

frequency for the detection of CCO, the C-C stretch, is weak in the infrared spectrum of clusters, so electron energy loss spectroscopy is a more promising technique than infrared for the detection of CCO on metal surfaces.

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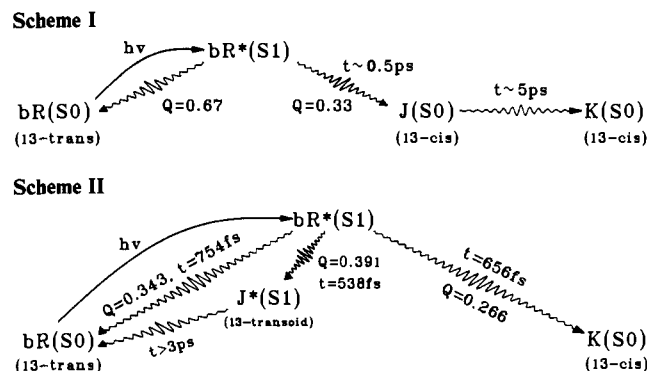
Molecular Dynamics of the Primary Photochemical Event in Bacteriorhodopsin. Theoretical Evidence for an Excited Singlet State Assignment for the J Intermediate

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The nature of the primary photochemical event in light-adapted bacteriorhodopsin (bR) has been studied by a variety of experimental¹⁻¹⁰ and theoretical¹¹ techniques. The picosecond time resolved absorption studies⁵ are interpreted generally in terms of Scheme I. Raman,⁶ FTIR,⁷ NMR,⁸ and optical⁹ studies indicate



that K is an isomerized (13-cis) species. It is inferred that the chromophore in J is isomerized (13-cis) and that relaxation and/or proton translocation generates K.^{2,3,5,11}

We studied the primary event in bacteriorhodopsin by using INDO-PSDCI SCF-MO theory and semiempirical molecular dynamics theory. Our procedures are identical with those used previously to study rhodopsin.¹²⁻¹⁴ We generated our models of bR (Figure 1a) and K (Figure 1b) by using molecular orbital theory to predict bR and K absorption spectra and energy differences and optimizing the structures to best reproduce the experimental data.^{9,10a} The calculated potential surfaces, Franck-Condon absorption maxima and photoisomerization dynamics associated with the absorption of light, are shown in Figure 1c-f. The shape of the lowest lying excited singlet state potential surface, however, is far from optimum for dynamic coupling into the ground state. The S_1 surface has a positive hump at the 270° ΔE_{10} minimum which reduces dramatically the coupling efficiency (see Discussion in ref 12 and 13). This characteristic of the S_1 surface was observed in all of our calculations, irrespective of model, and differs significantly from the corresponding feature calculated for the S_1 surface of rhodopsin.^{11c-13} The rhodopsin S_1 surface has a relatively deep potential well at the ΔE_{10} surface minimum which traps the trajectory in an activated complex resulting in excellent dynamic coupling into the ground state.^{12,13} This difference in potential surfaces results in a rhodopsin \rightarrow bacteriorhodopsin quantum yield (0.62)¹² which is roughly twice that calculated for the bR \rightarrow K phototransformation (0.27; see below).

Our calculations predict complex dynamics and biphasic repopulation of bR involving three pathways depopulating the S_1^* potential surface (Scheme II). Only one pathway leads to a vibrationally relaxed 13-cis ground-state species in 656 fs ($\lambda_{\max} = 621$ nm, $Q =$ quantum yield = 0.266). A second dynamic pathway regenerates vibrationally relaxed bR in 754 fs ($\lambda_{\max} = 559$ nm, $Q = 0.343$). The third pathway populates a metastable 13-transoid excited singlet state species in 538 fs ($\lambda_{\max} = 650$ nm, $Q = 0.391$). This population decays via nondynamic processes to reform bR exclusively (Figure 1e). We label this species "J" for reasons outlined below.

