

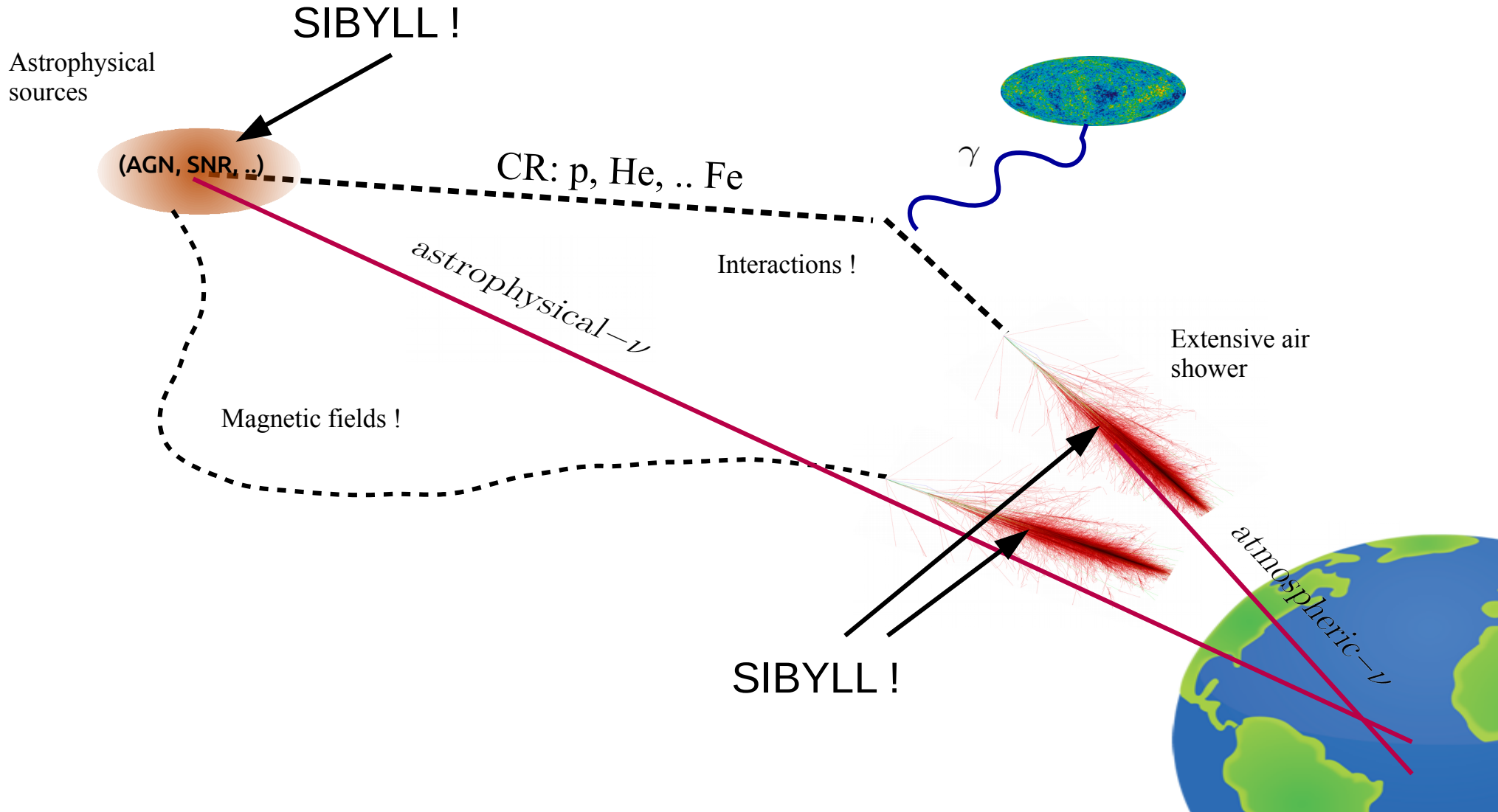
# Sibyll 2.3 - from LHC to the universe

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# Sibyll

Designed explicitly and exclusively for air shower simulations

Air shower specific features:

- Projectiles:  $p, n, \pi, K$
- Target: nuclei (Air)

$$E_{\text{Lab}} = 100 \text{ GeV} \dots 10 \text{ EeV}$$

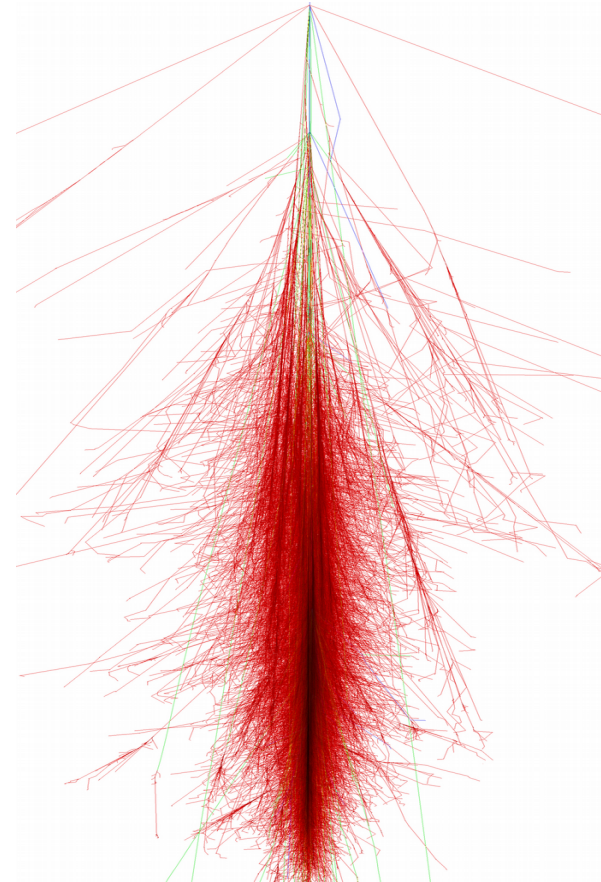
- Forward particle production, energy flow

QCD inspired:

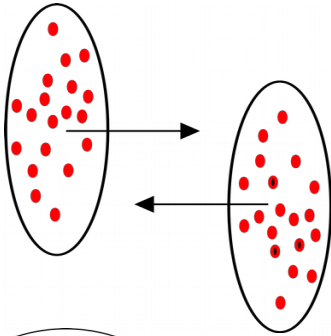
- Minijets
- Color 'string' hadronization

Soft physics:

- Diffraction dissociation
- Soft exchange



# Basic interaction picture



Multiple interactions based on overlap

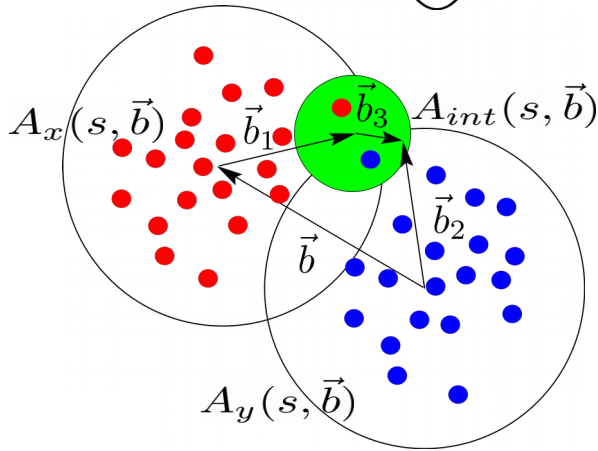
$$\langle n(s, \vec{b}) \rangle = \sigma(s) \cdot A(s, \vec{b}) \quad : \text{number of interactions}$$

Independent parton-parton interactions

$$P_n(s, \vec{b}) = \frac{\langle n(s, \vec{b}) \rangle^n}{n!} \exp(-\langle n(s, \vec{b}) \rangle)$$

Hadron profile: em. form factor

Interactions have profile too  
hard: point-like, soft: extended (Gaussian)



