

# Transport of Heavy Cosmic Rays in Evolving Astrophysical Environments

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# Instead of an introduction...

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- What's coming next?

# Basics

# Energy Transport Code

- **Main goal:** Efficient calculation of spectra  $\rightarrow$  Discretization
- $f_i(t) = \int_{E_i}^{E_{i+1}} F(t, E) dE$ , vector of number density
- Resolution of 300 bins:  $E = (10^{-3} - 10^{12})\text{GeV}$
- Forward integration of energy transport equation via matrix multiplication:
  - $f_j^\beta(t + \Delta t) = T_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\Delta t) f_i^\alpha(t)$ , where  $T^{\alpha\beta}$  is the energy transition matrix
  - $T_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = Y_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} p(\alpha, i)$ , where  $Y^{\alpha\beta}$  is the yield and  $p(\alpha, i)$  is the interaction probability
  - Energy conservation is checked and (can be) enforced
- Interaction probability is calculated based on cross section, target density, etc.
- Yields come from MC simulations and analytical approximations

# Time Scales

**Problem:** Time scales can be very different for involved processes, e. g. electron synchrotron radiation compared to photopion production.

- → Time step must be smaller than smallest energy loss scale

$$\Delta t < \min_{\text{all processes}} \left( \frac{dE}{dt} / E \right)^{-1}$$

**Possible solution:** Matrix doubling

- $T(2^n \Delta t) = T^{2^n}(\Delta t)$ , seems to work if the transition matrix does not significantly change on a time scale of  $(2^n \Delta t)$ .

# CR-ENTREES

## ***CR-ENTREES*** –

**Cosmic-Ray ENergy TRansport in timE-Evolving astrophysical Settings**

Implementation of matrix transport principle in Fortran by A. Reimer, R. Protheroe and others

- Now with restructured code, simplified installation and testing
- Will become available

# CR-ENTREES – Specifications

## Species

- Protons, neutrons, electrons, muons, kaons, pions, photons, electron neutrinos, muon neutrinos, (and adiabatic energy losses)

## Interactions

- Bethe-Heitler pair production, photo-pion production, nuclear decay, synchrotron radiation, inverse Compton scattering,  $\gamma\gamma$ -Absorption, escape, and adiabatic losses

## Targets

- Black body, broken power laws, etc.: discretized on a 161-bin-array.



# CR-ENTREES – Installation and Testing

## Installation with cmake

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[h] Help [q] Quit without generating
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## Unit tests

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lmerten@lmerten-ThinkCentre-M920s:~/Software/matrixcode/build$ make test
Running tests...
Test project /home/lmerten/Software/matrixcode/build
Start 1: baseTest
1/5 Test #1: baseTest ..... Passed 98.07 sec
Start 2: nuclearDecayTest
2/5 Test #2: nuclearDecayTest ..... Passed 10.31 sec
Start 3: photoPionTest
3/5 Test #3: photoPionTest ..... Passed 33.01 sec
Start 4: inverseComptonTest
4/5 Test #4: inverseComptonTest ..... Passed 48.34 sec
Start 5: synchrotronTest
5/5 Test #5: synchrotronTest ..... Passed 86.28 sec
100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 5
Total Test time (real) = 276.01 sec
lmerten@lmerten-ThinkCentre-M920s:~/Software/matrixcode/build$
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Several predefined tests are executed included test plots.

# Heavy Nuclei

# How to include heavier elements?

## Problems

- Amount of spectral/transition data will increase by more than two orders in magnitude
- Hardcoded transitions would create an unreadable and unmaintainable software

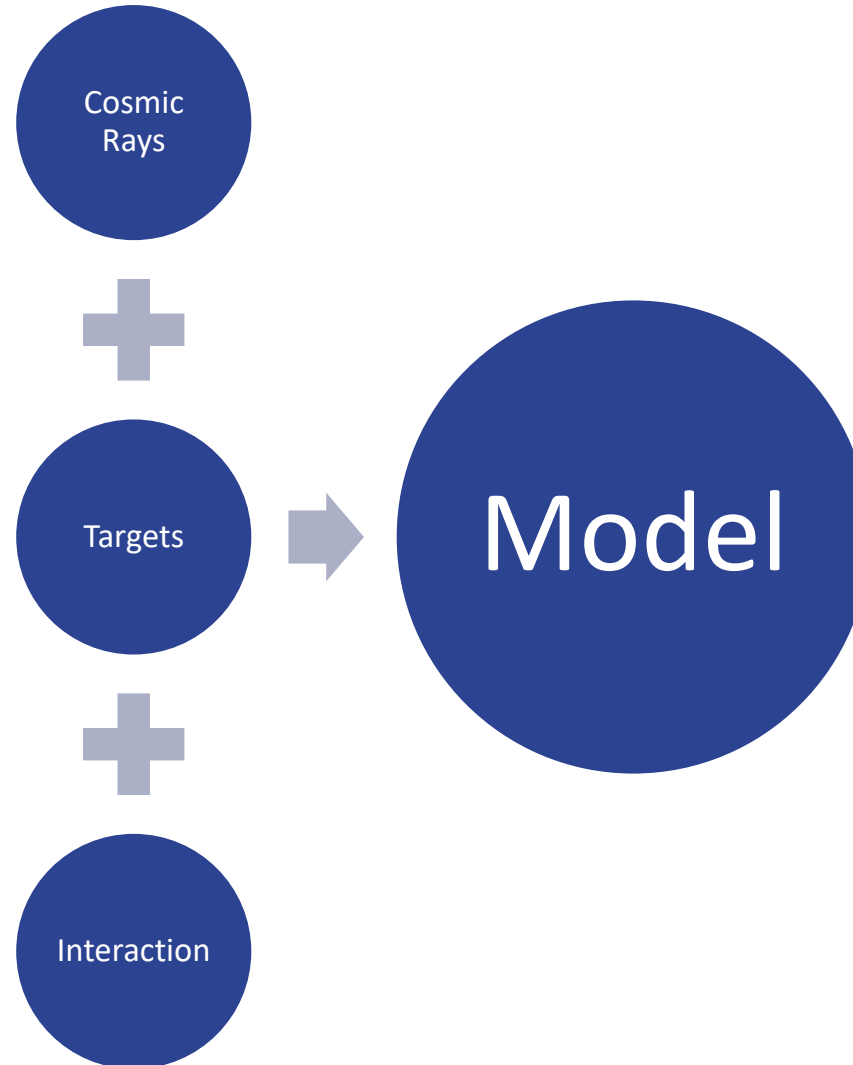
## Solution

- Create a modular object-oriented structure
- Reduces the amount of code significantly
- In general, easier to maintain and extend