Calculated transient one-photon absorption spectra of the ensemble of excited species are shown in Figure 1g. These spectra were generated by using oscillator strength weighted Gaussian wavepacket propagation theory,¹⁵ a basis set consisting of the 16 lowest lying excited singlet states and a 300 fs Gaussian excitation pulse. We assumed that the time constant for decay of the trapped S_1^* species (Figure 1e) was 6 ps based on model compound studies.^{9c} Individual components or component mixtures are responsible for

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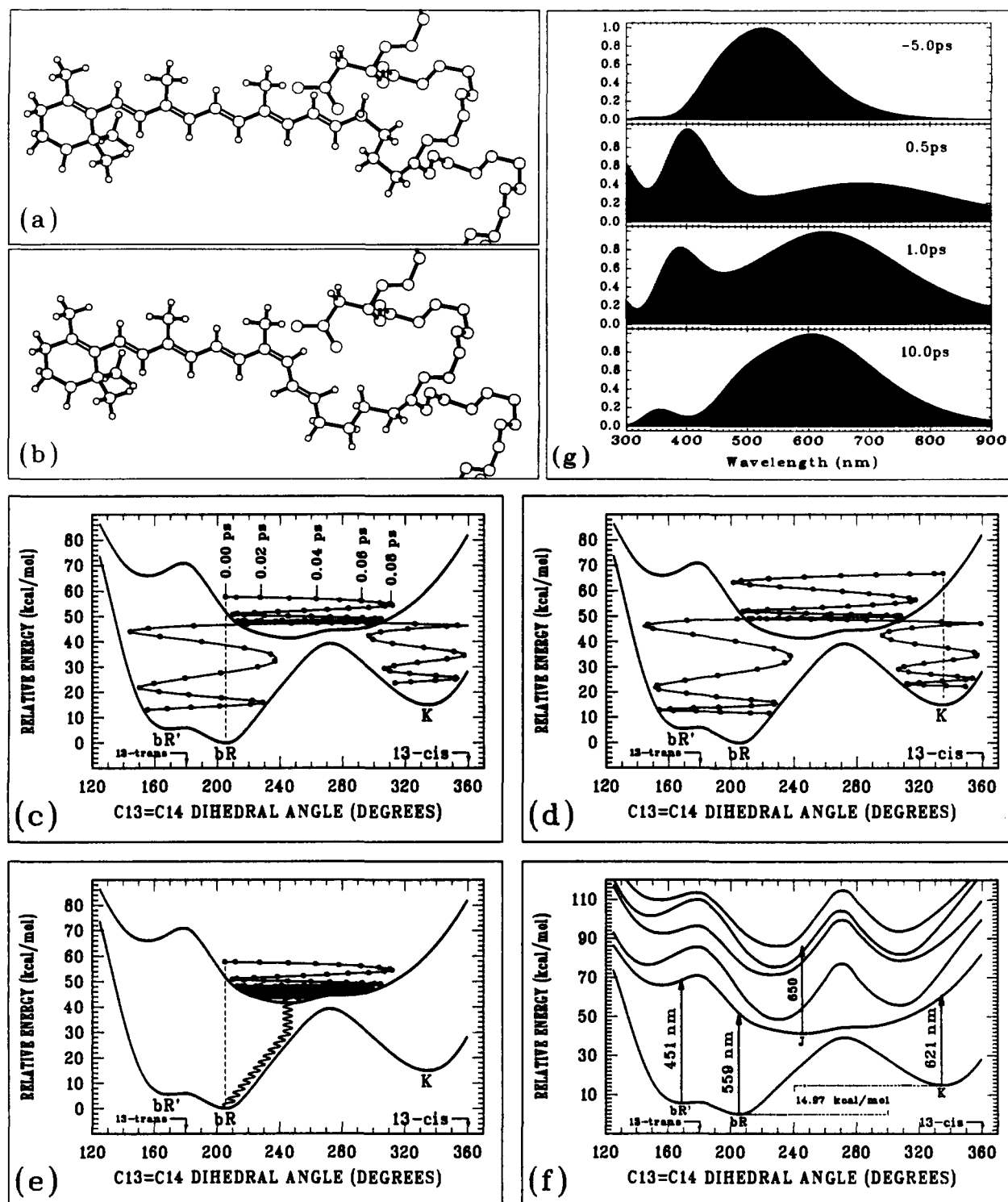


