

**Singlet O<sub>2</sub> Oxidation of 8-Oxo-2'-deoxyguanosine Radical Cation**  
**Using Guided-Ion Beam Tandem Mass Spectrometry**  
**and Multi-reference Computational Methods**

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# Motivation

Nucleosides	Oxidation Potential (E° vs. NHE), V	Ionization Energy (eV)
8-oxo-2'-deoxyguanosine (OG)	0.58 - 0.74	6.38
Guanosine (Guo)	1.29	7.13
Adenosine (Ado)	1.42	8.27
Deoxycytidine (Cyd)	1.60	8.66
Thymidine (dT)	1.70	8.82

- Guanosine is the exclusive DNA target for  $^1\text{O}_2$  ( $a^1\Delta_g$ ), photo-oxidation and ionizing radiation.
- OG is the oxidized guanine product and it is used as a common biomarker.

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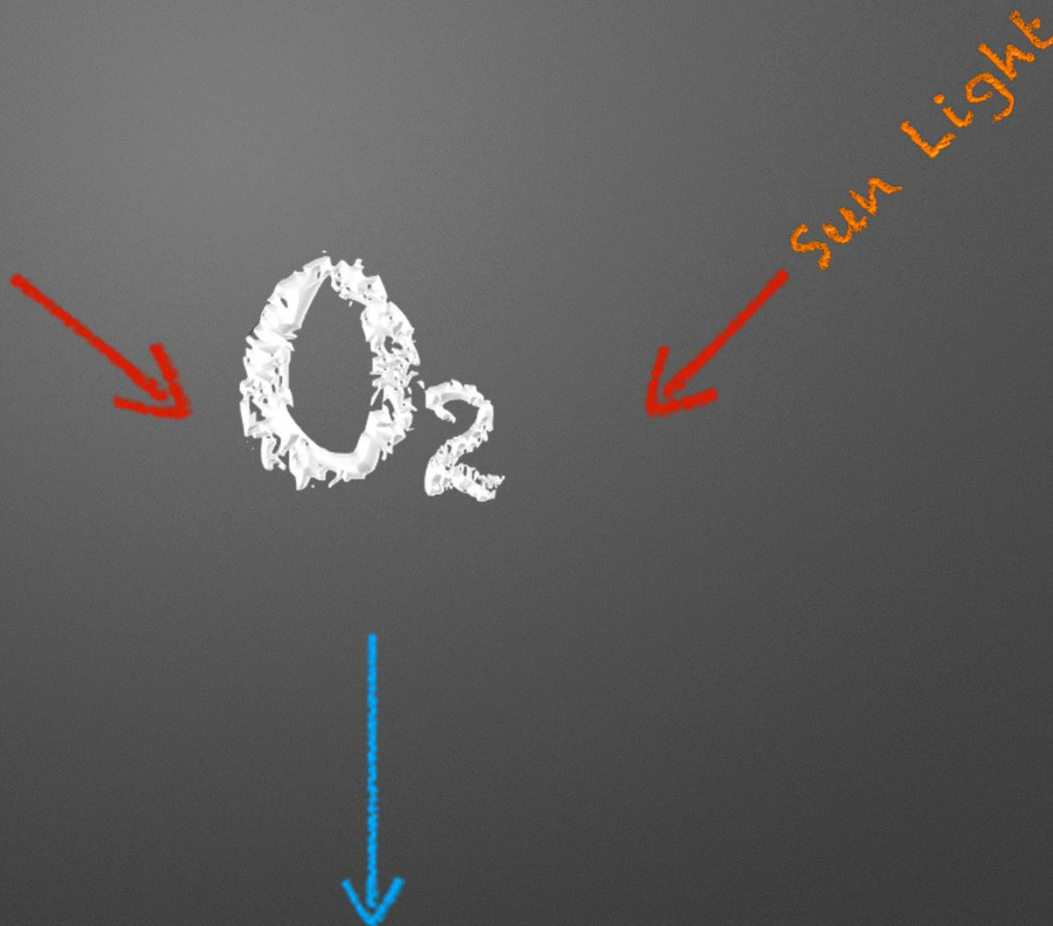
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# $^1\text{O}_2$ as Reactive Oxygen Species

