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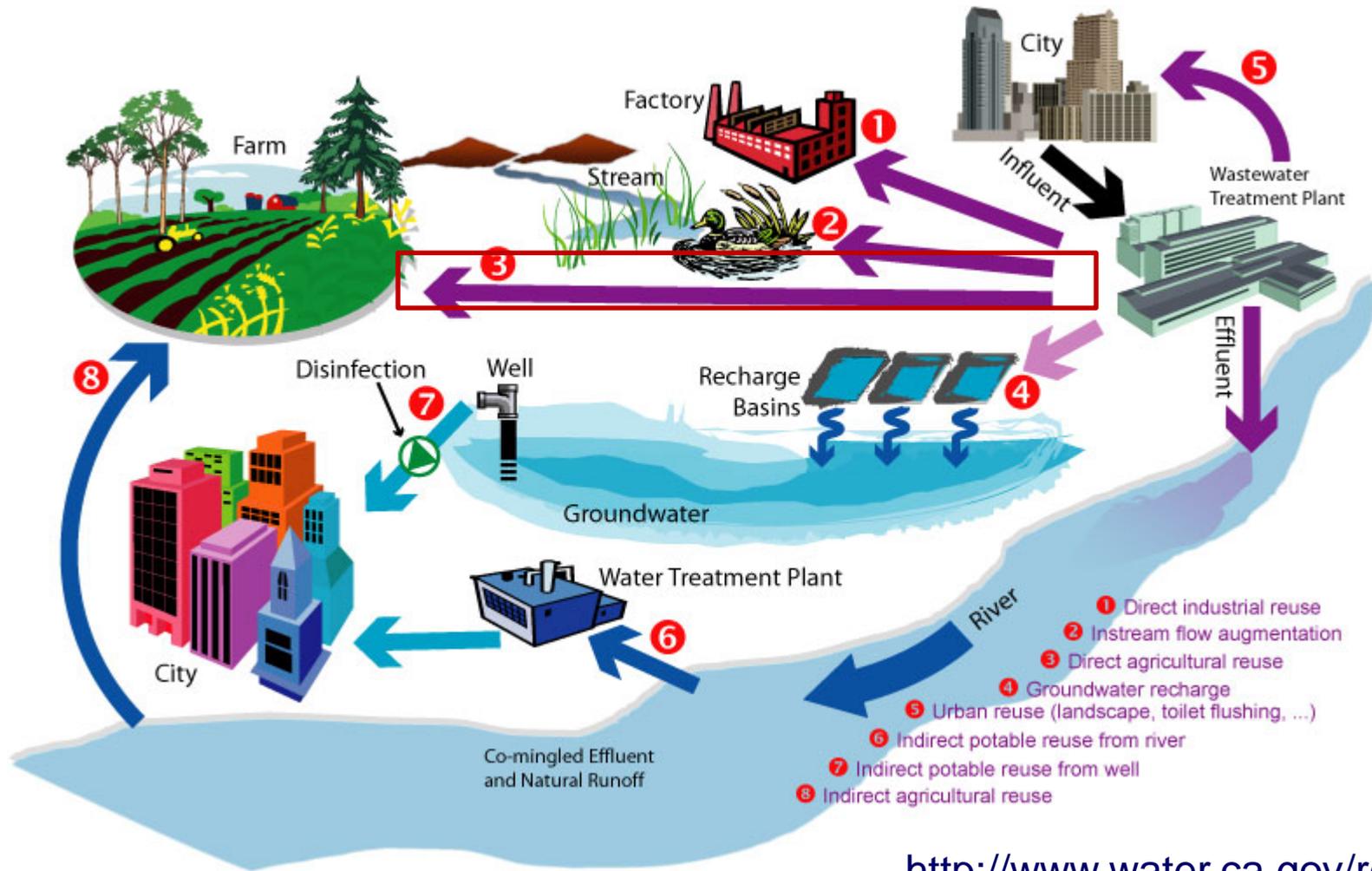


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**ENABLING ADAPTIVE UV AND  
SOLAR-BASED DISINFECTION  
SYSTEMS TO REDUCE THE  
PERSISTENCE OF VIRAL PATHOGENS  
IN WASTEWATER FOR SUSTAINABLE  
REUSE**

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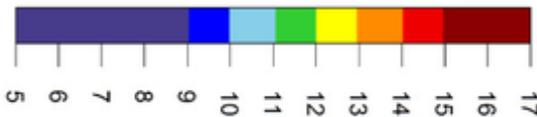
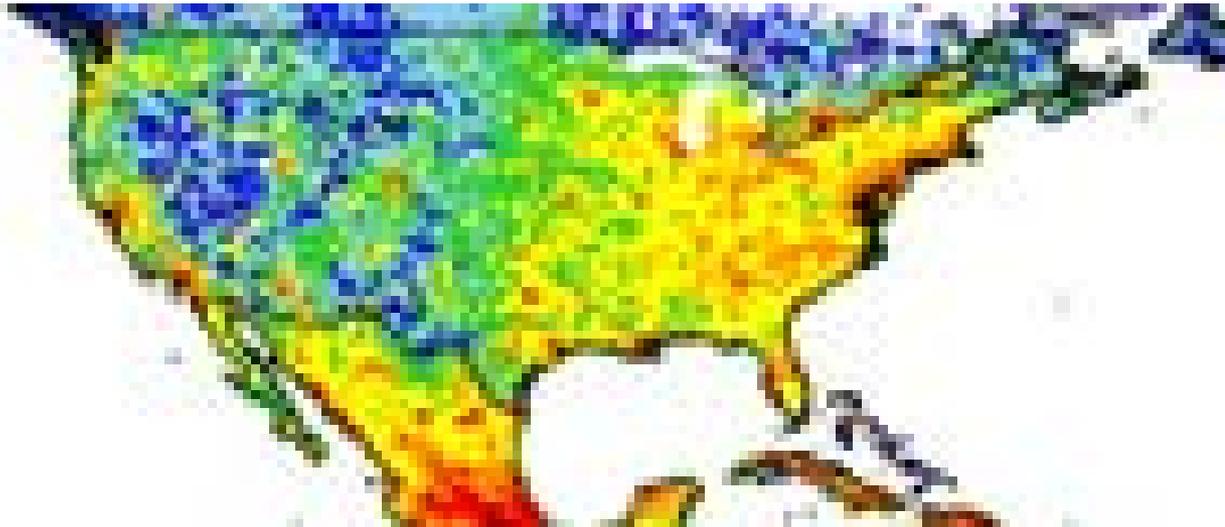
# Transport and Survival of Pathogens in Aquatic Environment: Water Reuse Application



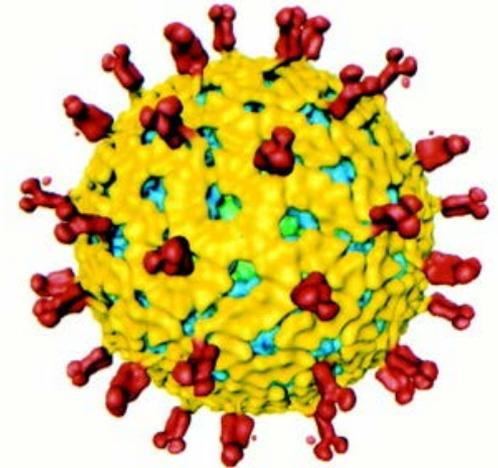
<http://www.water.ca.gov/recycling/>

# Rotavirus: One of the Most Common Diarrhea Causing Viruses

## Occurrence and Emission of Rotavirus to Surface Waters



Rotavirus emissions (log<sub>10</sub> viral particles / grid / year)



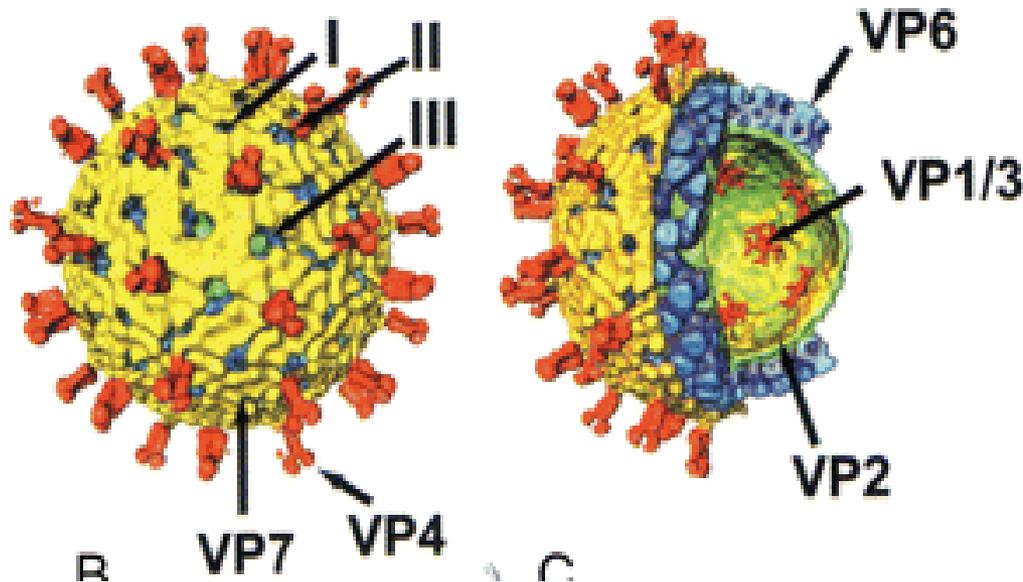
Rotavirus, (Pesavento et al., 2001)

