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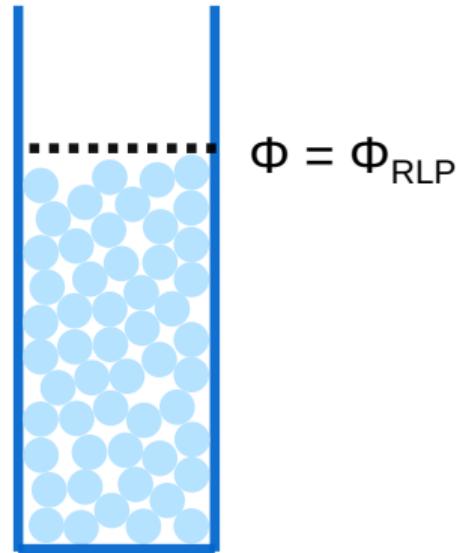


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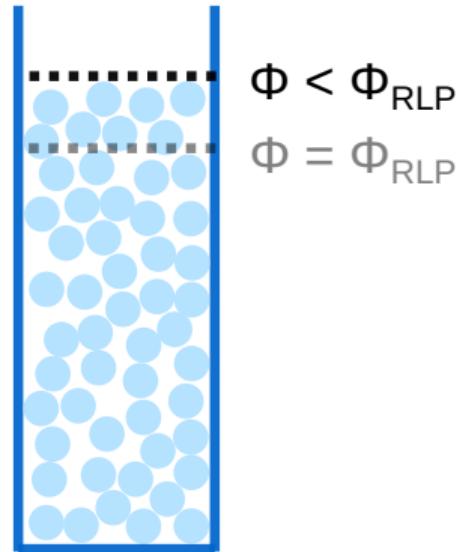


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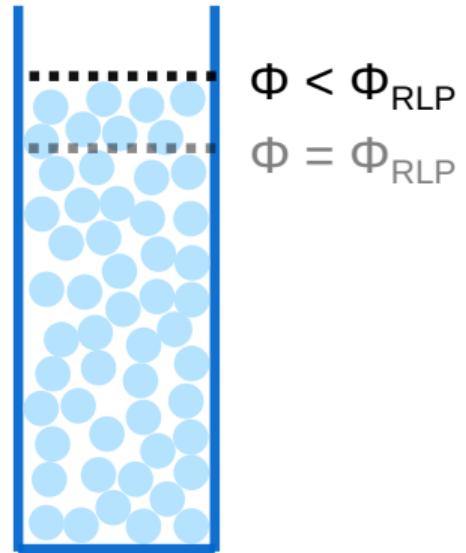


Dissipative interactions



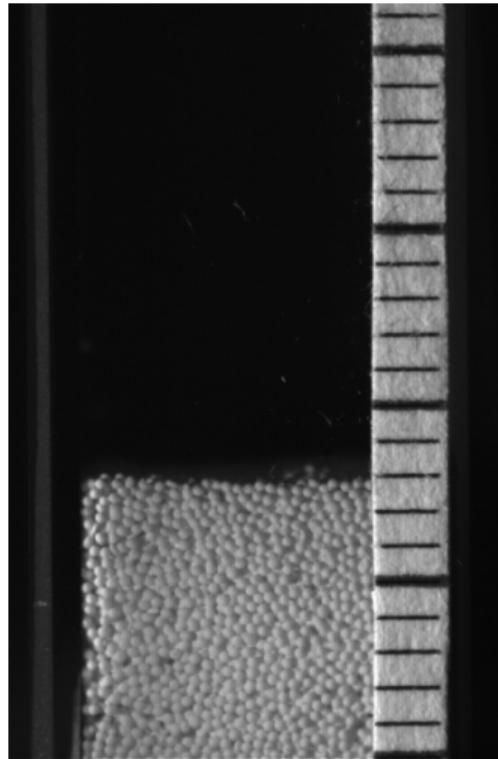
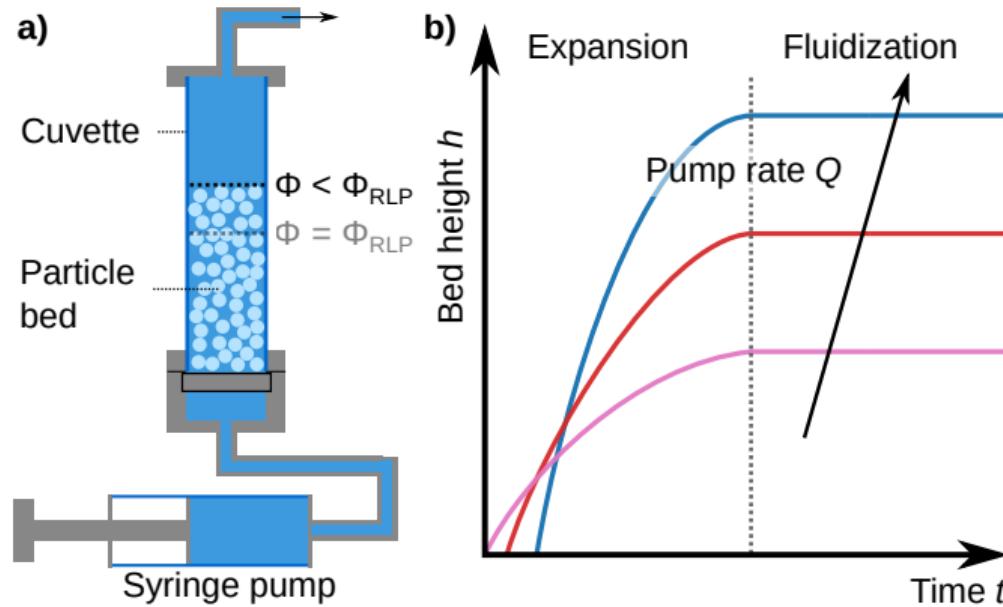
Driscoll *et al* (2016)

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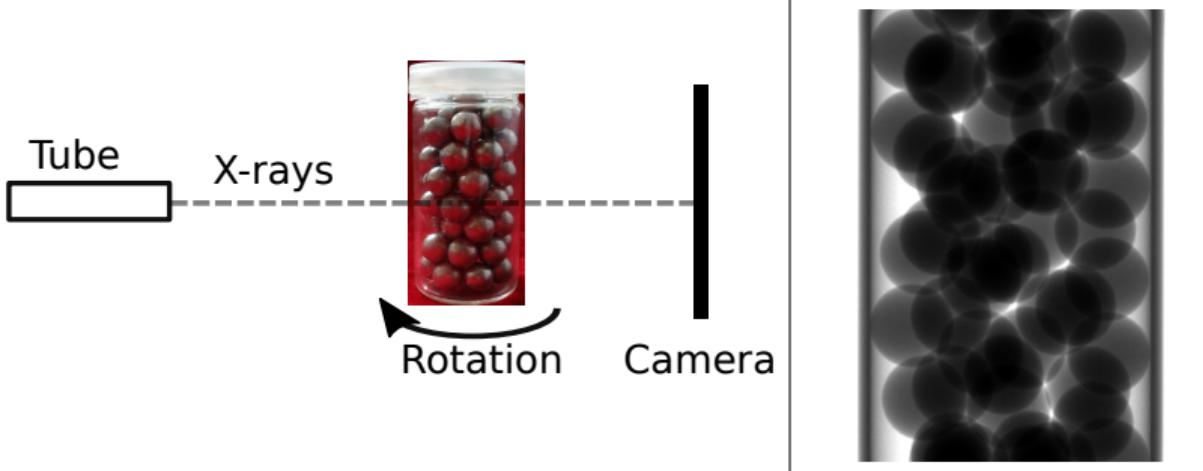
## Fluidized bed



