

Geant4 Hadronic Physics Performance: Recent Validation and Developments

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Outline

- Performance Issues
- Key Validation Results
- Successes and Challenges
- Key Developments
- Summary

Performance Issues

- Physics performance: agreement of model predictions with data
 - validation
 - accessibility
- Computing performance
 - CPU Speed: cost per interaction improved by code review
 - Efficiency use of memory (allocations per interaction)
 - Goal to improve a model with no change in physics.
- Code usability
 - docs, guidelines
 - modularity
 - ease of use

Validation Efforts and Accessibility

- Our goal is to provide extensive validation of every active Geant4 hadronic model and cross section set
 - Against thin-target data (primarily)
 - And make the results easily accessible to users
- Most results are regenerated with each major Geant4 release and are linked to the Geant4 web page
 - During the past two years much effort has been devoted to improving Geant4 hadronic validation
 - according to the January 2009 Review of the Geant4 project:
“An impressive program of systematic physics validation has been carried out.”

Survey of Validation Efforts (1)

- Stopped particles

- M. Kossov (CERN), J. Yarba (FNAL)
- μ^- , π^- , K^- , anti-p
- geant4.cern.ch/results/validation_plots/thin_target/hadronic/stopped

- Heavy ions

- P. Cirrone, F. Romano, G. Cuttone (INFN, Catania)
- T. Koi (SLAC)
- $E < 10$ GeV/N
- target: $12 < A < 208$, projectile: $12 < A < 56$
- [web pages under construction](#)

Nucleus-nucleus model validation

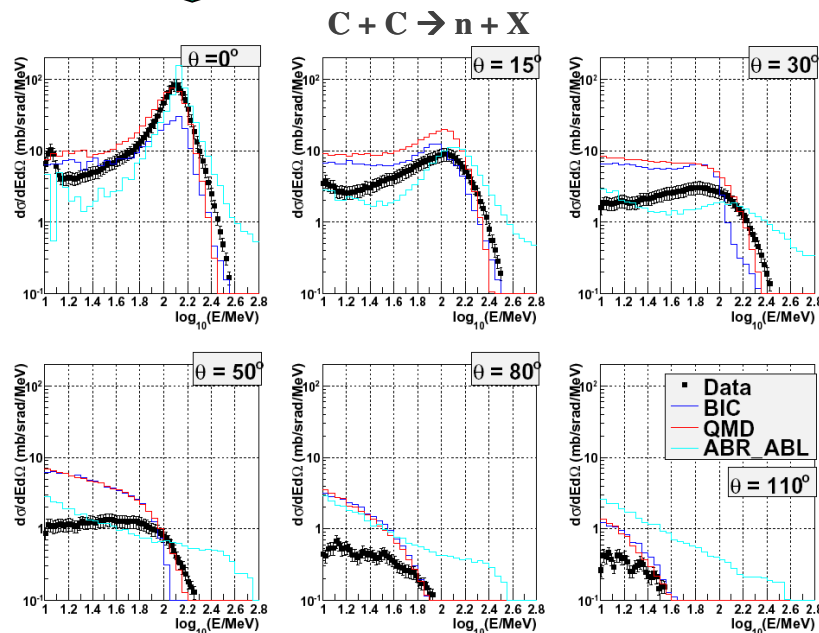
Catania group (LNS-INFN) is involved on nucleus-nucleus models validation at intermediate-low energy (10-400 MeV/n). This energy range is of interest for medical applications, in which the group is involved on (hadrontherapy).

Nucleus-nucleus interaction models available in Geant4:

- *Binary Light Ion Cascade*
- *Quantum Molecular Dynamics (QMD)*
- *Abrasion Ablation*
- *G4QLowEnergy*

few experimental data published for thin targets at low energy!

(most of them → secondary neutron production)



incident beams: targets:
He, C, Ne, Ar C, Al, Cu, Pb

Comparison of experimental neutron
double differential cross sections
production at different angles and those
predicted by different models

Reference: H.Sato et al., *Measurements of double differential neutron production cross sections by 135 AMeV He, C, Ne, and 95 AMeV Ar ions* Phys. Rev. C, 64, 054607 (2001)

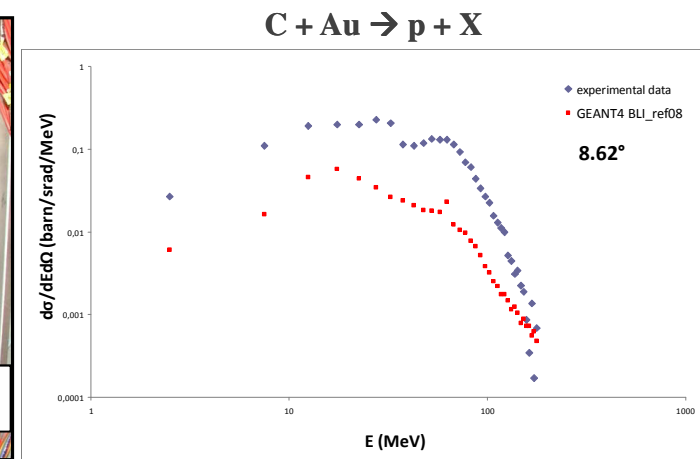
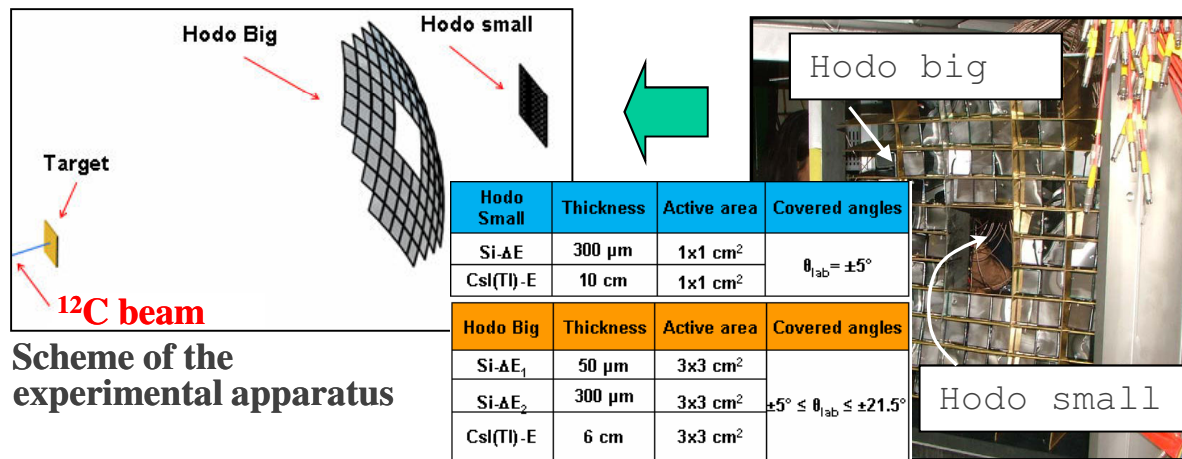
Nucleus-nucleus models validation (cont.)

Experiment at LNS-INFN in Catania for fragments production

$^{12}\text{C} + ^{197}\text{Au} @ 62 \text{ MeV/n} \rightarrow \text{p, d, t, } ^3\text{He, } \alpha, ^6\text{He, } ^6\text{Li, } ^7\text{Li, } ^7\text{Be, } ^9\text{Be, } ^{10}\text{B, } ^{11}\text{B, } ^{11}\text{C}$

Experimental apparatus: Two hodoscopes with different granularity (“Hodo big” and “Hodo small”) composed by ΔE -E telescope detectors, able to identify the different isotopes detected.

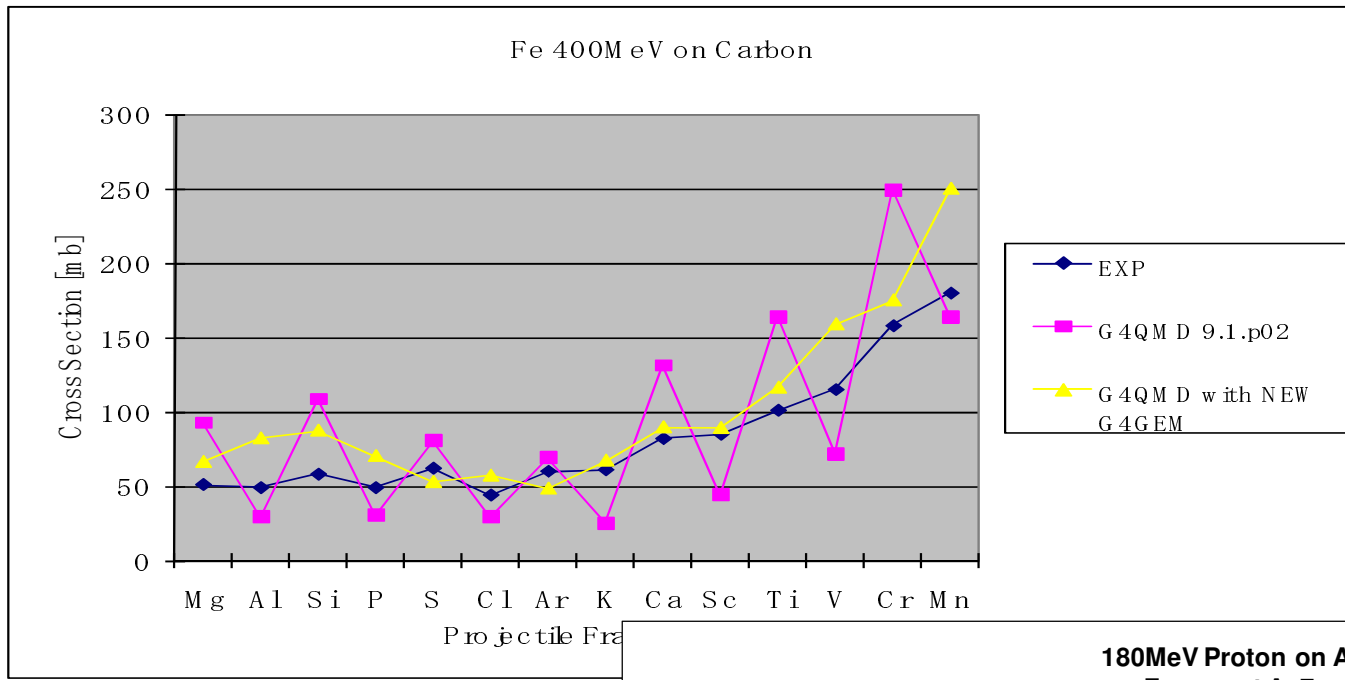
Double differential cross sections for charged fragments production have been compared



