

# Atmospheric Cascades with FLUKA

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- Generalities about FLUKA
- The hadronic sector of FLUKA
- FLUKA and QCD
- Applications in C.R. Physics
- Future developments

# FLUKA: generalities

**Complete Monte Carlo code (stand-alone) for transport and interaction of particles and nuclei (~350000 lines of code)**

Authors: [A. Ferrari, A. Fassò, J. Ranft, P.R. Sala](#)

h-h and h-A Interactions 0-10000 TeV

A-A Interactions up to 0-10000 TeV/A

e.m. and muon interactions 0-10000 TeV

Photo-nuclear interactions

Neutron interaction and transport down to thermal energies  
(multi-group for  $E < 20$  MeV)

Residual nuclei calculations

Neutrino interactions (using a special driver)

Optical photon generation and transport

Combinatorial geometry

Interface to GEANT4 geometry

Voxel (3D pixel) geometry

Analog and biased (Variance reduction) calculations

Now developed, distributed (<http://www.fluka.org>) and maintained according to a specific INFN-CERN agreement (Dec. 2003)

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**HE Physics, CR, Neutrinos, Accelerator Physics**

**General Model building**

**(Low energy) Nuclear Physics**

**Radiobiology, Hadrotherapy**

**CR Dosimetry**

**CR, radiation physics in space**

**Software technology**

# Applications

*High Energy Physics (exp. + engineering)*

*(examples: ATLAS, ALICE, LHC machine, CNGS beam)*

*Cosmic Rays, Aircraft and Space applications*

*Radiation protection and Shielding*

*Dosimetry*

*Medical Physics*

*Radiation Inventory and Nuclear waste transmutation*

**Why FLUKA is appreciated**

**Very high Accuracy level**

**Successful benchmark to a wide set of experimental data**

**Energy/mom. conserved up to machine accuracy**

# The hadronic sector of FLUKA (1)

## hadron-hadron collisions

Elastic, Charge exchange

$P < 3-5 \text{ GeV}/c$

High Energy

Isospin, data, phase shifts

Resonance production and decay

Dual Parton Model

Hadronization

## hadron-Nucleus collisions

$P < 4-5 \text{ GeV}/c$

PEANUT: a sophisticated Generalized INC, Preequilibrium model

High Energy

Glauber-Gribov multiple interaction

Coarse G-INC

*“Microscopic” approach*

Details of the hadronic sector of FLUKA can be found in:

**FLUKA: Status and Prospective for Hadronic Applications**

A. Fassò, A. Ferrari, P.R. Sala,

invited talk in the Proceedings of the **MonteCarlo 2000** Conference, Lisbon, October 23--26 2000, A. Kling, F. Barao, M. Nakagawa, L. Tavora, P. Vaz eds., Springer-Verlag Berlin, **p. 955-960 (2001)**.,

# The hadronic sector of FLUKA (2)

## Nucleus-Nucleus Collision

**$E < 5$  GeV/nucleon**

“Quantum Mechanical  
Dynamics”

**(QMD)**

approach

*(adapted from a*

*Sorge et al. model)*

A relativistic **(RQMD)** version is  
in preparation

**$E > 5$  GeV/nucleon**

Interface to **DPMJET-II.5** (J.Ranft)

2-component (hard+soft)

DPM, minijets, Glauber-Gribov

multiple interactions, etc.

*Now also interface to*

**DPMJET-III**

*(Engel, Ranft, Roesler)*

**Allows FLUKA to extend its capabilities to the EHE sector**

# Some general features deriving from this kind of DPM modelling relevant for C.R.s

Rather good scaling in high  $X_f$  region (however broken by diffraction)

Rather good reproduction of leading particle properties

Quantum numbers are conserved

Nuclear target effects are taken into account

There may be problems at the low limit in energy, especially in hadronization sector.

