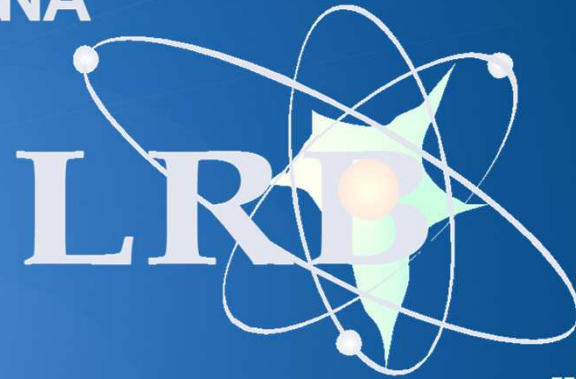


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# Accelerated heavy ions as a tool for solving problems in fundamental and space radiobiology

*E. Krasavin*

*On the Earth:* heavy charged  
particle accelerators

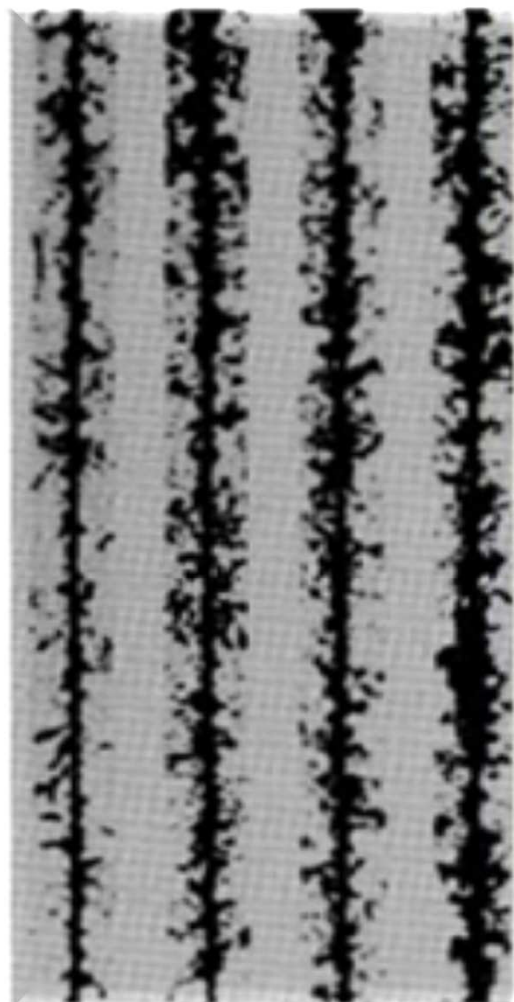


# The sources of high-energy heavy ions

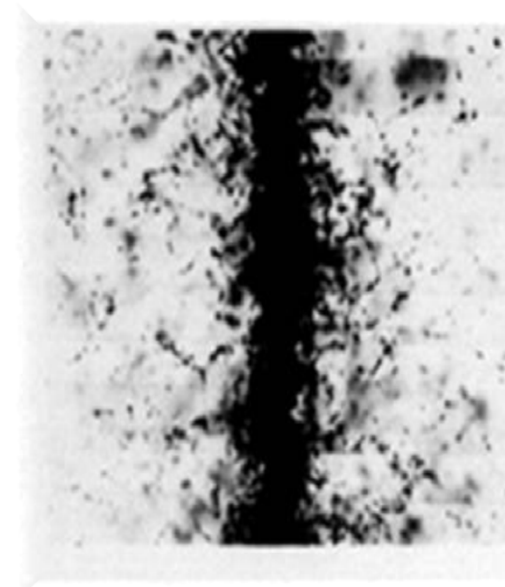


*In the space:* cosmic rays from  
the Galaxy

# Heavy ion tracks in a nuclear emulsion



Si      Ca      Ti      Fe  
Z = 14      20      22      26



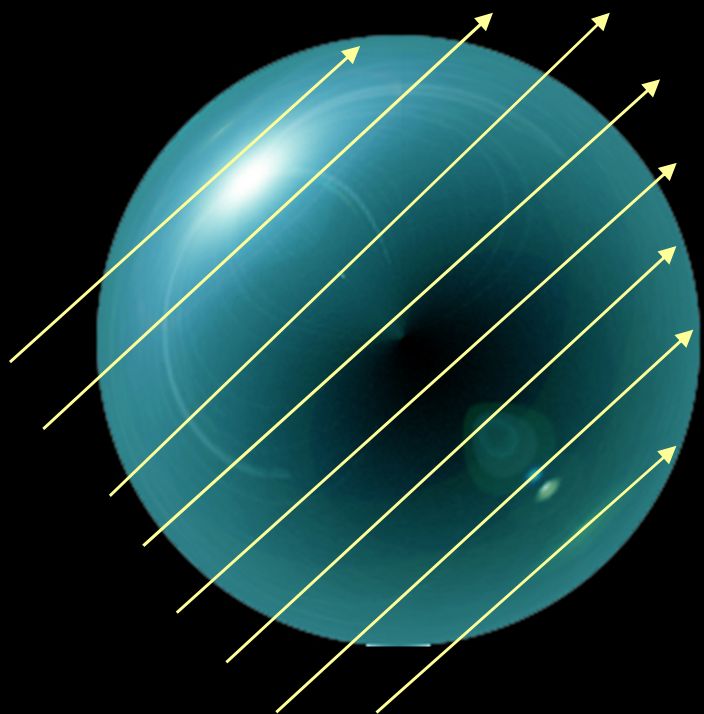
Z = 70



Mammalian cell

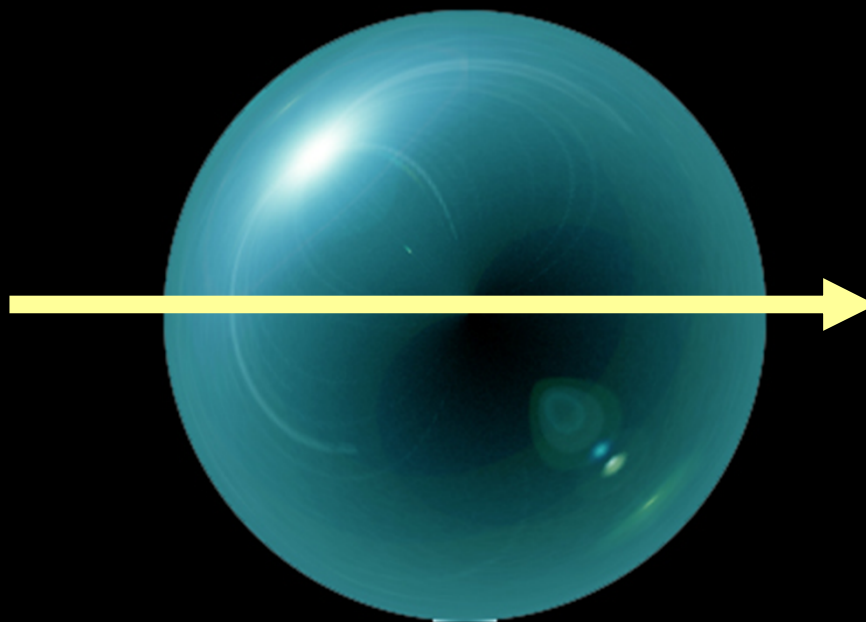
# The radiation dose distribution in matter

**1 dose unit**



**X-rays**

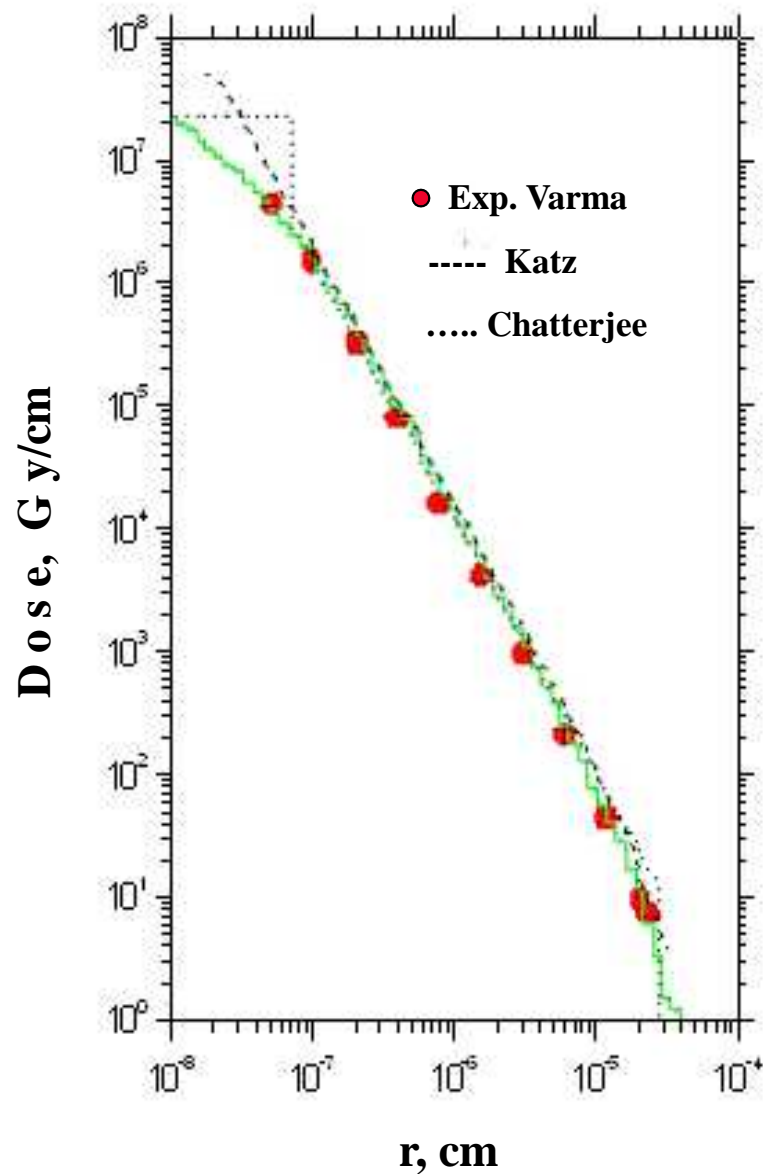
**1 dose unit**



**Fe ion**



# Radial dose distribution

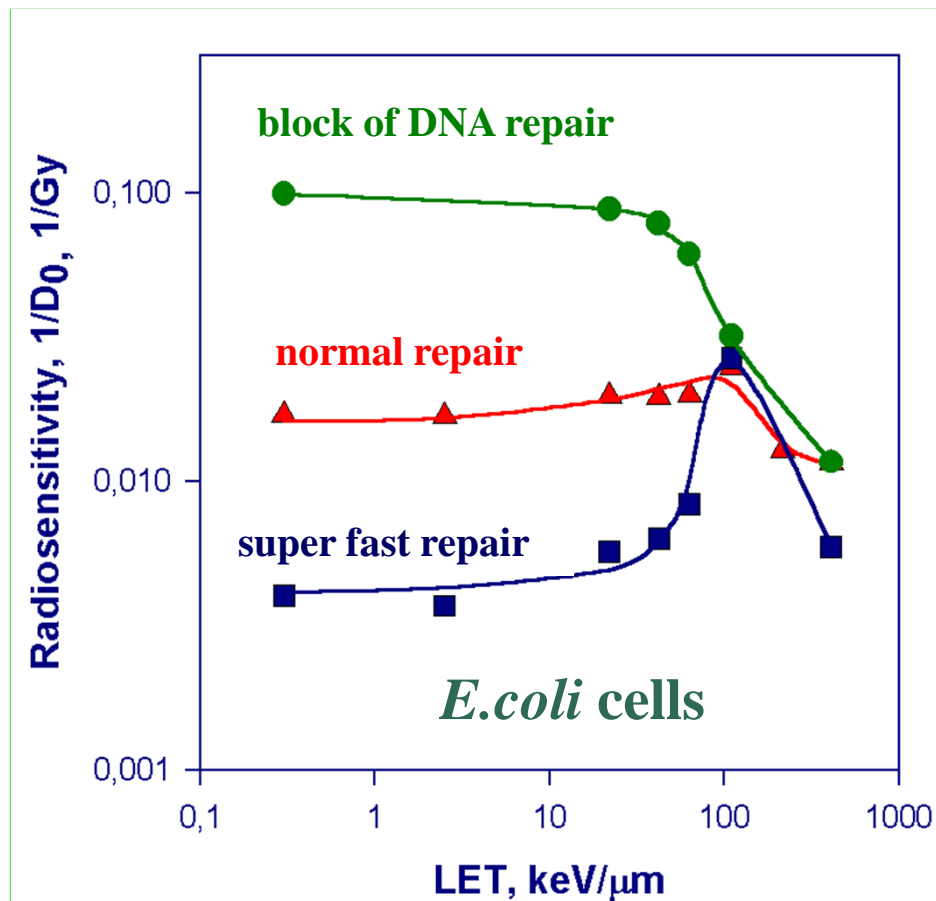


Radial dose  
distribution in a  
heavy ion track ( $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  
2.57 MeV/u)

What radiobiological problems  
can be solved with the use of  
accelerated heavy particles?

A.  
Heavy ions are a powerful tool  
for solving problems in  
radiation genetics

# The RBE problem

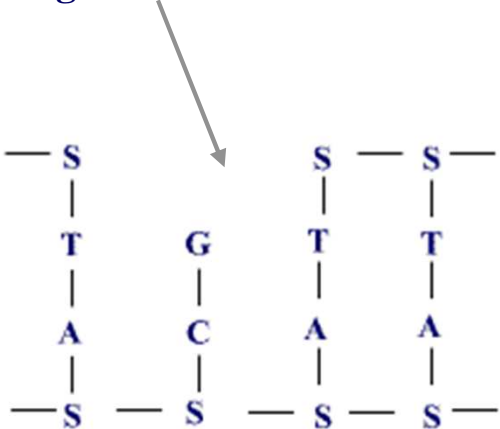


*The DNA repair capacity* of the living cells determines the type of the RBE dependence on LET

