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Hadronic & photonuclear interactions

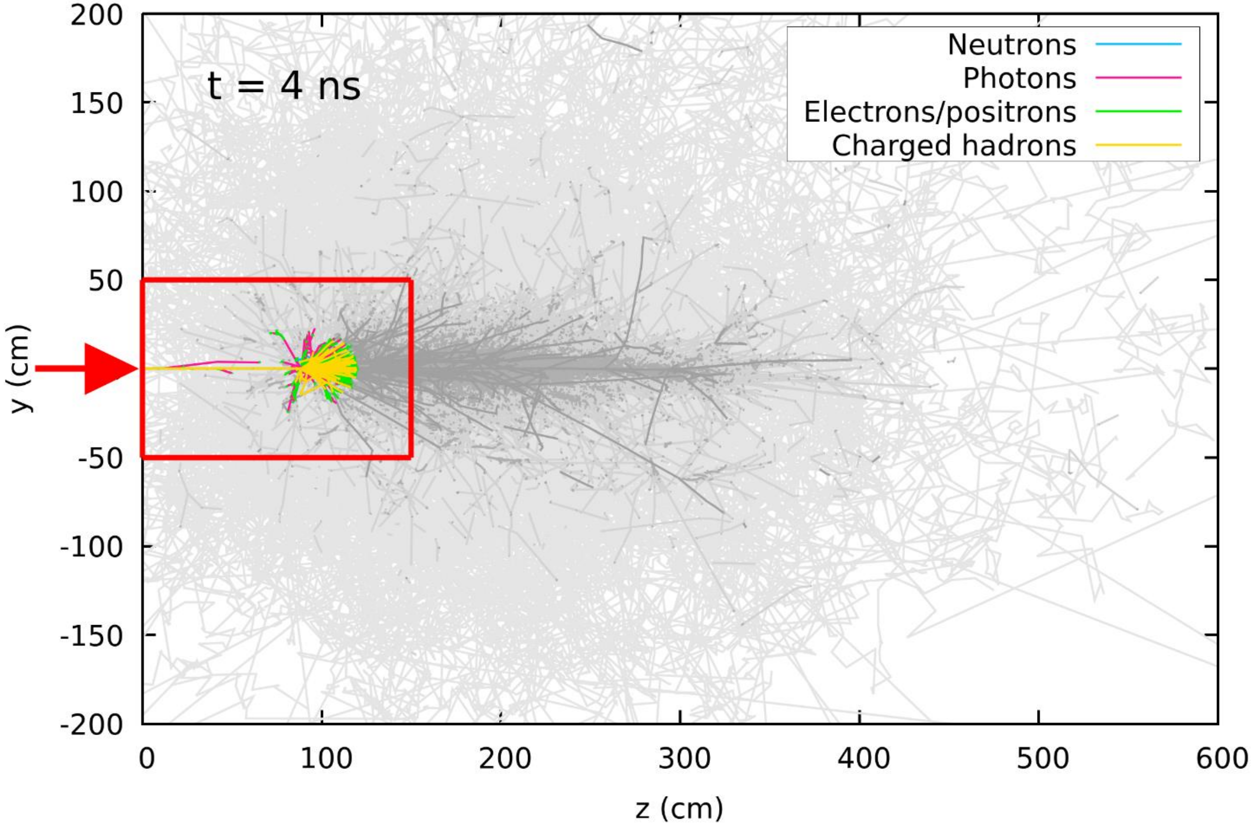
Hadron-nucleus, nucleus-nucleus and photon-nucleus reactions

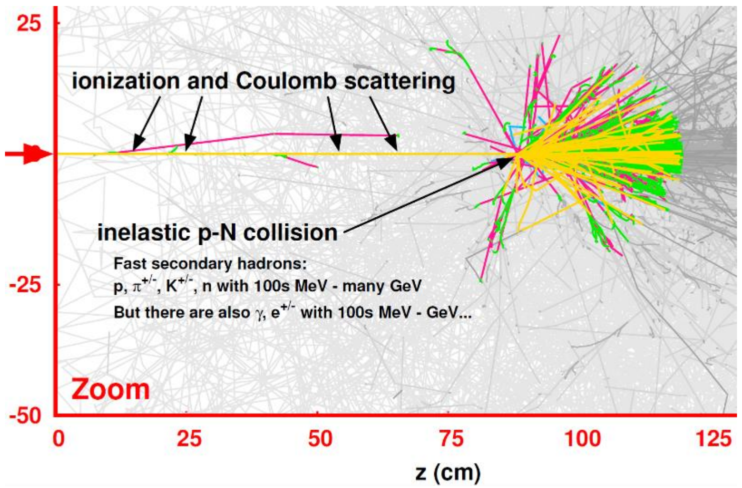
Hadronic interactions [I]

Hadron-nucleus reactions

The microscopic view [I]

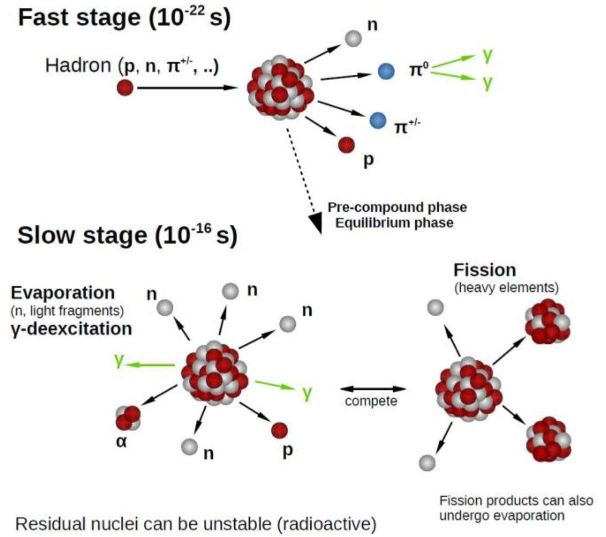
one 450 GeV proton on aluminum





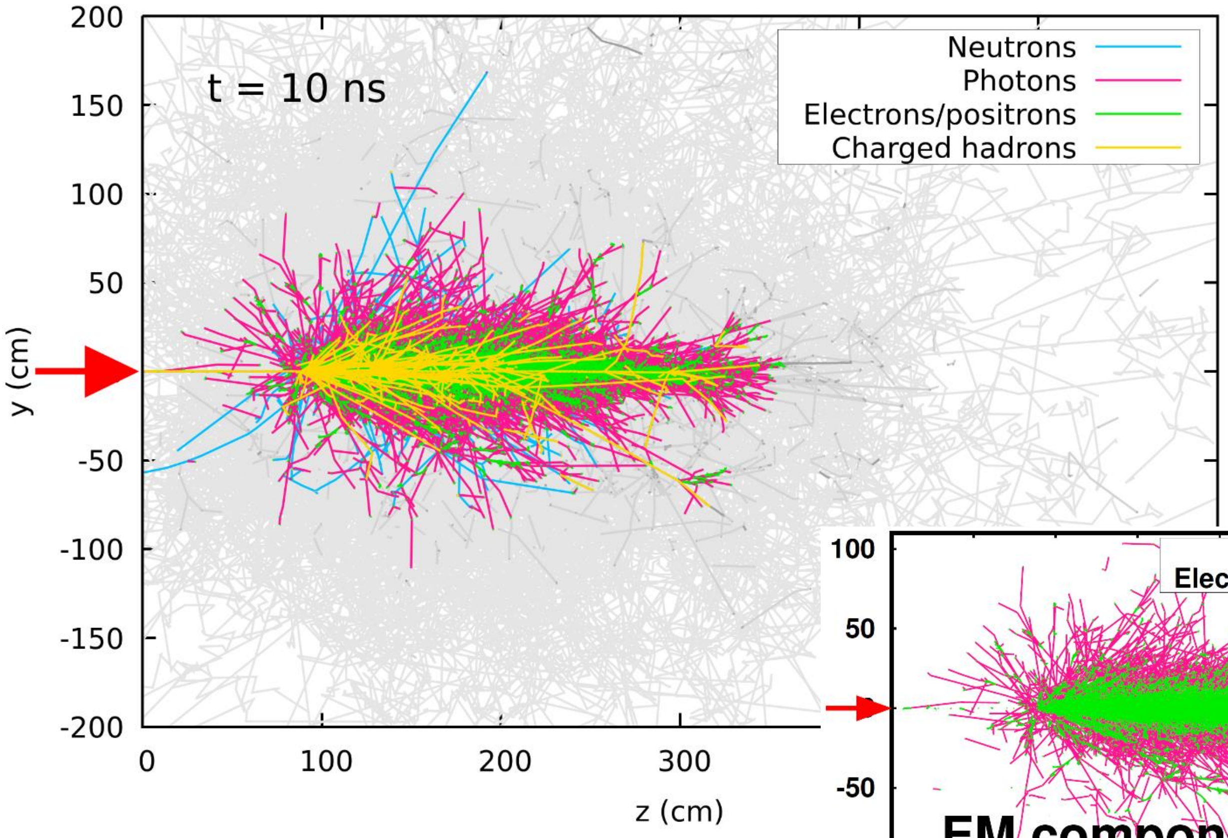
high energy nuclear reaction

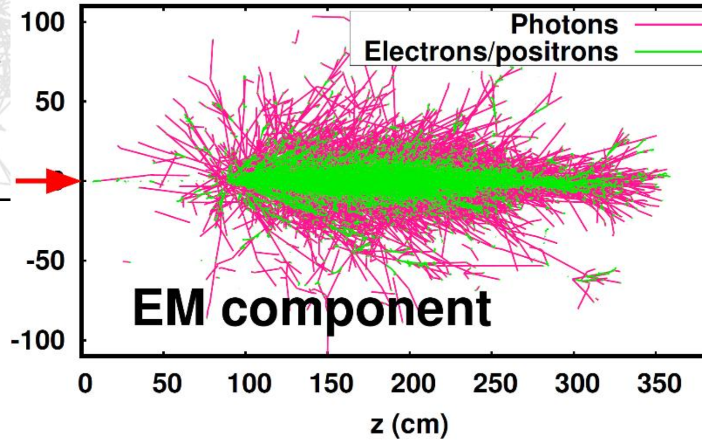
$$\lambda\rho = \frac{A}{\sigma_R N_A} \qquad \sigma_R \simeq \pi r_0^2 A^{2/3}$$

