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FLASH  
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UHDR PROTON BEAM VS. CONVENTIONAL:  
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AS FLASH EFFECT SENSOR

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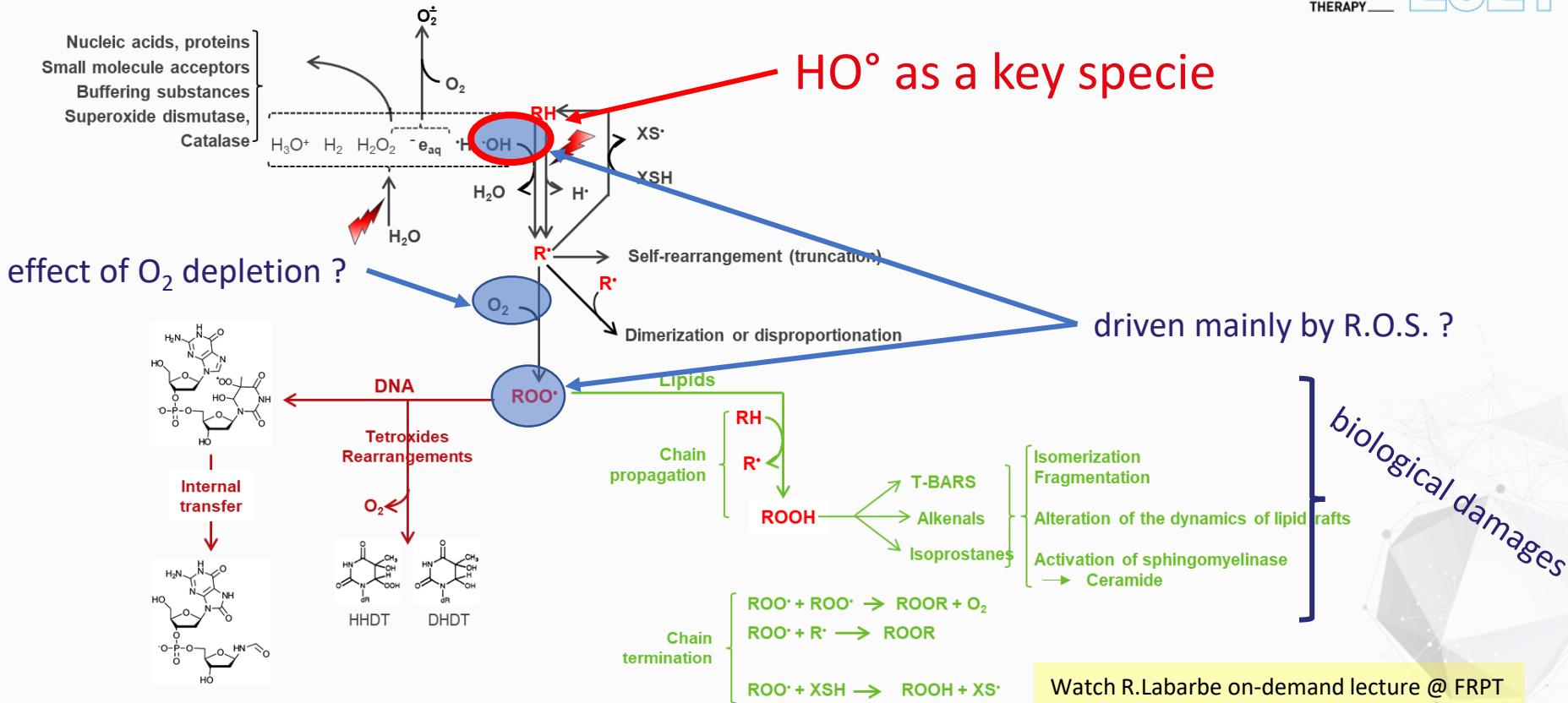


