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STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR HADRON PRODUCTION EXPERIMENTS

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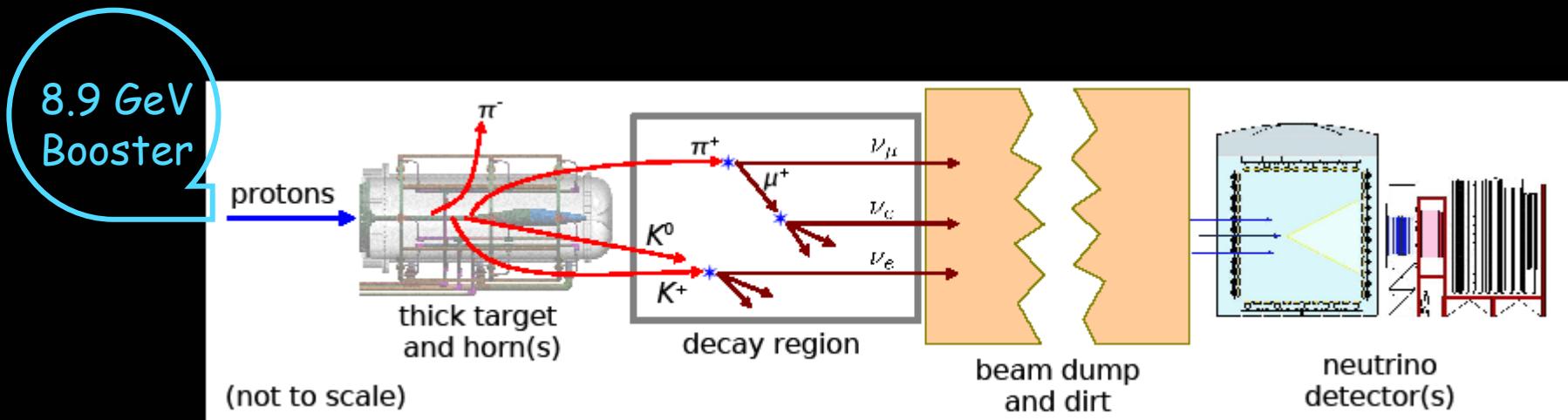
Outline

- Motivations and scenario at the end of the previous millennium....
- Present measurements: *Harp* results
 - K2K & MiniBoone fluxes
 - Super Beams & Neutrino Factory Design
 - Atmospheric fluxes ($< 15 \text{ GeV}$)
 - But also Na49 at higher Energies (158 GeV/C)
- Coming soon ...
 - MIPP@FermiLab
 - Na61 : Atmospheric ($< 200 \text{ GeV}$) & T2K neutrino Flux
- The High Energy Frontier : Hadroproduction@LHC
 - Totem : Total X-section @ 14 TeV
 - LHCf & LHCb

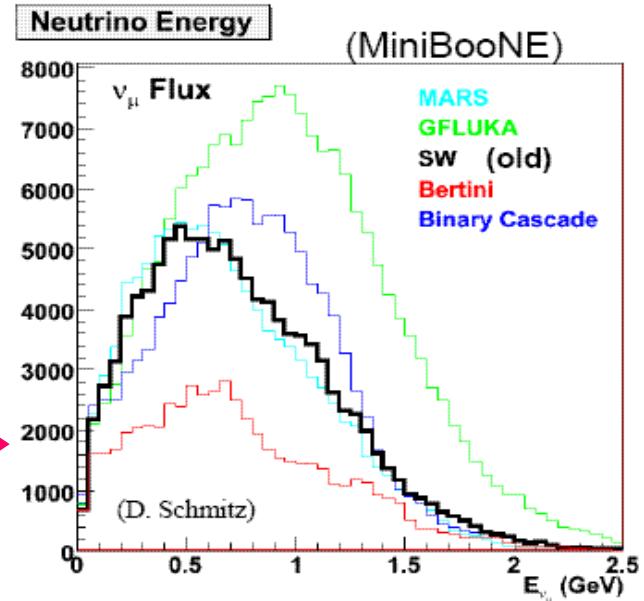
Why Hadron Productions

- Neutrino sources from hadron interactions
 - From accelerators
 - From cosmic rays **NEW**
- Design parameters of future neutrino beams influenced by target/energy choices **NEW**

Neutrino Beams: a "typical" example... MiniBooNE



- Energy, composition, geometry of the neutrino beam is determined by the development of the hadron interaction and cascade
- It's hard to make this kind of measurements in situ. Normally MC generators are used for this scope
- Various models are known to have large differences in neutrino rate predictions (MiniBoone 2004 -no harp data)



It is vital to calibrate neutrino production targets in a proton beam !

Example of future projects

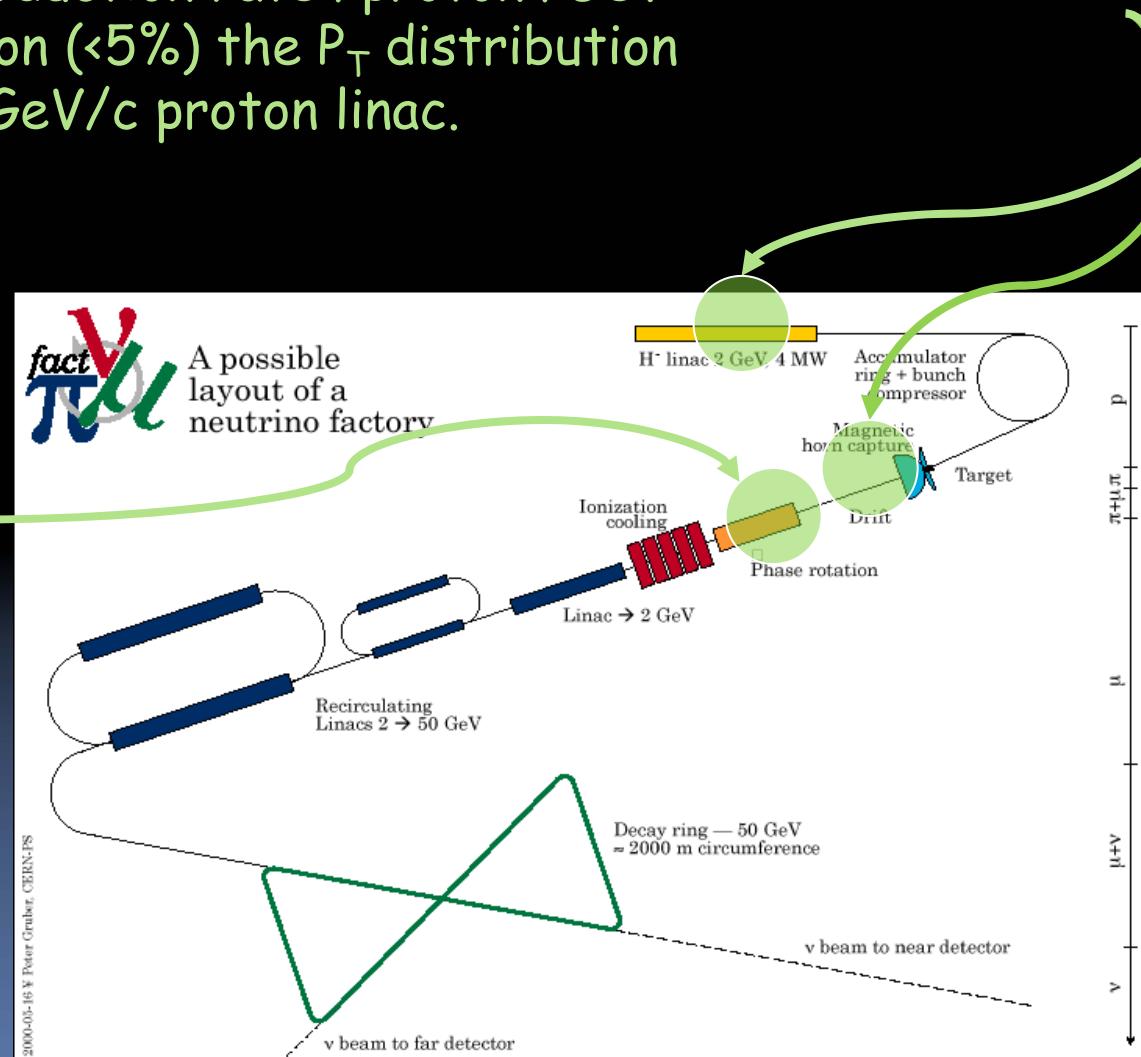
Primary energy, target material and geometry, collection scheme

- maximizing the π^+, π^- production rate /proton /GeV
- knowing with high precision (<5%) the P_T distribution

First CERN scenario: 2.2 GeV/c proton linac.

Phase rotation

- *longitudinally freeze* the beam: slow down earlier particles, accelerate later ones
- need good knowledge also of P_L distribution



Atmospheric neutrino fluxes: motivations for measurements

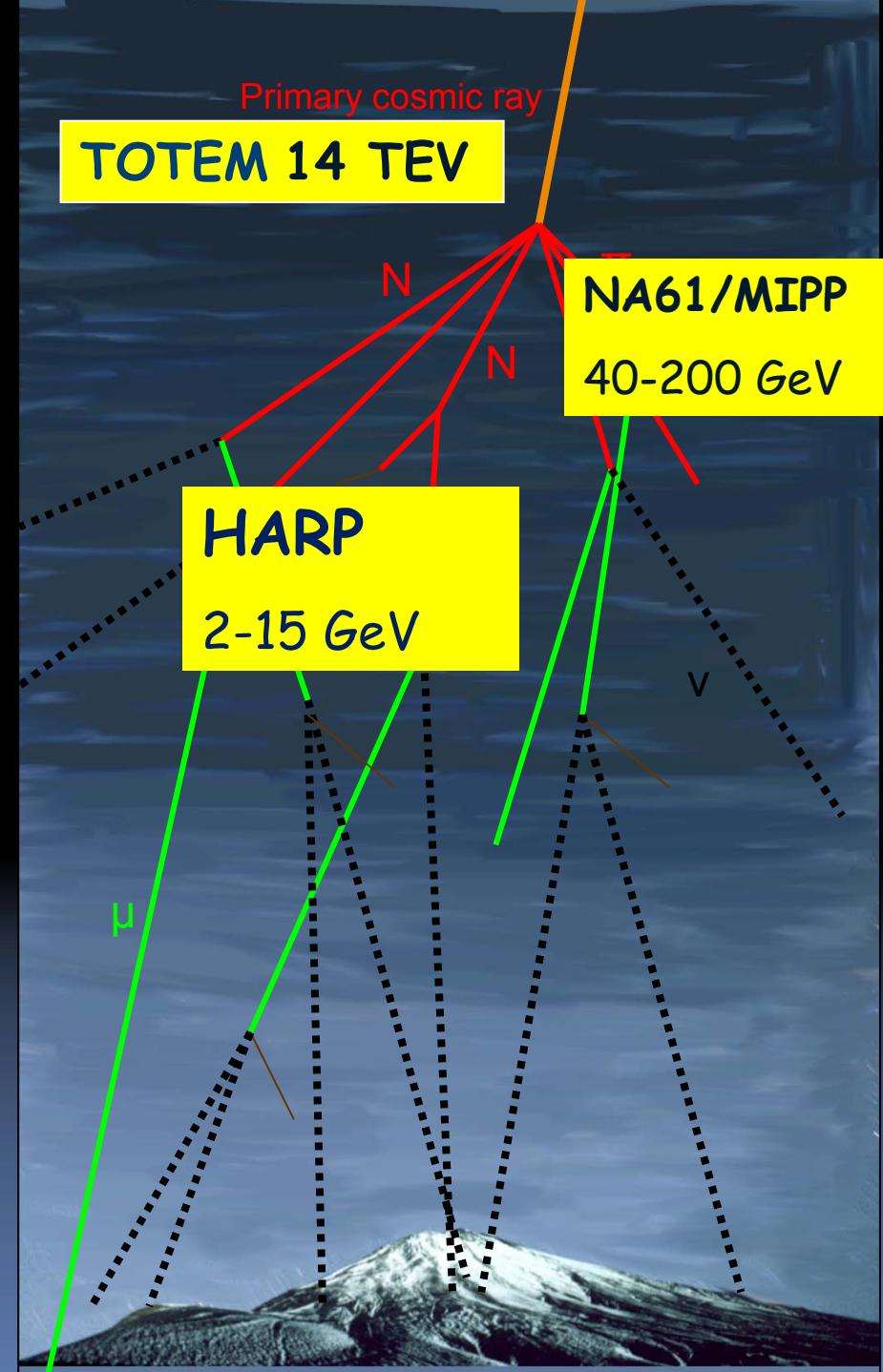
Initial reaction - well above the highest energy accelerator available.

Shower develops - a large number of lower energy interactions - accelerator measurements are helpful.

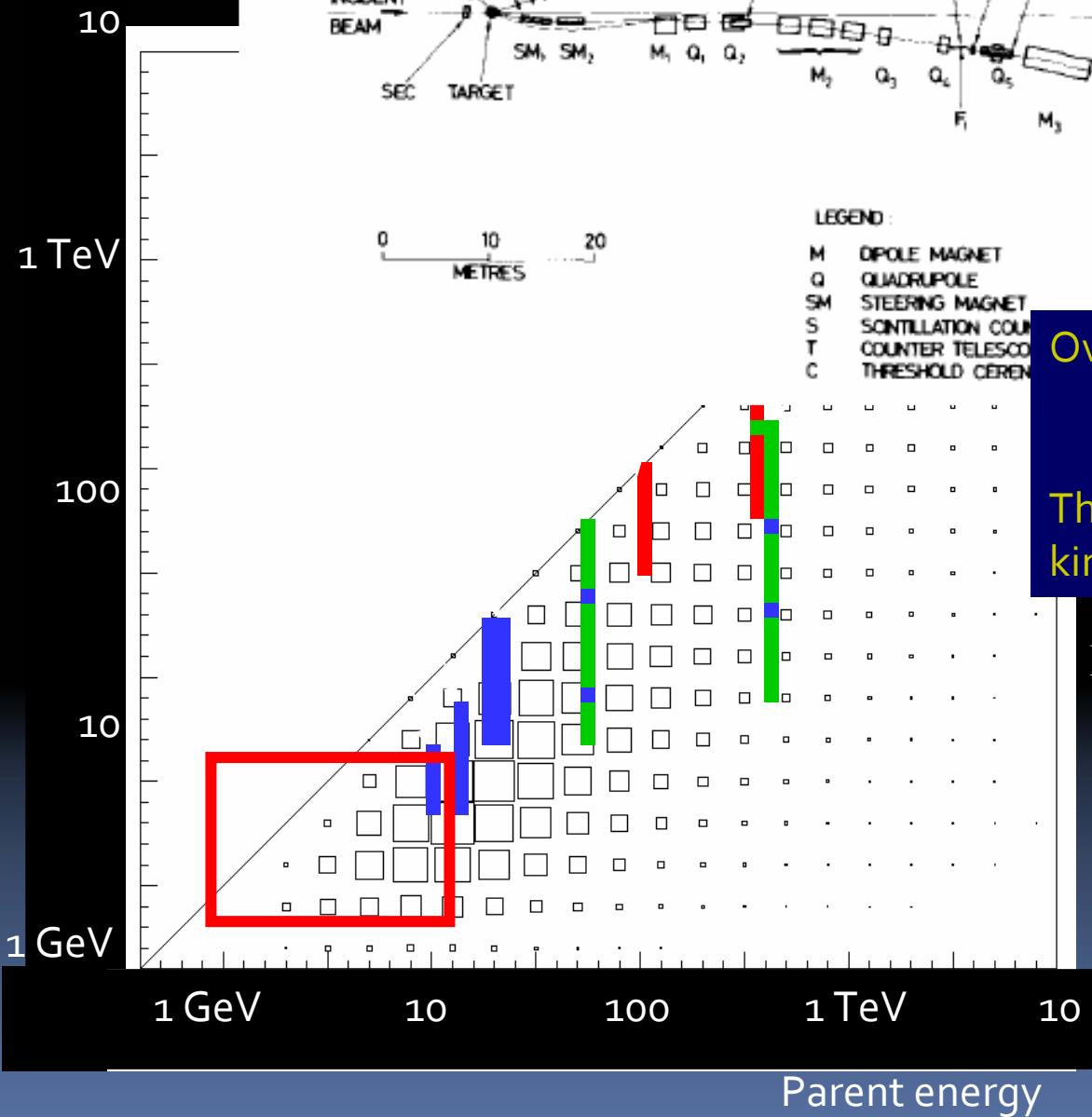
- Energy region: from few GeV
→ 200 GeV (contained)
→ 2 TeV (through going)

Accelerator measurements are very sparse.

- **Colliders**: most particles close to beam and don't enter the detector.
- **Fixed target**: The energies are much lower and few experiments have published.
- **No data available on O₂ & N₂**



Existin



Overall quoted errors
Absolute rates: ~15%
Ratios: ~5%
These figures are typical of this kind of detector setup

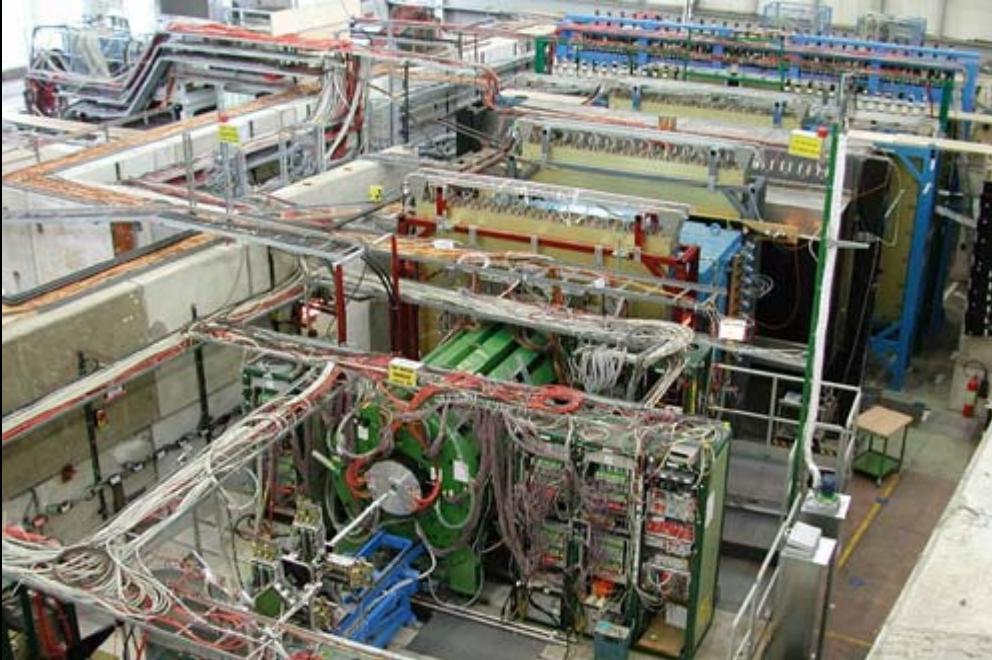
Measurements.

- 1-2 p_T points
 - 3-5 p_T points
 - >5 p_T points

Eichten et. al.



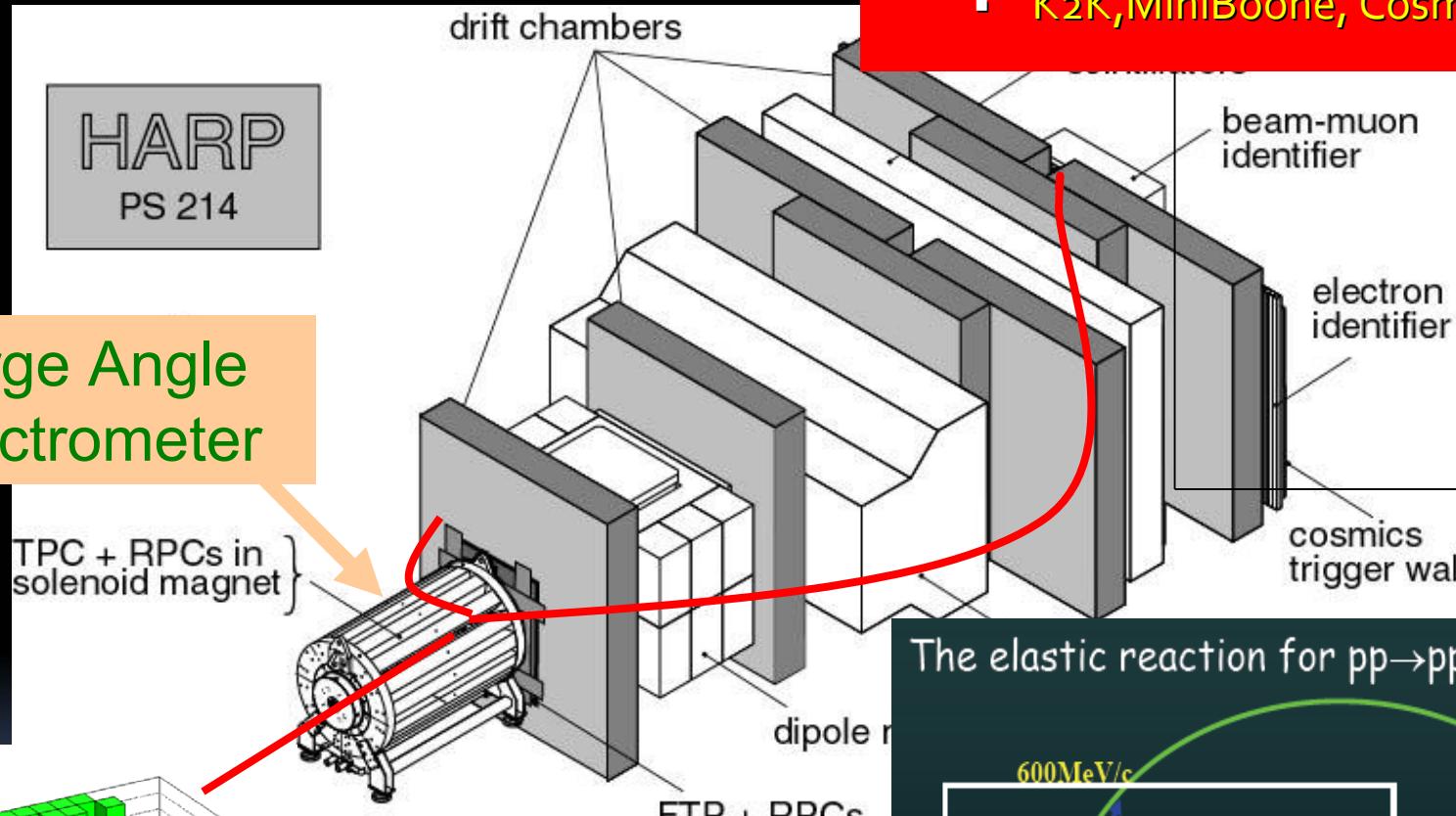
Harp



- Inaugurates a new era in Hadron Production for Neutrino Physics:
- Based on a design born for Heavy Ions physics studies
 - Full acceptance with P.Id.
 - High event rate capability (3KHz on TPC)
- Built on purpose
- Collaboration includes members of Neutrino Oscillation & Cosmic rays experiments
(124 Physicists from 20 institutions)
- And makes measurements on specific targets of existing neutrino beams.

