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A COMPUTER PROGRAM TO CALCULATE MUON HALO

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ABSTRACT

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The beam transport system is entered into the program by describing its cross-section whenever it changes. Various quantities relevant to the beam behaviour, such as, for example, positions, angles, momenta, decay parameters, and many others, may be displayed in the form of one- or two-dimensional histograms. Selected ray histories may be printed out in detail if desired, or saved on disk to be processed later by other programs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

HALO is a Monte Carlo computer program which permits the calculation of halo in muon beams. It may also be used to find the muon background in other charged particle beams. It uses the same reference system as the programs TRANSPORT^{1,2)} and TURTLE^{3,4)}.

The program is based on ideas contained in TURTLE, written by David C. Carey at NAL, and a program originally written by T. Yamanouchi and modified by R. Clifft and J. May. It works at the same speed as the former program, and is faster and more flexible and provides a better accuracy than the latter.

The program HALO follows the procedures outlined below.

- i) A parent particle (pion or kaon) is generated according to a given production spectrum and a decay abscissa is sampled from the proper exponential distribution. The standard production is given by the Hagedorn-Ranft formula for a hydrogen target⁵⁾. It may be replaced by the user.
- ii) The parent particle is tracked up to the decay point or until it hits an obstacle.
- iii) If the parent particle decays, a muon and a neutrino are generated, using the high-energy approximation $W \gg M$ ⁶⁾.
- iv) The muon is tracked as a member of the beam until it reaches the end of the beam transport system or until it leaves the useful aperture.
- v) If the muon leaves the specified central aperture, it is from then on considered as a *halo candidate*. It is tracked through any obstacle (magnet yoke, coil, tunnel wall, etc.) until it reaches the end of the system or until its momentum is reduced to zero. The magnetic deflections are obtained for each magnet from a field map. As a muon traverses material, energy loss and multiple scattering are applied accordingly.
- vi) The neutrino is tracked to the end of the system, following a straight line. The neutrino tracking is suppressed if no output is requested for neutrinos.
- vii) The above six steps are repeated for a preselected number of parent particles, treating them one at a time.

The beam transport system is entered into the program HALO by describing its cross-section whenever it changes. Various quantities relevant to the beam behaviour, as for example positions, angles, momenta, decay parameters, and many others, may be displayed. Selected ray histories may be printed out in detail if desired, or saved on disk to be processed later by other programs.

2. SUMMARY OF THE UNDERLYING THEORY

2.1 Parent generation

HALO uses a table look-up technique to generate parent particles. Consider the pion (or kaon) distribution per proton interacting in the target:

$$N = N_0(p_0, \theta_0) , \quad (1)$$

where p_0 , θ_0 are the pion momentum and production angle, respectively. Then the probability that a pion has a momentum $p < p_0$ is

$$P(p < p_0) = \frac{\int_0^{p_0} \int_0^{\infty} N_0(p, \theta) d\theta dp}{\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} N_0(p, \theta) d\theta dp} = f(p_0) . \quad (2)$$

Thus the pion momentum can be generated from a uniformly distributed random number ξ_1 by evaluating the inverse function

$$p = f^{-1}(\xi_1) . \quad (3)$$

Similarly, when a momentum p_0 has been selected, the probability that the pion is emitted within $\theta < \theta_0$ is

$$P(\theta < \theta_0 | p = p_0) = \frac{\int_0^{\theta_0} N_0(p, \theta) d\theta}{\int_0^{\infty} N_0(p, \theta) d\theta} = g(\theta_0 | p = p_0) . \quad (4)$$

Using a second uniformly distributed random number ξ_2 the production angle may be generated from

$$\theta = g^{-1}(\xi_2 | p = p_0) , \quad (5)$$

where $g^{-1}(\xi_2, p = p_0)$ is the inverse function to $g(\theta_0 | p = p_0)$, taken as a function of θ_0 with constant p_0 .

2.2 Generation of the decay abscissa

2.2.1 Unlimited decay length

The decay length for a particle of lifetime τ is known to be

$$l_d = c \cdot \tau \cdot \gamma . \quad (6)$$

The probability that the particle decays within $l < l_0$ is

$$P(l < l_0) = 1 - \exp(-l_0/l_d) . \quad (7)$$

Thus, a decay abscissa may be generated from

$$l_0 = -l_d \cdot \ln \xi_3 , \quad (8)$$

where ξ_3 is another uniformly distributed random number.

2.2.2 Forced decay

In order to improve the statistics it is often convenient to consider only those particles which decay within a given maximum length $l_0 < l_{\max}$. The expression

$$\ell_0 = -\ell_d \cdot \ln \left\{ 1 - \xi_3 [1 - \exp(-\ell_{\max}/\ell_d)] \right\} \quad (9)$$

will just generate those pions. The fraction of pions which decay in the limited length $\ell < \ell_{\max}$ is

$$[1 - \exp(-\ell_{\max}/\ell_d)] \cdot \quad (10)$$

The production spectrum must then be multiplied by this factor in order to find the correct total number of pions generated. This means that the modified parent spectrum

$$N(p, \theta) = [1 - \exp(-\ell_{\max}/\ell_d)] \cdot N_0(p, \theta) \quad (11)$$

must be used.

2.3 Tracking of parent particles

The present version of HALO provides drift spaces and a limited set of different magnetic elements. Parent particles are tracked through any element in one step, using an analytic field model, exactly as is done in TURTLE.

2.3.1 Drift space

For a drift space the transfer matrix is

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \ell & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \ell \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \quad (12)$$

2.3.2 Bending magnet

HALO accepts at present only uniform-field sector bending magnets. It applies the exact formula set taken from DECAY TURTLE

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta_2 &= \sin(\theta_1 + \alpha) - (x_1 + \rho_0) \cdot (\sin \alpha) / \rho \\ x_2 + \rho_0 &= (x_1 + \rho_0) \cos \alpha + \rho [\cos \theta_2 - \cos(\theta_1 + \alpha)] \\ y_2 &= y_1 + y_1' \cdot \rho \cos \theta_1 \cdot (\alpha + \theta_1 - \theta_2) \\ y_2' &= y_1' \cdot \cos \theta_1 / \cos \theta_2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where

$$x_1' = \text{tg } \theta_1$$

$$x_2' = \text{tg } \theta_2$$

α is the bending angle

ρ_0 is the radius of the reference orbit

ρ is the bending radius for the actual momentum.

2.3.3 Quadrupole

For a quadrupole the first-order transfer matrix is used:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos k\ell & \frac{1}{k} \sin k\ell & 0 & 0 \\ -k \sin k\ell & \cos k\ell & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh k\ell & \frac{1}{k} \sinh k\ell \\ 0 & 0 & k \sinh k\ell & \cosh k\ell \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Since it is evaluated for each particle using its actual momentum, it is exact to all orders in momentum (chromatic aberrations). The geometric error terms are of third and higher order.

2.3.4 Beam scraper or magnetized collimator

For beam scrapers and magnetized collimators, simple analytic models are used. Within their apertures they act like drift spaces. Outside the apertures there is a certain range where the particles encounter iron or copper, and optionally a magnetic field. The difference between a beam scraper and a magnetized collimator lies in the shape of the iron yoke. For details, consult the chapter on the use of HALO and Appendix A.