$p + \text{Air} \rightarrow \pi^+$

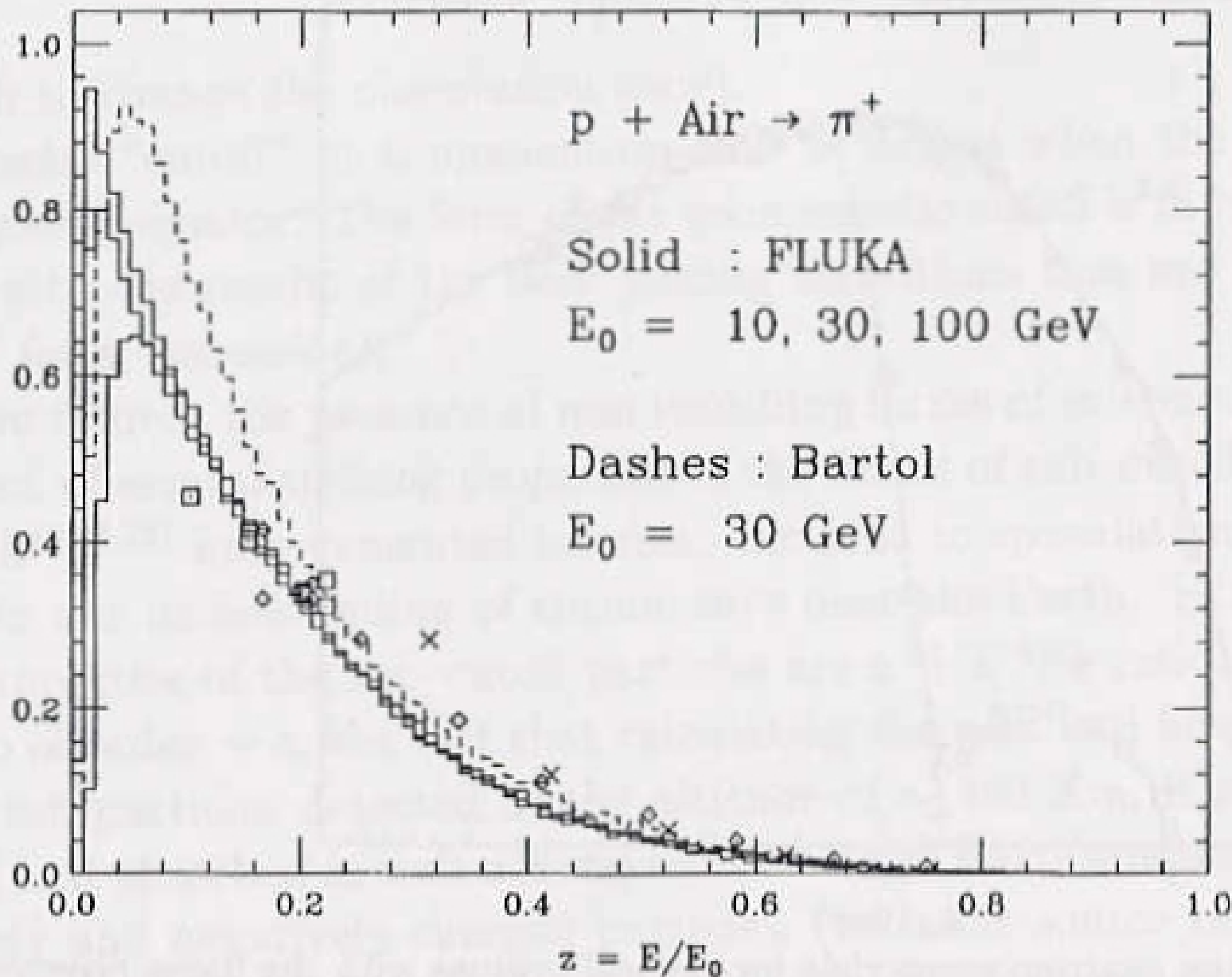
Solid : FLUKA

$E_0 = 10, 30, 100 \text{ GeV}$

Dashes : Bartol

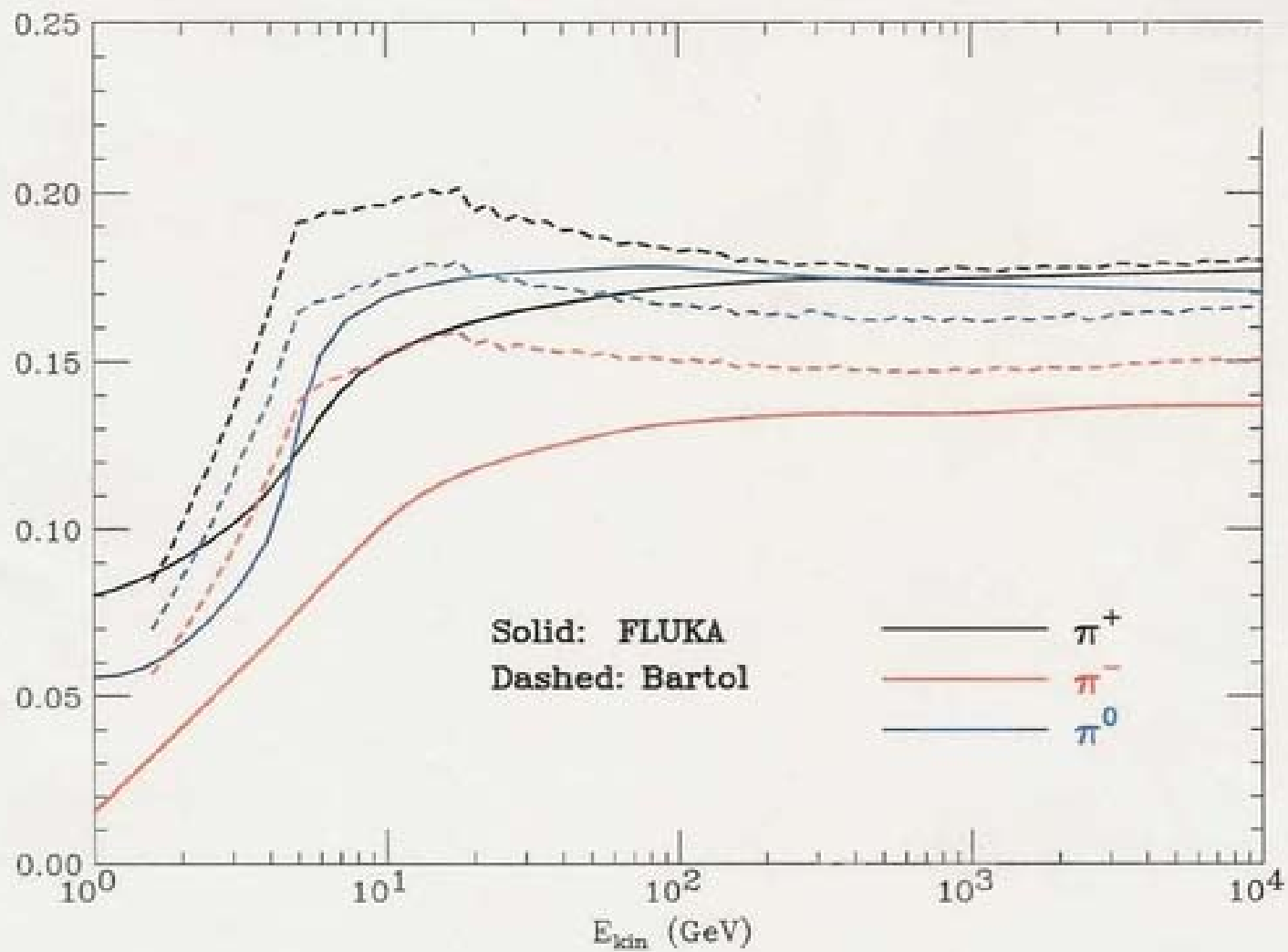
$E_0 = 30 \text{ GeV}$

$z \frac{dN}{dz}$





# Decomposition of $\pi^+$ , $\pi^-$ , $\pi^0$ .



# FLUKA and QCD (the high energy part)

Key role is played by what we are not able to calculate:

non-perturbative QCD



DPM algorithm (Pomeron exchange  
and color string production)

hadronization of color strings

these two aspects are factorized:  
a common ansatz to many MC model  
of this kind!

But remember that this is not exact theory!

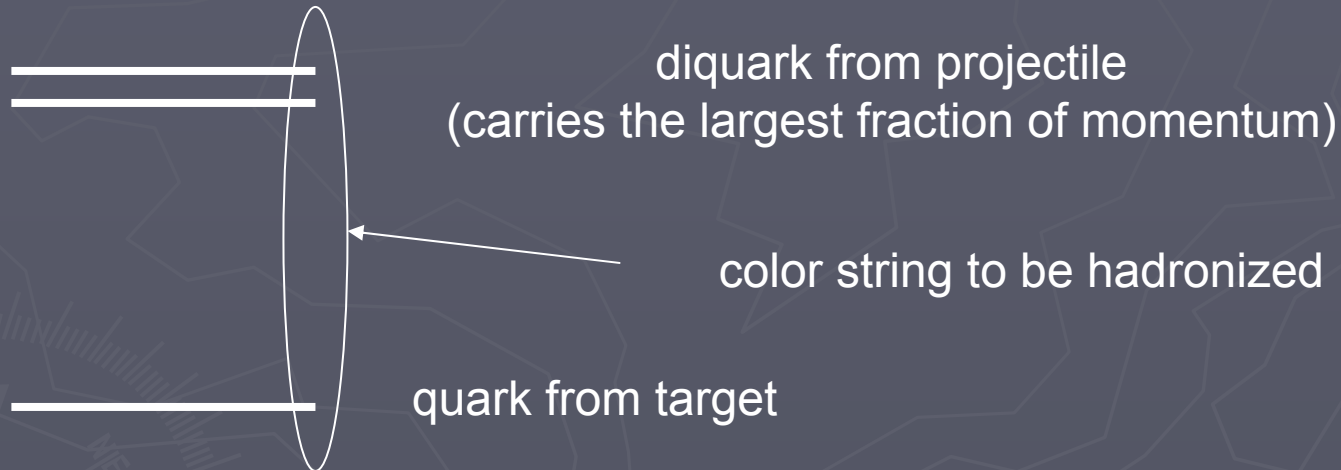
perturbative QCD

through DPMJET: the tree level graphs are included as part of the model  
(the “hard” sector)

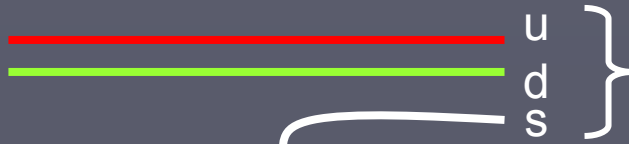
# An example: **the $p p \rightarrow \Lambda K + X$ production**

This channel is relevant for HE atmospheric neutrinos

from DPM:



If...



$\Lambda$  Highest rapidity product

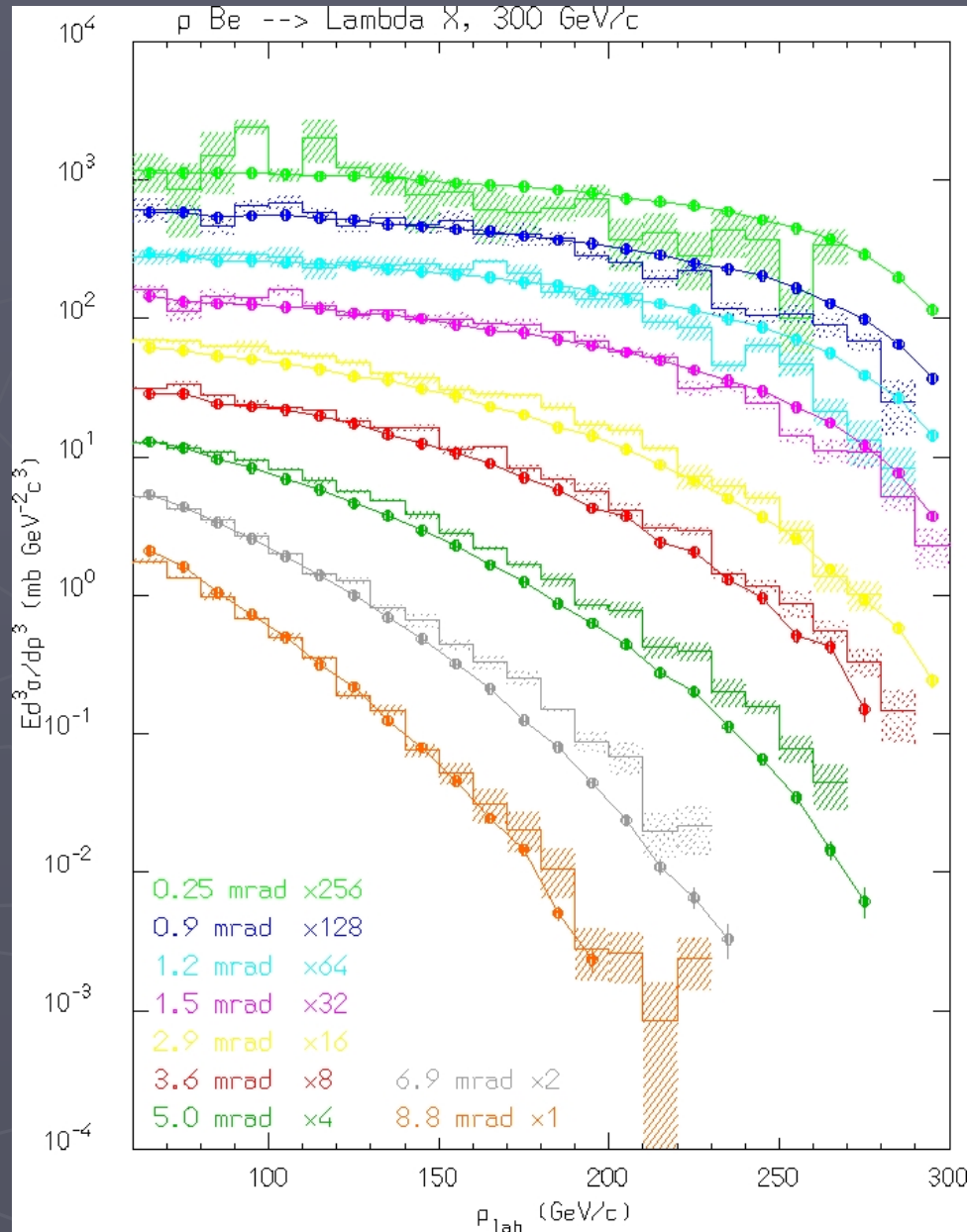


associated meson with  $\bar{s}$  ( $K^+$ )  
(the closest product in rapidity)



