Code intercomparison and benchmark for muon fluence and absorbed dose induced by an 18 GeV electron beam after massive iron shielding

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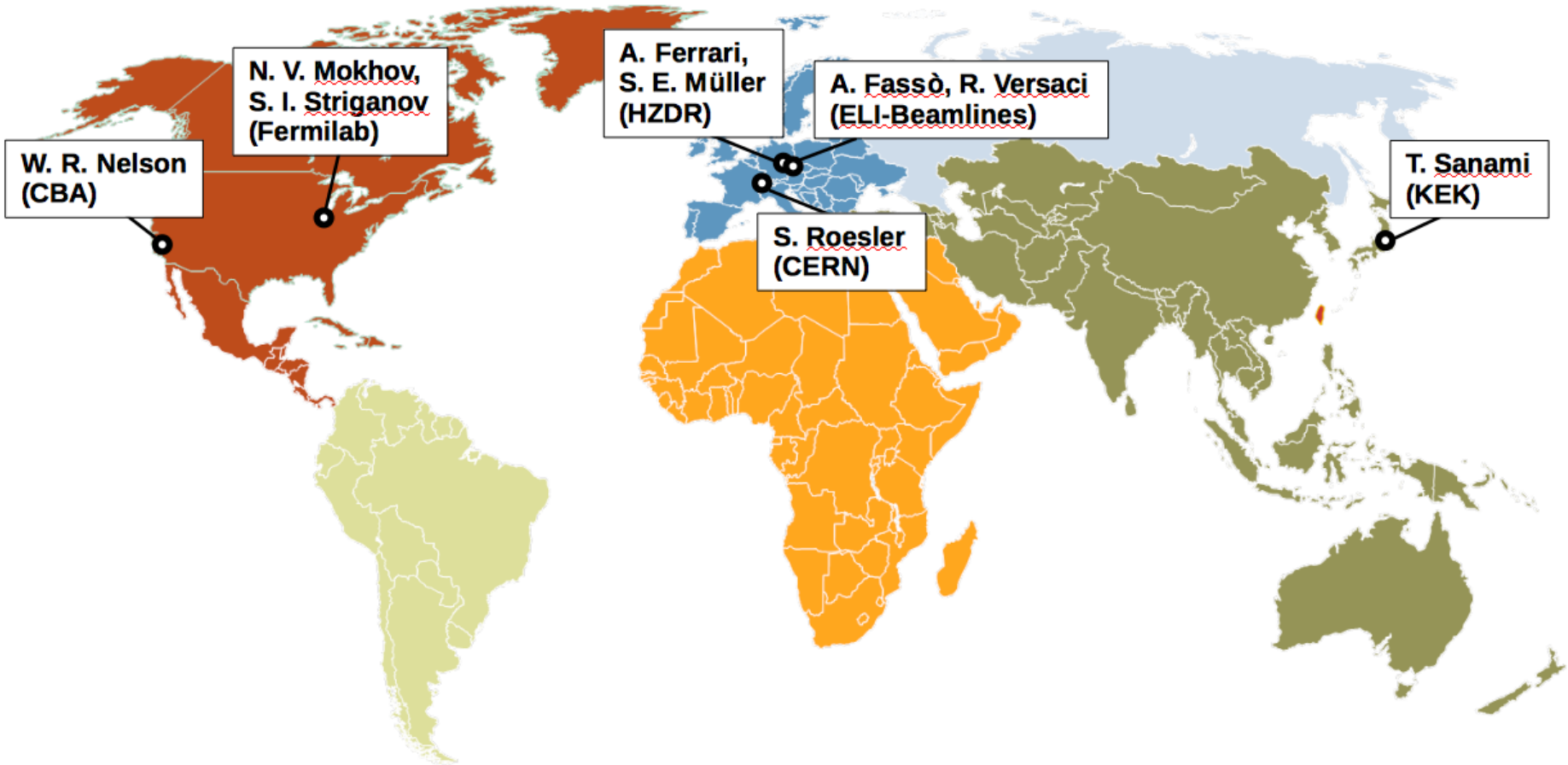
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The experiment

- 1974: Nelson, Kase and Svensson publish the results of an experiment performed at SLAC (*NIM 120 (1974) 413*)
- 18 GeV e^- beam hits beamdump-target made of copper and water discs
- massive shielding (*"iron"*) after beamdump
- detectors for muon fluence and dose measurements were placed in 4 gaps of shielding:
  - Nuclear track emulsion plates (400μm thick) to measure muon fluence
  - Thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD-700 phosphor) to measure dose
- in addition, 2 scintillation counters to determine exposure (and muon fluence)
- Results were compared to theoretical predictions of the time (*NIM 120 (1974) 401*)

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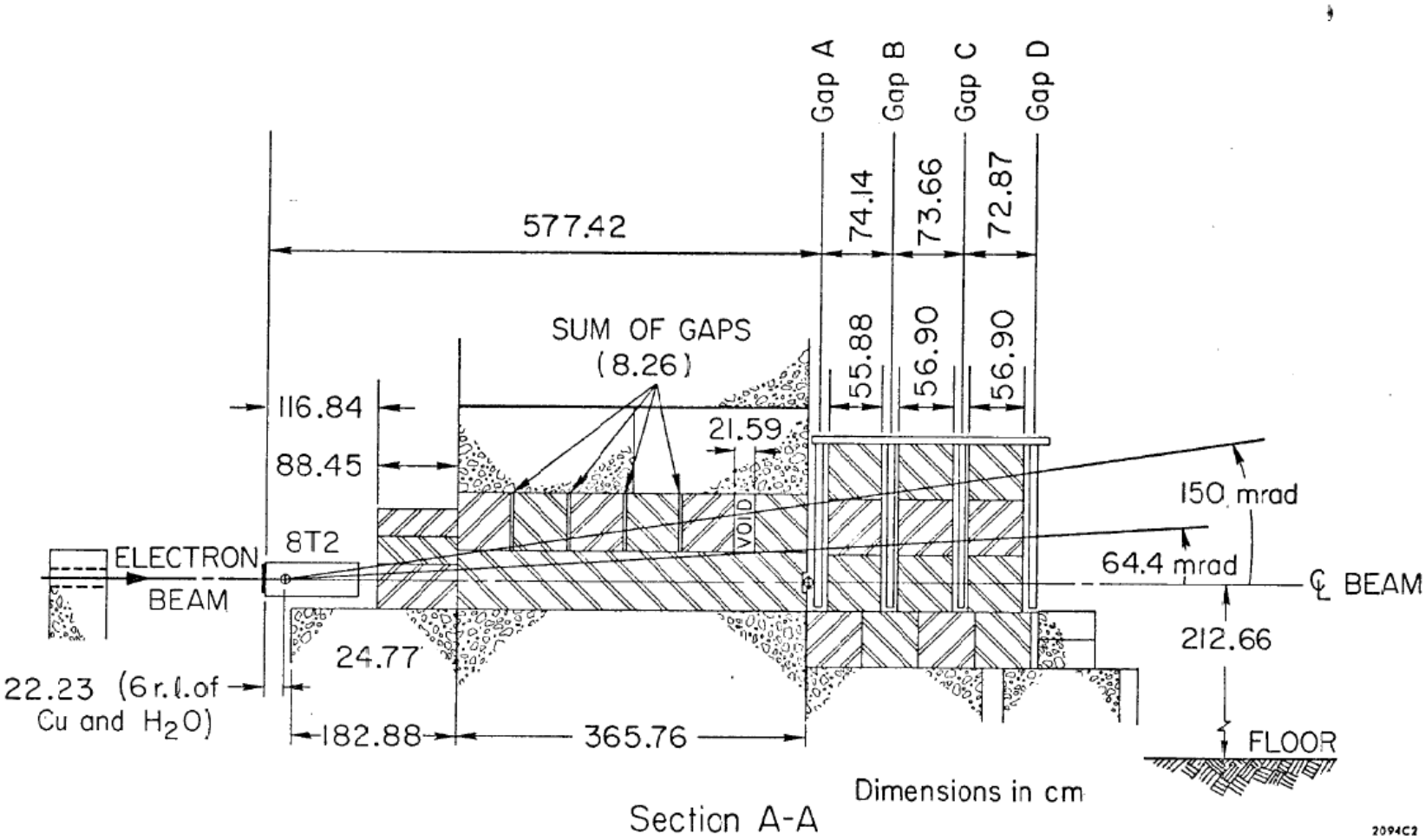

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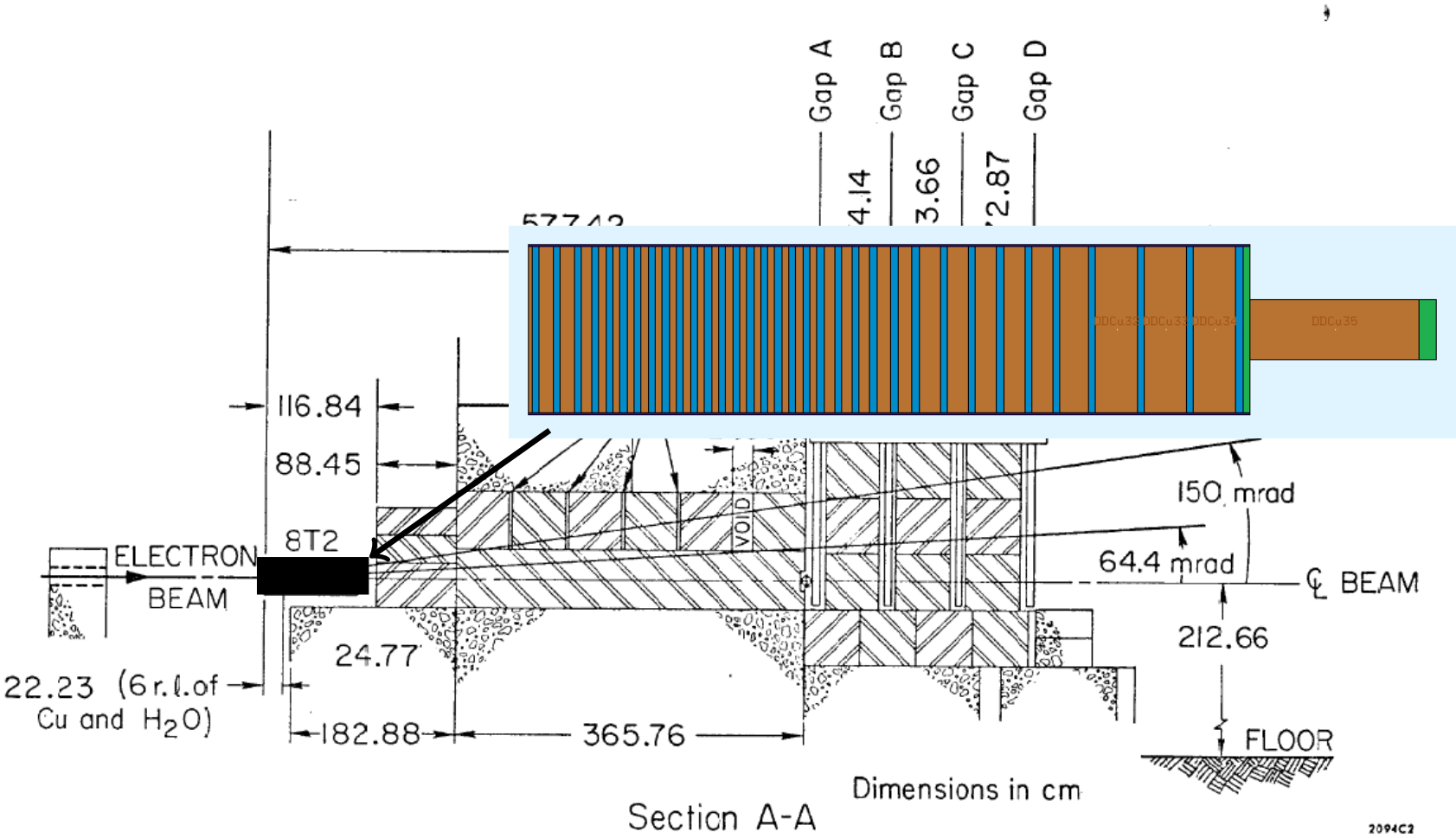

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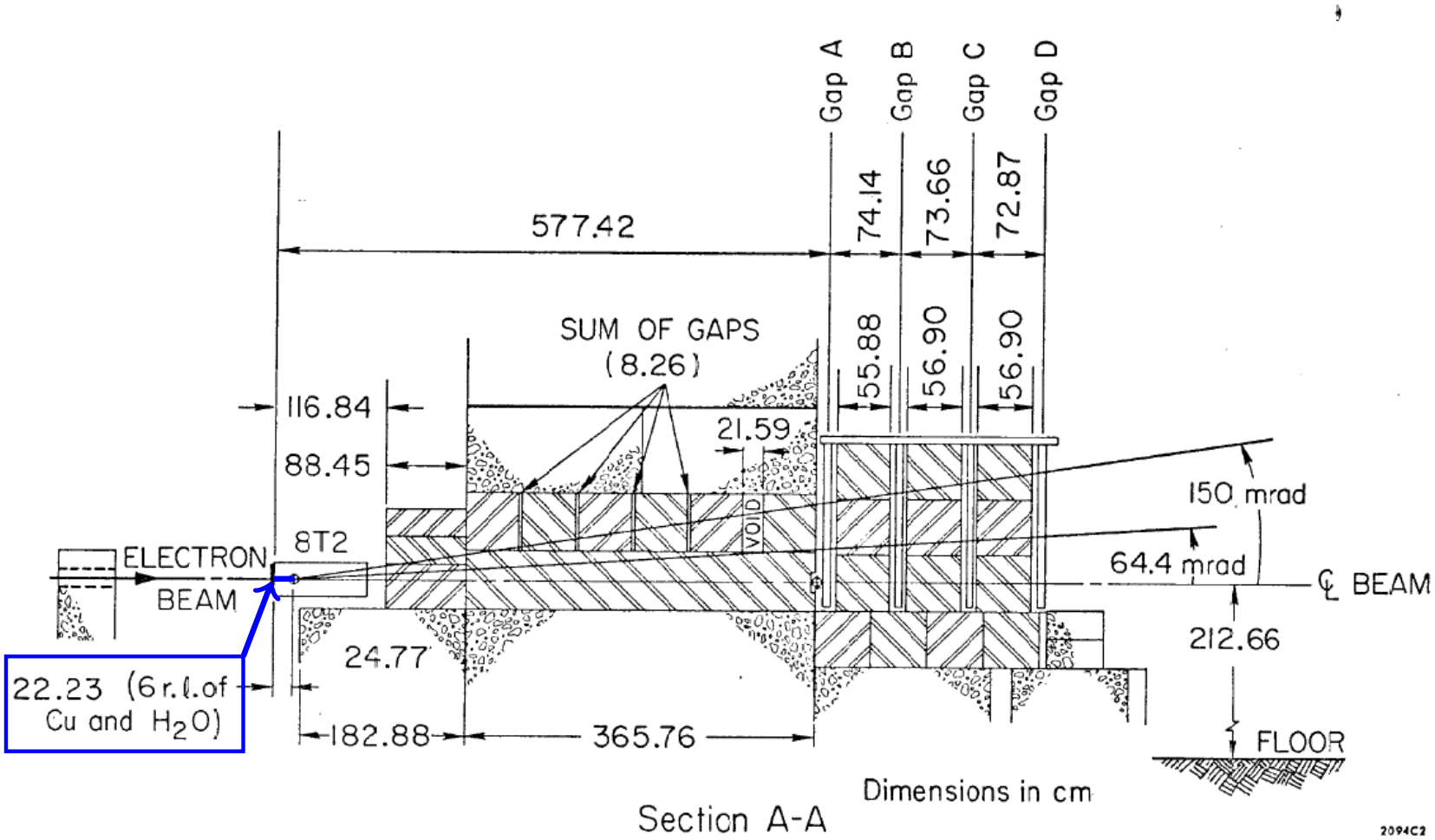

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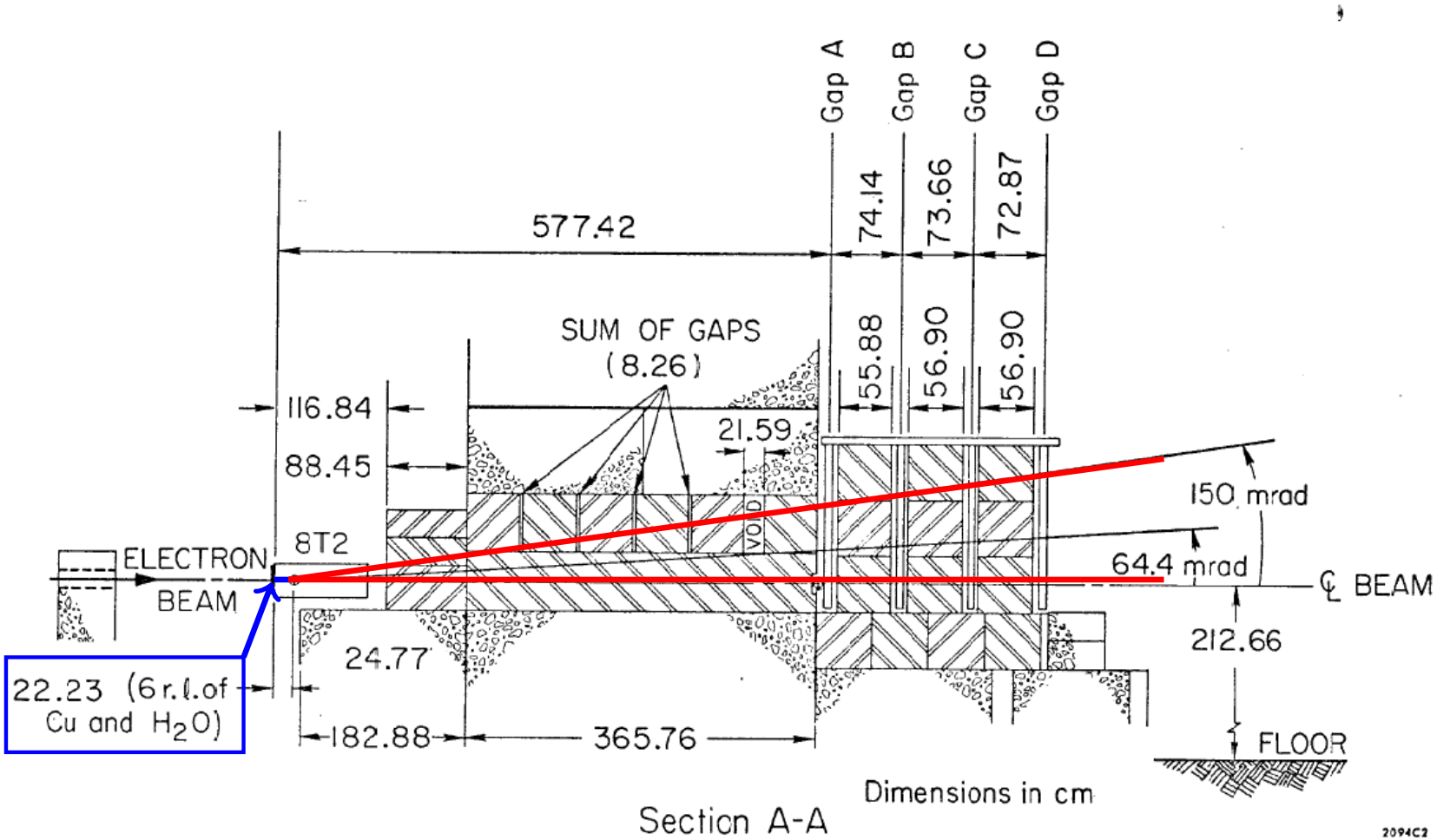

