



Tutorial on Monte Carlo methods in XRF analysis

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Outline

- An introduction to XMI-MSIM
- Examples
- Quantification using iterative Monte Carlo simulations
- Using XMI-MSIM

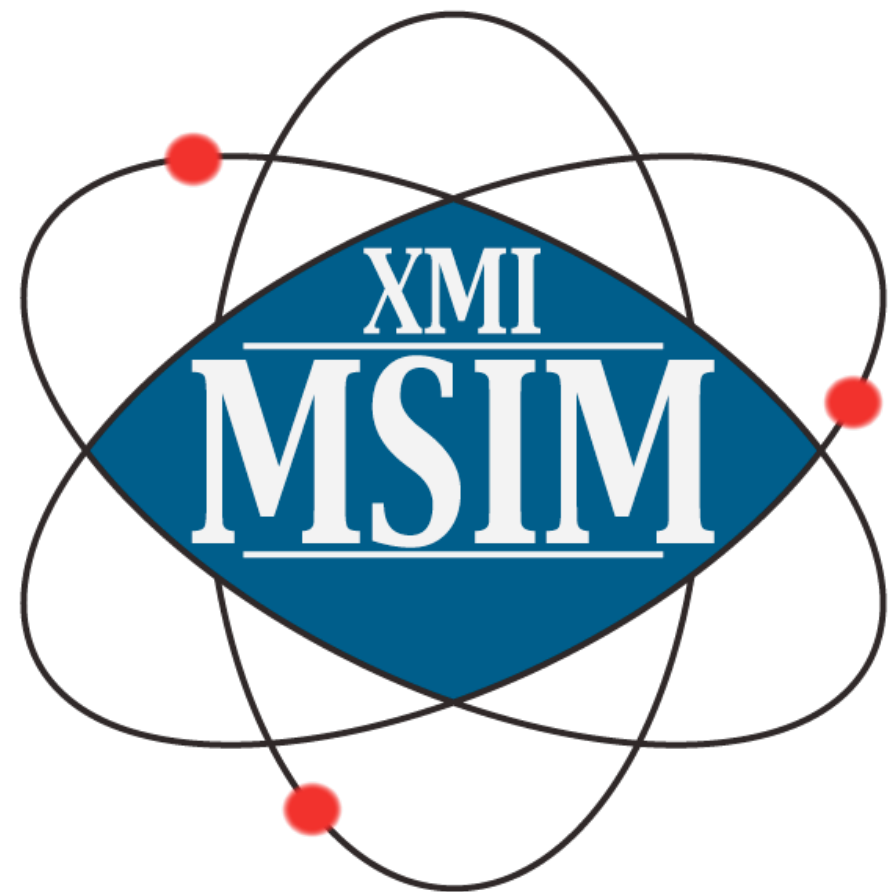
An introduction to XMI-MSIM

XMI-MSIM

- Based on *msim*, developed by Laszlo Vincze
- Fortran 77 and C
- Command-line only
- Advanced variance reduction techniques
- Impressive execution speed due to tables with inverse cumulative distribution data
- 4 publications between 1993-1999

XMI-MSIM

- Collaboration between Ghent University and ESRF
- Goal: rewrite *msim* from scratch and create plug-in for PyMca → Quantification!
- First commit: August 16, 2010
- Development hosted on Github
- GPLv3 license



XMI-MSIM: major additions

1. Simulation of XRF M-lines
2. Cascade effect
3. Detector escape peaks
4. Detector pulse pile-up simulation
5. Collimator support
6. Graphical user interface

XMI-MSIM: dependencies

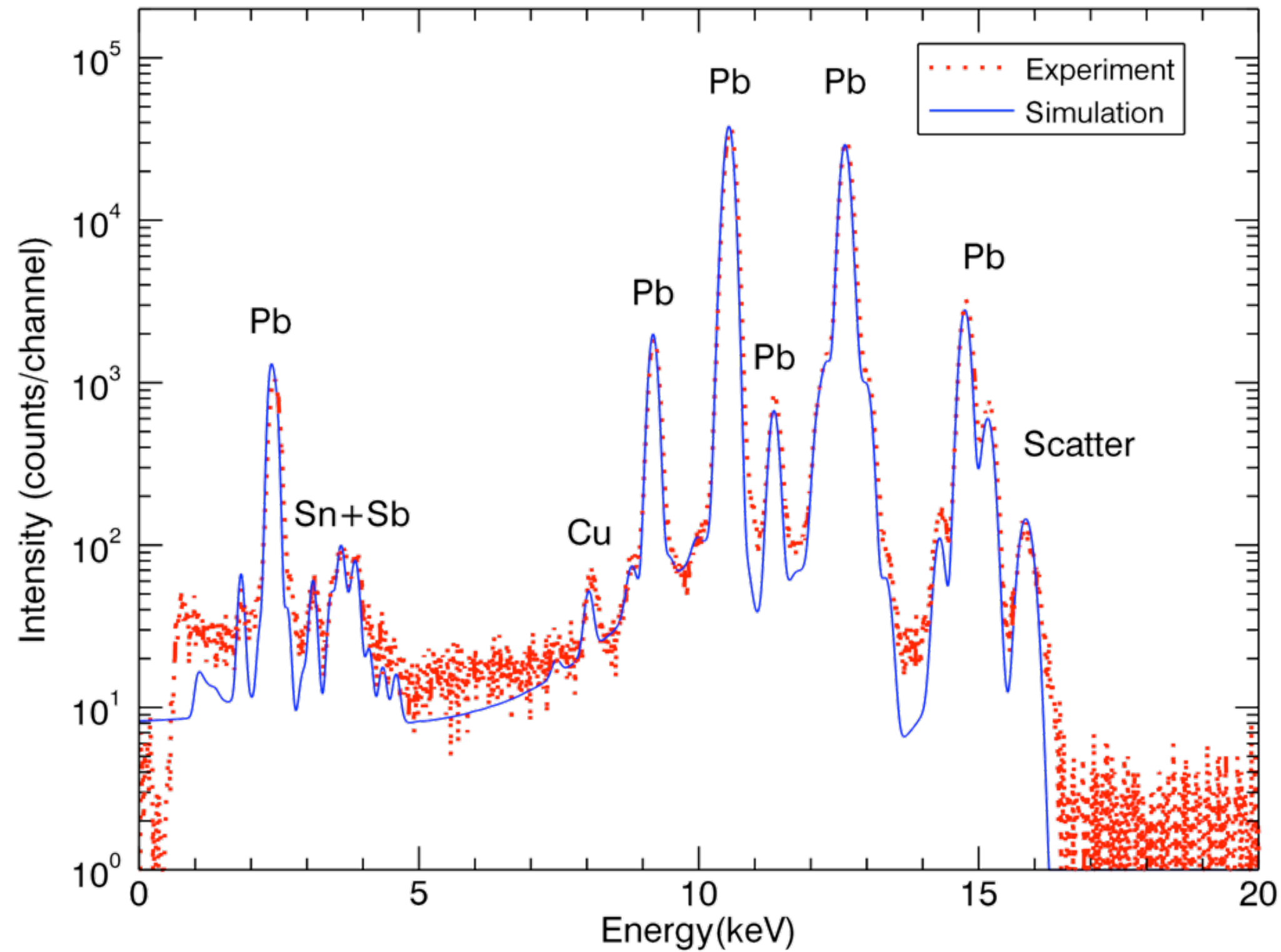
- Written in Fortran 2003 and C
- OpenMP
- xraylib
- hdf5
- libxml2
- libxslt
- GNU Scientific Library (GSL)
- FGSL
- glib2
- Graphical User Interface: Gtk2 & GtkExtra
- MPI (optional)

XMI-MSIM: supported platforms

- Mac OS X: 64-bit Intel native app bundle (Snow Leopard and later)
- Windows: 32-bit and 64-bit installers available (Windows 7/8 recommended)
- Linux: 64-bit RPM/DEB packages available for CentOS/ScientificLinux/Fedora and Debian/Ubuntu
- Installer size: 2.0 GB HDF5 data file!
- Memory usage: varies between 14 MB and 1.5 GB

Examples

Lead-base bearing metal NIST SRM 1132



16 keV

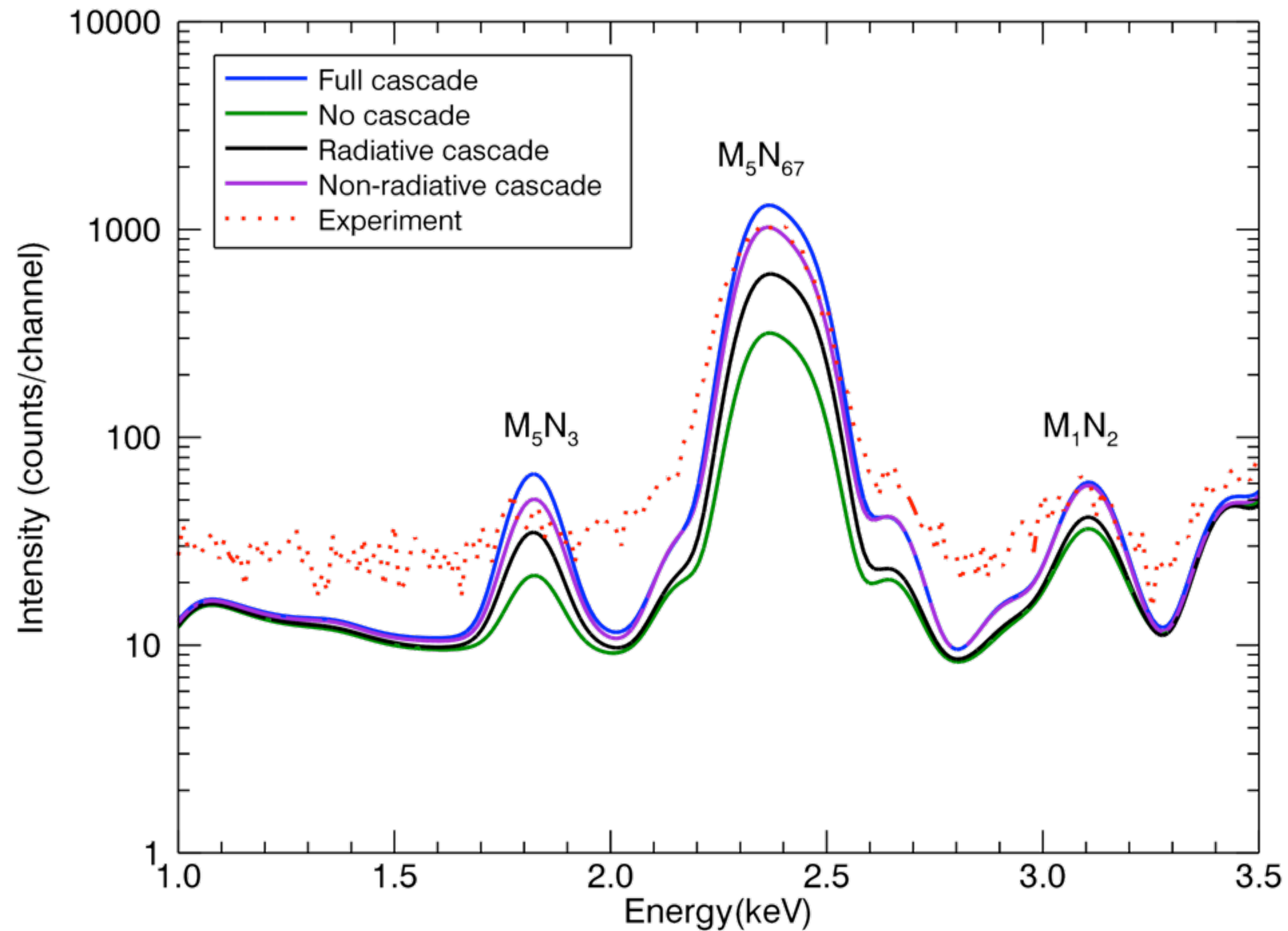
1500 s RT

$p_{\text{deg}} \sim 92 \%$

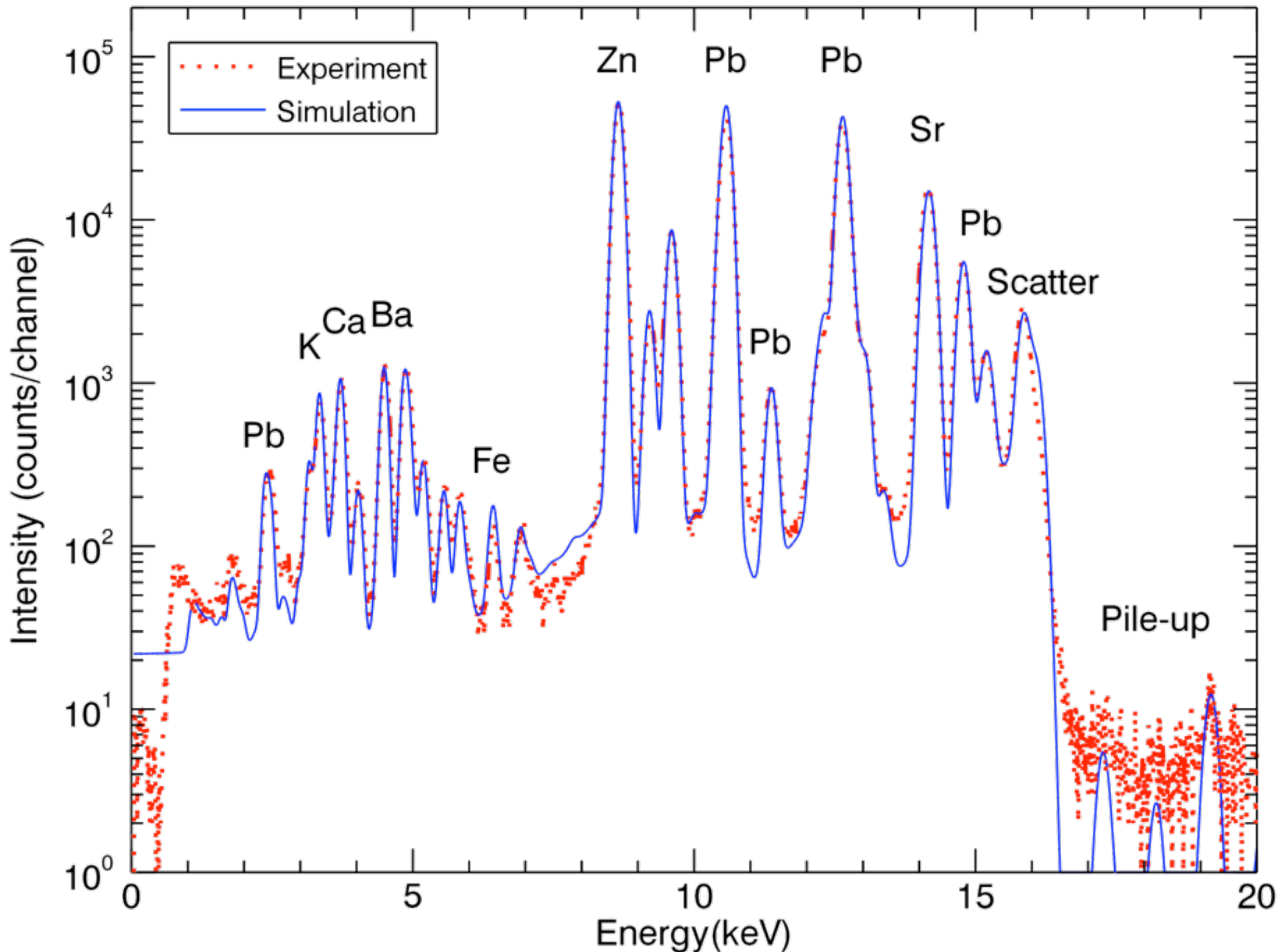
$10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$

$L \rightarrow M$ cascade

Lead-base bearing metal NIST SRM 1132: M-lines



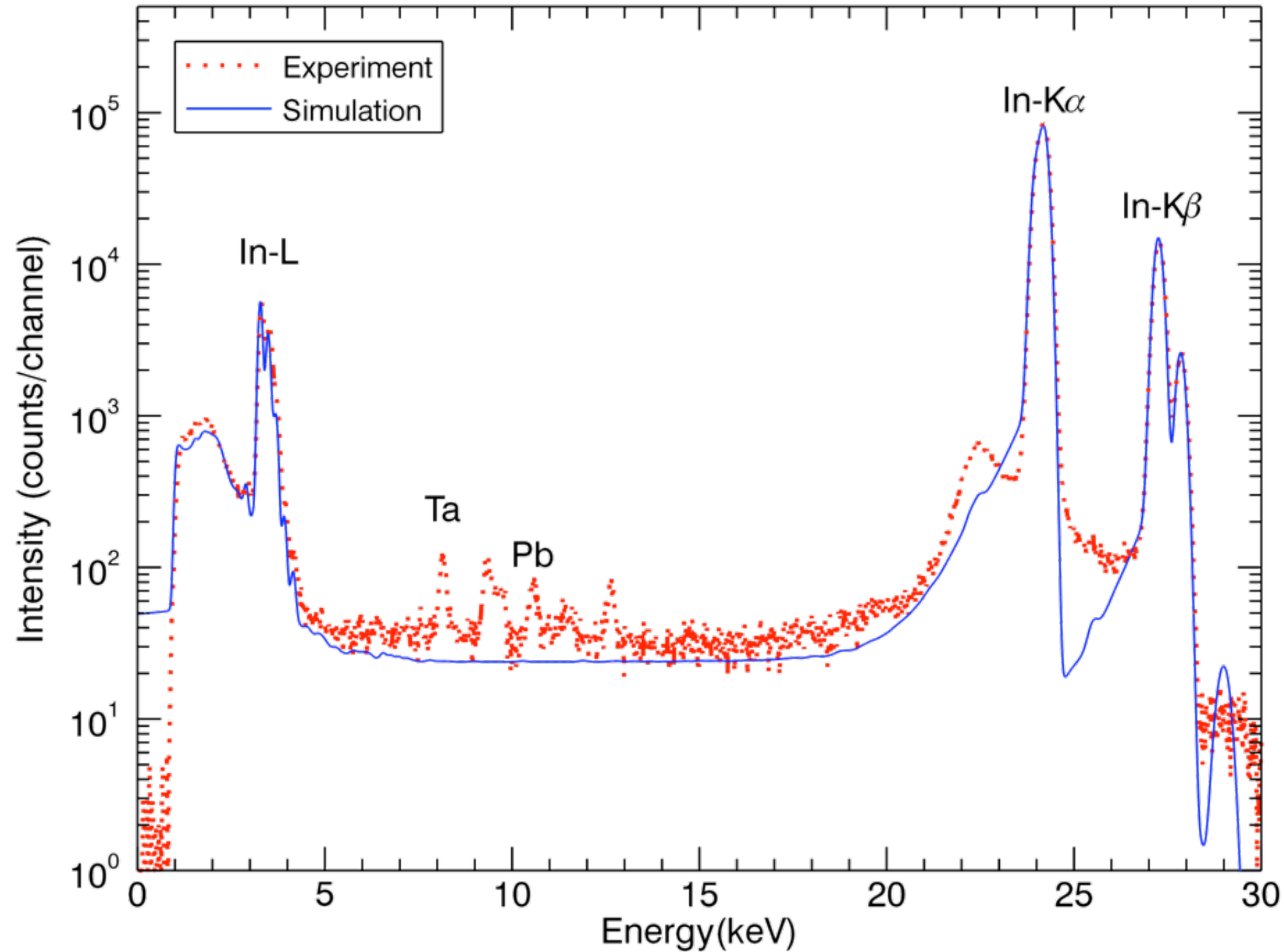
Multicomponent glass NIST SRM 1412



16 keV
1500 s RT
 $p_{\text{deg}} \sim 92 \%$
 $60 \times 60 \mu\text{m}^2$

Gaussian
excitation
profile

In foil



29 keV

1500 s RT

$p_{\text{deg}} \sim 92 \%$

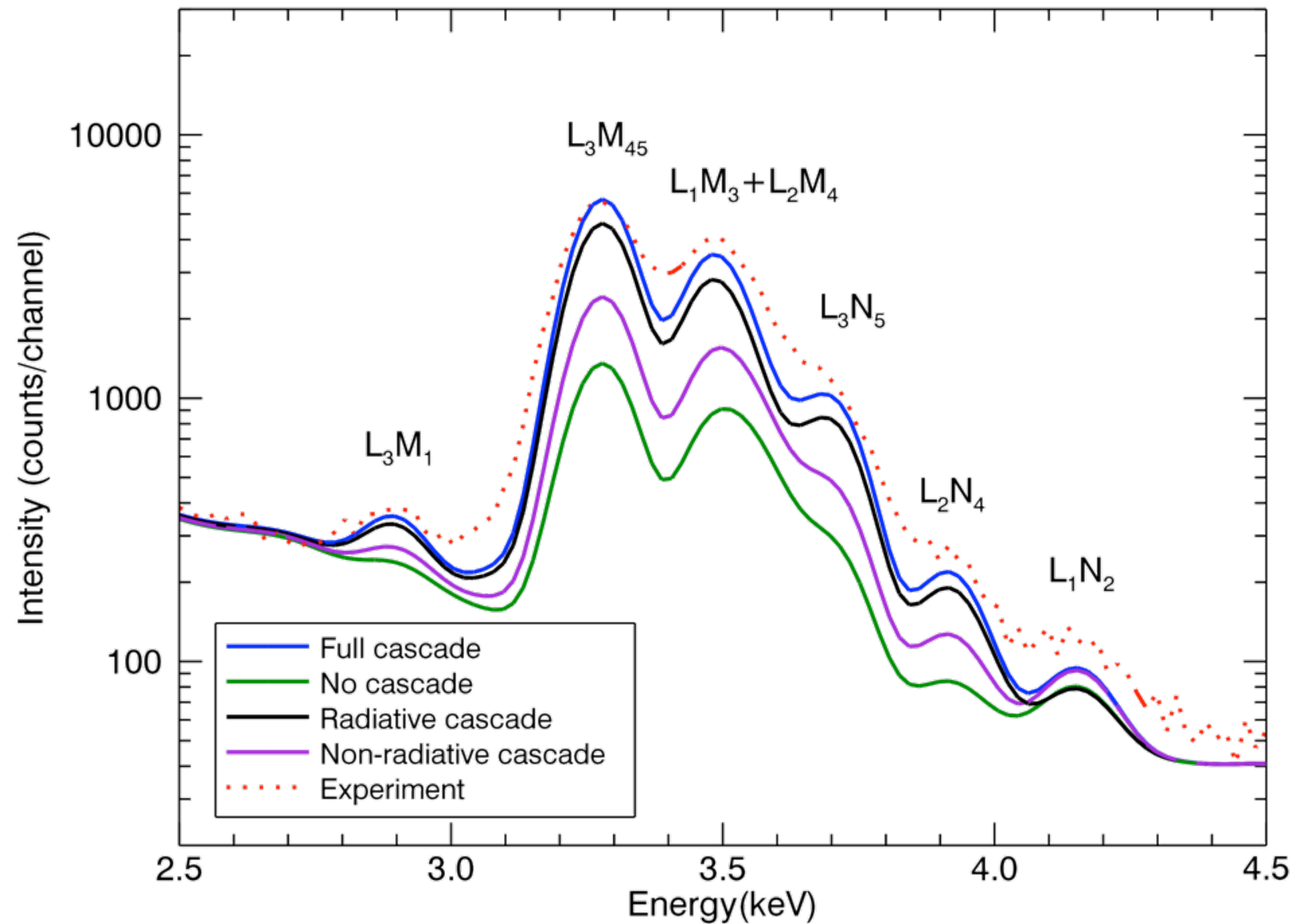
$10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$

