

# **EM** Interactions

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## Topics:





#### General settings

#### Interactions of leptons/photons

- Photon interactions
  - Photoelectric
  - Compton
  - Coherent (Rayleigh)
  - Pair production
  - Photonuclear
  - Photomuon production
- Electron/positron interactions
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Annihilation
  - Electro- and positron- nuclear
- Muon interactions
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Pair production
  - Nuclear interactions
  - Electromagnetic dissociation

#### Ionization energy losses

- Continuous
- Delta-ray production

#### Transport

- Multiple scattering
- Single scattering

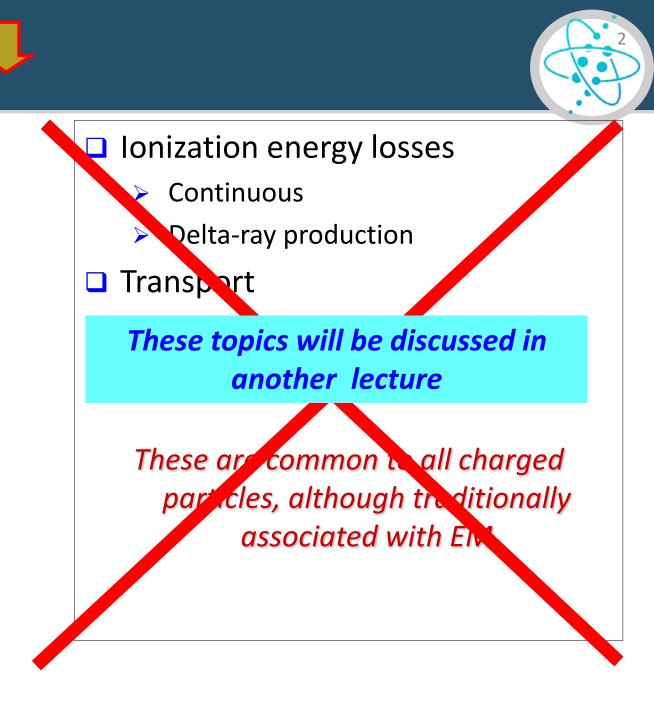
These are common to all charged particles, although traditionally associated with EM

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#### Electro-Magnetic FLUKA (EMF) at a glance



**Energy range** for  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ,  $\gamma : 1 \text{ keV}$  (100 eV for  $\gamma$ ) - 100 EeV (10<sup>20</sup> eV) **Full coupling** in both directions with hadrons and low-energy neutrons **Energy conservation** within computer precision **Up-to-date**  $\gamma$  cross section tabulations from EPICS2017 database

EMF is activated by default with most DEFAULTS options, except: EET-TRAN, NEUTRONS, SHIELDINg

To **de-activate** EMF:

**EMF** 

EMF-OFF

With EMF-OFF, E.M. energy is deposited on the spot. Consider also the DISCARD command

 $\Box$   $\gamma$  and secondary e+/- production thresholds can be set by:

<b>EMFCUT</b> $e_{thr}$ $\gamma_{thr}$ 1	mat₁ mat₂ ∆ <sub>mat</sub>	PROD-CUT
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 $\Box$   $\gamma$  and e+/- transport thresholds can be set by:

$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{EMFCUT} & e_{thr} & \gamma_{thr} & \textbf{C} \end{array}$	0 reg <sub>1</sub>	$reg_2 \Delta_{reg}$	
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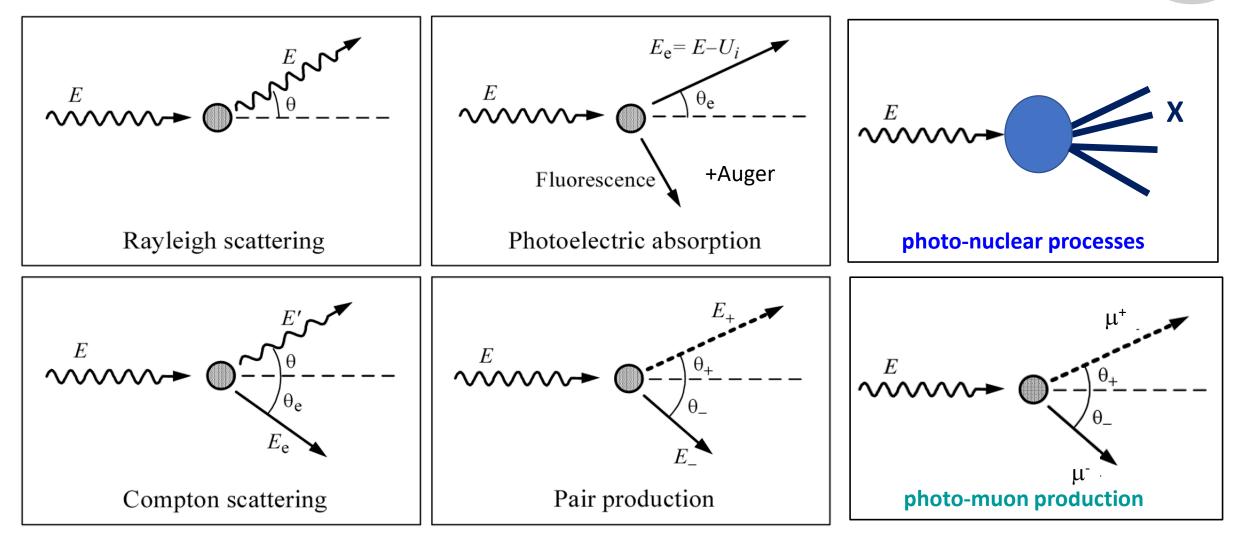
- Production and transport of optical photons (Cherenkov, scintillation) is also possible.
- Since it needs user input about the material (s) optical properties, it is not treated further in this beginners' course.
- **Given See the manual for details/examples**



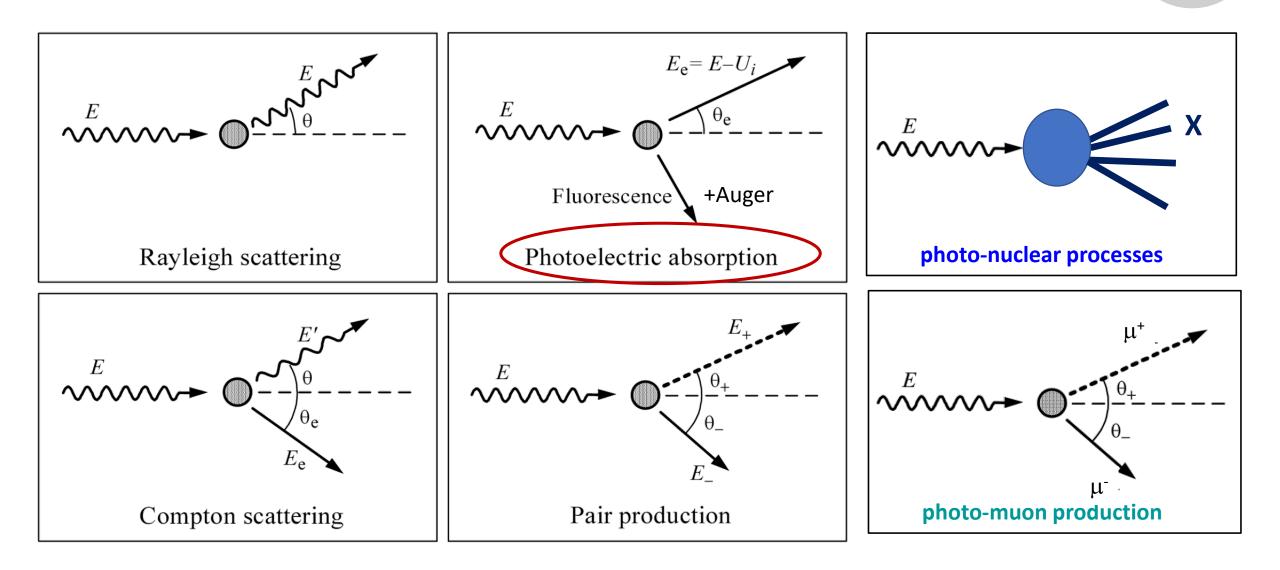


## **Photon Interactions**

## Photon interactions modeled in FLUKA



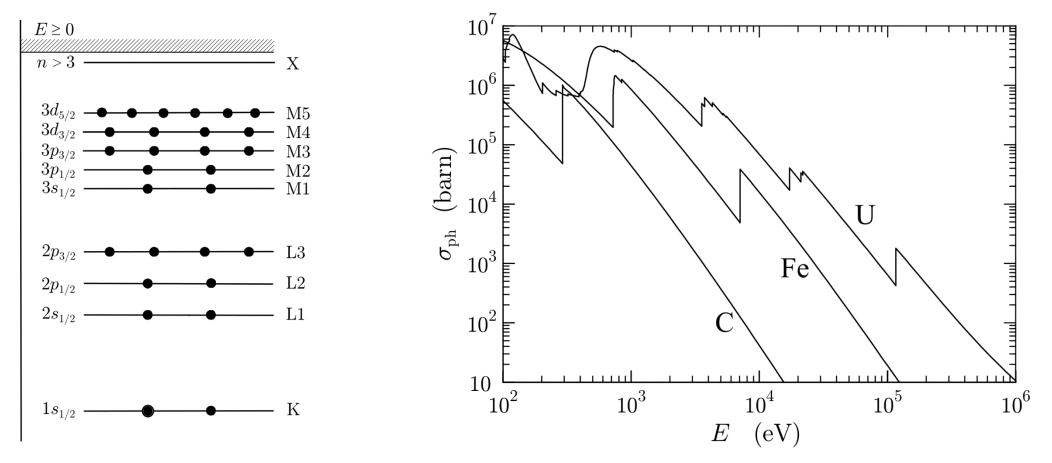
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#### Photoelectric effect

Absorption of a photon by a target atom, electron ejected, inner-shell vacancy left behind.

