

# Could hydroxyl radicals account for nanoparticle radiosensitization?

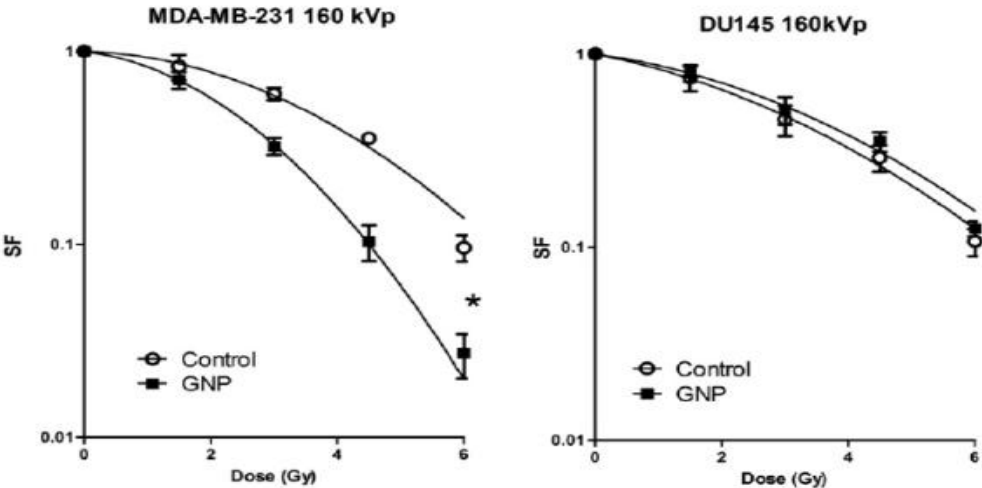
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# Context

Metallic nanoparticles + ionizing radiation → radiosensitizing effect

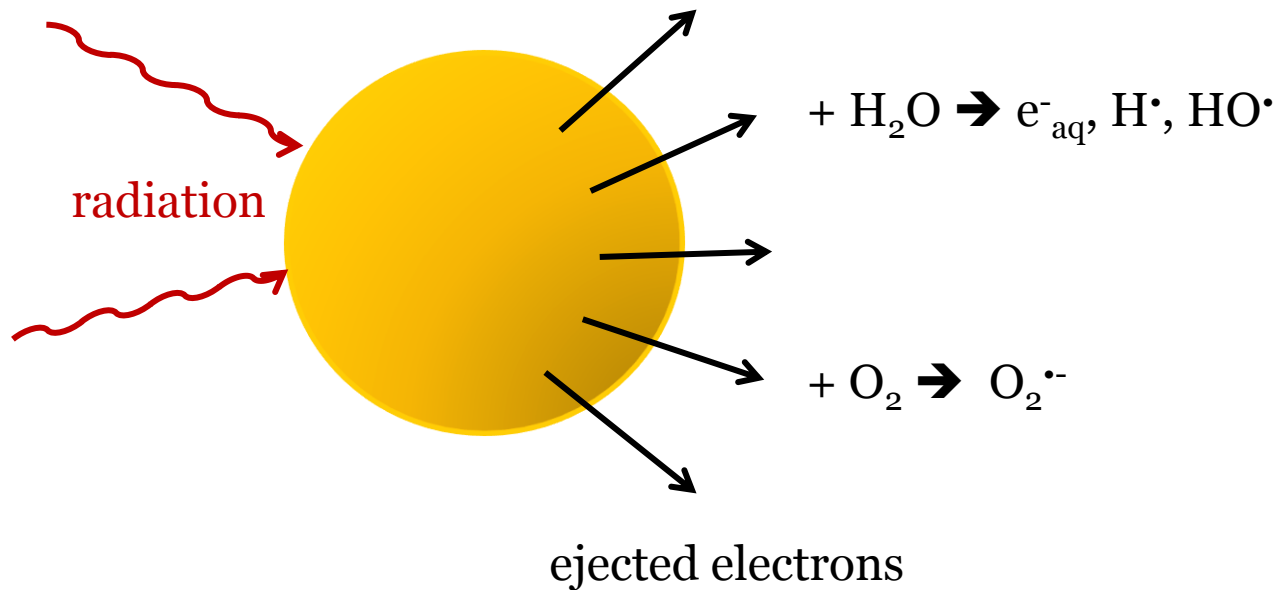


Important variability → mechanism?

