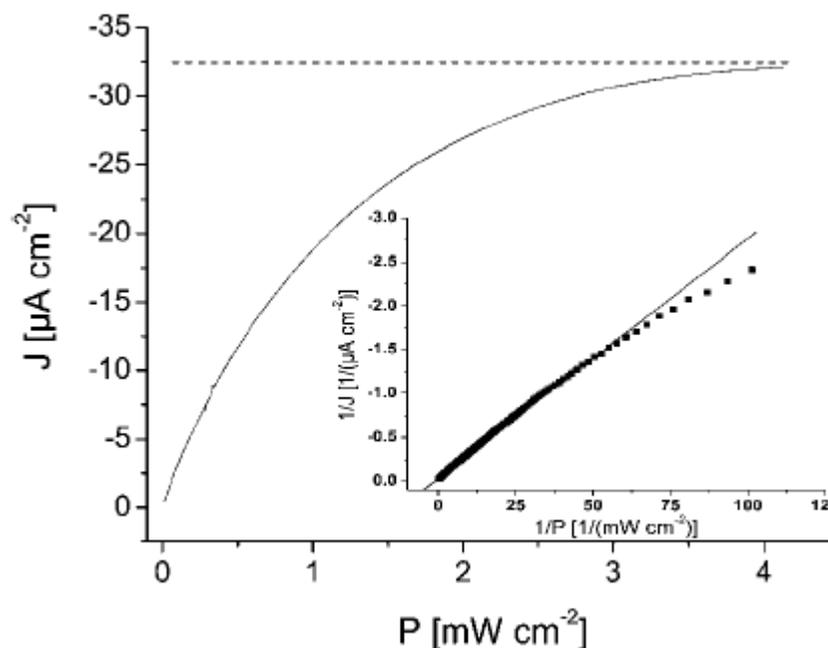


Mediated Bioelectrochemistry

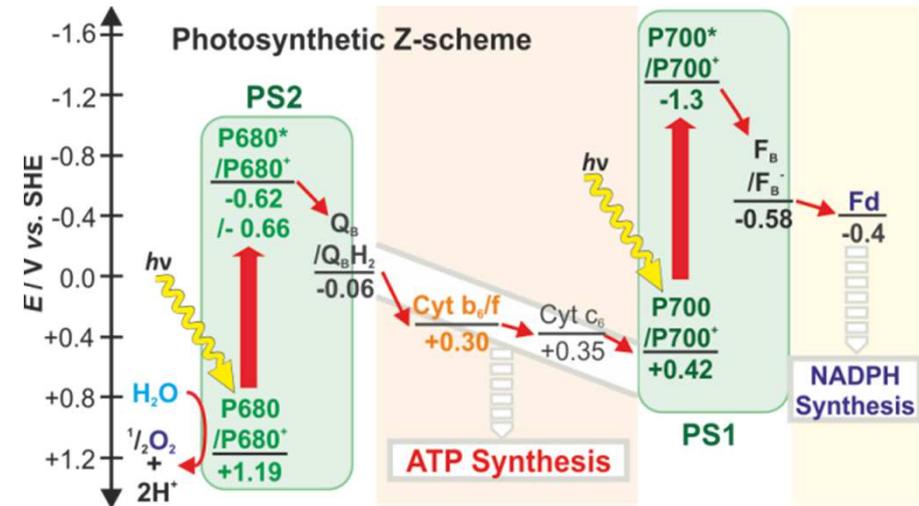
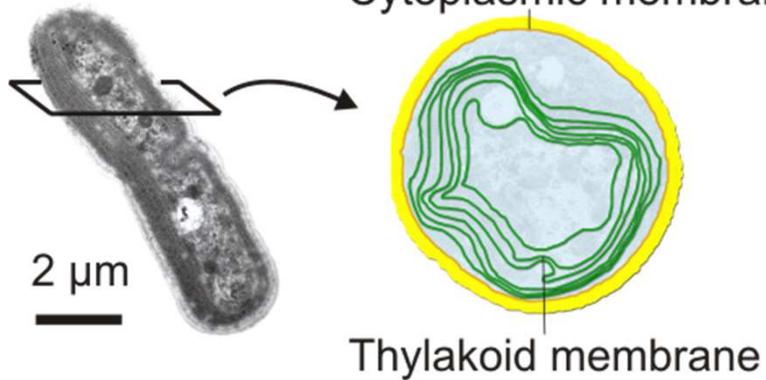
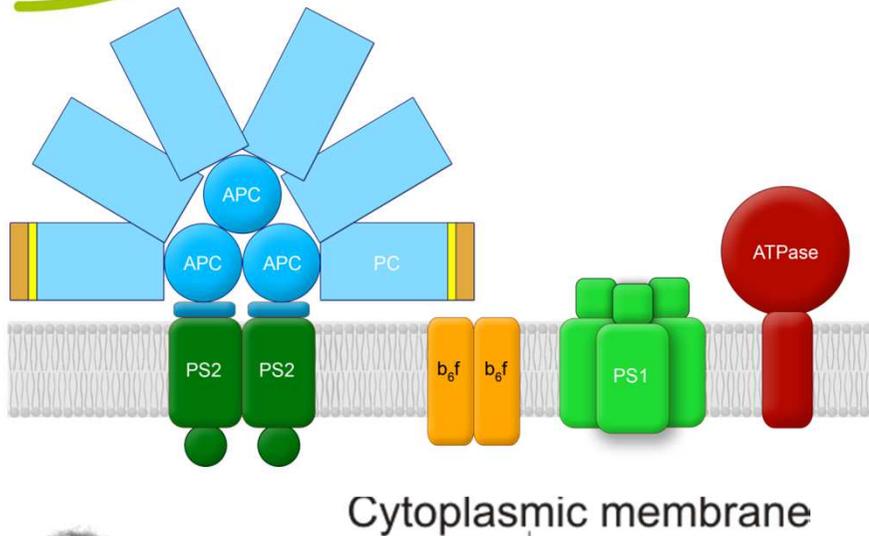
PS1 and mediator adsorbed on electrode surface

