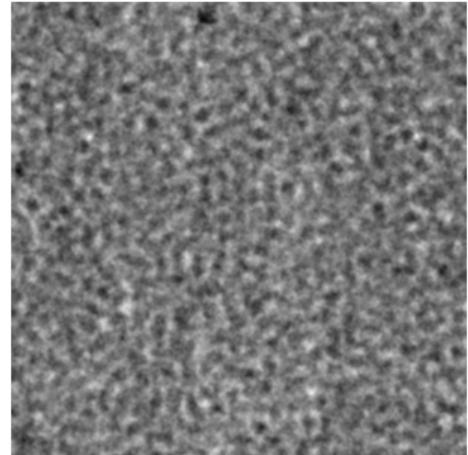
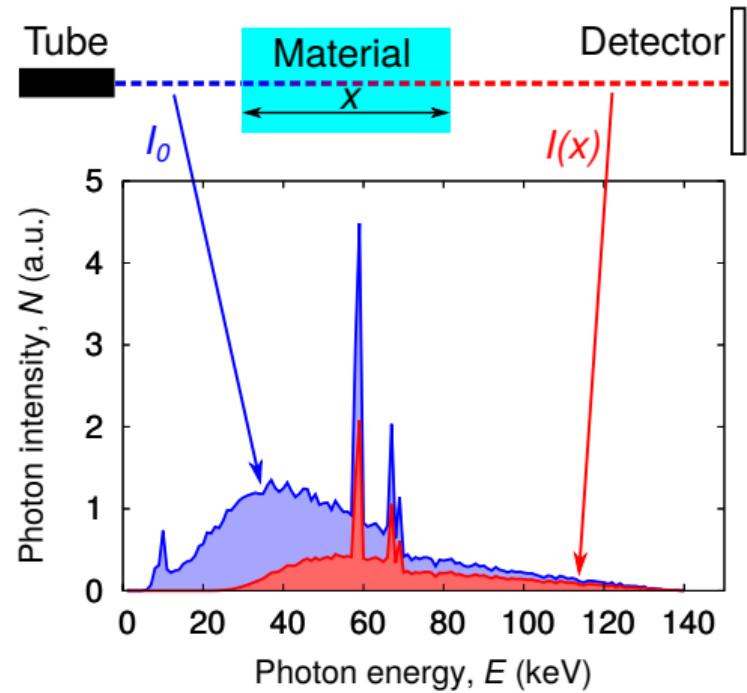


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## X-ray radiography of granular systems – particle densities and dynamics



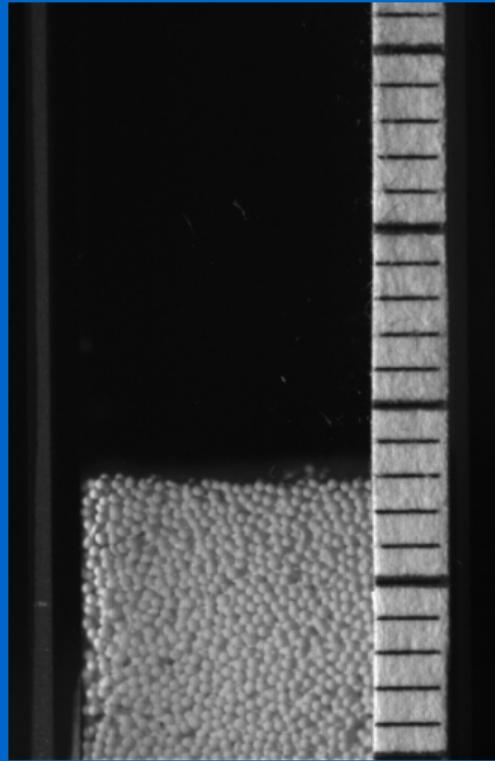
# Granular flows

rough structure - replace text by images:

1. Motivate physical system of granular flow (nice challenge to study)
2. Motivate technique of radiography

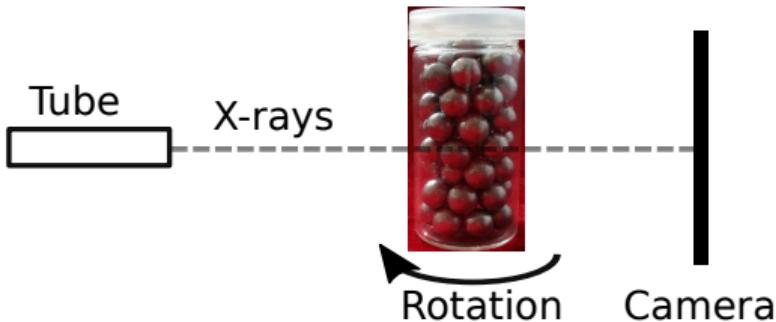
- Granular flows - fluidized bed reactors
- optically opaque
- X-ray reveal the inside
- Tomography: full 3D information - but slow (no dynamics)
- Radiography: single projections - knowledge on imaging physics
- Here two techniques to quantify: densities & dynamics

Particulate flows are **opaque**

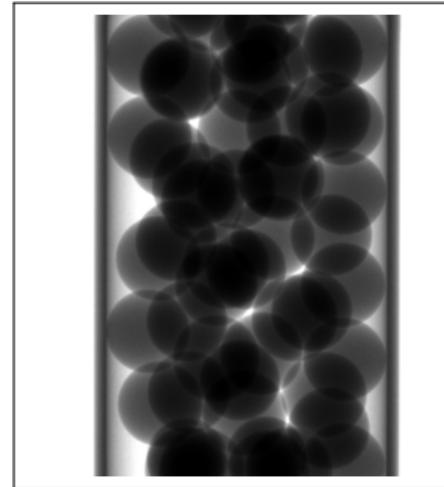


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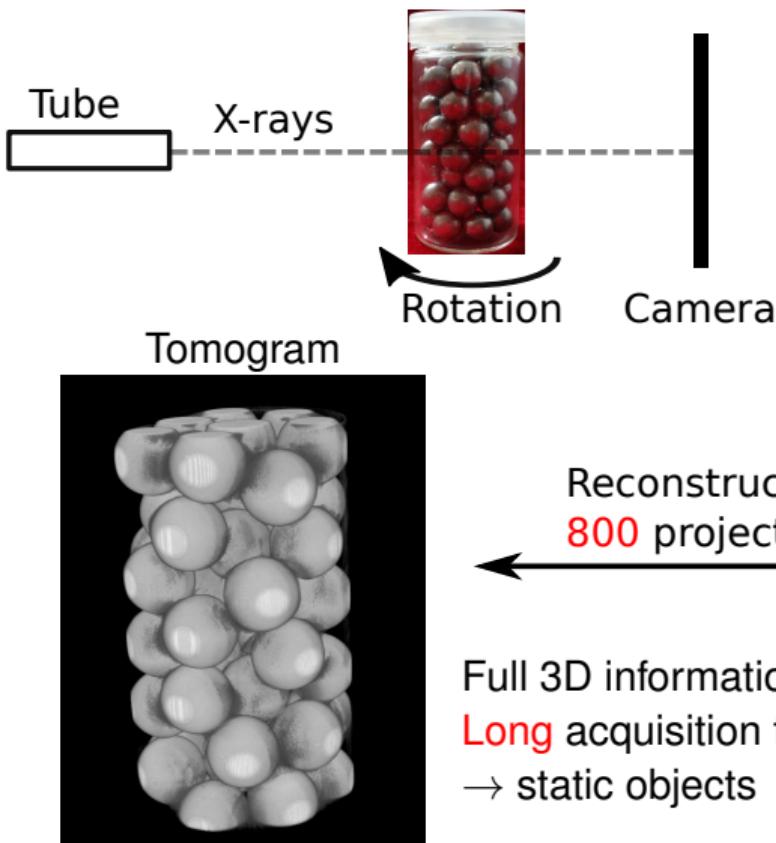


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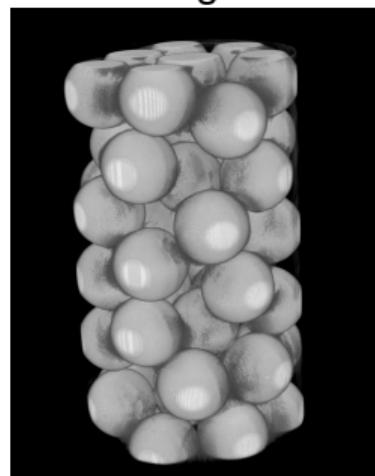
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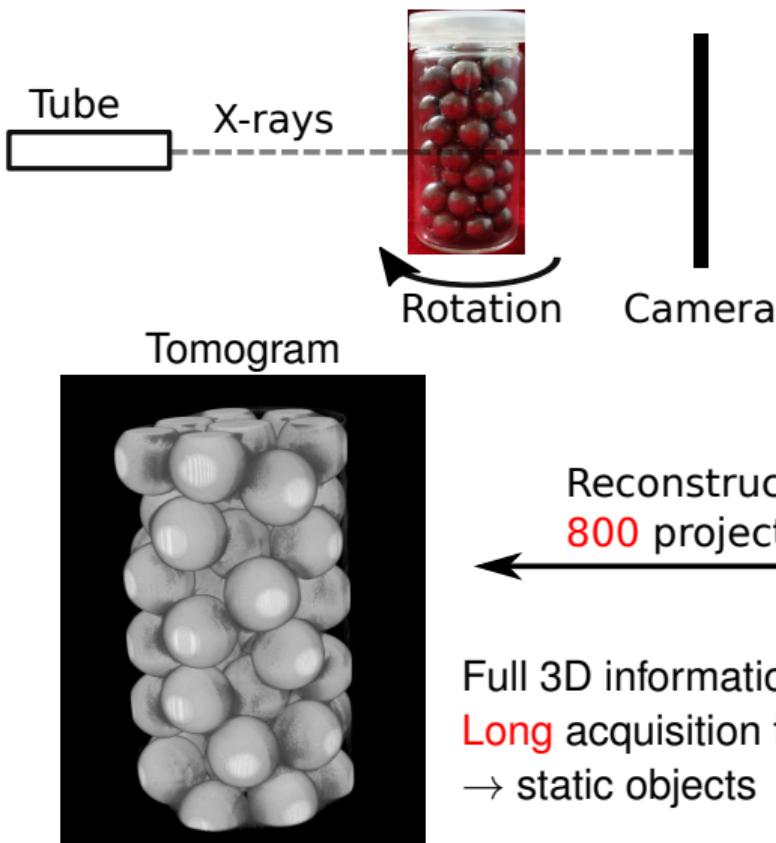


