

Updates of Some Standard EM Models

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Before (more details can be found [here](#)) :

- a new version of the Goudsmit-Saunderson multiple Coulomb scattering model was developed ([3 years ago](#), Geant4.10.2)
- employs exact Goudsmit-Saunderson angular distributions
- based on (relativistic) screened-Rutherford elastic DCS (DCS_{SRF}): scattering of **spinless** e^- on **exponentially screened, point** like Coulomb **potential**
- solution of the relativistic Schrödinger equation (Klein-Gordon equation) for spinless e^- ($/e^+$) under the first Born approximation
- simple analytical DCS with only one screening parameter \rightarrow smooth transformed GS angular distributions \rightarrow very efficient sampling of angular deflection
- this model was developed by Kawrakow and Bielajew¹ (the EGSnrc one)
- the new Geant4 GS model was significantly faster, more robust and theoretically more consistent compared to the previous version ($<$ Geant4.10.2)

¹ I.Kawrakow,A.F.Bielajew, NIMB 134(1998)325-336]

With Geant4.10.4: Mott or spin-relativistic corrections:

- Mott DCS (DCS_{Mott}): scattering of e^-/e^+ **with spin** on a point like, unscreened Coulomb potential (the unscreened Rutherford DCS is the spinless correspondence)
- solution of the Dirac equation with a point like, unscreened scattering potential: relativistic Dirac-Coulomb partial wave calculation
- the DCS used is

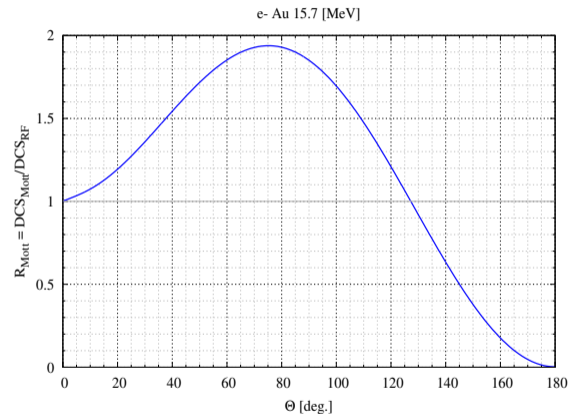
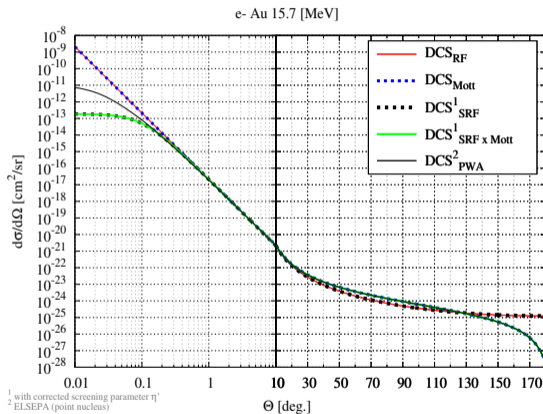
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \equiv \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(Z, E_{kin}, \theta) = \left[\frac{ZZ'e^2}{pc\beta} \right]^2 \frac{R_{Mott}(Z, E_{kin}, \theta)}{[1 - \cos(\theta) + \eta']^2} \equiv DCS_{SRF \times Mott}$$

- where $R_{Mott}(Z, E_{kin}, \theta) = DCS_{Mott}/DCS_{RF}$ with DCS_{RF} being the unscreened, relativistic Rutherford DCS
- η' is a modified screening parameter such that the most accurate PWA first transport cross section (that determines the mean of the GS angular distribution) is reproduced by $DCS(\eta')_{SRF \times Mott}$ i.e. the solution of

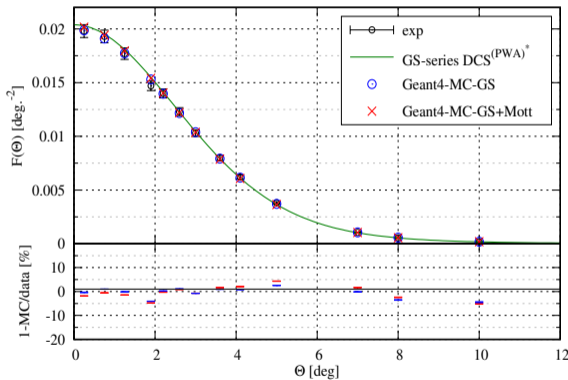
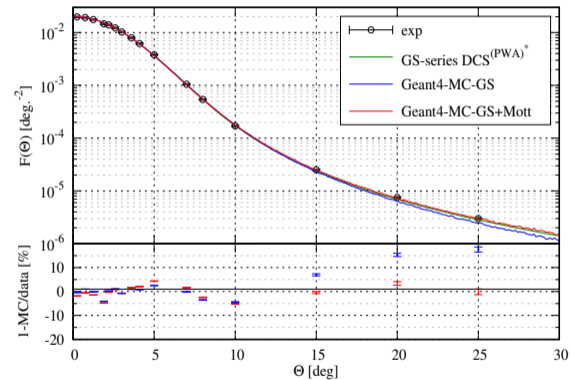
$$2\pi \int_0^\pi [1 - P_{l=1}(\cos(\theta))] \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sin\theta d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^\pi [1 - P_{l=1}(\cos(\theta))] \frac{d\sigma^{PWA}}{d\Omega} \sin\theta d\theta$$

- GS angular distributions were computed based on this form of the DCS and the corresponding rejection functions are stored in files