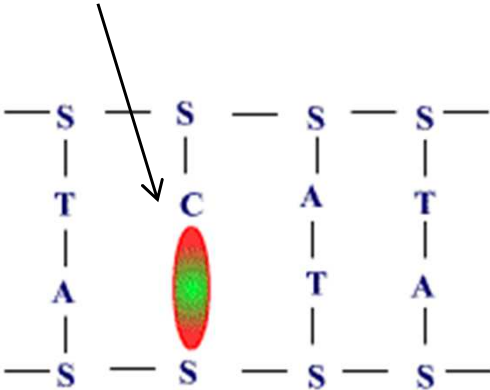


# Single DNA damage

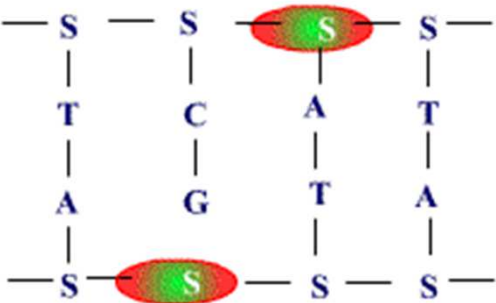
Single-strand break



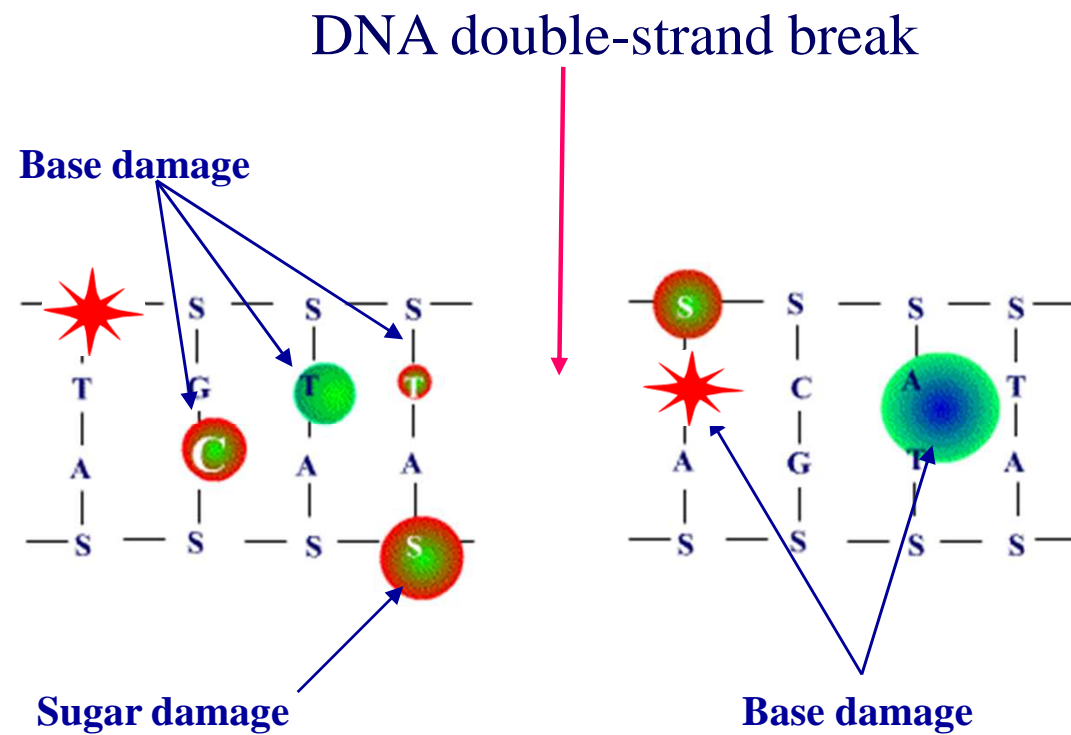
Base damage



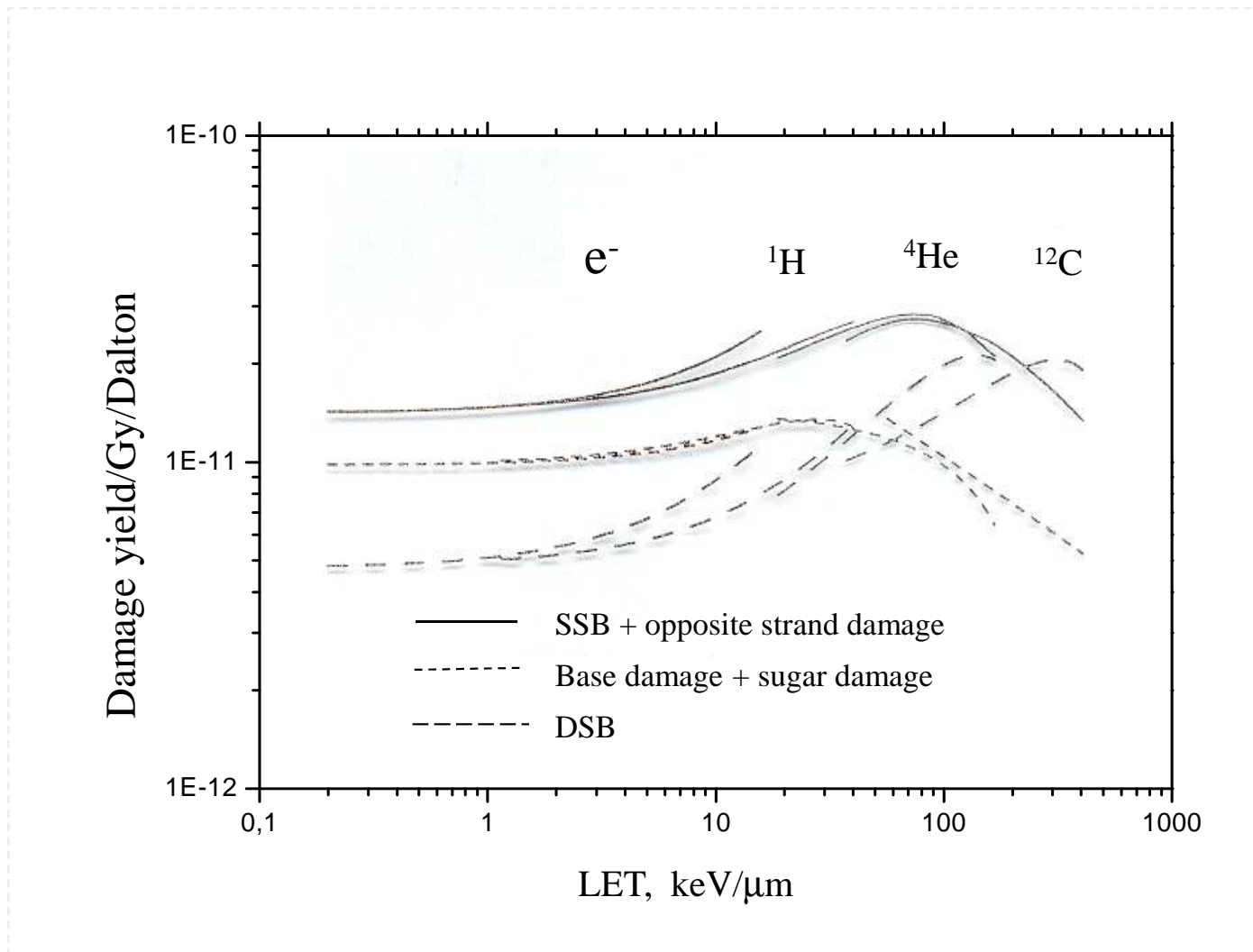
Sugar damage



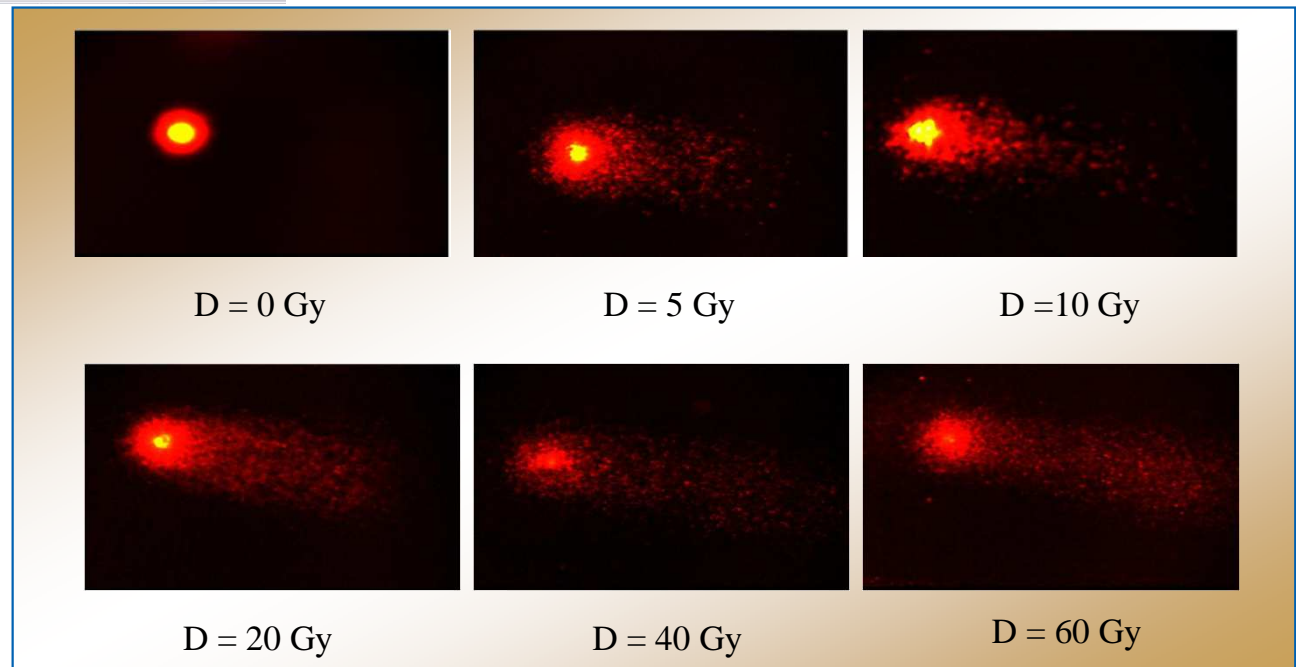
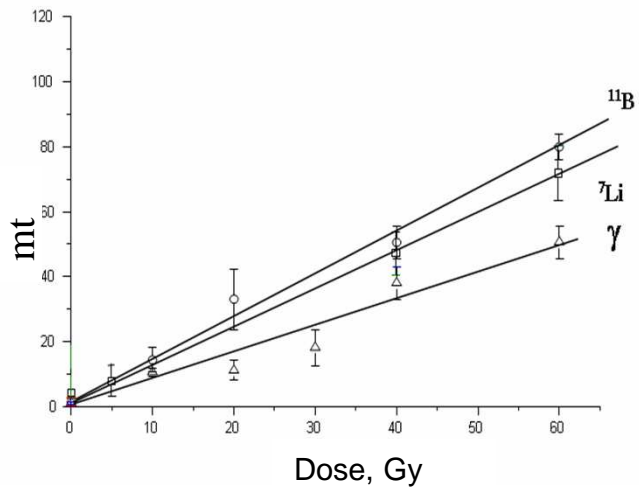
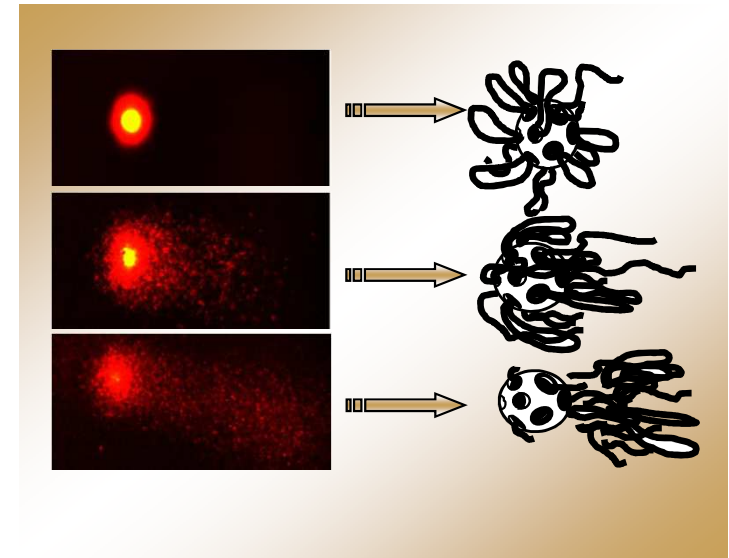
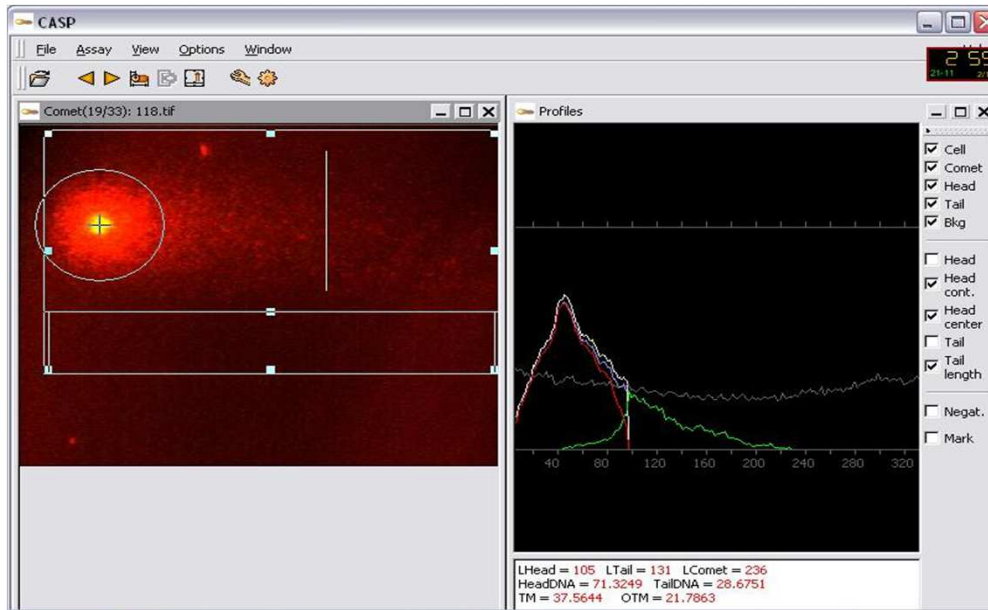
# Clustered DNA damage



# Clustered DNA damage yield as a function of LET

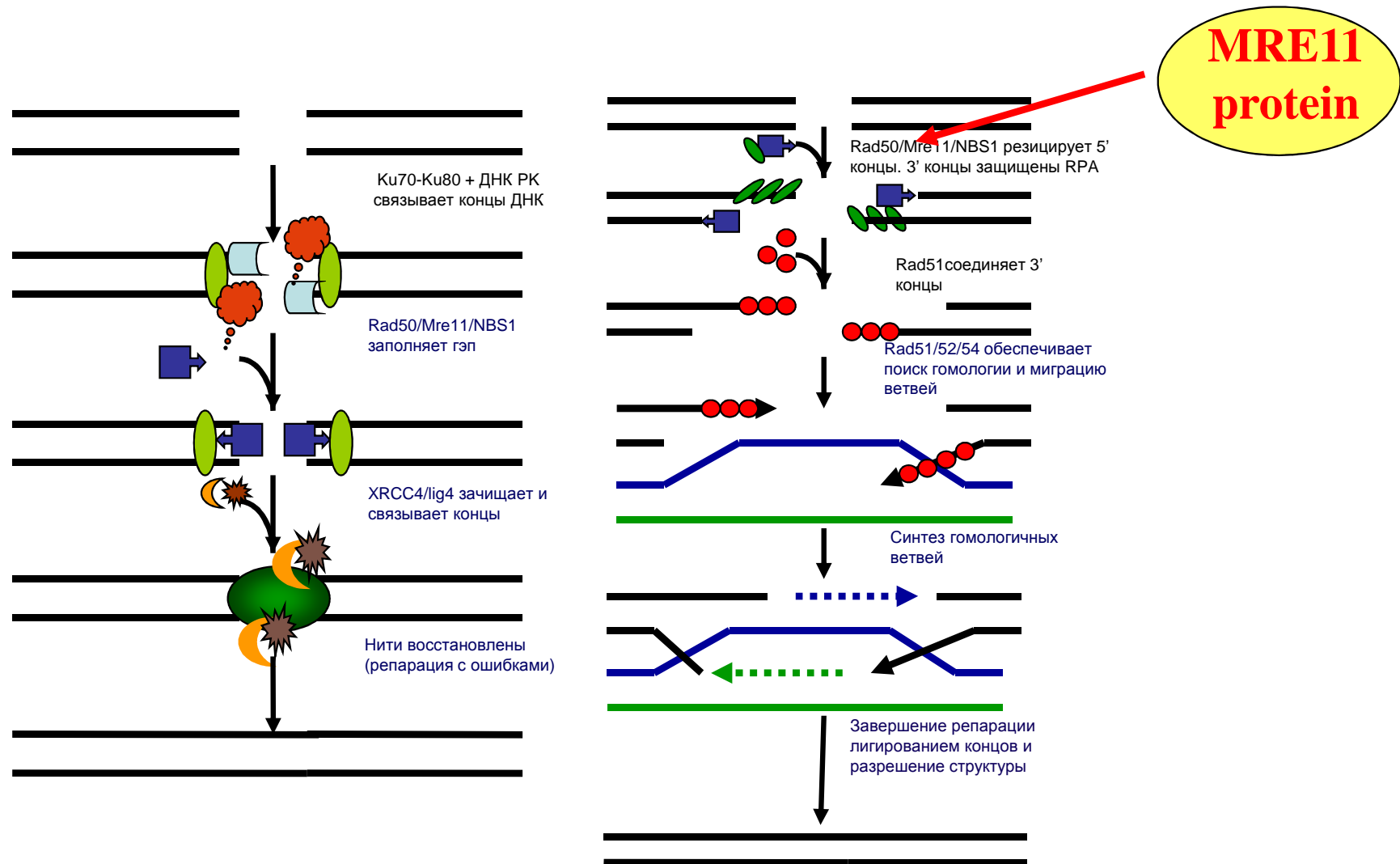


# “Comet assay” for the detection of DNA lesions

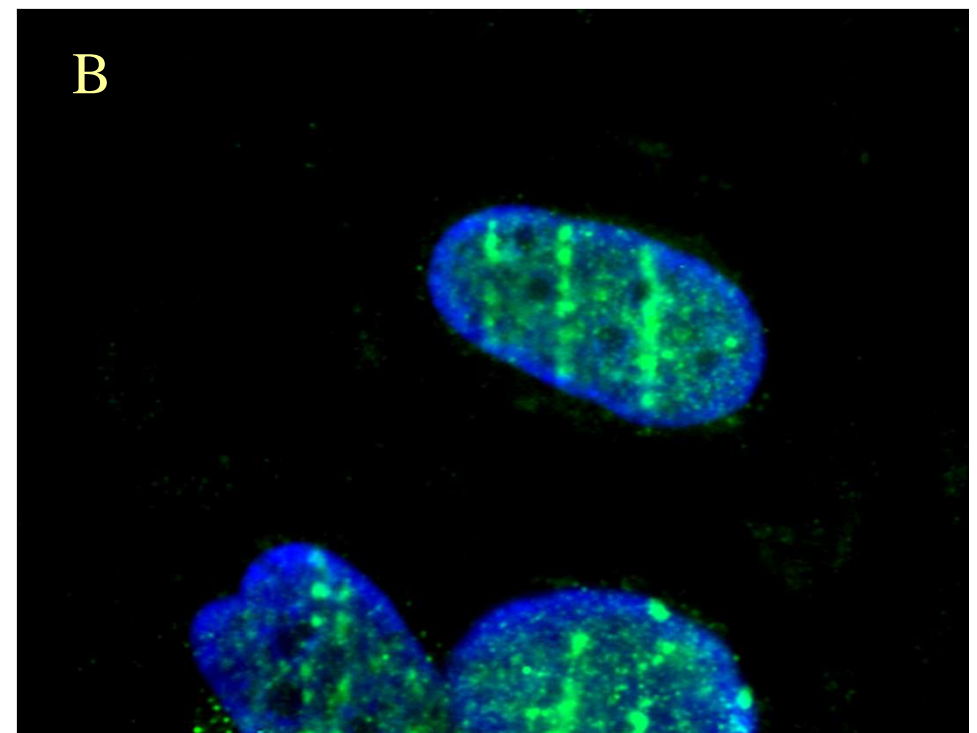
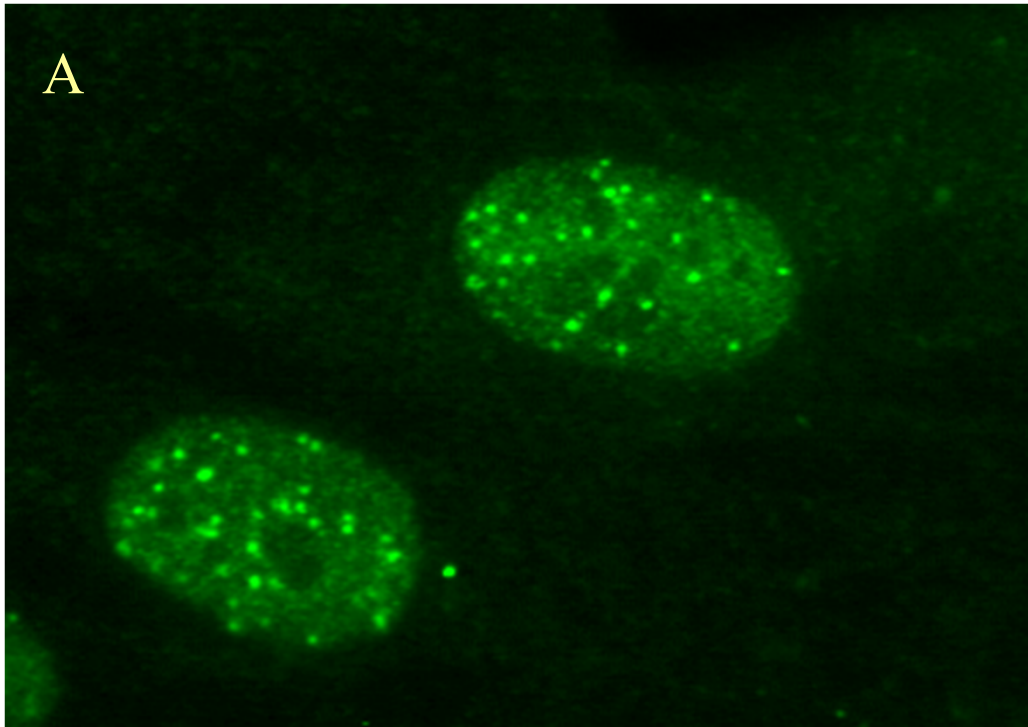




# The mechanism of DNA DSB repair in human cells

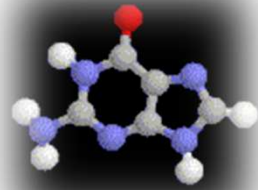


# DSB ( $\gamma$ -H2AX) in human cells after X-ray (A) and heavy ion irradiation (B)

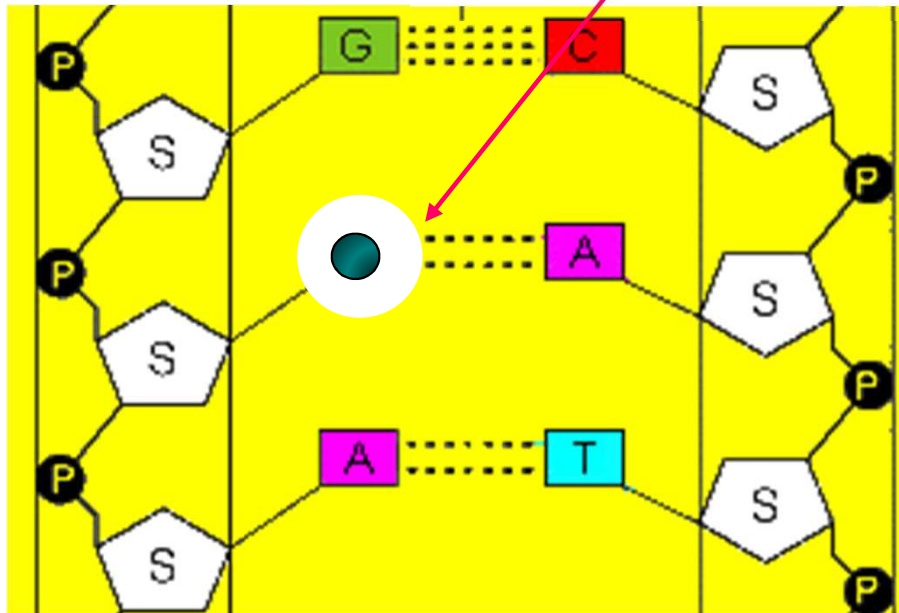


# Radiation-induced mutagenesis

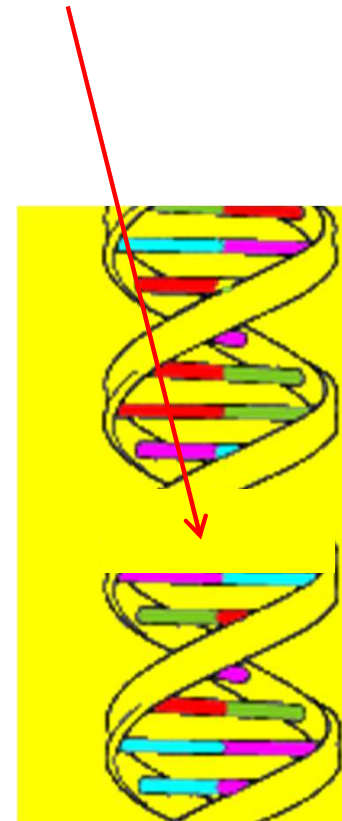
**Gene mutation**



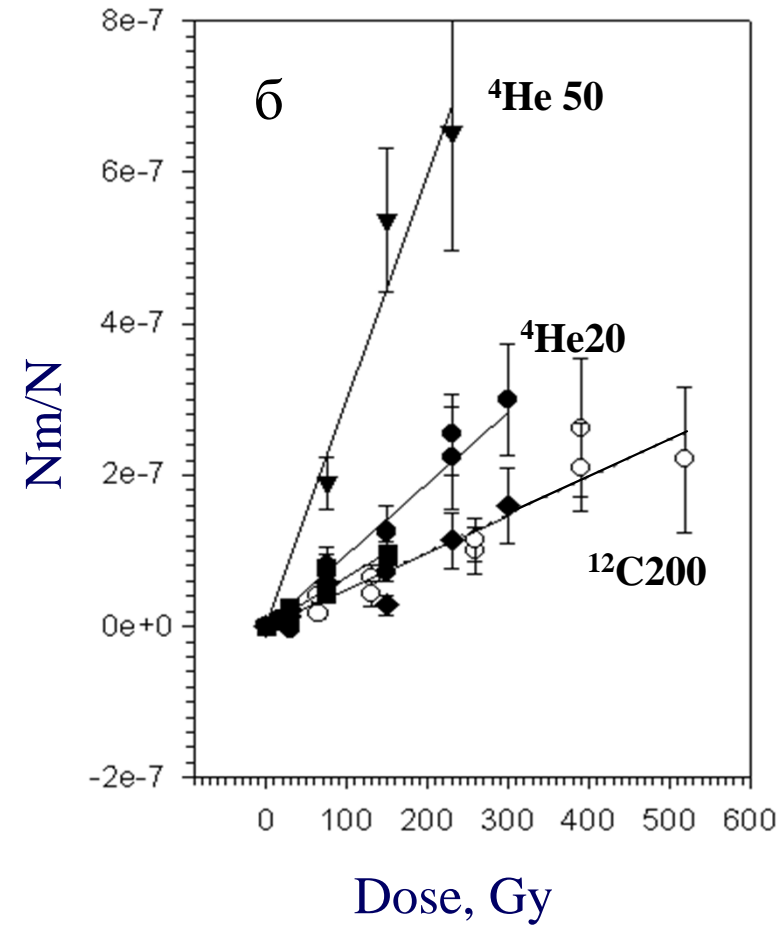
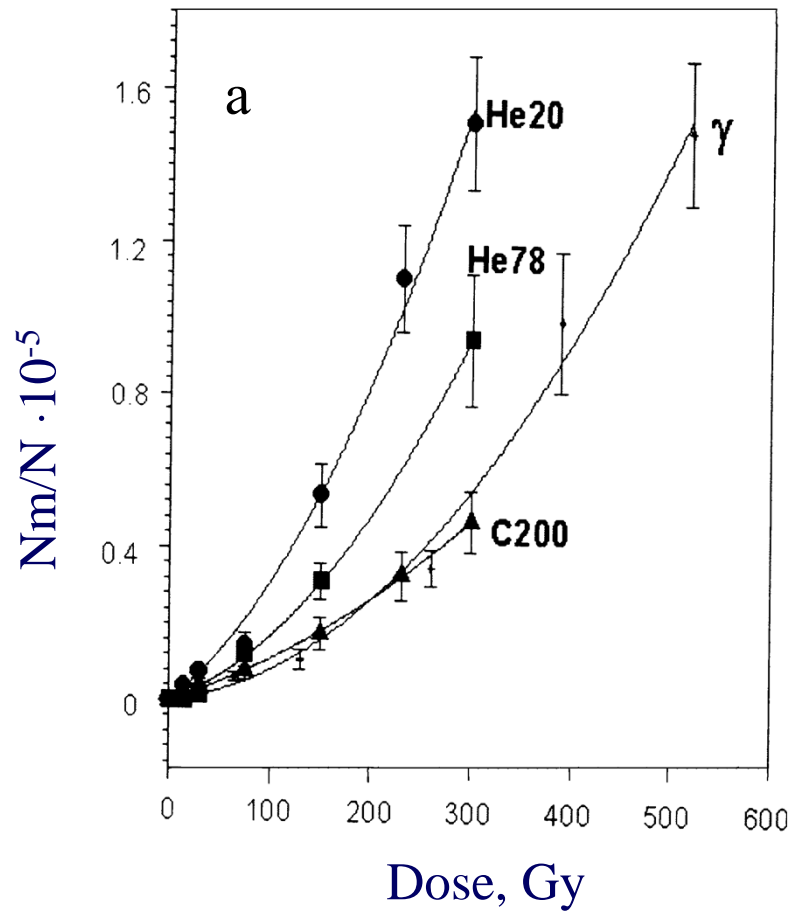
*Guanine*



