

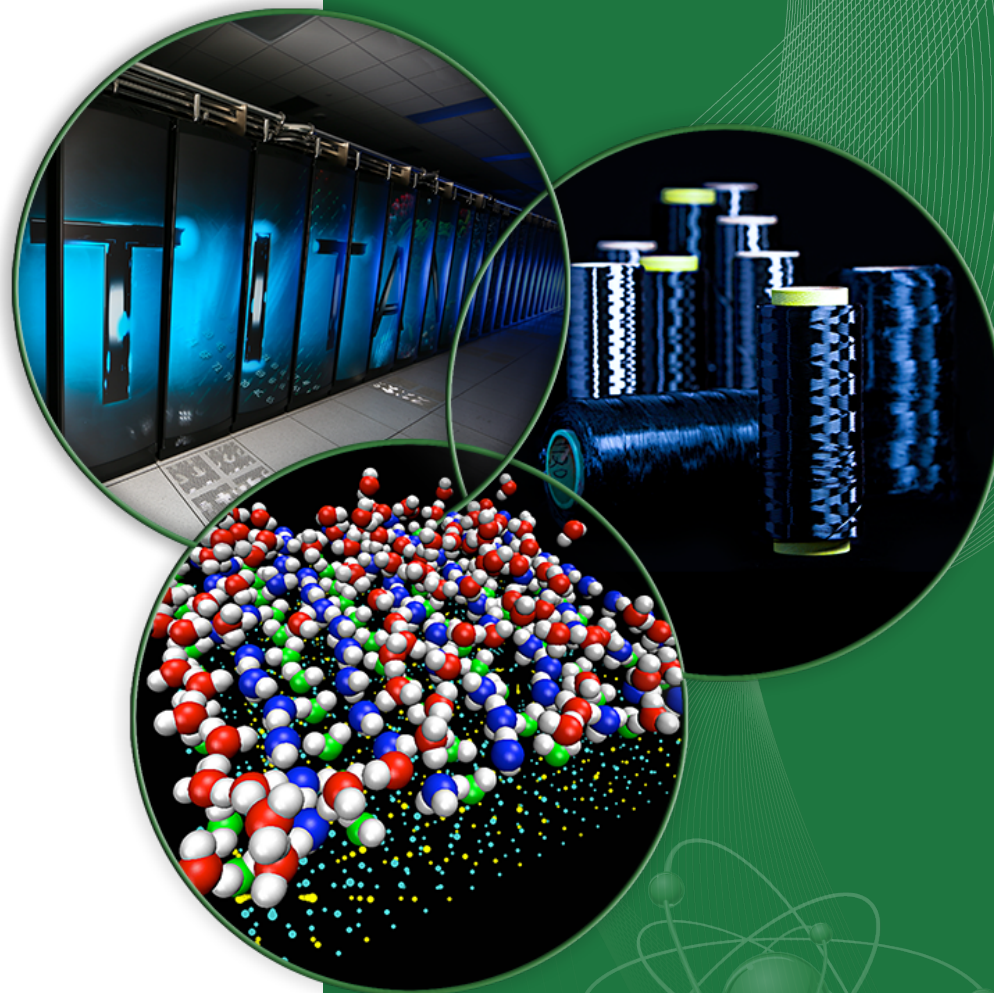
PIMAL: Phantom with Moving Arms and Legs

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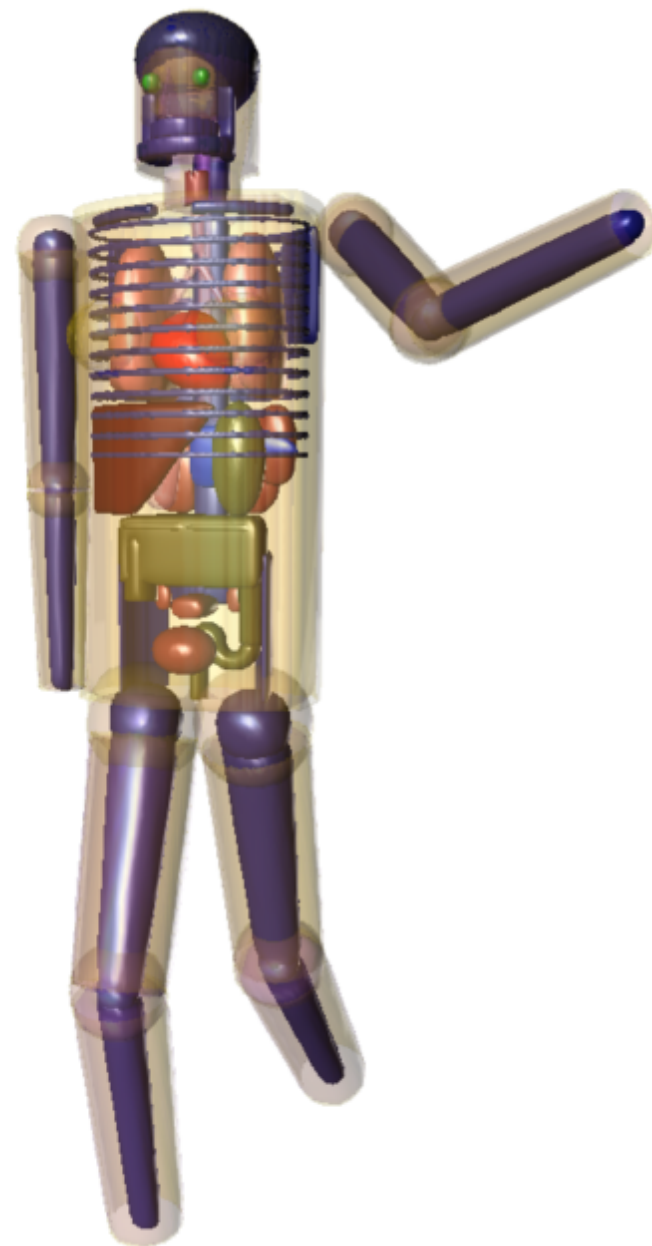
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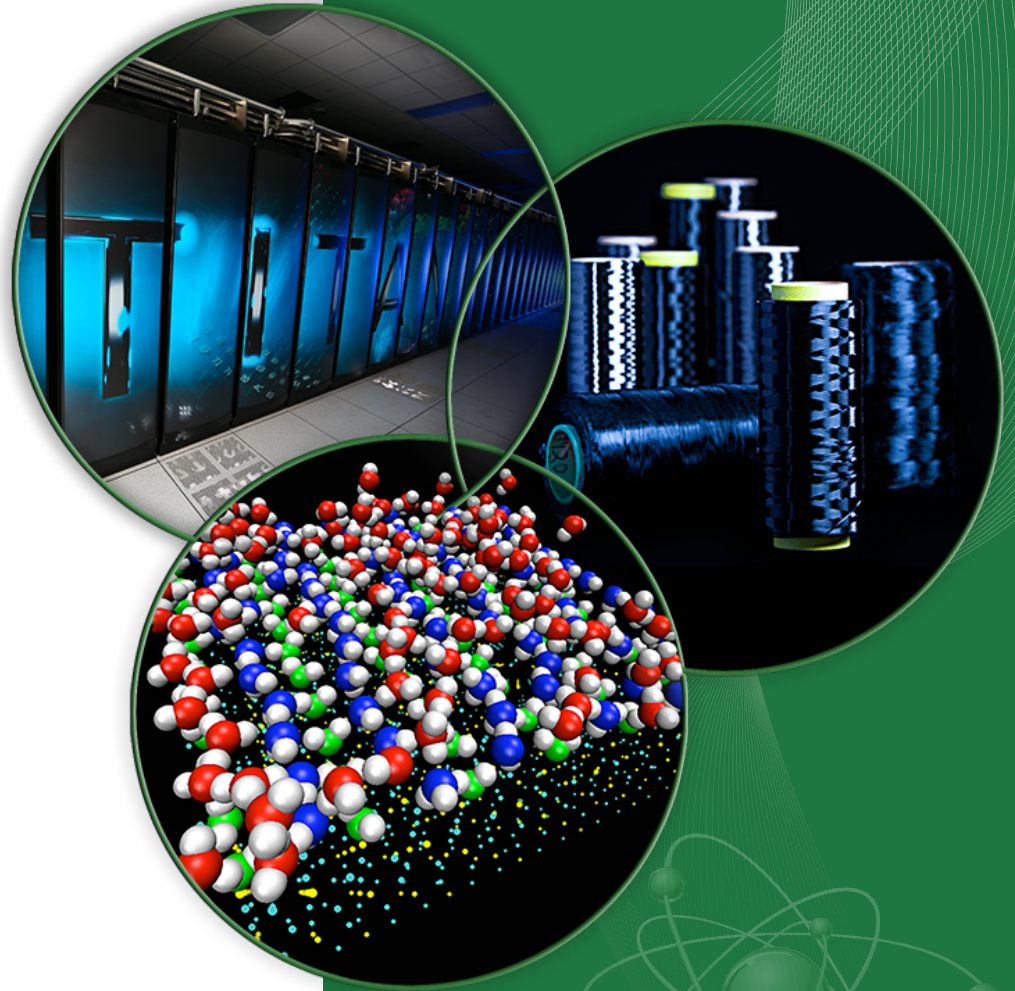
Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are to:

1. Provide participants with a review of fundamental dosimetric quantities as they pertain to operational and radiation protection quantities.
2. Elaborate the history and capabilities of computational phantoms and the requirement for position-specific phantoms.
3. Highlight the development and capabilities of the PIMAL software application in the estimation of radiation organ and effective doses using Monte Carlo (MCNP®) simulation.
4. Demonstrate how to navigate PIMAL's capabilities with simple and intermediate-level real-life problems and applications.
5. Provide in-person resources for RAMP users to navigate needs using PIMAL.

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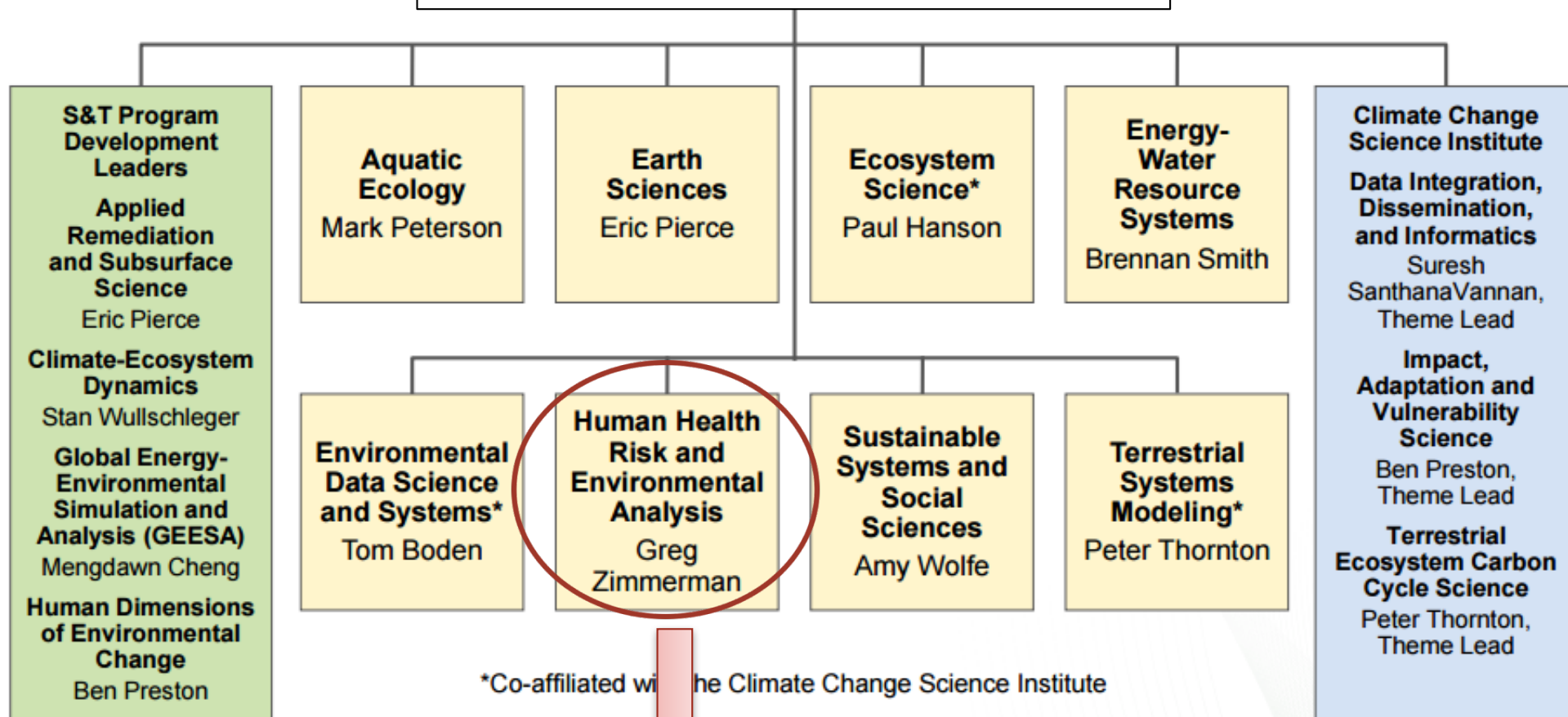
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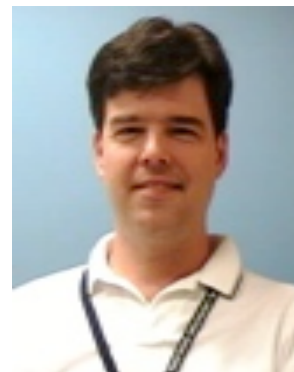
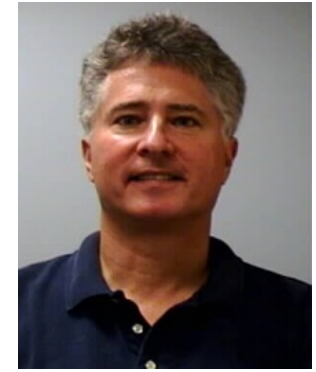


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Knowledge: Value to Radiation Protection Stakeholders

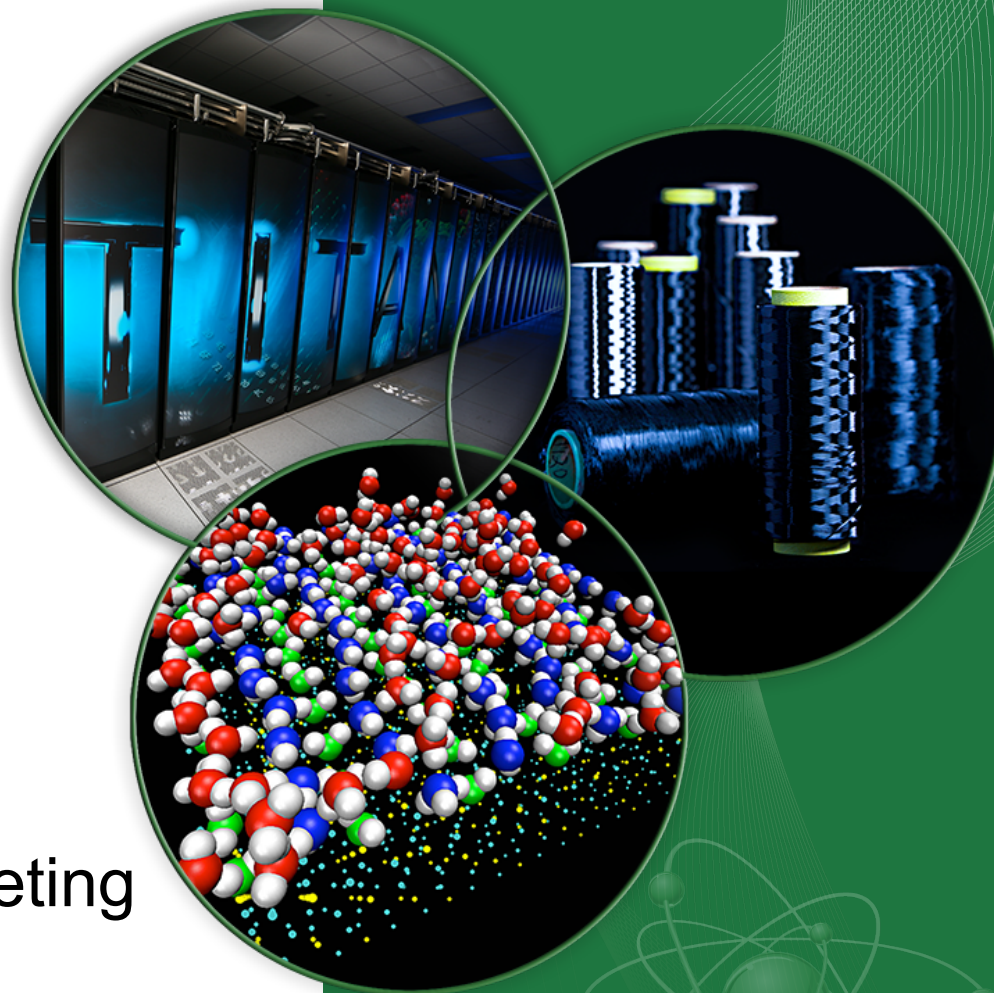
1. Provide infrastructure and resources to continue to provide services in radiation protection and dosimetry
 - Retain expertise to conduct fundamental R&D domestically
2. Collaborate and communicate across organizational boundaries
3. Capture critical knowledge before it is lost to create organizational memory
4. Facilitate the decision making process
5. Create sustainable KM system in radiation protection

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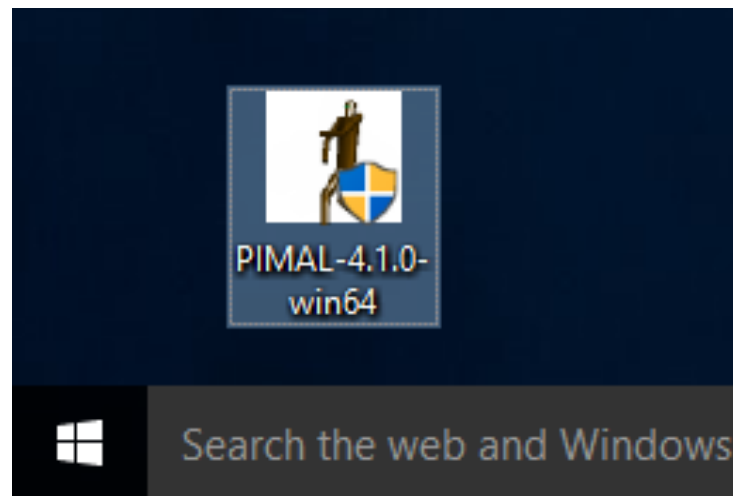
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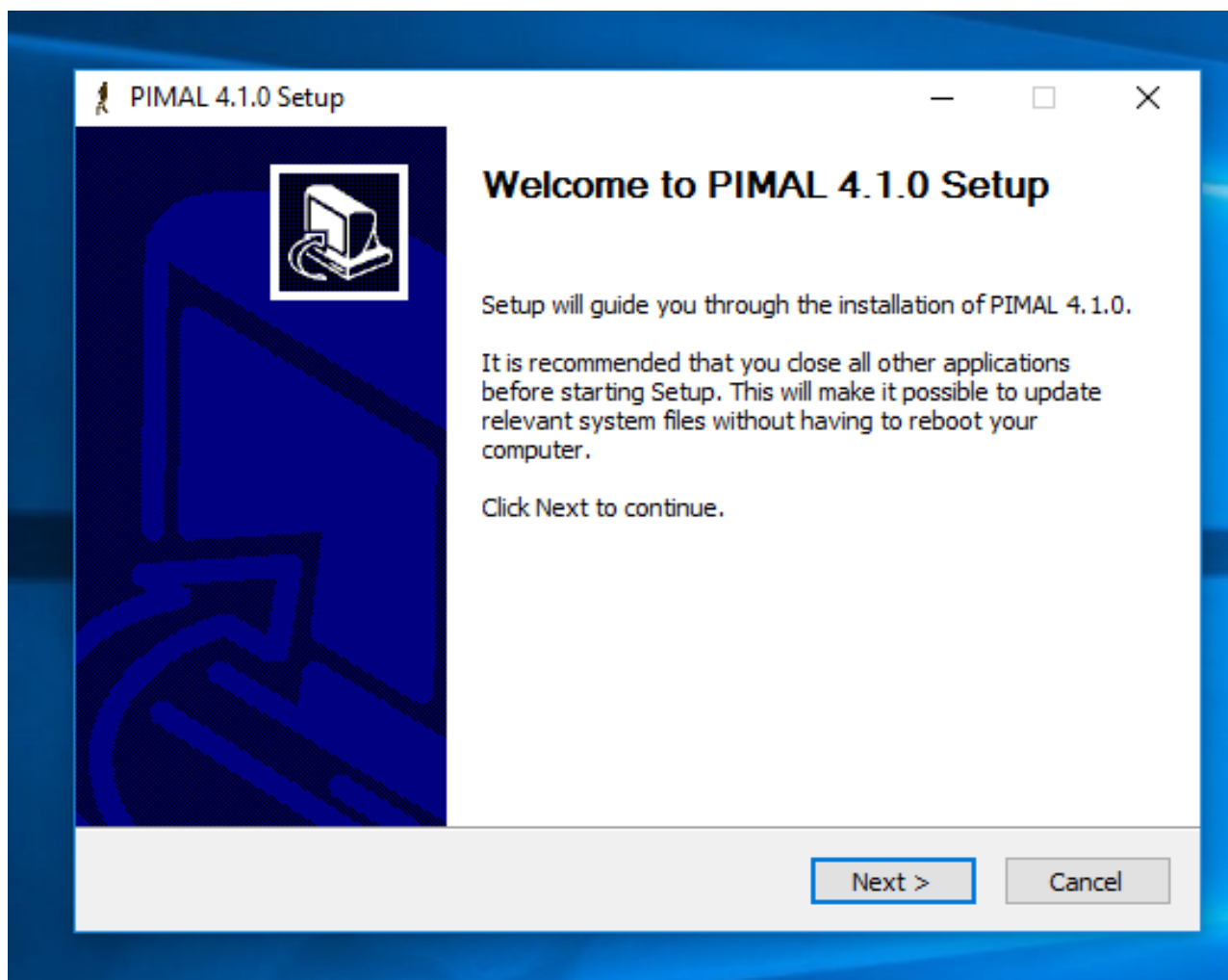
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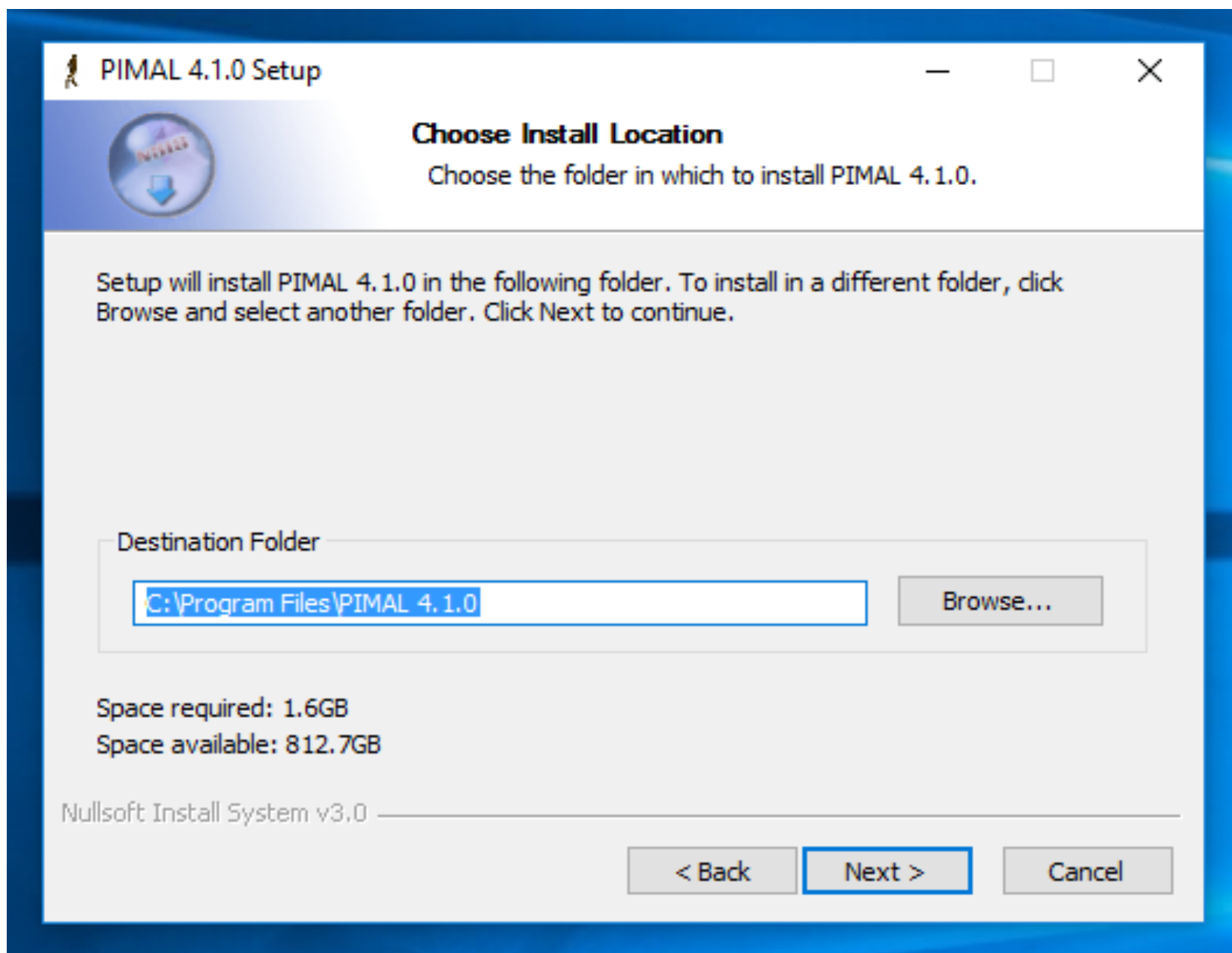
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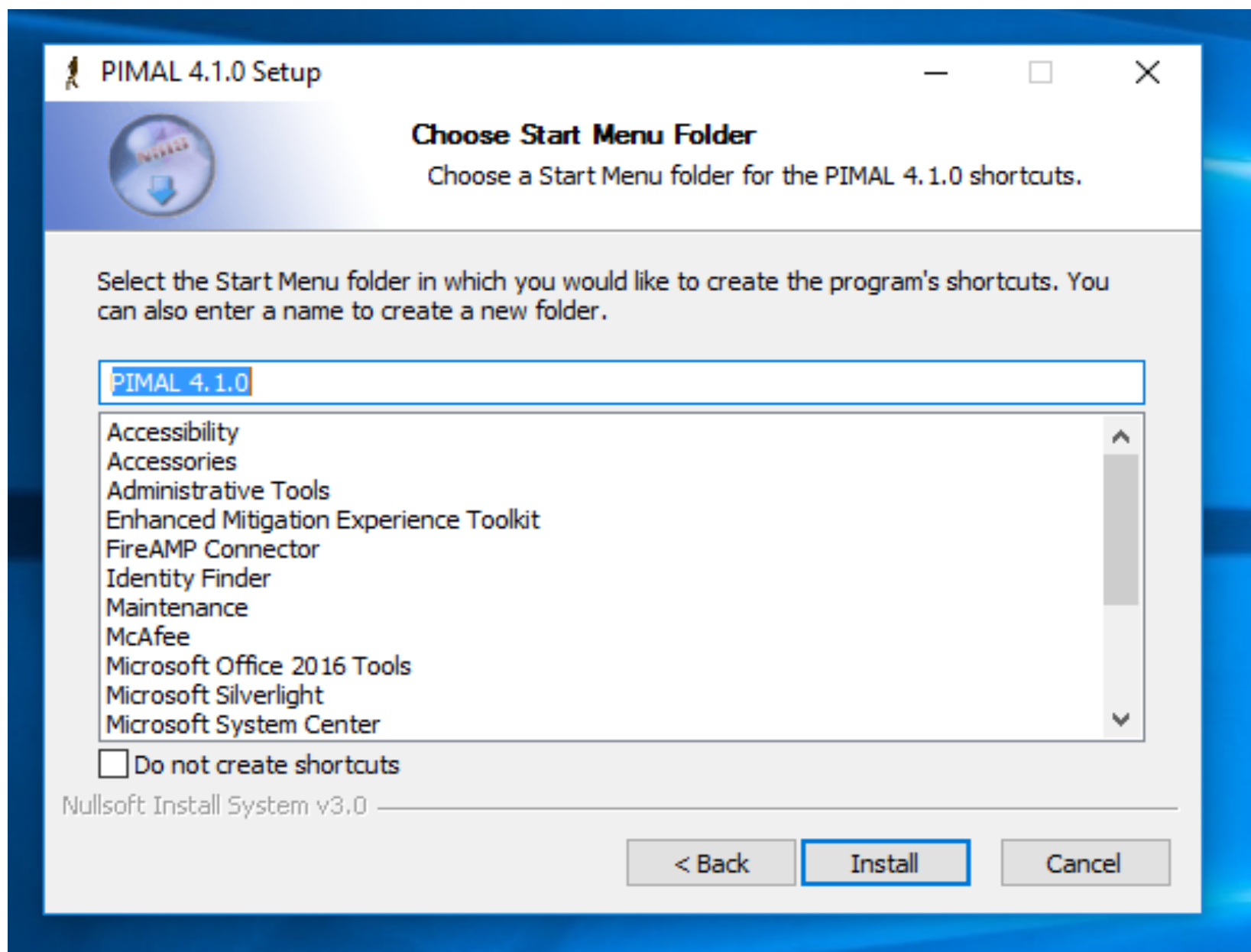


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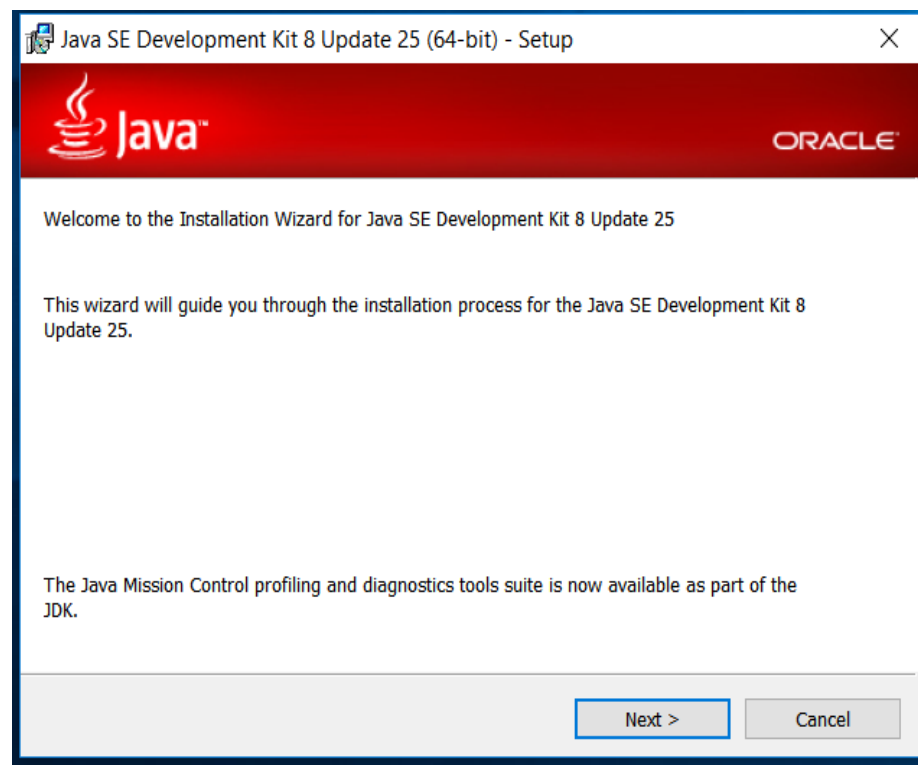
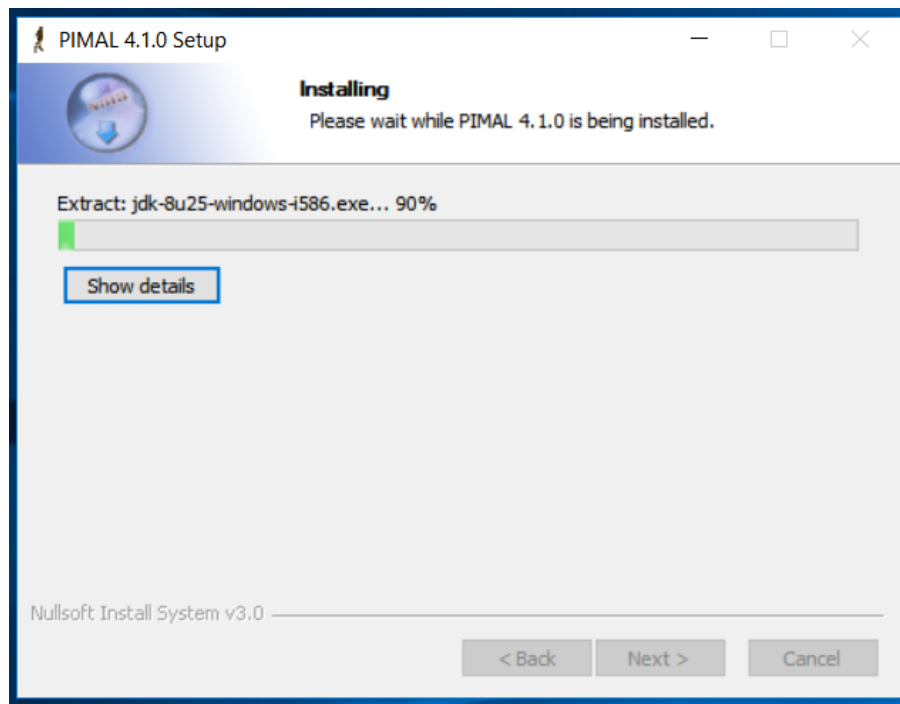