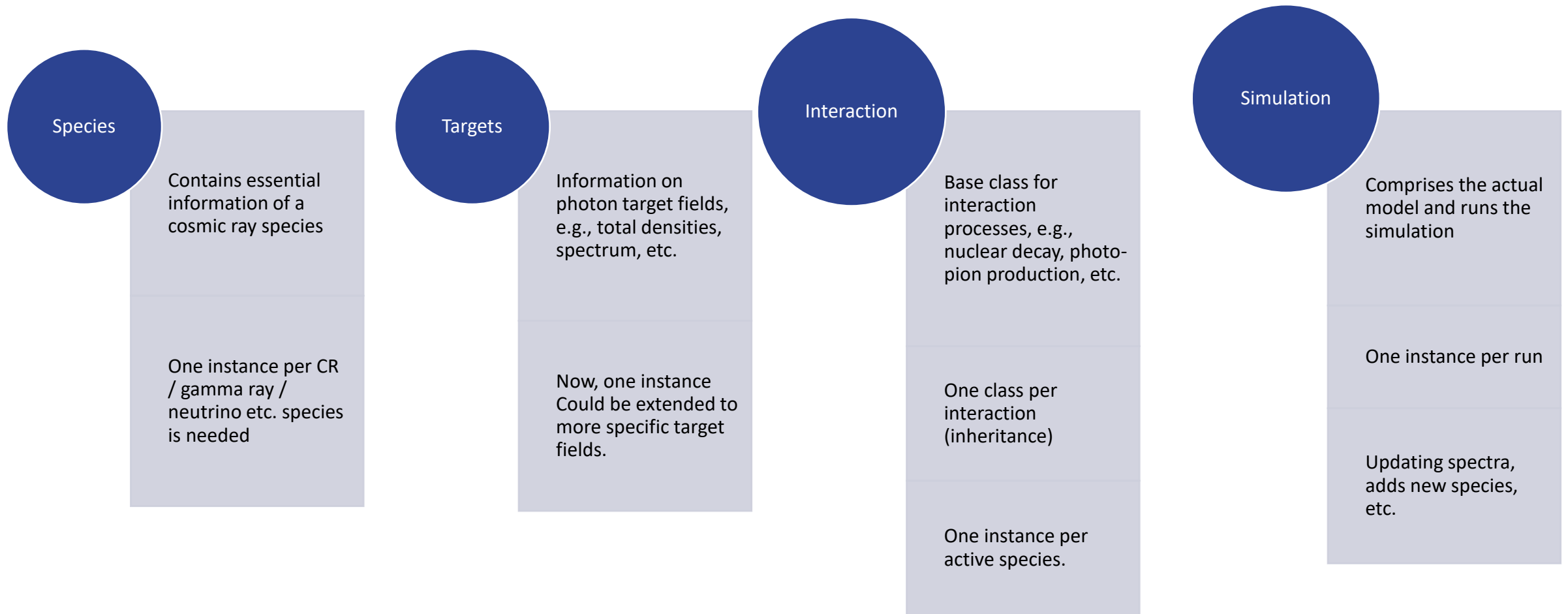
## Furthermore

- Allow for on-the-fly creation/deletion of spectra → Reduction of data

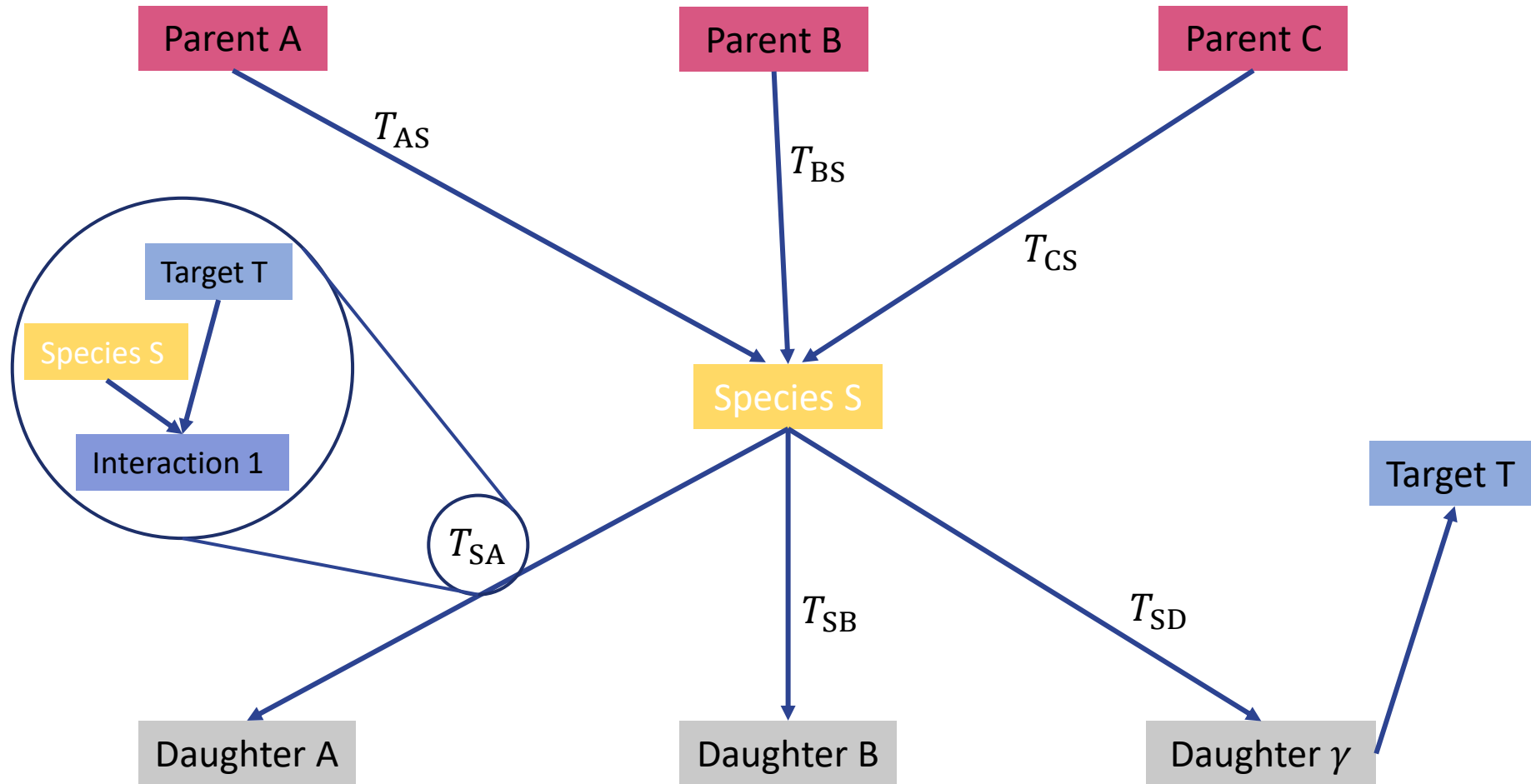
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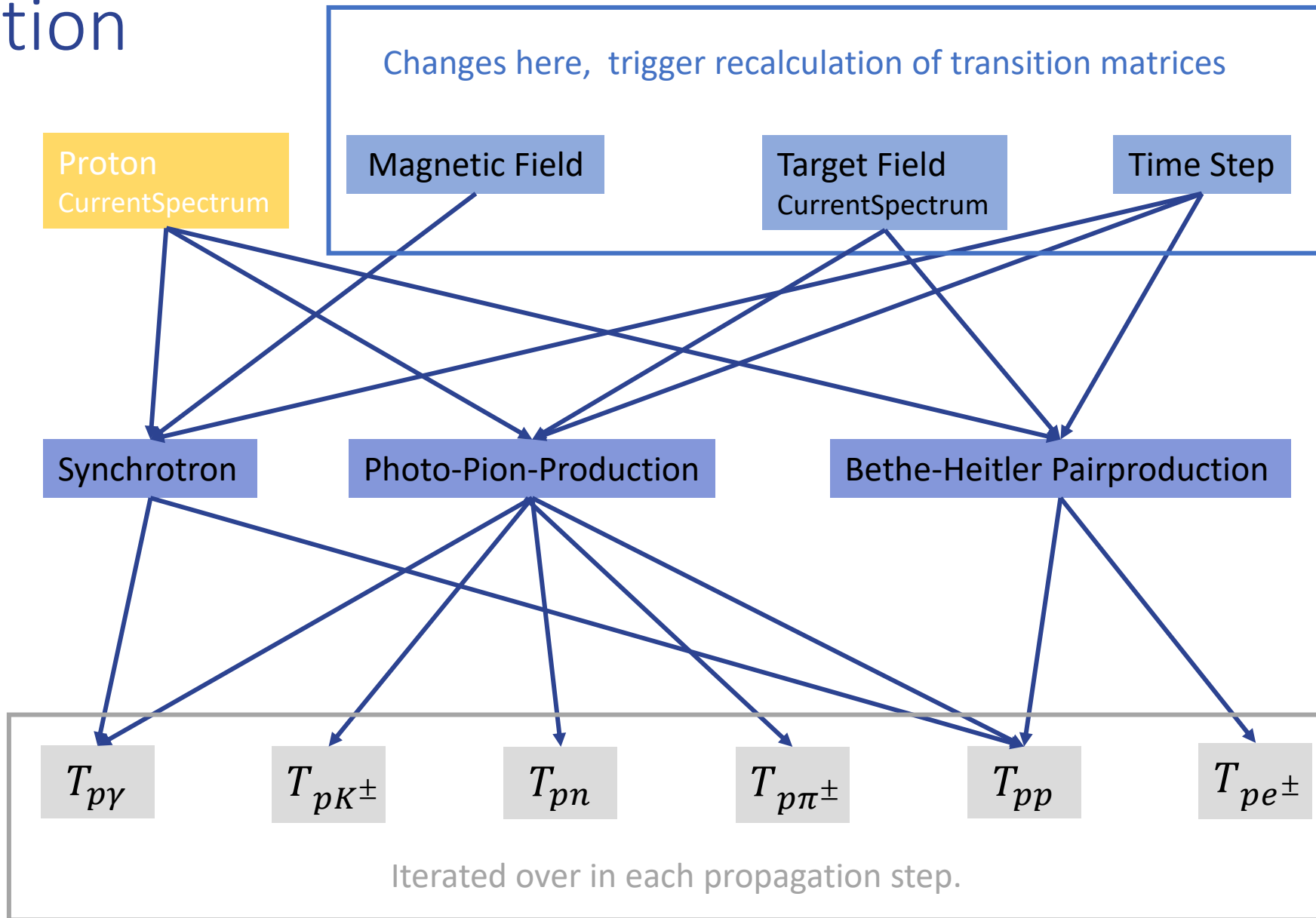
# Structure II