For enzymes, which can be excited by light, the light intensity can be considered as an equivalent to the substrate concentration and the Michaelis–Menten equation can be applied to yield $K_{M/app}$

Light saturation curve of PS1 entrapped within a matrix of redox polymer on an electrode. The inset represents the reciprocal Lineweaver–Burk plot obtained from the saturation curve.



CF Photosynthesis



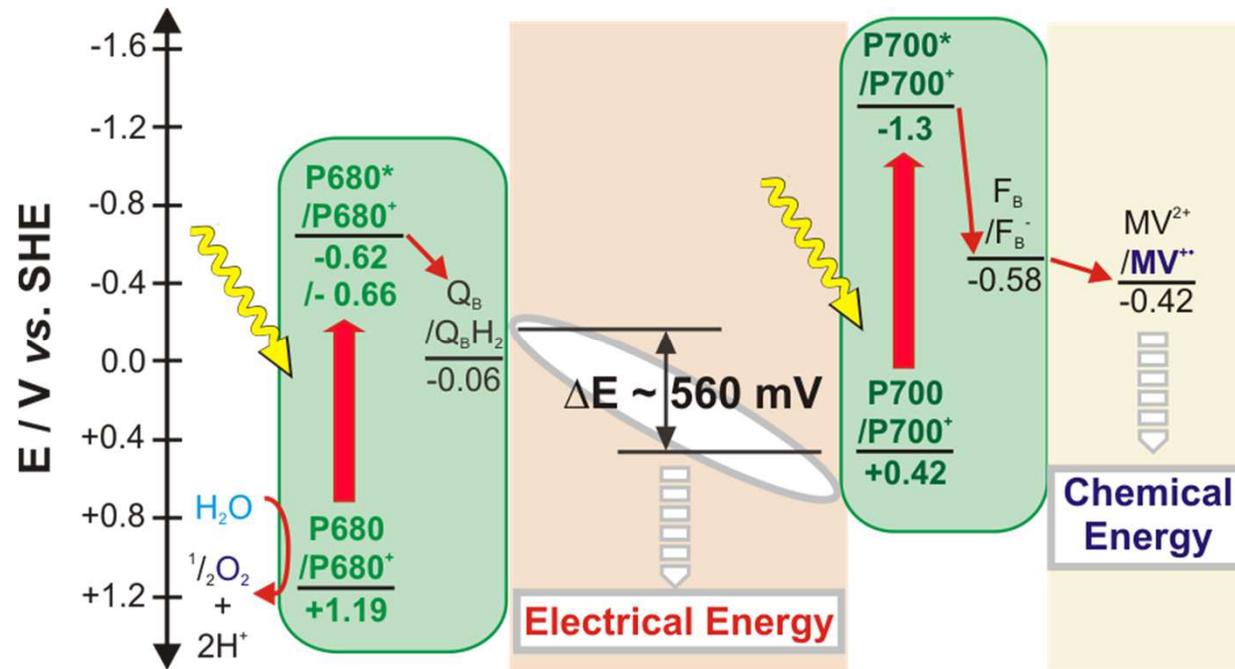
• *Thermosynechococcus elongatus*:

