

Kinetic studies on the catalytic mechanism of F₄₂₀-dependent glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase



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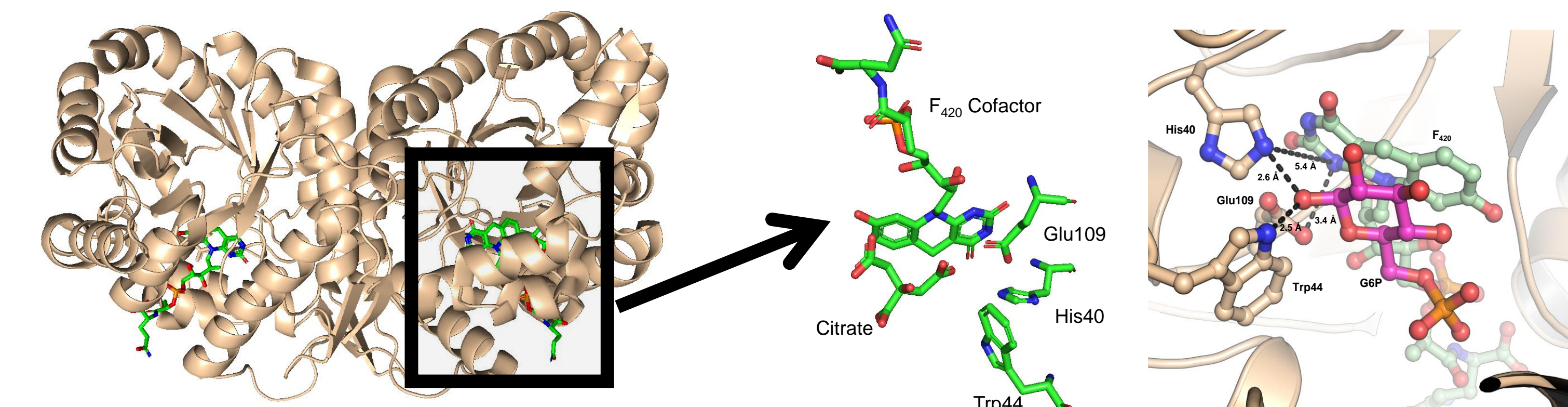
Abstract

F₄₂₀-dependent glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (FGD) is an important enzyme found in *Mycobacteria tuberculosis*, the causative agent of tuberculosis disease. FGD catalyzes the conversion of glucose-6-phosphate (G6P) to 6-phosphogluconolactone, using F₄₂₀ cofactor as a hydride transfer acceptor. Understanding the FGD mechanism is vital to the design of new drugs for the treatment of multiple drug resistant and extreme drug resistant forms of tuberculosis disease. To this end, we have created a series of active site variants (H40A, H40Q, H260A, H260N, Glu13A, Glu13Q and Glu109A) and obtained the substrate binding affinities, determined the pre steady-state and steady state kinetic parameters and studied the order of substrate addition along with the pH-rate profiles for wtFGD and FGD variants. The binding studies suggest that these conserved amino acids are involved F₄₂₀ binding but are not involved in G6P binding. The steady-state experiments suggest that the studied residues are important in catalysis due to decreased catalytic activity. Based upon the inhibition studies we have determined that FGD follows a sequential mechanism in which F₄₂₀ binds first followed by G6P. The pH profiles along with the PROPKA calculations suggest that Glu13 and His40 function as a catalytic dyad, with His40 donating a proton to Glu13. His40 can then act as an active site base, abstracting a proton from G6P facilitating the reduction of the F₄₂₀ cofactor. The global analysis of the pre steady-state kinetic data suggest that hydride transfer is not rate-limiting in catalysis, and that the mechanism follows a fast chemistry and slow product release with observable intermediates.

Background

Tuberculosis disease (TB) is considered one of the top 10 causes of deaths worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, a total of 1.6 million individuals die from TB between 2018-22 [WHO, 2022]. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is the causative agent of TB. Over time, patients can develop multiple-drug resistant (MDR) and extreme drug resistant (XDR) forms of TB disease, making it extremely difficult to treat. FGD, present in this bacterium is targeted to develop therapeutics against these difficult cases. For example, Nitroimidazopyran exhibits bactericidal activity against *M. tuberculosis*. This molecule is activated by a mechanism dependent on the reduced F₄₂₀ cofactor, which is produced during FGD catalysis. Therefore, our understanding of the FGD structure, mechanism, and role in the bacteria have great medical relevance and will add knowledge to the field of this lesser known cofactor.