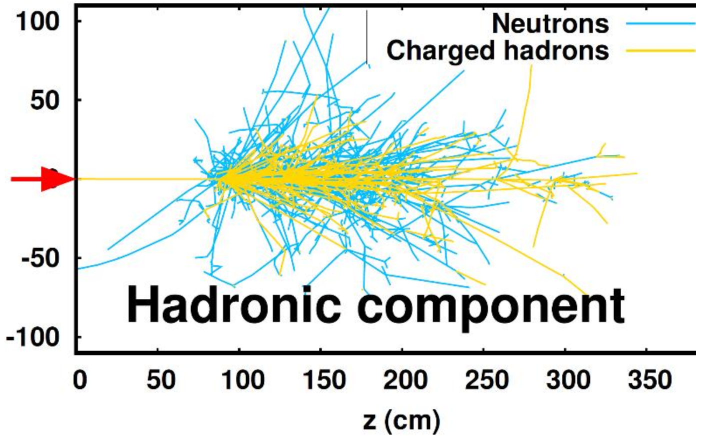


The microscopic view [II]

one 450 GeV proton on aluminum





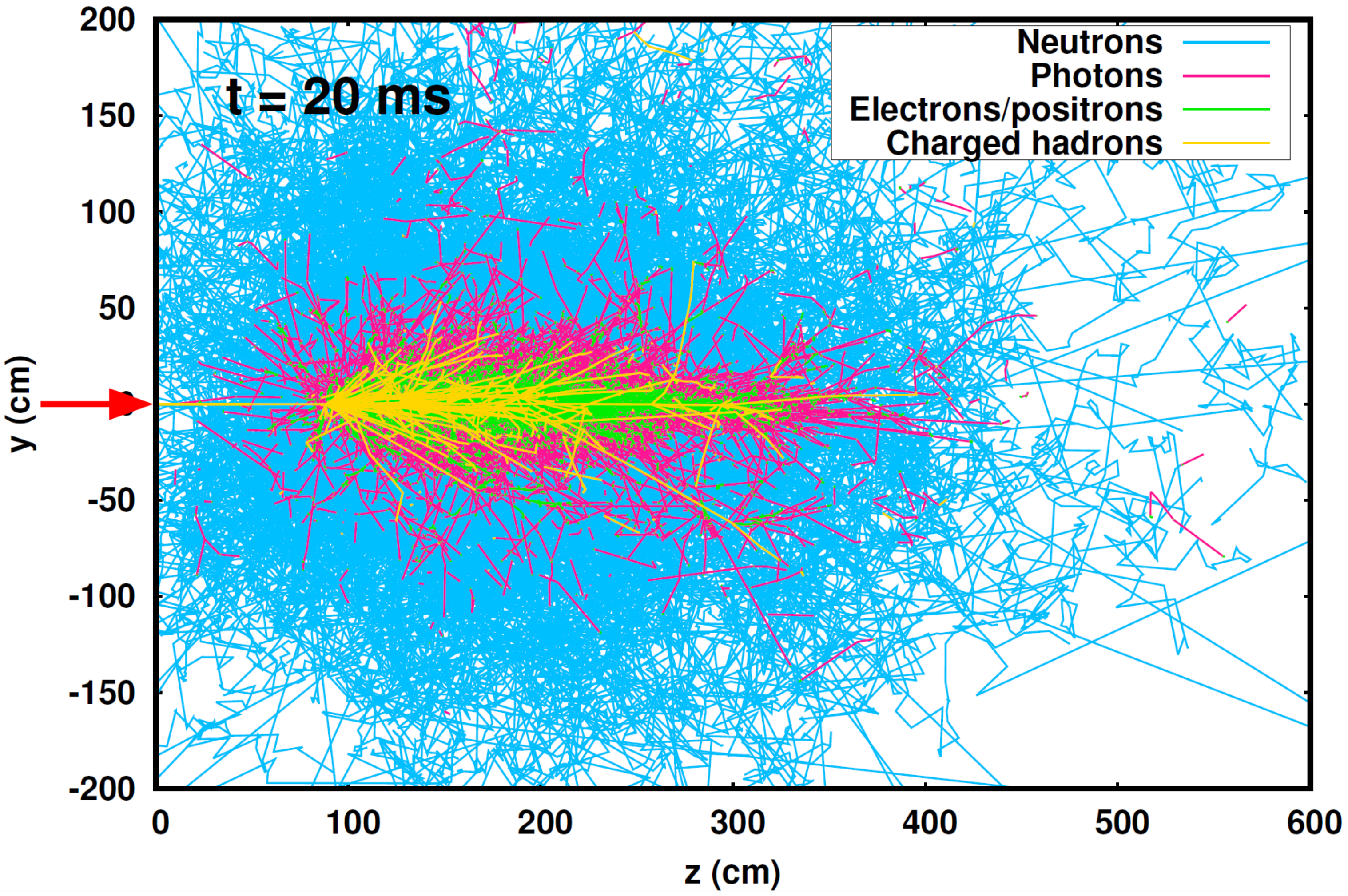


hadronic shower continues until particle energy falls below pion production threshold

non-negligible fraction of initial energy goes to mass by nuclear binding breaking

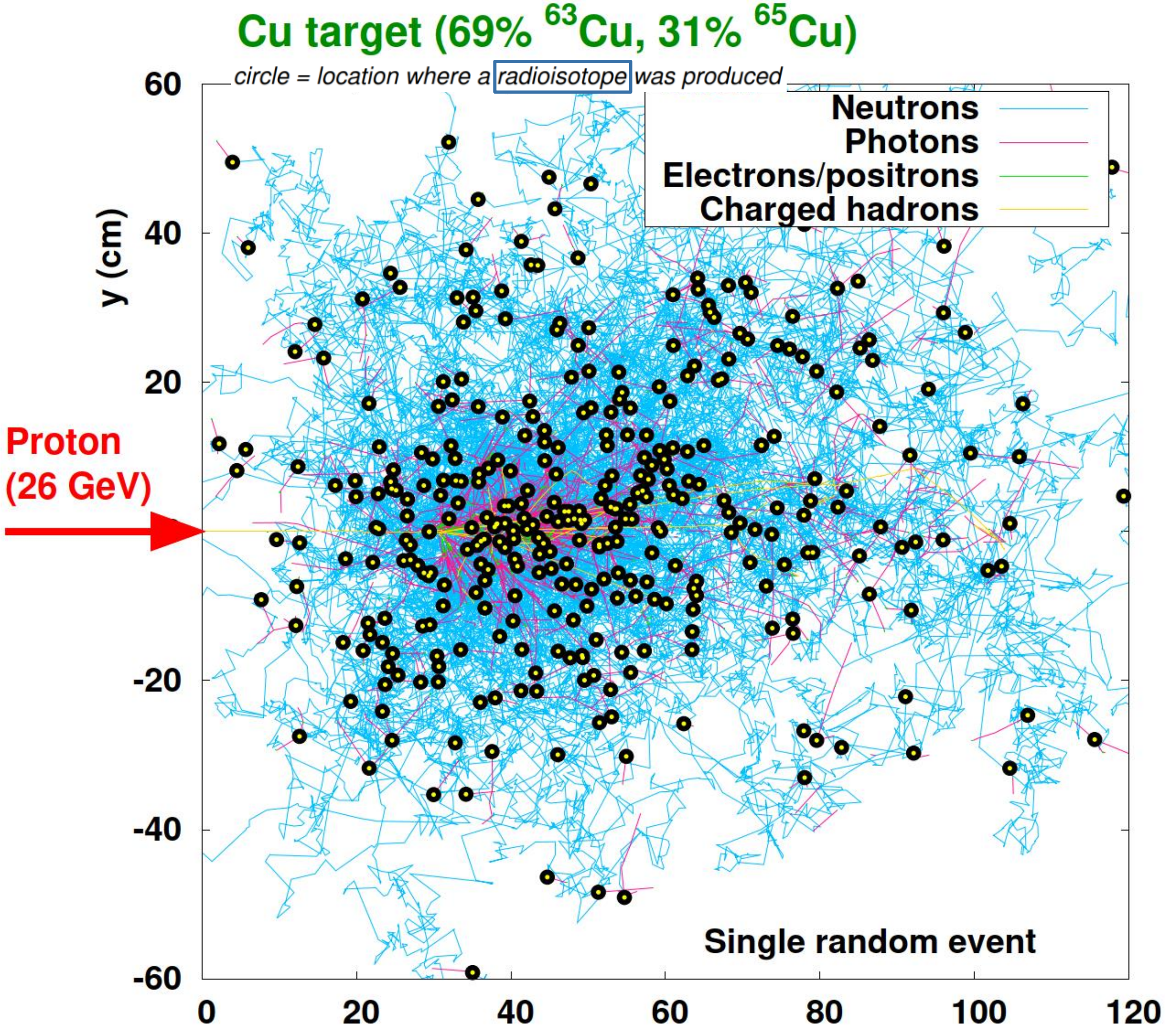
The microscopic view [III]