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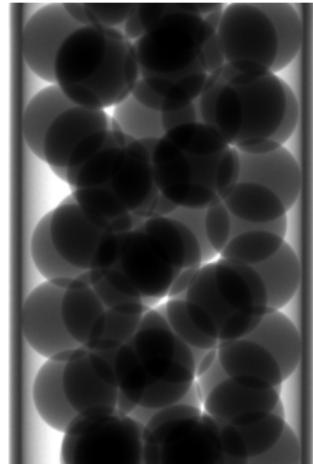
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Full 3D information  
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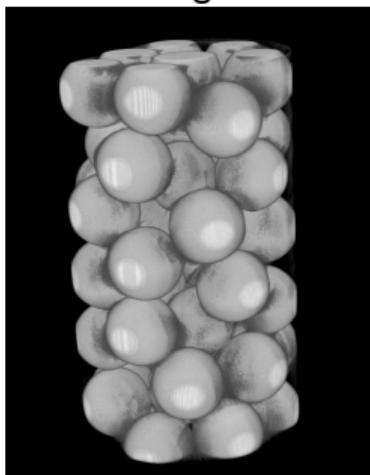
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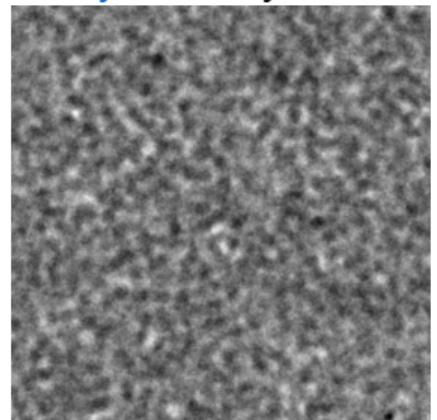


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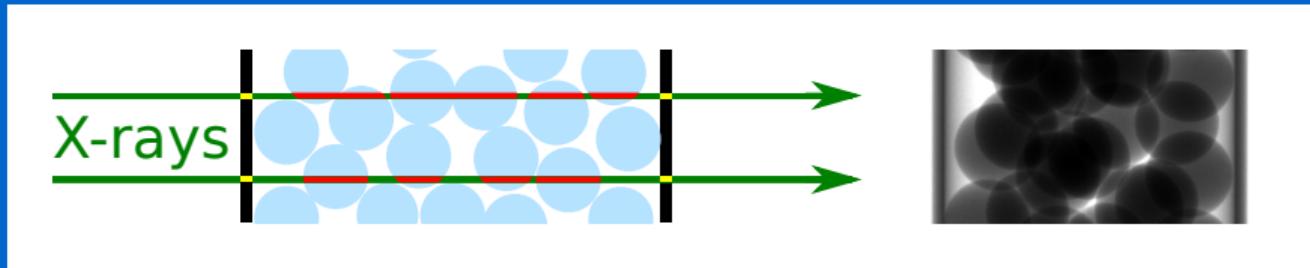
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Dynamic system



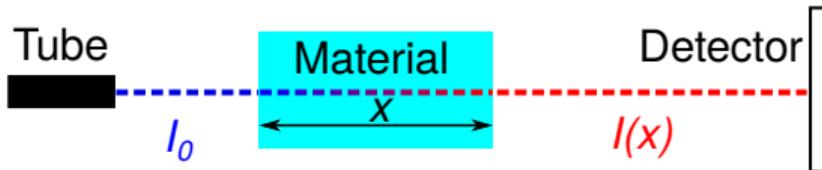
# Measuring the volume fraction of **dynamic** granular systems



## Correction of beam hardening in X-ray radiograms

In collaboration with Norman Uhlmann, Fraunhofer EZRT

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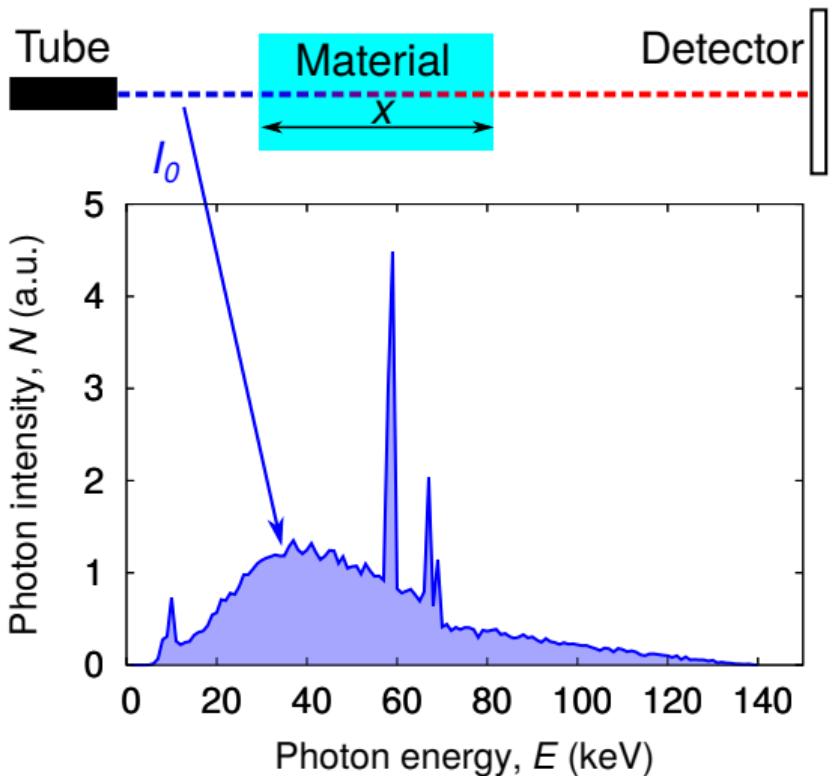


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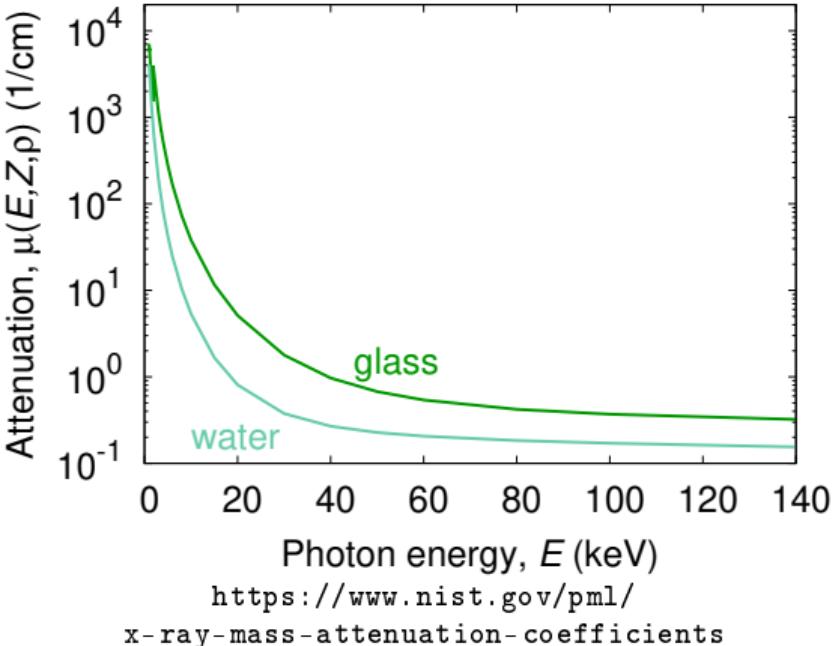