Figure 1. Molecular dynamics of the primary photochemical transformations of light-adapted bacteriorhodopsin. The assumed structure of light-adapted bacteriorhodopsin (bR) is shown in a, and the assumed structure of the primary photoproduct K is shown in b. The calculated (INDO-PSDCI) potential surfaces, the Franck-Condon absorption maxima, and the photoisomerization dynamics associated with the absorption of light are shown in c-e. The dots along the trajectories (c, d, and e) mark time increments of 0.01 ps. The two trajectories that are of primary importance in depopulating the excited singlet state by dynamic processes are shown for the forward and reverse photoreactions in c and d, respectively. Approximately 40% of the excited-state species are trapped in the first excited singlet state potential minimum ($\Phi_{13,14} \approx 245^\circ$) and must decay to reform bR via less efficient, nondynamic processes (e). Franck-Condon maxima associated with the various ground- and excited-state minima are shown in f, and the time-resolved one-photon absorption spectra for 300 fs laser excitation (corrected for ground-state bR absorption for 0.5, 1.0, and 10.0 ps) are shown in g. Note that the spectra are made up of mixtures of species based on the following approximate prescriptions: -5 ps (pure bR), 0.5 ps (mostly hot S_1^*), 1.0 ps (mixture K and J), 10.0 ps (pure K).

the transient absorption: -5 ps (pure bR), 0.5 ps (mostly hot S_1^*), 1.0 ps (mixture of J and K), 10.0 ps (pure K). The strong transient absorption band predicted at ~ 400 nm (Figure 1g, 0.5 ps) correlates reasonably well with the transient band observed at ~ 460 nm by Petrich et al.^{5c} We predict that both the J ($S_1 \rightarrow S_4, S_5$)

and K ($S_0 \rightarrow S_1$) absorption spectra have very similar absorption maxima and are polarized similarly ($\pm 7^\circ$) in agreement with transient absorption^{5a-d} and polarization^{5b} studies.

We interpret the observation of a ~ 30 -nm red-shifted species in < 1 ps⁵ to rapid population of a metastable excited state pop-

ulation J ($\tau = 538$ fs) simultaneously with K ($\tau = 656$ fs) (Scheme II). Relatively slow decay of J back to bR results in the apparent generation of a more blue-shifted intermediate ($\Delta t = 10$ ps, Figure 1g). Time resolved resonance Raman spectroscopy has the potential of detecting J and testing the validity of our model. Furthermore, the transition from J (S_1) to the ground state is potentially observable by using time resolved fluorescence spectroscopy. We predict this transition to be very broad ($\Delta\nu \approx \sim 6000$ cm^{-1}) with a Franck-Condon maximum at ~ 1.6 μ .

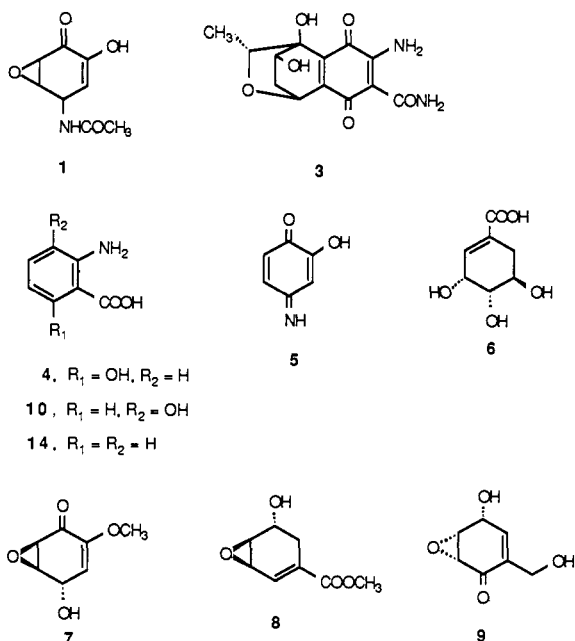
The Biosynthesis of LL-C10037 α from the Shikimate Pathway