Master thesis Welm Pätzold

Particulate flows are opaque

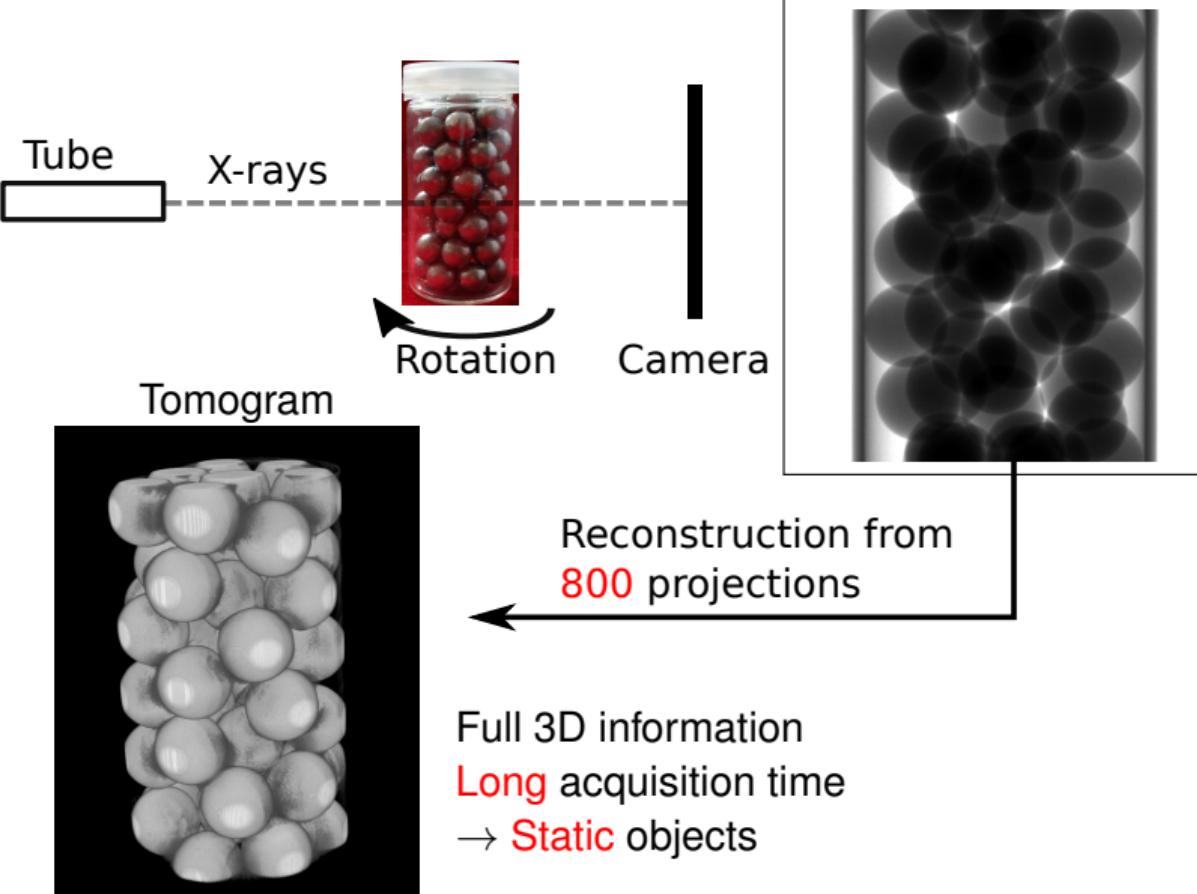
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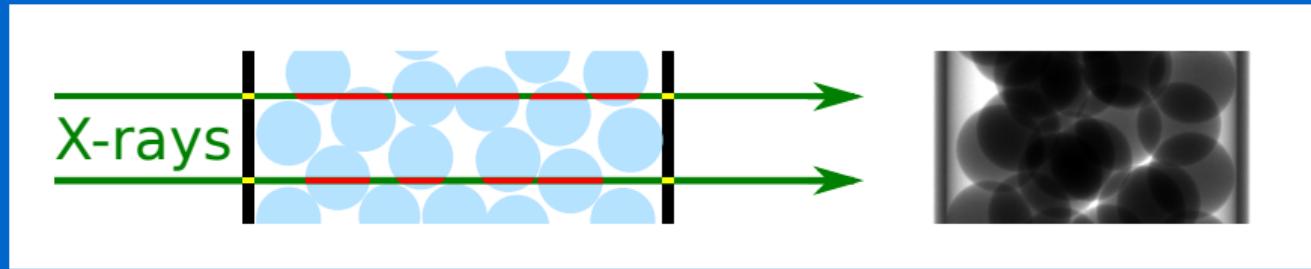
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Full 3D information  
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# Measuring the volume fraction of **dynamic** granular systems

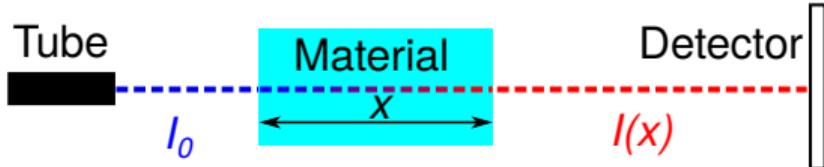


## Correction of beam hardening in X-ray radiograms

Baur *et al*, *Rev. Sci. Instrum.* (2019)