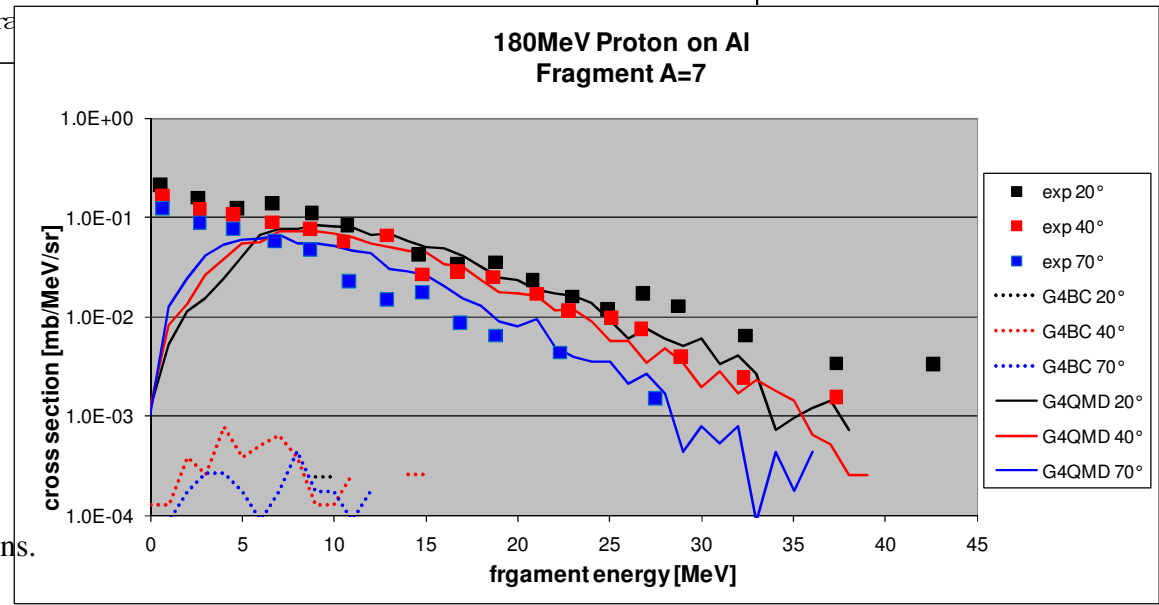
Future plan

- Measurements at low energy ($\text{C} + \text{C} @ 62 \text{ MeV/n}$) \rightarrow already performed at LNS Catania in April 2009 (analysis still in progress)
- New measurements at higher energy at GSI (Germany) \rightarrow approved for 2010
- Intercomparison with other Monte Carlo codes (Fluka)

Nucleus-nucleus: G4QMD vs data



Energy deposition in intermediate-energy nucleon–nucleus collisions,”
Kwiatkowski et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., vol. 50, no. 21, pp. 1648–1651, 1983



This result includes some but not all recent corrections.

Survey of Validation Efforts (2)

- Cascade energy

- p, n on various targets, 20 MeV – 3 GeV (labelled test30)
 - cern.ch/vnivanch/tests.shtml (V. Ivanchenko, A. Ivanchenko - CERN)

- Transition region

- p on various targets, 3-12 GeV (labelled test35)
 - cern.ch/vnivanch/tests.shtml (V. Ivanchenko, A. Ivanchenko - CERN)
- proton and pion double-differential cross sections for various targets
 - Covers 100 MeV – 20 GeV
 - geant4.fnal.gov/hadronic_validation/validation_plots/thin_target/hadronic/medium_energy/index1.shtml
 - S. Banerjee, J. Yarba, D. Elvira (FNAL)

Survey of Validation Efforts (3)

- High(est) energy
 - 100 – 400 GeV protons, pions on various nuclei
 - geant4.fnal.gov/hadronic_validation/validation_plots/thin_target/hadronic/high_energy
 - G. Folger
- CHIPS
 - test49
 - M. Kossov

CPU performance

- **Speed:** efforts to improve it as LHC running approaches
- **Memory use:** addressing problems reported by ATLAS (memory *churn* = allocate+free in 1 step)

Code usability

- **Documentation:** a task force is working on improving documentation of physics lists and model usage.
- **Easy of use:** we continue to be concerned with improving ease of use of hadronic models.

IAEA benchmark of spallation data

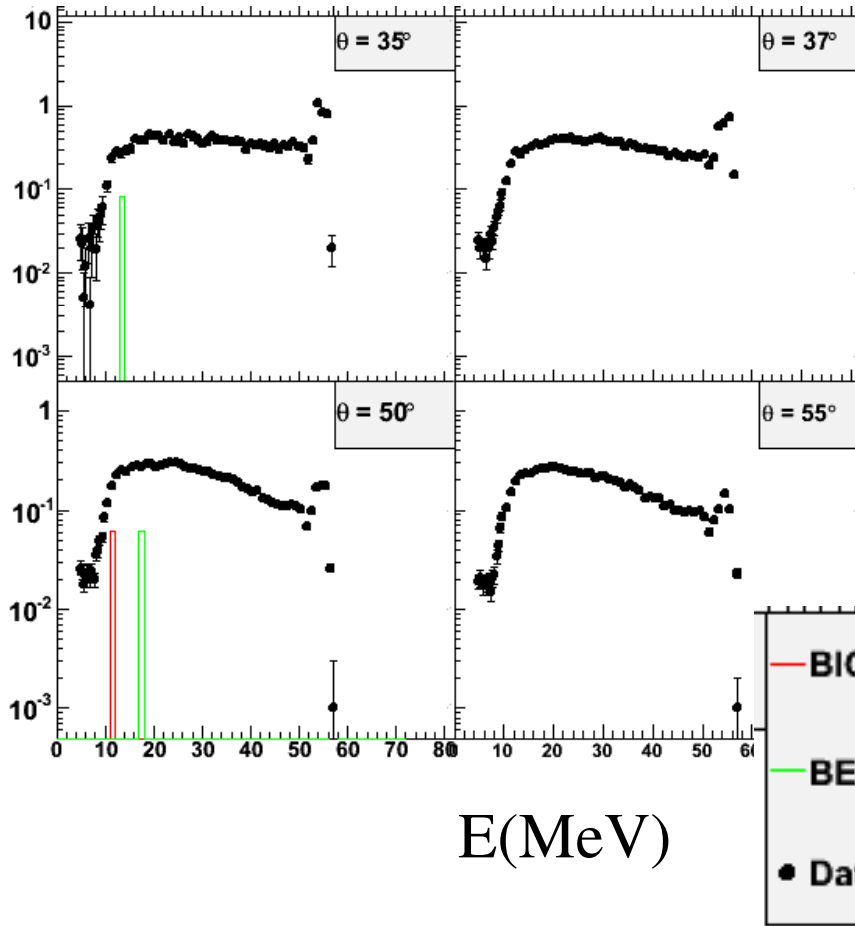
- The benchmark includes nucleon-induced reactions on nuclei from carbon to uranium
 - Energy range: 20 MeV to 3 GeV
- Geant4 has participated in benchmarking
 - In parallel with intensive model improvement,
- This benchmarking has triggered a series of critical model improvements
 - in pre-compound & de-excitation models in Geant4