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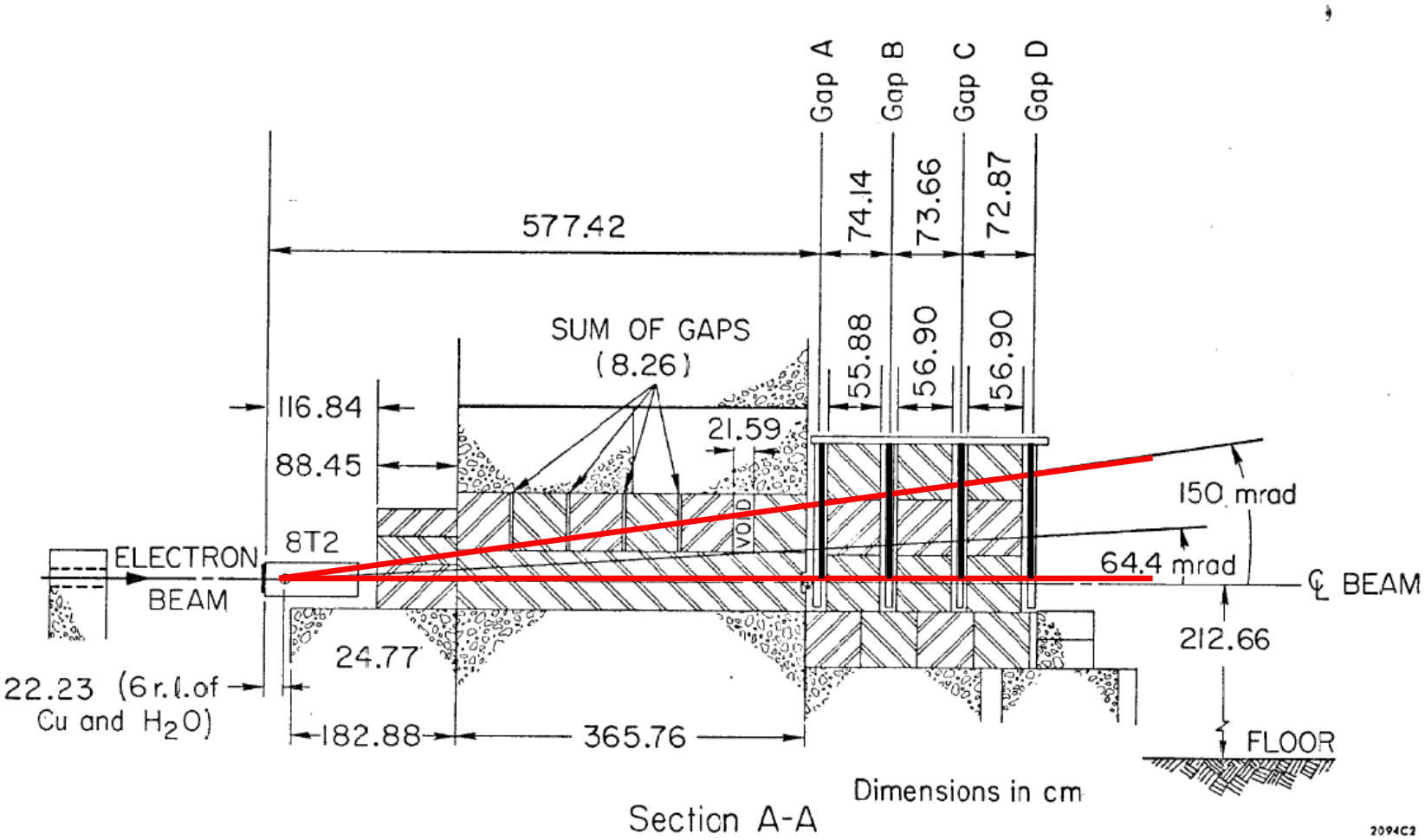
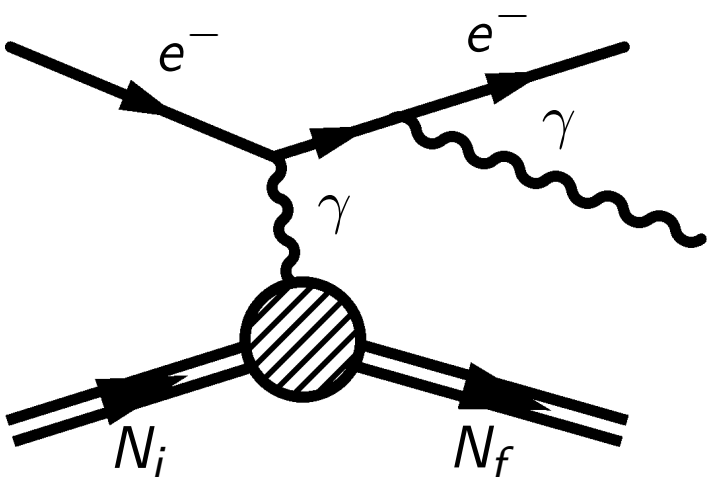


Physics models:

Muon pair production in the field of the nucleus from Bremsstrahlung photons

Bremsstrahlung:



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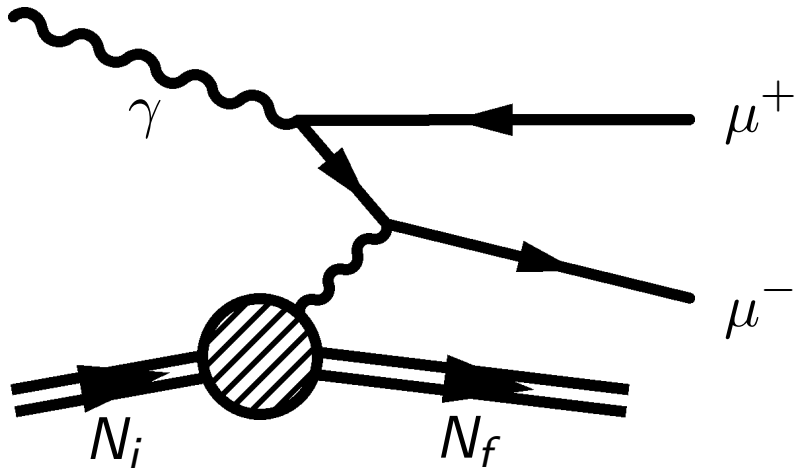
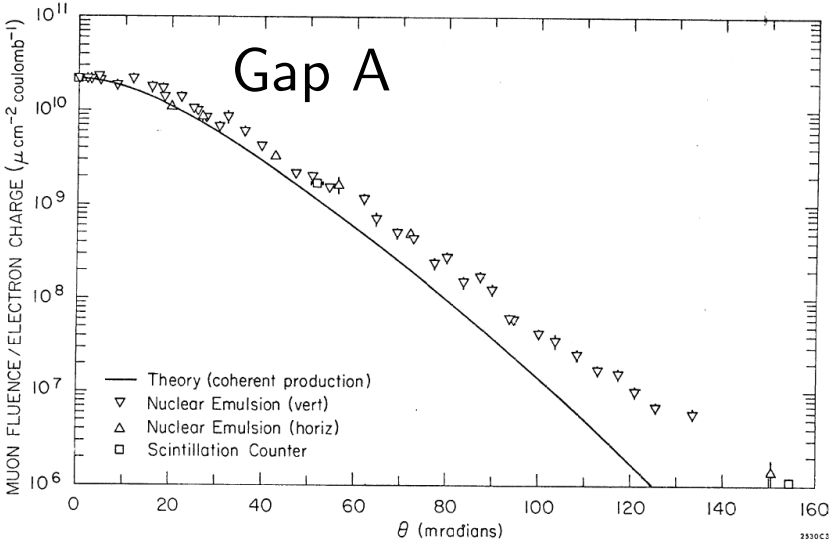
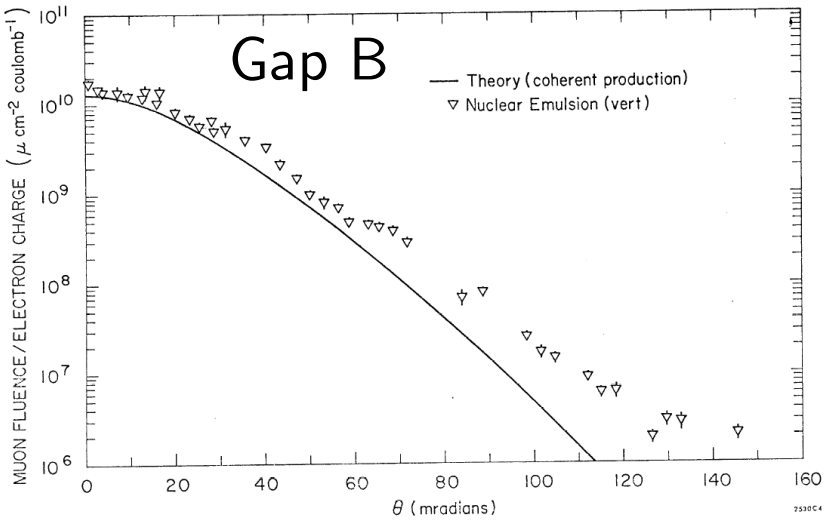
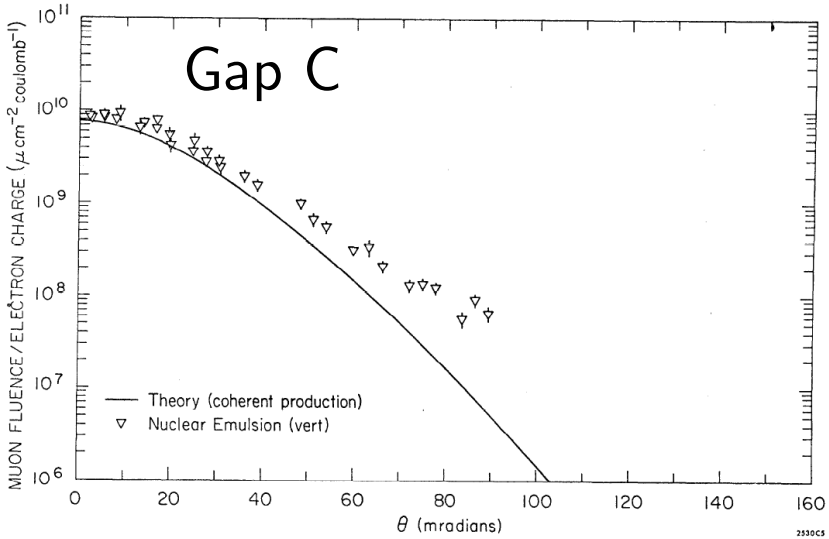


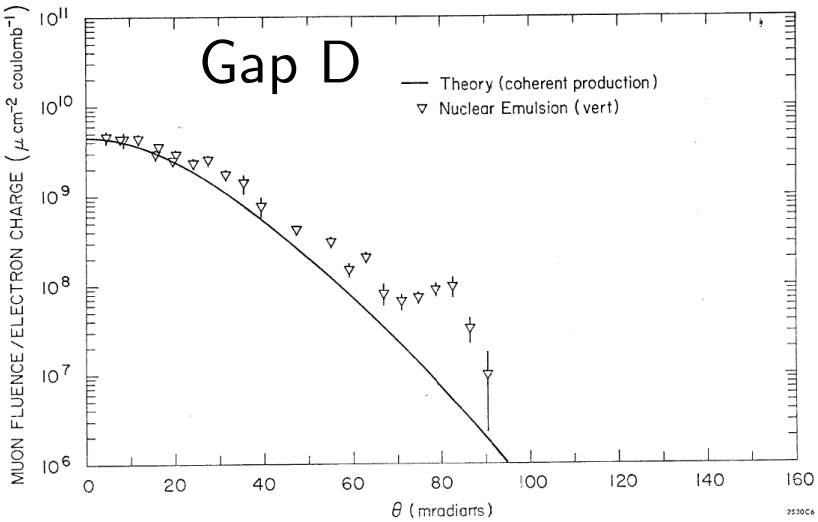
Y. S. Tsai: *Pair production and Bremsstrahlung of charged leptons*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 46 (1974) 815, Rev. Mod. Phys. 49 (1977) 421

Experiment: Results on muon fluence

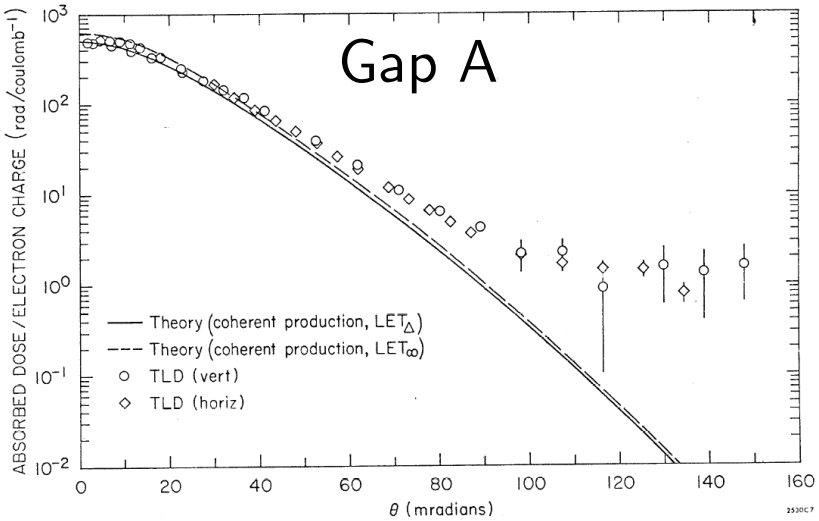


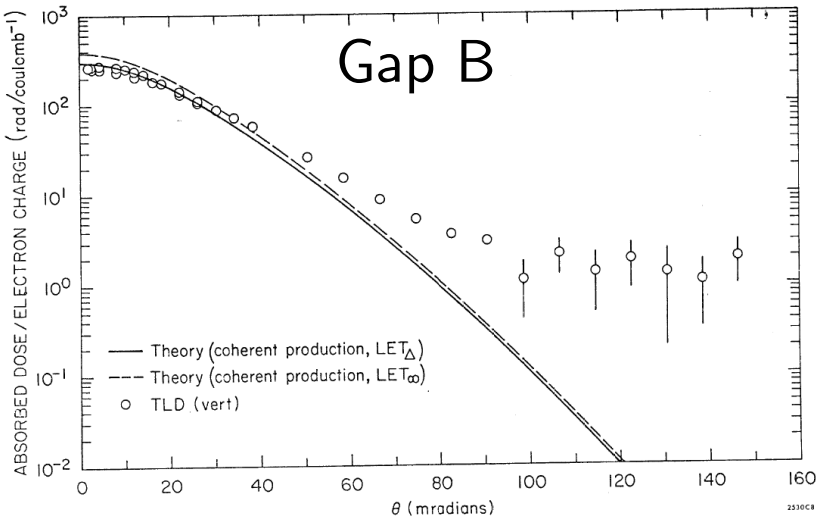


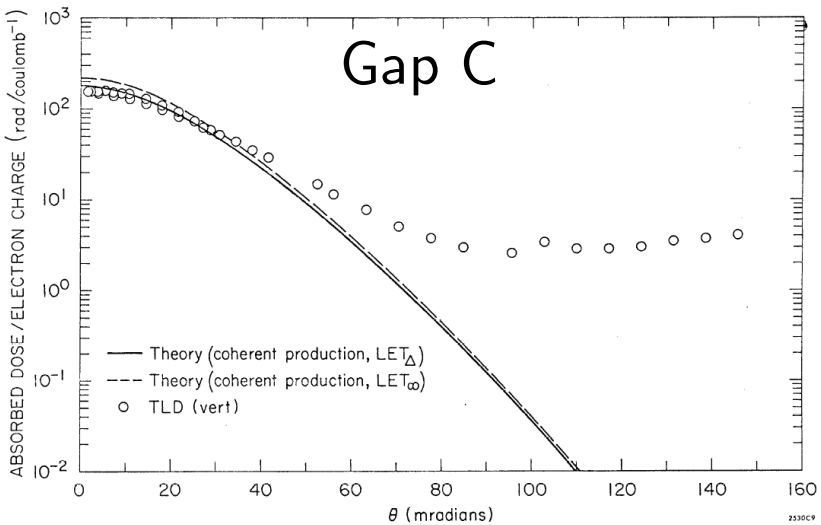


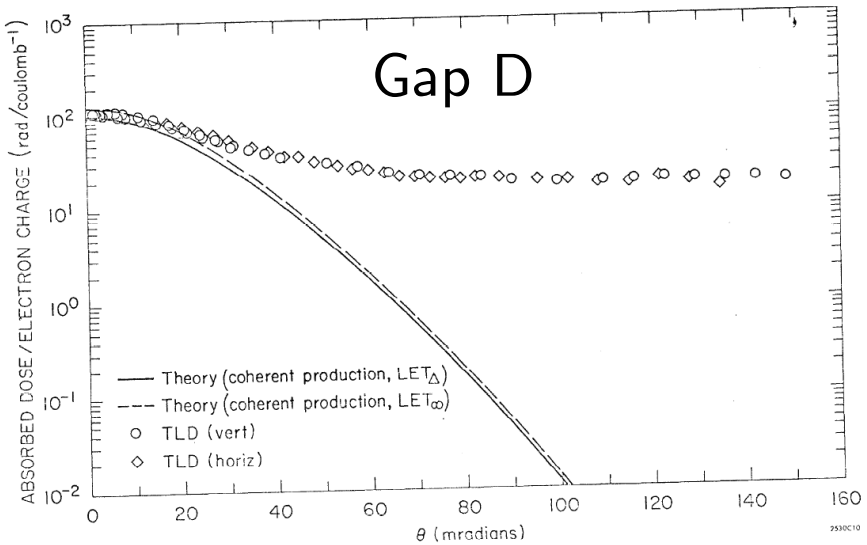


Experiment: Results on dose measurements



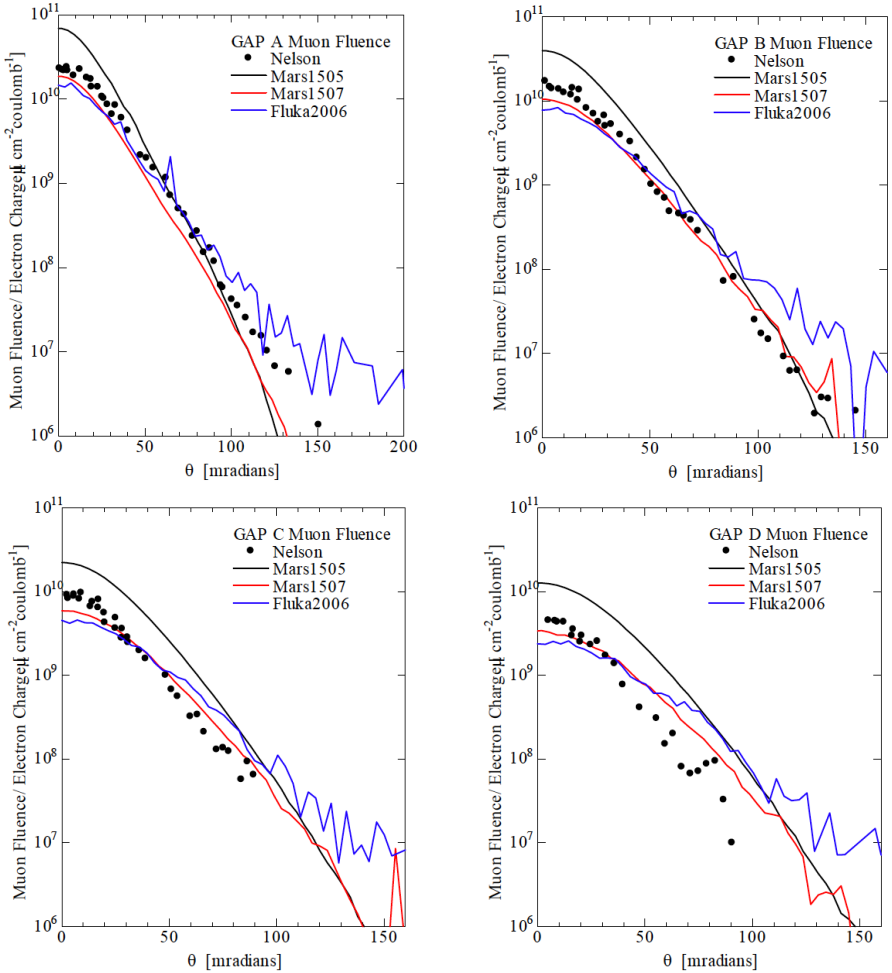






First comparison with modern transport codes:

2007: N. V. Mokhov, W. R. Nelson and T. Sanami (*SLAC Radiation Physics Note RP-07-15*): Comparison with MARS and FLUKA



The transport codes:

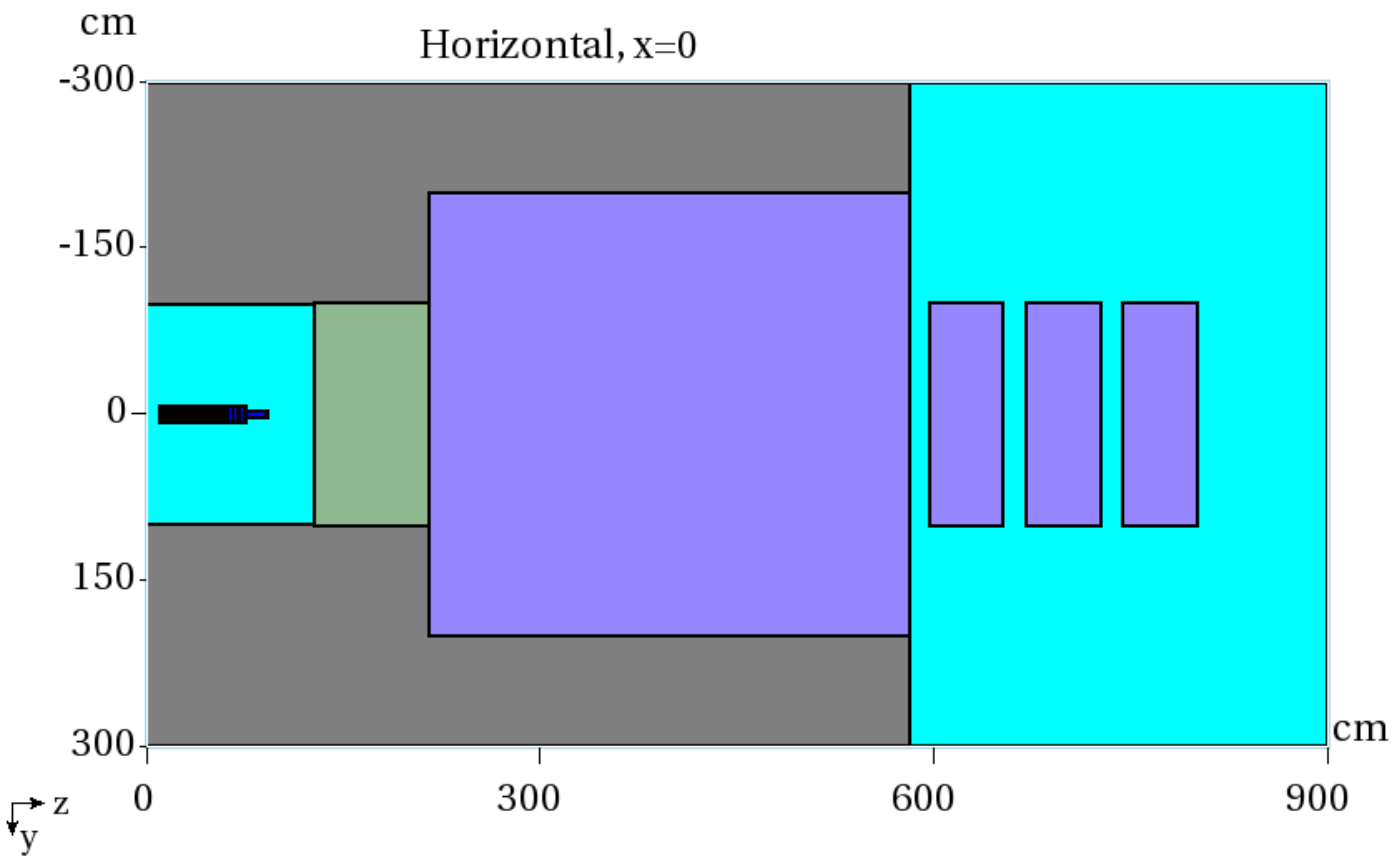
- MARS15
  - www-ap.fnal.gov/MARS
- FLUKA2011
  - www.fluka.org
- GEANT4.10
  - geant4.cern.ch/

MARS15

- General-purpose, all-particle Monte Carlo simulation code
- Current version: **MARS15(2014)**
- Established theoretical models for strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions of hadrons, heavy ions and leptons
- Most processes can be treated either
  - exclusively (analogously)
  - inclusively (with corresponding statistical weights)
  - in a mixed mode
- Variety of geometry options, major ones are
  - "extended"
  - ROOT-based
- Especially powerful in particle production, accelerator lattice, beamline and machine-detector interface applications
- Participant of international benchmarking for almost two decades

MARS15: Geometrical model

Horizontal view



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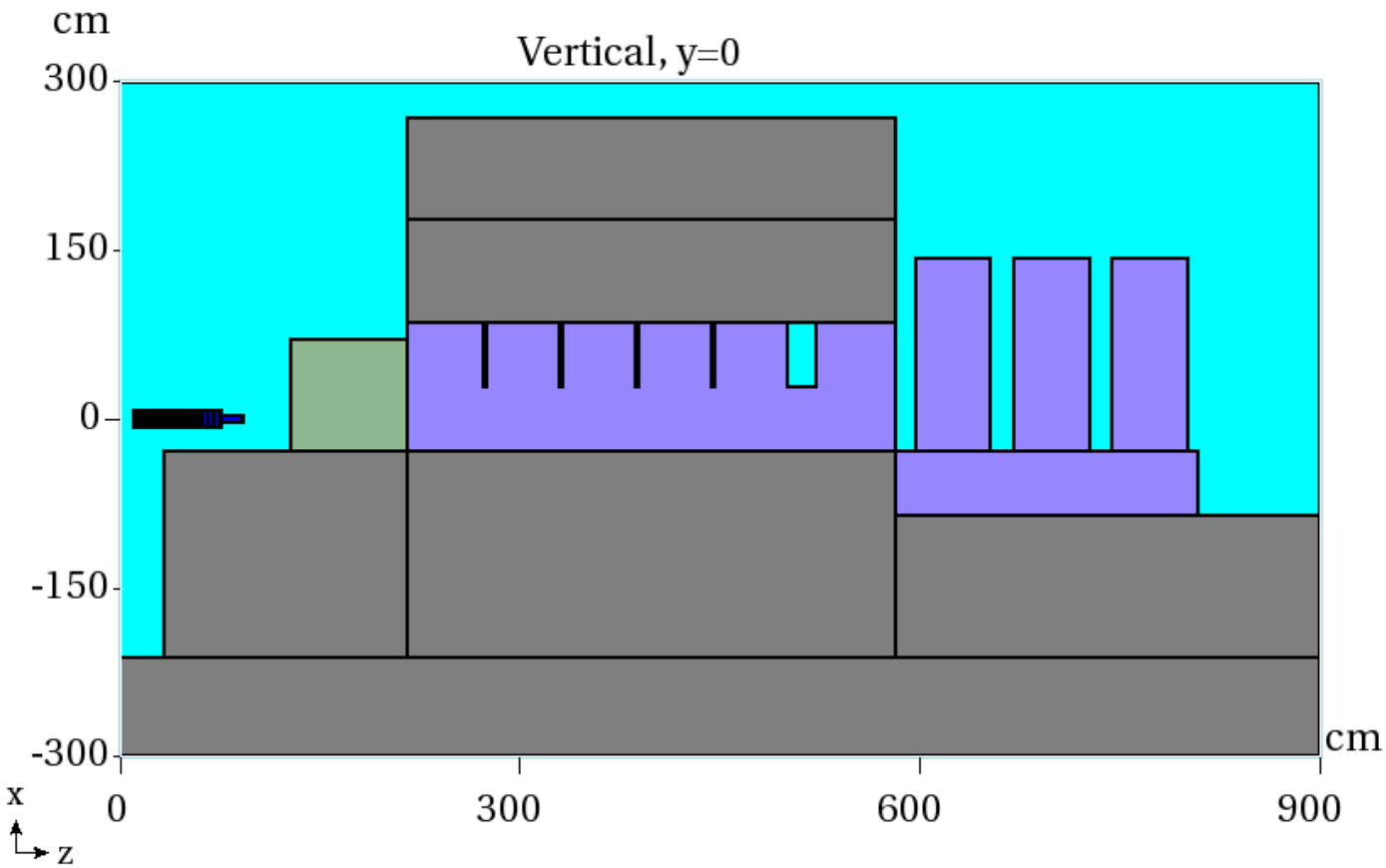


MARS15: Muons

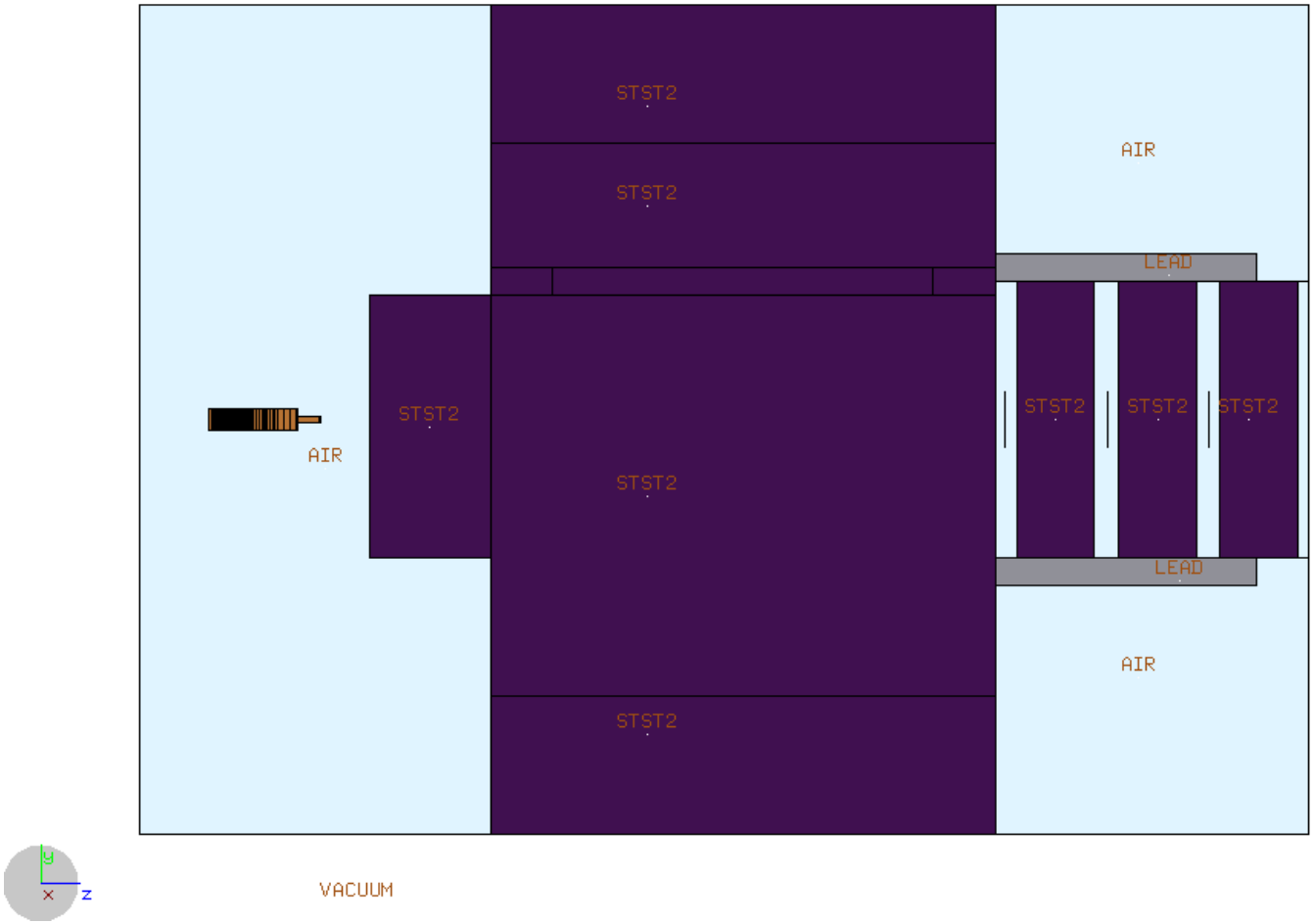
- Exclusive generator based on Weizsäcker-Williams approximation
  - algorithms based on Burkhardt, Kelner, and Kokoulin (2002)
  - only coherent photomuon production
  - used as default
- Inclusive generator based on Y. S. Tsai (Rev. Mod. Phys. 46 (1974) 815, Rev. Mod. Phys. 49 (1977) 421))
  - calculation in lowest-order Born approximation
  - target of arbitrary mass, spin and form factor
  - arbitrary final state
- Both models give practically identical results for E $>$ 10 GeV photons
- At lower energies, precise description of nuclear form factor is important. MARS supports two options for description of nuclear density:
  - original Tsai power-law mode
  - symmetrized Fermi function

FLUKA2011

- Historical origin (1970): **FLU**ktuierende **KA**skade (J. Ranft *et al.*, Leipzig)
- Current version: **FLUKA2011.2b.6** (maintained by CERN-INFN)
- Fully integrated particle physics MonteCarlo simulation package
- Driven by "data cards" (minimum of programming knowledge required)
- Linux platform (g77/gfortran)
- Well tested built-in scoring
- Graphical user interface: **FLAIR** (FLUKA Advanced Interface)

FLUKA2011: Geometrical model

Horizontal view



FLUKA2011: Geometrical model

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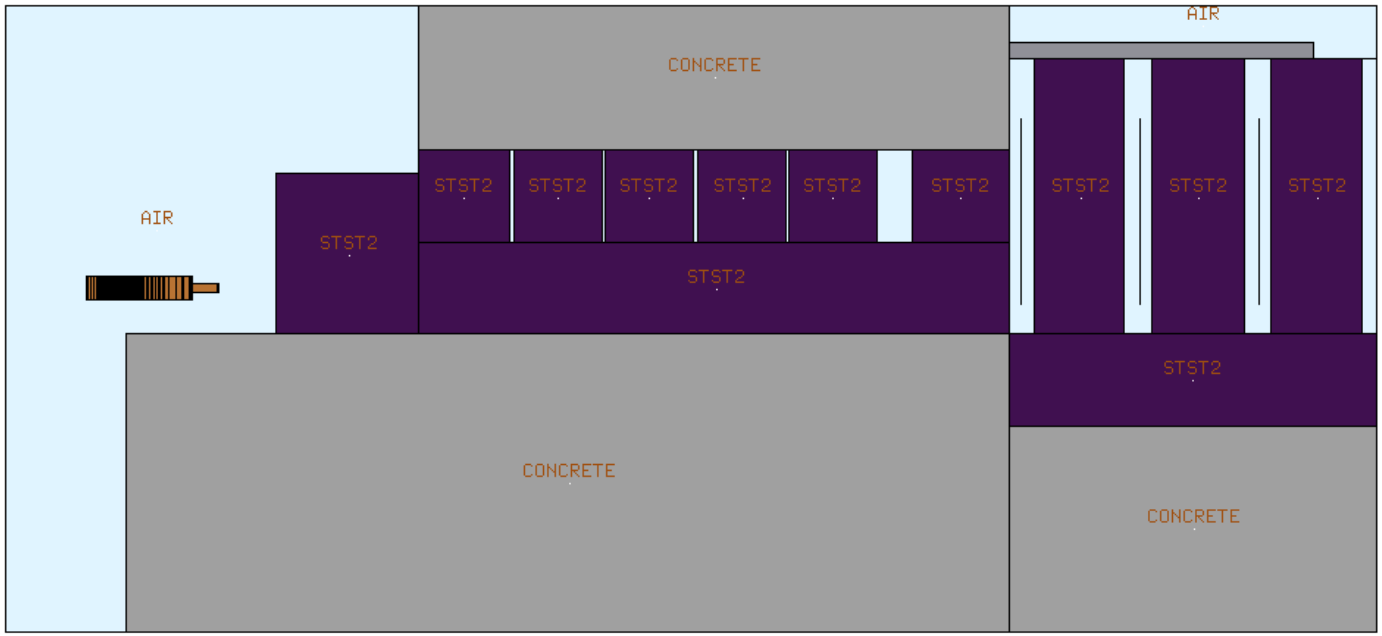