K \rightarrow L cascade

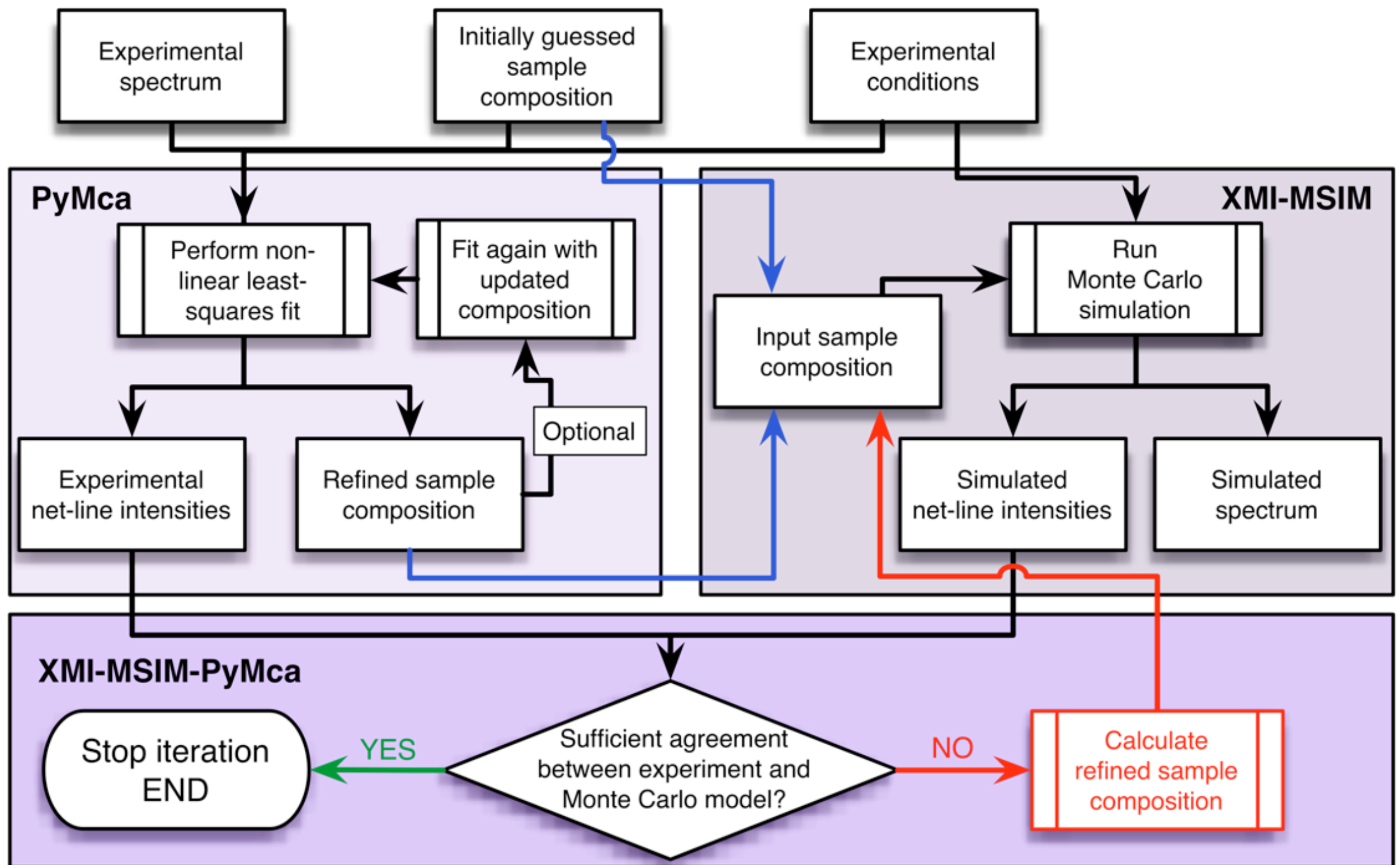
Compton

escape peak

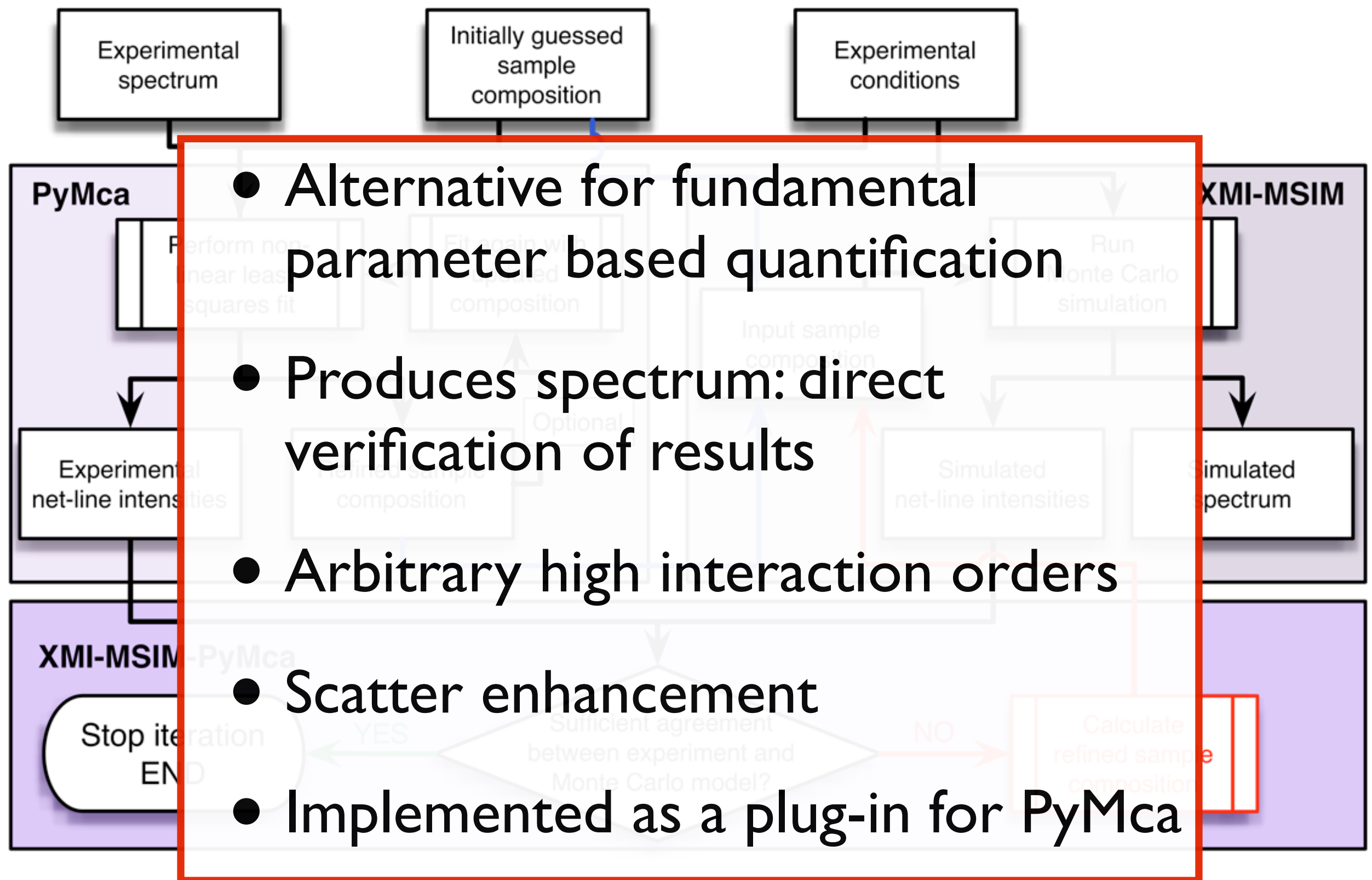
In foil: L-lines



Quantification using iterative Monte Carlo simulations



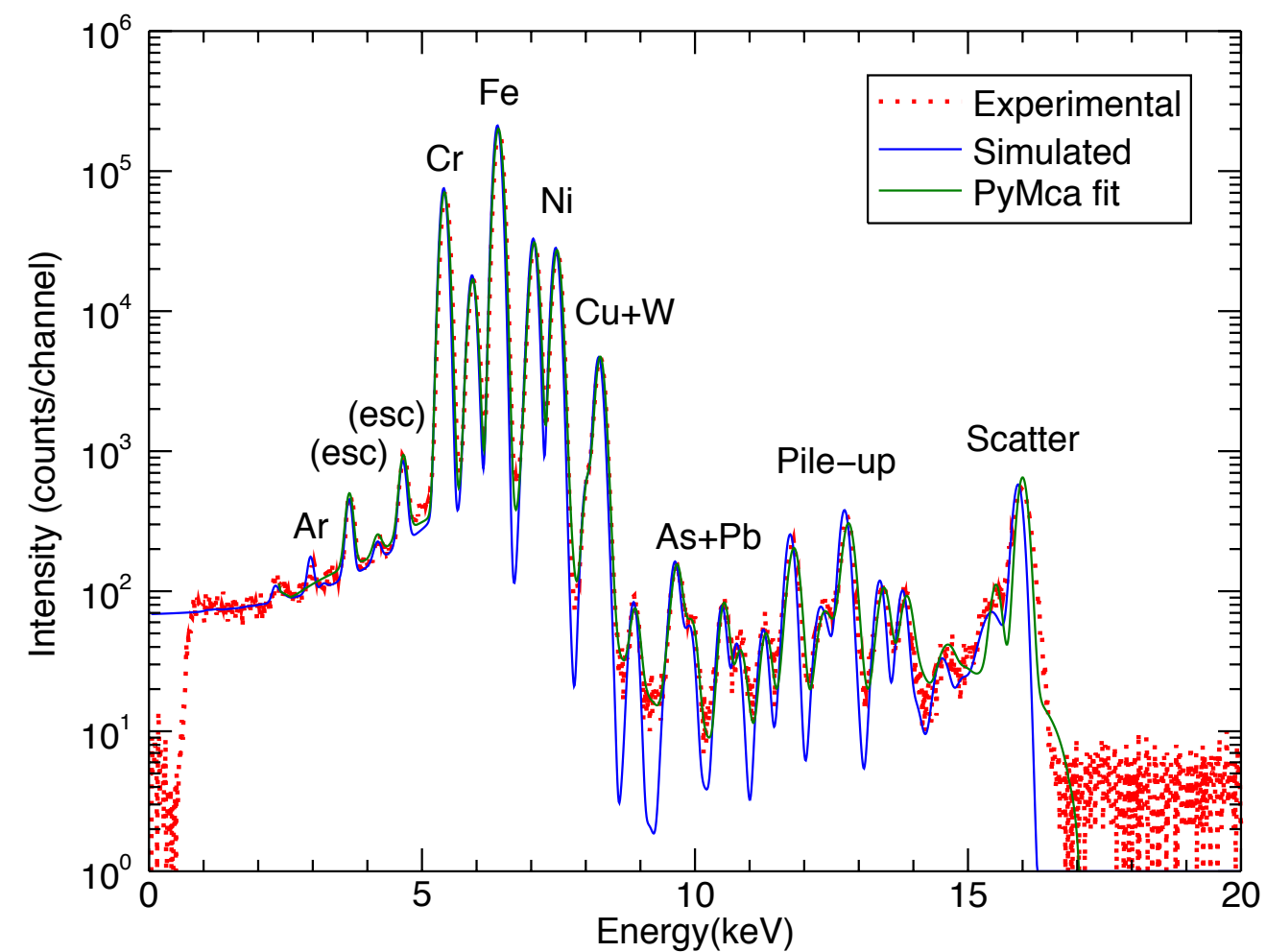
XMI-MSIM-PyMca



XMI-MSIM-PyMca

NIST SRM 1155

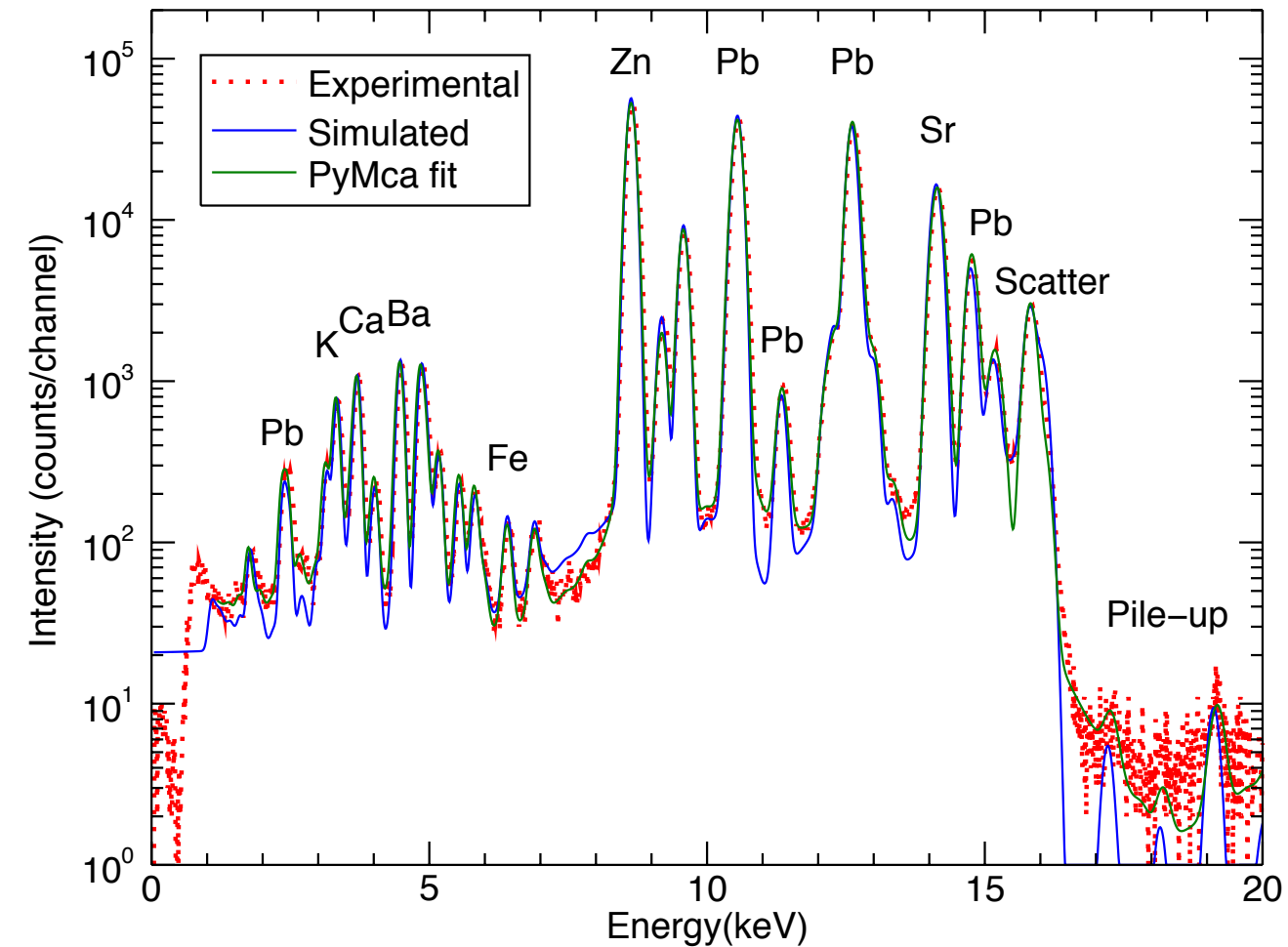
stainless steel



Element	NIST	XMI-MSIM PyMca
Cr	18.37%	18.37%
Mn	1.62%	1.92%
Fe	64.31%	65.72%
Co	1090 ppm	5325 ppm
Ni	12.35%	12.63%
Cu	1750 ppm	2184 ppm
W*	1100 ppm	1183 ppm
Pb*	10 ppm	75 ppm

NIST SRM 1412

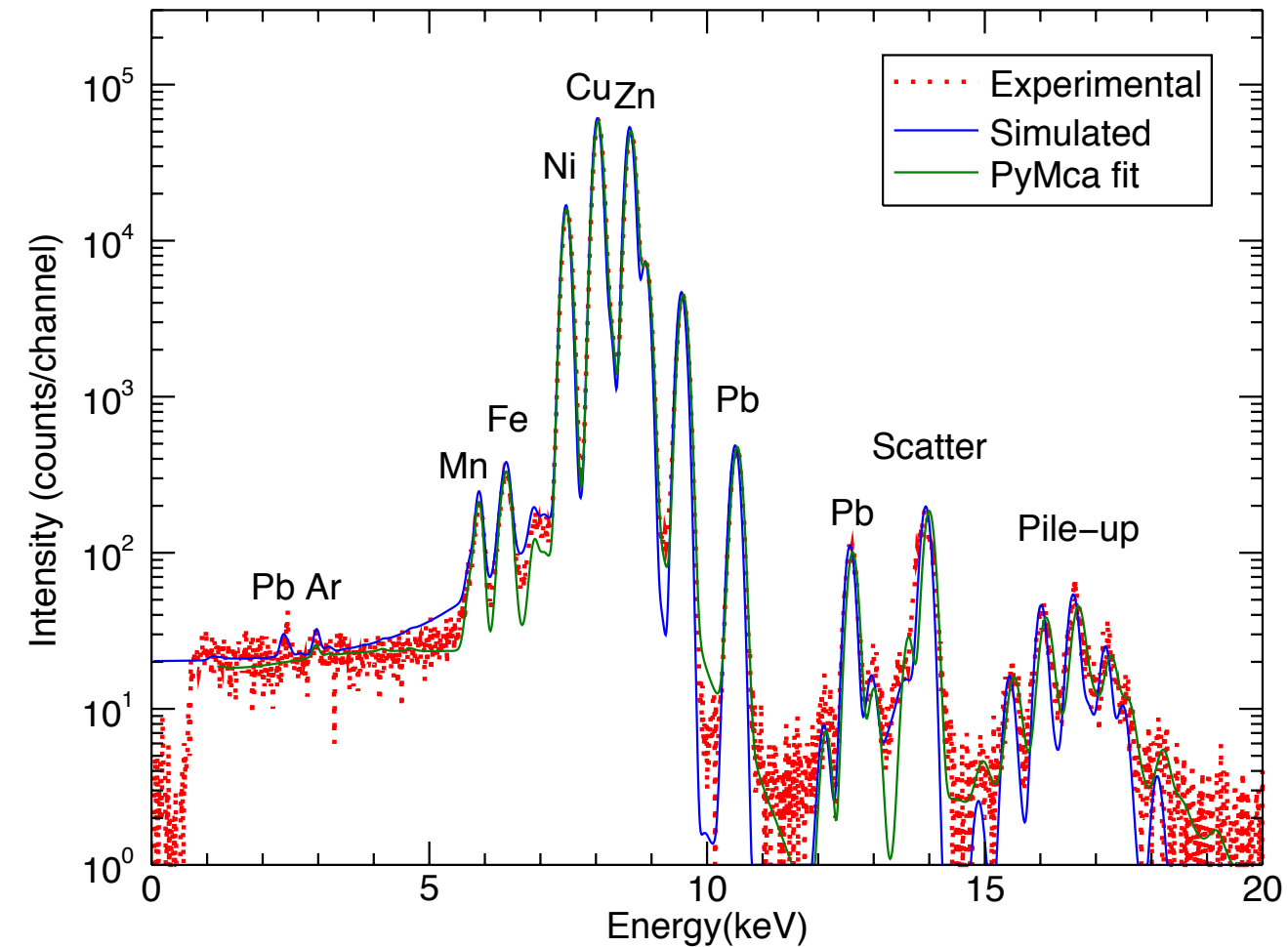
multicomponent glass



Element	NIST	XMI-MSIM PyMca
O	-	47.61
Si	19.81%	27.83%
K	3.44%	3.26%
Ca	3.24%	3.17%
Fe*	217 ppm	220 ppm
Zn	3.60%	3.63%
Sr	3.85%	3.97%
Cd	3.83%	2.85%
Ba	4.18%	4.27%
Pb	4.08%	3.38%

Goodfellow

Nickel Silver rod



Element	Goodfellow	XMI-MSIM PyMca
Mn	-	0.19%
Fe	-	0.17%
Ni	10.0%	10.12%
Cu	45.0%	46.57%
Zn	43.0%	41.66%
Pb	2.0%	1.29%

Using XMI-MSIM

Outline

1. Launching XMI-MSIM
2. Creating and saving an input-file
3. Starting a simulation
4. Visualizing the results
5. Global preferences
6. Advanced features

Launching XMI-MSIM

- Installation instructions: <https://github.com/tschoonj/xmimsim/wiki/Installation-instructions>
- Mac OS X: use Finder or Spotlight to locate the App bundle
- Windows: *Start Menu → Programs → XMI-MSIM*
- Linux: *Start Menu → Education → XMI-MSIM*
or from the command-line: *xmimsim-gui*

New file

New

Open

Save As

Save

Undo

Redo

Cut

Copy

Paste

Batch mode

X-ray sources

Preferences

Input parameters

Simulation controls

Results

General

Outputfile

Save

Number of photons per interval

10000

Number of photons per discrete line

100000

Number of interactions per trajectory

4

Comments

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

Add

Edit

Remove

Geometry

Sample-source distance (cm)

100

Sample orientation vector

x: 0

y: -0.707107

z: 0.707107

Detector window position (cm)

x: 0

y: 1

z: 100

Detector window normal vector

x: 0

y: -1

z: 0

Active detector area (cm²)

0.3

New file

New Open Save As Save Undo Redo Cut Copy Paste Batch mode X-ray sources Preferences

Input parameters Simulation controls Results

General

Outputfile

Number of photo

Number of photo

Number of intera

Comments

Save

*Input parameters:
create input-files*

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Geometry

Sample-source distance (cm) 100

Sample orientation vector x: 0 y: -0.707107 z: 0.707107

Detector window position (cm) x: 0 y: 1 z: 100

Detector window normal vector x: 0 y: -1 z: 0

Active detector area (cm²) 0.3

New file

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Input parameters Simulation controls Results

General

Outputfile

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Number of photo

Number of intera

Comments

Save

Simulation controls: launch simulations

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Geometry

Sample-source distance (cm) 100

Sample orientation vector x: 0 y: -0.707107 z: 0.707107

Detector window position (cm) x: 0 y: 1 z: 100

Detector window normal vector x: 0 y: -1 z: 0

Active detector area (cm²) 0.3

New file

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General

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Comments

Save

Results:
visualize generated spectra

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Geometry

Sample-source distance (cm) 100

Sample orientation vector x: 0 y: -0.707107 z: 0.707107

Detector window position (cm) x: 0 y: 1 z: 100

Detector window normal vector x: 0 y: -1 z: 0

Active detector area (cm²) 0.3

Creating and
saving an input-file

General parameters

General

Outputfile

 Save

Number of photons per interval

10000

Number of photons per discrete line

100000

Number of interactions per trajectory

4

Comments

General parameters

General

Outputfile

Number of photons per interval

Number of photons per discrete line

Number of interactions per trajectory


Comments

 Save

Name of the outputfile:
File extension: XMSO

General parameters

General

Outputfile  Save

Number of photons per interval

Number of photons per discrete line


Number of interactions per trajectory

Comments

Number of photons
that will be simulated

General parameters

General

Outputfile  Save

Number of photons per interval

Number of photons per discrete line


Number of interactions per trajectory

Comments

Maximum number of
interactions per photon
trajectory

General parameters

General

Outputfile  Save

Number of photons per interval

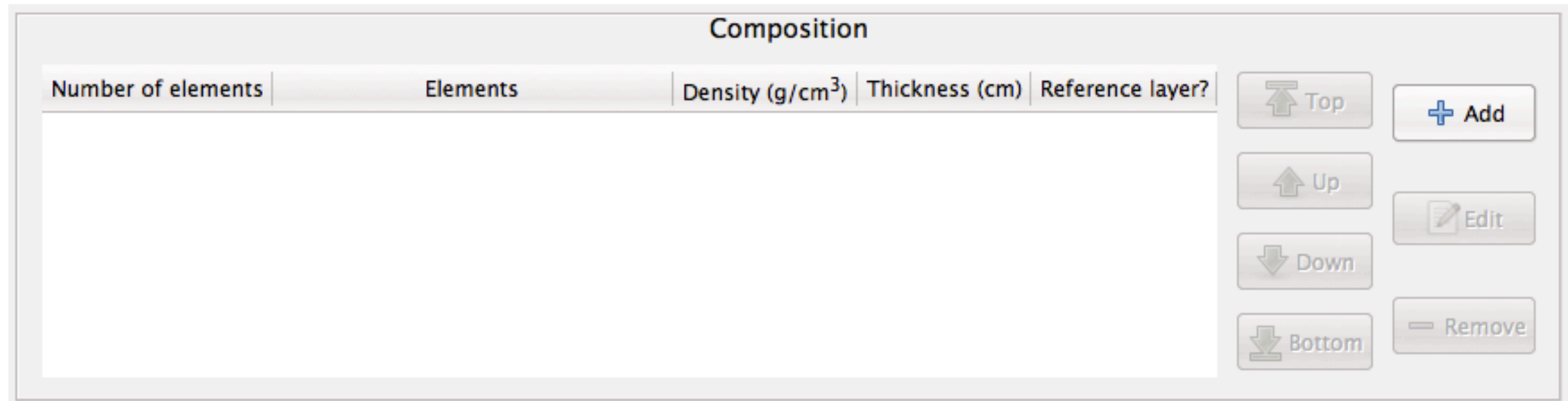
Number of photons per discrete line

Number of interactions per trajectory

Comments

Comments section

Sample composition



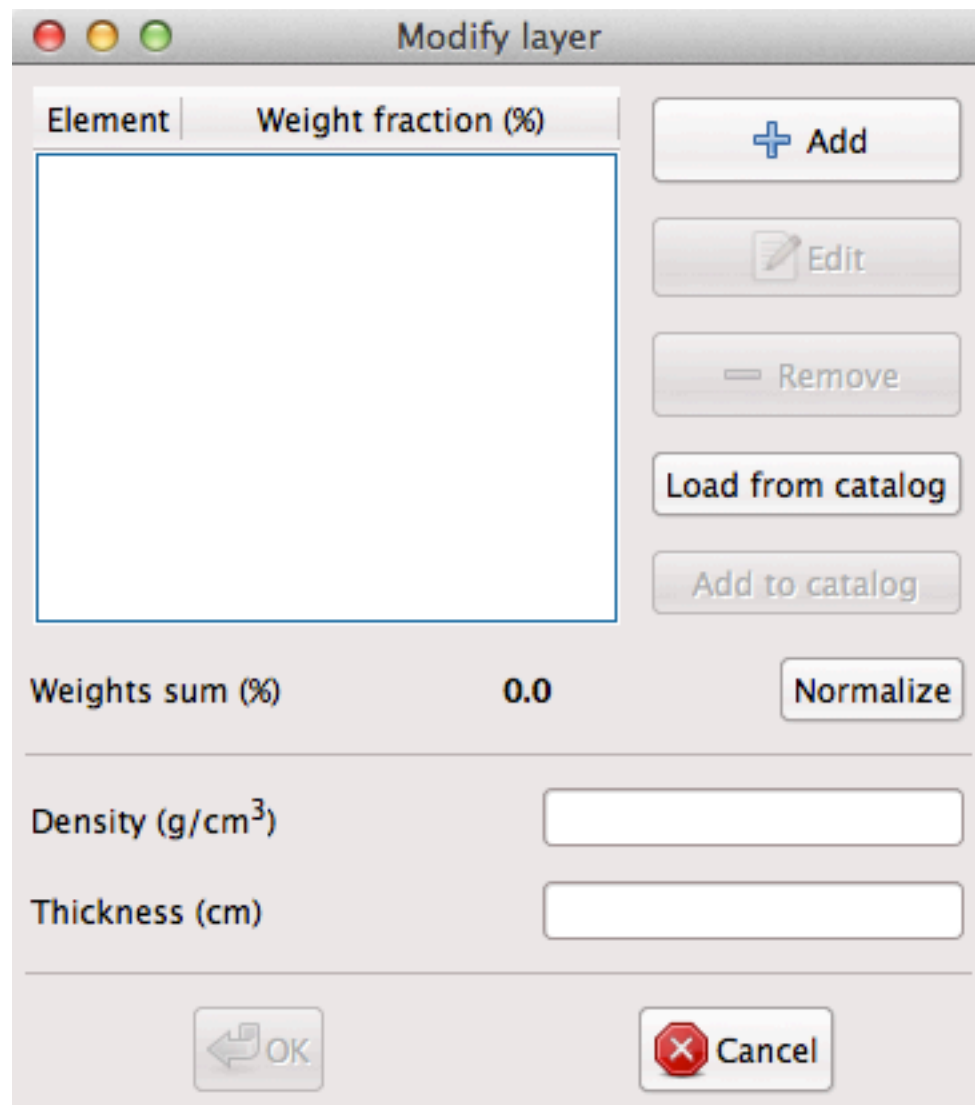
Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?
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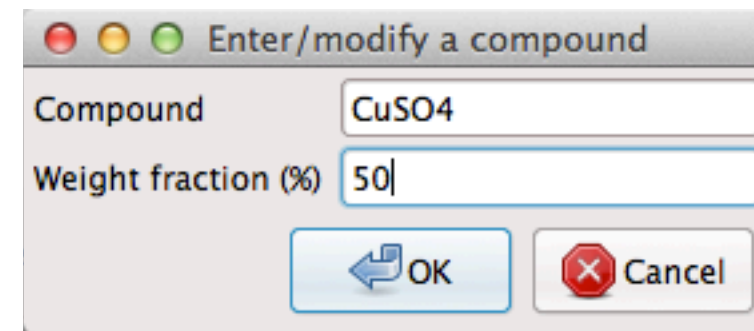
Buttons: Top, Up, Down, Bottom, Add, Edit, Remove

- Each layer defined by a composition, density and thickness along sample normal vector
- Add, Edit and Remove layers
- Ordering is very important: according to distance from the source. First layer is closest!
- Reference layer corresponds to *Sample-source distance*

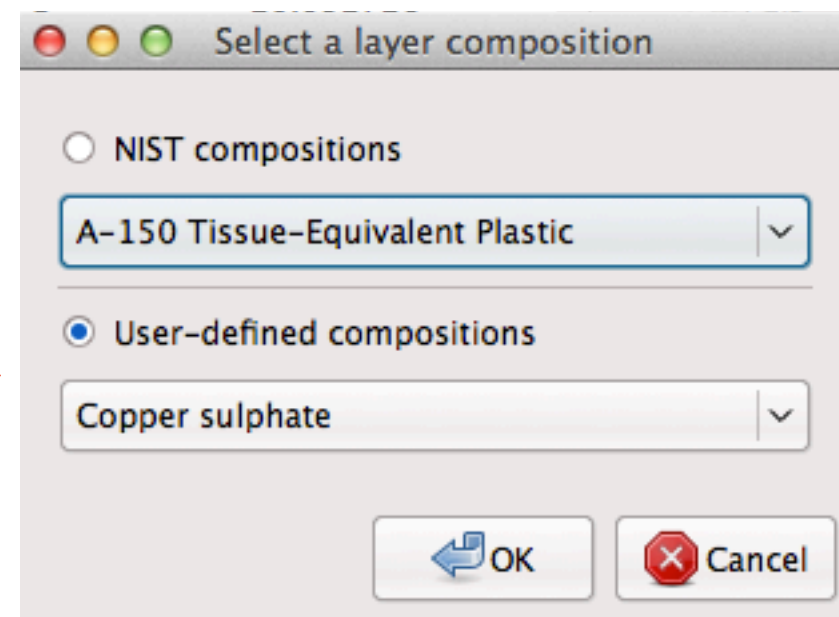
Add or modify a layer



The 'Modify layer' dialog box features a table with two columns: 'Element' and 'Weight fraction (%)'. The table is currently empty. To the right of the table are buttons for '+ Add', 'Edit', and 'Remove'. Below the table are buttons for 'Load from catalog' and 'Add to catalog'. At the bottom left, there are input fields for 'Weights sum (%)' (displaying 0.0), 'Density (g/cm³)', and 'Thickness (cm)'. A 'Normalize' button is located to the right of the 'Weights sum (%)' field. At the bottom right are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.



The 'Enter/modify a compound' dialog box has two input fields: 'Compound' with the value 'CuSO₄' and 'Weight fraction (%)' with the value '50'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.



The 'Select a layer composition' dialog box has two radio buttons: 'NIST compositions' (unselected) and 'User-defined compositions' (selected). Below the radio buttons are two dropdown menus. The first dropdown menu shows 'A-150 Tissue-Equivalent Plastic'. The second dropdown menu shows 'Copper sulphate'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Includes density!