# Structure III – Transitions



# Transition



# Immediate Interactions

## Problem

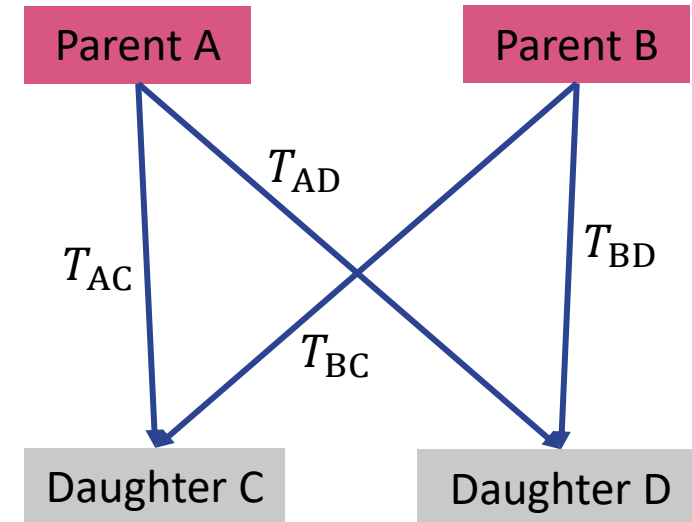
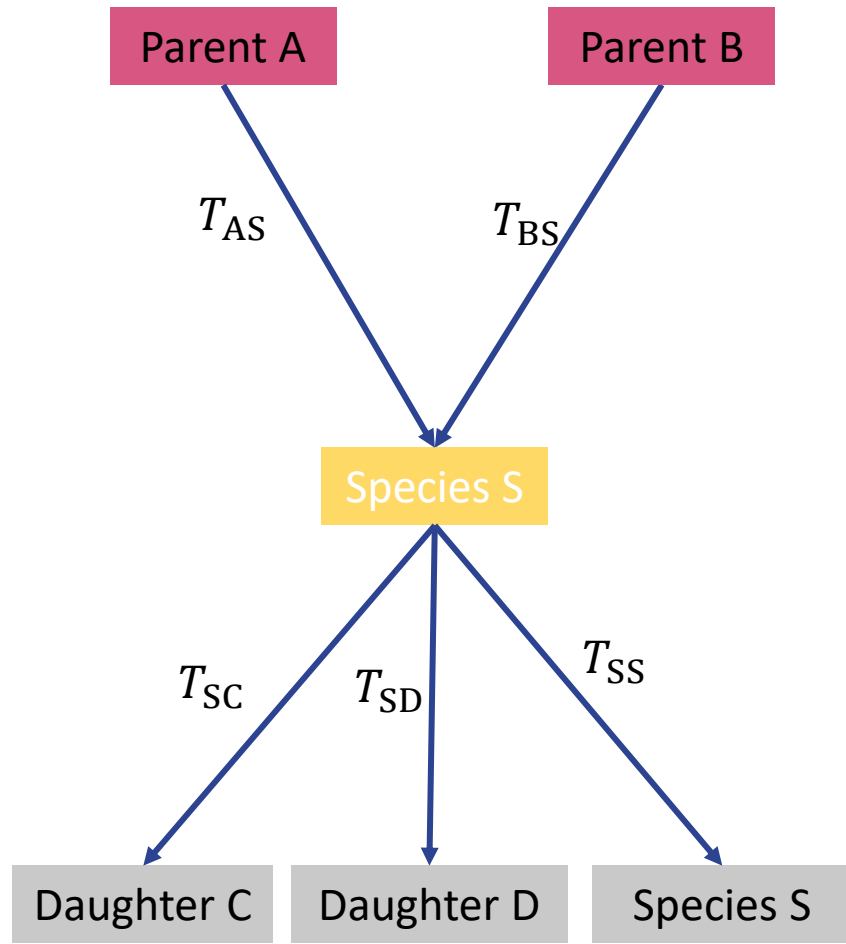
- Possibly very fast interacting species, e.g., a nuclear decay with very short decay time.
- Particle species becomes irrelevant after few time steps but consumes the same amount of computation time and memory.