FGD Crystal Structure



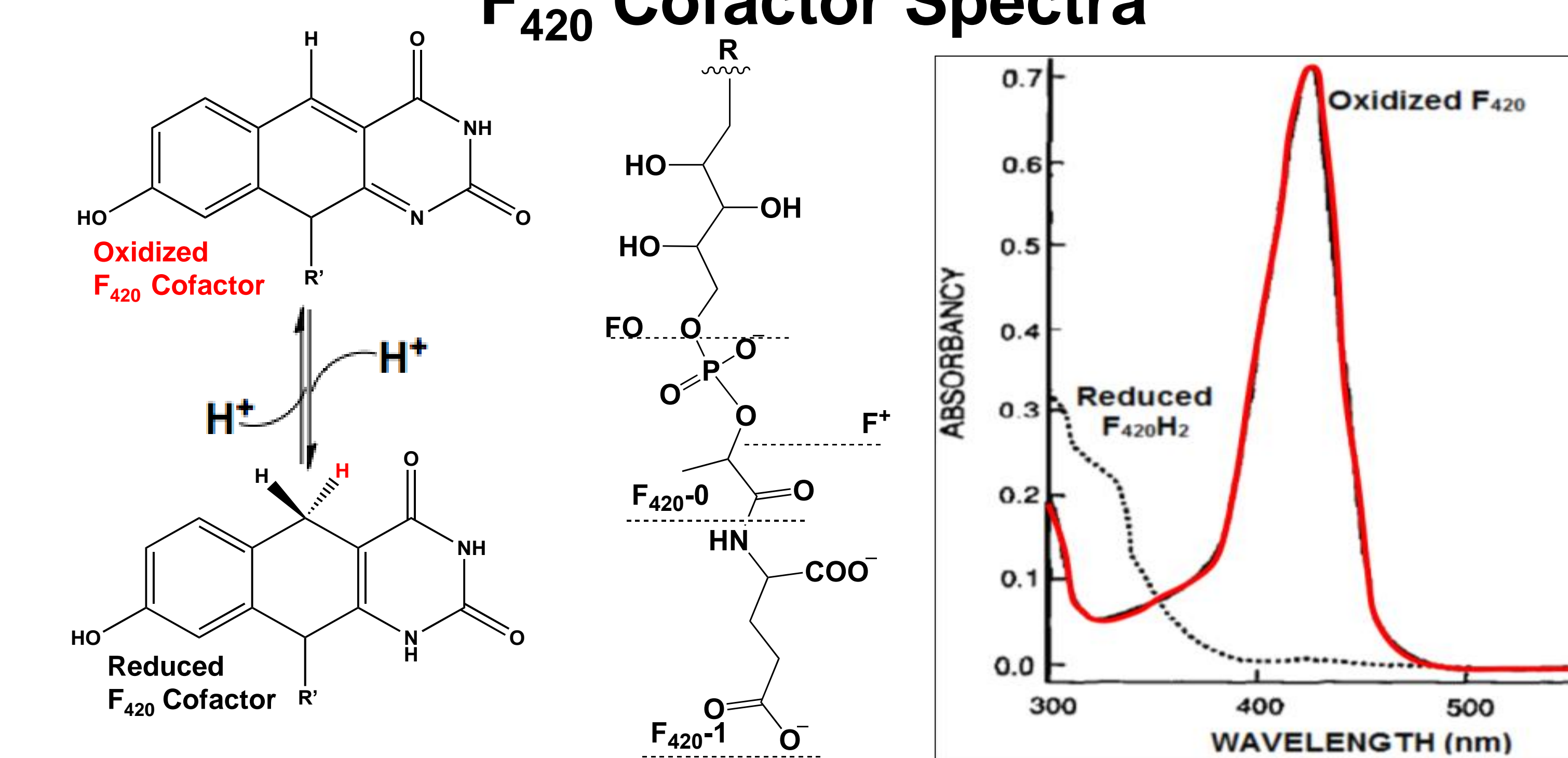
78 kDa Homodimer
 α/β_3 TIM Barrel
 One F₄₂₀ molecule per monomer

