

Multiple Scattering Update msc93 – msc95

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MscModel - semiempirical model based on Lewis theory

Changes in the model from msc93 to msc95

1. sampling of the geometrical step length (no in msc93 by default, yes in msc95)
2. lateral displacement (mean value in msc93, sampling in msc95)
3. modification in angular distribution : tail modified in msc95
4. change in stepping for case $opt = 3$

→ better results and results are much more stable when cuts/step sizes are changed

All points 1.-4. contribute to the improvement, most of the improvement comes from 3.

Point 1. - 2. : sampling of z (geom.steplength) and r (lateral displacement)

shape of the distributions taken from single scattering simulation, mean values agree with the theory.

Point 4. - step size is restricted in msc : $tlimit$

if actual step size $t > tlimit \rightarrow t = tlimit$

optimization : if $tlimit < 0.3 * safety \rightarrow tlimit = 0.3 * safety$

msc95: this optimization is removed for $opt = 3$, i.e. smaller $tlimit$ is allowed in order to get a more precise stepping.

Point 3. angular distribution
model function

$$g(u) = q[pg_1(u) + (1 - p)g_2(u)] + (1 - q)g_3(u) \quad (1)$$

where $u = \cos(\theta)$

$$0 \leq p, q \leq 1$$

$g_i(u)$ are simple functions:

$$g_1(u) = C_1 \exp^{-a(1-u)} \quad u_0 \leq u \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

$$g_2(u) = C_2 \frac{1}{(b-u)^c} \quad -1 \leq u \leq u_0 \quad (3)$$

$$g_3(u) = C_3 \quad -1 \leq u \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

Here C_i are normalization constants, u_0 , a , b , c are parameters of the model.

It can be seen easily that $g_1(u)$ is Gaussian in θ for small θ values, $g_2(u)$ describes a Rutherford-like tail for big θ and $g_3(u)$ is uniform in u .

The 6 model parameters are not independent, we require that

- A. $g(u)$ should be continuous at $u = u_0 = 1 - \frac{\xi}{a}$
 - B. 1st derivative of $g(u)$ should be continuous at $u = u_0$
 - C. mean value of u is the same as the theoretical value,
- so we have only 3 independent parameters in the model.

Choice of the free parameters:

up to version msc93

- a tuned from e- scattering data
- $\xi = 3$ fixed
- c from Hanson's e- scattering data (2 data sets only $\rightarrow c$ can not be too well determined)

version msc95

From conditions A. and B. it follows

$$b = 1 - \frac{\xi - c}{a} \quad (5)$$

Choice of the free parameters:

- a tuned from e- scattering data (same as in earlier versions)
- $b = 1$ fixed ($\rightarrow \xi = c$)
- c determined from the condition

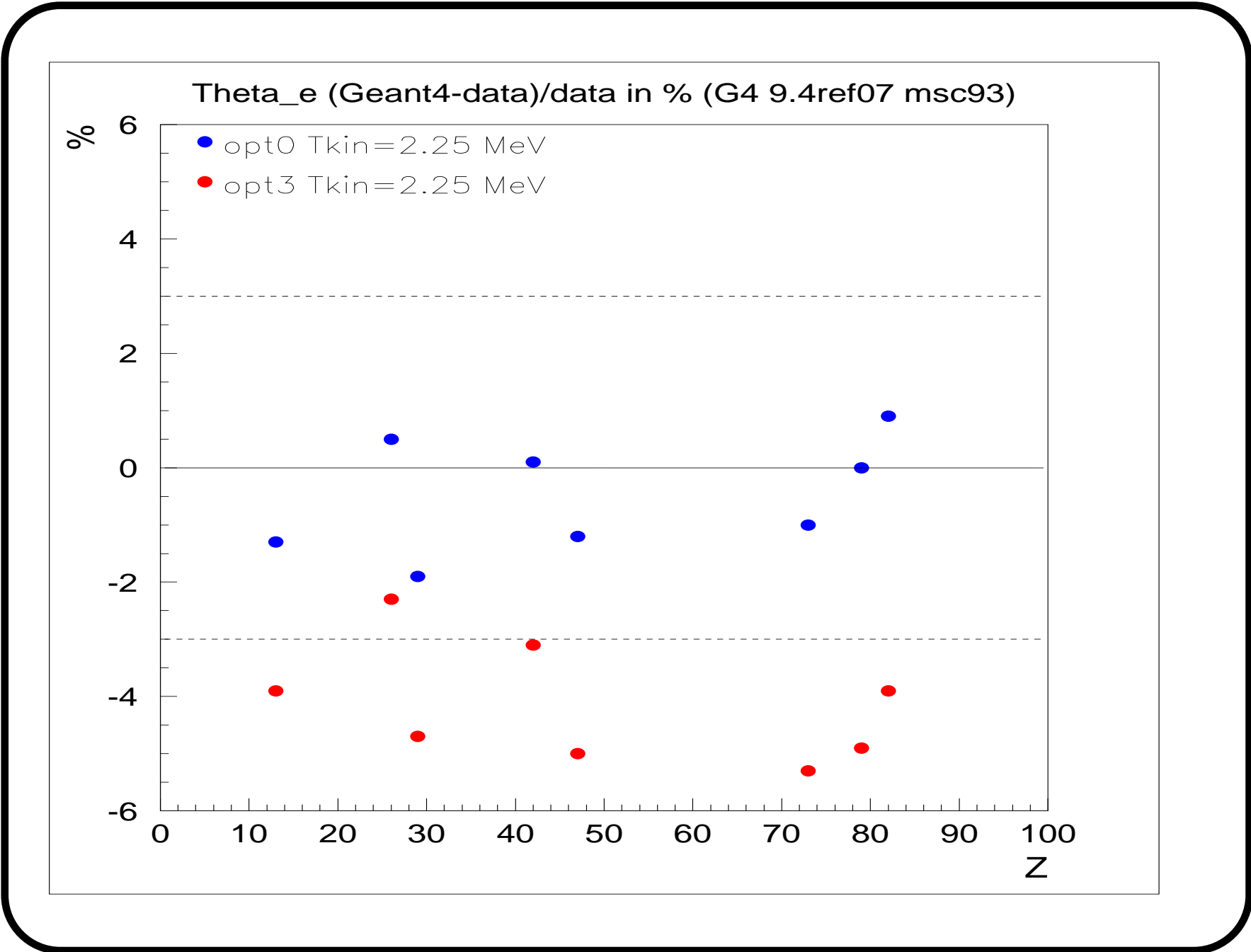
$$(q - 1)^2 = \min \quad (6)$$

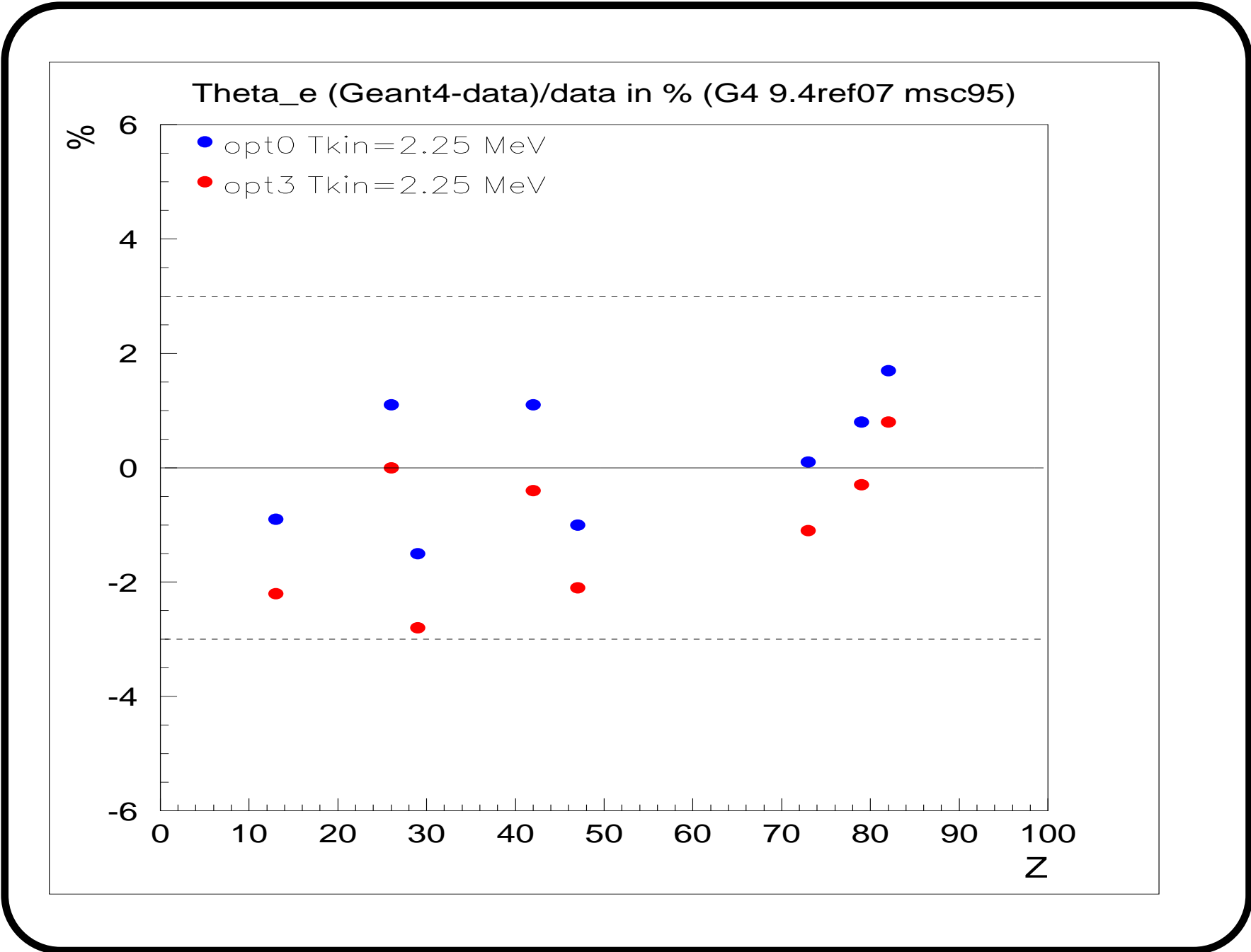
Note: if $q = 1$ we have only 2 terms in the model function $g(u)$, the 3rd term (uniform in u) is missing.

