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\* fixed target experiment at CERN SPS

- heavy ion physics
- neutrino physics
- air shower physics



## XSCRC2017: Cross sections for Cosmic Rays @ CERN

 29 Mar 2017, 14:00 → 31 Mar 2017, 19:00 Europe/Zurich

 503-1-001 - Council Chamber (CERN)

**Description** New space borne experiments are ushering us into the era of precision direct measurements in cosmic ray physics. However, a poor knowledge of several particle physics and nuclear physics inputs - such as antiproton production or spallation cross sections - can seriously limit the relevant astroparticle physics information that can actually be extracted from these data, for instance for Galactic propagation parameters or indirect dark matter searches. The goal of the workshop, bringing together different communities, is to review theoretical motivations for the measurements of key processes, current galactic models and recent advances in cosmic ray observations that crucially depend on some of these inputs. The workshop also strongly aims at presenting current efforts and discussing forthcoming perspectives for particle/nuclear measurement campaigns.

**Duration:** The workshop will start Wednesday, March 29 in the late morning, and will end Friday, March 31 at about 4pm.

**Organizing Committee:** Bruna Bertucci (Perugia University), Fiorenza Donato (Torino University, chair), Gian Giudice (CERN), Giovanni Passaleva (INFN, Florence), Pasquale D. Serpico (LAPTH, Annecy, co-chair)

**Current status and desired accuracy of the isotopic production cross sections relevant to astrophysics of cosmic rays I. Li, Be, B, C, N**

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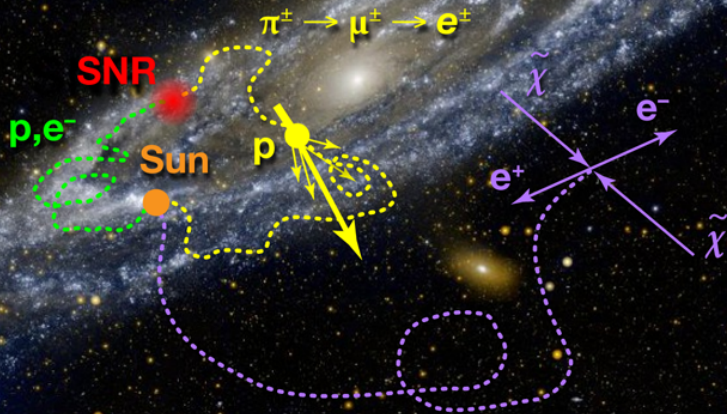
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- CR-grammage  $X$  ("target thickness") from secondary nuclei, e.g.

$$(B/C) \sim \frac{(1 - e^{-X/\lambda_{\text{prod}}}) e^{-X/\lambda_B}}{e^{-X/\lambda_{\text{prod}}}}.$$

$$\lambda_{\text{prod}} = \frac{m_p}{\sigma_{\text{prod}}} = m_p \left( \frac{\sum \Psi_i \times \sigma(i + p \rightarrow B)}{\sum \Psi_i} \right)^{-1}, \quad i = C, N, O, \dots$$

- $X \ll \lambda_{XB}$  and  $X \ll \lambda_B$

$$X \sim (B/C) \frac{m_p}{\sigma_{\text{prod}}}$$

- prediction for e.g. anti-protons ( $X \ll \lambda_{p\bar{p}}$ ):

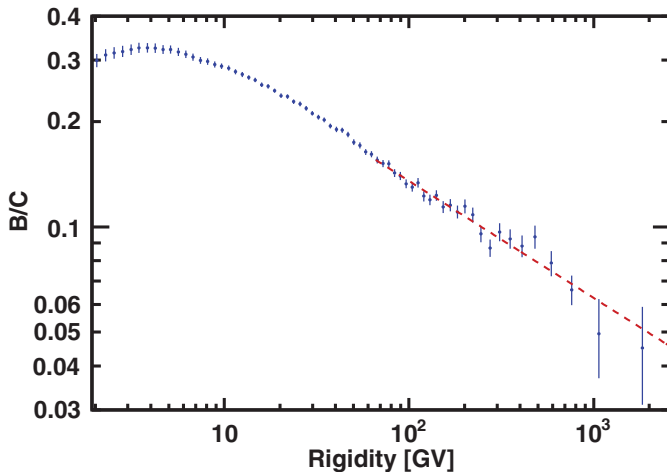
$$(\bar{p}/p) \sim X/\lambda_{p\bar{p}} = (B/C) \frac{\sigma_{p\bar{p}}}{\sigma_{\text{prod}}}$$