Ordering the layers

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?
4	O, S, Cu, U	2.5	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3	N, O, Ar	0.001	2	<input type="radio"/>

BAD

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Composition

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)	Reference layer?
3	N, O, Ar	0.001	2	<input type="radio"/>
4	O, S, Cu, U	2.5	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

GOOD

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Ordering the layers

- Most often the *Reference layer* is the first non-atmospheric layer
- Ensure atmospheric layers are placed before (and after) the actual sample!
- Use the *Top/Up/Down/Bottom* buttons for ordering the layers

GOOD

Geometry

Geometry

Sample-source distance (cm)

100

Sample orientation vector

x: 0 y: -0.707107 z: 0.707107

Detector window position (cm)

x: 0 y: 1 z: 100

Detector window normal vector

x: 0 y: -1 z: 0

Active detector area (cm²)

0.3

Collimator height (cm)

0

Collimator diameter (cm)

0

Source-slits distance (cm)

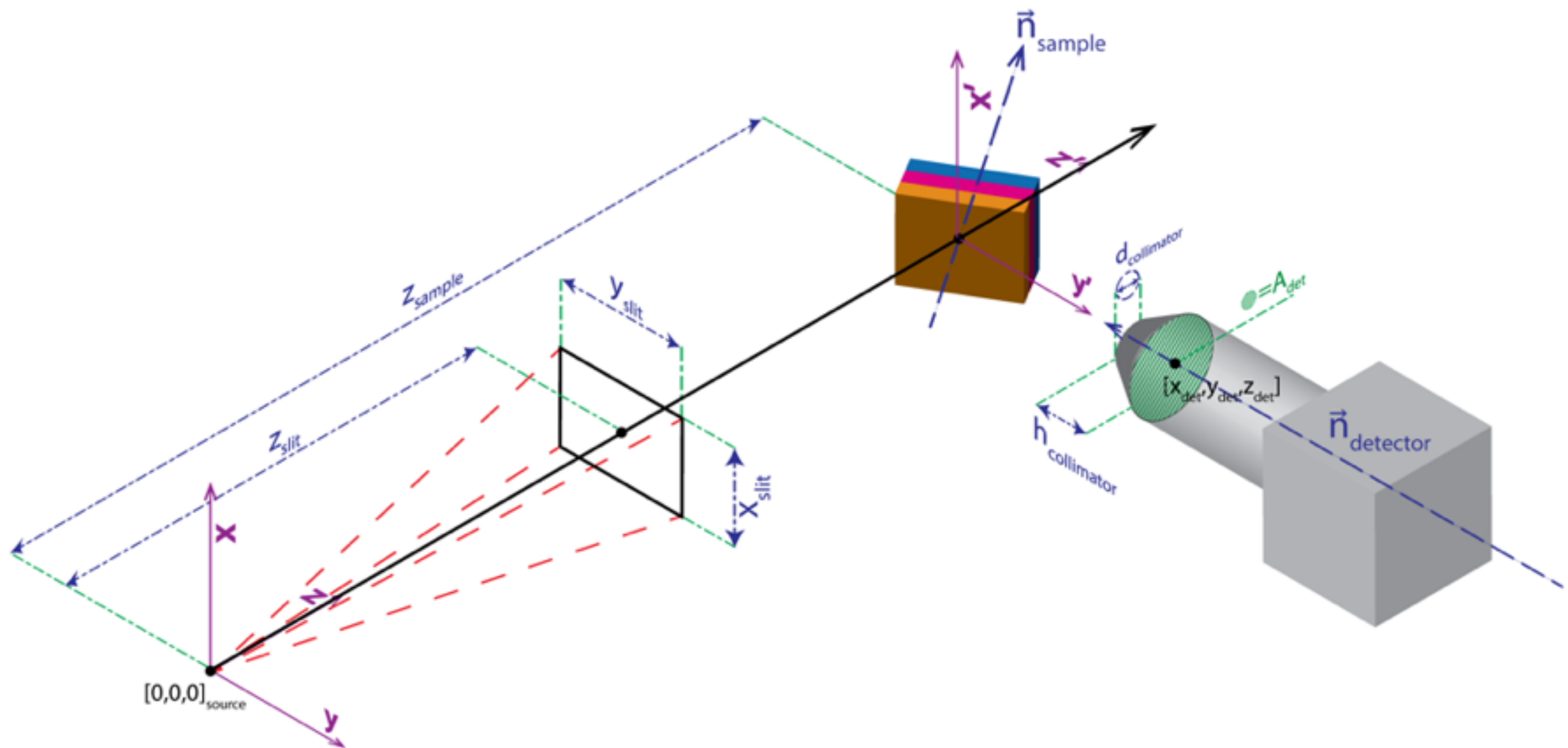
100

Slits size (cm)

x: 0.001 y: 0.001

Show geometry help

- The coordinate system is right-handed Cartesian
- The z-axis is aligned with the beam direction and points from the source towards the sample.
- The y-axis defines, along with the z-axis, the horizontal plane
- The x-axis emerges out from the plane formed by the y- and z-axes



Hover mouse over image
or over the entries

By Jan Garrevoet

Excitation spectrum

Excitation

Discrete energies

Energy (keV)	Horizontal intensity (ph/s)	Vertical intensity (ph/s)	Sigma x (cm)	Sigma y (cm)	Sigma xp (rad)
28	1e+12	1e+09	0	0	0

+ Add

Import

Edit

Clear

Remove

Scale

Continuous energies

Energy (keV)	Horizontal intensity (ph/s/keV)	Vertical intensity (ph/s/keV)	Sigma x (cm)	Sigma y (cm)	Sigma
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+ Add

Import

Edit

Clear

Remove

Scale

- Discrete energy components (line intensities): photons/s
- Continuous energy components (intensity densities): photons/s/keV

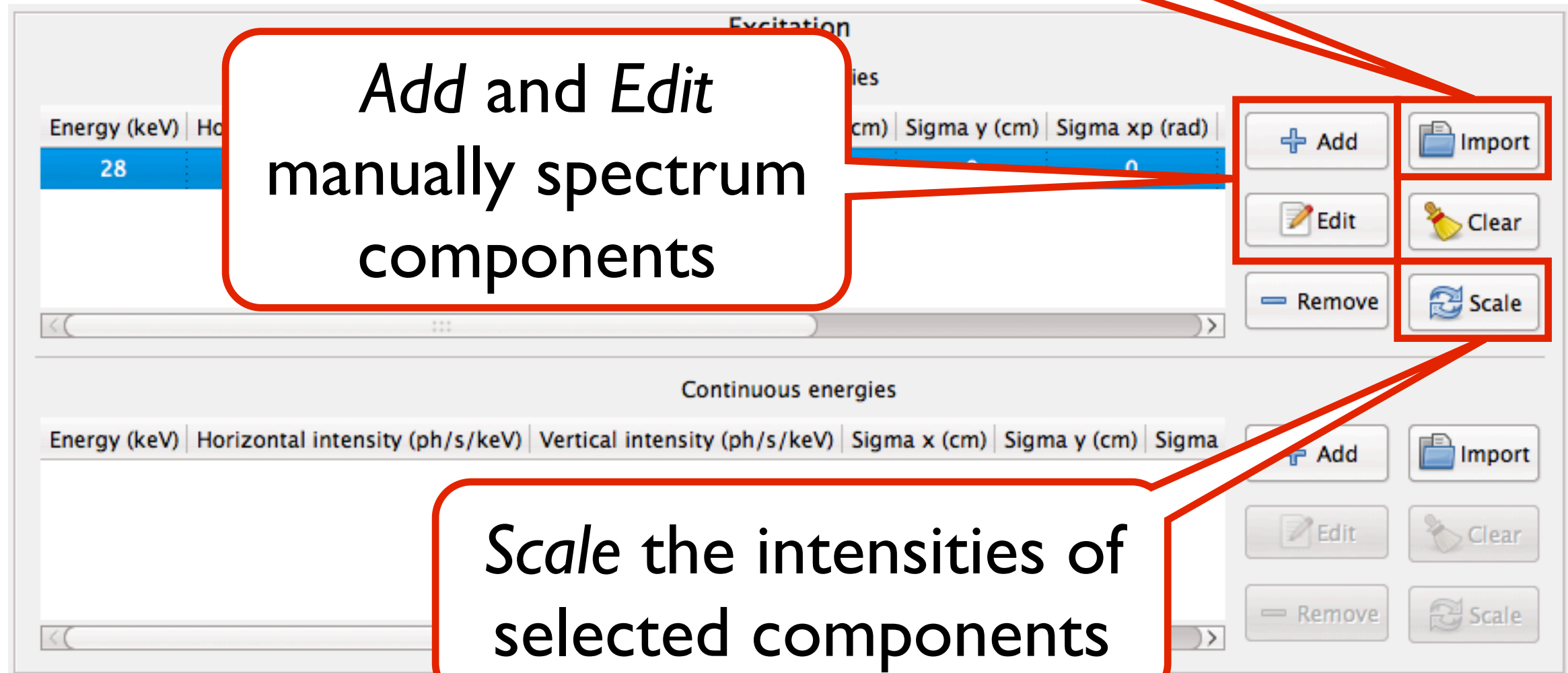
Ex

*Import from ASCII file:
2, 3 or 7 columns!*

ctrum

*Add and Edit
manually spectrum
components*

*Scale the intensities of
selected components*



- Discrete energy components (line intensities): photons/s
- Continuous energy components (intensity densities): photons/s/keV

Manually adding or editing a spectrum component

Modify energy

Energy (keV)	28
Horizontally polarized intensity (ph/s)	1e+12
Vertically polarized intensity (ph/s)	1e+09
Source size x (cm)	0
Source size y (cm)	0
Source divergence x (rad)	0
Source divergence y (rad)	0
Energy distribution type	<div>Monochromatic Gaussian Lorentzian</div>

OK

Manually adding or editing a spectrum component

Energy of the component

Intensity according to degree of polarization: if equal then unpolarized

Source sizes and divergence: advanced sources with Gaussian distributions

Energy distribution type: monochromatic, Gaussian and Lorentzian distributions (discrete only)

The screenshot shows a 'Modify energy' dialog box with the following fields and values:

Field	Value
Energy (keV)	28
Horizontally polarized intensity (ph/s)	1e+12
Vertically polarized intensity (ph/s)	1e+09
Source size x (cm)	0
Source size y (cm)	0
Source divergence x (rad)	0
Source divergence y (rad)	0
Energy distribution type	Gaussian

At the bottom, there is an 'OK' button and a dropdown menu for 'Energy distribution type' with options: Monochromatic, Gaussian (selected), and Lorentzian.

Absorbers: excitation and detector channel

Beam absorbers

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
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Top

Up

Down

Bottom

Add

Edit

Remove

Detection absorbers

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Be	1.85	0.002

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

Add

Edit

Remove

1. Beam absorbers: exciting radiation
2. Detection absorbers: X-ray fluorescence!

Detector parameters

Detector settings

Detector type

Si(Li) ▼

Number of spectrum channels

2048 ▲▼

Detector gain (keV/channel)

0.02

Detector zero (keV)

0

Detector Fano factor

0.12

Detector electronic noise (keV)

0.1

Live time (s)

1

Pulse width (s)

1e-05

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

+ Add

Edit

Remove

Detector parameters

Selects detector response function

Detector settings

Detector type

Si(Li) ▼

Number of spectrum channels

2048 ▲▼

Detector gain (keV/channel)

0.02

Detector zero (keV)

0

Detector Fano factor

0.12

Detector electronic noise (keV)

0.1

Live time (s)

1

Pulse width (s)

1e-05

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

+ Add

Edit

Remove

Detector parameters

Number of channels

Number of spectrum channels

Detector type Si(Li) ▼

Number of spectrum channels 2048 ▲▼

Detector gain (keV/channel) 0.02

Detector zero (keV) 0

Detector Fano factor 0.12

Detector electronic noise (keV) 0.1

Live time (s) 1

Pulse width (s) 1e-05

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

⬆ Top+ Add⬆ Up✎ Edit⬇ Down⬇ Bottom— Remove

Detector parameters

Detector settings

Detector type

Si(Li) ▼

Number of spectrum channels

2048 ▲▼

Detector gain (keV/channel)

0.02

Detector zero (keV)

0

Detector Fano factor

0.12

Detector electronic noise (keV)

0.1

Live time (s)

1

Pulse width (s)

1e-05

Spectrum and peak broadening parameters

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

+ Add

Edit

Remove

Detector parameters

Detector settings

Detector type: Si(Li)

Number of spectrum channels: 2048

Detector gain (keV/channel): 0.02

Detector zero (keV): 0

Detector Fano factor:

Detector electronic noise (keV):

Live time (s): 1

Pulse width (s): 1e-05

Experiment live time \neq real time!

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Top Up Down Bottom Add Edit Remove

Detector parameters

Detector settings

Detector type

Si(Li) ▼

Number of spectrum channels

2048 ▲▼

Detector gain (keV/channel)

0.02

Detector zero (keV)

0

Detector Fano factor

0.12

Detector electronic noise (keV)

0.1

Live time (s)

Pulse width (s)

Pulse resolution time → pile-up!

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Top

Up

Down

Bottom

+ Add

Edit

Remove

Detector parameters

Detector settings

Detector type: Si(Li)

Number of spectrum channels: 2048

Detector gain (keV/channel):

Detector zero (keV):

Detector Fano factor:

Detector electronic noise (keV):

Live time (s):

Pulse width (s):

Number of elements	Elements	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (cm)
1	Si	2.33	0.5

Crystal composition → for detection efficiency and escape peaks

Saving an input-file

- Only possible when acceptable values of all parameters have been introduced
- Use menubar or toolbar *Save* and *Save As* buttons
- XMSI file extension

Saving an input file



Input-file



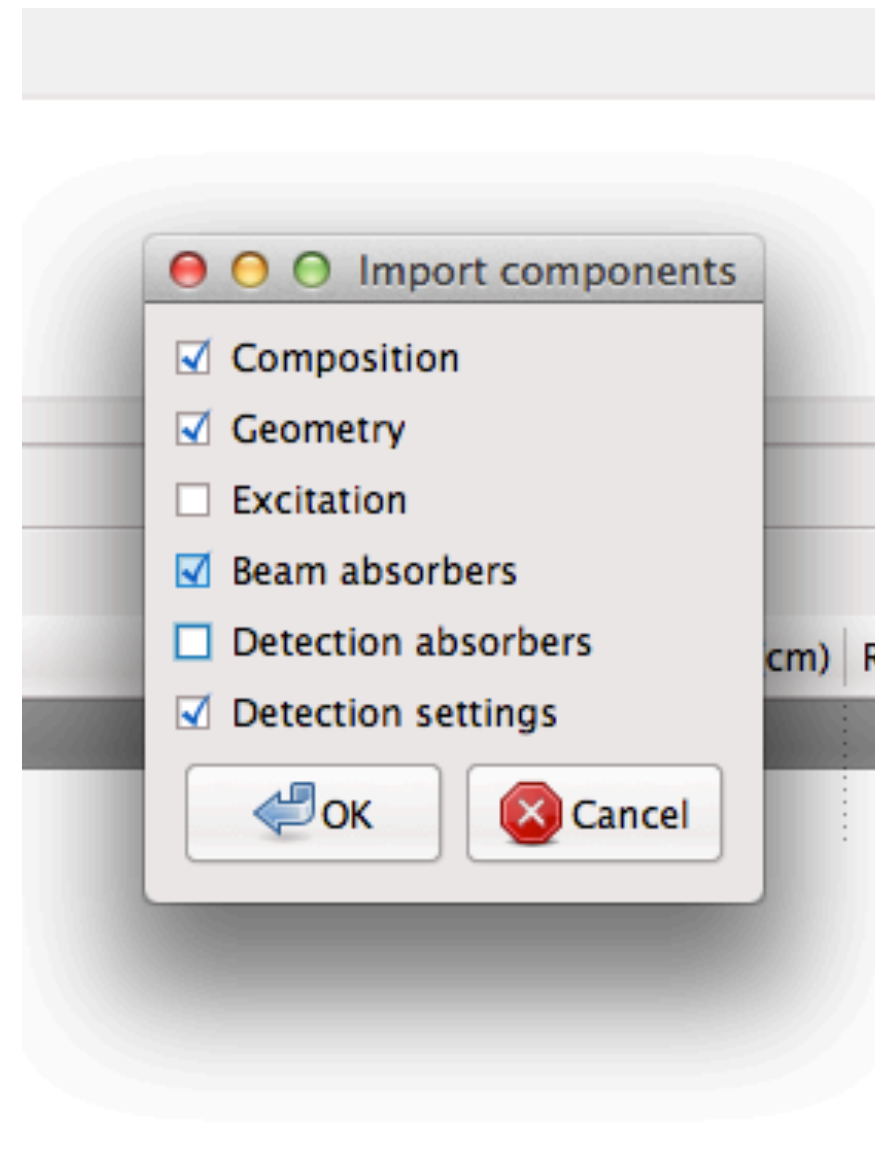
Output-file

all

s

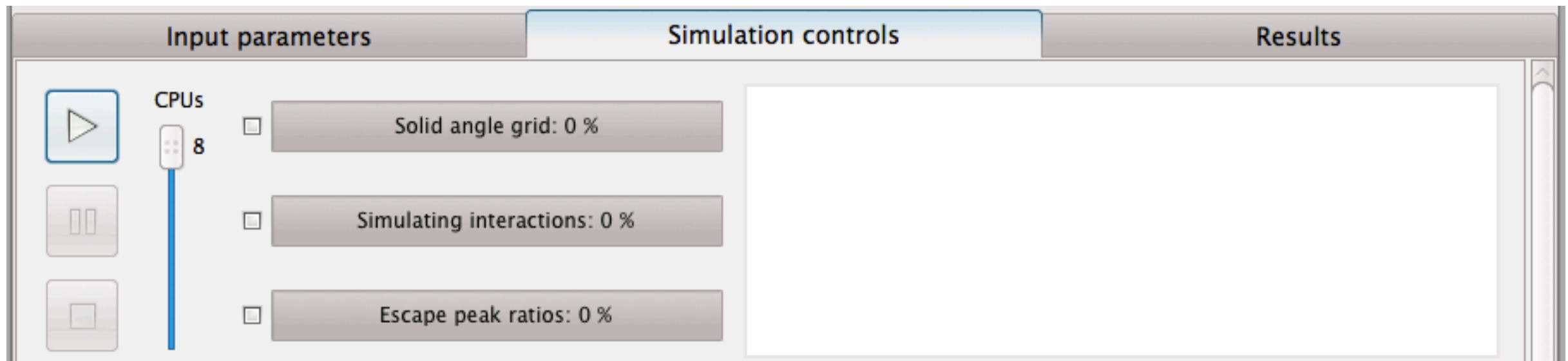
Import from XMSI and XMSO files

- In menubar: *File* → *Import*
- Select the desired components



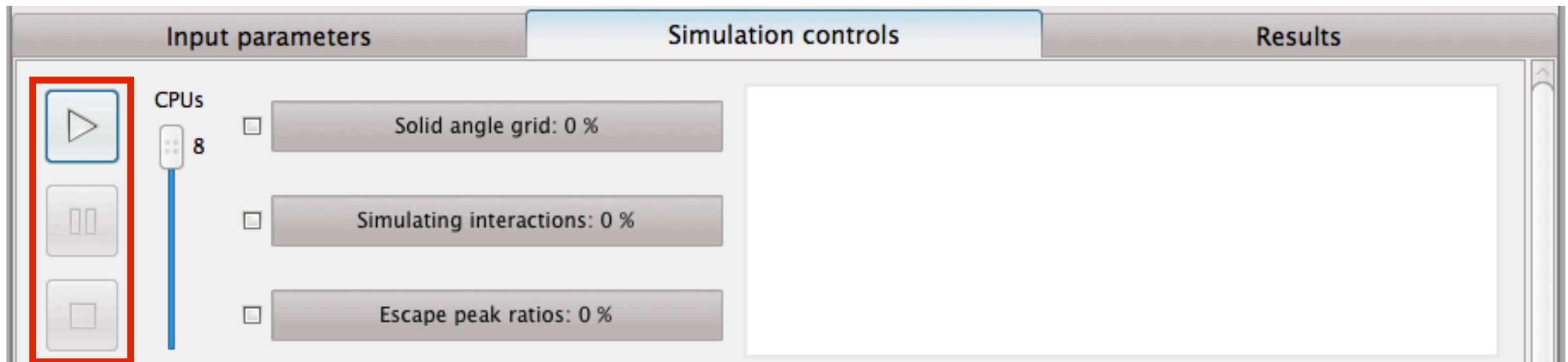
Starting a simulation

Control panel



- Input-file has to be loaded in *Input parameters*!
- Either just created (and saved) or loaded from filesystem

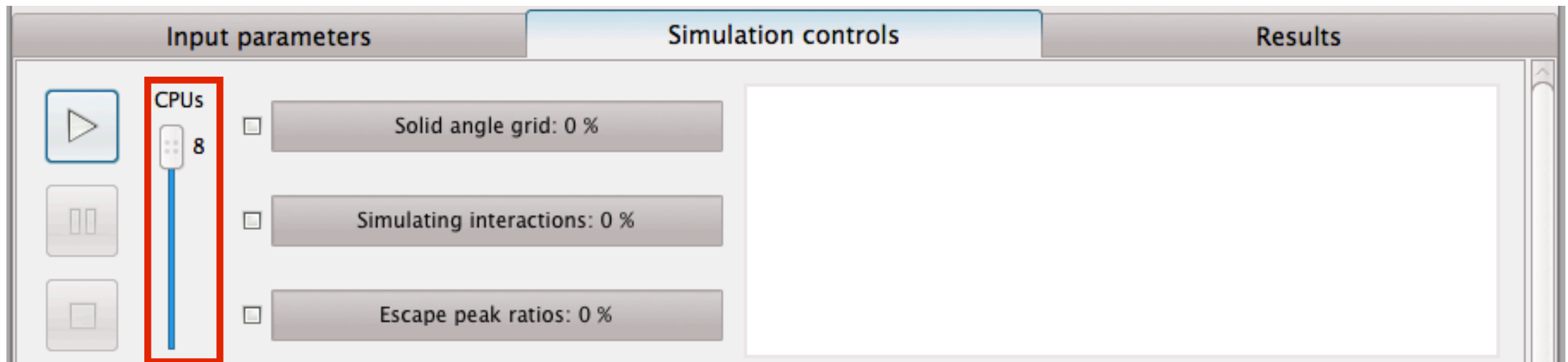
Control panel



Play → Start/Resume simulation
Pause → Suspend simulation
Stop → Terminate simulation

- Input-file has to be loaded in *Input parameters*!
- Either just created (and saved) or loaded from filesystem

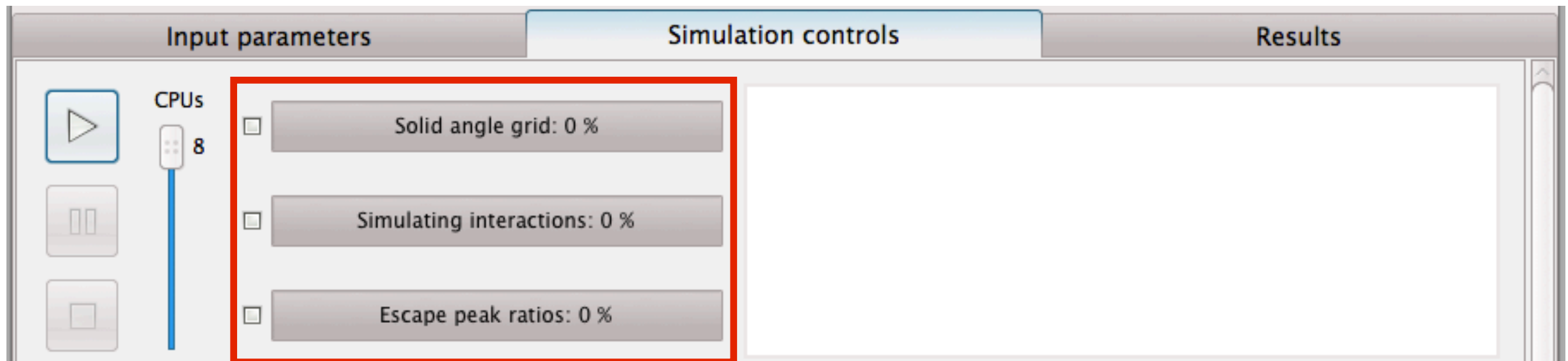
Control panel



CPUs: sets the number of threads that will be used during the simulation. Default is to use the number of available *logical* CPUs

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- Either just created (and saved) or loaded from filesystem

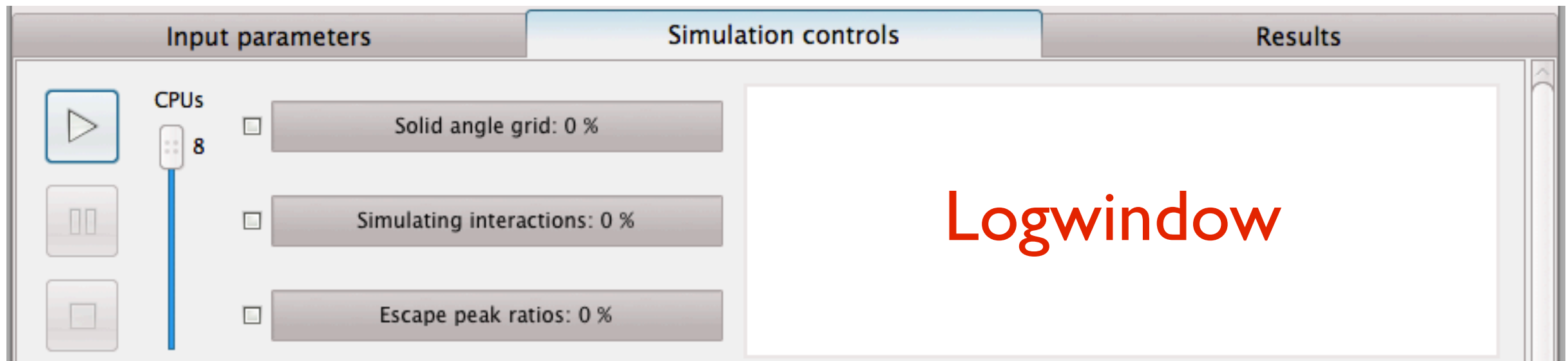
Control panel



Three progressbars allow to estimate how much longer a simulation will take. First and third bar will often not be used → *Loaded from file*

- Input-file has to be loaded in *Input parameters*!
- Either just created (and saved) or loaded from filesystem

Control panel

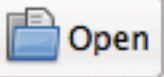


- Input-file has to be loaded in *Input parameters*!
- Either just created (and saved) or loaded from filesystem

Simulation options

Executable

Executable

 Open

Options

☒ Simulate M-lines

☒ Simulate the radiative cascade effect

☒ Simulate the non-radiative cascade effect

☒ Enable variance reduction techniques

☐ Enable pulse pile-up simulation


☐ Enable Poisson noise generation

☒ Enable escape peaks support

☐ Enable advanced Compton scattering simulation

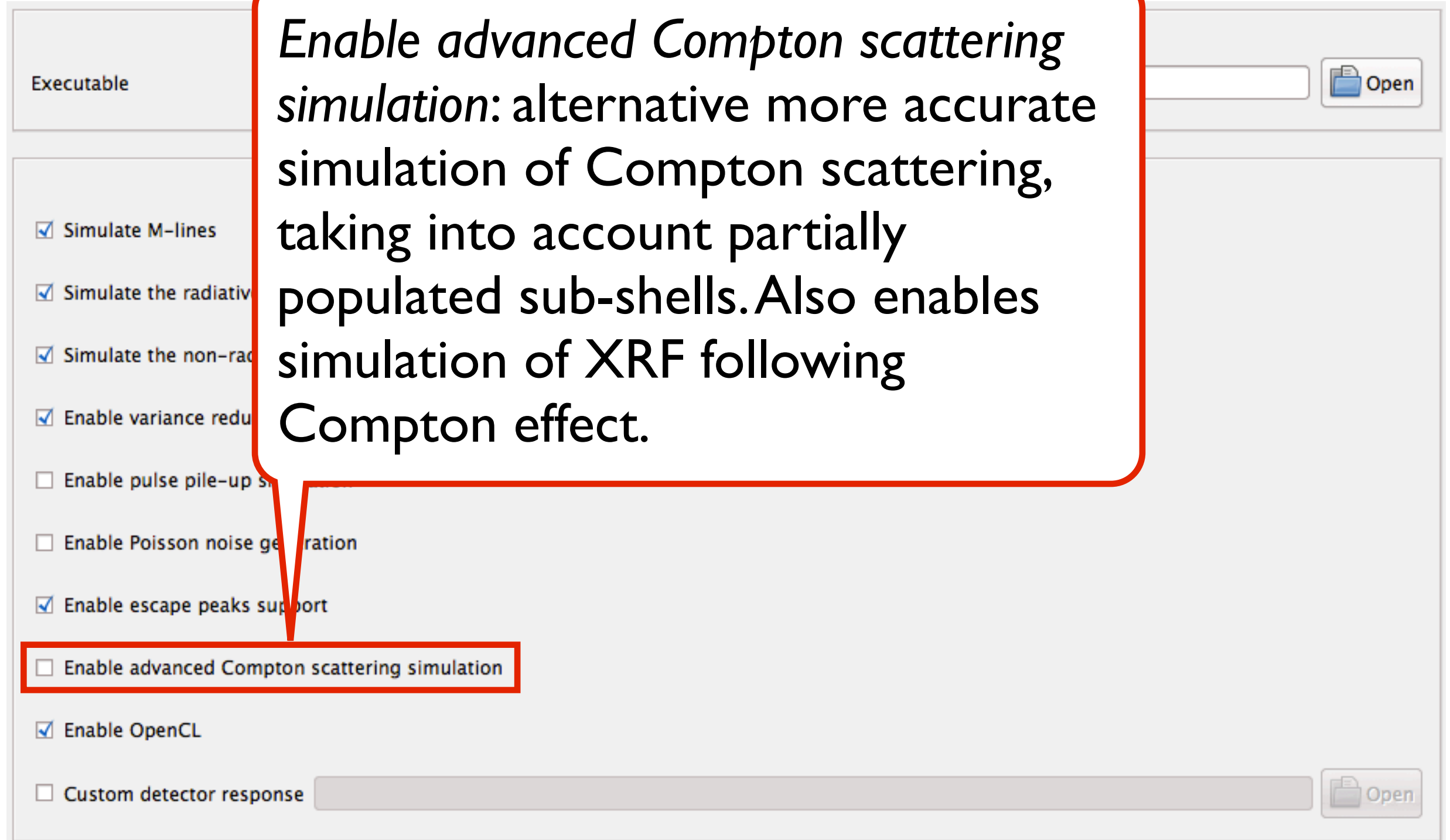
☒ Enable OpenCL

☐ Custom detector response

 Open

Simulation options

Enable advanced Compton scattering simulation: alternative more accurate simulation of Compton scattering, taking into account partially populated sub-shells. Also enables simulation of XRF following Compton effect.



The image shows a software interface for simulation options. A red callout box highlights the option 'Enable advanced Compton scattering simulation', which is currently unchecked. The interface includes a list of checkboxes for various simulation features, an 'Executable' field, and 'Open' buttons for file selection.

Executable


- ☒ Simulate M-lines
- ☒ Simulate the radiative
- ☒ Simulate the non-radiative
- ☒ Enable variance reduction
- ☐ Enable pulse pile-up simulation
- ☐ Enable Poisson noise generation
- ☒ Enable escape peaks support
- ☐ Enable advanced Compton scattering simulation
- ☒ Enable OpenCL
- ☐ Custom detector response

Open

Open


Simulation options

Executable

Executable 

Options

- ☒ Simulate M-lines
- ☒ Simulate the radiative cascade effect
- ☒ Simulate the non-radiative cascade
- ☒ Enable variance reduction technique
- ☐ Enable pulse pile-up simulation
- ☐ Enable Poisson noise generation
- ☒ Enable escape peaks support
- ☐ Enable advanced Compton scattering
- ☒ Enable OpenCL
- ☐ Custom detector response



Enable OpenCL: if activated, and if OpenCL drivers have been installed, will calculate the solid angle grid on the GPU at greatly increased speed!

Warning: may cause the screen to become less responsive for a couple of seconds!