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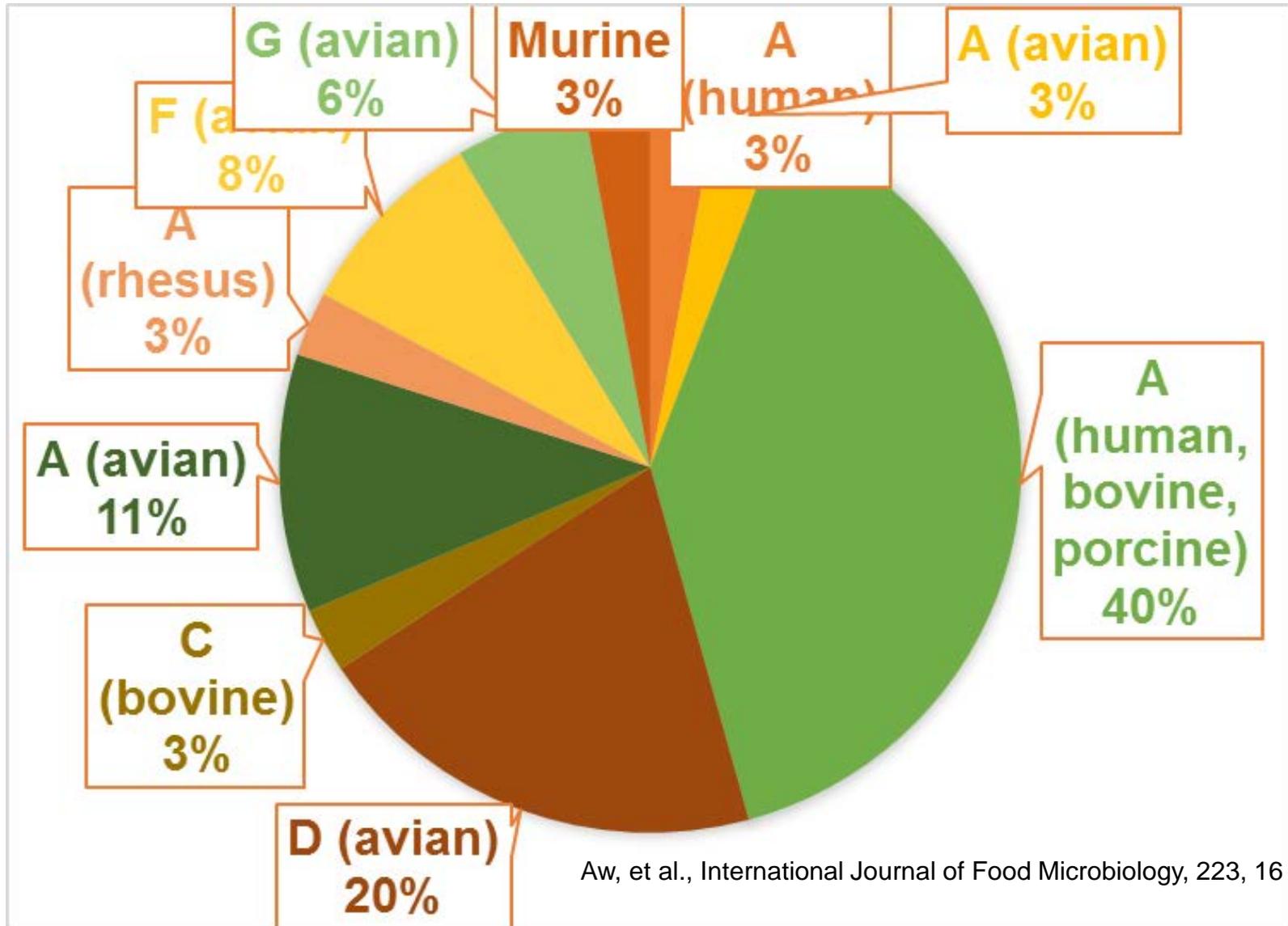
# Rotavirus Serotypes

- The capsid consists of VP2, VP6, and VP7
- **VP6**: 7 serological groups (A to G)
- **VP7** (glycoprotein): 14 G serotypes
- **VP4** (hemagglutinin protein): P serotypes



[Desselberger, et al.\(2009\) Rotavirus and rotavirus vaccines.](#)  
*British Med Bull* (2009) 90 (1)

# Human and Animal Rotavirus Found in Lettuces from AZ



Aw, et al., International Journal of Food Microbiology, 223, 16 April 2016

# Reuse of Treated Wastewater

## Urbana-Champaign Wastewater Treatment Facility



## Cortland Reclamation for Irrigation

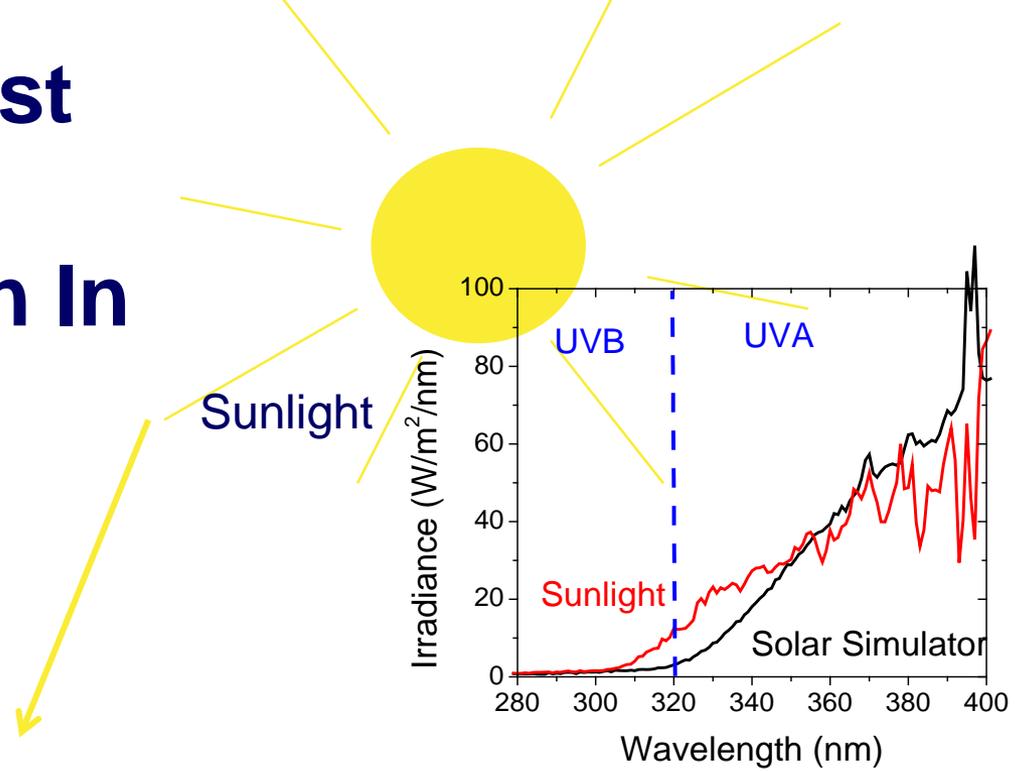


# Project Objectives

1. Determine the molecular mechanisms responsible for virus inactivation
2. Determine factors required for effective virus inactivation by natural sunlight and UVC
3. Develop pond and UVC design guidelines to achieve reliable virus inactivation and elucidate trade-offs across and within dimensions of sustainability.

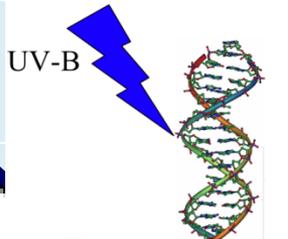
# Sunlight Is The Most Important Factor Causing Disinfection In Surface Water

2006; Davies-Colley *et al.*  
1997, 1999; Da Silva, A.K, et  
al., 2008;

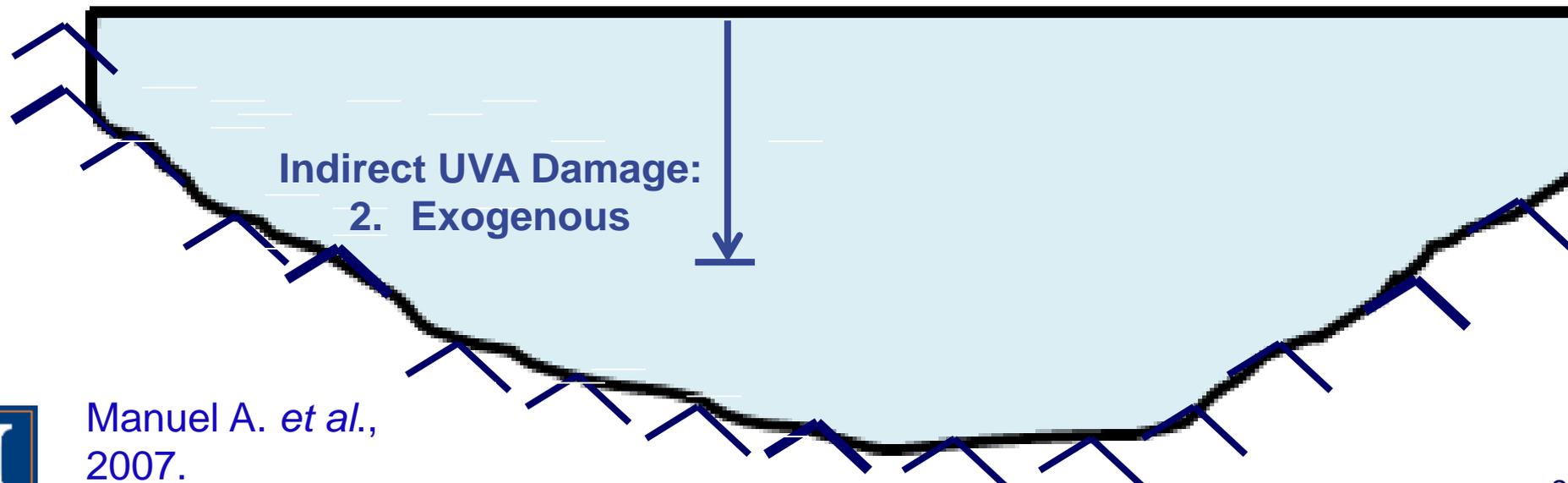
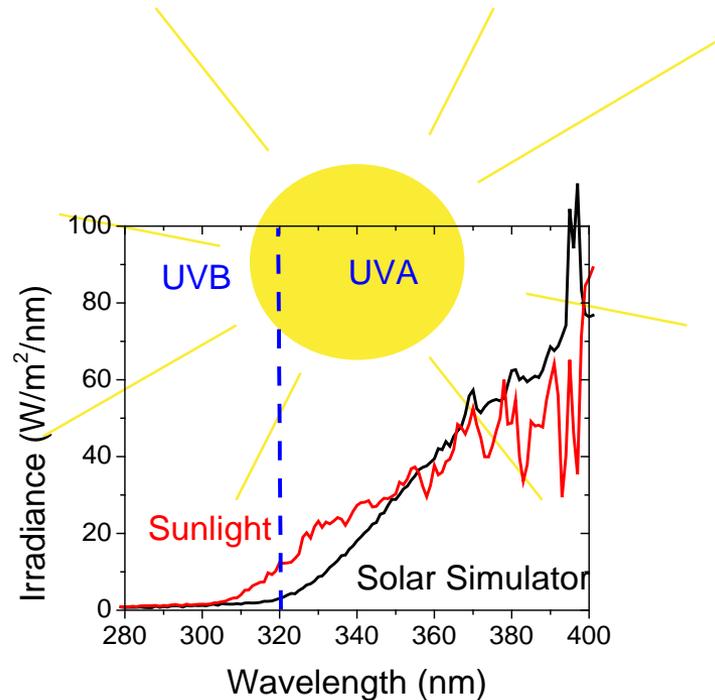
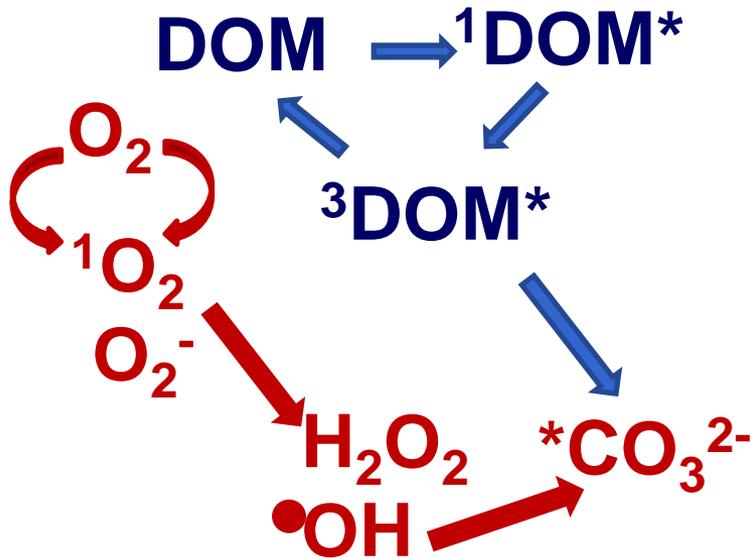


