

# IGEM team SIAT-SCIE Modelling

## part - an intuitive summary

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Dsup - the key protein that protects tardigrades from lethal dosage of radiation

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### Part 0 - Kinetic based model 1<sup>st</sup> edition backup

#### The primary focus - Survival rate

The survival rate is a key variable in our model, as it is the most easy one to be accurately quantified (via standardised protocols of flow cytometer), and directly reflects the DSB break, robustness of our cell thus the degree of protection offered by Dsup.

Survival rate (s)

Factor 1: DSB contribution (Q1)

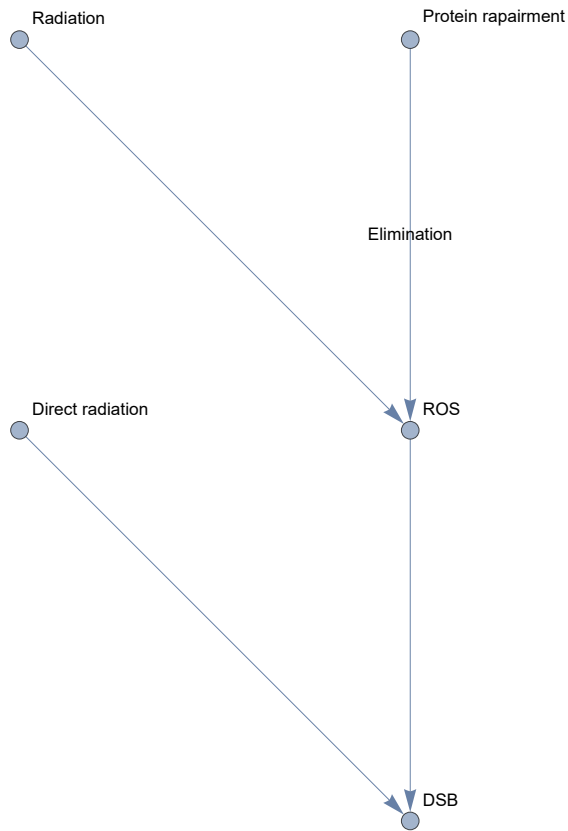
Factor 2: Protein denature distribution (Q2)

Factor 3: Membrane damage distribution (Q3)

$$S = Q1 * Q2 * Q3$$

When radiation dosage (D) = 0, Q1 = Q2 = Q3 = 1

## Reaction mechanism



## The very underlying assumptions

1. ROS, DSB & Radiation are all 1st order reaction
2. Since ROS transfer charges to DNA, causing DSB, ROS itself is lost in this process.
3. As ROS damage the proteins in the cell, both ROS and protein repairing functionality are lost.
4. Super-oxide Dismutase (SoD) are not considered in this model.

## ODEs

$$\frac{d DSB}{d t} = C_1 R + C_2 ROS$$

$$\frac{d ROS}{d t} = C_3 R - C_2 ROS - C_4 ROS * PR$$

$$\frac{d PR}{d t} = -C_4 ROS * PR$$

And therefore, our goal is to combine the equations into non-linear ODE system, and estimate the constants given initial conditions.

Thus, via substitution, compute numerical solution for DSB.

