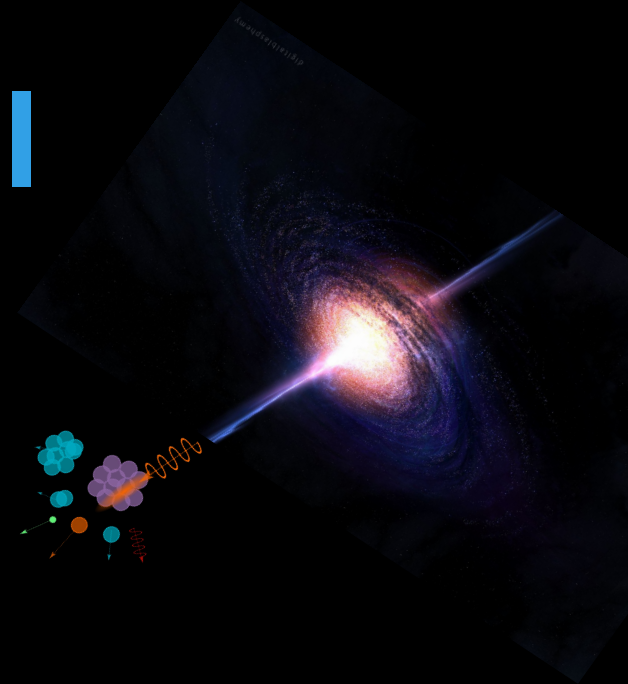


An improved model of UHECR nuclei photomeson interactions



...beyond a superposition of nucleons

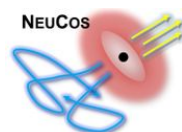
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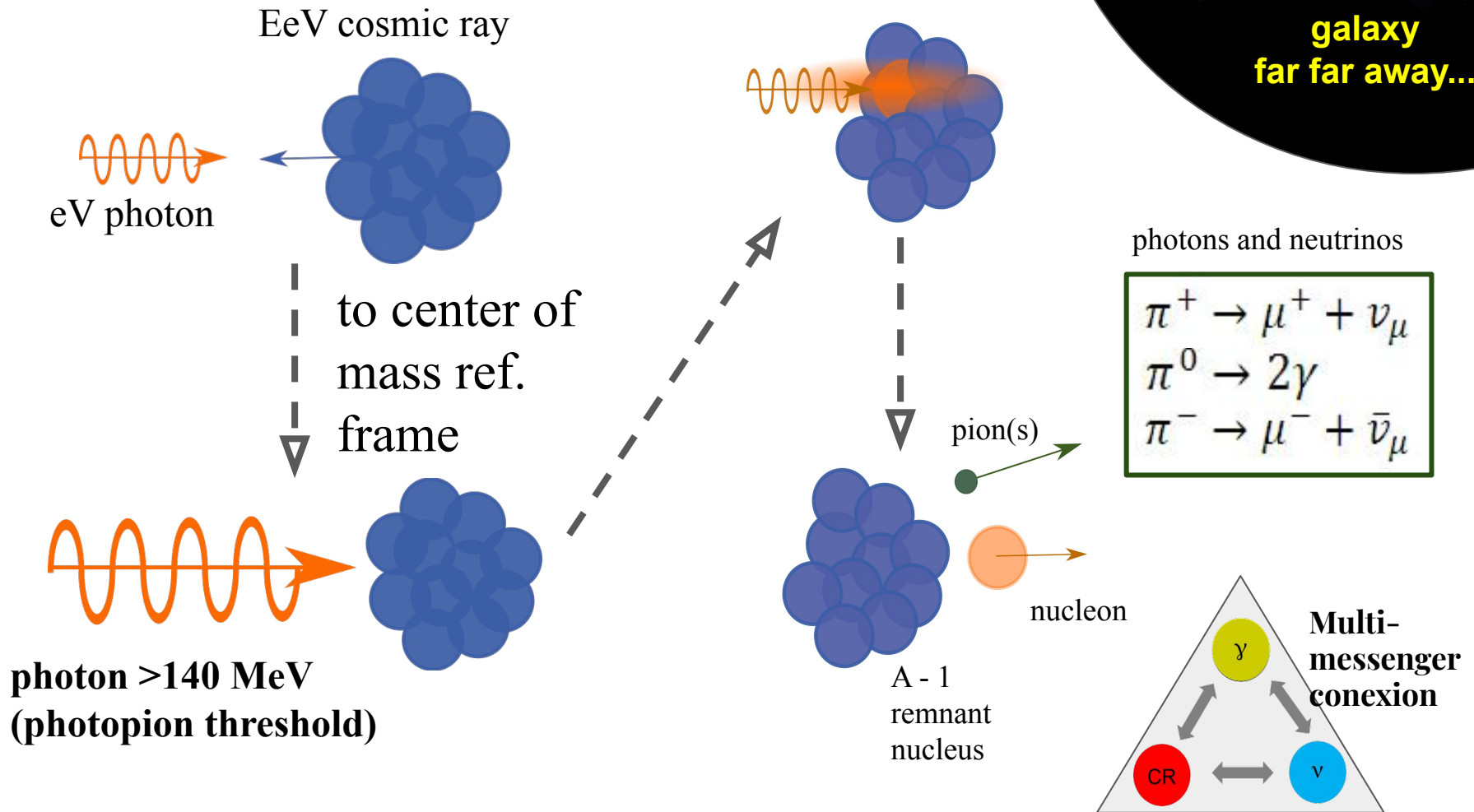


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Photomeson interactions briefly...

...photoproduction of pions resulting in neutrinos



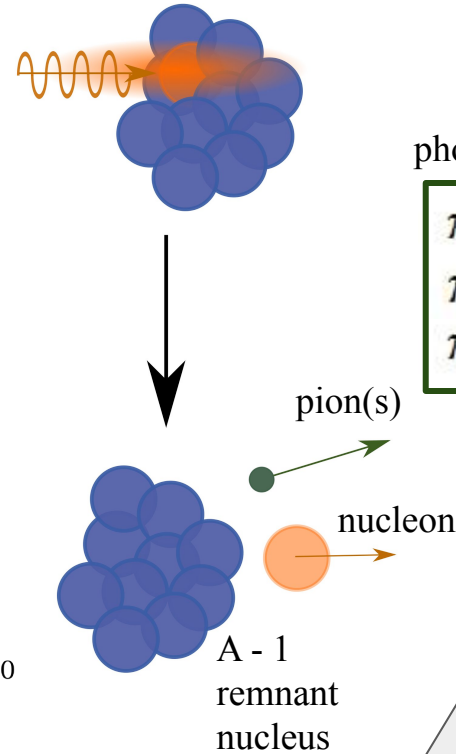
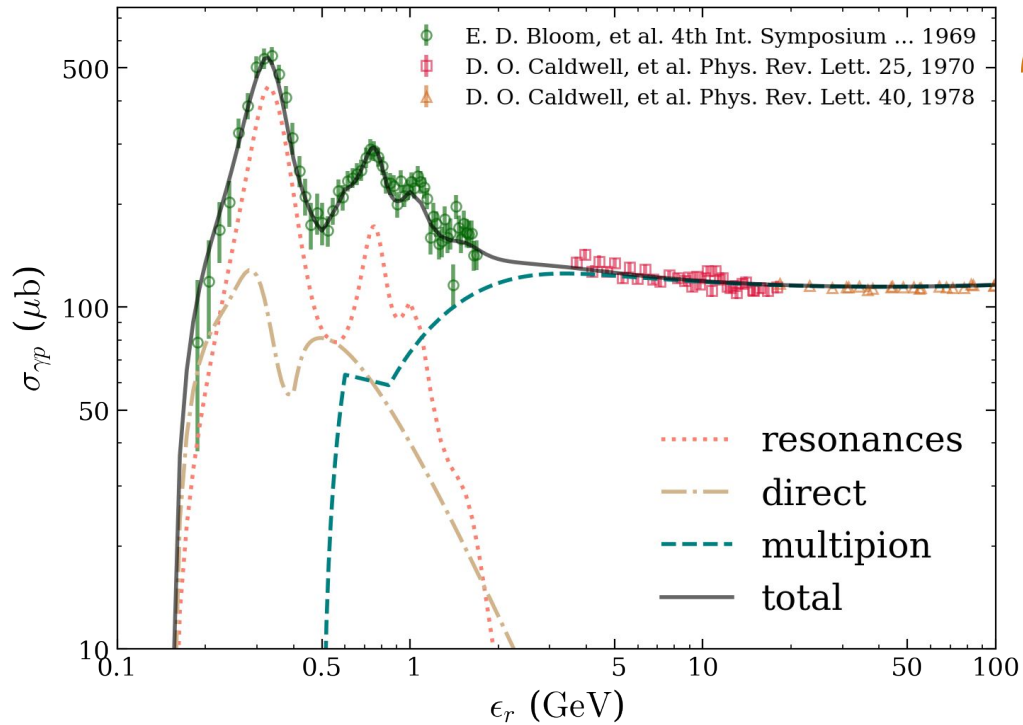
Single-particle model for nuclei

in short: nucleons in nuclei are considered free

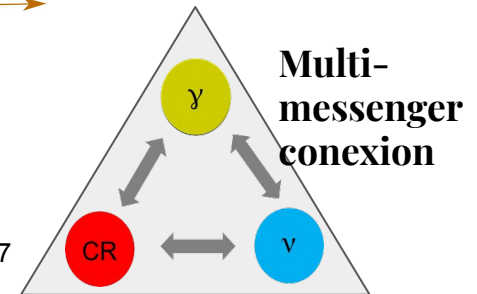
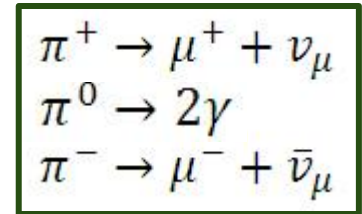


In a galaxy far far away...