Active site

Proposed G6P binding site

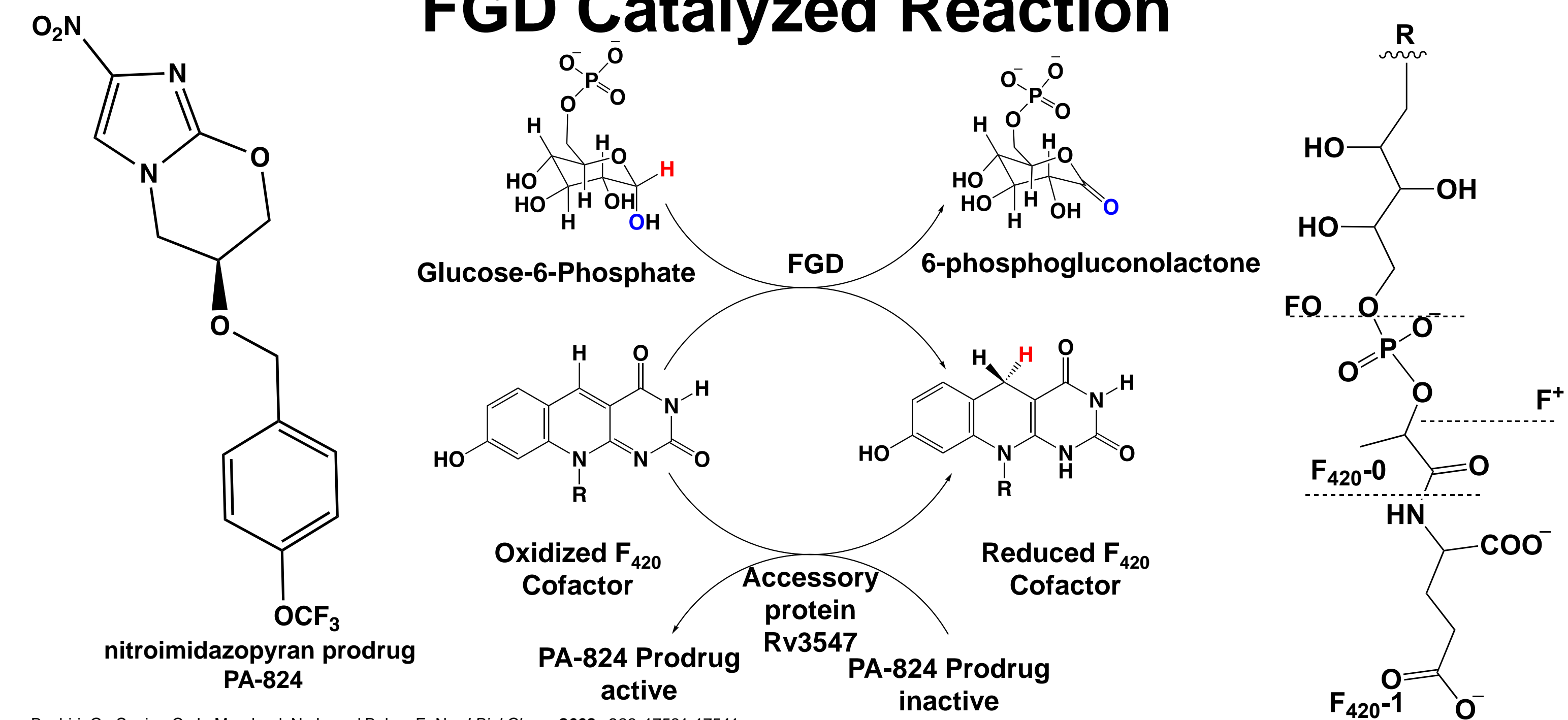
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F₄₂₀ Cofactor Spectra



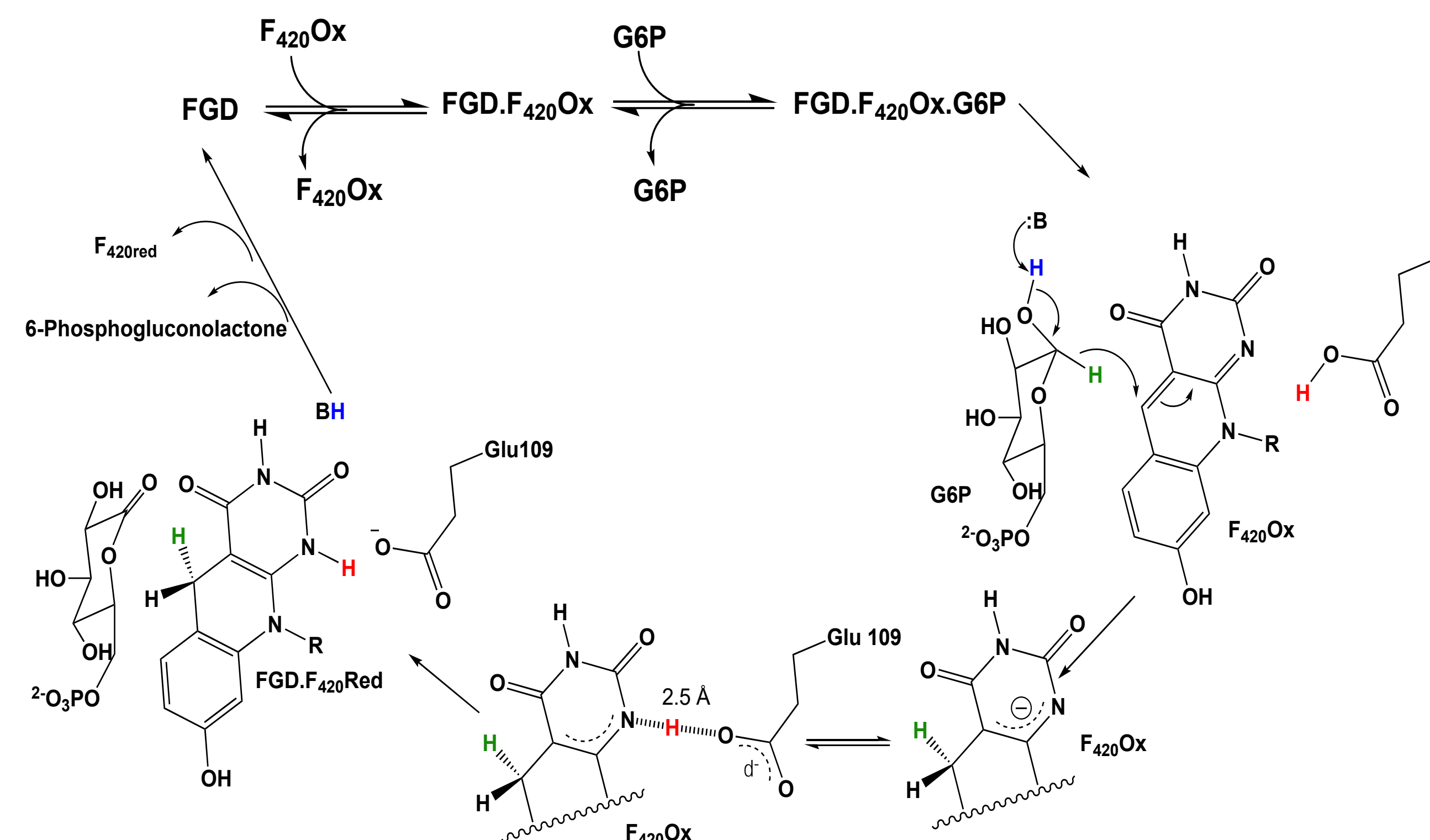
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FGD Catalyzed Reaction