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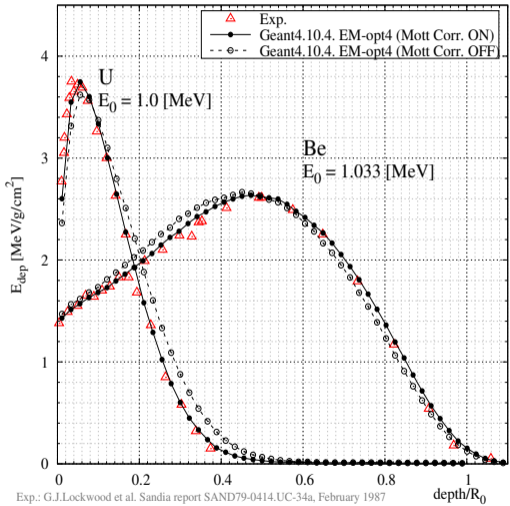
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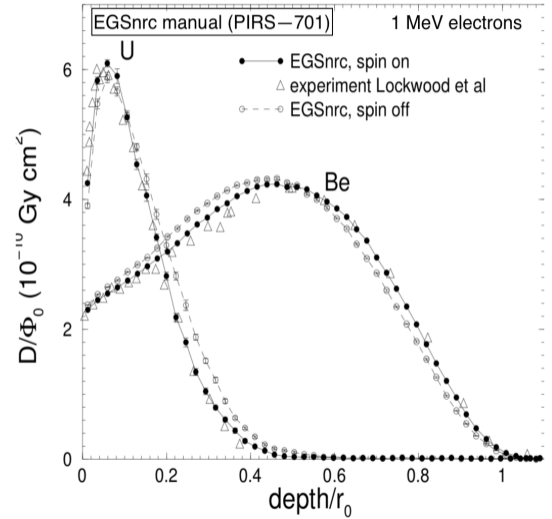
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More results: SANDIA depth dose data (left: Geant4.10.4 vs data; right: EGSnrc vs data)

Mott correction makes the shower longer/shorter for low-Z/high-Z materials.

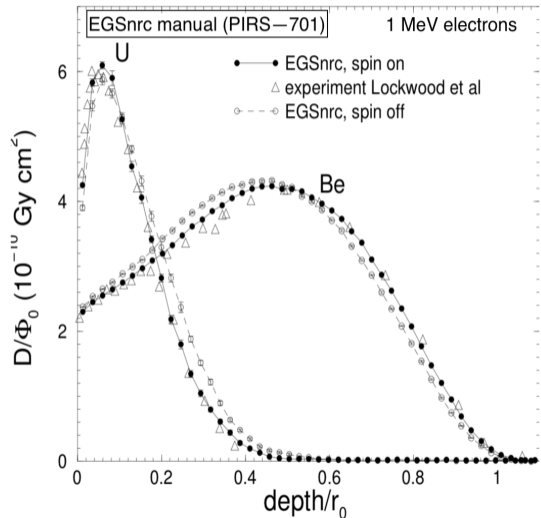
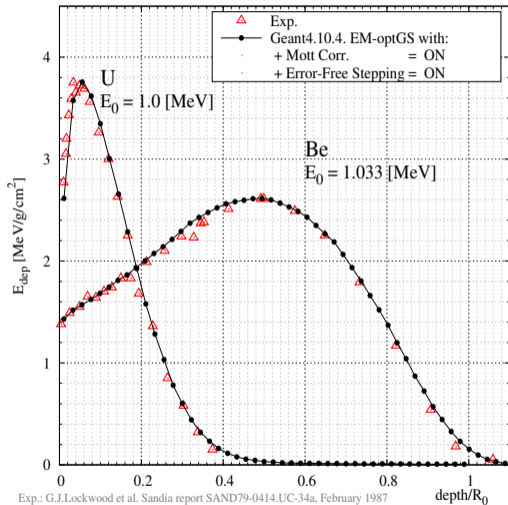


Exp.: G.J.Lockwood et al. Sandia report SAND79-0414.UC-34a, February 1987



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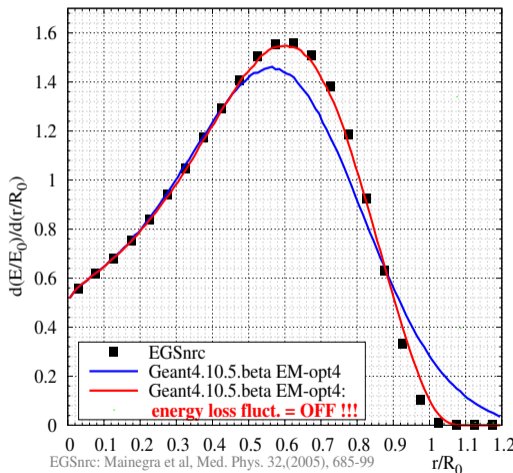
Even EM-option GS (opt0 with GS-MS) can describe the data with proper MSC settings.



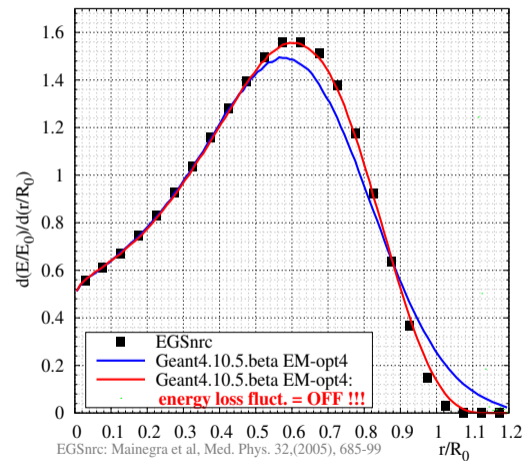
More results: low energy e^- in water, Dose Point Kernel simulation was a long standing problem (Geant4.10.5.beta vs EGSnrc)

EGSnrc doesn't have model for energy loss straggling!