Light cluster emission: improvement

Pb (p, d) at 63 MeV

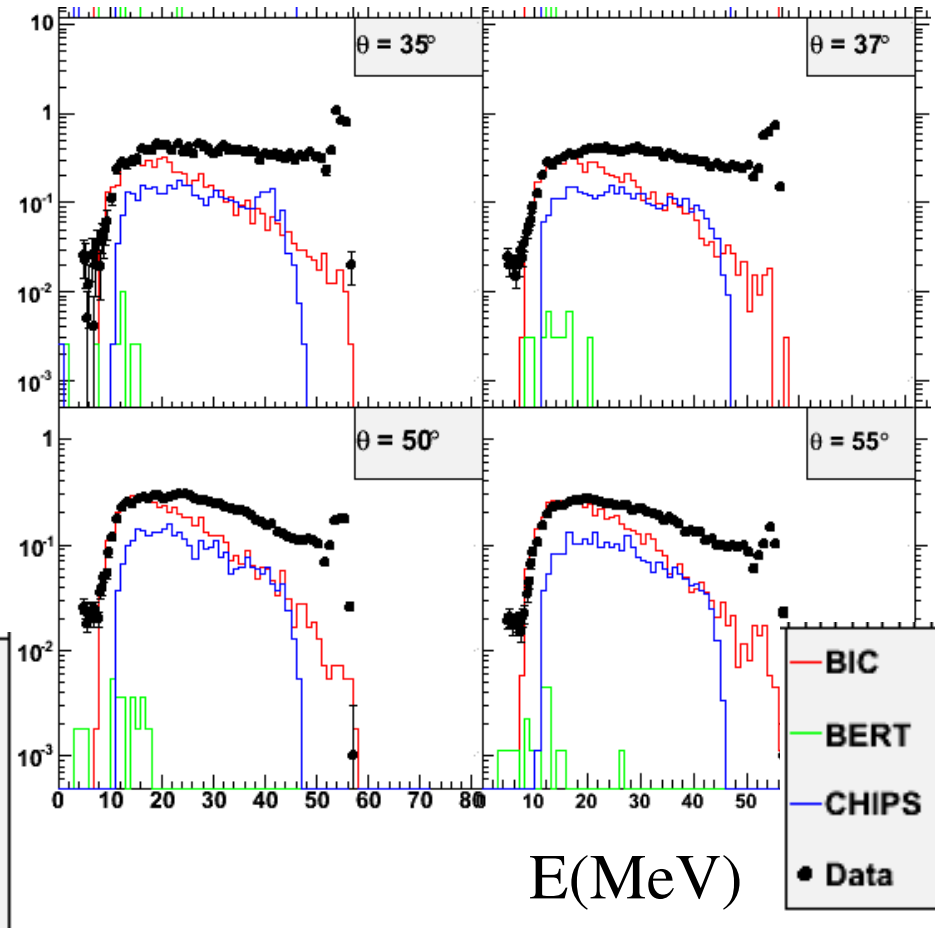
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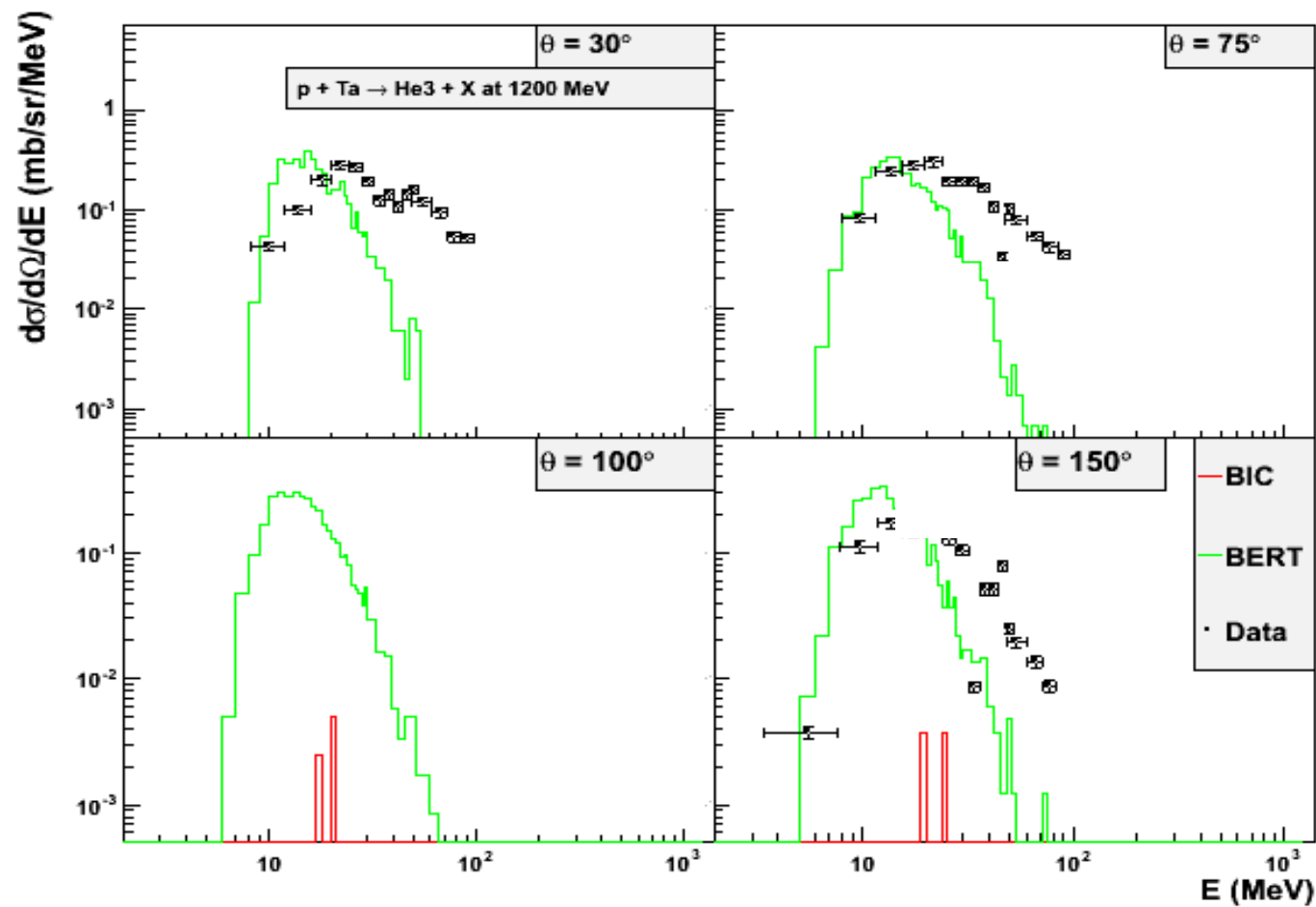
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Light cluster emission