FLUKA2011: Muons

- Theoretical model:
  - Photomuon production implemented according to Y. S. Tsai (Rev. Mod. Phys. 46 (1974) 815, Rev. Mod. Phys. 49 (1977) 421)
  - Only coherent production of photomuons

- Simulation parameters:
  - Biasing scale factor on photon interaction length for photomuon production: `2.5E-5`
  - Biasing scale factor for hadronic inelastic interaction length of photons: `0.05`
  - δ-ray production of muons and charged hadrons switched on (1 MeV threshold)
  - full simulation of muon nuclear interactions and production of secondary hadrons switched on
  - $e^{\pm}$ and γ production thresholds set to 100 keV
  - `DEFAULTS` card is set to `PRECISIO`

Geant4.10

- GEANT4: **Geo**metry **AN**d **T**racking (since 1998)
- Successor of GEANT program developed at CERN
- Current version: **GEANT4.10p1**
- Written in C++ (Object Oriented software technology)
- Open source software
- Toolkit - user needs to program an application using GEANT4 tools
- Many examples provided

GEANT4.10: Geometrical model

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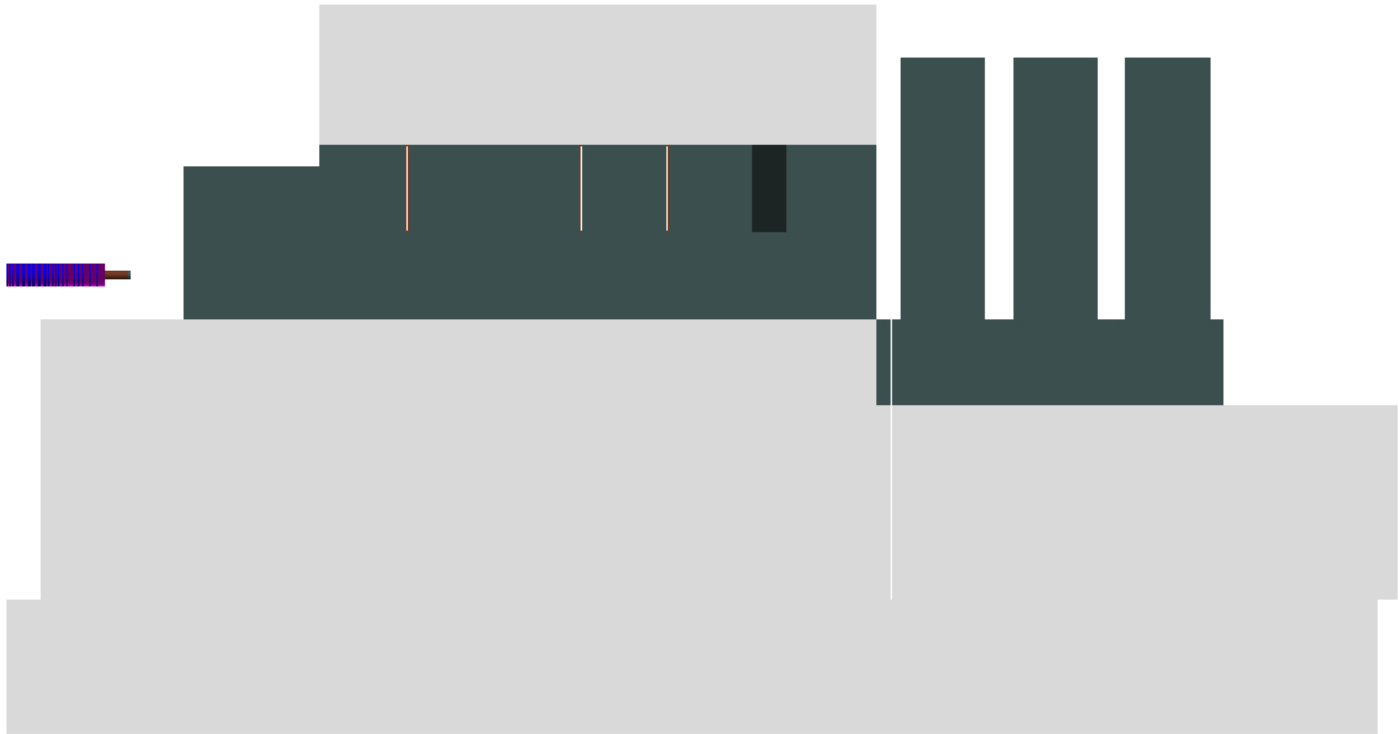

GEANT4.10: Muons

- Theoretical model:
  - Photomuon production algorithms based on Kelner, Kokoulin, and Petrukhin (*Moscow Phys. Eng. Inst. 024-95, 1995*)

- Simulation parameters:
  - Build customized physics list:
    - Start with `QGSP_BERT_EMZ` list (contains `G4EmStandardPhysics_option4` and `G4EmExtraPhysics`)
    - Register the process `G4GammaConversionToMuons` to the process list for photons
    - Register process `G4MuonNuclearProcess` to process lists for muons (using `G4MuonVDNuclearModel`)
  - Mixture of built-in scoring and `ROOT` histograms
  - **To be done: Biasing of muon processes**

Scoring

- Muon fluence in the 4 gaps
  - normalized to integrated electron charge on beam dump
  - in $\mu/\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{coulomb}$
- Dose in the 4 gaps
  - scored in thin volumes of LiF placed in each gap (to simulate thermoluminescent dosimeters)
  - normalized to integrated electron charge on beam dump
  - in rad/coulomb
- Double-differential scoring in energy and angle for muons crossing copper-water boundaries of target beam dump
  - scored over a target thickness of 6 radiation length

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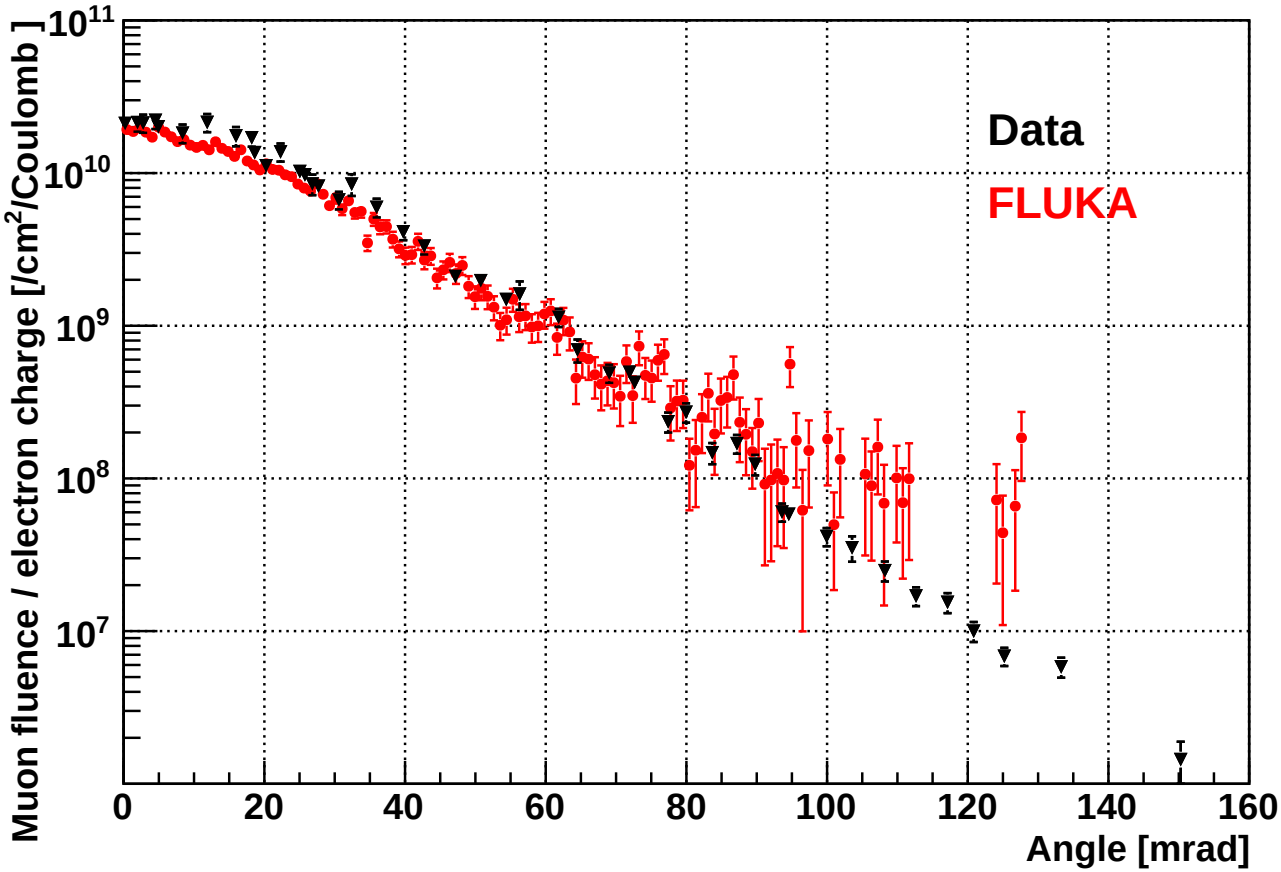

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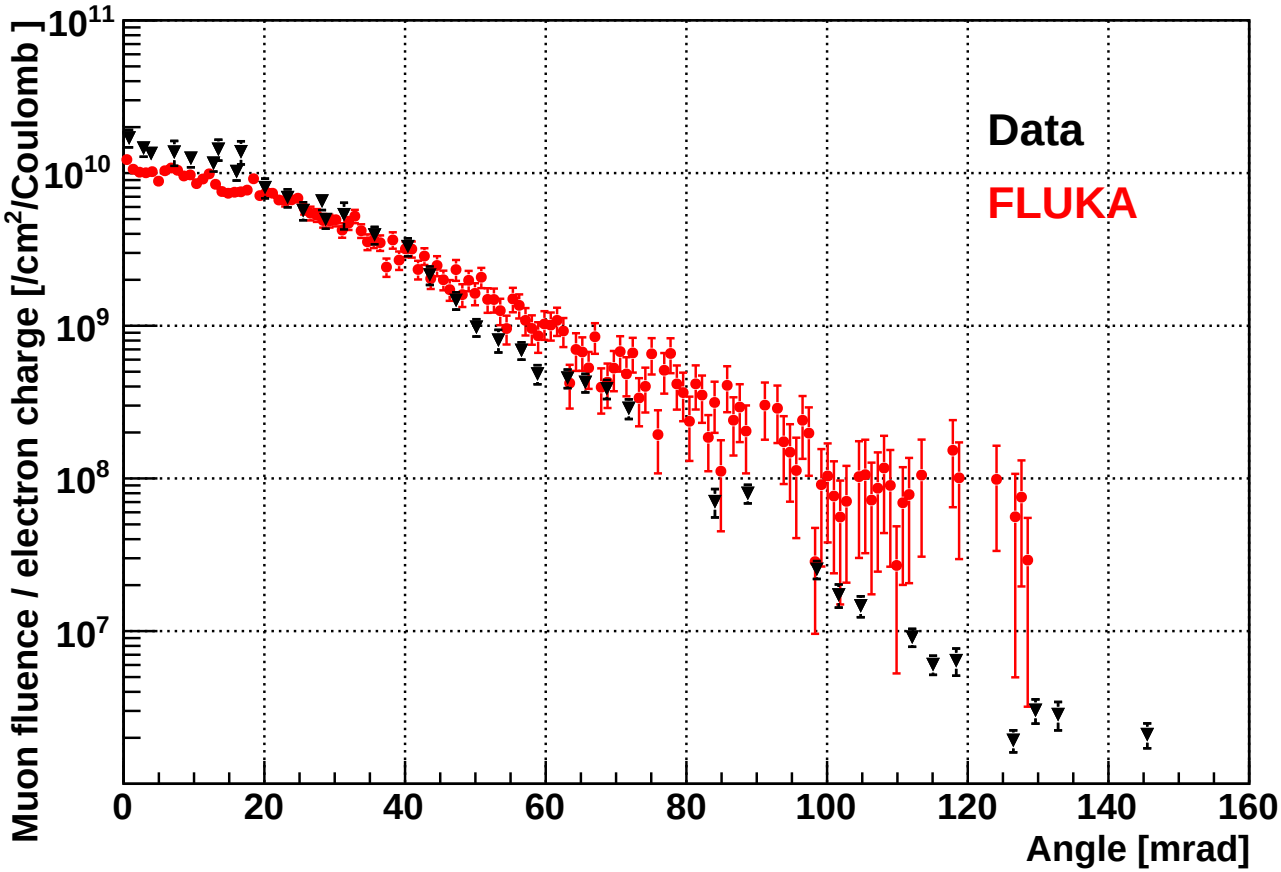

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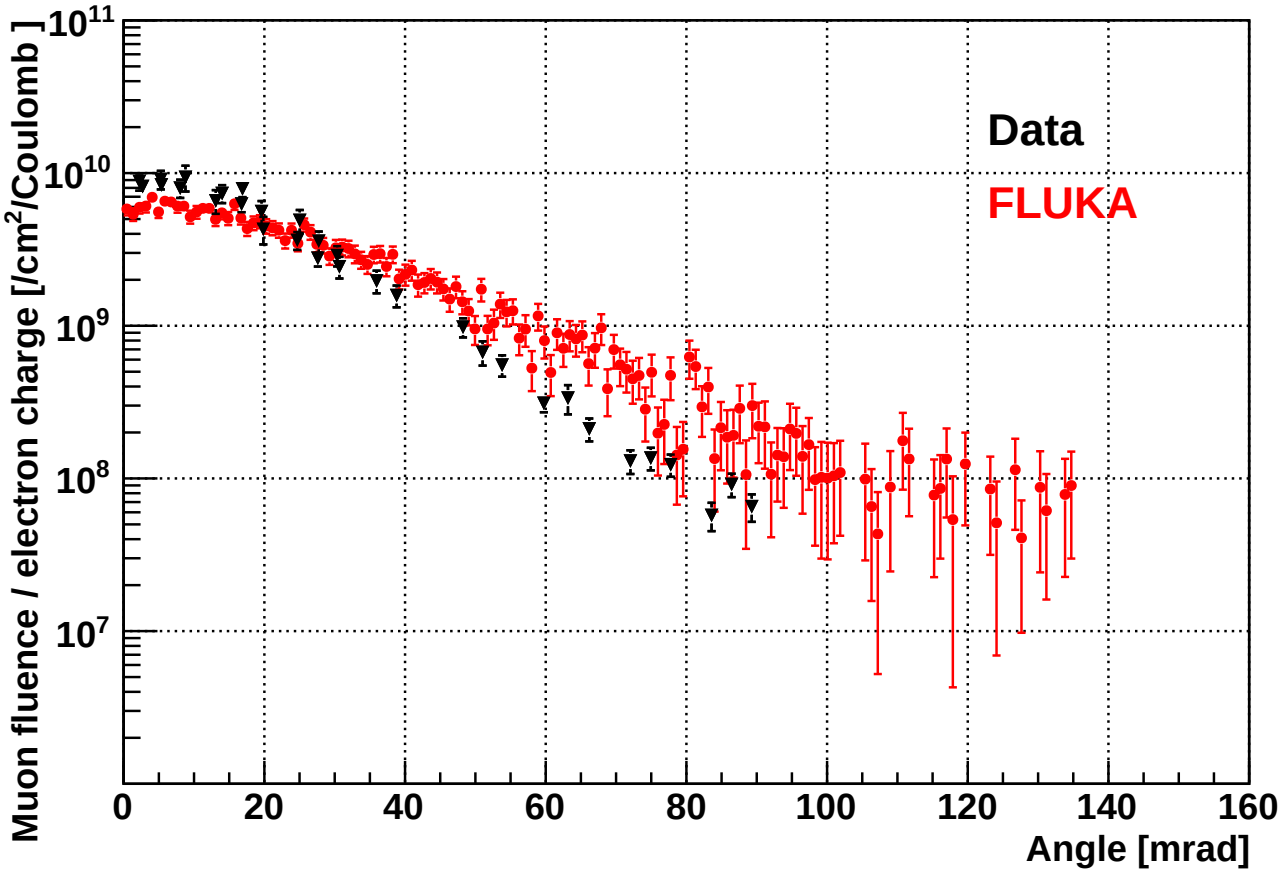

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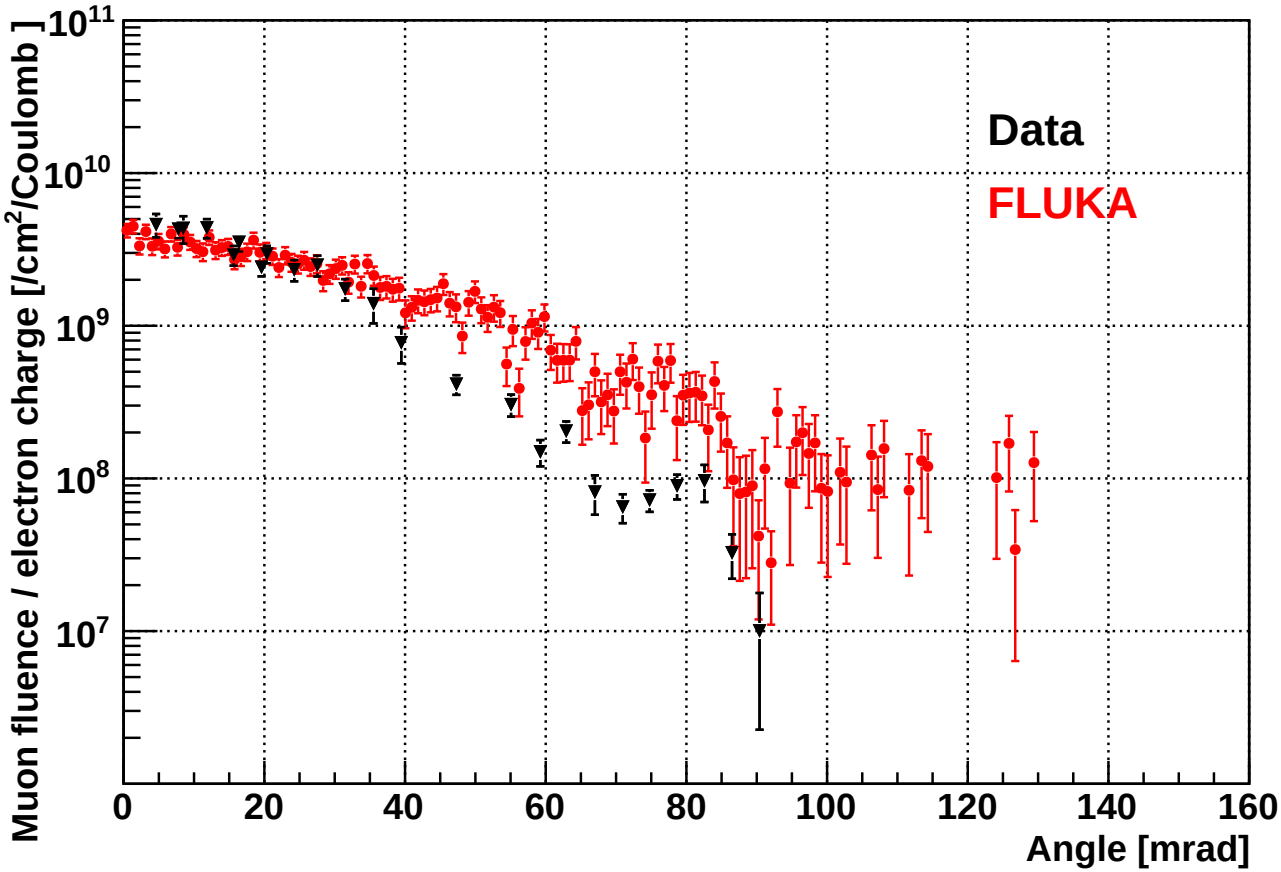

