

# **New EM validation session 2B**

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# Multiple Scattering of HE Muons in Geant4

A Summer Students Project

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# Introduction

## Objectives

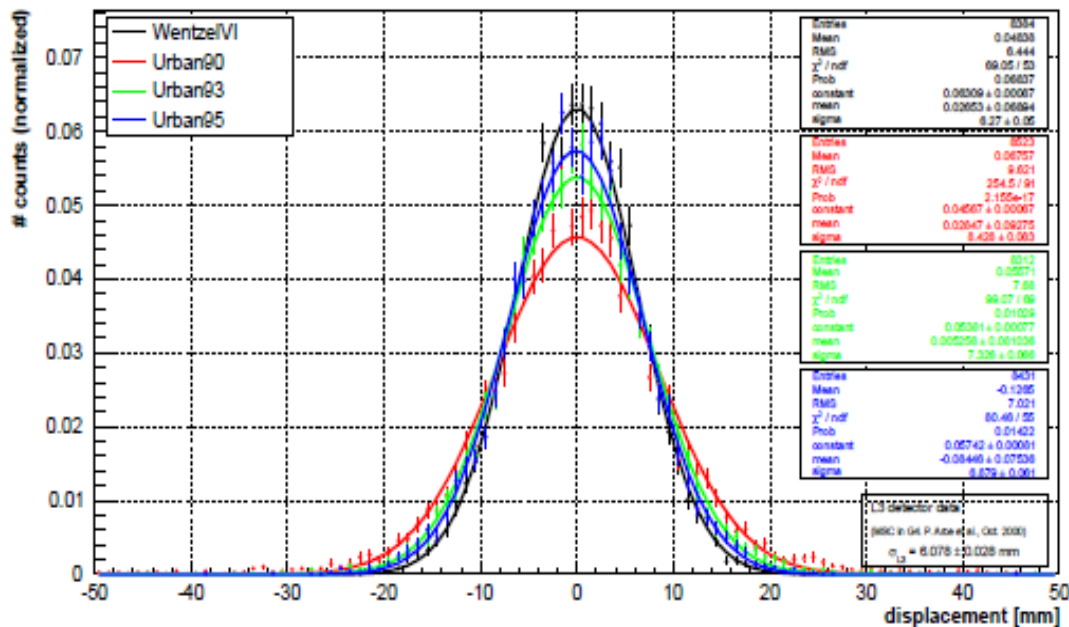
- ① Develop an **automated validation tool** for the simulation of **MSC of  $\mu$**  resulting from  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  using a simplified representation of the former **L3 detector** at LEP, CERN.
- ② Enable **comparisons between different MSC models** and **Geant4 releases** in order to uncover possible differences.
- ③ **Compare the latest MSC models** with results published by **P. Arce et al.** in

*Multiple Scattering in GEANT4. A Comparison with Molière Theory and L3 Detector Data. (October 2000)*

# Results

## Comparison of WentzelVI and Urban MSC Models

Endpoint Displacement of  $\mu^+$  in the  $r\phi$  Plane  
geant4-09-06-beta, All MSC models, ARealisticRun, Gaussian fits



### Distribution widths

- WVI:  $6.27 \pm 0.05$  mm
- U90:  $8.43 \pm 0.09$  mm
- U93:  $7.33 \pm 0.07$  mm
- U95:  $6.88 \pm 0.07$  mm
- L3 data:  $6.08 \pm 0.03$  mm

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Task Group on Monte Carlo  
Validation Sets:  
Geant4 Related Findings

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# Geant4 / Penelope validation started fall 2011