Export results

Export results

SPE file prefix

 Save As

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) file

 Save As

Comma Separated Values (CSV) file

 Save As

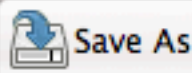
Report HTML file

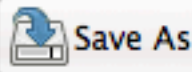
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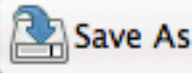
- XMSO: always
- *SPE file prefix*: suitable for PyMca and AXIL
- *Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) file*: plot of spectra
- *Comma Separated Values (CSV) file*: contains spectra for increasing number of interactions (Excel)
- *Report HTML file*: standalone interactive overview of the results

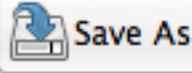
Export results

Export results

SPE file prefix 

Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) file 

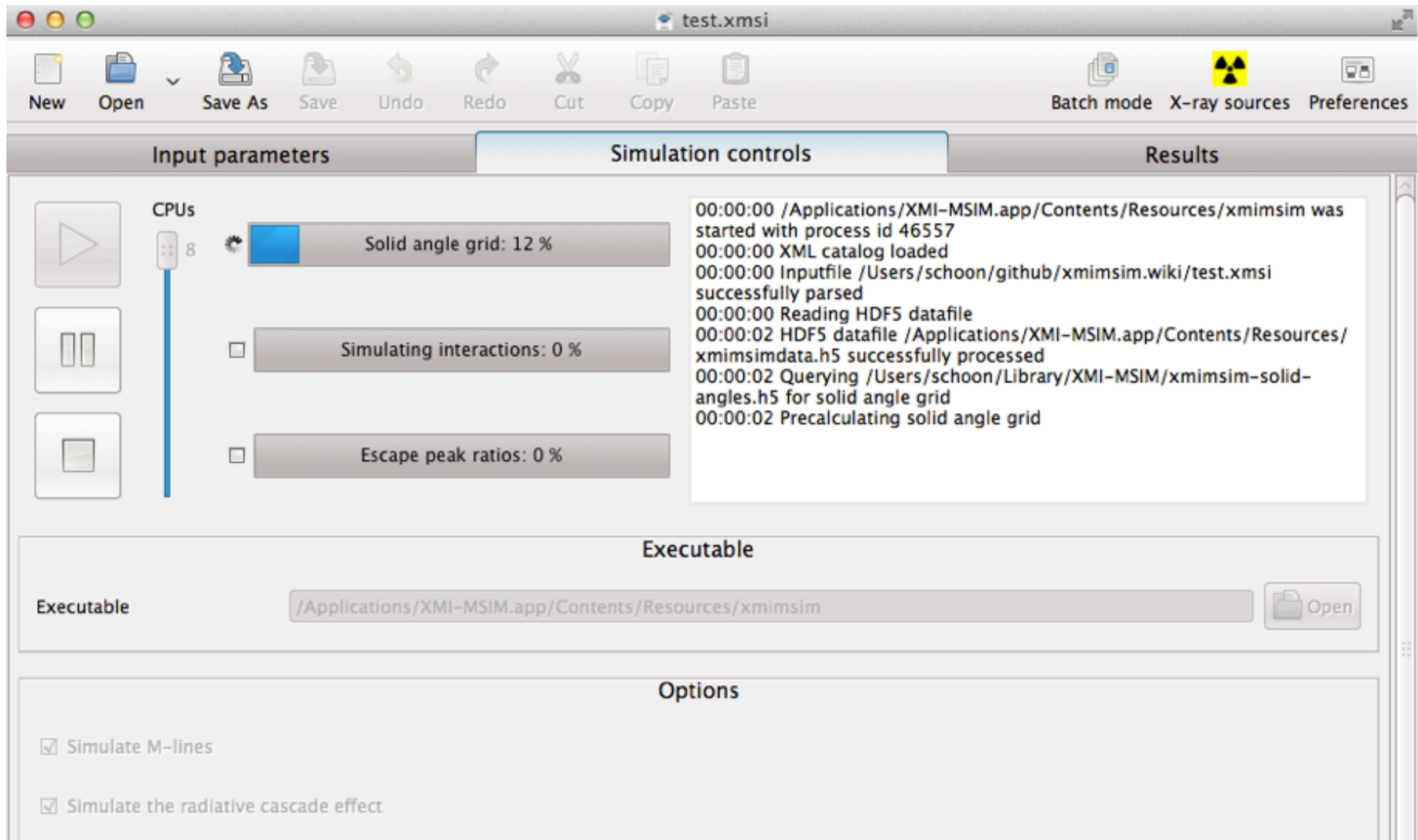
Comma Separated Values (CSV) file 

Report HTML file 

Export may be performed at any moment using *Tools* → *Convert XMSO file to*

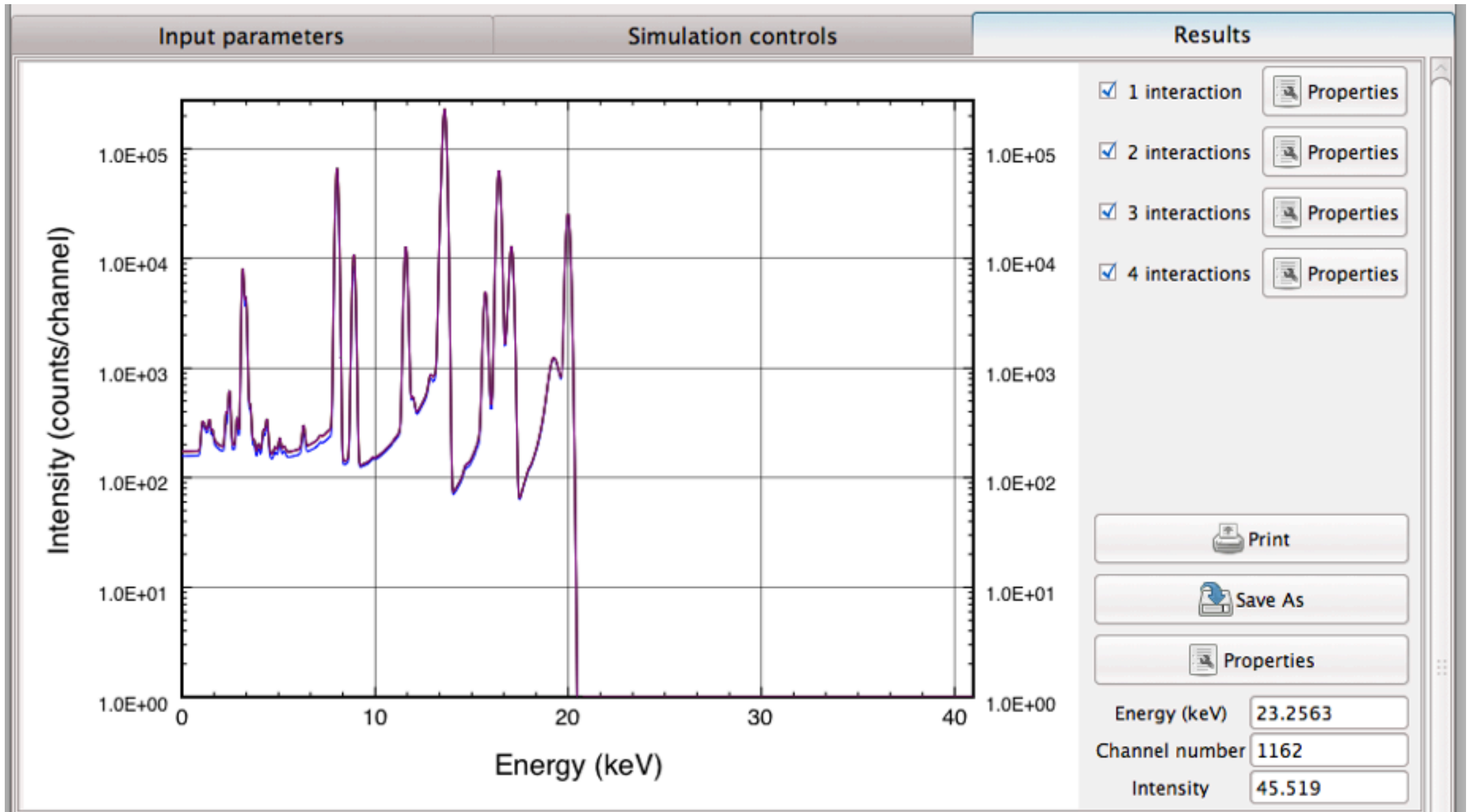
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During a simulation

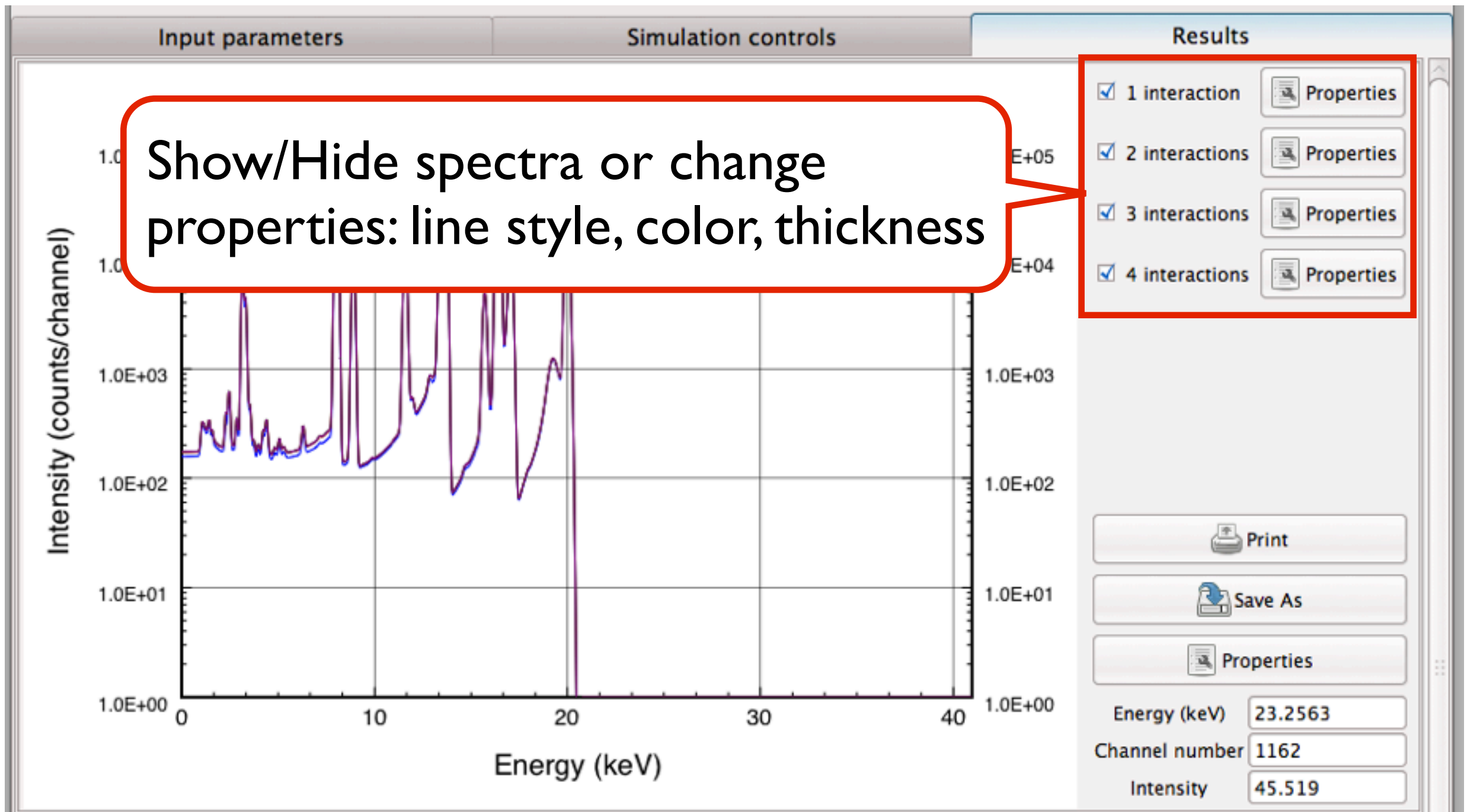


Visualizing the results

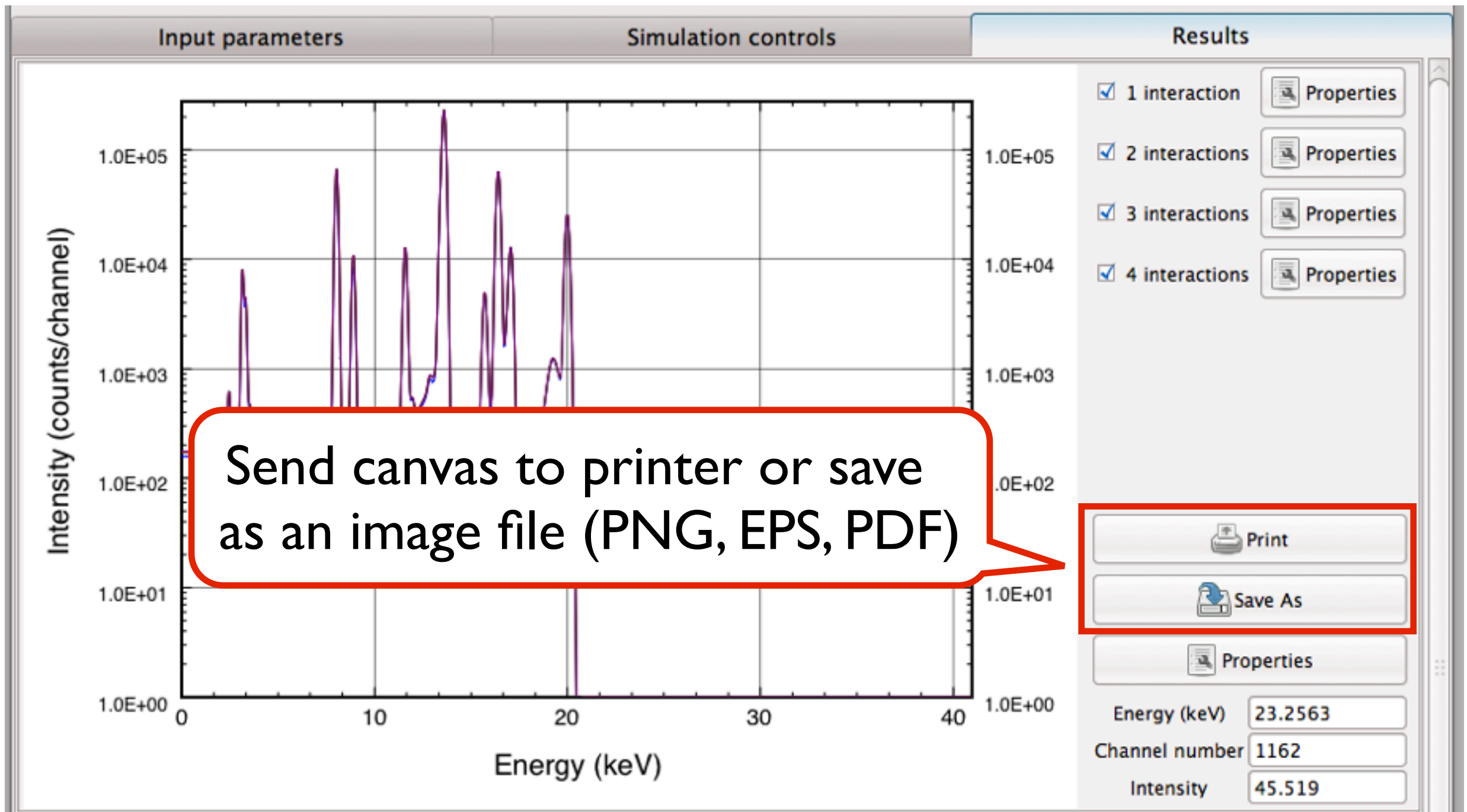
Plot canvas



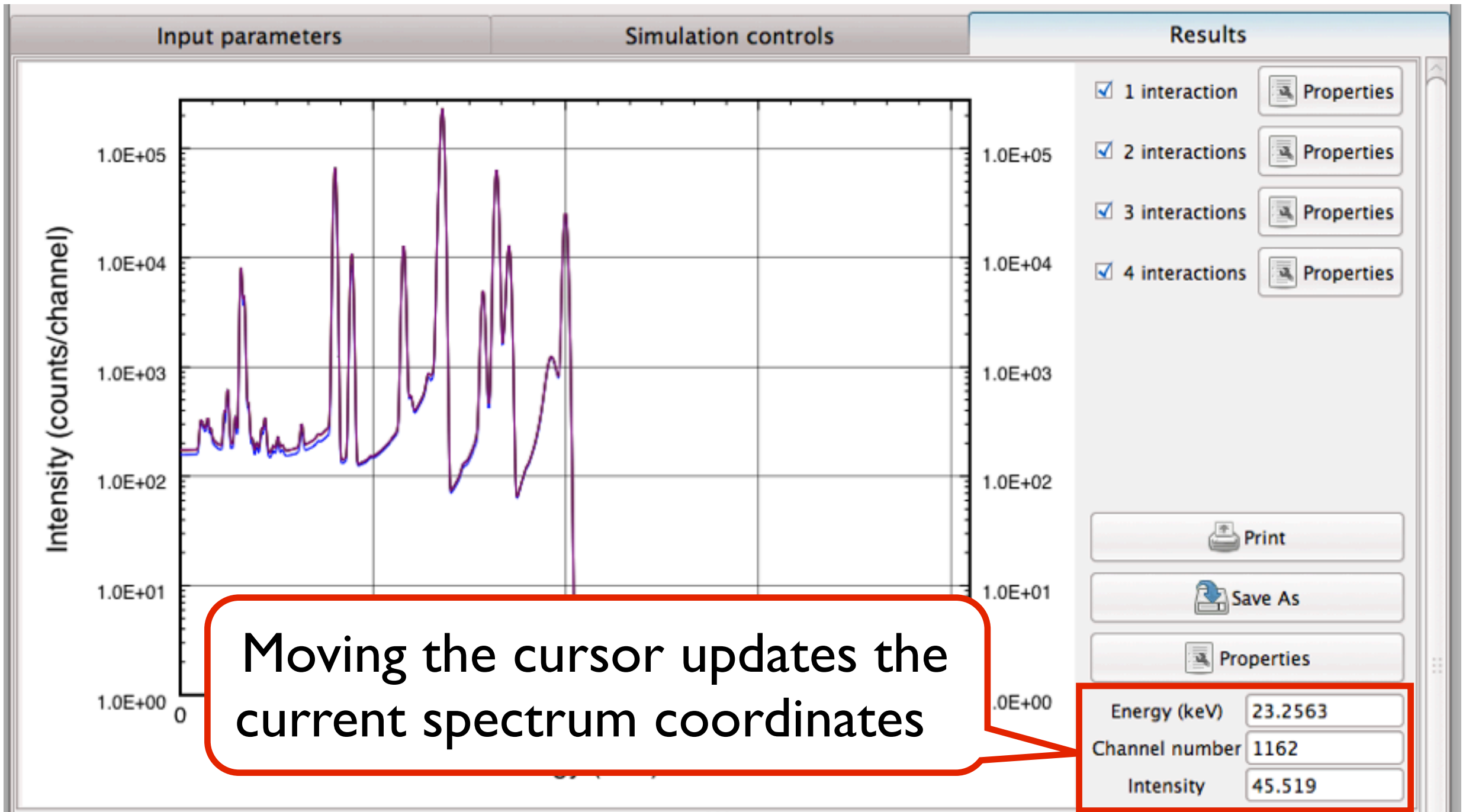
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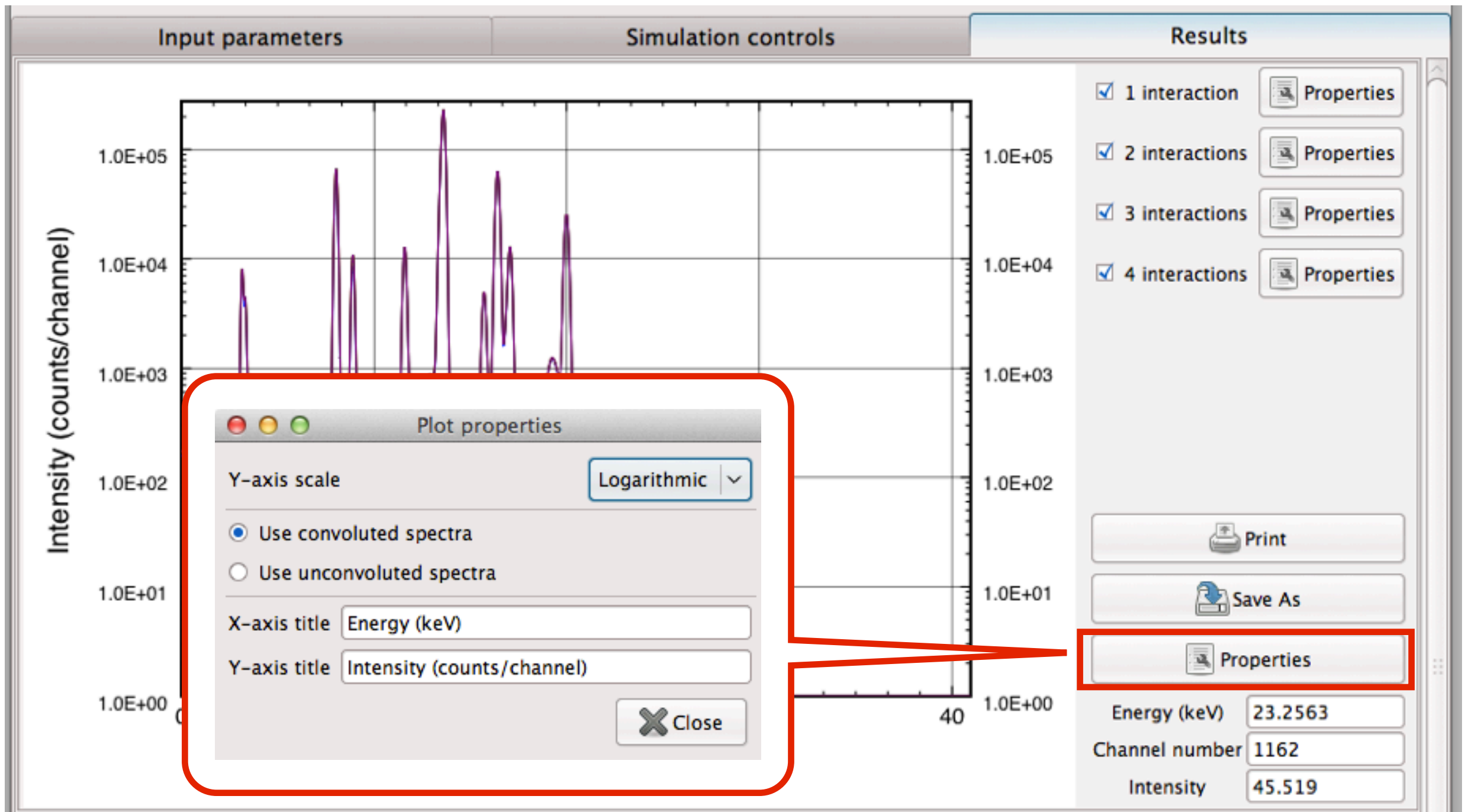
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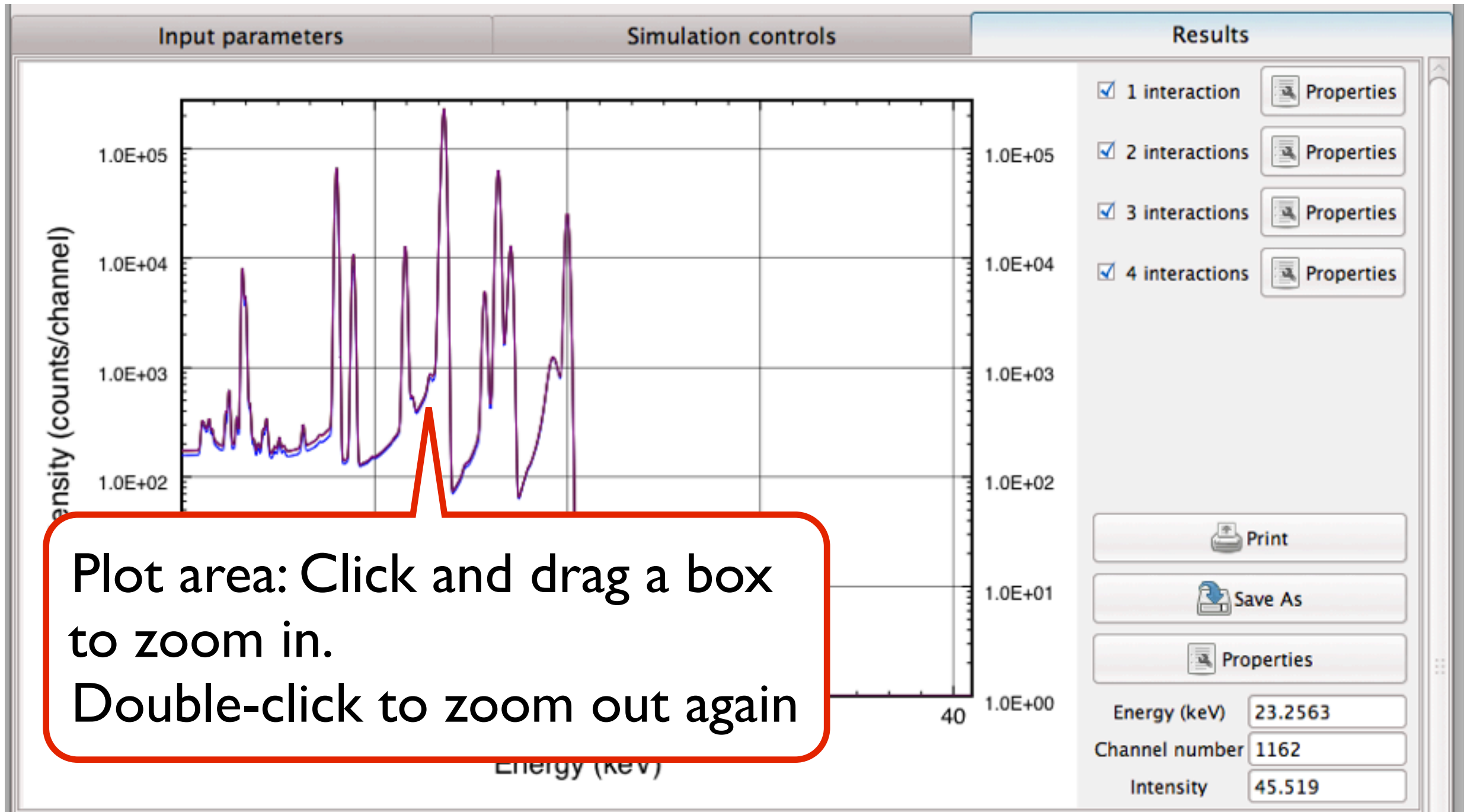
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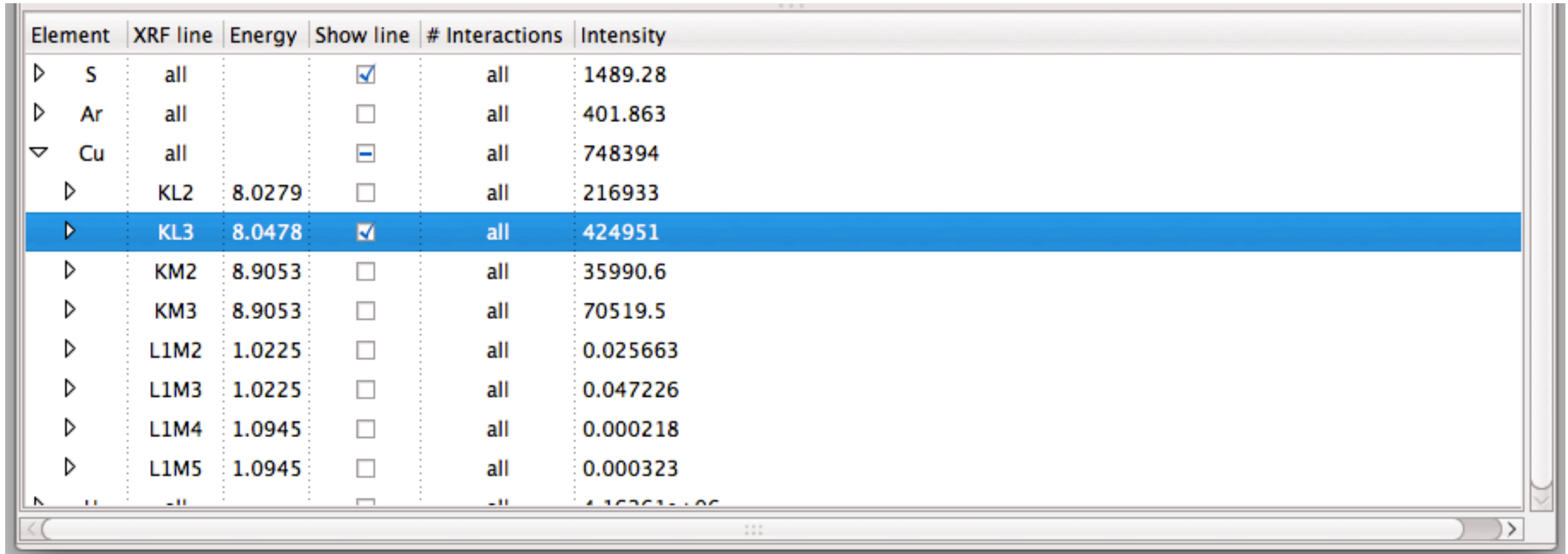
Plot canvas



Plot canvas



Net-line intensities



Element	XRF line	Energy	Show line	# Interactions	Intensity
▷ S	all		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	all	1489.28
▷ Ar	all		<input type="checkbox"/>	all	401.863
▽ Cu	all		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	all	748394
▷ KL2	8.0279	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	216933	
▷ KL3	8.0478	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	all	424951	
▷ KM2	8.9053	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	35990.6	
▷ KM3	8.9053	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	70519.5	
▷ L1M2	1.0225	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	0.025663	
▷ L1M3	1.0225	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	0.047226	
▷ L1M4	1.0945	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	0.000218	
▷ L1M5	1.0945	<input type="checkbox"/>	all	0.000323	

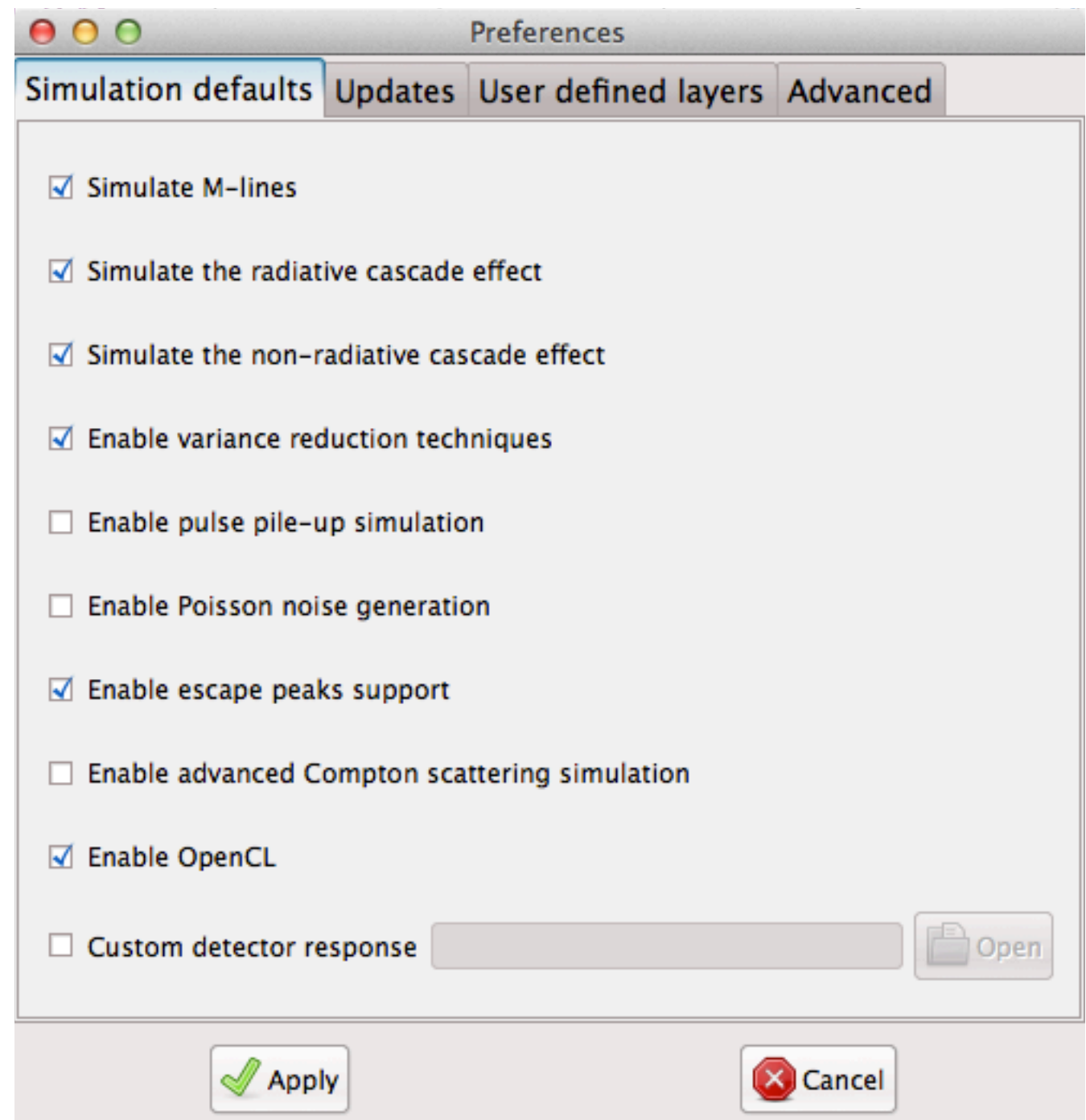
- Show and hide lines on plot canvas: individual or per element
- XRF net-line intensity per element, per line and per interaction!