Cross section for photon - proton interactions vs photon energy (as in SOPHIA)



photons and neutrinos



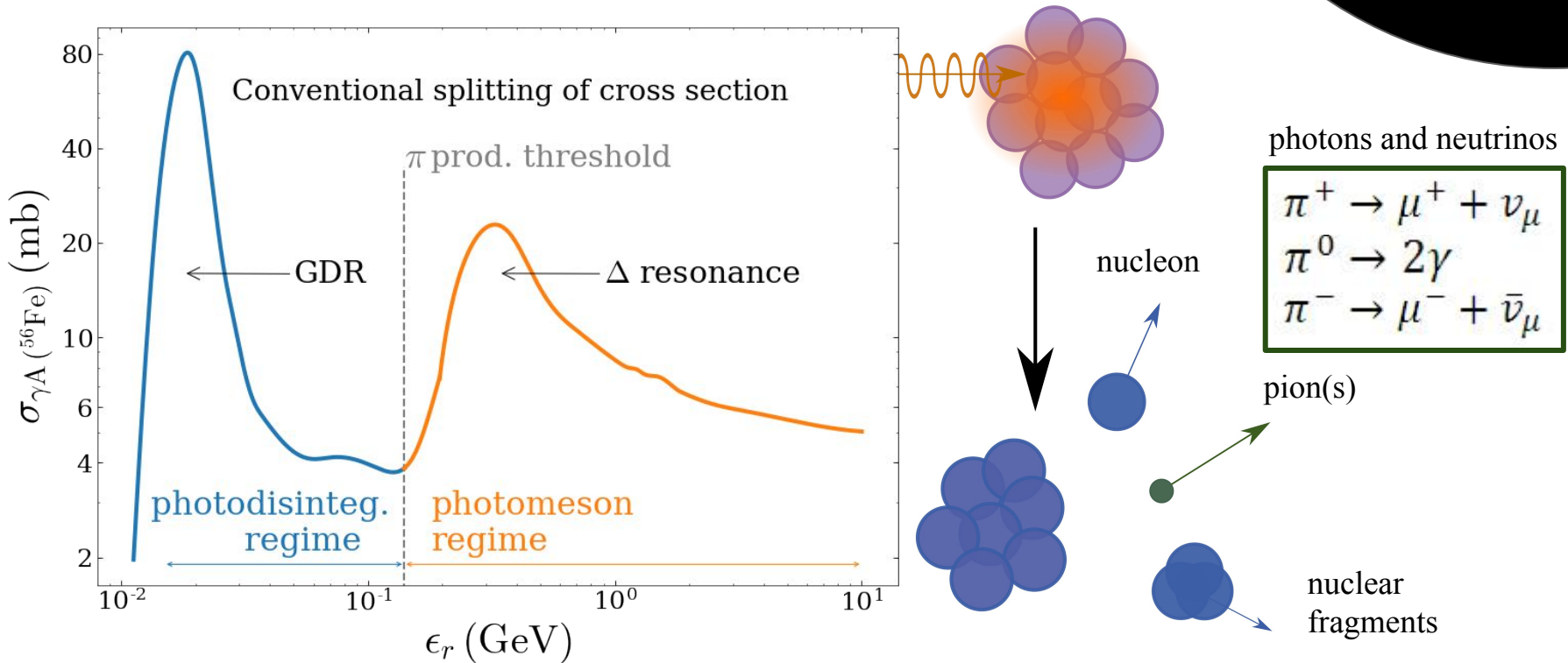
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Photomeson interactions for nuclei

Nuclear medium effects not negligible



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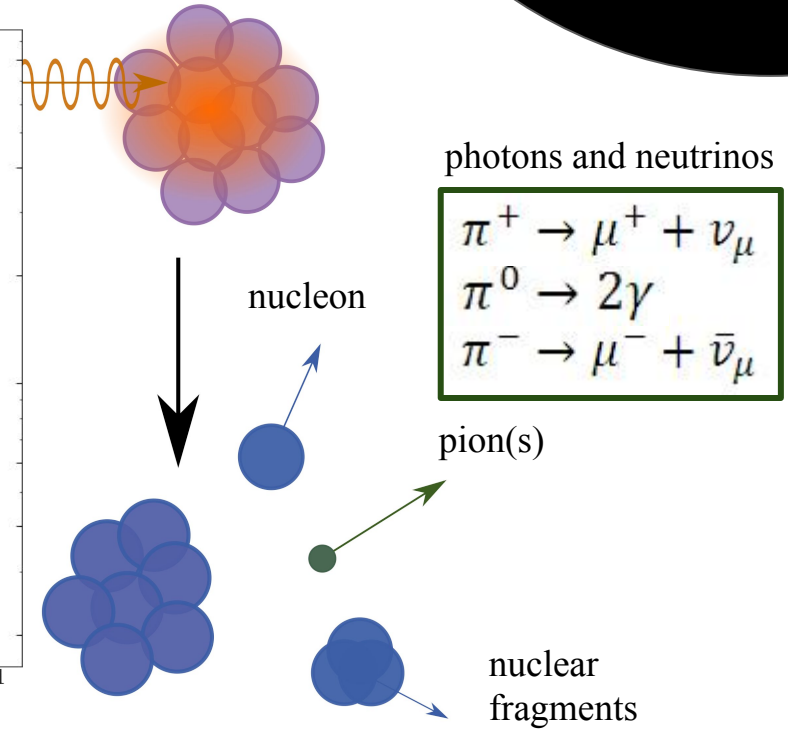
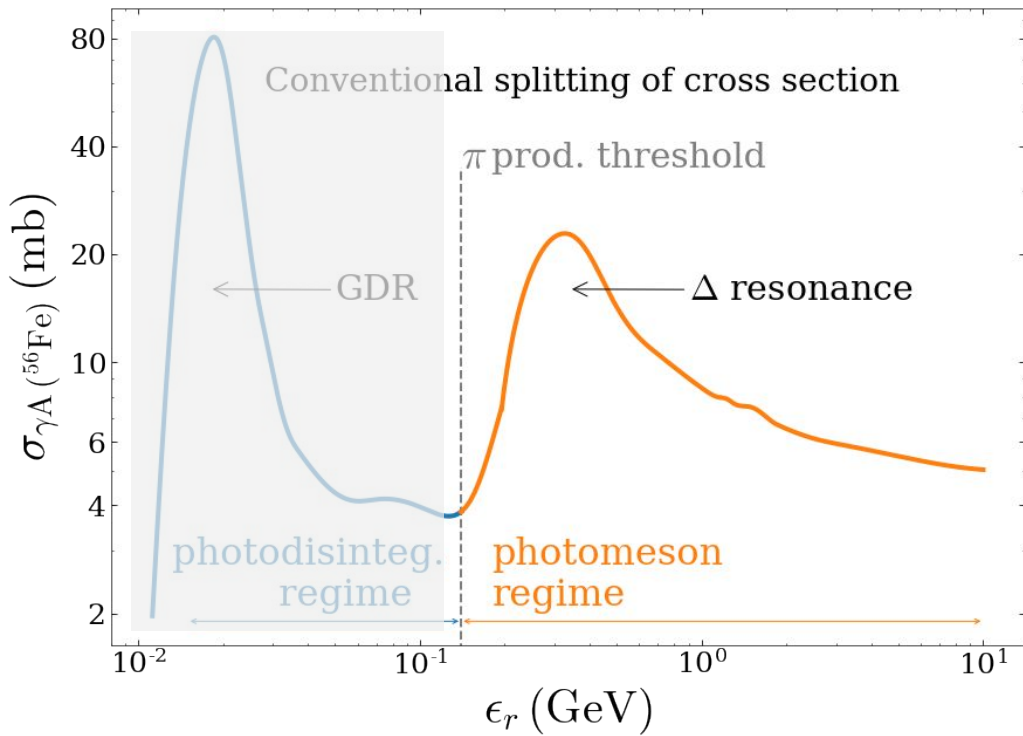
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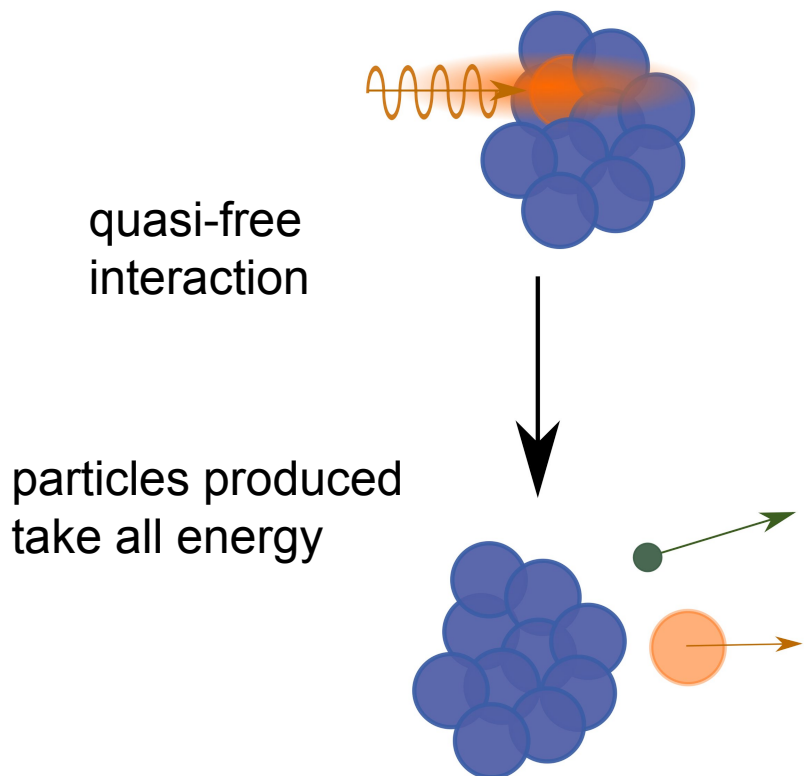


