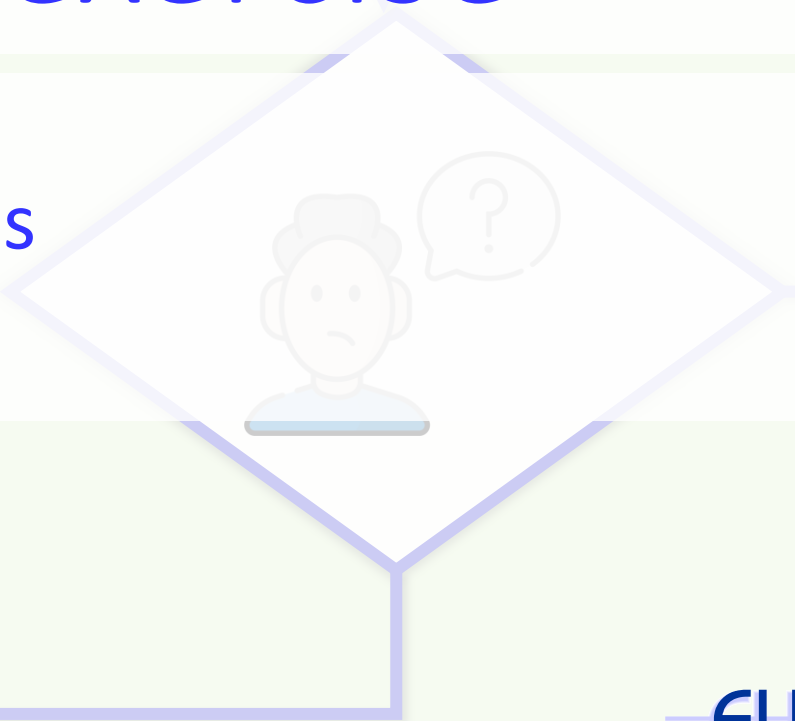
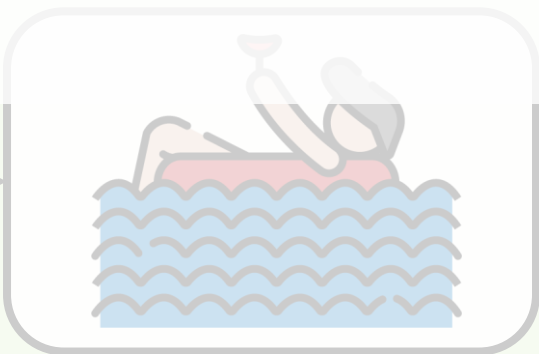
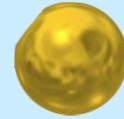


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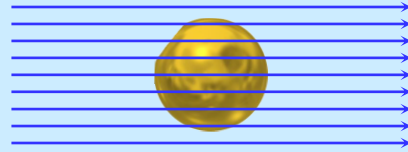
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# Nanoparticle exercise: simulation setup



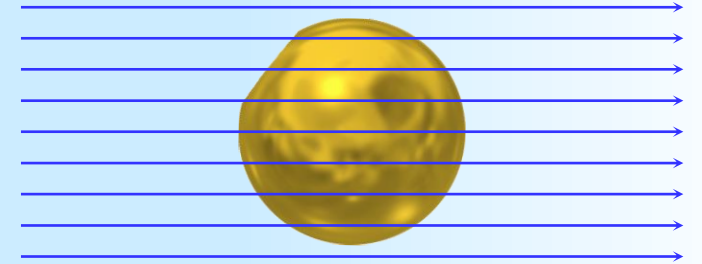
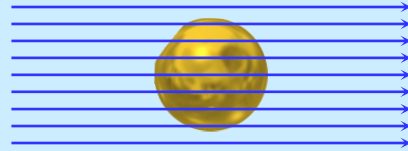
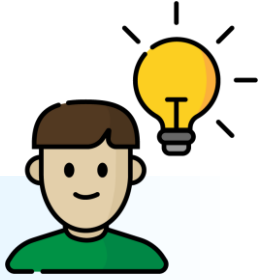
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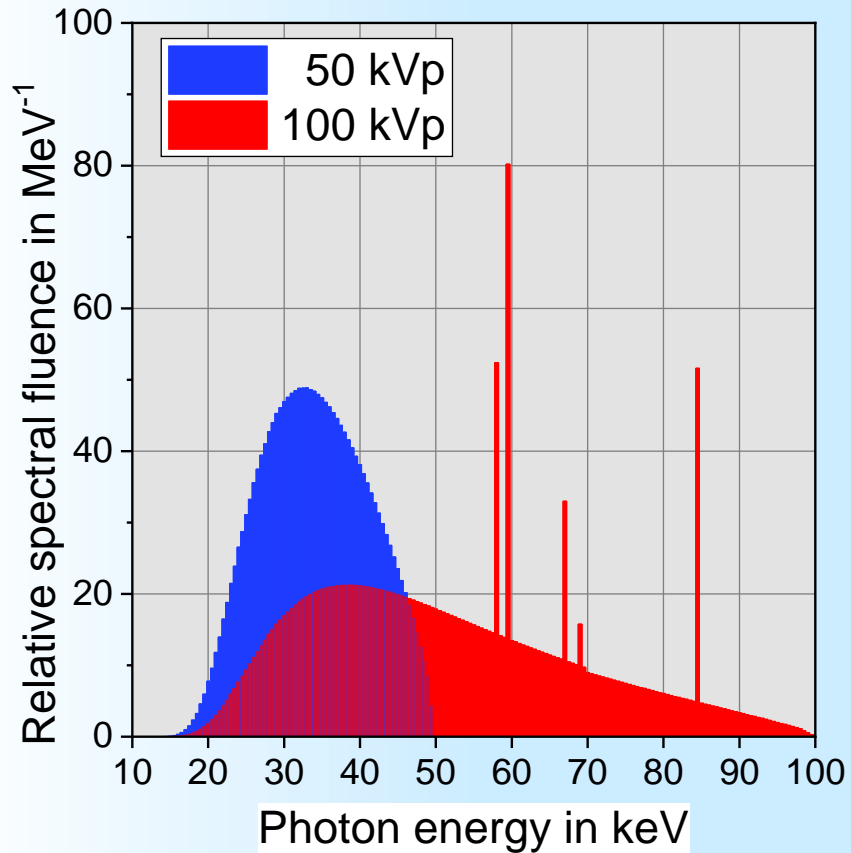
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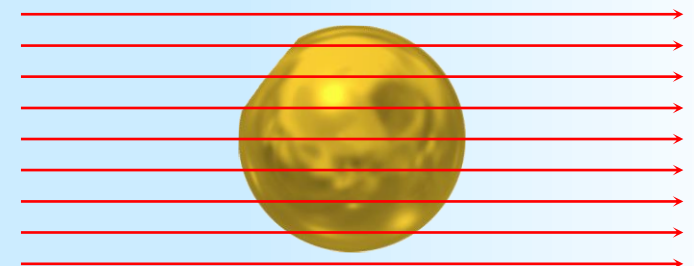
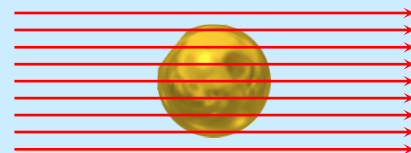
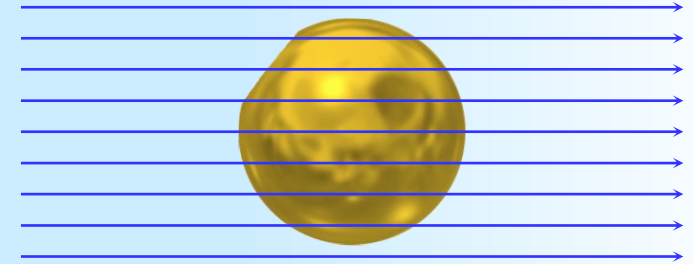
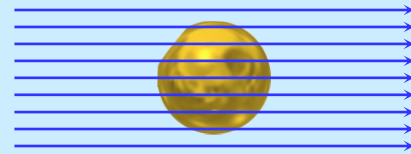


- a single gold nanoparticle in water
- irradiated by a narrow photon beam
- two different sizes (50 nm, 100 nm)

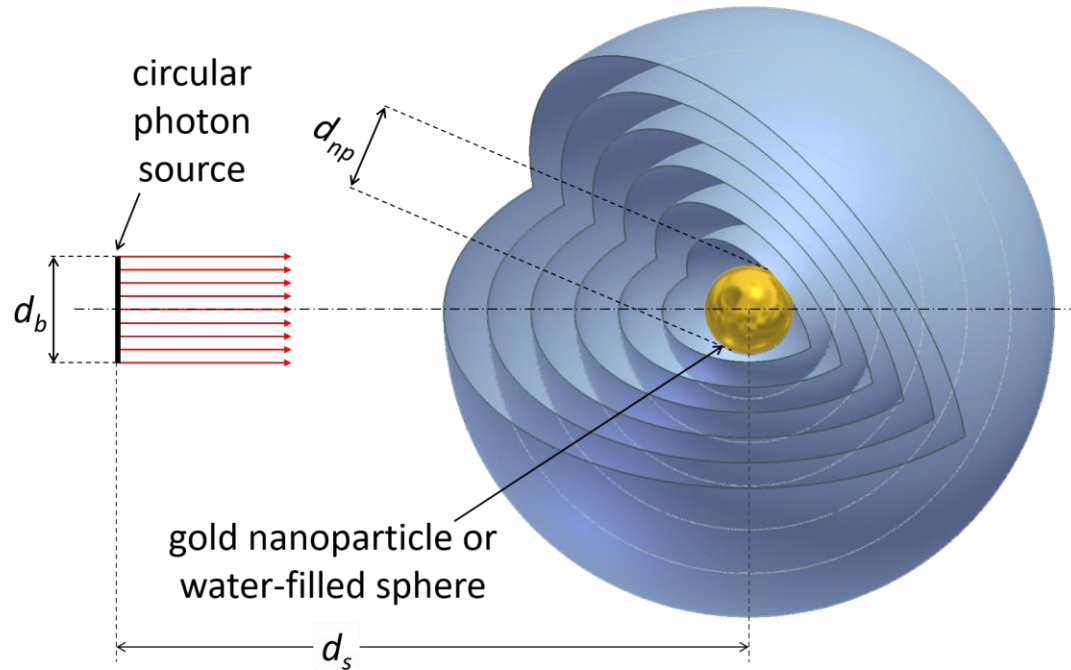
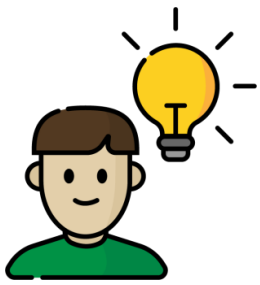
# Nanoparticle exercise: simulation setup



- a single gold nanoparticle in water
- irradiated by a narrow photon beam
- two different sizes (50 nm, 100 nm)
- two different photon spectra



# Nanoparticle exercise: simulation tasks

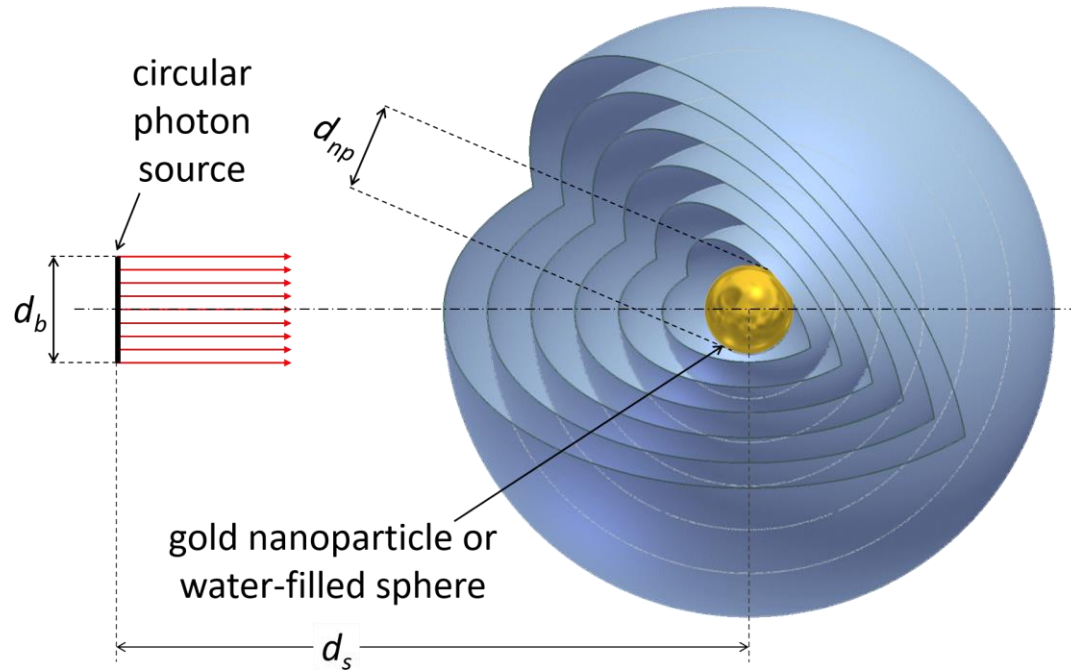
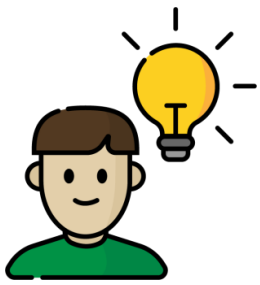


## Task 1:

- Determine energy imparted in (thin) spherical shells around the nanoparticle

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# Nanoparticle exercise: simulation tasks



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## Task 1:

- Determine energy imparted in (thin) spherical shells around the nanoparticle

## Task 2:

- Determine the energy spectrum of electrons in (thick) spherical shells around the nanoparticle

# “Electron energy spectrum in a volume”



What would you score?