## 1. Direct UVB Damage

direct DNA-damage



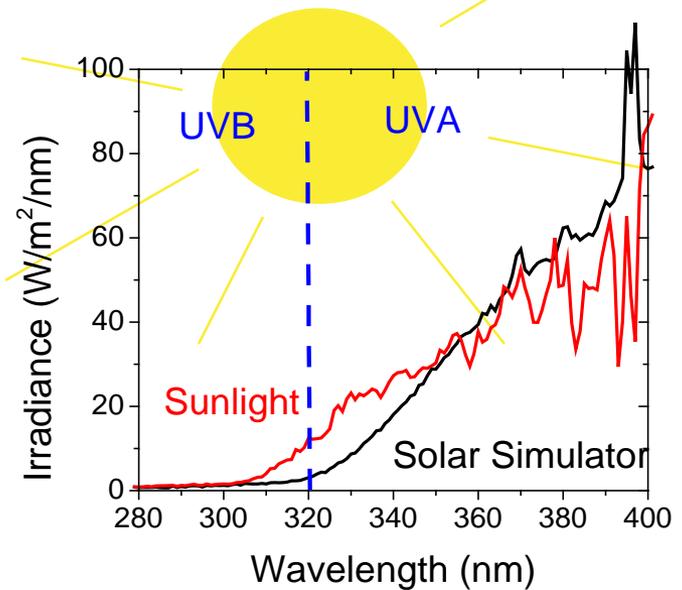
Causes direct effects on DNA by inducing dimerization of pyrimidine bases, leading to the formation of photo-products that may block DNA replication



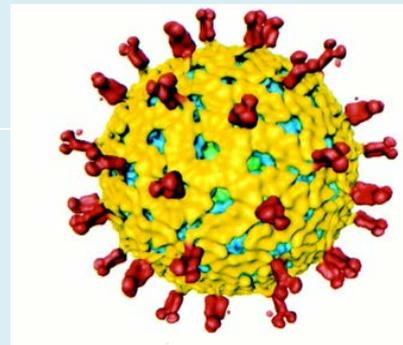
Manuel A. *et al.*,  
 2007.



Indirect photo-oxidation damage is caused by generating ROS that damage the genome, proteins, and/or lipids. ROS formation is catalyzed by endogenous sensitizers.



Indirect UVA Damage:  
2. Exogenous  
3. Endogenous

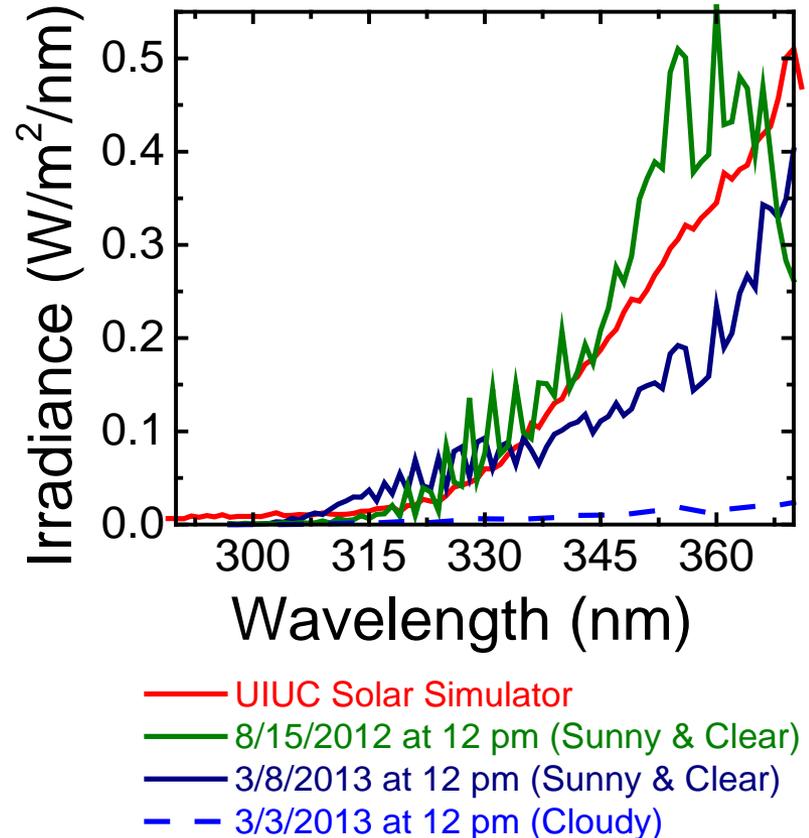


, Pesavento et al.,  
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# Experimental Setup

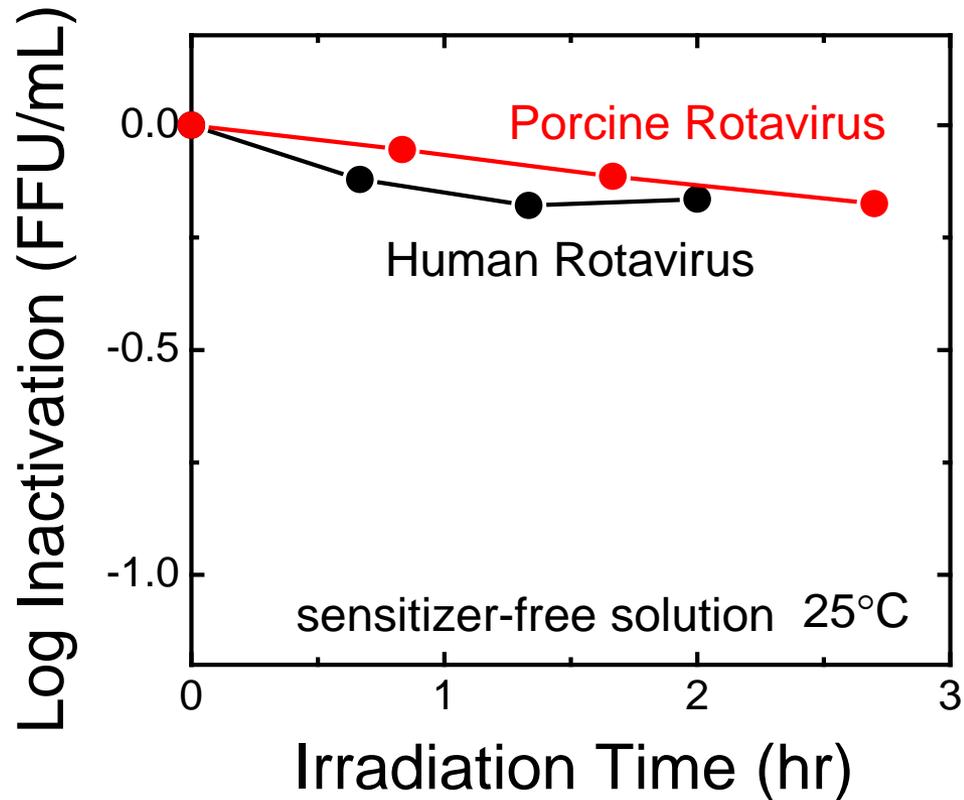
Xenon arc lamp  
with filters



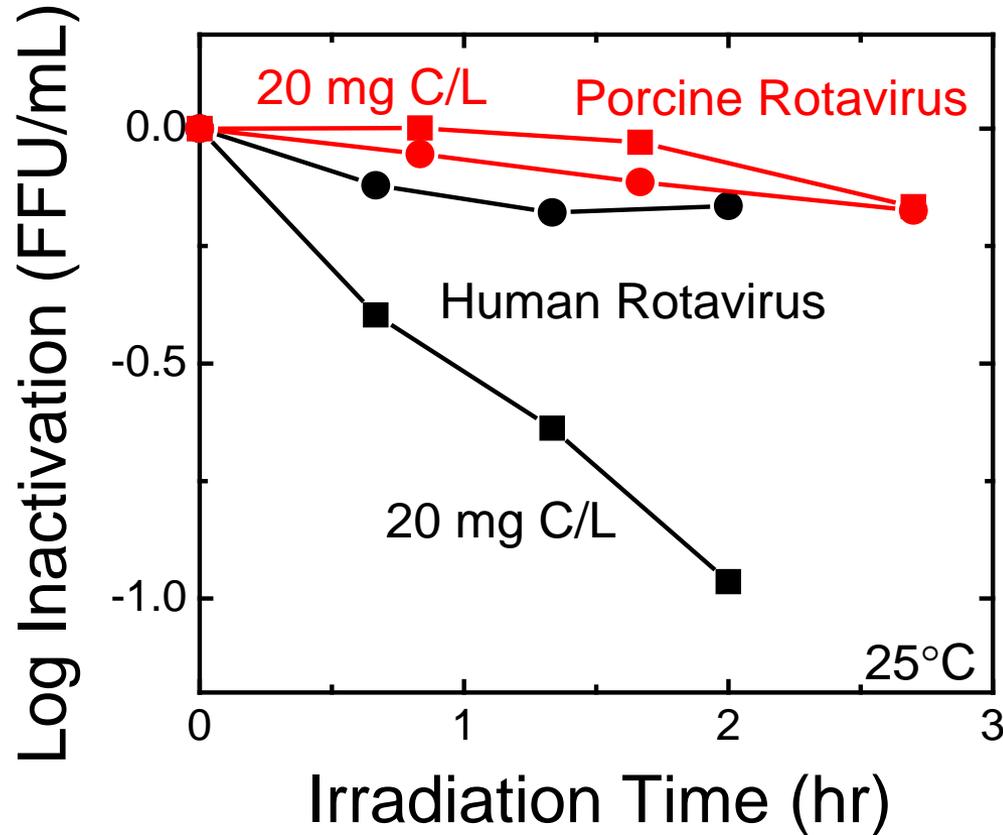
# Hypotheses

1. The phenotypic and genotypic differences between virus strains can be used to identify the molecular mechanisms responsible for viral susceptibility to solar and UVC inactivation
2. a) Photo-oxidation of viruses depends on the reactions between viruses and reactive radicals formed upon irradiation of wastewater, b) direct effect of UVC irradiation on viruses depends on the irradiation wavelength and the specific UV absorbance (SUVA) of the wastewater
3. Human health risk and life cycle ecological impacts can simultaneously be reduced by leveraging solar disinfection.