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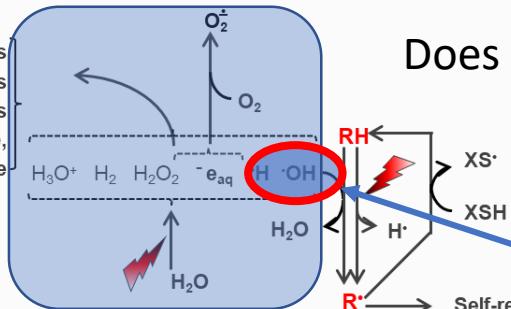


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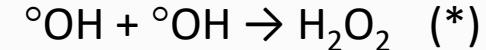
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Nucleic acids, proteins  
Small molecule acceptors  
Buffering substances  
Superoxide dismutase,  
Catalase



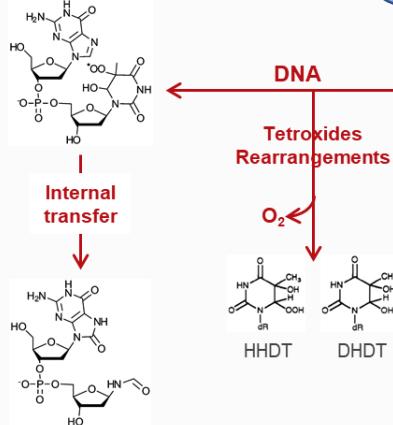
Does UHDR affect radiolysis initial step?

Change in radicals & R.O.S. production yields ?



$H_2O_2$  as a sensor of  $\cdot HO$

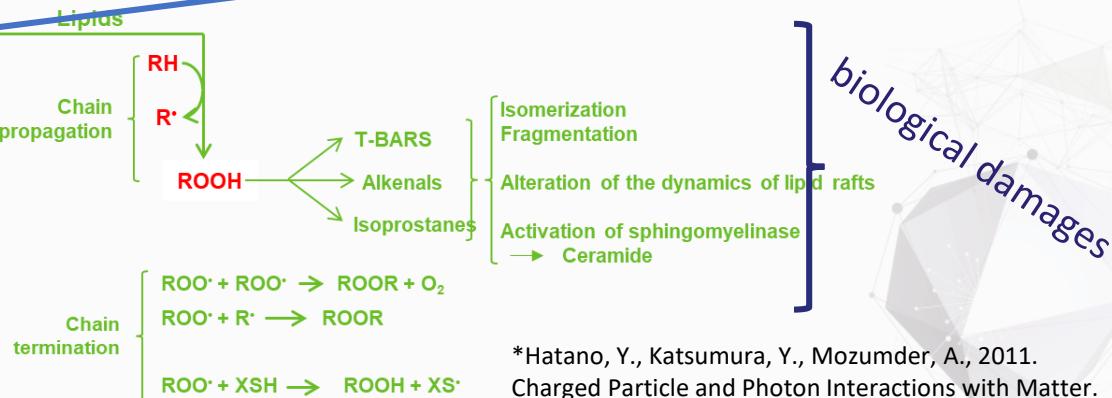
effect of  $O_2$  depletion ?



Tandem lesions

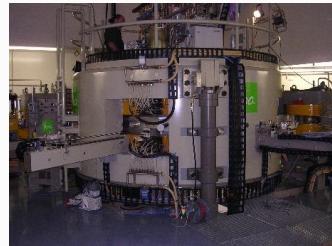
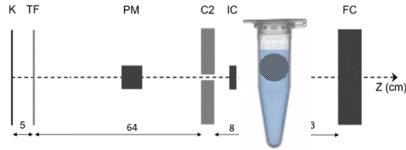
Chromosome breaks – Aneuploidy – Mutations  
Cell death

driven mainly by R.O.S. ?