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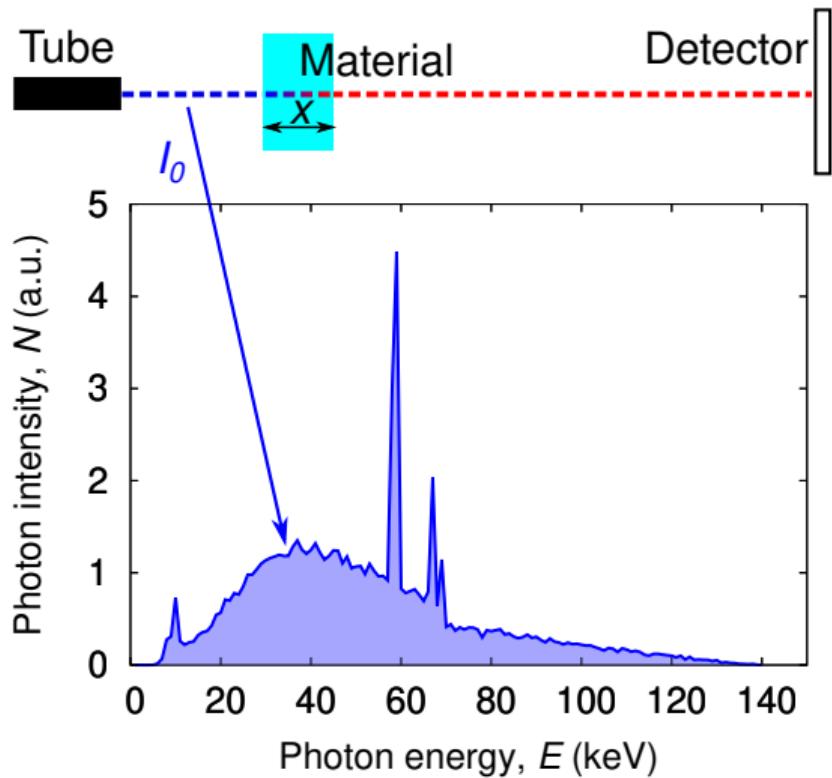
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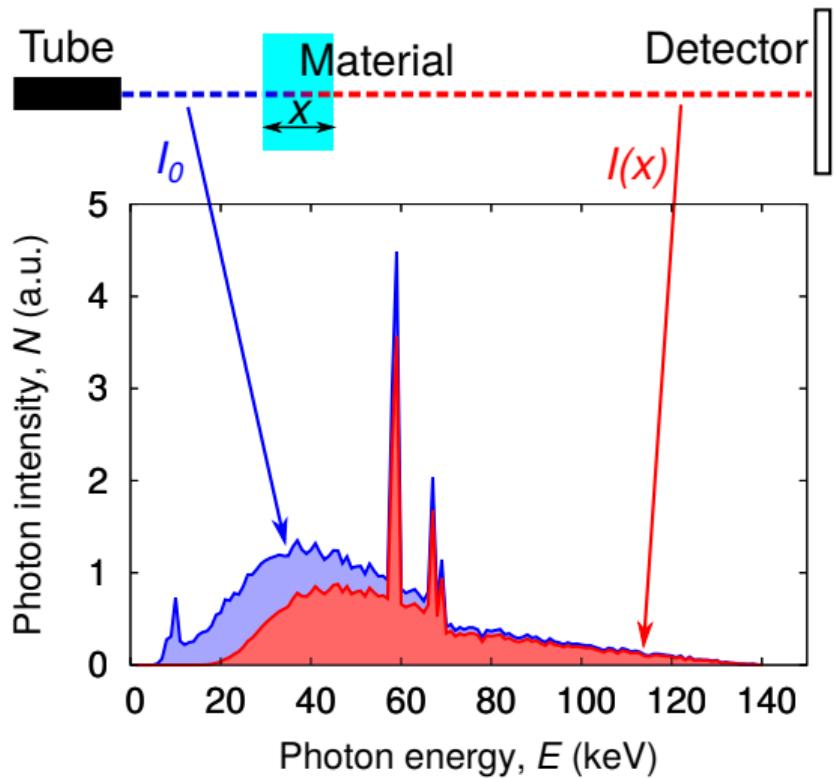
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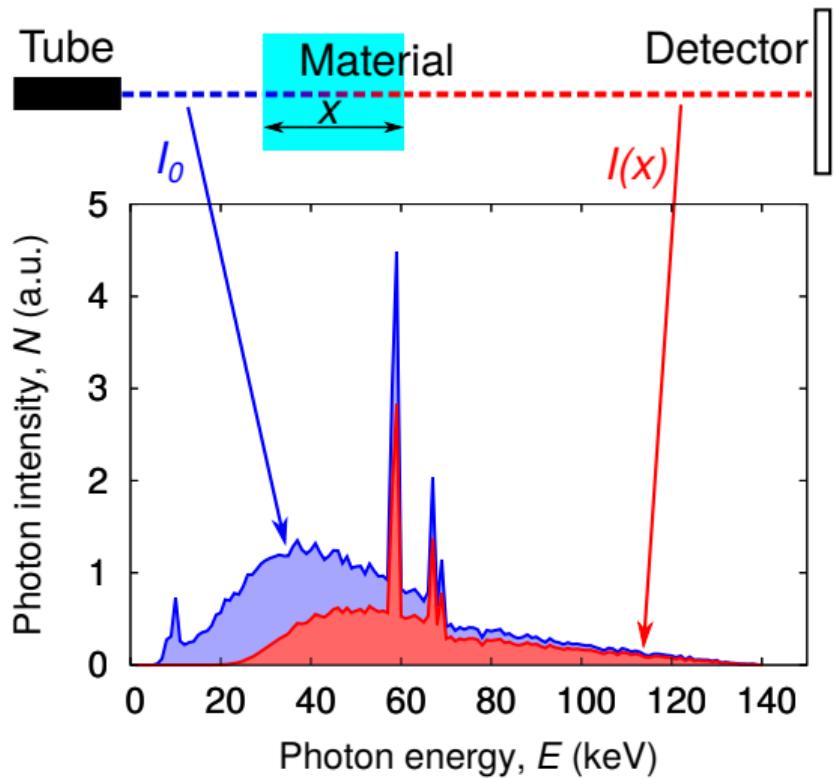
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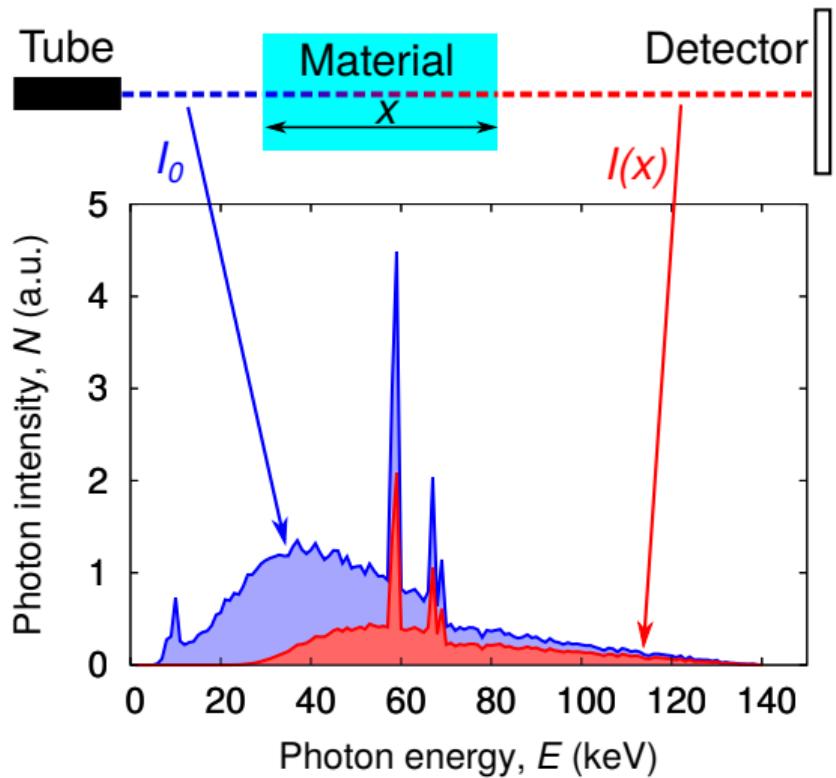
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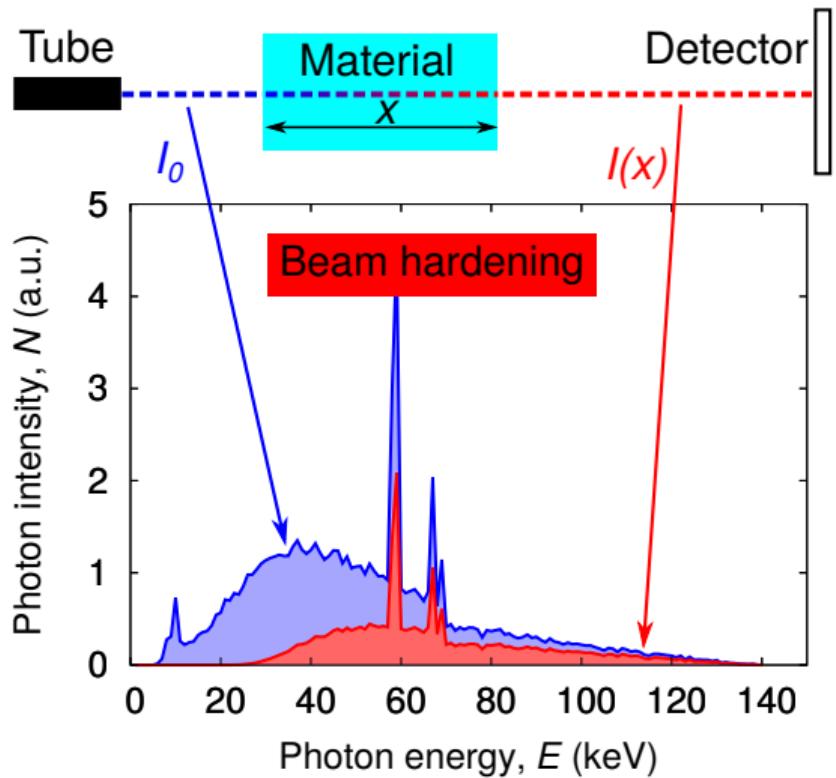
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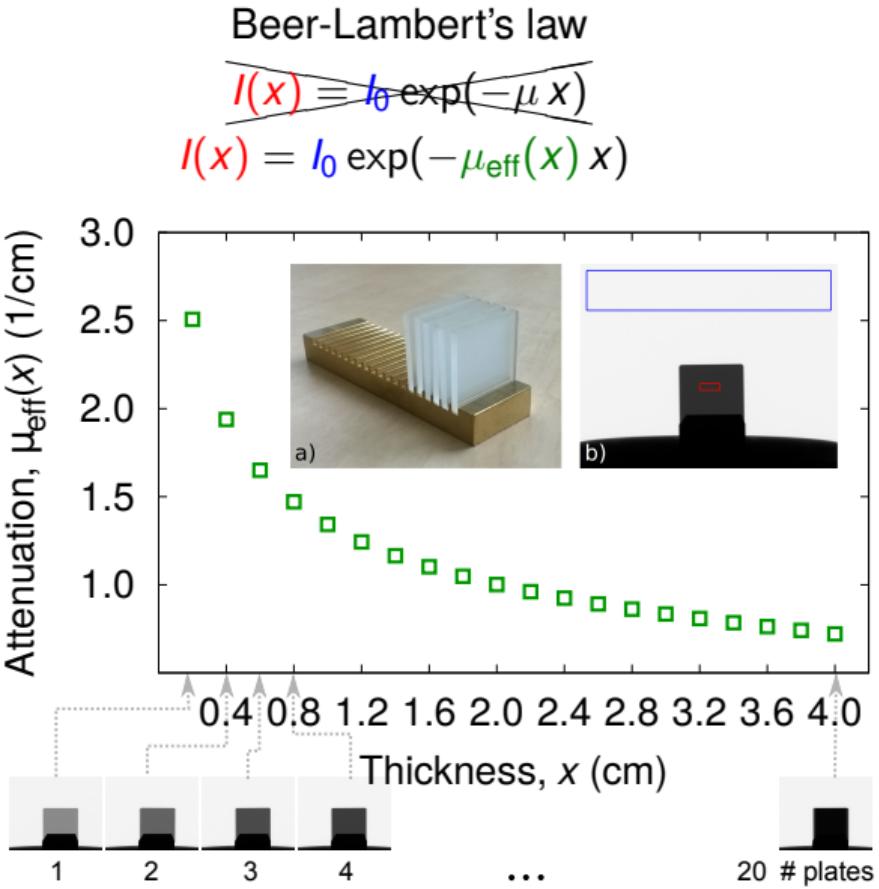
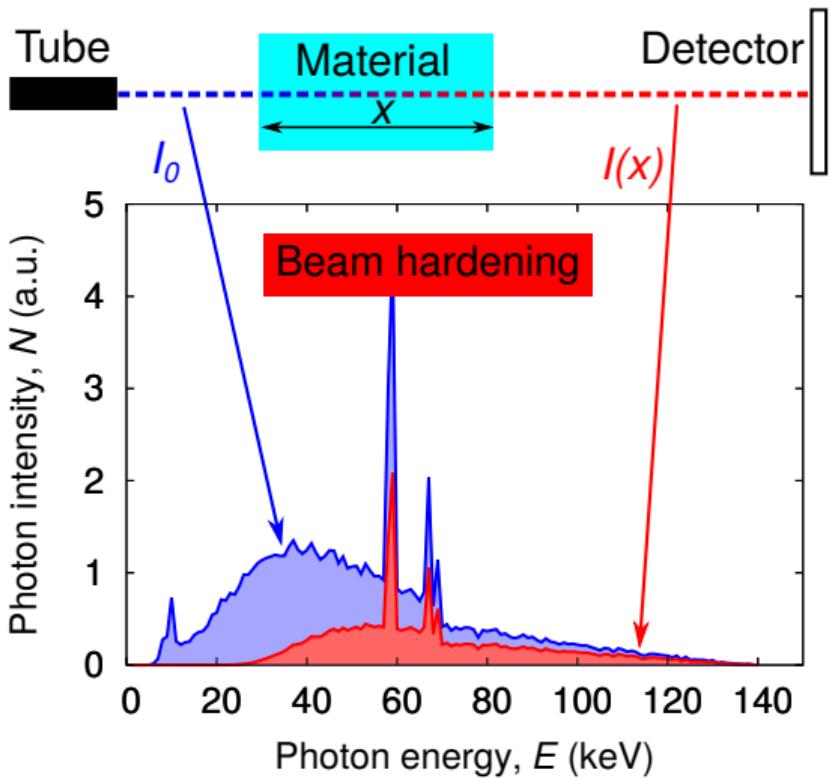