- relative uncertainty  $\delta_X = \delta(X)/X$

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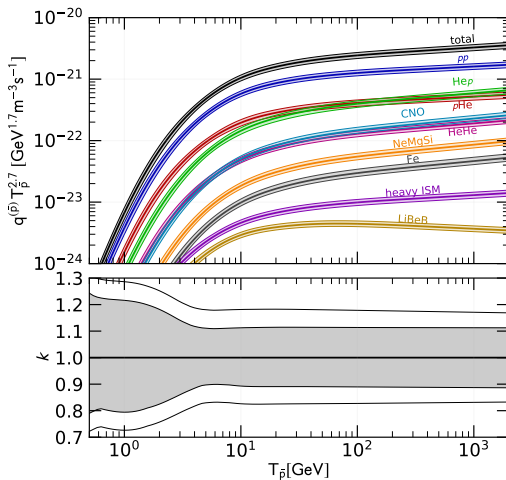
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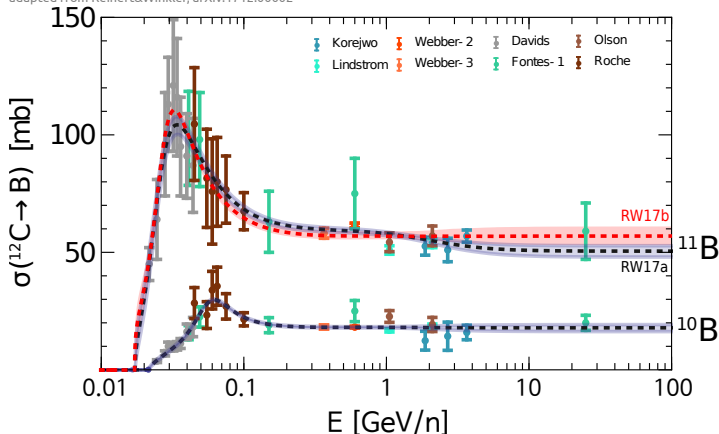




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adapted from Reinert&Winkler, arXiv:1712.00002



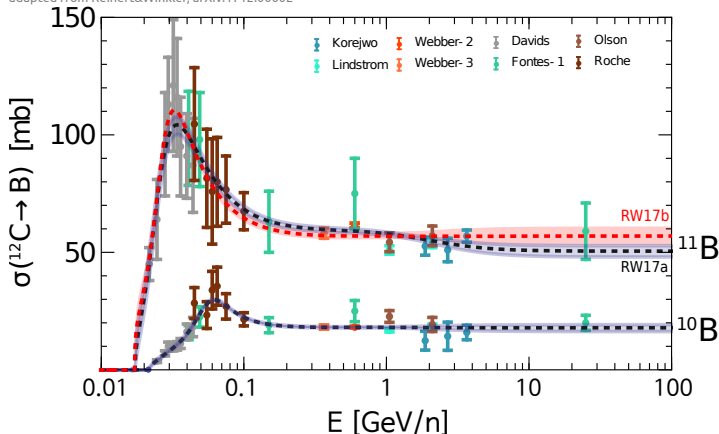
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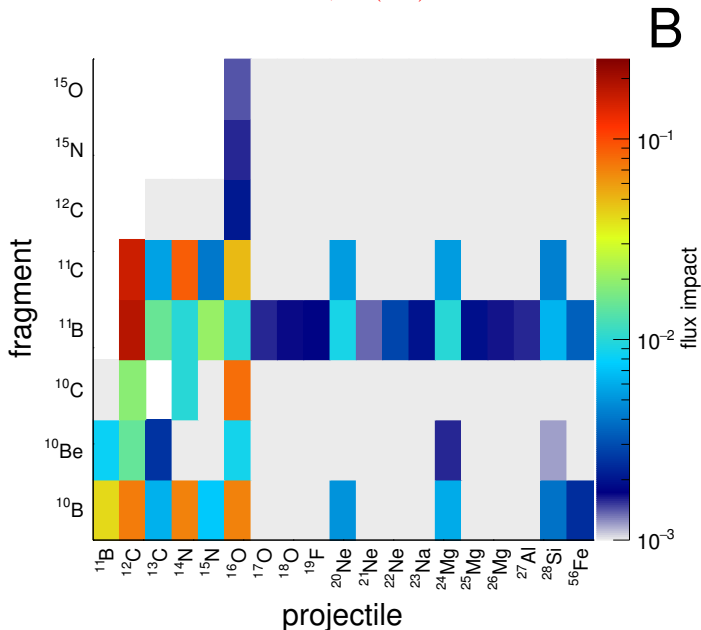