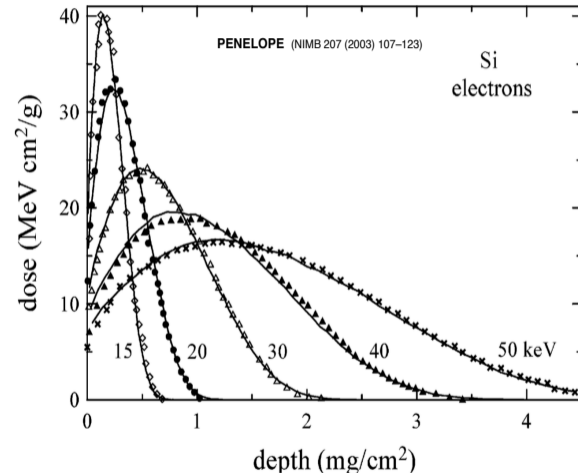
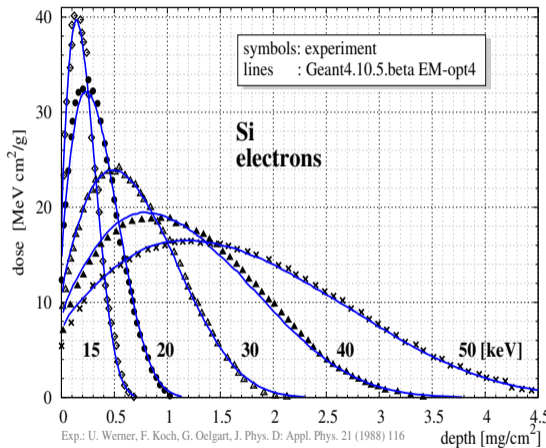
Dose Point Kernel: $E_0 = 10$ [keV] e^- in H_2O



Dose Point Kernel: $E_0 = 15$ [keV] e^- in H_2O

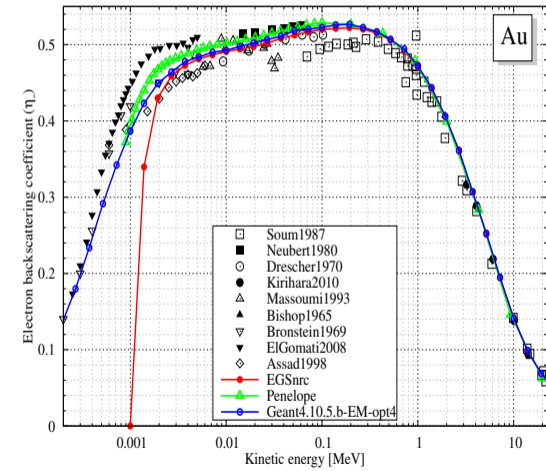
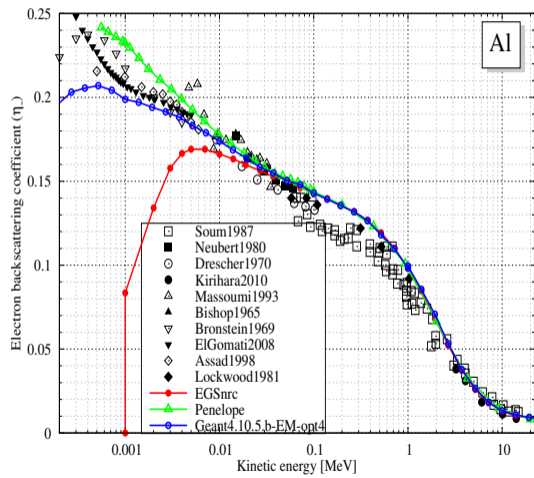


More results: low energy e^- in Silicon, depth dose data (left: Geant4.10.5.beta vs data; right: PENELOPE vs data)

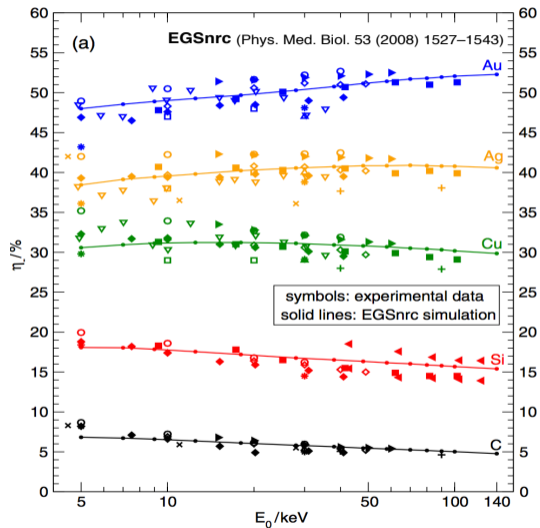
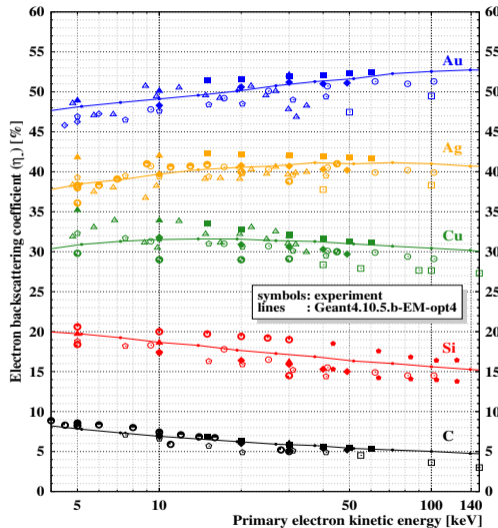


EGSnrc: based on E.S.M.Ali and D.W.O. Rogers, Phys. Med. Biol. 53 (2008) 1527-1543

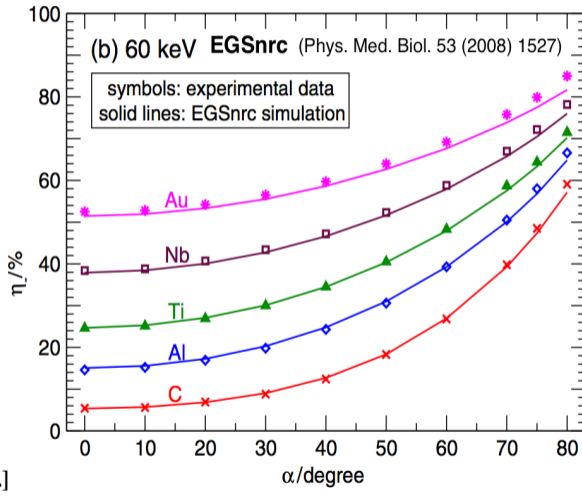
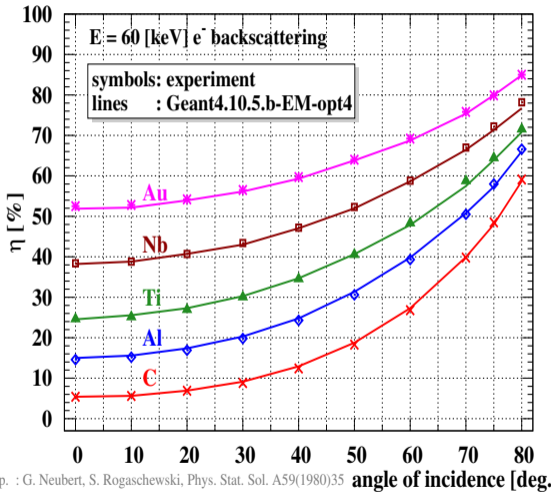
PENELOPE: J.Sempau et al. Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. B 207(2003)107-123



