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CALISTE and its applications

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CALISTE: a compact
X-ray spectro-imager
module

- history
- IDeF-X family
- CALISTE family

ORIGAMIX: a portable
X- and gamma-ray
spectro-imaging camera

- history of the project
- fields of application
- physical concepts
- actual status
- next steps

SATBOT: realtime
dosimetry
for radiotherapy

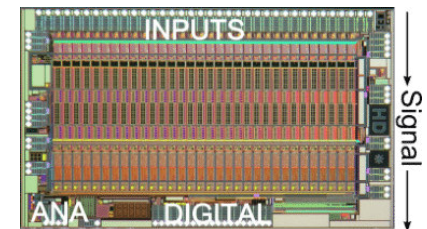
- NP + radiotherapy
- XRF dosimetry
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CALISTE is based on a long line of experience but also aims for challenging new developments



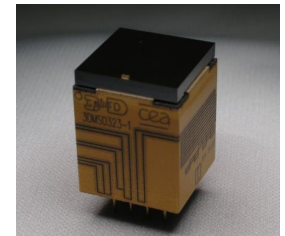
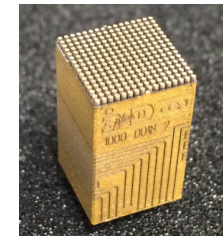
based on IDeF-X readout ASICs

- started in 2003; now in 7th generation
- properties: ultra-low noise, low power consumption, channel individual triggered readout



integrated into a CALISTE module

- combining several ASICs
- 3D electronics by 3D+



different combinations of ASICs + housing

CALISTE-64
2007

CALISTE-256
2009

CALISTE-HD
2011

CALISTE-SO
2013

D2R1
2016

CALISTE-HD-BD

more pixel

less power

better spec. & spat. resolution

larger energy range

64 → 256

200mW→200mW

900μm → 300μm

250 keV → 1 MeV

900 eV → 580 eV

FWHM @ 60keV

ORIGAMIX uses a CALISTE module (HD or O) and builds a portable device



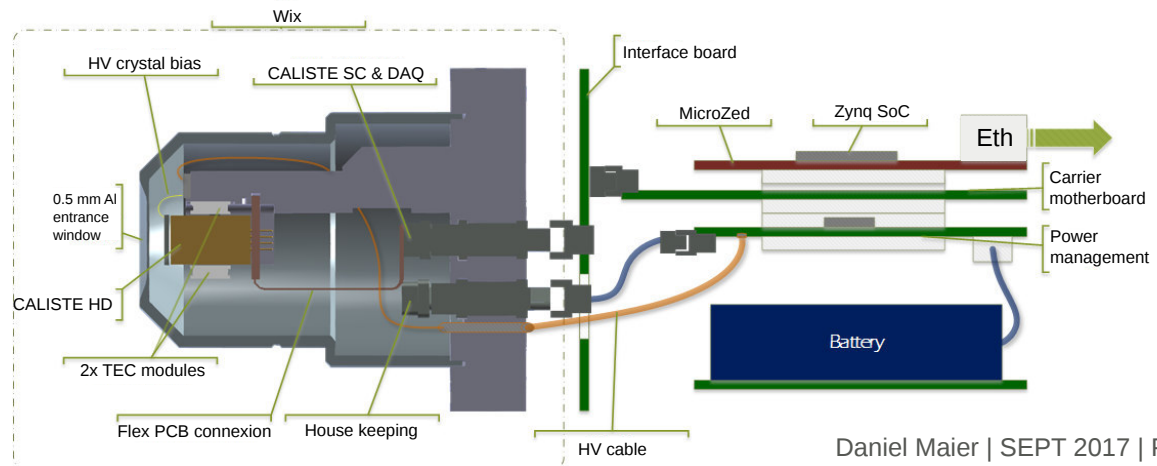
a *portable device*

stable & safe housing
ensure vacuum tightness
cooling?
compact, low-power electronics
power supply: batteries, HV?

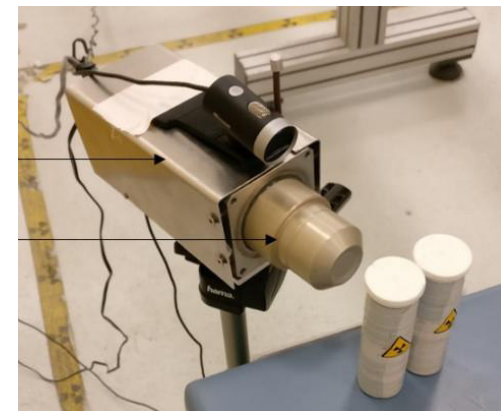
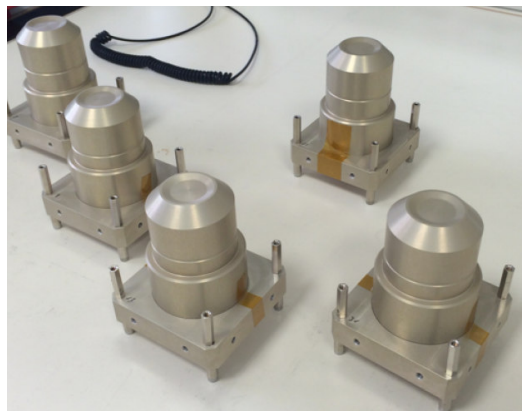
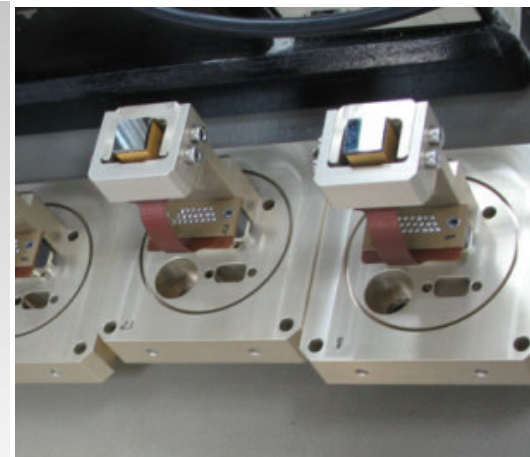
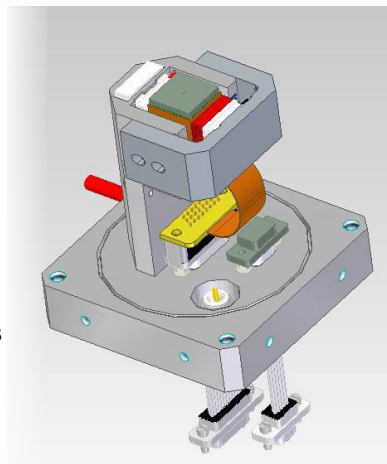
control of operation → user-friendly
control of operation → mostly autonomous → parameters calibration analysis
software → reliability
software → easy to use and to understand → alert



design:

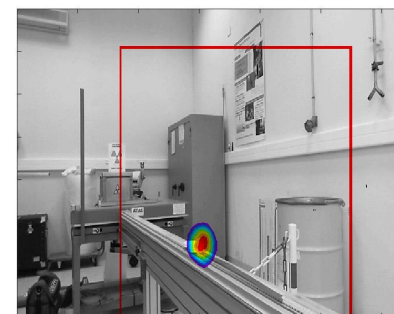


- detector:
Caliste-HD
10 x 10 x 1 mm³ CdTe
- camera:
system-on-chip aq. system
thermo-electrical coolers
dimension: 7.5 x 7.5 x 23 cm³
mass: m < 1 kg
power: p < 10 W



we have a few ideas on that...

➤ inspection after nuclear accidents



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➤ monitoring areas



➤ medical imaging / radiotherapy



➤ safety inspections

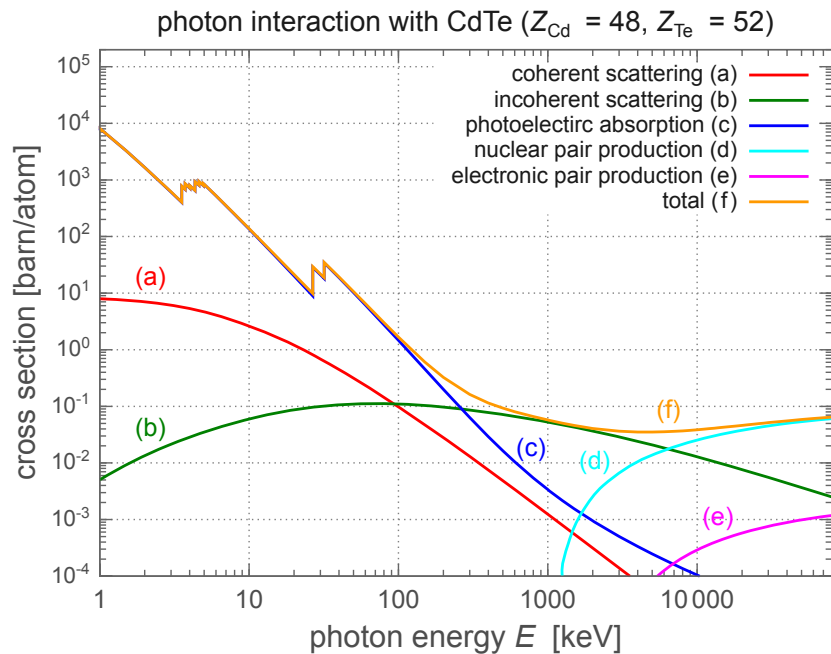


... but there might be others...

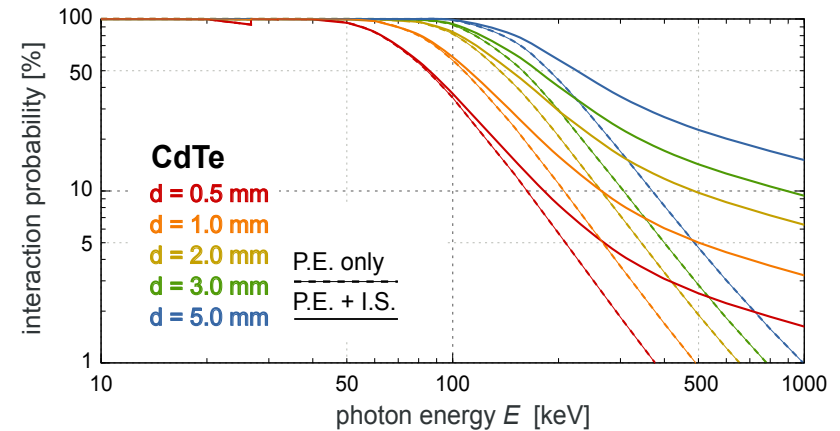


CdTe is becoming inefficient for $E > 100-300$ keV.
Then, Compton scattering gets the dominant effect.