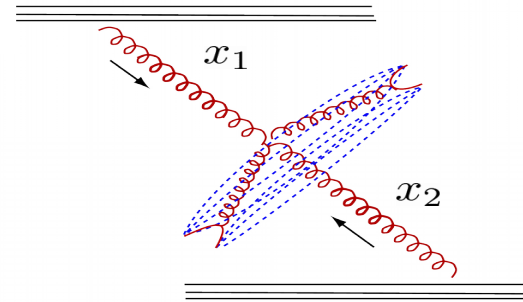
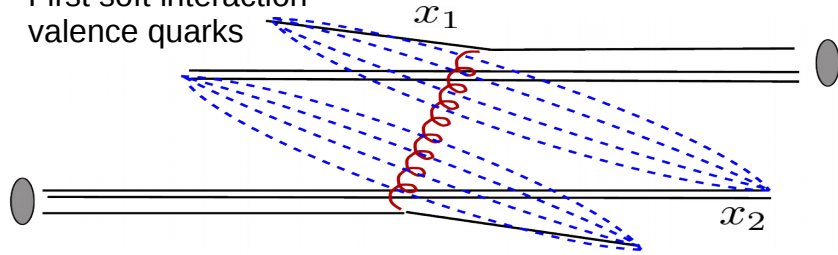
$$A(s, \vec{b}) = \int d\vec{b}_1 d\vec{b}_2 d\vec{b}_3 A_x(s, \vec{b}_1) A_y(s, \vec{b}_2) A_{int}(s, \vec{b}_3) \delta^{(2)}(\vec{b} - \vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2 - \vec{b}_3)$$

# Partons to Hadrons

Event structure

$$P_{n_s, n_h}(s) = \int d\vec{b} \prod_{i=h,s} \frac{\langle n_i(s, \vec{b}) \rangle^{n_i}}{n_i!} \exp(-\langle n_i(s, \vec{b}) \rangle)$$

First soft interaction –  
valence quarks



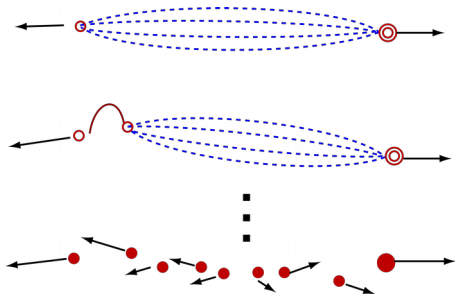
$(n_s - 1) + n_h$   
minijets

$$f_{soft} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f_{hard} = g(x) + \frac{4}{9}[q(x) + \bar{q}(x)]$$

with  $g(x)$  and  $q(x)$  from DGLAP PDF

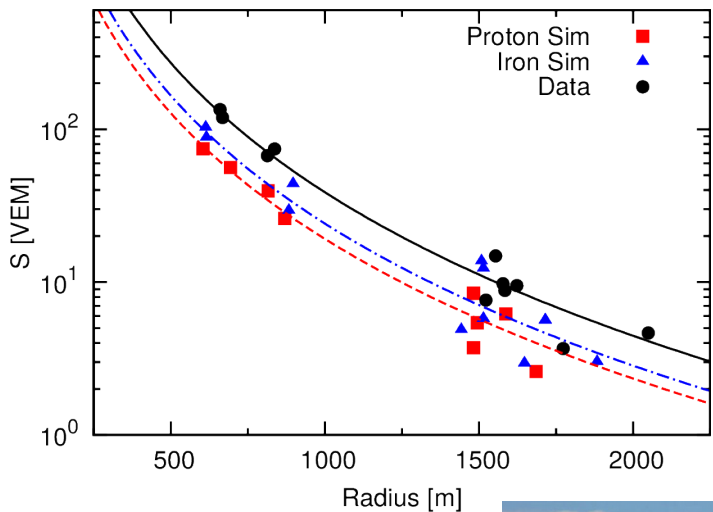
Each string:



Lund string  
fragmentation

# Why new version?

Hadron/muon excess in air showers  
at Pierre Auger Observatory  
(PRL 117 (2016))



Epos-LHC : 1.33

QGSjetII-04 : 1.61

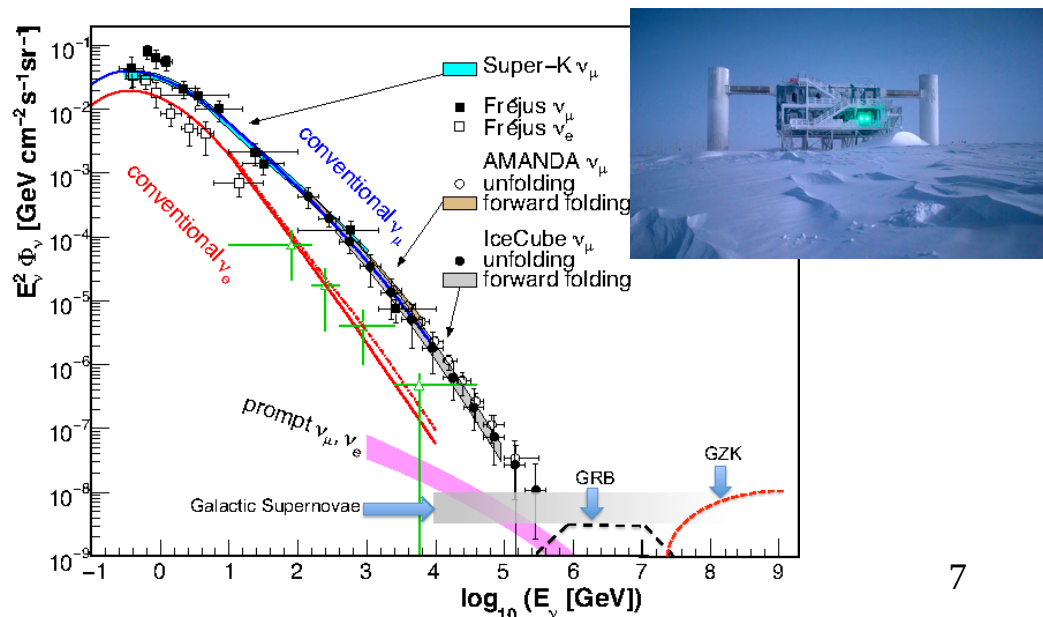
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No LHC !

