



# *New 5D gamma conversion model*

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# $\gamma$ conversions to $e^+e^-$ pairs

- Target, final state

threshold

- nucleus (nuclear conversion)  $\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+e^- Z$

$2mc^2$

- electron (triplet conversion)  $\gamma e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- e^-$

$4mc^2$

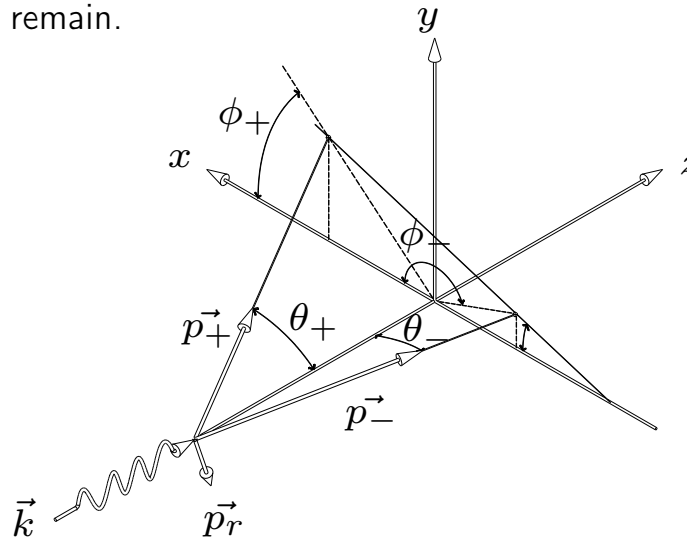
A three-particle final state, even when the trajectory of the recoiling target cannot be detected.

- A 5D phase space

- 3 particle final state,  $4 - 1 = 3$  free parameters for each one,

- energy-momentum conservation fixes 4 of them.

- $3 \times 3 - 4 = 5$  variables remain.

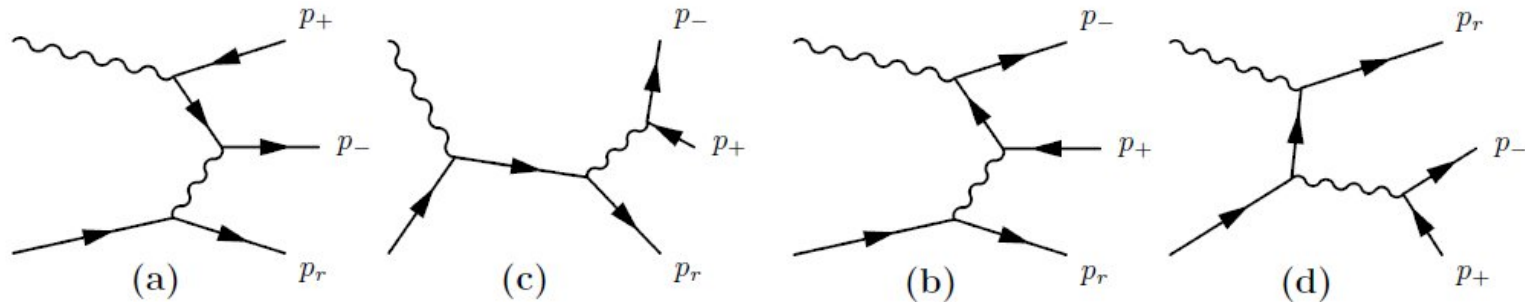


- $+, -, r =$  positron, electron, recoil.  $\phi$  azimuthal,  $\theta$  polar angles.