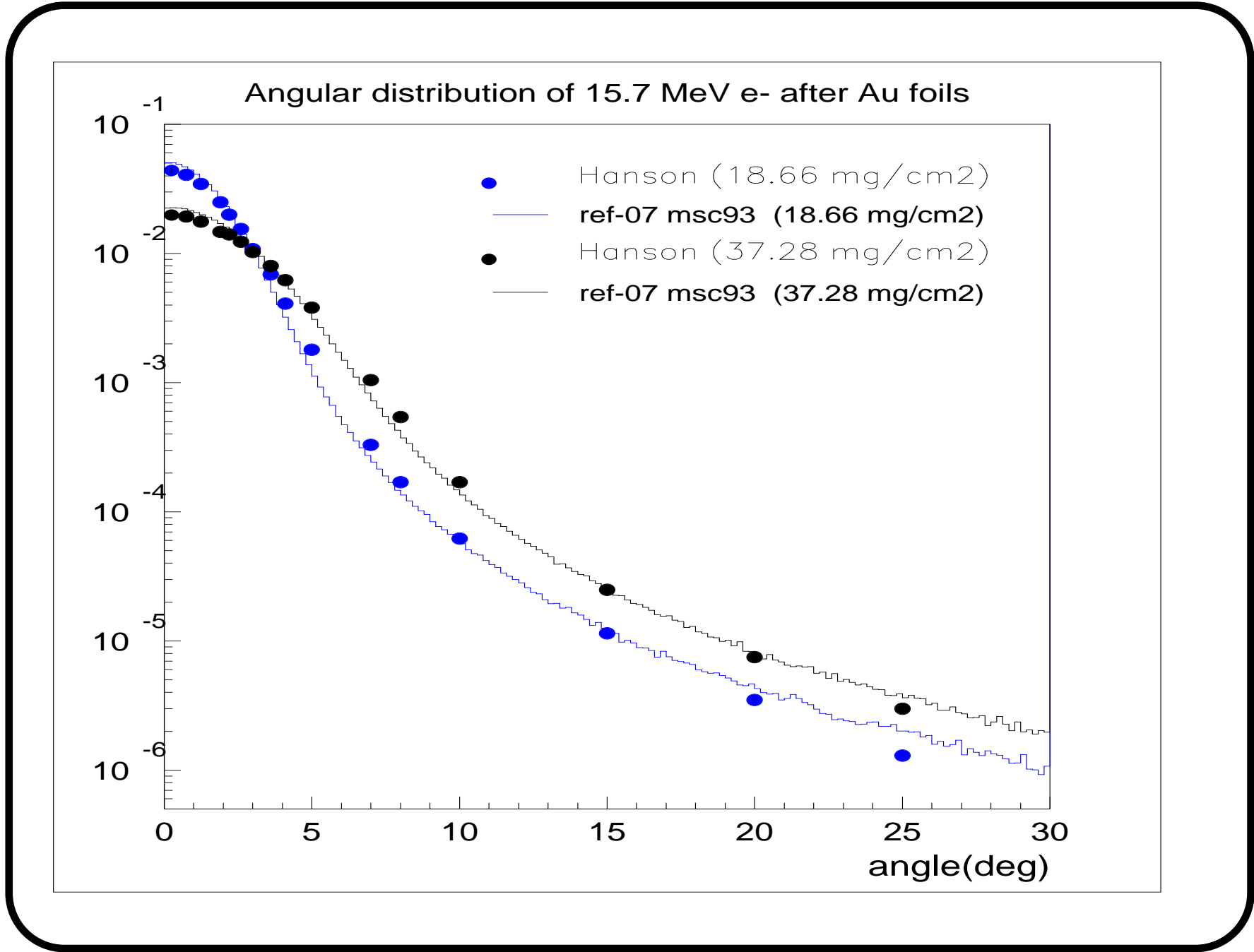
This last condition ensures the very weak step and cut dependence of the results.

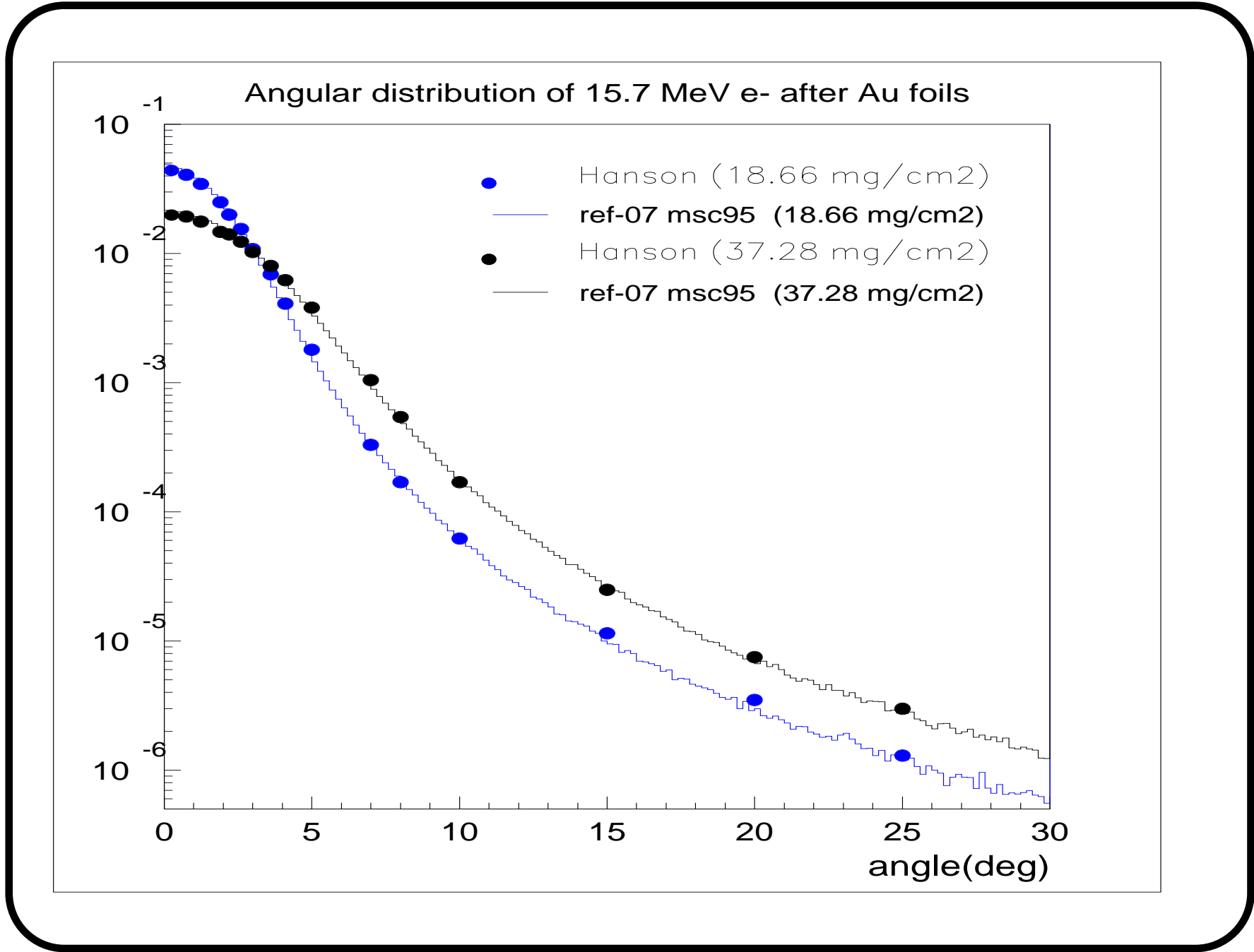
Test/validation results group 1 : angular distributions,
backscattering