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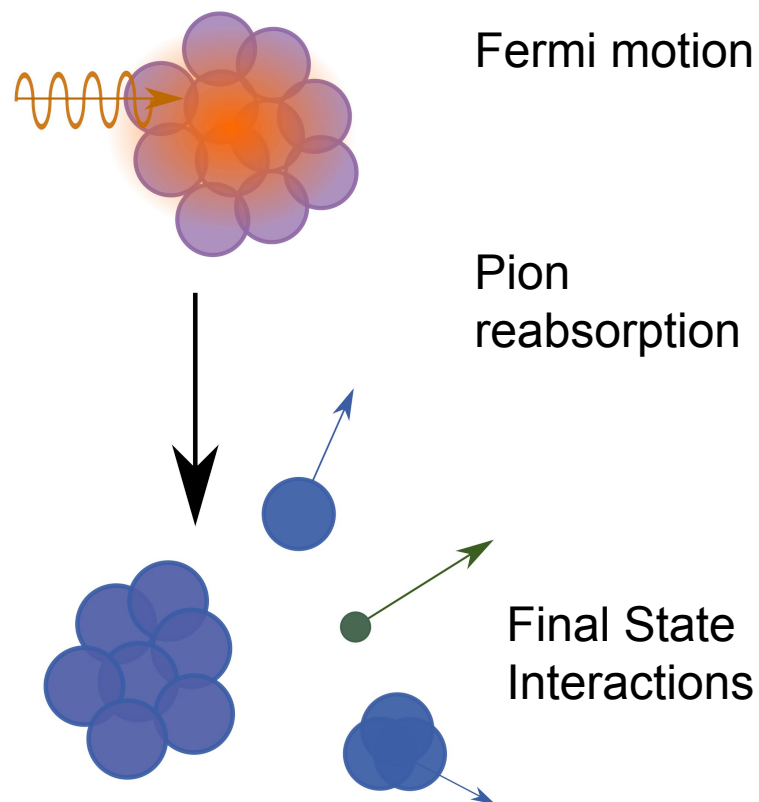
Old vs New model in schematics

Conventions used in what follows

Single Particle Model (SPM)



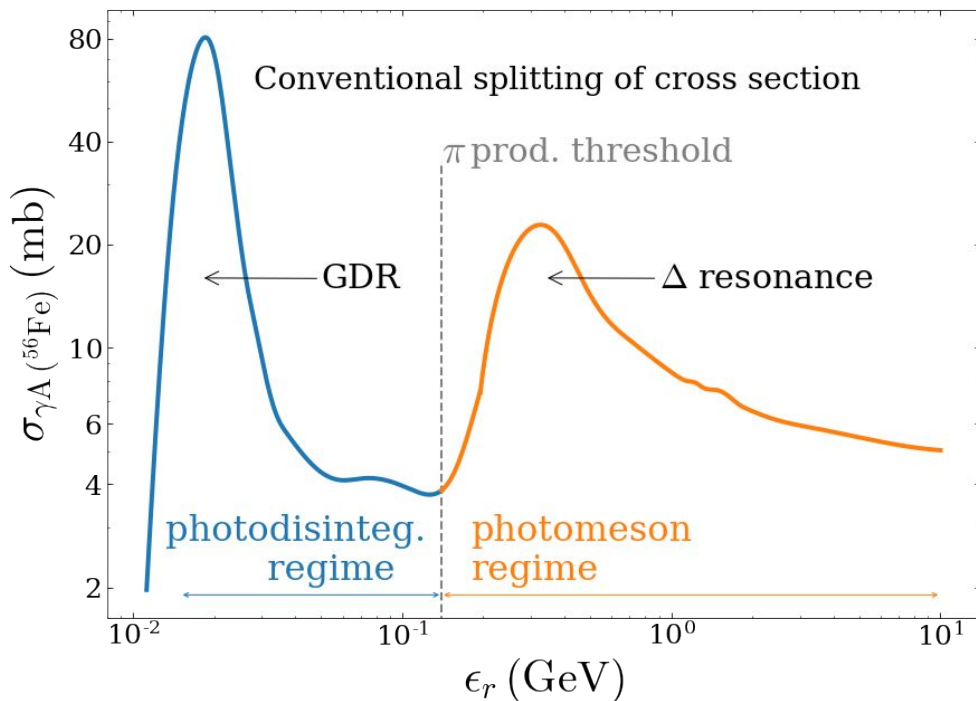
Empirical Model (EPM)



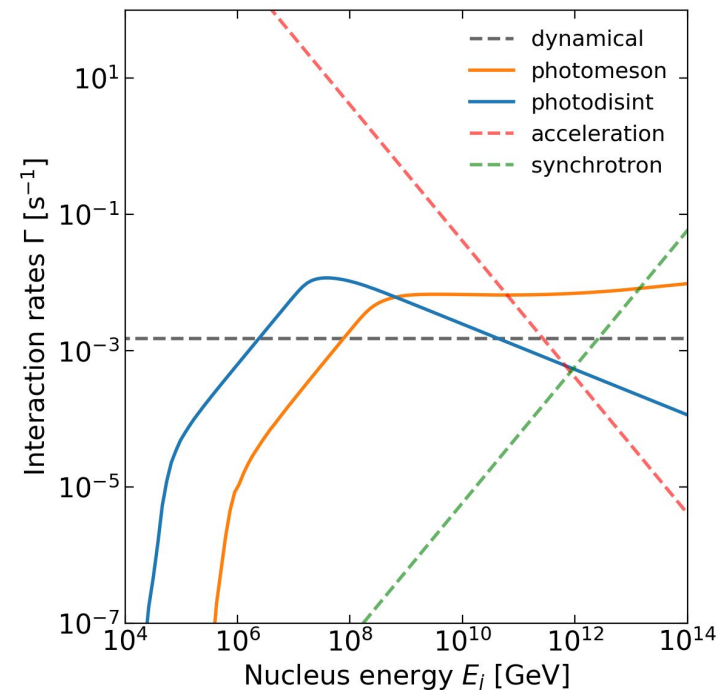
Cross section imprints on interaction rates

In scenarios where photomeson interactions are dominant

Photonuclear interactions with broken power law photon fields



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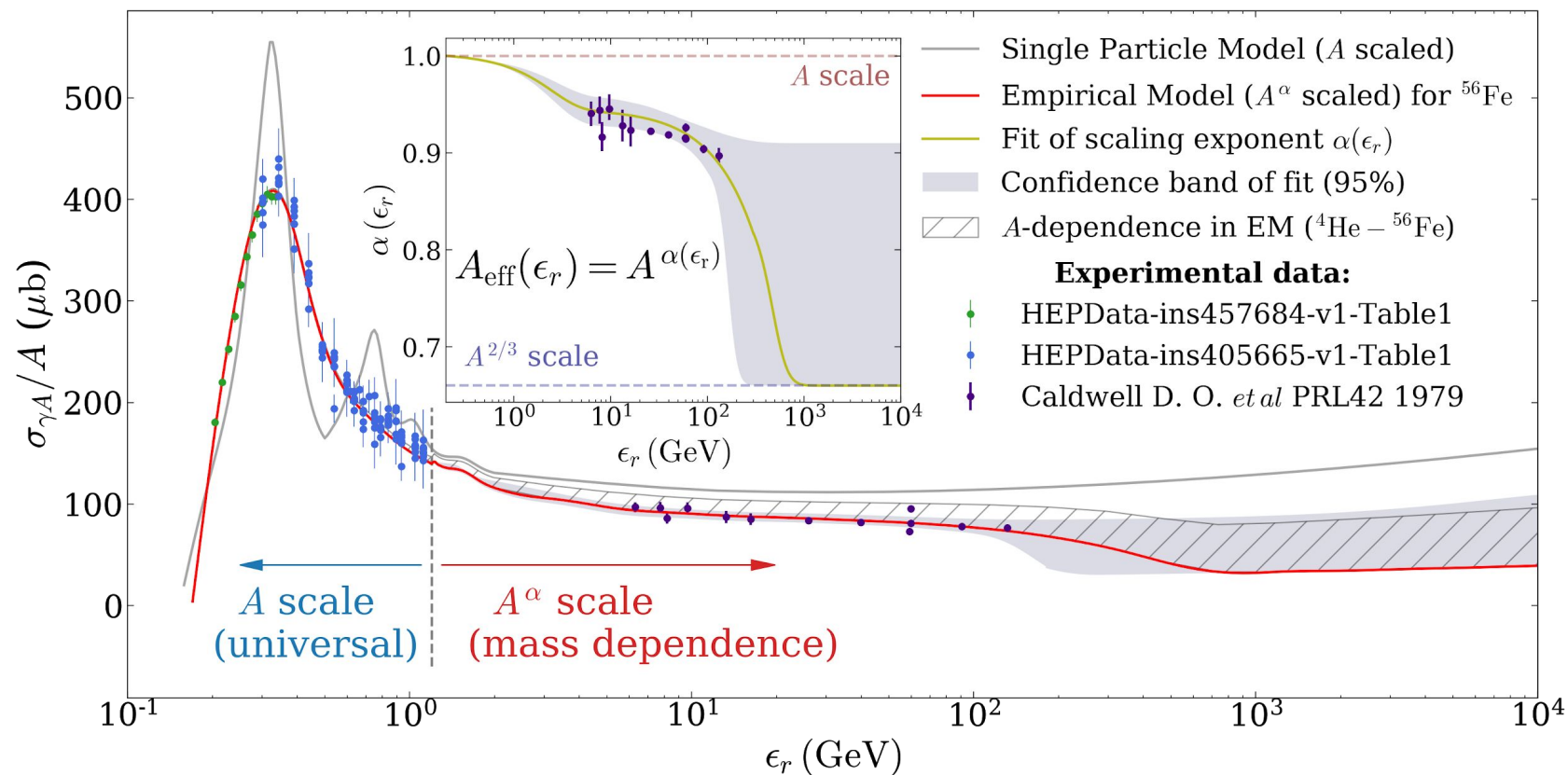


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Total cross section

General differences with the free nucleon interaction

Resonances are smeared and shadowing effects occur.