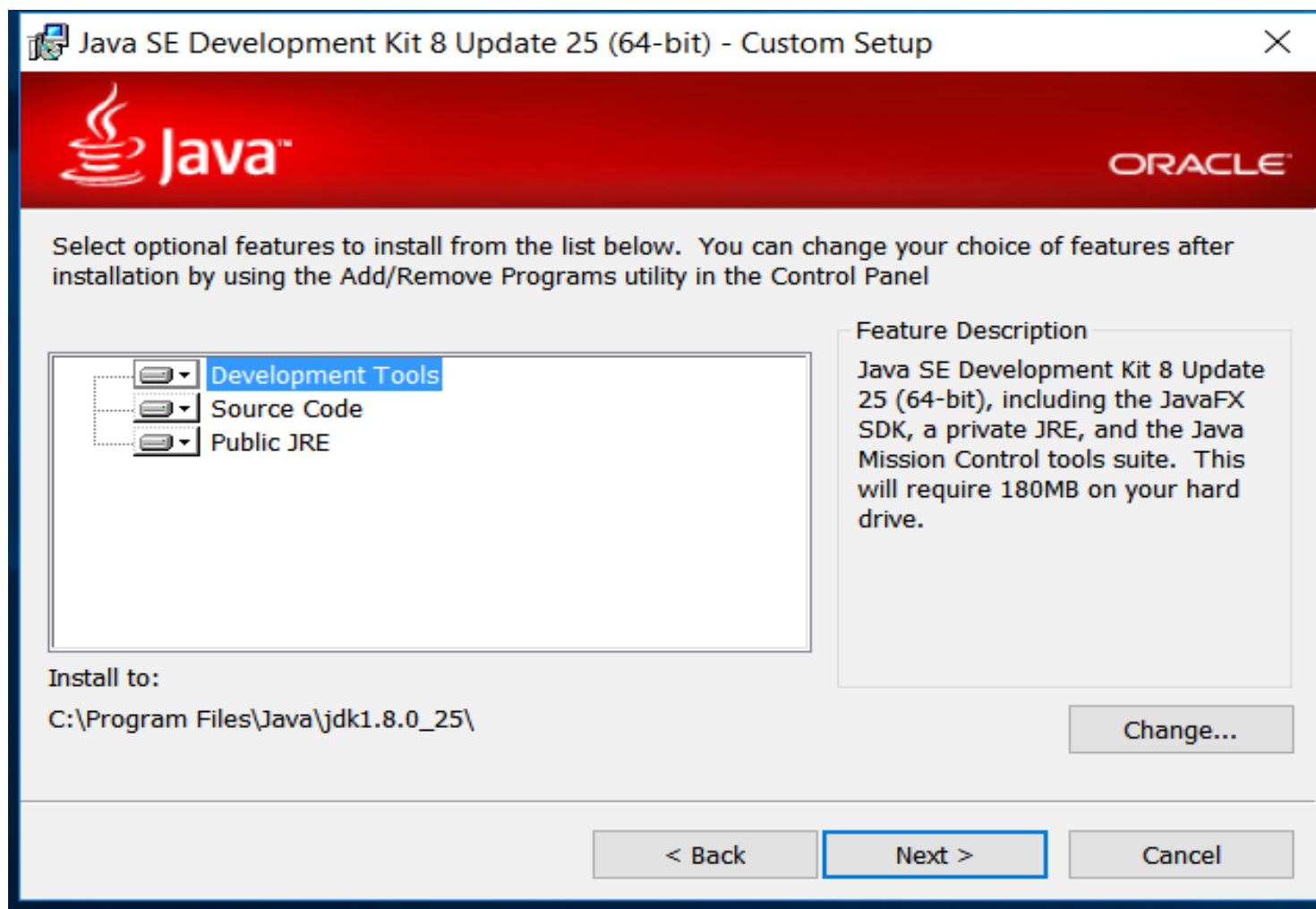


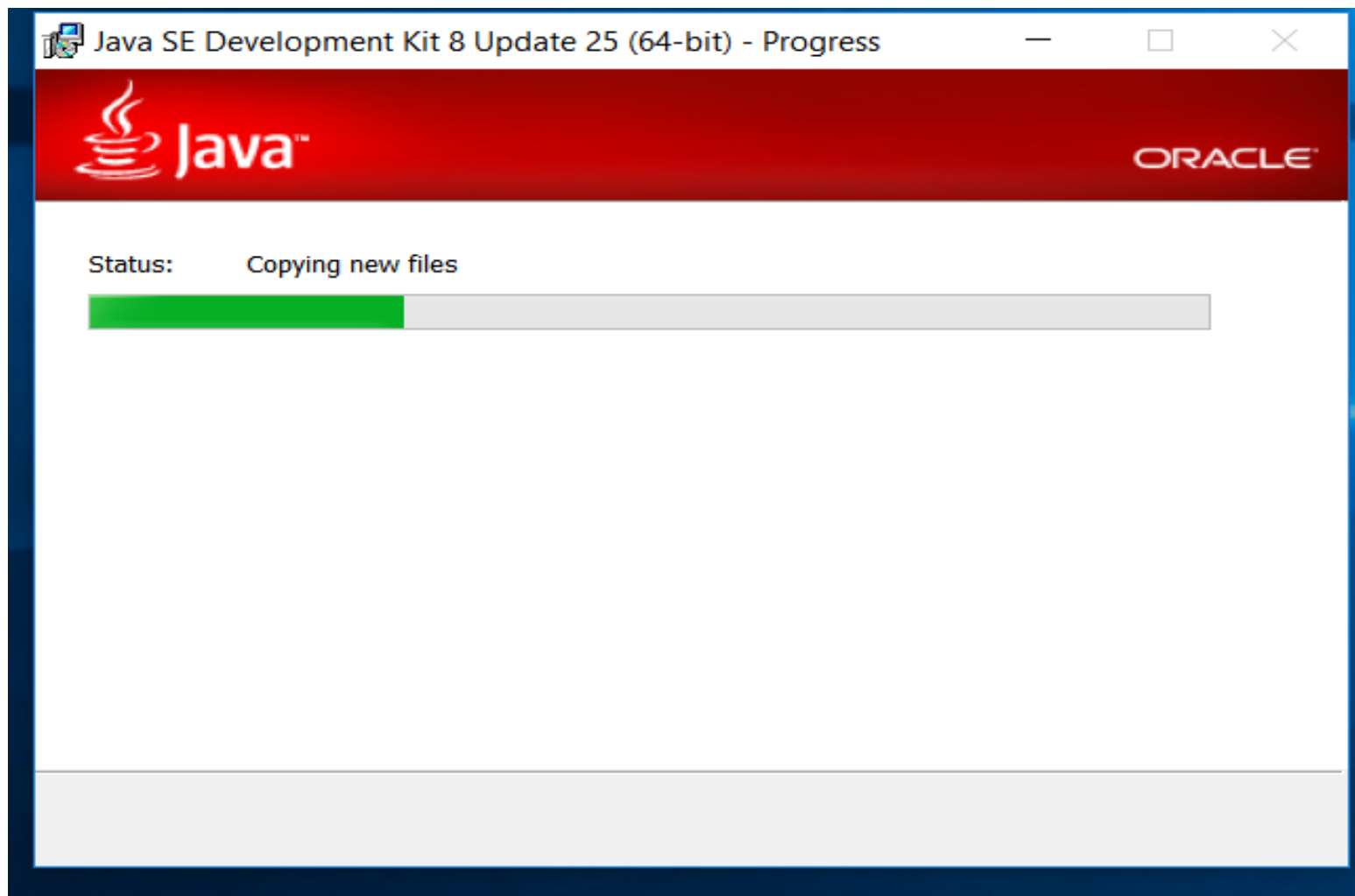


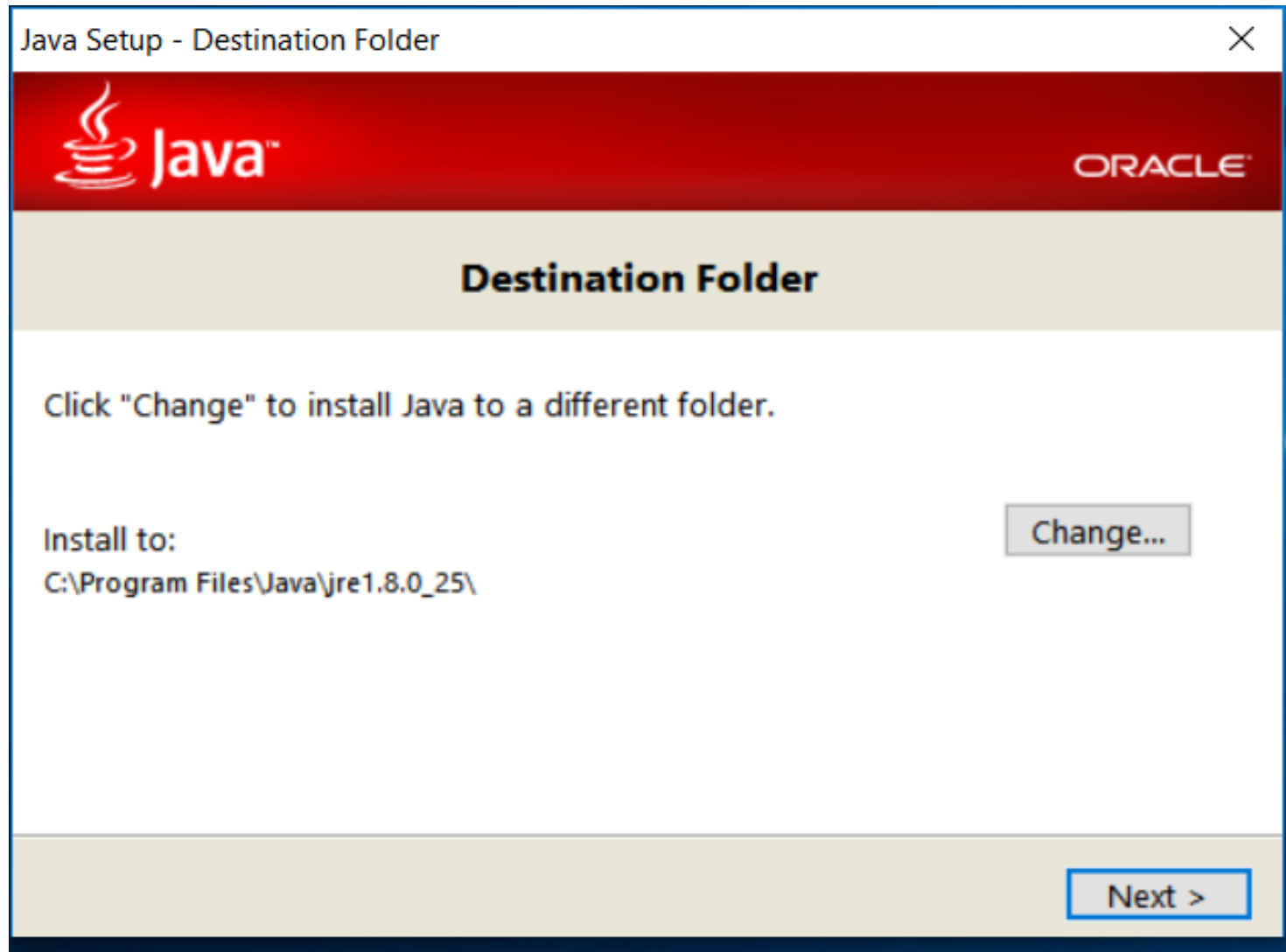


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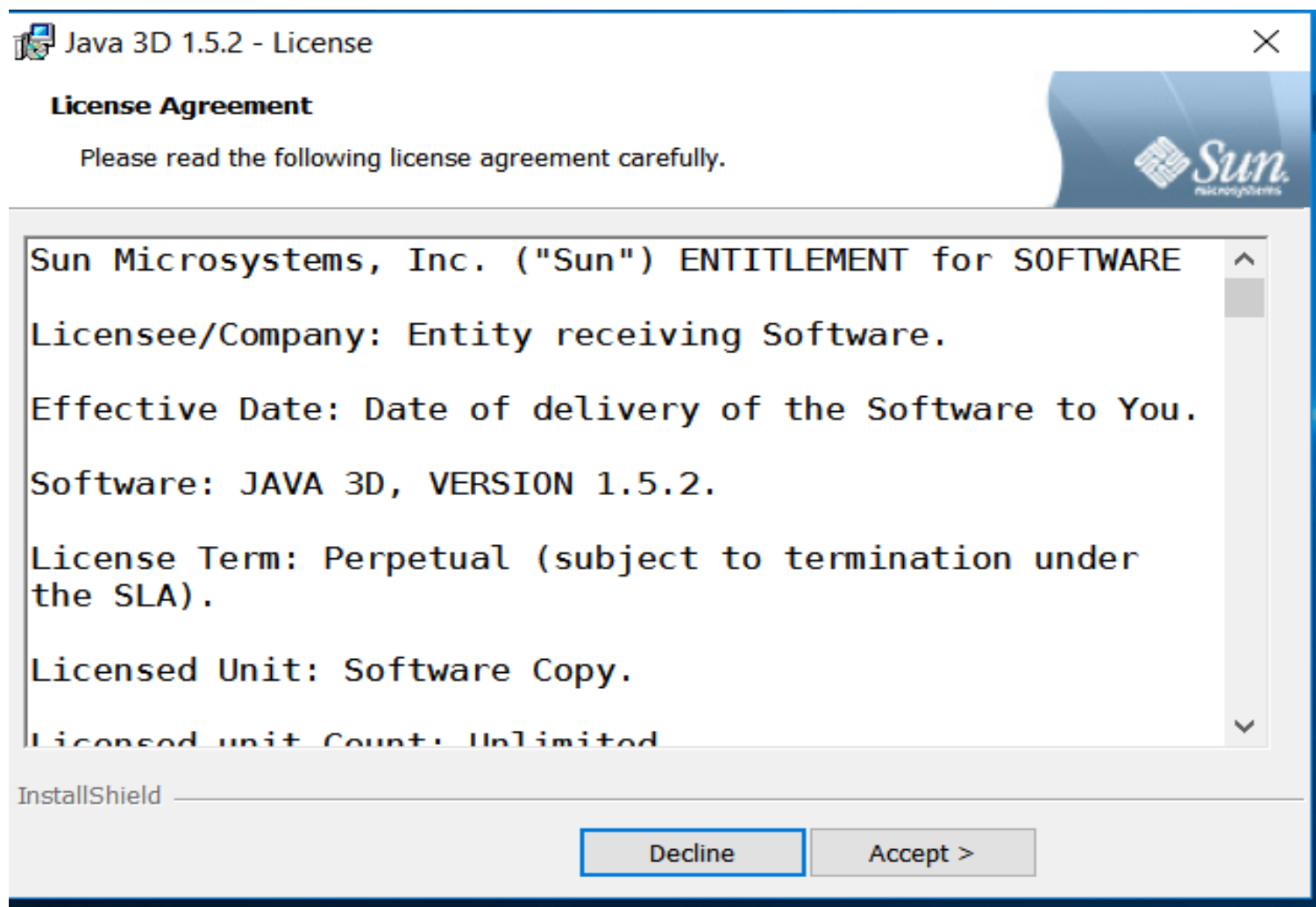


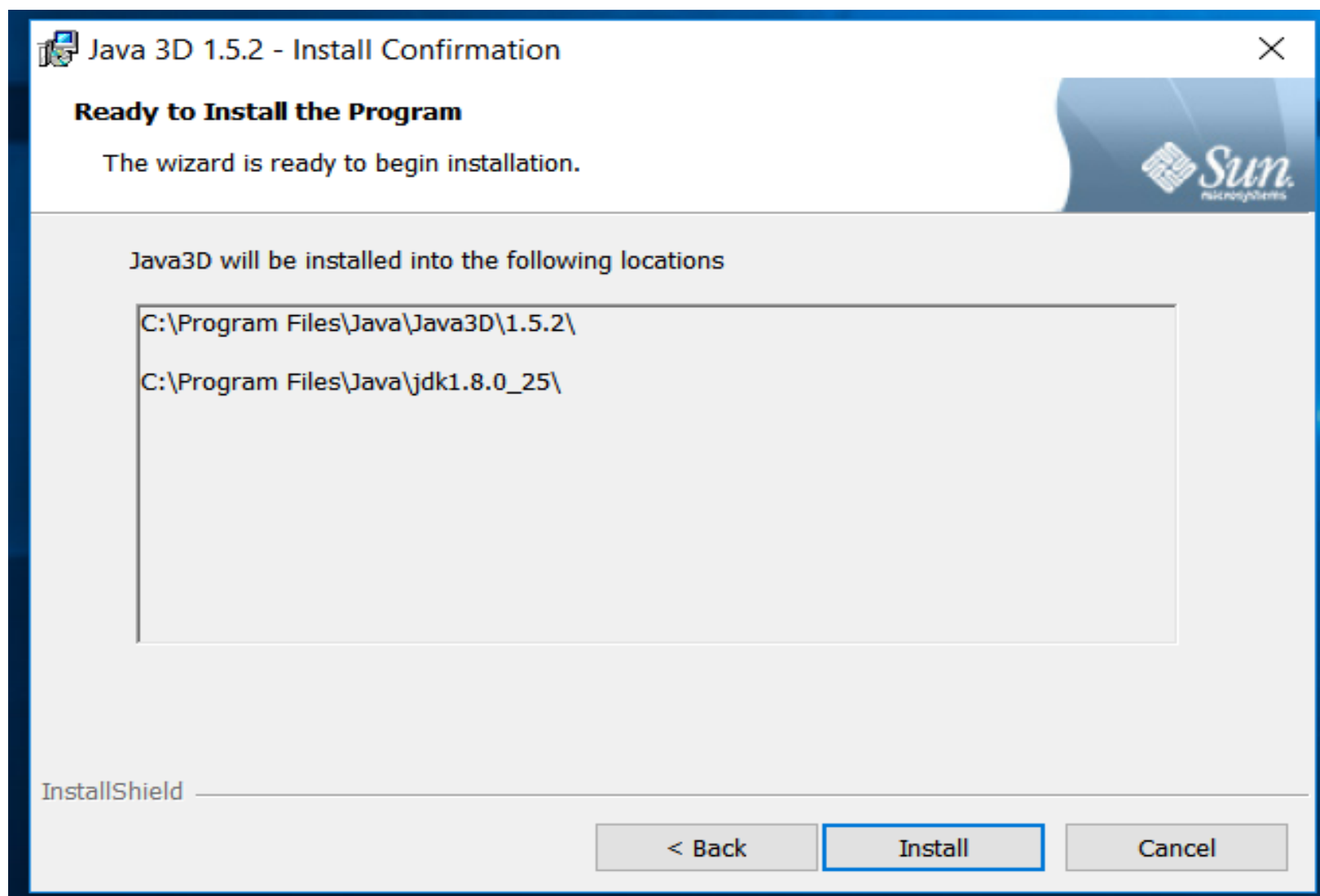




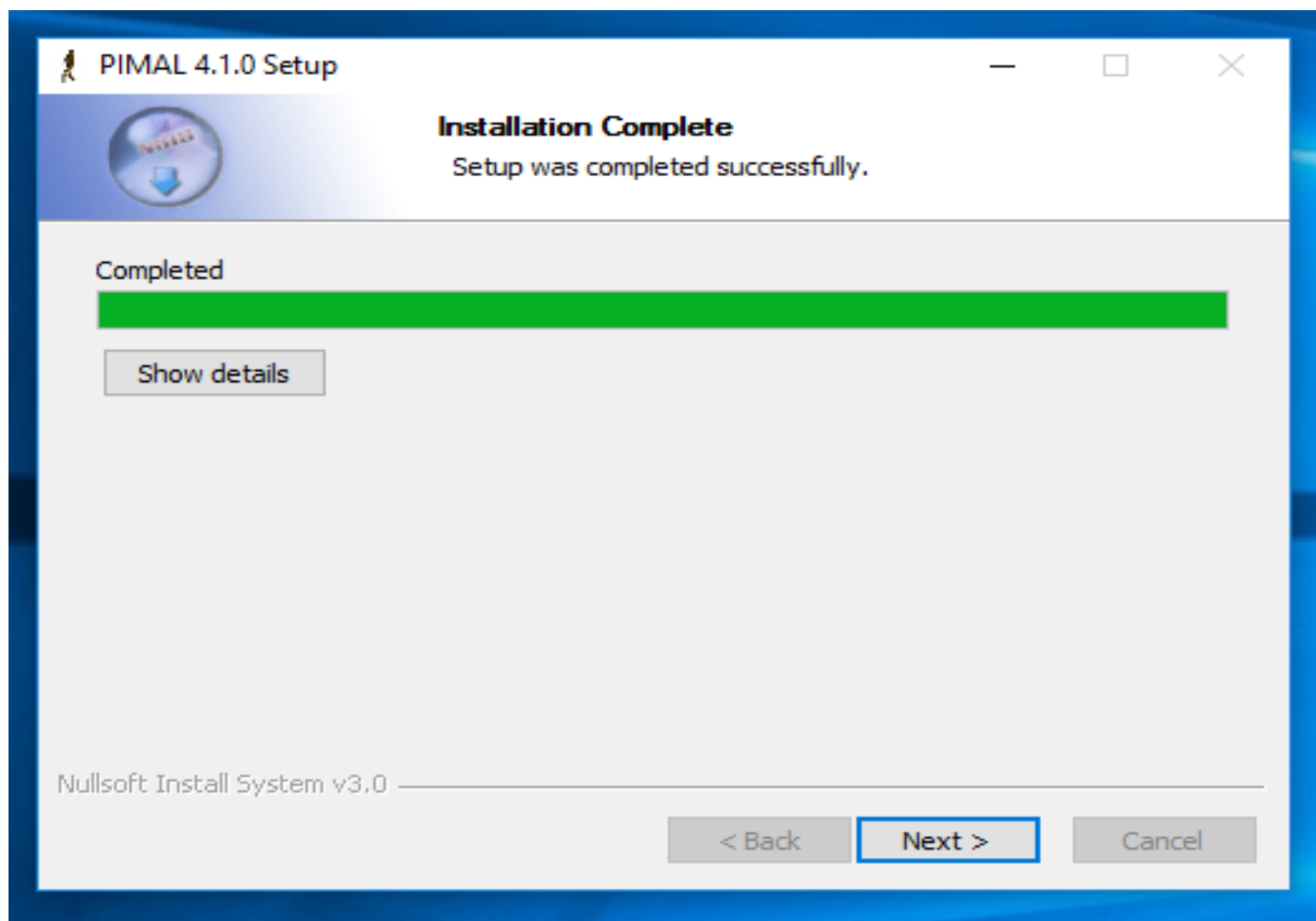


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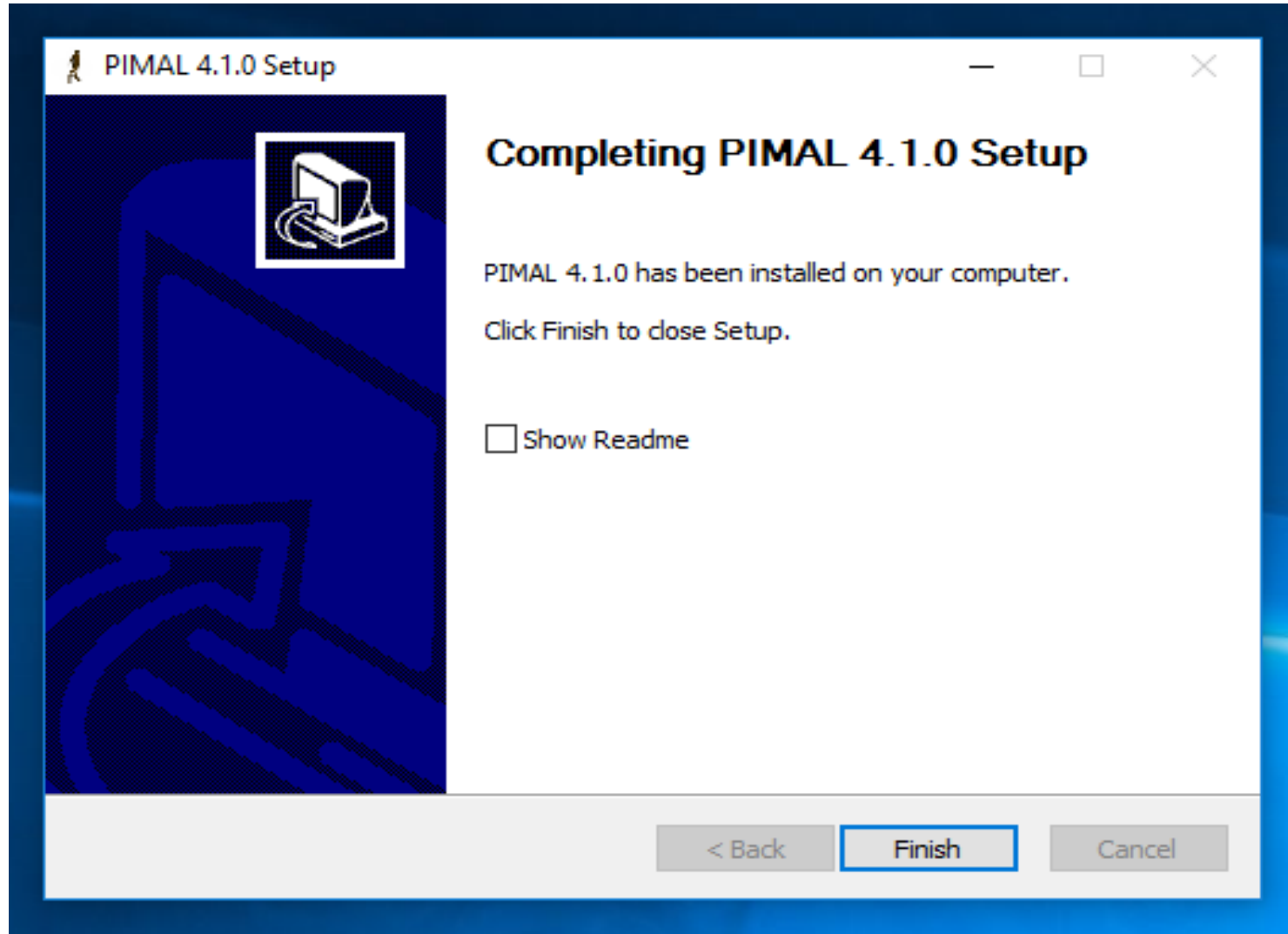








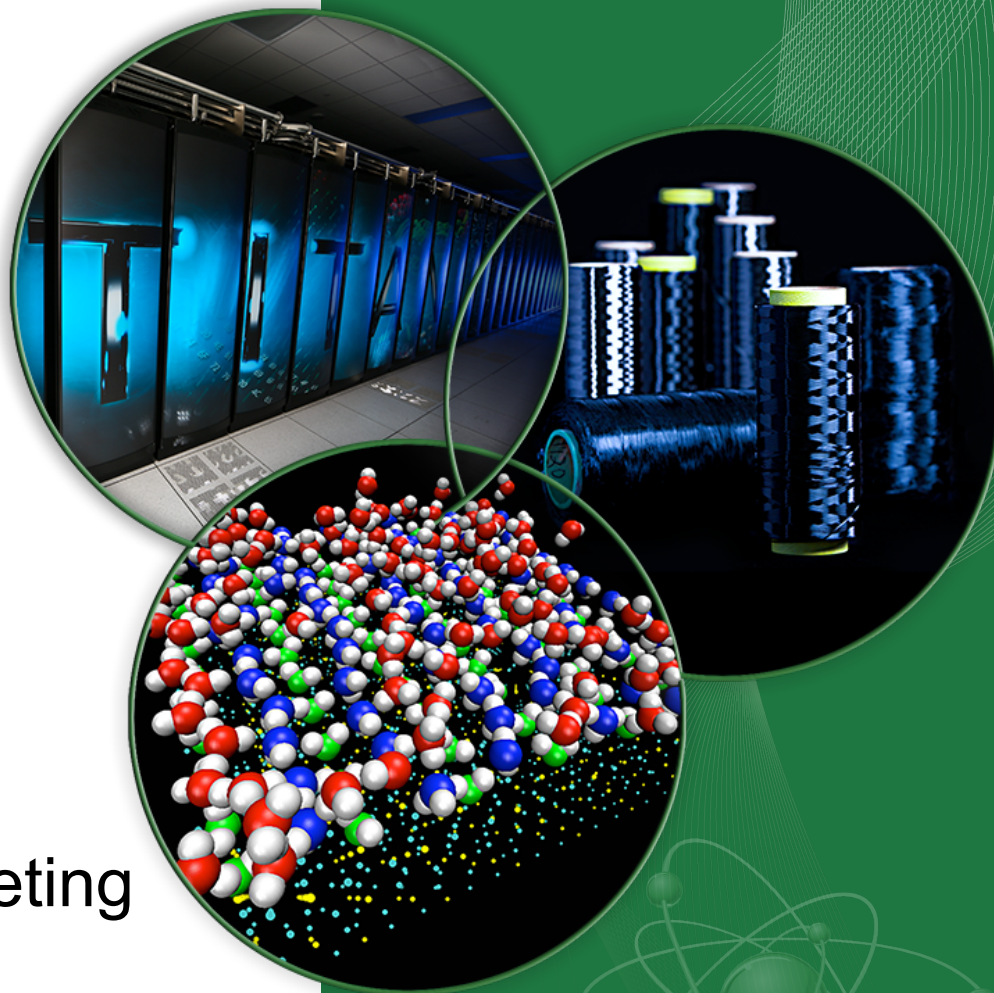
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PIMAL in Action - Examples

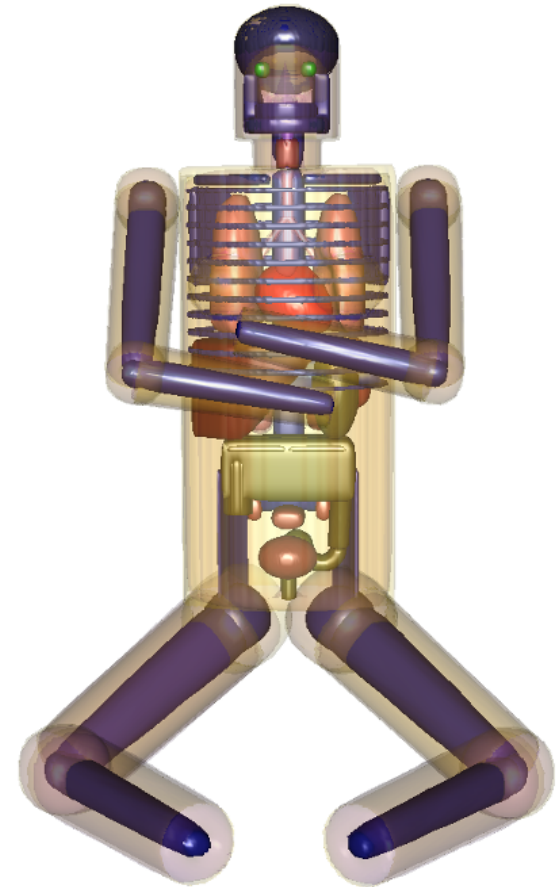
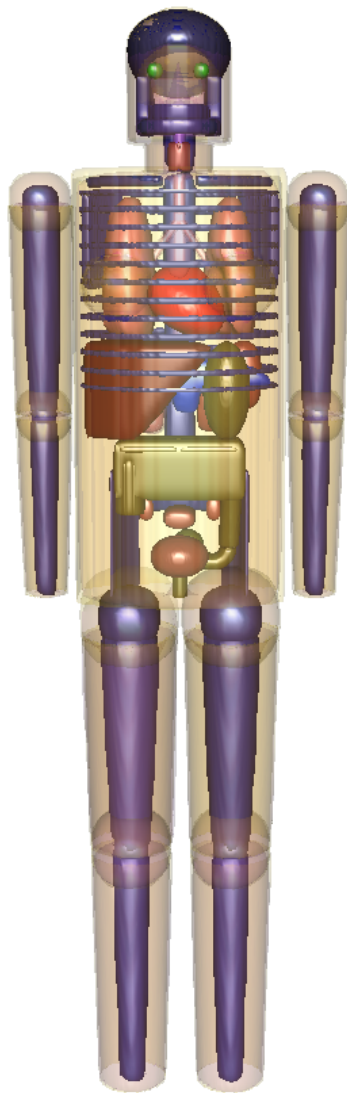
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Why PIMAL?