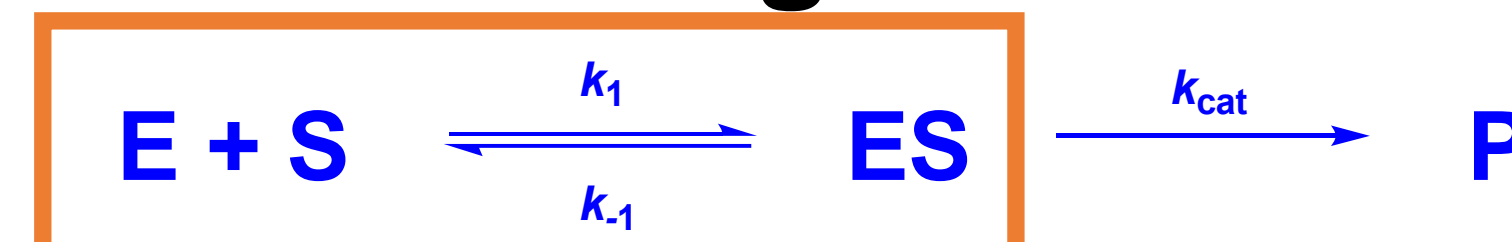
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Updated Mechanism



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FGD Binding Studies



Enzyme	G6P K _d (μM)	F ₄₂₀ K _d (nM)
wtFGD ^a	14 ± 4	71 ± 37
H40A	16 ± 3	194 ± 19
H40Q	54 ± 6	249 ± 111
H260A	7 ± 1	138 ± 29
H260N	49 ± 7	33 ± 8
E13A	15 ± 6	339 ± 70
E13Q	38 ± 10	258 ± 84

