

# **Neutrino Production in the Atmosphere and Accelerator Hadron Yield Measurements**

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# Synopsis

## Section 1: Production of Neutrinos by Cosmic Rays

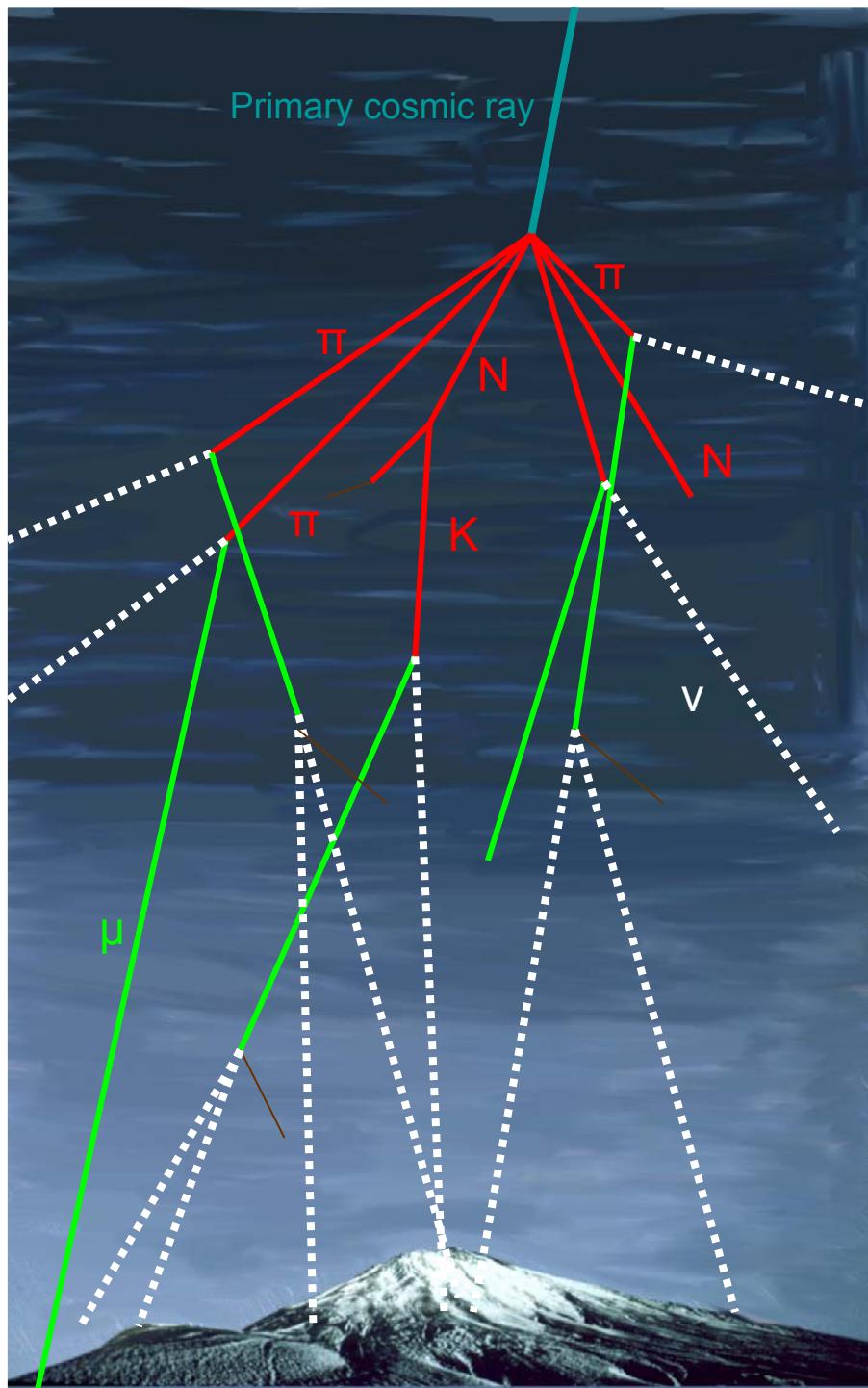
- Neutrino Oscillations (brief)
- Fluxes and their calculations
- Key uncertainties

## Section 2: Hadron production

- Experiments: HARP/NA49/MIPP

## Section 3: Outlook

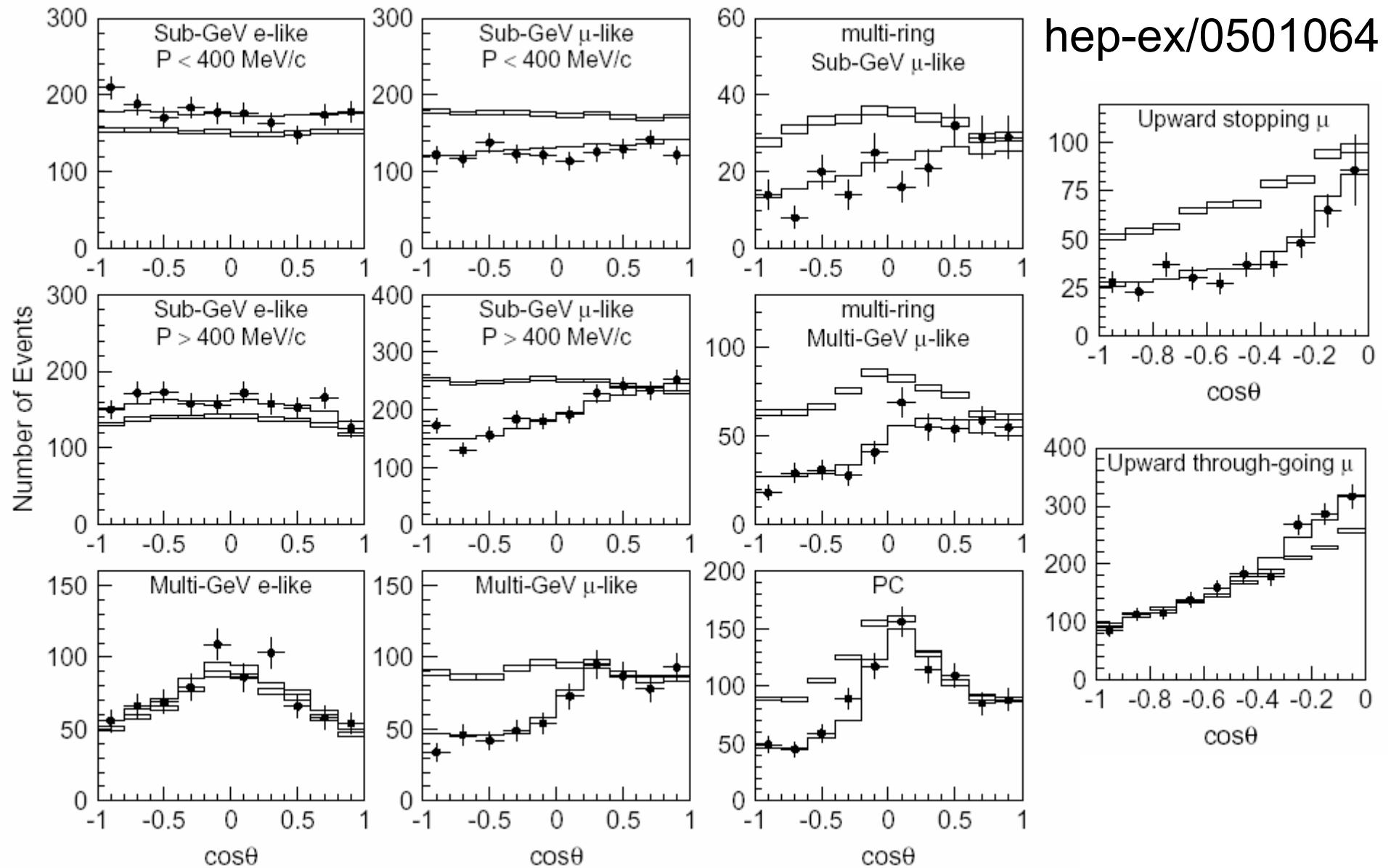
- Errors on fluxes
- Further measurement possibilities with atmospheric neutrinos



## Neutrinos produced from a shower

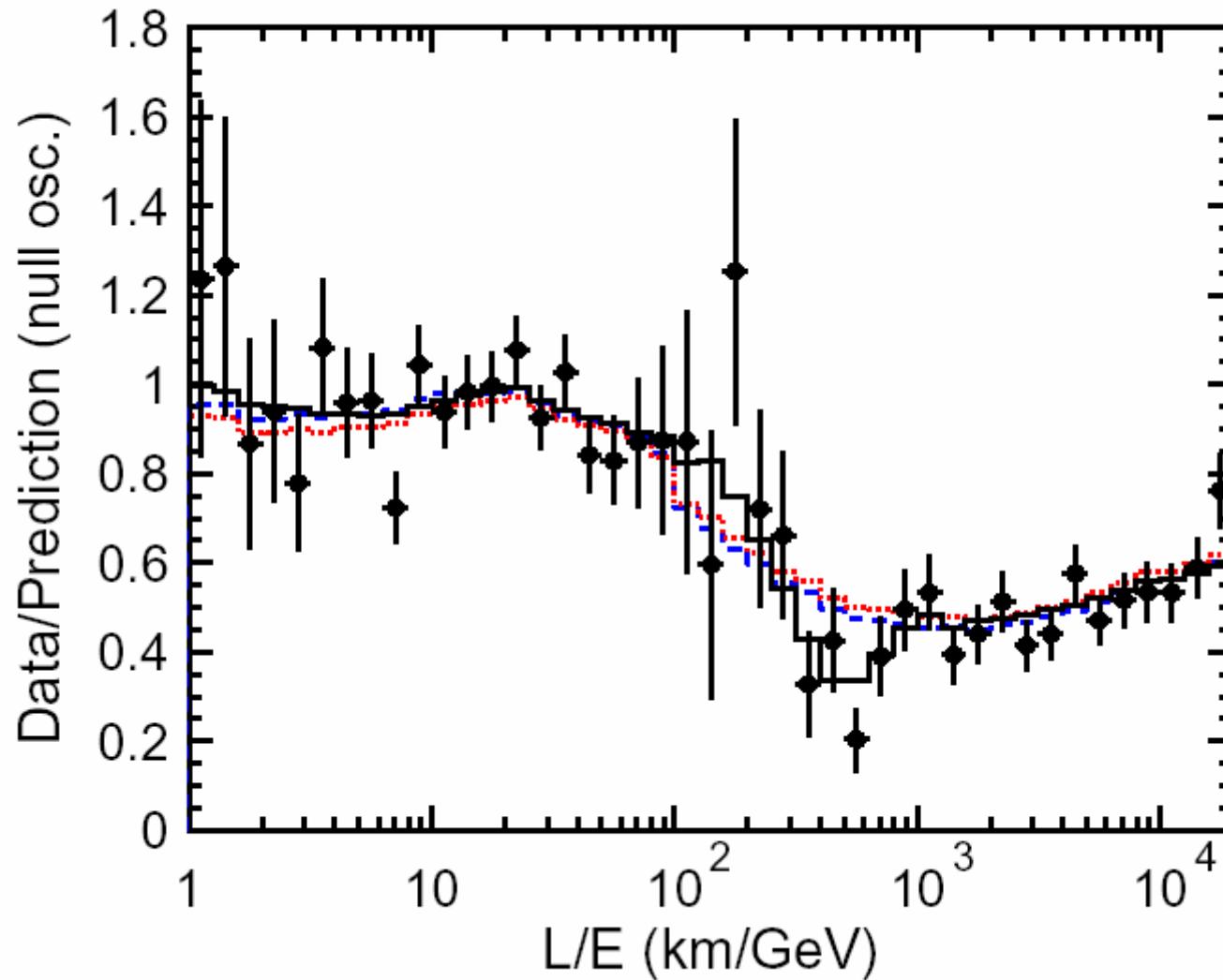
- Primary cosmic ray: proton or heavier nucleus
- Interacts in  $\sim 90\text{ g/cm}^2$
- Atmosphere depth  $1050 \text{ g/cm}^2$
- Cascade
- Most hadrons don't reach ground.

# SuperKamiokande results (1)



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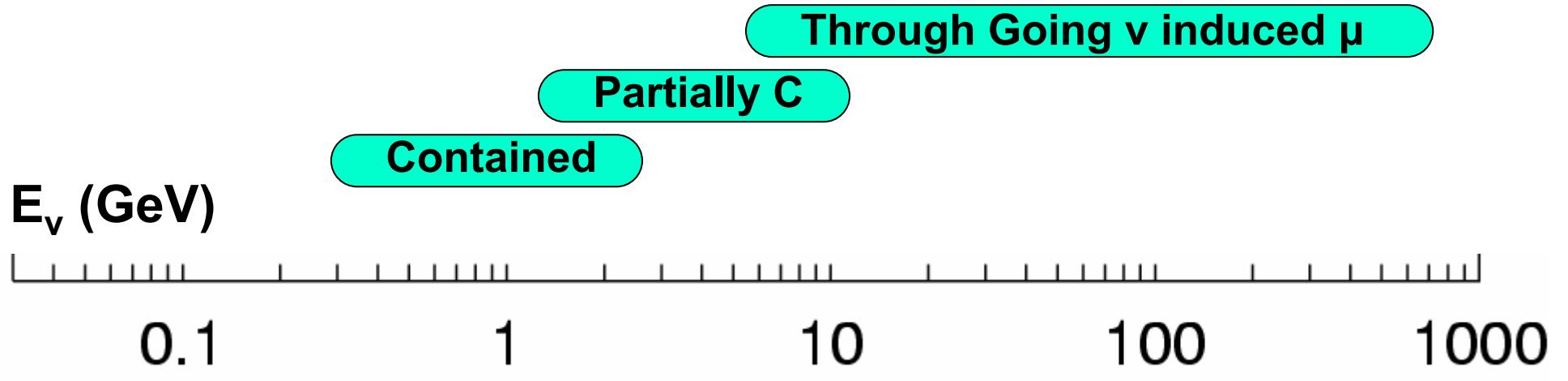
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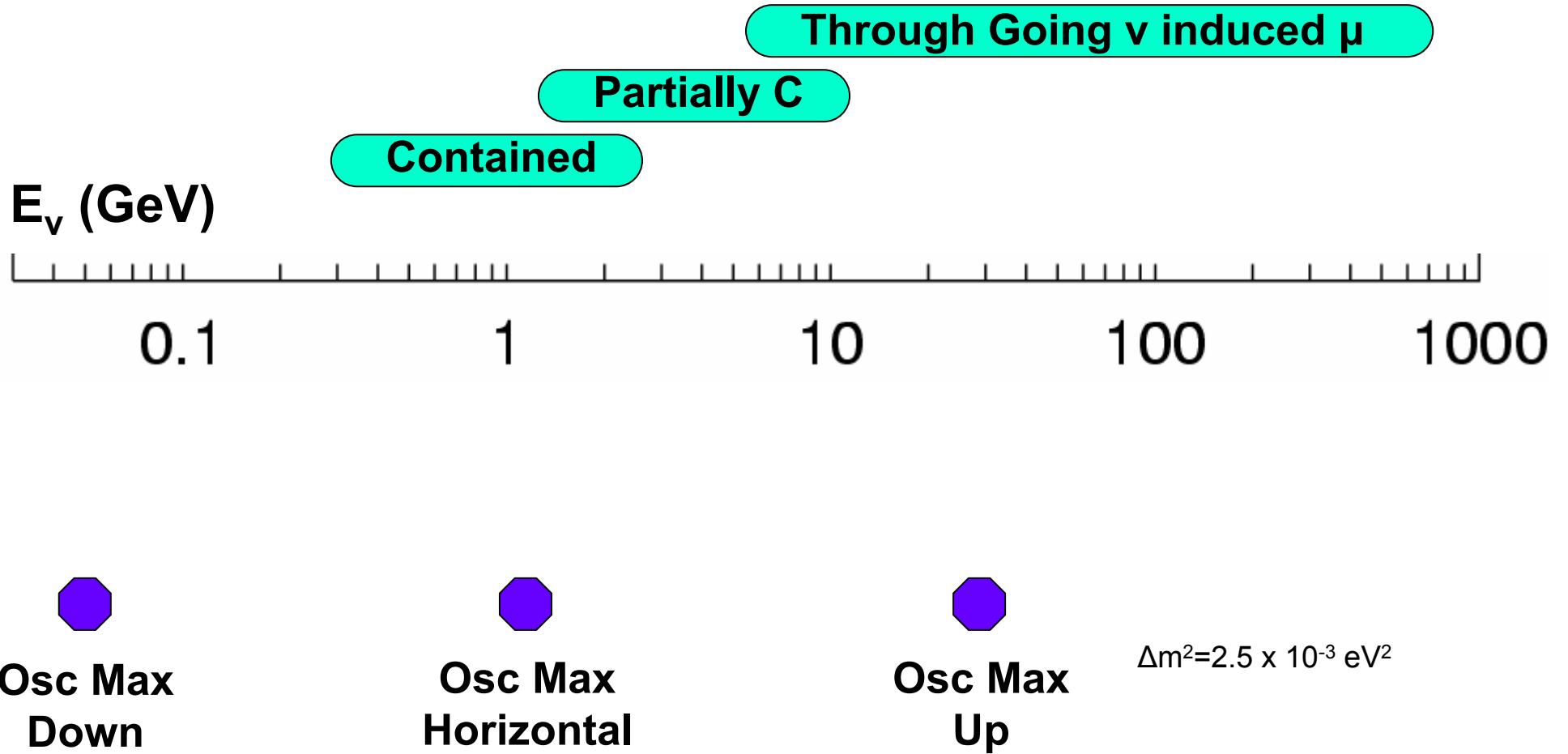


