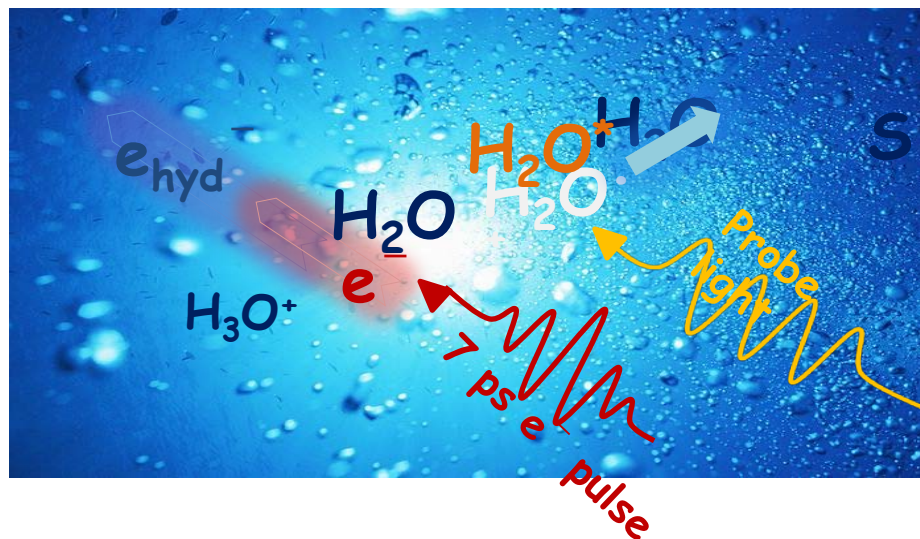


# Requirements of New Tools for Challenges in Ultrafast Radiation Chemistry

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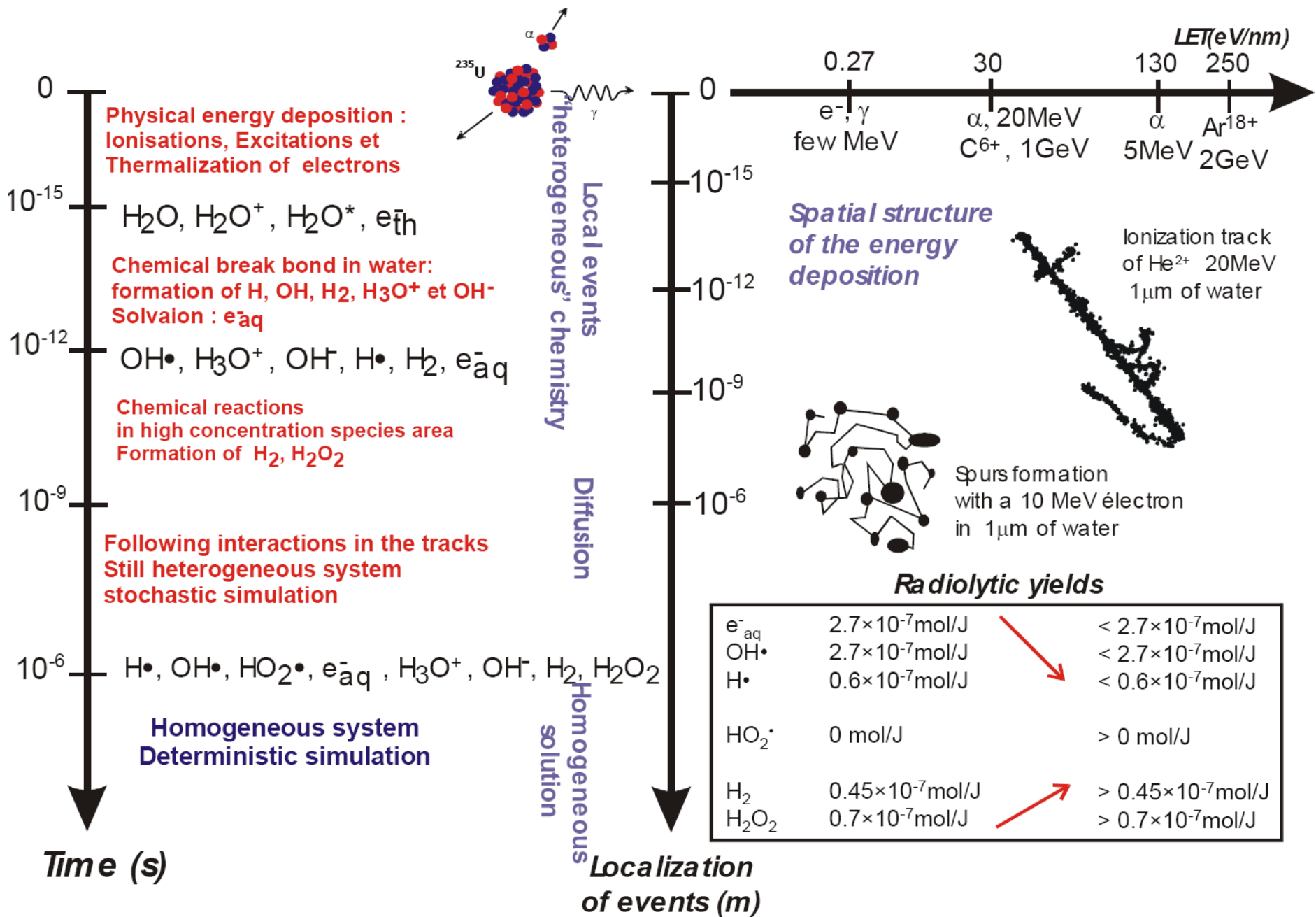
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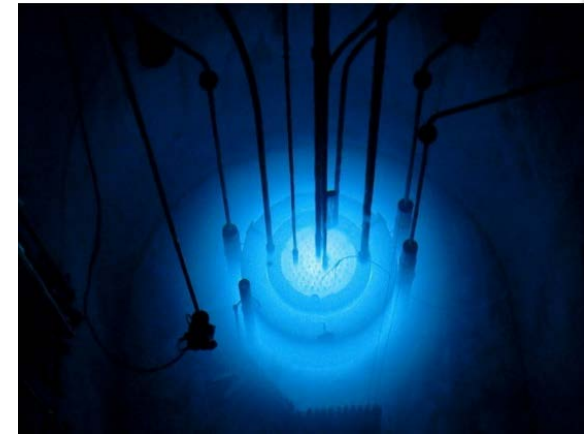
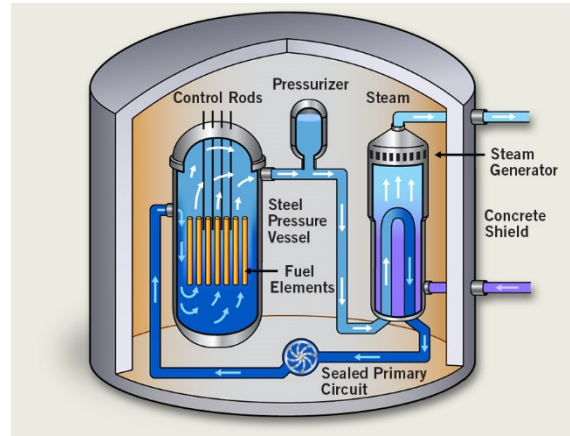
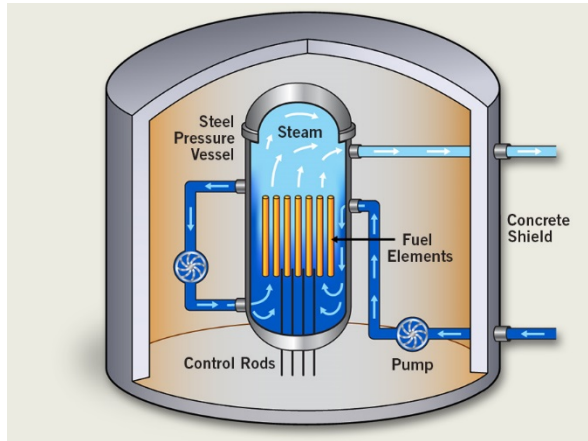


- Introduction to Radiation Chemistry
- Examples of new results and new challenges
- **New sources needed for Radiation Chemistry**

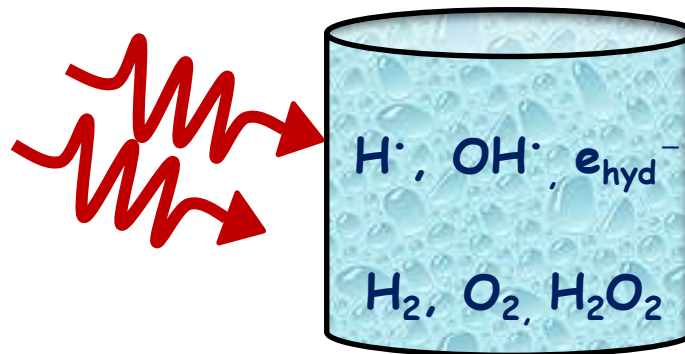
# Water radiolysis : Time and LET dependent Radical Yield



# Why radiolysis studies ? Nuclear Energy



## Industrial Nuclear Reactors Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) & Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)

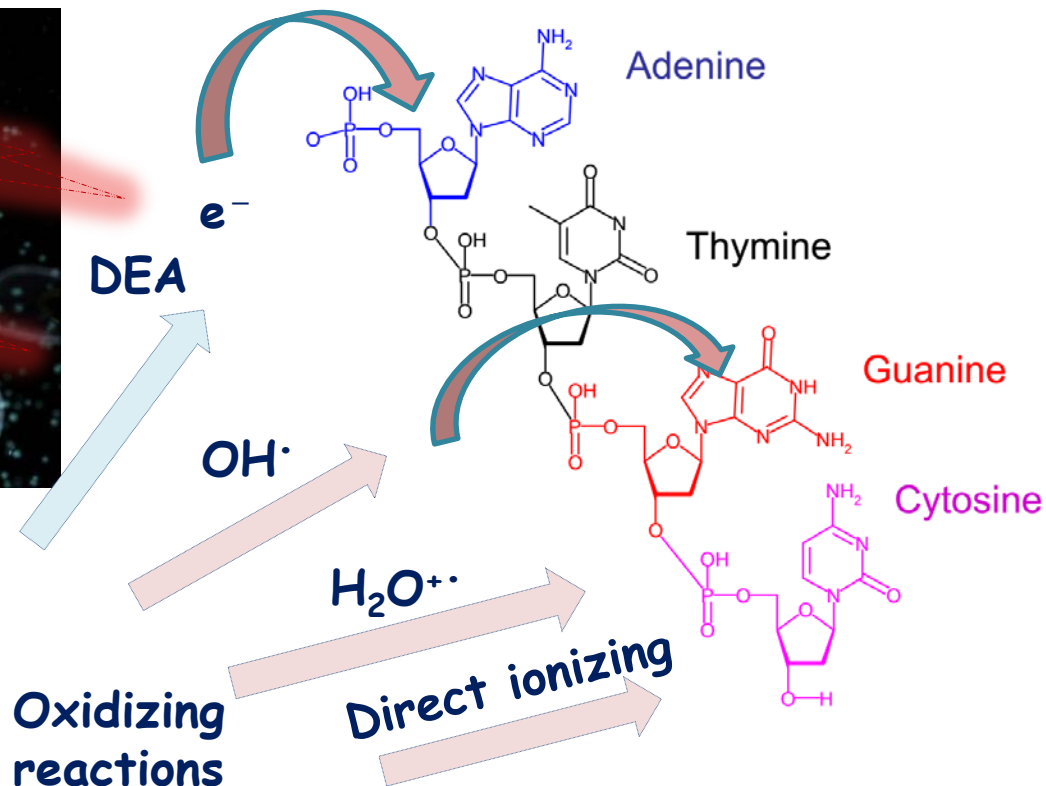
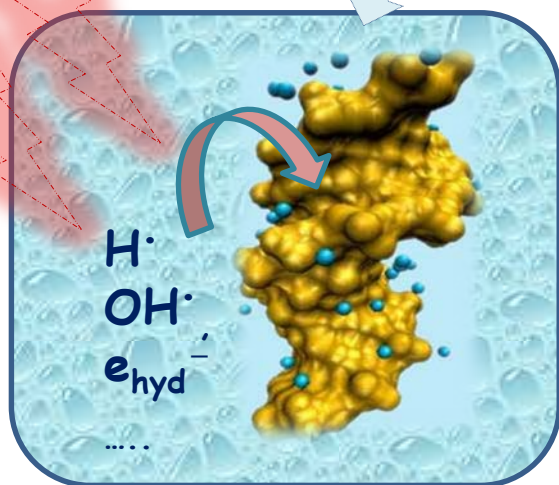
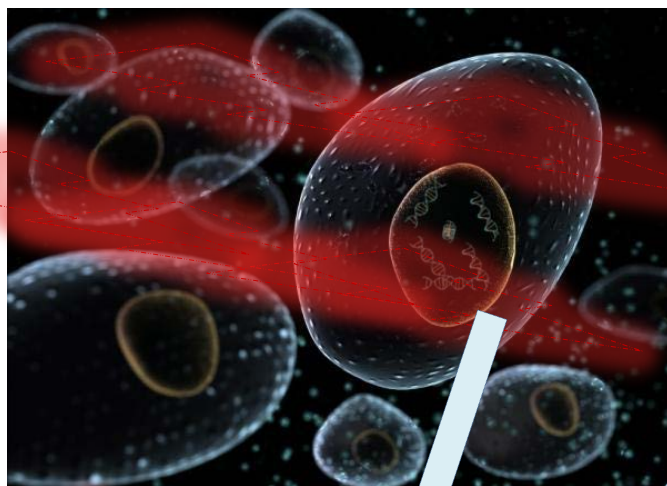


- ❖ Nuclear waste storage
- ❖ Spent fuel processing and reprocessing

**Metal corrosion, polymer degradation &  $H_2$  formation**

# Why radiolysis studies ? Radiobiology and radiotherapy

Living body consists of 70-90 % water

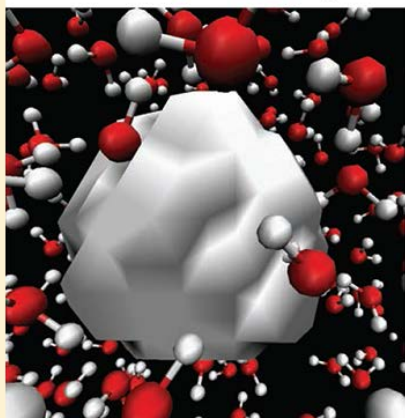




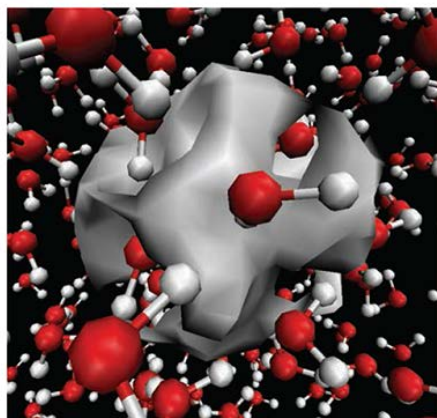
# Why water radiolysis ?

Fundamental interests: electron and proton transfer, radical reactivity and solvation dynamics

The Hydrated Electron:



Cavity?



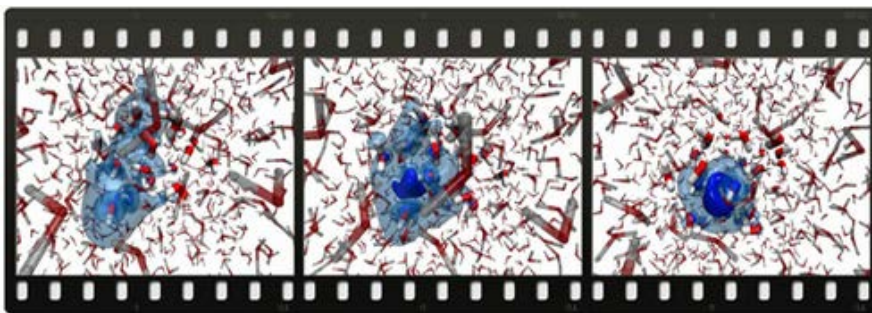
Inverse Plum Pudding?

Does  $e_{\text{hyd}}^-$  occupy a cavity ?