- a. The energy distribution of electrons entering the volume.
- b. The balance of electrons crossing the volume's surface.
- c. The step length distribution of electrons inside the volume.
- d. Something different from the preceding three options.
- e. Nothing / don't know.

**Poll**



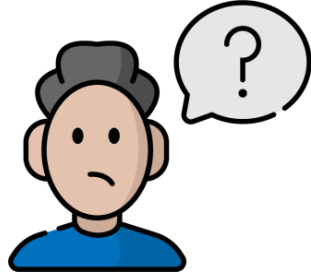
# “Electron energy spectrum in a volume”



**Q:** “What shall I score?”

**A:** “Electrons leaving the nanoparticle”

# “Electron energy spectrum in a volume”



**Q:** “What shall I score?”

**A:** “Electrons leaving the nanoparticle”

Well ...

- ... only electrons produced in the nanoparticle?
- ... what about electrons going out twice after backscattering?
- ... is there a unique tally in my code for this?

# Electron spectra – data of two participants



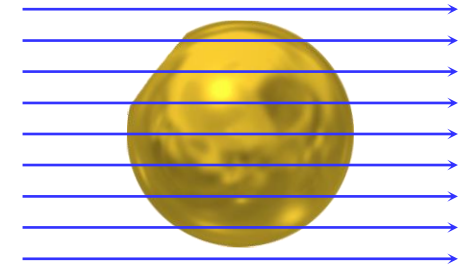
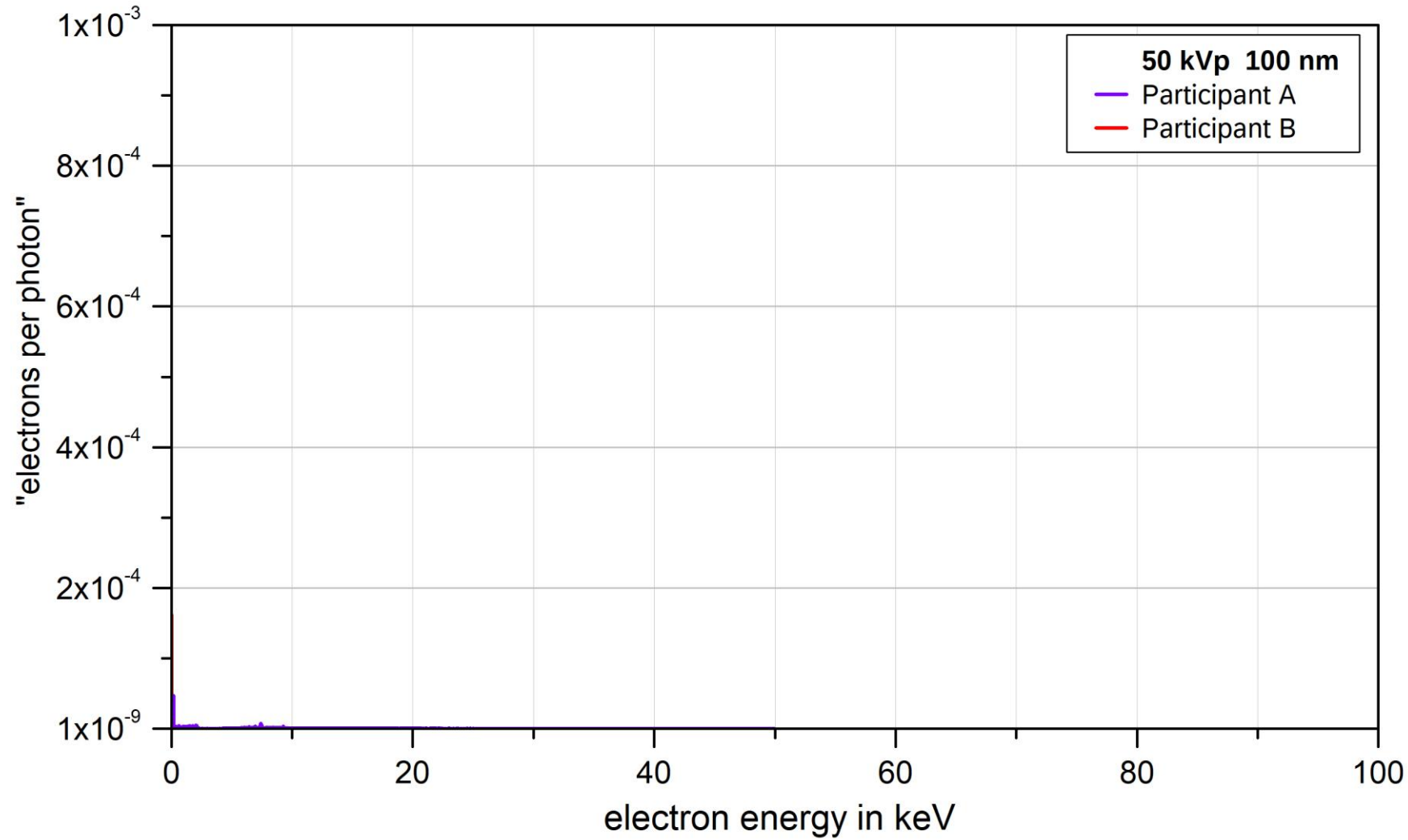
## Data from Participant A

## Data from participant B

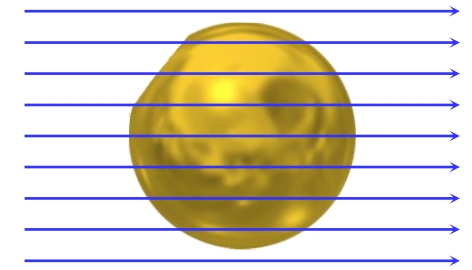
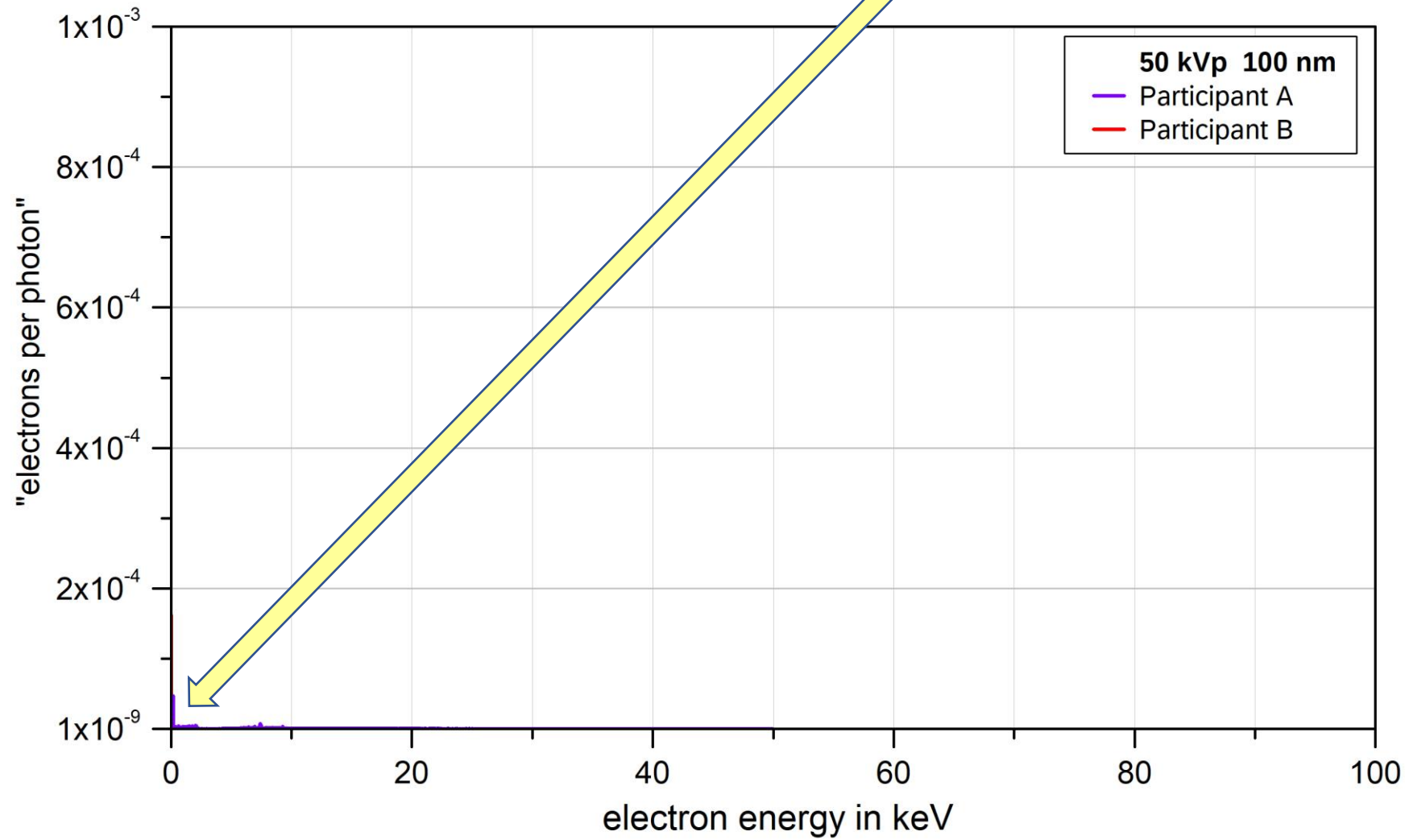
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167.5	1.27E-05	167.5	2.26E-05
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177.5	2.60E-05	177.5	4.73E-05
182.5	3.84E-06	182.5	5.90E-06
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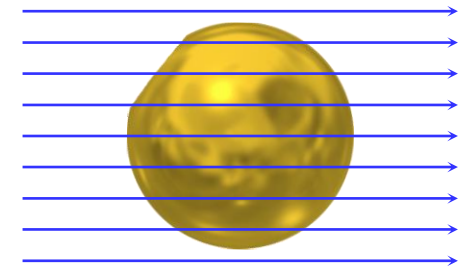
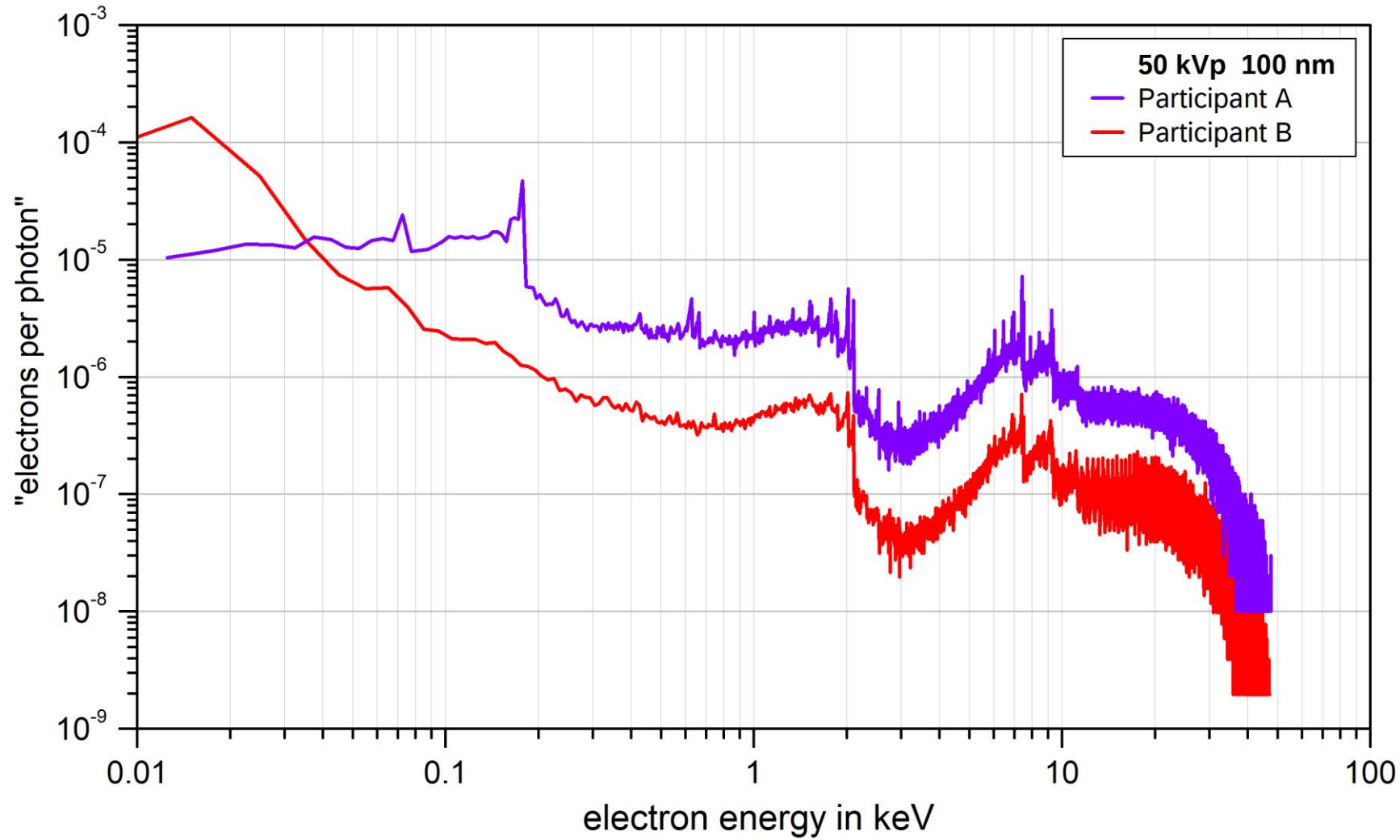
# Electron spectra – where is the data?