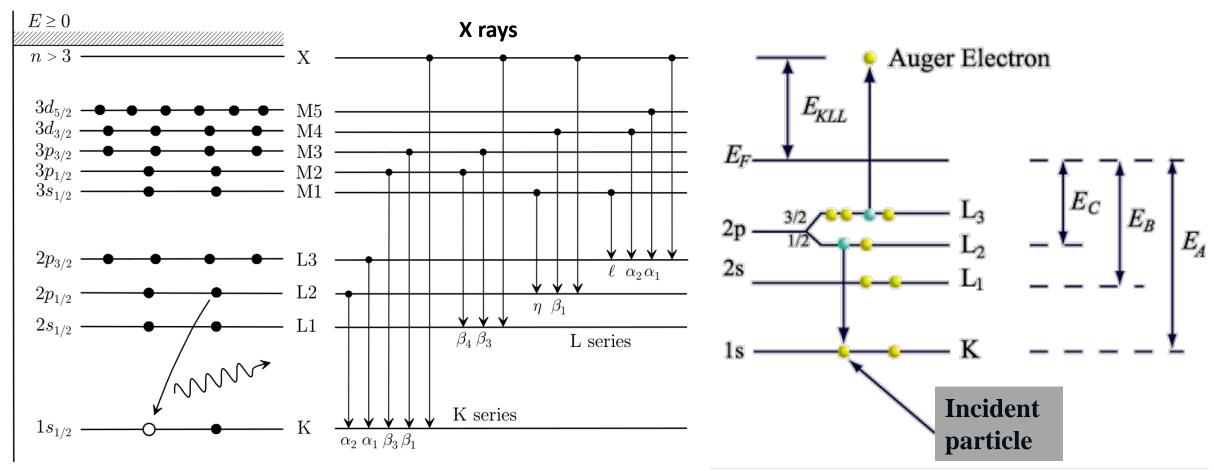
**FLUKA** cross sections: Electron Photon Interaction Cross Sections 2017 (Cullen et al., EPICS2023  $\sigma$ 's sections are the same).





#### Atomic de-excitation

Fluorescence vs Auger emission



## Photoelectric effect

Fluorescence (and Auger) after photoelectric is activated with most DEFAULTS: CALORIMEtry, EM-CASCA, ICARUS, HADROTHErapy, PRECISIOn, DAMAGE

To activate/deactivate fluorescence: *suggestion keep it active all the time* (X-rays will not be emitted otherwise)

Detailed treatment of	X-ray Fluorescence
Photoelectron	Angular distribution
Approximate	Auger electrons
Effect of photon	Polarization

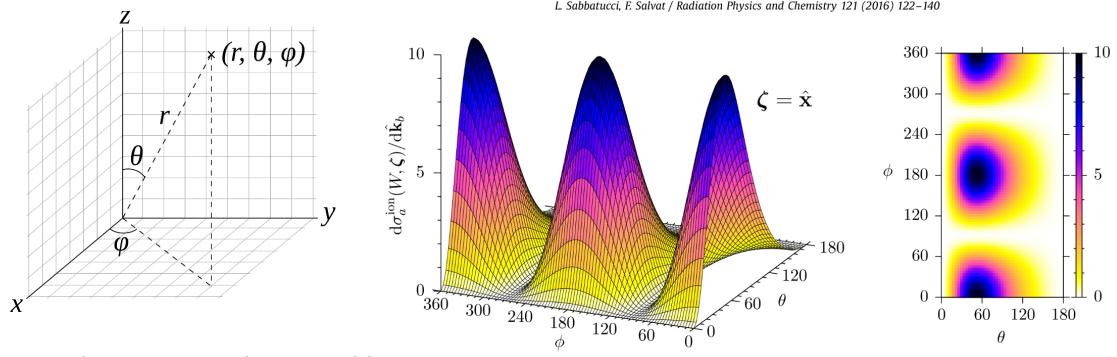
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Warning: check consistency with  $\gamma$  and e<sup>-</sup> production/transport thresholds



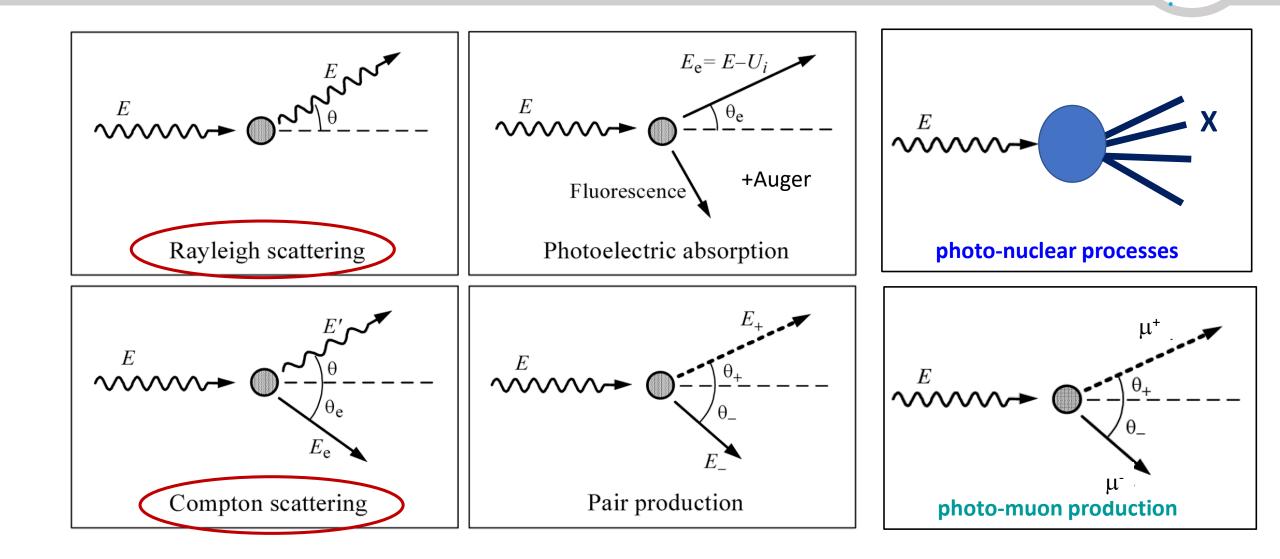
The polarization of the incoming photon breaks the azimuthal symmetry in the angular distribution of the emitted electron.

E.g. for polarization along the x axis (theta=90°, phi=0° or 180°) we have



Card POLARIZA discussed later

## Compton and Coherent (Rayleigh) scattering





Compton, 3 alternative treatments implemented:

- Klein-Nishina cross section: free target electron at rest
- □Account for atomic bonds using inelastic Hartree-Fock *form factors*
- Compton with atomic bonds and orbital motion (by far the best and most accurate approach)
  - > Atomic shells from databases
  - Orbital motion from database + fit
  - Followed by fluorescence/Auger
- □Coherent: angular distribution according to the Atomic elastic form factor, accounting also for the anomalous real and imaginary form factors (*new!*)

Account for effect of incoming photon polarization for both Compton and coherent



Inelastic Form Factors, Compton profile and Coherent scattering are activated only with a subset of DEFAULTS.