- $\Omega \equiv (\phi_+, \phi_-, \theta_+, \theta_-, x_+ \equiv E_+/E_\gamma)$

# The Bethe-Heitler differential cross section

- Analytical 5D differential cross section



- First-order Born approximation: (a) and (b) diagrams. Excellent approximation:
  - for nuclear conversion ( $M_{\text{nucleus}} \gg m$ ),  $m$  electron mass.
  - for high-energy triplet conversion ( $E \gg mc^2$ ) Mork, Phys. Rev. 160 (1967) 1065.
- Non-polarised (Bethe and Heitler, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 146 (1934) 83),  
 Polarised (Berlin and Madansky, Phys. Rev. 78 (1950) 623; May, Phys. Rev. 84 (1951) 265. )
  - Linear photon polarisation (not circular), no polarisation transferred to the final leptons
- Point-like target (extended-nucleus very-high- $q^2$  suppression neglected)
- Very-high-energy LPM (Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal) suppression neglected
- Coulomb (final state electrostatic interactions between leptons) corrections neglected
- At face value, assumes that the recoil energy is negligible  $\Rightarrow E_- = E - E_+$

# Bethe-Heitler differential cross section: divergences

- Here the non-polarised expression

Bethe and Heitler, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 146 (1934) 83

$$d\sigma = \frac{-\alpha Z^2 r_0^2 m^2}{(2\pi)^2 \omega^3} dE_+ d\Omega_+ d\Omega_- \frac{|p_-||p_+|}{|\vec{q}|^4} \left[ \left( \frac{p_+ \sin \theta_+}{E_+ - p_+ \cos \theta_+} \right)^2 (4E_-^2 - q^2) + \left( \frac{p_- \sin \theta_-}{E_- - p_- \cos \theta_-} \right)^2 (4E_+^2 - q^2) + \frac{2p_+ p_- \sin \theta_+ \sin \theta_- \cos \phi}{(E_- - p_- \cos \theta_-)(E_+ - p_+ \cos \theta_+)} (4E_+ E_- + q^2 - 2\omega^2) - 2\omega^2 \frac{(p_+ \sin \theta_+)^2 + (p_- \sin \theta_-)^2}{(E_+ - p_+ \cos \theta_+)(E_- - p_- \cos \theta_-)} \right]$$

with:  $|\vec{q}|^2 = |\vec{p}_+ + \vec{p}_- - \vec{k}|^2$ .

- Divergences:

- For  $e^+$  and  $e^-$   $\frac{1}{(E - p \cos \theta)}$  forward divergence at high energies, the easy ones
- $\frac{1}{q^4}$  small recoil divergence, involves several kinematic variables in a correlated way

# Correlated divergences: Consequences for pre-existing physics models

- No attempt to sample the 5D differential cross-section
- No attempt to generate a target recoil momentum
  - The electron and the positron are generated in a plane that contains the photon
  - Azimuthal angles back to back,  $\phi_- = \phi_+ \pm \pi$
- Single-particle polar angle  $\theta$  distribution, decent.
- “Energy share”,  $x_+$  distribution, exact.  $x_+ \equiv E_+/E_\gamma$
- Electron and positron polar angles  $\theta_-$  and  $\theta_+$  generated independently
  - energy-momentum not conserved in the reaction !
  - some artificial transverse recoil apparently generated, but distribution wrong and direction in the “conversion plane”
- Polarised model wrong.

[polarisation **phase** bug corrected, though, in the 10.4beta release [V. Ivantchenko & Ph. Gros, Sept. 2017.](#)]