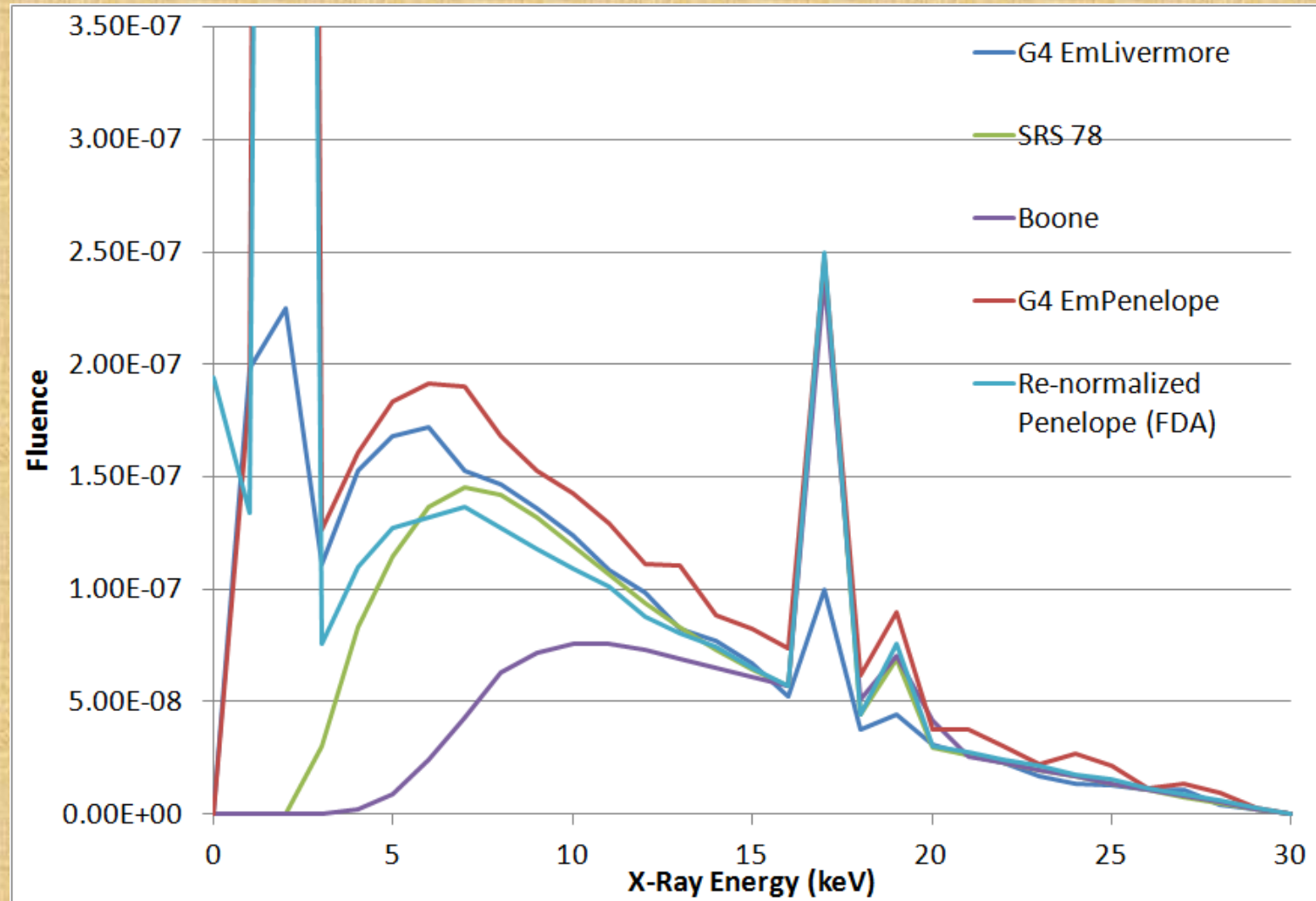
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<b>30 keV</b>		
HVL:	1.00	1.00
QVL:	1.02	1.02
<b>100 keV</b>		
HVL:	1.00	1.00
QVL:	0.99	0.99
<b>30 kVp</b>		
HVL:	1.03	1.03
QVL:	1.05	1.05
<b>100 kVp</b>		
HVL:	1.01	1.01
QVL:	1.01	1.01

Geant4 and Penelope match well in simple simulations of photon absorption with simple geometries

Results from other MC codes are coming.

# Production of X-Rays

## Mo Target, 30 keV electrons





# Problems encountered in other simulations

- Simple and voxelized CT
  - Still investigating
- X-ray generation
  - Problems with:
    - G4EmLivermorePhysics (pending)
    - Bremsstrahlung splitting (fixed 9.6beta)
- Feedback from Ioannis is very useful for ongoing developments