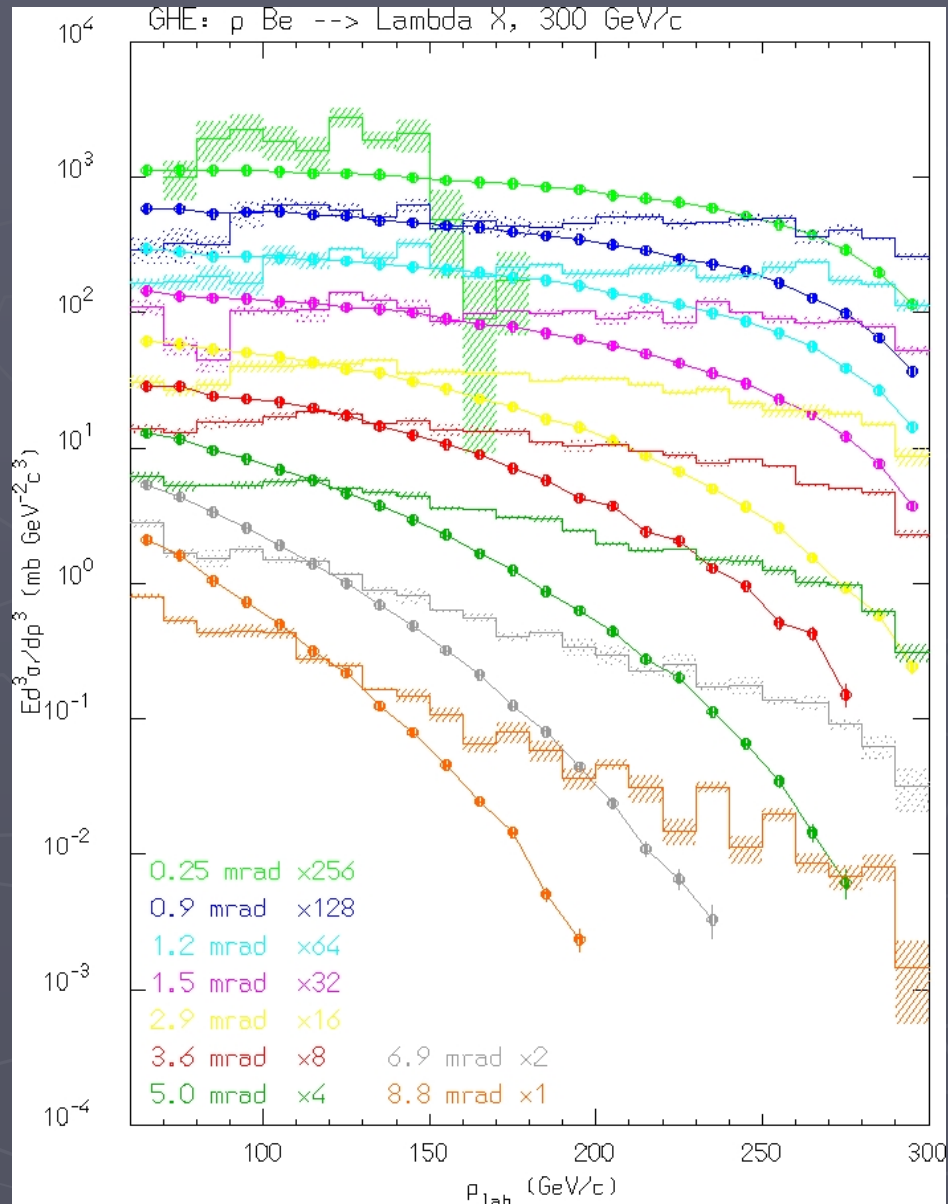
# A comparison with experimental data: the $\Lambda$ case

pBe collisions  
@300 GeV



MC is histogram

# comparison of an unsatisfactory (parametrized) model



# Application of FLUKA to atmospheric showers

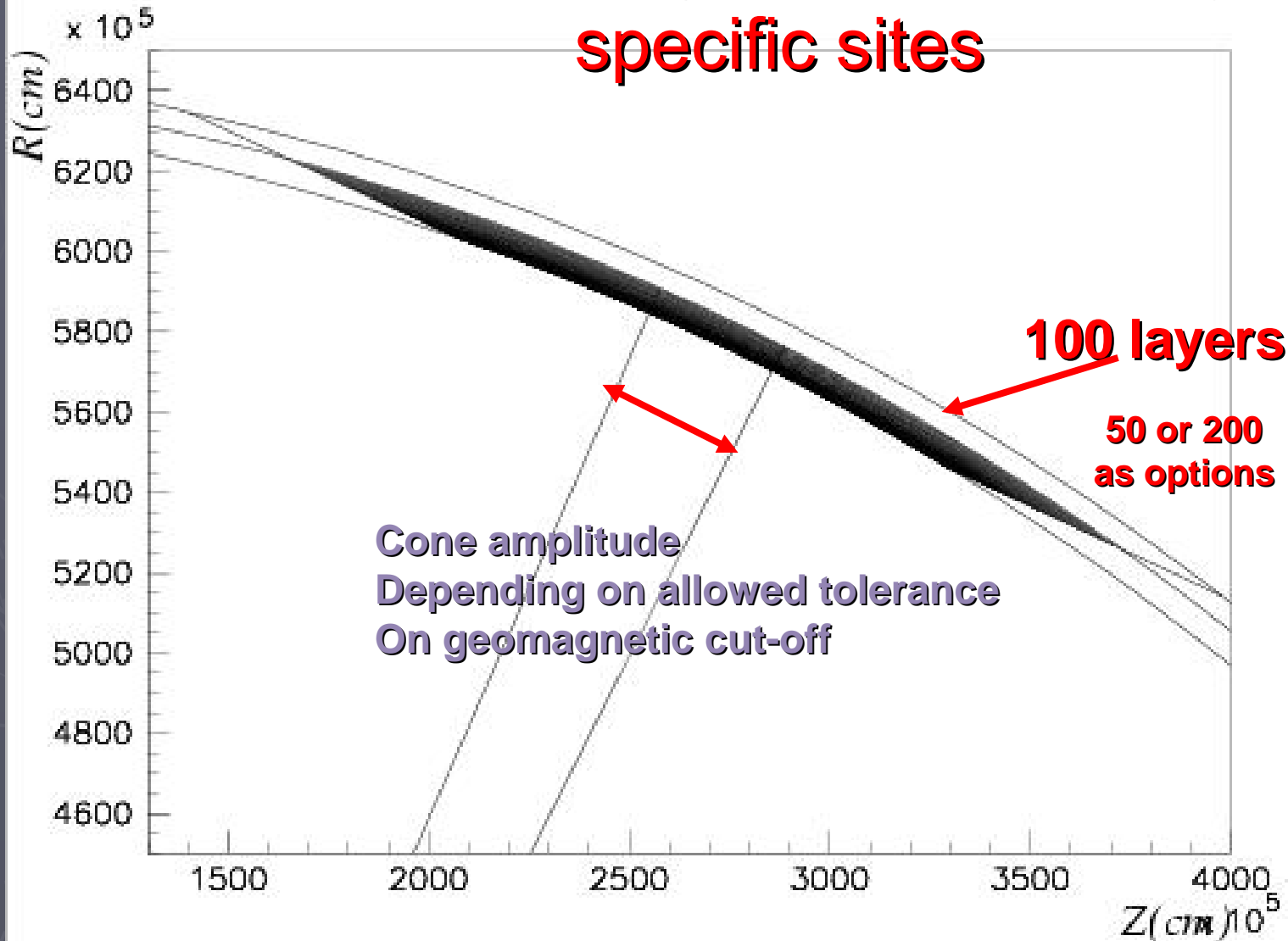
2 different streams:

- basic research exp. activities on c.r. physics (muons, neutrinos, EAS, underground physics,...)
- application to dosimetry in civil aviation (DOSMAX)