See also M.Bonesini Talk

Detector



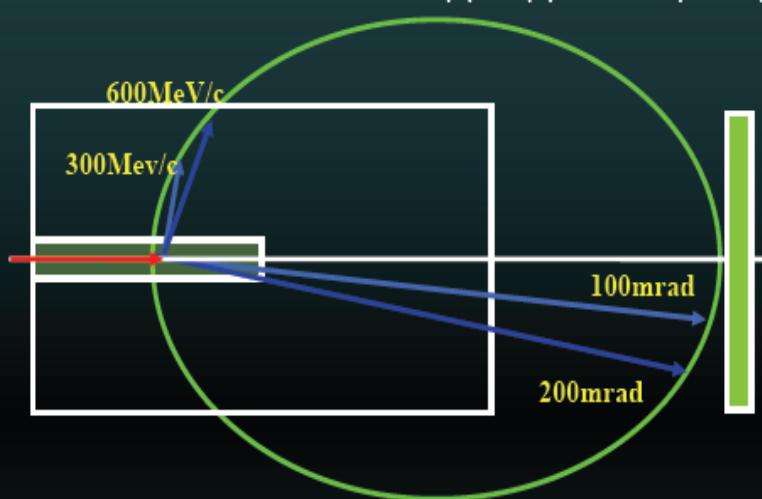
HARP
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Large Angle
spectrometer

- Large Angle Spectrometer:
 - $0.35 \text{ rad} < \theta < 2.15 \text{ rad}$
 - $100 \text{ MeV/c} < p < 700 \text{ MeV/c}$
 - Super Beams - Nufactories

- Forward Spectrometer:
 - $30 \text{ mrad} < \theta < 210 \text{ mrad}$.
 - $750 \text{ MeV/c} < p < 6.5 \text{ GeV/c}$
 - K2K, MiniBoone, Cosmic rays

The elastic reaction for $\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{pp}$ and $\pi\text{p} \rightarrow \pi\text{p}$



HARP: Data taking summary

HARP took data at the CERN PS T9 beamline in 2001-2002
Total: 420 M events, ~300 settings

SOLID:



Be	C	Al	Cu	Sn	Ta	Pb	H ₂ O	Empty
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	10%	
5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	100%	
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	
+3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+1.5, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+1.5, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+1.5, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c	+1.5, +3,+5,+8, +12,+15 -3,-5,-8, -12,-15 GeV/c

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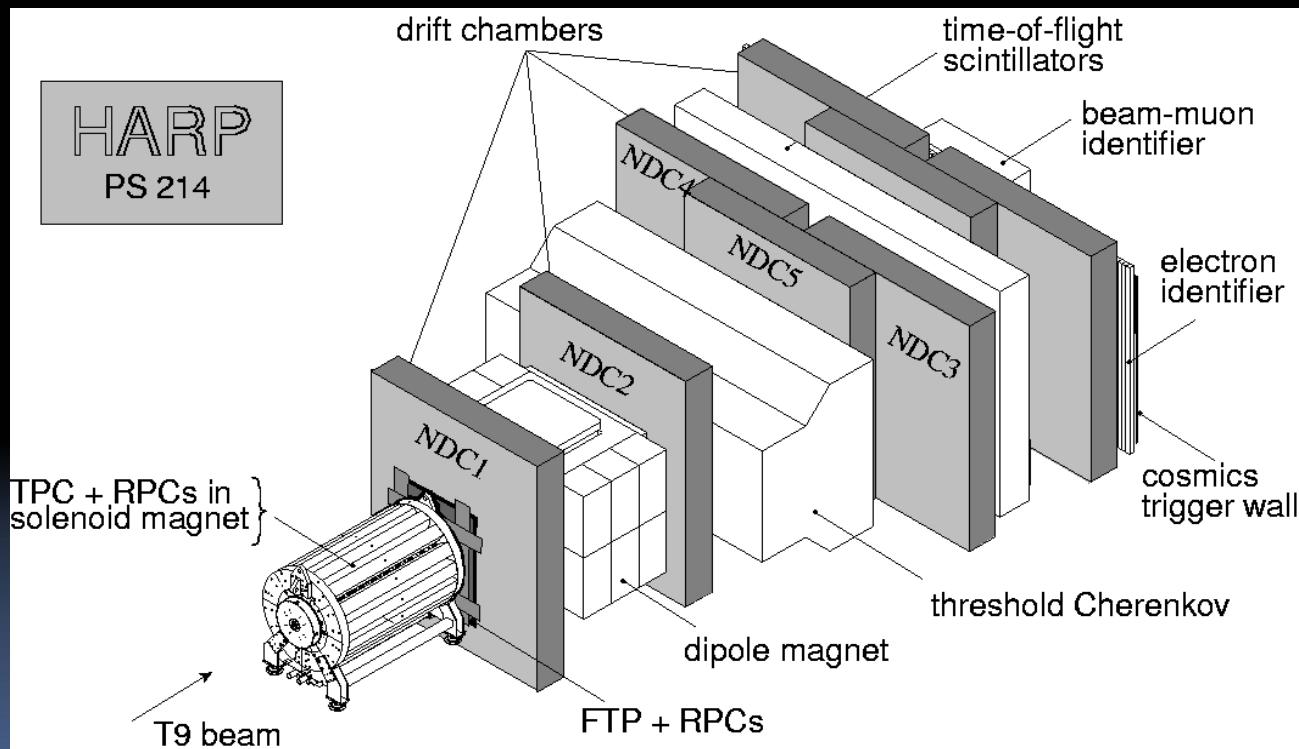


H	D	N	O	Empty
0.8%	2.1%	5.5%	7.5%	0%
2.4%				
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ν EXP

K2K: Al	MiniBoone : Be	LSND: H ₂ O
5%	5%	10%
50%	50%	100%
100%	100%	
Replica	Replica	
+12.9 GeV/c	+8.9 GeV/c	+1.5 GeV/c

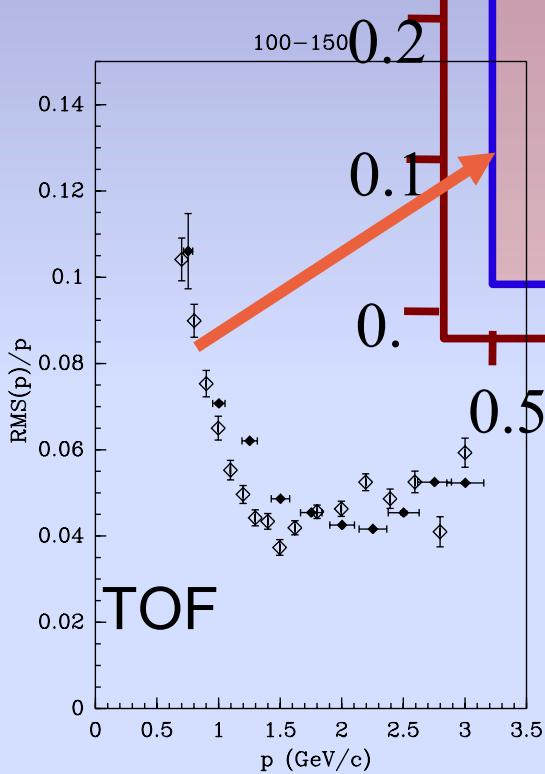
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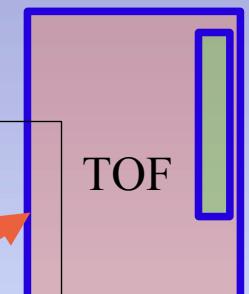
FW:

Momentum Resolution

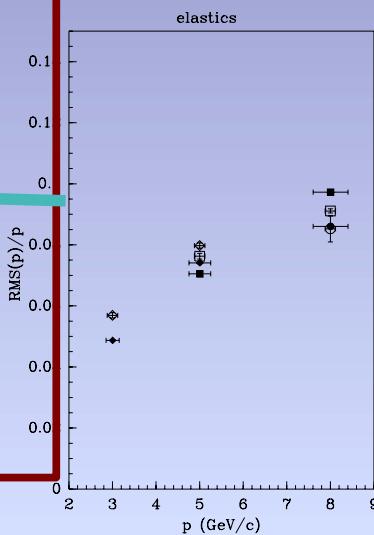
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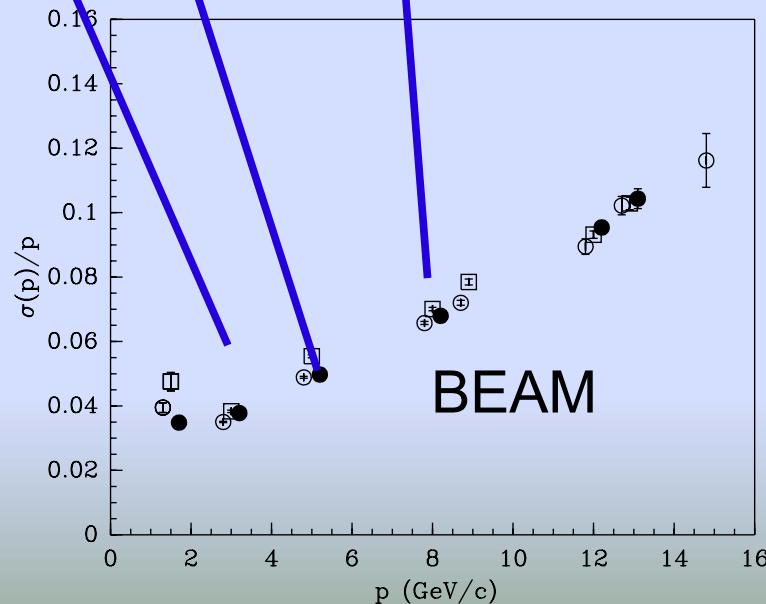
theta-p
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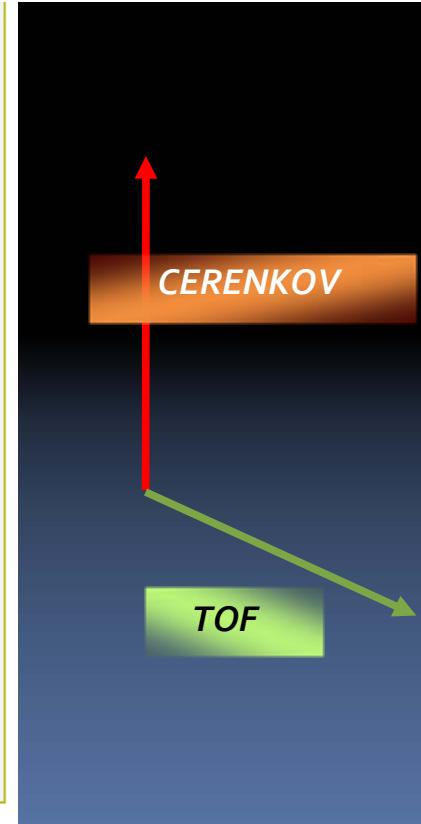
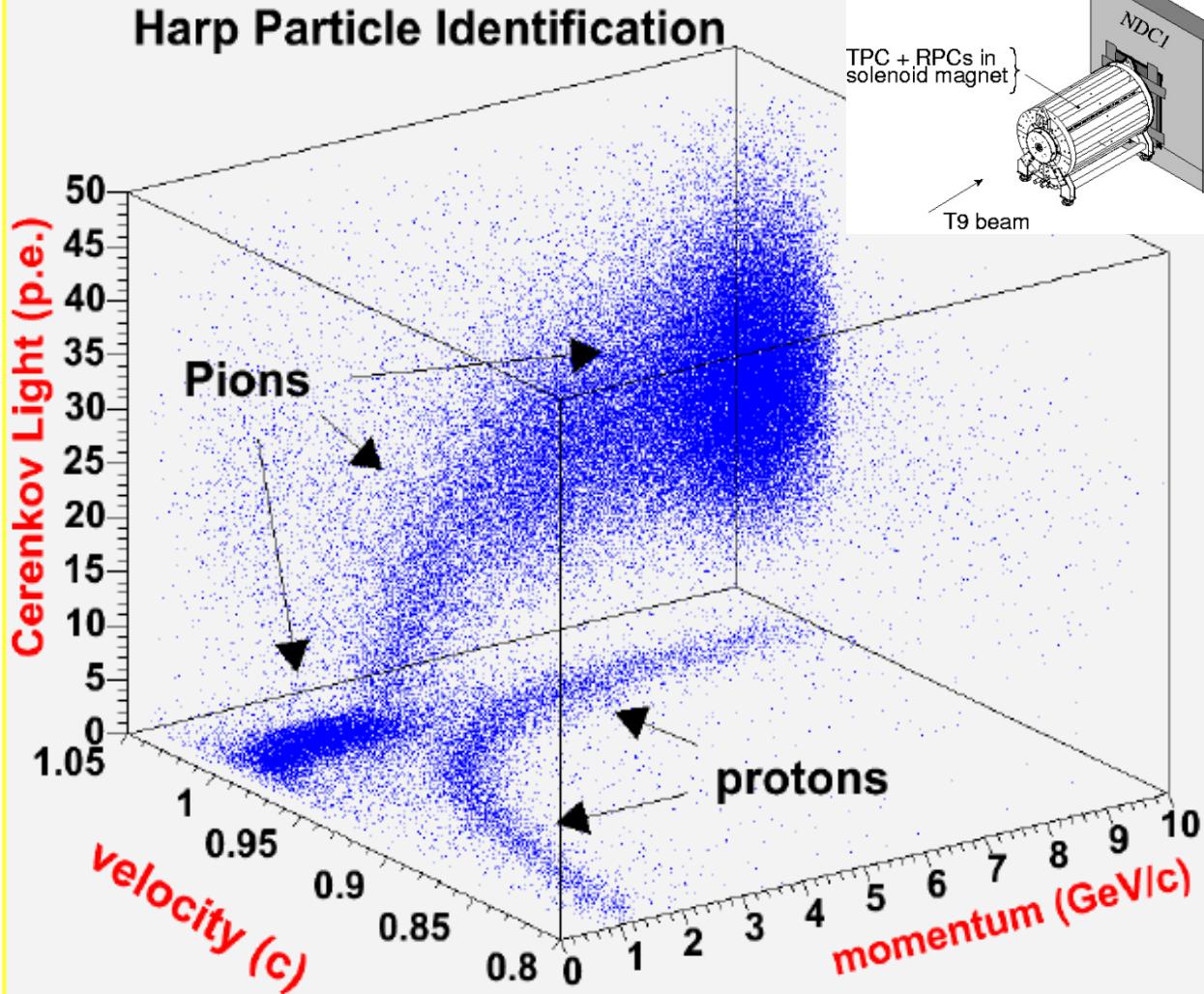
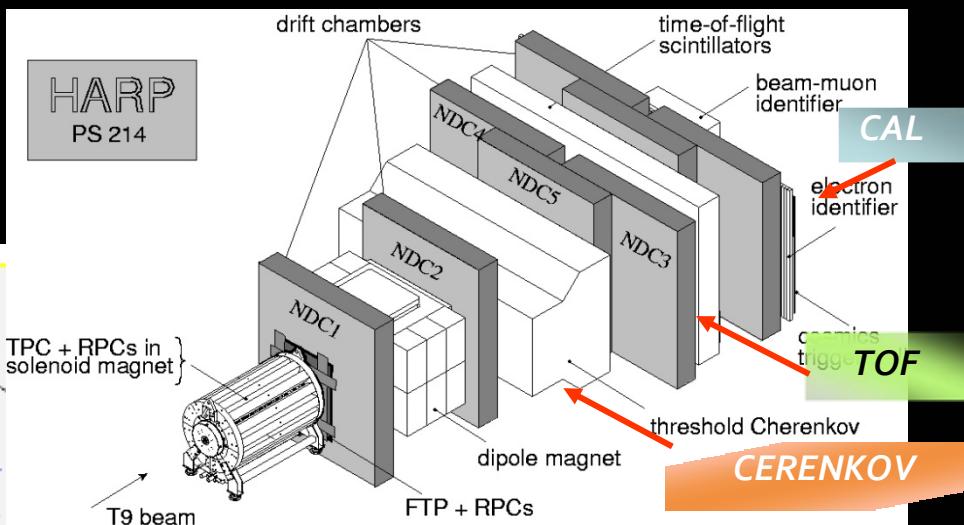
elastics



empty target beam



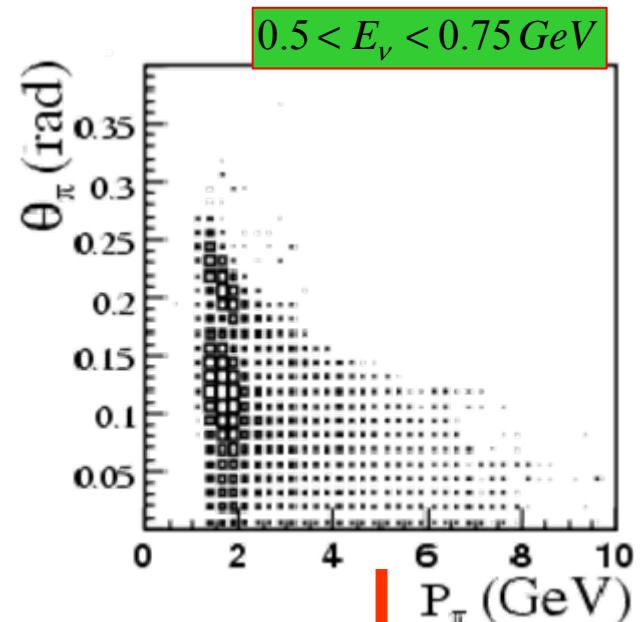
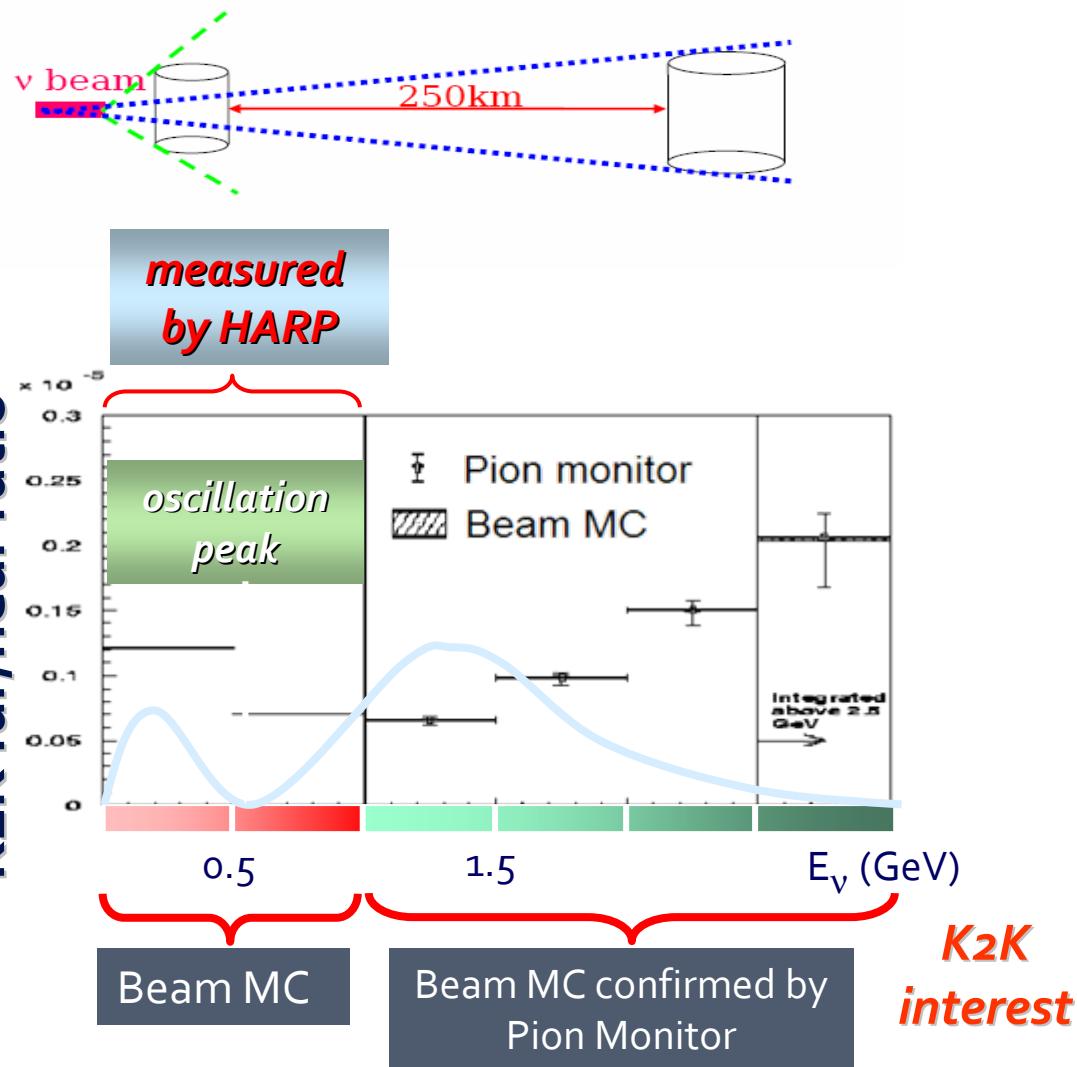
FW: PID principle



Relevance of HARP for K2K neutrino beam

*One of the largest K2K systematic errors comes from
the uncertainty of the far/near ratio*

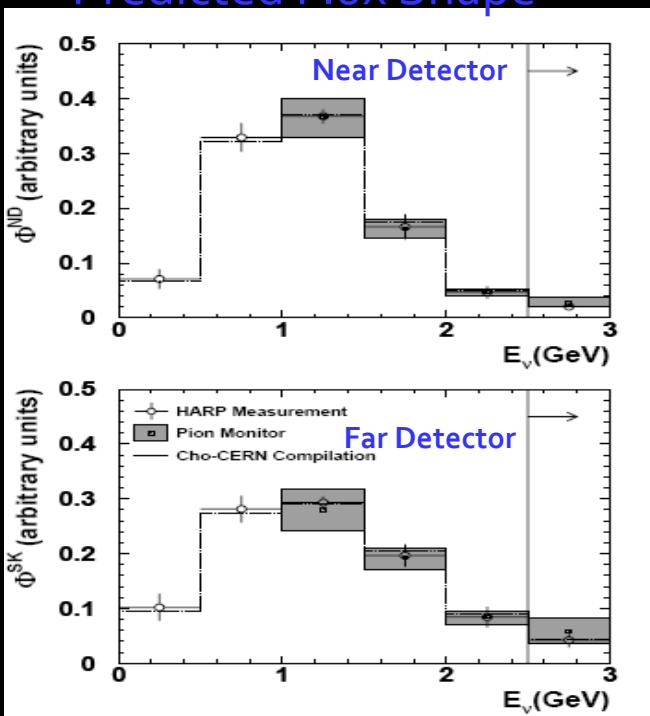
pions producing neutrinos
in the oscillation peak



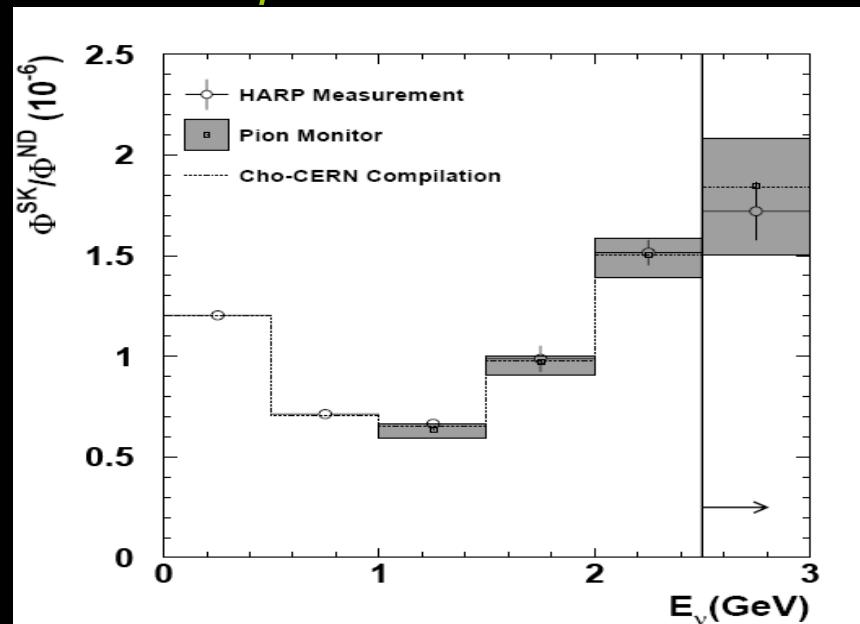
$P_\pi > 1 \text{ GeV}$
 $\theta_\pi < 250 \text{ mrad}$

