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# **A Computational Model for Radiotherapy Studies with Proton and Carbon ion Mini- Beams**

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# OBJECTIVES

**Study of TOPAS and TOPAS-nBIO**

**Study of the effects of the radiation in the cells**

**Study of the radiolysis products**

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# INDEX



➤ **Mini-Beams radiotherapy**

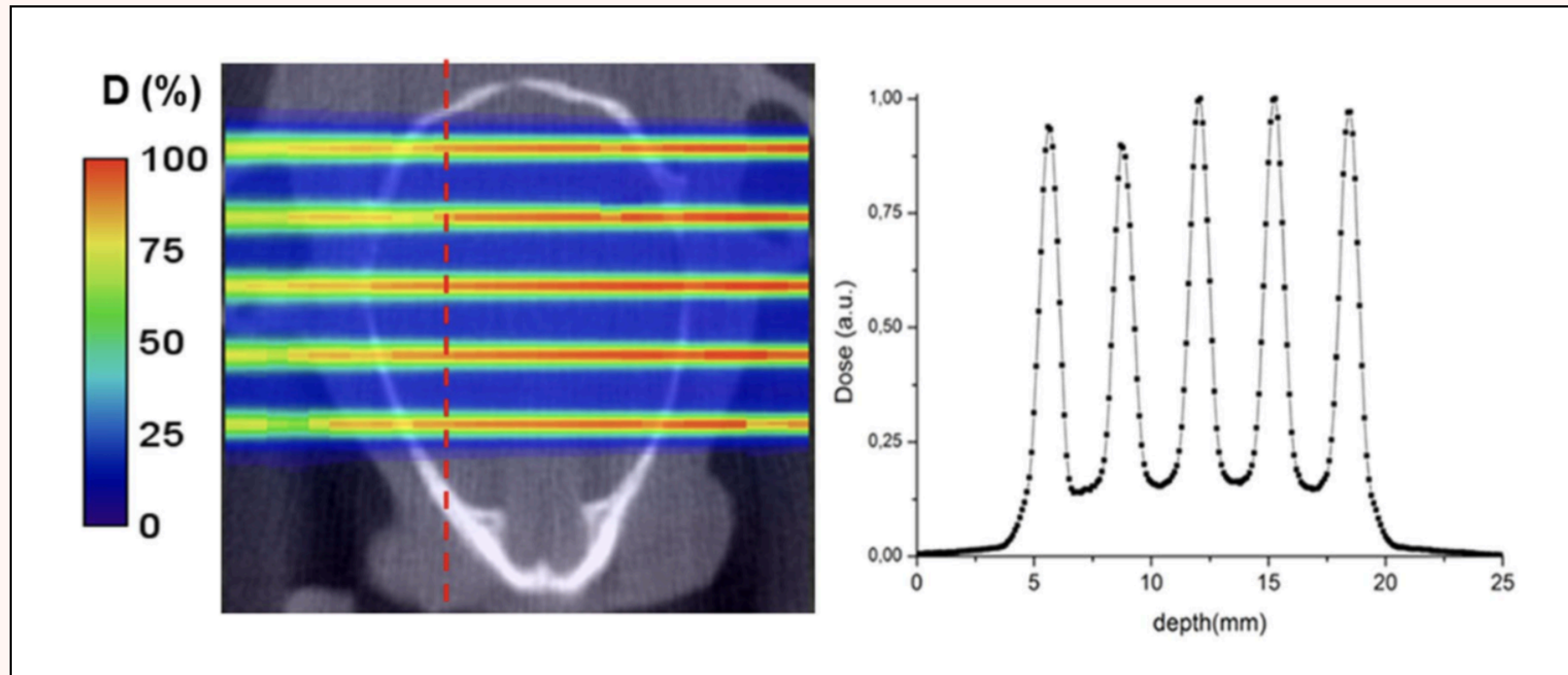
➤ **Results: Water Radiolysis Studies**

➤ **TOPAS Calibration**

➤ **Water Radiolysis products behavior analysis**

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# MINI-BEAMS





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# STUDIES OF WATER RADIOLYSIS

