

The dark side of the sun – managing the risks of exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation

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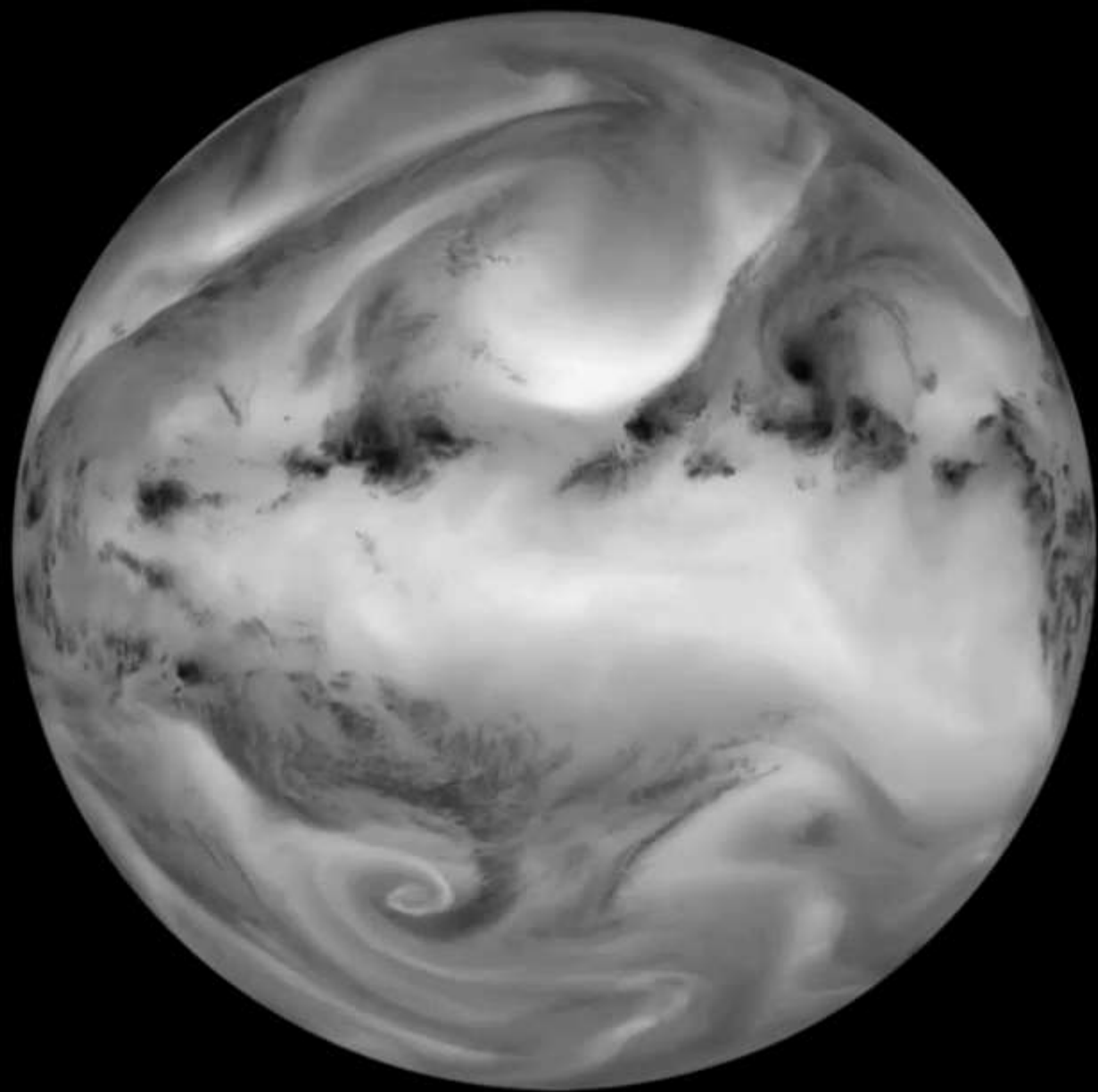
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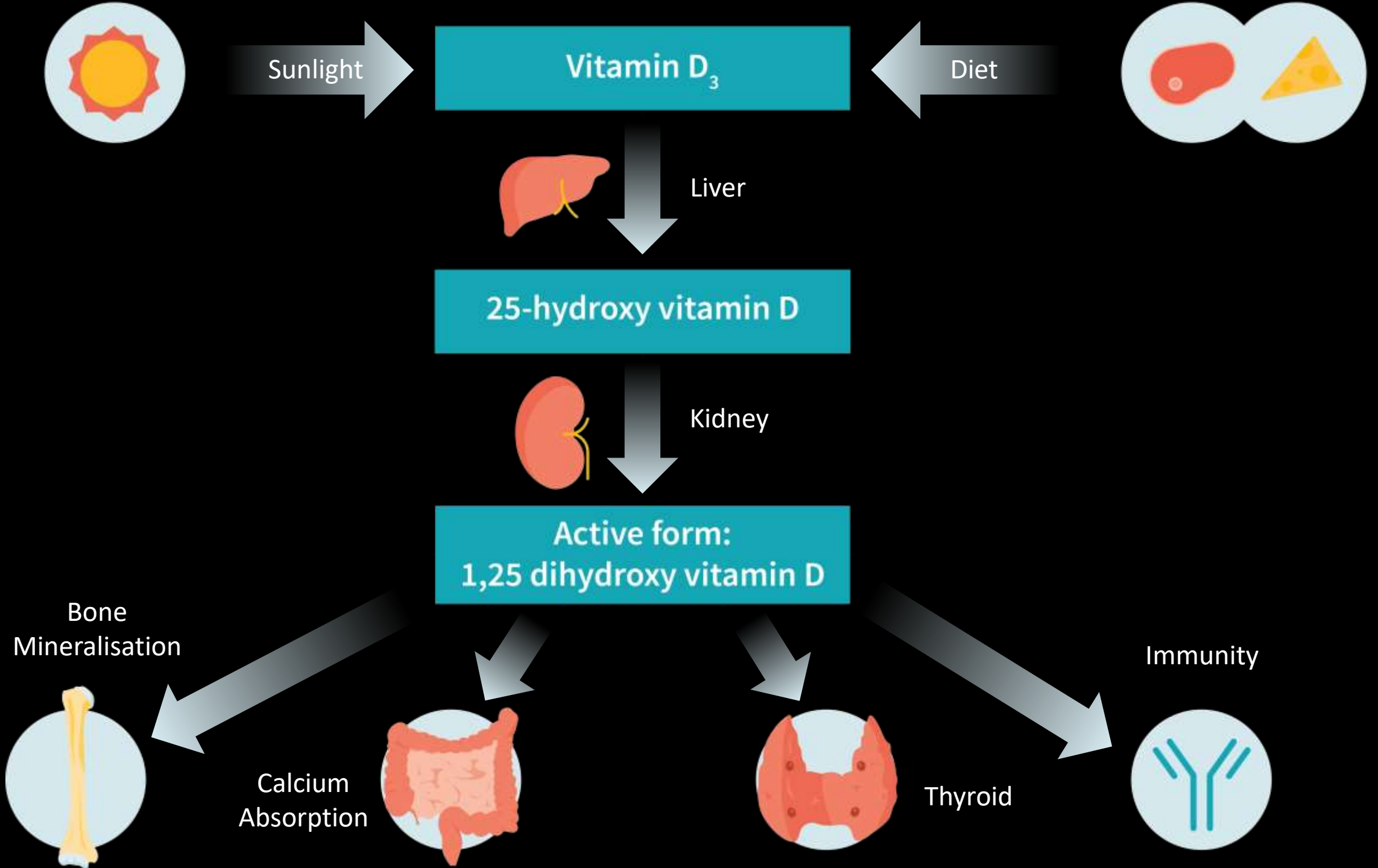
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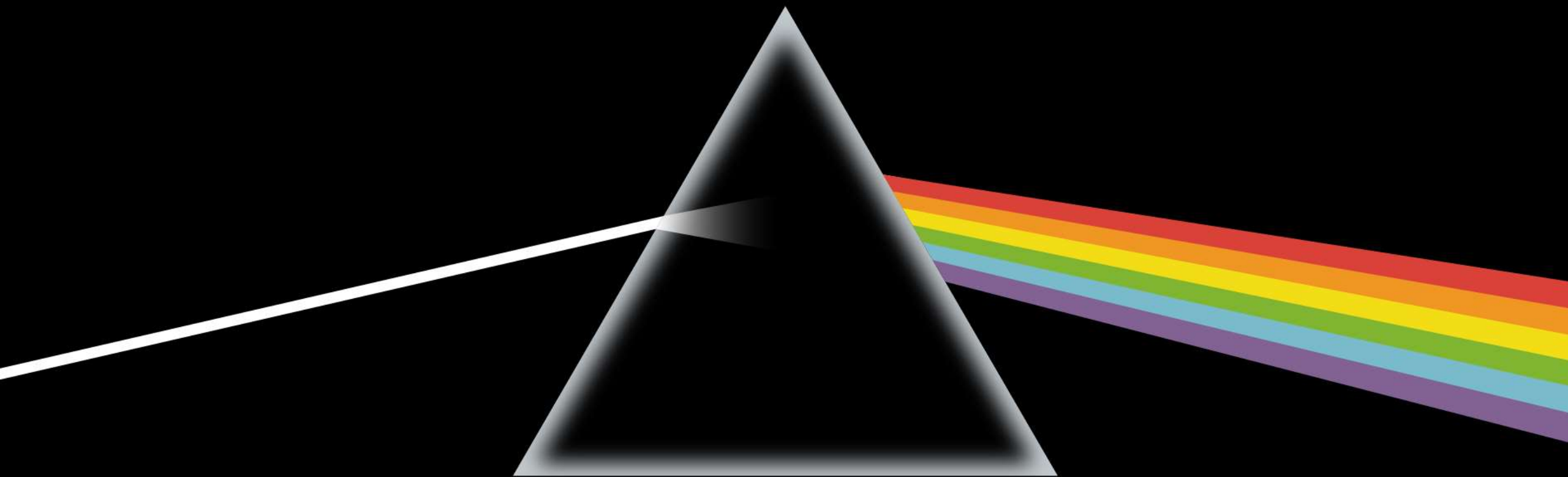
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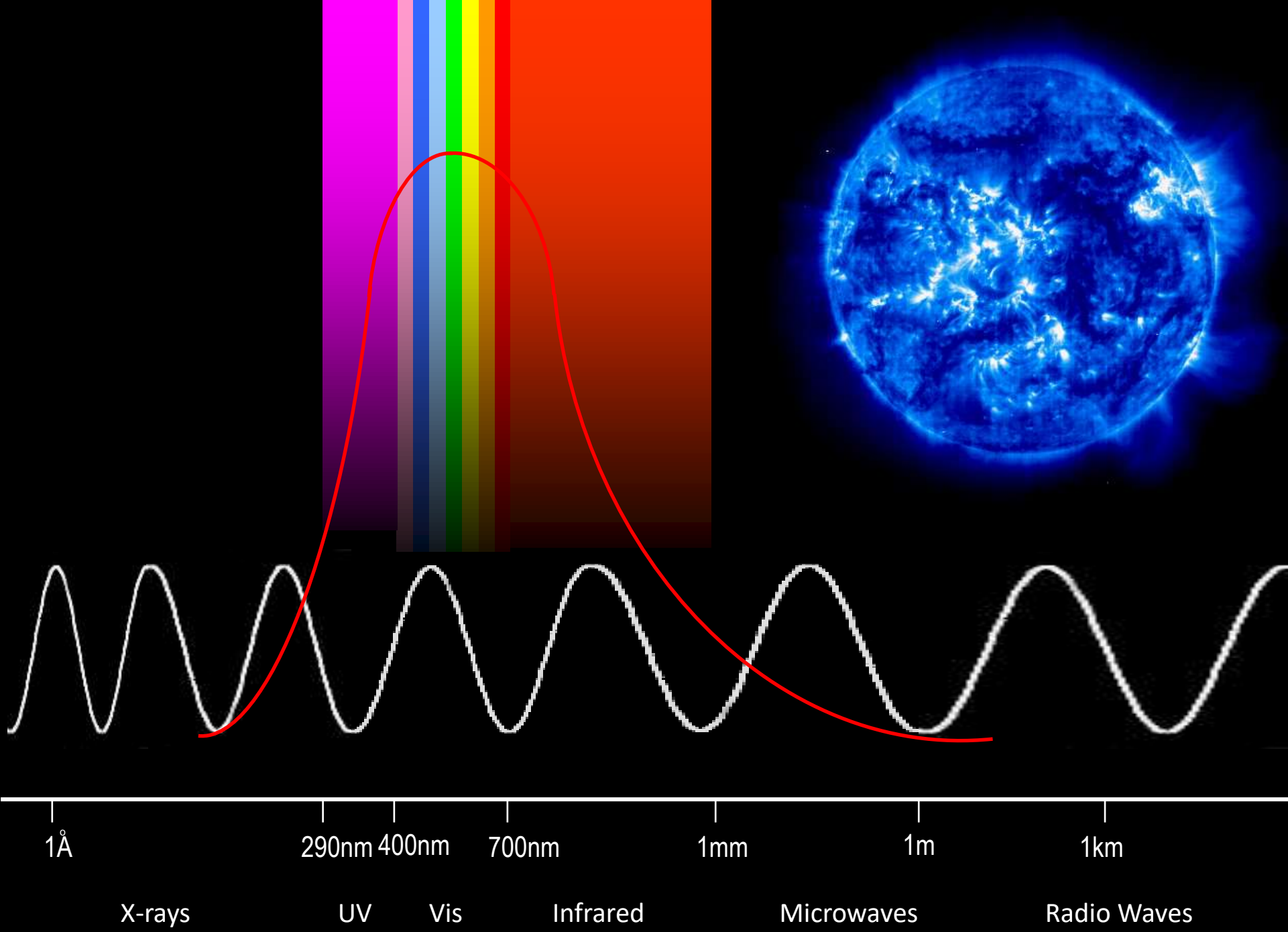