**Available dedicated FLUKA library + additional packages including:**

- Primary spectra from  $Z=1$  to  $Z=28$  (derived from NASA and updated to most recent measurements.)
- Solar Modulation model (correlated to neutron monitors)
- Atmospheric model (now MSIS)
- 3D geometry of earth+atmosphere
- Geomagnetic model

# The local Geographic Geometry for specific sites





# Output:

**Charged/neutral particles in atmosphere at different altitudes**

**Benchmarks(\*): muon fluxes (ground level and altitude)  
hadron fluxes (ground level)**

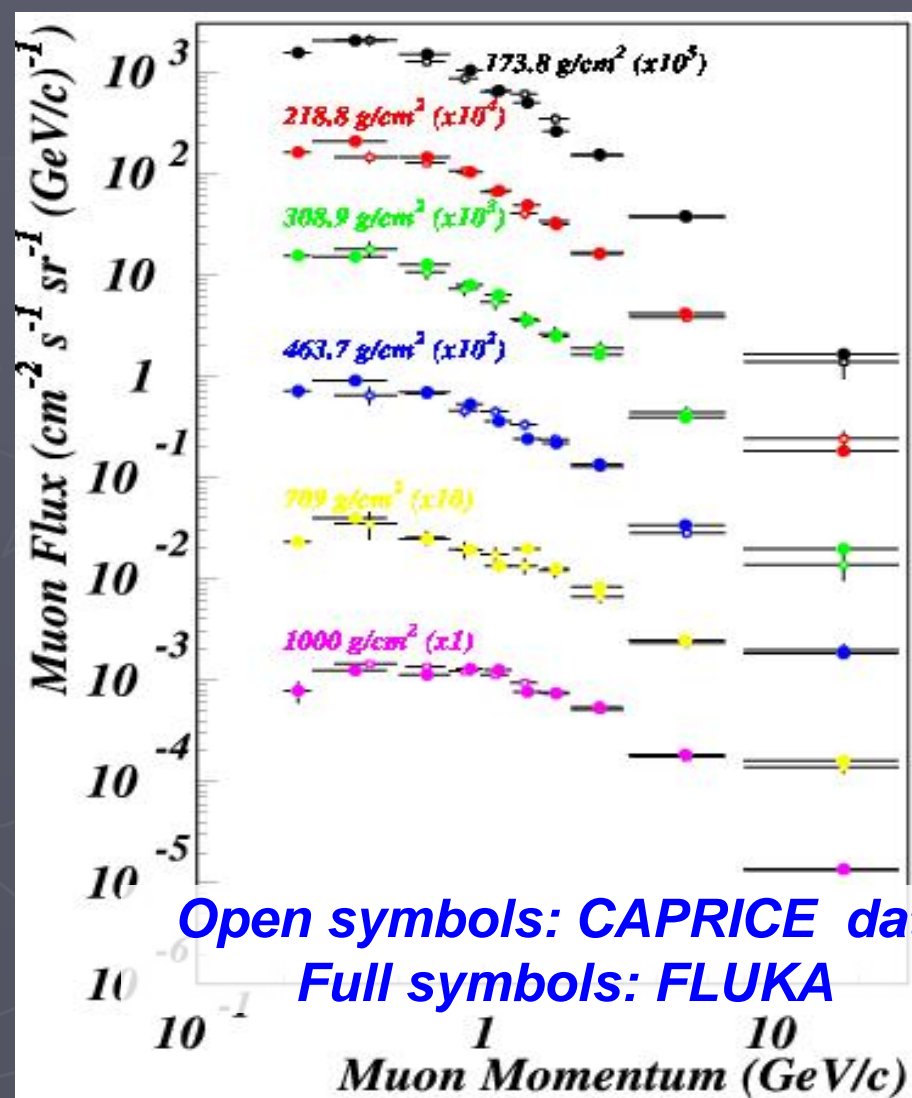
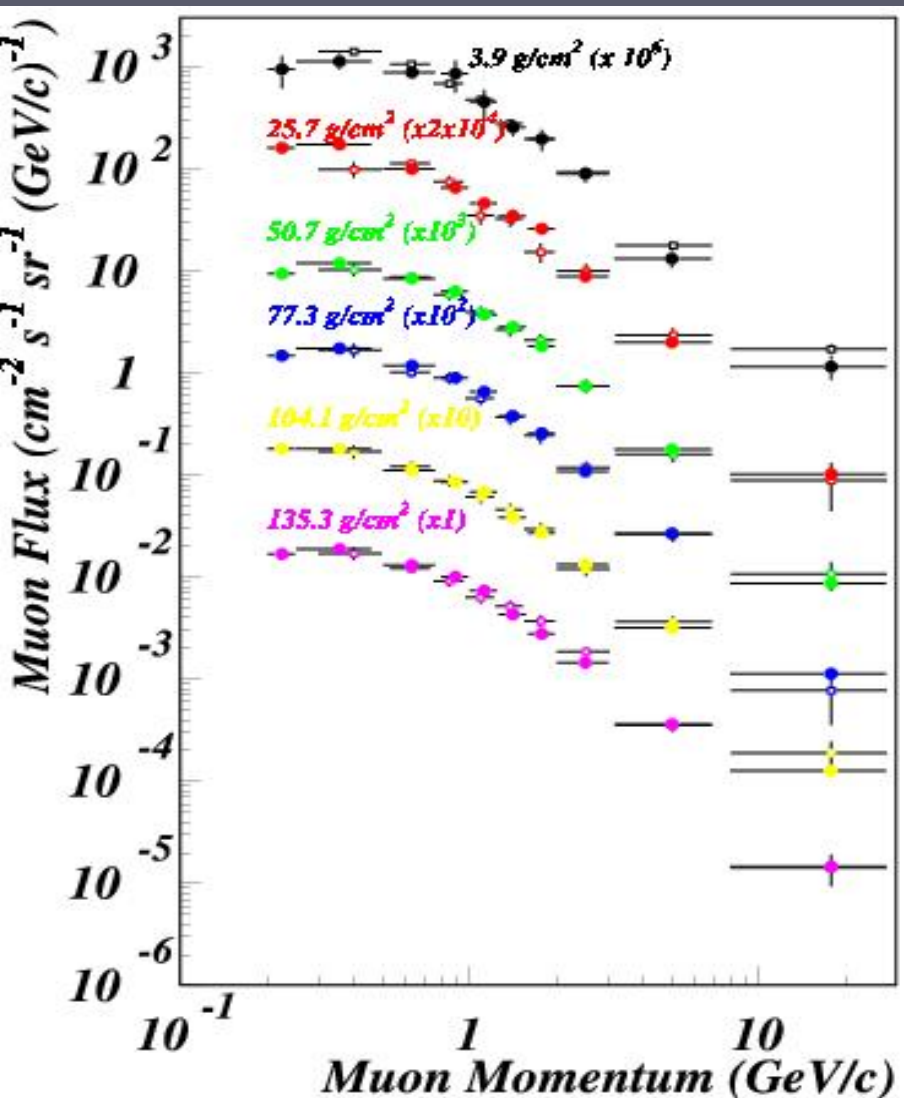
**Still in progress with new set of data:**