## Biosystems

- Enzymatic/nonenzymatic
- An oxidizer



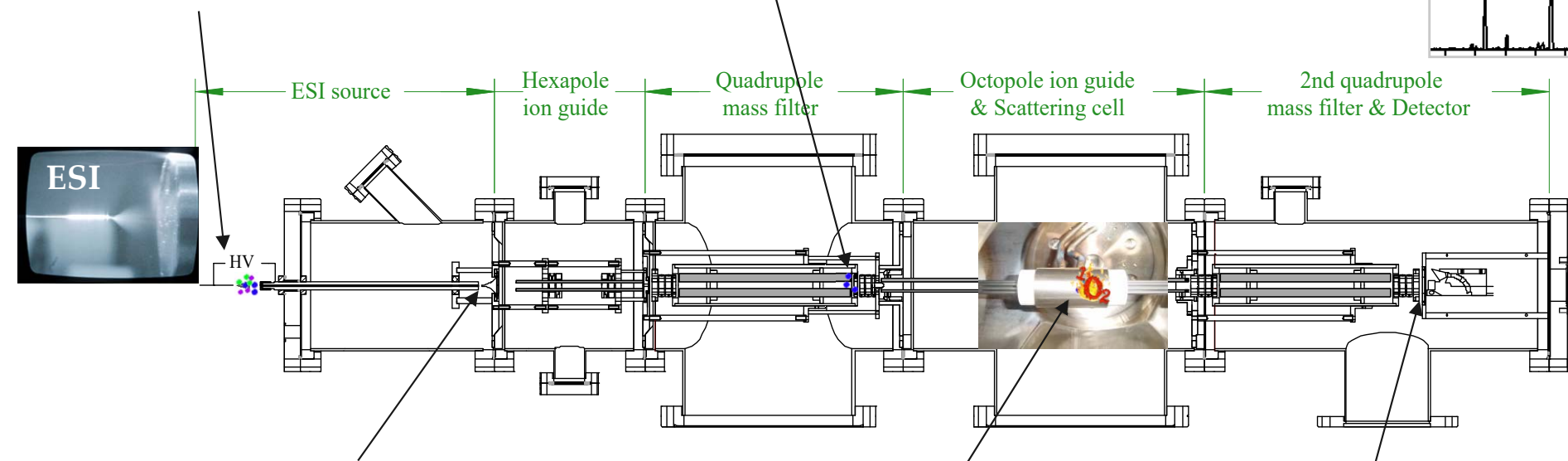
- Progression of cell death
- Mutation, ageing and diseases
- Cancer treatment

# Instrumentation

## Guided-Ion-Beam Tandem Mass Spectrometer

$$\sigma = k / v_{rel} = \frac{I_{product} k_B T}{I_{react} \tan t P_{cell} l_{cell}}$$

1. Generation of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{9MOG})_{3-n}]^{\bullet 2+}$  complex by ESI



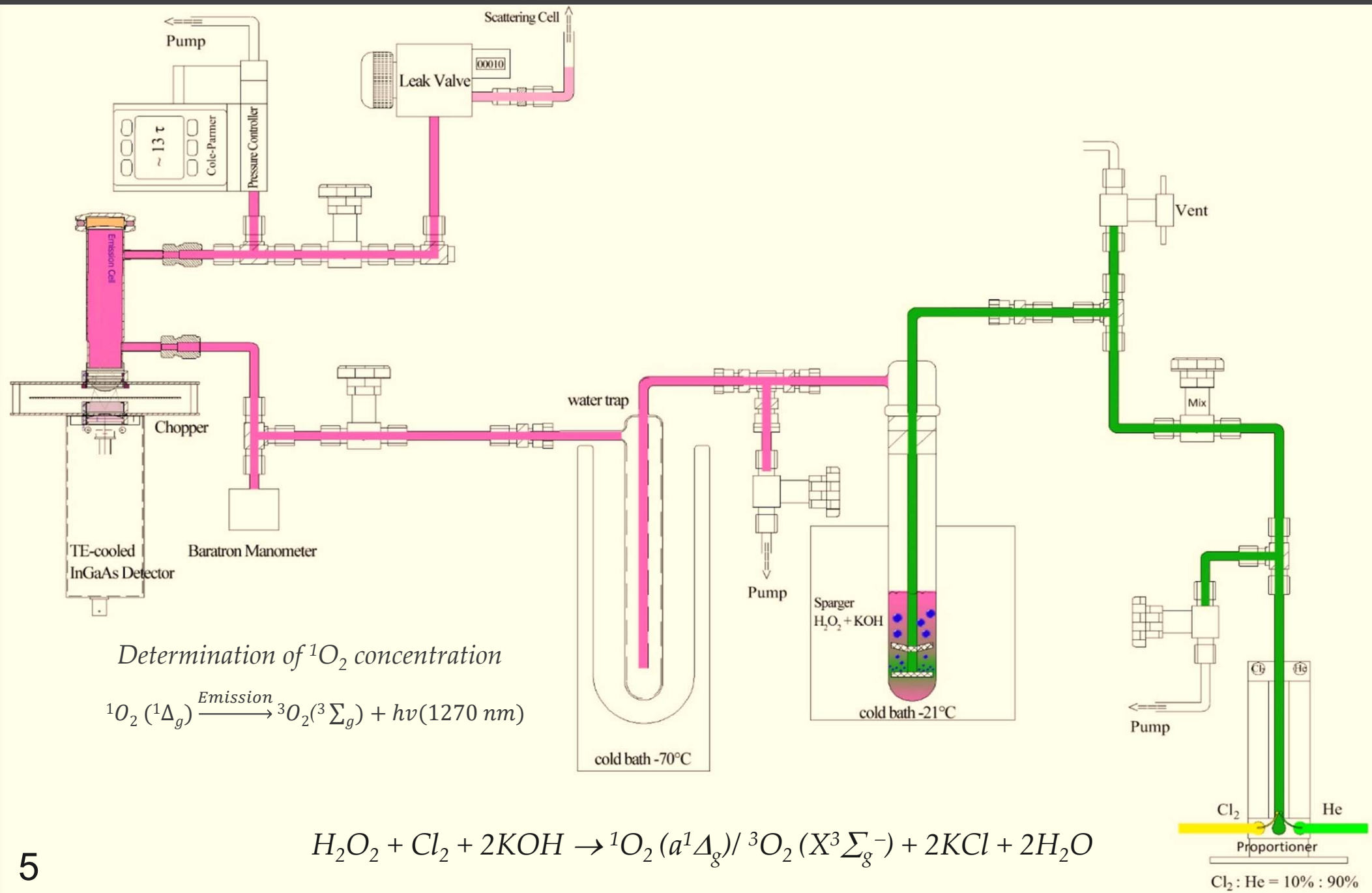
2. The complex  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{9MOG})_{3-n}]^{\bullet 2+}$  undergoes redox separation to produce  $9\text{MOG}^{\bullet +}$ .