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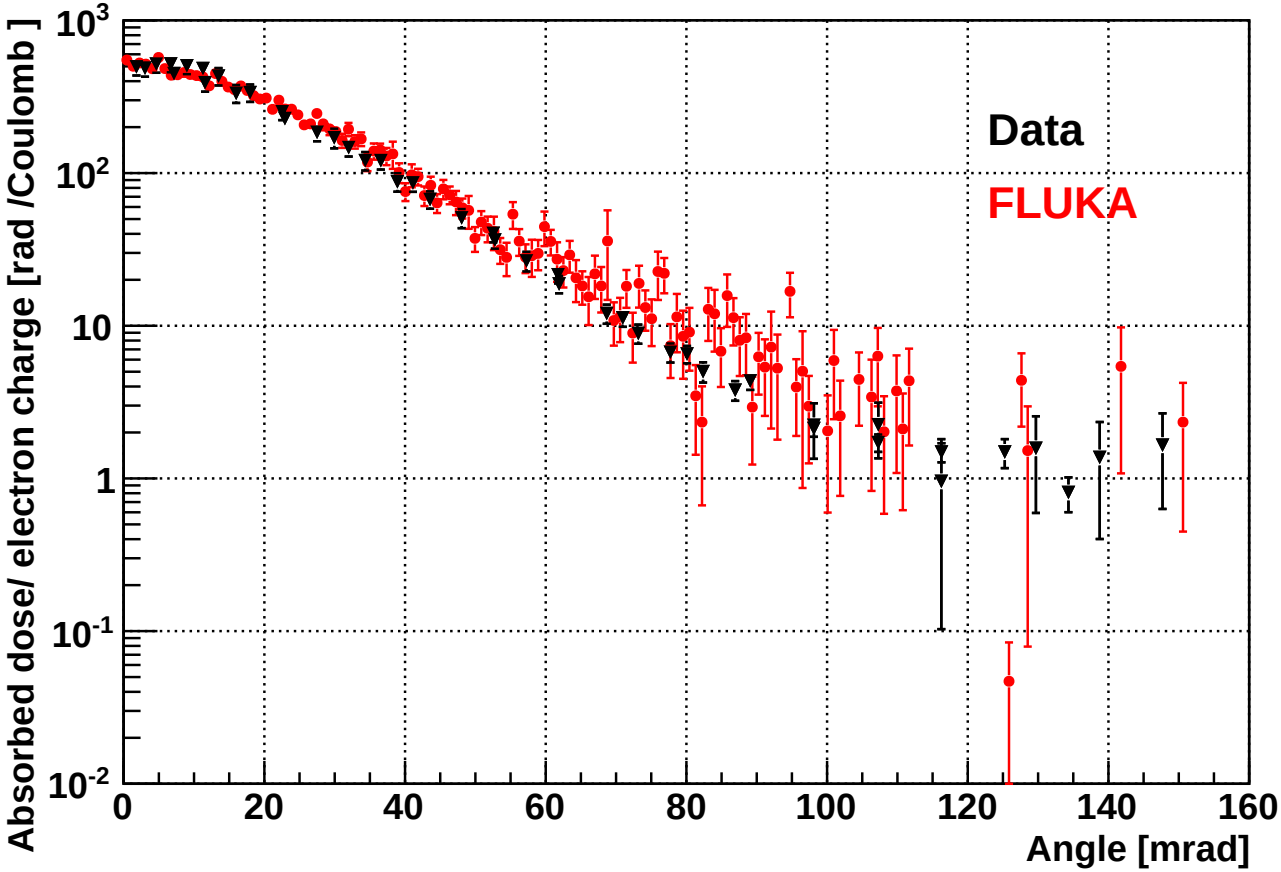

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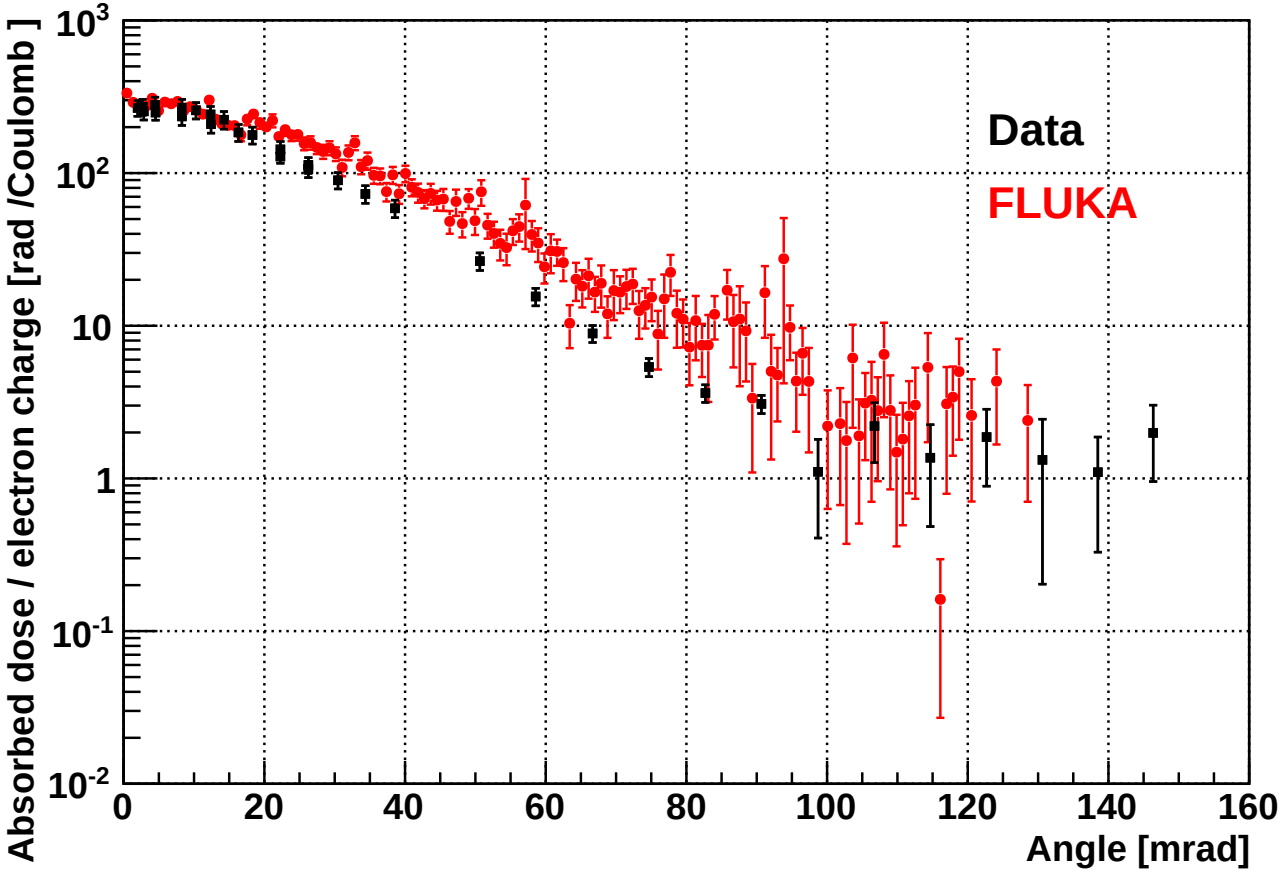

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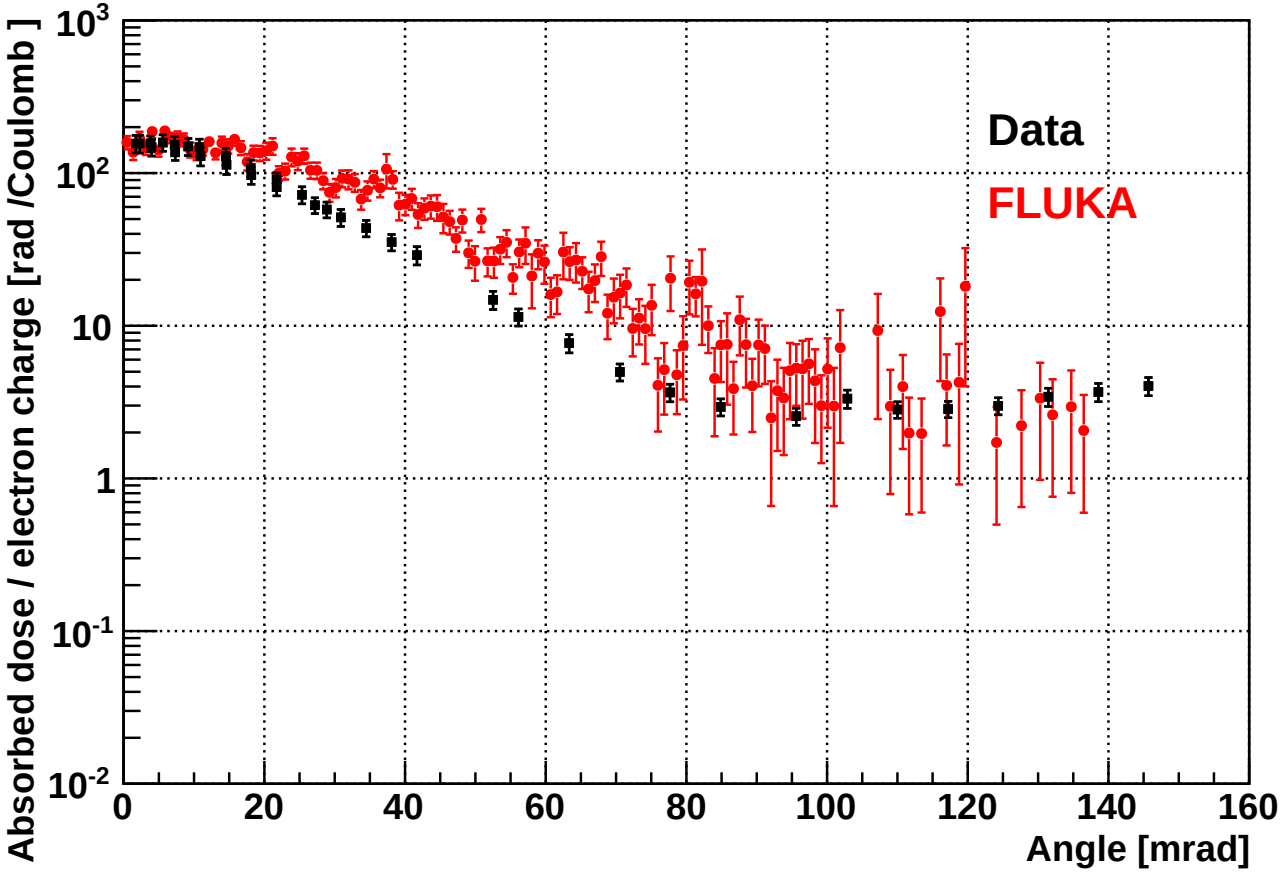

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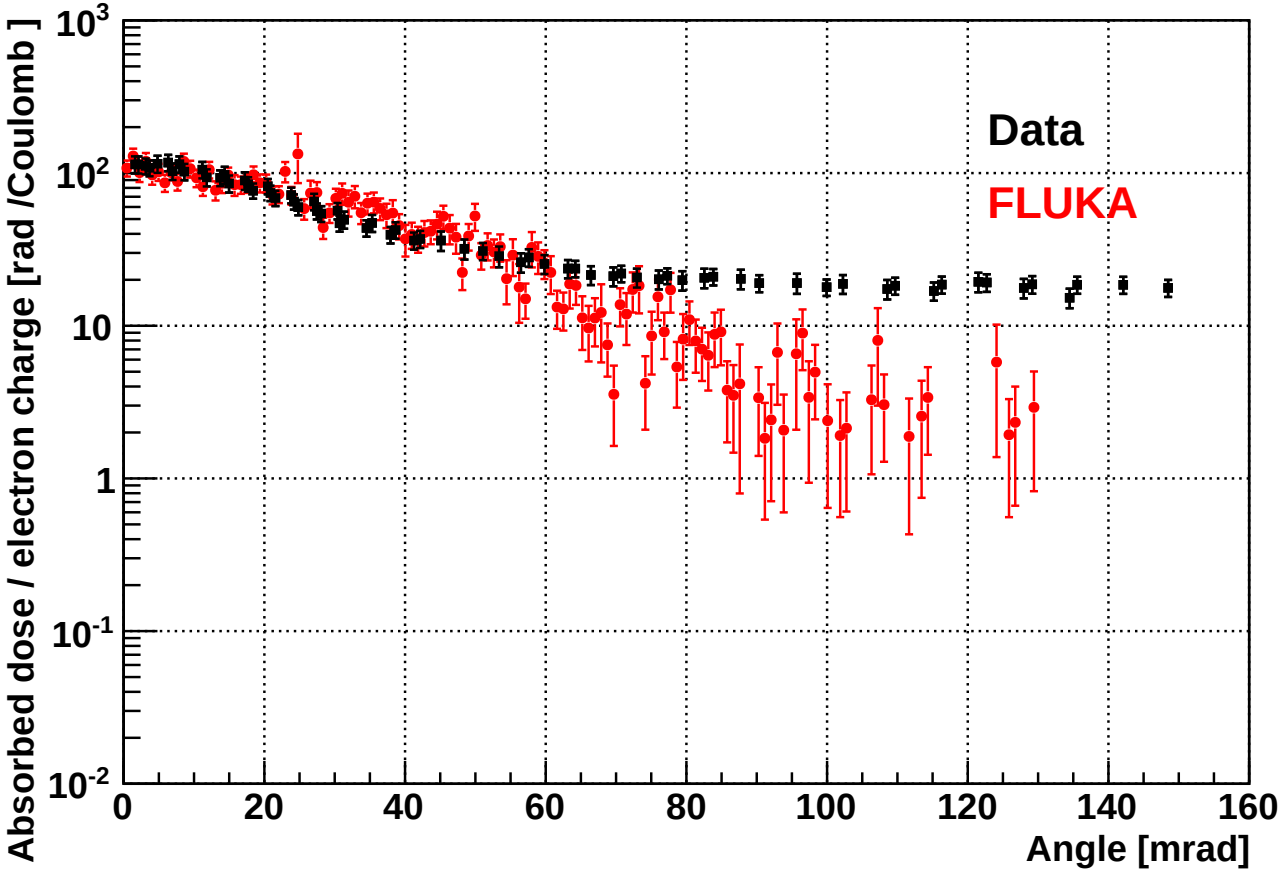

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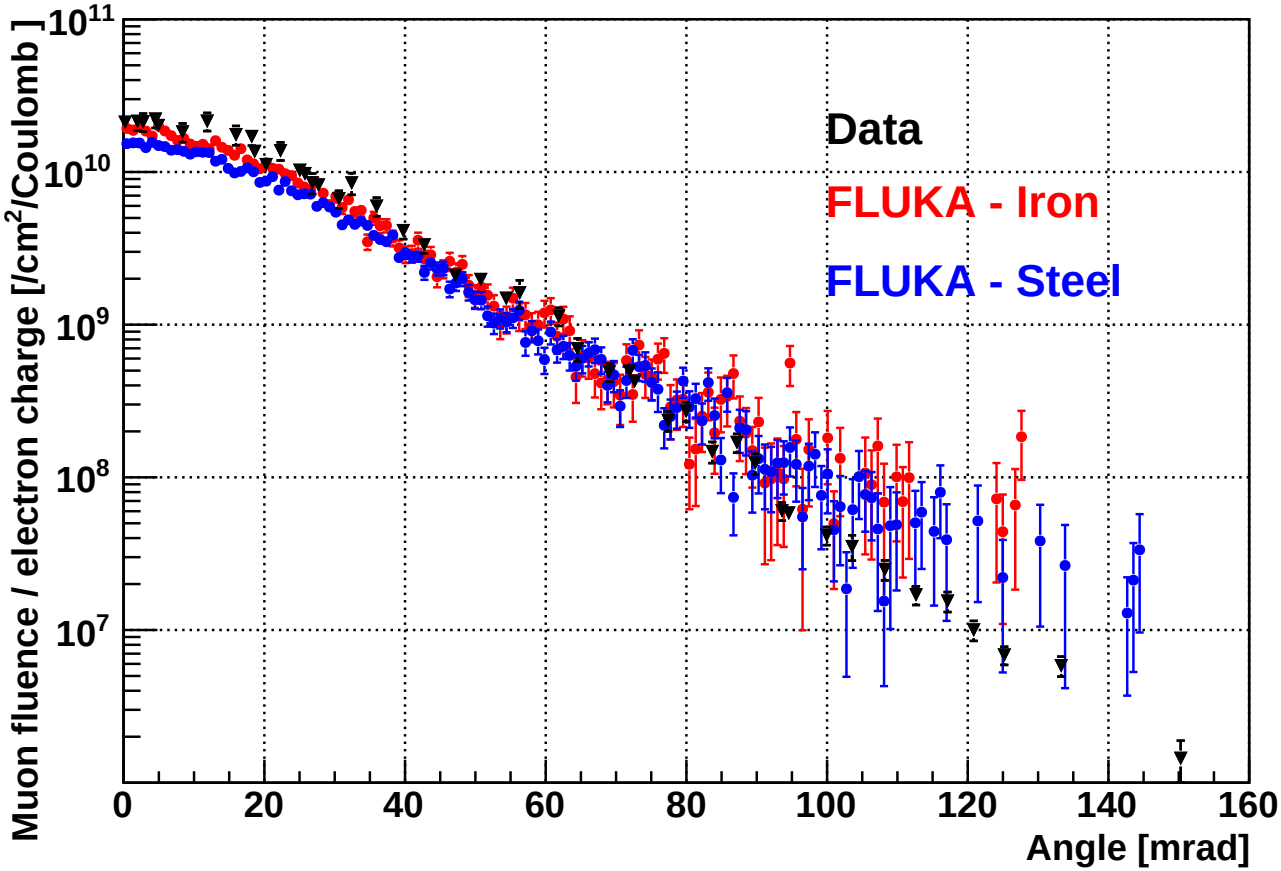