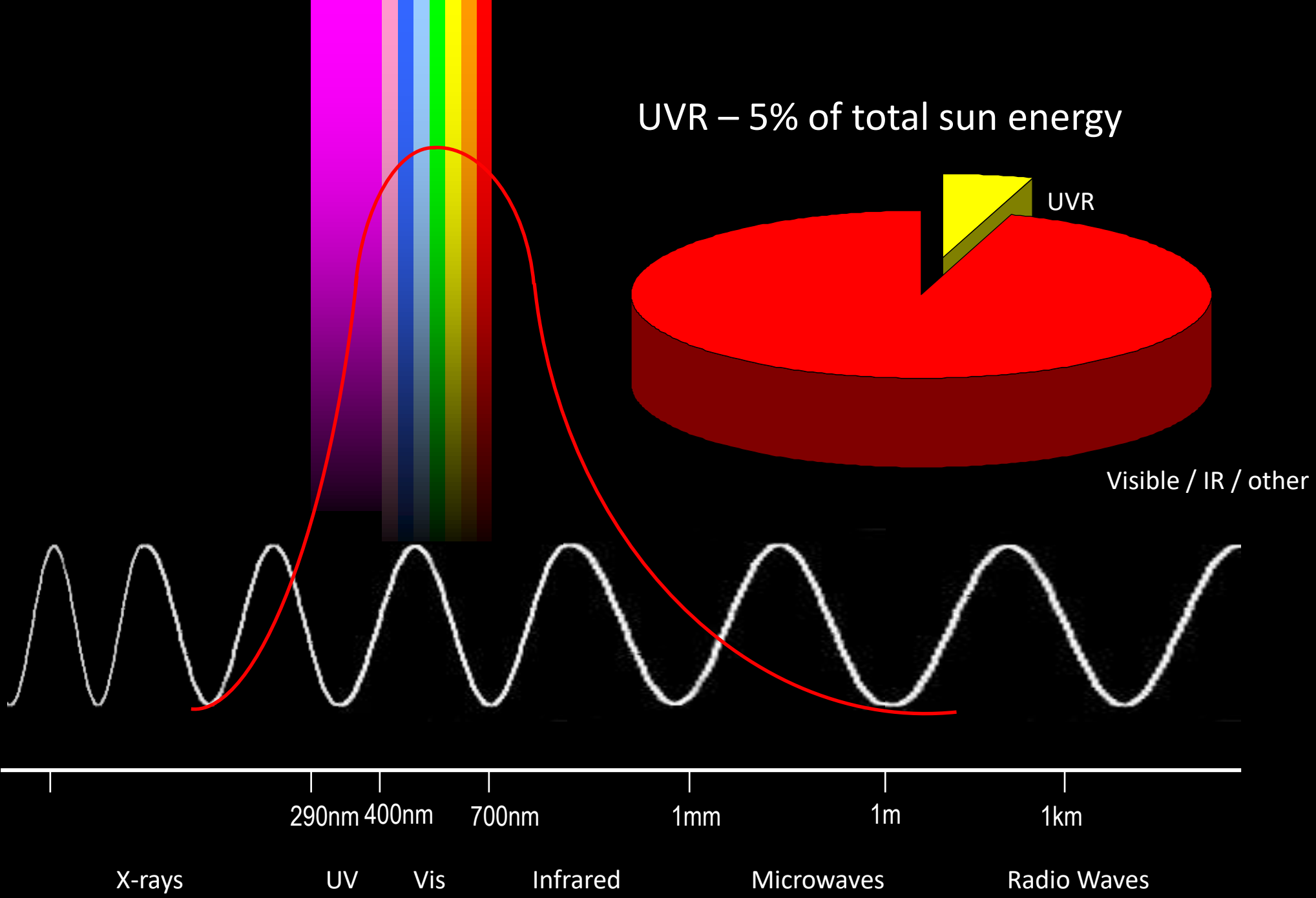


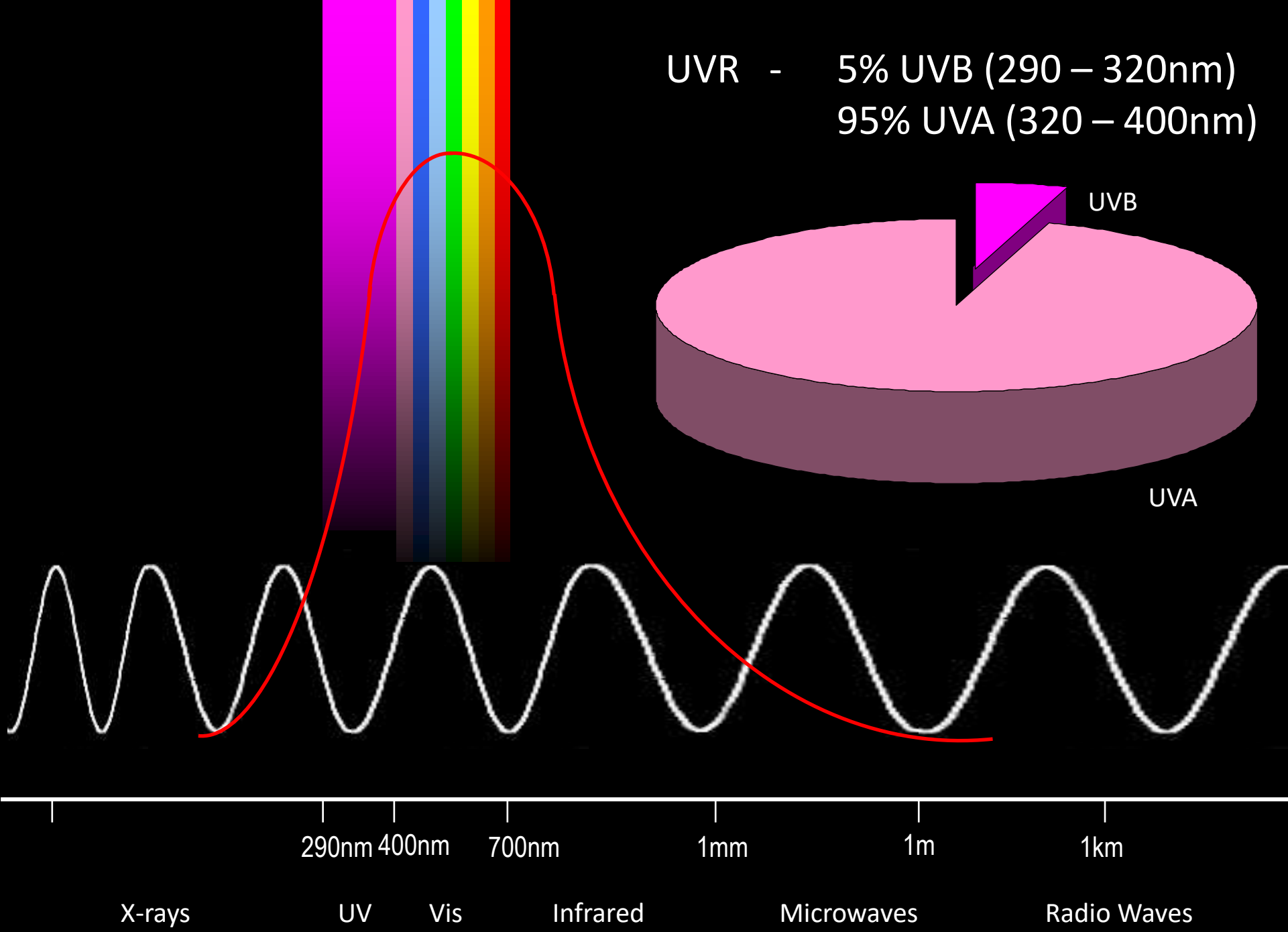




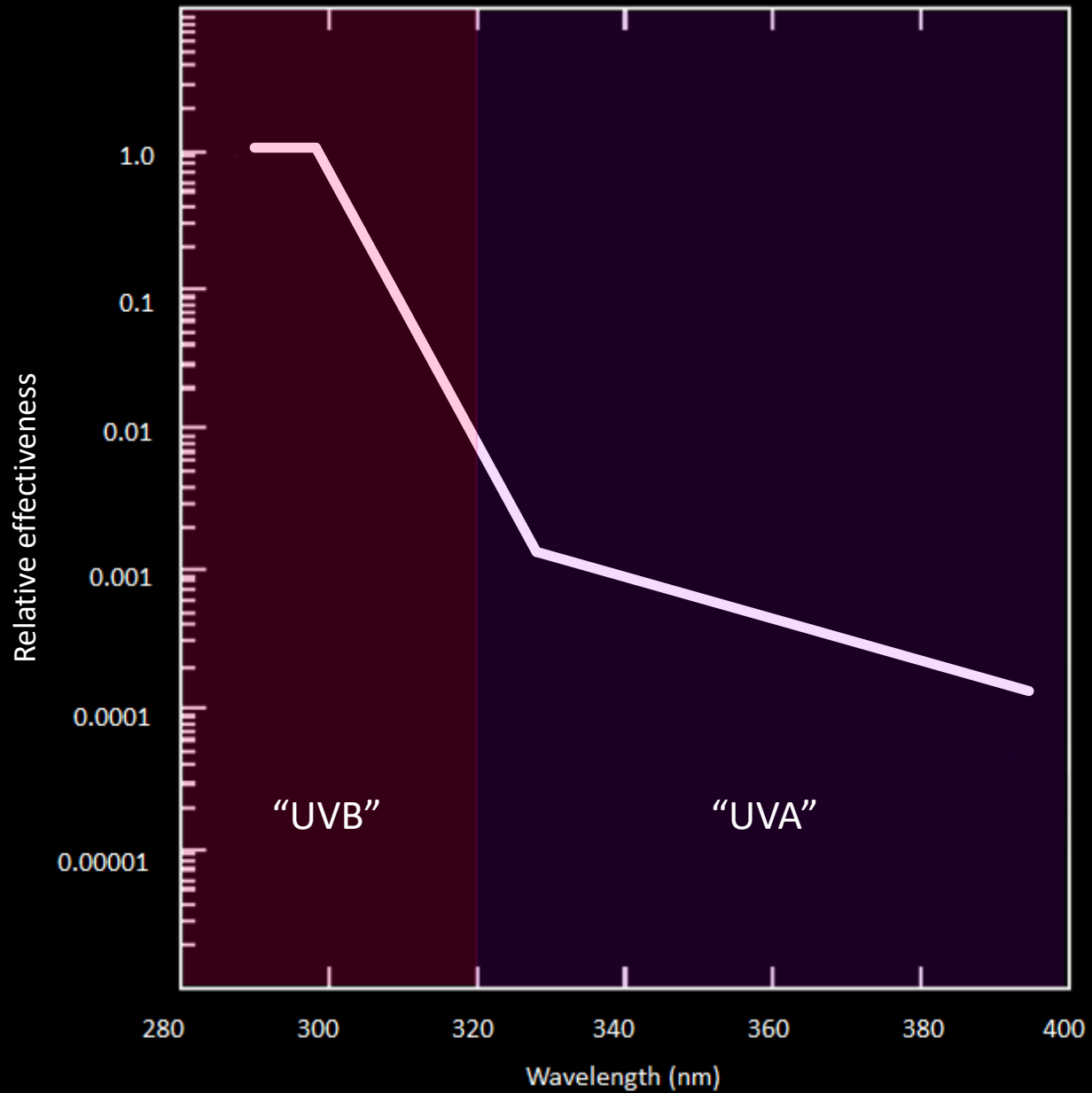
What is Solar Ultraviolet Radiation?







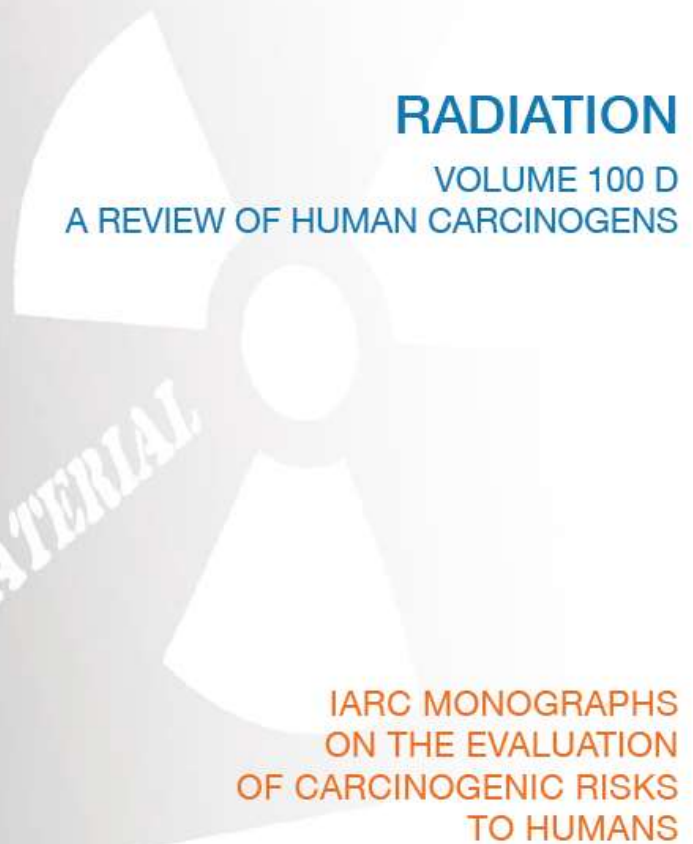
UVR Action Spectrum – Erythema (Sunburn)



CIE Erythema (sunburn)
(McKinlay & Diffey, 1987)

A close-up photograph of a person's back, showing a significant sunburn. The skin is a deep, inflamed red. A distinct handprint is visible on the upper left