3. Ions are passed into a quadrupole for mass selection

4. Mass-selected ions are guided into an octopole surrounded by a collision cell, and scattered from  $^1\text{O}_2$  contained within

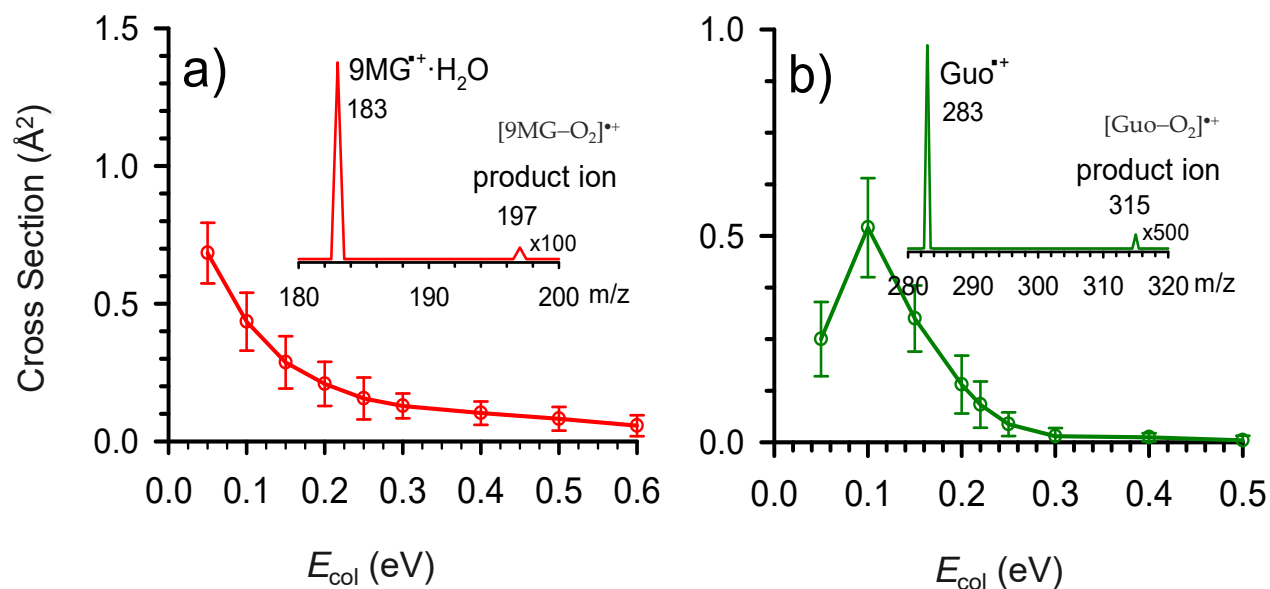
5. Product ions are mass analyzed & counted

# $^1\text{O}_2$ Generation



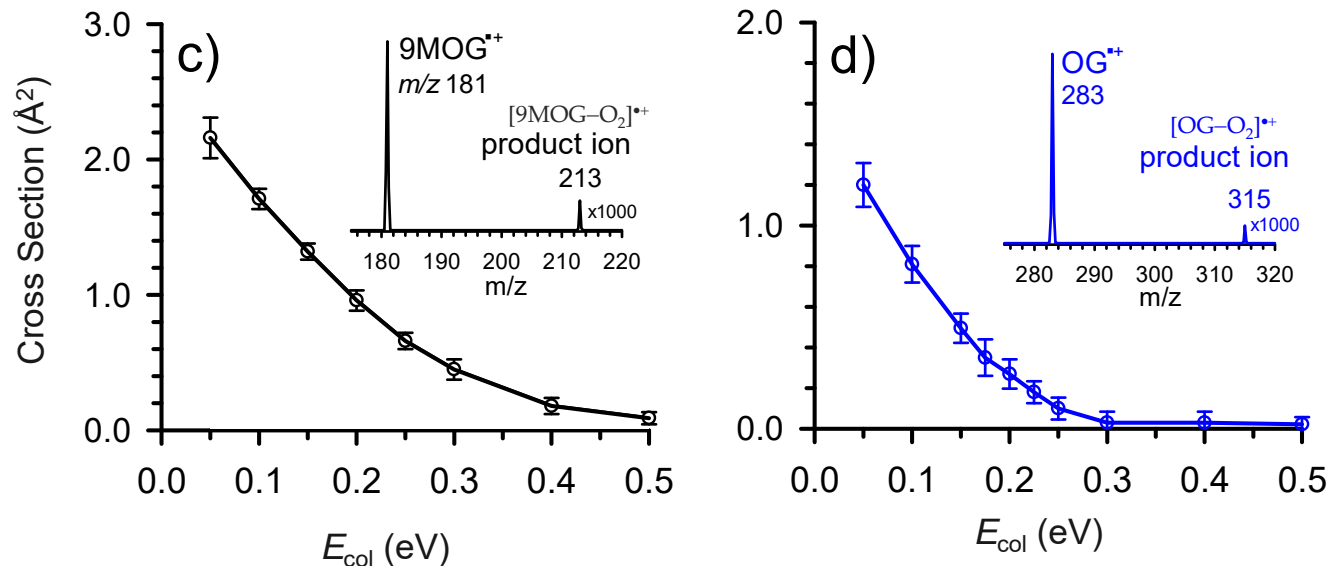
# Reaction Product Cross Section and Energy Dependence