## Solution

- Sustainably remove the species from the simulation chain
- Making sure to not produce it again
- Not neglecting the channel to (possibly stable) secondaries of unstable particle



# Structure IV – Immediate Interactions



$T_{AC} = T_{SC}^* T_{AS}$ ,  
with  $T_{SC}^*$  the transition matrix  
recalculated with  $\Delta t = \infty$

# Immediate Interaction

## Benefits

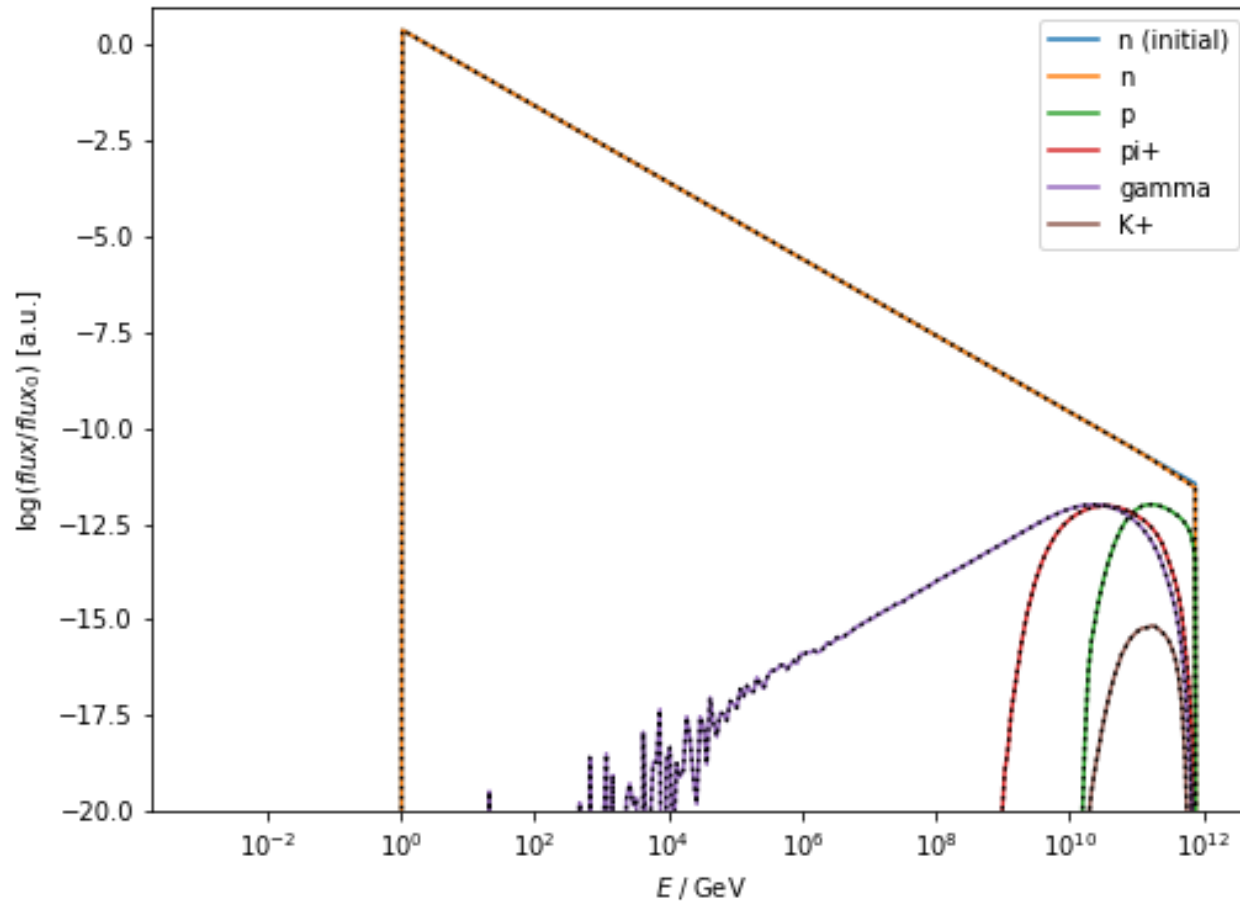
- Reduces significantly the number of simultaneously tracked species
- Reduces the memory usage
- Increases the propagation cycles per time
- Slightly reduces hard disk space of simulation results. HDF does an amazing compression, which limits the benefits on that point.

## Current implementation

- Int. probability  $p_{\text{int}}(E) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{\tau_{\text{int}}(E)}\right) > 0.95 \forall E < E_{\text{max}} \rightarrow \text{unstable}$
- Recalculate transitions of unstable species
- If parents available: Recalculate parents' transitions
- Remove species from simulation before next step

# Examples and Testing

# Nuclear Decay – Neutron



Initial condition:

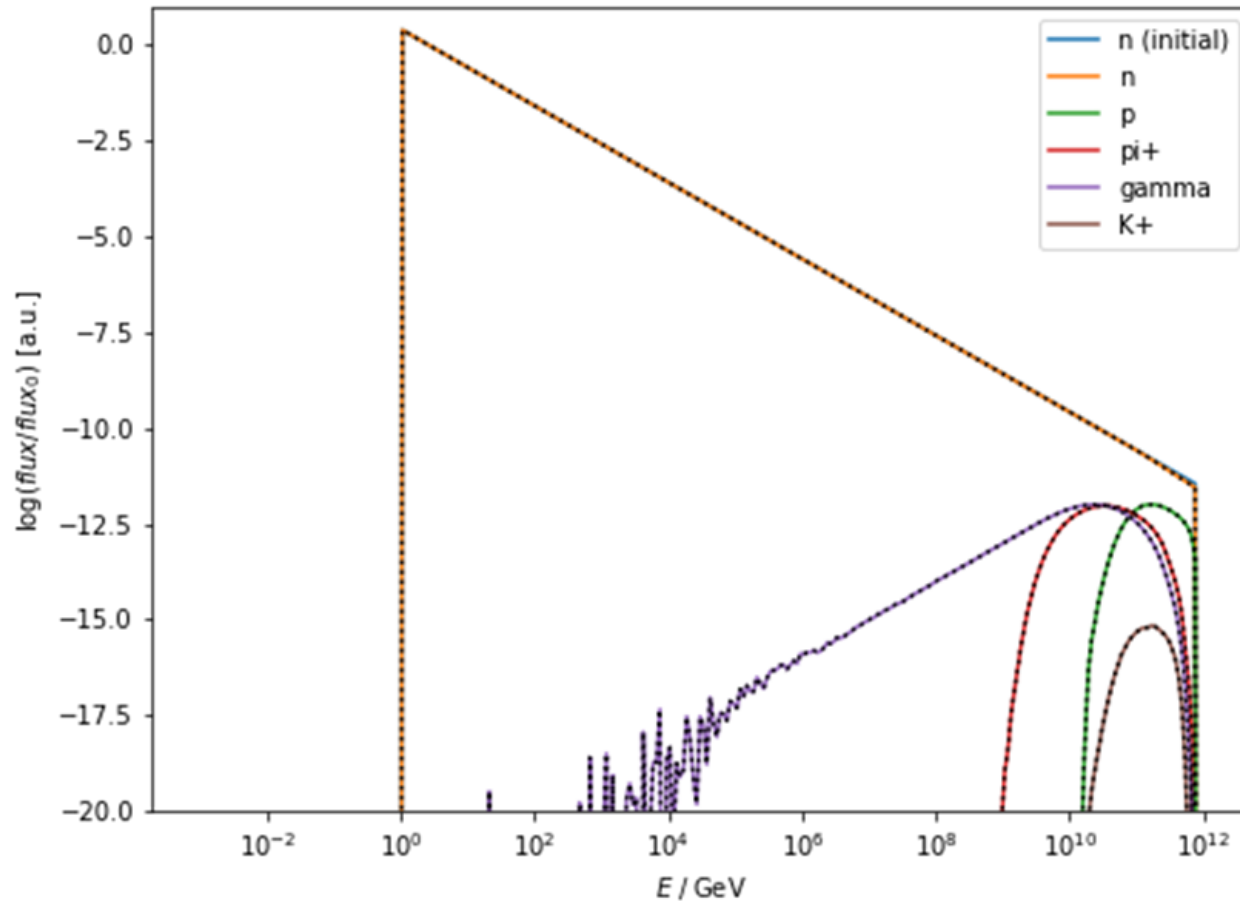
$$\Delta t = 10^{12} \text{s}, N = 100$$