**Structural mutation**

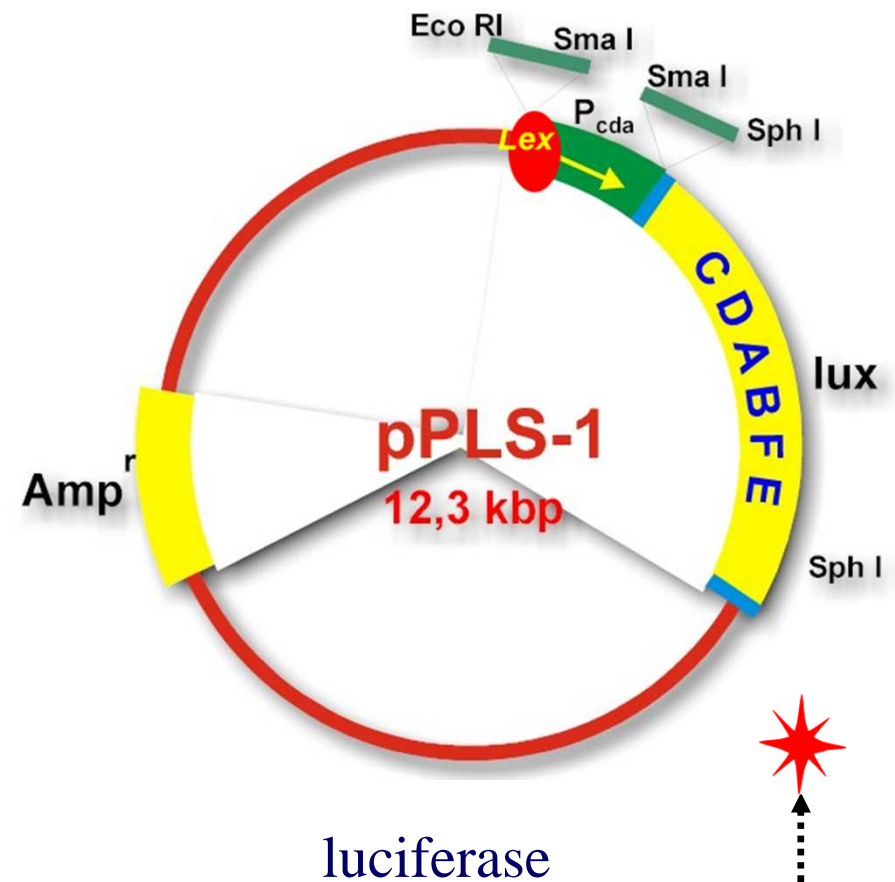
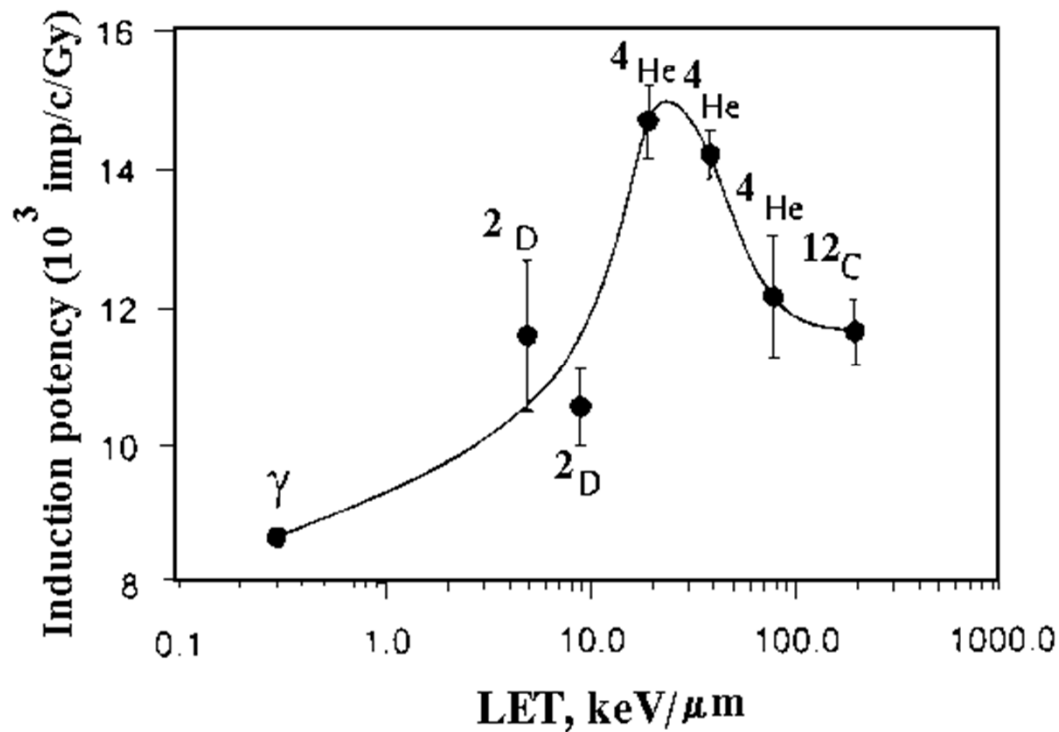


# The frequency of gene and structural mutation induction after $\gamma$ -ray and heavy ion irradiation



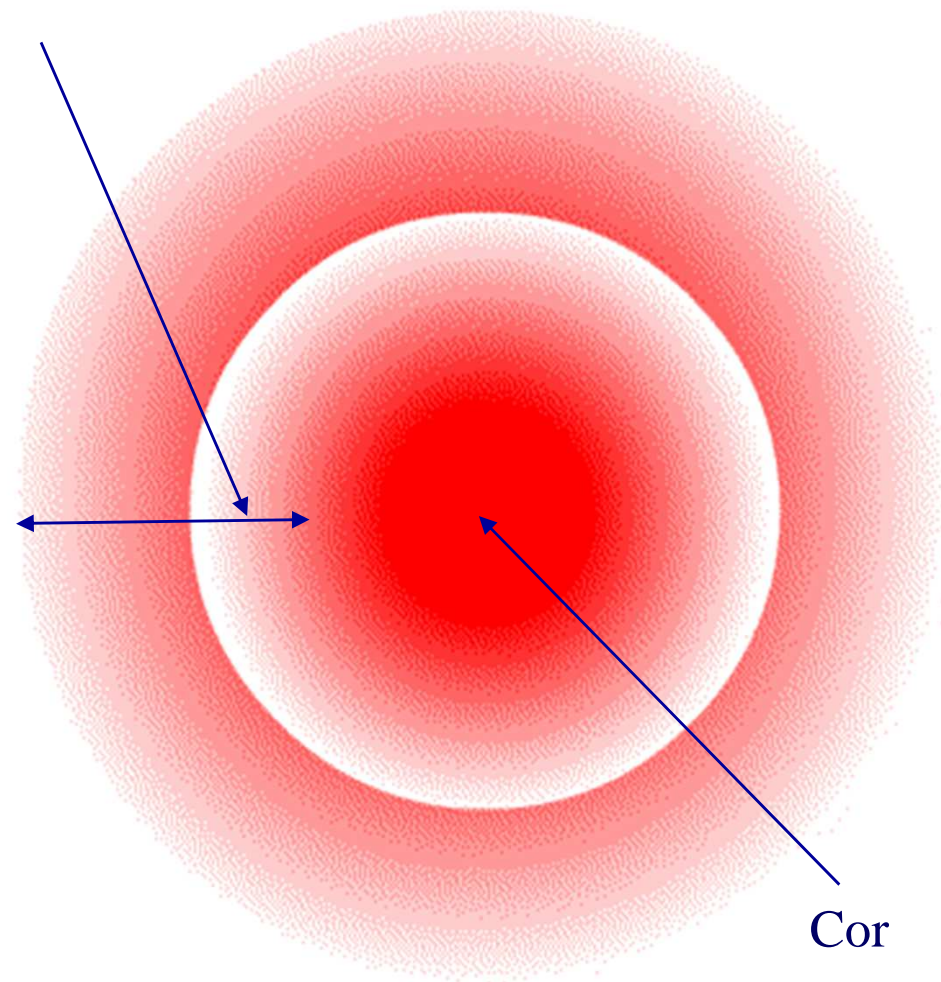


# Induction of mutagenic DNA repair by heavy ions

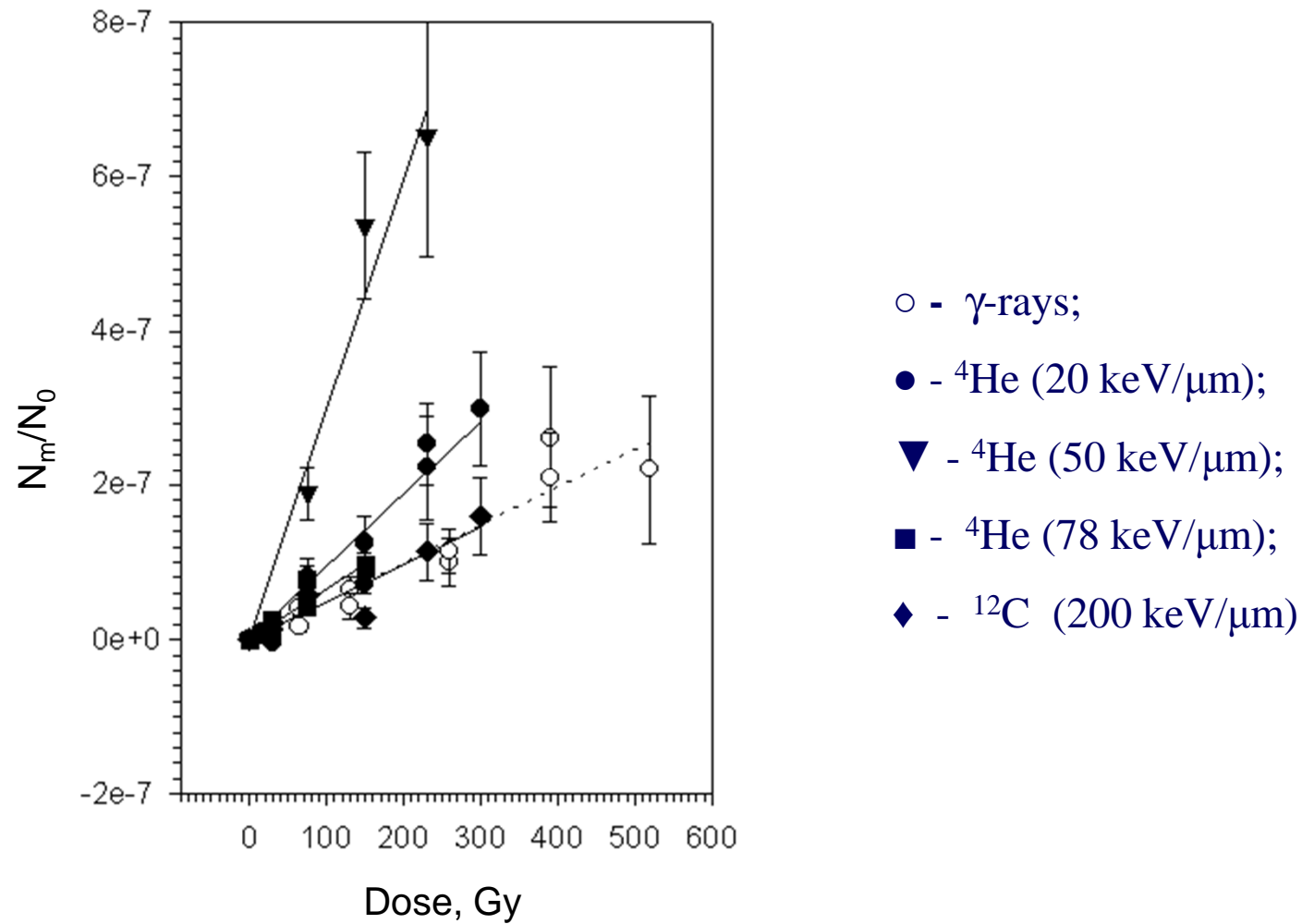


# Mutagenic belt

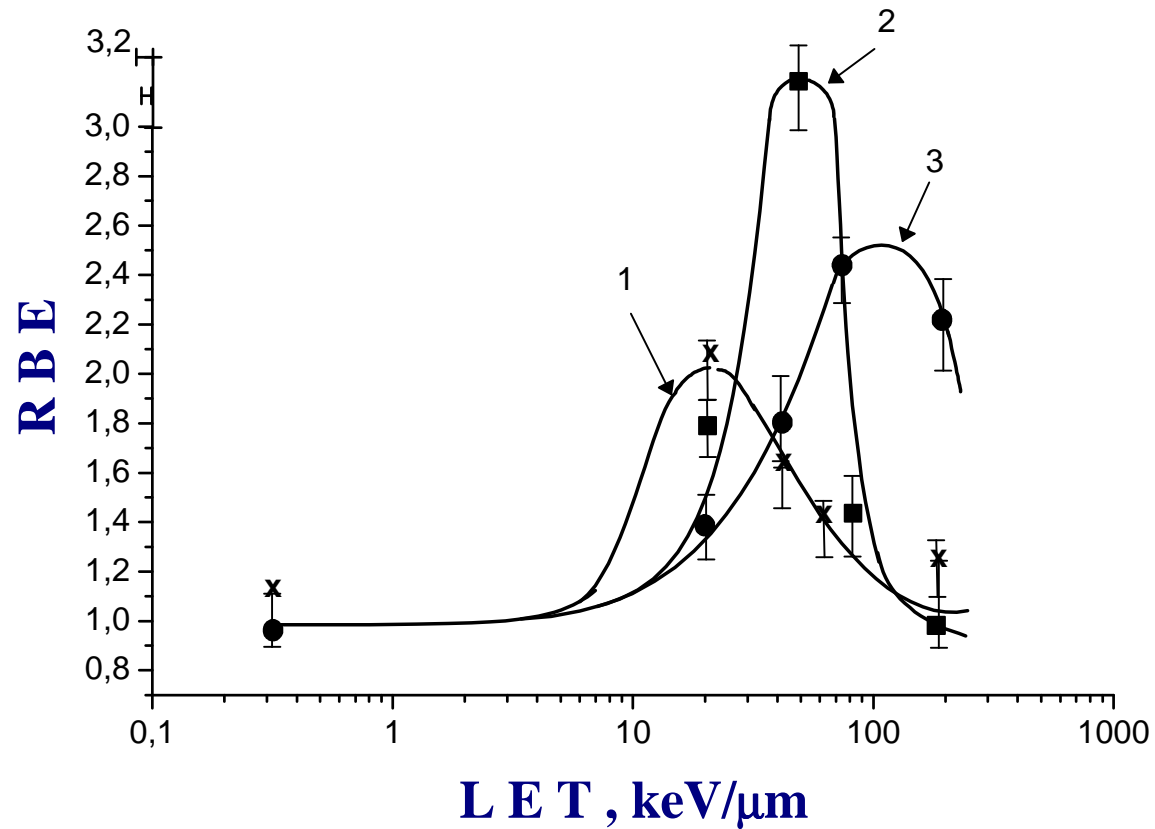
Mutagenic belt of a heavy particle track



# Induction of deletion mutations by heavy ions



# RBE dependence on LET



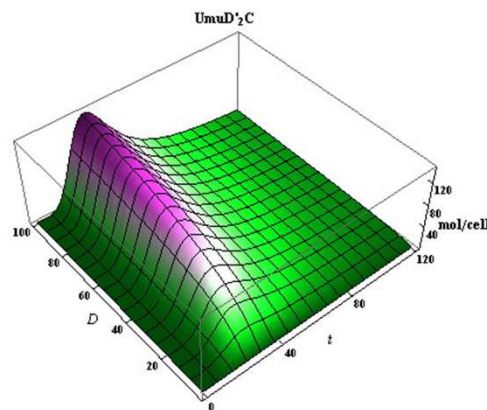
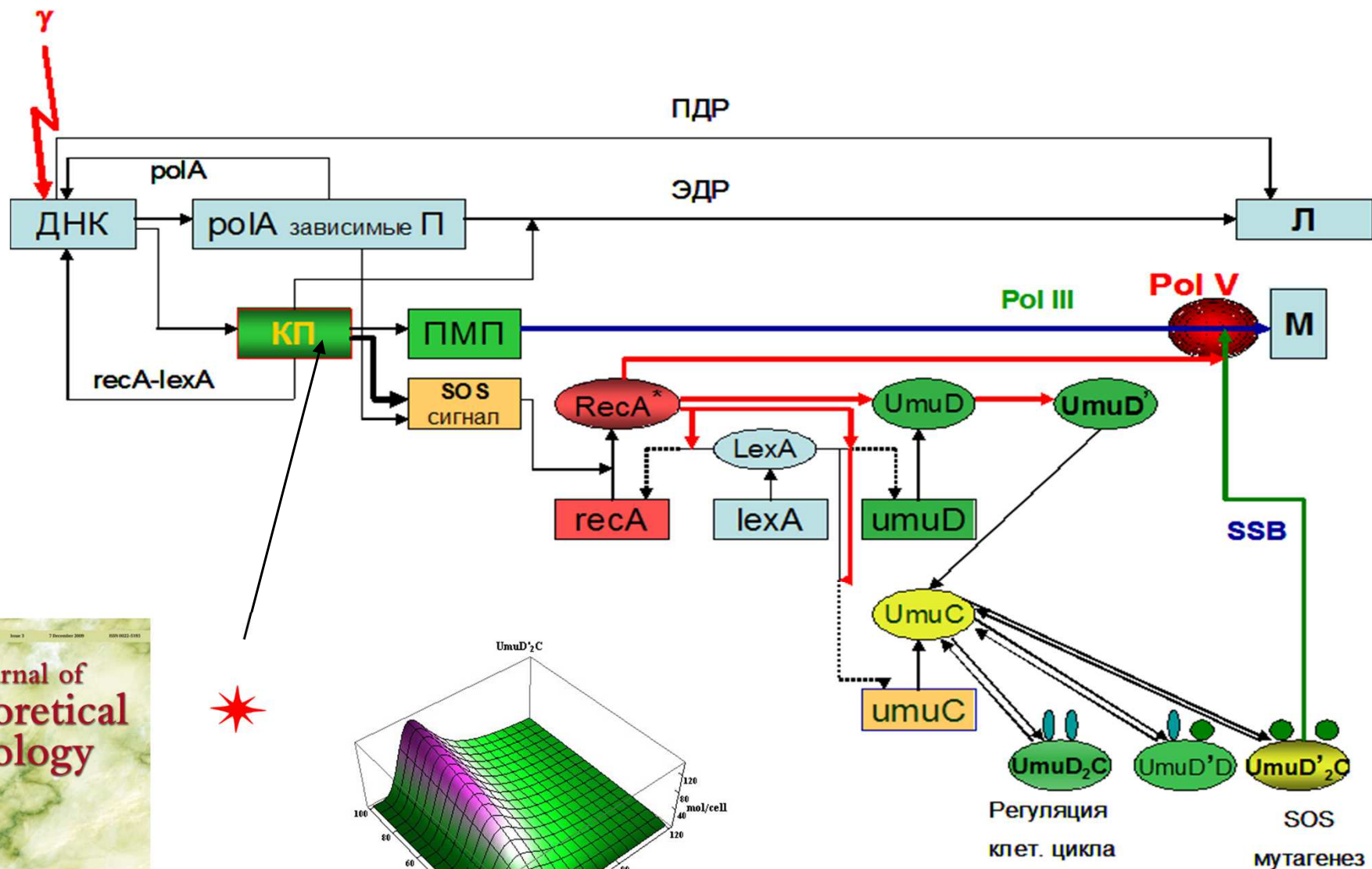
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2 – deletions