one 450 GeV proton on aluminum

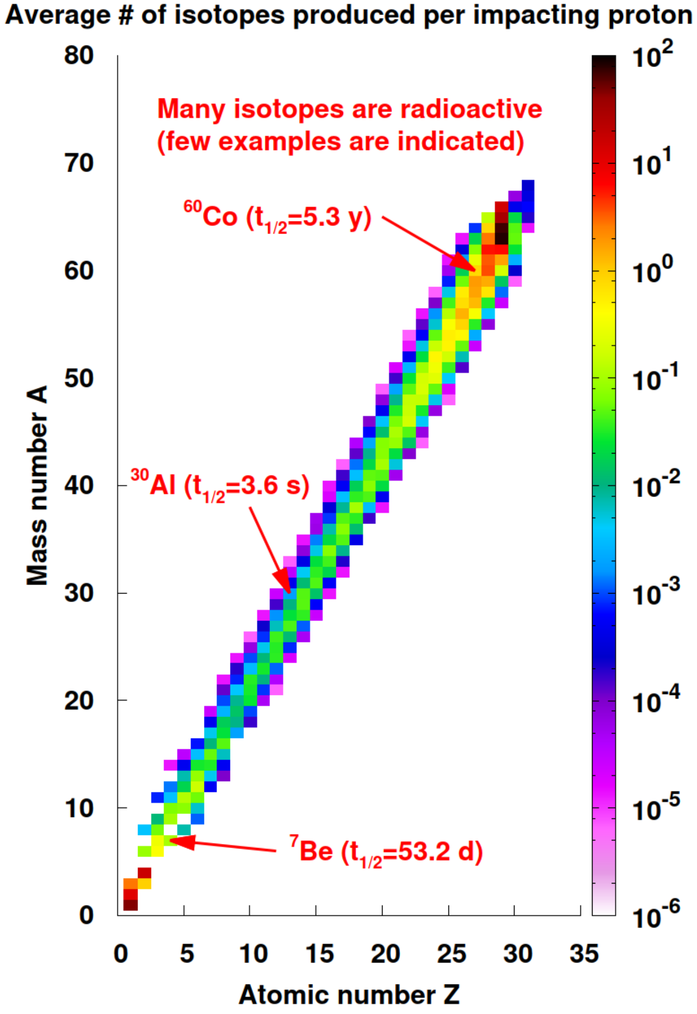


The microscopic view [IV]

one 26 GeV proton on copper



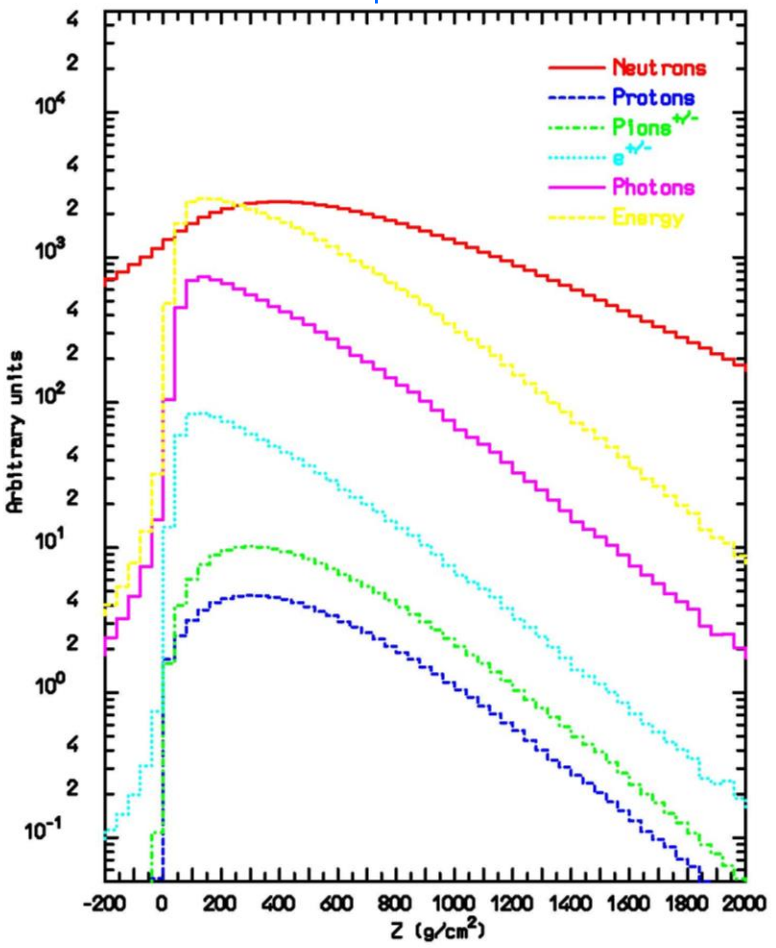
THE MACROSCOPIC VIEW: ACTIVATION



The macroscopic view of high energy showers

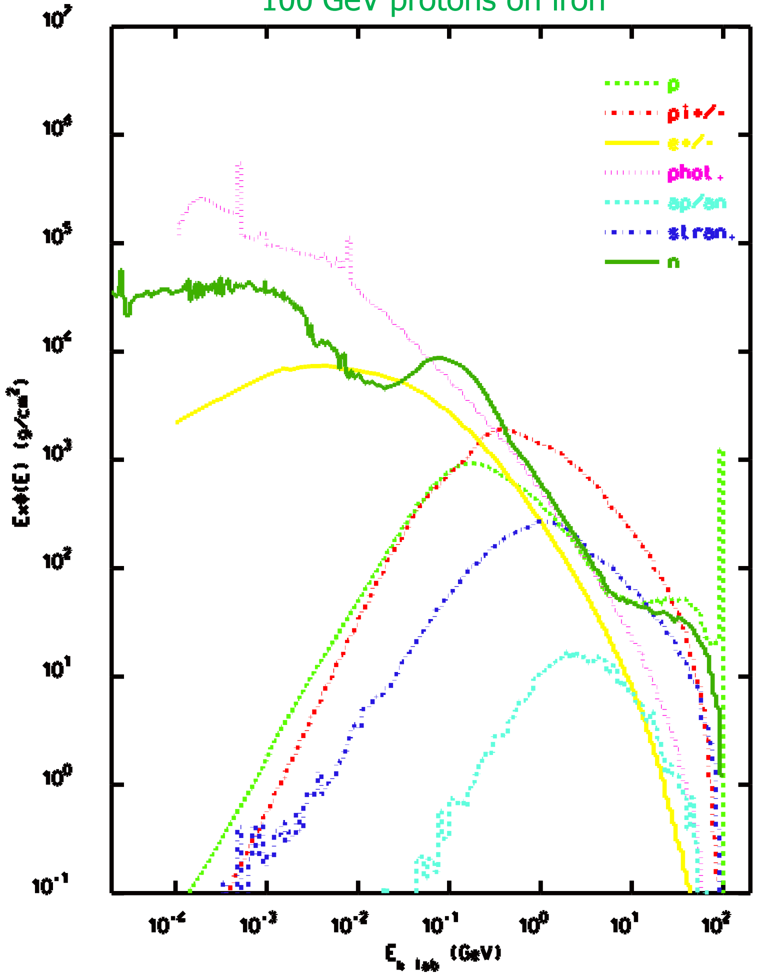
particle fluence and energy deposition profile

