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# Highlights on Advanced Topics

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# This is not the end! Only the beginning ...



- ❑ As said on the first day, most applications require data-cards only, exploiting the FLUKA built-in capacities
- ❑ Sometimes, more is needed...
- ❑ Many (more advanced) features not presented in this course
- ❑ Template User Routines are provided in `$FLUPRO/usermvax`
- ❑ Routines can be modified by the user to fit his input/output needs
- ❑ All shared parameters and variables (in COMMON blocks) are located in `$FLUPRO/flukapro`
- ❑ We'll give here some hints of what can be done, more can be found in the manual, in the fluka-discuss archive, or...

at the next FLUKA advanced course and workshop  
Dates and venue not yet defined

# Advanced geometry

# Geometry directives



Special commands enclosing body definition:







`$Start_xxx`

.....

`$End_xxx`

where "xxx" stands for  
"expansion", "translat" or "transform"

They provide respectively a coordinate **expansion/reduction**, a coordinate **translation** or a coordinate **roto-translation** of the bodies embedded between the starting and the ending directive lines.

 <code>\$start_transform</code>	Trans:	▼		
 <code>\$end_transform</code>				
 <code>\$start_expansion</code>	f:			
 <code>\$end_expansion</code>				
 <code>\$start_translat</code>	dx:	dy:		dz:
 <code>\$end_translat</code>				

# Parentheses



Parentheses are grouping together combinations of bodies. **Parentheses** can be used in **name based format** only.

Examples:

\*...+... 1...+... 2...+... 3...+... 4...+... 5...+... 6...+... 7...

\* Subtract from body2 regions regR03, regR04, regR05

regV02 5 +body2 - (+body4 - body3)  
- (+body6 - body5 | +body8 - body7) - body9 - body10

regR03 5 +body4 - body3

regR04 5 +body6 - body5 | +body8 - body7

regR05 5 +body9 | +body10

**Nested parentheses** are supported, however:

- parentheses should be used with care since their expansion can generate a quickly diverging amount of terms.

- A partial optimization is performed on planes (aligned with the axes) and bounding boxes only



FLUKA geometry has *replication* (lattice) capabilities

*Only one level is implemented* (no nested lattices are allowed)

- The user defines lattice positions in the geometry and provides transformation rules from the lattice to the prototype region:
  1. in the input with the ROT-DEFI card (see later)
  2. in a subroutine (`lattice.f`)

The lattice identification is available for scoring

Transformations include:

Translation, Rotation and Mirroring (the last only through routine).

**WARNING:**

Do not use scaling or any deformation of the coordinate system



- ❑ The regions which constitute the **elementary cell** (*prototype*) to be replicated, have to be defined in detail
- ❑ The **Lattices** (*replicas/containers*) have to be defined as “**empty**” regions in their correct location.  
**WARNING:** The lattice region **should map exactly** the outer surface definition of the elementary cell.
- ❑ The lattice regions are declared as such with a **LATTICE** card at the end of the geometry input
- ❑ In the **LATTICE** card, the user also **assigns lattice names/numbers to the lattices**. These names/numbers will identify the replicas in all FLUKA routines and scoring
- ❑ Several basic cells and associated lattices can be defined within the same geometry, one **LATTICE** card will be needed for each set
- ❑ **Non-replicas carry the lattice number 0**
- ❑ Lattices and plain regions can coexist in the same problem





After the **Regions** definition and before the **GEOEND** card the user can insert the **LATTICE** cards

- **WHAT(1), WHAT(2), WHAT(3)**  
Container region range (from, to, step)
- **WHAT(4), WHAT(5), WHAT(6)**  
Name/number(s) of the lattice(s)
- **SDUM**  
 blank to use the transformation from the **lattic** routine  
 ROT#nn to use a **ROT-DEFI** rotation/translation from input  
 name the same as above but identifying the roto-translation by the name assigned in the **ROT-DEFI** SDUM (any alphanumeric string you like)

## Example

<b>LATTICE</b>	Reg: TARGR1 ▼	to Reg: ▼	Step:
Id: 1tra ▼	Lat: 1.0	to Lat: 1.0	Step: 1.0

```
*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
LATTICE      6.00000  19.00000                101.0000   114.00
```

Region # 6 to 19 are the “**placeholders**” for the first set replicas. We assign to them lattice numbers from 101 to 114

```
LATTICE      TARGR1                TargRep                1tra
TARGR1 is the container region using transformation 1tra
```



# ROT-DEFIni



The **ROT-DEFIni** card defines roto-translations that can be applied, in addition to bodies, to i.) **USRBIN** & **EVENTBIN** and ii.) **LATTICE**. It transforms the position of the tracked particle i.) before scoring with respect to the defined binning or ii.) into the prototype with the order:

- First applies the **translation**
- followed by the rotation on the **azimuthal angle**
- and finally by the rotation on the **polar angle**.