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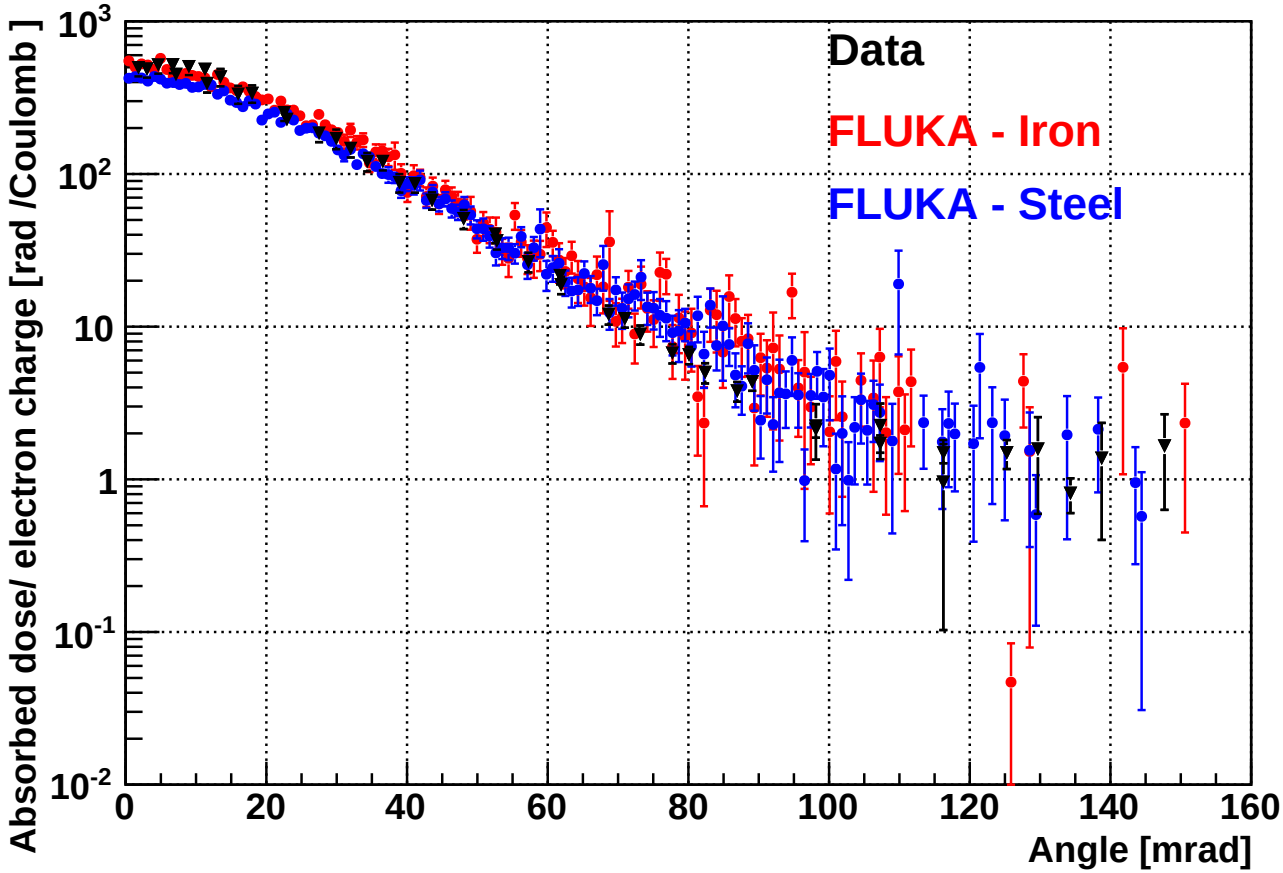

Conclusions:

- Based on the experimental results on muon production by an 18 GeV e^- beam hitting a copper-water target reported by Nelson, Kase, and Svensson, the Monte Carlo transport codes MARS, FLUKA and GEANT4 have been used to model the experimental conditions
- First preliminary results on muon fluence and absorbed dose have been produced with FLUKA. The agreement between the simulated results and the experimental values is quite promising
- Results with MARS and GEANT4 will follow soon
- Still some uncertainties about actual geometry and materials
  - original logbooks of the experiment are currently been retrieved
- Further refinement of the simulations together with consistency checks will allow to compare the implementation of muon production and transport in the different transport codes
- Work has just started now!

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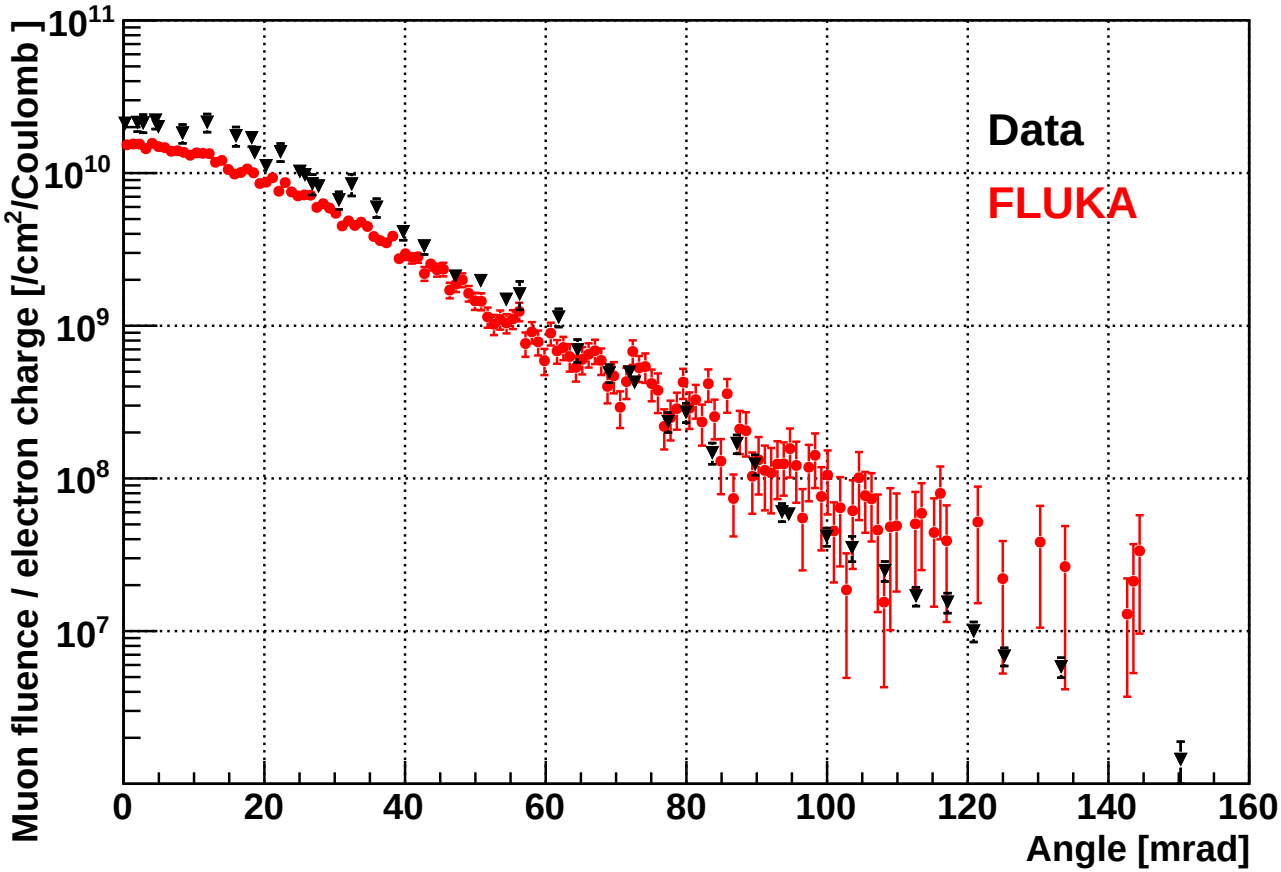

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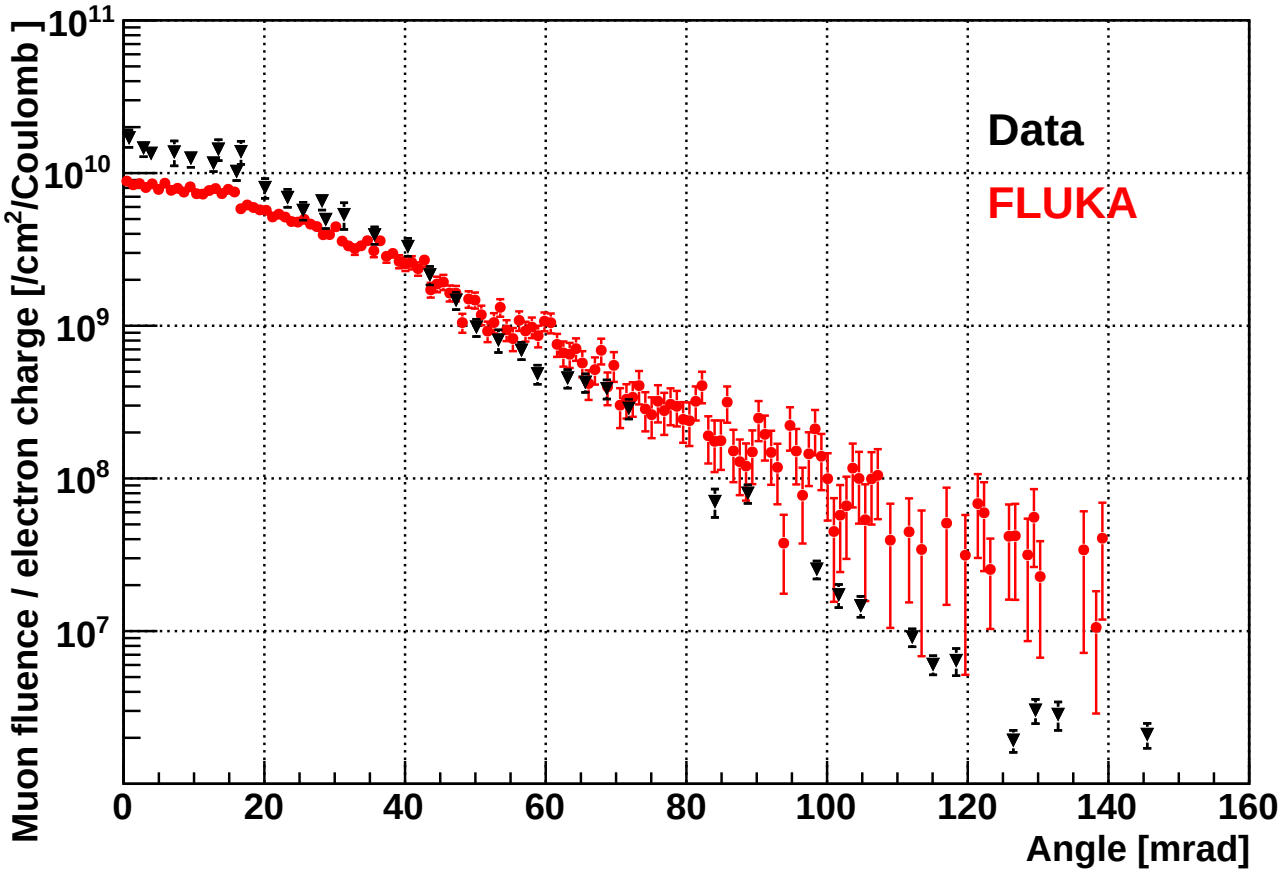

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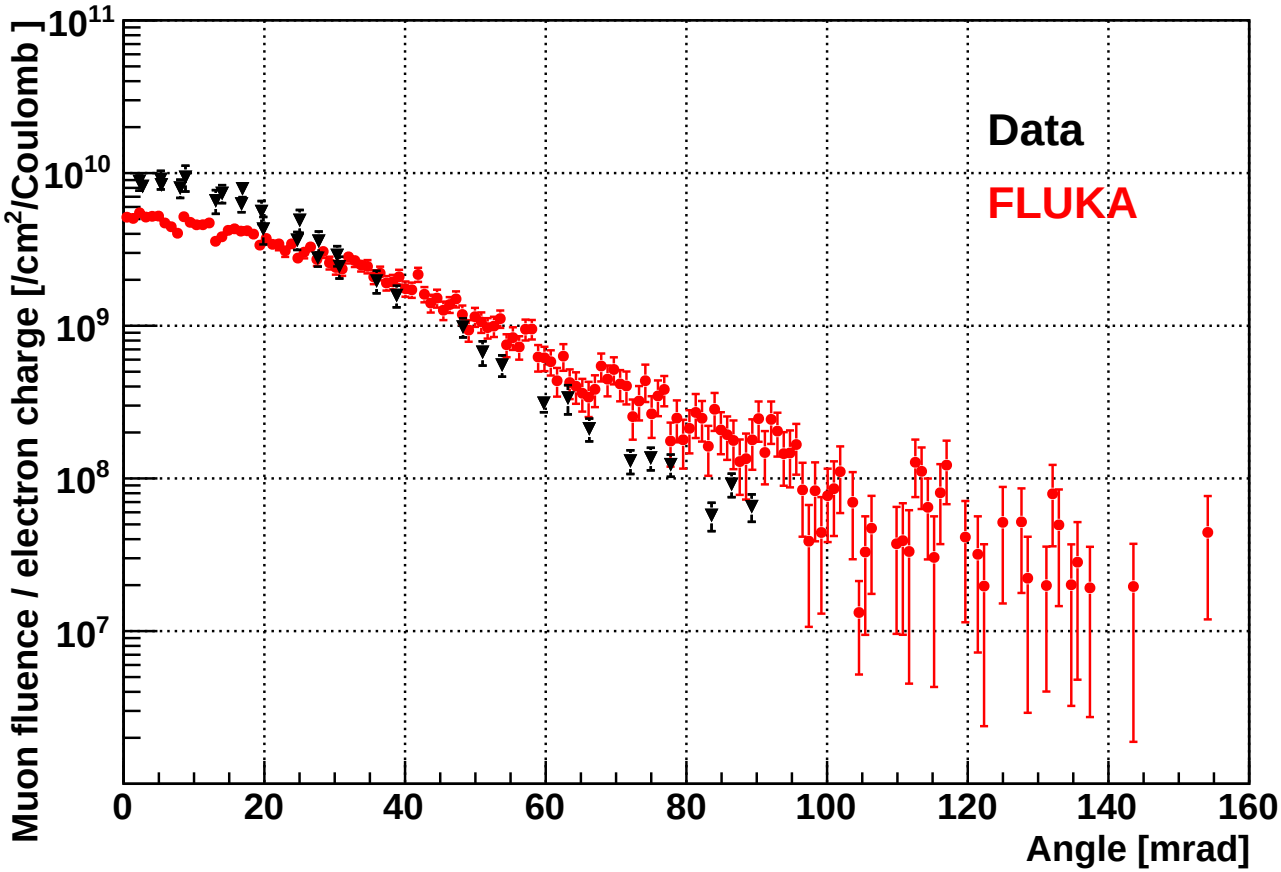

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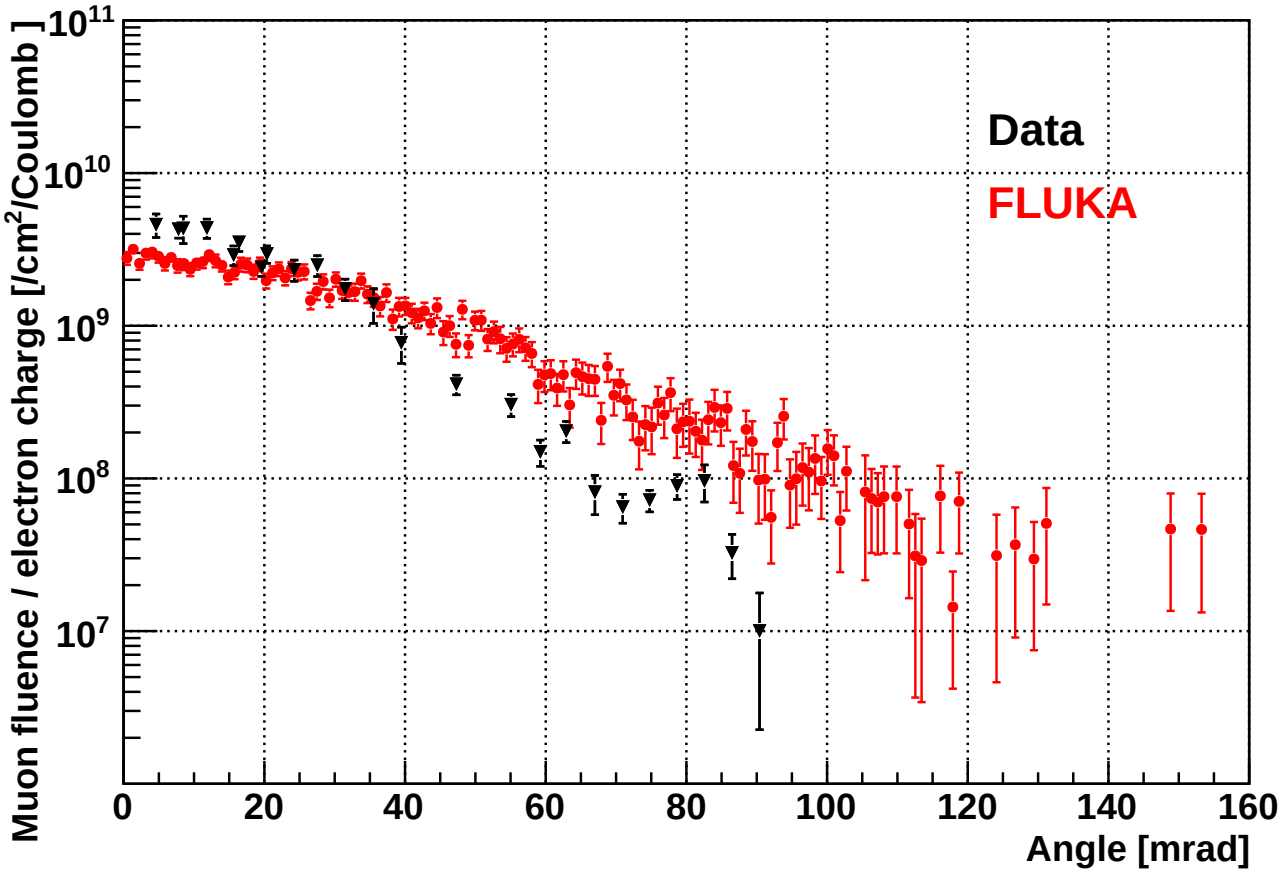