- Radiation dose calculations require computational modeling because complex geometries such as the human body are involved.
- Both old and recent human body models have almost always been rigidly created in the vertical, upright position.
- ORNL addressed this issue in 2007 by developing a piece of software named **P**hantom with **M**oving **A**rms and **L**egs (PIMAL) which creates a flexible phantom model for Monte Carlo N-Particle (MCNP) code simulations.
- ICRP 89 tissue compositions and densities.



PIMAL

- **Available** (registration required) on **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Radiation Protection and Computer Code Maintenance Program (RAMP)**

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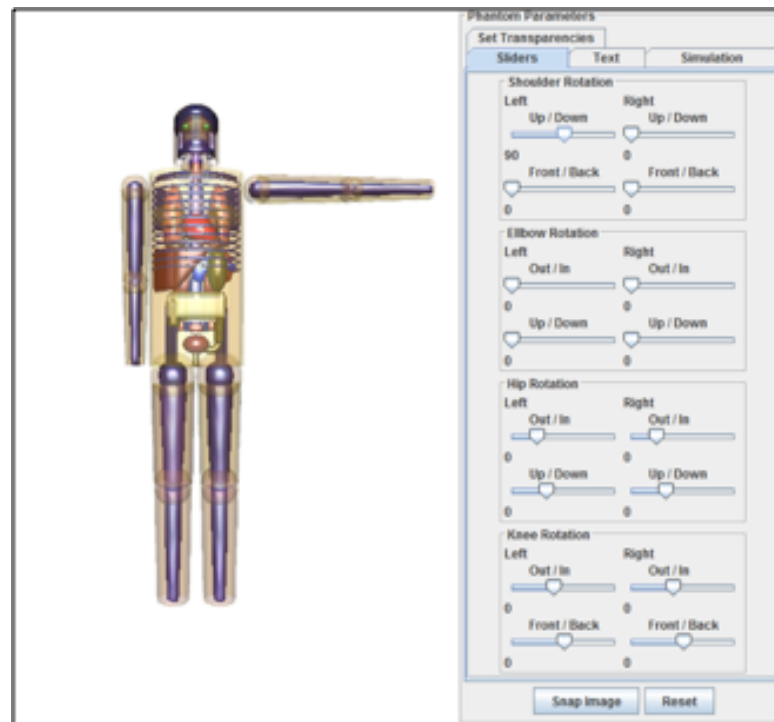
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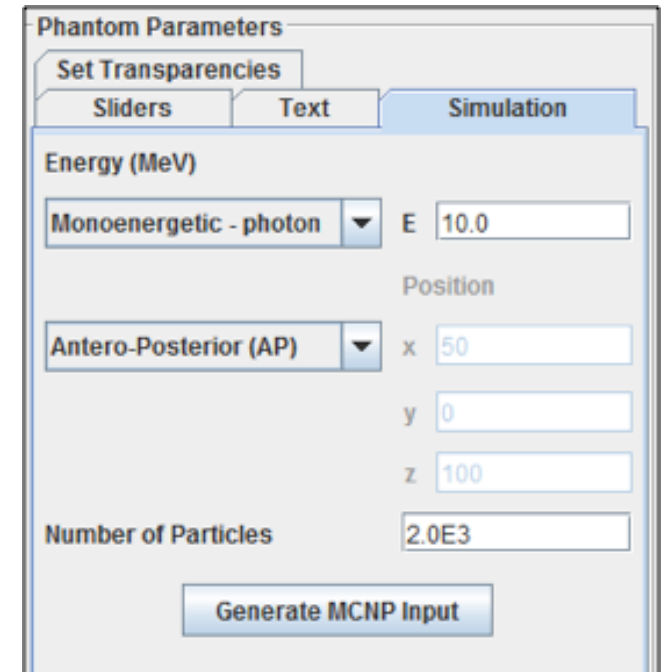
- Geometry Customization
 - Phantom geometry can be articulated using slider bars or textbox input of joint angle.
 - Customizable joints: shoulders, elbows, hips, knees



**Screenshot of
PIMAL 4.1.0 GUI
Interface with
sliders to define
joint articulation
of limbs.**

PIMAL Methods

- Source Configuration
 - **Source Energies and Spectra**
 - Radionuclide sources (^{60}Co , ^{131}I , ^{134}Cs)
 - X-ray sources (80-120 kVp)
 - Neutron spectra (AmBe or PuBe)
 - **External Source Configuration**
 - Point source (user specified X, Y, Z coordinates)
 - Standard irradiation geometries (AP, PA, RLAT, LLAT, ISO)
 - **Organ Volume Sources**
 - Brain, Thyroid, Heart Wall/Content, Stomach Wall/Content, Liver, Left/Right/Both Lungs, Left/Right Kidney, Pancreas



The screenshot shows the 'Phantom Parameters' dialog box with the 'Simulation' tab selected. The 'Energy (MeV)' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Monoenergetic - photon' and a text box for 'E' with the value '10.0'. The 'Position' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Antero-Posterior (AP)' and three text boxes for 'x' (50), 'y' (0), and 'z' (100). The 'Number of Particles' text box contains '2.0E3'. A 'Generate MCNP Input' button is at the bottom.

PIMAL source configuration simulation tab.

Examples

1. Glovebox Worker

2. I-131 Patient Release Study

3. Upright vs. PIMAL Bent for ICRP 116 Geometries

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Assessment of Organ Doses for a Glovebox Worker Using Realistic Postures with PIMAL and VOXMAT (Akkurt et al., 2009)

- PIMAL used in a more realistic posture, compared to the standard vertical upright position, to represent a glovebox worker.

PIMAL – Glovebox (2)

- The source spectrum, based on clean weapons-grade plutonium.
- Absorbed organ dose values for both postures for all phantom models were computed using MCNPX.
- Total dose, neutron and photon doses were calculated separately.

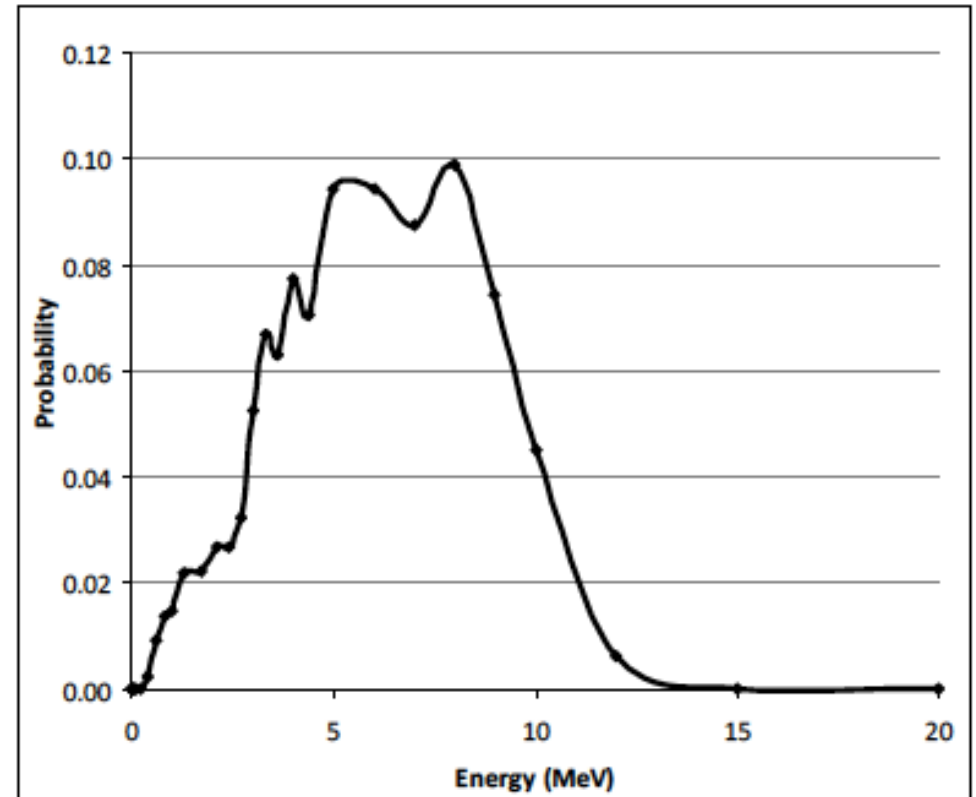


Fig. 2. Neutron source spectrum

Akkurt et. al (2009)

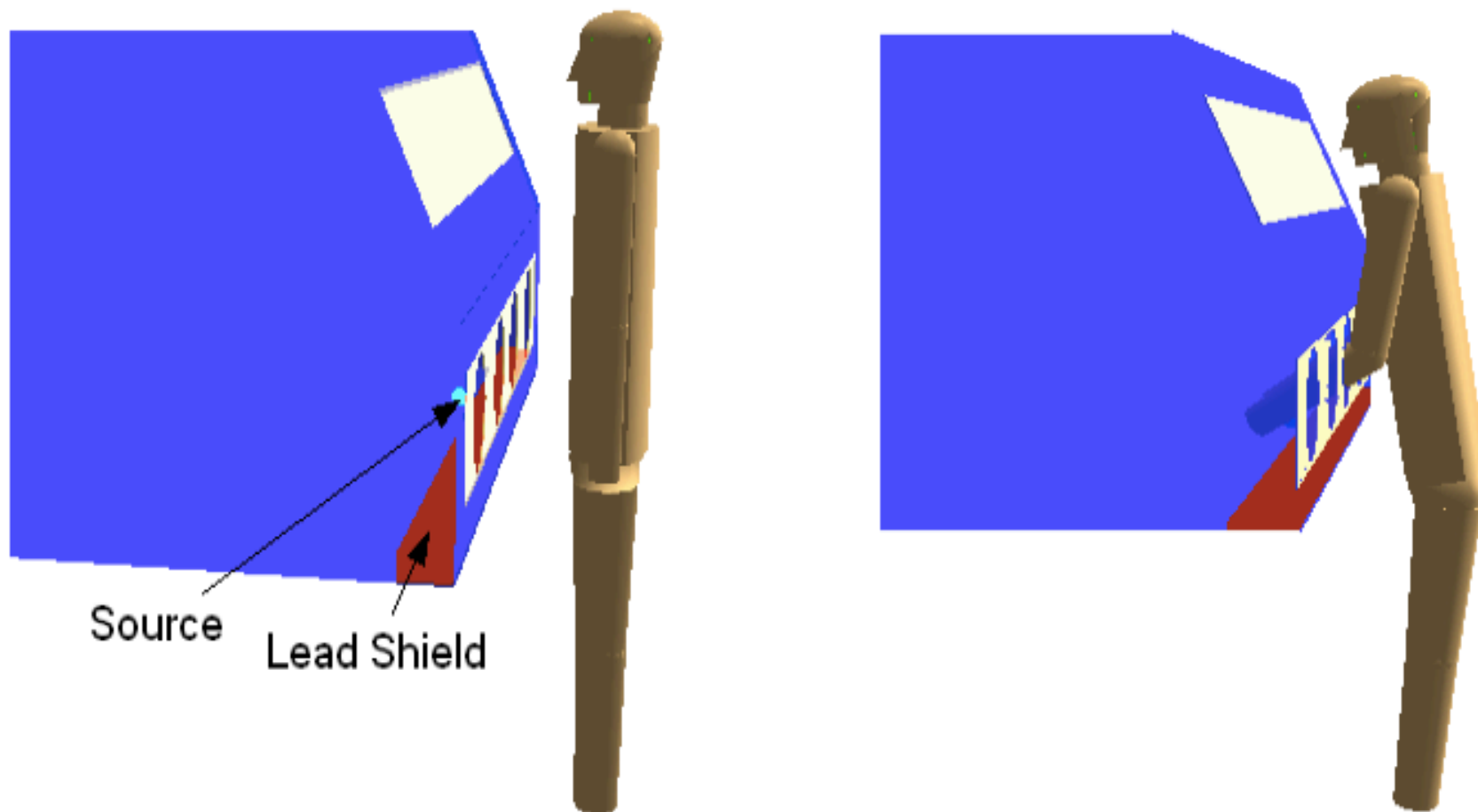


Fig. 1. PIMAL as a glovebox worker in traditional vertical upright position (left) and in realistic posture for better representation of the worker's posture (right).

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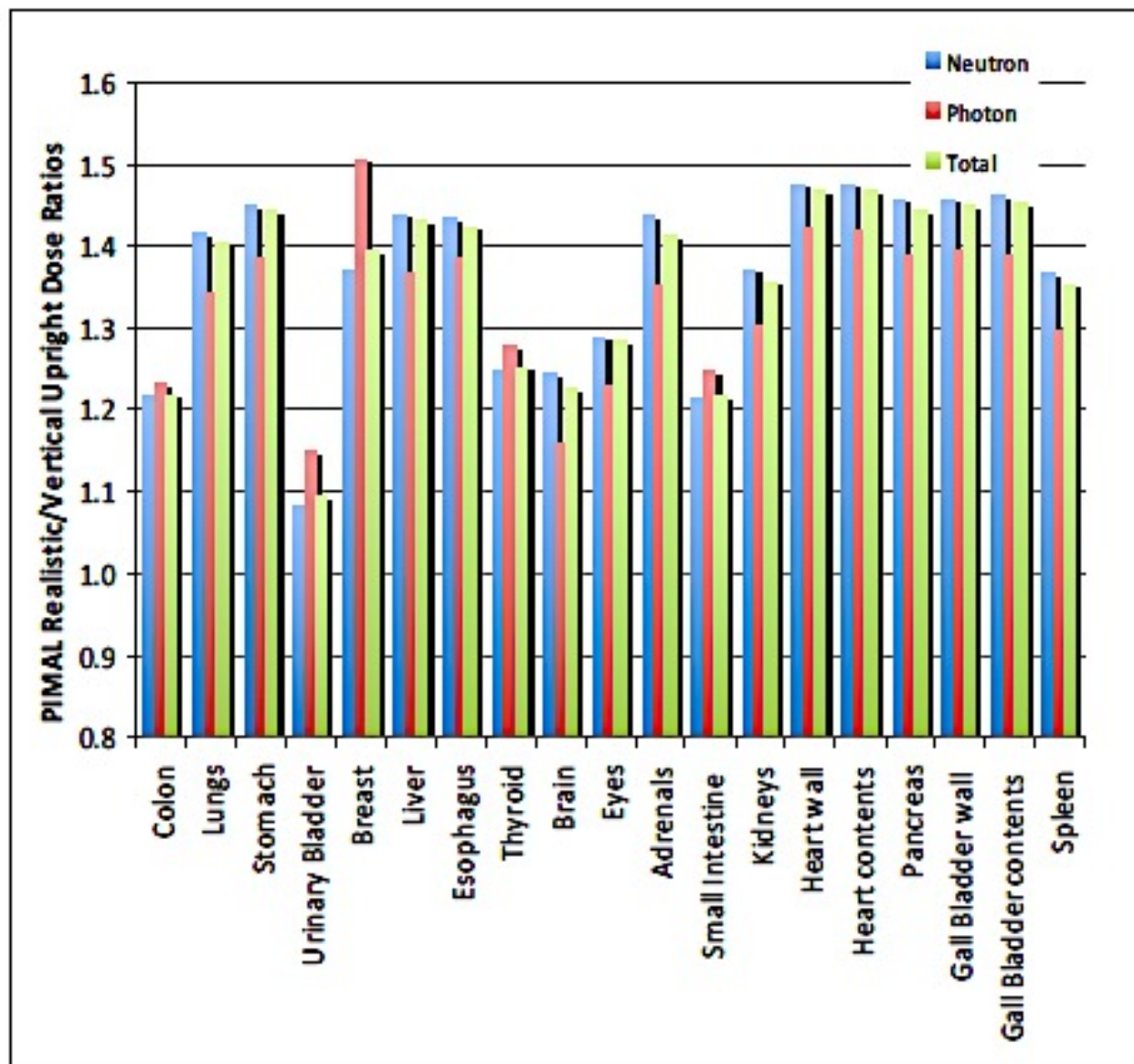


Fig. 3. The ratio of the organ dose values for realistic posture to vertical upright posture for PIMAL

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Estimated External Doses to Members of the Public from Patients with ^{131}I Treatment (Dewji et al., 2015)

- 10 CFR Part 35: Guidance on calculation of dose to a member of public in §35.75 contained in Regulatory Guide 8.39 “Release of Patients Administered Radioactive Materials”
- Criteria: Release patients administered licensed material if TEDE not likely to exceed 5 mSv

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Objective

- Extensive data on measured doses to medical staff and to family members but, for obvious reasons, none on dose to fellow passengers and workers at hotels and nursing homes, which are places that may be frequented by recently released patients.
- Calculate external dose resulting from released patients to members of the public in various exposure scenarios:

1. Public Transportation

2. Nursing Home

3. Hotel

Patient Cases Considered

Thyroid Cancer

- DTC - 5% uptake

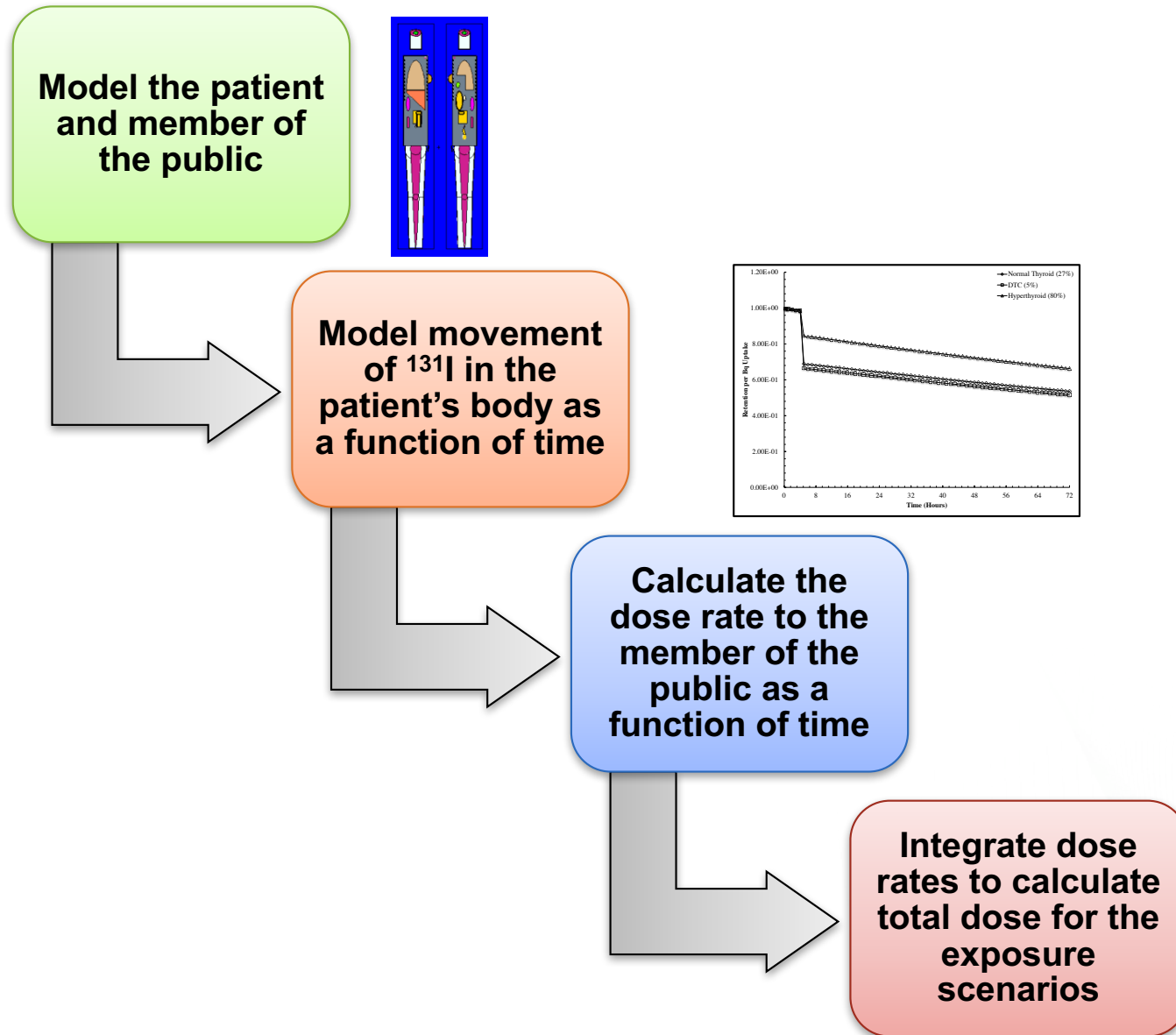
Normal

- 30% peak content with no decay, ~27% for I-131

Hyperthyroid

- 80% peak content

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Exposure Cases Considered

- **I) Public Transportation**

1. Face-to-Face Standing (10cm Separation)
2. Patient Seated in Front of Person
3. Patient Seated Behind Person
4. Patient Seated Side-by-Side
5. Person Standing beside Seated Person
6. Patient Seated beside Standing Person

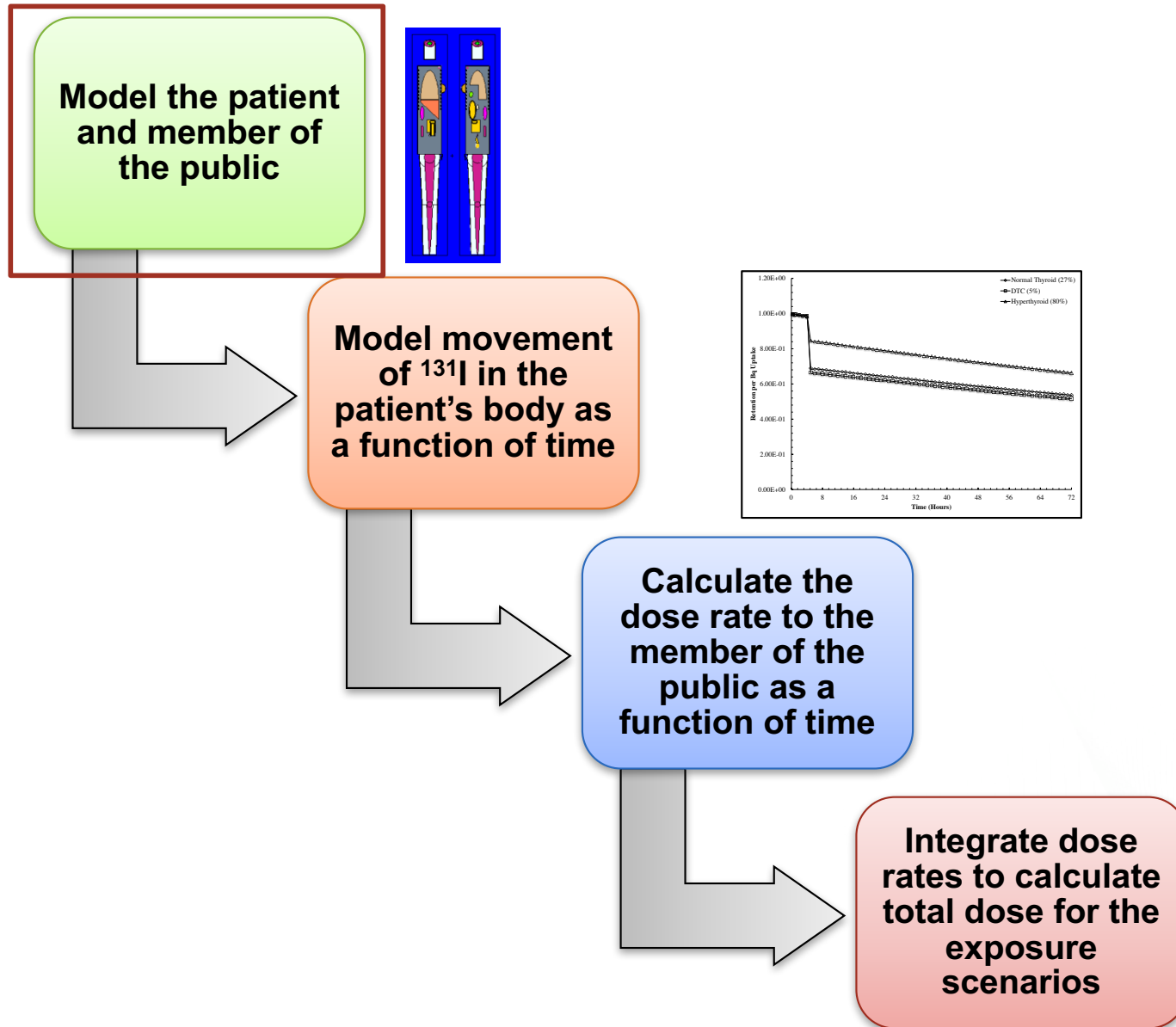
- **II) Nursing Home**

1. Caregiver Seated 30cm from Patient Bed
2. Patient 250cm from Nursing Home Roommate

- **III) Hotel Room**

1. Back-to-Back Seated in Bed in Adjacent Rooms
2. Back-to-Back Lying in Bed in Adjacent Rooms

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Case 1: Public Transportation

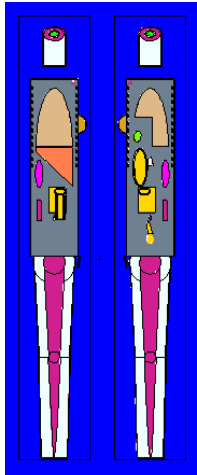
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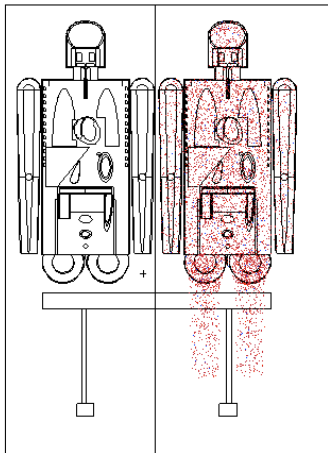


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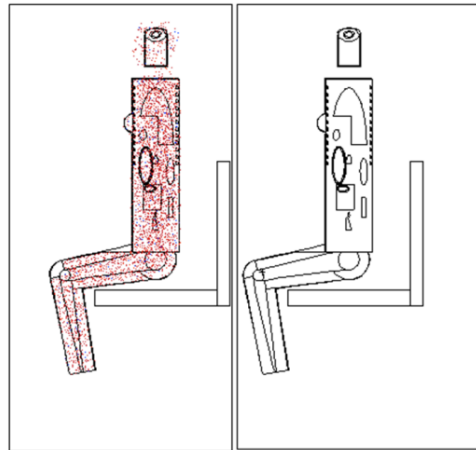
1. Bus: Standing Face-to-Face Chest-to-Chest (10cm Separation)



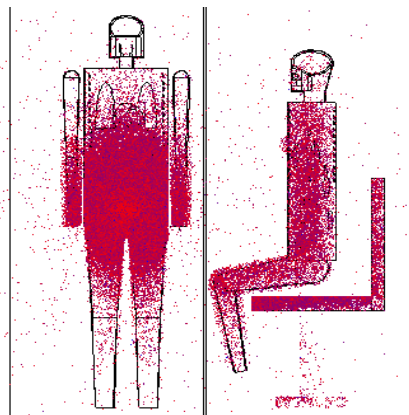
4. Bus: Patient Seated Side-by-Side (Whole Body Source)



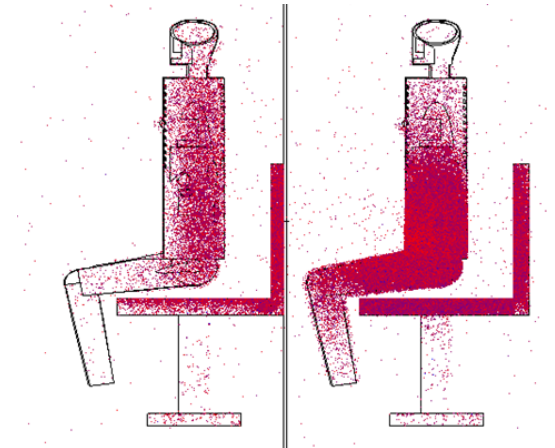
2. Bus: Patient Seated in Front.
(Whole Body Source)



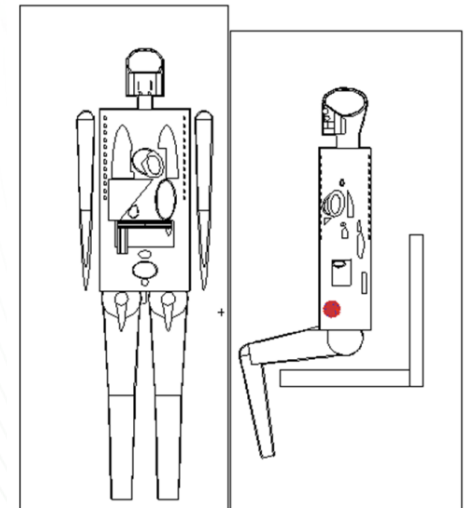
5. Bus: Patient Standing, Public Seated (Bladder Source)



3. Bus: Patient Seated Behind (Bladder Source)

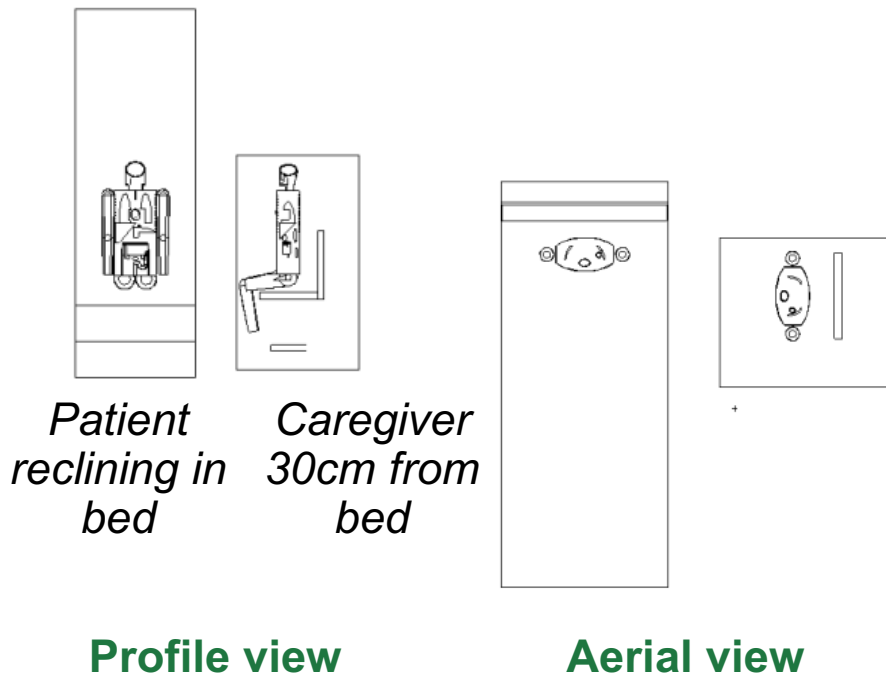


6. Bus: Patient Seated, Public Standing (Bladder Source)

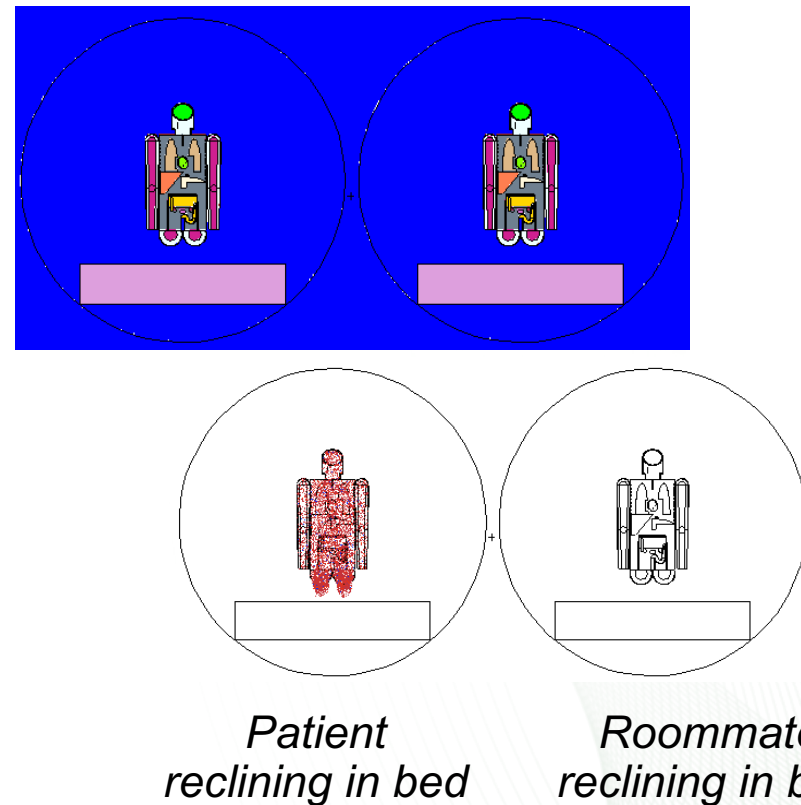


Case 2 - Nursing Home

- Nursing Home:** Caregiver was seated 30 cm from the edge of the ^{131}I patient's bed (~125 cm from the patient's chest to the caregiver's chest).

