



(Hadronic) FLUKA and the Corsika interface

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FLUKA (A.Fasso`, A.Ferrari, J.Ranft, P.R.Sala):

FLUKA is a general purpose tool for calculations of particle transport and interactions with matter

FLUKA Applications:

> Cosmic ray physics

Tested up 10 EeV (10¹⁹ eV)

- Neutrino physics
- > Accelerator design (\rightarrow n_ToF, CNGS, LHC systems, μ Collider)
- Particle physics: calorimetry, tracking and detector simulation etc. (
 ALICE, ICARUS, ...)
- > ADS systems, waste transmutation, (\rightarrow "Energy amplifier", FEAT, TARC,...)
- Shielding design
- Dosimetry and radioprotection
- Radiation damage
- Space radiation
- Hadron therapy
- Neutronics



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Fluka hA/AA models:

PEANUT $10^4 > E > ~0.01 \text{ GeV}$

Photonuclear interactions ElectroMagneticDissociation Leptonuclear interactions

DPMJET-3 $10^{11} > E > 10^4 \text{ GeV}$ $10^{11} > E/n > 10-15 \text{ GeV}$

10⁻⁵eV< Neut <20 MeV ENDF + EAF Grxs and pwxs (Fluka2021)

> BME 100-150 > E/n > ~5 MeV

Extended rQMD 10-15 > E/n > 0.1-0.15 GeV

Nonelastic hN interactions: (very) short summary

Up to a few GeV's: Dominance of the Δ and of the N*, $\rho ...$ resonances

 \rightarrow isobar model

→ all reactions proceed through an intermediate state containing at least one resonance

At energies above a few GeV's:



Interactions treated in the Reggeon-Pomeron framework (Dual Parton Model, DPM)

Each hadron splits into 2 colored partons

- \rightarrow combination into 2 colourless chains
- \rightarrow 2 back-to-back jets

each jet is then hadronized into physical hadrons

Fluka contains its own hadronization model

 $\begin{array}{ll} N_1 + N_2 \to N_1^{''} + \Delta(1232) & \to N_1^{'} + N_2^{'} + \pi \\ \pi + N & \to \Delta(1600) & \to \pi' + \Delta(1232) & \to \pi' + \pi'' + N' \\ N_1 + N_2 & \to \Delta_1(1232) + \Delta_2(1232) & \to N_1^{'} + \pi_1 + N_2^{'} + \pi_2 \end{array}$

FLUKA: ≈ 60 resonances, and ≈ 100 channels



πp and pp interactions (histos Fluka symbols exp.):



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Pion/Kaon production in p-p collisions:





FLUKA (PEANUT) modeling of nuclear interactions



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Setting the formation zone:



(Pseudo)rapidity y (η) distribution of charged particles produced in 250 GeV π^+ collisions on \leftarrow Aluminum (left) and Gold (right) \rightarrow Points: exp. data (ZPC50, 361 (1991))

Fluka hadronic models still work *well up to a few TeV*! With the added benefit of a sophisticated nuclear environment for evaporation/fragments etc

$$\Delta x_{for} \equiv k_{for} \frac{\hbar p_{lab}}{p_T^2 + M^2} \quad k_{for} \sim 1$$



Glauber with cross section fluctuations!

- □ The observed σ_{hN} is just the average of the σ 's corresponding to all possible proj/targ (quark) configurations
- Considering the hadron as a color dipole a fluctuating σ can be used inside the Glauber formalism, providing among others inelastic screening for "free"

Example: multiplicity distributions of negative particles for 250 GeV/c K⁺ on Al and Au: K⁺ Al K⁺ Au :

- Blue (Al)/Red (Au) symbols with error bars: exp. data (NA22 experiment)
- Blue (AI)/Red (Au) histos: Fluka simulation with cross section fluctuations
- Cyan (Al)/Orange (Au) histos: Fluka simulation without cross section fluctuations

Please note that the **average** multiplicities are ~equal with and without cross section fluctuations



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Pion (Kaon) hA (hp) production data



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pC @ 31 GeV/c: π^- and K⁺



Baryon stopping: improvements required



pBe, pAI @ 14.6 GeV/c



Pion production in pA at lower energies, examples:



Preequilibrium/Evaporation/y de-exc.:

The processes below are critical for particle production from projectile fragments (Z. Phys C 71, 75) !