# Electron spectra – the data is here

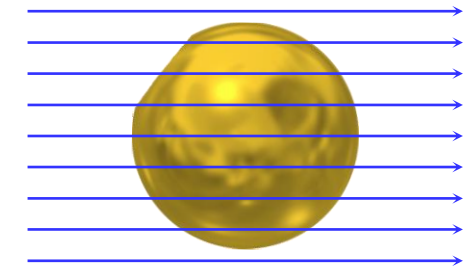
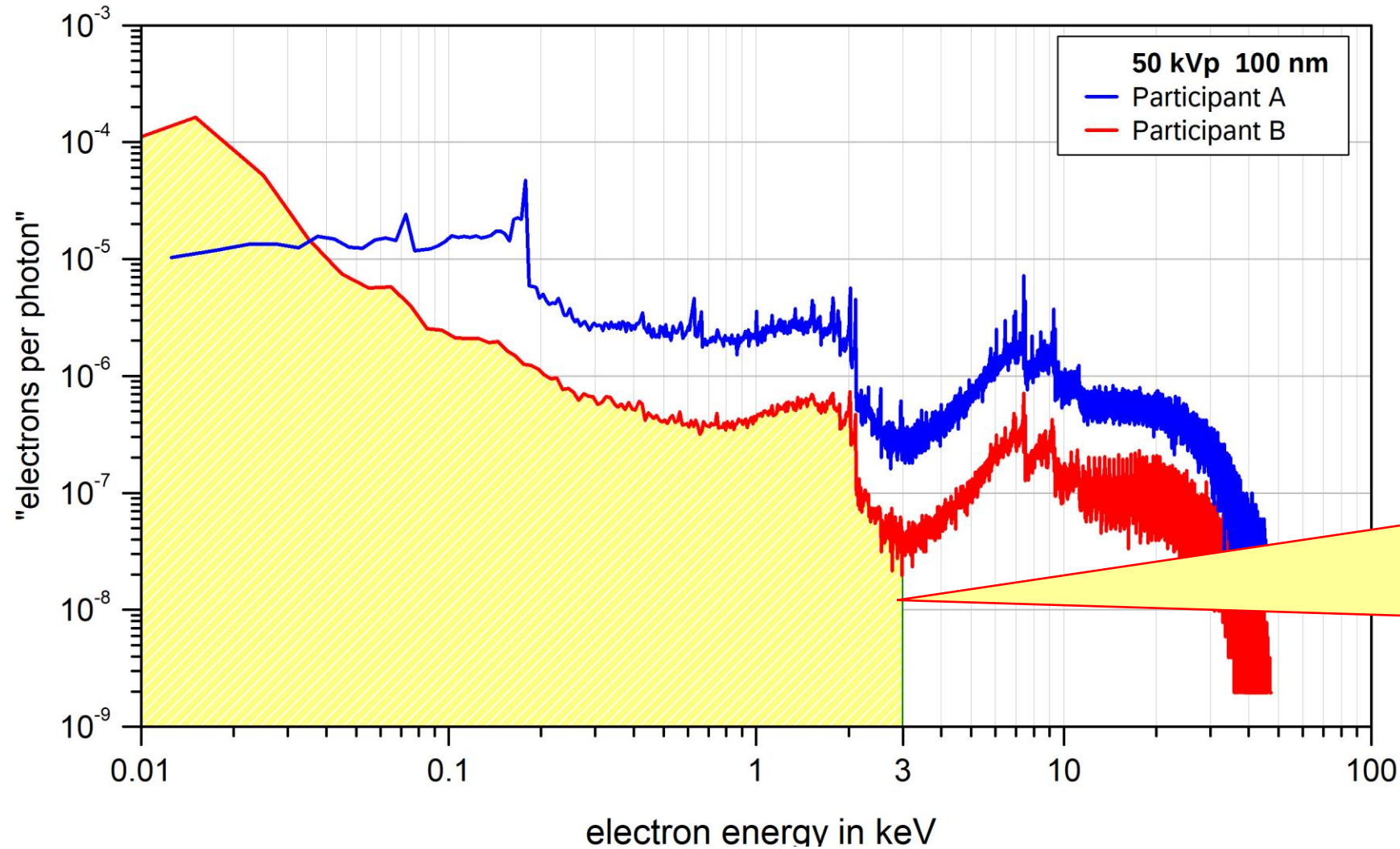


# Electron spectra - from different participants



# Electron spectra

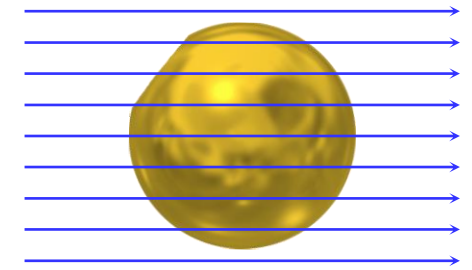
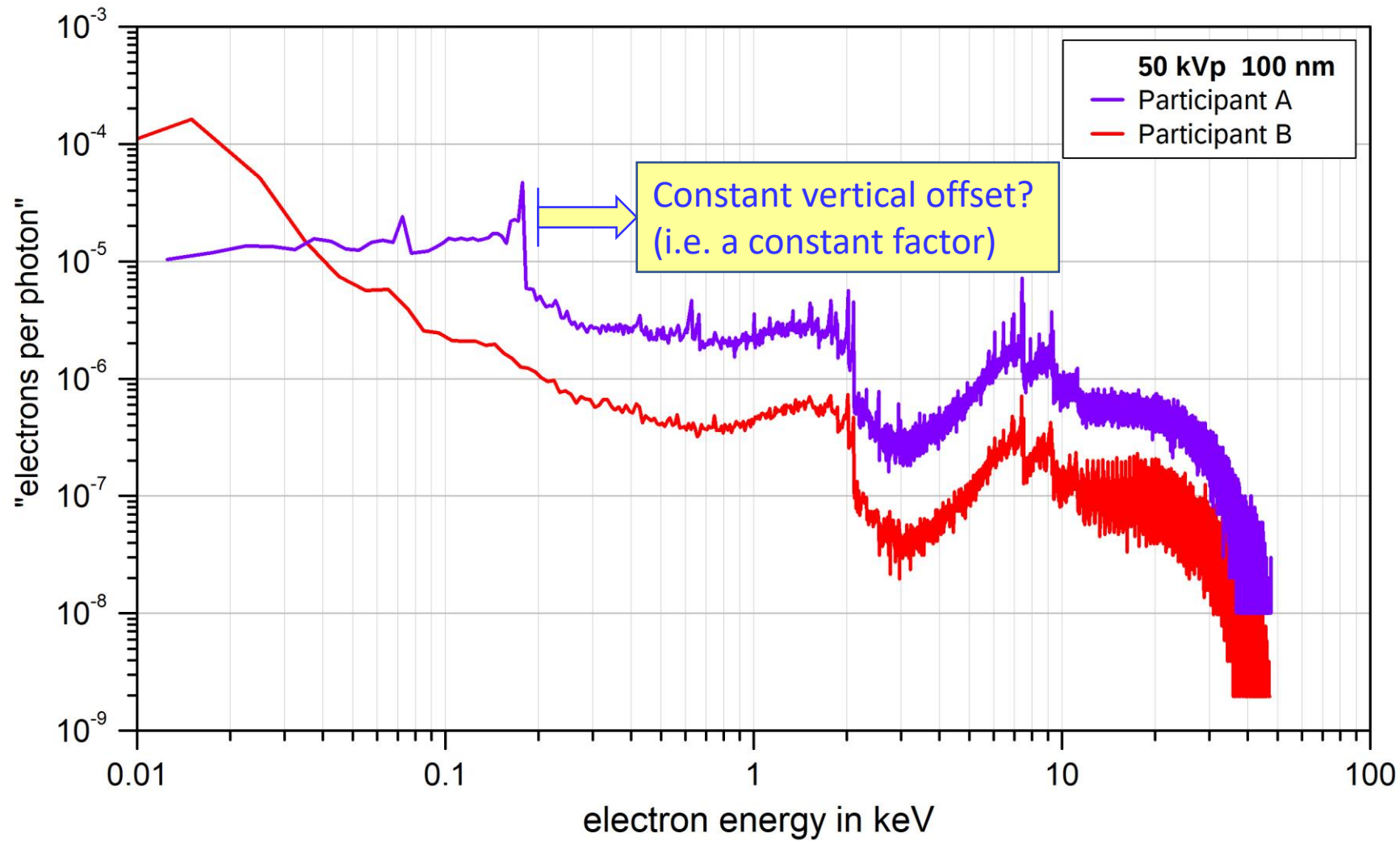
# Poll



What is the proportion of electrons with energies  $< 3$  keV?

- a. 30 %
- b. 60 %
- c. 80 %
- d. 90 %
- e. 95 %

# Electron spectra - from different participants





# Electron spectrum – what is it?



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## Data from participant B

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# Electron spectrum – what is it?



## Data from Participant A

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27.5	9.98E-06
32.5	1.01E-05
37.5	1.27E-05
42.5	1.08E-05
47.5	8.83E-06
52.5	9.07E-06
57.5	1.06E-05
62.5	1.03E-05
67.5	9.99E-06
72.5	1.82E-05
77.5	7.91E-06
82.5	7.29E-06
87.5	8.12E-06
92.5	8.71E-06
97.5	8.43E-06
102.5	9.42E-06
107.5	9.49E-06
112.5	9.55E-06
117.5	9.41E-06
122.5	9.86E-06
127.5	9.59E-06
132.5	1.01E-05
137.5	9.93E-06
142.5	1.11E-05
147.5	1.05E-05
152.5	9.72E-06
157.5	8.66E-06
162.5	1.25E-05
167.5	1.27E-05
172.5	1.22E-05
177.5	2.60E-05
182.5	3.84E-06

50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	1.03E-05
17.5	1.18E-05
22.5	1.35E-05
27.5	1.34E-05
32.5	1.26E-05
37.5	1.56E-05
42.5	1.48E-05
47.5	1.27E-05
52.5	1.24E-05
57.5	1.45E-05
62.5	1.51E-05
67.5	1.45E-05
72.5	2.41E-05
77.5	1.17E-05
82.5	1.20E-05
87.5	1.23E-05
92.5	1.30E-05
97.5	1.41E-05
102.5	1.57E-05
107.5	1.53E-05
112.5	1.57E-05
117.5	1.53E-05
122.5	1.58E-05
127.5	1.52E-05
132.5	1.55E-05
137.5	1.60E-05
142.5	1.73E-05
147.5	1.72E-05
152.5	1.64E-05
157.5	1.43E-05
162.5	2.19E-05
167.5	2.26E-05
172.5	2.19E-05
177.5	4.73E-05
182.5	5.90E-06

50 kVp, 50 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	3.64E-05
15	9.67E-05
25	3.14E-05
35	9.04E-06
45	4.66E-06
55	3.47E-06
65	3.32E-06
75	2.69E-06
85	1.64E-06
95	1.47E-06
105	1.42E-06
115	1.33E-06
125	1.19E-06
135	1.28E-06
145	1.22E-06
155	1.05E-06
165	9.34E-07
175	8.44E-07
185	7.93E-07
195	6.86E-07
205	6.05E-07
215	5.25E-07
225	6.02E-07
235	5.08E-07
245	5.25E-07
255	4.20E-07
265	4.36E-07
275	3.77E-07
285	3.69E-07
295	3.57E-07
305	3.83E-07
315	4.45E-07
325	3.07E-07
335	3.57E-07
345	3.16E-07
355	3.73E-07
365	3.71E-07

50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	5.77E-05
15	1.63E-04
25	5.15E-05
35	1.49E-05
45	7.43E-06
55	5.67E-06
65	5.77E-06
75	4.01E-06
85	2.54E-06
95	2.46E-06
105	2.11E-06
115	2.09E-06
125	2.09E-06
135	1.93E-06
145	1.97E-06
155	1.64E-06
165	1.48E-06
175	1.26E-06
185	1.23E-06
195	1.15E-06
205	1.01E-06
215	9.47E-07
225	9.61E-07
235	7.65E-07
245	7.85E-07
255	7.30E-07
265	6.19E-07
275	7.07E-07
285	6.70E-07
295	6.64E-07
305	5.68E-07
315	5.94E-07
325	6.62E-07
335	6.60E-07
345	5.80E-07
355	5.43E-07
365	5.78E-07

## Meaning of the first column

- Linear or logarithmic bin size?
- Mean energy in the bin?
- Energy in the center of the bin?
- Start of the bin?
- End of the bin?