Global preferences

Simulation defaults

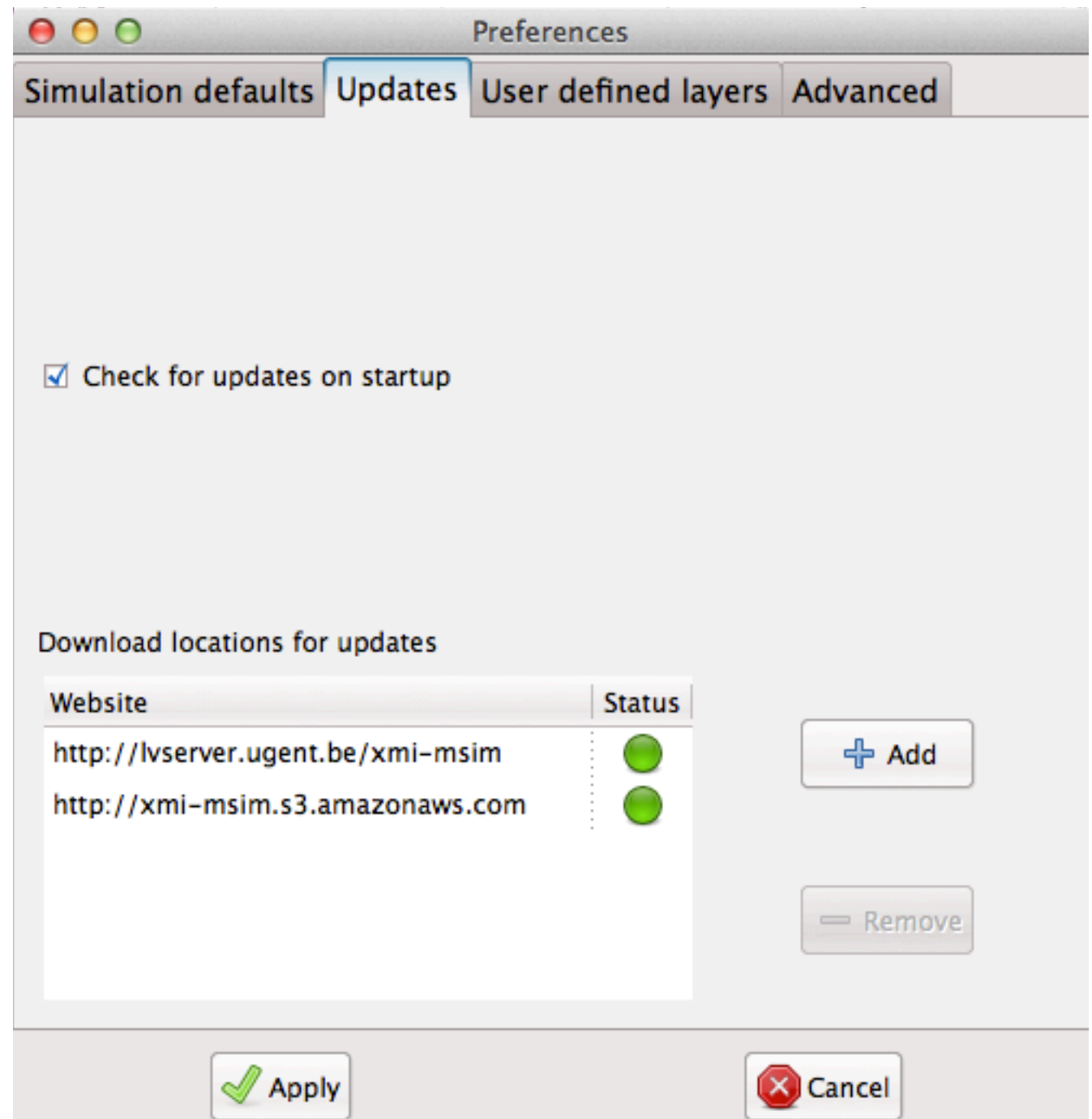
Determines the default settings in *Simulation controls*.

Requires a restart of XMI-MSIM before becoming active



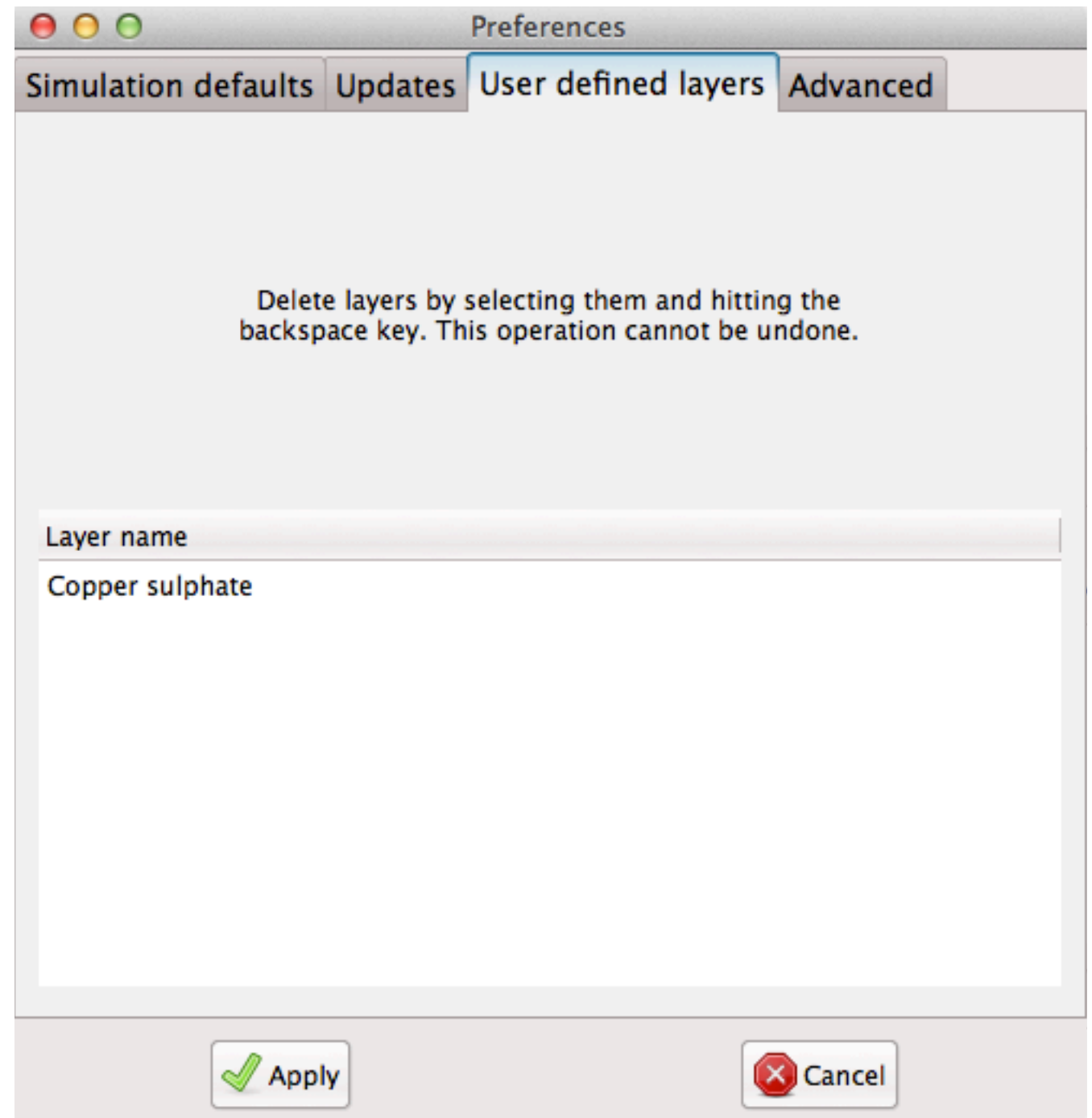
Automatic updates

- Enable/disable checking for updates on startup.
- Download locations should be left untouched.
- Optional feature



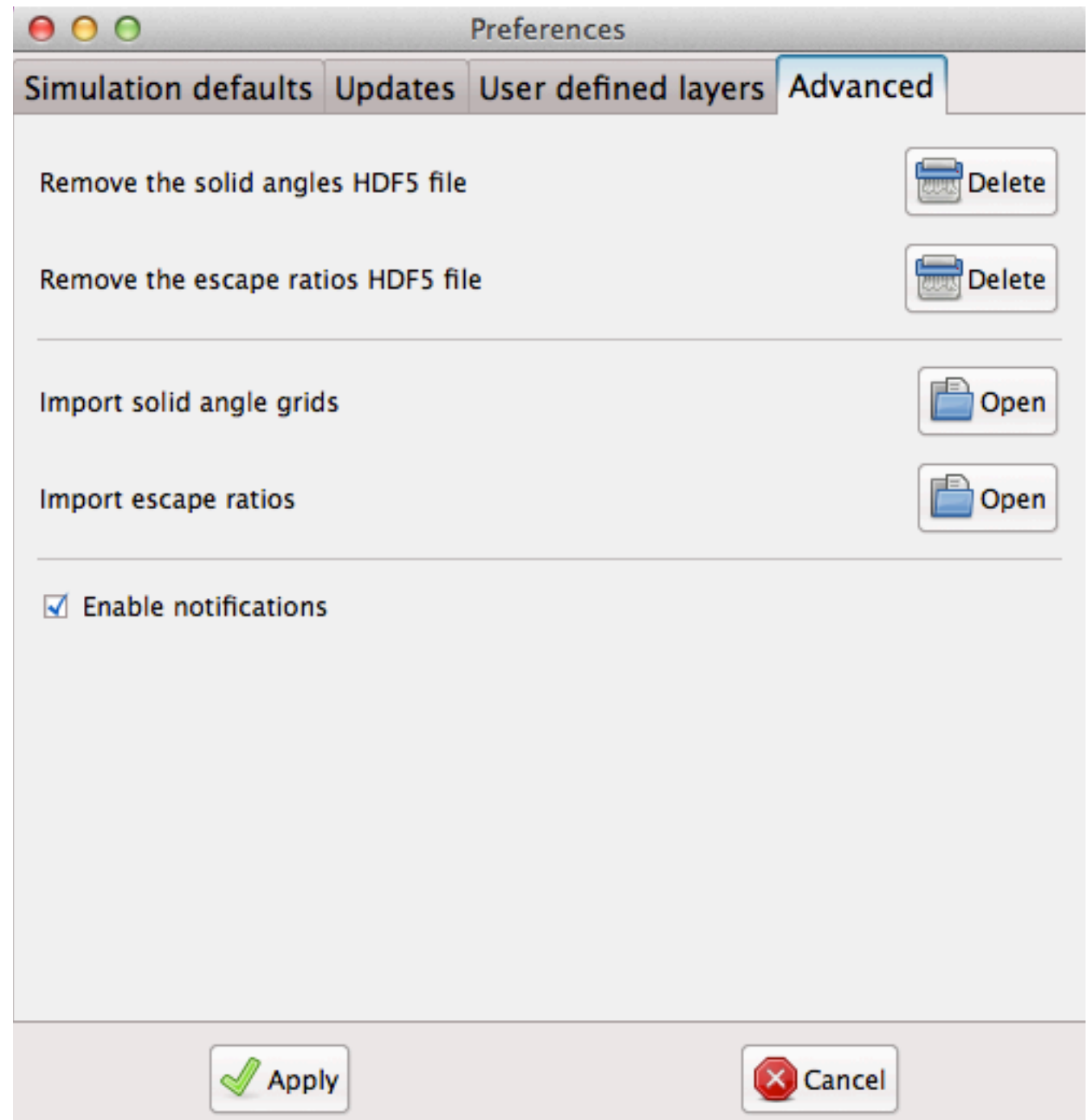
User defined layers

- Delete layers defined in the *Modify layer* dialog

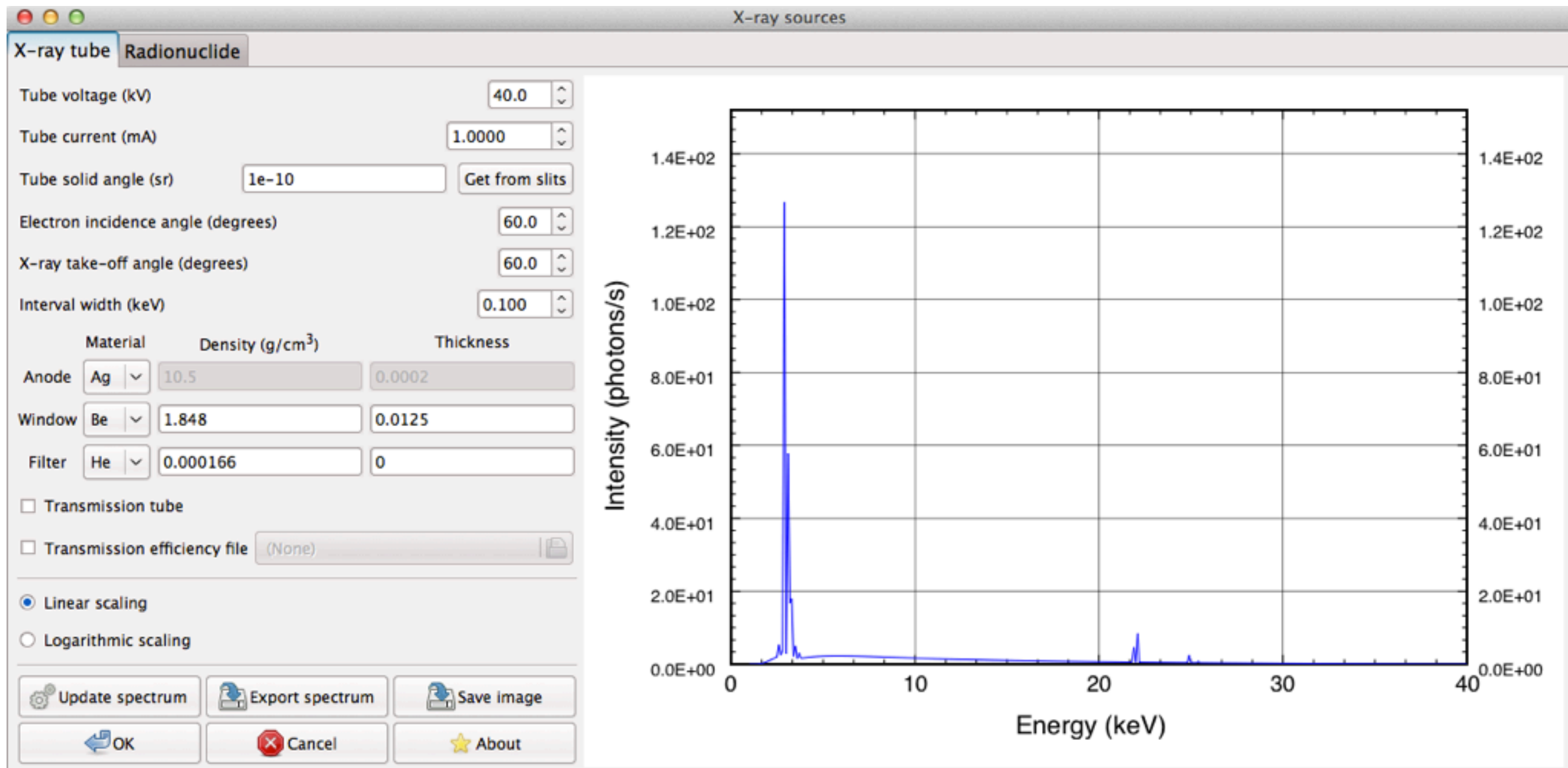


Advanced preferences

- Remove HDF5 files:
when doing a complete
uninstall
- Import from other
HDF5 files: saves time
- Notification support
(optional)