For E > π prod. threshold \rightarrow only (G)INC models. At lower energies INC inapplicable \rightarrow *preequilibrium models* == share the excitation energy among many nucleons/holes. FLUKA: directly for p/n induced reactions below **30-100 MeV**, or all remaining nucleons/clusters below **30-100 MeV/n**.

When the system is fully equilibrated, particle emission through evaporation, fission and nuclear break-up. In FLUKA: ~600 possible emitted particles/states (A<25) with an extended evaporation/ fission/ fragmentation formalism. For light nuclei (A<17): enhanced Fermi break up



When particle emission is no longer possible $\rightarrow \gamma$ de-excitation. In Fluka: at high excitation: statistical emission. At low excitation: discrete levels, either tabulated exp. levels (RIPL-3b library from IAEA) and branchings, or rotational approximation

Thin target examples: neutron production



Coherent and quasi-elastic hA nuclear scattering

- The latest Fluka has novel models for hA nuclear coherent elastic, and for high energy hA quasi-elastic (incoherent elastic, from elastic on individual nucleons) scatterings (see next slides)
- The relevant qe cross sections are tabulated out of the Fluka Glauber model (warning: qe cross sections computed out of "naïve" Glauber which does not account for Pauli blocking are increasingly overestimated at very high energies)

Relevance for Corsika8?

- Typical quasi-elastic p_T*: ~300 MeV/c, and cross sections (hAir) ~10% of the absorption one
- > Quasi-elastic interactions (energy transfer* ~50 MeV) will most of the time produce some (low energy) particles \rightarrow important for neutrons, and sometimes even mesons ($p^{14}N @ 1 \text{ TeV}$, on average 0.8 p, 0.6 n, 0.14 π , 0.15 d, 0.9 α "extra"!)
- Typical coherent elastic p_T on ¹⁴N at high energies: ~80 MeV/c, and cross sections of the same order of the non-elastic ones

> Likely important for *ice*!! There you have hp and Ap interactions!!

Hadron (coherent) elastic scattering: new model



Hadron coh. and ge scattering: high energy scaling

The model parameters, being physics driven, naturally scale with energy. Almost identical parameters obtained from 1 GeV to 175 GeV/c!



(Anti)Neutrinos in FLUKA:

- vN QuasiElastic (from ~0.1 GeV upward):
- \Box vN Resonance production
- vN Deep Inelastic Scattering
- vN interactions embedded in PEANUT for vA (Initial State and Final State effects)
- Fermi/GT absorption of few-MeV (solar) neutrinos on ⁴⁰Ar
- Used for all ICARUS simulations/publications

FLUKA can currently manage (anti)v-A interations from ~0.1 GeV up to 1000 TeV Acta Phys.Polon. B40 (2009) 2491-2505 CERN-Proceedings-2010-001 pp.387-394.



Isoscalar ν_{μ} -Nucleon total CC cross section Fluka (lines) with two pdf options vs Experimental data

Reaction products: CNGS/ICARUS data (~20 GeV <E_>)



Neutrino fluxes from FLUKA CNGS simulations Absolute agreement on neutrino rates within 6%

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Current Corsika interface: hA non-elastic interactions

- Worked out more than 20 years ago by Dieter and myself;
 - * At the beginning:
 - > Loads some essential block data;
 - > Initializes a few arrays (many useless for Corsika by the way);
 - > Reads in the Fluka nuclear data files (nuclear.bin, sigmapi.bin, ...);
 - > Initializes the nuclear properties of Air nuclei;
 - & Run time:
 - > Calls the routines providing the non-elastic cross section;
 - > Calls the Fluka interaction model (Peanut) at non-elastic interactions;
- ... essentially unchanged since then, apart minor issues;
- In the second second
- Limitations:
 - > Target composition hardwired (Air);
 - > No distinction absorption/quasi-elastic, actually it does quasi-elastic as well;
 - > No other process possible

Is EMD important for UHE (atmospheric) showers?