**Different codes use different conventions!**

- Both participants gave the mean energy
- Participant A used a bin size of 5 eV
- Participant B used a bin size of 10 eV

# Electron spectrum – what is it?



## Data from Participant A

## Data from participant B

50 kVp, 50 nm		50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)	E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0	2.5	0
7.5	0	7.5	0
12.5	8.53E-06	12.5	1.03E-05
17.5	9.15E-06	17.5	1.18E-05
22.5	1.02E-05	22.5	1.35E-05
27.5	9.98E-06	27.5	1.34E-05
32.5	1.01E-05	32.5	1.26E-05
37.5	1.27E-05	37.5	1.56E-05
42.5	1.08E-05	42.5	1.48E-05
47.5	8.83E-06	47.5	1.27E-05
52.5	9.07E-06	52.5	1.24E-05
57.5	1.06E-05	57.5	1.45E-05
62.5	1.03E-05	62.5	1.51E-05
67.5	9.99E-06	67.5	1.45E-05
72.5	1.82E-05	72.5	2.41E-05
77.5	7.91E-06	77.5	1.17E-05
82.5	7.29E-06	82.5	1.20E-05
87.5	8.12E-06	87.5	1.23E-05
92.5	8.71E-06	92.5	1.30E-05
97.5	8.43E-06	97.5	1.41E-05
102.5	9.42E-06	102.5	1.57E-05
107.5	9.49E-06	107.5	1.53E-05
112.5	9.55E-06	112.5	1.57E-05
117.5	9.41E-06	117.5	1.53E-05
122.5	9.86E-06	122.5	1.58E-05
127.5	9.59E-06	127.5	1.52E-05
132.5	1.01E-05	132.5	1.55E-05
137.5	9.93E-06	137.5	1.60E-05
142.5	1.11E-05	142.5	1.73E-05
147.5	1.05E-05	147.5	1.72E-05
152.5	9.72E-06	152.5	1.64E-05
157.5	8.66E-06	157.5	1.43E-05
162.5	1.25E-05	162.5	2.19E-05
167.5	1.27E-05	167.5	2.26E-05
172.5	1.22E-05	172.5	2.19E-05
177.5	2.60E-05	177.5	4.73E-05
182.5	3.84E-06	182.5	5.90E-06

50 kVp, 50 nm		50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)	E (eV)	f(E)
5	3.64E-05	5	5.77E-05
15	9.67E-05	15	1.63E-04
25	3.14E-05	25	5.15E-05
35	9.04E-06	35	1.49E-05
45	4.66E-06	45	7.43E-06
55	3.47E-06	55	5.67E-06
65	3.82E-06	65	5.77E-06
75	2.69E-06	75	4.01E-06
85	1.64E-06	85	2.54E-06
95	1.47E-06	95	2.46E-06
105	1.42E-06	105	2.11E-06
115	1.33E-06	115	2.09E-06
125	1.19E-06	125	2.09E-06
135	1.28E-06	135	1.93E-06
145	1.22E-06	145	1.97E-06
155	1.05E-06	155	1.64E-06
165	9.34E-07	165	1.48E-06
175	8.44E-07	175	1.26E-06
185	7.93E-07	185	1.23E-06
195	6.86E-07	195	1.15E-06
205	6.05E-07	205	1.01E-06
215	5.25E-07	215	9.47E-07
225	6.02E-07	225	9.61E-07
235	5.08E-07	235	7.66E-07
245	5.25E-07	245	7.85E-07
255	4.20E-07	255	7.30E-07
265	4.36E-07	265	6.19E-07
275	3.77E-07	275	7.07E-07
285	3.69E-07	285	6.70E-07
295	3.57E-07	295	6.64E-07
305	3.83E-07	305	5.68E-07
315	4.45E-07	315	5.94E-07
325	3.07E-07	325	6.62E-07
335	3.57E-07	335	6.60E-07
345	3.16E-07	345	5.80E-07
355	3.73E-07	355	5.43E-07
365	3.71E-07	365	5.78E-07

## Meaning of the **second** column

- Absolute frequency (“counts”) in bin?
- Frequency per primary particle?
- Relative frequency?
- Frequency density per primary particle?

# Electron spectrum – what is it?



## Data from Participant A

## Data from participant B

50 kVp, 50 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	8.53E-06
17.5	9.15E-06
22.5	1.02E-05
27.5	9.98E-06
32.5	1.01E-05
37.5	1.27E-05
42.5	1.08E-05
47.5	8.83E-06
52.5	9.07E-06
57.5	1.06E-05
62.5	1.03E-05
67.5	9.99E-06
72.5	1.82E-05
77.5	7.91E-06
82.5	7.29E-06
87.5	8.12E-06
92.5	8.71E-06
97.5	8.43E-06
102.5	9.42E-06
107.5	9.49E-06
112.5	9.55E-06
117.5	9.41E-06
122.5	9.86E-06
127.5	9.59E-06
132.5	1.01E-05
137.5	9.93E-06
142.5	1.11E-05
147.5	1.05E-05
152.5	9.72E-06
157.5	8.66E-06
162.5	1.25E-05
167.5	1.27E-05
172.5	1.22E-05
177.5	2.60E-05
182.5	3.84E-06

50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	1.03E-05
17.5	1.18E-05
22.5	1.35E-05
27.5	1.34E-05
32.5	1.26E-05
37.5	1.56E-05
42.5	1.48E-05
47.5	1.27E-05
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62.5	1.51E-05
67.5	1.45E-05
72.5	2.41E-05
77.5	1.17E-05
82.5	1.20E-05
87.5	1.23E-05
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132.5	1.55E-05
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167.5	2.26E-05
172.5	2.19E-05
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182.5	5.90E-06

50 kVp, 50 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	3.64E-05
15	9.67E-05
25	3.14E-05
35	9.04E-06
45	4.66E-06
55	3.47E-06
65	3.82E-06
75	2.69E-06
85	1.64E-06
95	1.47E-06
105	1.42E-06
115	1.33E-06
125	1.19E-06
135	1.28E-06
145	1.22E-06
155	1.05E-06
165	9.34E-07
175	8.44E-07
185	7.93E-07
195	6.86E-07
205	6.05E-07
215	5.25E-07
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255	4.20E-07
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275	3.77E-07
285	3.69E-07
295	3.57E-07
305	3.83E-07
315	4.45E-07
325	3.07E-07
335	3.57E-07
345	3.16E-07
355	3.73E-07
365	3.71E-07

50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	5.77E-05
15	1.63E-04
25	5.15E-05
35	1.49E-05
45	7.43E-06
55	5.67E-06
65	5.77E-06
75	4.01E-06
85	2.54E-06
95	2.46E-06
105	2.11E-06
115	2.09E-06
125	2.09E-06
135	1.93E-06
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# Electron spectrum – what is it?



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Data from participant B

50 kVp, 50 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	8.53E-06
17.5	9.15E-06
22.5	1.02E-05
27.5	9.98E-06
32.5	1.01E-05
37.5	1.27E-05
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162.5	1.25E-05
167.5	1.27E-05
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177.5	2.60E-05
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50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	1.03E-05
17.5	1.18E-05
22.5	1.35E-05
27.5	1.34E-05
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157.5	1.43E-05
162.5	2.19E-05
167.5	2.26E-05
172.5	2.19E-05
177.5	4.73E-05
182.5	5.90E-06

50 kVp, 50 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	3.64E-05
15	9.67E-05
25	3.14E-05
35	9.04E-06
45	4.66E-06
55	3.47E-06
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If you code the tallying yourself, make sure to understand and report how you did it.

# Electron spectrum – what is it?



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## Data from participant B

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E (eV)	f(E)
2.5	0
7.5	0
12.5	8.53E-06
17.5	9.15E-06
22.5	1.02E-05
27.5	9.98E-06
32.5	1.01E-05
37.5	1.27E-05
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57.5	1.06E-05
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62.5	1.51E-05
67.5	1.45E-05
72.5	2.41E-05
77.5	1.17E-05
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102.5	1.57E-05
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E (eV)	f(E)
5	3.64E-05
15	9.67E-05
25	3.14E-05
35	9.04E-06
45	4.66E-06
55	3.47E-06
65	3.82E-06
75	2.69E-06
85	1.64E-06
95	1.47E-06
105	1.42E-06
115	1.33E-06
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325	3.07E-07
335	3.57E-07
345	3.16E-07
355	3.73E-07
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50 kVp, 100 nm	
E (eV)	f(E)
5	5.77E-05
15	1.63E-04
25	5.15E-05
35	1.49E-05
45	7.43E-06
55	5.67E-06
65	5.77E-06
75	4.01E-06
85	2.54E-06
95	2.46E-06
105	2.11E-06
115	2.09E-06
125	2.09E-06
135	1.93E-06
145	1.97E-06
155	1.64E-06
165	1.48E-06
175	1.26E-06
185	1.23E-06
195	1.15E-06
205	1.01E-06
215	9.47E-07
225	9.61E-07
235	7.66E-07
245	7.85E-07
255	7.30E-07
265	6.19E-07
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295	6.64E-07
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## Meaning of the **second** column

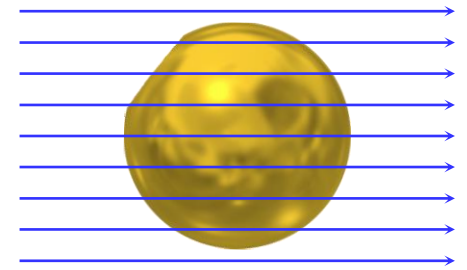
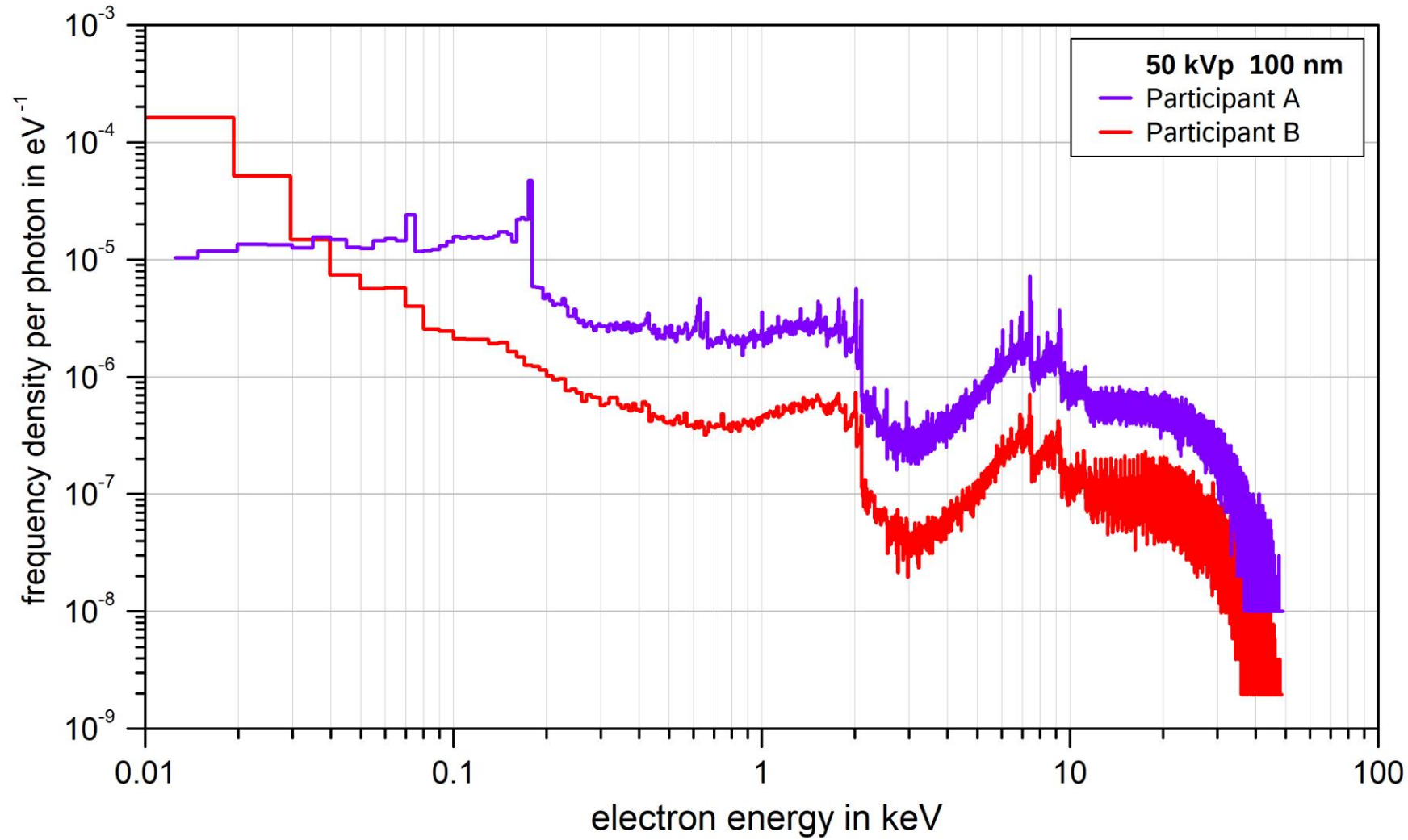
- Absolute frequency (“counts”) in bin?
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- Relative frequency?
- Frequency density per primary particle?