➤ photon interactions



➤ detection efficiency

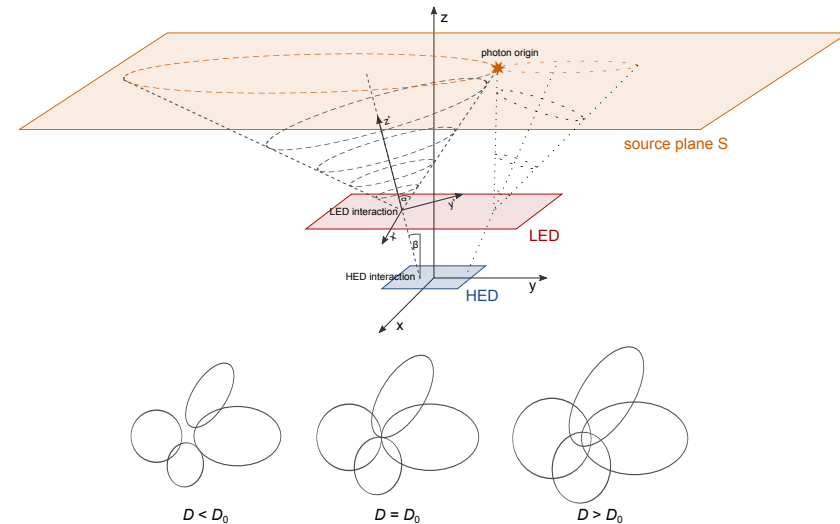
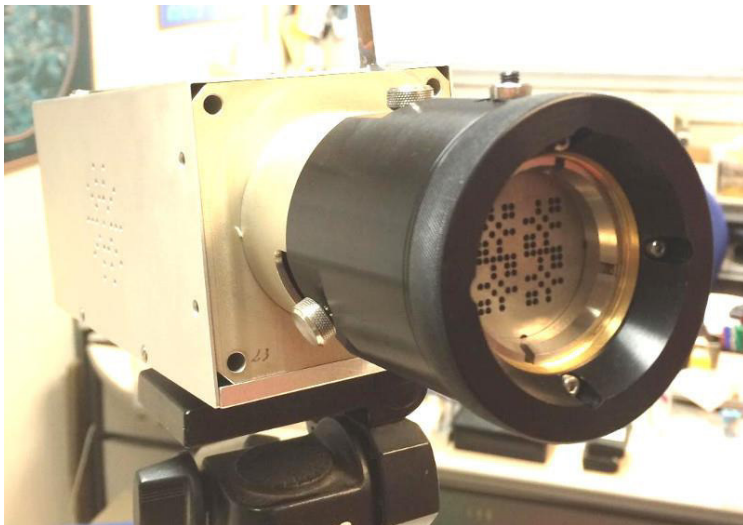


P.E. = photo electric absorption
I.S. = incoherent scattering ("Compton")

IMAGING = source location
most promising is a two fold approach: mask + Compton

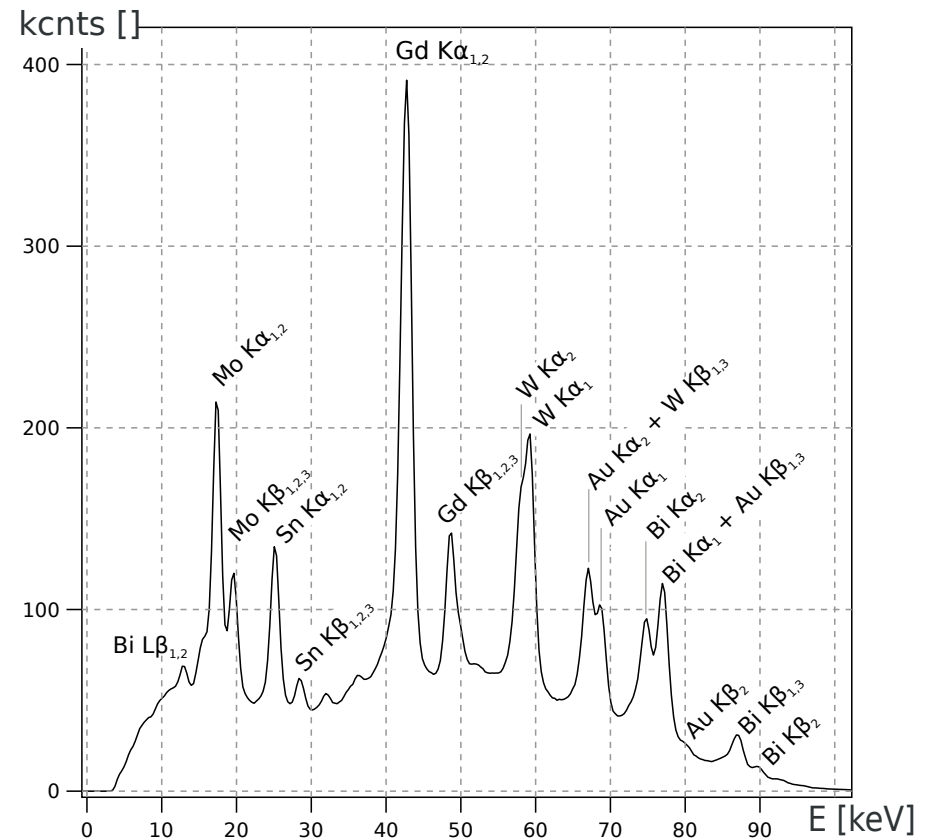
- coded mask
 - + high spatial resolution
 - + big field-of-view
 - ~ about 50% active area
 - easy solution for low energies

- Compton imaging
 - low spatial resolution
 - + nearly 4π field-of-view
 - + 100% "active" area
 - extension to higher energies



SPECTROSCOPY = source identification source separation flux estimation

- what kind of sources are in the field-of-view?
- what is the flux of the different sources?
- which source is where?
→ imaging
- are there multiple sources?
→ subtracting the strongest source

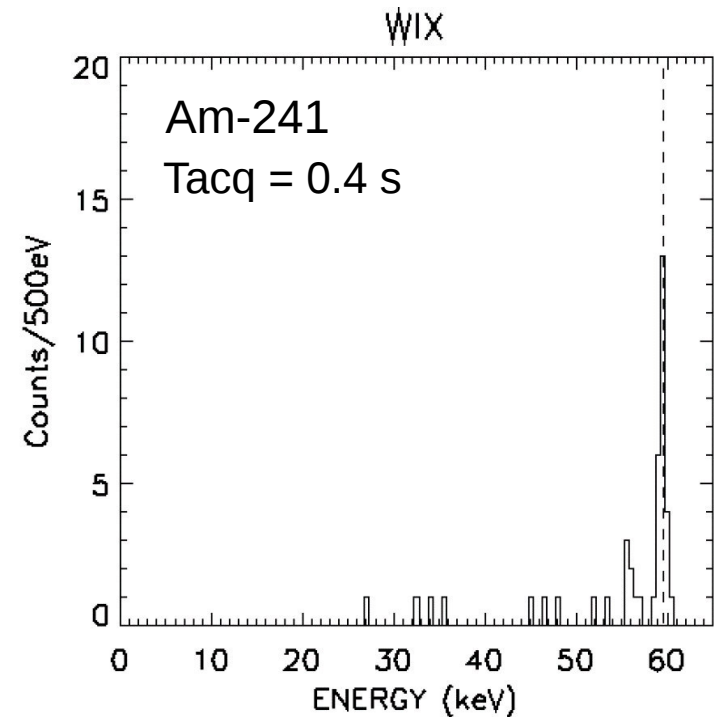
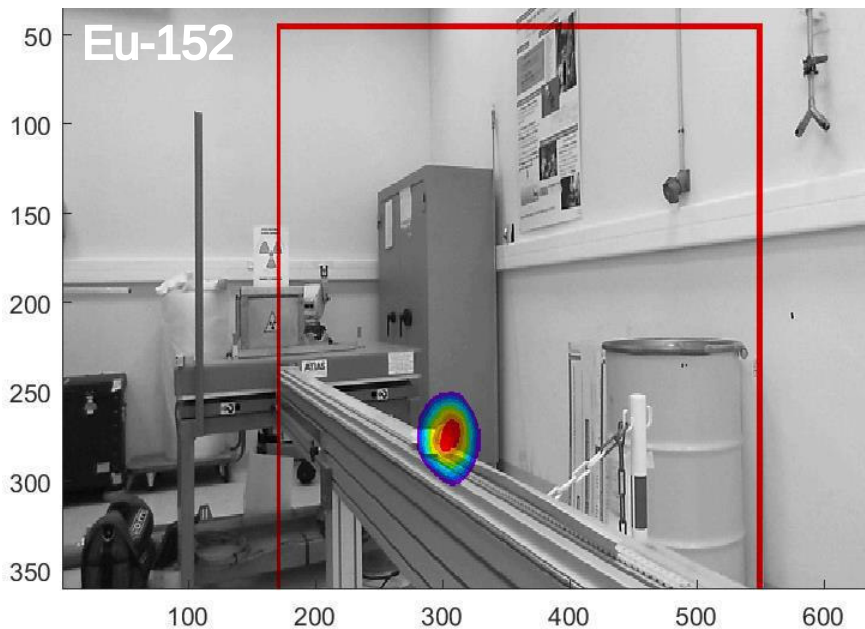
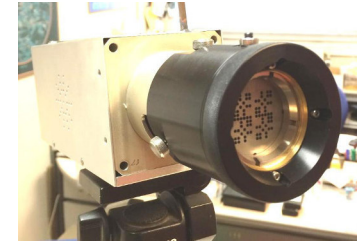


several test campaigns gave us useful feedback and new ideas



test with coded mask (MURA)

- 74 MBq Am-241 in 1 m (290 nS/h):
source identification within 400 ms
- 10 MBq Eu-152 in 1 m (1.2 μ S/h):
source localization: 7° ang. res.

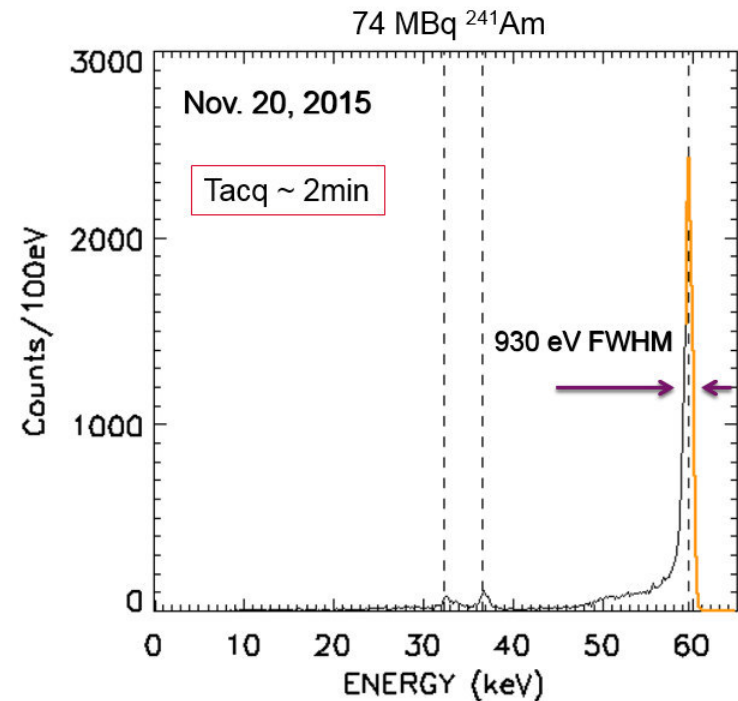
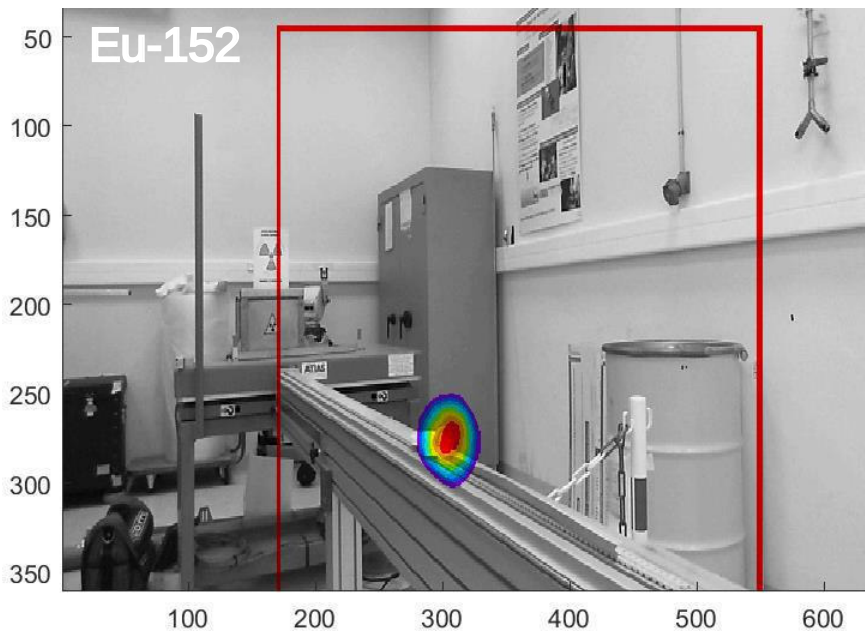
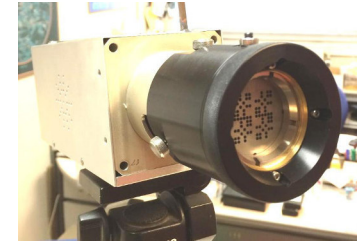