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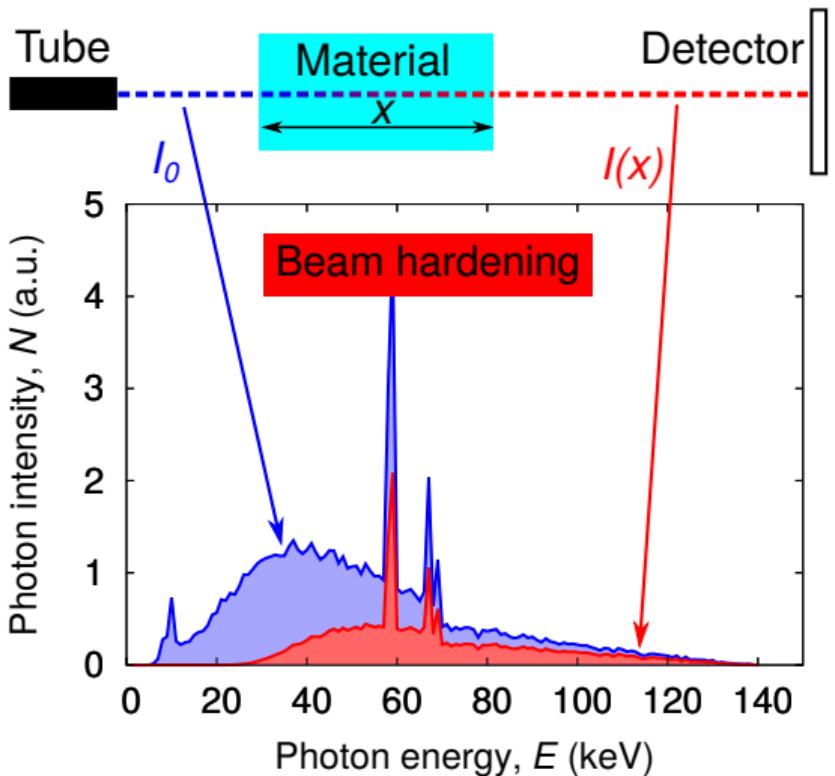
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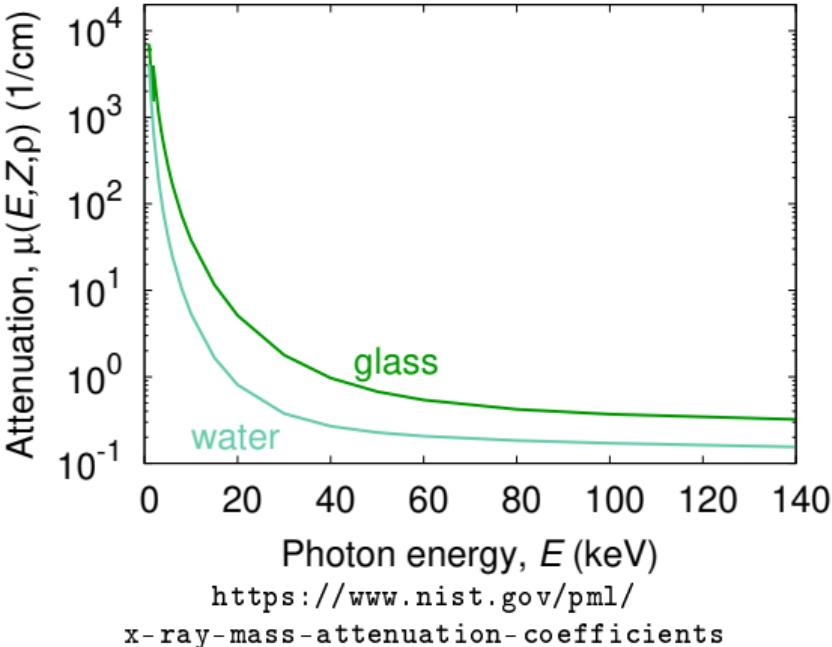
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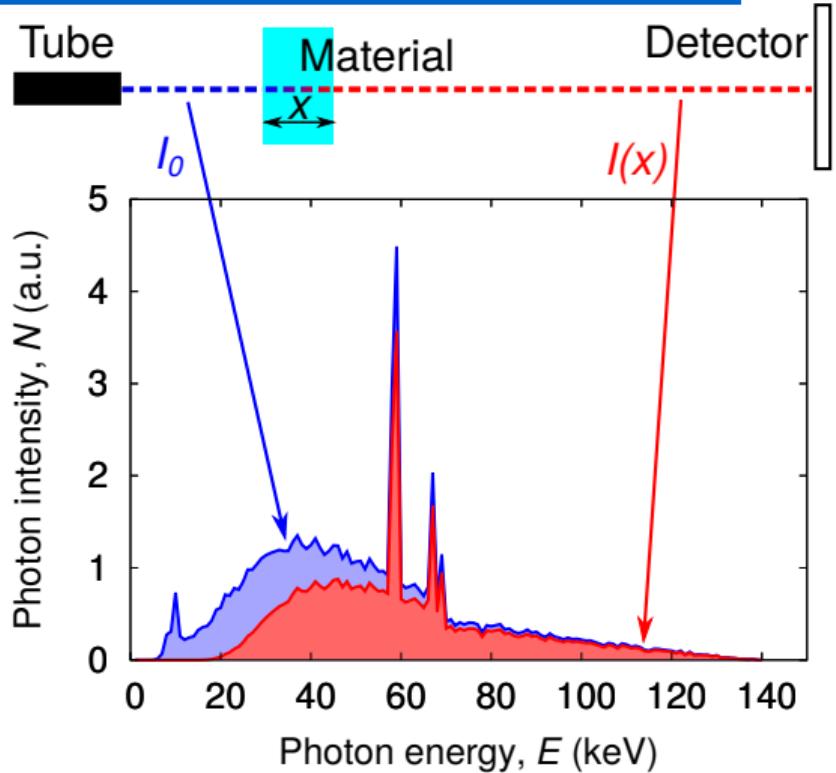
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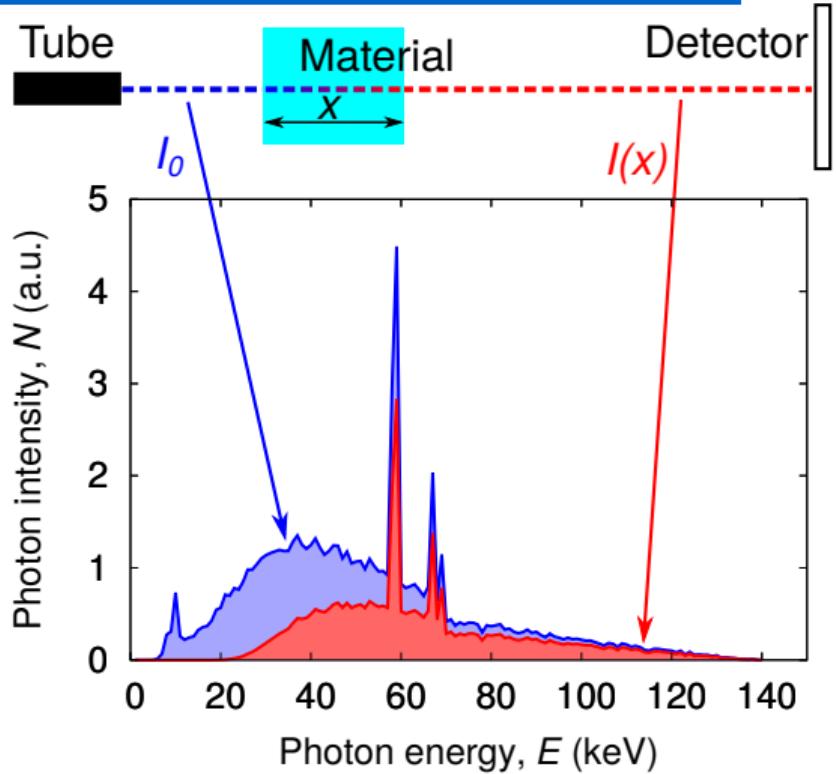
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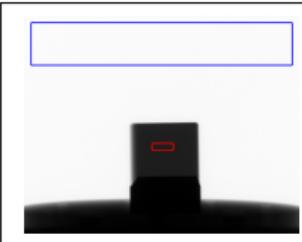
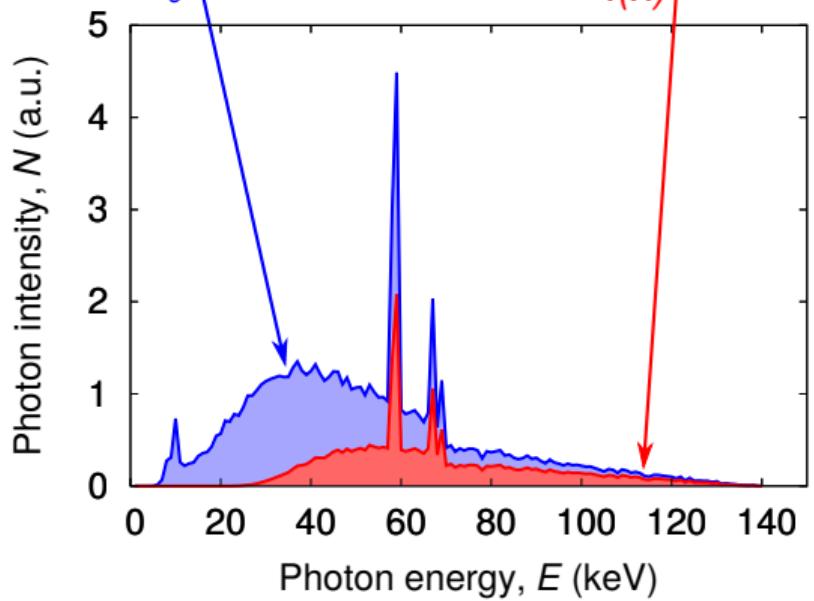
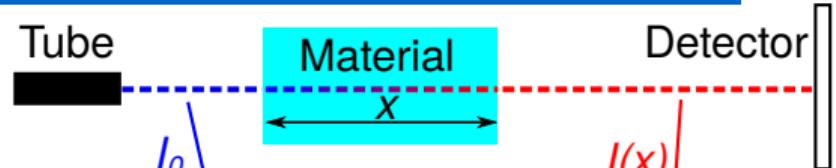
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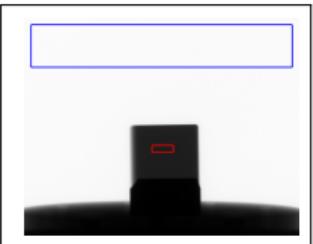
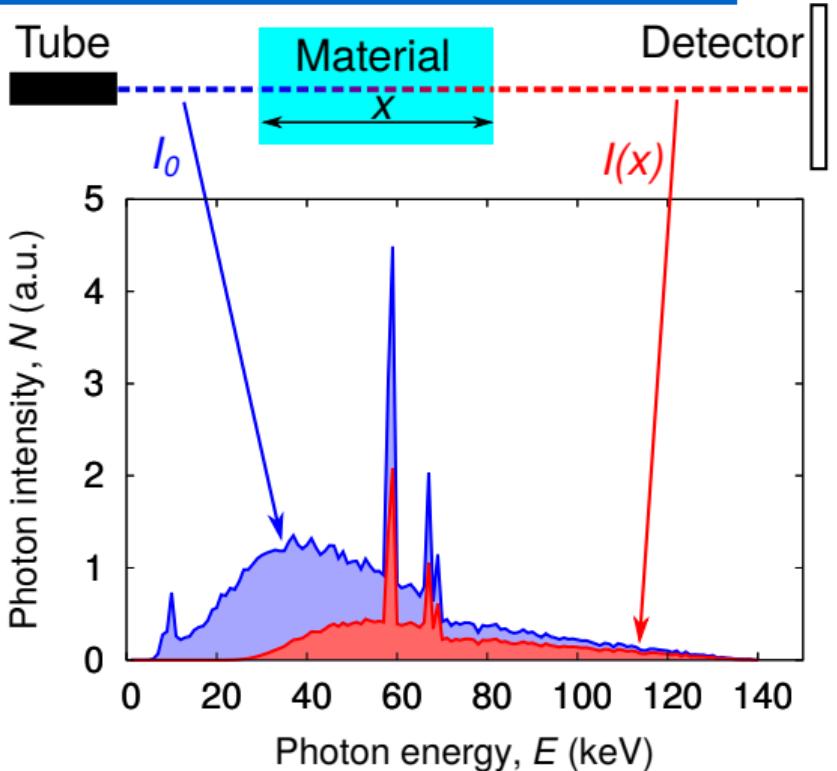
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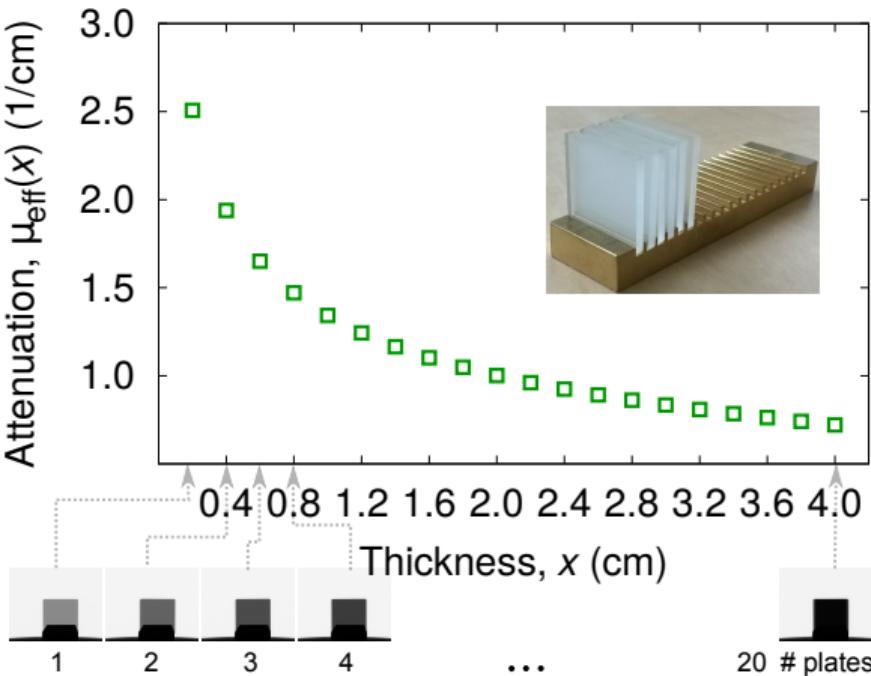
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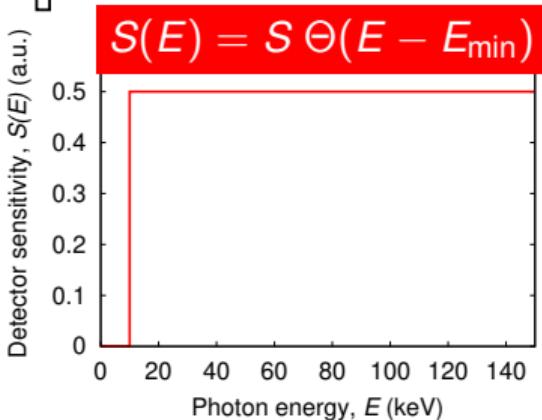
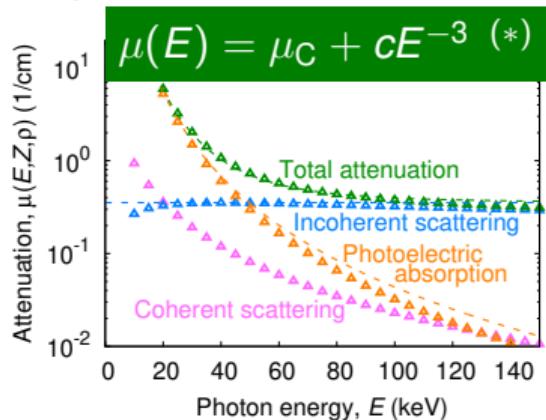
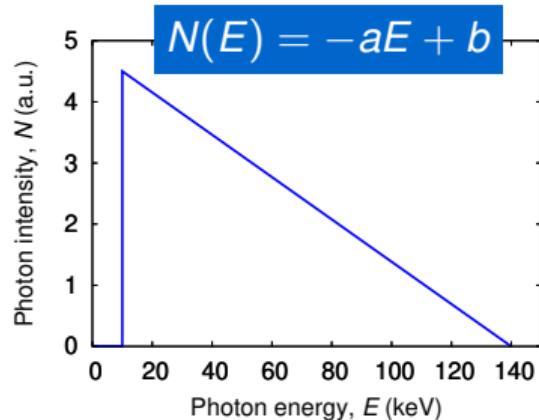
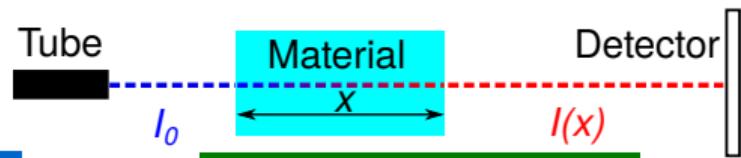


