Analysis of PSII antenna size heterogeneity of Chlamydomonas reinhardtii during state transitions

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- State transition :
 - migration of LHCII pigment-proteins between PSII and PSI
 - up to 80% in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (Delosme et al. 1996)
- Different types of PSII with different antenna sizes : PSII antenna size heterogeneity (Melis and Homann (1975))

Fluorescence rise from F_O to F_M corresponding to the reduction of Q_A in the reaction center of PSII.



- DCMU addition \rightarrow the photochemical phase
- DCMU fluorescence rise induction kinetic is not a first order kinetic \rightarrow PSII α and PSII β

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- Purpose of this work : determination of PSII antenna size heterogeneity in state I and in state II
- Method of Melis and Homann (complementary area over the DCMU-FR) is very approximative due to approximations in the F_M level
- Non linear regression algorithm with equations derived from Lazár et al.(2001) :
 - better F_M determination
 - p determination
 - simultaneous fitting of several curves

 $rF_V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(1-p_i)\operatorname{PSII}_i^{closed}(t)}{1-p_i\operatorname{PSII}_i^{closed}(t)} \qquad \qquad \operatorname{PSII}_i^{closed}(t) = \operatorname{PSII}_{i,0}^{open}(1-e^{(-k_it)})$

The Akaike's information criterion (AIC) : comparison of different models by introducing a penalty for the number of parameters used. $AIC = 2k = 2\log(1)$

model	AIC
1: connectivity allowed only for $PSIIlpha$	-14599
2: connectivity allowed for PSII α and PSII β	
3: connectivity allowed for PSII $lpha$, PSII eta and PSII γ	-17007

- AIC_{model2} < AIC_{model3} < AIC_{model1} \rightarrow model 2 describes the experimental data better than models 1 and 3
- connectivity for $\mathsf{PSII}\beta \neq 0$, in contrast with a majority of studies (except the work of Lavergne and Trissl (1995) and Lazár et al.(2001))

Experiment :

- $\bullet~$ Darkness 1 hour \rightarrow Oxydation of plastoquinones \rightarrow Algae close to state I
- \bullet Arrest of mitochondrial respiration \to Reduction of plastoquinones \to Transition to state II



When PQ pool is highly reduced (state 2) \rightarrow many PSII centers have a Q_B^- bound and the addition of DCMU leads to Q_A reduction before the illumination.

PQ pool had to be rapidly oxidized before the addition of DCMU \rightarrow development of a method with N_2 bubbling



- $\bullet\,$ to monitor the redox state of Q_A without the influence of state transitions $\to\,$ mutant stt7
- \bullet Complete reoxydation of PQH_2 by O_2 in 2 minutes
- ullet In 2 minutes, back transition to state 1 is not significant in the wt ightarrow ideal delay





- the conversion of $\mathsf{PSII}\alpha$ to $\mathsf{PSII}\beta$ during transition from state 2 to state 1 parallels the decrease of the low T fluorescence ratio.
- state transitions can be described as changes in the proportions of two PSII populations with constant properties



- In addition to this description of heterogeneity by functional analysis of the fluorescence rise of PSII *in vivo* : biochemical studies (mainly based on isolation of PSII complexes and subsequent analysis).
- Iwai et al., 2008



• We suggest that PSII α phase refers to PSII mega- and super- complexes and that PSII β phase refers to PSII core complexes.

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