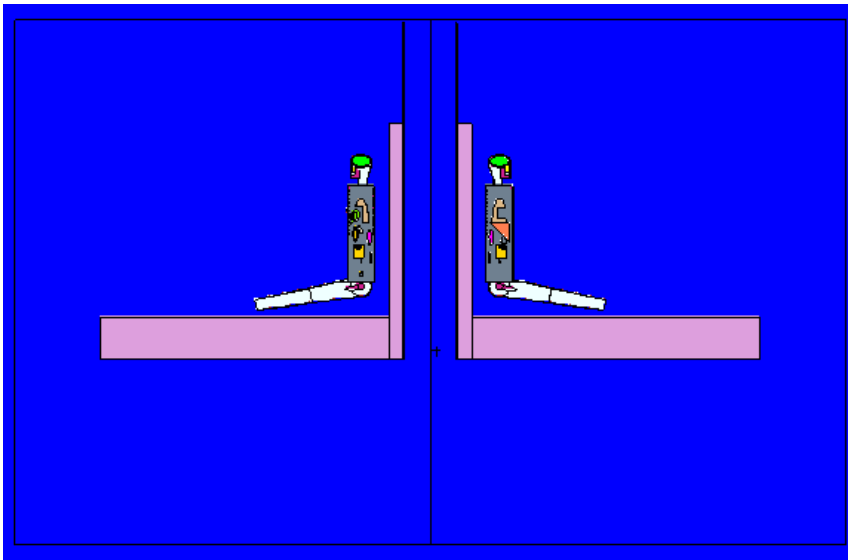


- Nursing Home:** ^{131}I patient and another nursing home resident were seated in adjacent beds 250 cm apart.

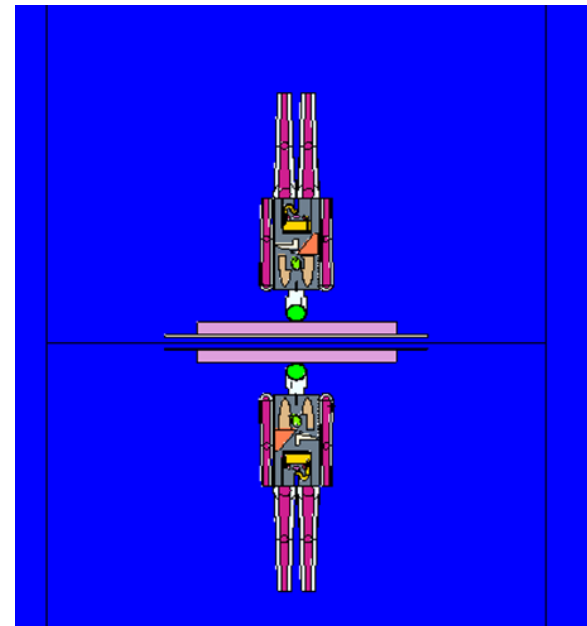


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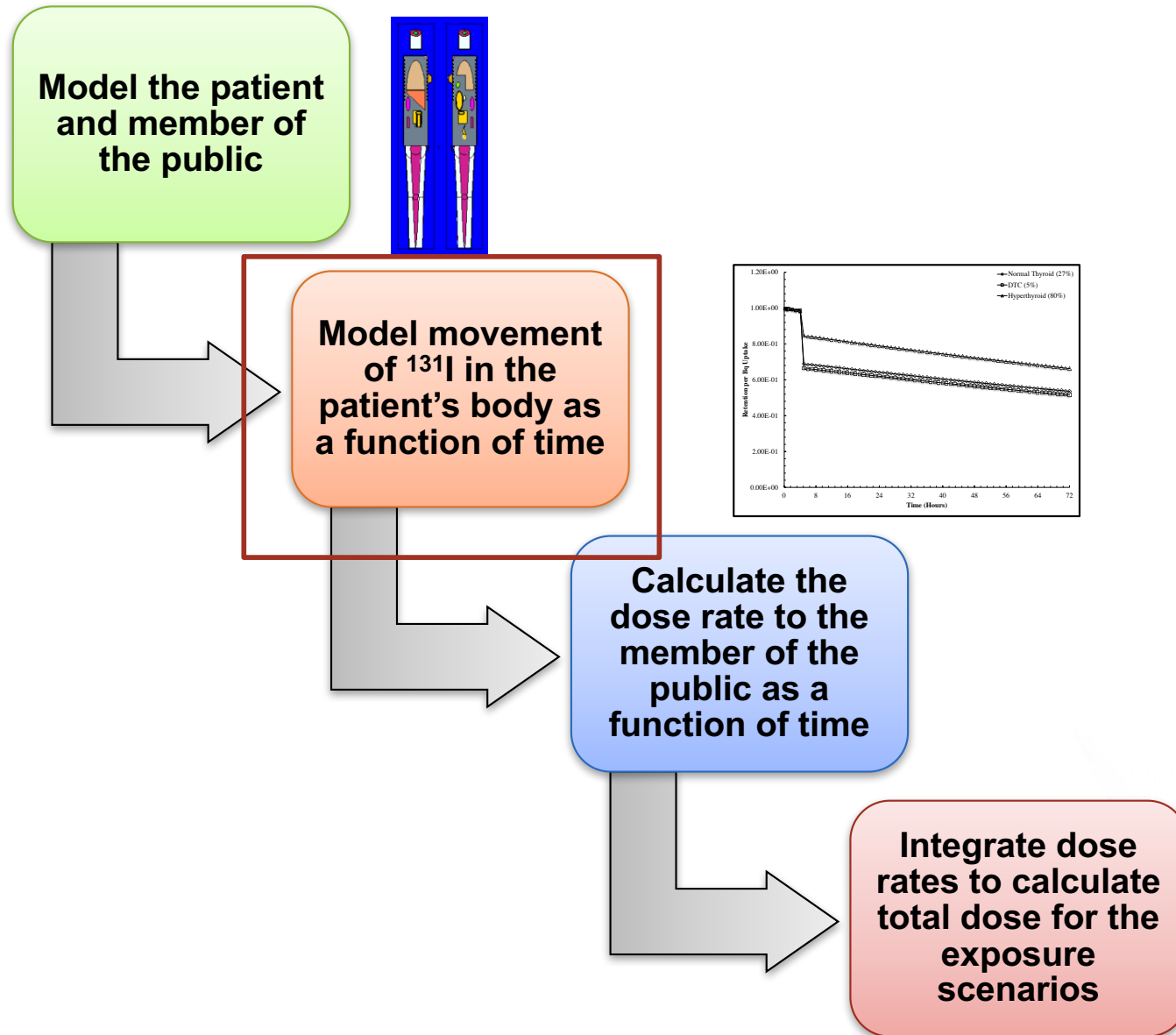
- **Hotel:** ^{131}I patient and another hotel guest in an adjacent room were investigated for **back-to-back seated in bed** position.



- **Hotel:** ^{131}I patient and another hotel guest in an adjacent room were investigated for **back-to-back lying flat** positions in beds on opposite sides of the common wall.

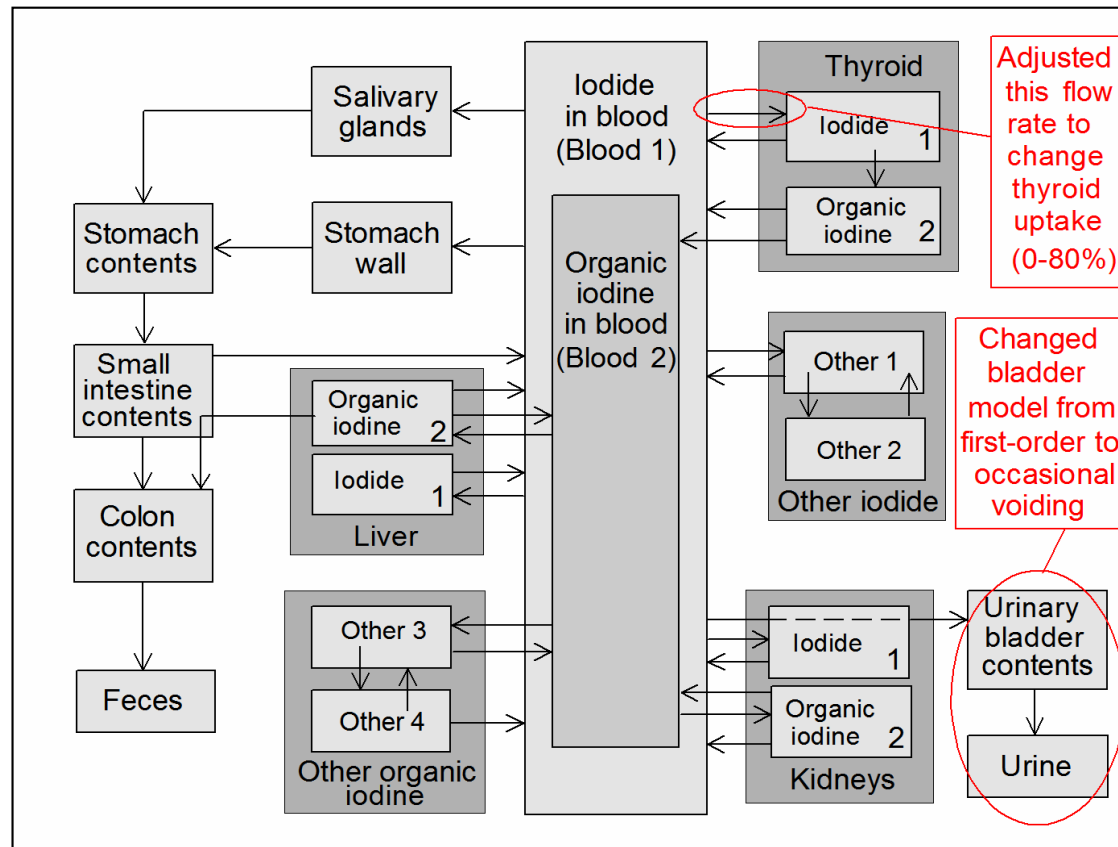


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Biokinetic Modeling

- Biokinetic models predict the movement of ^{131}I in the body as a function of time

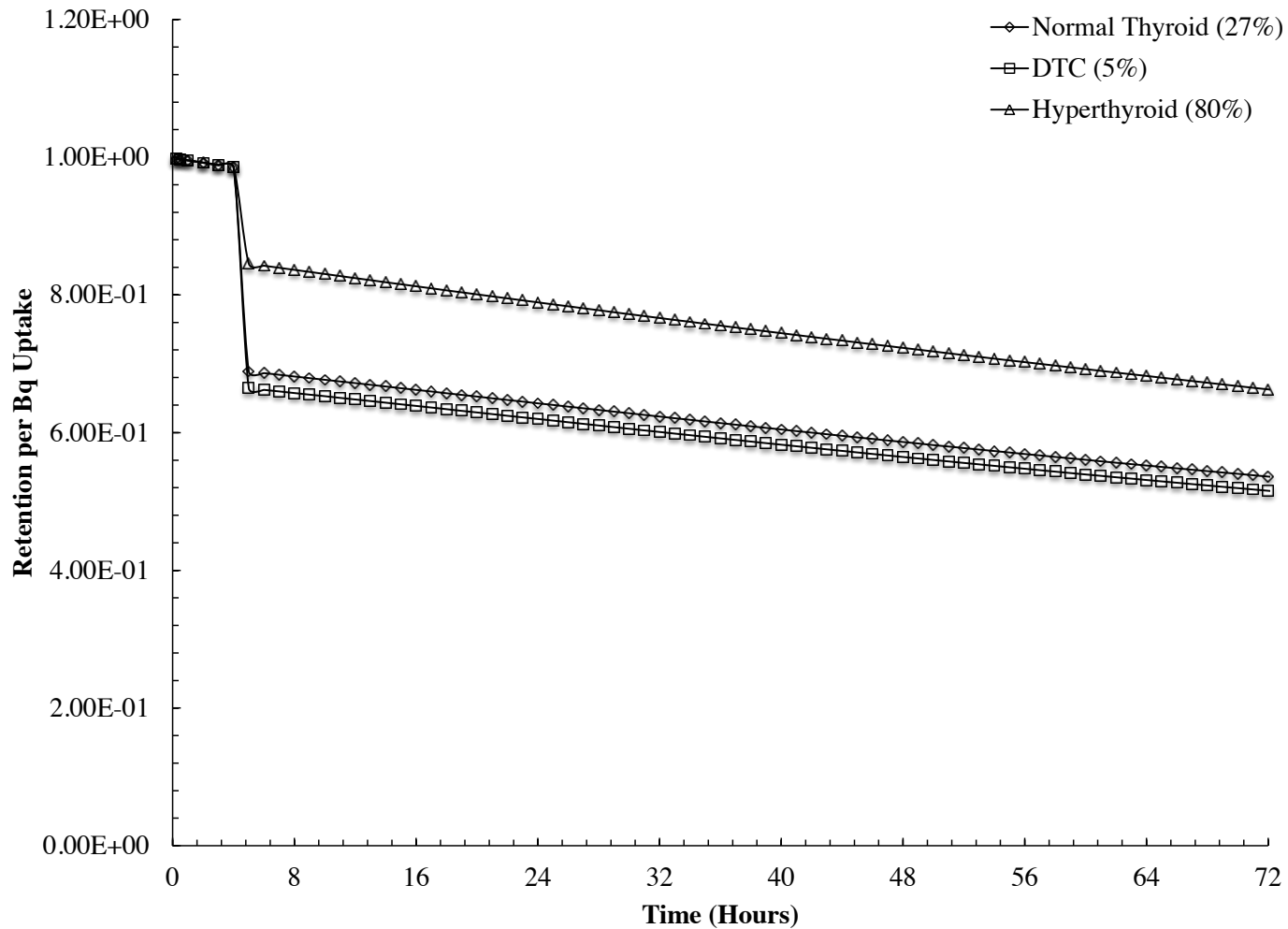


Revised ^{131}I model (Leggett, Radiation Research 174, 2010)

Biokinetic Modes: Voiding Public Transit

- Bladder voiding addressed with each thyroid uptake case
- **Single Voiding:**
 - Assume a **single void** occurs at a specified time post administration (2, 4, or 8 hours)
 - **No further voiding** occurs thereafter
 - Voiding is considered to have occurred **immediately after** the 2-, 4-, or 8-hour time period after **administration**.
 - Represents **upper bound** to the bladder content, following a single void
 - Conservative estimate based on patient release **guidelines that recommend the patient voids at least once** prior to release
- Patient assumed to **board bus immediately** after void

Biokinetic Model – Single Void

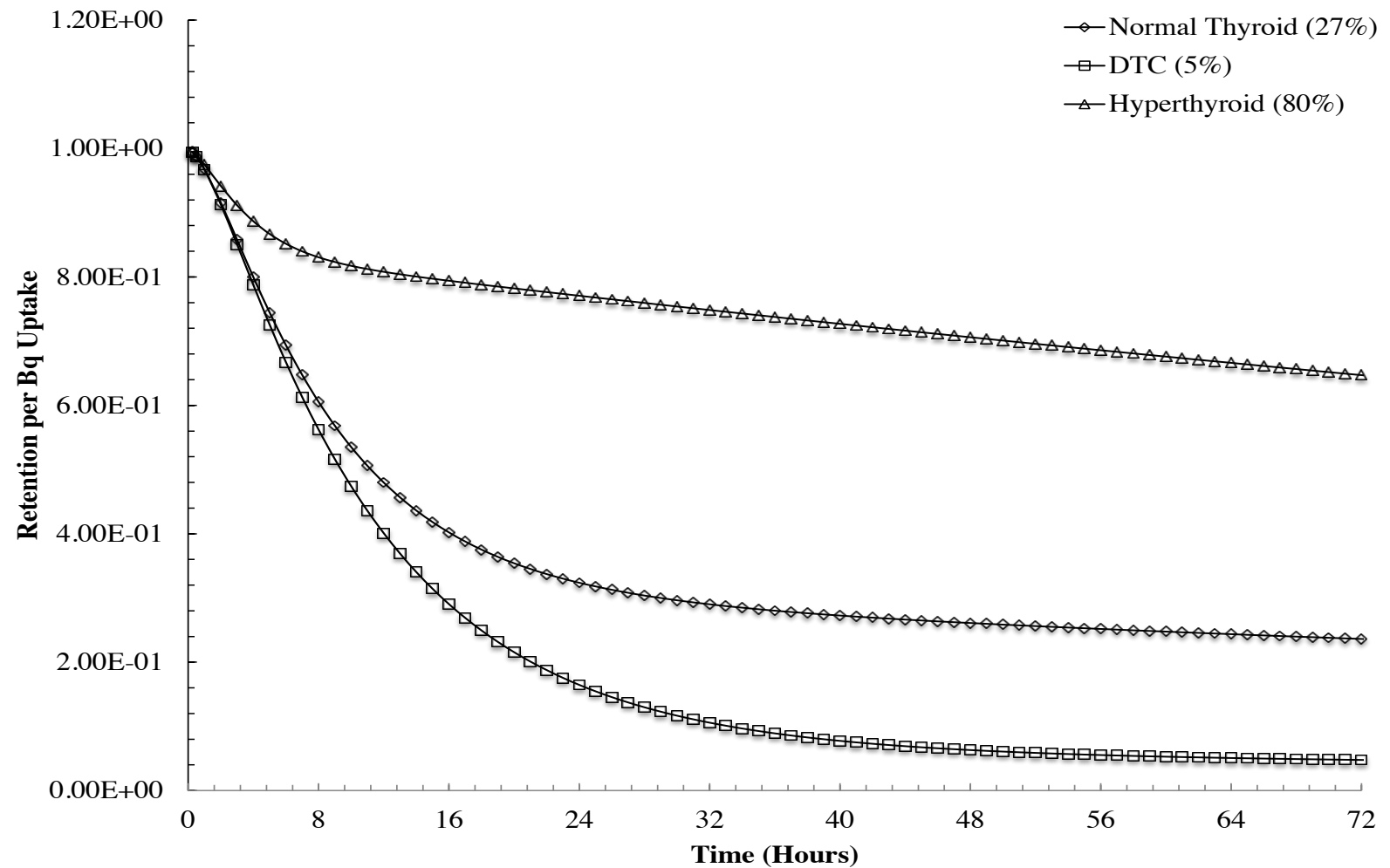


Model predictions of retained fraction of ^{131}I in the body assuming single void at 4 hours after administration.

Biokinetic Modes – Voiding Nursing Home

- ***First-Order Continuous Voiding:***
 - Urinary bladder content removal in urine depicted as **continuous voiding at a constant rate**
 - First-order process occurring at rate recommended for adults by ICRP

Biokinetic Model – Continuous Void

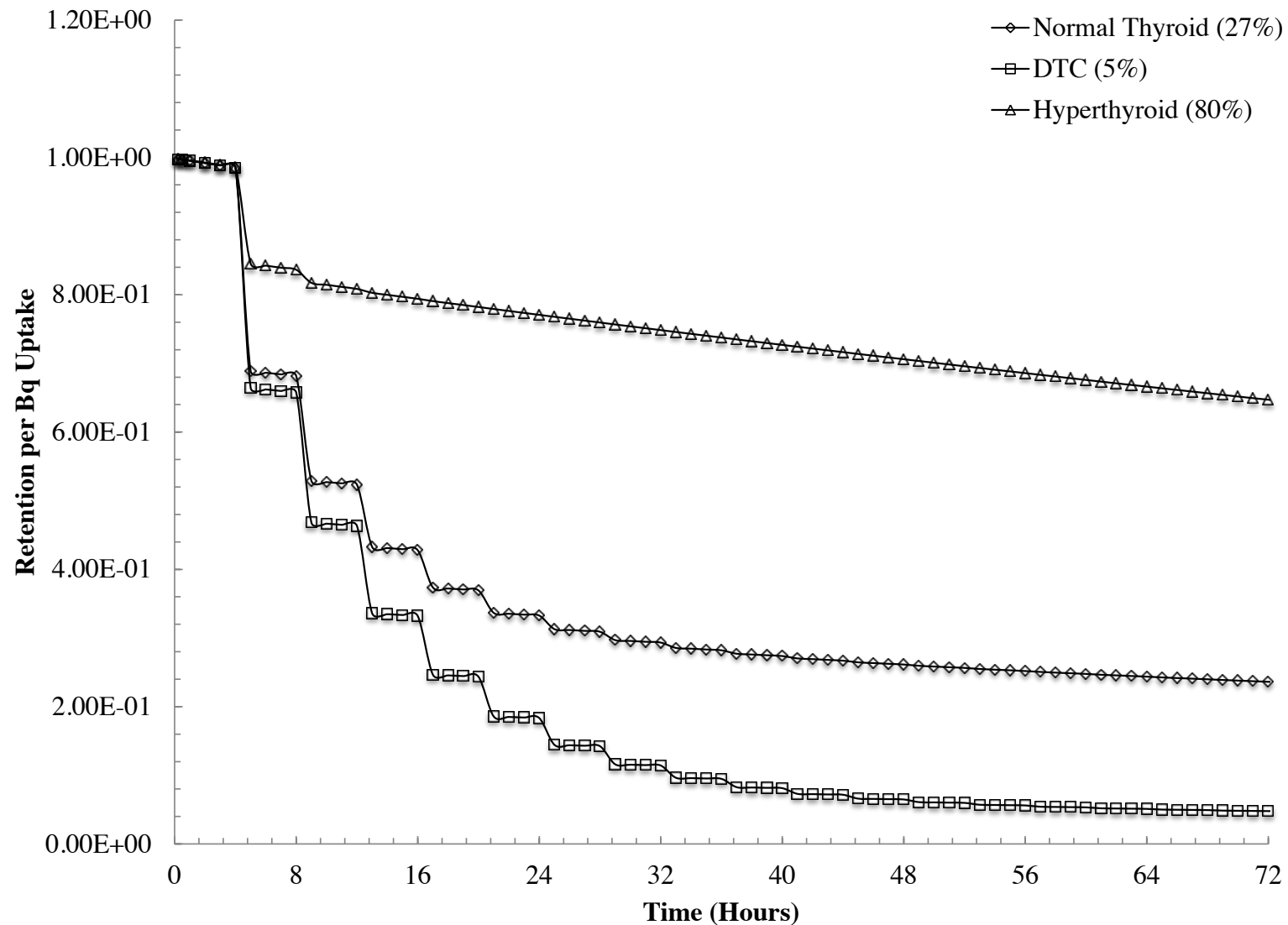


Model predictions of retained fraction of ^{131}I in the body as a function of time assuming a continuous voiding pattern.

Biokinetic Modes – Voiding Model

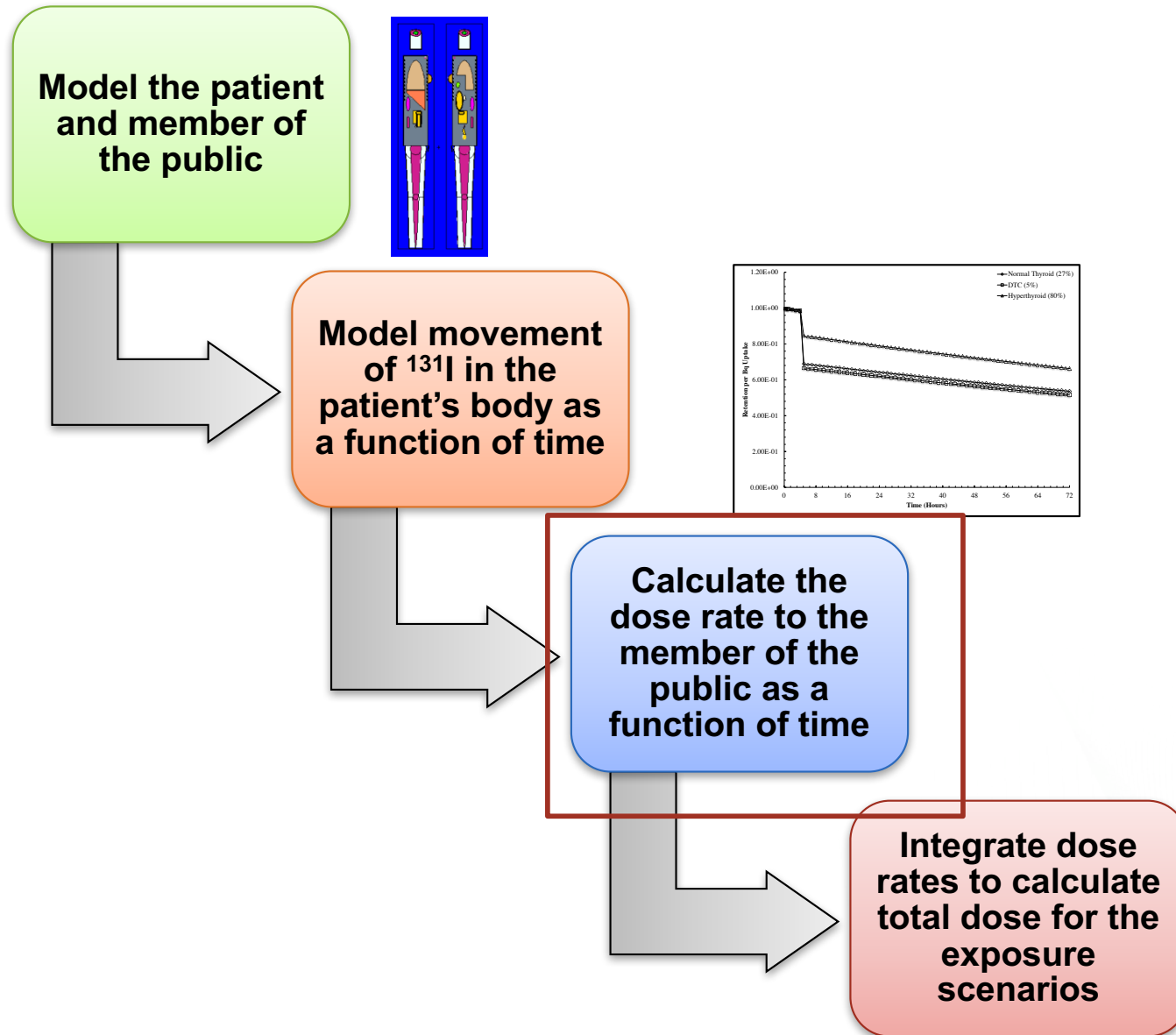
- ***Intermittent (Periodic) Voiding:***
 - Voiding of urinary bladder contents occurs only at **specified time intervals**, i.e. every 4, 8 or 12 hours following administration of ^{131}I .
 - **Instantaneous and complete** voiding of the urinary bladder contents was assumed.
 - Voiding is considered to have occurred immediately after every **recurrent 4-, 8-, or 12-hour time period** after administration.
 - **Step-wise function** of periodic bladder voiding.

Biokinetic Model – Periodic Void

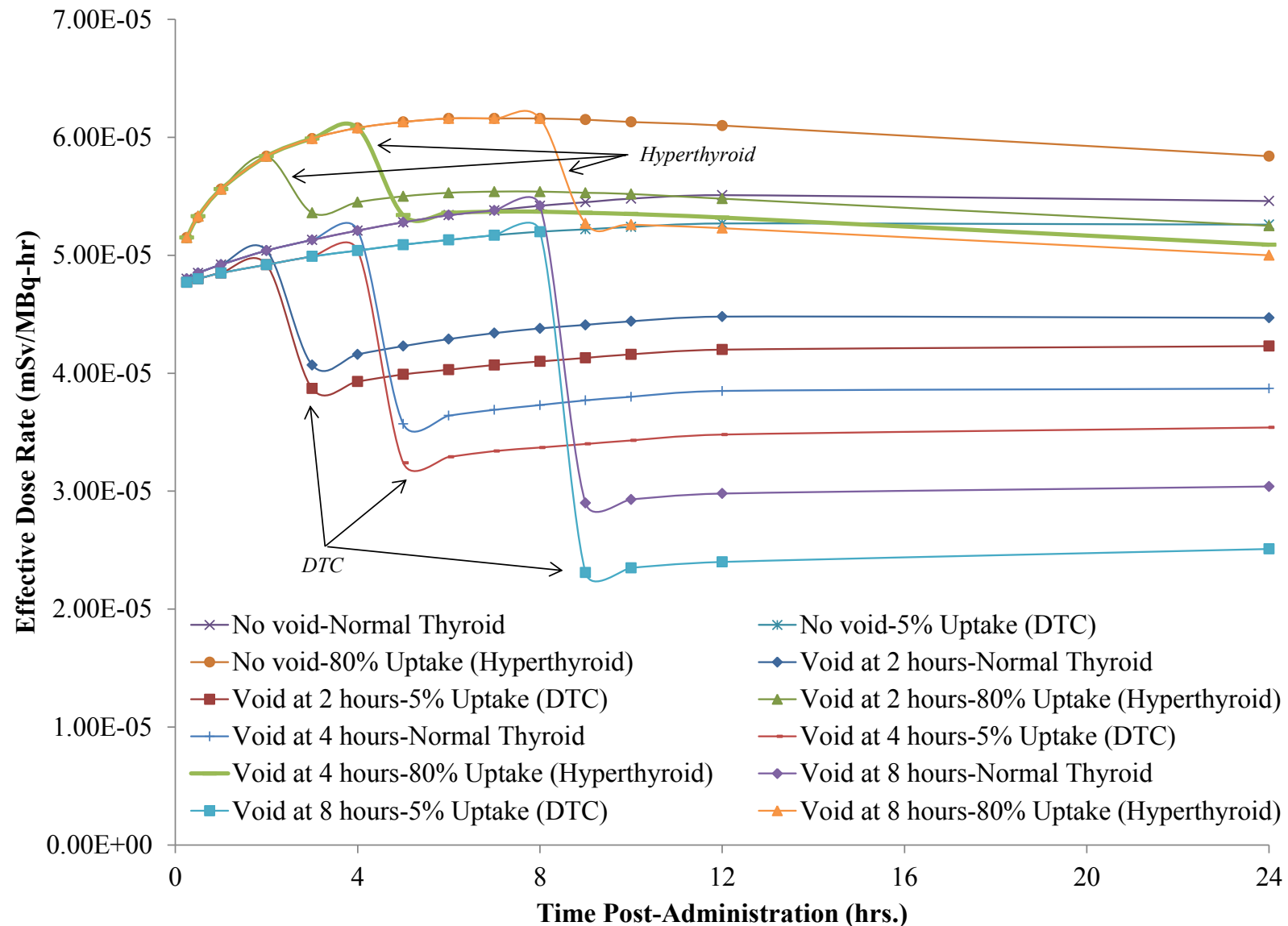


Model predictions of retained fraction of ^{131}I in the body as a function of time assuming a 4-hour periodic voiding pattern.

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Results: Effective Dose Rate on Public Transportation

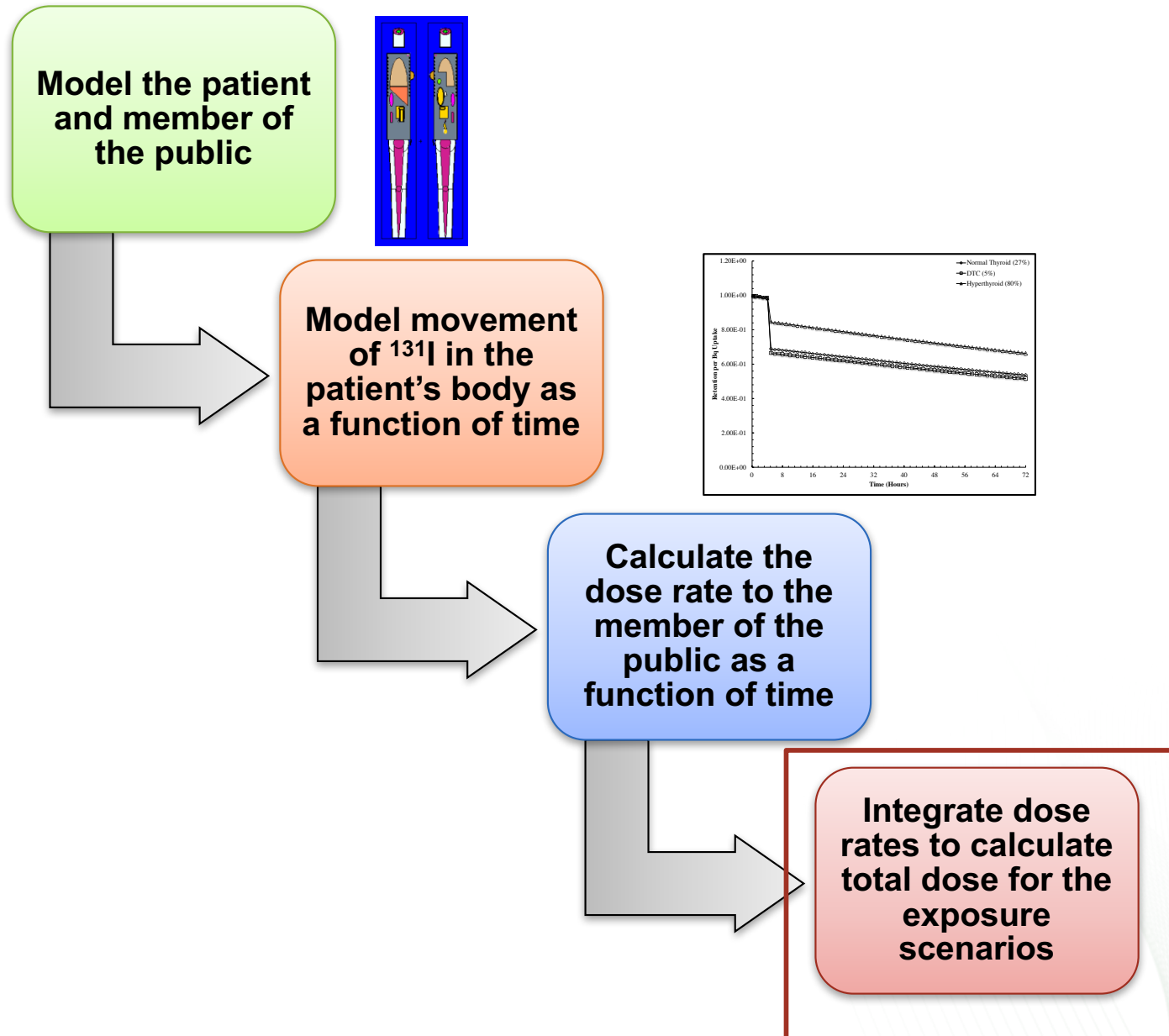


Effective Dose Rate (mSv/MBq-hr) on Public Transportation: Facing 10cm Separation.

