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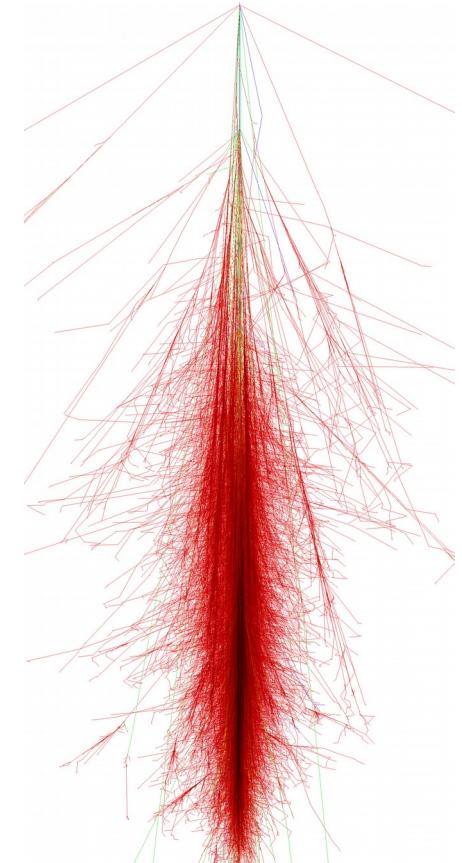
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# Origin of SIBYLL

First version ~1992

“Slow computers, fast programs”



Minimal requirements:

- \* QCD (rising cross section, multiplicity etc)
- \* efficient code
- \* Projectiles: p, pi, K and nuclei up to Fe
- \* ultra-high energies, 150 TeV cm
- \* Forward phase space

One, two, three ... hadronic event

# One: how many scatterings?

$$a(s, \vec{b}) = \frac{i}{2} (1 - e^{-\chi_{\text{soft}}(s, \vec{b}) - \chi_{\text{hard}}(s, \vec{b})}) \quad \text{Eikonal amplitude (unitarity)}$$

$$\sigma_{QCD}(s, p_T^{min}) = K \int_{p_T^{min}}^{\infty} dp_T \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \sum_{i,j,k,l} f_i(x_1, Q^2) f_j(x_2, Q^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{i,j \rightarrow k,l}}{dp_T}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}) \quad \text{LO QCD cross section}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{soft}} = \mathcal{A} \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{-\epsilon} + \mathcal{B} \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^\Delta \quad \text{Donnachie-Landsoff}$$

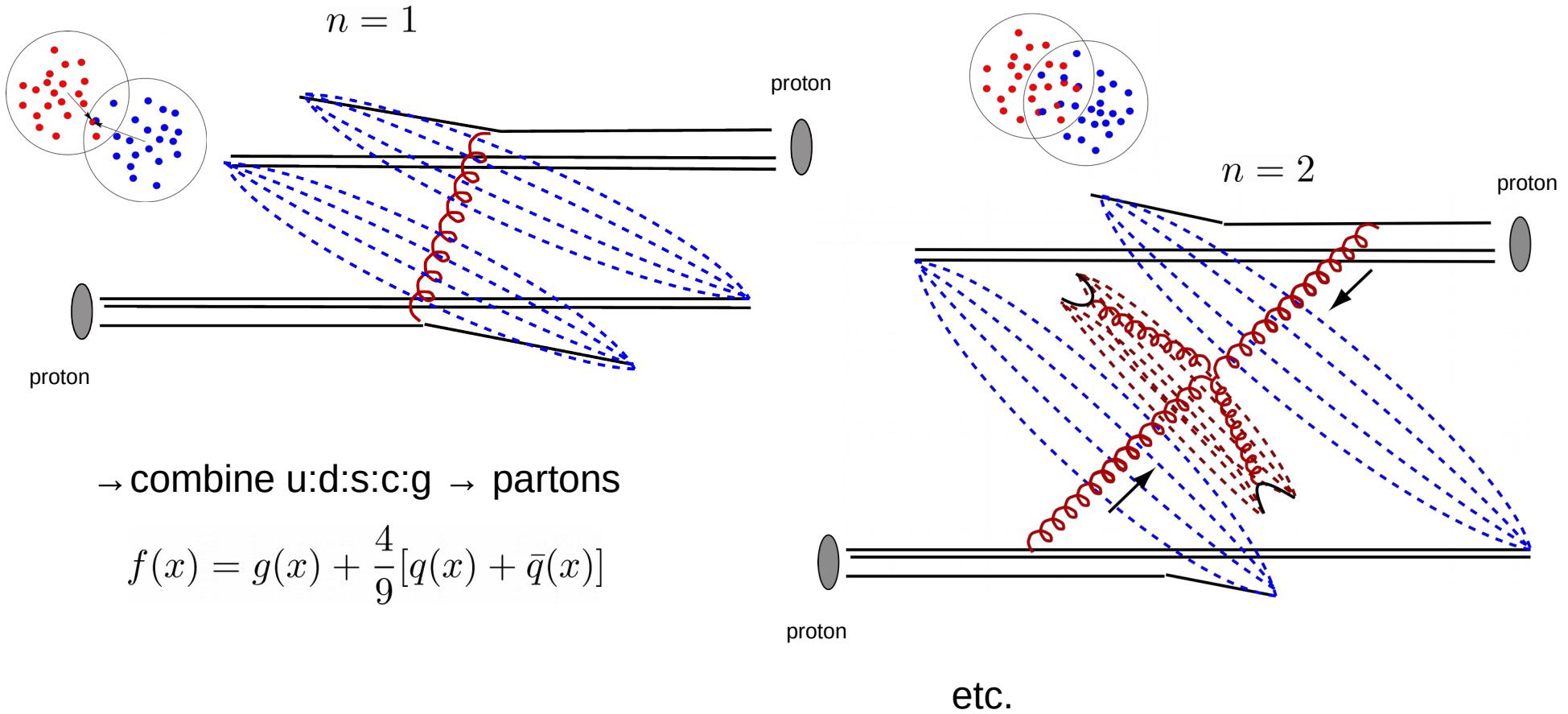
PDF: GRV98  
Hadron profiles  
PtMin separate hard & soft  
Two channel optical model → diffraction

Optical theorem,  
AGK rules

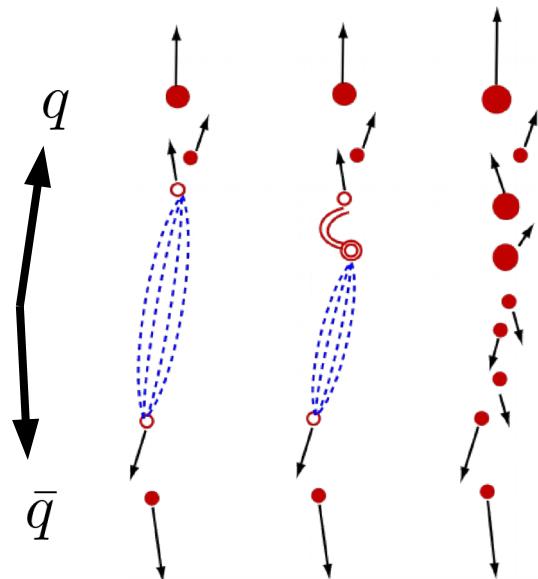
$$\sigma_{N_h, N_s}$$

→ Calculated ‘offline’

# Two: parton momenta



# Three: string fragmentation

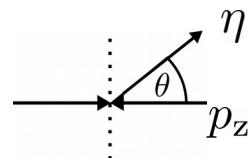
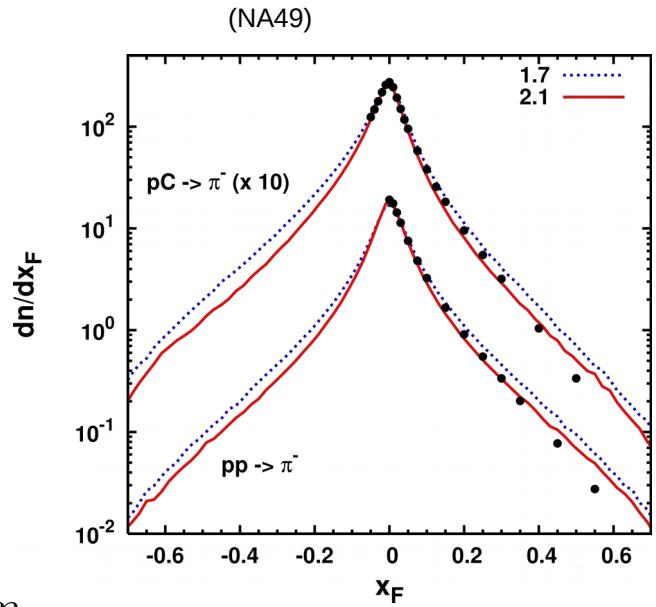
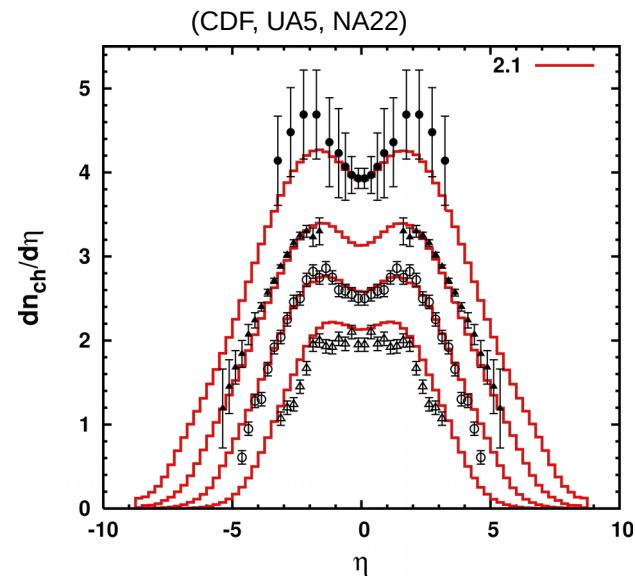
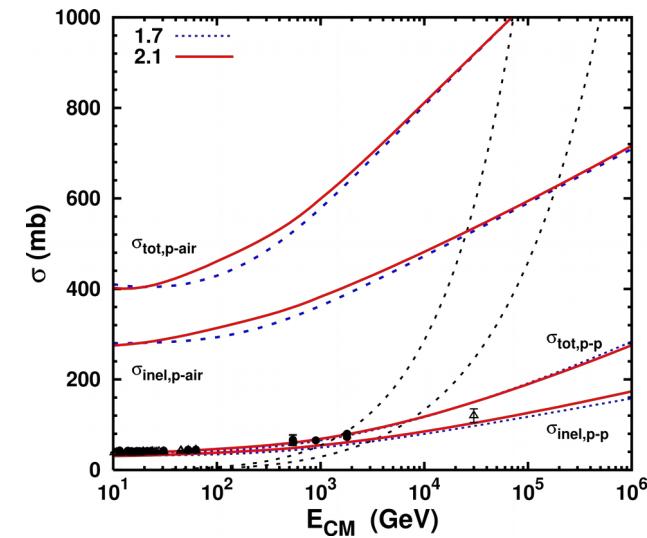