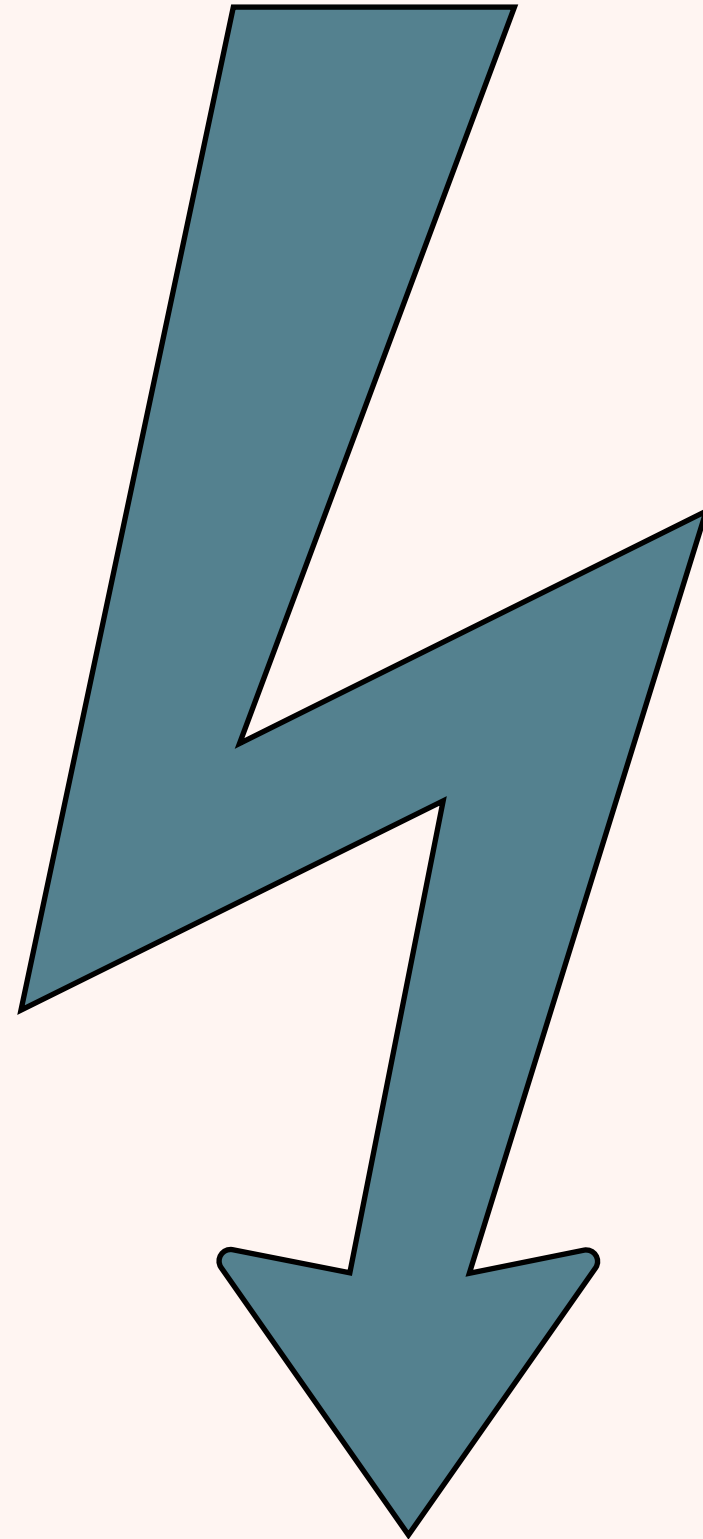
➤ **Dose Calibration: using TOPAS**

➤ **Water Radiolysis products behavior analysis: using TOPAS-nBio**



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# BEAM USED

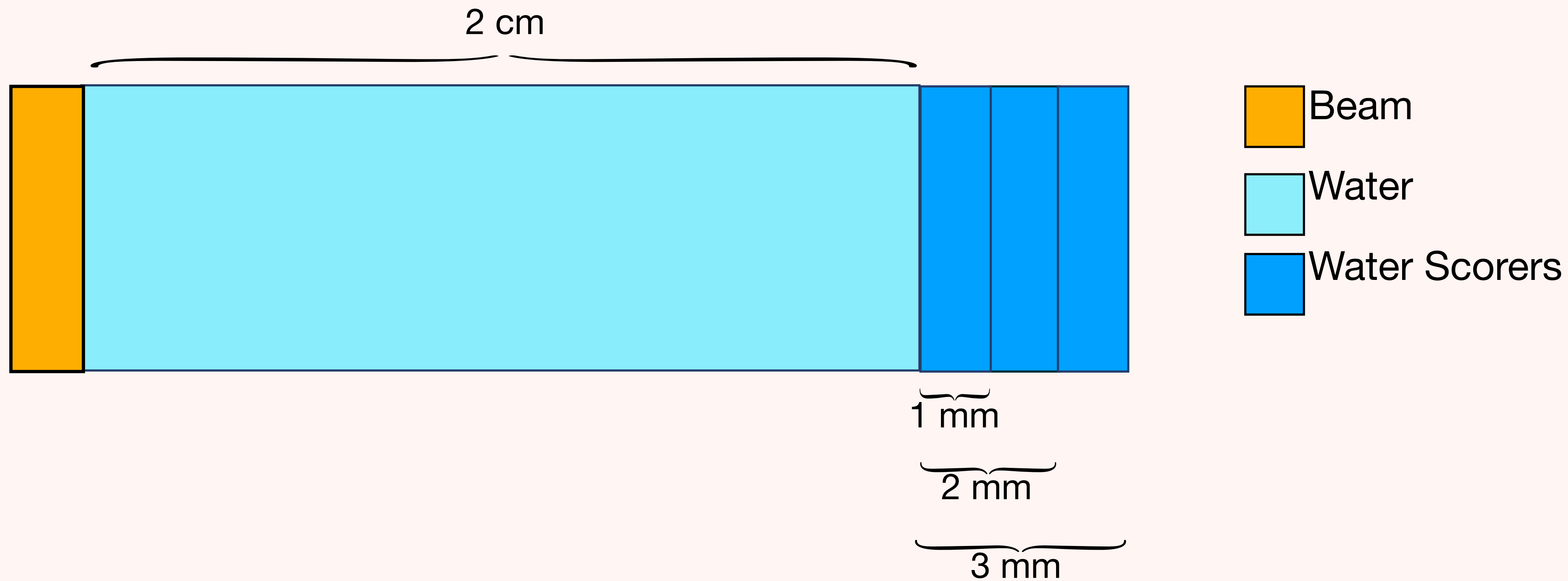


➤ **Proton Beam: 92 MeV**

➤ **Carbon Ion Beam: 278 MeV**

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# DOSE CALIBRATION



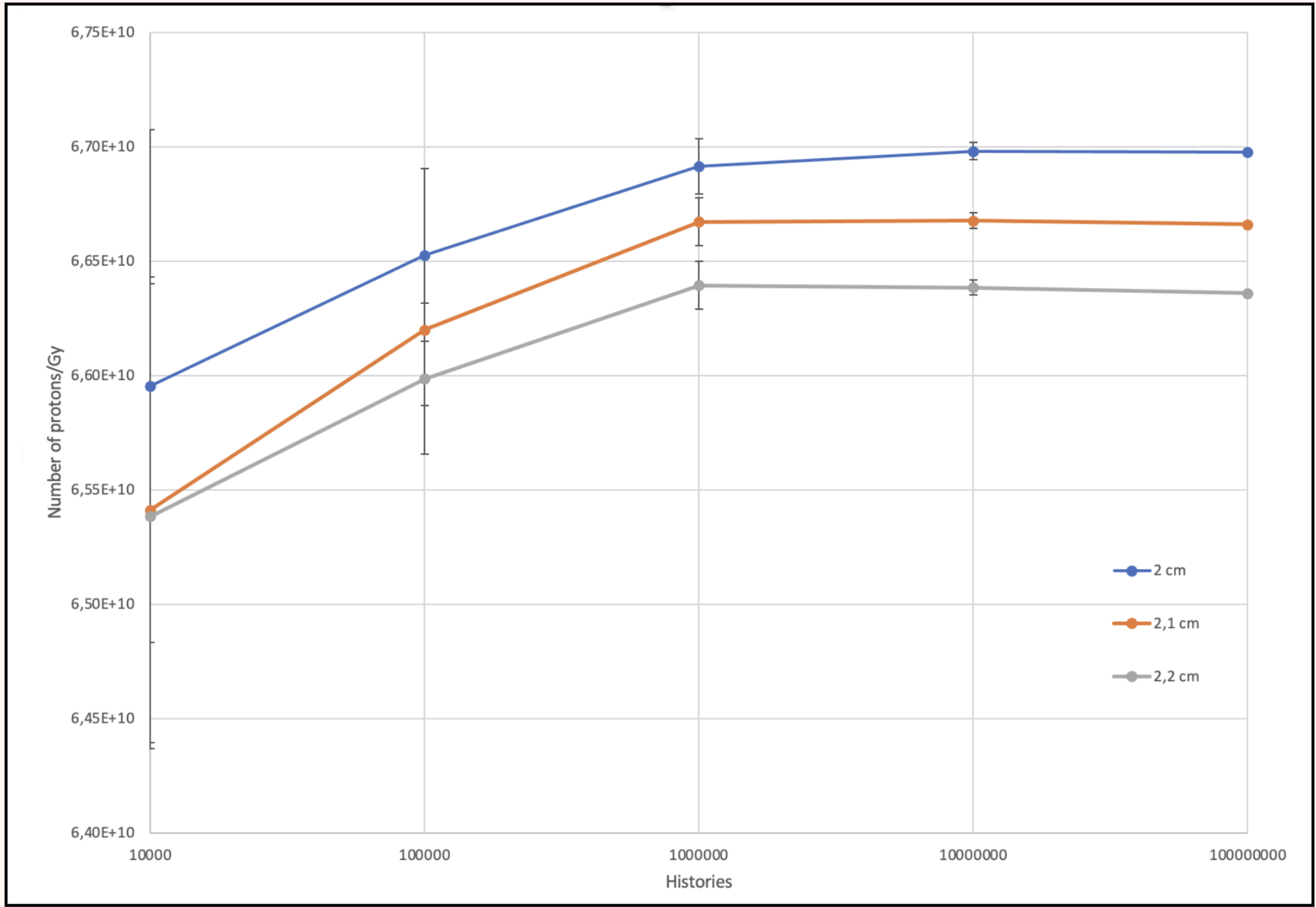