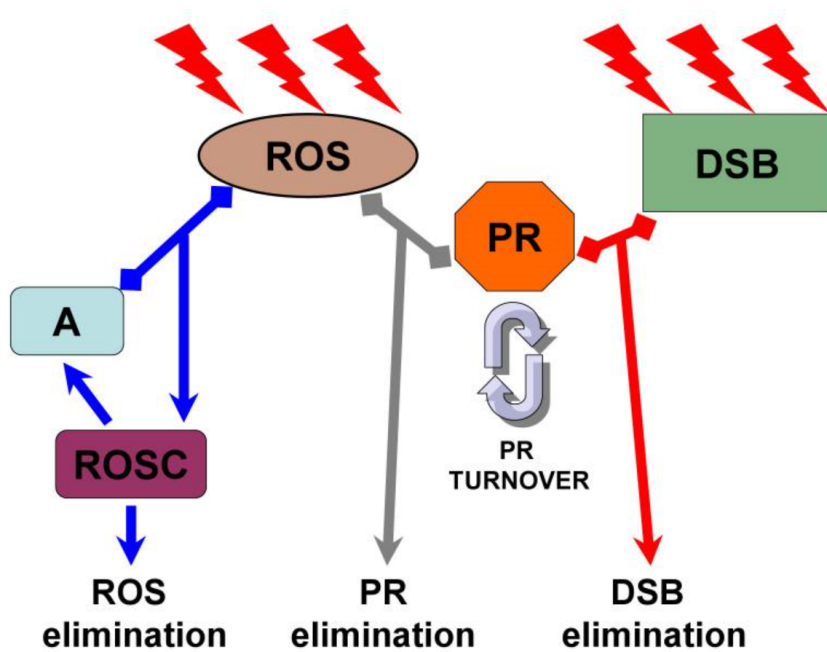
## Limitations

- Reliable direct measurement of DSB unavailable
- Estimation may not have a high accuracy or confidence
- Other factors we failed to take into account may affect the model

## Part I - Kinetic based model

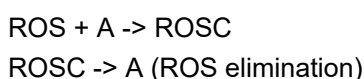
Reference: “A model of interactions between radiation-induced oxidative stress, protein and DNA damage in *Deinococcus radiodurans*” I. Shuryak et al, 2009

### Schematic diagram



From “A model of interactions between radiation-induced oxidative stress, protein and DNA damage in *Deinococcus radiodurans*”  
 We will explain the notations in math modelling parts below.

## Reactions



$\text{ROS} + \text{PR} \rightarrow \phi$  (Protein repair)  
 $\text{PR} + \text{DSB} \rightarrow \text{PR}$   
 ROS = reactive oxygen species  
 PR = proteins needed for DNA repair  
 A = antioxidants

## Modelling

### Protein oxidation (differential equations):

Assume ROS react with A and PR via 1<sup>st</sup> order equation, then

$$\frac{d \text{ROS}[t]}{dt} = c_1 * D_2 - c_2 * \text{ROS}[t] * A[t] - c_3 * \text{ROS}[t]$$

In the reaction above:

$$D_2 = \frac{d D}{dt}$$

That is, ROS induced by radiation dosage

$$\text{ROS}[t] * A[t]$$

ROS + A  $\rightarrow$  ROSC (antioxidants elimination)

The last term refers to natural ROS elimination, we assume that it is a 1<sup>st</sup> order equation

Then, we have

$$\frac{d A[t]}{dt} = - c_2 * \text{ROS}[t] * A[t] + c_4 * \text{ROSC}[t]$$

The 1<sup>st</sup> term refers to reaction ROS + A  $\rightarrow$  ROSC

The 2<sup>nd</sup> term means that ROSC  $\rightarrow$  A

Intuitively,

$$\frac{d \text{ROSC}[t]}{dt} = c_2 * \text{ROS}[t] * A[t] - c_4 * \text{ROSC}[t]$$

Finally we have

$$\frac{d \text{PR}[t]}{dt} = c_5 - c_6 * \text{PR} + G * \text{ROS}[t] * \text{PR}[t] \quad (* \text{ equations 1 } *)$$

Where  $c_5$  is the synthesis rate of protein,  $c_6$  term refers to natural protein degradation, last term represents ROS + PR  $\rightarrow$   $\phi$

### Protein oxidation modelling:

Under background condition, at equilibrium,

$$\frac{d PR [t]}{d t} = 0$$

$$c_5 - c_6 * PR [t] = 0$$

$$PR [t] = \frac{c_5}{c_6}$$

Assume antioxidants and ROSC always exists in equilibrium, sum of A,  $A_{total}$  is considered to be constant, hence, from equation1, we have

$$\frac{d ROS [t]}{d t} = c_1 * D_2 - \frac{c_2 * c_4 * ROS [t] * A_{total}}{c_4 + c_2 * ROS [t]} - c_3 * ROS [t]$$

$$\frac{d PR [t]}{d t} = c_5 - (c_6 + c_7 * ROS [t]) * PR [t] \quad (* \text{ equations 2 } *)$$