side of the back, where the fingers and palm have left a lighter, yellowish-tan mark. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.

Is this 'just' about sunburn?



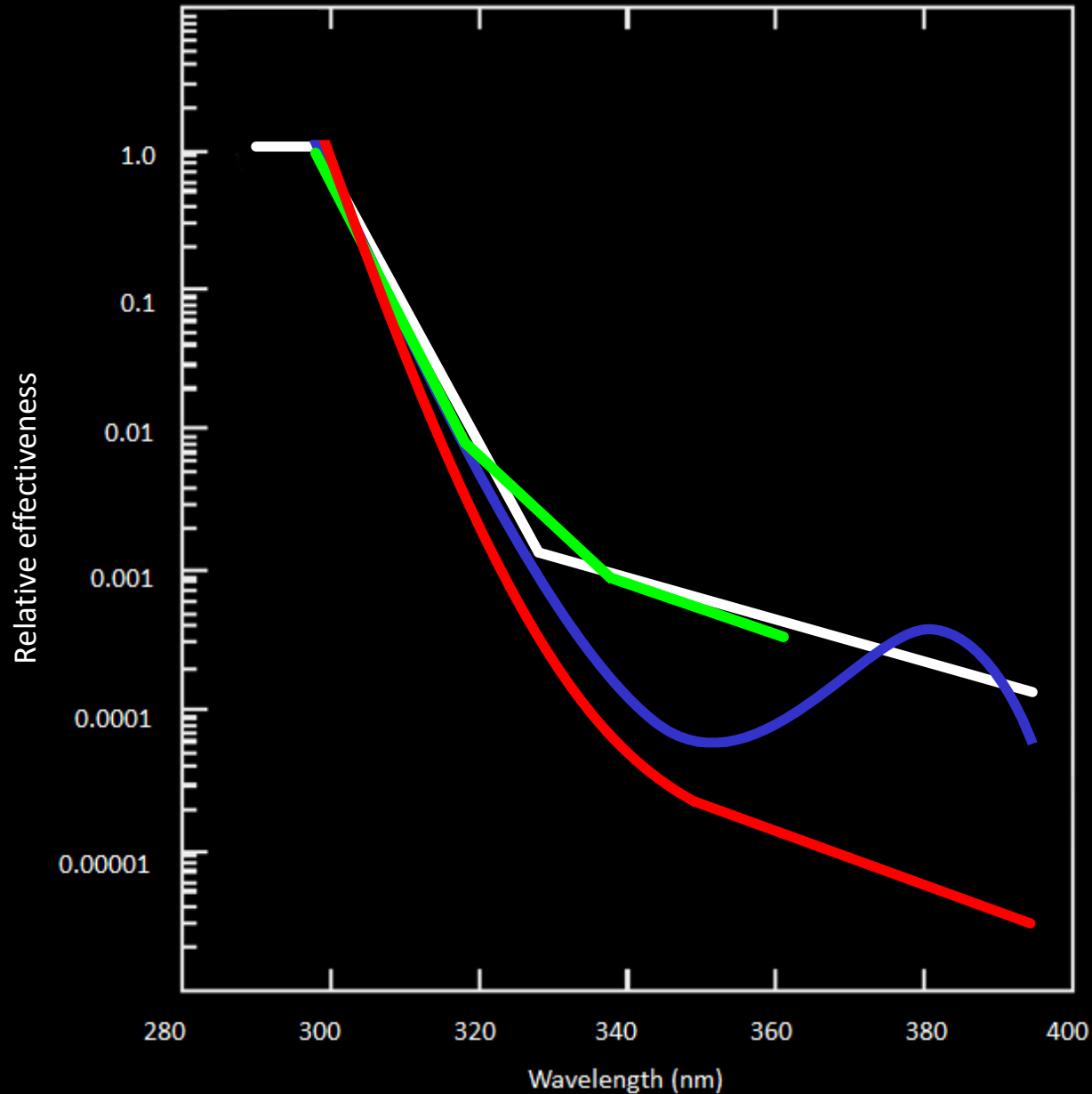
5. Evaluation

There is *sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of solar radiation. Solar radiation causes cutaneous malignant melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma of the skin and basal cell carcinoma of the skin.