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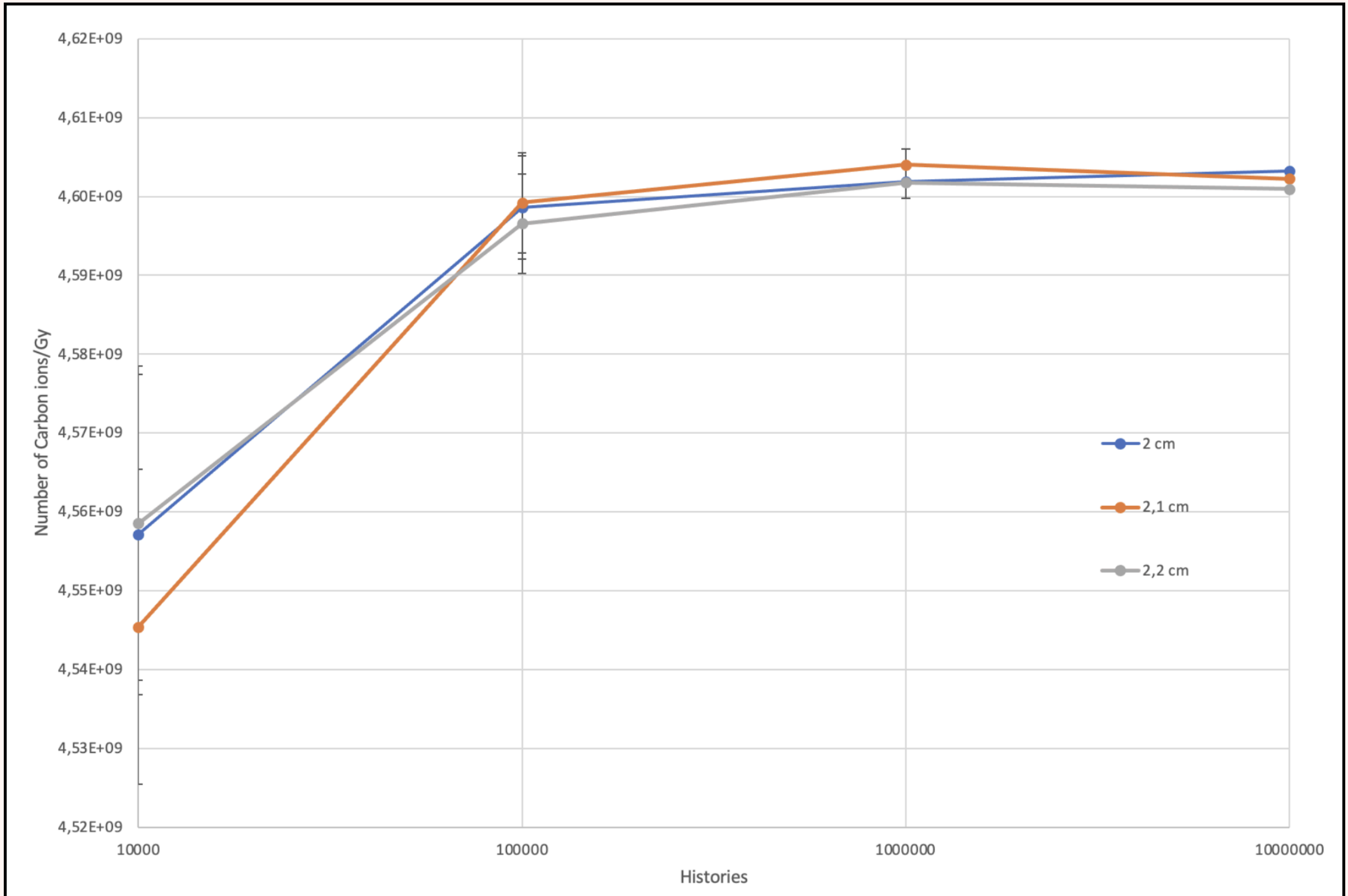
# DOSE CALIBRATION

- **The purpose is to obtain the number of particles of a certain energy necessary to delivery a certain dose in TOPAS.**
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# DOSE CALIBRATION



Proton Beam



Carbon Ion Beam

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# WATER RADIOLYSIS PRODUCTS BEHAVIOR ANALYSES

- **The main goal of this work was to study the effects of radiation in the cells in order to better understand the processes underlying mini-beams.**
  - **Two different studies:**
    - **G-value temporal evolution**
    - **Diffusion of  $H_2O_2$**
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➤ **Chemical list used:**  
**“TsEmDNAChemistryExtended”**