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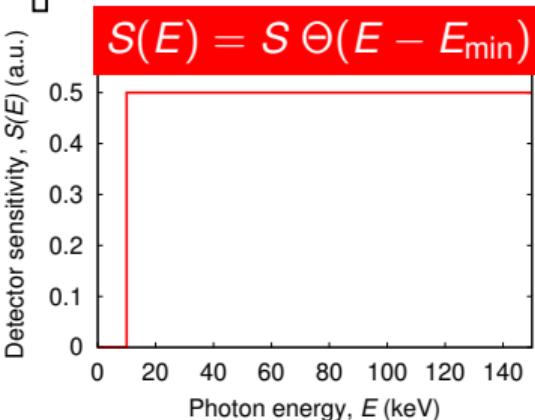
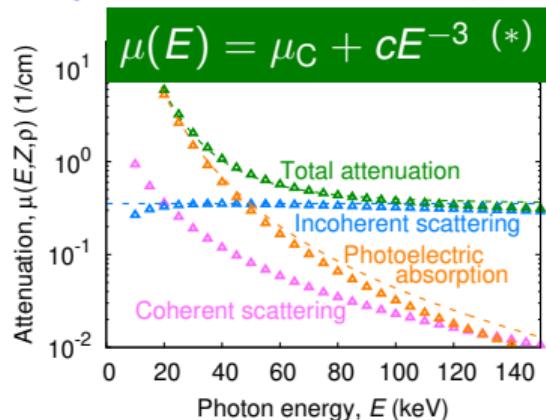
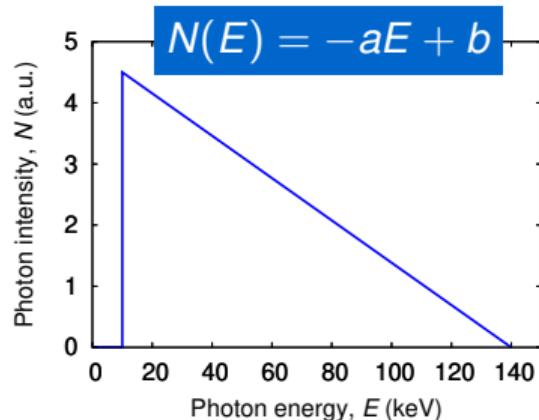
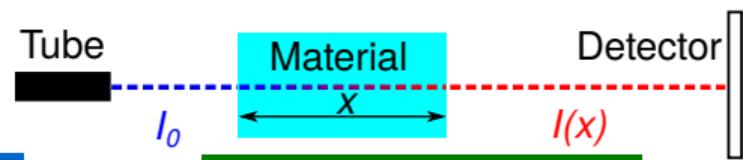
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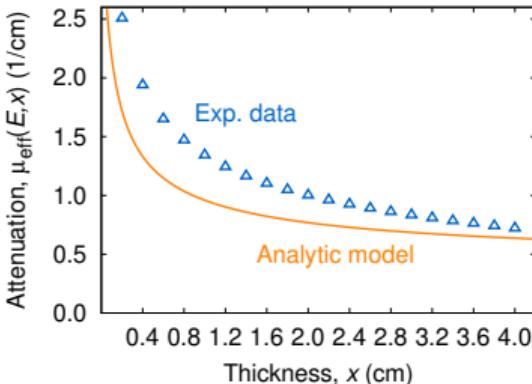
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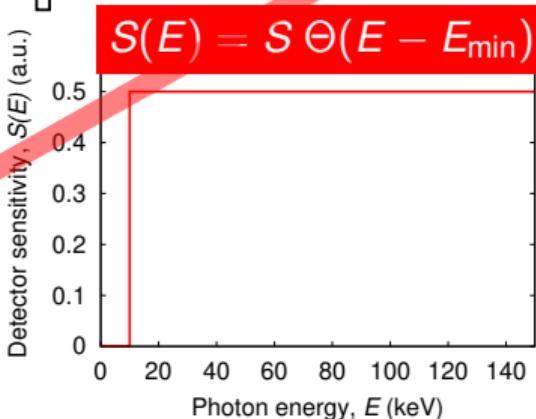
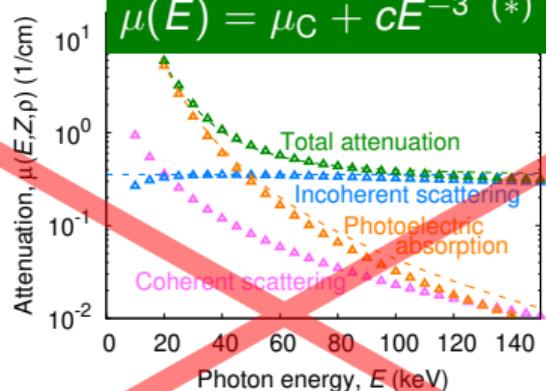
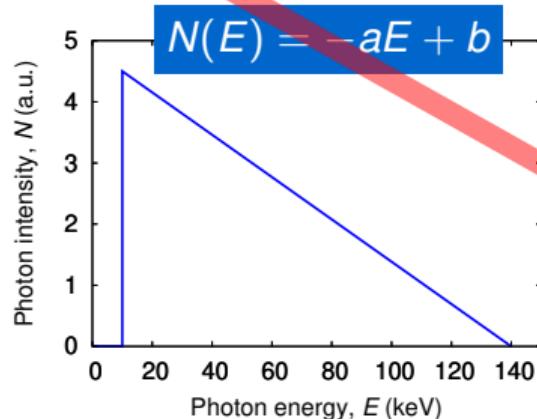
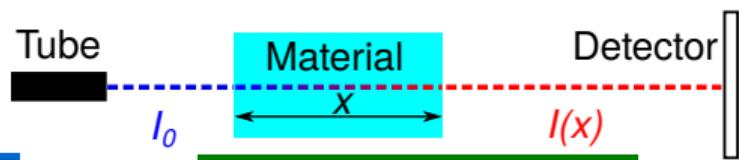