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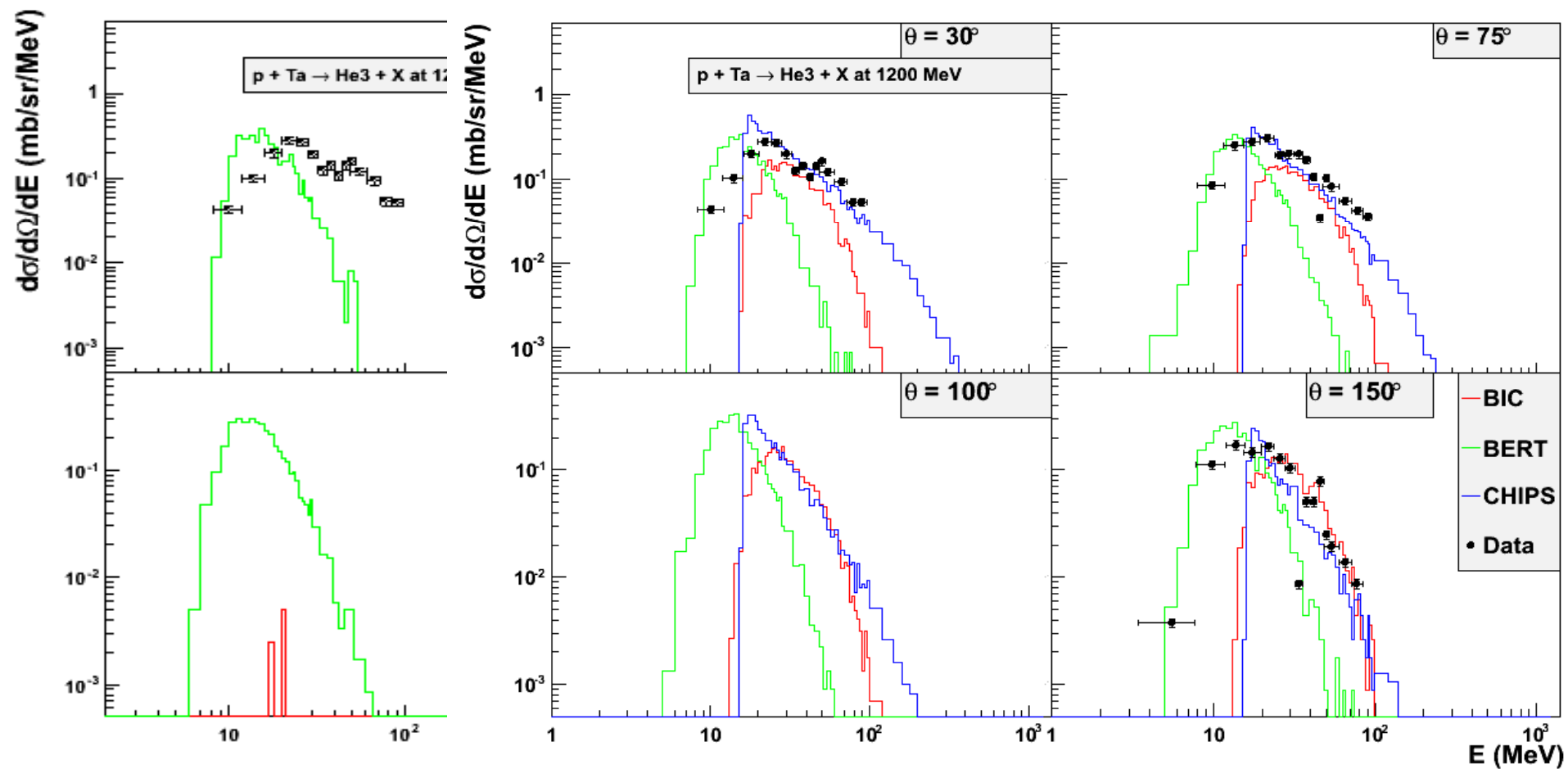
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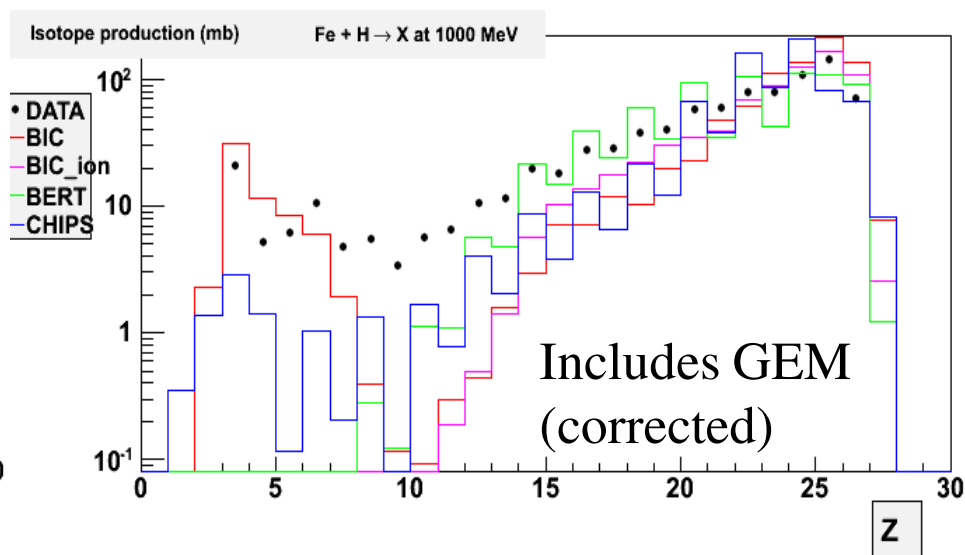
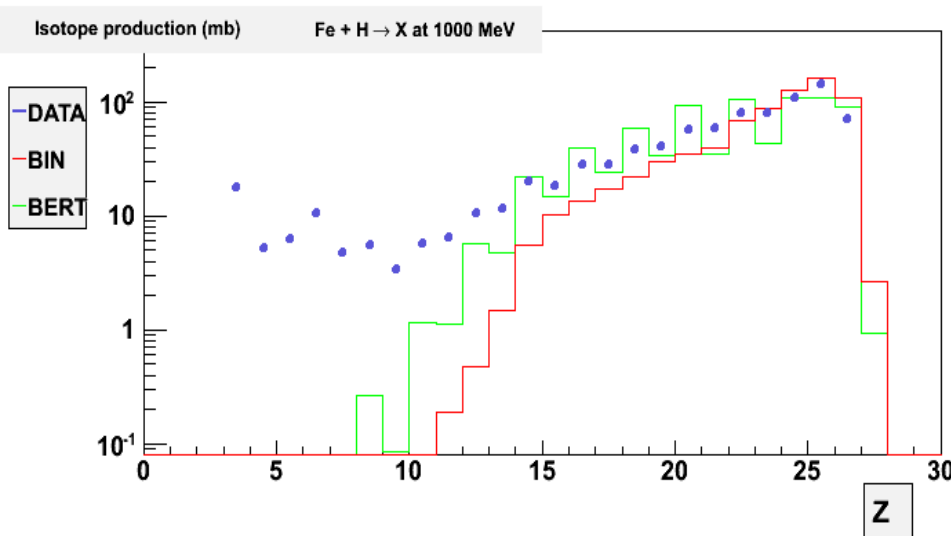
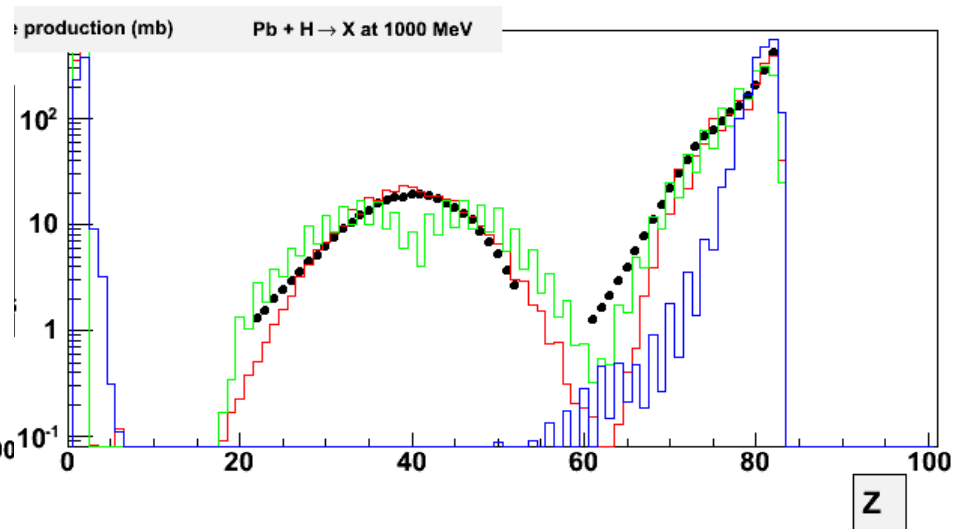
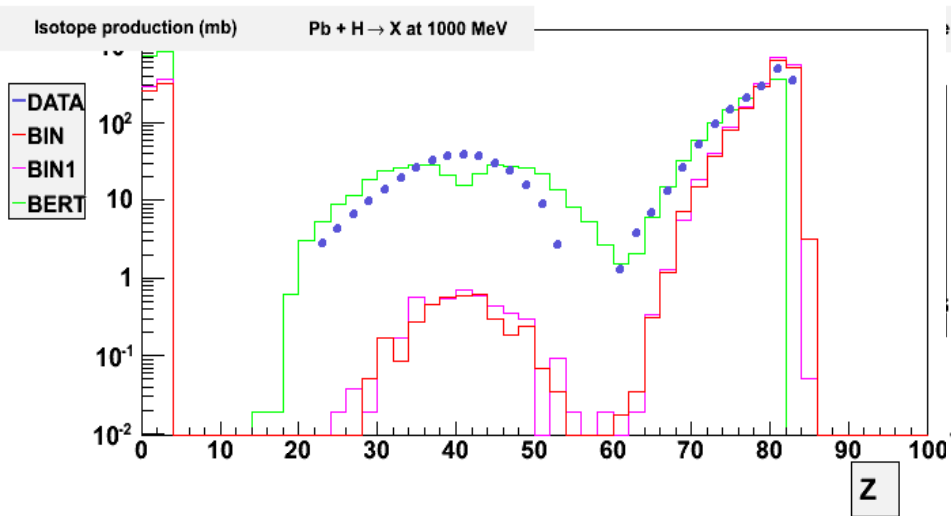
Isotope production at 1000 MeV in inverse kinematics

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Progress (1)

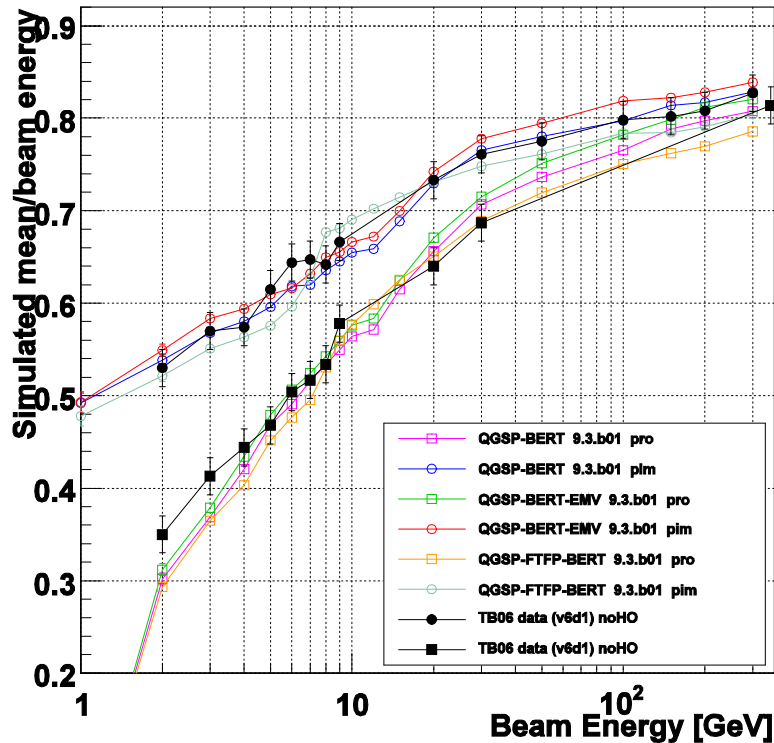
- **IAEA spallation validation exercise**
 - was very helpful in identifying and fixing problems with G4Precompound, Binary and Bertini cascade models
 - improved low energy behavior (< 200 MeV)
- **Shower shapes**
 - improved treatment of quasi-elastic scattering in nuclei has solved most problems with shower shapes
- **Comparison with other codes**
 - A measure of progress in this area
 - Some Geant4 hadronics members becoming Fluka users and learning to use code;
 - Preliminary comparisons with Dubna Cascade, UrQMD.