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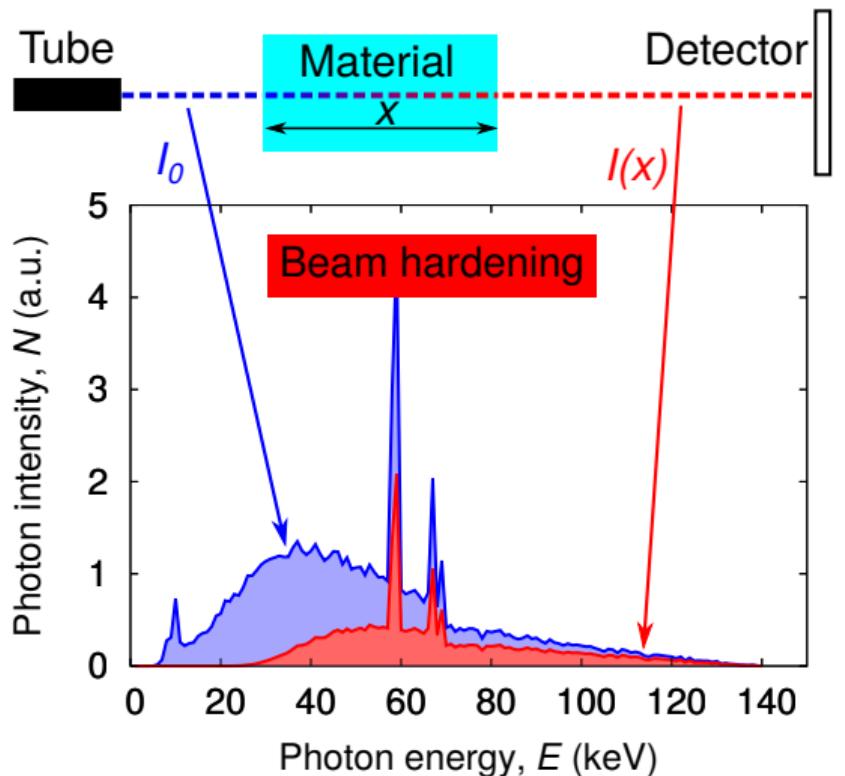
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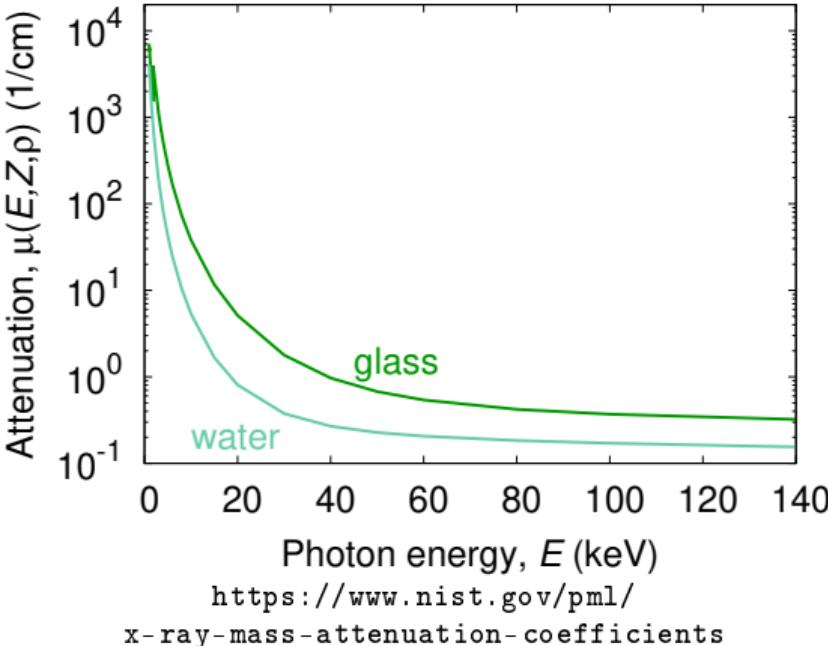


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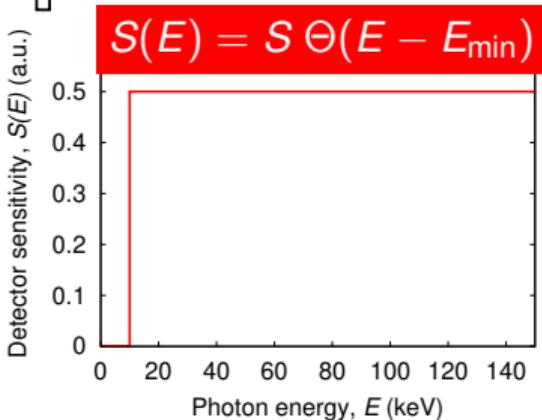
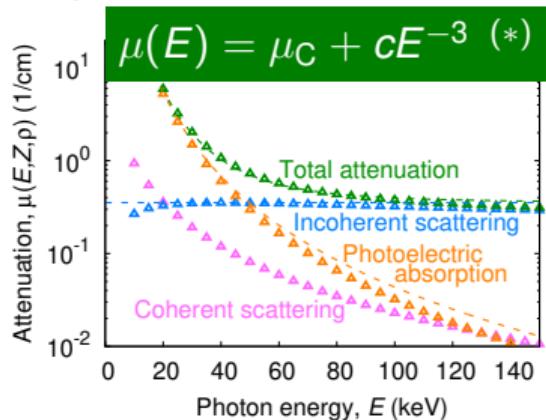
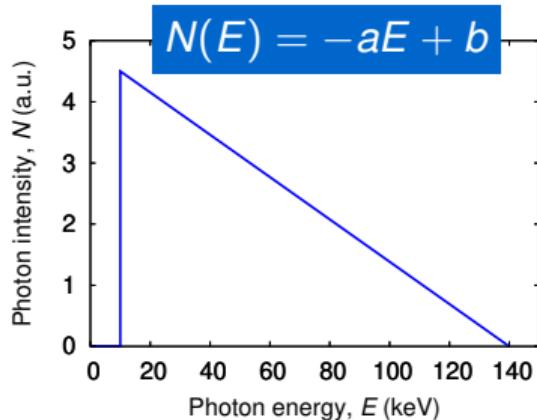
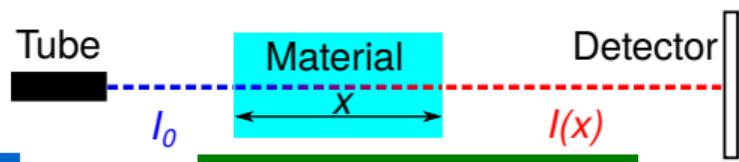
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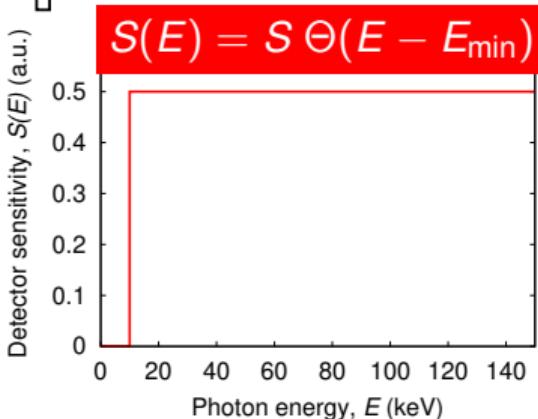
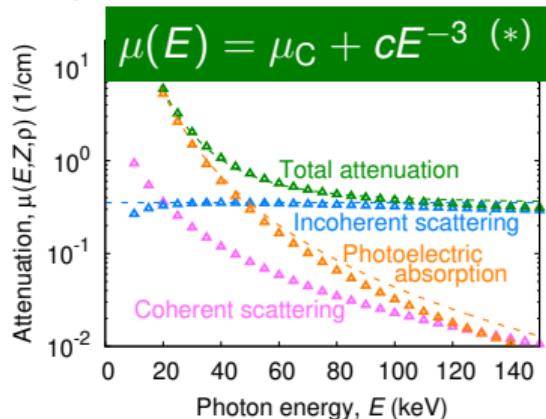
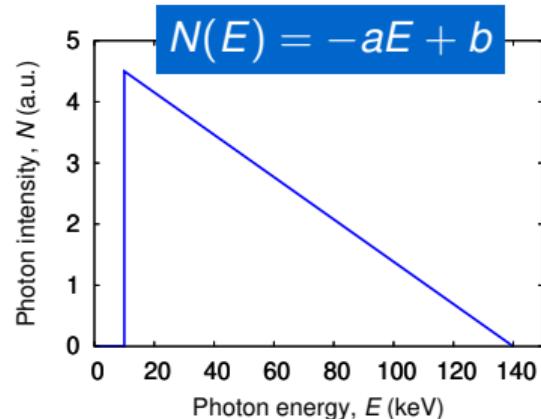
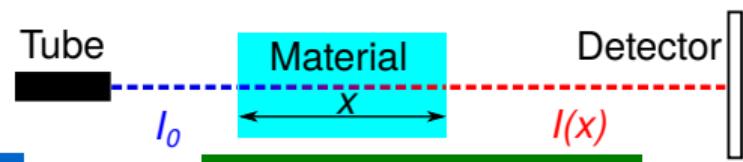
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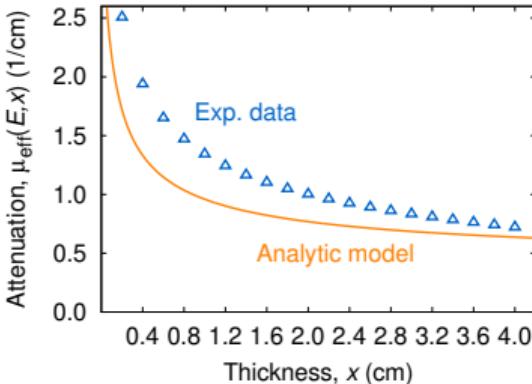
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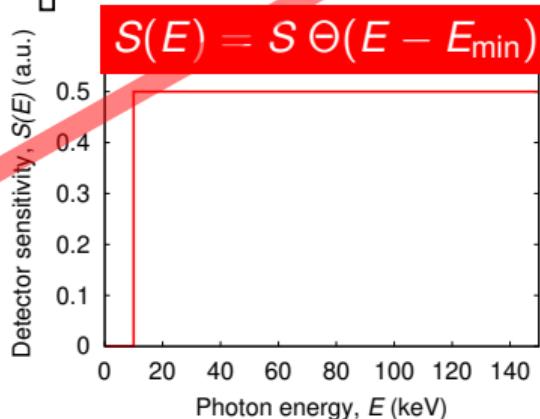
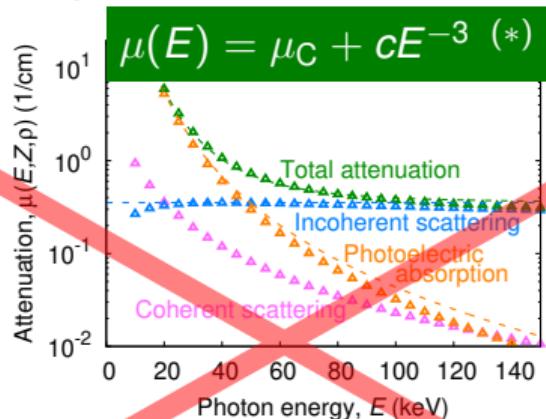
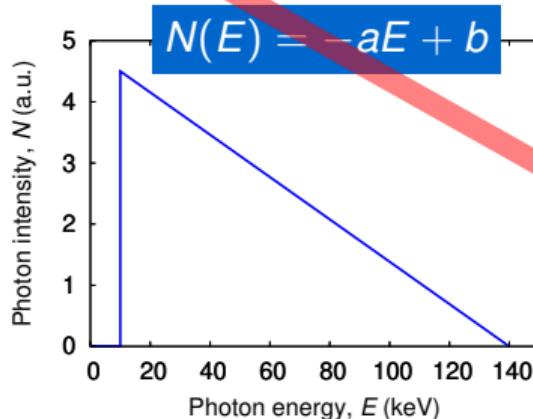
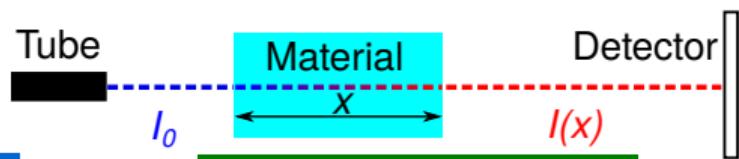
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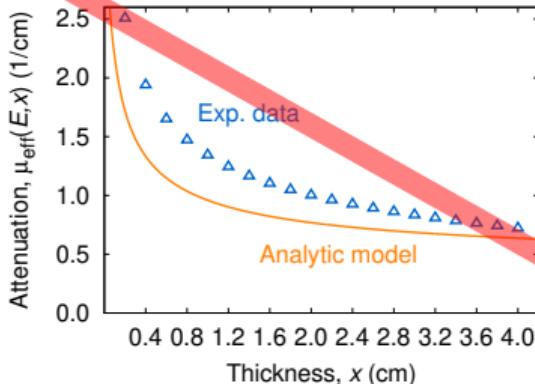
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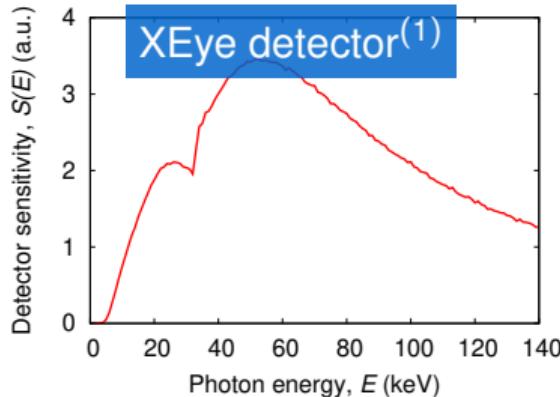
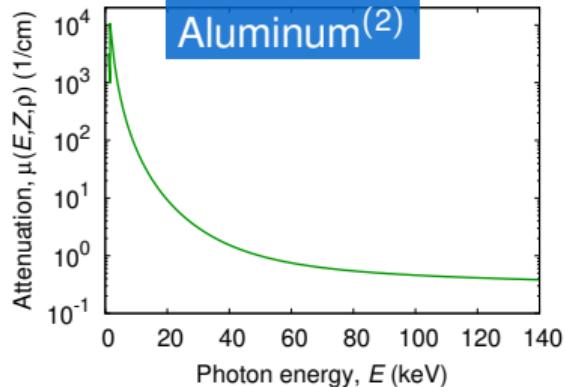
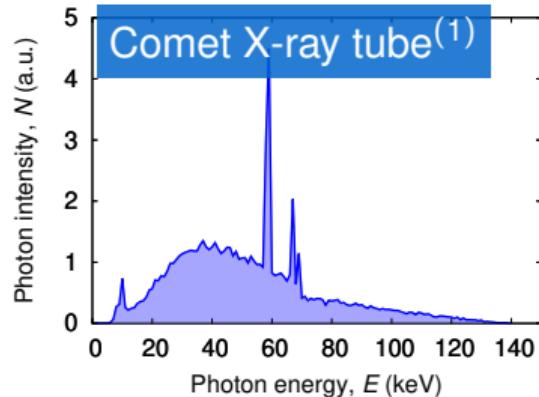
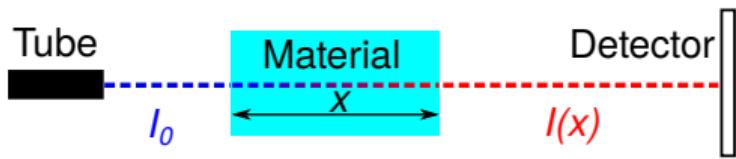
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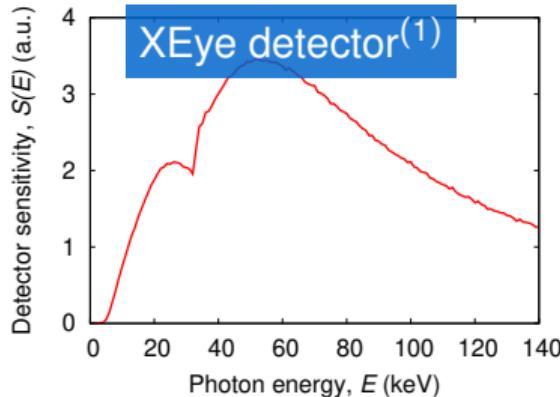
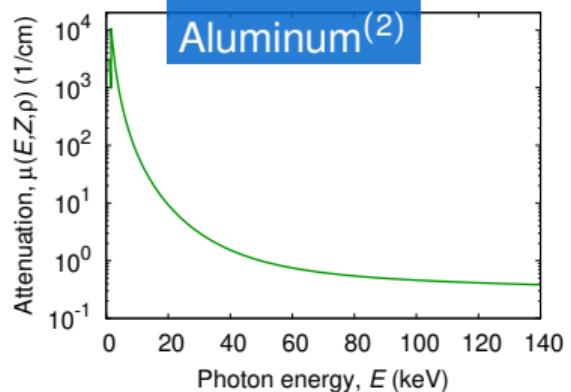
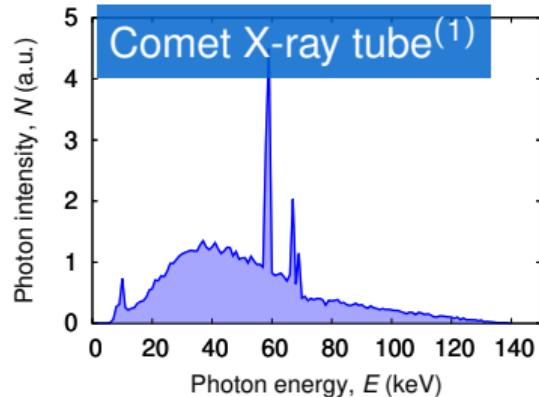
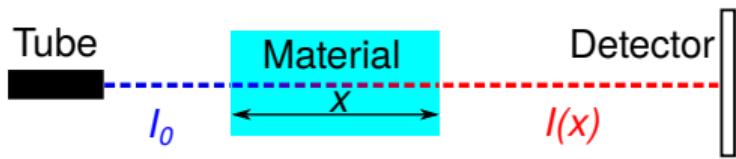
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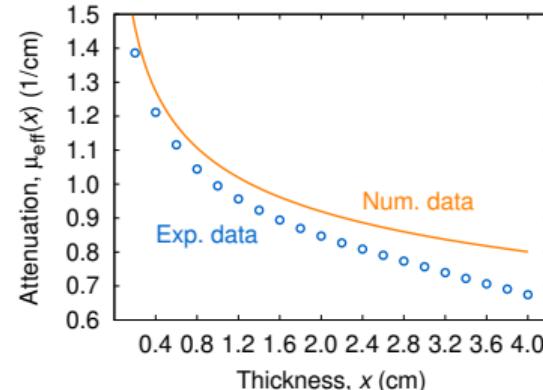


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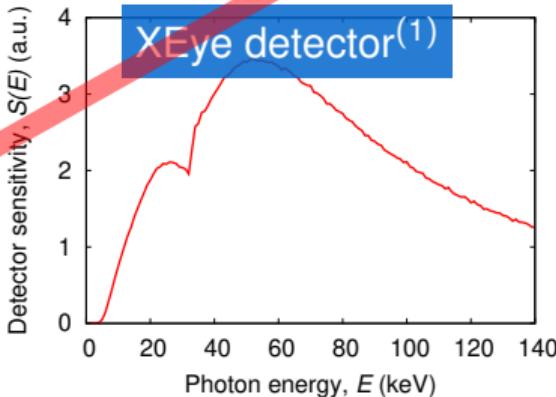
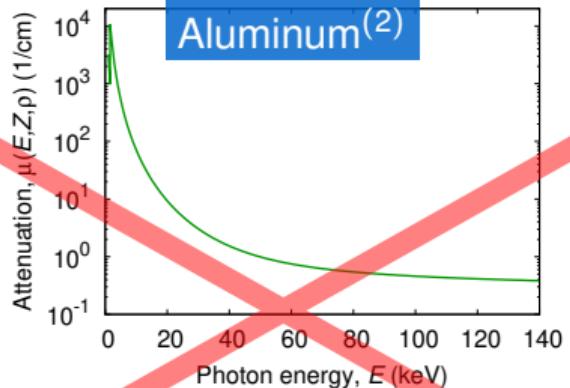
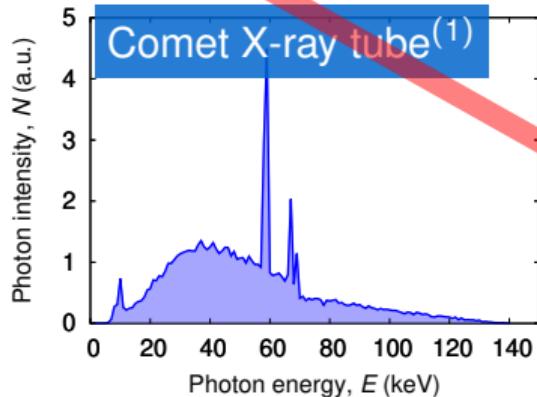
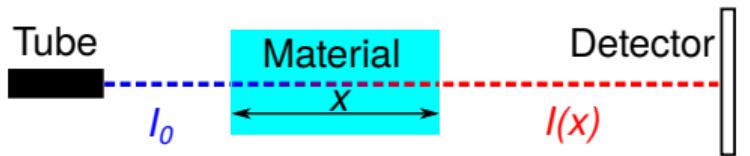
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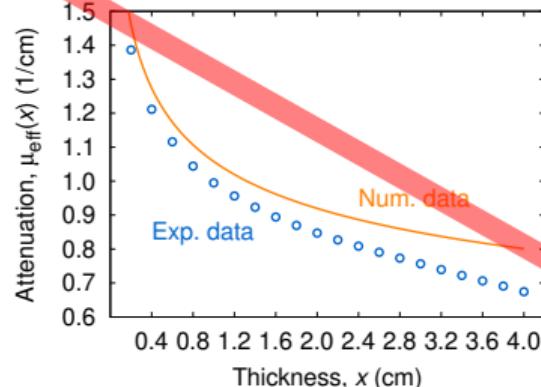