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

F₄₂₀ binding: [F₄₂₀] = 0 μM to 5.5 μM

[FGD] = 350 nM 50 mM Tris, pH 7.0

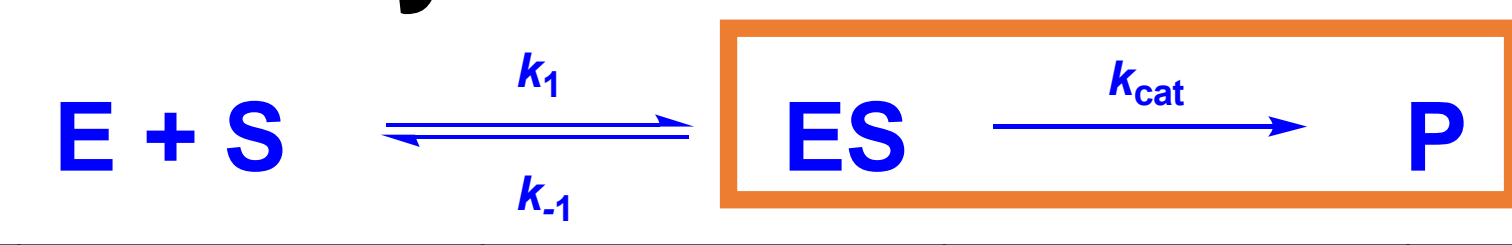
G6P binding: [G6P] = 0 μM to 0.73 μM

[FGD] = 350 nM, 50 mM Tris, pH 7.0

λ_{ex} = 290 nm; λ_{em} = 340 nm

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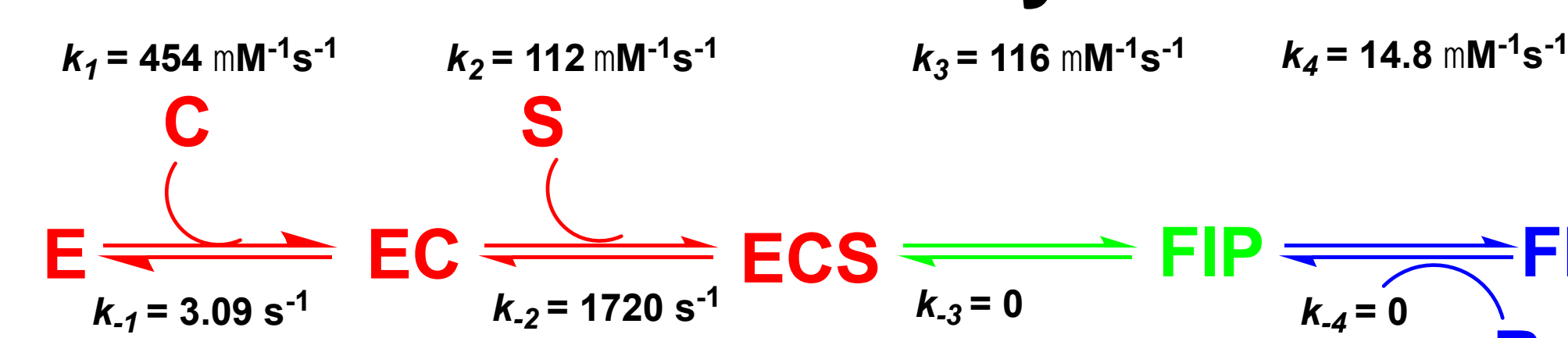
Steady-State Kinetics



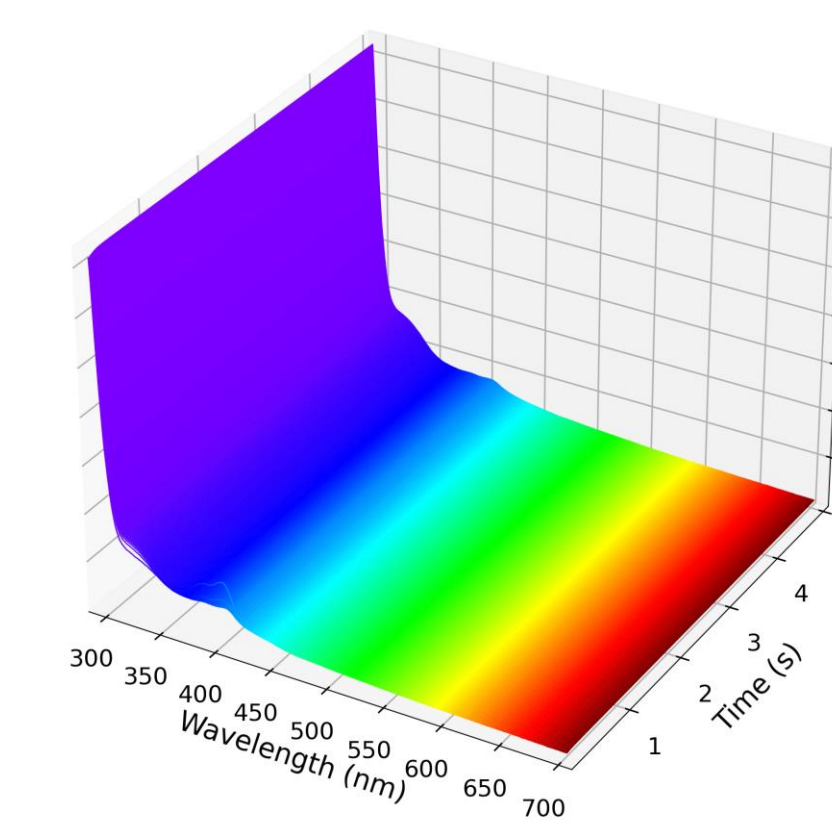
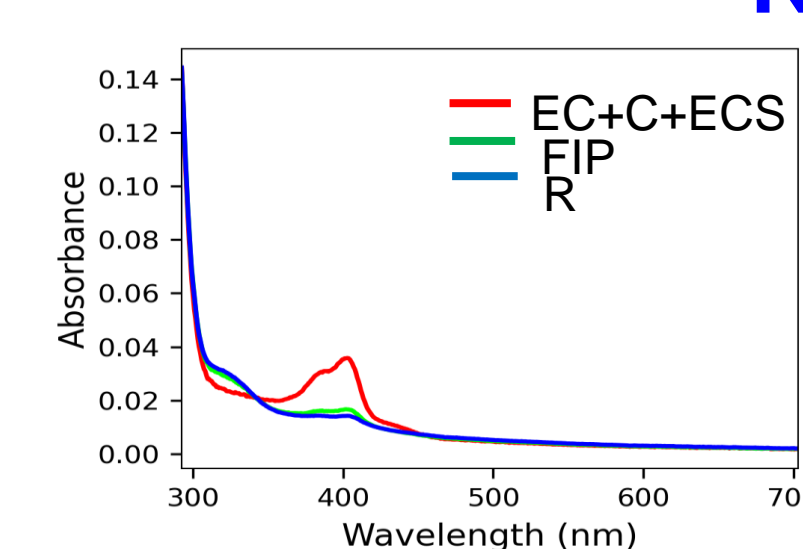
Enzyme	G6P k _{cat} (s ⁻¹)	G6P K _m (μM)	G6P k _{cat} /K _m (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	F ₄₂₀ k _{cat} (s ⁻¹)	F ₄₂₀ K _m (μM)	F ₄₂₀ k _{cat} /K _m (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
wtFGD ^a	1.4 ± 0.1	22 ± 2	(6.0 ± 0.5) × 10 ⁴	1.4 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.3	(6.0 ± 1.0) × 10 ⁵
H40A ^a	0.0016 ± 0.0001	27 ± 5	(5.0 ± 1.0) × 10 ²	0.0020 ± 0.0001	8.0 ± 2.0	(4.0 ± 0.6) × 10 ²
H40Q	0.0040 ± 0.0001	0.35 ± 0.05	(1.1 ± 0.2) × 10 ¹	0.0060 ± 0.0003	2.2 ± 0.5	(2.7 ± 0.6) × 10 ²
H260A	0.060 ± 0.002	0.0050 ± 0.0005	(1.2 ± 0.1) × 10 ²	0.070 ± 0.004	0.180 ± 0.014	(3.9 ± 0.3) × 10 ²
H260N	0.080 ± 0.002	0.3 ± 0.1	(2.6 ± 0.8) × 10 ²	0.070 ± 0.005	0.50 ± 0.02	(1.4 ± 0.1) × 10 ¹
E13A	0.0020 ± 0.0001	55 ± 9	(3.6 ± 0.6) × 10 ²	0.0030 ± 0.0007	12 ± 1	(2.5 ± 0.6) × 10 ¹
E13Q	0.097 ± 0.003	0.17 ± 0.03	(5.7 ± 0.1) × 10 ³	0.090 ± 0.002	0.10 ± 0.05	(9.0 ± 0.4) × 10 ²