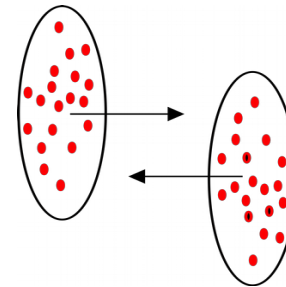
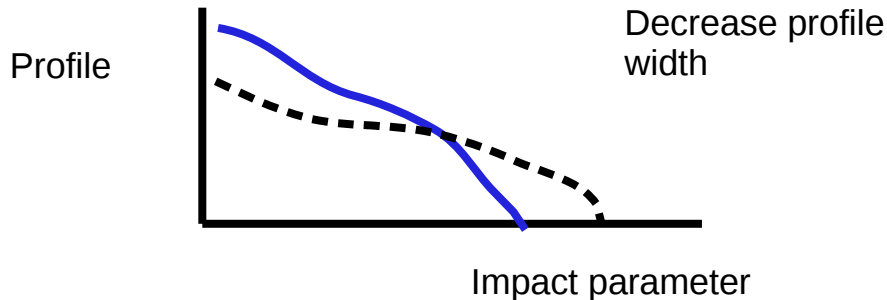
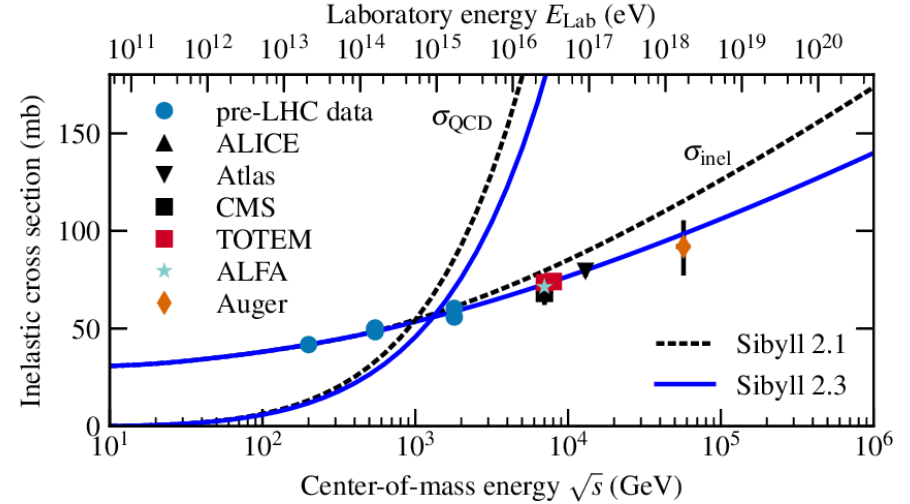
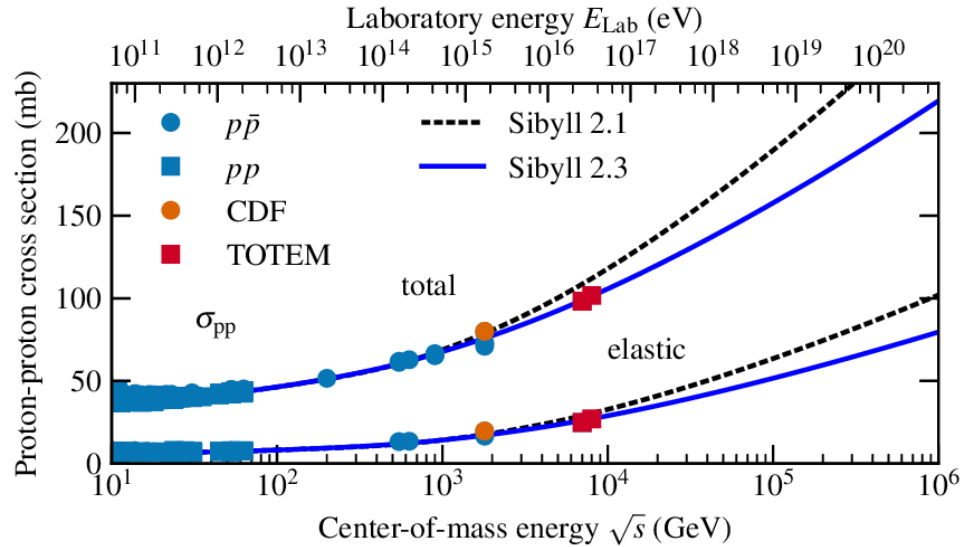
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LHC input

# Interaction cross section

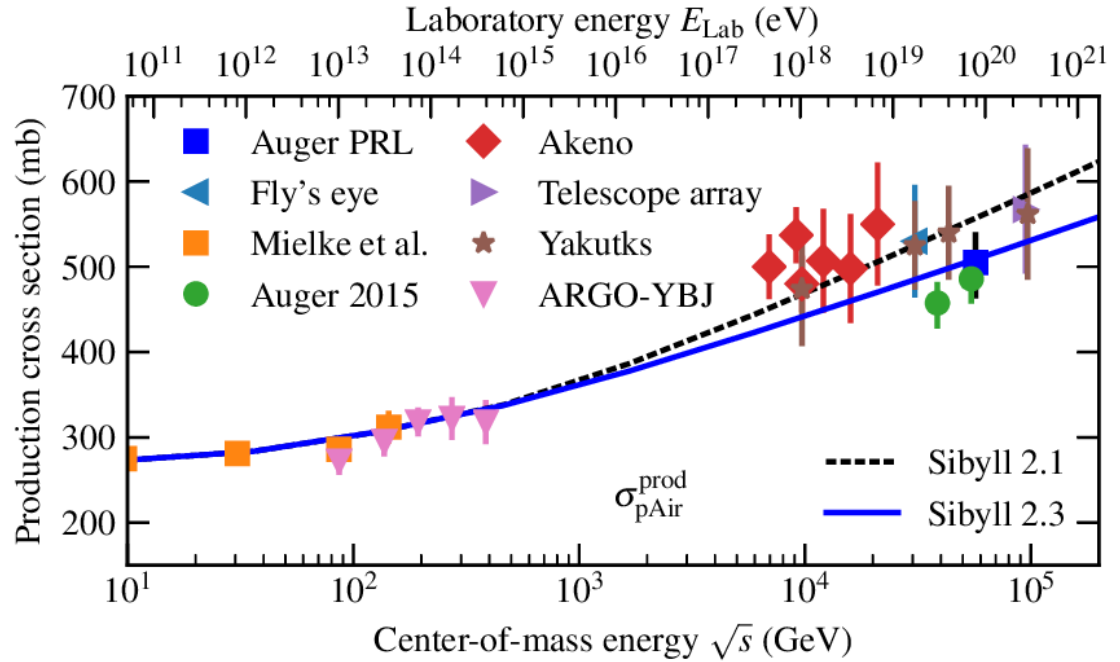


$$\langle n_{\text{hard}} \rangle = \sigma_{\text{QCD}} A(s, \vec{b})$$



# p-air cross section

New p-p cross section  
Inelastic screening in  
Hadron-nucleus



## Muon production & leading particles

# Muon production in EAS

$$\pi, K \rightarrow \mu + \nu_{\mu}$$

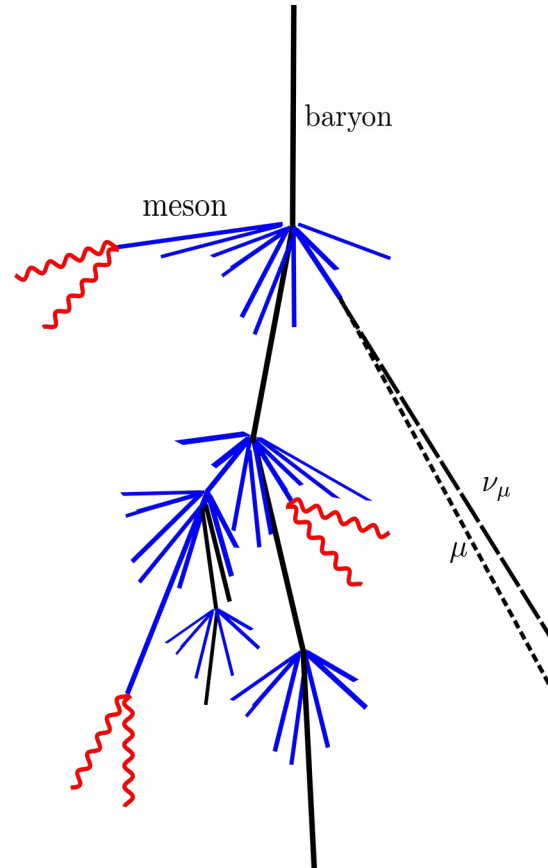
Increase mesons  $\rightarrow$  increase muons

High energy, prompt decay

$$D \rightarrow \mu + \nu_{\mu}$$

Any type of meson?