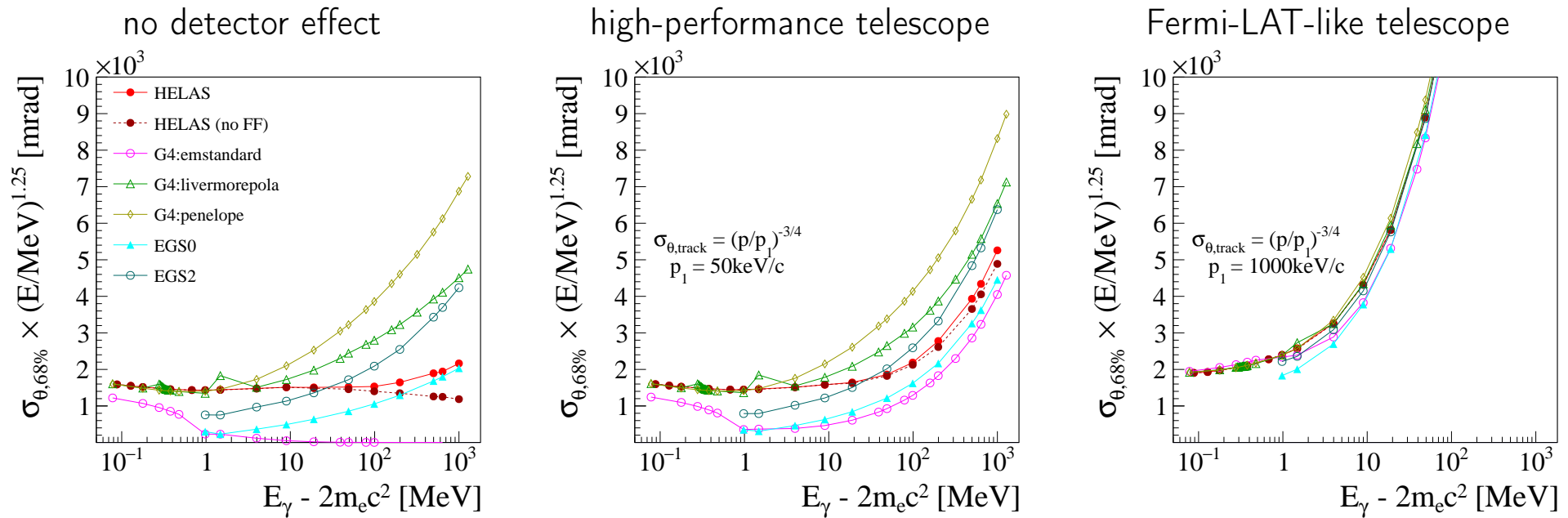
# $(E < 1 \text{ GeV})$ high-performance $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ telescopes: ongoing projects

Three active targets (i.e. combined converter + tracker) techniques being developed:

- Homogeneous low-density active targets (gas detectors): HARPO, Adept
- Tungsten-less, silicon-wafer stacks (e-ASTROGAM, AMEGO) and (so) many past other ones
- Homogeneous ultra-high-spatial-precision, high-density, active targets: emulsions (GRAINE)

Angular resolution due to unmeasured nucleus recoil:

(normalized to  $E^{-1.25}$ )



Need an exact simulation of the conversion !

(“HELAS” is one of G4BetheHeitler5DModel’s ancestors)

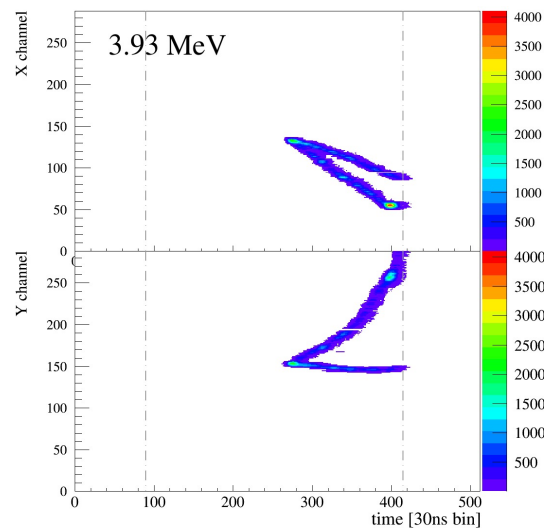
FF: atom electrons screening form-factor