$$f(z) = \frac{(1-z)^\alpha}{z} e^{-bm_T/z}$$

$$f_{\text{lead}}(z) = z^\beta$$

Parameters	Value
u,d : s	0.3
qq : q	0.04
Spin0 : spin1	0.3

# Model performance

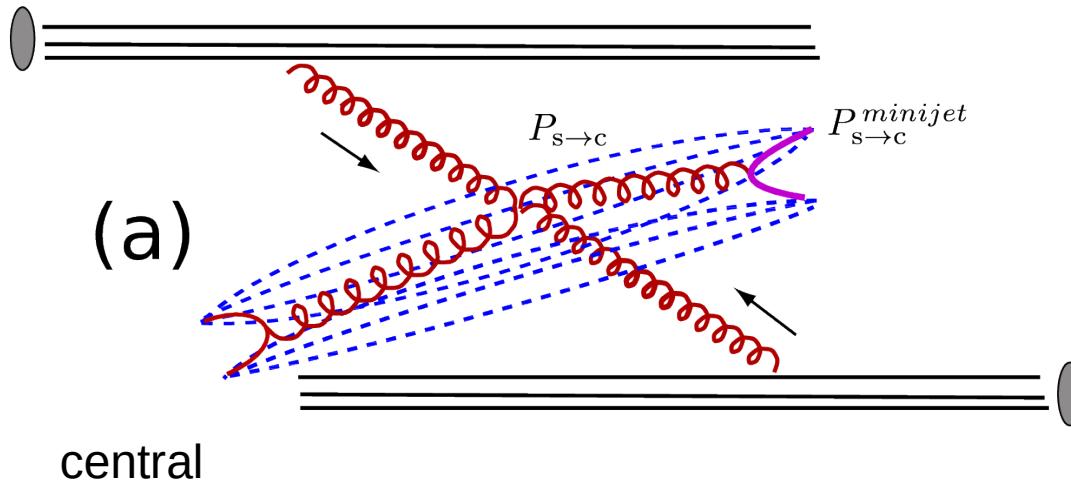


Sibyll 2.1  
tuned to TeVatron

# Charm production

$m_c \approx 2 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{pQCD} \rightarrow \text{minijets}$

# Charm production in SIBYLL



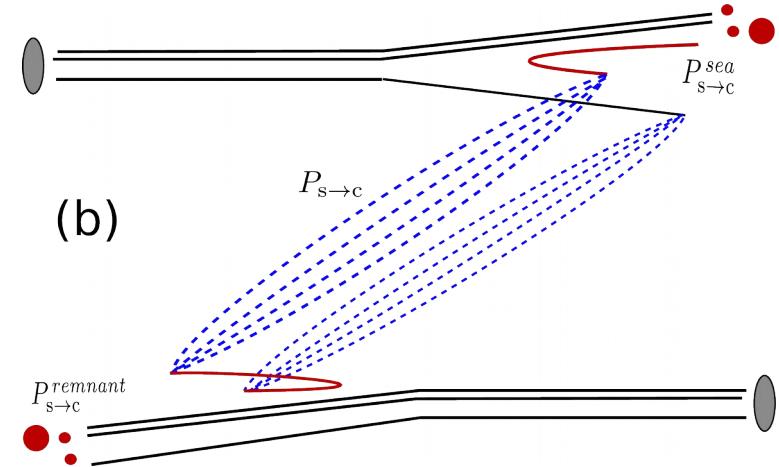
(a)

central

Parameter :  $P_c$

Rate of charm in quark sampling

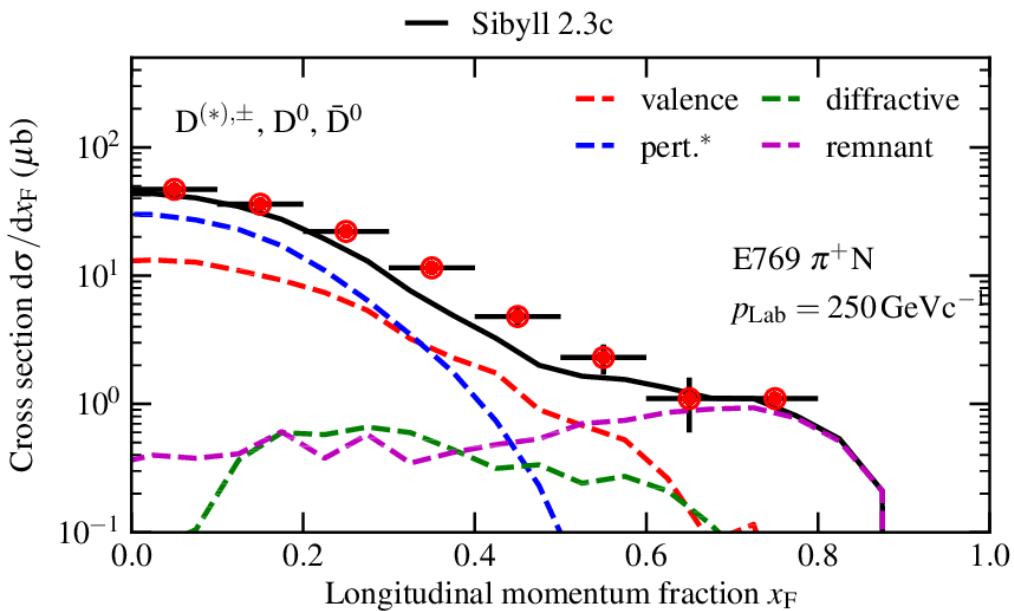
Evidence for leading,  
soft charm (SELEX) forward



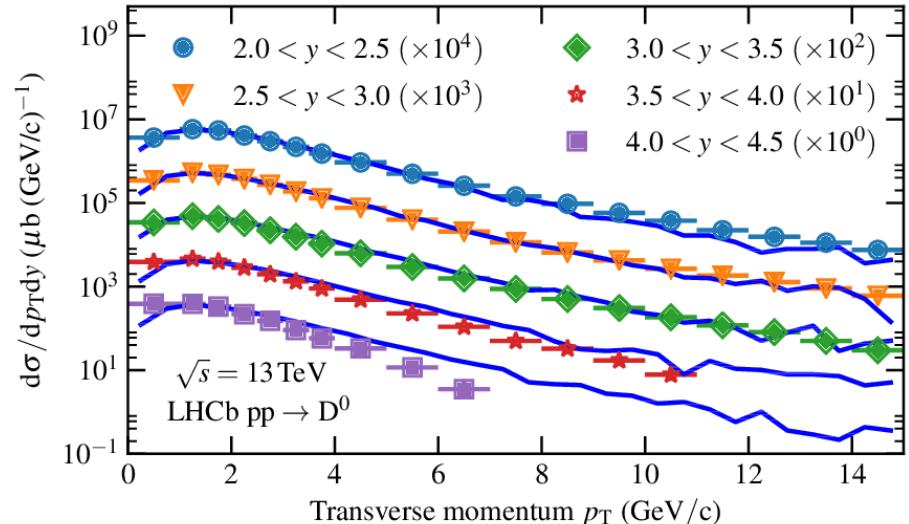
(b)

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# Charm tuning

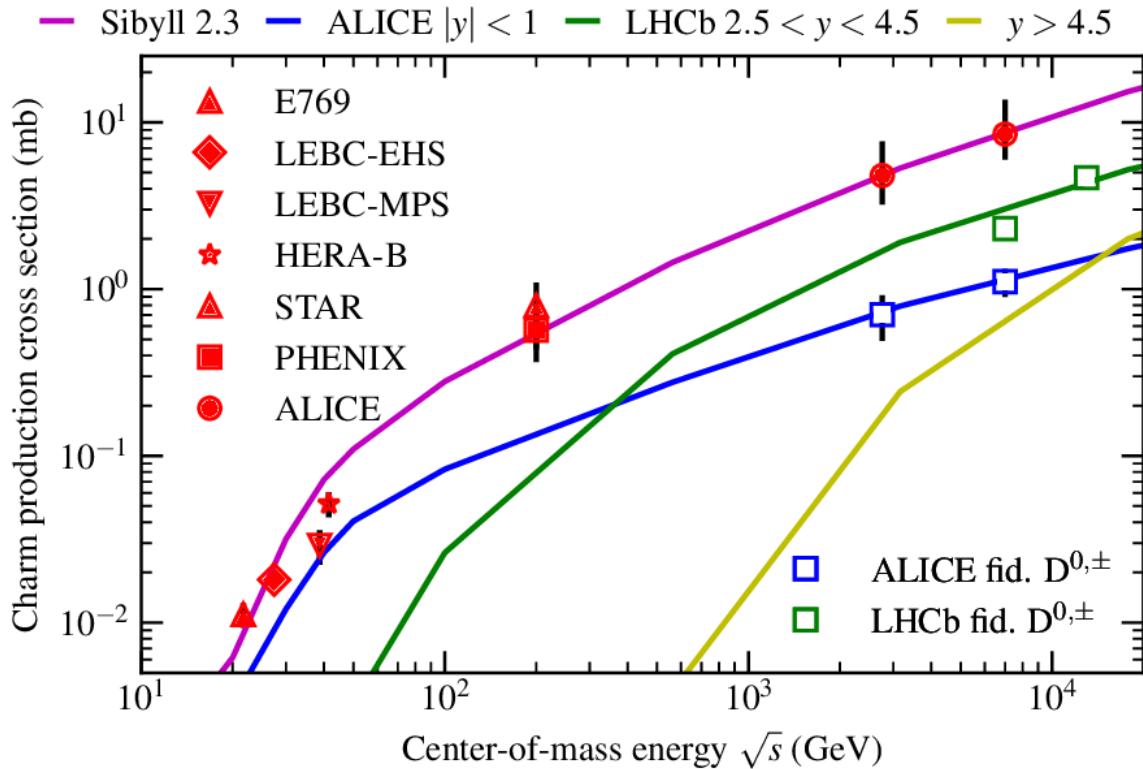


Fixed target  
Fix shape!