Target: CMB

Primary species: neutron, with  $\gamma = -2$ ,

$$E_{min} = 1 \text{GeV}, E_{max} = 8 \times 10^{11} \text{GeV}$$

# Photo-Meson Production



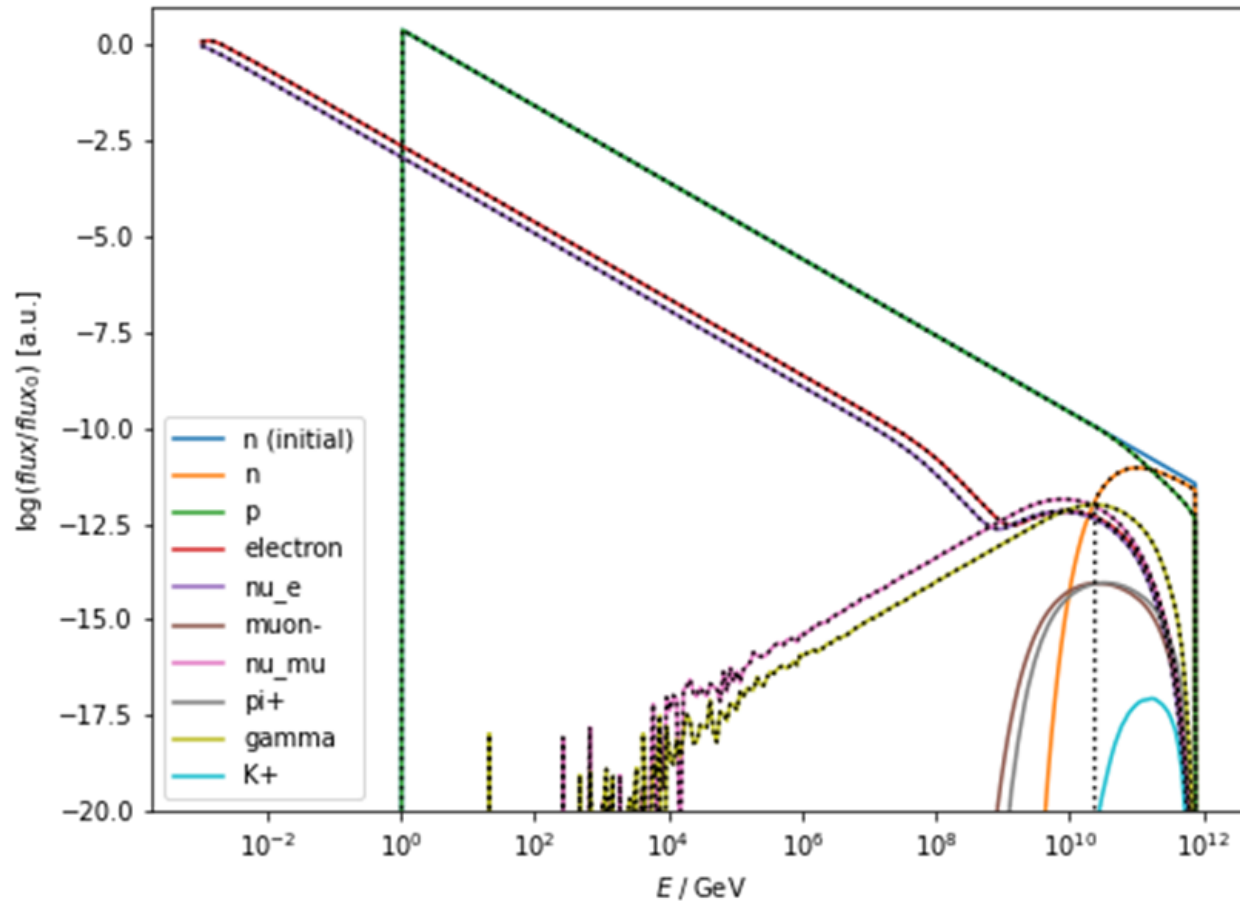
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Decay of unstable particles is included.

# Summary and Outlook

# Summary I



CR-ENTREES is (almost) ready for publication

- Modular structure

Heavy Elements will be treated in an all new python version

- Computation intensive calculation (transition matrices) in Fortran → wrapping with f2py