100 GeV protons on lead



volume-averaged particle spectra

100 GeV protons on iron



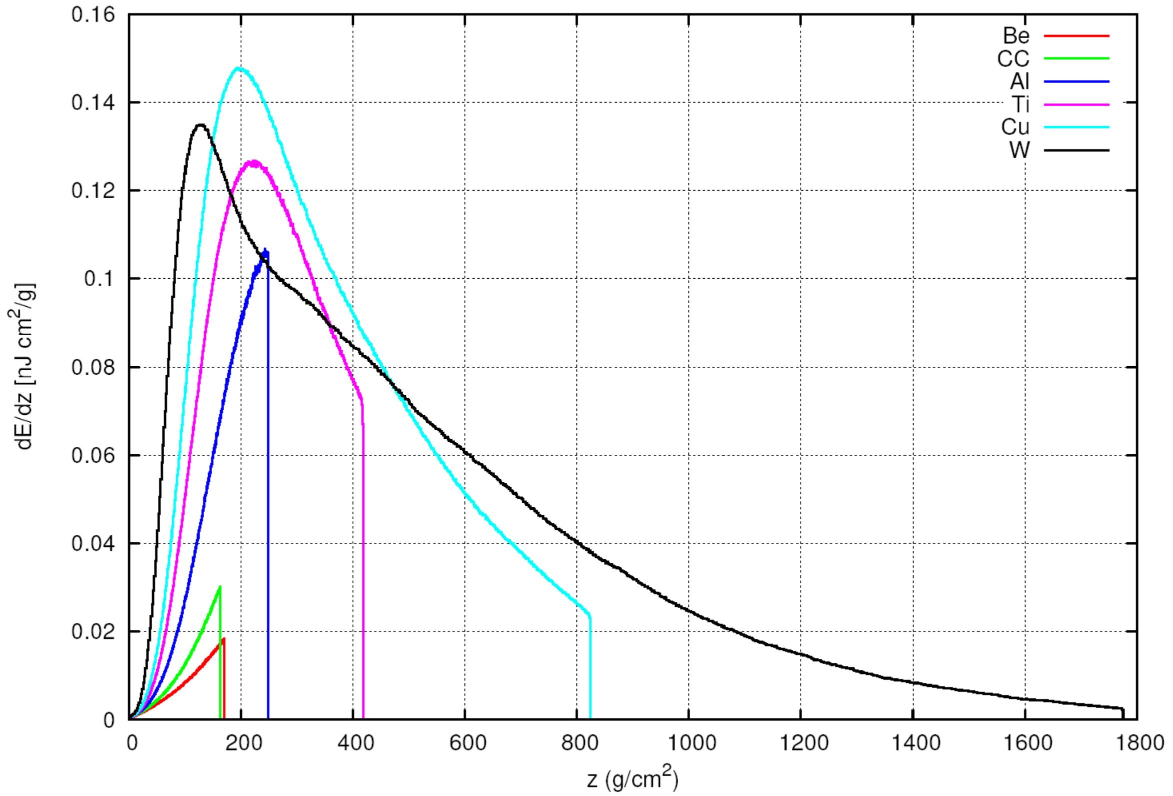
Material dependence

	ρ [g/cm^3]	Z	X_0 [cm]	λ [cm] for 7 TeV p
Be	1.85	4	35.28	37.06
CC	1.77	6	24.12	42.09
Al	2.70	13	8.90	35.35
Ti	4.54	22	3.56	25.04
Fe	7.9	26	1.76	15.1
Cu	8.96	29	1.44	13.86
W	19.3	74	0.35	8.90

energy deposition transversally integrated

[different from *peak density* profile, which depends on beam size]

for a 7 TeV proton impacting on a 92 cm long jaw



Nuclear reactions

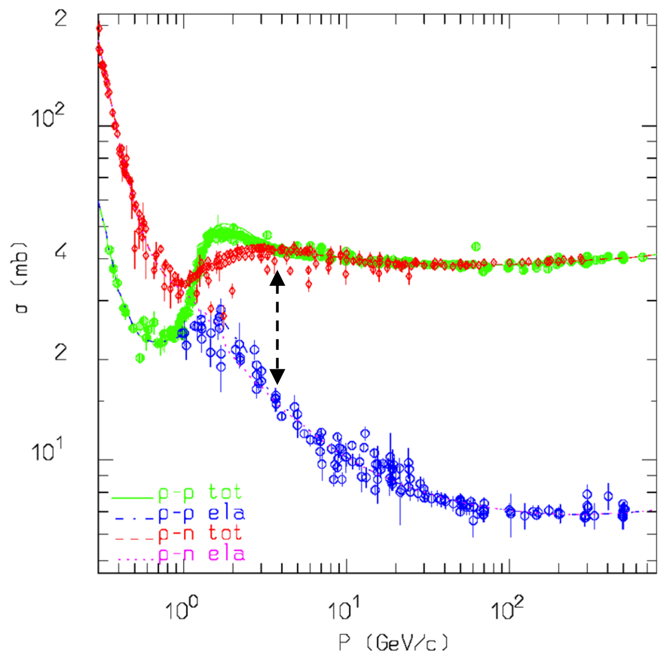
In general there are two kinds of nuclear reactions:

- **Elastic** interactions are those that **do not change the internal structure** of the projectile/target and **do not produce new particles**. Their effect is to transfer part of the projectile energy to the target (lab system), or equivalently to deflect in opposite directions target and projectile in the Centre-of-Mass system with no change in their energy.
  There is no threshold for elastic interactions.

- **Non-elastic** reactions are those where **new particles are produced** and/or the **internal structure** of the projectile/target **is changed** (e.g. the nucleus is excited).
  A specific non-elastic reaction has usually an energy threshold below which it cannot occur (the exception being neutron capture).

Non-elastic hadron-nucleon reactions [I]

In order to understand Hadron-Nucleus (hA) nuclear reactions, one has to understand first Hadron-Nucleon (hN) reactions, since nuclei are made up by protons and neutrons.



Intermediate Energies

All reactions proceed through an intermediate state containing at least one resonance (dominance of the $\Delta(1232)$ resonance and of the N* resonances)

$N_1 + N_2 \rightarrow N_1' + N_2' + \pi$ threshold around 290 MeV, important above 700 MeV

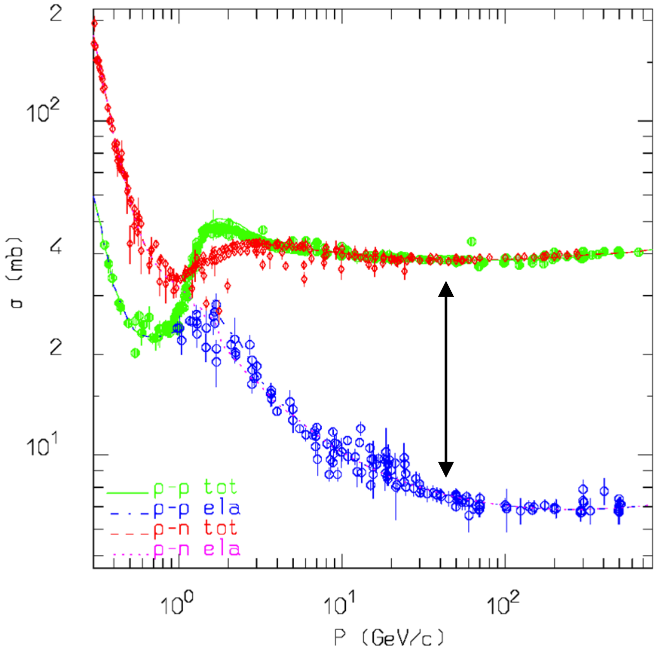
$\pi + N \rightarrow \pi' + \pi'' + N'$ opens at 170 MeV

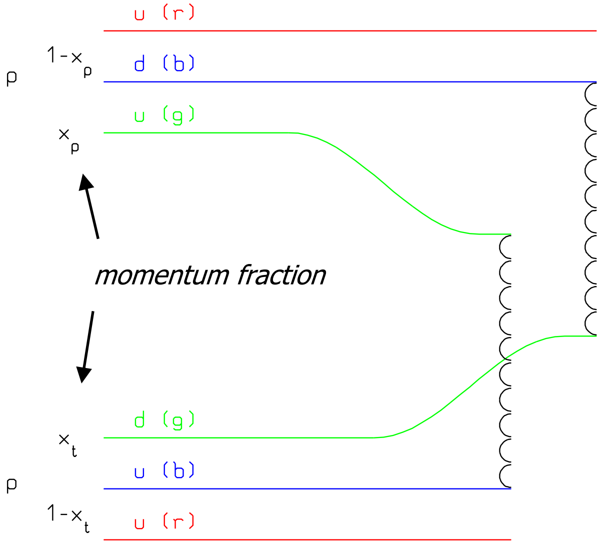
Non-elastic hadron-nucleon reactions [II]

High Energies: Dual Parton Model/Quark Gluon String Model etc.

Interacting strings (quarks held together by the gluon-gluon interaction into the form of a string). Each of the two hadrons splits into 2 colored partons → combination into 2 colorless chains → 2 back-to-back jets.

Each jet is then hadronized into physical hadrons.





Non-elastic hadron-nucleus reactions

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Target nucleus description (density, Fermi motion, etc)

Glauber-Gribov cascade with formation zone

Generalized IntraNuclear cascade

Preequilibrium stage
with current excitation energy and exciton configuration
(non-nucleons are emitted/decayed)

Evaporation/Fragmentation/Fission

γ de-excitation

t (s)