To activate/deactivate/control the various possibilities for:

- Compton
- Coherent
- Positron annihilation acolinearity
- > Ortho- para- positronium competition

One can use the EMFRAY option:

EMFRAY Flag Reg1 Reg2 Step

Suggestion: use always Flag=1104 (most accurate options activated for everything, default for CALORIMEtry, HADROTHErapy, ICARUS, PRECISIOn)

Look in the manual for further details

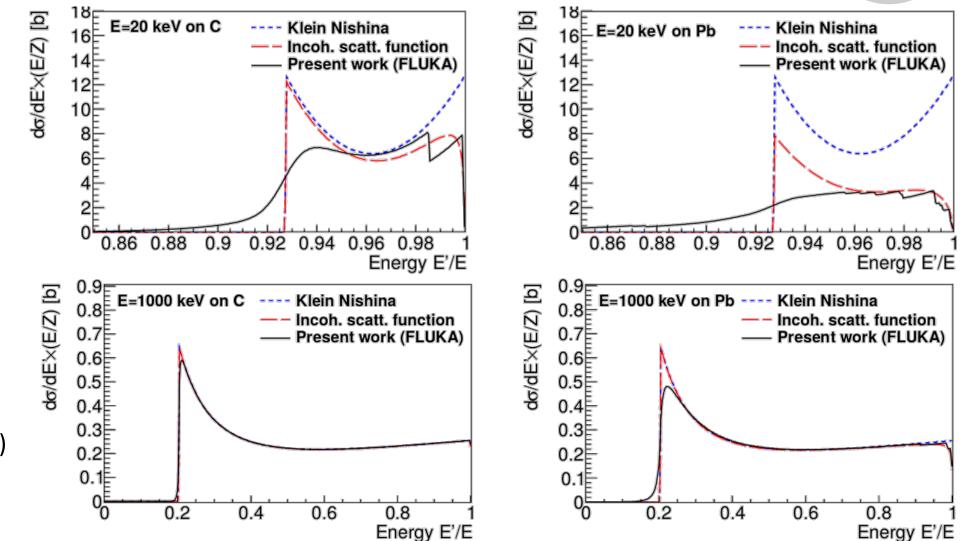
#### Compton scattering

FLUKA: accounting for atomic shell binding energies and e<sup>-</sup> orbital motion. Also for positron annihilation

KN: free e<sup>-</sup> at rest

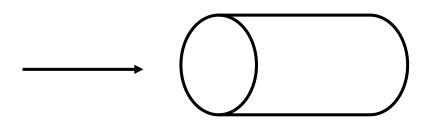
Incoh. scatt. function: binding via form factor

Ref: T. Boehlen *et al., J Instrum* **7** P07018 (2012)



## Effect of polarization on Compton scattering

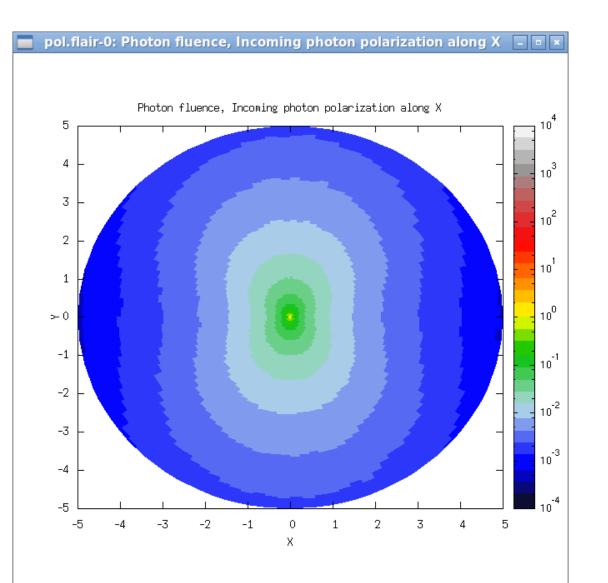
Azimuthal angle of outgoing photon preferentially along direction perpendicular to polarization.



50-keV photons impinging along Z on water cylinder

Incoming photon polarized *along X* 

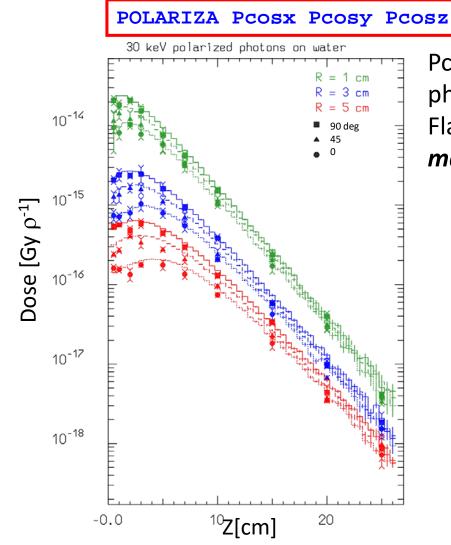
Compton photons preferentially emitted *along Y* 



#### Polarization



By default, **source** photons are NOT polarized. **Source** polarization can be set by\*



Pcosx/y/z = polarization vector direction (must be  $\perp$  to the photon direction) Flag1 must be = 1 for photons, Flag2, Fraction (see the

Flag2

#### manual for further details)

Flag1

#### ← Effect of photon polarization

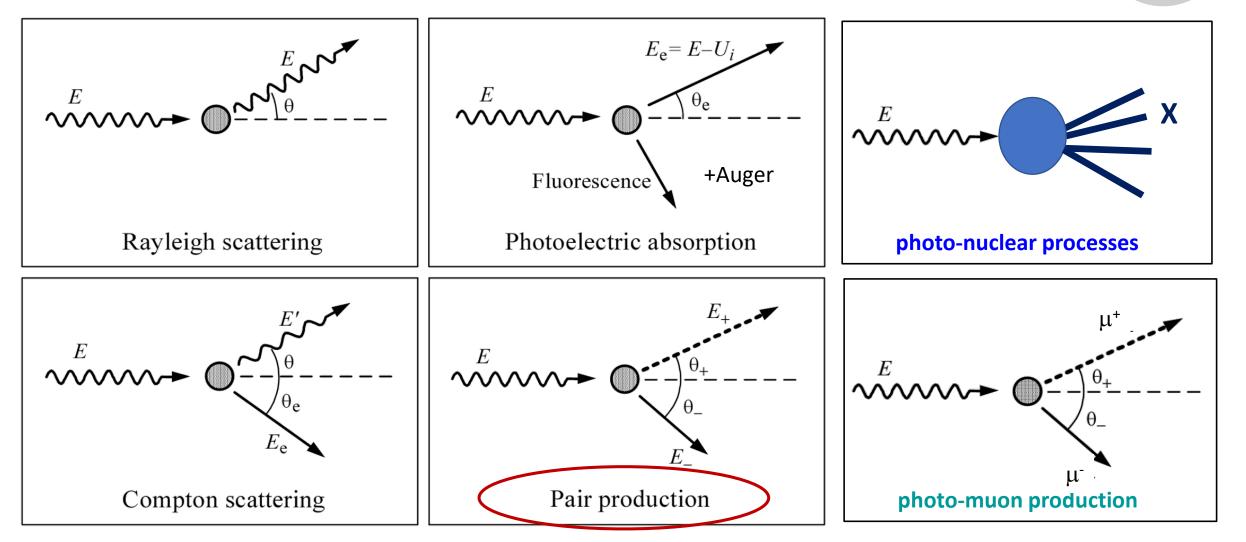
Fraction

Deposited dose by 30 keV photons in Water at 3 distances from beam axis as a function of penetration depth for 3 orientations wrt the polarization direction

\* even if there is no initial polarized beam, some processes (eg Compton, annihilation, X-ray reflection) can result in partially polarized secondary photons, whose polarization is then always accounted for

#### e<sup>-</sup>e<sup>+</sup> Pair Production







□Kinematics: it can occur in the nuclear or atomic electron Coulomb field

□Threshold at ~2\*511 keV.

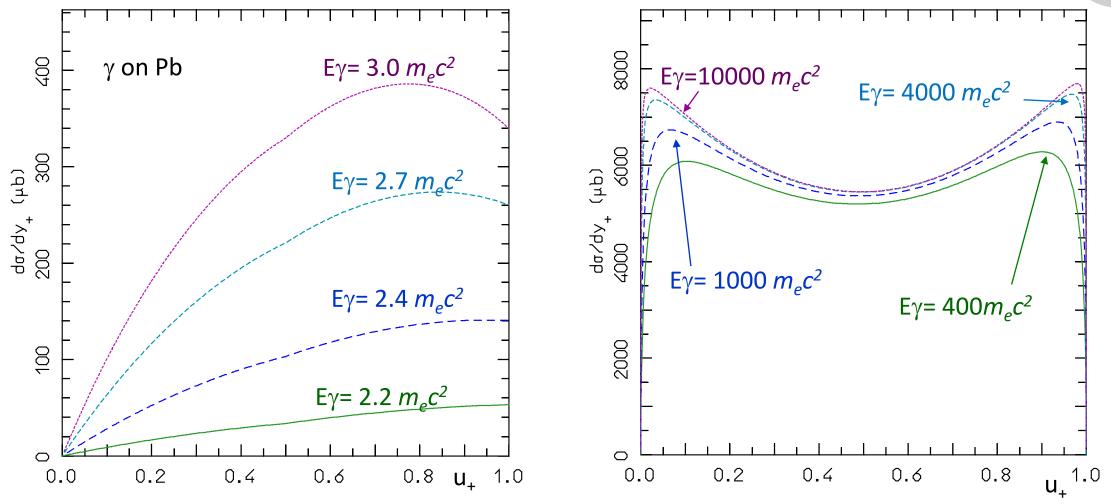
Dominant photon interaction mechanism at energies above ~10-100 MeV (depending on Z)

