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NIEL(non-ionizing energy loss)

Simulations and displacement damage studies towards a more complex NIEL concept for radiation damage modelling and prediction,

Previous RD50 contributions:

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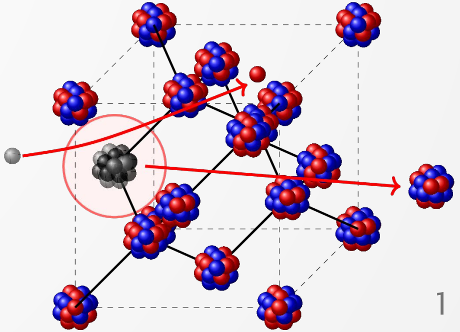

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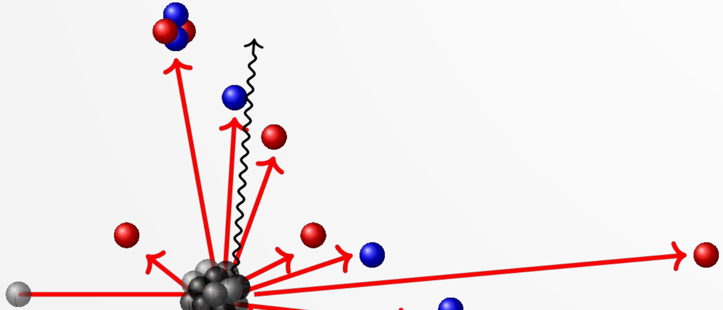

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- **NIEL** is a physical quantity describing the non-ionizing energy loss as the particle travels through the medium.
- The amount of **NIEL** can be correlated to the ammount of radiation damage (NIEL scaling model) and therefore to predict the life time of the detectors
- **NIEL scaling assumption is used by the LHC experiments and beyond** (fluence is expressed in ~1 MeV neutron eq. ~ 95 MeV mb)

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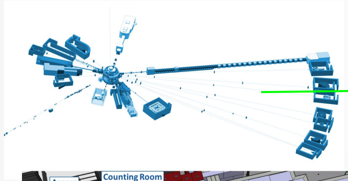

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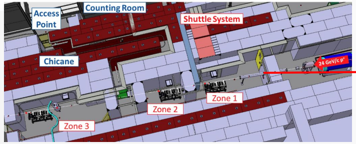

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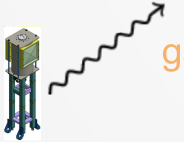

gamma-rays

- **Long term goal:** revisit the damage factors stated by different irradiation facilities and used by the experiments.

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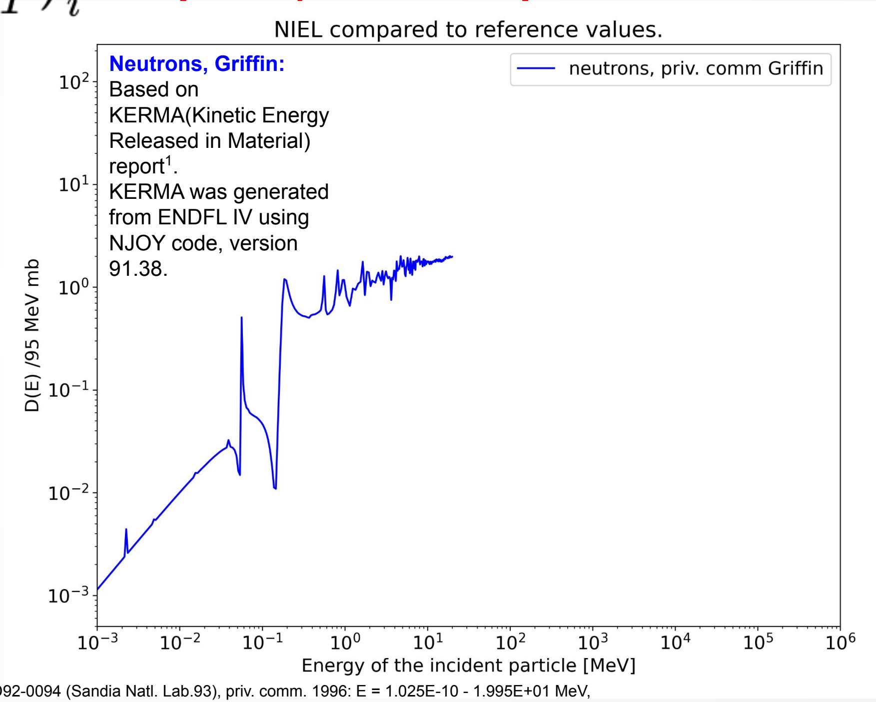

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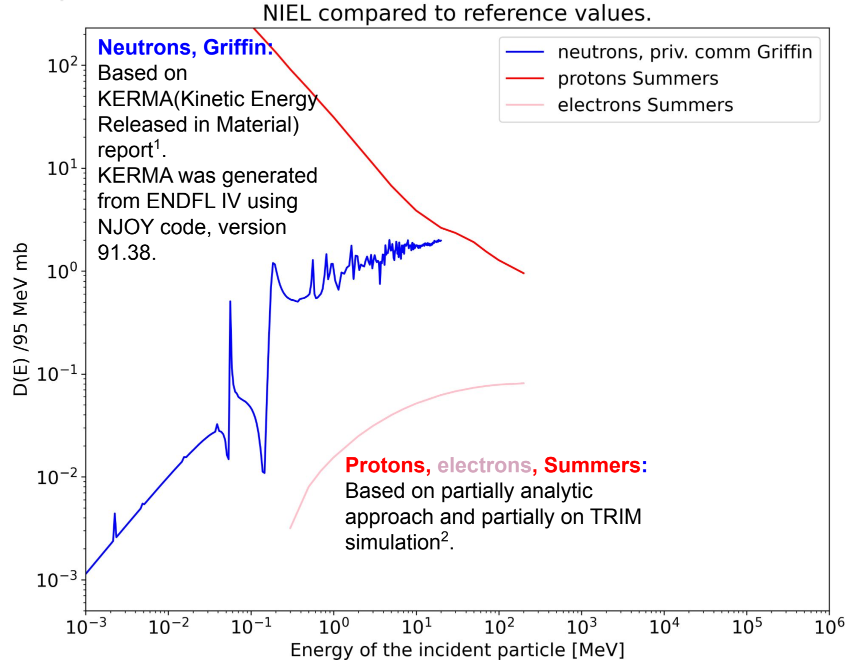

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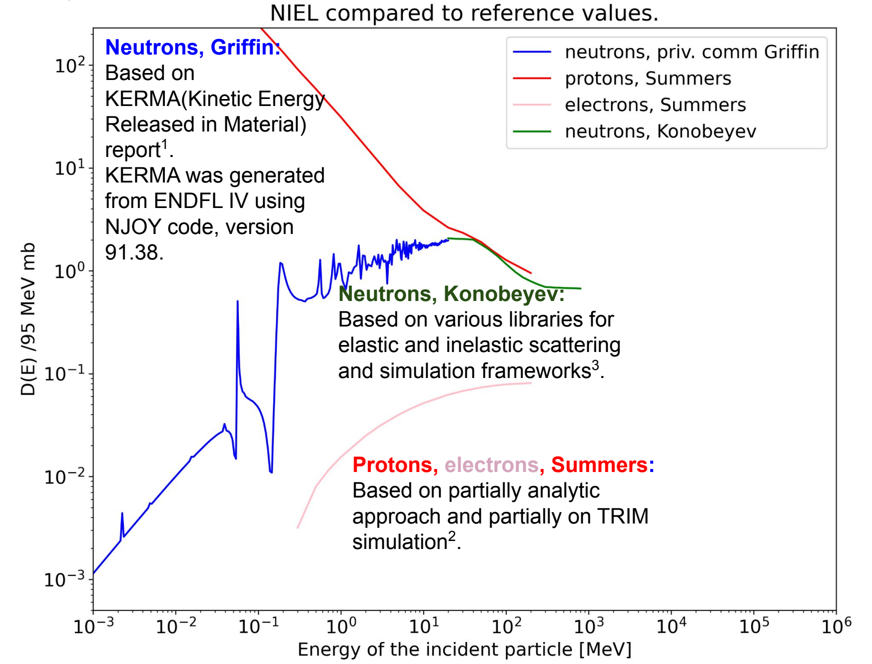

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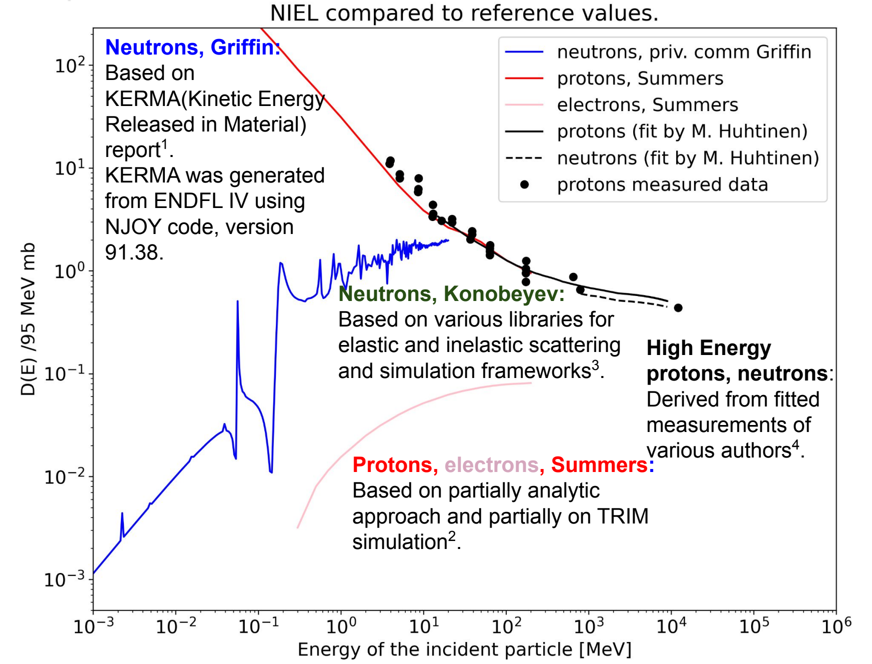

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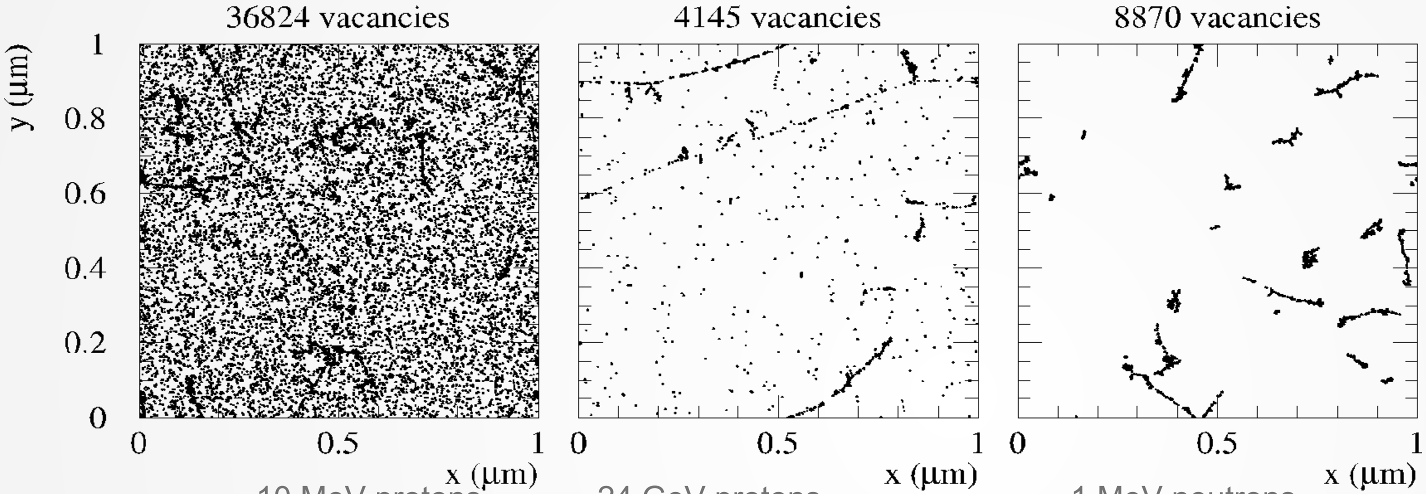
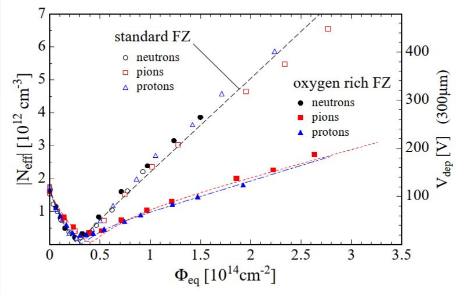
Revisiting NIEL

Simulations of radiation damage by M. Huhtinen[5].

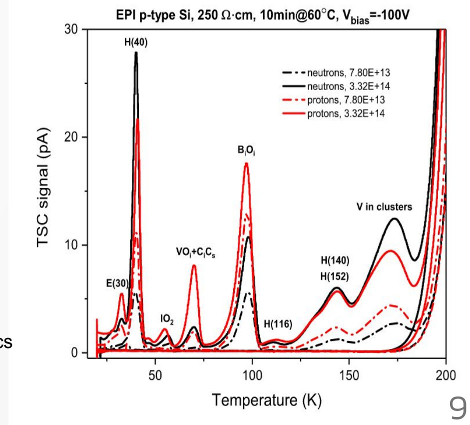


10 MeV protons — 24 GeV protons — 1 MeV neutrons

CERN RD48 : oxygen enriched silicon sensors[6].



Radiation Damage in P-Type EPI Silicon Pad Diodes Irradiated with Protons and Neutrons[7].



- NIEL doesn't distinguish between cluster and point displacement, i.e. the same displacament energy has a very different distribution of damage on the microscopic level.
- NIEL scaling violation reported in oxygen enriched silicon samples (CERN RD-48, Vdep (Φeq) dependence on particle type), differences between neutron's and proton's damage.

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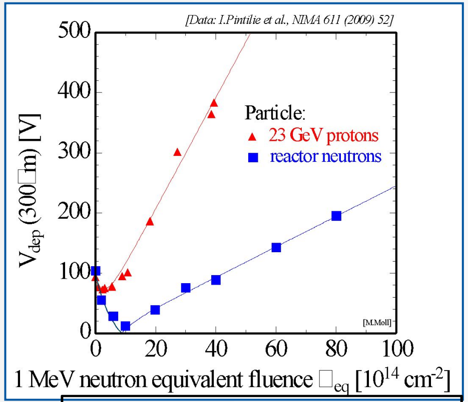

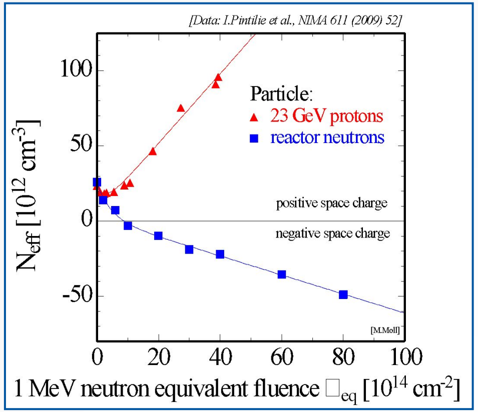

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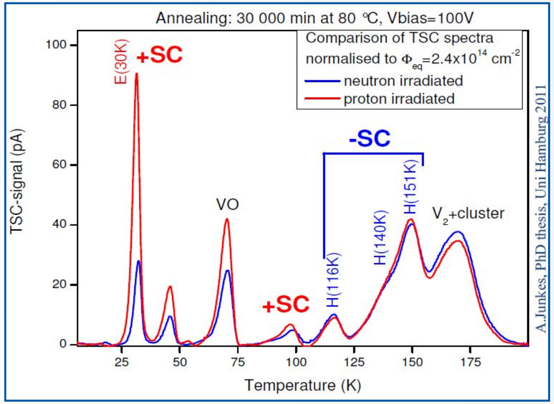

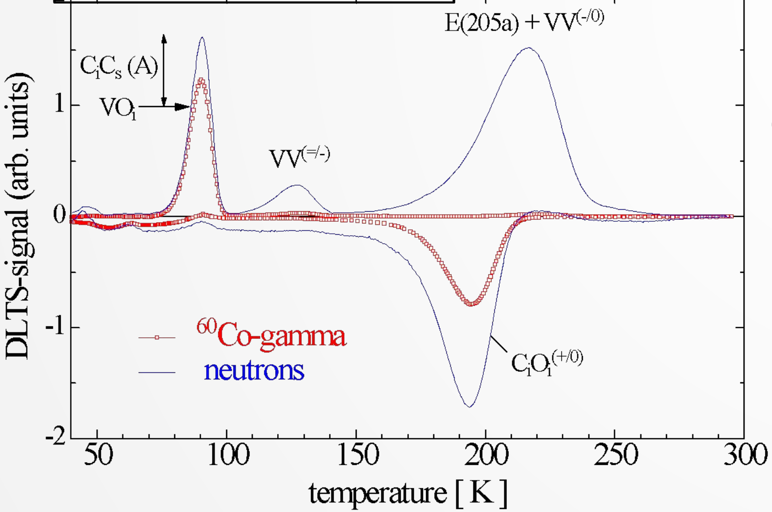

Protons: no space charge inversion
Neutron: space inversion

From the microscopic perspective: (DLTS measurement)
Gamma irradiation: only point defects
Neutron irradiation: cluster and point defects

Therefore the aim of this study is to **partition NIEL function into cluster contribution and point defects contribution**.