10^{-23}

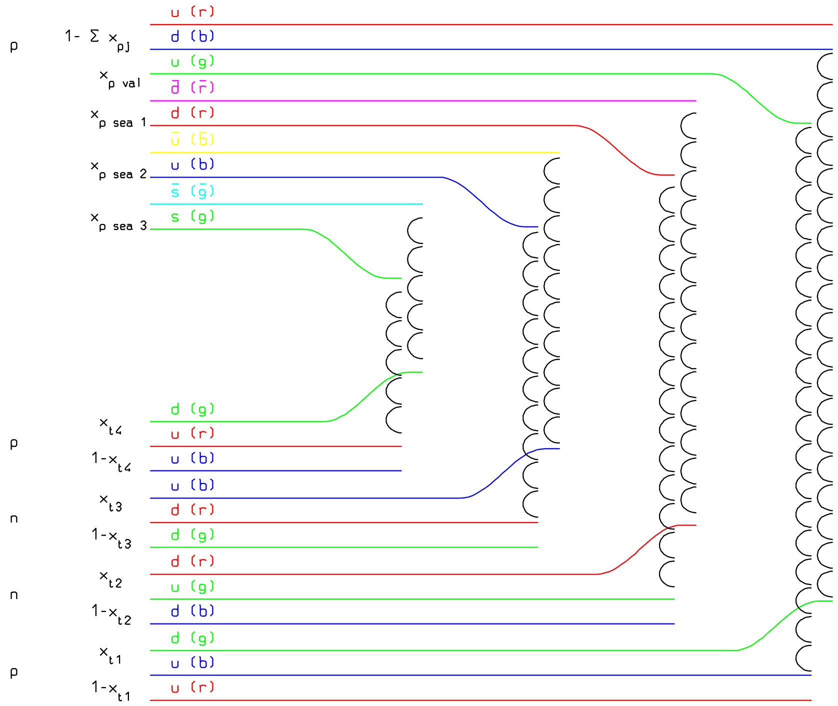
10^{-22}

10^{-20}

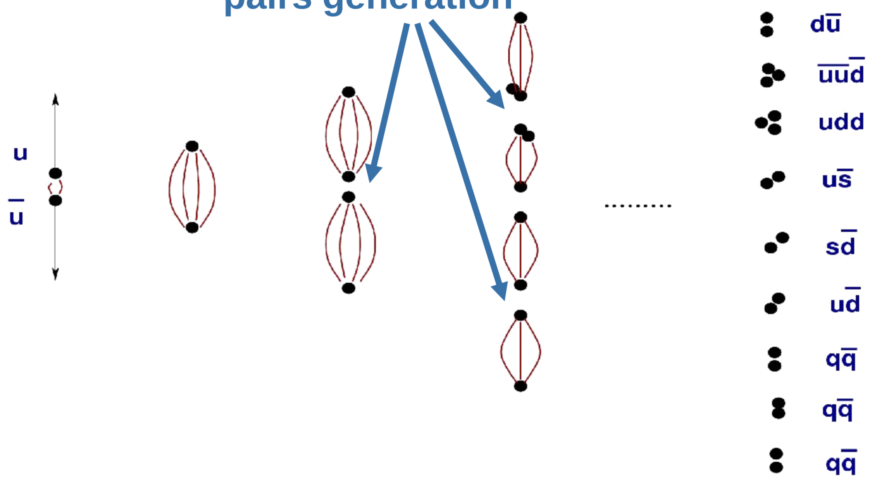
10^{-16}

Cascade

i. two-chain diagram



ii. hadronization



The Glauber calculus predicts explicit *multiple primary* collisions

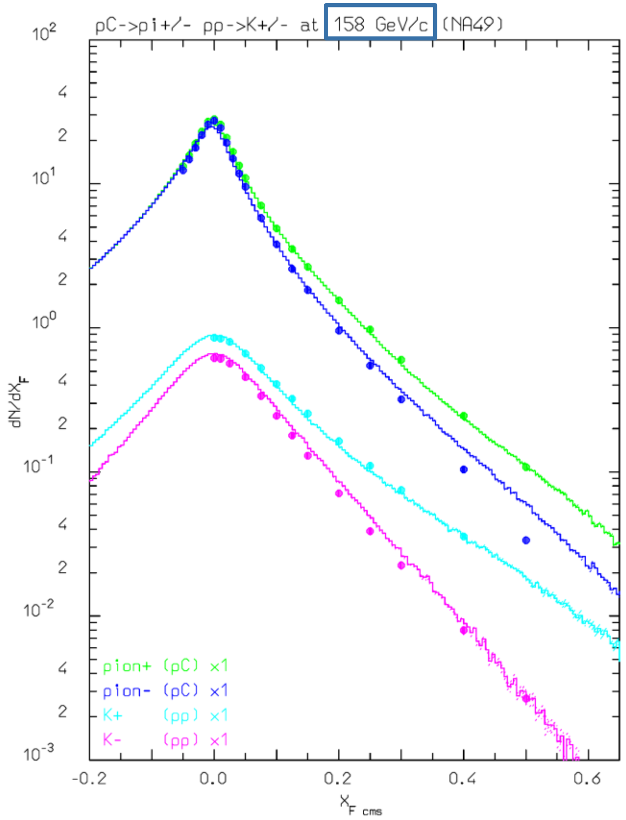
iii. formation zone

Condition for possible re-interaction inside a nucleus: $\Delta x_{for} \leq R_A \approx r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$

reflecting the materialization time

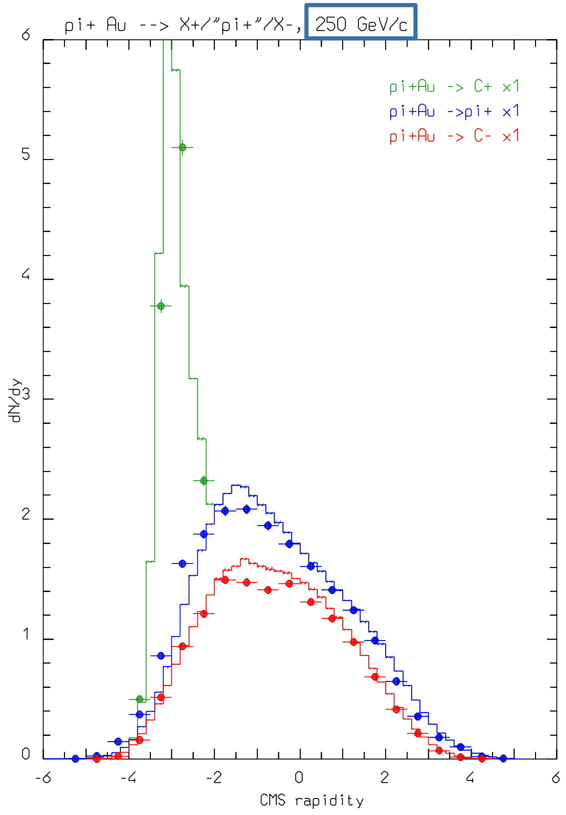
A benchmark glimpse

PROTON – C, PROTON



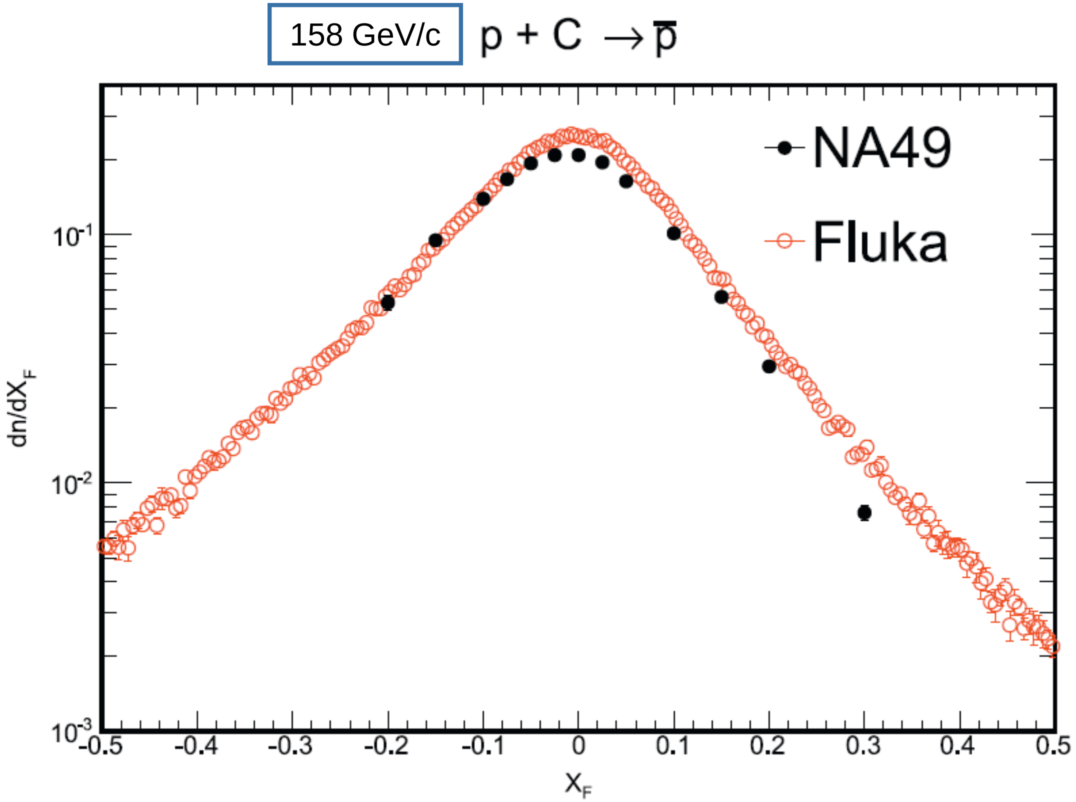
Differential **pion and kaon** production
Points: exp. data (C. Alt et al., EPJC49 (2007) 897 and T. Anticic et al. (NA49) EPJC68 (2010) 1)
Histogram: FLUKA

PROTON – Au



Differential **charged particle** production
Points: exp. data (Agababyan et al., ZPC50 (1991) 361)
Histogram: FLUKA

