



Figure 3-7. Proteolytic mapping of sites of [³H]3-azioctanol incorporation into the nAChR α -subunit using *S. aureus* V8 protease.

nAChR-rich membranes (400 μ g at 2 mg/ml) were labeled with 1 μ M (11 Ci/mmol) or 275 μ M (0.04 Ci/mmol) [³H]3-azioctanol in the absence or presence of 2 mM carbamylcholine. After photolysis at 365 nm for 10 minutes, membranes were pelleted, resuspended in sample buffer, and submitted to SDS-PAGE. Following electrophoresis, the α -subunit was excised and transferred to the well of a 15% mapping gel for digestion with V8 protease. Bands were visualized with Coomassie blue, and ³H incorporation was quantified by scintillation counting. ³H present in proteolytic fragments of nAChR α -subunit labeled in the absence or presence of 2 mM carbamylcholine at 1 μ M and 275 μ M [³H]3-azioctanol is shown. A schematic of digestion of α -subunit with V8 protease is shown above.