



# The FLUKA cross sections for secondary cosmic rays: Latest results

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### **FLUKA (direct) inclusive cross sections**



### Combined fit of light secondary CRs

MC Monte Carlo analysis: Combination of the ratios of secondary CRs (P.D.L. et al *JCAP*07, 2021, 010) including nuisance parameters (<u>Scale factors</u>) for renormalizing FLUKA cross sections.

We can simultaneously reproduce all light secondary CRs with small scaling factors (~10%) !!



### Fluka cross sections: $e^+$ uncertainties

Other main cross sections data-sets available:

Different cross sections differ by up to 25%-30% below 30 GeV in the p+p channel. The different XS show very similar trends in this energy range.

Residuals w.r.t. Kamae (Kamae - o /Kamae)



### Fluka cross sections: $e^+$ uncertainties

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# New measurements require better predictions of the $\gamma$ -ray and $\nu$ flux at high energies

Fast evolution of γ-ray experiments covering the sky from the MeV to the PeV allow us to improve our knowledge of the Galactic and extragalactic environment. However, cross sections uncertainties are a problem in the whole energy range...



### γ-ray production XS

While for p-p and p-He interactions the agreement is quite good with Orusa et al. and Kamae cross sections, for interactions of heavier nuclei the deviations are significant





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### FLUKA cross sections for gamma-ray production

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This quantity just depends on the cross sections of gamma-ray production and the spectrum of electrons, protons and He (**lowenergy especially uncertain due to solar modulation uncertainties!**)

Cross sections implemented in the *GammaSky* code







### Conclusions

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- FLUKA provides cross sections over a wide energy range and for every isotope and channel, not depending on the limited data
- FLUKA demonstrates to be compatible with the current cross section data and allows us to simultaneously reproduce B, Be and Li and <sup>3</sup>He. However, there are caveats: Fluorine and antiprotons seem significantly deviated!
- Production cross sections of γ-rays seem to be compatible with other predictions for p-(p, He) interactions, but deviations seem more important for interactions of heavier nuclei
- In the next future, we want to consider coalescence and antinuclei with FLUKA



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## **BACK UP SLIDES**

Evaluation of cross sections for CR interactions with the FLUKA code

http://www.fluka.org/fluka.php



FLUKA has been used in other CR studies as in Mazziotta, **P.D.L**. et al PRD 101(8):083011 (2020), as well as for other astrophysical applications as atmospheric neutrino studies (Astropart. Phys., 23:526–534, 2005) or gamma-ray flares from the Sun (Solar Phys., 294(8):103, 2019).

We have computed inelastic and inclusive cross sections of interactions of all isotopes of the CR nuclei up to Z=26 (Iron) with protons and helium, including a careful analysis of those short-living particles produced (ghost nuclei) from 1 MeV/n to 35 TeV/n.

The result is a set a cross sections of secondary CRs that can be used in CR propagation codes. We have also computed cross sections for gamma-ray, secondary electrons and positrons, neutrinos and antiprotons.

### The FLUKA toolkit and the evaluation of cross sections for CR interactions

#### http://www.fluka.org/fluka.php



- **Resonances** produced in hadron-nucleon inelastic collisions dominate from the MeV up to 3-5 GeV
- Above 3-5 GeV hadronizations through <u>Dual Parton Model</u> (**DPMJET-3**) takes over
- Extension to <u>hadron-nucleus</u> collisions is achieved <u>through the **PEANUT** model (GINC) + relaxation</u>
- Nucleus-Nucleus use **Boltzmann thermal equation** at E<0.1GeV/u, **rQDM** model up to 5 GeV/u and **DPMJET** above

Elastic,exchange Phase shifts data, eikonal	P<3-5GeV/c Resonance proc and decay	low E Spec	π, <i>Κ</i> ial	High Energy DPM hadronization
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Credit: Paola sala

### FLUKA inelastic cross sections





### FLUKA inclusive cross sections for rare channels



### Deuteron seems incompatible with our expectations

Fluka provides a similar prediction as when using other cross sections params., all being too steep compared to the data above a few GeV/n. The head-on approximation does not seem to be the problem... Correlated errors? Other contributions?





### Fluka cross sections







G. Battistoni et al, Annals of Nuclear Energy, Vol. 82 (2015)

T. Böhlen Nuclear data sheets,

F. Cerutti, "FLUKA: theoretical grounds and wished new data",

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### FLUKA (cumulative) inclusive cross sections



These cross sections are implemented in the DRAGON2 code with the aim of studying the production of the secondary CRs B, Be and Li

The <u>propagation params</u>. inferred from the <u>B/C</u> ratio are very <u>compatible</u> with those derived from other updated parametrizations





### FLUKA cross sections: B, Be and Li ratios





### FLUKA cross sections: B, Be and Li ratios

#### Energy dependence is greatly reproduced above a few GeV per nucleon These ratios match AMS-02 data considering a ~10-25% scaling of the cross sections





### How valid is the head-on approximation below Li?







### FLUKA cross sections: The halo size



### Cross sections $e^+$ uncertainties



Conventional set-up: <u>Cylindrical symmetry of gas density</u> (dependence on **r** and **z**), source distribution, magnetic field. Prop. adjusted from secondary CRs (ArXiv:2202.03559)



Predicted secondary e+ from different analysis of secondary CRs with Fluka cross sections

### FLUKA cross sections for gamma-ray production



Electrons require a doubly broken power-law in order to reproduce at the same time local CR measurements and **local γ-ray emissivity** at low energies # γ-ray production from different gas nuclei # Protons, He and electrons are treated with the *Force field* approximation and need a break at around 8 GeV/n to fit well experimental data



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### The cross section problem

Orusa et al PRD 105 (2022) 12

 $e^{+} + \nu_{e} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  $u^{+} + v_{\mu}$ Diffuse term Source term  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{e^+}(\boldsymbol{E}) = \frac{E^2}{\widehat{F}^2} \Big[ \boldsymbol{C}_d(\widehat{\boldsymbol{E}}/\boldsymbol{E}_1)^{\gamma_d} + \boldsymbol{C}_s \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{E}}/\boldsymbol{E}_2\right)^{\gamma_s} \exp(-\widehat{\boldsymbol{E}}/\boldsymbol{E}_s) \Big]$  $K^+ + X$ p + p25r **Positron Spectrum** AMS-02 Collab.  $K^- + X$ • AMS-02 Fit with Eq.(4) and 68% C.L. band  $K_{s}^{0} + X$ Ś  $e^{+} + \nu_{e} + \bar{\nu}_{u}$ ế<sup>3</sup>Φ<sub>e</sub>, [GeV<sup>2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>  $K_l^0 + X$ Source term  $^{+} + \nu_{\mu} + \pi^{-}$ **Diffuse term**  $+ \nu_{e} + \pi^{2}$  $\bar{\Lambda} + X$  $u^+ + \nu_\mu$ Energy [GeV]  $\pi^{0} + X$  $e^+ + e^- + \gamma$ 10 100 1000

Positrons mainly produced from p+p interactions, but also He and heavier CRs are involved and produce positrons!

### Fluka cross sections: $e^+$ uncertainties

Scaling  $\rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{A+p}}{\sigma_{p+p}} \sim A^s$ s found to be 0.9-1.1

 $p + He \rightarrow e^+$ 

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