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A review of human carcinogens — Part D: Radiation. *Lancet Oncol* 10, 751–52, 2009

UVR Action Spectra - Carcinogenic



CIE Erythema
(McKinlay & Diffey, 1987)

Non-melanoma skin cancer
(de Gruijl & van der Leun, 1994)

DNA damage
(Setlow, 1974)

Thymine dimer induction
(Young *et al.*, 1998)

**The same wavelengths
that cause sunburn also
cause skin cancer**

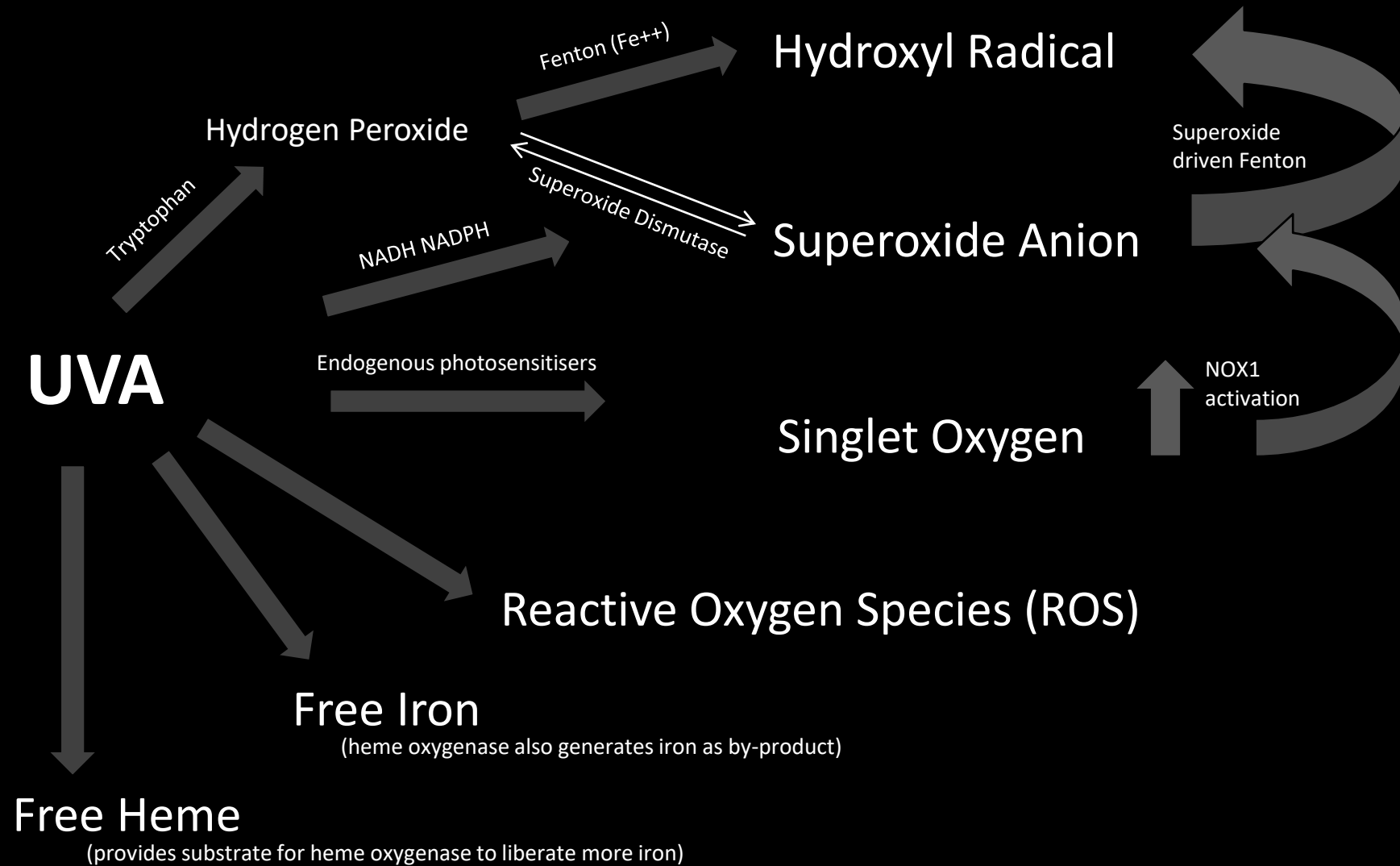
UVR photon



thymine
dimer



The significant role of UVA in Oxidative Stress





Malignant Melanoma (MM)

Often presents with one or more of the following:

Assymmetry

ragged Border

multiple Colours

Diameter >5-6mm



Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)

Often presents as a persistent open sore that bleeds, oozes, or crusts, or a shiny translucent lump or nodule.



Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)

Often presents as a persistent, scaly red patch with irregular borders that sometimes crusts or bleeds.



Global burden of 369 diseases and injuries in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2019: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019



GBD 2019 Diseases and Injuries Collaborators*

Summary

Background In an era of shifting global agendas and expanded emphasis on non-communicable diseases and injuries along with communicable diseases, sound evidence on trends by cause at the national level is essential. The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) provides a systematic scientific assessment of published, publicly available, and contributed data on incidence, prevalence, and mortality for a mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive list of diseases and injuries.

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The global burden of skin cancer: A longitudinal analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study, 1990–2017



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Background: Despite efforts toward the earlier detection and prevention of skin cancer, the prevalence of skin cancers continues to increase. Identifying trends in skin cancer burdens among populations can lead to impactful and sustainable interventions.

The global burden of skin cancer: A longitudinal analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study, 1990–2017

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Total Skin Cancer

7,972,272

Global all-age deaths from skin cancer, 2005 – 2015 (1000s)

	2005	2015	% ↑
Melanoma	47.0	59.8	27.2
NMSC	36.3	51.9	42.9

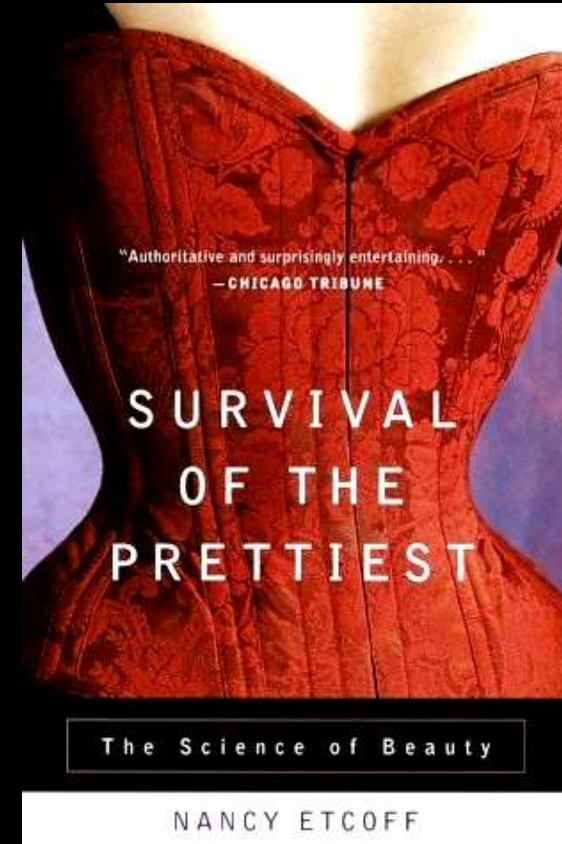
**Today, 1 in every 3
diagnosed cancers
worldwide is a
skin cancer**

(With a vast majority caused by solar UVR)

Urban, K., Mehrmal, S., Uppal, P., Giese, R.L. and Delost, G.R. The global burden of skin cancer: A longitudinal analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study, 1990-2017. *J Amer Acad Dermatol* 2, 98-108, 2021

Every death from skin cancer is an avoidable tragedy.

And... *many more people live with skin cancer than die from it.*



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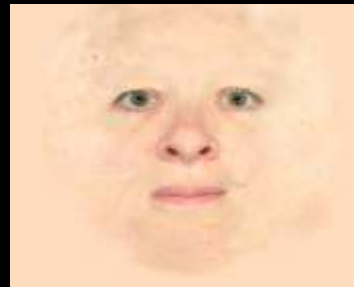
Visible skin color distribution plays a role in the perception of age, attractiveness, and health in female faces[☆]

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Visual attention to variation in female facial skin color distribution

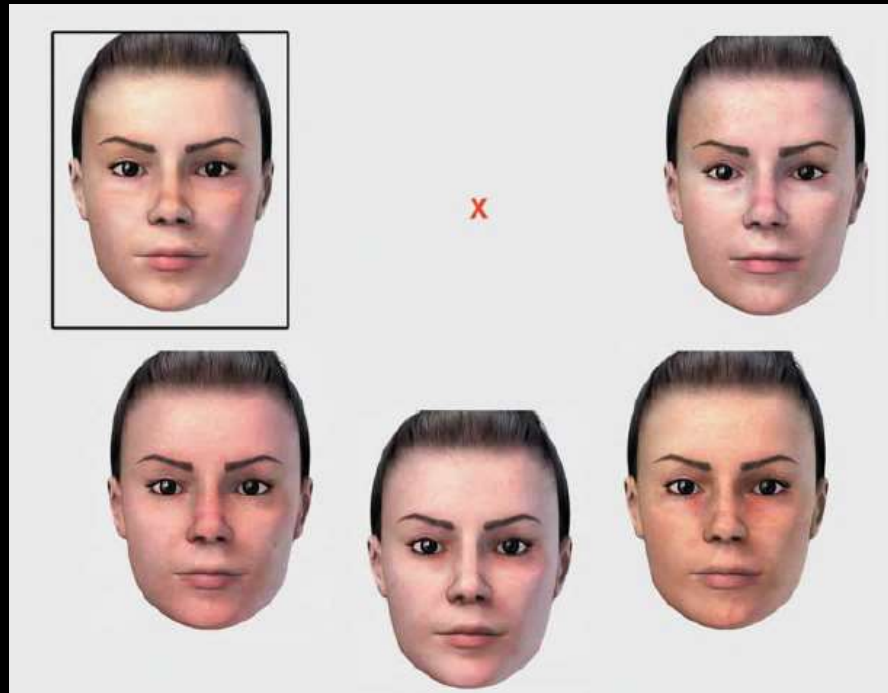
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We look longer and harder at faces with skin featuring less contrast (more flawless / homogeneous skin)



Visual Perception of British Women's Skin Color Distribution in Two Nonindustrialized Societies, the Maasai and the Tsimane'

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“Quality of Life”

"An individual's perception of their position in life in the context of culture and value systems in which they live in relation to their goals, expectations, standards and concerns affected by the person's physical health, psychological state, level of independence, social relationships and their relationships to salient features in their environment."