P	E	Proj diss.	1n	2n	Mesons	Target d	iss. <eloss:< th=""></eloss:<>
	(eV/n)	(mb)	(mb)	(mb)		(mb)	(TeV)
56Fe	on 14N						
	1.e+17	384	119	19	44.6%	1256	~ 8
	1.e+18	464	133	22	48.6%	1527	~ 77
	1.e+19	553	151	26	51.4%	1832	~ 670
	1.e+20	647	163	30	54.4%	2170	~6000
56Fe	on 160						
	1.e+17	502	155	25	44.3%	1446	~ 8
	1.e+18	605	175	30	48.3%	1769	~ 79
	1.e+19	718	192	34	51.5%	2118	~ 670
	1.e+20	846	218	38	54.2%	2501	~5400
56Fe	on 40Ar						
	1.e+17	2513	770	127	44.5%	3681	~ 7
	1.e+18	3034	881	149	47. 8%	4451	~ 59
	1.e+19	3603	982	177	51.0%	5325	~ 530
	1.e+20	4234	1080	193	54.2 %	6255	~4800
14N	on 14N						
	4.e+17	105	1.9	0	56.5%	105	~ 46
	4.e+18	126	2.1	0	59.7 %	126	~ 380
	4.e+19	150	2.4	0	62.4%	150	~3400
	4.e+20	176	2.6	0	65.0%	176	~29000
4He	on 14N						
	14.e+17	34	1.9	0	62.0%	9.6	~ 190
	14.e+18	41	8.5	0	64.8%	11.5	~1600
	14.e+19 Alfredo Ferrari	48	10	0	67.3 % Corsi	13.6 ka8 Workshop	~ 14000 , July 2022

Hard to say... on the left the computed EMD cross sections for various energy/ target/ projectile combinations (statistical errors ~2-3%)

Cross sections are not negligible wrt absorption ones... Energy losses are significant

- "xn" column: σ for emission of x neutrons only (proj. diss.);
- "mesons" column: fraction of EMD interactions (proj+targ) resulting in meson emissions;
- <E_{loss} > column: indication (rough, it converges slowly) of the average energy spent in each interaction (proj+targ)

A "flexible" interface for hA (γ *A?) in the future?

- Generic interface accepting *projectile*, *energy* (momentum), *target A and Z* ...
- Image and a flag indicating which interactions are supposed to be simulated (absorption, quasi-elastic (!?!), coherent elastic, EMD) ...
- In the interface could select the interaction by itself or be forced to perform a specific one;
- □ (Relatively) easily adaptable from something which already exists in Fluka;
- Products will always be put on the same stack, with the same id's etc, so collecting them would work as it works now;
- Of course an interface to all relevant FLUKA cross section routines should be implemented, not only the to the non-elastic ones (tabulations at initialization?);
- Image: Image:

Thanks to Tanguy, an interface of FLUKA with Sibyll and EPOS is more or less established. Work is in progress with Tanguy and Max in setting up simple test cases with Fluka vs Corsika with the same event generators/conditions in order to assess the relevance of those processes not (yet) implemented/interfaced



Low E n in Fluka: Point-wise and Group-wise cross sections

Neutrons below 20 MeV "*low energy neutrons"* cannot be treated with models due to the complexity of cross section structures (resonances etc)

- Evaluated nuclear data files (ENDF/B, JEFF, JENDL...) provide neutron σ (cross sections) and *inclusive* distributions of products for $E_n < 20$ MeV for all channels
- In neutron transport codes in general two approaches are used: *point-wise* ("continuous energy" cross sections) and *group-wise* ("energy group" averaged σ's) transport
- Point-wise follows cross sections precisely but it can be time and memory consuming
- Group approach is widely used in neutron transport codes because it is fast and gives good results for most applications \rightarrow no charged secondary, hopelessly inclusive
- □ For both, *inclusive*, *uncorrelated*, *distributions* → no event-by-event studies (*unless...*)

Complex programs (NJOY, PREPRO...) convert ENDF files to point-wise or group-wise cross sections, including Doppler broadening, URR's etc.