P. Gros et al., *Astropart. Phys.* 88 (2017) 60

# G4BetheHeitler5DModel development: Context: HARPO

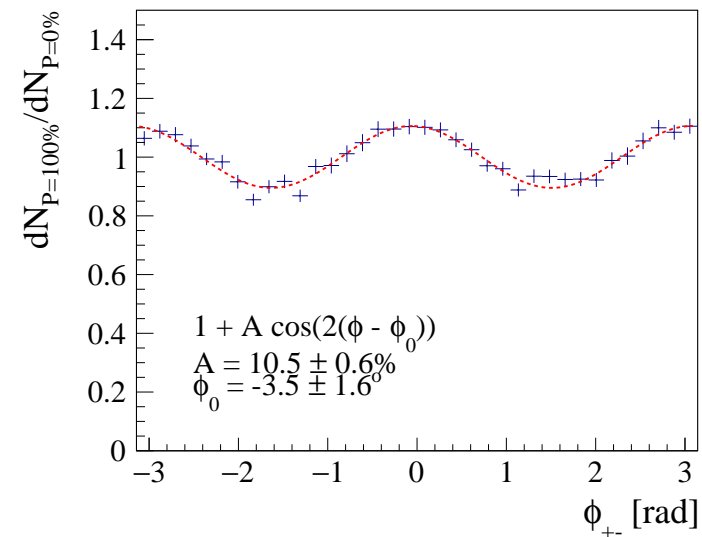
- Works on paper
  - Telescope performance [D. Bernard, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 701 \(2013\) 225](#)
  - Polarimeter performance [D. Bernard, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 729 \(2013\) 765](#)
- Experimental development
  - Gas (argon-isobutane) Time projection chamber (TPC) [SPIE 9144 \(2014\) 91441M](#)
  - Validated in (polarised) gamma-ray beam, NewSUBARU, U. of Hyôgo, Japan

$(x, t)$  and  $(y, t)$  signal maps  
 $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in 2.1 bar Ar-iC4H10 95-5%



[Ph. Gros et al., SPIE \(2016\) 99052R](#)

Azimuthal angle distribution  
11.8 MeV  $\gamma$  in 2.1 bar Ar-iC4H10 95-5%



[Ph. Gros et al., Astropart. Phys. 97 \(2018\) 10](#)

<http://llr.in2p3.fr/~dbernard/polar/harpo-t-p.html>

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[arXiv:1805.10003](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.10003) [astro-ph.IM]

## *G4BetheHeitler5DModel: Sampling Method: 1*

- Mitigation of main, correlated, divergence: perform each step in appropriate Lorentz frame
  - Center-of-mass system (CMS) boost determined from photon energy  $E$  and target mass  $M$ .
  - Five variables are taken at random, ( $\ell$ : lepton)

variable	name	Lorentz frame
$\theta$	target and pair polar angle	CMS
$\mu$	$e^+e^-$ invariant mass	
$\theta_\ell$	electron and positron polar angle	pair frame
$\phi_\ell$	electron and positron azimuthal angle	pair frame
$\phi$	target and pair azimuthal angle	CMS

- In the CMS, target (mass  $M$ ) and pair (mass  $\mu$ ) are back-to-back with opposite momenta.
  - “Decay” of the pair to an electron and a positron performed in the pair Lorentz frame.
  - The lepton 4-vectors are boosted “back” to the CMS.
  - The three final particle 4-vectors are boosted “back” to the laboratory Lorentz frame.
  - The Bethe-Heitler variables are obtained from the 4-vectors.
  - The probability density function (pdf) is computed.
- Final-state phase space normalization for this set of cascade decays:
 

[Review of Particle Physics \(Particle Data Group\)](#)      See eqs. (1)-(3) in [Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 899 \(2018\) 85](#)
  - Note that in contrast to Bethe-Heitler taken at face value, we **do conserve energy momentum**

$$E = E_- + E_+ + E_r$$



## *G4BetheHeitler5DModel: Sampling Method: 2*

Mitigation of residual, mostly uncorrelated, divergences:

- [2012 – 2017]: SPRING/BASES implementation of VEGAS method.

(S. Kawabata, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 88 (1995) 309.)

Several seconds CPU overhead for each (photon-energy, target  $Z$ )

Systematic verification against known results (1D distributions, total cross sections ..)

*Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A* 729 (2013) 765

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- [2018]: change of variable

*Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A* 899 (2018) 85

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- Check also previous Geant4 presentations:

Jan. 2018	CERN	Geant4 EM meeting	“stand-alone C++ version verified”
Sept. 2017	Wollongong	Geant4 User Workshop	“VEGAS-free, but still fortran”
April 2017	Guildford	Geant4 Space Users' Workshop	“de-VEGAS-ification in progress”

## Implementation

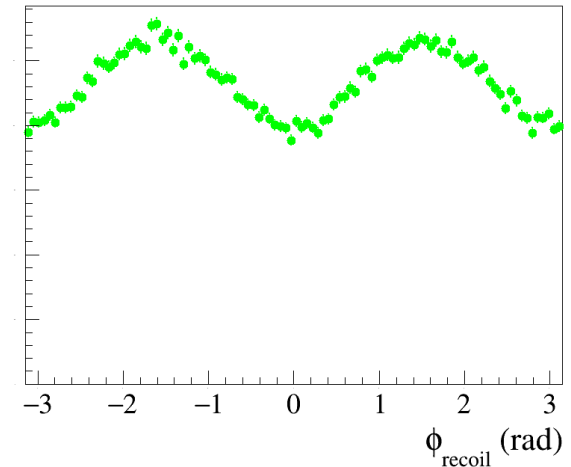
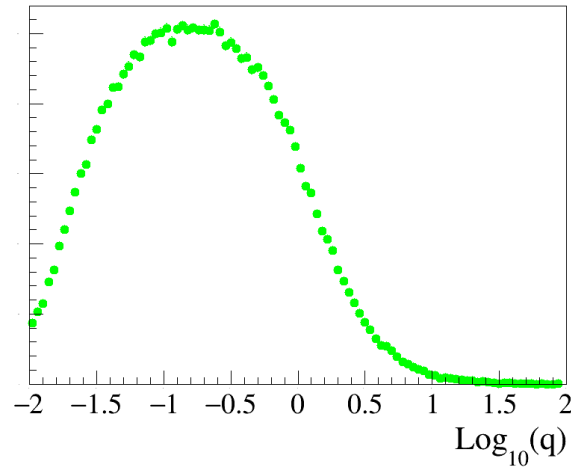
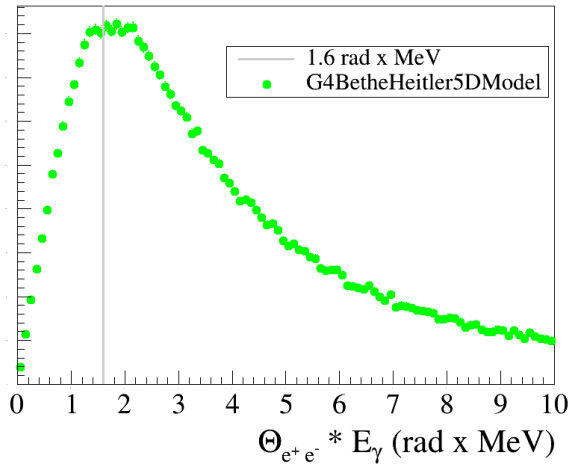
- G4EmLowEPPysics physics list ( $E < 80$  GeV)
- Gamma Conversion model G4BetheHeitler5DModel
- Inherit total cross section from G4BetheHeitlerModel
- Provide final state: SampleSecondaries
- Models flags provided via G4EmParameters flags and UI commands
  - Recoil particle ( ion or electron ) : Nuclear / triplet / (Z / 1) natural mixture
  - Isolated targets (QED checks), charged targets in atoms (detector simulation)
- Linearly polarised / non polarised photons (from norm of photon polarisation vector)
- SampleSecondaries CPU time ( $\mu\text{s}/\text{event}$ ), argon, 1 GeV

G4BetheHeitler5DModel	G4BetheHeitlerModel
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See also Sec. 5.4 and Fig. 8 of Nucl. Instrum. Meth., A 899 (2018) 85.

- No flag for primary interaction implemented yet.