World Health
Organization

Skin health has a profound effect on Quality of Life and Self-Esteem

- The impaired physical and mental functioning caused by a skin condition is often comparable to that seen in terminal cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes or depression (Rapp *et al.*, 1999).
- Serious consequences...
 - Personal / social relationships and employment suffer.
 - Shame and embarrassment are common.
 - Frequent crises of confidence, feelings of depression.
 - Suicide.

“It’s ok... it’s not Melanoma...”

Less than 5% of BCC cases become locally advanced or metastasise.

Miller *et al.*, J Natl Compr Canc Netw. 2010;8:836–64

However, if untreated, local lesions can cause substantial tissue destruction and visible disfigurement.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Basal and Squamous Cell Skin Cancer (Version 1.2014)

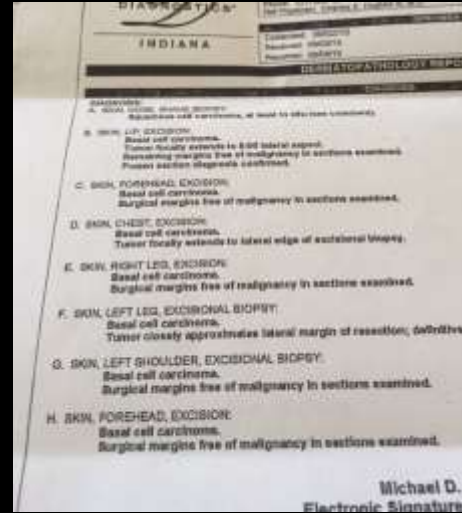
While most BCC lesions can be removed surgically, a percentage of patients are unsuitable for surgery or develop a more advanced stage of disease, with consequent greater negative outcome.

Nunes *et al.*, Dermatol Surg. 2013;39:620–6.



In 2015 Judy Cloud, 49, shared her series of BCC surgeries publicly on Facebook.

Ms Cloud was left with permanent facial scarring, numbness and some immobility.



"I'm really hoping the thought of going to a tanning bed no longer sounds quite so attractive to you..."

INDIANA
 HISTOPATHOLOGY REPORT

1. SKIN, LIP, EXCISION:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Tumor locally extends to full lateral aspect.
 Resecting margin free of malignancy in sections examined.
 Frozen section diagnosis confirmed.

2. SKIN, FOREHEAD, EXCISION:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Surgical margins free of malignancy in sections examined.

3. SKIN, CHEST, EXCISION:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Tumor locally extends to lateral edge of excisional wound.

4. SKIN, RIGHT LEG, EXCISION:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Surgical margins free of malignancy in sections examined.

5. SKIN, LEFT LEG, EXCISIONAL BIOPSY:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Tumor closely approximates lateral margin of resection; definitive.

6. SKIN, LEFT SHOULDER, EXCISIONAL BIOPSY:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Surgical margins free of malignancy in sections examined.

7. SKIN, FOREHEAD, EXCISION:
 Basal cell carcinoma.
 Surgical margins free of malignancy in sections examined.

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Katy Flynn's story (thank you Marie Tudor, SKCIN for use of this account)

"At the age of just 30 I was diagnosed with BCC..."

I had a 6 hour operation and following this I was sent for plastic surgery. The surgeon had to use skin from my forehead to cover the parts of my nose they had to cut away. I now have a 4" scar across my face. I was worried what my little girls would think. I didn't want them to be scared when mummy came home from surgery.

You can't hide your face. So I'm getting used to how my skin looks now. It is something I have to live with. But to be honest I'm lucky to be alive..."

“Well, I don’t... I don’t like it when people stare at me. Um, it makes me a little bit uneasy; especially the little children. That bothers me...”

“I’m tired of having my body cut. I mean, you could say it’s at times mildly depressing...”

“A great, gaping wound on my face and no ears, I mean as soon as you look at me you can tell something is definitely wrong with this guy...”

“Well, I wear the hat and the wig because after all these surgeries, I... I have no hair, it’s all scar tissue and... I think my mind has shut down...”



The crushing burden of skin cancer on our health system

- GP referrals to dermatology increased by 15% between 2014 and 2018.
- Approximately a quarter of UK dermatology posts remain unfilled.
- In 2019, the total cost of in-patient care for KC was an estimated £150 million – an increase of 8% vs 2018.
- **Up to 50% of a dermatologist's workload in England is taken up in delivering outpatient skin cancer care.**

A minority will develop skin cancer.

And... ***100% of humans look older, less healthy and less attractive than they should because of chronic UVR exposure.***



**“It is estimated that 80% of the
visible signs of ageing...
are caused by exposure to UVR...”**

“Photo-ageing / Photodamage as a Public Health Concern”

American Academy of Dermatology Consensus Conference, March 3-4, 1988









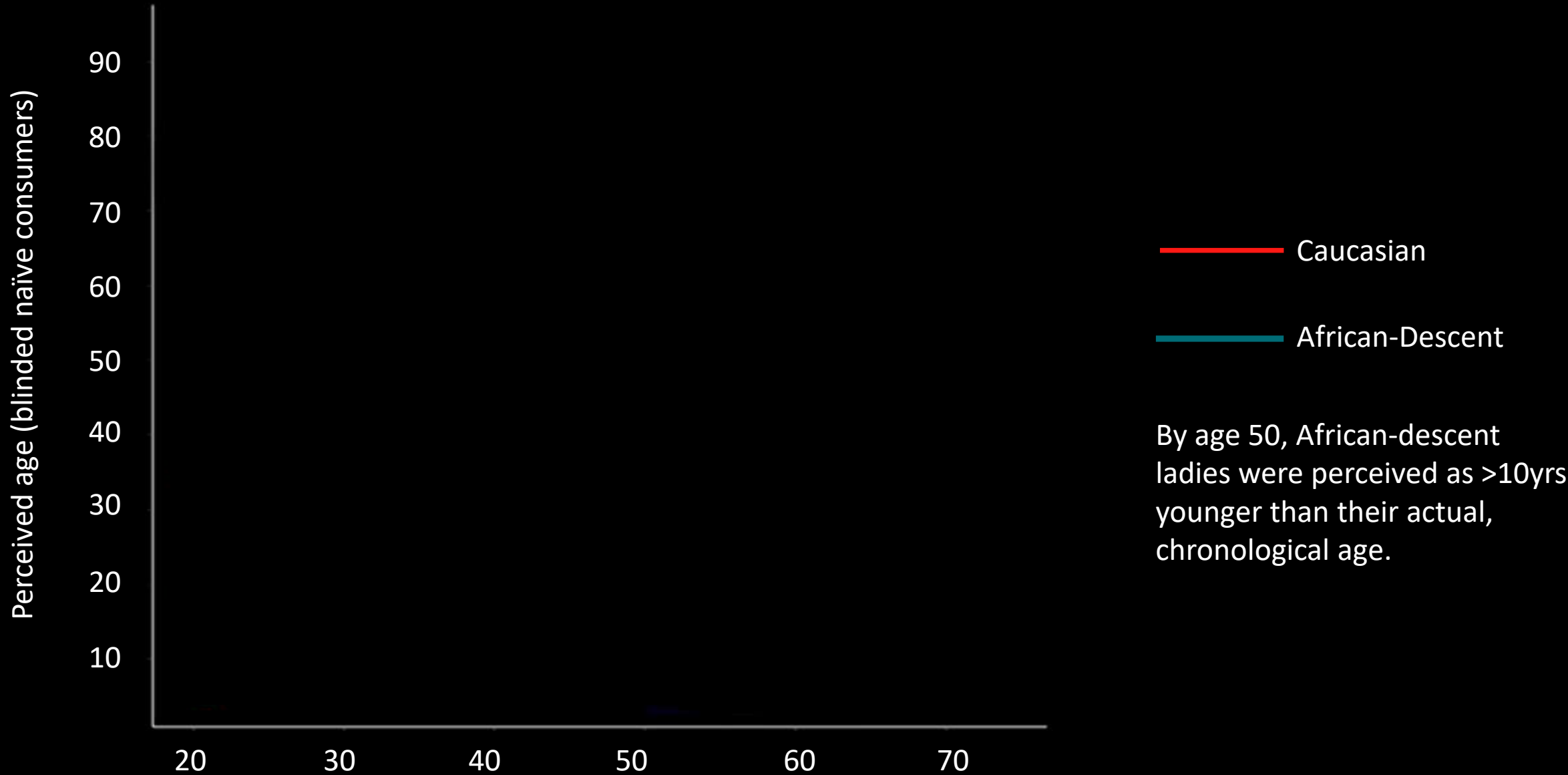
It all adds up...