Progress (2)

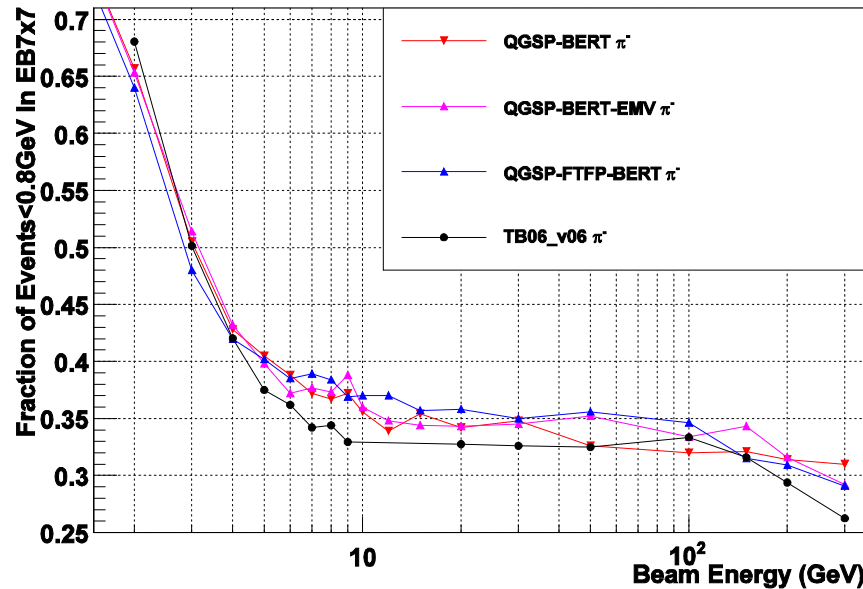
- **Model transition region**
 - we now have a much better understanding of what is going on in the energy regions between models in a physics list
 - simplified calorimeter studies of energy partition among particle types
 - we are beginning to understand how to extend cascade models higher in energy, string models lower in energy
 - using Binary, Bertini and CHIPS models as “back-ends” for string models
 - shutting off Bertini cascade at high energies
 - => will allow the removal of the energy non-conserving LEP models from some physics lists

Validation with CMS TB Data

Calo Response (MCideal calib.: ele50)



MIP fraction G4.9.3.b01



Test done with Geant4 9.3.beta01 for 3 physics lists:
QGSP_BERT, QGSP_BERT-EMV, QGSP_FTFP-BERT

CMS measured response of the combined calorimeter with identified pion and proton beams of momenta between 2 and 350 GeV/c

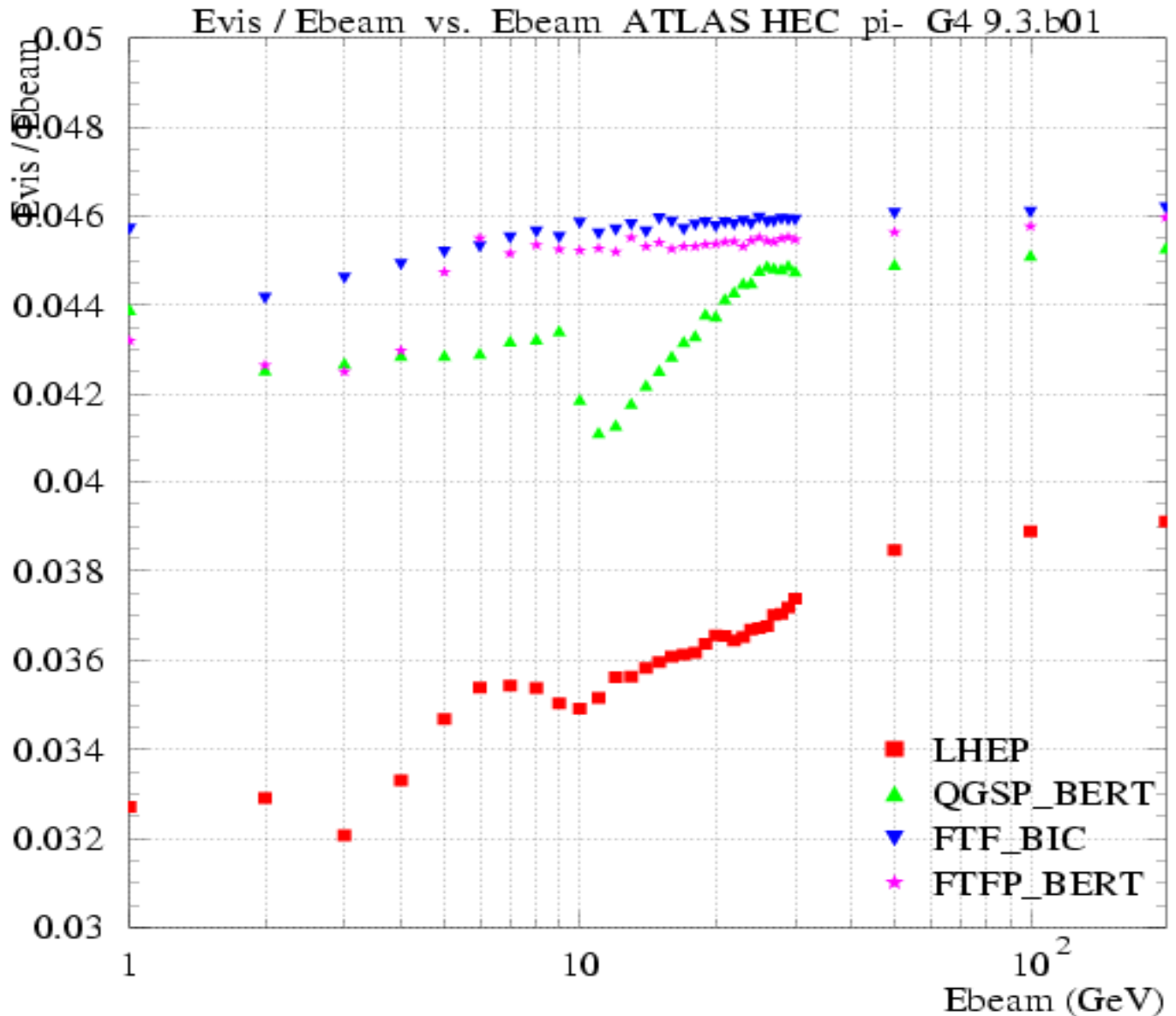
Measures mean response and resolutions separately with all events and MIP like signal in the ECAL

Also measures the fraction of MIP events as a function of beam energy

Challenges (1)

- **Energy non-conservation in some physics lists**
 - LEP, HEP models used in cases where no other physics list applies
 - these models do not conserve energy – even on average
- **Model transition region**
 - discontinuities as one moves in energy from one model domain to another
 - multiplicity
 - mean energy per particle type
 - angular distributions
 - energy response & resolution affected
 - important for calibration, jets, energy scale
 - For LHC and ILC calorimeters

Model transition region



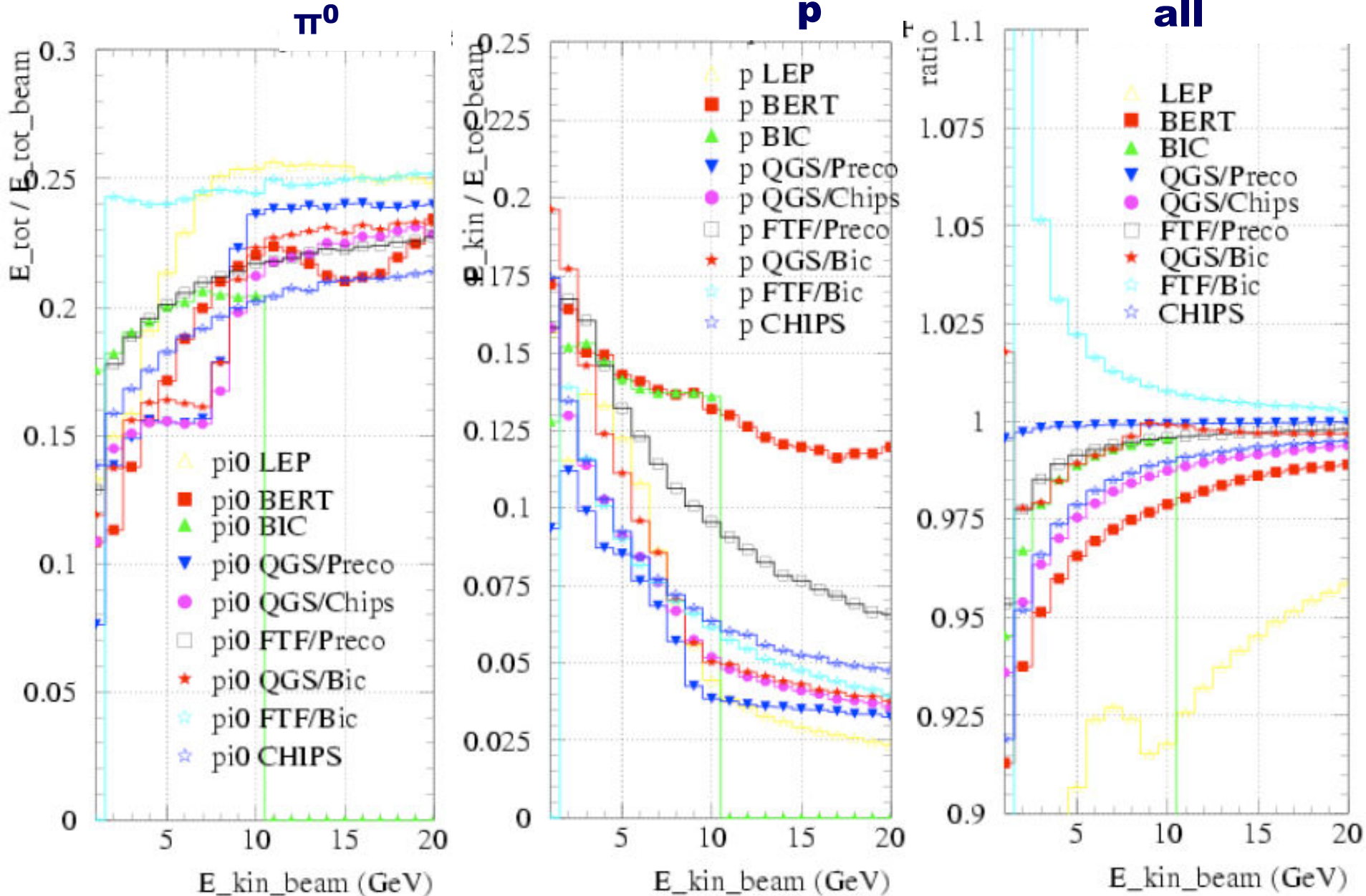
Energy response
in a
simplified
Cu-LAr
calorimeter