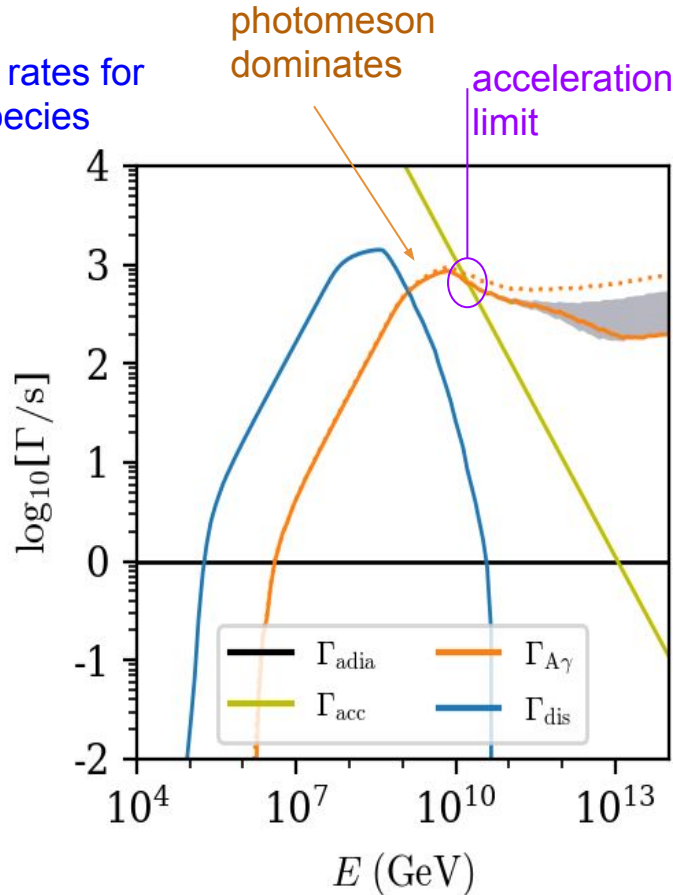


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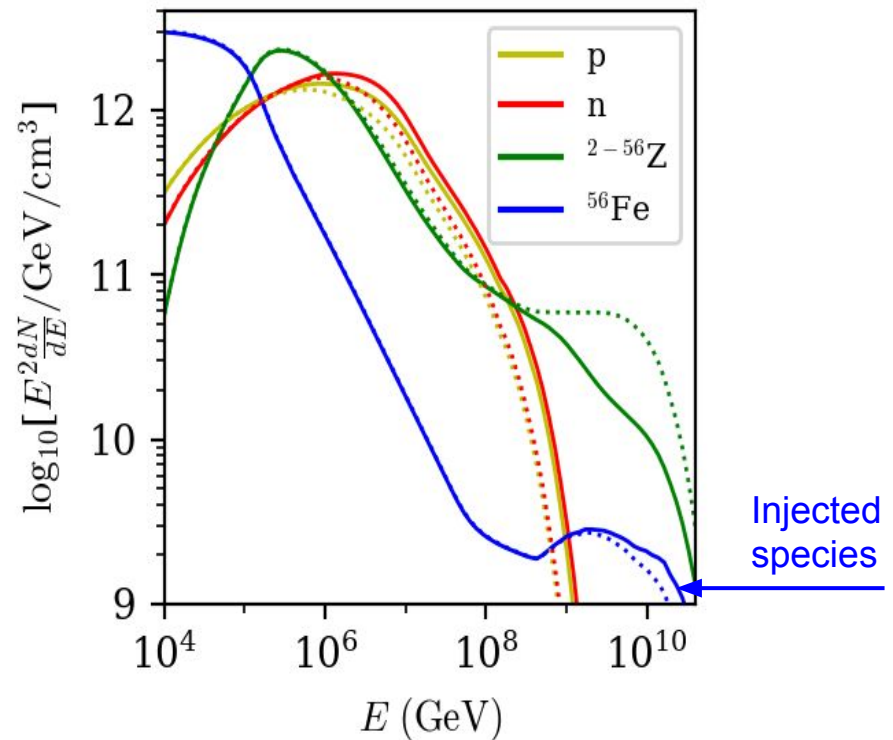
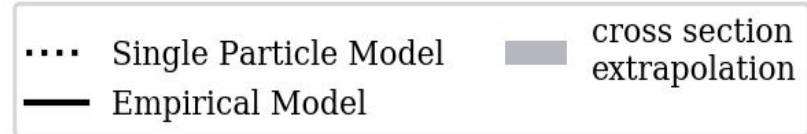
Gamma-Ray Burst source

Impact of the cross section

Interaction rates for injected species



Lower interaction rates at higher energies!



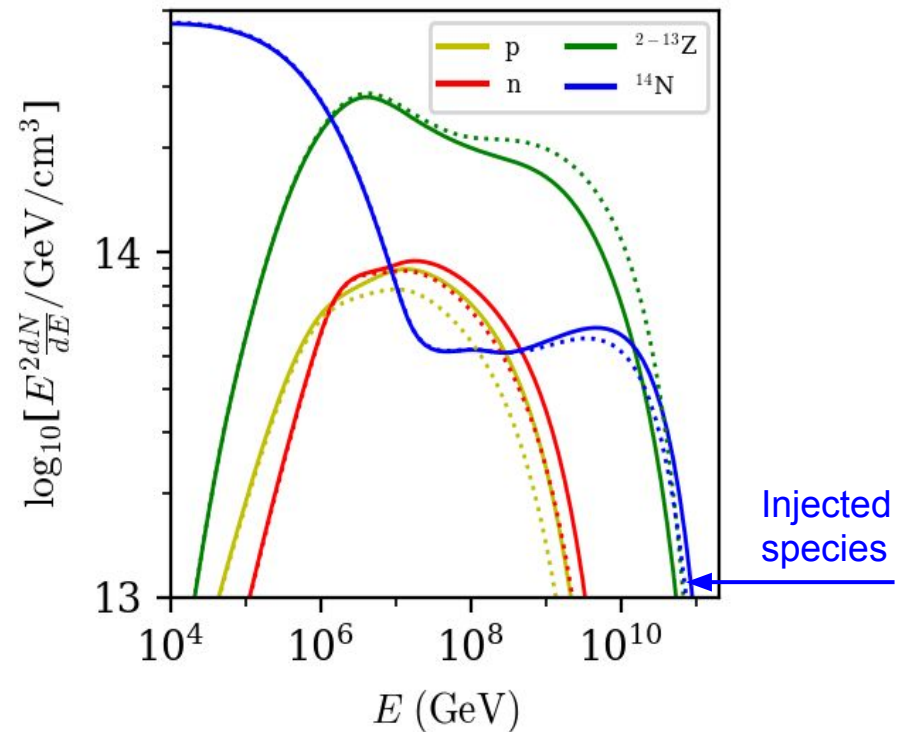
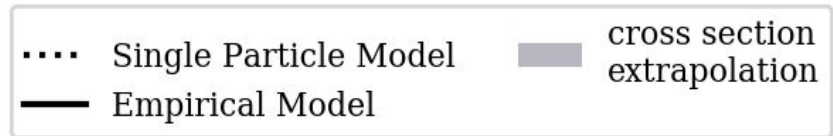
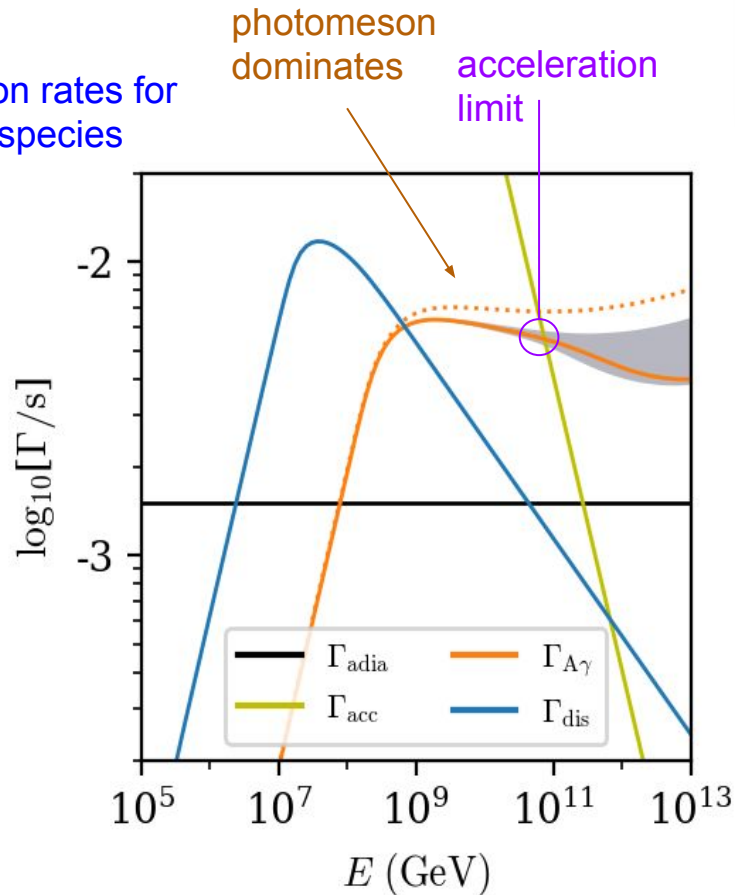
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Tidal Disruption Event source

Slightly higher maximal energies!