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{polar}} \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{az}} \times (\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T})$$

**WHAT(1):** assigns a **transformation index** and the corresponding **rotation axis** **I + J \* 100** or **I \* 1000 + J**

I = index of rotation (**WARNING: NOTE THE SWAP OF VARIABLES**)

J = rotation with respect to axis (1=X, 2=Y, 3=Z)

**WHAT(2):** **Polar angle** of the rotation ( $0 \leq \vartheta \leq 180^\circ$  degrees)

**WHAT(3):** **Azimuthal angle** of the rotation ( $-180 \leq \Phi \leq 180^\circ$  degrees)

**WHAT(4), WHAT(5), WHAT(6)** =  $X_{\text{offset}}, Y_{\text{offset}}, Z_{\text{offset}}$  offset for the **translation**

**SDUM:** **name** for the transformation

**ROT-DEFI**

Id: 1

Axis: Z ▼

Name: 1tra

Polar: 0.0

Azm:

$\Delta x$ :

$\Delta y$ :

$\Delta z$ : -10.0

# How ROT-DEFI works:



$\theta$  = polar angle,  $\Phi$  = azimuthal angle

The transformation matrix is:

$$R_{ij} = T_{ik} P_{kj} :$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} X_{\text{new}} \\ Y_{\text{new}} \\ Z_{\text{new}} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \phi \times \cos \theta & \sin \phi \times \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \cos \phi \times \sin \theta & \sin \phi \times \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} X_{\text{old}} + X_{\text{offset}} \\ Y_{\text{old}} + Y_{\text{offset}} \\ Z_{\text{old}} + Z_{\text{offset}} \end{vmatrix}$$



# Auxiliary routines - *Name <-> number conv*

Conversion of **region name to number**

**CALL GEON2R ( REGNAM, NREG, IERR )**

Input variable:

REGNAM = region name (CHARACTER\*8)

Output variables:

NREG = region number

IERR = error code (0 on success, 1 on failure)

Conversion of **region number to name**

**CALL GEOR2N ( NREG, REGNAM, IERR )**

Input variable:

NREG = region number

Output variables:

REGNAM = region name (CHARACTER\*8)

IERR = error code (0 on success, 1 on failure)

# Volume sources

# Extended sources - Volume sources

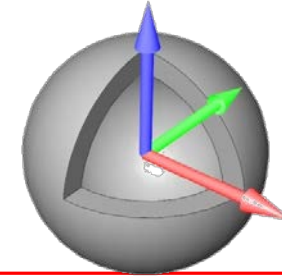
Input card: **BEAMPOS**

If **SDUM** = **SPHE-VOL**:

defines a spatially extended source in a **spherical shell**

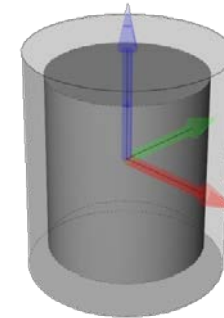
Example

* . . . + . . . 1 . . . + . . . 2 . . . + . . . 3 . . . + . . . 4 . . . + . . . 5 . . . + . . . 6 . . . + . . . 7 . . . + . . .						
<b>BEAMPOS</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>BEAMPOS</b>	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 <b>SPHE-VOL</b>



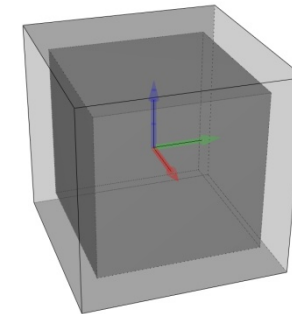
If **SDUM** = **CYLI-VOL**:

defines a spatially extended source in a **cylindrical shell**  
with the height parallel to the z-axis of the beam frame



If **SDUM** = **CART-VOL**:

defines a spatially extended source in a **Cartesian shell**  
with the sides parallel to the beam frame axes





# Extended sources - *Spherical surface uniform isotropic source*

Input card: **BEAMPOS**

If **SDUM** = **FLOOD**:

defines a source distribution on a **spherical surface**

## Example

* . . . + . . . . 1 . . . . + . . . . 2 . . . . + . . . . 3 . . . . + . . . . 4 . . . . + . . . . 5 . . . . + . . . . 6 . . . . + . . . . 7 . . . . + . . . .						
<b>BEAMPOS</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>BEAMPOS</b>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 <b>FLOOD</b>

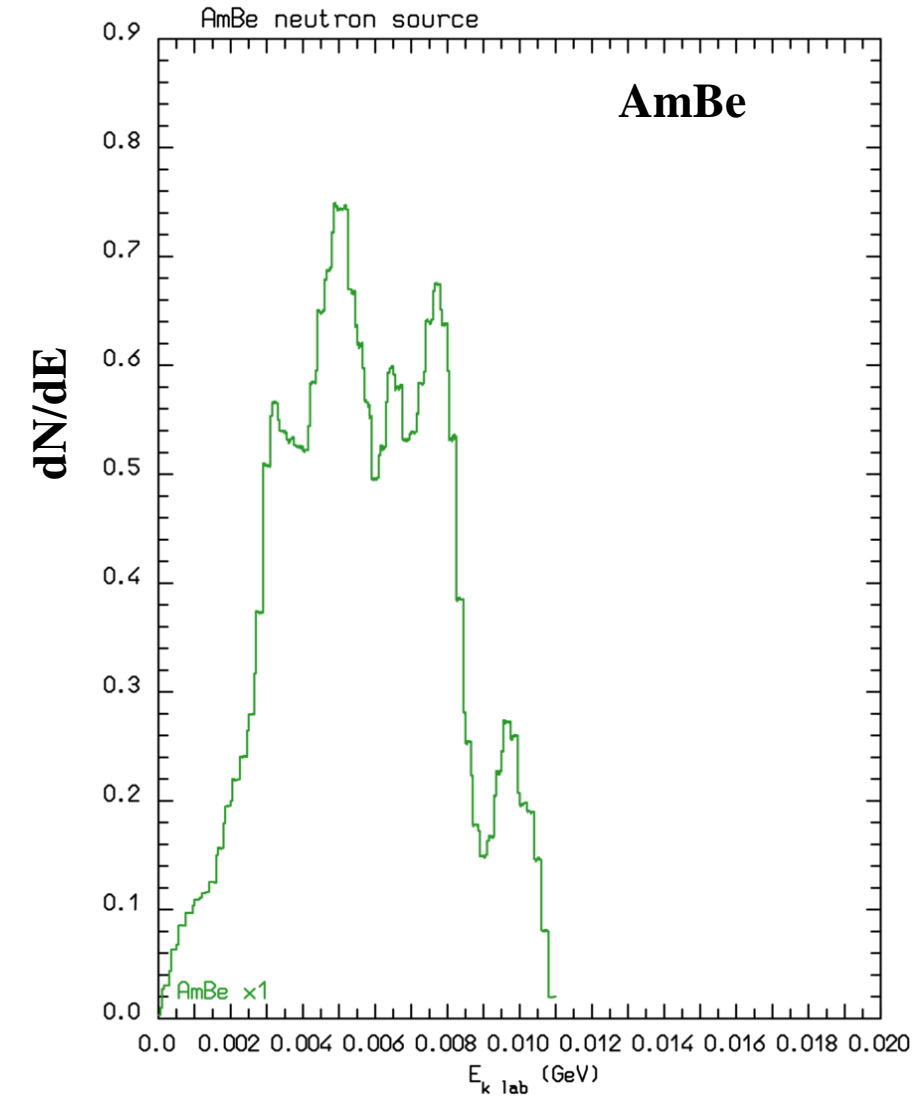
- radius (in cm) of the sphere: 1.0 cm [**WHAT ( 1 )**]
- **WHAT ( 2 )** - **WHAT ( 6 )** are not used !