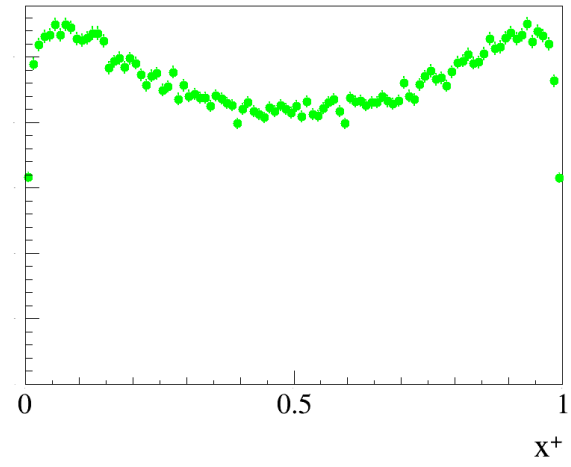
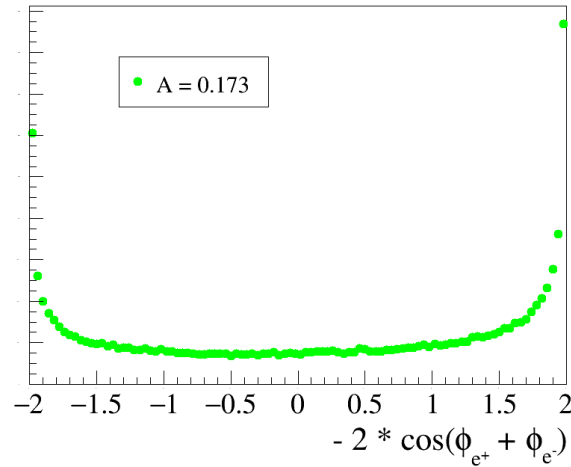
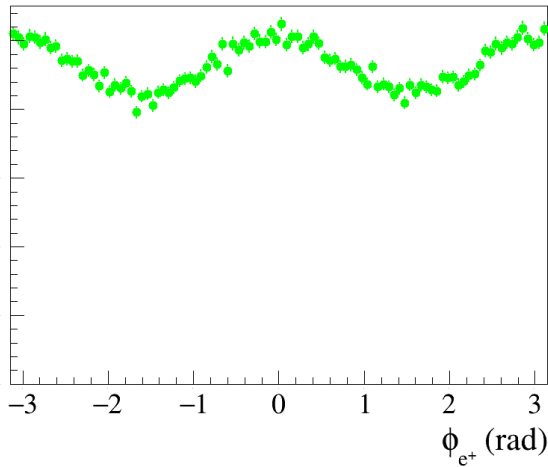
# TestEm15