Far/Near Ratio in K2K

Predicted Flux Shape

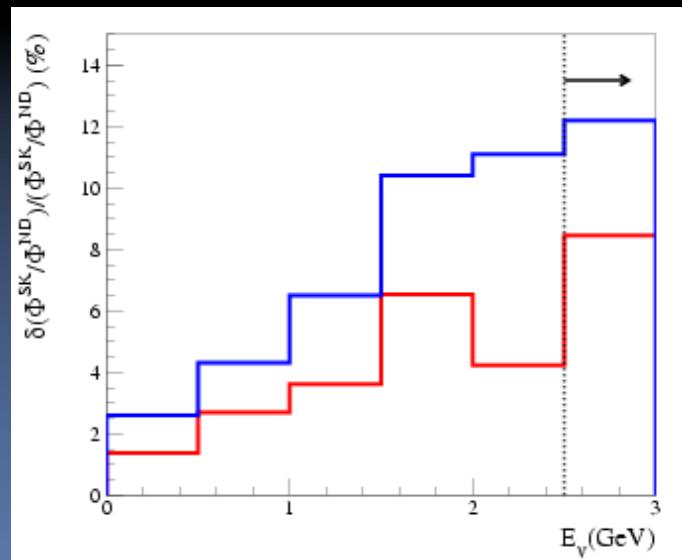


Predicted Far/Near Ratio

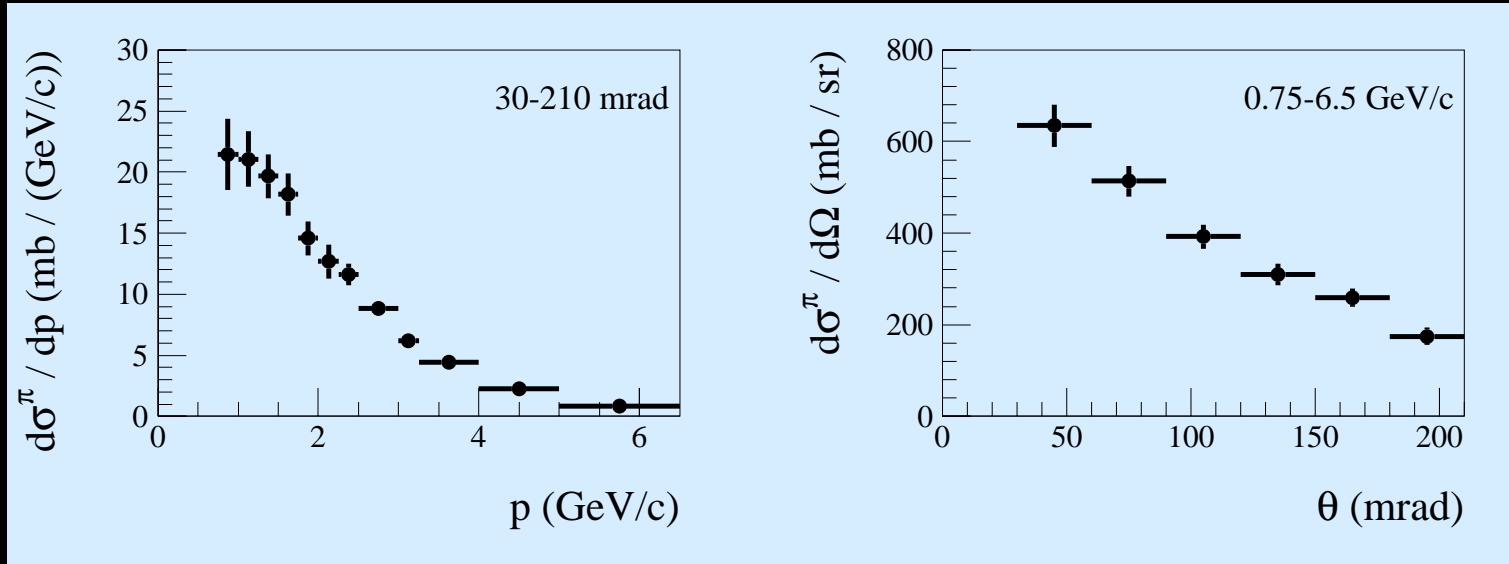


HARP gives ~ factor 2
error reduction
across all energies

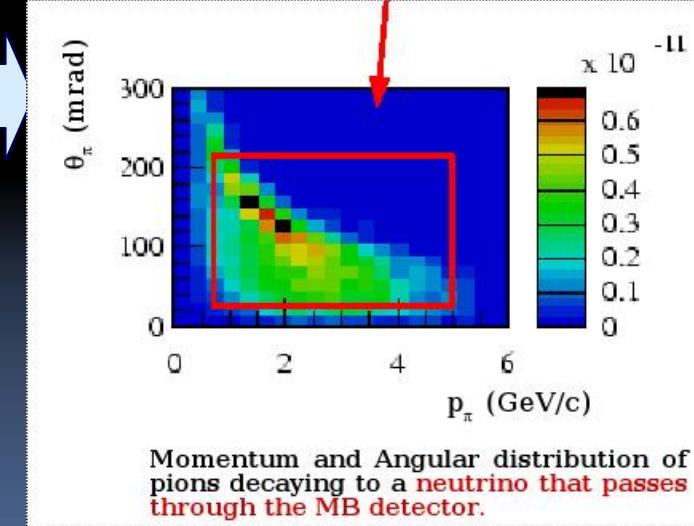
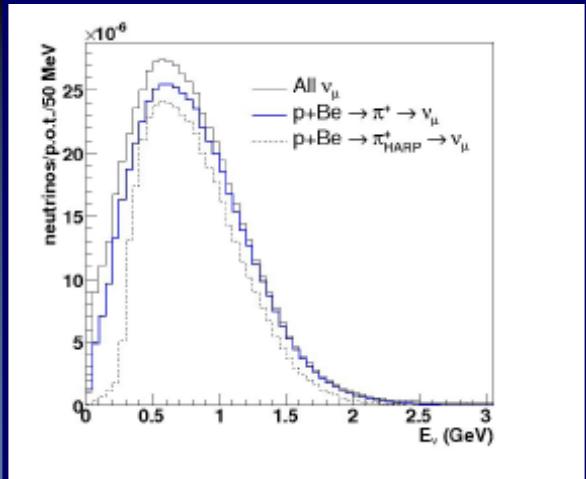
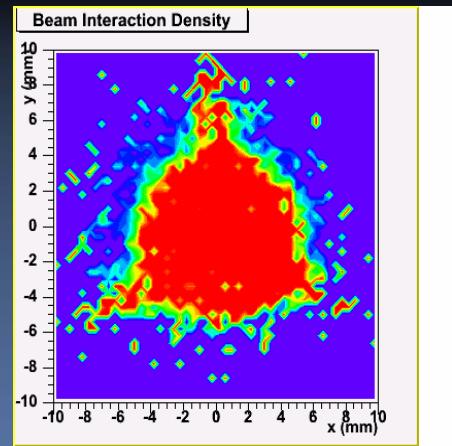
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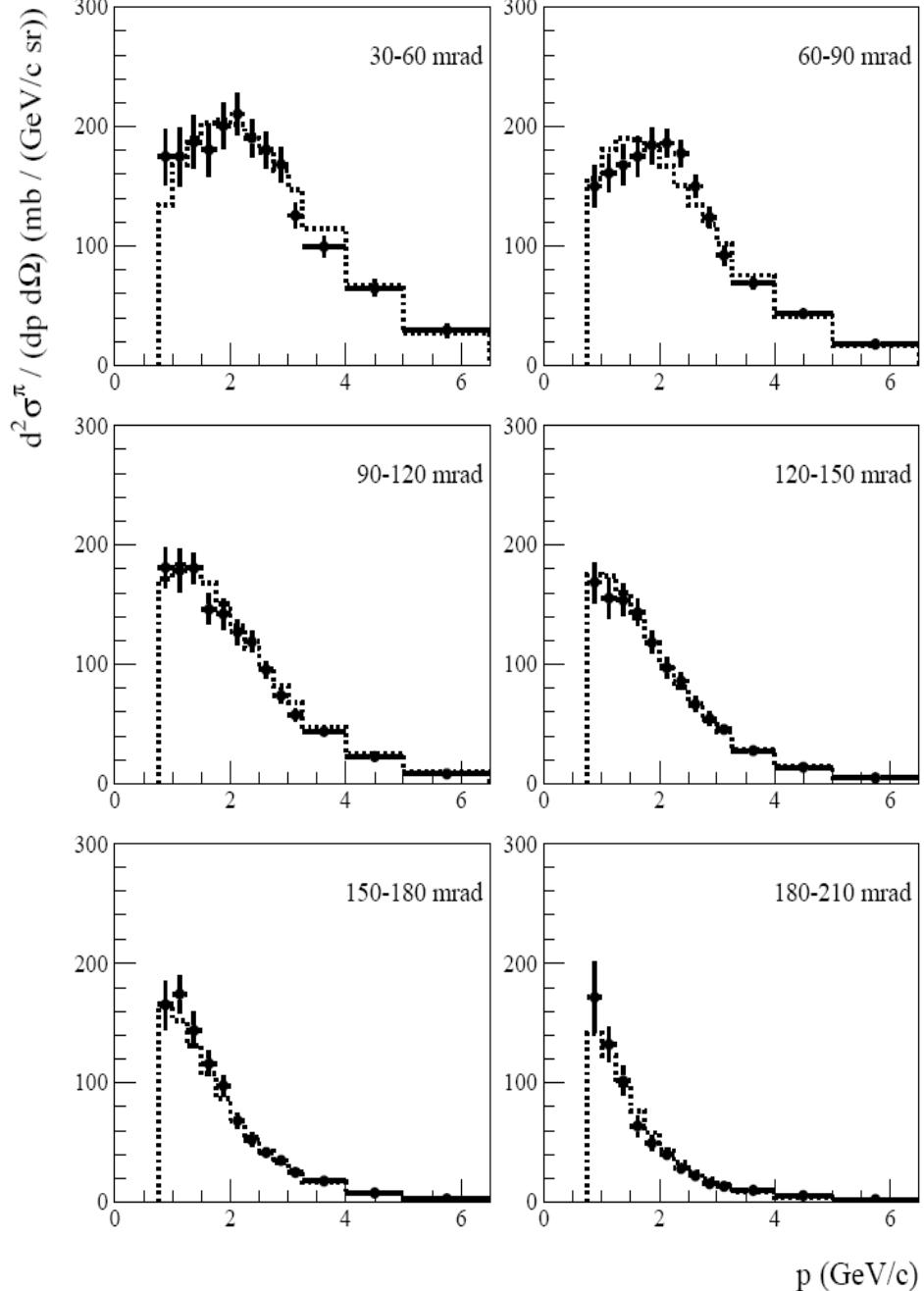
MiniBoone : Harp Be 8.9 GeV 5% λ π^+



Harp Forward Spectrometer Acceptance



(But also SCIBOONE)



HARP Be 8.9 GeV/c data Sanford-Wang parametrization

$$\frac{d^2\sigma(p+A \rightarrow \pi^+ + X)}{dp d\Omega}(p, \theta) =$$

$$\exp[A] p^{c_2} \left(1 - \frac{p}{p_{\text{beam}}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{p}{p_{\text{beam}}}\right)^{c_9 \theta(p - c_7 p_{\text{beam}} \cos^c \theta)}$$

$$A = c_1 - c_3 \frac{p^{c_4}}{p_{\text{beam}}^{c_5}} - c_6 \theta(p - c_7 p_{\text{beam}} \cos^c \theta),$$

Parameter	Value
c_1	(5.13 ± 0.41)
c_2	(1.87 ± 0.52)
c_3	(6.67 ± 1.69)
$c_4 = c_5$	(1.56 ± 0.55)
c_6	$(1.19 \pm 0.18) \cdot 10^1$
c_7	$(1.73 \pm 0.31) \cdot 10^{-1}$
c_8	$(1.98 \pm 0.69) \cdot 10^1$
c_9	$(1.60 \pm 0.44) \cdot 10^1$

More HARP data for accurate flux predictions coming:

K^\pm production data

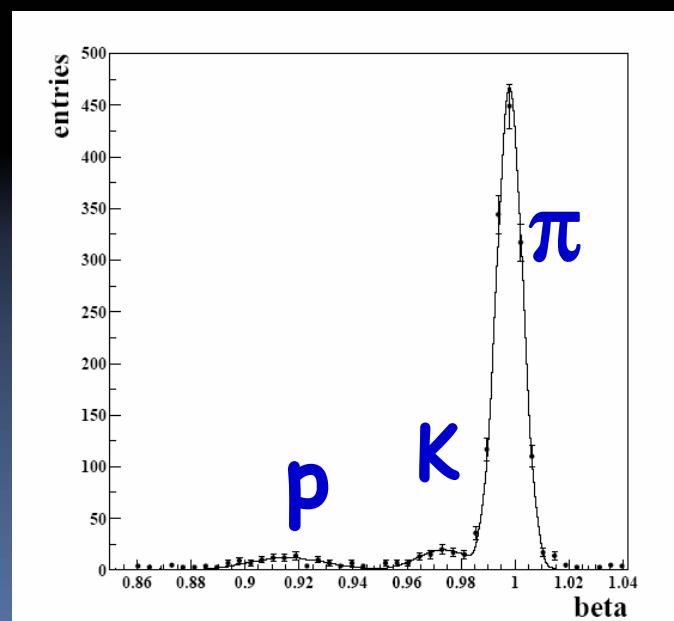
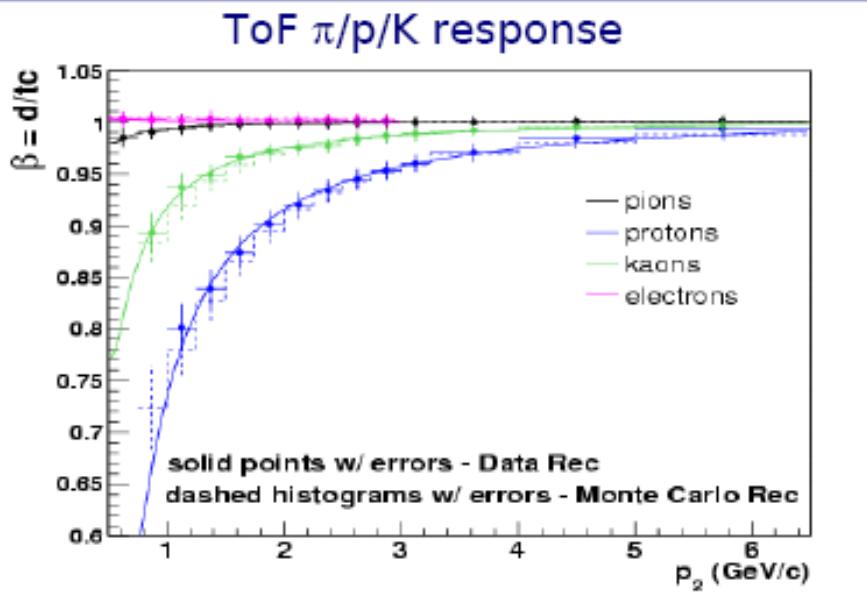
thick targets

π^- production data

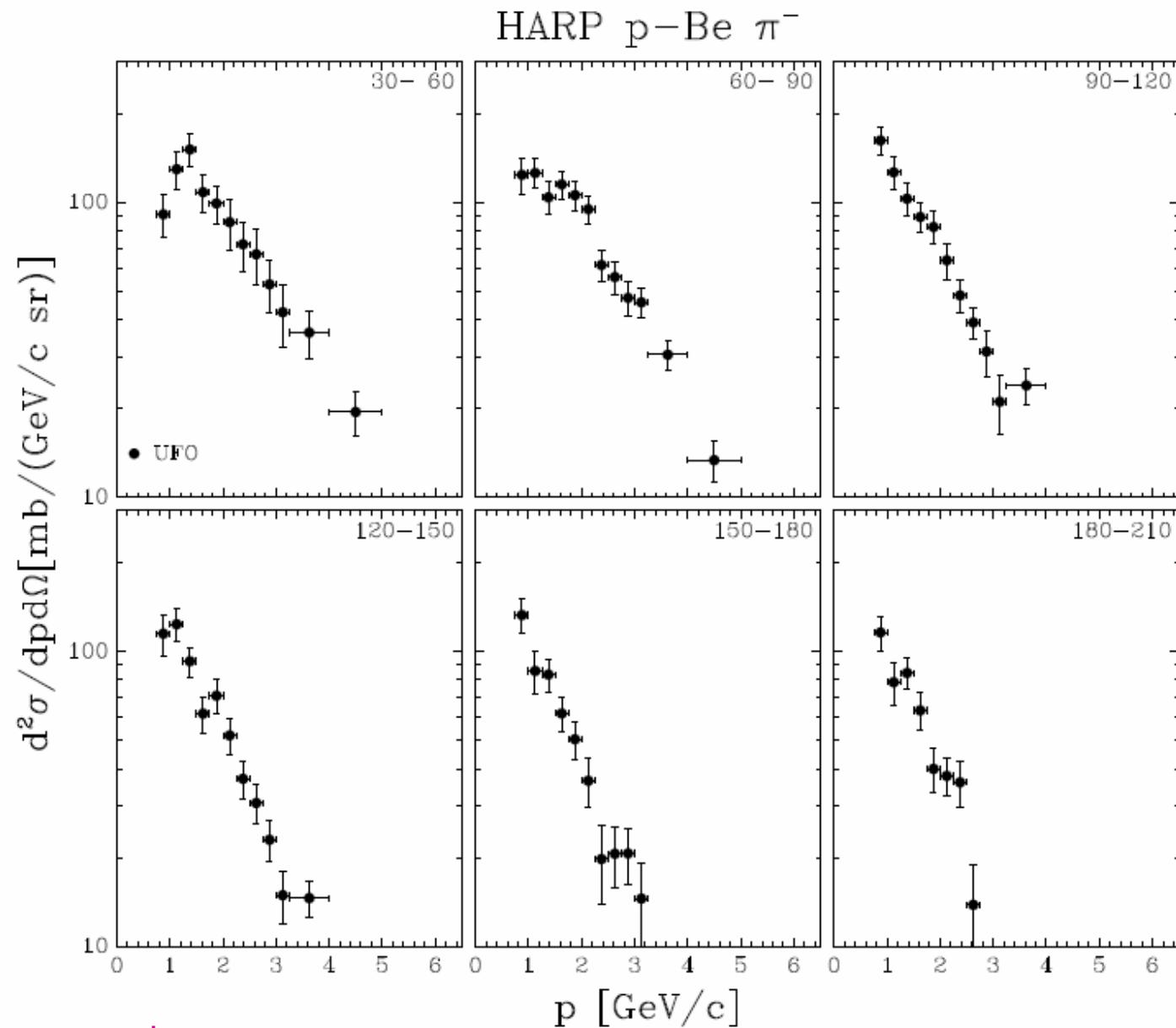
main source of ν_e flux for MiniBooNE

Direct measurement with rescattering and absorption

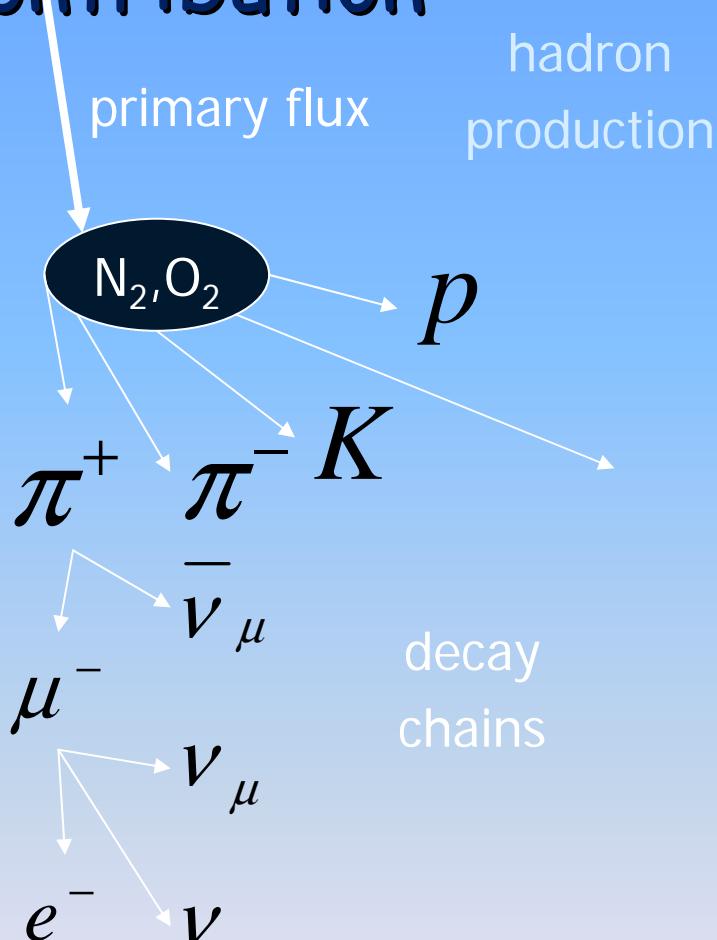
Anti-neutrino flux measurement



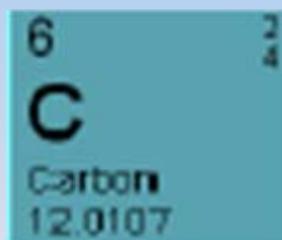
π^- data needed for MiniBooNE antineutrino flux



Atmospheric neutrino fluxes : the Harp contribution



- Most of the uncertainty comes from the lack of data to construct and calibrate a reliable hadron interaction model.
- Model-dependent extrapolations from the limited set of data leads to about 30% uncertainty in atmospheric fluxes
- → cryogenic targets

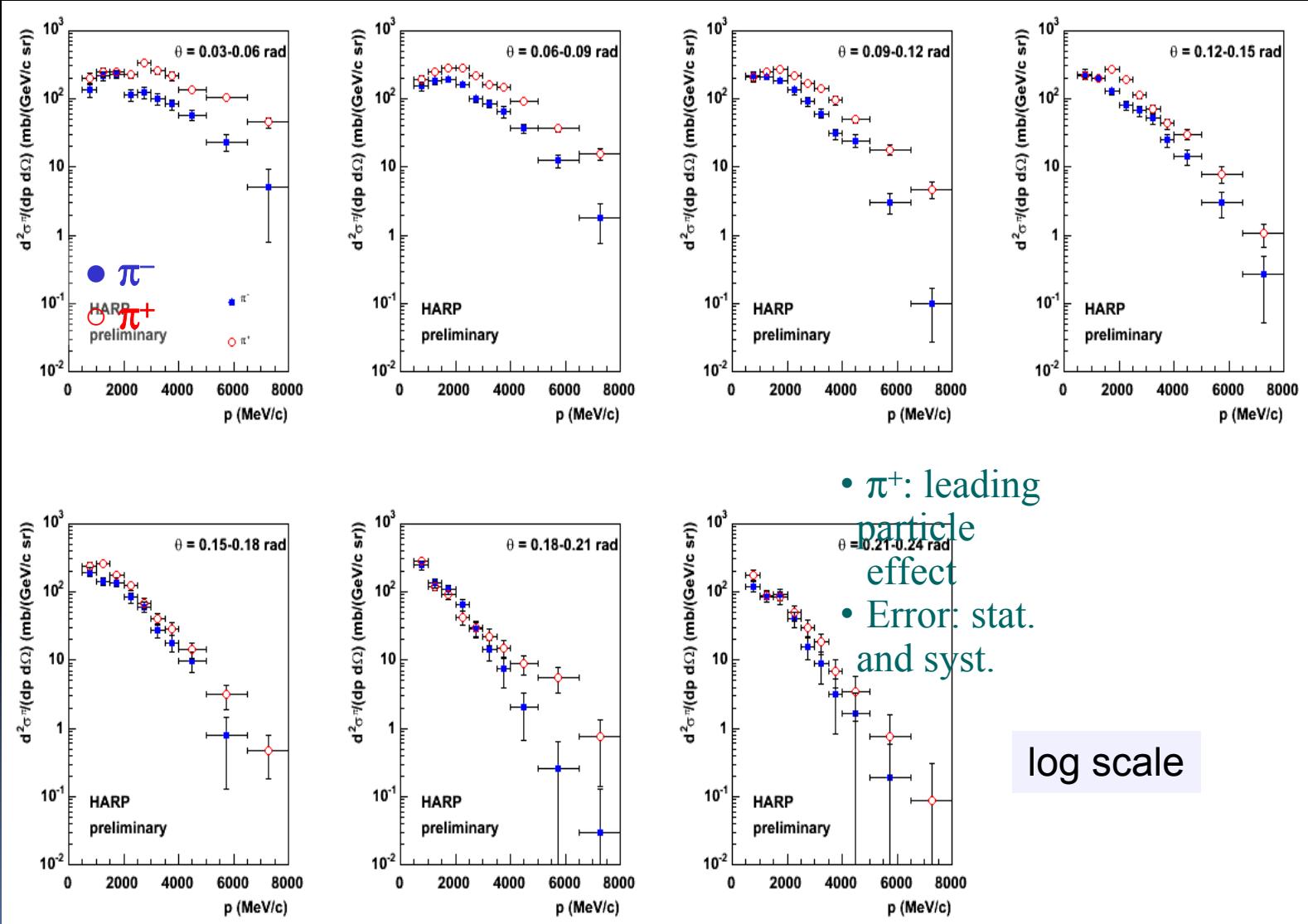


A horizontal section of the periodic table showing the first six elements: Boron (B), Carbon (C), Nitrogen (N), Oxygen (O), Fluorine (F), and Neon (Ne). Below the table, the composition of air is listed as 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen.

5 B	6 Carbon 12.0107	7 Nitrogen 14.00674	8 Oxygen 15.9994	9 Fluorine 19.994092	10 Neon 20.1797	KL
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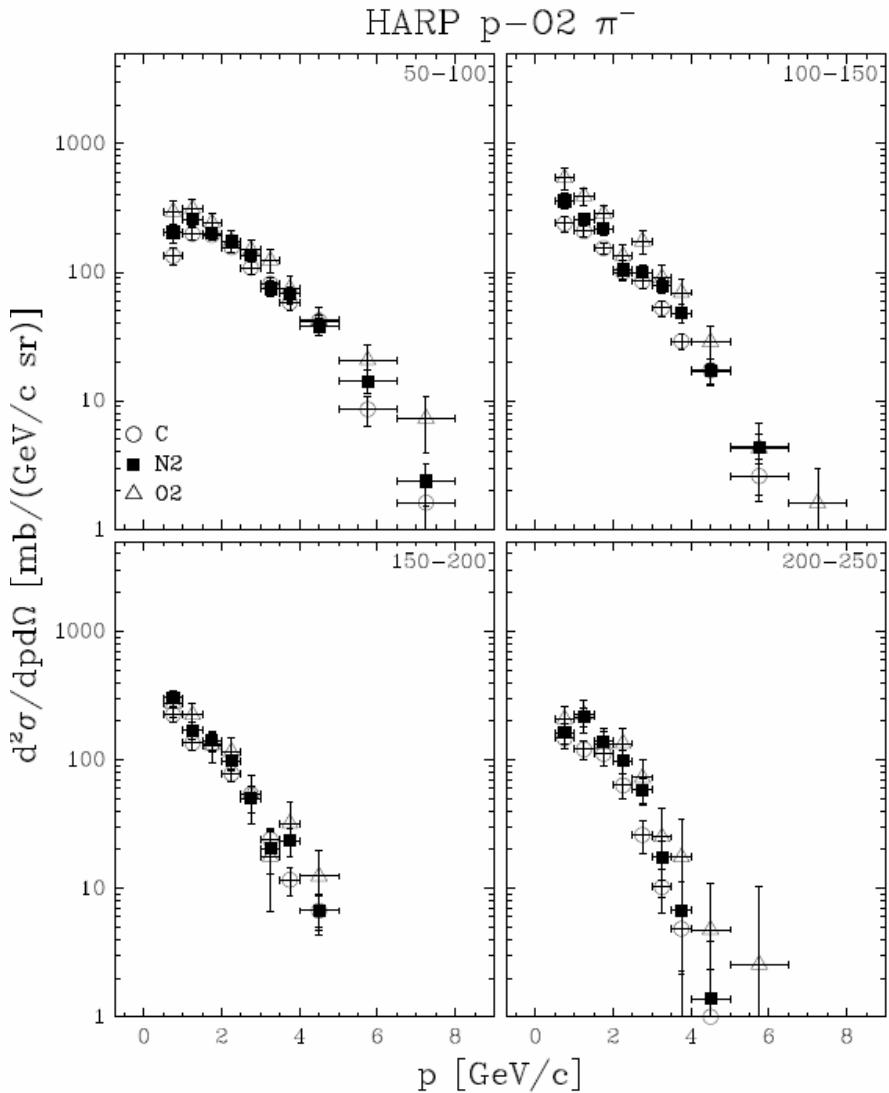
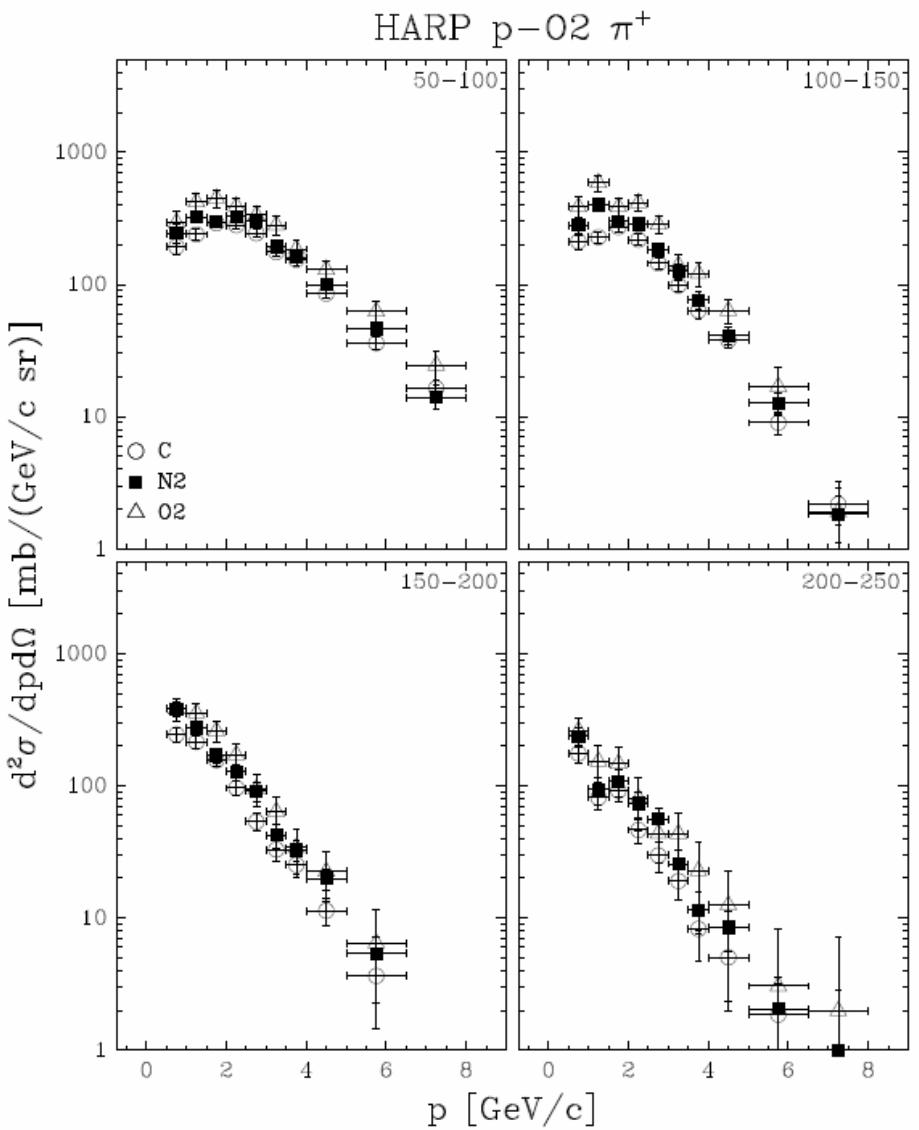
78% nitrogen
21% oxygen

p+C @ 12 GeV/c



Also $\pi^+\pi^-$ beams results are now published

Now also results for p+O₂ or p+N₂ cryo targets available



HARP publications

Forward analysis

Measurement of the production cross-section of positive pions in p-Al collisions at 12.9 GeV/c (K2K target measurement)

M.G. Catanesi et al, hep-ex/0510039, Nucl. Phys. B732: 1-45 (2006)

Measurement of the production cross-section of positive pions in the collision of 8.9 GeV/c protons on beryllium (MiniBooNE target measurement)

M.G. Catanesi et al, Eur.Phys.J.C52:29-53,2007.