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GS-Mott conclusion:

- the Geant4 Goudsmit-Saunderson MSC model has settings (version \geq Geant4-10.4.) to describe $e^{-/+}$ transport with high accuracy from low to high Z materials down to \sim keV energies
- in order to demonstrate this, a very detailed $e^{-/+}$ transport benchmark is ongoing: comparing simulated (any and many type of) experimental data:
 - backscattering/transmission coefficients, energy/angular distributions, depth dose
 - wide range of primary energy: from few hundred eV up to few tens of MeV
 - from low to high Z materials
- see more on these results at: **3rd Geant4 International User Conference at the Physics-Medicine-Biology Frontier, Bordeaux (France), 29-31 October 2018**

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G4BetheHeitlerModel and G4PairProductionRealModel

- both model final state sampling is based on the Bethe-Heitler DCS¹ (with screening and Coulomb corrections and including conversion in the field of atomic electrons)
- the low-energy model (G4BetheHeitlerModel) employs parameterised cross section while the high energy model (G4PairProductionRealModel), that includes LPM suppression, makes use of numerically integrated cross sections
- screening correction is introduced through screening functions based on the Thomas-Fermi(TF) model of the atom (Butcher-Messel² analytical approximation)
- complete screening approximation is used, with *radiation logarithms* computed from the "Hartree-Fock" model of the atom, for low Z atoms where the TF model doesn't work (see more on this later)

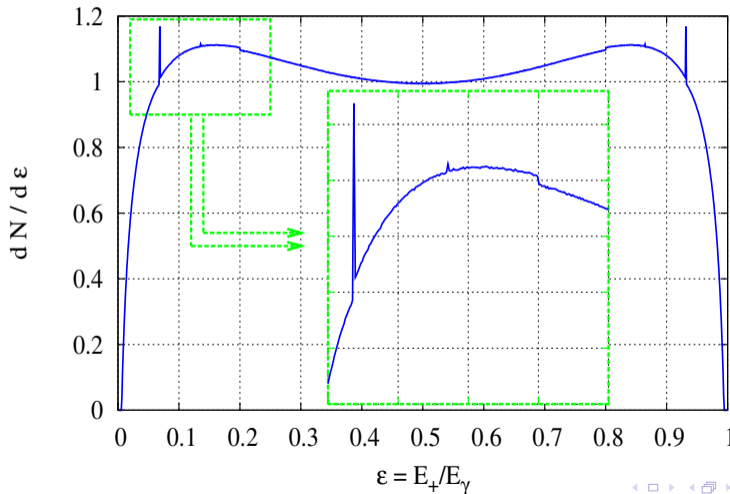
¹ H Bethe, W Heitler - Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A, 1934

² J. C. Butcher and H. Messel - Nuclear Physics, vol. 20, pp. 157-128, 196

Some artificial structures can be observed in the e^-/e^+ energy distributions

reduced energy transferred to the e^+ in pair-production

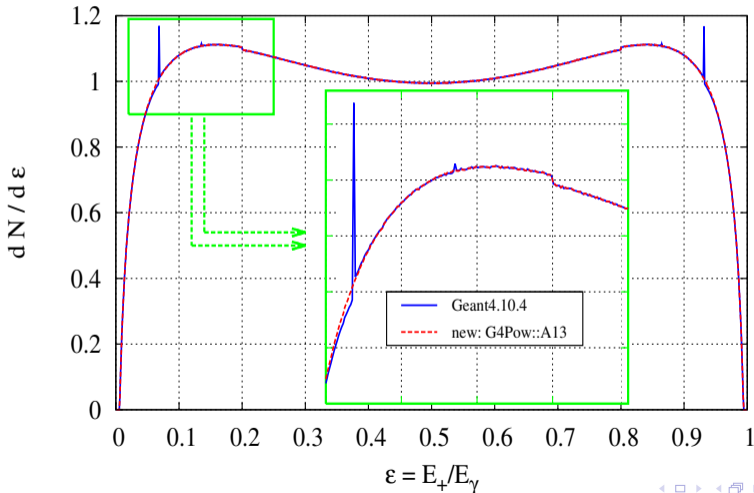
$E_\gamma = 100$ [MeV] in Pb



"Spikes" has been removed by improving the G4Pow::A13 approximation.

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Screening: Bethe-Heitler DCS (without any corrections)

- first-order Born approximation, conversion in the field of a point-like nucleus screened by the atomic electrons
- after integrating all angular variables ($\epsilon \equiv E_+/E_\gamma$, $\mu \equiv m_e c^2$, $\delta \equiv q_{\min}$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\epsilon} = \alpha r_0^2 Z^2 \left\{ [\epsilon^2 + (1 - \epsilon)^2] \left[4 \int_\delta^\mu \frac{(q - \delta)^2}{q^3} \left(1 - \frac{F(q, Z)}{Z} \right)^2 dq + 4 \right] - \frac{2}{3} \epsilon (1 - \epsilon) \left[4 \int_\delta^\mu \frac{q^3 - 6\delta^2 q \ln \frac{q}{\delta} + 3\delta^2 q - 4\delta^3}{q^4} \left(1 - \frac{F(q, Z)}{Z} \right)^2 dq + \frac{10}{6} \right] \right\}$$

- these remaining integrals can be evaluated only numerically because of the atomic form factor $F(q, Z)$
- the atomic form factor is the Fourier transform of the atomic electron density $\rho(\vec{r})$ (spherically symmetric one)

$$F(q, Z) = \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3r = 4\pi \int_0^\infty \rho(r) \frac{\sin(qr)}{qr} r^2 dr$$

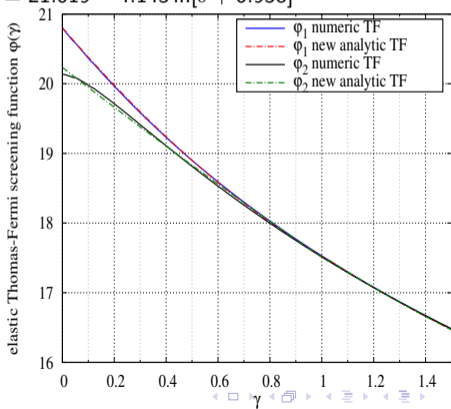
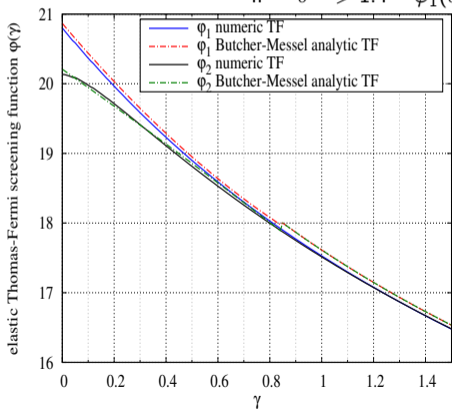
- one can introduce the screening functions

$$\varphi_1(\delta) = 4 \int_\delta^\mu \frac{(q - \delta)^2}{q^3} \left(1 - \frac{F(q, Z)}{Z} \right)^2 dq + 4 + \frac{4}{3} \ln(Z)$$

$$\varphi_2(\delta) = 4 \int_\delta^\mu \frac{q^3 - 6\delta^2 q \ln \frac{q}{\delta} + 3\delta^2 q - 4\delta^3}{q^4} \left(1 - \frac{F(q, Z)}{Z} \right)^2 dq + \frac{10}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \ln(Z)$$

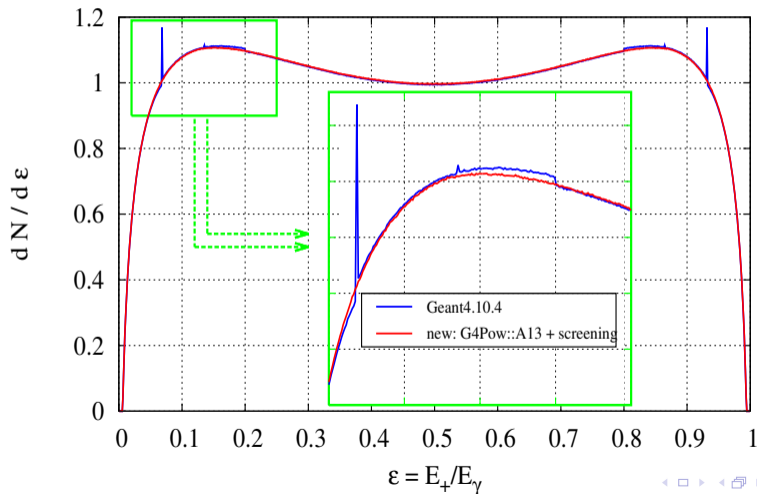
- using the Thomas-Fermi model of the atom, $F(q, Z)/Z$ depends only on $qZ^{-1/3}$ which makes possible to introduce Z independent $\varphi_1(\gamma)^{TF}, \varphi_2(\gamma)^{TF}$ with $\gamma \equiv 200\delta Z^{-1/3}/mc^2$
- $\varphi_1(\gamma), \varphi_2(\gamma)$ were computed numerically by using the numerical Thomas-Fermi atomic potential
- new, more accurate approximation to the universal $\varphi_1(\gamma), \varphi_2(\gamma)$ screening function were derived ($\delta \equiv 1.36\gamma$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } \delta \leq 1.4 \quad \varphi_1(\delta) &= 20.806 - 3.190\delta + 0.5710\delta^2 \\ &\quad \varphi_2(\delta) = 20.234 - 2.126\delta + 0.0903\delta^2 \\ \text{if } \delta > 1.4 \quad \varphi_1(\delta) &= \varphi_1(\delta) = 21.019 - 4.145 \ln[\delta + 0.958] \end{aligned}$$



Using this new analytical approximation to the universal(TF) coherent screening functions:

reduced energy transferred to the e^+ in pair-production
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Incoherent screening functions:

- our models contain corrections to the neglected(in BH DCS) conversion in the field of atomic electrons
- the incoherent screening (by the other electrons and the nucleus) functions are similar to the coherent one

$$\psi_1(\delta) = 4 \left[1 + \int_{\delta}^{\mu} \frac{(q - \delta)^2}{q^3} \frac{S(q, Z)}{Z} dq \right] + \frac{8}{3} \ln(Z)$$

$$\psi_2(\delta) = 4 \left[\frac{5}{6} + \int_{\delta}^{\mu} \frac{q^3 - 6\delta^2 q \ln \frac{q}{\delta} + 3\delta^2 q - 4\delta^3}{q^4} \frac{S(q, Z)}{Z} dq \right] + \frac{8}{3} \ln(Z)$$

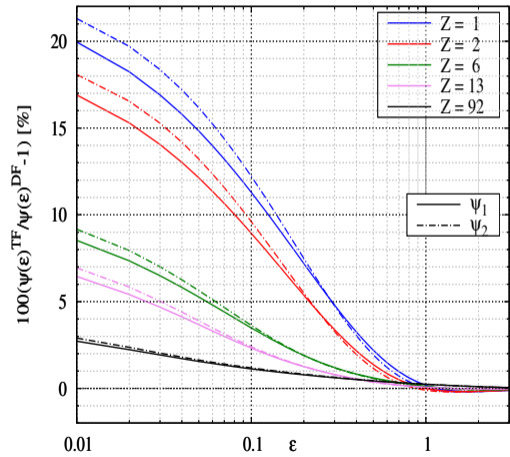
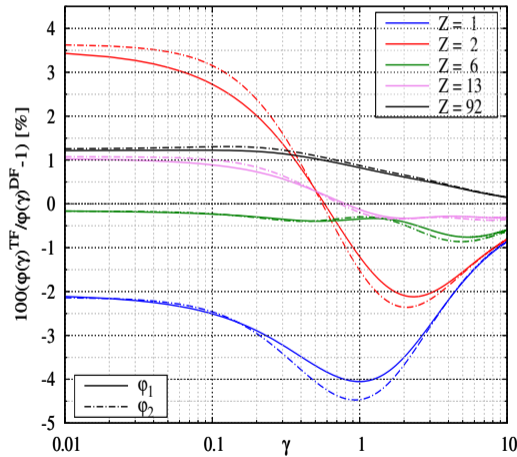
- the incoherent scattering function, $S(q, Z)$ plays the role of the atomic form factor $F(q, Z)$ now
- $S(q, Z)$ is relatively easy to compute in the Thomas-Fermi model but more involved in case of more sophisticated atomic models(see later)
- using the Thomas-Fermi model of the atom, $S(q, Z)/Z$ depends only on $qZ^{-2/3}$, which makes possible to introduce Z independent $\psi_1(\epsilon)^{TF}, \psi_2(\epsilon)^{TF}$ with $\epsilon \equiv 200\delta Z^{-2/3}/mc^2$
- $\psi_1(\epsilon), \psi_2(\epsilon)$ were computed numerically by using the numerical Thomas-Fermi atomic potential

Numerical Dirac-Fock computations:

- the Thomas-Fermi model of the atom doesn't work well in case of small Z
- more sophisticated atomic model need to be used (\rightarrow we lose the universal, Z independent property of the TF model based screening)
- the DBSR_HF¹ general Dirac-Hartree-Fock program was used to compute accurate Dirac-Fock one electron orbitals for $Z = 1 - 103$
- these numerical one-electron orbitals were used to compute the corresponding atomic electron density and the Dirac-Fock atomic form factors $F(q, Z)$
- similarly, the orbitals were used to compute the Dirac-Fock incoherent scattering functions $S(q, Z)$:
 - $S(E, \theta, Z) = \sum_i^{\text{all shells}} f_i \Theta(E - U_i) n_i(p_i^{\text{max}})$
 - $n_i(p_z) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{p_z} J_i(p'_z) dp'_z$
 - the one-electron Compton profile of the i -th shell: $J_i(p_z) \equiv \int \int \rho_i(\mathbf{p}) dp_x dp_y$ which with spherical symmetry $J_i(p_z) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{p_z}^{\infty} \rho_i(p) p dp$
 - the momentum distribution $\rho_i(\mathbf{p}) \equiv |\phi_i(\mathbf{p})|^2$ where $\phi_i(\mathbf{p})$ is the momentum representation of the one electron wave function $\phi_i(\mathbf{r})$
 - as a side product of this computation, Dirac-Fock one-electron momentum distributions and Compton profiles were obtained that can be used for an accurate Compton scattering model

¹ O. Zatsarinny and C. F. Fischer - Computer Physics Communications, vol. 202, pp. 287-303, 2016.

Coherent and incoherent screening functions: Thomas-Fermi vs Dirac-Fock



The complete screening approximation is used for low Z:

- the coherent radiation logarithm: $L_{el} \equiv \varphi_1(\gamma = 0)/4 - \frac{1}{3} \ln(Z) \rightarrow L_{el}(\delta = 0) = \int_{\delta}^{\mu} \frac{(q-\delta)^2}{q^3} \left(1 - \frac{F(q,Z)}{Z}\right)^2 dq + 1$
and $\varphi_1(0) - \varphi_2(0) = 2/3$ which in the Thomas-Fermi model $L_{el} = \ln[184.15Z^{-1/3}]$
- the coherent radiation logarithm: $L_{inel} \equiv \psi_1(\epsilon = 0)/4 - \frac{2}{3} \ln(Z) \rightarrow L_{inel}(\delta = 0) = \int_{\delta}^{\mu} \frac{(q-\delta)^2}{q^3} \frac{S(q,Z)}{Z} dq + 1$ and
 $\psi_1(0) - \psi_2(0) = 2/3$ which in the Thomas-Fermi model $L_{inel} = \ln[1194Z^{-2/3}]$

New Dirac-Fock(DF) Radiation Logarithms(compared to Tsai's values)

Coherent

Z	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
L_{el}^1	5.310	4.790	4.740	4.710	4.680	4.620	4.570
L_{el}^{DF}	5.310	4.793	4.740	4.711	4.669	4.613	4.552

Incoherent

L_{inel}^1	6.144	5.621	5.805 ⁱ	5.924 ⁱ	6.012 ^{TFM}	5.891 ^{TFM}	5.788 ^{TFM}
L_{inel}^{DF}	5.917	5.612	5.538	5.473	5.417	5.369	5.324

¹ YS Tsai - Reviews of Modern Physics, 46(4), 815, (1974); (best estimate)

G4BetheHeitlerModel, G4PairProductionRealModel new versions in Geant4.10.5.beta:

- more robust and coherent model with improved screening correction
- numerical Dirac-Fock coherent and incoherent screening functions → possibility to produce more accurate, numerical DCS (also for bremsstrahlung)
- numerical Dirac-Fock one-electron momentum distributions, Compton profiles as side products → can be re-used for an accurate impulse approximation based Compton model
- improved and more efficient LPM correction in case of G4PairProductionRealModel
- corrected inefficient use of EM target element selector
- code cleanup and in-code documentation

Speed-up (compared to the original version)

Model	Pb Target	PbWO ₄ Target
G4BetheHeitlerModel	11-12 [%]	25-28 [%]
G4PairProductionRealModel	10-12 [%]	290-425 [%]

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G4eBremsstrahlungRelModel (\leq Geant4.10.5.beta):

- based on Tsai's¹ form of the bremsstrahlung DCS, which is a Bethe-Heitler DCS with screening(TF model) and Coulomb(Bethe-Maximon) corrections to the first Born approximation
- photon emission in the field of atomic electrons is explicitly included (similarly to Wheeler and Lamb²)
- used at $E_{e^{+/-}} > 1[\text{GeV}]$: both LPM and dielectric suppressions are included

New version of G4eBremsstrahlungRelModel ($>$ Geant4.10.5.beta):

- improved and more efficient LPM correction
- more efficient angular generator
- code cleanup and in-code documentation

¹ YS Tsai - Reviews of Modern Physics, 46(4), 815, (1974); ² JA Wheeler, WE Lamb Jr - Physical Review, 55(9), 858, (1939)

G4SeltzerBergerModel (\leq Geant4.10.5.beta):

- based on the numerical, Seltzer-Berger DCS¹, that is a synthesis of various theoretical results
- used at $E_{e^{+/-}} < 1[\text{GeV}]$: dielectric suppression is included
- rejection based sampling of emitted photon energy with *heuristic estimate* of function maximum
- 2D run-time interpolation of the numerical DCS during the final state sampling
- all these make the current model sub-optimal

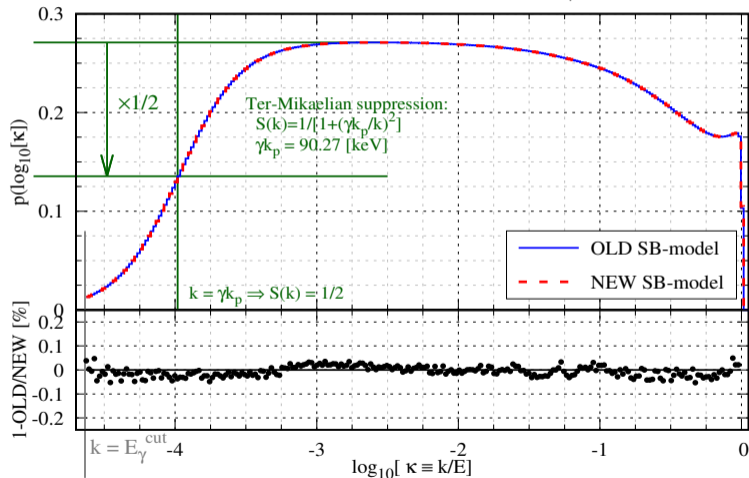
New version of G4SeltzerBergerModel ($>$ Geant4.10.5.beta):

- option to use pre-prepared, Z-dependent sampling tables for faster photon energy generation
- challenging: emitted photon energy distribution has material (dielectric suppression), gamma production threshold and particle type (correction to e^+) dependence
- all these corrections can be included in a rejection loop on top of the sampling tables: very low rejection rate \rightarrow high efficiency
- some memory is taken by the sampling tables (master only; 6 [MB] in case of CMS geometry)

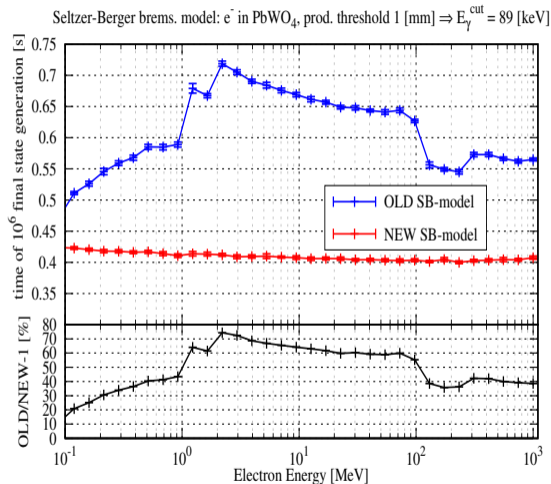
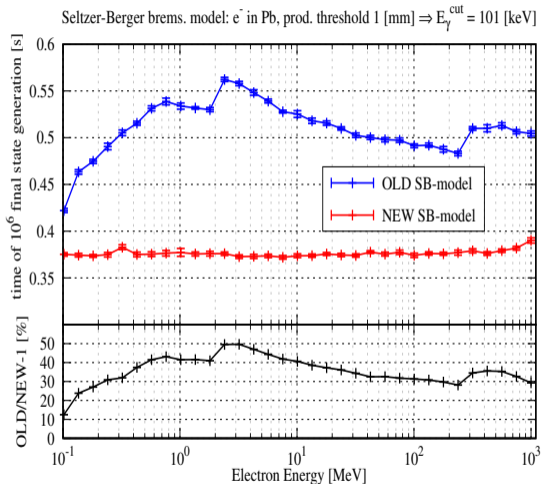
¹ SM Seltzer, MJ Berger - NIMB, 12(1), 96, (1985)

New version of G4SeltzerBergerModel (> Geant4.10.5.beta): all corrections are included

Emitted bremsstrahlung photon energy distribution:
 $E = 865$ [MeV] e^- in $PbWO_4$ with a cut of $100 \mu m \Rightarrow E_\gamma^{cut} = 19.96$ [keV]