The surface is centred at the (x,y,z) point defined by another BEAMPOS card with **SDUM** = blank (or = **NEGATIVE**). The particle direction is sampled according to a diffusive distribution so as to generate a uniform and isotropic fluence equal to  $1/(\pi R^2)$  inside the sphere (in absence of materials)

# Built-in neutron sources



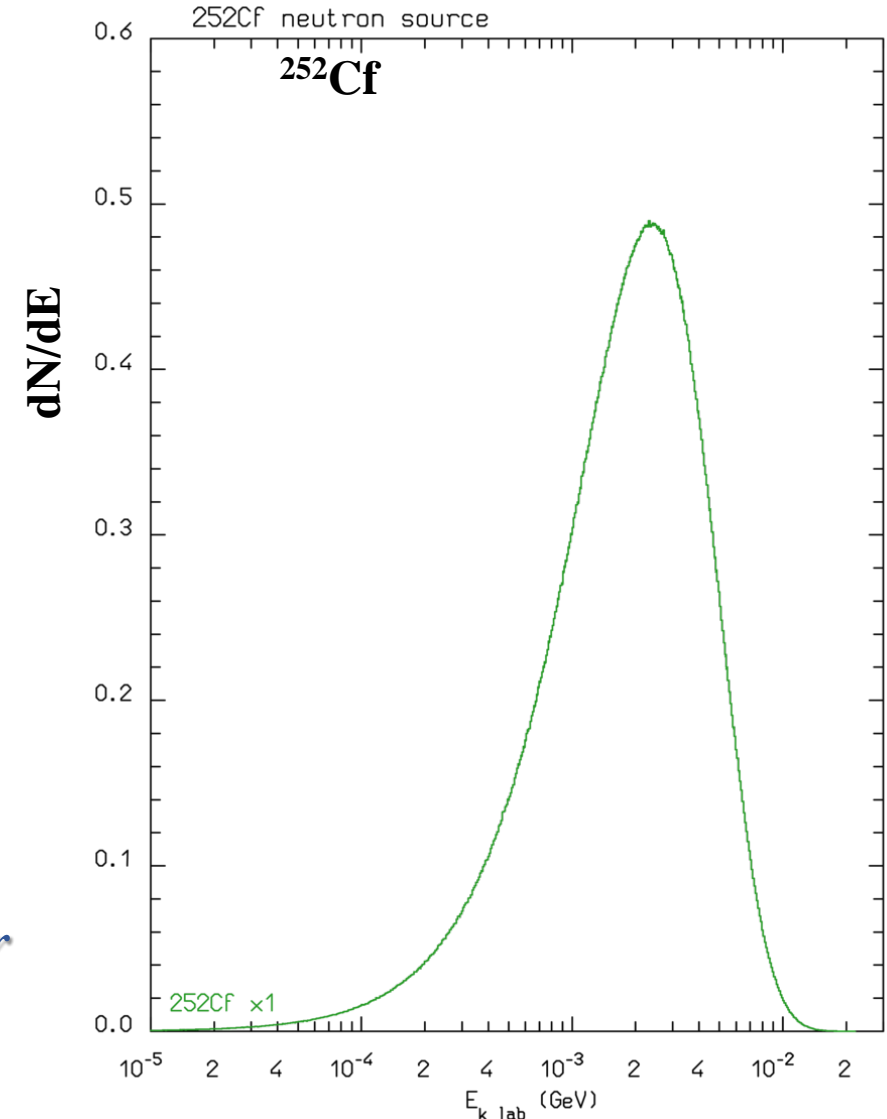
# Built-in neutron sources: AmBe, AmB, $^{252}\text{Cf}$ , D-D, D-T



With the BEAM card the following built-in neutron sources can be activated

- AmBe: SDUM=AMBE (left, ISO/DIS 8529-1)
- AmB : SDUM=AMB (ISO/DIS 8529-1)
- $^{252}\text{Cf}$  : SDUM=252CF (right, std. param.)
- D-D : SDUM=D-D
- D-T : SDUM=D-T

*Please read the manual for further details!!!*



# Special source routines

# Special source routines: SPECSOUR



Special pre-set source routines are invoked setting a card:

SPECSOUR	inp <sub>1</sub>	inp <sub>2</sub>	inp <sub>3</sub>	inp <sub>4</sub>	inp <sub>5</sub>	inp <sub>6</sub>	SDUM
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SPECSOUR	inp <sub>7</sub>	inp <sub>8</sub>	inp <sub>8</sub>	inp <sub>10</sub>	inp <sub>11</sub>	inp <sub>12</sub>	&
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SPECSOUR	inp <sub>13</sub>	inp <sub>14</sub>	inp <sub>15</sub>	inp <sub>16</sub>	inp <sub>17</sub>	inp <sub>18</sub>	&&
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Where SDUM can be:

- **BEAMSPOT** : using predefined beamlets (demonstrated yesterday)
- **PPSOUR** : colliding beams
- **GCR-AMS** : GCR spectra
- **SPE-2003** : Solar Particle Event (2003)
- **SPE-2005** : Solar Particle Event (2005)
- **BIN-SOUR** : USRBIN-like distributed source (eg activity 3D of a radiopharmaceutical)
- **SYNC-RAD** : Synchrotron radiation source (spare slides of the EM lecture)

*Each special source can accept up to 18 different parameters, their meanings are different for each case and are explained in the manual*



Special options to define “beamlets” eg for hadrontherapy:

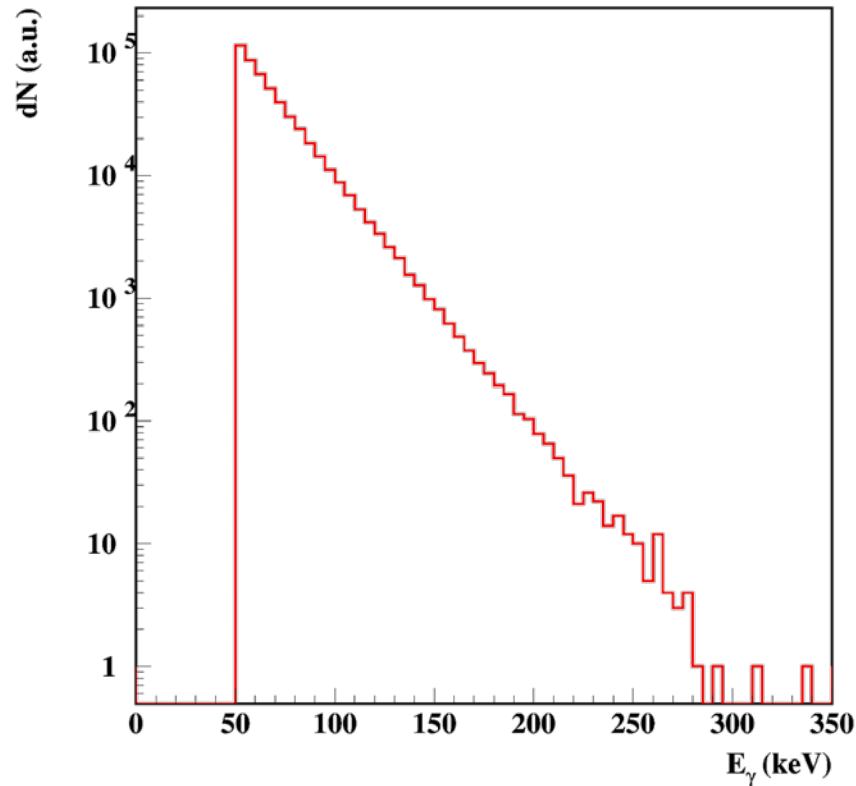
- **SPOTBEAM** : it defines a beamlet energy/projectile, energy and angular spread
- **SPOTDIR** : it defines a beamlet direction, and the beamlet reference frame
- **SPOTPOS** : it defines a beamlet position and  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$
- **SPOTTIME** : it defines a beamlet time
- **SPPOTTRAN**: it defines a possible roto-translation to be applied to a beamlet