Measurement of the production cross-section of pi+ in p-C and pi- C Interactions at 12 GeV/c

M.G.Catanesi et al : Astroparticle Physics - volume/issue: 29/4 pp. 257-281

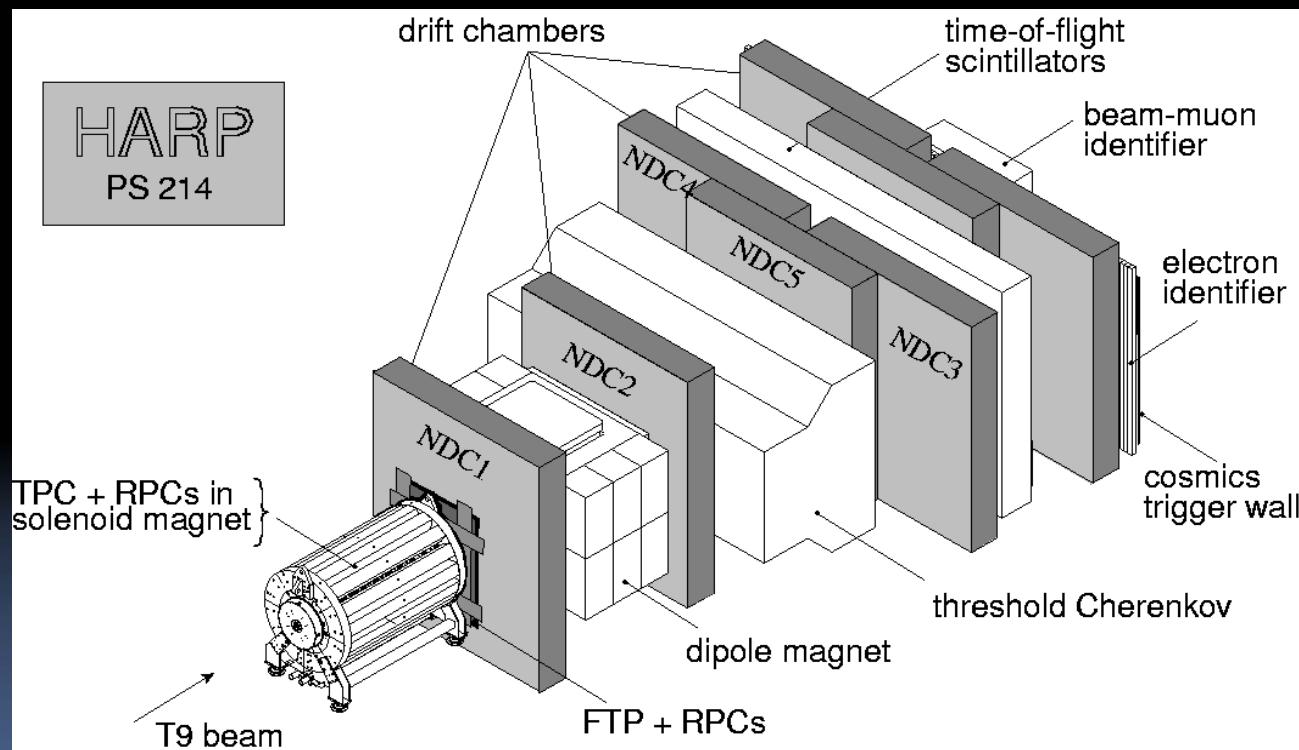
Forward production of pi+/pi- in p-O₂ and pN₂ interactions at 12 GeV/C

M.G.Catanesi et al : Submitted to Astroparticle Physic

In preparation :

Forward production of charged pions in the HARP experiment with incident pi+/pi- on nuclear targets

Large Angle Analysis



“Large Angle” analysis

beam momenta:

3, 5, 8, 12 GeV/c

events:

require trigger in ITC (cylinder around target)

TPC tracks:

>11/20 points, momentum measured and track originating in target

PID selection

track distortions due to ion charges in TPC applied

Full sample analyzed

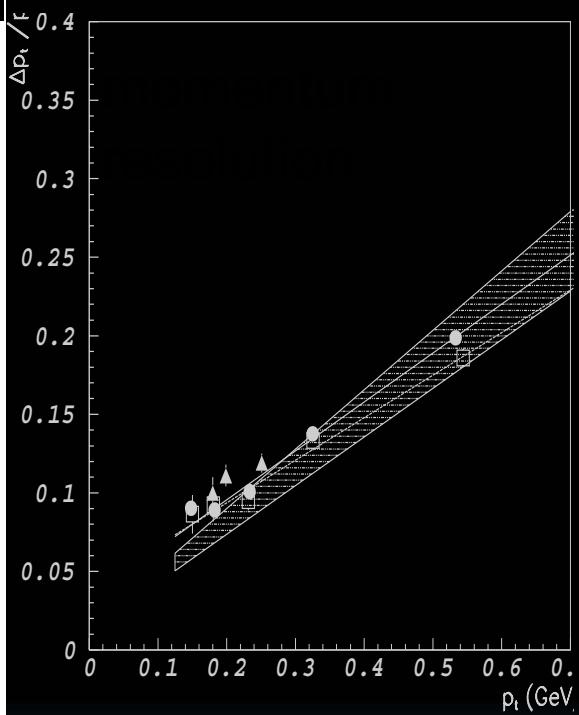
Corrections:

- Efficiency, absorption, PID, momentum and angle smearing by unfolding method
- (same as pC data analysis in forward spectrometer)

Backgrounds:

- secondary interactions (simulated)
- low energy electrons and positrons (all from π^0)
- predicted from π^+ and π^- spectra (iterative) and normalized to identified e^{+-} .

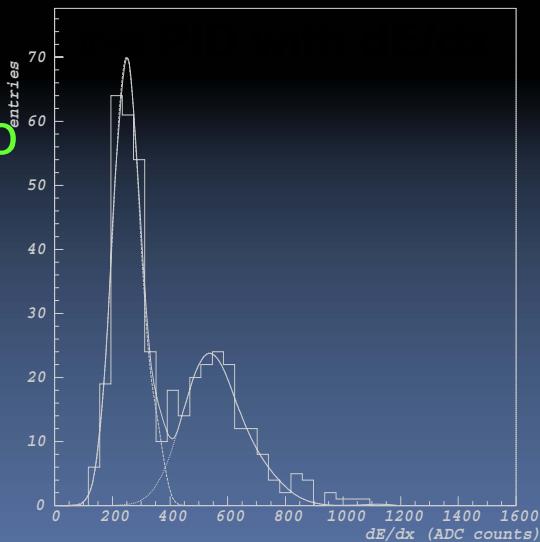
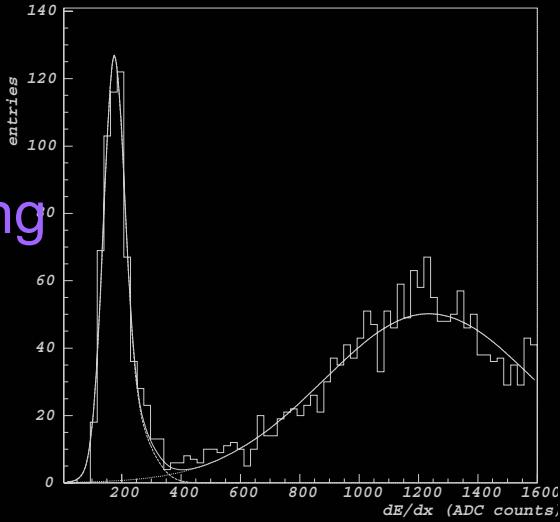
LA Spectrometer performance



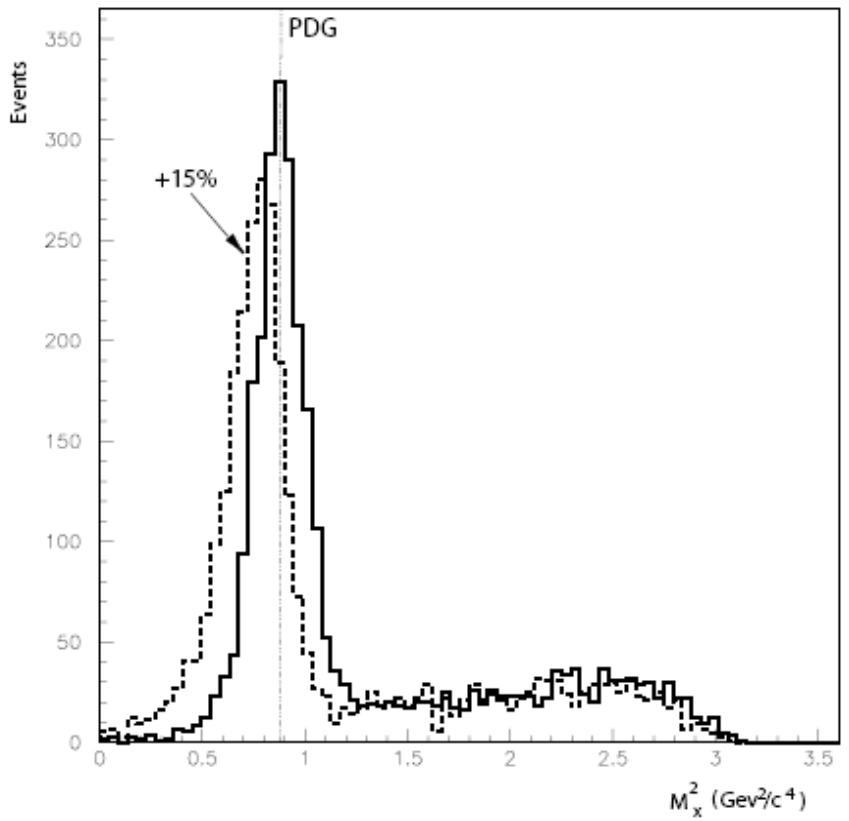
elastic scattering:
absolute calibration of
efficiency
momentum
angle
(two spectrometers!)

momentum
calibration:
cosmic rays
elastic scattering

PID:
 dE/dx used
for analysis
TOF used to
determine
efficiency

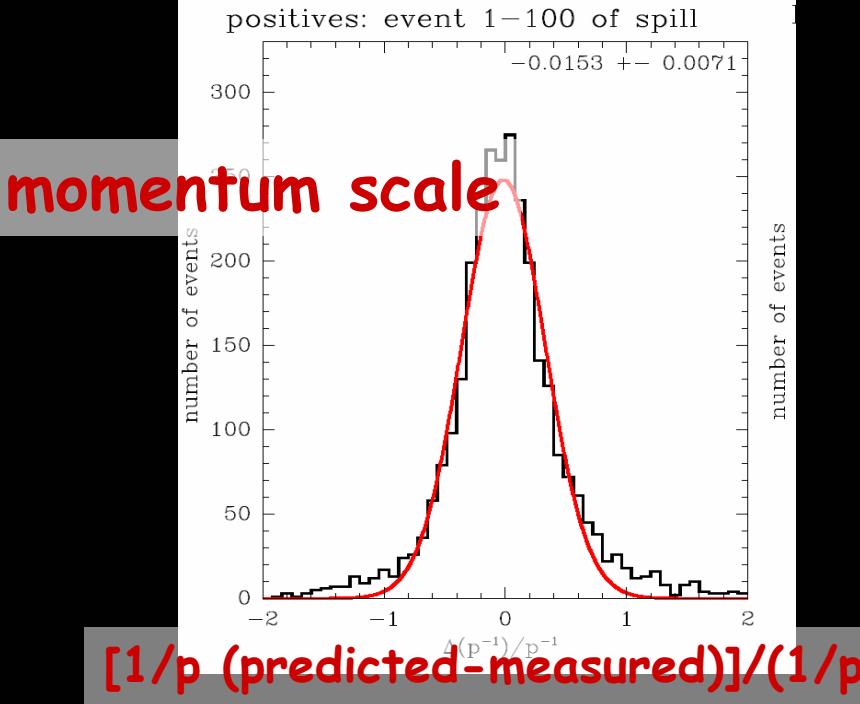


The elastic scattering benchmark



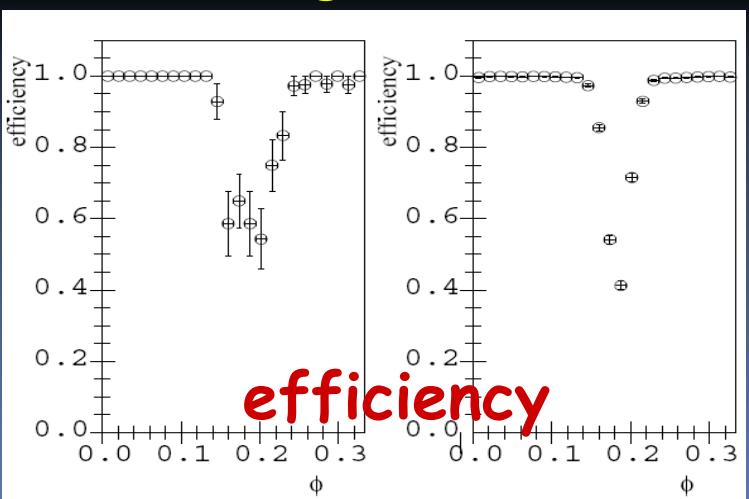
missing mass peak from
large angle proton track
(position of peak verifies
momentum scale -- +15% shift
is completely excluded)

Momentum scale Sys. Error < 3%



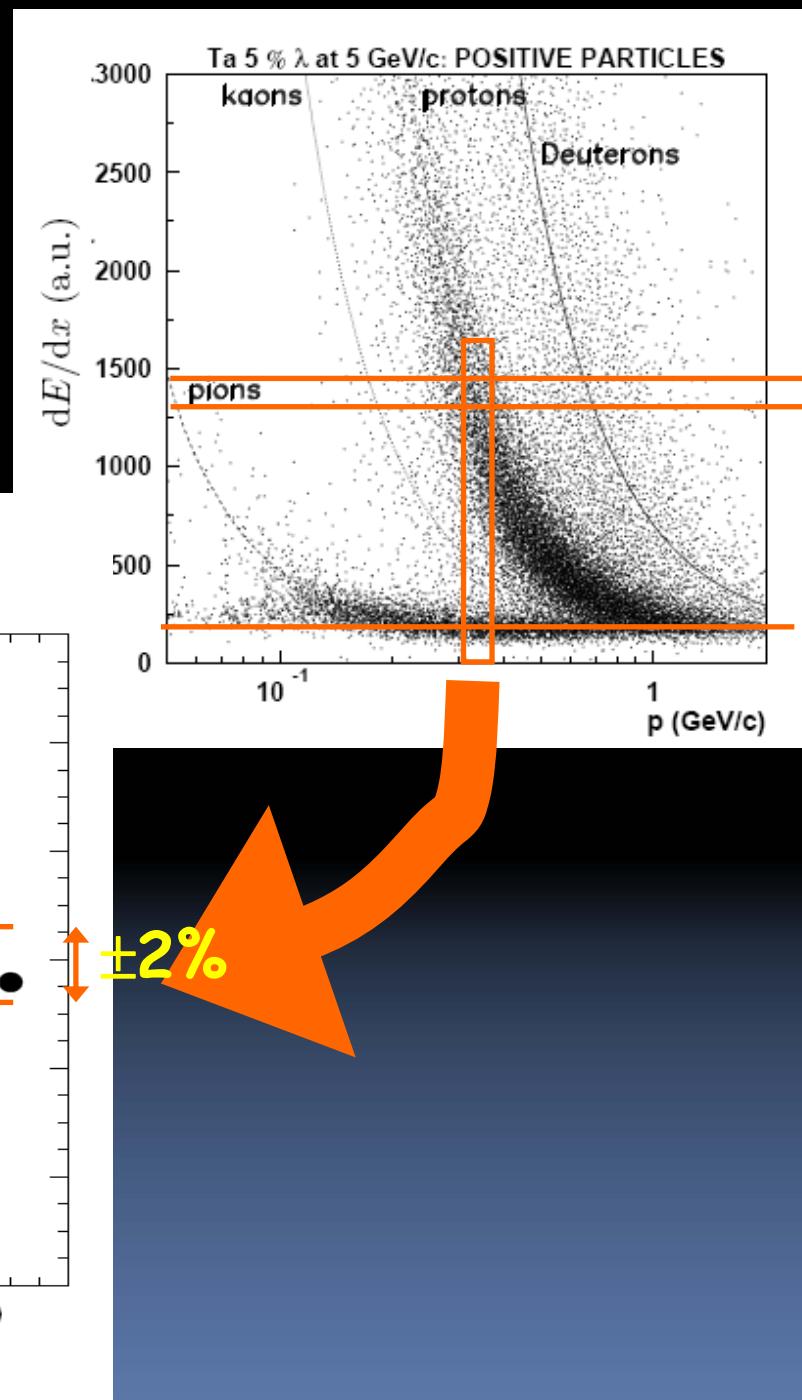
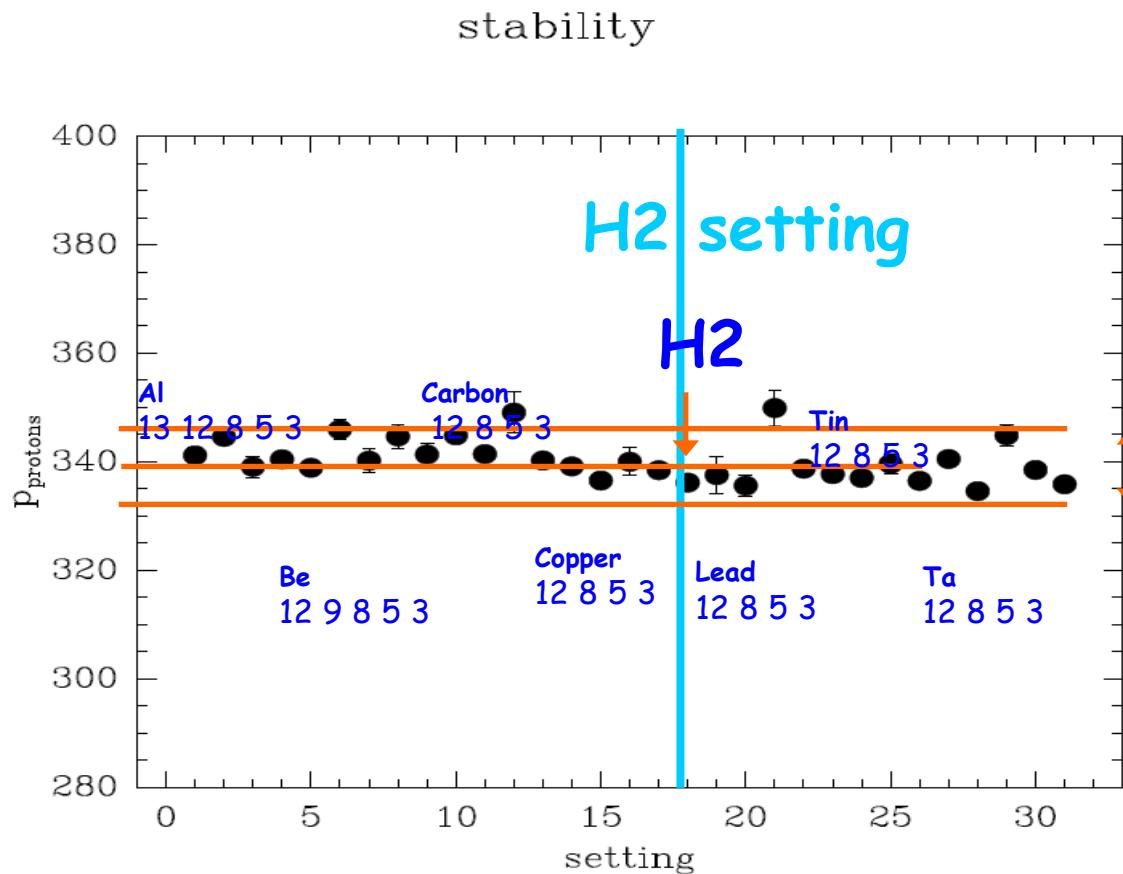
[$1/p$ (predicted-measured)]/ $(1/p$