Assume the kinetics of ROS production and removal are faster than those of protein turnover, have ROS always exist as an equilibrium concentration  $ROS_{eq}$

$$\frac{d ROS [t]}{d t} = 0$$

$$ROS_{eq} = \frac{(c_2 * X_1 - c_3 * c_4 + X_3^{\frac{1}{2}})}{2 c_2 * c_3}$$

$$X_1 = c_1 * D_2 - c_4 * A_{total}$$

$$X_2 = c_1 * D_2 + c_4 * A_{total}$$

$$X_3 = c_2^2 * X_1^2 + 2 c_2 * c_3 * c_4 * X_2 + (c_3 * c_4)^2 \quad (* \text{ equations 3 } *)$$

Substitute  $ROS_{eq}$  in equations 3 in equations e, yield  $PR_{eq}$  :

$$PR_{eq} = (2 c_2 * c_3 * c_5) / \left( c_2 (c_7 * X_1 + 2 c_3 * c_6) - c_7 (c_3 * c_4 - X_3^{\frac{1}{2}}) \right) \quad (* \text{ equation 4 } *)$$

### DNA damage:

Assume DSB is only induced by radiation dosage, rather than ROS

$$\frac{d DSB [t]}{d t} = c_8 * D_2 - c_9 * PR [t] * DSB [t] \quad (* \text{ equation 5 } *)$$

This equation represents DSB induced by radiation dosage, and protein repair (PR + DSB -> PR)

Substitute  $PR_{eq}$  in equation 4 to equation 5

$$DSB_{eq} = \frac{c_8 * D_2}{c_9 * PR_{eq}}$$

### Acute radiation exposure (high-dosage rate)

By the time radiation is over, for example  $t = \frac{D_2}{D}$ , the concentration of active protein  $PR_d$  can be calculated from eqns (2), (3) and assume that  $PR[t=0] = \frac{c_5}{c_6}$

$$PR_d = \left( c_5 \left( \frac{2 c_2 * c_3 * c_6}{y_2} + c_7 \left( y_1^{\frac{1}{2}} + c_2 * x_1 - c_3 * c_4 \right) \right) * y_2 \right) / \left( c_6 \left( c_7 * y_1^{\frac{1}{2}} + c_7 (c_2 * x_1 - c_3 * c_4) + 2 * c_2 * c_3 * c_6 \right) \right)$$

$$PR_d = c_5 [2 c_2 c_3 c_6 / Y_2 + c_7 (Y_1^{1/2} + c_2 X_1 - c_3 c_4)] Y_2 / [c_6 (c_7 Y_1^{1/2} + c_7 (c_2 X_1 - c_3 c_4) + 2 c_2 c_3 c_6)], \text{ where } X_1 = c_1 R - c_4 A_{tot}, \\ Y_1 = c_4^2 (c_2 A_{tot} + c_3)^2 + 2 c_1 c_2 c_4 R (c_3 - c_2 A_{tot}) + (c_1 c_2 R)^2, \\ Y_2 = \exp[-Dose (c_7 Y_1^{1/2} + c_2 (2 c_3 c_6 + c_7 X_1) - c_3 c_4 c_7) / (2 c_2 c_3 R)]$$

(\* equations 7 \*)

Assuming radiation is acute, no DSB can be repaired during exposure, the number of DSB's just after exposure is  $DSB_d = c_8 * D$

$PR_d$  is given by equations 7, over the time after exposure,

$$\frac{d DSB[t]}{d t} = -c_9 * PR[t] * DSB[t] \\ \frac{d PR[t]}{d t} = c_5 - c_6 * PR[t] \text{ (* equations 8 *)}$$

Solve equations 8 analytically

$$DSB(t) = c_8 Dose \exp[-c_9 (c_6 (c_5 t + PR_d) + (c_5 - c_6 PR_d) \exp[-c_6 t] - c_5) / c_6^2] \\ PR(t) = [(c_6 PR_d - c_5) \exp[-c_6 t] + c_5] / c_6$$

Define  $t_{rep}$  : the time that all repair is completed

Survival rate  $S = e^{-DSB[t_{rep}]}$

## Part II - Model based on fitting

Reference: 'A discrete cell survival model including repair after high dose-rate of ionising radiation', W. Santag