

INVESTIGATING WATER RADIOLYSIS WITH MONTE CARLO ALGORITHMS FOR FLASH DELIVERY OF PROTON MINI- AND MICRO-BEAMS

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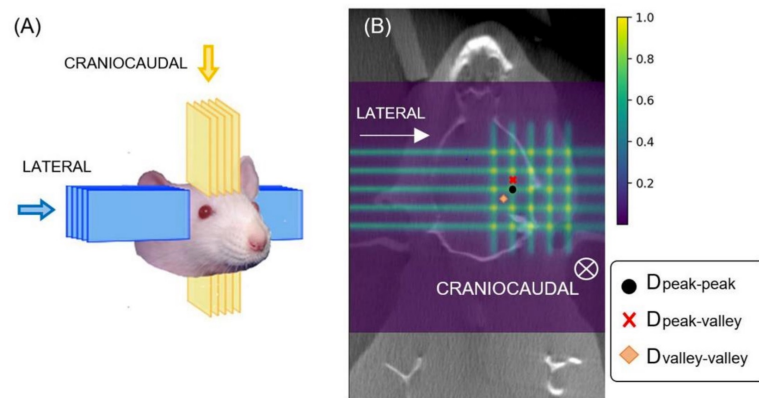


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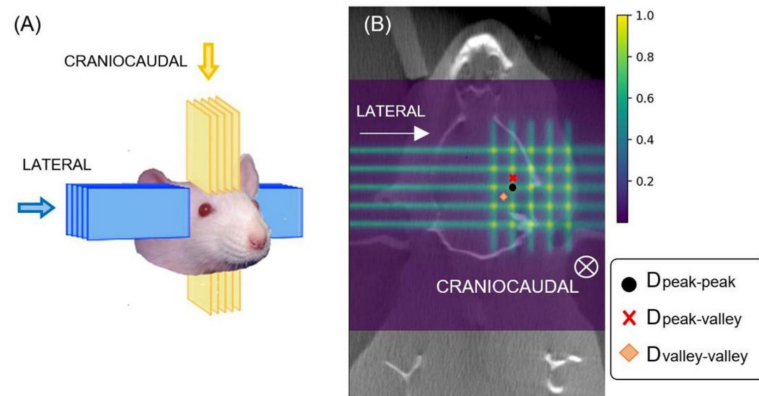
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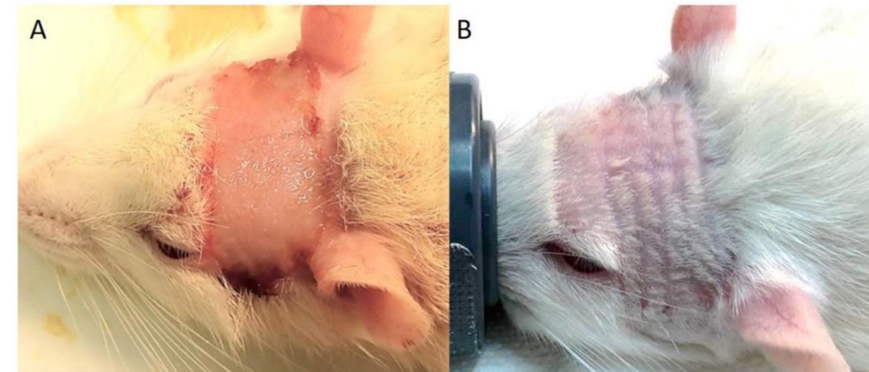
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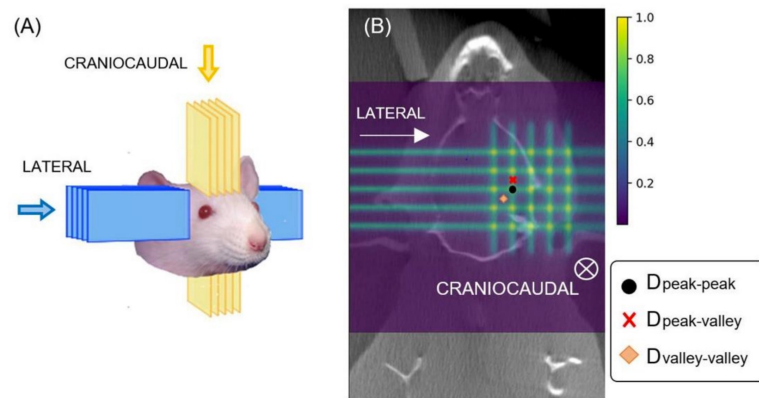