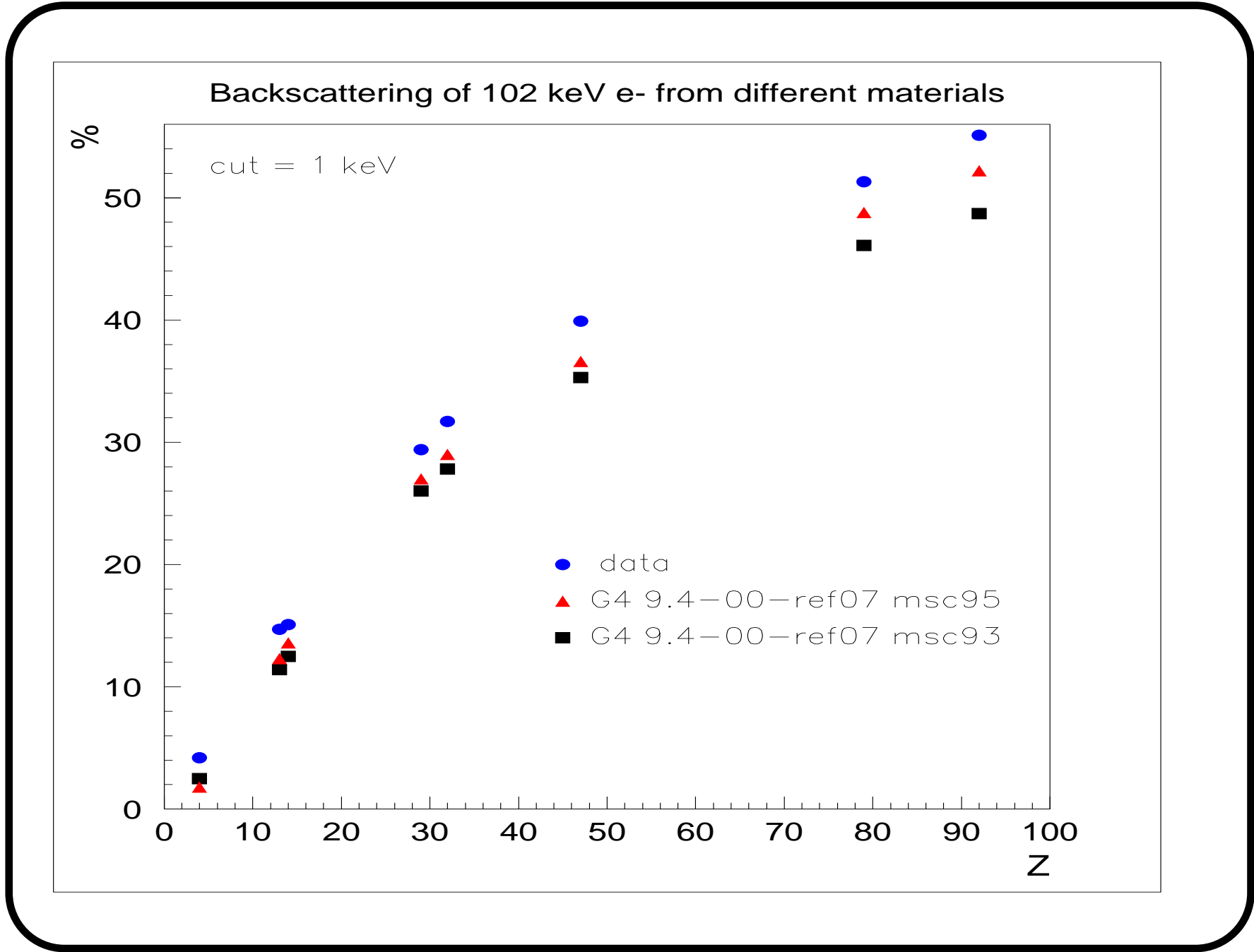
msc93 - msc95 - data comparisons



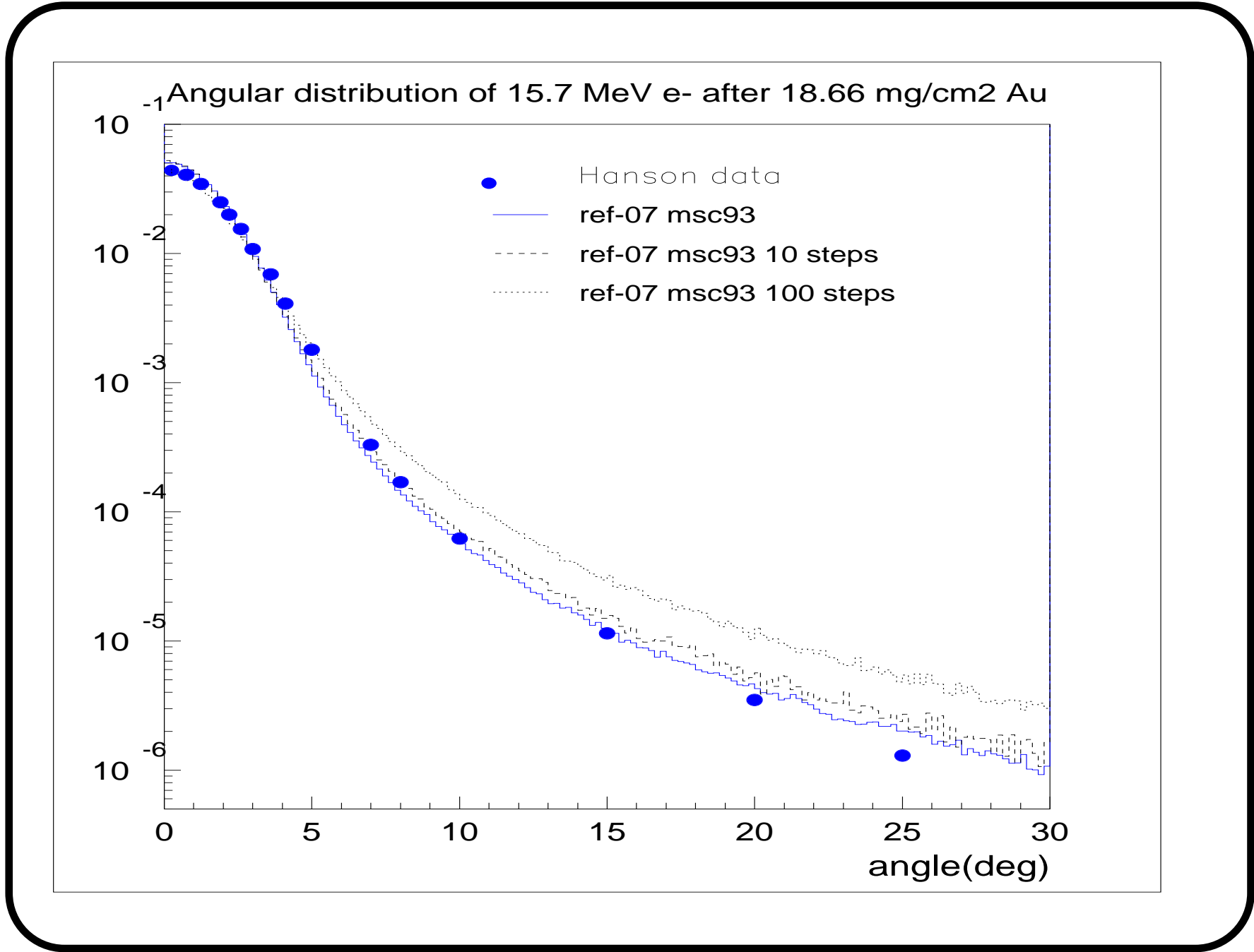


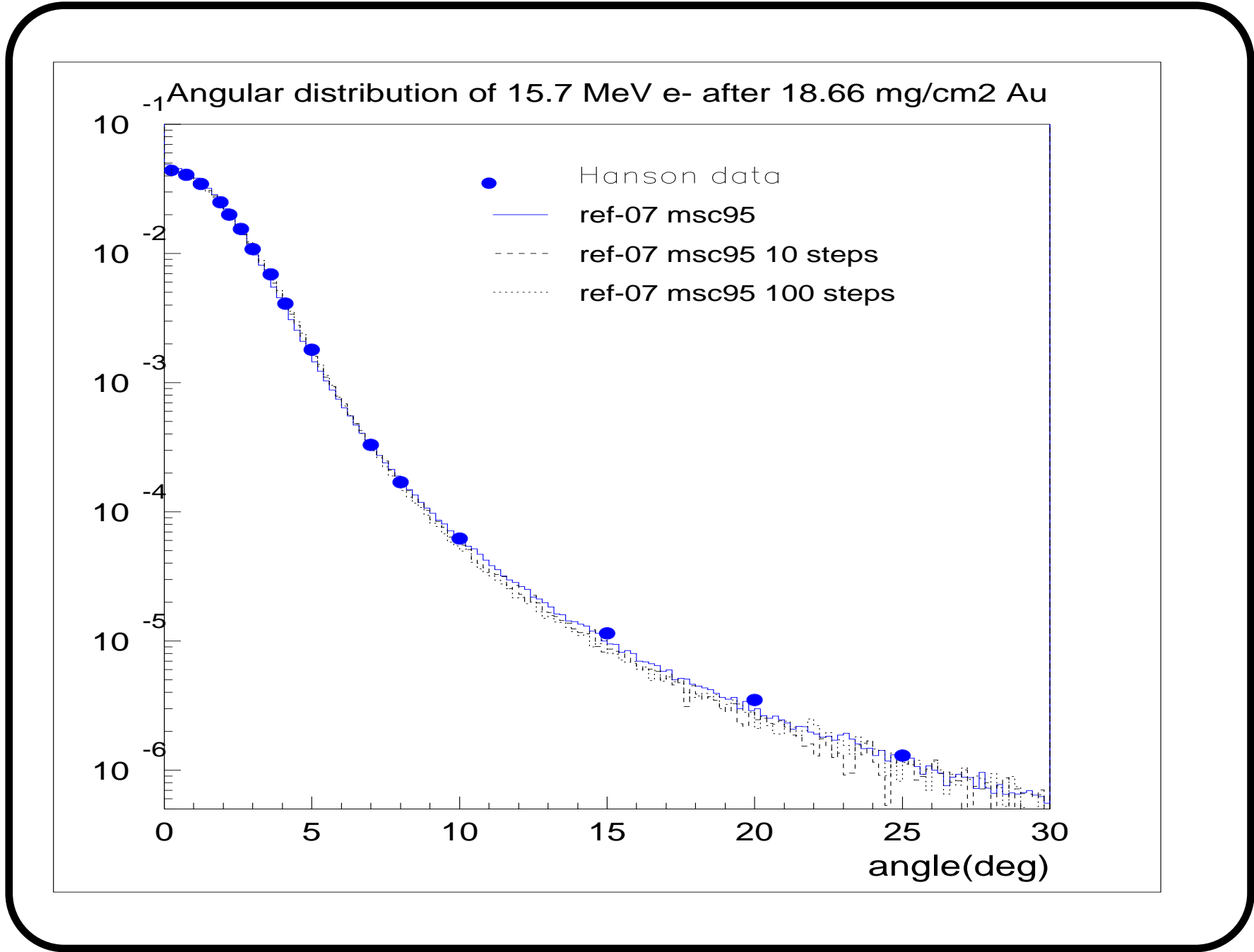