# Validation of gamma processes

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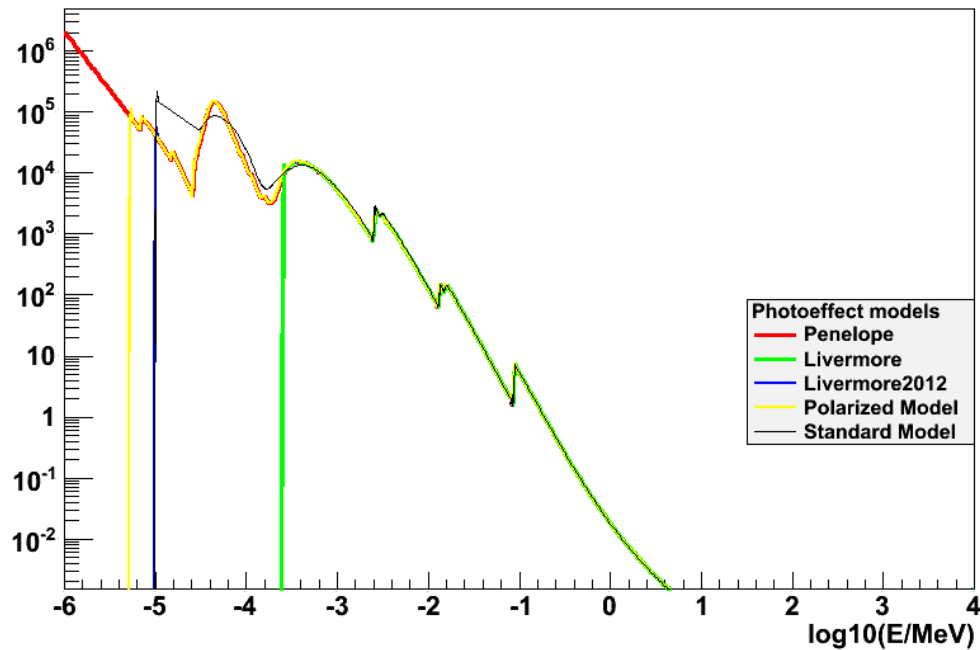
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# Goals of the work

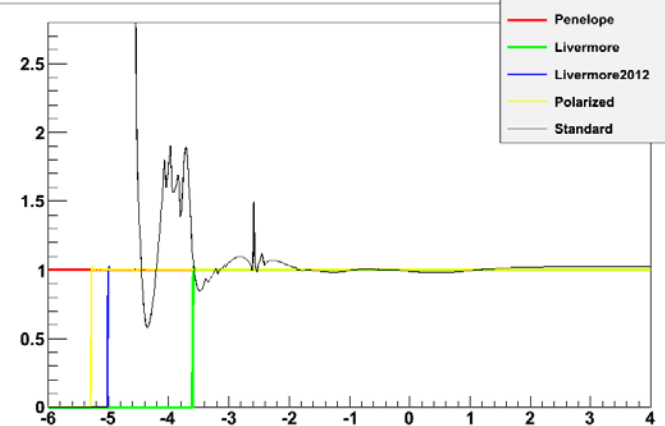
- New tests were created for 4 main gamma processes
  - Tests of all Geant4 models at all energies and elements
  - Cross sections, secondary energy spectra and angular distributions
  - *<http://www.cern.ch/antoni/results>*
- Creation of new Livermore gamma models
  - Based on G4PhysicsVector data handling
    - Goal for Geant4 X
  - Use optimal algorithms of sampling of final state
  - Download data only for elements used in geometry
- Results are collected for g4.9.5.ref07 (August 2012)