2.3.5 Absorber (hadron stopper)

Any physical element may be filled with a material that has a sufficient density to absorb the parent particles. Such an element will stop all parents and force decay. This means that HALO will track only those parents which decay before reaching the first absorber.

2.3.6 Collimator

A physical element may also contain an unmagnetized collimator. This is identical to an absorber, but parents will only be stopped if they hit outside the aperture. Decay is not forced. Even though the aperture may be filled with a material, HALO will not consider any absorption, but it will apply multiple scattering and energy loss properly. The method used for tracking parent particles or muons through such an element is explained in Section 2.5.2.

2.3.7 Apertures

Parent particles are assumed to be absorbed if they hit an obstacle. The tracking routine takes the aperture to be the obstacle closest to the reference orbit. Therefore, during parent tracking only one test is made, namely if the particle is inside the aperture limits. If no aperture is specified for a given kind of element, all parents are tracked through that element using the analytical field model and can never be stopped in that element.

2.4 Decay

2.4.1 Unlimited muon momentum

In the decay process a muon and a neutrino are generated. The decay direction is selected at random using two uniformly distributed random numbers ξ_1, ξ_2 . The $\cos \theta^*$ is sampled from

$$\cos \theta^* = 2\xi_1 - 1 . \quad (15)$$

In the high-energy approximation $W \gg M$ one may then calculate the momenta and angles as follows

$$\begin{aligned} p_\mu &= \gamma_\pi (W^* + p^* \cos \theta^*) \\ p_\nu &= \gamma_\pi \cdot p^* (1 - \cos \theta^*) \\ \theta_\mu &= \frac{p^*}{p_\mu} \cdot \sin \theta^* \\ \theta_\nu &= \frac{p^*}{p_\nu} \cdot \sin \theta^* , \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_\pi &= \frac{W}{m_\pi} \approx \frac{p_\pi}{m_\pi} \\ W^* &= \frac{m_\pi^2 + m_\mu^2}{2m_\pi} \\ p^* &= \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2}{2m_\pi} . \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The polar angle ϕ is sampled from

$$\phi = 2\pi \cdot \xi_2 . \quad (18)$$

2.4.2 Limited muon momentum

Sometimes only a limited range of muon momenta

$$p_{\mu\min} \leq p_\mu \leq p_{\mu\max} \quad (19)$$

is of interest. In order to get muons within this range, $\cos \theta^*$ must be sampled from the smaller interval

$$c_1 = \max \left(-1, \frac{p_{\mu\min}/\gamma_\pi - W^*}{p^*} \right) \leq \cos \theta^* \leq \min \left(1, \frac{p_{\mu\max}/\gamma_\pi - W^*}{p^*} \right) = c_2 . \quad (20)$$

The probability that a pion decays with an angle in this range is

$$P(p_{\mu\min} \leq p_\mu \leq p_{\mu\max}) = \max \left(0, \frac{c_2 - c_1}{2} \right) . \quad (21)$$

The pion production spectrum must be corrected with this probability which is a function of the pion momentum. The final spectrum is then

$$N(p, \theta) = \left[1 - \exp \left(-\ell_{\max} / \ell_d \right) \right] \cdot N_0(p, \theta) \times \\ \times \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max \left\{ \min \left(1, \frac{P_{\mu\max} / \gamma_{\pi} - W^*}{p^*} \right) - \max \left(-1, \frac{P_{\mu\min} / \gamma_{\pi} - W^*}{p^*} \right), 0 \right\}. \quad (22)$$

2.5 Muon tracking

2.5.1 Beam muon

In the core of the beam, i.e. as long as they do not leave the specified aperture, muons are tracked exactly like parent particles. The difference is that a muon is not stopped when it hits an obstacle, but is tracked until it reaches the end of the beam transport system, or until its momentum becomes zero owing to energy loss.

2.5.2 Halo muon

If a muon hits the specified aperture limit, it becomes by definition a halo candidate. For histogramming purposes, halo candidates are considered to be a kind of particle different from muons. The longitudinal position where a muon hits the specified aperture for the first time is known to the program as the "HALO POSITION". From this point on, the tracking continues through all elements in the following steps.

- i) The halo muon is assumed to advance along a straight line up to the longitudinal mid-plane of the magnetic element.
- ii) The material at the current muon position is determined. See Appendix A for an exact description of how this is done.
- iii) The energy loss is computed.
- iv) The mean value of the momentum and the field map of the element are used to find the magnetic deflection.
- v) Again using the mean value of the momentum, scattering angles and displacements are generated. The Gaussian distributions for the scattering angles have the standard deviations

$$\sigma_{x'}^2 = \sigma_{y'}^2 = \frac{\ell}{\ell_{\text{rad}}} \cdot \left(\frac{0.015 \text{ GeV}/c}{p_{\mu}} \right)^2. \quad (23)$$

The Gaussian distributions for the displacements have the standard deviations

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \frac{\ell^3}{12\ell_{\text{rad}}} \cdot \left(\frac{0.015 \text{ GeV}/c}{p_{\mu}} \right)^2. \quad (24)$$

- vi) The halo muon is then assumed to advance along a straight line to the exit face of the element.

If desired, the element length can be subdivided into several steps. These will be treated individually in the manner just described. Since in each step the magnetic deflection is computed from the current mean value of the momentum, this will improve the accuracy of the tracking. For halo candidates the magnetic deflections are always taken from the field maps, even though the particle may be deflected back into the central aperture of the system. In other words, the analytic field model is not used for halo candidates.

2.5.3 Absorber (hadron stopper) or collimator

Through an absorber or collimator, HALO tracks muons in the same way as it tracks halo candidates in any element. After having traversed the absorber, the tracking of the muon is resumed in the mode used before encountering the absorber.

2.5.4 Apertures

The element apertures are used to define the maximum beam size. *The tracking routine assumes that there are no obstacles inside the element apertures.* Thus, if a particle is inside the aperture, no further test for obstacles is made, and a muon can never become a halo muon in an element that has an unlimited aperture, even though it may actually hit a magnet yoke. Otherwise obstacles may overlap freely. The precedences taken are given in Appendix A.

2.6 Tracking of neutrinos

If desired, the neutrinos are also tracked. They will in all cases follow straight lines. If they go through a bending magnet, the curvature of the reference orbit is taken into account by the formula set

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_2 &= \theta_1 + \alpha \\ (x_2 + \rho_0) \cos \theta_2 &= (x_1 + \rho_0) \cos \theta_1 \\ y_2 &= y_1 + y_1' (x_1 + \rho_0) \sin \alpha \\ y_2' \cos \theta_2 &= y_1' \cos \theta_1 ,\end{aligned}\tag{25}$$

where

$$x_1' = \operatorname{tg} \theta_1$$

$$x_2' = \operatorname{tg} \theta_2$$

α is the bending angle

ρ_0 is the radius of the reference orbit.

3. USE OF THE PROGRAM HALO

3.1 Program organization

If a beam line contains a periodic section, HALO makes it possible to enter one period only and to specify how many times this period shall occur. Such a section is called a repeated section. Repeated sections within repeated sections are permitted to a depth of four.