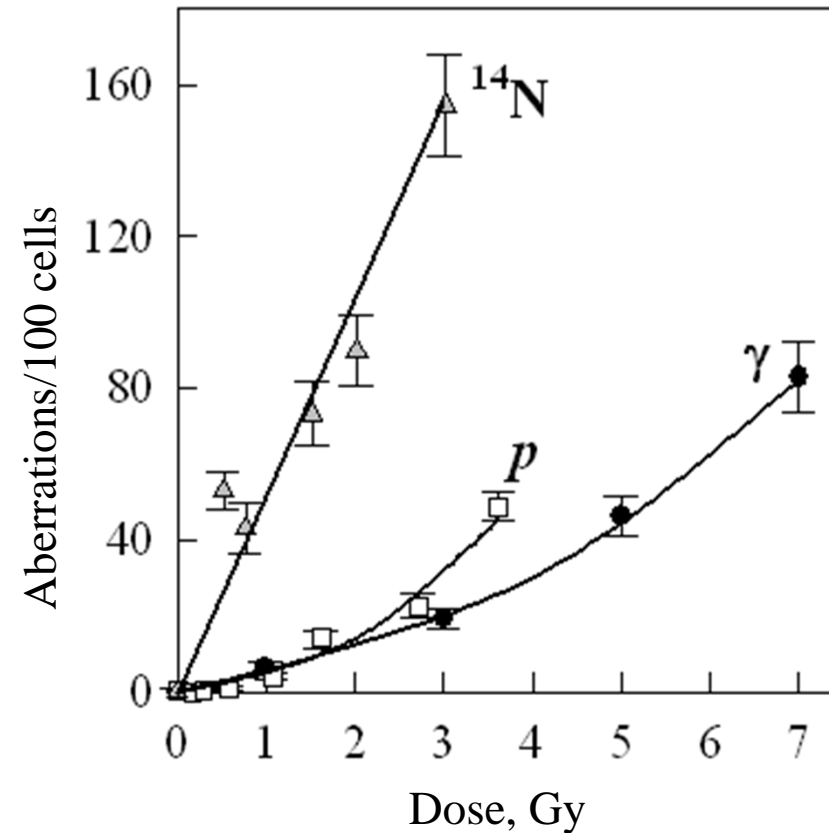
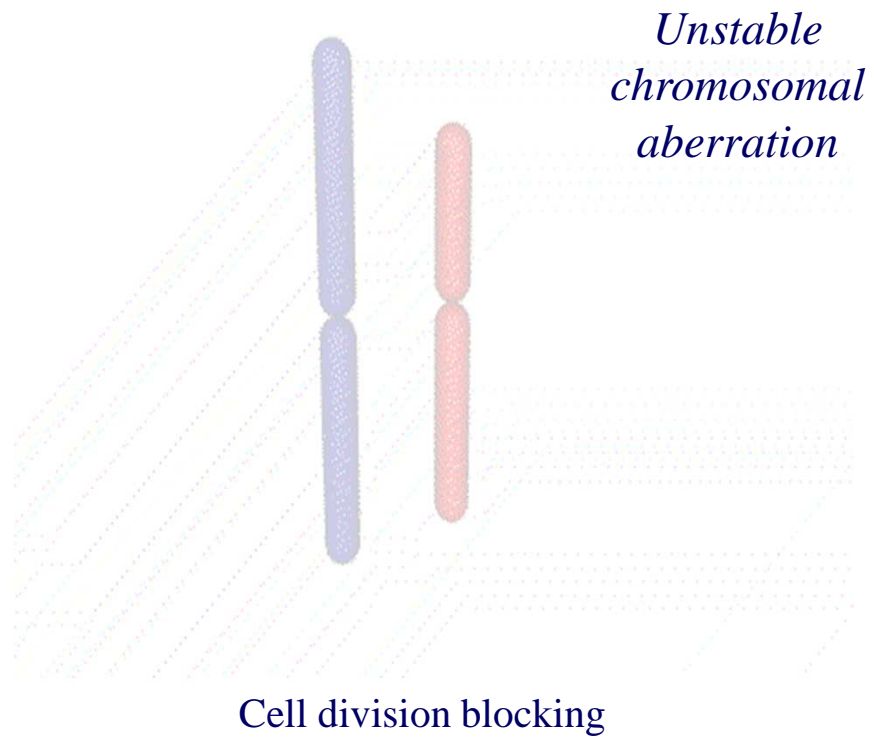
3 – lethal effect



# The model of gene mutation induction in E.coli cells

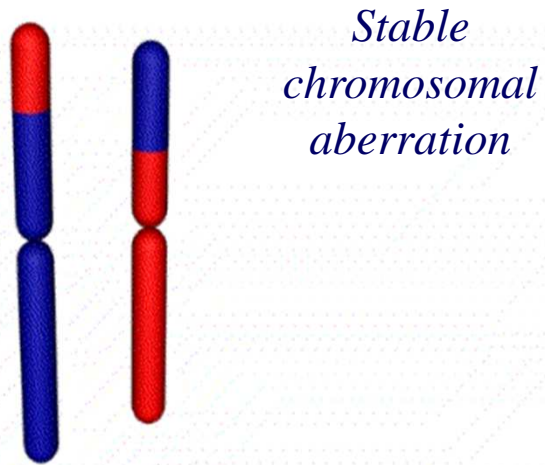


# Formation of unstable chromosomal aberrations in human cells after heavy ion irradiation

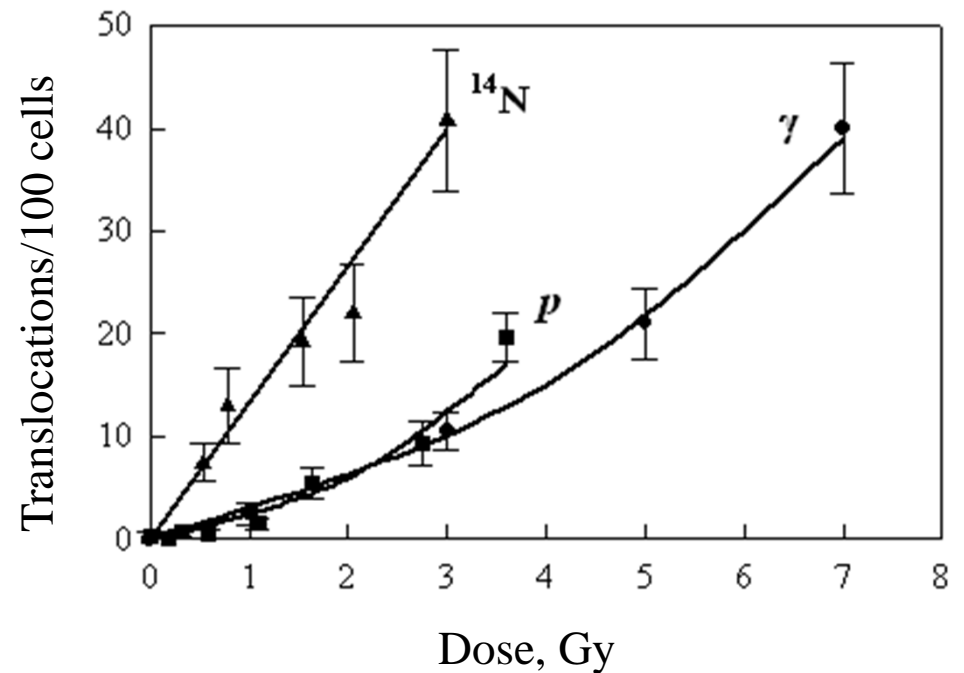


# Formation of stable chromosomal aberrations in human cells after heavy ion irradiation

Chromosome № 1



Successful cell division



**B.**

**Accelerated heavy ions as a tool  
for modeling the biological action  
of space radiation**



# The GCR flux



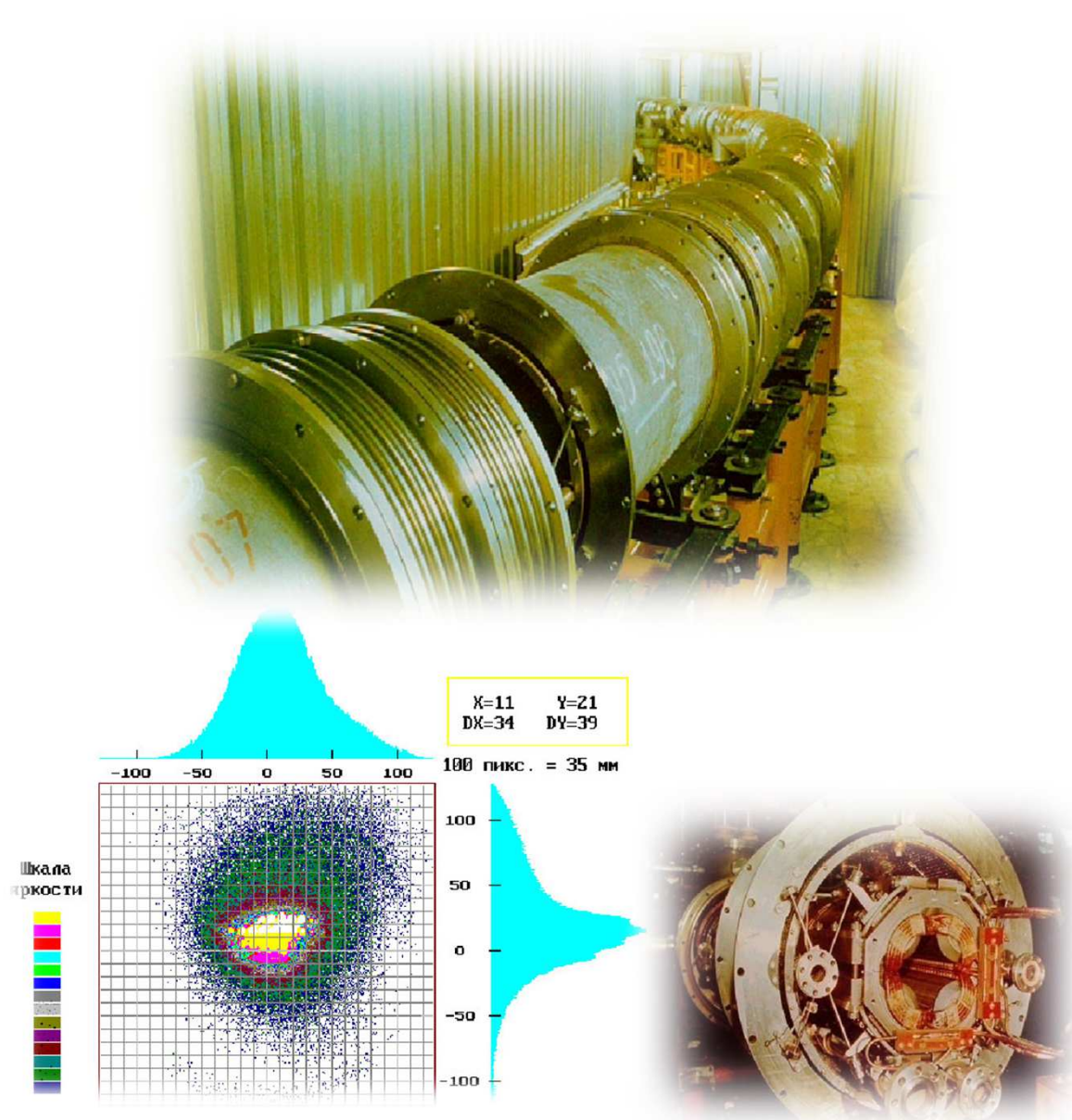
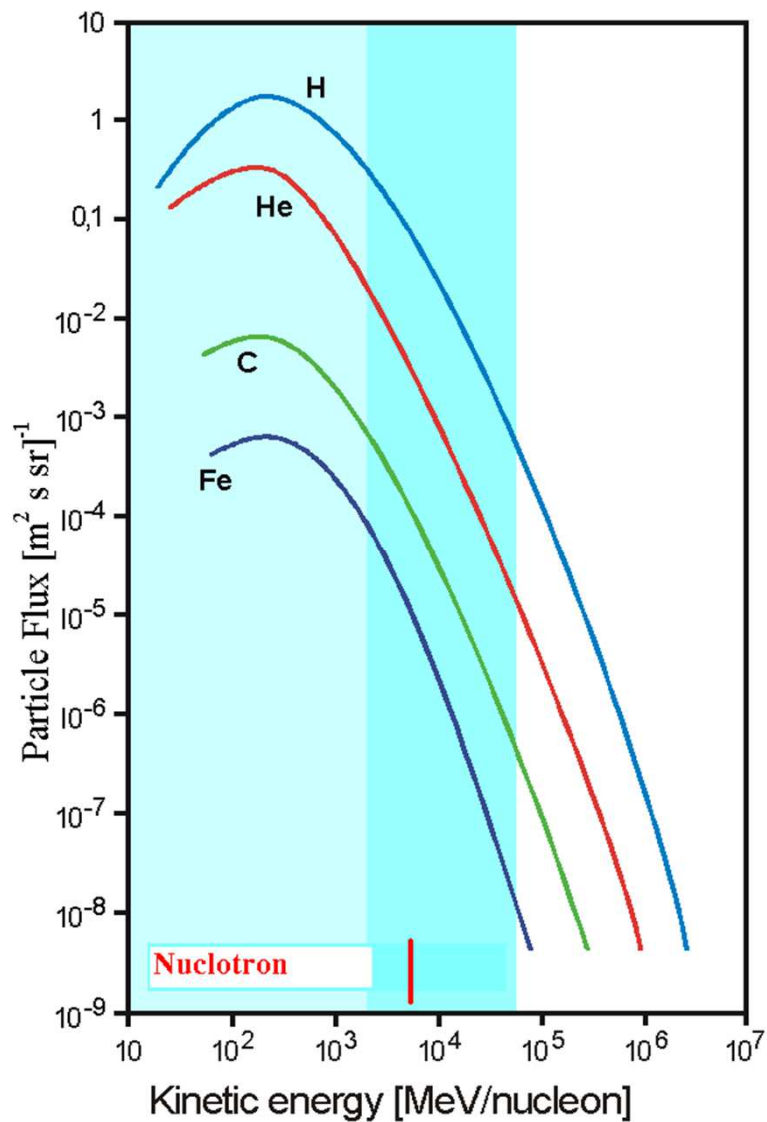
The integral flux of the GCR particles of the carbon and iron groups is  $10^5$  part/cm<sup>2</sup> per year

Flux density of particles with  $z \geq 20$  in the interplanetary space:  
160 per day per cm<sup>2</sup>





# GCR and Nuclotron energy spectra

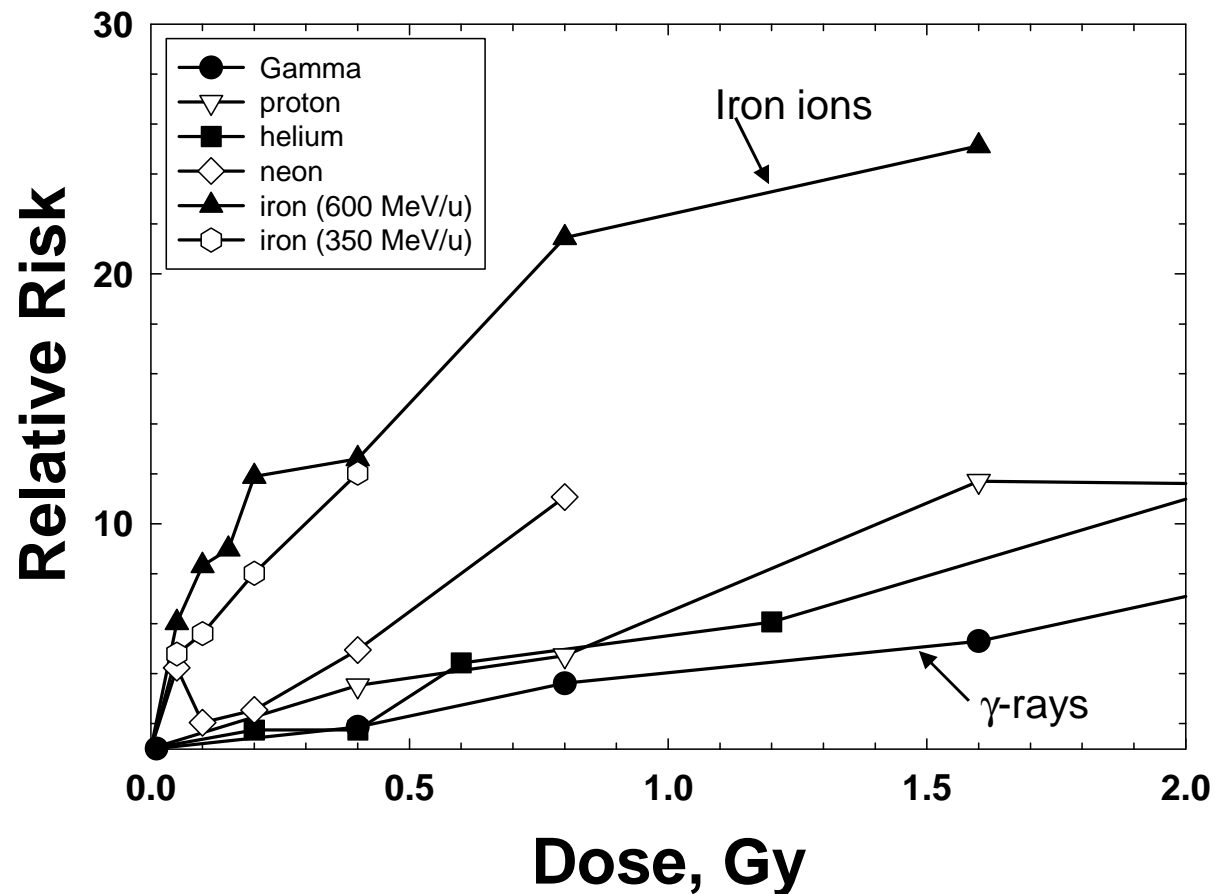


# Effects of exposure to galactic heavy ions

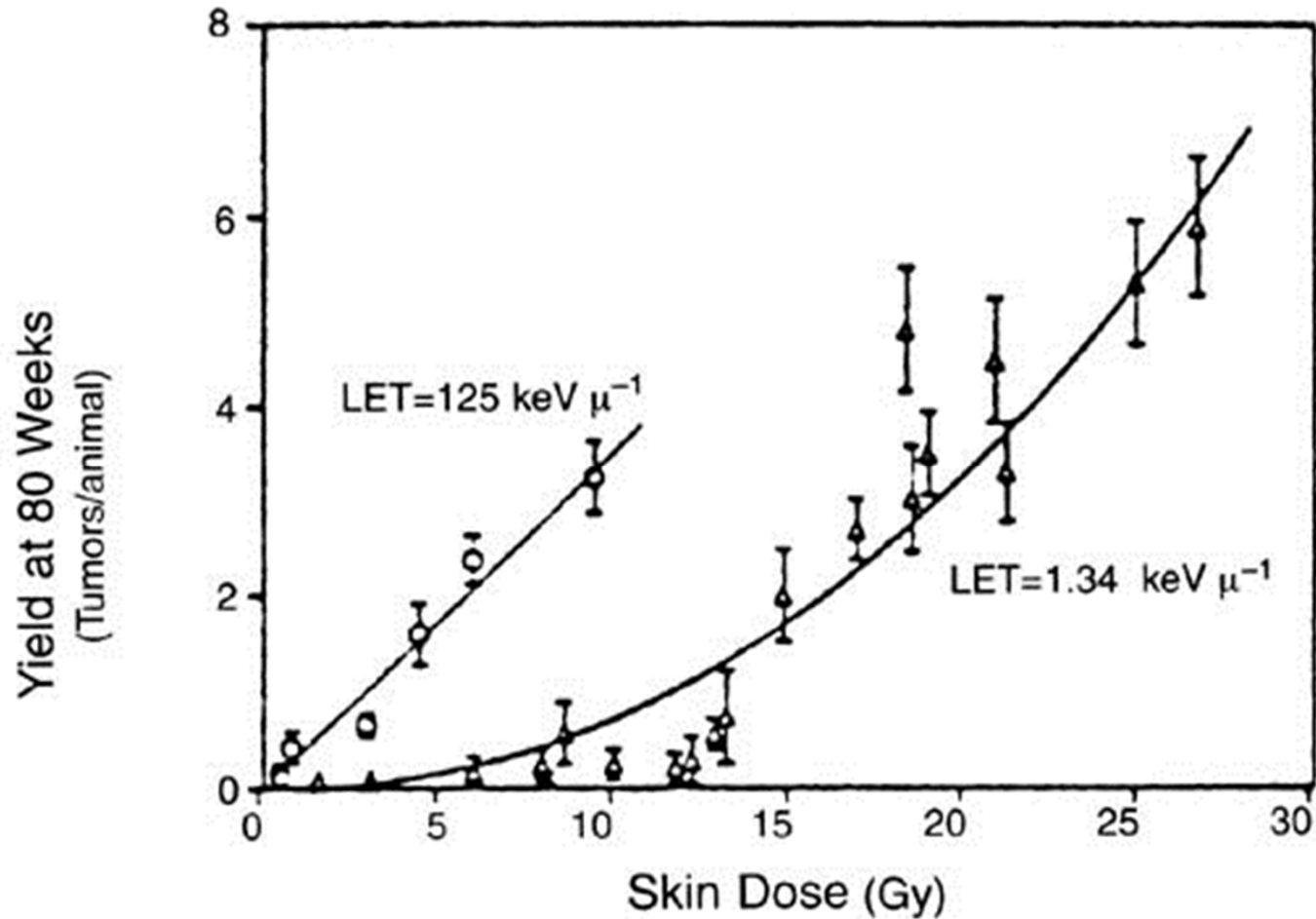
- ❑ Cancer induction;
- ❑ formation of gene and structural mutations;
- ❑ visual function disorders:
  - ❑ *retina lesions;*
  - ❑ *cataract induction*
- ❑ CNS disorders