# Generic source routine

# Implementing customized beam distributions

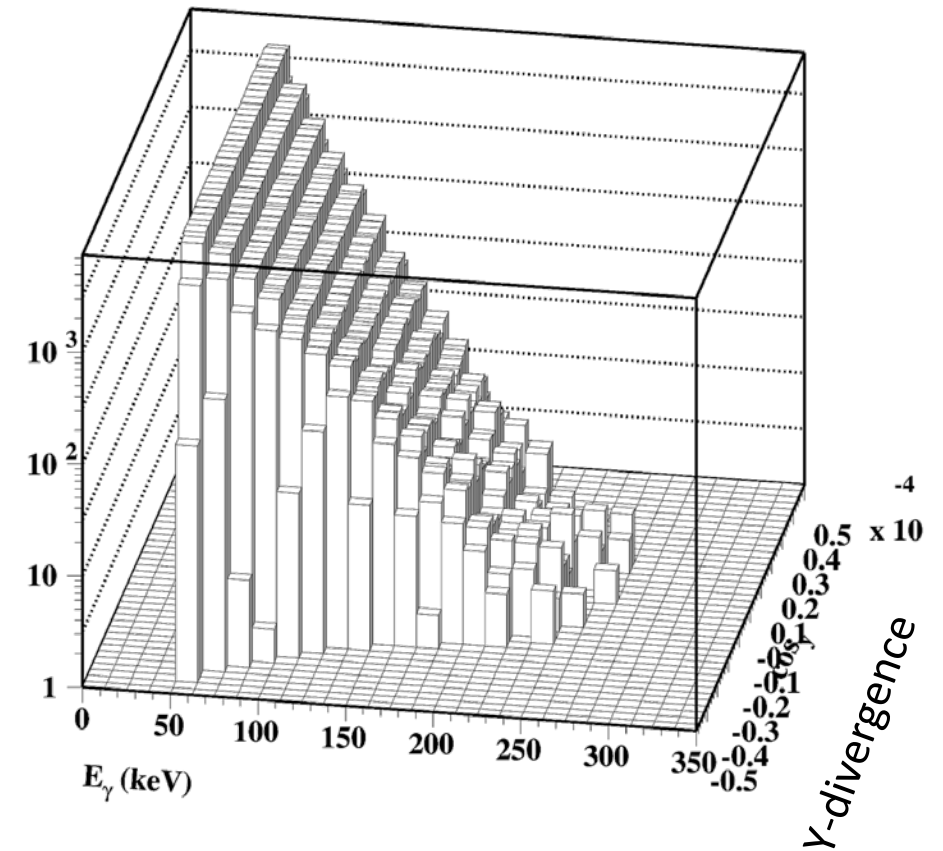


Example: synchrotron radiation spectrum read from external file with energy, x and y divergences, and polarization all correlated



← Energy spectrum

Y-divergence correlated → with energy



# Implementing customized beam distributions - 2



Input card: **SOURCE**    Template user routine: **\$FLUPRO/usermvax/source.f**

**source.f** must be linked in one's own executable !

It is possible to sample beam particle position, direction, and energy  
from an external file or a distribution

It is possible to assign different weights to primary particles

It is possible to load reaction products in the same primary history

several sampling routines already exist in the FLUKA code (e.g. Gaussian)

Input parameters can be passed via the **SOURCE** card

a **BEAM** card with a momentum/energy higher than the maximum one is still needed  
for initialization purposes (to define the tabulation limit)





# A look into the source routine prototype:

```
NPFLKA = NPFLKA + 1
* Wt is the weight of the particle
  WTFLK (NPFLKA) = ONEONE
  WEIPRI = WEIPRI + WTFLK (NPFLKA)
* Particle type (1=proton.....). Ijbeam is the type set by the BEAM
* card, the numbering scheme is the Paprop (user) one:
* +-----*
* | (Radioactive) isotope:
* | IF ( IJBEAM .EQ. -2 .AND. LRDBEA ) THEN
* |   ...
* | +-----*
* | Heavy ion:
* | ELSE IF ( IJBEAM .EQ. -2 ) THEN
* |   ...
* | +-----*
* | Normal particle:
* | ELSE
* |   IONID = IJBEAM
* | Possible excitation energy wrt ground state (0 in this case):
* |   EEXSTK (NPFLKA) = EXENRG (IJBEAM)
* | Possible mean life of an excited state (meaningless in this case):
* |   TMNSTK (NPFLKA) = TMNLF (IJBEAM)
* | Number (see Paprop) of a possible excited state (0 in this case):
* |   ILVSTK (NPFLKA) = IEXLVL (IJBEAM)
* | Particle id:
* |   ILOFLK (NPFLKA) = IJBEAM
* | Flag this is prompt radiation
* |   LRADDC (NPFLKA) = .FALSE.
* | Group number for "low" energy neutrons, set to 0 anyway
* |   IGROUP (NPFLKA) = 0
* | Parent radioactive isotope:
* |   IRDAZM (NPFLKA) = 0
* | Particle age (s)
* |   AGESTK (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
```

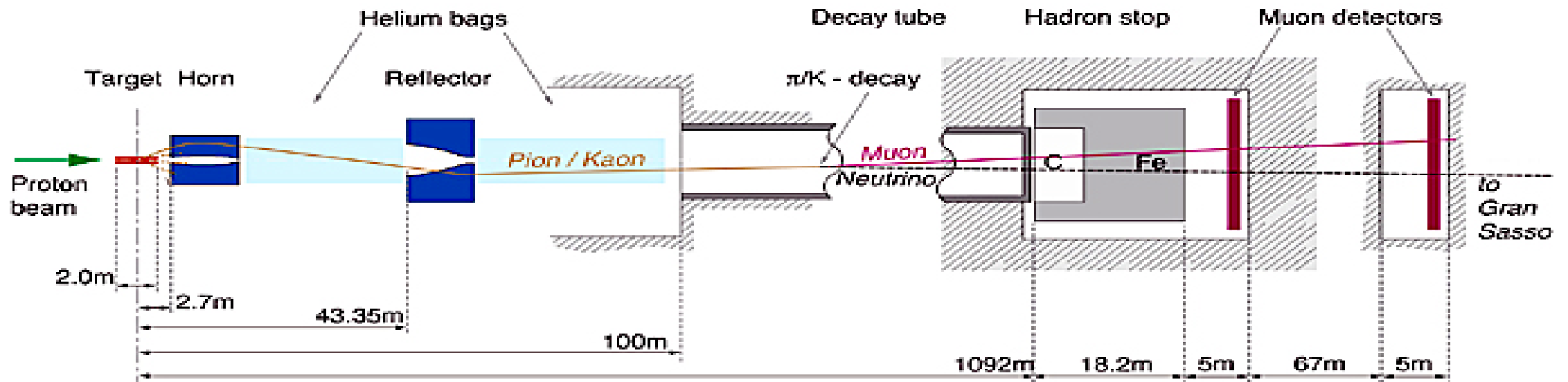
```
* | Kinetic energy of the particle (GeV)
* |   TKEFLK (NPFLKA) = PBEAM**2
* |   & / ( SQRT ( PBEAM**2 + AM (IONID)**2 ) + AM (IONID))
* | Particle momentum
* |   PMOFLK (NPFLKA) = PBEAM
* |   PMOFLK (NPFLKA) = SQRT ( TKEFLK (NPFLKA) * ( TKEFLK (NPFLKA)
* |   & + TWOTWO * AM (IONID) ) )
* | +-----*
* | Check if it is a neutrino, if so force the interaction
* | (unless the relevant flag has been disabled):
* | IF ( LISNUT (IJBEAM) .AND. LNUFIN ) THEN
* |   LFRPHN (NPFLKA) = .TRUE.
* | +-----*
* | Not a neutrino:
* | ELSE
* |   LFRPHN (NPFLKA) = .FALSE.
* | END IF
* | +-----*
* | END IF
* | +-----*
* | Direction cosines (tx,ty,tz):
* |   TXFLK (NPFLKA) = UBEAM
* |   TYFLK (NPFLKA) = VBEAM
* |   TZFLK (NPFLKA) = WBEAM
* |   TZFLK (NPFLKA) = SQRT ( ONEONE - TXFLK (NPFLKA)**2
* |   & - TYFLK (NPFLKA)**2 )
* | Polarization cosines:
* |   TXPOL (NPFLKA) = -TWOTWO
* |   TYPOL (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
* |   TZPOL (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
* | Particle coordinates:
* |   XFLK (NPFLKA) = XBEAM
* |   YFLK (NPFLKA) = YBEAM
* |   ZFLK (NPFLKA) = ZBEAM
```