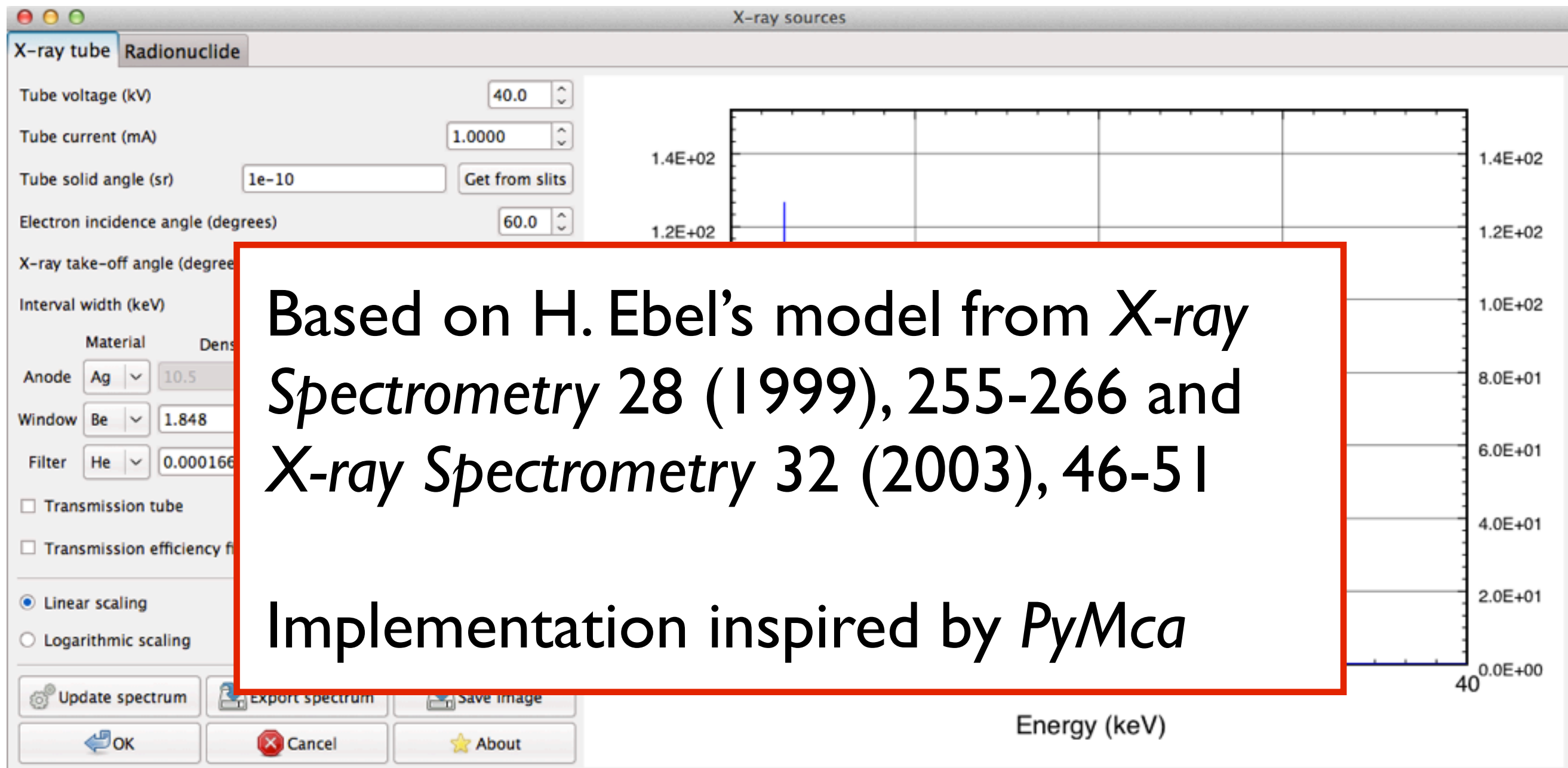


Advanced features

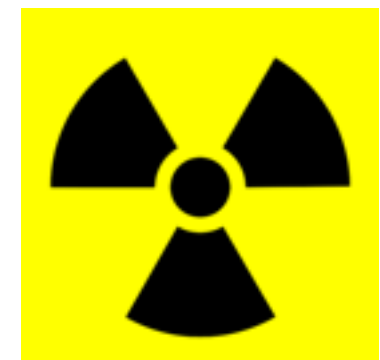


X-ray tube spectrum generator

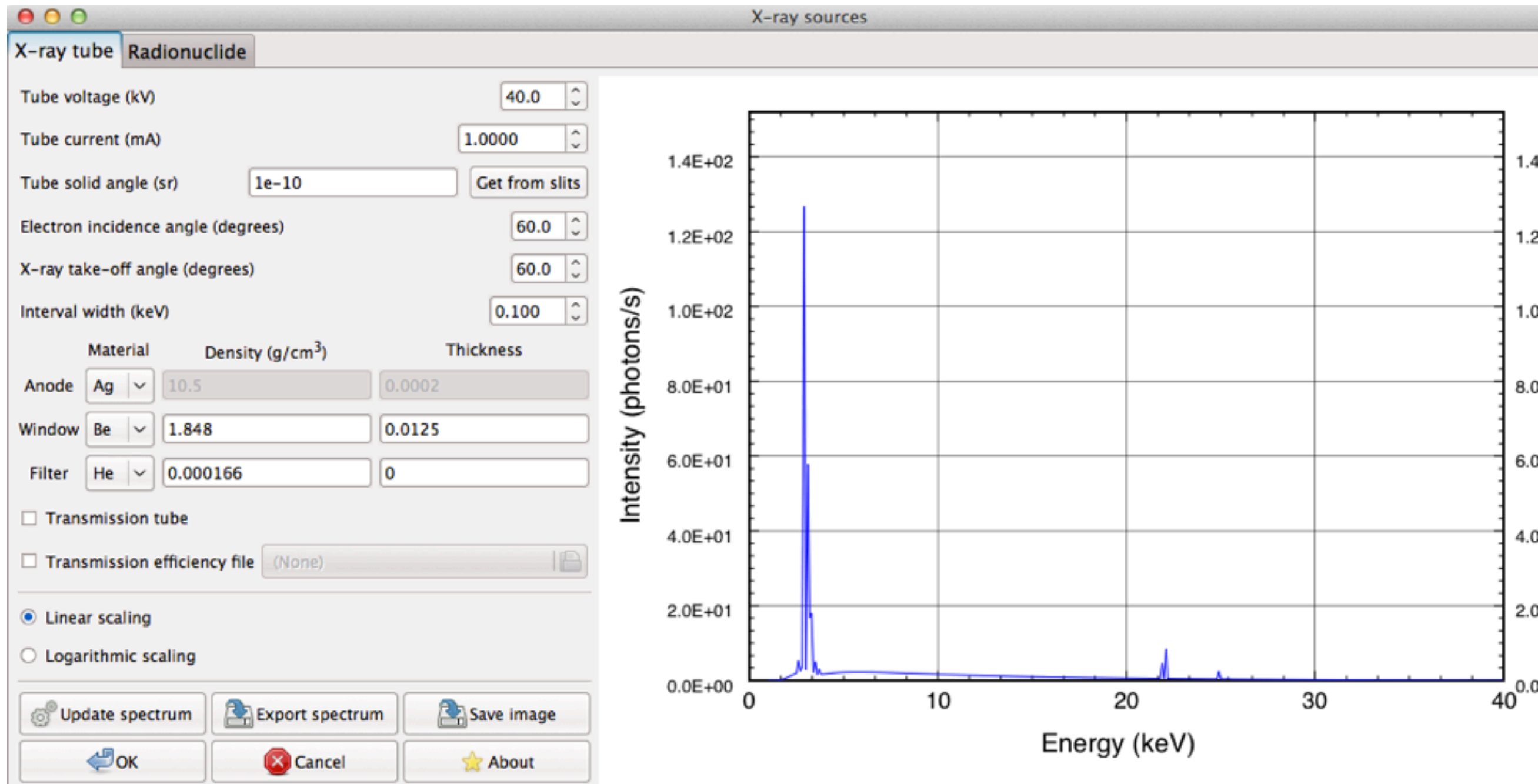




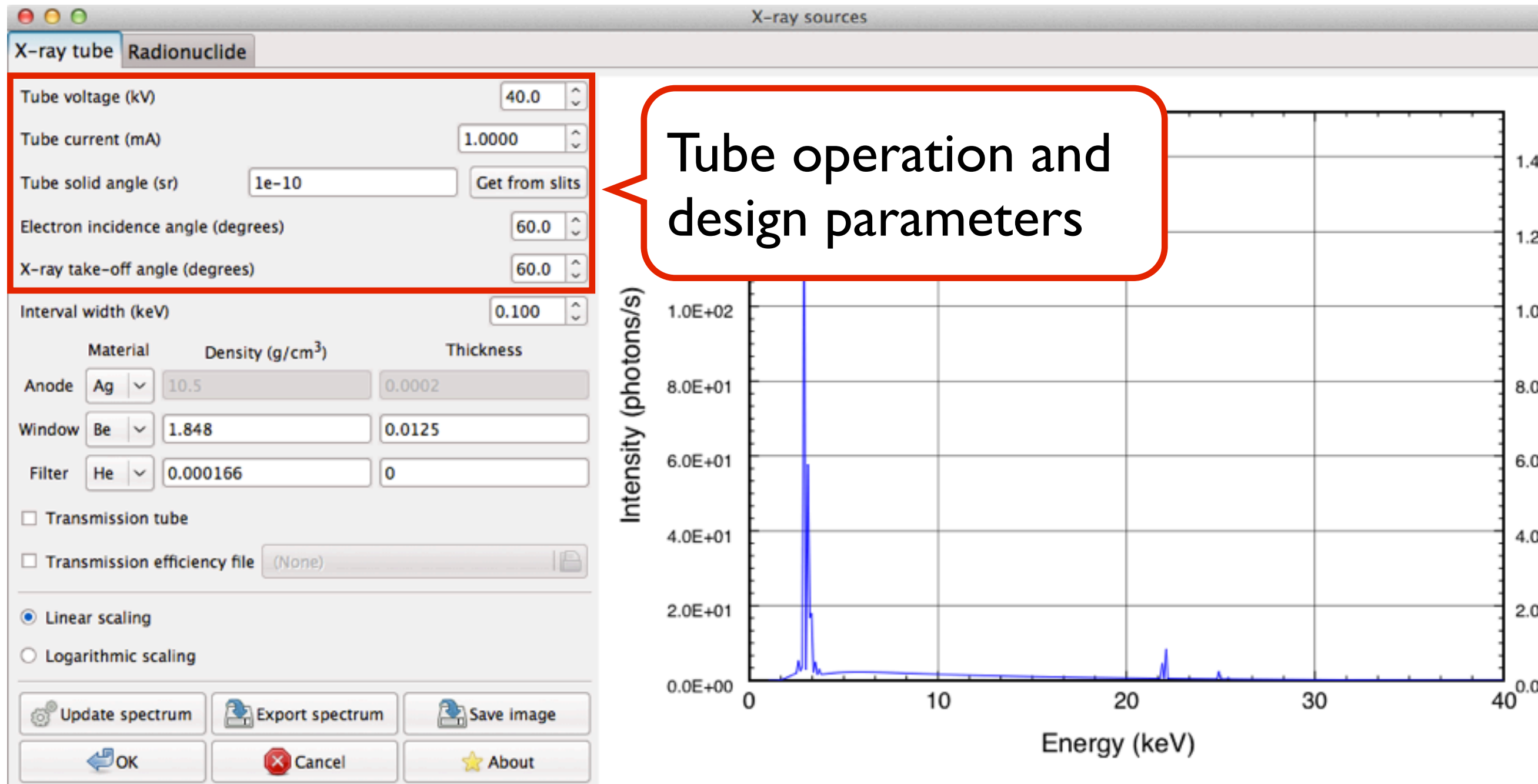
X-ray tube
spectrum generator



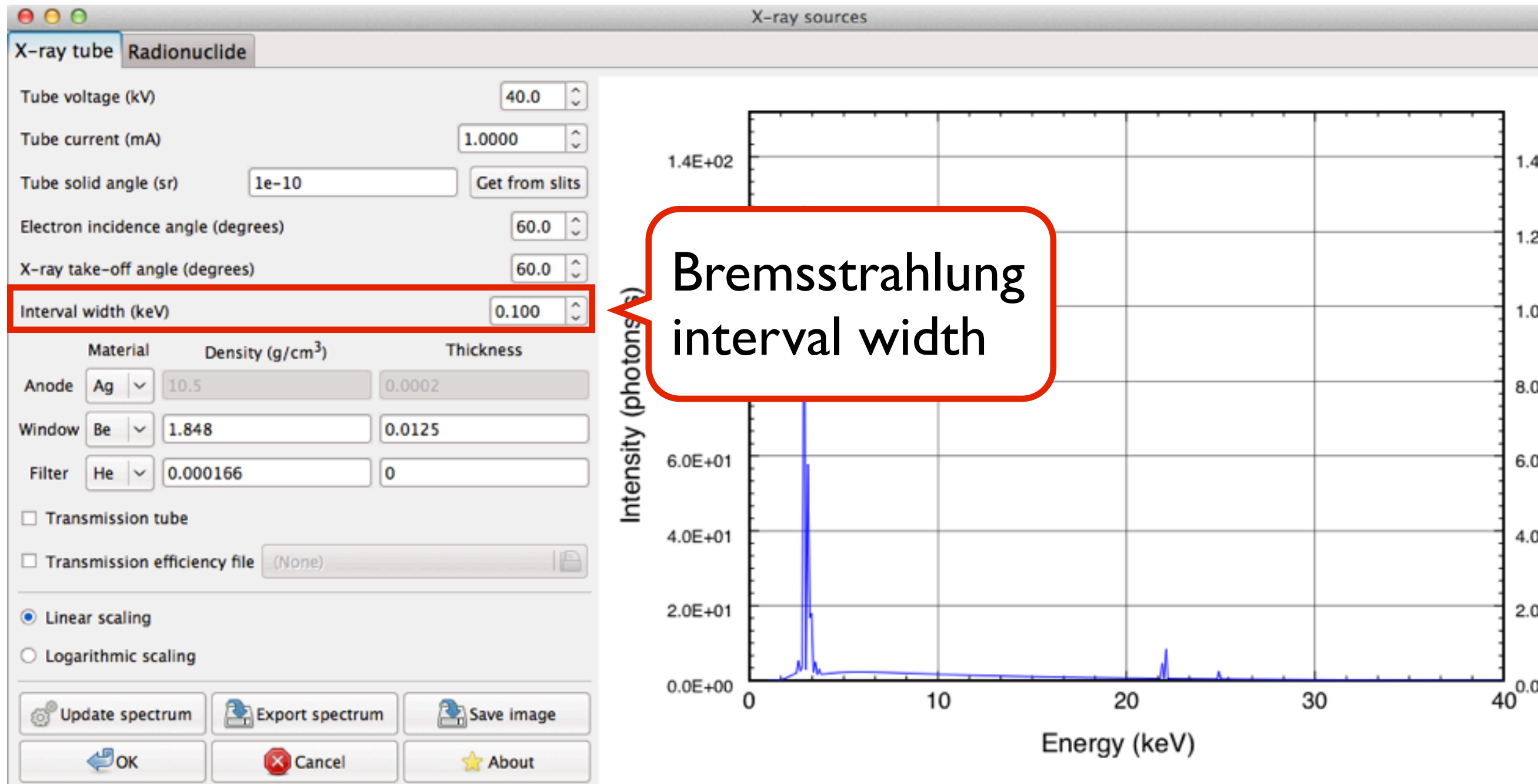
X-ray tube spectrum generator



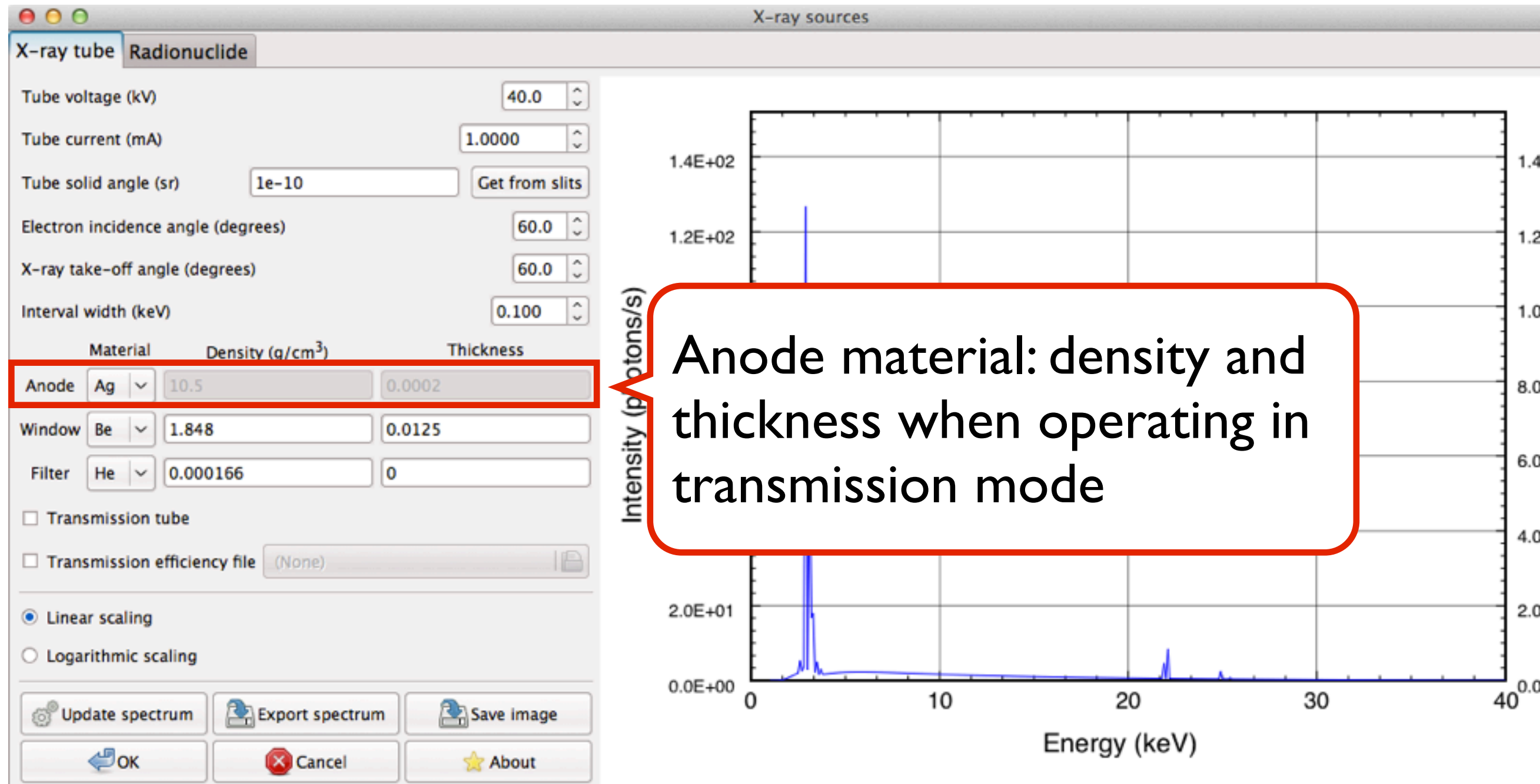
X-ray tube spectrum generator



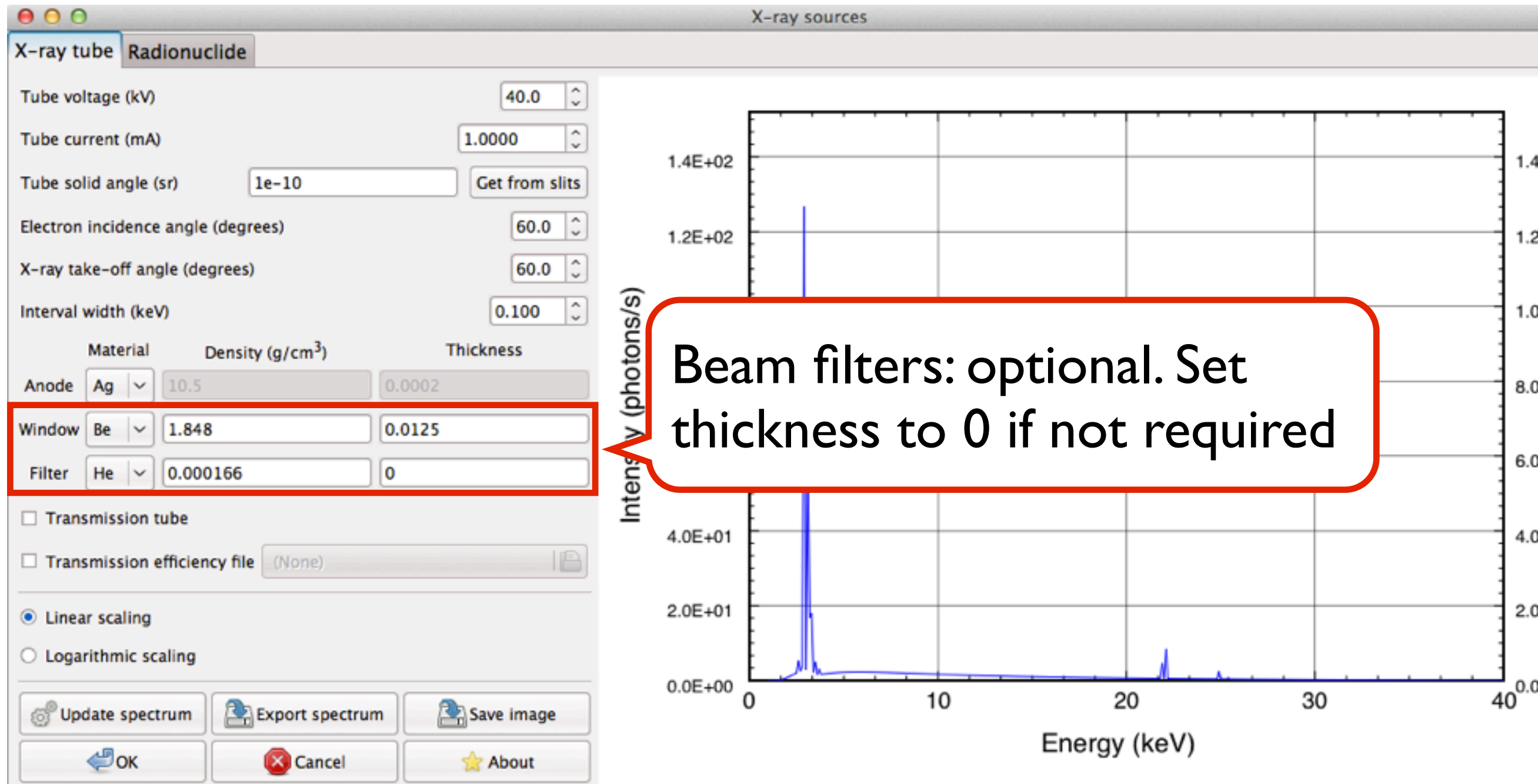
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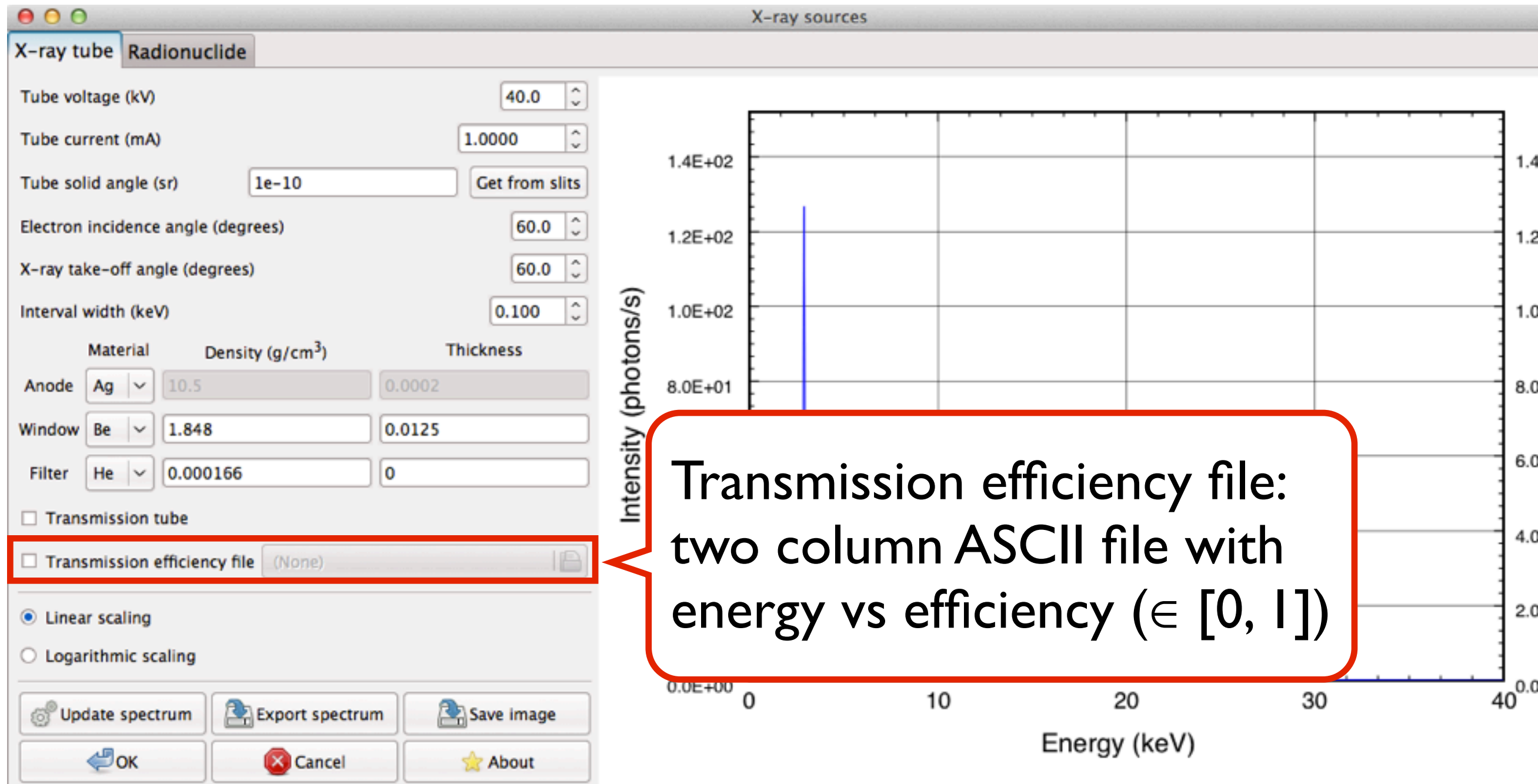
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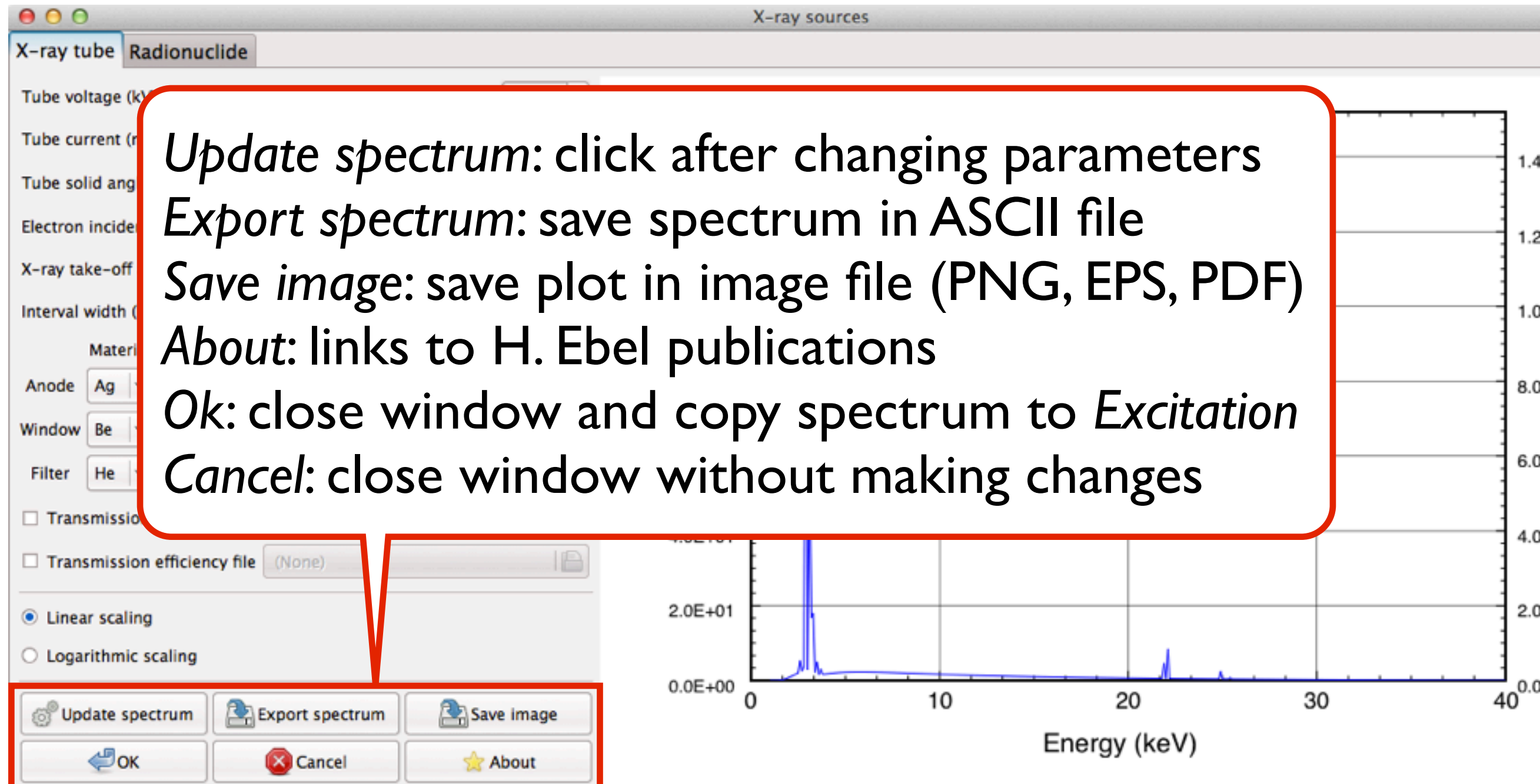
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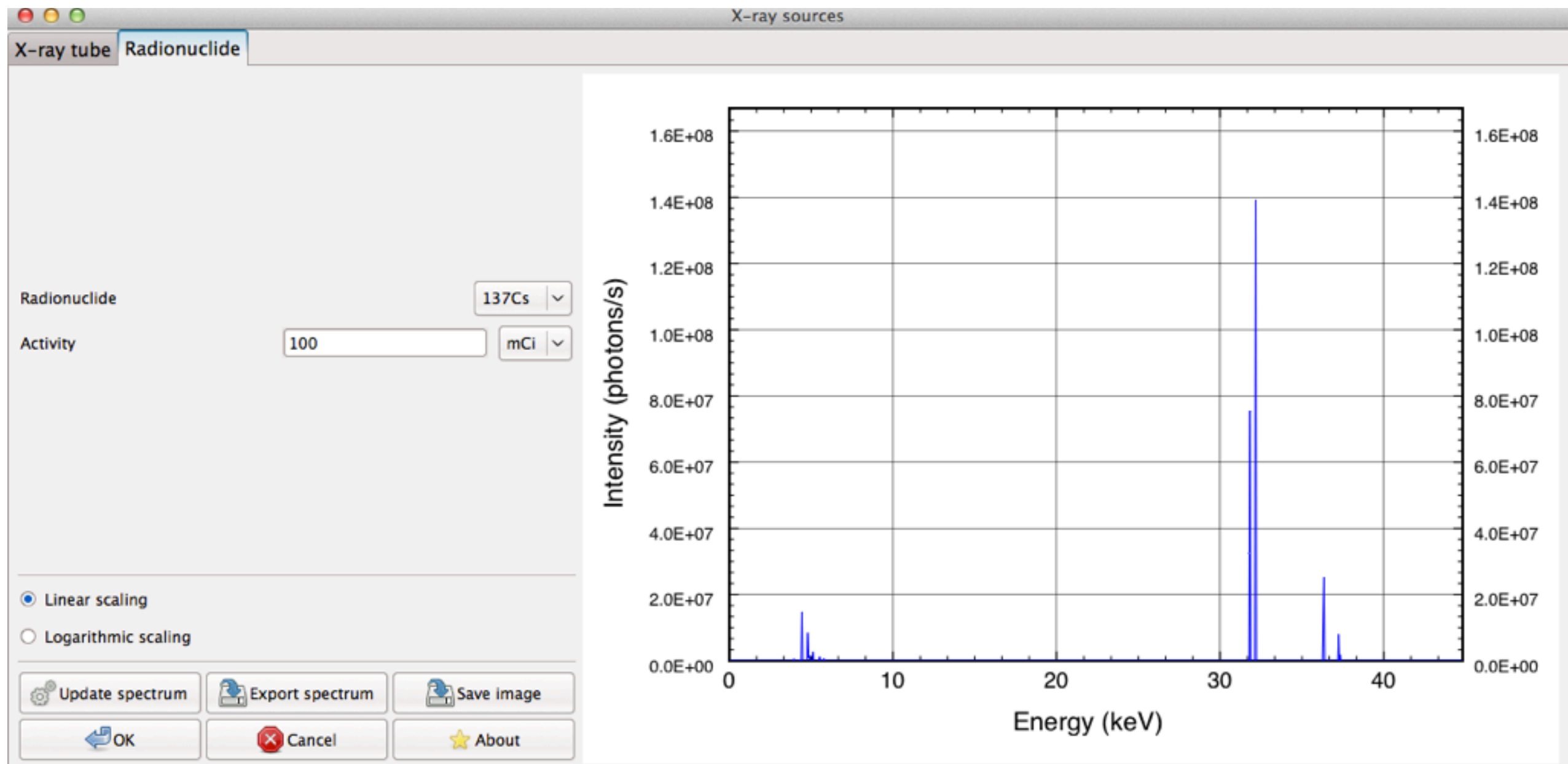


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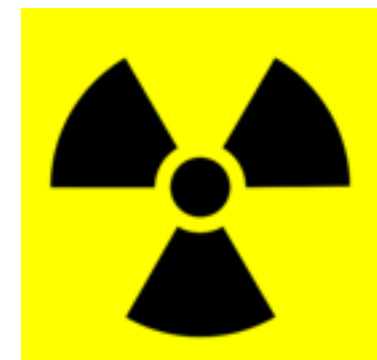


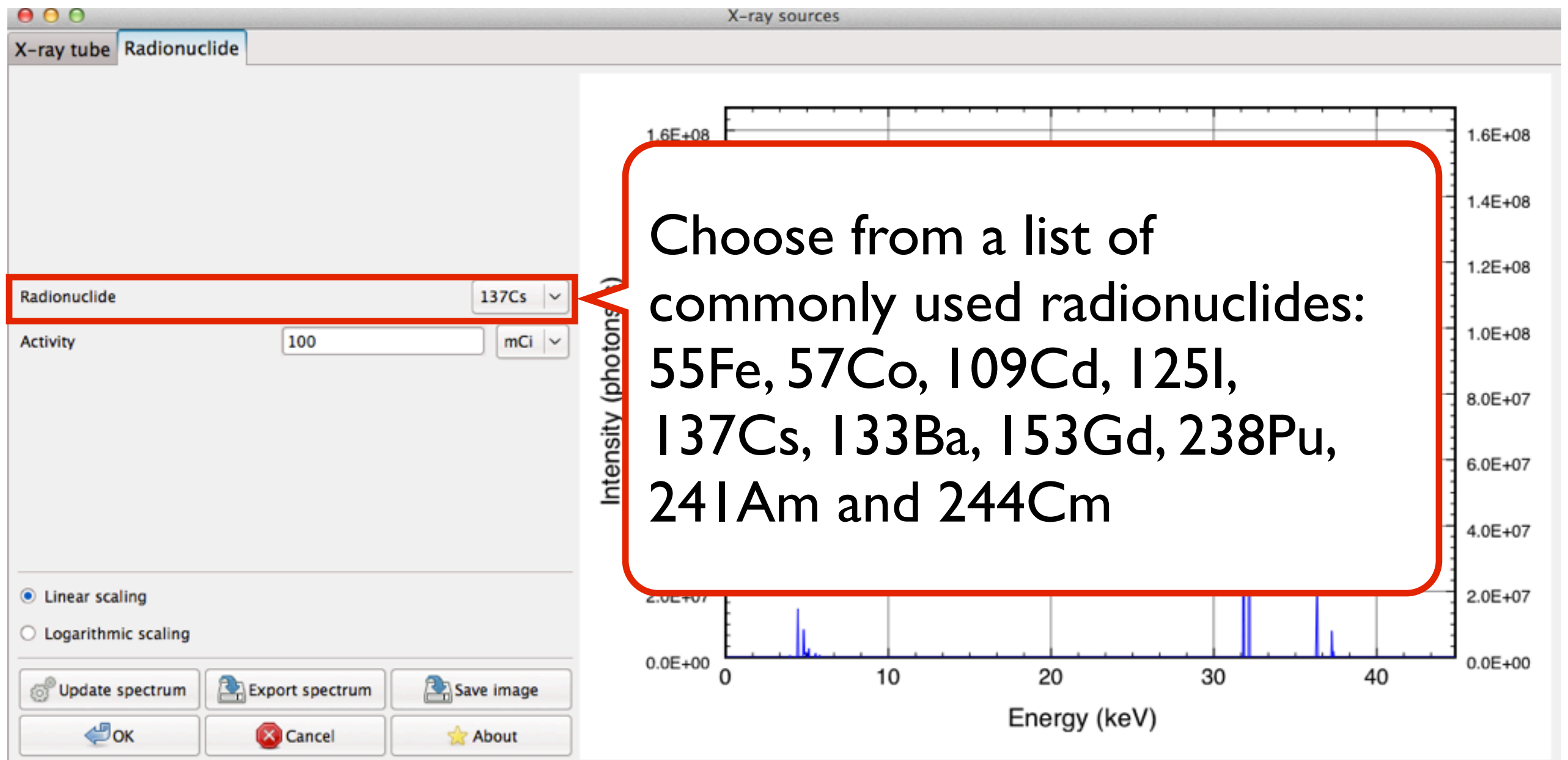
X-ray tube spectrum generator





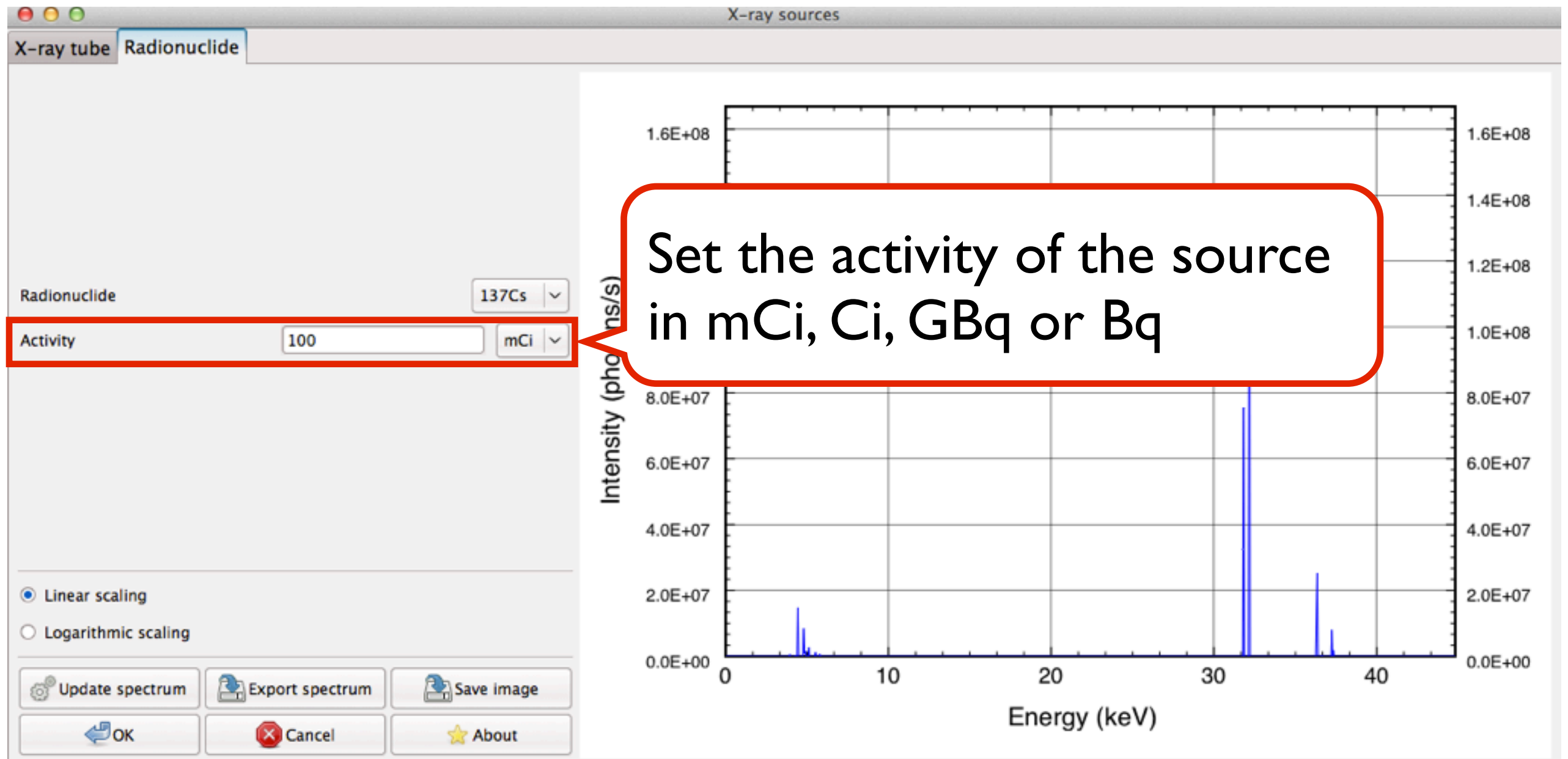
Radionuclides





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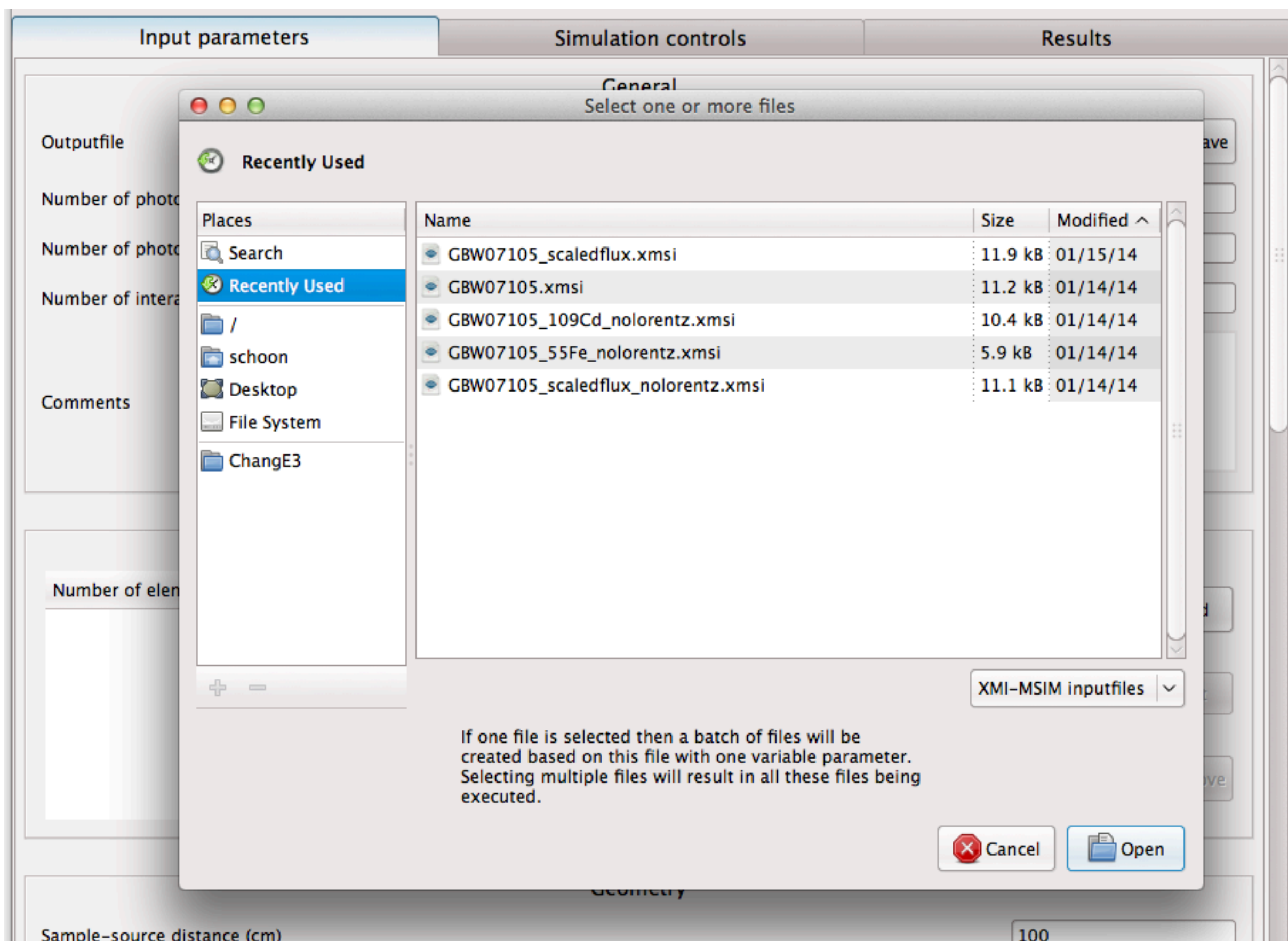
Batch mode