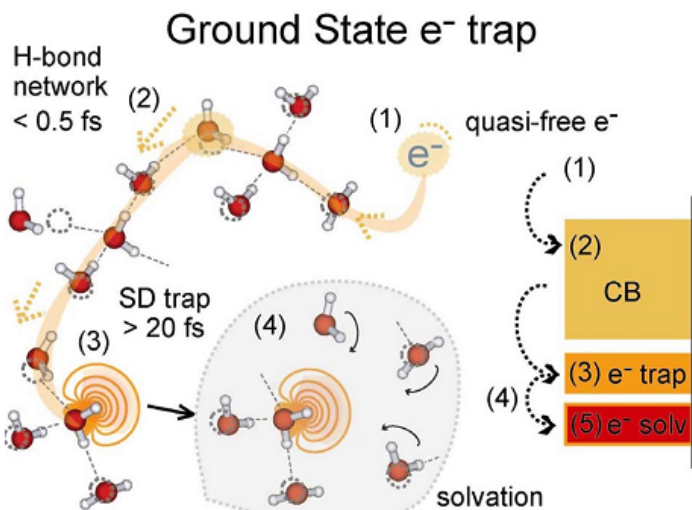
Model for  $e_{\text{hyd}}^-$

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Solvation dynamics of  $e^-$  in water



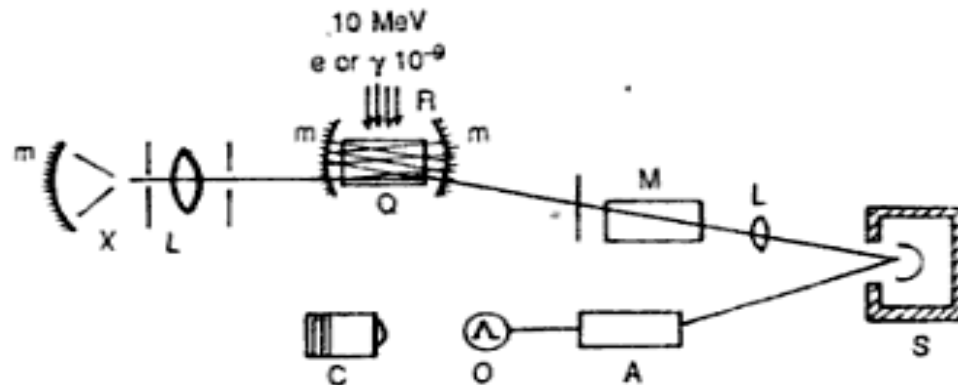
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# First pulse radiolysis measurements

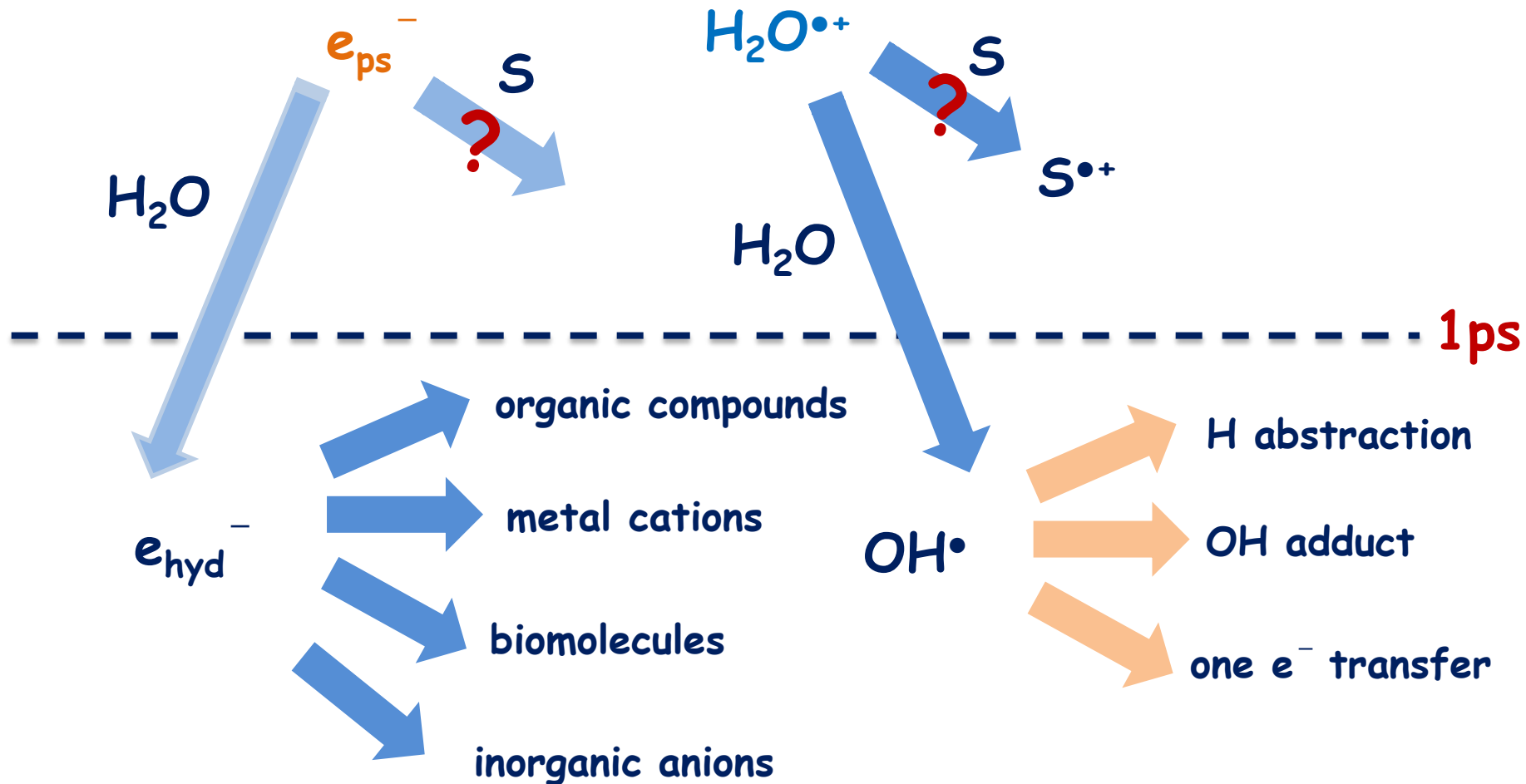
## Hart and Boag's experiment (1963)

Using a  $\mu\text{s}$  pulse of 10 MeV electrons, Hart and Boag<sup>15</sup> obtained indisputable evidence of the existence of the hydrated electron as a distinct species of matter with an absorption spectrum of its own and other characteristic properties. The hydrated electrons were produced in high concentration in a quartz cell during the short duration of the pulse. These were traversed normally by light from a bright xenon arc, the cell walls being mirrored to effect multiple reflections to increase the light path. The resulting beam was then analysed by a monochromator set at 720 nm, the absorption maximum of the pale blue solution of the hydrated electrons, and finally it reached a shielded photomultiplier, whose amplified signal was recorded (Fig. 11.4).



**Fig. 11.4** Hart and Boag's pulse radiolysis set up for detecting the hydrated electron. m: Mirror; X: Xenon arc; Q: Lens; R: Radiation pulse; Q: Quartz cell with water; M: Monochromator; S: Shielded photomultiplier; A: Amplifier; O: Oscilloscope; C: Polaroid camera.

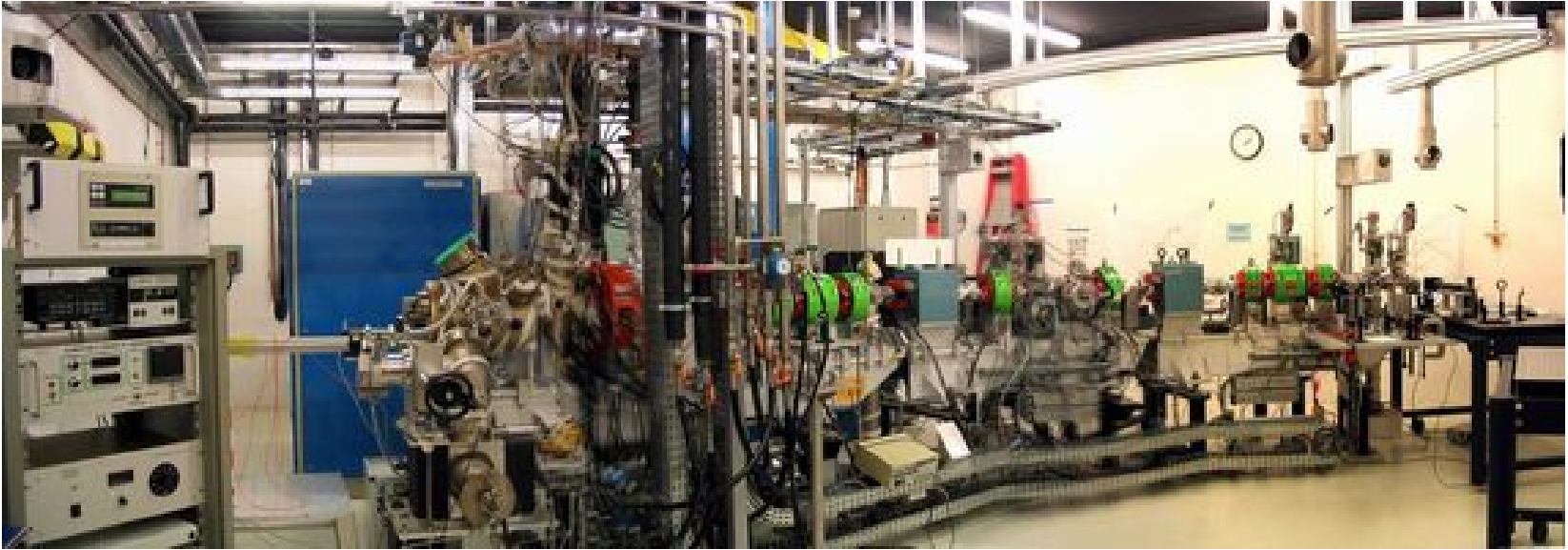
# Reactivity of $e_{\text{hyd}}^-$ and $\text{OH}^\bullet$ radicals



*G. V. Buxton et al. Critical review of rate constant for reactions of hydrated electron, hydrogen atom and hydroxyle radicals in aqueous solutions. J. Phy. Chem. Ref. Data. 1988, 17, 2.*



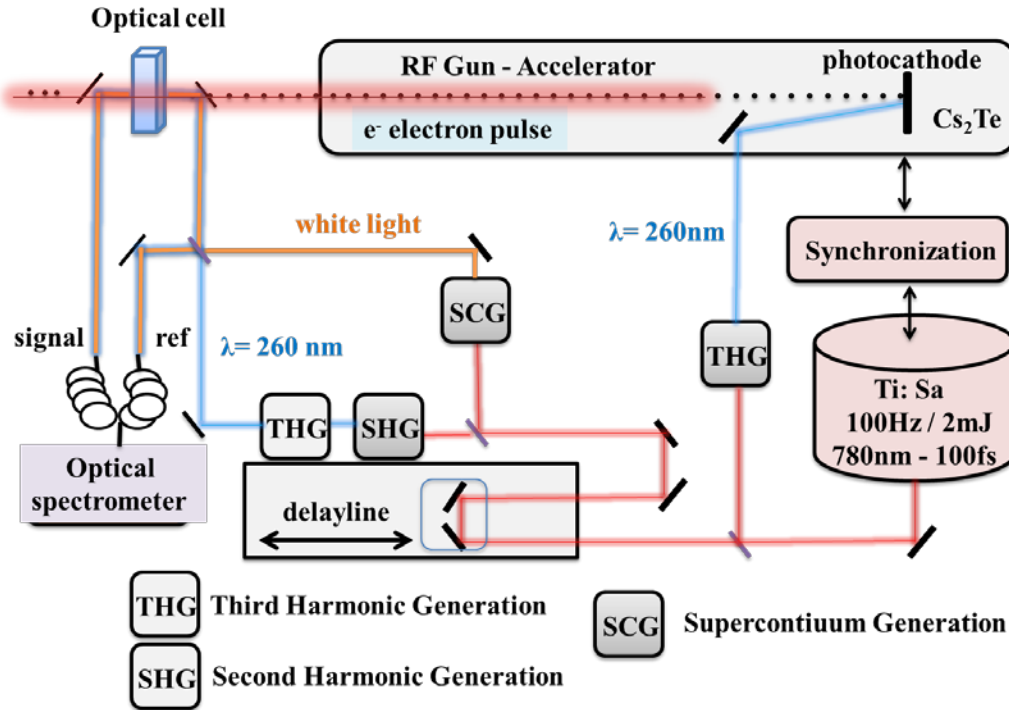
# Orsay Picosecond Pulse Radiolysis Facility- **ELYSE**



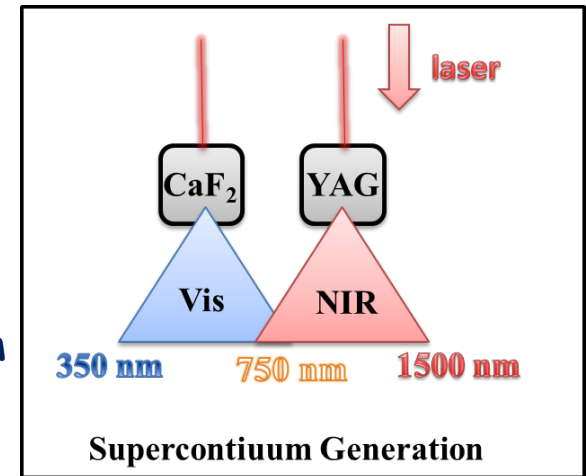
**Electron Pulse** duration: 7 ps  
Energy: 4 - 8 MeV  
Charge: 1 - 6 nC  
Frequency: 1 - 20 Hz

# Picosecond pulse radiolysis - ELYSE

## ELYSE



Probe light:



$$OD(\lambda, \Delta t) = \log \frac{I^{\circ}_{\text{ref}} - I_{\text{dark}}}{I^{\circ}_{\text{sig}} - I_{\text{dark}}} - \log \frac{I_{\text{ref}} - I_{\text{dark}}}{I_{\text{sig}} - I_{\text{dark}} - I_{\text{cekové}}}$$

260 nm

Wavelength (nm)

# $e^-$ Pulse – Probe setup

1. 780 nm - 100 fs laser

6. Coupling of signal and reference into the optical fibres

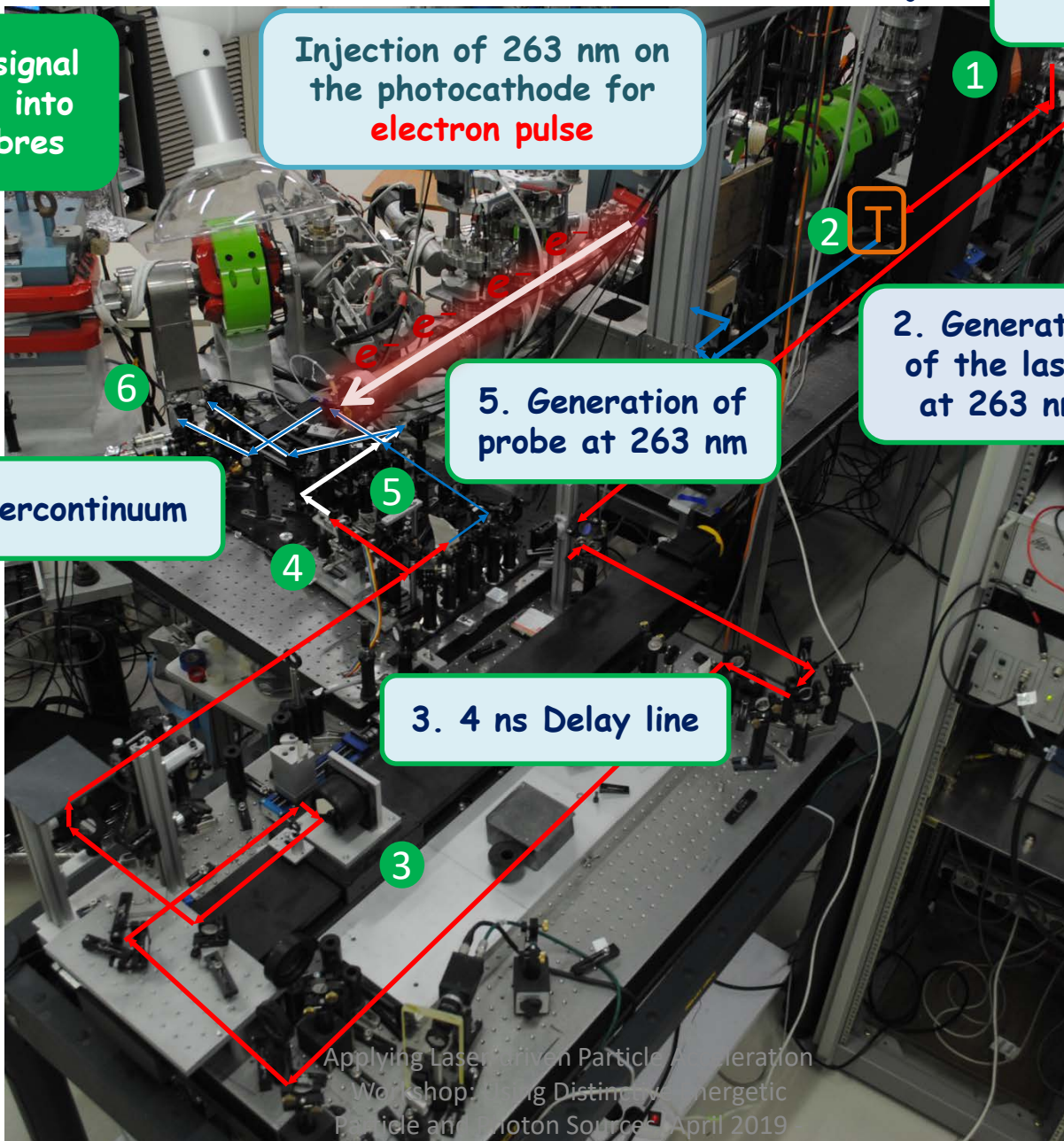
Injection of 263 nm on the photocathode for **electron pulse**