LHC, fix pert.\*

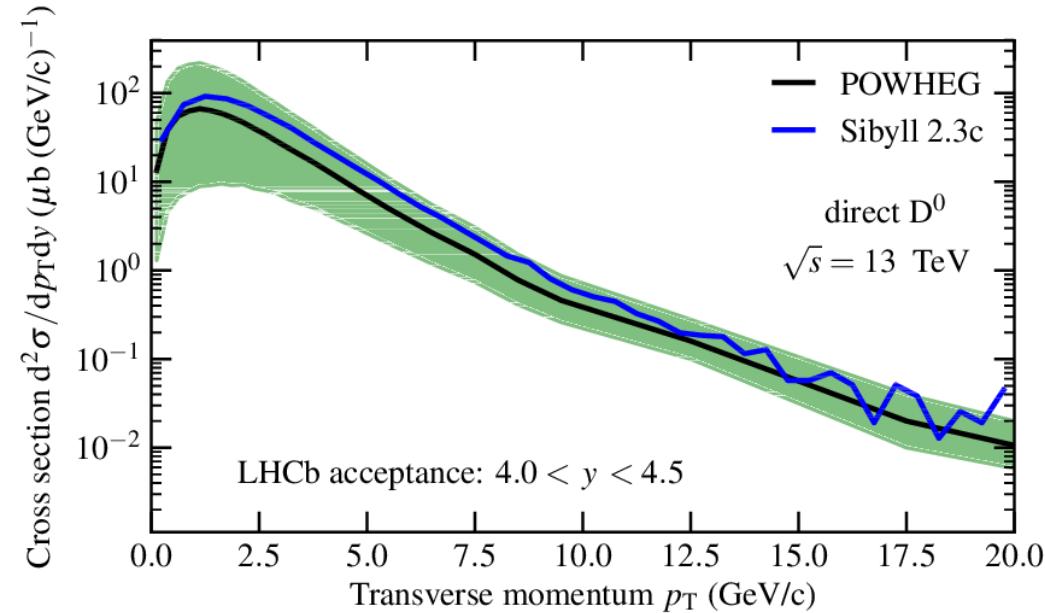
# Inclusive charm cross section



parameter	value
perturbative	
$P_{s \rightarrow c}^{\text{minijet}}$	0.08
non-perturbative	
$P_{s \rightarrow c}^{\text{soft}}$	0.004
$P_{s \rightarrow c}^{\text{sea}}$	0.002
$P_{s \rightarrow c}^{\text{remnant}}$	0.0
$P_{s \rightarrow c}^{\text{string}}$	0.004

# Sibyll vs. NLO

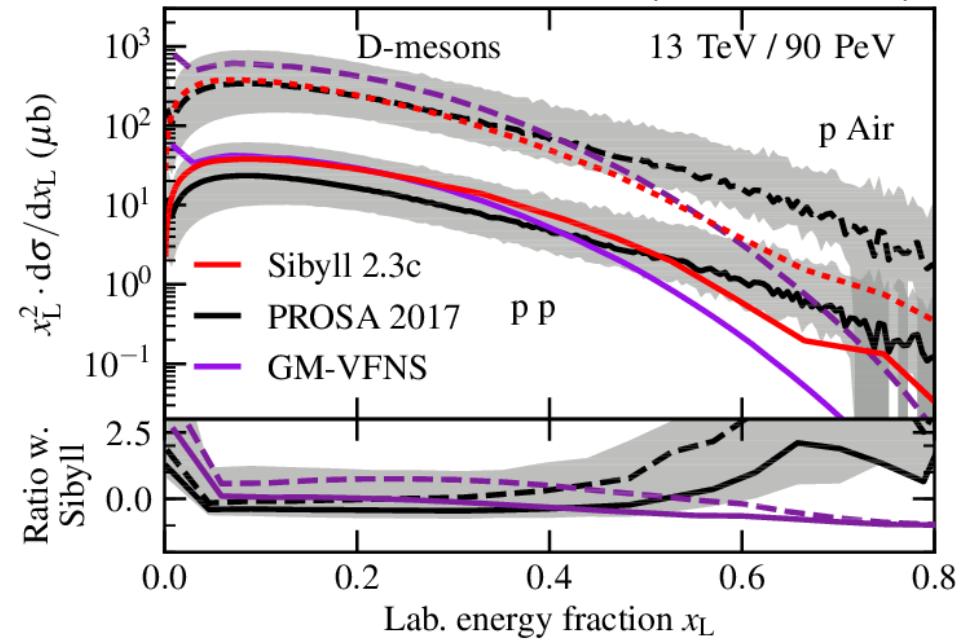
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Good agreement ✓

Full long. phasespace

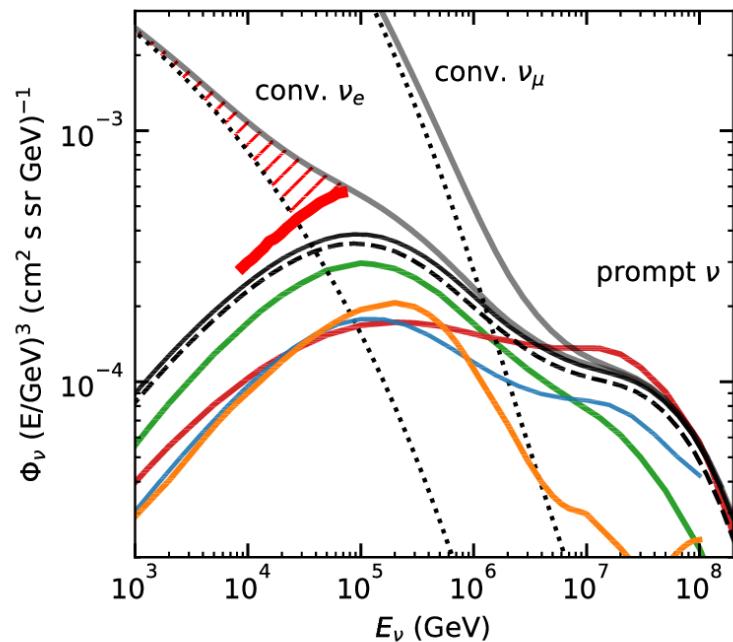
(with M.V. Garzelli)



Not so much ✗

# Flux predictions

# Atmospheric flux



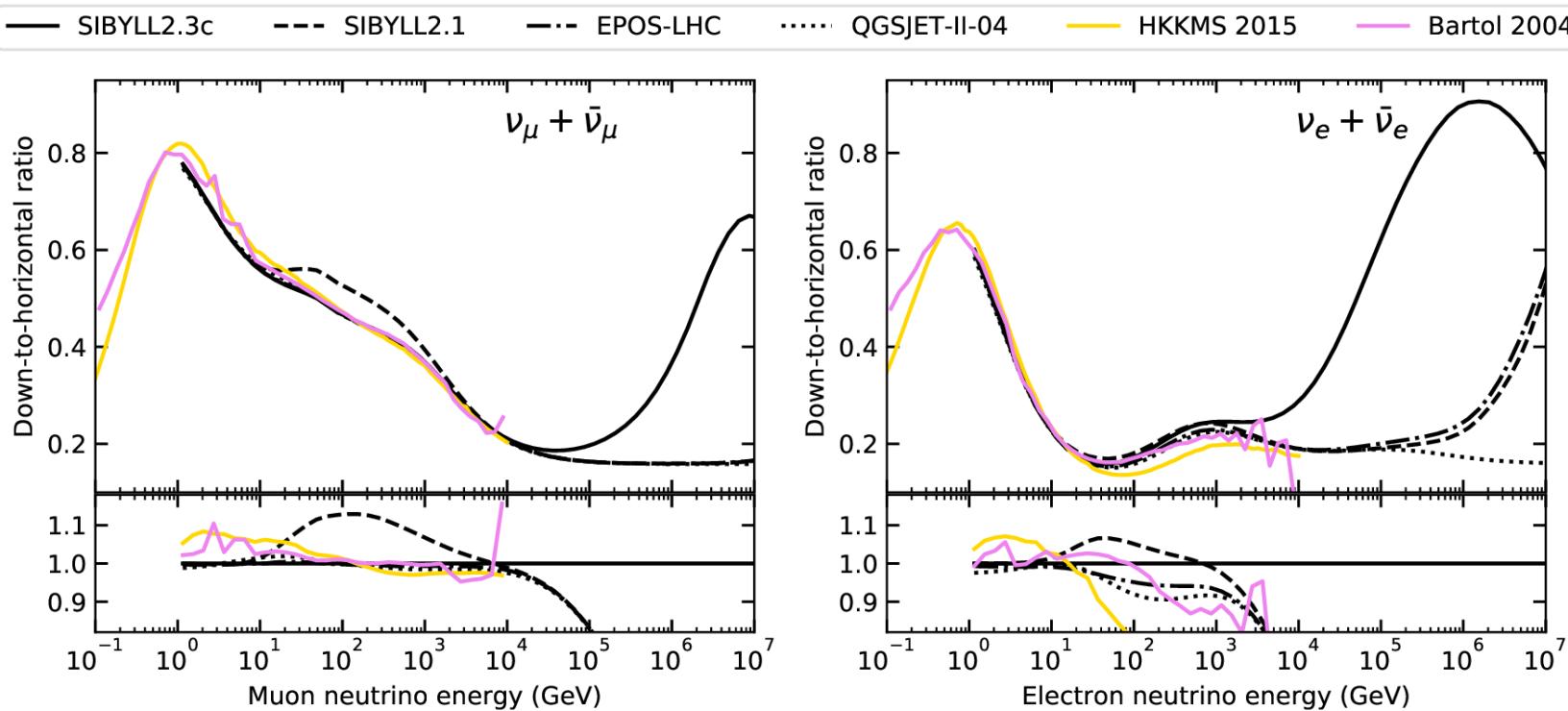
Range of predictions ??

what happened with pQCD works ?