The storage organization is dynamic, i.e. most data blocks are assigned space in a bank of 40,000 decimal words. The space restrictions of the program are

- i) The *total number of elements* in the beam line (after expanding repeated sections) must not exceed 500. Note that some elements are not included in this count, and that the program may generate some additional elements.
- ii) The *total number of physical positions* (beginning of beam line, end of beam line, and all points between two physical elements) may not exceed 400.
- iii) The *total storage* is limited by the size of the data bank defined in the program. If an element occurs within a repeated section, it uses only one block of storage. If necessary, the size of the data storage available may be increased by use of a control card (see Appendix B).

3.2 Standard units

Unless something different has been specified, the program HALO uses the following input/output units:

- mm for transverse length
- mrad for transverse angles
- kG for magnetic fields
- m for path length along the reference orbit
- GeV for particle masses
- GeV/c for particle momentum
- ° for rotations around the longitudinal axis (degrees, called "DEG" in the program).

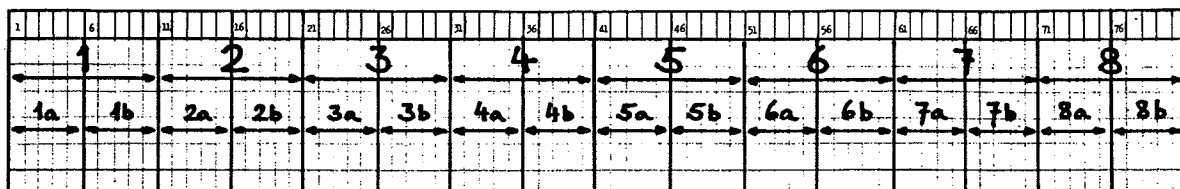
The input/output units may be changed by use of a "UNIT" card (see Section 3.9.2).

3.3 Card format

Throughout the input deck, the data cards have all the same general format. Each card is divided into 8 fields of 10 columns each, numbered from 1 to 8 starting from the left. Some of the fields are subdivided into two subfields a and b of 5 columns each.

For floating-point values, HALO always uses a full field. A subfield may contain either an integer value (right-justified) or a character string (left-justified without quotes).

In the explanations below, the content of each relevant field or subfield is indicated. Fields not mentioned must be left blank.



3.4 Beam specification

The standard production spectrum is given by the Hagedorn-Ranft formula for protons interacting with a hydrogen target⁵). This may be changed by the user (see Appendix B).

The input beam is given by 14 parameters on 2 cards. The first card must contain

- 1a the mnemonic code "BEAM"
- 1b the particle mnemonic. The following are recognized
 - "PI+" positive pions
 - "PI-" negative pions
 - "KA+" positive kaons
 - "KA-" negative kaons
- 2a the target material code. This character string is passed unchanged to the production spectrum routine and may be used to select the proper spectrum parameters. The standard parent production routine ignores this parameter and assumes a hydrogen target.
- 3 the number of parents to be generated (right-justified). This is the only place where an integer value occupies 10 columns.
- 4 the lower limit of pion momentum (GeV/c)
- 5 the upper limit of pion momentum (GeV/c)
- 6 the step width for the pion momentum generation table (GeV/c)
- 7 the upper limit for the production angle (mrad).
- 8 the step size for the production angle generation table (mrad)

The fields of the second card must contain

- 1 the momentum of incident protons (GeV/c)
- 2 the target half-width (mm)
- 3 the target half-height (mm)
- 4 the lower limit for the muon momentum (GeV/c)
- 5 the upper limit for the muon momentum (GeV/c).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
BEAM	PI+	H		150000	200.	400.	20.	10.							5
400.		1.		1.	100.	400.									

3.5 Physical elements

3.5.1 Drift space

A drift space requires three parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "DRF"
- 2b the number of subdivisions wanted during tracking of a halo particle
- 3 the drift length (m).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
DRF			3	3.											

3.5.2 Bending magnet

A sector bending magnet is specified by six parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "BEND"
- 1b the name of the field map to be used
- 2b the number of subdivisions wanted during tracking of a halo particle
- 3 the effective magnetic length (m)
- 4 the central magnetic field strength (kG). A positive field bends the beam to the right (towards negative x), a negative field to the left (towards positive x).
- 5 the design momentum, determining the curvature of the reference orbit (GeV/c).

The reference system is the same as in the programs TRANSPORT and TURTLE. *The yoke of a C-type bending magnet is normally placed to the right-hand side of the reference orbit (towards negative x, see Fig. 1).* This may be changed by rotating the magnet. If the yoke is to be placed to the left-hand side, rotate the magnet by 180° and change the sign of the field (refer to Section 3.7.2).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
BEND	MBB		5	6.25	12.	300.									

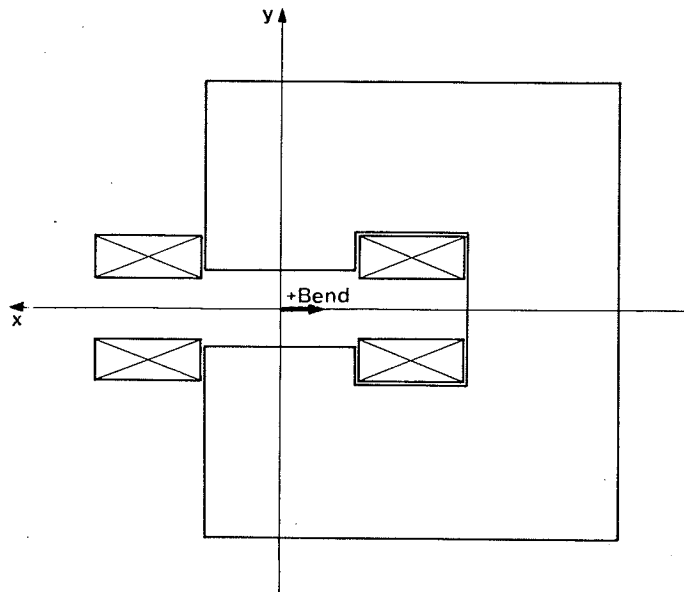


Fig. 1

3.5.3 Quadrupole

A quadrupole requires six parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "QUAD"
- 1b the name of the field map to be used
- 2b the number of subdivisions wanted during tracking of a halo particle
- 3 the effective magnetic length (m)
- 4 the value of the magnetic field on the reference radius (kG). A positive field means horizontal focusing.
- 5 the size of the reference radius (mm).

Note that the data are entered like in TRANSPORT. The reference radius has no other use than to allow the calculation of the gradient. Quadrupole apertures are never defined through the reference radius, but always taken from the relevant aperture card (see Section 3.7.2).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
QUAD	QPL			2	2.1		10.5		100.						

3.5.4 Beam scraper

For a beam scraper, HALO uses the analytical model shown in Fig. 2. It needs seven parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "SCR"
- 2b the number of subdivisions wanted during tracking of a halo muon
- 3 the over-all length (m)
- 4 the strength of the magnetic field in the iron part (B_0 in kG, see Fig. 2). A positive field bends particles away from the reference orbit.
- 5 the aperture half-width x_1 (mm)
- 6 the aperture half-height y_1 (mm)
- 7 the over-all half-height y_2 (mm).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
SCR				1	1.		20.		100.		50.		60.		