- lepton spectra**
- secondary gamma spectra**

**Research projects: atmospheric neutrinos (\*)**

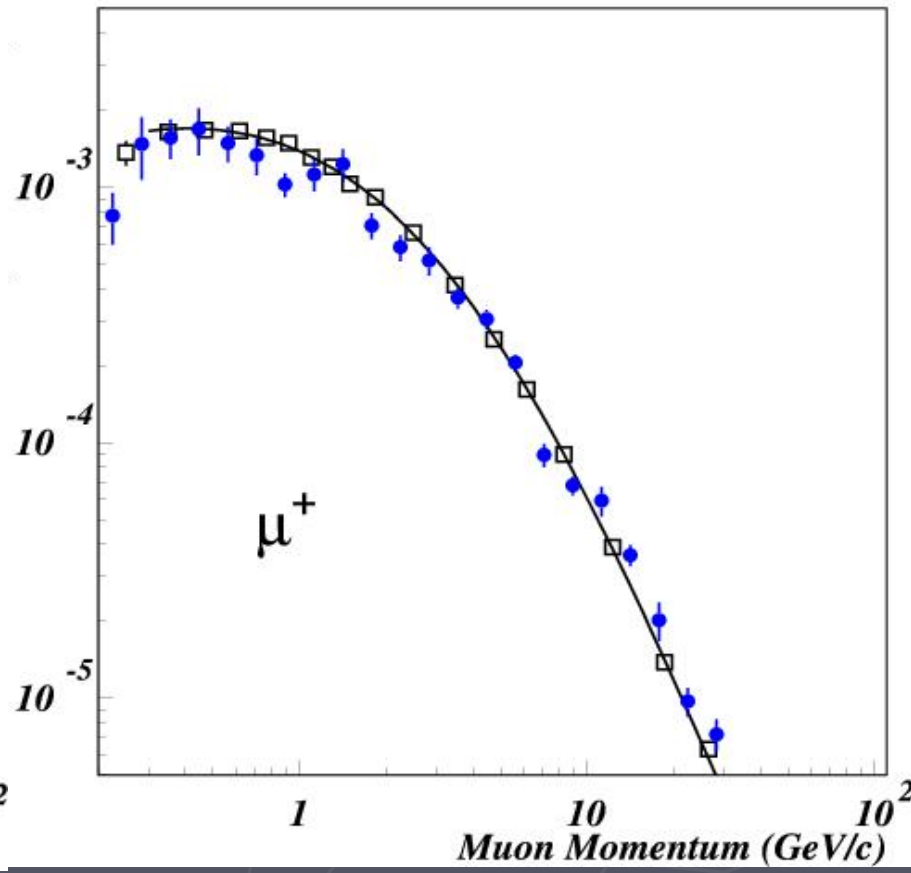
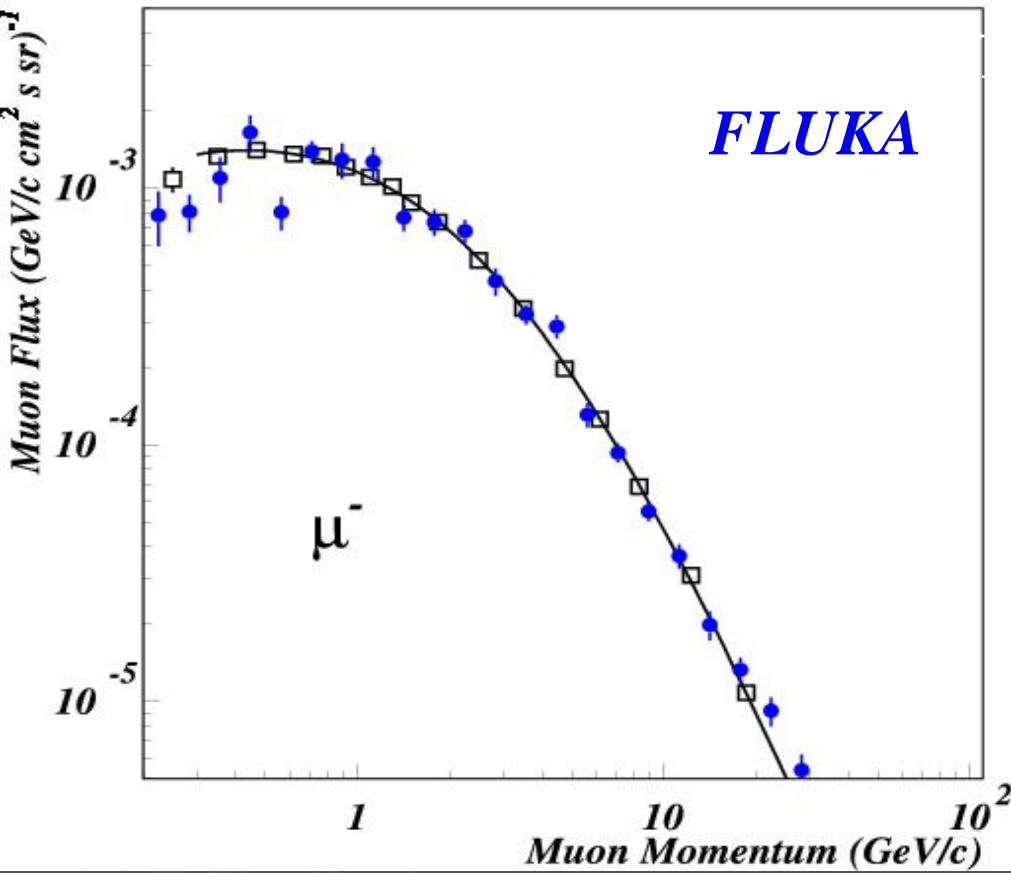
**(\*) G.Battistoni et al, Astropart.Phys. 19 (2003) 269-290,  
Erratum-ibid.19:291-294 e-Print Archive: hep-ph/0207035s.**