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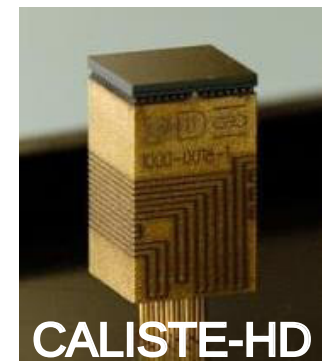
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WIX-HD → WIX-O

- lots of improvements in electronics and mechanics:
 - improved temperature sensing
 - enhanced vacuum capacity
 - pressure sensor added
 - embedded HV generation
 - embedded TEC power & control
 - batteries with charger and power ctrl.



CALISTE-HD → CALISTE-O

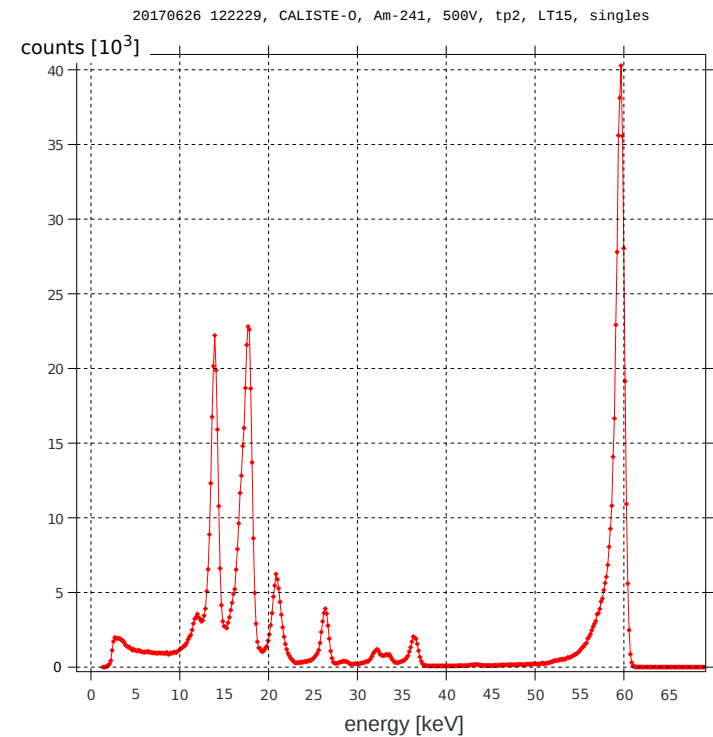
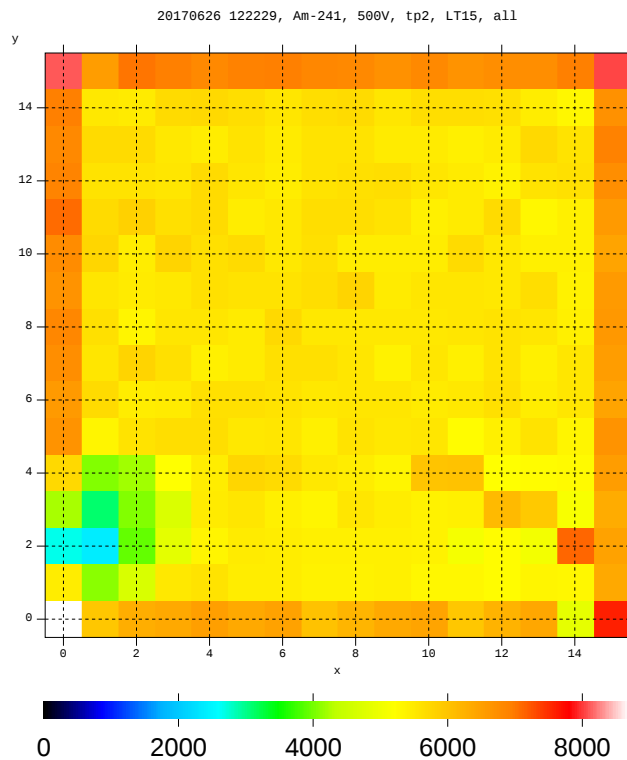
- from space to industry standard:
 - 16x16 pixels, Schottky CdTe
 - same power: 200 mW (0.8 mW/ch)
 - same energy range: 2 keV to 1 MeV
 - 1cm² x 1 mm → 2 cm² x 2 mm
 - 625 μm → 800 μm pixel pitch



CALISTE-O

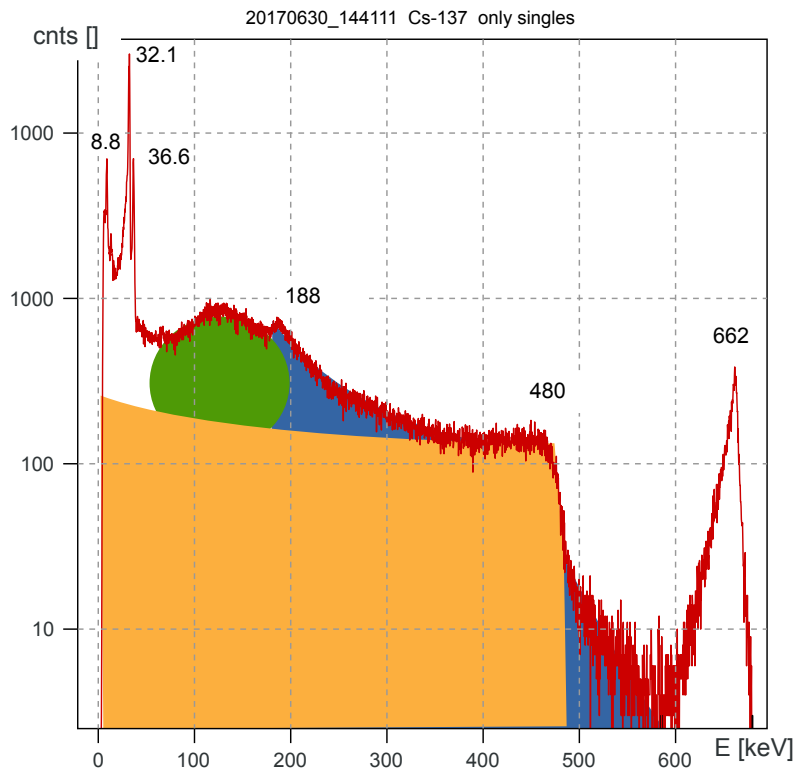
➤ first tests show that all pixel are working

➤ spectral resolution:
 - best pixel: 927 eV FWHM @ 60 keV
 - all pixel: 1.3 keV FWHM @ 60 keV



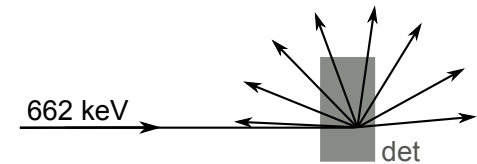
CALISTE-O aims to detect gamma rays

➤ Cs-137 source

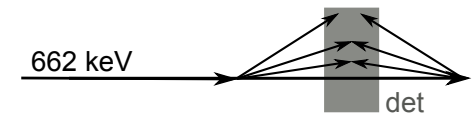


➤ spectral resolution:
- all pixel: 6.7 keV FWHM @ 662 keV

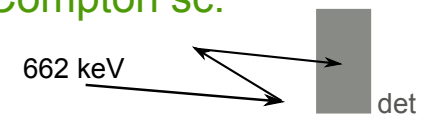
➤ spectral features:
- Cu fluorescence (8.8 keV)
- Ba Ka and Kb lines (32.1 & 36.6 keV)
- Ba* after Cs decay (662 keV)
- Compton scattering in the detector (E < 480 keV)



- Compton scattering outside (E > 188 keV)



- multiple (>2x) Compton sc.



we are not at the end...

- test Compton imaging
 - point and interval estimations in x-, y-, and z-directions
 - combining mask and Compton

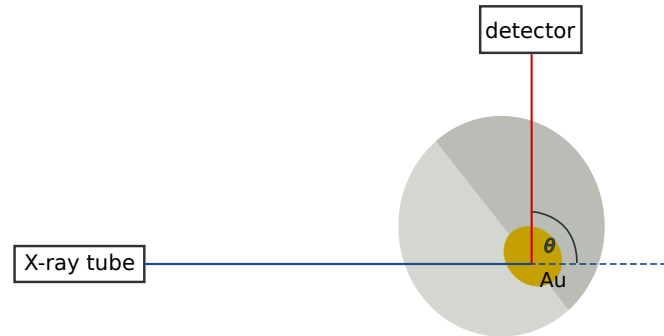
- autonomous control
 - HV cycling to prevent CdTe instability
 - pixel individual trigger thresholds
 - optimal peaking time

- autonomous analysis
 - energy calibration
 - source identification
 - flux / dose estimation

SATBOT:

➤ radiotherapy
+
nano particles

➤ multidisciplinary field



physics

enhanced absorption
because of high Z

generation of $\begin{cases} \text{Auger } e^- \\ \text{photo } e^- \\ \text{Compton } e^- \end{cases}$

generation of
fluorescence radiation

enhanced attenuation
-> dose enhancement

chemistry

oxidative stress by
reactive oxygen species
(ROS):

$$e^- + H_2O \begin{cases} \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \\ \text{OH}^- \\ \text{O}_2^- \end{cases}$$

surface effect:
catalysator
coating

chemical enhancement

biology

accumulation of NP
degradation of NP

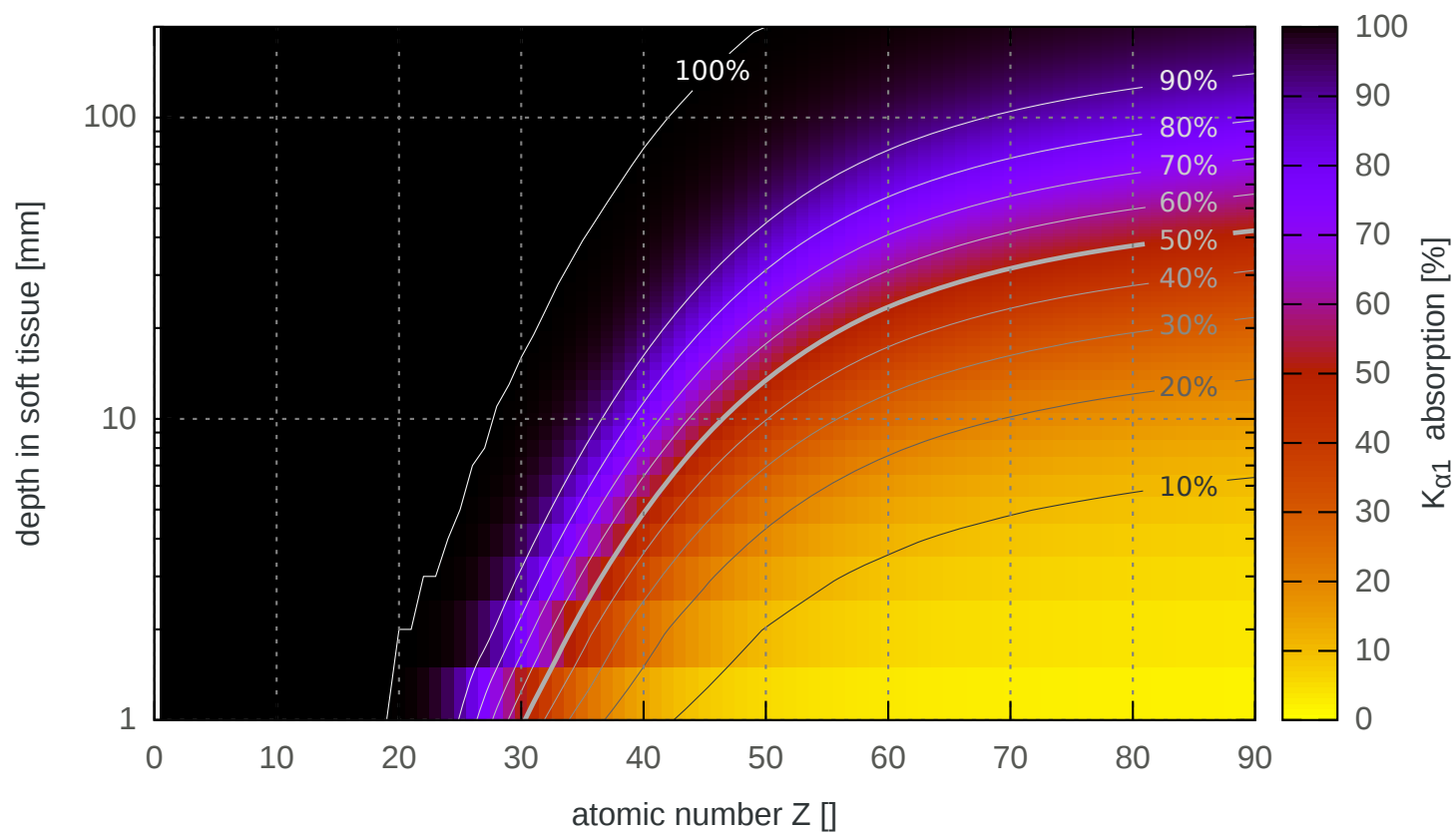
repair,
redistribution

5 Rs: reoxygenation
repopulation
radiosensitivity

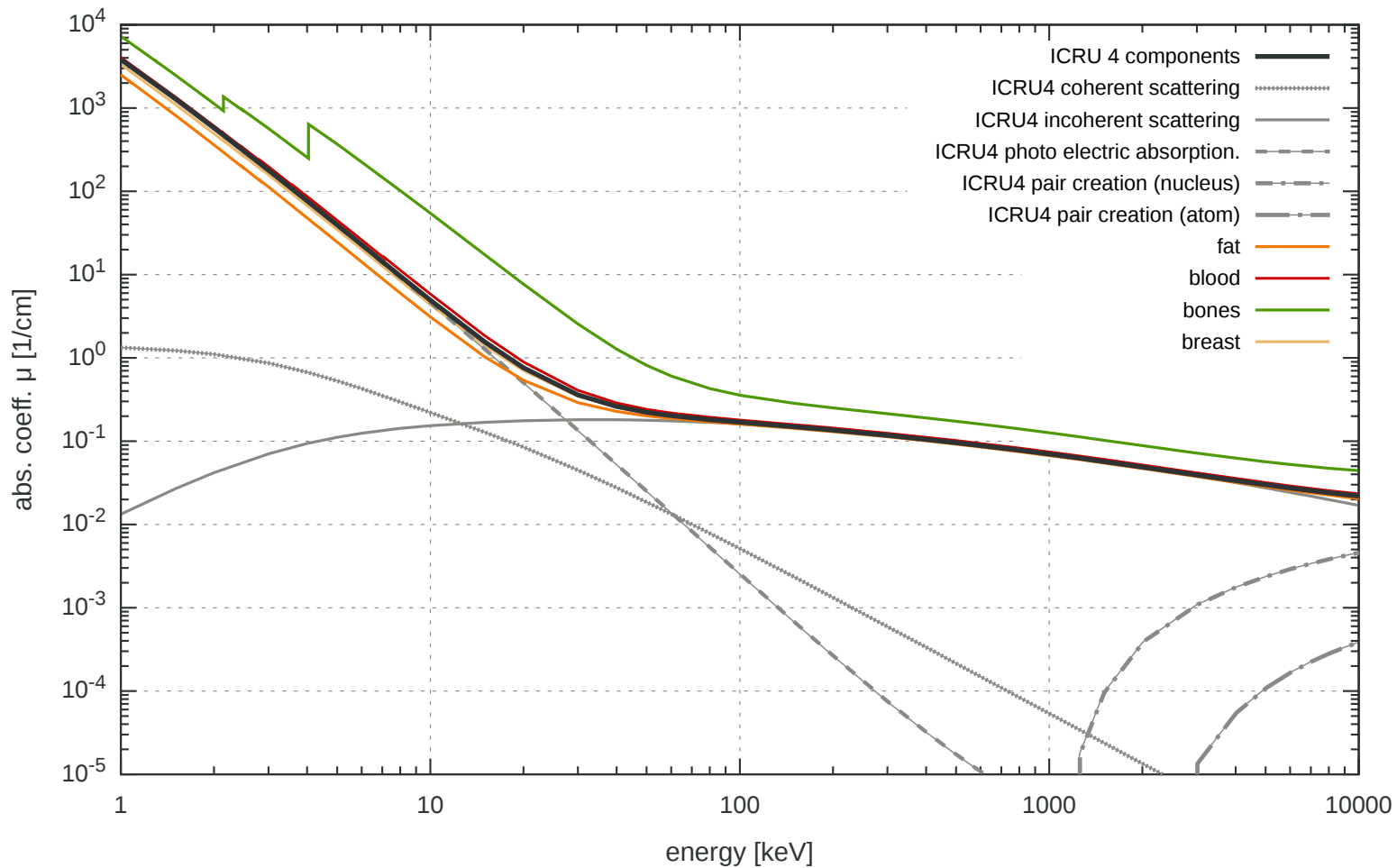


XRF detection

➤ self absorption in human tissue



interaction photons ↔ humain



XRF dosimetry



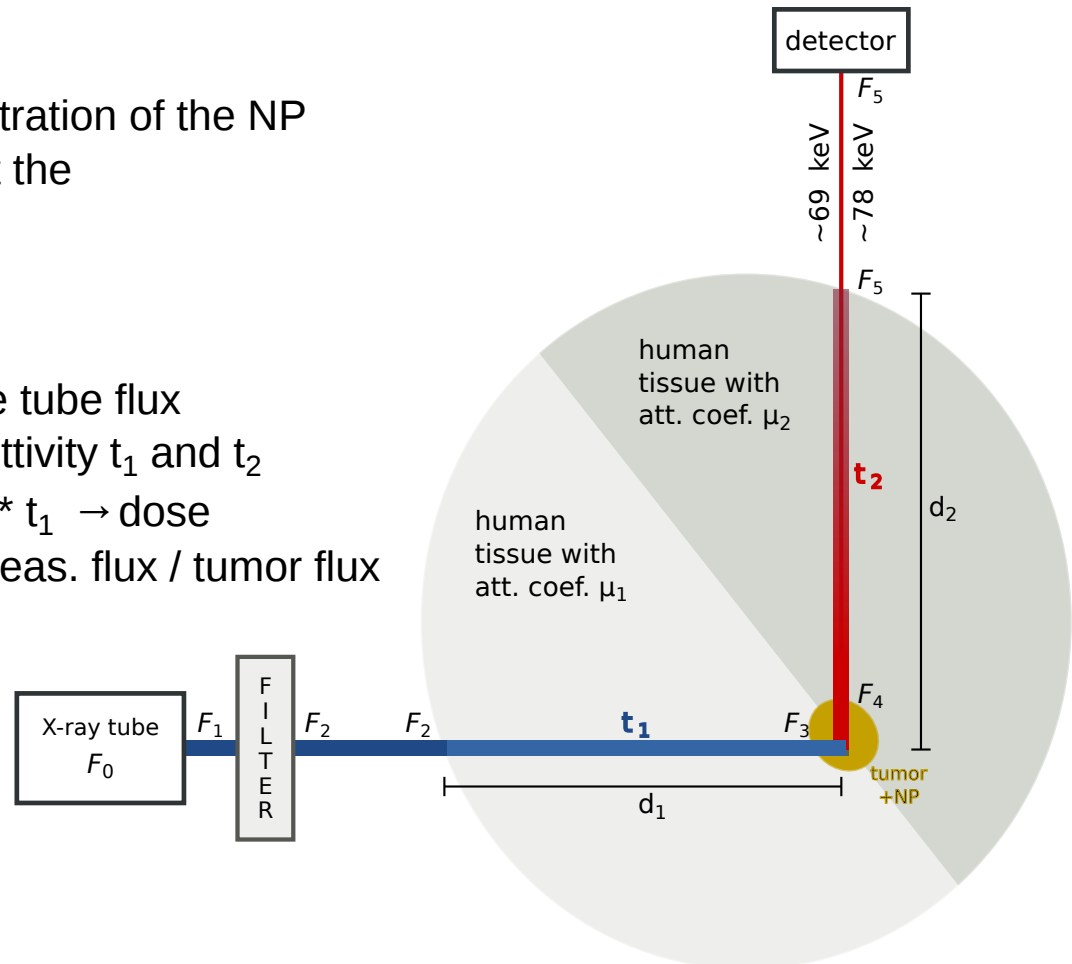
goal:

- determine the concentration of the NP
- determine the dose at the tumor level



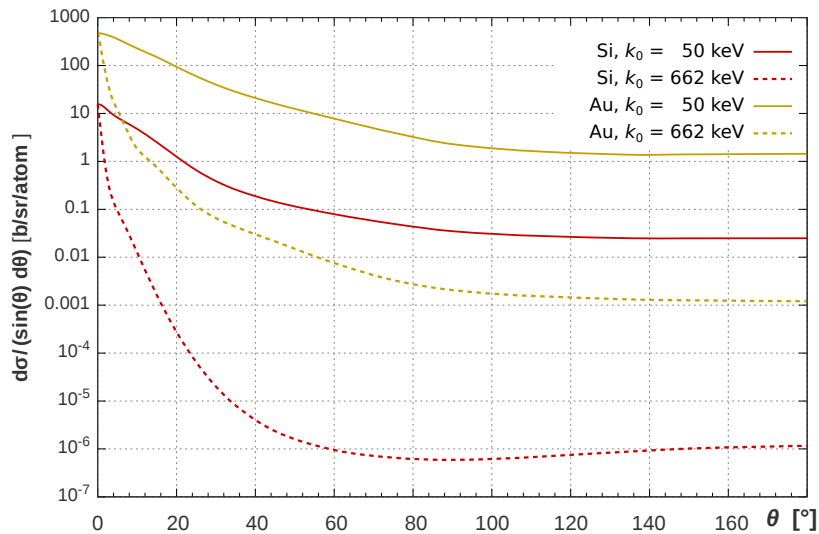
approach:

- prior knowledge of the tube flux
- determine the transmittivity t_1 and t_2
- tumor flux = tube flux * t_1 → dose
- NP concentration ~ meas. flux / tumor flux

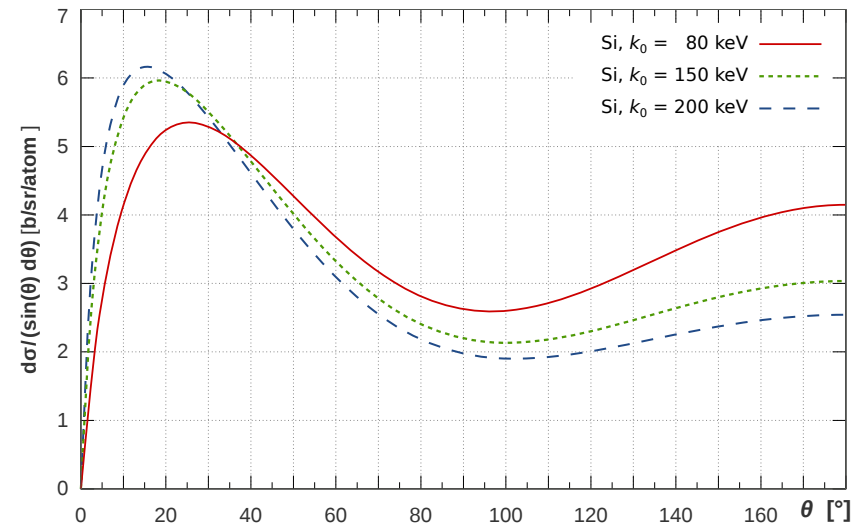


scattering makes it difficult...




coherent scattering



incoherent scattering






coherent scattering:

-  for low energies
-  scattering angle $> 90^\circ$
-  small effect

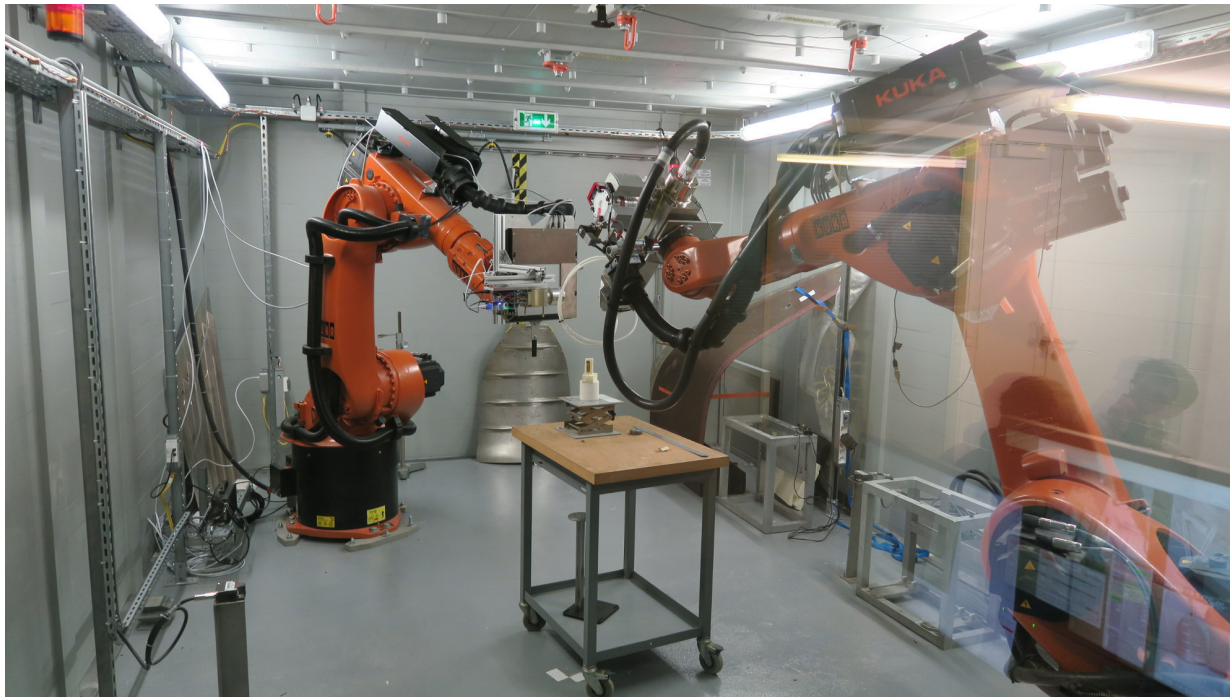


incoherent scattering:

-  for all energies of interest
-  scattering angle $\approx 90^\circ$
-  big effect

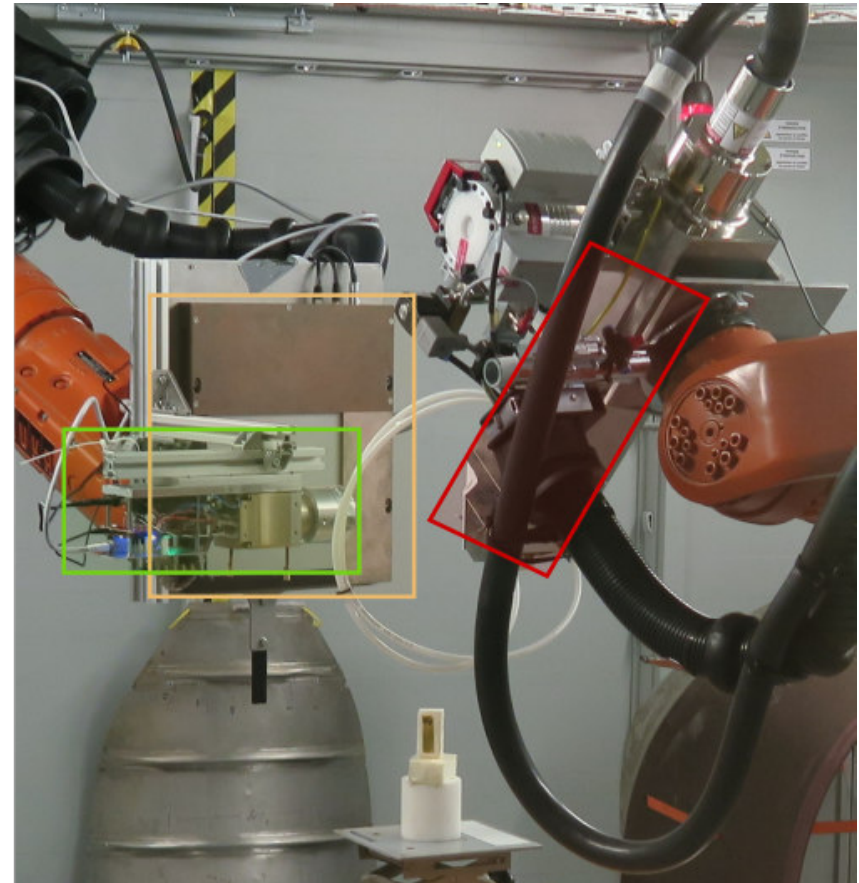
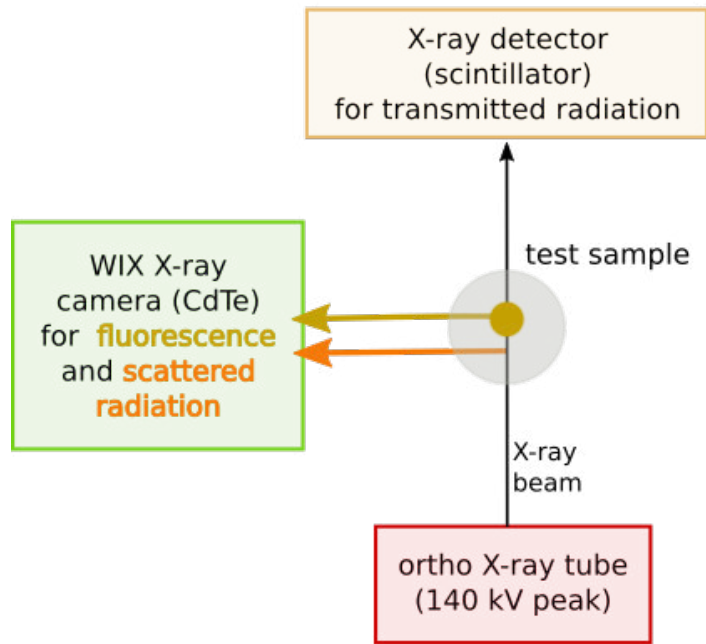
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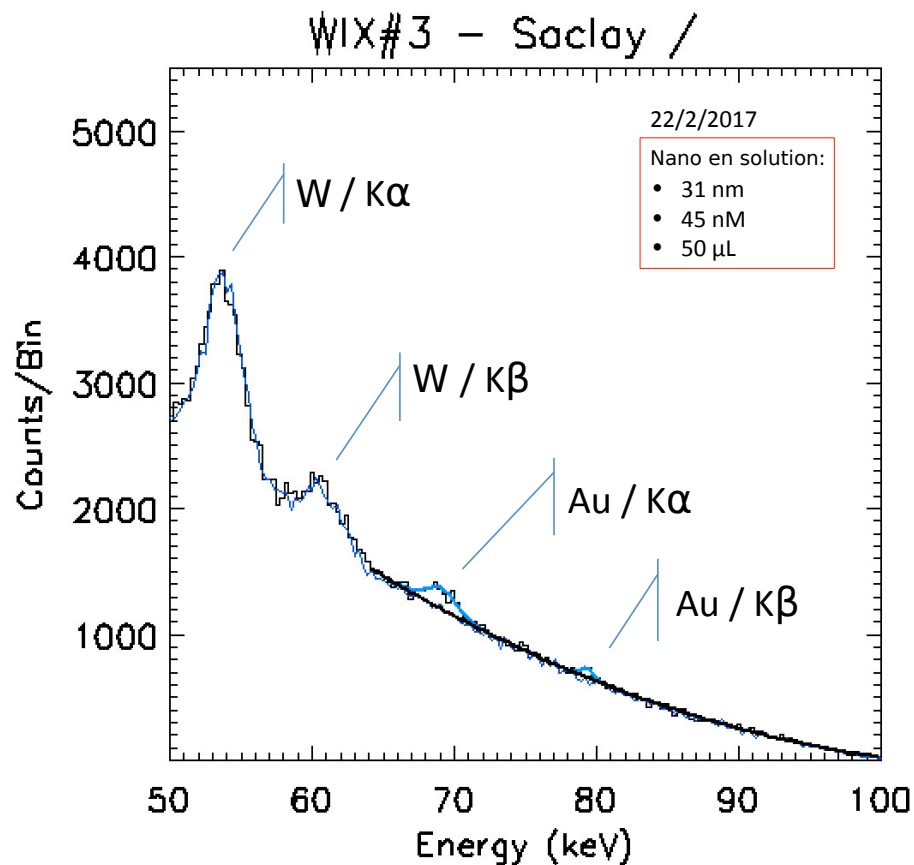
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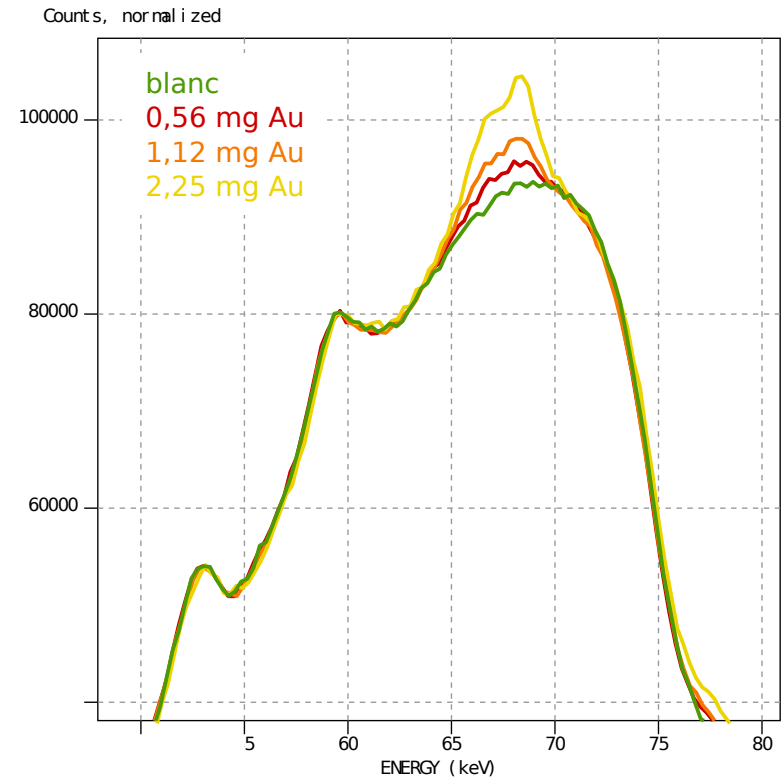
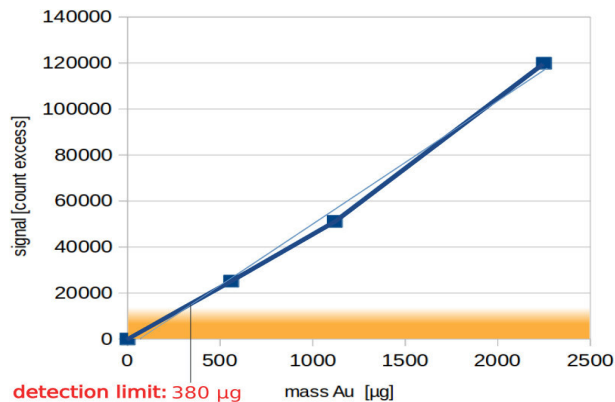
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- result
 - Au identification
 - independent of NP size
 - sensitivity: 408 ug Au