## Singlet $O_2$ reaction with $9MG^{\bullet+}$



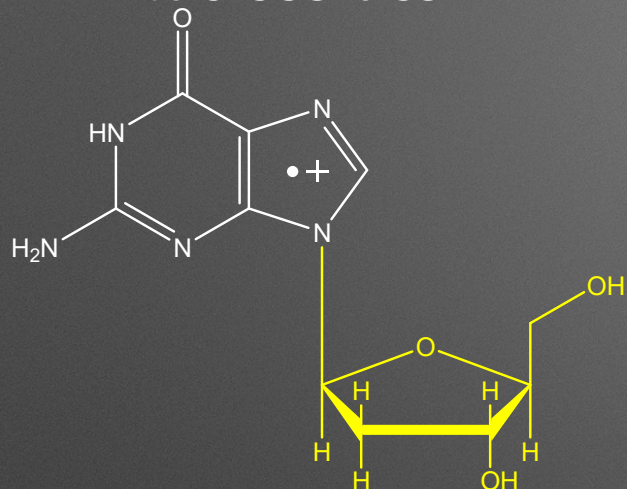
- Exothermic reactions
- Reaction heat release is more than the product hydration energy

## Singlet $O_2$ reaction with $9MOG^{\bullet+}$



# Computational Modeling

## Nucleosides

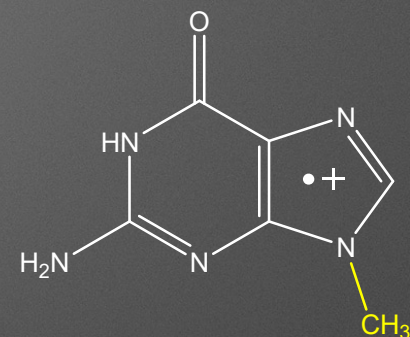


Guanosine ( $\text{Guo}^{\bullet+}$ )

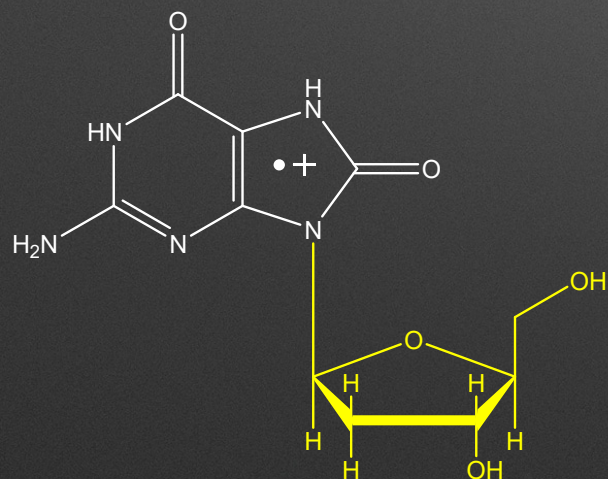
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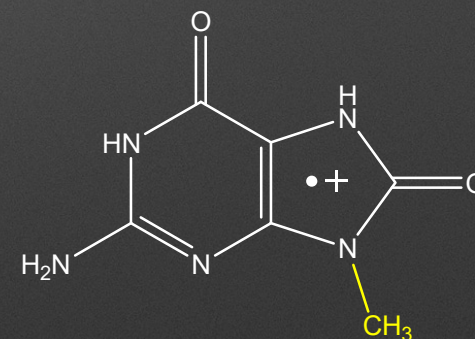
## Nucleobases



9-methyl-guanine ( $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}$ )



8-oxo-2'-deoxyguanosine ( $\text{OG}^{\bullet+}$ )