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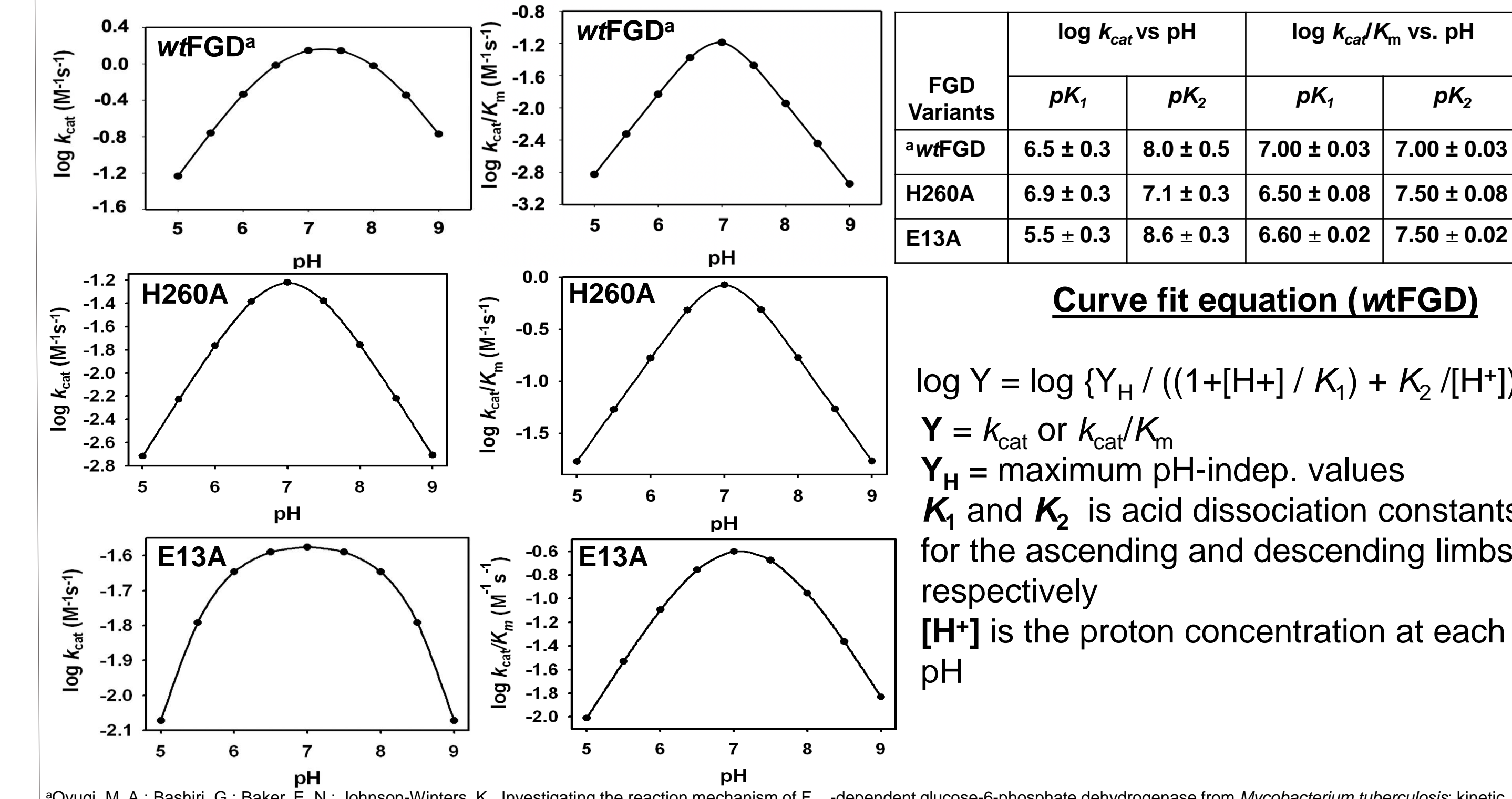
Pre Steady-State Kinetics



