

Supplementary Materials for “Analysis of Cardiac Mitochondrial Na⁺/Ca²⁺ Exchanger Kinetics with a Biophysical Model of Mitochondrial Ca²⁺ Handling Suggests a 3:1 Stoichiometry”

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Computational Model of Mitochondrial Oxidative Phosphorylation

This appendix presents a simplified version of our computational model of mitochondrial respiratory system and oxidative phosphorylation (Beard, 2005) (also see Beard, 2006; Huang *et al.*, 2007; Wu *et al.*, 2007a; Wu *et al.*, 2007b) which constitute a key component of the present integrated model of mitochondrial bioenergetics and Ca²⁺ handling. The kinetics of Na⁺-Ca²⁺ transport system are coupled to the kinetics of electron transport system and oxidative phosphorylation via the inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM) potential $\Delta\Psi$ and trans-IMM pH gradient (or proton motive force ΔG_H). The basic components of the original model include reactions at complexes I, III, IV and V, substrate transporters ANT (adenine nucleotide translocase) and PHT (phosphate-hydrogen cotransporter), and cation fluxes across the IMM, including the fluxes via the KHE (K⁺/H⁺ exchanger) and passive H⁺ and K⁺ permeations (“leaks”) (Figure 1). The simplifications include deletion of the adenylate kinase reaction in the intermembrane space which has a very little role in the regulation mitochondrial bioenergetics in isolated mitochondria. In addition, the bindings of magnesium ions (Mg²⁺) to the adenine nucleotides (ATP and ADP) are assumed fast so that the reactions can be considered at near equilibrium at all time. These simplifications reduce the number of differential equations to solve governing the biochemical processes of energy metabolism in mitochondria. For clarity, the simplified governing model equations are presented below and the associated model parameter values are presented in Table S1.

Mitochondrial Transport and Reaction Fluxes:

Dehydrogenase $\text{NAD}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$

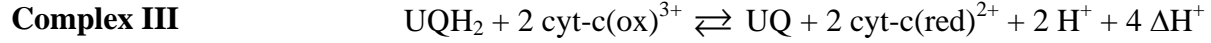
$$J_{\text{DH}} = X_{\text{DH}} \left(\frac{1 + [\text{Pi}]_x / k_{\text{Pi},1}}{1 + [\text{Pi}]_x / k_{\text{Pi},2}} \right) (r_{\text{DH}} [\text{NAD}^+]_x - [\text{NADH}]_x)$$

The model do not account for the kinetics of the TCA cycle and other NADH-producing reactions (Beard, 2005, 2006; Wu *et al.*, 2007a). Instead, the rate of NADH production from NAD⁺ is modeled using a phosphate-dependent phenomenological dehydrogenase flux expression.



$$J_{\text{C1}} = X_{\text{C1}} \left(\frac{\exp\left(-\left(\Delta G_{\text{o,C1}} + 4\Delta G_{\text{H}} - RT \ln([\text{H}^+]_{\text{x}}/10^{-7})\right)/RT\right)}{\times [\text{NADH}]_{\text{x}}[\text{UQ}] - [\text{NAD}^+]_{\text{x}}[\text{UQH}_2]} \right)$$

where $\Delta G_{\text{H}} = F\Delta\Psi + RT \ln([\text{H}^+]_{\text{e}}/[\text{H}^+]_{\text{x}})$ is the proton motive force, or the change in Gibb's free energy associated with the pumping of protons from the matrix side to the extra-matrix side of the IMM. A total of 4 protons are pumped each time this reaction proceeds.