→ additional modeling:

- \* nuclear interaction
- \* phasespace extrapolation

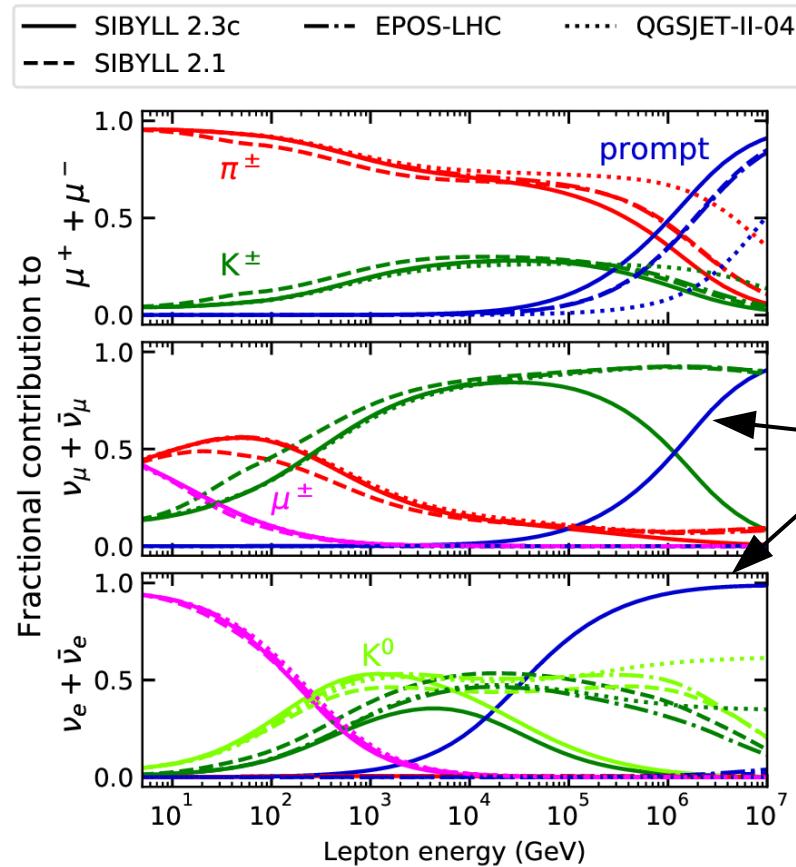
# Down-to-horizontal ratio



Measures  
prompt  
vs.  
Non-prompt

Or  
First vs.  
Secondary  
interactions

# Flux decomposed

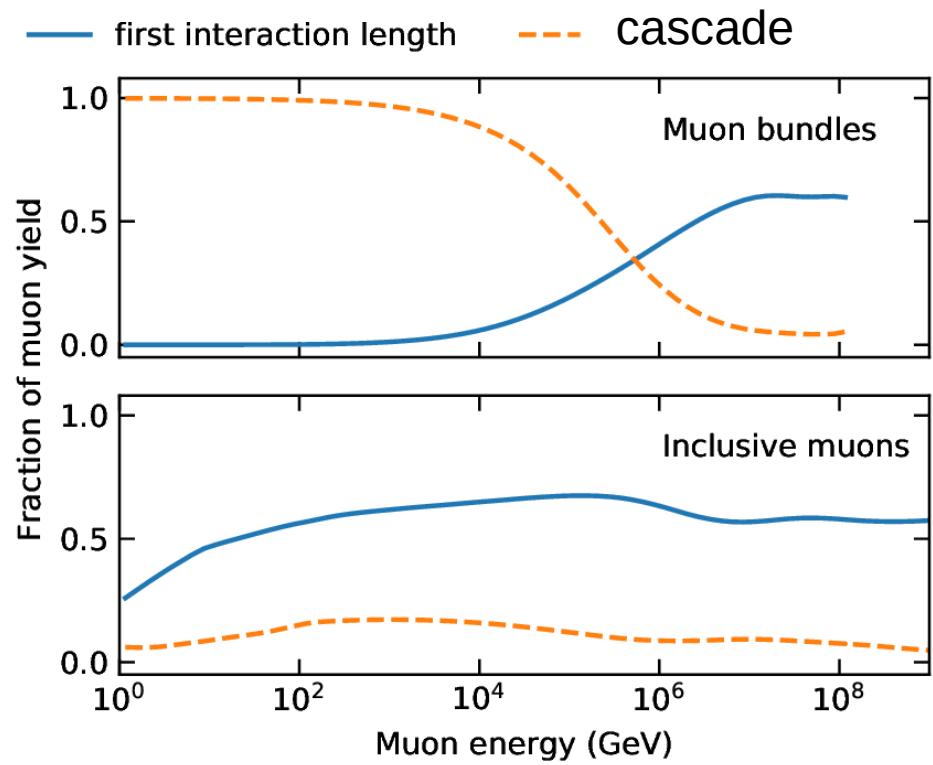
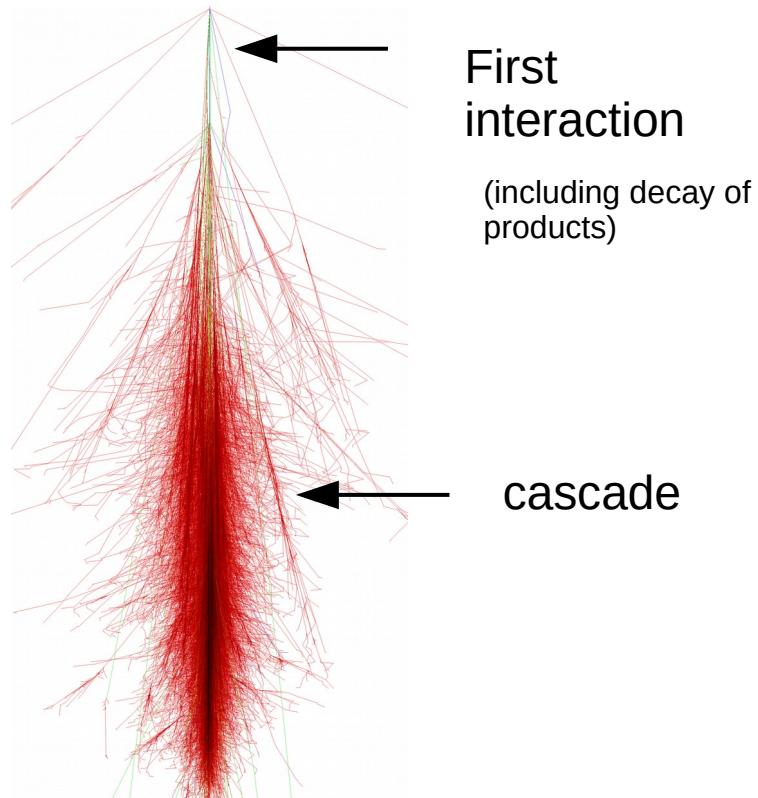


Prompt muons also  
from 'unflavored'  
mesons  
 $\eta$   $\omega$   $\rho^0$  ...

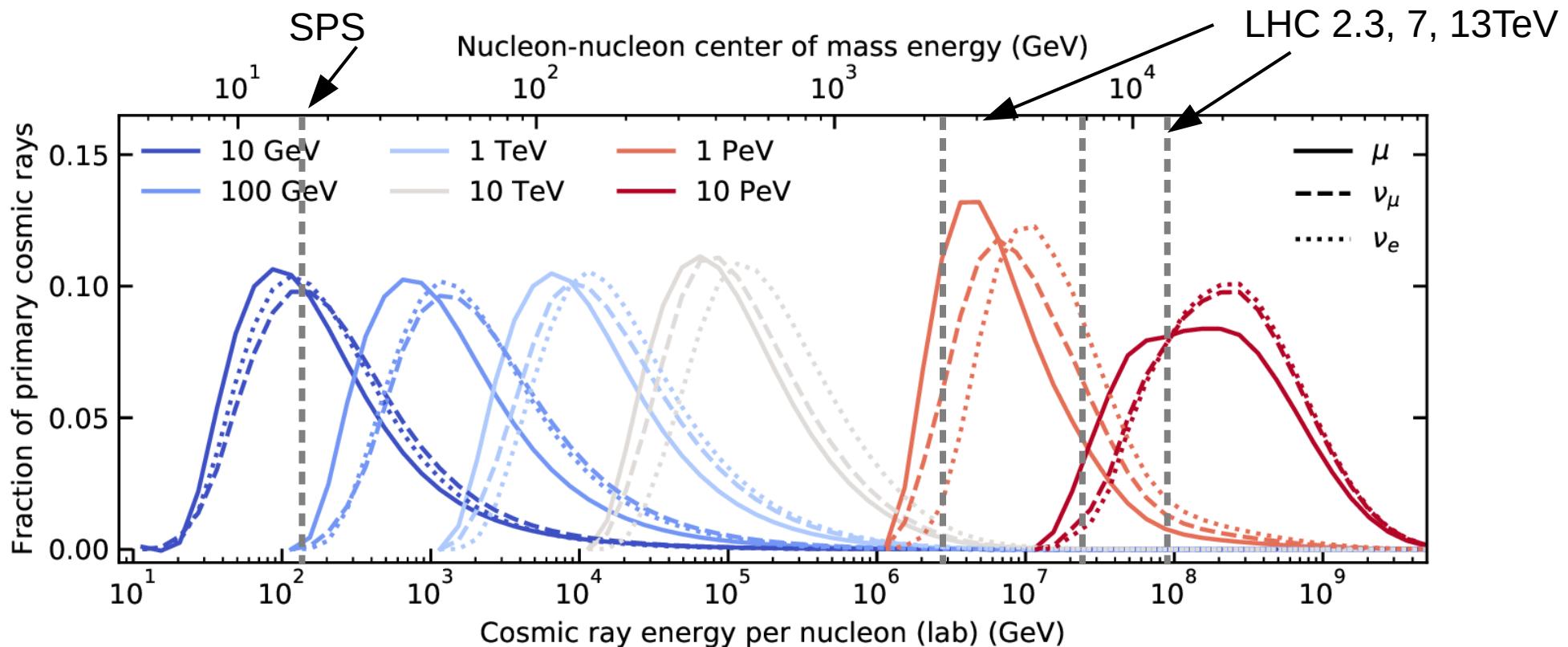
Prompt neutrinos  
only for Sibyll  $\rightarrow$  charm!

How reliable are these predictions ?

# Where in the air shower?



# Primary energy



LHC: our tool!

# Phasespace

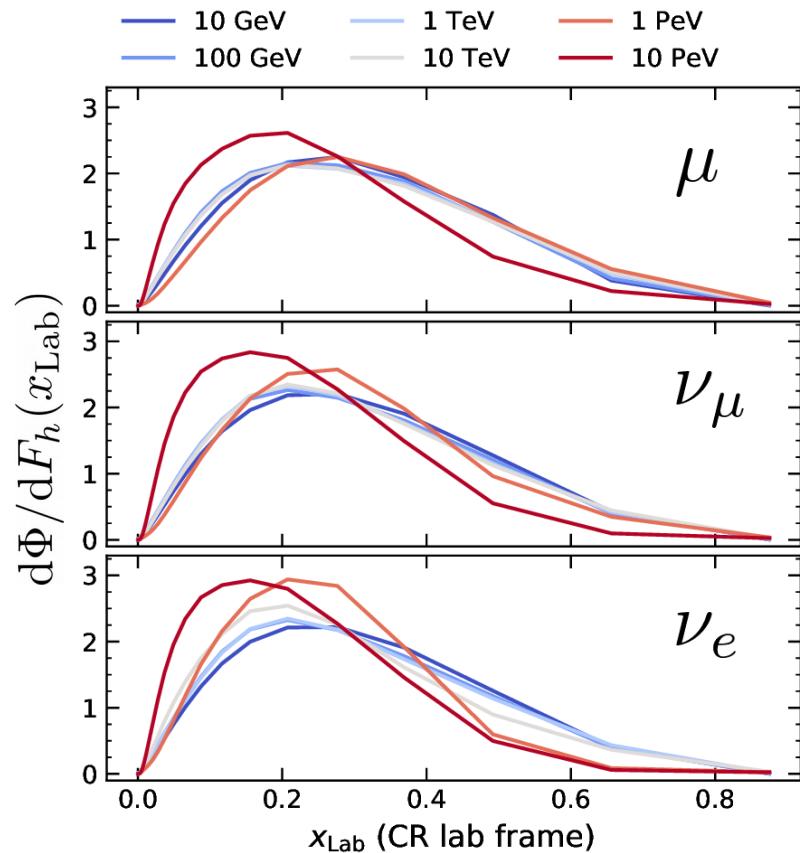
The coupled cascade equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Phi_h(E, X)}{dX} = & -\frac{\Phi_h(E, X)}{\lambda_{\text{int},h}(E)} \\
 & -\frac{\Phi_h(E, X)}{\lambda_{\text{dec},h}(E, X)} \\
 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial E}(\mu(E)\Phi_h(E, X)) \\
 \xrightarrow{\quad \text{red arrow} \quad} & + \sum_{\ell} \int_E^{\infty} dE_{\ell} \frac{dN_{\ell(E_{\ell}) \rightarrow h(E)}}{dE} \frac{\Phi_{\ell}(E_{\ell}, X)}{\lambda_{\text{int},l}(E_{\ell})} \\
 & + \sum_{\ell} \int_E^{\infty} dE_{\ell} \frac{dN_{\ell(E_{\ell}) \rightarrow h(E)}^{\text{dec}}}{dE} \frac{\Phi_{\ell}(E_{\ell}, X)}{\lambda_{\text{dec},l}(E_{\ell}, X)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