# Cross sections for photoelectric

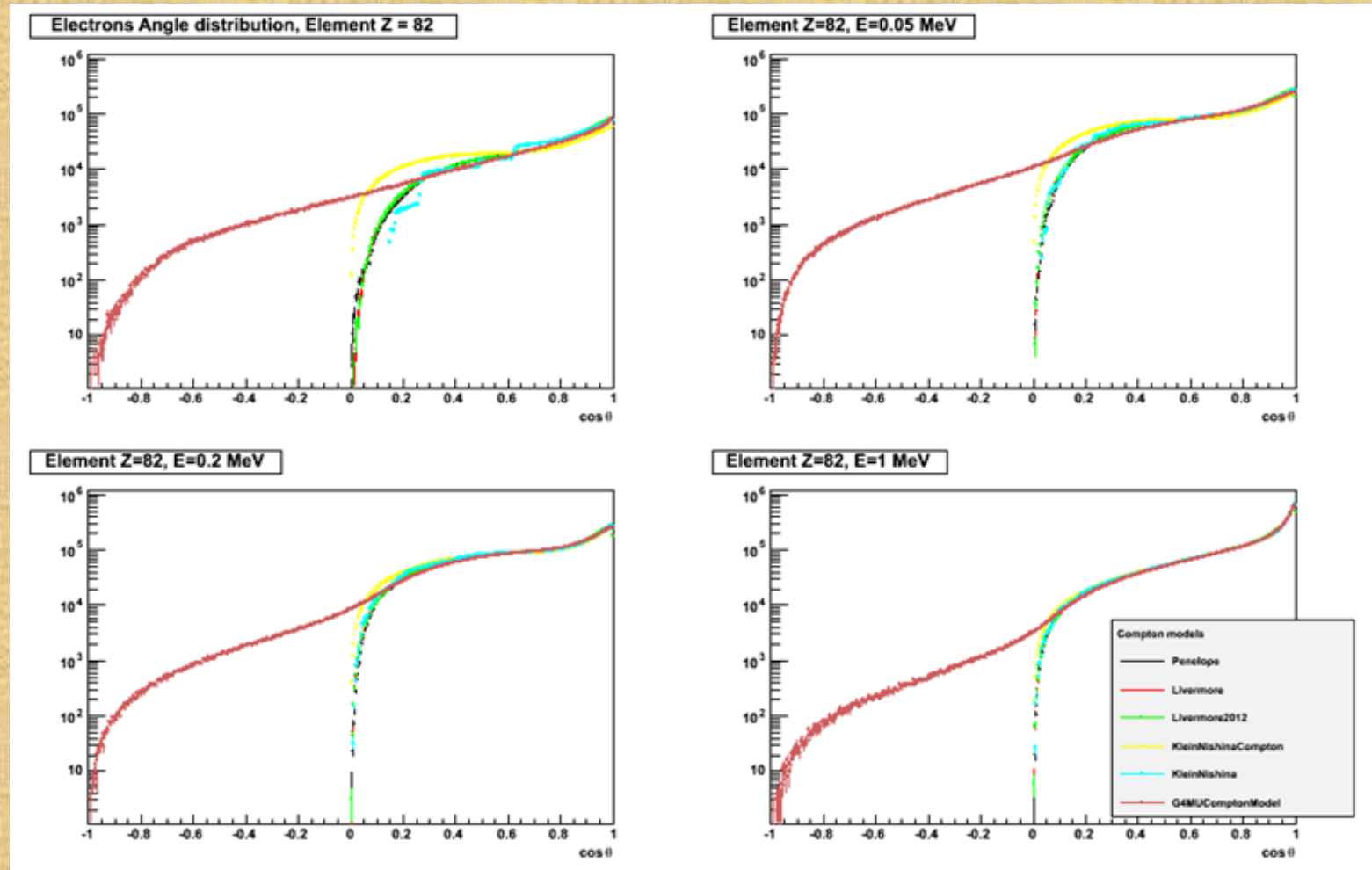
Cross Section (cm<sup>2</sup>/g) for element Z = 82



Cross Sections ratios to Penelope for element Z = 82



# Compton: angle distribution of outgoing electrons, Pb (10, 50, 200, 1000 keV)





# CPU comparison for Rayleigh (Pb, 250 keV, 20000 events)

Model	CPU (s)
Penelope	0.03
Livermore	0.03
Livermore-OLD	6.48
V.Grishine	0.01

- Conclusions:
  - New Livermore model provides identical results with Penelope and old Livermore models
  - Old Livermore model is extremely slow
  - V.Grishine model is under development

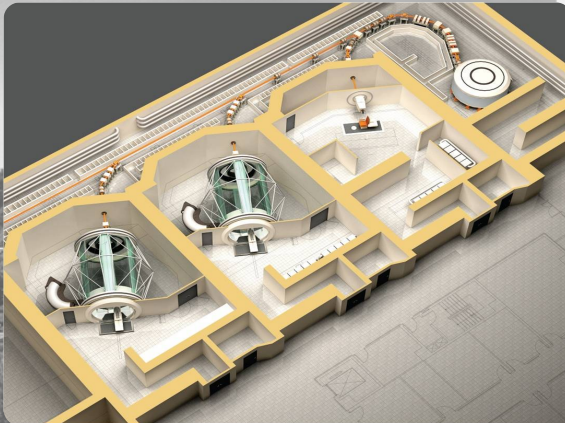
# NCC proton therapy validation activities