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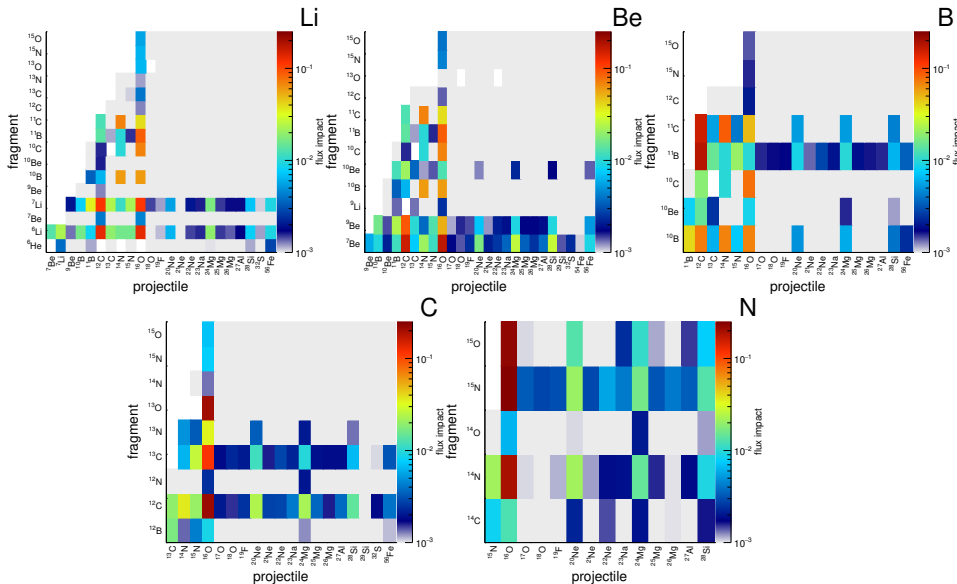
# Flux Impact

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## Uncertainty of Secondary Fluxes

- ▶ fully correlated uncertainties:

$$\left( \frac{\Delta\psi^{\text{tot}}}{\psi^{\text{tot}}} \right)^{\text{corr}} \approx \sum_{a,b,c} f_{abc} \frac{\Delta\sigma^{abc}}{\sigma^{abc}}$$

- ▶ uncorrelated uncertainties:

$$\left( \frac{\Delta\psi^{\text{tot}}}{\psi^{\text{tot}}} \right)^{\text{uncorr}} \approx \sqrt{\sum_{a,b,c} \left( f_{abc} \frac{\Delta\sigma^{abc}}{\sigma^{abc}} \right)^2}$$

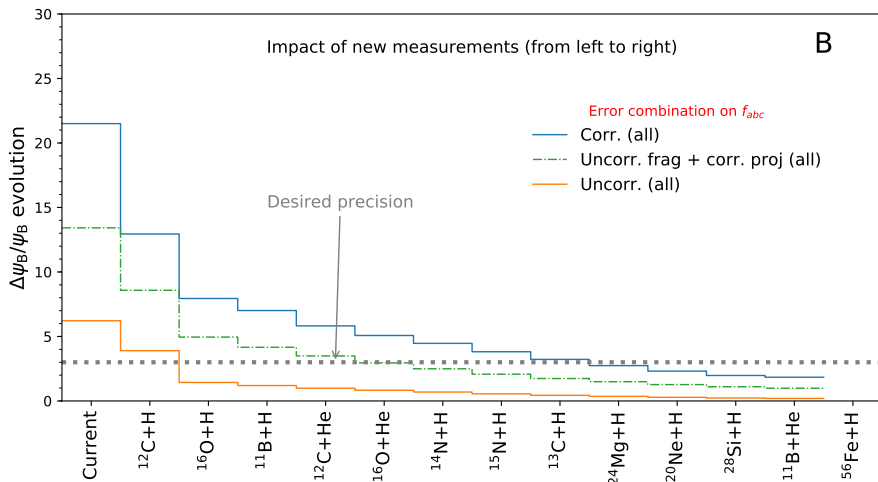
- ▶ uncorrelated uncertainties for fragments of the same projectile, but correlated for different projectiles:

$$\left( \frac{\Delta\psi^{\text{tot}}}{\psi^{\text{tot}}} \right)^{\text{mix}} \approx \sum_a \sqrt{\sum_{b,c} \left( f_{abc} \frac{\Delta\sigma^{abc}}{\sigma^{abc}} \right)^2}$$