Until 2021 FLUKA used group-wise cross sections with some exceptions. Recently, fully correlated, pointwise σ 's have been implemented, allowing event-by-event studies

Example of n Response functions: Bonner Spheres



Symbols: exp. data with mono-energetic neutron beams at PTB



CERN-EU High-Energy Reference Field (CERF) facility: Target (Cu L=50 cm, Ø = 7 cm)

Iron and concrete positions



Top (left, one side removed) and side (right, roof removed) views of the CERF facility with the measuring positions

120 GeV secondary SPS mixed hadron beam

Measurement taken with several Bonner spheres (various diameters ↔ different neutron energy ranges), and a couple of "REM counters", one containing Pb to make it sensitive to high energy neutrons



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CERF: neutron detector count rates

			experimental		FLUKA		experimental		FLUKA	
			cts/PIC	%	cts/PIC	%	cts/PIC	%	cts/PIC	%
			CONCRETE TOP "E"				IRON TOP "C"			
	LINUS rem counter [*]		0.364	0.36	0.409	2.2	1.78	0.30	1.68	2.1
	SNOOPY rem counter [*]		0.200	0.59	0.207	3.3	1.83	0.75	1.71	2.0
	-	233 sphere	0.788	0.33	0.899	3.7	9.28	0.28	9.23	2.0
3onner sphe	res	178 sphere	0.989	0.36	1.01	3.4	16.1	0.24	16.9	1.9
of various		133 sphere	1.02	0.30	0.981	3.2	19.2	0.19	21.2	1.9
liameters (mm)	108 sphere	0.942	0.35	0.883	3.1	17.7	0.20	19.2	1.9
		83 sphere	0.704	0.30	0.717	3.1	11.2	0.26	12.1	1.9

Absolute comparison between the FLUKA predictions and the experimental response of the various detectors in stray radiation fields at CERN. The percent statistical (%) uncertainty is indicated

Are neutrons of interest for Corsika8?

- □ If "reasonable" neutron production and transport down to ~ 20 MeV is a goal:
 - > (in)coherent nuclear elastic scattering is a must;
 - > Presence/absence of hydrogen is important (detailed composition);
 - > Proj/targ accurate excitation/evaporation is a must;
 - > ... technically, apart elastic scattering and low energy γA , no major interface change required;
- Otherwise if full neutron transport including the 20 MeV → thermal (meV) energy range is wished for, than it is a completely different world/technical challenge:
 - If the, inclusive uncorrelated, group-wise approach is sufficient:
 - > The relevant neutron libraries for target elements must be loaded (~300 Mb for all elements/T's);
 - > New interface to the group-wise routines, vastly different from the one for non-elastic interactions;
 - > Corsika8 must deal with neutron energy "groups", not continuous energies, and material temperatures;
 - Vice versa, if the exclusive, fully correlated, point-wise transport is required:
 - > The relevant neutron data sets for target *isotopes* must be loaded (~3 Gb for all isotopes/T's);
 - > Very complex new interface to a variety of required routines;
 - > Very memory/CPU intensive;
 - > Corsika8 must deal with material temperatures,

Thanks for your attention! Examples of FLUKA Cosmic Rays and **Space Applications** (likely no time)

FLUKA applications in Ast	tropartic	le physics: examples					
ELSEVIER Astroparticle Physics 19 (2003) 269–290	elsevier.com/locate/astropart						
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Gamma rays from GCR interactions with the moon:

Gamma-ray flux from the Moon in the period May 2011 -November 2013, measured (FERMI-LAT) and computed (FLUKA) for two different Lunar surface composition models (courtesy of M.Mazziotta, INFN Bari). Primary CR spectra from AMS-02

M. ACKERMANN et al.

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 93, 082001 (2016)

Declination (deg)



Negative muons at floating altitudes: CAPRICE94





The neutron albedo from GCR's at 400 km altitude*



Computed with a full 3D FLUKA simulation of the whole Earth, the atmosphere, and of the geomagnetic field

Important for satellites

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*Courtesy of the late N.Combier,