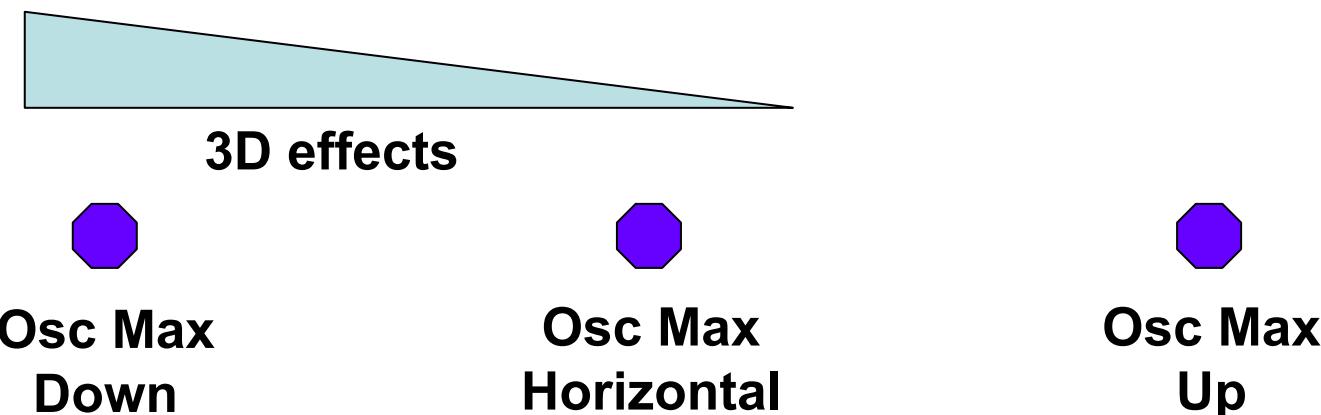
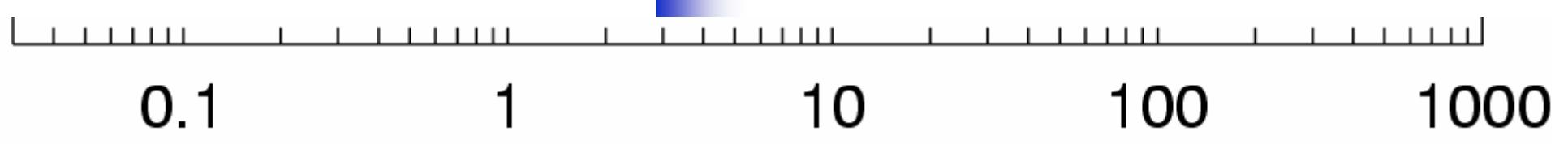
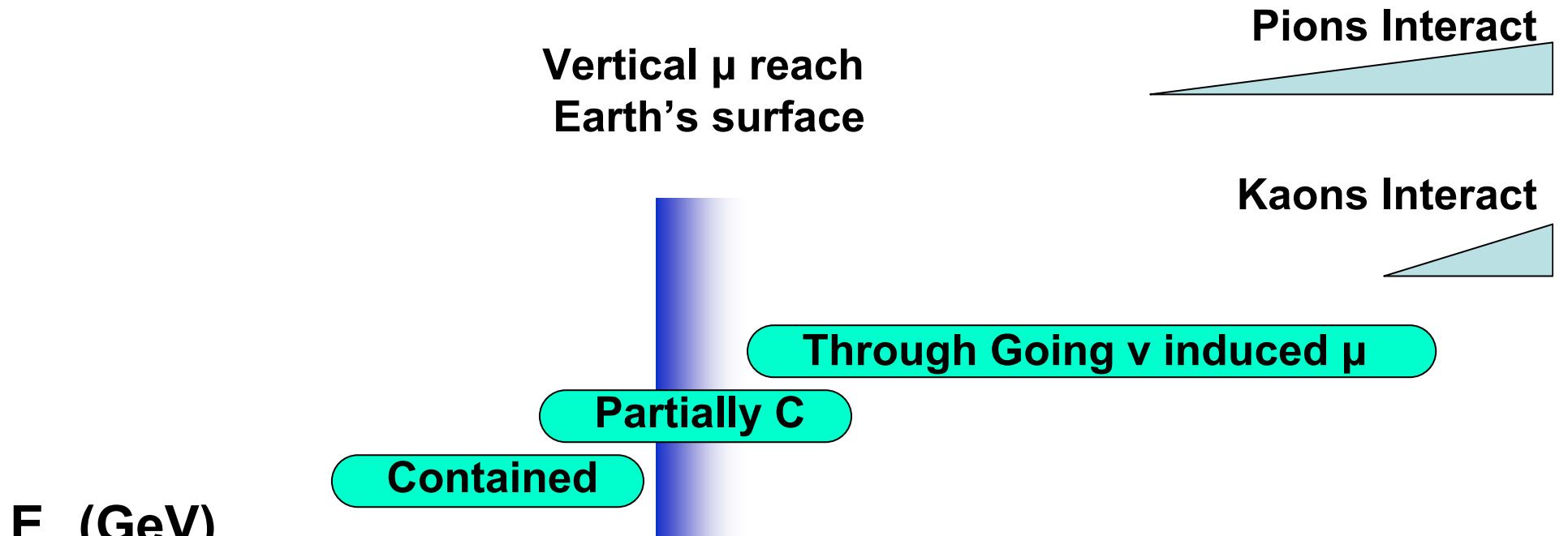
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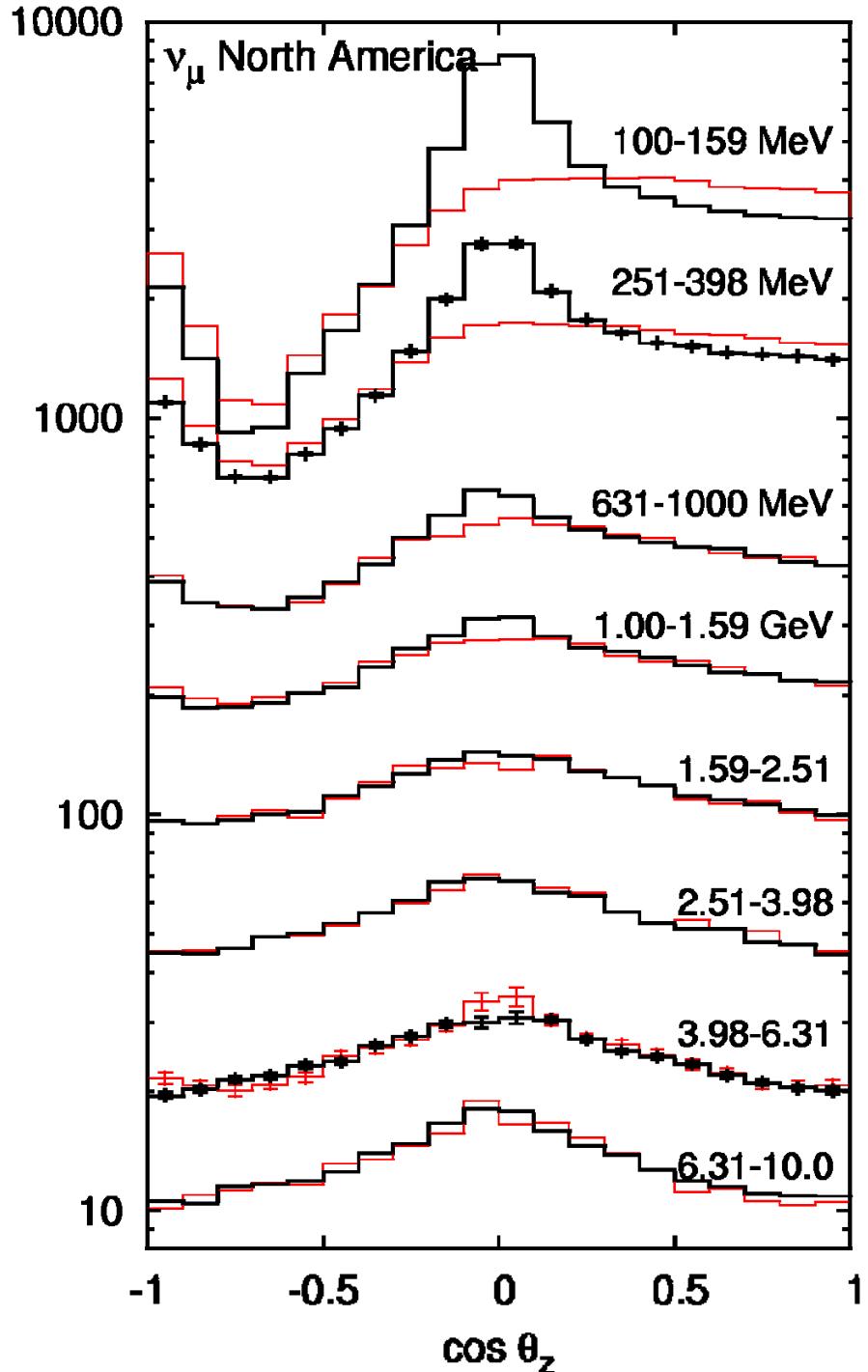
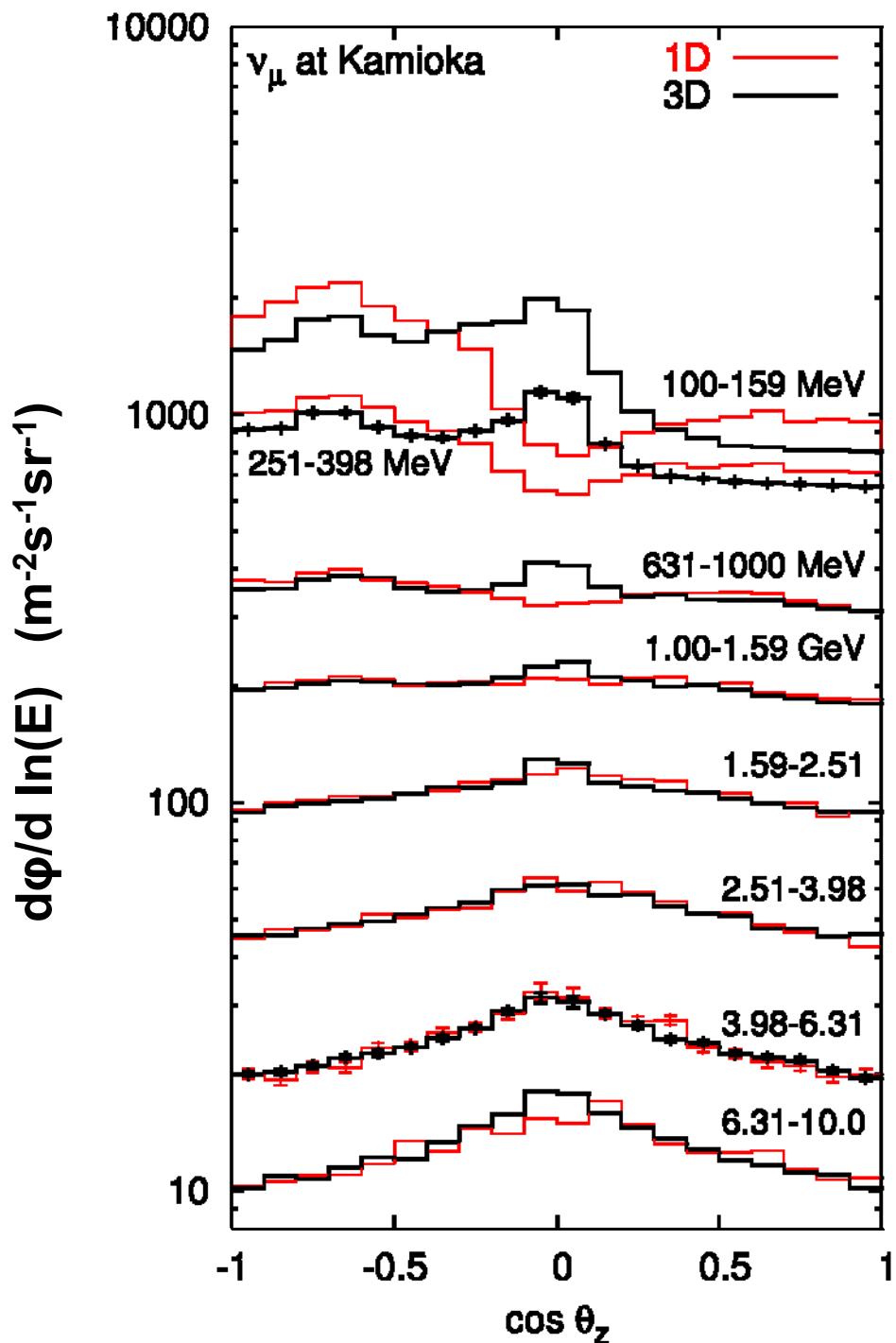


# Summary of Atmospheric Neutrino Calculations

Zatsepin, Kuz'min	SP JETP 14:1294(1961)	1D		
E. V. Bugaev and V. A. Naumov,	PL B232:391 (1989)	1D		
Agrawal, Gaisser, Lipari, Stanev	PRD 53:1314 (1996)	1D		Target
D. Perkins	Asp.Phys. 2:249 (1994)	Mu		
Honda, Kajita, Kasahara, Midorikawa	PRD 52:4985 (1995)	1D		FRITIOF
Battistoni et al	Asp.Phys 12:315 (2000) Asp.Phys 19:269 (2003)	3D		FLUKA
P. Lipari	Asp.Phys 14:171 (2000)	3D		
V. Plyaskin	PL B516:213 (2001) hep-ph/0303146	3D		GHEISHA
Tserkovnyak et al	Asp.Phys 18:449 (2003)	3D		CALOR-FRITIOF GFLUKA/GHEISHA
Wentz et al	PRD 67 073020 (2003)	3D		Corsika: DPMJET VENUS, UrQMD
Liu, Derome, Buénerd	PRD 67 073022 (2003)	3D		
Favier, Kossalsowski, Vialle	PRD 68 093006 (2003)	3D		GFLUKA
Barr, Gaisser, Lipari, Robbins, Stanev	PRD (July 2004)	3D		Target
Honda, Kajita, Kasahara, Midorikawa	PRD 64 053011 (2001) PRD submitted (2004)	3D		DPMJET

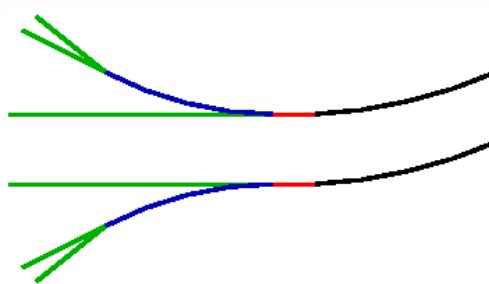
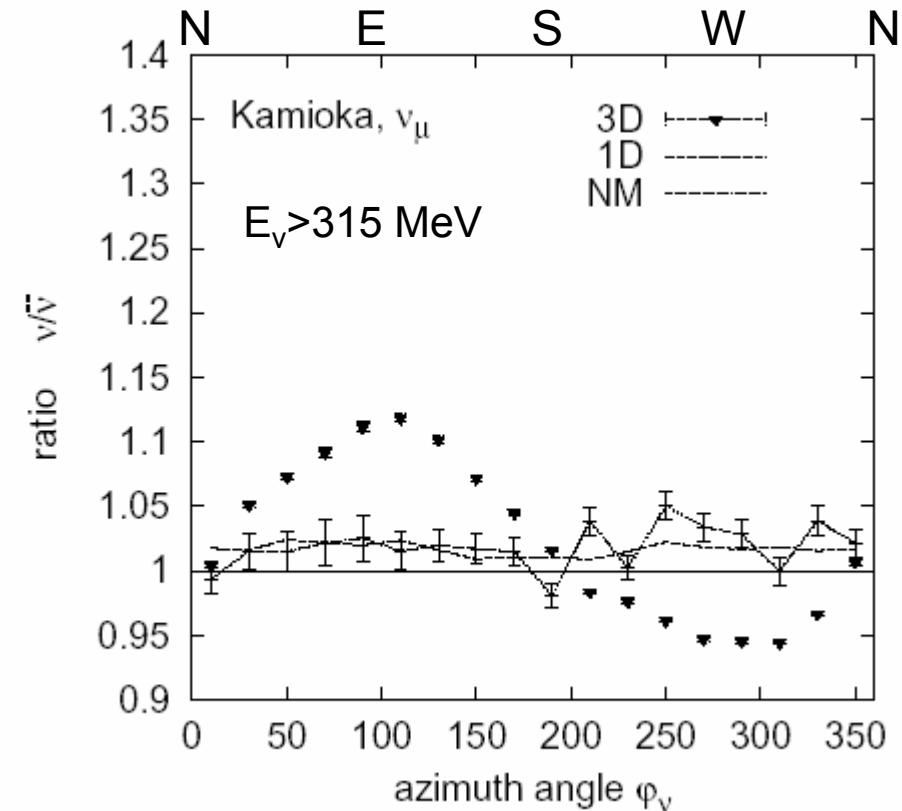
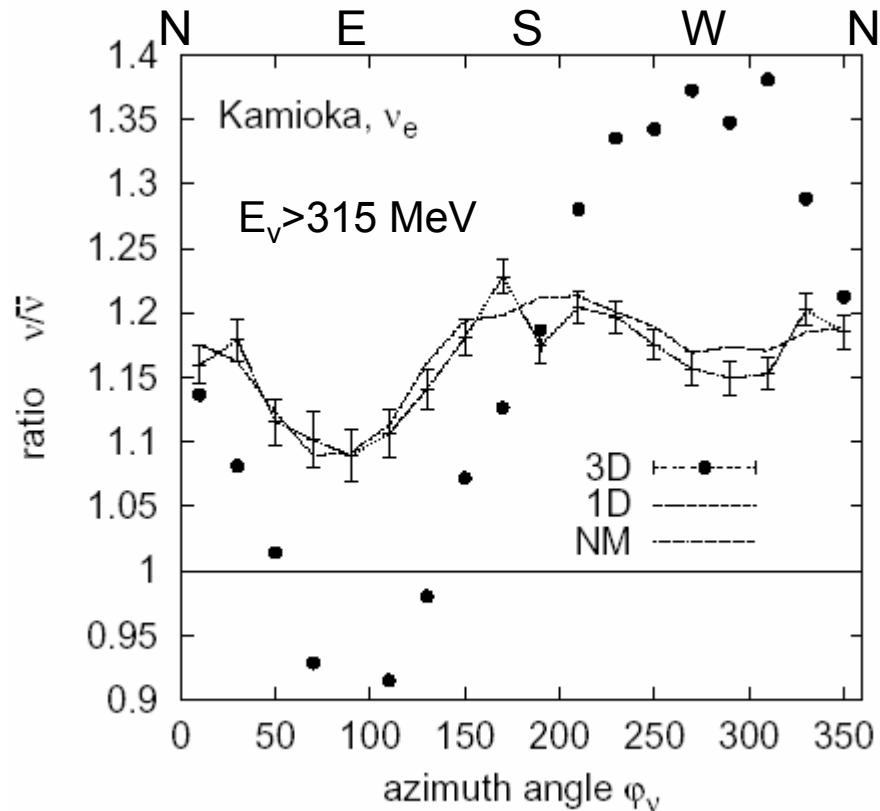
# Key uncertainties

- Hadron production
- Primary Fluxes
- (Geomagnetic Field)
- 3D effects
- Atmosphere



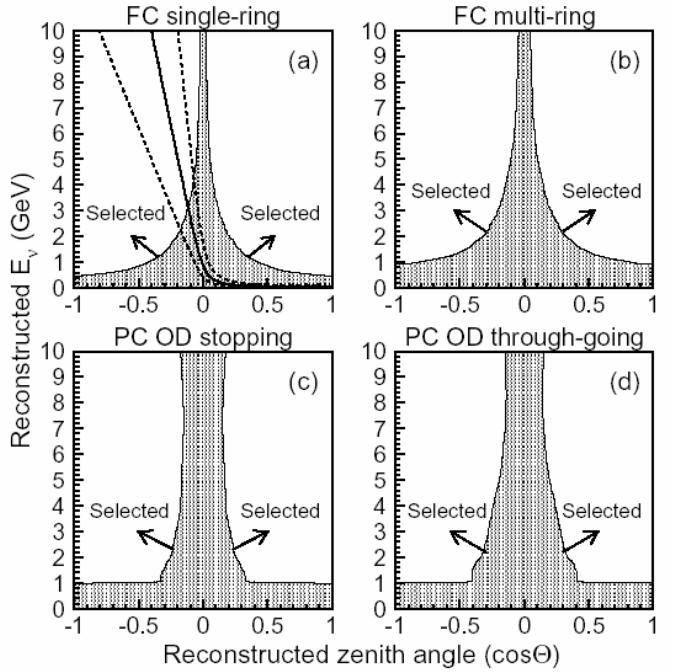
# Azimuth angle distribution

## East-West effect



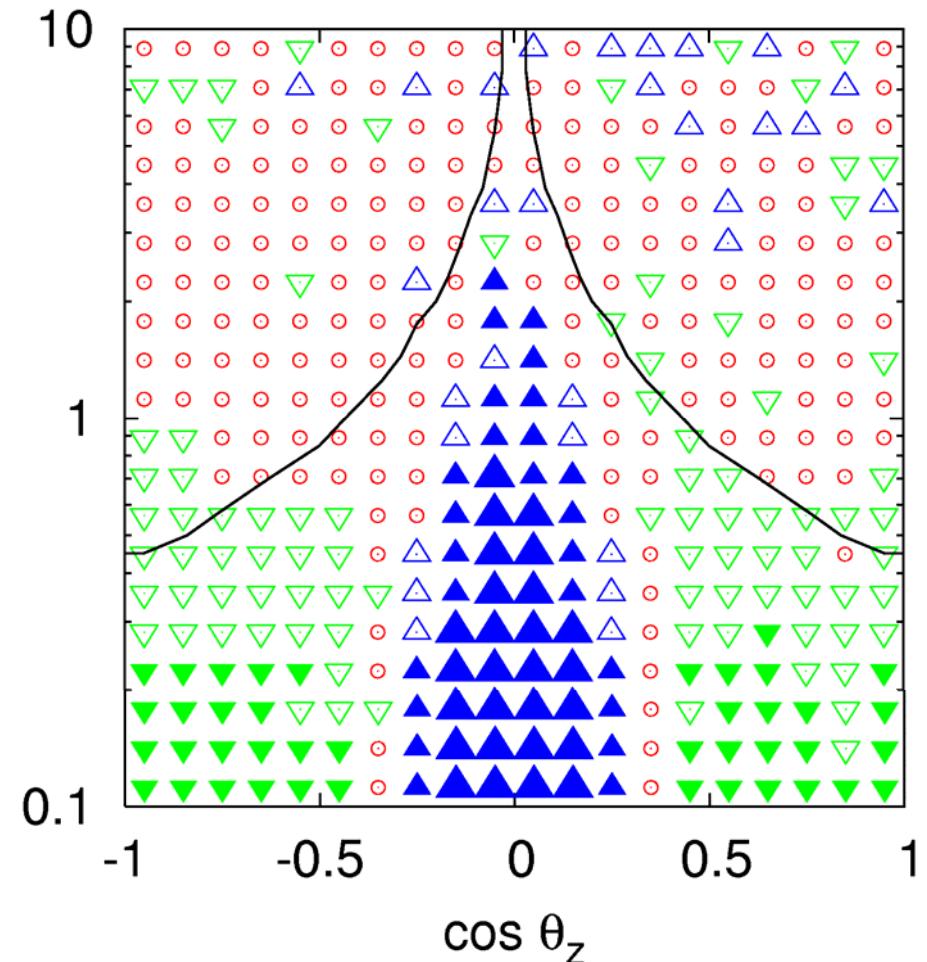
# Return to 3D: Is it important?

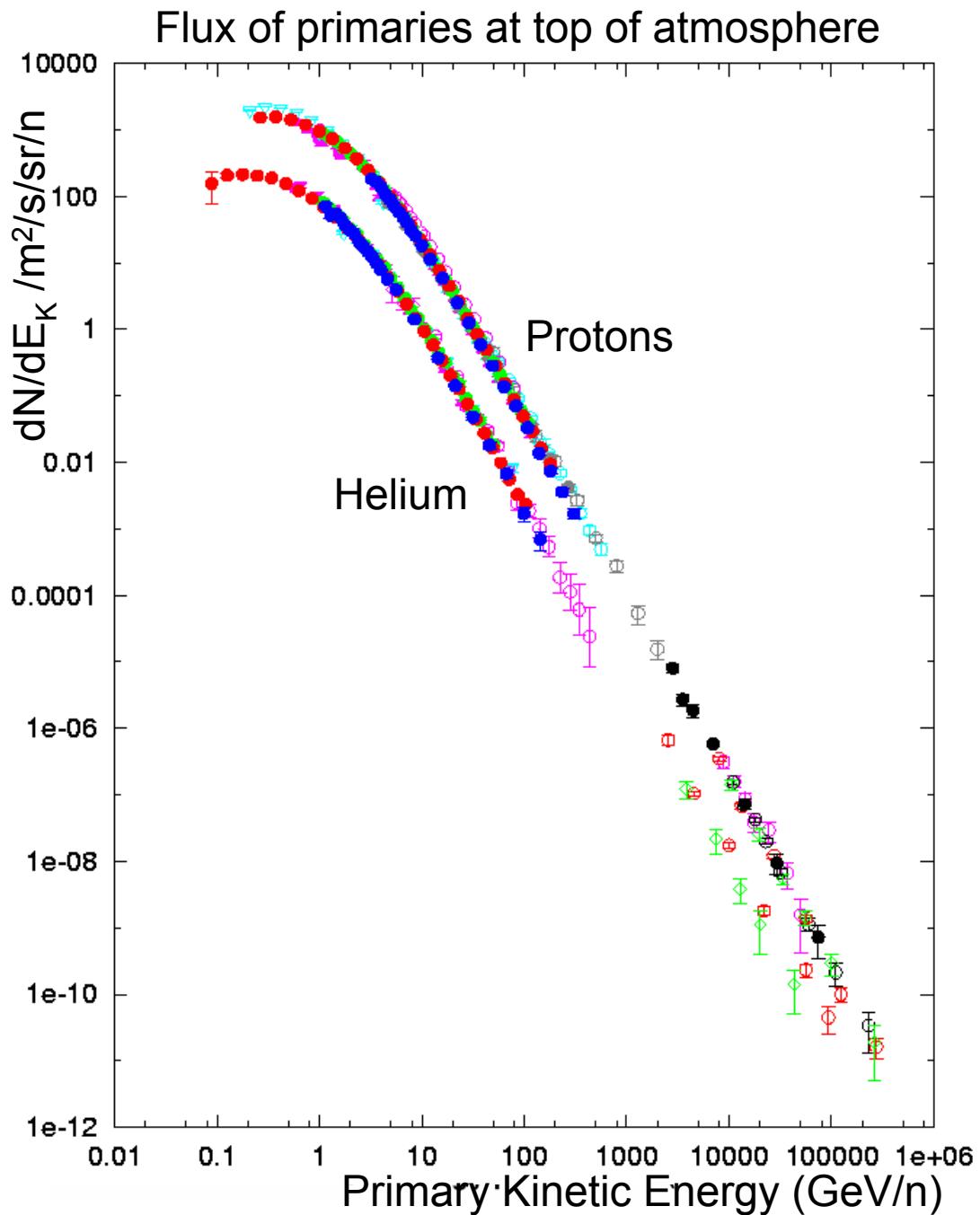
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	3D bigger	>30%
		10%-30%
		3%-10%
	1D bigger	<3%
		3%-10%
		10%-30%