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LL-C10037 α , an antitumor metabolite of *Streptomyces* LL-C10037 first assigned structure **1**,² has recently been shown to have the corrected structure **2**.³ Several related structures have been isolated from a wide variety of microorganisms. For ex-

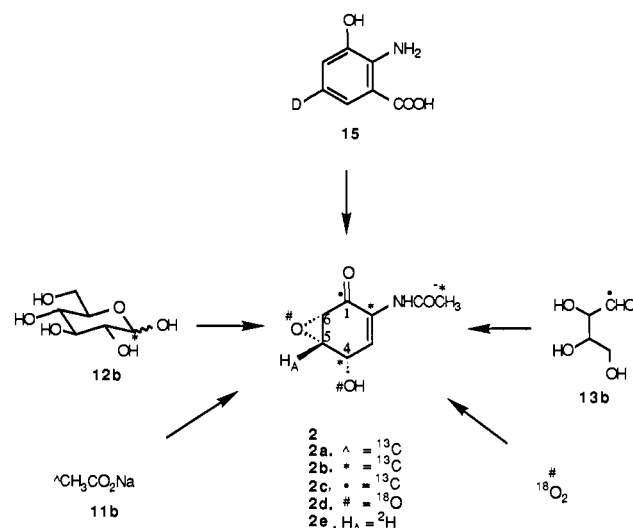


ample, sarubicin A, **3**, contains a quinone moiety which we have shown to be derived from the shikimate metabolite 6-hydroxyanthranilic acid, **4**.⁴ In addition, the hydroxyazaquinone **5**⁵ is derived from shikimic acid **6** via *p*-aminobenzoic acid (PABA),^{5,6} while chalozone **7**,⁷ isolated with its cometabolite methyl anhy-

droshikimic acid **8**,⁸ may also be shikimate derived. On the other hand, the members of a large family of metabolites⁹ represented by epoxydon, **9**,¹⁰ have been clearly shown to be acetate-derived polyketides.^{9,10} We now report evidence that **2** is derived via the shikimic acid pathway with 3-hydroxyanthranilic acid, **10**, as the key intermediate.

Cultures of *S. LL-C10037* were grown in shake flasks (200 mL of broth in a 1-L Erlenmeyer) at 28 °C as previously described.² After incubation for 122 h, the broth was obtained free of the mycelia, adjusted to pH 4.7 (KH₂PO₄), and saturated with (NH₄)₂SO₄. Extraction with ethyl acetate, concentration in vacuo, and column chromatography (20 g silica gel 60, eluted with 20% hexanes in ethyl acetate) typically gave 30 mg of crystalline LL-C10037 α which was then recrystallized from methanol.

For feeding experiments cultures were usually grown for 96 h before potential precursors were added in a sterile manner through a Millipore filter unit, and the broth was worked up after a total of 122 h. A mixture of sodium [1-¹⁴C]acetate (9 μ Ci), **11a**, sodium acetate (23.6 mg), **11**, and sodium [2-¹³C]acetate



(68.3 mg), **11b**,¹² was fed first, and workup yielded 60 mg of **2a** (1.3% incorporation of ¹⁴C). The 100.6-MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum¹³ of **2a** revealed enrichment (6.4%) only in the acetamide methyl group, revealing that the carbocycle is not polyketide in origin.

Feeding¹⁴ a mixture of [1-¹⁴C]-D-glucose, **12a**, (5.5 μ Ci) and [1-¹³C]-D-glucose (0.996 g), **12b**,¹⁵ yielded 35 mg of **2b**. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of enriched **2b** showed labeling at C-2 (5.94%) and C-4 (7.02%), clearly indicative of a shikimate-type pathway;¹⁶ the acetamide methyl was also enriched (4.69%), due to the incorporation of glycolysis-derived acetylCoA. The ring labeling pattern is inconsistent with the intermediacy of PABA (C-2 and C-6 would have been labeled in this case).¹⁷

To determine the correct orientation of the apparent shikimic

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