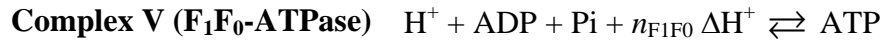
$$J_{\text{C3}} = X_{\text{C3}} \left(\frac{1 + [\text{Pi}]_{\text{x}}/k_{\text{Pi,3}}}{1 + [\text{Pi}]_{\text{x}}/k_{\text{Pi,4}}} \right) \left(\frac{\exp\left(-\left(\Delta G_{\text{o,C3}} + 4\Delta G_{\text{H}} + 2RT \ln([\text{H}^+]_{\text{x}}/10^{-7}) - 2F\Delta\Psi\right)/2RT\right)}{\times [\text{cyt-c(ox)}^{3+}][\text{UQH}_2]^{1/2} - [\text{cyt-c(red)}^{2+}][\text{UQ}]^{1/2}} \right)$$

The model accounts for a phosphate-dependent control of the complex III reaction. A total of 4 protons are pumped from the matrix side to the extra-matrix side of the IMM each time this reaction proceeds.



$$J_{\text{C4}} = X_{\text{C4}} \left(\frac{[\text{O}_2]}{k_{\text{O}_2} + [\text{O}_2]} \right) \left(\frac{[\text{cyt-c(red)}^{2+}]}{\text{cyt-c}_{\text{tot}}} \right) \left(\frac{\exp\left(-\left(\Delta G_{\text{o,C4}} + 2\Delta G_{\text{H}} - 2RT \ln([\text{H}^+]_{\text{x}}/10^{-7})\right)/2RT\right)}{\times [\text{cyt-c(red)}^{2+}][\text{O}_2]^{1/4} - e^{+F\Delta\Psi/RT}[\text{cyt-c(ox)}^{3+}]} \right)$$

A total of 2 protons are pumped from the matrix side to the extra-matrix side of the IMM each time this reaction proceeds (oxygen consumption).



$$J_{\text{F1F0}} = X_{\text{F1F0}} \left(\frac{\exp\left(-\left(\Delta G_{\text{o,F1F0}} - n_{\text{F1F0}}\Delta G_{\text{H}} - RT \ln([\text{H}^+]_{\text{x}}/10^{-7})\right)/RT\right)}{\times \left(K_{\text{MgADP}}/K_{\text{MgATP}}\right)[\text{mADP}]_{\text{x}}[\text{Pi}]_{\text{x}} - (1 \text{ M})[\text{mATP}]_{\text{x}}}$$

A total of n_{F1F0} ($= 3$) protons enter the matrix through the proton channel of F₁F₀-ATPase each time this reaction proceeds (ATP synthesis).



$$[\text{mATP}] = \frac{[\text{ATP}][\text{Mg}^{2+}]}{K_{\text{MgATP}} + [\text{Mg}^{2+}]} \quad \text{and} \quad [\text{mADP}] = \frac{[\text{ADP}][\text{Mg}^{2+}]}{K_{\text{MgADP}} + [\text{Mg}^{2+}]}$$

$$[\text{fATP}] = \frac{K_{\text{MgATP}}[\text{ATP}]}{K_{\text{MgATP}} + [\text{Mg}^{2+}]} \quad \text{and} \quad [\text{fADP}] = \frac{K_{\text{MgADP}}[\text{ADP}]}{K_{\text{MgADP}} + [\text{Mg}^{2+}]}$$

$$[\text{Mg}^{2+}]_{\text{tot}} = [\text{Mg}^{2+}] + [\text{mATP}] + [\text{mADP}]$$

These relationships are based on equilibrium binding of Mg²⁺ with fATP and fADP. So given [ATP], [ADP] and [Mg²⁺]_{tot} (total concentrations) in a compartment (x, i or e), the [Mg²⁺],

[fATP], [fADP] (free concentrations), and [mATP] and [mADP] (bound concentrations) can be obtained from the above equilibrium binding relationships. In fact, the problem reduces to solving the following cubic polynomial for the free Mg^{2+} concentration, $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]$:

$$A_0 + A_1[\text{Mg}^{2+}] + A_2[\text{Mg}^{2+}]^2 + A_3[\text{Mg}^{2+}]^3 = 0$$

where

$$A_0 = -[\text{Mg}^{2+}]_{\text{tot}} K_{\text{MgATP}} K_{\text{MgADP}}$$

$$A_1 = K_{\text{MgADP}}[\text{ATP}] + K_{\text{MgATP}}[\text{ADP}] - [\text{Mg}^{2+}]_{\text{tot}} (K_{\text{MgATP}} + K_{\text{MgADP}}) + K_{\text{MgATP}} K_{\text{MgADP}}$$

$$A_2 = [\text{ATP}] + [\text{ADP}] - [\text{Mg}^{2+}]_{\text{tot}} + K_{\text{MgATP}} + K_{\text{MgADP}}$$

$$A_3 = 1$$

Once the free $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]$ is obtained from the above cubic polynomial, [fATP], [fADP], [mATP] and [mADP] can be obtained from the associated equilibrium binding relationships.