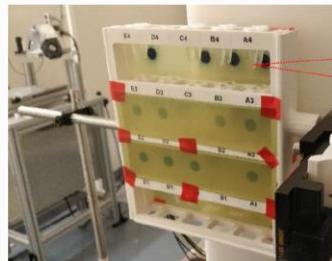
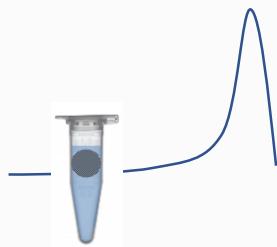
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# H<sup>+</sup> beam setups and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> measurement



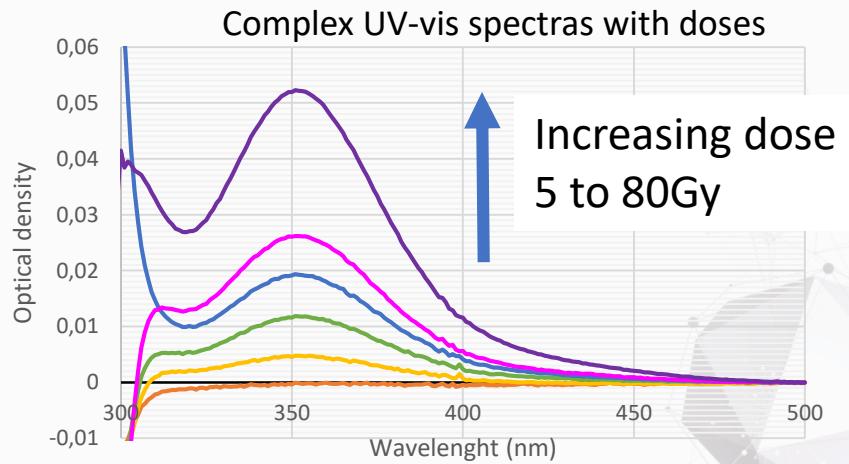
- 68MeV H<sup>+</sup>
- CONV (0,25Gy/s)
- Single pulse UHDR (40Gy to 60kGy/s)
- 1.4mL **pure water**, air, closed cap
- Dosimetry : films, ion.chamber, PM,

Plateau Irradiation = Zebra fish setup



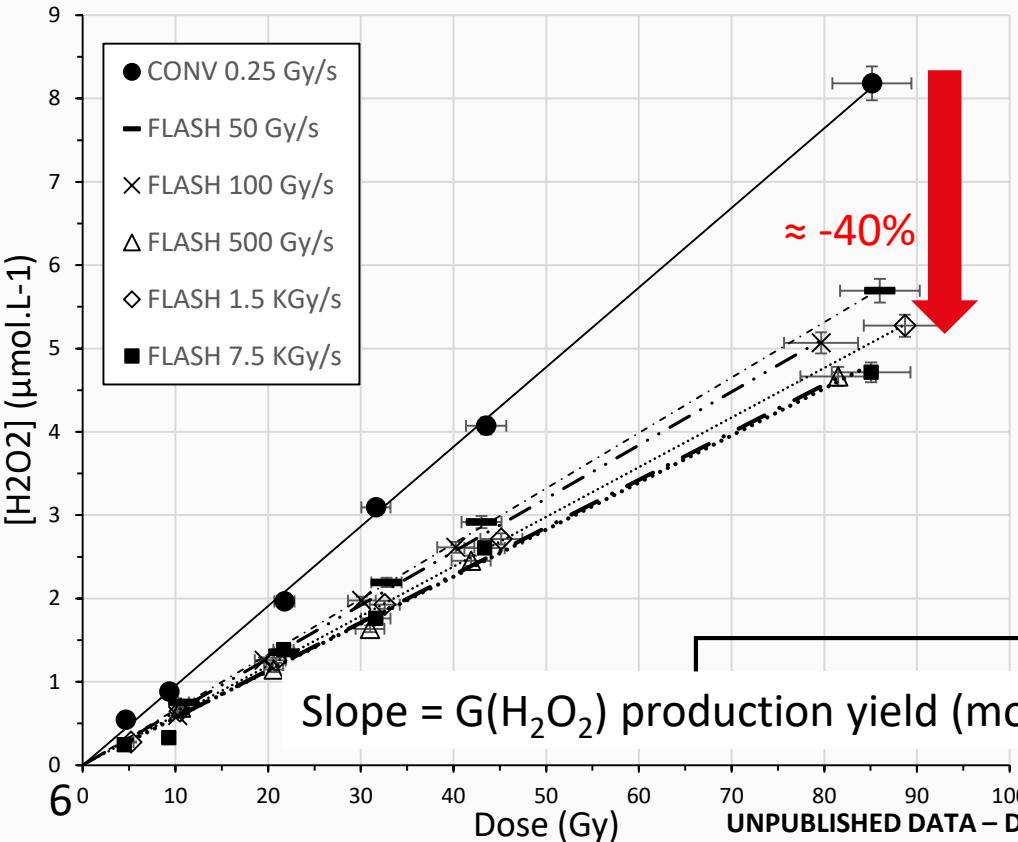
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- Post Irr. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> measurement
- Ghormley's\* tri-iodide protocol
- UV-Vis 350nm band survey