Comparison of predicted
vs measured track allows
LA tracking benchmark

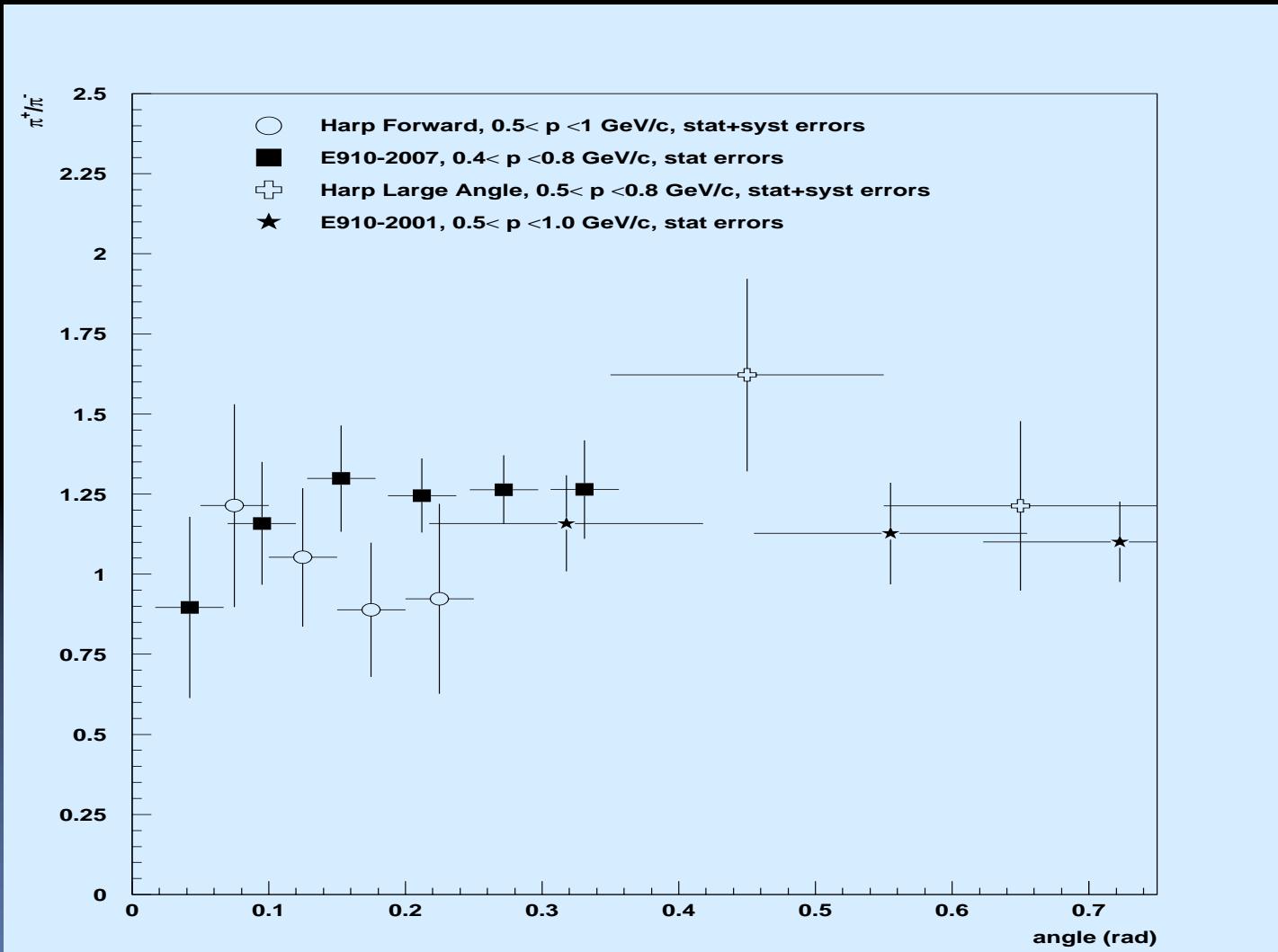


Stability from LH2 target to other targets

consider average momentum of
protons with $dE/dx \in [7-8]$ MIPs

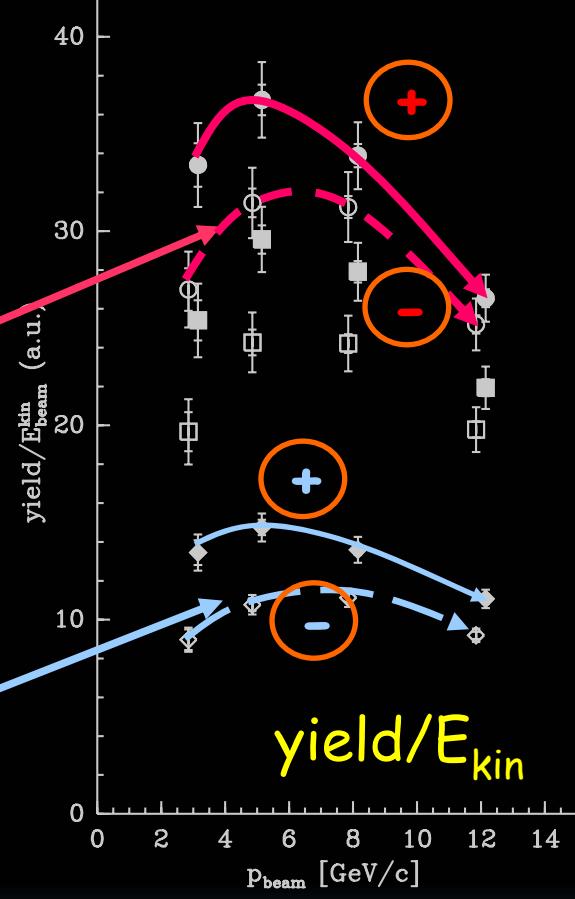
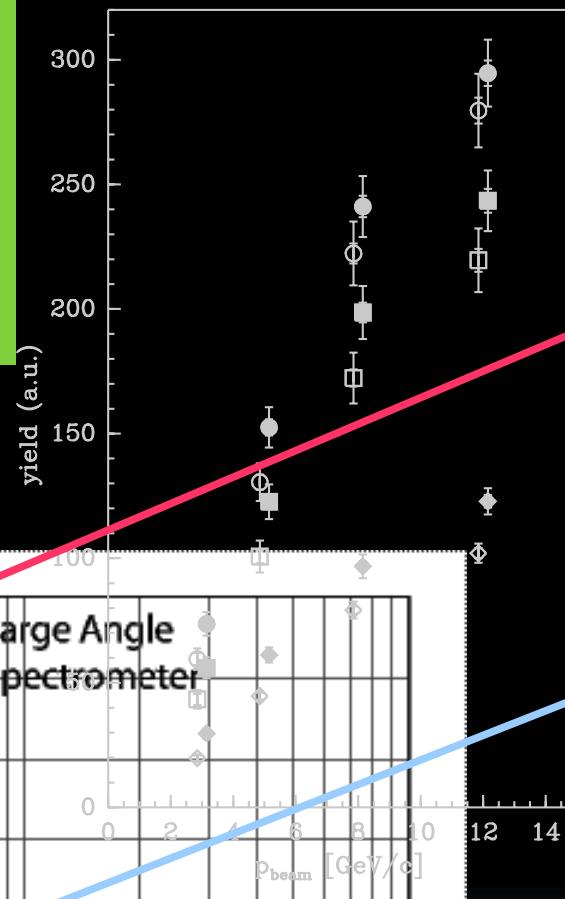
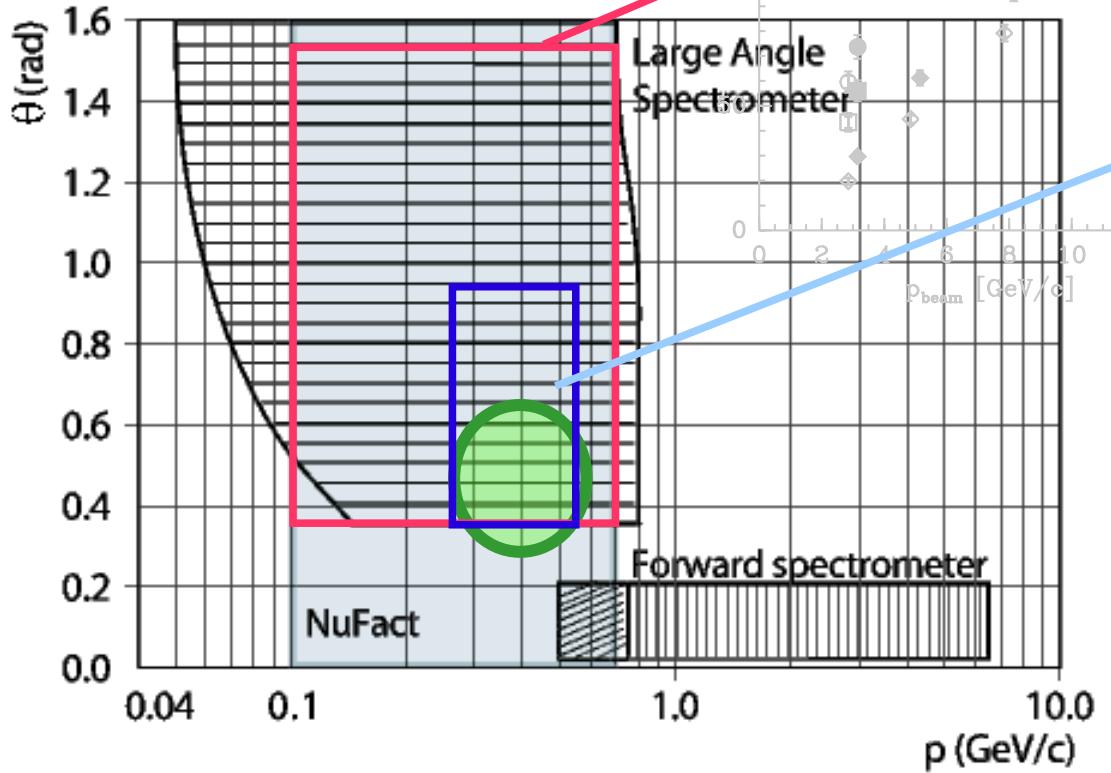


Harp vs E910 (12 GeV/c P beam)



Neutrino factory study

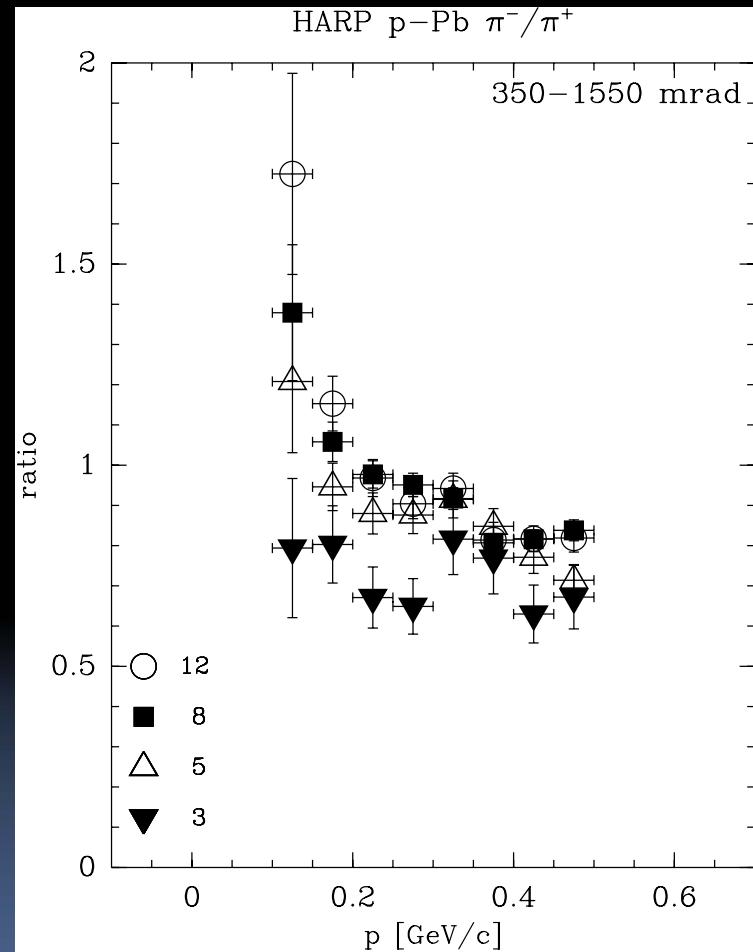
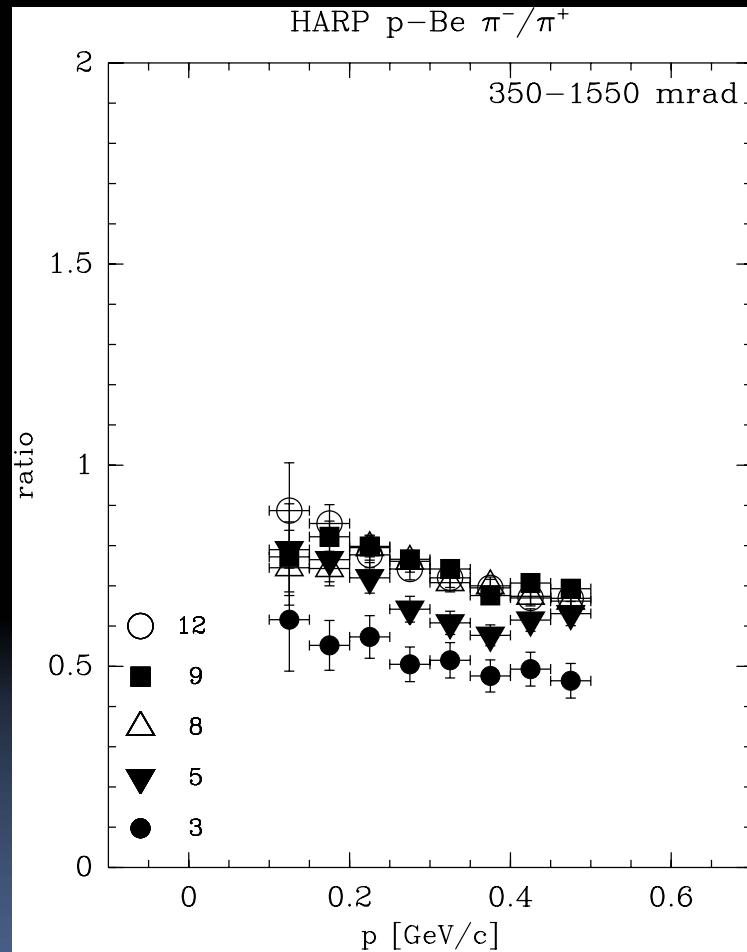
Ta Target Data



$d\sigma/d\theta$ cross-sections
can be fed into neutrino
factory studies
to find optimum design

published on EPJC

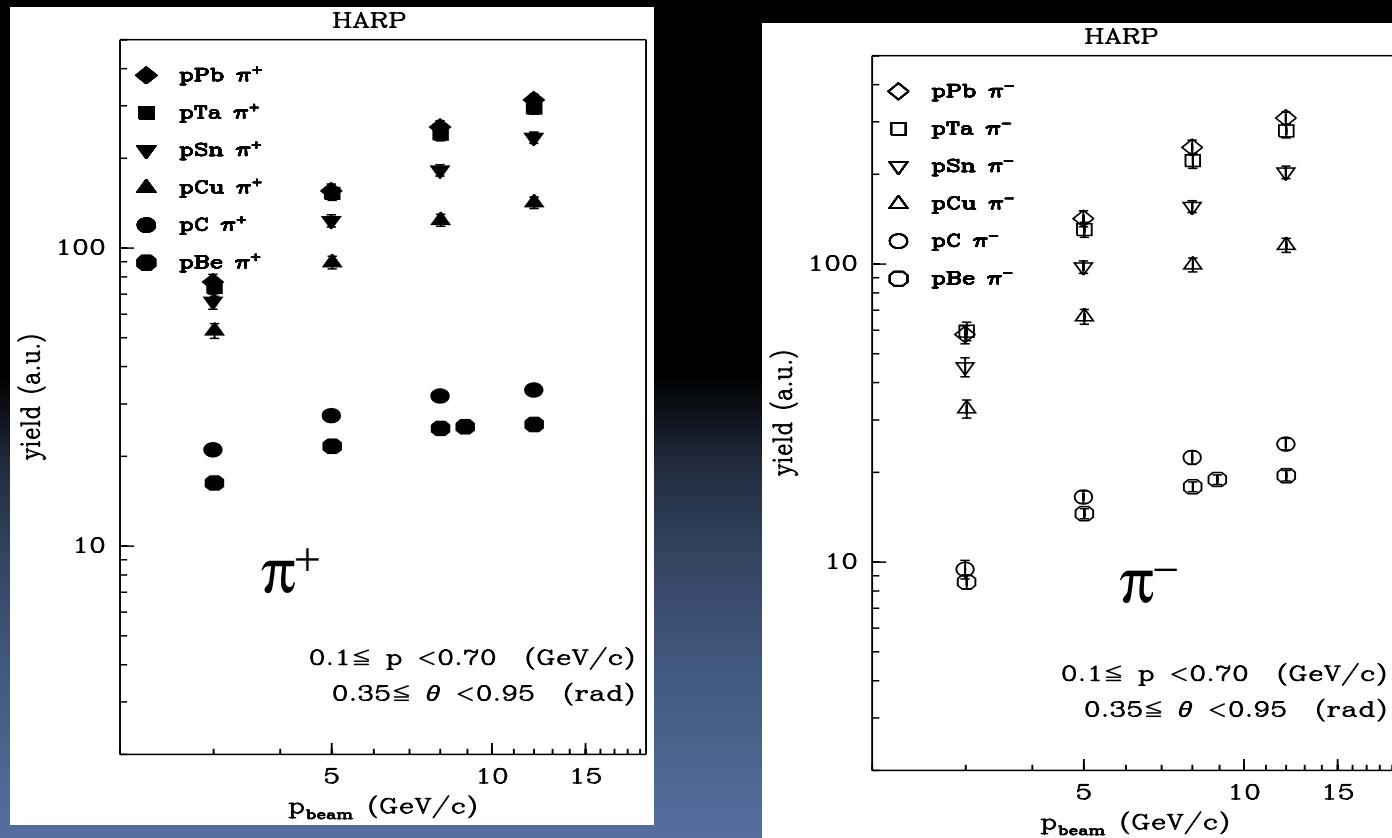
π - π^+ ratios for light and heavy nuclei



Pion yields

comparison of π^+ and π^- and yields for p-A
for Be, C, Cu, Sn, Ta and Pb

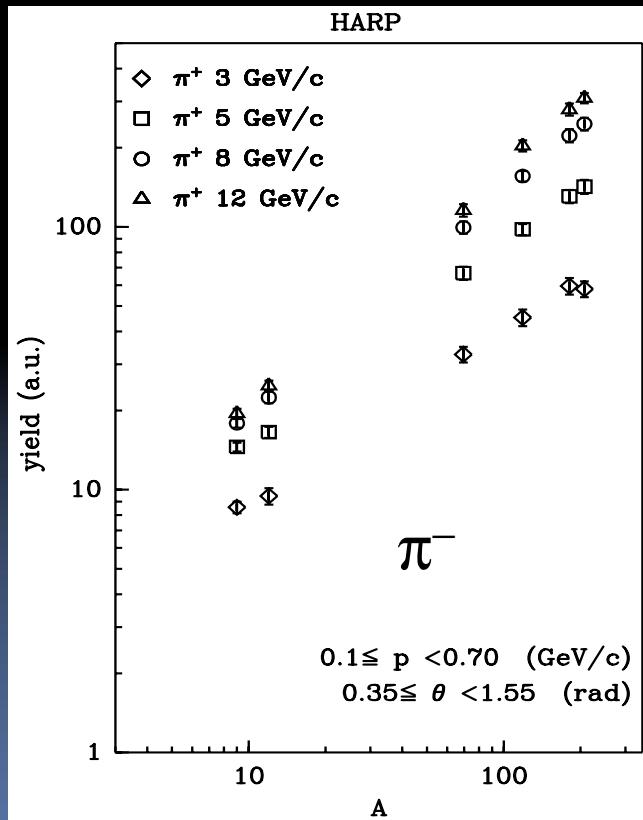
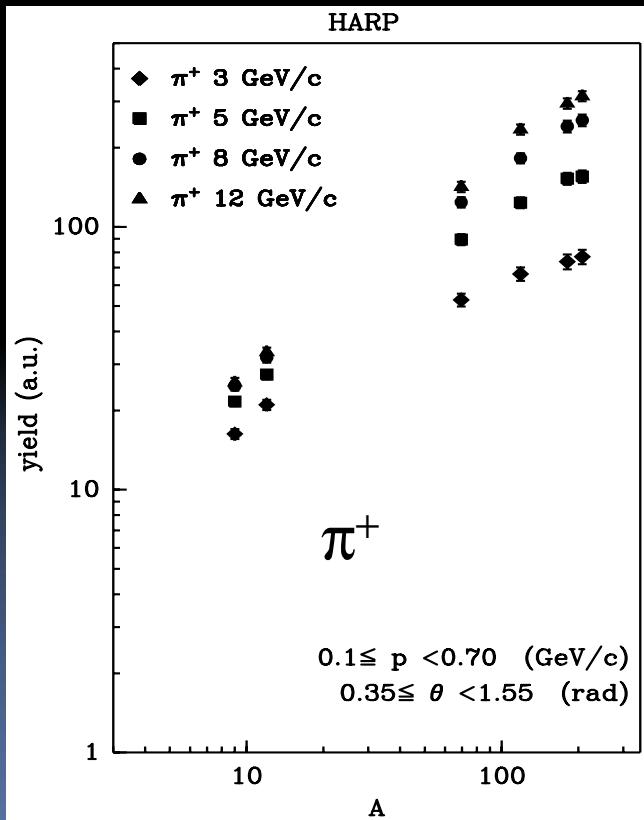
forward production only $0.35 < \theta < 0.95$ rad



Pion yields

A-dependence of π^+ and π^- and yields for p-A for Be, C, Cu, Sn, Ta and Pb (3, 5, 8, 12 GeV/c)

forward production only $0.35 < \theta < 1.55$ rad



proton beams on long targets

Data analysed on **tantalum** and **carbon** targets (lead later)

Especially useful for the neutrino factory target

Interesting to tune models for re-interactions (and shower calculations in calorimeters etc.)

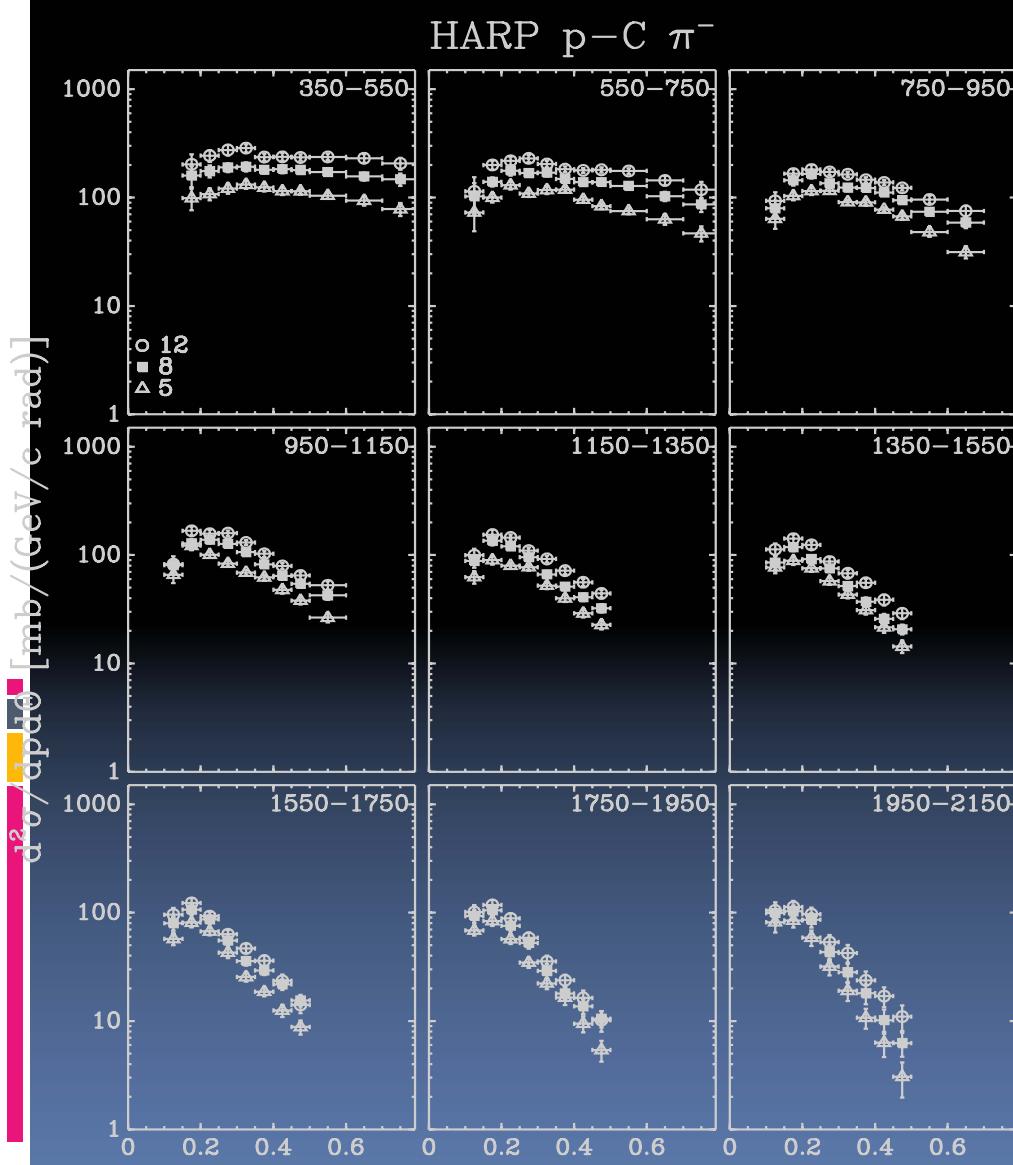
As for the thin targets, corrections for the absorption and re-interaction of the produced particles are made

NO correction is made for the absorption and re-interaction of the beam proton (this is what we want to measure)

Data are not directly applicable: our targets are 30mm in diameter: more re-interactions of the scattered proton

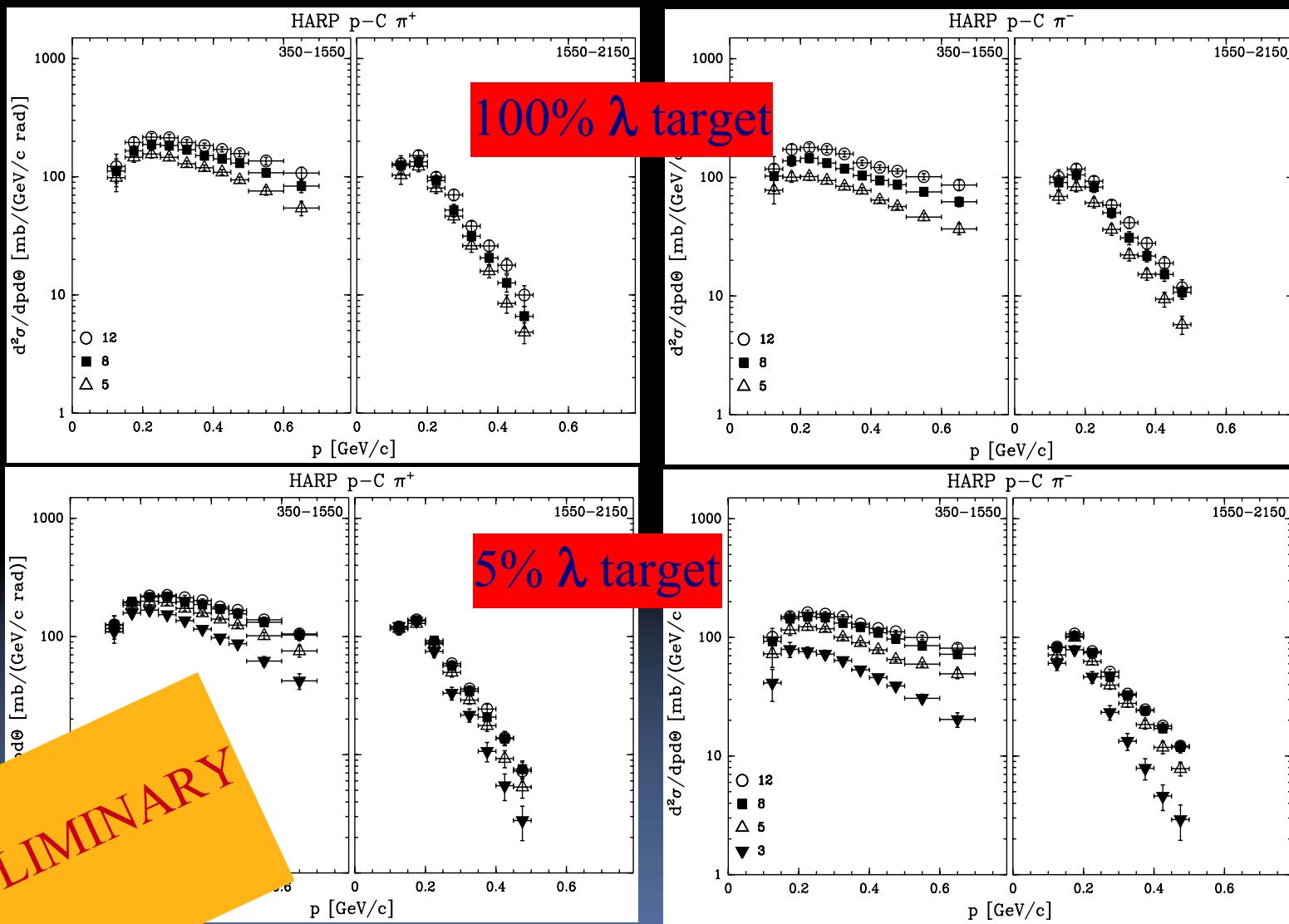
p-C π^-

LONG C TARGET



FW and BW p-C π^+

100% vs 5% TARGET



100% / 5% TARGET

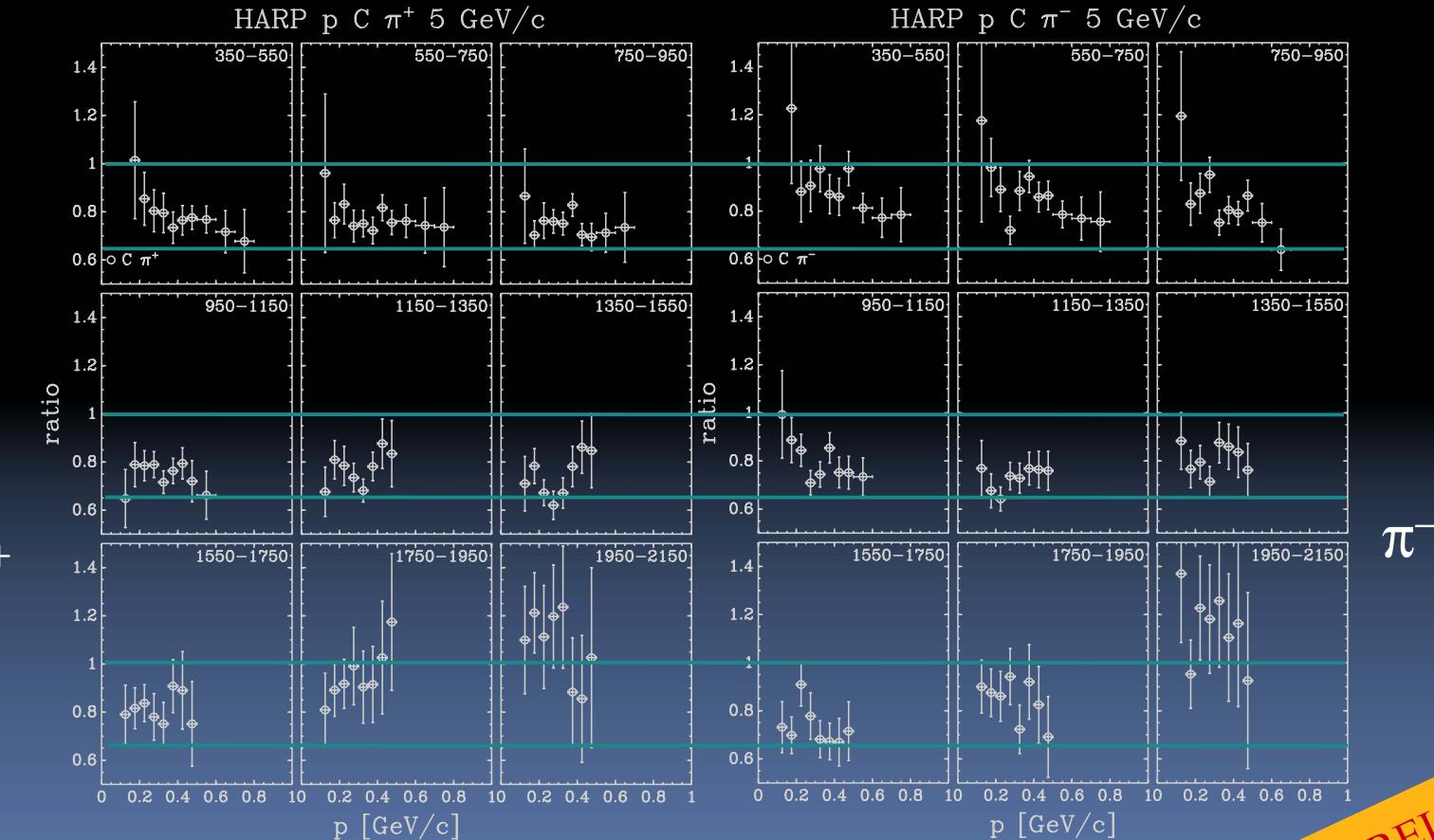
bin-by-bin ratio

5 GeV/c beam: p-C $\pi^{+/-}$

Large corrections !