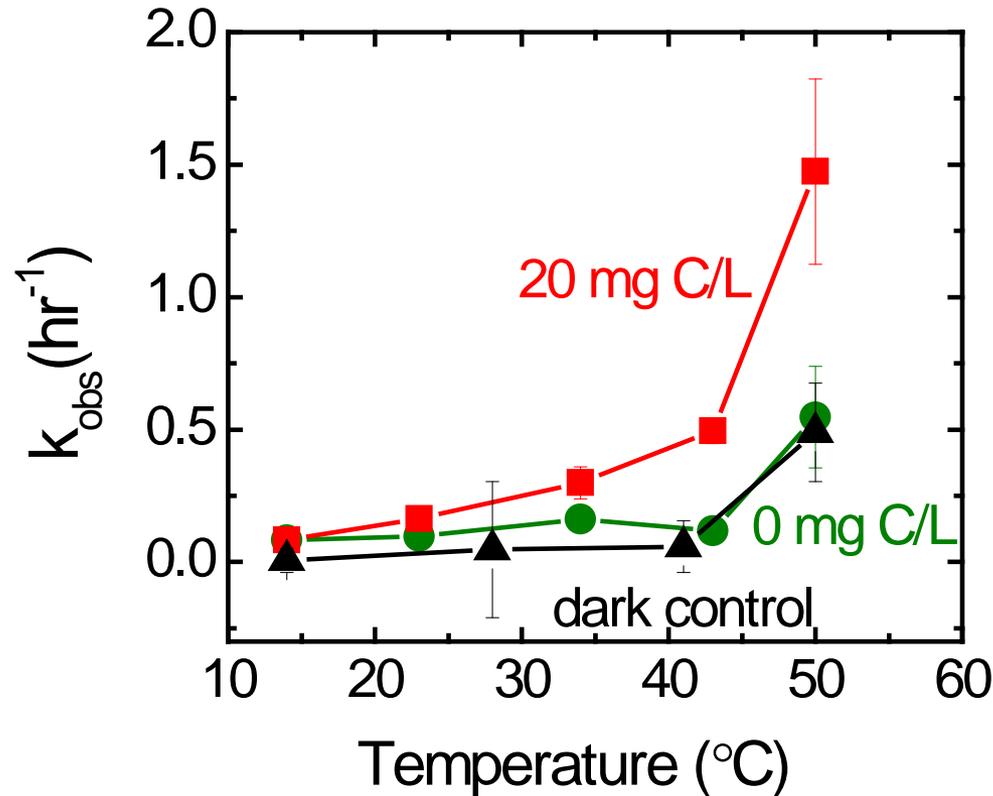
# Insignificant Endogenous Inactivation of Human and Porcine Rotavirus at 25°C



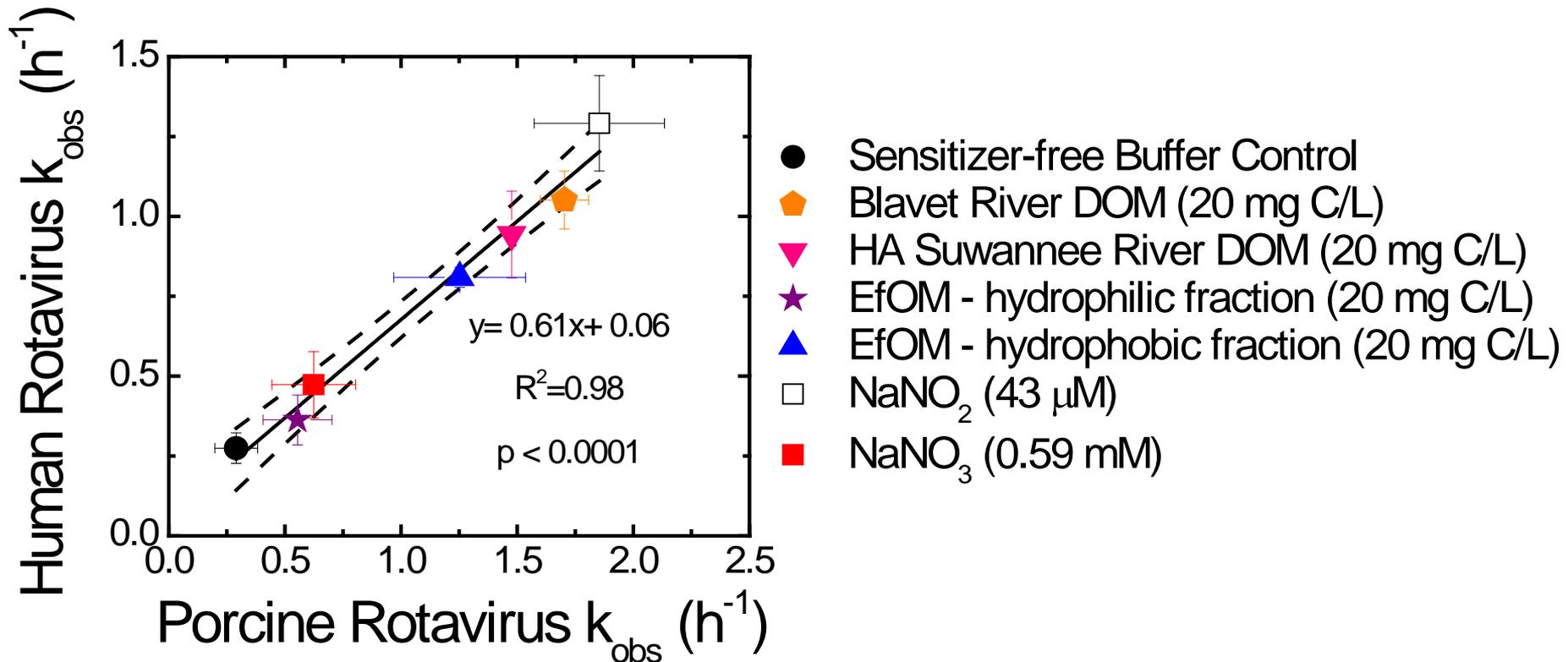
# Human Rotavirus Is More Susceptible to Exogenous Inactivation by Direct Sunlight UVA than Porcine Rotavirus at 25°C



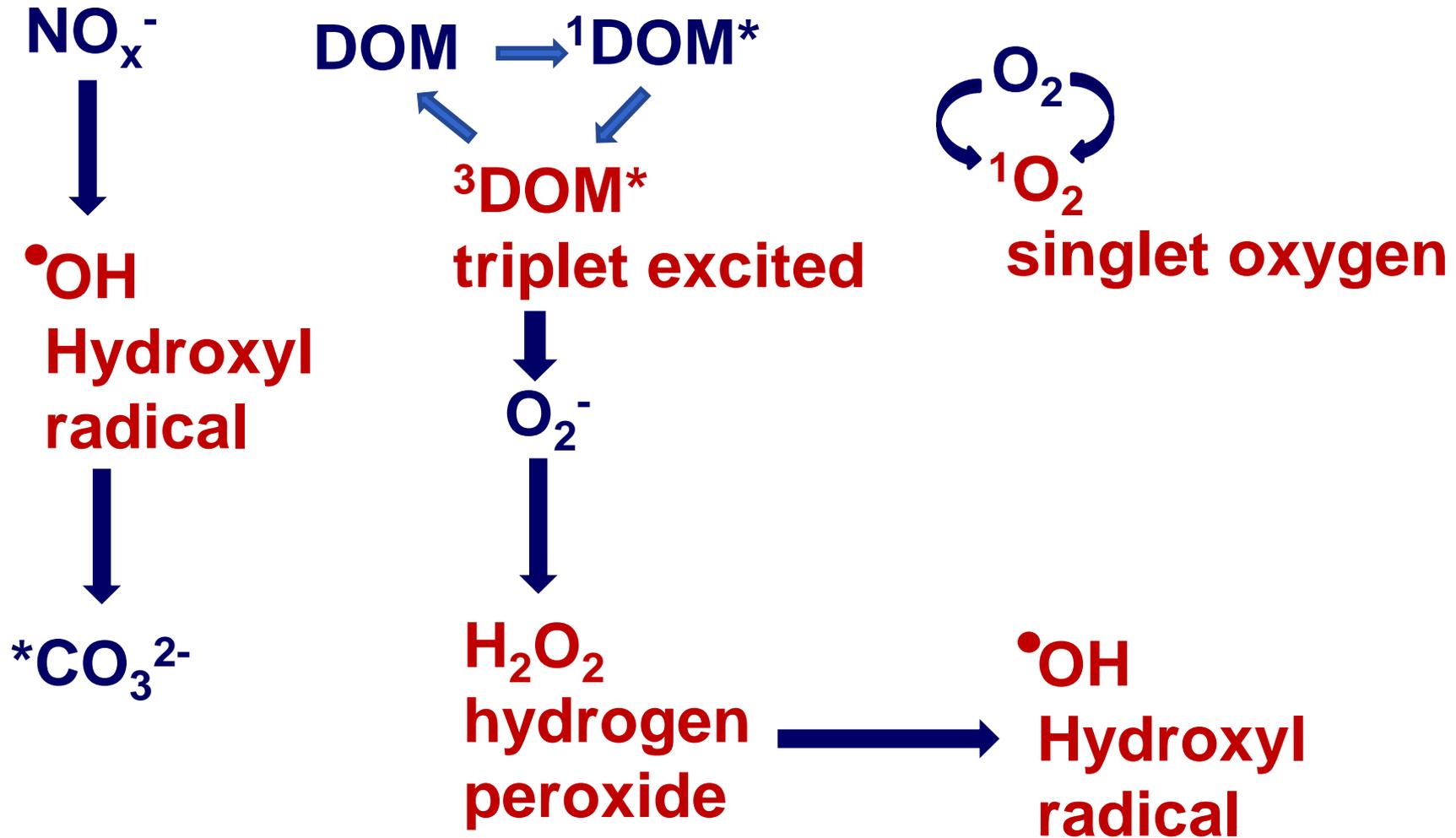
# Indirect UV-A inactivation of Porcine Rotavirus is important at 40-50°C



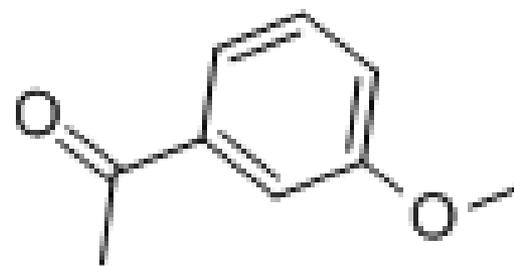
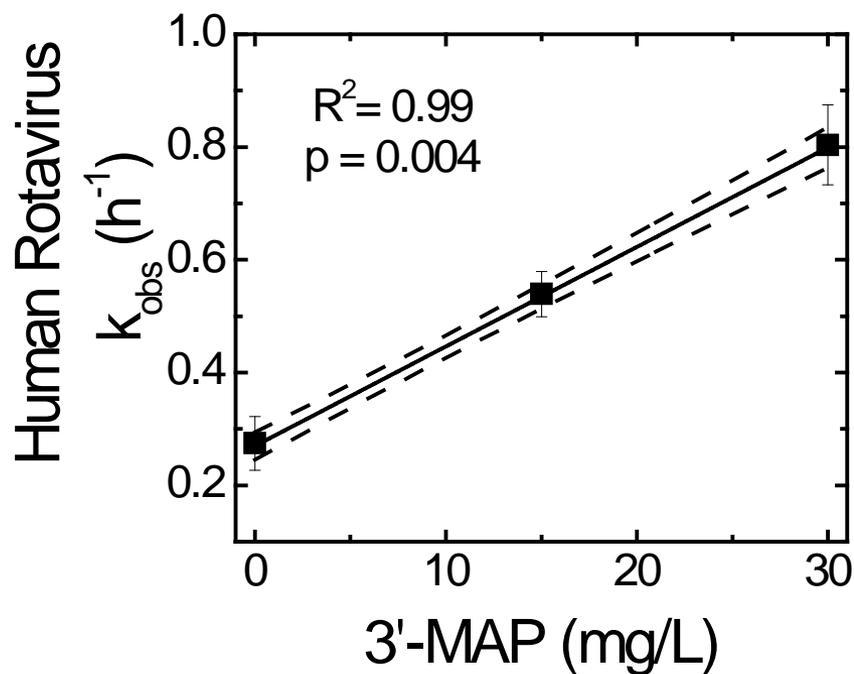
# Inactivation of Human Rotavirus at 25°C Correlates with Inactivation of Porcine Rotavirus 50°C