**Source term**

$$E_h^{\gamma} \frac{dN_h}{dE_h} = F_h$$

Impact of variation in prod. spectrum

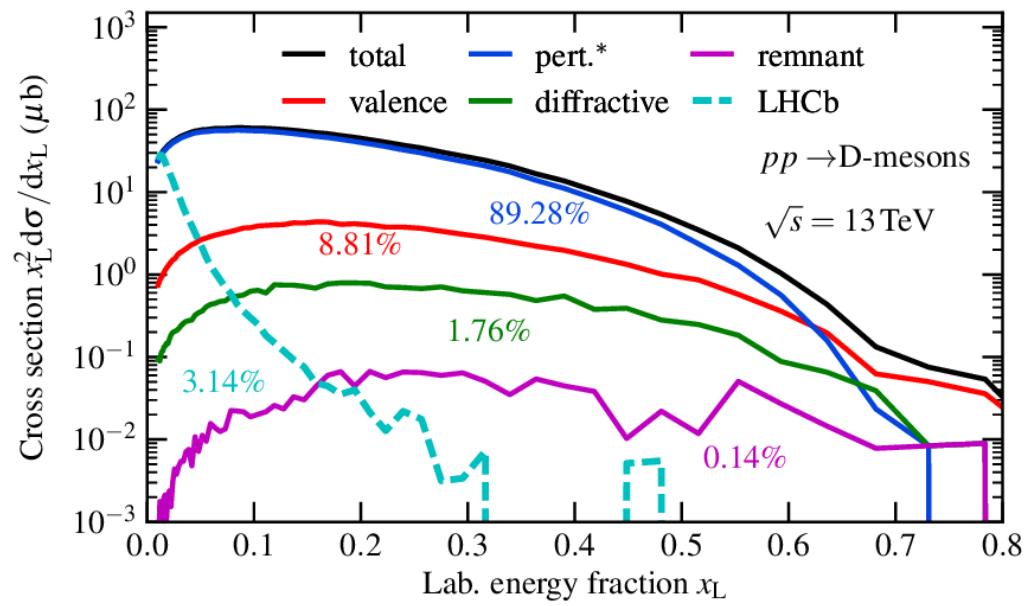


# Phasespace coverage

LHCb only covers  
small fraction

Source term

$$E_h^\gamma \frac{dN_h}{dE_h} = F_h$$



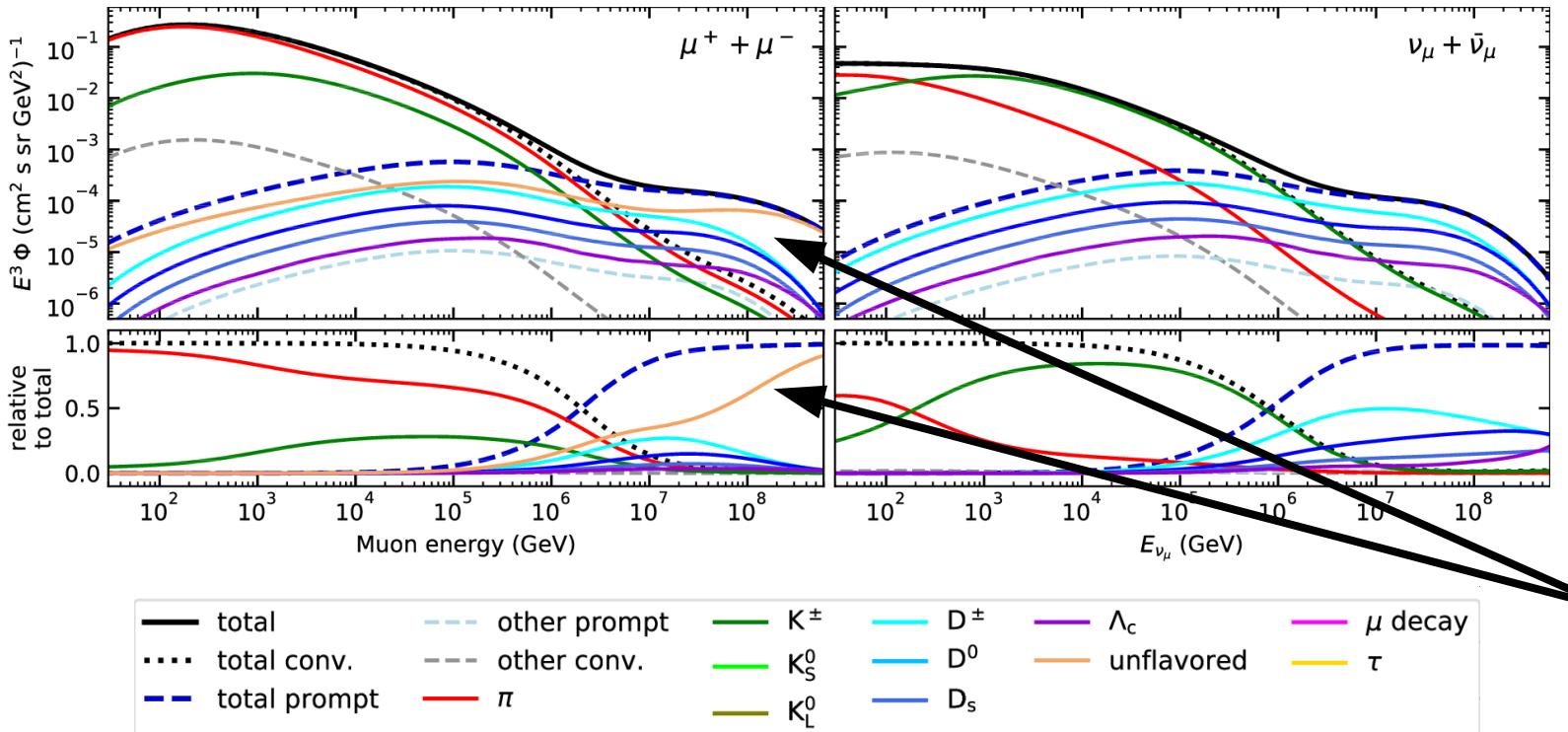
LHC detectors: not so great :(

# Charm data

TABLE II: Experiments that collected data on charm production including the corresponding projectile-target configuration and the accessible longitudinal phase space. These data have been used for model development and parameter estimation.

Name	$P_{\text{Lab}}$ (GeV)	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	$x_F$ spectrum	$x_F$ coverage	Beam config.	Ref.
E-769	250	22	yes	$-0.1 < x_F < 0.8$	p-Nuc	[48, 59]
EHS	400	27.4	yes	$0 < x_F < 0.6$	p-p	[49, 60]
MPS	800	39	yes	$-0.1 < x_F < 0.4$	p-p	[50]
HERA-B	920	42	no	$-0.1 < x_F < 0.05$	p-Nuc	[51]
STAR	21 TeV	200	no	$-0.03 < x_F < 0.03$	p-p	[53]
PHENIX	21 TeV	200	no	$-0.003 < x_F < 0.003$	p-p	[54]
ALICE	4 PeV	2.76 TeV	no	$-0.005 < x_F < 0.005$	p-p	[55]
	26 PeV	7 TeV	no	$-0.004 < x_F < 0.004$	p-p	[56]
LHCb	26 PeV	7 TeV	no	$0.002 < x_F < 0.1$	p-p	[57]
	90 PeV	13 TeV	no	$0.002 < x_F < 0.1$	p-p	[58]

# Calibrate charm with muon flux measurement ?

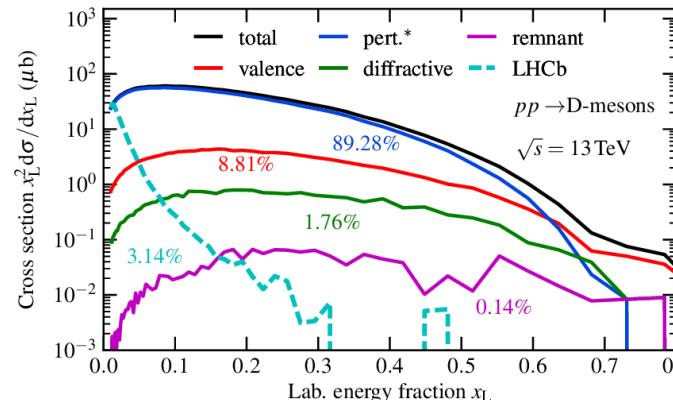
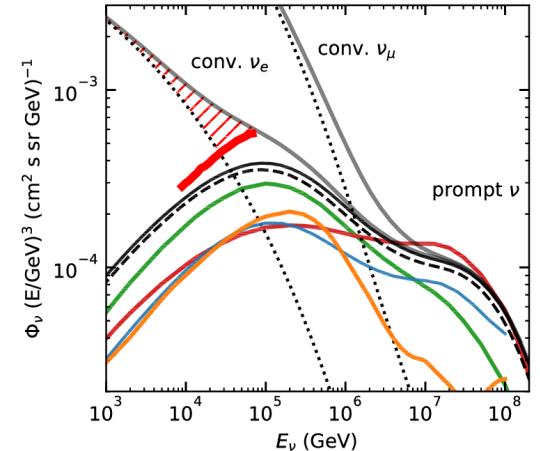


Prompt  
dominated  
by  
unflavored !

# Summary

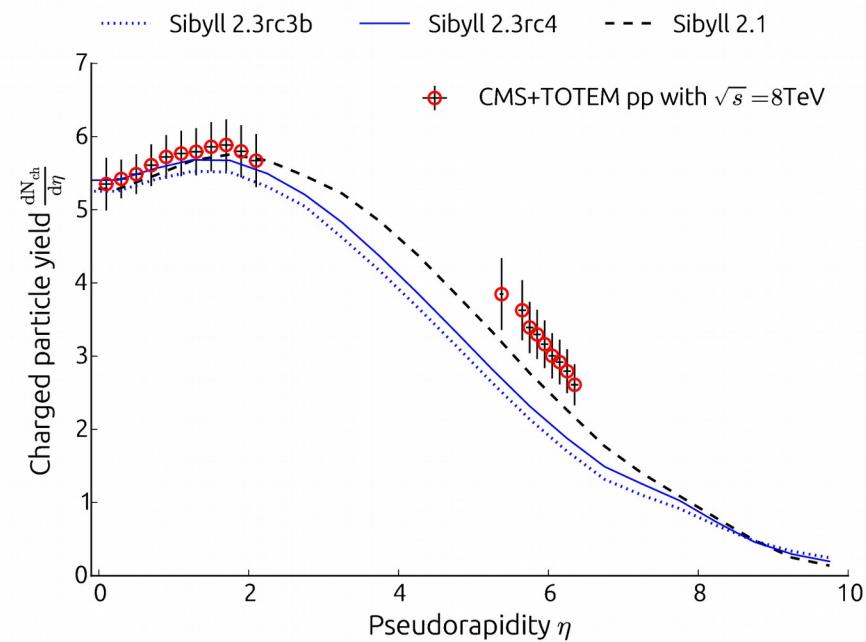
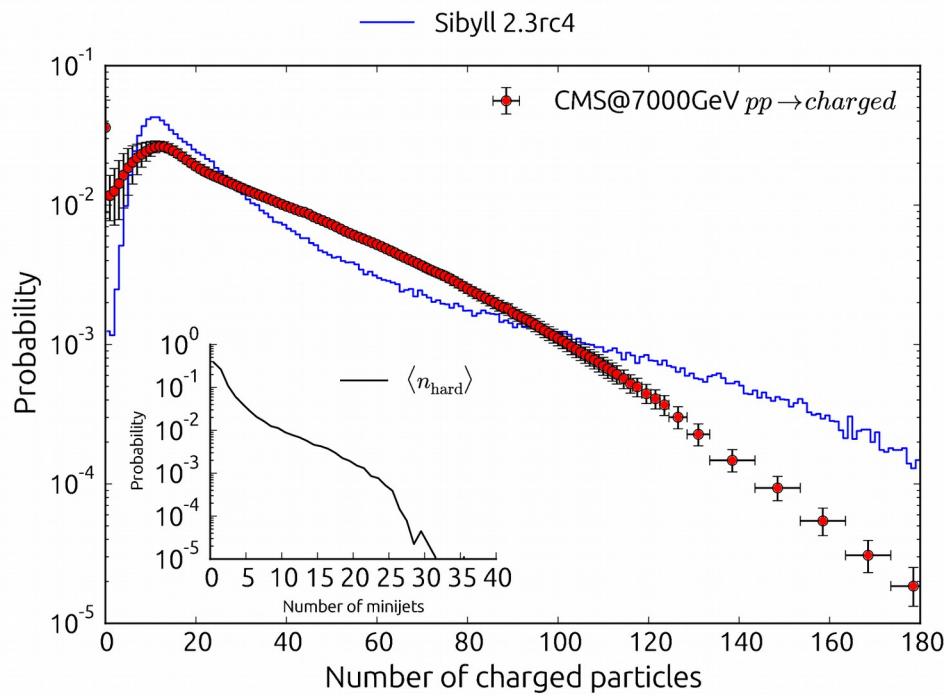
SIBYLL 2.3c	PROSA 2017
SIBYLL 2.3c (pQCD)	GM-VFNS 2017
BERSS 2015	Prompt excess
GRRST 2016	IceCube 1.06xERS

- \* high energy neutrino flux from prompt/charm  
clear prediction by QCD
- \* prediction slightly depends on non-perturbative effects  
(forward, low- $x$ )
- \* model needs experimental input for forward region  
(fingers crossed for pO at LHC, fixed target at LHC)
- \* future: charm in EPOS 3 (?)  
→ nuclear effects, hard-soft correlation

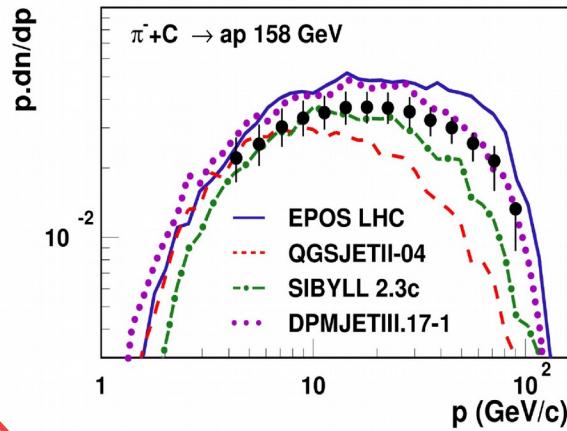
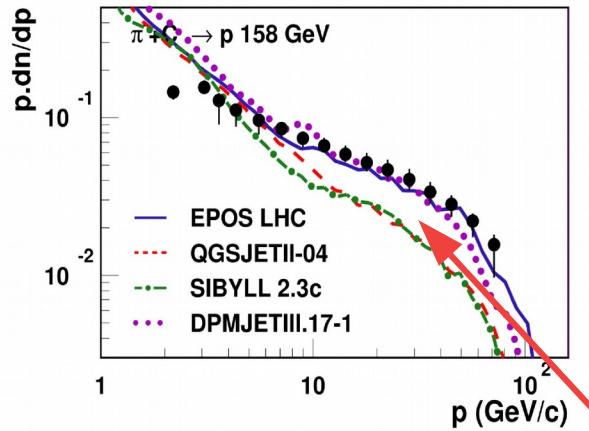
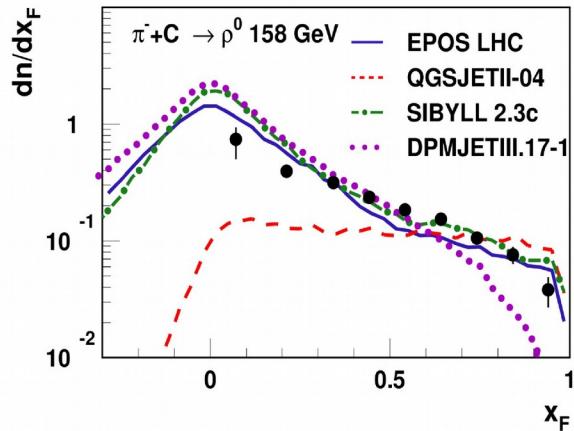




# Opportunities for improvements

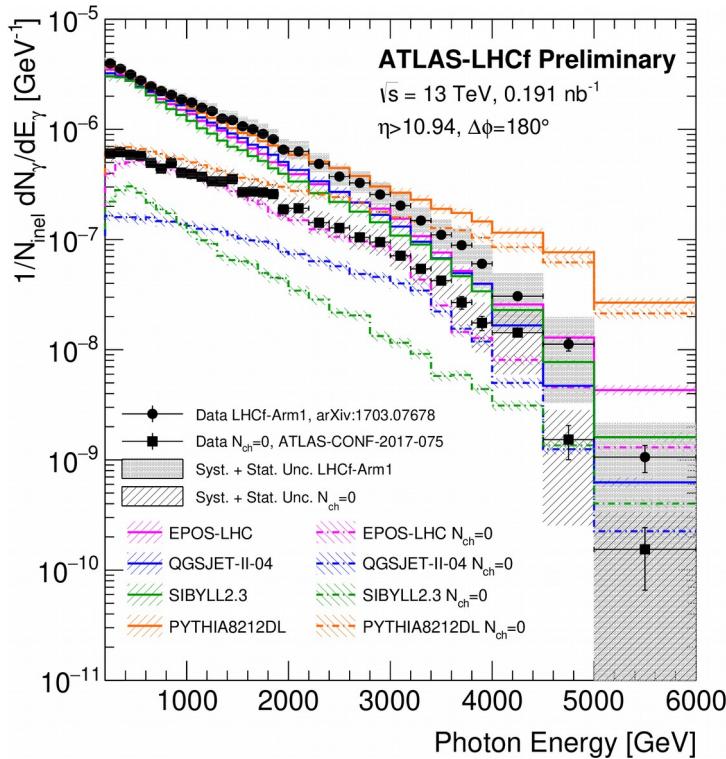


# NA61

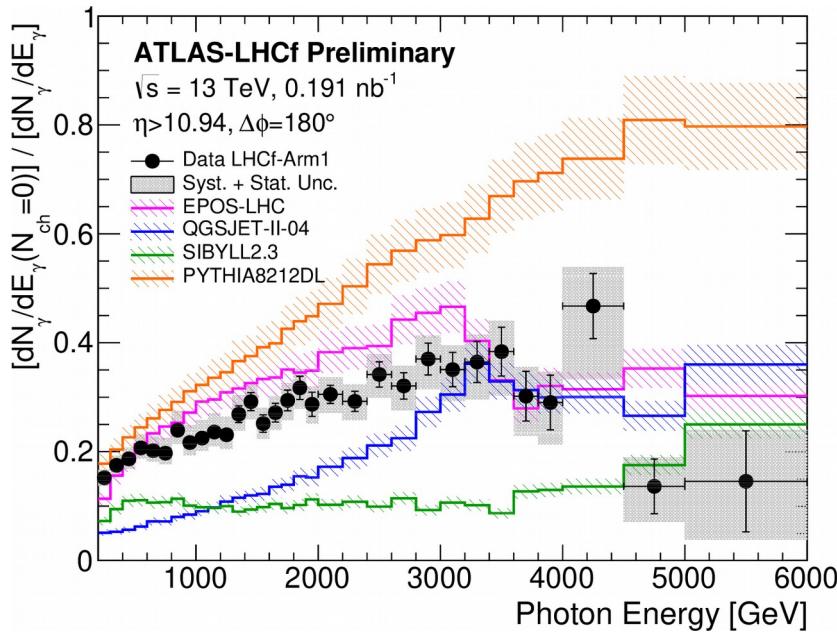


Enough ?