Output is in hdf format

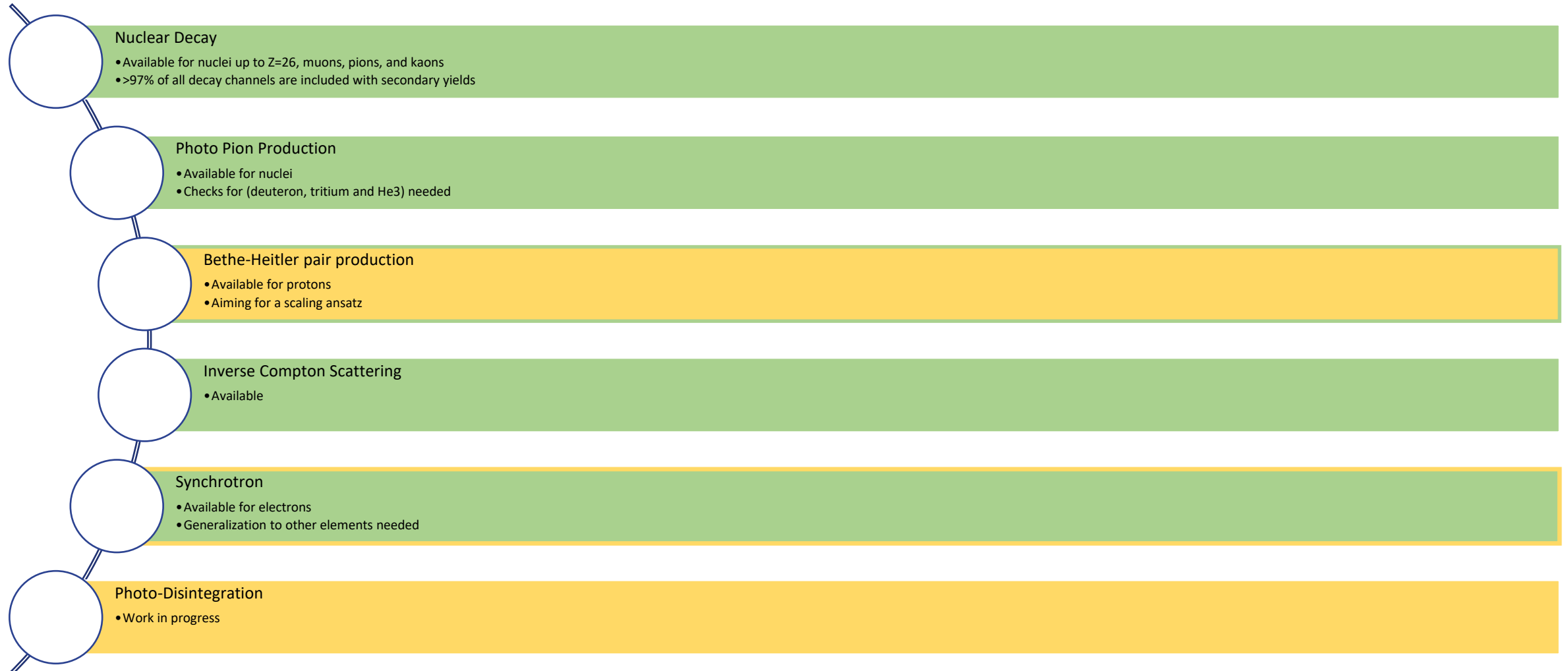
- Fast, good compression, allows for useful meta data storage

Allows for an arbitrary number of species

Species, Targets and Interaction can be „freely“ combined



# Summary II – Interactions



# Summary III



## Species are added/deleted on the fly

- Reduction of computation time and storage
- Testing in progress → might be inefficient for non-linear set ups