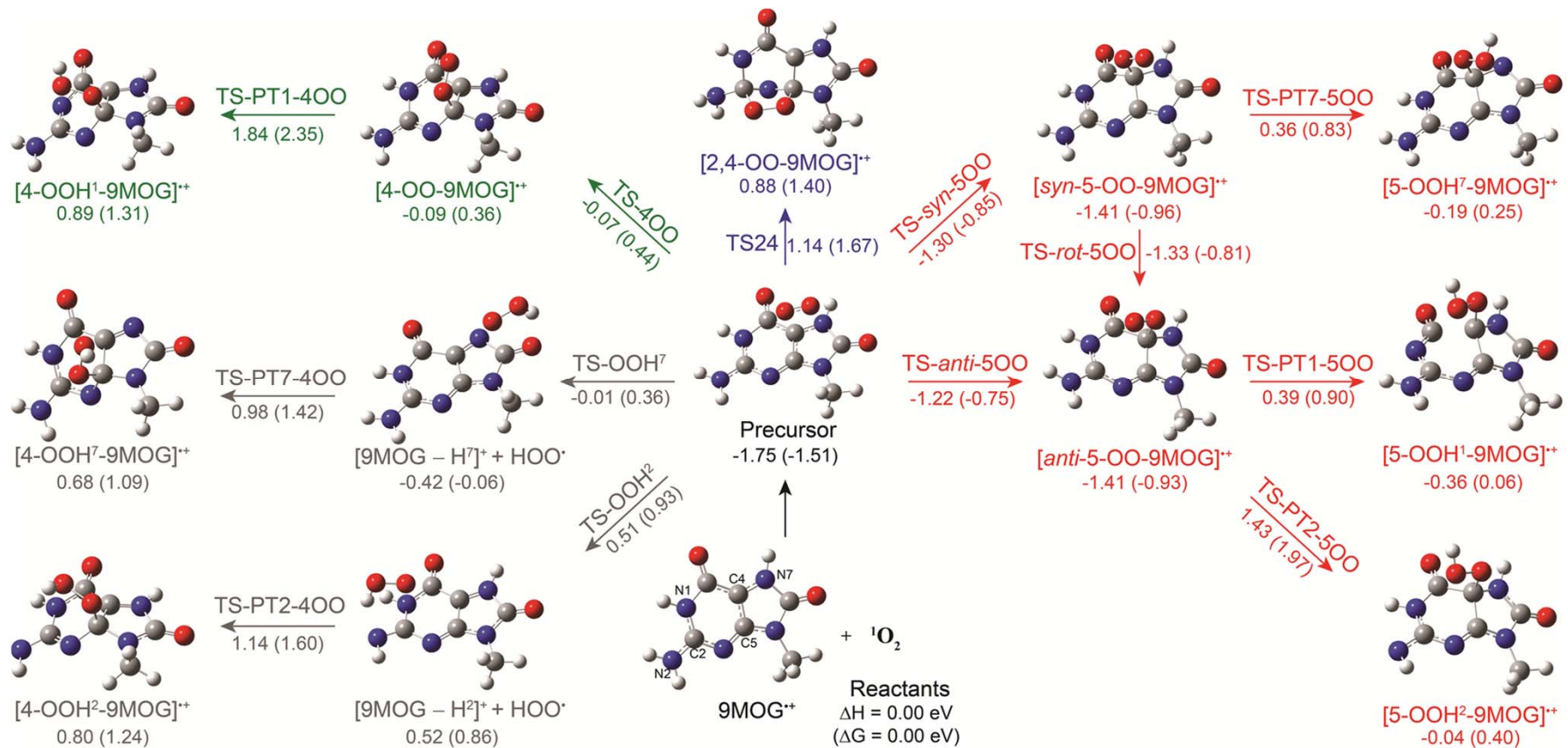


9-methyl-8-oxoguanine ( $9\text{MOG}^{\bullet+}$ )

# Iteration 1

Single reference

Density Functional Theory  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31+G(d,p)

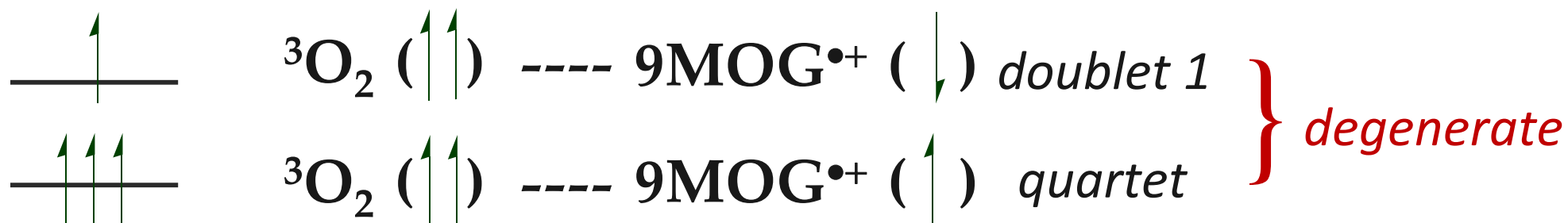
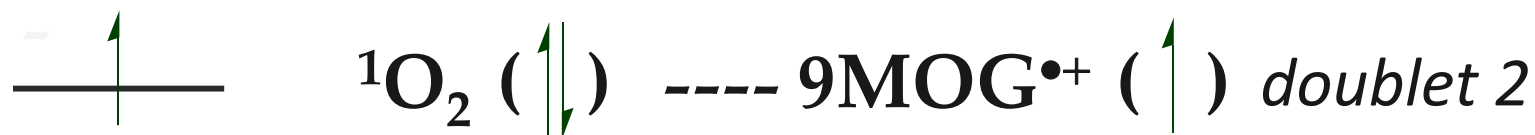




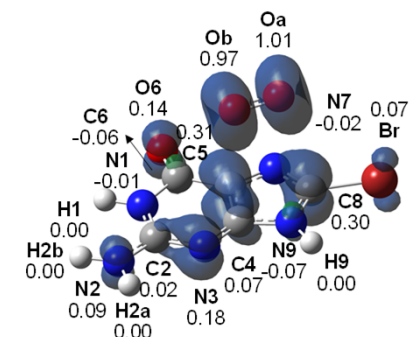
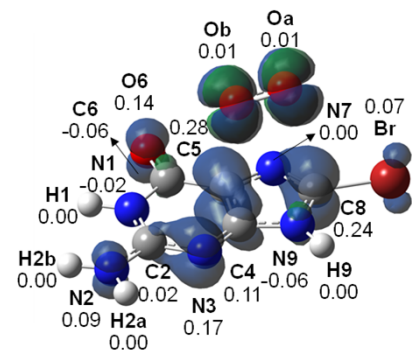
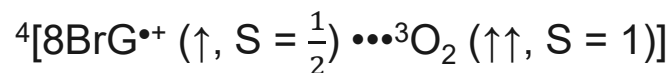
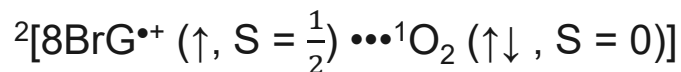
# Computational Modeling and Challenges

## 1. Spin contamination of $^1\text{O}_2$ from $^3\text{O}_2$

## 2. Doublet-Quartet Mixing



# Yamaguchi's approximate spin projection



$$E = \frac{\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{HS}} - \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle_{\text{exact}}^{\text{BS}}}{\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{HS}} - \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{BS}}} E^{\text{BS}} - \frac{\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{HS}} - \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle_{\text{exact}}^{\text{BS}}}{\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{HS}} - \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{BS}}} E^{\text{HS}}$$

$$\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle_{\text{exact}}^{\text{HS}} = \frac{N^\alpha - N^\beta}{2} + 1$$

$E^{\text{BS}}$  = the computed total energy for a target broken-symmetry state

$\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{BS}}$  = the expectation value of the total spin angular momentum

$E^{\text{HS}}$  &  $\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\text{HS}}$  = the counterparts for the corresponding high-spin state

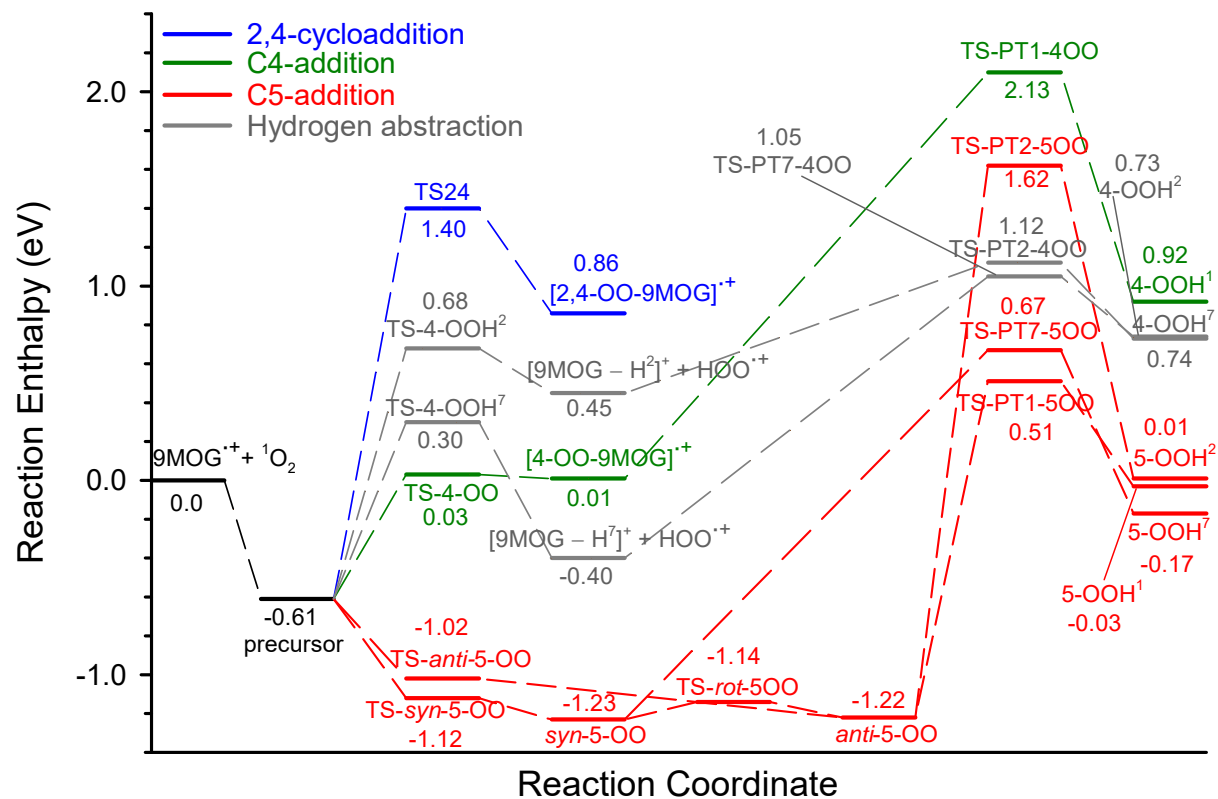
$N^\alpha$  &  $N^\beta$  = the number of alpha and beta electrons  
 BS & HS = the singlet and triplet for  $^1\text{O}_2$  and doublet and quartet for  $\text{O}_2$  adducts.