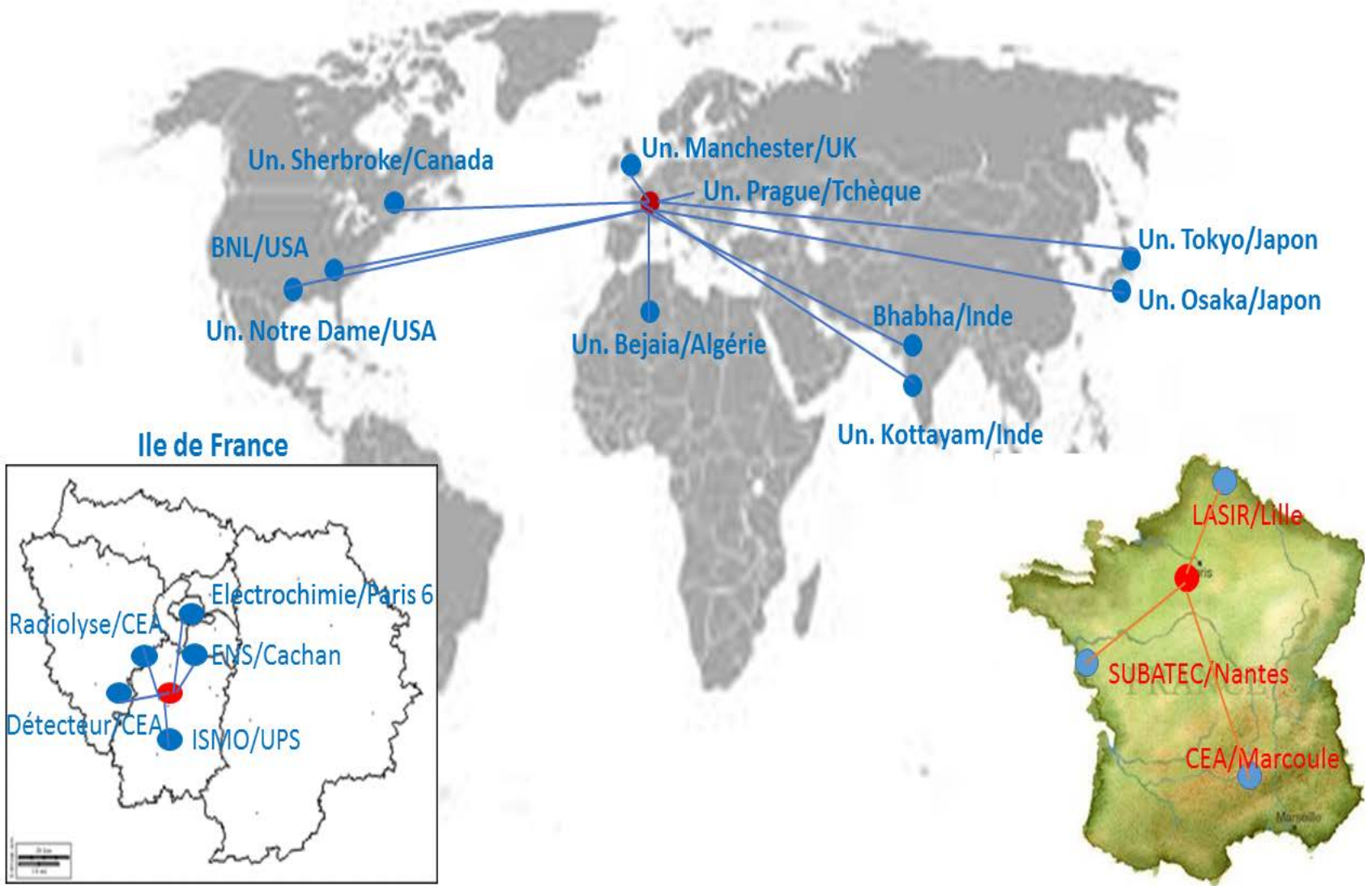
2. Generation of the laser at 263 nm

5. Generation of probe at 263 nm

4. Supercontinuum

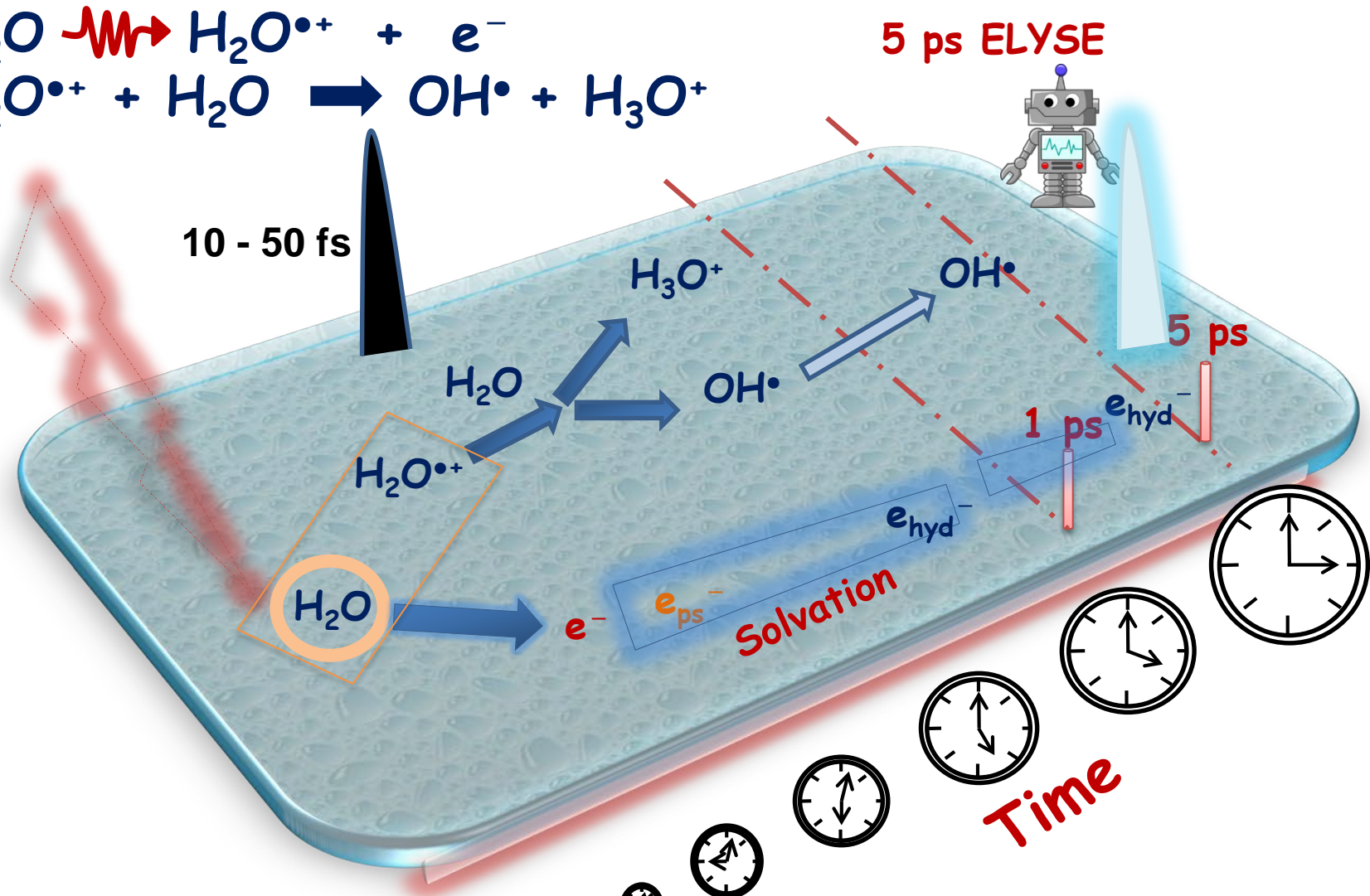
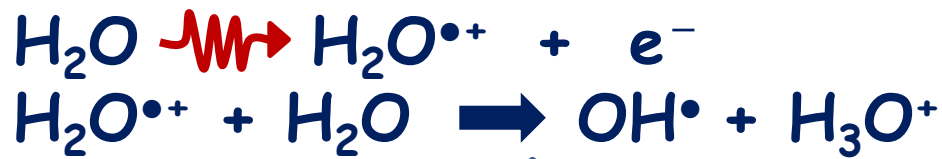
3. 4 ns Delay line





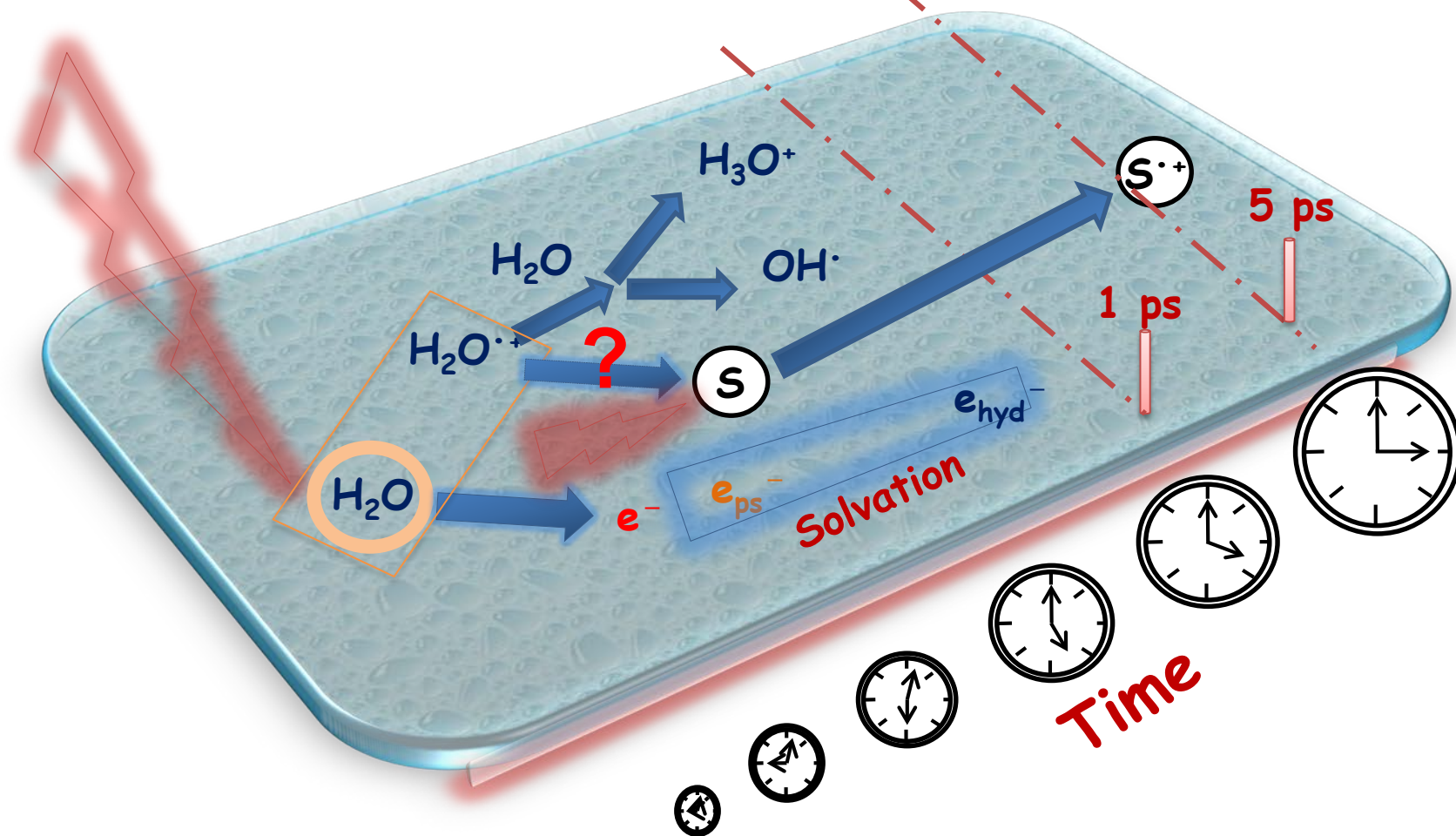


# Reactivity of $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\bullet+}$ in neat water



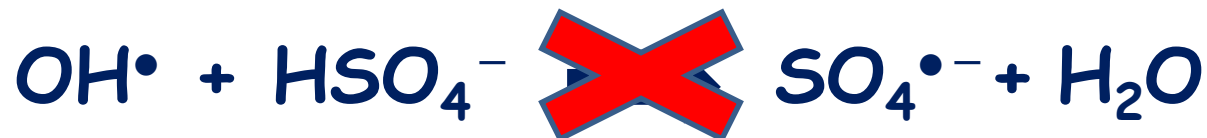


# Reactivity of $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\bullet+}$ in concentrated solutions



# Selecting solute S: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Our Observable: Formation of SO<sub>4</sub><sup>•-</sup> Radical