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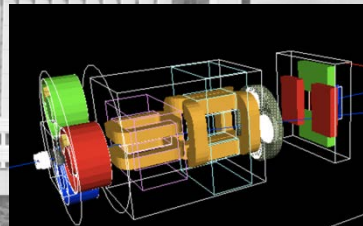
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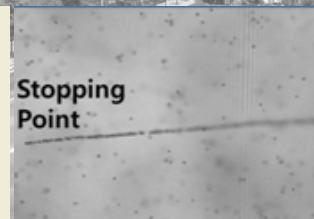
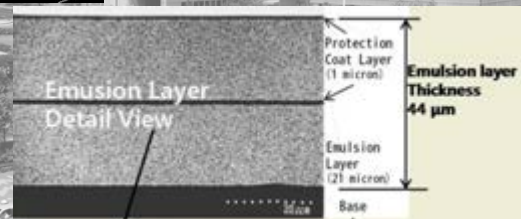
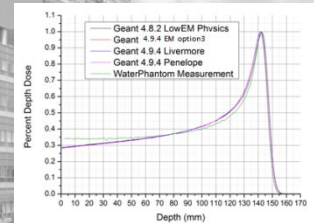
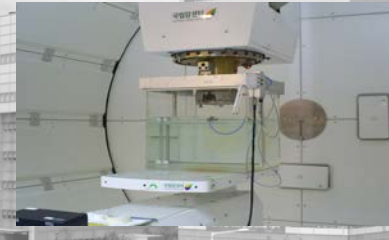
## Proton Therapy Facility



## Nozzle modeling & Simulation

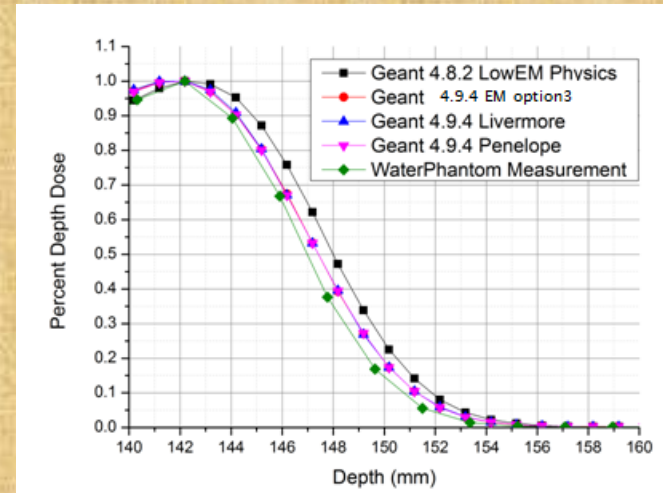


## Beam Measurement

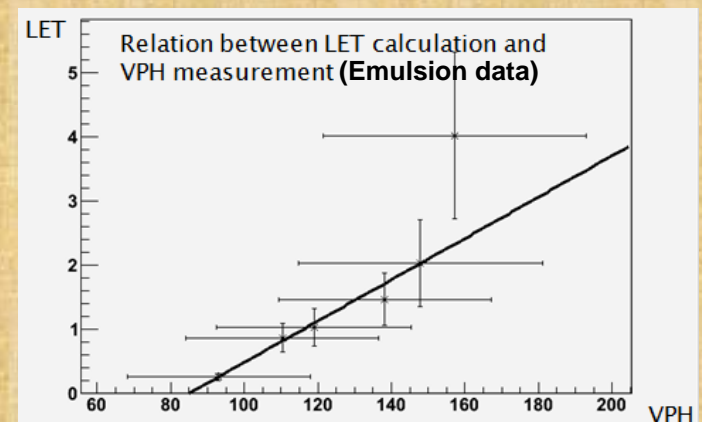


# Proposed Standard EM Validation based on Proton Beam Measurement in NCC, Korea

◆ **Validation 1:** Geant4 MC simulation with a new Standard EM physics list and Comparison with Proton Bragg-peak measurement data periodically.



◆ **Validation 2:** Micro-dosimetry Study with a Nuclear Emulsion Experiment and the EM physics list





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## RBE computations in Geant4 medical applications

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# RBE computations in Geant4

- RBE (Relative Biological Effectiveness) is crucial for the prescription of dose in hadrontherapy with ion beams
- It sensibly depends not linearly on physical parameters (dose level, kinetic energy, atomic number, LET) and biological ones (tissue type, oxygenation, endpoint)
- It can be obtained with radiobiology experiments in specific simple configurations, fixing all the mentioned parameters (few data) ...
- ... but it is difficult to calculate in an accurate (and fast!) way for realistic clinical cases (→ mixing of the mentioned parameters)