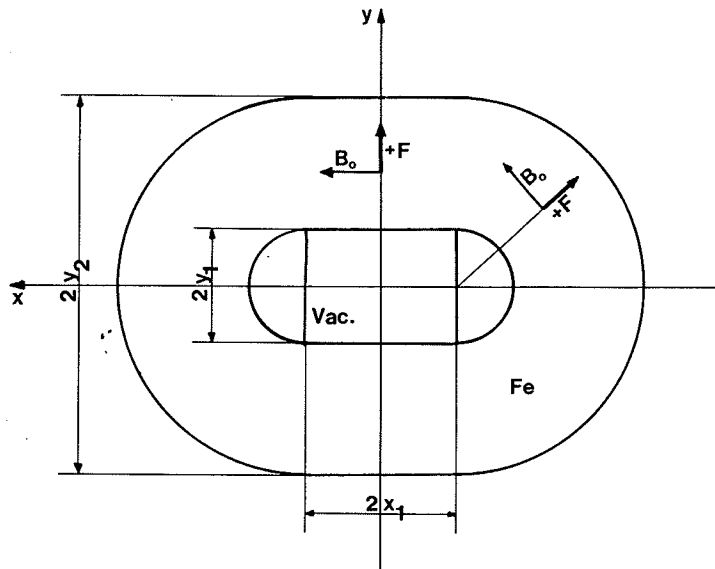


Fig. 2

3.5.5 Magnetized collimator

The only difference to the beam scraper lies in the shape of the iron yoke. The analytical model for a magnetized collimator is shown in Fig. 3. It requires eight parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "COLM"
- 2b the number of subdivisions wanted during tracking of a halo muon
- 3 the over-all length (m)
- 4 the magnetic field strength in the vertical part of the frame (B_0 in kG, see Fig. 3). A positive field bends particles away from the reference orbit.
- 5 the aperture half-width x_1 (mm)
- 6 the aperture half-height y_1 (mm)
- 7 the over-all half-width x_2 (mm)
- 8 the over-all half-height y_2 (mm).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
COLM			2	2.		20.	200.		200.		1500.		1500.		

The magnet "MCC" will have its linear dimensions doubled with respect to the magnet "MCW".

3.6.2 Generation of the map file

The map file is generated and maintained using a separate program. Appendix C indicates how to proceed in order to define new maps.

3.7 Aperture specifications

3.7.1 General remarks on apertures

All aperture codes remain in effect until they are redefined. *If the aperture for a given kind of element has not been defined, HALO assumes it to be unlimited.*

If an aperture is changed within a repeated section of the beam line, HALO will make the system fully periodic. It will add aperture and tunnel specifications, such that before re-entering the repeated section all apertures are reset to the values they had at the first entry to the section. This remark is, however, not true for absorbers or collimators (see Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

The aperture codes use the following shape mnemonics:

"RECT" rectangular aperture

"ELL" elliptic aperture

"CIRC" circular aperture

blank no aperture limits

The geometric parameters for an aperture (see Fig. 4) are the following:

x_m horizontal half-aperture (RECT) (mm)

horizontal half-axis (ELL)

circle radius (CIRC)

y_m vertical half-aperture (RECT) (mm)

vertical half-axis (ELL)

unused (CIRC)

Δx horizontal displacement of the element for which the aperture applies (mm)

Δy vertical displacement of the element (mm)

ψ tilt of the element around the longitudinal axis (degrees).

HALO recognizes the following pre-defined material codes:

Mnemonic	Meaning	Radiation length	Energy loss
"VAC"	Vacuum		0.0
"AIR"	Air	312.4 m	0.23 MeV/m
"BE"	Beryllium	33.8 cm	0.315 GeV/m
"DIRT"	Concrete or earth	15.0 cm	0.46 GeV/m
"AL"	Aluminium	8.86 cm	0.448 GeV/m
"FE"	Iron or steel	1.8 cm	1.16 GeV/m
"CU"	Copper	1.47 cm	1.31 GeV/m
"PB"	Lead	0.51 cm	1.27 GeV/m

All subsequent bending magnets will be shifted by 10 mm to the left (positive x) and then rotated clockwise by 90°. This means that any C-type magnets will have their yokes downwards. The aperture of bending magnets is set to 200 mm (in the bending plane) by 100 mm (gap).

3.7.3 Tunnel, inner limit of cross-section

Eight parameters are needed to specify the inner limits of the tunnel cross-section:

- 1a mnemonic code "TUN"
- 1b aperture shape mnemonic code
- 2a material mnemonic code
- 3-7 $x_m, y_m, \Delta x, \Delta y, \psi$.

This element defines or redefines the inner limits of the tunnel cross-section. If it is omitted, HALO assumes that no tunnel is present, even if an outer limit of tunnel cross-section is specified (see Section 3.7.4).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
TUN	RECT	DIRT		4000.		2000.		-1000.		0.		0.			

The tunnel aperture is $-5 \text{ m} < x < 3 \text{ m}$ and $-2 \text{ m} < y < 2 \text{ m}$.

3.7.4 Tunnel, outer limit of cross-section

The outer limits of the tunnel cross-section are specified by seven parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "TUNO"
- 1b aperture shape mnemonic
- 2-6 $x_m, y_m, \Delta x, \Delta y, \psi$.

This element defines the outer limits of the tunnel cross-section. If it is omitted, the tunnel is assumed to have no outer limit. If the inner limit of the tunnel cross-section is omitted, HALO assumes that there is no tunnel.

Examples:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
TUNO	RECT	3000.		10000.		0.		-6000.		0.					

Two walls with no roof may be simulated as in the following example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
TVM	RECT	DIAT		3000.	2000.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.				
TUNO	RECT	4000.	4000.	0.	-2000.	0.									

3.7.5 Absorber

An absorber is placed within the next following physical element ("DRF", "BEND", "QUAD", "SCR", or "COLM") and is *turned off automatically* after stepping through that element. HALO will force decay when it first encounters an absorber, i.e. all pions will be forced to decay within the portion of the beam transport system from the target up to the first absorber. If an "ABS" is used immediately preceding a repeated section, it applies to the first element of the first repetition. If it appears within a repeated section, it is repeated like any other element. An absorber requires nine parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "ABS"
- 1b aperture shape mnemonic code
- 2a material to be used within the aperture of the relevant "APE" card
- 2b material to be used outside the aperture of the relevant "APE" card, but within the aperture of the "ABS" card. Outside the latter aperture, the data of the relevant field map are used. Consult Appendix A for details.
- 3-7 $x_m, y_m, \Delta x, \Delta y, \psi$.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
APE	RECT	BEND		50.	20.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.				
ABS	RECT	BE	FE	150.	55.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.				
BEND	M&P		S	2.07	1.89	200.									

Within the bending magnet gap, there is an iron block of 300 by 110 mm cross-section with a hole of 100 x 40 mm. The hole is filled with beryllium.