- unicellular, Gram-positive
- thermophilic organism (opt. 55°C)
- photoautotrophe
- completely sequenced genome

→ modell organism for photosynthesis research



Semi-artificial Z-Scheme.



Combination of

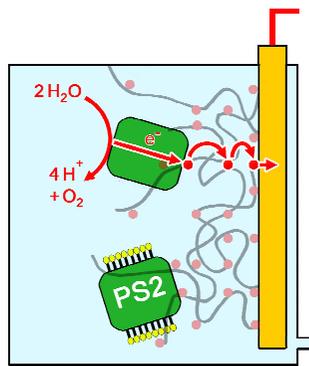
- PS2: most oxidative force in nature
- PS1: most reductive force in nature

How to recover the energy from the potential difference between PS2 and PS1?

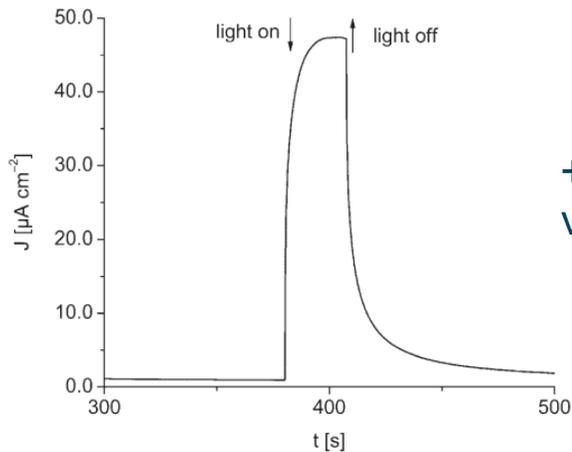
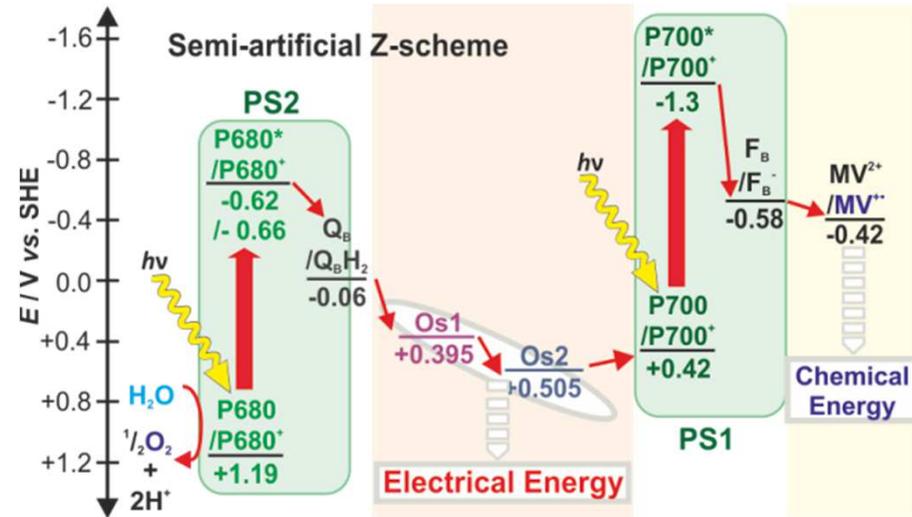
→ ΔE of 560 mV



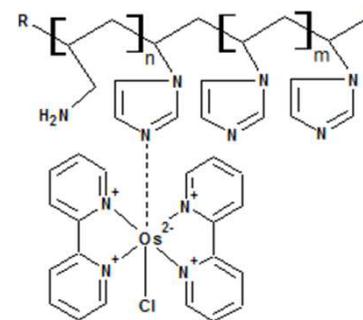
Semi-artificial photosynthesis - half cells