Adenine Nucleotide Translocase (ANT)

$$J_{\text{ANT}} = X_{\text{ANT}} \left(\frac{[\text{fADP}]_i}{k_{\text{ADP}} + [\text{fADP}]_i} \right) \left(\frac{[\text{fADP}]_i}{[\text{fADP}]_i + [\text{fATP}]_i e^{-0.35 F \Delta \Psi / RT}} - \frac{[\text{fADP}]_x}{[\text{fADP}]_x + [\text{fATP}]_x e^{+0.65 F \Delta \Psi / RT}} \right)$$

The exchange of ATP for ADP via the ANT is electrogenic, so the flux is dependent on the IMM potential $\Delta \Psi$. In addition, the exchange is regulated (activated) by the extra-matrix free ADP concentration.

Phosphate-Hydrogen Cotransporter (PHT)

$$J_{\text{PHT}} = X_{\text{PHT}} \left(\frac{[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]_x [\text{H}^+]_x - [\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]_i [\text{H}^+]_i}{[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]_i + k_{\text{PHT}}} \right)$$

where $[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]_i = [\text{H}^+]_i [\text{Pi}]_i / ([\text{H}^+]_i + k_{\text{dH}})$, $[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]_x = [\text{H}^+]_x [\text{Pi}]_x / ([\text{H}^+]_x + k_{\text{dH}})$ and $[\text{H}^+]_i = [\text{H}^+]_e$.

Pottasium-Hydrogen Exchanger (KHE)

$$J_{\text{KHE}} = X_{\text{KHE}} ([\text{K}^+]_i [\text{H}^+]_x - [\text{K}^+]_x [\text{H}^+]_i); \quad [\text{K}^+]_i = [\text{K}^+]_e \quad \text{and} \quad [\text{H}^+]_i = [\text{H}^+]_e$$

Passive Proton Permeation (Leak)

$$J_{\text{Hleak}} = X_{\text{Hleak}} \Delta \Psi \left(\frac{[\text{H}^+]_i \exp(+F \Delta \Psi / RT) - [\text{H}^+]_x}{\exp(+F \Delta \Psi / RT) - 1} \right); \quad [\text{H}^+]_i = [\text{H}^+]_e$$

Passive Pottasium Permeation (Leak)

$$J_{\text{Kleak}} = X_{\text{Kleak}} \Delta \Psi \left(\frac{[\text{K}^+]_i \exp(+F \Delta \Psi / RT) - [\text{K}^+]_x}{\exp(+F \Delta \Psi / RT) - 1} \right); \quad [\text{K}^+]_i = [\text{K}^+]_e$$

Passive Substrate Transport Fluxes

$$J_{\text{ATPt}} = \gamma p_A ([\text{ATP}]_e - [\text{ATP}]_i)$$

$$J_{\text{ADPt}} = \gamma p_A ([\text{ADP}]_e - [\text{ADP}]_i)$$

$$J_{\text{Pit}} = \gamma p_{\text{Pi}} ([\text{Pi}]_e - [\text{Pi}]_i)$$

Dynamic Mass Balance Equations:

The following differential equations constitute the simplified model of mitochondrial electron transport system and oxidative phosphorylation. This model is further augmented by the differential equations for Na^+ and Ca^{2+} in the matrix and extra-matrix spaces (see the Method section).