second SATBOT campaign APRIL 2017:

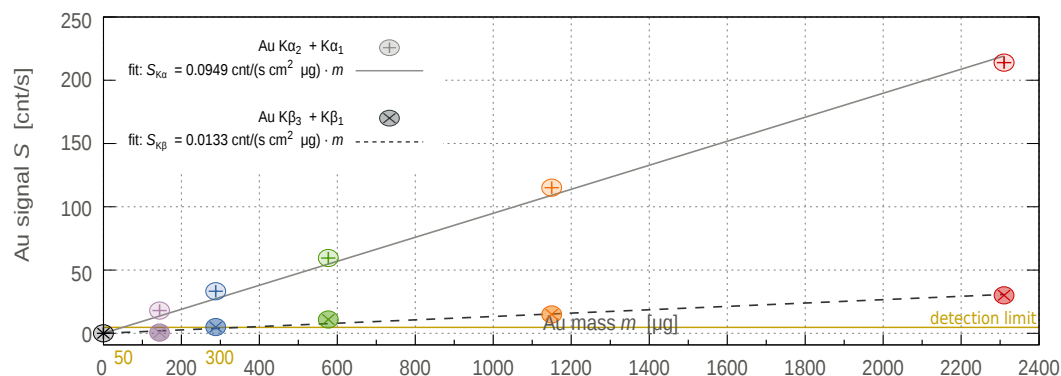
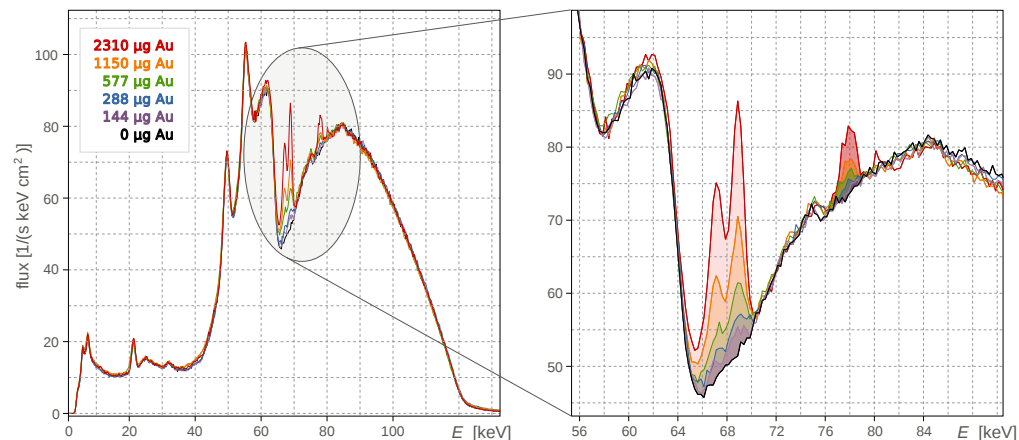
- filter for X-ray tube
- shape the tube spectrum
- enhance the high energetic part
- result
 - Au identification for different m_{Au}
 - lin. relation between signal & m_{Au}
 - sensitivity: 380 $\mu\text{g Au}$



- problem:
detect a peak on top of a peak!

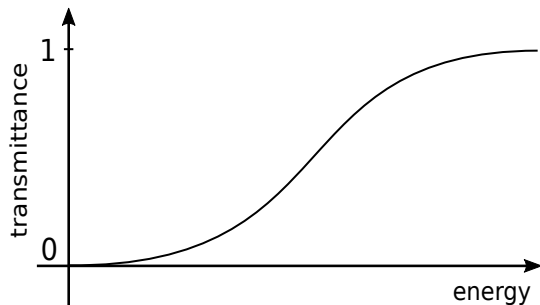
third SATBOT campaign AUG 2017:

- filter for X-ray tube
- advanced filter
- result
 - XRF peak in valley
 - clear Ka and Kb detection
 - sensitivity:
Ka: 50 ug Au
Kb: 300 ug Au

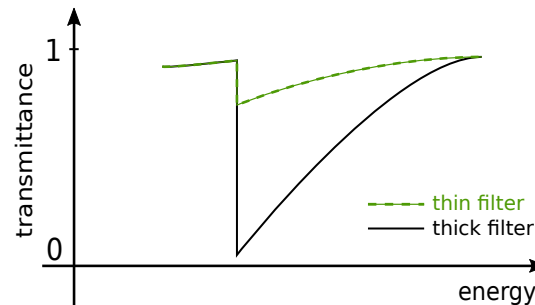


- $E_{\text{XRF}} < \text{K-edge}$
 - only $E > \text{K-edge}$ causes XRF
 - background photons $E_{\text{XRF}} < E < \text{K-edge} \rightarrow \text{noise}$
 - unnecessary photons $E < E_{\text{XRF}} \rightarrow \text{unnecessary dose}$

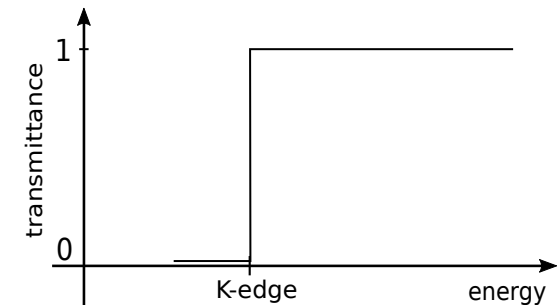
X-ray filter without absorption edges



X-ray filter near an absorption edge

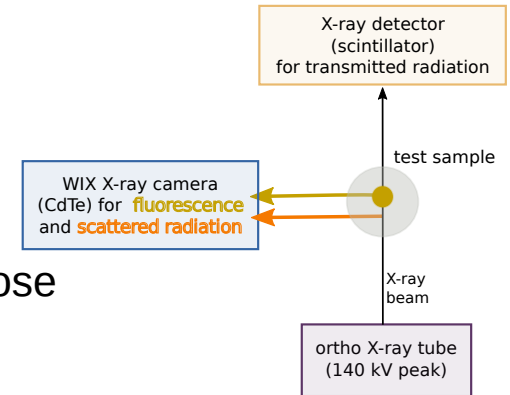


ideal X-ray filter



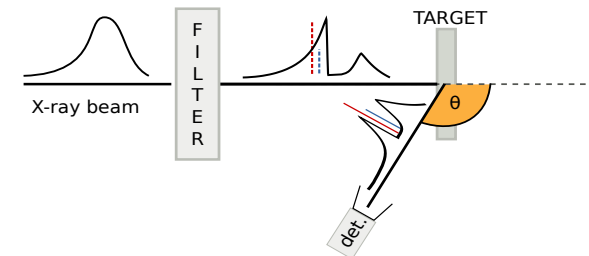


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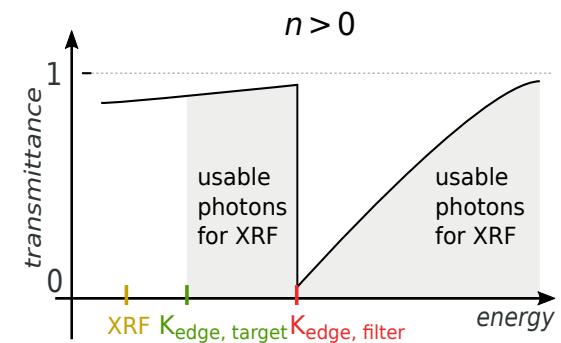
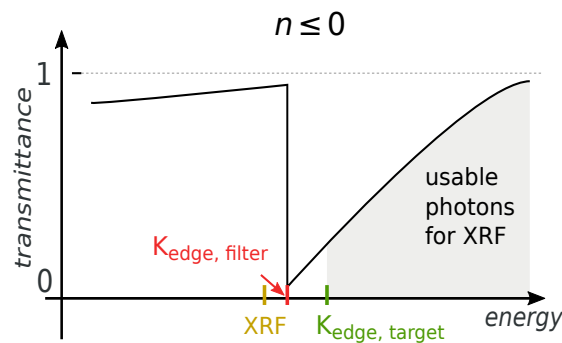
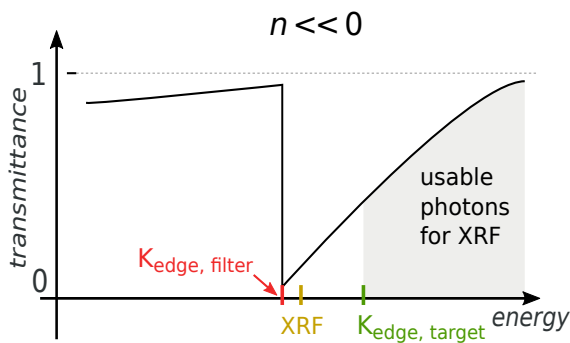