\* Jain et al. Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 79, No. 2, pp. 531–539, 2011

# Interaction GNP – radiation

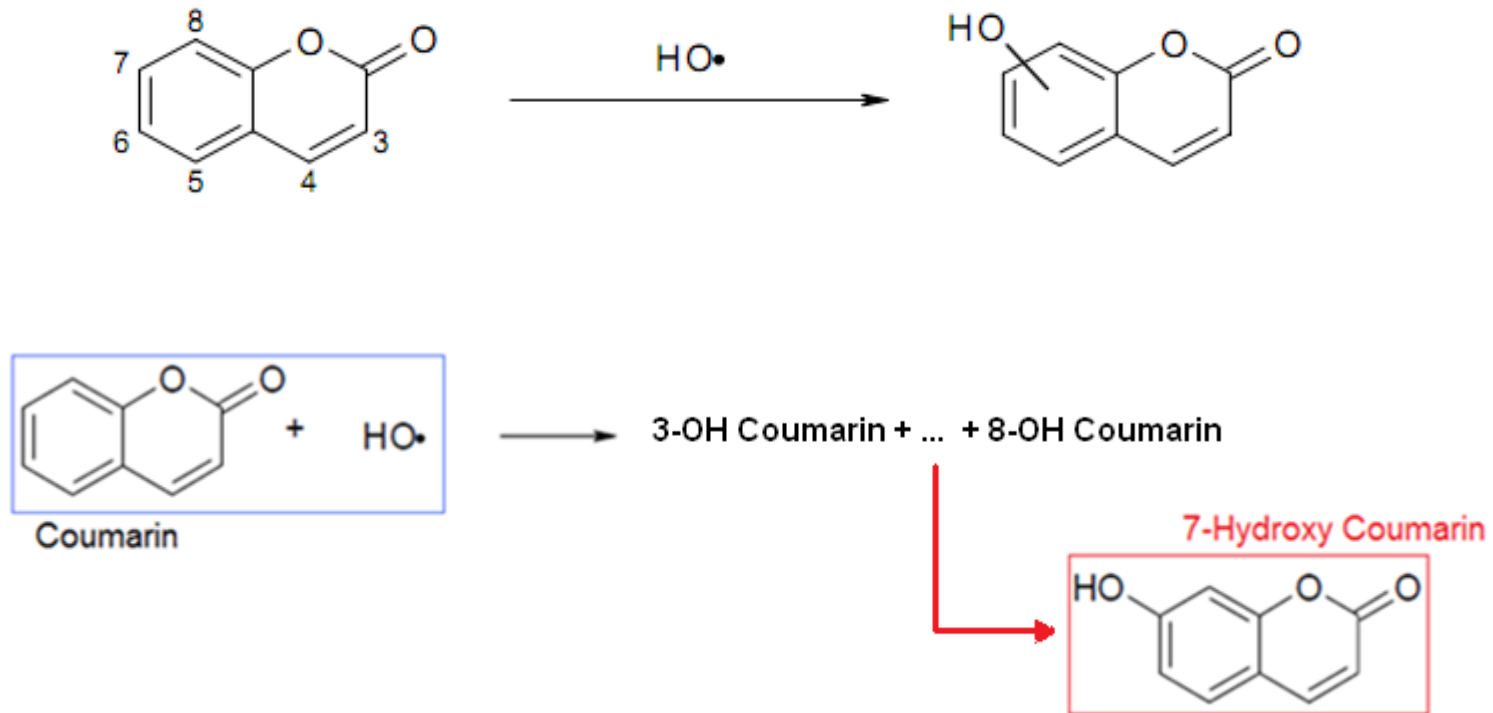
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Overproduction of  $\text{HO}^\bullet$  evidenced  $\rightarrow$  precise quantification