Stipulated tallies of codes, mostly give the frequency density per primary particle

If you code the tallying yourself, make sure to understand and report how you did it.

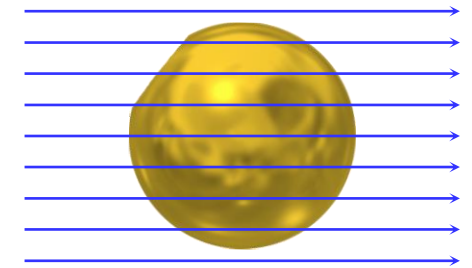
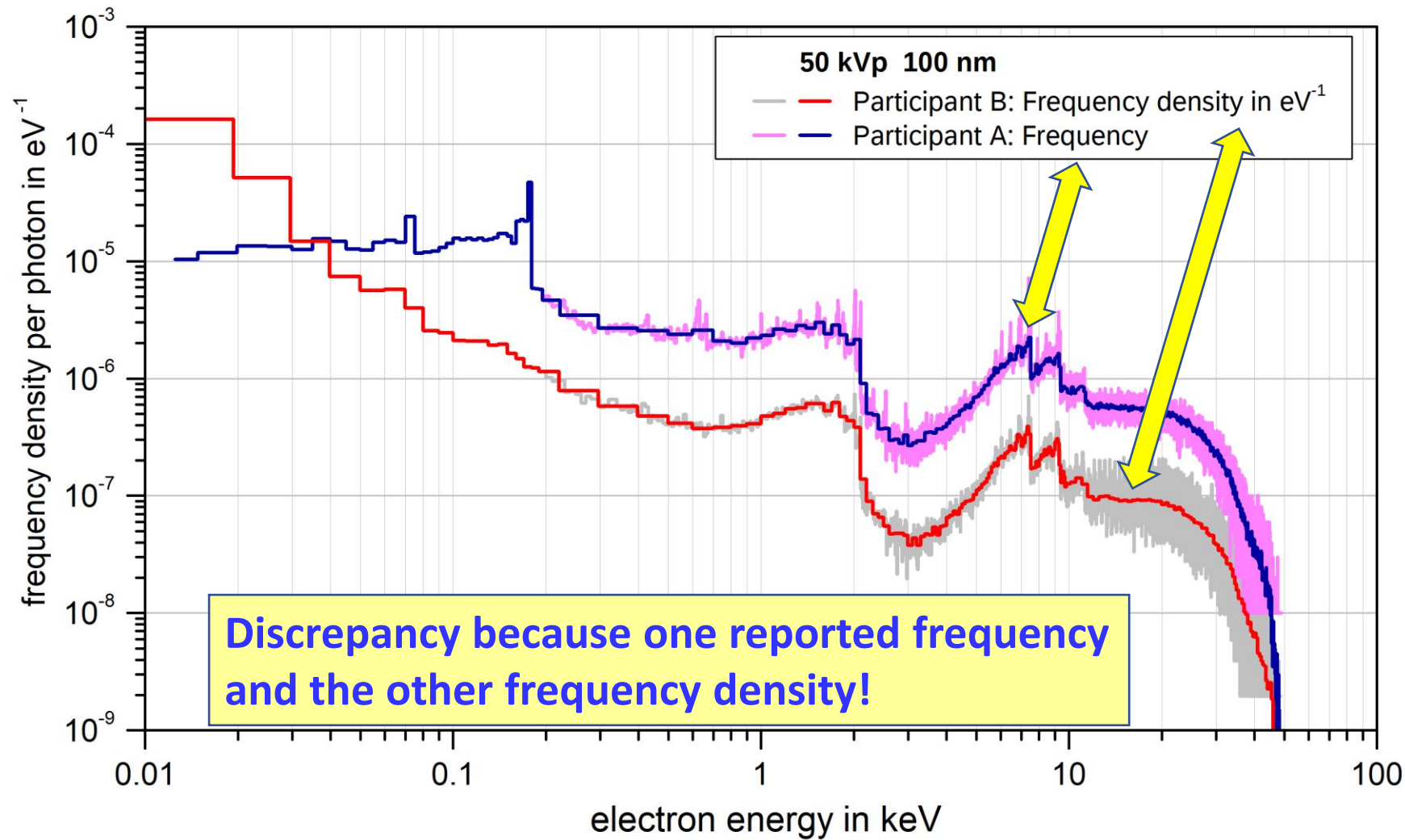
It is relevant for comparisons and, e.g., for rebinning and calculating integral values.

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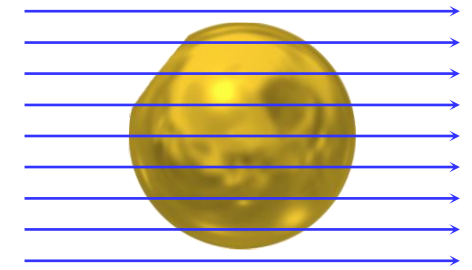
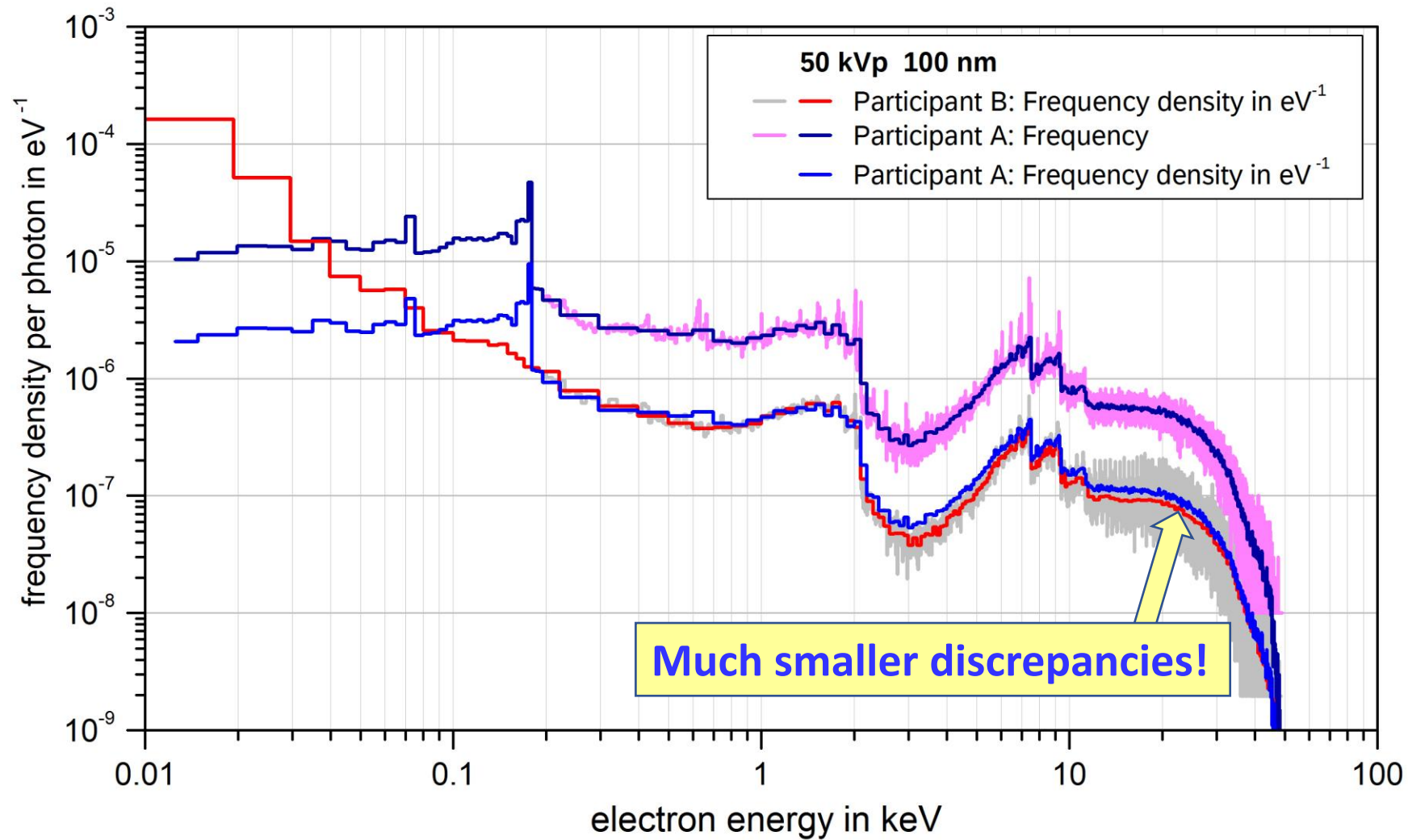