If no effect from absorption of p: expect ratio = 1

If all interacting p are lost: expect ratio = 0.65

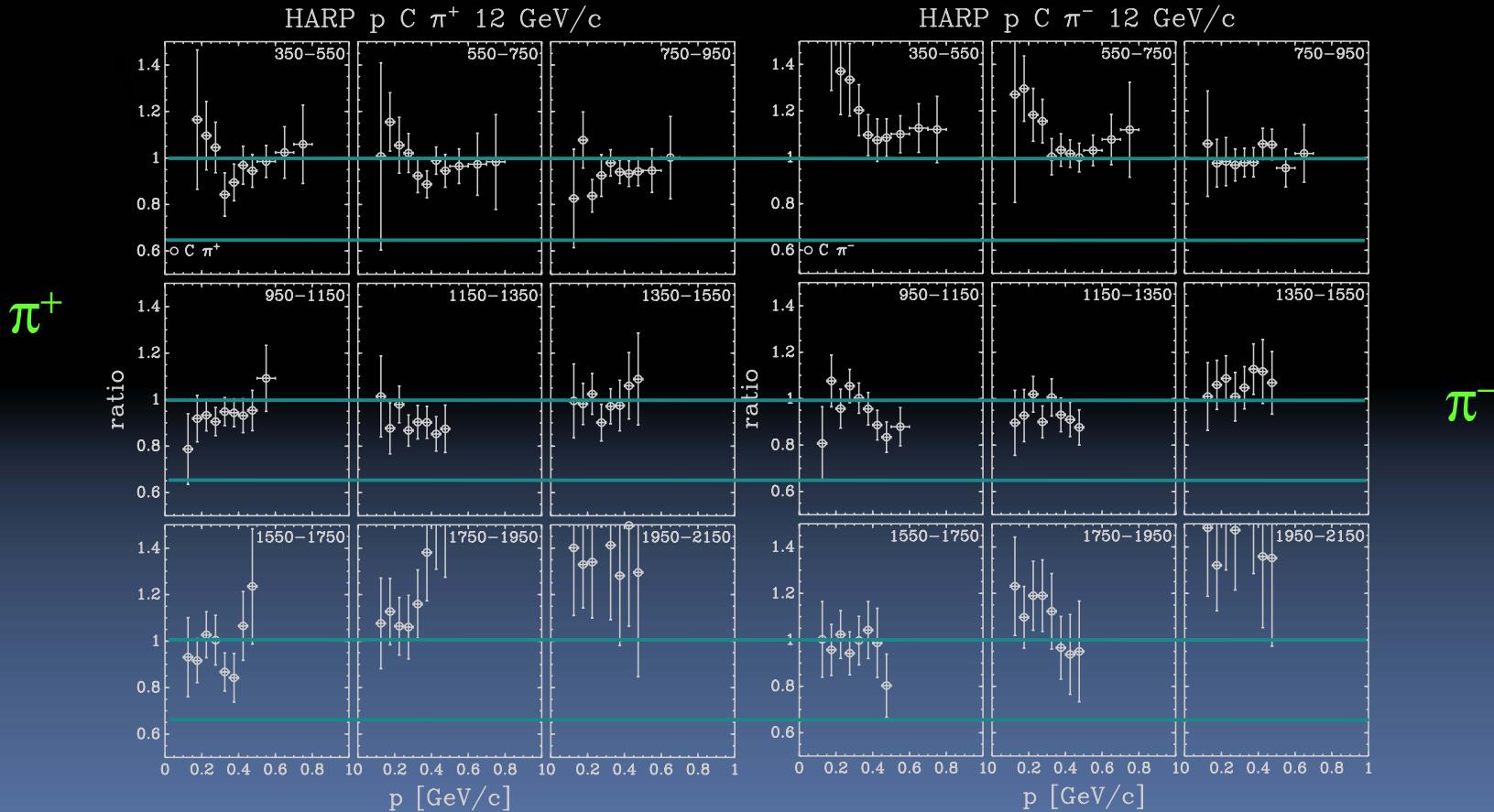


bin-by-bin ratio

100% / 5% TARGET

| 12 GeV/c beam: p-C $\pi^{+/-}$

If all interacting p are lost: expect ratio = 0.65



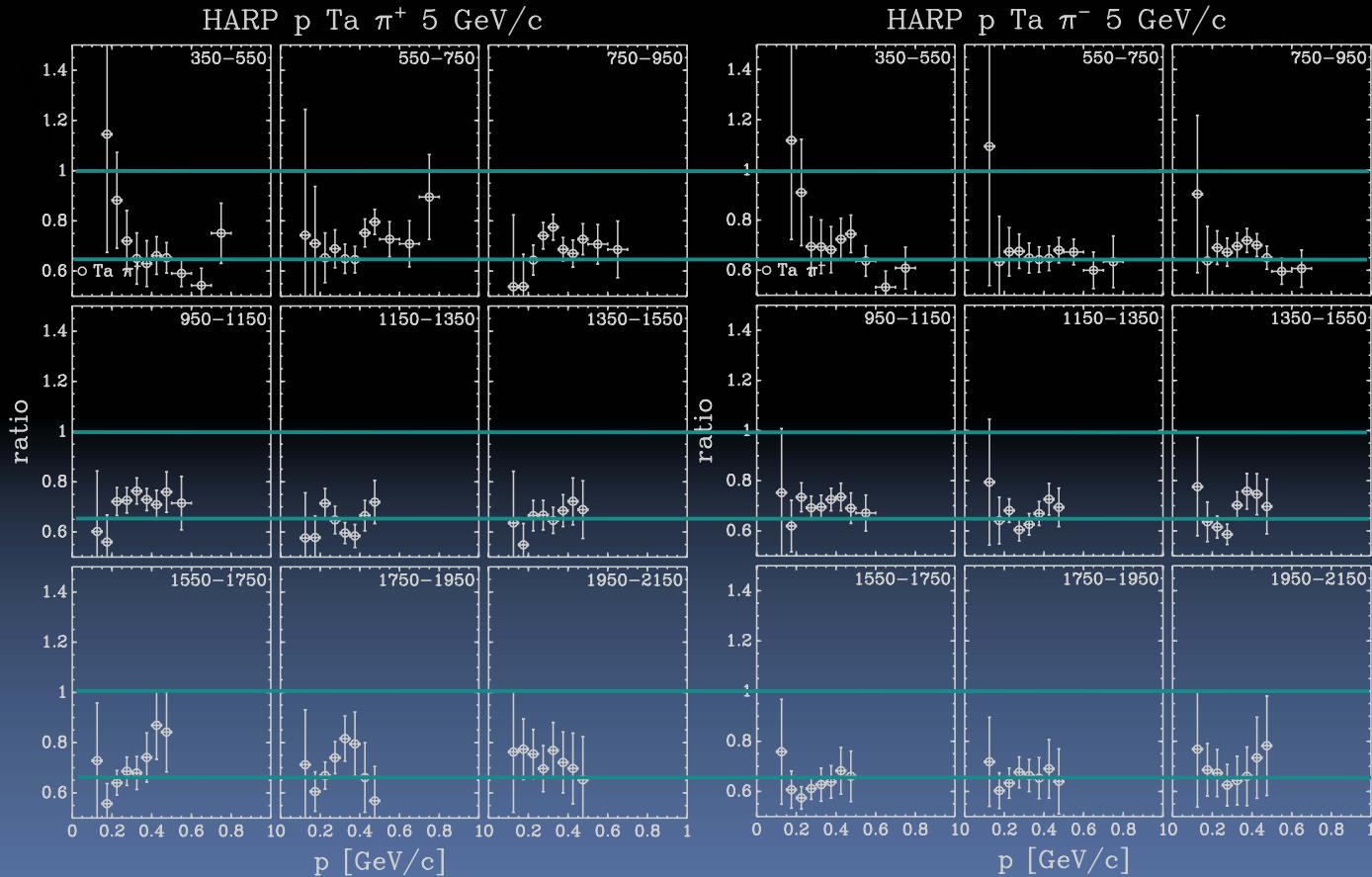
bin-by-bin ratio

100% / 5% TARGET

5 GeV/c beam: p-Ta $\pi^{+/-}$

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If all interacting p are lost: expect ratio = 0.65



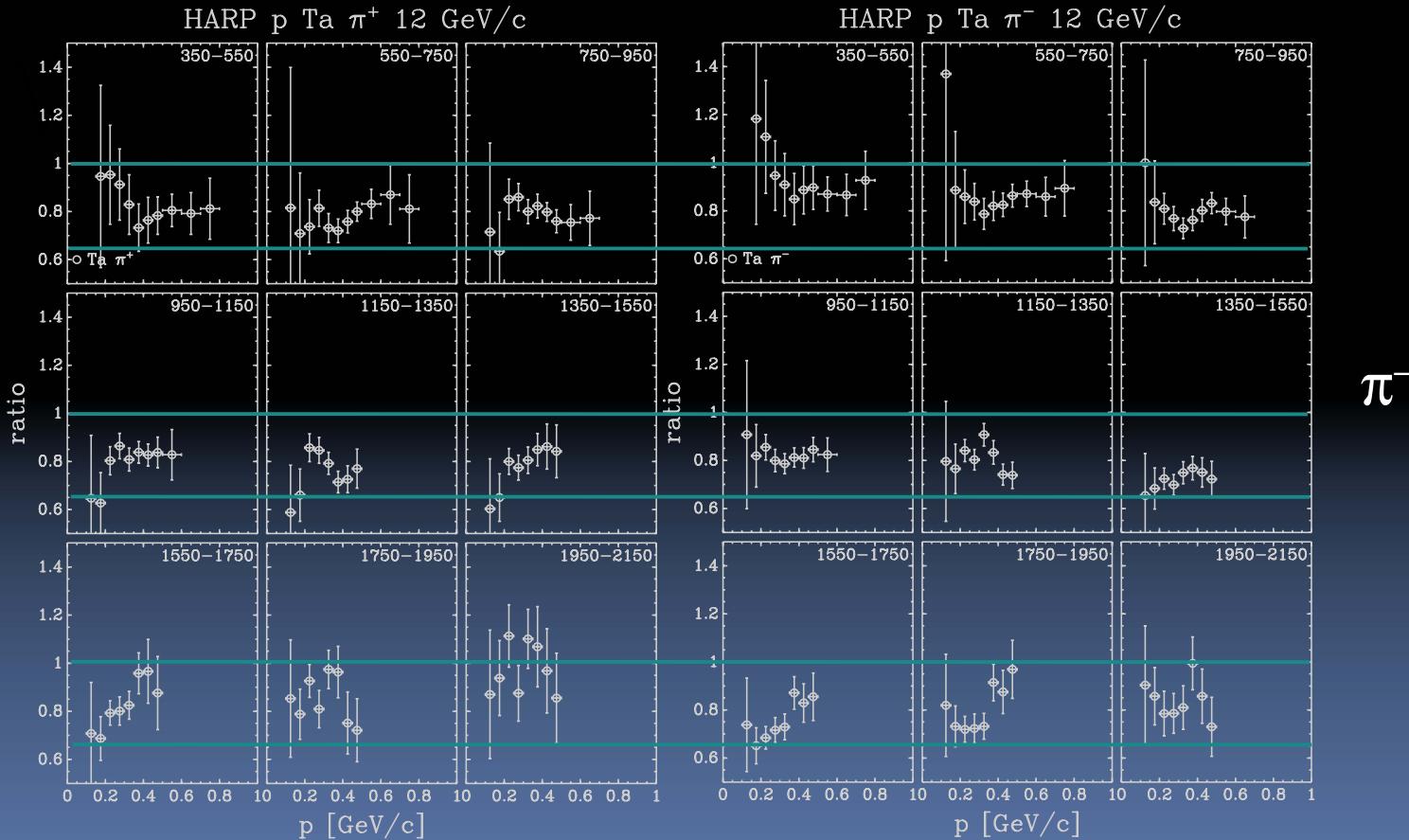
bin-by-bin ratio

12 GeV/c beam: p-Ta $\pi^{+/-}$

100% / 5% TARGET

If no effect from absorption of p: expect ratio = 1

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HARP publications

Large Angle analysis (Neutrino Factory measurements)

Measurement of the production of charged pions by protons on a tantalum target
M.G. Catanesi et al, Eur. Phys. J. C51 (2007) 787

Large-angle production of charged pions by 3 GeV/c-12 GeV/c protons on carbon copper and tin targets
M.G. Catanesi et al, Eur. Phys. J. C53:177-204,2008

Large-angle production of charged pions by 3 GeV/c-12 GeV/c protons on a beryllium , aluminum and lead targets:
M.G. Catanesi et al, Eur. Phys. J. C54:37-60,2008

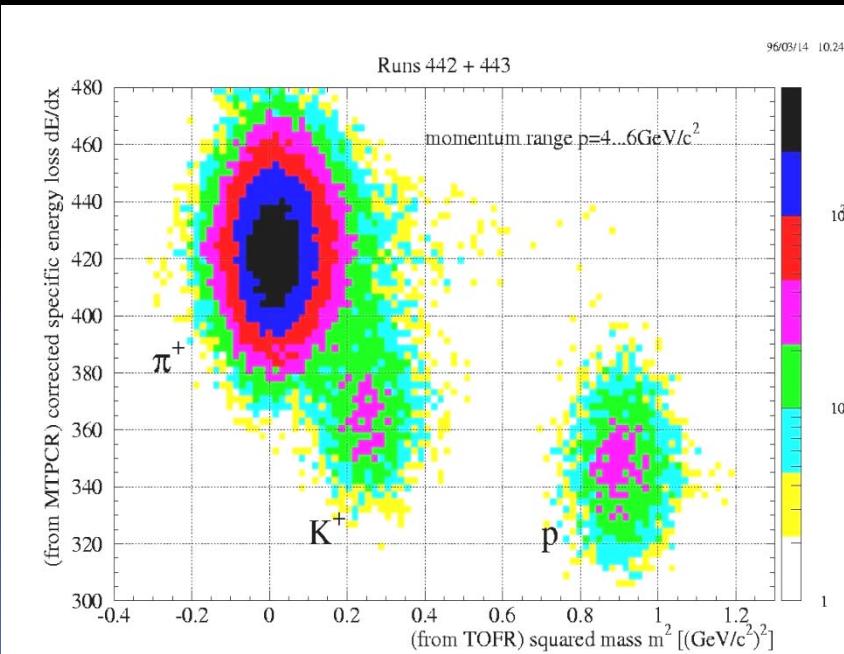
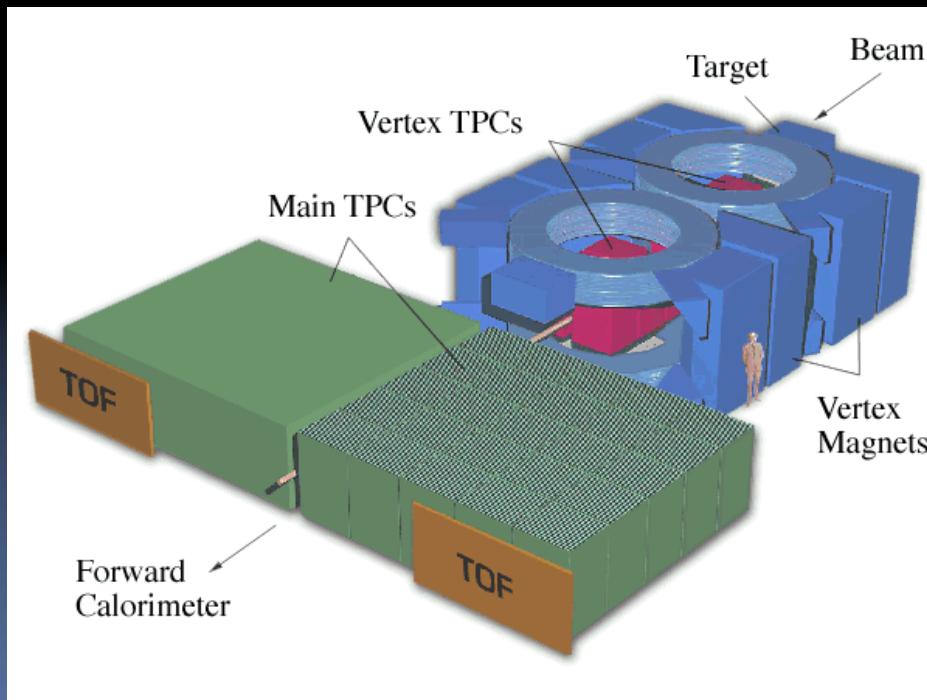
Large-angle production of charged pions in the HARP experiment with incident protons on nuclear targets :
M.G.Catanesi et al. Phys. Rev. C 77, 055207 (2008)

In preparation :

Large-angle production of charged pions in the HARP experiment with incident pions on nuclear targets : M.G. Catanesi et al. (Draft in preparation)
(beams 3 GeV/c -12.9 GeV/c , Al, Be,C, Cu, Pb,Sn,Ta targets)

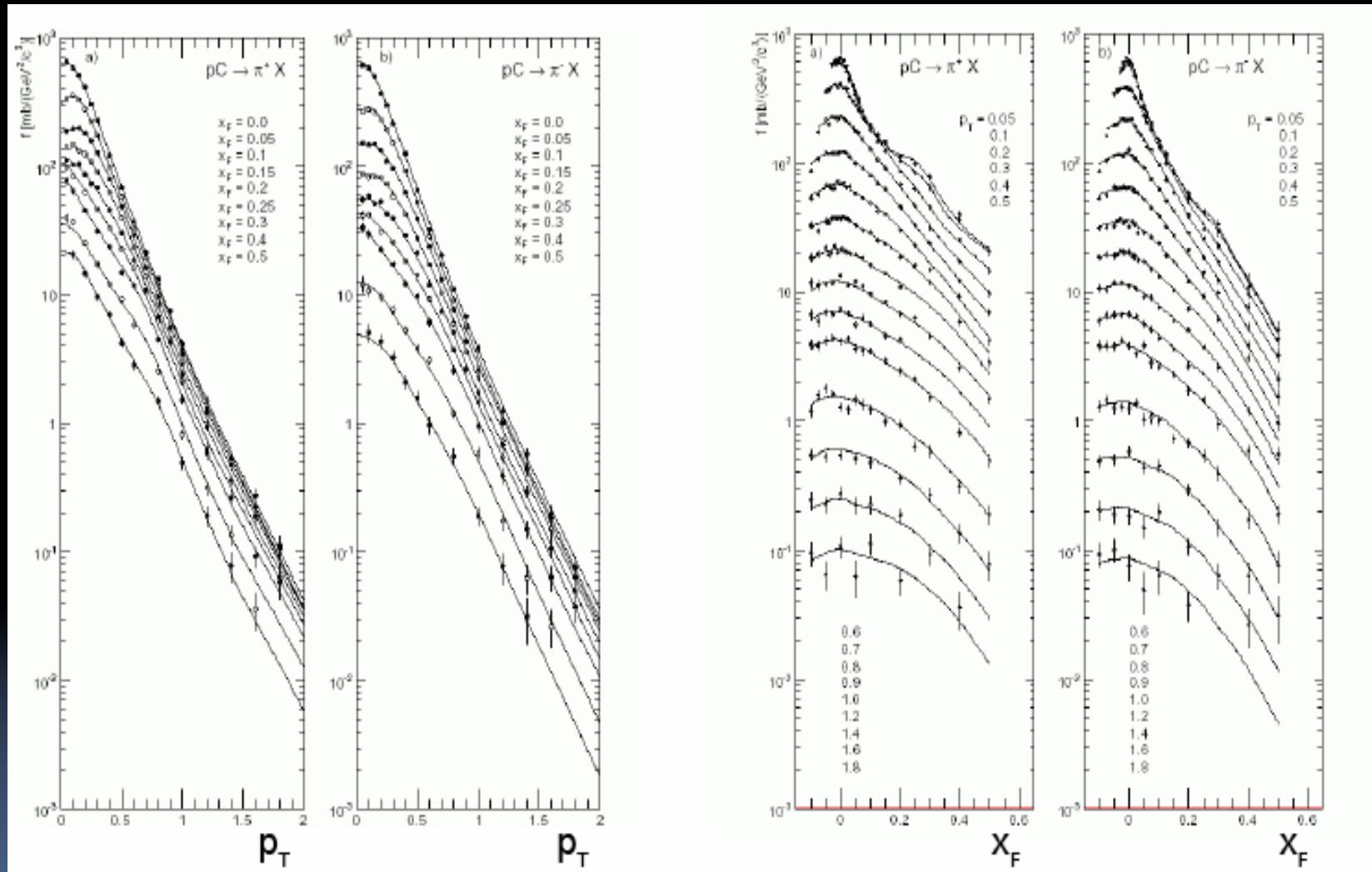
An existing facility: NA49

- particle ID in the TPC is augmented by TOFs
- rate somehow limited (optimized for **VERY** high multiplicity events).
 - order 10^6 event per week is achievable (electronic upgrade needed !)
- NA49 is located on the H2 fixed-target station on the CERN SPS.
 - secondary beams of identified π , K, p; 40 to 350 GeV/c momentum
- Measurements relevant for atmospheric neutrinos have been performed in 2002 with two beam settings (100 and 158 GeV/c) with a 1% Carbon target (these data without TOF)

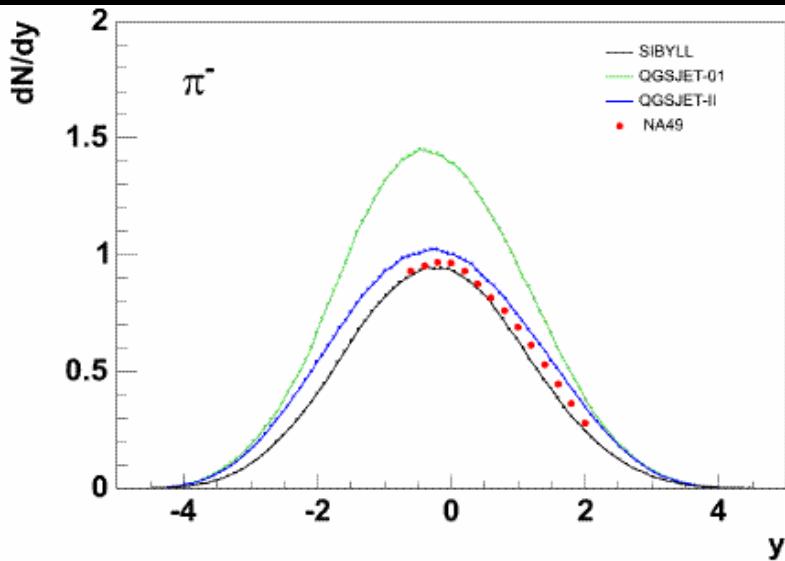


NA49: p+C @158 GeV

$\pi^+\pi^-$



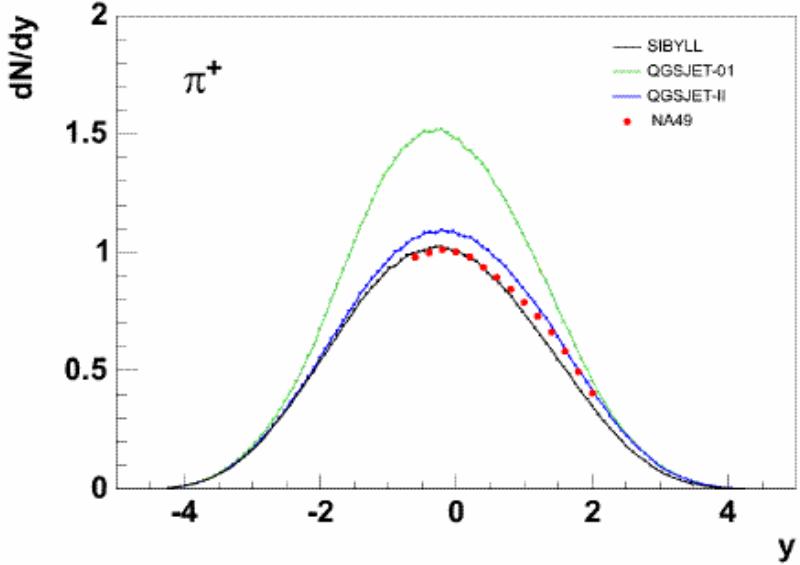
NA49: p+C @158 GeV

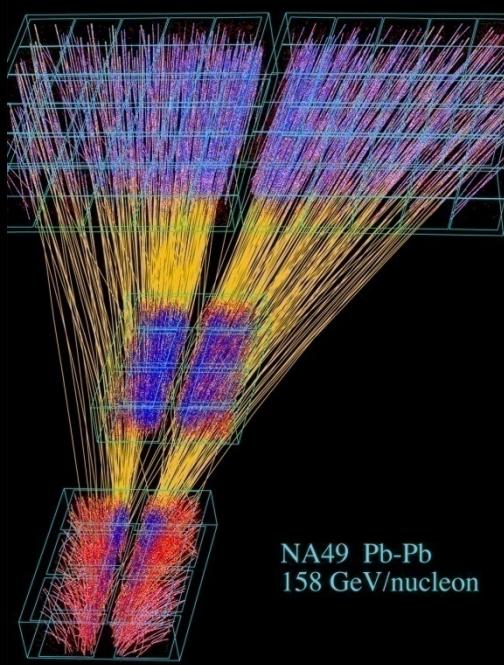


Error of NA49 data:
stat. error ~ 5%
syst. error ~ 5%

C.Alt et al. (NA49 collaboration) hep-ex/0606028

Comparison: models – data:
SIBYLL and QGSJET-II:
reasonable agreement with data
QGSJET-01:
overestimation of factor ~ 1.5





NA61 Plans :

1. perform a comprehensive scan in energy and size of colliding nuclei to study the properties of the transition between hadron gas and quark gluon plasma
 2. measure hadron production in hadron-nucleus interactions needed for neutrino and astroparticle physics

Pb+Pb

NA61

NA61 approved in 2007

Technical Run end -2007

T2K target run 2008

30 40 80 158

Energy (A GeV)

A 3x6 grid of red squares arranged in three rows and six columns.