\*Ghormley JA, et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 76:3351-52, 1954.

# H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> production comparison CONV Vs UHDR



- 68MeV H<sup>+</sup>, 0.25 to 7.5KGy/s, pure water
- All exp. series replicated twice
- Montay-Gruel exp.\* UHDR e<sup>-</sup>500Gy/s conditions reproduced with protons(Δ)

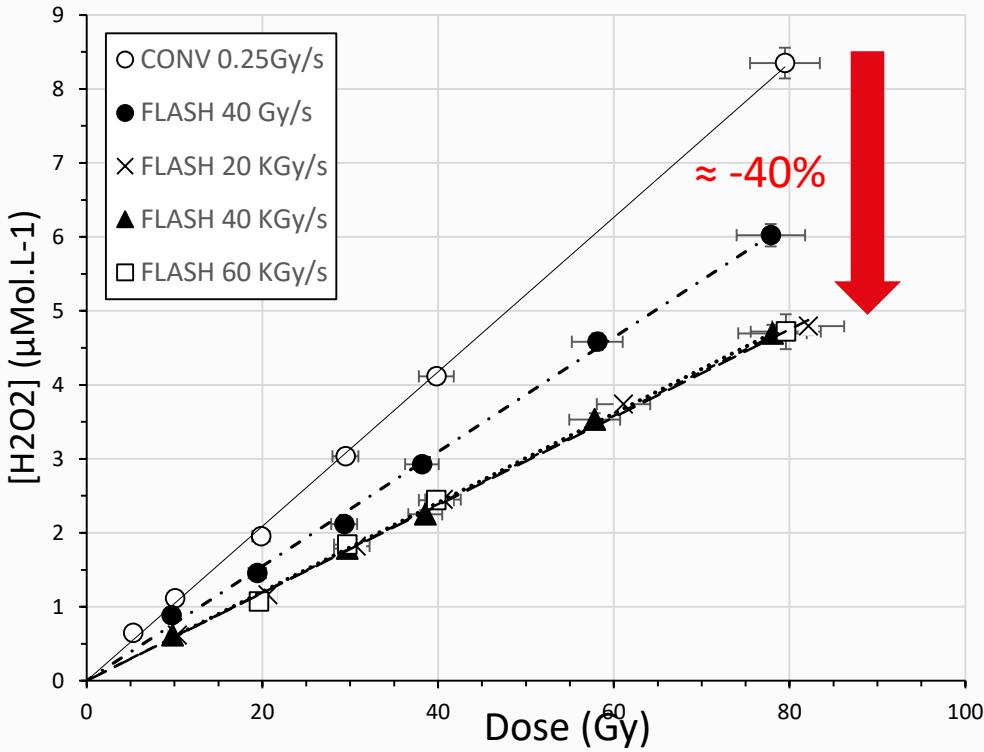
## TREND :

- strongly decreased under UHDR beams
- Similar to electron despite of different beam features and measurements
- Stronger decrease with proton
- Already seen from 40 Gy/s

$$G(X)_t = [X]_t / (\text{Dose} \times \rho) \text{ in mol/J}$$

\*Montay-Gruel P, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 116:10943-51, 2019