**FLUKA:** 

- Angular and energy distribution of e<sup>+</sup>,e<sup>-</sup> described correctly (no "fixed angle" theta=m/k or similar approximation)
- No approximations near threshold. Differences between emitted e<sup>+</sup> and e<sup>-</sup> at threshold accounted for
- Extended to 100 EeV taking into account the LPM (Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal) effect

## Pair production: examples and asymmetry





 $1/Z^2 d\sigma_{pair}/du_+ (u_+ = E(e_+)/E_{\gamma})$  for different incoming photon energies (in units of  $m_e c^2$ )

## Relative importance of processes (sub GeV)

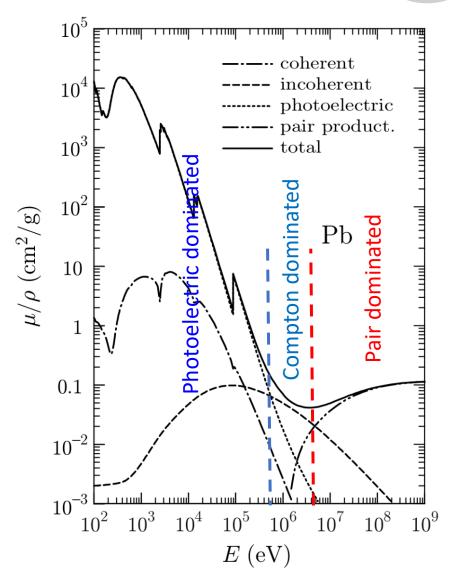
Mass attenuation coefficient  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ 

 $\mu = dN_{Atom}/dV$  sigma : inverse mean free path

Rho: density

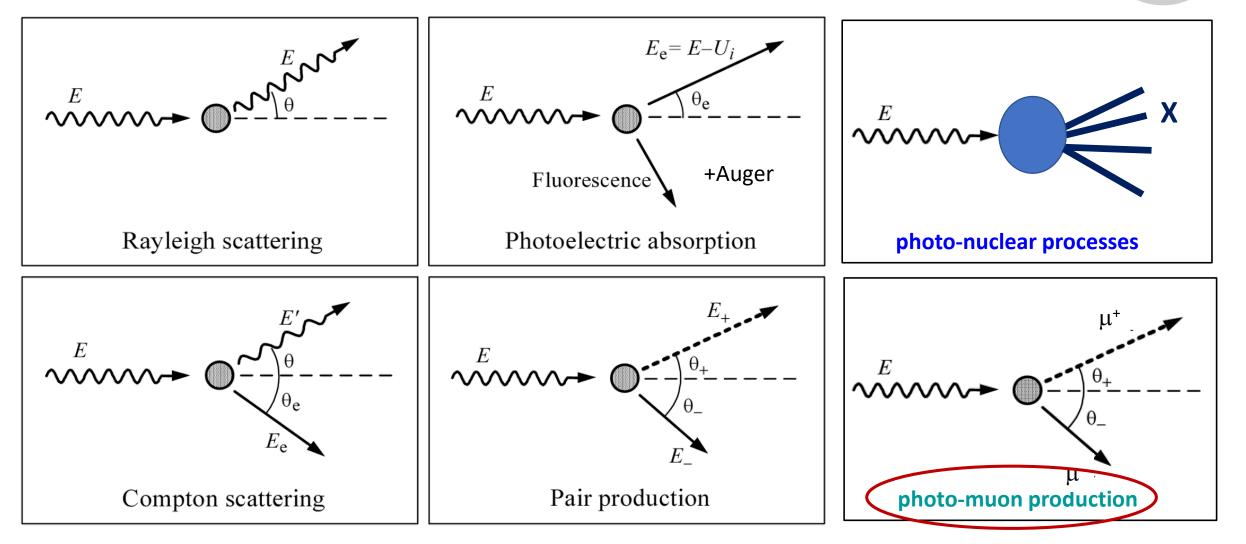
 $\mu$ /rho is therefore a way to quote the integrated cross section in such a way that it is independent of the material density.

Photoelectric Coherent = Rayleigh Incoherent = Compton Pair product. = e-e+ pair prod.



#### **Photomuon Production**





#### Photomuon production



Muon mass ~ 105 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>. For photon energies above ~2\*105 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> we can expect muon<sup>-+</sup> pair production to become possible.

Relative importance wrt e-e+ pair prod.:  $(m_e/m_{\mu})^2 \rightarrow ~^2/40000$ 

Muon pair production by photons is NOT activated by any DEFAULT

To activate it use PHOTONUC with SDUM=MUMUPAIR:

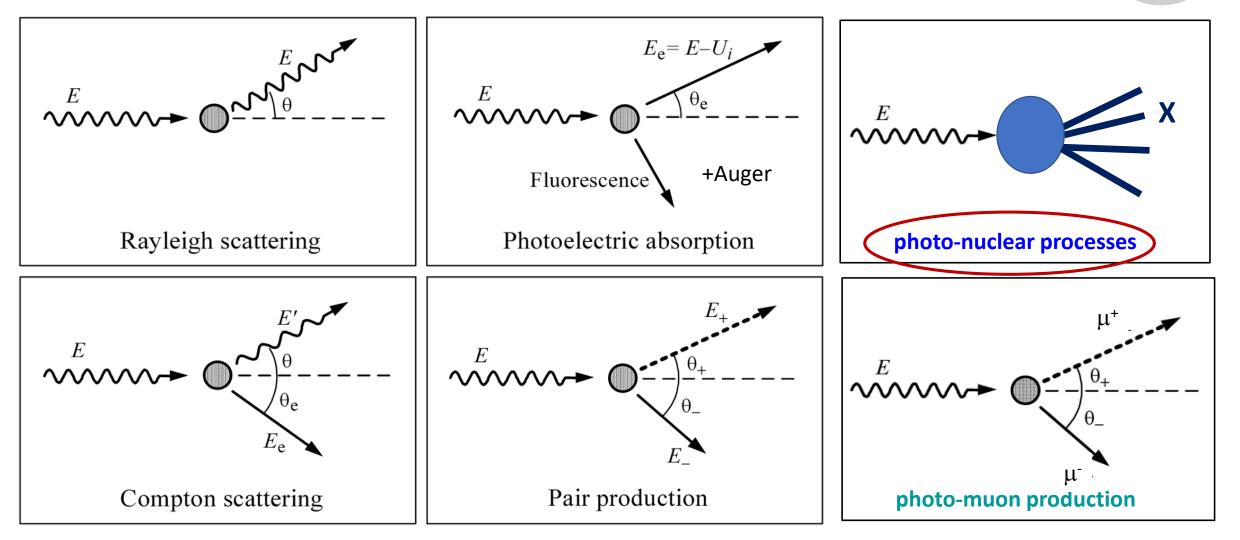
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Flag controls activation of interactions, with the possibility to select a subset of the photomuon mechanisms (currently only BH implemented) Biasing of photomuon production can be done directly with this card, setting WHAT(2)

Ref: Y.S. Tsai, Rev. Mod. Phys. 46 4 815-851 (1974) + ERRATUM

#### **Photomuon Production**





#### Real and Virtual Photonuclear Interactions

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#### **Photonuclear reactions** (*PHOTONUC* card, off by default)

- Giant Dipole Resonance interaction (special database) (~ 10- 30 MeV)
   Quasi-Deuteron effect (~ 50-150 MeV)
   Delta Resonance energy region (~200-400 MeV)
   Vector Meson Dominance in the high energy region (>> 1 GeV)
- □INC, preequilibrium and evaporation via the PEANUT model
- Possibility to bias the photon nuclear inelastic interaction length to enhance interaction probability (LAM-BIAS card, see manual)

#### Virtual photon reactions

- **Muon photonuclear interactions** (*MUPHOTON card, on by default*)
- Electro/positronuclear interactions (*PHOTONUC* card with *SDUM=ELECTNUC*, off by default)
- Electromagnetic dissociation (PHYSICS card with SDUM=EM-DISSO, off by default)

 ← this topic discussed already in the hadronic lecture

## Photonuclear interactions: options



Photonuclear interactions are **NOT activated** with any default

To activate them:

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Flag controls activation of interactions, with the possibility to select a subset of the photonuclear reaction mechanisms (only for experts!). Set to 1 to activate photonuclear

Since the photonuclear cross section is very small compared with atomic ones, **PHOTONUC** should often be accompanied by **LAM-BIAS** with SDUM = blank (see lecture on biasing)

LAM-BIAS 0.0 Factor Mat PHOTON

Applications:

electron accelerator shielding and activation neutron background by underground muons (together with muon photonuclear interactions, option **MUPHOTON**)