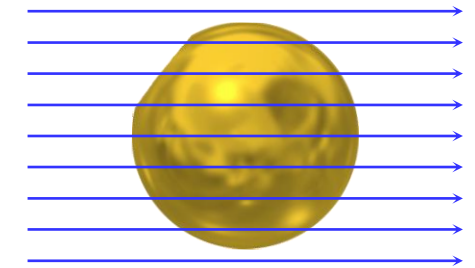
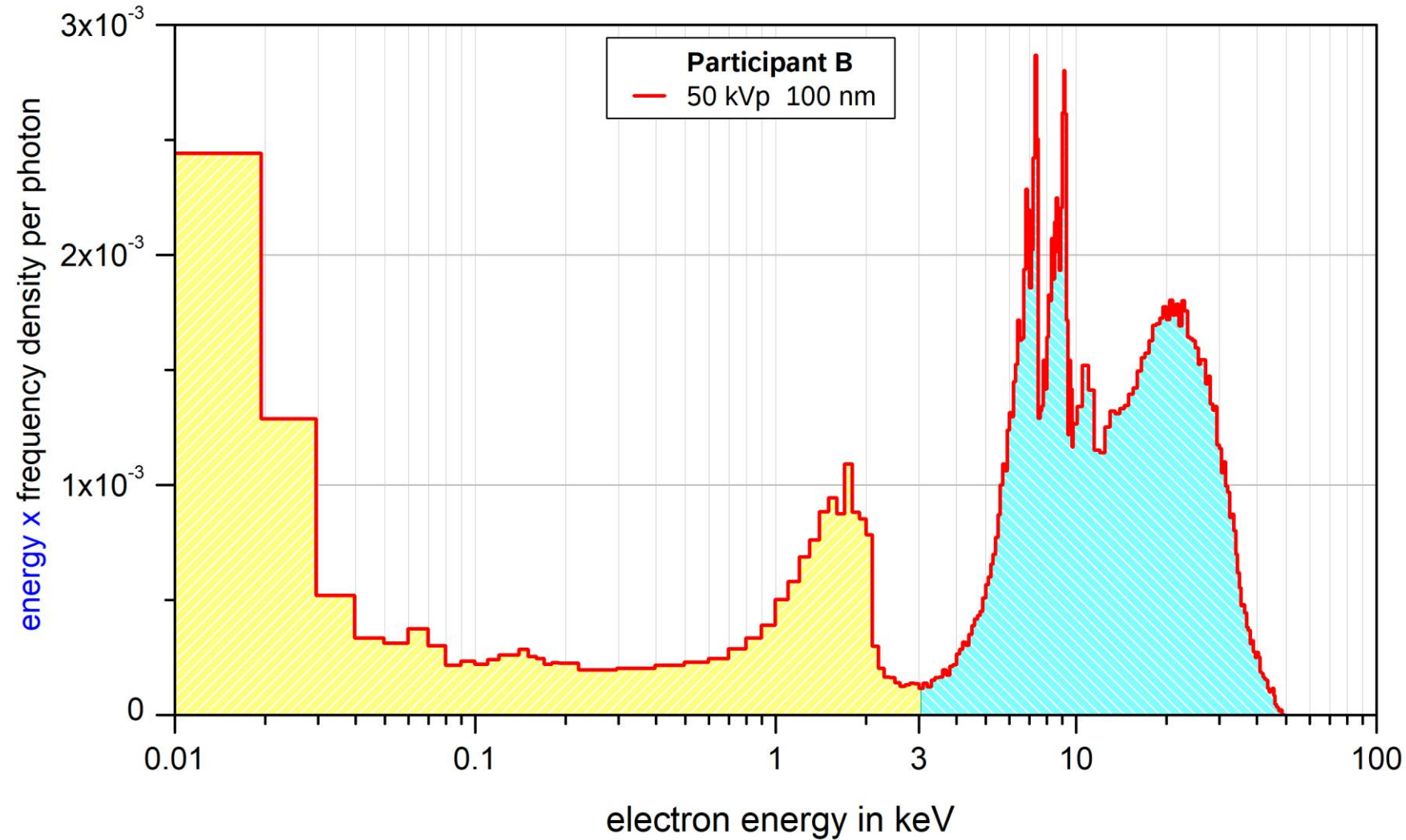
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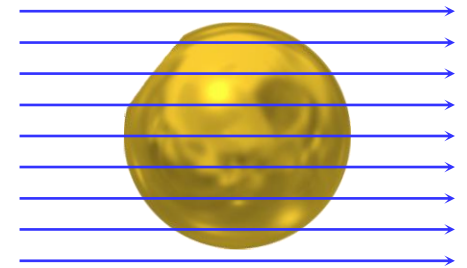
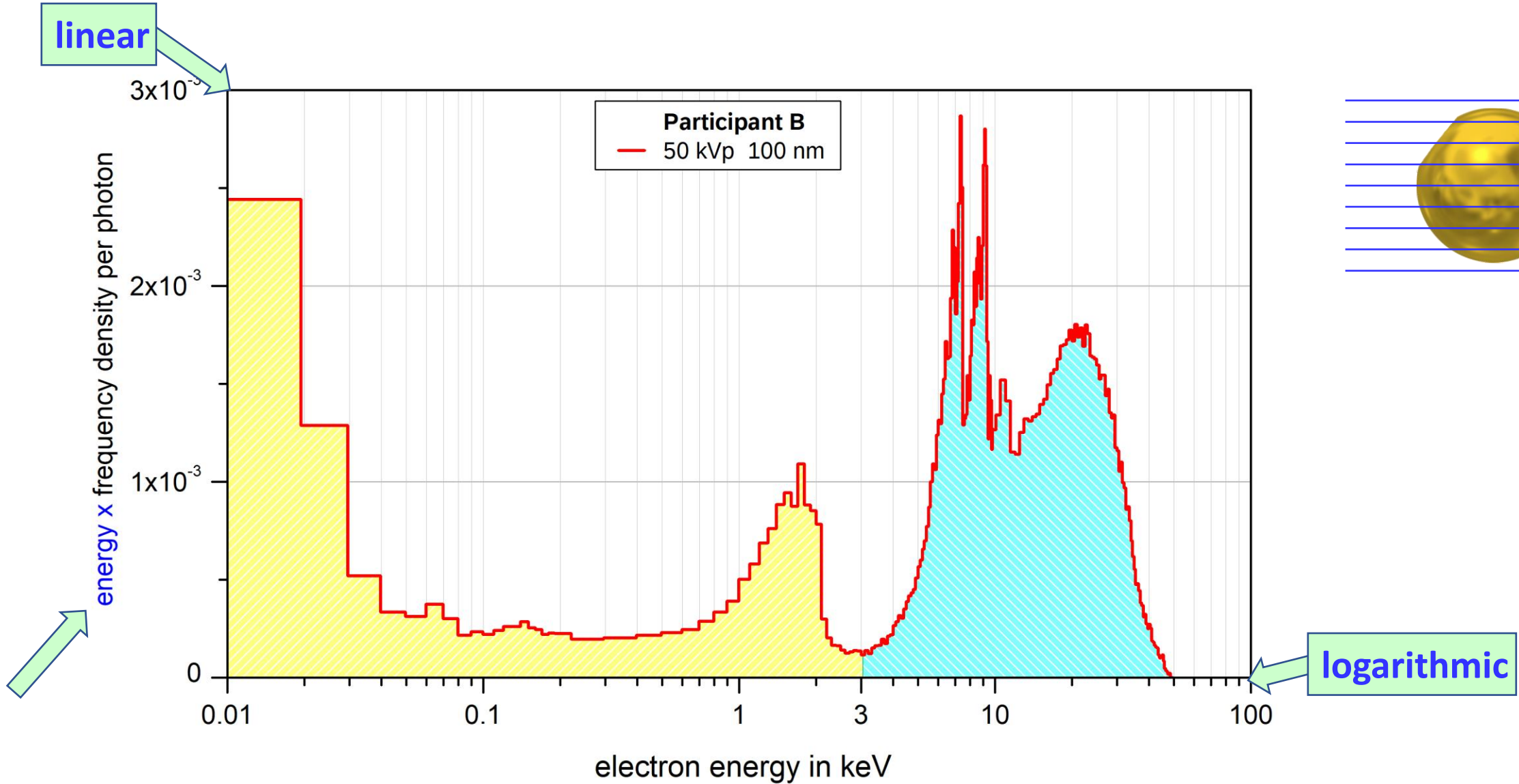
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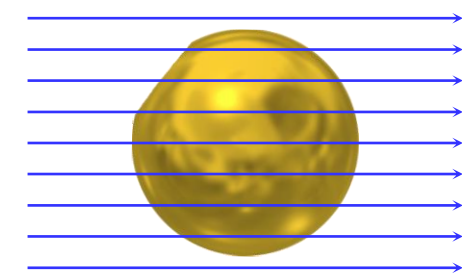
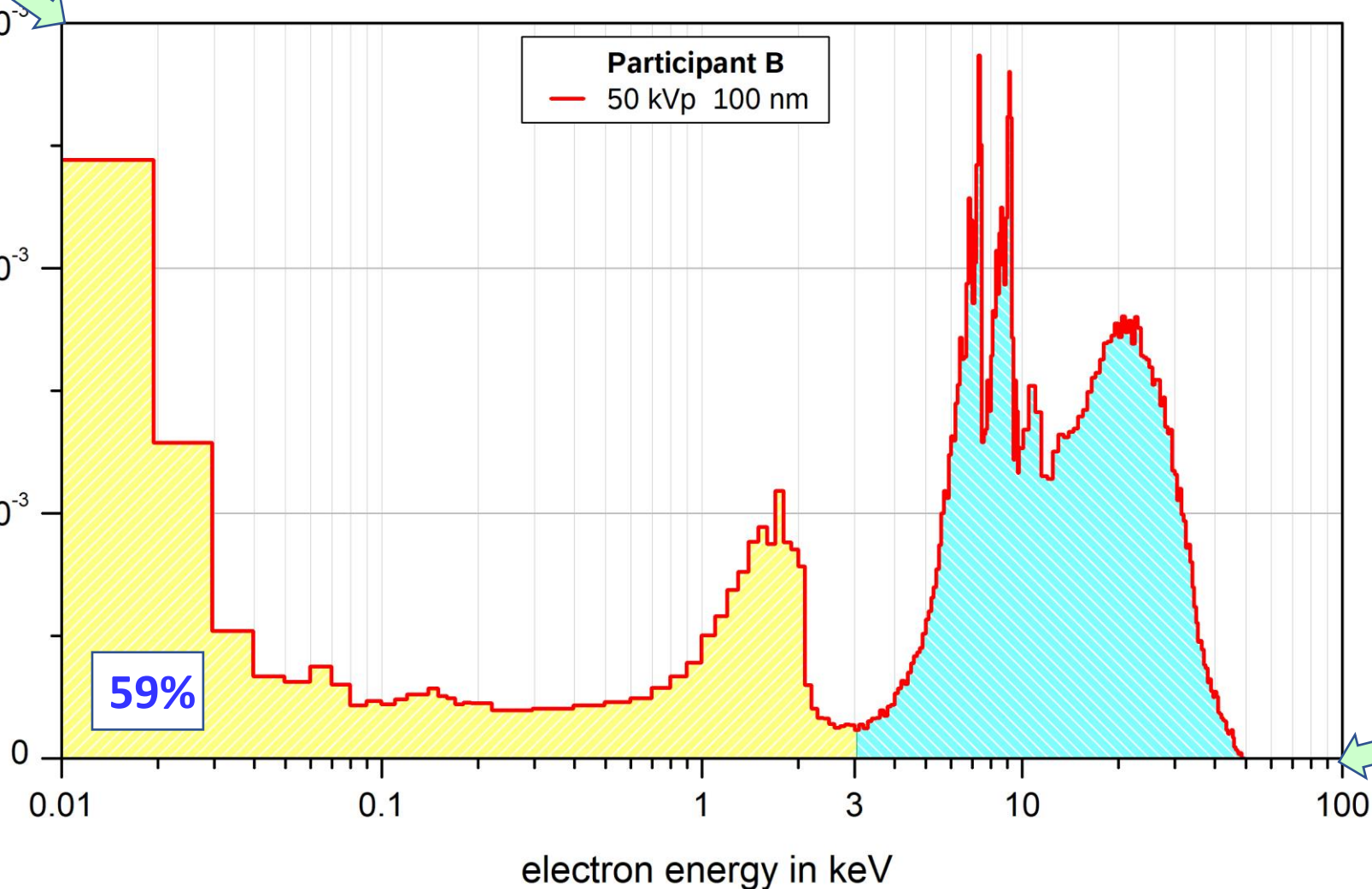


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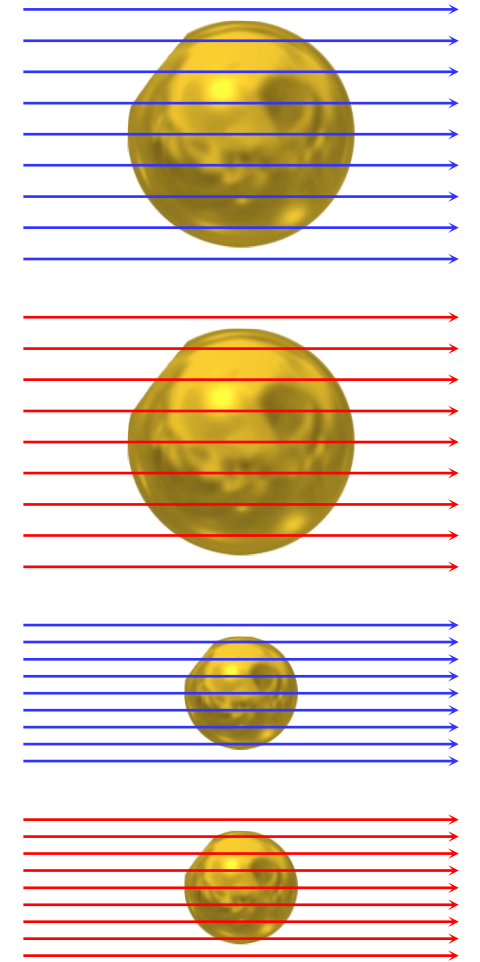
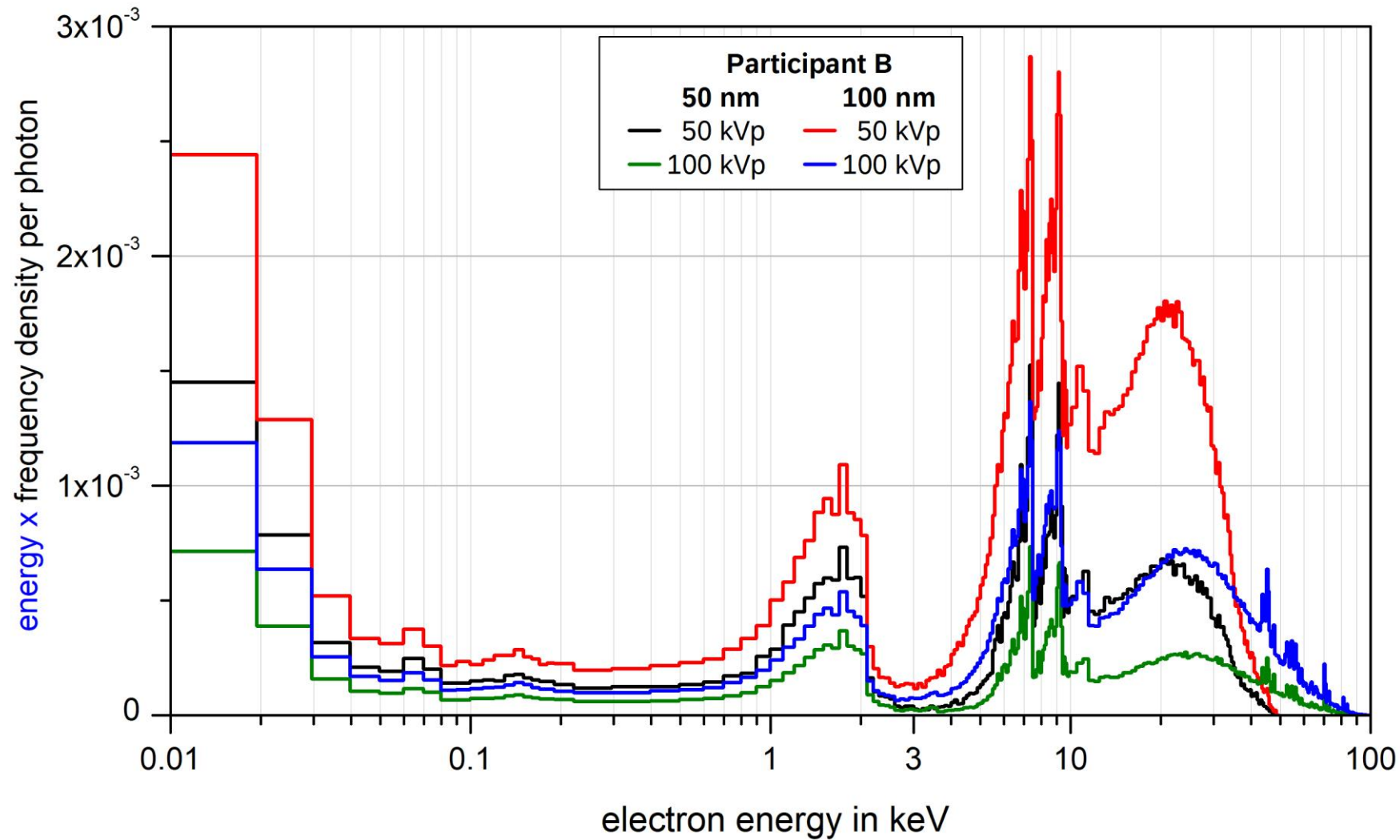
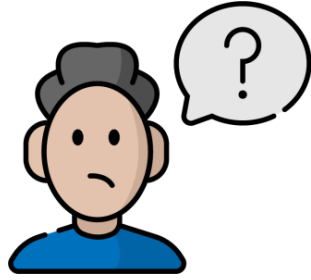