PROTON – C

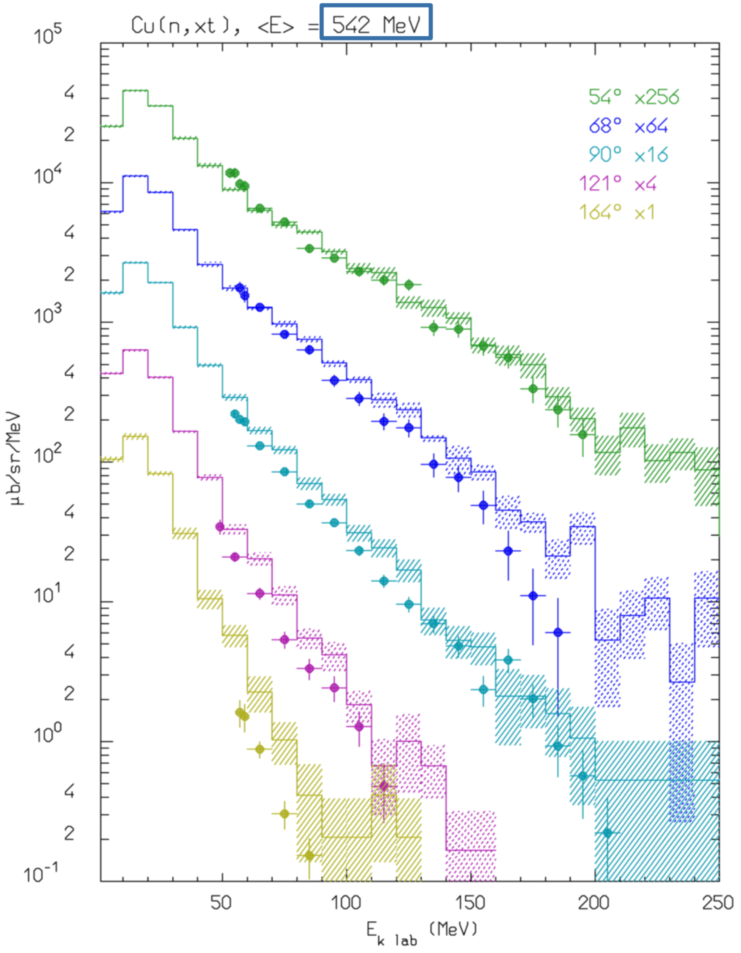


Differential **antiproton** production

Coalescence

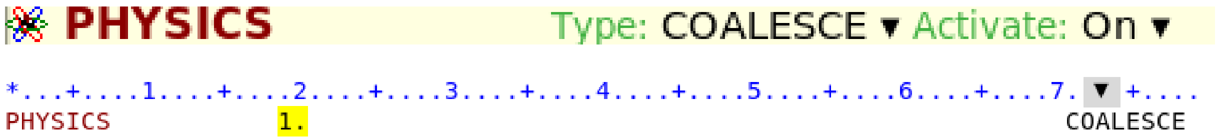
High energy light fragments can be produced by a mechanism joining together nucleons that are near in the phase space.

NEUTRON – Cu

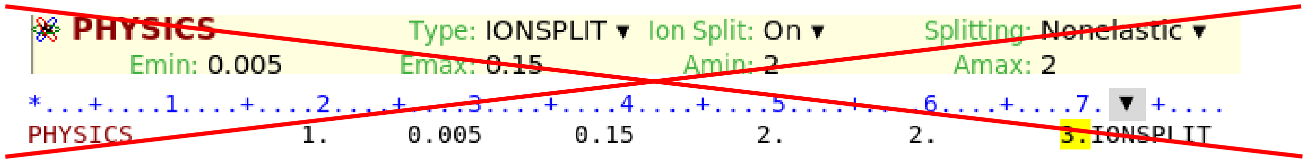


double-differential triton spectra

To be activated when light fragment spectra or residual nuclei are of interest:



N.B. Remove the card previously required to invoke low energy *deuteron splitting at interaction:*



A dedicated **deuteron interaction** model is now available since FLUKA-4.2.0 and invoked by default (unless splitting is requested) !

Pion absorption

$$\sigma_t^{A} = \sigma_{res}^{A} + \sigma_t^{Free} - \sigma_{res}^{Free} + \sigma_s^{A}$$