It is estimated that the majority of our yearly UVR exposure is from multiple brief exposures as a consequence of normal, everyday life

Sun damage is, therefore, **cumulative**

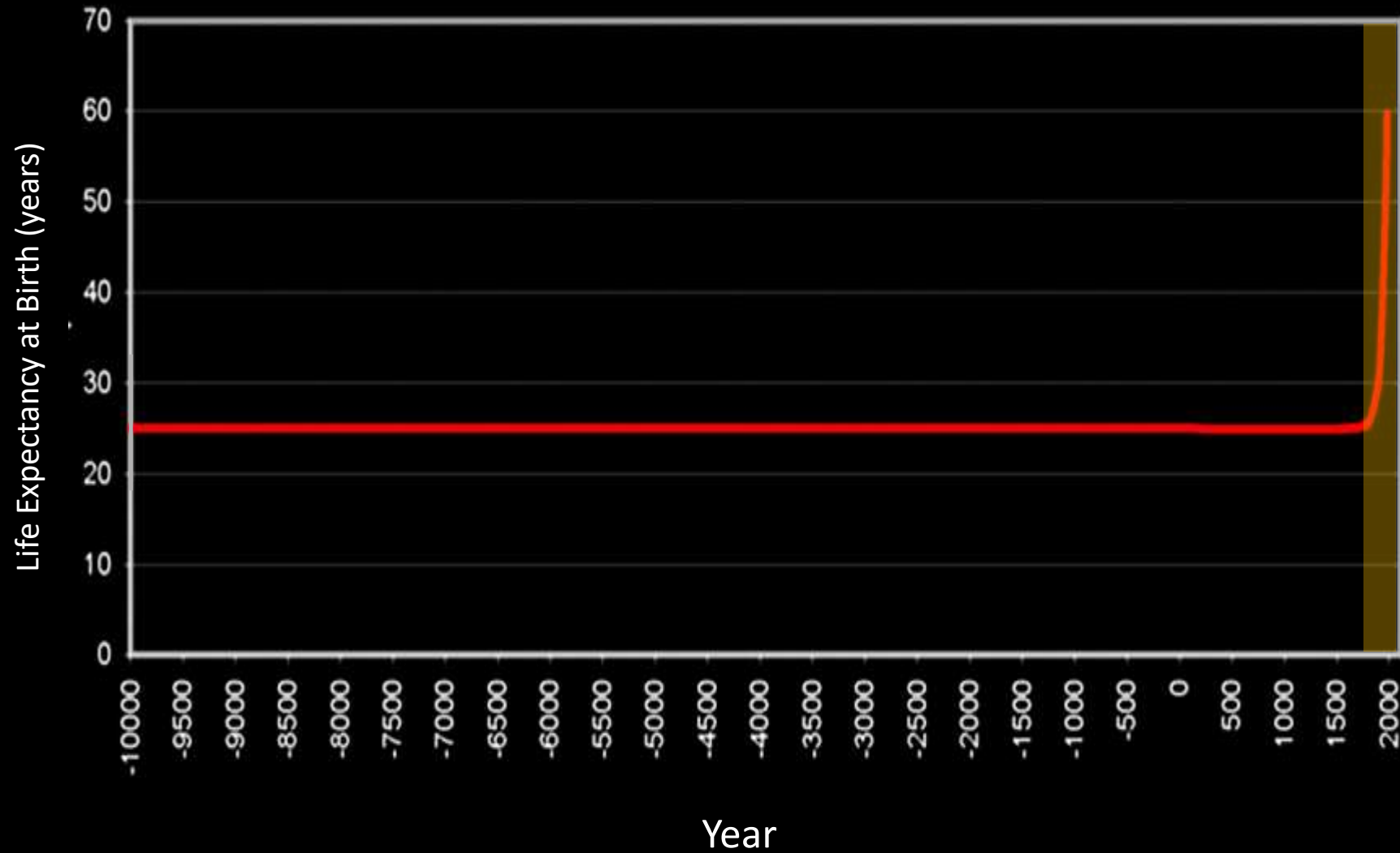
“...the skin never forgets...” Professor Albert Kligman





By age 50, African-descent ladies were perceived as >10yrs younger than their actual, chronological age.

Life expectancy, 10,000BCE - Present



Chronic sun damage and the perception of age, health and attractiveness

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Young and healthy-looking skin is a feature that is universally admired and considered attractive among humans. However, as we age, skin condition deteriorates due to a variety of intrinsic and extrinsic factors determined not only by genetics and physiological health but also by behaviour and lifestyle choice. As regards the latter, cumulative, repeated exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is linked intrinsically to the induction of specific types of skin cancer and the expression of cutaneous damage markers responsible for the majority of the visible signs of skin ageing. Here we review empirical evidence for skin-specific effects of chronic UVR exposure and relate it to perception of visible skin condition. In contrast to other dermatological accounts, we stress an evolutionary psychology context in understanding the significance of age-related changes in visible skin condition in human social cognition and interaction. We suggest that the “marriage” of the scientific fields of skin biology and evolutionary psychology provides a modern, powerful framework for investigating the causes, mechanisms and perception of chronic sun damage of skin, as it explains the human obsession with a youthful and healthy appearance. Hence, it may be that these insights bring true emotional impetus to the adoption of sun protection strategies, which could conceivably impact skin cancer rates in coming years.

“... the global cosmetic surgery market continues to expand at an astonishing rate, with projected growth from \$56 billion in 2022 to \$72 billion by 2029, at a compound annual growth rate of 4%, driven in no small way by longevity-potentiated photoageing...”

Do Sunscreens Work?

The ‘Nambour Study’ (Prof Adele Green): 1621 subjects in Nambour, Queensland, Australia randomly assigned to either a supplied daily SPF16 sunscreen (Intervention), or continued with their own regime (Control), for four years (1992 – 1996).

Prolonged Prevention of Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Skin by Regular Sunscreen Use

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Reduced Melanoma After Regular Sunscreen Use: Randomized Trial Follow-Up

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Sunscreen and Prevention of Skin Aging: A Randomized Trial

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Background: Sunscreen use and dietary antioxidants are advocated as preventives of skin aging, but supporting evidence is lacking.

Objective: To determine whether regular use of sunscreen compared with discretionary use or β -carotene supplements compared with placebo retard skin aging, measured by degree of photoaging.

Design: Randomized, controlled, community-based intervention. (Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry: ACTRN12610000086066).

Setting: Nambour, Australia (latitude 26° S).

Patients: 903 adults younger than 55 years out of 1621 adults randomly selected from a community register.

Intervention: Random assignment into 4 groups: daily use of broad-spectrum sunscreen and 30 mg of β -carotene, daily use of sunscreen and placebo, discretionary use of sunscreen and 30 mg of β -carotene, and discretionary use of sunscreen and placebo.

Measurements: Change in microtopography between 1992 and 1996 in the sunscreen and β -carotene groups compared with controls, graded by assessors blinded to treatment allocation.

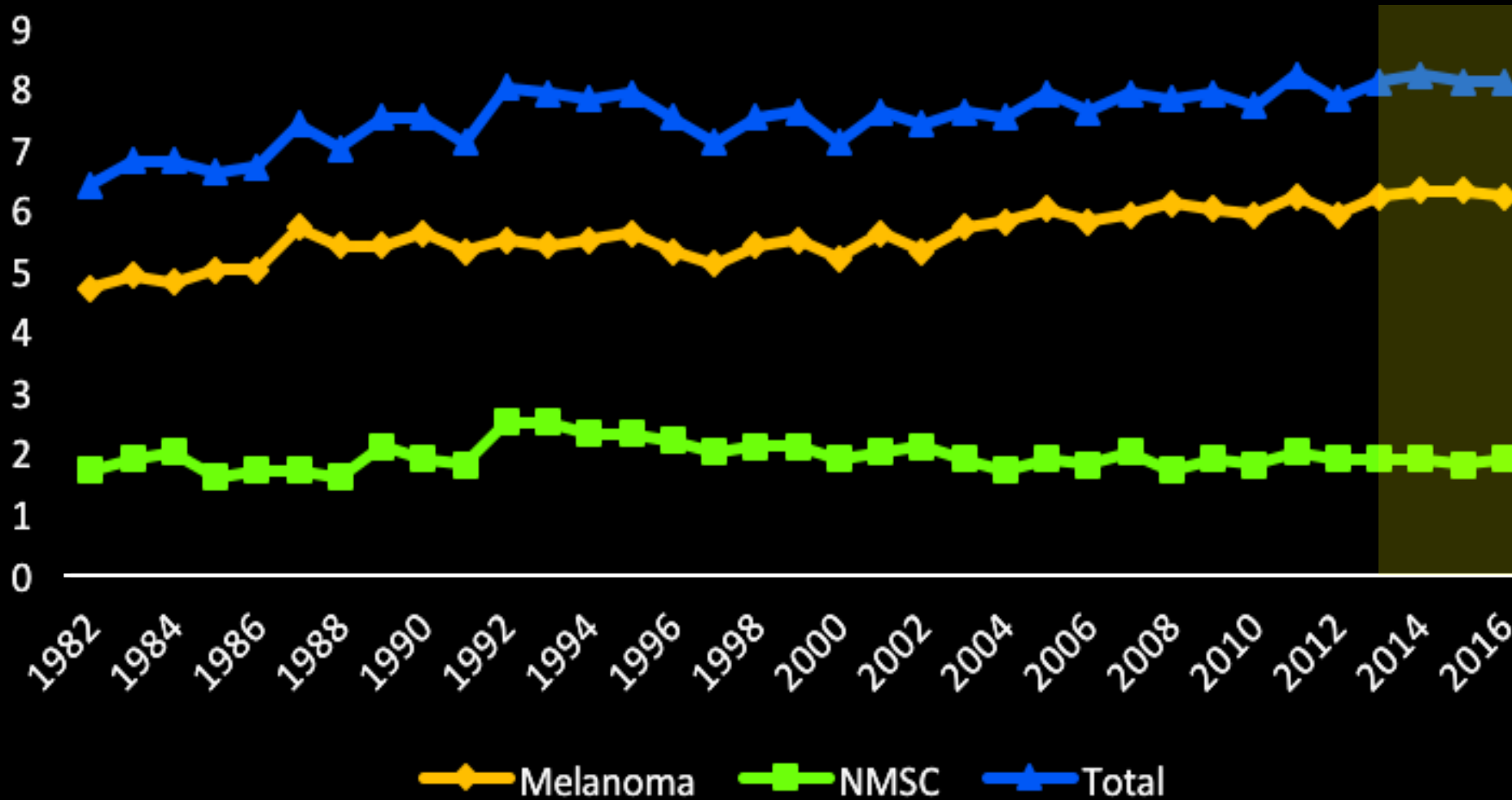
Results: The daily sunscreen group showed no detectable increase in skin aging after 4.5 years. Skin aging from baseline to the end of the trial was 24% less in the daily sunscreen group than in the discretionary sunscreen group (relative odds, 0.76 [95% CI, 0.59 to 0.98]). β -Carotene supplementation had no overall effect on skin aging, although contrasting associations were seen in subgroups with different severity of aging at baseline.