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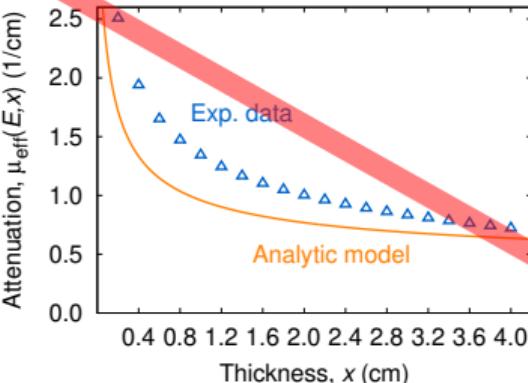


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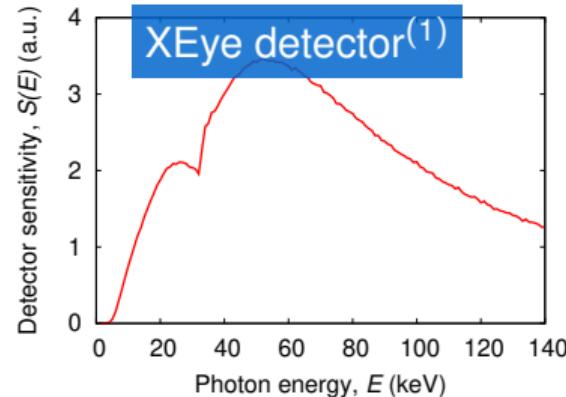
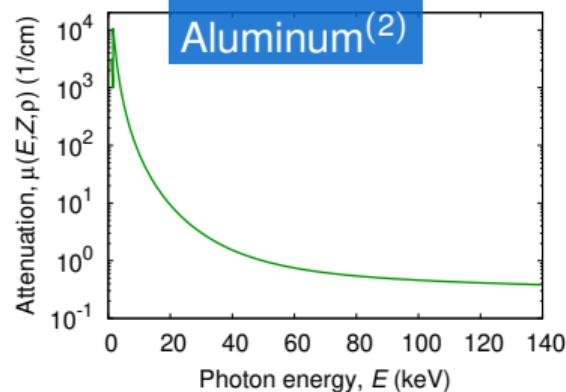
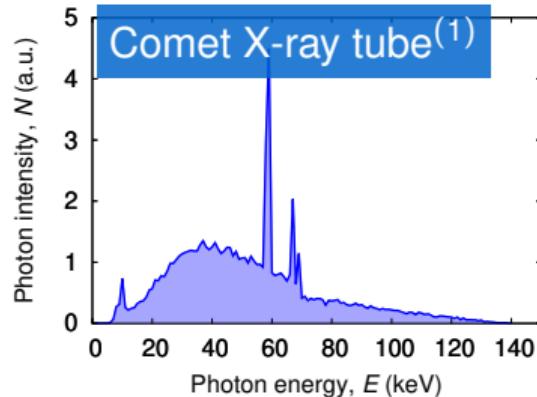
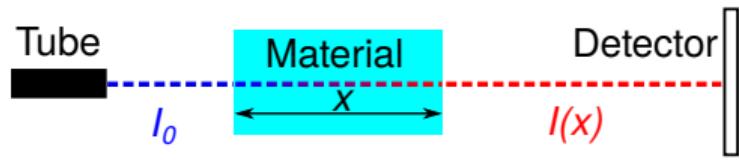


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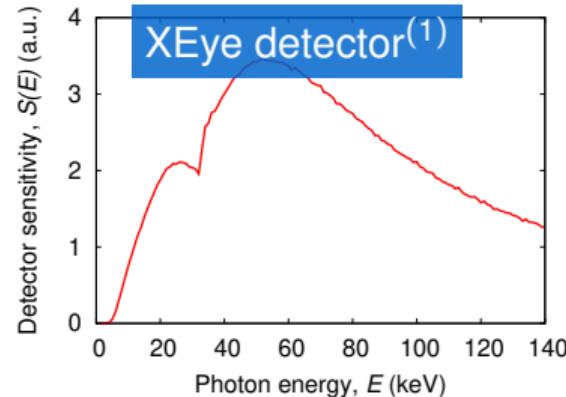
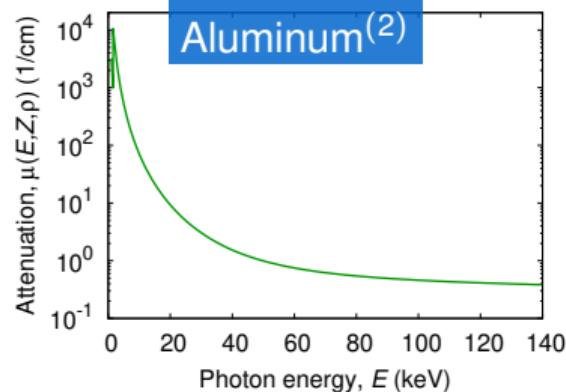
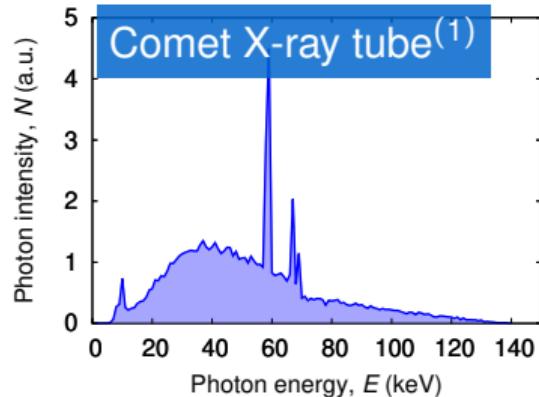
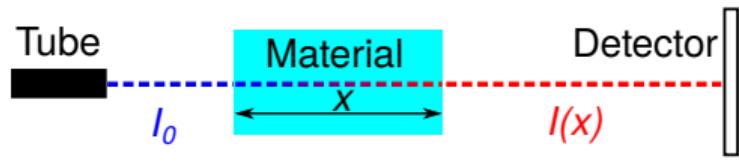