# Implementing magnetic and electric fields

# Implementing magnetic field - 1



CERN Neutrino to Gran Sasso

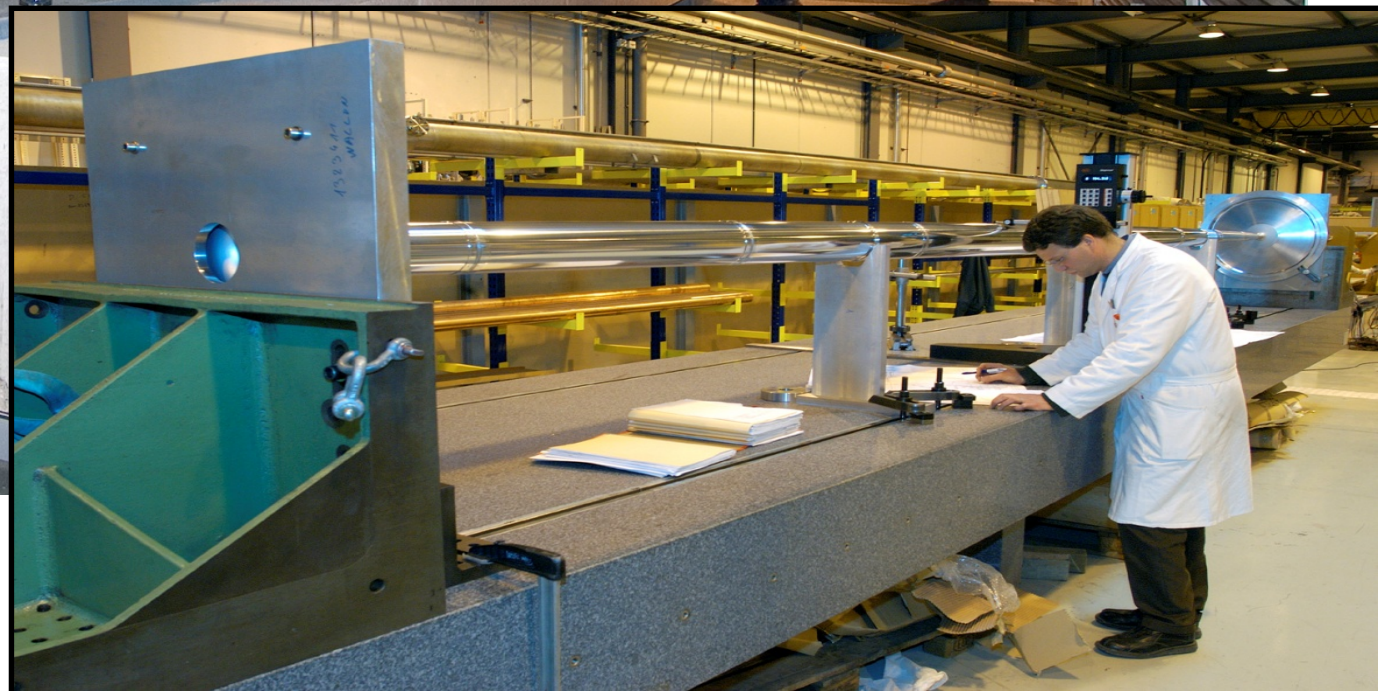


The two magnetic lenses (blue in the sketch) align positive mesons towards the Decay tunnel, so that neutrinos from the decay are directed to Gran Sasso, 730~km away