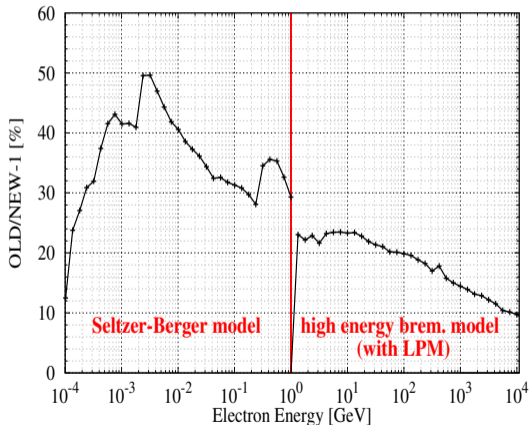


New version of G4SeltzerBergerModel (> Geant4.10.5.beta): speedup

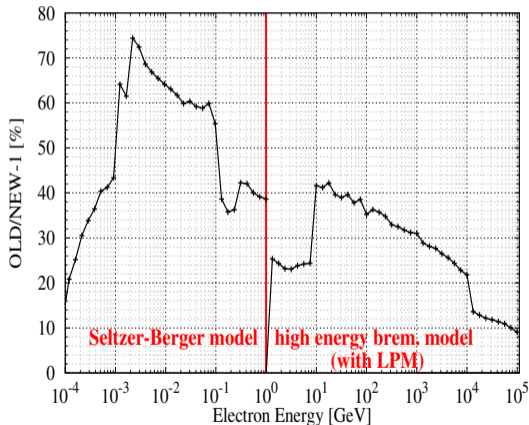


New version of G4SeltzerBergerModel, G4eBremsstrahlungRelModel (> Geant4.10.5.beta)

Std. brems. models: e^- in Pb, prod. threshold 1 [mm] $\Rightarrow E_\gamma^{\text{cut}} = 101$ [keV]



Std. brems. models: e^- in PbWO_4 , prod. threshold 1 [mm] $\Rightarrow E_\gamma^{\text{cut}} = 89$ [keV]



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G4EmElementSelector:

- the G4VEmModel base class provides the possibility to (automatically) build a collection of G4EmElementSelector-s for each material cuts couple
- this collection can be used by the derived model at run-time, to sample the target atom of the given interaction (in case of multi-element materials)
- each individual (i.e. for a given *model* given *material* cuts couple) G4EmElementSelector of the collection stores a table of discrete probabilities of having the given interaction on a given element of the material (i.e. $P(Z_i) = \Sigma_{Z_i} / \Sigma$) over a discrete energy grid: equally spaced in log energy scale
- the implementation of the table is a vector of G4PhysicsLogVector pointer (as many as elements in the given material)
- at run-time, the target atom is sampled according to this discrete probability distribution: the probabilities are interpolated for the given primary energy
- however, **the energy bin index is re-computed for each possible target element of the material during the interpolation(at each final state sampling): just because they stored as individual log-vectors**
- each of these re-computation means a (redundant) computation of the logarithm of the primary particle kinetic energy, that can be skipped

Reducing the cost of `G4PhysicsVector::Value(G4double, size_t&):`

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Reducing the cost of `G4PhysicsVector::Value(G4double, size_t&):`

Storing the logarithm of the primary particle kinetic energy:

- the most optimal and re-usable solution to the `G4EmElementSelector` problem: having the logarithm of the primary particle kinetic energy + caching the last energy bin index that was used
- logarithm of the kinetic energy can be stored and updated together with the kinetic energy (in `G4DynamicParticle` to guarantee consistency!)
- the logarithm of the kinetic energy can be re-used to speed-up table interpolations: dE/dx , range, lambda table interpolations at run-time
- several redundant computations of the log-kinetic energy can be skipped at each step → reduce the cost of `G4PhysicsVector::Value`: all those tables are `G4PhysicsLogVector`-s i.e. values over the primary particle kinetic energy spaced equally in log scale

```
239 inline void G4DynamicParticle::SetKineticEnergy(G4double aEnergy)
240 {
241     isLogEkinUpToDate = ( isLogEkinUpToDate && (theKineticEnergy == aEnergy) );
242     theKineticEnergy = aEnergy;
243 }
210 inline G4double G4DynamicParticle::GetLogKineticEnergy() const
211 {
212     if (!isLogEkinUpToDate) {
213         theLogKineticEnergy = (theKineticEnergy>0.) ? G4Log(theKineticEnergy) : -42.;
214         isLogEkinUpToDate = true;
215     }
216     return theLogKineticEnergy;
217 }
```


Reducing the cost of G4PhysicsVector::Value(G4double, size_t&):

10 [GeV] e⁻ in Simplified Sampling Calorimeter: 50 layers of 2.3 [mm] Pb and 5.7 [mm] liquid-Ar

CURRENT: re-compute Log(kinetic energy)

Incl.	Self	Called	Function
10.19	0.80	43 584 415	G4PhysicsVector::Value(double, unsigned long&) co...

Incl.	Self	Called	Function
6.92	2.18	57 535 356	G4Log(double)

***** ~23 % reduction in calls to G4Log() → few % run-time improvement *****

NEW: stored Log(kinetic energy)

Incl.	Self	Called	Function
5.52	0.65	33 166 475	G4PhysicsVector::Value(double, double, unsigned long&) c...
2.60	0.20	10 417 940	G4PhysicsVector::Value(double, unsigned long&) const

Incl.	Self	Called	Function
5.39	1.70	44 529 120	G4Log(double)

Proposition:

- the solution proposed (see the code in the previous slide) guarantee, that the logarithm of the kinetic energy is computed only on demand and re-computed only if it's necessary
- the corresponding modifications (usually very small, see above) affects several categories (particles, global, emutils, emstand)
- these modifications can be applied in a dedicated git branch on top of a well defined base
- the usual *Geant4 Profiling and Benchmarking* can be done (*Julia&Soon*) and further actions can be taken based on the results
- note, that the proposed modifications:
 - do not change the simulation results (i.e. numerically identical results)
 - practically zero run-time overhead (`isLogEkinUpToDate = false` by default)
 - one additional double and a boolean member in `G4DynamicParticle`
 - it should give \sim few % run-time improvement and ~ 23 % reduction in calls to `G4Log()`

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Summary:

- the Goudsmit-Saunderson MSC model with its spin-relativistic correction and error-free stepping options provides an accurate model for $e^-/+$ Coulomb scattering from low to high Z materials down to \sim keV energies
- a detailed $e^-/+$ transport benchmark against experimental data is ongoing in order to demonstrate this
- standard (and non-standard) bremsstrahlung and pair-production models have been improved both in terms of accuracy and speed
- these computations provided ingredients that can be used in the future for further model improvements
- an optimisation of the EM framework is suggested by significantly reducing the number of calls to `G4Log()` while keeping the results numerically identical