PS2 photoanode



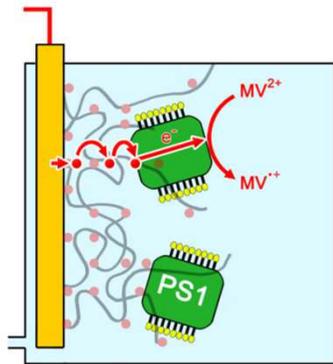
50 $\mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$
+300 mV
vs. Ag/AgCl



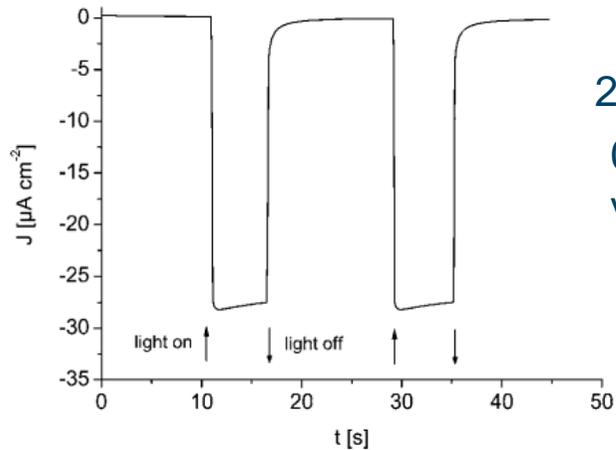
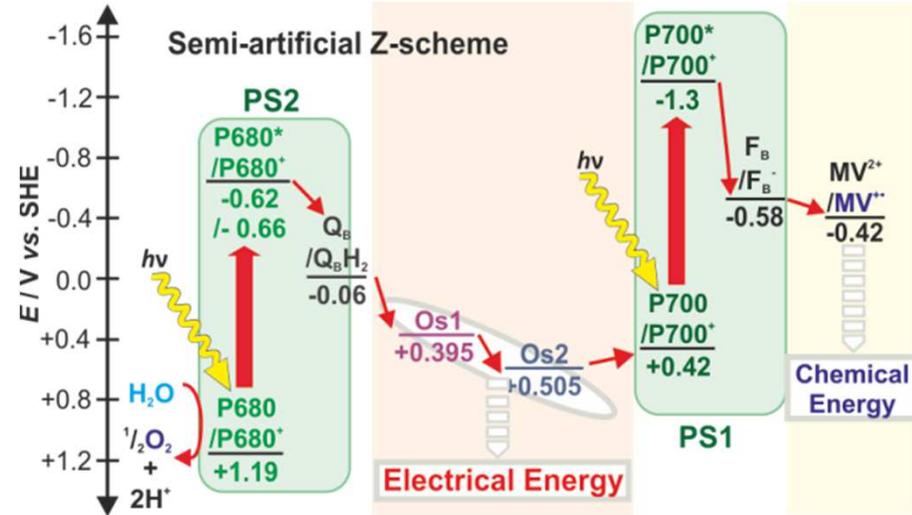
Os-redox polymer
→ diffusion less electron mediator
→ immobilization matrix



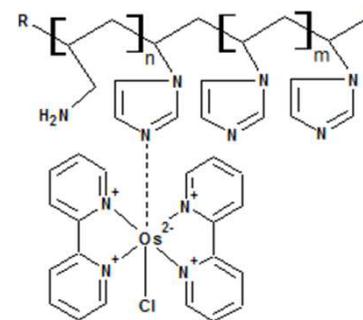
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PS1 photocathode



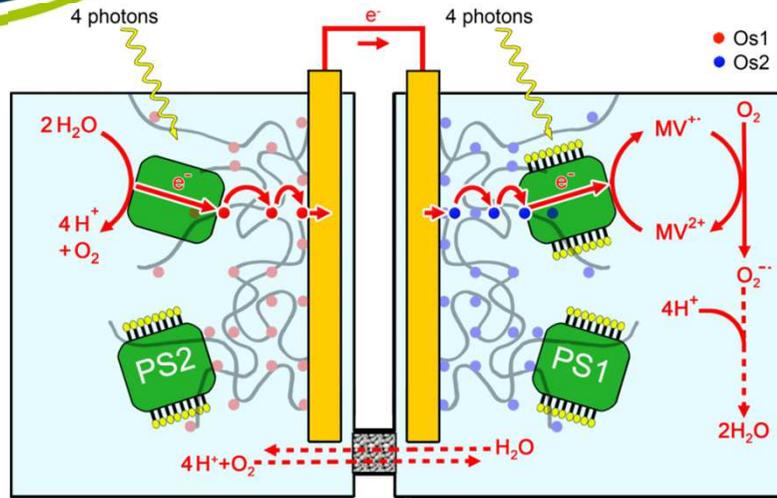
27 $\mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$
0 mV
vs. Ag/AgCl