Results: Effective Dose Rate on Public Transportation

- Overall, ***Standing Face-to-Face 10 cm Separation***, provides the most conservative dose rate of the six cases simulated for public exposure on public transportation.
- From the seated cases alone, ***Patient Seated Behind Member of Public*** provides the most conservative dose rate for public exposure for the seated cases.
- Assumed that occupancy factors are not necessary in public transit since the scenario is a single exposure in a finite single timeframe where the placement of the patient and member of the public are unchanged relative to each other.

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(Dewji et al. 2015)

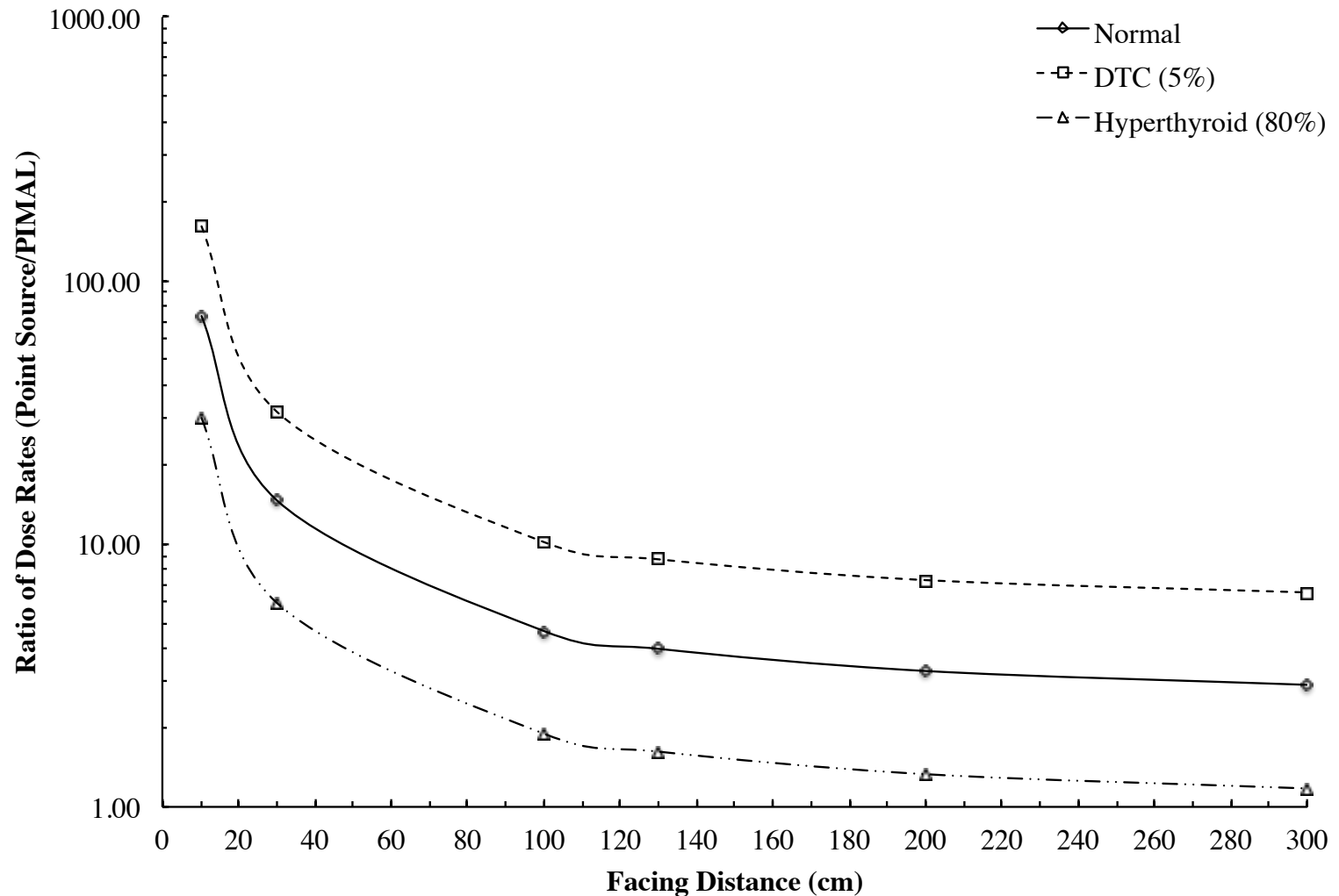


Figure 10. Ratio of Effective dose rates calculated using point source method to biokinetic PIMAL phantom results at various separation distances for normal, DTC, and hyperthyroid uptake modes (24 h following ^{131}I administration).

Conclusions

- Using PIMAL phantoms in permutations of seated, standing, and lying down positions
 - permitted realistic geometry models to determine more plausible dose rate coefficients for exposure to members of the public.

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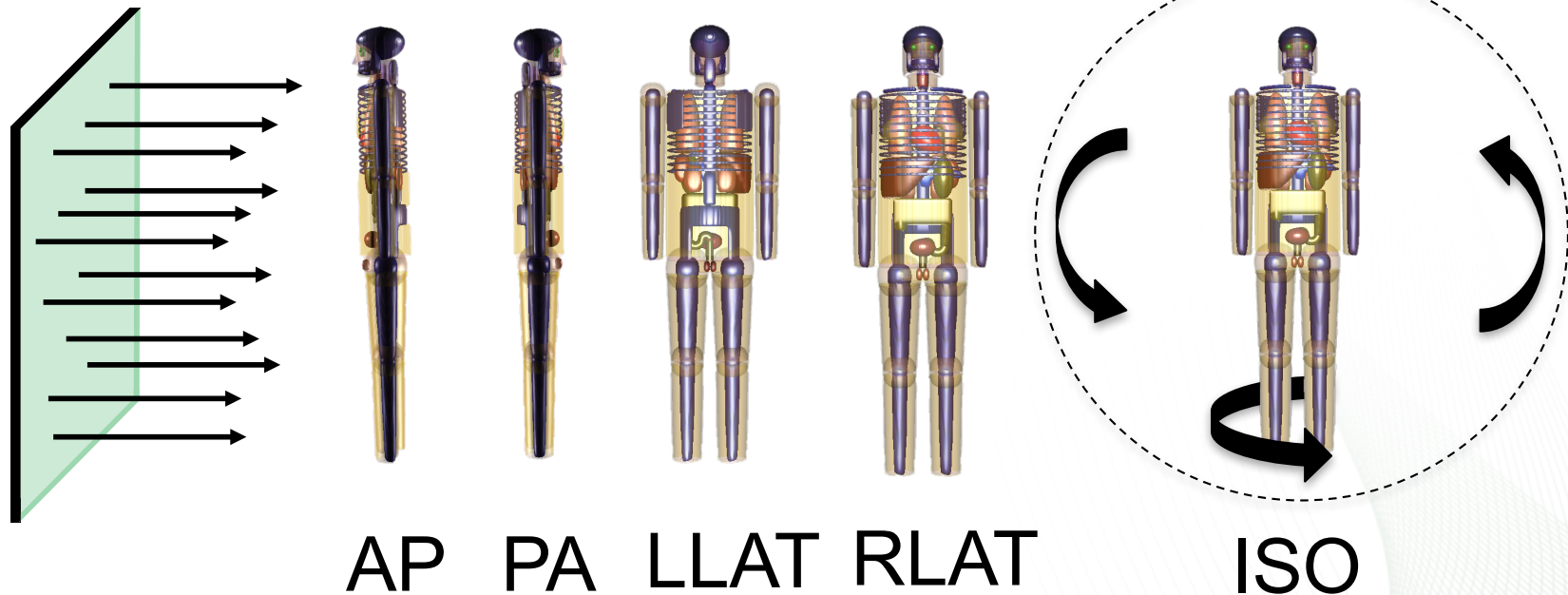
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- Both old and recent human body models have almost always been rigidly created in the vertical, upright position.
- The **PIMAL** (**P**hantom with **M**oving **A**rms and **L**egs) software creates **MCNP** (**M**onte **C**arlo **N**-**P**article transport code) input files of computational stylized phantoms with repositioned arms and legs.

Upright vs. PIMAL Bent Phantom in ICRP 116 Geometries for **Photons** (Dewji et al. 2017)

- MCNP simulations were run for:
 - male and female phantom;
 - upright, half bend (45°), and full bend (90°) positions.
- ICRP 116 source irradiation geometries:
 - Irradiation planes (AP, PA, LLAT, RLAT): 200 cm x 200 cm @ 1 m from phantom centroid;
 - Isotropic sphere (ISO): $r = 400$ cm.
- Over range of five monoenergetic photon energies:
 - 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, and 5 MeV.
- ICRP 89 tissue compositions and densities.
- Organ absorbed doses estimated using the kerma (fluence-to-dose) approximation (MCNP F6 tally).
- Dose rates for active marrow and the bone surface were estimated using skeletal response functions published by Cristy and Eckerman (1987).

Methodology – Monte Carlo Simulation

- PIMAL used to generate the MCNP input files for the repositioned phantom
 - International Commission on Radiation Protection Publication 116 irradiation geometries
- Determine the impact on the absorbed organ dose and effective dose between the upright and bent phantom positions.

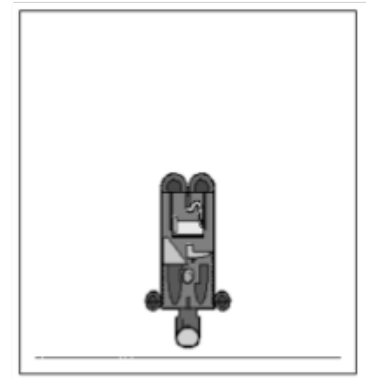
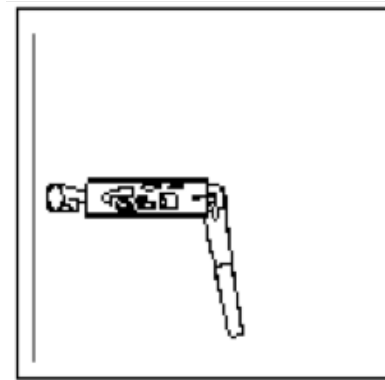


Methodology – Monte Carlo Simulation

- MCNP simulations were run for the male and female phantoms at the upright, half bend (45°), and full bend (90°) positions



The upright, half bend, and full bend side views taken from the PIMAL 4.1.0 GUI for the stylized phantom.



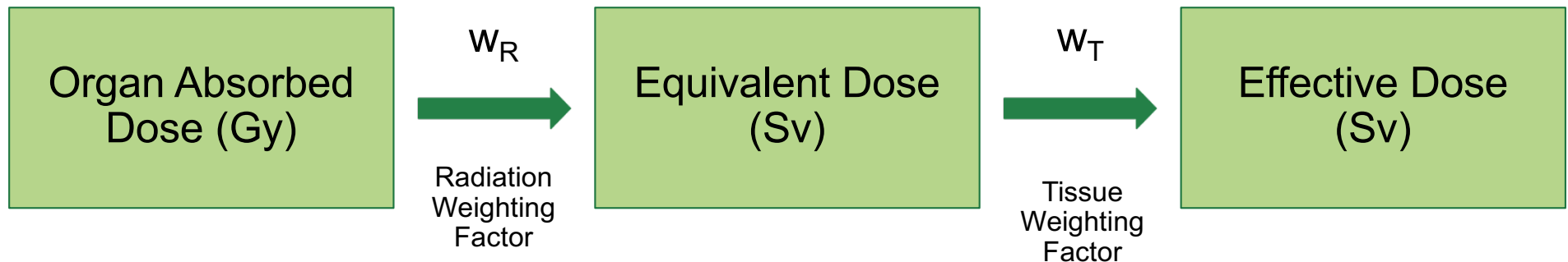
The adult male PIMAL stylized phantom bent in fully bent articulated (90 degree) position.

Left: PIMAL shown in VisEd with AP source (side view);

Right: PIMAL shown in VisEd with AP source (aerial view).

Organ Dose Computation

ICRP Publication 103 Methodology



$$H_T = \sum_R w_R \cdot D_{T,R}$$

$$E = \sum_T w_T \cdot H_T$$

(w_R) = Radiation weighting factors
 $(D_{T,R})$ = Organ absorbed dose (J/kg)
 (H_T) = Equivalent dose (Sv)
 (w_T) = Radiation weighting factors

Results

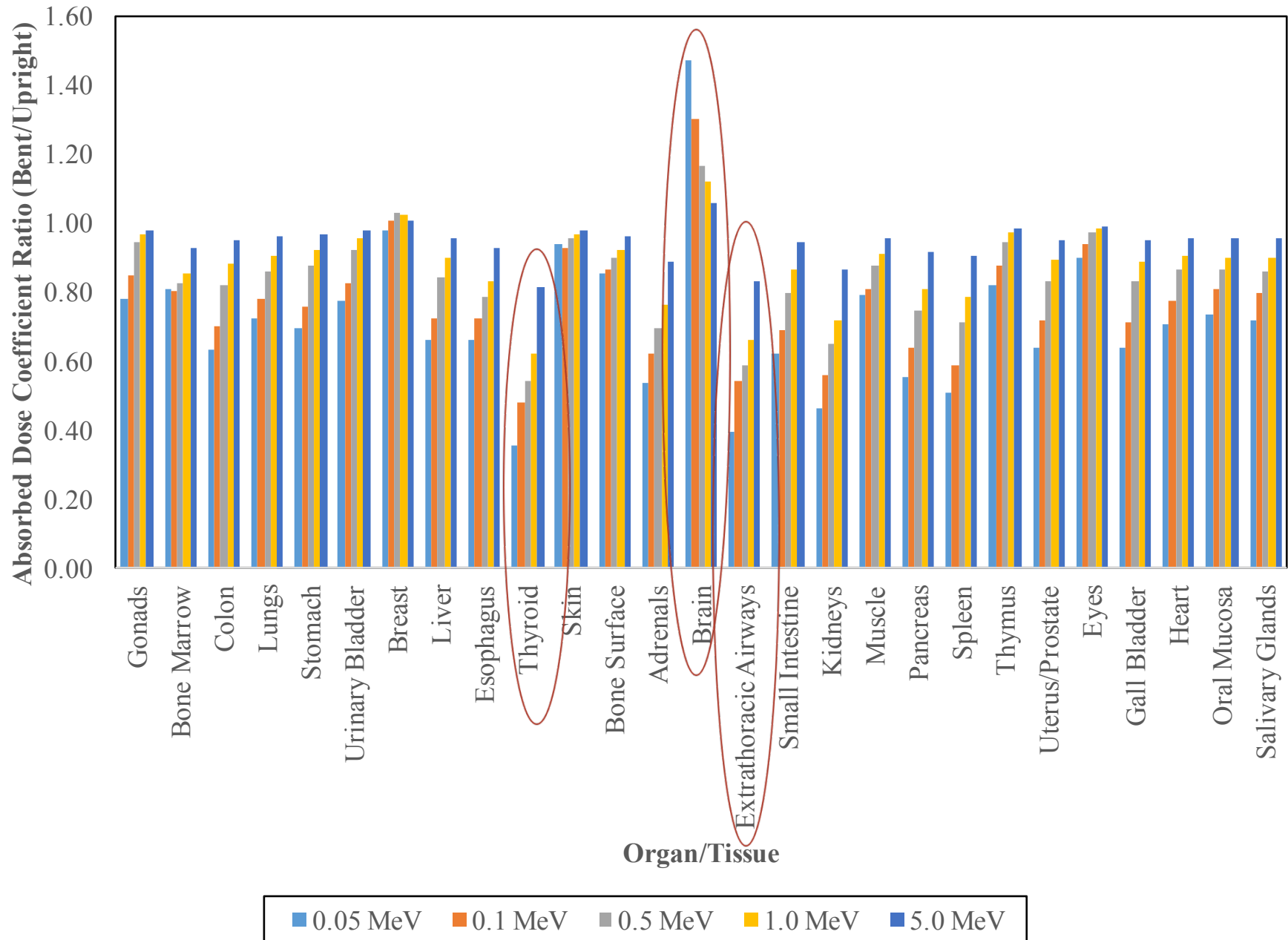
- Organ doses that showed strong positional variation compared to the upright phantom are summarized.
- All simulations were run for 10^9 particles, with statistical errors converging within $< 1\%$ for small or deep organs/tissues (e.g. adrenals), for all organs, energies, and irradiation geometries.
- Sex-averaged organ dose coefficients
- Ratio organ absorbed dose (bent/upright)
 - (**Ratio < 1**) Upright phantom overestimates the dose
 - (**Ratio > 1**) Upright phantom underestimates the dose

Results - AP Source Geometry

- AP source geometry showed significant differences between the bent and upright phantom geometries, which became much more pronounced with increasing bending angle.
- Brain received more dose when bent than upright
 - 47% more in 45° bent position
 - 72% more in 90° bent position
- Greatest degree of overestimation by upright organ
 - 50 keV for thyroid (65% for 45°) and (90% for 90°)
 - 50 keV ET airways (60% for 45°) and (79% for 90°)
- All other organs and tissues were overestimated in absorbed organ dose by the upright phantom in the AP irradiation geometry.

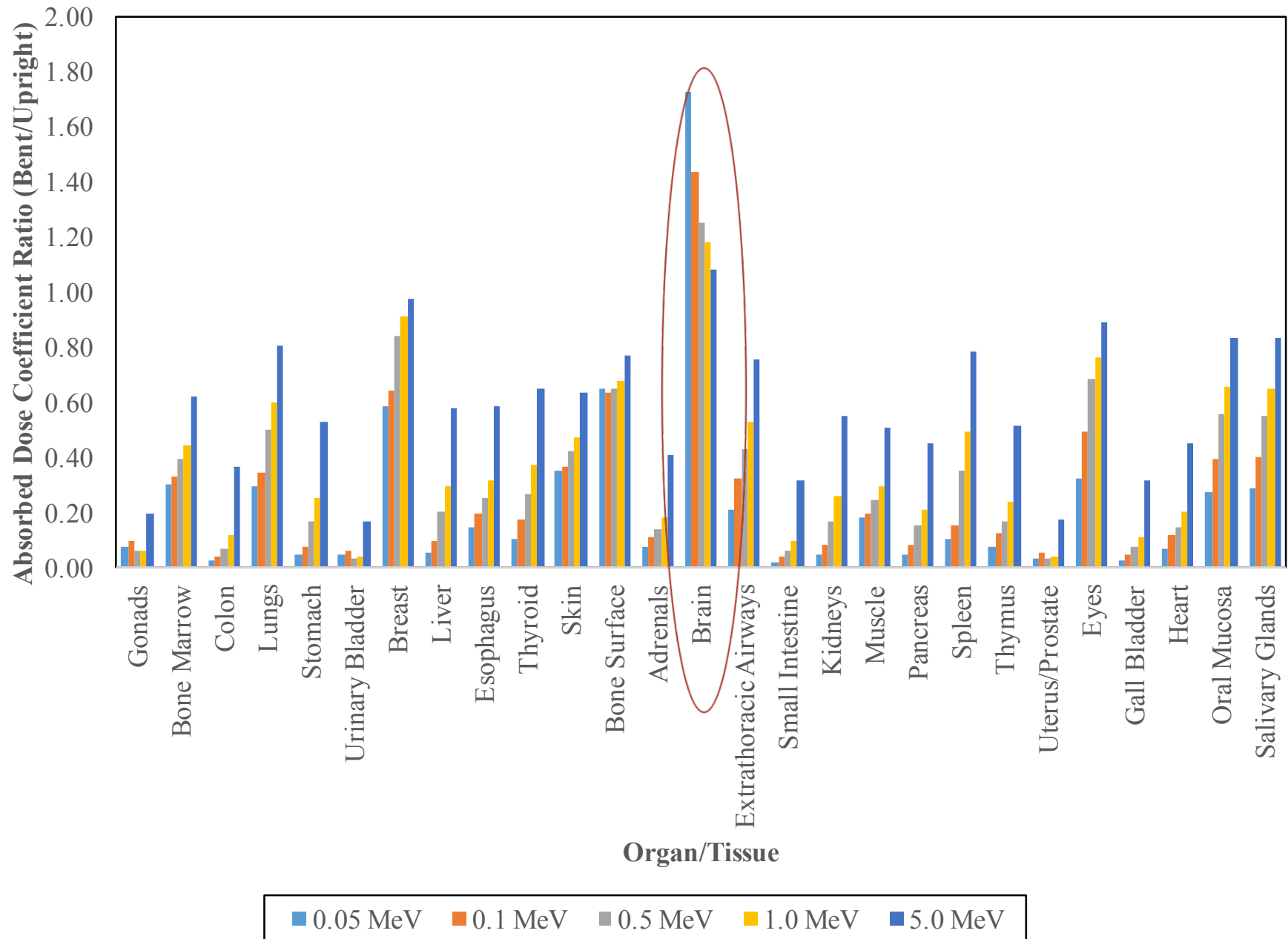
AP Source Geometry

Sex-Averaged Organ Dose Ratio in 45-degree Bent/Upright



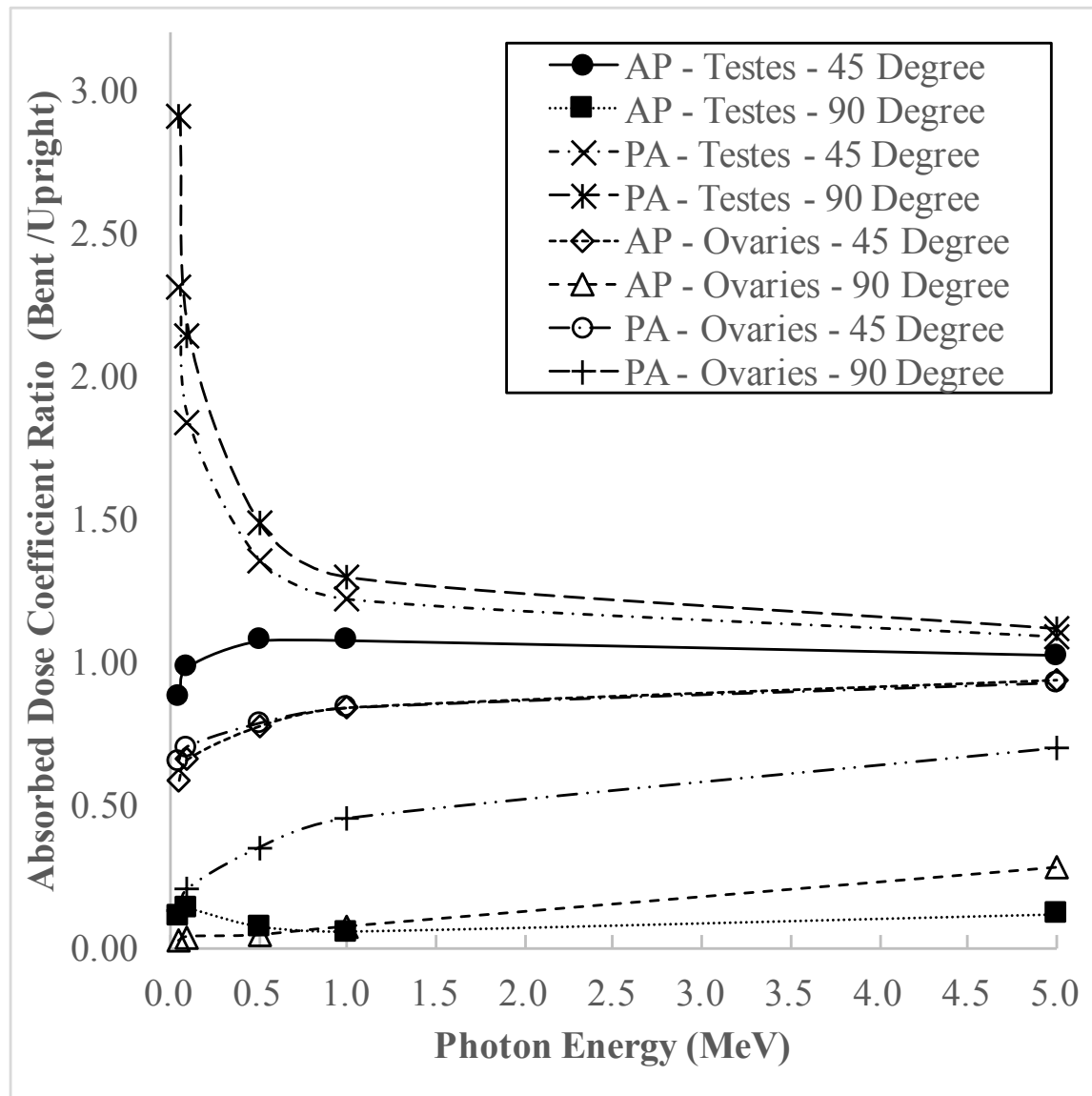
AP Source Geometry

Sex-Averaged Organ Dose Ratio in 90-degree Bent/Upright



Results – PA Source Geometry

- Urinary bladder dose
 - slightly underestimated by the upright phantom by 3% to 15% as a function of decreasing energy from 5 MeV to 50 keV in the 45° bent position
 - overestimated the dose by as much as 21% in the 90° bent position
- Testes underestimated by the upright phantom:
 - factor of 2.31 bent at 45 degrees at 0.05 MeV
 - factor of 2.91 bent at 90 degrees at 0.05 MeV
- Prostate underestimated by the upright phantom:
 - factor of 2.11 bent at 45 degrees at low energies
 - factor of 1.62 bent at 90 degrees at low energies
- All other organs were otherwise overestimated by doses computed for the upright phantom.

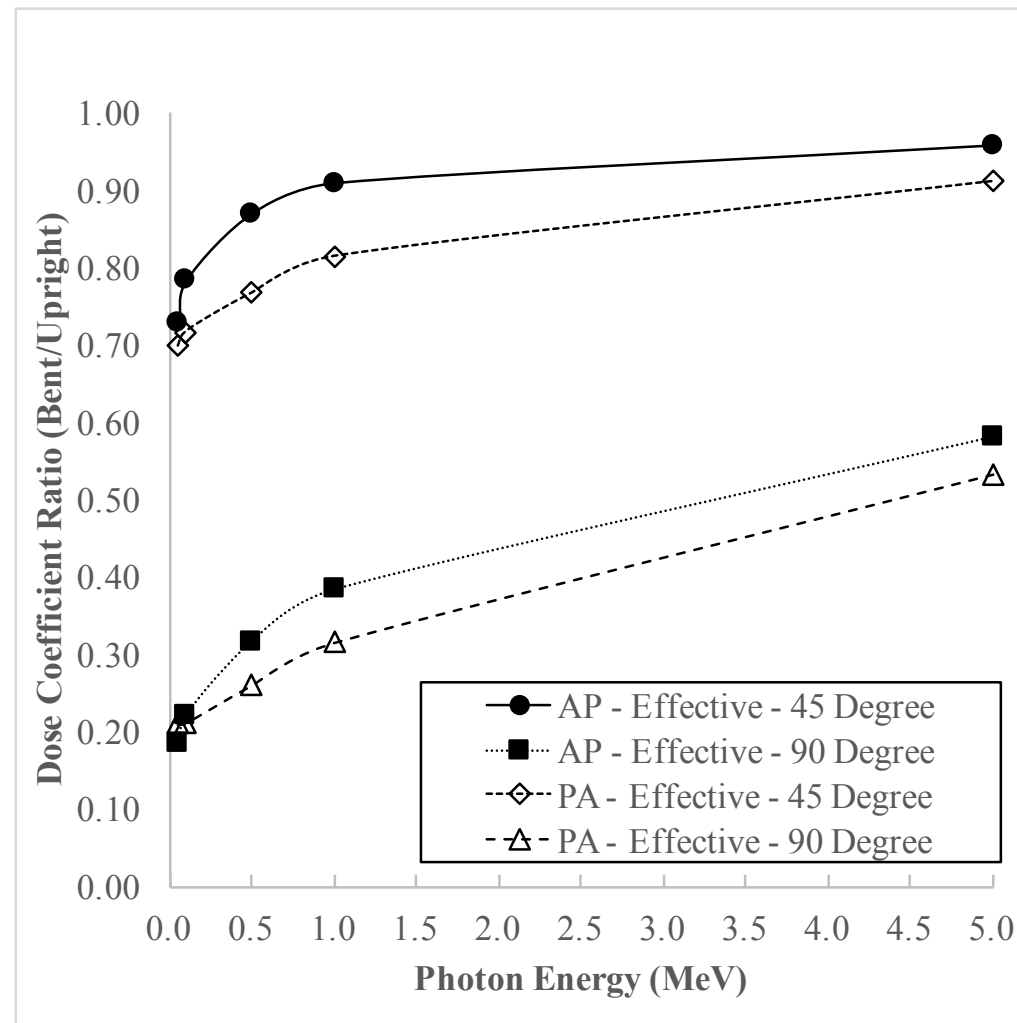


Absorbed dose coefficient ratio for gonads (male: testes; female: ovaries) in AP and PA irradiation geometries with PIMAL bent at 45- and 90-degree positions.

Results – Effective Dose (AP/PA)

- Most notable difference between upright and bent postures found in the AP and PA source geometries
 - Full bend received close to half the effective dose of the upright and half-bent positions
- AP effective dose at 45-degree bend comparable to upright > 1 MeV
 - Dose overestimated by the upright phantom below 1 MeV by as much as 26%
- AP effective dose at 90-degree bend
 - Upright phantom overestimates effective dose by 79% down to 41% as energies increase from 50 keV to 5 MeV
- Effective dose ratio for PA irradiation geometry is only slightly more overestimated by the upright phantom compared to the AP geometry

Effective Dose Ratio (AP and PA)



Sex-averaged effective dose coefficient ratio in AP and PA irradiation geometries with PIMAL bent at 45- and 90-degree positions.