# Harderian tumors

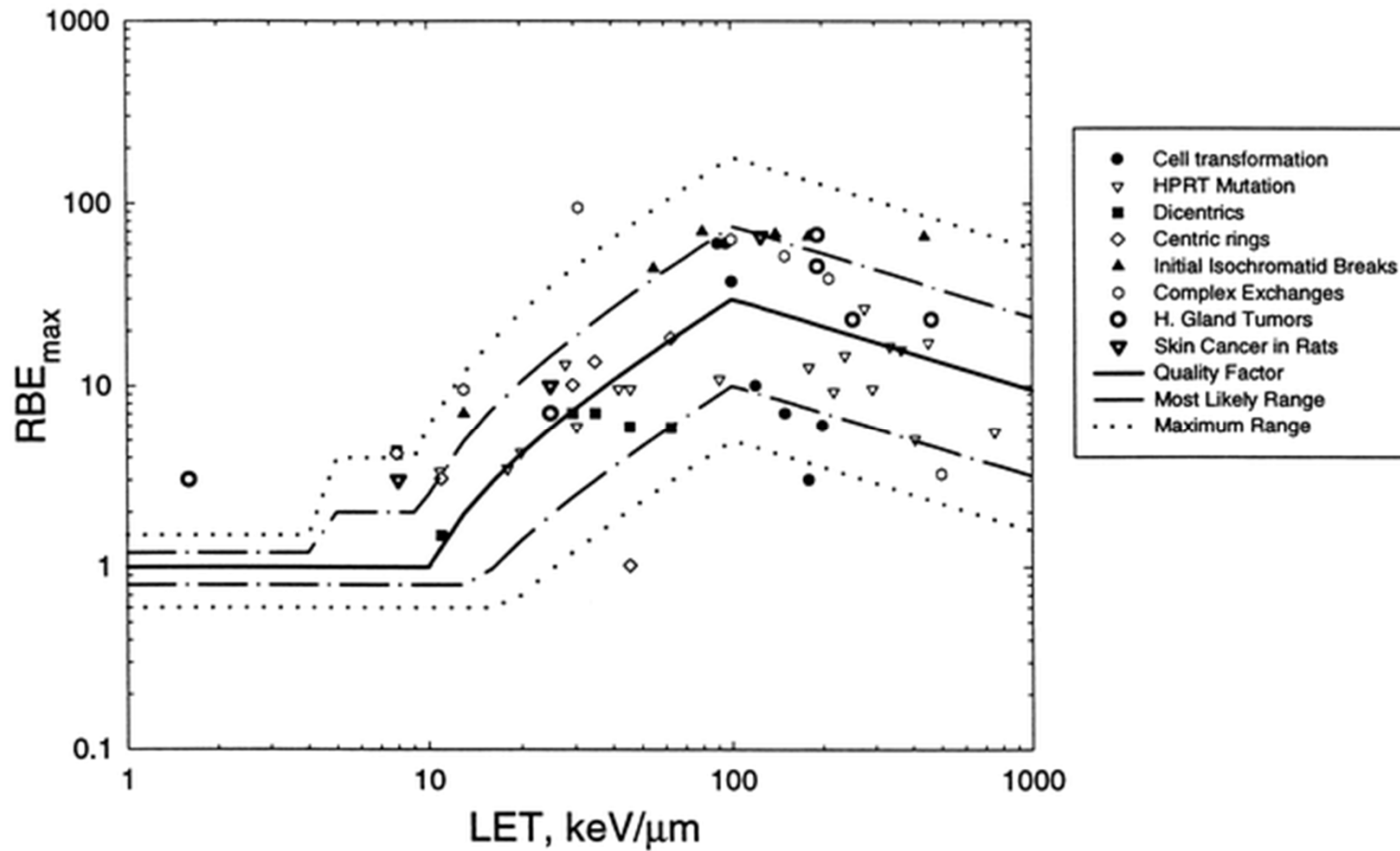
## Harderian Gland Tumor Prevalence

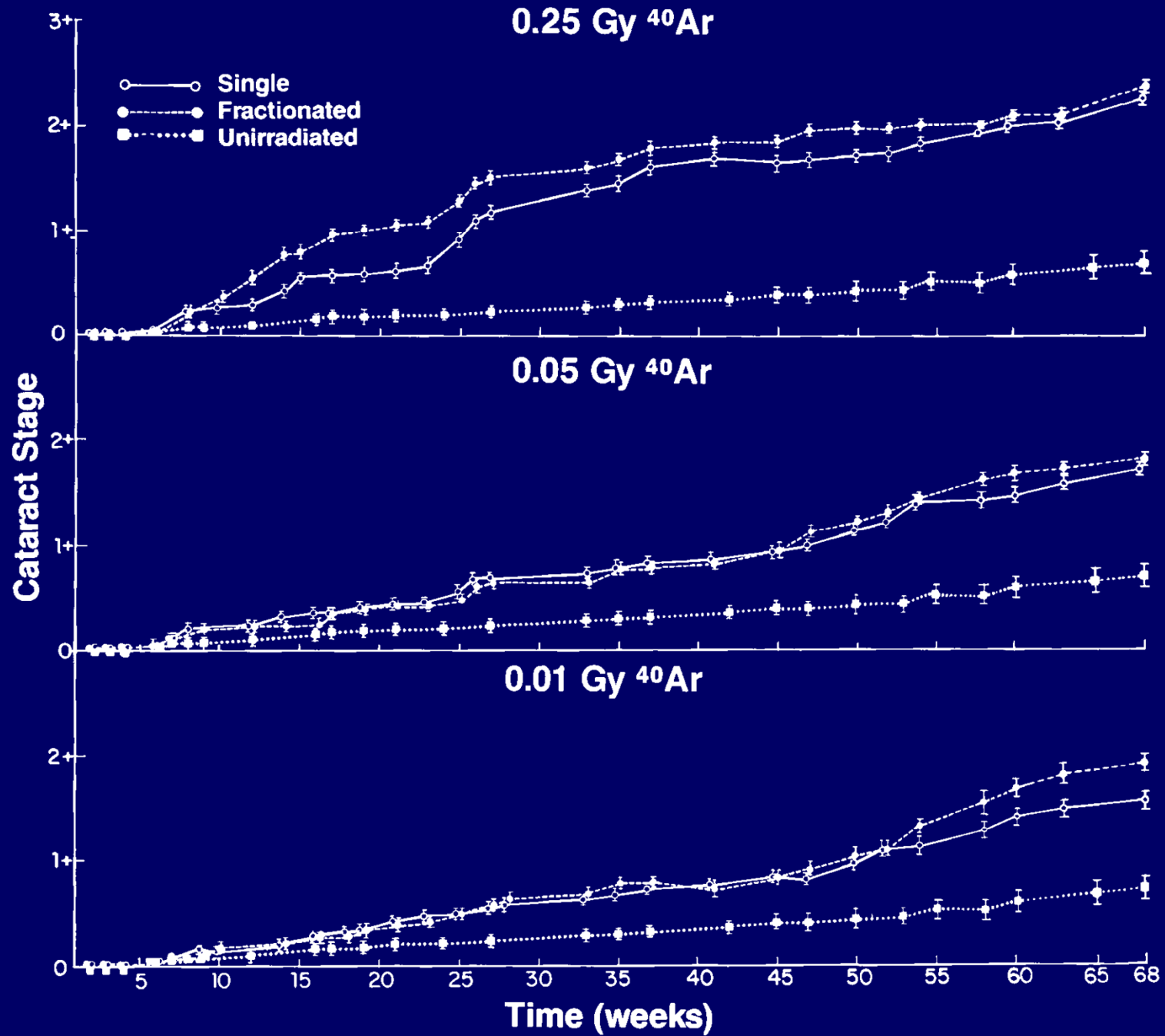


# Skin cancer (rats)



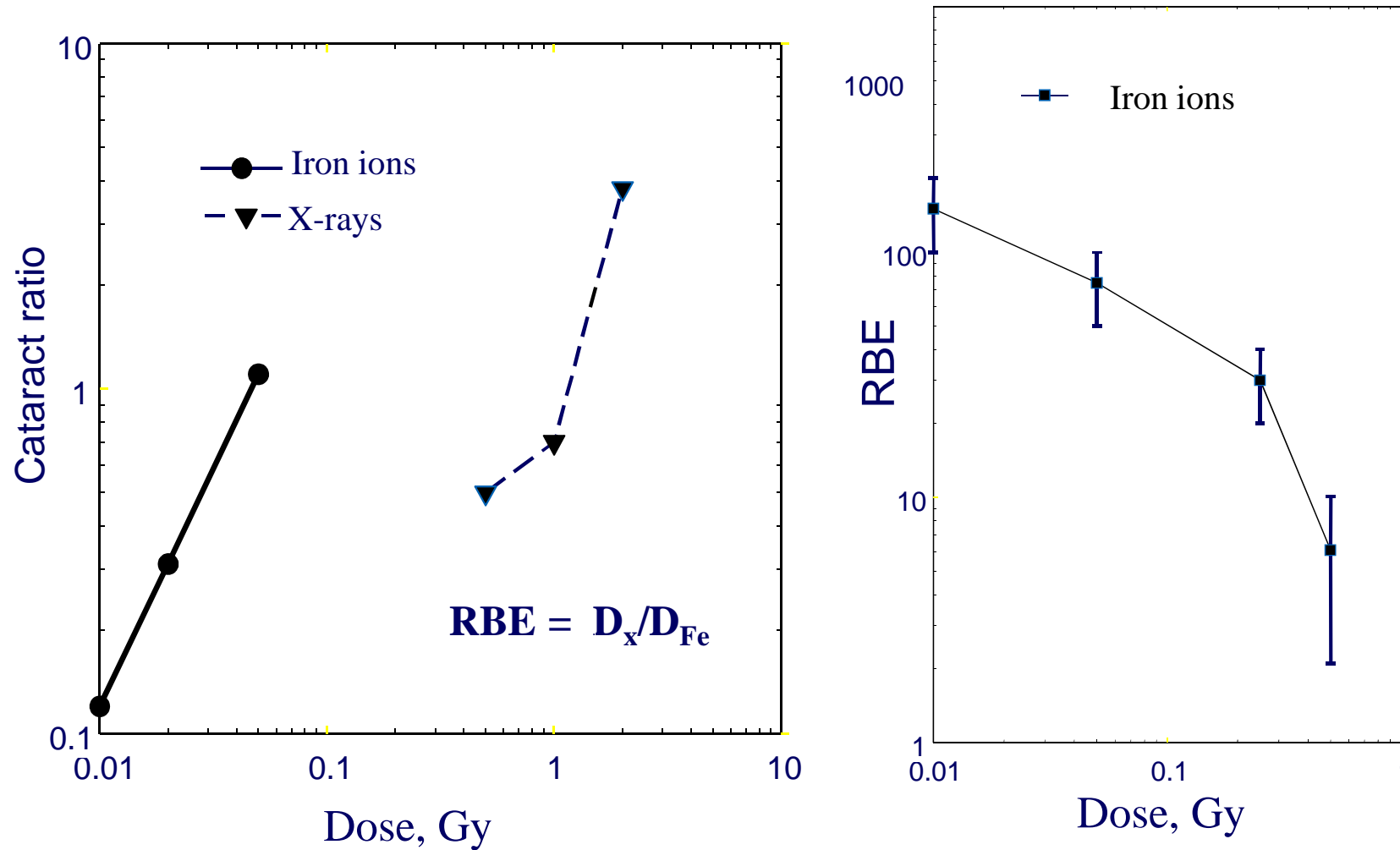
# RBE of the carcinogenic effect of irradiation







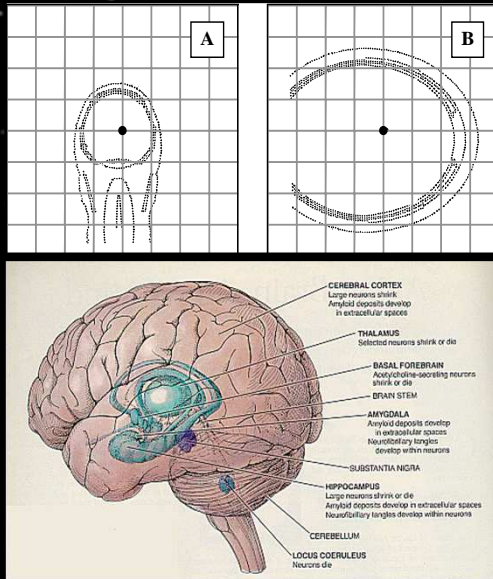
# Cataract ratio after irradiation by iron ions and X-rays



Worgul et al., 2006

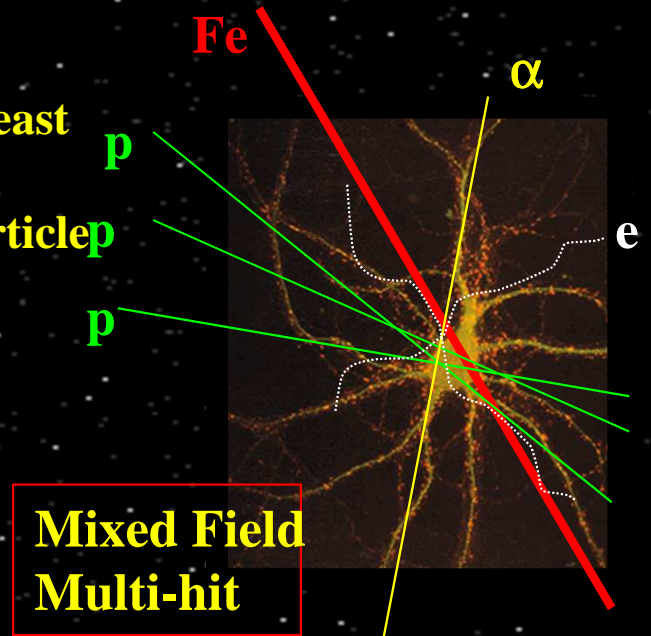
# Accelerated heavy ions and CNS

# Cosmic ray hit frequencies in CNS critical areas



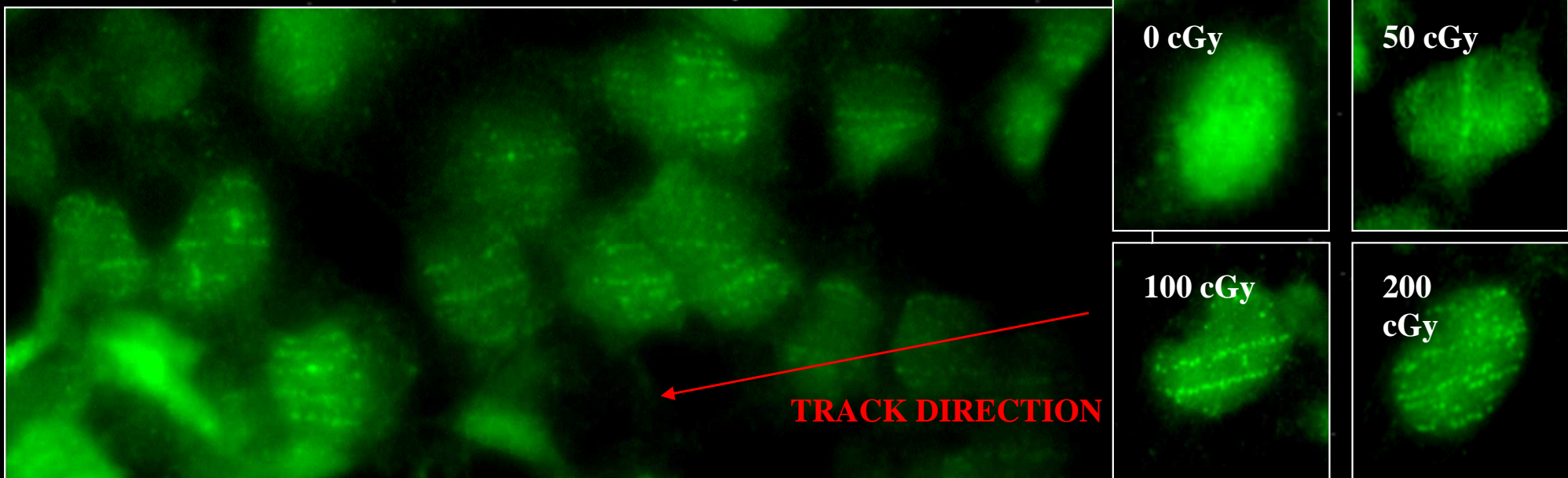
## CNS in General

- 2 – 13% of the cells will be hit by at least one Fe particle
- 8 – 46% will be hit by at least one particle with  $Z \geq 15$
- Every nucleus will be traversed by a proton once every 3 days and an alpha particle once every 30 days.