$$\begin{aligned} d\Delta\Psi/dt &= (+4J_{\text{C1}} + 2J_{\text{C3}} + 4J_{\text{C4}} - n_{\text{F1F0}}J_{\text{F1F0}} - J_{\text{ANT}} - J_{\text{Hleak}} - J_{\text{Kleak}})/C_{\text{IMM}} \\ d[\text{H}^+]_x/dt &= [\text{H}^+]_x (+J_{\text{DH}} - 5J_{\text{C1}} - 2J_{\text{C3}} - 4J_{\text{C4}} + (n_{\text{F1F0}} - 1)J_{\text{F1F0}} + 2J_{\text{PHT}} + J_{\text{Hleak}} - J_{\text{KHE}})/(\beta_{\text{H}}W_x) \\ d[\text{K}^+]_x/dt &= (+J_{\text{KHE}} + J_{\text{Kleak}})/W_x \\ d[\text{NADH}]_x/dt &= (+J_{\text{DH}} - J_{\text{C1}})/W_x \\ d[\text{UQH}_2]_x/dt &= (+J_{\text{C1}} - J_{\text{C3}})/W_x \\ d[\text{cyt-c}(\text{red})^{2+}]_i/dt &= (+2J_{\text{C3}} - 2J_{\text{C4}})/W_i \\ d[\text{ATP}]_x/dt &= (+J_{\text{F1F0}} - J_{\text{ANT}})/W_x \\ d[\text{Pi}]_x/dt &= (-J_{\text{F1F0}} + J_{\text{PHT}})/W_x \\ d[\text{ATP}]_i/dt &= (+J_{\text{ATPt}} + J_{\text{ANT}})/W_i \\ d[\text{ADP}]_i/dt &= (+J_{\text{ADPt}} - J_{\text{ANT}})/W_i \\ d[\text{Pi}]_i/dt &= (+J_{\text{Pit}} - J_{\text{PHT}})/W_i \\ d[\text{ATP}]_e/dt &= -J_{\text{ATPt}}/W_e \\ d[\text{ADP}]_e/dt &= -J_{\text{ADPt}}/W_e \\ d[\text{Pi}]_e/dt &= -J_{\text{Pit}}/W_e \end{aligned}$$

The governing differential equations for $\Delta\Psi$ and $[\text{H}^+]_x$ are further modified due to the contributions from fluxes through the CU, NCE and NHE (see the Method section). The following state variables are computed from the total concentration pools based on mass conservations:

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{NAD}^+]_x &= \text{NAD}_{\text{tot}} - [\text{NADH}]_x \\ [\text{UQ}] &= \text{UQ}_{\text{tot}} - [\text{UQH}_2] \\ [\text{cyt-c}(\text{ox})^{3+}] &= \text{cyt-c}_{\text{tot}} - [\text{cytC}(\text{red})^{2+}] \\ [\text{ADP}]_x &= \text{A}_{\text{tot}} - [\text{ATP}]_x \end{aligned}$$

Table S1: Parameter values in the simplified model of mitochondrial electron transport system and oxidative phosphorylation (“mito” denotes mitochondria). Most parameter values were estimated based on the experimental data of Bose *et al.* (2003) in isolated cardiac mitochondria. For details, see the references (Beard, 2005, 2006; Huang *et al.*, 2007; Wu *et al.*, 2007a; Wu *et al.*, 2007b).