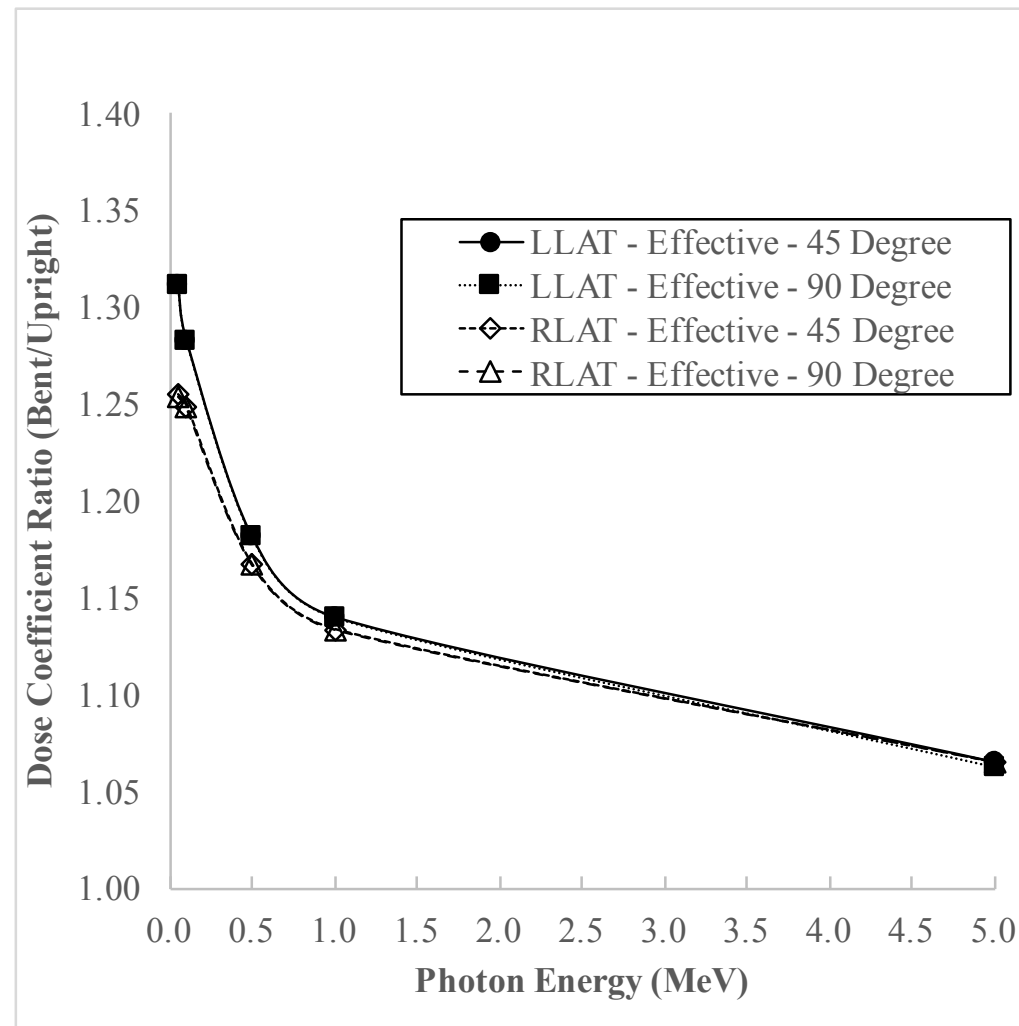
Results – LLAT and RLAT Source Geometry

- LLAT and RLAT bent position have arms angled out
 - organs in torso received more dose than they would have otherwise in the upright position
 - arms serve as shields pinned to the sides of the body for upright
- Not much positional variation from 45° to 90° bend (organs see the same solid angle from source)
- In both the 45° and 90° bent scenarios:
 - breast and thymus receive a lower dose when bent
 - all other organs receive the same or more dose than the upright phantom

Results – Effective Dose (LLAT/RLAT/ISO)

- Effective dose was nearly identical across the postures for LLAT and RLAT irradiation geometries
- LLAT and RLAT 45-degree bent position comparable to 90-degree bent position
 - Unlike AP and PA irradiation geometries, upright phantom underestimates dose to PIMAL by as much as 29% at 50 keV to 6% at 5 MeV for both the 45-degree and 90-degree bending angles
- Ratio for ISO was ~ 1.0 for all positions due to uniform irradiation source, as expected

Effective Dose Ratio (LLAT and RLAT)



Sex-averaged effective dose coefficient ratio in LLAT and RLAT irradiation geometries with PIMAL bent at 45- and 90-degree positions.

Conclusions

- Upright phantom largely underestimates:
 - absorbed dose in the brain for the AP source geometry
 - absorbed dose in testes for PA source geometry
 - both the half and full bend phantom positions
- Upright phantom underestimates:
 - Thoracic organs' absorbed dose due to angled arm position in LLAT/RLAT
- Effective dose to the bent position indicate
 - AP and PA 45° - that the dose is less than or equal to the effective dose of the upright phantom, much more pronounced at 90° (upright overestimates - conservative)
 - LLAT and RLAT 45° and 90° - dose is higher than upright (upright underestimates)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Comparison of photon organ and effective dose coefficients for PIMAL stylized phantom in bent positions in standard irradiation geometries

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Abstract Computational phantoms with articulated arms and legs have been constructed to enable the estimation of radiation dose in different postures. Through a graphical user interface, the Phantom with Moving Arms and Legs (PIMAL) version 4.1.0 software can be employed to articulate the posture of a phantom and generate a corresponding input deck for the Monte Carlo N-Particle (MCNP) radiation transport code. In this work, photon fluence-to-dose coefficients were computed using PIMAL to compare organ and effective doses for a stylized phantom in the standard upright position with those for phantoms in realistic work postures. The articulated phantoms represent working positions including fully and half bent

torsos with extended arms for both the male and female reference adults. Dose coefficients are compared for both the upright and bent positions across monoenergetic photon energies: 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, and 5.0 MeV. Additionally, the organ doses are compared across the International Commission on Radiological Protection's standard external radiation exposure geometries: antero-posterior, postero-anterior, left and right lateral, and isotropic (AP, PA, LLAT, RLAT, and ISO). For the AP and PA irradiation geometries, differences in organ doses compared to the upright phantom become more profound with increasing bending angles and have doses largely overestimated for all organs except the brain in AP and bladder in PA. In LLAT and RLAT irradiation geometries, energy deposition for organs is more likely to be underestimated compared to the upright phantom, with no overall change despite increased bending angle. The ISO source geometry did not cause a significant difference in absorbed organ dose between the different phantoms, regardless of position. Organ and effective fluence-to-dose coefficients are tabulated. In the AP geometry, the effective dose at the 45° bent position is overestimated compared to the upright phantom below 1 MeV by as much as 27% and 82% in the 90° position. The effective dose in the 45° bent position was comparable

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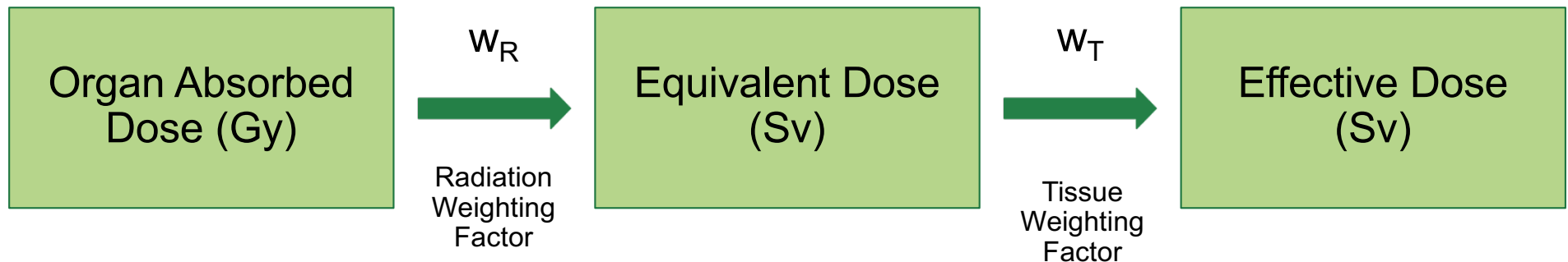
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Upright vs. PIMAL Bent Phantom in ICRP 116 Geometries for **Neutrons** (Bales et al. 2017)

- Male and Female Stylized Phantoms
 - ICRP 89 tissue compositions and densities.
- Organ dose rates computed using MCNP +F6 Collision Heating tally (MeV/g)
- Dose rates for active marrow and the bone surface were estimated using skeletal response functions from ICRP Publication 116 and MCNP F4 tally (particles/cm²)
- Source Specifications
 - **Neutron energies:** 0.01-20.0 MeV
 - **Plane:** AP, PA, LLAT, RLAT - 200 X 200 cm
 - **Sphere:** ISO – r=400cm
 - **Particles:** n p e | ! h / * z k ? d t s a #

Organ Dose Computation

ICRP Publication 103 Methodology



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ENDF Libraries

- ICRP 116 Skeletal Response Functions

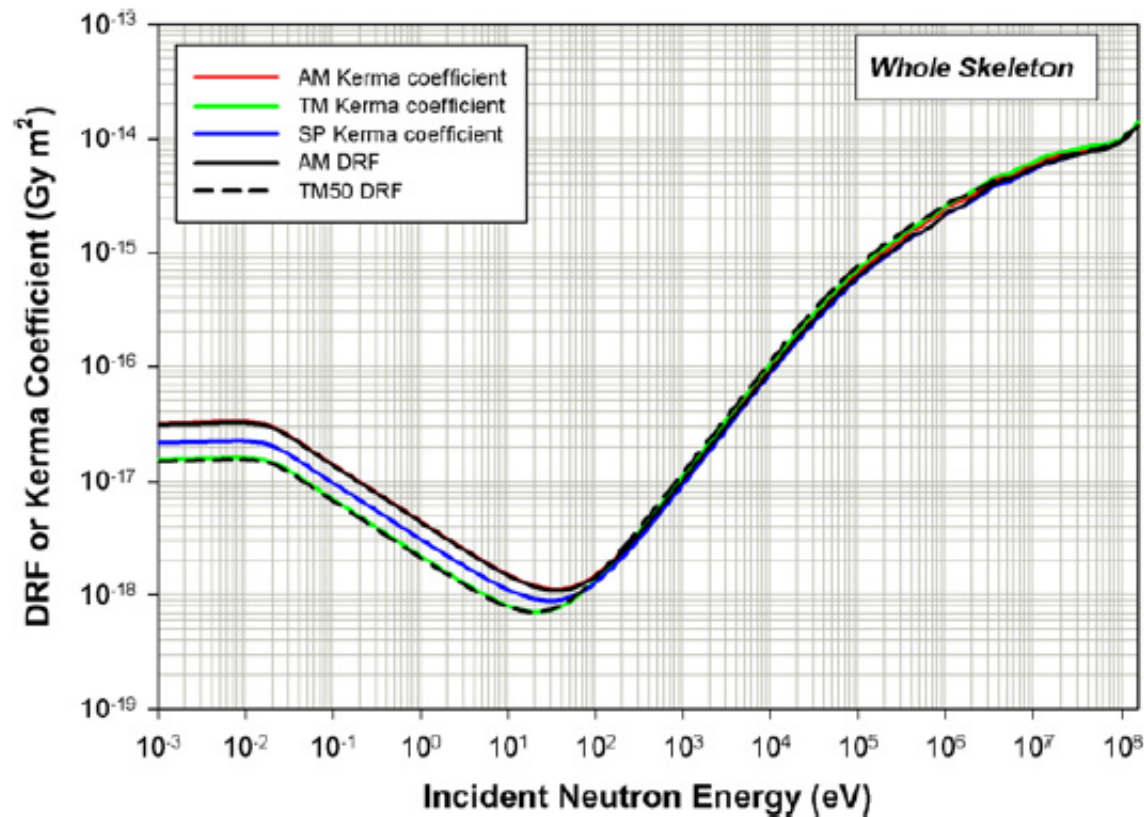


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Results

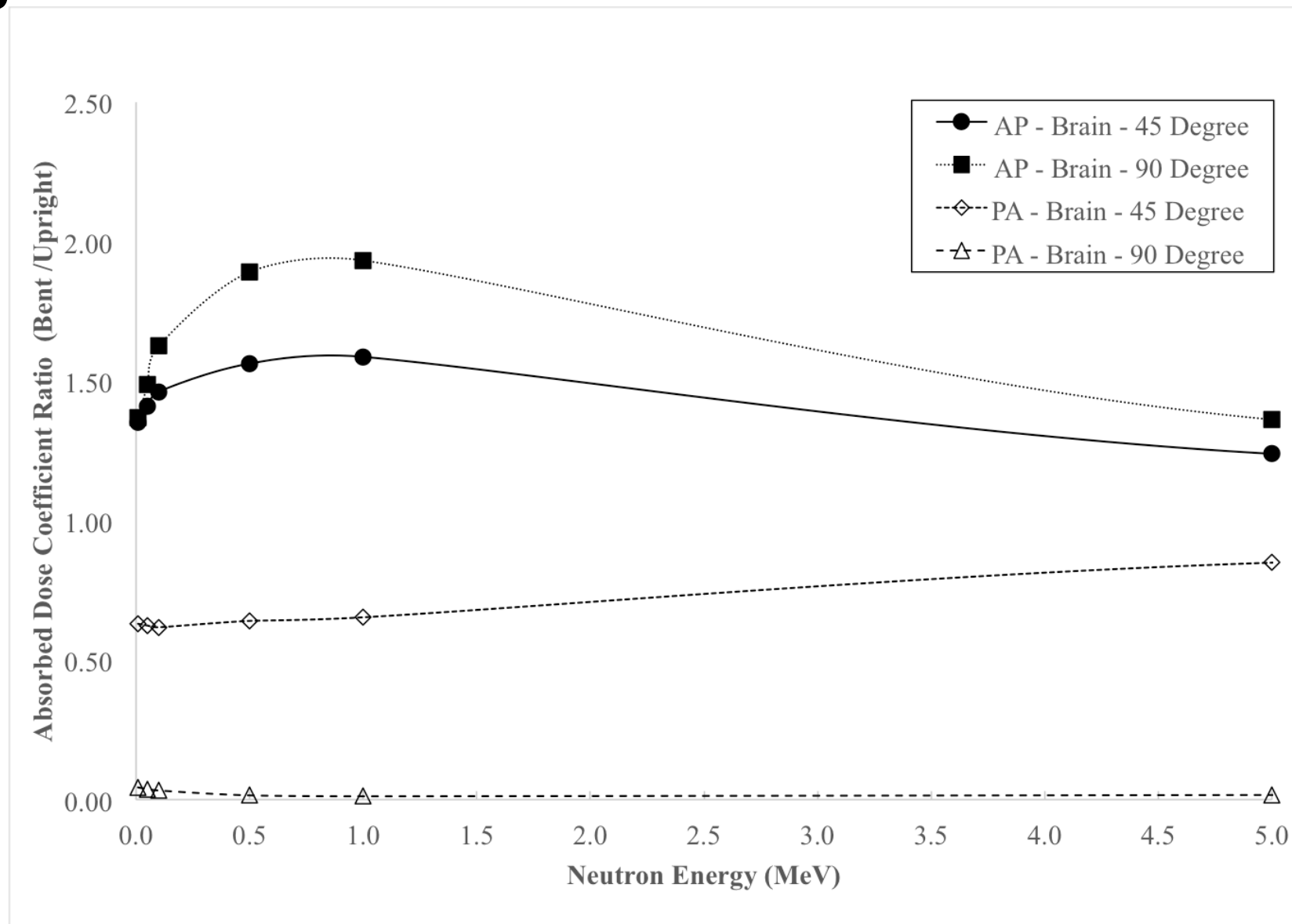
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- **(Ratio < 1)** Upright phantom overestimates the dose
- **(Ratio > 1)** Upright phantom underestimates the dose

Results - AP Source Geometry

- AP source geometry showed significant differences between the bent and upright phantom geometries, which became much more pronounced with increasing bending angle.
- Brain received more dose when bent than upright
 - As much as 59% more in 45-degree bent position @ 1 MeV
 - As much as 93% more in 90-degree bent position @ 1 MeV
- Greatest degree of overestimation by upright organ
 - Thyroid: 76% for 45-degree @ 1 MeV
 - Thyroid: 94% for 90-degree @ 1 MeV
- All other organs and tissues were overestimated in absorbed organ dose by the upright phantom in the AP irradiation geometry.

AP Source Geometry

Organ Dose Ratio for Male Brain



Results – PA Source Geometry

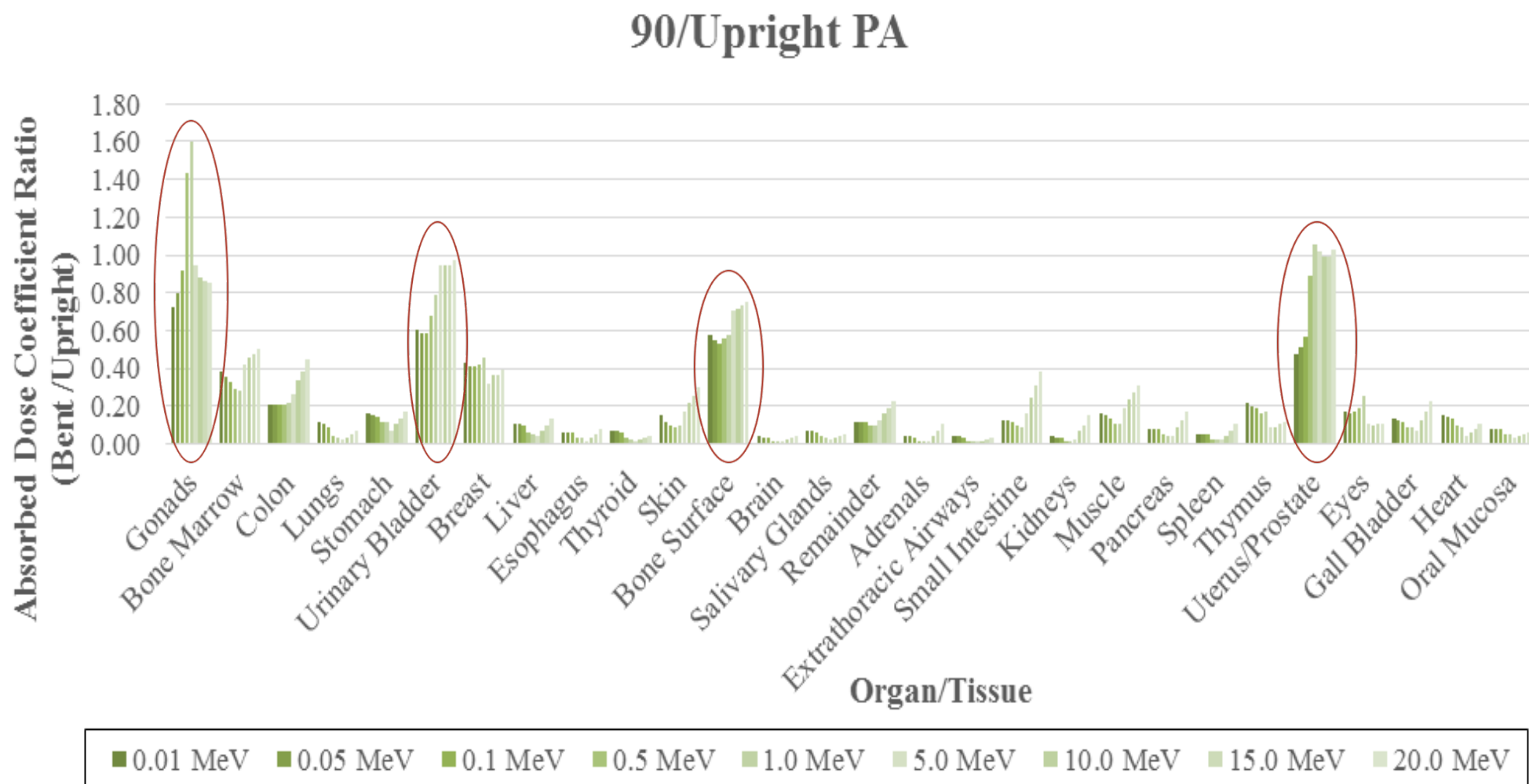
- Urinary bladder, testes and prostate become more vulnerable in the bent positions.
- Absorbed doses of all other organs and tissues were otherwise overestimated by the doses computed for the upright phantom.

Results – PA Source Geometry

- Urinary bladder dose
 - slightly overestimated by the upright phantom by 8% at 50-100 keV range and underestimated by 12% at 1 MeV in the 45-degree bent position
 - overestimated the dose by as much as 46% in the 90 degree bent position (100 keV)
- Testes underestimated by the upright phantom:
 - factor of 2.92 bent at 45 degrees at 1 MeV
 - factor of 4.01 bent at 90 degrees at 1 MeV
- Prostate underestimated by the upright phantom:
 - factor of 3.07 bent at 45 degrees at 1 MeV
 - factor of 1.99 bent at 90 degrees at 1 MeV

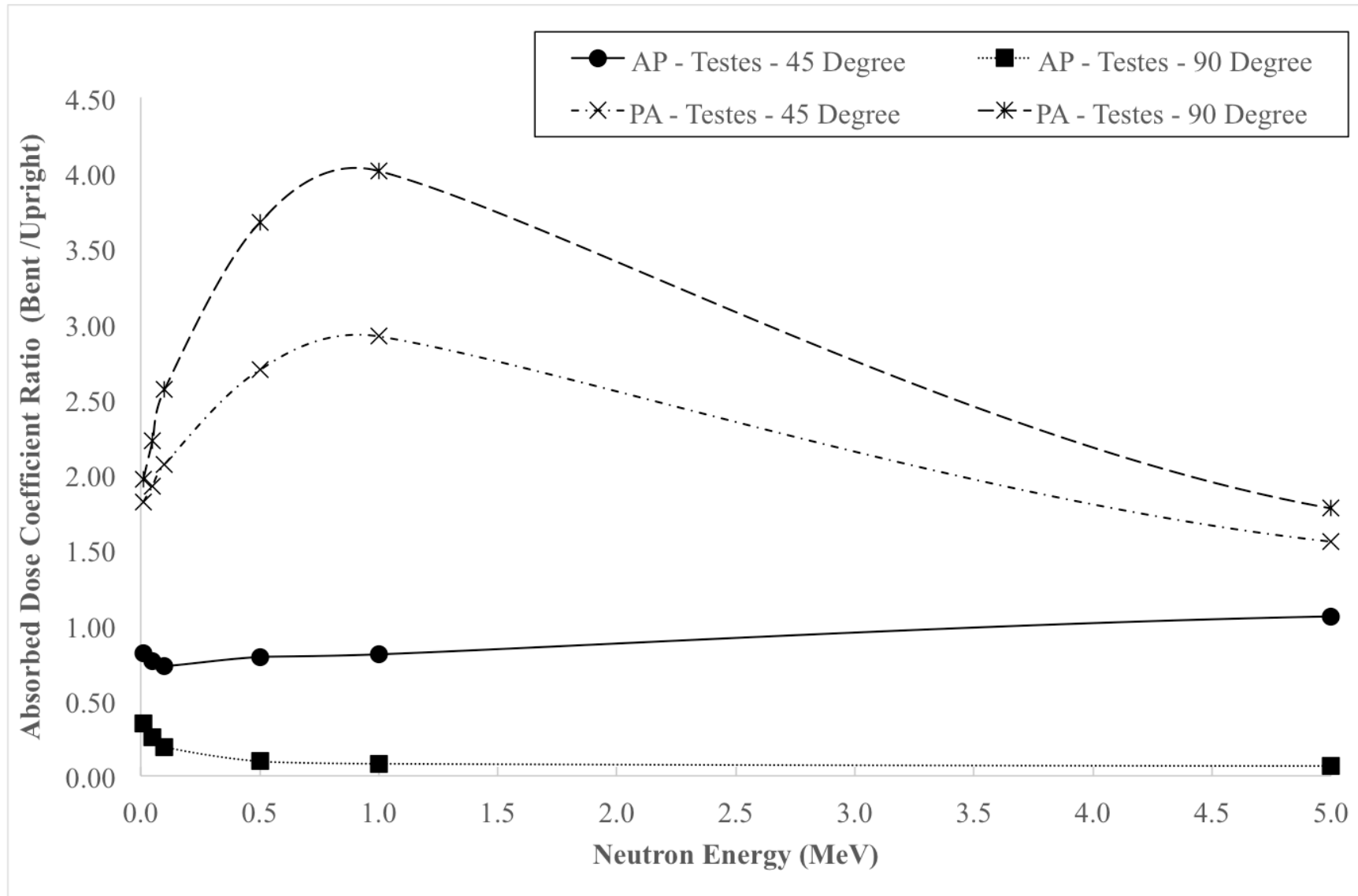
PA Source Geometry

Organ Dose Ratio in 90-degree Bent/Upright



PA Source Geometry

Organ Dose Ratio for Male Testes



Results – LLAT and RLAT Source Geometry

- Due to the LLAT and RLAT position having arms angled out, organs in the torso received more dose than they would have otherwise in the upright position where the arms serve as shields pinned to the sides of the body.
- Not much positional variation from 45 to 90 bend (organs see the same solid angle from source)

Results – LLAT and RLAT Source Geometry

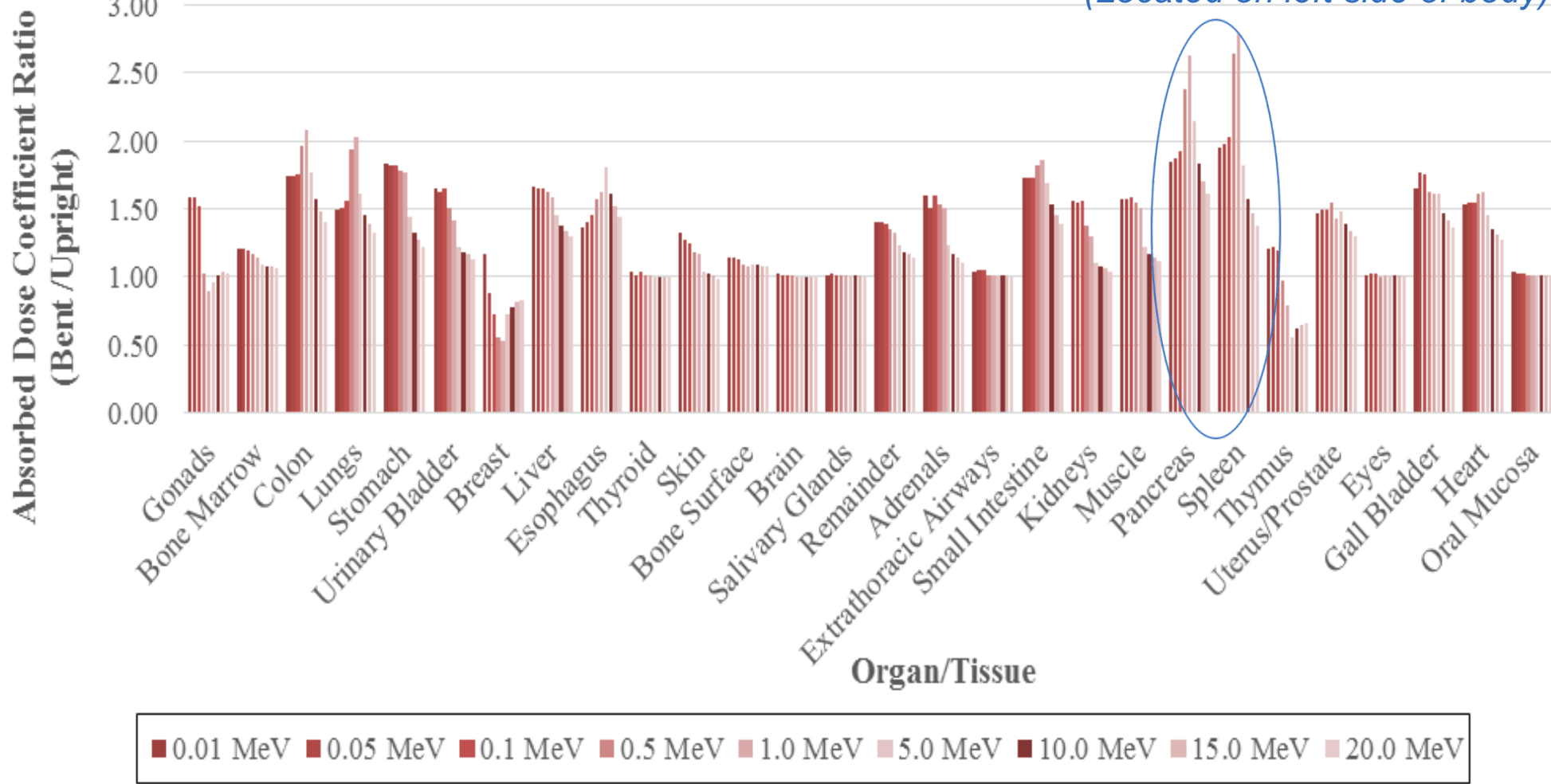
- Upright phantom ratio underestimates doses (vs bent) for
 - Low Energies: Testes, Thymus
 - Colon, Lungs, Stomach, Bladder, Liver, Esophagus, Skin, Adrenals, Small Intestine, Kidney, Muscle, Prostate, Gallbladder, Heart
 - LLAT: Spleen and Pancreas by factor of 2-3
- Organs that did exhibit any positional difference at a 45-degree bend ($> \sim 10\%$) in the LLAT/RLAT irradiation fields:
 - Bladder (0.01 MeV), Adrenals (0.05 MeV), Prostate (1 MeV), Liver, Pancreas, Spleen, Thymus, Gallbladder

LLAT Source Geometry

Organ Dose Ratio in 45-degree Bent/Upright

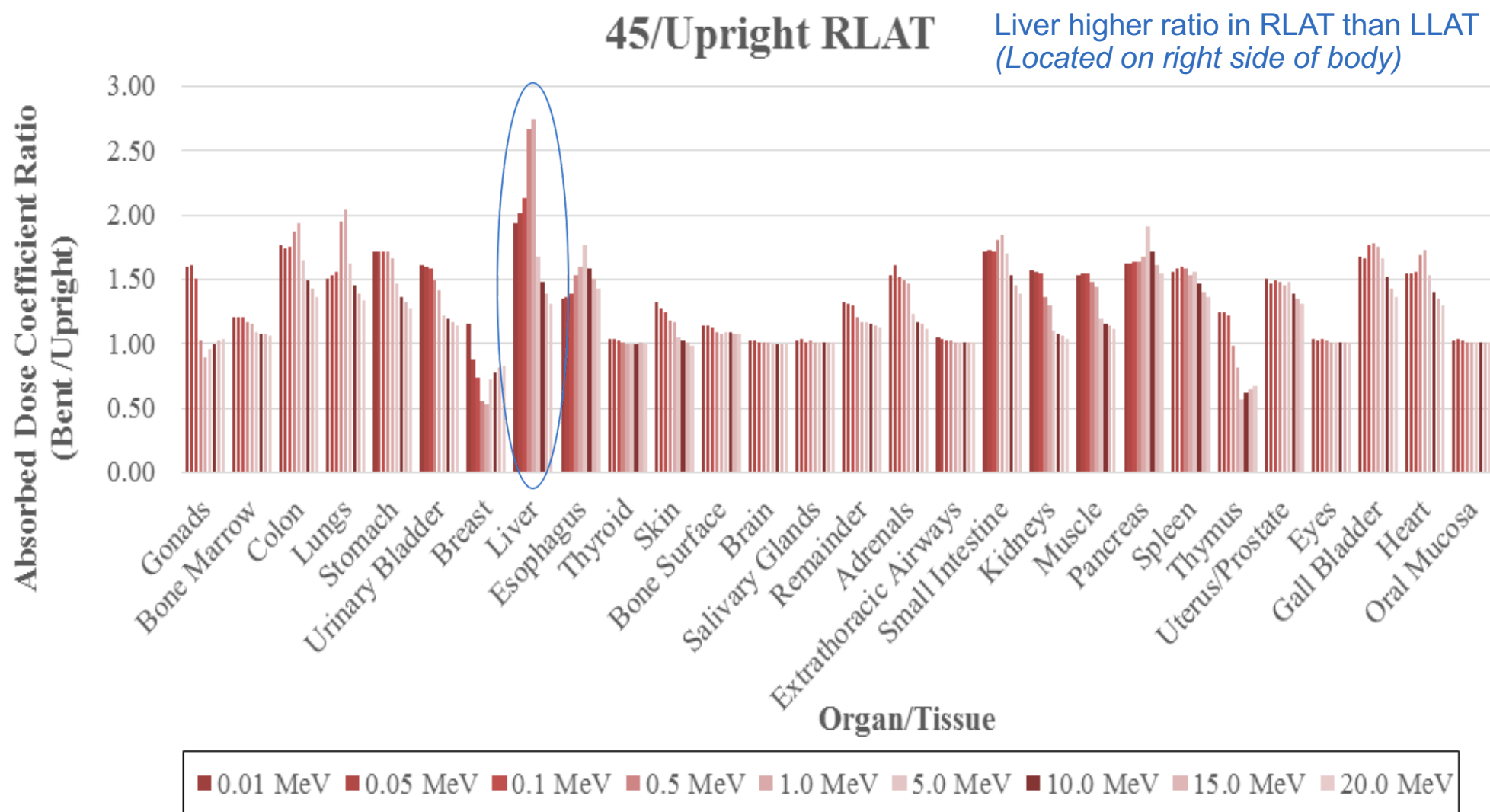
45/Upright LLAT

Pancreas and Spleen higher ratio in LLAT than RLAT
(Located on left side of body)



RLAT Source Geometry

Organ Dose Ratio in 45-degree Bent/Upright



Contribution of Secondary Particles

- Because neutrons are uncharged, energy is imparted to tissues by secondary particles
 - Element composition of tissues can have influence
- Photon dose depends on neutron energy
 - Low energy (e.g. thermal energy): contribution of neutron-liberated photons dominates absorbed dose
 - ICRP 103 neutron radiation weighting factor used to convert absorbed dose to equivalent dose

Effective Dose

Radiation Weighting Factor

$$w_R = \begin{cases} 2.5 + 18.2e^{-[\ln(E_n)]^2/6}, & E_n < 1 \text{ MeV} \\ 5.0 + 17.0e^{-[\ln(2E_n)]^2/6}, & 1 \text{ MeV} \leq E_n \leq 50 \text{ MeV} \\ 2.5 + 3.25e^{-[\ln(0.04E_n)]^2/6}, & E_n > 50 \text{ MeV} \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

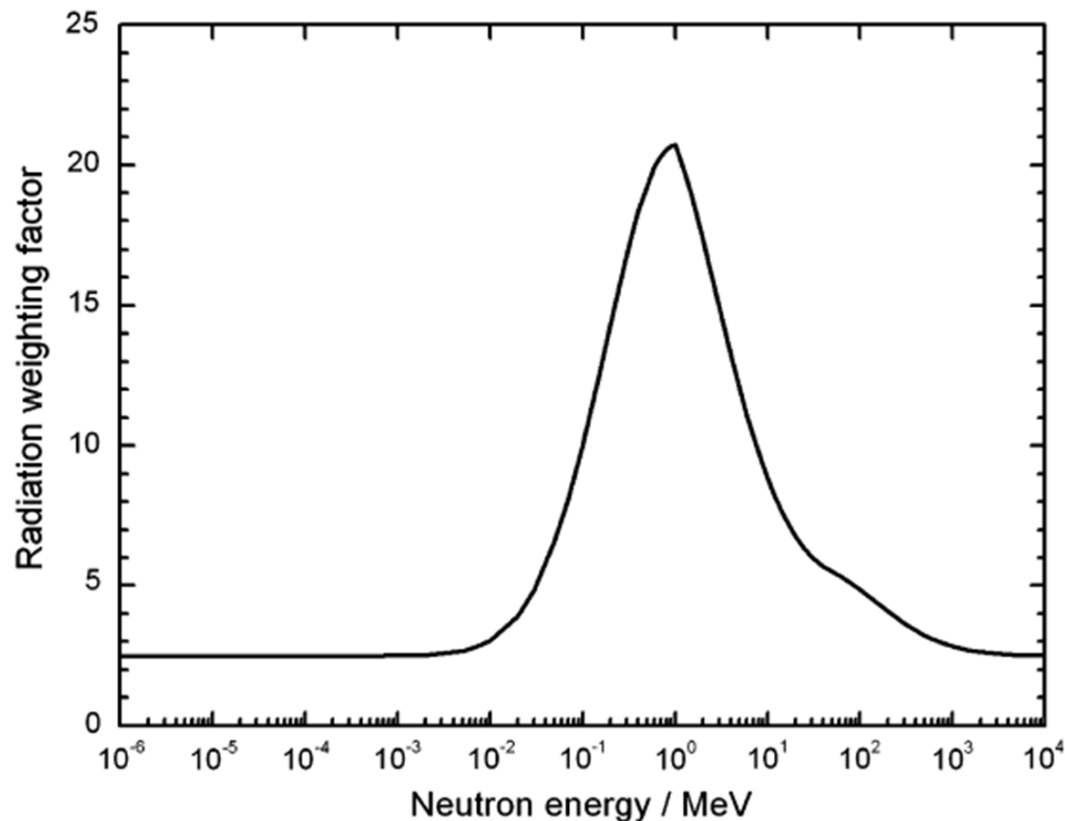


Fig. 1. Radiation weighting factor, w_R , for neutrons versus neutron energy.