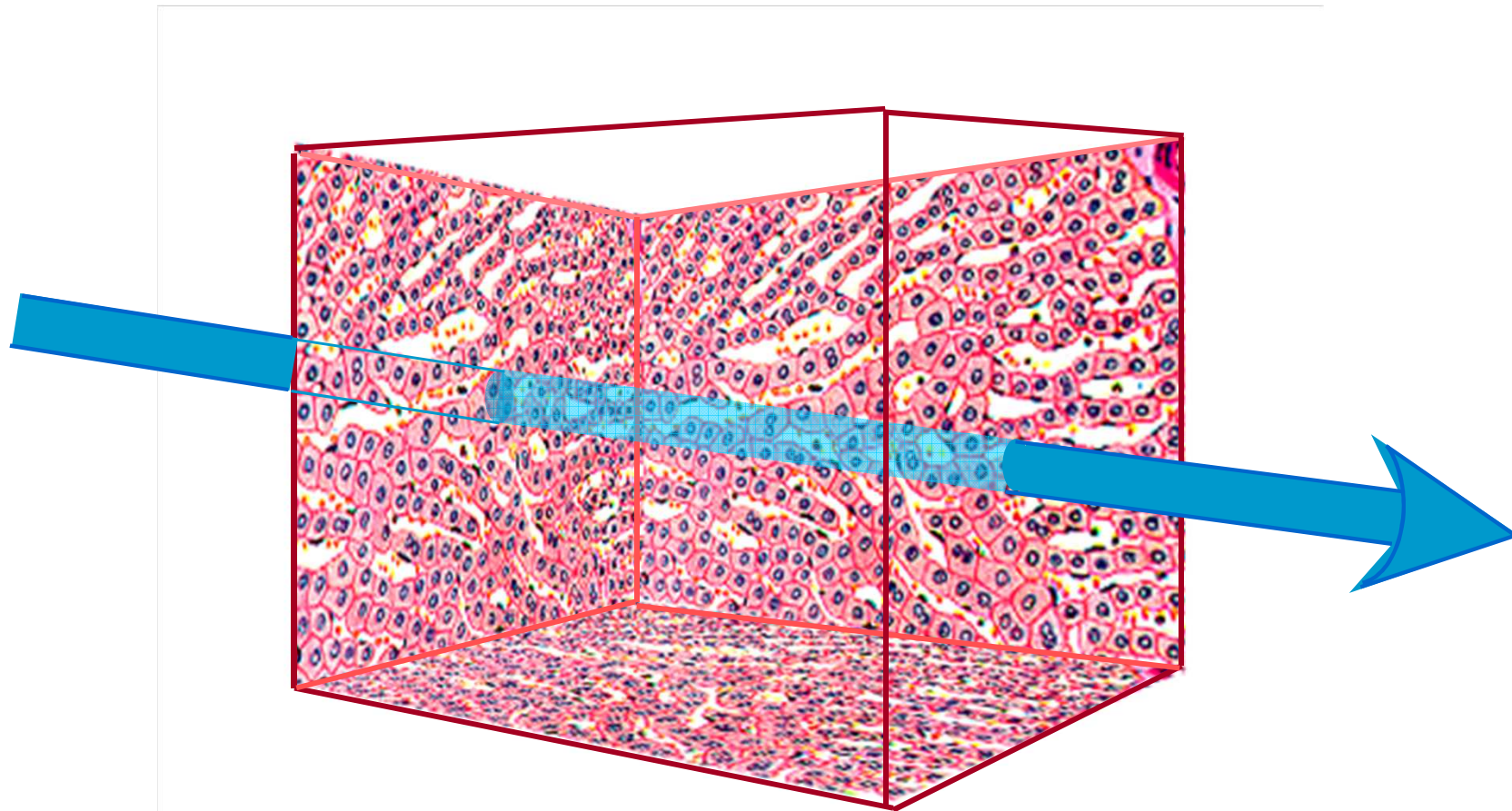


**Mixed Field Multi-hit**

## FE ION TRACKS VISUALIZED BY MARKERS OF DNA DSBs ( $\gamma$ H2AX)

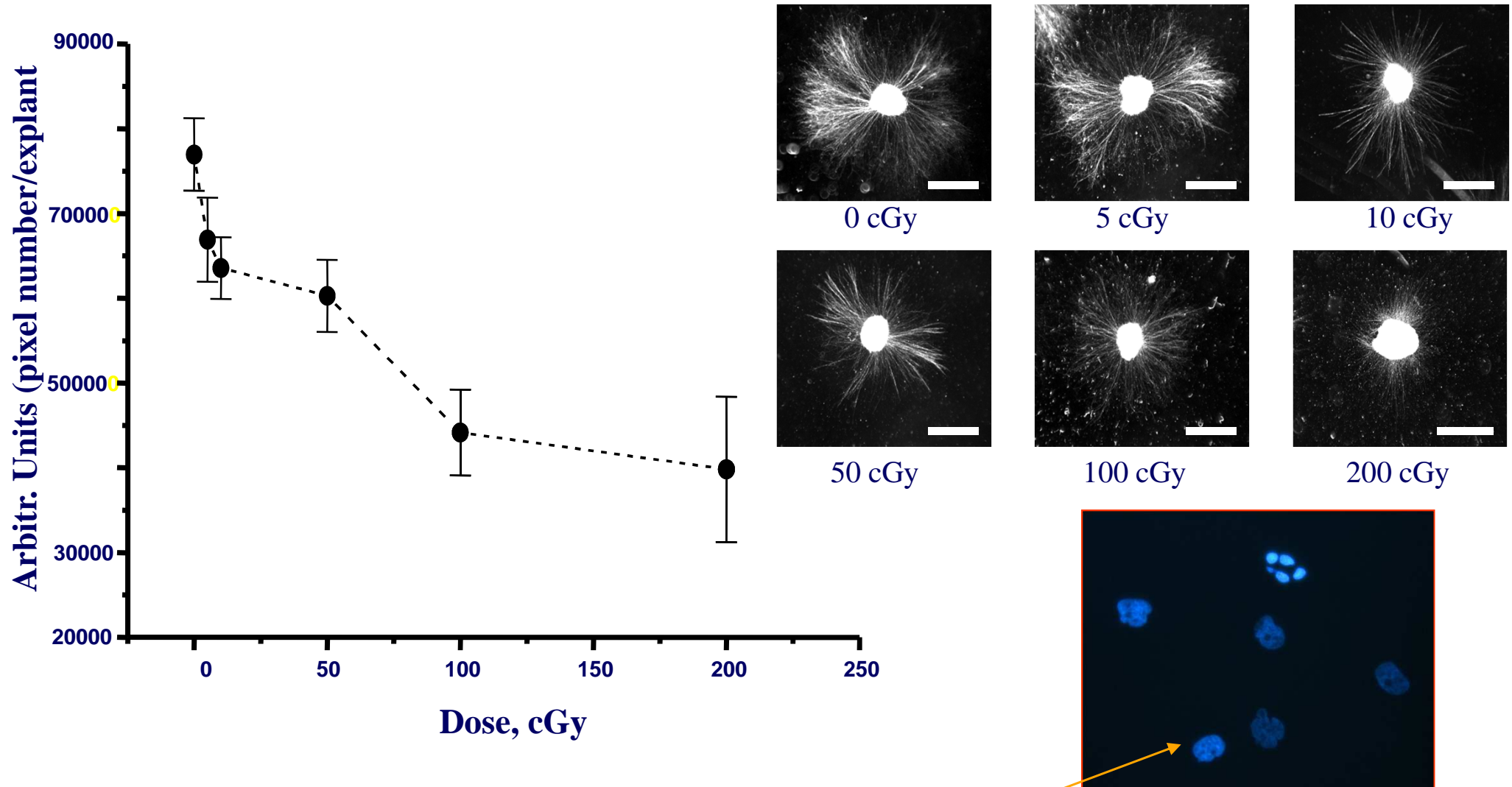


# Damage of a large number of cells in a tissue by a single heavy ion track

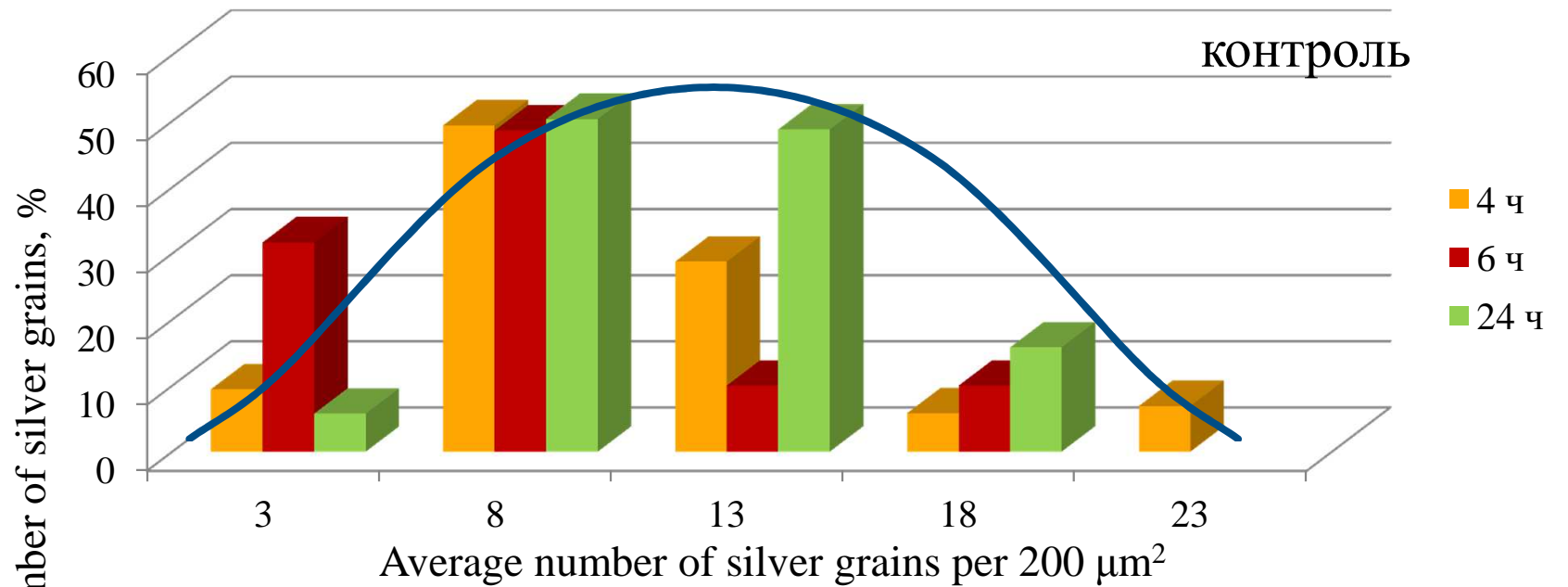
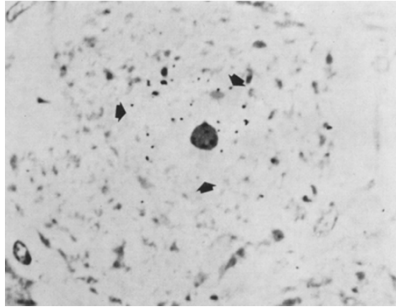




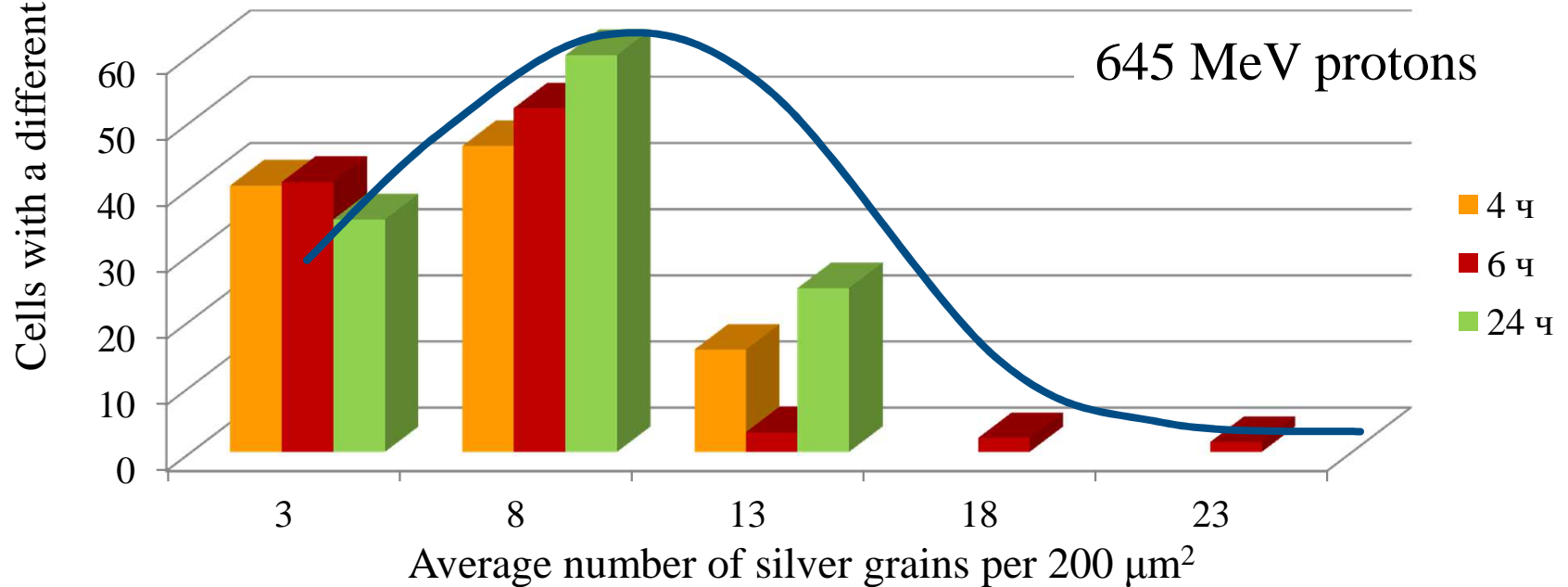
# *In Vitro* Neurotoxic Effects of $^{56}\text{Fe}$ Ions on Retinal Explants



# $^3\text{H}$ -uridine uptake in rat spinal ganglions

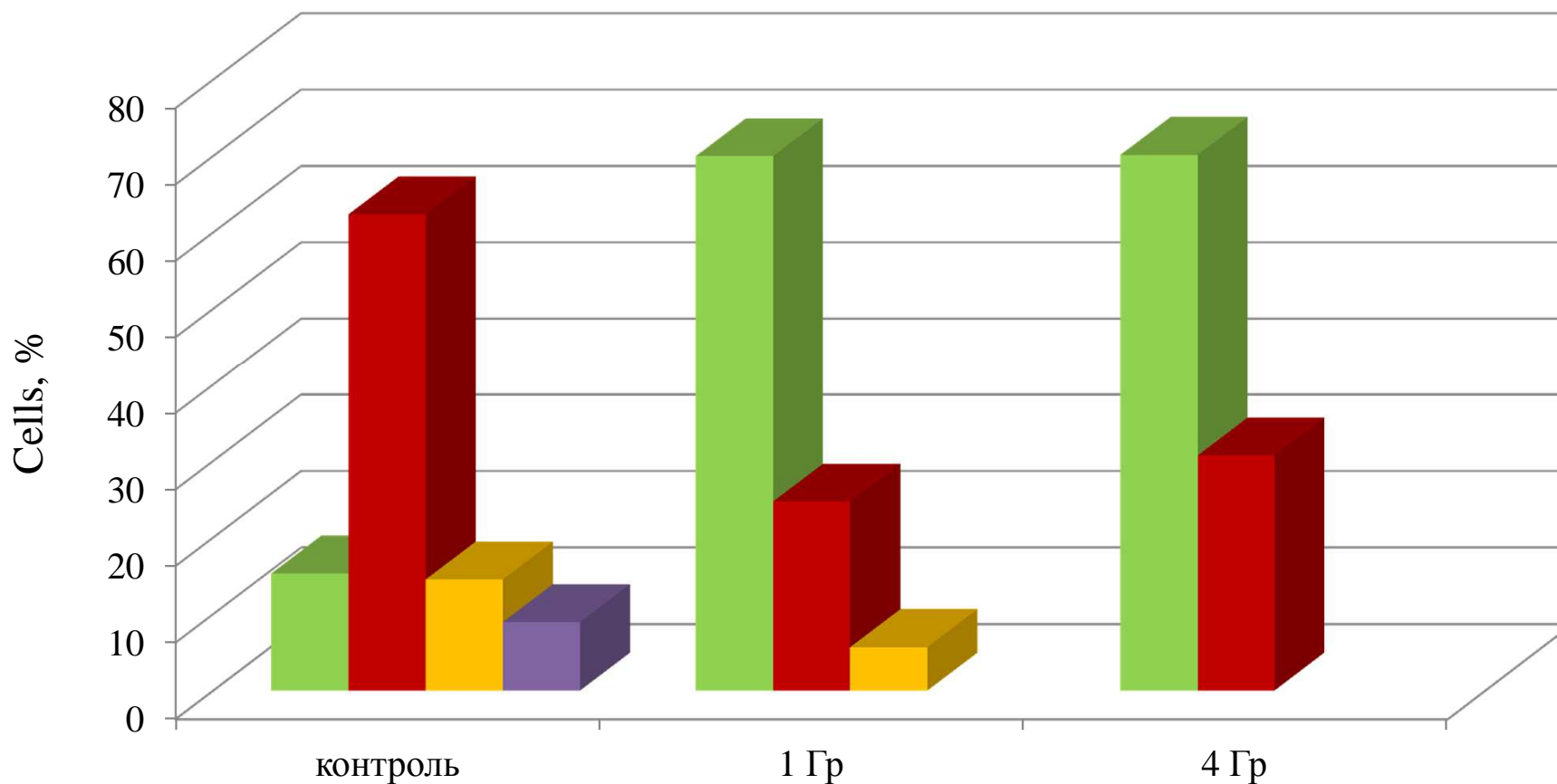


First 24 hours after irradiation





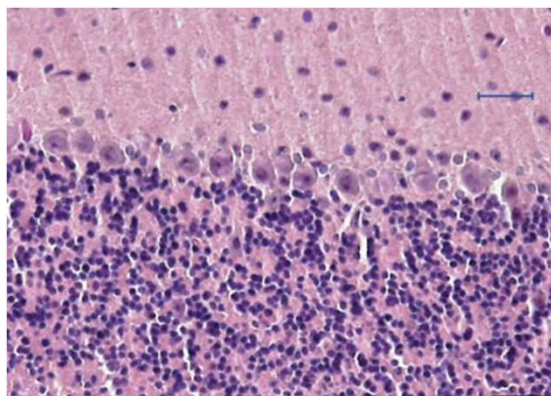
# Distribution of Purkinje cells of the rat cerebellar cortex over the intensity of $S^{35}$ methionine uptake one month after irradiation with 645 MeV protons



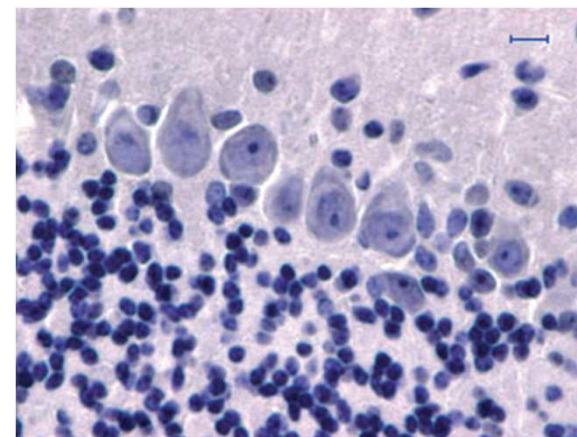
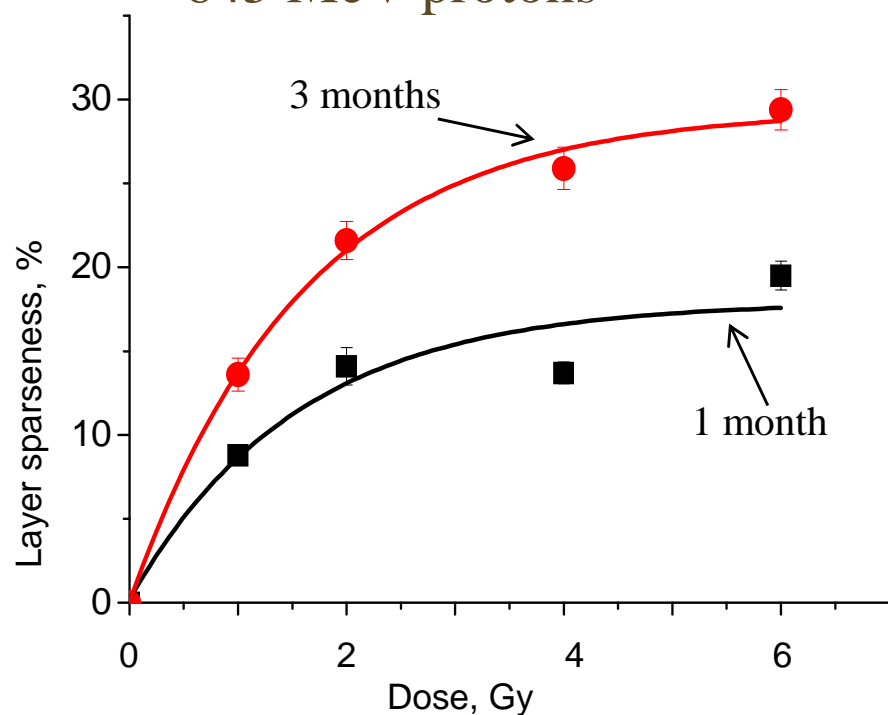
Average number of tracks per 100 μm<sup>2</sup> of the cell area

■ 2 трека ■ 7 треков ■ 12 треков ■ 17 треков

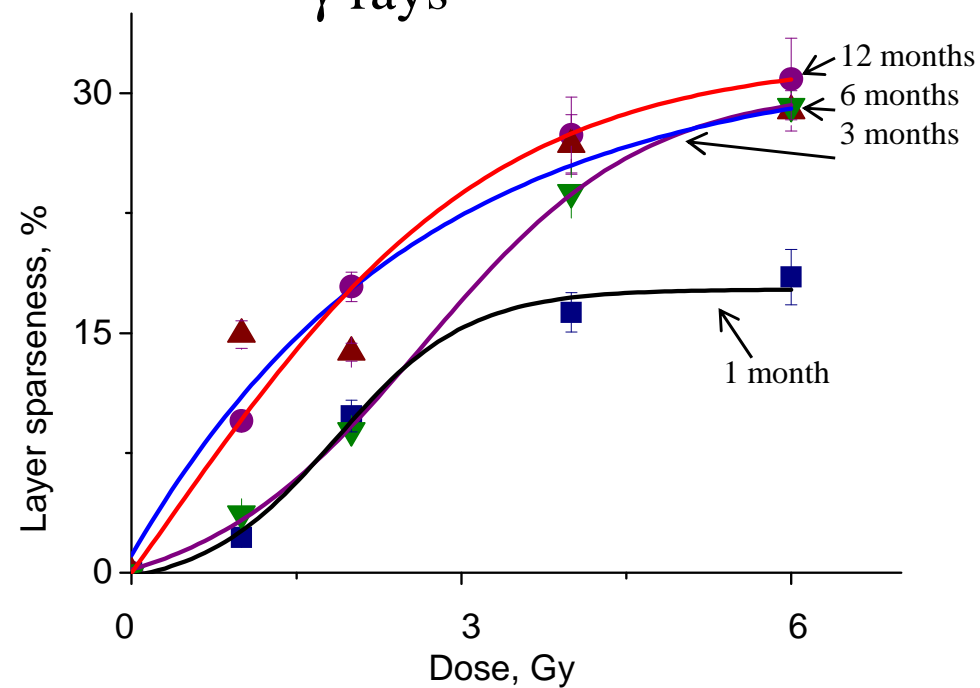
# Sparseness of the Purkinje cell layer at different times after irradiation with 645 MeV protons and $^{137}\text{Cs}$ $\gamma$ -rays