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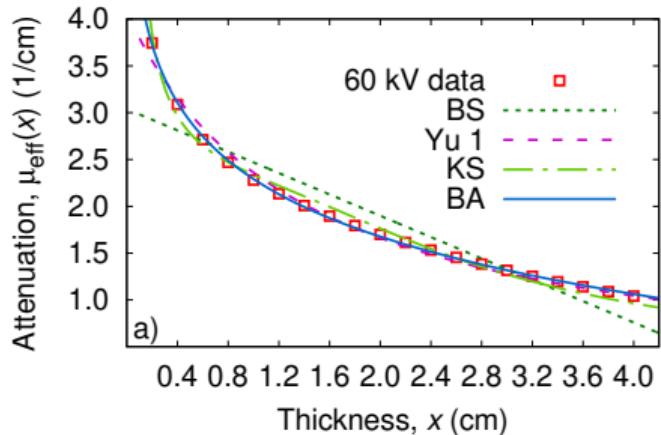
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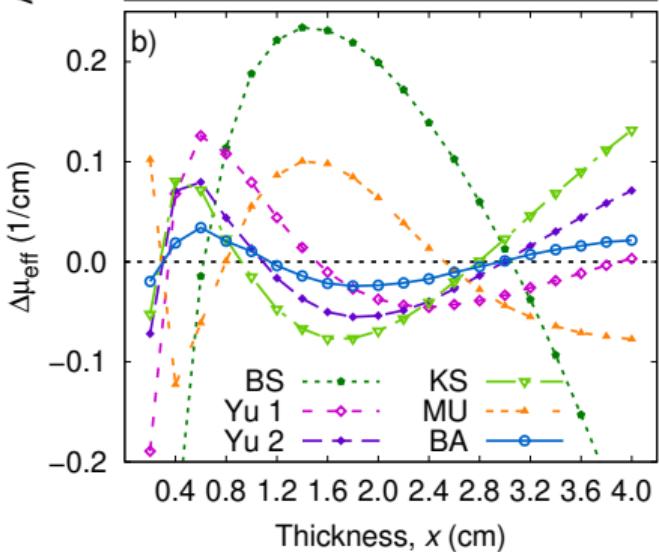
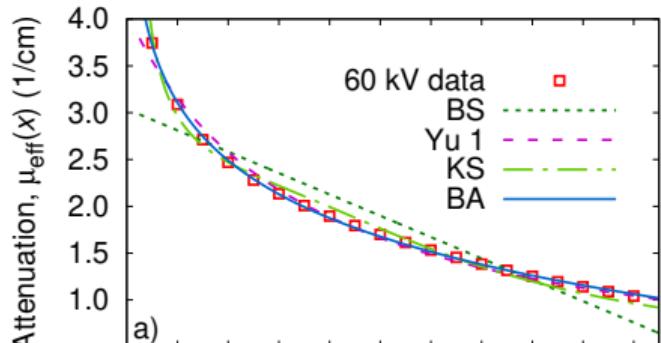
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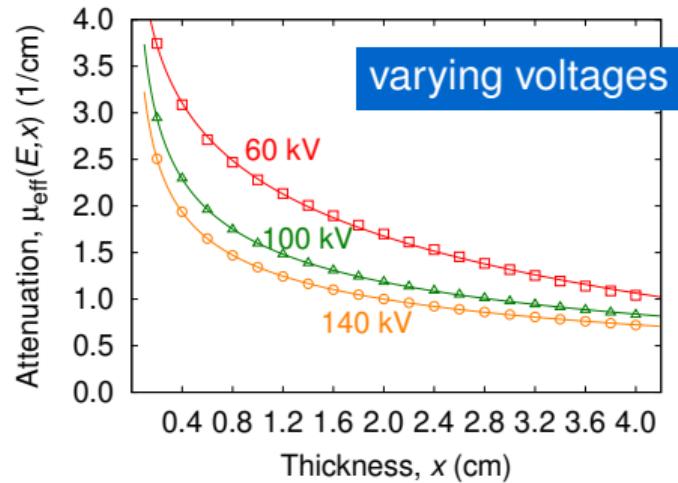
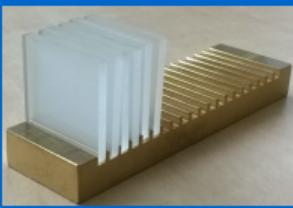
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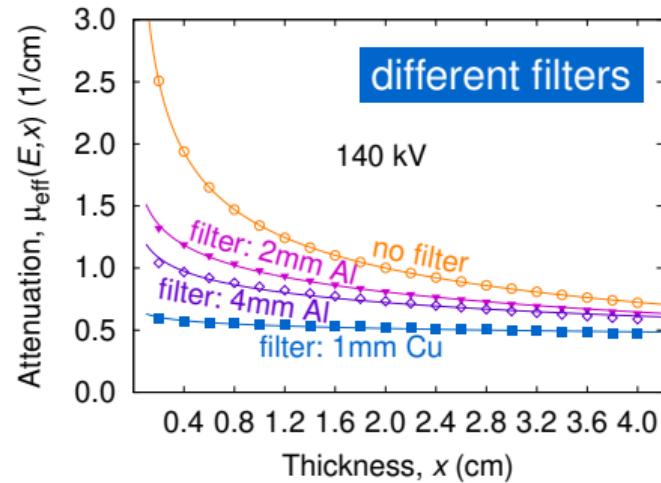
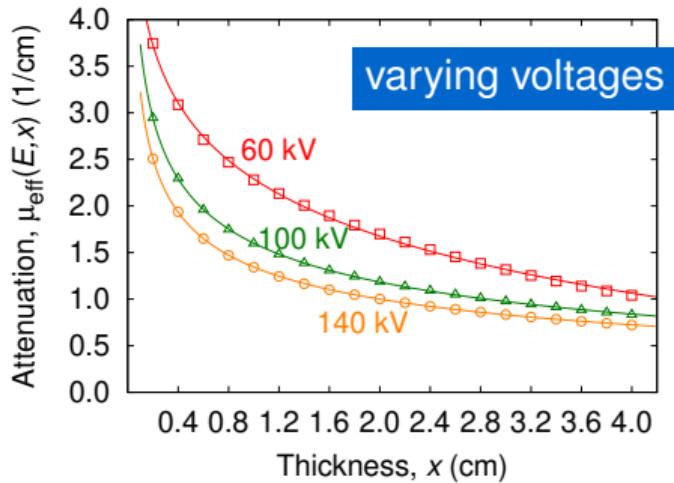
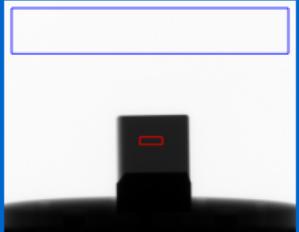
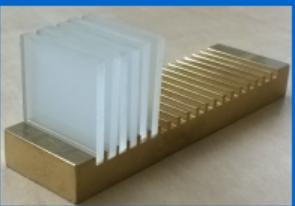
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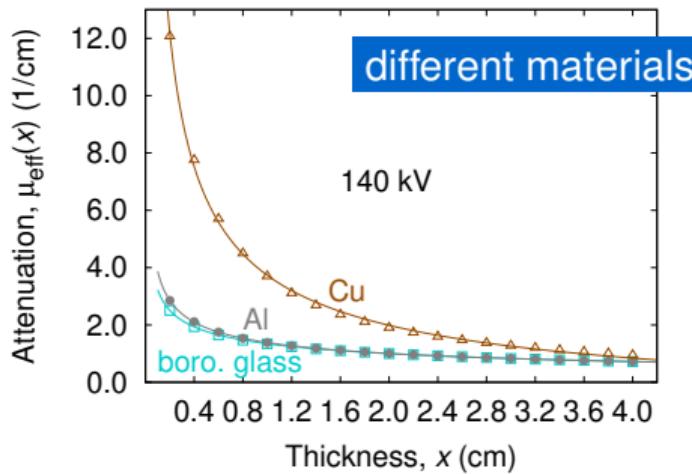
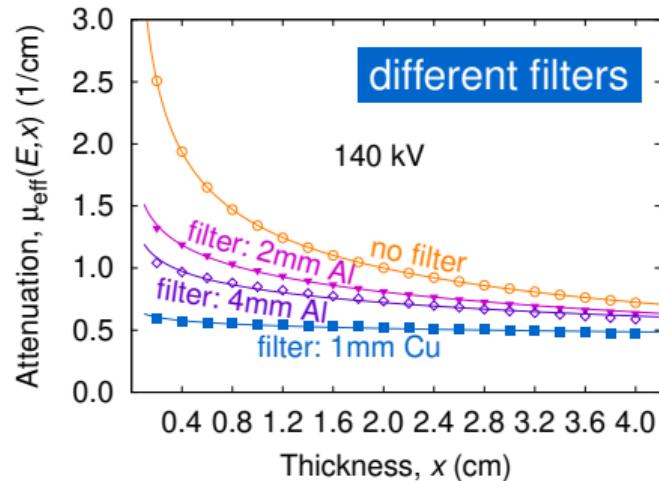