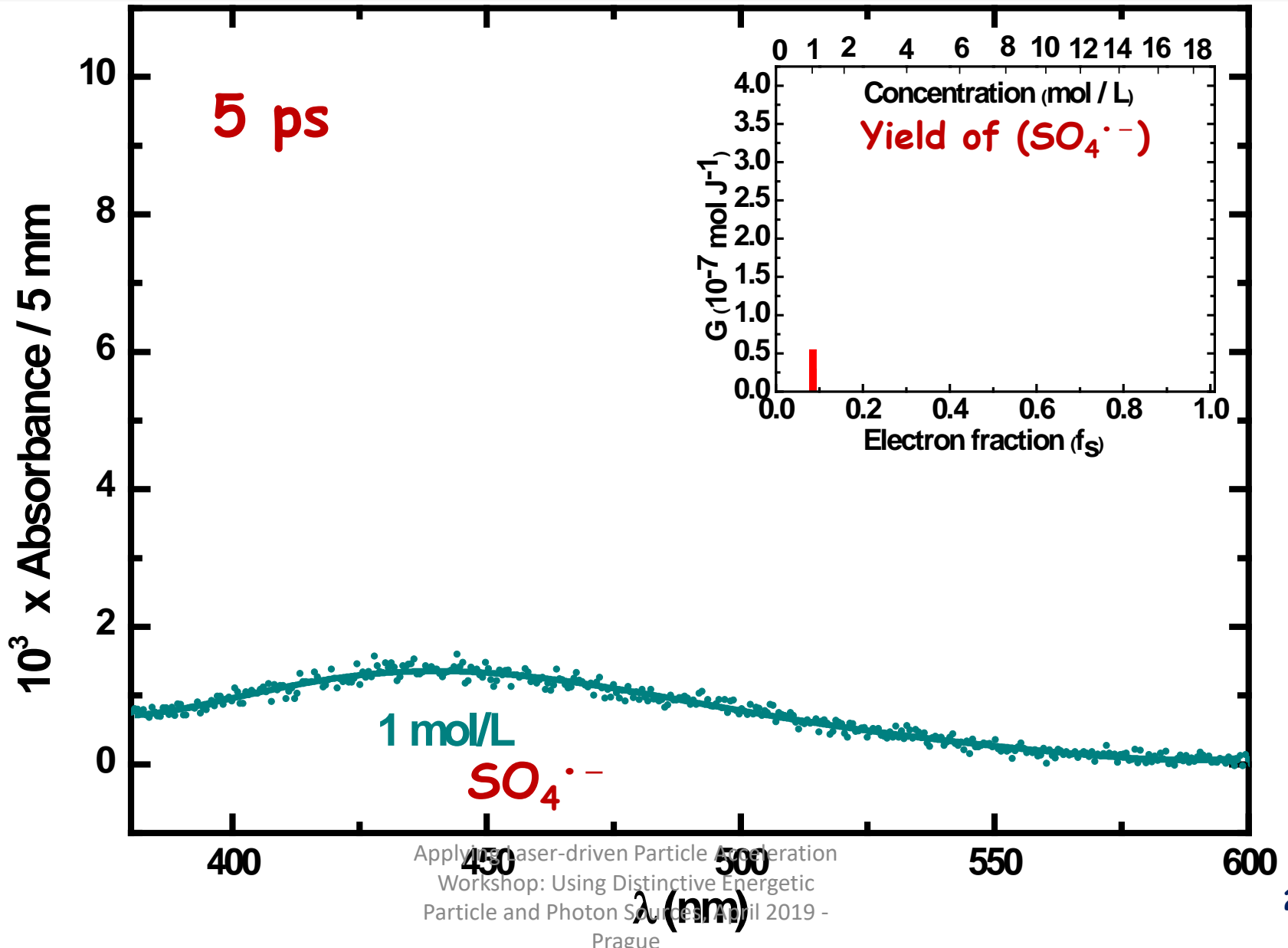


$$k = 1.4 \times 10^7 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

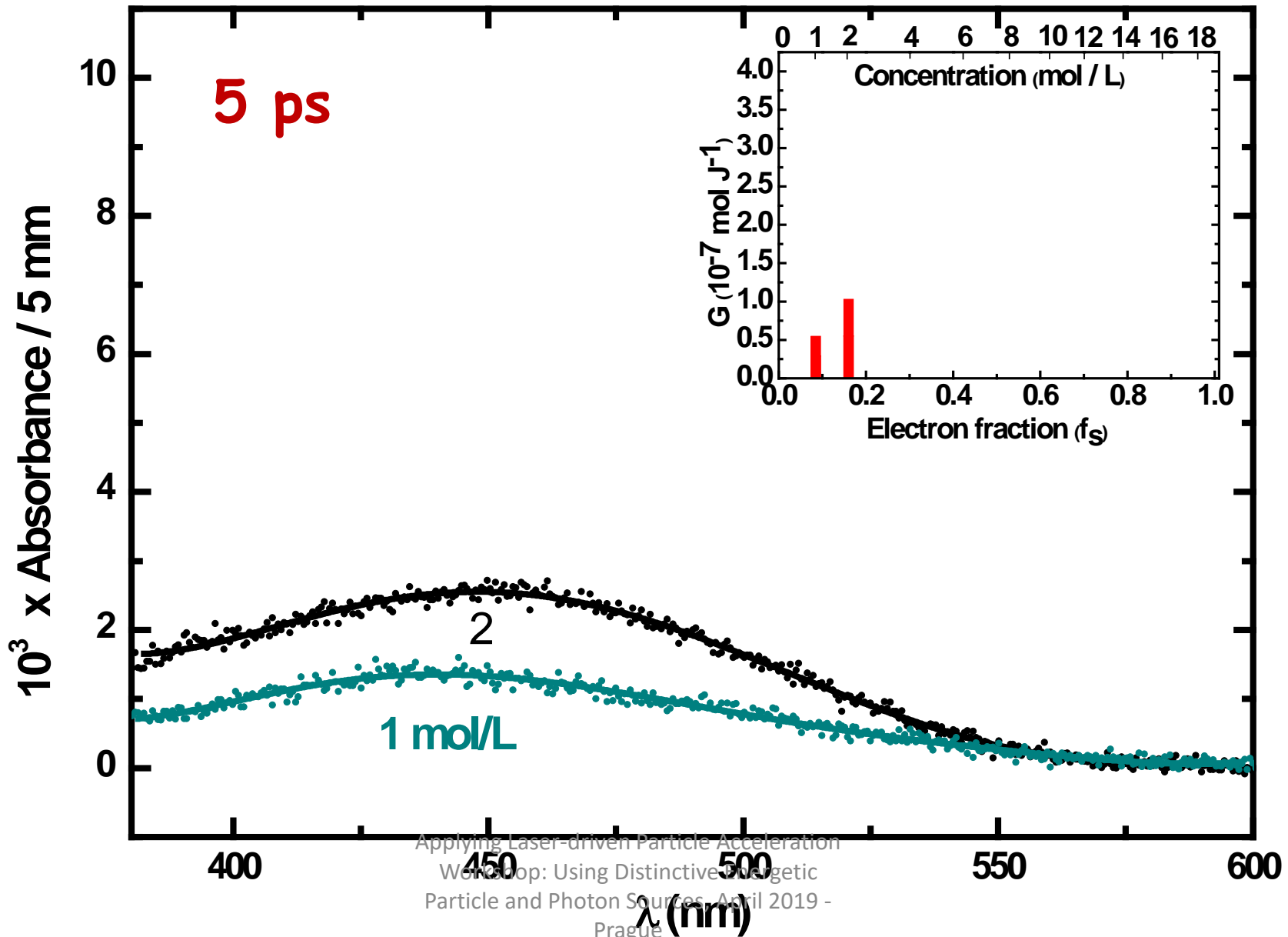
✓ Not occurring on ps time scale



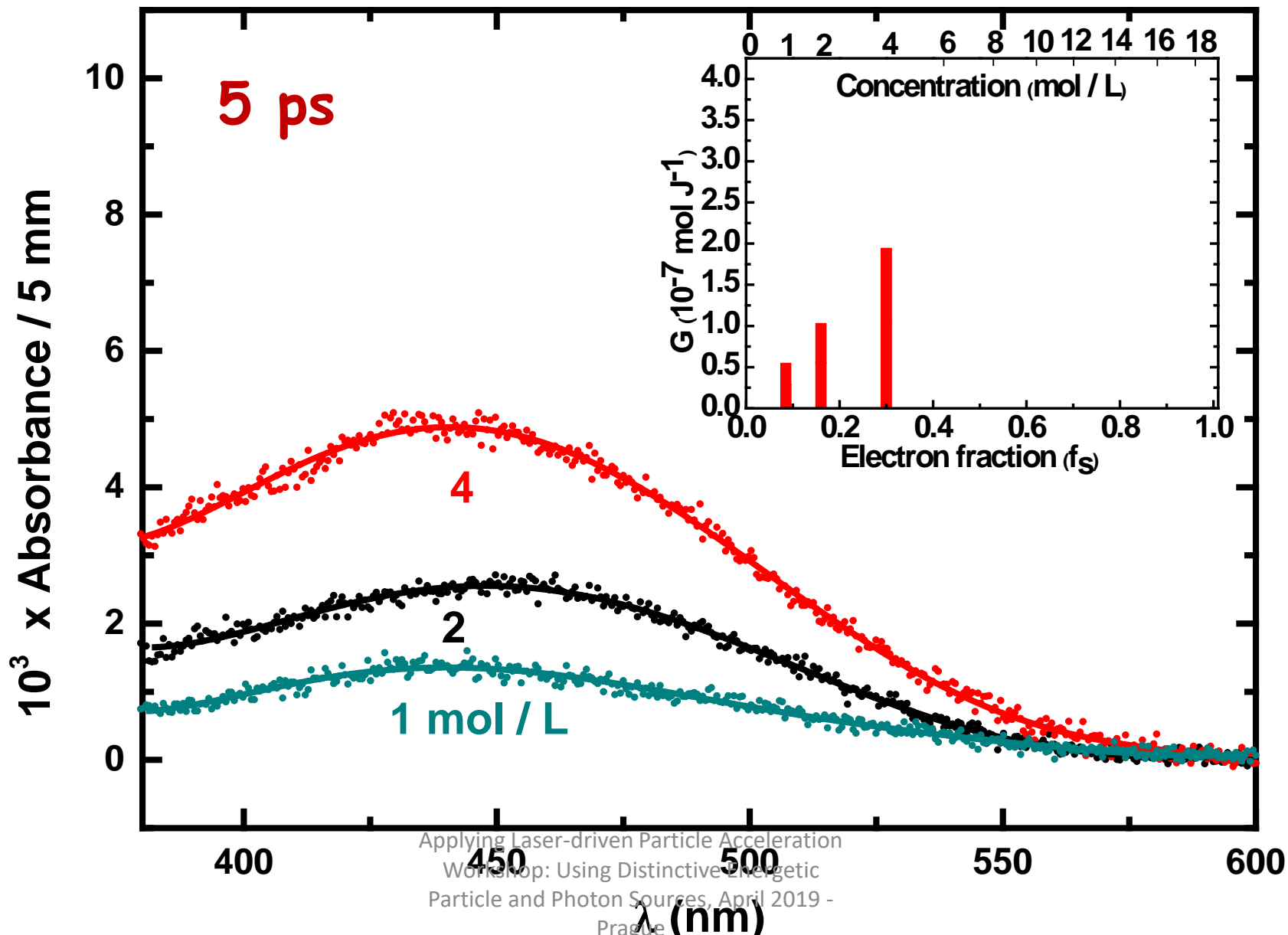
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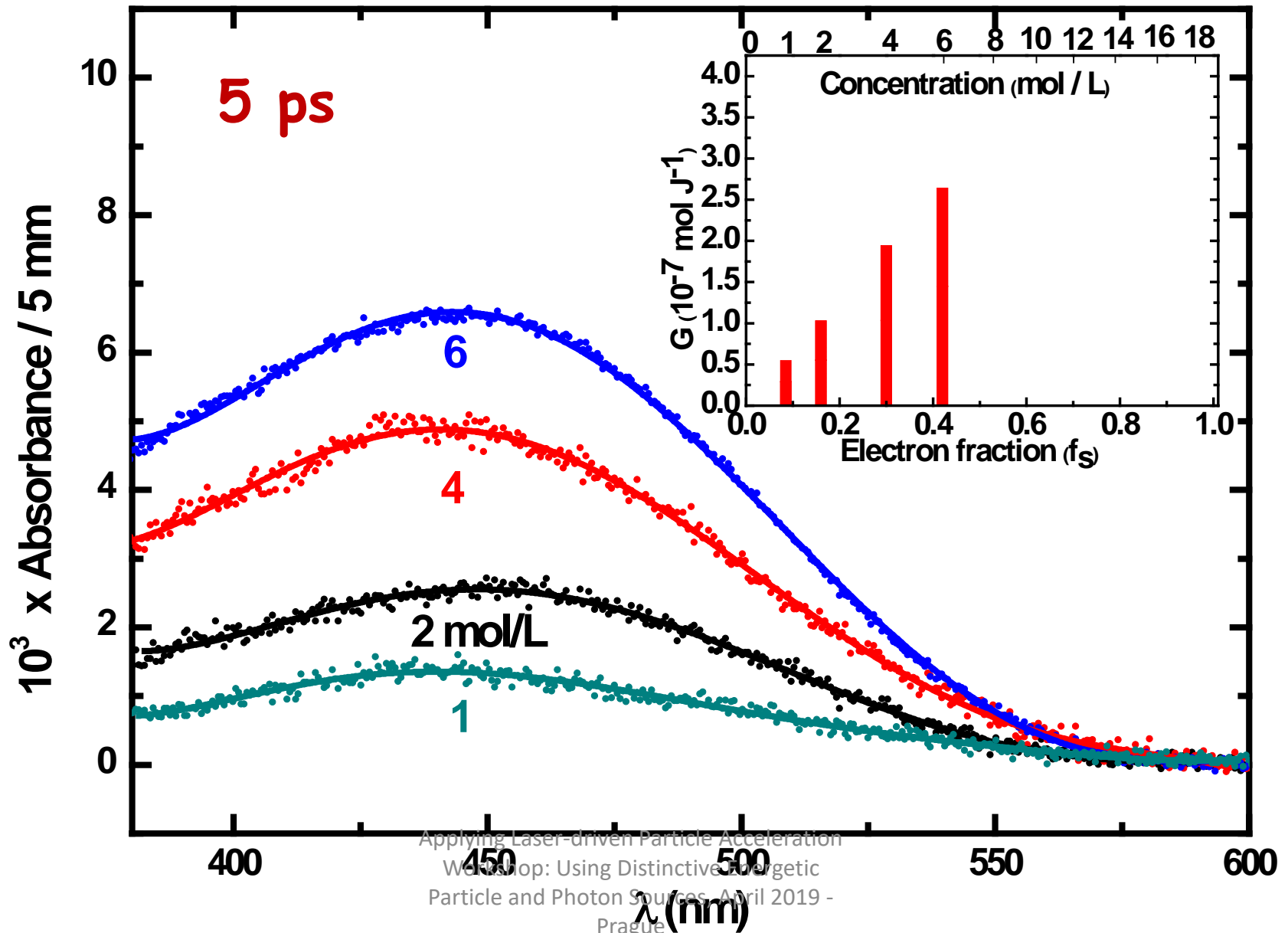


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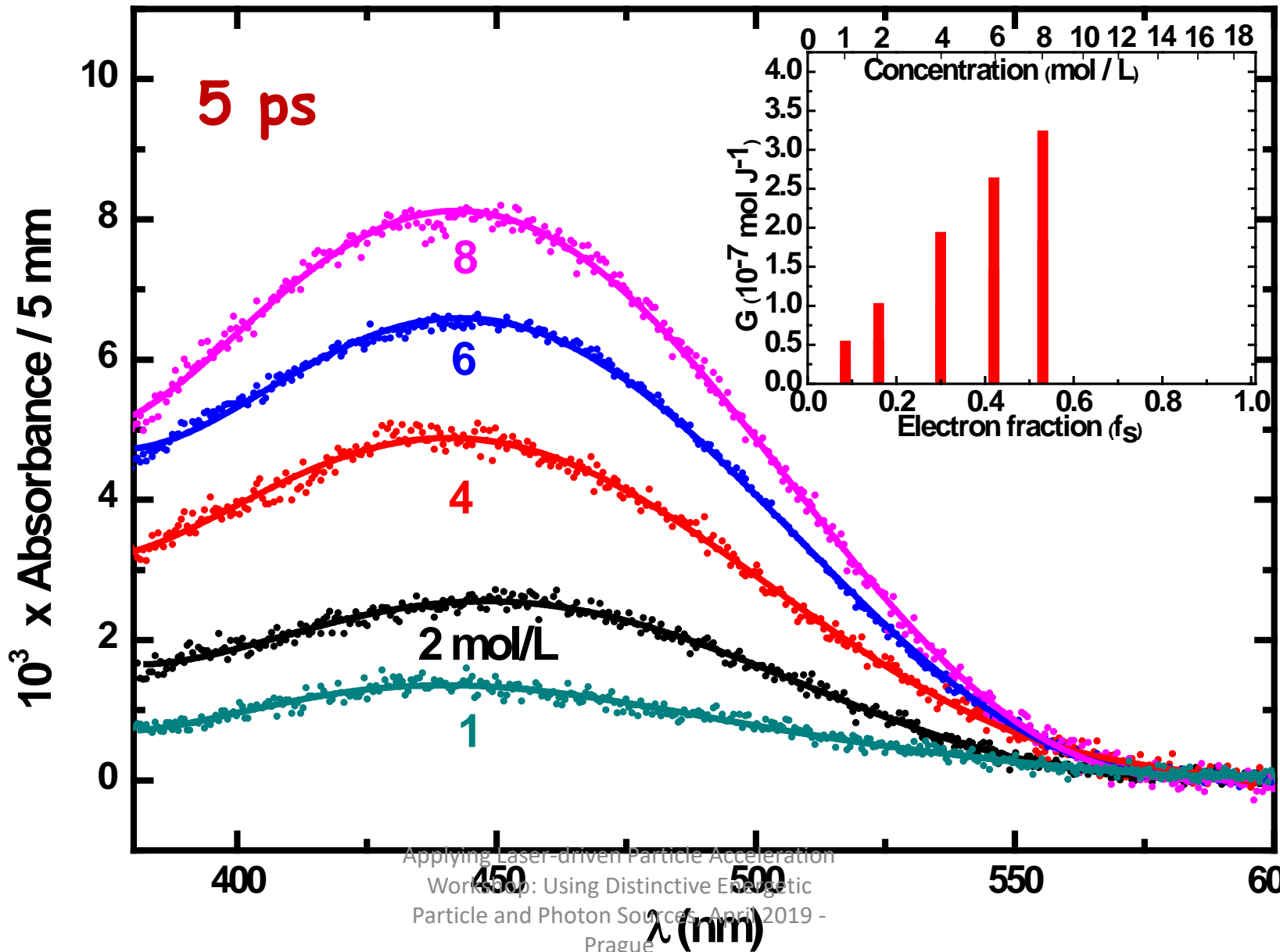




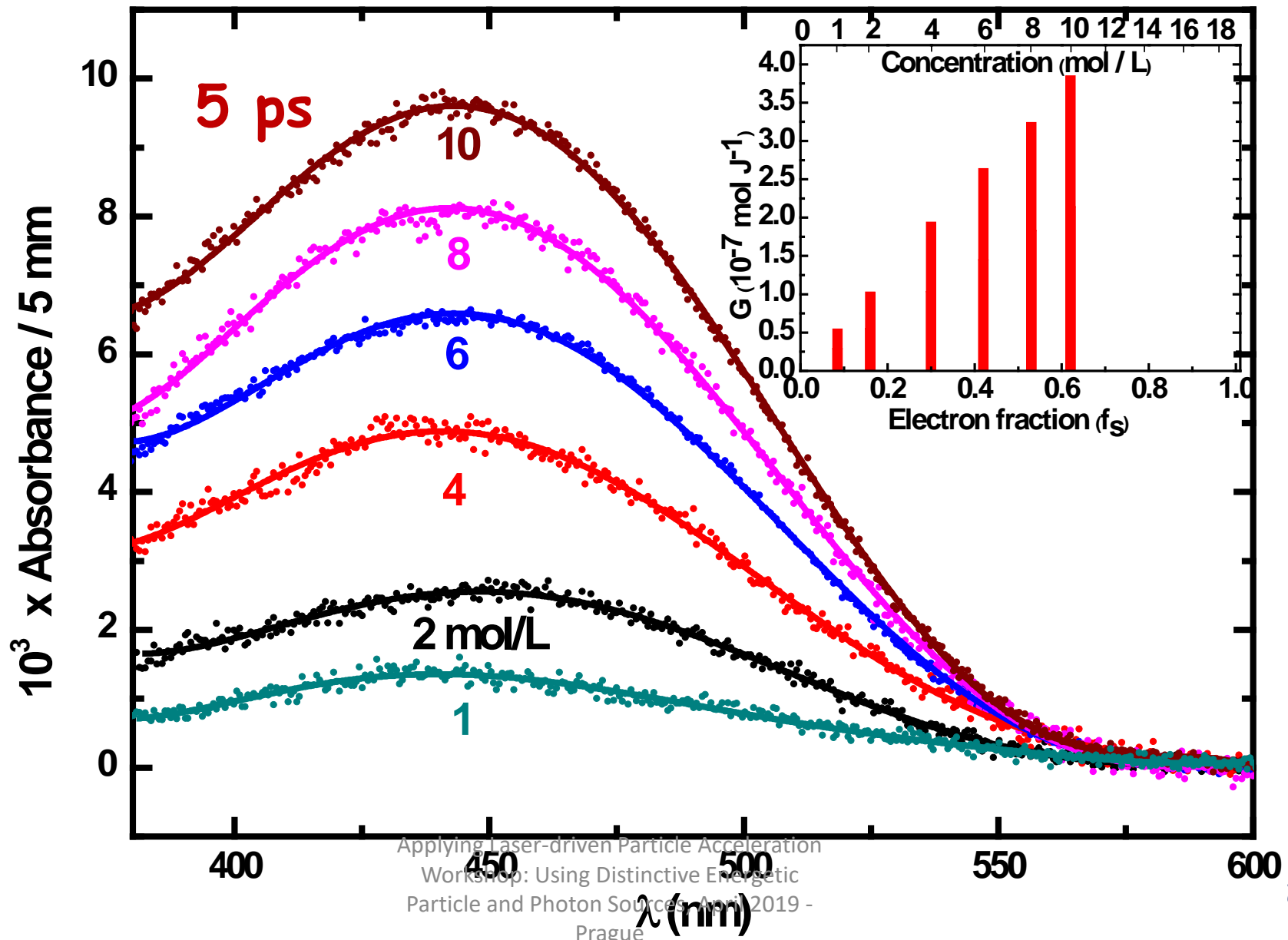
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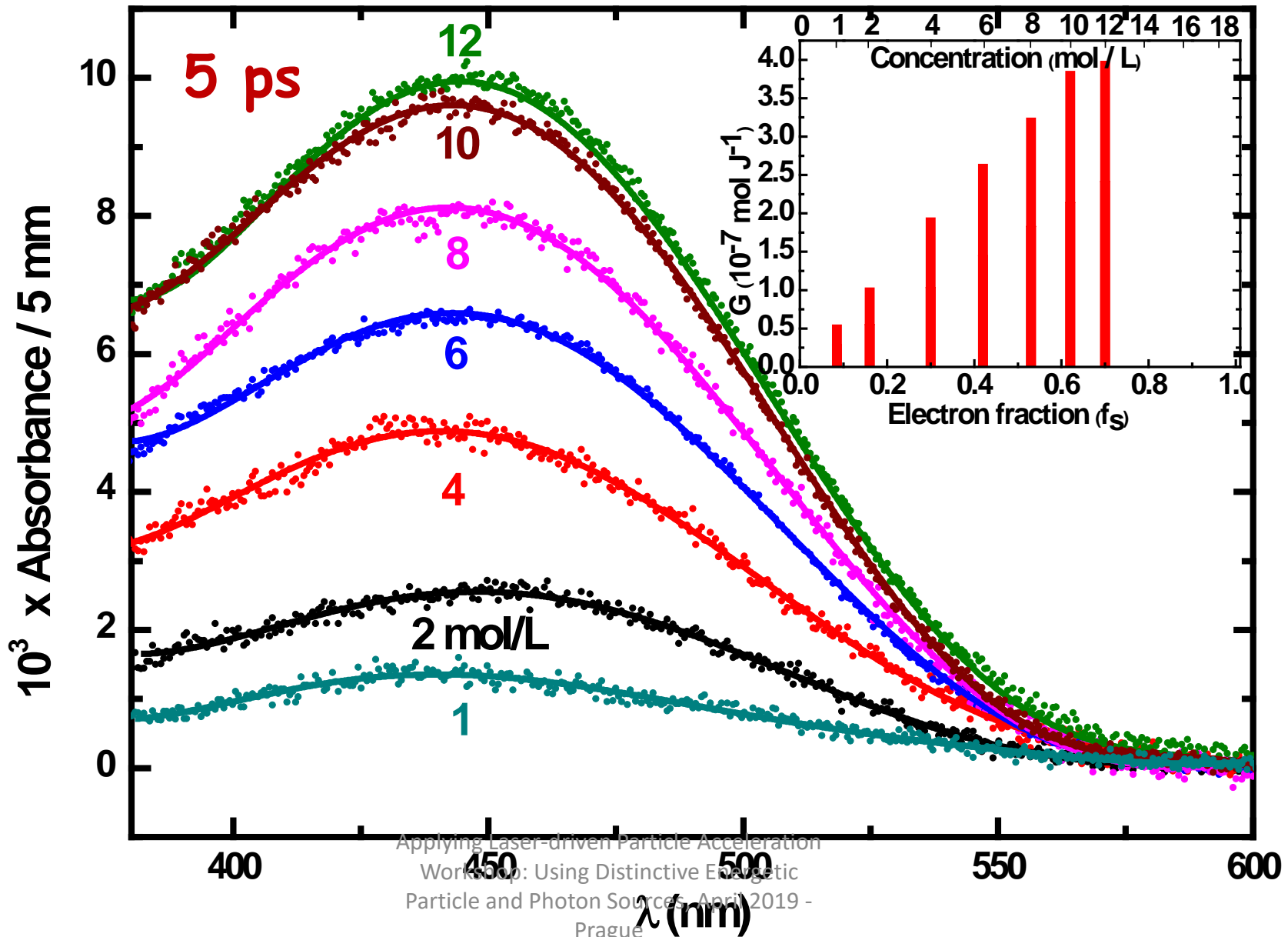
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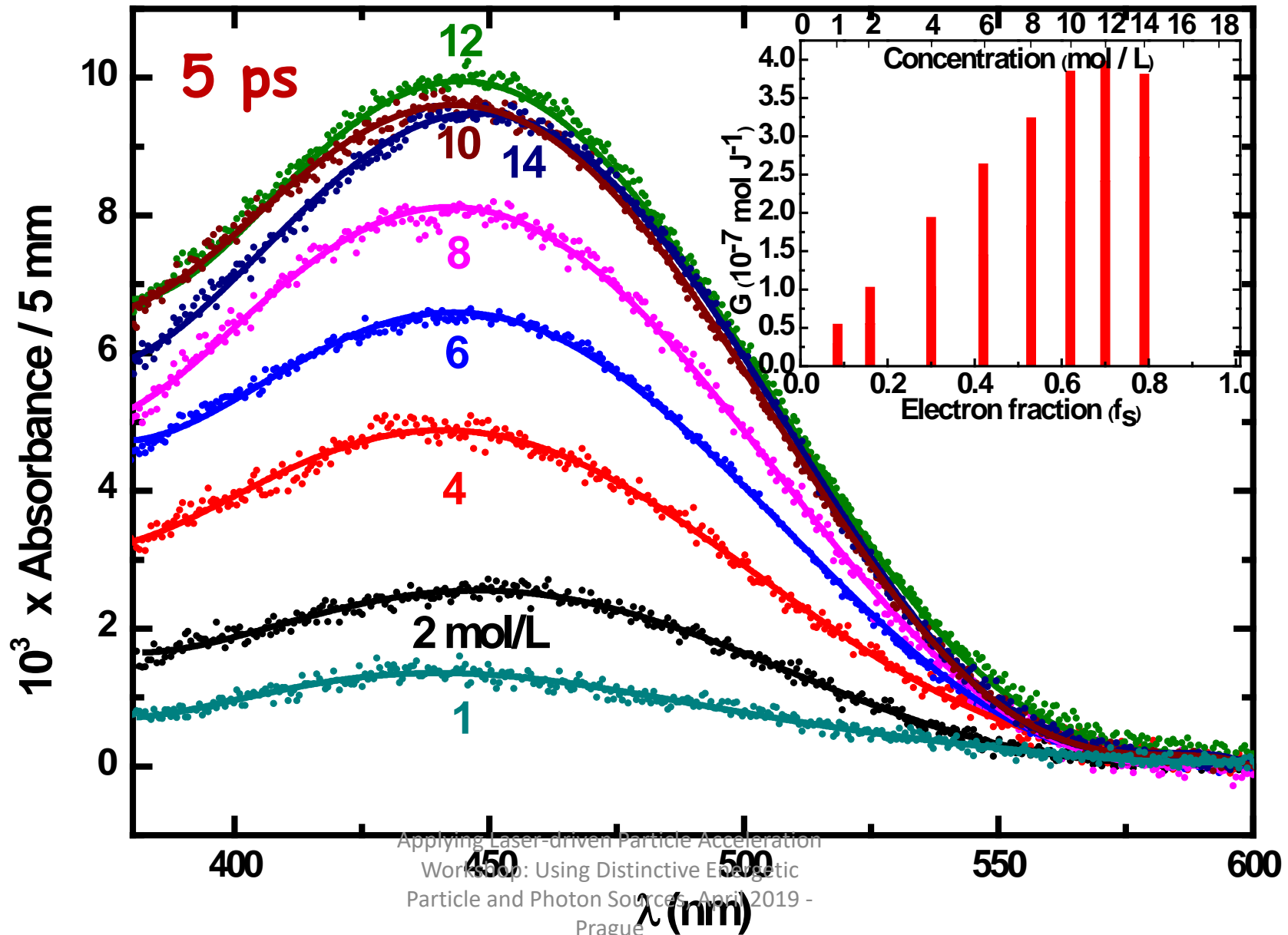
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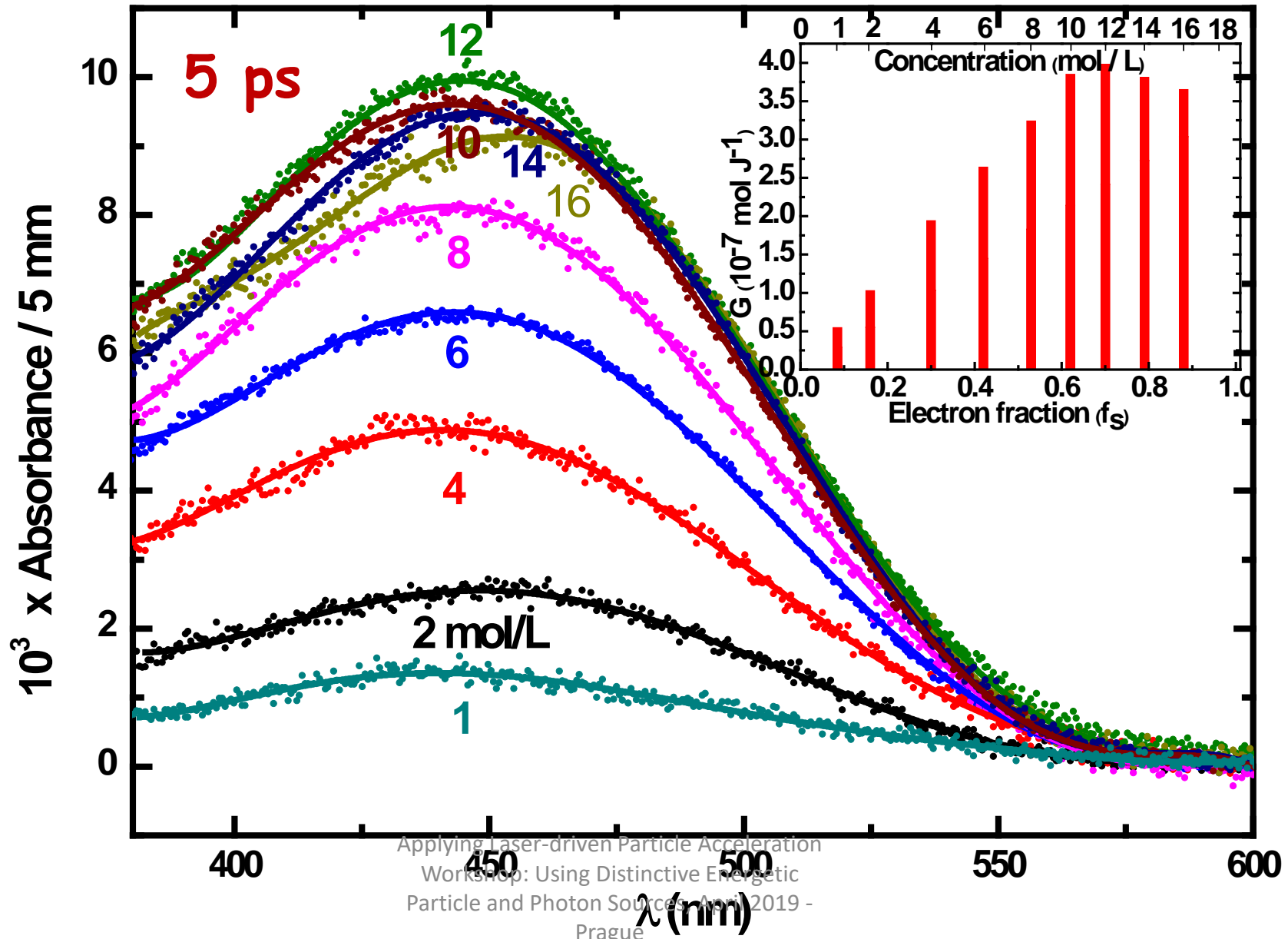