10 20 30 40
energy

 = $2 \cdot 10^6$ registered collisions



WHAT NEXT ...

Mipp@Fermilab

Beams:

Pure p, π^\pm, K^\pm beams

Energy range 5-120 GeV/c

Targets:

Many different target including
the NUMI replica

Beam instrumentation:

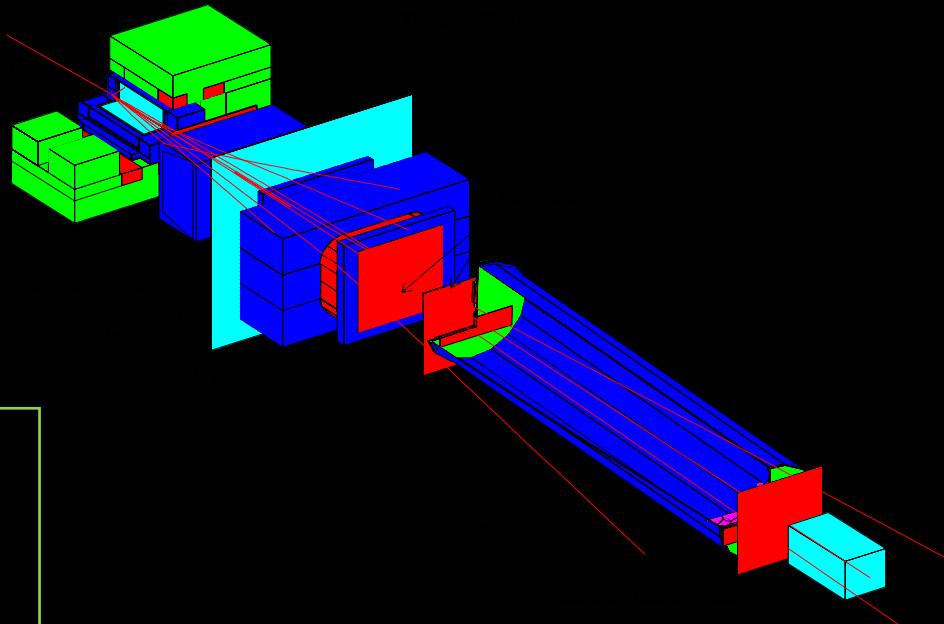
- incoming particle impact point and direction with drift chambers
- incoming particle ID with beam threshold Cherenkov detectors

Track Reconstruction:

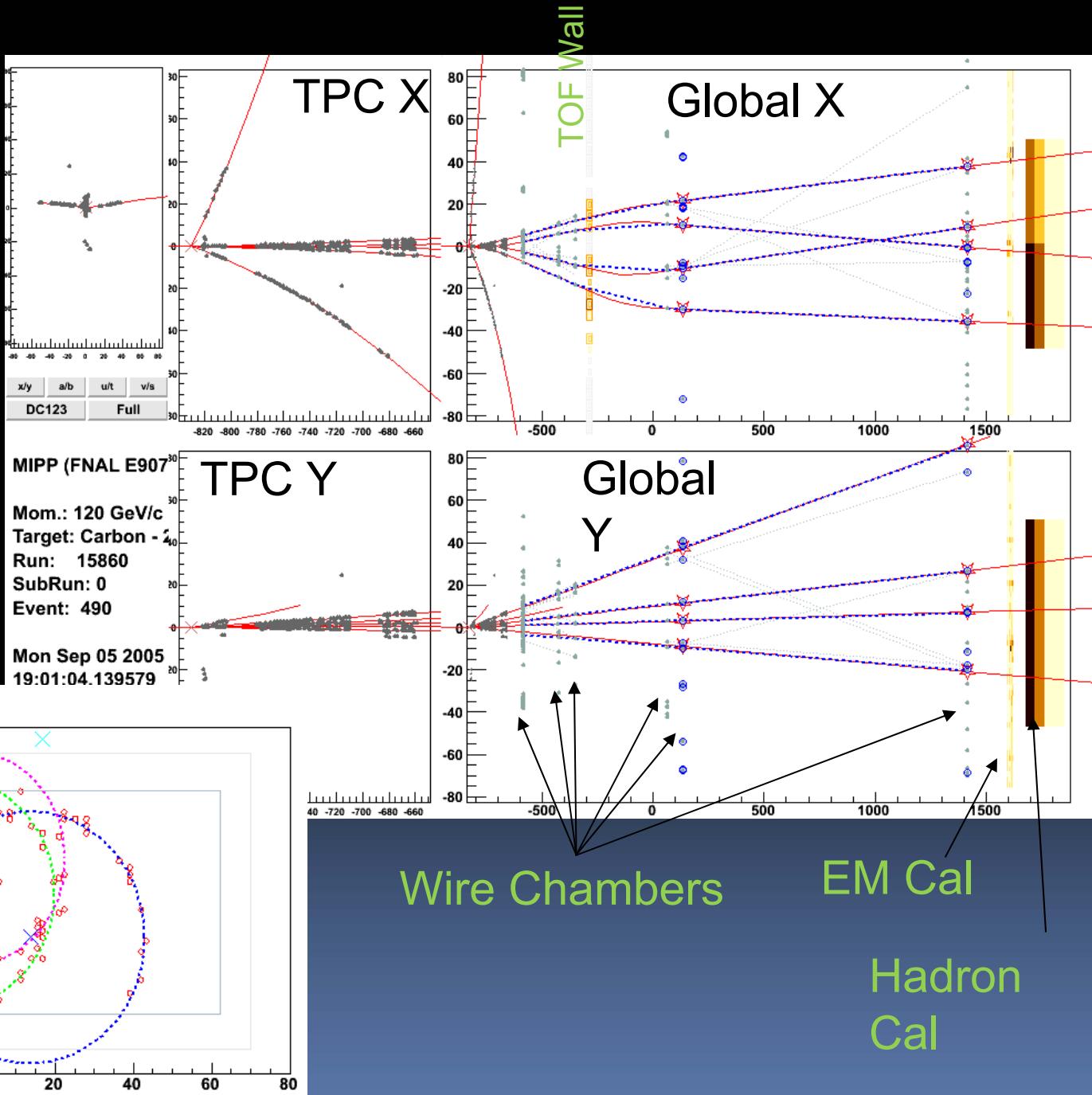
- two dipole magnets deflecting in opposite directions
- TPC + drift chambers + PWCs

Particle Identification:

- Time Projection Chamber
- Time of Flight Wall
- Threshold Cherenkov Detector
- Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector

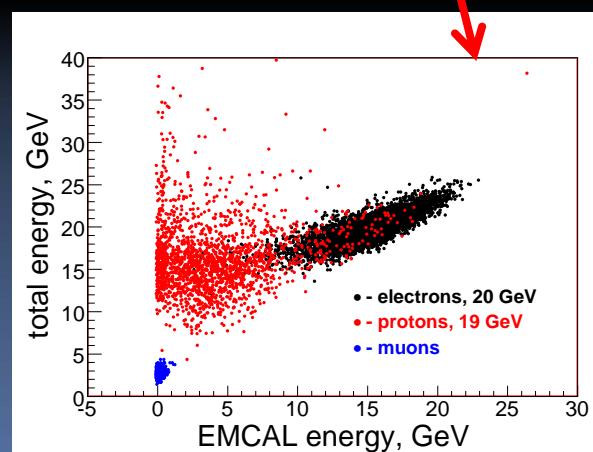
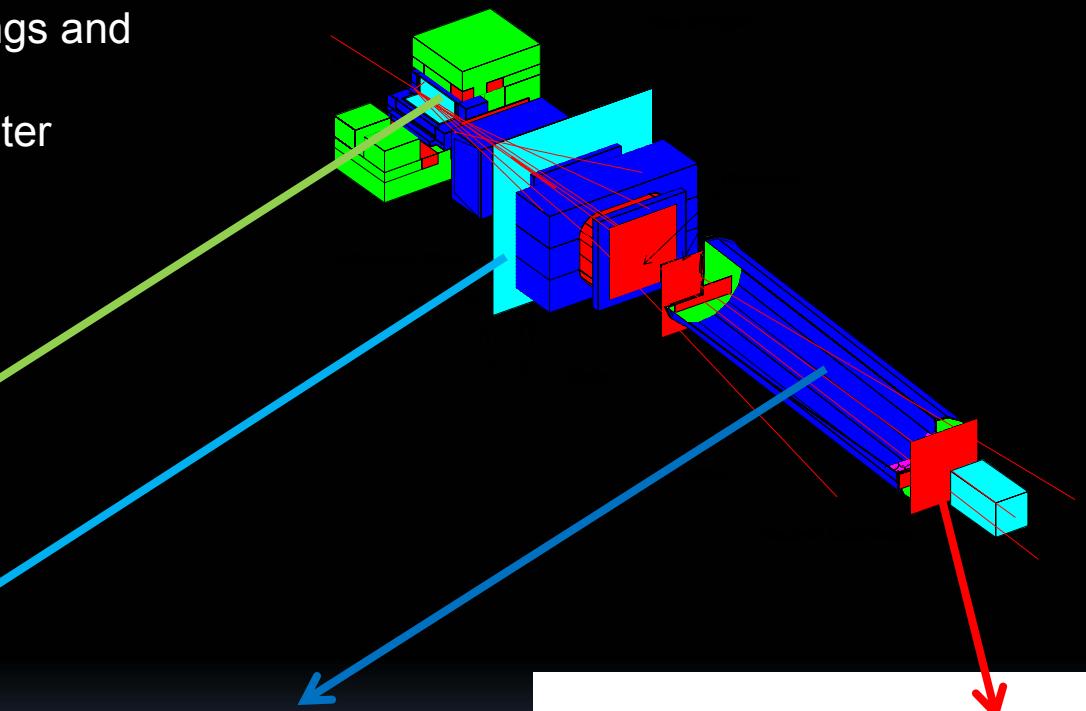
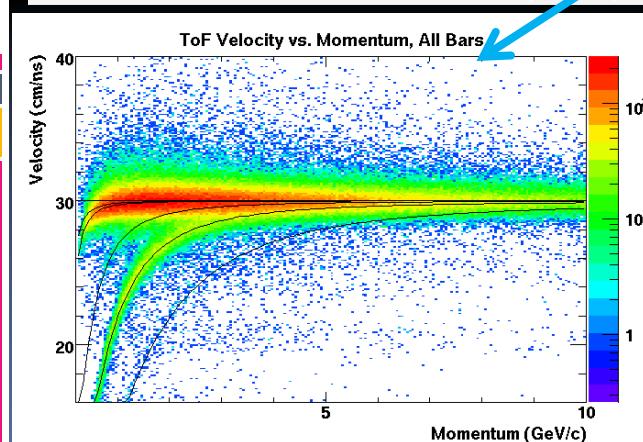
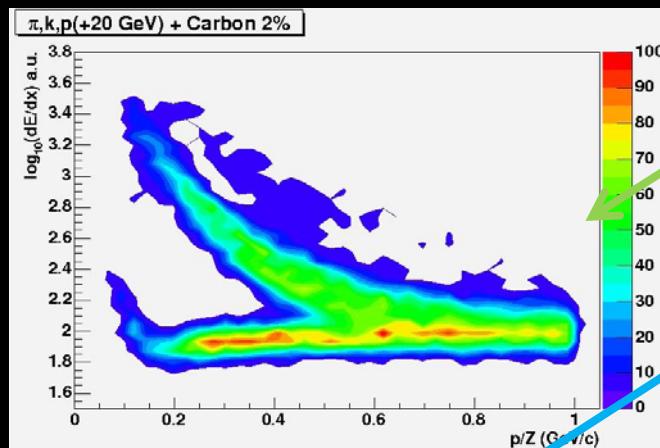


MIPP:
Reconstructed
Proton-Carbon
at 120 GeV/c
Event



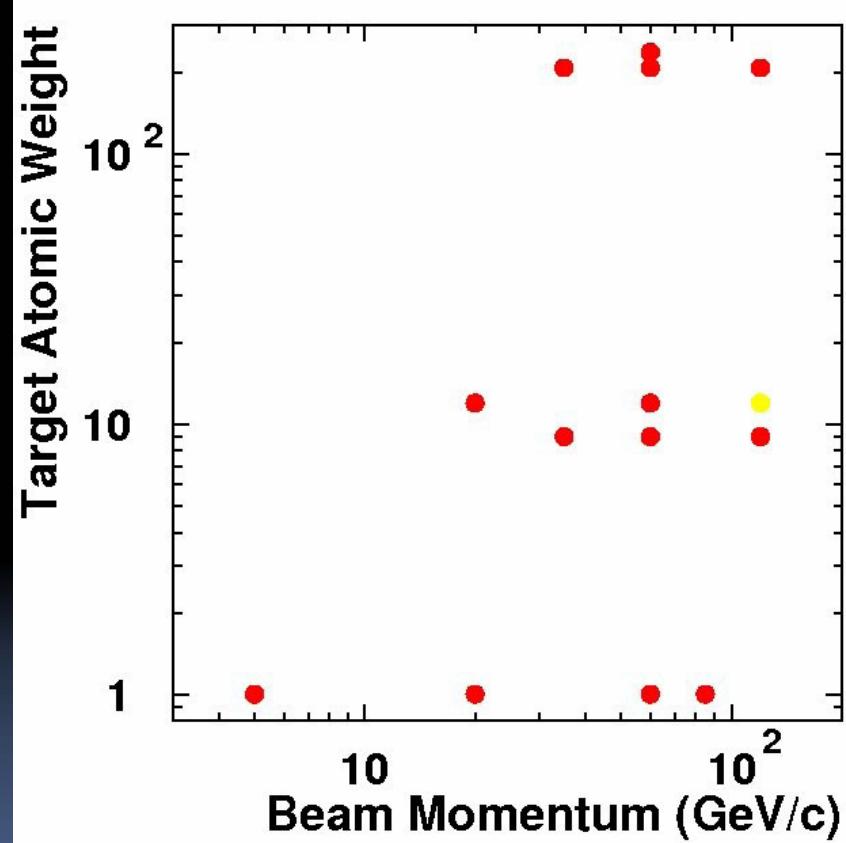
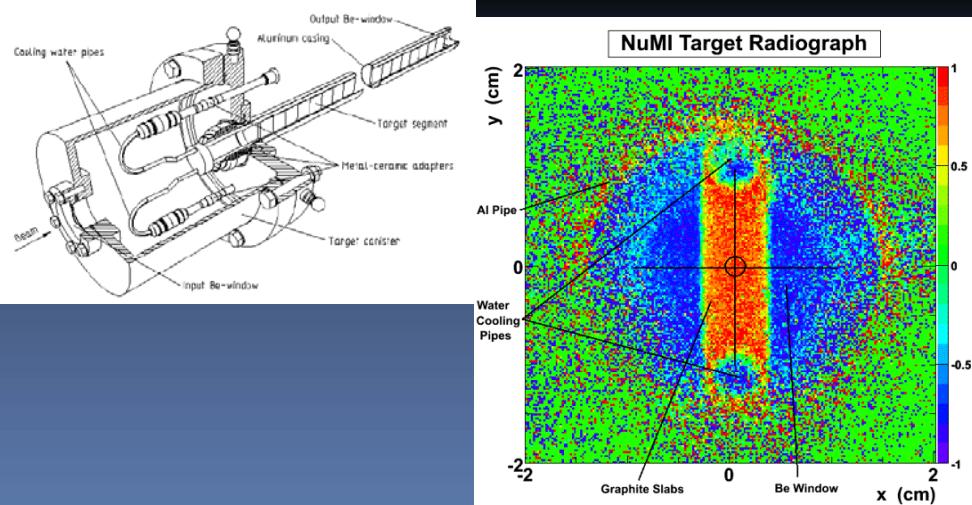
MIPP PID Strategy

- Compute TPC dE/dX , track ToF, Cherenkov likelihood
- Match tracks to RICH rings and compute likelihoods
- Match tracks to calorimeter showers



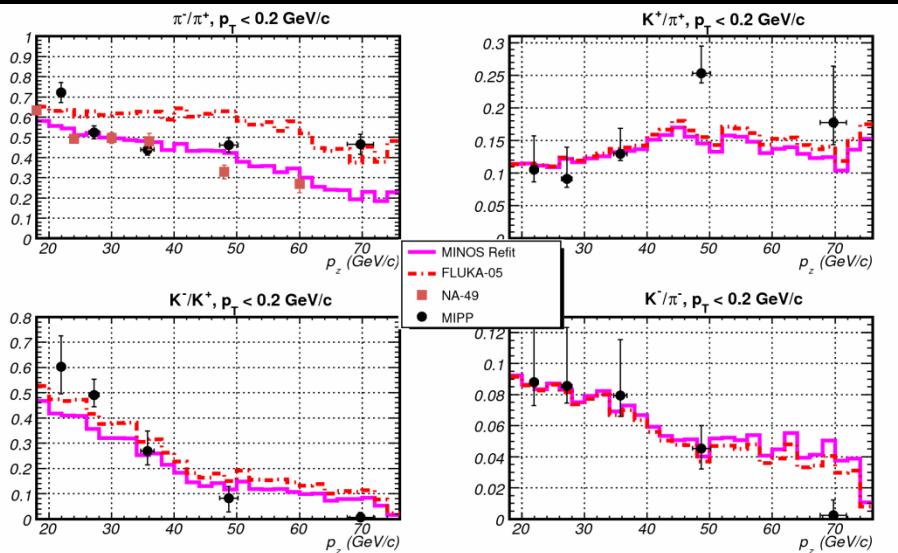
MIPP collected data

Data Summary 27 February 2006			Acquired Data by Target and Beam Energy Number of events, $\times 10^6$									
Target			E									Total
Z	Element	Trigger Mix	5	20	35	40	55	60	65	85	120	
0	Empty ¹	Normal										1.01
	K Mass ²	No Int.										14.33
	Empty LH ¹	Normal										7.08
1	LH	Normal	1.94				1.98		1.73			
4	Be	p only										1.75
		Normal										
6	C	Mixed					0.21					1.33
	C 2%	Mixed	0.39				0.26		0.47			
	NuMI	p only							1.78	1.78		
13	Al	Normal										0.10
83	Bi	p only										2.83
92	U	Normal										1.18
Total			0.21	2.73	0.86	5.48	0.50	13.97	0.96	2.04	4.63	31.38

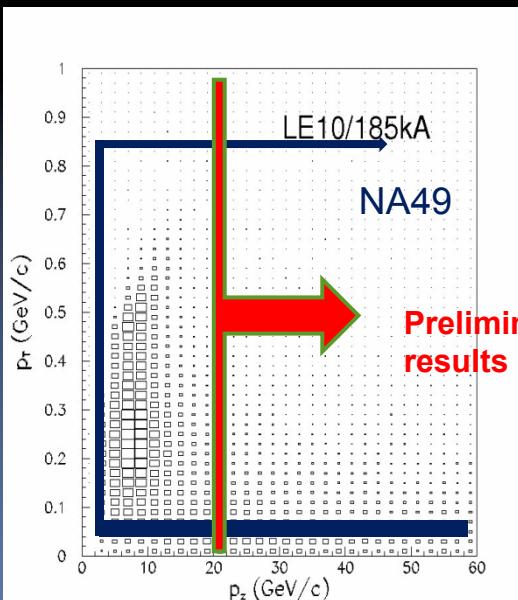


Preliminary Results
Collected

Hadron Productions and Minos



Protons 120 GeV/C – C target 2% lambda



- Hadron production constrained in two ways:

1) MINOS near spectrum fit

Several beam configurations and fit parameters, including pion (p_z , p_t) yields and kaon yield normalization

NA49

- excellent phase space coverage
- higher beam momentum: 158 GeV/c
- thin C target
- π^\pm production cross sections

MIPP

- preliminary results only cover high E_ν
- NuMI beam momentum: 120 GeV/c
- both thin C and NuMI targets
- preliminary results: fully corrected π^\pm , K^\pm particle yield ratios only
- K^\pm important for MINOS $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

Phase space at production of π^+ 's producing ν_μ CC interactions in MINOS far:

MIPP Upgrade

- Proposal to upgrade the MIPP experiment has been submitted
- MIPP was severely limited by DAQ rate, dominated by the TPC readout time (~30 Hz). This resulted in MIPP only collecting ~1/5 of desired statistics for the NuMI target run. In addition, the Jolly Green Giant magnet failed at end of run
- An upgrade of the TPC electronics, using the ALICE ALTRO chip, can increase this readout speed by up to a factor of 50. Other improvements would result in:
 - more stable TCP performance
 - greatly reduced ExB effects in the TPC
 - an improved beamline for low (down to ~1 GeV/c) momentum running
- An upgraded MIPP would allow for the measurement of hadron production for any target in a matter of just a few days
- FNAL has purchased ALTRO chips for the TPC upgrade and repair of the JGG dipole magnet has begun

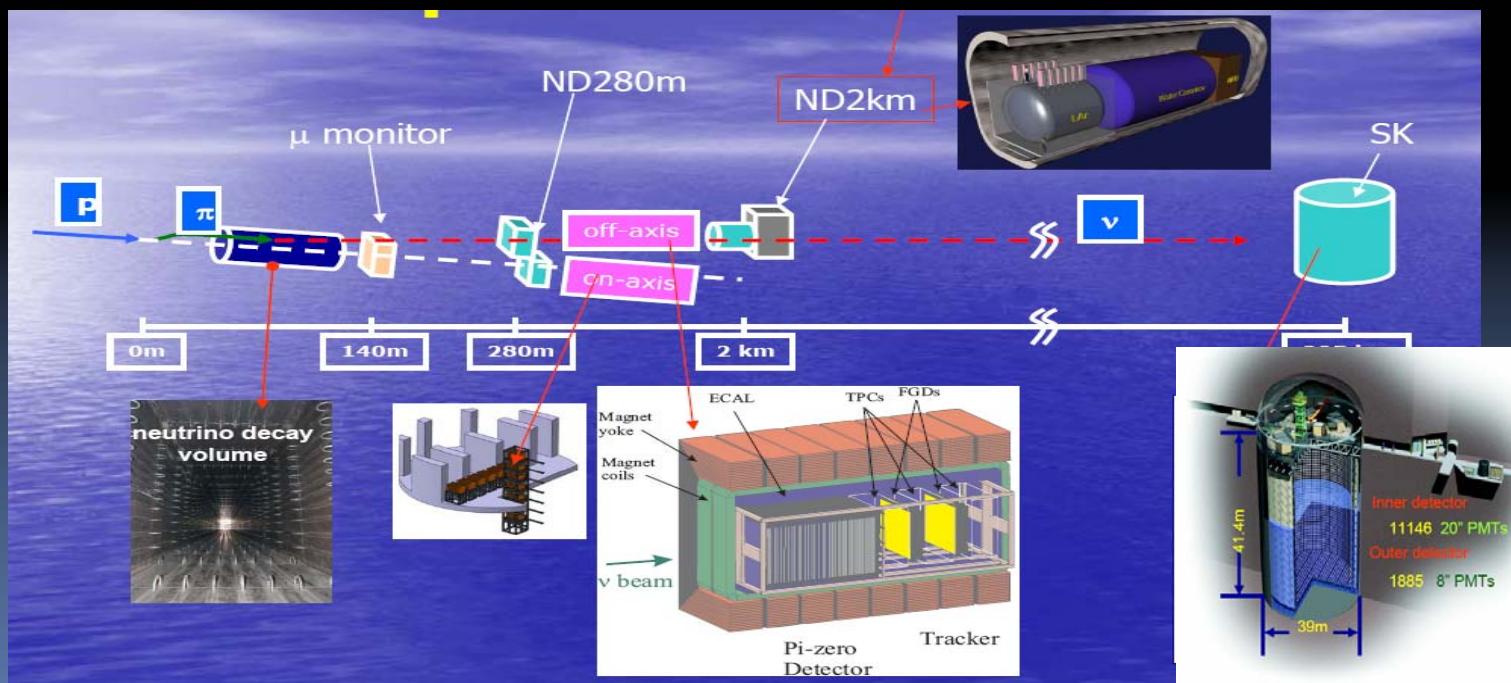
HADRON PRODUCTION FOR T2K at NA61/SHINE

T2K experiment



Physics goals

- Discovery of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance
- Precise meas. of disappearance $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_x$
- Neutral current events
- Discovery of CP violation (Phase2)