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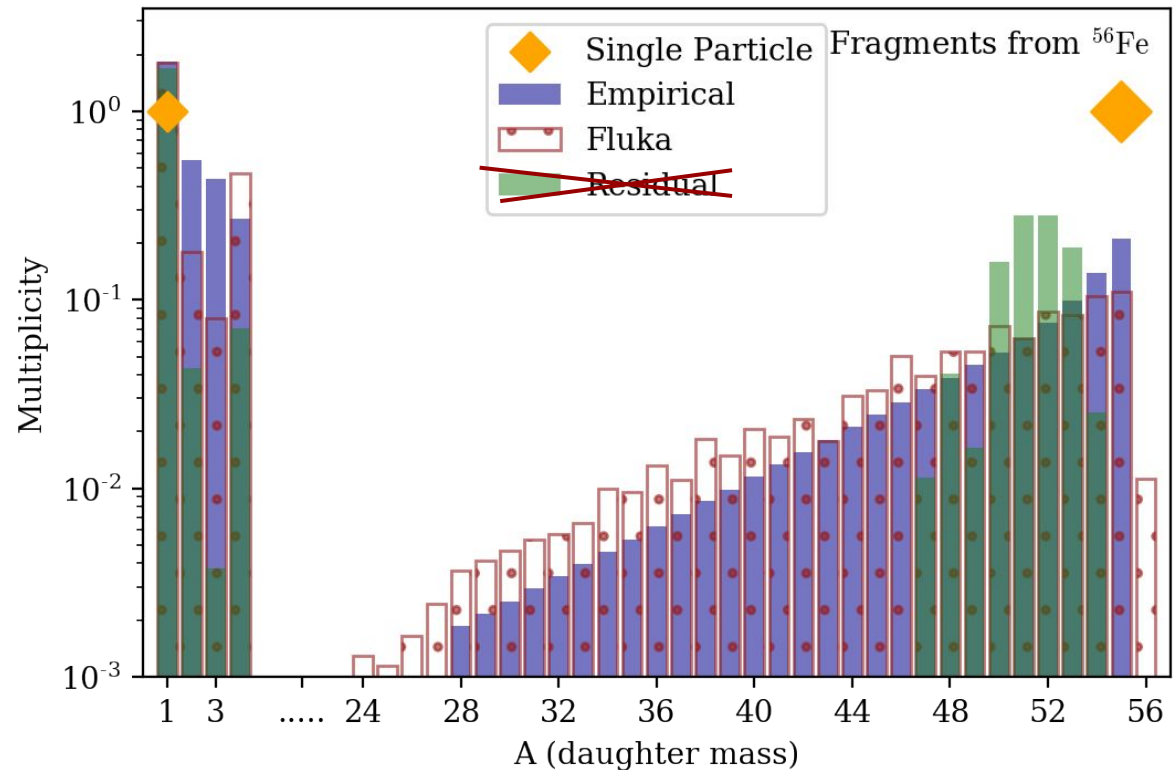
Nuclear breakup: mass distributions

Impact of the nuclear cascade

Larger variability of fragment masses!

Features of the model...


- Fragment production from empirical relations
- Thermostatistics criteria for low-mass fragments
- Insensitive to isotopic charge differences

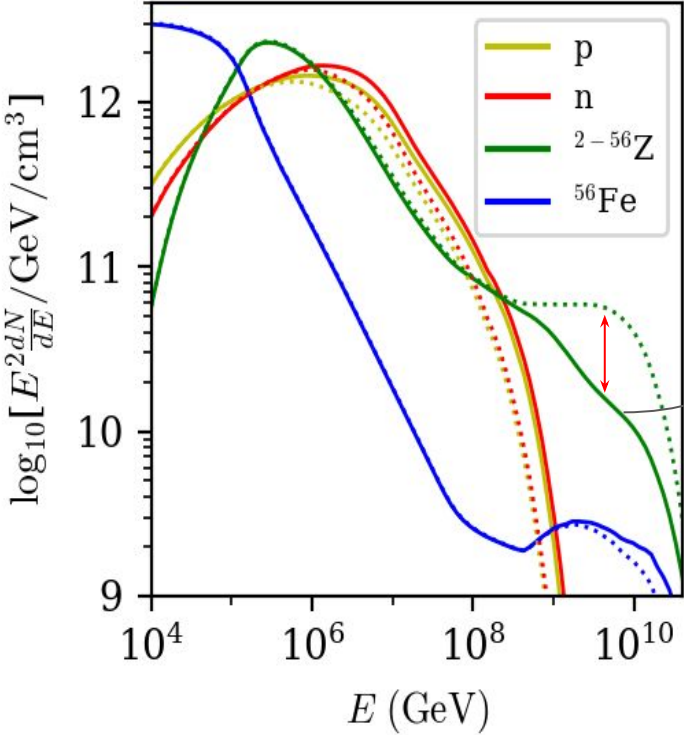


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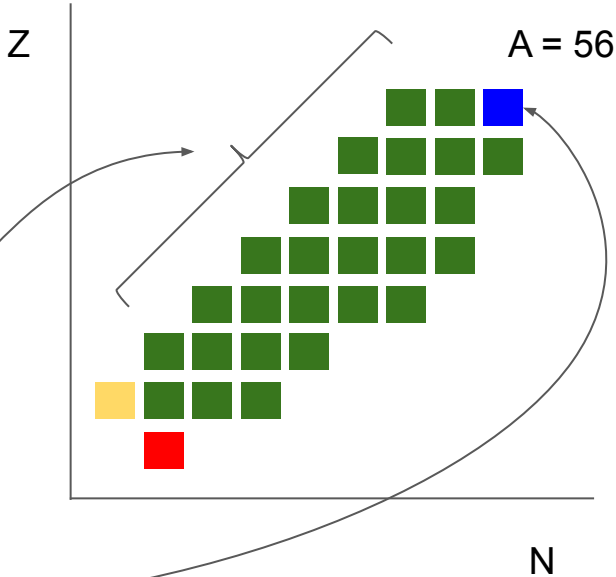
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..... Single Particle Model  cross section extrapolation
 — Empirical Model



Marked differences in cascade composition!