Conclusions

- Upright phantom largely underestimates:
 - absorbed dose in the brain for the AP source geometry
 - absorbed dose in testes and prostate for PA source geometry
 - both the half and full bend phantom positions
- Very little positional difference for LLAT and RLAT
- Ratio for ISO was ~ 1.0 for all positions due to uniform irradiation source, as expected
- Future Work
 - Criticality dose reconstruction
 - Information gathered would be helpful in determining impact on human health from neutron dose
 - Tokai-Mura accident
 - Glovebox worker dose reconstruction

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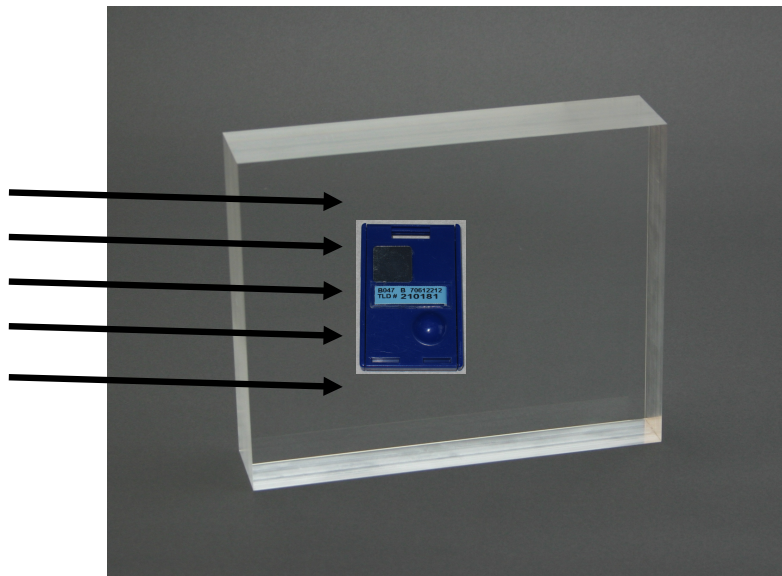
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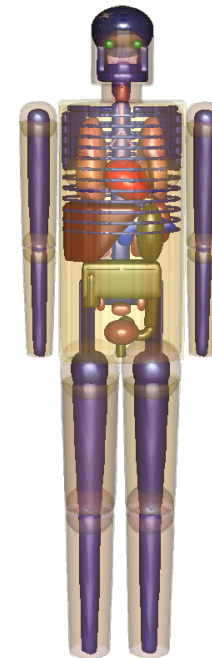
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PIMAL Correlation with TLDs (Sanchez et al, 2017)

- Assumptions about dosimeter placement and posture of wearer inherent in personal dosimetry.
- Protection quantities (i.e., Effective Dose) assume vertical, upright posture. Placement of dosimeter not considered.



Operational Quantities – $H_p(10)$



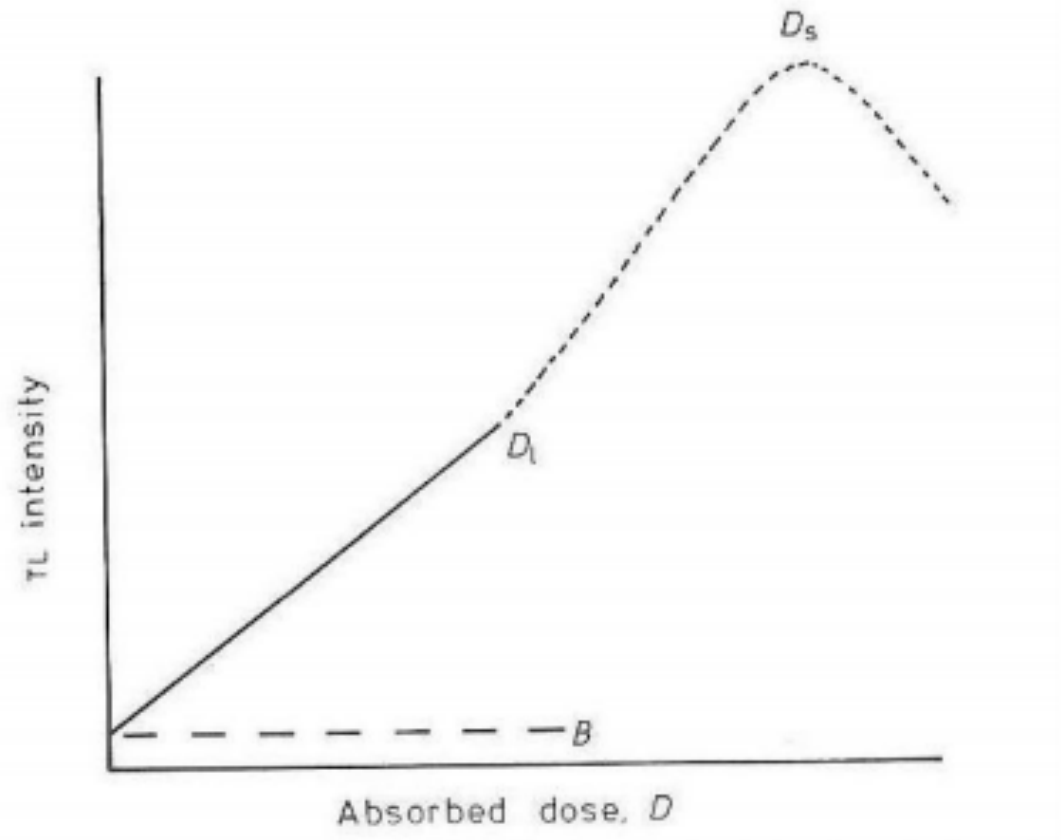
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Introduction

$$r_i(d) = \frac{L_i}{H_p(d)}$$

- r = TLD Response-to-dose factor
- L_i = Normalized response of i^{th} TLD element
- H_p = Personal dose equivalent
- d = depth of penetration

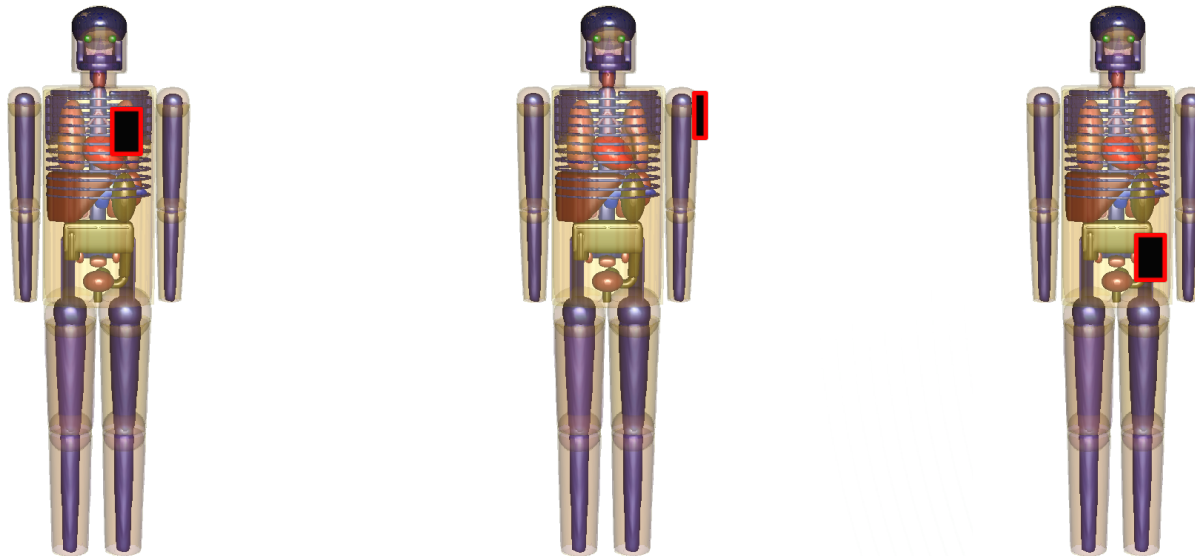
Response-to-Dose Factor



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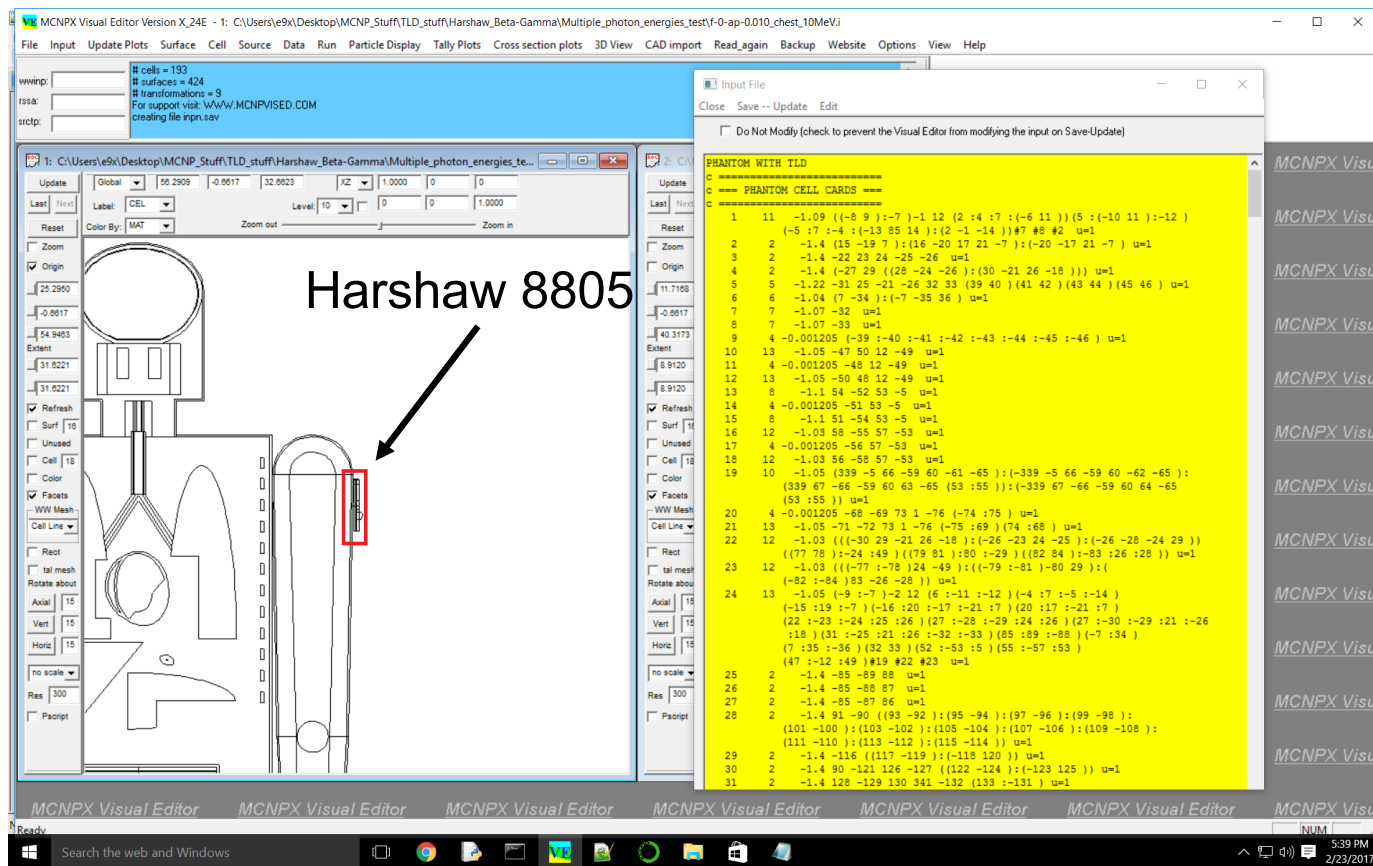
Methodology – Monte Carlo Simulation

- Phantoms equipped with $6.2 \times 3.2 \times 0.6 \text{ cm}^3$ ABS plastic rectangular prisms on chest, shoulder and waist.
- Energy flux and particle fluence tallies taken over outward-facing surfaces of rectangles.
- Ratio of energy flux to effective dose to phantom used as surrogate for TLD response-to-dose factor



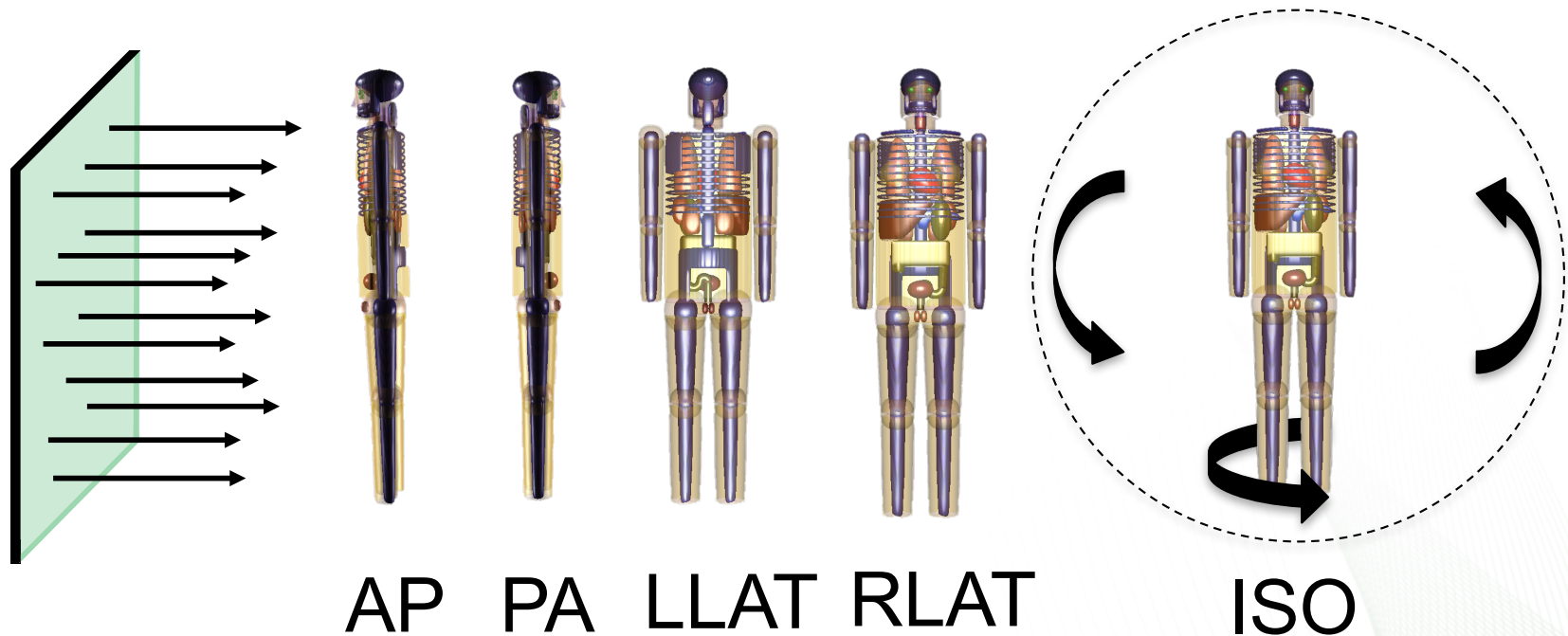
Methodology – Monte Carlo Simulation

- Why plastic rectangles?
 - Realistic TLD models yielded poor statistics
 - TLD elements $< 0.005 \text{ cm}^3$



Methodology – Monte Carlo Simulation

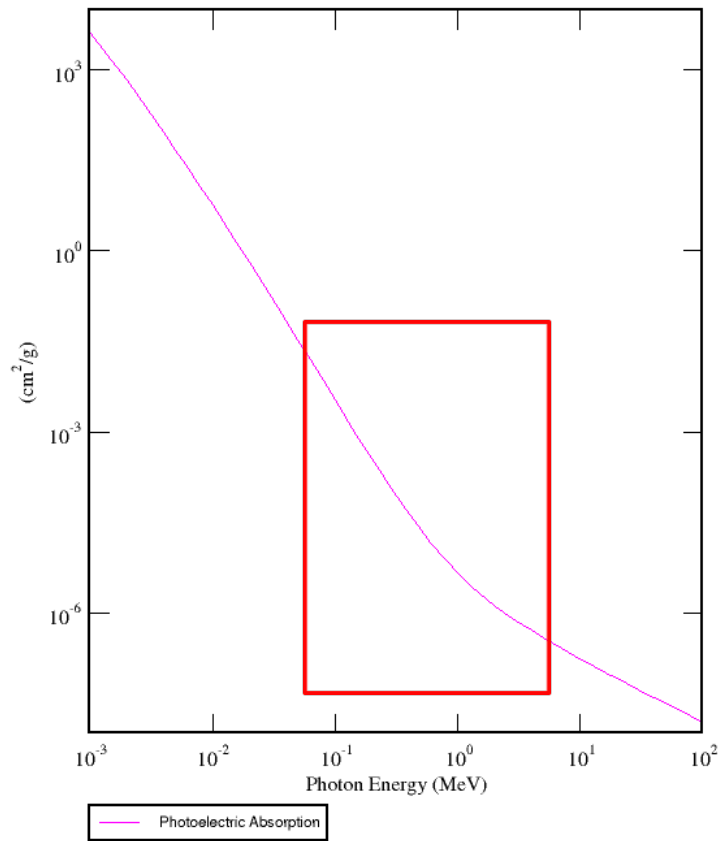
- Upright and repositioned phantoms were irradiated using 5 International Commission on Radiation Protection Publication 116 irradiation geometries
 - Anterior-posterior (AP), Posterior-anterior (PA), Left lateral (LLAT), right lateral (RLAT), and isotropic (ISO)



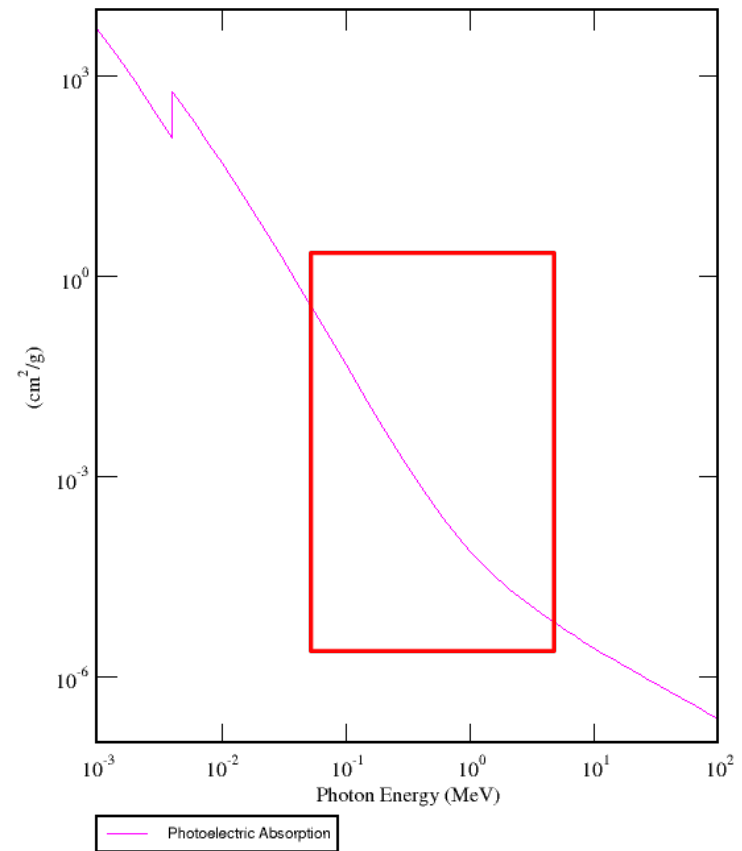
Results



Lithium Fluoride Photon Absorption Cross Sections



Calcium Fluoride Photon Absorption Cross Sections



Conclusions

- Energy flux-to-effective dose factors highly sensitive to TLD placement and phantom posture.
 - LLAT many times greater than AP, PA and RLAT for shoulder placements
 - AP and PA greater than LATs for upright chest and waist placements, but comparable for fully-bent phantoms
- Response curves often do not exhibit monotonic increase over full range of energies

Conclusions

- Configuration of body and dosimeter placement may be significant considerations for personal dosimetry and dose reconstruction
- May warrant update of personal TL dosimetry methodologies:
 - Develop realistic TLD models
 - Allow for situation-specific posture considerations
 - Correlate doses to at-risk organs to TL response

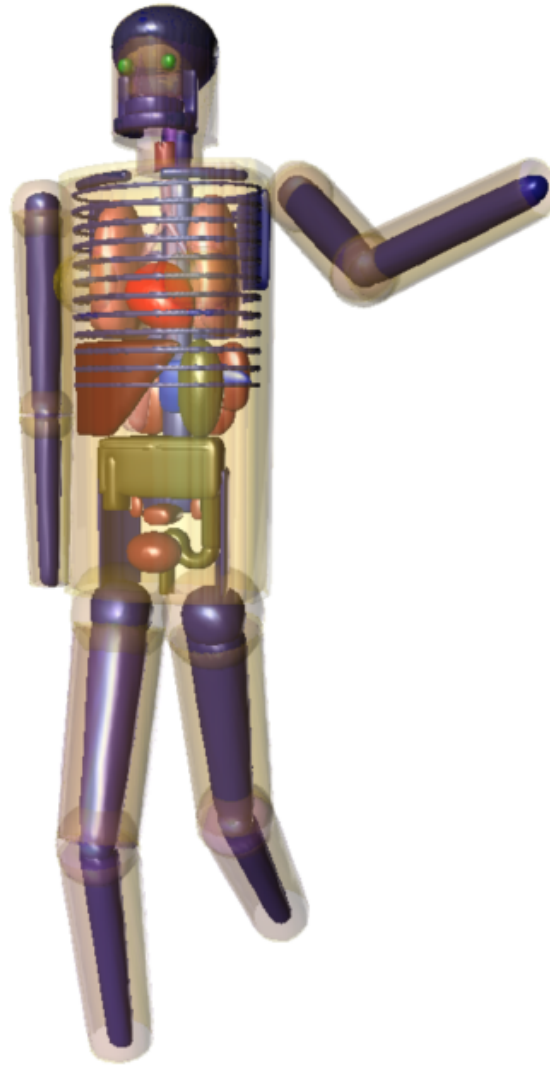
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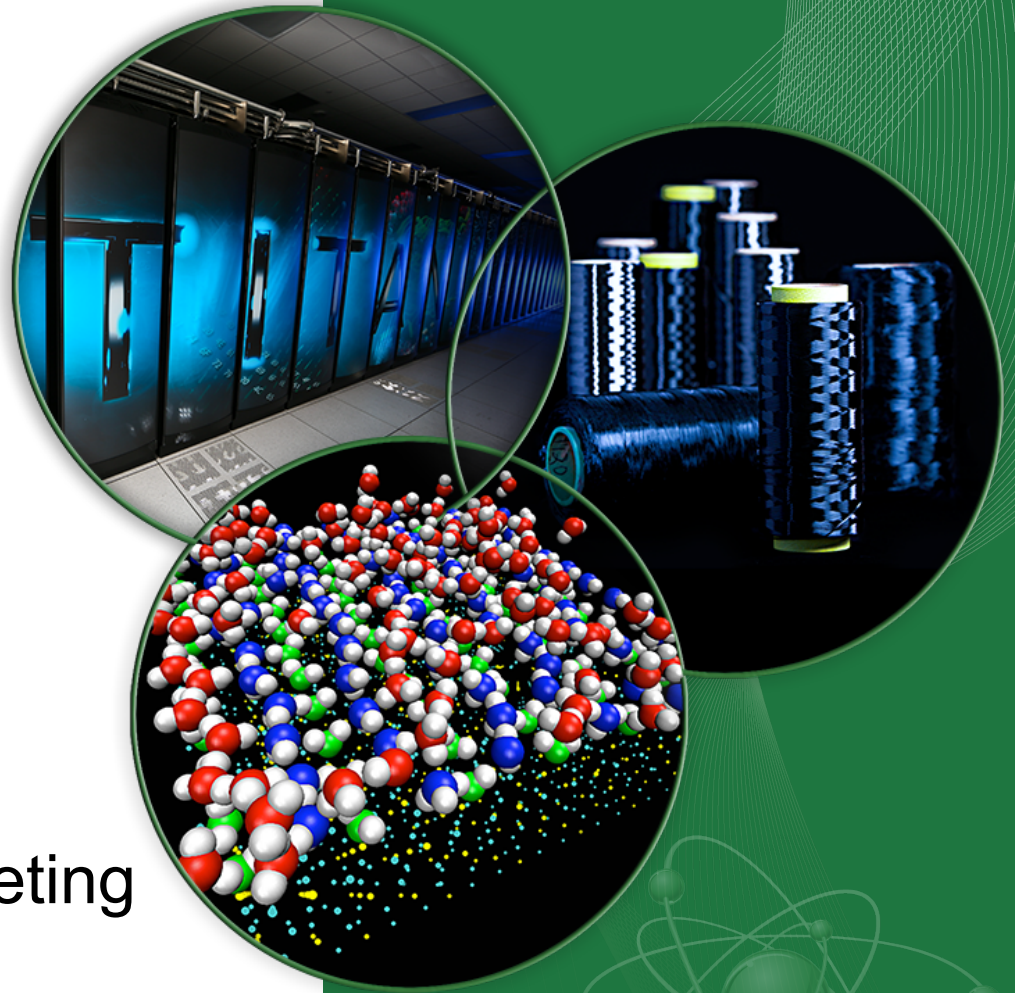
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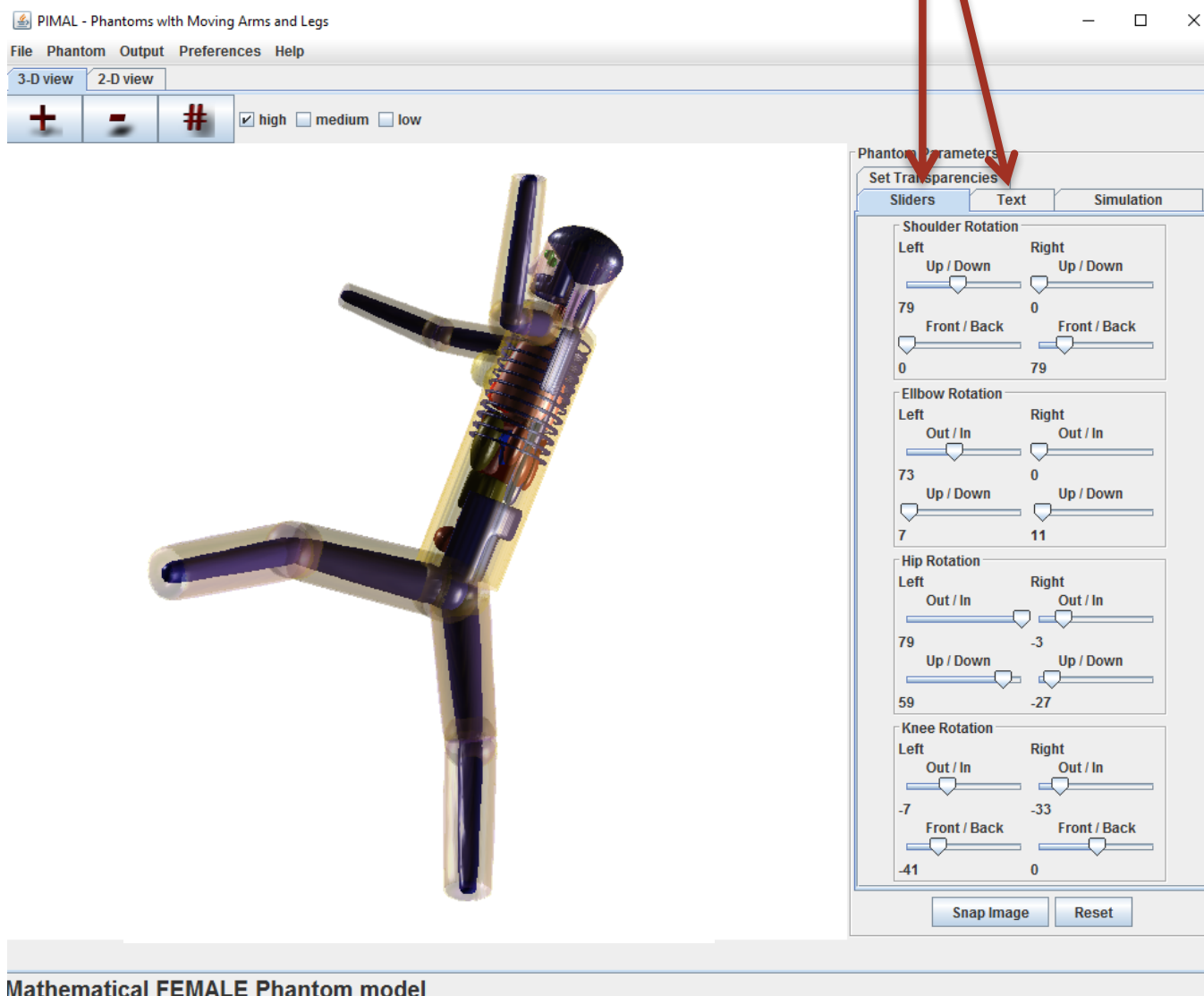
Basic PIMAL GUI