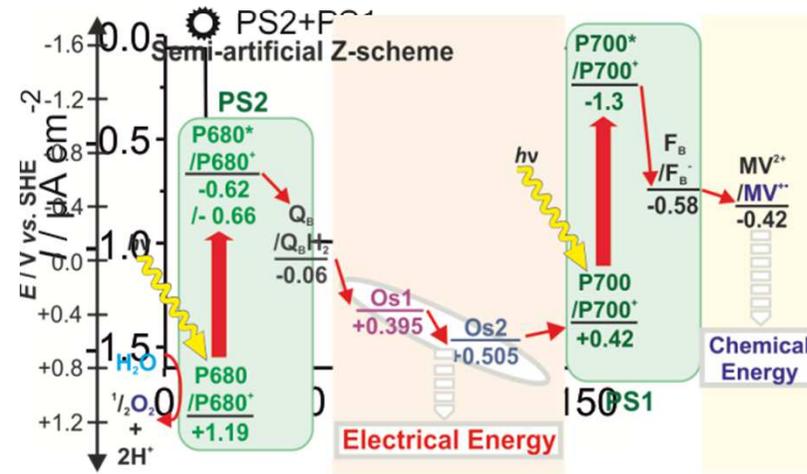
Os-redox polymer
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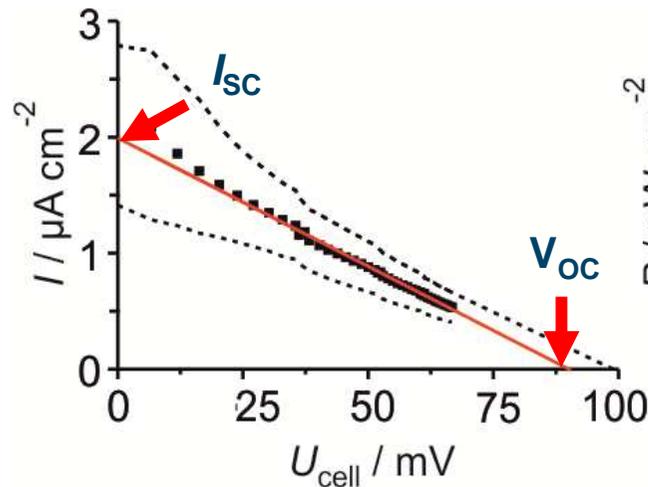
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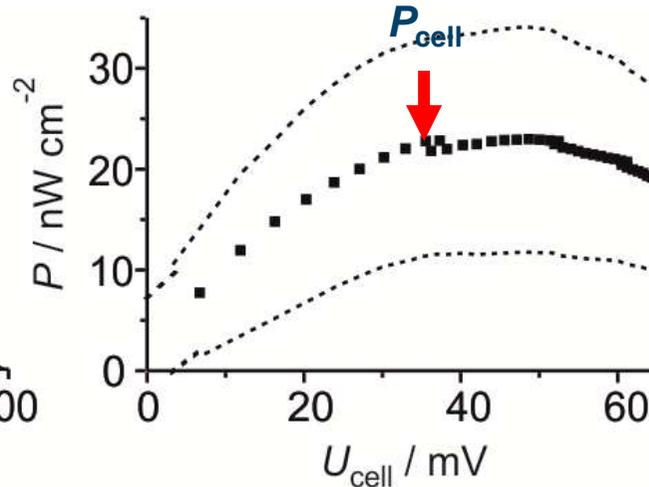
$\Delta E \text{ Os1 / Os2} \rightarrow 110 \text{ mV}$



\rightarrow Autonomous photocurrent production



$I_{SC} = 2.0 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$ $V_{OC} = 90 \pm 20 \text{ mV}$



$P_{cell} = 23 \pm 10 \text{ nW cm}^{-2}$