

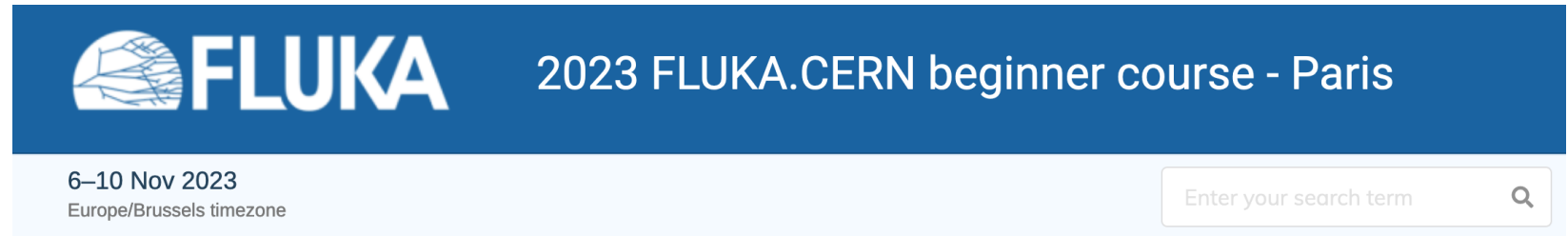
First of all...

Many thanks to

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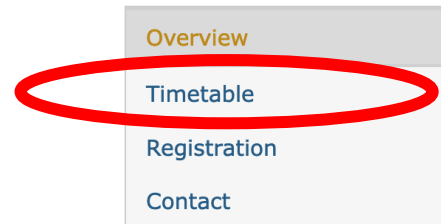
(NEA) for the organizational effort!

Training site: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1296149/overview>



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Slides for lectures + exercises,
as well as exercise input files
(and solution files in due time...)



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Introduction

This training, on 6 - 10 November 2023, will offer students and professionals working on radiation physics problems a **beginner's** introduction to the various functions and attributes of **FLUKA**, a general-purpose code for the Monte Carlo simulation of radiation transport in complex geometries. The functionalities of the completely revised user interface **Flair3** will also be introduced. The event is organized by the FLUKA collaboration @ CERN and collaborating institutes.



Introduction to FLUKA

Where we come from

- FLUKA was born in the 60's at **CERN** with [Johannes Ranft](#)
- It was further developed in the 70s and 80s in a collaboration between **Leipzig University**, **CERN** and **Helsinki University of Technology** for applications, e.g., at CERN's high energy accelerators, and in the 90s with **INFN**, among others for the design of SSC and LHC
- From 2003 until August 2019 maintained and developed under a **CERN & INFN** agreement
- From December 2019, new **CERN** distribution aiming to ensure FLUKA's long-term sustainability and capability to meet the evolving requirements of its user community, [welcoming contributions by both established FLUKA contributors as well as new partners within an international collaboration***](#).
- Presently a joint development & management team based in the **CERN Accelerators and Technology Sector and Radiation Protection Group and at ELI-Beamlines (Prague)**, with contributors from the CERN Research and Computing Sector and JRC-Geel, is in place.

FLUKA.CERN distribution

<https://fluka.cern>



Release of FLUKA 4-0.1
2020-08-24 - [Release](#)

FLUKA online training for beginners (Sept/Oct 2020)
2020-08-01 - [Event](#)

Release of FLUKA 4.0 and Flair 3.1
2020-06-30 - [Release](#)

FLUKA online training in autumn 2020
2020-06-29 - [Event](#)

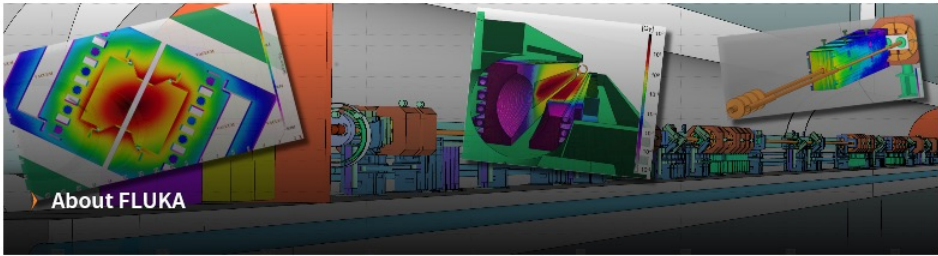
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FLUKA 4-0.1, 2020-08-24

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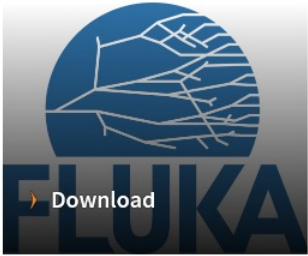
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Use the [contact form](#).

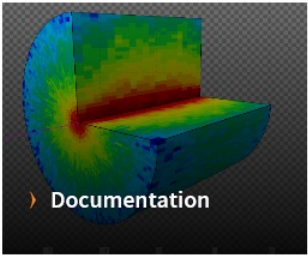


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- Advanced Features and User Routines**
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- Applications**
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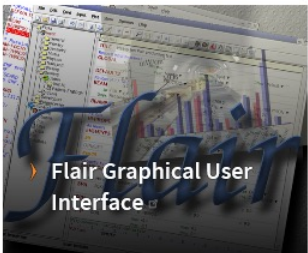
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Licensing Scheme

Registration options

FLUKA Single User License Agreement

Affiliates of institutes with a FLUKA Institutional License Agreement

CERN Staff members and Fellows

Affiliates of institutes which signed the FLUKA Memorandum of Understanding

Companies which purchased a FLUKA Commercial License Agreement

Includes access to:

source code

development version

- **Licenses are free** except for commercial use
- They are granted for **non-military use** only
- For **central FLUKA installations on computing clusters** of universities/institutes it is not necessary to obtain an Institutional FLUKA Licence. However, it is mandatory that all FLUKA users register on this website and accept the Single User Licence Agreement.

Recent developments

of FLUKA hosted by CERN at <https://fluka.cern>



FLUKA

[HOME](#)

[DOWNLOAD](#) ▾

[DOCUMENTATION](#) ▾

[FLAIR](#)

[SIMPLEGEO](#)

[SUPPORT](#) ▾

*FLUKA 2011-3 released on **December 2019***

FLUKA 4-0** released on **June 2020

Coherent transport effects for charged particles in **bent crystals**; electric field in vacuum; electronuclear reactions; direct (p,n) reactions.