Click toolbar button or go to menubar:

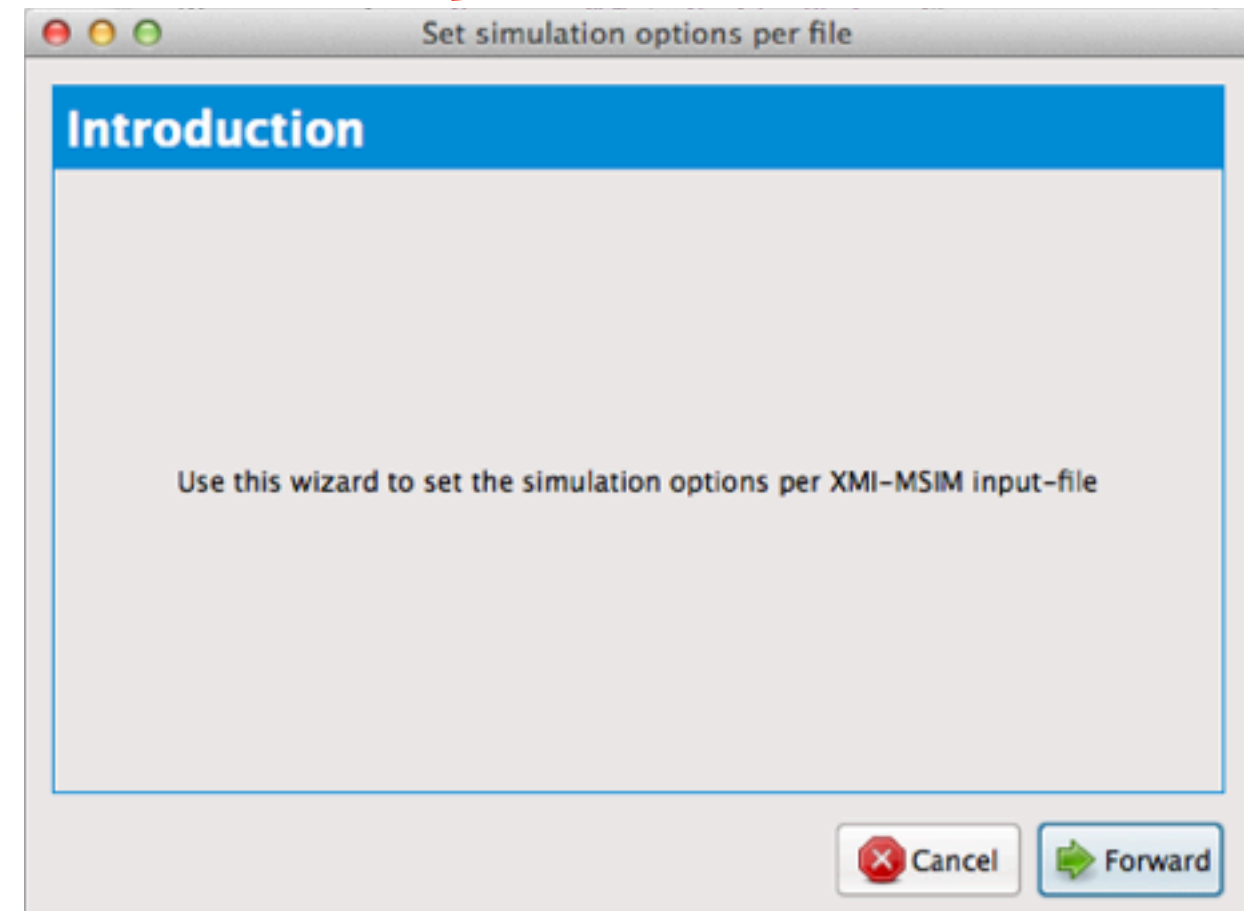
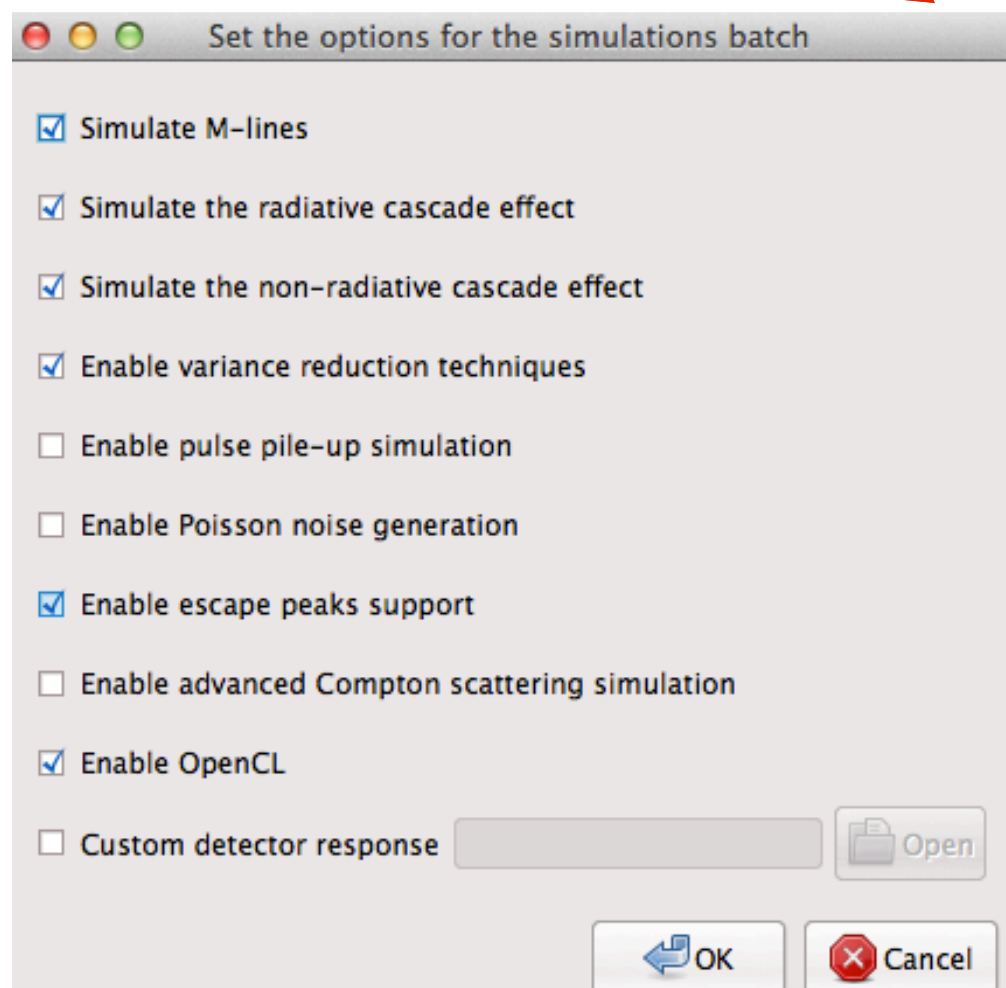
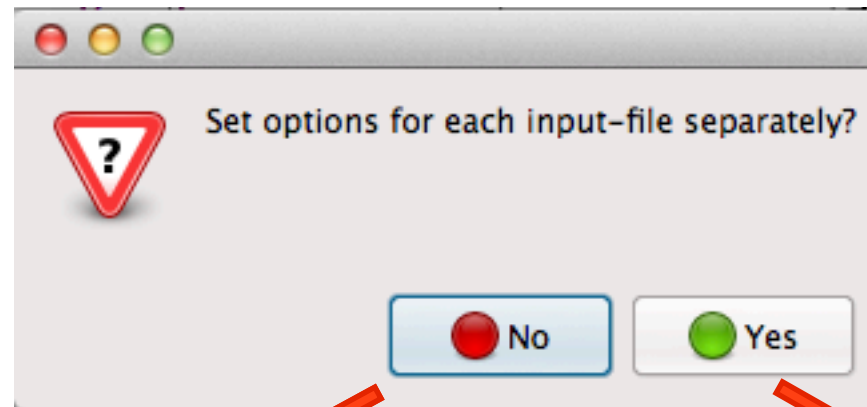
Tools → *Batch mode*

Behavior determined by file-selection dialog

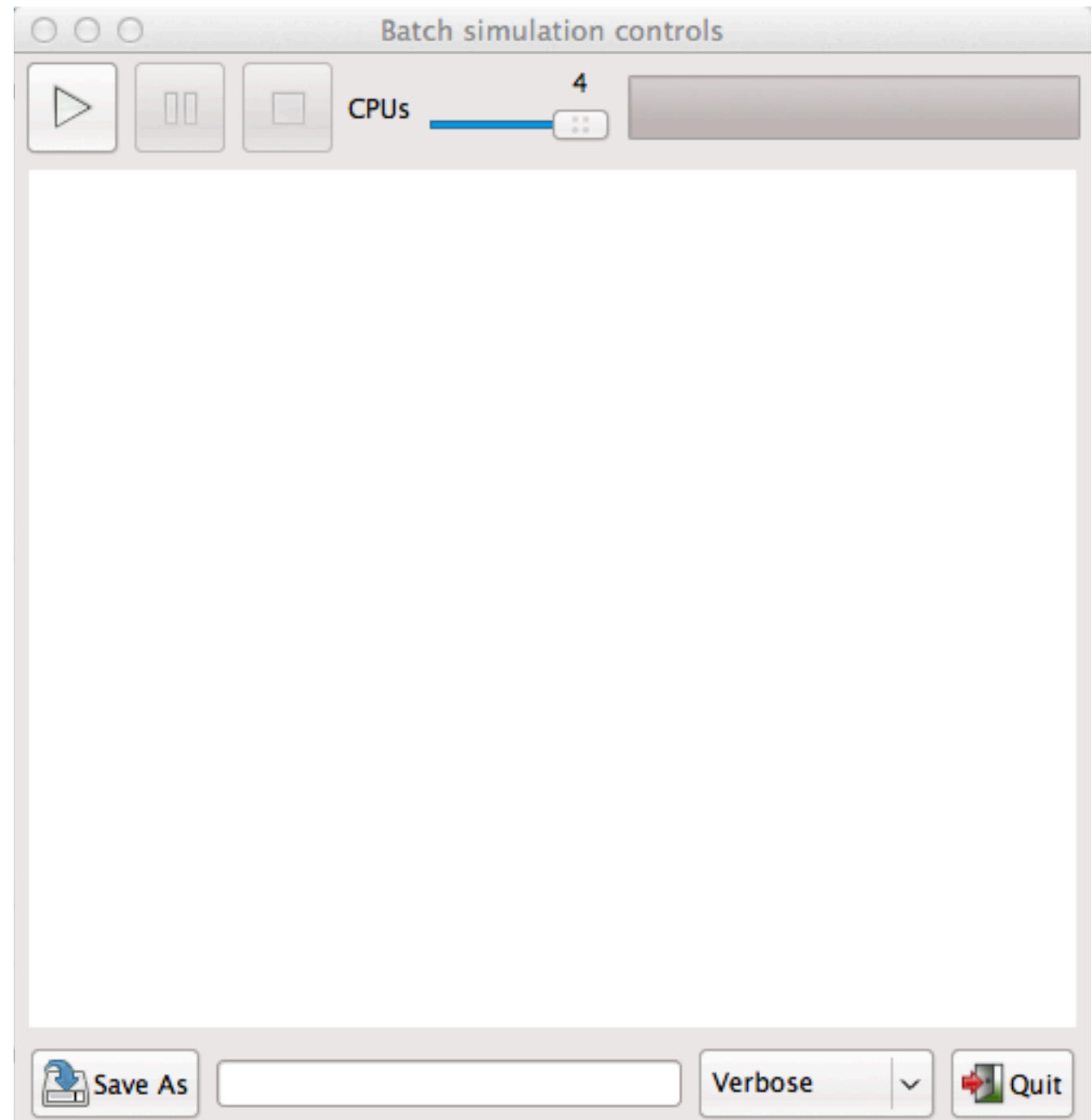
1. Simulate a batch of unrelated input-files
2. Create a batch based on one input-file by varying one or two parameters



Batch mode I: simulation options

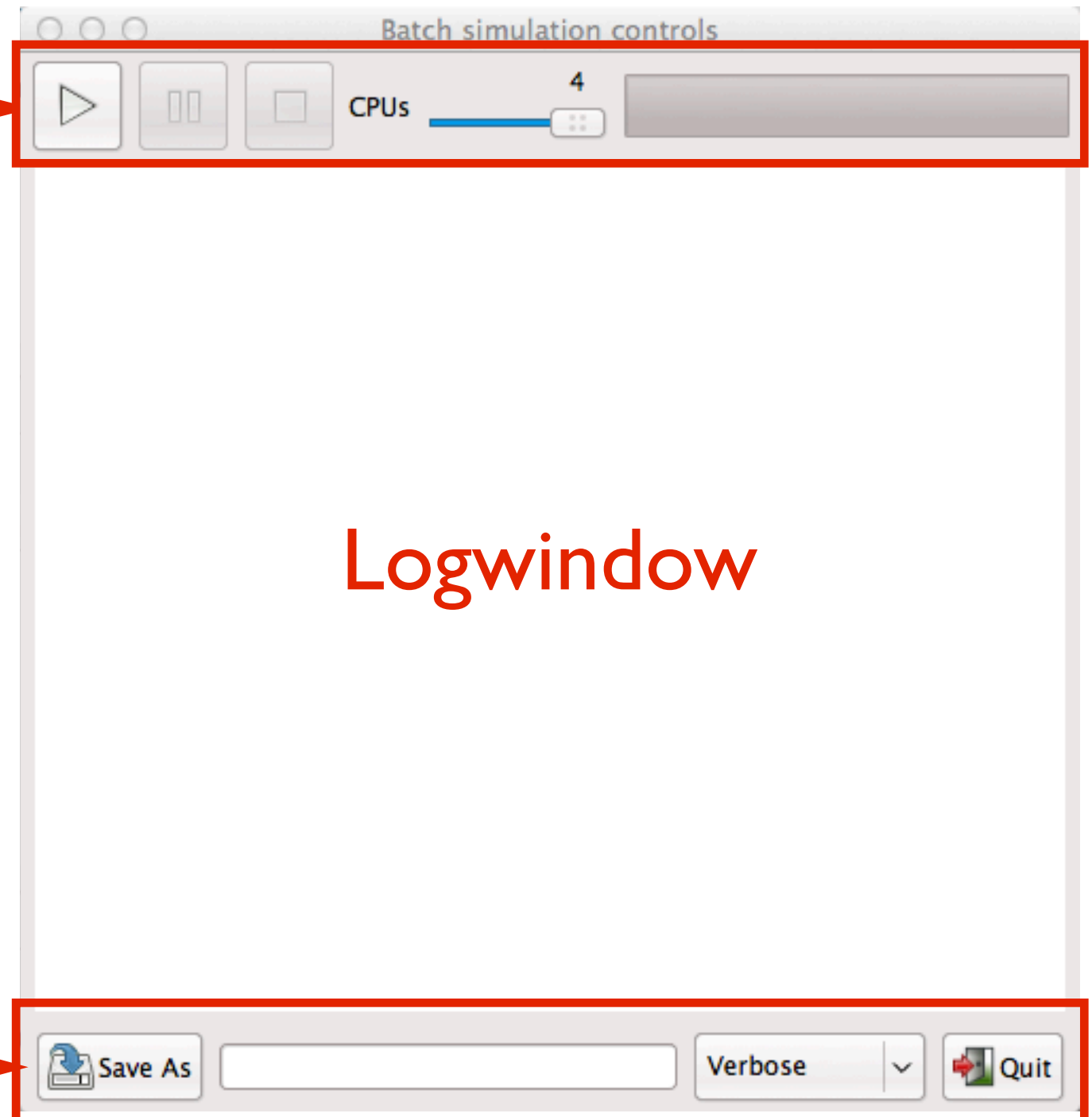


Batch mode I: running the batch



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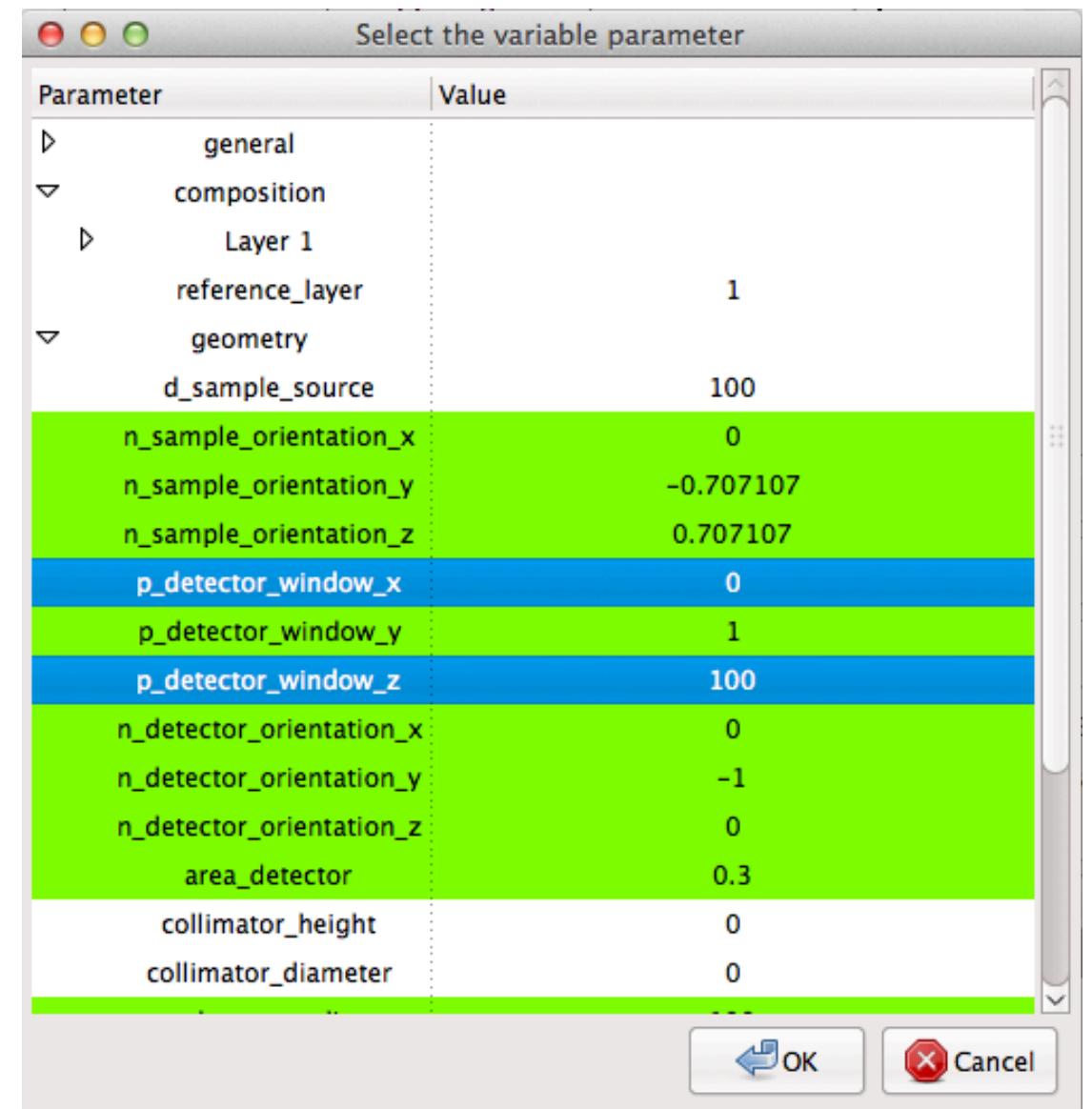
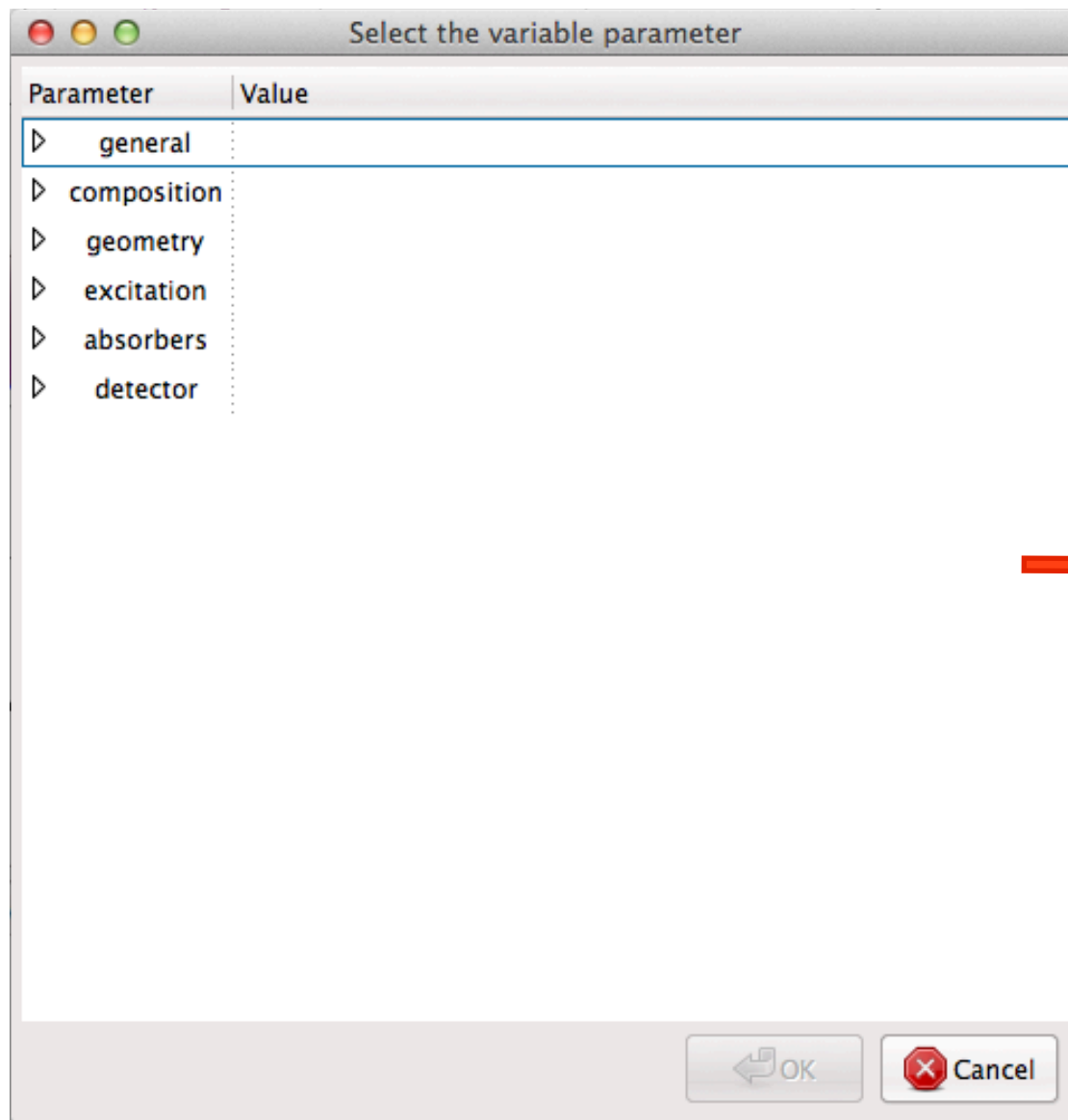
Simulation controls: set the number of *logical* CPUs, *Start*, *Pause* and *Stop*



Set verbosity level and direct output to a logfile

Batch mode 2:

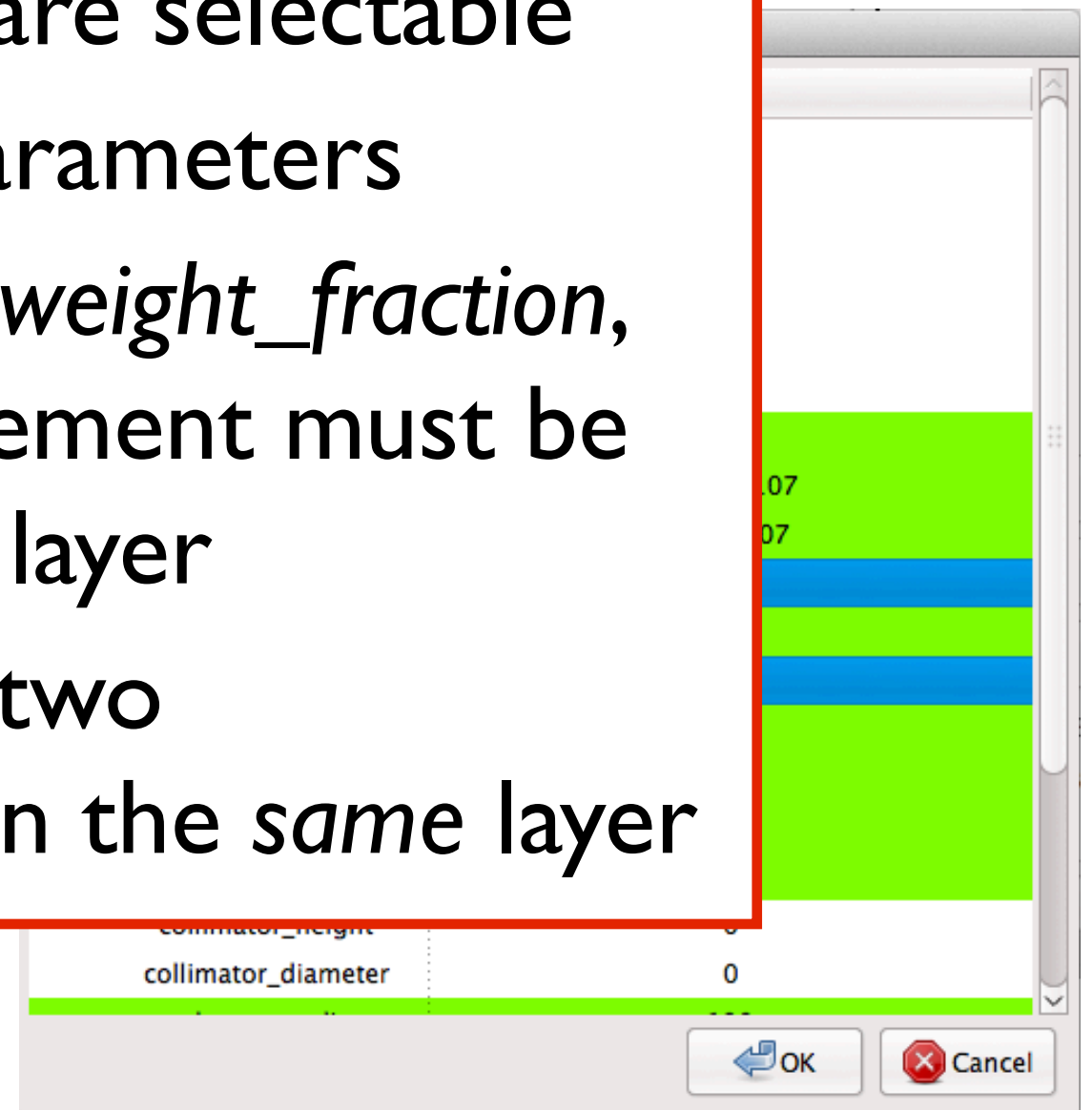
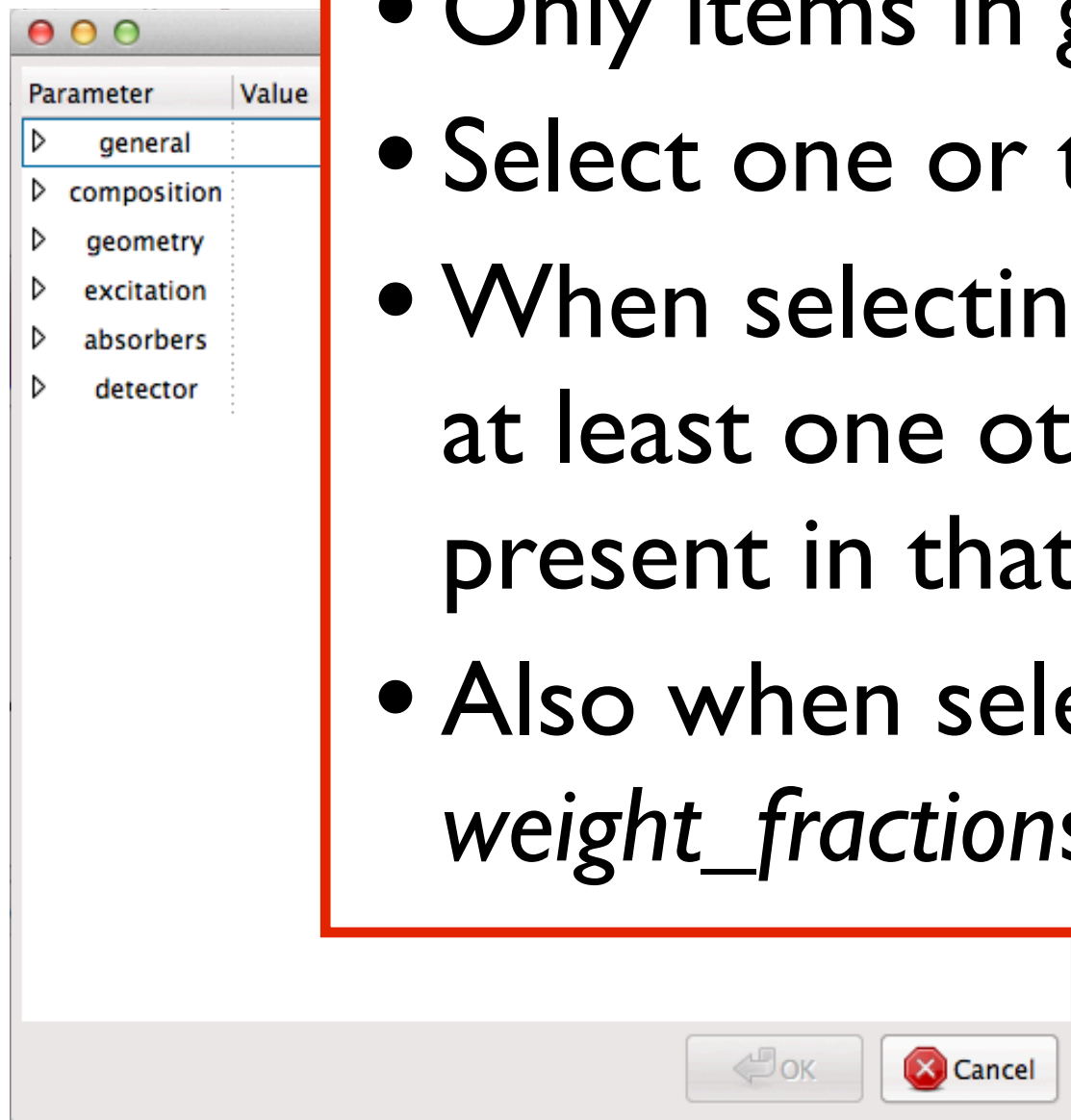
select the variable parameters



Batch mode 2:

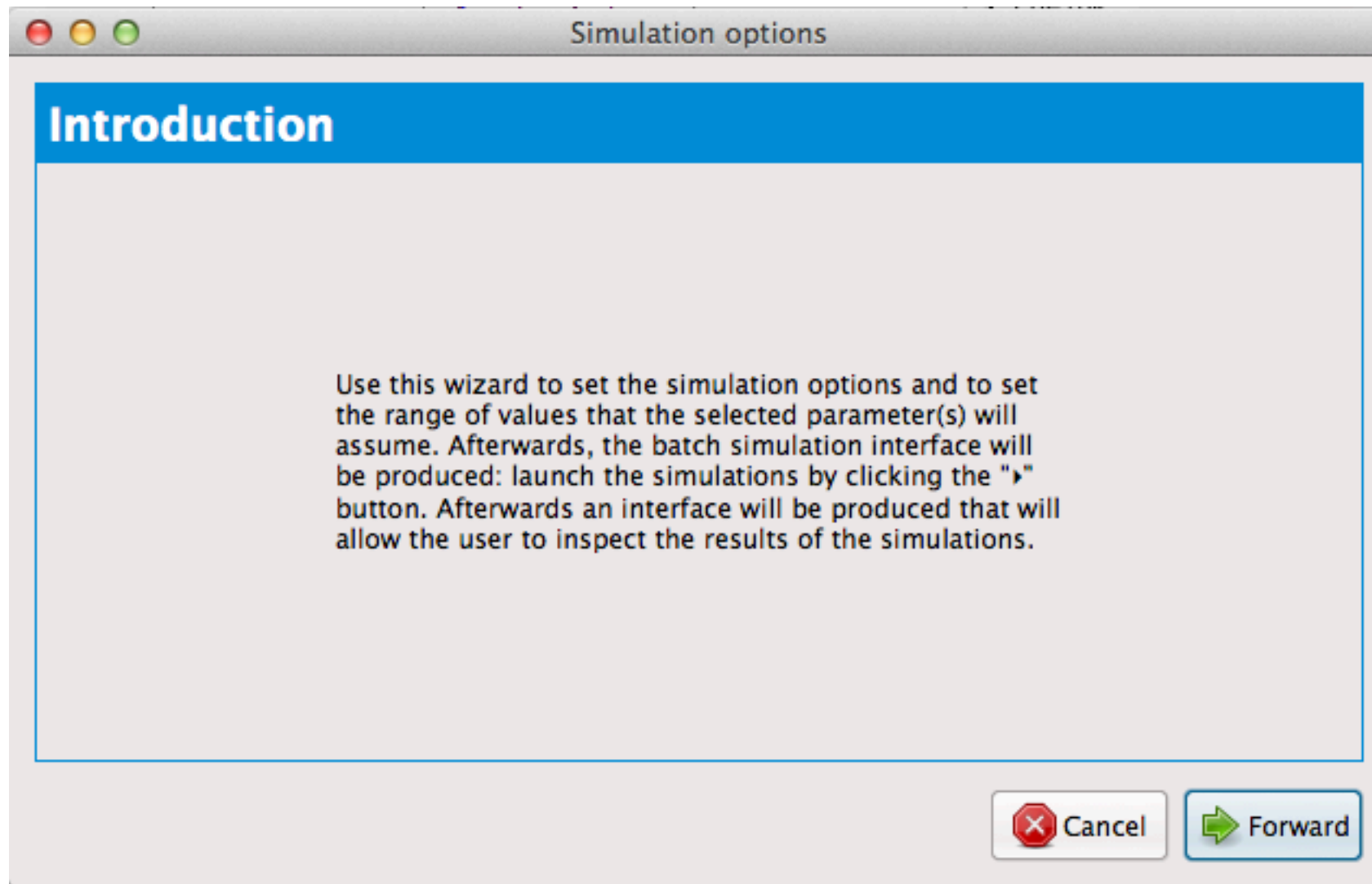
select the variable parameters

- Only items in green are selectable
- Select one or two parameters
- When selecting one *weight_fraction*, at least one other element must be present in that *same* layer
- Also when selecting two *weight_fractions* within the *same* layer

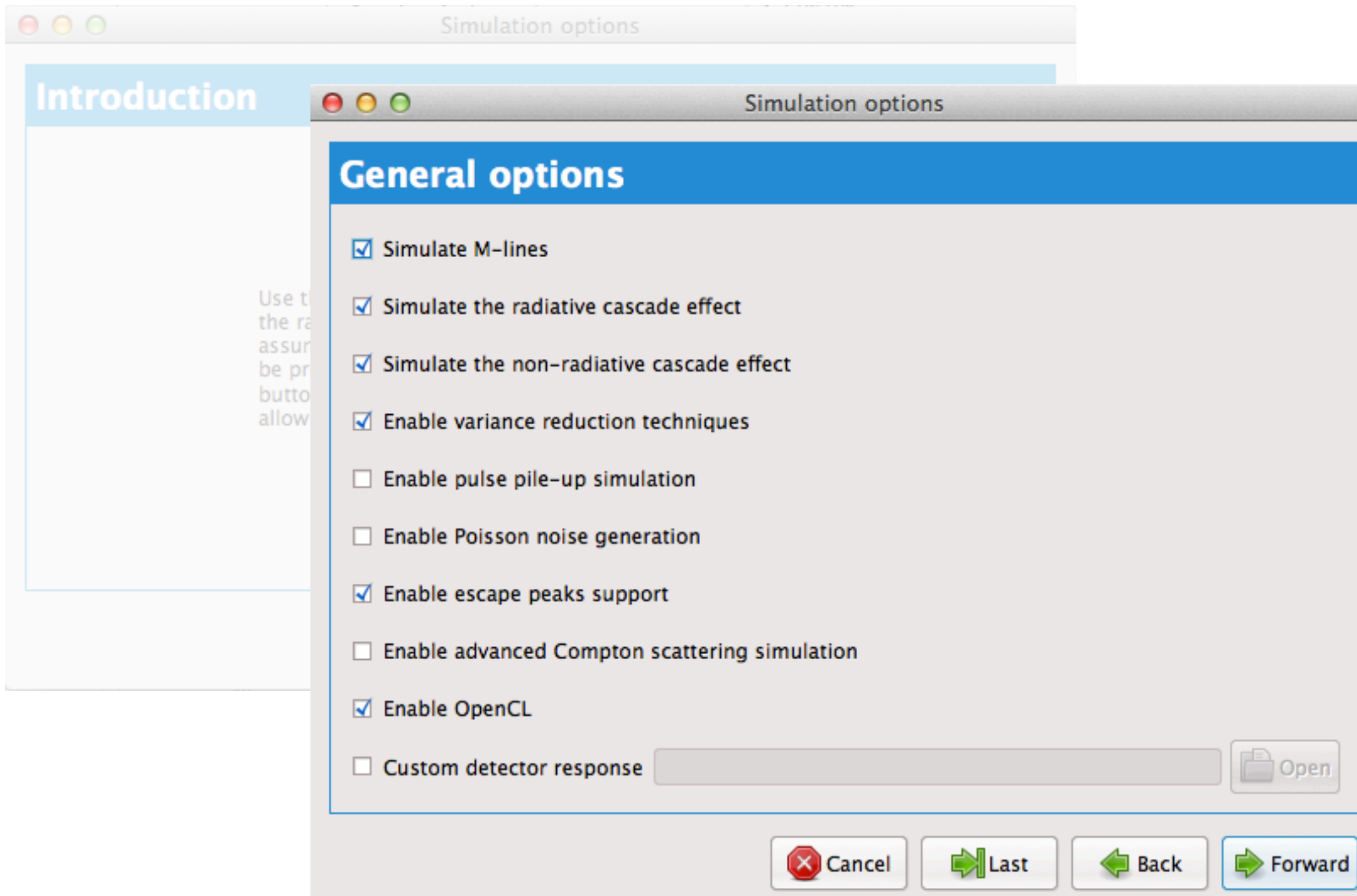


Batch mode 2:
set the simulation options

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Batch mode 2: set the simulation options

The image shows a multi-step wizard titled 'Simulation options'. The first step, 'Introduction', is visible in the background, containing a text block: 'Use this wizard to set the simulation the range of values that the selecte assume. Afterwards, the batch sim be produced. launch the simulation button. Afterwards an interface will allow the use to inspect the reduct'. The second step, 'General options', is partially visible, showing several checkboxes:

- ☒ Simulate M-lines
- ☒ Simulate the radiative
- ☒ Simulate the non-radi
- ☒ Use to inspect the reduct
- ☐ Enable variance reduc
- ☐ Enable pulse pile-up s
- ☐ Enable Poisson noise g
- ☒ Enable escape peaks s
- ☐ Enable advanced Com
- ☒ Enable OpenCL
- ☐ Custom detector respo

 The third and foreground step is 'Parameter range and file names'. It contains the following fields:

- XPath parameter 1:** `/xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/x`
- Start: End: #Steps:
- XPath parameter 2:** `/xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/z`
- Start: End: #Steps:
- XMSA file:

 At the bottom of the wizard are three buttons: 'Cancel' (with a red X icon), 'Back' (with a green left arrow icon), and 'Forward' (with a green right arrow icon).

Batch mode 2: set the simulation options

Simulation options

Introduction

General options

- ☒ Simulate M-lines
- ☒ Simulate the radiative
- ☒ Simulate the non-radi
- ☒ Use to inspect the redu

Use this wizard to set the simulation the range of values that the selected parameter assume. Afterwards, the batch simulation will be produced. Launch the simulation button. Afterwards an interface will allow the user to inspect the results.

Parameter range and file names

XPath parameter 1: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/x

Start End #Steps

XPath parameter 2: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/z

Start End #Steps

XMSA file Save As

Cancel Back Forward

XPath parameter:
reference to
selected parameter
(XML node)

Batch mode 2: set the simulation options

Simulation options

Introduction

General options

- ☒ Simulate M-lines
- ☒ Simulate the radiative transfer
- ☒ Simulate the non-radiative transfer
- ☒ Enable variance reduction
- ☐ Enable pulse pile-up simulation

Use this wizard to set the simulation parameters. The range of values that the selected parameters assume. Afterwards, the batch simulation will be produced. Launch the simulation button. Afterwards an interface will allow the user to inspect the results.

Parameter range and file names

XPath parameter 1: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/x

Start End #Steps

XPath parameter 2: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/z

Start End #Steps

XMSA file Save As

Cancel Back Forward

Define range from *Start* to *Stop* using *#Steps*.

Batch mode 2: set the simulation options

Simulation options

Introduction

General options

☒ Simulate M-lines

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Parameter range and file names




XPath parameter 1: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/x


Start End #Steps

XPath parameter 2: /xmimsim/geometry/p_detector_window/z

Start End #Steps

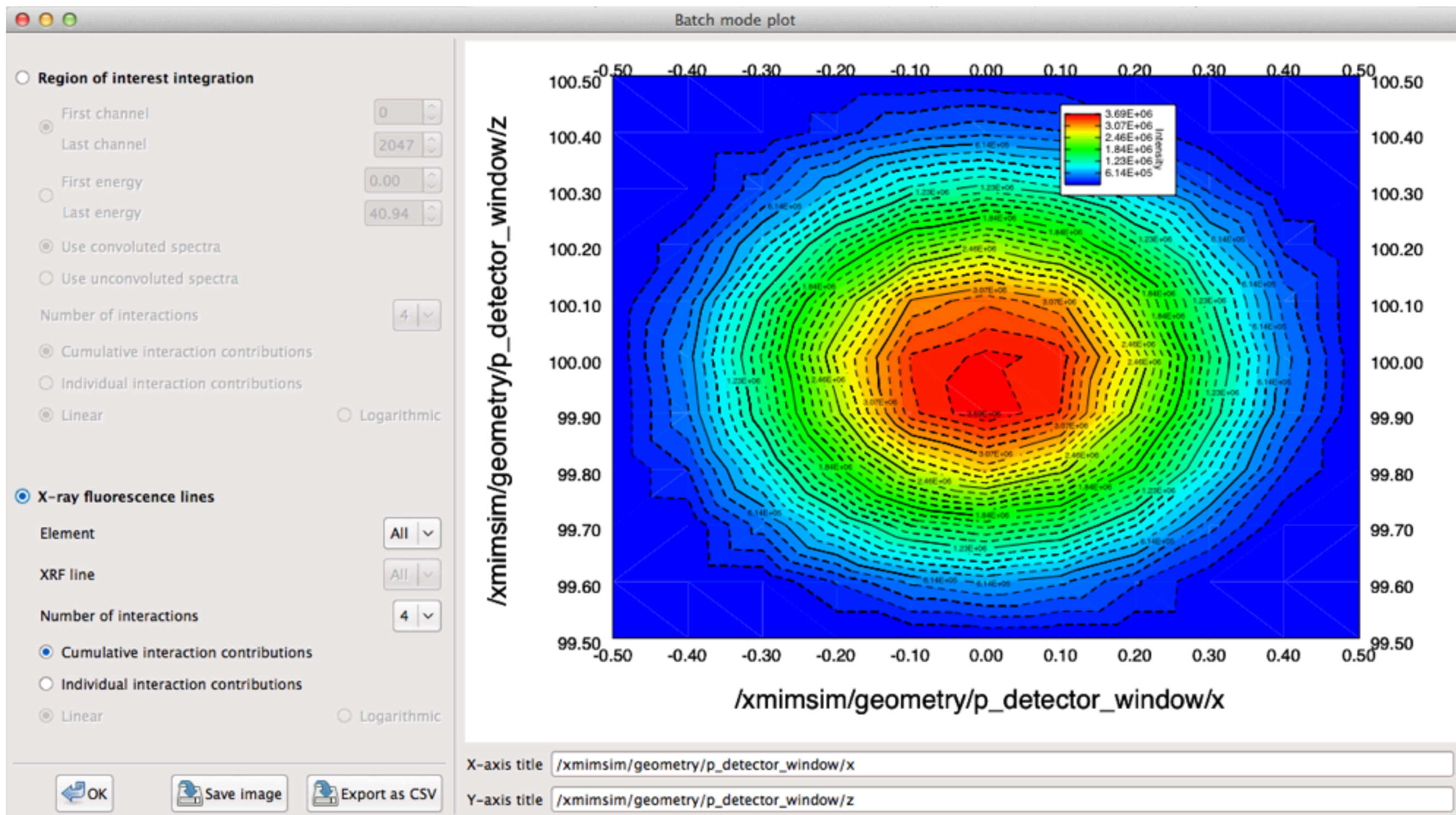
XMSA file  Save As

 Cancel  Back  Forward

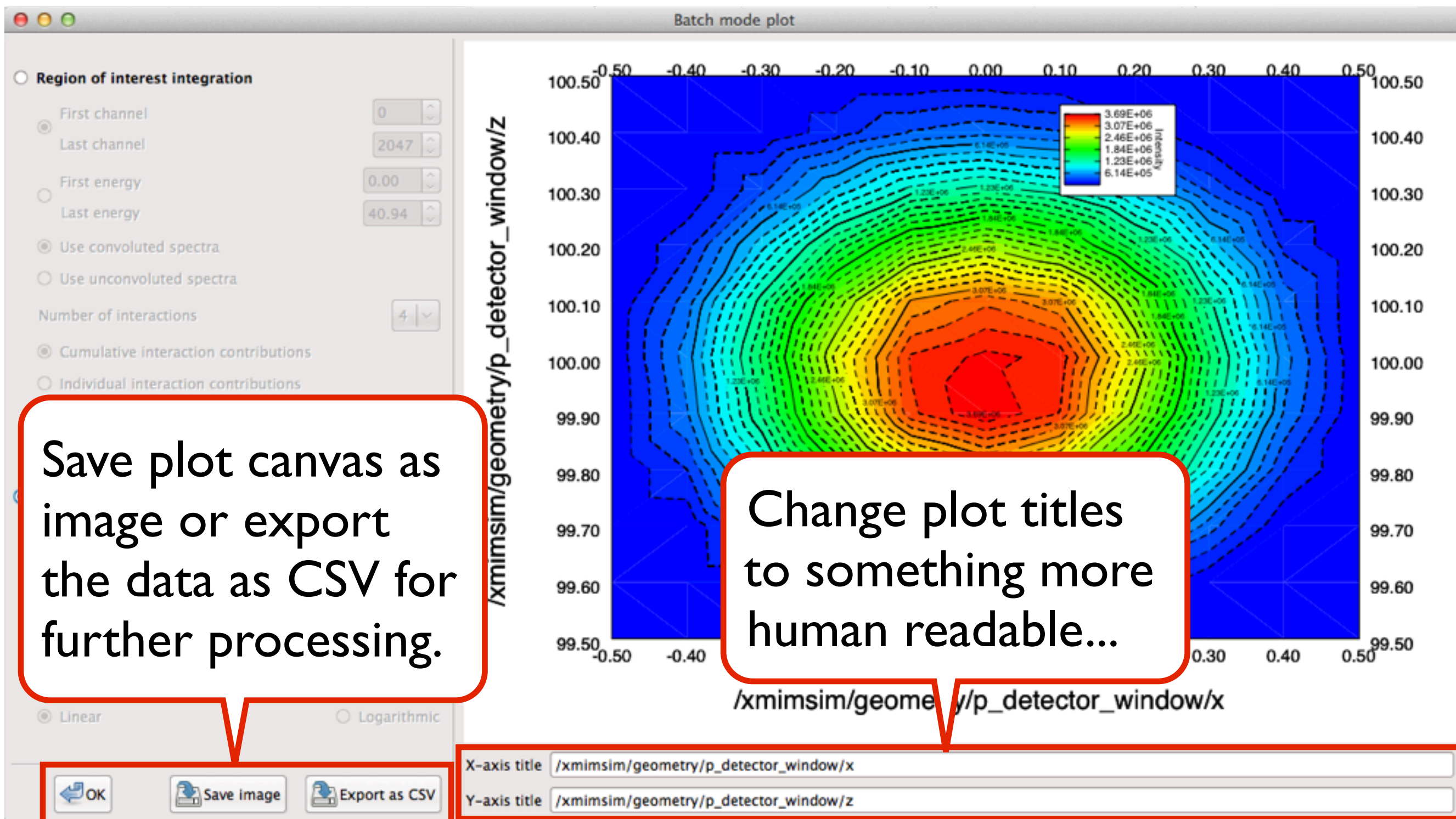


Batch mode 2: confirm and simulate

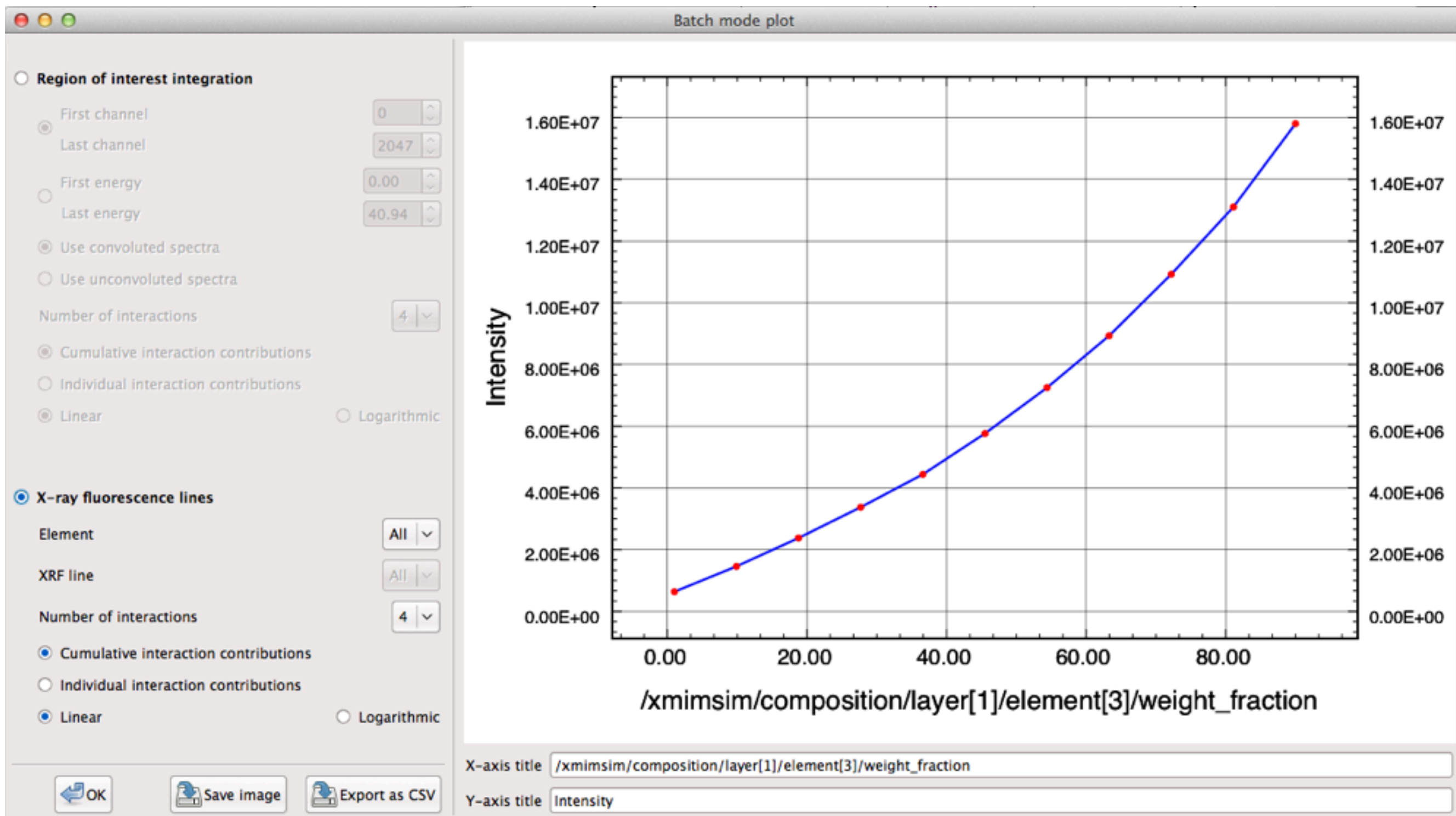
And wait...



- Region of interest integration: use channel or energy ranges.
- X-ray fluorescence lines: select element or specific lines
- Choose number of interactions: individual or cumulative
- Updates after every modification



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Batch mode 2:
one variable parameter

File manipulation with XPath and XSLT

- XMSI, XMSO and XMSA are XML files
- Conversion to SPE, SVG, HTML, CSV performed with XSL transformations: easy to write customized variants
- Modify and create new files using an XML parser/writer in your favorite language...
- Example script available in manual (Perl)

Generate XRMC input-files

- Use: *Tools* → *Convert XMSO file to XRMC*
- Especially useful when a proper simulation of the collimator is required
- Requires installation of XRMC with its bindings to XMI-MSIM!

Command-line tools

- *xmimsim*: actual simulation executable
(use *xmimsim-cli.exe* on Windows)
- *xmimsim-pymca*: PyMca's quantification plug-in
- *xmimsim-db*: generates *xmimsimdata.h5*
- *xmimsim-harvester*: seed collecting daemon (UNIX)
- *xmso2xmsi*, *xmso2spe*, *xmso2csv*, *xmso2htm*,
xmso2svg: command-line equivalents of GUI's
"Convert XMSO to" functions

Including XMI-MSIM in your own application

- Link against *libxmimsim*
- Many functions exported through interfaces in C and Fortran 2003: headers and modules
- Example: *XRMC* uses *XMI-MSIM*'s detector response function and X-ray tube spectrum generator

Custom detector response functions

- To be used when the builtin functions fail at properly describing your detector response functions
- Create a dynamically loadable module (plug-in) that exports the function:
xmi_detector_convolute_all_custom
- Use the XMI-MSIM API to minimize work
- Works well in C/C++ and Fortran
- Detailed instructions in manual!

- Based on the manual at <https://github.com/tschoonj/xmimsim/wiki>
- Access from XMI-MSIM: *Help* → *Visit XMI-MSIM User guide*
- Also available as pdf
- Send me bug-reports and feature requests

Exercise I

three-layer system

1. Air

- Composition: 78 % N₂, 21 % O₂, 1% Ar
- Thickness: 5 cm
- Density: 0.001205 g/cm³

Simulate 1 million photons

2. CaSO₄ → reference layer!

- Thickness: 500 μm
- Density: 2.96 g/cm³

Disable escape peaks!!!

3. Gold

- Thickness: 50 μm
- Density: 19.3 g/cm³

Afterwards: exchange
layers 2 and 3 and
simulate again!

Exercise II

batch mode: one parameter

- Start Batch mode
- Select the file from the previous exercise
- Composition → Layer 2 → Element (third one) → weight_fraction
- Parameter variation between 0 and 100 in 10 steps

Disable escape peaks!!!

Exercise III

collimator

- Add collimator to existing file

1. Height: 1 cm

Disable escape peaks!!!

2. Diameter: 0.2 cm

- Move collimator to $y = 2$ cm
- Simulate and compare results with first exercise

Exercise IV

batch mode: two parameters

- Start Batch mode
- Select the file from the previous exercise

Disable escape peaks!!!

- Geometry →
p_detector_window_x AND
p_detector_window_z
- Parameter I variation between
-1 and 1 in 5 steps
- Parameter II variation between
99 and 101 in 5 steps