QGSP_BERT
uses (in GeV)

- Bertini: 0-9.9
- LEP: 9.5-25
- QGS/P: 12+

Origin of the problem

Energy fractions of secondaries produced in π^- Fe inelastic interactions



Challenges (2)

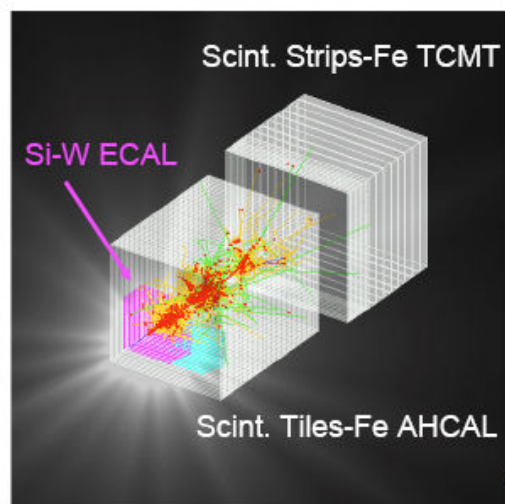
- **Low energy behaviour**
 - Incident p and n below 200 MeV
 - large differences between models in number of these particles predicted
 - more work required on low energy end of cascade and nuclear physics
- **New aspects important for ILC calorimeter**
 - High granularity requires good lateral profile, ..
- **Comparison with other codes (MCNP, Fluka, ...)**
 - has been a challenge in the past
 - few people expert in more than one code => difficult to do comparisons
 - not many opportunities for head-to-head comparisons

CALICE: from MC to reality

Calorimeter for the Linear Collider Experiment

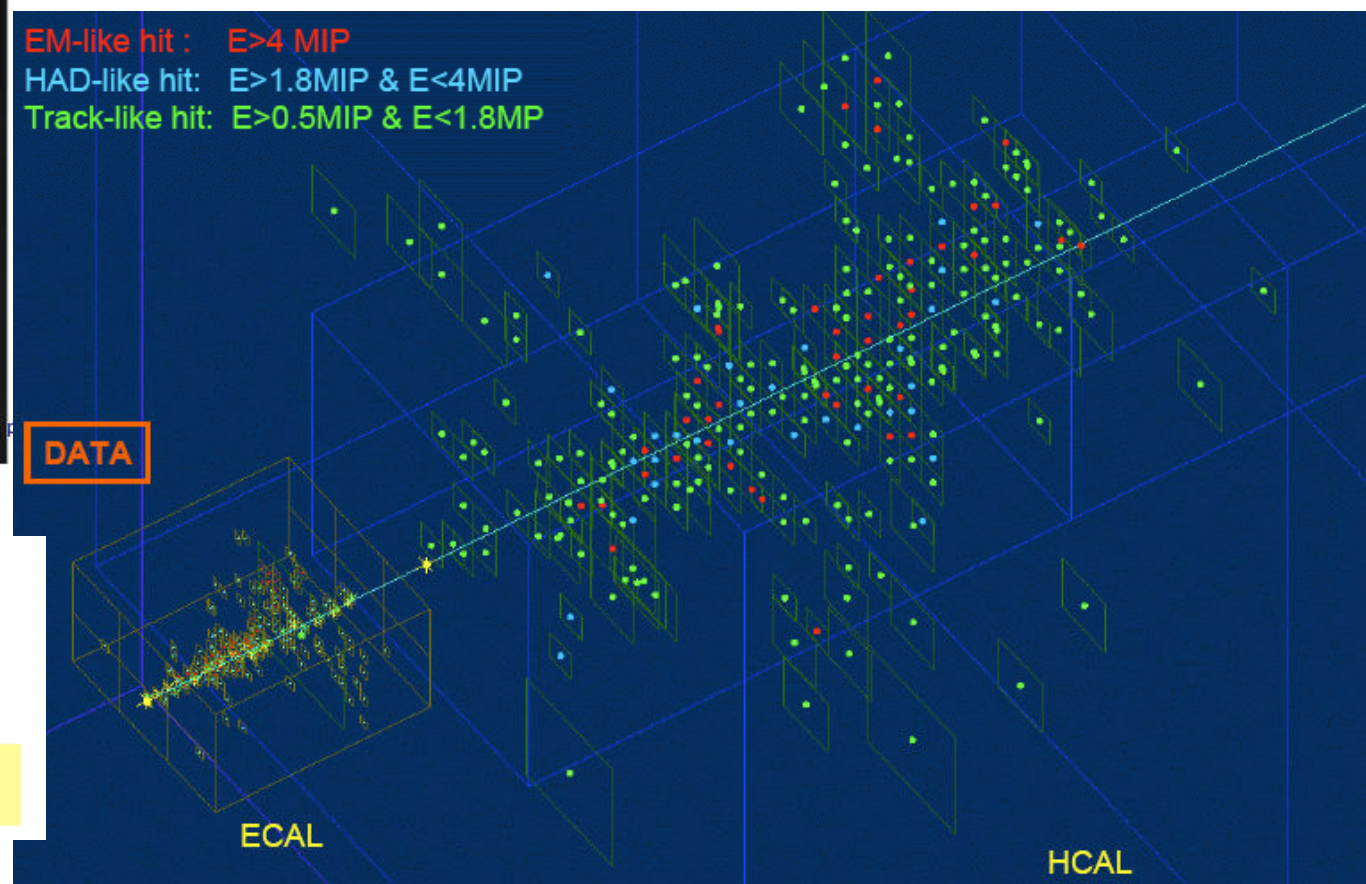
Final goal:

A high granularity calorimeter optimised for the Particle Flow measurement of multi-jets final state at the International Linear Collider



EM-like hit : $E > 4 \text{ MIP}$
HAD-like hit: $E > 1.8 \text{ MIP} \ \& \ E < 4 \text{ MIP}$
Track-like hit: $E > 0.5 \text{ MIP} \ \& \ E < 1.8 \text{ MIP}$

DATA



Intermediate task:

Build prototype calorimeters to

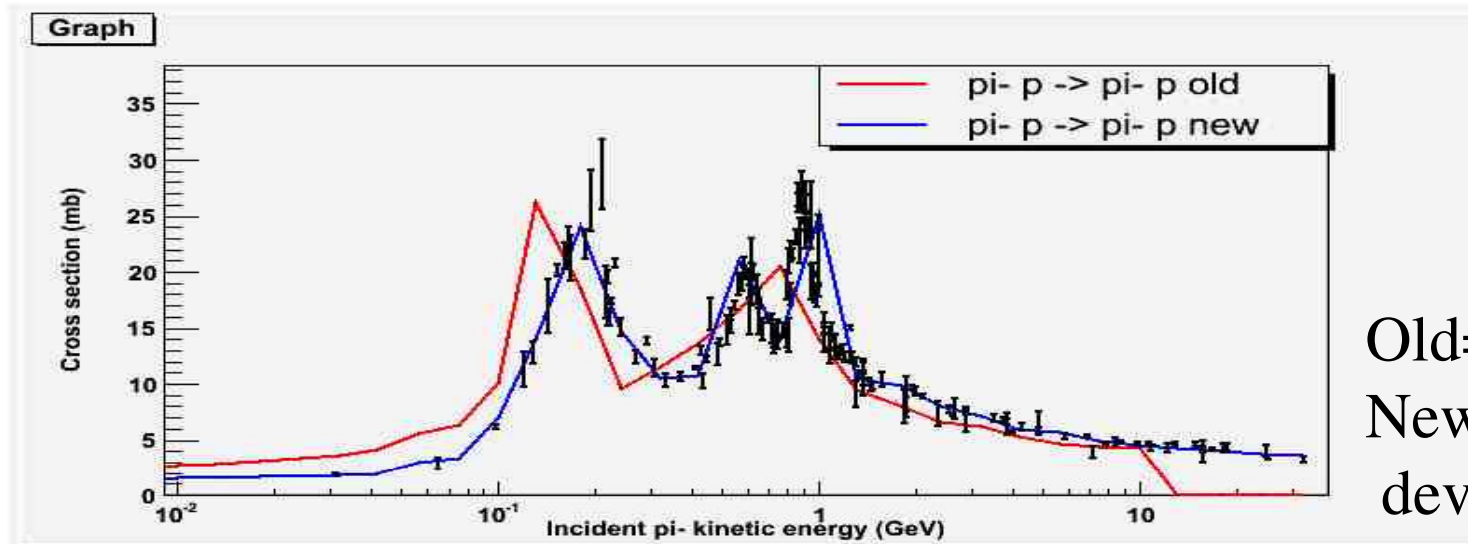
- Establish the technology
- Collect hadronic showers data with unprecedented granularity to