# Quantification of HO•

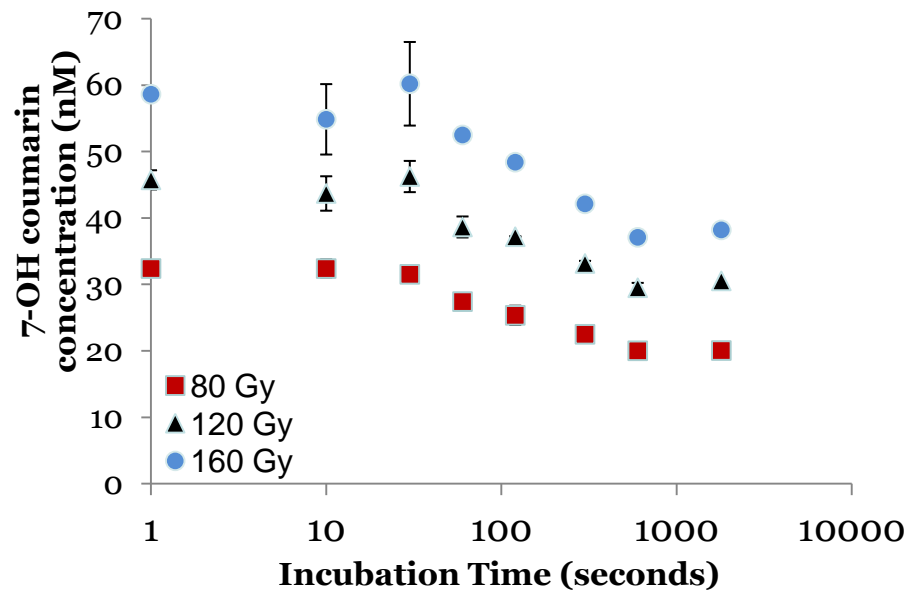
## Coumarin oxidation



7-hydroxycoumarin as a fluorescent probe for OH radicals → sensitive method

# Fluorescence Signal Decay

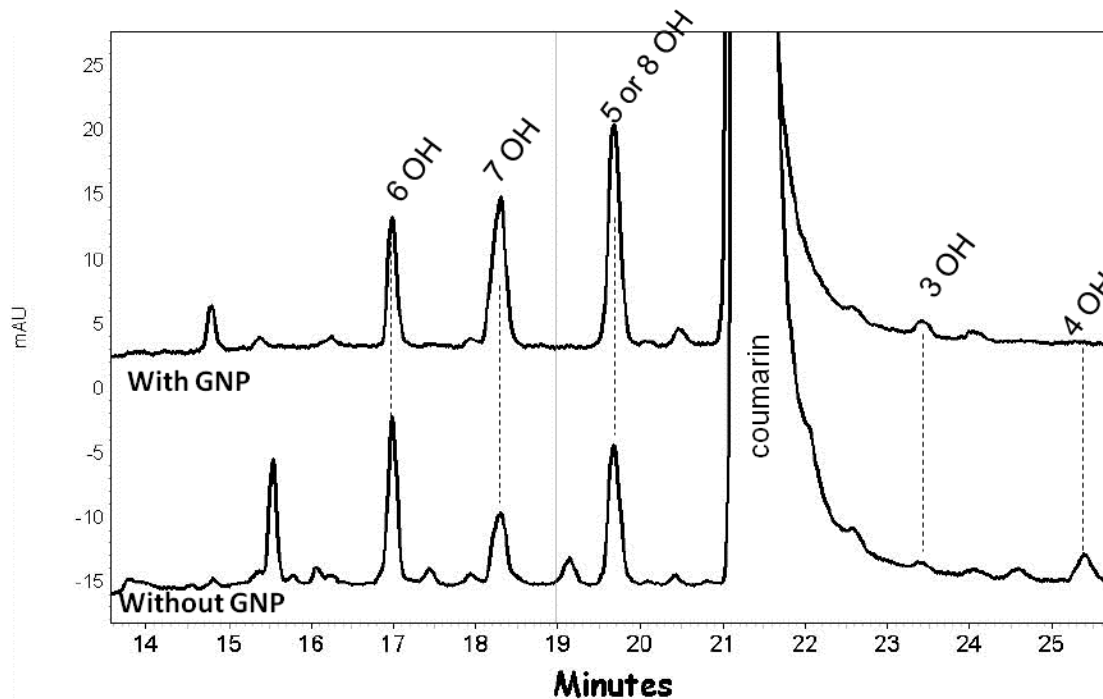
Incubation of oxidized coumarin with nanoparticles



Fluorescence signal decay → Irradiation time < 30 s

# Regioselectivity of coumarin hydroxylation

Chromatographic profiles of coumarin oxidation products

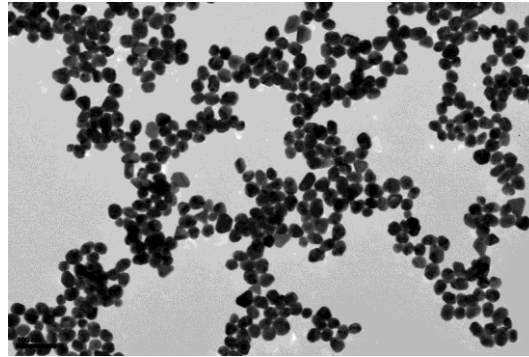
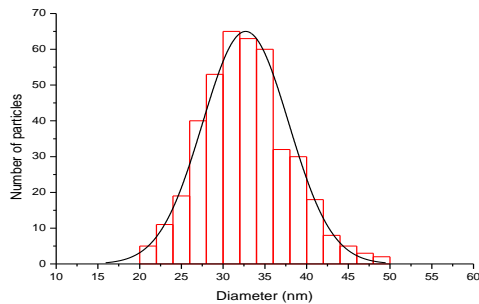


Regioselectivity different in the presence of nanoparticle → no direct comparison with/without NP

# Samples and irradiation

## Nanoparticles

Gold nanoparticles  $32.7\text{nm} \pm 5.2\text{ nm}$  (Turkevitch method)



## Irradiations

Oxfordshire (UK)

Work on Beamlines B16 and I15

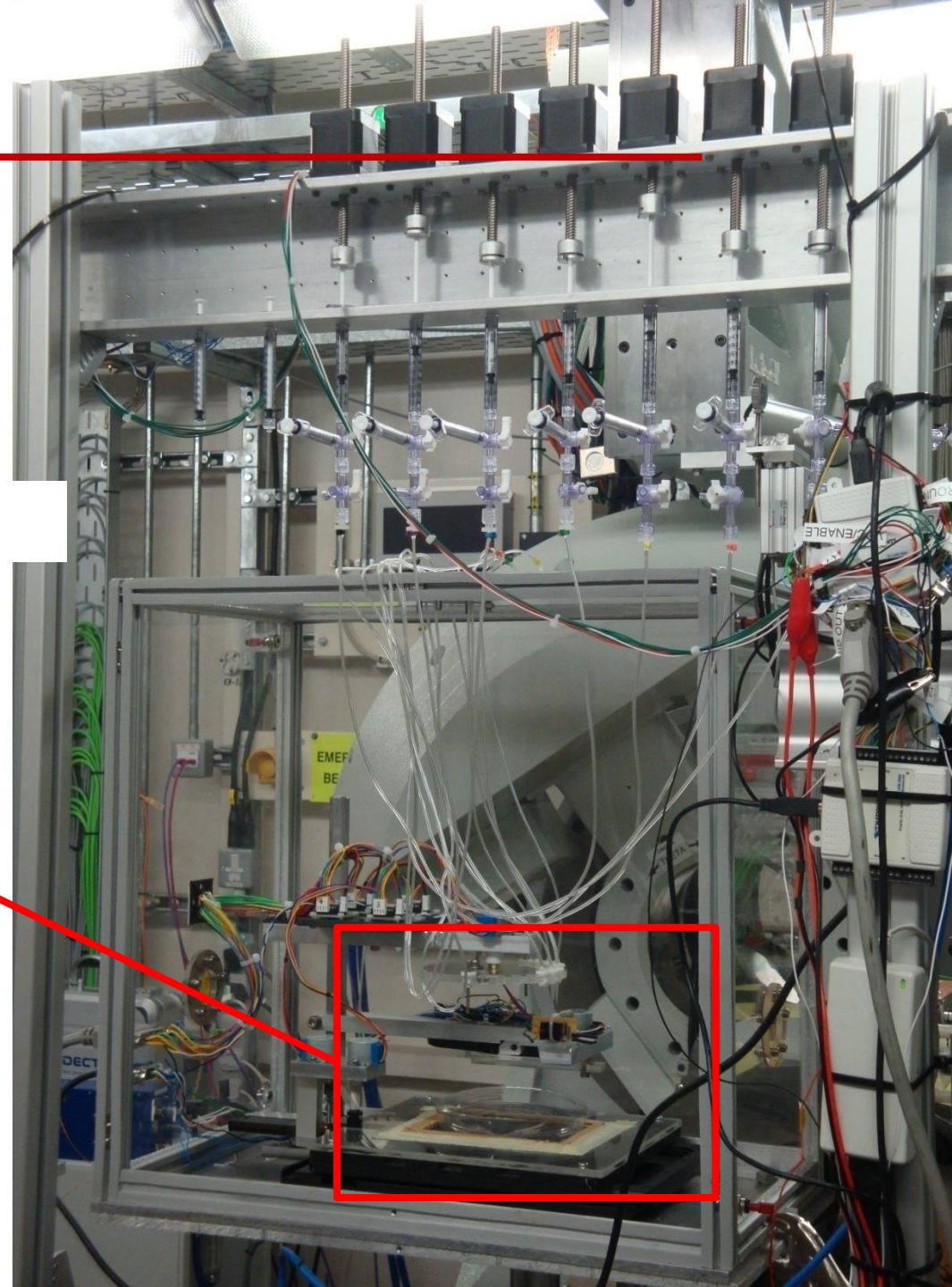
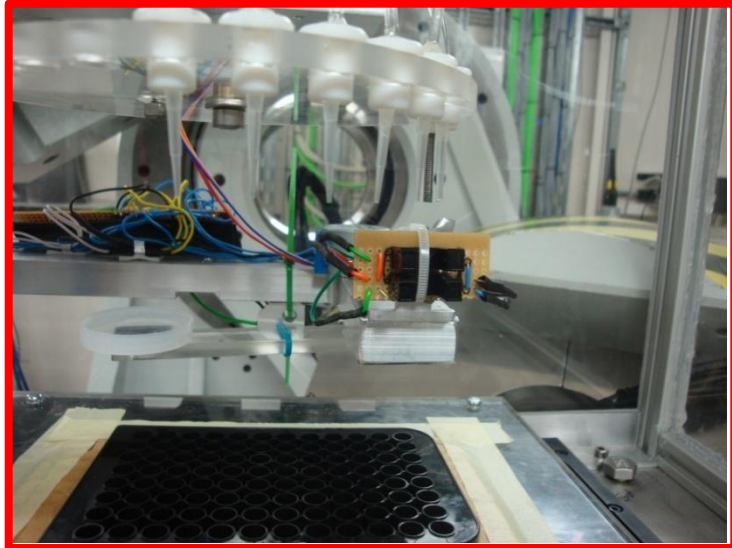
20keV X-Rays



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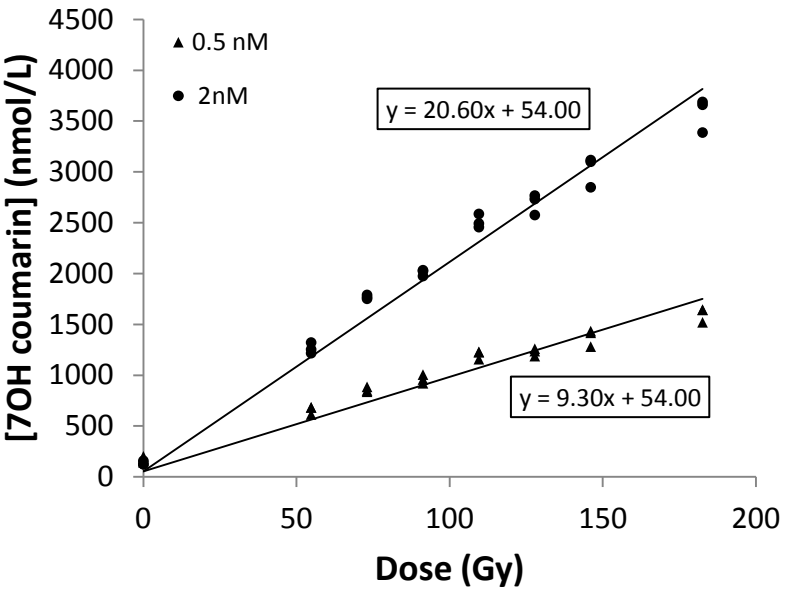
## Irradiation system