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

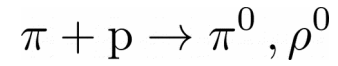
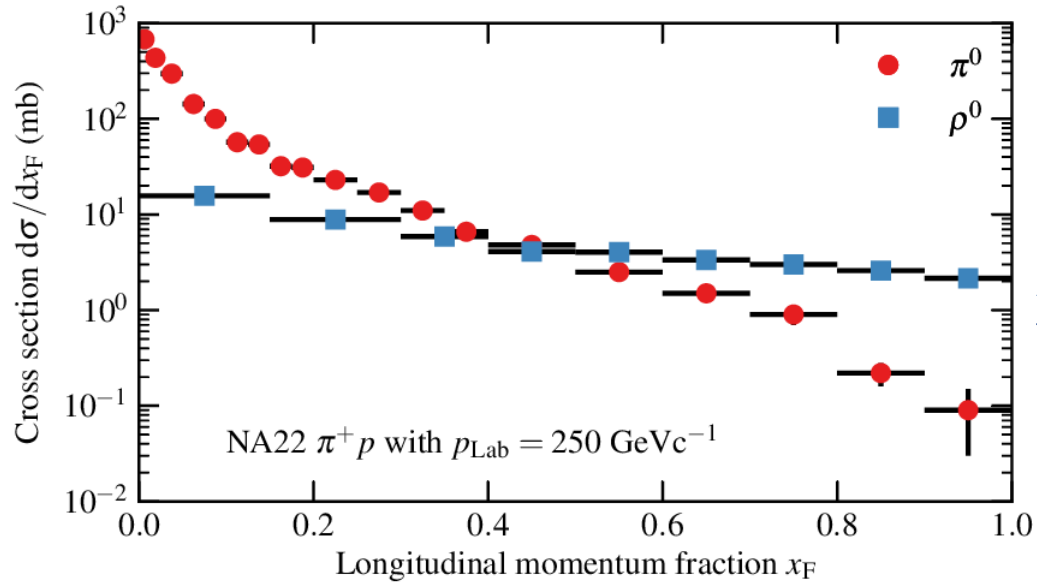


Leading particles !

$$\pi^{\pm} + \text{Air} \rightarrow \rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

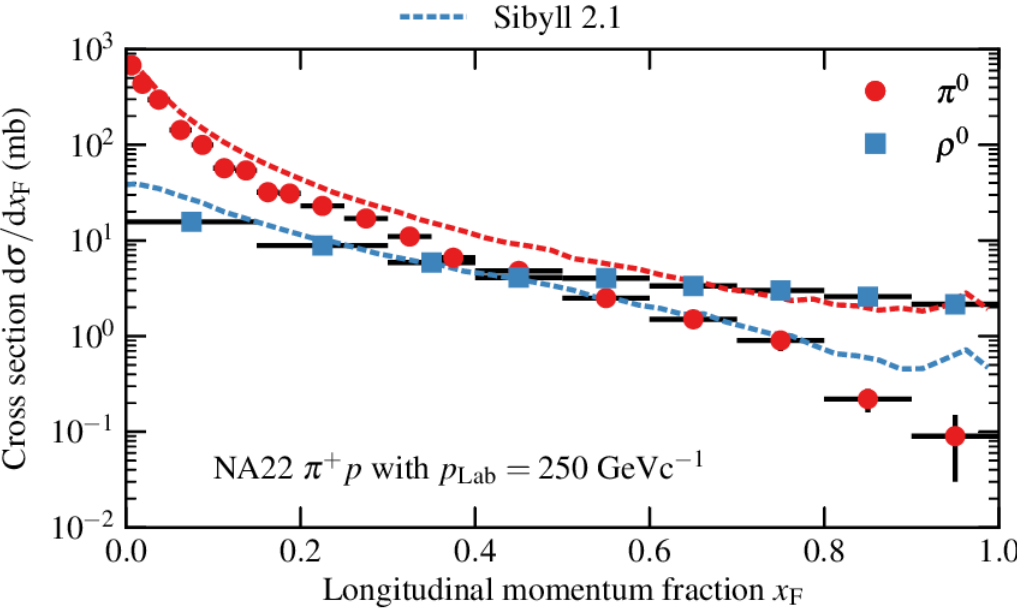
$$\pi^{\pm} + \text{Air} \rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

# In data ?

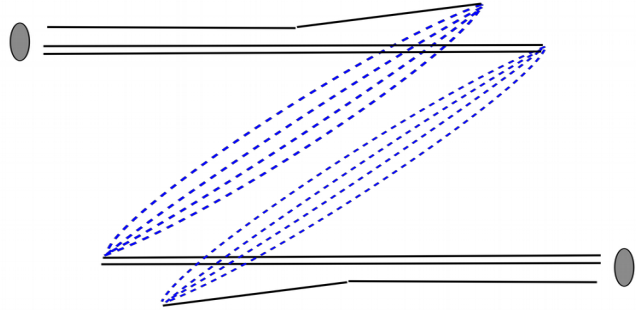
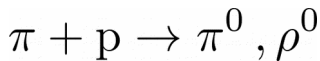


$\rho^0$  favored

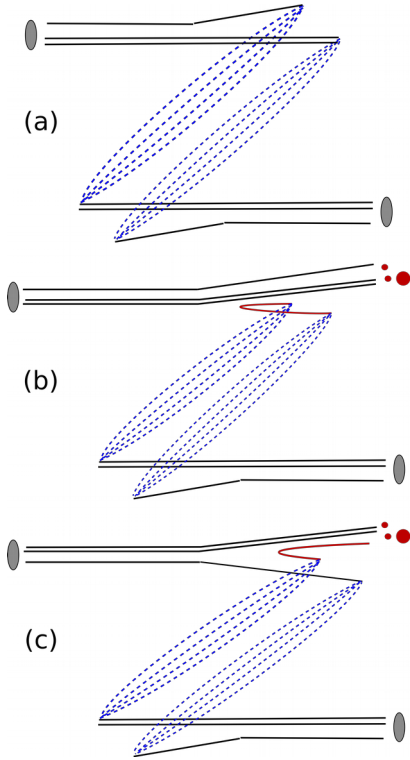
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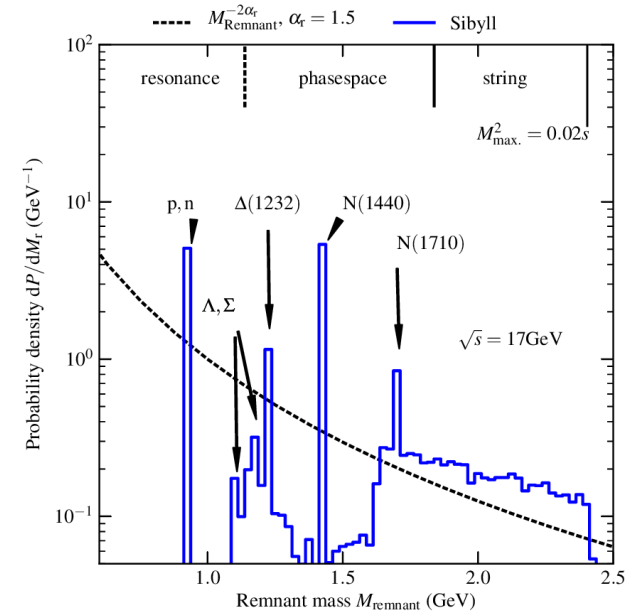
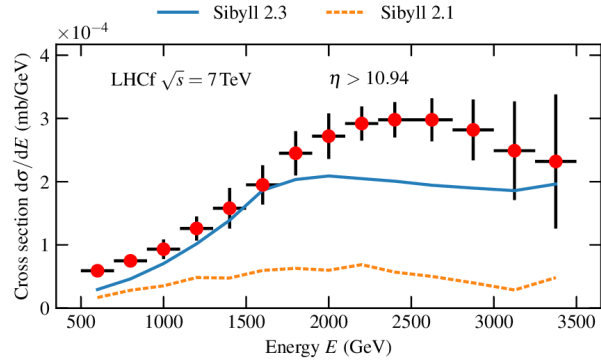
$$P_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \rho^0} = \text{const}$$