Overview of the simulations

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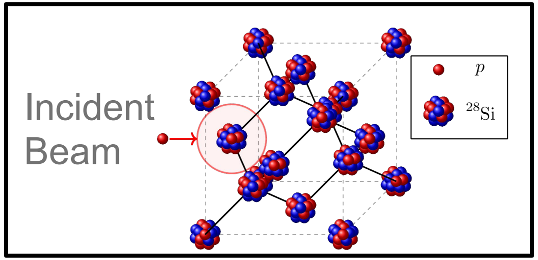

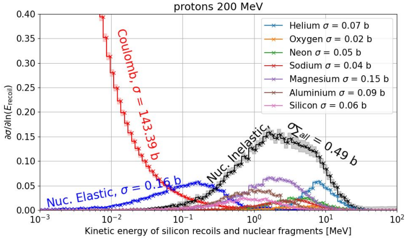

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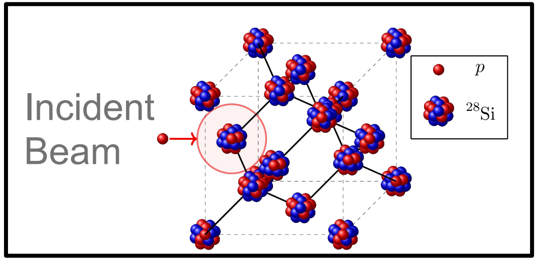

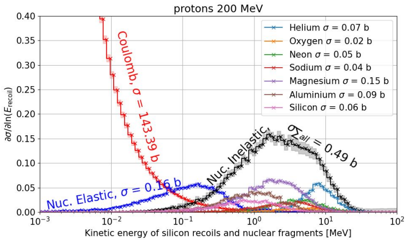

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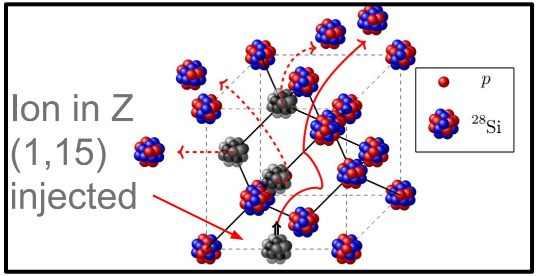

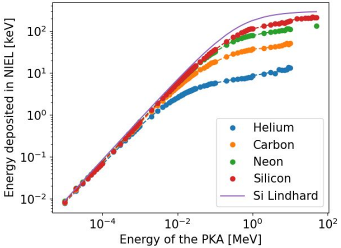

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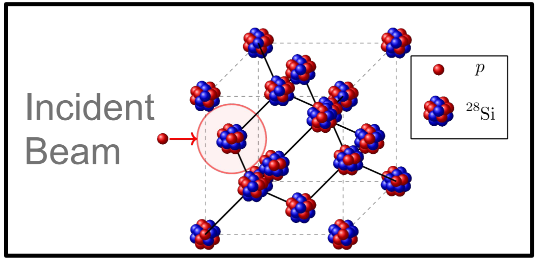
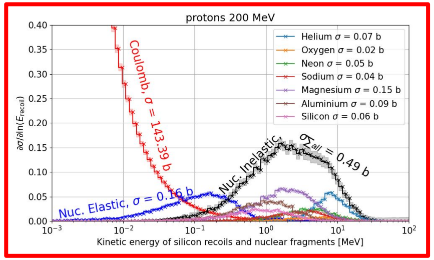
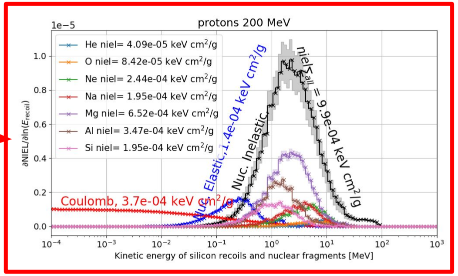




NIEL/NIEL$_{vac}$ distribution for high E particles



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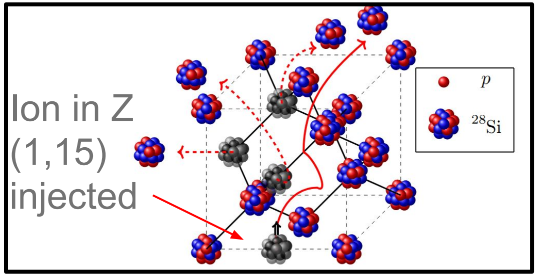

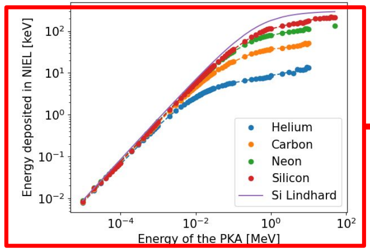

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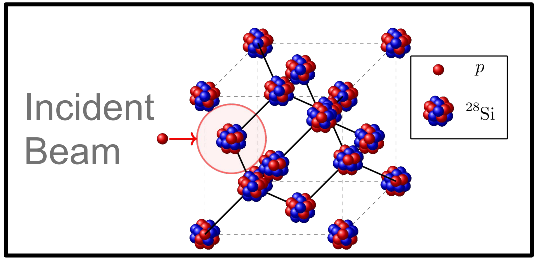

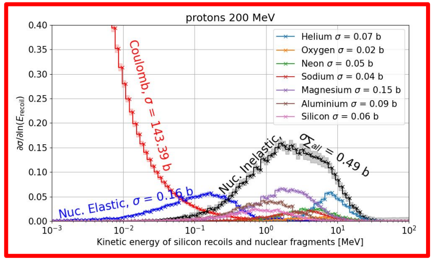

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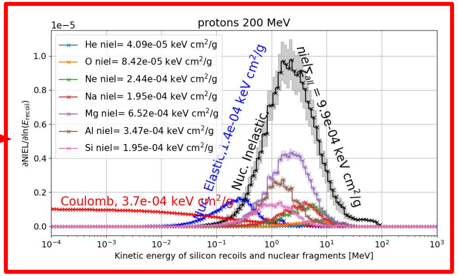

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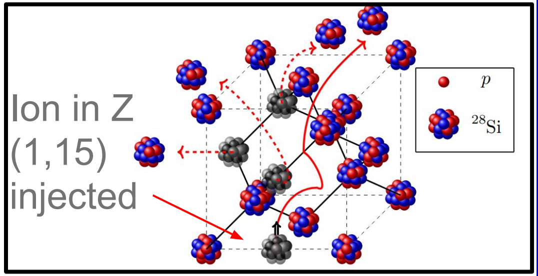

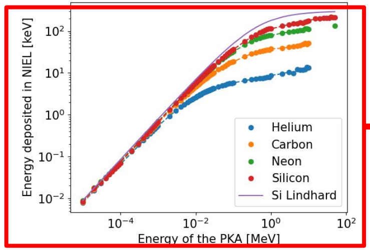

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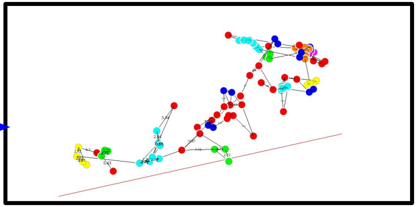

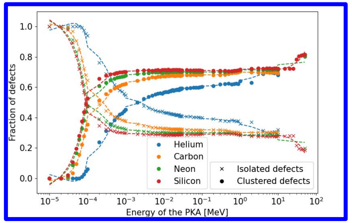

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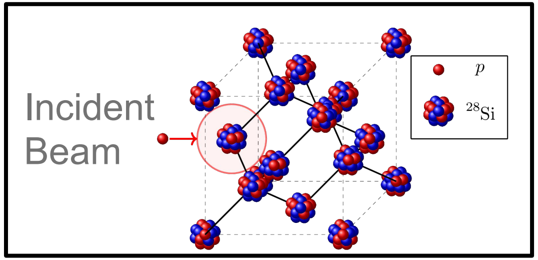

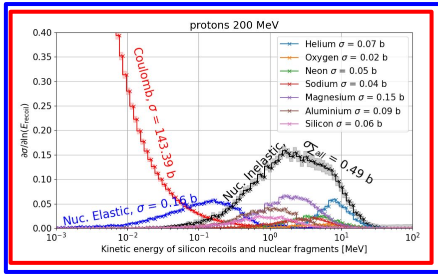

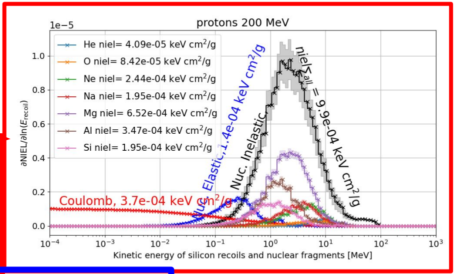

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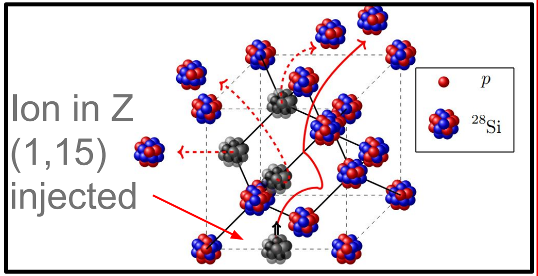

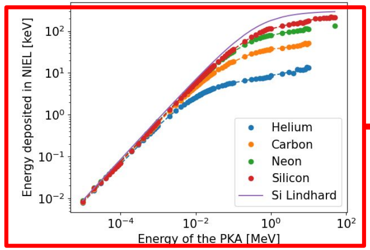

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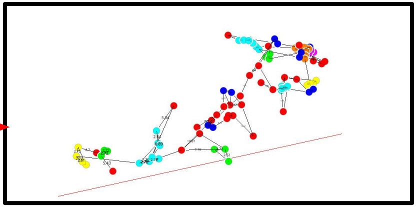

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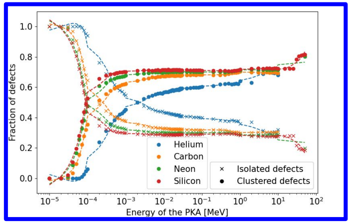

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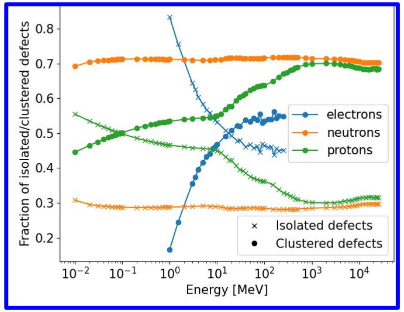

Geant4: Simulation of the Primary knocked-on atoms (PKA)

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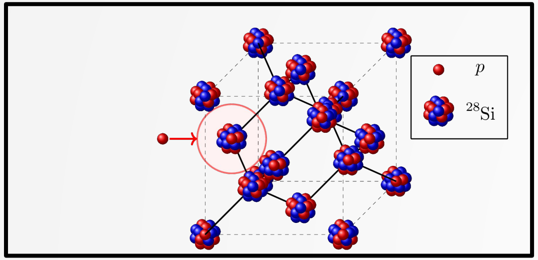
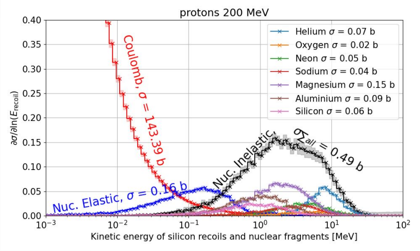




Geant4 simulation framework

Geant4[8,9](for GEometry ANd Tracking) is a Monte Carlo simulation platform for the passage of particles through matter.

Define a geometry:

1mm x1 mm x100 µm

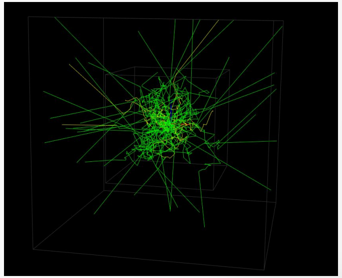
Choose a physics list:

1. For PKA (Primary knocked-on atoms):
   a. *QGSP_BERT_HP* (Nuclear scattering < 3 GeV)
   b. *QGSP_BERT_HP__SS* (Coulomb scattering for electrons)
   c. ***FTFP_BERT_HP* (Nuclear scattering > 3 GeV)**

New!

Launch a simulation:

QGSP_BERT_HP
QGSP_BERT_HP__SS



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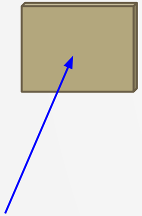
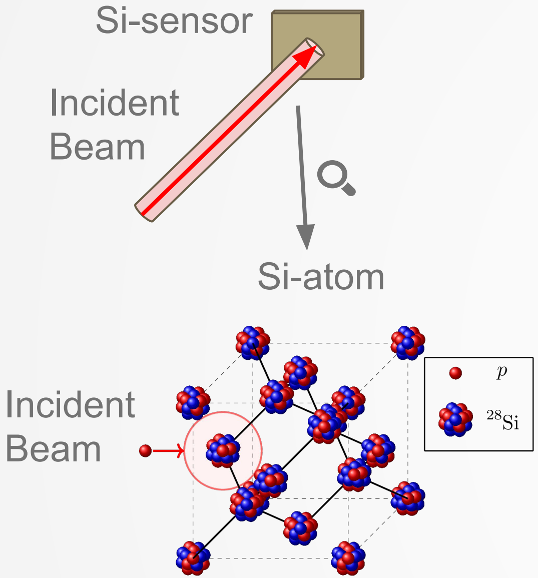


1. Monochromatic pencil beam protons and neutrons of various energies (generally 10^6–10^8).
2. For electrons, also 1 um x 1 um beam investigated.

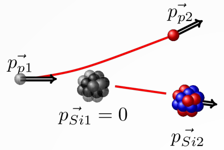
Analyze (c++, python), Save results.

8) Agostinelli, S., et al. “Geant4—a Simulation Toolkit.” Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, D Detectors and Associated Equipment, vol. 506, no. 3, July 2003, pp. 250–303. ScienceDirect, https://doi.org/10.1016/S0168-9002(03)01368-8.
9) Allison, J., K. Amako, J. Apostolakis, H. Araujo, et al. “Geant4 Developments and Applications.” IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, vol. 53, no. 1, Feb. 2006, pp. 270–78. IEEE Xplore, https://doi.org/10.1109/TNS.2006.869826.

PKA generation example



1) Coulomb elastic scattering (only charged particles)



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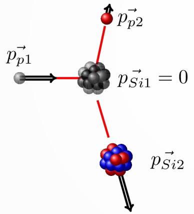

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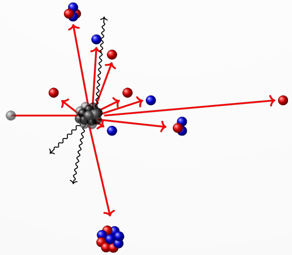

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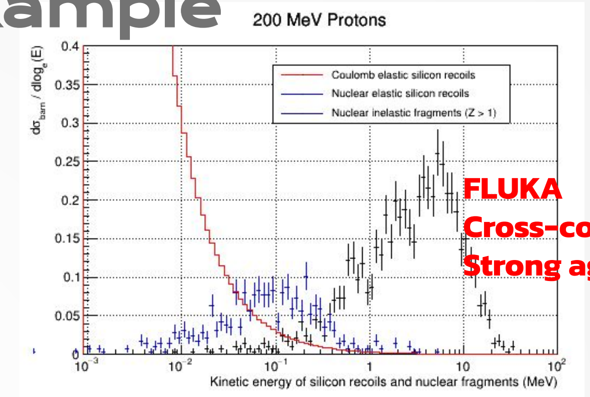
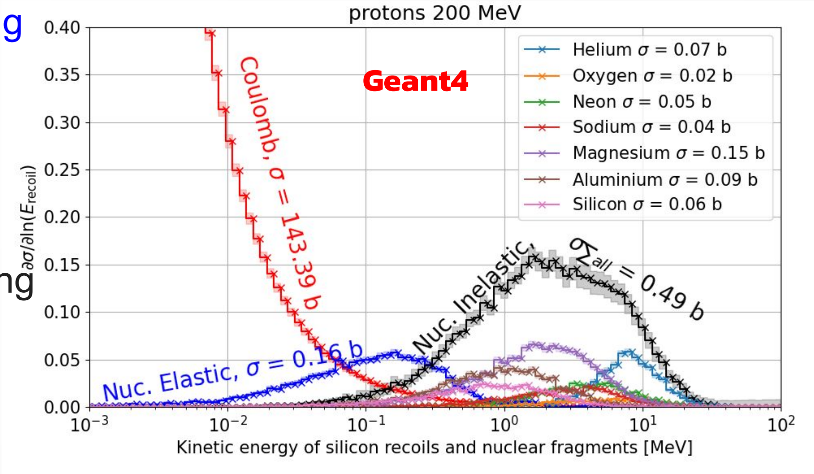
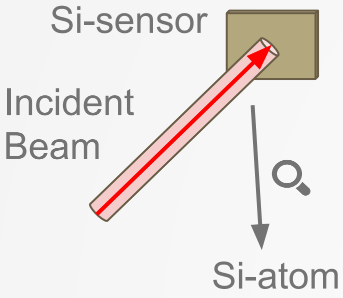
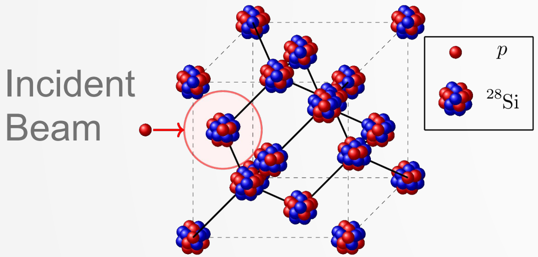


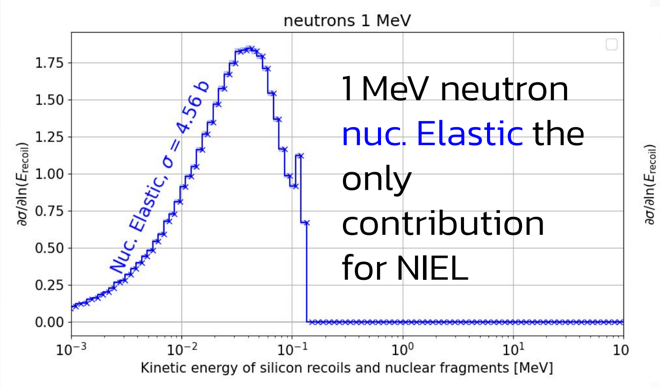


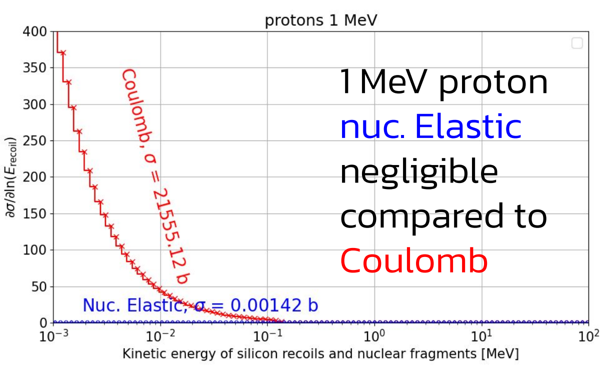
Area below the curve corresponds to the cross section. Displacement threshold = **21 eV**.

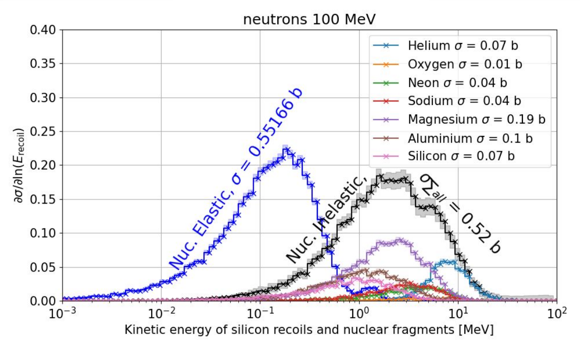
PKA generation examples

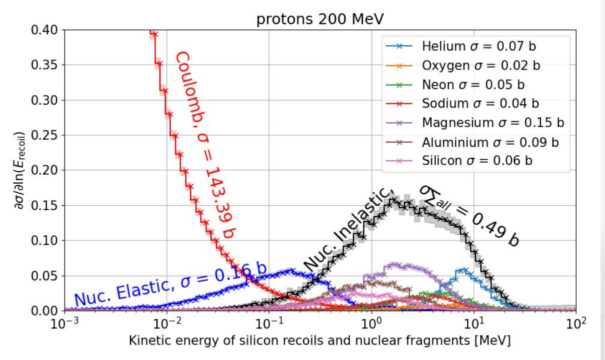












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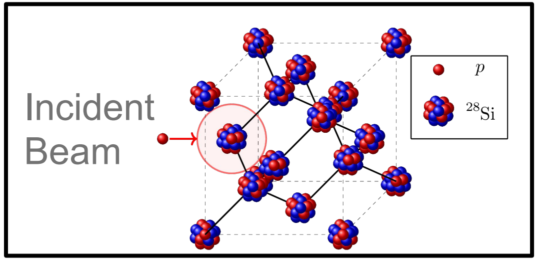
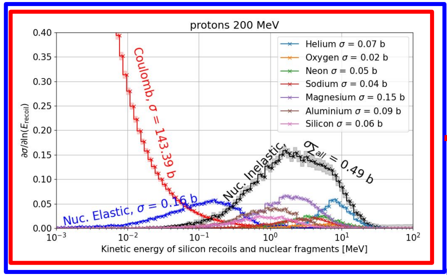
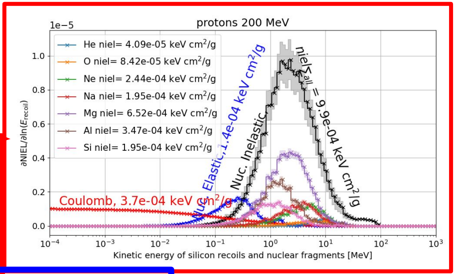
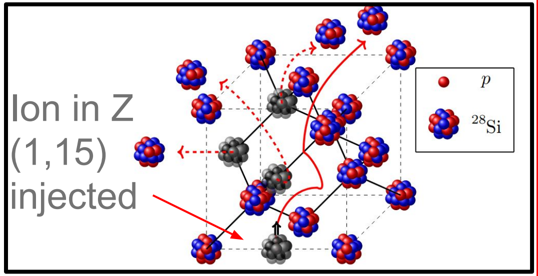
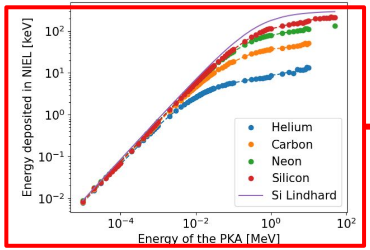






TRIM → **NIEL of low E recoils**





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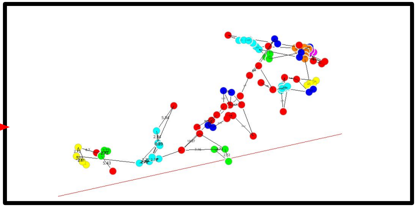

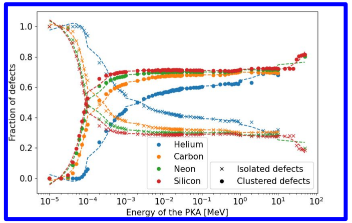

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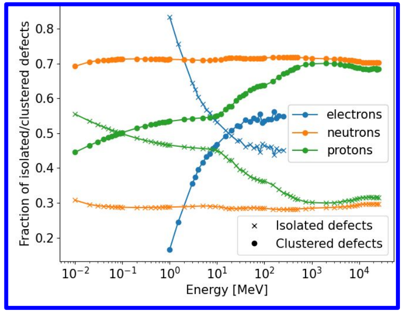
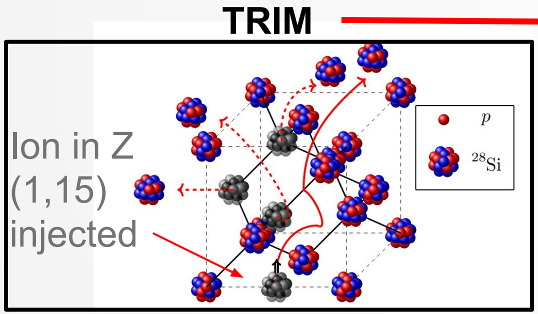


TRIM: Secondary recoils and atomic cascades



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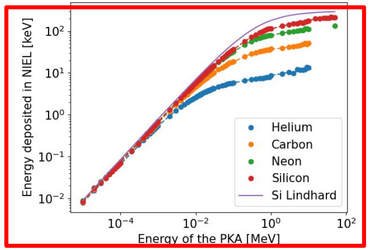
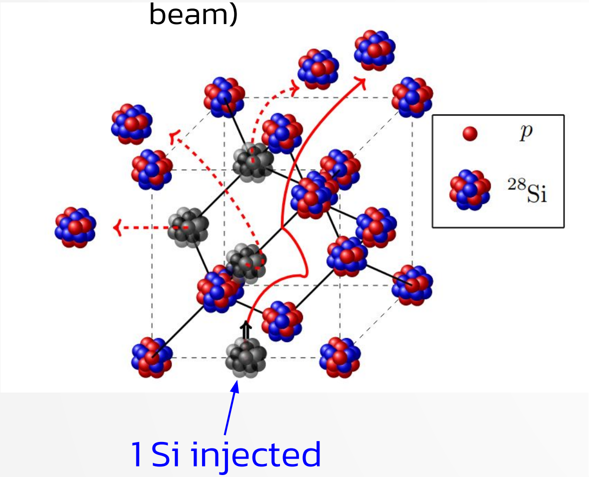


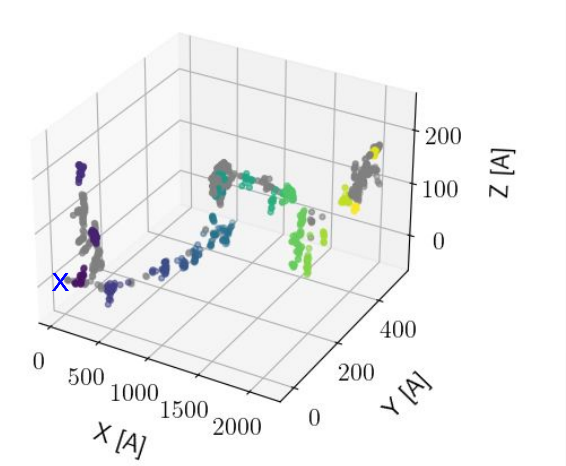
TRIM: 3D representation of 100 keV Si cascade

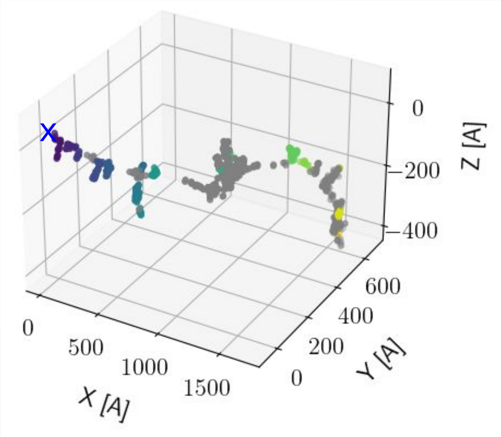
- TRIM simulations[10,11]
- TRIM based on Binary Collison Approximation
- focus on the propagation of Si-recoil in Silicon (no incident beam)

Example:
- 100 keV Silicon track
- originating from the blue cross (position 0,0,0)
- initial momentum in +x direction

Grey dots: isolated displacements
Colored dots: clustered displacements







10) SRIM, the Stopping and Range of Ions in Matter, James F. Ziegler, J. P. Biersack, Matthias D. Ziegler
11) www.srim.org

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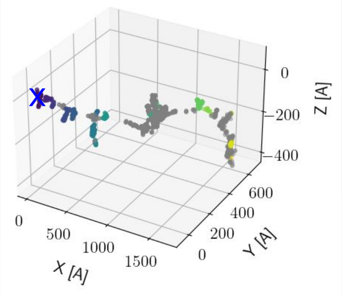

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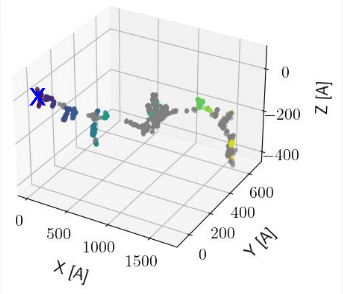

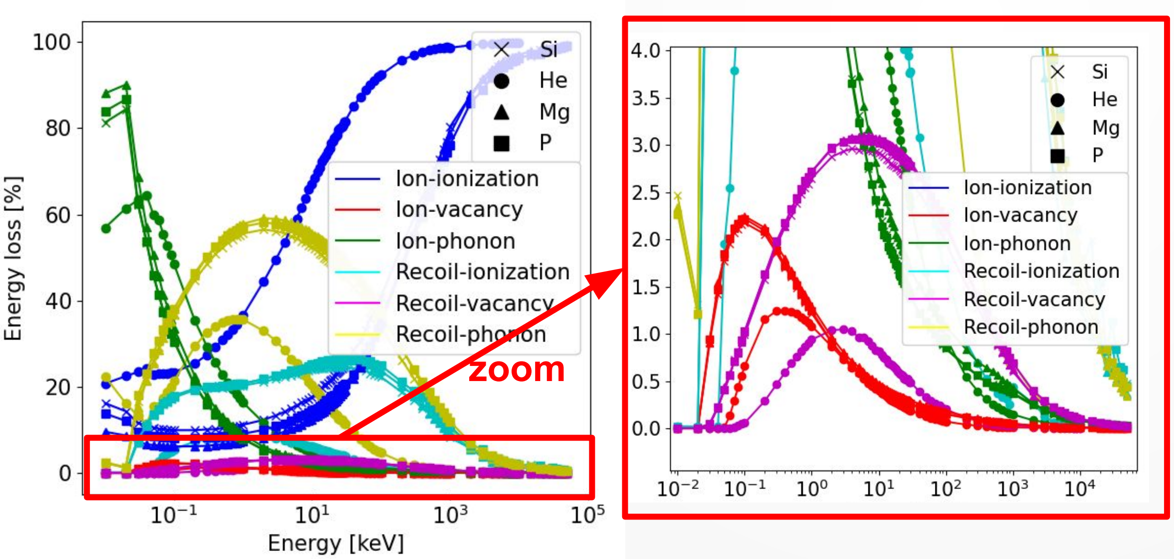

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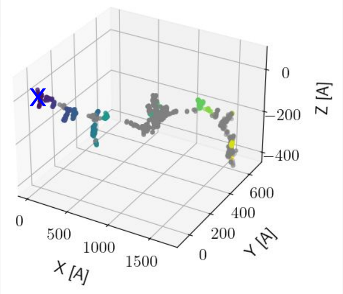

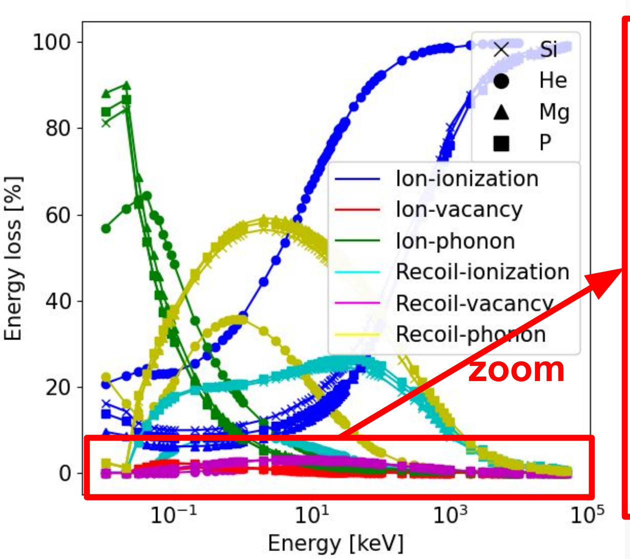

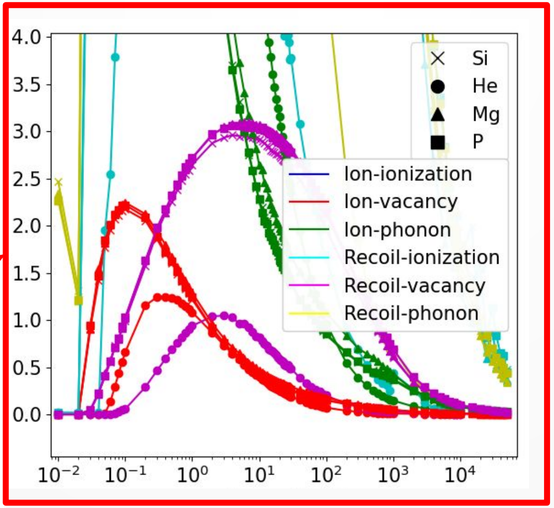

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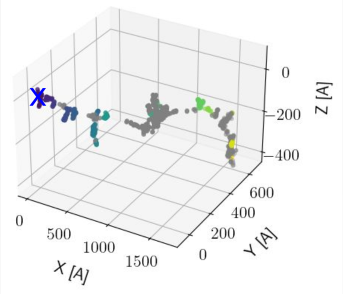

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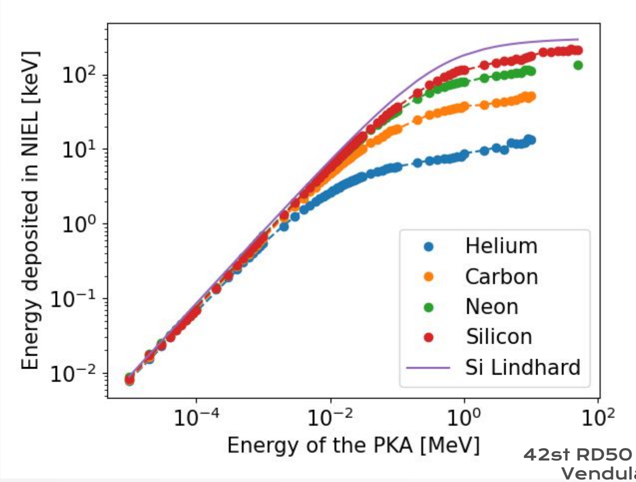

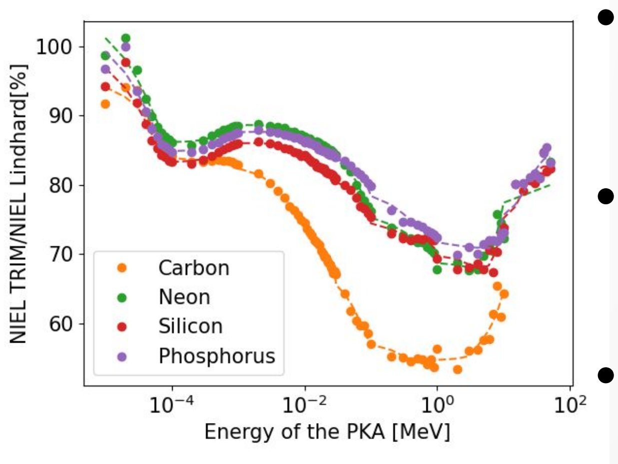

- Alternative simplified solution used before: Lindhard[12] equations are overestimating the NIEL.
- Specifically this difference becomes very pronounced at high energies.
- Lindhard should not be used for low Z ions.

12) Principles of Radiation Interaction in Matter and Detection, Leroy, C., Rancoita, P.G., https://books.google.cz/books?id=w7-toAEACAAJ, 2016

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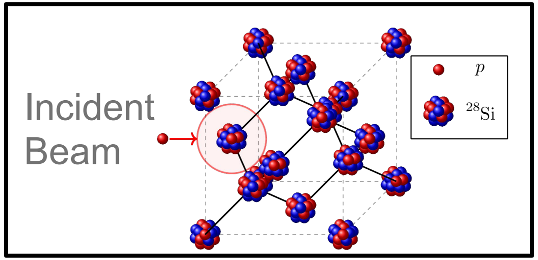

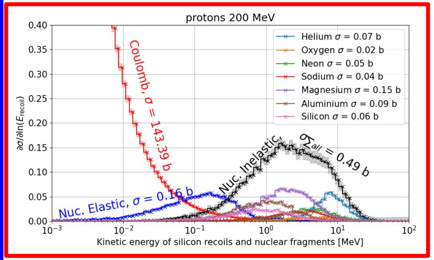

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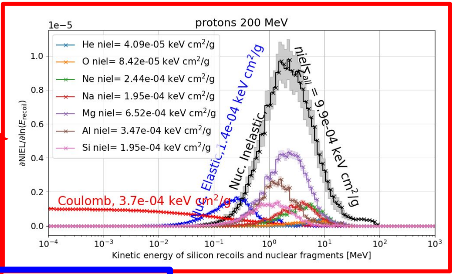

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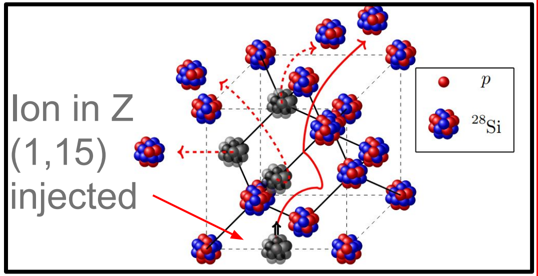

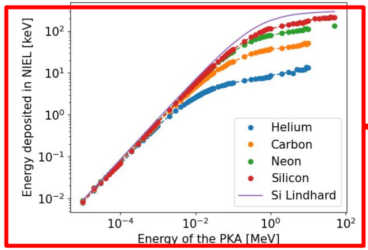

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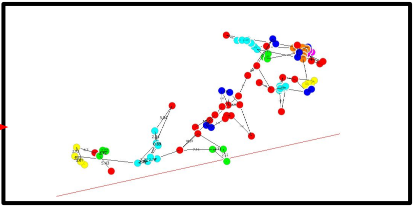

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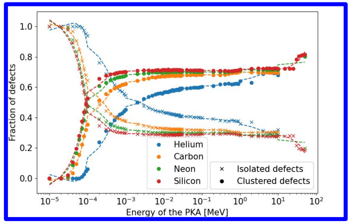

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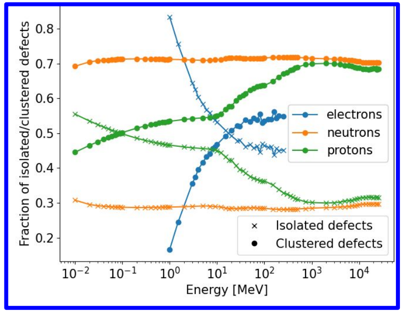

OPTICS[15,16] (Ordering points to identify the clustering structure)

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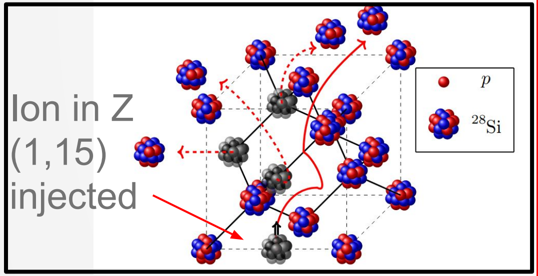

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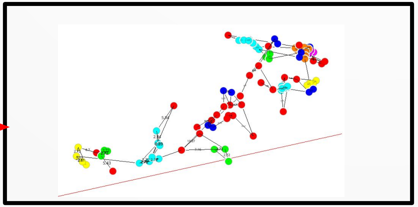

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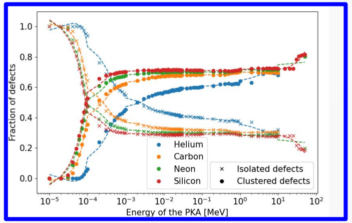

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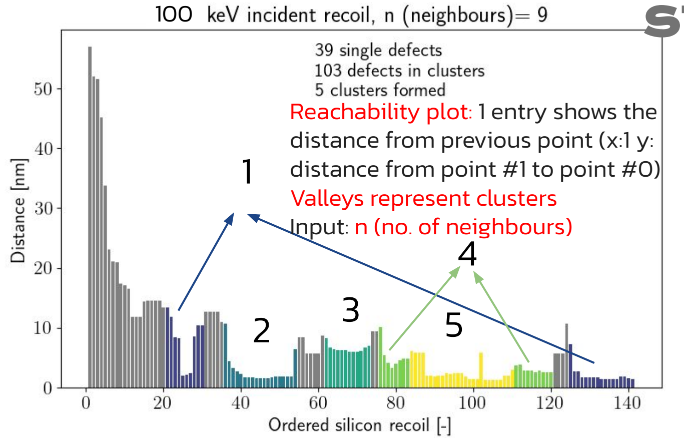
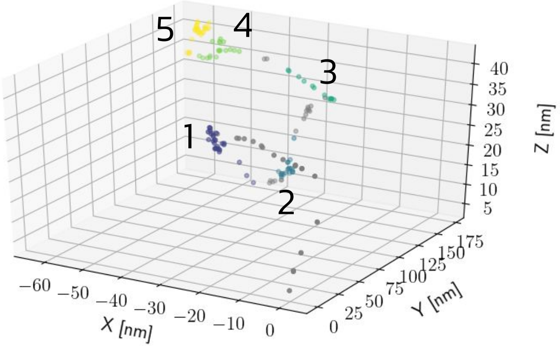
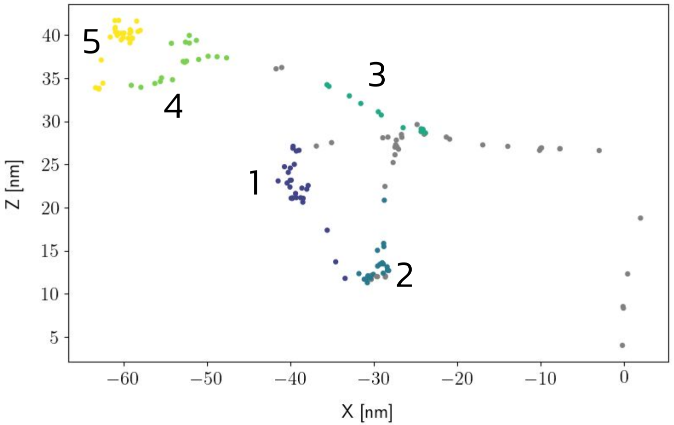


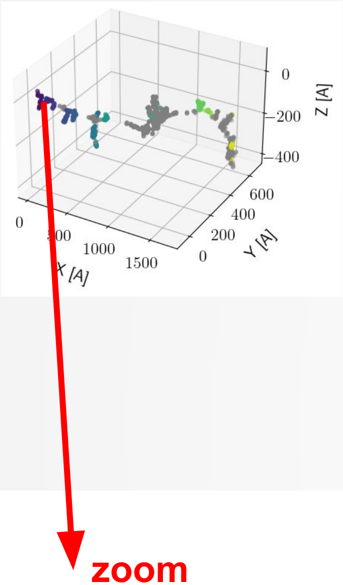




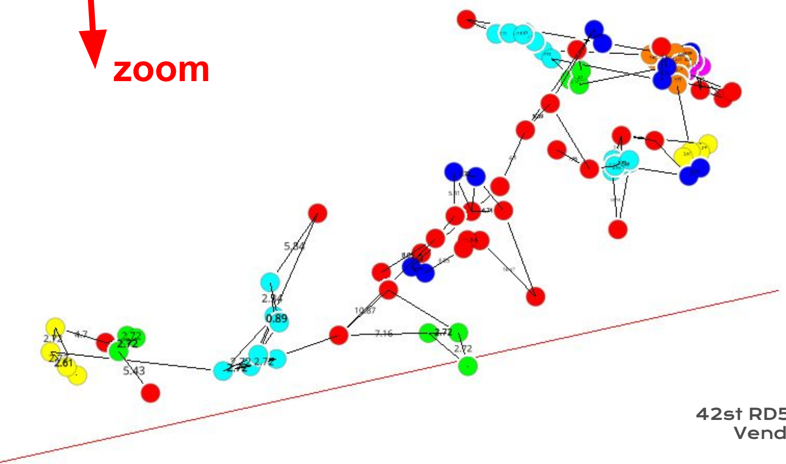
- Algorithm flow explain in the Appendix (Slide 34)
- Basic idea:
  - Ordering points and plotting their distances produces **Reachability plot**
  - Valleys in the reachability plot represent clusters
- Algorithm needs a user input: minimum number of samples to create cluster

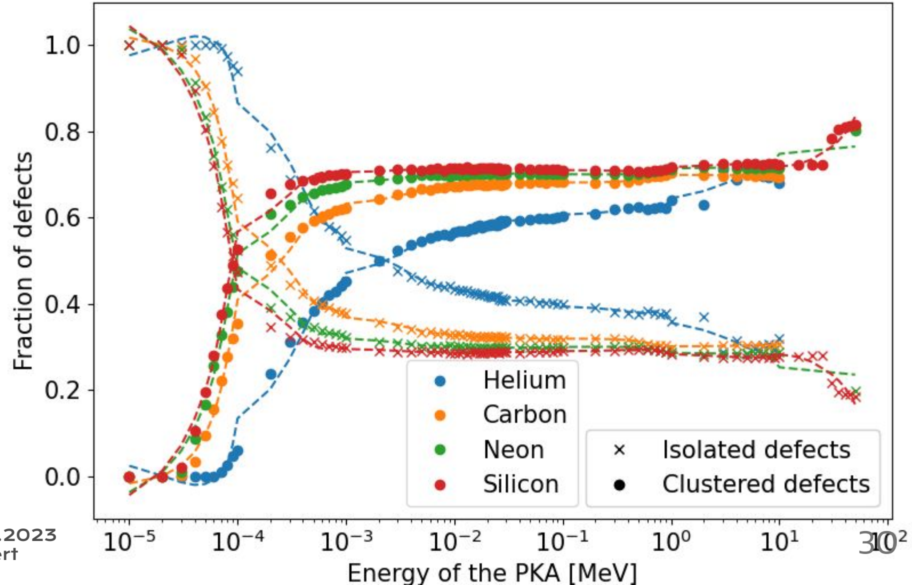
13) Ankerst, Mihael, Markus M. Breunig, Hans-Peter Kriegel, and Jörg Sander. “OPTICS: ordering points to identify the clustering structure.” ACM SIGMOD Record 28, no. 2 (1999): 49-60.
14) Schubert, Erich, Michael Gertz. “Improving the Cluster Structure Extracted from OPTICS Plots.” Proc. of the Conference “Lernen, Wissen, Daten, Analysen” (LWDA) (2018): 318-329.
15) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV0mWaHOTA8&t=133s tutorial

OPTICS: Isolated vs clustered defect



- TRIM provides 3D distribution of a track created by recoil with Z (1,15)
- OPTICS algorithm can further analyze this track
- Example cluster graph below (in order to be part of a cluster, the vacancies have to be closer then 4.7 A):
  - Red: Single vacancies, Blue: Divacancies
  - Green: trivacancies, Yellow: Tetravacancies, Pink: Pentavacancies
  - Cyan: cluster with 6-10 vacancies, Orange: 11-50 Vacancies
- Ratio of Isolated bs Clustered vacancies is stable for most elements >5 keV





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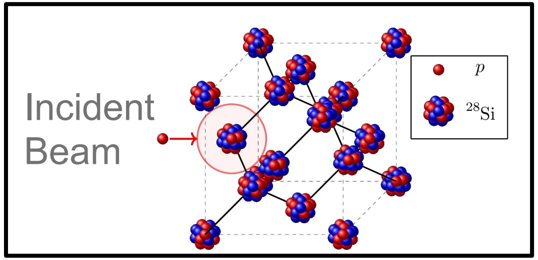

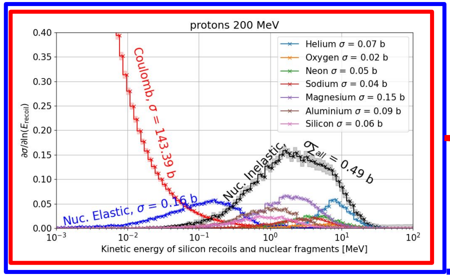

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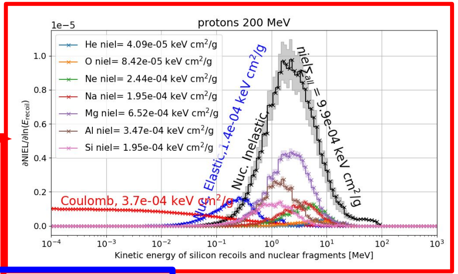

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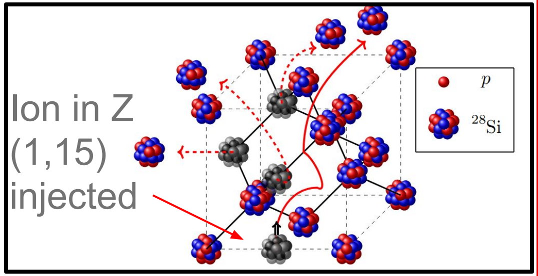

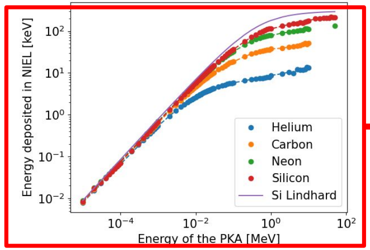

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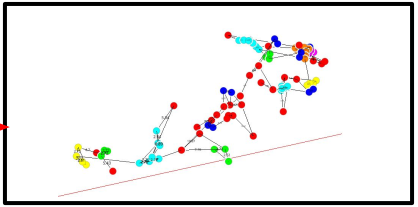

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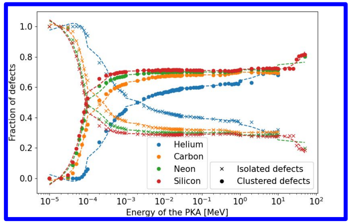

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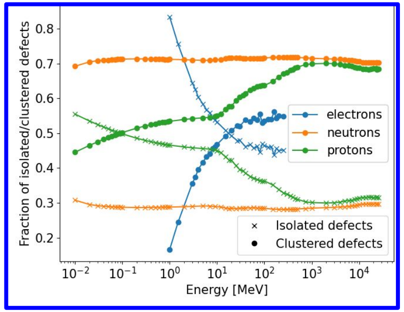
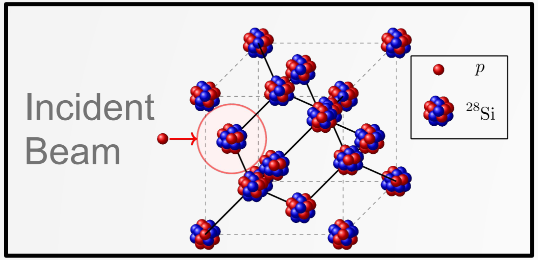
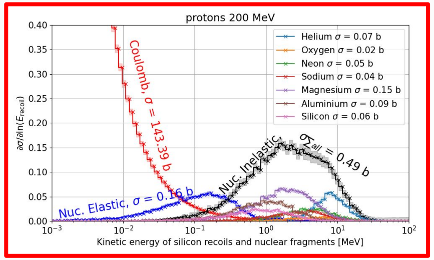


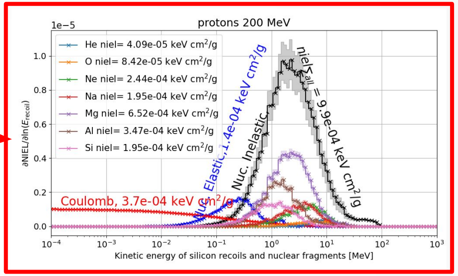
NIEL by high-energy particles

GEANT4 → **PKA distribution**

NIEL/NIEL$_{vac}$ distribution for high E particles







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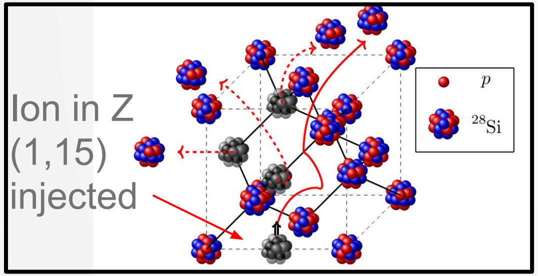

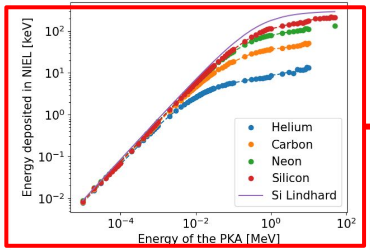

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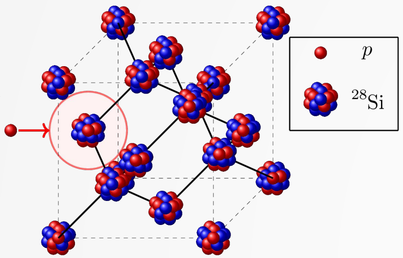

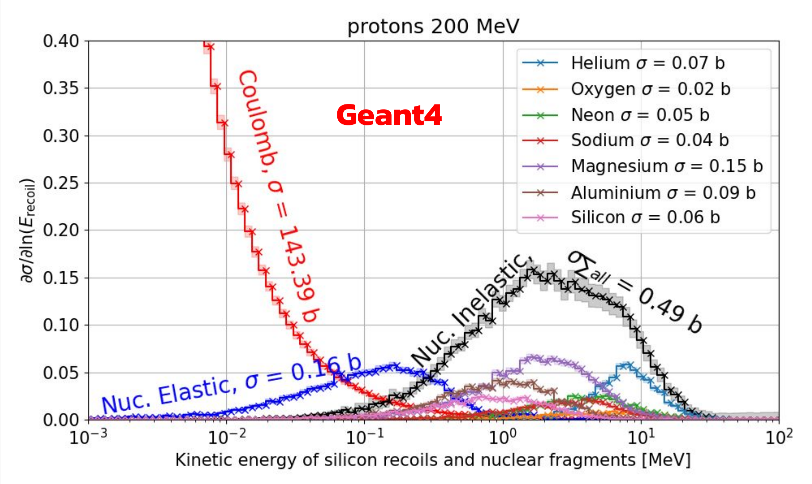

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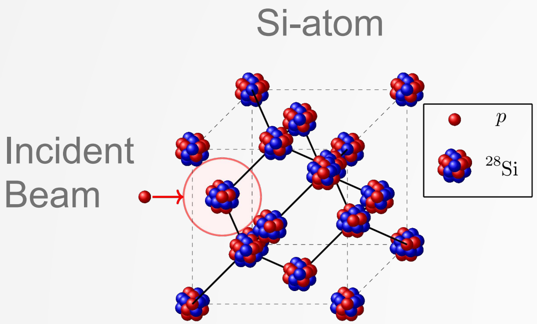

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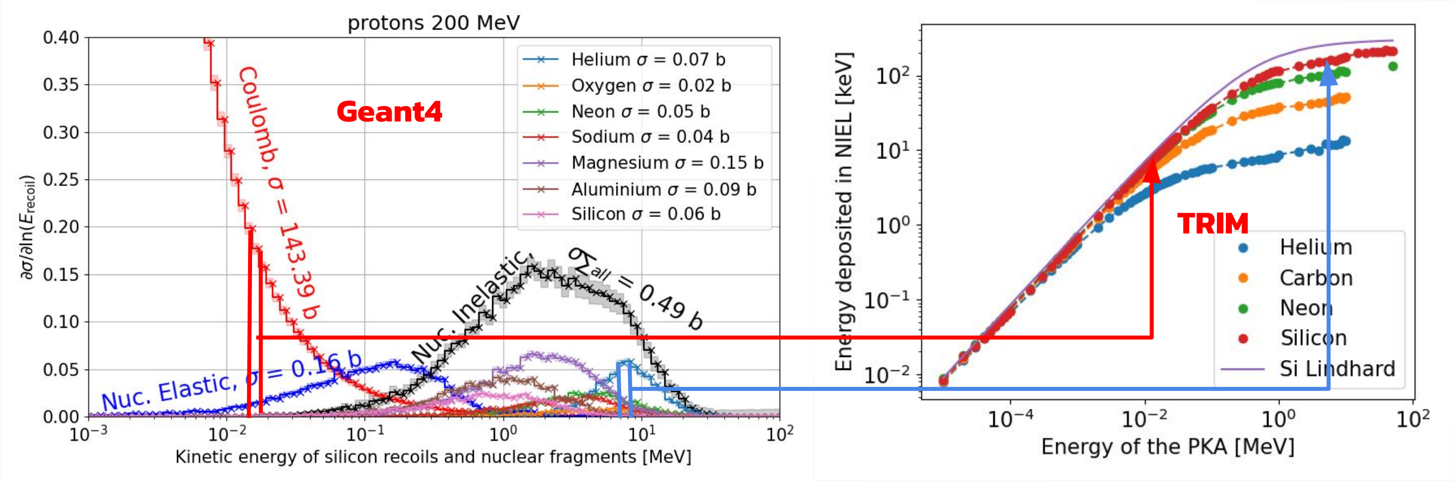

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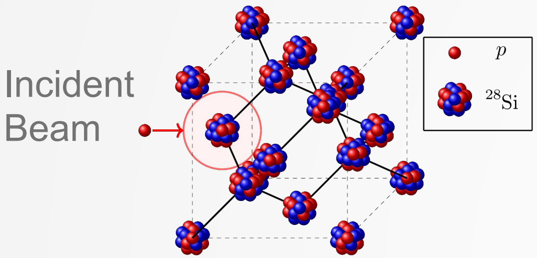

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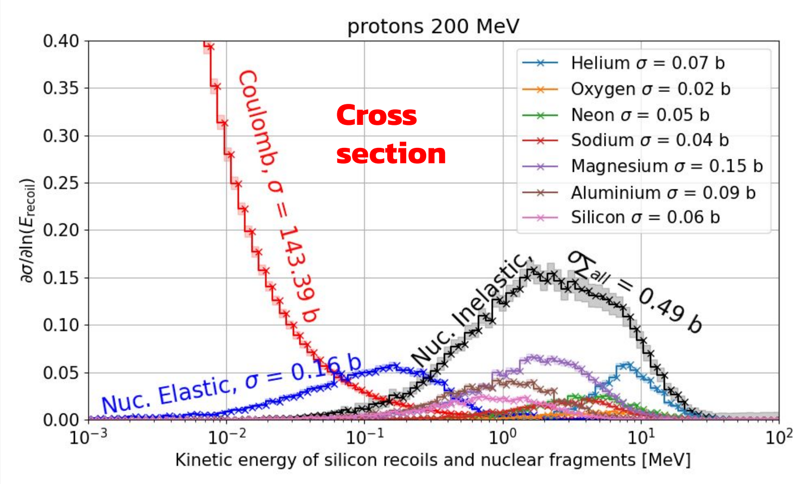

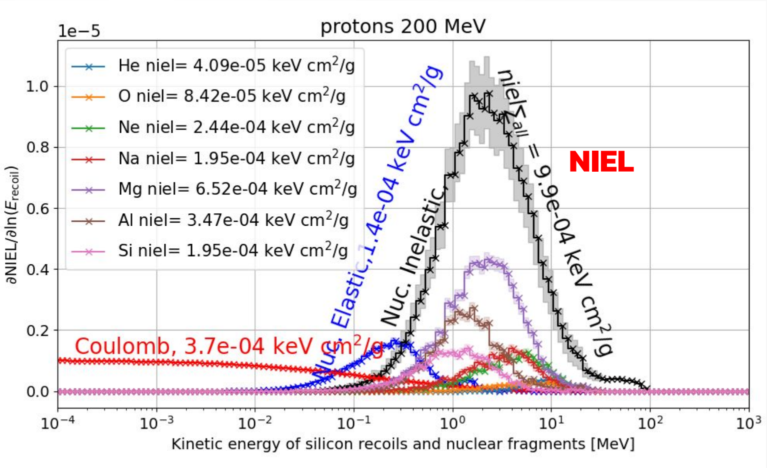

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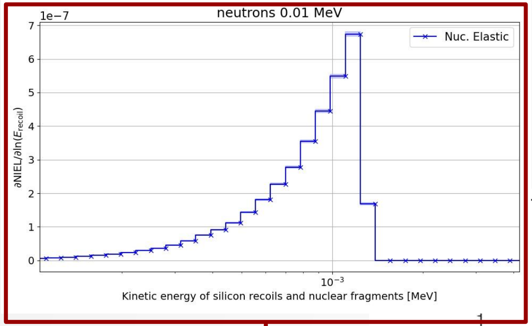
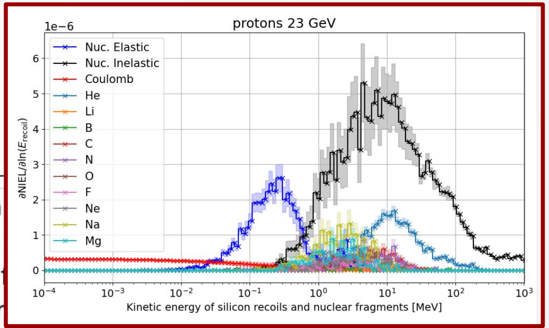
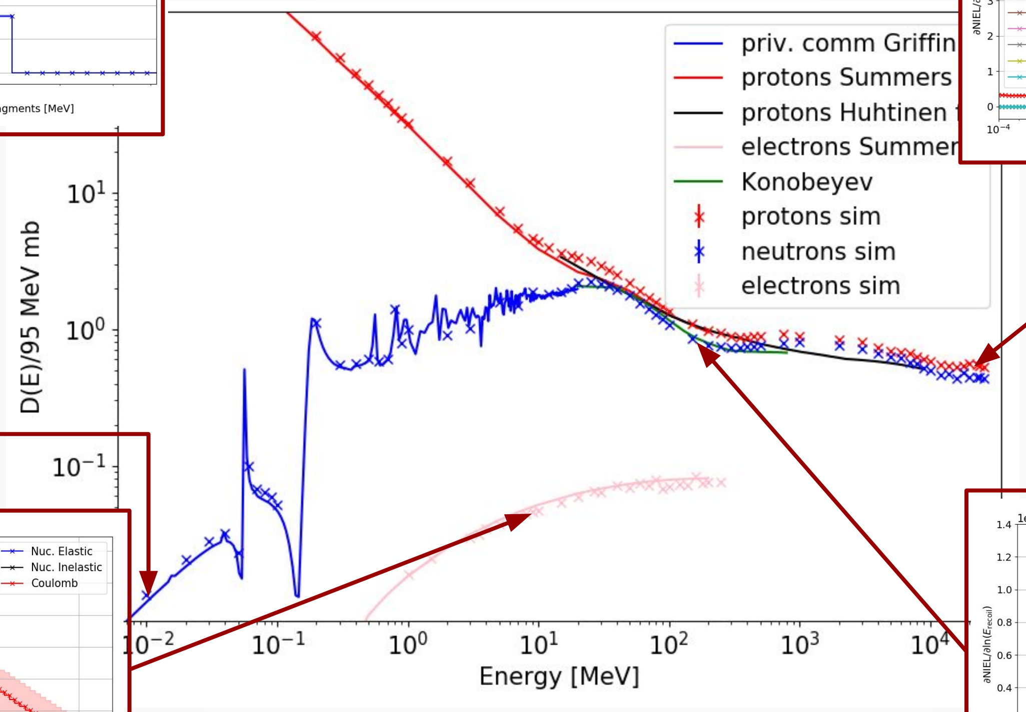
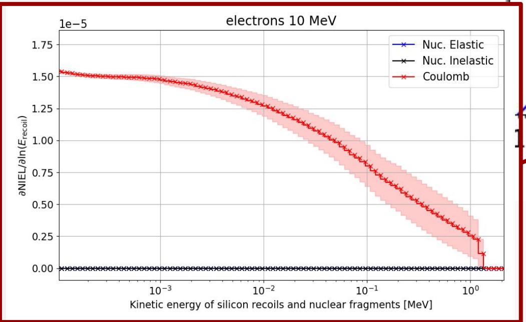
Producing NIEL curves

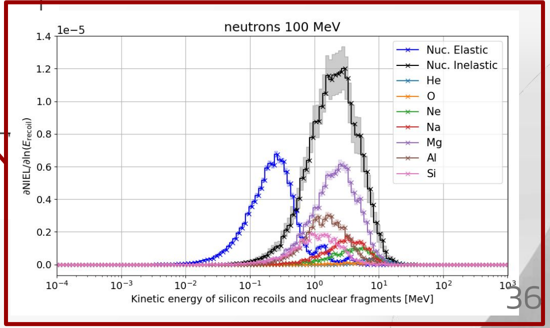
- Integrating the recoil spectra above threshold displacement energy (21 eV) yields 1 point on the NIEL curve











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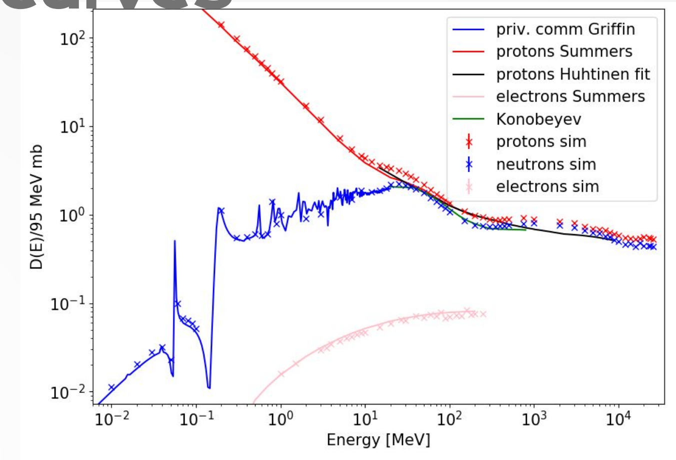

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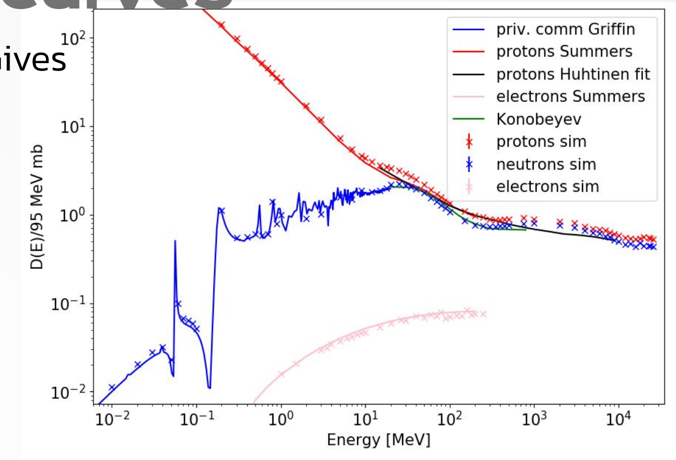

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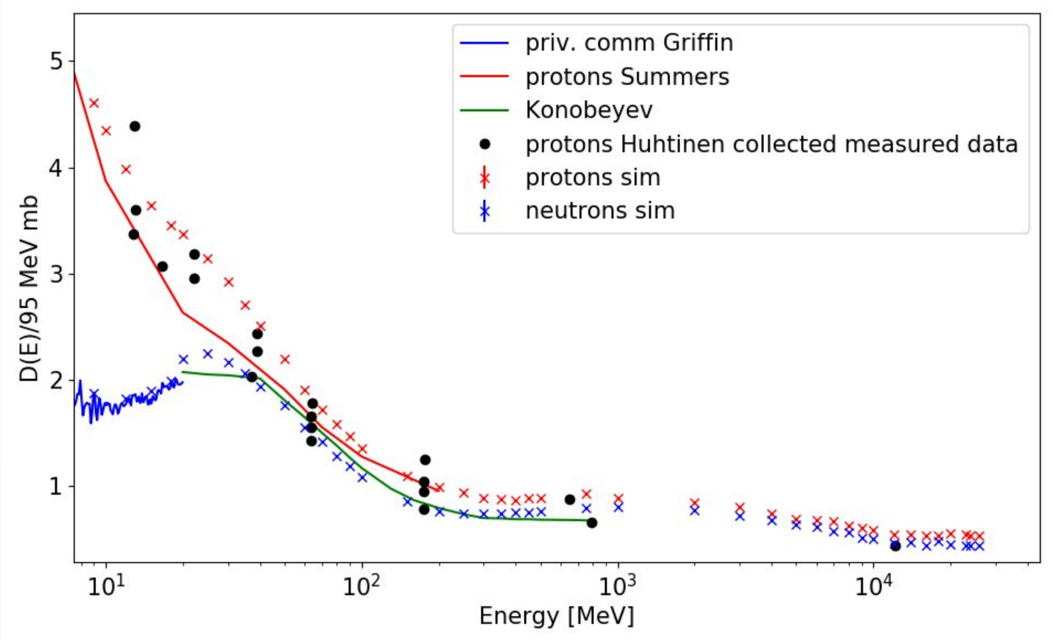

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- Against other simulations (Konobeyev, M. Huhtinen 2002)
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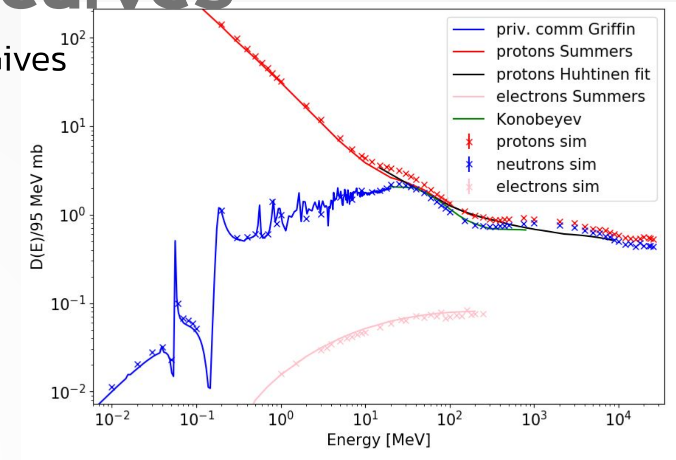

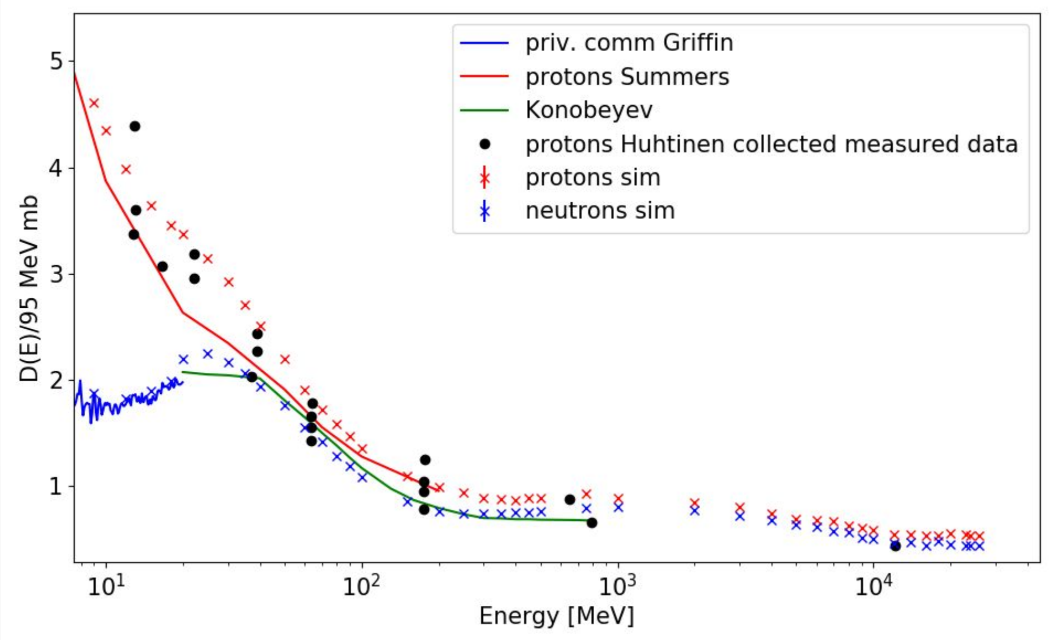

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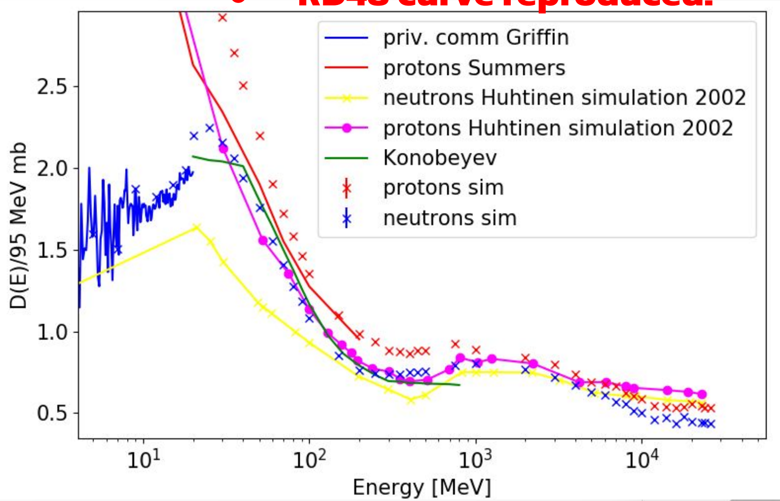

Overview of the simulations

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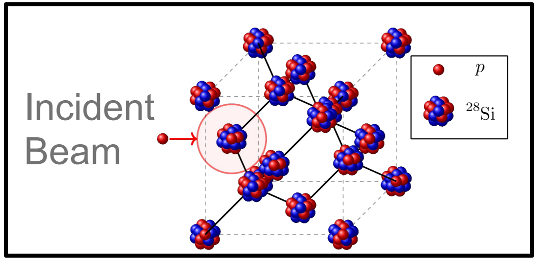

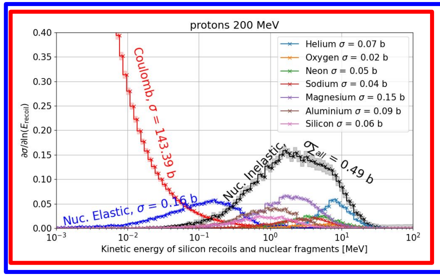

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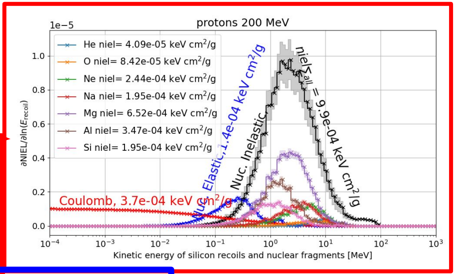

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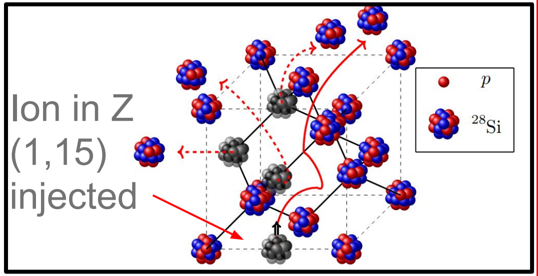

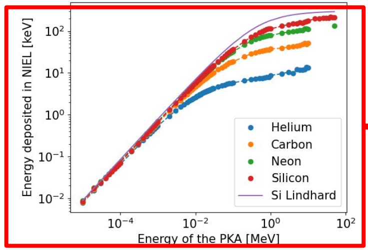

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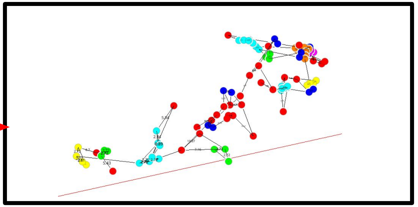

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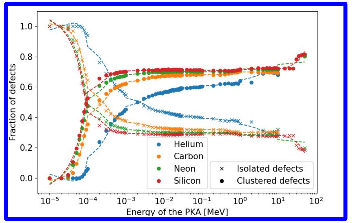

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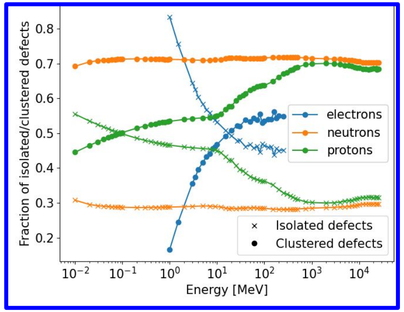

Atomic displacements by high-energy particles

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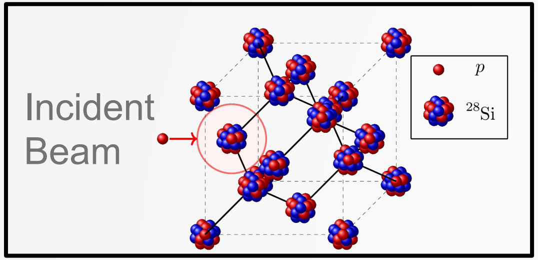

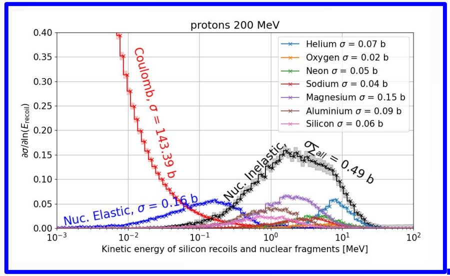

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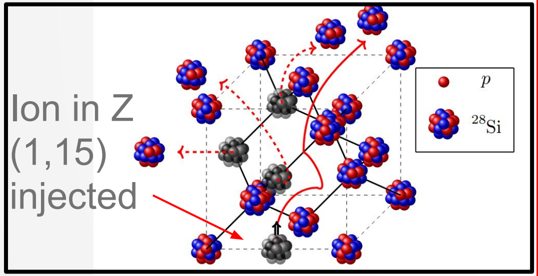

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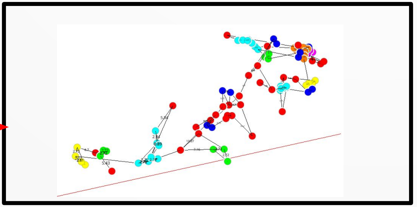

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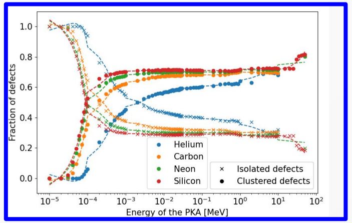

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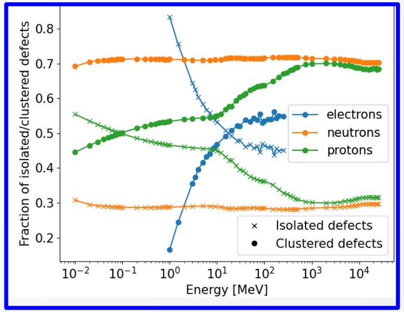
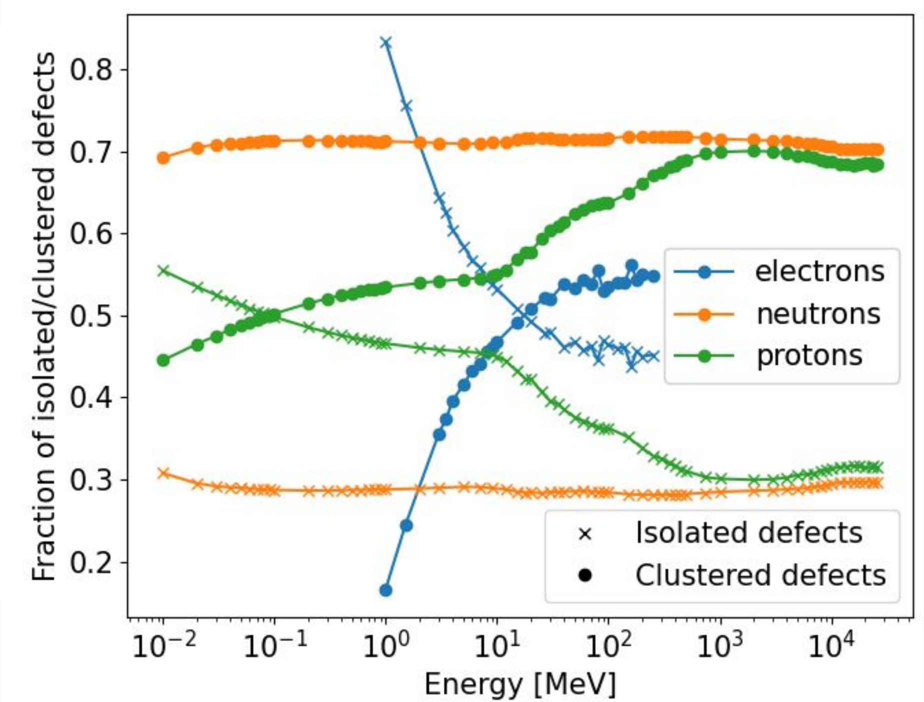


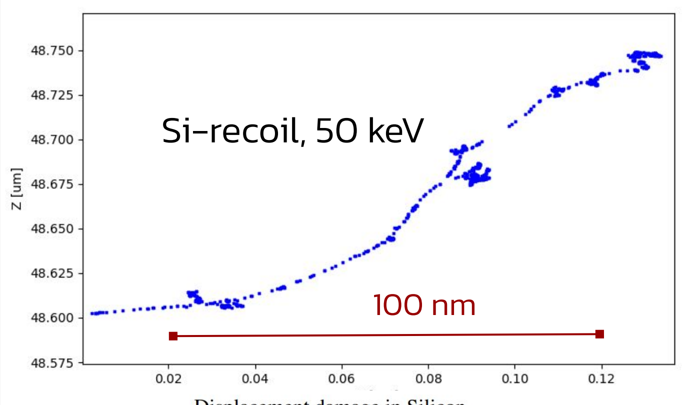
Isolated vs clustered vacancies

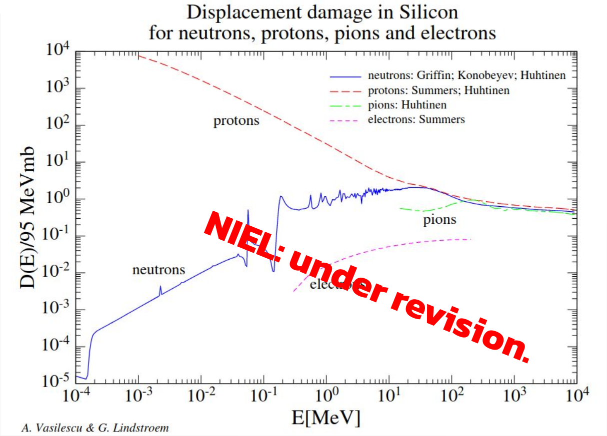
Results for minimum interatomic distance to be considered isolated vacancy.
Here cluster is consider anything >= divacancy.



- For neutrons the ratio of the creation of isolated vacancies vs clustered is stable.
- For protons the ratio of the isolated/clustered vacancies is decreasing as the Coulomb reaction becomes less of an effect compared to inelastic and elastic scattering.
- For electrons the ratio rapidly changes with energy before eventually reaching a plateau as well.

Outlook & next steps





16) Data from A. Vasilescu (INPE Bucharest) and G. Lindström (Univ. of Hamburg), https://rd50.web.cern.ch/niel/

- Geant4 and FLUKA-based simulations have been carried out to produce Primary knocked-on atoms. Simulations agree within limit.
- TRIM simulations had been used to relate NIEL to the low-energy recoil ions.
- NIEL curves from literature (RD-48[1]) were successfully reproduced.
- Several cluster-finding algorithms have been tested to establish differences between different particles and particle energies.
    - Promising datasets for protons, neutrons and electrons shown in this presentation.
- Ongoing work:
    - Investigation of the relationship of NIEL (including phonons) and $NIEL_{vacancy}$
    - Systematic studies on OPTICS with parameter tuning.
    - Studies and comparisons with the literature (cluster sizes, differences between vacancies and interstitials,..).
    - Measurements of introduction rates benchmarking of the clustered and isolated defects for protons and neutrons.
    - Extending studies to gammas.
    - Comparison to other simulations (TRIM, kinetic monte-carlo, molecular dynamics, quasi-chemical).

THANKS!

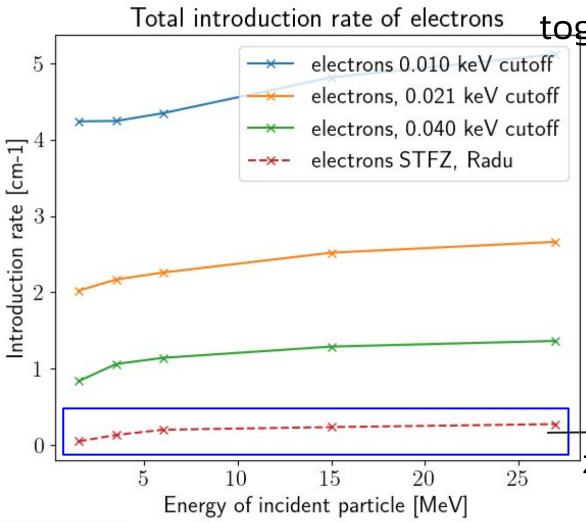




Do you have any questions?

Electron induced damage

VOi, V3 and V2 together



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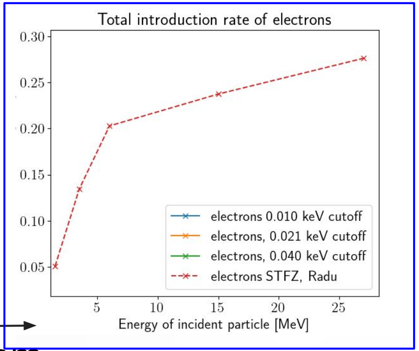
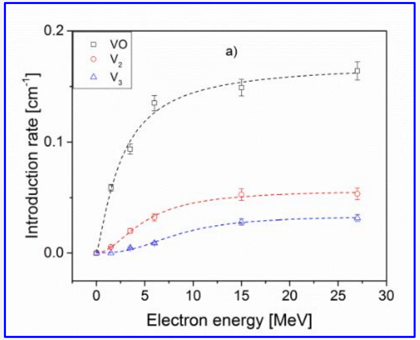
Total introduction rate from Radu is approx 10 ~ lower.



- The aim is to tune the parameters by using the measured values that we know.
- We would like to compare the total introduction rates and the rates between clustered and point defects.
- Tuning might depend on n, xi, cutoff limit.
- One of the options for the fine tuning would be to use a different constant for the processes that create only 1 PKA (a) and processes that create many SKA afterwards

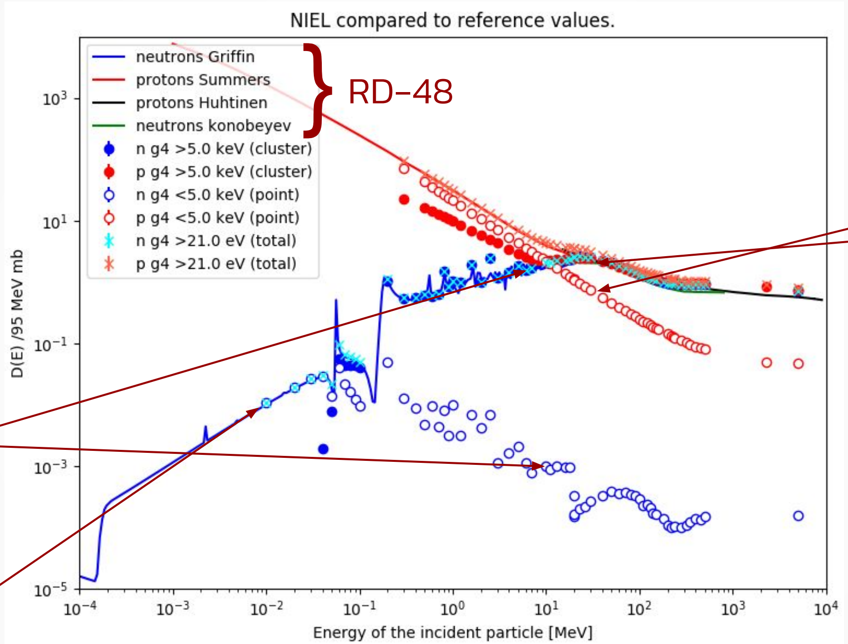


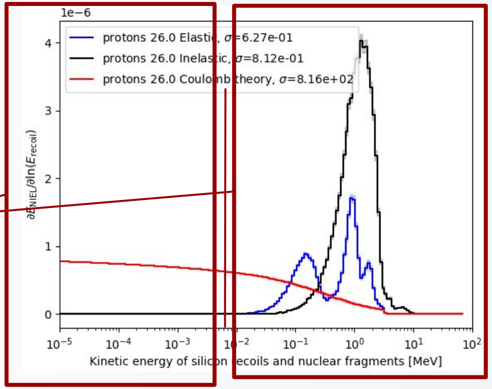
R. Radu: Bulk radiation damage in silicon:
from point defects to clusters

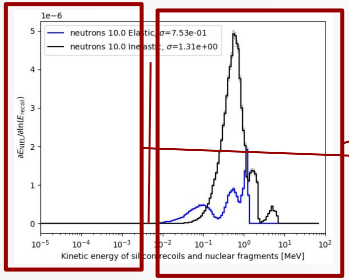
How to divide NIEL into clustered/isolated defects?

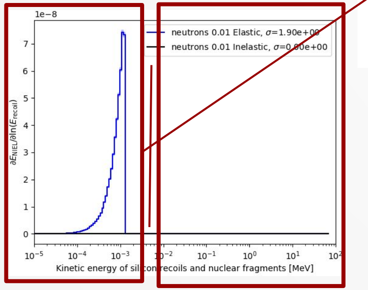
Initial approach :
Use threshold (from the literature) for cluster formation

- Recoils < 5 keV: point displacements
- Recoils > 5 KeV: point displacements+ cluster displacements



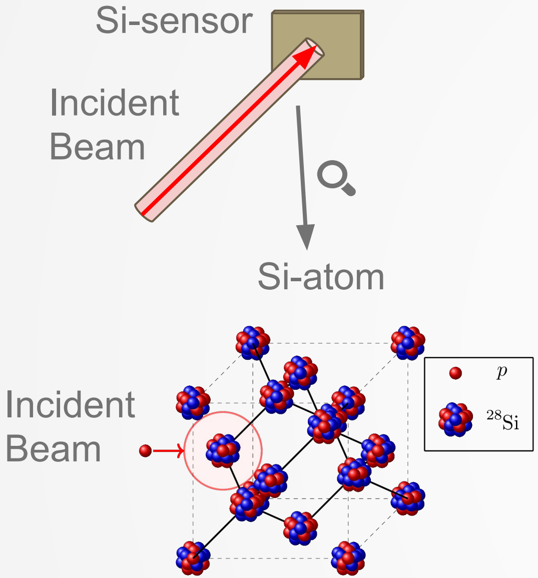


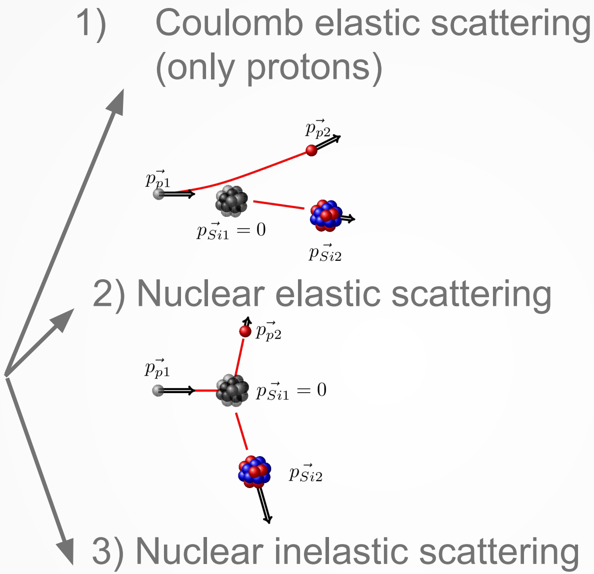




- Good as initial approach
- Not clear which part of the >5 keV is point-defects and which part is the cluster defect

PKA cross section example





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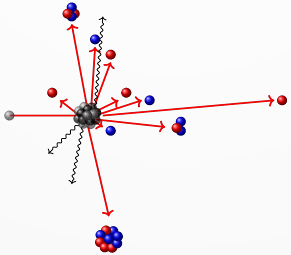

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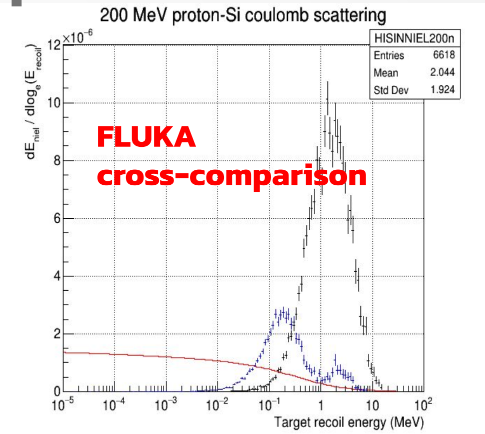
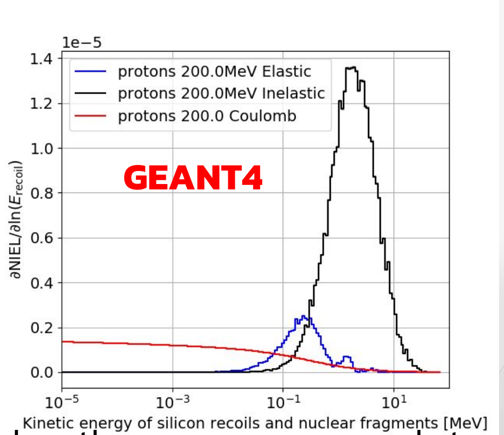
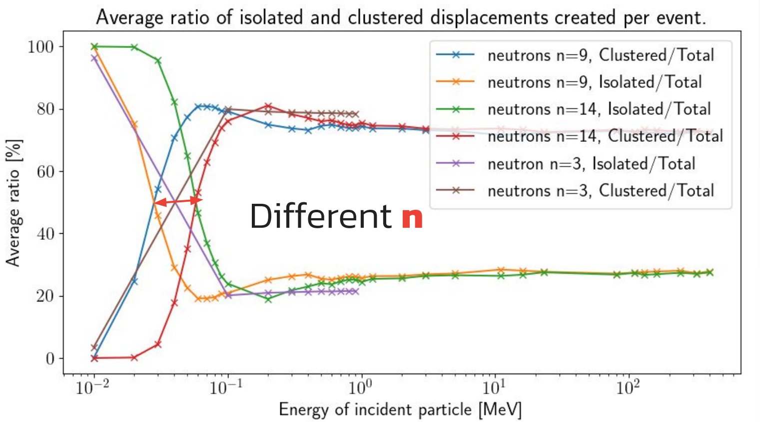
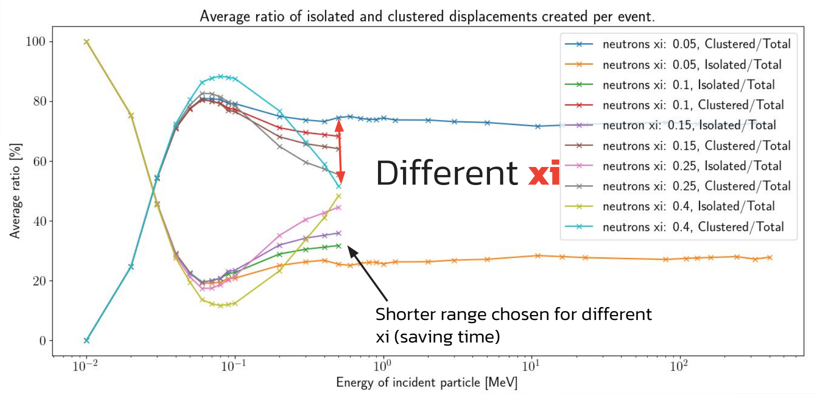


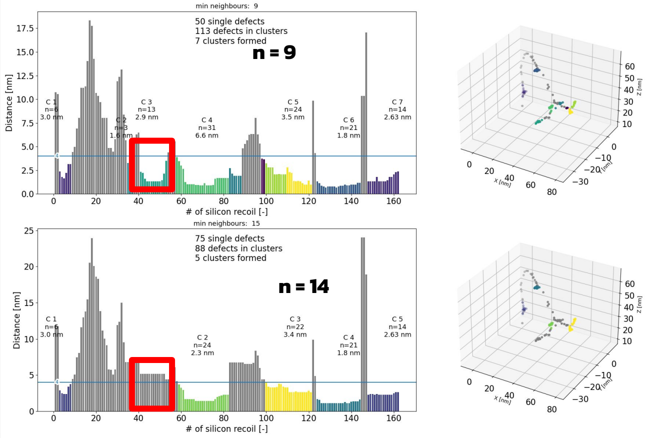


Area below the curve corresponds to the NIEL for respective reaction.

Paramater tuning: neutrons

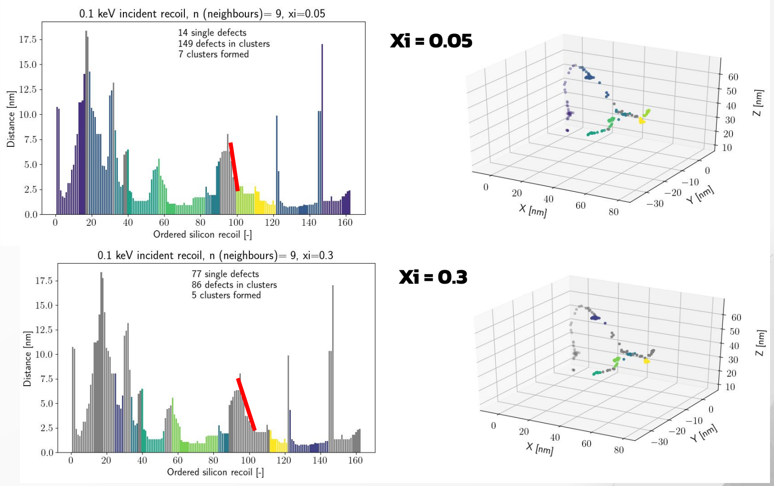






For the total ratio of Clustered vs isolated defects:

- n seems to shift the curve horizontally
- xi shifts the constant value the ratio eventually reaches.



Deeper explanation of the parameters:
https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.cluster.OPTICS.html
https://dl.acm.org/doi/pdf/10.1145/304181.304187

Tuning of the cluster model parameters

Method:

- Optics (number of samples, xi: steepness parameter)
- DBScan (number of samples, eps: extraction parameter)
  - The idea for DBScan could be to set eps=0.47 nm (2x interatomic distance) in order to be considered a cluster
  - The number of neighbours could be tuned by
    - <1-2 keV 0 clusters
    - <12 keV 1 cluster
    - >20 keV stable ratio of clusters and single displacements

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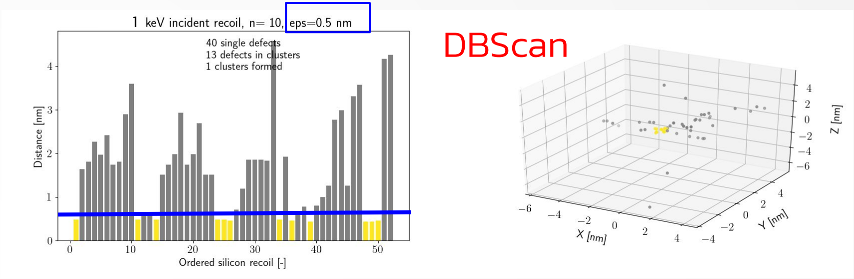

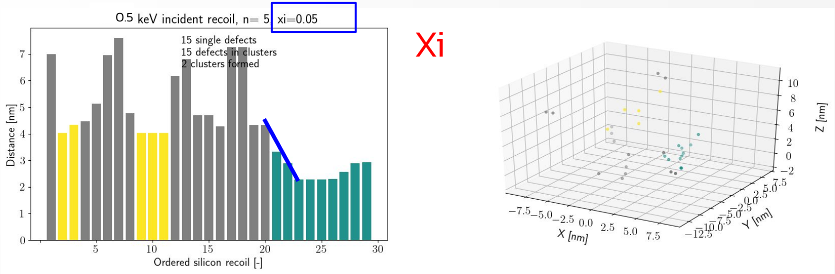

Geant4 physics list, step functions

Derived from CERN Geant4 User's Workshop November 11th–15th 2002, John Apostolakis, Marc Verderi
Ecole Polytechnique - LLR

For physics list:

- AtRest functions: decay, e+ annihilation
- AlongStep functions: to describe continuous (inter)actions, occurring along the path of the particle, like ionisation
- PostStep actions: For describing point-like (inter)actions, like decay in flight, hard Radiation..

G4VProcess: can implement any combination of AtRest, AlongStep, PostStep action

GetPhysicalInteractionLength():

• Used to limit the step size:
– either because the process « triggers » an interaction, a decay;
– Or any other reasons, like fraction of energy loss;
– geometry boundary;
– user's limit ..

8) https://geant4.web.cern.ch/sites/default/files/geant4/collaboration/workshops/users2002/talks/lectures/PhysicsProcessesInGeneral.pdf

Geant4 physics list, step

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The stepping:

- The stepping treats processes generically:
- The stepping does not know what processes it is Handling
- The stepping imposes on the processes to
  Cooperate in their AlongStep actions;
  Compete for PostStep and AtRest actions;
- Processes can optionally emit also a «signal» to require particular treatment:
  - notForced: «standard» case;
  - forced: PostStepDoIt action is applied anyway;
  - conditionallyForced: PostStepDoIt
  - applied if AlongStep has limited the step;

The stepping: Stepping Invocation Sequence of Processes for a particle travelling

1. At the beginning of the step, determine the step length: Consider all processes attached to the current G4Track; Define the step length as the smallest of the lengths among: All AlongStepGetPhysicalInteractionLenght()., All PostStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength()
2. Apply all AlongStepDoIt() actions, « at once »: Changes computed from particle state at the beginning of the step; Accumulated in the G4Step; Then applied to the G4Track, from the G4Step.
3. Apply PostStepDoIt() action(s) « sequentially », as long as the particle is alive: Apply PostStepDoIt() of process which proposed the smallest step length;

apply « forced » and « conditionally forced » actions

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At rest:

1. 1. If the particle is **at rest**, is stable and can'tannihilate, it is killed by the tracking:To be more accurate: if a particle at rest has no« AtRest » actions defined, it is killed.
2. Otherwise determine the lifetime: Take the smallest time among: All AtRestGetPhysicalInteractionLenght() Called «physical interaction length» but returns a time!
3. Apply the AtRestDoIt() action of the process which returned the smallest time.

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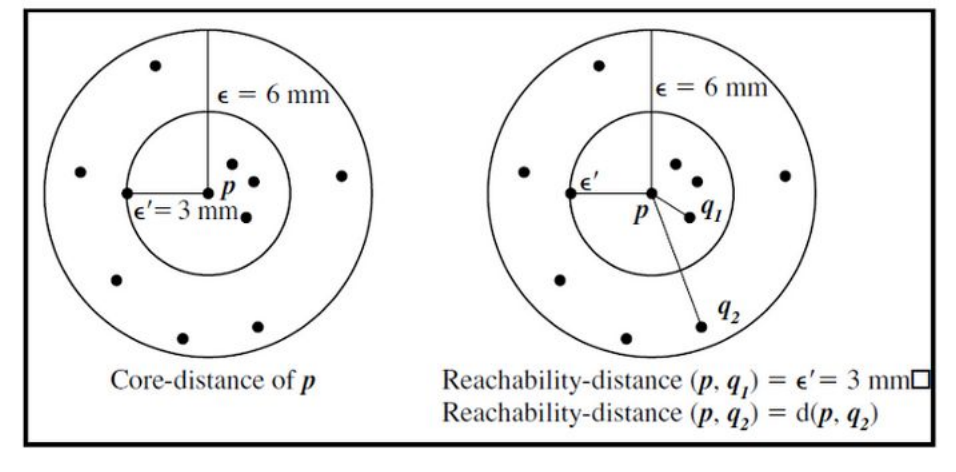
OPTICS[15,16] (Ordering points to identify the clustering structure)

Important concepts:

- **n (number of neighbours)**: user input
- **Core distance:** The minimum distance to make a point a core point, so that it contains number of neighbours n
- **Reachability-distance:**
  a. If point < the core-distance reachability distance = core-distance
  b. If point > core-distance, reachability distance = distance between the point and core point

If n = 4



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OPTICS

Explanation from:
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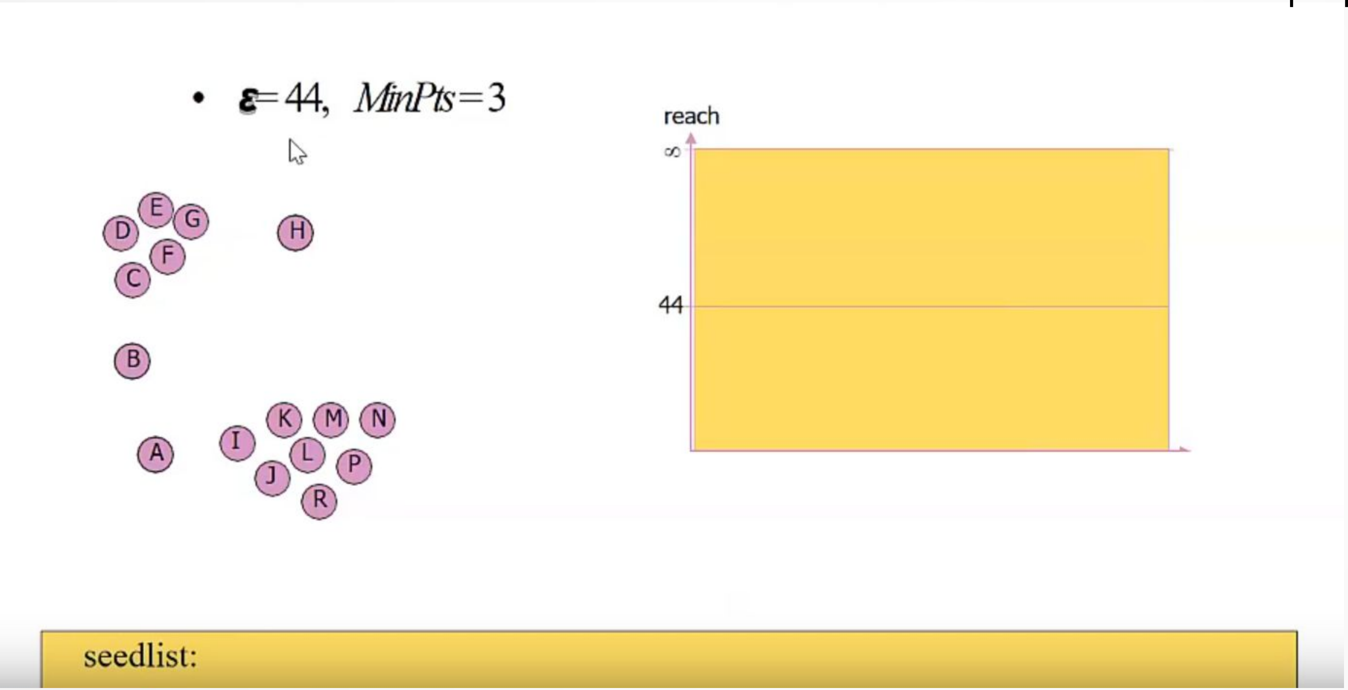
Optics algorithm takes the points in a certain order and assigns them properties.



Min neighbours:2

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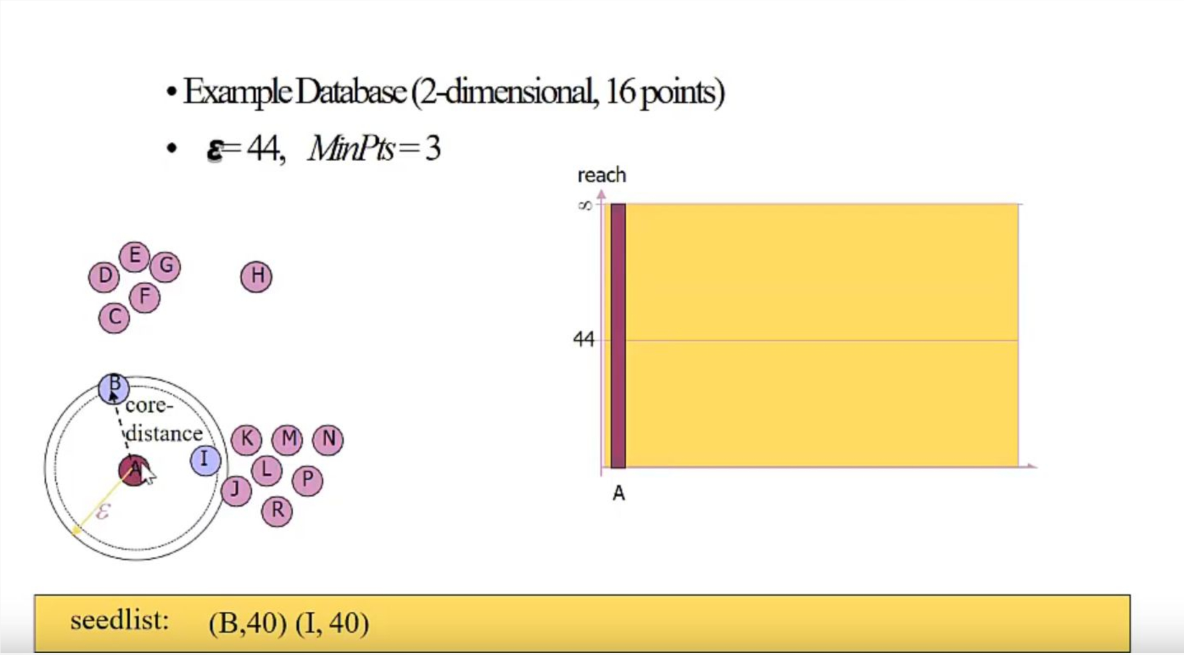

- A is the first point -> it's reachibility is infinite. (How far is the point from the last point?)
- B and C have are 40 units far away from A.

Min neighbours:2

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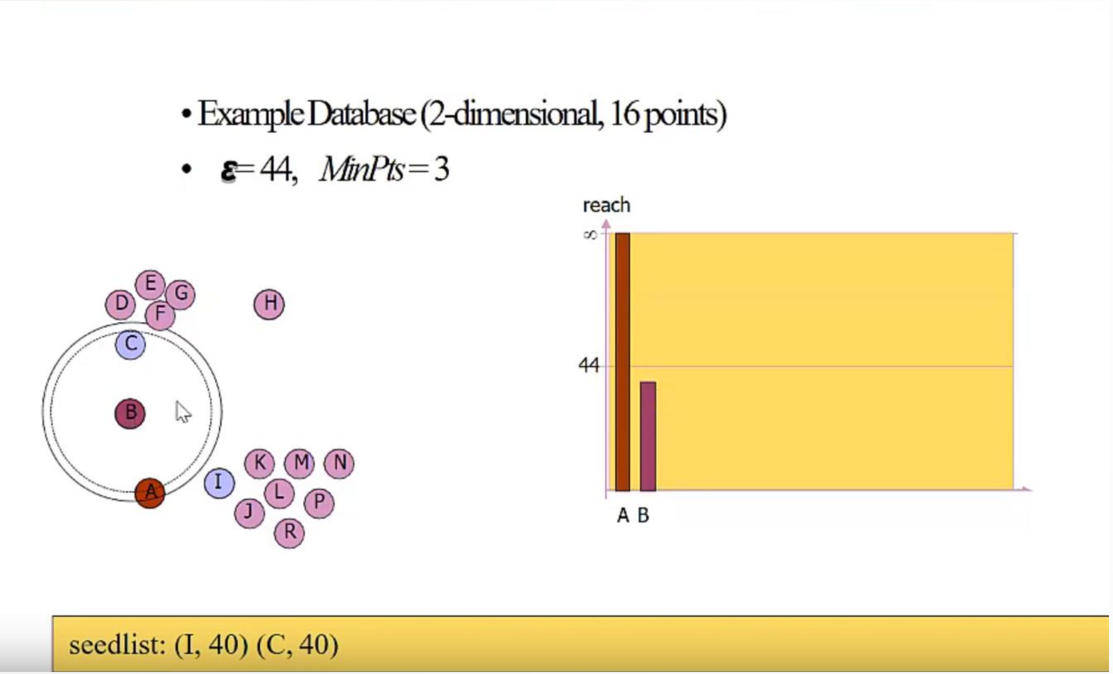

- Next point: B.
- Seedlist is updated and ordered by reachability.

Min neighbours:2

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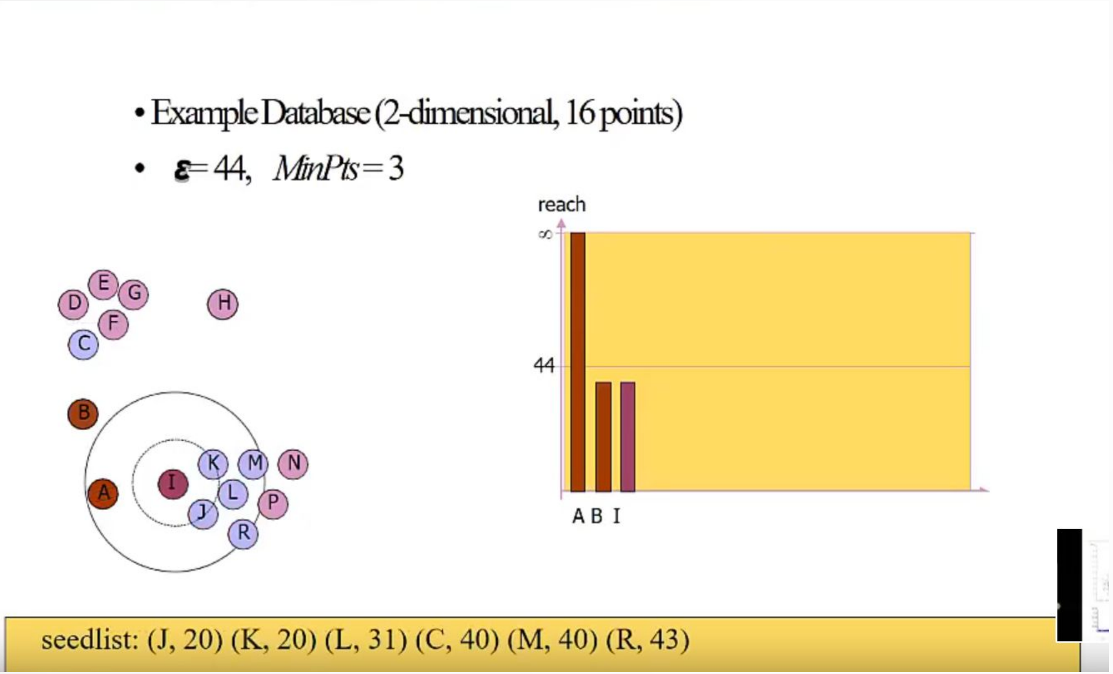

- Next point I.
- The core distance is much smaller (K and J are close).
- The seedlist is updated and ordered by reachability.

Min neighbours:2

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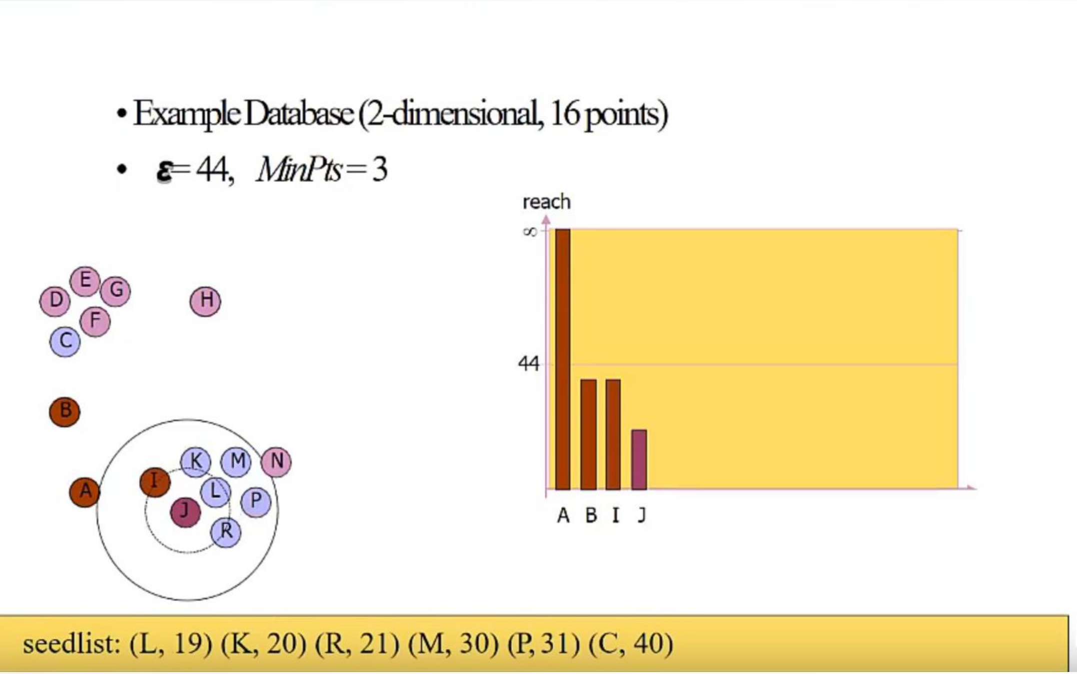

- Next point J
- The seedlist is updated and ordered by the rechability.

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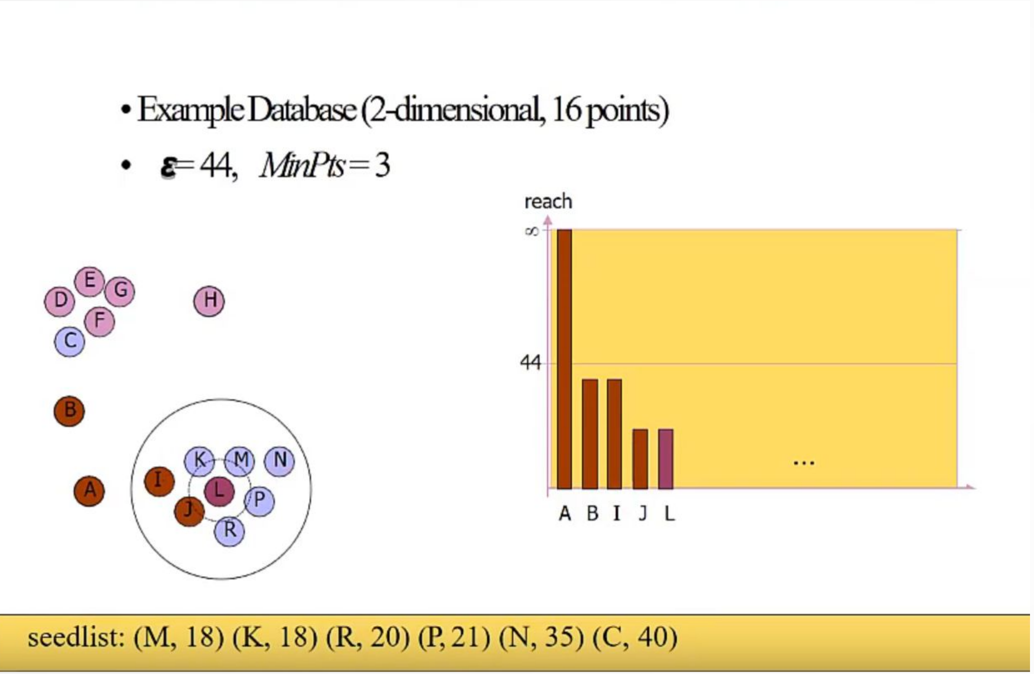

- Next point L
- The seedlist is updated and ordered by the rechability.

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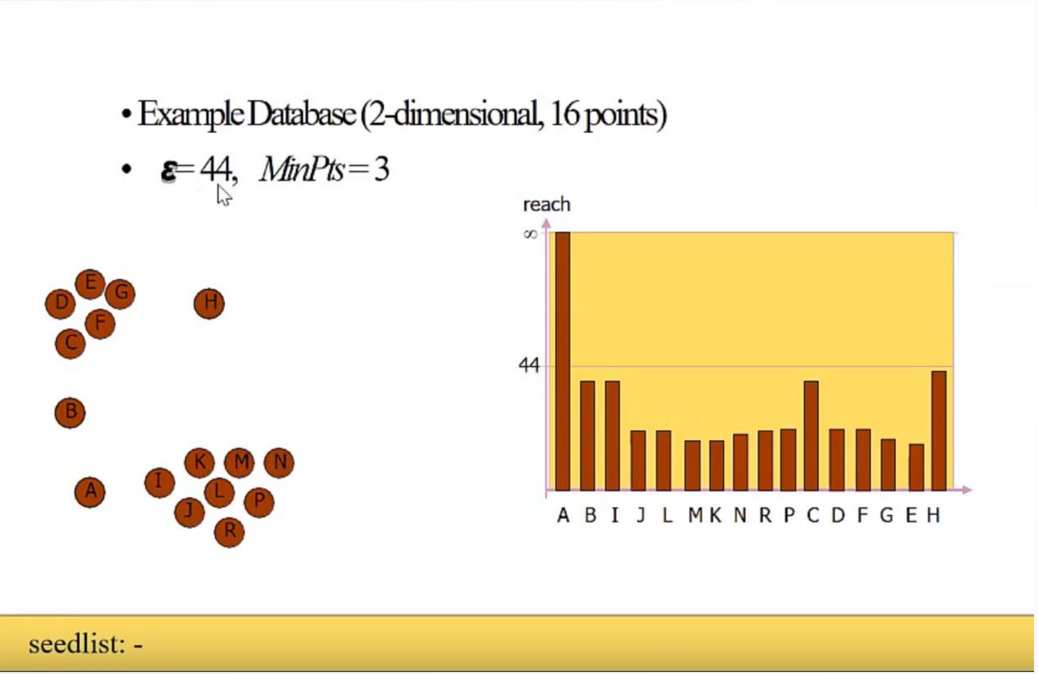

- The valleys represent the clusters.

Min neighbours:3

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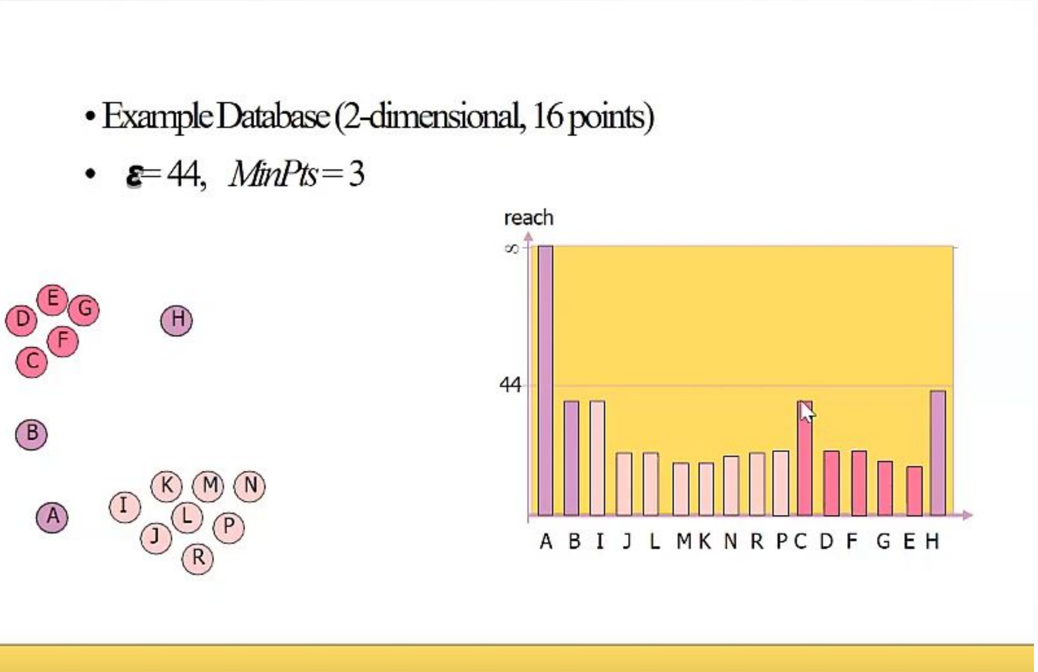


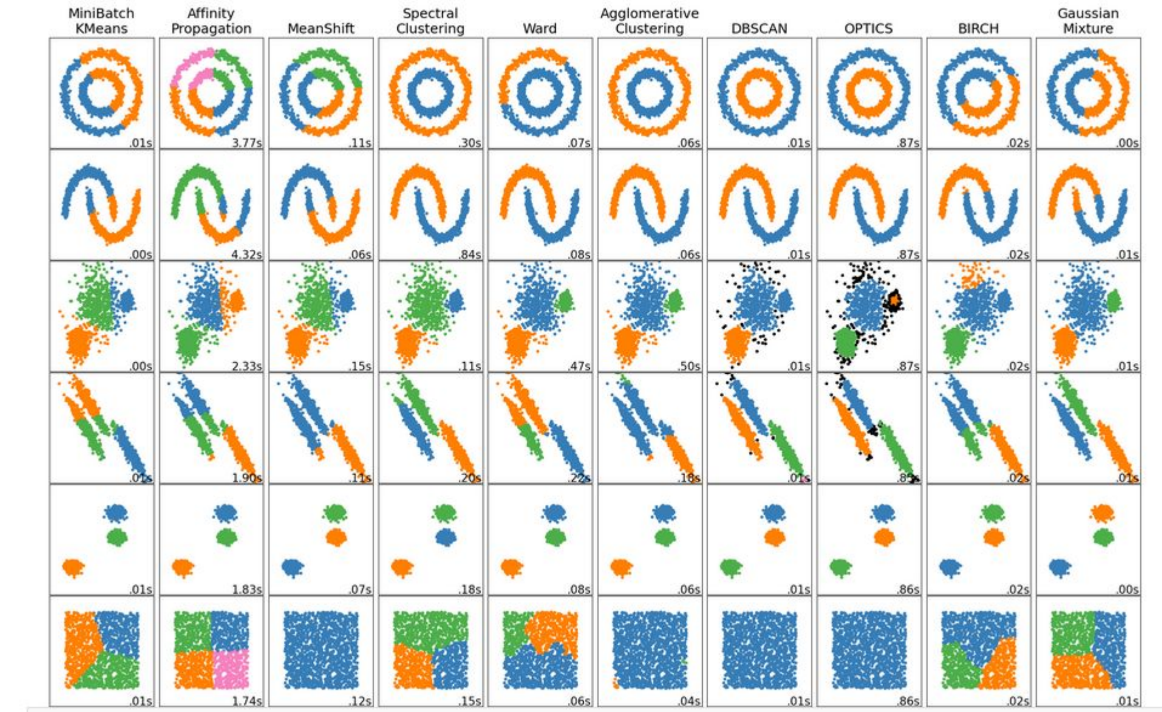
- The valleys represent the clusters.
- Parameter xi is parameter that is applied on the reachability plot in order to extract the clusters.

Min neighbours:2

Clusters

- Cluster detection is a big topic in machine learning and mathematics
- Depending on its application, different algorithms are the best fit.

Image from[12,13]



- Various clustering algorithms applied to 6 different sample datasets
- aim : identify clusters
- Algorithm must be able to process:
  - samples with large number of “outliers” (=single displacements for us)
  - samples with clusters of different shapes
  - samples with clusters with various densities

12) Pedregosa, F., Varoquaux, G., Gramfort, A., Michel, V., Thirion, B., Grisel, O., … Duchesnay, E. (2011). Scikit-learn: Machine Learning in Python. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, *12*, 2825–2830.
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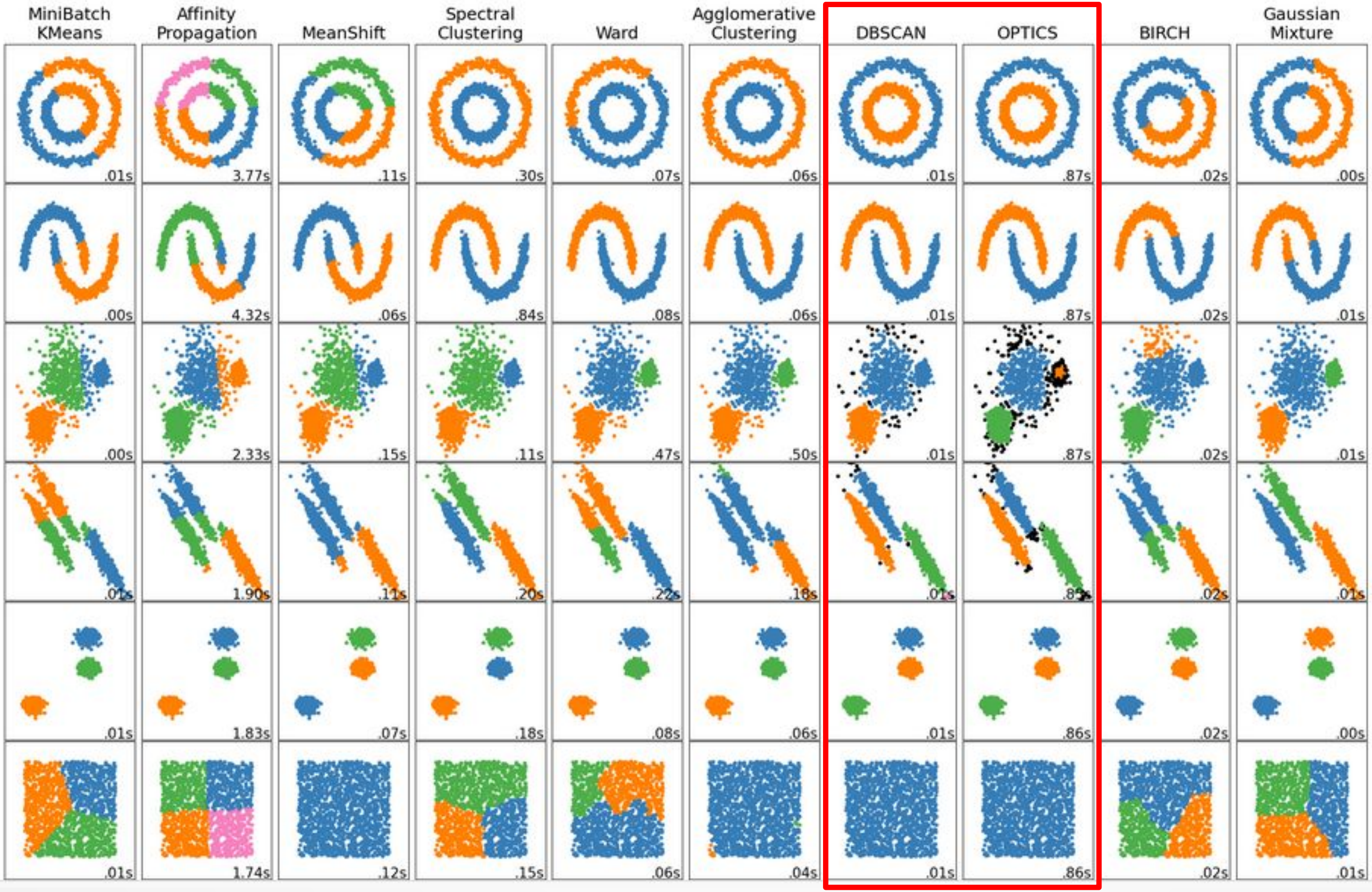

OPTICS performs better then DBSCAN for clusters with **varying densities**[14].

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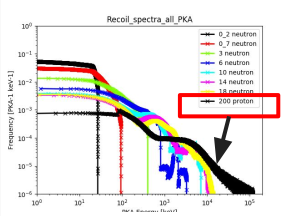
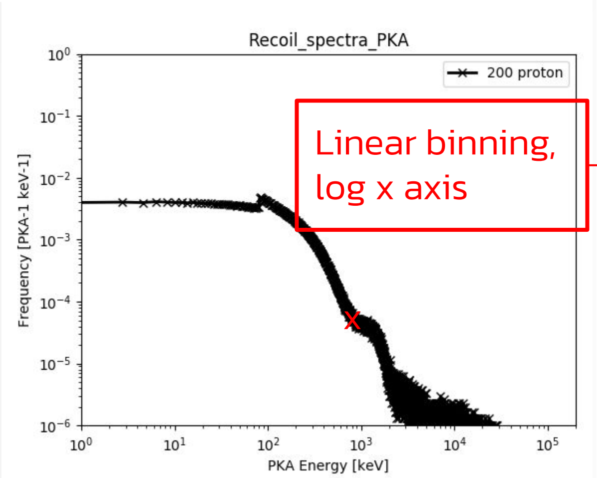
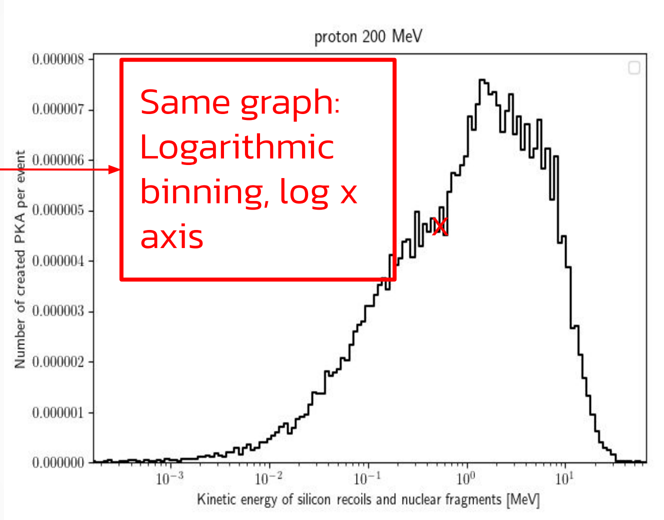
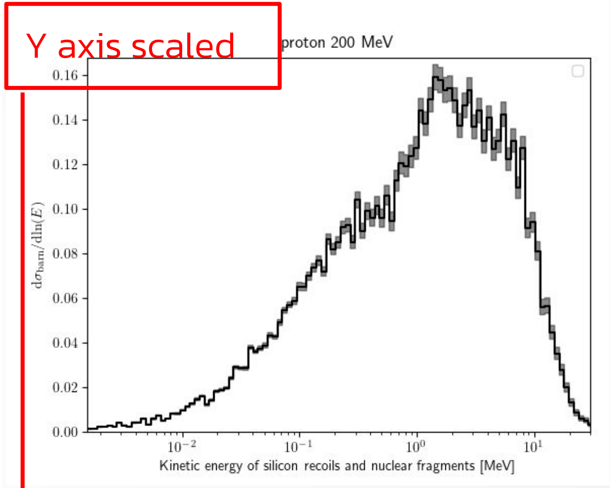


note: representing y axis as $\partial\sigma_{barn}/\partial\ln(E)$







1) PKA are summed and divided by the number of incident particles.

2) Logarithmic binning is used instead.

3) Each content in a bin is divided by the length of the bin. That makes the y-axis linear. Furthermore the y axis is scaled by:

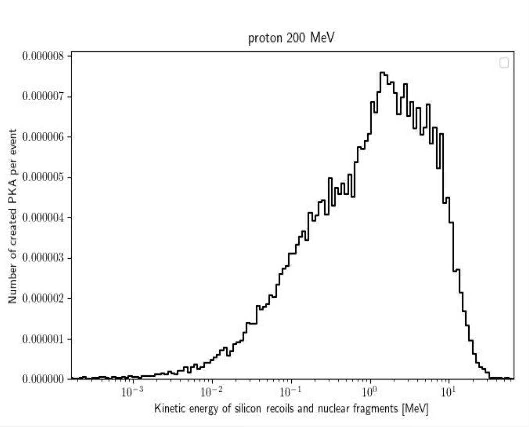
$$\frac{10^{24}}{N_{targ} d} \qquad d = 0.01\text{cm} \qquad N_{targ} = \frac{N_A \rho_{Si}}{m_{Si}}$$

so that the **total area** corresponds to the **total cross section** of creating the PKA.

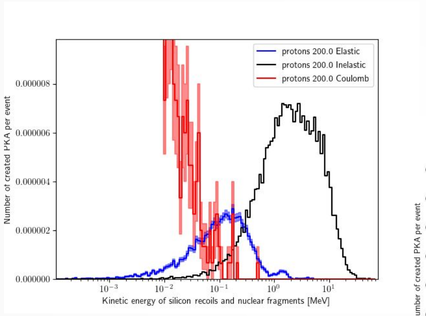
Conversion from σ to probability:

$$\frac{I_{scattered}}{I_{incident}} = \frac{N_A \rho_{Si} d}{m_{Si}} \sigma = 0.0005\sigma_{barn}$$

note: representing y axis as $\partial E_{NIEL}/\partial \ln(E_{recoil})$



2) PKA are divided into Elastic and Inelastic parts (Coulomb part is added from QGSP_BIC_HP__SS simulation). Inelastic part is further divided into different spectra according to the Z number.



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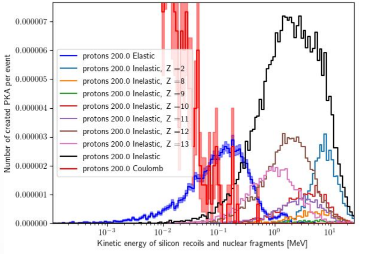


4) For Coulomb, Elastic and Inelastic Si, Al and Mg recoils a Lindhard formulation is used[12].

For a recoil silicon in a silicon lattice, they read as:

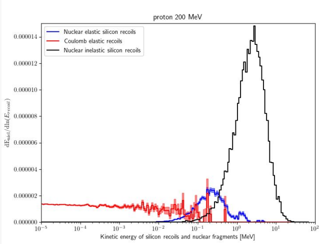
$$E_{\mathrm{de}} = \frac{E_{\mathrm{Si}}}{1 + k \times g(\epsilon)}, \qquad (2)$$

with $k = 0.1462$, $\epsilon = 1.014 \times 10^{-2} \times Z_{\mathrm{Si}}^{-7/3} \times E_{\mathrm{Si}} = 2.147 \times 10^{-5} E_{\mathrm{Si}}$ and the universal function

$$g(\epsilon) = 3.4008 \times \epsilon^{1/6} + 0.40244 \times \epsilon^{3/4} + \epsilon \qquad (3)$$

5) For alphas[13], Xapsos-Burke values were used to calculate NIEL.

6) Each content in a bin is divided by the length of the bin so that the **total area** corresponds to the **total NIEL**.



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