- tune reconstruction algorithms
- validate existing MC models

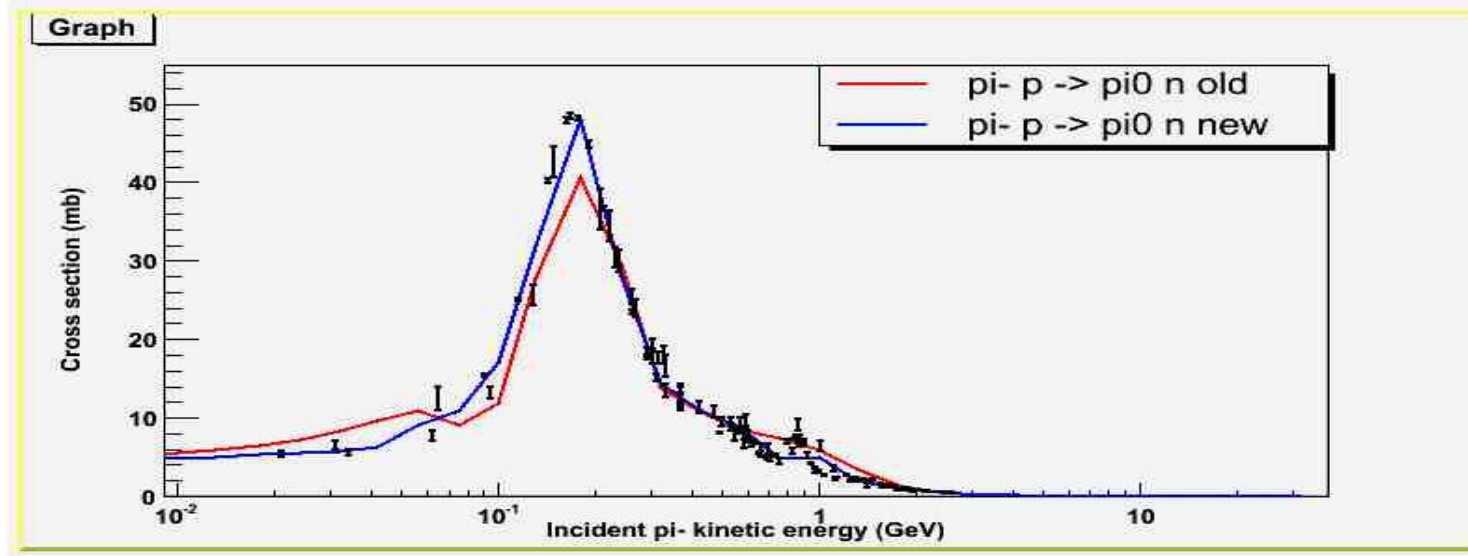
Developments in Bertini Cascade

- Coulomb barrier added in cascade and precompound phases
- Completed review and correction of total and partial cross sections used in intra-nuclear cascade
 - nucleon-nucleon, pion-nucleon
 - 95 cross sections reviewed from 0 to 30 GeV
- Added partial cross sections for production of strange particle pairs from p-p and π -p interactions
 - ΛK , ΣK , KK
- Investigating “shutting off” cascade at energies above 3 GeV
 - using trailing effect, formation length

Corrected Bertini Cross Sections: $\pi^- p \rightarrow 2$ body, before and after



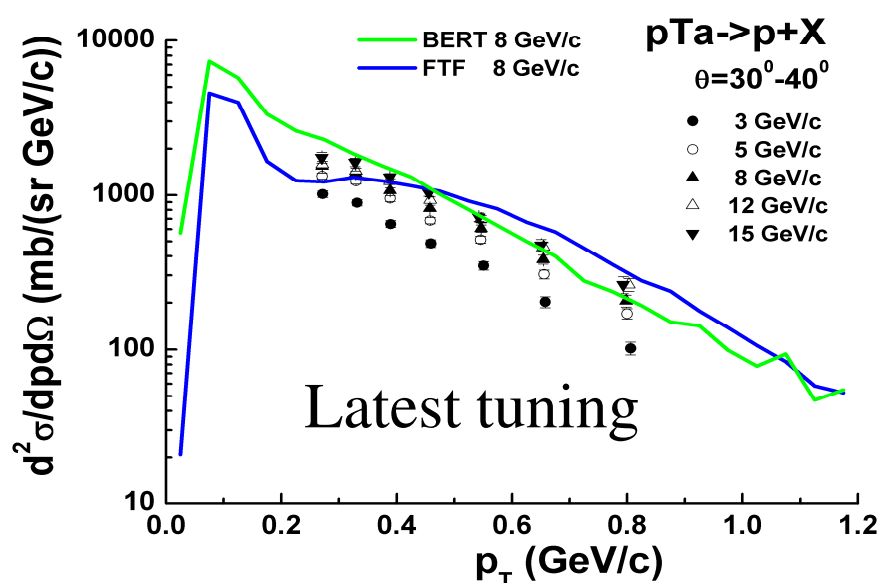
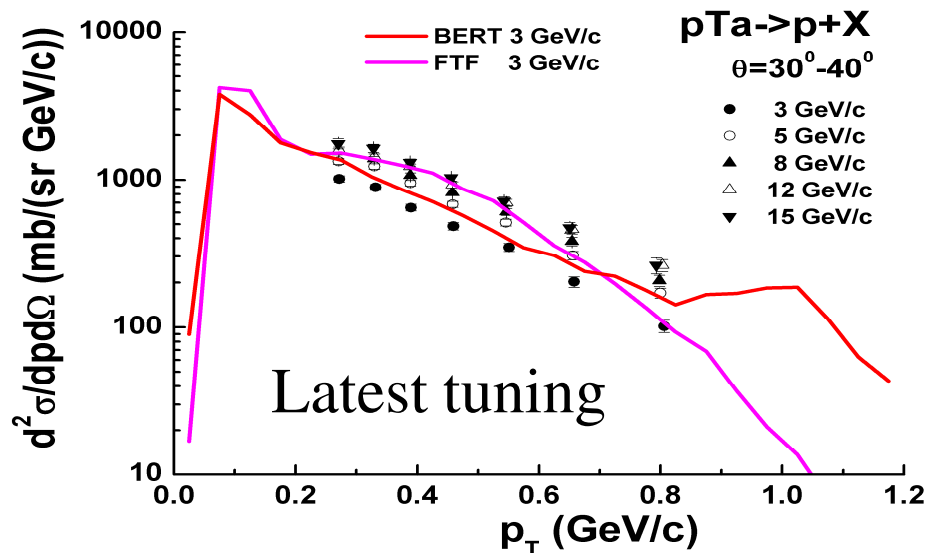
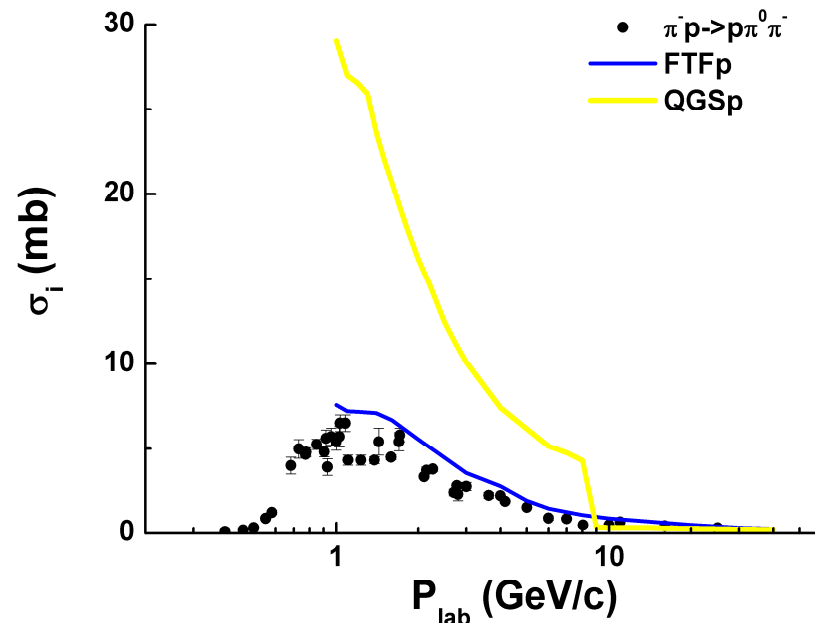
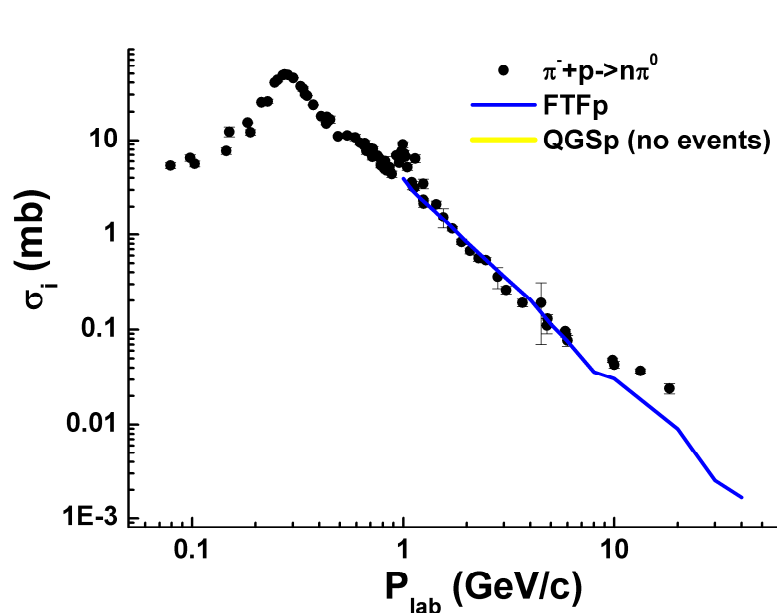
Old=9.3 beta
New= recent
development



FTF: The FRITIOF Model Implementation in Geant4

- Alternative string model starting at ~3 GeV
 - Potential to improve transitions
- Can be coupled with the Binary model (= FTF_BIC)
 - provides a smoother transition to cascade models in the most problematic energy region (3-20 GeV)
 - (Simple transition from Bertini to FTF still has bump 3-5 GeV)
- Key model details:
 - Hadron-hadron interactions are modelled as binary reactions
 - Multiple collisions are calculated in Glauber approach
 - including elastic re-scatterings of hadrons.
 - Excited states are considered as QCD-strings
 - the LUND model is used for their fragmentation.