in nuclear medium

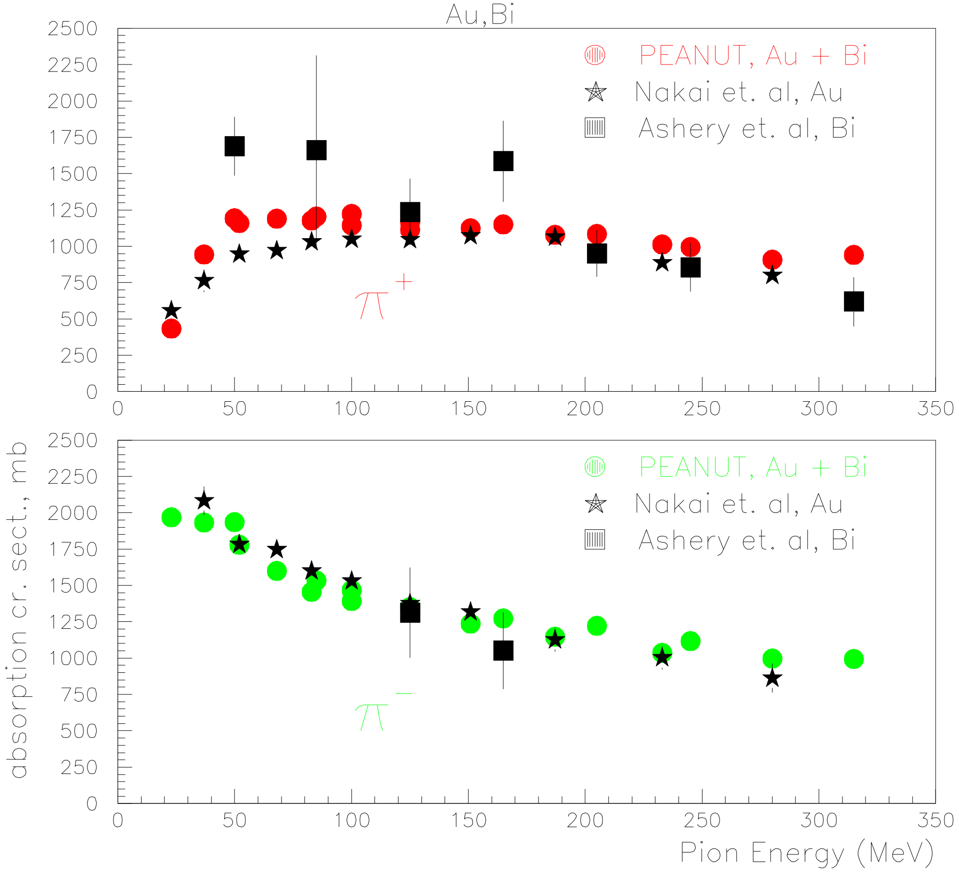
elastic scattering

quasi-elastic scattering

charge exchange

multibody absorption

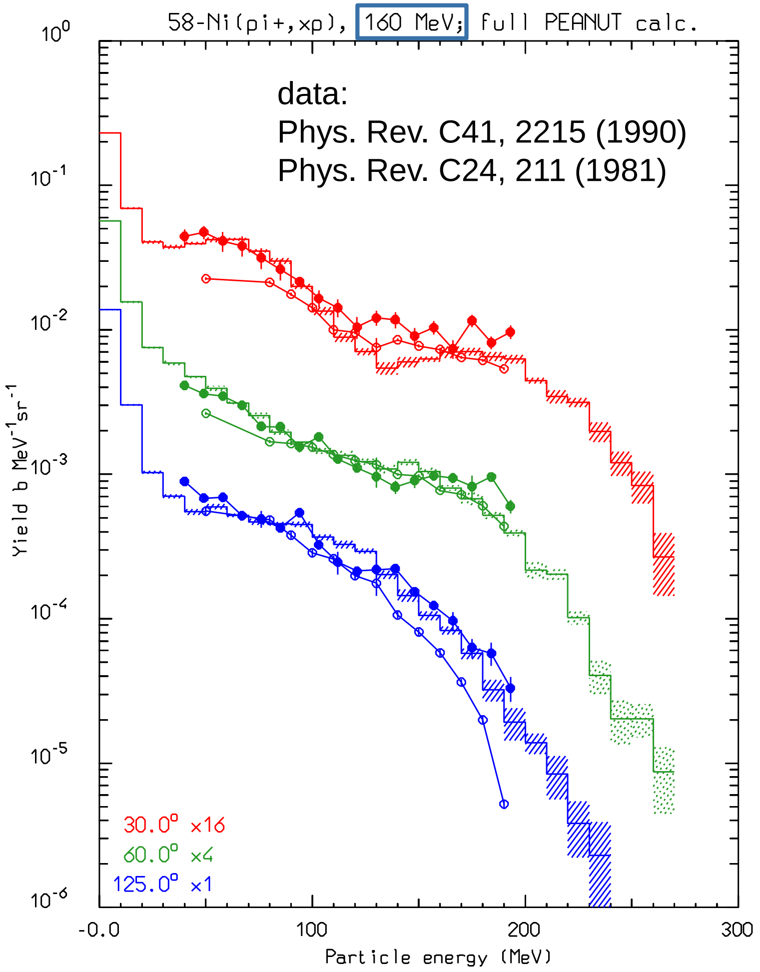
PION – Au, Bi



in the Δ resonance region

PION – Ni

Emitted proton spectra at different angles

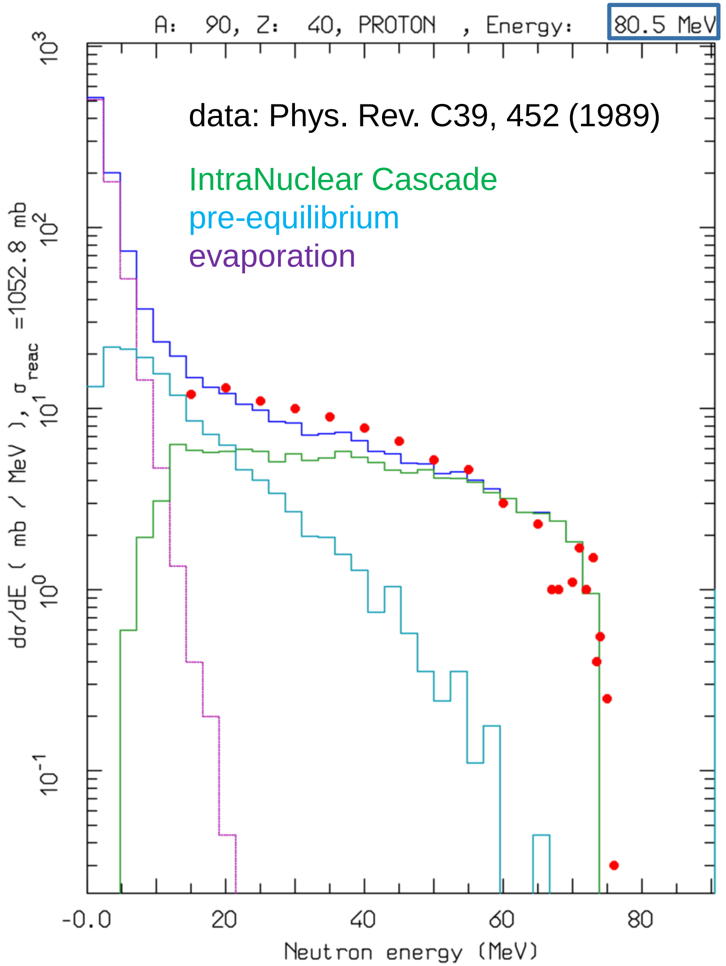


Pre-equilibrium

semiclassical exciton model:

excitation energy sharing among nucleons and holes

PROTON – Zr

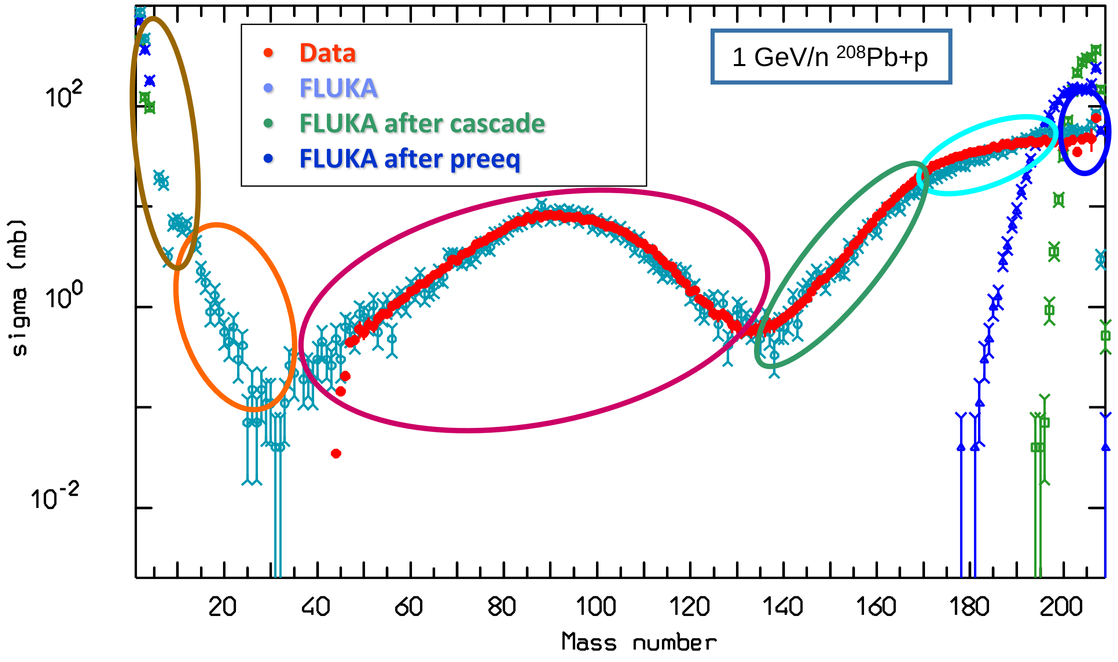


angle-integrated neutron spectrum

Evaporation

In the final stage of the nuclear reaction, a nucleus of given charge (Z), mass (A) and excitation energy undergoes evaporation (Weisskopf-Ewing) or fission (Myers and Swiatecki), or fragmentation (Fermi break-up for A<18), and γ de-excitation.

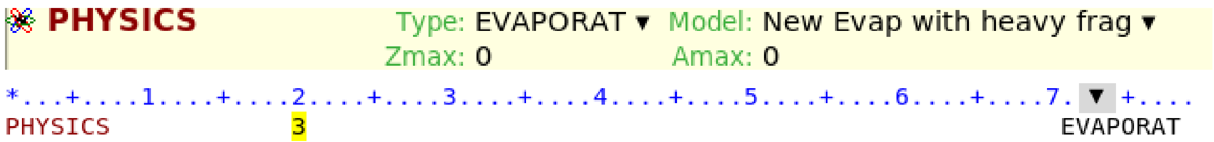
Pb – PROTON



Inclusive fragment production

Points: exp. data (T. Enqvist, Nucl. Phys. A 686 (2001) 481)

The evaporation of heavy fragments (up to A=24) has to be activated when residual nuclei are of interest:



Hadronic interactions [II]

Nucleus-nucleus reactions

Different energy ranges and event generators

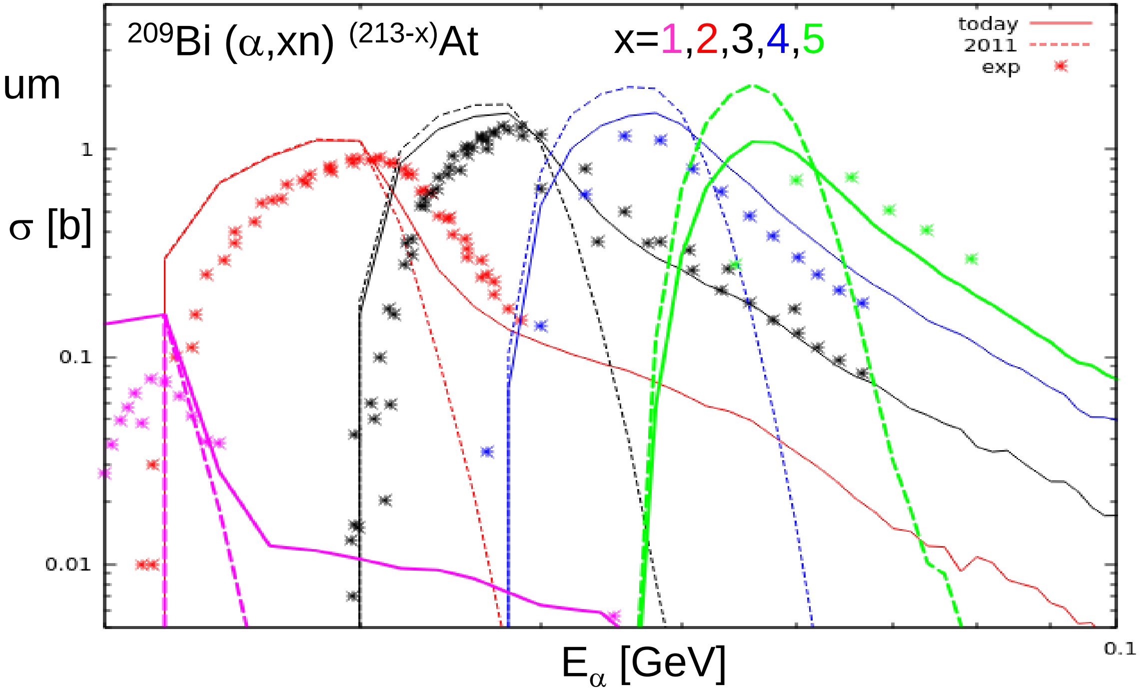
A-A nuclear reactions are treated:

- above 5* GeV/n by DPMJET-III:
  - it's an independent code by R. Engel, J. Ranft and S. Roesler, interfaced with FLUKA by A. Empl et al., nowadays developed and distributed by A. Fedynitch
  - to be linked by *ldpmqmd*
  - * overlap with RQMD-2.4 from 4.5 to 5.5 GeV/n
  - **required also for h-h and h-A reactions above 20 TeV** (overlap with PEANUT from 10 to 30 TeV)
- between 125ǂ MeV/n and 5ǂ GeV/n by RQMD-2.4:
  - original code by H. Sorge et al., interfaced with FLUKA by A. Ferrari et al., no longer developed
  - to be linked by *ldpmqmd*
  - ǂ overlap with BME from 0.1 to 0.15 GeV/n and with DPMJET-III from 4.5 to 5.5 GeV/n
- below 125§ MeV/n by BME:
  - original code by E. Gadioli et al., interfaced with FLUKA by F. Cerutti et al.
  - already linked as part of the FLUKA library
  - § overlap with RQMD-2.4 from 0.1 to 0.15 GeV/n
  - **deuterons are not covered, but treated independently**

Sharing the same FLUKA de-excitation modules

- The projectile- and target-like excited nuclei produced by DPMJET-III go through the final evaporation stage (see slide 17)
- The projectile- and target-like excited nuclei reconstructed from the RQMD-2.4 final state go first through the pre-equilibrium stage (see slide 16)
- The excited nuclei generated by BME, as their pre-equilibrium de-excitation cannot be directly performed by BME since they fall outside the BME database domain, also go through the PEANUT pre-equilibrium stage

The BME interface with the PEANUT pre-equilibrium yielded a particular improvement
for the excitation functions of heavy residuals
produced by low energy alphas