#### $^{12}C(\gamma, abs)$ cross section:

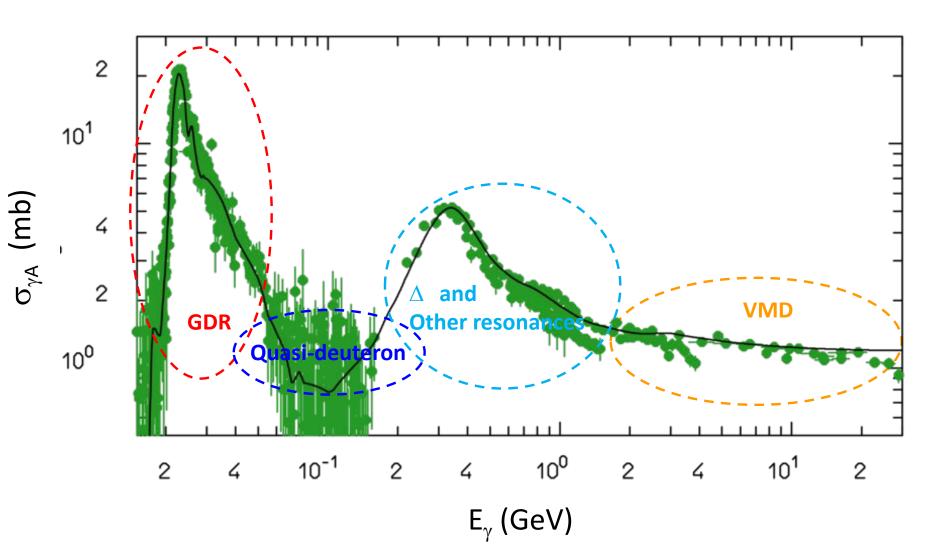


□<sup>12</sup>C

photonuclear cross section from threshold up to ~30 GeV.

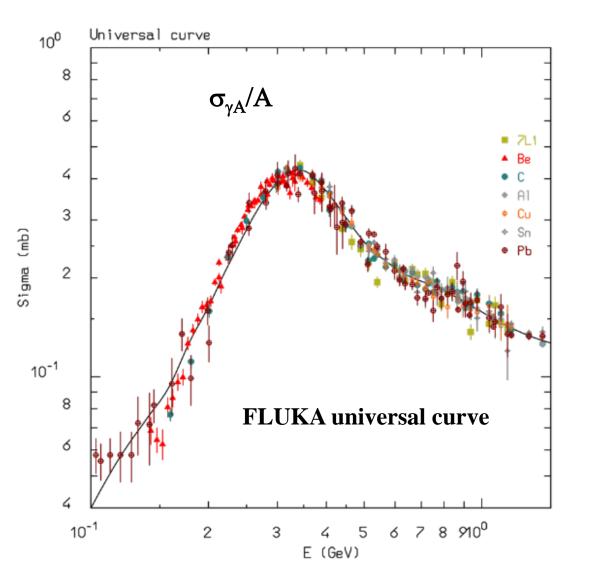
FLUKA: black curve

Exp. Data: green symbols (from Exfor database)



#### Fluka2023/4.x: $\gamma A$ , $\Delta$ region and just above

Above the pion threshold, and up to ~2 GeV for nuclei with A > 4,  $\sigma_{\gamma A}$  scales with A (see plot). The FLUKA "universal" curve for this energy range is shown in black.



#### Photonuclear int.: example

Reaction:  $^{208}$ Pb( $\gamma$ ,x n)  $20 \le E_{\gamma} \le 140$  MeV

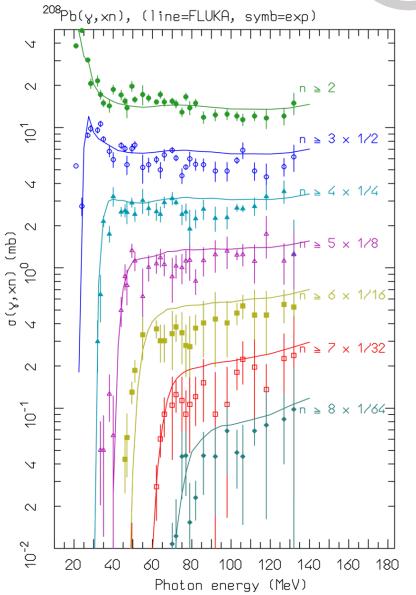
Cross section for multiple neutron emission as a function of photon energy,

Different colors refer to neutron multiplicity  $\geq n$ , with  $2 \leq n \leq 8$ 

Symbols: exp. data (NPA367, 237 (1981) ; NPA390, 221 (1982) )

Lines: FLUKA









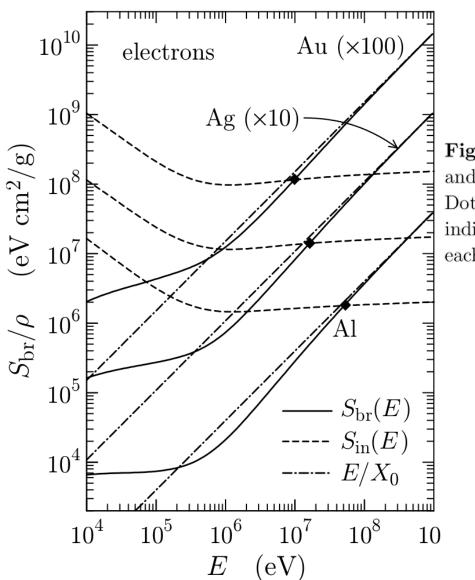
## **Electron/Positron interactions**

## e+/e- interactions modelled in FLUKA

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- Multiple and Single Coulomb scattering (dealt with in another lecture)
- Ionization energy losses (dealt with in another lecture)
- Delta-ray (Møller and Bhabha) production (-> EMFCUT)
  - Delta-ray production via Bhabha and Møller scattering
- □ Bremsstrahlung production (-> EMFCUT)
  - Energy-differential cross sections based on the Seltzer and Berger database at low/intermediate energies, on DMBO theory at higher energies
  - LPM effect and the soft photon suppression (Ter-Mikaelyan) polarization effect
  - Detailed photon angular distribution fully correlated to energy
- Positron annihilation
  - At rest and in flight according to Heitler.
  - > In annihilation at rest, account for acolinearity, ortho- and para-positronium competition
  - > In annihilation at rest, account for mutual polarization of the two photons

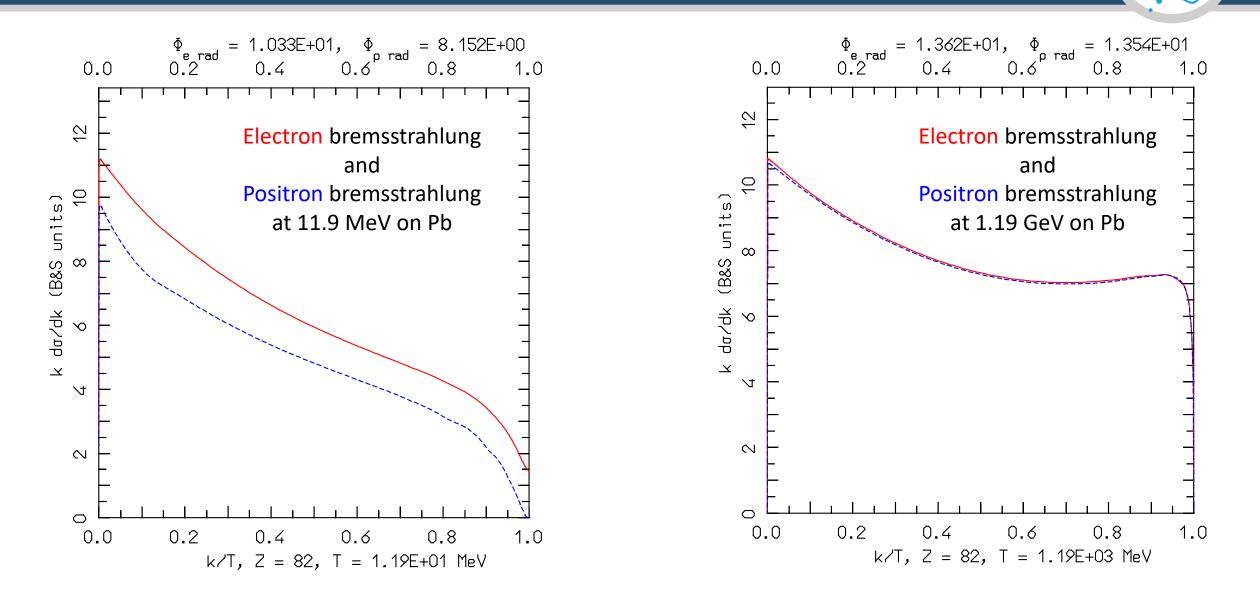
#### Bremsstrahlung



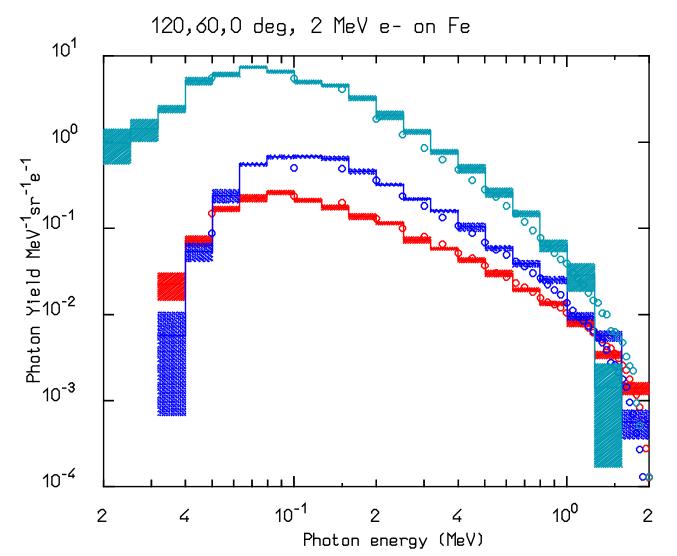
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**Figure 3.15**: Radiative and collision stopping powers for electrons in aluminium, silver (×10) and gold (×100) as functions of the kinetic energy (solid and dashed curves, respectively). Dot-dashed lines represent the high-energy approximation given by Eq. (3.160). Diamonds indicate the critical energy  $E_{\rm crit}$  at which the radiative stopping power starts dominating for each material.