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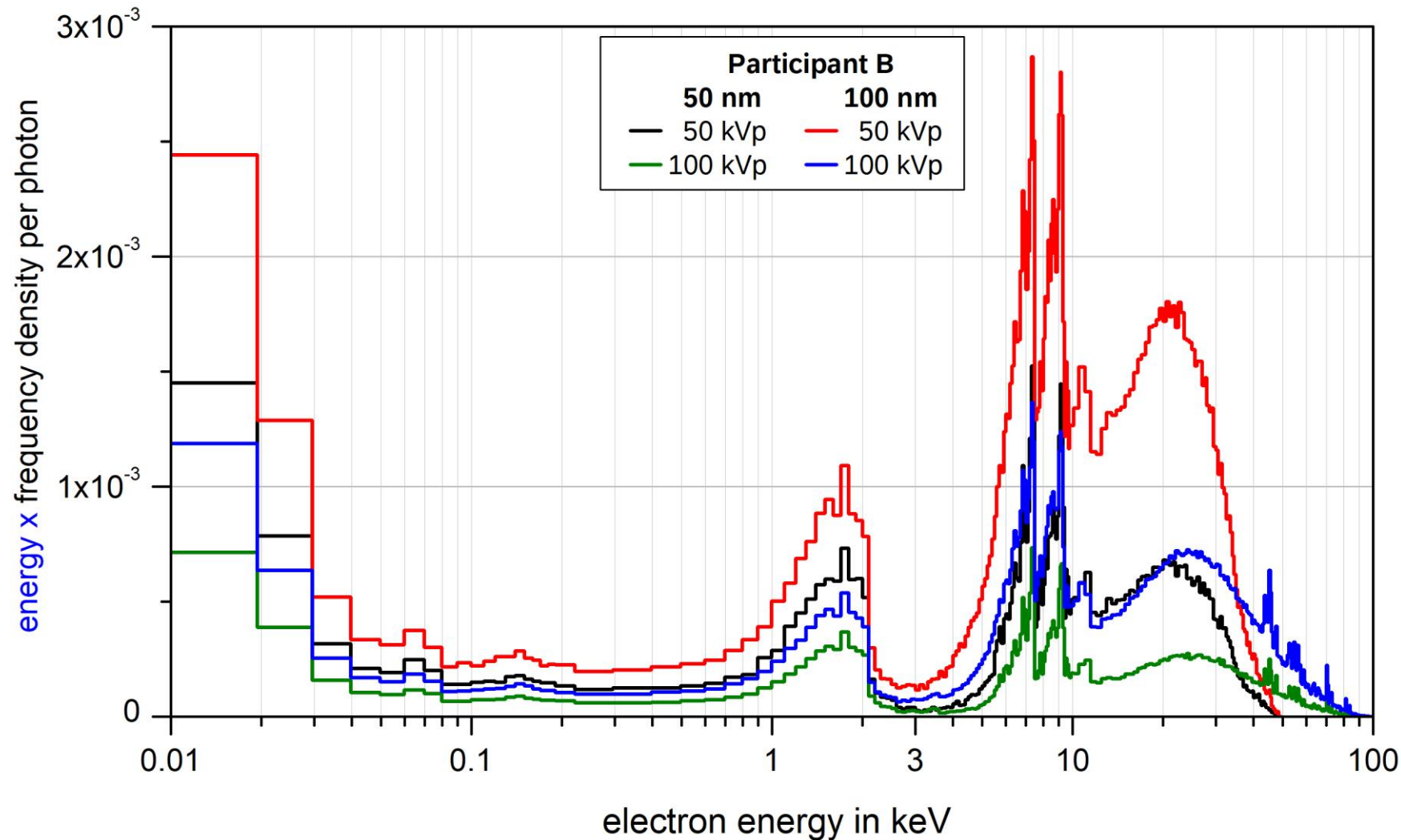
energy x frequency density per photon



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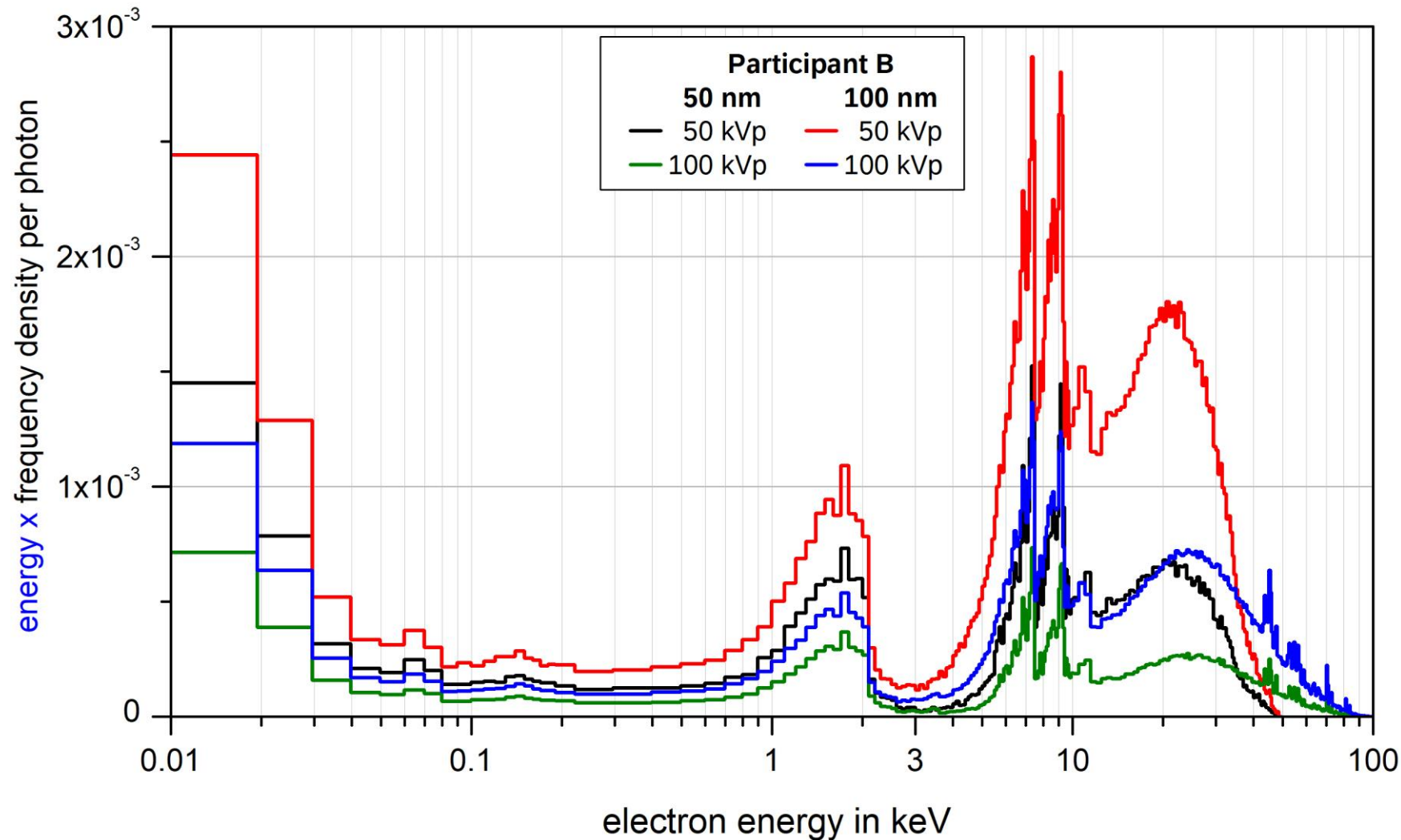
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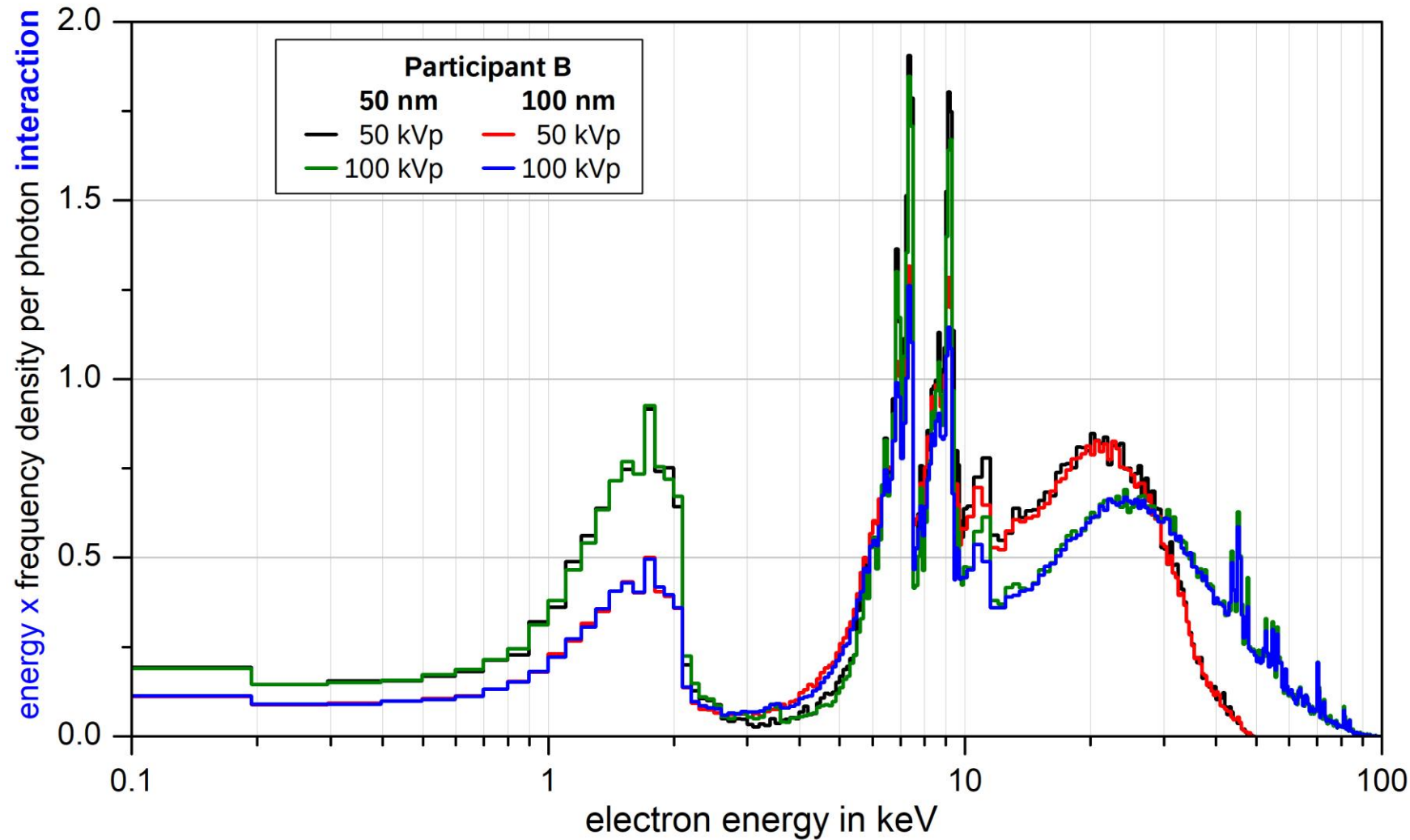
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**Number of interactions in GNP per photon**

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100 kVp	$0.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$