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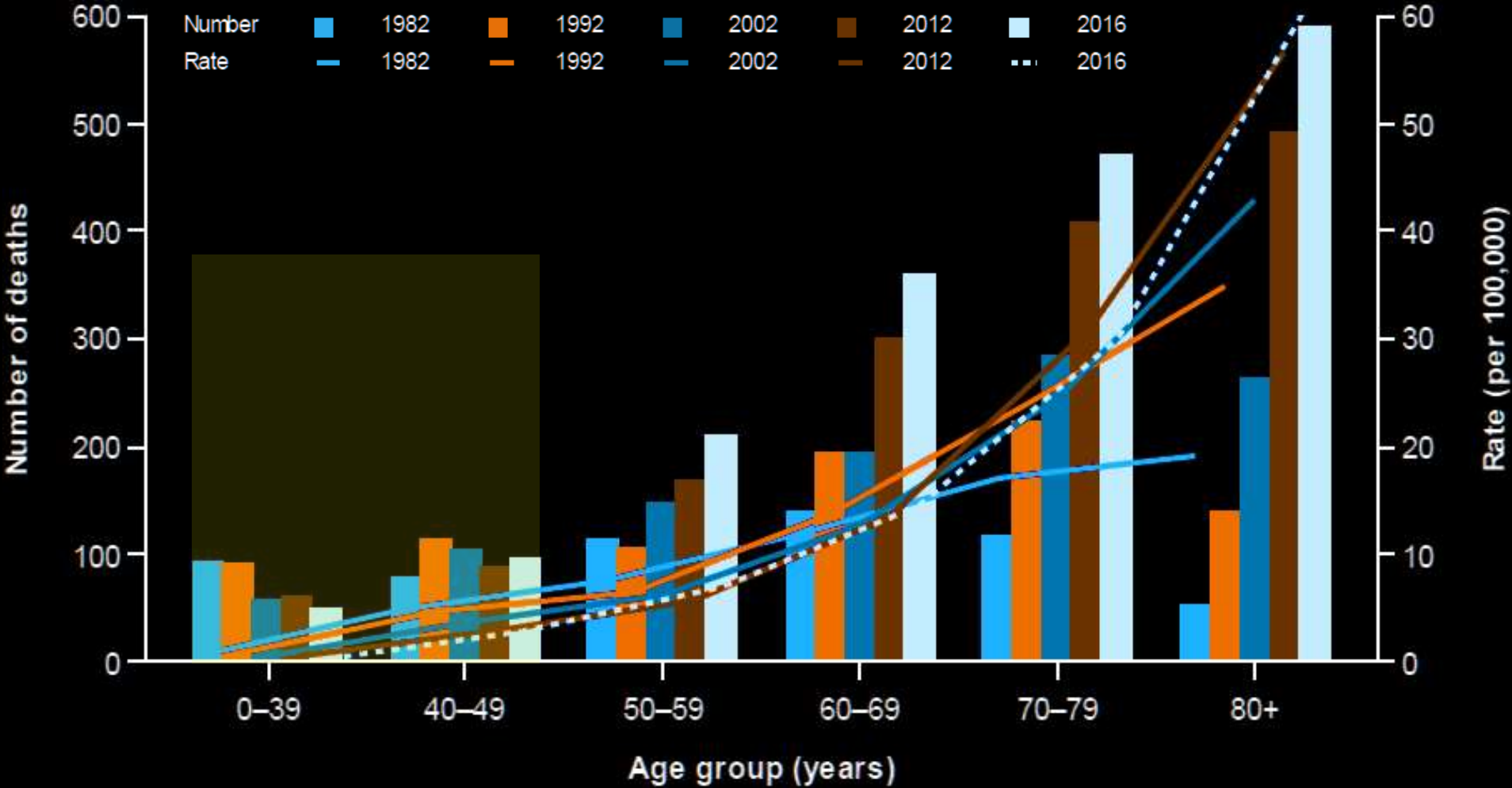
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Australia – mortality rates for melanoma and NMSC (per 100,000), all ages, 1982 - 2016

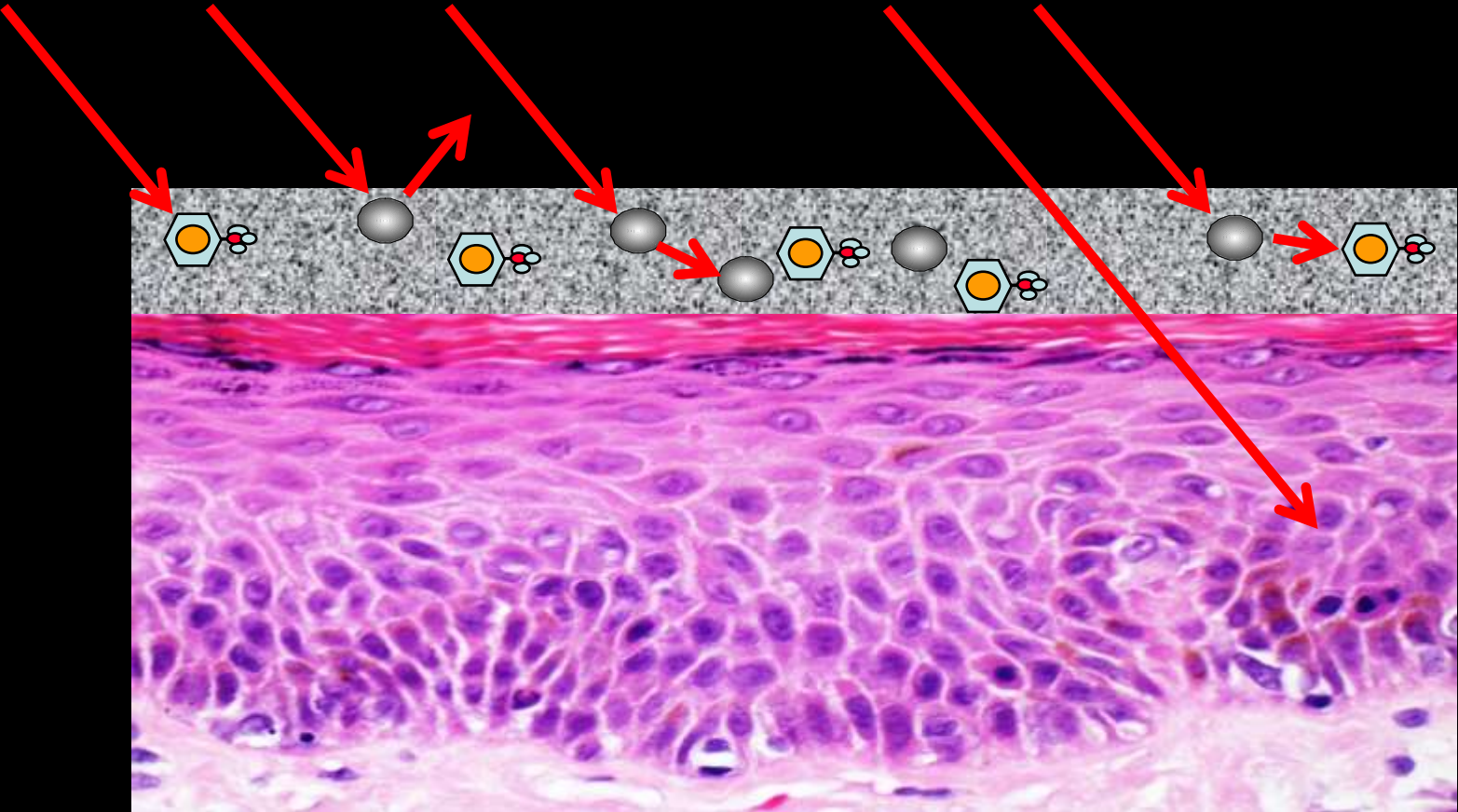


Mortality rate (per 100,000) and deaths for melanoma, by age group, 1982 - 2016



How Do Sunscreens Work?

How UVR filters work – reducing the flux (and cumulative dose) of UVR photons to the skin



“Organic” chemistry
(solubilised)



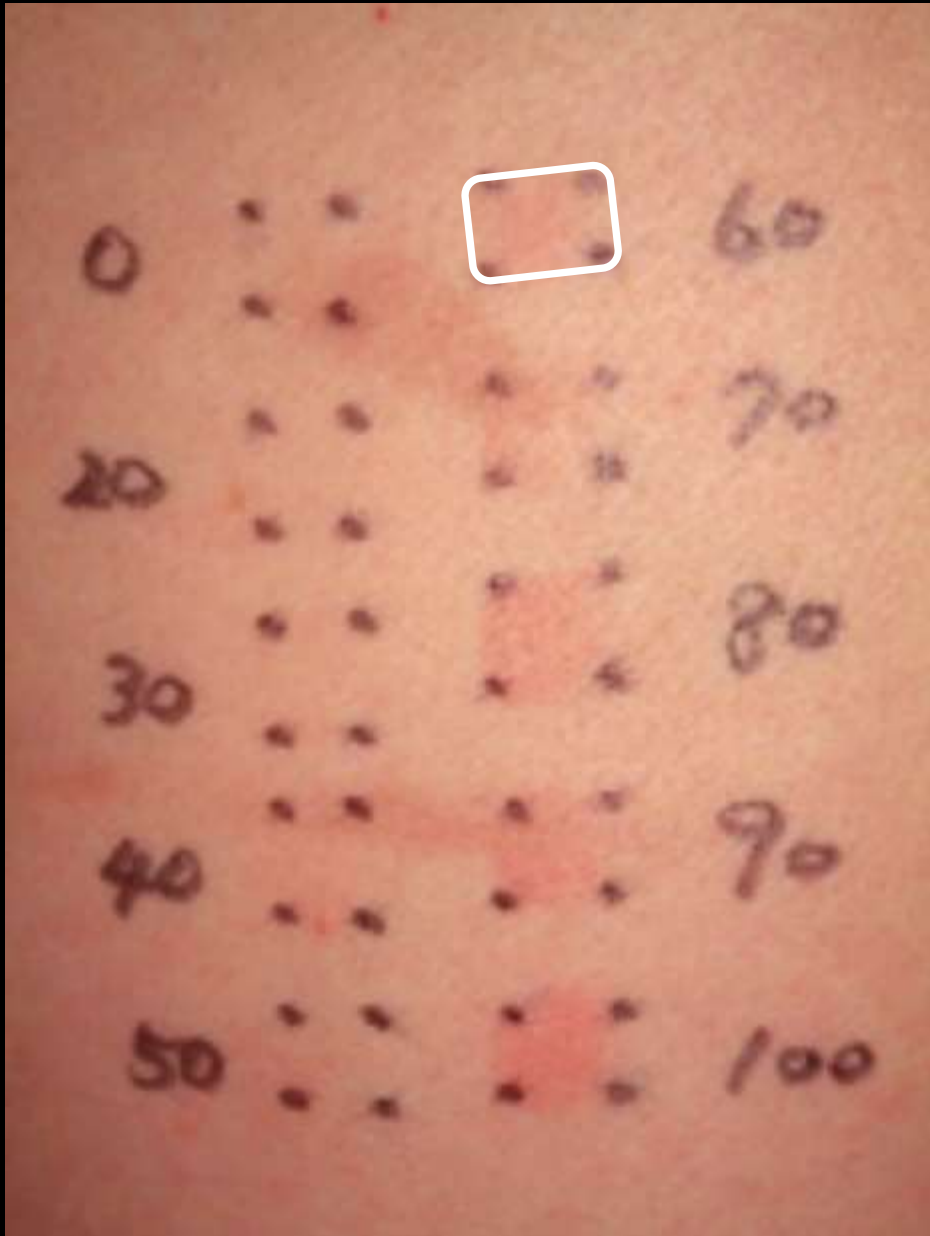
“Inorganic”
(particulate)

