

TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTION OF  $\pi^0$  IN THE FRAGMENTATION  
REGION OF SUPER HIGH ENERGY INTERACTIONS

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The lateral distribution of  $\gamma$ -families observed by emulsion chamber is sensitive to test transverse momentum of high energy interaction. But most part  $\gamma$ -families are successive interaction's results. so it is necessary to analyse the propagation of  $\gamma$ -ray in atmosphere. A  $\gamma$ -ray with energy  $E_r$  and transverse momentum  $P_{tr}$  is produced at the altitude  $h$  above the observation level (Fig.1). After cascade, the total observation energy reduce to  $E_{ob}$ , the  $P_{tr} = \frac{RE_r}{h} = R E_{ob} \left( \frac{1}{h} \frac{E_r}{E_{ob}} \right)$ . The average value  $\langle h \frac{E_{ob}}{E_r} \rangle$  has been calculated by Monte-Carlo simulation, Fig 2 give the relation between  $\langle h \frac{E_{ob}}{E_r} \rangle$  and  $h$ . From  $h=1.5\text{km}$  to  $30\text{km}$  and difference  $E_r$ , the  $\langle h \frac{E_{ob}}{E_r} \rangle$  approximately is a constant,  $\langle h \frac{E_{ob}}{E_r} \rangle \sim 1.7\text{km}$ . From here, the transeverse momentum of  $\pi^0$

$$P_{t\pi^0} \simeq 2P_{tr} \simeq 2R E_{ob}/1.7\text{km}. \quad \langle 1 \rangle$$

In the emulsion chamber experiment,  $E_{ob}$  can be estimated by decascade method. There are 30  $\gamma$ -families observed by Ganbala emulsion Chamber with total observation energy  $\sum E_r \geq 100\text{TeV}$  and lateral spread  $\langle ER \rangle \geq 15\text{TeV}\cdot\text{cm}$  selected. The value  $X_{ij} = \sqrt{E_i E_j} R_{ij} \leq 2.5\text{TeV}\cdot\text{cm}$  is used to decascade. the value  $R$  is measured from energy center, then the  $P_{t\pi^0}$  distribution have been estimated by use relation  $\langle 1 \rangle$ , In order to test this method, a group of Monte-Carlo simulation  $\gamma$ -families are used to compare with

experimental data by same treatment. Fig 3 shows both distributions are consistent and consistent with a result of another analysis [2], but they have some difference with the Pt distribution of the model ---  $\frac{dN}{dP_T^2} \propto e^{-7.5 P_T}$ . It means the relation <1> is a approximate average, but Fig 3 shows only few  $\pi^+$  are with large Pt value, the mean value  $\langle P_T \rangle = 0.46 \pm 0.3$  in the  $E \geq 10^{15}$  eV and  $\eta > 2.5$  region.

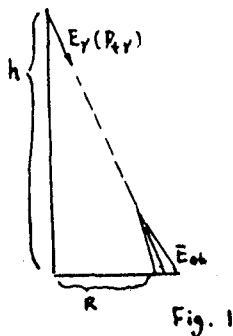


Fig. 1

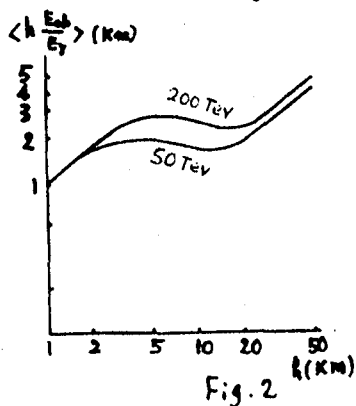


Fig. 2

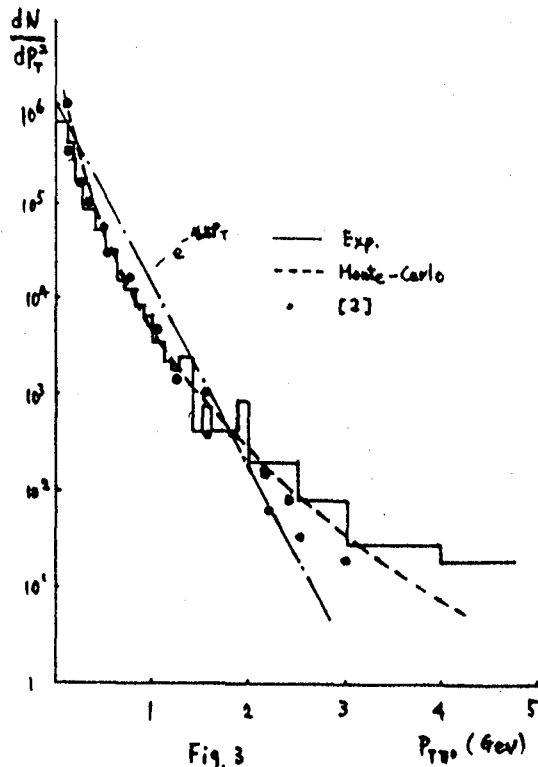


Fig. 3

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