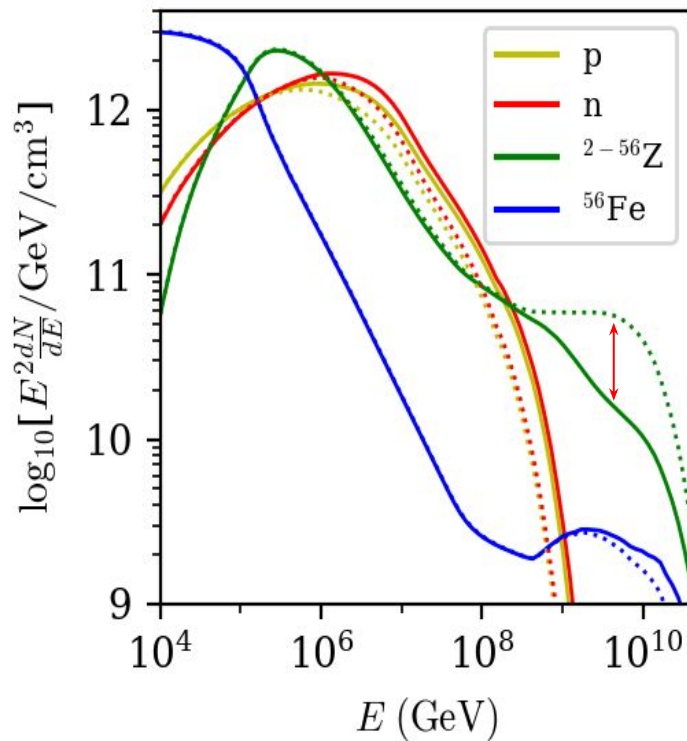


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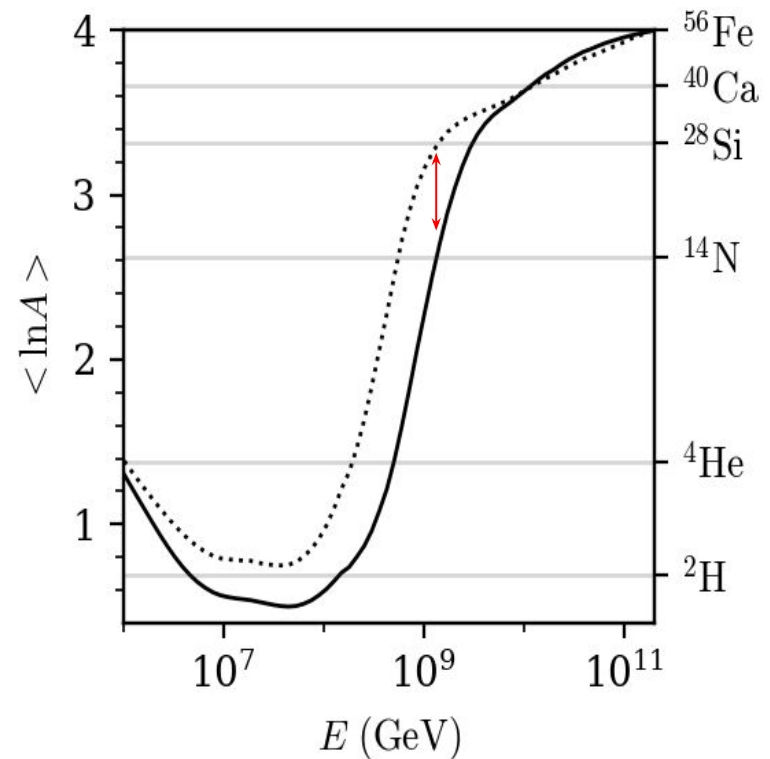
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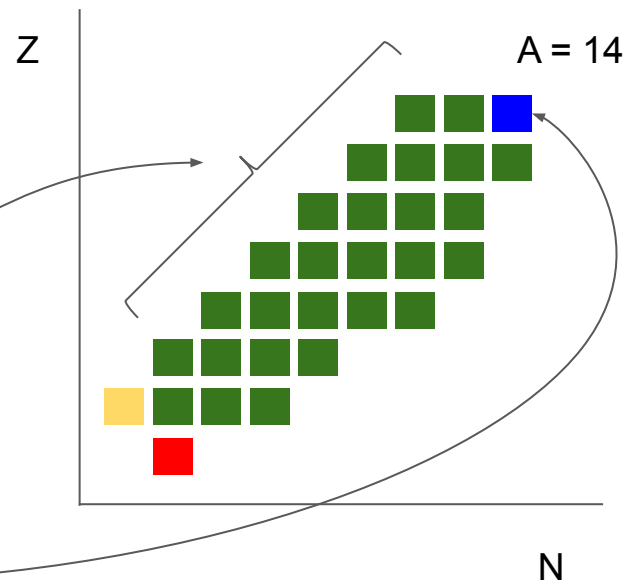
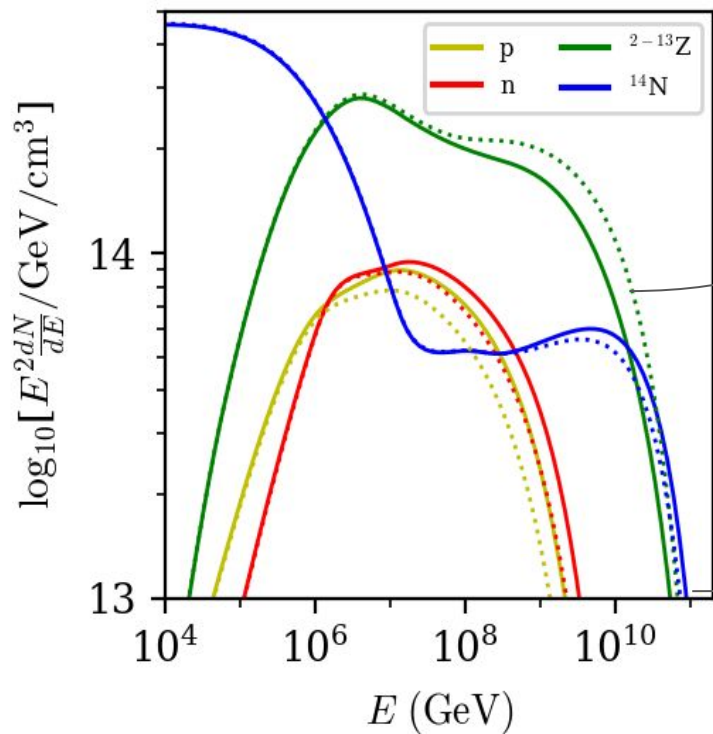


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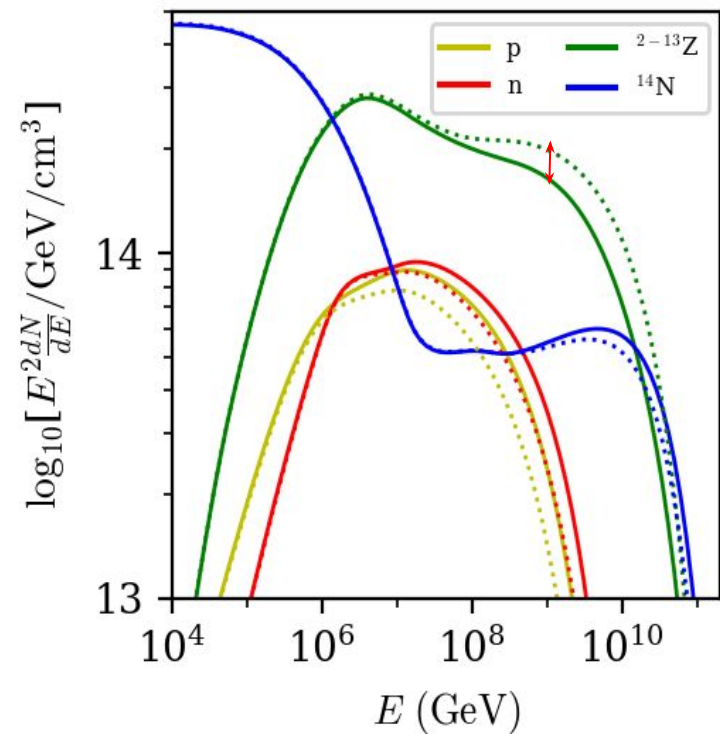
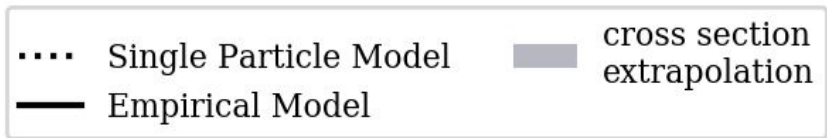
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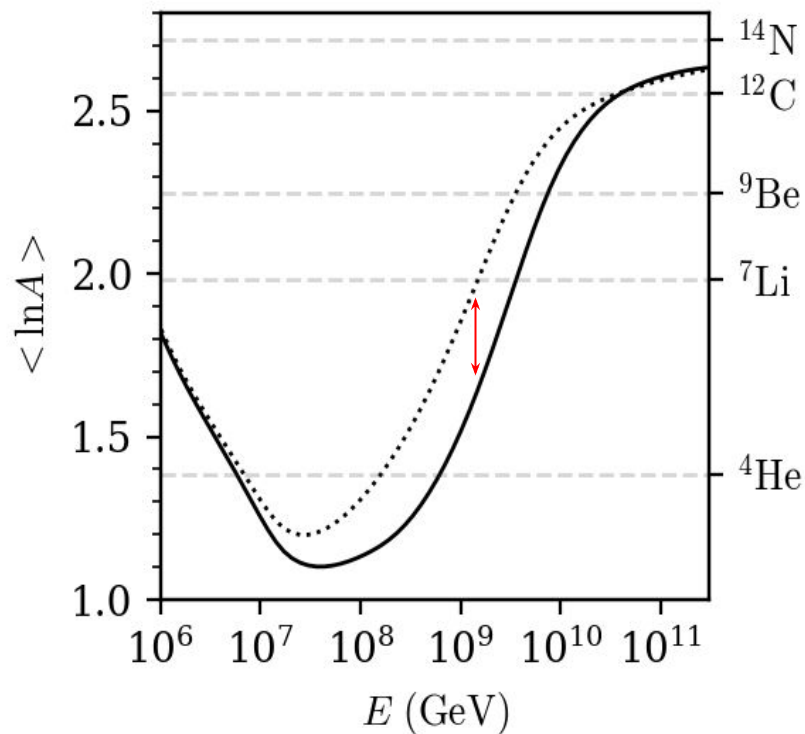
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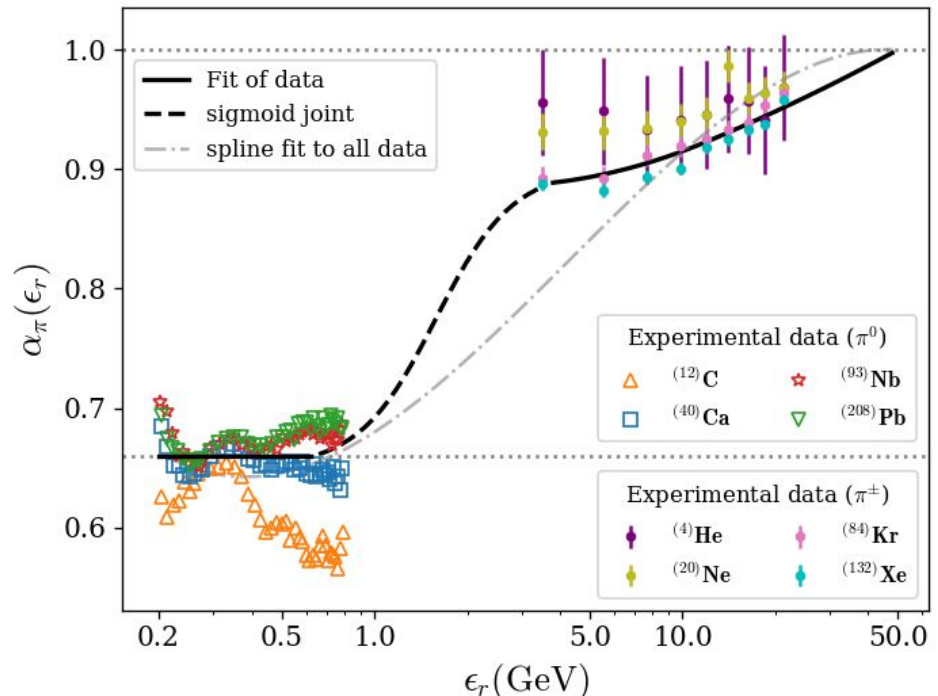
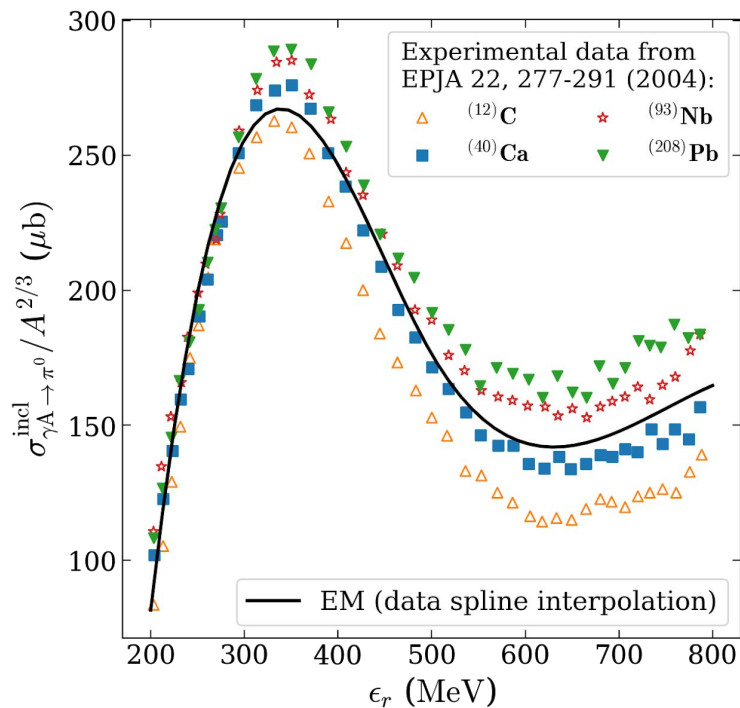


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Pion production cross section

Impact of the nuclear cascade

Pion production per nucleon is reduced in nuclei compared to the proton.