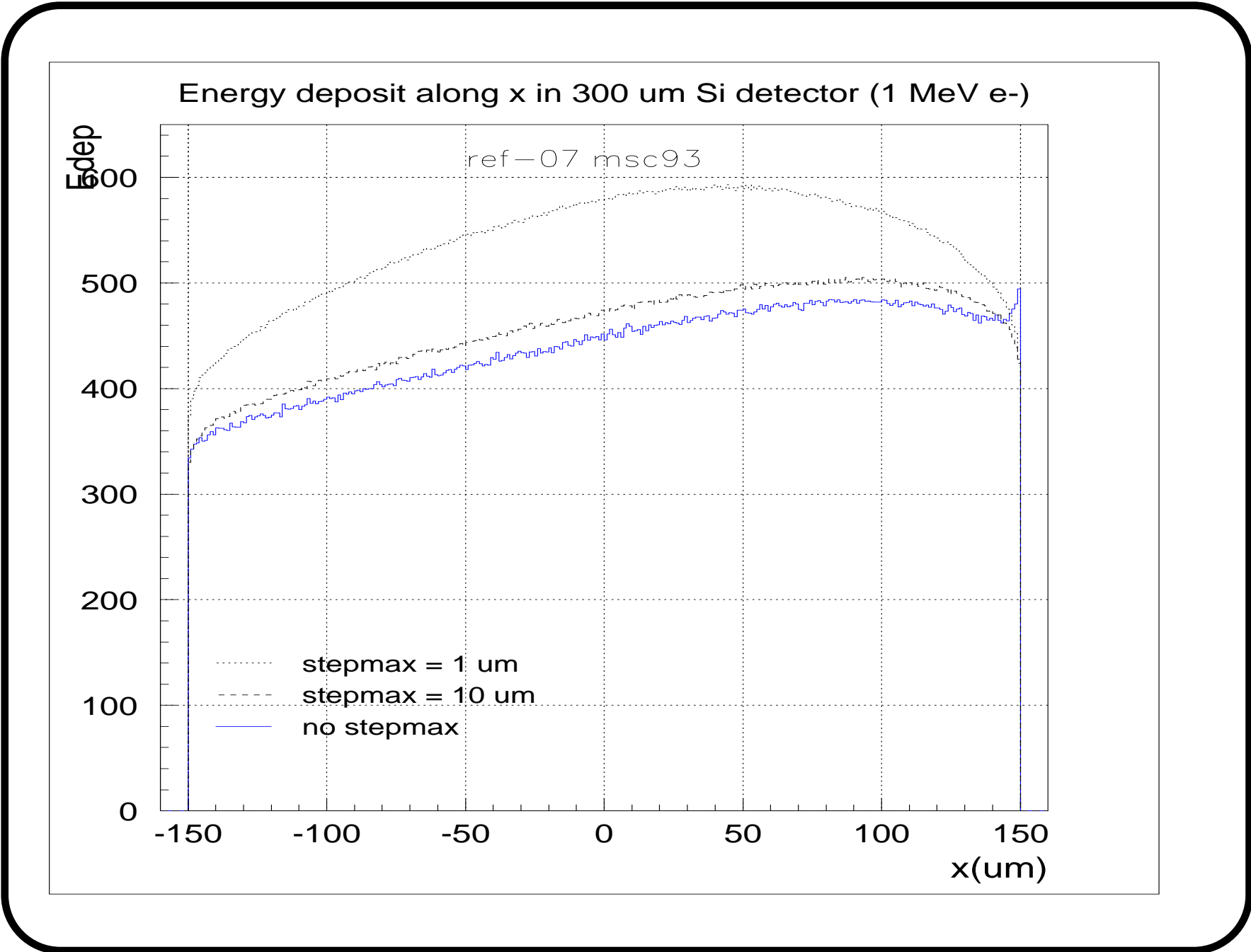


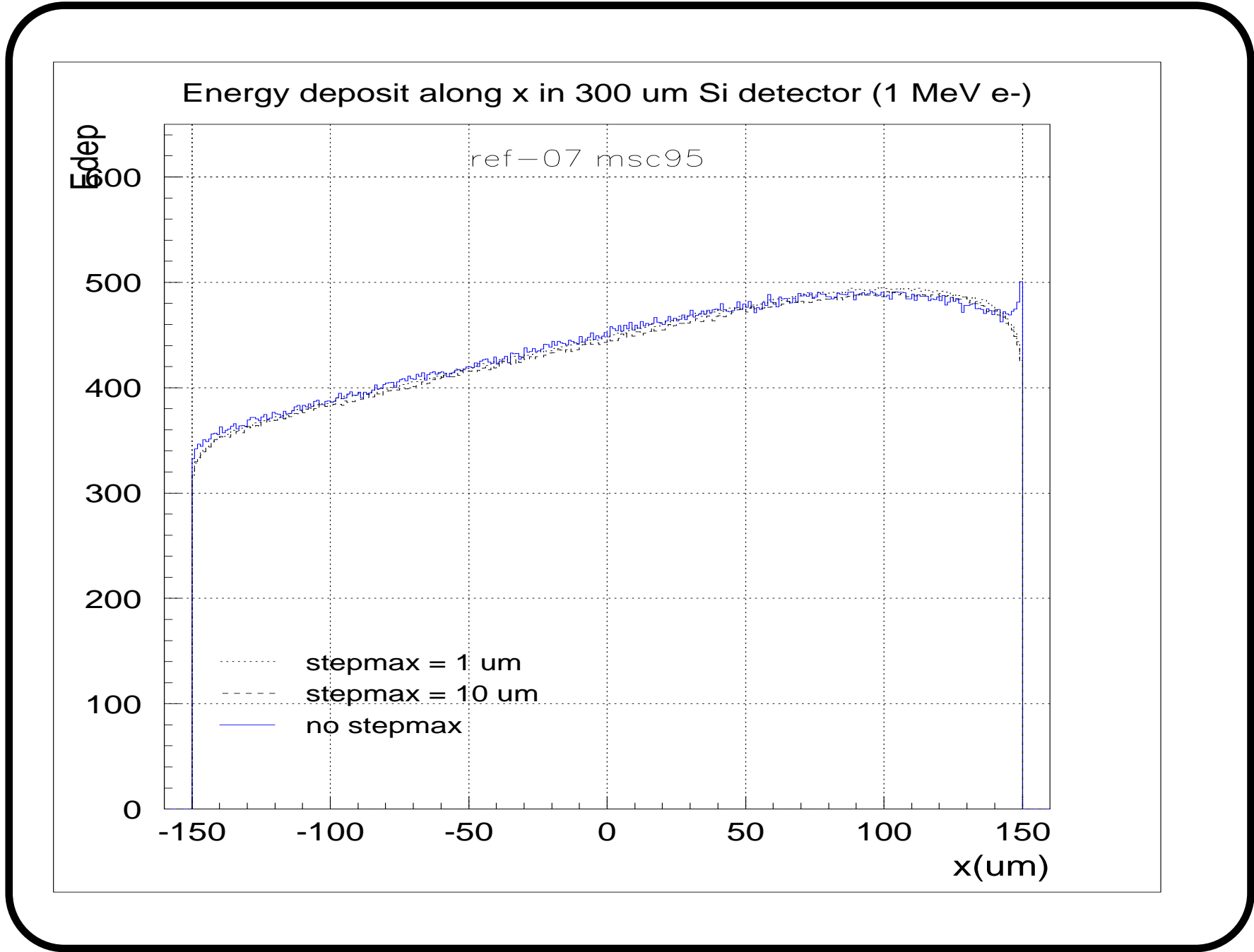


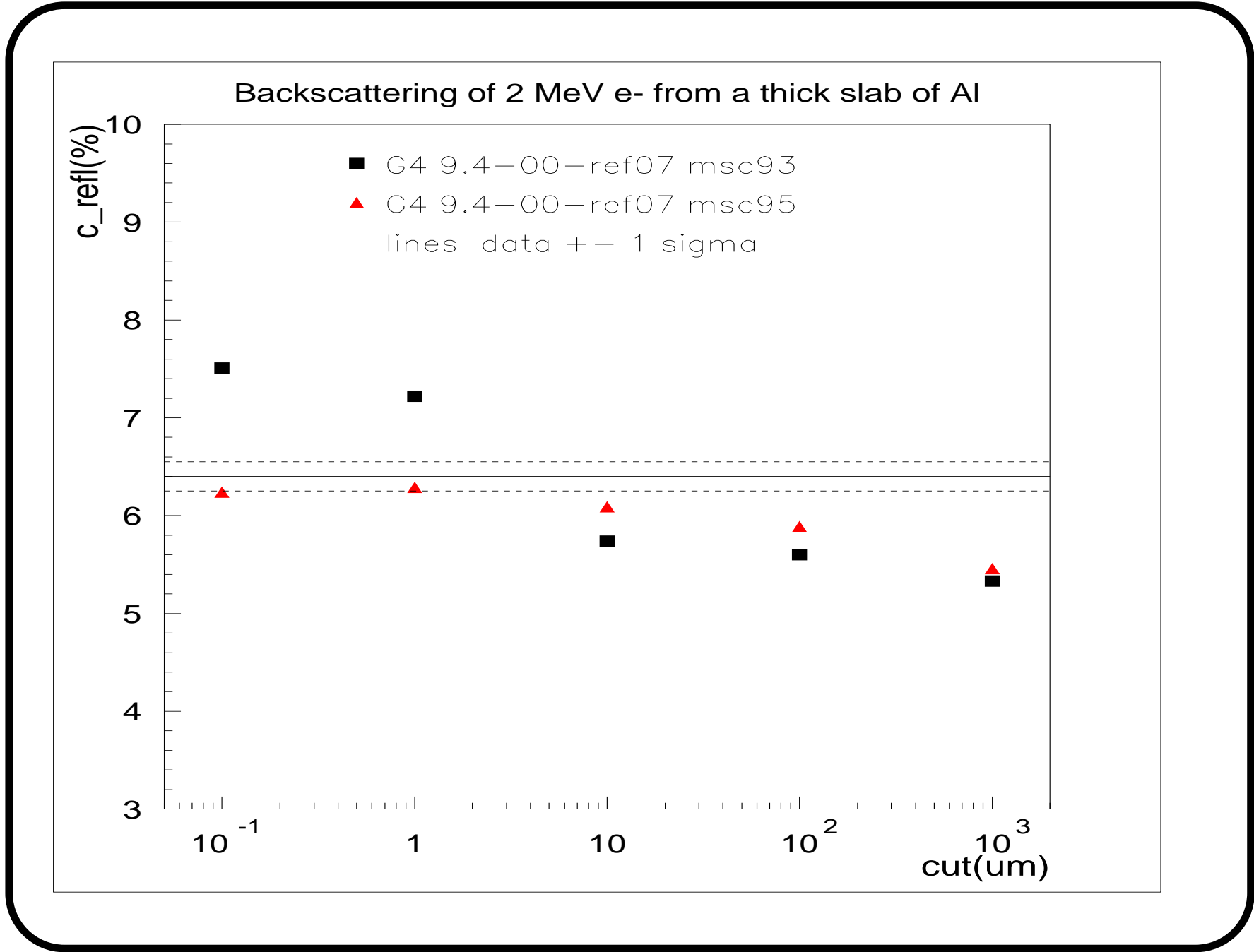
Test/validation results group 2 : stability against step size/cut changes – angular distributions, energy deposit distributions, backscattering