3.7.6 Non-magnetic collimator

A collimator is placed within the next following physical element ("DRF", "BEND", "QUAD", "SCR", or "COLM") and is *turned off automatically* after stepping through that element. It is identical in effect to the absorber, except that it does not force decay. HALO does not take into account any pion interactions inside the aperture, but the pions will scatter and lose energy properly, if the aperture contains any material. It is up to the user to specify a material, to be placed inside the aperture, which does not absorb the pions, if meaningful results are expected. If a "COLL" is used immediately preceding a repeated section, it applies to the first element of the first repetition. If it appears within a repeated section, it is repeated like any other element. A collimator requires nine parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "COLL"
- 1b aperture shape mnemonic code
- 2a material to be used within the aperture of the relevant "APE" card
- 2b material to be used outside the aperture of the relevant "APE" card, but within the aperture of the "COLL" card. Outside the latter aperture, the data of the relevant field map are used. Consult Appendix A for details.
- 3-7 $x_m, y_m, \Delta x, \Delta y, \psi$.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
APE	CIRC	DRF			50.		0.		0.		0.		0.		
COLL	RECT	VAC	FE		2000.		2000.		0.		0.		0.		
DRF				10	10.										

This is an iron block of 10 m length with a cross-section of 4 x 4 m. It contains a circular vacuum hole with a radius of 50 mm.

3.7.7 Material definition

A material code is defined or redefined through four parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "MAT"
- 1b the name to be given to the defined material
- 2 the radiation length (m)
- 3 the energy loss per unit length (GeV/m).

A redefinition of the "VAC" material code has no effect.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
MAT	W		.0035		2.26										

3.8 Output options

3.8.1 Summary of available output options

The most complete output available from HALO consists of tables, each of which represents the curve described in phase space by one particle and by one or the other of its daughters. Such a table is referred to as a *ray history*. A choice among the possible ray histories is made by specifying the daughter to be traced, and by imposing further conditions on the particles. This output option is known as the "TRACE" option (see Section 3.8.6). The "SAVE" option is identical, except that the ray histories are written on disk instead of being printed.

A large variety of distributions can be displayed in the form of *histograms*. The values to be used must in all cases be defined *prior to their use* by a "VAL" element (see Section 3.8.3). The definition of a value and the display of its distribution have been separated in order to gain in flexibility. Examples of one-dimensional histograms ("HIST1" see Section 3.8.7) are:

- distribution of pion momentum at the target,
- distribution of the horizontal position of muons at a given longitudinal position,
- distribution of $\cos \theta^*$ at decay.

Examples of two-dimensional histograms ("HIST2", see Section 3.8.8) are:

- distribution in the horizontal phase plane (x, x') at a fixed longitudinal position,
- distribution of muon momentum versus pion momentum at decay.

It is possible to initiate several one-dimensional histograms of the same quantity in a set of equidistant points along the beam line. The resulting set of histograms is printed as a single two-dimensional display (see Section 3.8.8 on "HIST2"). Example:

- distribution of the horizontal position of halo muons as a function of their longitudinal position.

Quasi-Gaussian distributions may be represented by their mean value and their r.m.s. half-width. HALO will plot these two quantities as a function of the longitudinal position ("PLOT2", see Section 3.8.9). The r.m.s. half-width is optionally multiplied by a form factor in order to suit the actual distribution and to give, for example, the 90% width of the distribution. Example:

- central position and three times the r.m.s. half-width of the muon beam, plotted as a function of the longitudinal position.

The "PLOT3" option (see Section 3.8.10) consists of a plot, giving the mean value and the r.m.s. half-width of a quantity as a function of two other quantities. Example:

- mean value and r.m.s. half-width of the muon momentum distribution, plotted as a function of x and y , all three quantities taken at a fixed longitudinal position.

In all the above cases it is possible to impose *further conditions* (see Sections 3.8.4 and 3.8.5) on the particles. Example:

- use only those particles which are inside or outside a given aperture at a given position,
- use only those particles for which decay occurs within a certain range of longitudinal position,
- use only those particles whose momentum is within a specified range.

Entries are made into histograms or plots only if all conditions specified are true. Conditions must all be defined *prior to their use*.

3.8.2 Mnemonics used on output control cards

The *kinds of particles* to be used are specified as follows:

"PI", "KA" parent particles (either is accepted, but in the print-out the correct code is given)

"MU" beam muons (which have never left the aperture before reaching the point in question)
"HALO" halo muons (which are outside the aperture or have been outside at a position upstream of the point in question)
"NU" neutrinos.

The *values* to be used are selected by

"X" horizontal position
"X'" horizontal angle
"Y" vertical position
"Y'" vertical angle
"Z" longitudinal position
"P" momentum
"R" radius
"PHI" polar angle ($-\pi \leq \phi \leq \pi$)
"THETA" emittance angle
"N" position number (N refers to the entrance of physical element number N)
"COSTH" cosine of the decay angle in the centre-of-mass system.

The *position* where a value is to be taken is selected by

"HERE" at the point where the card is inserted
"DECAY" at the decay point
"HALO" at the point where the muon leaves the central aperture for the first time
"LOSS" at the point where the particle is lost because of interaction or owing to its momentum becoming zero
blank if this is consistent with the output request, the value is taken as a function of longitudinal position, otherwise "HERE" is assumed. Refer to Sections 3.8.7 to 3.8.9 for details.

3.8.3 Definition of a value

For all histograms and plots, the value to be displayed must be defined by a "VAL" element. The "VAL" element must appear in the input deck *before any histogram or plot request that refers to it*. It has the purpose of selecting the particle kind, the value, and the position where the value is to be taken. It also gives a name to the value and defines the scales for any histogram of the value. By itself it produces no output. It requires eight parameters:

1a	the mnemonic code "VAL"	3a	a position mnemonic
1b	the name to be given to the value	4	lower limit for histogram
2a	a particle mnemonic	5	upper limit for histogram
2b	a value mnemonic	6	bin size for histogram.

If the bin size is zero, it is adjusted such that 60 bins are generated. If two or more "VAL" elements have the same name, the one *last defined* is used when the name is referred to. If a "VAL" element occurs within a repeated section, the value last set is used.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
VAL	XNU	MU	X	HERE			-100.		100.		S.				

This defines the value "XMU" to be the horizontal position of the muon at the longitudinal position of the card. The bins for this value will be of 5 mm each from -100 mm to 100 mm.

3.8.4 Simple conditions

Two kinds of conditions can be imposed on a particle. They must be defined *before they are referred to by another element*. The "RANGE" condition is true if the particle specified passed through the given position and had the value indicated within the given range. It requires seven parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "RANGE"
- 1b the name to be given to the condition
- 2a a particle mnemonic
- 2b a value mnemonic
- 3a a position mnemonic
- 4 the lower limit of the range
- 5 the upper limit of the range.

Examples:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
RANGE	PR	HALO	P	HERE			100.		200.						

This condition is true, if the muon passed through the position of the card as a halo candidate, and if its momentum was between 100 and 200 GeV/c.

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
RANGE	RD	PI	Z	DECAY			0.		100.						

This condition is true, if the decay occurred within the first 100 m of the beam line.

The "FLAG" condition is true if the particle specified passed through the position indicated and was at that position inside (or outside) the aperture specified on the "FLAG" card. Ten parameters are required:

- 1a the mnemonic code "FLAG"
- 1b the name to be given to the condition
- 2a a particle mnemonic
- 2b an aperture mnemonic. The following are accepted:
 - blank no limit
 - "RECT" inside rectangle
 - "CIRC" inside circle
 - "ELL" inside ellipse
 - "-RECT" outside rectangle
 - "-CIRC" outside circle
 - "-ELL" outside ellipse
- 3a a position mnemonic
- 4-8 $x_m, y_m, \Delta x, \Delta y, \psi$, the same parameters as for an aperture (Section 3.7.1).