## Bremsstrahlung spectra: example



## Bremsstrahlung: benchmark

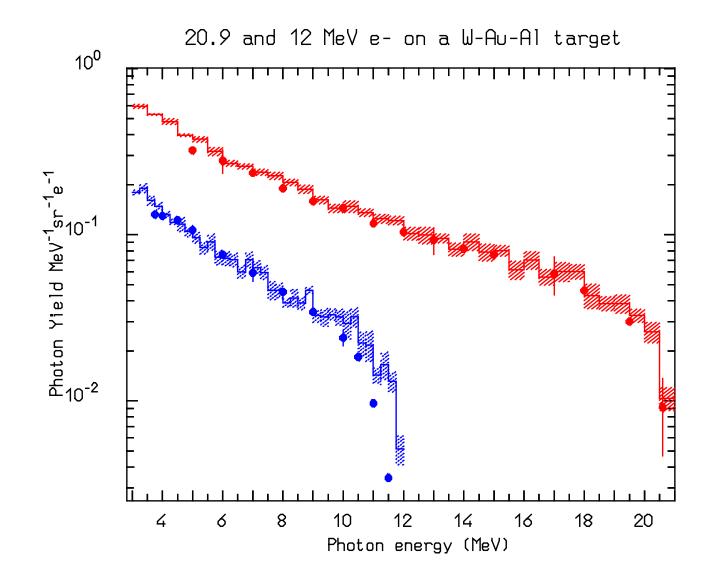


2-MeV electrons on Iron, Bremsstrahlung photon spectra measured (dots) and simulated (histos) at three different angles



## Bremsstrahlung: benchmark II



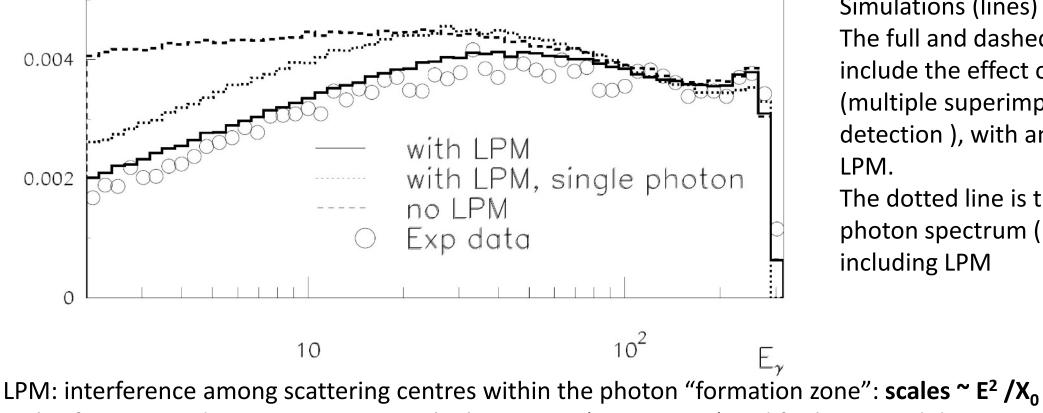


12 and 20.9 MeV electrons on a W-Au-Al target, bremsstrahlung photon spectra in the forward direction measured (dots) and simulated (histos)

### Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal benchmark



Bremsstrahlung spectrum,  $dN\gamma/dlog(E\gamma)$ , for 287 GeV electrons on 0.128 mm Ir (~4.36% X<sub>0</sub>). The vertical scale is normalized to the number of incoming electrons. Data from Phys.Rev. D 69,032001 (2004)



- also for pair production. Important at high energies (>> 100 GeV) and for heavy and dense materials

Simulations (lines) with FLUKA The full and dashed lines include the effect of pile-up (multiple superimposed photon detection ), with and without LPM.

The dotted line is the single photon spectrum (no pile-up) including LPM

### Annihilation on bound electrons:

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0.30

0.15

0.10

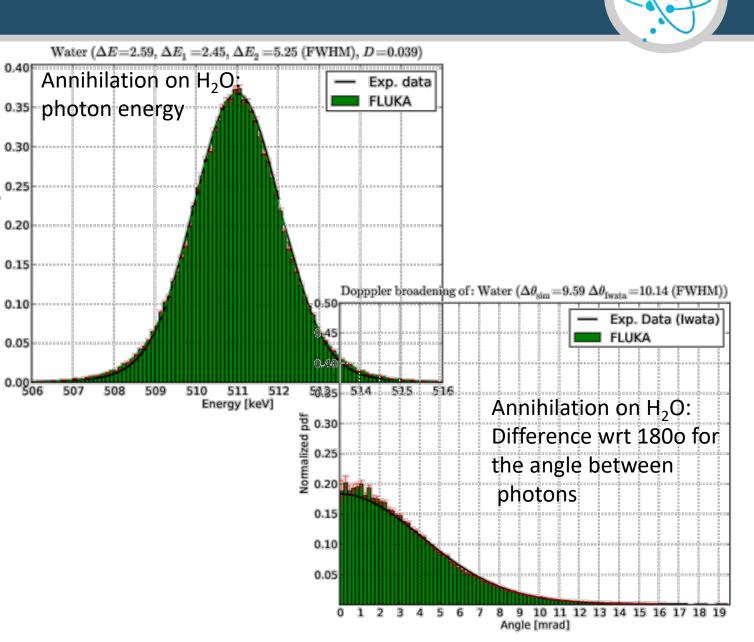
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Normalized 0.20

Positron annihilation at rest

- Account for atomic electron motion and binding ...
- □ ... resulting a-collinearity (see plot at bottom right) ...
- ... and energy spread wrt 511 keV (see plot at top right)
- account for mutual polarization of the two photons
- **D** Para- (2  $\gamma$ ) and ortho- (3  $\gamma$ ) positronium competition (look at the **EMFRAY** option, SDUM's







# **Electro-/Positro-nuclear interactions**



Electronuclear interactions are **NOT activated** with any default

To activate them:

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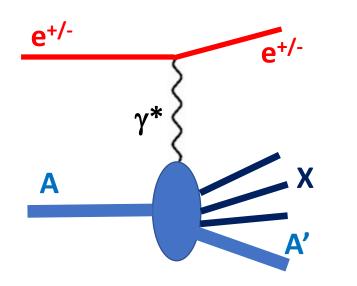
Flag controls activation of interactions, with the possibility to select a subset of the photonuclear reaction mechanisms (*only for experts!*). Set to 1 to activate electronuclear

Since the electronuclear cross section is very small compared with atomic ones, **PHOTONUC** should be in many problems accompanied by **LAM-BIAS** with SDUM = blank (see lecture on biasing)

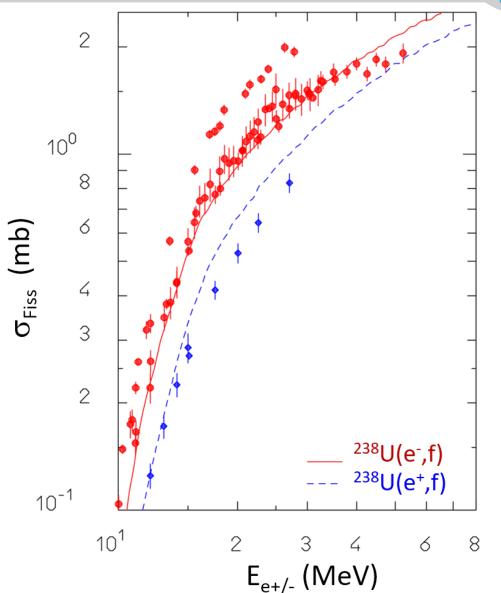
LAM-BIAS 0.0 Factor Mat ELECTRON POSITRON

Applications: same as for photonuclear

## Electro- and positro-nuclear interactions



Computed (lines) and experimental (symbols) electron (red) and positron (blue) induced fission cross sections as a function of energy