# Leading particles, refined

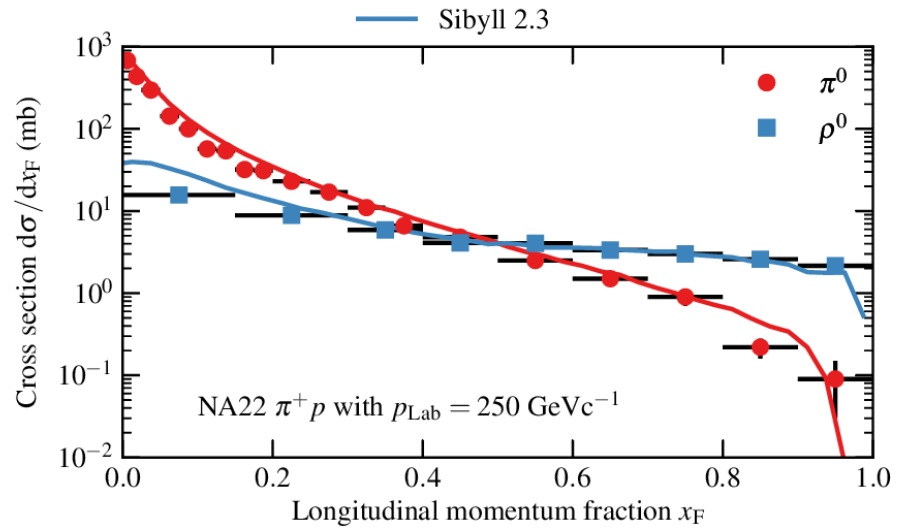
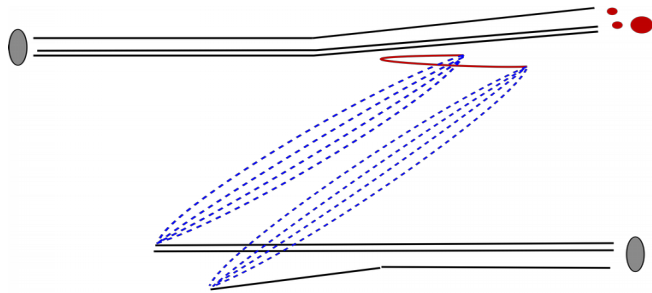


Remnant formation  
Common in Pythia, Epos, QGSjet



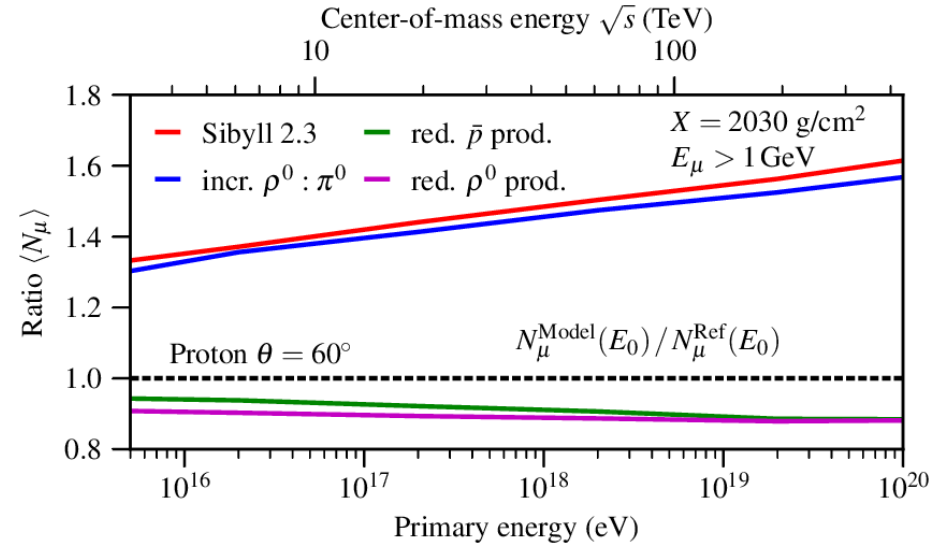
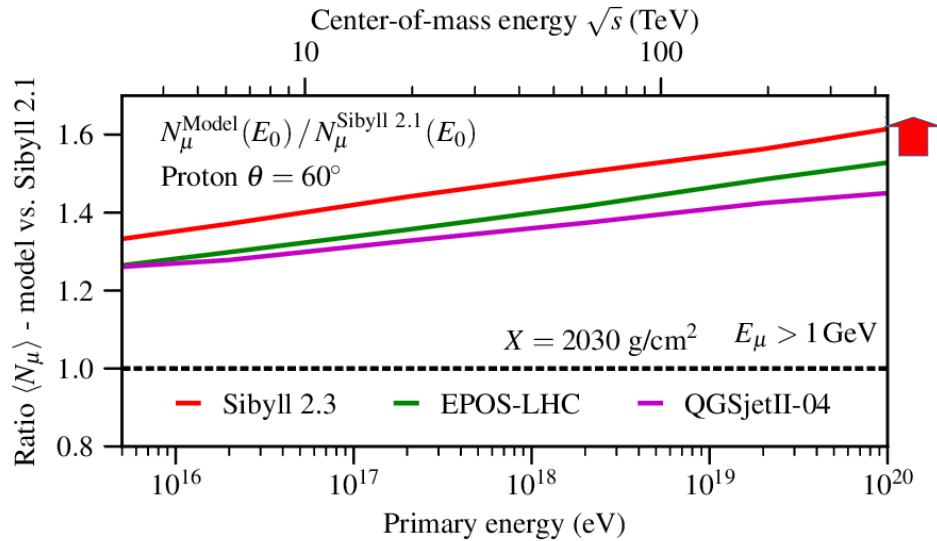
$$\pi^\pm + \text{Air} \rightarrow \rho^0 + X$$

# Effect on data



$$P_{\pi^0 \rightarrow \rho^0} = f(x_F)$$

# Muon prediction for EAS



40% - 60% more muons relative to Sibyll 2.1

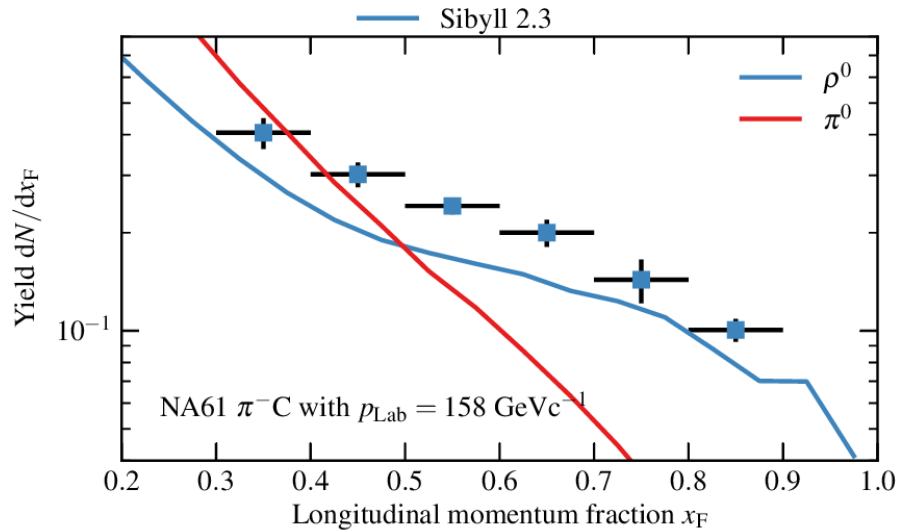
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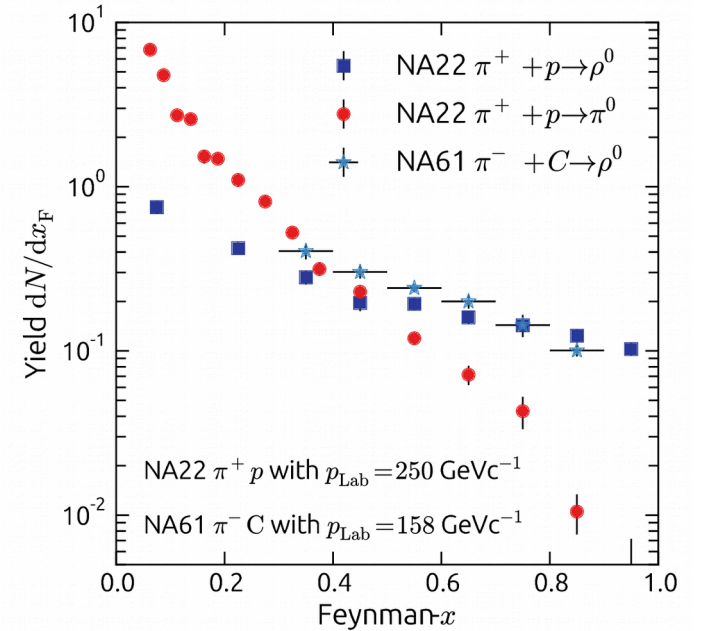
What about pion-Nuclear ?