T2K ν beam

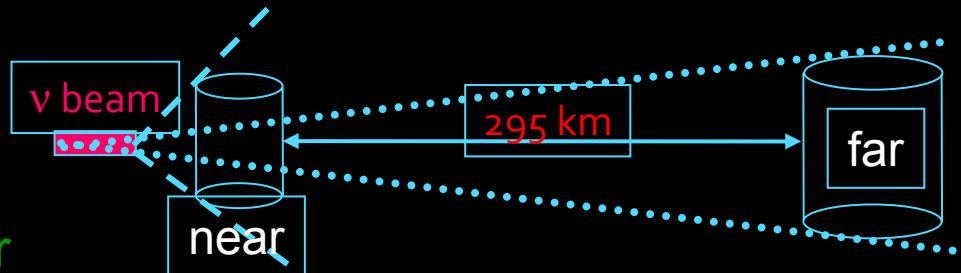
1. predict ν_μ flux at far detector
2. estimate ν_e background

Near and far detectors see different solid angles:

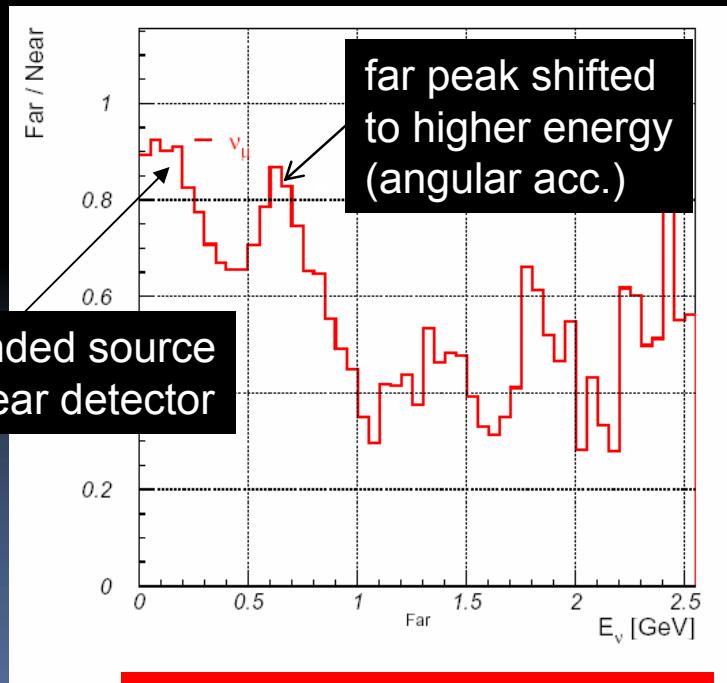
1. far detector: point like source at 2°
2. near detector: extended source 1° to 3°
(wide off axis angular range)

⇒ complicated far to near flux ratio

T2K F/N ratio should be known with a precision $< 3\%$ to match the physics requirements (20% without dedicated measurements)

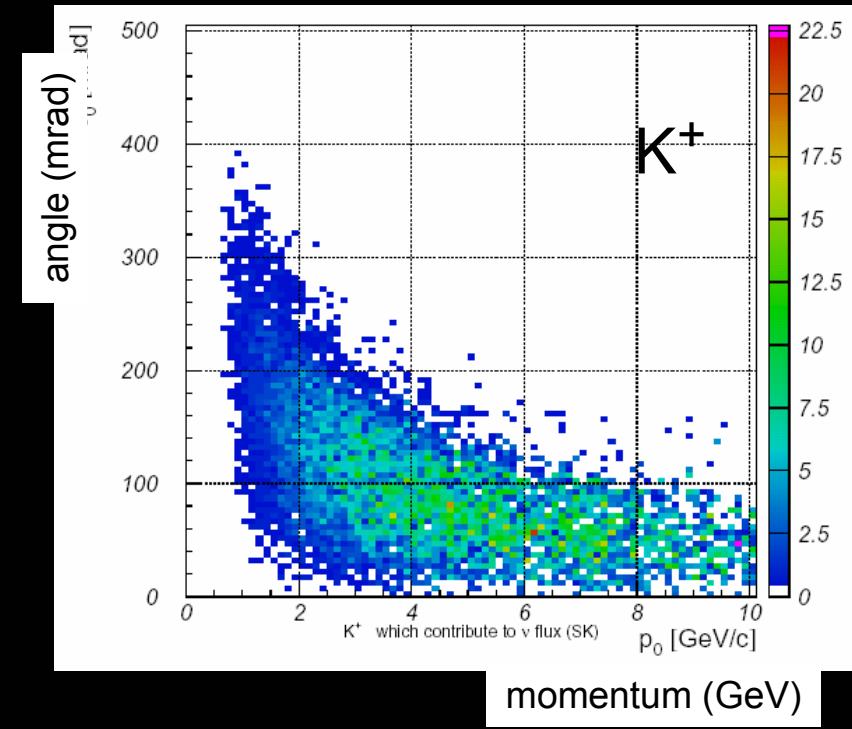
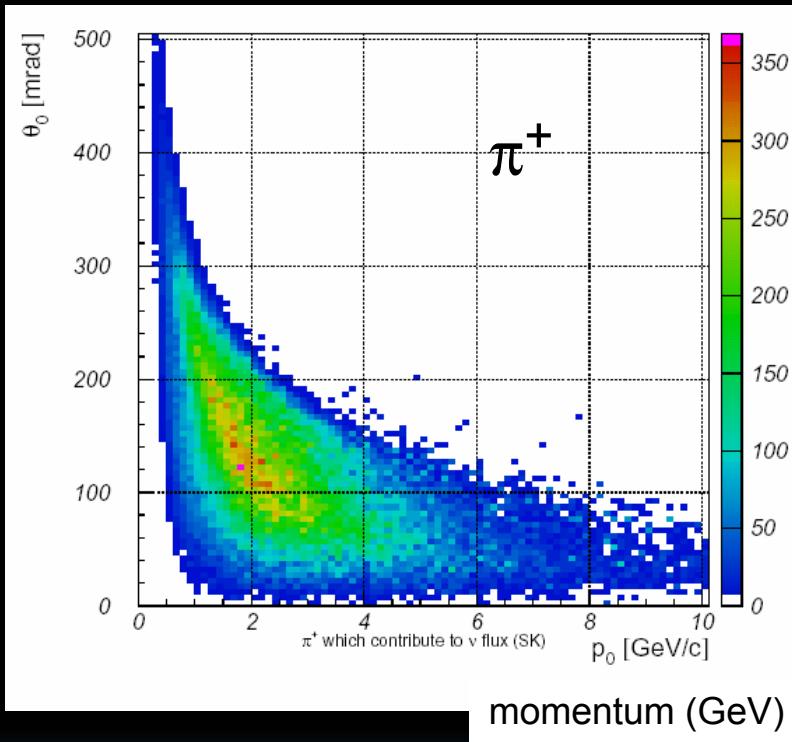


far-to-near flux ratio
(T2K beam MC prediction)



NA61 is needed !

T2K ν parent hadron phase space



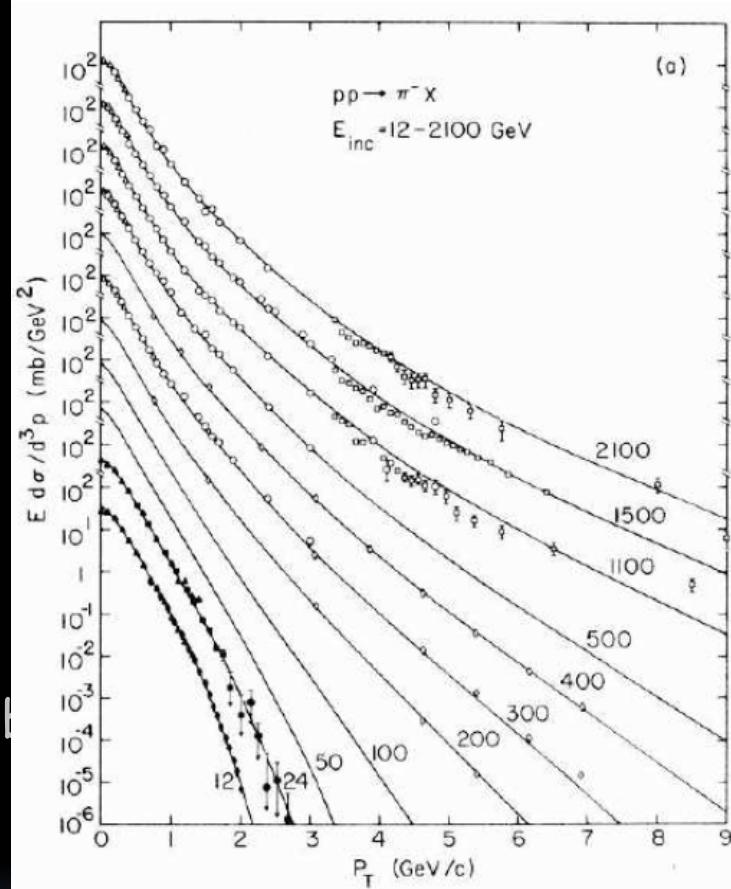
need to cover all this kinematical region and identify the outgoing hadrons
K component important for ν_e appearance signal (background)
requires: large acceptance and particle ID

Region of interest for pions ($0.5 < P < 5$ GeV/c and $0 < \theta < 250$ mrad)

Region of interest for Kaons ($1 < P < 10$ GeV/c and $0 < \theta < 350$ mrad)

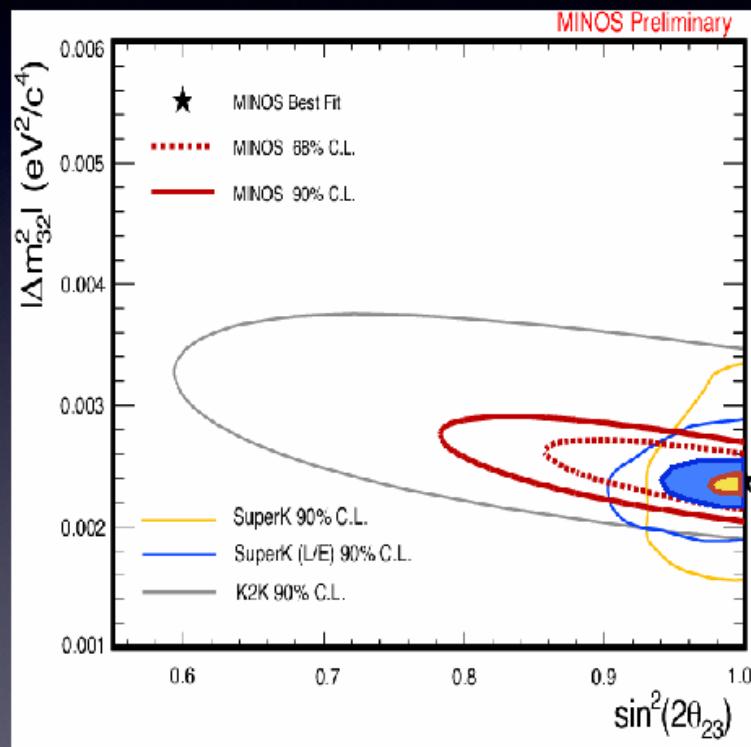
Why hadron measurements for T2K?

- phase-space of T2K ν beam
- no data at these energies 30 - 50 GeV, in particular for large production angles ($\theta > 100$ mrad)
extrapolations possible but not too reliable
- reinteractions / absorption of few GeV pions poorly described
(up to factors of ~ 2)
- prefer to base ν beam description rather than more or less reliable



Without the NA61 data
T2K will not reach the
required sensitivity

Visual impact of NA61





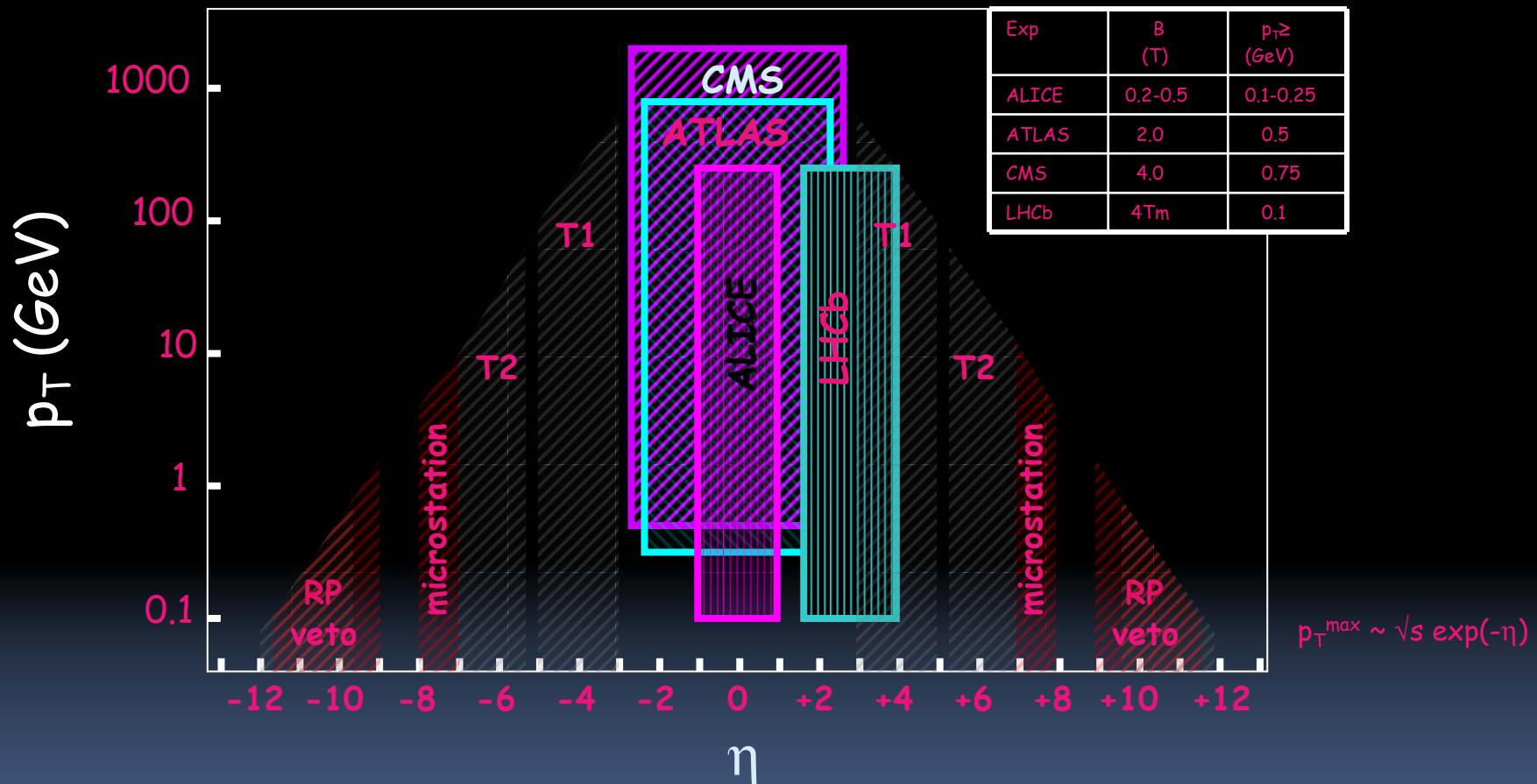
THE HIGH ENERGY FRONTIER: HADRONPRODUCTIONS @ LHC

Totem @ cern

- Totem @ cern is the **only** LHC experiment that will explore the forward region at $\eta > 3.1$
- The main goal is the measurement of the **total** and **elastic x-section** **@ 14 TeV** and the study of diffractive physics in the forward region
- Totem shares the interaction point with the CMS experiment
- A common physic TDR was presented to make an extensive program of forward physic **@ LHC** including hadron production for EAS

LHC Experiments: p_T - η coverage

CMS fwd calorimetry up to $|\eta| \approx 5$ + Castor + ZDC



The base line LHC experiments will cover the central rapidity region.
TOTEM will complement the coverage in the forward region.

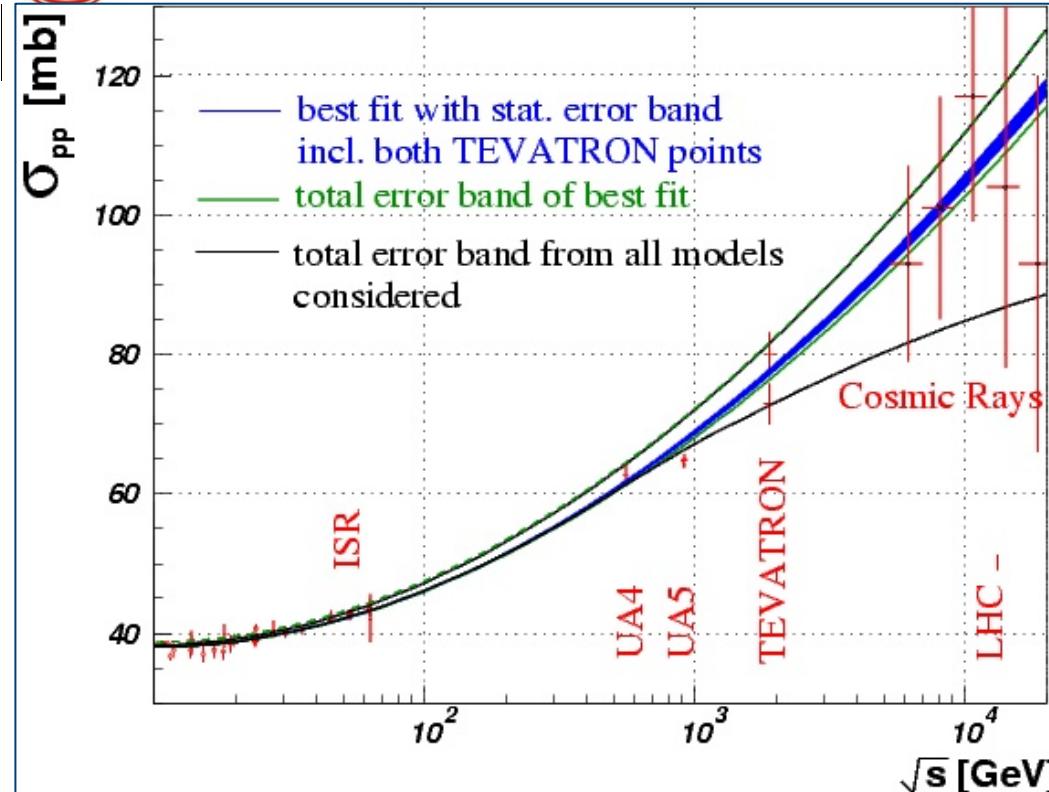
Leading Protons measured at
-220m & -147m from the CMS

TOTEM: an experiment “all in length”



Leading protons: RP's at $\pm 147\text{m}$ and $\pm 220\text{m}$
Rap gaps & Fwd particle flows: T1 & T2 spectrometers
Veto counters at: $\pm 60\text{m}$ & $\pm 140\text{m}$?

TOTEM Physics: Total p-p Cross-Section



- Current models predictions: 90-130 mb
- Aim of TOTEM: ~1% accuracy

Prediction for LHC

$$\sigma_{tot} = 111.5 \pm 1.2 \begin{array}{l} + 4.1 \\ - 2.1 \end{array} \text{ mb}$$

$$L\sigma_{tot}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{1+\rho^2} \times \left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

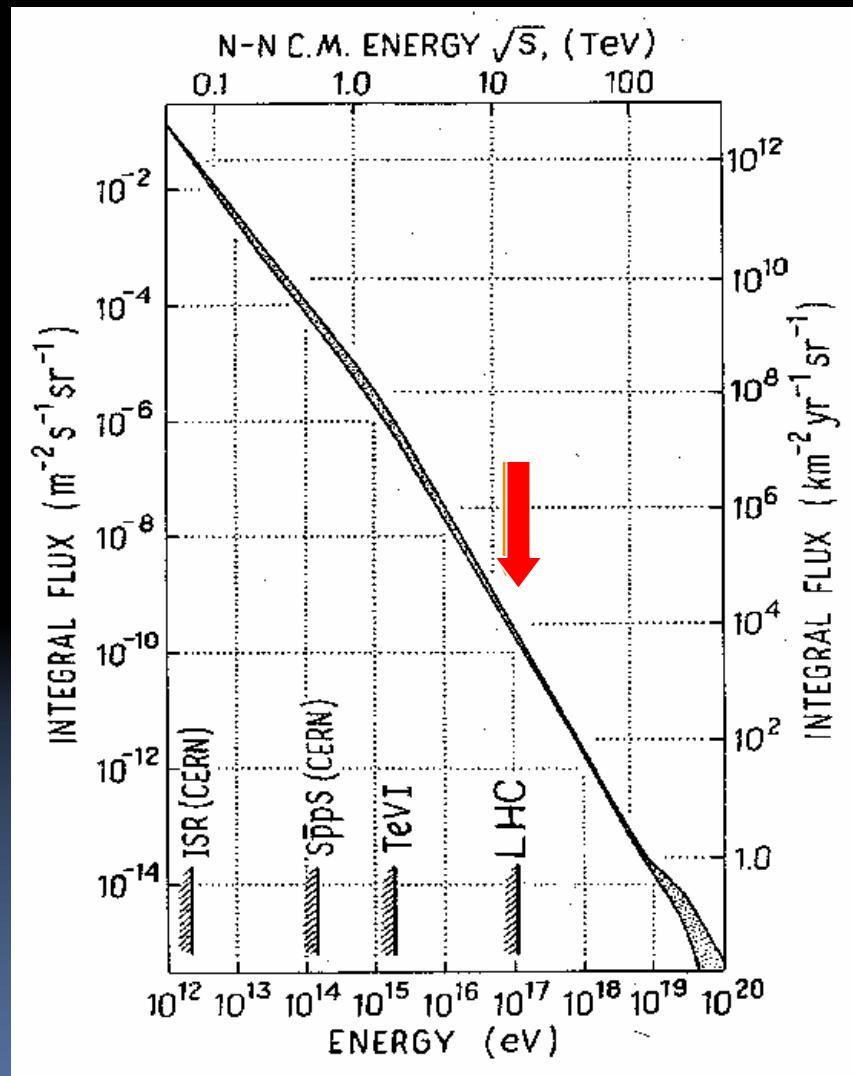
$L\sigma_{tot} = N_{elastic} + N_{inelastic}$

Optical Theorem

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{1+\rho^2} \times \frac{\left(dN / dt \right) \Big|_{t=0}}{N_{el} + N_{inel}}$$

TOTEM @ CERN

Integral flux of high energy cosmic rays



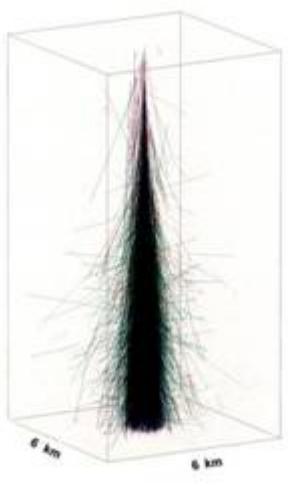
Measurements of the **very forward energy flux** (including diffraction) and of the **total cross section** are essential for the understanding of cosmic ray events

At LHC pp energy:

10^4 cosmic events $\text{Km}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$

> 10^7 events at the LHC in one day

LHCf: The direct measurement of the π^0 production cross section as function of p_T is essential to correctly estimate the energy of the primary cosmic rays
(LHC: 10^{17} eV)



← *Simulation of an atmospheric shower initiated by a 10^{19} eV proton.*

LHCf experimental method is based on 2 independent detectors installed on both sides of IP1

Detector I

Tungsten
Scintillator

Scintillating fibers

ATLAS

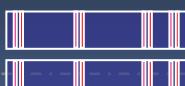
INTERACTION POINT

(IP1)

Detector II

Tungsten
Scintillator

Silicon μ -strips



140 m

n

Beam line

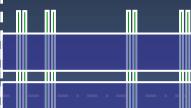


140 m

π^0

γ

γ



Some ideas from LHCb to measure the EAS flavour compositions

- The detector is unique for LHC because of its acceptance to small angles/large eta and "superb" PID. The idea is to measure with first data the pi, K, K_S, Lambda, phi production rates. This would be done in 10 TeV collisions in 2008, and 14 TeV in 2009.
- **It's possible that in the future they can collect collisions at fixed target rates in beam-gas interactions.**
- Momentum resolution is 0.5%. (maximum angles are ~300 mrad)

Conclusions

- Hadron production for Neutrino Experiments is a well established field @ CERN since the '70s
- Present trends (Harp@cern & Mipp@FNAL)
 - Full-acceptance, low systematic errors, high statistics
 - Search for smaller and smaller effects → characterization of actual neutrino beam targets to reduce MC extrapolation to the minimum
 - Direct interest of neutrino experiments in hadron production

Many interesting results published by HARP and more are coming

- Also in the future the hadron production will be an important ingredient for a successfully neutrino experiment.
- Thanks to NA61 and MIPP many new data will become available
- Also LHC (with TOTEM, LHCf ...etc.) will contribute to this effort (EAS)