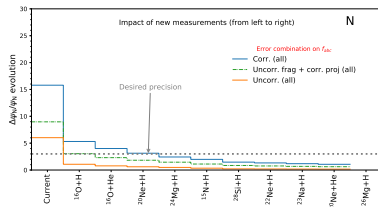
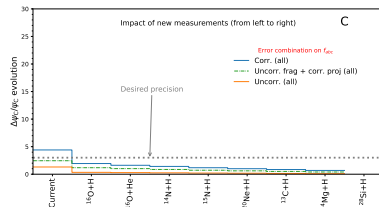
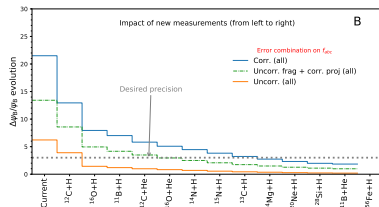
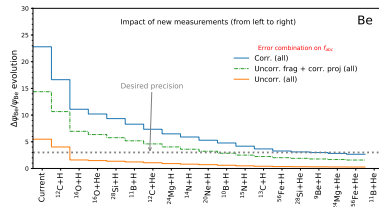
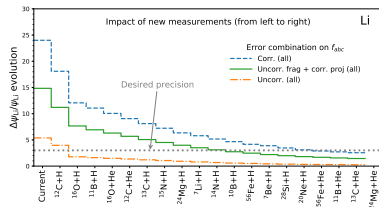
- ▶ relative cross section uncertainty  $\frac{\Delta\sigma^{abc}}{\sigma^{abc}}$

# Uncertainty of B Flux

assuming a current relative cross section uncertainty of 20%



# Uncertainty of Li/Be/B/C/N Flux



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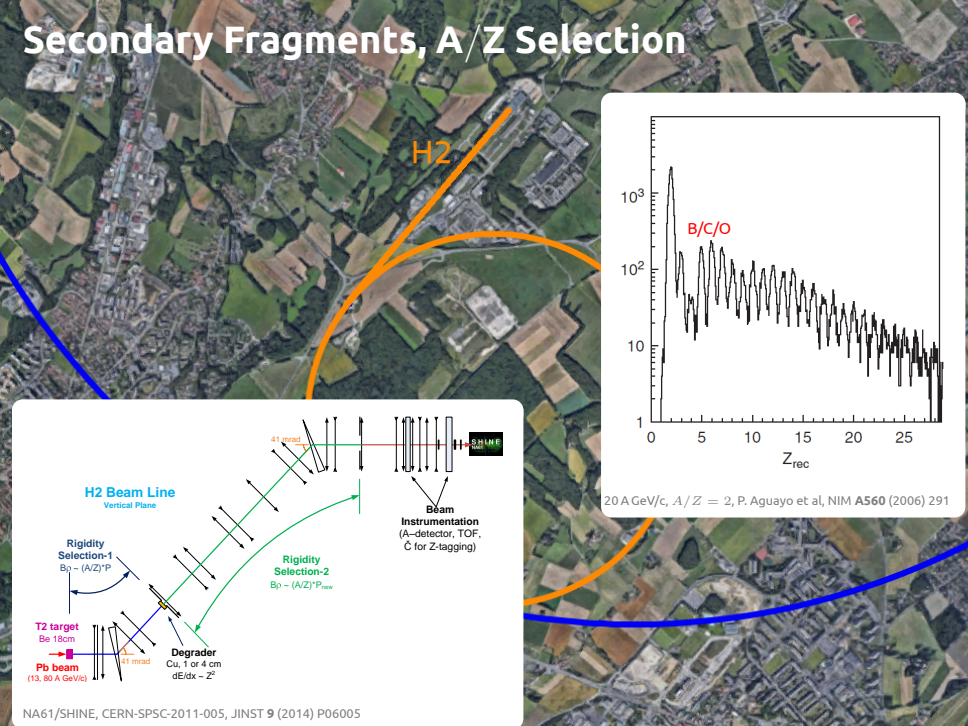
Pb/Ar 13...150 A GeV/c from SPS on Primary Target