Negative mesons are deflected away

The lenses have a finite energy/angle acceptance







# Implementing magnetic field - 2

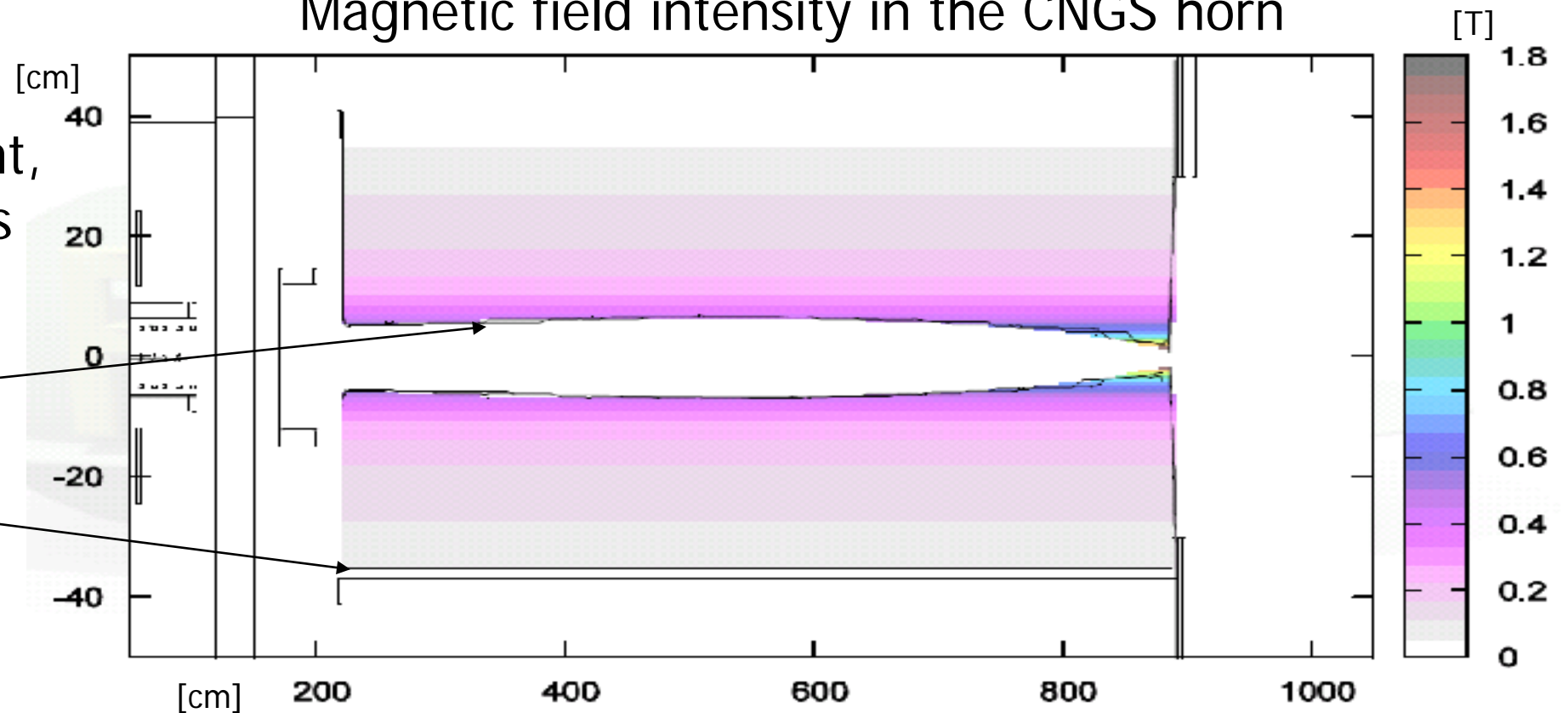


Input card: **ASSIGNMA**      Template user routine: **\$FLUPRO/usermvax/magfld.f**

**magfld.f** must be linked in one's own executable !

Magnetic field intensity in the CNGS horn

A  $\approx 150\text{kA}$  current,  
pulsed, circulates  
through the  
Inner  
and  
Outer  
conductors  
The field is  
toroidal,  
 $B \propto 1/R$



# Implementing magnetic field - 3



```
SUBROUTINE MAGFLD ( X, Y, Z, T, BTX, BTY, BTZ, B, NREG, IDISC )
```

```
...
```

```
IF ( NREG .EQ. NRHORN ) THEN
```

```
  RRR = SQRT ( X**2 + Y**2 )
```

```
  B = 2.D-07 * CURHOR / 1.D-02 / RRR
```

```
  BTX = -Y / RRR
```

```
  BTY = X / RRR
```

```
  BTZ = ZERZER
```

```
END IF
```

X,Y,Z,T = current particle position and time (input)

Nreg = current region number (input)

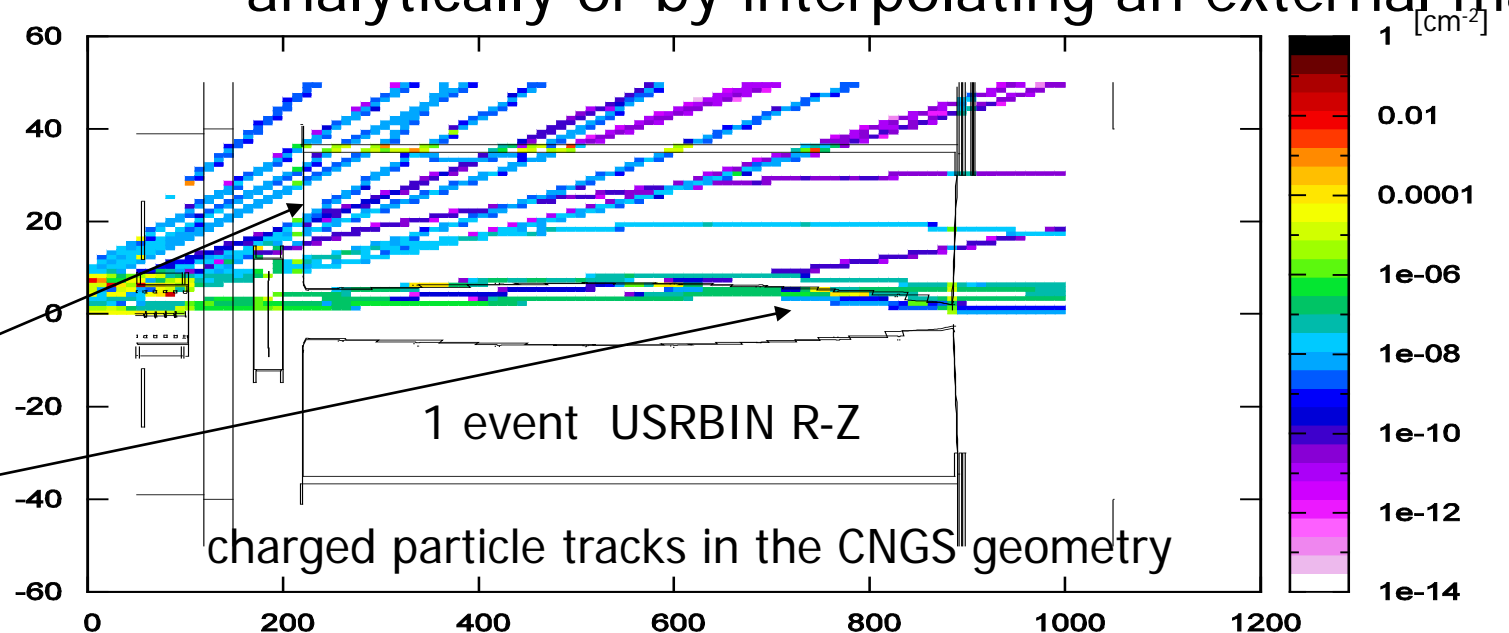
BTX,Y,Z = magnetic field direction cosines (output)