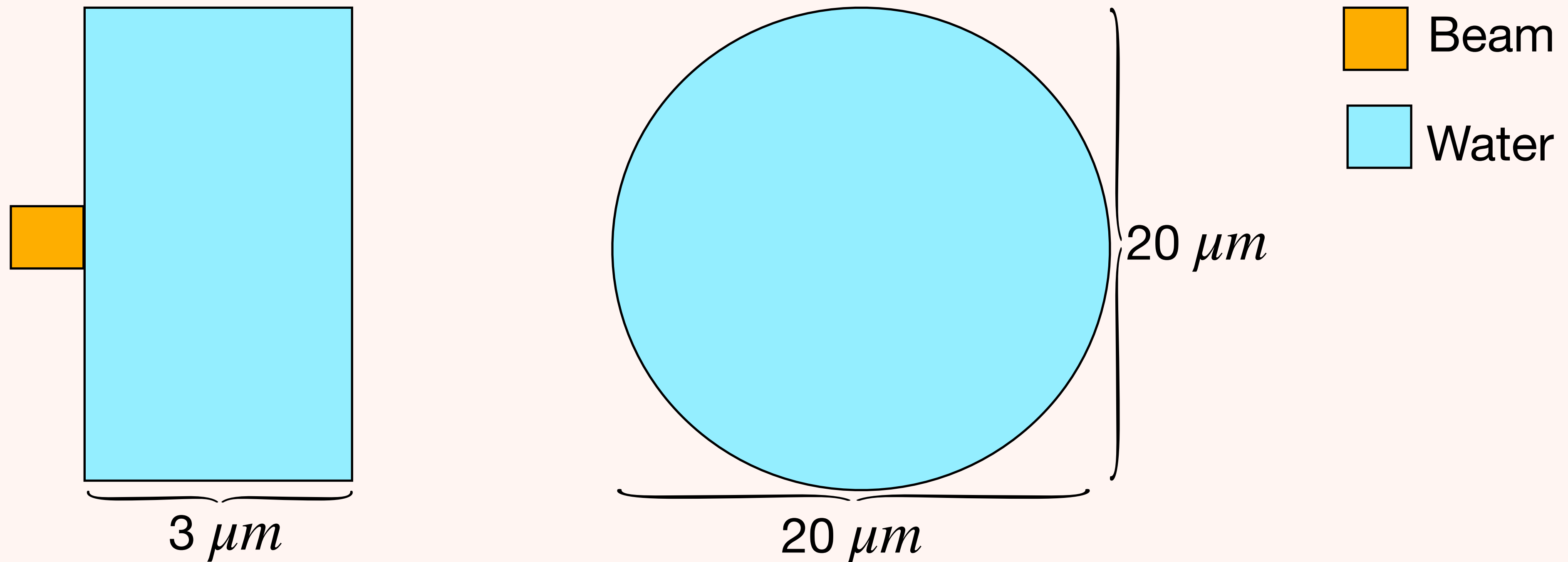
➤ **Simulation done using a system of Seeds:**

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_i^n \frac{Y_i}{(\Delta Y_i)^2}}{\sum_i^n \frac{1}{(\Delta Y_i)^2}} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_i^n \frac{1}{(\Delta Y_i)^2}}}$$