# Reactive Oxygen Species in Natural Water

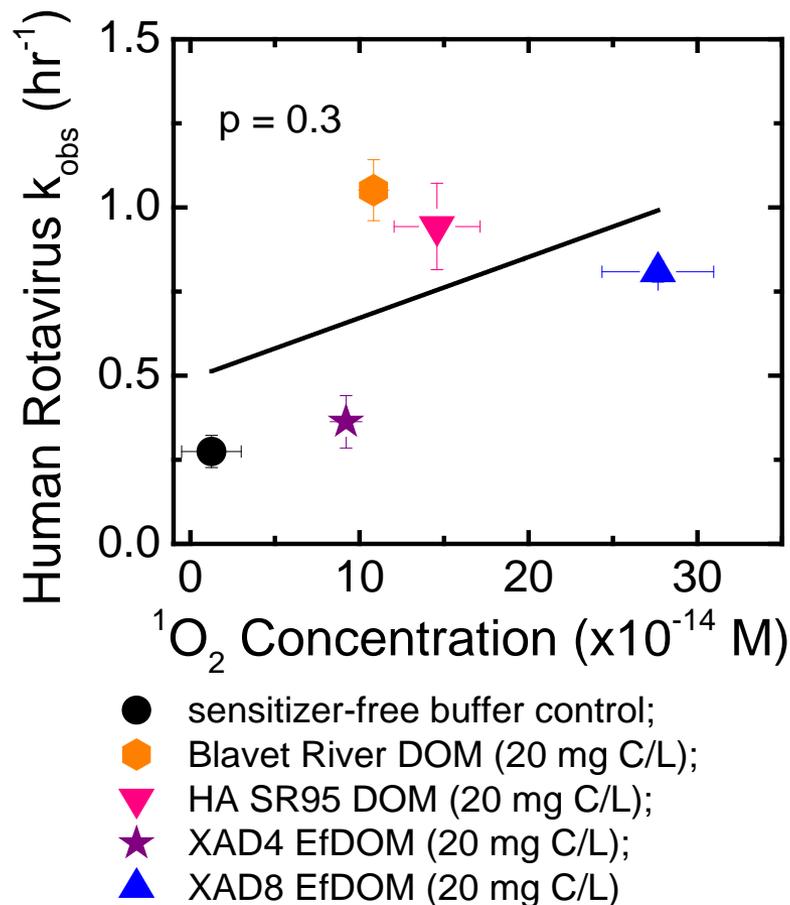
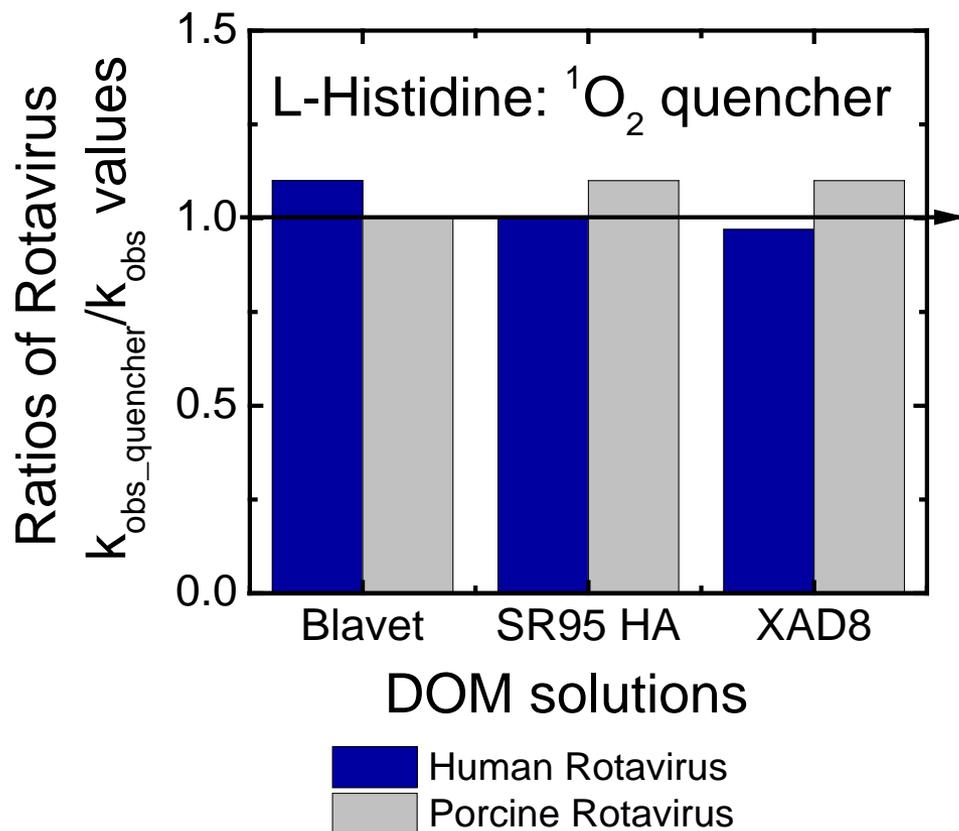


# Triplet DOM Can Inactivate Human Rotavirus



3-Methoxyacetophenone  
Triplet DOM\* sensitizer

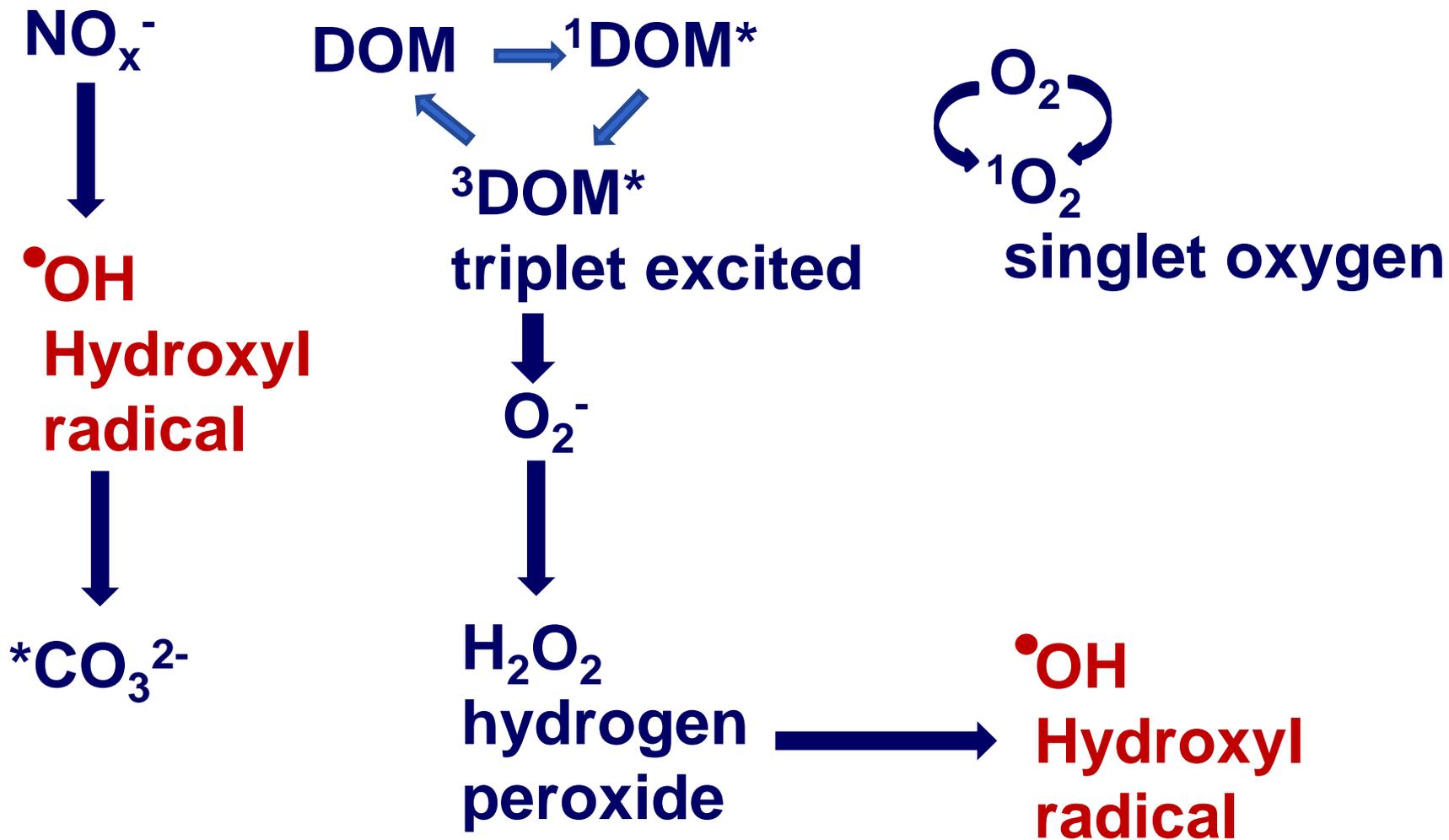
# Singlet Oxygen $^1\text{O}_2$ Does Not Inactivate Human Rotaviruses



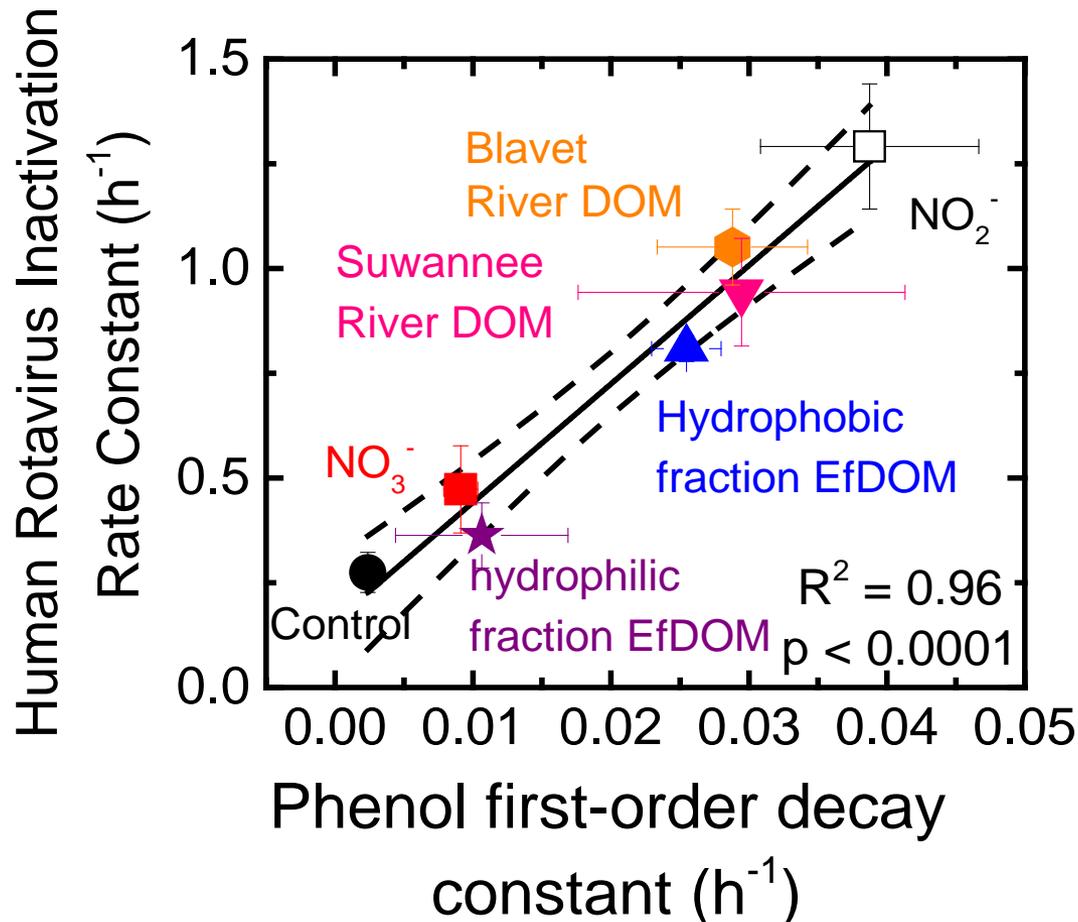
# Can H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Inactivate Rotavirus?