# NA61 pi-Carbon

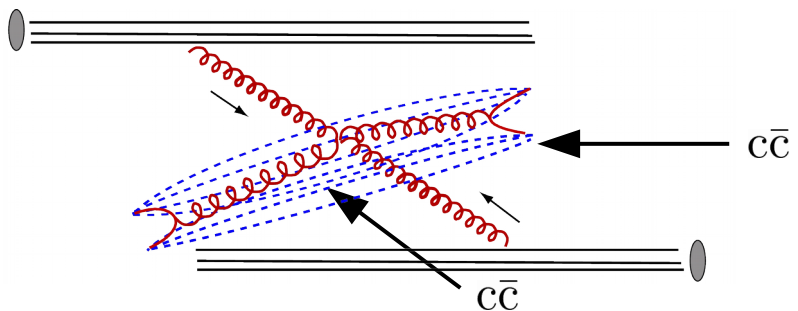


No measurement of  
neutral pion

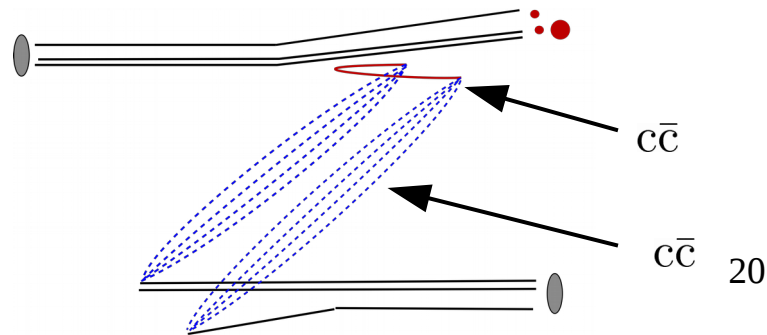
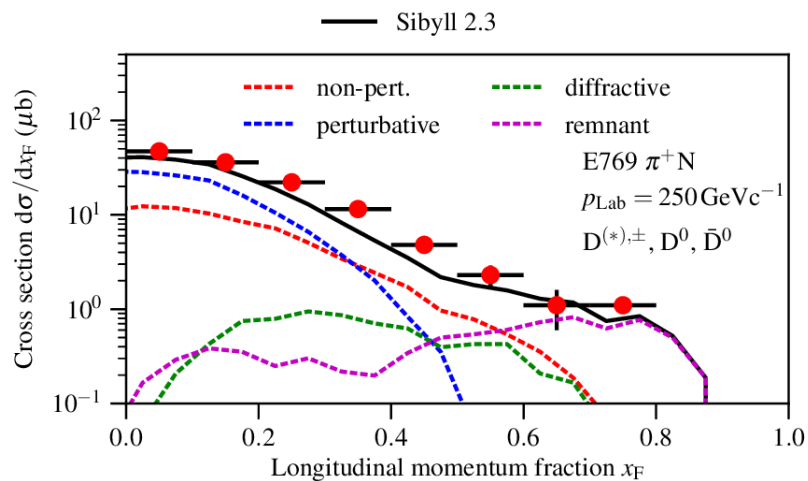
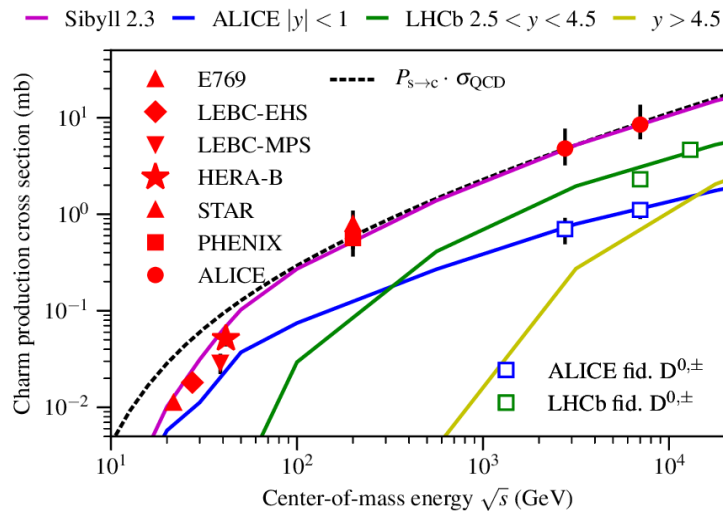


# Charm production

# Charm model

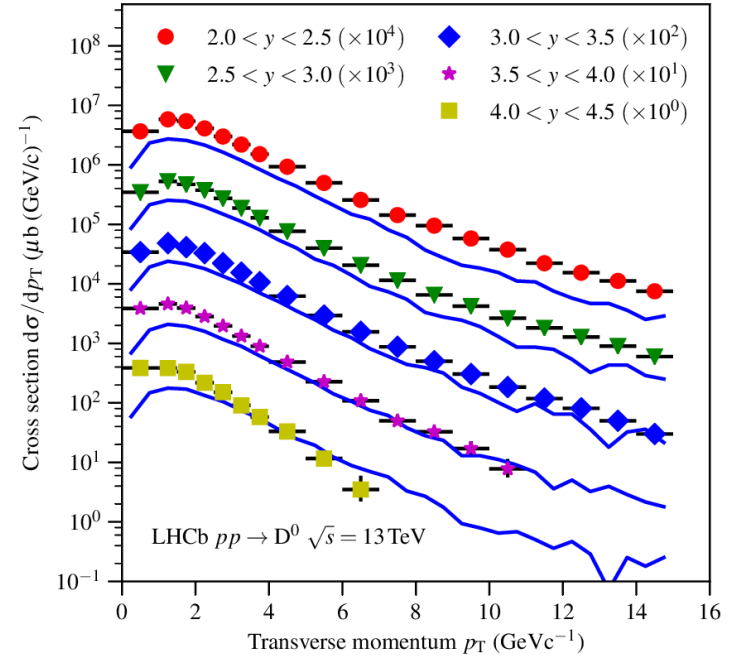
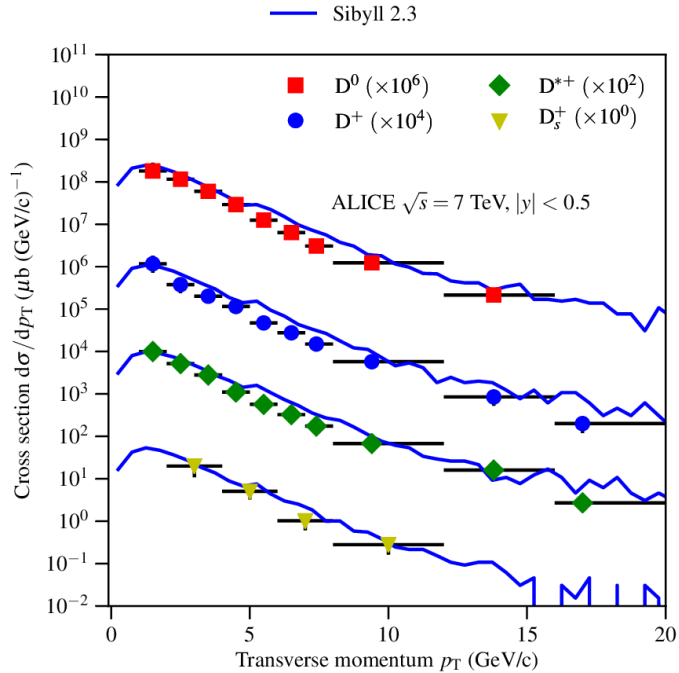