# LHCf: Forward photons

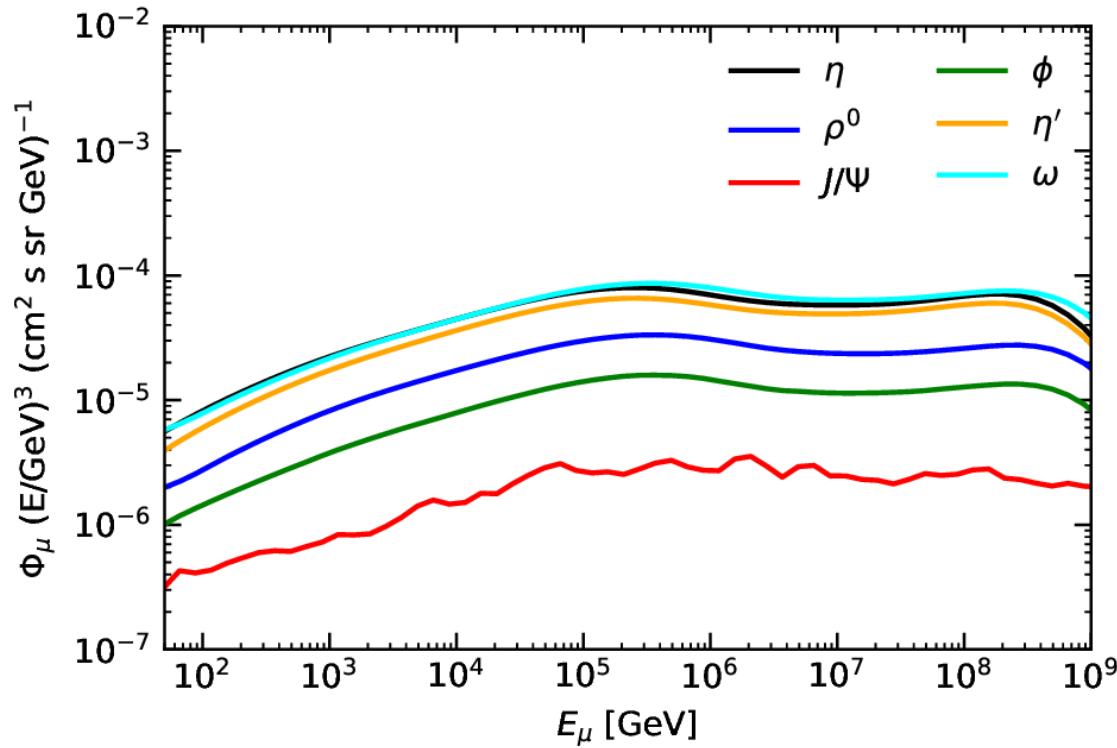


LHCf + ATLAS veto

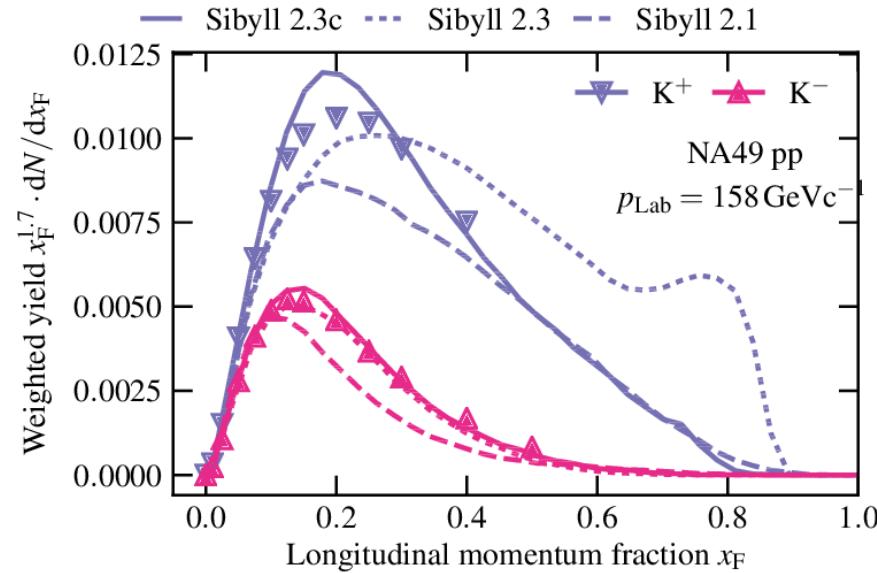


Diffraction?

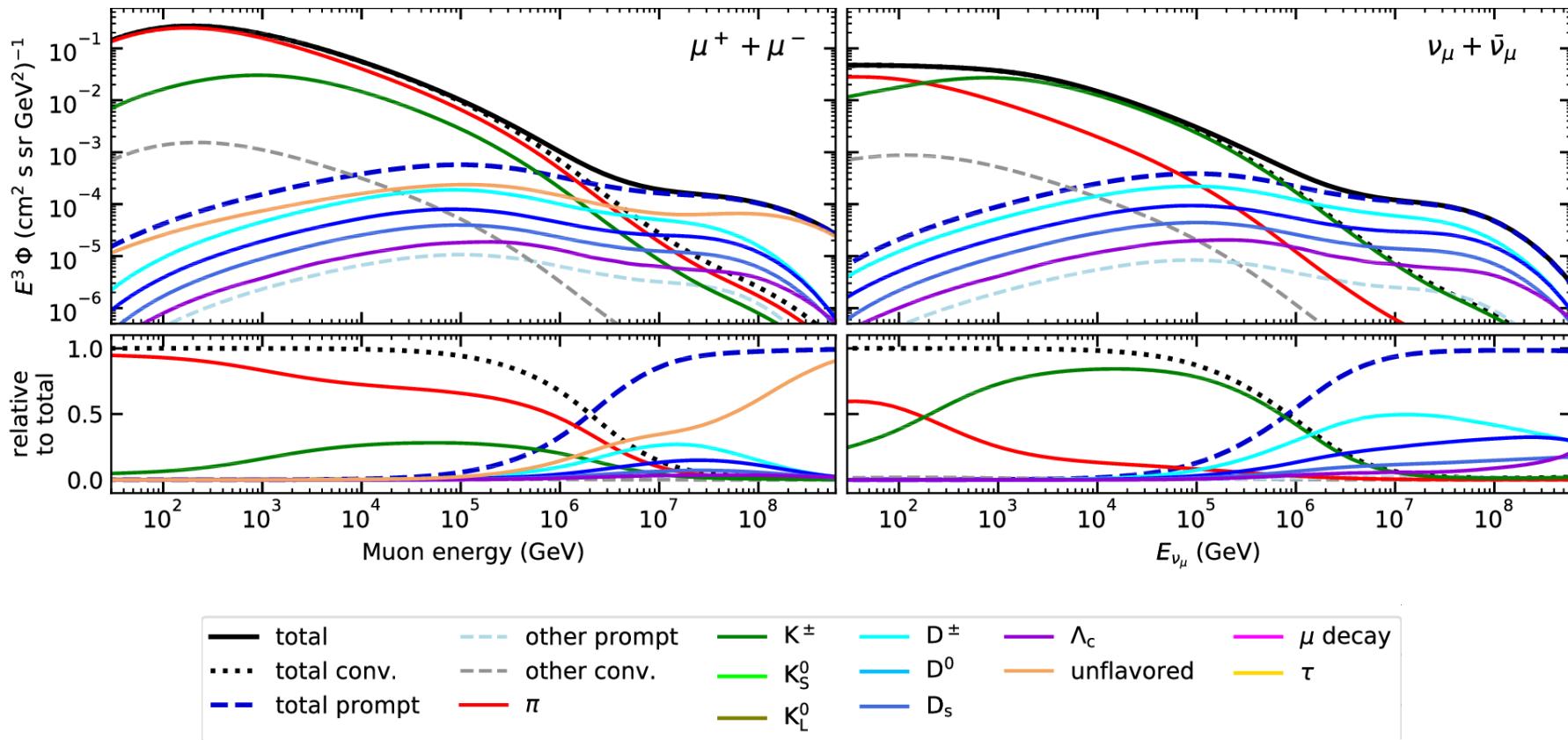
# Unflavored prompt



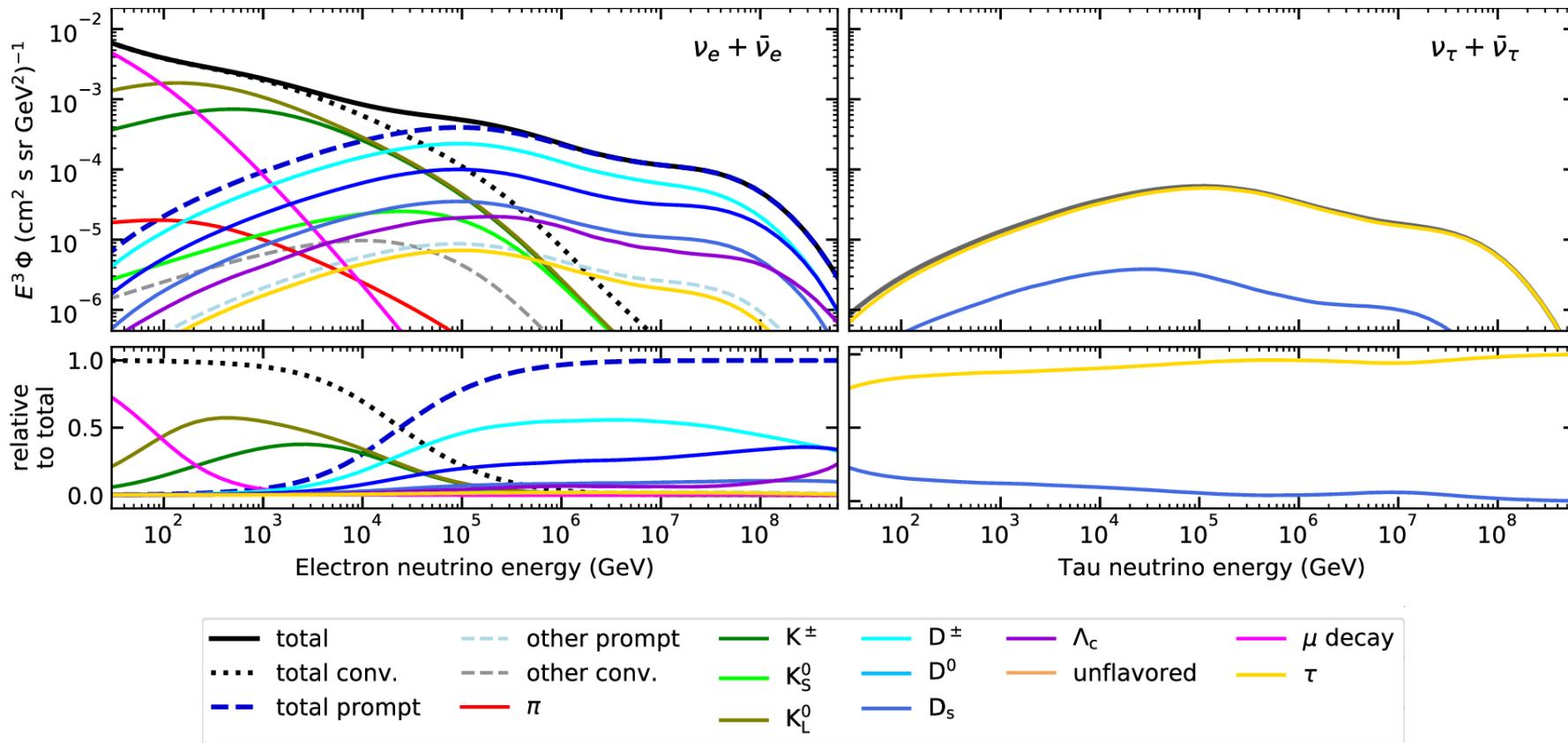
# Phasespace coverage, low energy



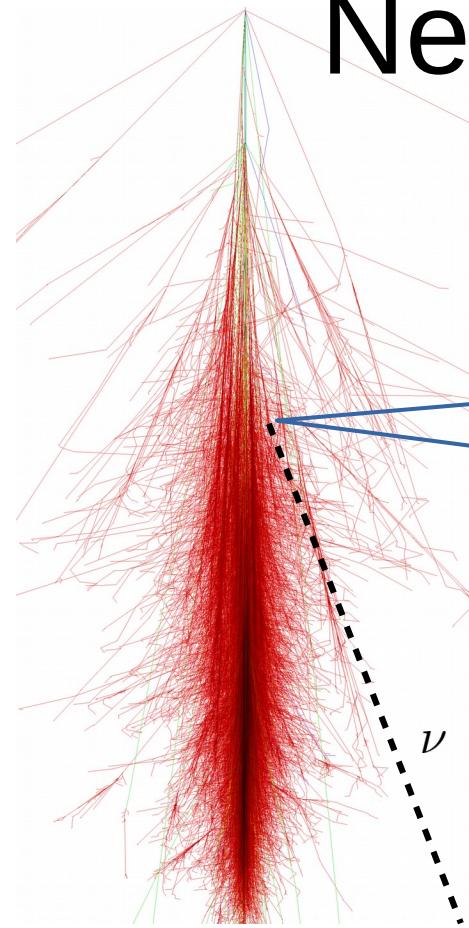
# Atmospheric leptons



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# Neutrinos in the atmosphere

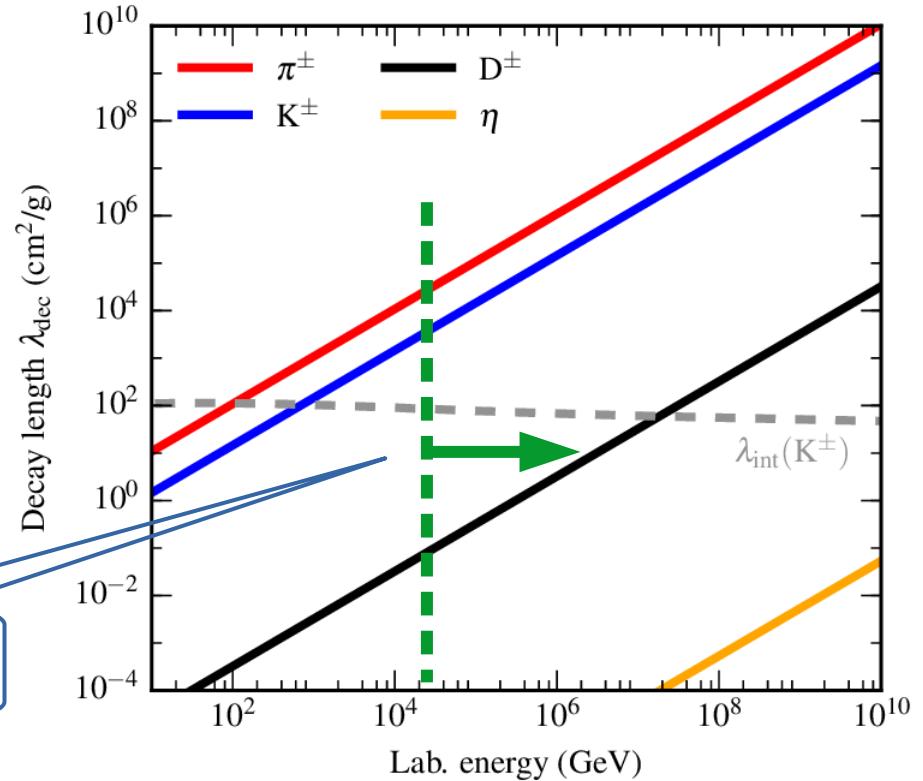


Decays of mesons

$$\pi/K \rightarrow \mu + \nu$$

'conventional'

'prompt'



# Prompt neutrinos

Citation: M. Tanabashi *et al.* (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D **98**, 030001 (2018)

Shortlived mesons with  
semi-leptonic decay



eg.  
charm

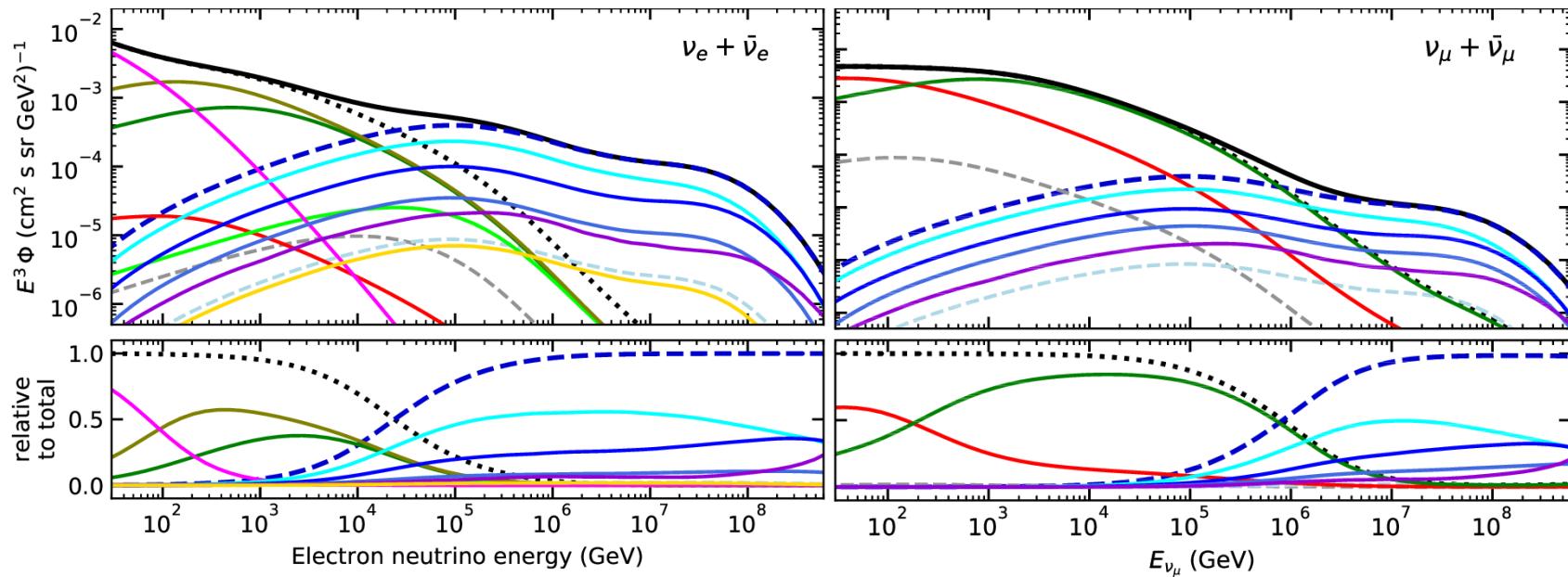
Which mesons exactly ?

## $D^+$ DECAY MODES

Most decay modes (other than the semileptonic modes) that involve a neutral  $K$  meson are now given as  $K_S^0$  modes, not as  $\bar{K}^0$  modes. Nearly always it is a  $K_S^0$  that is measured, and interference between Cabibbo-allowed and doubly Cabibbo-suppressed modes can invalidate the assumption that  $2\Gamma(K_S^0) = \Gamma(\bar{K}^0)$ .

Mode	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Scale factor/ Confidence level
<b>Inclusive modes</b>		
$\Gamma_1$ $e^+$ semileptonic	$(16.07 \pm 0.30) \%$	
$\Gamma_2$ $\mu^+$ anything	$(17.6 \pm 3.2) \%$	
$\Gamma_3$ $K^-$ anything	$(25.7 \pm 1.4) \%$	
$\Gamma_4$ $\bar{K}^0$ anything + $K^0$ anything	$(61 \pm 5) \%$	
$\Gamma_5$ $K^+$ anything	$(5.9 \pm 0.8) \%$	
$\Gamma_6$ $K^*(892)^-$ anything	$(6 \pm 5) \%$	
$\Gamma_7$ $\bar{K}^*(892)^0$ anything	$(23 \pm 5) \%$	
$\Gamma_8$ $K^*(892)^0$ anything	$< 6.6 \%$	CL=90%
$\Gamma_9$ $\eta$ anything	$(6.3 \pm 0.7) \%$	
$\Gamma_{10}$ $\eta'$ anything	$(1.04 \pm 0.18) \%$	
$\Gamma_{11}$ $\phi$ anything	$(1.03 \pm 0.12) \%$	

# Atmospheric neutrinos

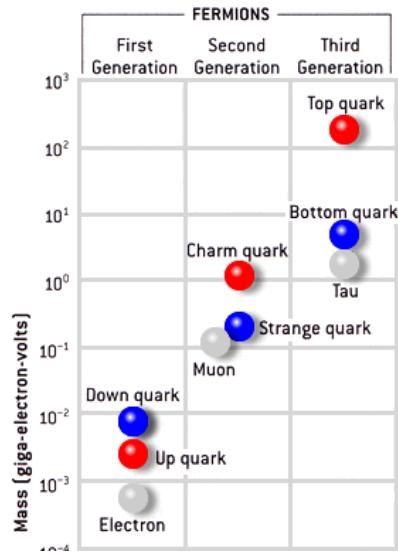


(MCEq, Fedynitch et al. 1503.00544)

total	other prompt	$K^\pm$	$D^\pm$	$\Lambda_c$	$\mu$ decay
total conv.	other conv.	$K_S^0$	$D^0$	unflavored	
total prompt		$K_L^0$	$D_s$		$\tau$

→ For neutrinos: prompt ~ charm

# Charm production in QCD



$$m_c \approx 2 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{pQCD}$$

Quarks (charm) & gluons