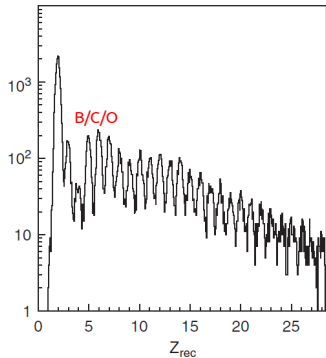
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SPS

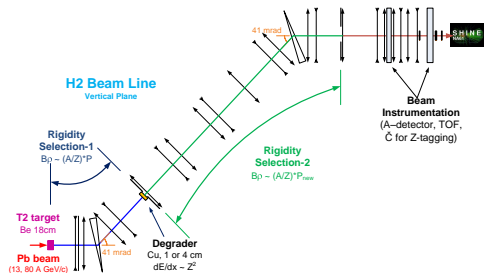
# Secondary Fragments, A/Z Selection



H2



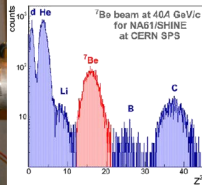
20 A GeV/c,  $A/Z = 2$ , P. Aguayo et al, NIM A560 (2006) 291



# Beam Particle Id (A and Z with ToF, dE/dX, Č)



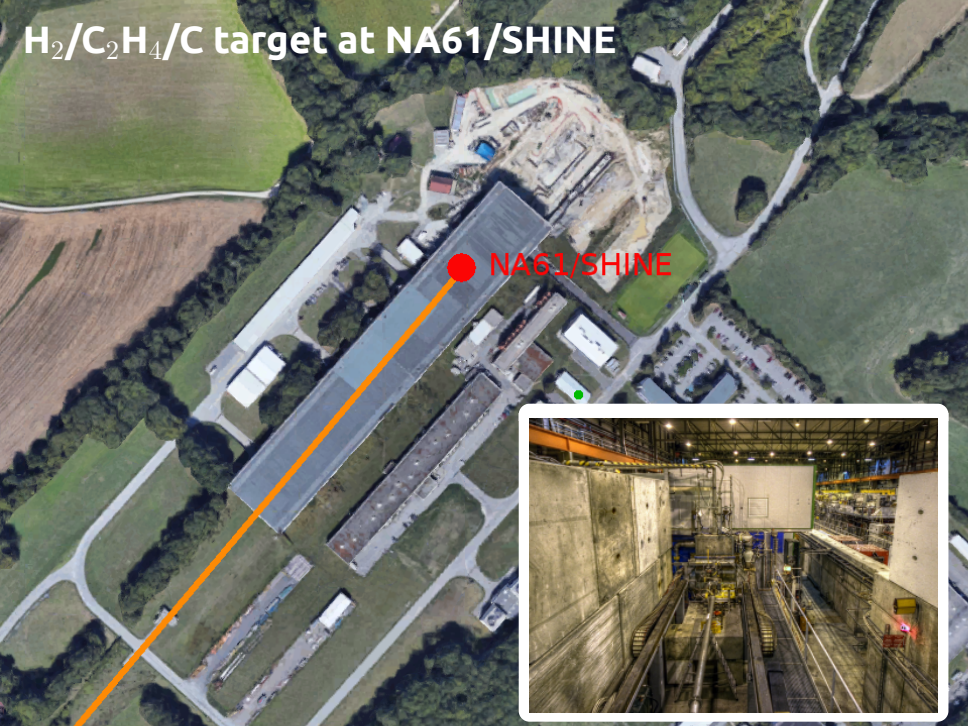
installation of ToF cable along H2 beam line, Feb 2018



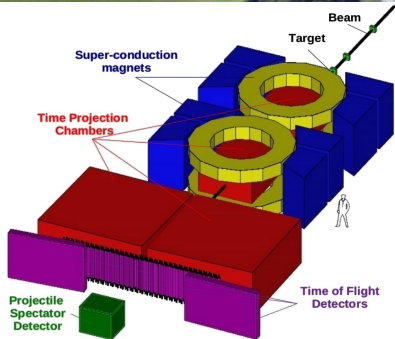
$Z^2$  detector, Be run (Cherenkov in Quartz)



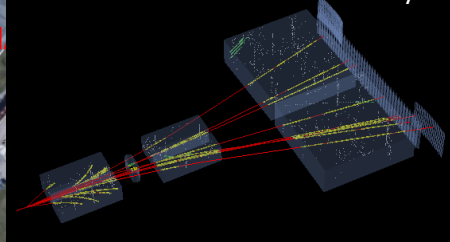
$H_2/C_2H_4/C$  target at NA61/SHINE



# NA61/SHINE Experiment at SPS

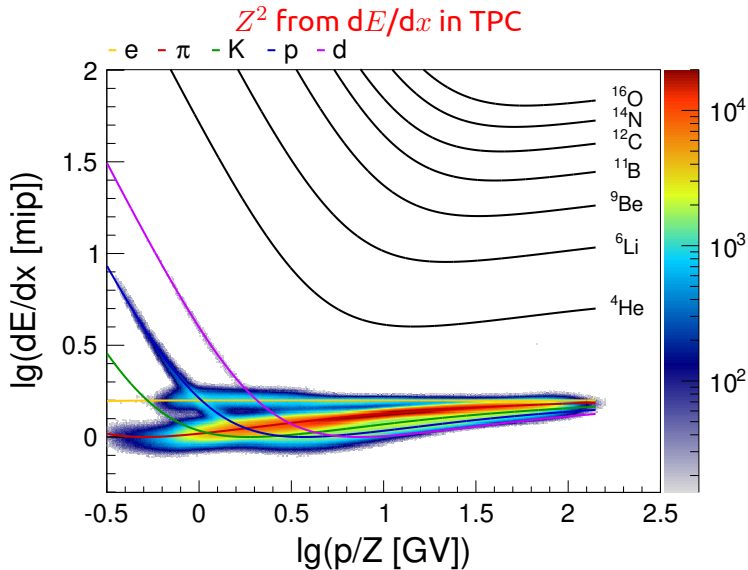


$\pi^- + C$  interaction at 158 GeV/c



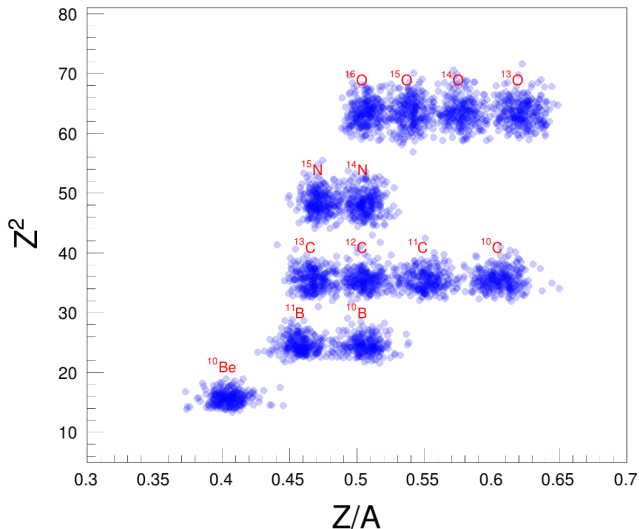
- large acceptance  $\approx 50\%$  at  $p_T \leq 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- momentum resolution:  $\sigma(p)/p^2 \approx 10^{-4}(\text{GeV}/c)^{-1}$
- tracking efficiency:  $> 95\%$

# Fragment Identification (A and Z)



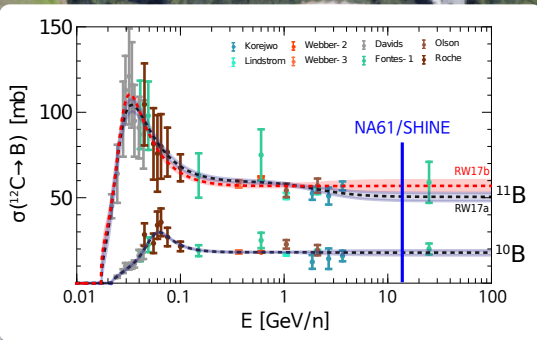
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$Z^2$  vs.  $Z/A$  (from deflection at full  $B$ )