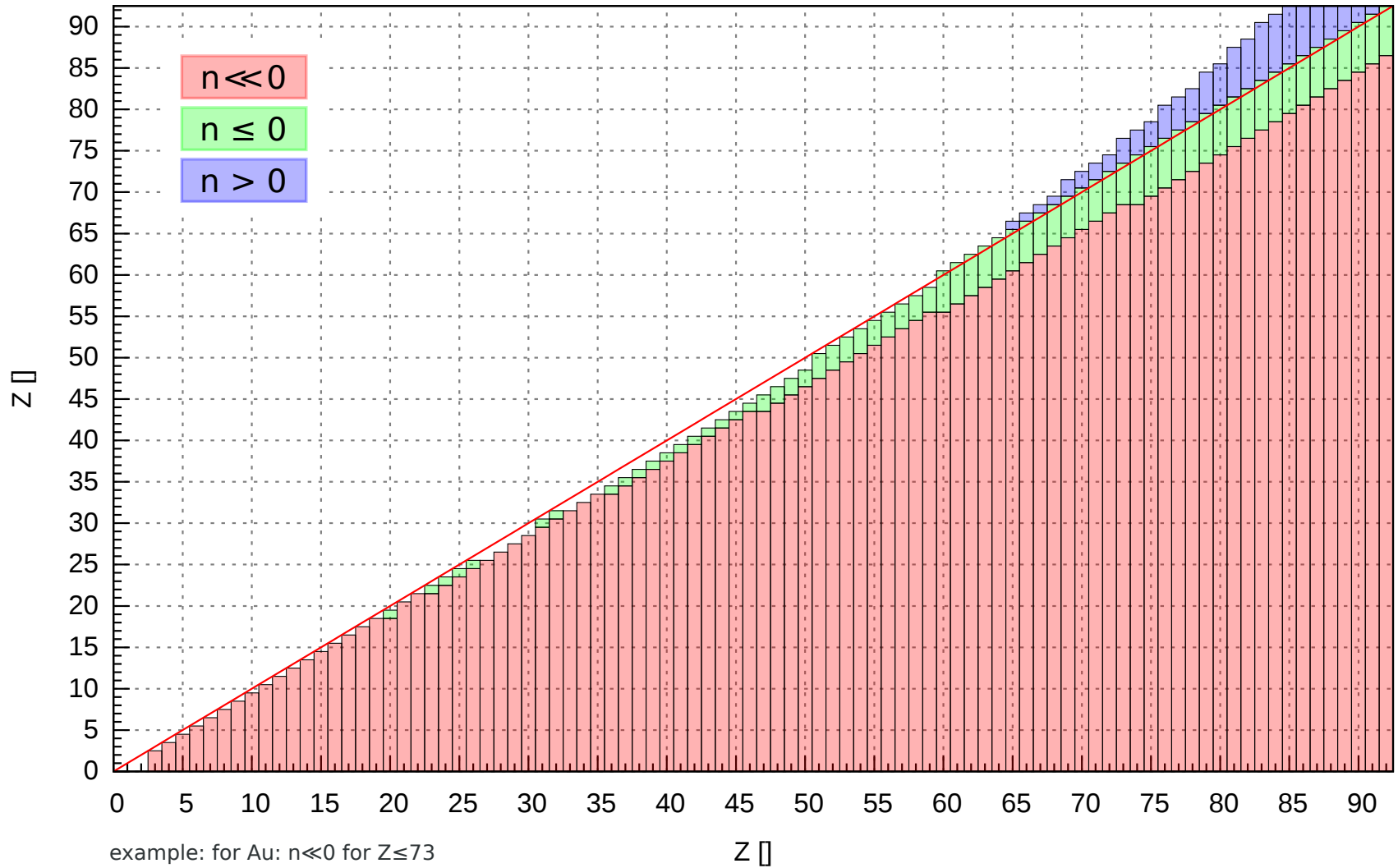
- Combine filter with incoherent scattering
 - scattered radiation loses energy

$$E^{\text{sc}} = \frac{E}{1 + \frac{E}{511 \text{ keV}} (1 - \cos(\theta))}$$



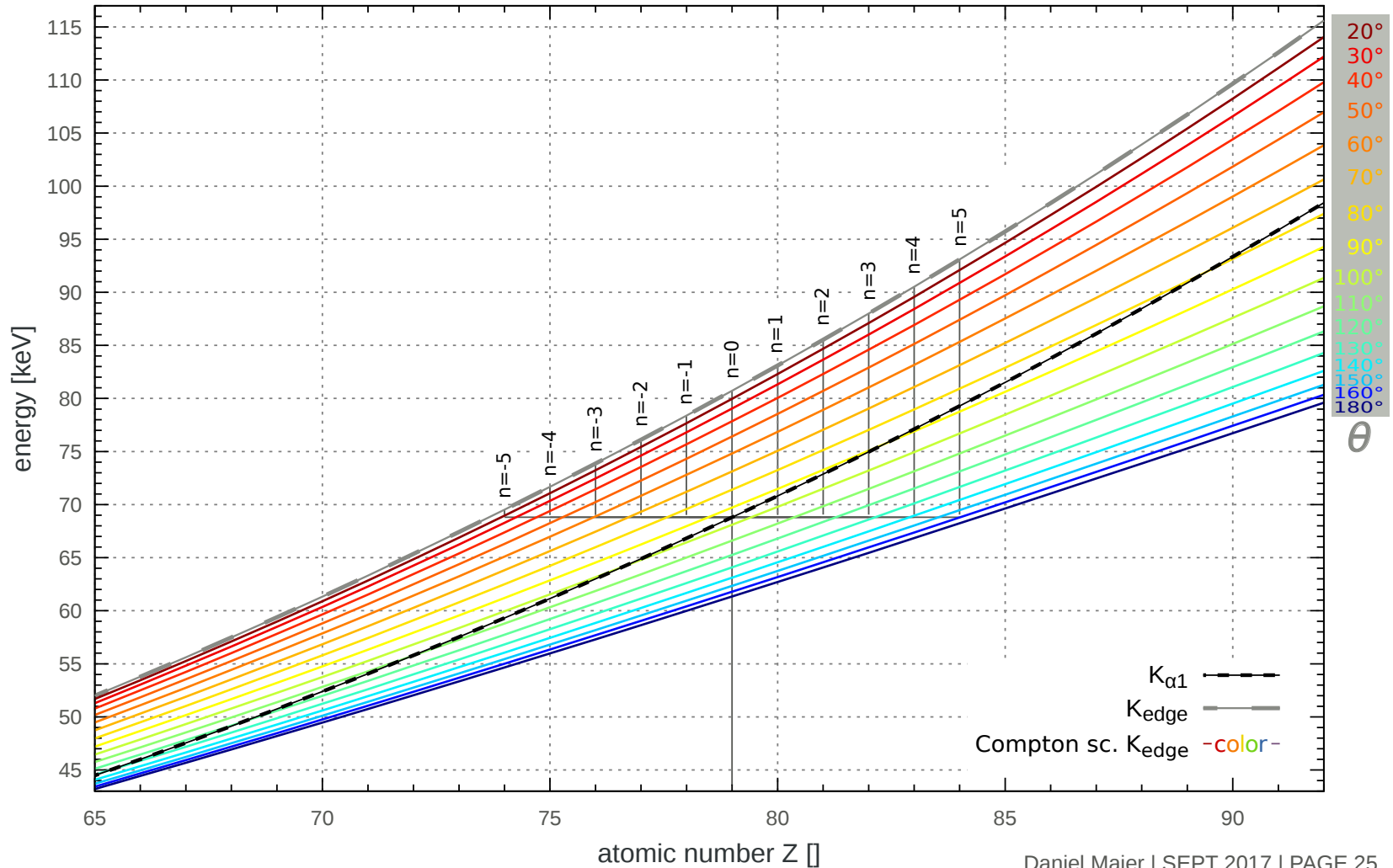
$$Z_{\text{filter}} = Z_{\text{target}} + n$$







Which filter and which observation angle should we choose?



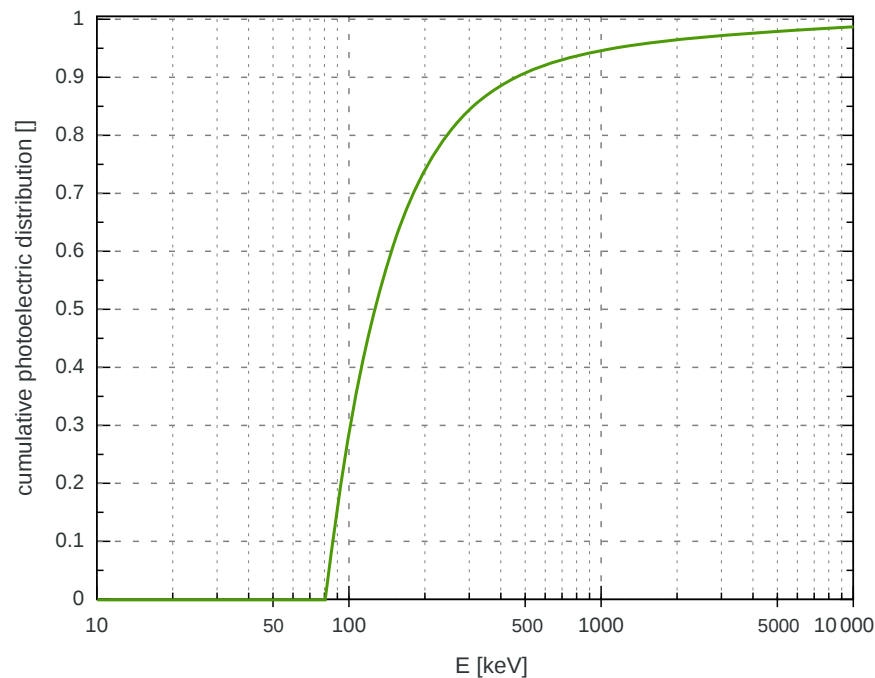
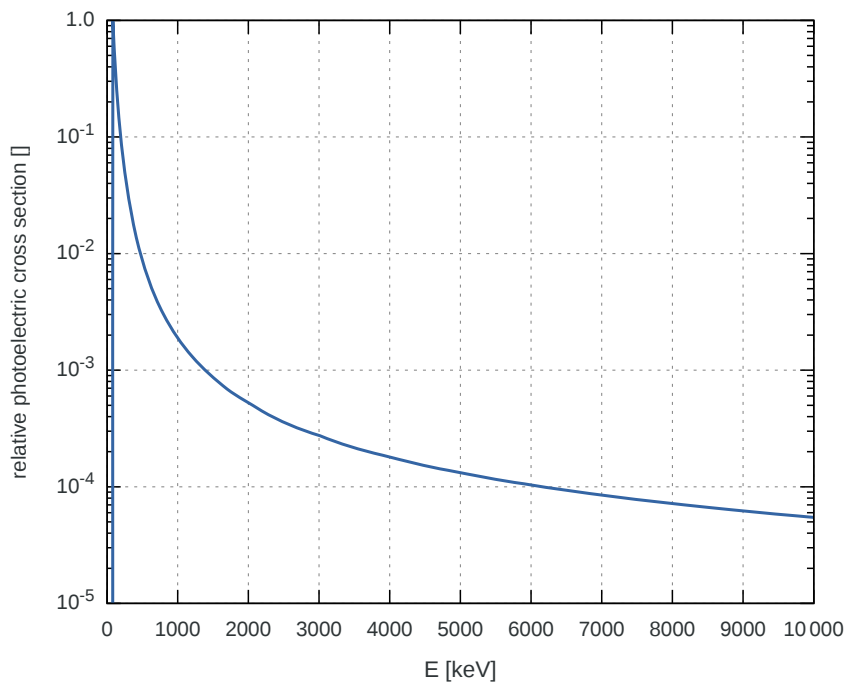
➤ How thick should the filter be?

