

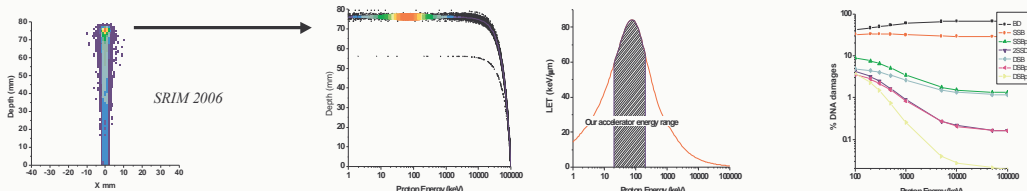
# IONIZATION AND FRAGMENTATION OF DNA, RNA BASES INDUCED BY PROTON IMPACT

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Damages induced by ionizing radiation can directly be linked to alteration of the DNA molecule. In this work, we investigate interactions between protons and phase gas DNA/RNA bases and nucleoside

Energy loss by a proton in matter? Example of transport of 100 MeV proton in liquid water



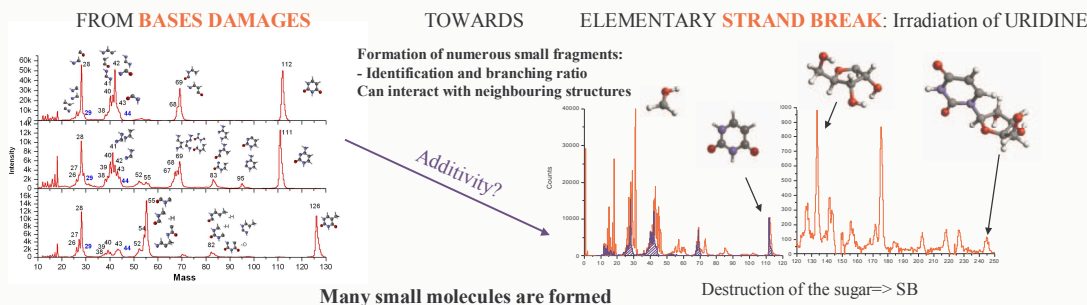
Important dose deposition in a well defined spatial zone Bragg Peak (BP):  
PROTON THERAPY

Maximum dose: proton decelerated around 100keV: maximum LET

Corresponding DNA damages: evaluated Monte-Carlo codes (Nikjoo, O'Neill, Terrisol, Goodheart Rad. Env. Biophys. (1999) 38), we used more simpler MCDS program whose coefficients are fitted on MC codes. (Semenenko, Steward Rad. Res. (2004) 161)

Range around 100keV is interesting => ultra thin target => biomolecule in gas phase

## PHYSICAL STAGE OF THE INTERACTION (≈fs): PRODUCTION OF DATA



Many small molecules are formed

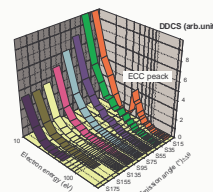
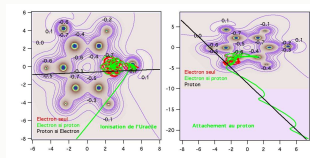
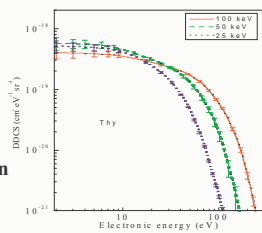
Destruction of the sugar => SB

## EMISSION OF SECONDARY ELECTRONS

Damages induced by secondary electron depend on kinetic energy:

- Low energy (<20eV): dissociative attachment
- High energy (>20eV): ionization, fragmentation

Need to know energy spectrum of the emitted electrons  
BUT also the absolute yield (cross section)



Characterization by CTMC modeling:  
- Total cross sections  
- Yield in angle and energy

Measurement of electron spectra: majority of low energy electrons

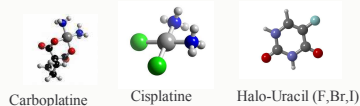
Moretto-Capelle, Le Padellec, Phys. Rev. A (2006)

## RADIOSENSITIZER? PHYSICAL MECHANISMS?

1-PHYSICAL Studies at molecular scale (... gaz phase)

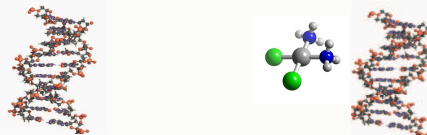
fragmentation patterns, electronic emission, corresponding cross sections

Difference with 'standart' molecules?



2-IRRADIATION of DNA (plasmid) deposited SURFACE

without and with molecule



LINKS?

ANALYSIS OF STRAND BREAKS:  
Number of molecule / base pair ?