Olsen, Phys. Rev. 131 (1963) 406

$q$  (MeV/c) is recoil momentum

recoil preferentially  $\perp$  pol



$e^+$  and  $e^-$  preferentially along pol

$$A = \langle -2 \cos 2\phi \rangle, \quad \phi = (\phi_+ + \phi_-)/2$$

minus sign due to  $\pi e^+/e^-$  shift

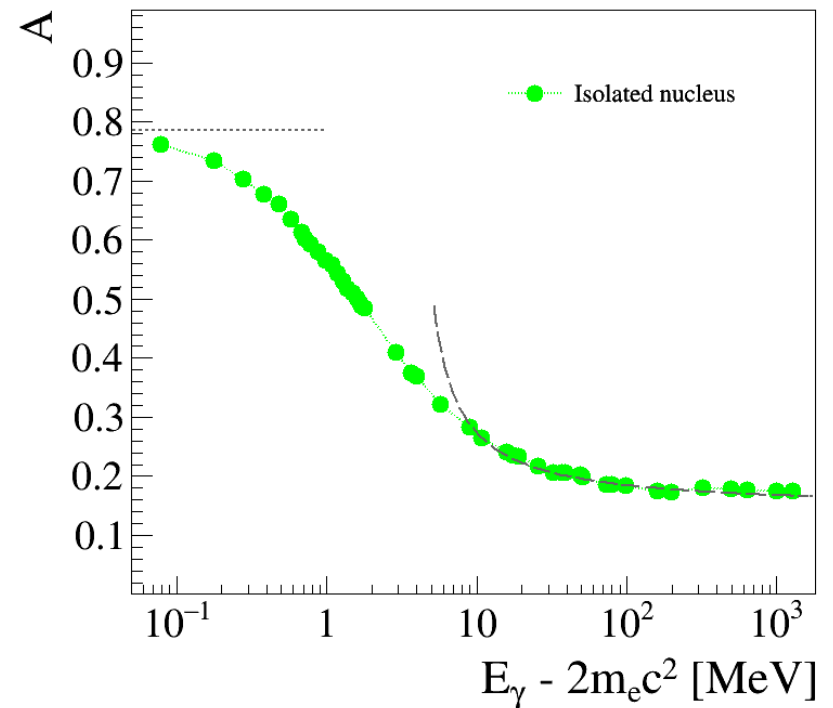
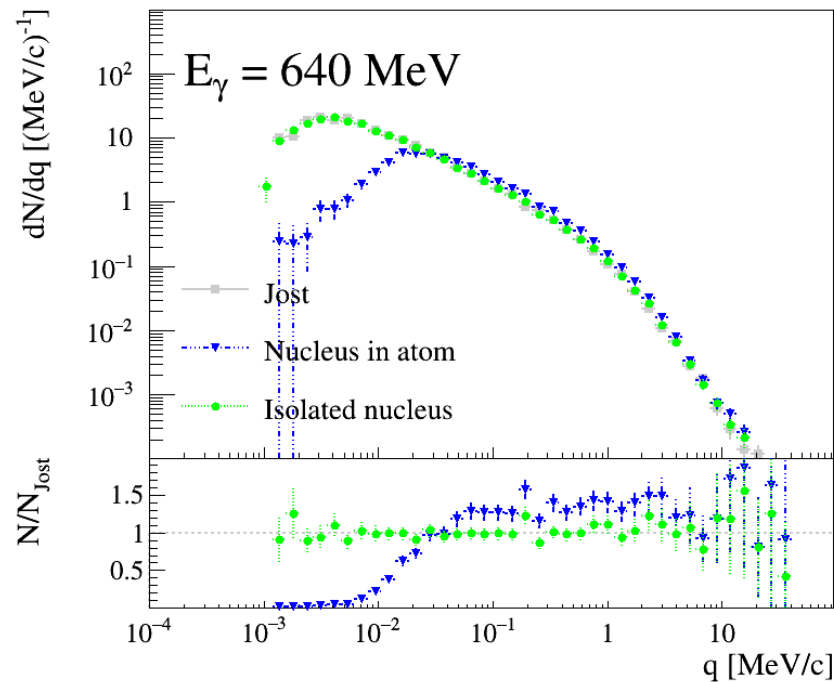
energy share  $x_+ \equiv E_+/E_\gamma$

1 GeV, argon

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TestEm15/README.gamma

# *G4BetheHeitler5DModel: Verifications again*



Recoil momentum distribution compared to the analytical high-energy expression from [Jost, Phys. Rev. 80, 189 \(1950\)](#).

The ratio plot is relative to Jost.

Polarisation asymmetry as a function of available energy, compared to published asymptotic expressions

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## *Changes made since 10.5-BETA announcement*

- TestEm15
  - Protection for case without gamma conversion
  - Use `CLHEP::Hep3Vector::orthogonal()` for coordinate axis definition
  - Use `G4NistManager` to allow use of predefined Geant4 materials
- G4BetheHeitler5DModel
  - Code clean up
  - **Bug fix:** Polarisation vector was used not normalized in coordinate transformation
  - Use inverted CDF for X generation (15 - 20% speed up)
  - Use `CLHEP::Hep3Vector::orthogonal()` for coordinate axis definition
  - Replace `if` with `std::copysign` in  $\phi$  calculation

Committed to Geant4 trunk branch.

# *Documentation*

Edition of Physics Reference Manual, Release 10.4 (April 2018)

- 6.5.4 Five-dimensional (5D) Bethe-Heitler gamma Conversion to  $e^+e^-$
- 13.10 Pair production by Linearly Polarised Gamma Rays - Five-dimensional (5D) Bethe-Heitler Model

Exact reference numbers to be checked when 10.5 Physics Reference Manual is out.