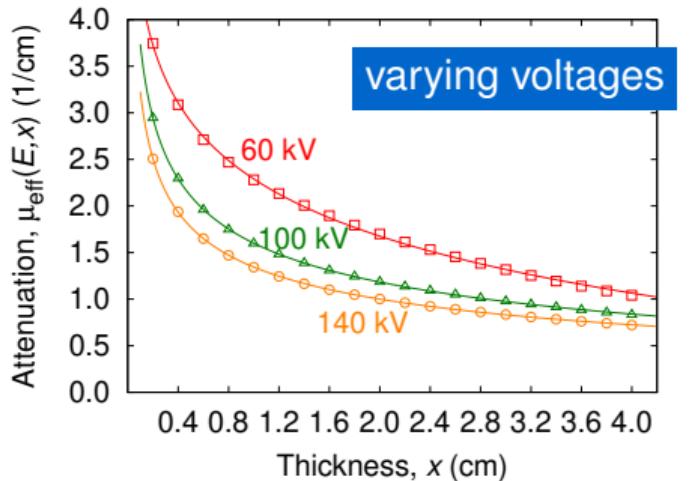
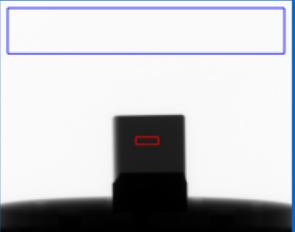
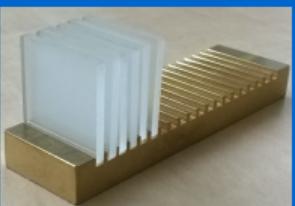
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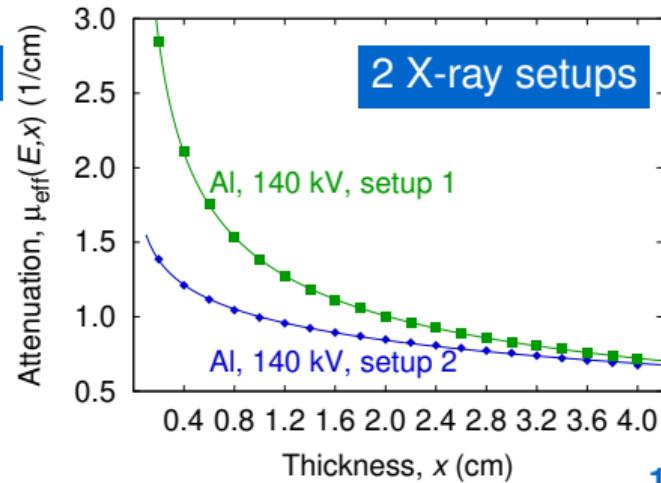
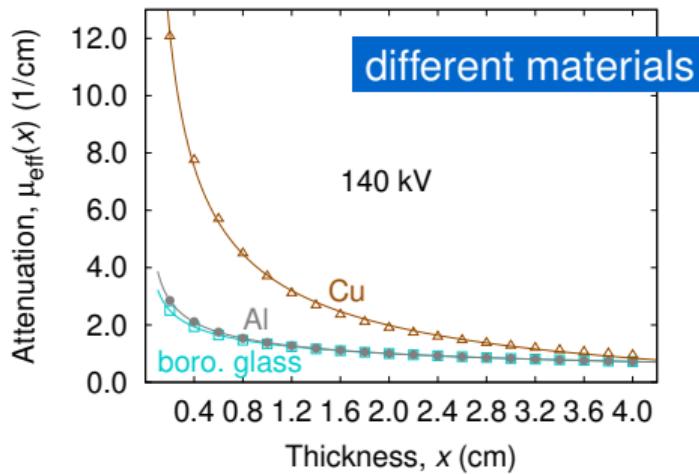
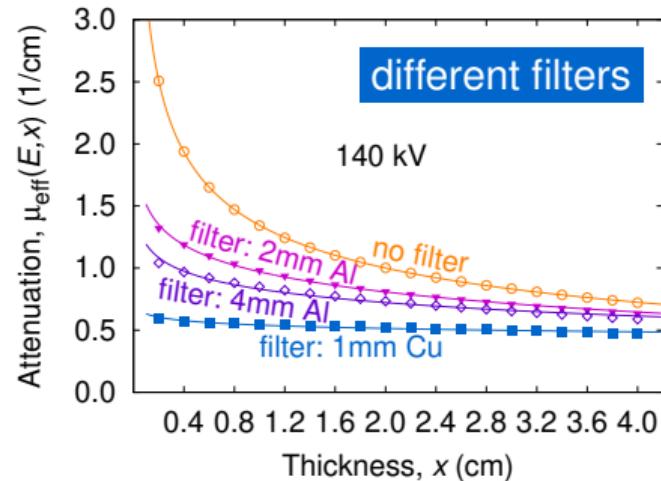
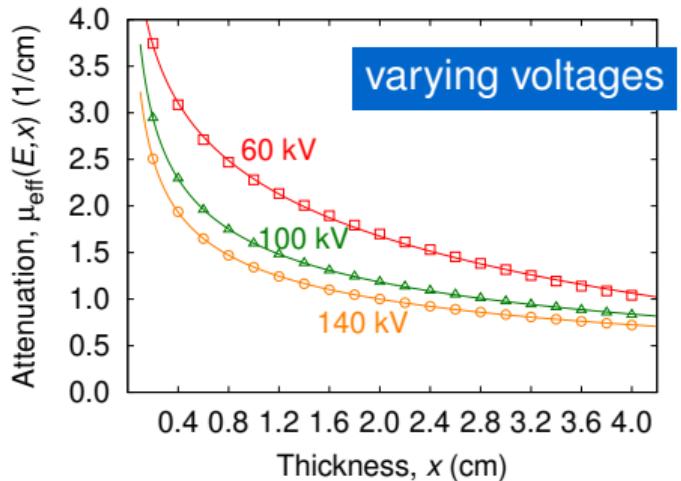
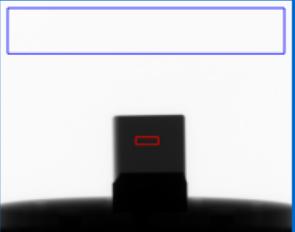
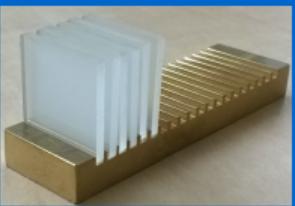
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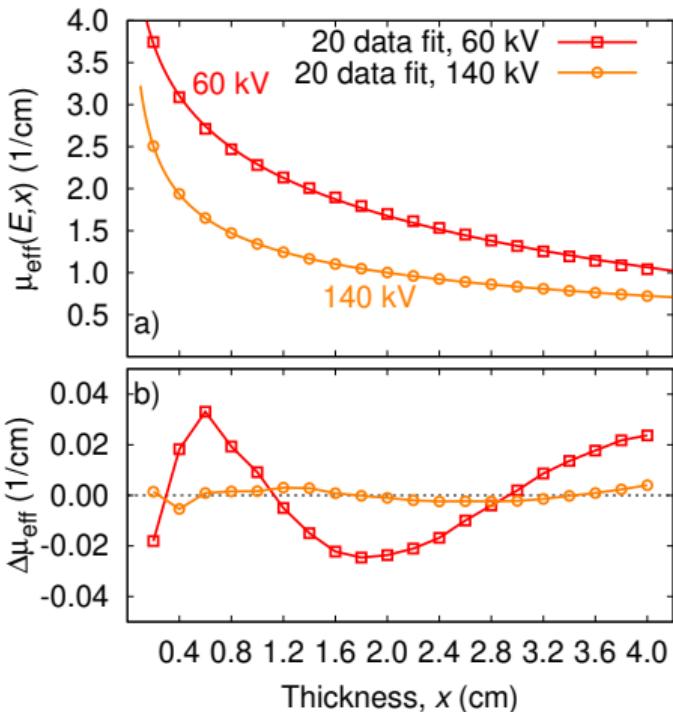
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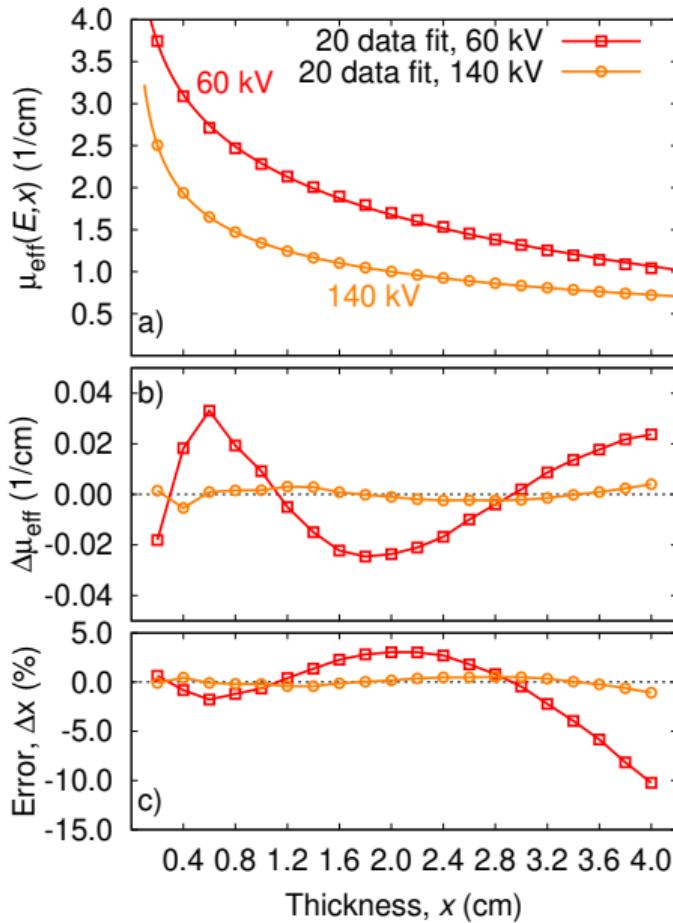
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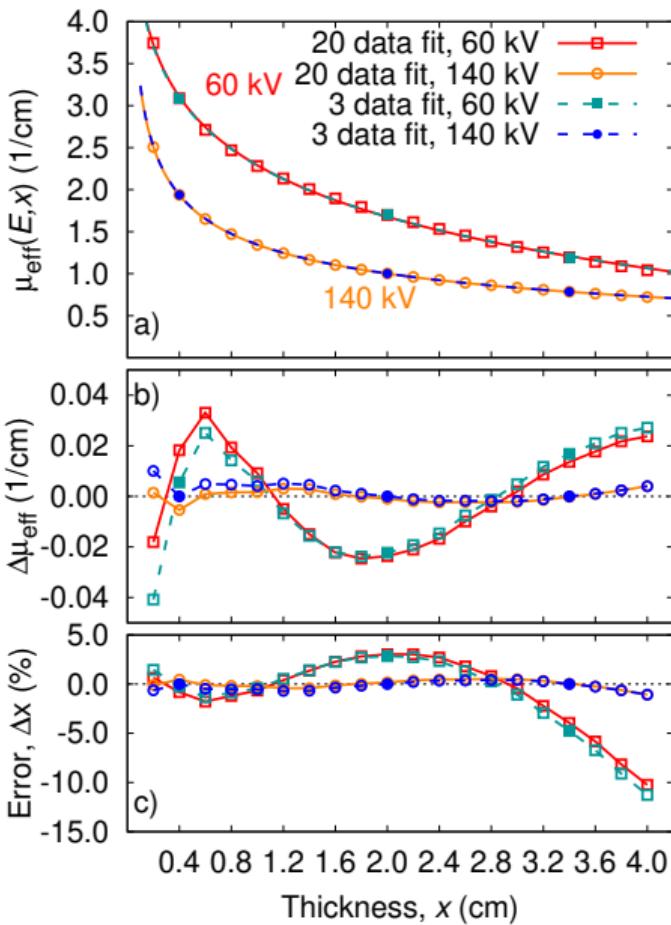
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