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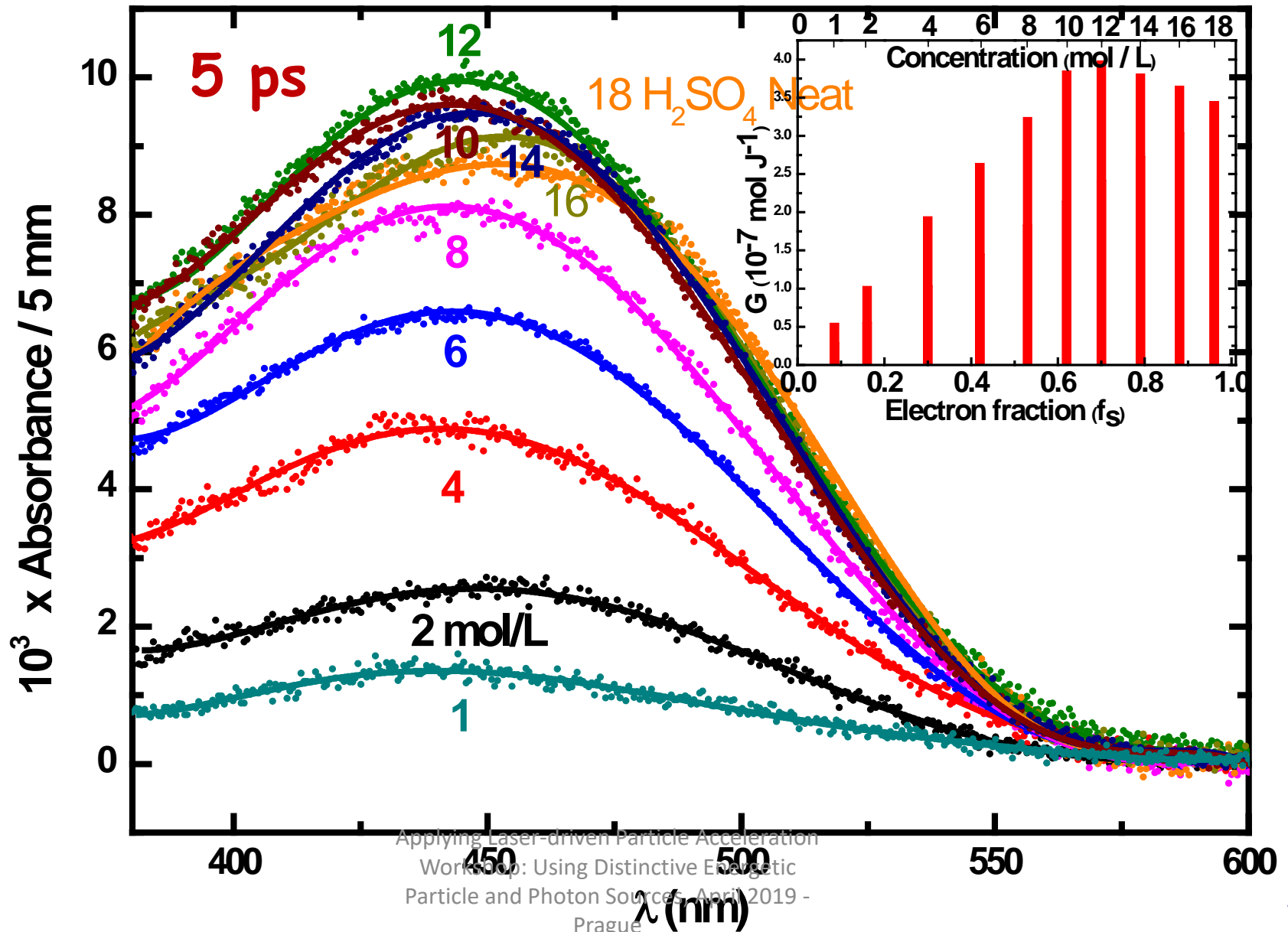




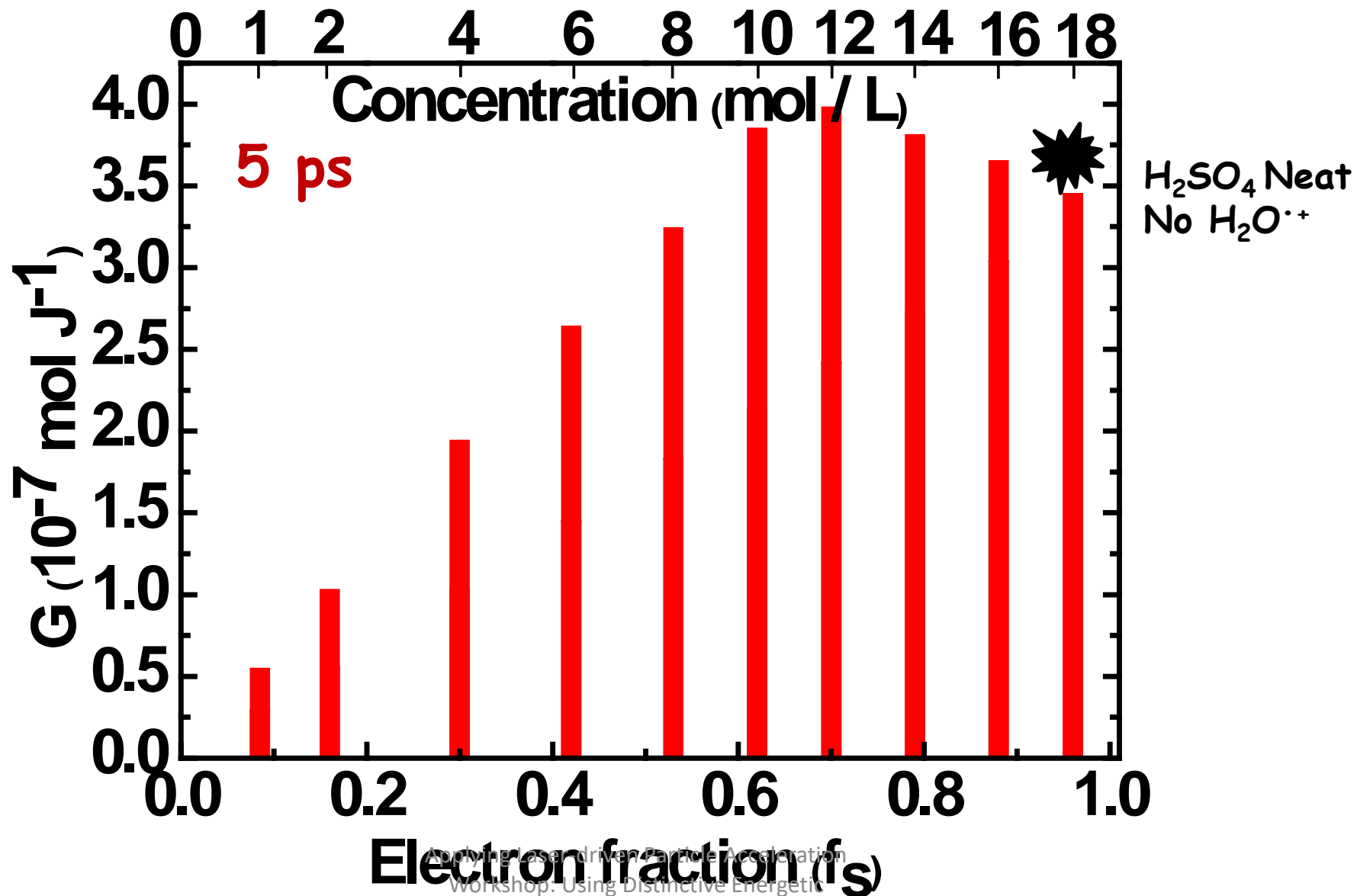
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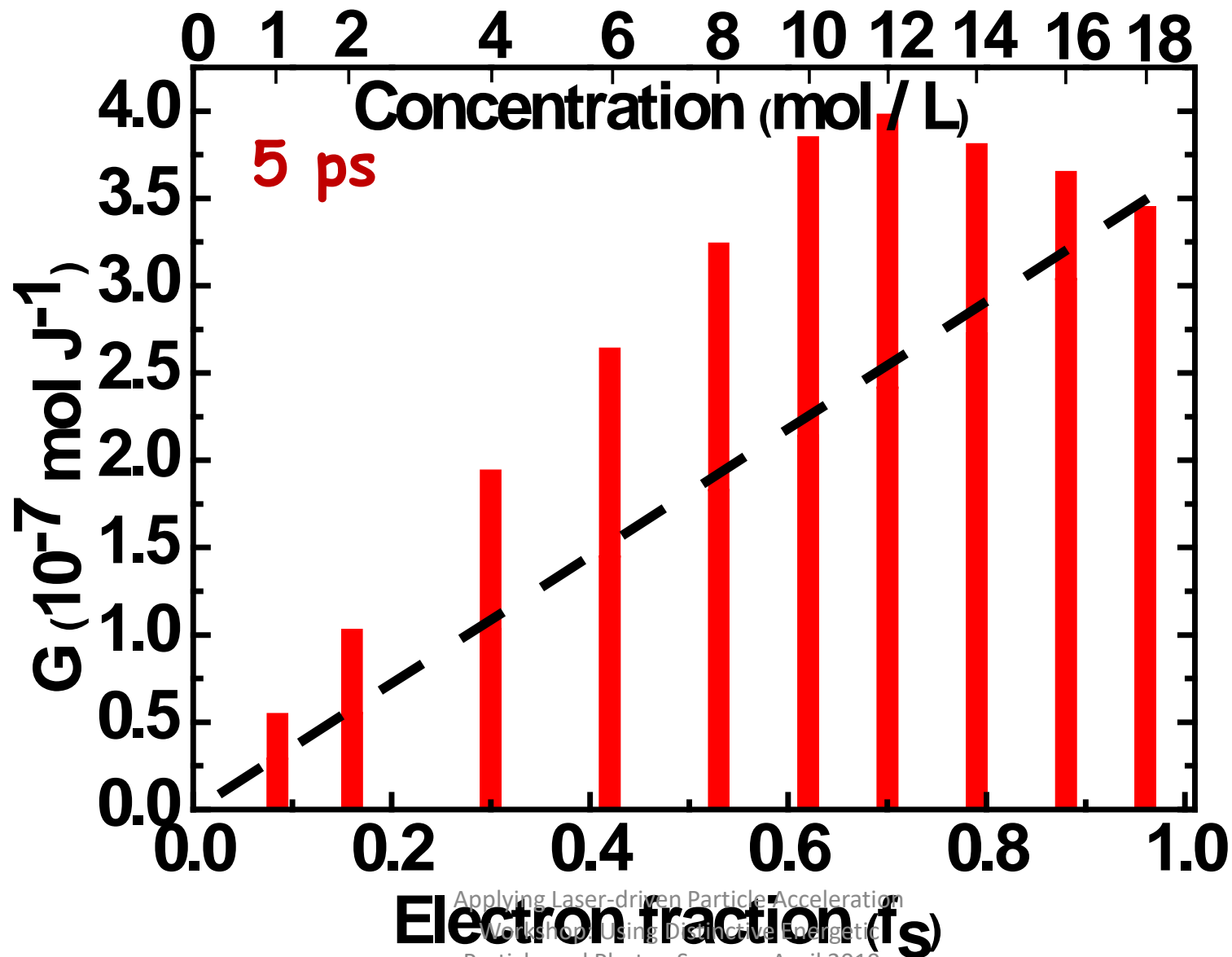
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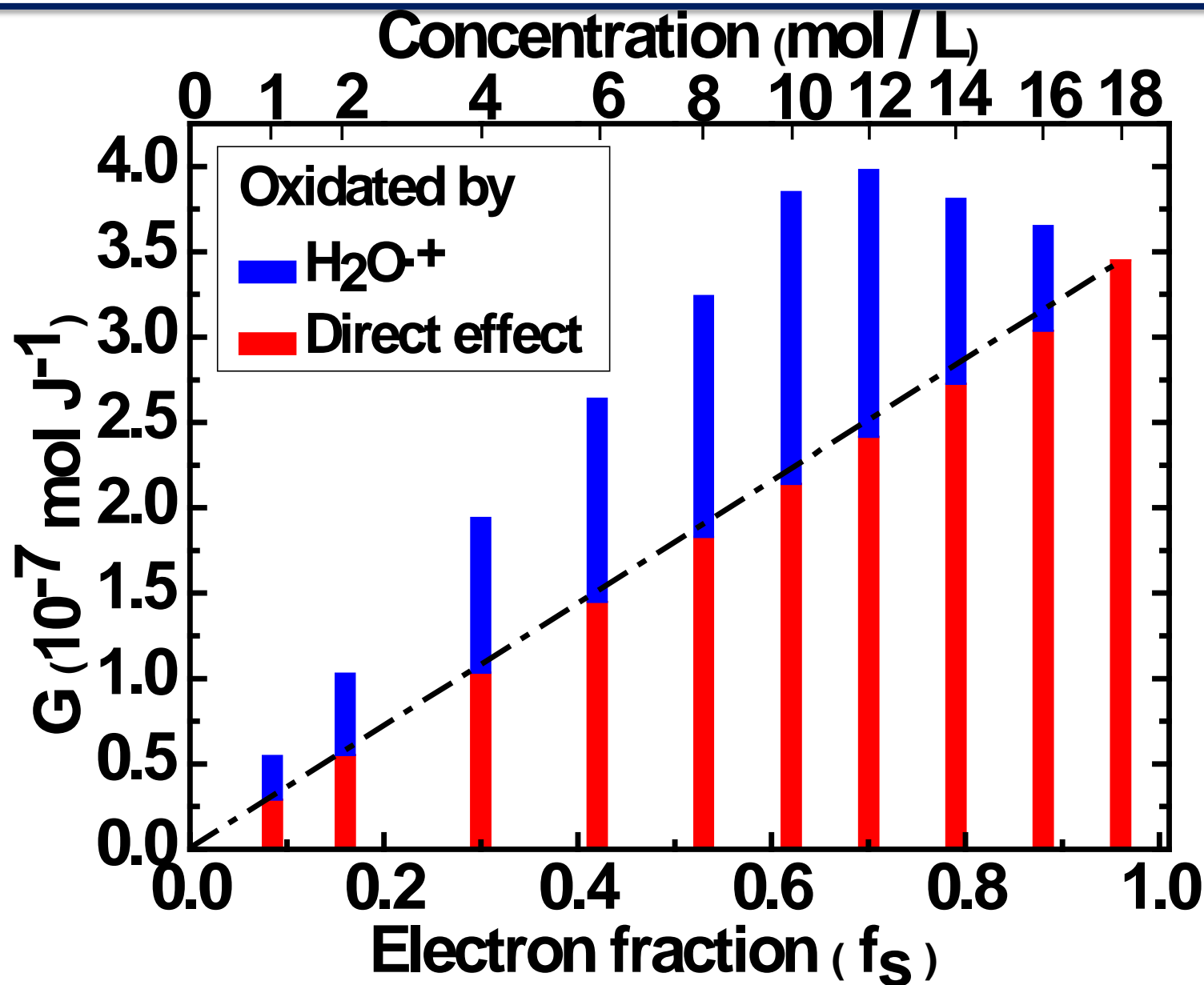
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# Reactivity of $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\bullet+}$ in solution $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$