Difference between 3D and 1D calculations





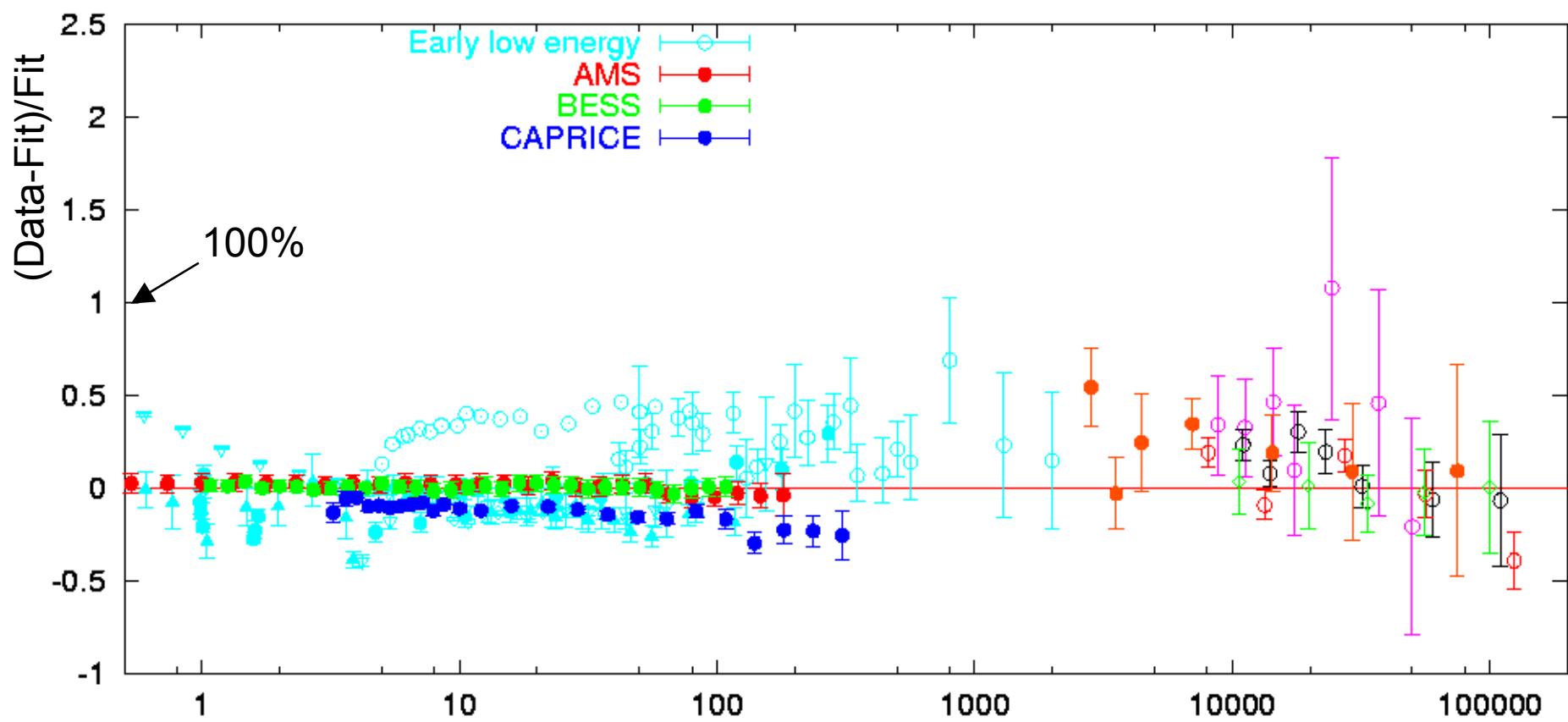
## Primary fluxes

$$\phi(E_K) = K(E_K + b \exp[-c\sqrt{E_K}])^{-\alpha}$$

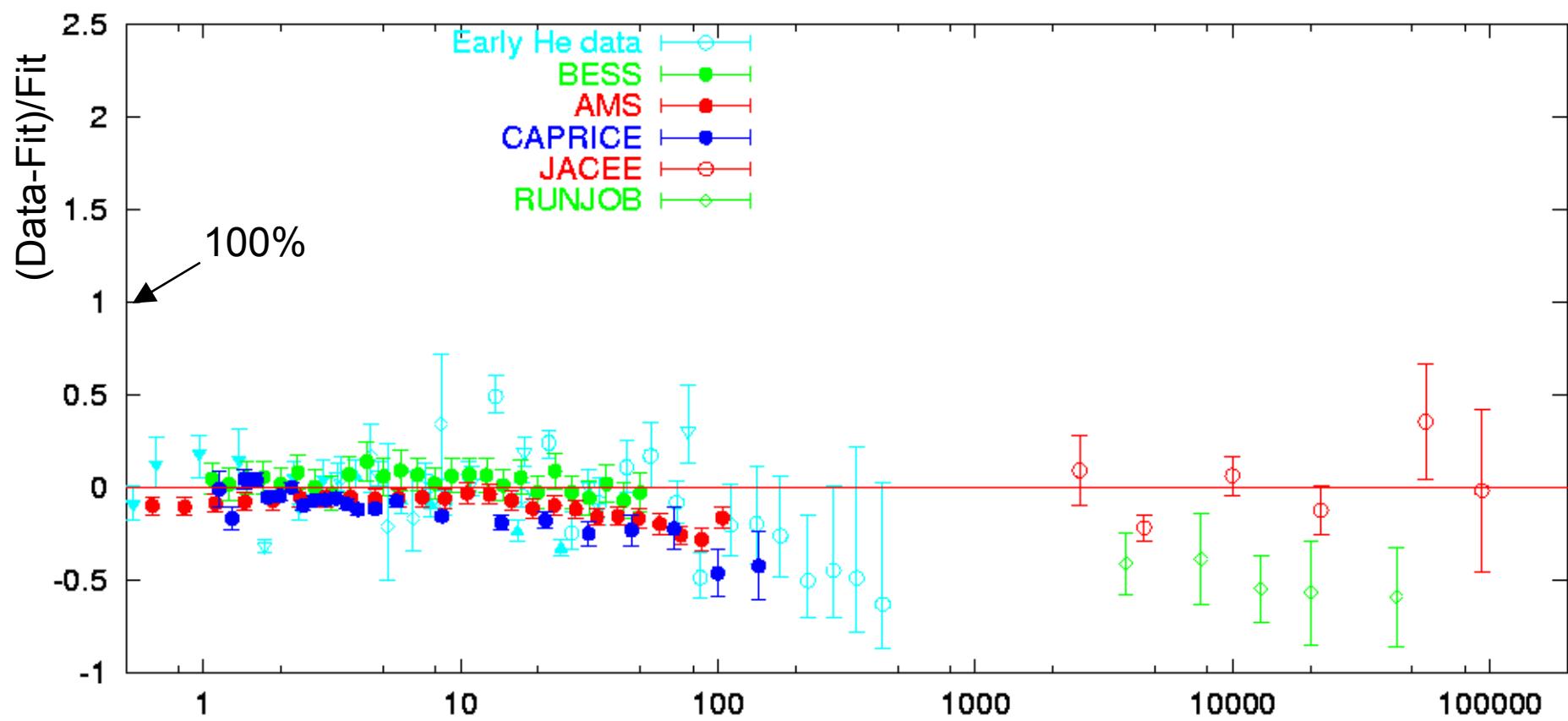
	$\alpha$	K	b	c
H	2.74	14900	2.15	0.21
He	2.64	600	1.25	0.14
CNO 14	2.70	62.4	1.78	0.02
Ne-Si 24	2.70	21.4	1.78	0.02
Fe(56)	2.70	5.1	1.78	0.02

- Protons = 75% of all nucleon fluxes
- Helium = 15% of all nucleons = 60% of all nuclei.

# Residuals: Newest measurements

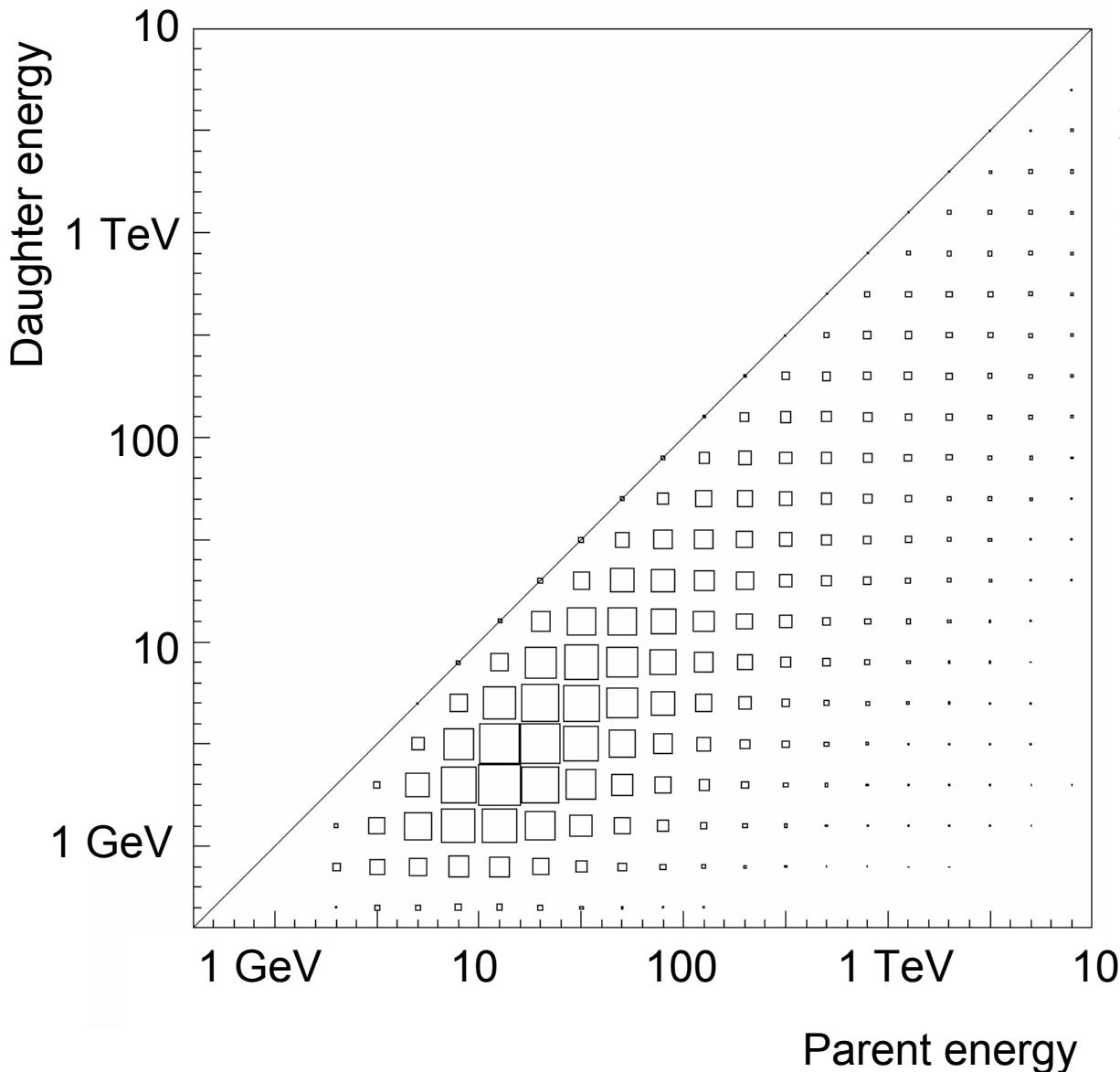


# Helium Fluxes



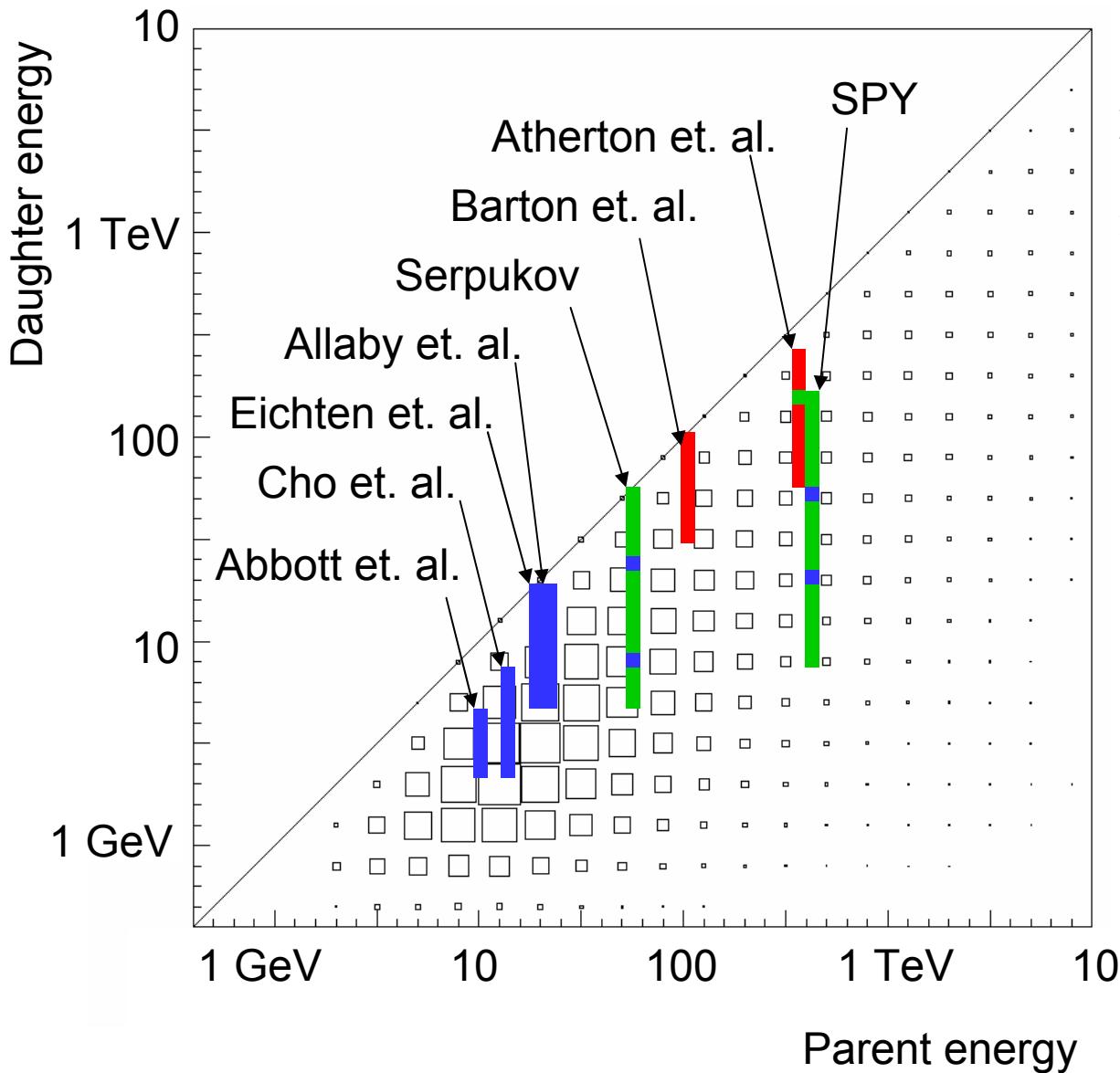
## Section 2: Hadron production Measurements at Accelerators

# Summary of measurements available



Boxes show importance of phase space region for contained atmospheric neutrino events.

# $P_T$ range covered

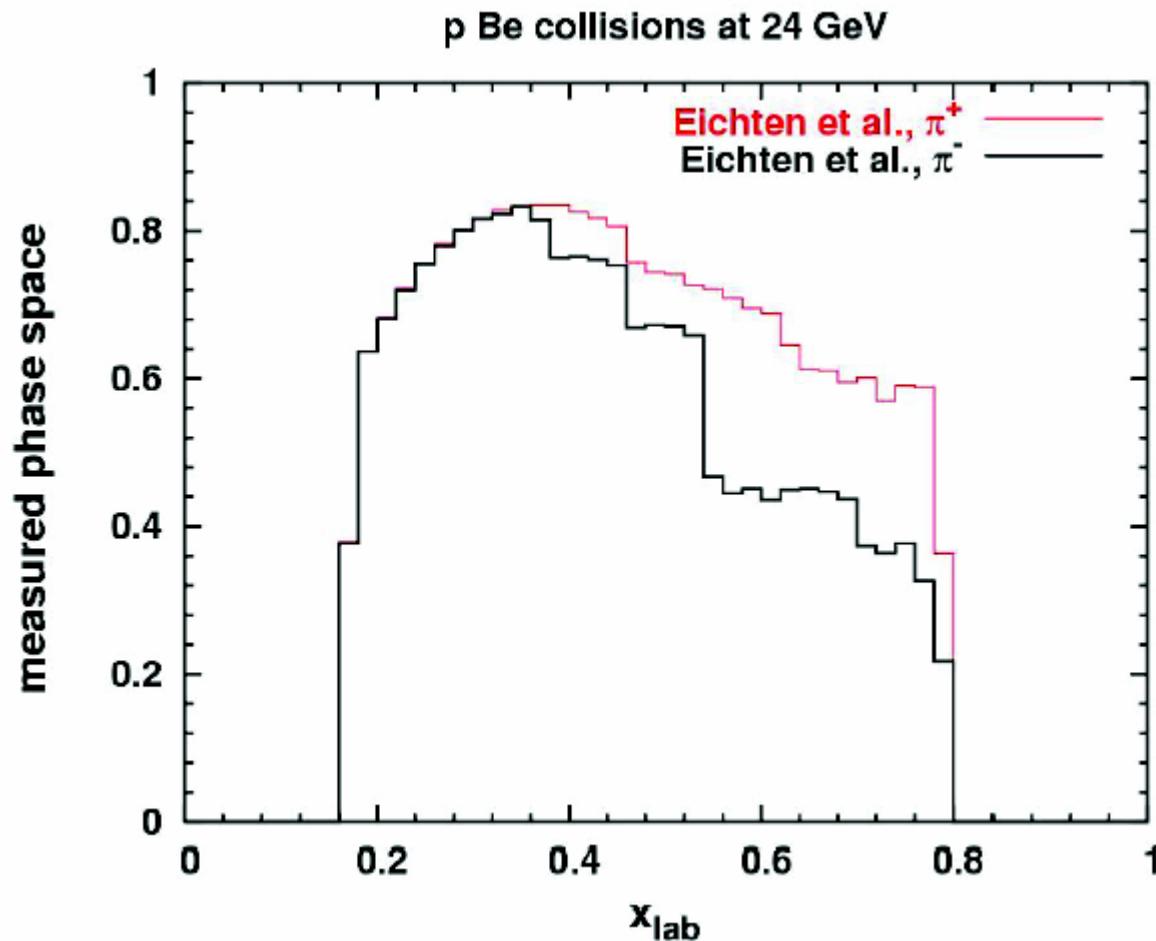


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Measurements.

- 1-2  $p_T$  points
- 3-5  $p_T$  points
- >5  $p_T$  points

# pT range coverage

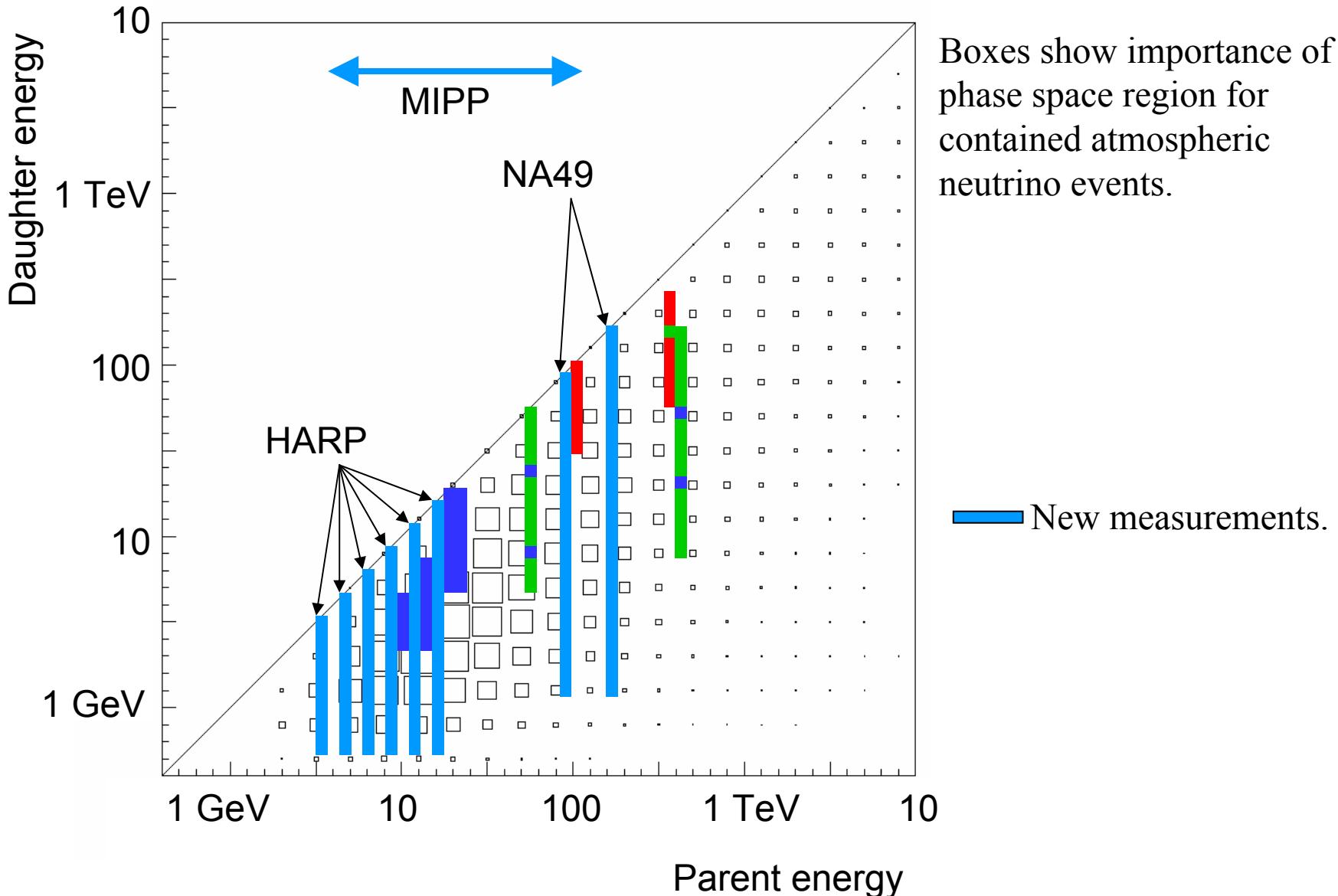


Eichten et al.:  
measurement with  
best phase space  
coverage

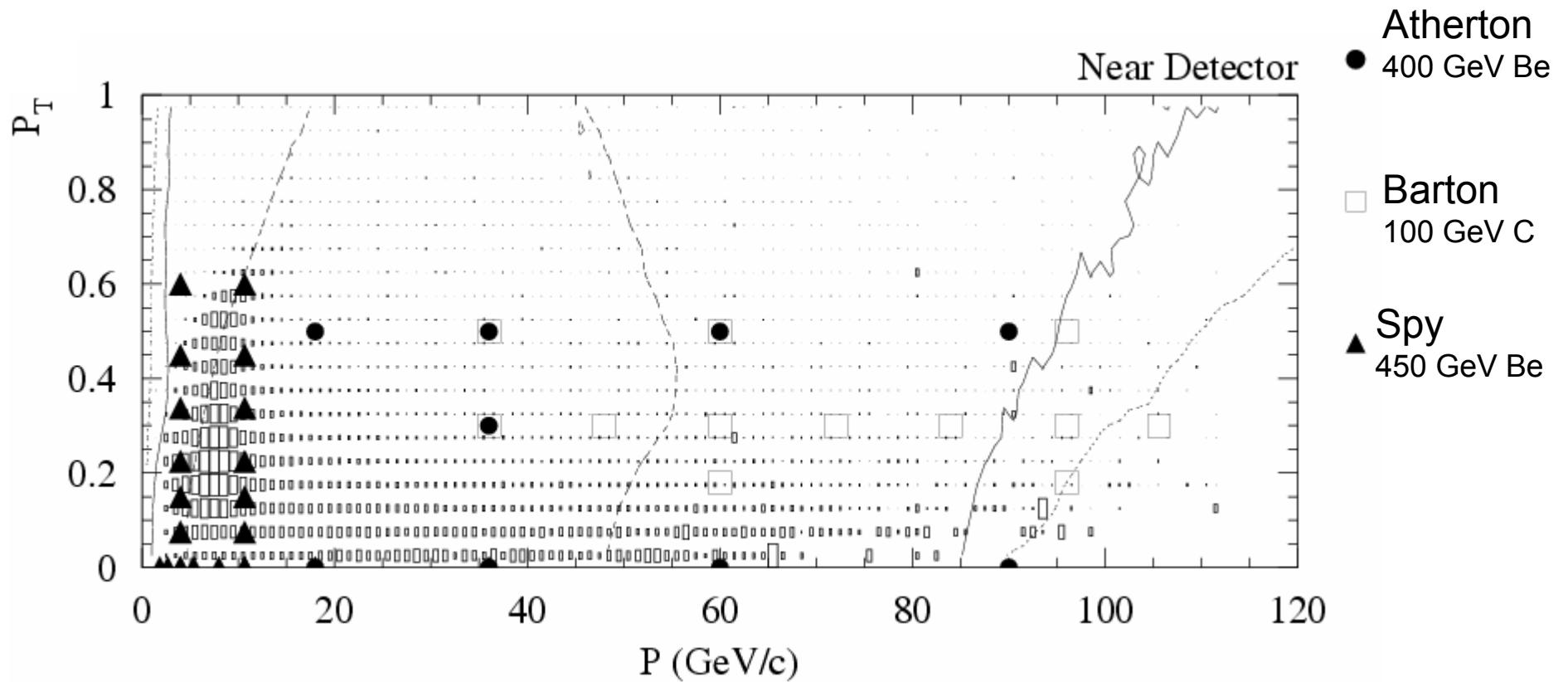
Simulation:  
fraction of  
secondaries in  
measurement bins  
or between bins