How Are Sunscreens Tested?

UVR delivered by a xenon source, “solar simulator”



**Sun
Protection
Factor
SPF**



“Minimum Erythematol Dose”

(MED; UVR dose required to produce barely-perceptible skin reddening 24h after UV exposure)

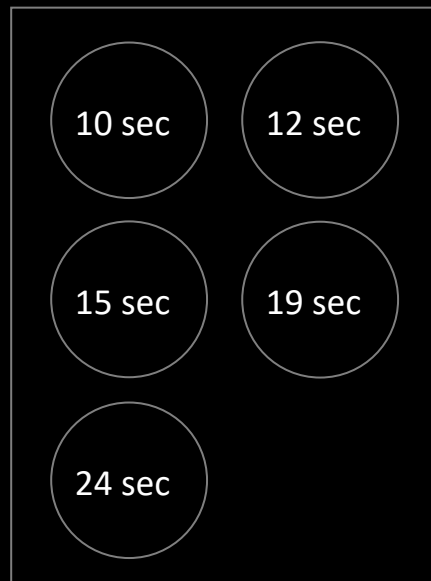
Sunscreen applied and spread at a standard dose (2mg / cm²)





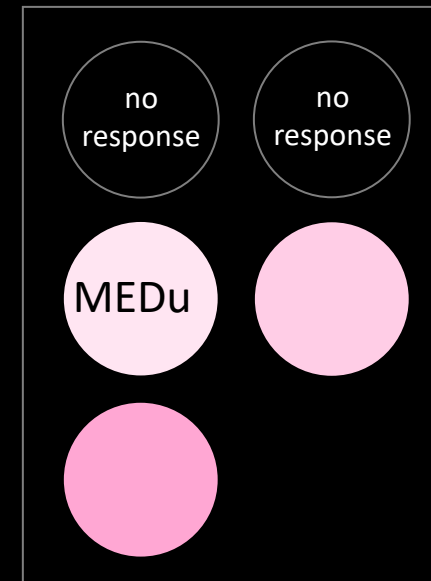
SPF Testing

Untreated site



Increasing doses of UV

24hr after UV exposure



MEDu = 15sec

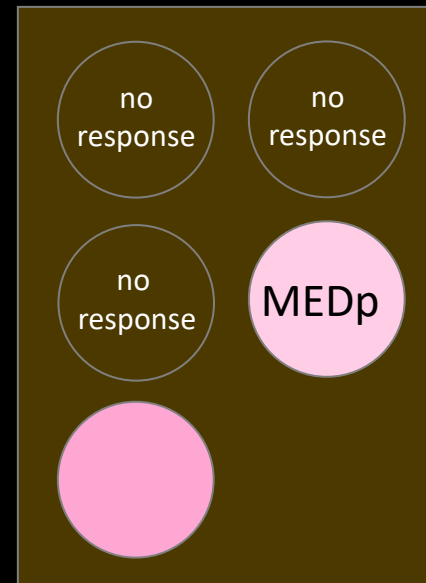


Sunscreen-treated site



Increasing doses of UV

24hr after UV exposure



MEDp = 285 sec

$$\text{SPF} = \frac{\text{MED}_{\text{protected}}}{\text{MED}_{\text{unprotected}}}$$

$$\text{SPF} = \frac{285}{15} = \mathbf{19}$$



The COLIPA SPF Test Method

1994

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INTERNATIONAL SUN PROTECTION FACTOR (SPF) TEST METHOD



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The COLIPA *in vitro* UVA method: a standard and reproducible measure of sunscreen UVA protection

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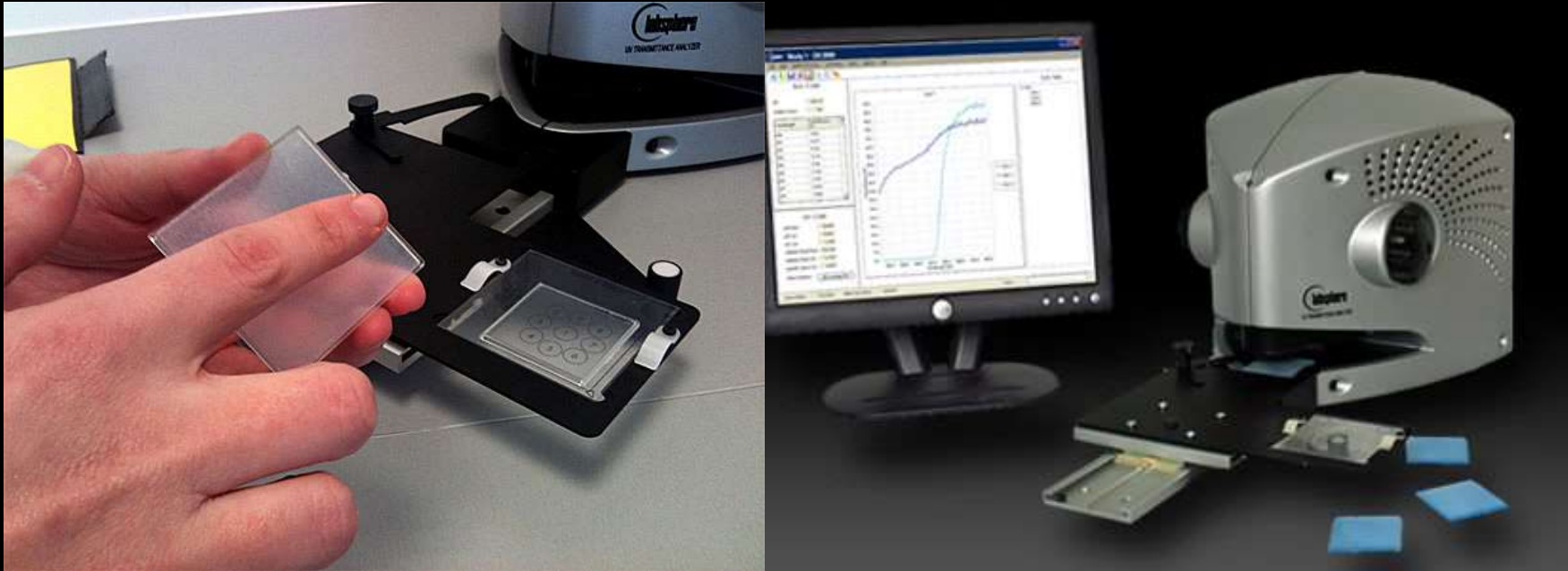
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Determination of sunscreen UVA photoprotection *in vitro*

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UVA Protection Factor UVA-PF



Human skin is replaced with a UVR-transparent, textured polymethacrylate plate; UVR transmission is measured using substrate spectrophotometry.

How Are Sunscreens Labelled (in the UK)?

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European harmonised labelling system

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MINIMUM



MODERATE



GOOD



SUPERIOR



ULTRA

UK Boots 'Star System'

What does all this mean for me?



We do not have to fear / avoid the sun... but we do need to manage our exposure to it...

Cancer Council of Australia national **SunSmart** program

Slip	Slop	Slap	Seek	Slide
				
Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer				



Skcin – UK's leading skin cancer charity



Marie Tudor, Skcin CEO



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Myth busting

- **The “healthy tan”.** There is no such thing. Tanning is only a defense response to DNA damage *already* in your skin.
- **An SPF15 is an SPF15 – right?** No – the SPF test is performed at a relatively high application rate and, unless you likewise apply generously, you will achieve a *significantly lower protection factor*.
- **Water reflects UVR.** No – but snow and other light surfaces do (approx. 90%). However... water can *transmit* UVR down to approximately 2 metres.

Myth busting

- **Daily Sun-Block.** Not necessary (unless you have a photosensitive medical condition). However, a moisturiser (or foundation, etc.) with e.g., SPF15 protection may be a wise choice to manage incidental outdoor sun exposure between May and September.
- **Sun protection will stop Vitamin D production.** Untrue – peer-reviewed published research shows that relatively little UVR is needed for natural vitamin D synthesis... and that use of sunscreen does not disrupt this process.

Myth busting

- **'A' is for 'Ageing', 'B' is for 'Burning'.** **Untrue** – 'UVB' and 'UVA' are technical terms derived from experiments in the 1930's. Both UVB and UVA can drive erythema and photoageing.
- **Darker skin does not need sun protection.** **Untrue** – while cancer rates are lower and photoageing is less in darker skin, there is still significant cumulative risk.
- **Sunscreens cause skin cancer.** **Patent nonsense** – there is *no* evidence that this is true.

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