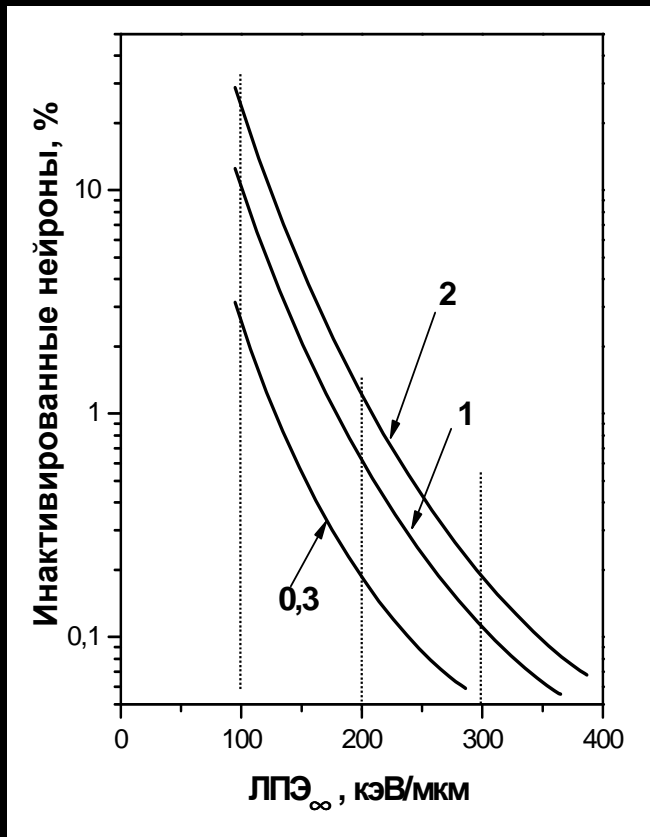


645 MeV protons

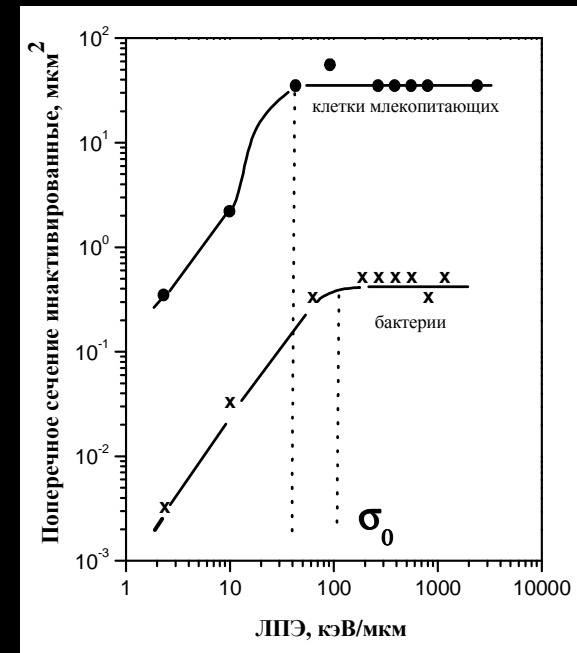
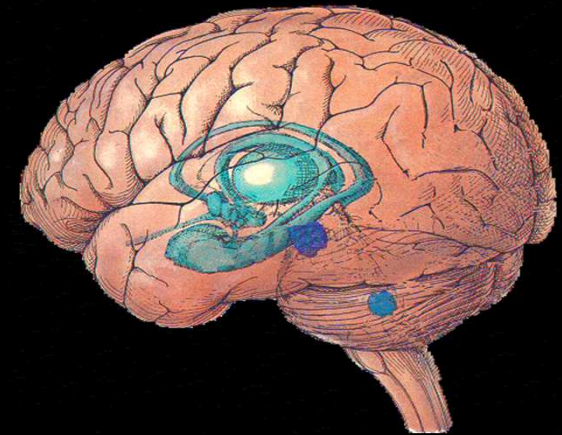
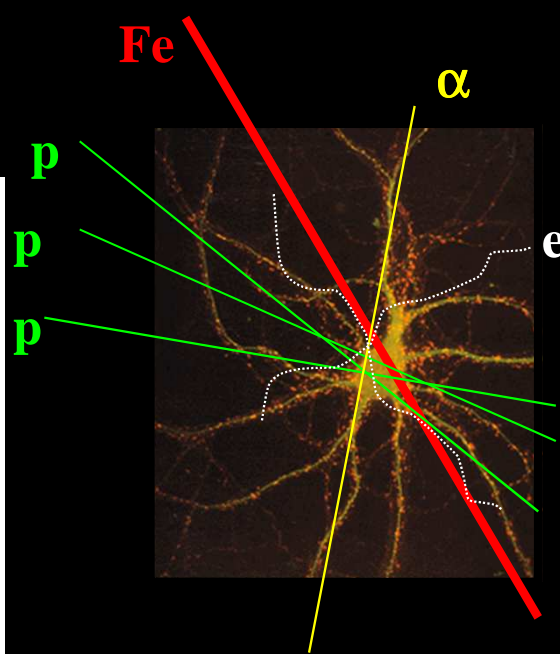


$\gamma$ -rays





The number of the inactivated neurons with  $r=10\mu\text{m}$  depending on the threshold values of particle LET for different flight durations (0.3, 1, and 2 years)

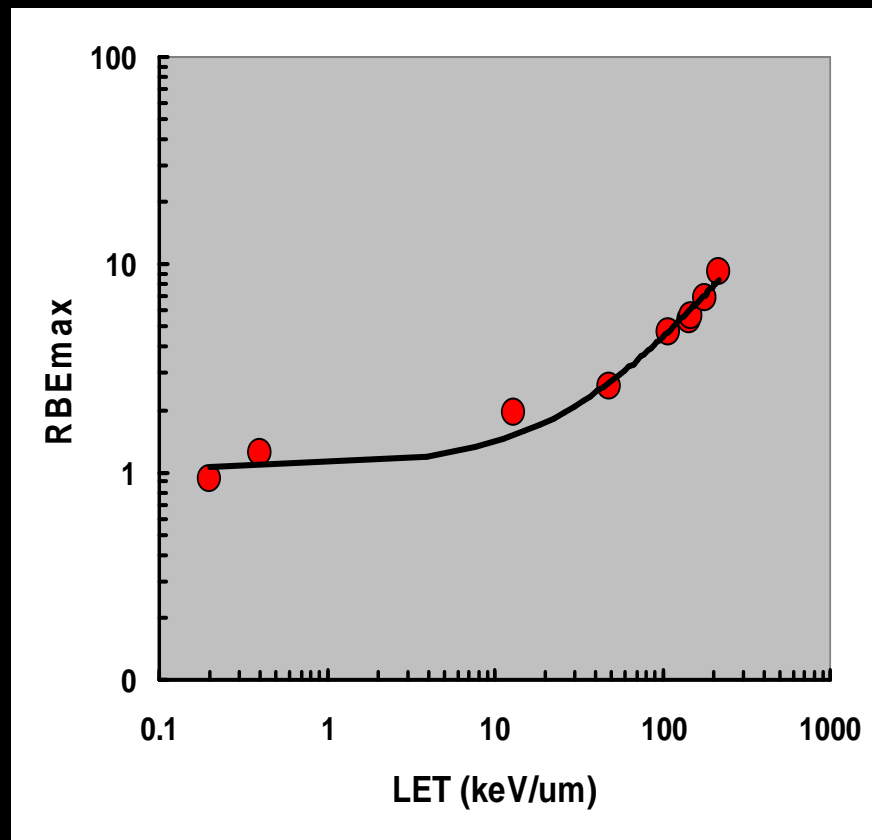


Dependence of the mammalian and bacterial cell inactivation cross-section on accelerated heavy ion LET

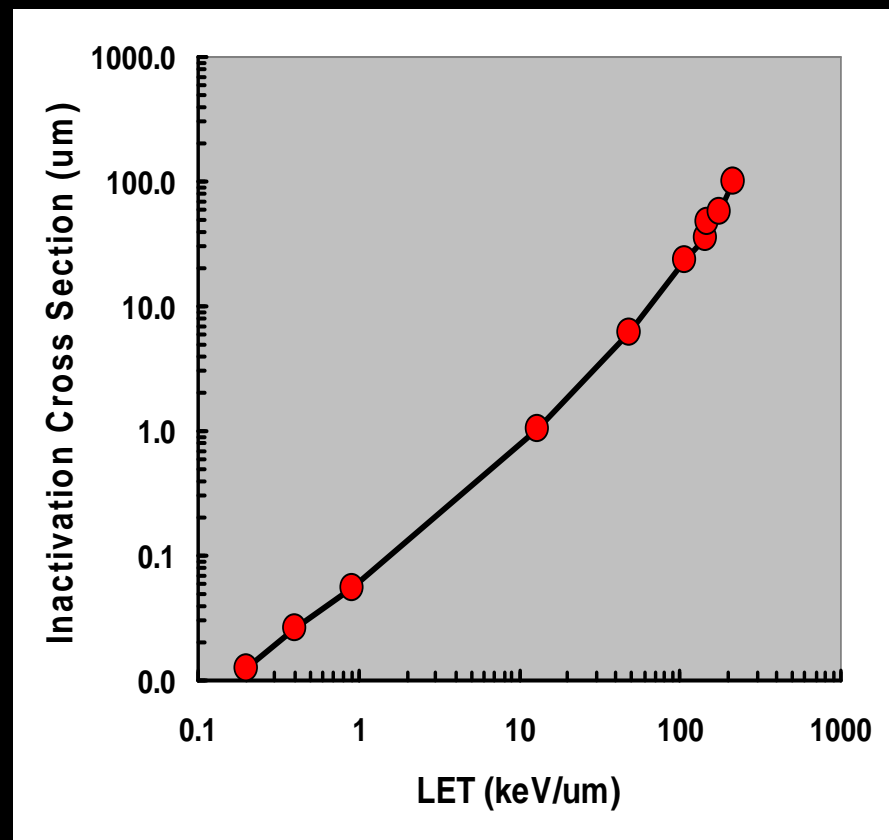
# APOPTOSIS INDUCTION AT 48 hrs

NT2 Human Neural  
Stem Cell

## RBEmax/LET DEPENDENCE



## INACT. CROSS SECT./LET DEPENDENCE



$$\sigma(\mu\text{m}^2) = 0.16021 \times \text{LET}(\text{keV}/\mu\text{m})/D_{10}(\text{Gy}).$$

# Morris Water Maze

Rat 214-126  
Morris Water Maze  
Learning Test #1

Tracking with:  
Noldus Ethovision

(c) Jean-Etienne Poirrier, 2006  
Cyclotron Research Center  
University of Liege

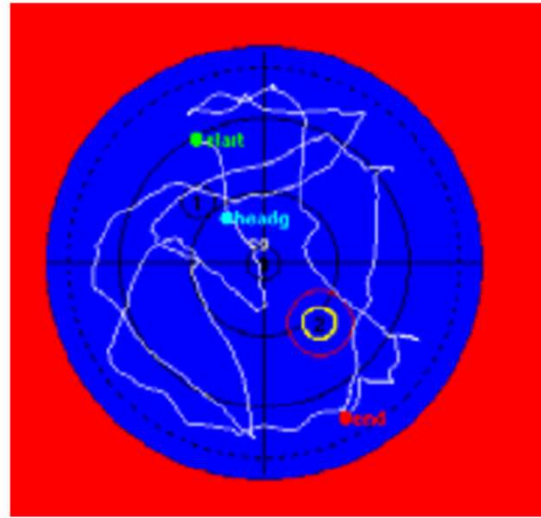
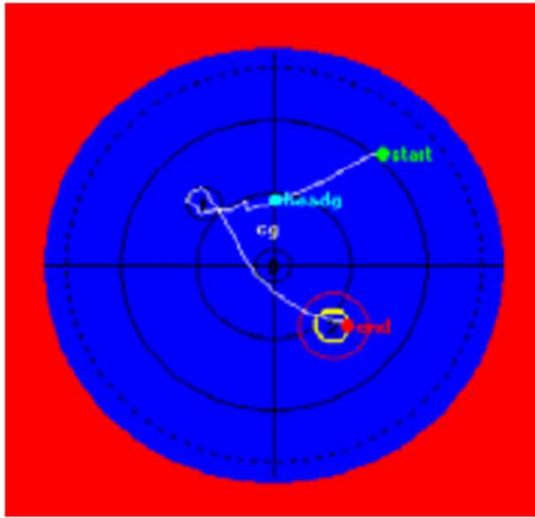
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$^{56}\text{Fe}$  ions: 1 GeV/nucleon,

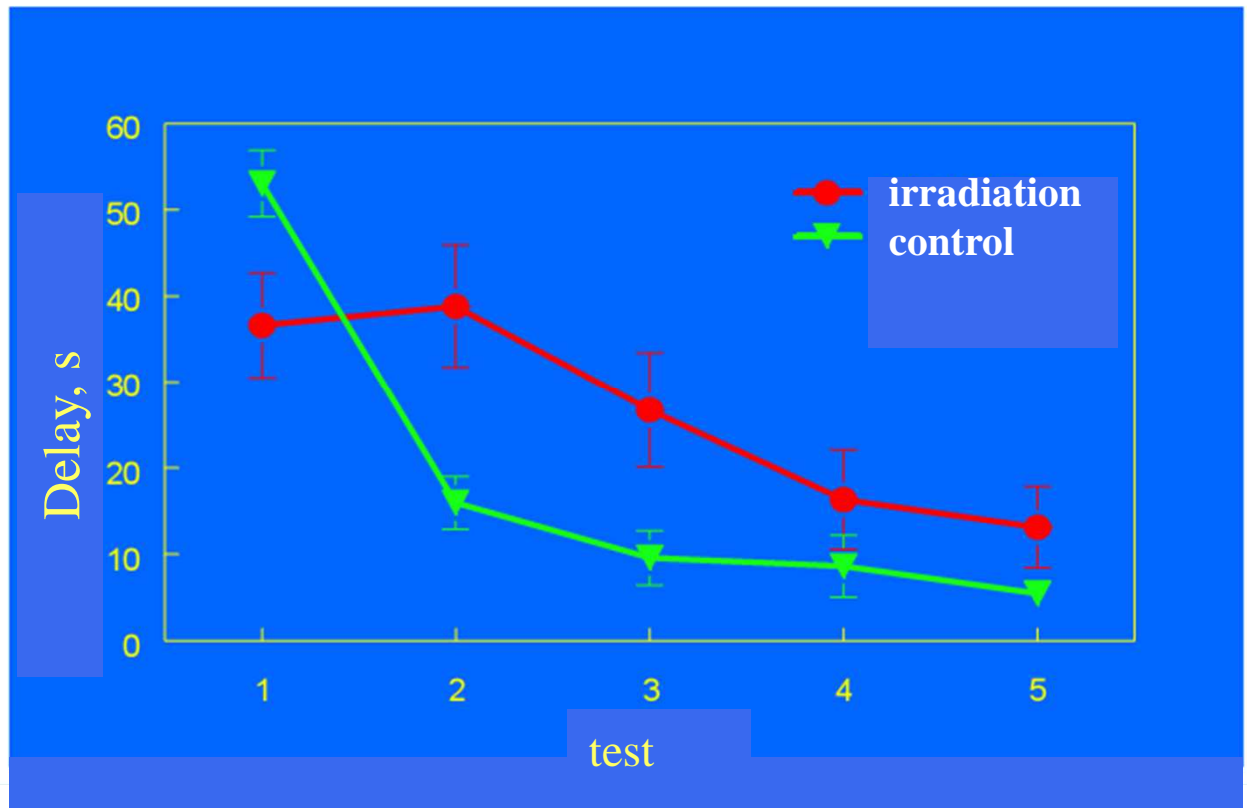
Control

1.5 Gy



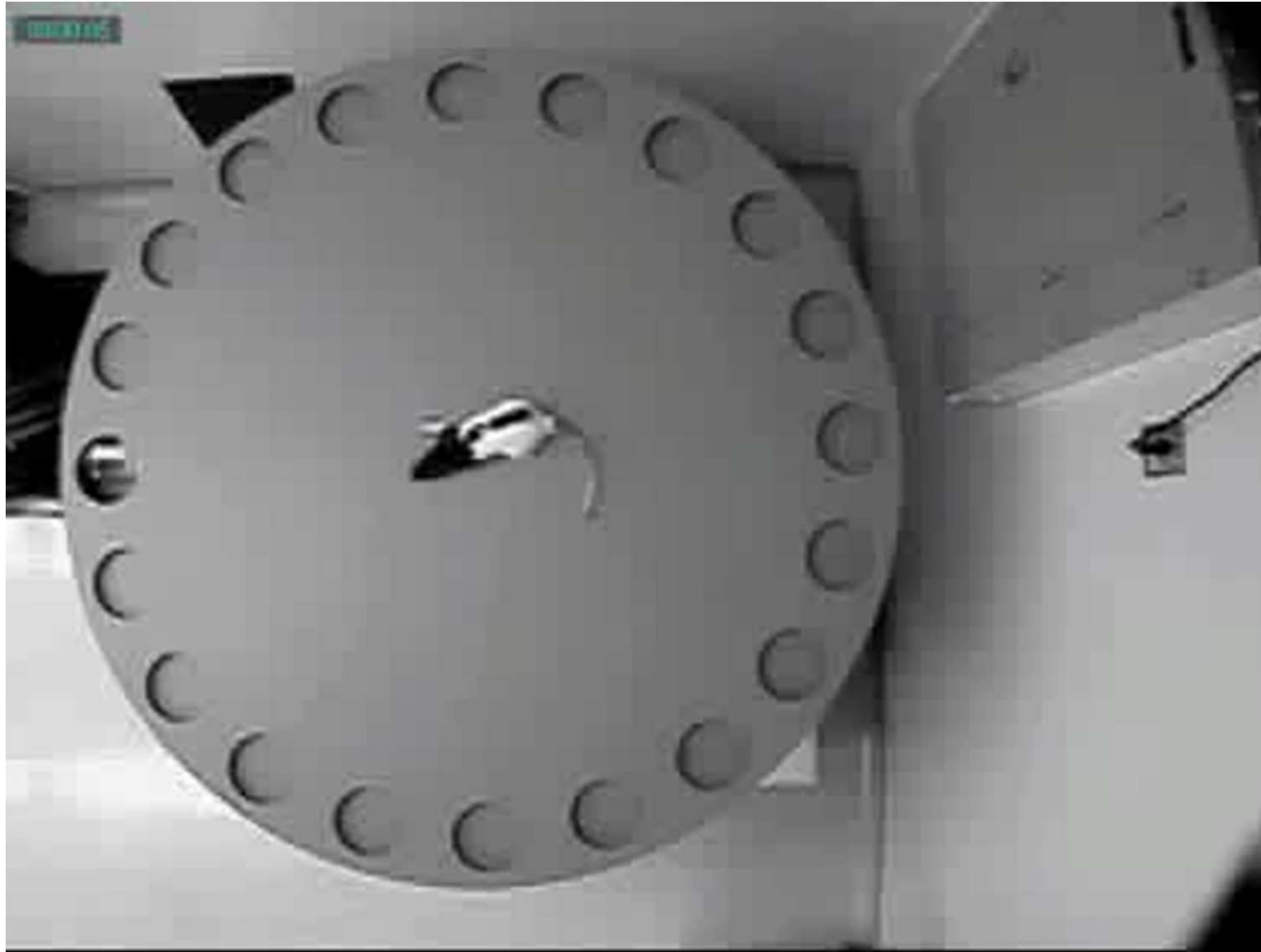
**Cognitive tests**  
(Morris water maze, etc.)