The FRITIOF Model: validation & tuning



Model improvements in pre-equilibrium and de-excitation models

- Fixed errors in pre-equilibrium
 - in the widths of light cluster emission
- Fixed errors in equilibrium de-excitation
 - fission widths
 - excitation energies of fragments in Fermi Break-Up.
 - emission widths in Generalized Evaporation Model (GEM).
- Tuned parameters of fission.
- New “hybrid “ model :
 - Weisskopf-Ewing for n,p,d,t, ^3He , ^4He
 - GEM for heavier ejectiles ($A < 29, Z < 13$).

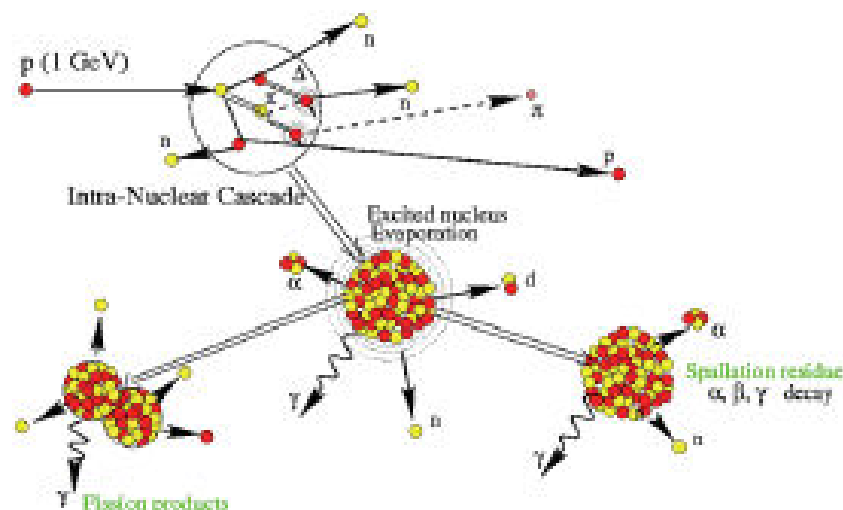
Improvements in G4QMD

- Improved nuclear fragment creation
 - Using detailed GEM de-excitation model (via physics list)
 - Default is now G4GEM
 - Option of FRAG mode in cascade phase in order to obtain best fragment production
 - Default is OFF, i.e. optimized for energy spectra of secondary nucleons
- Corrected meson absorption in reaction phase
 - Used to break (E,p) conservation at high energy
 - Corrected in V9.2 patch 2.
- Extended for use in additional reactions
 - proton, neutron and pion incident
- Used first corrections of GEM

INCL intra-nuclear cascade and ABLA de-excitation

Projectile	$p, n, \pi,$ deuteron, triton, He3, alpha
Energy range	150 MeV - 3 GeV
Target nuclei	Carbon - Uranium

Table: Model validity range



Interactions (isospin dependence):

$NN \longrightarrow NN$

$NN \longrightarrow N\Delta$

$N\Delta \longrightarrow NN$

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$\Delta\Delta \longrightarrow \Delta\Delta$

No $N\Delta \longrightarrow \Delta\Delta$

$\Delta = \Delta_{33}$ (1232 MeV)

(No other baryonic resonances)

No $\pi N \longrightarrow \pi N$

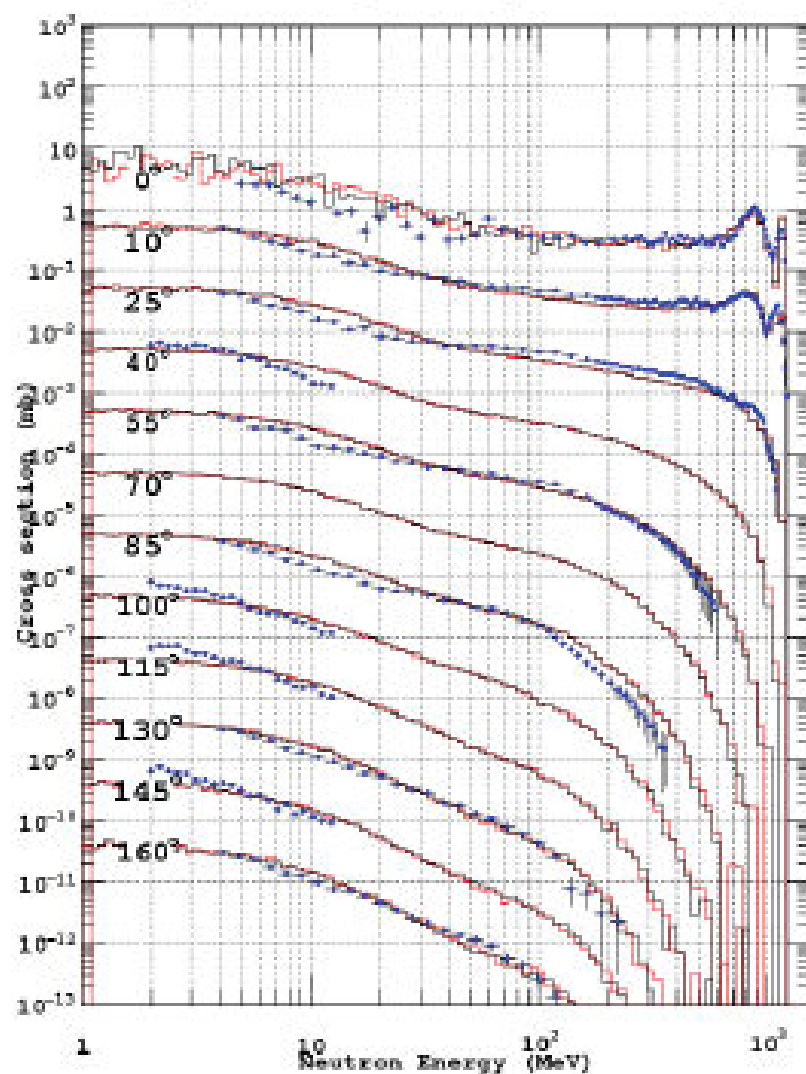
No $\pi N \longrightarrow 2\pi N$,

but $\Delta \longleftrightarrow \pi N$

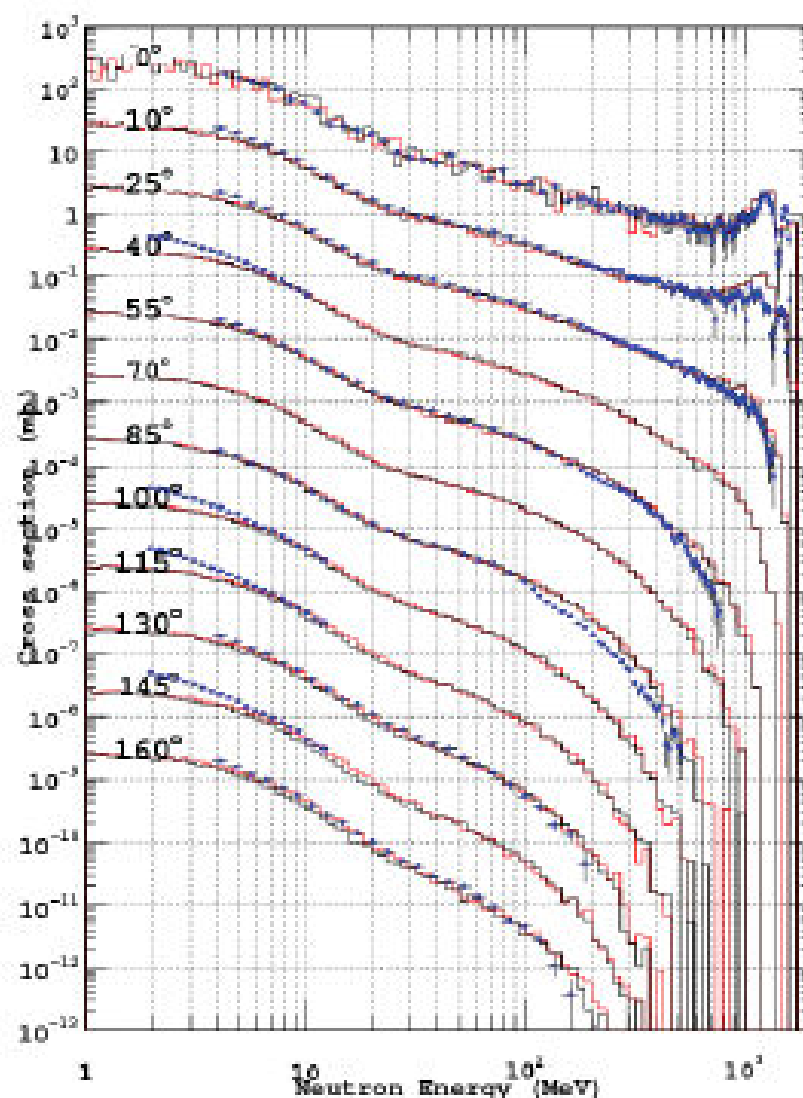
- INCL tracks particles (p, n, π, Δ) and their binary collisions.
- Stop the cascade when stopping time is reached and treat the remnant nucleus with ABLA de-excitation (evaporation of p, n, α or fission).

INCL/ABLA: Double-differential neutron energy spectra

p(1.2 GeV) + Al (INCL4+ABLA)



p(1600 MeV) + 208Pb (INCL4+ABLA)



SUMMARY

- Systematic validation effort carried out.
 - Extensions undertaken and ongoing.
- Deficiencies due to transitions between model
 - Found and being investigated
 - Different approaches to address them are underway.
- Model improvements being carried out
 - Fixes made and retuning of some models
 - Further improvements under way.
- Thin target comparisons are benchmarks for models
 - Thick target, e.g. calorimeter studies used to confirm
- New challenge(s)
 - Next generation (high granularity) calorimeter data (CALICE)