# $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ : what about higher UHDR ?

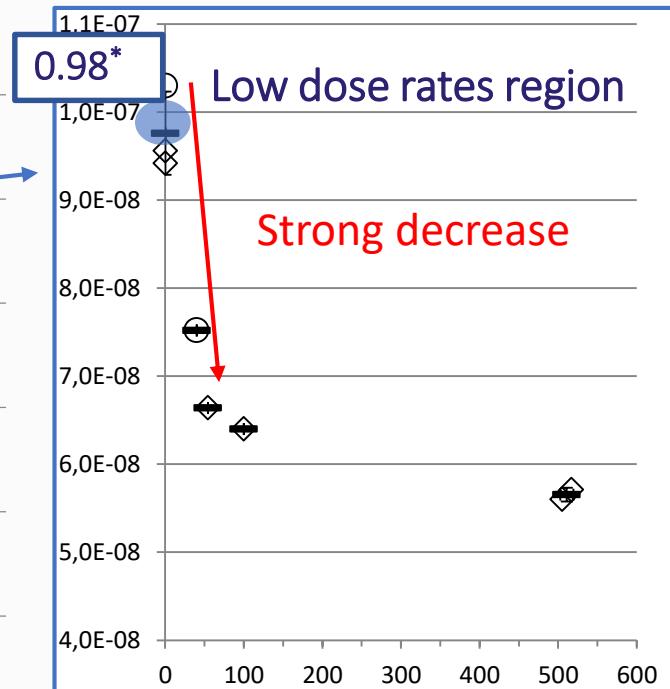
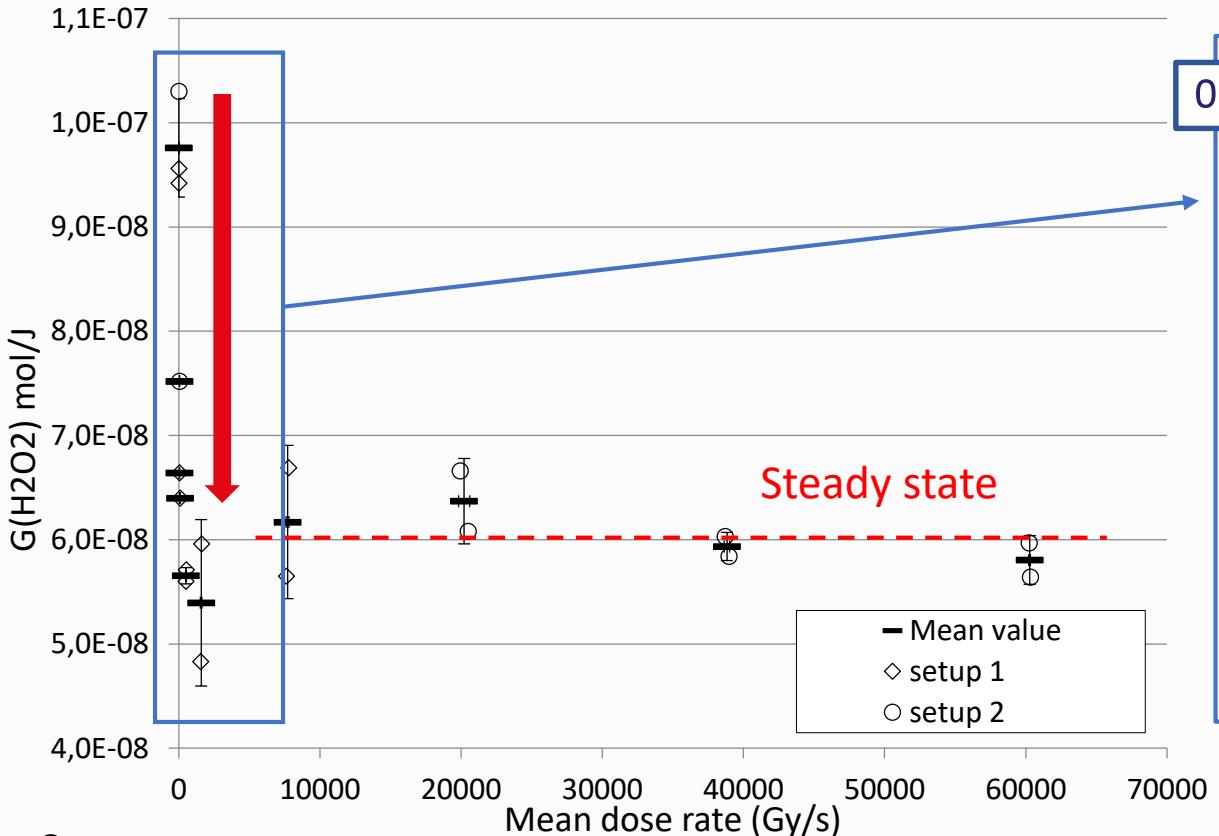