| Parameter | Description | Values | Units | Reference |
|--|--|------------------------|---|-----------|
| <i>Physicochemical/Thermodynamic Parameters:</i> | | | | |
| RT | Gas constant times temperature | 2.5775 | kJ mol^{-1} | _a |
| F | Faraday’s constant | 0.096484 | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1} \text{mV}^{-1}$ | _a |
| $\Delta G_{o,C1}$ | Standard free energy, complex I | -69.37 | kJ mol^{-1} | _b |
| $\Delta G_{o,C3}$ | Standard free energy, complex III | -32.53 | kJ mol^{-1} | _b |
| $\Delta G_{o,C4}$ | Standard free energy, complex IV | -122.94 | kJ mol^{-1} | _b |
| $\Delta G_{o,F1F0}$ | Standard free energy, F_1F_0 -ATPase | 36.03 | kJ mol^{-1} | _b |
| <i>Anatomical Parameters:</i> | | | | |
| W_x | Matrix water fraction | 0.6514 | $(\text{l water}) (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _c |
| W_i | IMS water fraction | 0.0724 | $(\text{l water}) (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _c |
| W_e | External buffer water fraction | 390.0 | $(\text{l water}) (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _d |
| γ | Outer membrane area per mito volume | 5.99 | μm^{-1} | _e |
| <i>Mitochondrial Model Parameters:</i> | | | | |
| $k_{Pi,1}$ | Dehydrogenase/Pi parameter | 0.1553 | mM | _f |
| $k_{Pi,2}$ | Dehydrogenase/Pi parameter | 0.8222 | mM | _f |
| r_{DH} | Dehydrogenase phenomenological parameter | 4.559 | unitless | _f |
| X_{DH} | Dehydrogenase activity | 0.0866 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{C1} | Complex I activity | 4.405×10^3 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-2} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{C3} | Complex III activity | 4.887 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-3/2} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{C4} | Complex IV activity | 6.766×10^{-5} | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{F1F0} | F_1F_0 -ATPase activity | 1000.0 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{ANT} | ANT activity | 8.123×10^{-3} | $\text{mol s}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| n_{F1F0} | H^+ stoichiometry for F_1F_0 -ATPase | 3.0 | unitless | _g |
| X_{PHT} | Pi^-/H^+ cotransporter activity | 3.850×10^5 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| k_{PHT} | Pi^-/H^+ cotransporter parameter | 0.2542 | mM | _f |
| X_{KHE} | K^+/H^+ antiporter activity | 5.651×10^7 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-2} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{Hleak} | Proton leak activity | 200.0 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} \text{mV}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| X_{Kleak} | Potassium leak activity | 0.0 | $\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{M}^{-1} \text{mV}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _f |
| $k_{Pi,3}$ | Complex III/Pi parameter | 0.3601 | mM | _f |
| $k_{Pi,4}$ | Complex III/Pi parameter | 5.924 | mM | _f |
| p_{Pi} | Outer mitochondrial membrane permeability to inorganic phosphate | 327.0 | $\mu\text{m sec}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _h |
| p_A | Outer mitochondrial membrane permeability to nucleotides | 85.0 | $\mu\text{m sec}^{-1} (\text{l mito})^{-1}$ | _i |

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|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|----|
| k_{ADP} | ANT Michaelis-Menten constant | 3.5×10^{-6} | M | _h |
| k_{O_2} | Kinetic constant for complex IV | 1.2×10^{-4} | M | _h |
| β_{H} | Matrix proton buffering capacity | 0.0043 | M | _j |
| C_{IMM} | Effective capacitance of IMM | 6.75×10^{-6} | mol (1 mito) ⁻¹ mV ⁻¹ | _k |
| <i>Fixed Concentrations Pools:</i> | | | | |
| NAD_{tot} | Total matrix NAD concentration | 2.97 | mmol (1 matrix water) ⁻¹ | _h |
| UQ_{tot} | Total matrix ubiquinol concentration | 1.35 | mmol (1 matrix water) ⁻¹ | _h |
| $\text{cyt-c}_{\text{tot}}$ | Total IMS cytochrome-c concentration | 2.70 | mmol (1 IMS water) ⁻¹ | _h |
| A_{tot} | Total matrix adenine nucleotide concentration (ATP+ADP) | 10 | mmol (1 matrix water) ⁻¹ | _h |
| $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]_{\text{tot}}$ | Total matrix Mg^{2+} concentration | 10 | mmol (1 matrix water) ⁻¹ | _h |
| $[\text{H}^+]_{\text{e}}$ | Buffer H^+ ion concentration | $10^{-7.2}$ | mol (1 buffer water) ⁻¹ | _d |
| $[\text{K}^+]_{\text{e}}$ | Buffer K^+ ion concentration | 180 | mmol (1 buffer water) ⁻¹ | _d |
| $[\text{Pi}]_{\text{e}}$ | Buffer Pi concentration | 2.5 | mmol (1 buffer water) ⁻¹ | _d |
| $[\text{O}_2]$ | Buffer O_2 concentration | 3.48×10^{-5} | M | _d |
| <i>Binding Constants:</i> | | | | |
| K_{MgATP} | Mg-ATP binding constant | 24×10^{-6} | M | _h |
| K_{MgADP} | Mg-ADP binding constant | 347×10^{-6} | M | _h |
| k_{dH} | $\text{H}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ dissociate constant | 1.778×10^{-7} | M | _l |

_a Standard physicochemical/thermodynamic constants

_b Computed from the thermodynamic data tabulated in Alberty (2003)

_c Taken from Vinnakota and Bassingthwaite (2004)

_d Experimental condition of Cox and Matlib (1993)

_e Taken from Munoz *et al.* (1999)

_f Estimations from Beard (2005; 2006) and Wu *et al.* (2007a).