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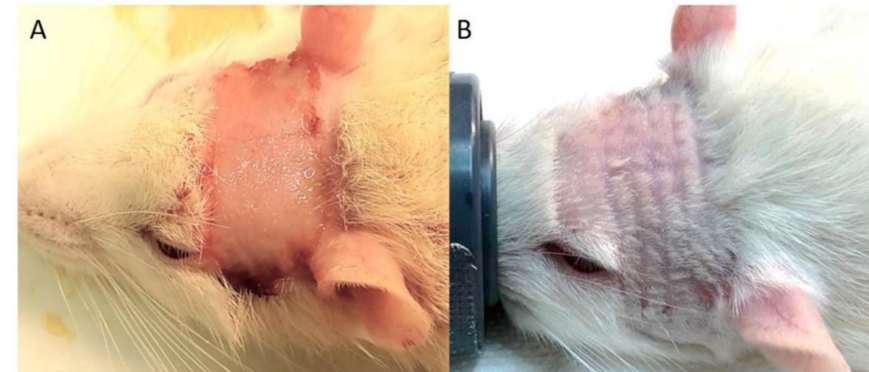
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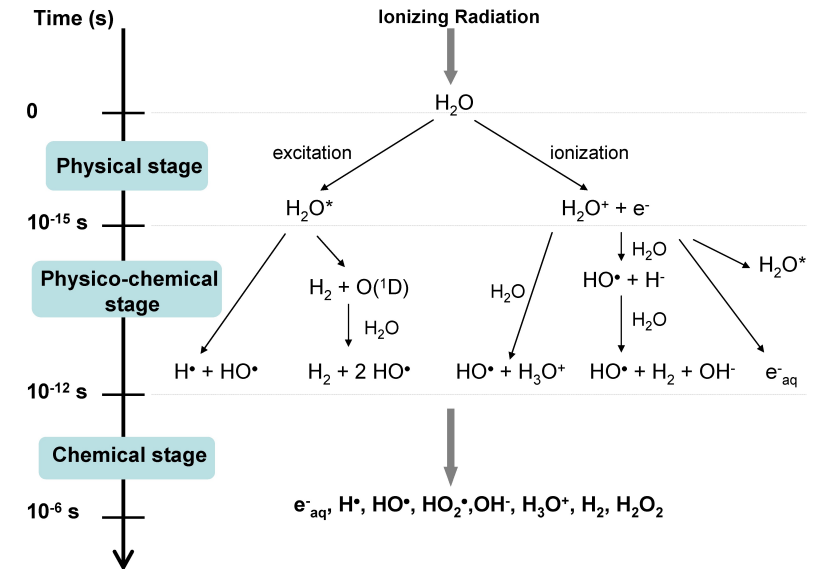