This energy is best situation

# New measurements

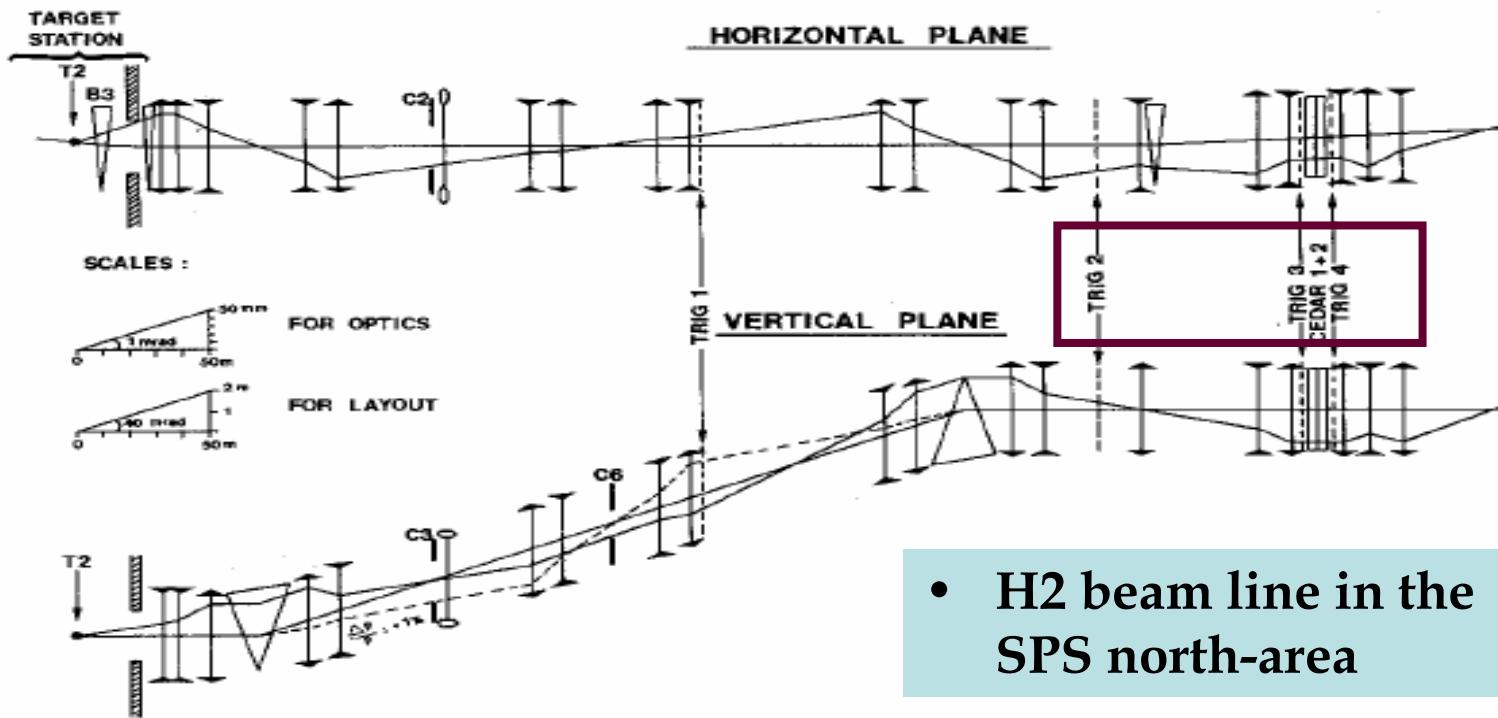


# Another view (MINOS)...



Plot courtesy of M. Messier

# NA20 (Atherton et al.), CERN-SPS (1980)



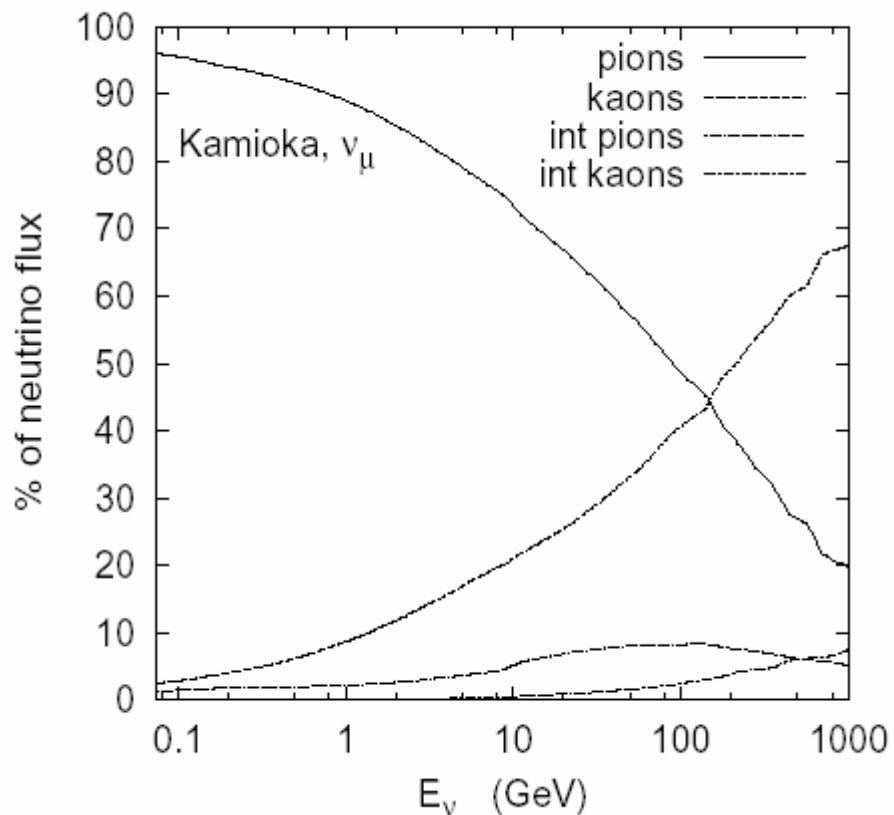
- H<sub>2</sub> beam line in the SPS north-area

Fig. 1 Layout and optics of H<sub>2</sub> beam

- Secondary energy scan:  
60,120,200,300 GeV

Overall quoted errors  
Absolute rates: ~15%  
Ratios: ~5%

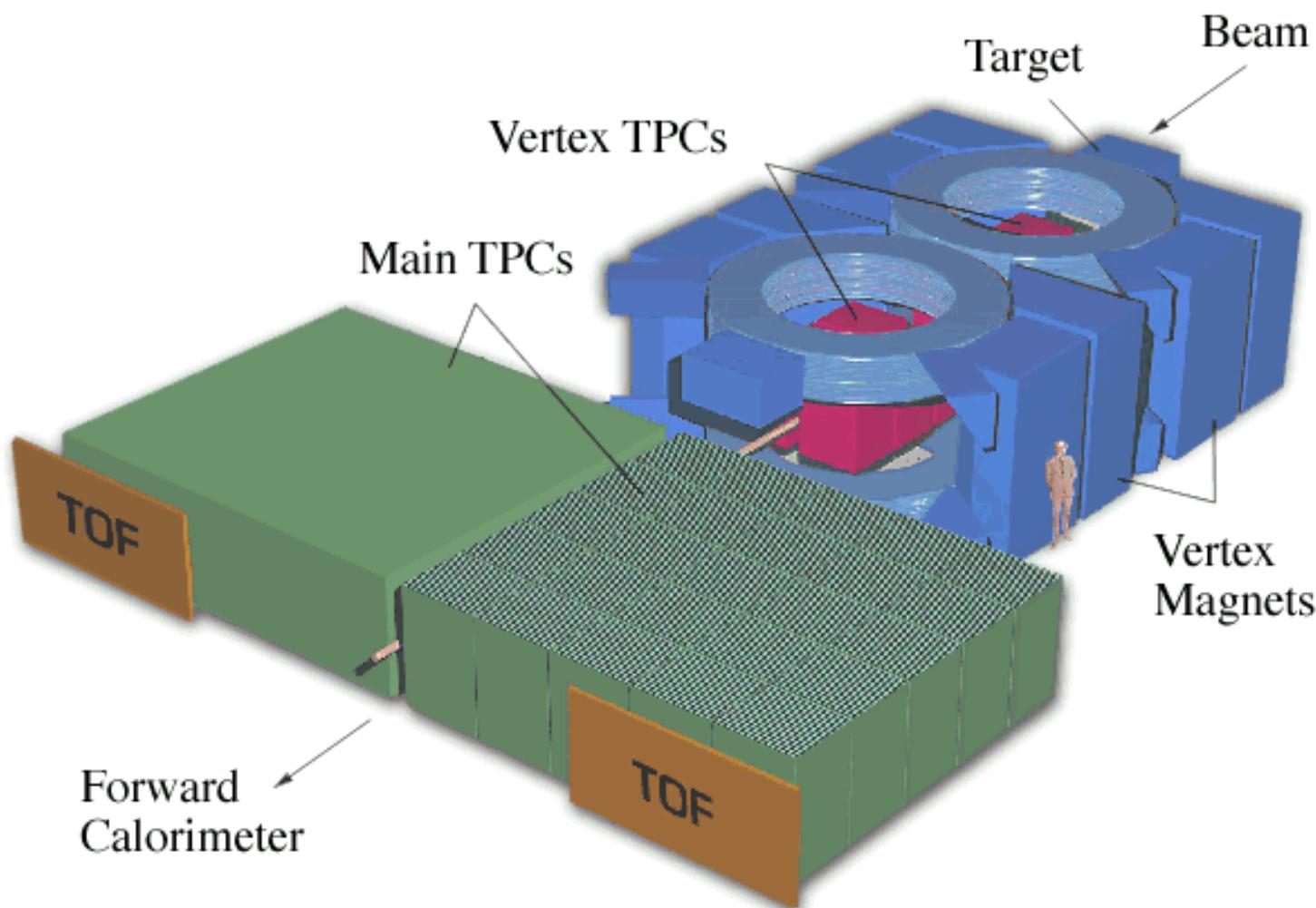
# Needs...



Importance of kaons at high energy  
(Thanks to S. Robbins for plot)

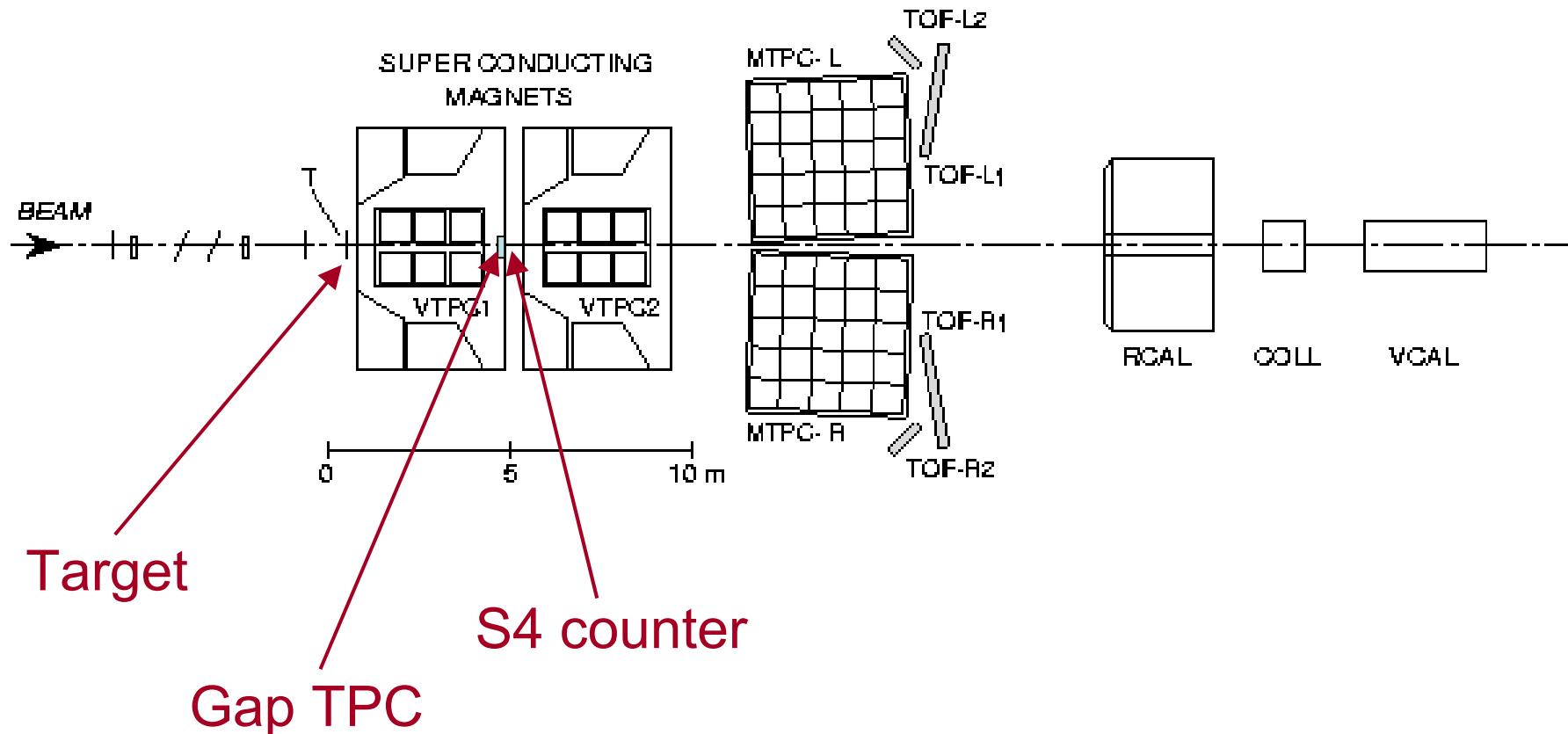
- Pion and kaon production
- Projectile: p, He,  $\pi$ , K etc.
- Very large range of primary energies [2 GeV,>1 TeV]
- Target: Air nuclei (nearby isoscalar nuclei acceptable)
- Full phase space coverage
- $p_T$  distribution not interesting
- Full coverage of  $p_T$  important

# NA49

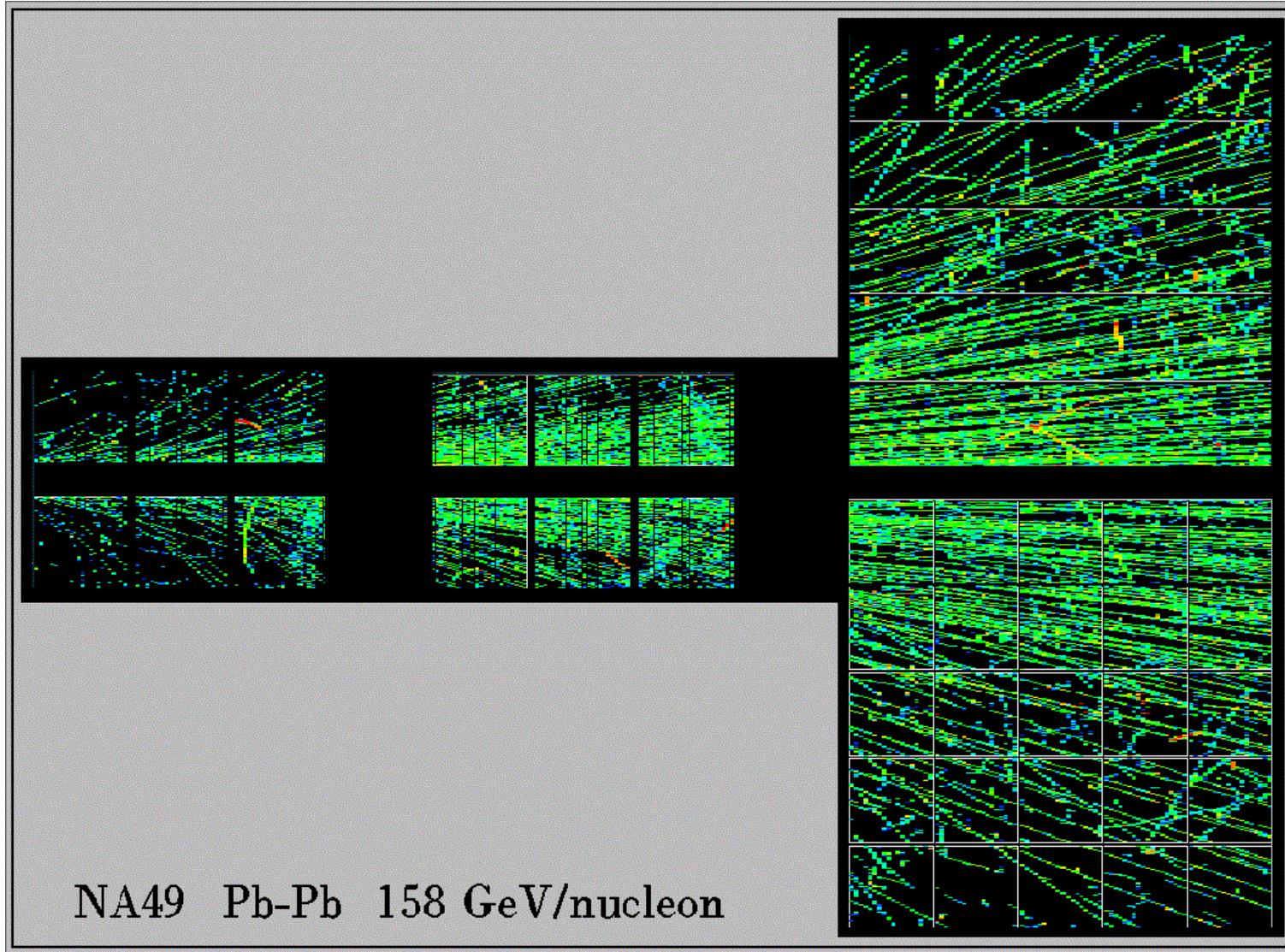


# NA49 experimental layout

Vertex TPCs      Main TPCs

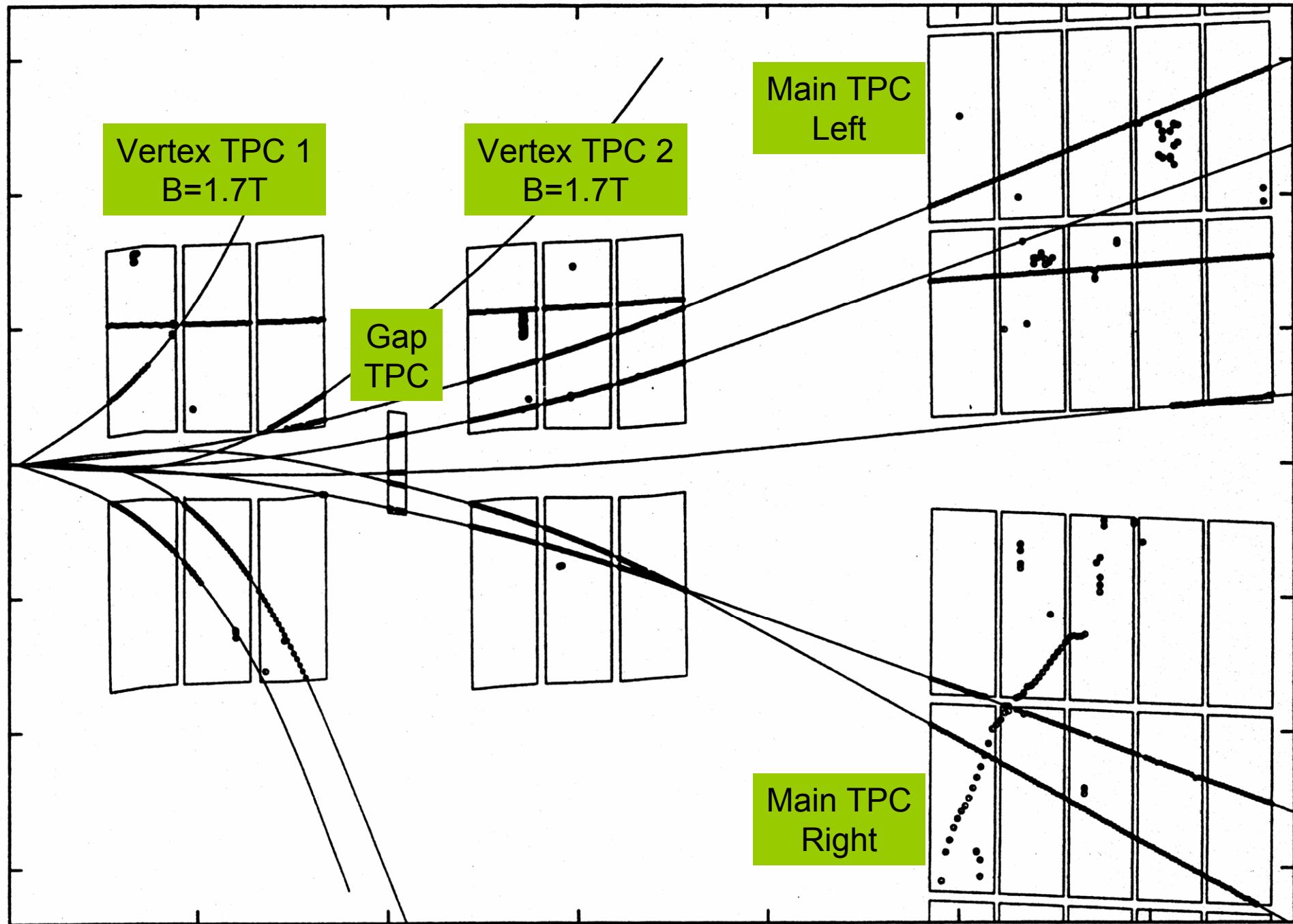


- NA49 originally designed for Lead-Lead collisions.
- Also used for pp and pA collision physics