➤ signal analysis:

$$F_2(E) = F_1(E) \cdot e^{-\mu d}$$

| | |
|--------|--------|
| flux | flux |
| after | before |
| filter | filter |

$$S \propto \int_{E_K}^{E_{\max}} F_2(E) \cdot \sigma_{\text{PE}}(E) dE$$

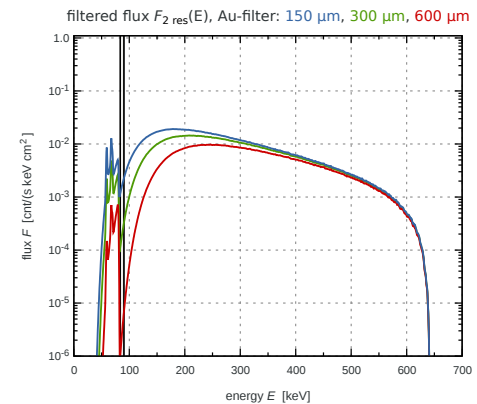
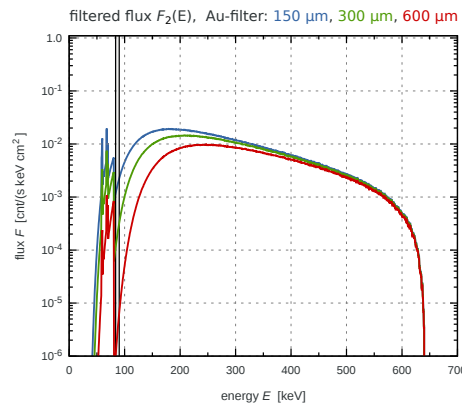
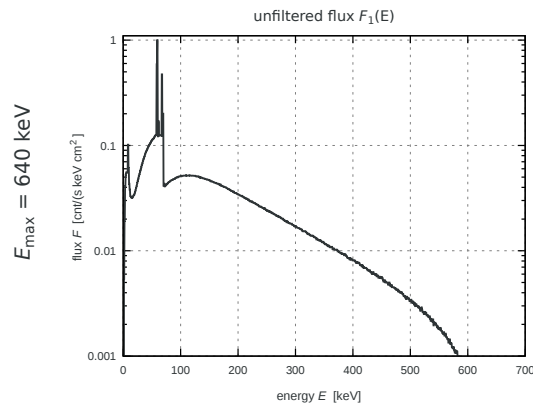
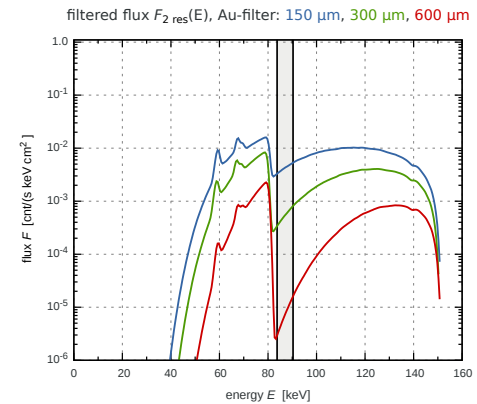
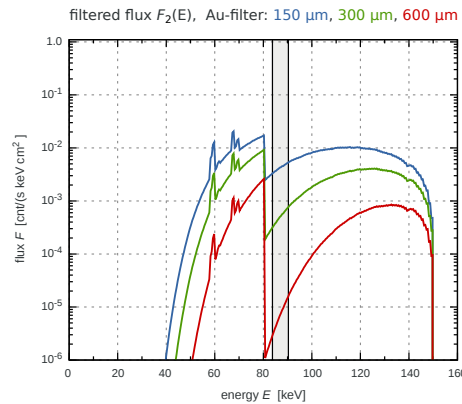
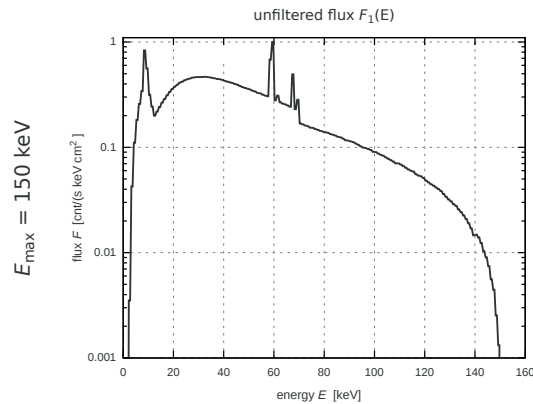




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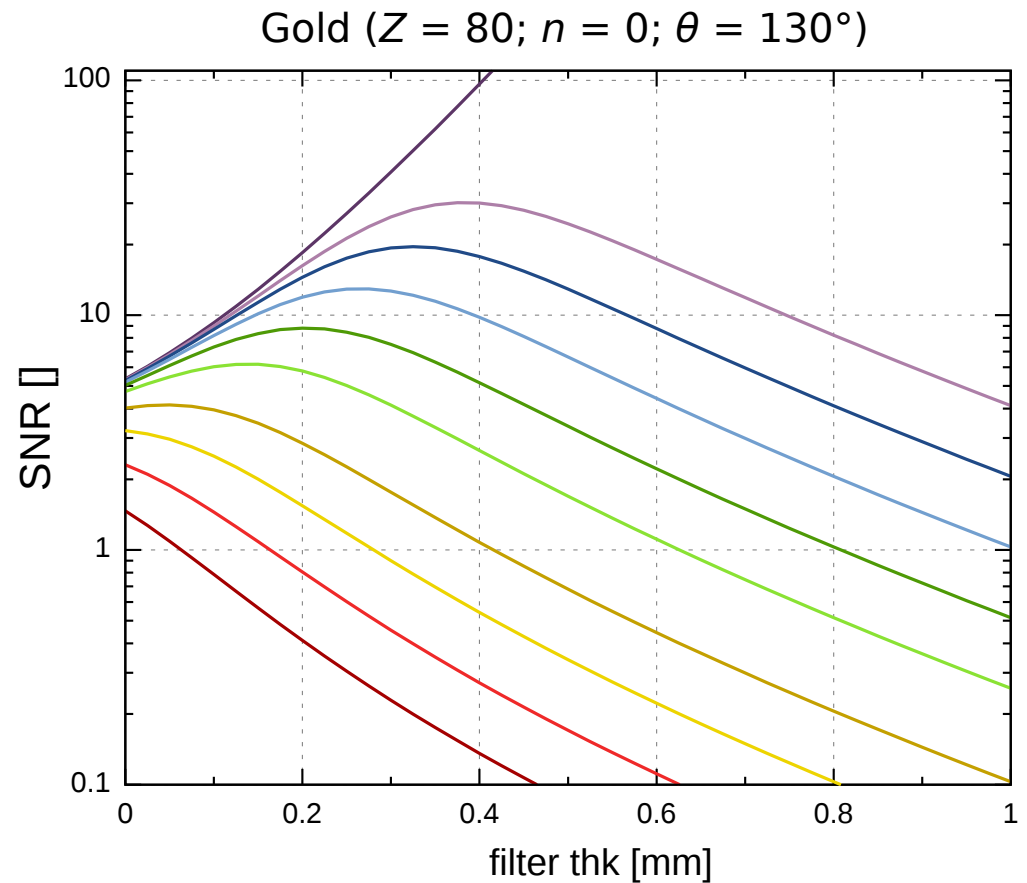
$$N \propto \int_{K_{\alpha 1} - \Delta E / 2}^{K_{\alpha 1} + \Delta E / 2} F_2^{\text{SC}}(E) dE$$





- How thick should the filter be?
- maximize signal-to-noise ratio
- add a constant background flux

- 0.00000 ———
- 0.00025 ———
- 0.00050 ———
- 0.00100 ———
- 0.00200 ———
- 0.00400 ———
- 0.01000 ———
- 0.02000 ———
- 0.04000 ———
- 0.08000 ———

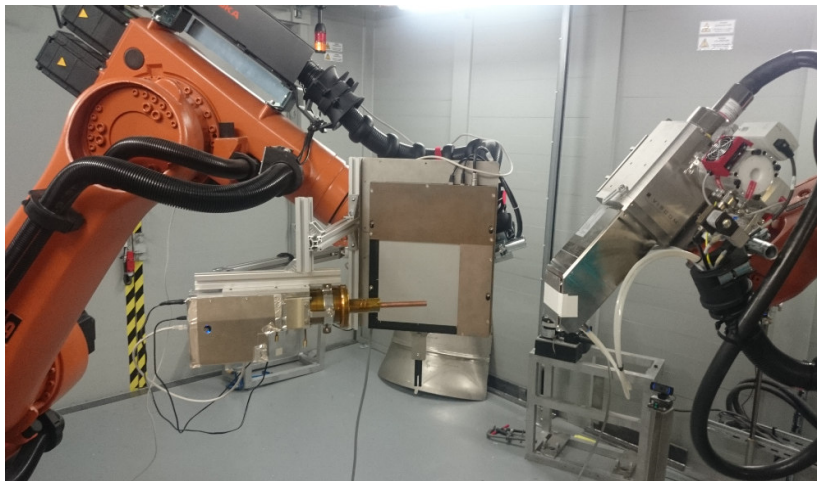
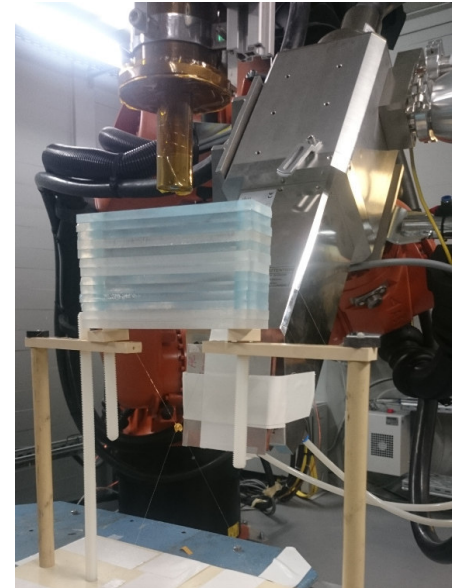




- How thick should the filter be?
 - a filter can make it worse
 - a higher voltage of the X-ray tube makes the SNR always better ;-)
 - the optimal filter thickness is independent of the chosen voltage

| | Os | Ir | Au | Hg |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| atomic number Z | 76 | 77 | 79 | 80 |
| filter-sample shift n | -3 | -2 | 0 | +1 |
| observation angle θ | 93° | 105° | 130° | 140° |
| SNR ($U = 200$ kV) | 1.65 | 1.49 | 1.00 | 0.94 |
| SNR ($U = 640$ kV) | 2.72 | 2.48 | 1.77 | 1.67 |

- SATBOT is a very dynamic project
 - the work is very interdisciplinary
- next steps:
- new filter: sensitivity $< 20 \mu\text{g}$
 - XRF tomography



➤ the SATBOT team is very nice