# Iteration 2

## Single reference

## Coupled-Cluster Single-, Double- and perturbative Triple excitations (CCSD(T))

- Tolerate mild spin contamination
- T1 diagnostic: measure of multireference effects
  - <0.02 closed shell, <0.03 radicals



# Iteration 3

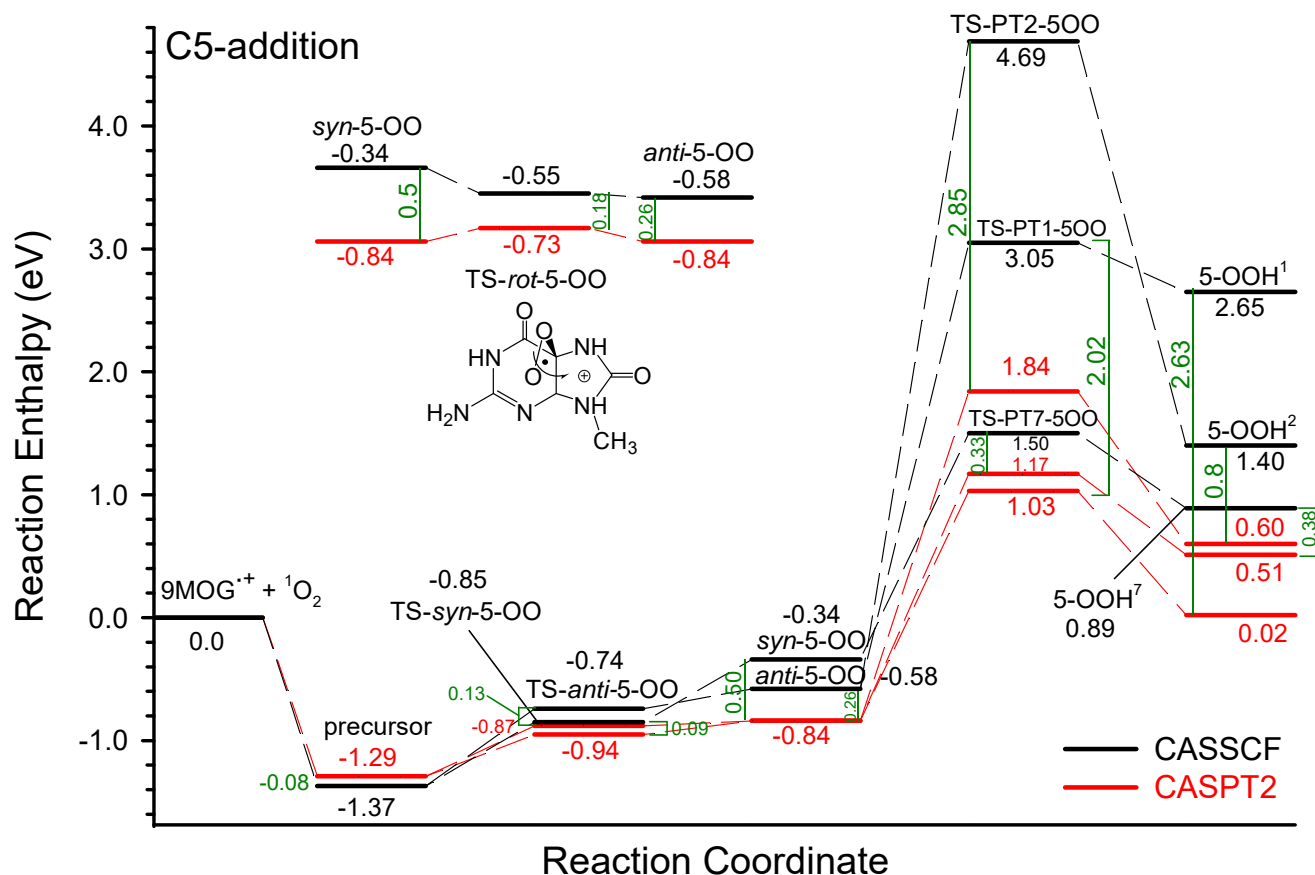
## Multireference

Complete active space self-consistent field  
(CASSCF)