_g Taken from Tomashek & Brusilow (2000)

_h Taken from Vendelin *et al.* (2000)

_i Taken from Lee *et al.* (1994)

_j Taken from Kapus *et al.* (1989)

_k Taken from Gentet *et al.* (2000)

_l Taken from Alberty (2003)

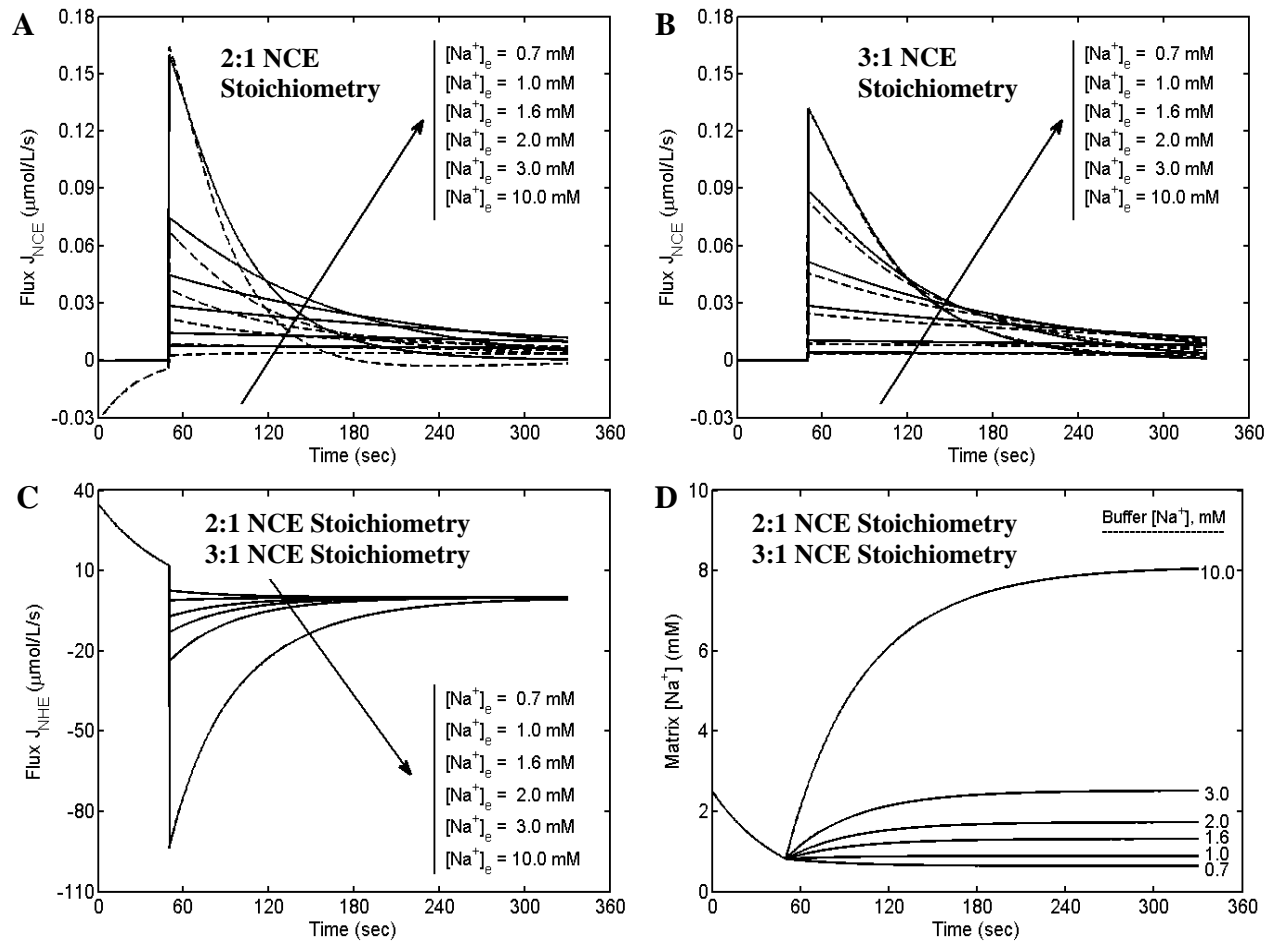


Figure S1. Dynamics of trans-matrix Na^+ fluxes and intra-matrix Na^+ concentrations. (A,B) The model-simulated time courses of Na^+ influx (Ca^{2+} efflux) through the $\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ exchanger (NCE) with the addition of varying levels of Na^+ to the external buffer medium. The model simulation protocol is exactly the same as the experimental protocol of Cox and Matlib (1993) and the model parameter values are exactly the same as those described in Figure 5. The simulations in plot-A are based on using a $2\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ stoichiometry model (electroneutral exchange), while the simulations in plot-B are based on using a $3\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+}$ stoichiometry model (electrogenic exchange). The solid lines are the simulations with a total of $1 \mu\text{M}$ of Ca^{2+} in the external buffer, while the dashed lines are the simulations with a total of $40 \mu\text{M}$ of Ca^{2+} in the external buffer. The corresponding model-simulated time courses of Na^+ fluxes through the Na^+/H^+ exchanger (NHE) and the resulting time courses of intra-matrix $[\text{Na}^+]$ are shown in plots C and D, respectively. In contrast to the NCE fluxes, both the NHE fluxes and matrix $[\text{Na}^+]$ are independent of the external buffer $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ as well as the NCE stoichiometry.