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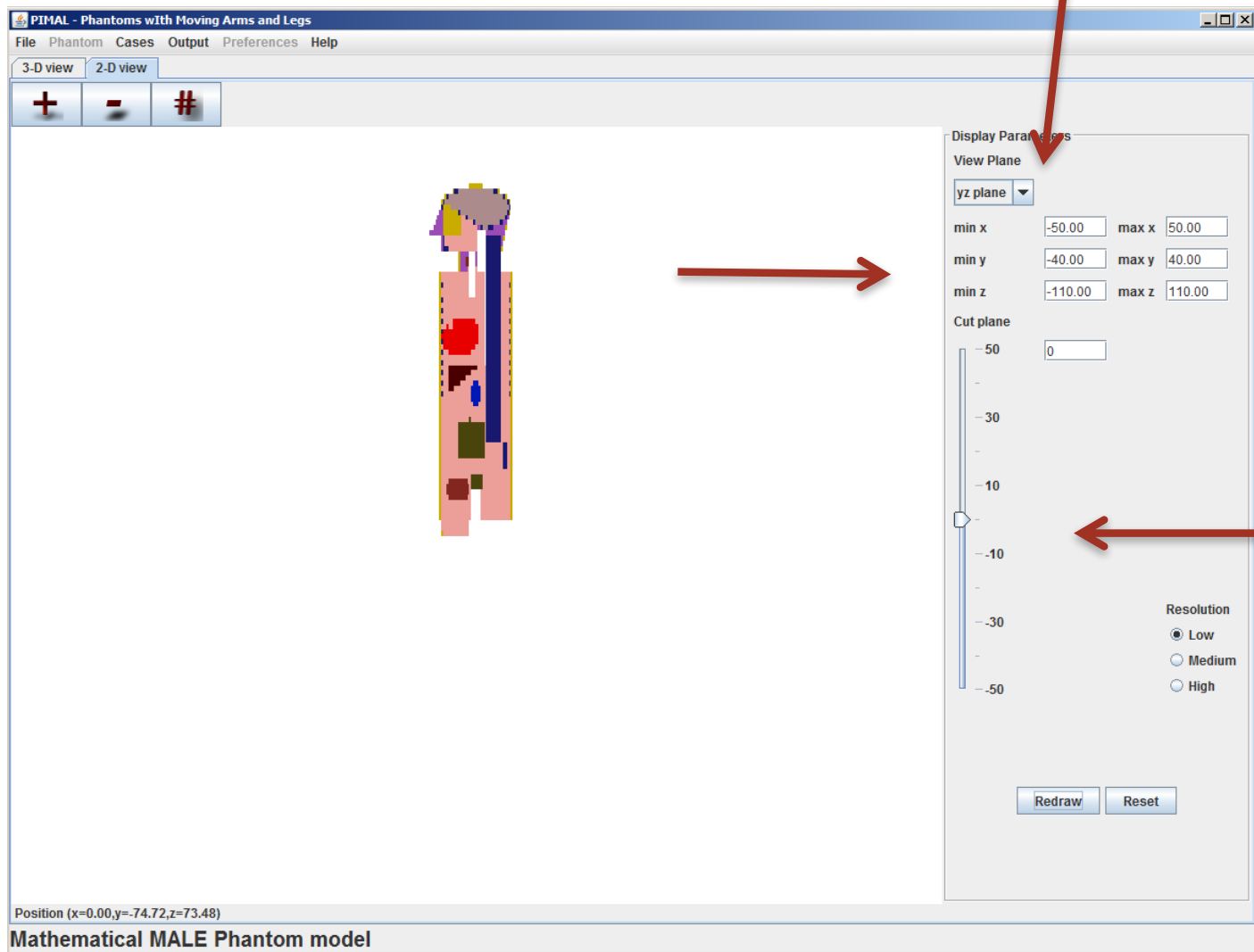
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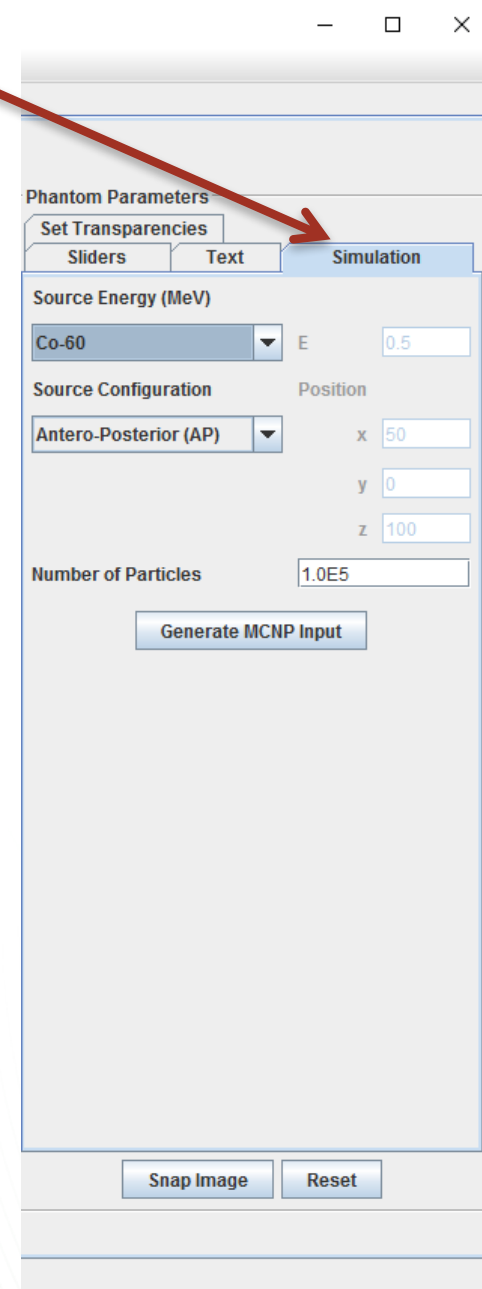


2D view



Start the simulation

Select Simulation Tab



The screenshot shows the PIMAL GUI window with the 'Simulation' tab selected. A red arrow points from the text 'Select Simulation Tab' to the 'Simulation' tab. The 'Simulation' tab contains the following settings:

- Phantom Parameters**
 - Set Transparencies** (tab)
 - Sliders** (tab)
 - Text** (tab)
 - Simulation** (tab, selected)
- Source Energy (MeV)**
 - Co-60 (dropdown menu)
 - E (checkbox, checked)
 - 0.5 (text input)
- Source Configuration**
 - Antero-Posterior (AP) (dropdown menu)
- Position**
 - x (50)
 - y (0)
 - z (100)
- Number of Particles**
 - 1.0E5 (text input)
- Buttons**
 - Generate MCNP Input
 - Snap Image
 - Reset

Adjust Simulation Input Parameters

All simulation parameters can be changed later in the MCNP input file

Select Source: Monoenergetic or Various pre-defined sources

Select source direction

Enter NPS

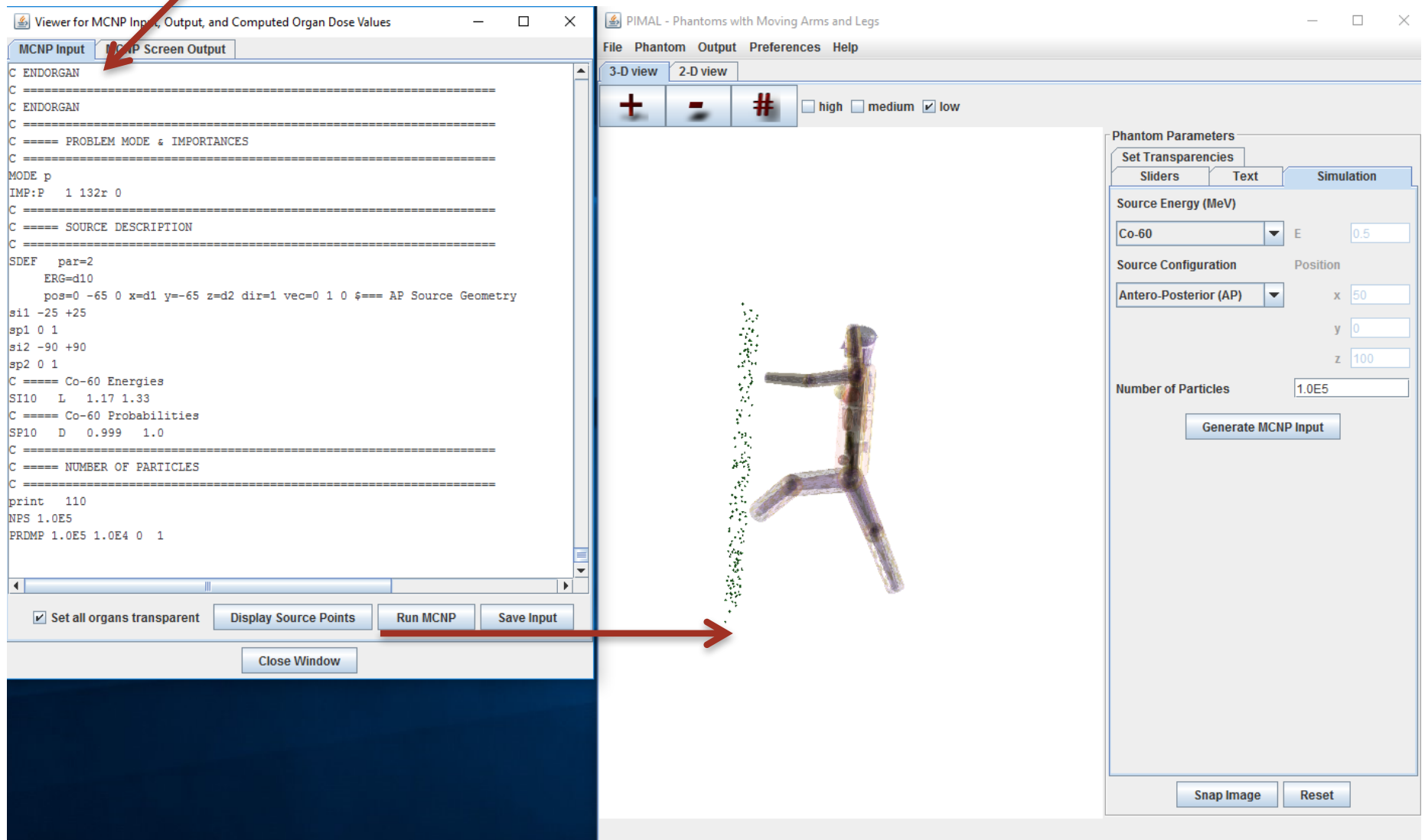
Generate input file

The screenshot shows the 'Phantom Parameters' dialog box with the 'Simulation' tab selected. The 'Source Energy (MeV)' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Co-60' and a text box for 'E' with the value '0.5'. The 'Source Configuration' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Antero-Posterior (AP)'. The 'Position' section has three text boxes for 'x', 'y', and 'z' with values '50', '0', and '100' respectively. The 'Number of Particles' section has a text box with the value '1.0E5'. At the bottom of the dialog box, there are two buttons: 'Snap Image' and 'Reset'. A red arrow points from the 'Generate MCNP Input' button to the 'Generate input file' text on the left.

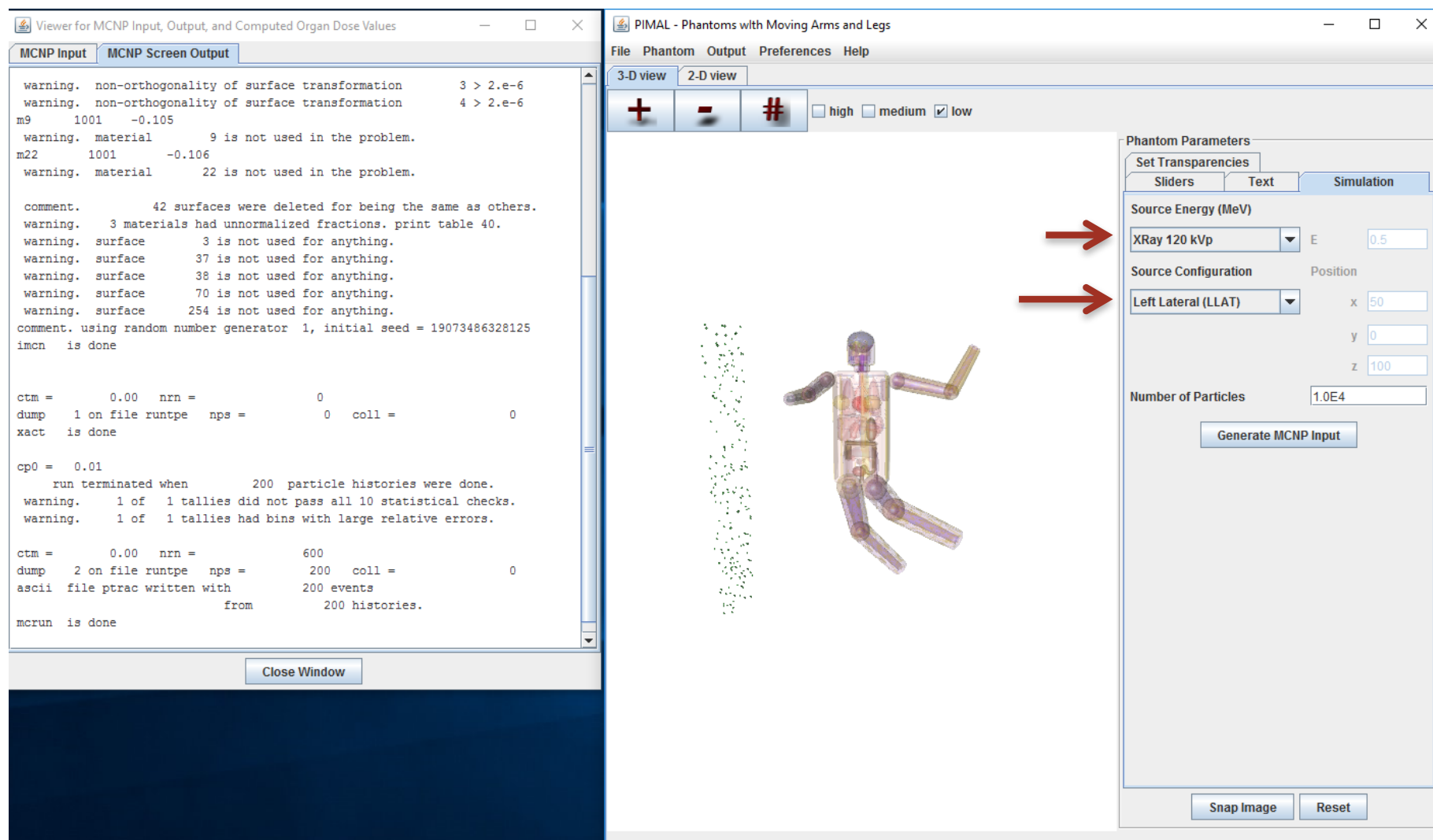
Phantom Parameters	
Simulation	
Source Energy (MeV)	
Co-60	E 0.5
Source Configuration	
Antero-Posterior (AP)	
Position	
x	50
y	0
z	100
Number of Particles	1.0E5
Generate MCNP Input	
Snap Image Reset	

Start the simulation

PIMAL MCNP control window



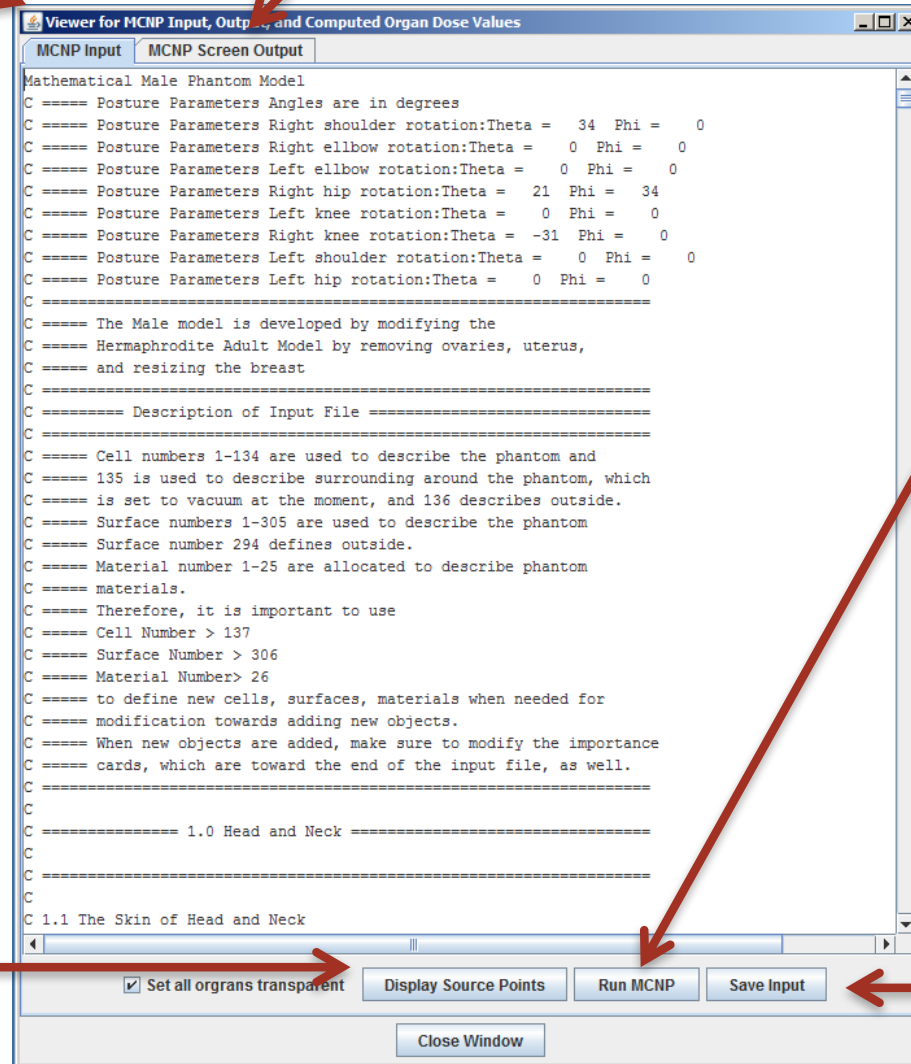
Alternative simulation setup



PIMAL MCNP control window

View MCNP
inp. file

See MCNP output

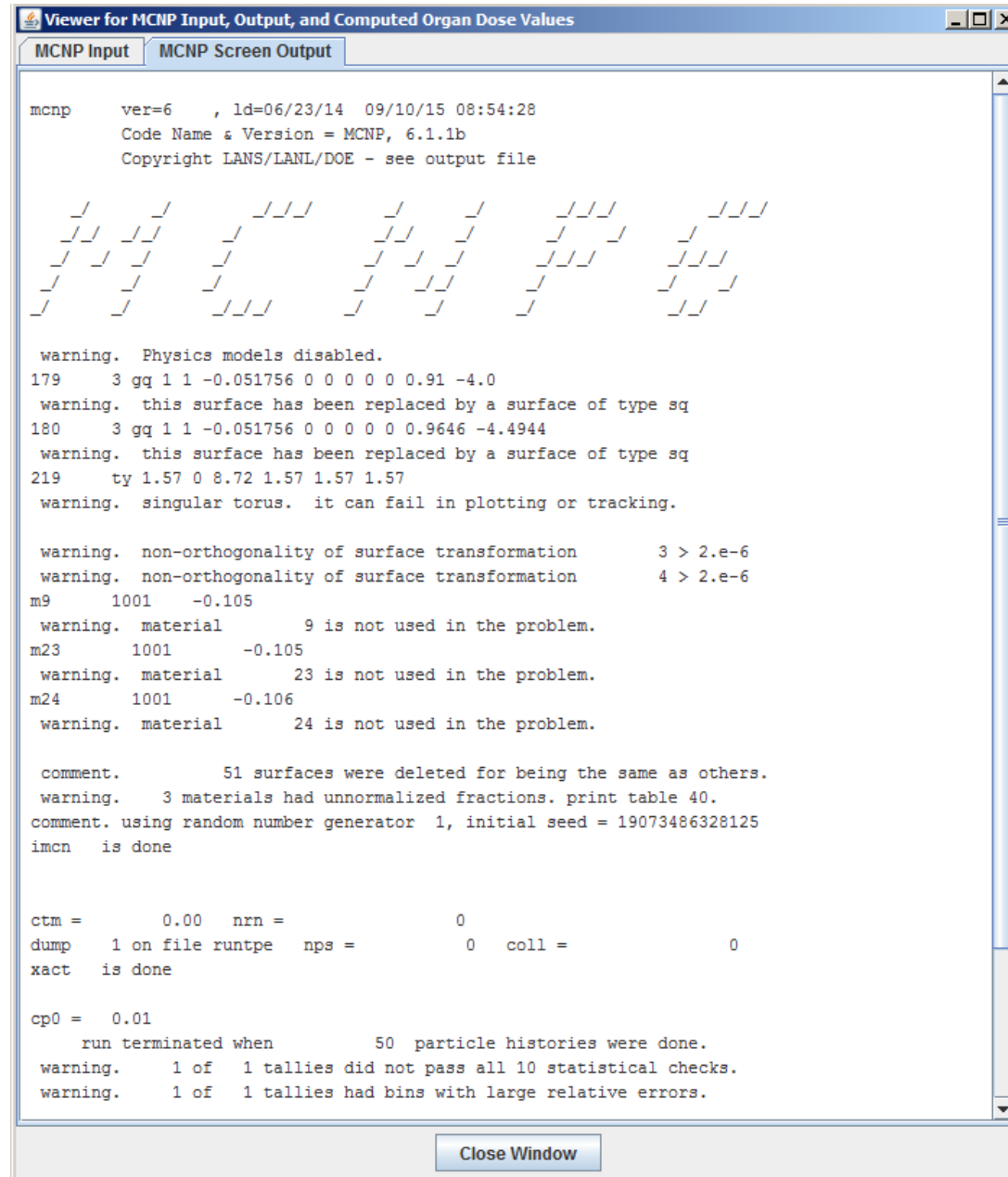


Start MCNP
run

Display source
in the PIMAL
window

Save MCNP
AND PIMAL
input files to
disk

Run the MCNP simulation



The screenshot shows a window titled "Viewer for MCNP Input, Output, and Computed Organ Dose Values". It has two tabs: "MCNP Input" and "MCNP Screen Output". The "MCNP Screen Output" tab is active, displaying the following text:

```
mcnp      ver=6      , ld=06/23/14  09/10/15 08:54:28
Code Name & Version = MCNP, 6.1.1b
Copyright LANS/LANL/DOE - see output file

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warning.  Physics models disabled.
179      3 gq 1 1 -0.051756 0 0 0 0 0 0.91 -4.0
warning.  this surface has been replaced by a surface of type sq
180      3 gq 1 1 -0.051756 0 0 0 0 0 0.9646 -4.4944
warning.  this surface has been replaced by a surface of type sq
219      ty 1.57 0 8.72 1.57 1.57 1.57
warning.  singular torus.  it can fail in plotting or tracking.

warning.  non-orthogonality of surface transformation      3 > 2.e-6
warning.  non-orthogonality of surface transformation      4 > 2.e-6
m9       1001      -0.105
warning.  material      9 is not used in the problem.
m23      1001      -0.105
warning.  material      23 is not used in the problem.
m24      1001      -0.106
warning.  material      24 is not used in the problem.

comment.      51 surfaces were deleted for being the same as others.
warning.      3 materials had unnormalized fractions. print table 40.
comment. using random number generator 1, initial seed = 19073486328125
imcn  is done

ctm =      0.00  nrn =      0
dump  1 on file runtpe  nps =      0  coll =      0
xact  is done

cp0 =  0.01
      run terminated when      50 particle histories were done.
warning.      1 of  1 tallies did not pass all 10 statistical checks.
warning.      1 of  1 tallies had bins with large relative errors.
```

At the bottom of the window is a "Close Window" button.

Output after MCNP run

Full Output

Organ Doses

Viewer for MCNP Input, Output, and Computed Organ Dose Values

MCNP Input MCNP Screen Output MCNP Full Output Computed Organ Dose Values

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Absorbed Dose (Gy/Source Particle) for NPS=1.0E6

Organs	Photon Dose Tally: 216	Relative Error (1 sigma) Tally: 216
testes	1.1923E-17	0.0600
bone marrow	4.1915E-17	0.0058
colon	7.0621E-18	0.0230
lungs	8.8378E-18	0.0142
stomach	2.4212E-18	0.0606
urinary bladder	9.8118E-18	0.0372
breast	6.0469E-17	0.0234
liver	1.2738E-17	0.0145
esophagus	4.3882E-18	0.0643
thyroid	3.1350E-17	0.0394
skin	2.5751E-17	0.0039
bone surface	2.9816E-17	0.0070
adrenals	6.6135E-18	0.0865
brain	2.1963E-17	0.0127
Extrathoracic airways	2.8539E-17	0.0256
small intestine	5.7636E-18	0.0253
kidneys	1.0708E-17	0.0288
muscle	1.1500E-17	0.0041
pancreas	2.7678E-18	0.0720
spleen	9.3344E-19	0.1295
thymus	8.4414E-18	0.0713
prostate	7.6569E-18	0.1006
eyes	3.1813E-17	0.0431

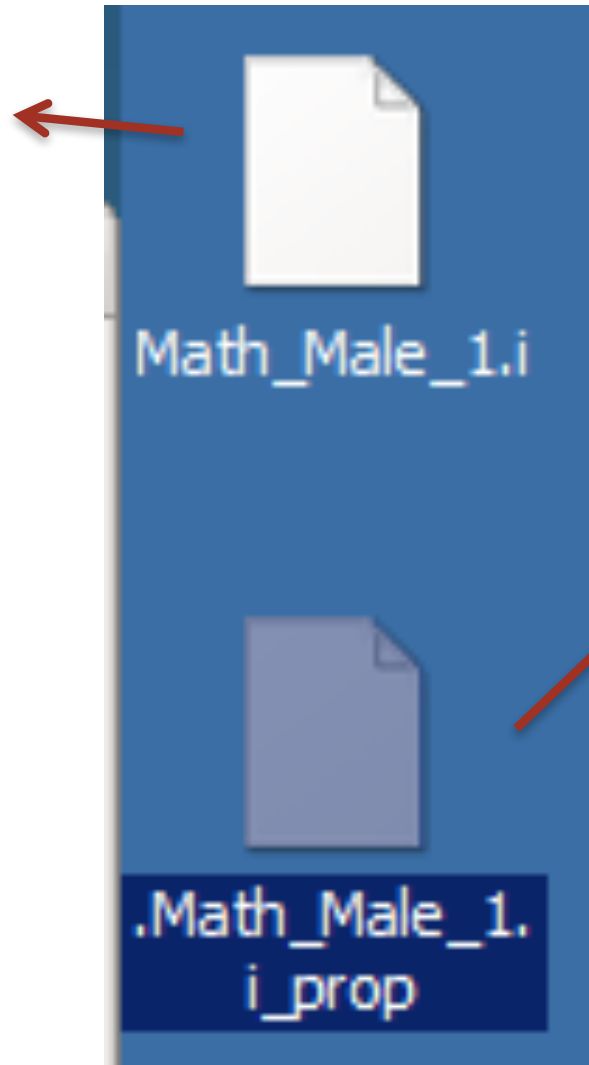
Export to ASCII Close

Close Window

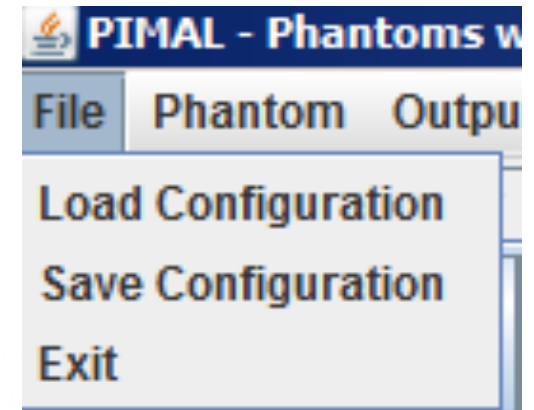
Input Files on disk

MCNP input file
generated by PIMAL.

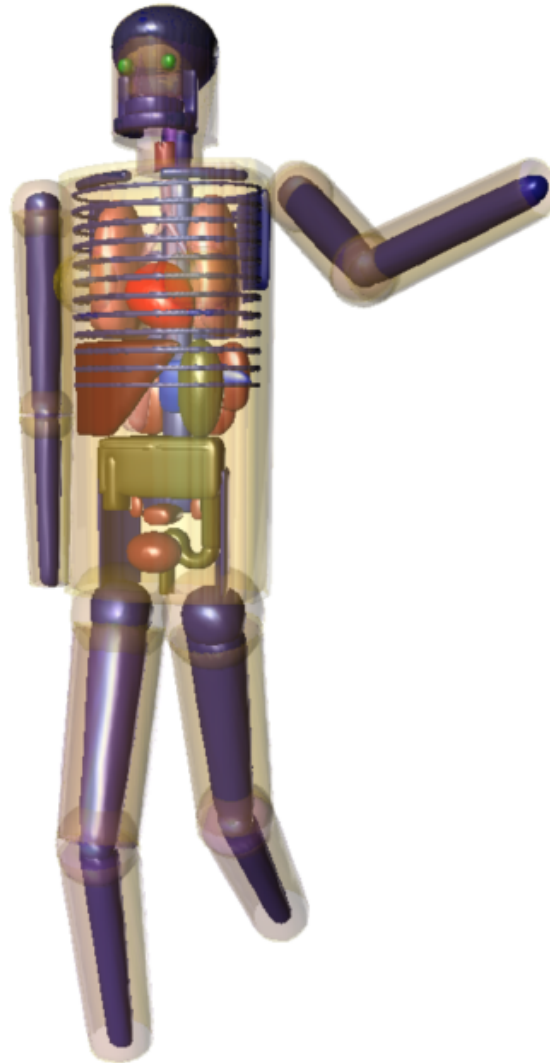
Open in text editor to
modify the MCNP
simulation and run from
the MCNP command
line.



PIMAL configuration
file.
Select File -> Open
Input and that file to
load your previous
generated PIMAL
models



Thank you for your Attention



MCNP® Resources

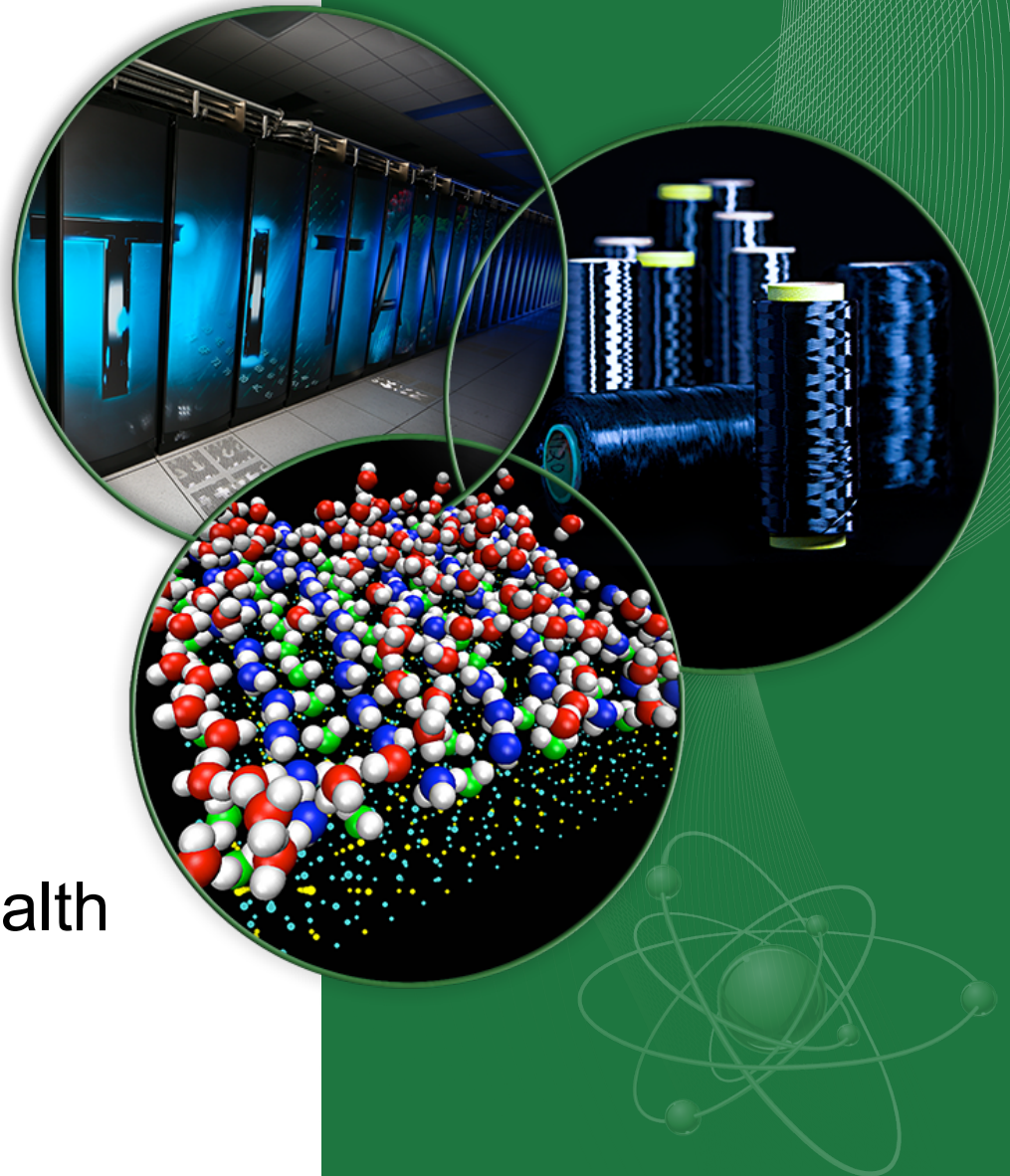
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- The MCNP® Manual is included with the software package
- Part 1 of the MCNP® 5 manual gives a good overview of theory
- Refer to MCNP® 6.1.1 Manual Chapter 5 for examples

MCNP® Resources

- Shultis & Faw, MCNP® Primer
<https://www.mne.ksu.edu/~jks/MCNP®prmr.pdf>
- LANL Reference Collection
<https://laws.lanl.gov/vhosts/mcnp.lanl.gov/references.shtml>
- Materials, PNNL-15870 Rev. 1
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<http://www.oecd-neo.org/dbprog/trainingcourses.htm>
- RSICC Newsletter announces Training
<https://rsicc.ornl.gov/RSICCNewsletters.aspx>

PIMAL References

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