# Data Taking Plans



- 1 week pilot run scheduled in December 2018!  
→ trigger on  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$  beam.
- 3 weeks dedicated CR running after LS2 (2022?)  
→ upgraded DAQ  
→ measure all  $\sigma$  relevant for Li, Be, B, C and N (trigger on Li ... Si)  
→ mainly X+p, what about He target?  
→ secondary flux uncertainty from  $\sigma < 1\%$

# NA61 p+p Measurements relevant for GCRs

Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77:671  
DOI 10.1140/epjc/s10052-017-5260-4

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Regular Article - Experimental Physics

## Measurements of $\pi^\pm$ , $K^\pm$ , p and $\bar{p}$ spectra in proton-proton interactions at 20, 31, 40, 80 and 158 GeV/c with the NA61/SHINE spectrometer at the CERN SPS

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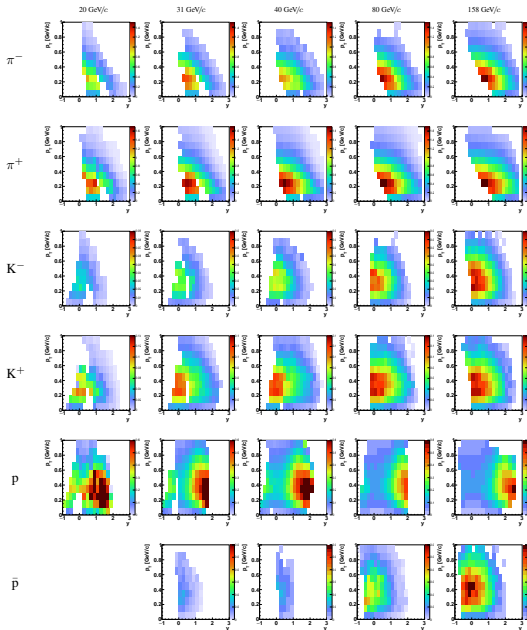


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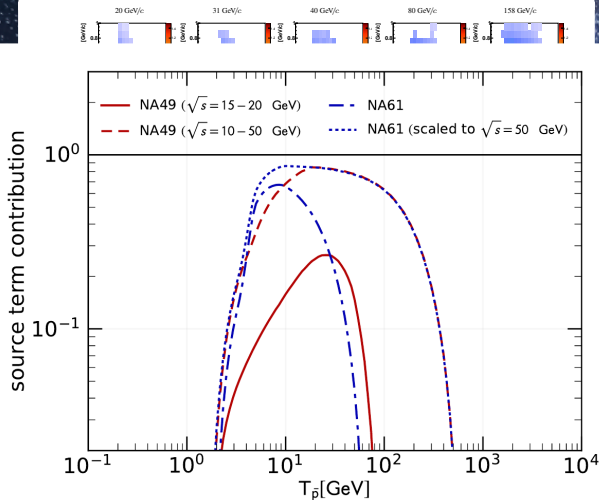
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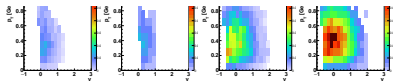


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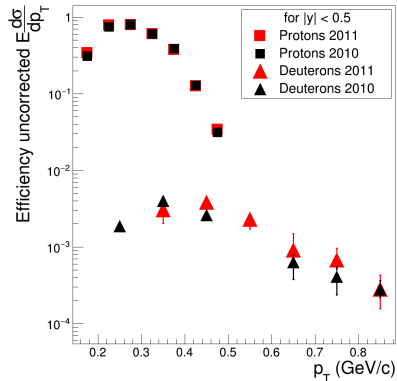
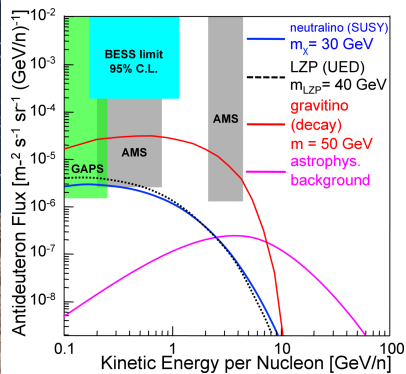


Korsmeier+, arXiv:1802.03030

$\bar{p}$



# Work in Progress: (Anti-)deuteron Production



# Thanks!



NA61 Collaboration meeting, St. Petersburg, May 2018