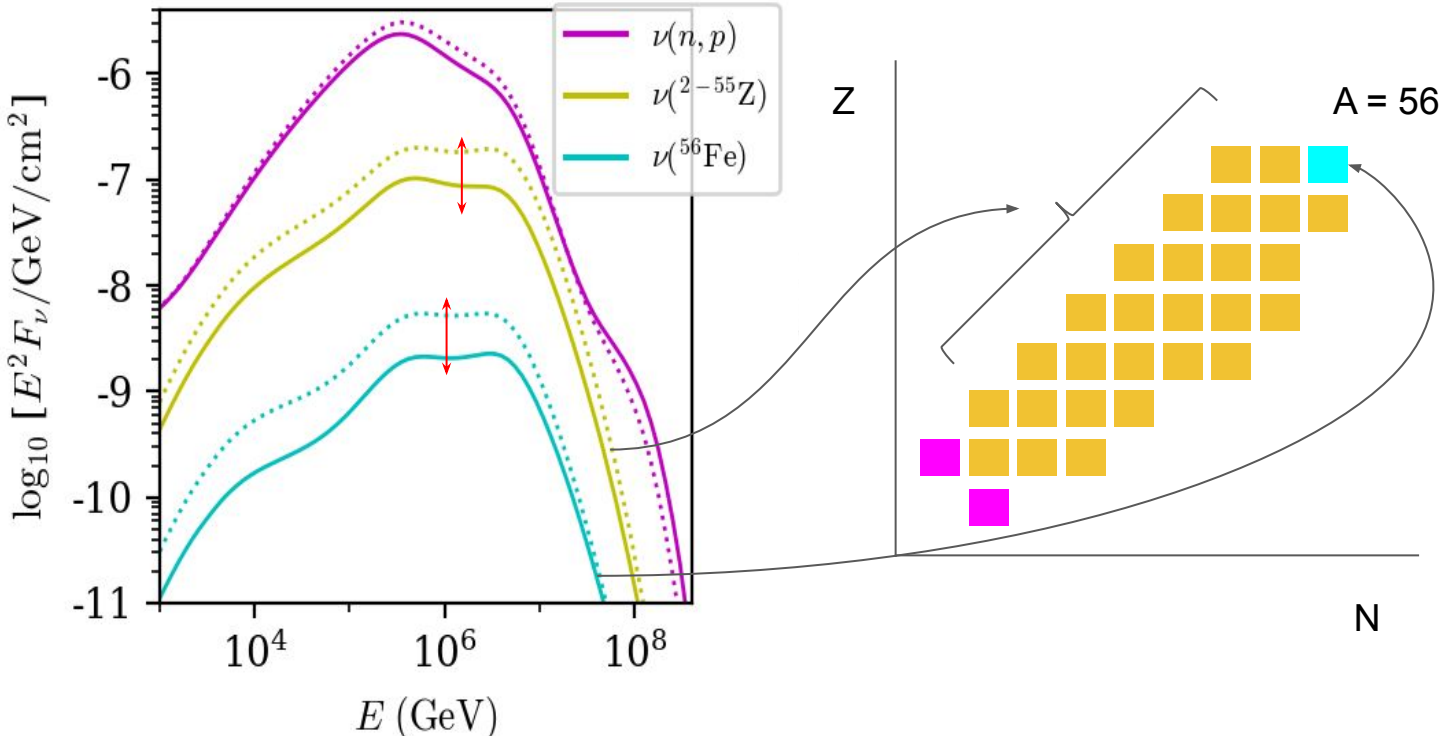
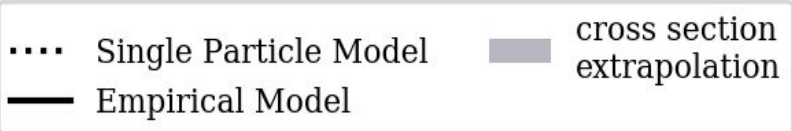


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Nuclei contribute less to neutrino flux!

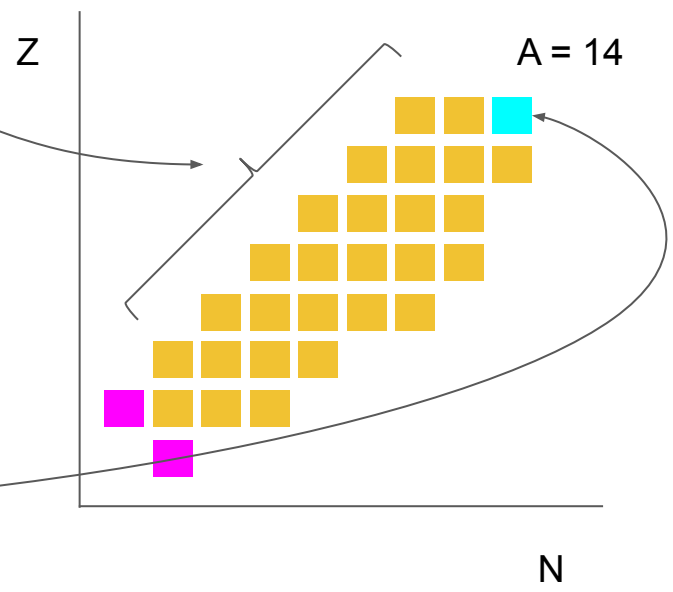
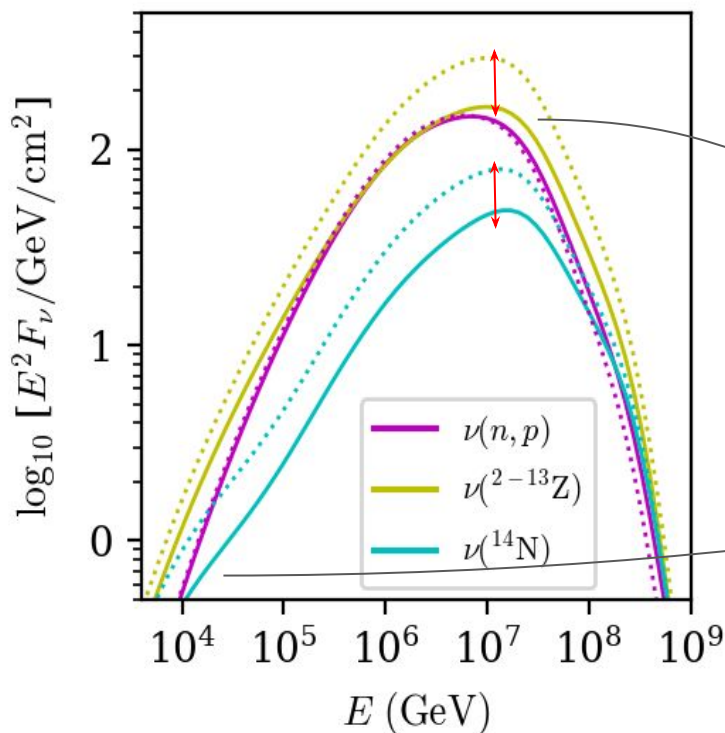
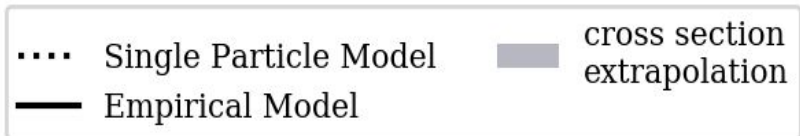


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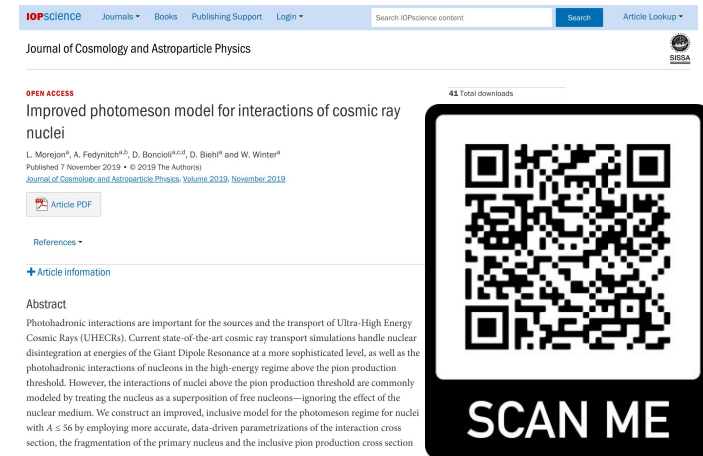
Summary

Nuclear photomeson improved model ...