# Negative muons @ floating altitudes: CAPRICE94

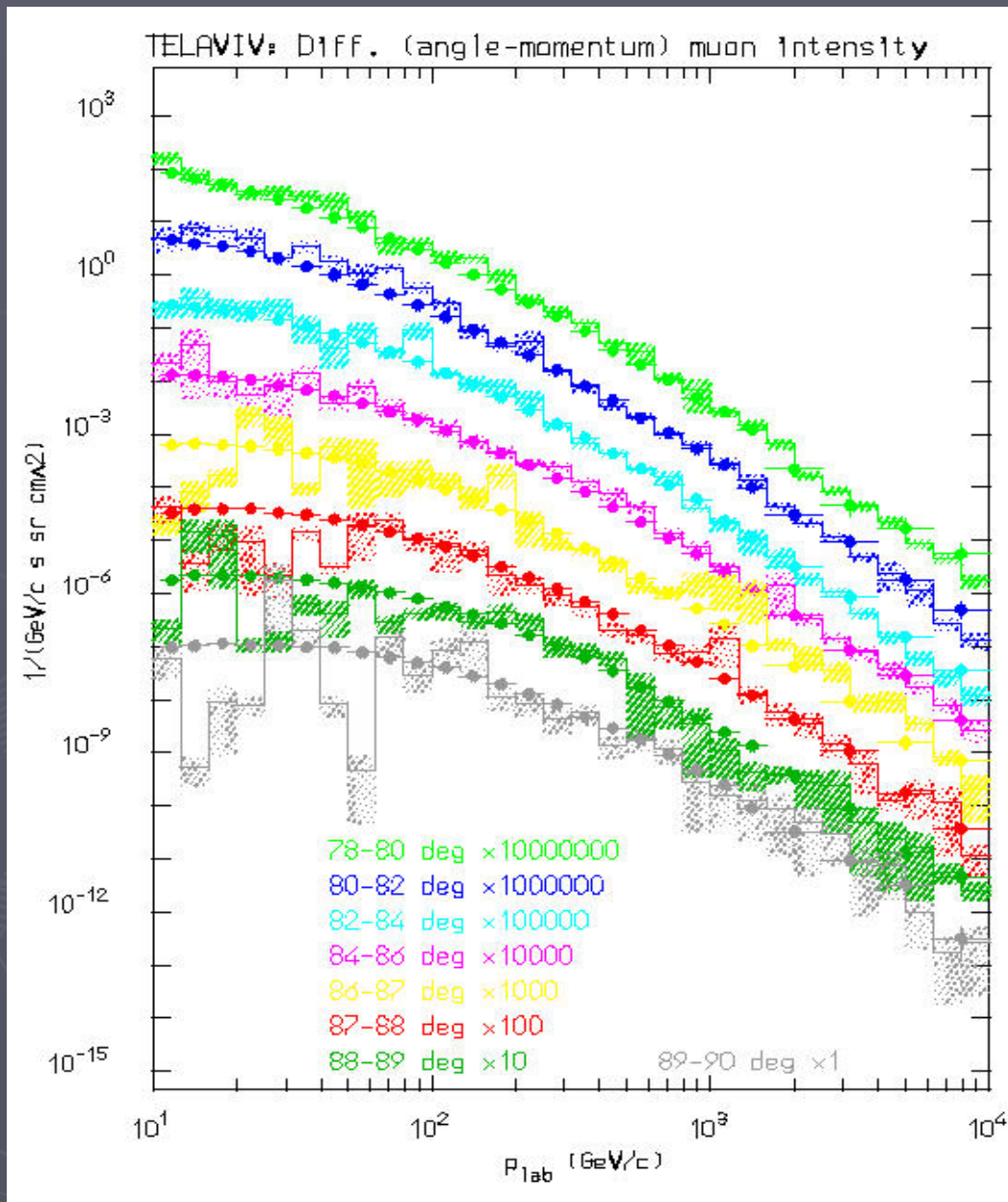


Open symbols: CAPRICE data  
 Full symbols: FLUKA

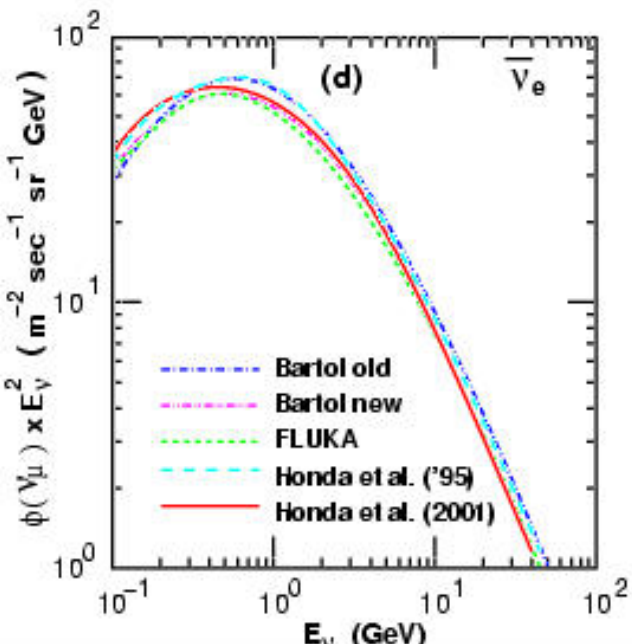
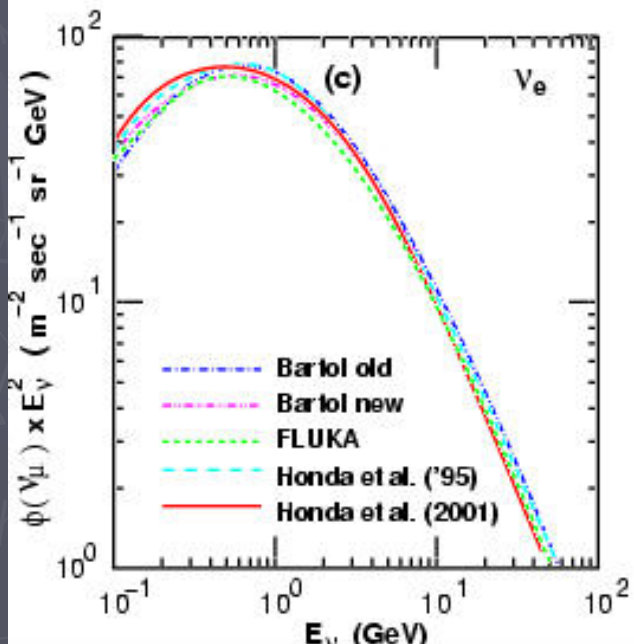