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# *Back-up slides*

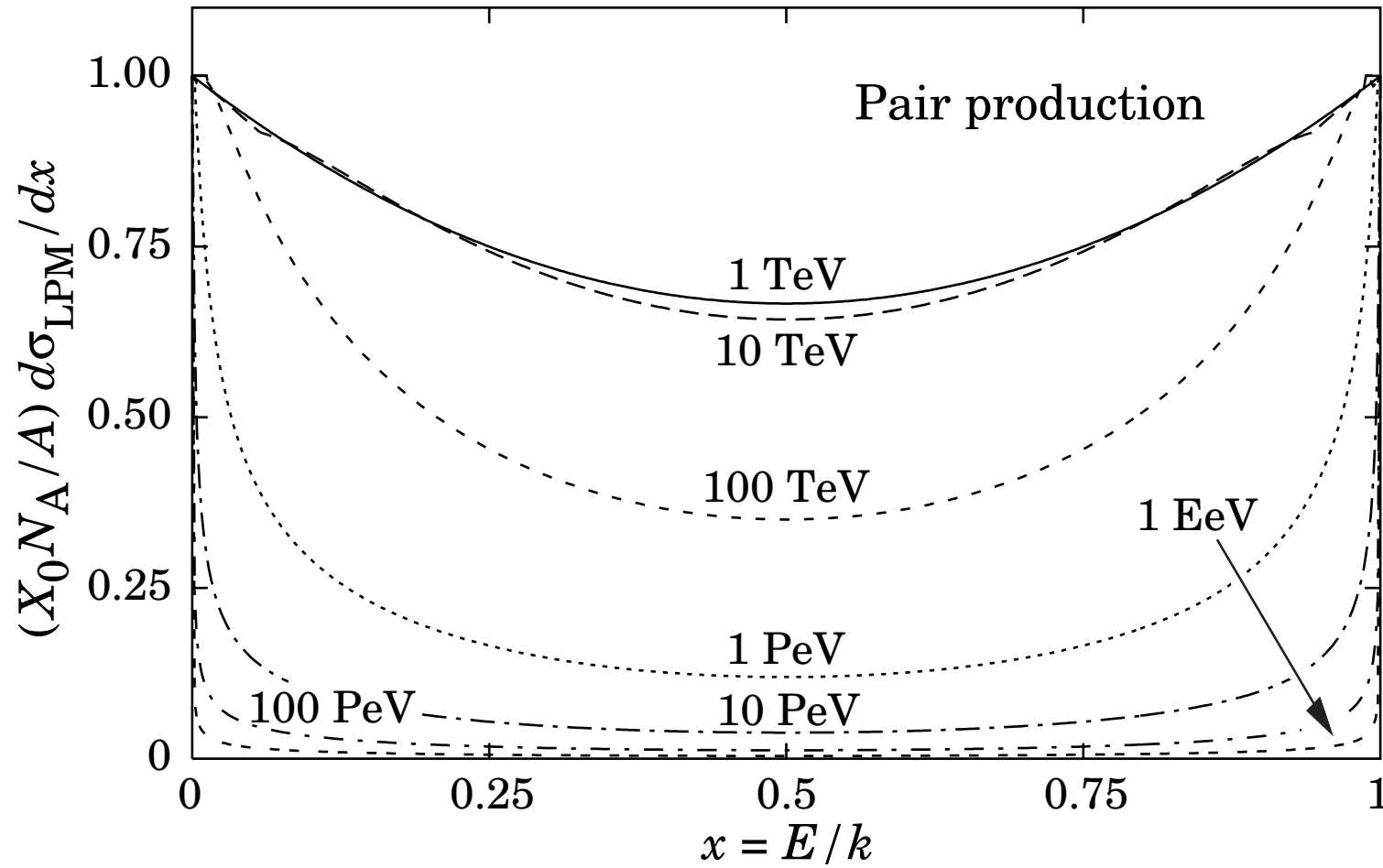


# *Screening of target electric field by atomic electrons*

small- $q^2$  screening suppression:  $F(q^2)$  form factor

- coherent (nuclear conversion)
- incoherent (triplet conversion)

# LPM



Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal [Review of Particle Physics \(Particle Data Group\)](#)