- 0, 6, and 60 μM of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> did not show significant inactivation of rotavirus at 50°C in the dark.
- The measured [H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] at 50°C in 20 mg/L TOC was ~ 6 μM after the 3 hrs of the experiment.
- Thus, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is not directly responsible for rotavirus inactivation at 50°C.

# Need to look at OH radicals



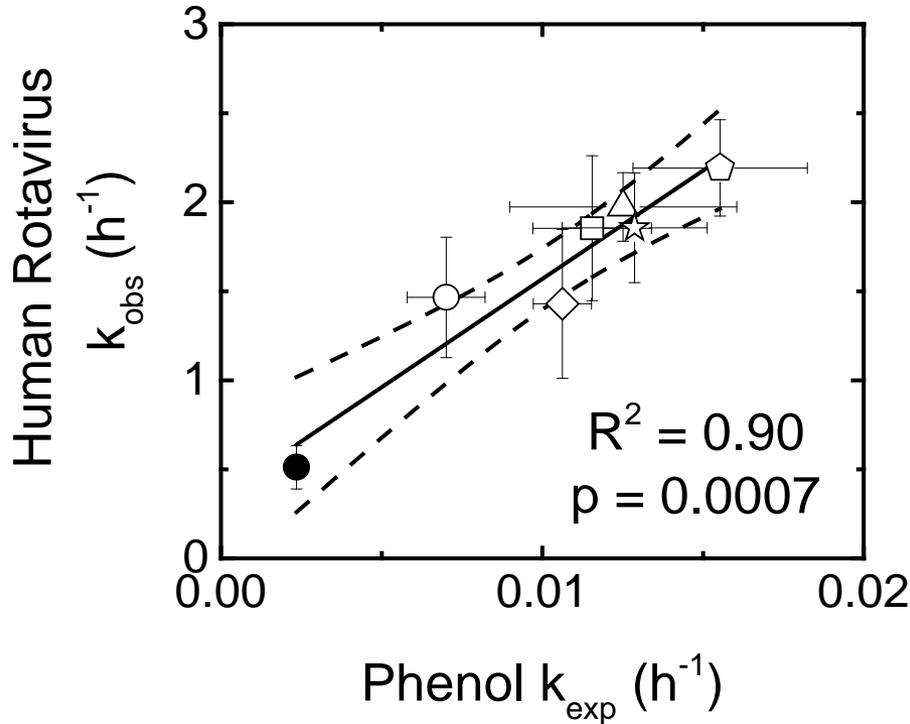
# Hydroxyl Radical Is Responsible for Inactivation of Human Rotavirus Wa: Hypothesis 2a Was Proven



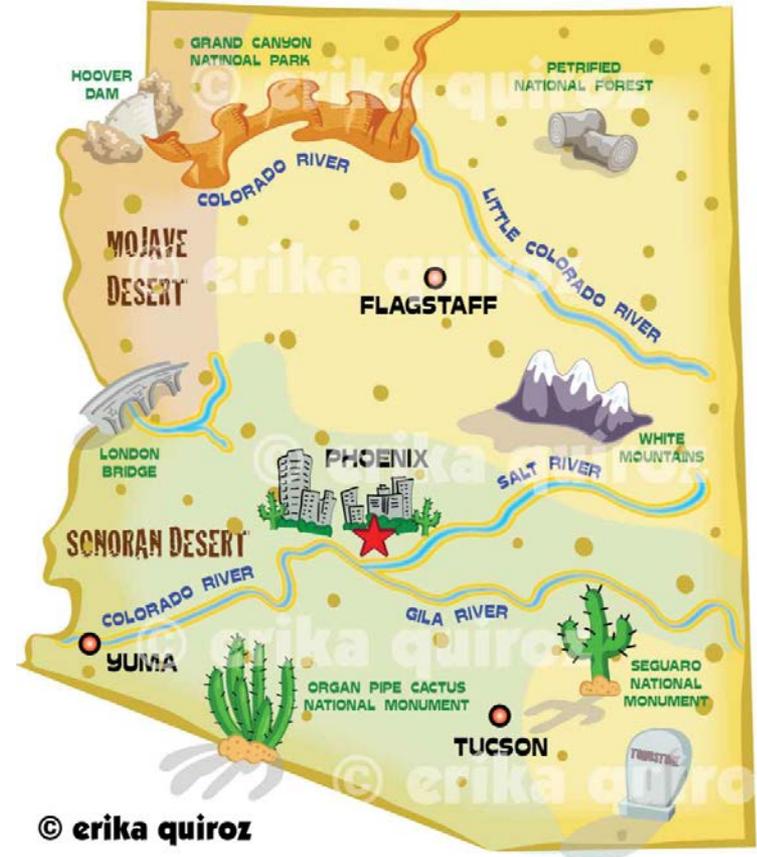
pH=8.0 and 25°C

Romero-Maraccini, et al. *ES&T* 2013

# Indirect UVA Inactivation of Human Rotavirus In Waste Stabilization Pond Water



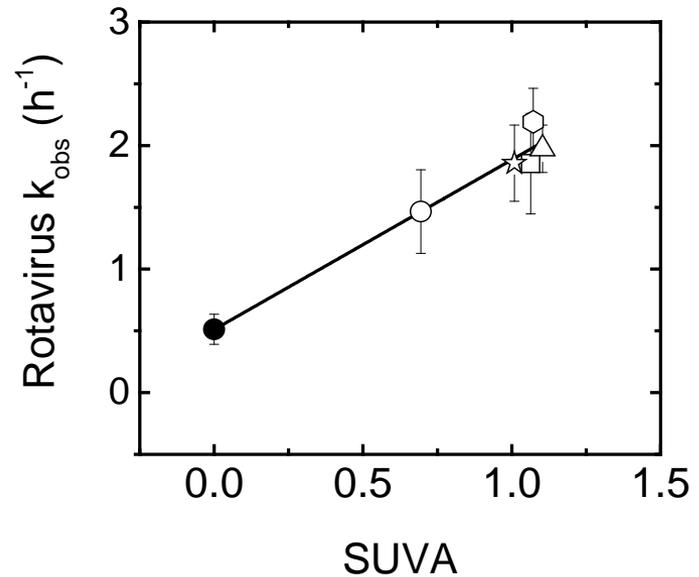
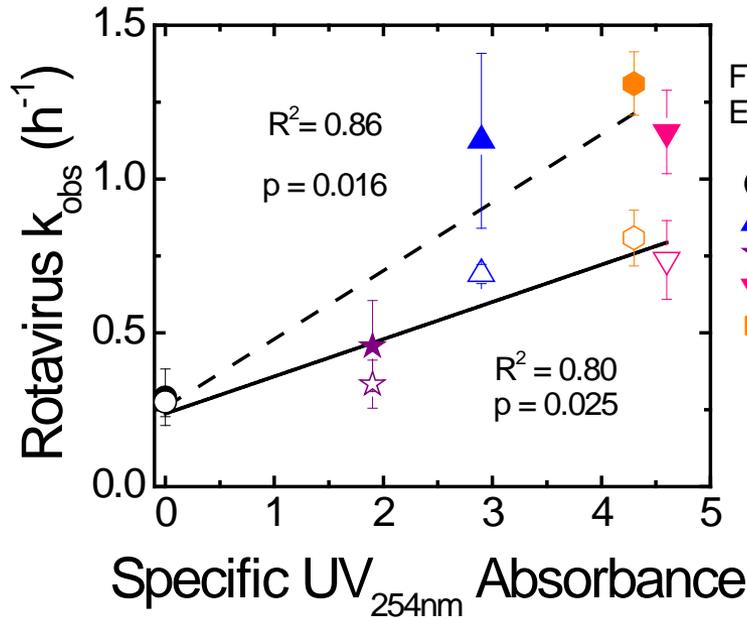
- Buffer Control; ○ Pond 1; □ Pond 2
- △ Pond 3; ◇ Pond 4; ◊ Pond 5; ☆ Pond 6



<http://erikaquiroz.com/map-of-arizona/>

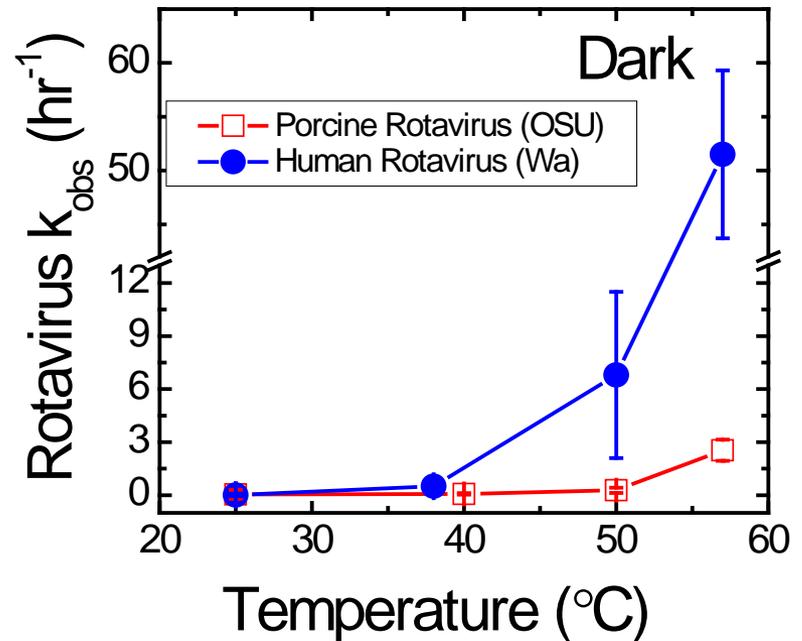
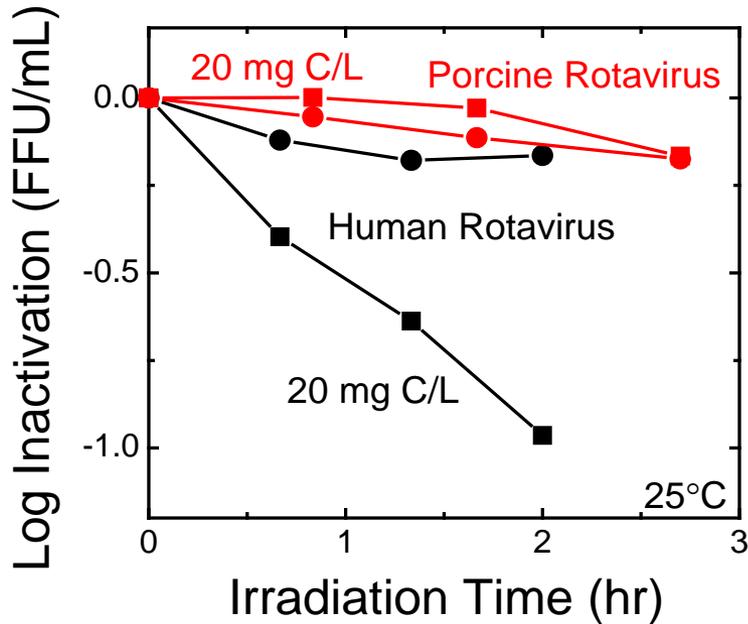
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# Inactivation Rate Constants Correlated with SUVA