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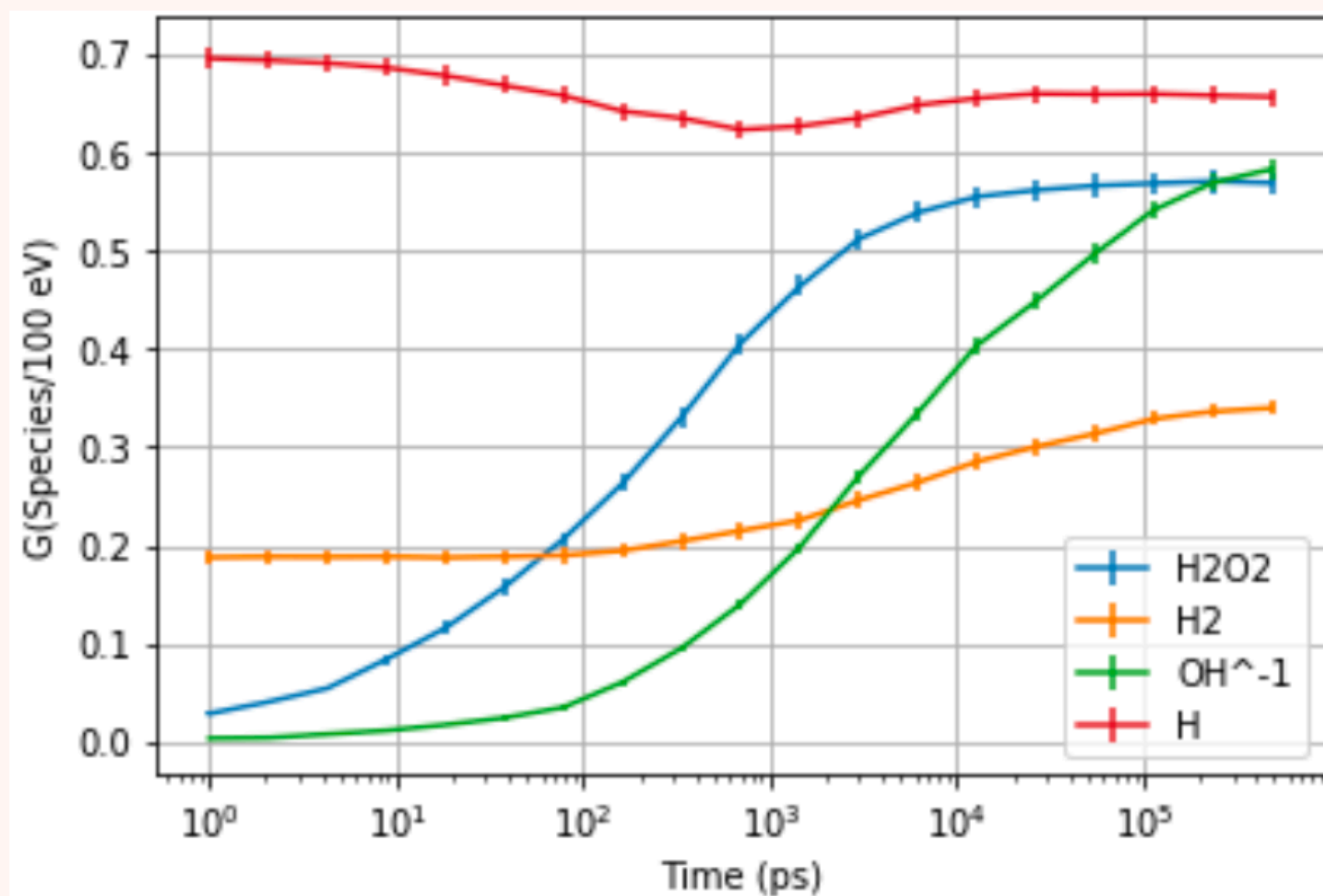
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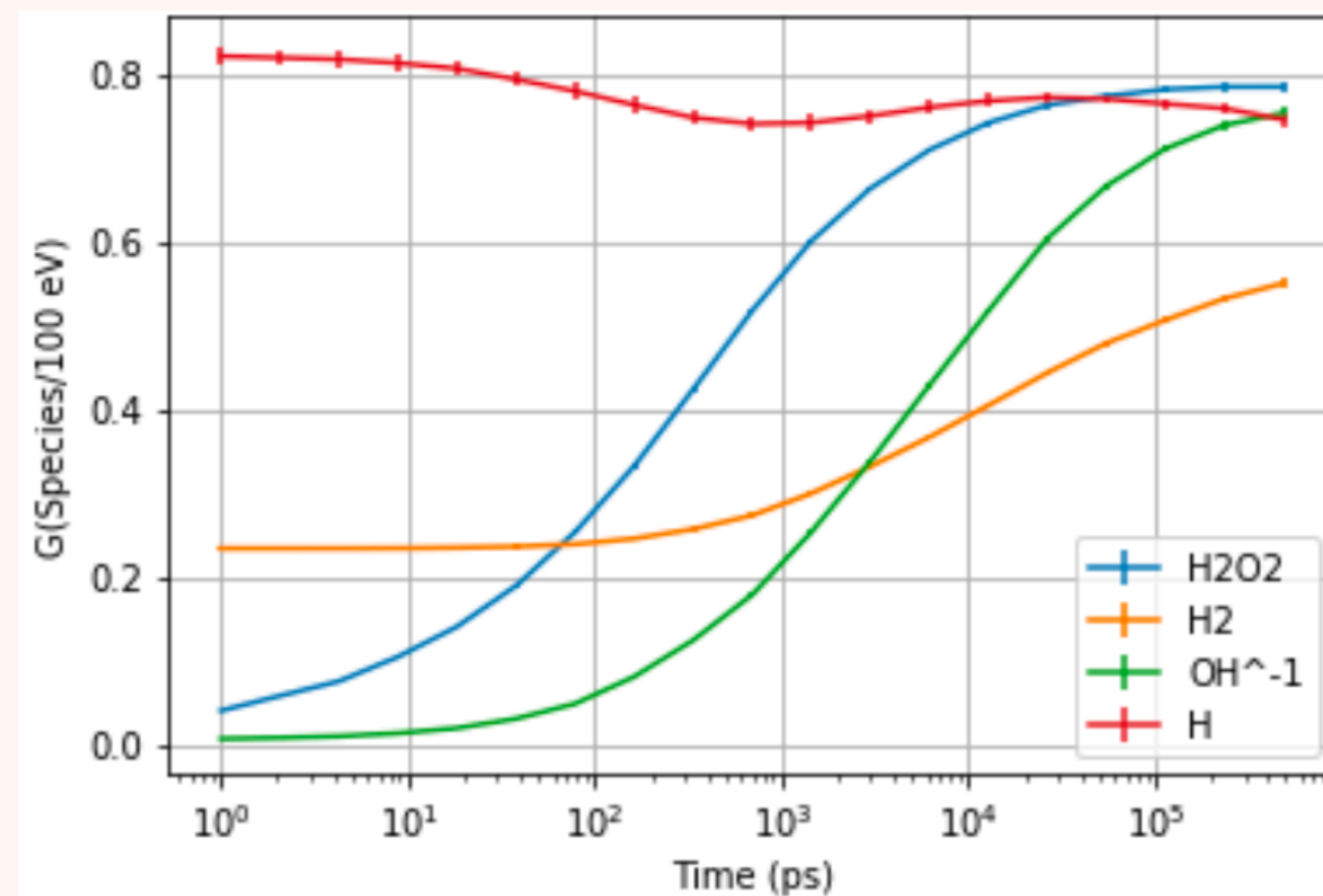