Photonuclear interactions

Photon-nucleus reactions

γ-A

To be activated when relevant:

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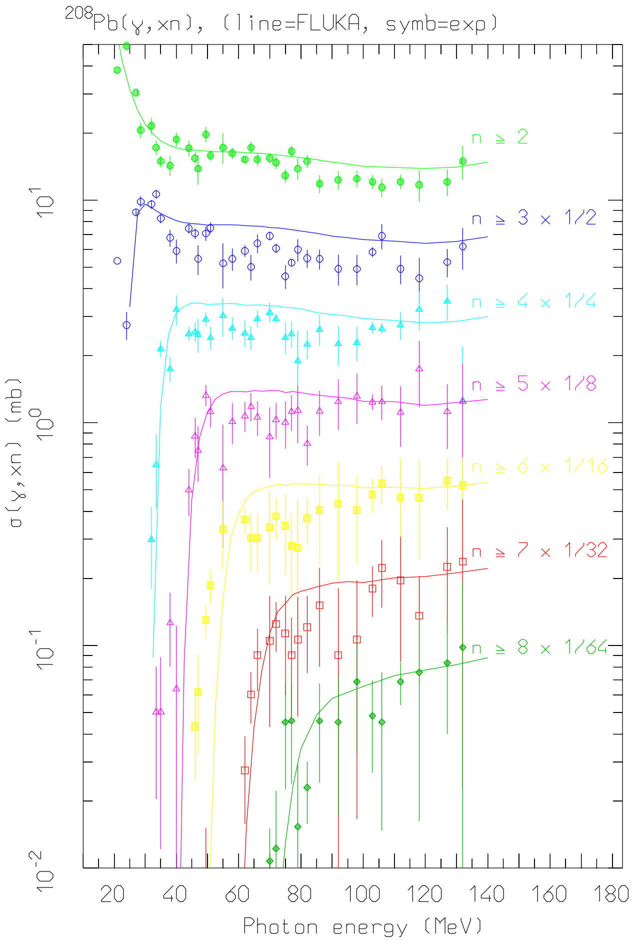
- The reaction cross section features four energy ranges:
  - Giant Dipole Resonance (6-60 MeV, stored in a special database)
  - Quasi-deuteron
  - Delta resonance
  - Vector Meson Dominance (high energy > 0.7 GeV)
- The reaction outcome is calculated through the IntraNuclear Cascade, pre-equilibrium and evaporation stages
- Photonuclear reactions need to be biased by the **LAM-BIAS** card (see the Biasing lecture)

γ – Pb

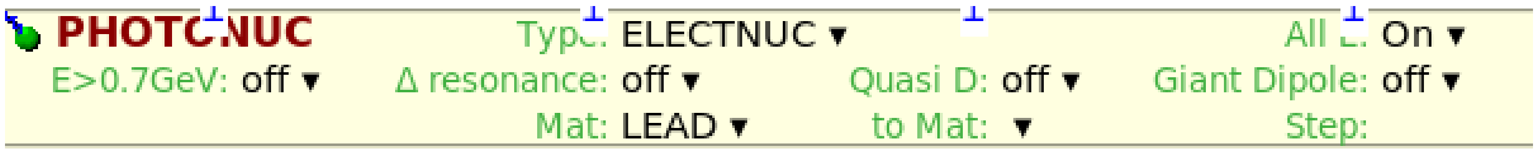


cross section for multiple neutron emission
data: NPA367, 237 (1981) and NPA390, 221 (1982)

μ-A, e⁻-A, e⁺-A

Virtual photon reactions are also implemented:

- **muon photonuclear** interactions (normally on by default, no need for the **MUPHOTON** card)
- **electronuclear** interactions, to be activated:

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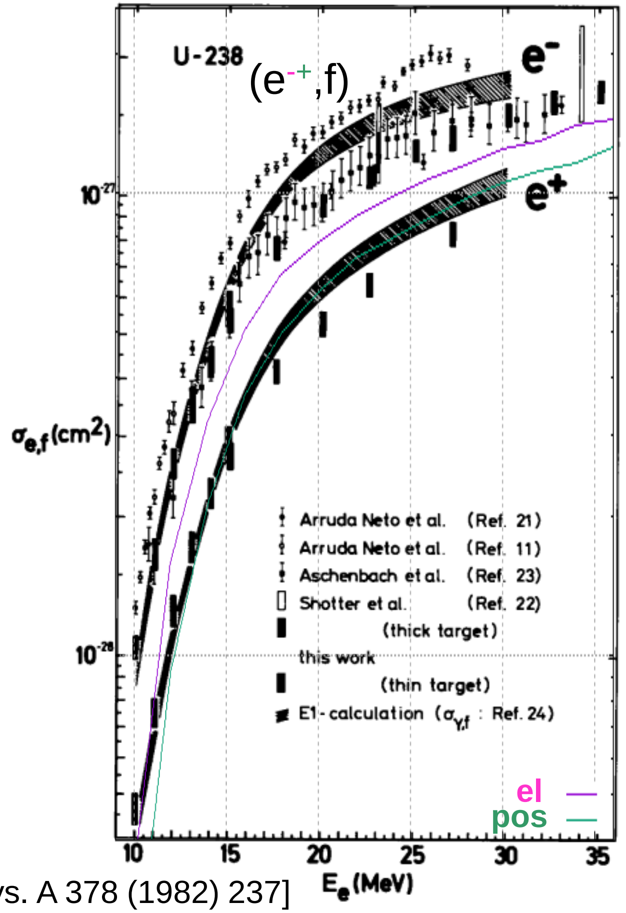
- For *electron/positron beams*, they play a role in case of thin target. As the material thickness exceeds the respective radiation length, reactions by real bremsstrahlung photons dominate.
- The card above activates automatically real photon reactions too (*no need for an additional card* as in the previous slide)



[H. Ströher et al, Nucl. Phys. A 378 (1982) 237]

A-A

- **electromagnetic dissociation** of ions, to be activated:

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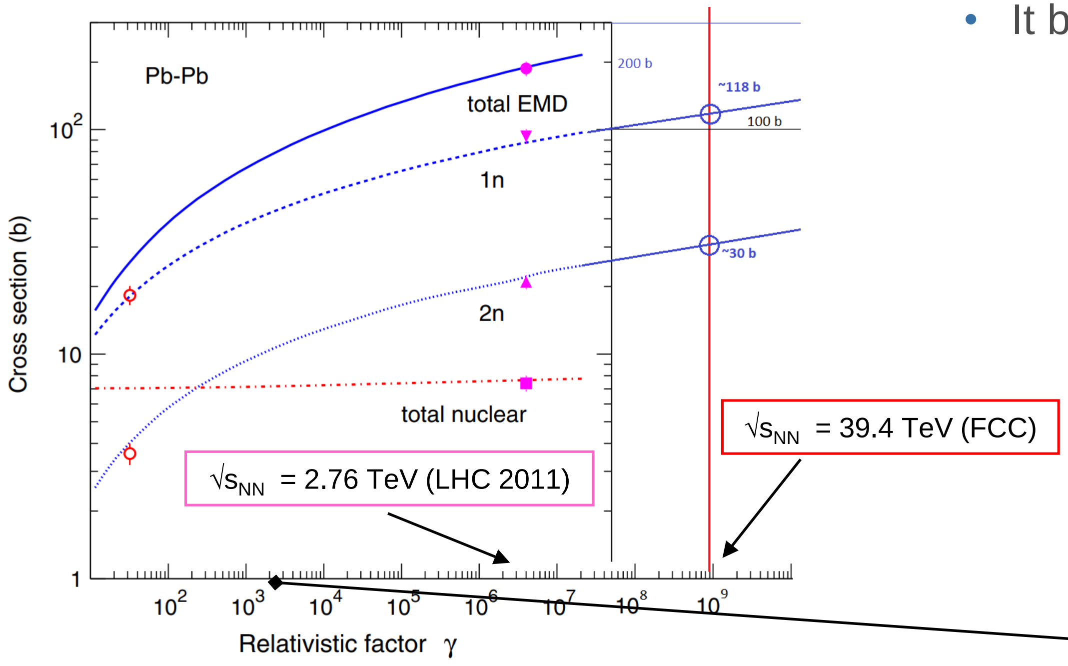
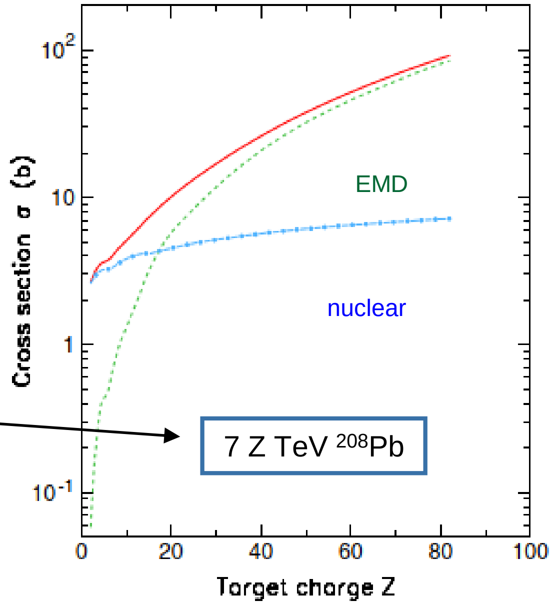
Pb – Pb



[H.H. Braun et al, Phys. Rev. ST AB 17 (2014) 021006]

- It becomes dominant at high energies with high Z ions

Pb – Z



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