# NA49 Proton-Carbon run

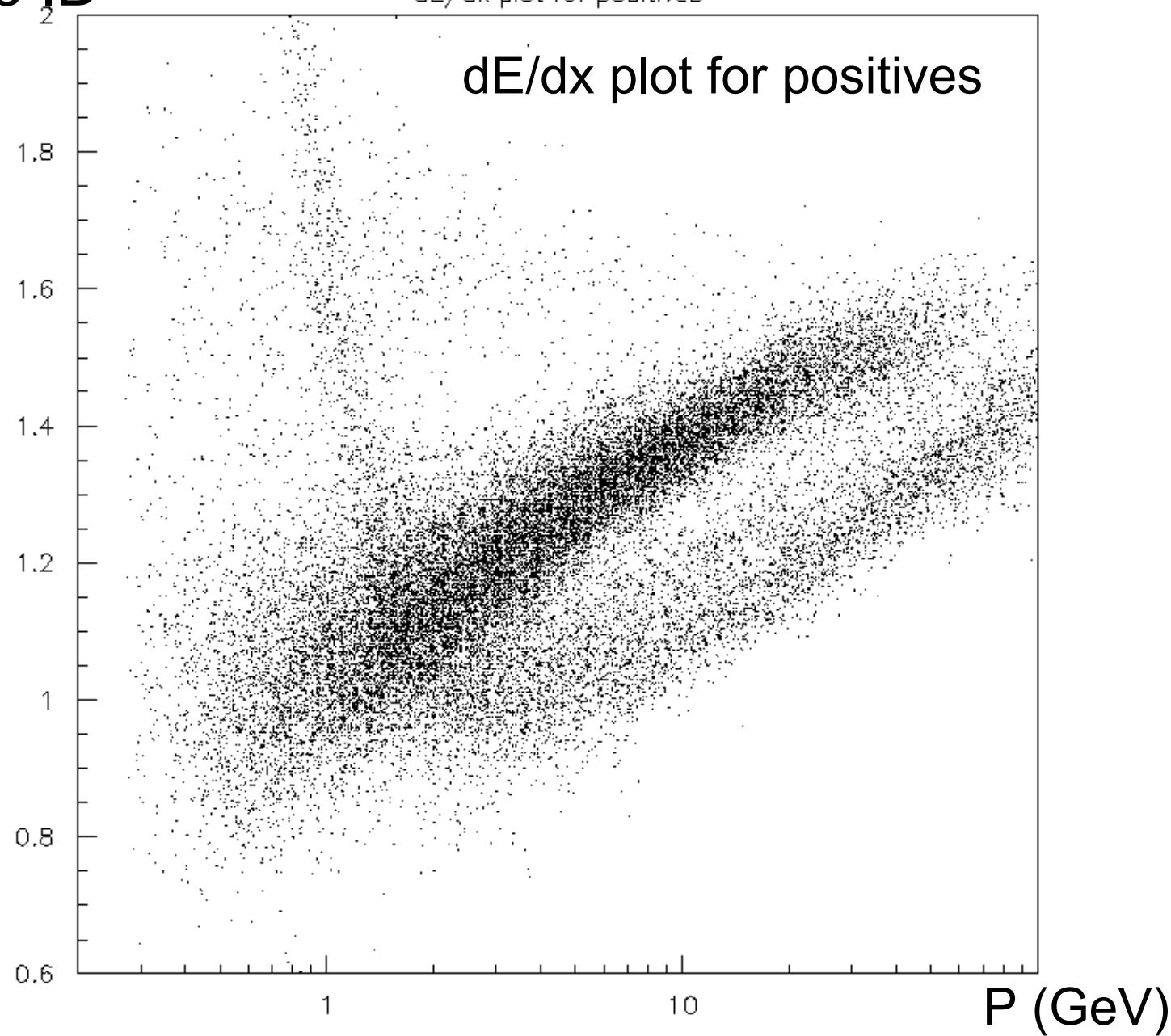
- ‘P322 group’ consisting of some atmospheric neutrino flux calculators, HARP experimentalists and MINOS experimentalists formed collaboration with NA49 and proposed a series of measurements.
- Received a 1 week test run with a carbon target.
- It took place in June 2002.
  - 158 GeV run, 500k triggers.
  - 100 GeV run, 160k triggers.
  - 1% interaction length carbon target.
- Immediately preceding run was an NA49 proton-proton run, using a liquid hydrogen target.



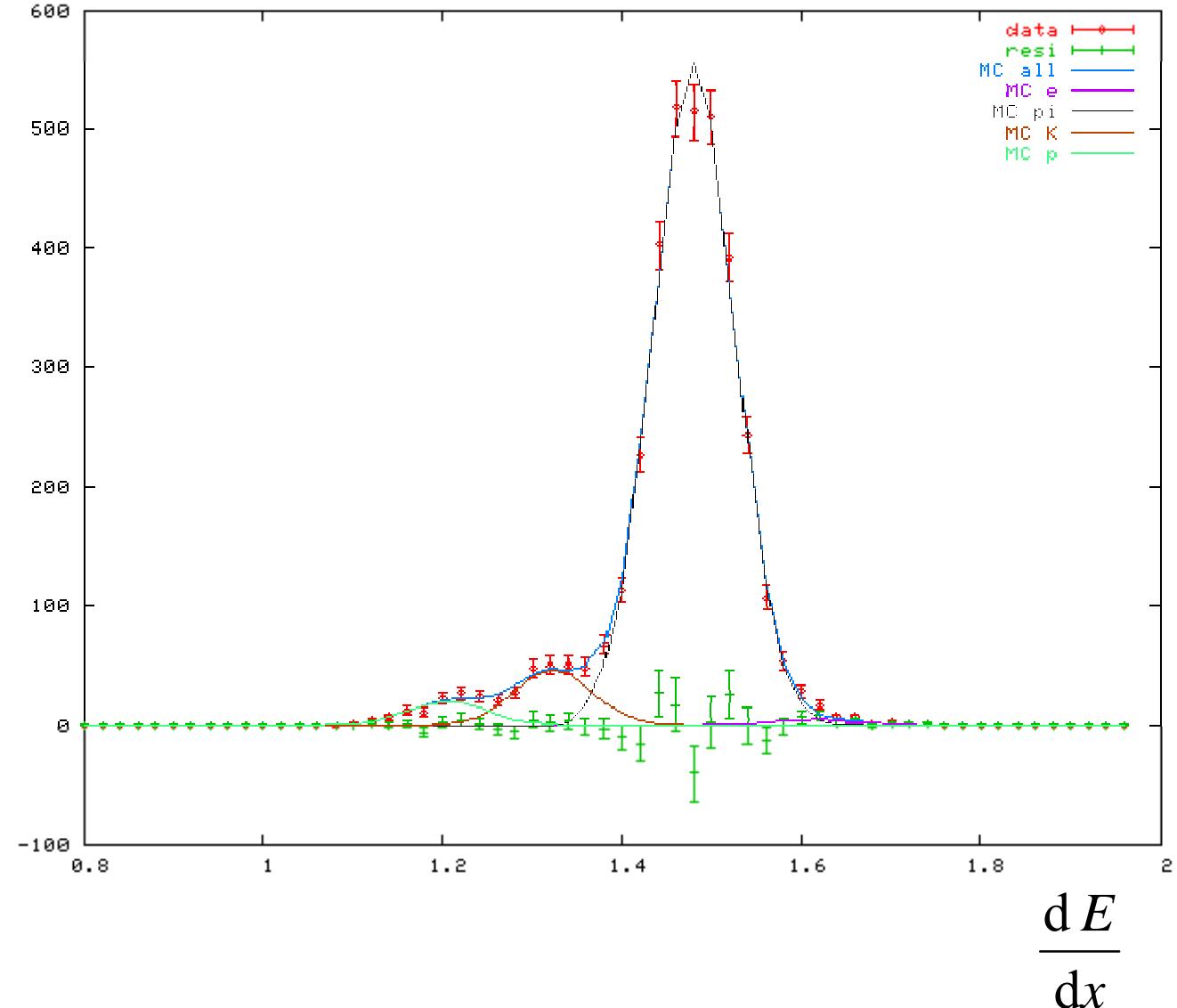
Particle ID

dE/dx plot for positives

$$\frac{dE}{dx}$$



# Particle ID



# Bins

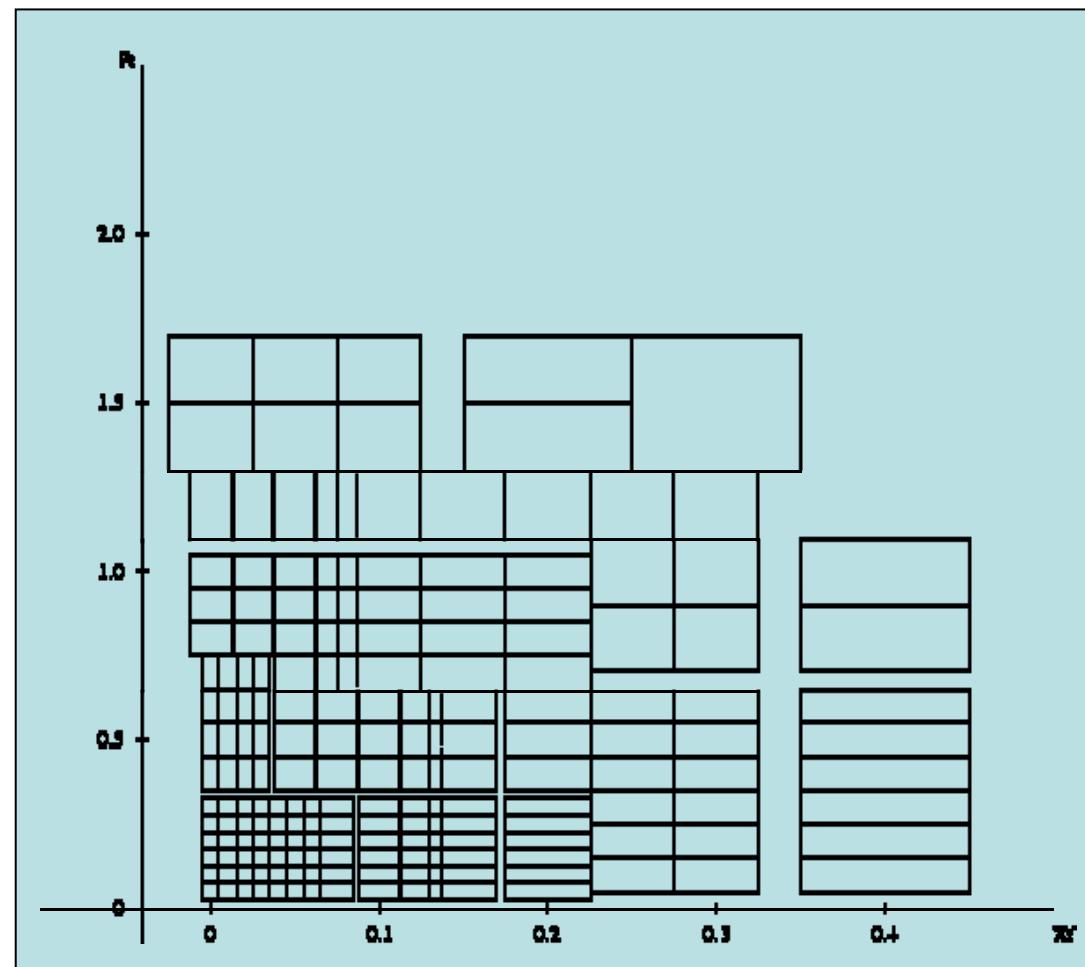
Technique:

Follow closely the  
analysis of p-p  
data

$x_F$  and  $p_T$  bins

Some corrections  
are identical

Pion analysis



- Analysis:
  1. Get pion yields for proton-proton,
  2. followed by pion yields for proton-carbon
  3. Later, do kaons, antiprotons.
- Pion extraction straightforward
  - shifts and resolution easy to determine
  - Above  $x_F = 0.5$ ,  $dE/dx$  information not available near gap. We do have the track distributions.
  - Particular region at low  $x_F$  where  $\pi$  and p  $dE/dx$  curves overlap. Use reflection in p-p.
  - Almost no information at negative  $x_F$

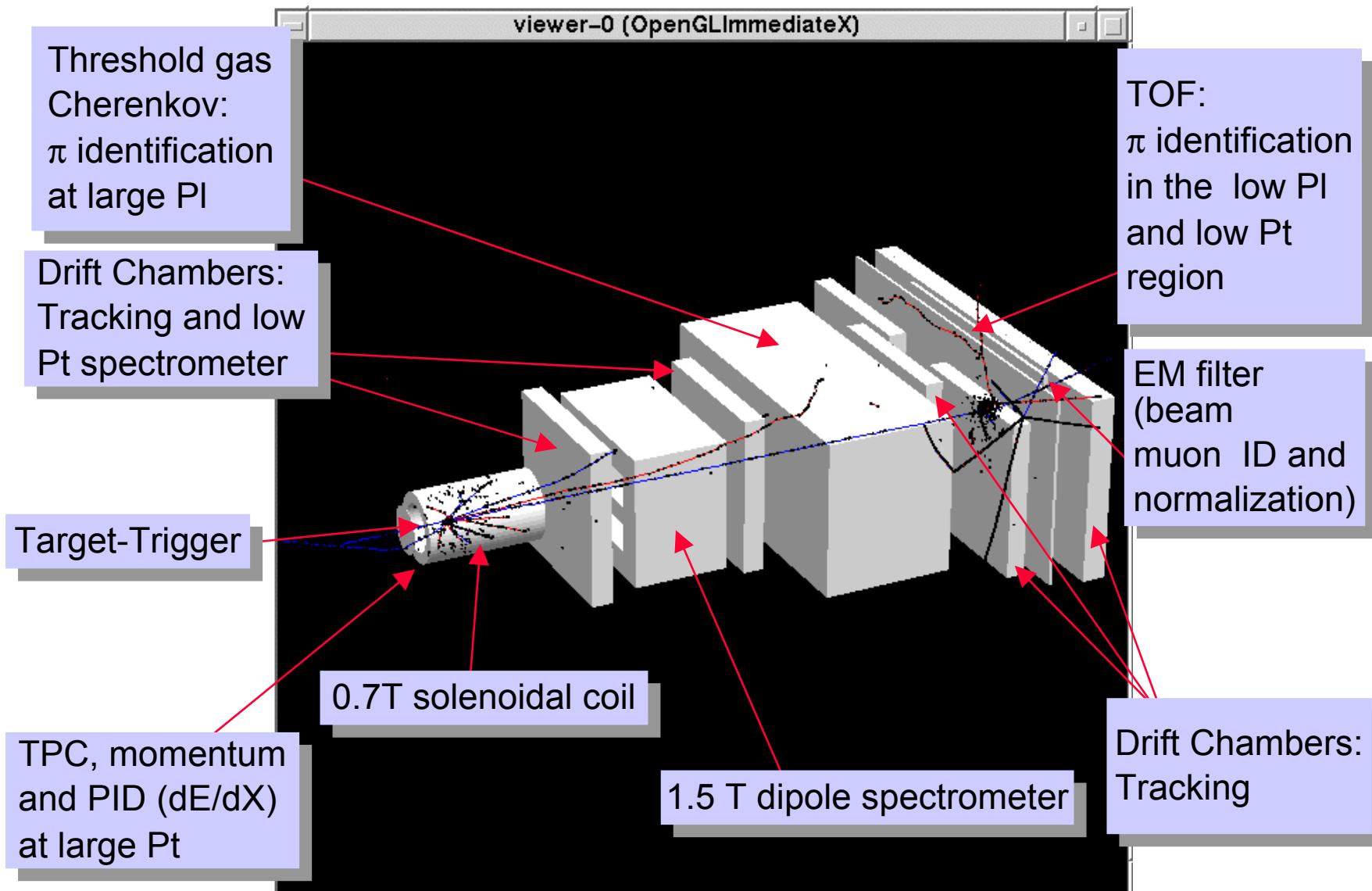
# Corrections and errors on pion yields

Binning correction	~1%
Target re-interaction	<1%
Detector material interaction	<1%→few %
S4 trigger correction	5-15%
Feed down correction $K^0, \Lambda^0, \Sigma$ decays	In progress
Pion→Muon decay	small
$K\rightarrow$ pion decay	small

# HARP



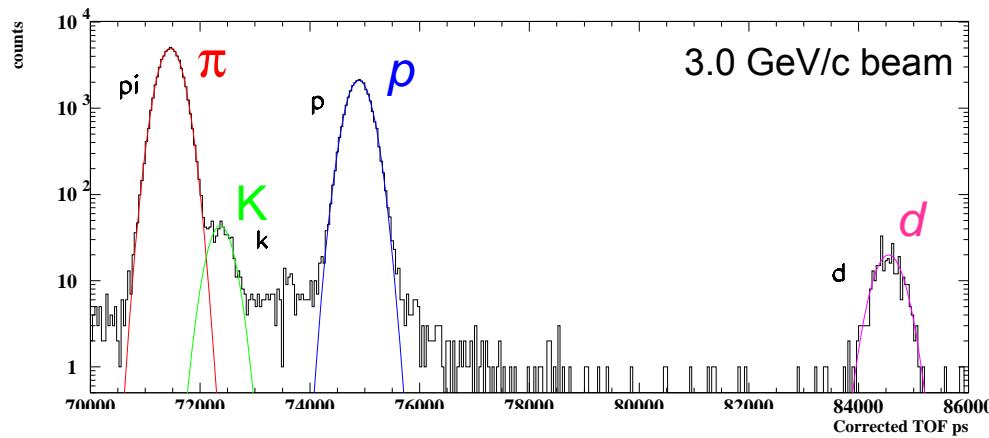
# The Harp detector: Large Acceptance, PID Capabilities , Redundancy



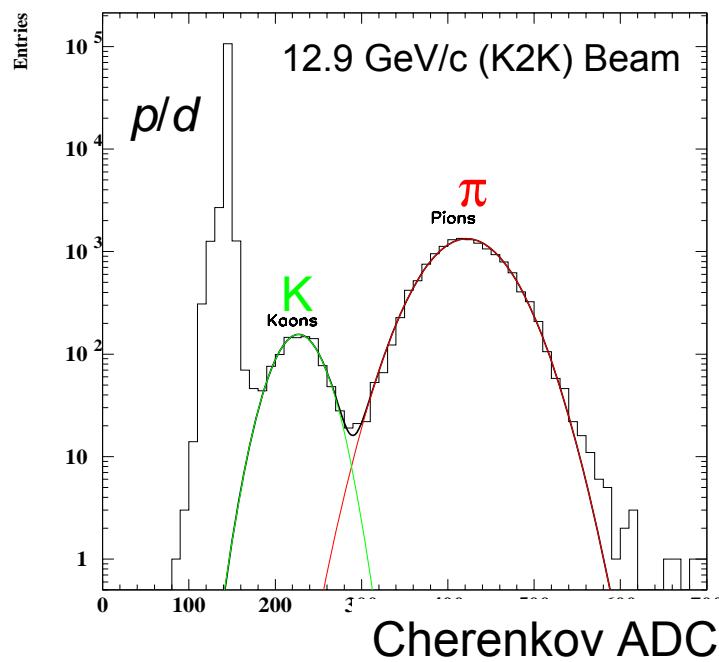
# HARP Experiment

- Beam 3-15 GeV secondaries from CERN PS
- Collected data 2001, 2002
- Close to full acceptance
- Targets:  
 $\text{LH}_2, \text{LD}_2, \text{LO}_2, \text{LN}_2$   
Be, C, Al, Cu, Tn, Sn, Pb
- $O(10^6)$  events per setting

# Beam Particle Identification



- Beam Time Of Flight (TOF):**  
separate  $\pi/K/p$  at low energy  
over 21m flight distance
- time resolution 170 ps after TDC and ADC equalization
  - proton selection purity >98.7%

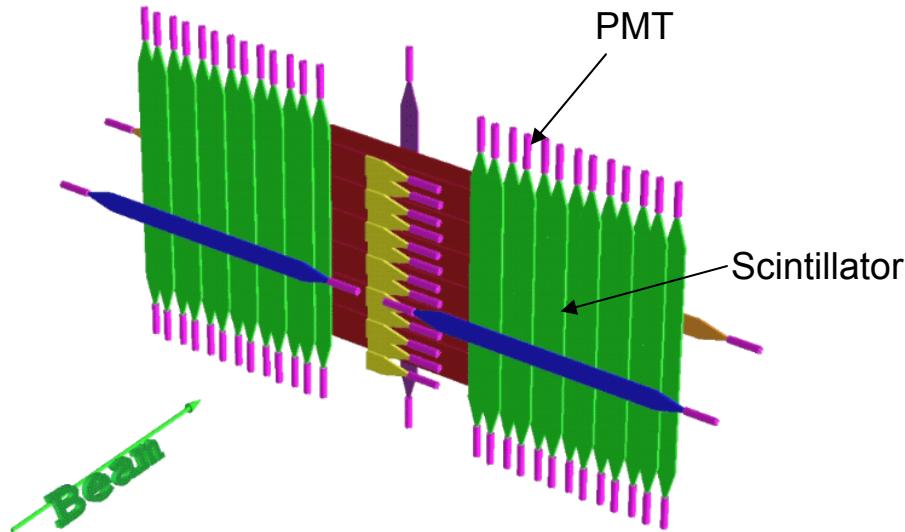


- Beam Cherenkov:**  
Identify electrons at low energy,  $\pi$   
at high energy,  $K$  above 12 GeV
- ~100% eff. in e- $\pi$  tagging

# Forward PID: TOF Wall

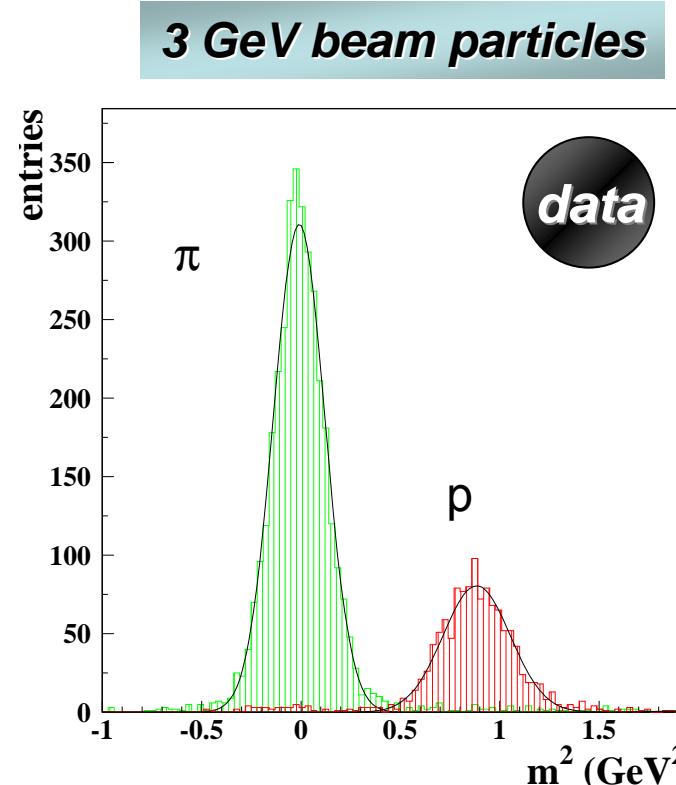
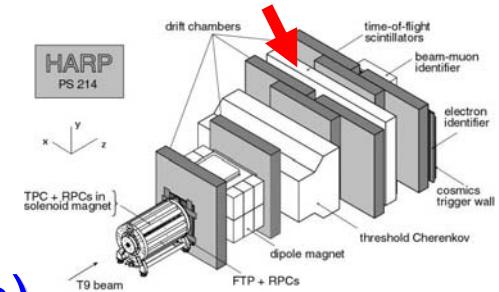
**Separate  $\pi/p$  ( $K/\pi$ ) at low momenta (0–4.5 GeV/c)**