*FLUKA 4-0.1 released on **August 2020***

*FLUKA **4-1** released on **November 2020***

Compound nucleus spin and parity accounted for in evaporation and Fermi break-up; **new generation source** routine for users.

*FLUKA 4-1.1 released on **February 2021***

*FLUKA **4-2** released on **October 2021***

Low-energy **deuteron interaction** model; proton reaction cross section refinement; ICRP116 and ICRU95 dose equivalent conversion coefficients; simplified out-of-the-box usage of multiple magnetic fields

*FLUKA 4-2.1 released on **December 2021***

*FLUKA 4-2.2 released on **March 2022***

*FLUKA **4-3** released on **September 2022***

Point-wise treatment for **low-energy neutron** interactions; **synchrotron radiation** emission during charged particle tracking

*FLUKA 4-3.1 released on **December 2022***

*FLUKA 4-3.2 released on **March 2023***

*FLUKA 4-3.3 released on **May 2023***












*FLUKA 4-3.4 released on **September 2023***

Proton nuclear elastic scattering improvement at low energies; gamma cascade improvement for thermal neutron capture; (d,2n) improvement on heavy targets

*FLUKA **4-4** in preparation for **January 2024***

A fresh reference

New Capabilities of the FLUKA Multi-Purpose Code

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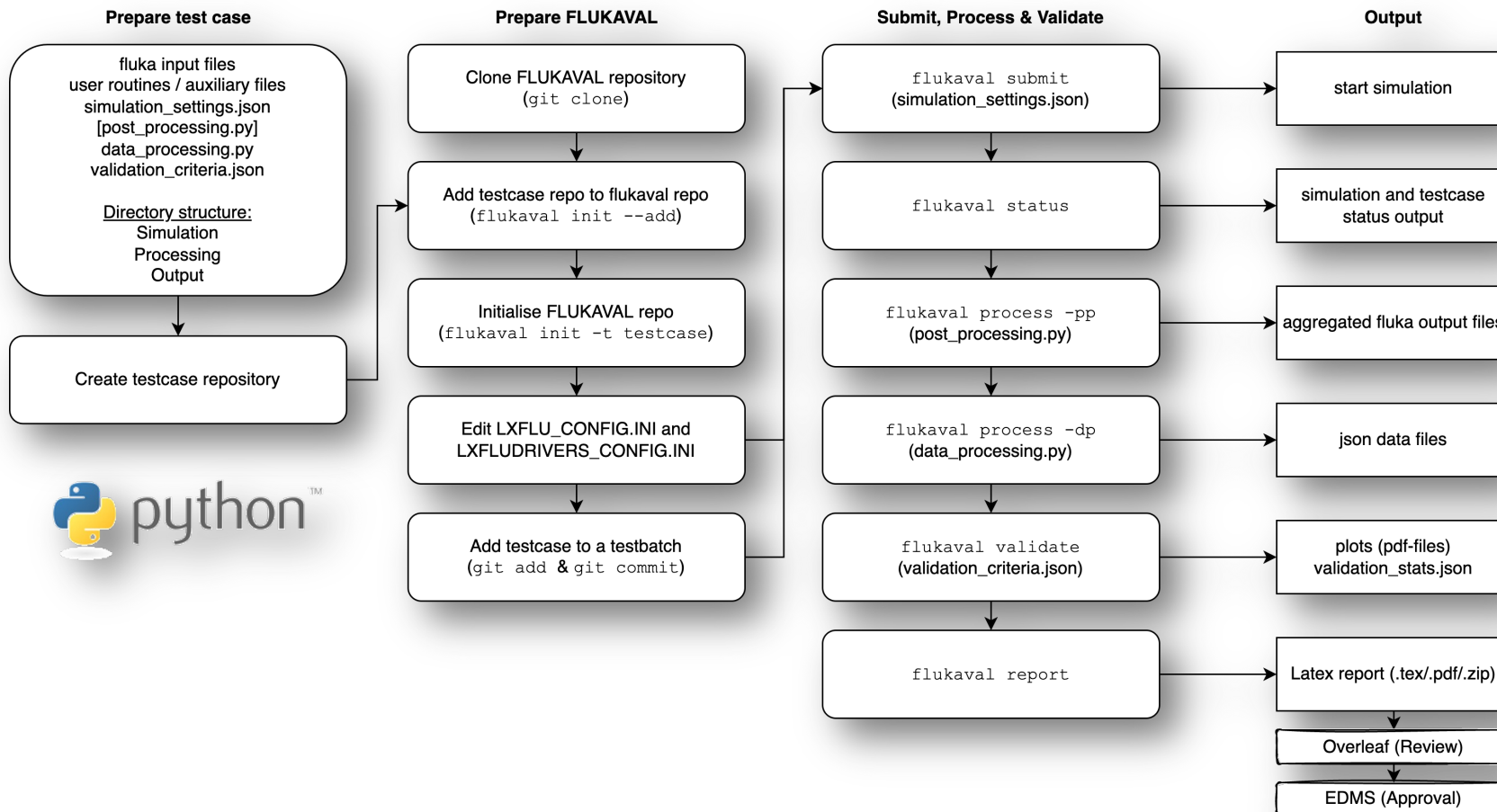
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Footnotes

References

FLUKAVAL

Confirm that each release candidate FLUKA version, compared to a reference version, yields consistent results for a set of identical test cases, and produce a formal validation report



- Semi-automatic batch submission, processing and validation of test cases and report generation
- Any FLUKA input and dedicated tests having access to the FLUKA code at the model level can be integrated in a few steps
- Optimised for the submission of a large number of test cases to the CERN Batch Service, or any cluster running HTCondor
- Routinely used to validate new versions before release
- Python-based command line application
- Using the **git version control system** to store simulation and reference data