*A module for RBE computation has been developed, coupling pre-calculated Local Effect Model (LEM) outputs with Hadrontherapy (in collaboration with the INFN section of Turin)*

## LEM

pre-calculated output

INTERFACE  
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## Geant 4

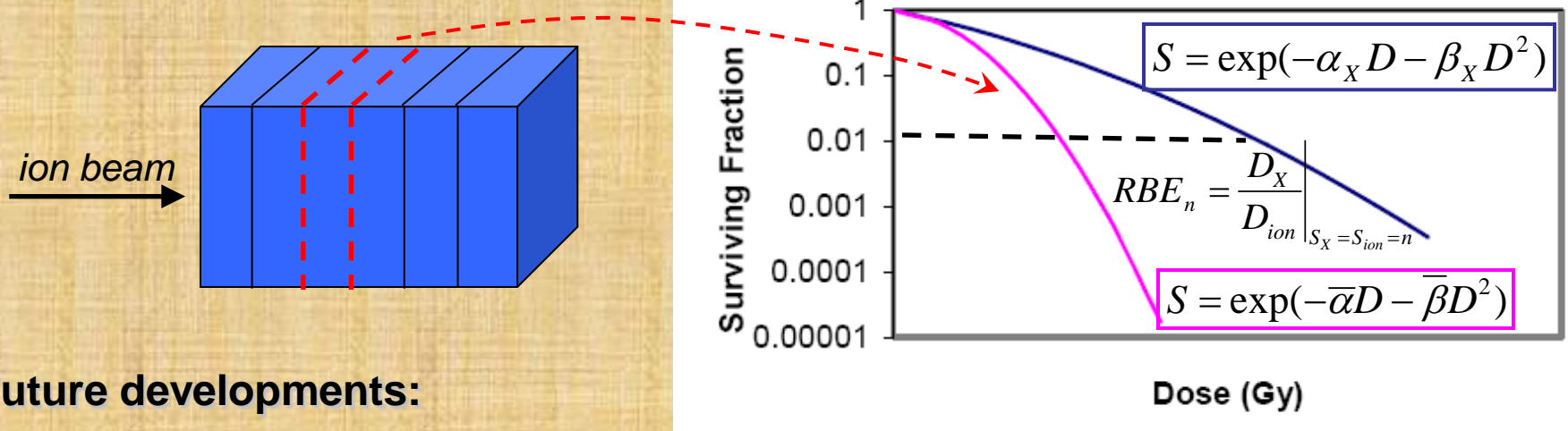
Hadrontherapy example

1. Biological effect completely determined by the local distribution of dose inside the cell nucleus
2. The *local* (at cell level) energy deposition of any single track, has a radial symmetry respect to the track itself and an inverse square radial slope
3. Locally, the effect of ions can be evaluated using the X-ray Linear Quadratic (LQ) model



# RBE computations in Geant4

- Ion beam impinging on water cubic phantom divided in slices of 100  $\mu\text{m}$
- Table with *pre-calculated*  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (with *LEM I*) for specific ion/energy/LET is called run-time
- *Step-by-step* particle parameters are retrieved and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are obtained with interpolation
- According to the TRDA (*theory of dual radiation action*) a weighted average  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is calculated for each step  $i$  and updated at the end of each event
- At the end of the run final values of average  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are stored in each voxel (including secondary contributions) and *RBE* is calculated



## Future developments:

- **General interface:** implementation of other **LEM** versions (**II**, **III**, **IV**) and of **MKM** model (Microdosimetric Kinetic Model)
- Different **cell lines** to be implemented and further **comparisons** with published data (few for ion irradiation) and experiments performed @ LNS-INFN
- Future release in the **public version** of *Hadrontherapy*

# Discussion on EM Builders in 9.6

- Main modifications affecting different users:
  - WentzelVI msc for electrons above 100 MeV
  - Livermore Rayleigh
  - Relativistic pair production above 80 GeV
  - V.Grichine angular generator for bremsstrahlung
- EM Physics builders for 9.6:
  - Opt0 default (used by ATLAS) no Rayleigh
  - Opt1 coherent with CMS EM builder
  - Opt2 coherent with LHCb EM builder
  - Opt3 – standard, step limits +Rayleigh from Livermore
  - Opt4 (new) – the best combined standard/lowenergy
  - Livermore: mainly Livermore + best standard models
  - Penelope: Penelope + high standard energy models
  - DNA – demonstration of DNA models