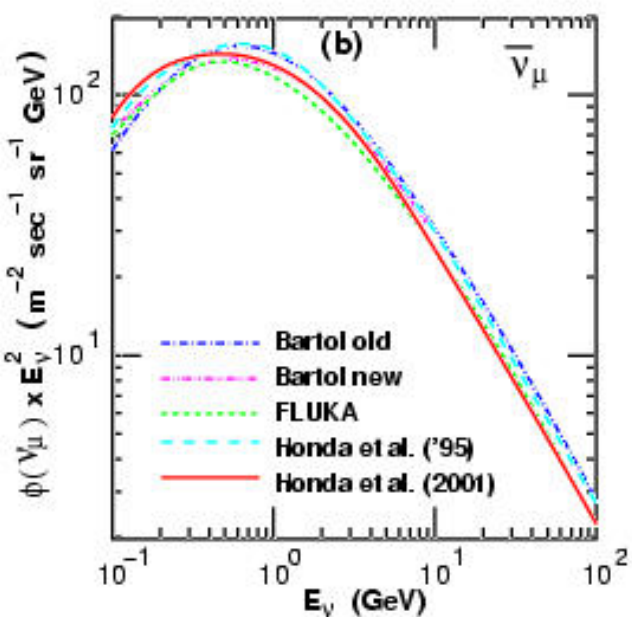
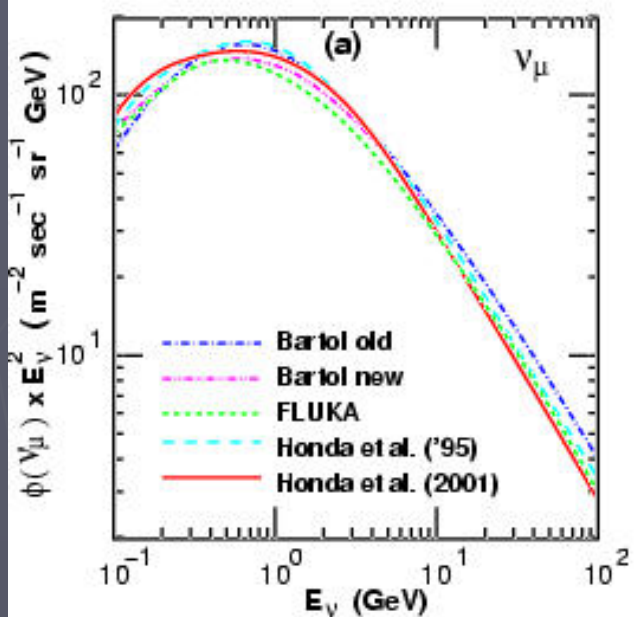
# Muons @ ground level



# Horiz. Atmospheric Muons (DEIS: Allkofer et al.)

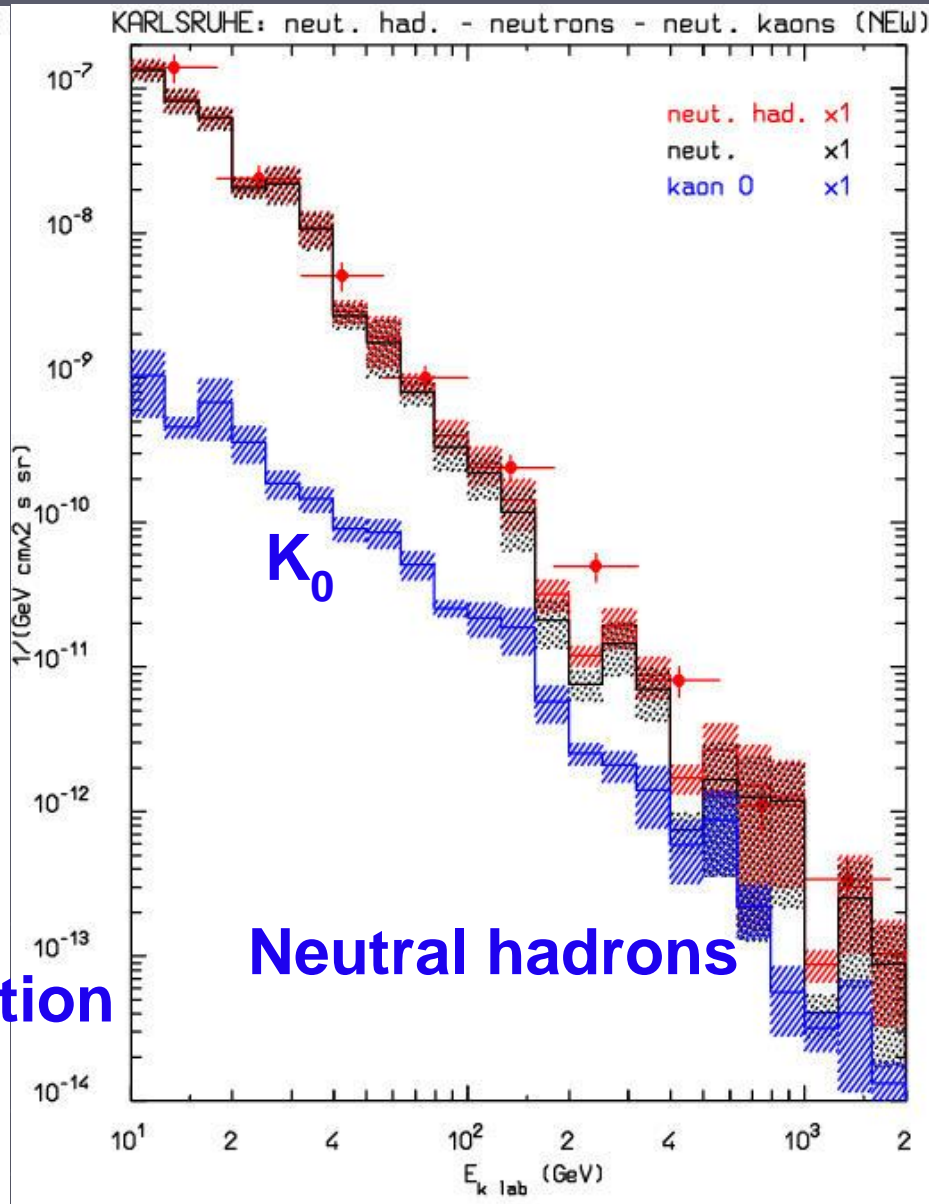
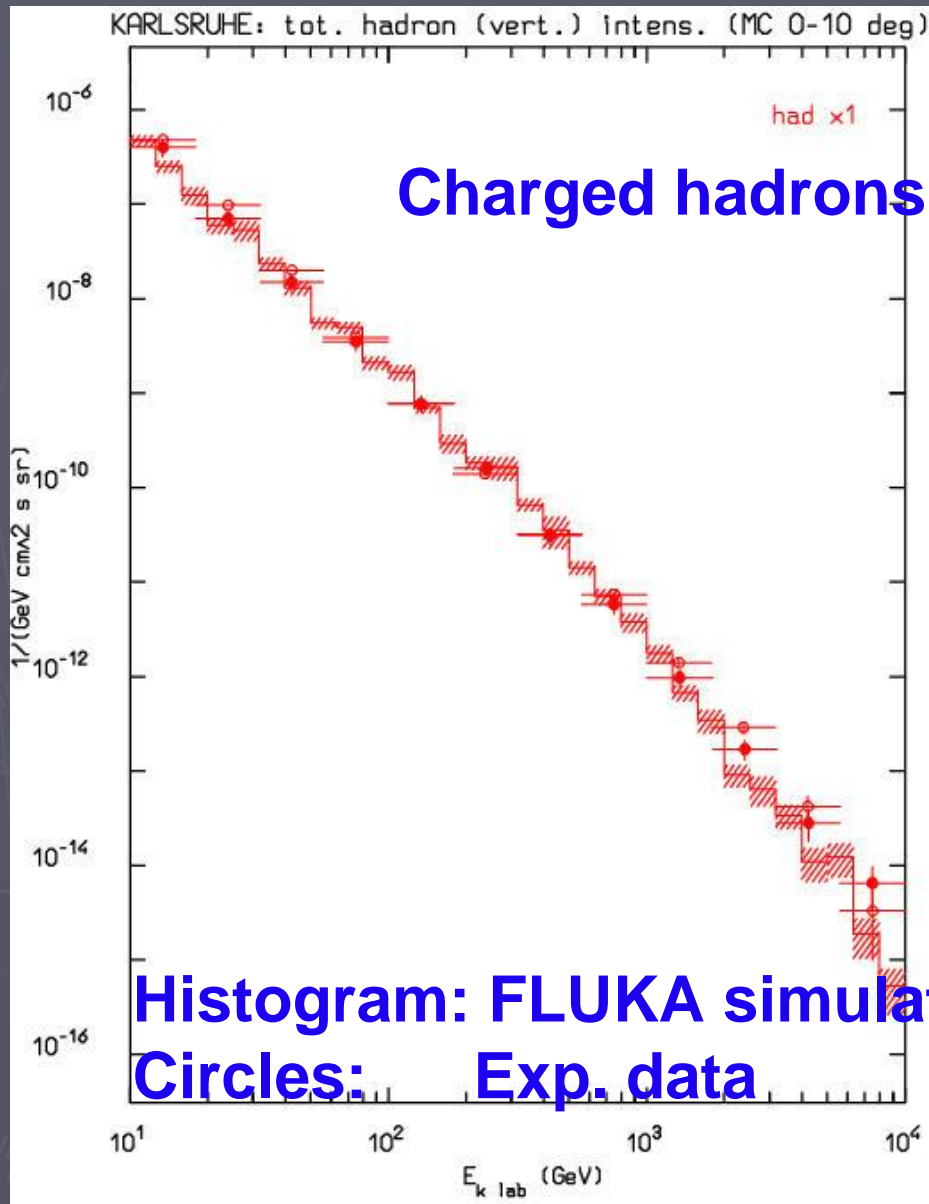