Drop system → 96-well microplate





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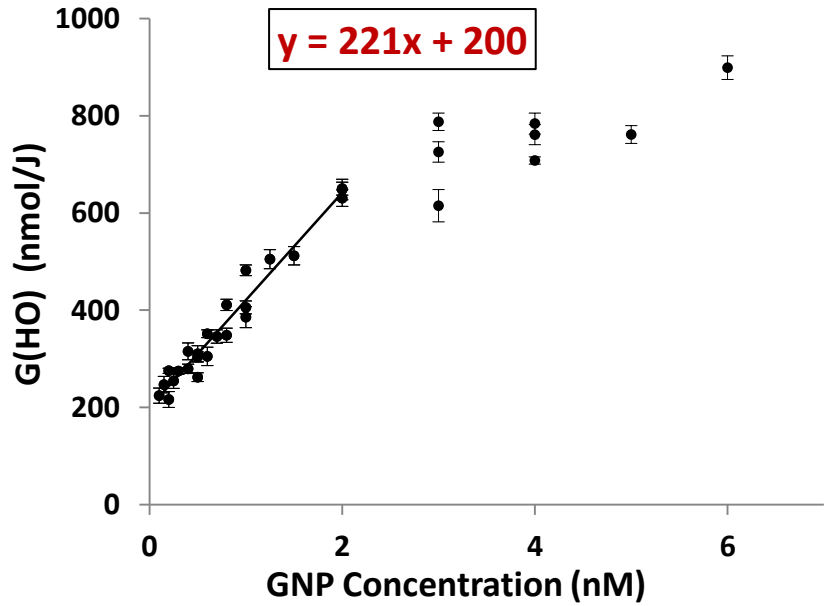
Fluorescence signal = 7-OH coumarin concentration as a function of the dose  
 →  $G_{(7OH\ coumarin)}$

Extrapolation of a yield of 7-OH coumarin for 0 nM of GNP

→ Quantification of OH radical production in the presence of nanoparticles

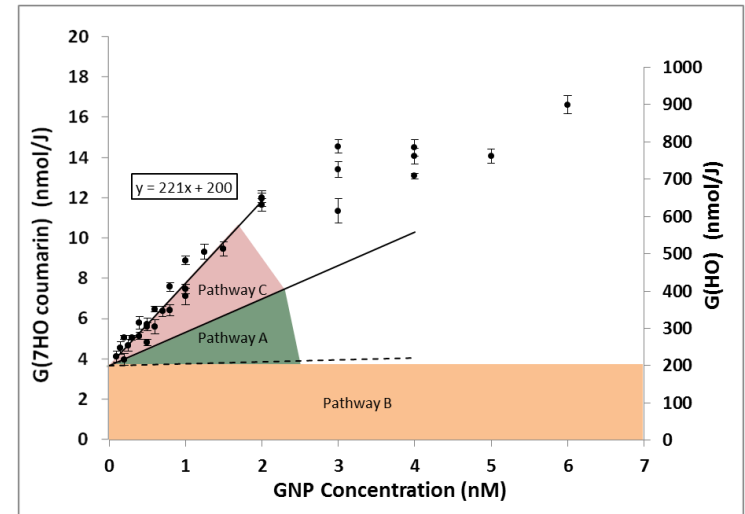
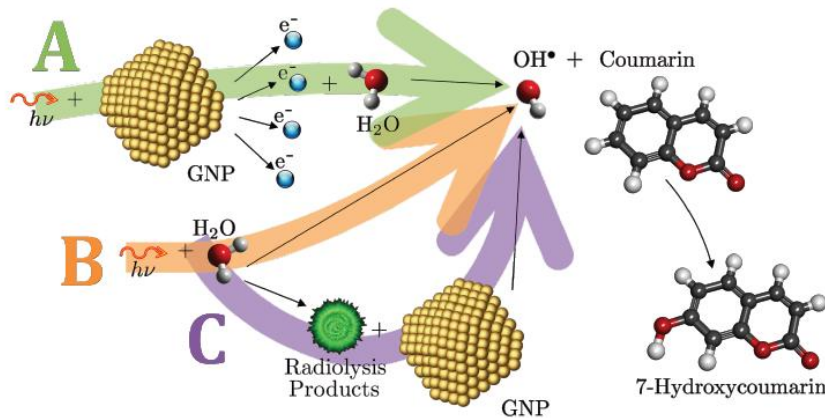
**$G(OH\cdot) = 221[GNP] + 200\ nmol/J$**

[GNP] in nM



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Correlation of HO• production with the « extra » energy absorbed  
→ Simulations



Reliable protocols for HO• quantification with any kind of nanoparticles  
→ biological effect?

Impact of the functionalisation and protein corona on the HO• production

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