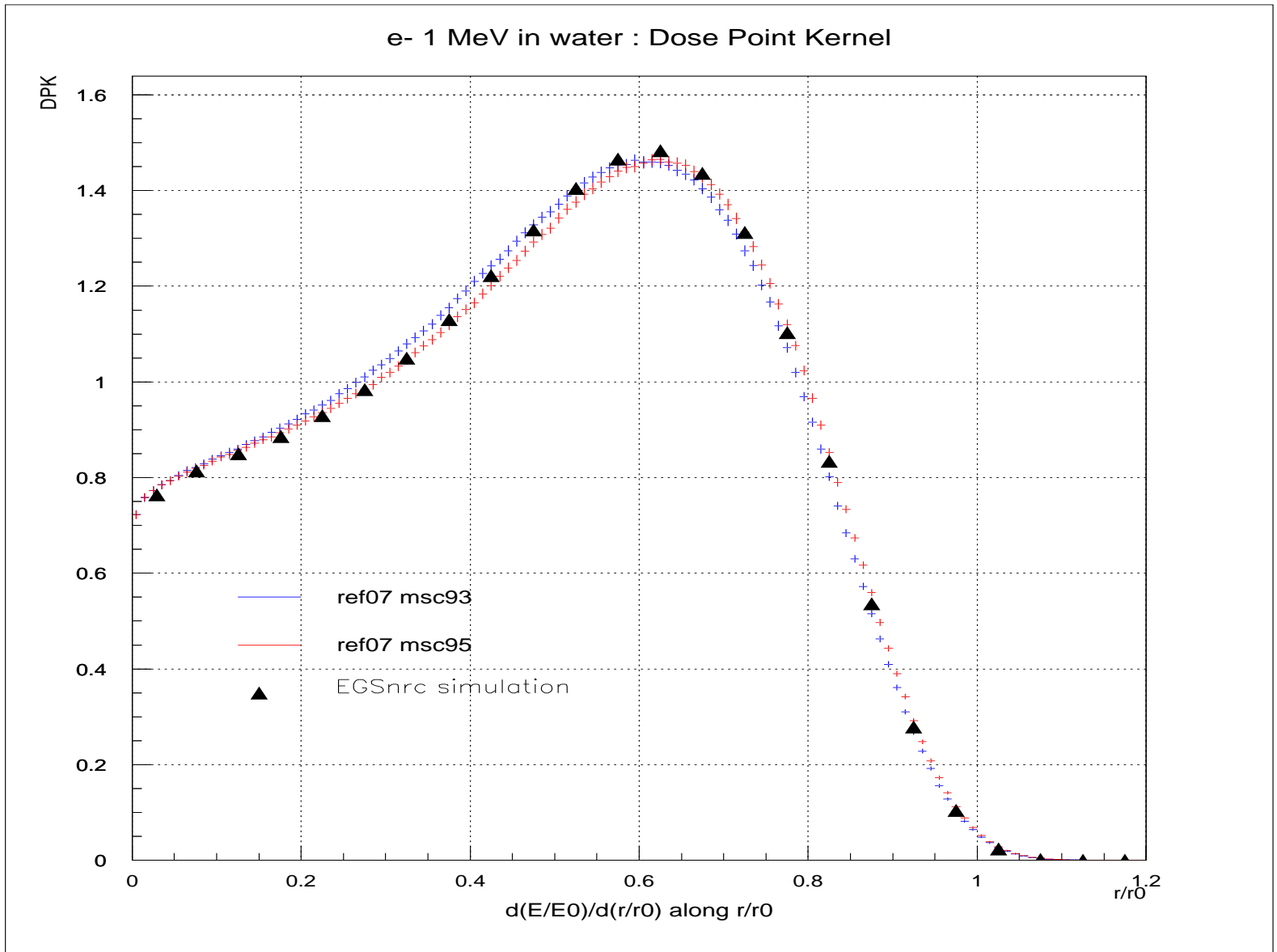


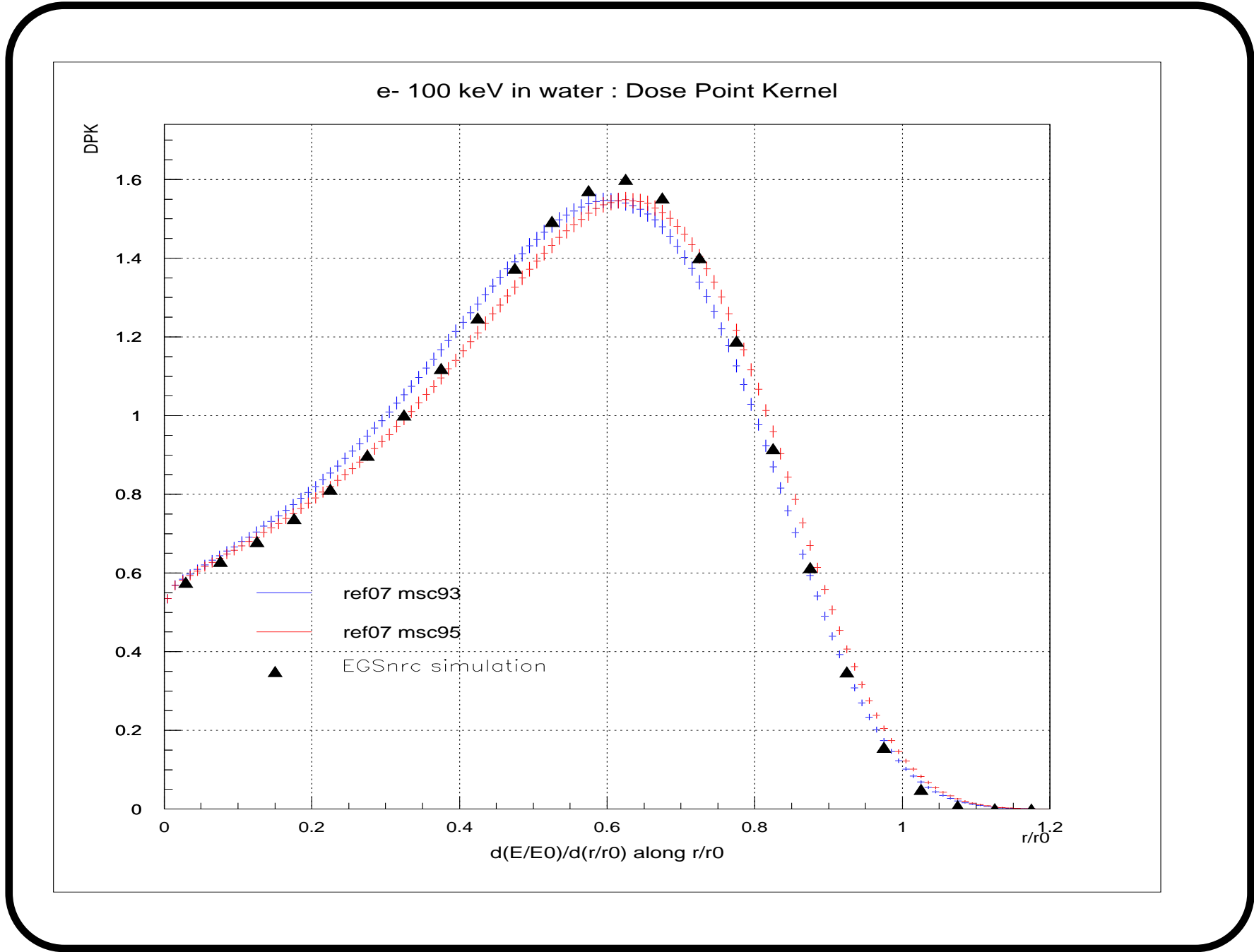


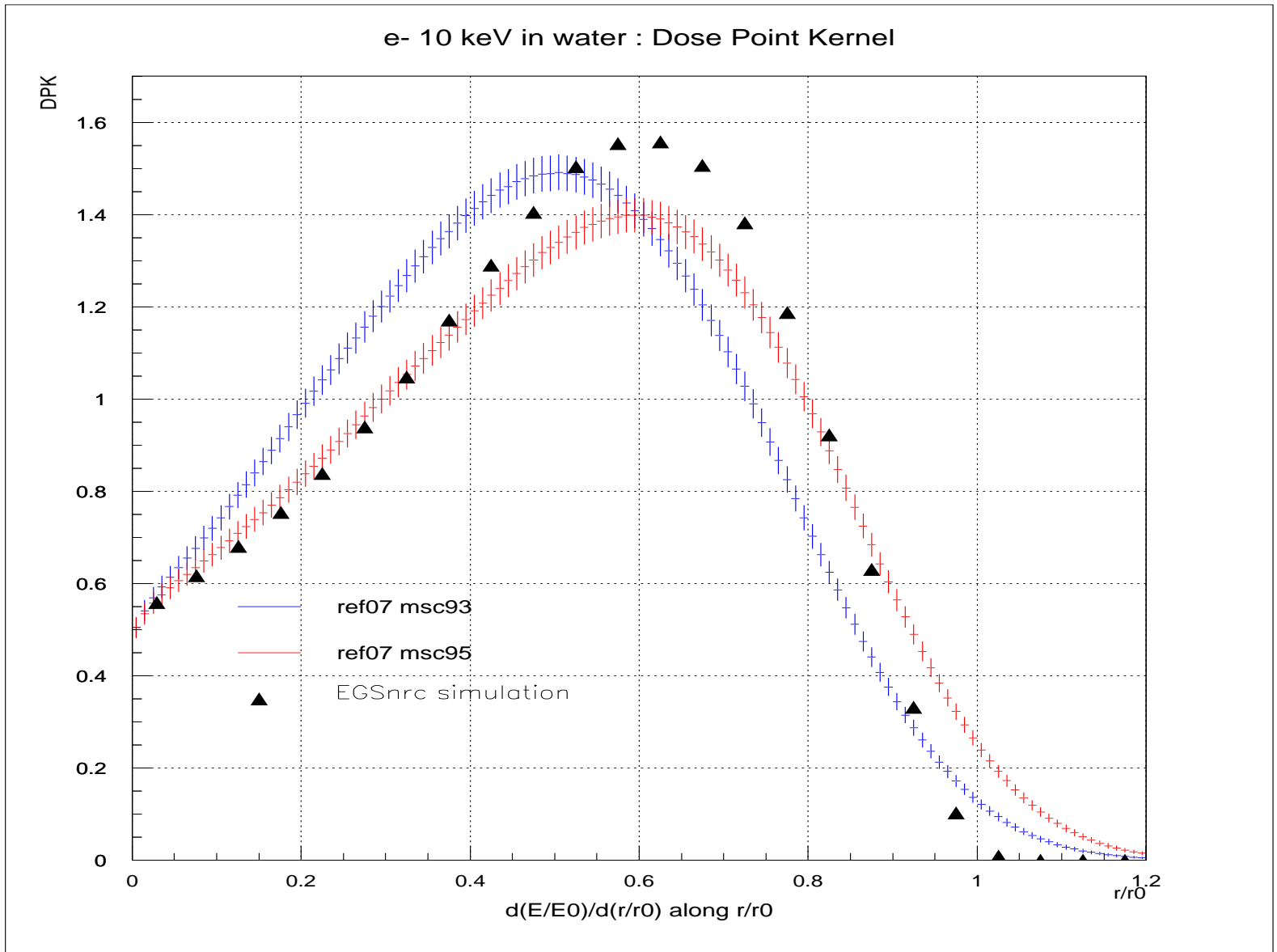




Test/validation results group 3 : dose point kernel for e- in water –
msc93 msc95 EGSnrc comparisons







For low energy neither msc93 nor msc95 are close to EGSnrc, but it seems msc95 is closer than msc93.

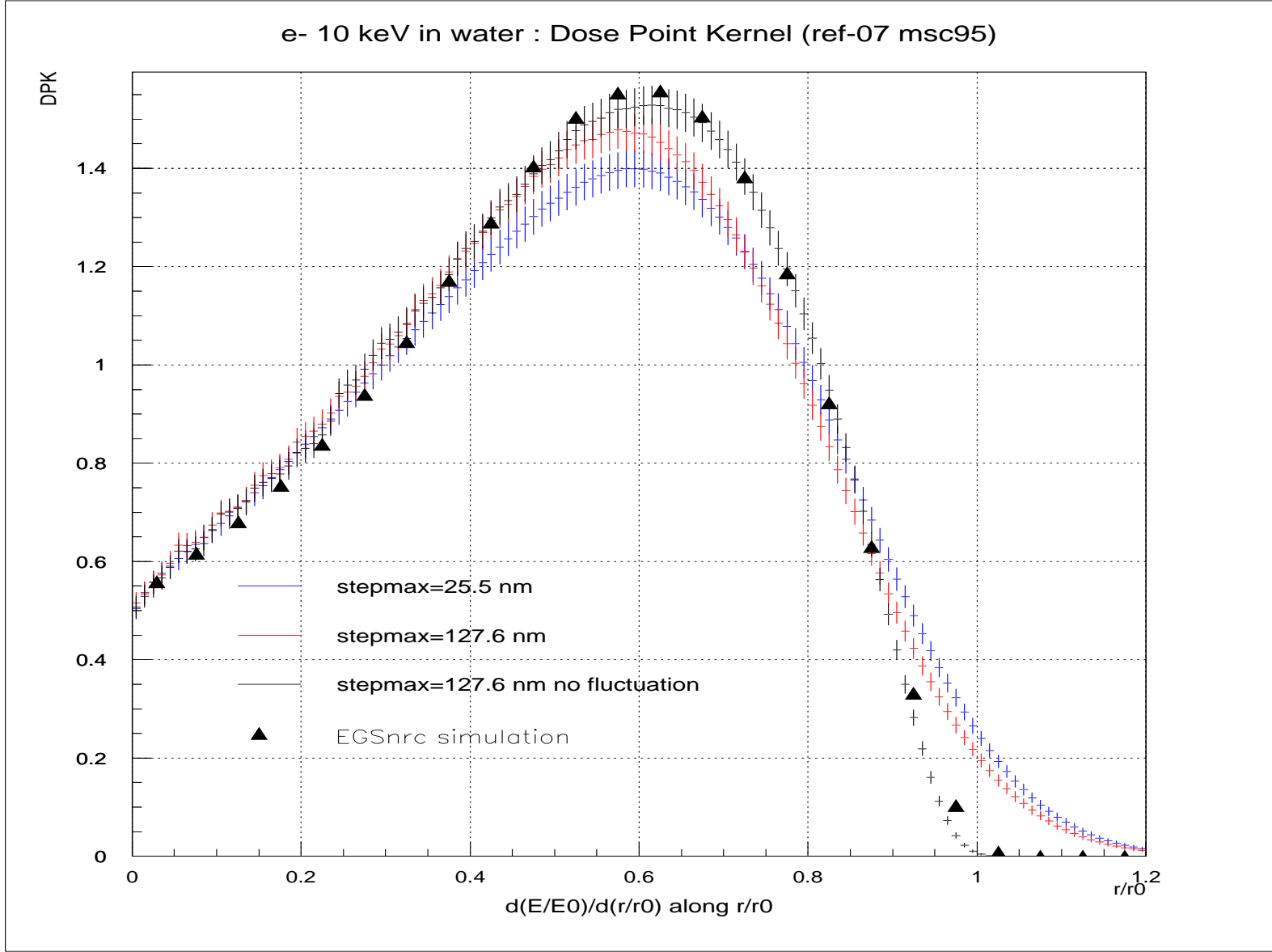
Questions/problems:

The distribution depends on the used stepmax value and stepmax is extremely small for 10 keV $\text{stepmax} = 25.5 \text{ nm}$. Stepmax is determined from the bin size of the dose point kernel plot.

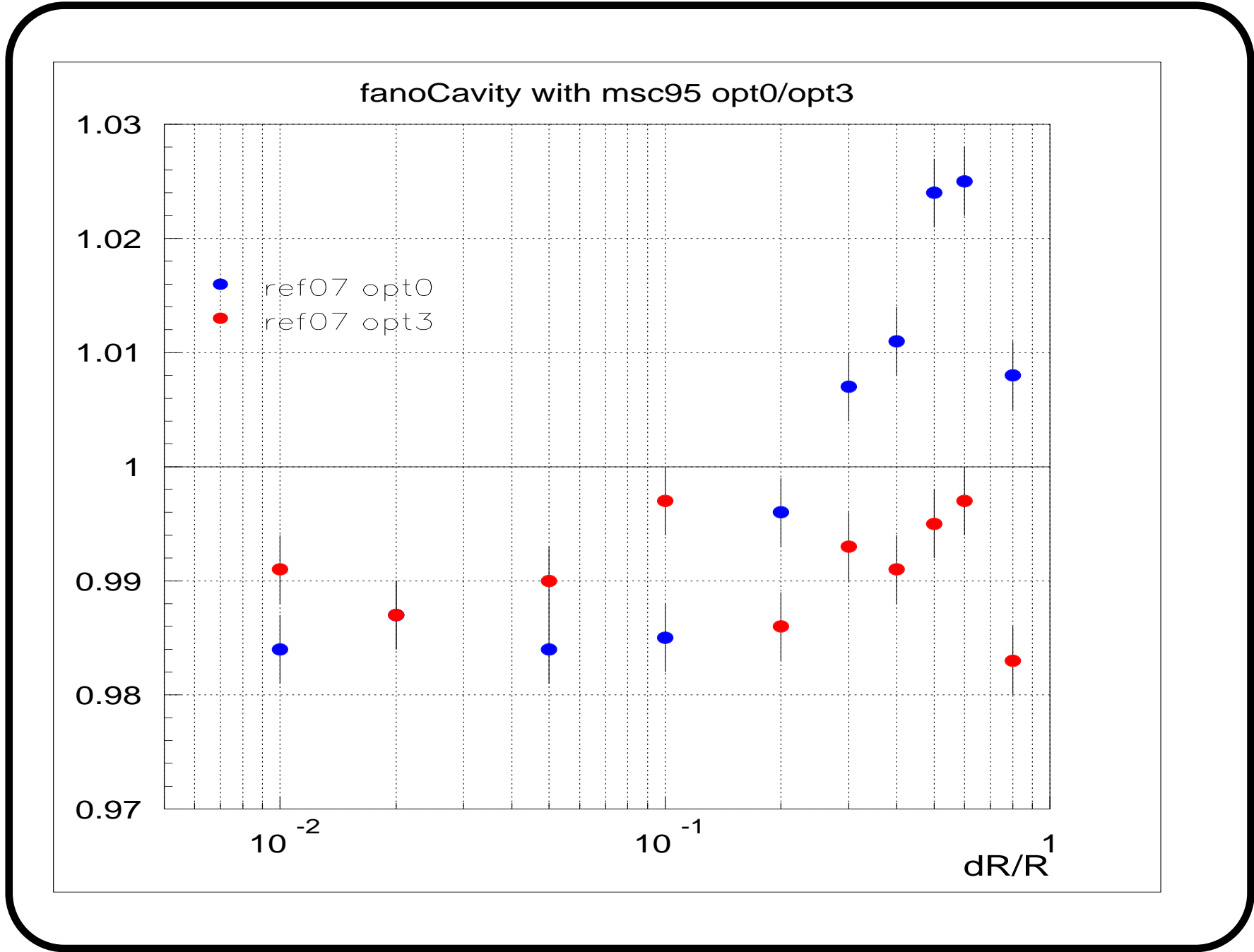
Msc and energy loss fluctuations: how good are they for very small steps?

How good is EGSnrc at 10 keV?

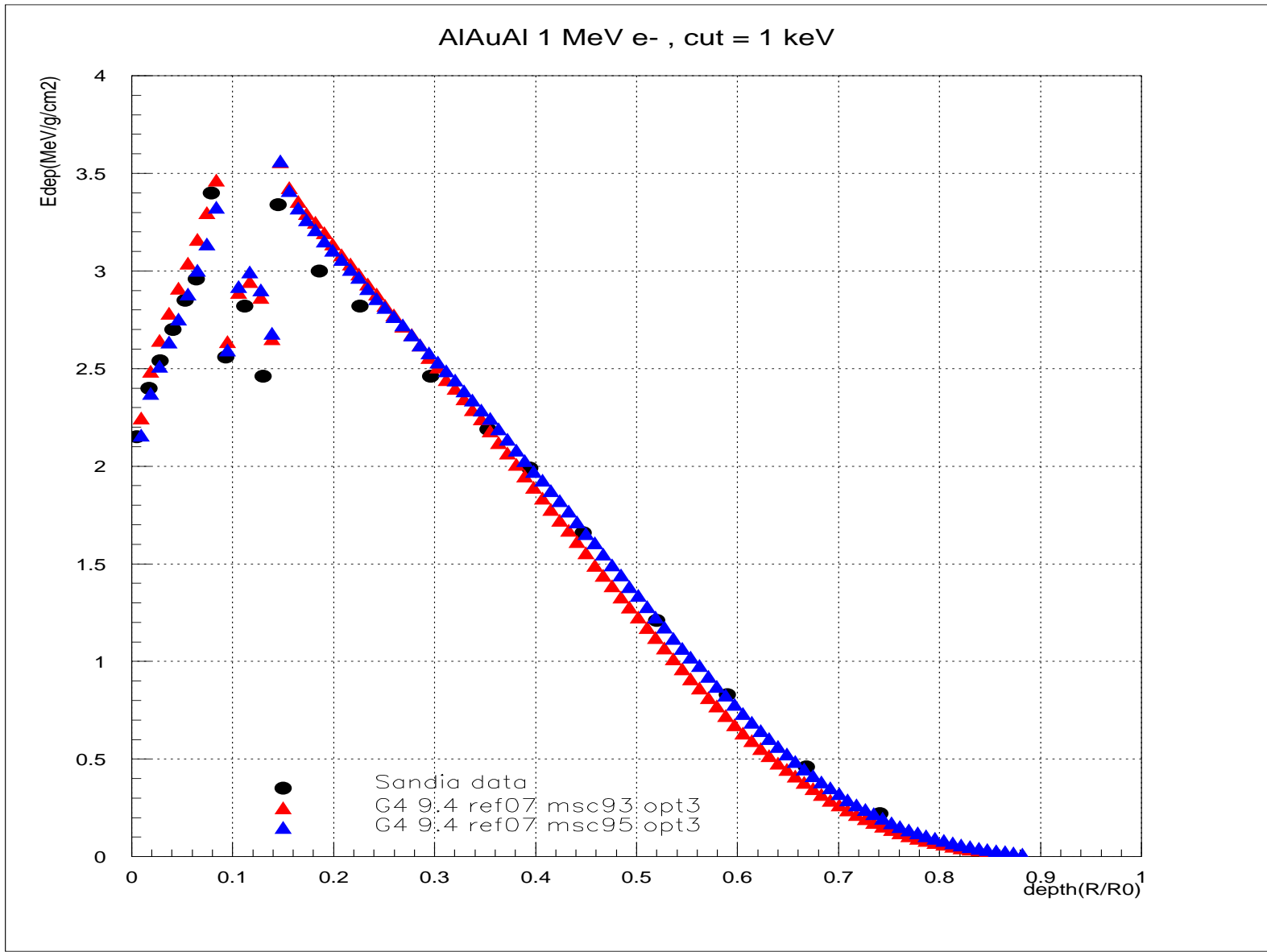
for illustration see next slide



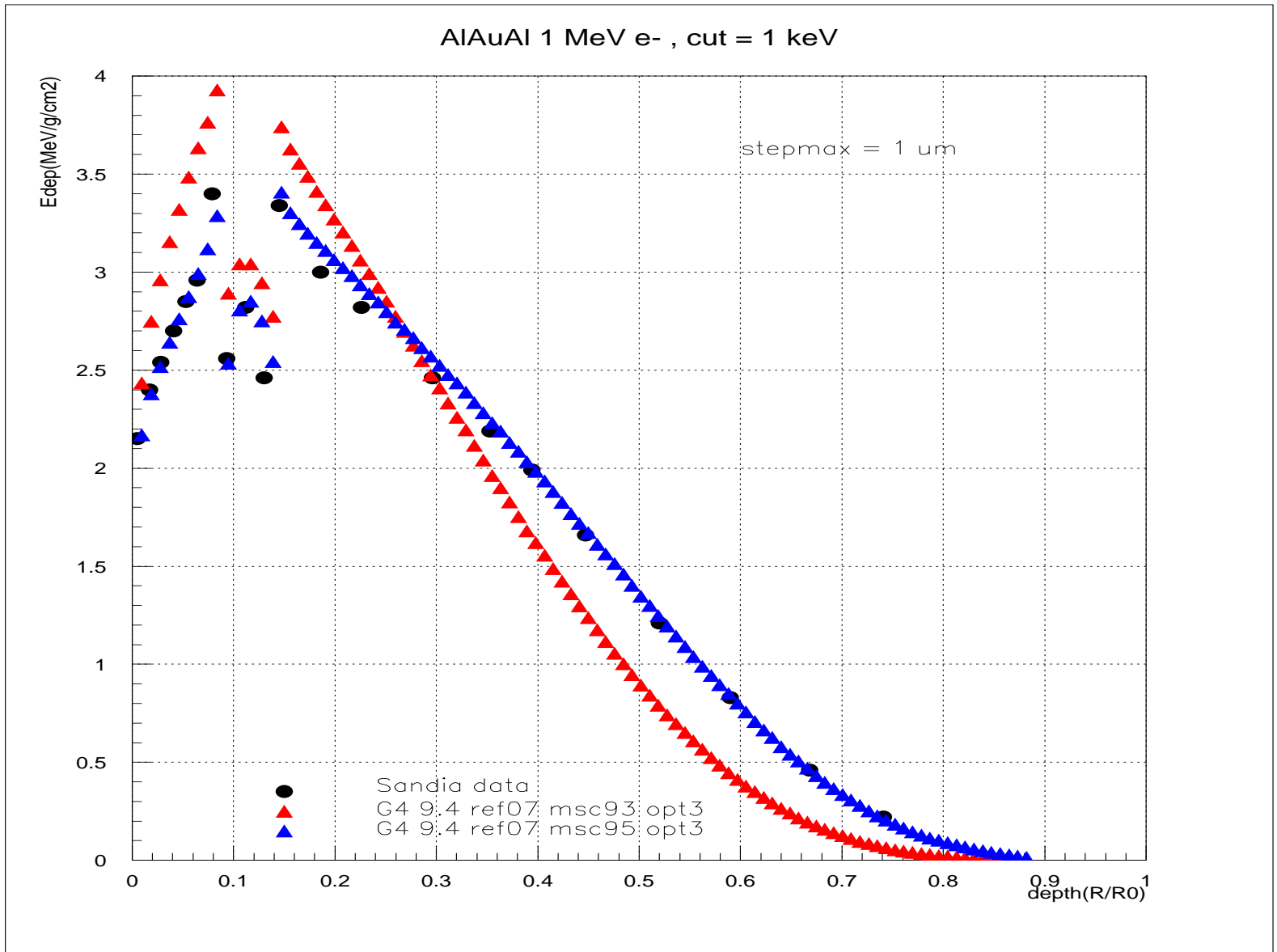
Fano cavity test: msc95 gives small improvement for opt=0 and definitive improvement for opt=3. I have here msc95 plot only, msc93 result can be seen on cern.ch
<https://vnivanch/verification/verification/electromagnetic/fanoCavity>



Last example : energy deposit distribution in a multilayer slab
171 μm Al + 22 μm Au + 1517 μm Al, 1 MeV e-
msc93 - msc95 - Sandia data comparison, opt 3 simulation.
Both msc93 and msc95 are relatively close to data, although msc93
distribution looks a little short, see next slide.



We are interested at the spatial distribution of the energy deposit, so the next slide shows the results with a small $\text{stepmax} = 1 \text{ um}$. It can be seen that in this case msc93 gives a too short and distorted distribution while msc95 is nearly perfect. This example shows again that msc95 has a better stability when we change the size of the step.



Conclusion :

- msc95 gives better angular distributions than msc93
- the stability of the results is far better in msc95.

Timing: msc95 with opt=3 is \approx same for thin layers, slower by 5 - 10 % for fanoCavity, slower by 10-15 % for the multilayer case
msc95 with opt=0 has about the same timing than msc93 with opt=0 (at least on my Mac)