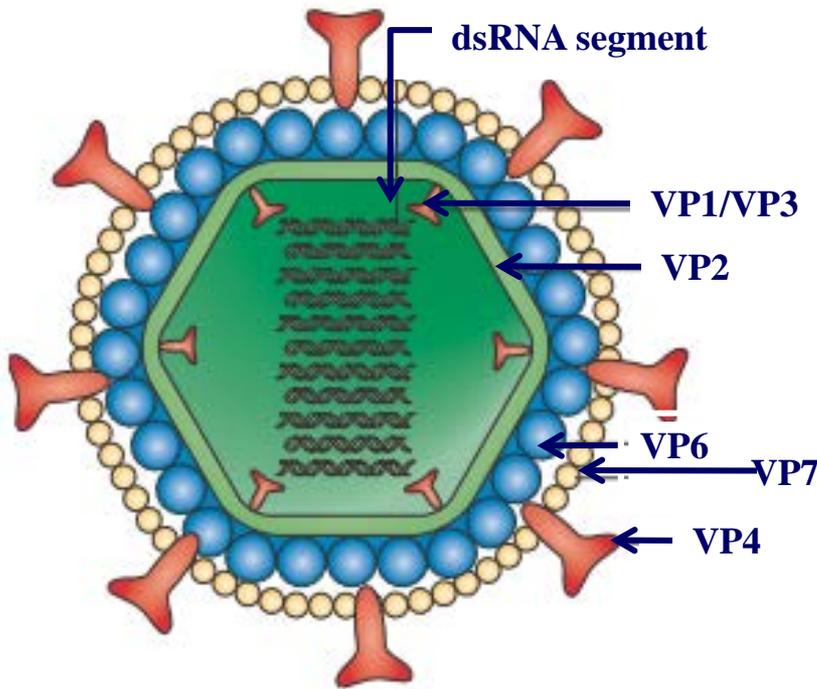


- Buffer Control; ○ Pond 1; □ Pond 2
- △ Pond 3; ◇ Pond 4; ◊ Pond 5; ☆ Pond 6

# Porcine Rotavirus Is More Resistant Than Human Rotavirus



# Significant Differences in Structural Protein Sequences of Human RV Wa and Porcine RV OSU

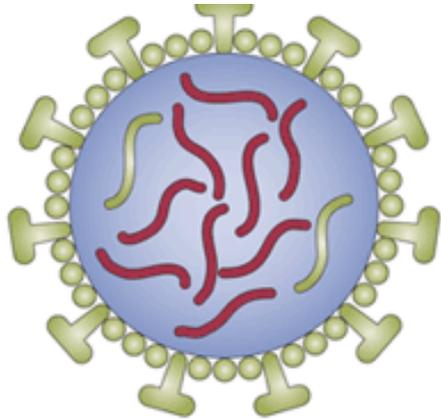


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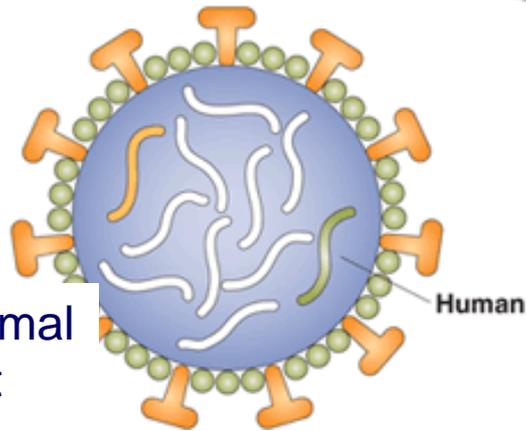
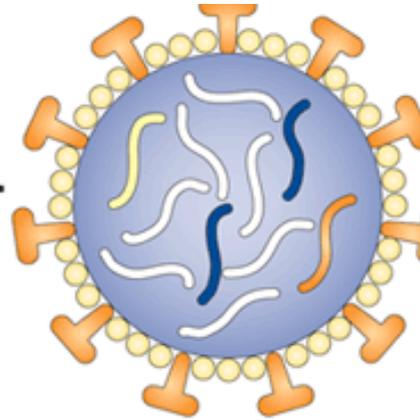
Protein	% identity of OSU to Wa
VP1	97
VP2	97
VP3	94
VP4 *	69
VP5	75
VP8	54
VP6	93
VP7	79

# Rotavirus Reassortment

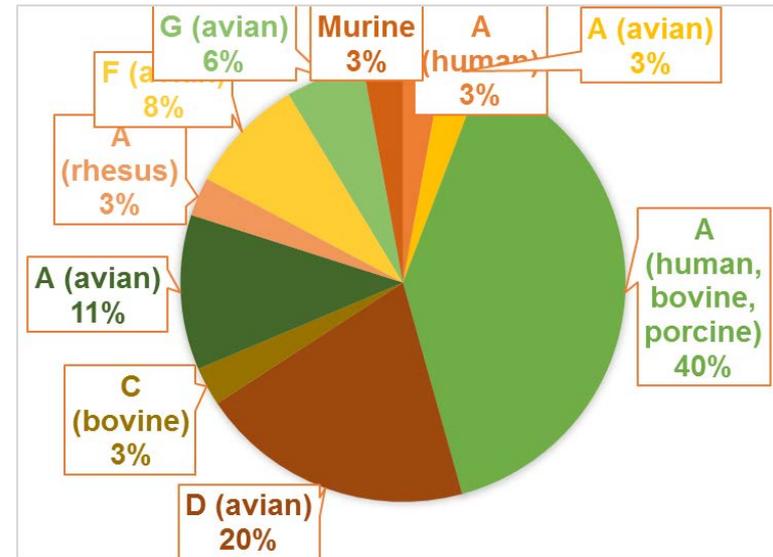
Hu1 Human Rotavirus



Animal Rotavirus



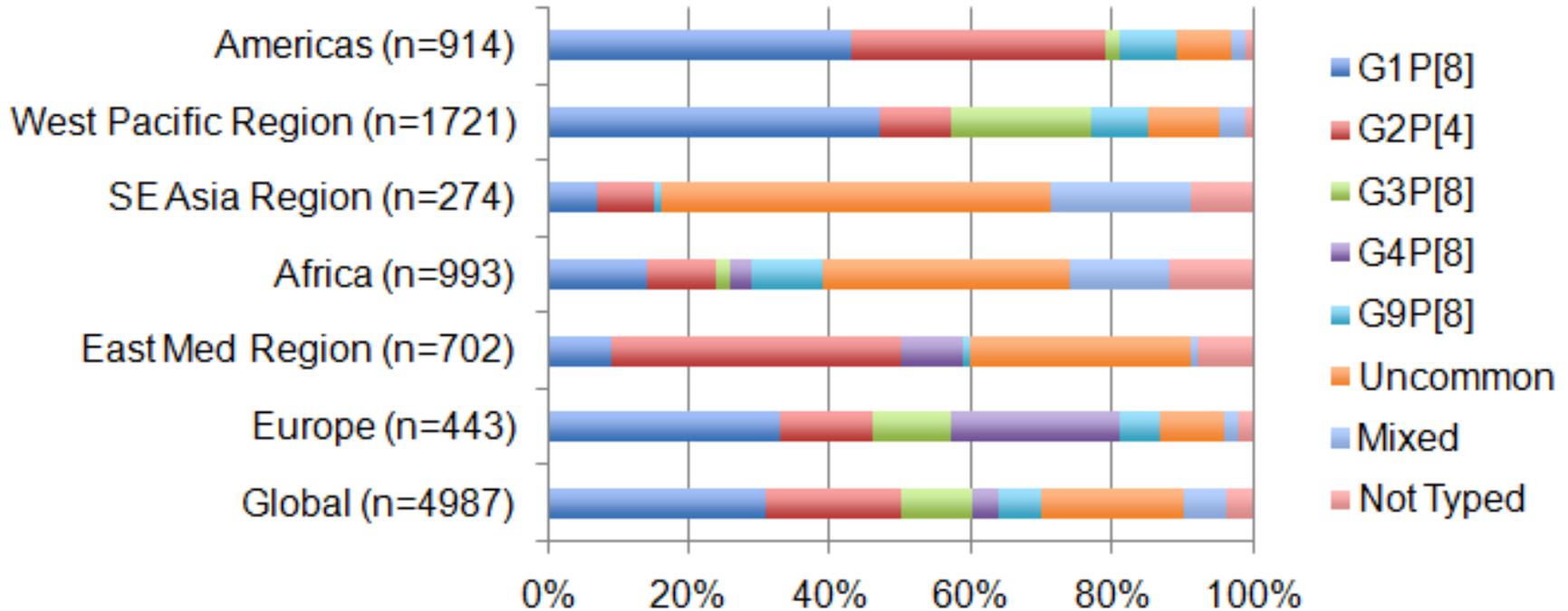
Human-animal reassortant



Aw, et al., International Journal of Food Microbiology, 223, 16 April 2016

Modified after Barry C Buckland,  
*Nature Medicine* 11, S16 - S19 (2005)

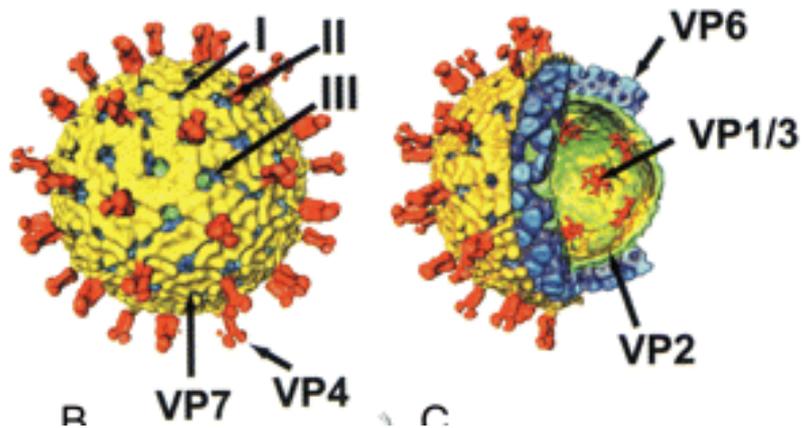
# Distribution of RV Genotypes Reported to the WHO Surveillance Network in 2010



John-T-Patton, Rotavirus diversity and evolution in the post vaccine world, Discovery Medicine, 2012