Examples:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
FLAG	CMU	MU	CIRC	HERE			10.		0.		0.		0.		0.

This condition is true, if at the position of the card the beam muon was inside a circle of 10 mm radius.

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
FLAG	RH	HALO	-RECT	HERE			300.		200.		0.		0.		0.

This condition is true, if the halo muon was outside the rectangle given.

If a "FLAG" or "RANGE" appears within a repeated section, it is considered as true, if it has been set in at least one of the repetitions.

3.8.5 Combined conditions

Conditions can be constructed by logical operation on simpler conditions. The "AND" condition is true if all its arguments are true. The "OR" condition is true if at least one of its arguments is true. They both require four to sixteen parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "AND" or "OR"
- 1b the name to be given to the condition
- 2a-8b at least two names of previously defined conditions. These may be of type "RANGE", "FLAG", "AND", "OR", or "NOT" (see below).

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
OR	COMB	C1	C2	C3	C4										

The combined condition "COMB" is true, if at least one of "C1", "C2", "C3", or "C4" is true.

The "NOT" condition is true if its argument is not true. It takes three parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "NOT"
- 1b the name to be given to the condition
- 2a the name of a previously defined condition (of type "RANGE", "FLAG", "AND", "OR", or "NOT").

Note that

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
FLAG	XF	NU	RECT	HERE			30.		20.		0.		0.		0.
NOT	XF	XF													

is not equivalent to

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
FLAG	XF	NU	RECT	HERE			30.		20.		0.		0.		0.

In the first example, "XF" is also set when the muon did not pass through that position, since "XF" is not true in this case. In the second example, "XF" is true only if the muon passed through that position, but missing the rectangle.

3.8.6 Ray histories

A selection of ray histories is made by two to sixteen parameters:

- 1a mnemonic code "TRACE" ... the ray histories are printed
- mnemonic code "SAVE" ... the ray histories are written on disk
- 1b a particle mnemonic code

2a blank or the word "LOSS"

2b-8b optionally, up to 13 condition names (see Sections 3.8.4 and 3.8.5).

Output occurs for a particle if the following three conditions *all* hold:

- i) when tracking stops (i.e. a particle is stopped or reaches the end of the beam line), the last particle seen is of the specified kind;
- ii) subfield 2a is blank and the particle reached the end of the system, or subfield 2a contains the word "LOSS" and the particle was stopped before reaching the end of the beam line;
- iii) if any conditions are given, all must be true.

If more than one "TRACE" or "SAVE" card is read for a given kind of particle, output occurs whenever the above conditions hold for at least one of these cards.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
TRACEPI	LOSS														
TRACEMU		C1	C2												

Pions are traced whenever they are lost before decaying. Muons are traced when they reach the end of the beam line and conditions "C1" and "C2" are both true.

3.8.7 One-dimensional histogram

A one-dimensional histogram is initiated by entering two to sixteen parameters:

- 1a the mnemonic code "HIST1"
- 1b the name of the value to be histogrammed
- 2a-8b optionally, up to 14 condition names.

An entry is made into the histogram, if the value requested is available for the current particle and if all conditions are true.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
HIST1	XVAL	COND													

This is a histogram of value "XVAL" for all particles for which condition "COND" is true.

A special case is given if the "VAL" element specifies a blank position code and refers to z, the longitudinal position. In this case the histogram shows the population of the specified particle as a function of z.

This will set the transverse length units to metres. They may be reset to millimetres by

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
UNIT	MM	MM			4.										

3.9.3 Reset the random generator

The random number generator may be reset in order to produce two statistically independent program runs. Two parameters must be entered for this purpose:

- 1a the mnemonic code "SET"
- 2-3 a 20-digit octal number. For a subsequent run this value should be the number printed at the end of the preceding run.

Example:

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
SET		17172352324567324233													

3.9.4 End of the input deck

The end of the input deck is signalled by a card with "END" in subfield 1a. If HALO reads an End-of-File, it assumes that an End card is present.

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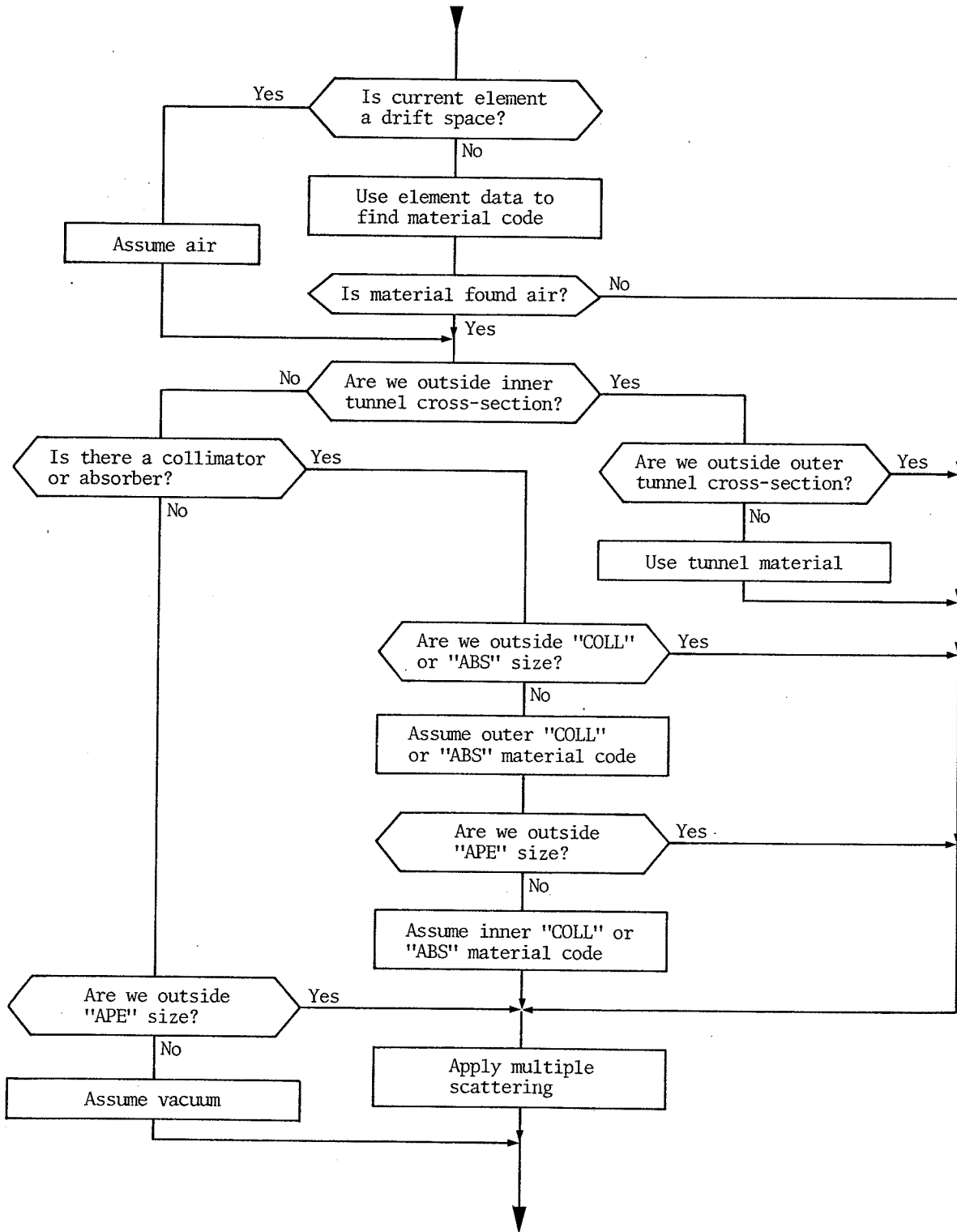
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Appendix A