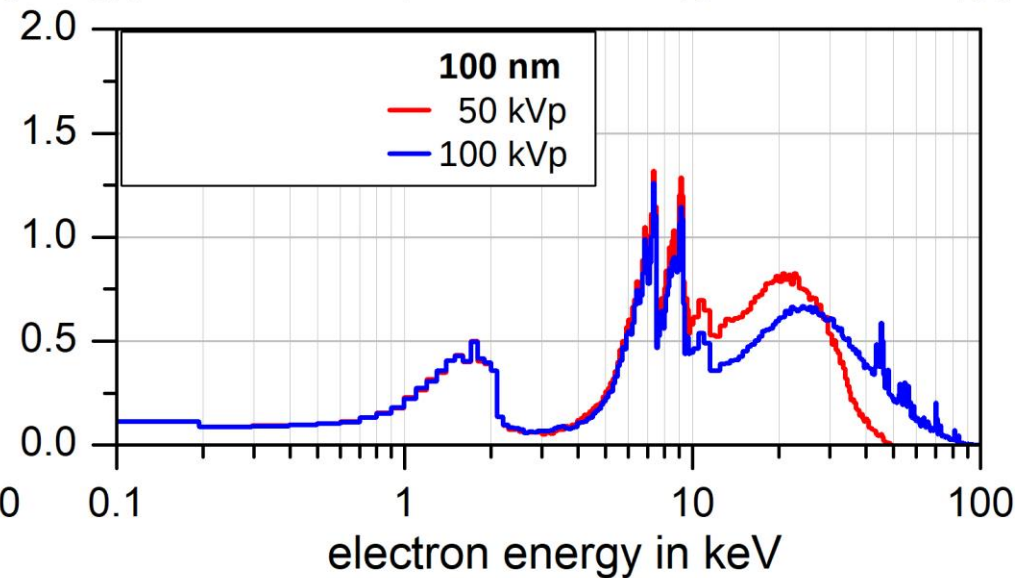
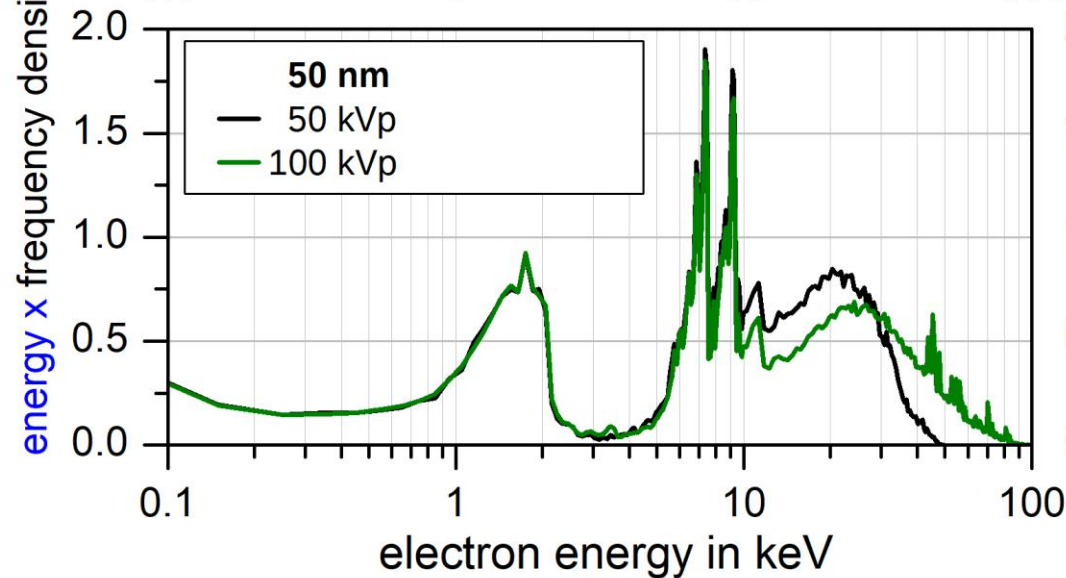
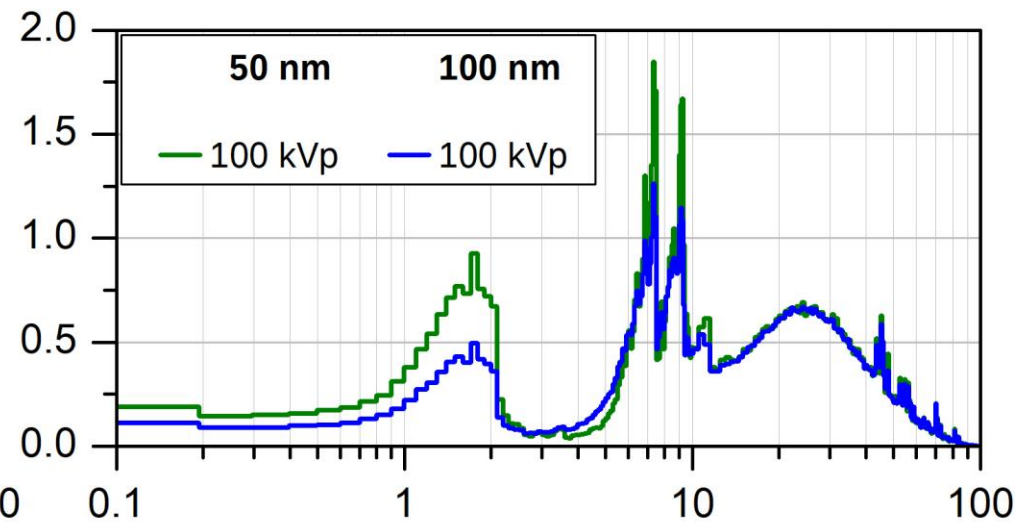
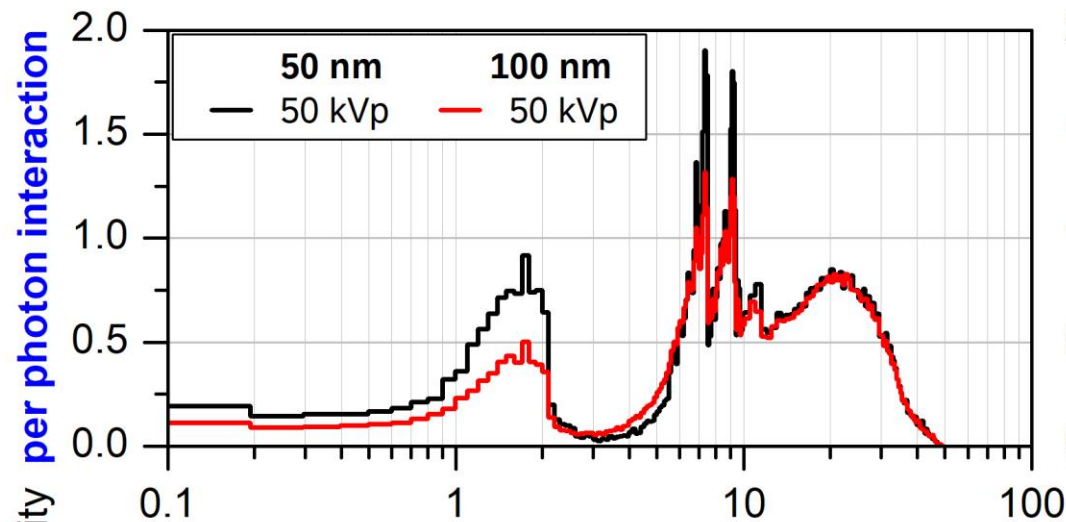
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100 kVp	4.72	3.35

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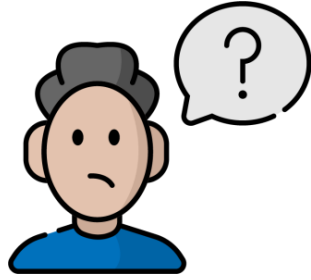


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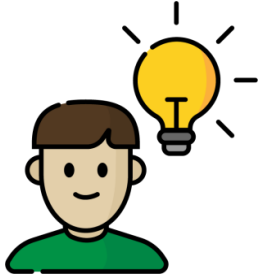


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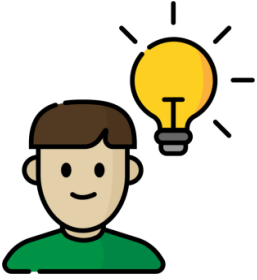
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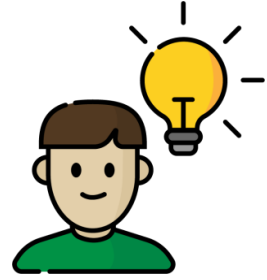
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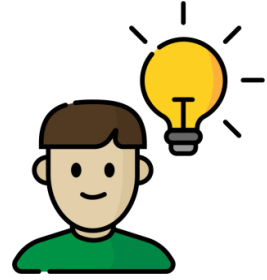


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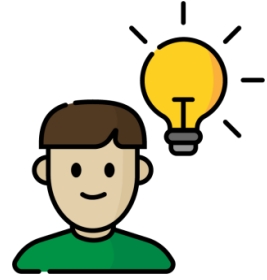
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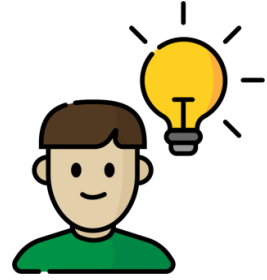
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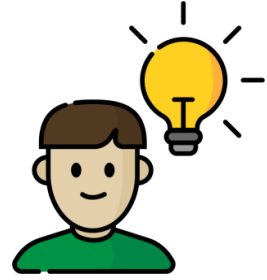
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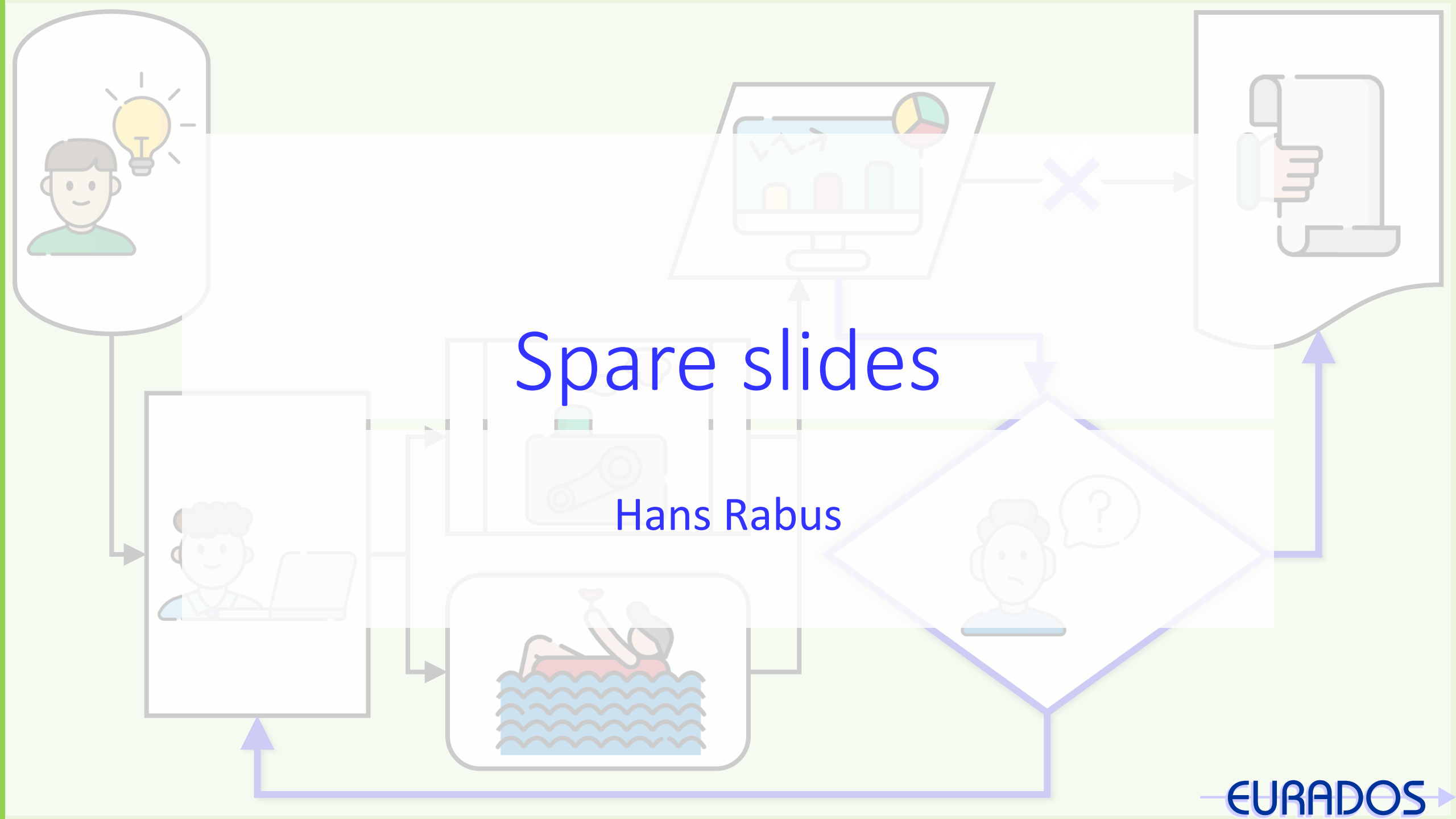
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Spare slides

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