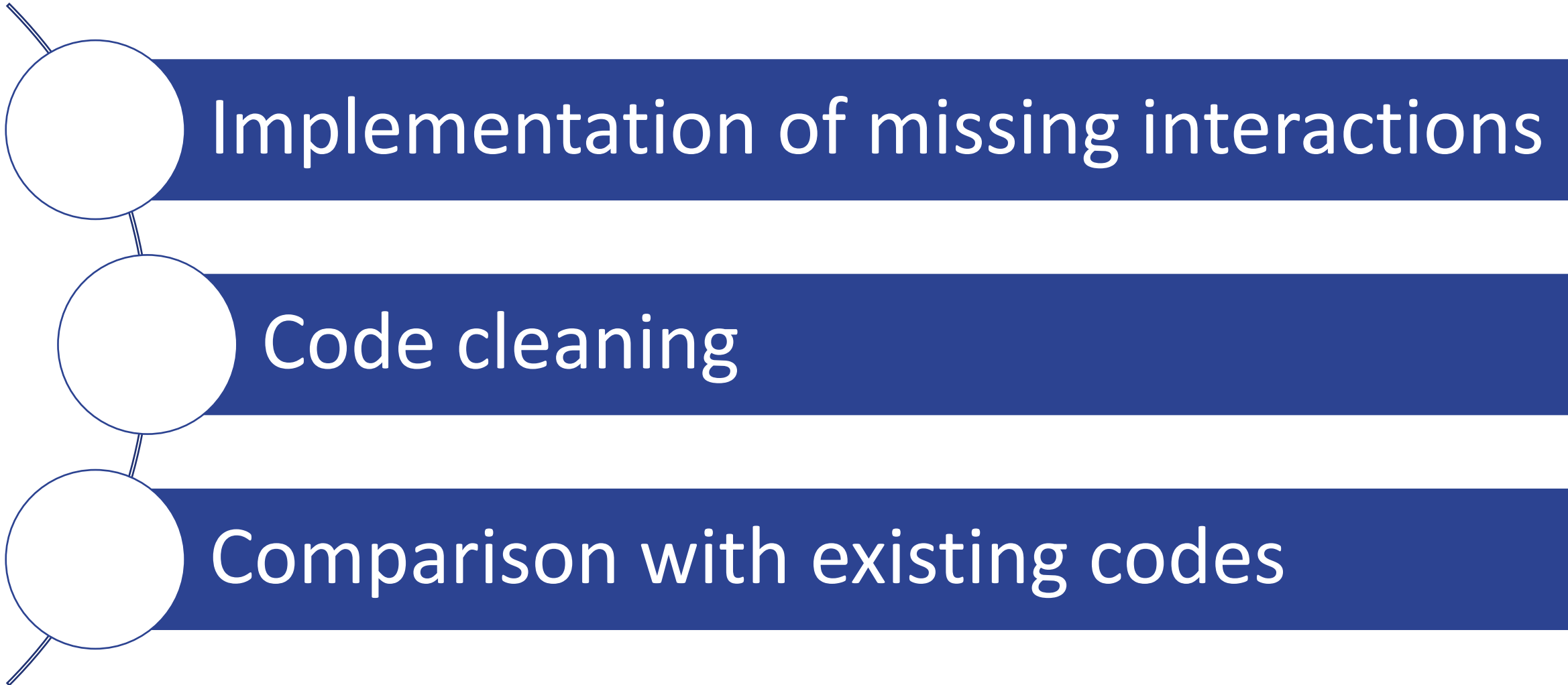
## Non-linearity

- Updates of target field based on x-ray flux
- Work in progress

## Documentation

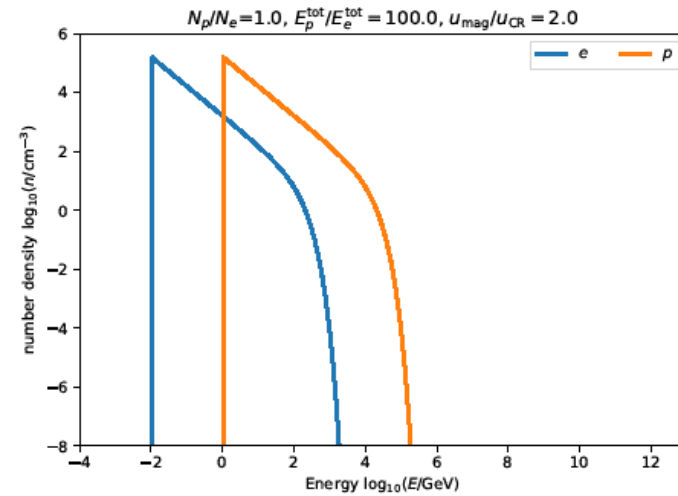
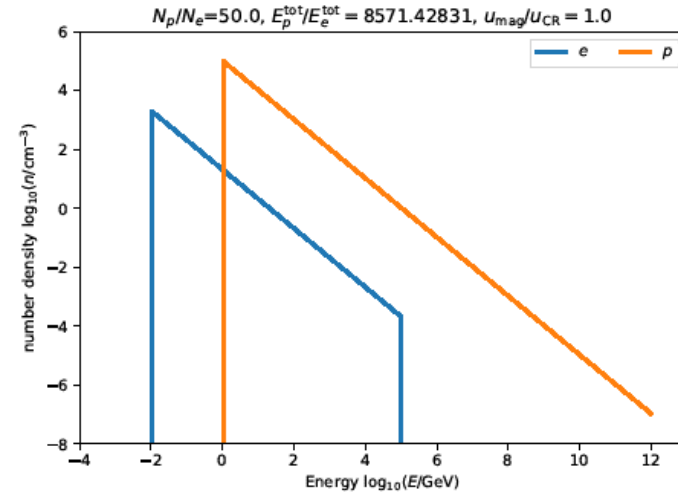
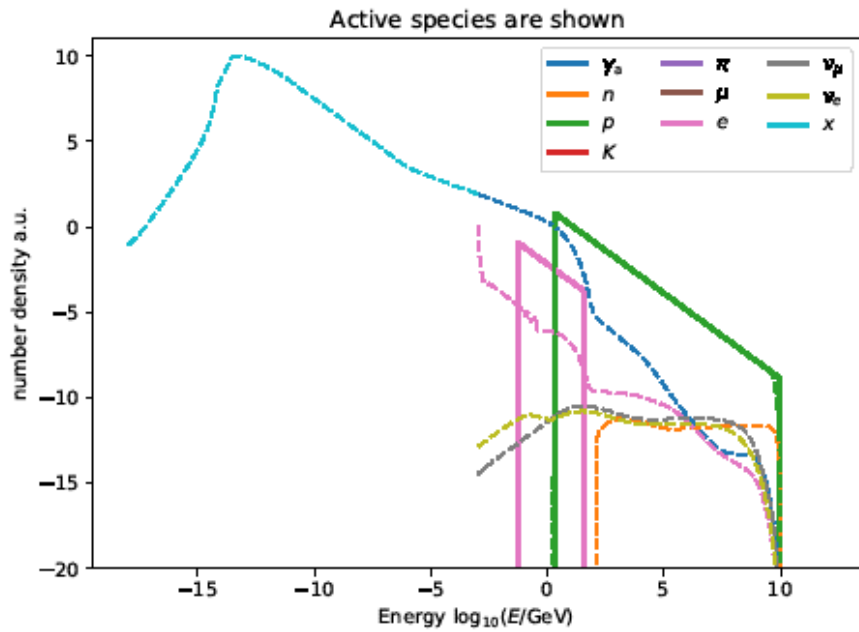
- Mainly based on docstrings in the modules, classes, function
- Example jupyter notebook