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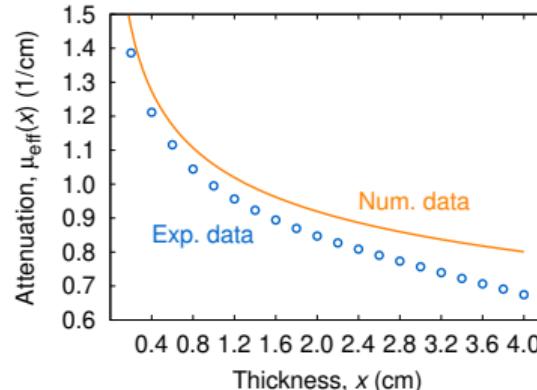
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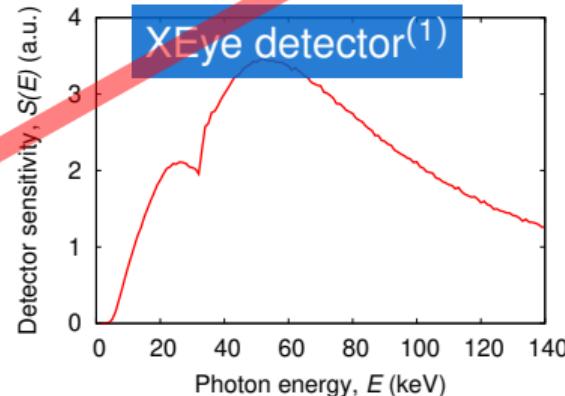
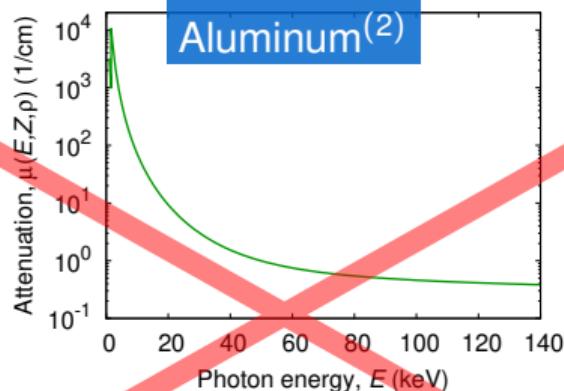
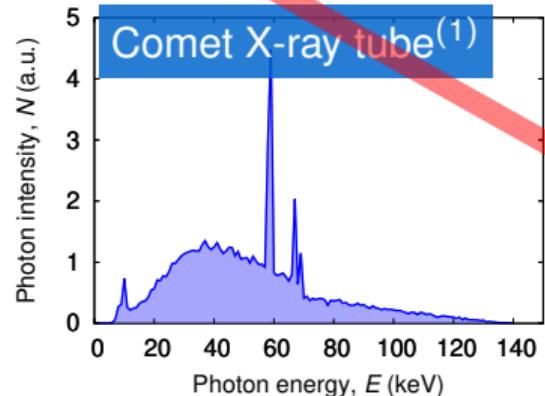
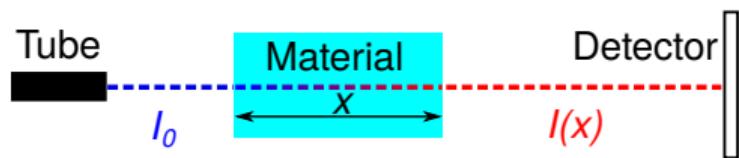
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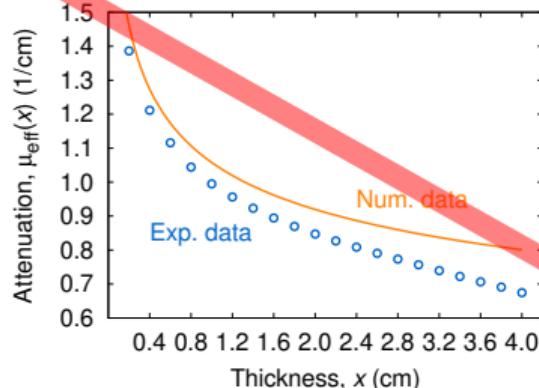
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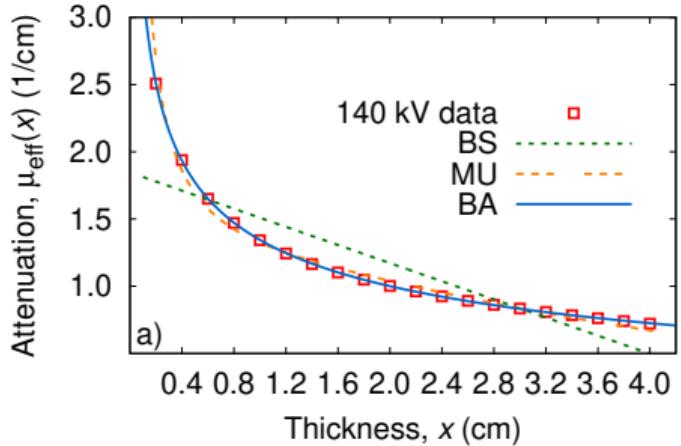
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Bjärngard & Shackford  
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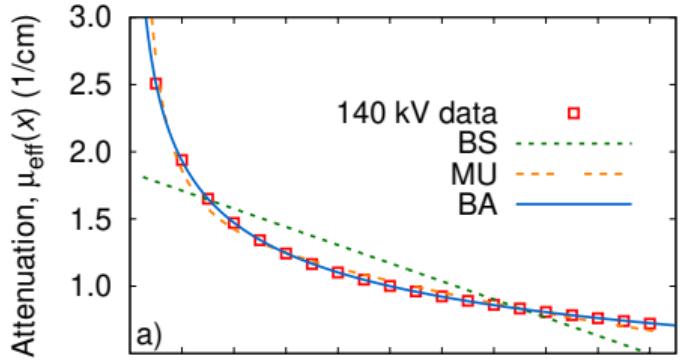
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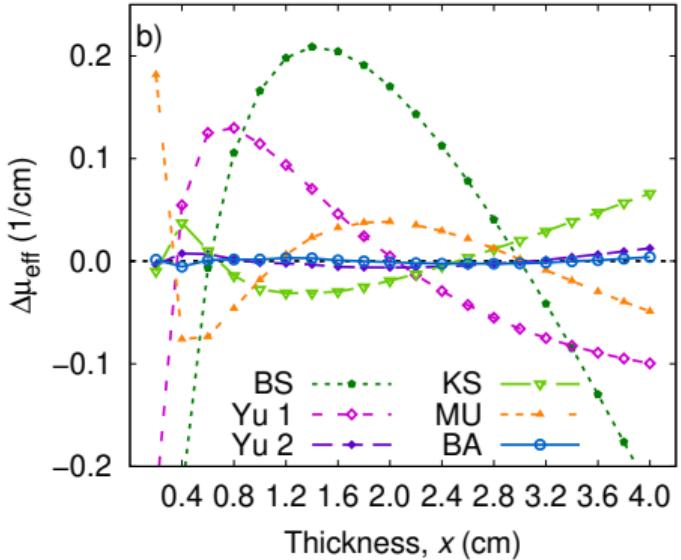