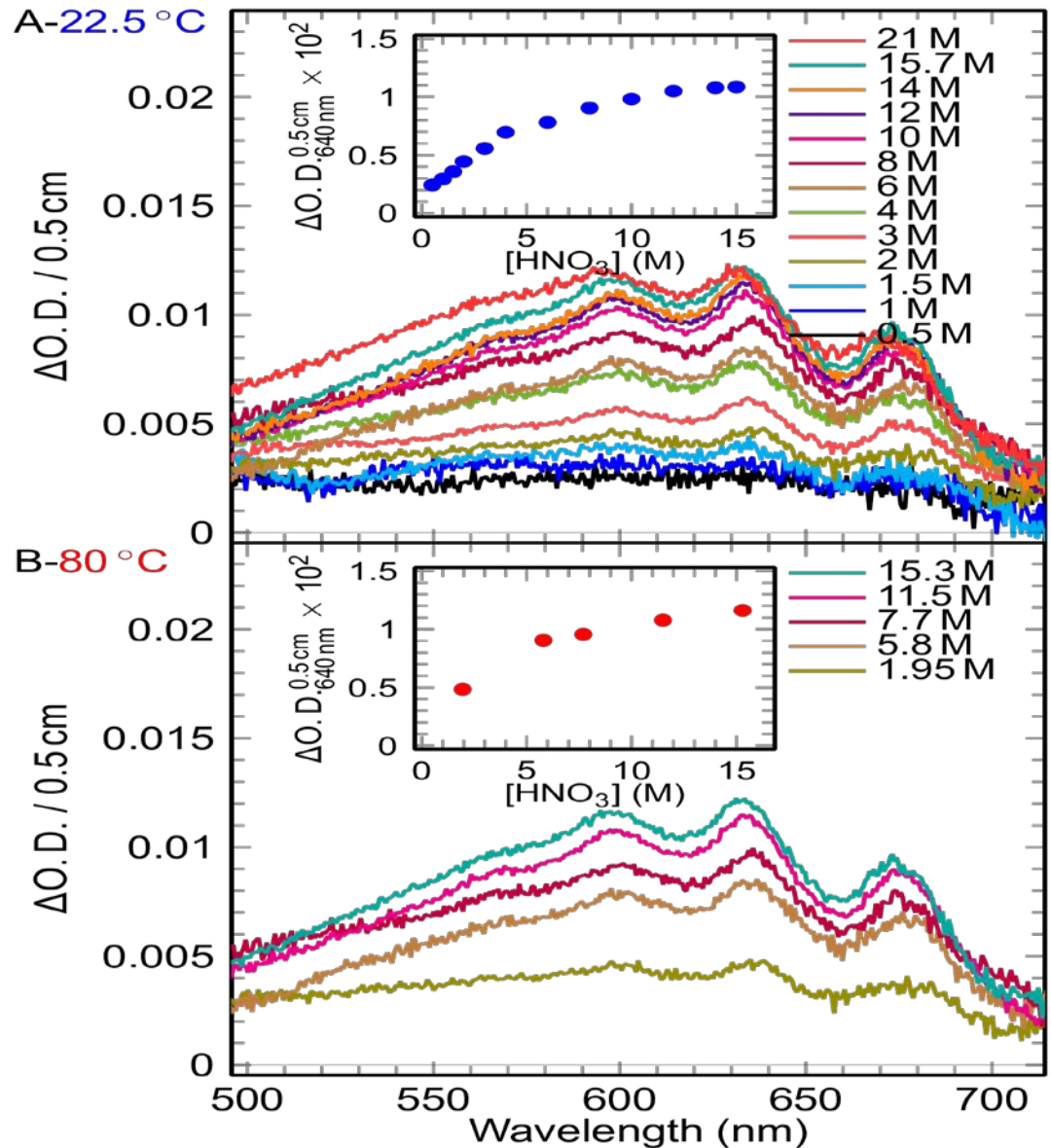
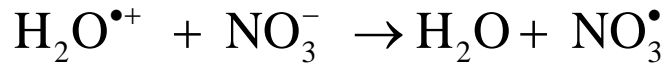
# $H_2O^{\bullet+}$ a strong oxidizing species

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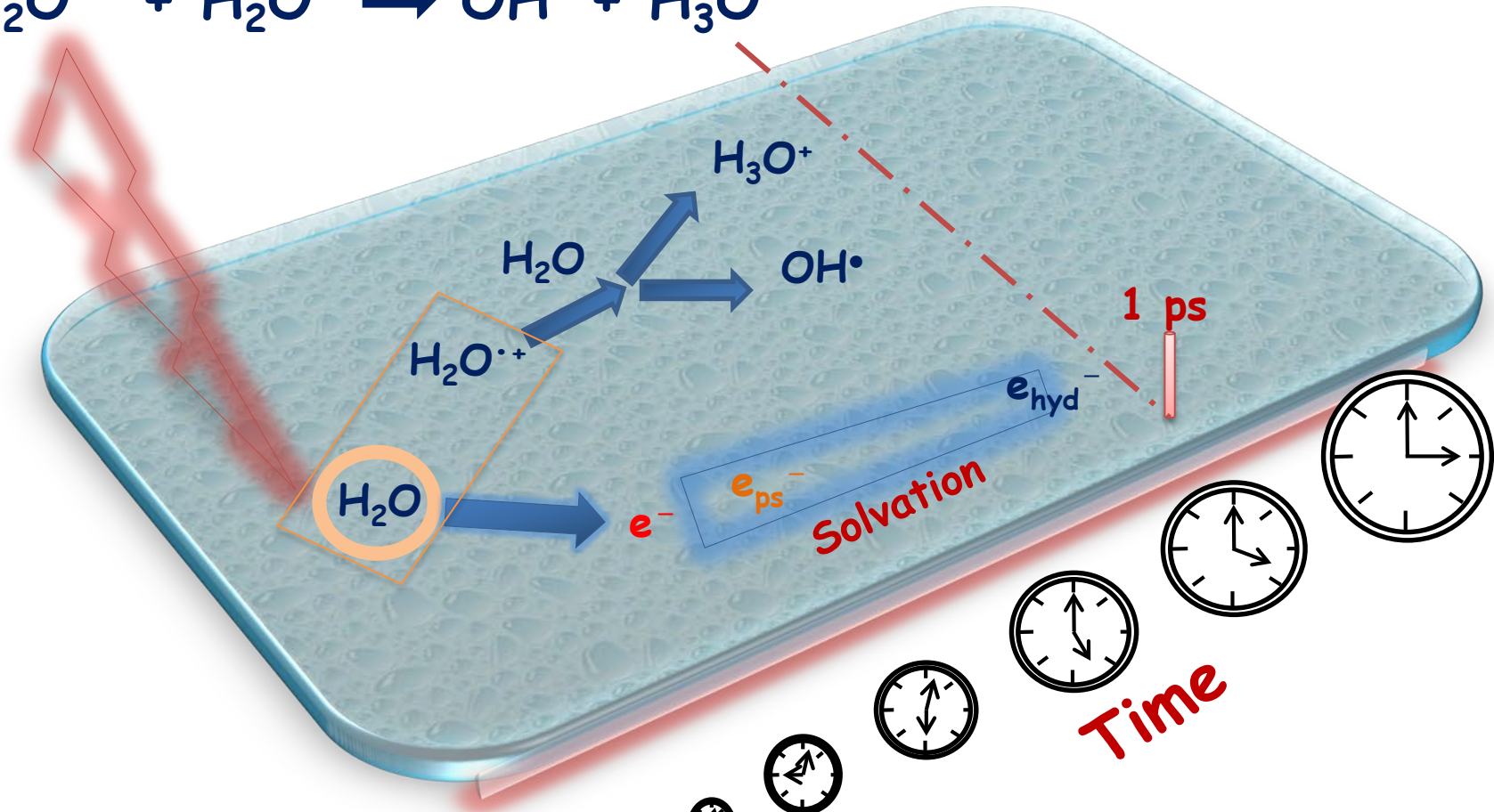
## Formation of $SO_4^{\bullet-}$ Radical



# Nuclear Fuel retreatment in 8 M nitric acid solutions: Transient absorption : $\text{NO}_3^\bullet$ detection at 7 ps

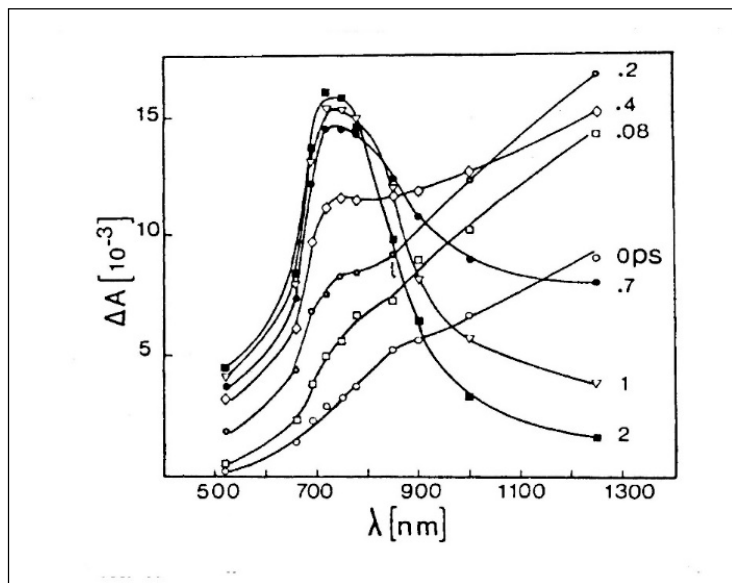


# Dynamics of $e_{ps}^-$ in neat water



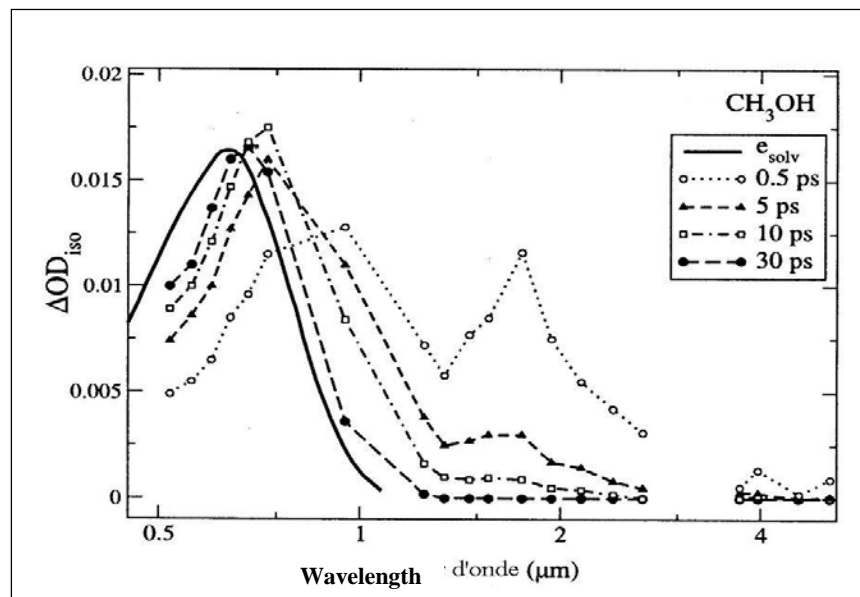
# Solvation dynamics of electron in liquid

H<sub>2</sub>O



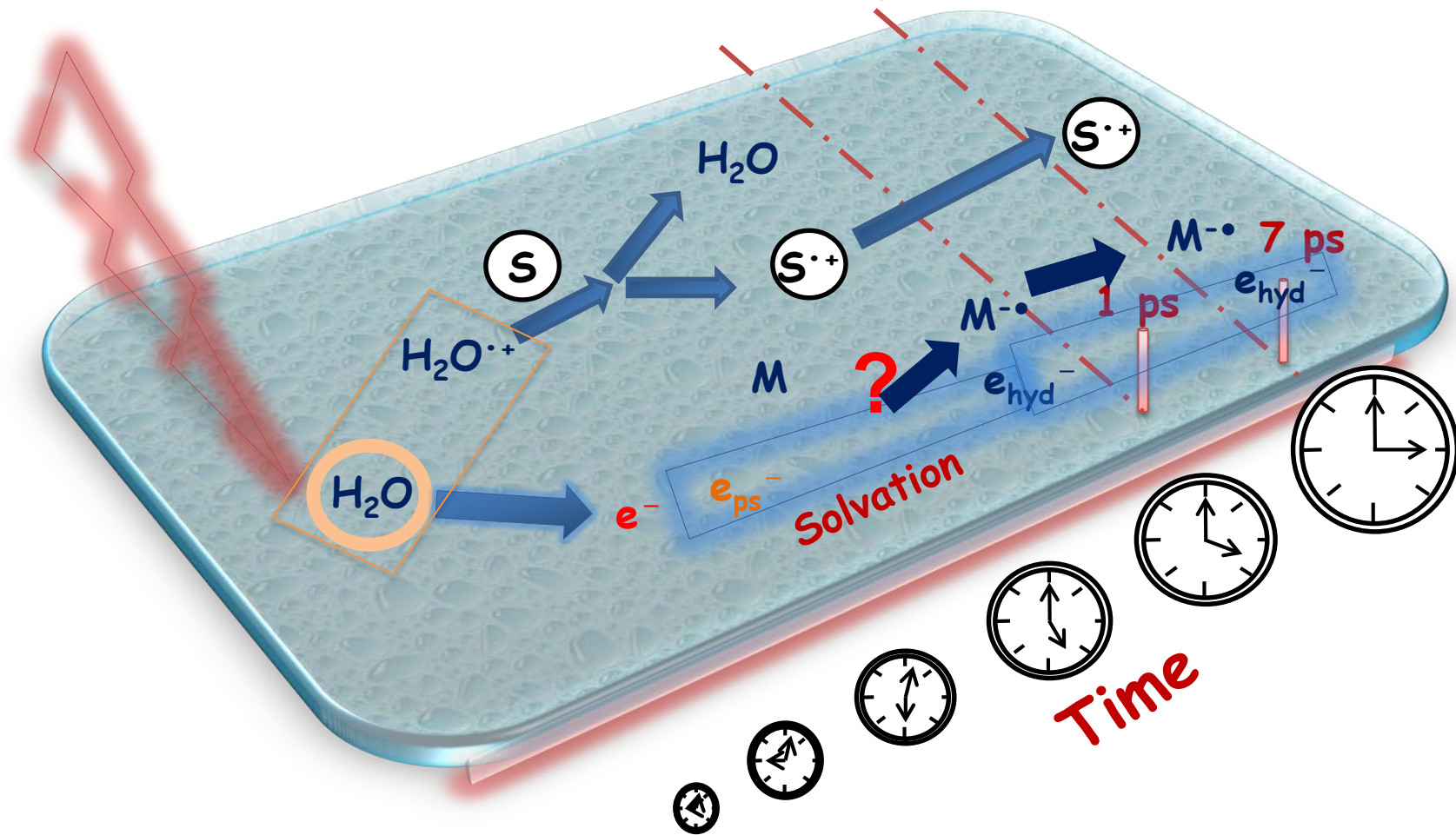
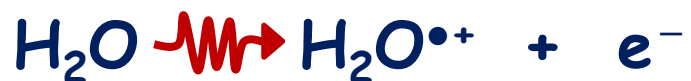
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# Reactivity of $e_{ps}^-$ in solutions