# **Muon interactions**

## Muon interactions modelled in FLUKA



- Delta-ray (secondary electron) production (-> DELTARAY card)
- □ Bremsstrahlung (-> **PAIRBREM** card, activated for most defaults)
  - Detailed photon angular distribution fully correlated to energy
- □ Pair production (-> **PAIRBREM** card, activated for most defaults)
  - Correlated angular and energy distribution

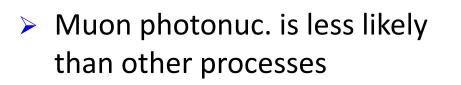
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Flag=1/on,-1/off

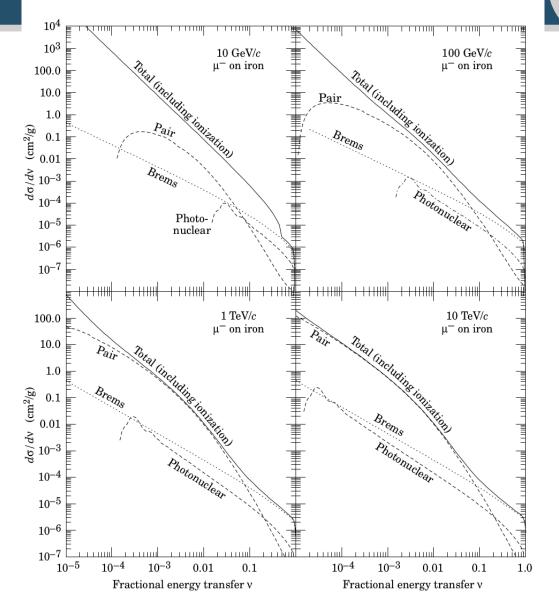
- Muon photo-nuclear reactions
  - See next slides
- Negative Muon capture
  - See next slides

## Muon interactions

Muon Stopping Power and Range



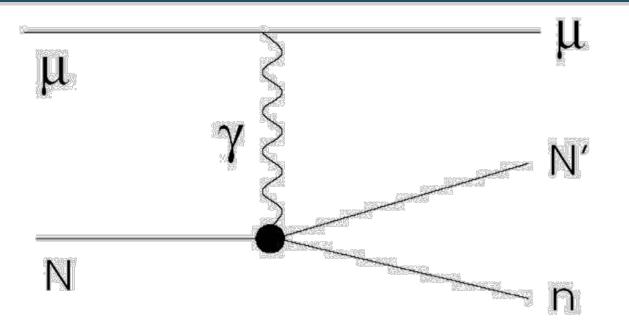
- Bremsstrahlung dominates
   large losses
- Pair production and ionization dominate small energy losses



**Figure 4:** Differential cross section for total and radiative processes as a function of the fractional energy transfer for muons on iron.

Ref: Groom D.E. et al, LBNL 44742 (2001).

## Muon Photonuclear Reactions



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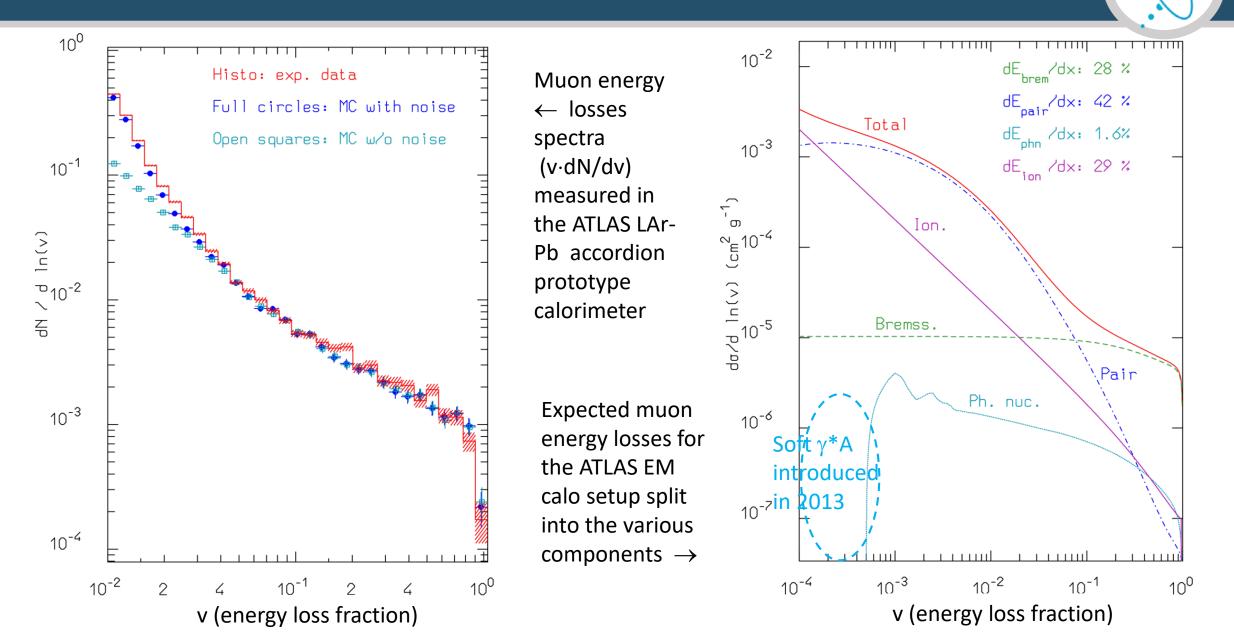
Schematic view of a  $\mu$  hadronic interaction.

The interaction is mediated by a virtual photon.

The final state can be more complex

- The cross section can be factorized (following Bezrukov-Bugaev) in virtual photon production and photon-nucleus reaction
- Nuclear shadowing is taken into account
- All interaction mechanisms supported by the FLUKA photo-nuclear algorithms, including GDR, quasi-deuteron, resonance, and Vector Meson Interactions are implemented
- Nuclear effects are the same as for photon-nucleus interactions

### 300 GeV muon losses in the ATLAS EM (Pb-LAr) calorimeter



## Muon photonuclear reactions: options



 $\mu$  photonuclear interactions are *activated by default* with most defaults

To (de)activate them:

MUPHOTON Flag 0.0 0.0 Mat1 Mat2 Step

Flag controls activation of interactions, with the possibility to simulate the interaction without explicit production and transport of secondaries (this gives the correct muon energy loss/ straggling)

Since the  $\mu$  photonuclear cross section is very small, **MUPHOTON** should be often accompanied by LAM-BIAS if this process is important for the studied problem (see lecture on biasing)

LAM-BIAS 0.0 Factor Mat MUON+ MUON-

### Negative Muon capture:



An exotic source of neutron background Basic weak process:  $\mu^{-} + p \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + n$ Before the nuclear capture:  $\mu^{-}$  at rest + atom = excited muonic atom ->muonic x rays +g.s. muonic atom Competition between  $\mu^{-}$  decay  $\Lambda_{d}$  and capture by nucleus  $\Lambda_{c}$ In FLUKA: Goulard-Primakoff formula  $\Lambda_{c} \div Z^{4}_{eff}$  Calculated  $Z_{eff}$ , Pauli blocking from data

 $\frac{\Lambda_c}{\Lambda d}$  = 9.2 10<sup>-4</sup> for H, 3.1 for Ar, 25.7 for Pb

Nuclear environment from **PEANUT** 

Kinematically the neutrino gets most of the energy  $\rightarrow$  low energy transfer (neutron E=5 MeV on free p)

Experimentally: high energy tails in n-spectra, reproduced in **PEANUT** with a 2-nucleon absorption component





# **Synchrotron Radiation**



A charged particle in a curved trajectory in a magnetic field may emit synchrotron radiation (SR), even in vacuum.

FLUKA can model the emission of SR by any charged particle traversing **up to 2 circular arcs** or helical paths, accounting for the emitted photon polarization, and sampling:

- □ SR photon energy
- □ SR photon angle
- □ SR photon polarization

The emitting charged particle is **NOT** transported: SR photons are produced directly.

Readily usable for bending magnets and wigglers (two steps so far).