B = magnetic field intensity (Tesla) (output)

IDISC = if set to 1 the particle is discarded (output)

Possible to define the magnetic field  
analytically or by interpolating an external map

De-focused  
focused  
Many Escaping



# Implementing electric field



```
SUBROUTINE ELEFLD ( X, Y, Z, T, ETX, ETY, BTZ, E, NREG, IDISC )
```

```
...
```

```
RSPHER = 10.D+00
```

```
RRR = SQRT ( X**2 + Y**2 +Z**2)
```

```
IF ( RRR > RSPHER ) THEN
```

```
    E = 1.D+00 * ( RSPHER / RRR )
```

```
    ETX = Y / RRR
```

```
    ETY = X / RRR
```

```
    ETZ = Z / RRR
```

```
ELSE
```

```
    E = 0.D+00
```

```
    ETX = 1.D+00
```

```
    ETY = 0.D+00
```

```
    ETZ = 0.D+00
```

```
END IF
```

Possible to define the electric field analytically or by interpolating an external map. In this case it is the E field generated by an uniformly charged conductor sphere of  $R=10$  cm, with surface field = 1 MV/m

Very similar to the magnetic field case

Please take into account that electric fields are supported through Runge-Kutta-Gill 4<sup>th</sup> order tracking of the associated differential equations and that RKG is supported only in gas or vacuum regions

*Please remember that electric/magnetic field can be also time varying!!*



# Miscellaneous

# Access detailed informations



Input card: **USERDUMP**    Template user routine: **\$FLUPRO/usermvax/mgdraw.f**

**mgdraw.f** must be linked in one's own executable !

It is possible to get particle trajectories and (continuous and local) energy losses

It is possible to access information at each boundary crossing, particle step, energy deposition event, interaction

It is possible to look at reaction products

# Implementing customized scoring



Input card: **USERWEIG**

Template user routines: **\$FLUPRO/usermvax/fluscw.f** (for fluence scoring)  
**\$FLUPRO/usermvax/comscw.f** (for density-like scoring)

**???scw.f** must be linked in one's own executable !

It is possible to apply a user defined weight (even zero) to deposited energy, residual nuclei, etc.

It is possible to extract information about the particles involved (and dump it into a file)

# Implementing customized "tags"



No input card

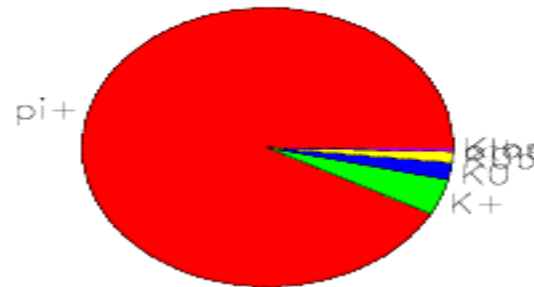
Template user routines: [\\$FLUPRO/usermvax/stupre.f](#) (for e.m. particles)  
[\\$FLUPRO/usermvax/stuprf.f](#) (for other particles)

[stupr?.f](#) must be linked in one's own executable !

It is possible to keep track of particles properties like its origin

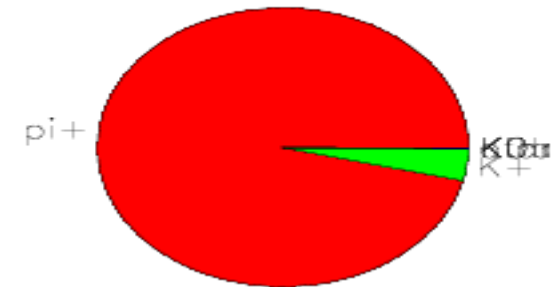
identification of ancestors of  
muon-neutrinos reaching  
Gran Sasso

out of target



ancestor as exiting the target

decay parent



parent decaying in  $\nu_\mu$

# Implementing region independent importance biasing



Input card: **BIASING**    Template user routine: **\$FLUPRO/usermvax/usimbs.f**

**usimbs.f** must be linked in one's own executable !

It is call at every step in user-selected regions and allows to importance biasing of a particle independently from the region

It doesn't require to segment the geometry in many regions to use region importance biasing

It can be time-consuming in implementation and CPU-time

**Thanks for your attention!**