E = Enzyme
 C = Oxidized Cofactor (F₄₂₀)
 S = Substrate (Glucose-6-Phosphate)
 F = Conformational change within protein
 I = F₄₂₀ based Intermediate
 P = Product (6-Phosphogluconolactone)
 R = Reduced cofactor (F₄₂₀H₂)



pH Dependence Studies



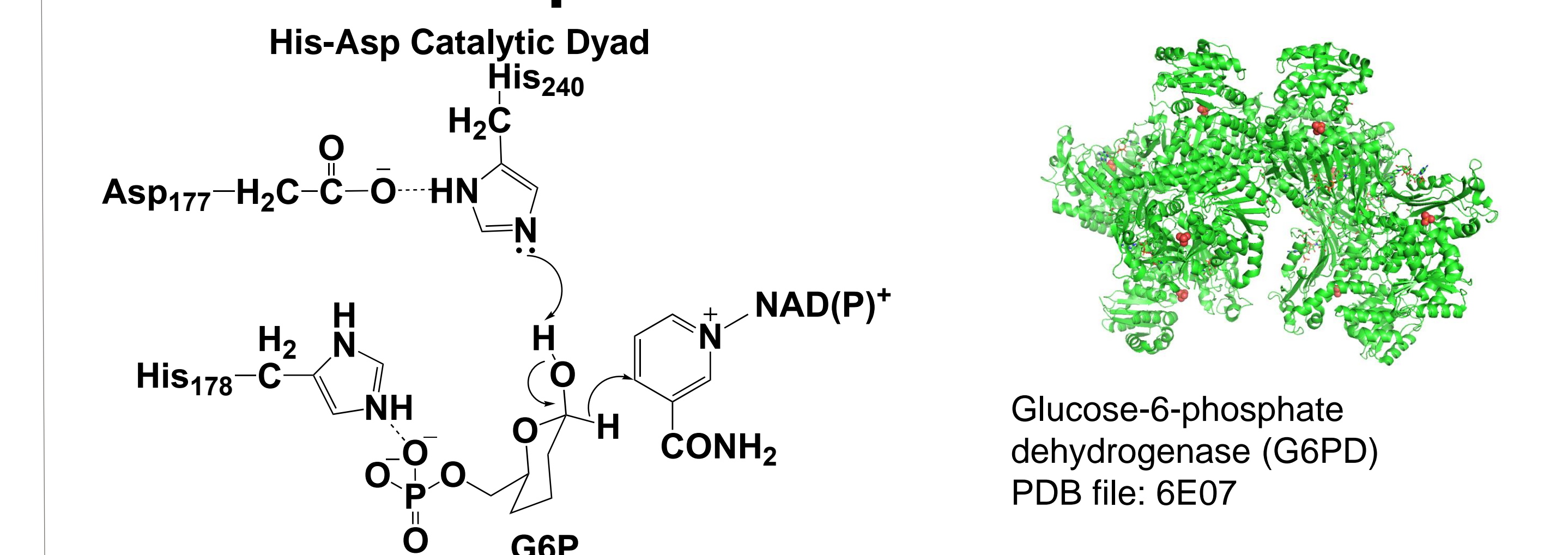
FGD Variants	log k _{cat} vs pH		log k _{cat} /K _m vs. pH	
	pK ₁	pK ₂	pK ₁	pK ₂
^a wtFGD	6.5 ± 0.3	8.0 ± 0.5	7.00 ± 0.03	7.00 ± 0.03
H260A	6.9 ± 0.3	7.1 ± 0.3	6.50 ± 0.08	7.50 ± 0.08
E13A	5.5 ± 0.3	8.6 ± 0.3	6.60 ± 0.02	7.50 ± 0.02

Curve fit equation (wtFGD)

log Y = log {Y_H / ((1+[H⁺] / K₁) + K₂ / [H⁺])}
 Y = k_{cat} or k_{cat}/K_m
 Y_H = maximum pH-indep. values
 K₁ and K₂ is acid dissociation constants for the ascending and descending limbs respectively
 [H⁺] is the proton concentration at each pH