- Multiconfigurational method
- Insufficient dynamic treatment

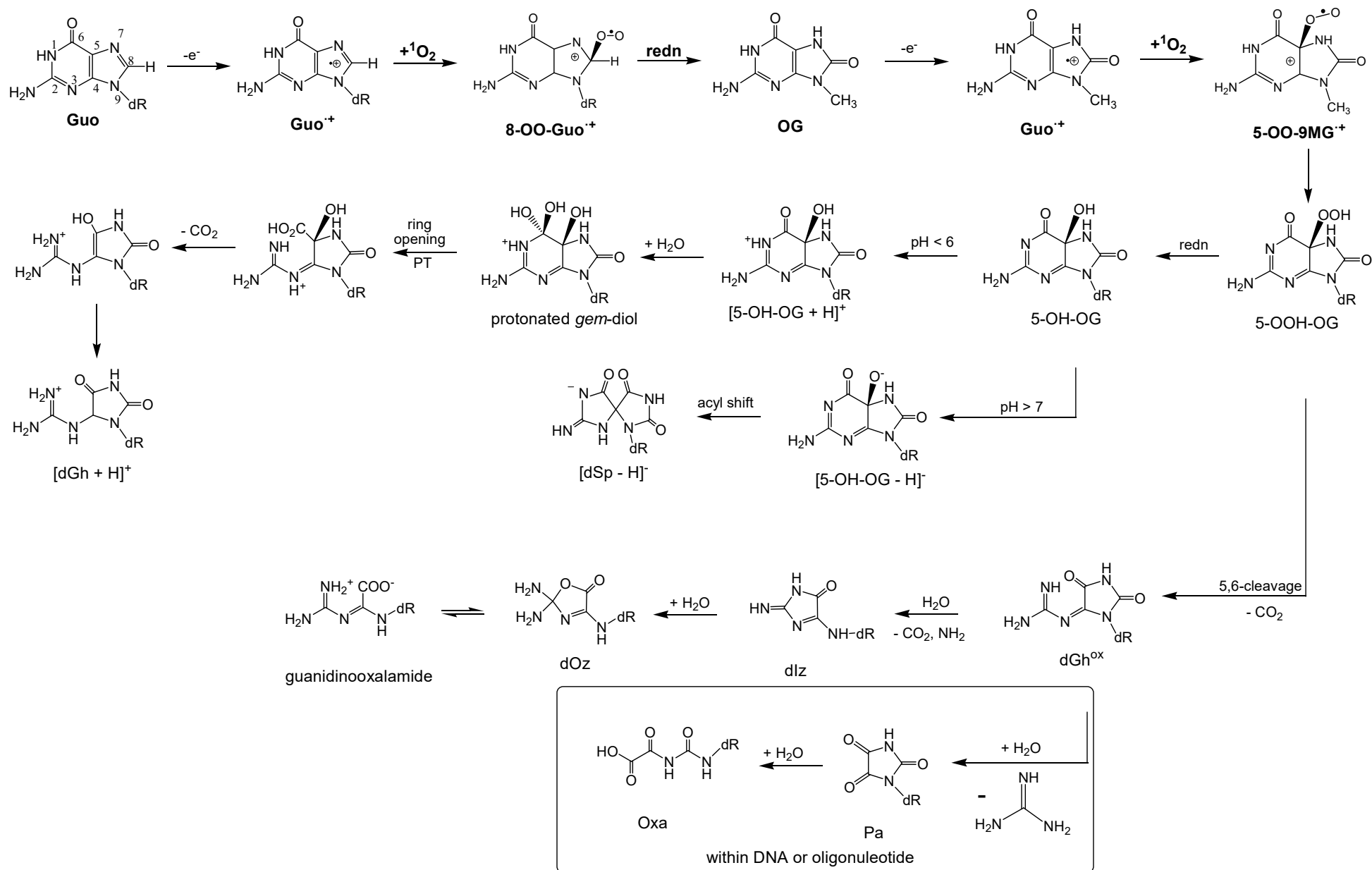
Complete active space 2<sup>nd</sup> perturbation theory  
(CASPT2)

- CASSCF multiconfigurational method
- Additional 2<sup>nd</sup> perturbation for dynamic treatment.



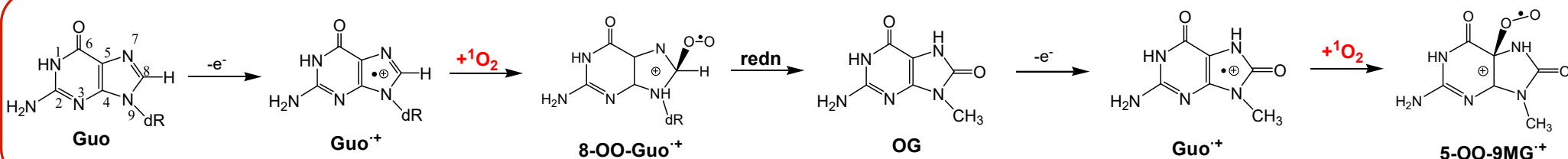
# Summary

## 1. Complex mechanistic reaction pathway and biological significance



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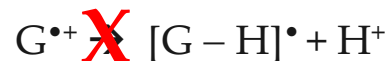
## 2. Understanding the chemistry of DNA damage and their rate limiting transient states.



## 3. Technological Advantages

### Gas-phase Mass Spectrometer

- No spontaneous deprotonation



- Longer  $^1\text{O}_2$  lifetime

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