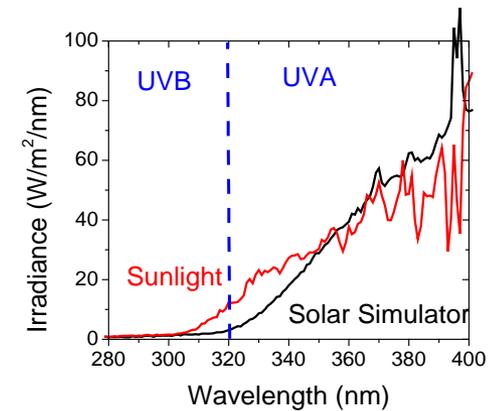
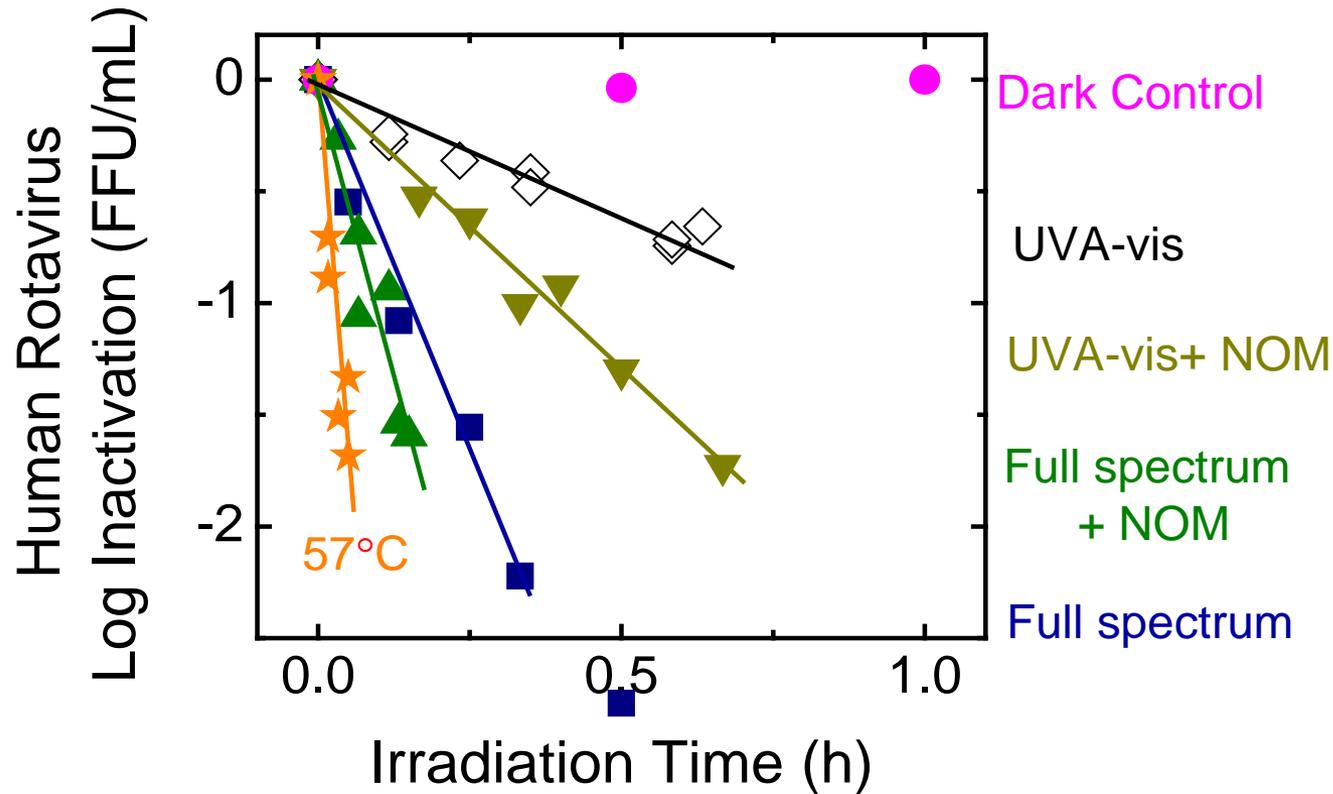
# Studied Rotavirus Serotypes

RV Glycoprotein	Strains	Host
G1	Wa	Human
G2	S2	Human
G3	YO	Human
G4	ST3	Human
G5	OSU	Porcine



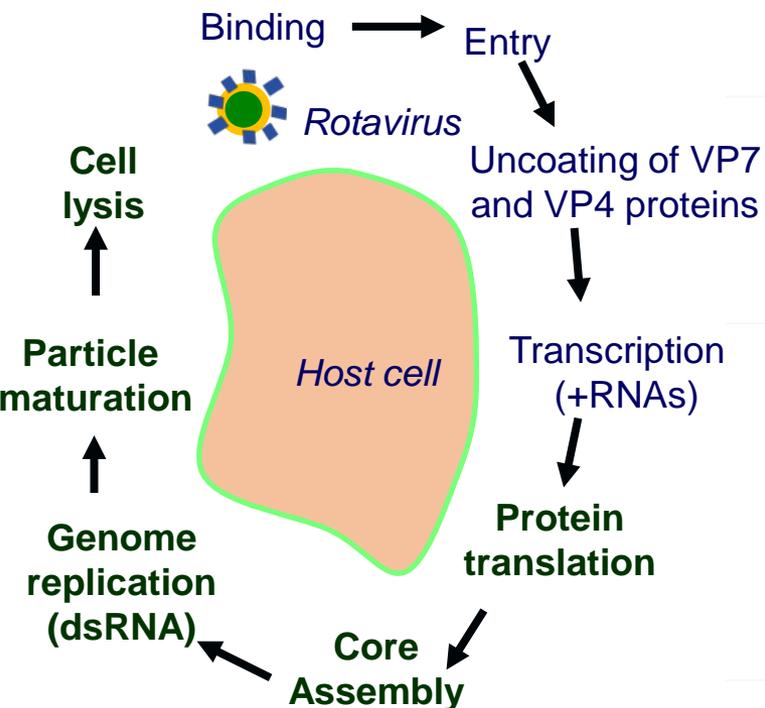
- **VP6** : 7 serological groups (A to G)
- **VP7** (glycoprotein) : 14 G serotypes

# Effects of Solar Irradiation and Temperature Treatments on the Life Cycle of Human Rotavirus Wa



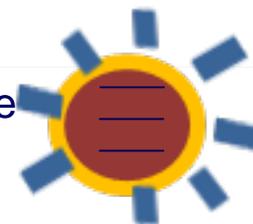
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# Rotavirus Life Cycle



## Genome integrity

- Targeted a portion of the NSP3 segment



## Binding ability

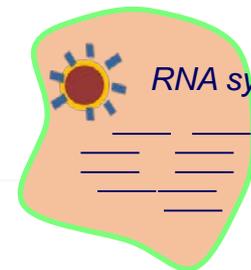
- Tracked bound rotavirus to host cell receptors by quantifying the NSP3 gene by RT-PCR



Host cell

## RNA synthesis

- Assessed RNA synthesis by quantifying the levels of NSP3 gene copies generated inside the host by RT-PCR



## Cell lysis

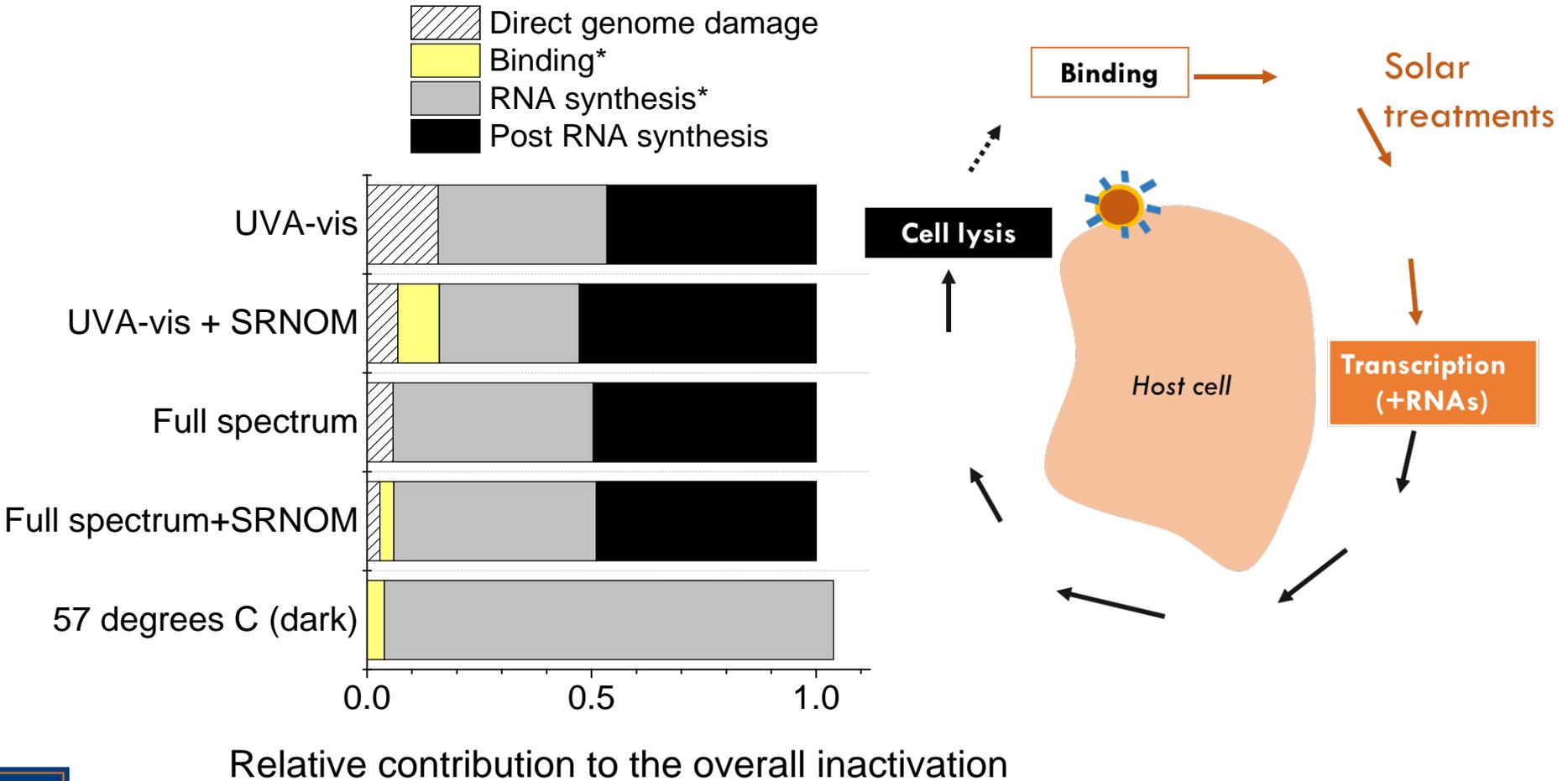
- Conducted the infectivity assay



Infected MA-104 cells

Romero-Maraccini, et al. *AEM*, 2015

# Effects of Treatments on RV Life Cycle



Romero-Maraccini, et al. *AEM* 2015

# Year 1 Summary

1. Hydroxyl radical produced by organic matter triggers rotavirus Wa inactivation (hypothesis 2a is proven for one strain).
2. Genetically different strains of rotavirus have different susceptibility toward solar disinfection.
3. When using solar disinfection, the decrease in RNA synthesis was responsible for approximately one-half of the decrease in infectivity, suggesting that other mechanisms, including posttranslational, contribute inactivation.

# Year 2 and 3 Plan

1. Determine the molecular mechanisms responsible for inactivation of different RV strains;
2. Determine factors required for effective virus inactivation by UVC; and
3. Develop pond and UVC design guidelines to achieve reliable virus inactivation and elucidate trade-offs across and within dimensions of sustainability.

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