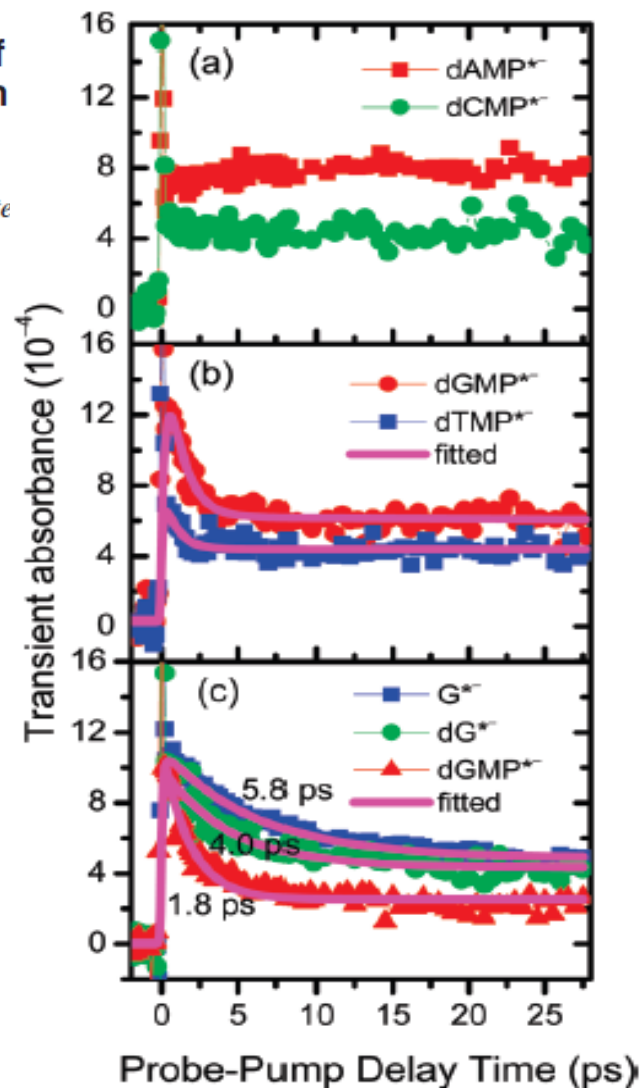
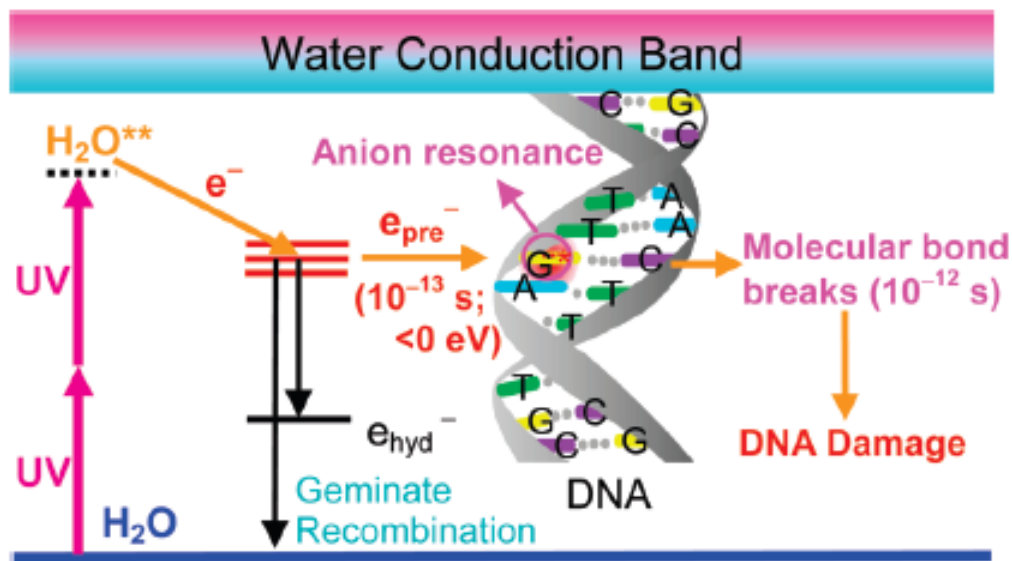




# Bond Breaks of Nucleotides by Dissociative Electron Transfer of Nonequilibrium Prehydrated Electrons: A New Molecular Mechanism Reductive DNA Damage

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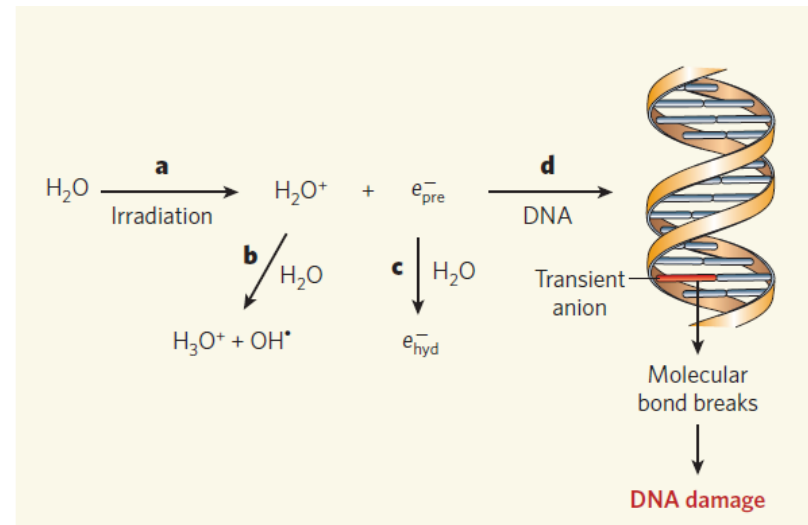


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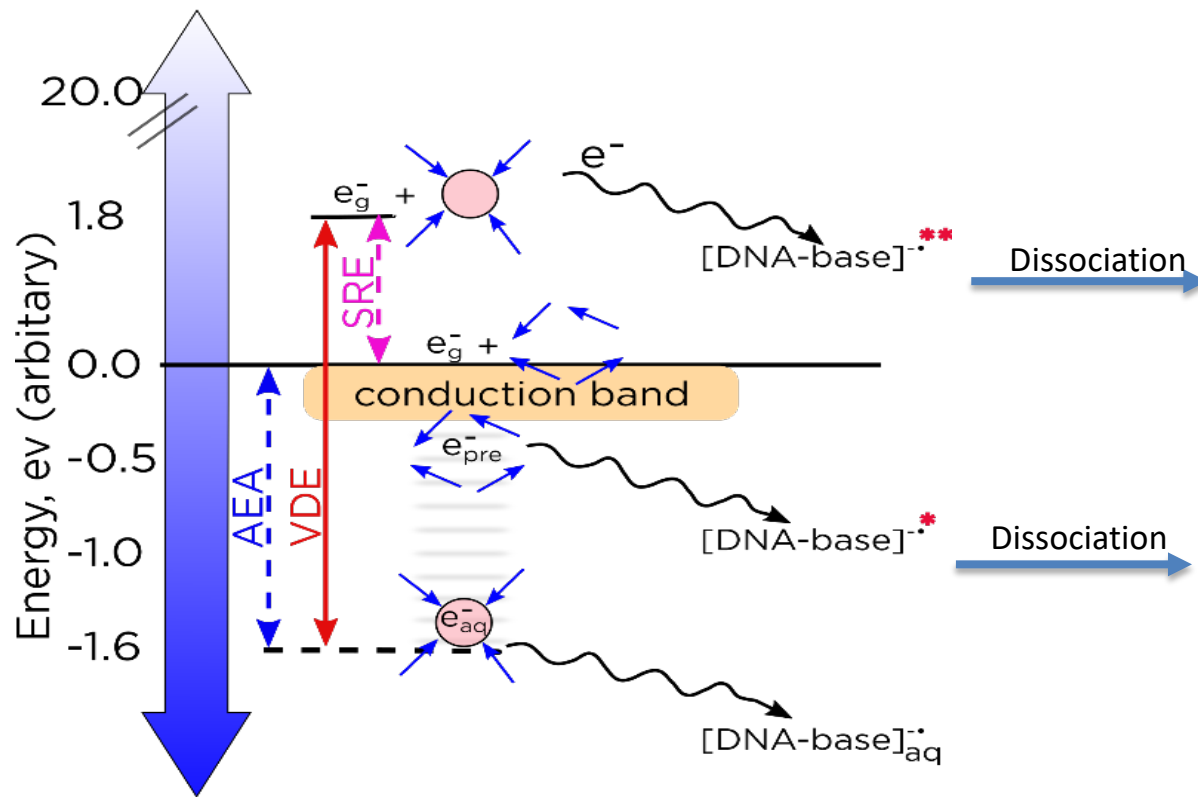
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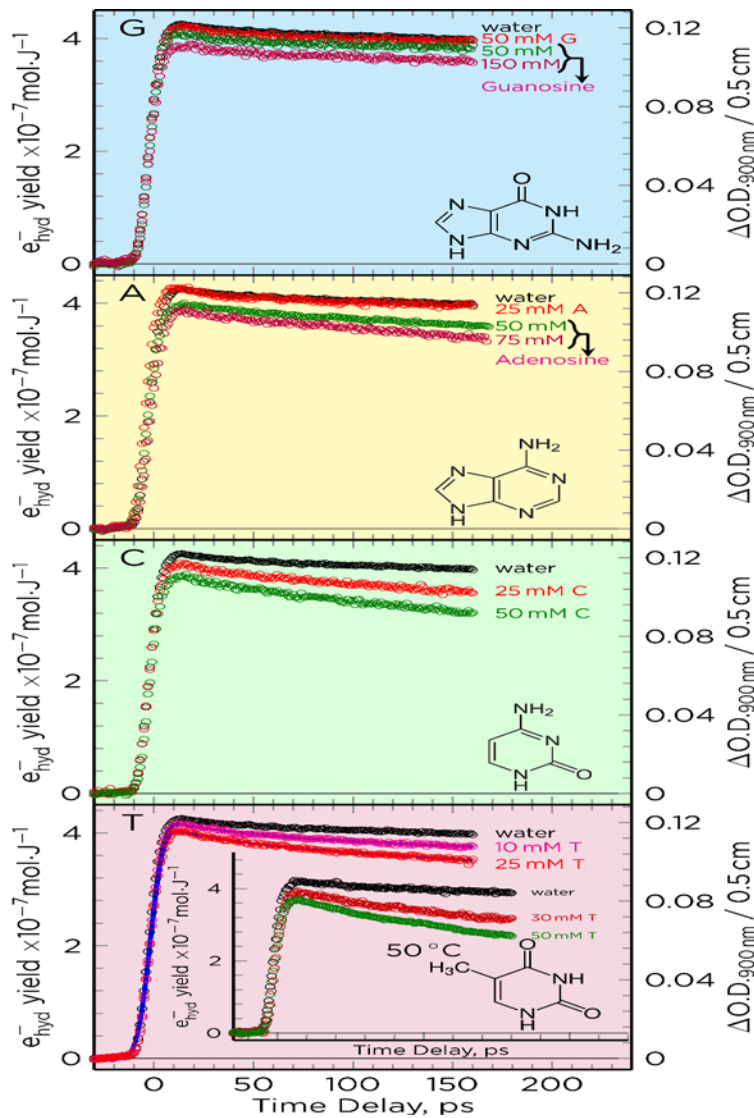
Radiation-induced DNA damage has been attributed to hydroxyl radicals, which form when water absorbs high-energy photons or charged particles. But another product of water's radiolysis might be the real culprit.





# Question: Dose pre-hydrated electron reaction produce an excited state undergoing dissociation?

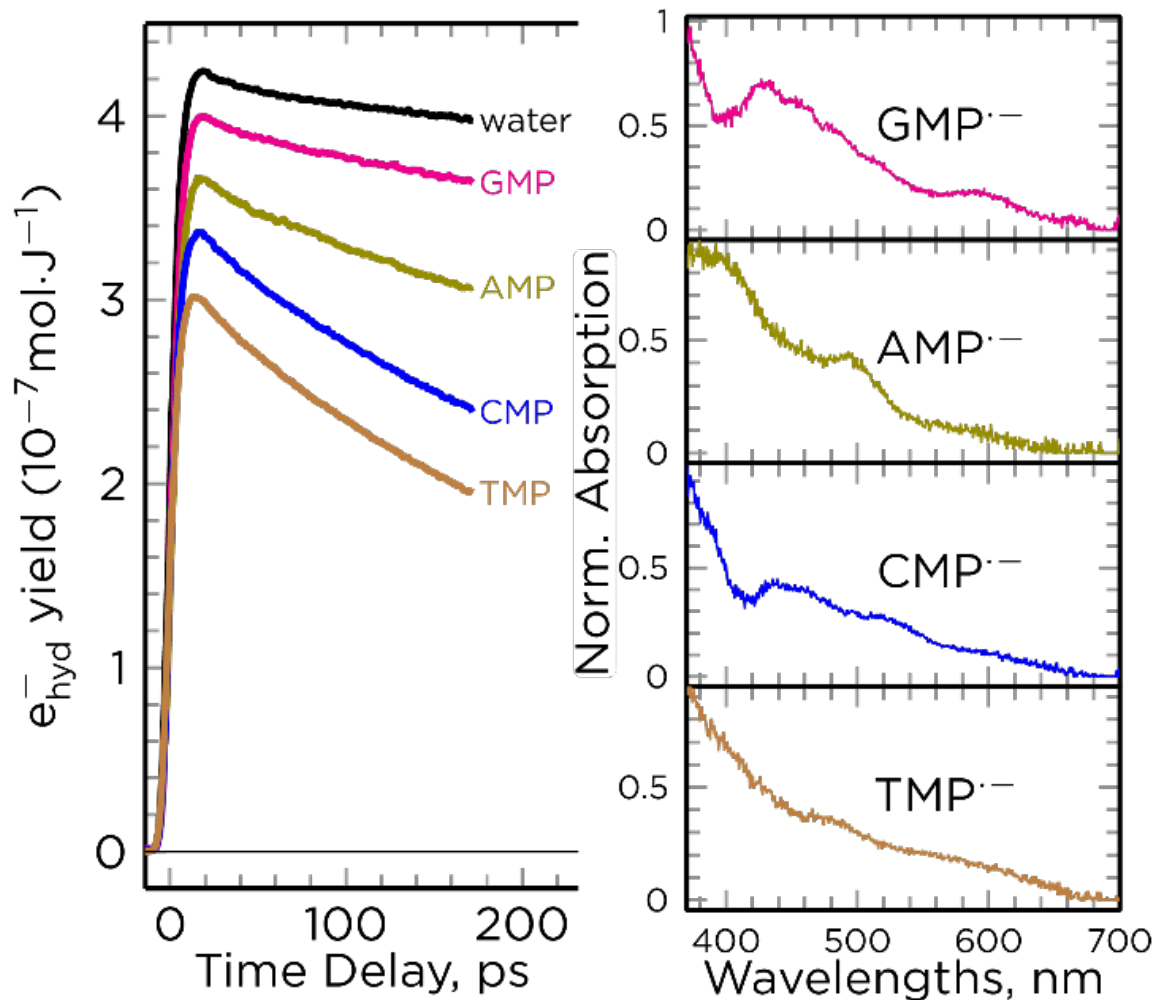




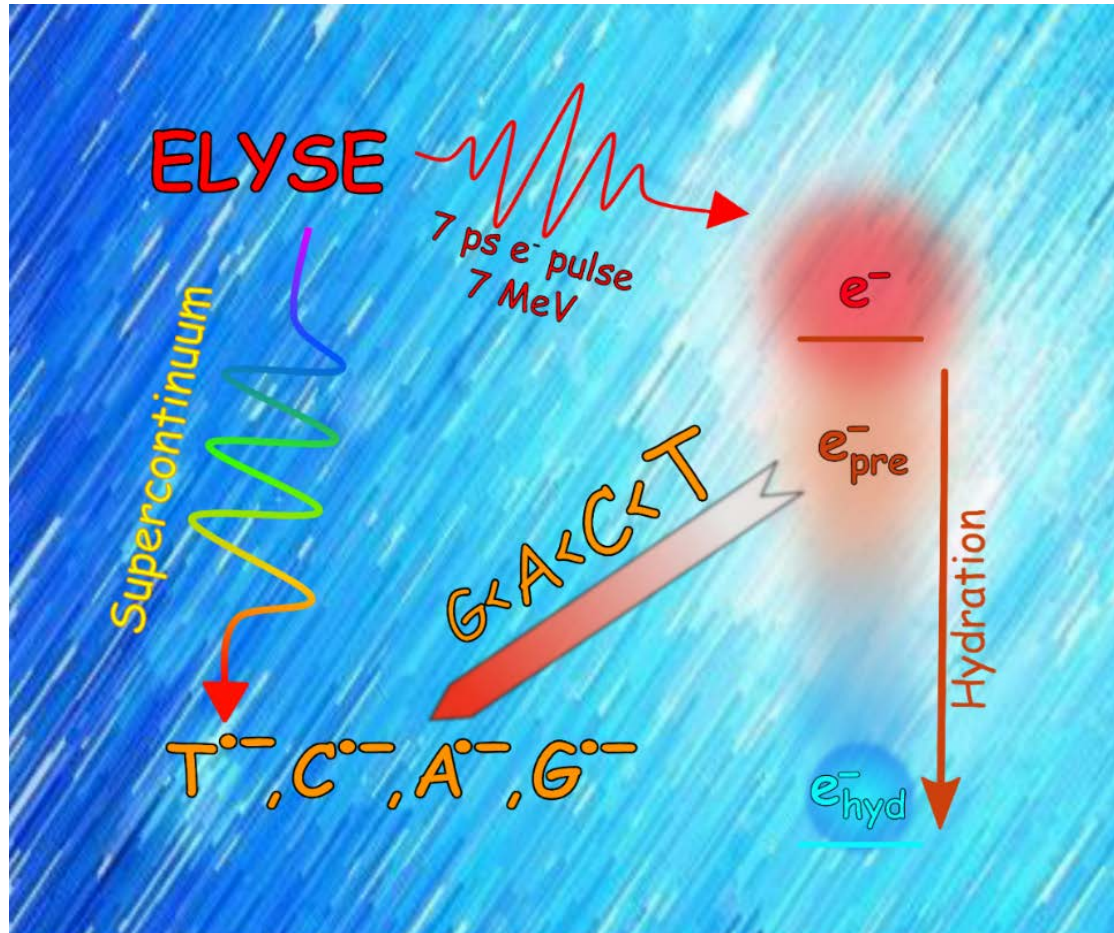
## DNA bases scavenger of prehydrated electron?