Selection of material codes by HALO



How to access HALO at CERN

Normally, the program HALO is accessed by the following control cards:

```
job, Tnnn.  
ACCOUNT (name, div, number)  
FIND (PROFIL, PRODUCTIONMPSISELIN, ID = MPSISELIN)  
BEGIN (HALO)  
    end-of-record card  
data deck  
    end-of-file card
```

If the data bank size of $40,000_{10}$ words is insufficient, a control card

```
RFL(L = nnn)
```

must be inserted after the account card. The number nnn gives the required data bank size in *octal thousands* (*octal* multiple of 512_{10} words) and must be at least 120_8 . The program limits nnn to at most 400_8 , but the SCOPE 2.0 operating system may impose a smaller limit.

HALO is available on the following permanent files:

```
HALOLIBMPSISELIN, ID = MPSISELIN : UPDATE OLDPL
```

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HALOMPSISELIN, ID = MPSISELIN : binary version
```

As described in Section 3.4, the standard production spectrum is the Hagedorn-Ranft formula for protons interacting in a hydrogen target⁵). Any other production spectrum may be used by replacing the function PRODN. The calling sequence is

```
X = PRODN(P, THETA, PP, PCL, TGT)
```

where P is the parent momentum

THETA is the production angle

PP is the proton momentum

PCL is the particle mnemonic in Hollerith as read on the beam card

TGT is the target material code in Hollerith as read on the beam card.

PRODN must return the parent density according to the input parameters.

Appendix C

Field maps

The first time the user refers to a field map name, HALO reads this field map on a binary disk file, called the "map file". For this purpose, the standard call deck given in Appendix B attaches the permanent file

HALOMAPMPSISELIN, ID = MPSISELIN .

This file holds field maps for most of the magnets to be used in the CERN North and West Experimental Areas.

The first logical record of the map file contains a title to identify the version of the file and an index of all field maps stored on the file. Both the title and the index are printed by HALO before beginning execution. The subsequent logical records each contain the data for one field map.

An auxiliary program, MAKEMAP, is provided to generate a map file or to add new field maps to an existing file. The first card read by MAKEMAP becomes the title of the newly created or updated map file. The title card is followed by data for one or more field maps. A blank card terminates input. After execution of MAKEMAP, the file TAPE12 will contain the field maps read on cards. If TAPE11 is a properly formatted map file, TAPE12 will also contain copies of the field maps found on TAPE11.

Each field map to be read must be headed by three cards in the following format:

Card No.	Format	Symbol	Meaning
1	I5,5X,	N	Number of different names to be given to the field map
	14A5	KEY	Up to 14 different names to be given to the field map
2	A5,5X,	KODE	Element type mnemonic (see Section 3.5)
	I5	KS	Shape code (see below)
	I5	NS	Number of values needed to describe the geometric shape of the magnet (see below)
	I5	NX	Number of columns in the field map
	I5	NY	Number of rows in the field map
	E10.0	Δx	Table step in <u>metres</u> between columns
E10.0	Δy	Table step in <u>metres</u> between rows	
3	8E10.0	d	NS lengths $d_1 \dots d_{NS}$ in <u>metres</u> , describing the shape of the magnet (see below)