SAME TREND :

- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  production is strongly decreased under UHDR beams
- Decrease stabilized for greater dose rates up to 60KGy/s

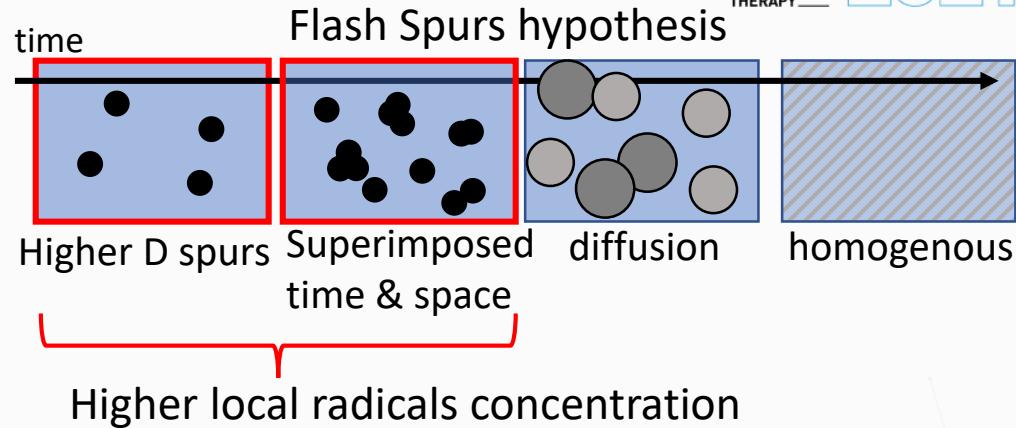
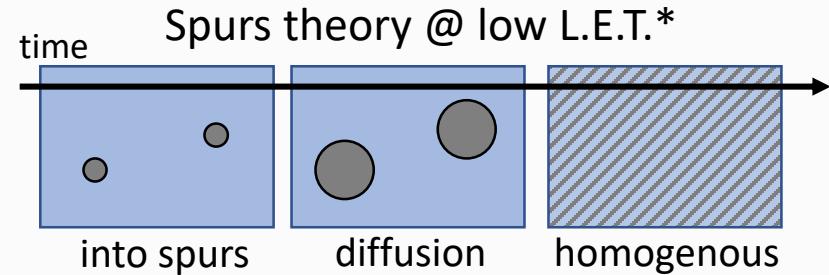
# $G(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$ production yields Vs dose rate

Setup #1 & #2 mixed

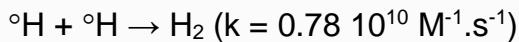
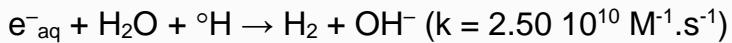
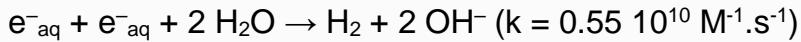
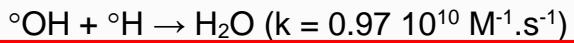
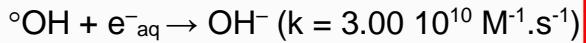
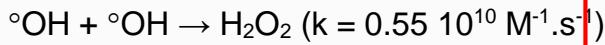


\*0,93 : Wasselin-Trupin et al. Radiation Physics and Chemistry 65:53-61, 2002.