- 42 slabs of fast scintillator read at both ends by PMTs



TOF time resolution  $\sim 160$  ps

3 $\sigma$  separation:  $\pi/p$  up to 4.5 GeV/c  
 $K/\pi$  up to 2.4 GeV/c  
 $\rightarrow 7\sigma$  separation of  $\pi/p$  at 3 GeV/c



$$m^2 = p^2 \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{t_{\text{wall}} - t_0}{L} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

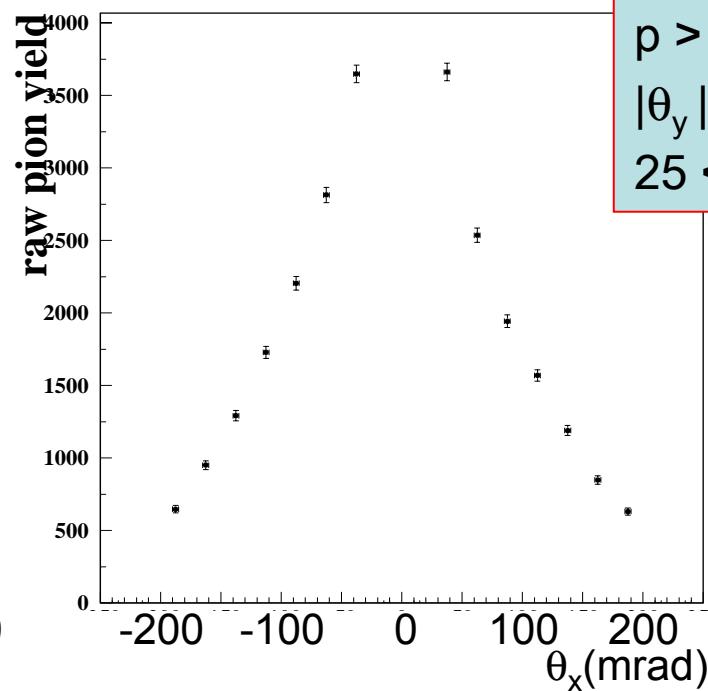
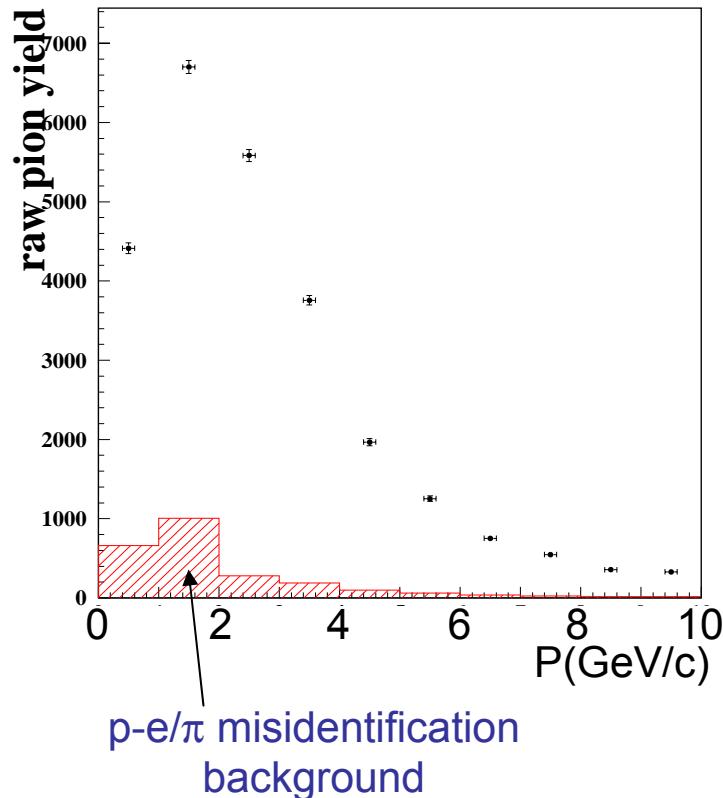
# Pion yield: K2K thin target

5% $\lambda$  Al target (20mm)



Use K2K thin target (5% $\lambda$ )

- To study primary  $p$ -Al interaction
- To avoid absorption / secondary interactions

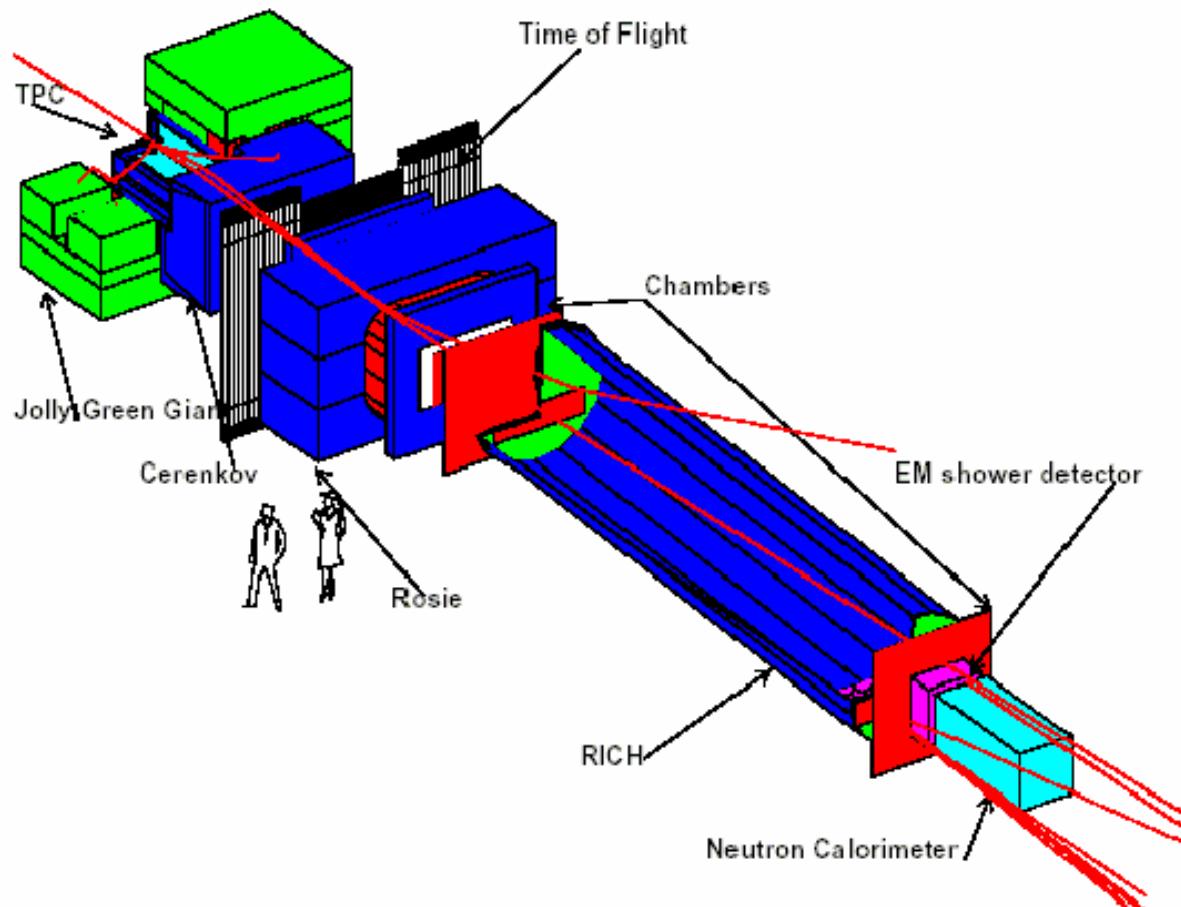


Raw data

# MIPP

## Main Injector Particle Production Experiment (FNAL-E907)

Horizontal cut plane



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University of Virginia  
~50 people, 11 graduates students, 11 postdocs.

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# MIPP :Physics Program

- **Particle Physics**-To acquire unbiased high statistics data with complete particle id coverage for hadron interactions.
  - Study non-perturbative QCD hadron dynamics, scaling laws of particle production
  - Investigate light meson spectroscopy, pentaquarks, glueballs
- **Nuclear Physics**
  - Investigate strangeness production in nuclei- RHIC connection
  - Nuclear scaling

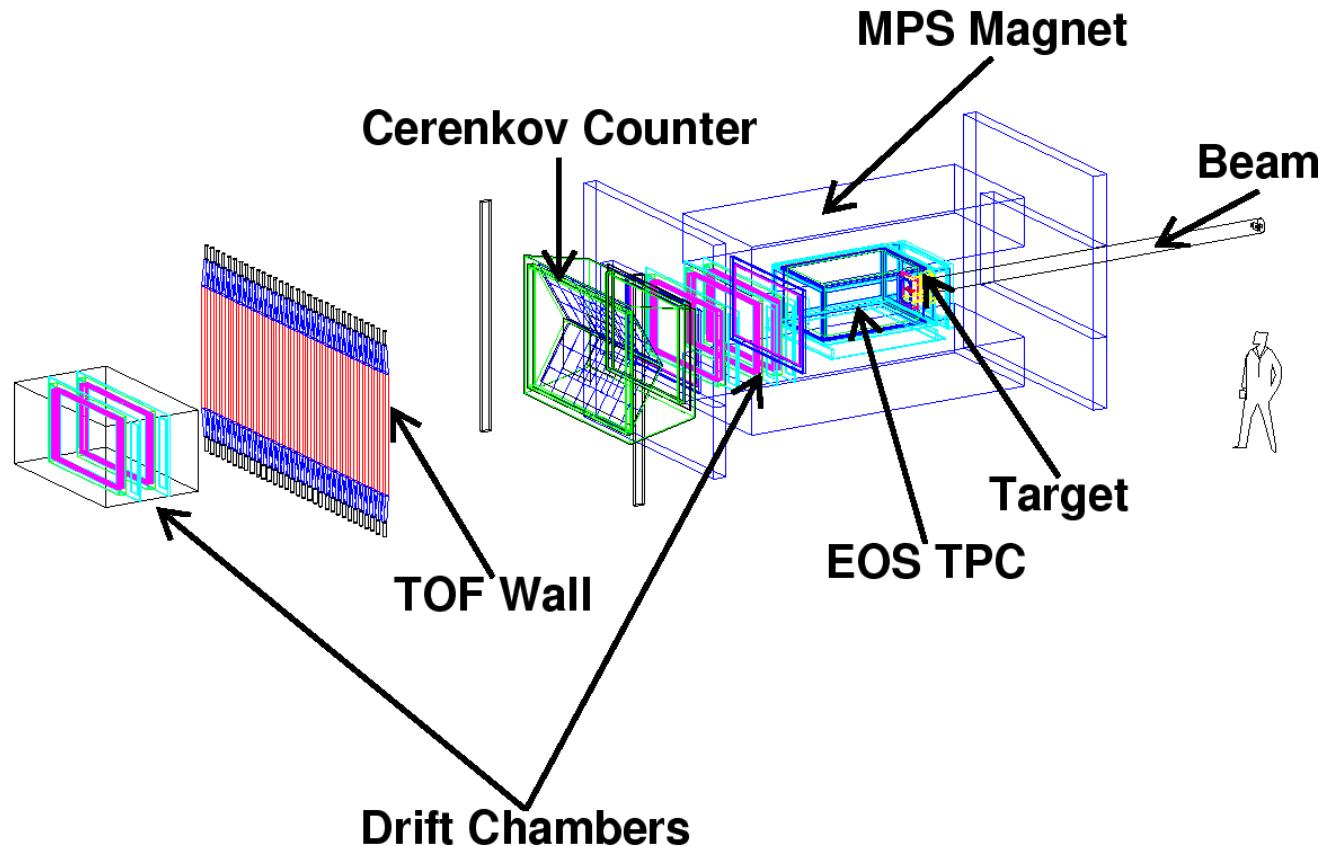
Target	Physics	Data Points	Primary proton	Total number
Average Intensity/spill of Primary Protons				
Numi 1	MINOS	3.3	125000	2.06E+10
NUMI 2	MINOS	3.3	125000	2.06E+10
H2	Scaling	6	9.76E+09	2.93E+15
N2	Atmospheric v	4	9.76E+09	1.95E+15
Be	pA	2	9.76E+09	9.76E+14
Be	Survey	1	9.76E+09	4.88E+14
C	Survey	1	9.76E+09	4.88E+14
Cu	pA	2	9.76E+09	9.76E+14
Cu	Survey	1	9.76E+09	4.88E+14
Pb	pA	2	9.76E+09	9.76E+14
Pb	Survey	1	9.76E+09	4.88E+14
<b>Total</b>		26.6		9.76E+15

- **Neutrinos related Measurements**

- Atmospheric neutrinos - Cross sections of protons and pions on Nitrogen from 5 GeV- 120 GeV (5,15,25,5070,90) GeV
- Improve shower models in MARS, Geant4
- Make measurements of production of pions for neutrino factory/muon collider targets
- MINOS target measurements - pion production measurements to control the near/far systematics
- **Complementary with HARP at CERN**

# Brookhaven Experiment 910

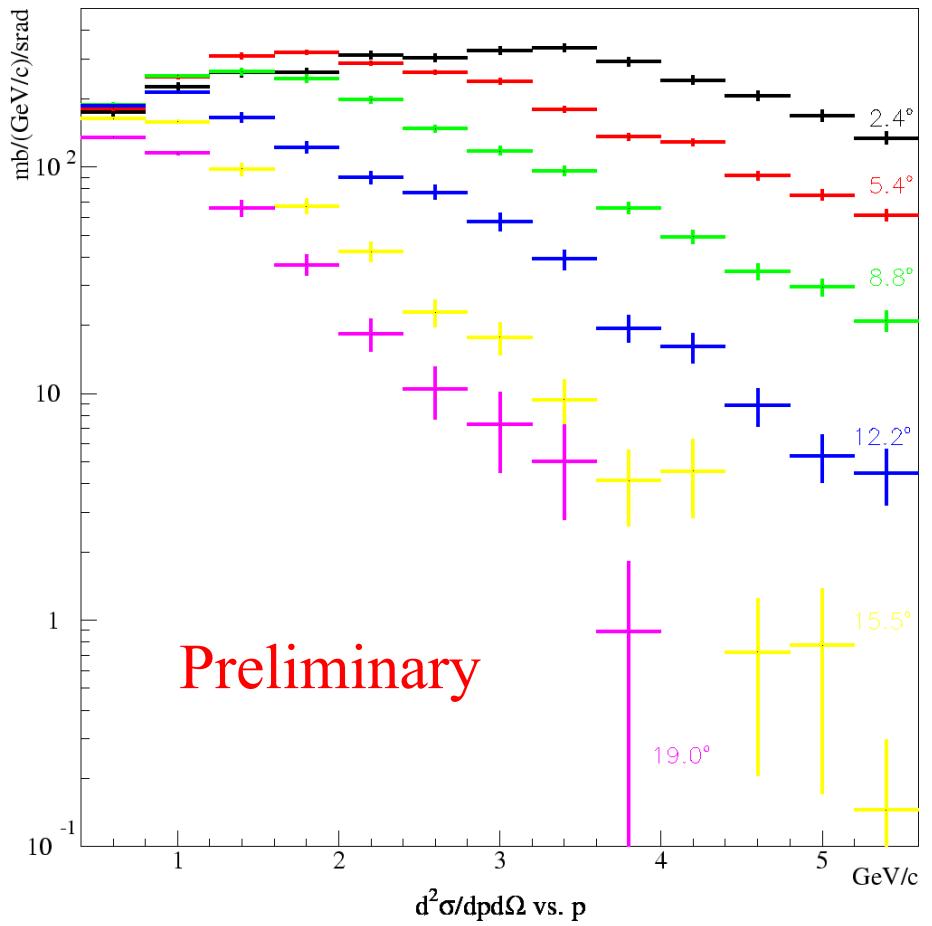
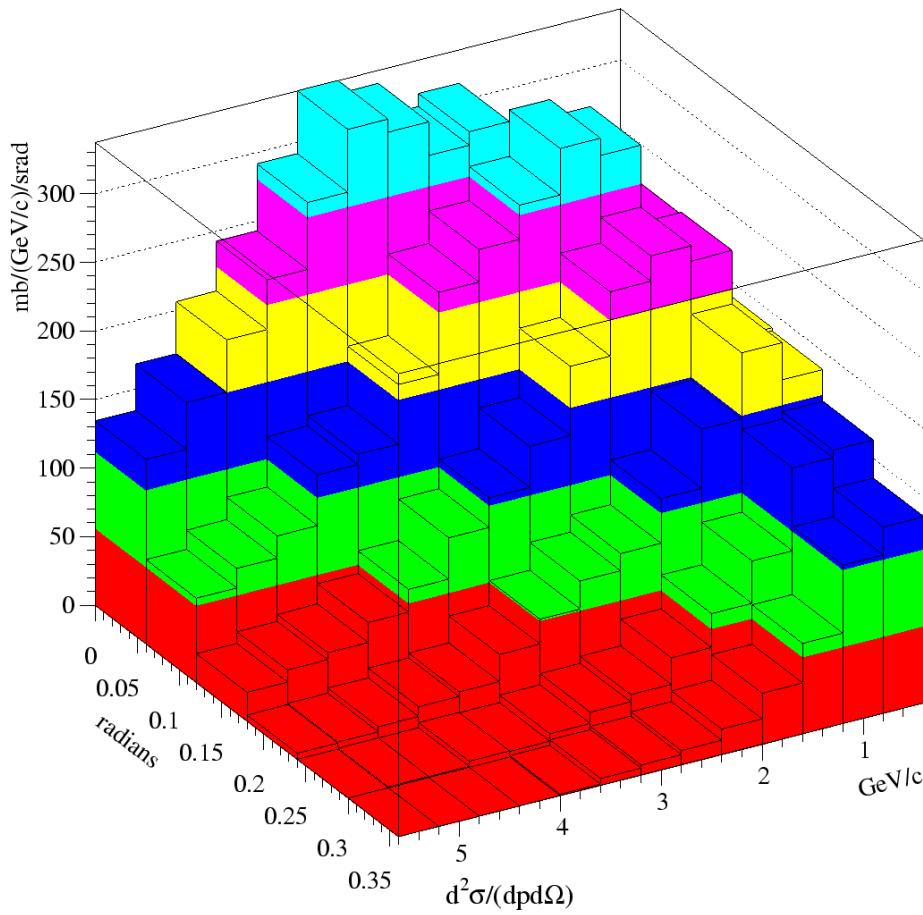
E910 used a spectrometer with good acceptance and particle ID over the momentum and angular range of interest to MiniBooNE.



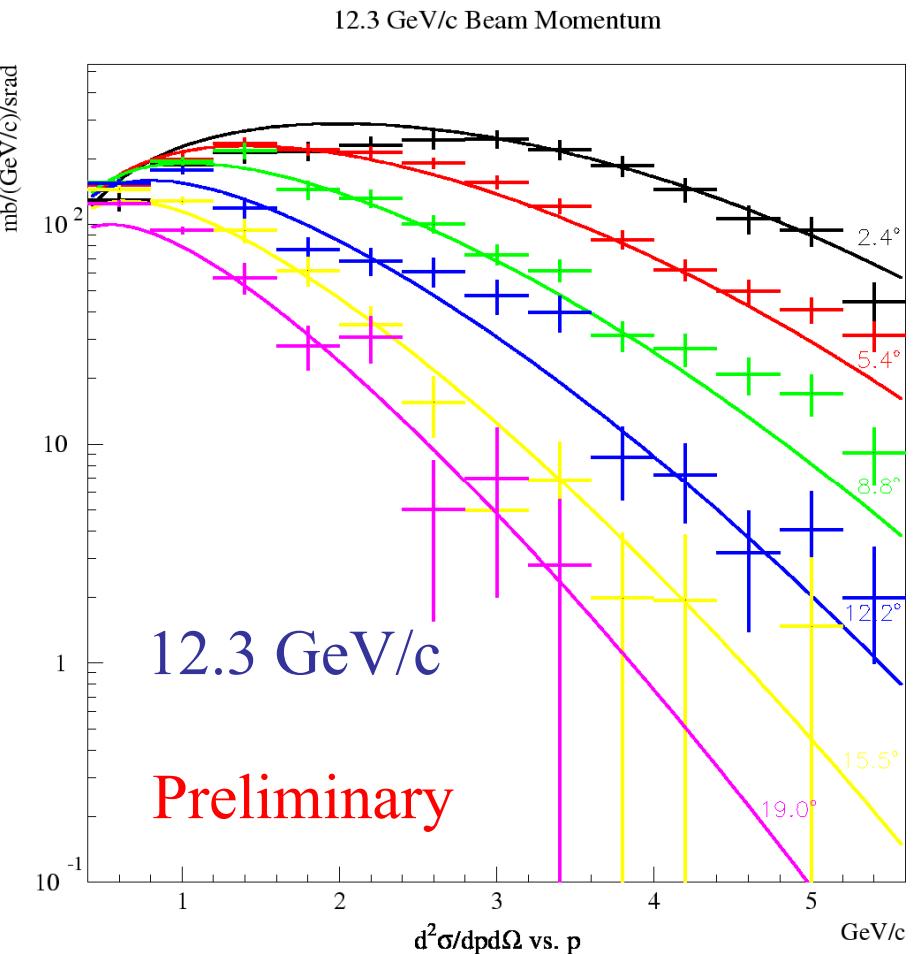
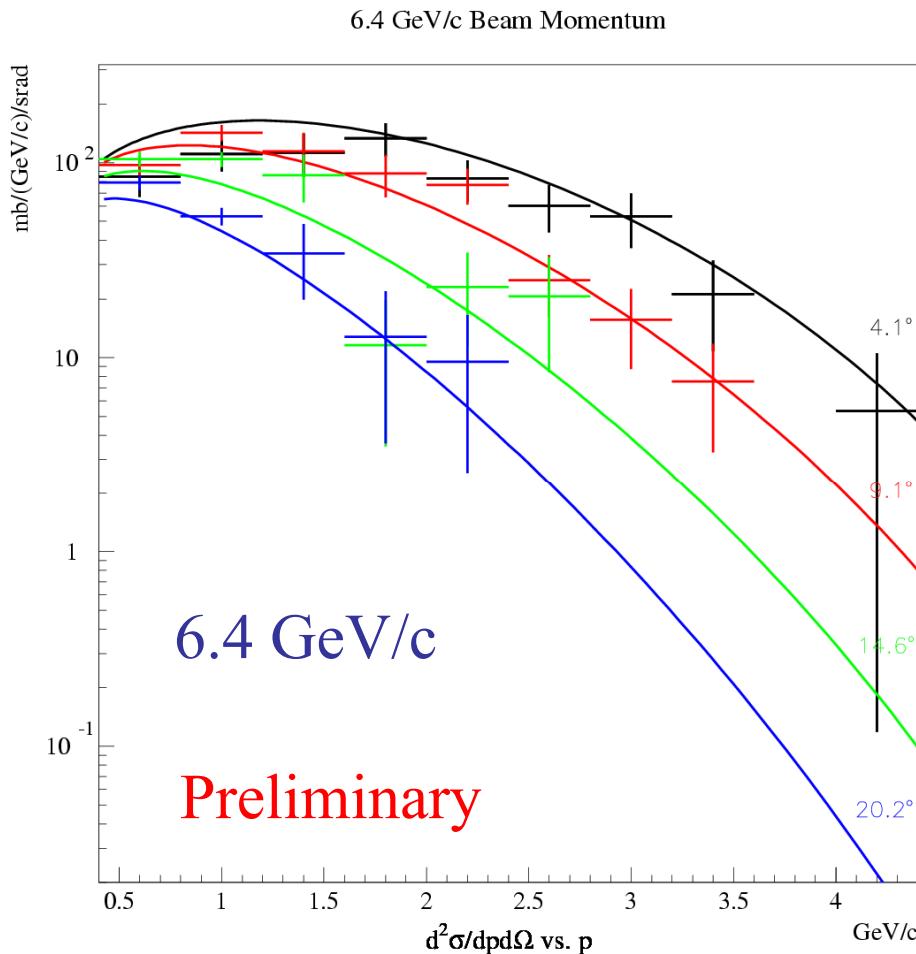
Particle ID from  $dE/dx$  in the TPC, threshold Čerenkov, and Time of Flight.