- ✓ No reaction between prehydrated electron and Guanine and adenine
- ✓ With higher concentration Guanosine and Adenosine react in low amount with prehydrated electron
- ✓ Cytosine and Thymine are more efficient electron scavenger
- ✓ By increasing the temperature Thymine reacts more efficiently with prehydrated electron

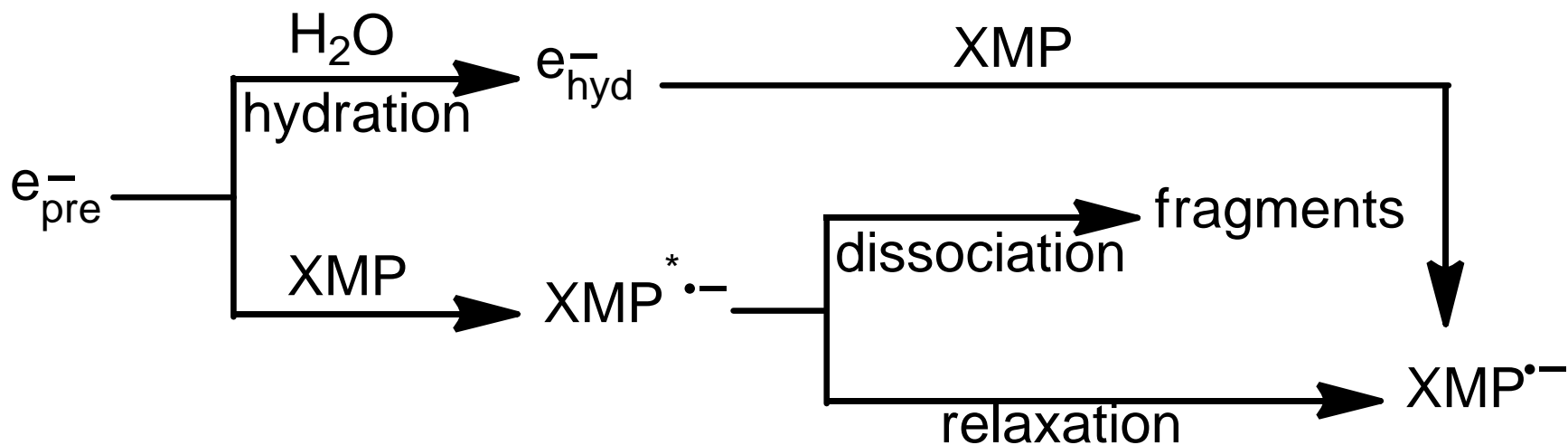
## Nucleotides radical anions ( $\text{GMP}^{\cdot-}$ , $\text{AMP}^{\cdot-}$ , $\text{CMP}^{\cdot-}$ and $\text{TMP}^{\cdot-}$ ) observed at 7 ps



**Kinetics of  $e_{\text{hyd}}^-$  and the absorption spectral of the anion observed at 7 ps in the presence of 250 mM nucleotides in water**



# Reactivity of $e_{pre}^-$ and $e_{hyd}^-$ with XMP and possible decay excited anions $XMP^{*-}$



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## Reactivity of prehydrated electrons toward nucleobases and nucleotides in aqueous solution

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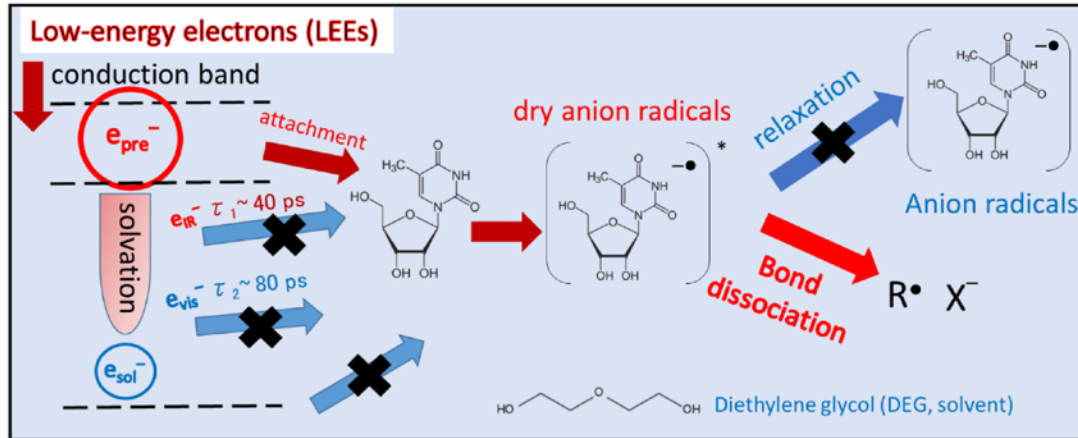
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## Observation of dissociative quasi-free electron attachment to nucleoside via excited anion radical in solution

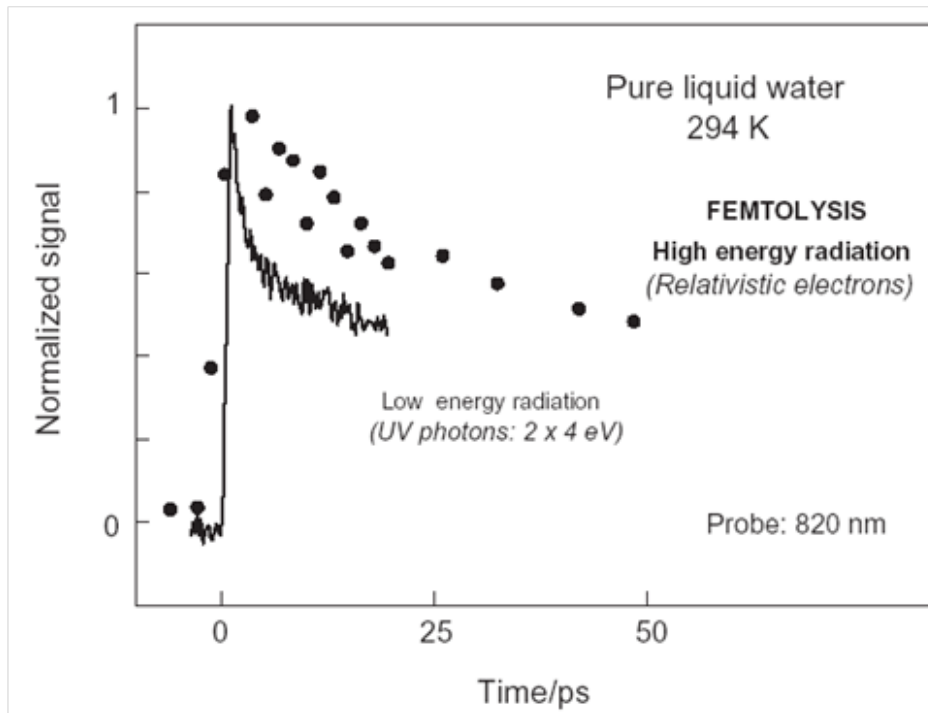
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- **New sources for Radiation Chemistry**

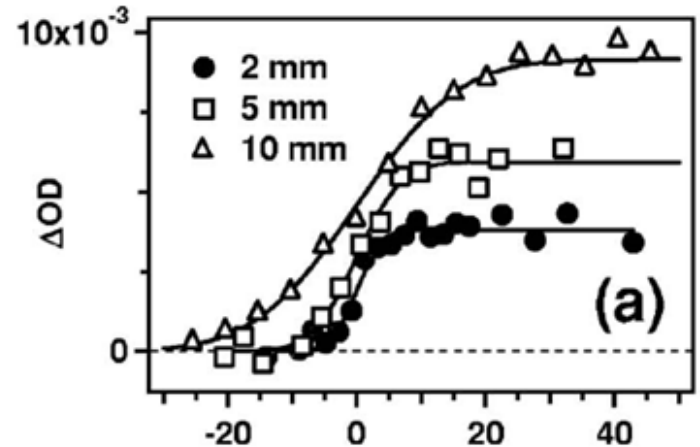


# Challenges of new source of electron bunch

Electron pulses (1.5-20 MeV) generated by a terrawatt laser wakefield accelerator

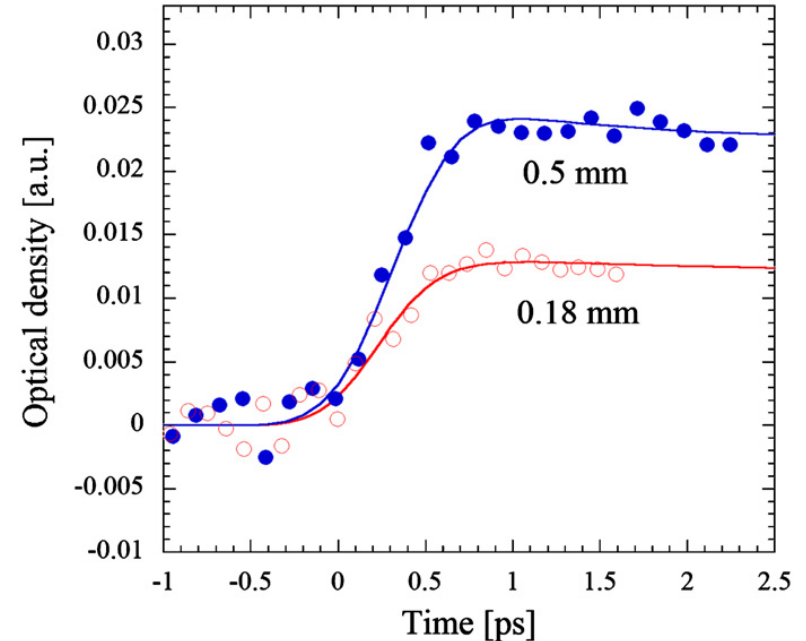
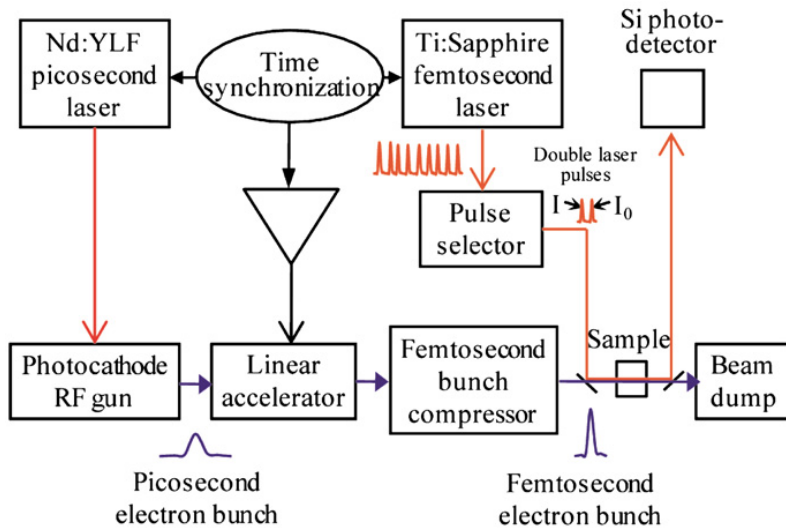


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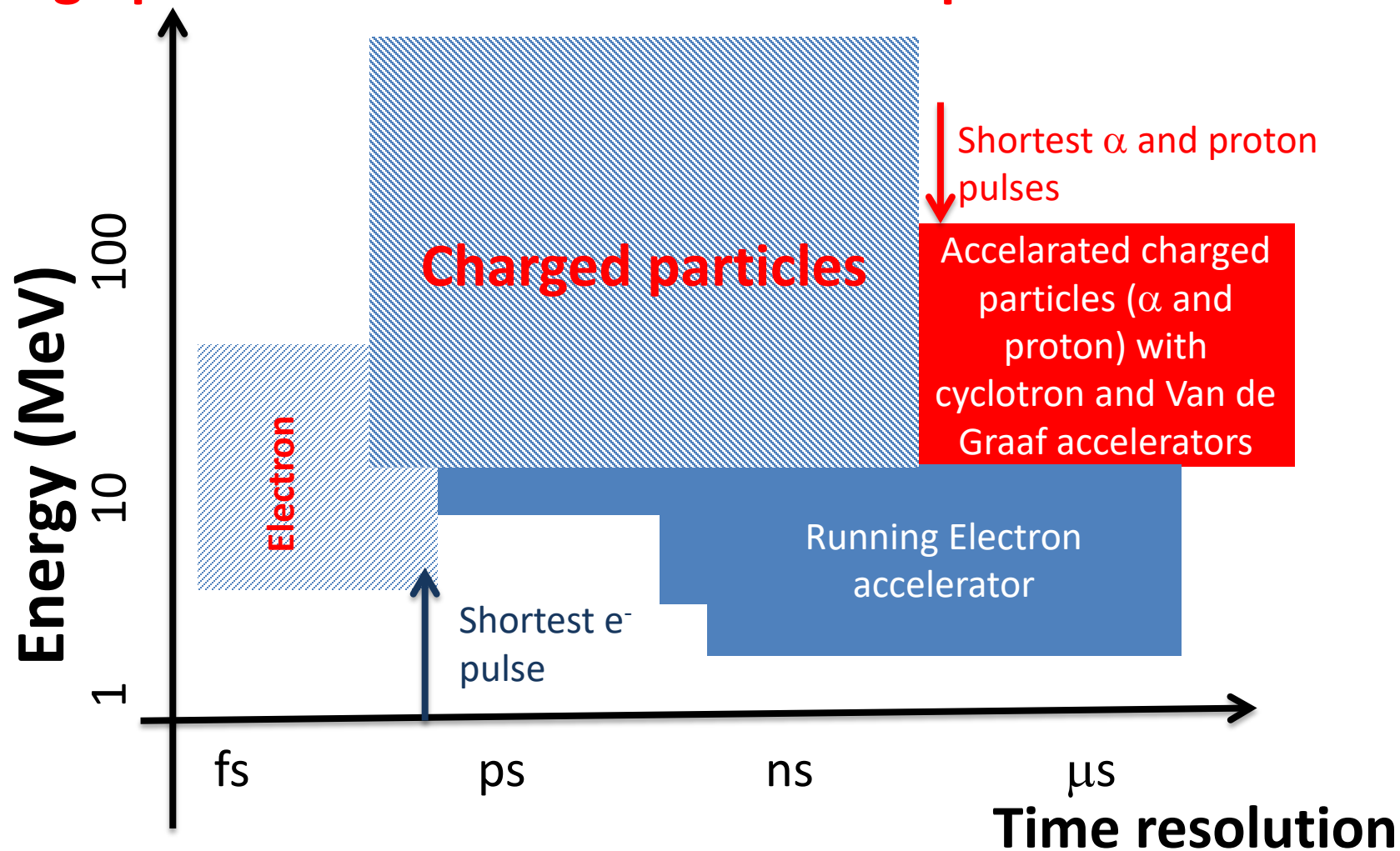
# Ultrafast pulse radiolysis : Recent development with 200 fs time resolution still conventional method using photocathod



The electron bunch produced by the RF gun synchronized the electrons are emitted from the photocathode in the presence of a strong RF electric field.

Sample thicknesses of 0.18 and 0.5mm. The probe at 800 nm J. Yang et al. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 2011

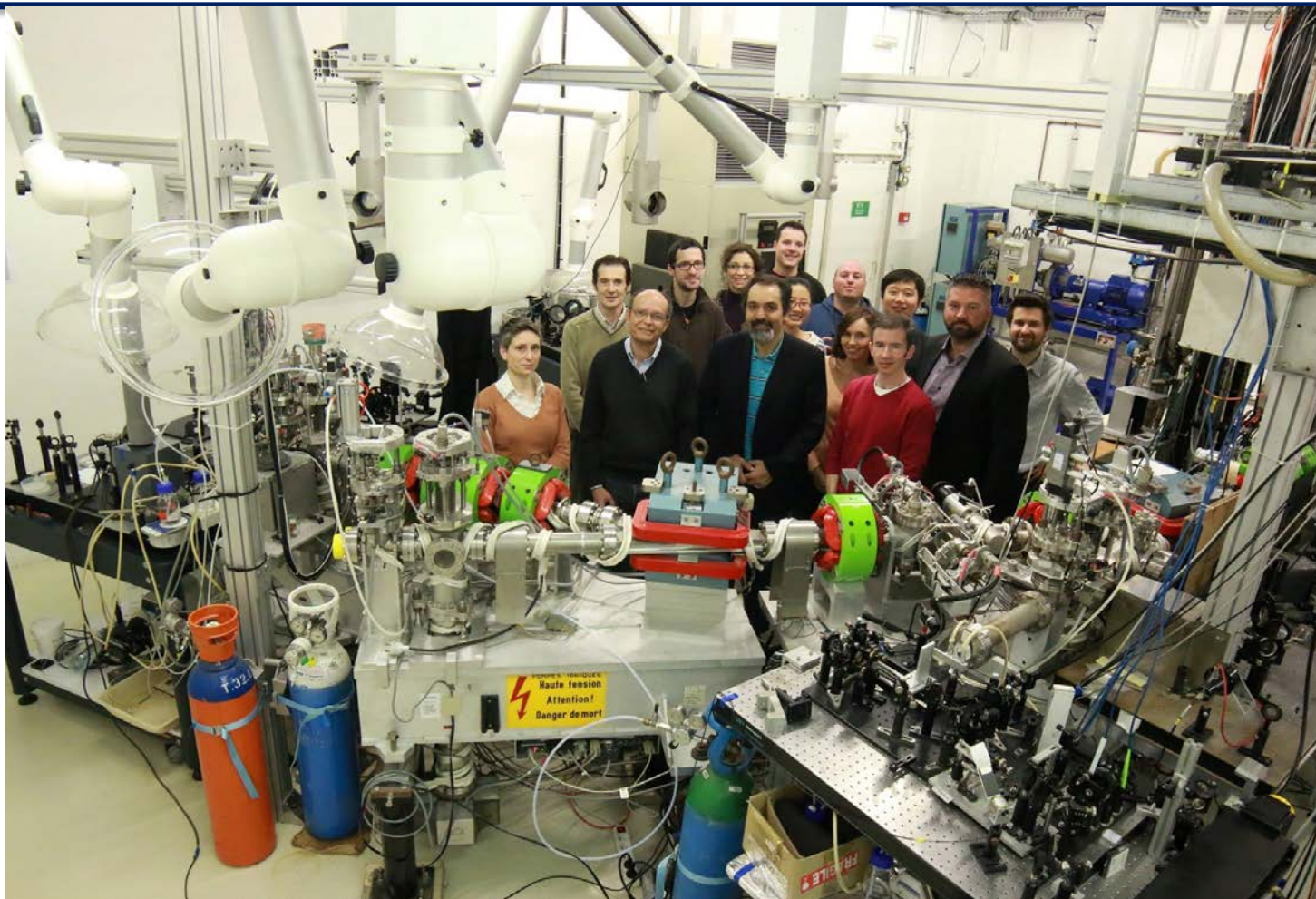
# Missing pulsed sources for Radiation Chemistry: help of high power laser driven accelerated particles



- Mono-kinetics particle beam a few MeV to few 10 MeV
- Dose per pulse > 0.1 Gy
- Pulse duration less than 50 fs

# Electron bunches requirements for pump-probe pulse radiolysis

- **Mono-kinetics electron beam with Ranging from a few MeV to few 40 MeV**
- **Dose per electron pulse  $> 0.5$  Gy (0.5 J/Kg)**
- **Pulse duration less than 100 fs**
- **Frequency of at least 100 Hz**
- **Beam size less than 100 microns**
- **Optical path 200  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1 mm (detection).**



Thanks for your attention !