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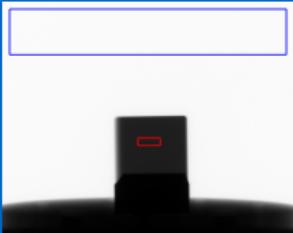
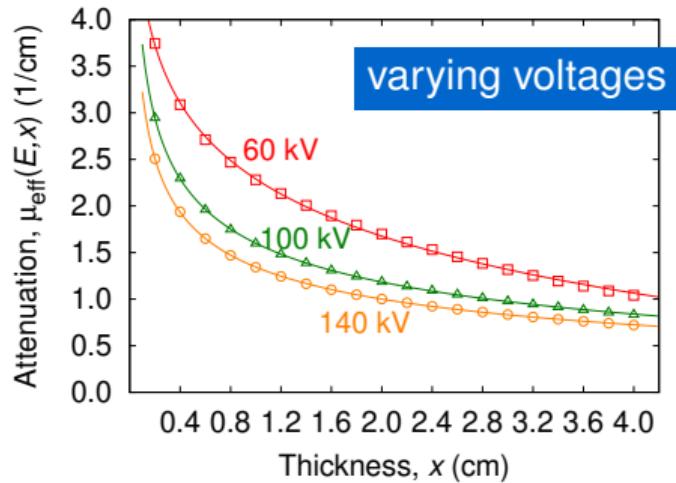
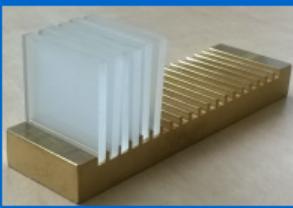
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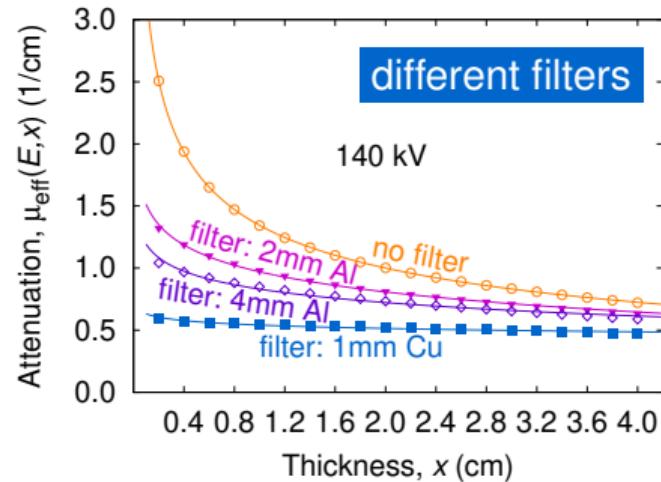
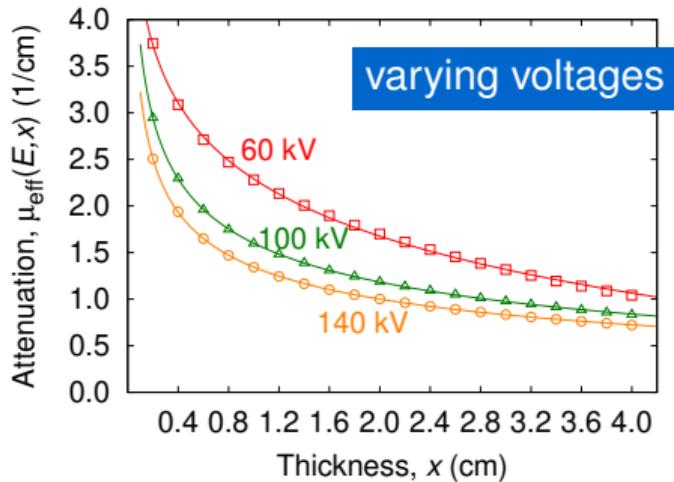
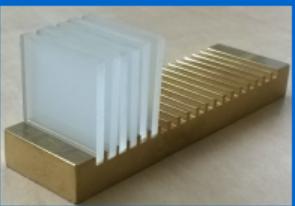
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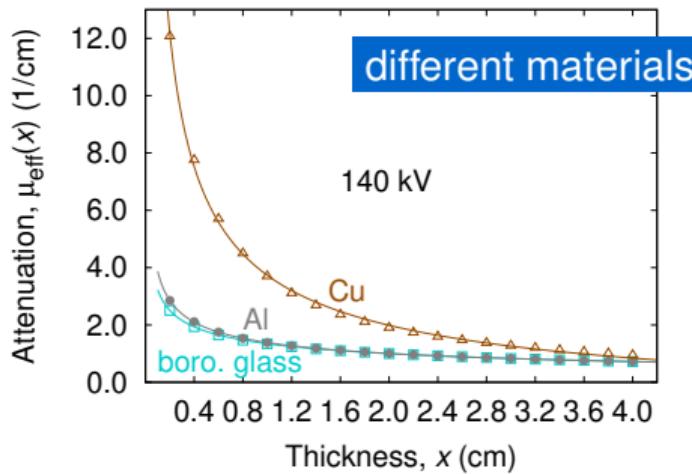
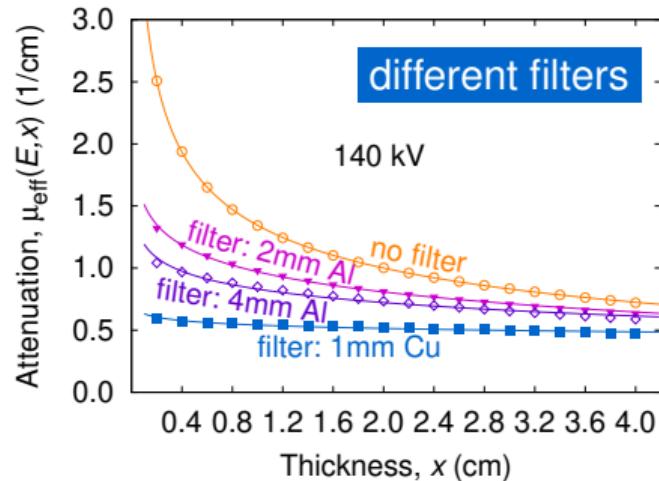
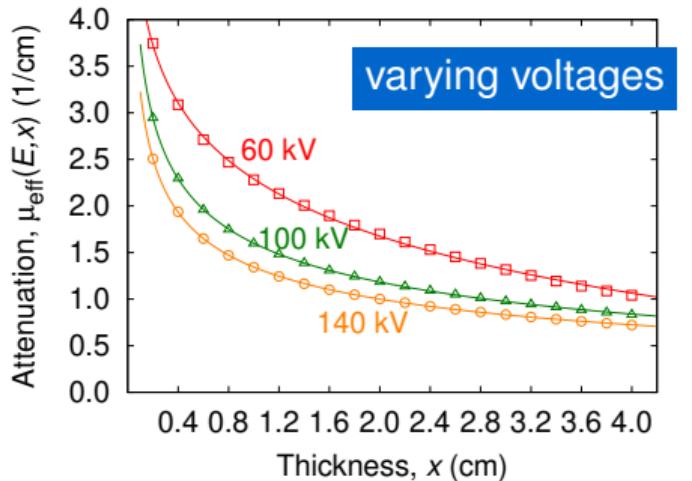
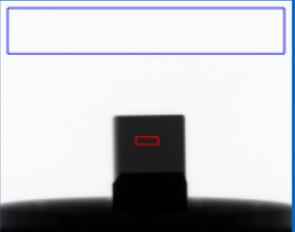
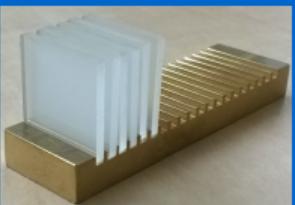
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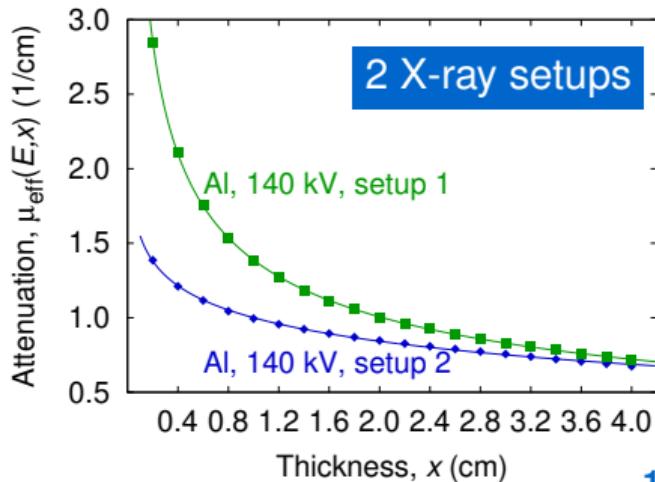
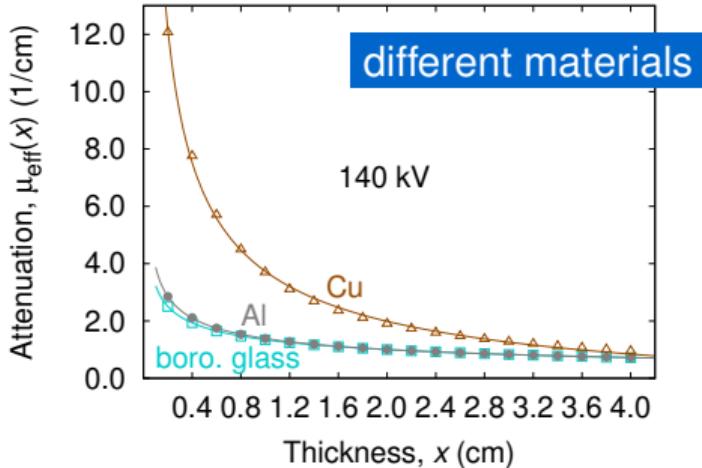