# Outlook

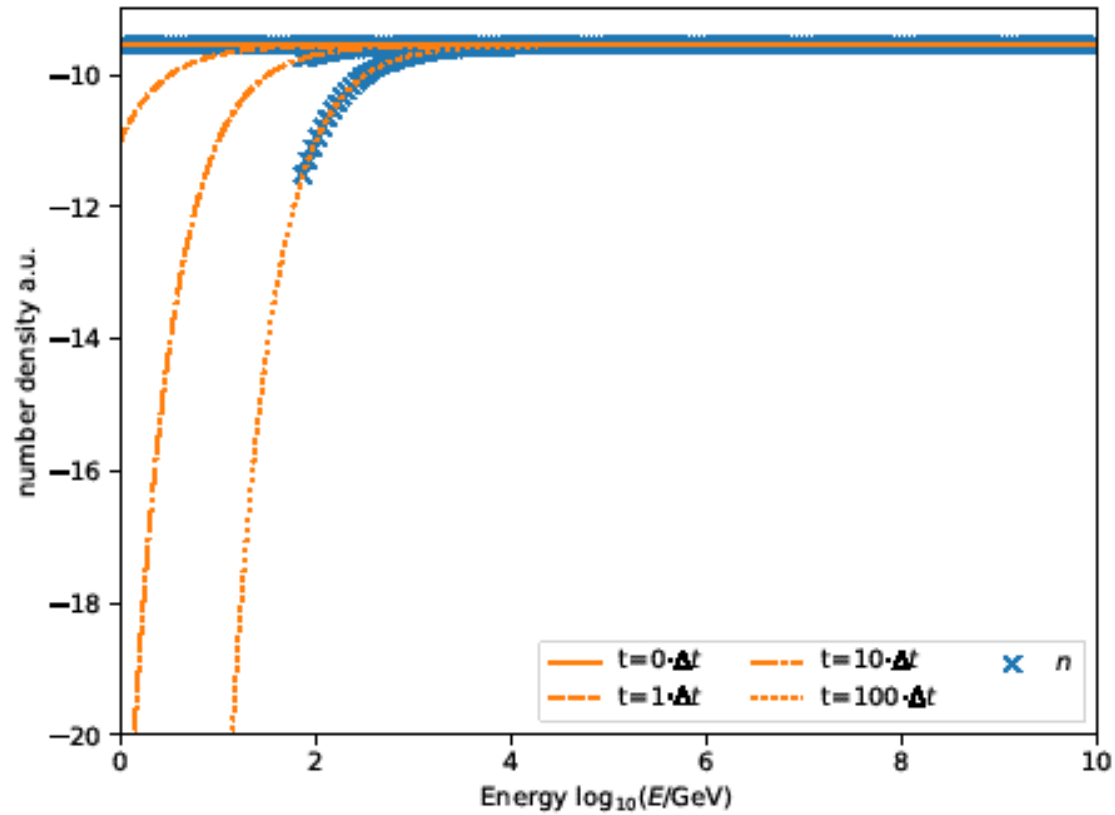


**Backup**

# Tests – Basics

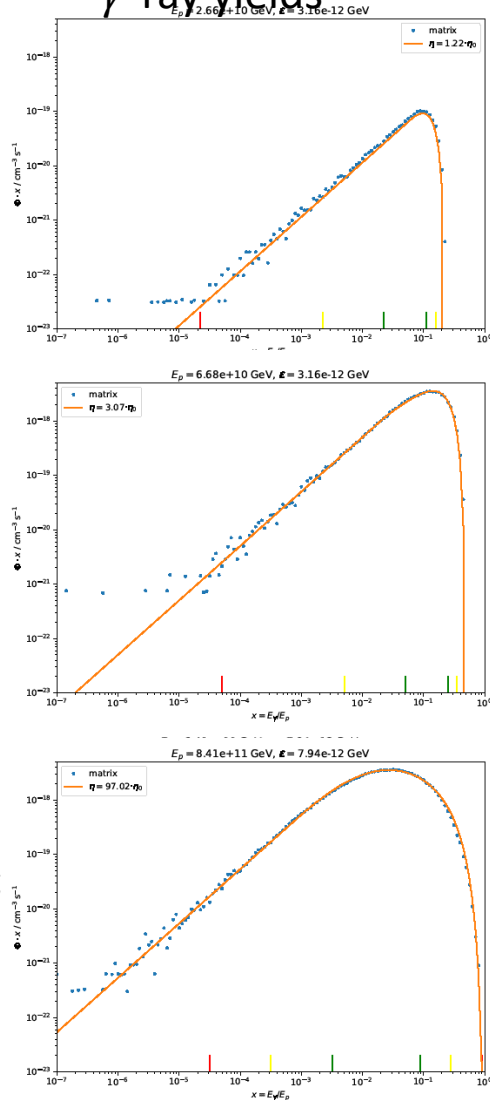


# Tests – Nuclear Decay



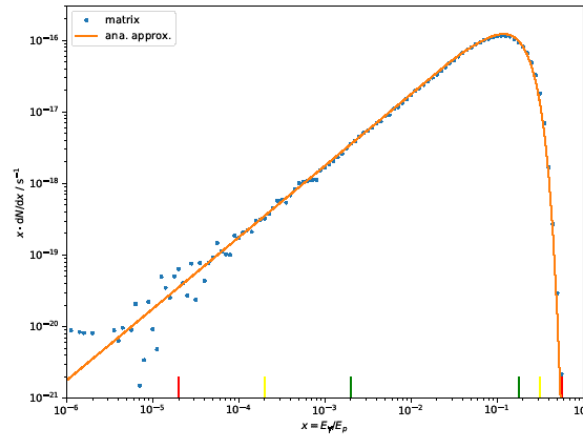
# Tests – Photo-Meson-Production

$\gamma$ -ray yields

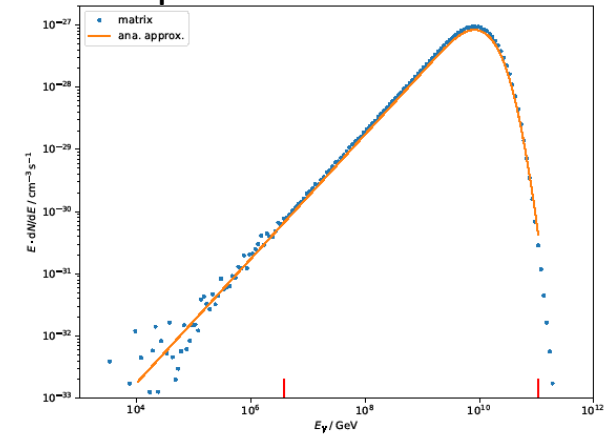


Increasing COM energy

Mono-energetic proton on CMB

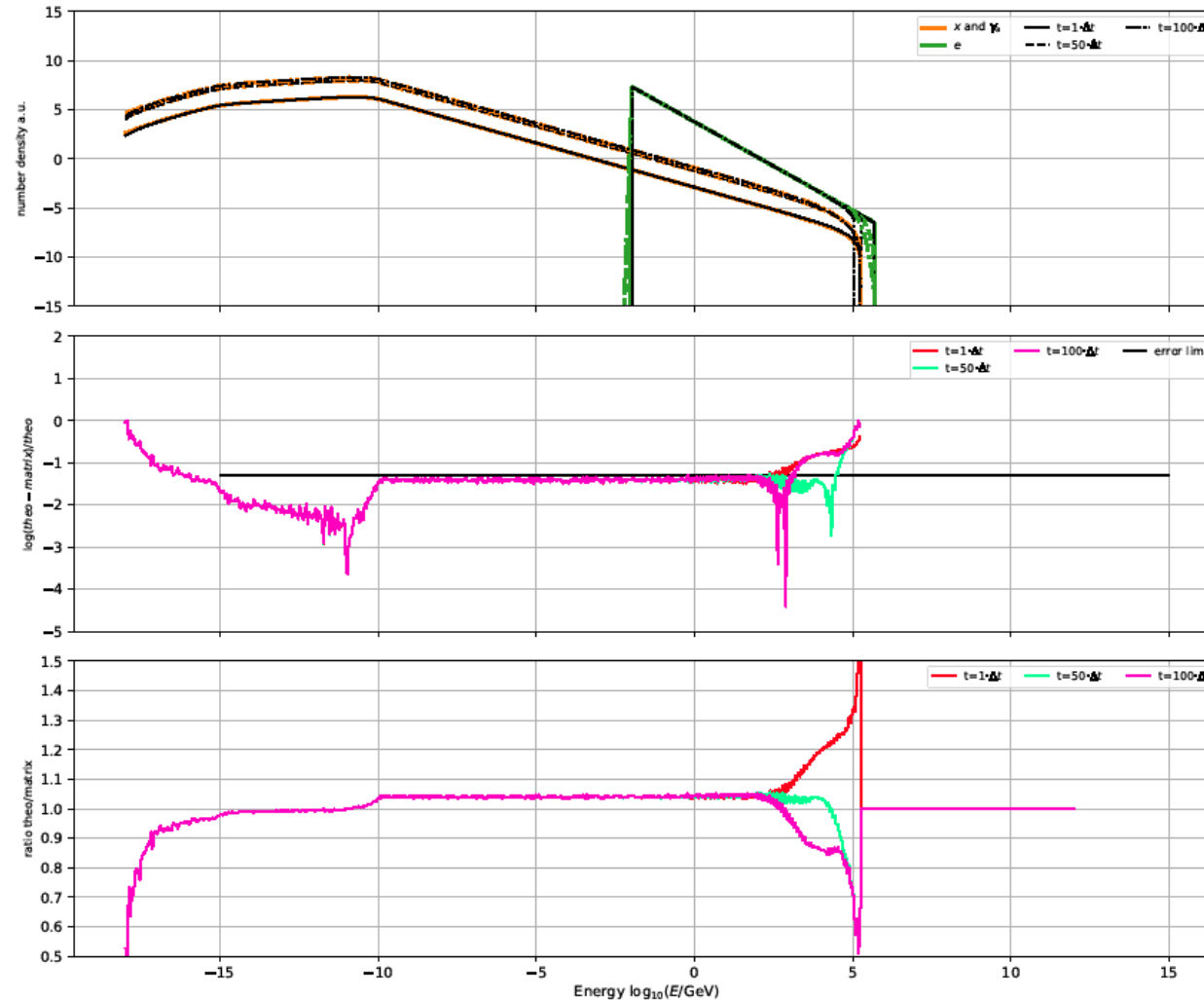


Energy spectrum of protons on CMB



Comparison with semianalytic models of Kelner & Aharonian (2008)  
 Allows only to compare the normalization as both approaches are based on SOPHIA

# Tests – Inverse Compton Scattering





# Tests – Synchrotron Radiation