# (3D) Calculation of Atmospheric Neutrino Flux

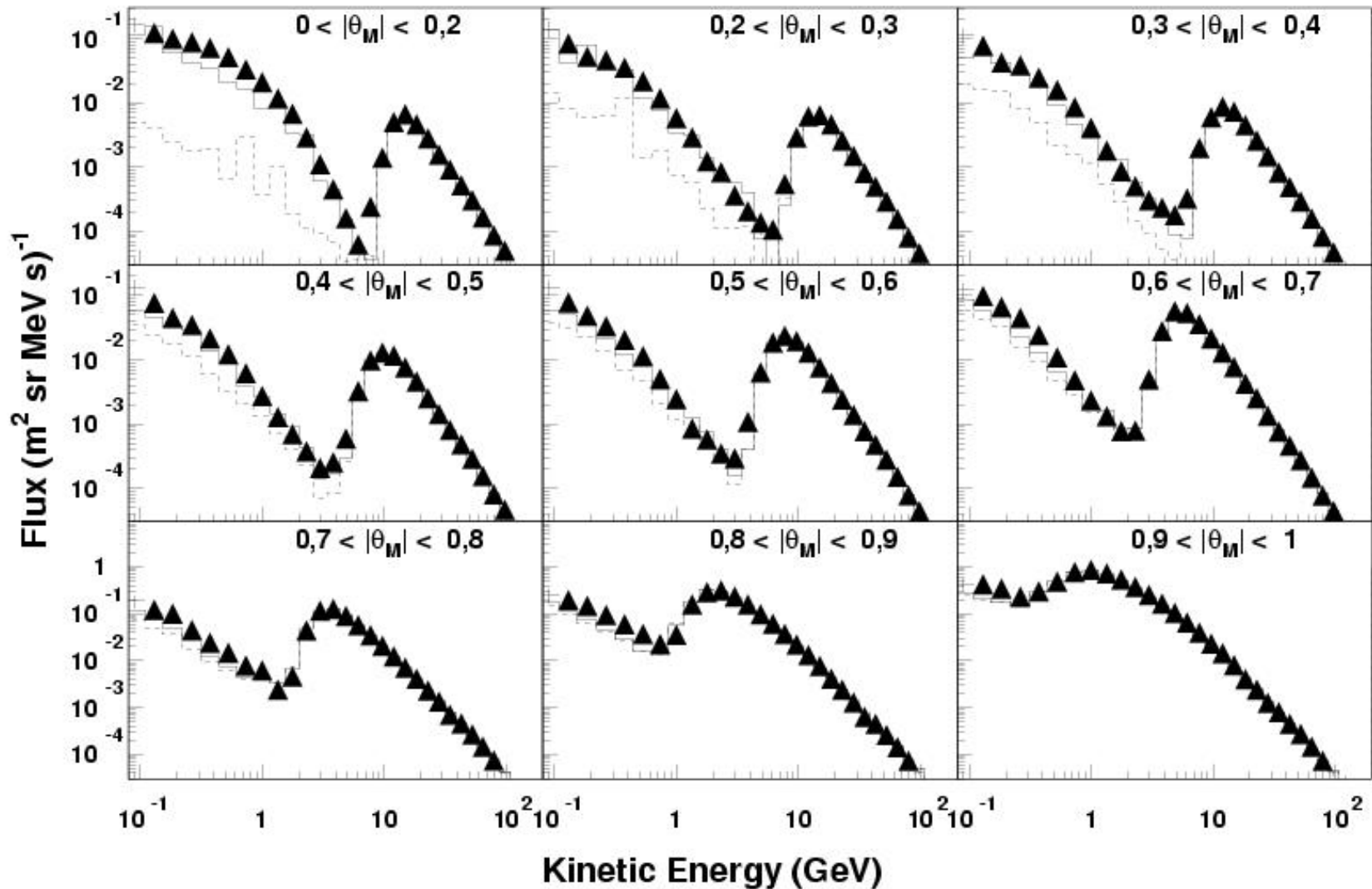


From a review by  
**T.K.Gaisser**  
& **M.Honda**

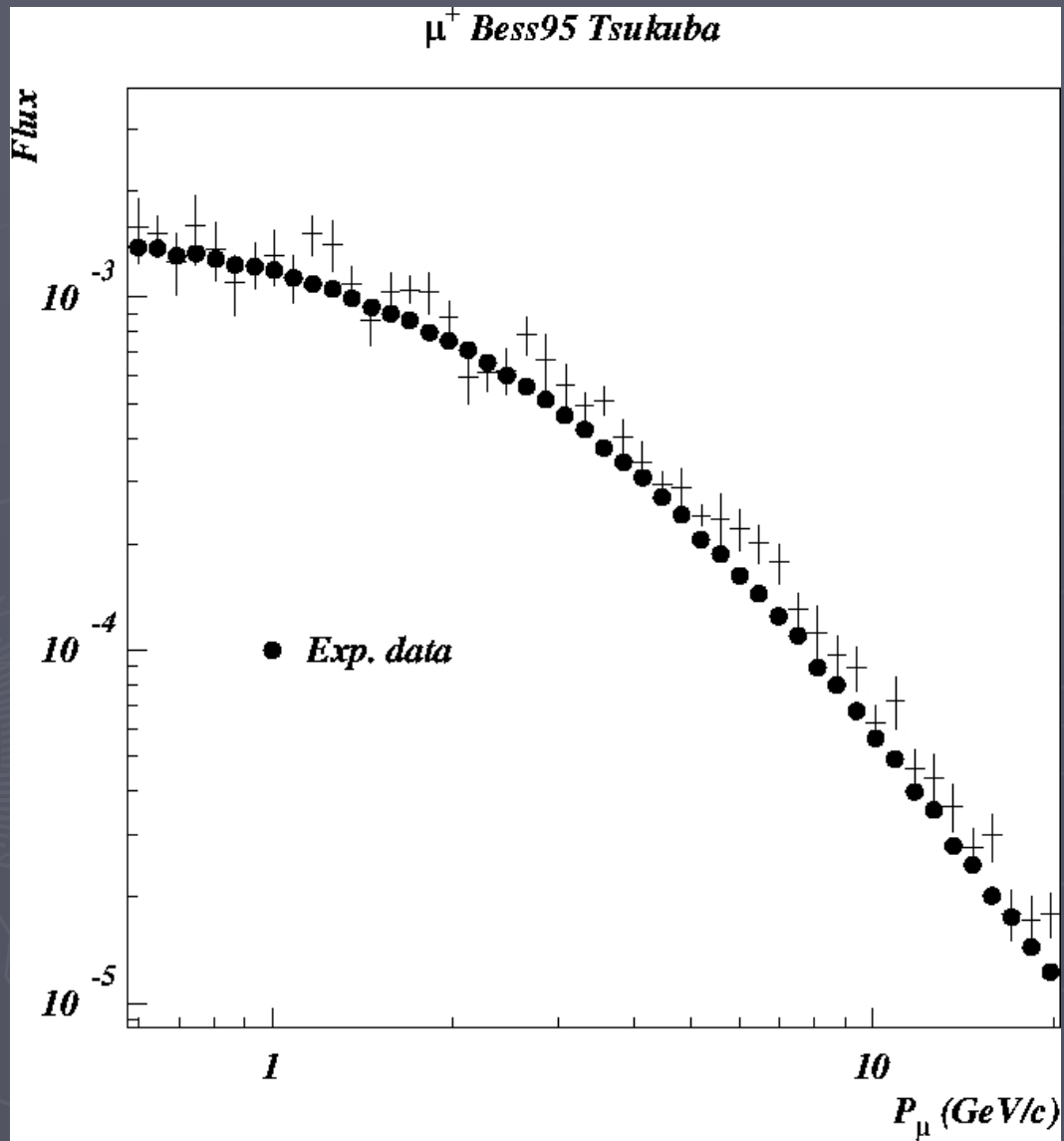
# Hadrons in KASKADE calorimeter



# Reproduction of subcutoff structure in primary protons detected by AMS

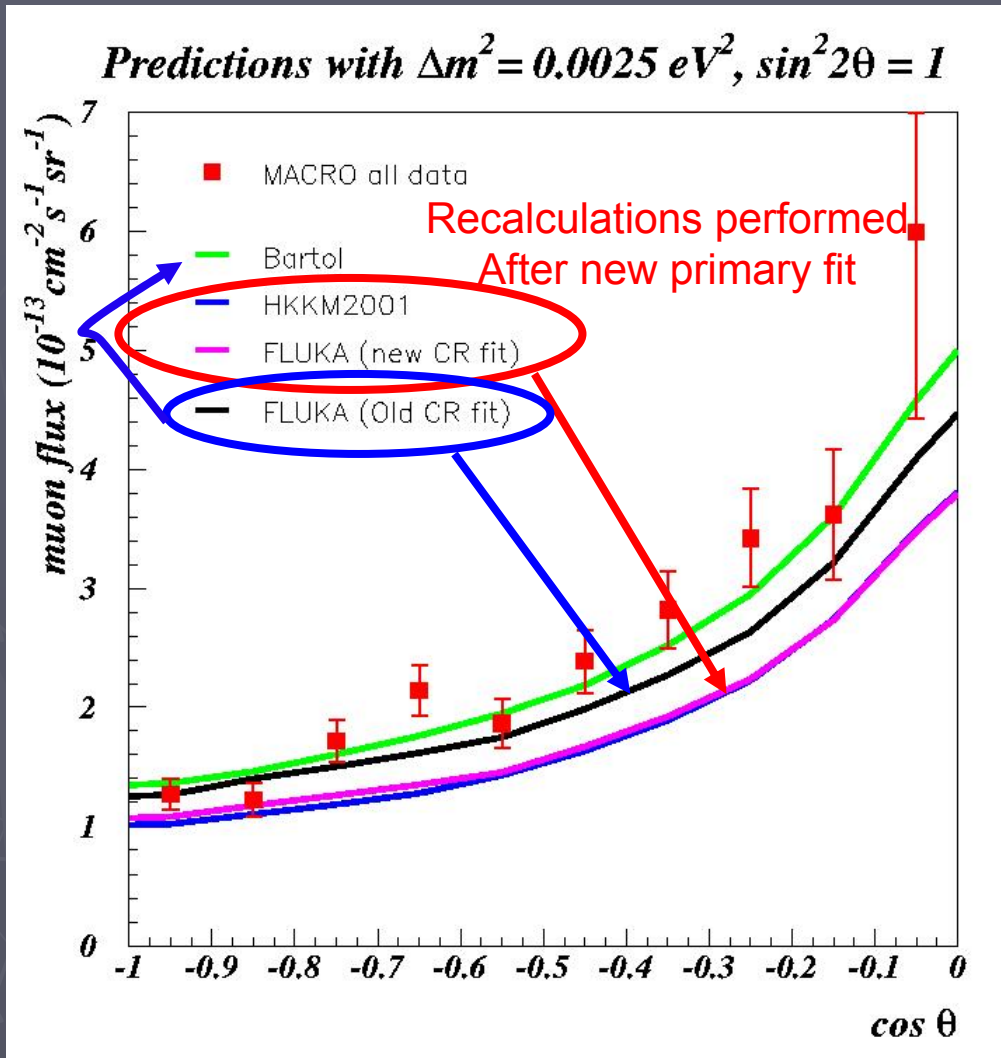


# New investigations (preliminary)





# Atmospheric $\nu$ 's ( $E > 100$ GeV)



MACRO exp. @LNGS

Major issue seems to be the input model for primary spectrum beyond hadronic physics...

# A very recent addition to FLUKA: e.m. dissociation of nuclei

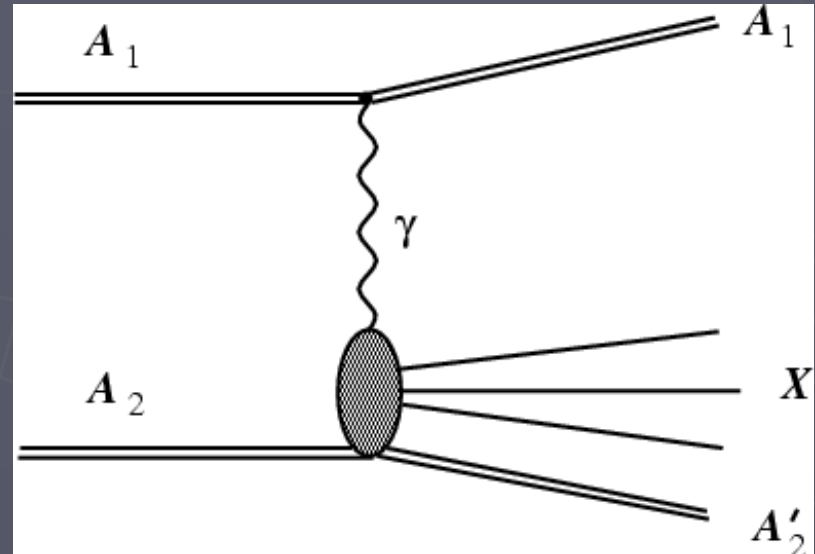
## ► One-photon process

Ultrarelativistic ions:

RHIC:  $\gamma \approx 100$

LHC:  $\gamma \approx 3000$

## ► Equivalent photon number (photon spectrum)



( Leading logarithmic approximation )

Database containing 500  $(\gamma, 1n)$  and  $(\gamma, 2n)$  cross sections **Total** and **1nX**, **2nX**

electromagnetic dissociation cross sections for **Pb-A** relativistic collisions are simulated

Results of simulation are verified by comparing with cross sections **1nX** and **2nX** measured in reactions of 30 A GeV **Pb** ions incident on **Al**, **Cu**, **Sn** and **Pb** targets

# Other features useful for atmospheric cascades (not yet really exploited)

## Optical photon (Light+UV) generation

### Processes:

scintillation/**Cherenkov**/Transition Radiation

**Transport:** reflection/refraction/absorption/Rayleigh scattering

**Simulation Benchmarked with light detected in coincidence with long muon tracks in Liq. Argon (ICARUS)**

# **FLUKA and atmospheric cascades: possible future developments**

**Extensive comparison with some experimental data sets  
using different conditions for primary spectrum,  
atmosphere, solar modulation etc.**

**CR Physics at the knee**

**Investigation of TeV Muon production  
for underground physics**

**Charm (prompt muon) production**

***Introduction of Mie scattering for optical photons  
A CPU affordable way for the e.m. component of cascades  
(not a priority)***