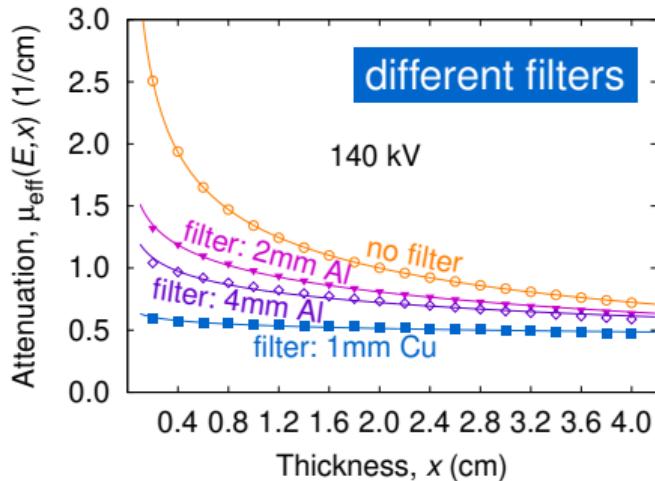
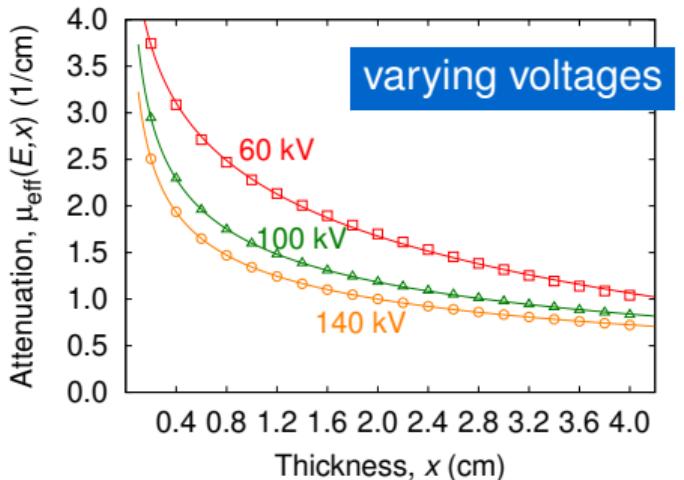
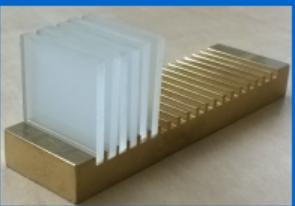
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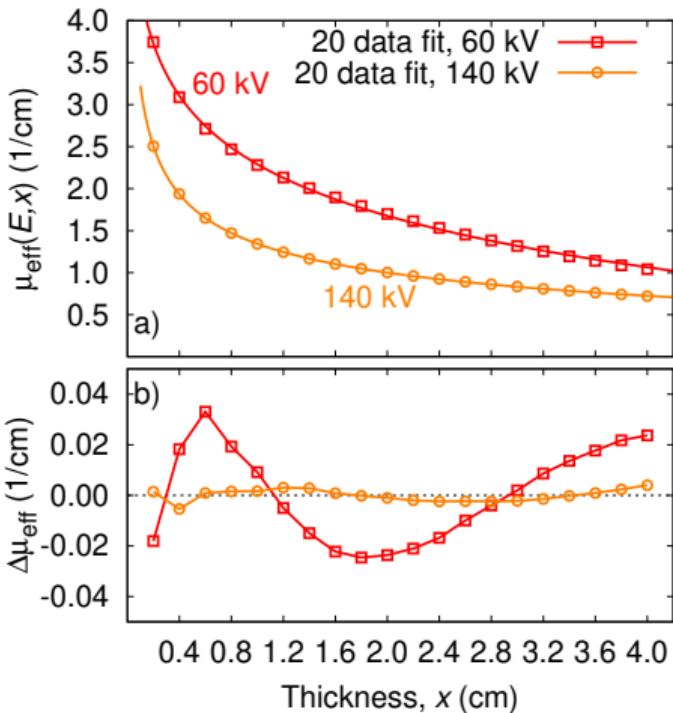
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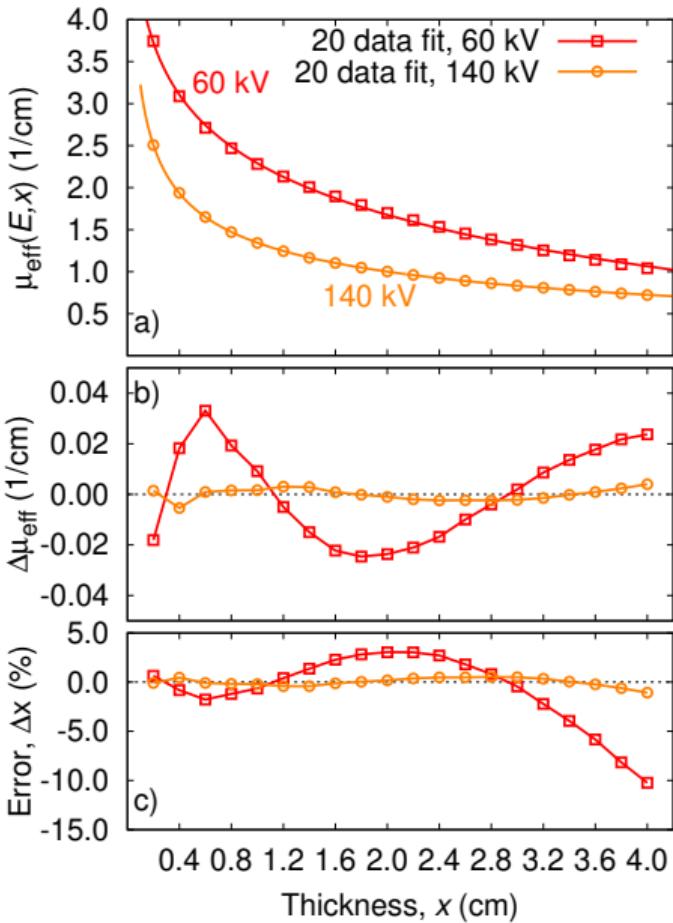
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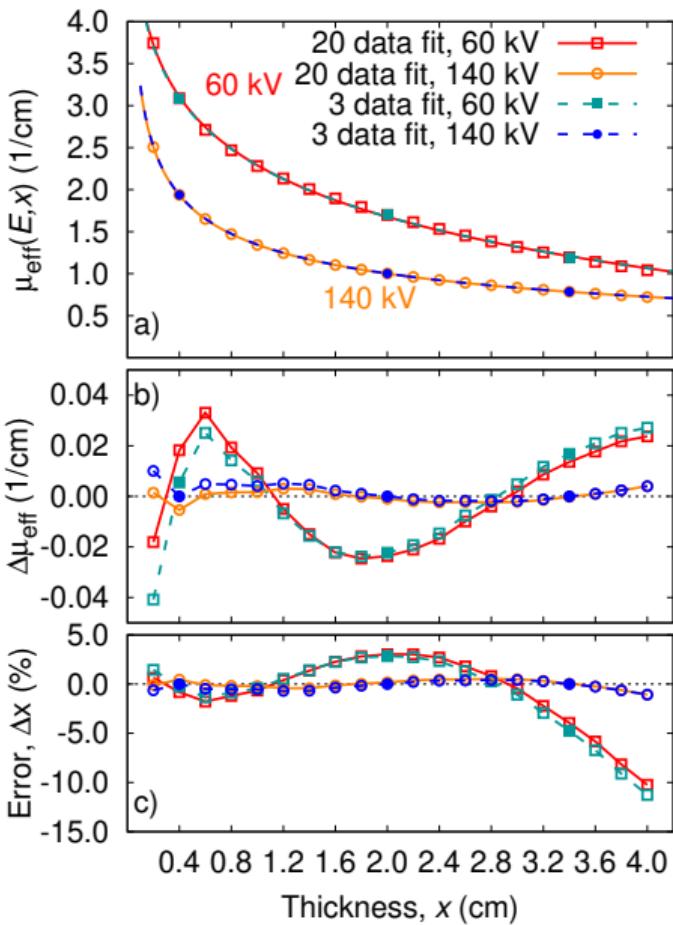
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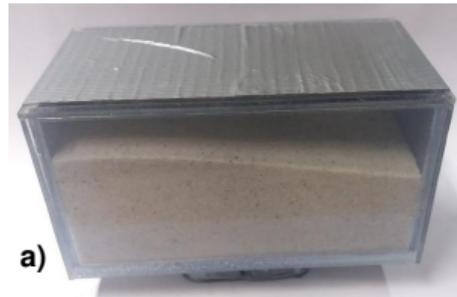
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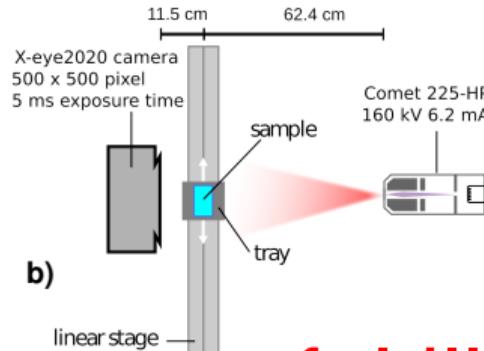
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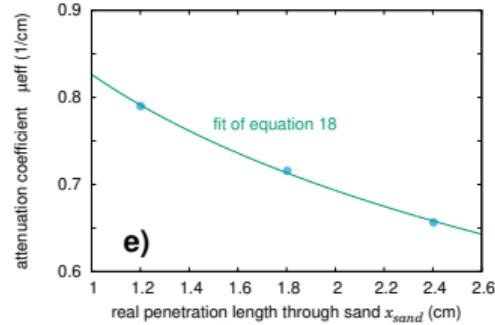
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