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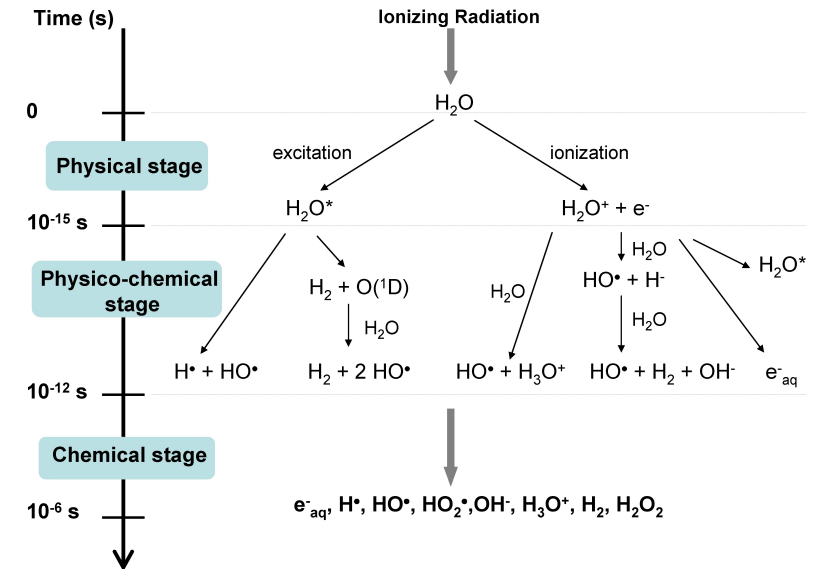
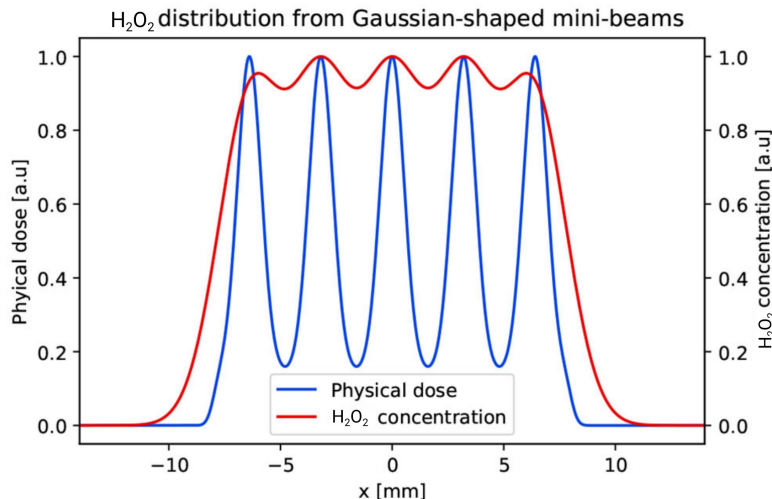


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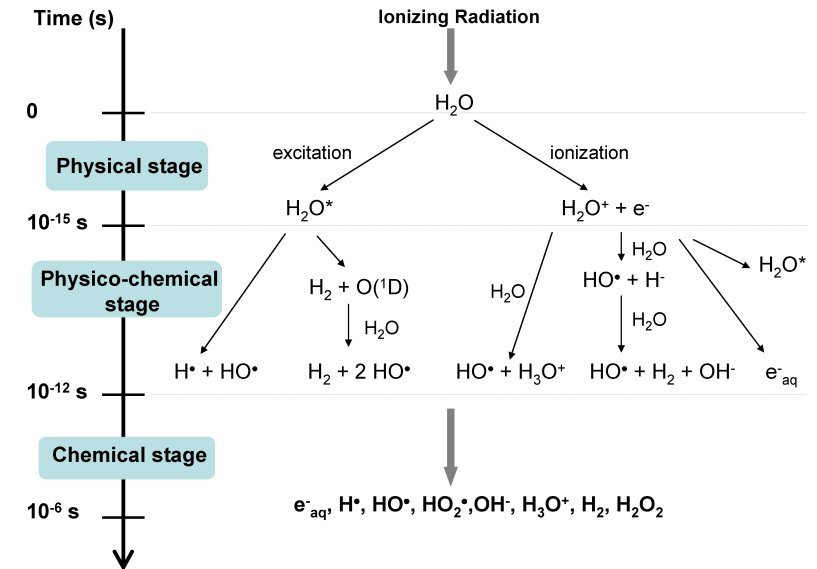
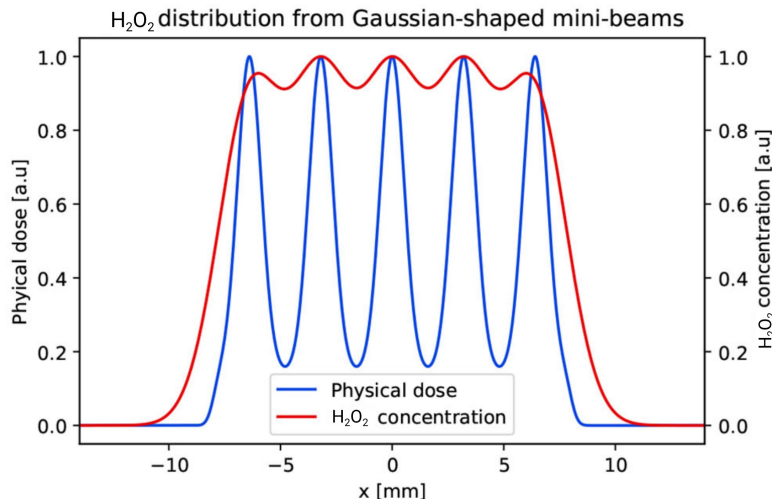


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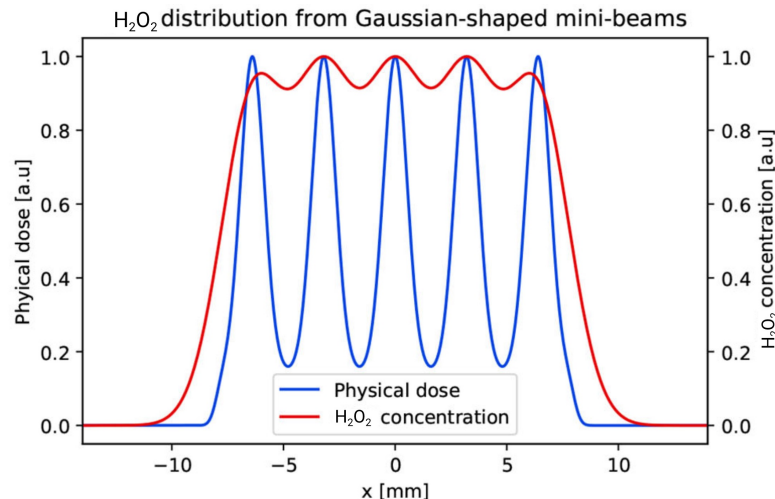
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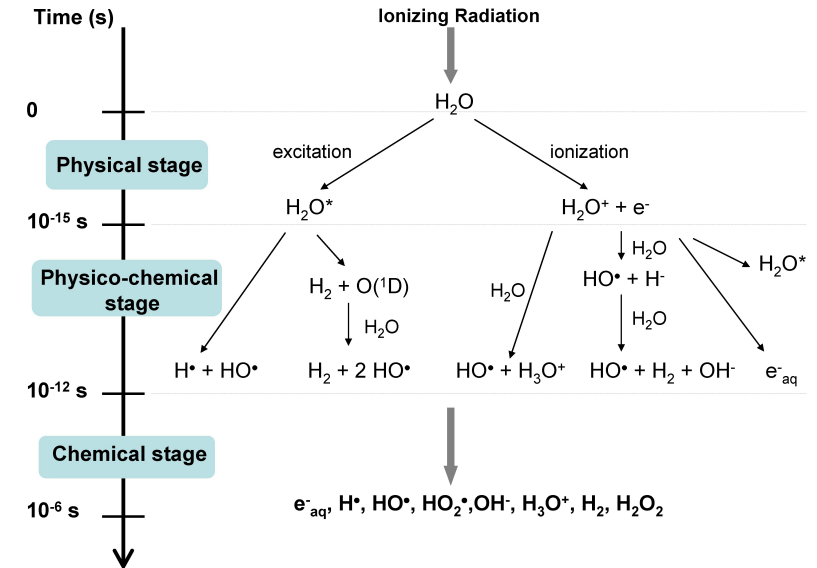
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- Tumor coverage time comparison with animal experiments



$$\hat{t} = \begin{cases} 2120 \pm 240 \text{ s} & \text{for Prezado et al. [8]} \\ 13.9 \pm 1.5 \text{ s} & \text{for Dombrowsky et al. [6]} \\ 3.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ s} & \text{for 200* in Regnard et al. [9]} \\ 0.70 \pm 0.08 \text{ s} & \text{for 100LR in Regnard et al. [9]} \end{cases}$$

$$t_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} 2100 \text{ s} & \text{for Prezado et al. [8]} \\ 300 \text{ s} & \text{for Dombrowsky et al. [6]} \\ 1 \text{ s} & \text{for Regnard et al. [9]} \end{cases}$$



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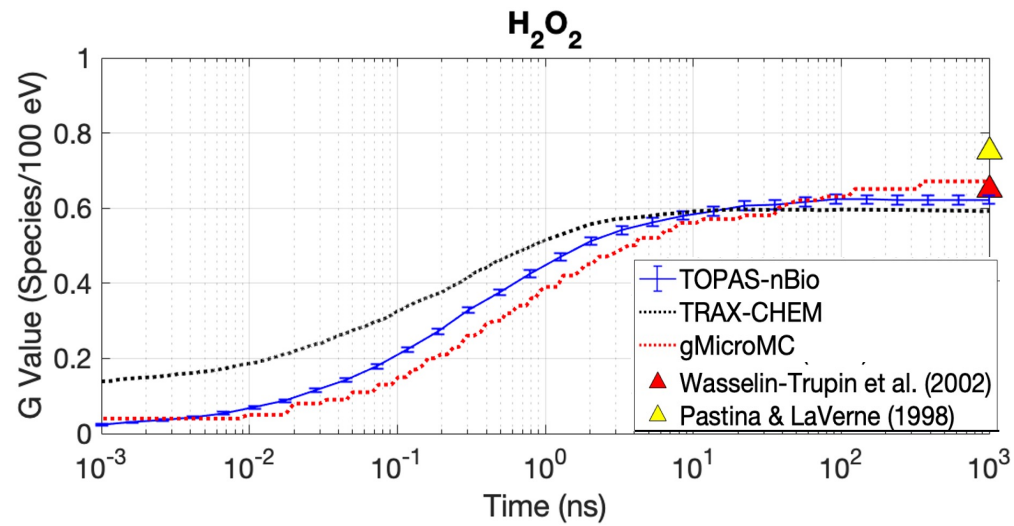


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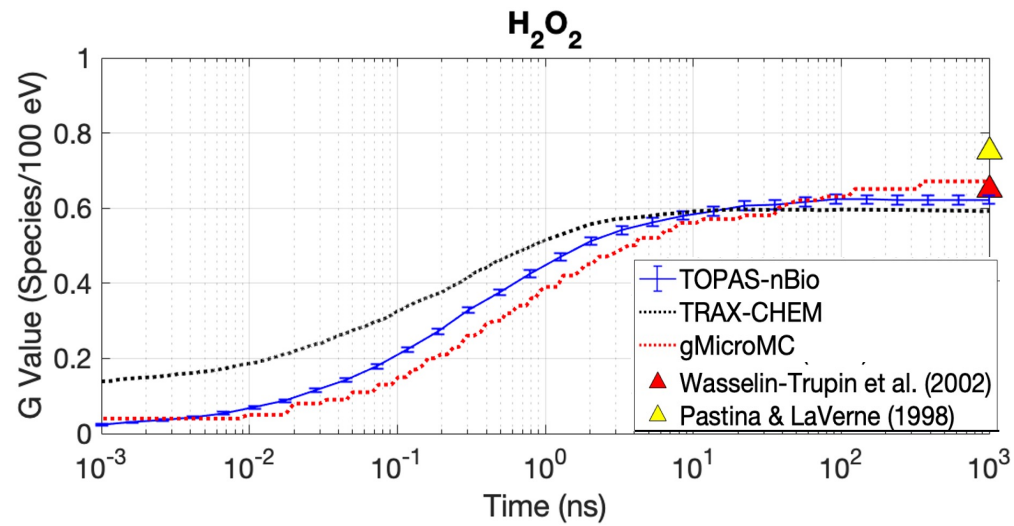
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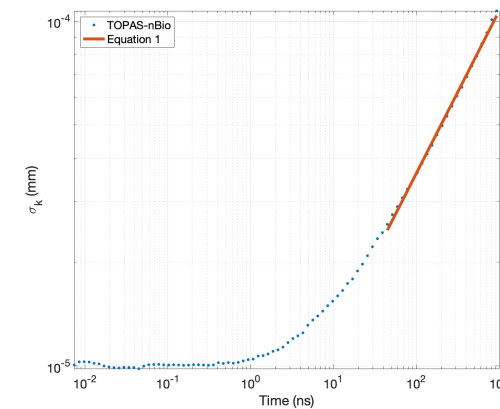
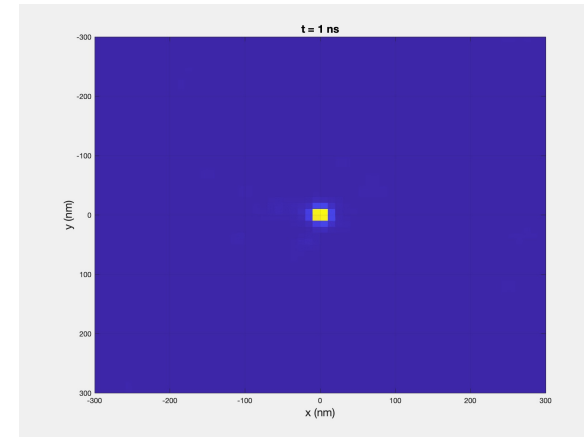
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- pTuple: H_2O_2 Diffusion



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 - Oxygen concentration

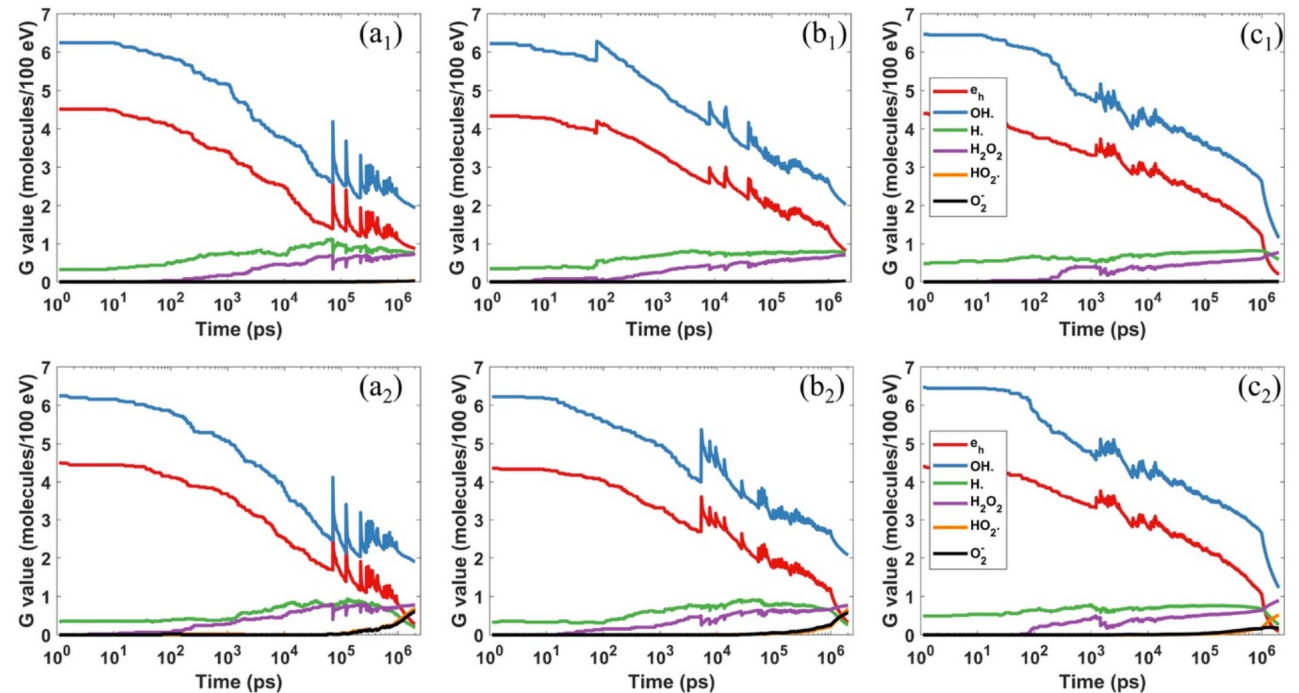


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Future Work and Outlook

- Train on gMicroMC, Geant4 & TOPAS-nBio
- Tracking of H_2O_2 under different conditions:
 - Dose rates
 - Oxygen conditions
 - Primaries
 - Beam energies

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