The header cards are followed by the normalized field values. For dipole magnets, the fields are divided by the field B_0 in the centre of the aperture. For quadrupoles, B_0 is the value of B_y on the x-axis at 80% of the pole-tip radius. The normalized field values are entered pairwise ($B_x/B_0, B_y/B_0$) in the format 12F6.3, i.e. six pairs per card, and NX values per row in order of increasing x. The NY rows follow each other in order of increasing y. Each new row begins on a new card.

The geometric shape of the iron yoke and of the coil is defined by the shape code KS and the NS values $d_1 \dots d_{NS}$. The shape codes known to HALO at the time of writing are represented in Figs. 5 to 9 and are explained below. The rectangle for which the field values must be entered is shaded in the figures.

i) KS = 1: Window-frame bending magnet or Panofsky quadrupole (Fig. 5)

This shape needs six parameters for its description (for bending magnets, $d_2 = d_4$). The scalar magnetic potential is anti-symmetric to the x-axis. Depending on the element type, it is symmetric or antisymmetric to the y-axis. The field values must be entered for the first quadrant.

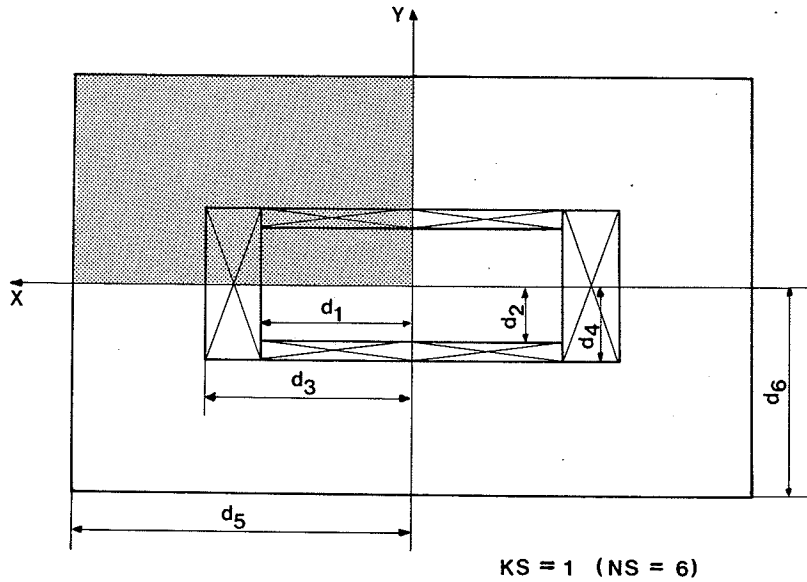


Fig. 5

ii) KS = 2: Symmetric H-type bending magnet (Fig. 6)

This is described by seven lengths. The scalar potential is symmetric to the y-axis and anti-symmetric to the x-axis. Field values are entered for the first quadrant.

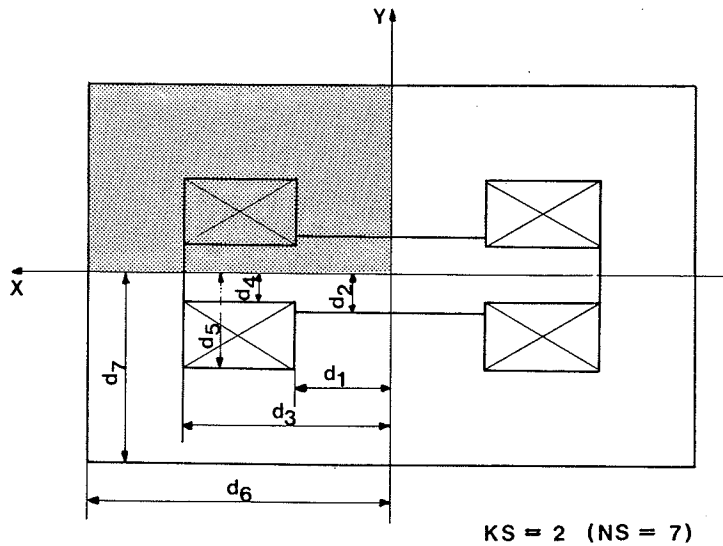
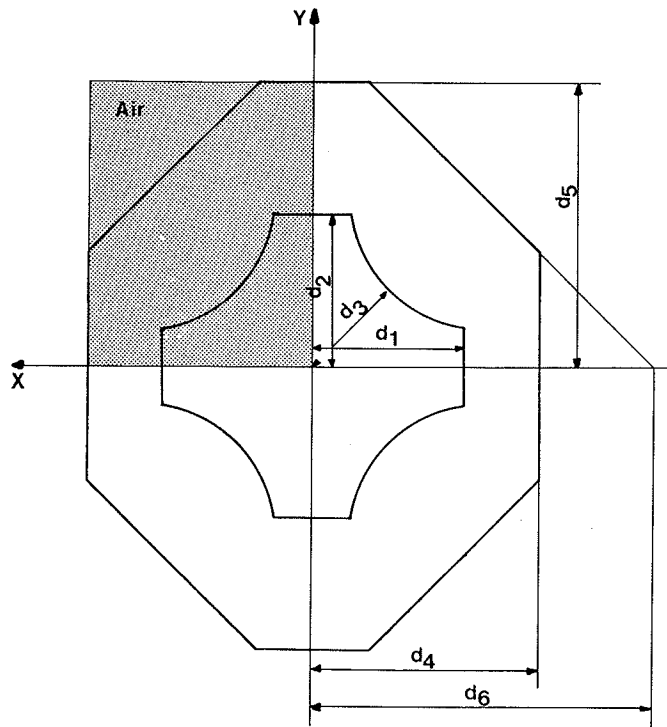


Fig. 6

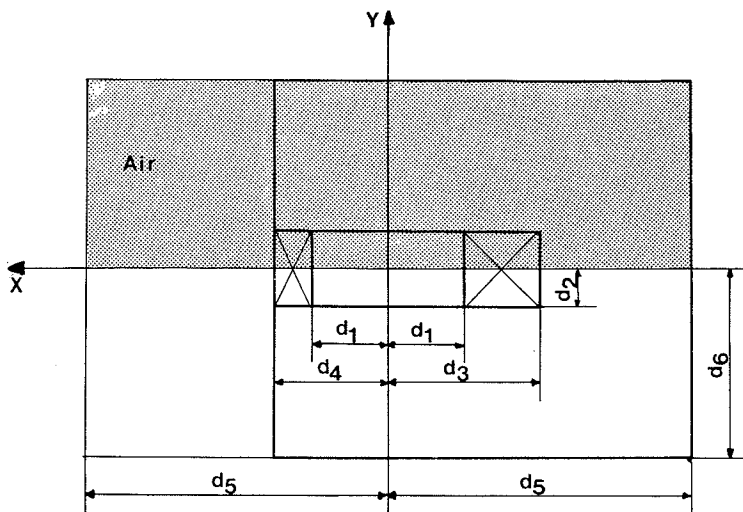


KS = 3 (NS = 6)

Fig. 7

iii) KS = 3: Quadrupole magnet
(Fig. 7)

This is described by six lengths. The scalar potential is antisymmetric to both x- and y-axes, but it need not be symmetric to the first bisectrix. Field values are entered for the *entire* first quadrant. Note that for simplicity HALO ignores the coil, but replaces the copper by iron. This has no effect on the magnetic deflections, but it will slightly change the multiple scattering and energy loss. The normalizing field B_0 is B_y at $x = 0.8 \cdot d_3, y = 0.0$.



KS = 4 (NS = 6)

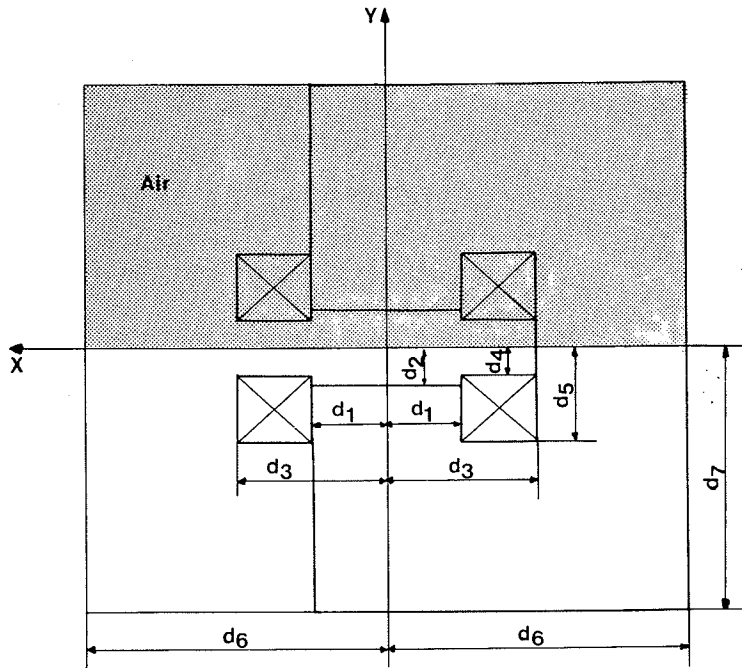
Fig. 8

iv) KS = 4: C-type bending magnet with flat poles (Fig. 8)

This is described by six lengths. Since the coil need not be symmetric, this case also covers septum magnets. The scalar potential is anti-symmetric to the x-axis. Field values must be entered for the upper half-plane. For reasons internal to HALO, the rows must cover the range $-d_5 \leq x \leq d_5$.

v) KS = 5: C-type bending magnet (Fig. 9)

This is described by seven lengths. The scalar potential is antisymmetric to the x-axis. Field values must be entered for the upper half-plane. Again the rows must cover the interval $-d_6 \leq x \leq d_6$.



KS = 5 (NS = 7)

Fig. 9

1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76
EXAMPLE - COARSE FIELD MAP FOR QPS/QPL QUADRUPOLE.															title
2	QPS		QPL												header cards
QUAD	3	6	14	14	.09	.09									
.13	.13		.40		.52	.52		.55							
.000	.000	.000	.500	.000	1.000	.000	1.440	.000	1.163	.000	.720				row 1 (14 pairs)
.000	.326	.000	.218	.000	.061	.000	-.001	.000	-2.403	.000	-1.730				
.000	-1.463	.000	-7.19												
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