User Support

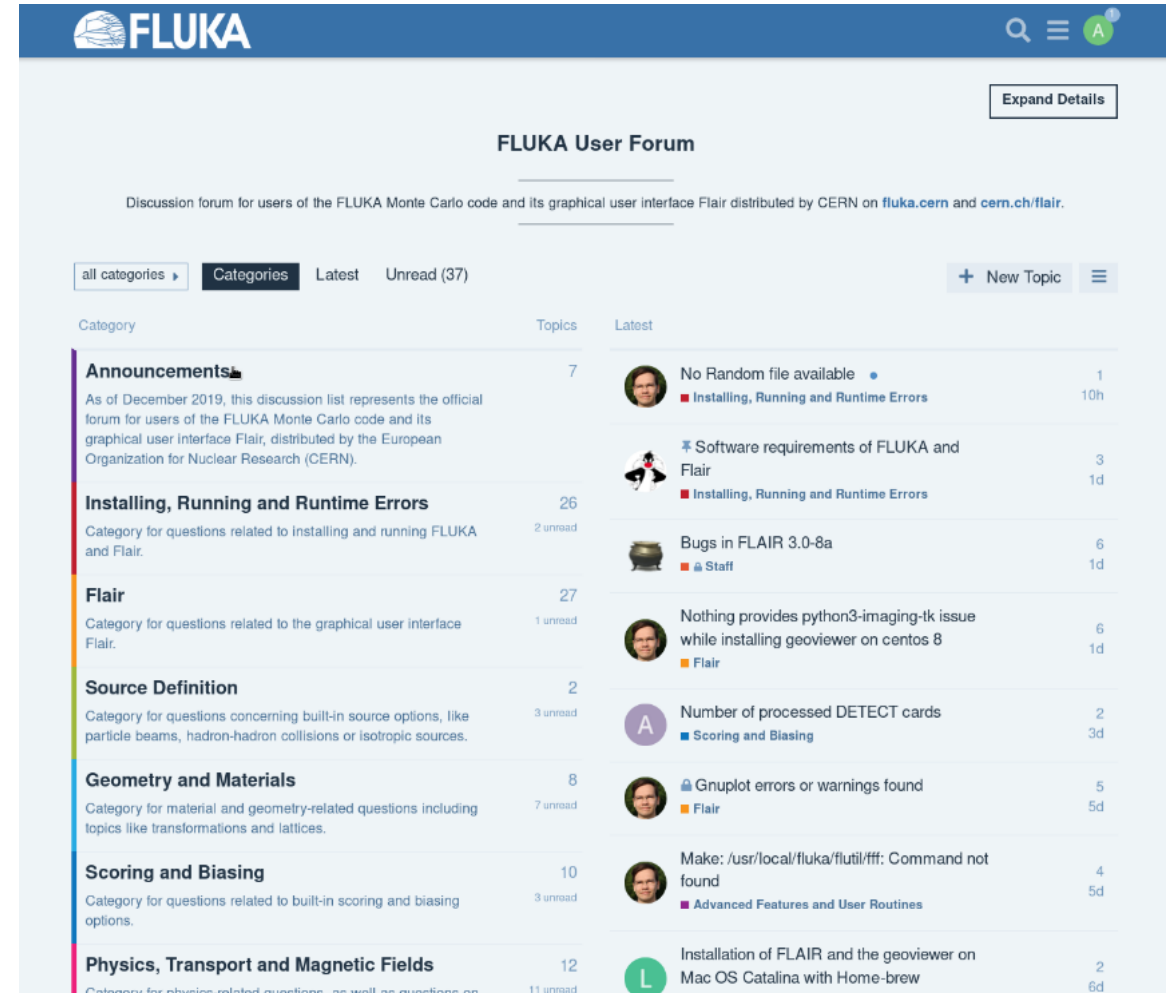
FLUKA User Forum

<https://cern.ch/fluka-forum>

Note: an independent one-time registration is required to be able to participate

FLUKA Training

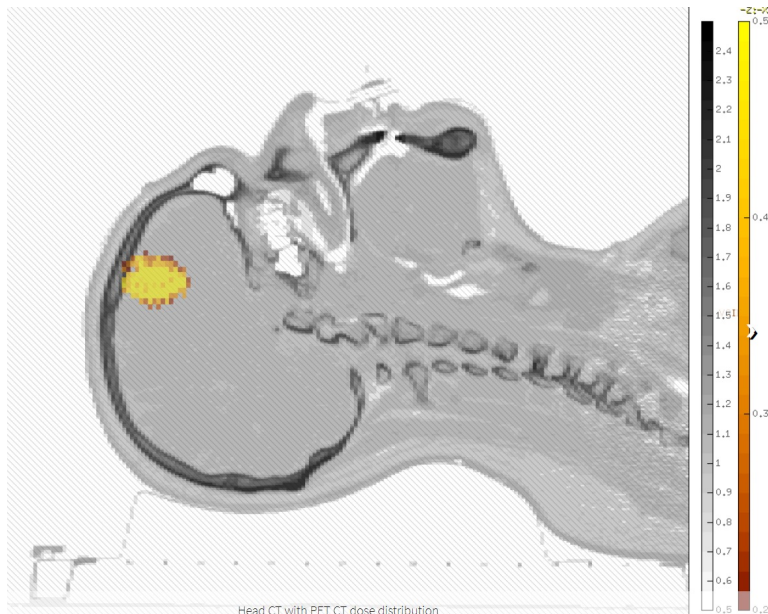
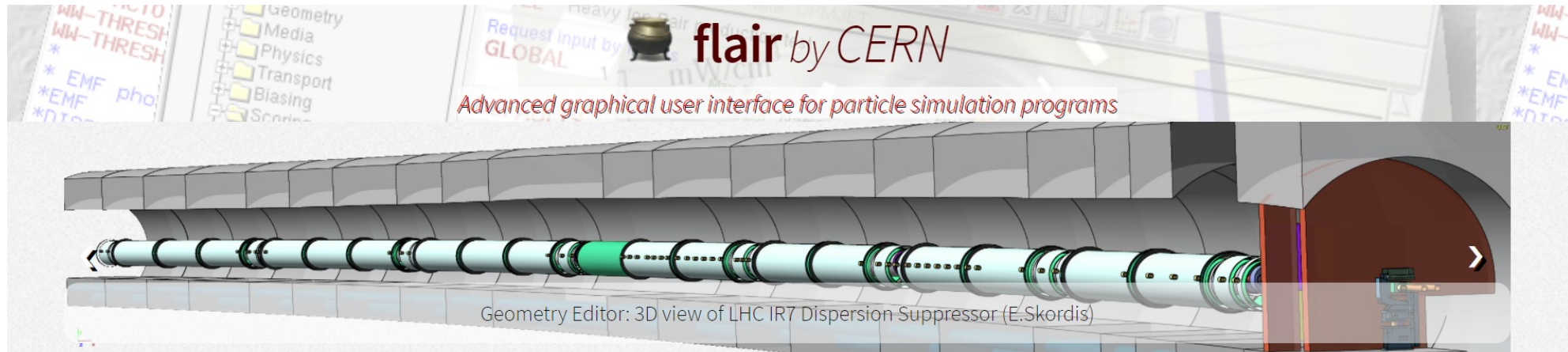
- Three Beginner Online Training courses were held in 2020
- One in-person beginner course in 2021, 2022, and 2023
- One advanced course held spring 2023 in person in the US.