$$P_{s \rightarrow c}$$



# Comparing to data

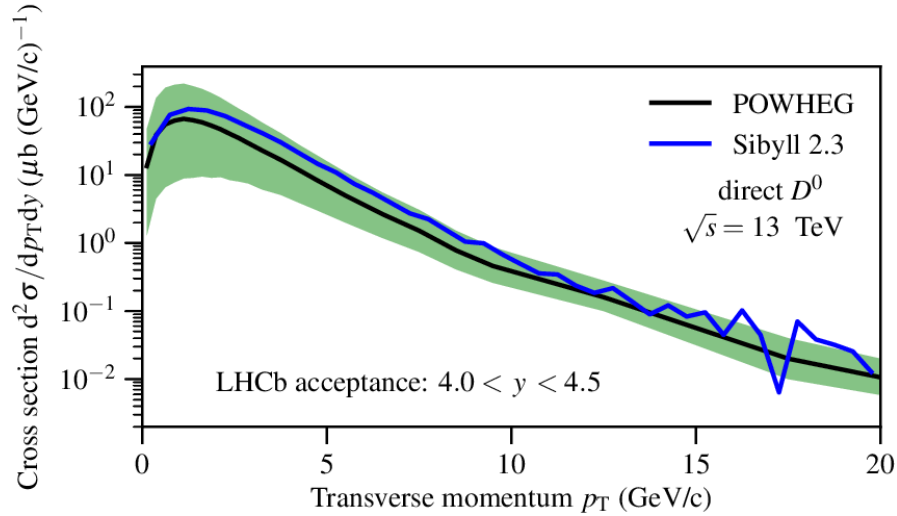
Central phase space, 7TeV



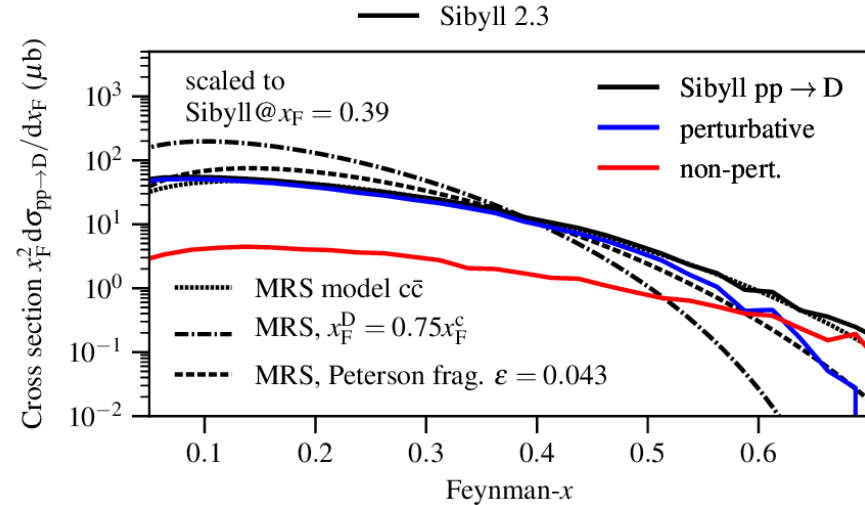
13 TeV data: model limited

# Comparing 2: calculations

Central phase space



Full long. Phase space



# Conclusion

New version of Sibyll 2.3 extended with

- charm production
- remnant formation

- baryon production model

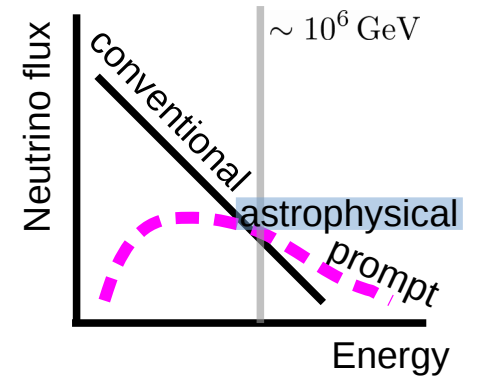
- new cross section fit
- updated PDFs

Increased compatibility with EAS measurements

Allows calculation of atmospheric fluxes up to highest energies (IceCube)

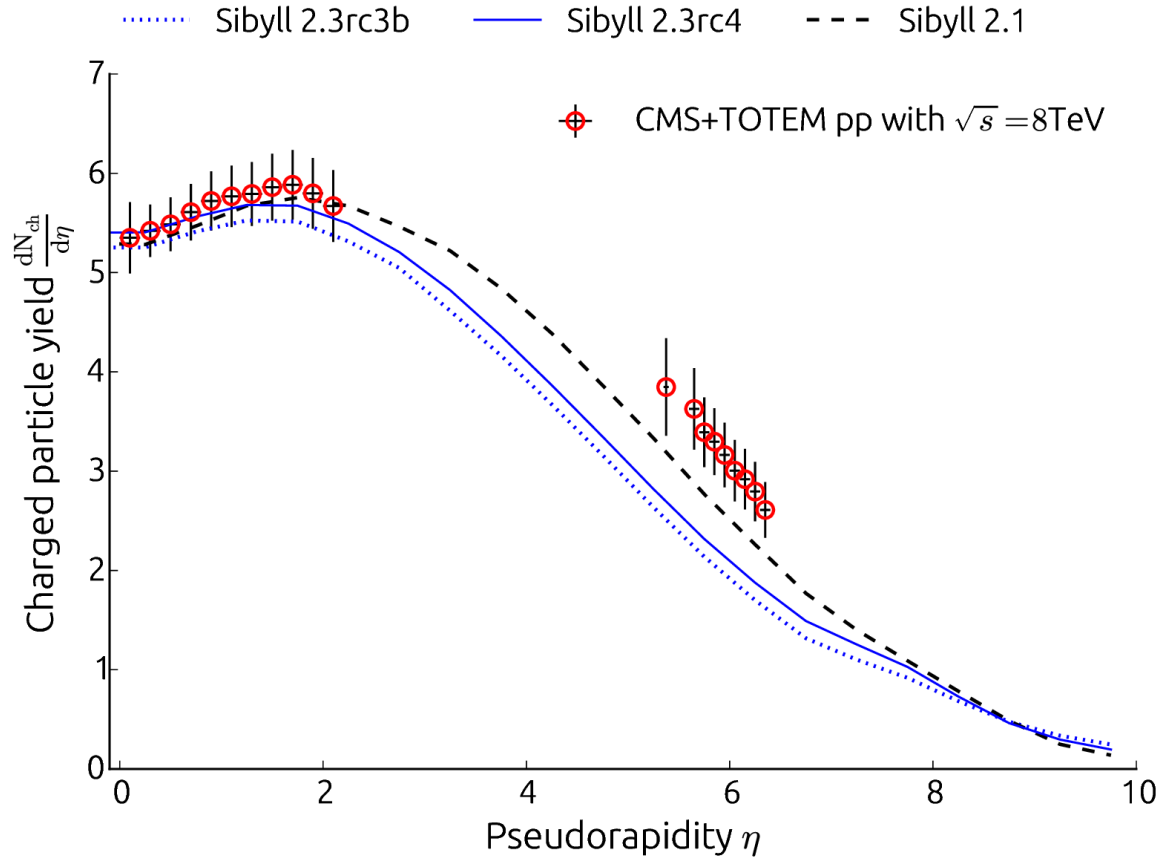
But also:

Simplified minijet model is at limit



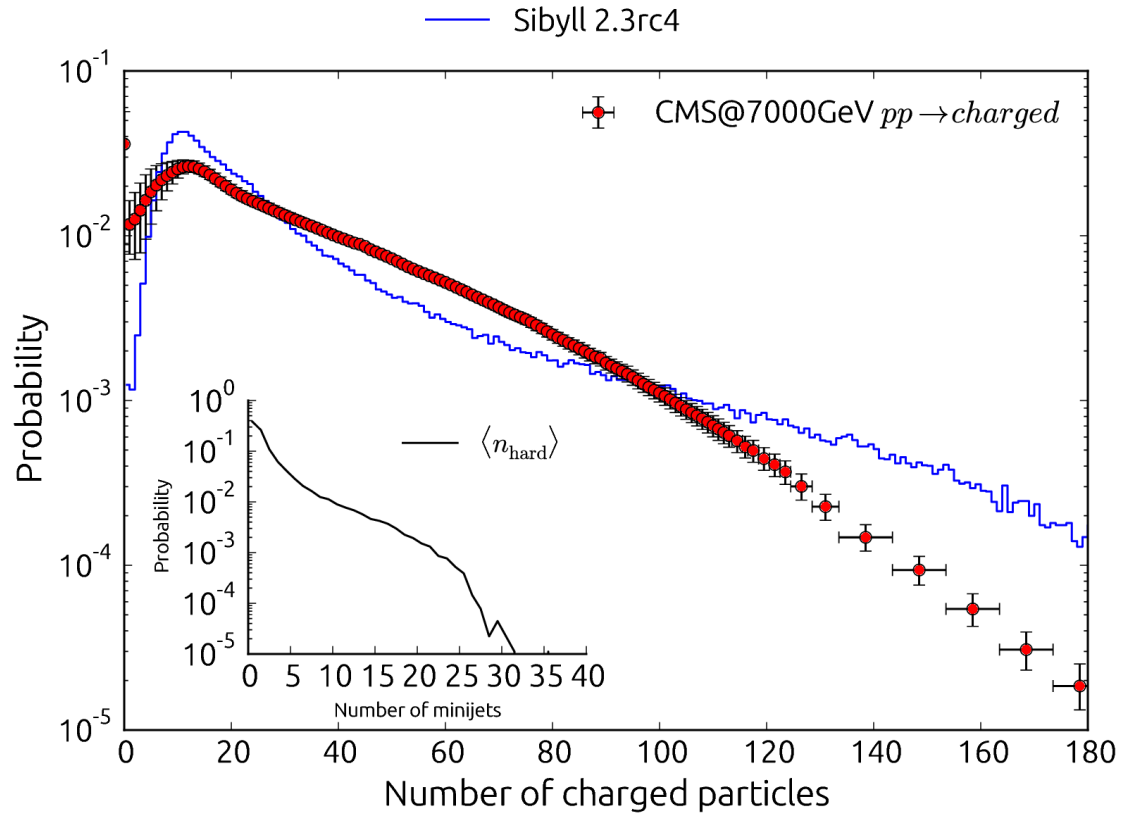


# Problems: MPI & minijets

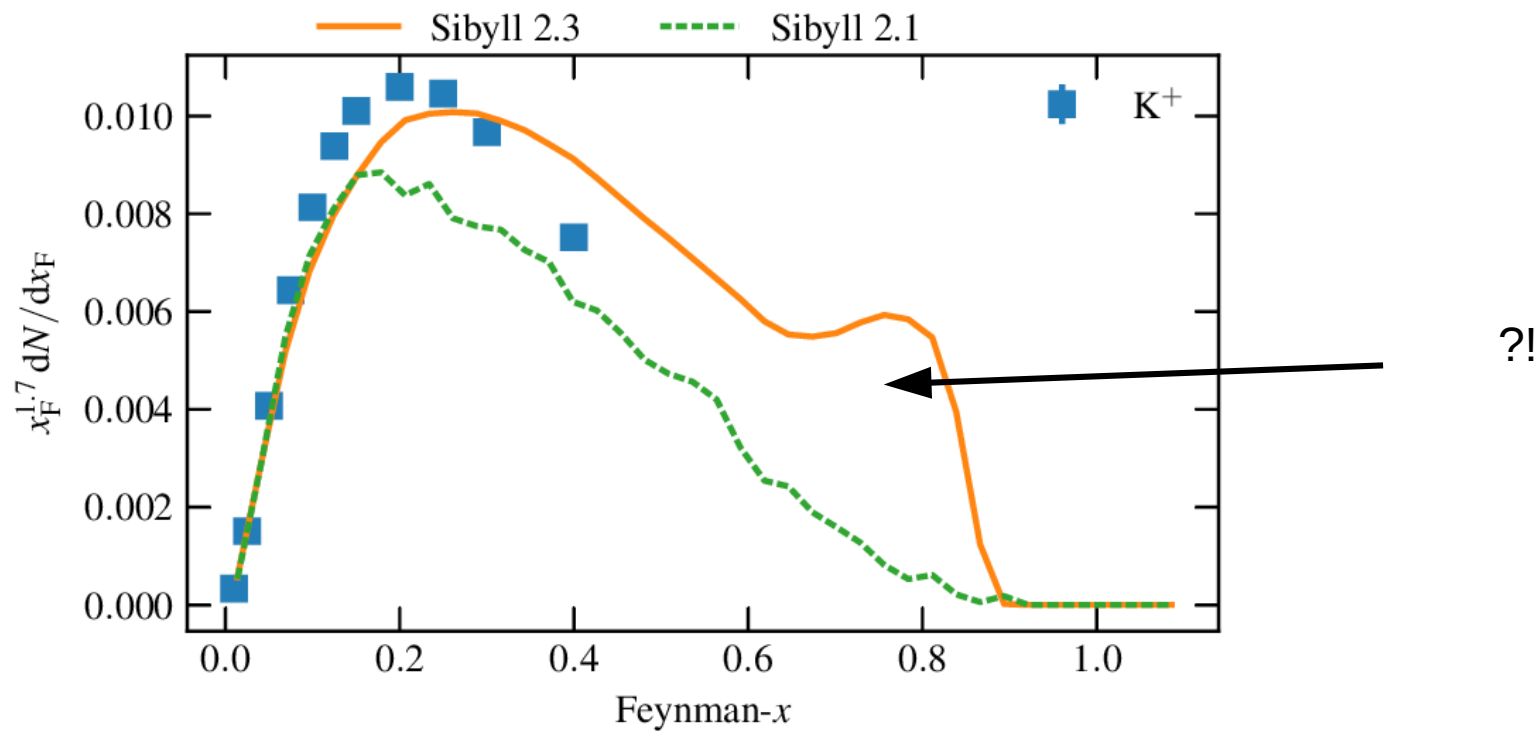




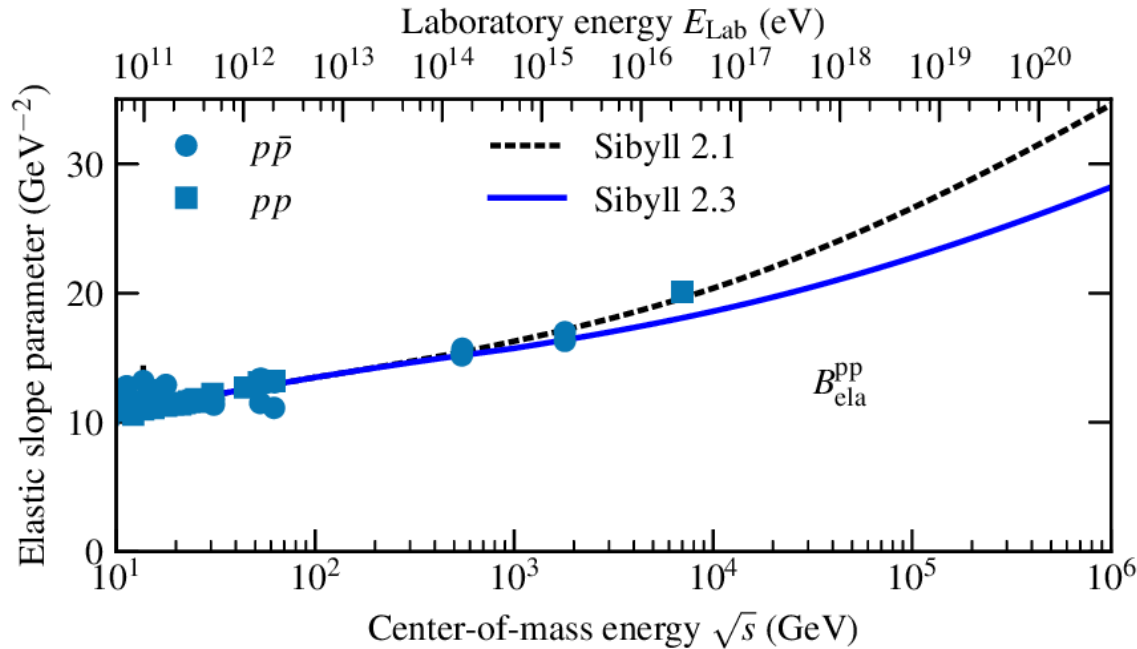
# Problems: MPI



# Leading kaons



# Problem: cross section



Artifact of  
changing profile  
width

$$1/B_{\text{ela}} \sim R_p$$

Can be  
reconciled by  
using latest  
PDFs CT14  
which decrease  
cross section