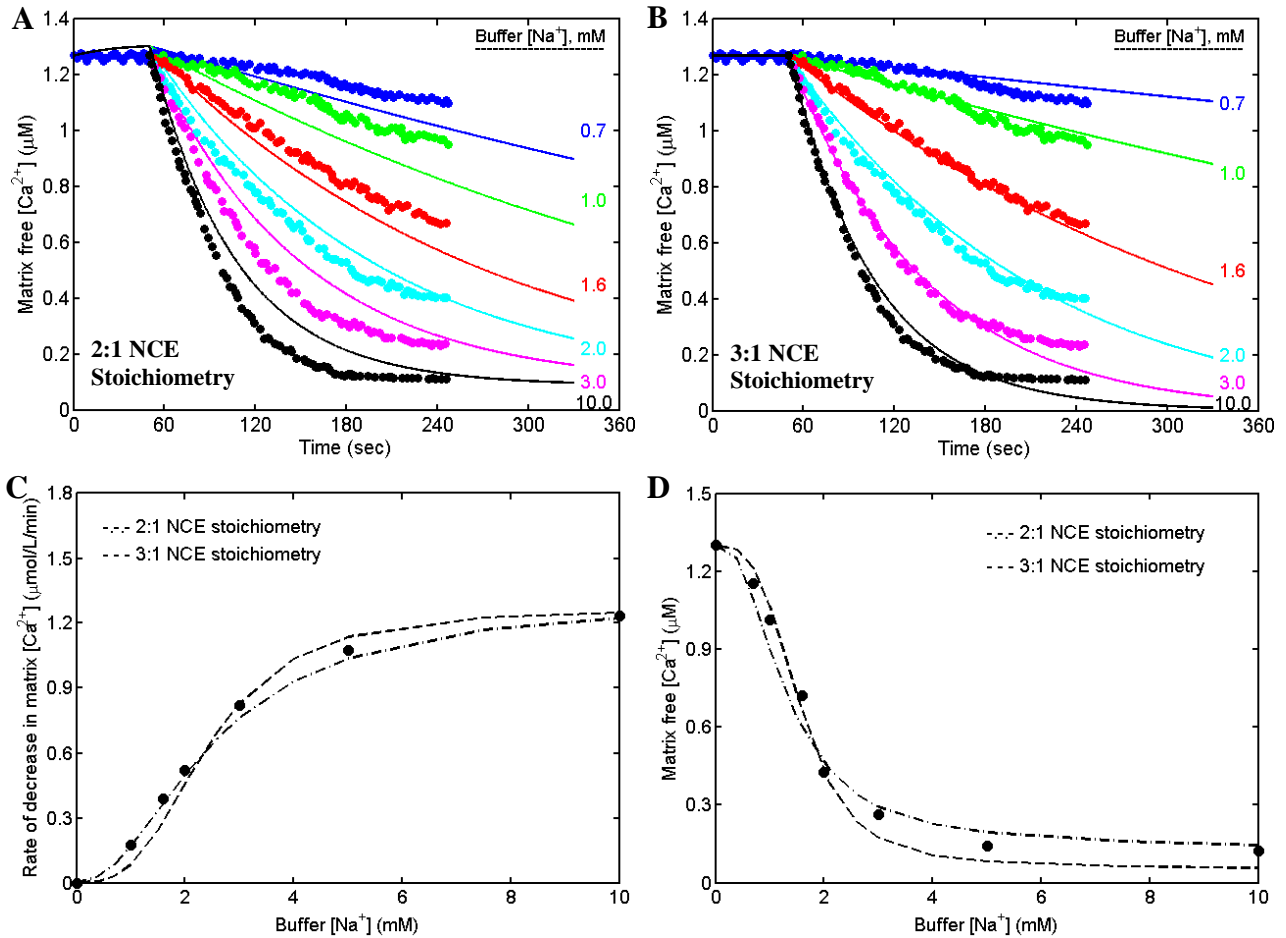


Figure S2. Characterization of the kinetics and stoichiometry of the mitochondrial NCE. The comparison of model predictions (lines) to the experimental data (points) of Cox and Matlib (1993) using both the 2:1 and 3:1 NCE stoichiometry models with the total external buffer $[Ca^{2+}]$ fixed at 20 μM and the NCE model parameter values obtained by fitting the NCE flux expressions (2a) and (2b) to the experimental data on initial NCE flux rates in plot-C. The experimental protocol and data are described in Figure 5. The estimate of $\sim 20 \mu M$ of total external buffer $[Ca^{2+}]$ is based on the EGTA- Ca^{2+} binding model (Eq. 5) with a free external buffer $[Ca^{2+}]$ of $\sim 0.15 \mu M$; $0.15 \mu M$ is the approximate free external buffer $[Ca^{2+}]$ at steady state with a free matrix $[Ca^{2+}]$ of $0.1 \mu M$ (as depicted in the experimental data of Cox and Matlib; plots-A,B) calculated using the 2:1 NCE stoichiometry model with the CU blocked. The NCE model parameter values obtained from the initial NCE flux rate measurements in plot-C are $K_{Na,NCE} = 2.4 \text{ mM}$, $K_{Ca,NCE} = 2.1 \mu M$, and $X_{NCE} = 1.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nmol } Ca^{2+}/mg/s$ ($2.64 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nmol } Na^+/mg/s$) for the 2:1 model and $K_{Na,NCE} = 2.4 \text{ mM}$, $K_{Ca,NCE} = 2.1 \mu M$, and $X_{NCE} = 3.375 \times 10^{-5} \text{ nmol } Ca^{2+}/mg/s$ ($10.125 \times 10^{-5} \text{ nmol } Na^+/mg/s$) for the 3:1 model. Note that the NCE model parameter estimates are the same as those in Figure 5 for the 3:1 model, while the estimates of both $K_{Na,NCE}$ and X_{NCE} are reduced for the 2:1 model. Furthermore, the simulations using the $2Na^+/Ca^{2+}$ stoichiometry model deviates considerably from the dynamic data (plot-A), while the simulations using the $3Na^+/Ca^{2+}$ stoichiometry model is more consistent with the dynamic data (plot-B) throughout the measurement period. This analysis further substantiates the hypothesis of 3:1 NCE stoichiometry.

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