#### There is an example in the extra slides, also look into the manual!





# **Thanks for the attention**





# **Extra Slides**

## Synchrotron radiation: cards

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## Synchrotron radiation: cards (continuation card)

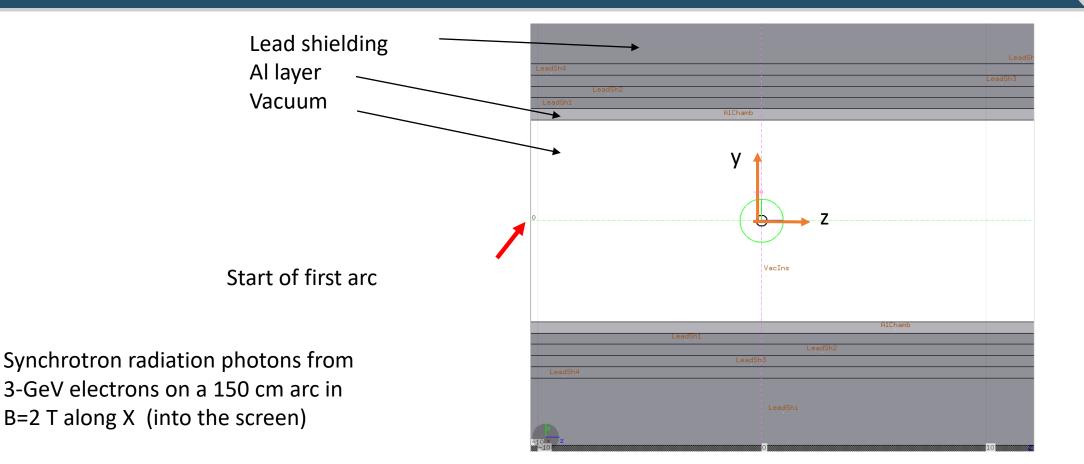


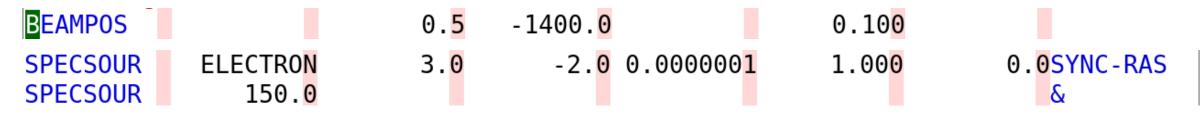
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Continuation card:

- WHAT(1) = length of the emission arc or helical path (cm)
   Default = 100.0 cm
- WHAT(2) = x-coordinate of the starting point of a possible second path of same length (see Note 1)
- WHAT(3) = y-coordinate of the starting point of the second path (see Note 1)
- WHAT(4) = z-coordinate of the starting point of the second path (see Note 1)
- WHAT(5) = x-component of the emitting particle direction versor at the beginning of the second path (see Notes 1 and 2)
- WHAT(6) = y-component of the emitting particle direction versor at the beginning of the second path (see Notes 1 and 2)
- SDUM = "&" in any position in columns 71-78 (or in last field if free format is used)

## Synchrotron radiation: example





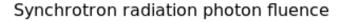
## Synchrotron radiation: 1-arc example

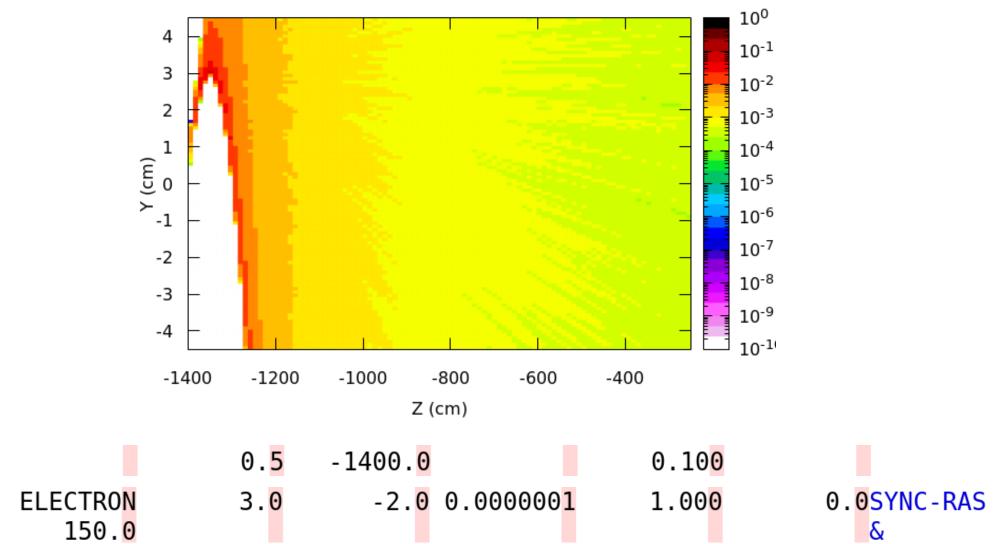
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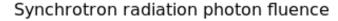


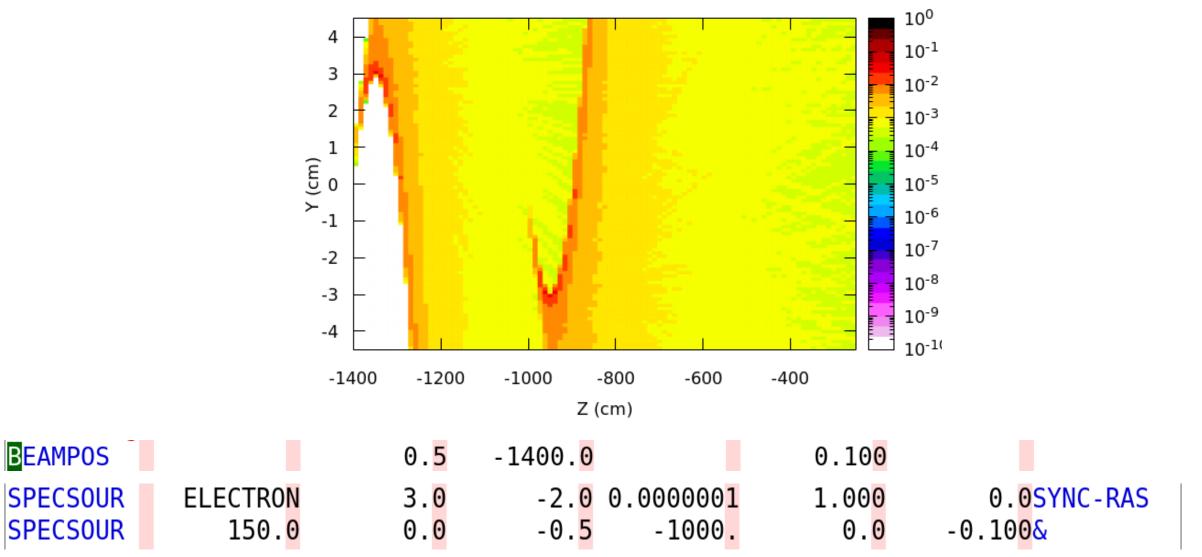




## Synchrotron radiation: 2-arc example







## A comment about the units



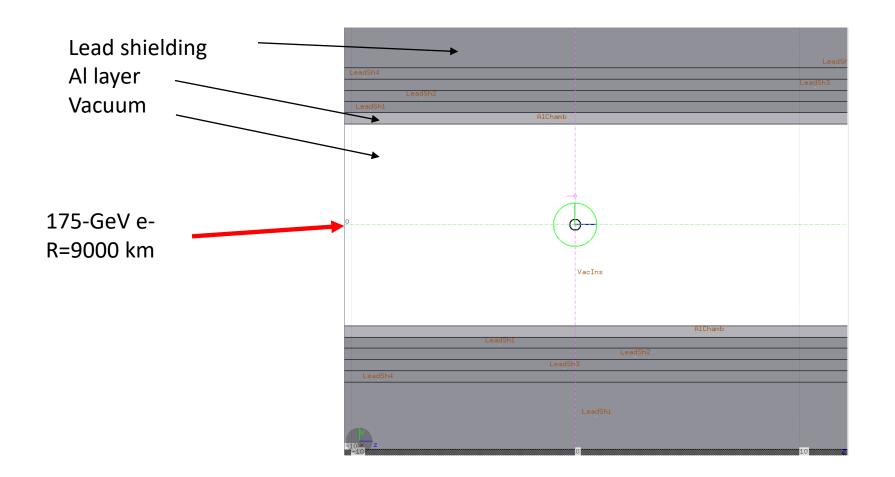
cm

All simulation results for the synchrotron radiation SPECSOUR are quoted **per simulated synchrotron radiation photon**.

From the output file:	<<< Synchrotron radiation source n. 1 >>>
	Emitting particle: ELECTRON P: 3.00000 GeV/c Initial position : 0.0000000 0.50000000 -1400.0000 Initial direction: 0.0000000 0.10000000 0.99498744
We would have to scale results	Magnetic field: 2.0000000 0.0000000 0.0000000 T Nominal curvature radius: 500.34614 cm Nominal arc: 150.00000 cm Arc angle: 0.29979246 rad Actual curvature radius: 500.34614 cm Actual arc: 150.00000 cm Transverse p T: 3.00000 GeV/c and gamma: 5870.85237
by 150*.093061 so as to obtain results <b>per primary emitting</b>	Critical energy: 0.0000119705 GeV
particle.	Photon emission threshold : 1.0000000E-07 GeV Photons >1 eV/nominal unit length: 0.11693748 cm^-1 Photons/unit length 1 eV thres.: 2.38764527E-02 cm^-1 Photons/unit length above thres.: 9.30610323E-02 cm^-1
	Total energy/nominal unit length: 4.55537630E-07 GeV/cm Energy/unit length below thresh.: 7.54228751E-10 GeV/cm Energy/unit length above thresh.: 4.54783401E-07 GeV cm

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175-GeV electrons on a few cm in an arc with 9 km turning radius:



## Synchrotron radiation: a higher-energy example