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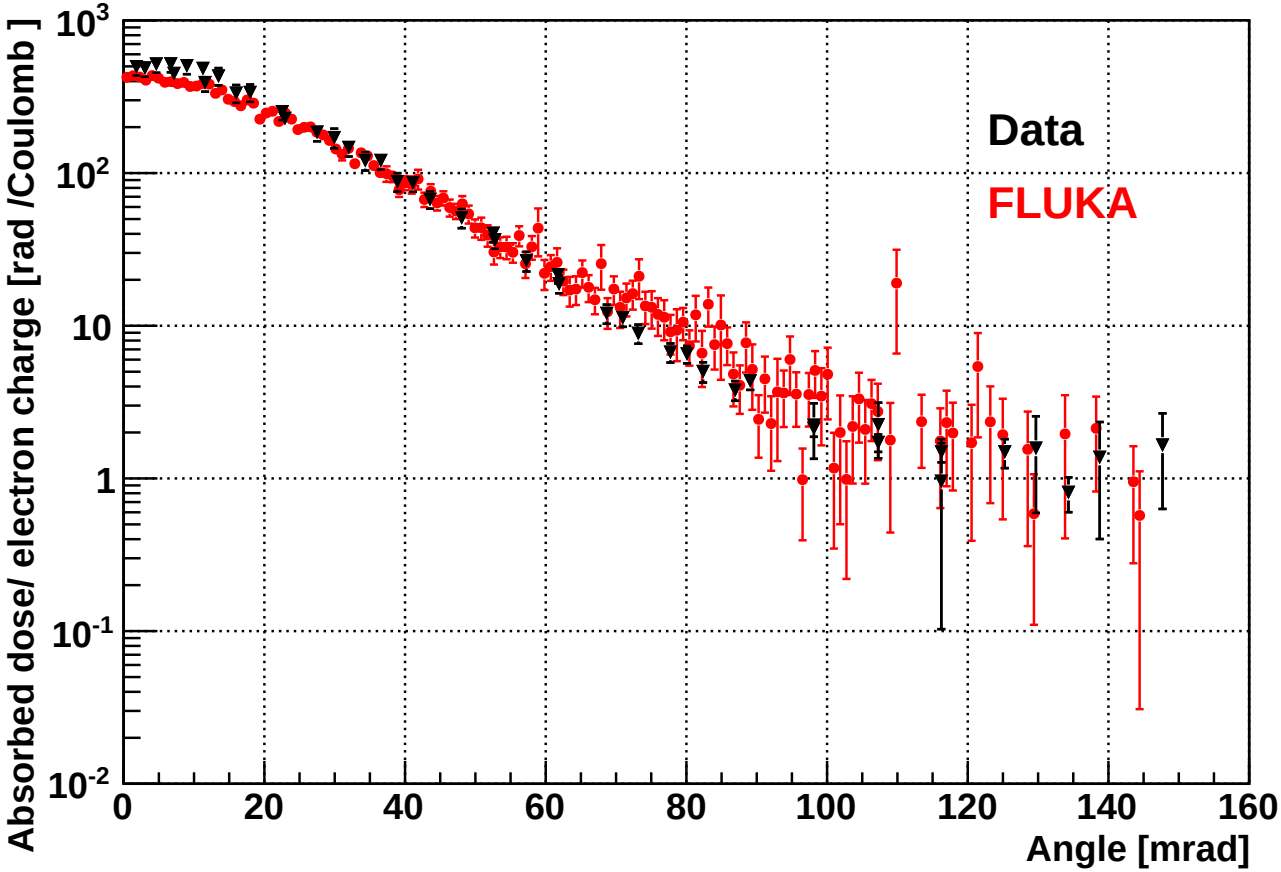

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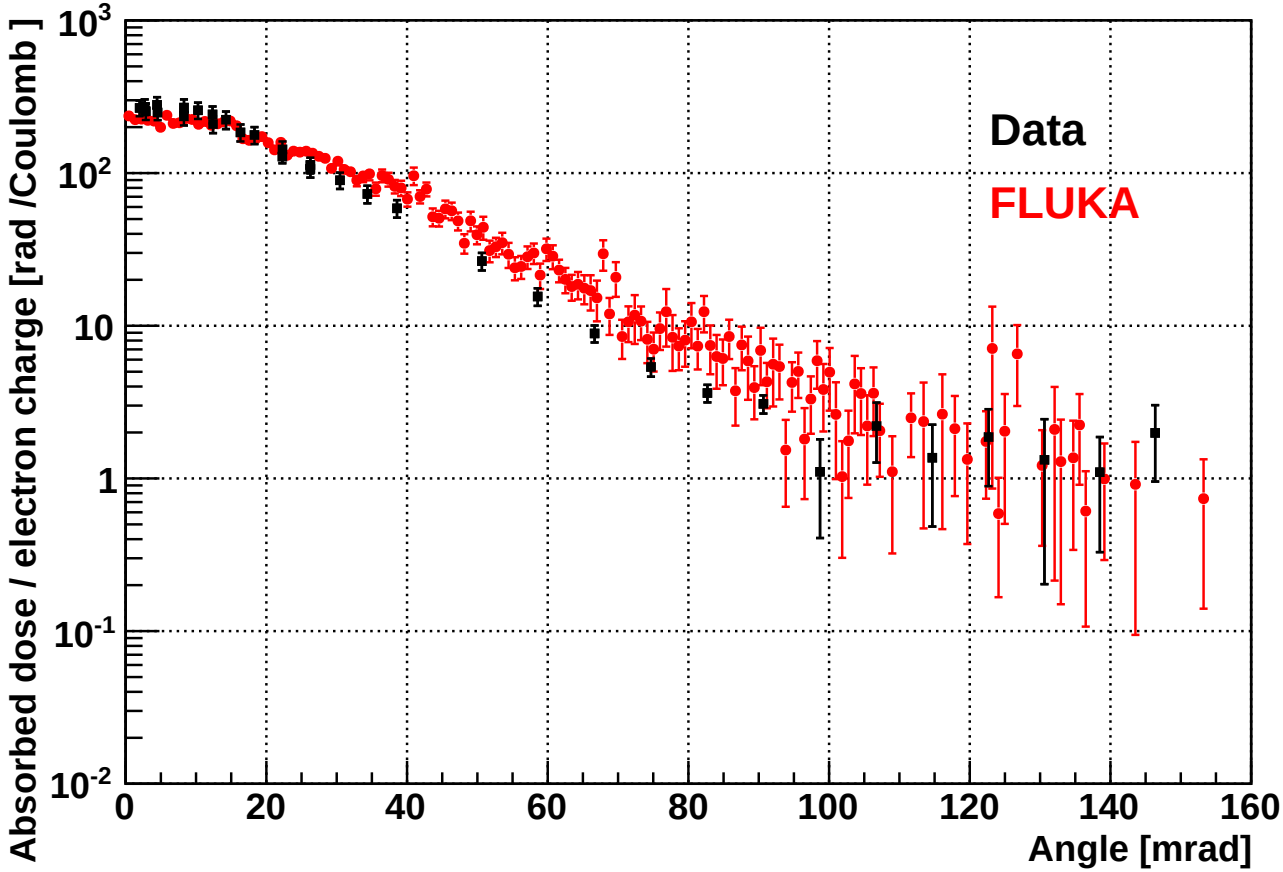

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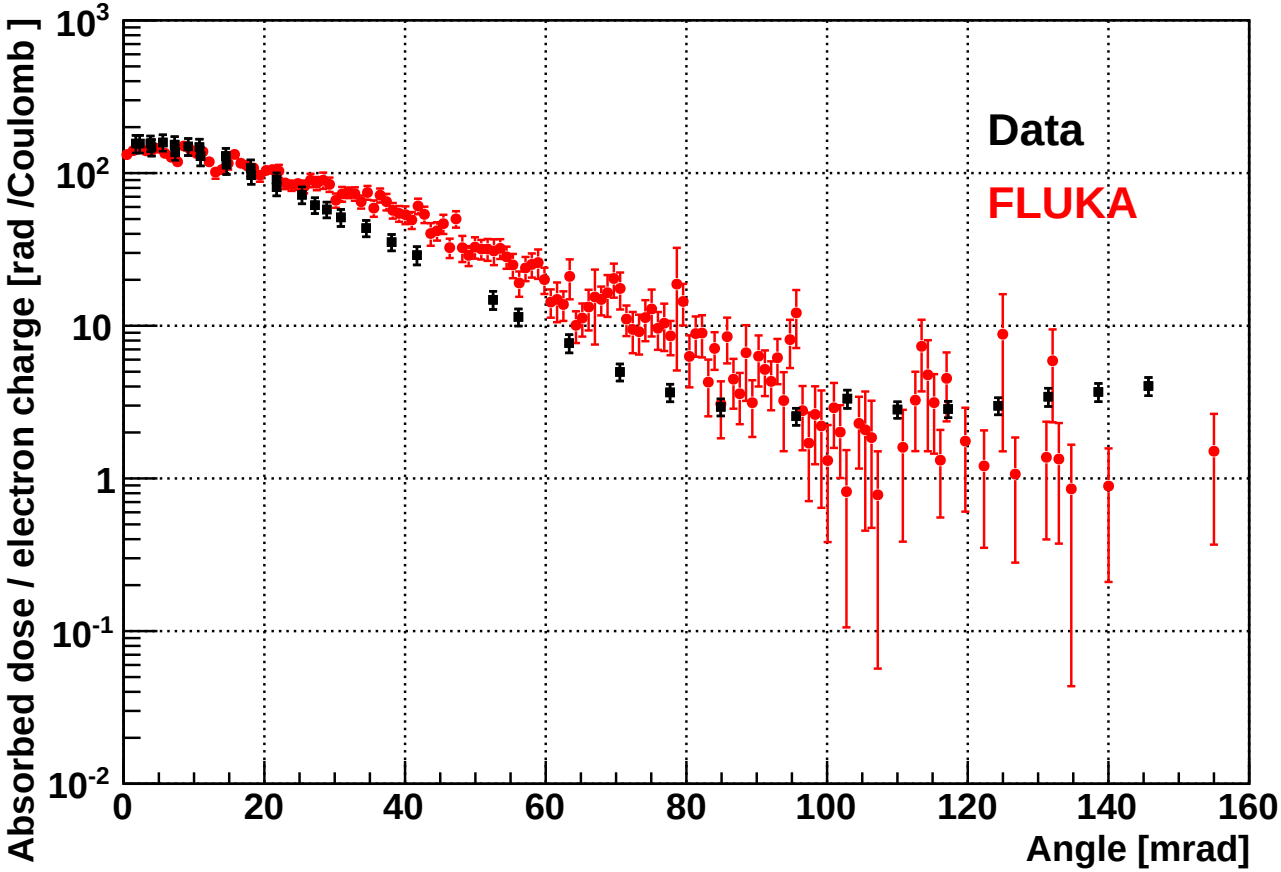

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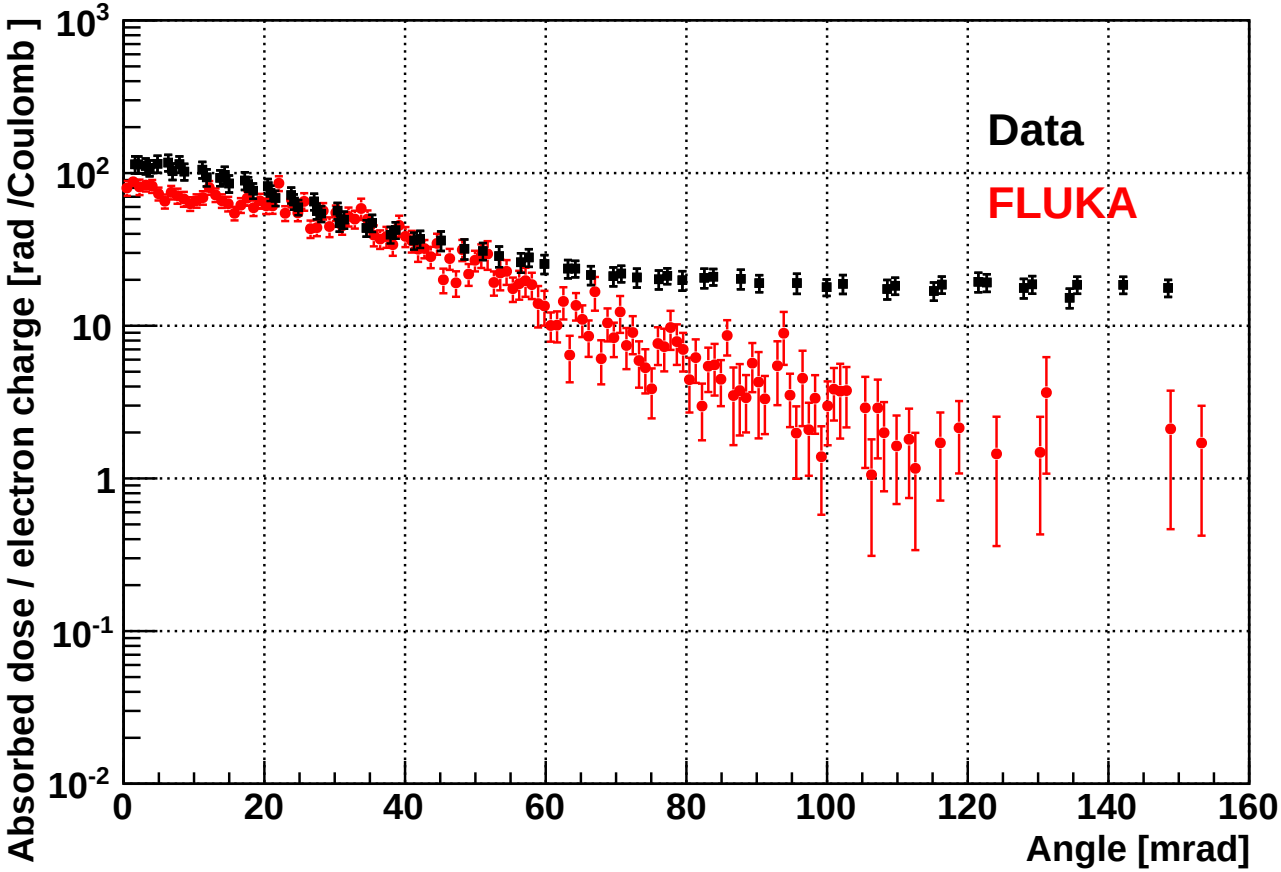

MARS15: Cross sections of muon production in γO and γCu

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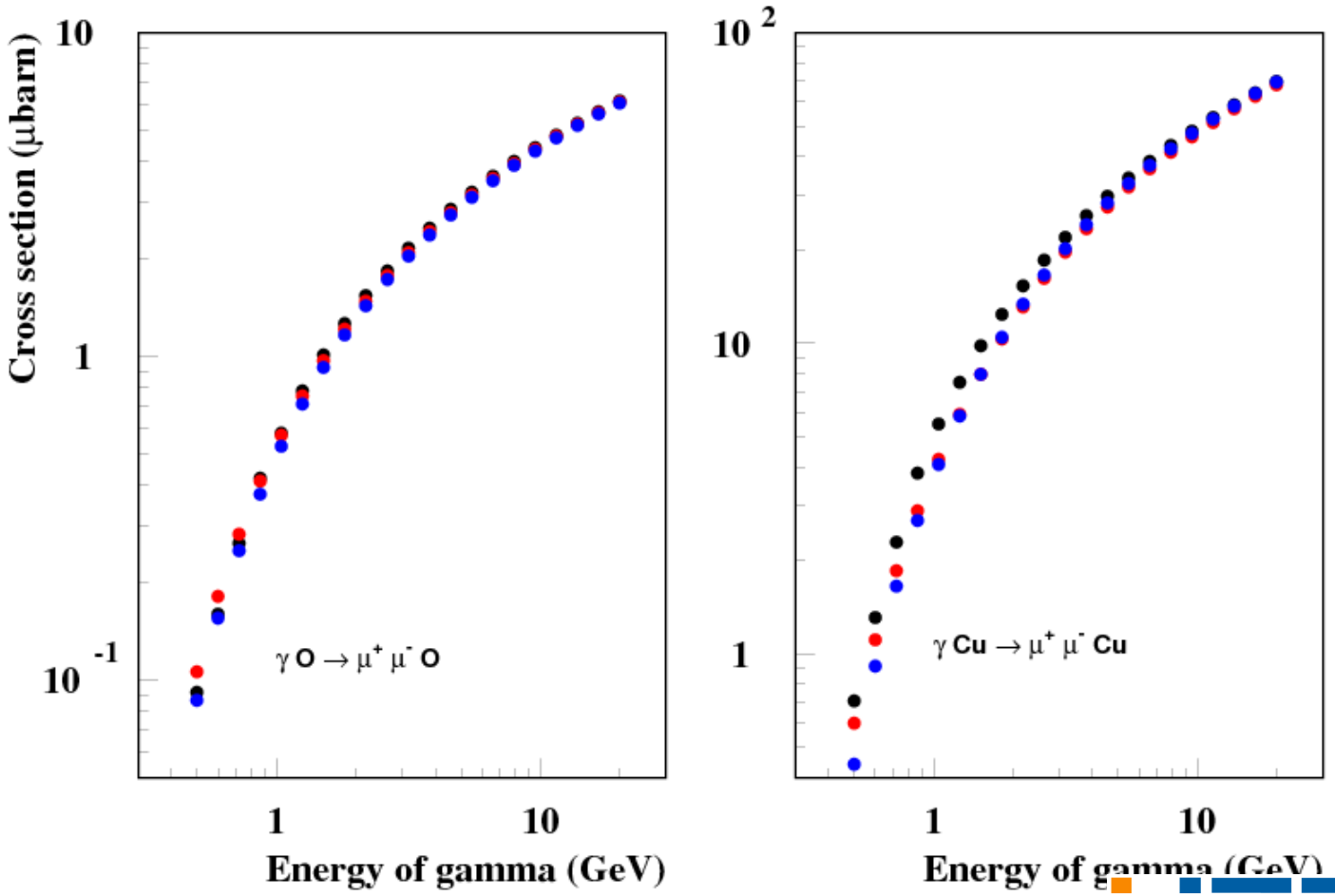