# WATER RADIOLYSIS PRODUCTS BEHAVIOR ANALYSES

## ➤ G-value Evolution:



Proton Beam

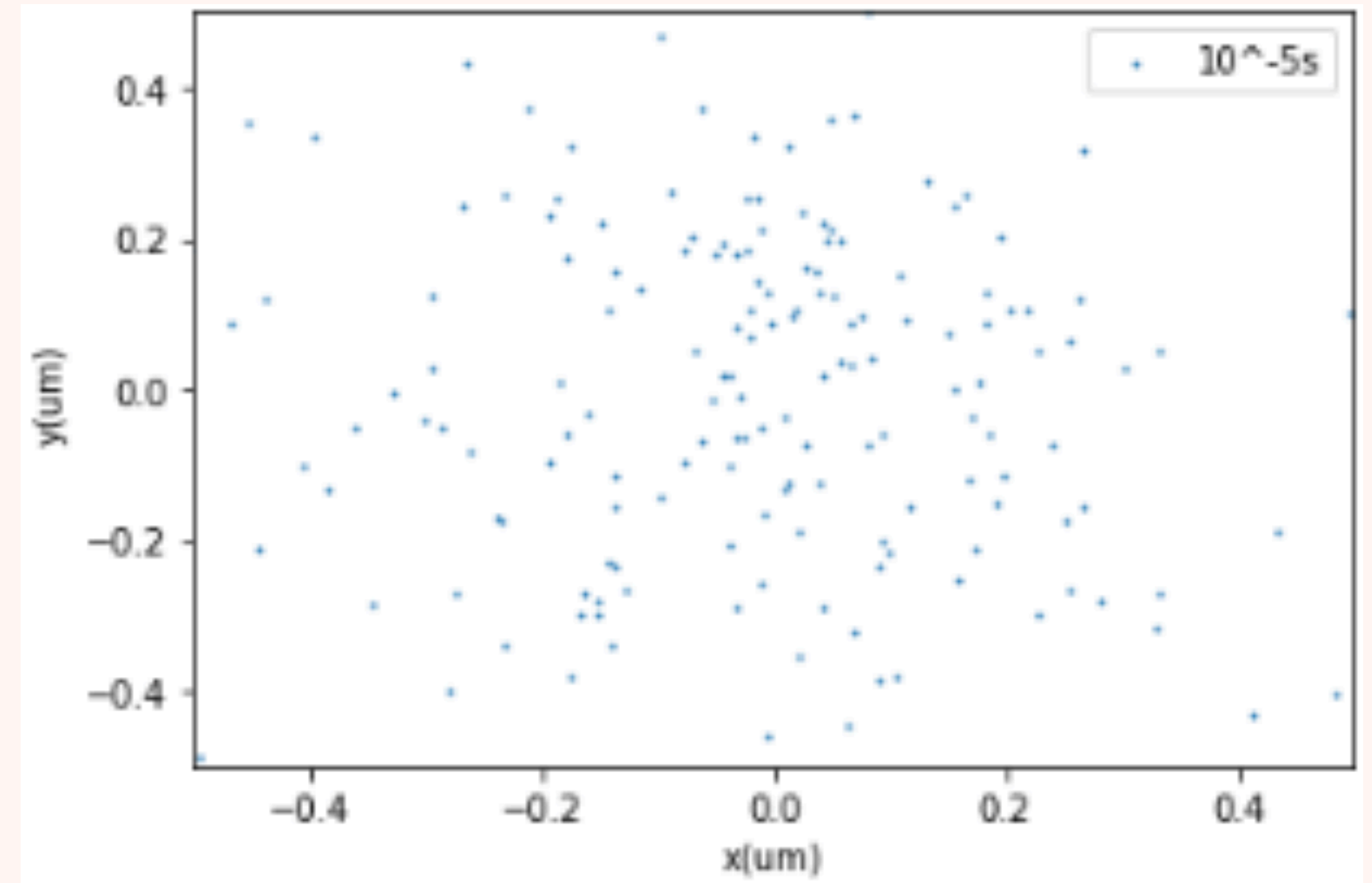
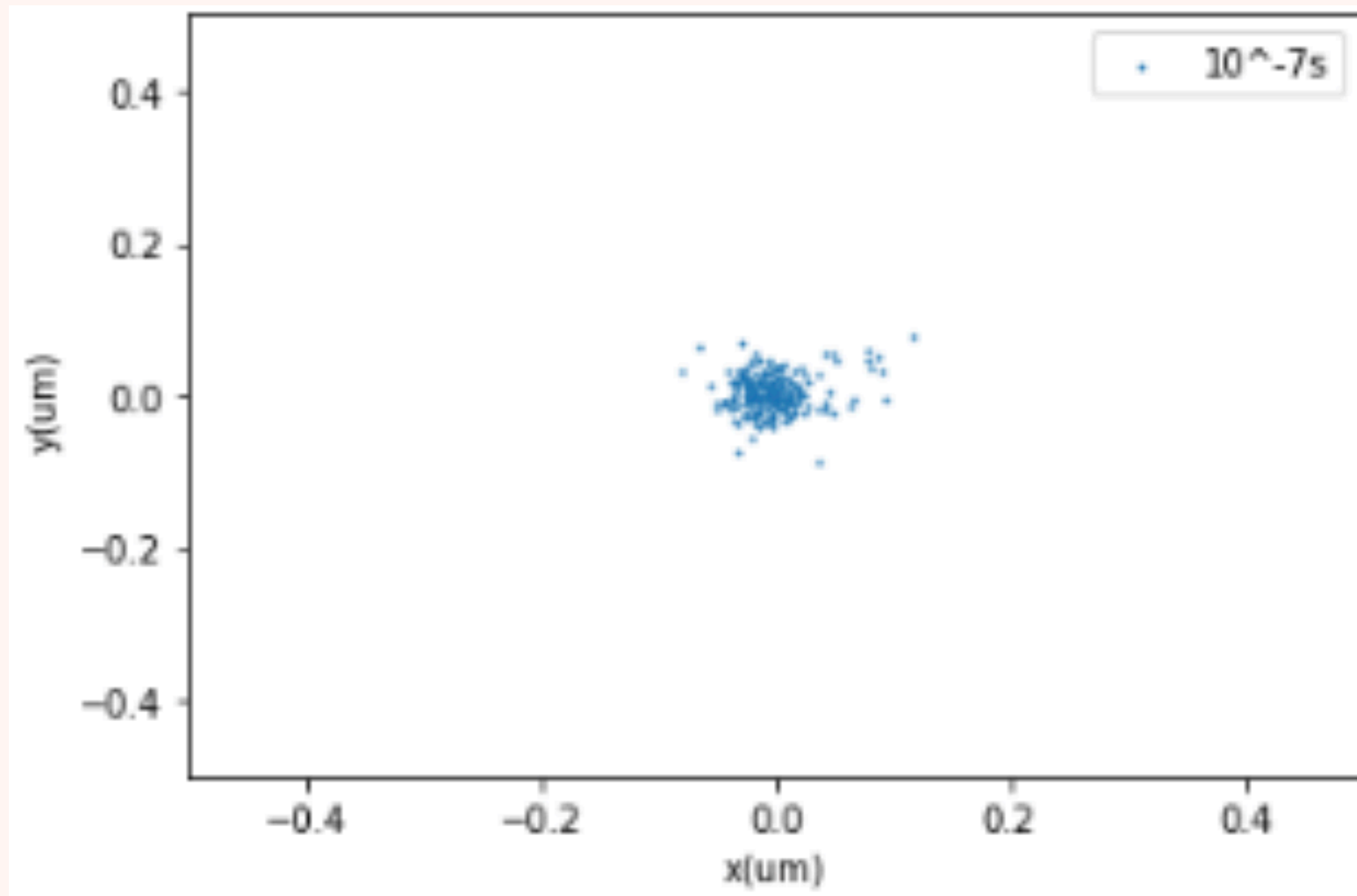


Carbon Ion Beam

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# WATER RADIOLYSIS PRODUCTS BEHAVIOR ANALYSES

## ➤ Diffusion:



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# CONCLUSION

## Dose Calibration

For a proton beam of 92 MeV the minimum number protons is  $6.6 \times 10^{10}$  to obtain a stable dose and for a carbon ion beam with an energy of 278 MeV is  $4.6 \times 10^9$

## G-Value study

Both  $H_2$  and  $H_2O_2$  reach a steady state. Only the second one can cause damage to the cell and be responsible for tumor control.

## Diffusion study

At  $10^{-5}$  s, for both proton and carbon ion beam, the  $H_2O_2$  was widespread through all the area of the target.

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