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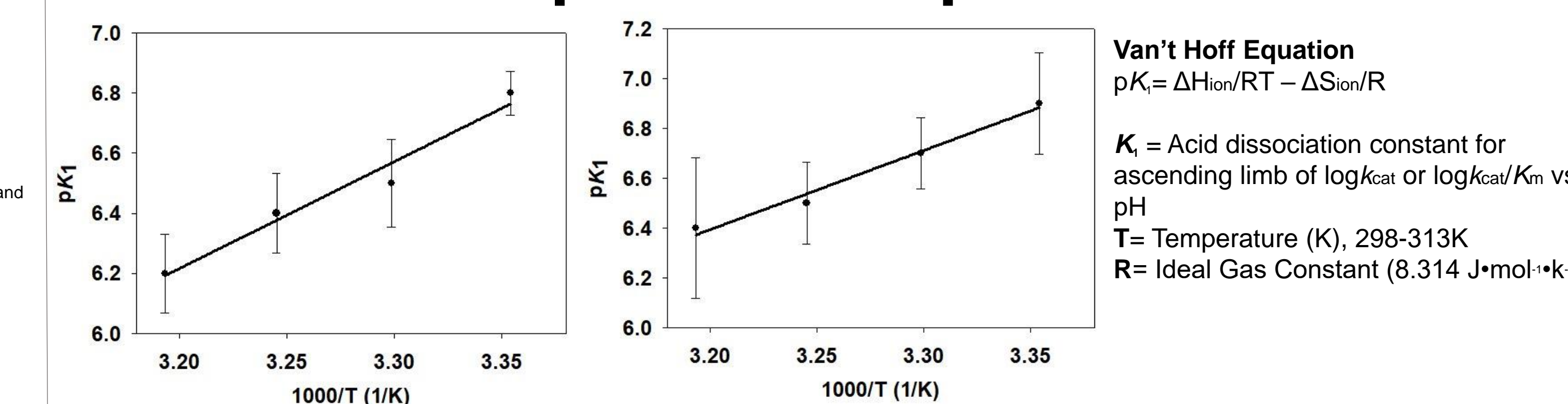
NADP⁺ Dependent G6PD Mechanism



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Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD)
 PDB file: 6E07

Temperature Dependence



Van't Hoff Equation
 pK = ΔH_{ion}/RT - ΔS_{ion}/R
 K₁ = Acid dissociation constant for ascending limb of logk_{cat} or logk_{cat}/K_m vs pH
 T = Temperature (K), 298-313K
 R = Ideal Gas Constant (8.314 J·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹)

Group	pK _a ^a	ΔH _{ion} ^b (kcal/mol)	Acid type
Carboxyl	3-5	±1.5	Neutral
Imidazole	5.5-7	6-7.5	Cationic
Sulfhydryl	8-9	6.5-7	Neutral
Amino	7.6-10.5	10-13	Cationic
Tyrosine	10-10.5	6	Neutral

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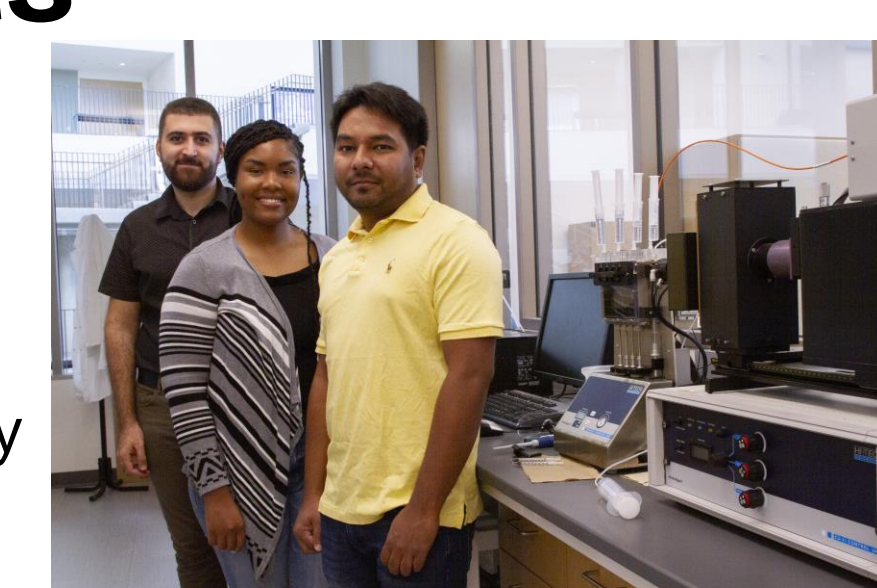
Conclusions

- Amino acids H40, H260, and E13 are not involved in G6P binding. However, they do play a role in F₄₂₀ binding
- Due to decreased activity in the steady-state experiments, we are able to conclude that all residues are involved in catalysis
- E13 and H40 act as a catalytic dyad. H40 acts as an acid donating a proton to E13 and subsequently acts as a base abstracting a proton from G6P
- Global analysis of wtFGD revealed the presence of intermediate and a fast chemistry/slow product release reaction

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