The screenshot shows the FLUKA User Forum interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the FLUKA logo and navigation icons. Below the header, the forum title "FLUKA User Forum" is displayed, along with a description: "Discussion forum for users of the FLUKA Monte Carlo code and its graphical user interface Flair distributed by CERN on fluka.cern and cern.ch/flair." There are buttons for "Expand Details", "all categories", "Categories", "Latest", "Unread (37)", and "+ New Topic". The main content area is divided into two columns: "Category" and "Latest". The "Category" column lists various topics with their respective counts and unread status. The "Latest" column shows a list of recent posts with user avatars, titles, and timestamps.

Category	Topics	Latest
Announcements As of December 2019, this discussion list represents the official forum for users of the FLUKA Monte Carlo code and its graphical user interface Flair, distributed by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).	7	
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Flair Category for questions related to the graphical user interface Flair.	27 1 unread	Software requirements of FLUKA and Flair ■ Installing, Running and Runtime Errors 3 1d
Source Definition Category for questions concerning built-in source options, like particle beams, hadron-hadron collisions or isotropic sources.	2 3 unread	Bugs in FLAIR 3.0-8a ■ Staff 6 1d
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		Make: /usr/local/fluka/flutil/fff: Command not found ■ Advanced Features and User Routines 4 5d
		Installation of FLAIR and the geoviewer on Mac OS Catalina with Home-brew ■ L 2 6d

<https://flair.cern>



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Current Version

- Latest version: 3.3-0
- Released on: *Wed Oct 25, 2023*
- Powered by python3, tkinter, gnuplot, pydicom

Features

- modern and intuitive design
- Input editor for error free inputs
- Interactive geometry editor, photorealistic ray tracer and debugger
- run and monitor the simulation
- back-end for post-processing of results
- I/O of other simulation formats (MCNPX,GDML,...)
- Medical file importing, DICOM, RT-PLAN,DOSE,...
- extended material library

Microscopic process modeling for macroscopic quantity assessment

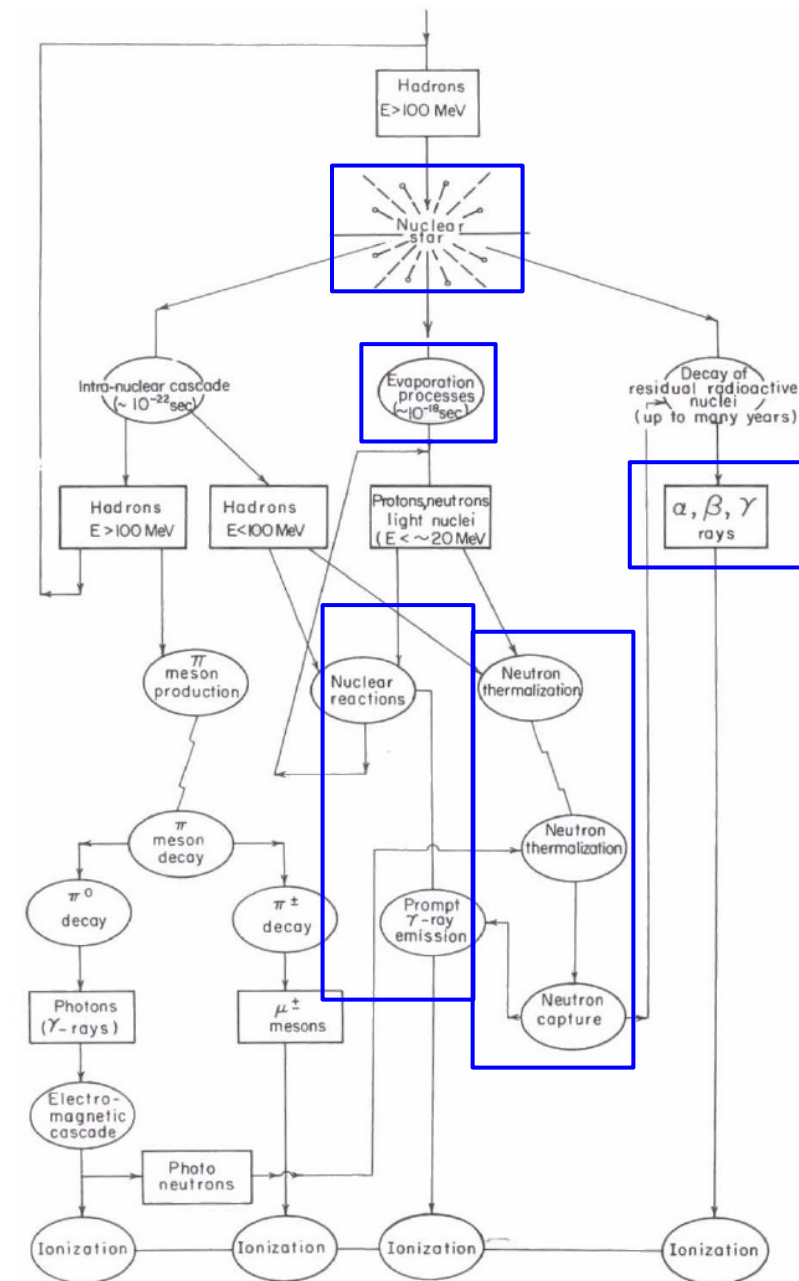
A (hadronic) shower implies a lot of different physics processes, touching a very broad energy [time-space] scale

Its description relies on the organic integration of diverse **theories and models**, and requires as essential pieces of **information**:

- reaction cross sections
- exclusive fragment production
- nuclide structure and decay data
- evaluated quantities of neutron induced reactions

Monte Carlo simulation is an effective way to calculate **macroscopic quantities** (such as energy deposition, dpa, particle fluence, activation and residual dose rate) with an accuracy reflecting the quality of the critical processes implementation

Multipurpose widespread codes are available: FLUKA, GEANT4, MARS, MCNP, PHITS, ...