*1 month after irradiation*

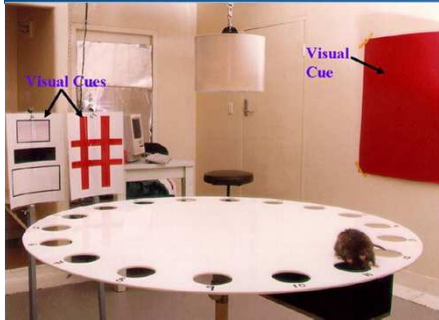




# C. Barnes test

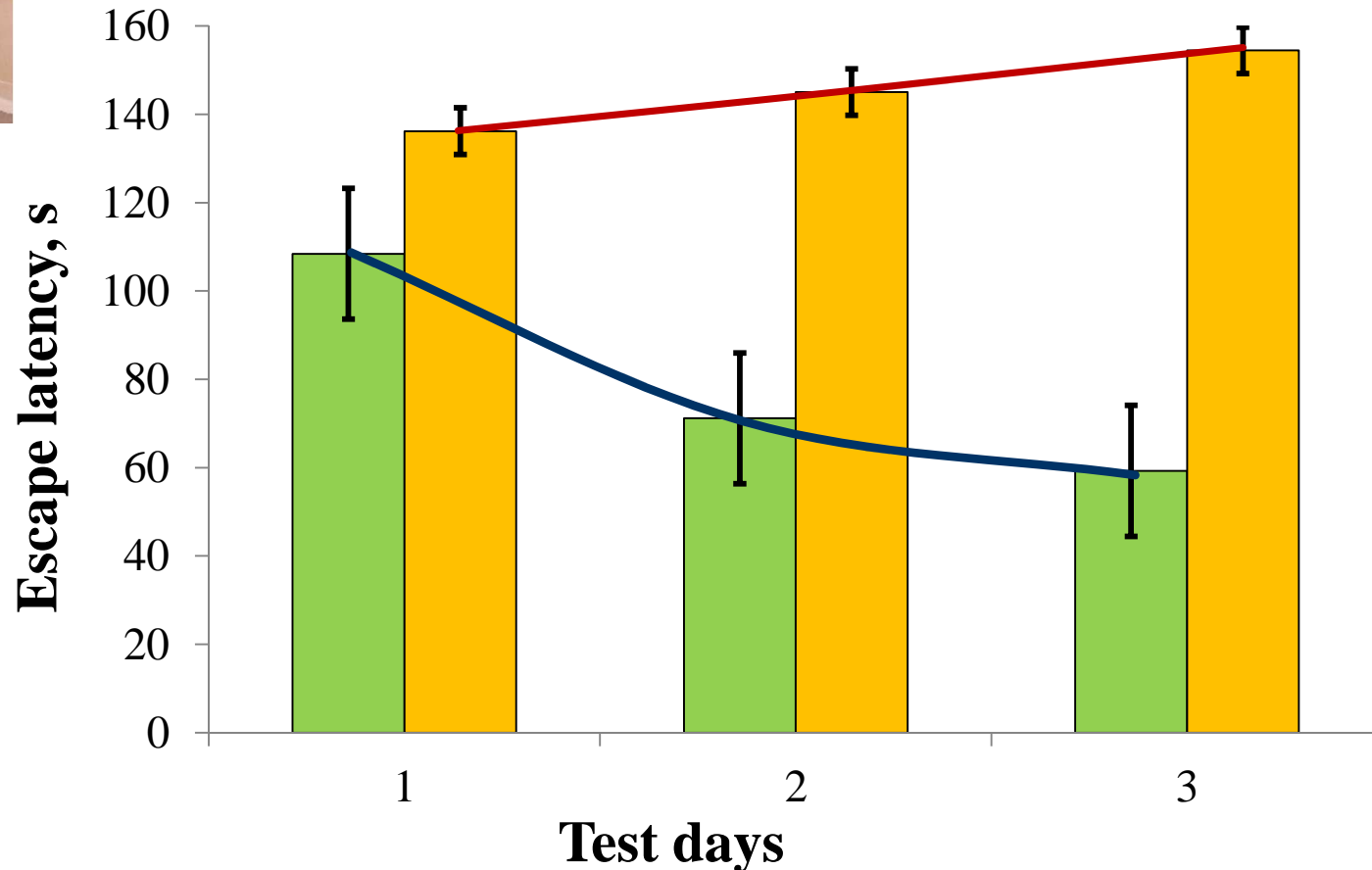


# Spatial learning disorders under exposure to $^{56}\text{Fe}$ ions



3 months after irradiation

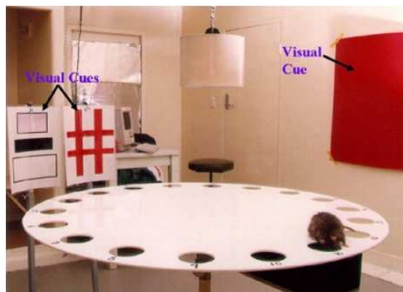
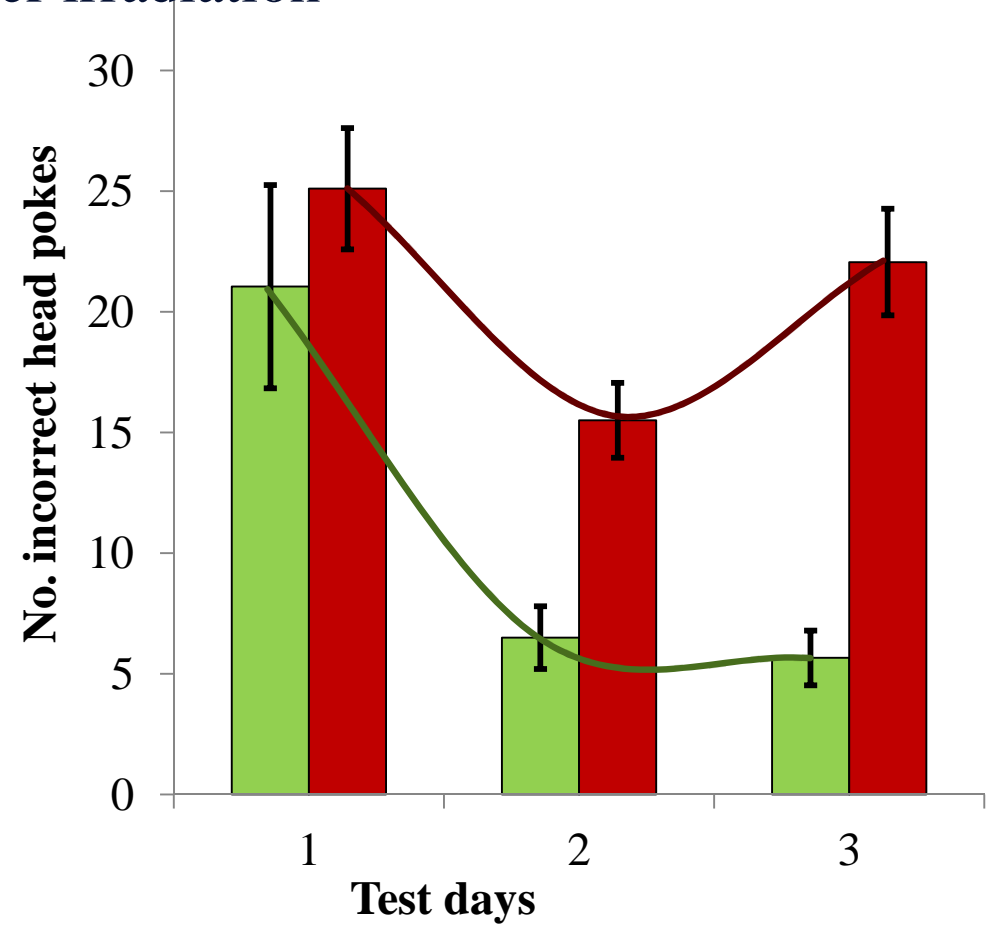
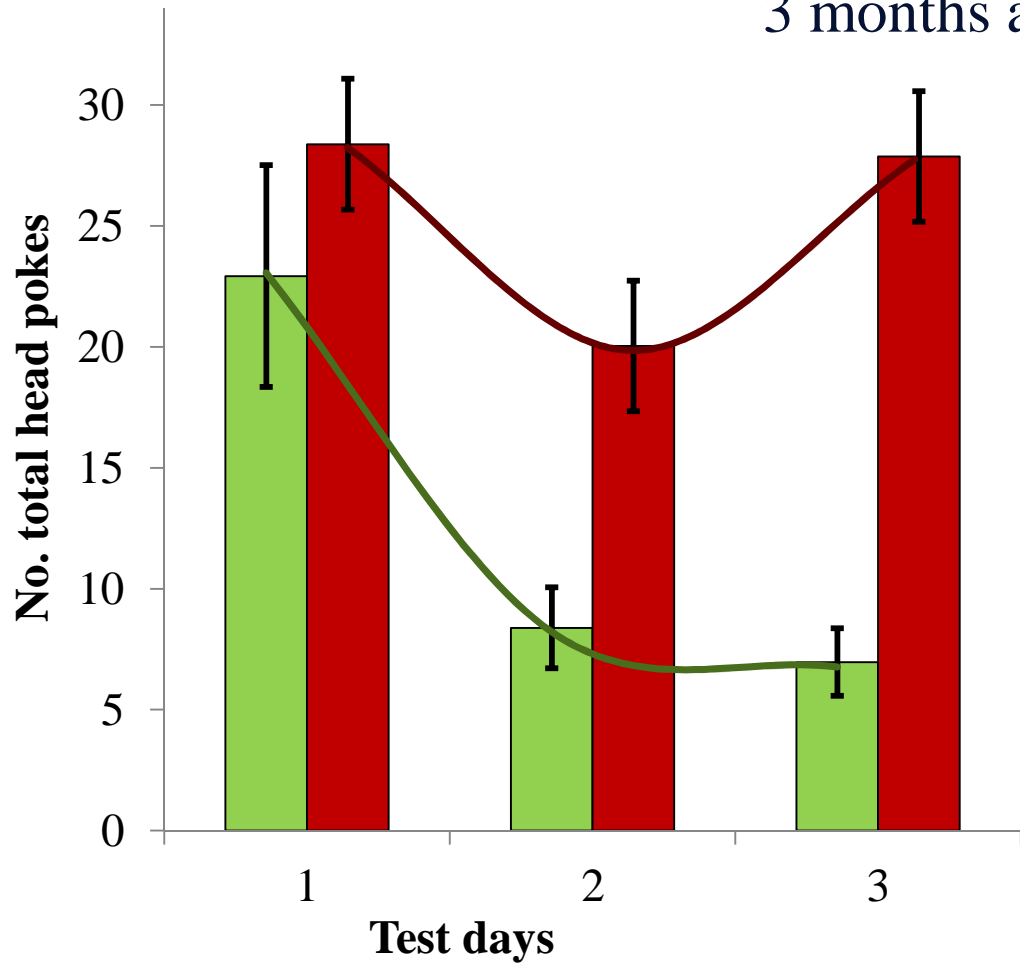
20 cGy  
 $\Phi \approx 10^5/\text{cm}^2$



■ Симуляция облучения ■ 20 cГр 1 ГэВ/нуклон  $^{56}\text{Fe}$

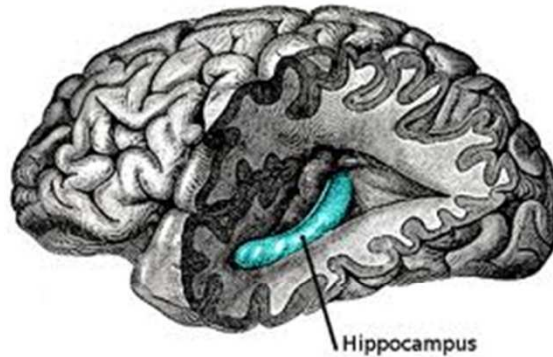
# Spatial learning disorders under exposure to $^{56}\text{Fe}$ ions

3 months after irradiation



- Irradiation simulation
- $^{56}\text{Fe}$  at 20 cGy, 1 GeV/nucleon

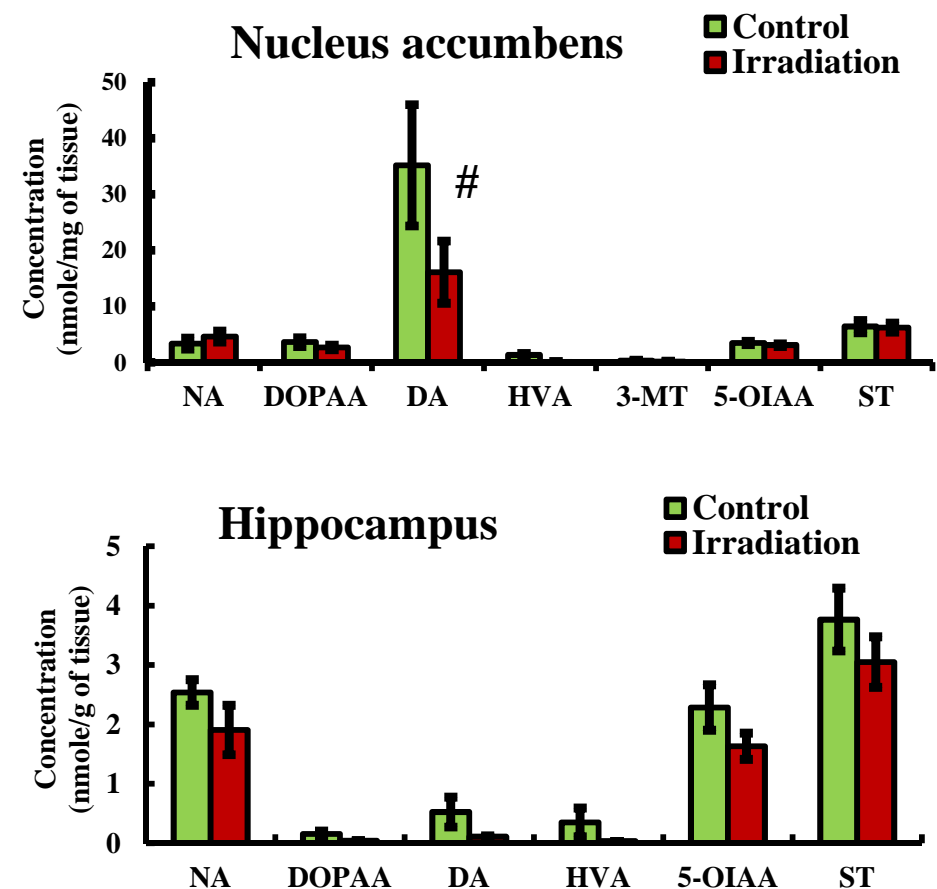
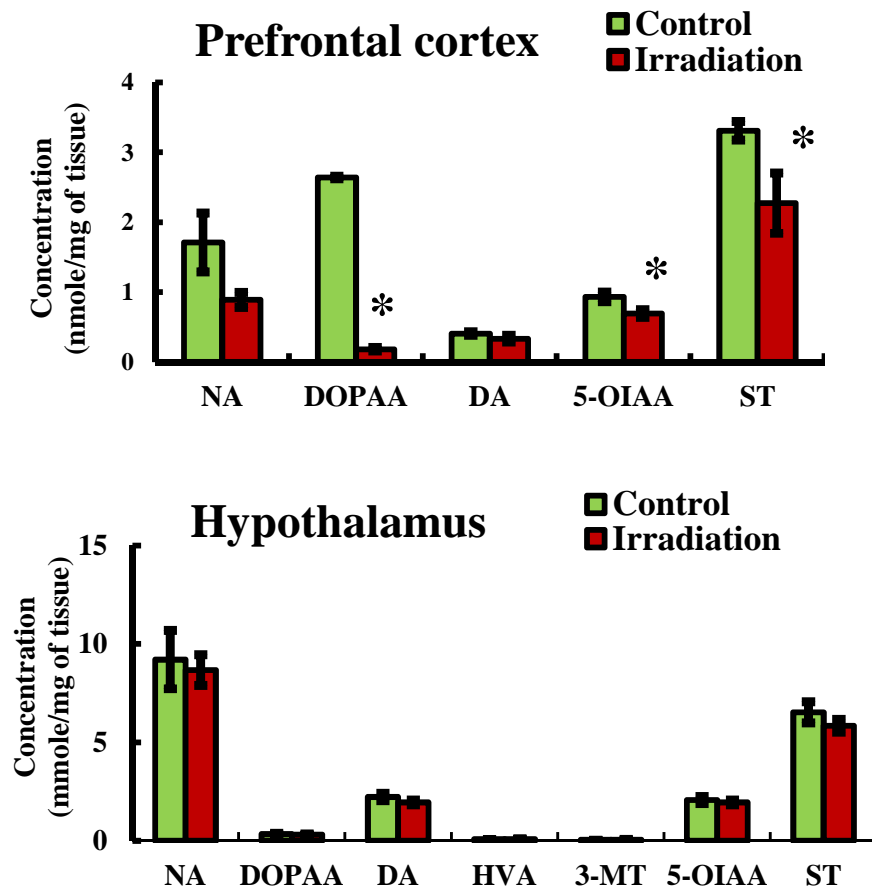
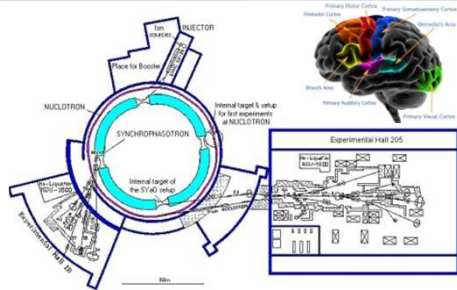
# Spatial learning disorders



***Disorder mechanism:*** the damage of glutamatergic transmission in hippocampus synaptosomes, which consists in a significant decrease in the expression of the NR1, NR2A, and NR2B subunits of the NMDA glutamatergic receptor.

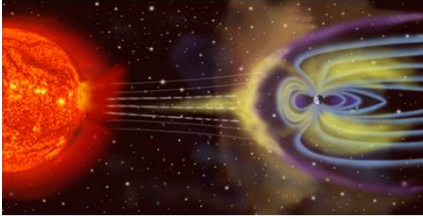
# Initial radiobiological studies at Nuclotron-M

Studying the level of neurotransmitters in different brain areas of rats after irradiation with 1 Gy of 500 MeV/nucleon carbon ions



**Decreasing in the level of neurotransmitters is observed after irradiation**





# The current risk concept

- The concept is based on the introduction of a *dosimetric functional as the criterion* and quantitative measure of *radiation danger*.
- **Generalized dose**  $H_G$  and  $H_E$  for the evaluation of the immediate adverse consequences during the flight and the delayed effect during further life:

$$H_G = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{D}_i \times KQ_{Gi} \times KT_{Gi} \times KP_{Gi} \right) KM_G$$

$$H_E = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{D}_i \times KQ_{Ei} \times KT_{Ei} \times KP_{Ei} \right) KM_E$$

$KQ_i$  – radiation quality coefficients;

$KT_i$  – coefficients of the *dose distribution over time*;

$KP_i$  – coefficients of the *dose distribution over the human body*;

$KM$  – coefficients of the organism's radioreaction modification caused by *other factors of the space flight*.



# New risk concept

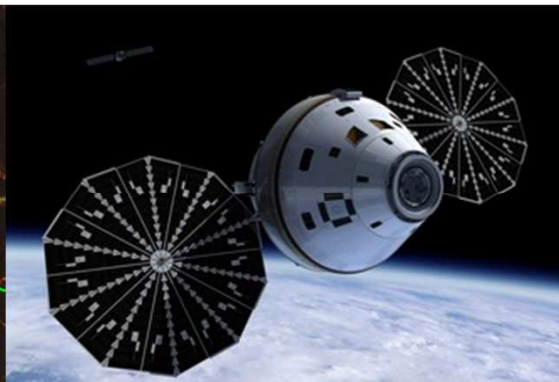
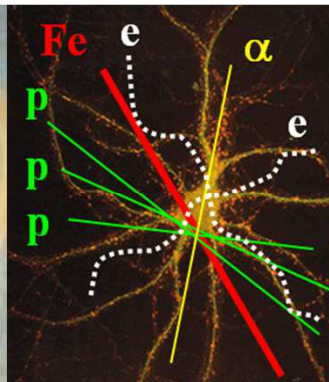
Introduction of the *probability  $P$  of the successful completion of the mission:*

$$P = 1 - (P_{\text{RAD}} + P_{\text{NONRAD}} + P_{\text{TECHN FAIL}})$$

$$P_{\text{RAD}} = P_{\text{CNS}} + P_{\text{retina}} + P_{\text{cataract}} + P_{\text{oncol}} + P_{\text{other.}}$$

$$P_{\text{NONRAD}} = P_{\text{ZERO-GRAVITY}} + P_{\text{CLOSED SPACE}} + P_{\text{PHYS TRAUM}} + P_{\text{INFECT}} + P_{\text{OTHER}}$$

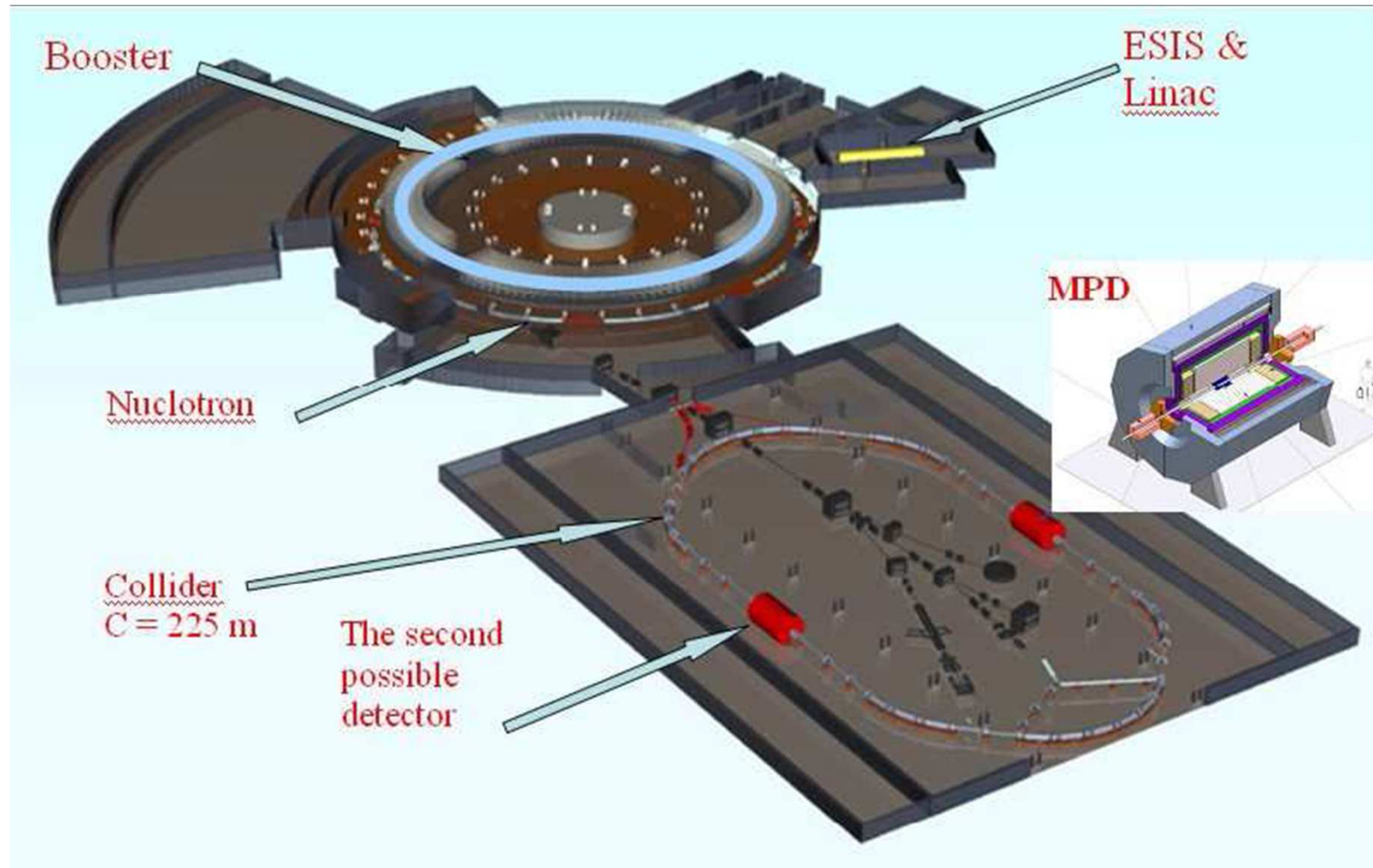
$$P_{\text{TECHN FAIL}} = P_{\text{LAUNCH EARTH}} + P_{\text{INTERPL}} + P_{\text{MARS LANDING}} + P_{\text{MARS LAUNCH}} + \\ + P_{\text{EARTH LANDING}} + P_{\text{LIFE SUPPORT}}$$



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# NICA Project





Thank you for your attention