# The Results

The  $\pi^+$  production cross section for a beam momentum of 17.6 GeV/c.



# Sanford-Wang Fit Results

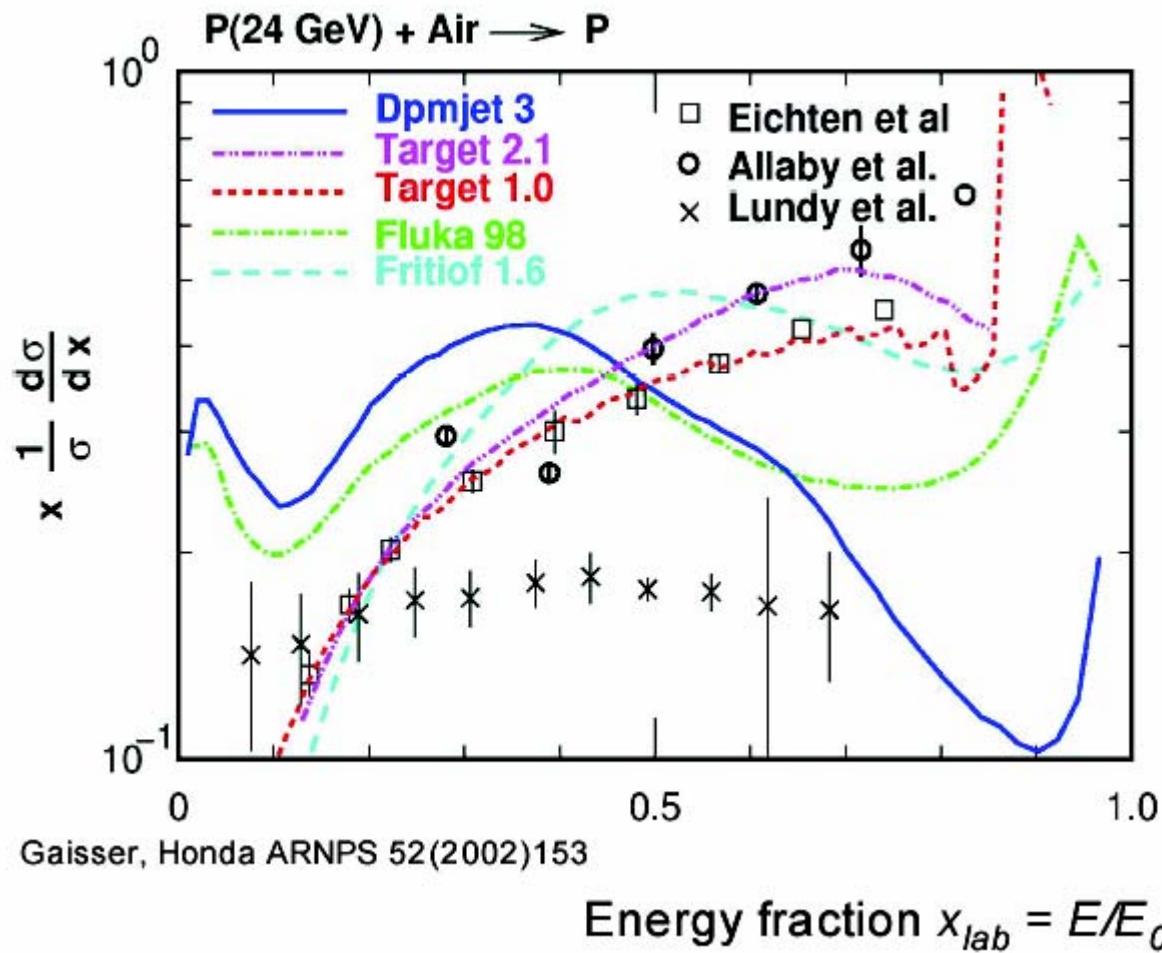


## Section 3: Outlook

Estimating impact of Hadron production

New measurements with atmospheric neutrinos.

# Estimating Hadron production errors on Cosmic Ray fluxes



Example:  
Proton  
distribution

Large differences  
between data sets

Large differences  
between models

# $\pi$ production at 20 GeV

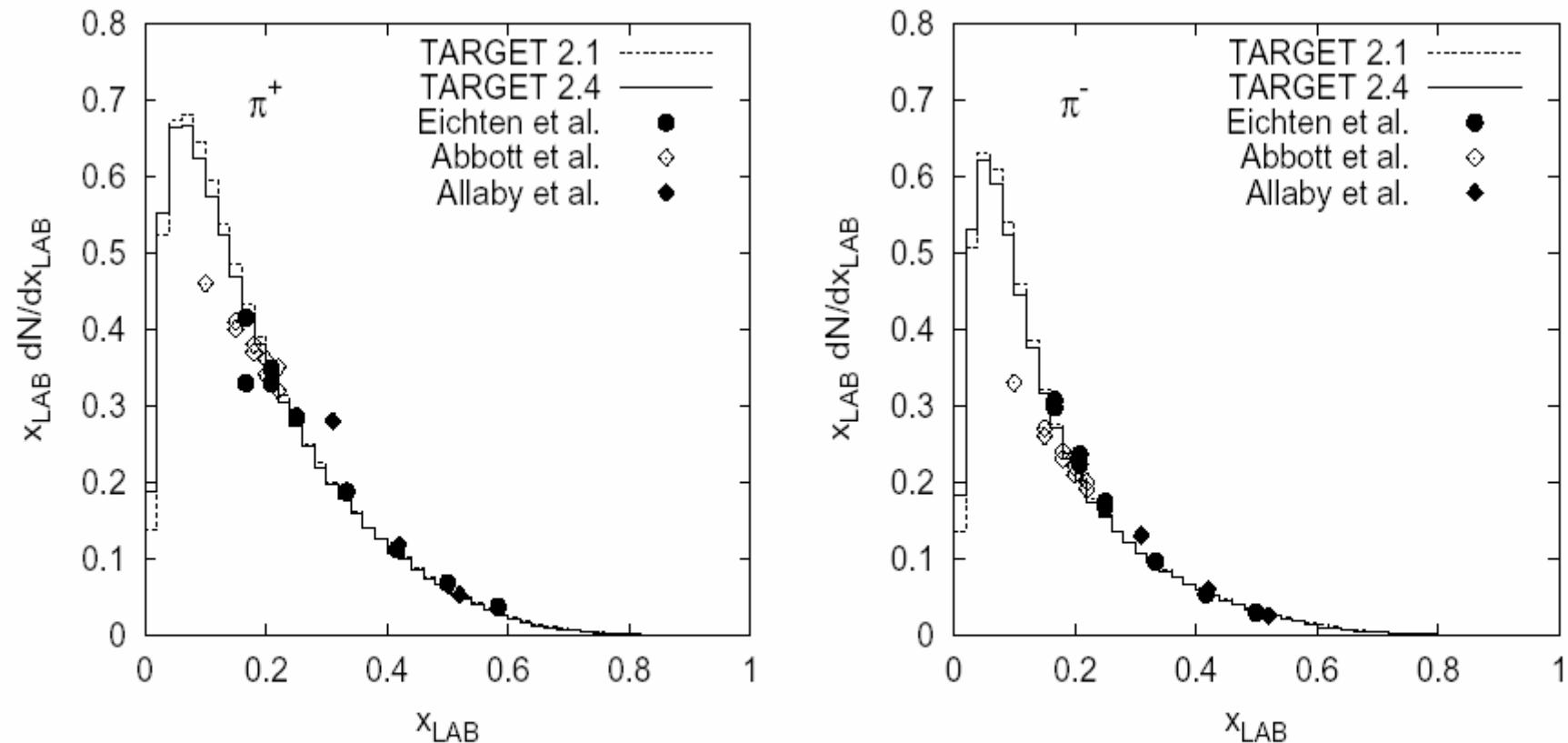


Figure 4.6: Comparison of the TARGET event generator and experimental data at around 24 GeV,  $pBe \rightarrow \pi^+ X$  (left) and  $pBe \rightarrow \pi^- X$  (right).

# Lower energy

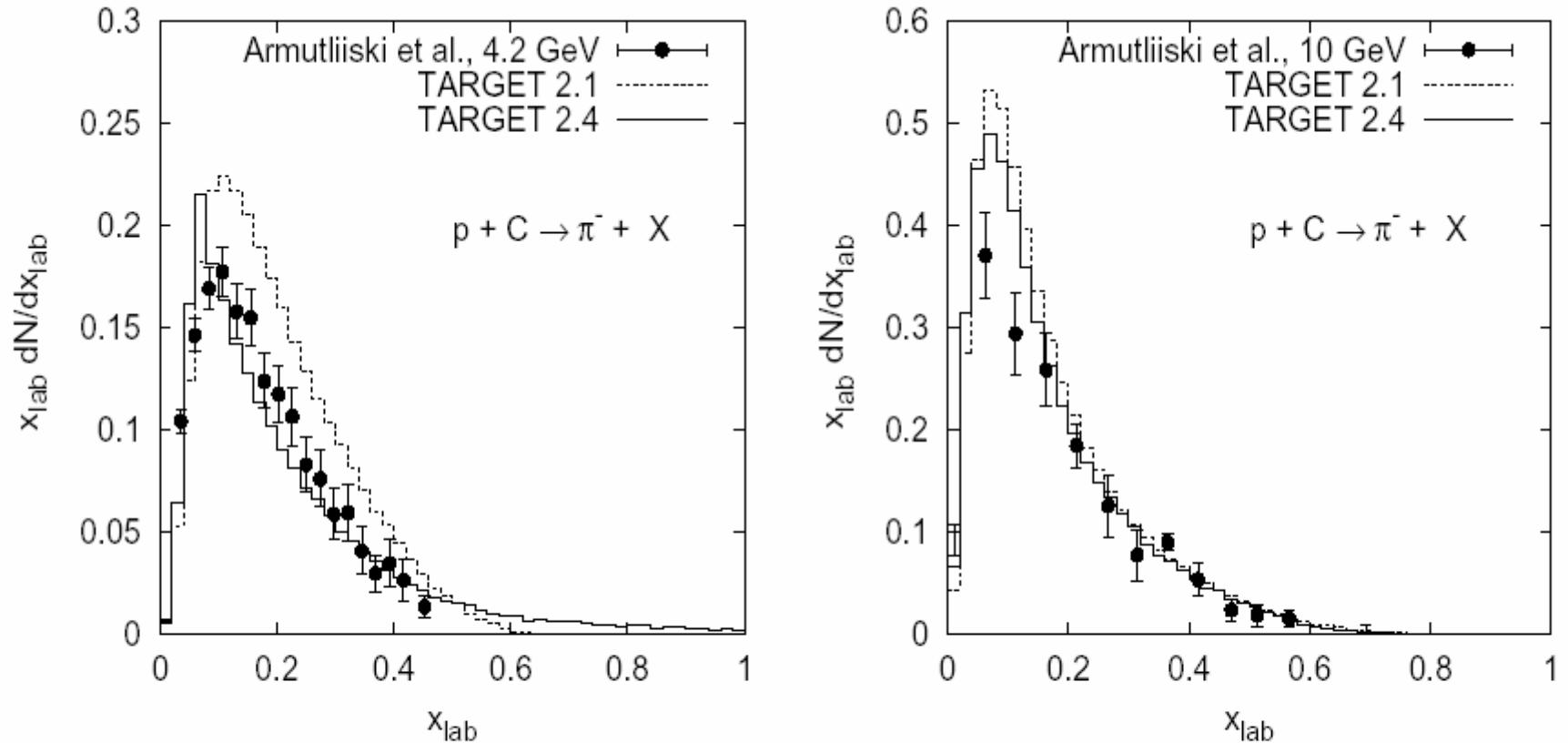


Figure 4.8: Comparison of the TARGET event generator and experimental data at  $4.2 \text{ GeV}$  (left) and  $10 \text{ GeV}$  (right),  $pC \rightarrow \pi^- X$ .

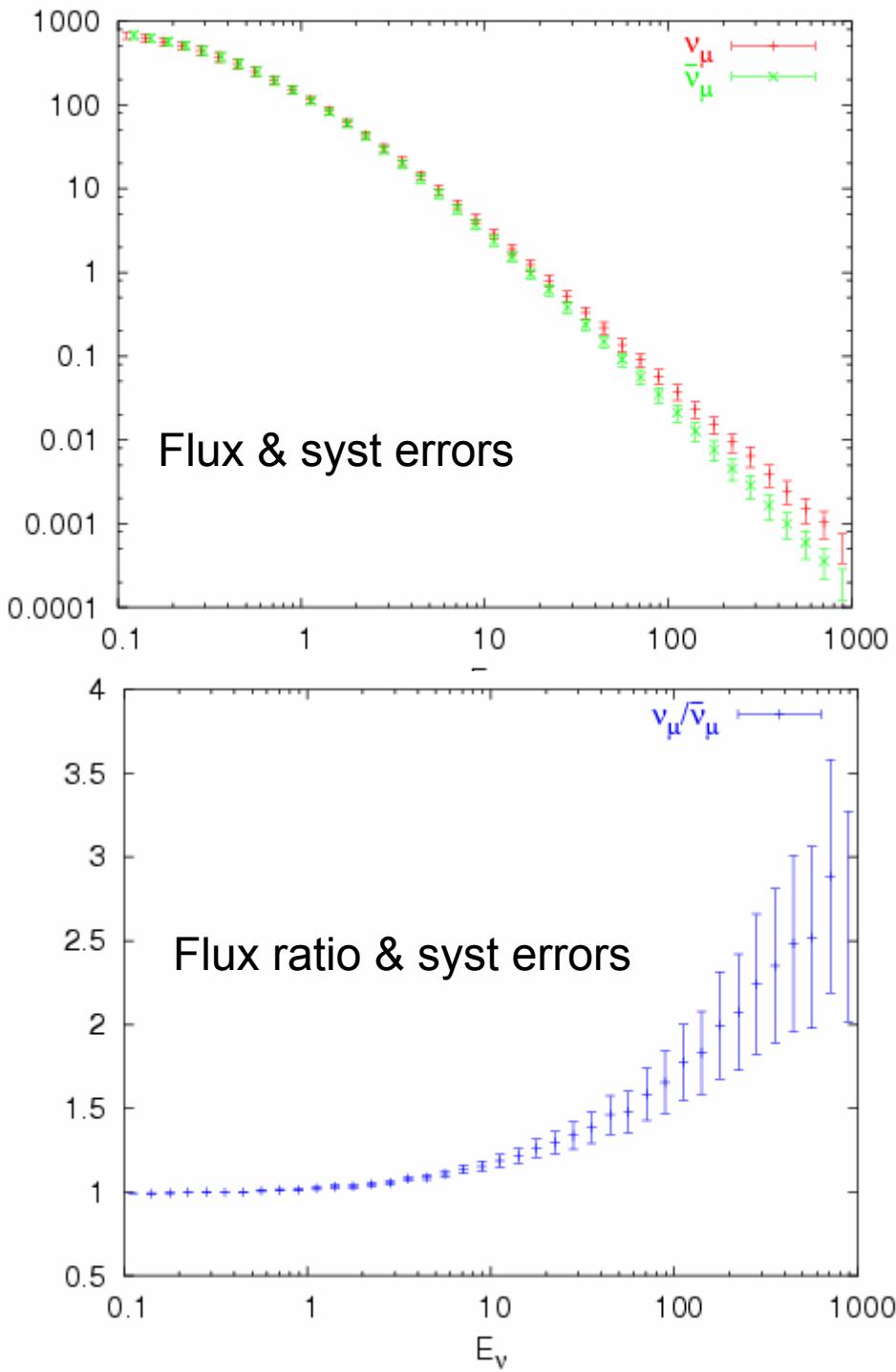
# Proposed total errors

# More sophisticated combination

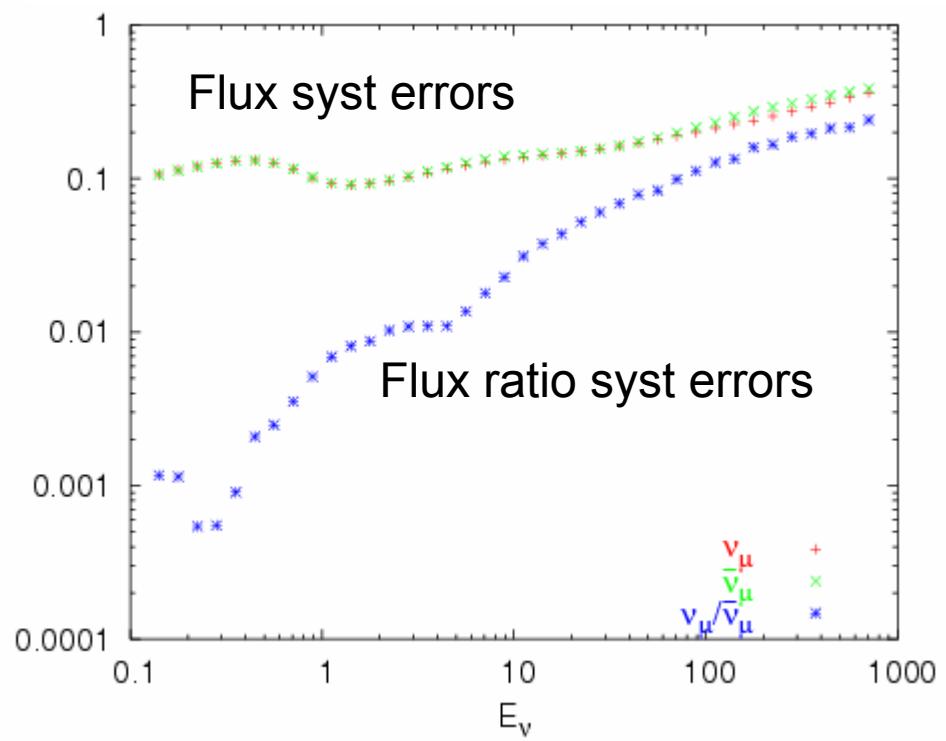
(1)	Pions										Kaons									
$x_{\text{LAB}}$ (low edge)	.0	.1	.2	.3	.4	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9	.0	.1	.2	.3	.4	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9
<8 GeV	10%										40%									
8-15 GeV	10%										40%									
15-30 GeV	5%										10%									
30-500 GeV	15%										30%									
>500 GeV	15%										30%									

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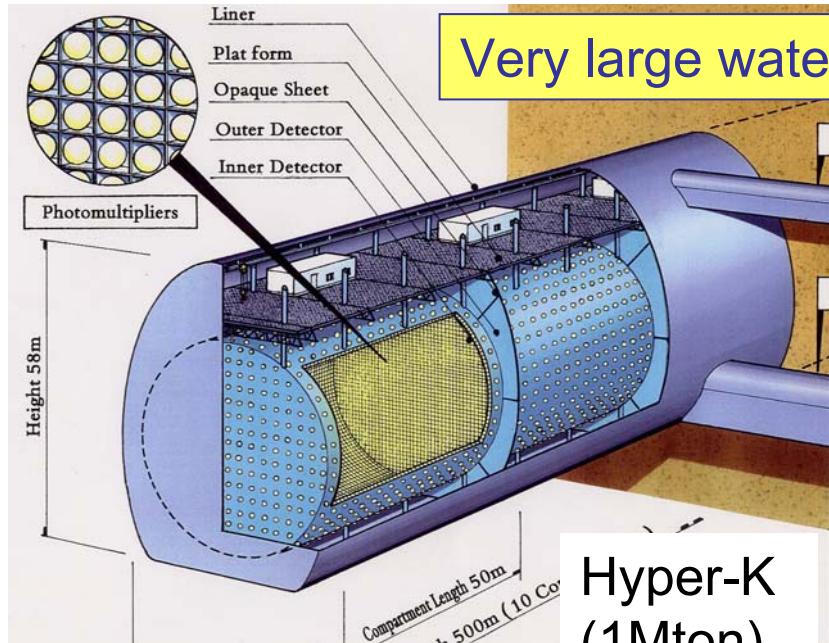
Flaws: No difference  $\pi^+ + \pi^-$ , or  $K^+ + K^-$



# $\nu_\mu / \text{anti-}\nu_\mu$



# Possible future atmospheric ν detectors

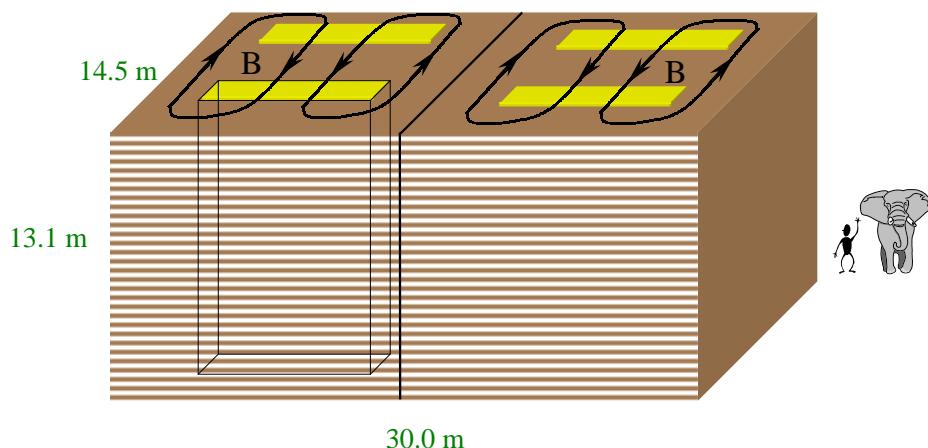


Very large water Cherenkov detector



UNO

Mton class  
detector at Frejus

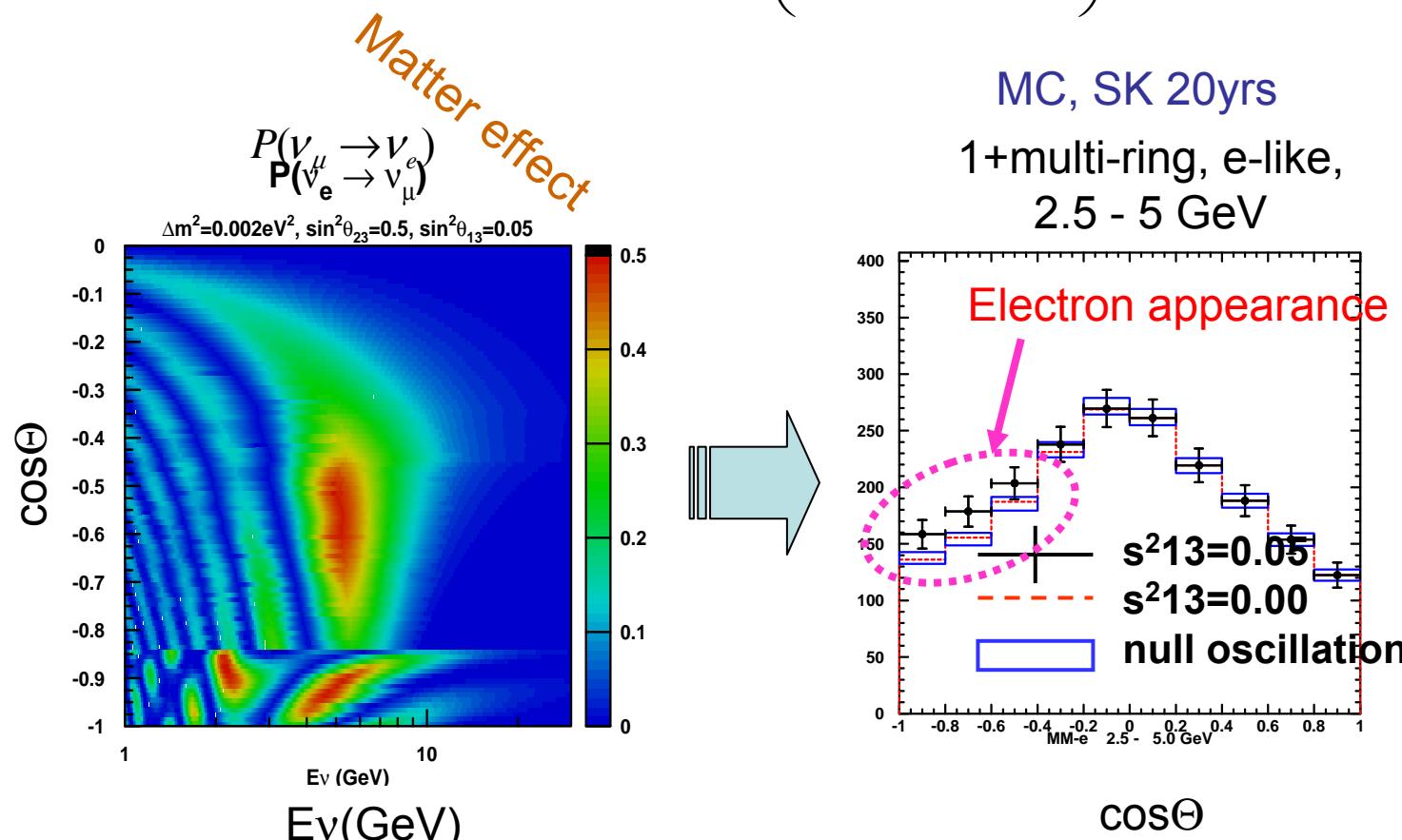


Magnetized large  
tracking detector

MONOLITH,  
INO (India-based Neutrino  
Observatory, ...)