FLUKA capabilities

- hadron-hadron and hadron-nucleus interactions
- nucleus-nucleus interactions (including deuterons!)
- photon interactions (>100 eV)
- electron interactions (> 1 keV; including electronuclear)
- muon interactions (including photonuclear)
- neutrino interactions
- low energy (<20 MeV) neutron interactions and transport
- particle decay
- ionization and multiple (single) scattering (including all ions down to 250 eV/u)
- coherent effects in crystals (channelling)
- magnetic field, and electric field in vacuum
- combinatorial geometry and lattice capabilities
- voxel geometry and DICOM importing
- analogue or biased treatment
- on-line buildup and evolution of induced radioactivity and dose
- built-in scoring of several quantities (including DPA and dose equivalent)

In support of a
wide range of applications

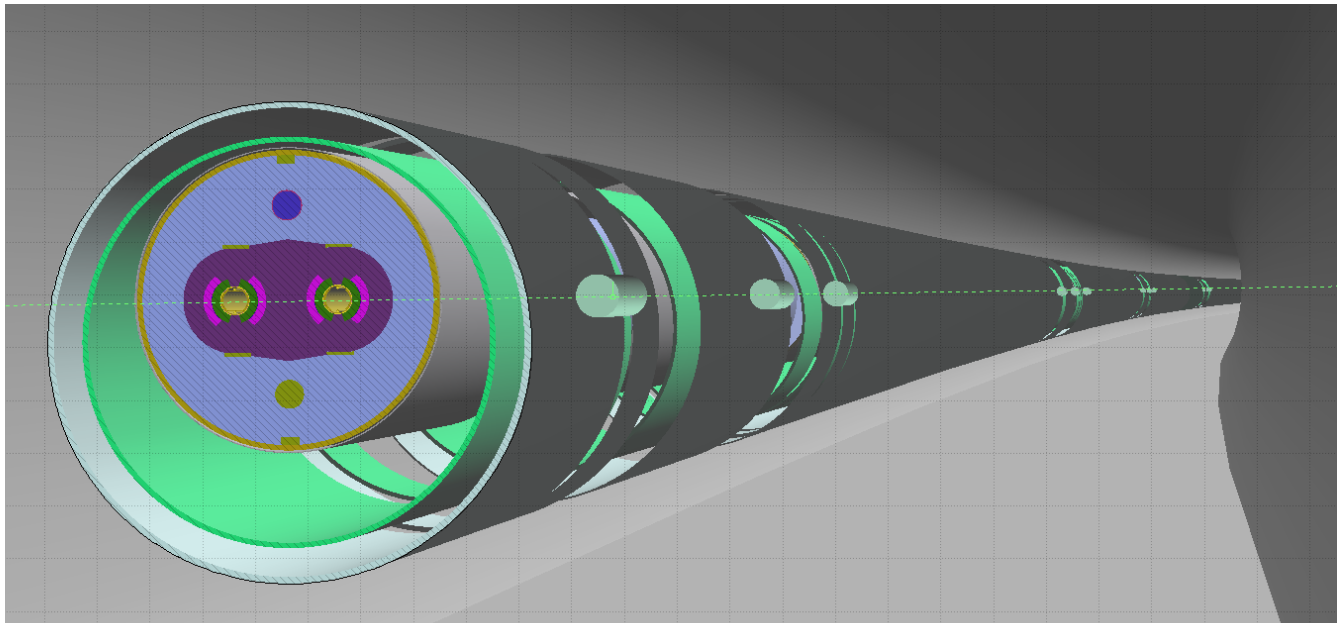
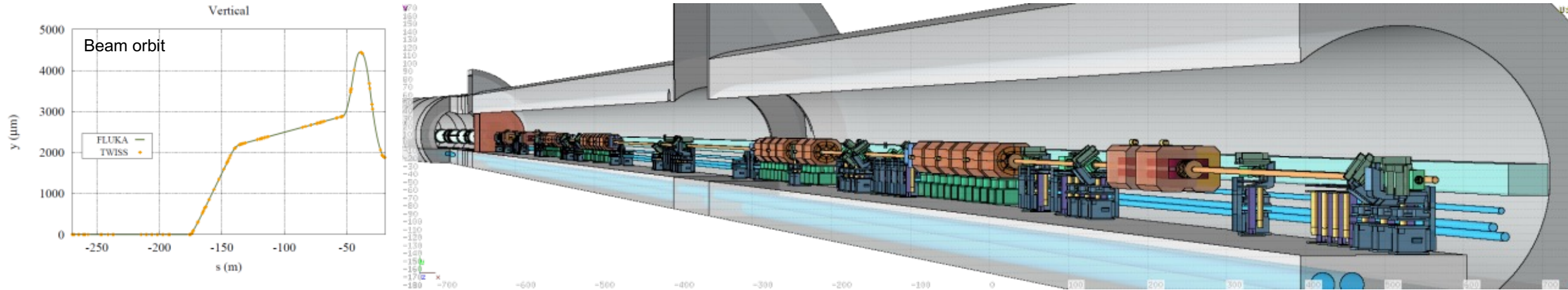
- ✓ Accelerator design
- ✓ Particle physics
- ✓ Cosmic ray physics
- ✓ Neutrino physics
- ✓ Medical applications

- ✓ Radiation protection (shielding design, activation)
- ✓ Dosimetry
- ✓ Radiation damage
- ✓ Radiation to electronics effects
- ✓ ADS systems, waste transmutation
- ✓ Neutronics

Some examples

Accelerator geometries

LHC IR7 long straight section



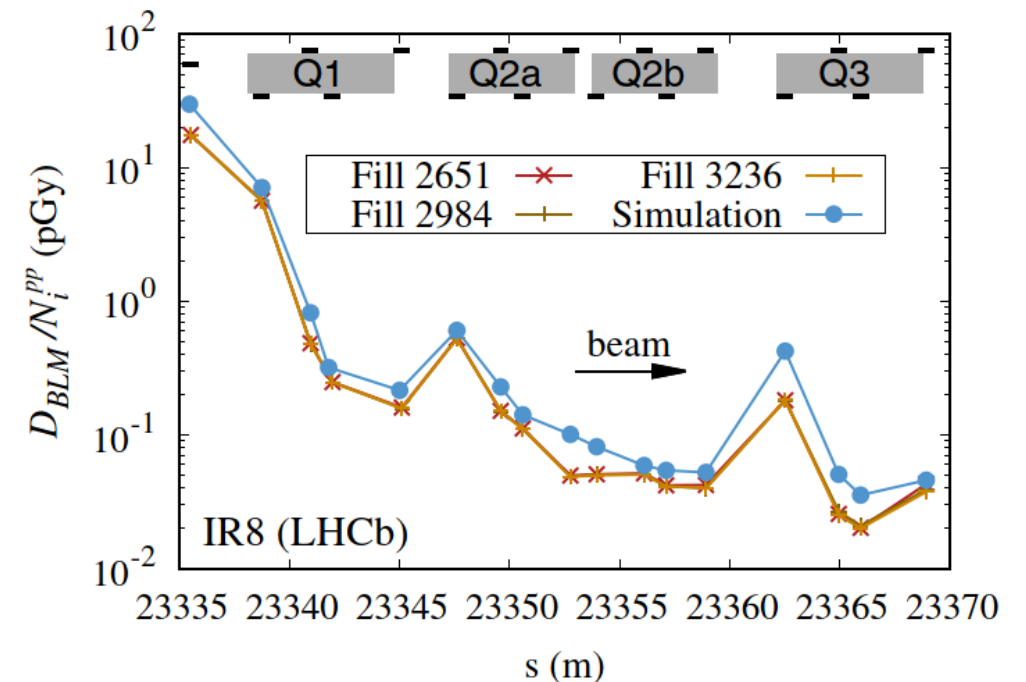
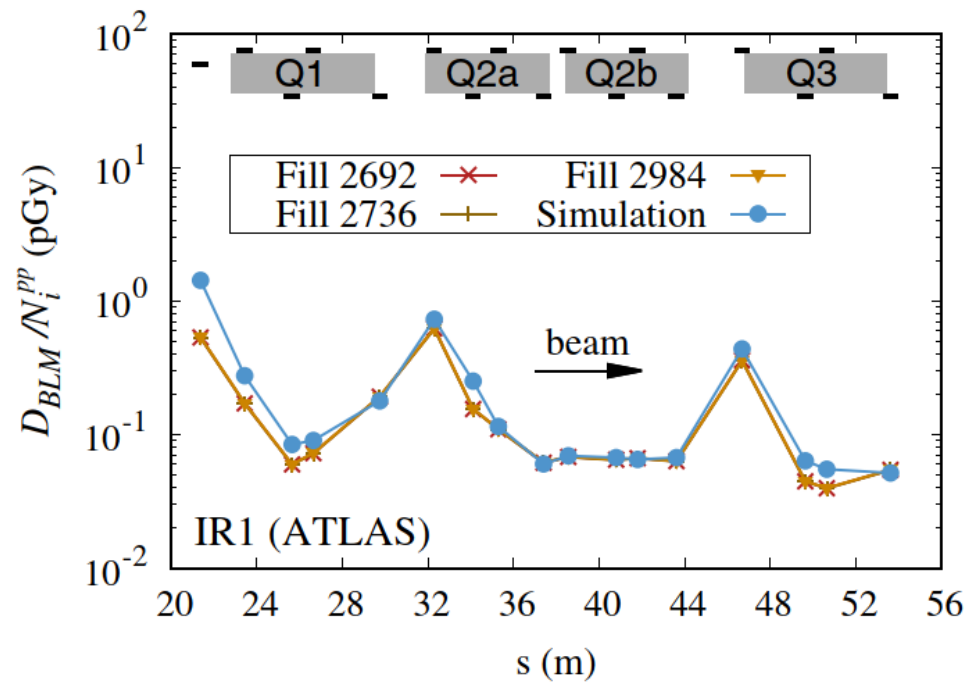
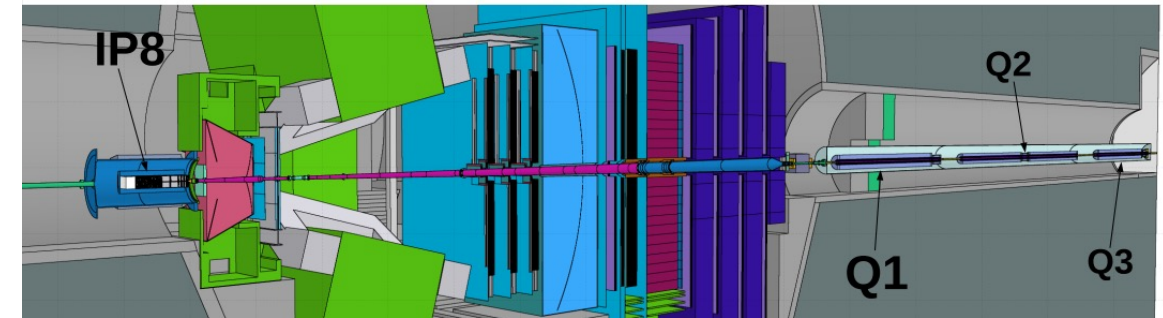
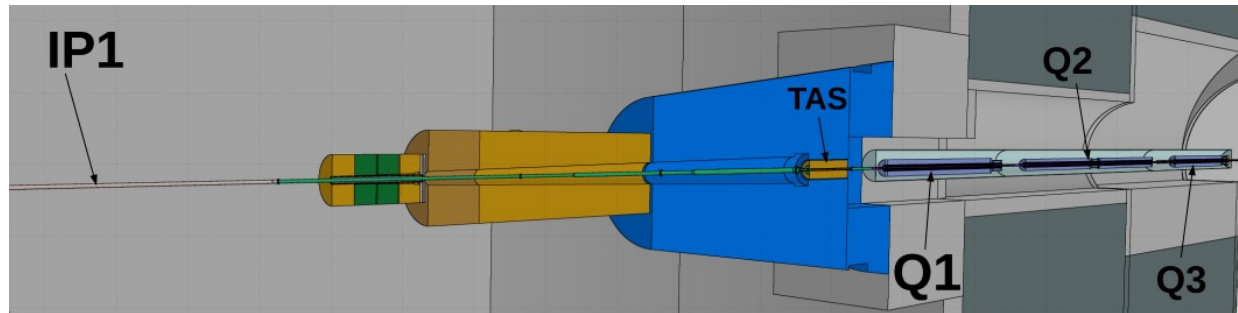
From DETAILED MODELS OF ACCELERATOR COMPONENTS WITH ASSOCIATED SCORING and the ELEMENT SEQUENCE AND RESPECTIVE MAGNETIC STRENGTHS, as given IN THE MACHINE OPTICS (TWISS) FILES, the **AUTOMATIC CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLEX BEAM LINES**, including collimator settings and element displacement (BLMs), is achievable, profiting from roto-translation directives and replication (lattice) capabilities.

LINE BUILDER

[A. Mereghetti et al.,
IPAC2012, WEPPD071, 2687]

Beam loss description at the LHC

[A. Lechner et al.,
Phys. Rev. AB 22 (2019) 071003]



Activation benchmarking

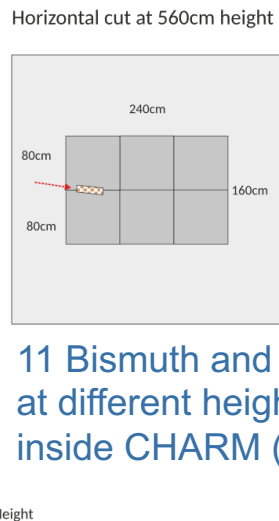
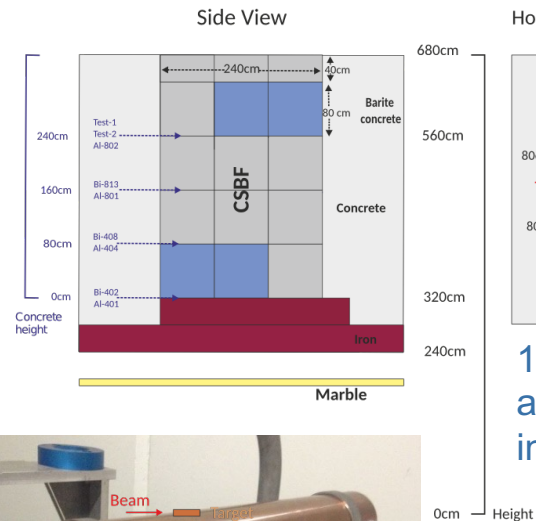
@ CERN SHIELDING BENCHMARK FACILITY (24 GeV/c p)

[E. Iliopoulou and R. Froeschl]

Situated laterally above the CHARM target

for deep shielding penetration studies (Detector calibration, Detector inter-comparison, Activation)

360cm of concrete and barite concrete
plus 80cm of cast iron



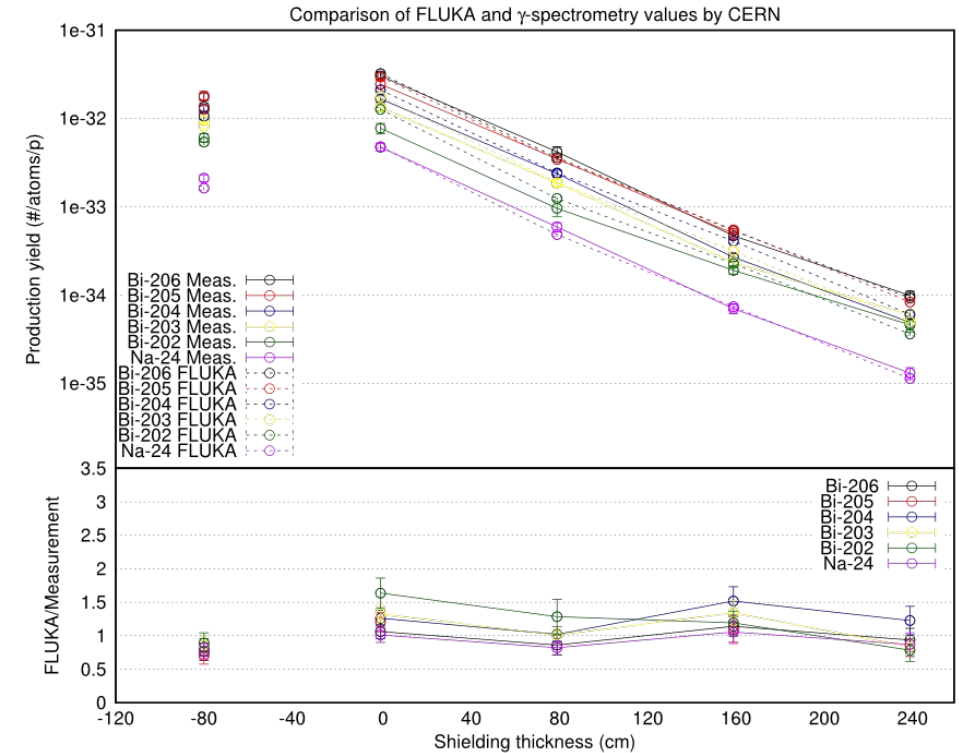
11 Bismuth and Aluminum samples
at different heights in CSBF and also
inside CHARM (@ -80cm)



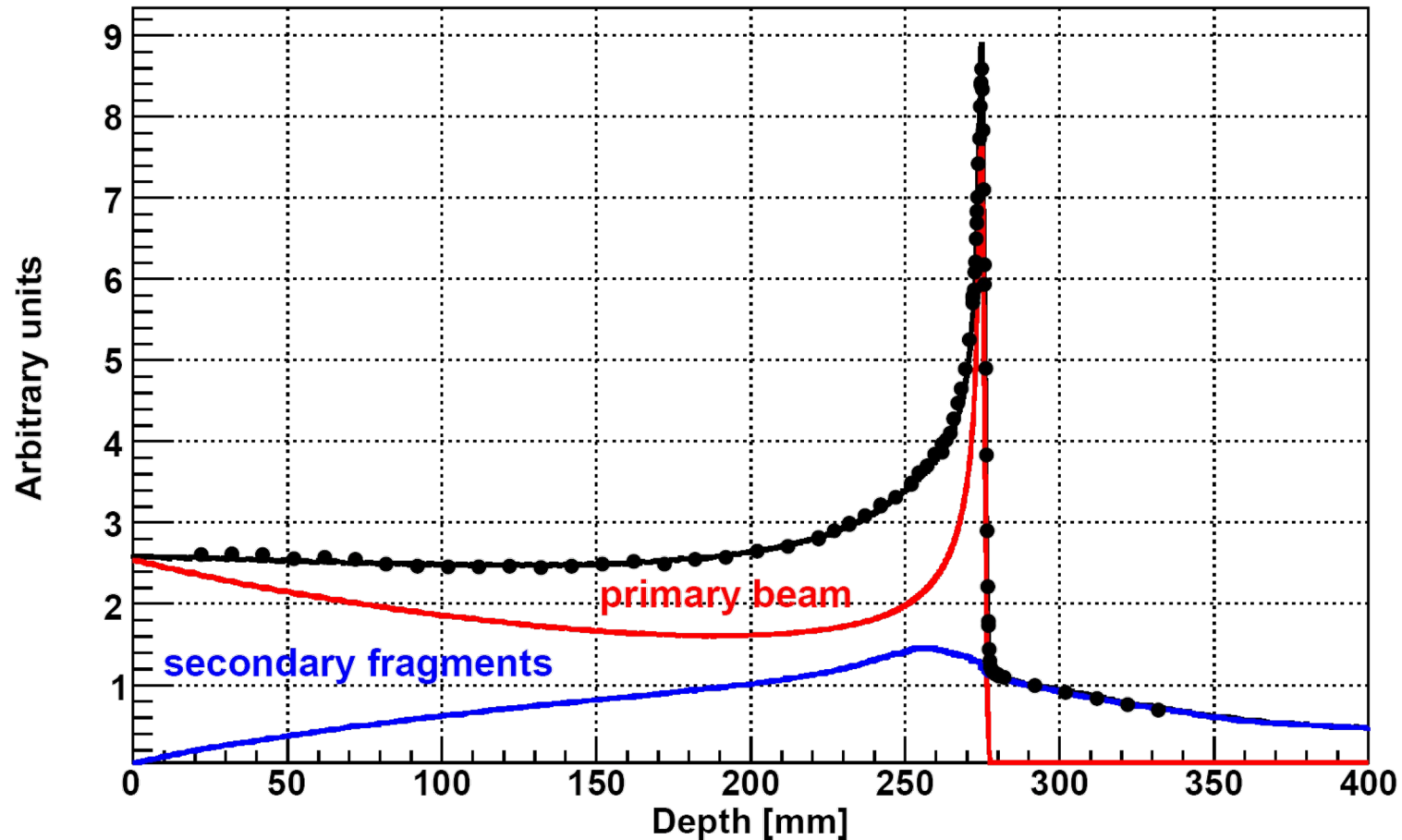
@ CHARM (CERN High energy **AcceleRator Mixed field facility**,
to study radiation effects on electronic components)

5×10^{11} protons/pulse, 350ms pulse length, max. average beam intensity 6.6×10^{10} p/s

three 50cm long 8cm diameter targets: Copper, Aluminum, Aluminum with holes



Medical physics: radiotherapy



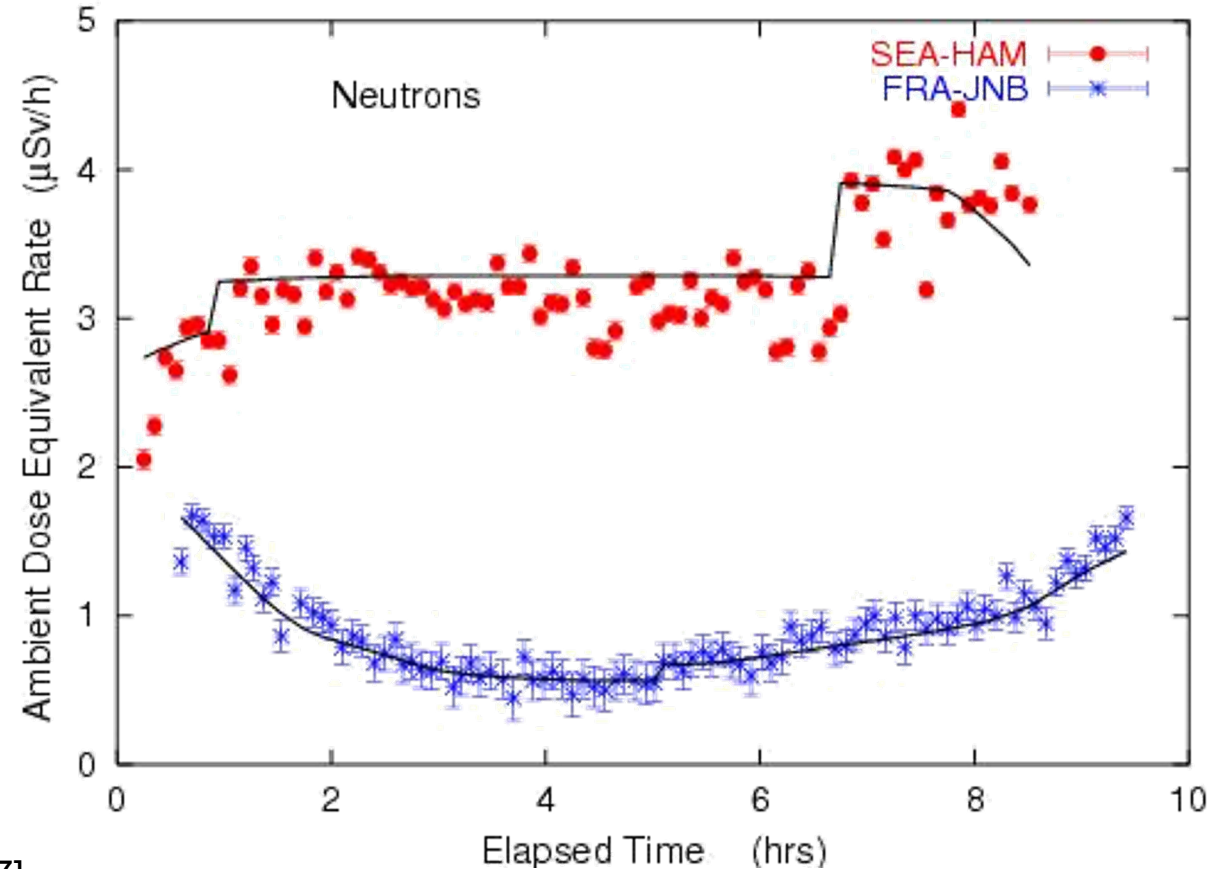
Bragg peak in a water phantom
400 MeV/A C beam:
The importance of fragmentation

[Exp. Data (points) from Haettner et al, Rad. Prot. Dos. 2006
Simulation: A. Mairani PhD Thesis, 2007, Nuovo Cimento C, 31, 2008]

Dosimetry and cosmic rays

- Complete simulation of cosmic rays interactions in the atmosphere, by means of a dedicated CR package available to users
- Model of airplane geometry
- Response of dosimeters

Ambient dose equivalent from neutrons at solar maximum on commercial flights from Seattle to Hamburg and from Frankfurt to Johannesburg



[Solid lines: FLUKA simulation
S. Roesler et al.,
Rad. Prot. Dosim. 98 (2002) 367]

Programme of this course

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