

Some quick updates on neutron BIB

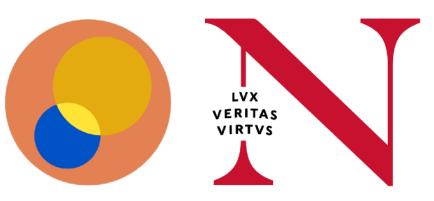
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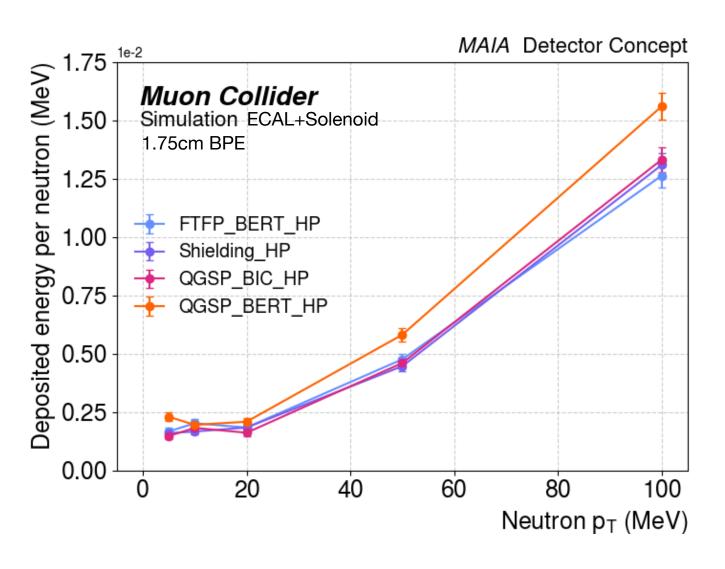


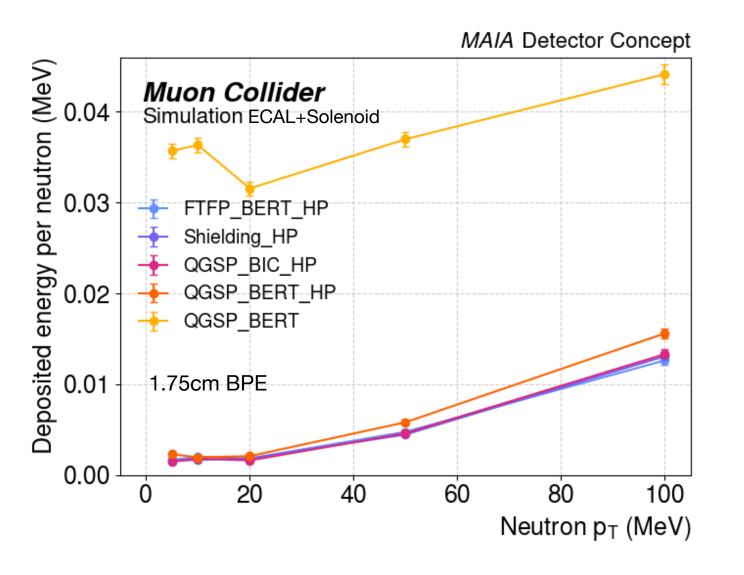
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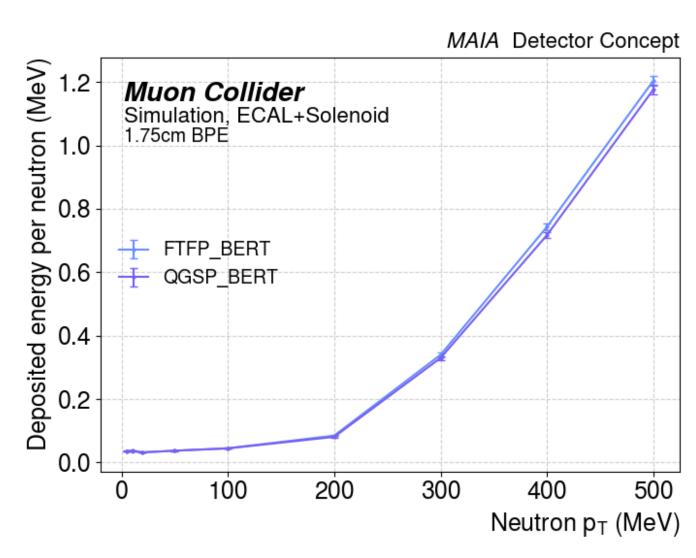


A caveat for QGSP_BERT_HP

- Changes made to HP for QGSP_BERT_HP are preliminary as of late '24/early'25 [1]—more mature models should be used
- Lists like FTFP_BERT and Shielding [2] maintain same cascade model as QGSP_BERT but have well-validated HP versions
- Important point: we haven't shown anything misleading—compared to non-HP, we're on the right track







- Propose to reproduce results shown at USMCC with FTFP_BERT_HP since no significant difference in baseline behavior at neutron BIB range
- HPT models add special treatment of thermal scattering—relevant for neutron stopping in hydrogenated materials, but only if we dip into this regime

Other things to think about

- Want to understand how computation time will scale up (esp with HPT)—best practices for benchmarking?
- Boron-10 enrichment for shielding → any trade-offs by using ¹⁰B₄C?

[1] Geant4 forum: ncapture cross section in QGSP_BERT_HP

[2] Physics List Guide, Rel. 11.3 Sec. 2.3.6