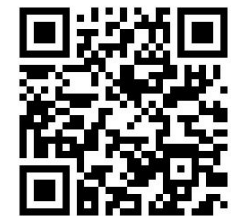
- ... impacts in-source nuclear cascade
- ... impacts in-source neutrino production
- ... might impact propagation (ongoing work)

The improved photomeson model

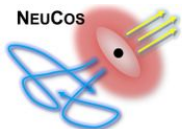
- Available software to compute interaction tables
- Available in PriNCe code (effects study coming)
- Soon to be included in CRPropa interactions



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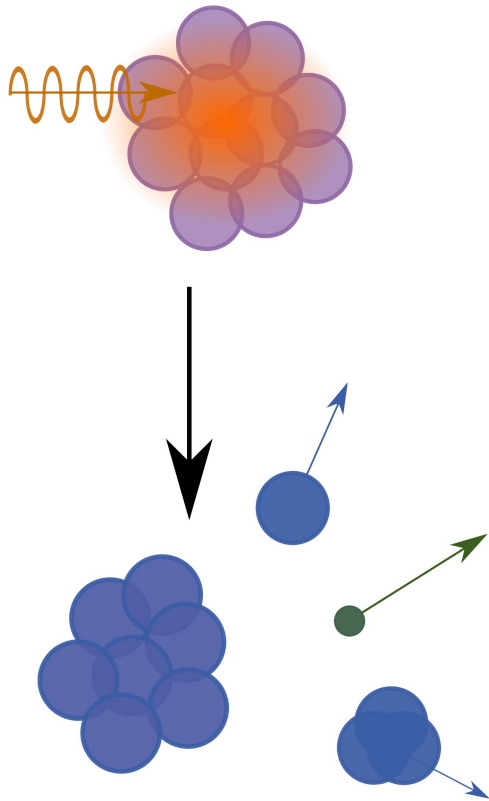
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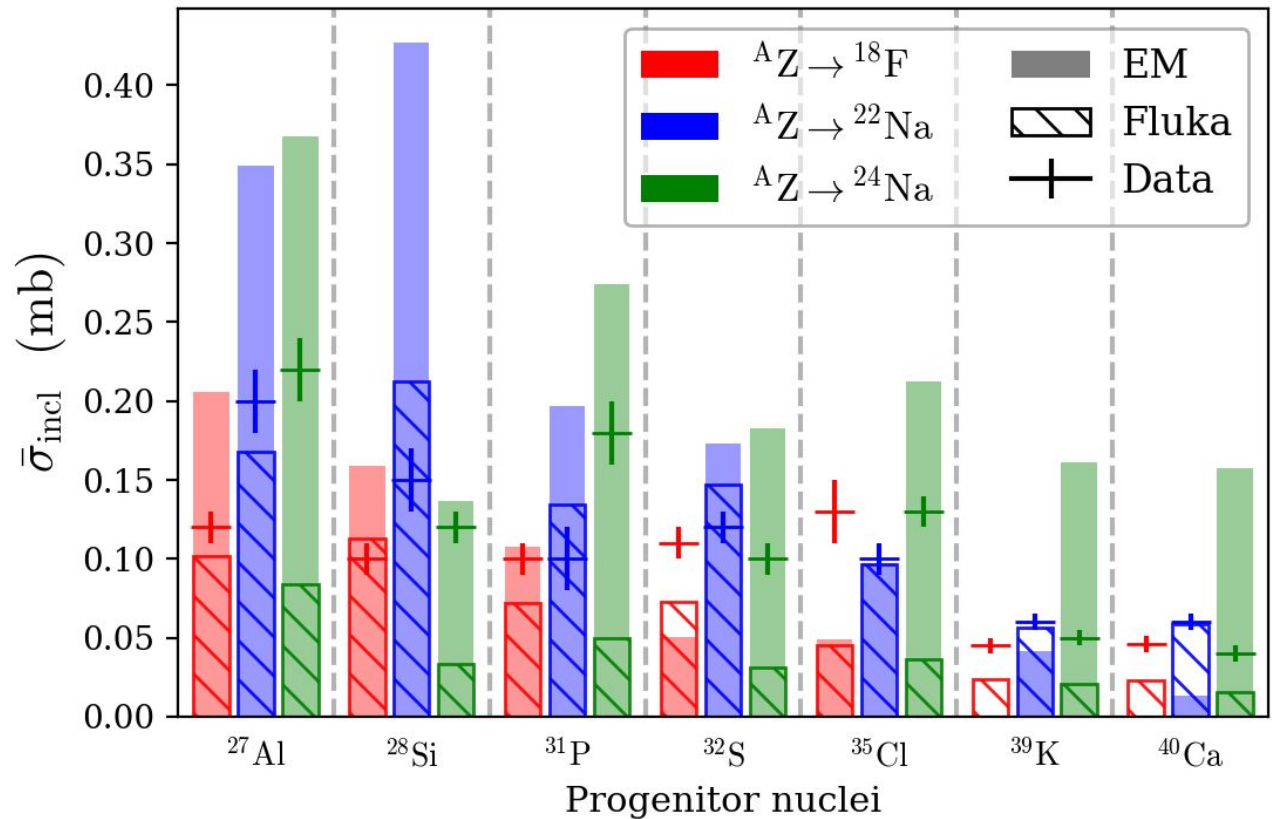
Additional slides

Nuclear breakup: mass distributions

Comparison to data and detailed code

Within order of magnitude without tuning for individual species!

- Within factor ~3 from the data
- Performs similarly as Fluka detailed modelling
- Insensitive to isotopic charge differences

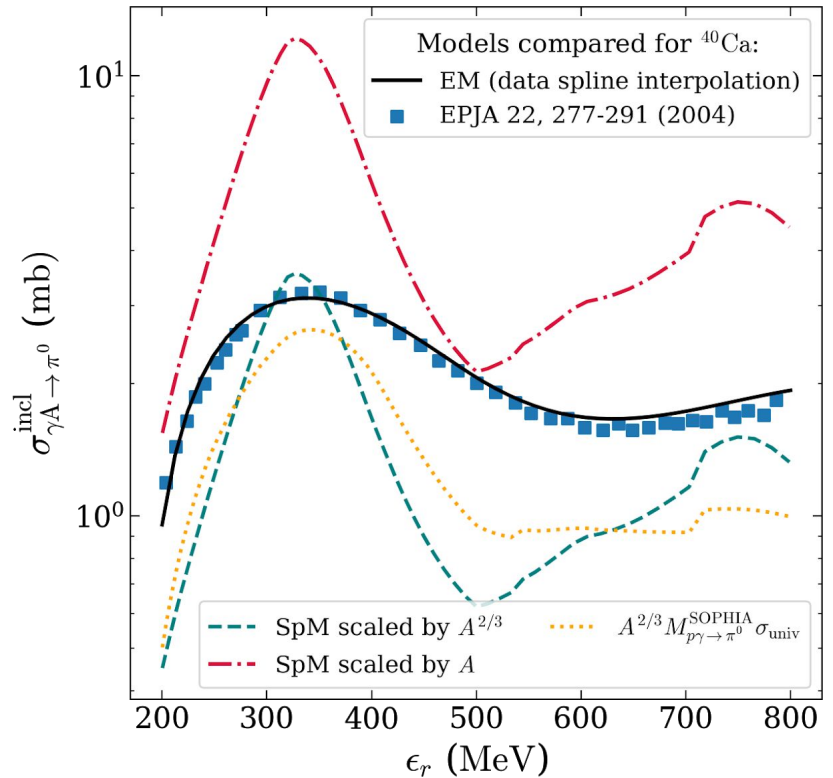
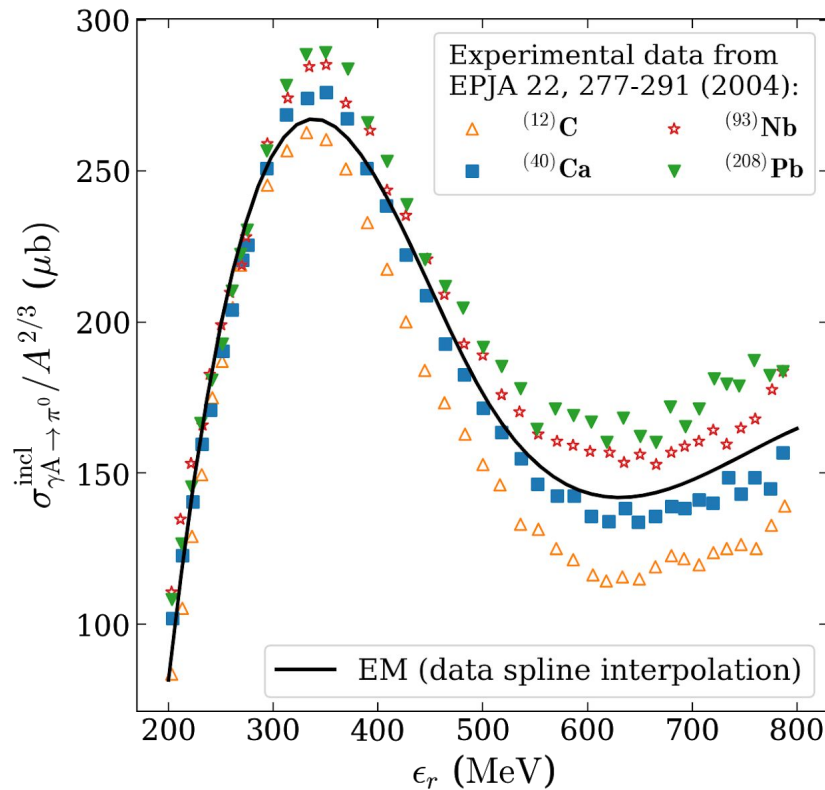


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Pion production at threshold

Nuclear medium effects are relevant.

Reabsorption of pions lead to less production. Quasi-free production disfavoured.



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