# Search for non-zero $\theta_{13}$

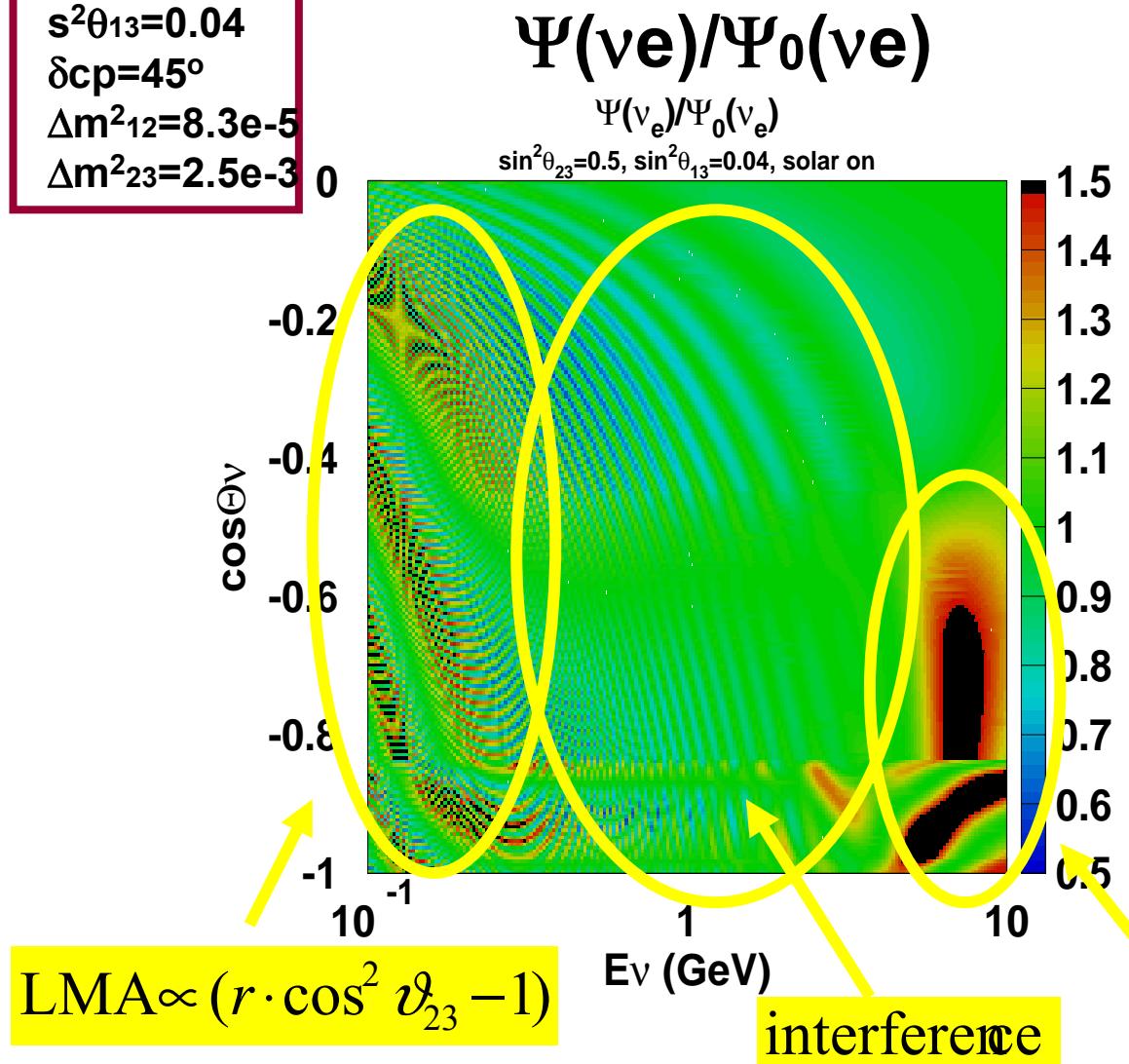
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \cdot \sin^2 \underline{\theta_{13}} \cdot \sin^2 \left( \frac{1.27 \Delta m_{23}^2 L}{E} \right) \quad (\Delta m_{12}^2 = 0 \text{ assumed})$$



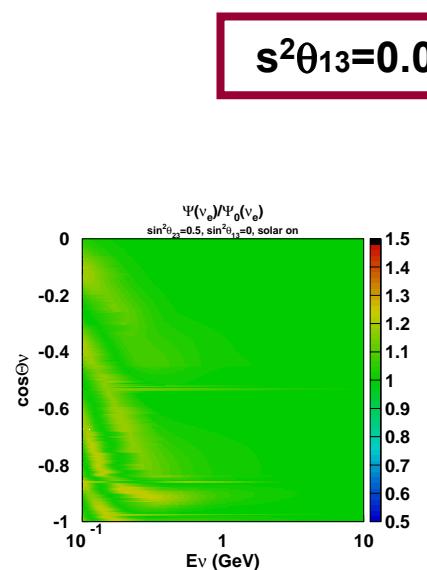
From: Talk by T. Kajita, NuFact 04 (Osaka U. Aug 2004)

# Quick glance of oscillation effects

$s^2\theta_{12}=0.825$   
 $s^2\theta_{23}=0.4$   
 $s^2\theta_{13}=0.04$   
 $\delta cp=45^\circ$   
 $\Delta m^2_{12}=8.3e-5$   
 $\Delta m^2_{23}=2.5e-3$

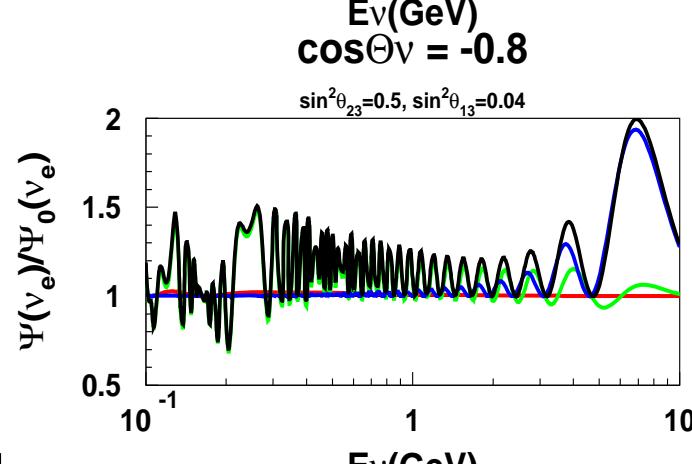
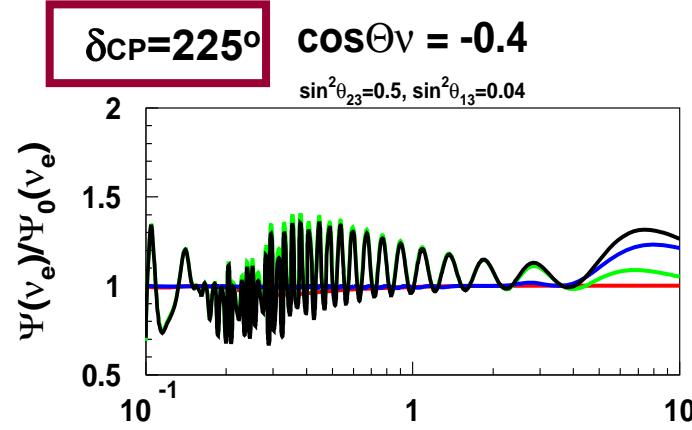
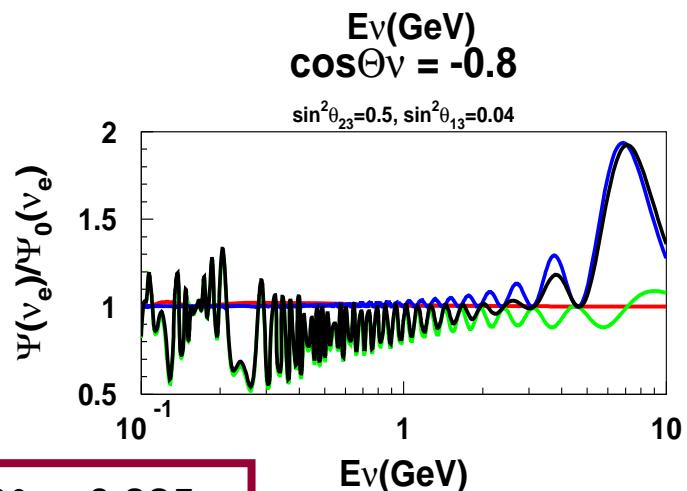
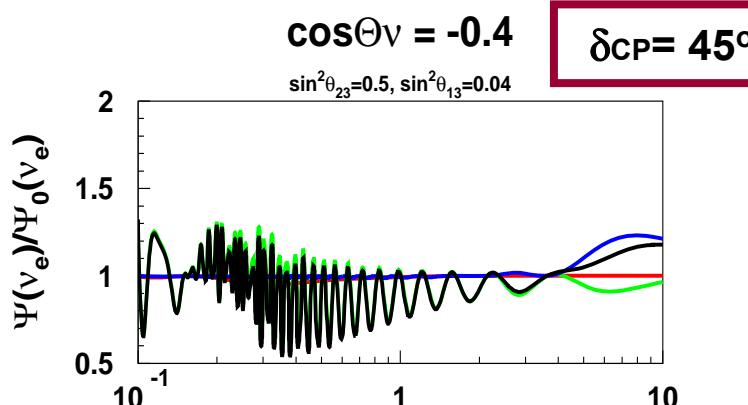


From: Talk by M. Shiozawa  
Workshop on Sub Dominant  
Oscillation Effects, Kashiwa  
Dec 2004



$\vartheta_{13}$  resonance  
 $\propto \sin^2 \vartheta_{13}^m (r \cdot \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} - 1)$

# effect of $\delta CP$



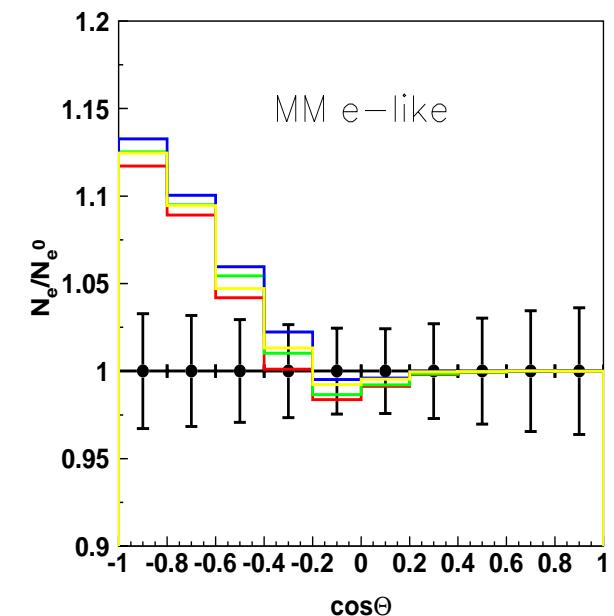
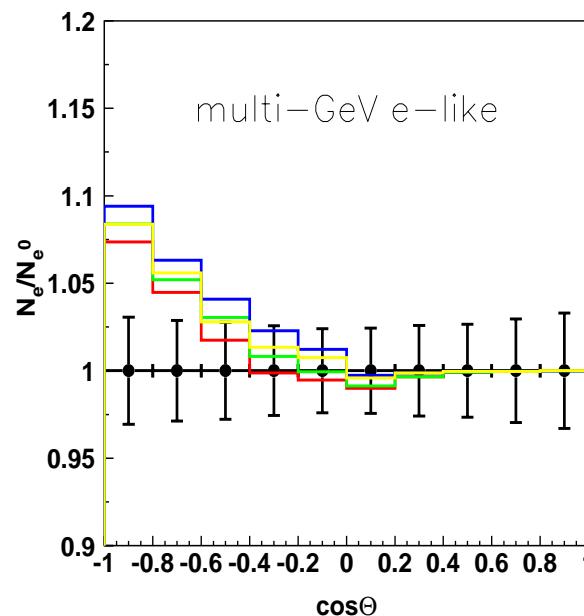
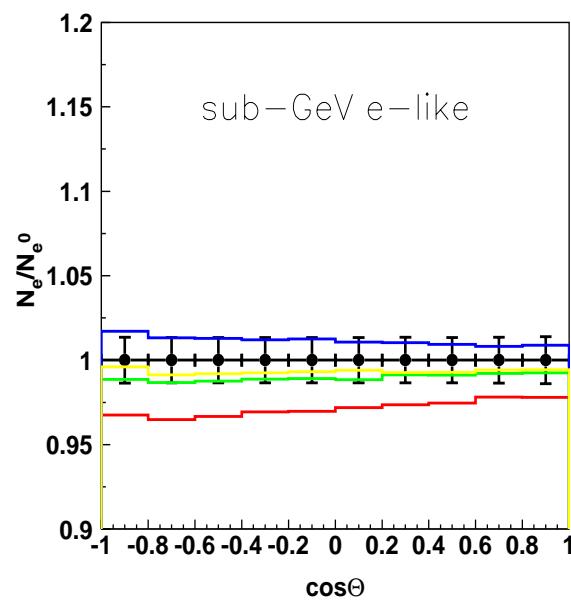
$s^2\theta_{12}=0.825$   
 $s^2\theta_{23}=0.5$   
 $s^2\theta_{13}=0.04$   
 $\delta cp=45^\circ \text{ or } 225^\circ$   
 $\Delta m^2_{12}=8.3e-5$   
 $\Delta m^2_{23}=2.5e-3$

- total
- $LMA \propto (R \cos^2 \vartheta_{23} - 1)$
- interference
- $\vartheta_{13}$  resonance  $\propto \sin^2 \vartheta_{13}^m (R \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} - 1)$

# effect of $\delta_{CP}$ after $\nu$ interactions

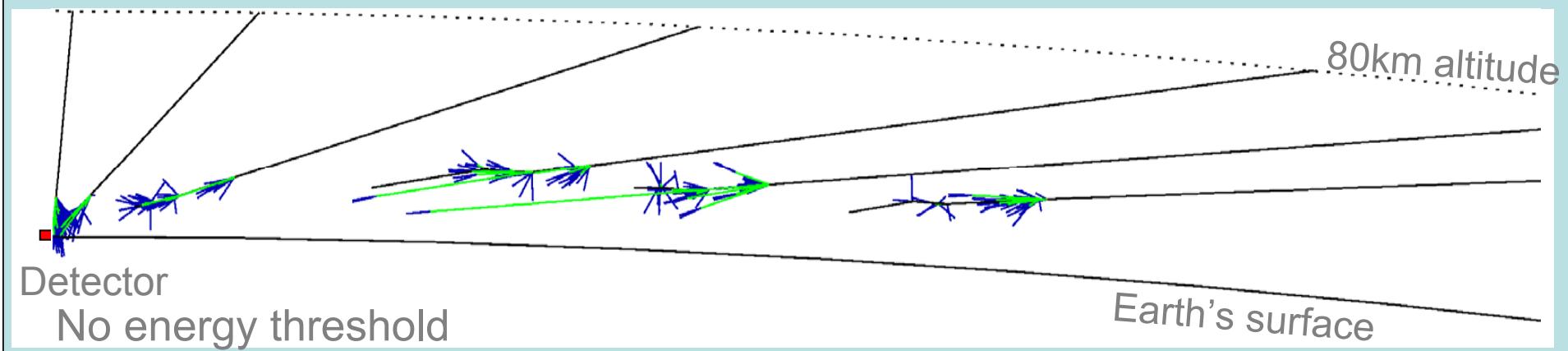
$s^2\theta_{12}=0.825$   
 $s^2\theta_{23}=0.5$   
 $s^2\theta_{13}=0.04$   
 $\delta_{CP}=0^\circ \sim 360^\circ$   
 $\Delta m^2_{12}=8.3e-5$   
 $\Delta m^2_{23}=2.5e-3$

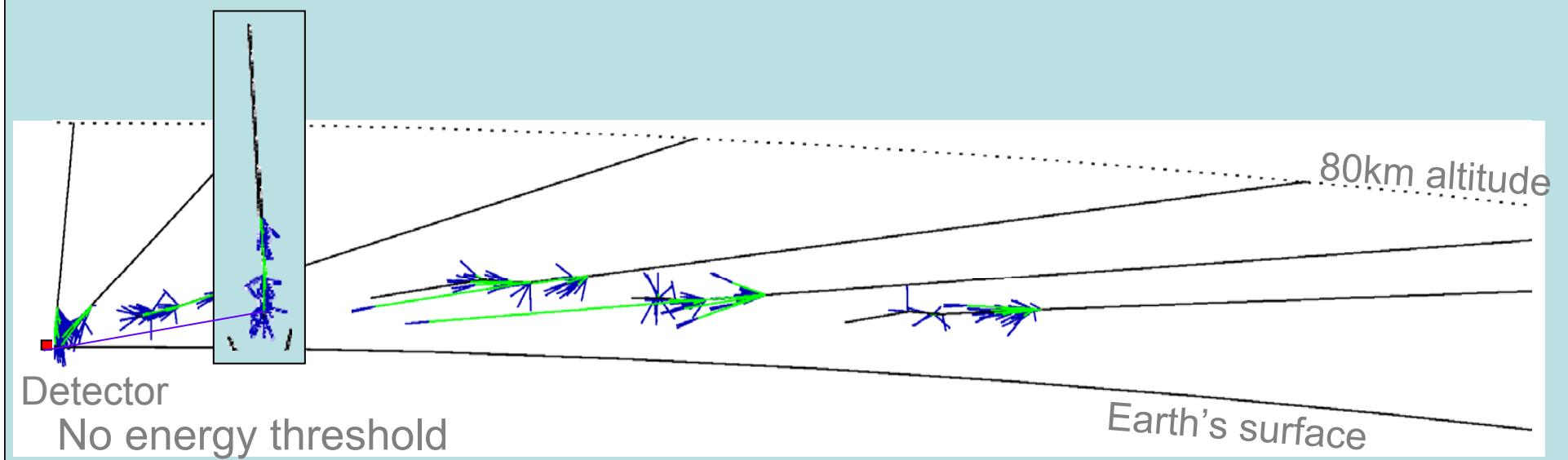
— no osc. with 80yrs stat.error  
 —  $\delta_{CP}= 45^\circ$   
 —  $135^\circ$   
 —  $225^\circ$   
 —  $315^\circ$



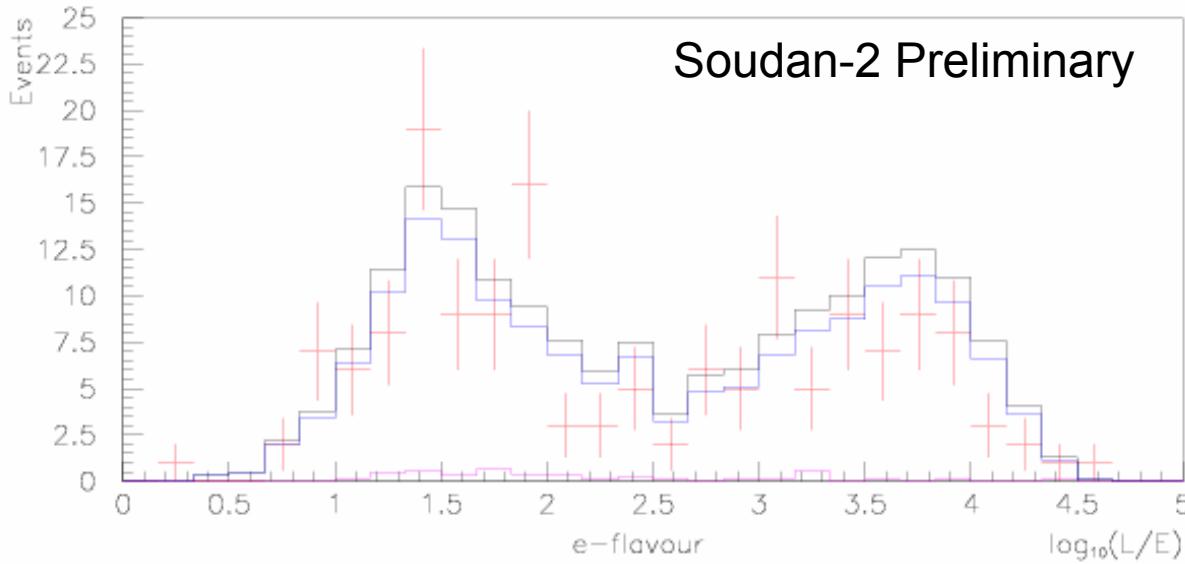
slightly enhance the effect by taking ratio of  $N_e/N_\mu$  (not shown here)







# Also, other detectors: Soudan/Macro



The main effect happens near horizon, just where the L changes \*VERY\* rapidly with energy.