# An additionnal early radiolysis step proposal



Reactions inside spurs clusters ( $\leq \mu\text{s}$ )



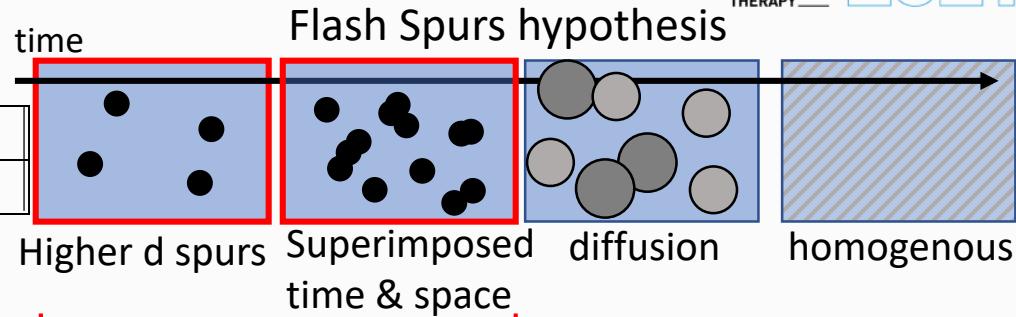
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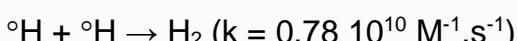
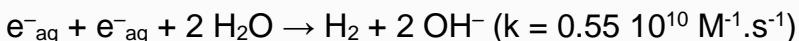
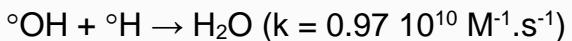
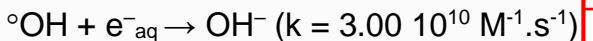
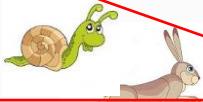
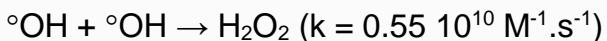
## Primary yields inside spurs ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ )

Particule	$e^-_{\text{aq}}$	${}^{\circ}\text{H}$	${}^{\circ}\text{OH}$	$\text{H}_2$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	${}^{\circ}\text{HO}_2$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
$\beta, \gamma$	0.44	0.06	0.53	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.44

Atinault, 2008; Laverne, 2000; Laverne and Pimblott, 1991; Pimblott and Laverne, 1997



## Reactions inside spurs ( $\mu\text{s}$ )



Partial scavenging by  $e^-_{\text{aq}}$

Lower  $[{}^{\circ}\text{HO}]$  available to produce  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

Consistent with lower 7HO-C3CA  ${}^{\circ}\text{HO}$  adduct production observed by Kusumoto\*

\*in RSC adv., 2020, 10, 3879

# Summary

- -40% decrease of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  production under UHDR 68MeV  $\text{H}^+$  Vs CONV
  - High local radicals concentrations
  - fast kinetics
  - early heterogenous chemistry of radiolysis
  - Consistent with literature
  - Can affect the further steps of proposed FLASH mechanisms ?
- } lower  $[\text{HO}^\circ] \rightarrow$  lower  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$
- Less  $\text{HO}^\circ$  available for biochemical process**

## Further investigations in progress

- Measurement of  $G(\text{HO}^\circ)$  and  $G(\text{e}^\circ\text{aq})$  : Pulsed radiolysis and scavenging
- Beam structure and %  $\text{O}_2^\bullet$  Steady state understanding     • Geant 4-DNA modelling

# Credits



- Proton beams were provided by ARRONAX Cylotron teams
- Pulsing system was designed by F.Poirier
- UHDR and CONV dosimetry was achieved by D.Villoing, C.Koumeir, S.Chiavassa
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# Thank you for attention

## Do you want more ?

- **Details about this work :** completed article submitted in few days
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- **About dosimetry :**

PROTON BEAM DOSIMETRY AT ULTRA HIGH DOSE RATES: EVALUATION OF THE USABILITY AND THE DOSE RATE DEPENDENCY OF VARIOUS RADIOCHROMIC FILMS - E-poster Station 1 Thursday 17h15 **Daphnée VILLOING**

or

MAXIMIZATION OF THE DOSE HOMOGENEITY IN THE PLATEAU FOR A LOW-ENERGY PRECLINICAL PROTON BEAM LINE - E-poster Station 1 Friday 16h30 **Daphnée VILLOING**

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