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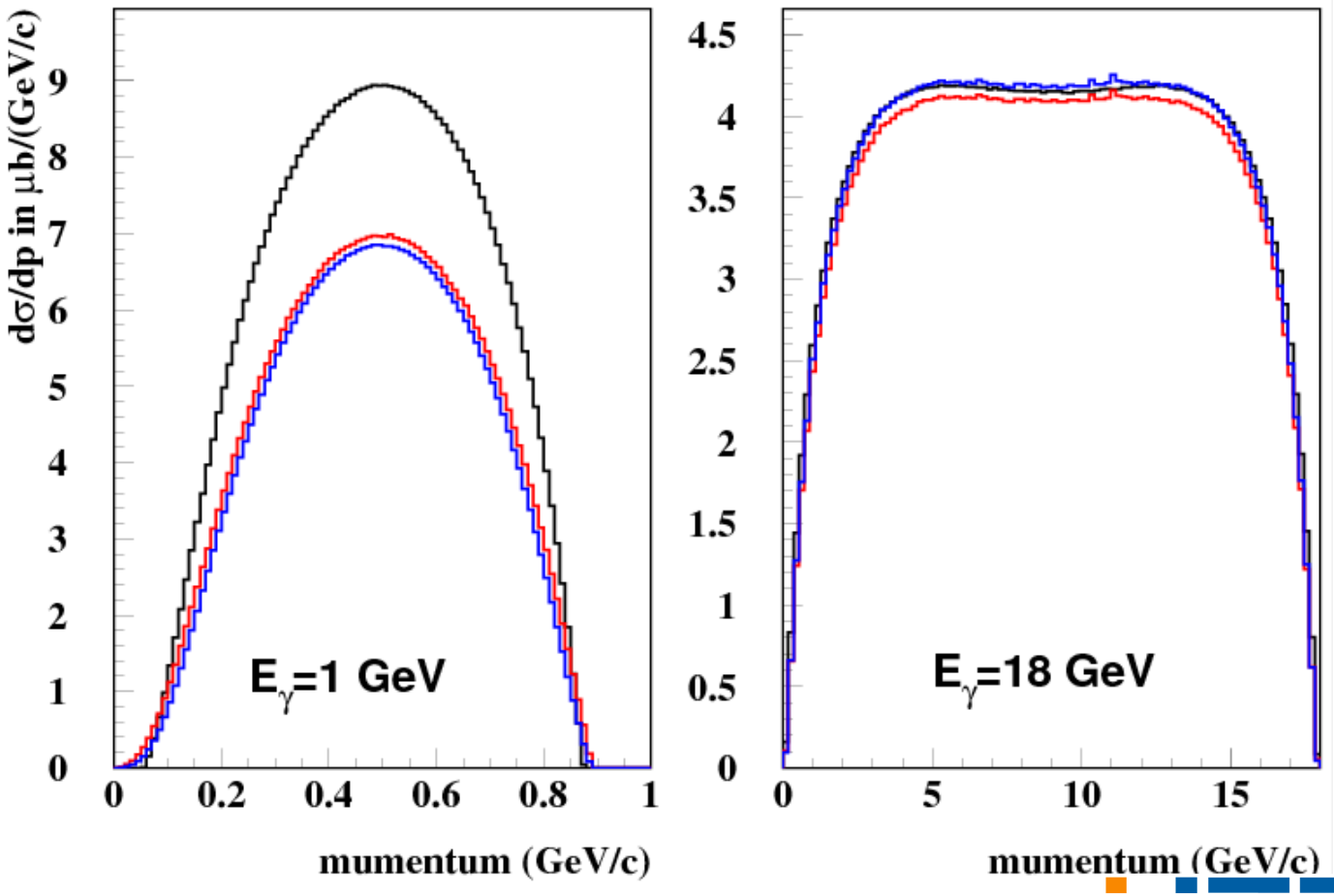

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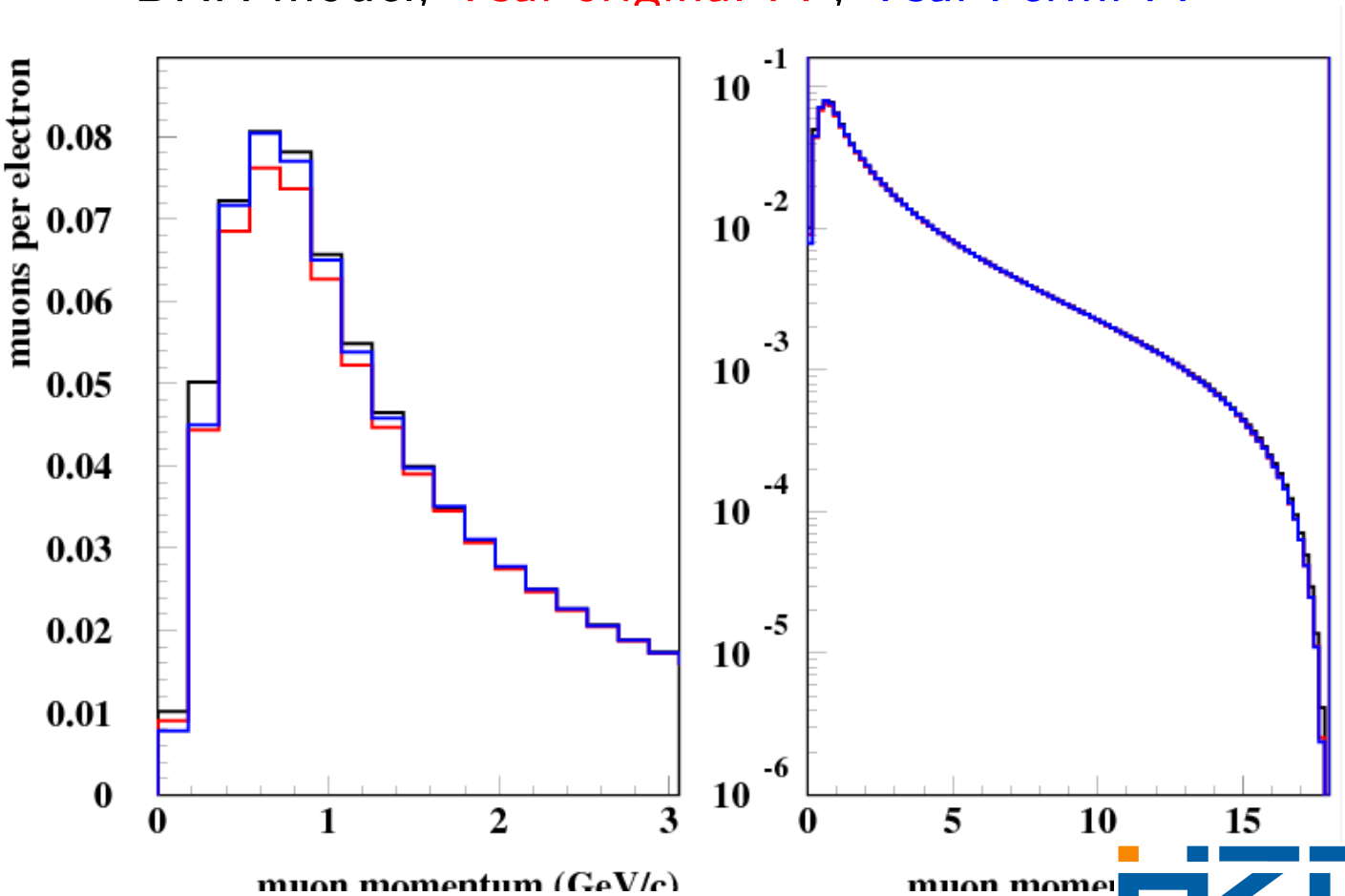

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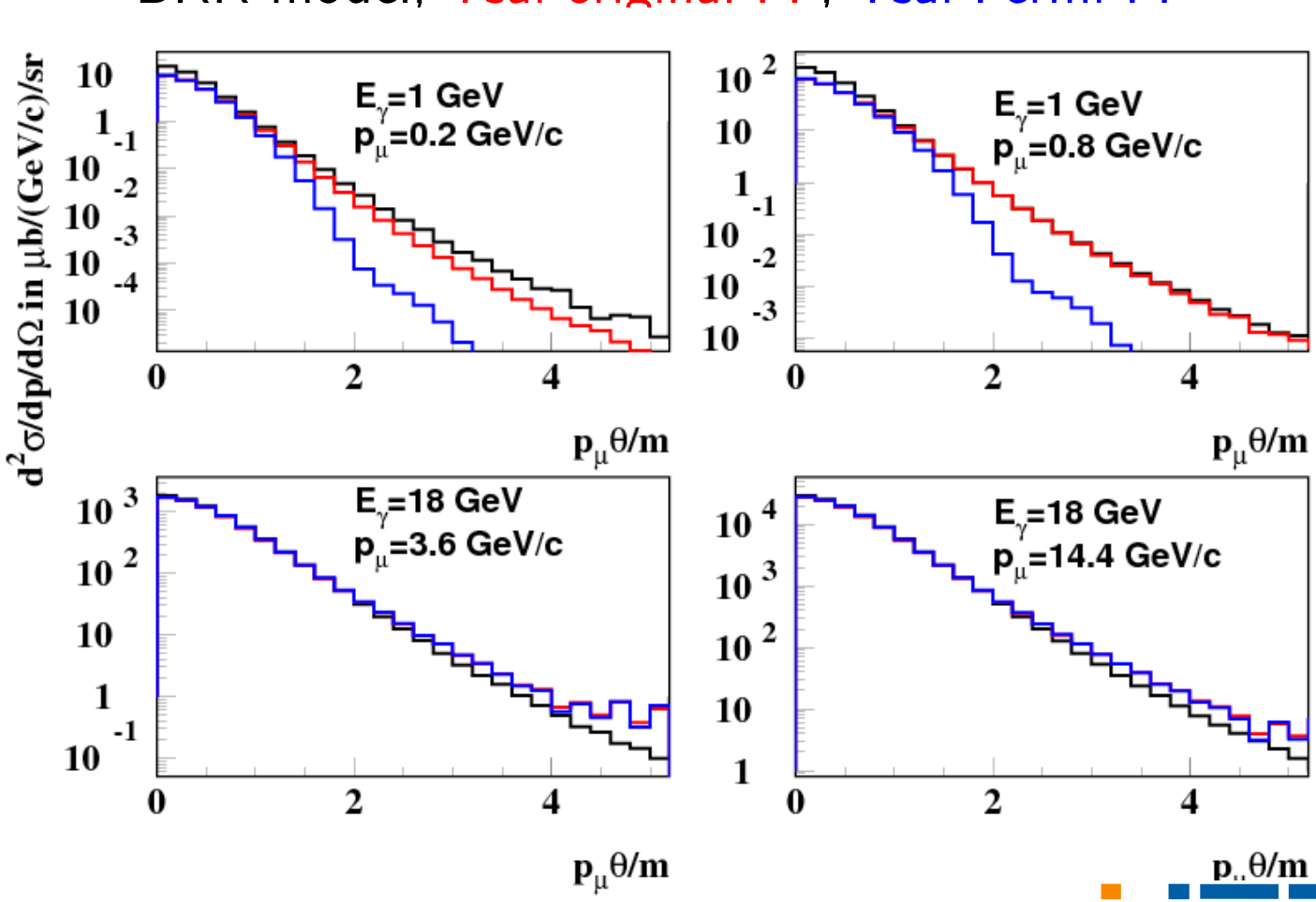

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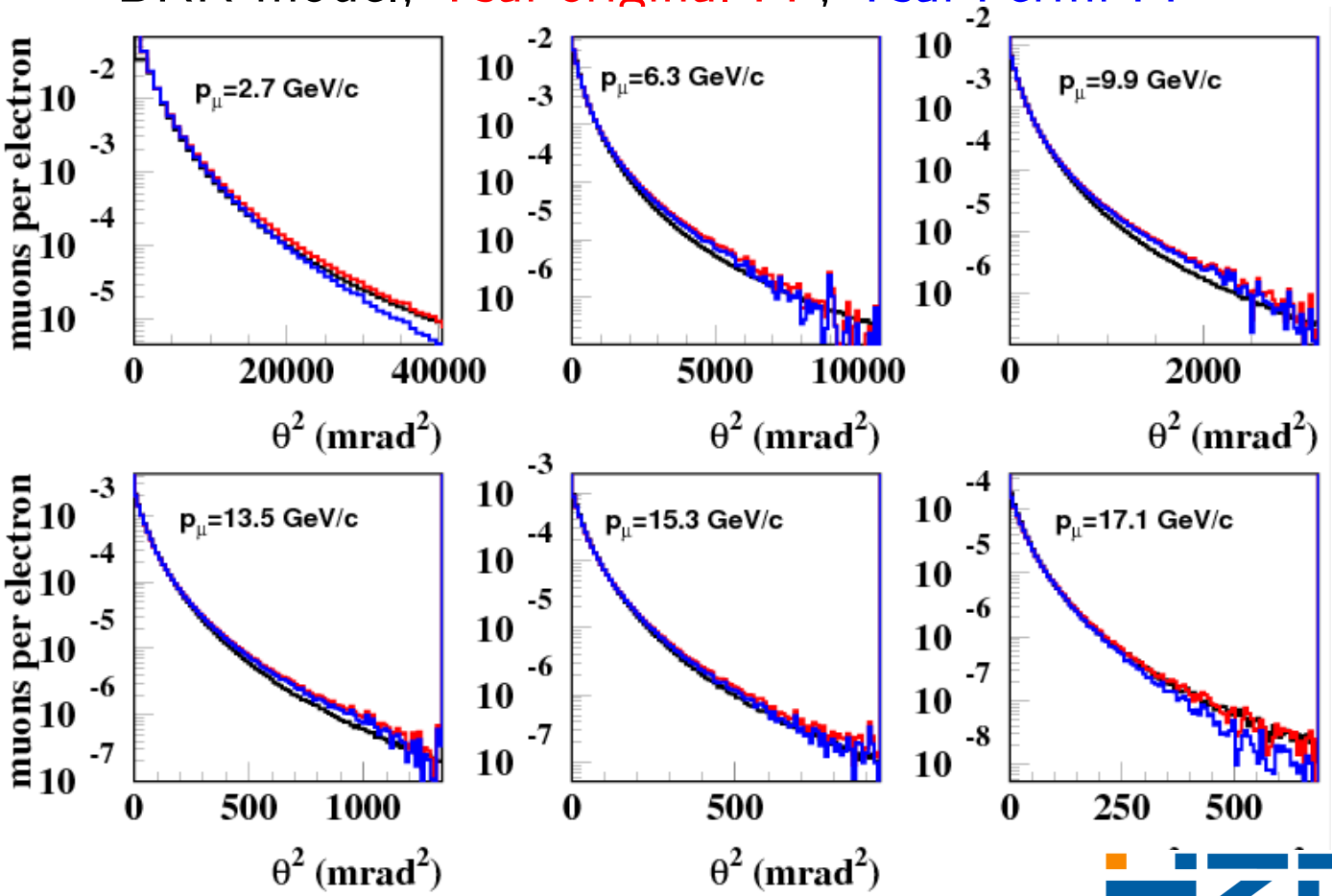

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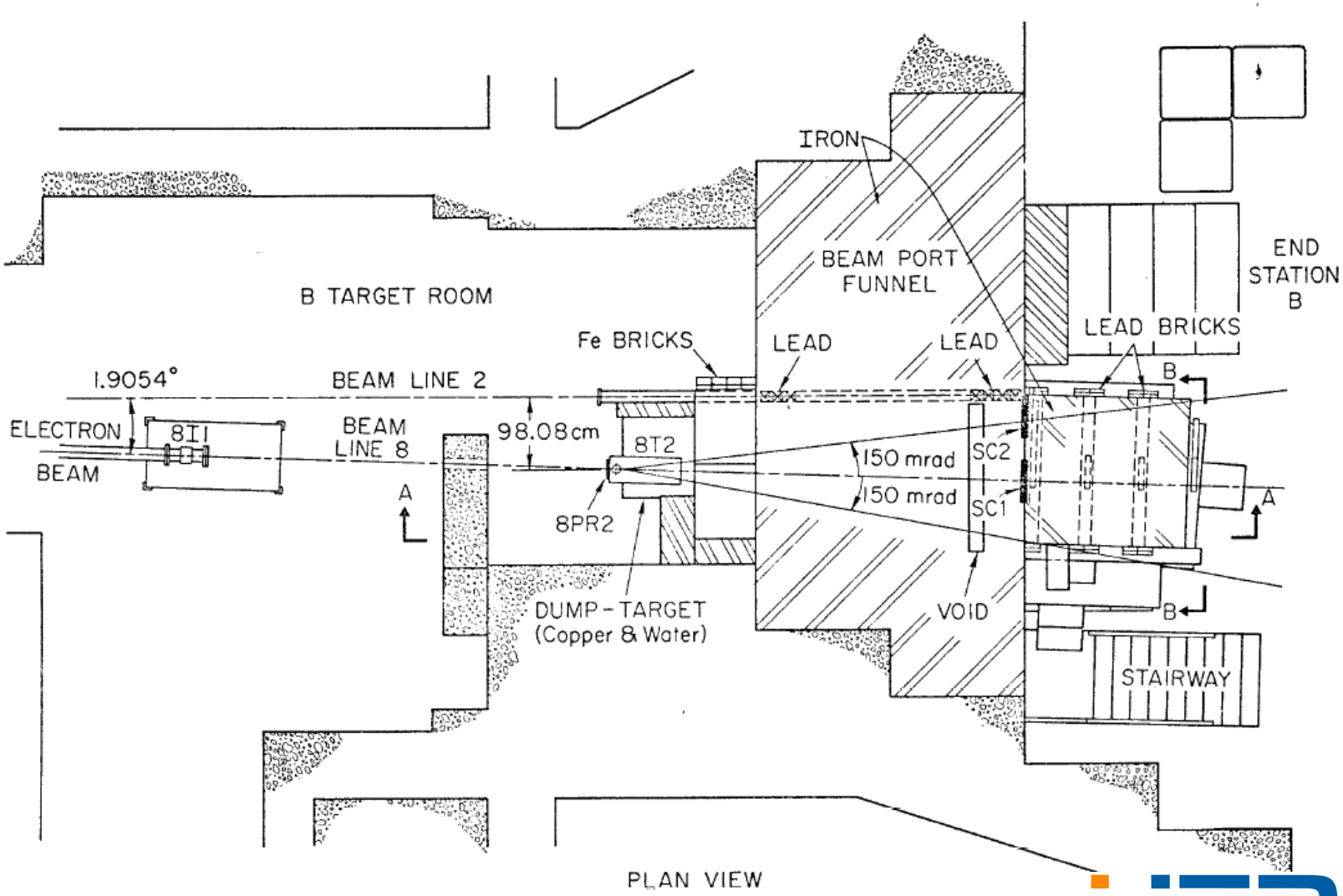
Horizontal view of the experimental setup: