



# Detection of high-energy particles from the Universe: basic concepts, methods, and challenges

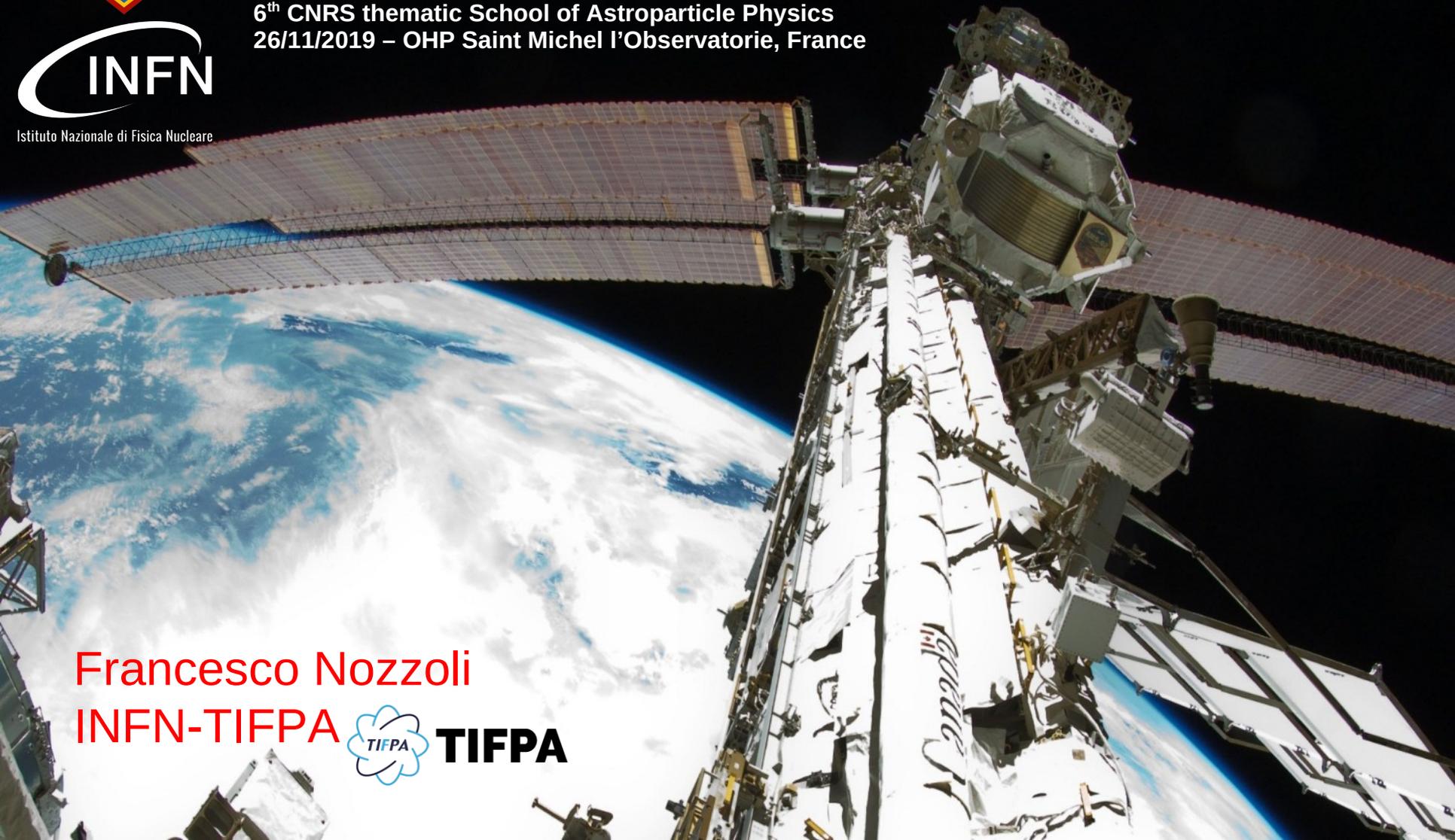
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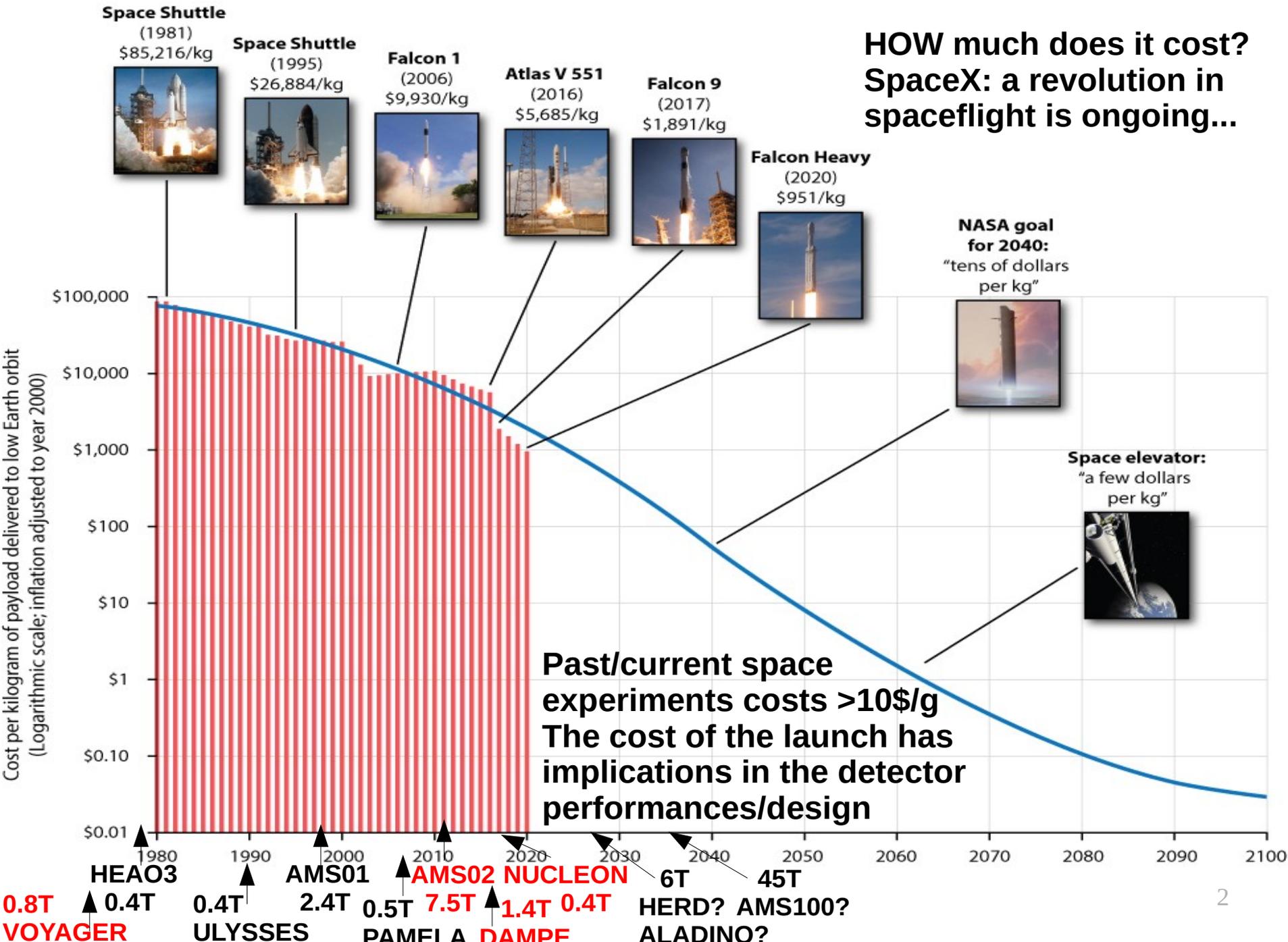
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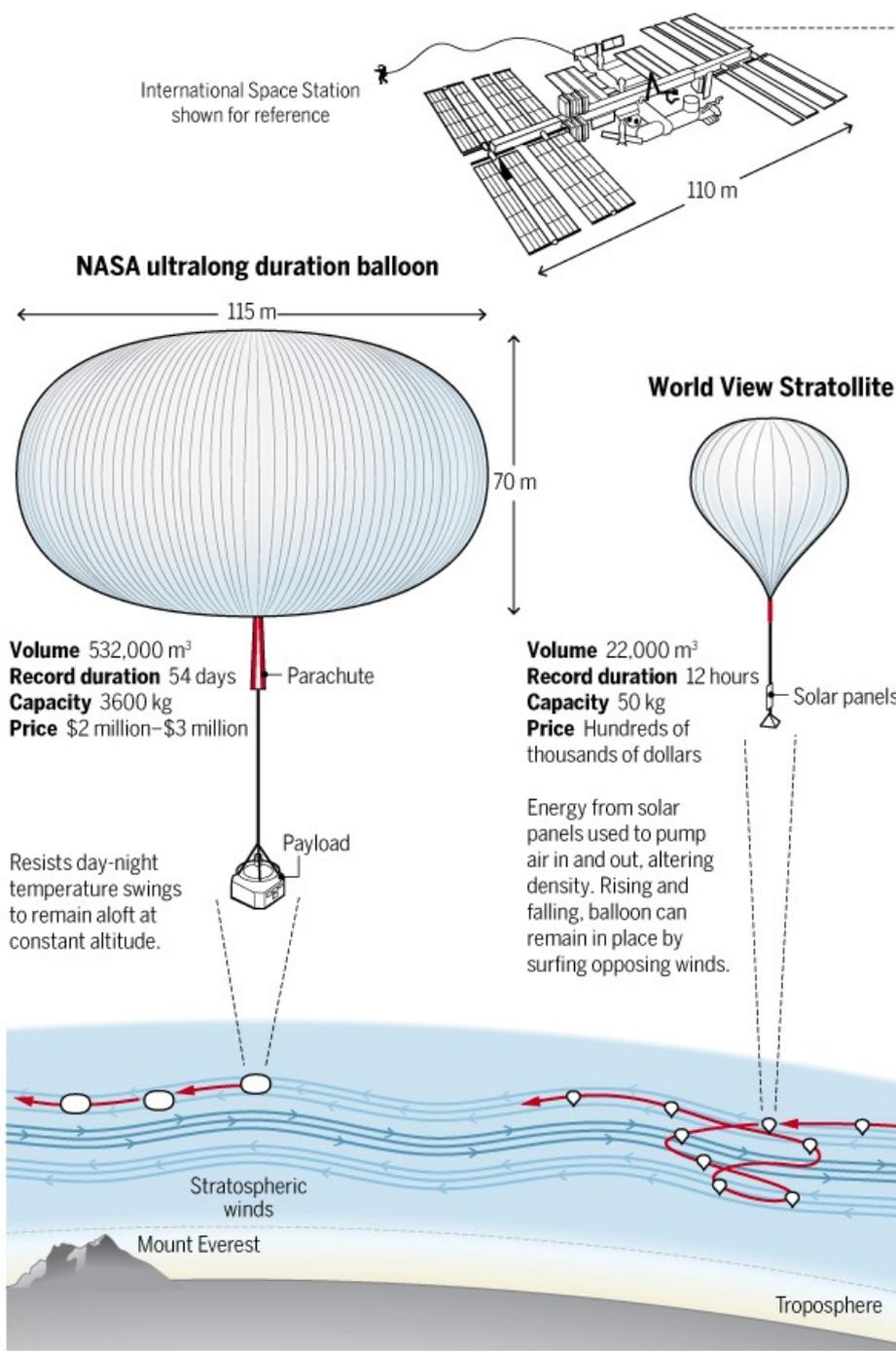
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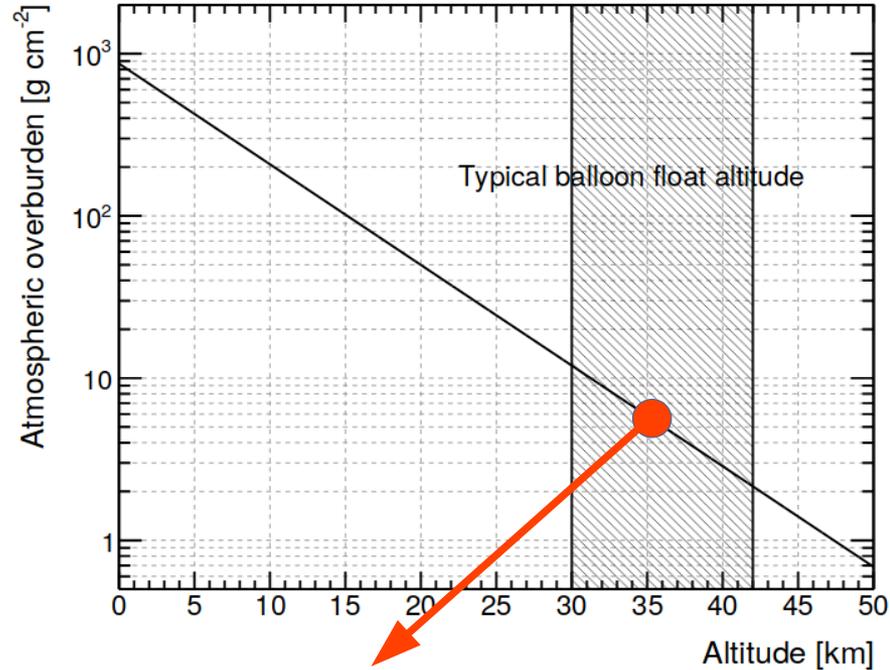
# HOW much does it cost? SpaceX: a revolution in spaceflight is ongoing...





**Balloons? Not really cheaper now ...**

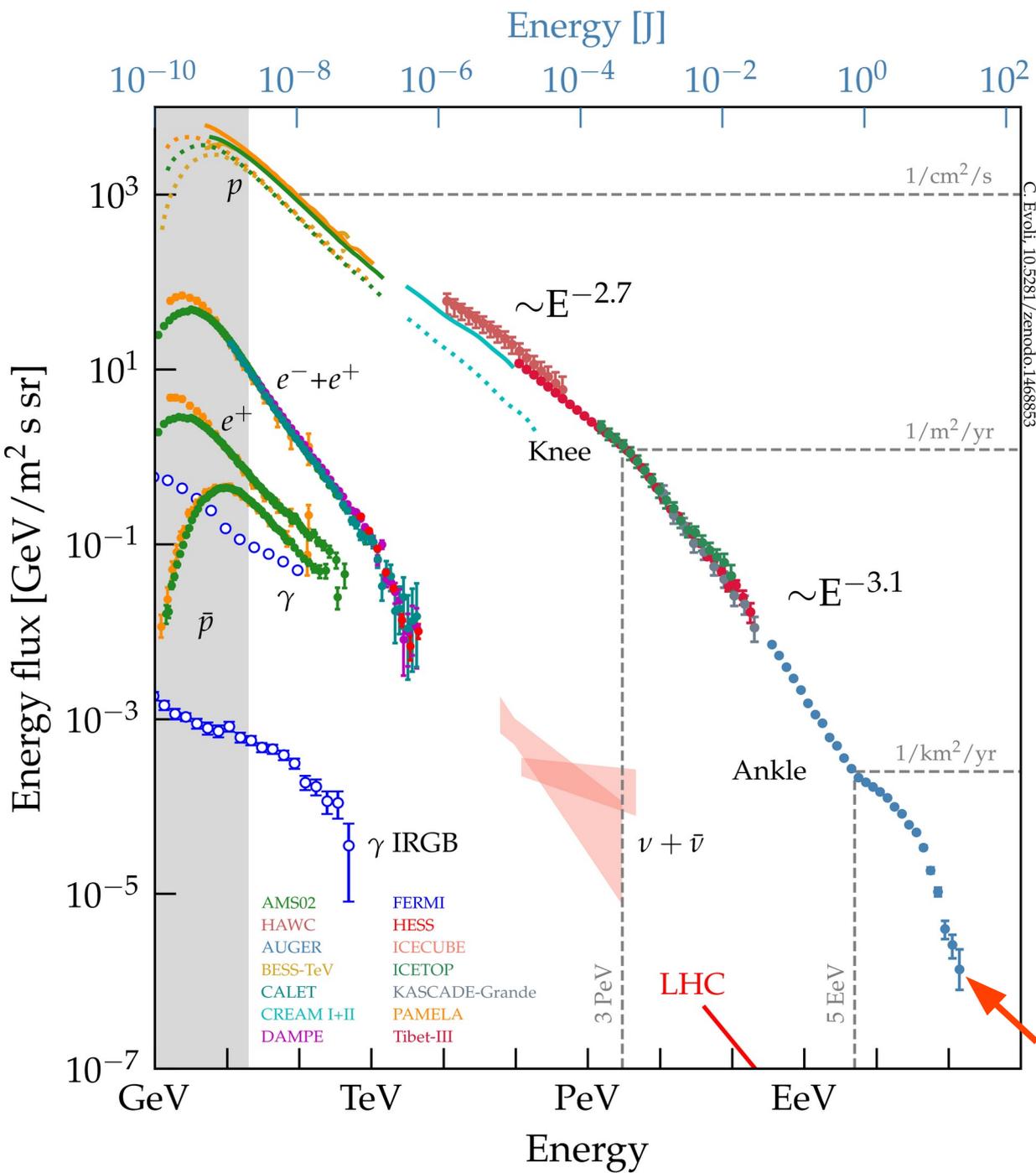
**was an option for past experiments**



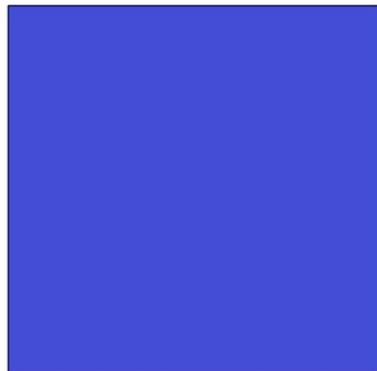
**Residual atmosphere is a passive target: the same of 5 cm of plastic**

- Fragmentation effects
- Production of secondary particles (problem for antimatter search)

**by comparison Galaxy grammage for CR typ. path length is ~2 g/cm<sup>2</sup>**



88 % of protons



10 % of He

<1% of heavy nuclei

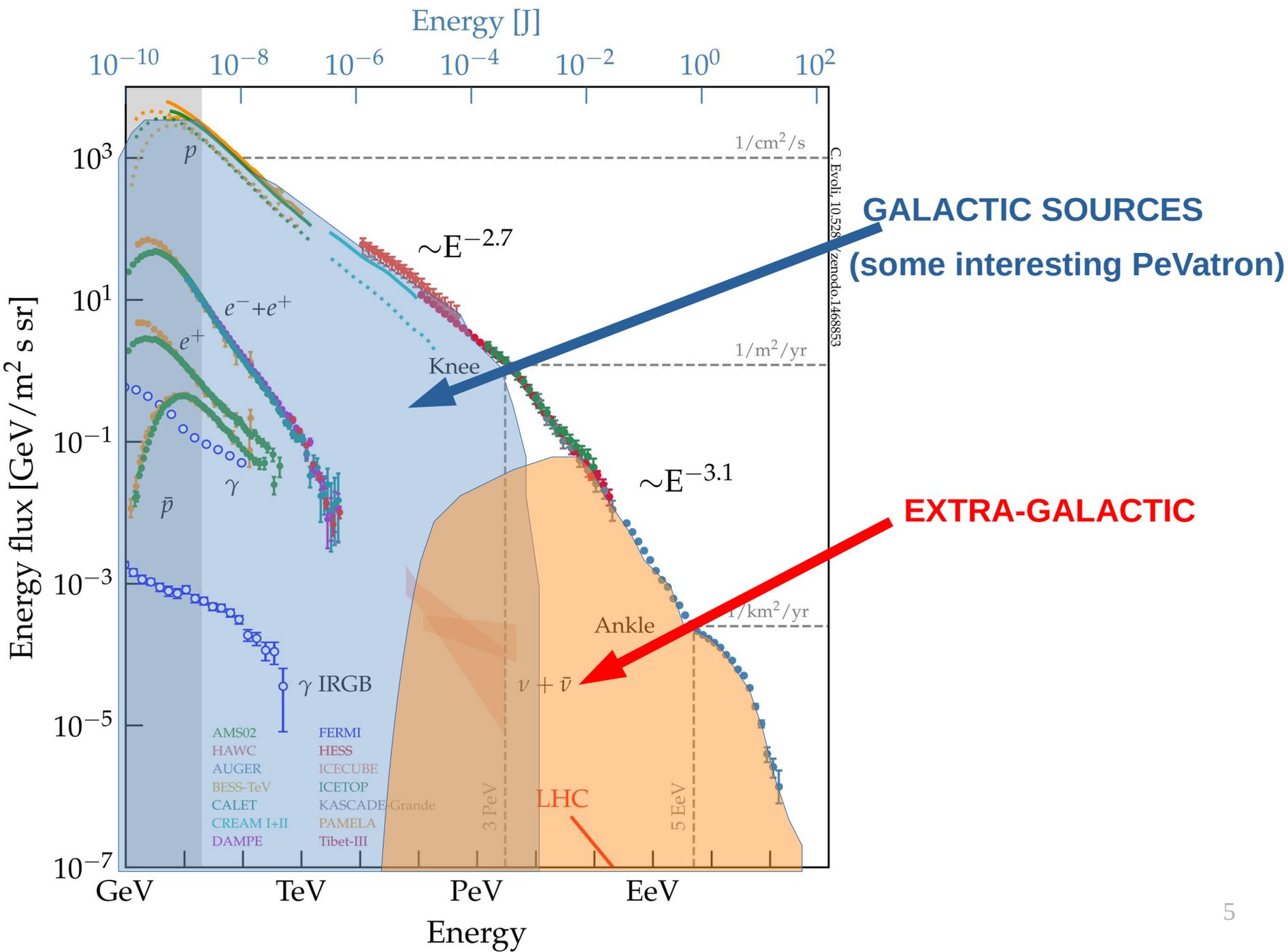
1% of electrons

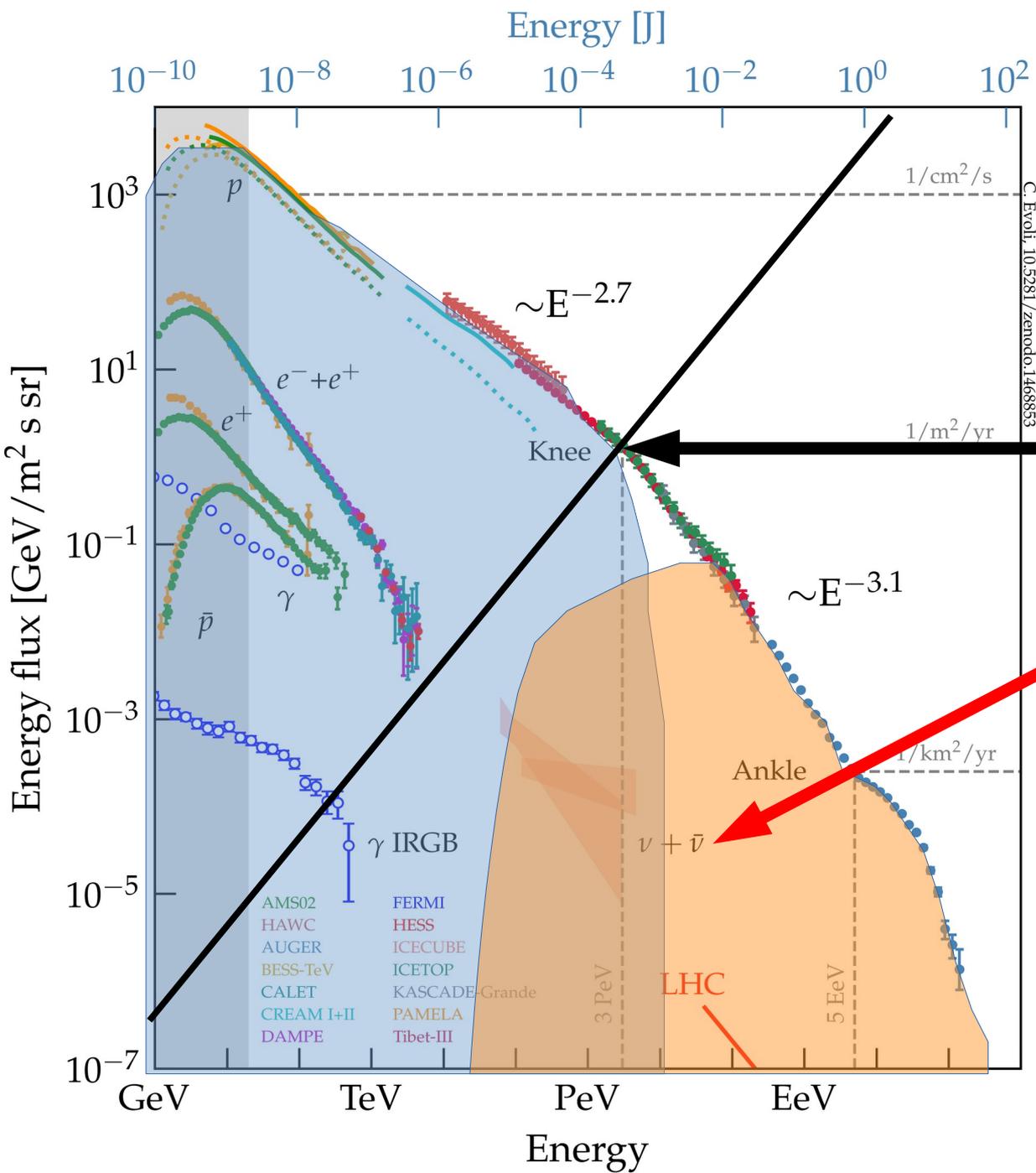
rare components

$\bar{p}/p \sim 10^{-4}$

$e^+/e^- \sim 10^{-1}$

**your kinetic energy during a quiet walking (3km/h) ... but the momentum of just a single eyelash hair ...**





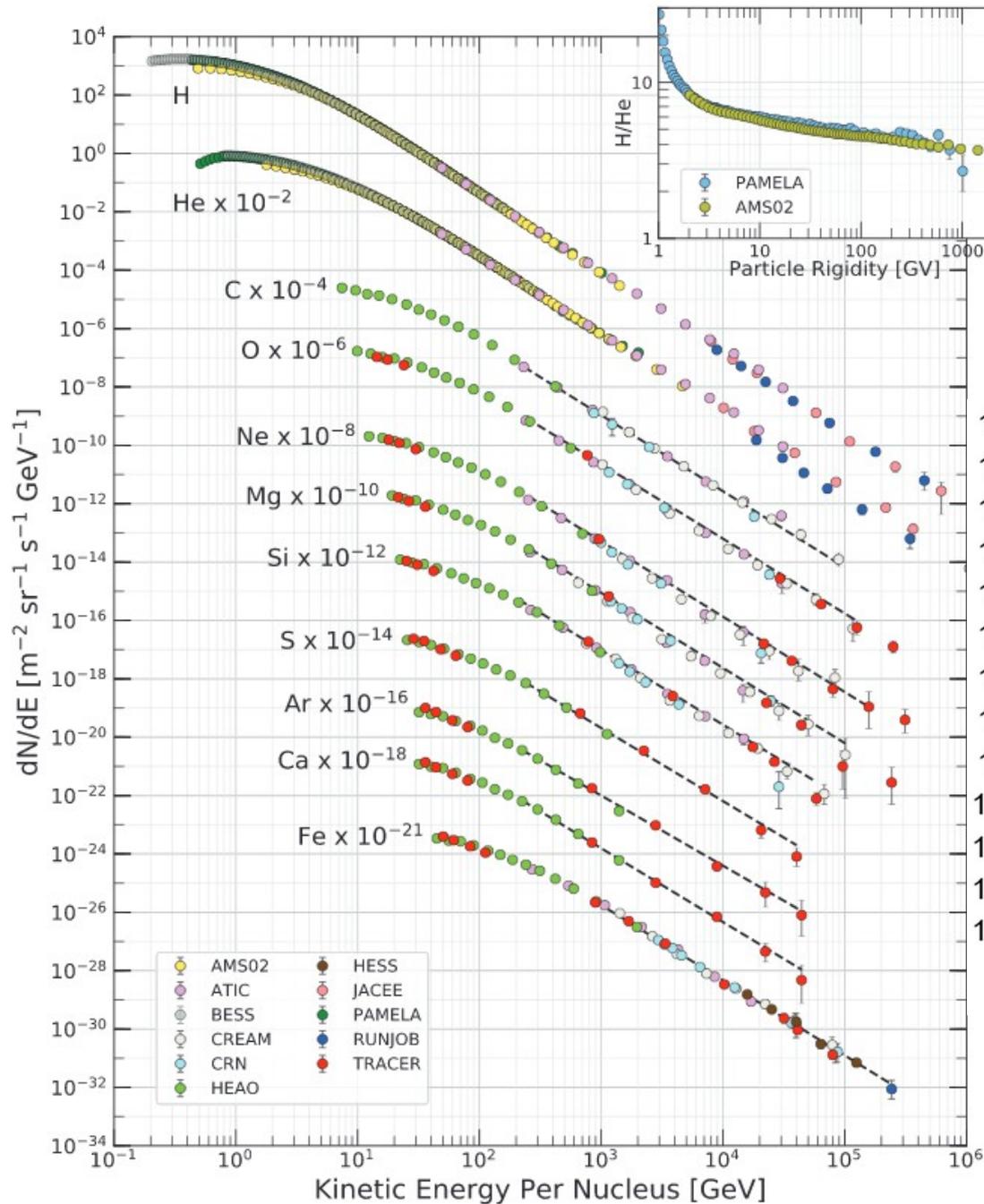
## GALACTIC SOURCES

Direct measurement of cosmic rays with a detector in space are feasible above this line (m<sup>2</sup> acceptance x year)

## EXTRA-GALACTIC

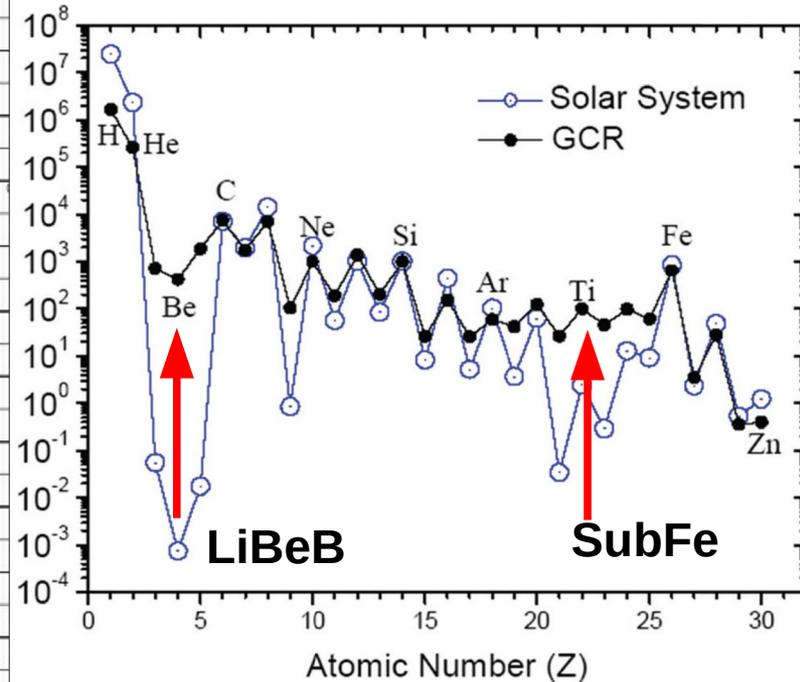
Indirect measurements (next lectures ... )

## Cosmic Ray composition:



**NUCLEI composition:**

- particle charge
- particle “Energy”

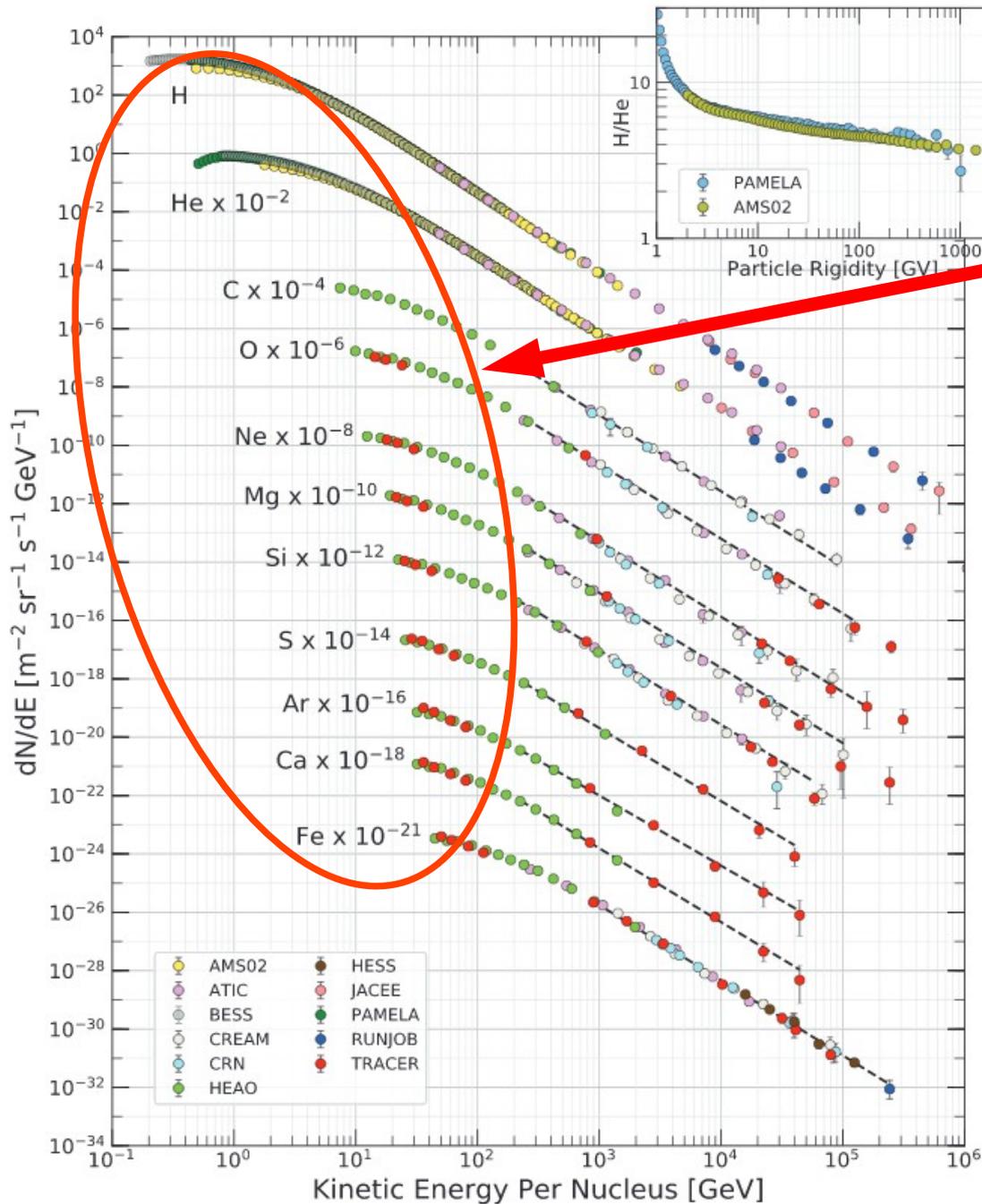


“High” abundances of  
“secondary nuclei”  
Production by Fragmentation

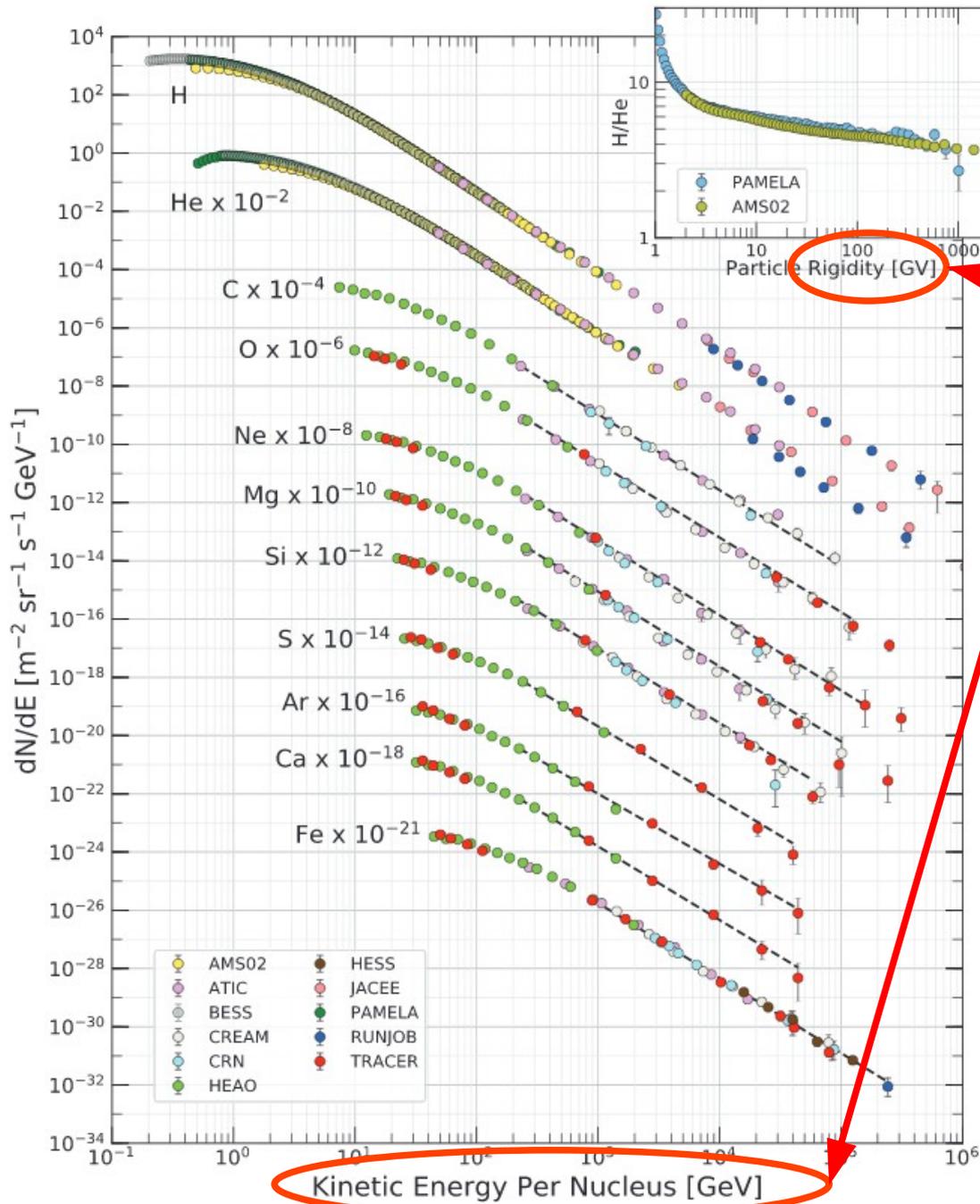
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**NUCLEI composition:**  
- particle charge  
particle "Energy"

which "Energy"?

**Kinetic Energy:** calorimeters  
(ATIC, JACEE, RUNJOB)

**E/nucleon:** TRD, Cherenkov  
(CRN-Spacelab, HEAO,  
CREAM, TRACER, HESS)

**Rigidity (P/Z):** Spectrometers  
(AMS02, Pamela, Bess)

# Energy vs Energy/nucleon vs Rigidity: Measurement + Physics

## RIGIDITY: GV (Giga-Volt)

MEASUREMENT:  $P/Z$  is the quantity related to the trajectory in magnetic field (easily converted to Momentum knowing the particle charge  $Z$ )

## PHYSICS:

Different particles with same rigidity follow the same trajectory in magnetic fields (in the Galaxy, in the Heliosphere, in the Earth magnetic field, in the detector field)

Main effects of propagation in the magnetic field (and the main time dependent solar modulation effects) would cancel out in  $\langle \text{Flux Ratio} \rangle$  vs  $\langle \text{Rigidity} \rangle$

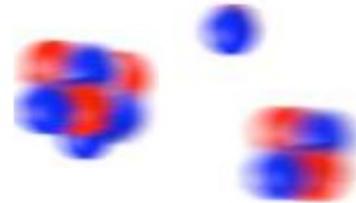
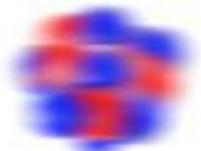
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## Energy/nucleon: GeV/n (usually average isotopic composition is assumed)

MEASUREMENT: is a quantity related to velocity (ToF, RICH, TRD) (they measure GeV/M and cannot be converted to Energy if mass is unknown)

## PHYSICS:

Fragmentation of nuclei roughly conserve  $E/n$  in spallation processes (when a relativistic CR nuclei during propagation interacts on a proton of ISM)

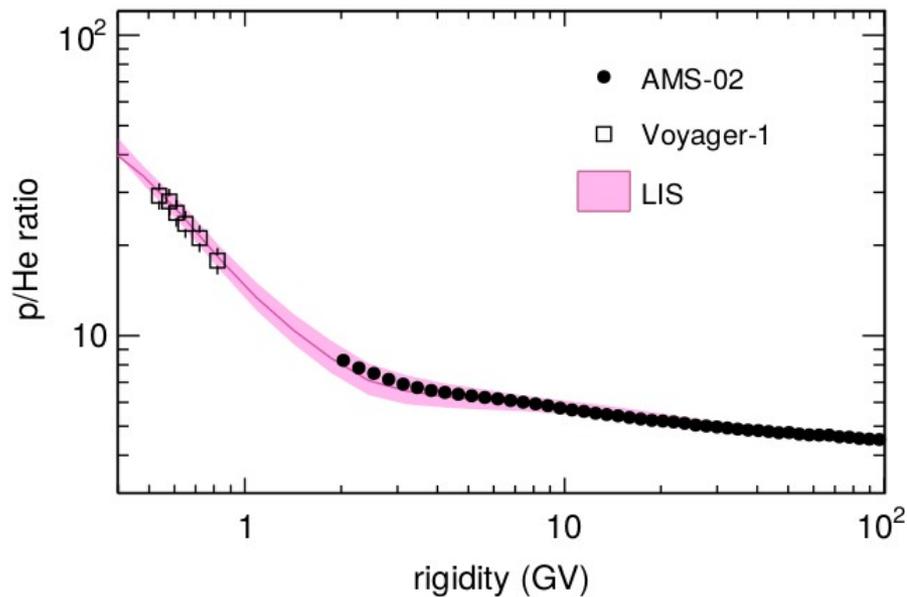
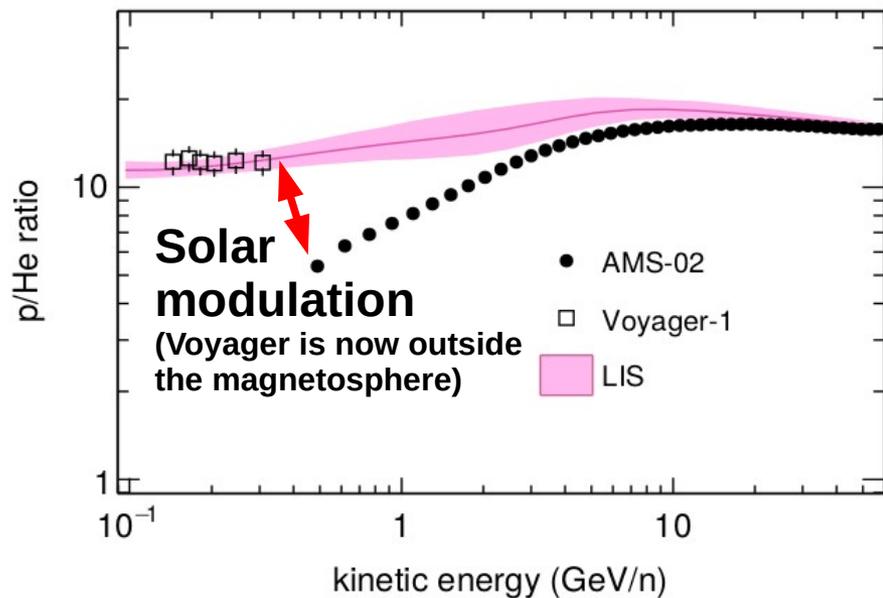


high energy CNO

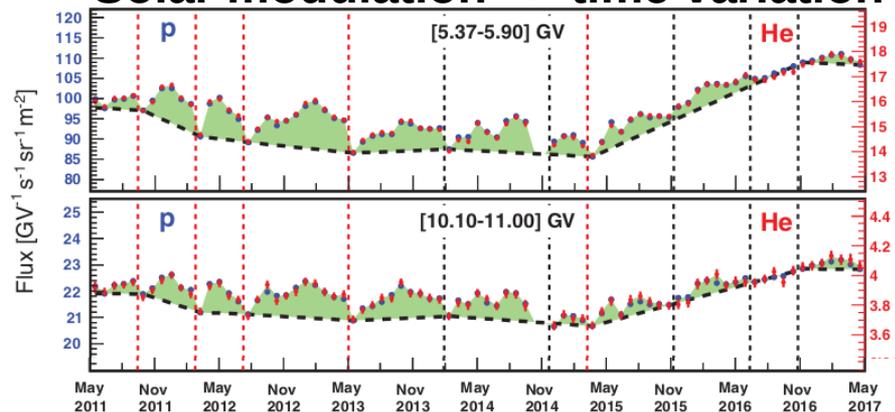
ISM gas

LiBeB

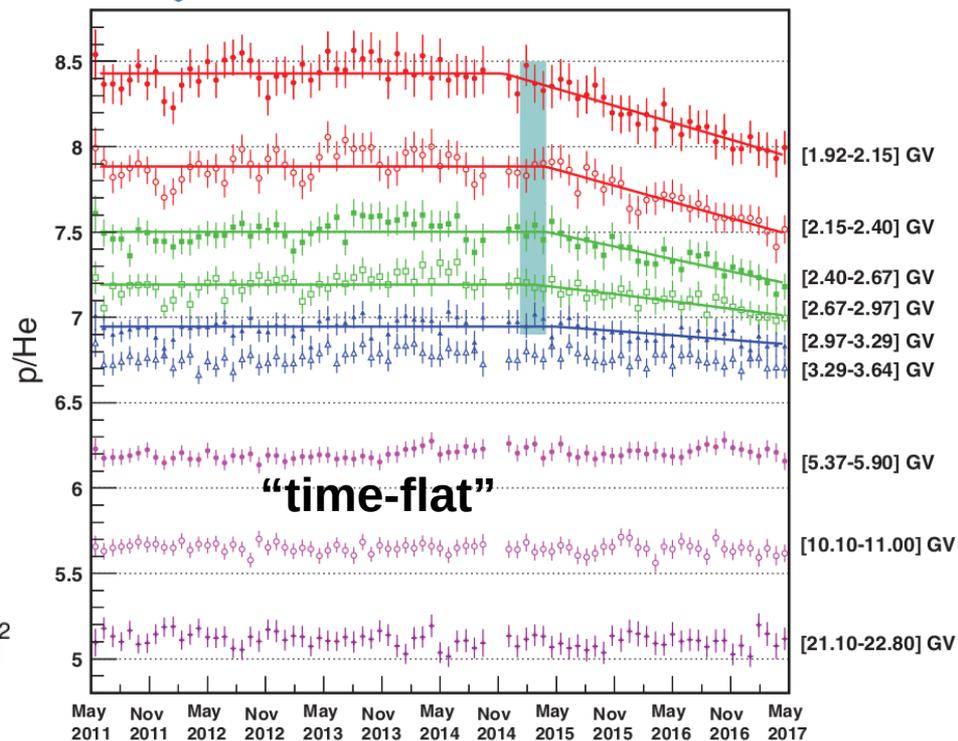
# Flux ratio vs Rigidity: solar modulation



## Solar modulation => time variation

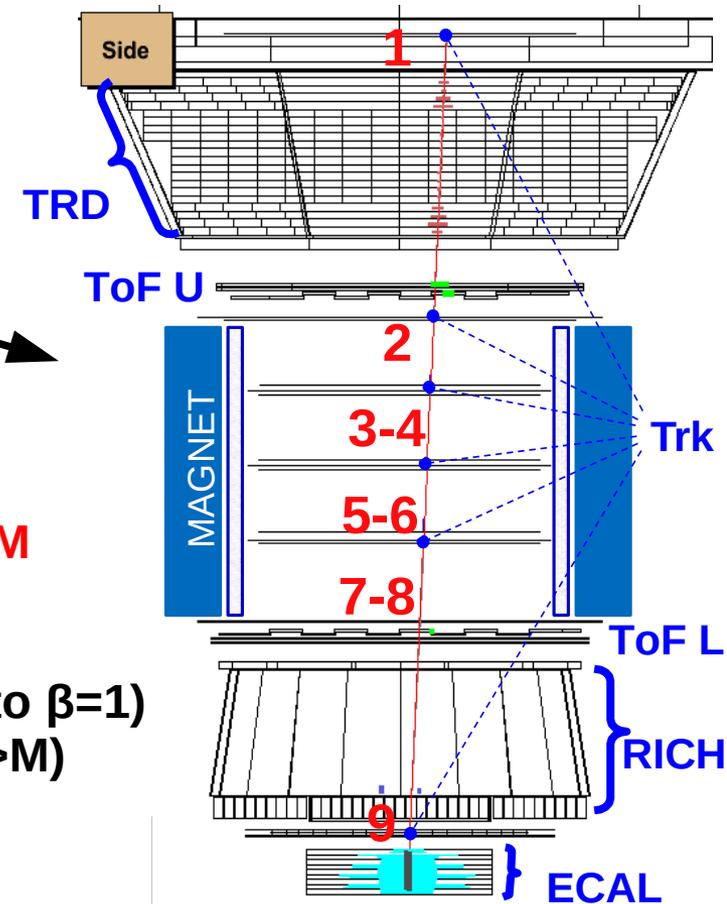


## Flux ratio vs R



# Particle identification - a summary:

AMS02: 7.5 Tons – 5x4x3m  
B=0.15T in space since 2011  
able to identify few antinuclei  
over 150G events (0.5m<sup>2</sup> sr)  
is shown for PID examples

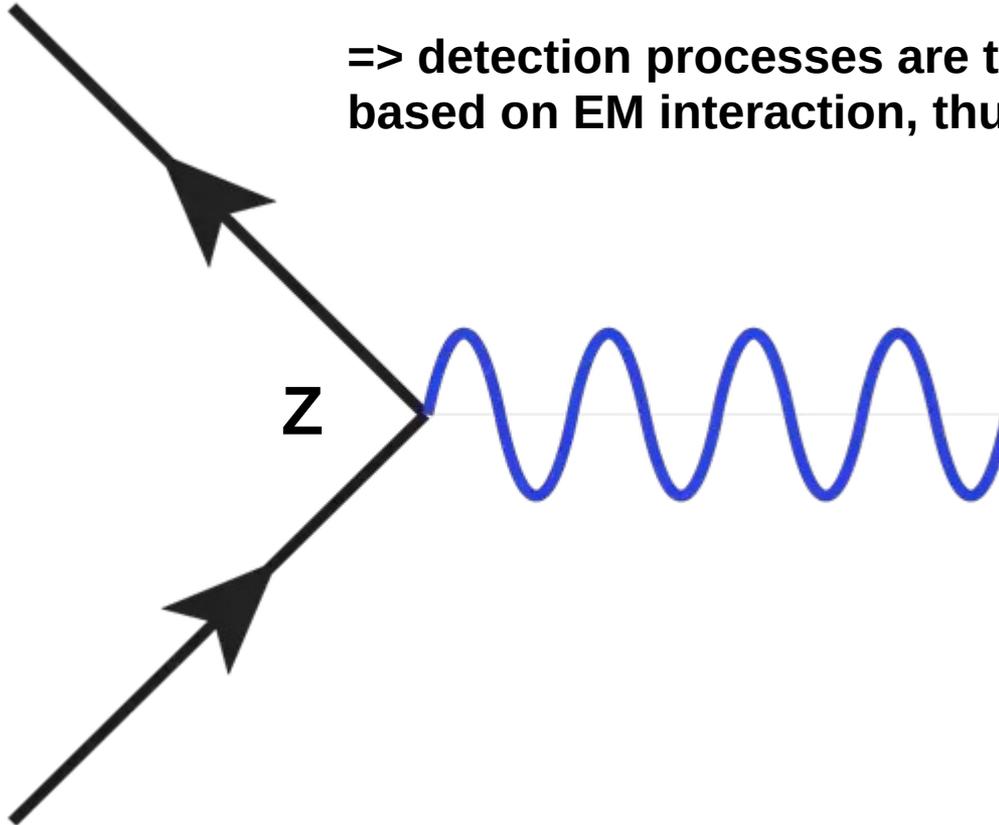


- Absolute value of charge: **VERY SIMPLE**
- Particle Mass: **easy for  $E < M$ , very difficult for  $E \gg M$**  (typically evaluated by “velocity” vs Energy)
- Particle Velocity: **“easy” at few %** (but saturation to  $\beta=1$ ) (TRD measuring  $\gamma = E/M$  to avoid saturation for  $E \gg M$ )
- Particle direction: **VERY SIMPLE**
- Particle Momentum: **hard to do better than few %, very difficult for  $P > TV$**
- Charge sign: (up to now) **impossible for  $R > TV$**
- Particle Energy: **feasible down to few %, but large systematics for  $E \gg TeV$**

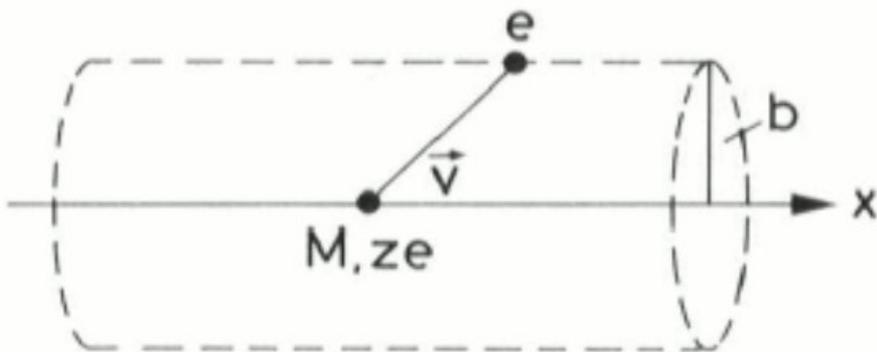
# The “easy” measurement: particle CHARGE

Vertices of electromagnetic interactions are proportional to particle charge  $z$

=> detection processes are typically based on EM interaction, thus prop to  $z^2$



# Energy loss: Bohr classical evaluation



Momentum transferred to an electron:

$$\Delta P = \int F dt = \int eE_{\perp} \frac{dx}{v} = \frac{ze^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 b v}$$

Gauss th.

$$\Phi_E = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

Energy loss in  $dV = 2\pi b db dx$  :  $n_e = \rho N_A Z/A$

$$-dE = \frac{(\Delta P)^2}{2m_e} n_e dV = \frac{1}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2} \frac{4\pi z^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} n_e \frac{db}{b} dx$$

$b_{min}$  : head on collision ( $v_e = 2v$ )  $\Delta E_{max} = 2\gamma^2 m_e v^2$   $b_{min} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ze^2}{\gamma m_e v^2}$

$b_{max}$  : This approach assumes electrons “at rest” that is Tcollision << Trevolution  
 Tcollision  $\approx b/(\gamma v)$  and Trevolution  $\approx 1/v \Rightarrow b_{max} \approx \gamma v/v$  (then integrate over b)

Bohr formula:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right)^2 \frac{4\pi N_A}{m_e} \frac{z^2}{v^2} \rho \frac{Z}{A} \ln\left(\frac{\gamma^2 m_e v^3}{ze^2 \bar{v}}\right)$$

projectile

Target material

Full quantum mechanical: Bethe-Block

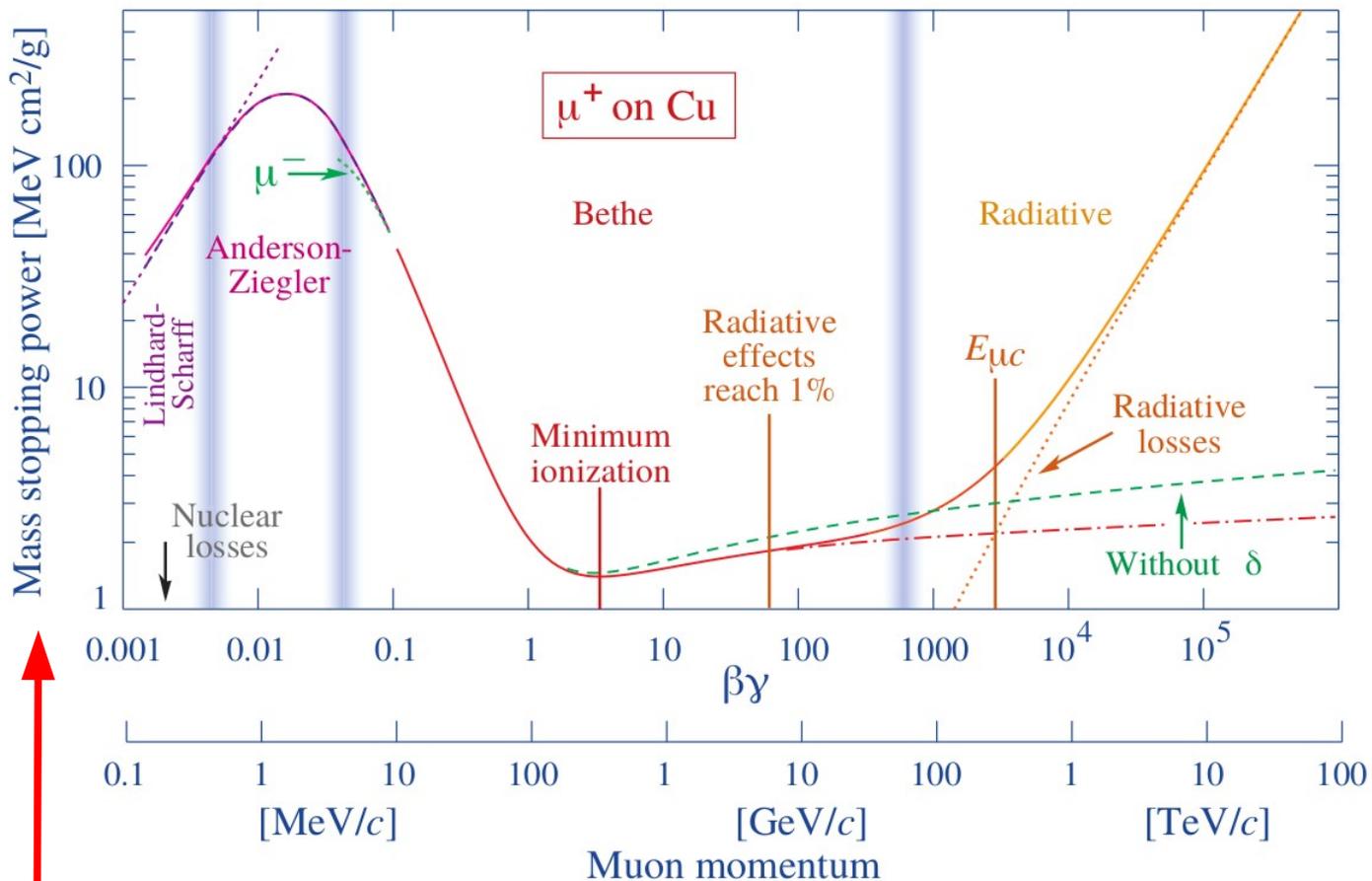
$$-\frac{dE}{\rho dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

relativistic rise ( $E \gg M$ )

“minor” corrections

Z/A quite similar in all materials main material effect from density

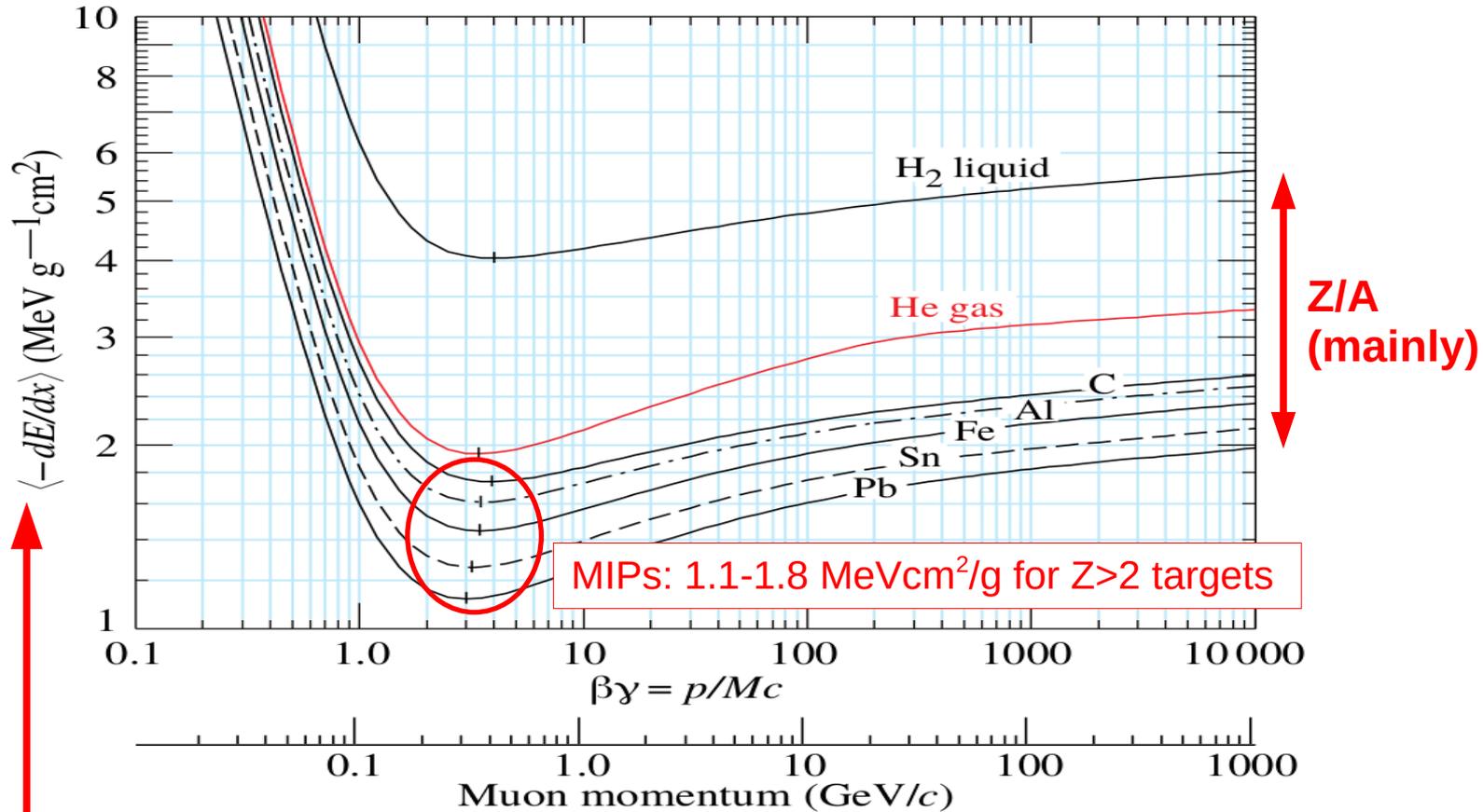
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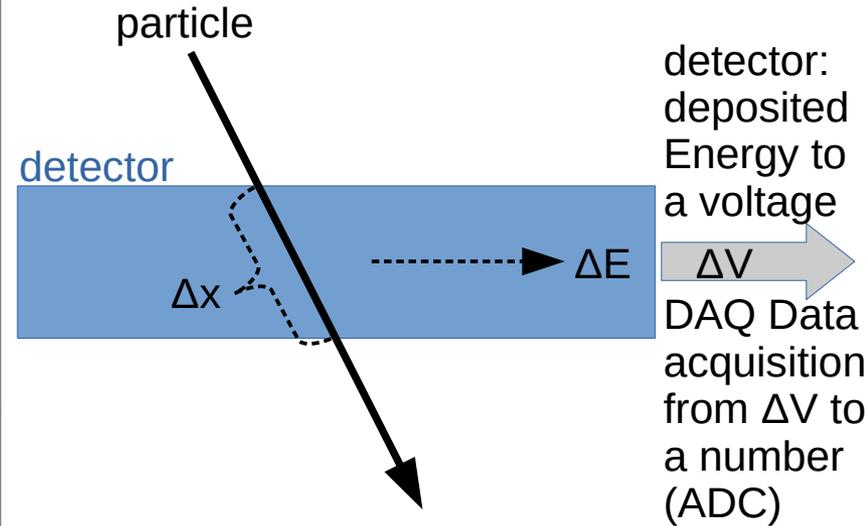
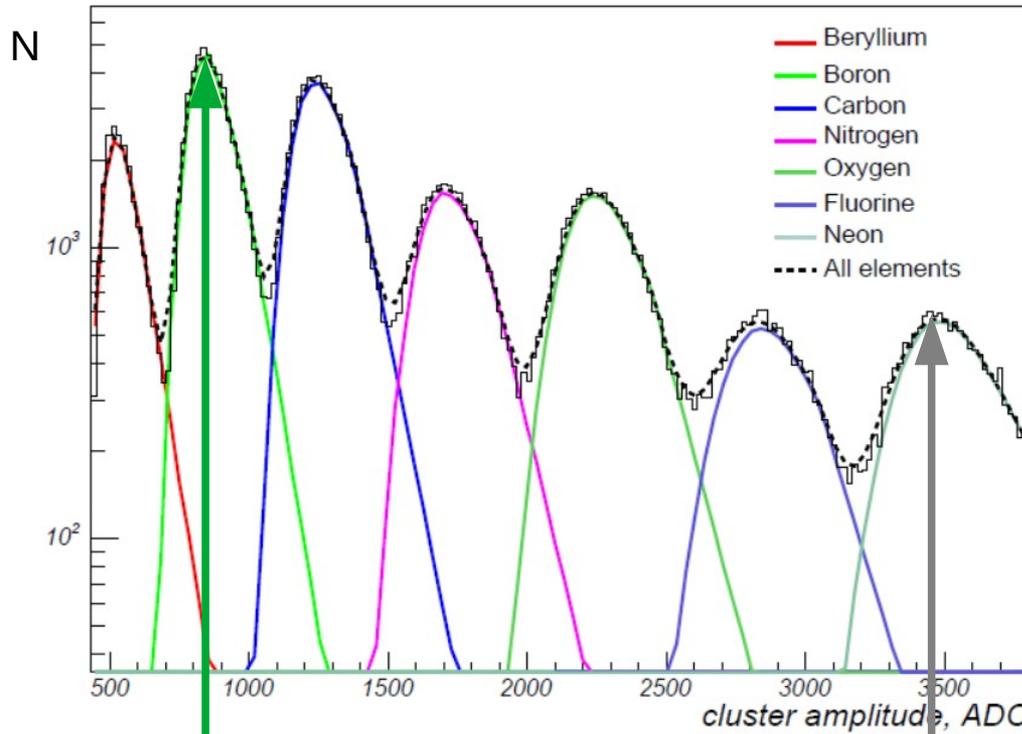


$$\frac{dE}{\rho dx} = K z^2 \left( \frac{Z}{A} \right) \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

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MIPs (Minimum Ionizing Particles) are “calibration sources” for detectors.

# Energy loss: Bethe Block - the Charge measurement



(Analog to Digital Converter)  
(from the voltage to a number)

Boron  $z=5$

Signal amplitude: 860 ADC channels

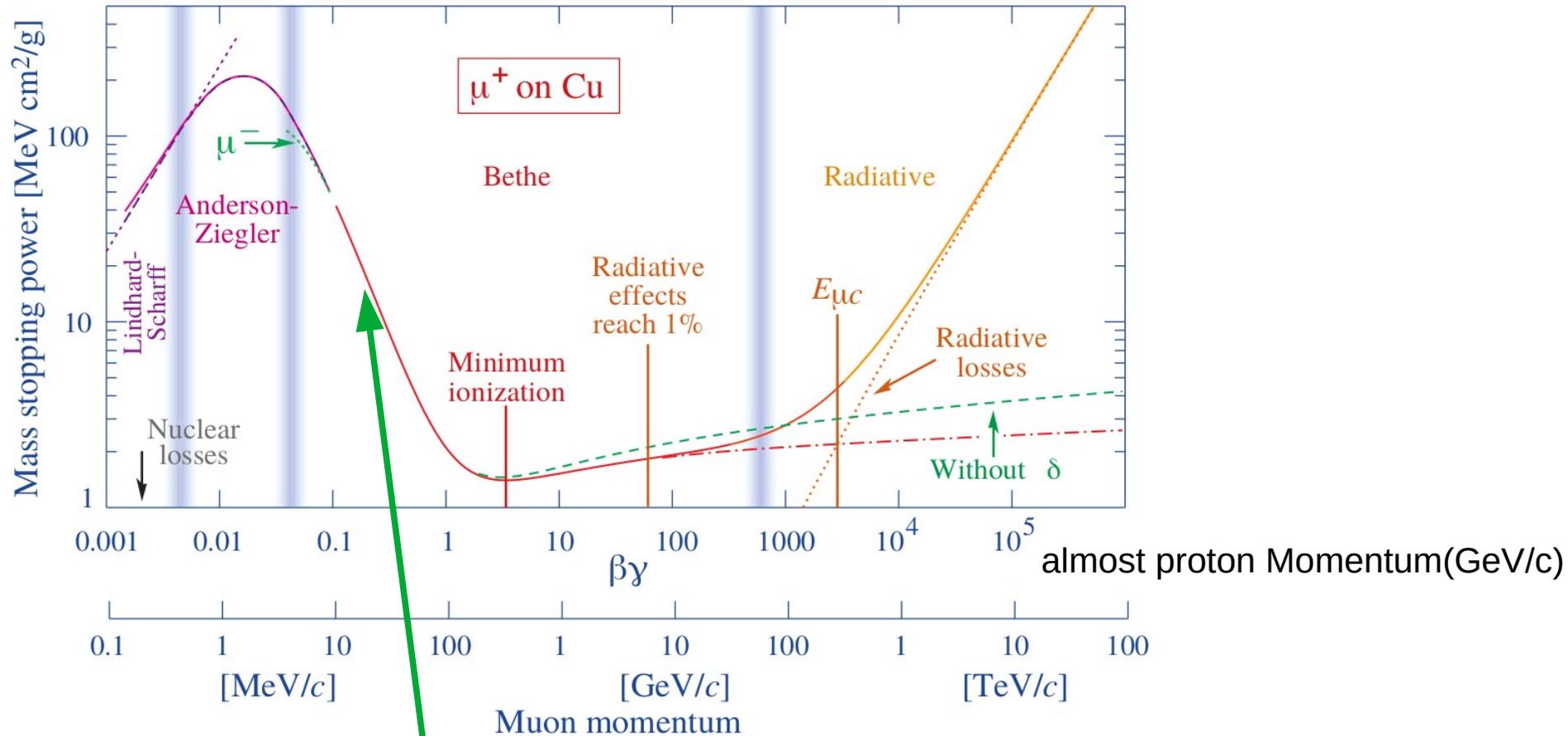
Neon  $z=5 \times 2 = 10$

Signal amplitude:  $860 \times 4 = 3440$  ADC channels

$$-\frac{dE}{\rho dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

to measure  $dE/dx$  also some tracking to measure  $dx$  is necessary...  
(and to get a good charge measurement also some value for velocity is needed)

# Energy loss: Bethe Block - the Velocity measurement

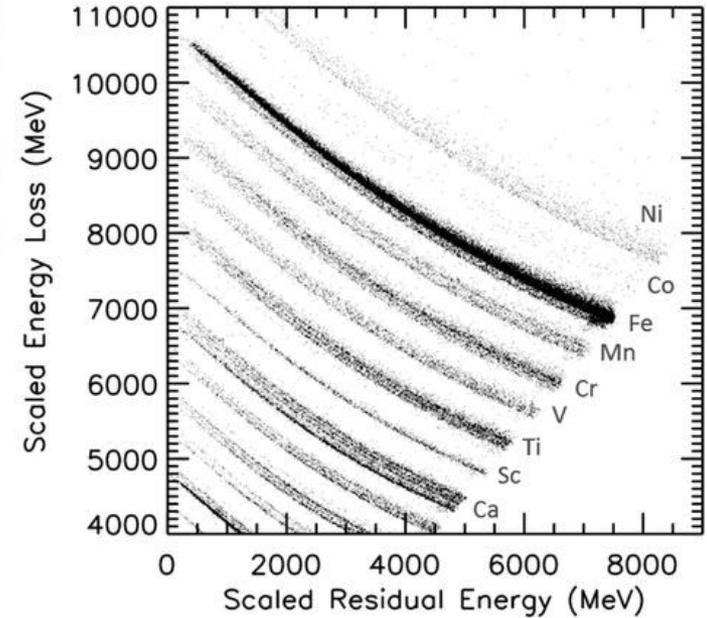
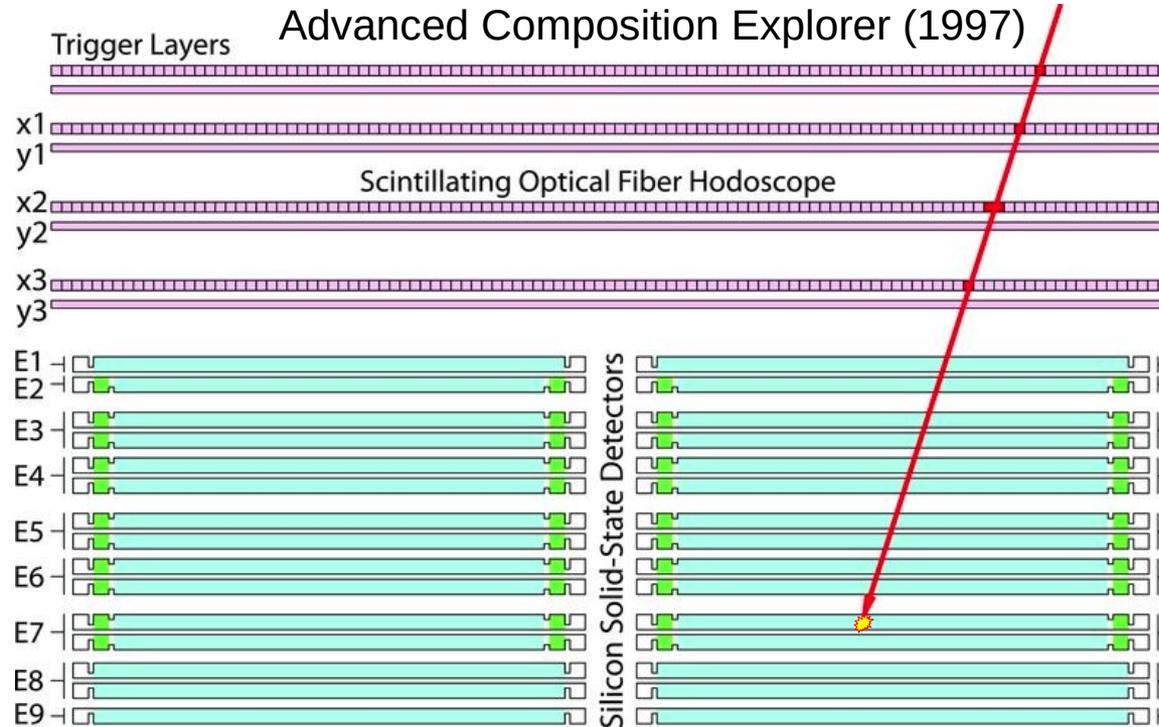


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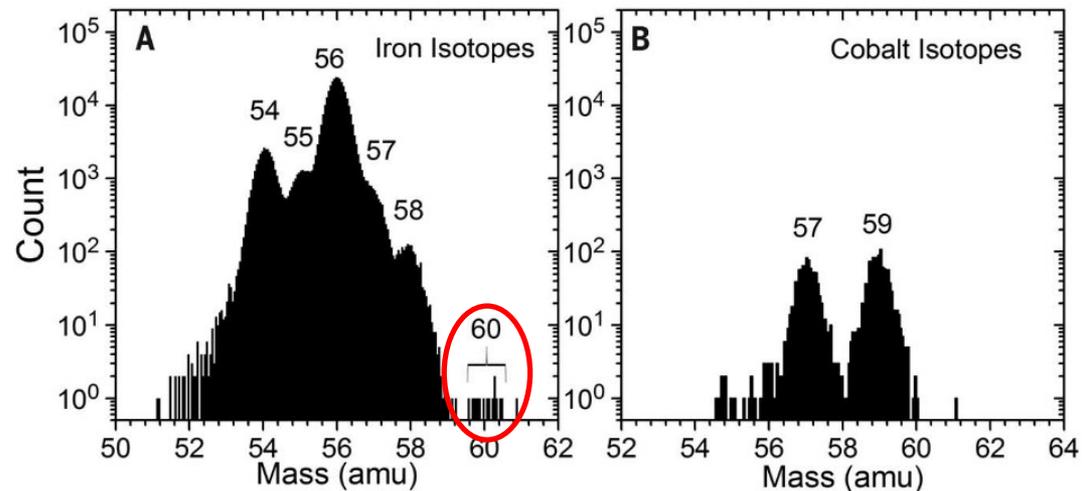
If charge is known, the energy loss allows a reasonable velocity measurement for  $\gamma < 1$  (possible but hard to exploit the relativistic rise for  $\gamma$  measurement)

On the other hand correction for this effect is required for precise charge measurements.

# Simple spectrometers $\Delta E/E$ (mass for sub-MIPs particles):

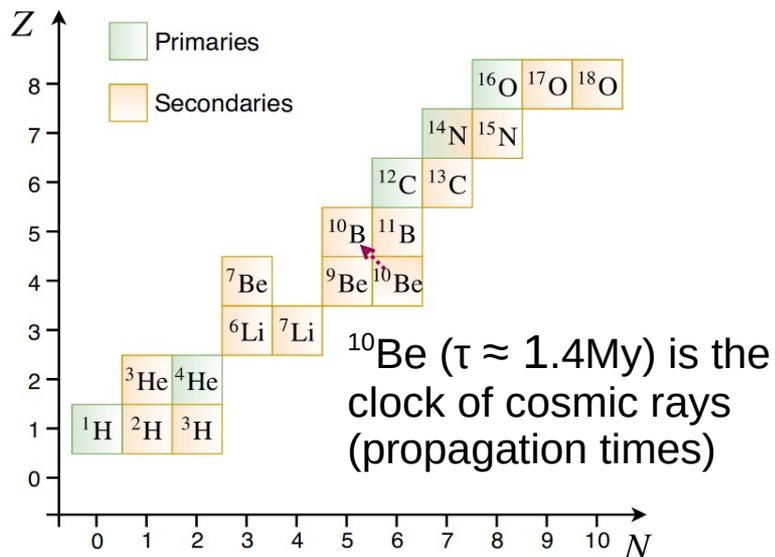


ACE-CRIS evidence for  $^{60}\text{Fe}$  ( $\tau \approx 2.6\text{My}$ )  
 $200 < E < 500 \text{ MeV/n}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  PRODUCED BY A NEARBY SN

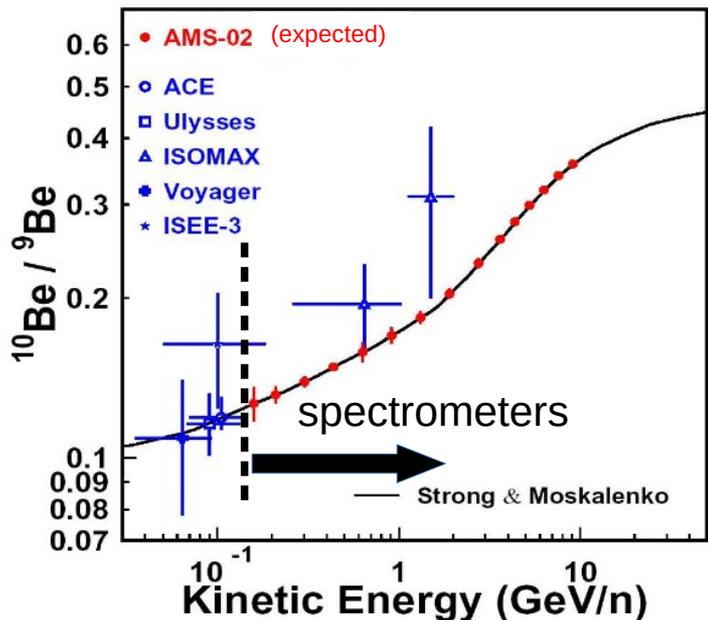
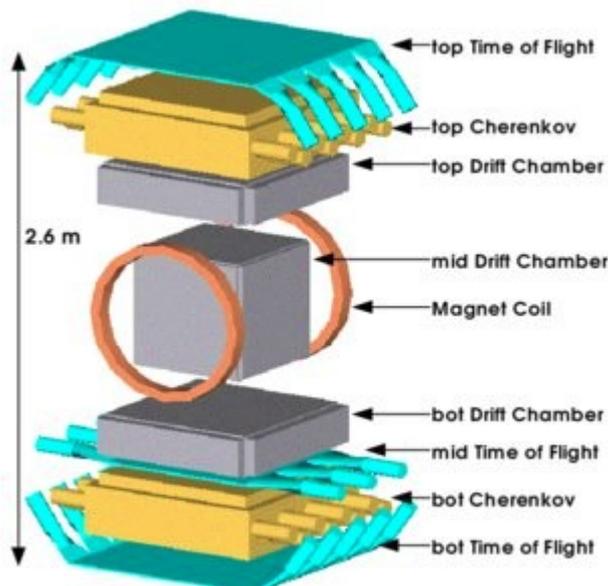


# mass above MIPs? (directly measured) Velocity vs Momentum

Isotopes in light cosmic rays:



ISOMAX: Balloon (1998)



$$M = \frac{RZ}{\gamma\beta} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta M}{M} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta R}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\gamma^2 \frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}\right)^2}$$

**DETECTOR COMPLEXITY INCREASES**

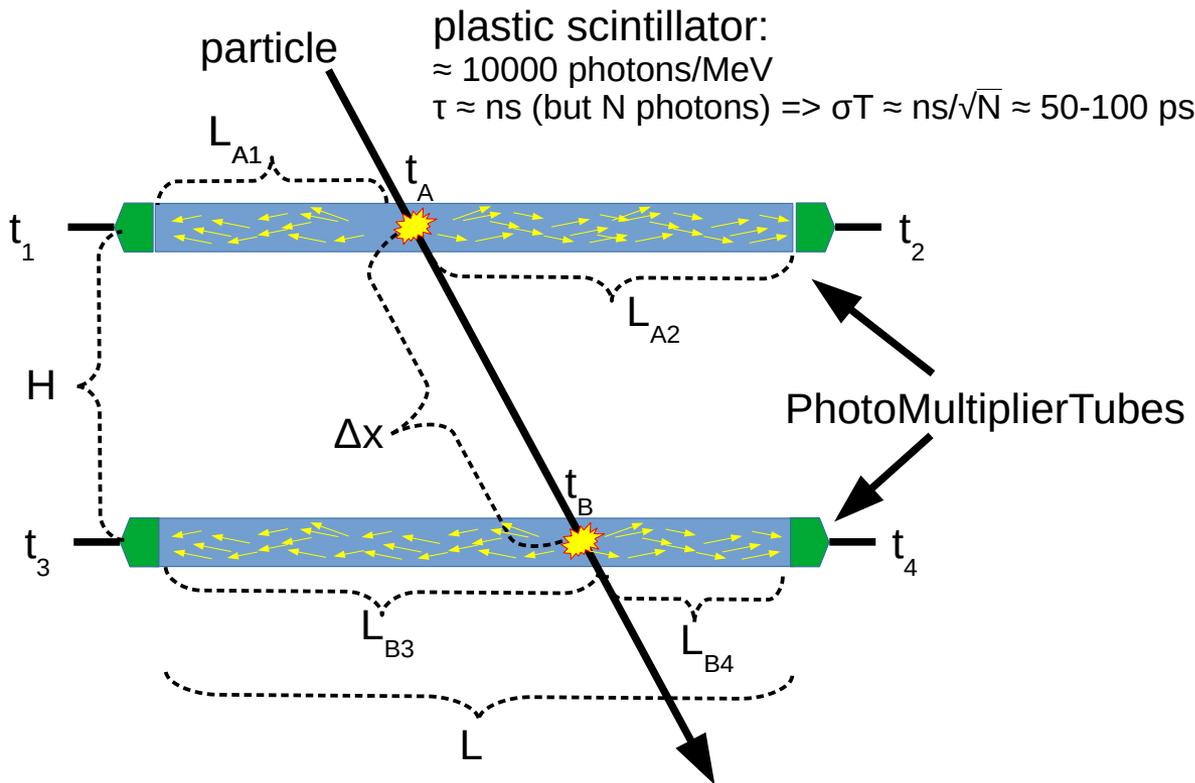
**Velocity direct measurement:**

- Time of Flight
- Cherenkov Detector

**Momentum measurement: ( $R = P/z$ )**

- Magnet + tracker

# Velocity measurement using Time Of Flight



$c = 30\text{cm/ns}$  (speed of light)  
 $n \approx 1.6$  (plastic scint. refr. index)

$$t_1 = t_A + L_{A1} n/c$$

$$t_2 = t_A + L_{A2} n/c$$

$$t_A = (t_1 + t_2)/2 + L n/(2c)$$

$$t_B = (t_3 + t_4)/2 + L n/(2c)$$

$$\text{ToF} = t_B - t_A = (t_3 + t_4 - t_1 - t_2)/2$$

$$\beta = \Delta x / (\text{ToF} c)$$

some tracking is required

Velocity resolution:

$$\Delta\beta/\beta \approx \Delta\text{ToF}/\text{ToF} \approx 100 \text{ ps} c/H$$

$$H=1\text{m} \Rightarrow \Delta\beta/\beta \approx 3\%$$

Energy up to  $\approx \text{GeV}/n$

Position resolution (along the bar)  
 from time difference  $\approx$  few cm

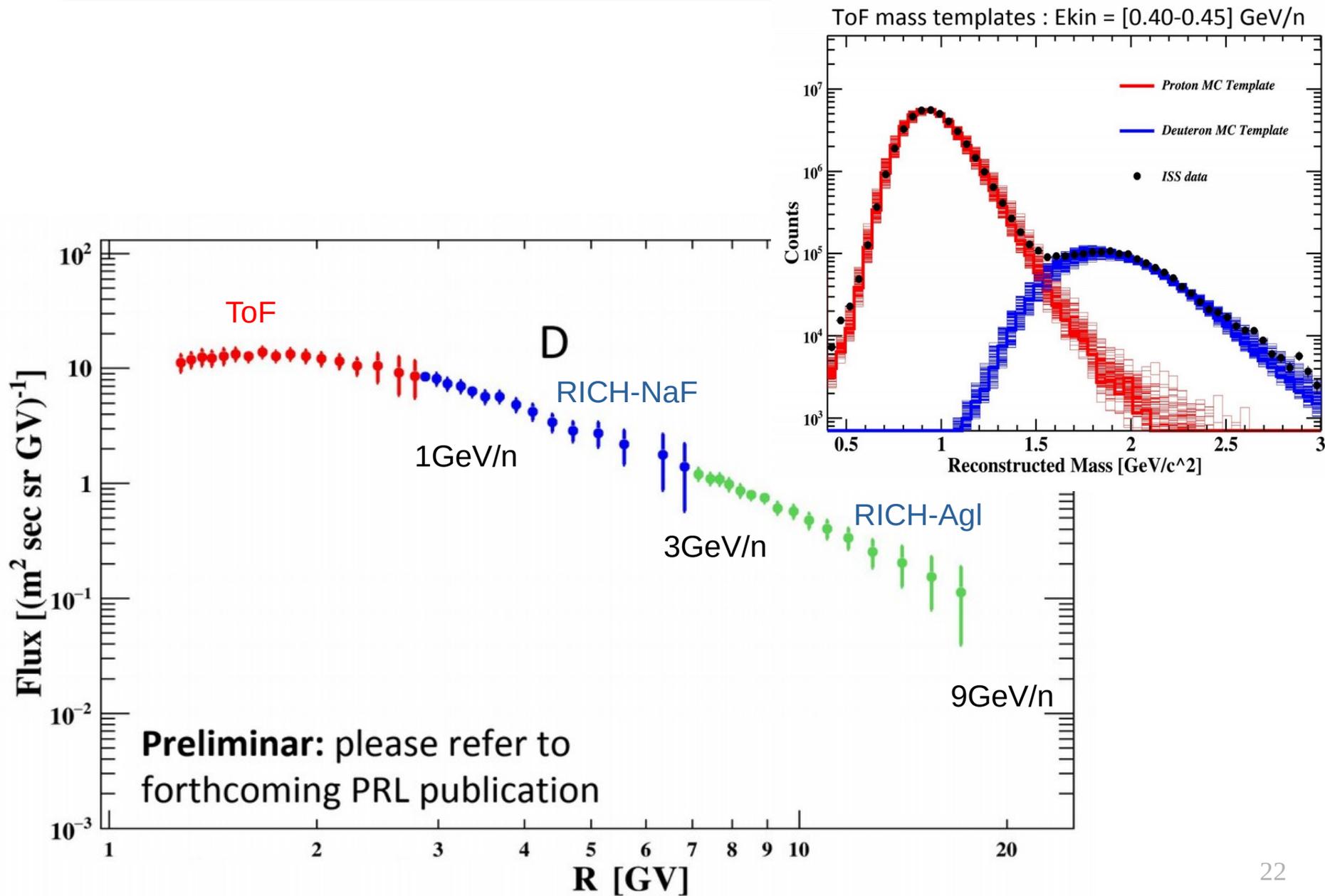
Some "self tracking" capability:

$$t_2 - t_1 = (L_{A2} - L_{A1})n/c = \Delta L_A n/c$$

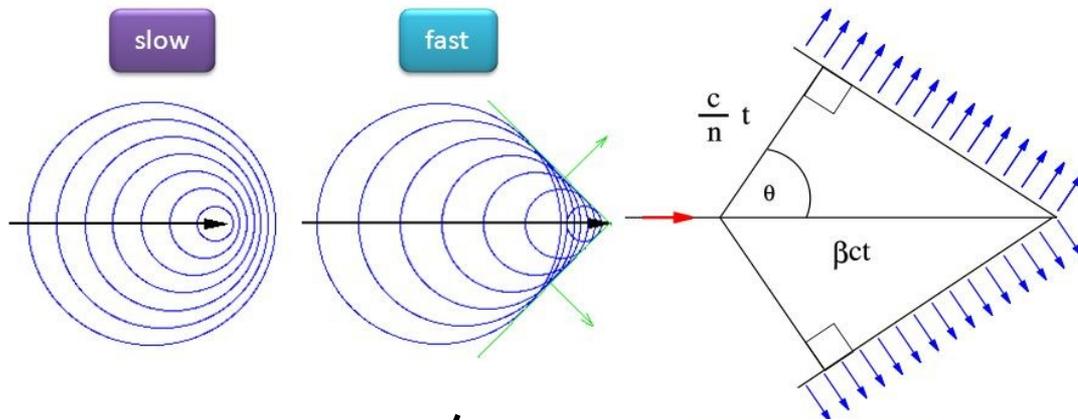
$$t_4 - t_3 = (L_{B4} - L_{B3})n/c = \Delta L_B n/c$$

$$(\Delta x)^2 = H^2 + (\Delta L_A - \Delta L_B)^2/4$$

# Example: AMS02 - Deuteron flux



# Velocity measurement using Cherenkov Ring Imaging



Basic equations:

1)  $\cos\theta = 1/(n\beta)$  [Cherenkov]

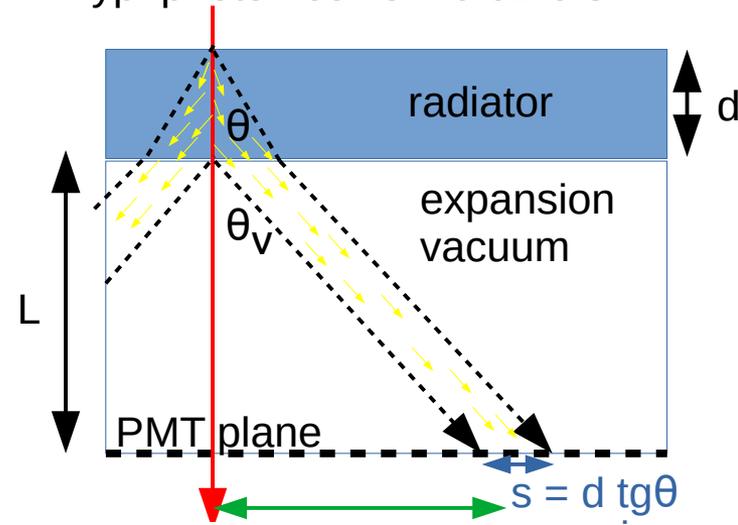
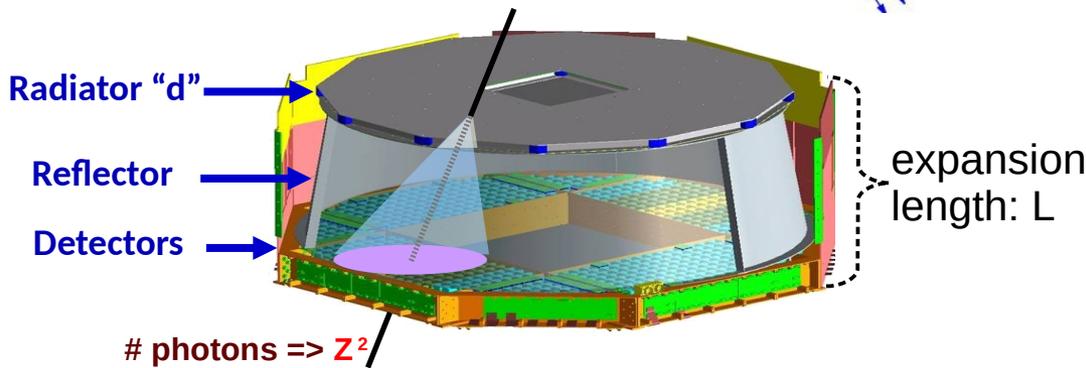
2)  $n \sin\theta = \sin\theta_v$  [Snell]

3)  $N_{ph} \approx \epsilon d 2\pi \alpha Z^2 \sin^2\theta \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_2 \lambda_1}$

$N_{ph} \approx \epsilon d K Z^2 \sin^2\theta$

Typically K 500-1000 photons/cm:

Typ. photon coll. eff. 0.01-0.3



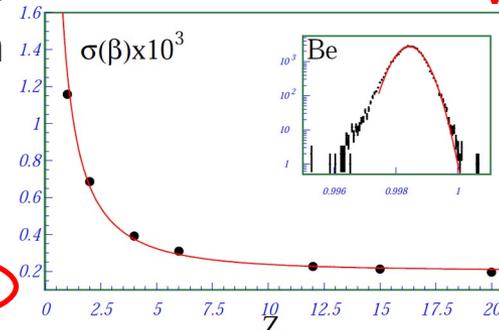
Example of AMS02 RICH:  $L = 45\text{cm}$

AeroGel  $n = 1.05$   $\beta_{\min} = 0.95$   $\sin\theta \approx 0.3$   $d=2.5\text{cm}$

NaF:  $n = 1.33$   $\beta_{\min} = 0.75$   $\sin\theta \approx 0.65$   $d=0.5\text{cm}$

$$\sigma_\beta = \sigma_r \frac{d\beta}{dr} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{12(N_{ph}-2)}} \frac{d\beta}{dr} \sim \frac{d\beta}{L n} \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\sqrt{12(N_{ph}-2)}}$$

AMS02:  $\langle N_{ph} \rangle \approx 3XZ^2$ ;  $\frac{\sigma_\beta}{\beta} \sim \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-3}}{z} \Rightarrow 10 \text{ GeV}/n$



average ring radius  $\bar{r} = \frac{d}{2} \text{tg } \theta + L \text{tg } \theta_v$

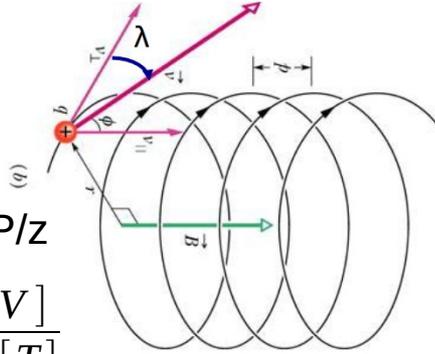
ring thickness  $s = d \text{tg } \theta$

some tracking helps a lot to find the ring center

# Momentum measurement: magnetic spectrometers

Lorentz force

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} = ze\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$



Helix trajectory:  $R = P/z$

$$\rho = \frac{P_{\perp}}{zeB} \Rightarrow \rho [m] = \frac{R [GV]}{0.3 B [T]}$$

Rigidity resolution:

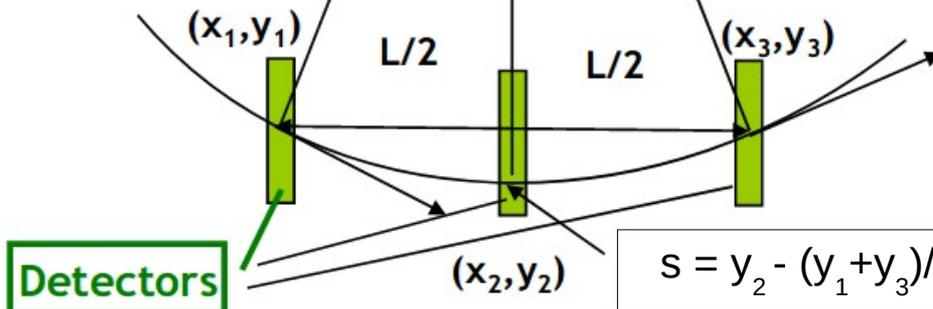
$$\sigma_{1/R} = \frac{\sigma_{1/\rho}}{0.3 B} = \frac{8\sqrt{3/2} \sigma_y}{0.3 B L^2}$$

Sagitta:  $y_2 - (y_1 + y_3)/2$

$$s = \rho \left(1 - \cos \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \approx \frac{L^2}{8\rho}$$

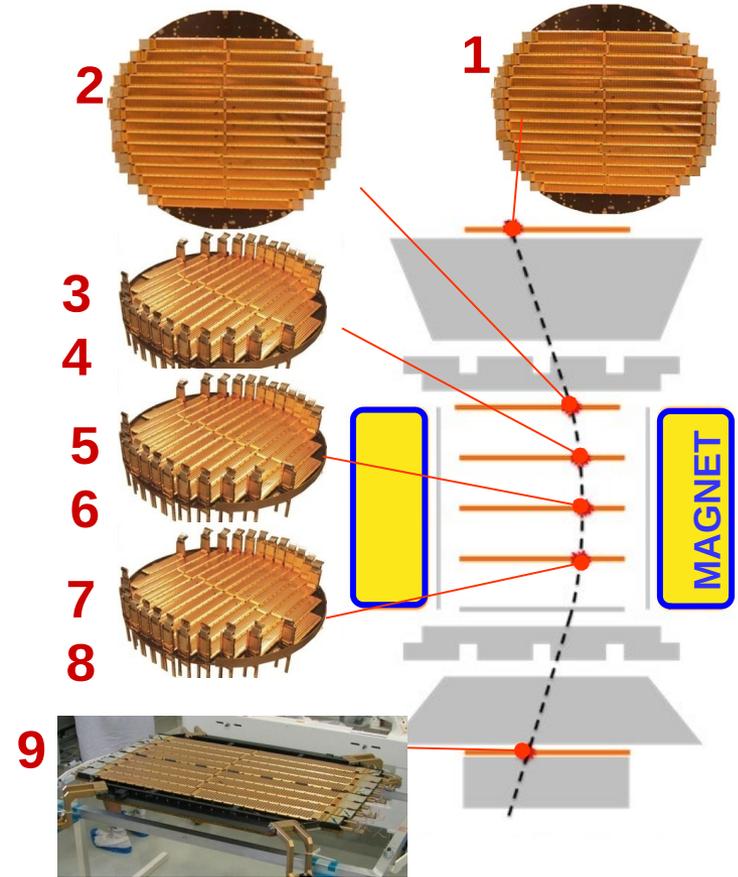
$$\frac{\sigma_R}{R} = R \sigma_{1/R} = \frac{R}{MDR}$$

Maximum Detectable Rigidity



Detectors

$$s = y_2 - (y_1 + y_3)/2$$



For a Tracker with  $N \gg 3$  layers:

$$\frac{1}{MDR} = \sigma_{1/R} \approx \sqrt{\frac{720}{N+4}} \frac{\sigma_y}{0.3 B L^2}$$

AMS02:  $z=1$   $\sigma_y = 10\mu\text{m}$   $MDR_{(z=1)} = 2 \text{ TV}$   
 $z=2$   $\sigma_y = 5\mu\text{m}$  (larger S/N) 24

# Momentum measurement: charge sign identification

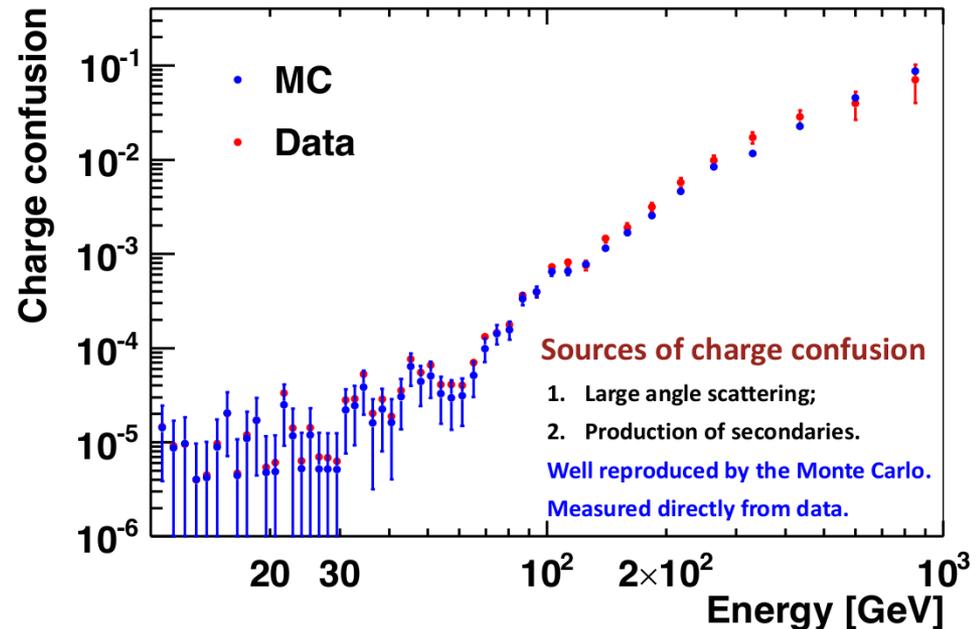
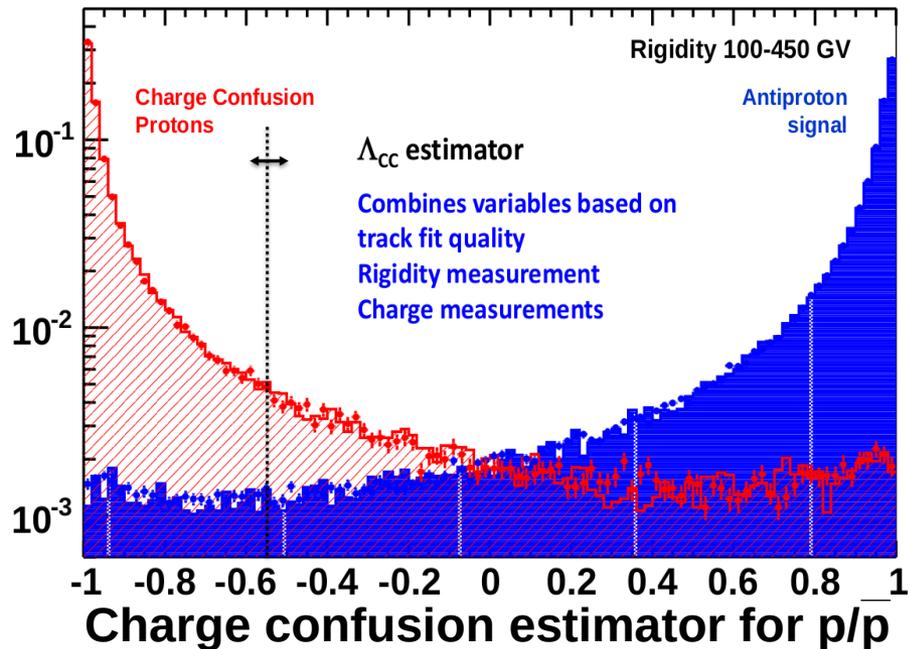
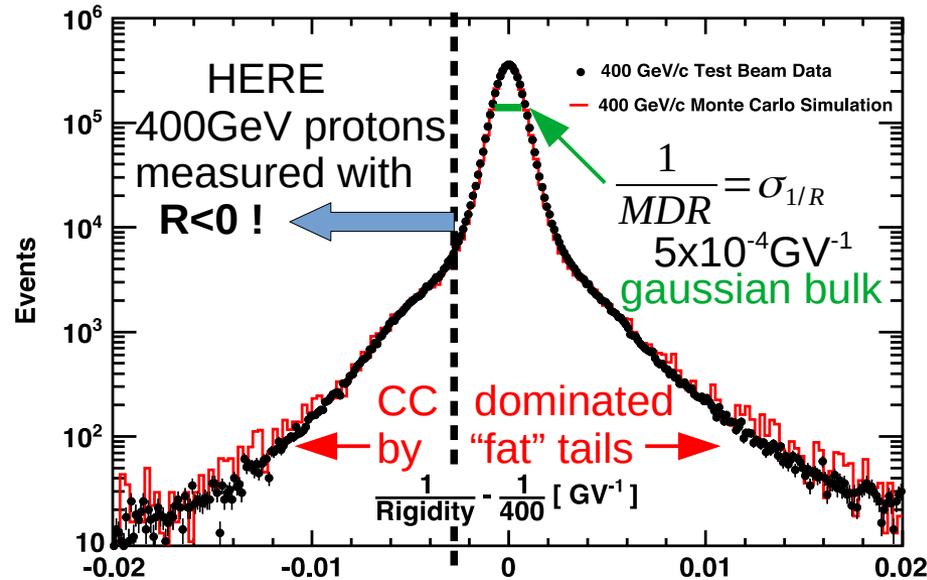
**Tracker MDR = 2 TV for Z=1 particles**

**Charge confusion** = probability of wrong charge sign measurement

**<1% up to 300 GeV**

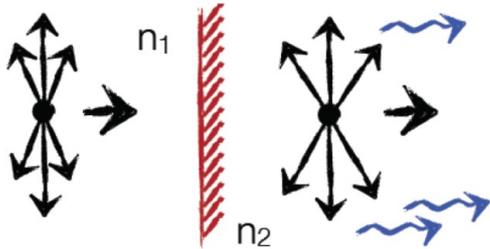
**<10% up to TeV**

**Reduction/identification by MC based multivariate analysis.**



# Measurement of E/M - TRD detector

Particle crossing an interface.



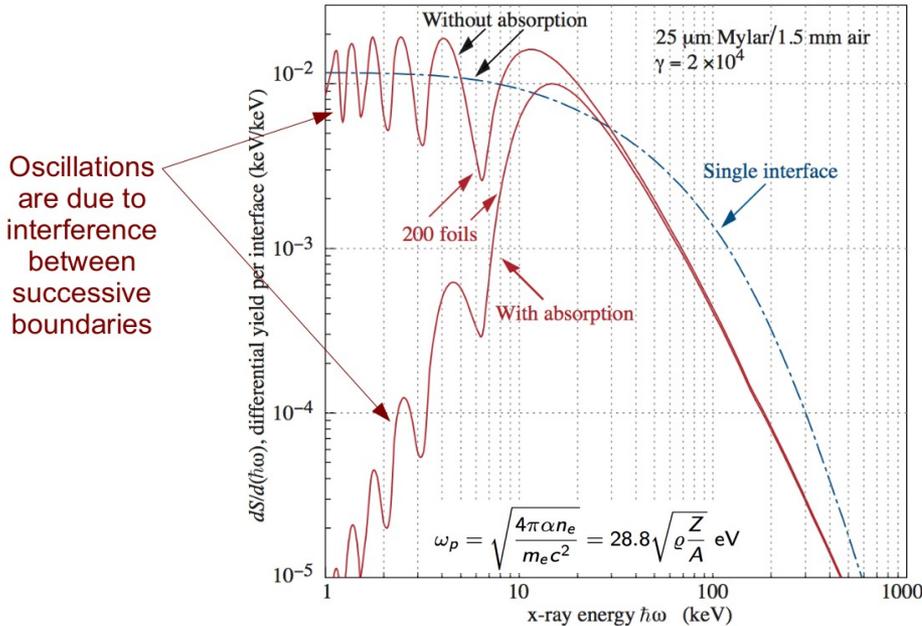
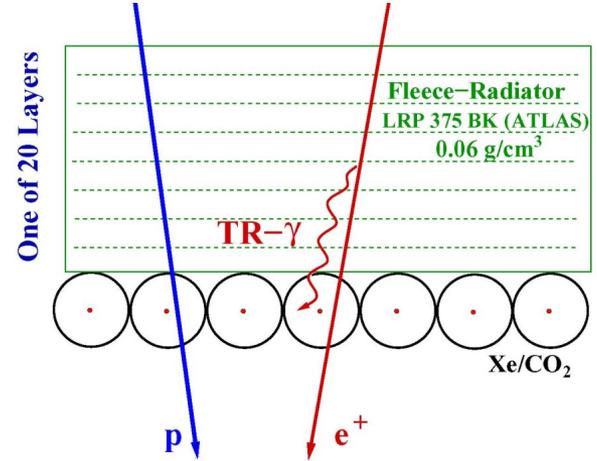
Radiated energy/crossing:

$$W = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \hbar \omega_p \gamma \quad E_\gamma^{\max} \approx \gamma \hbar \omega_p$$

#radiated photons/crossing:

$$N \sim \frac{W}{\hbar \omega} \sim \alpha = \frac{1}{137}$$

Needs a lot of interfaces!



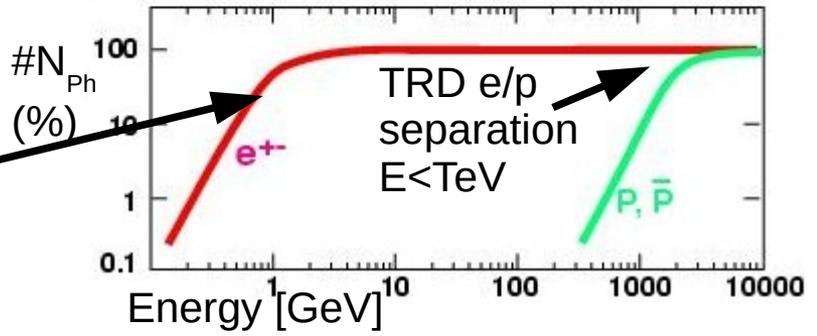
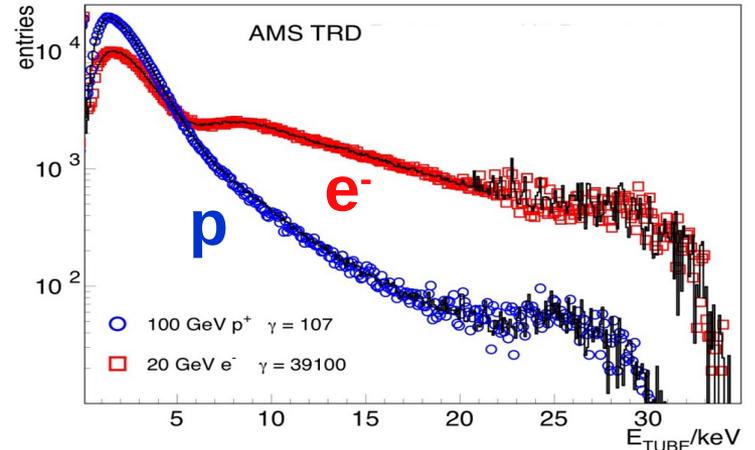
Oscillations are due to interference between successive boundaries

X-ray photon energy spectra for a radiator consisting of 200 25 μm thick foils of Mylar and for a single surface

Saturation of number of TRD photons  $\gamma > \gamma_{sat} \sim 2000$

Not easy to perform isotopic separation...

Usually Likelihood technique adopted to do PID

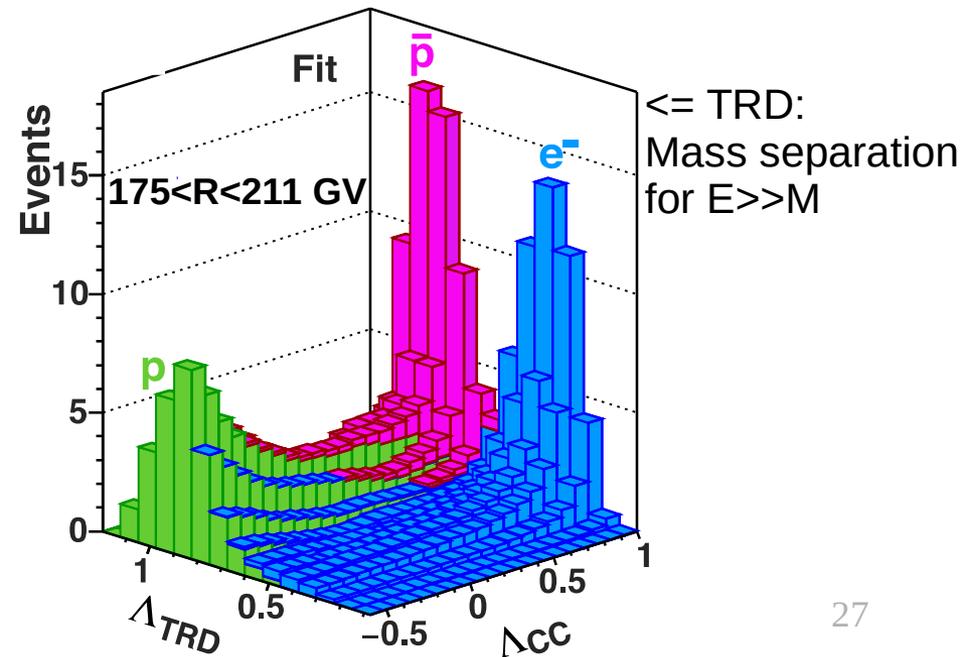
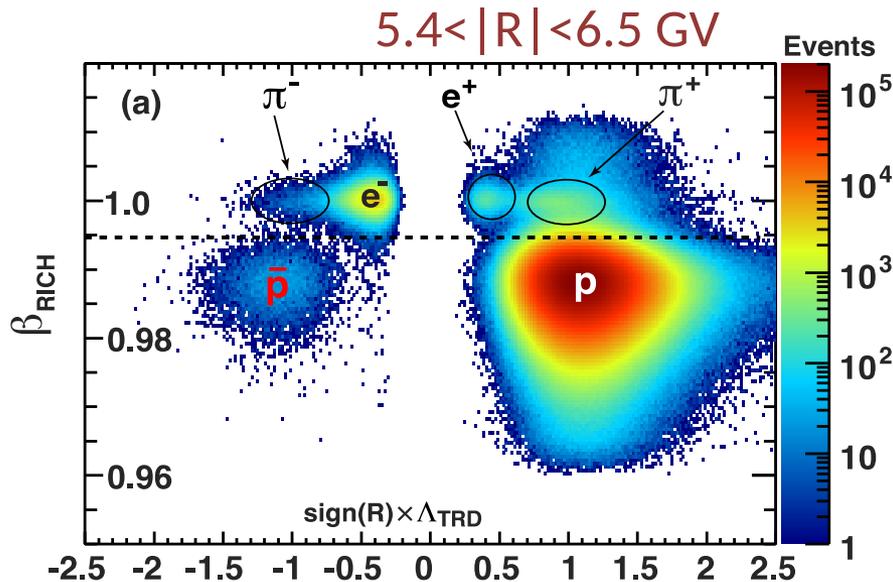
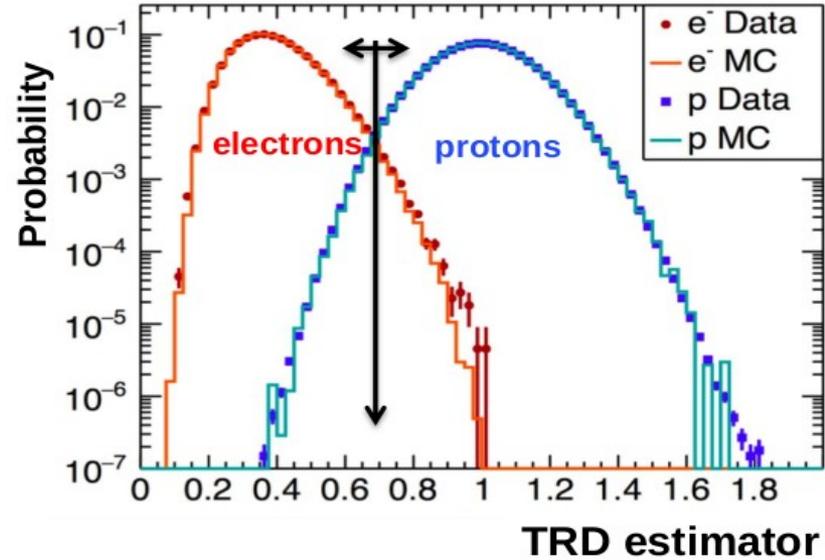


# TRD based Mass measurement at high energy:

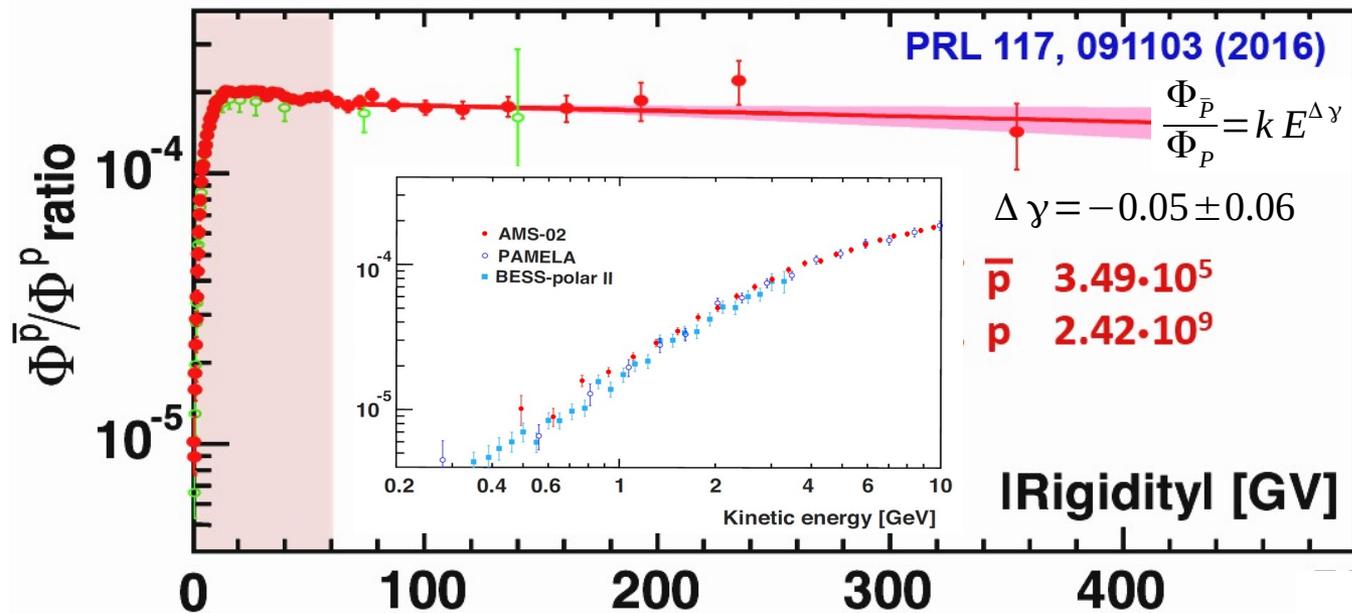
**N = 20 layers**

$$P_p = \sqrt[n]{\prod_i P_p^{(i)}(A)} \quad P_e = \sqrt[n]{\prod_i P_e^{(i)}(A)}$$

**TRD estimator =  $-\ln(P_e/(P_e+P_p))$**

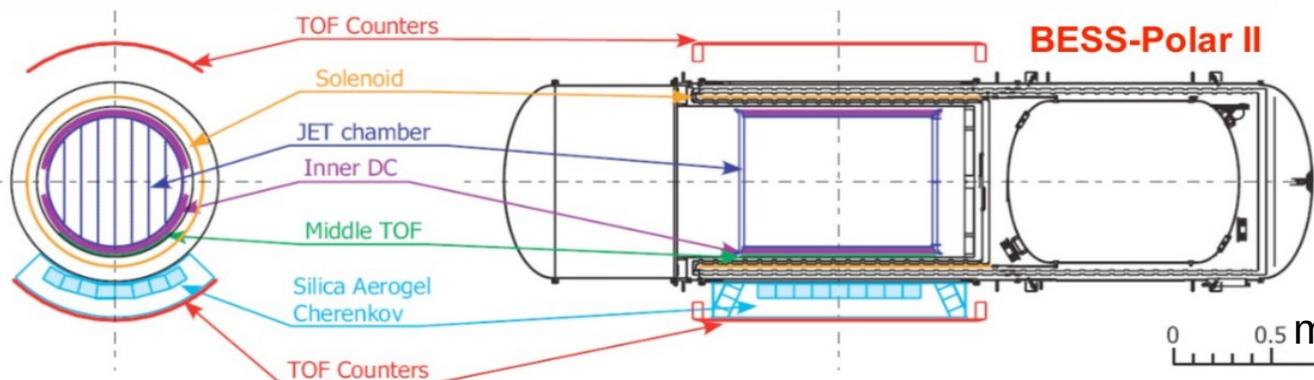


# Antiprotons in cosmic rays



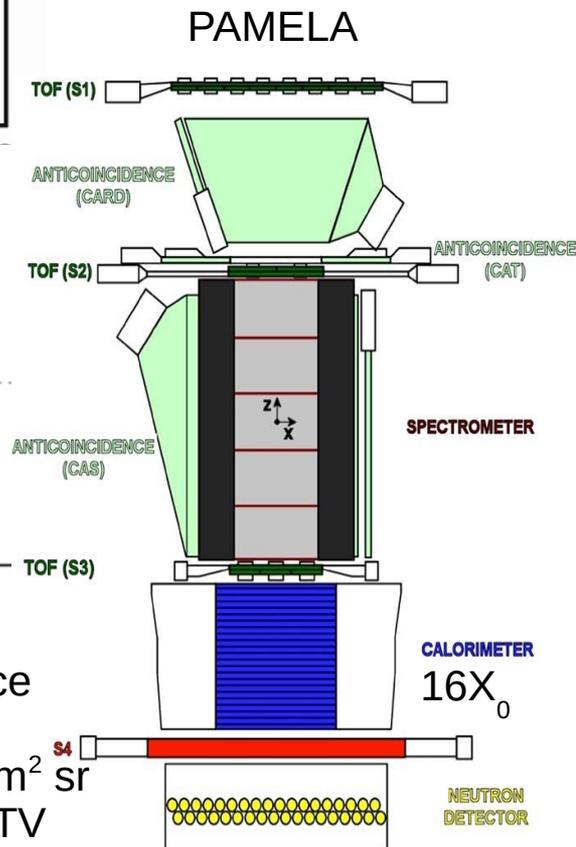
Flat antiproton ratio.

“exotic” sources?  
 Background model  
 still uncertain  
 (next slides...)

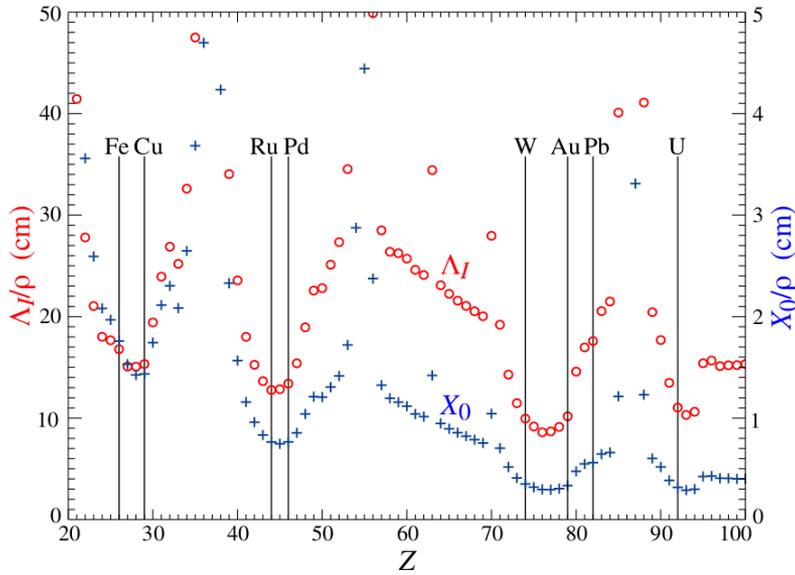


BESS-Polar II (2008-2010)  
 Balloon:  $\approx 30\text{g}$   $4.7 \cdot 10^9$  events  
 Acceptance:  $3000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$   $1500\text{kg}$   
 1T superconducting magnet  
 drift chambers  $\Rightarrow$  MDR = 270 GV

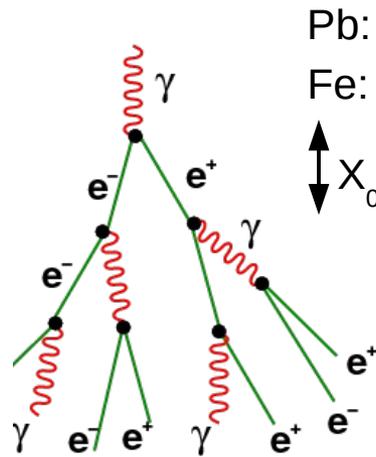
PAMELA:  
 (2006-2016) in space  
 1.3m x 460kg  
 Acceptance:  $21.5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$   
 0.43T  $\Rightarrow$  MDR = 1 TV



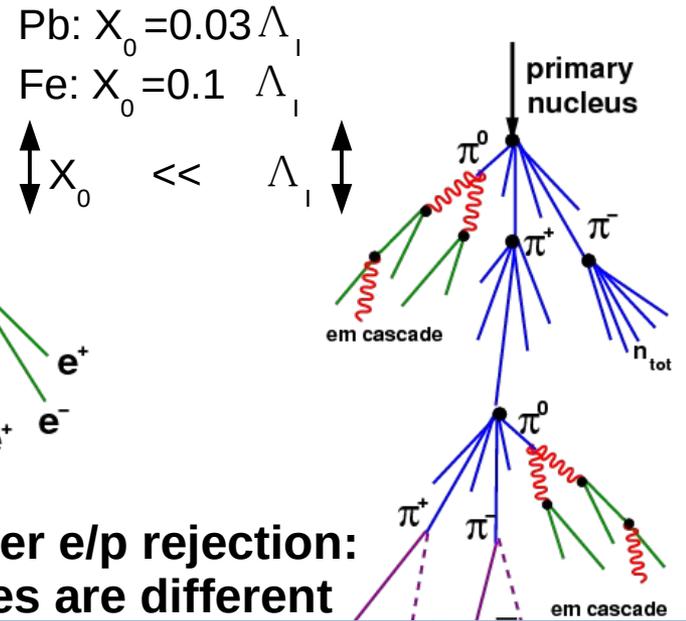
# the Mass "of the detector": Calorimetry



em cascade

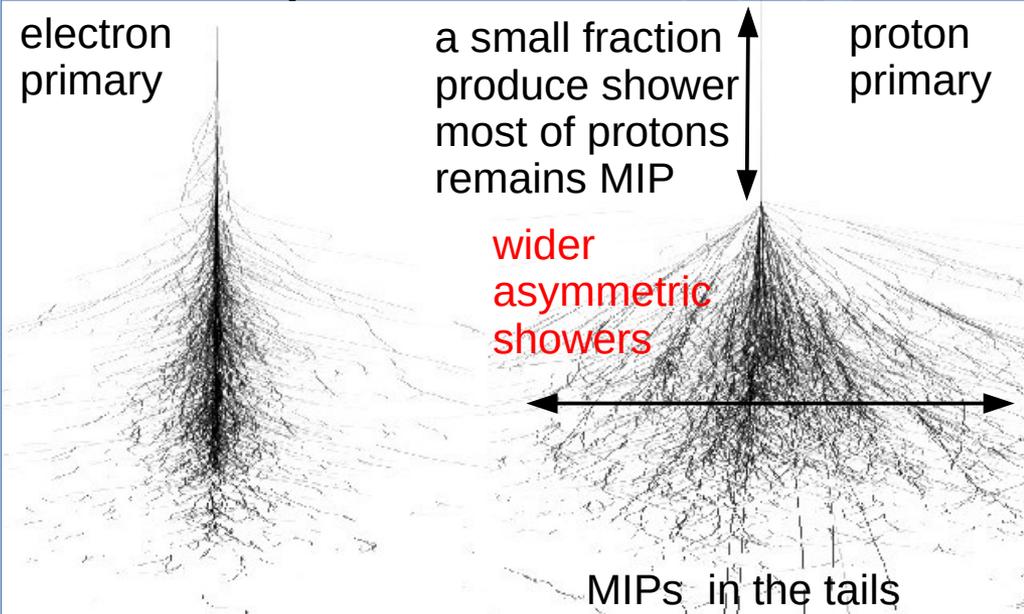
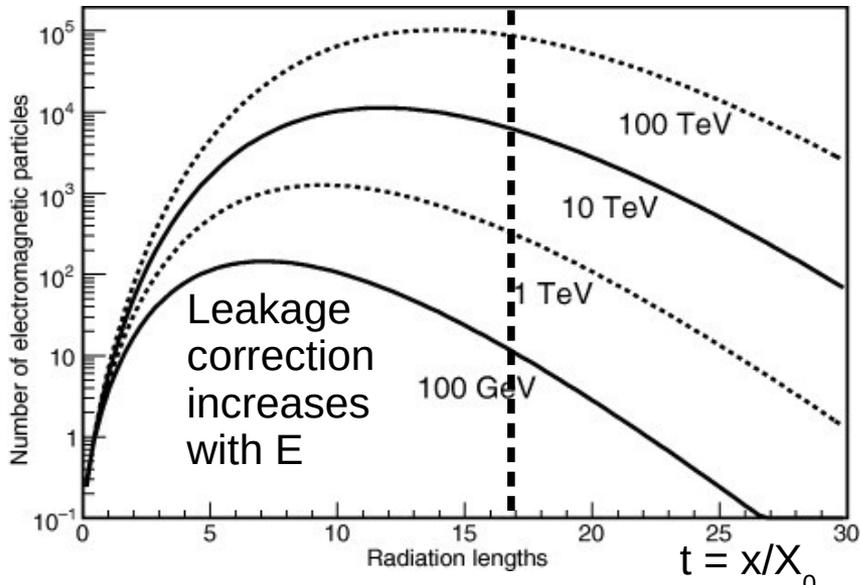


hadronic cascade



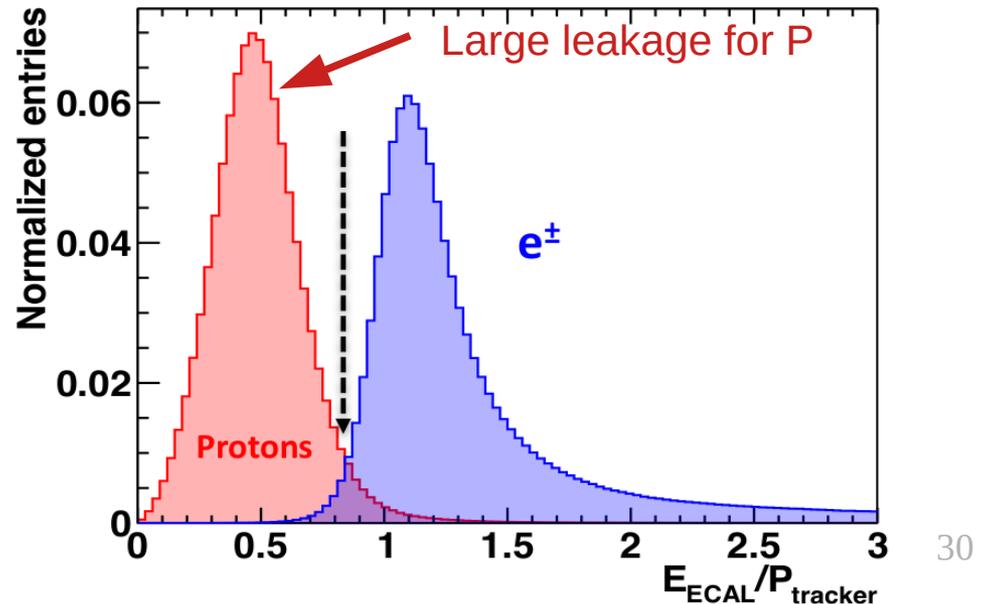
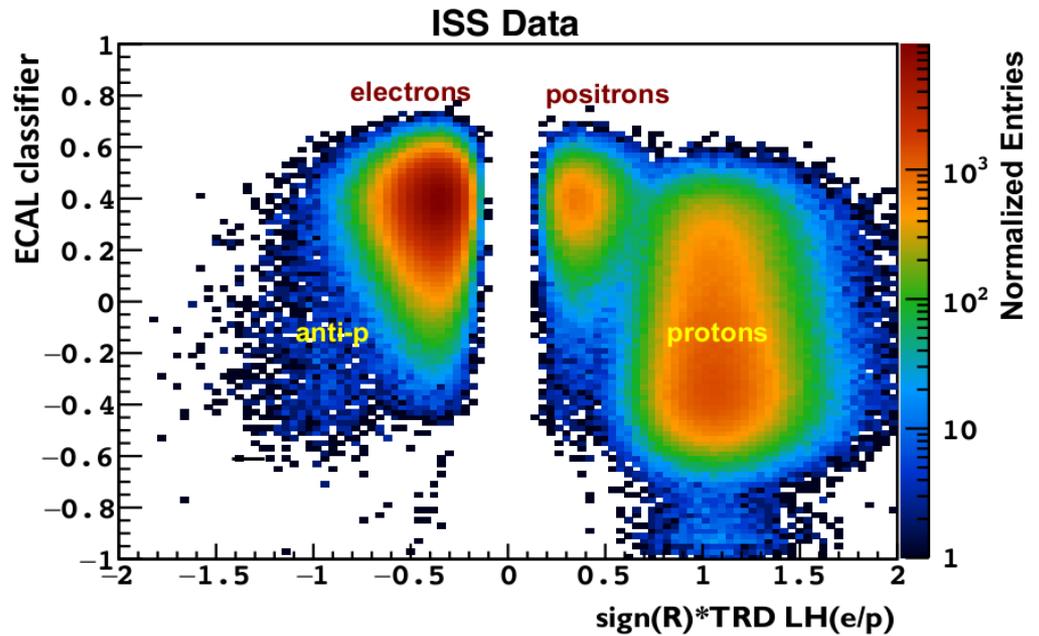
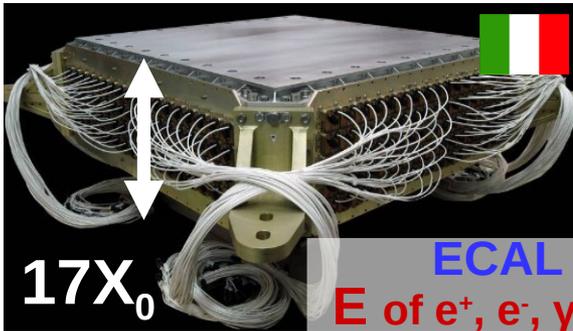
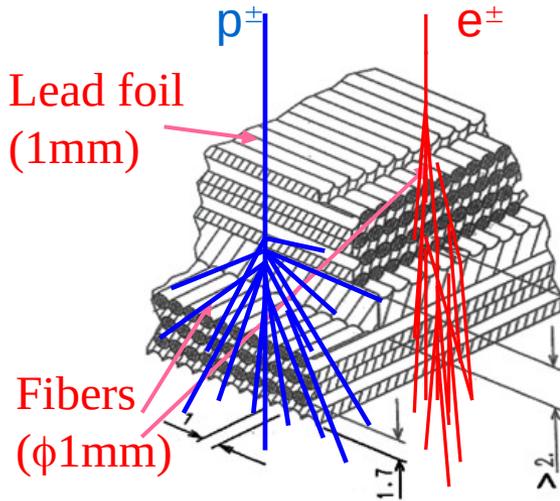
$$\frac{dE}{dt} = E_0 b \frac{(bt)^{a-1} e^{-bt}}{\Gamma(a)} \quad t_{max} = \ln\left(\frac{E}{E_c}\right) \pm 0.5$$

**ECAL classifier e/p rejection: shower shapes are different**



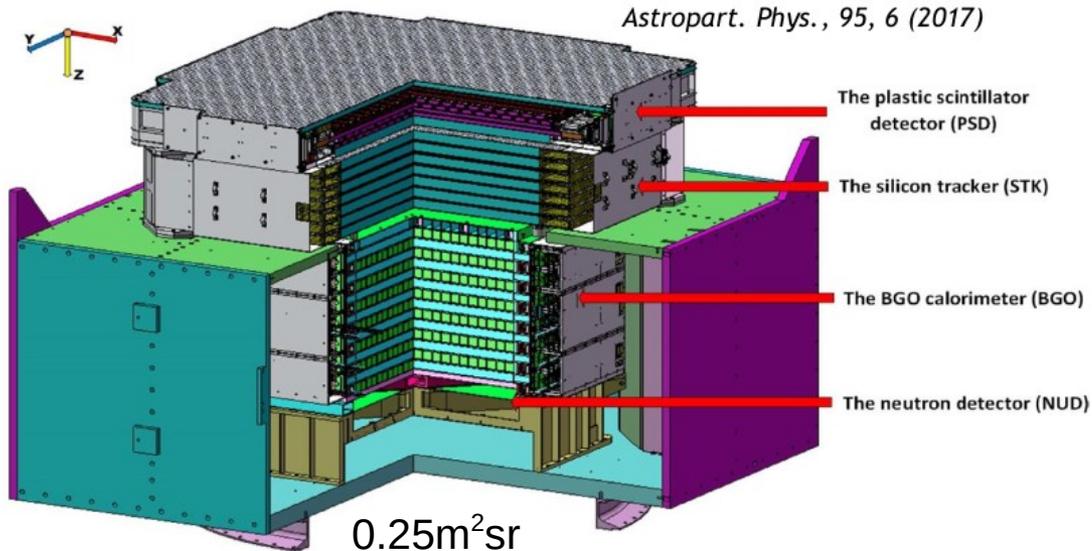
# AMS02-ECAL: redundancy matters

50,000 fibers,  $\phi = 1$  mm  
Inside 600 kg of lead

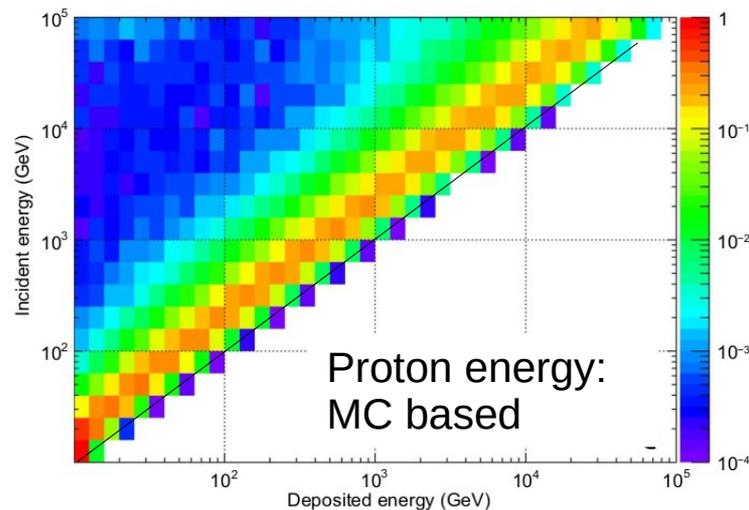


ECAL energy resolution  $\sim 2\%$  at HE  
ECAL energy absolute scale tested during test beams on ground + E/R  
MIP ionization used to cross-calibrate the energy scale in flight

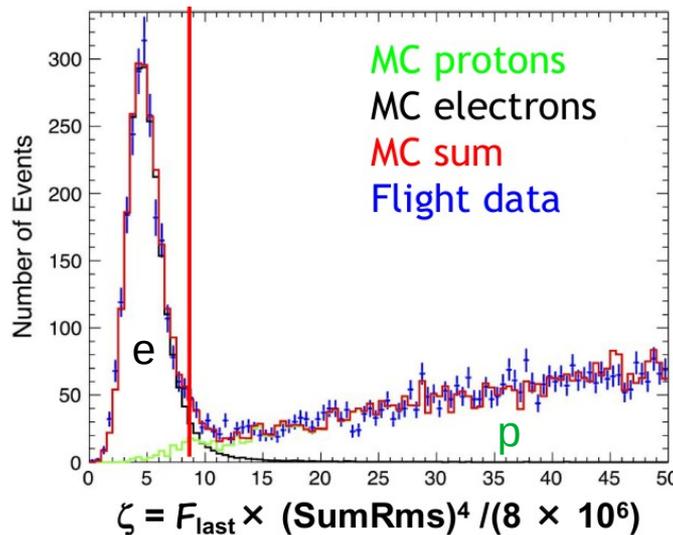
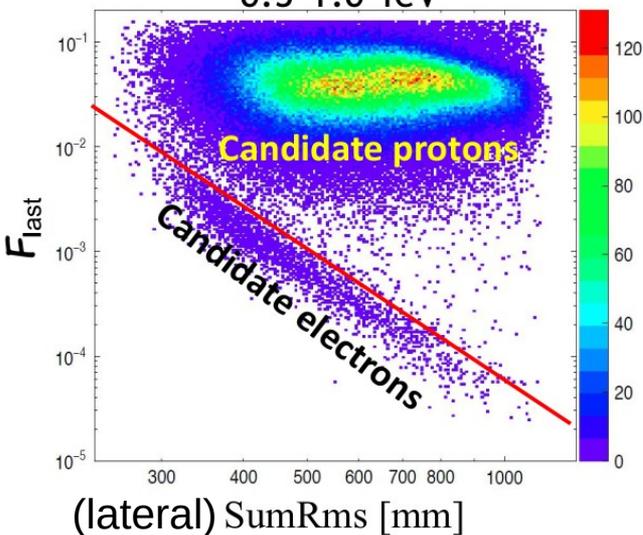
# DAMPE: 31 X<sub>0</sub> (1.6 $\Lambda$ <sub>p</sub>) size matters



Electron: Test Beam up to 243 GeV  
 MC extrapolated to 5 TeV  
 Proton: Test Beam up to 400 GeV  
 MC extrapolated to 100 TeV



0.5-1.0 TeV

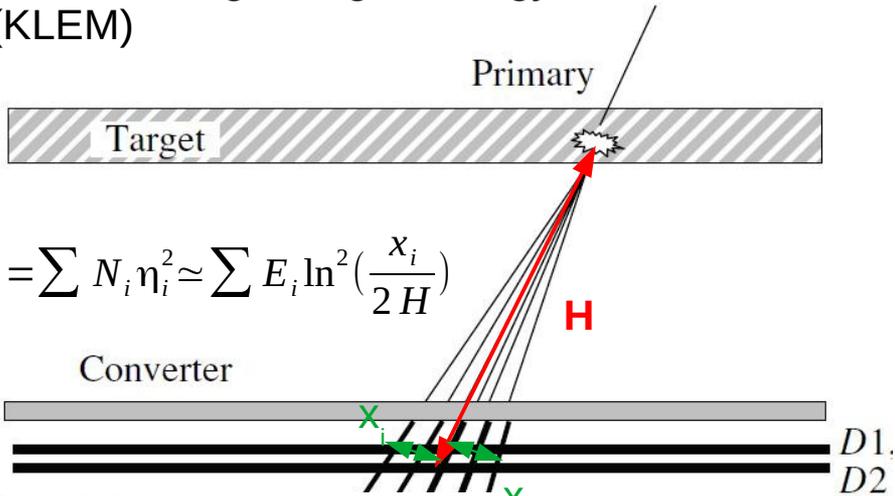


Proton Energy resolution:  
 100 GeV  $\Rightarrow$  10 TeV  
 25%  $\Rightarrow$  35%

No redundancy of  
 Energy scale :(

# NUCLEON: size does not matter ... if you have a clever idea (and a good MC)

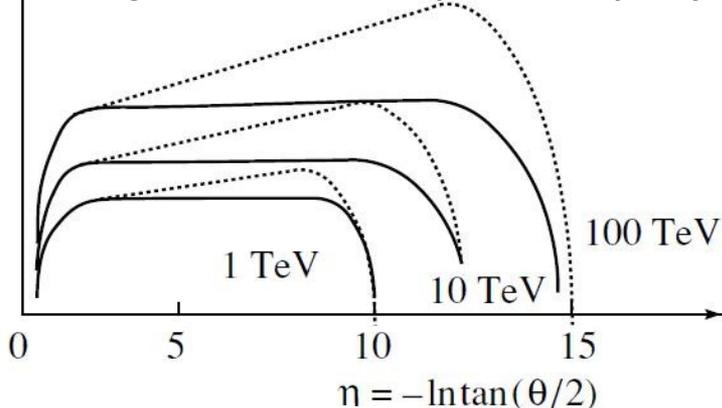
## Kinematic Lightweight Energy Method (KLEM)



$$S = \sum N_i \eta_i^2 \approx \sum E_i \ln^2 \left( \frac{x_i}{2H} \right)$$

$\log(dN/d\eta)$

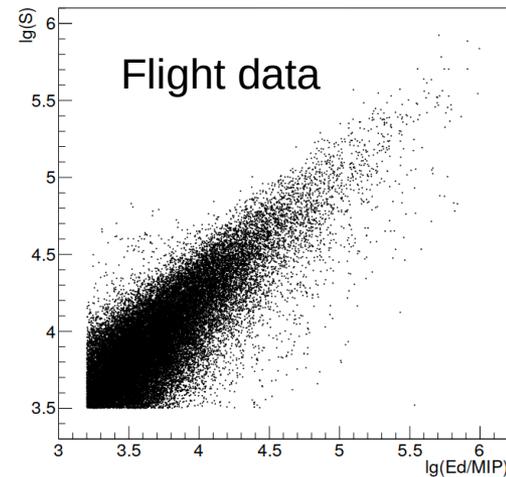
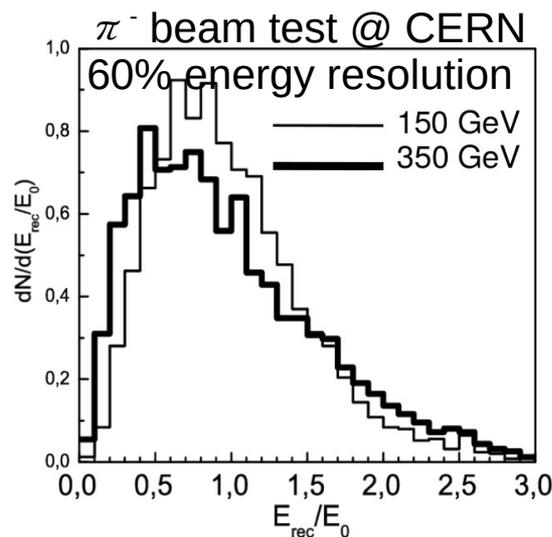
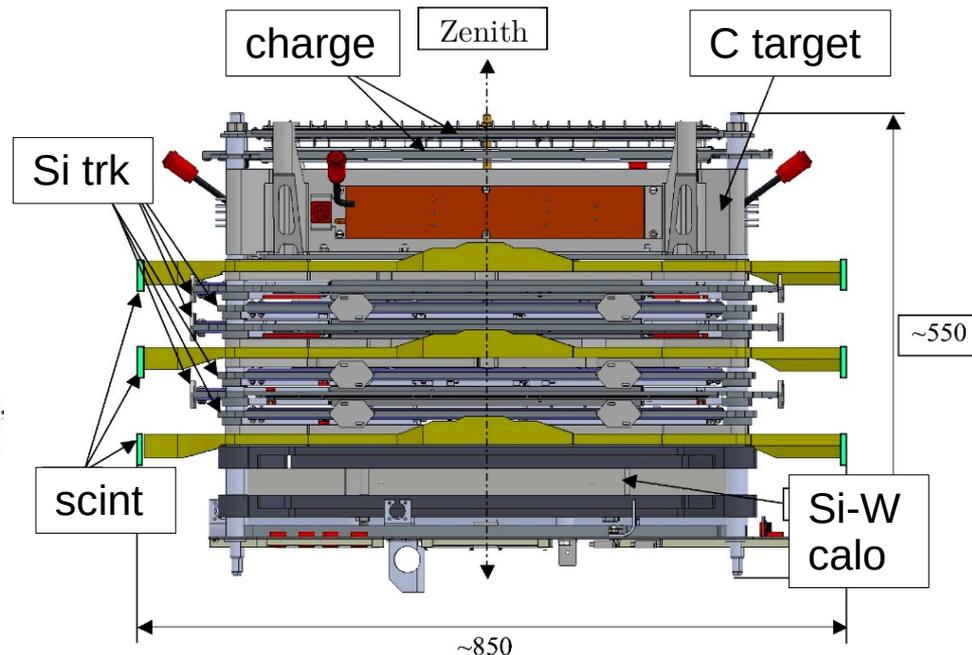
Large E => smaller pseudorapidity



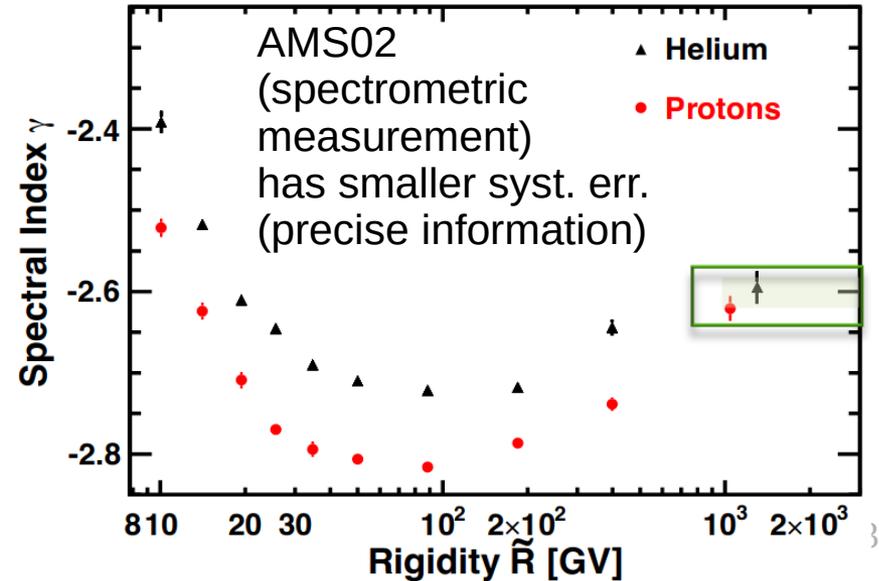
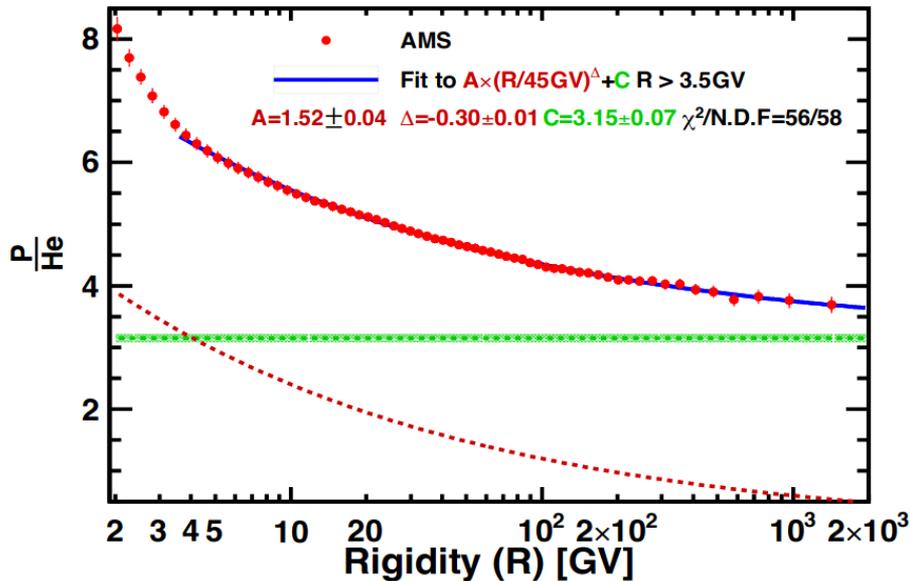
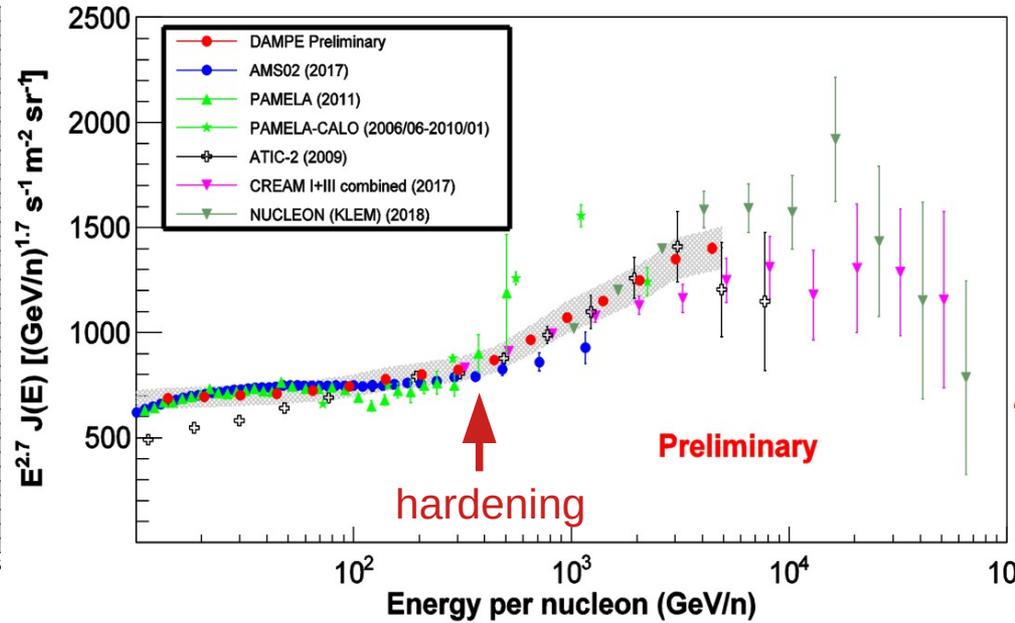
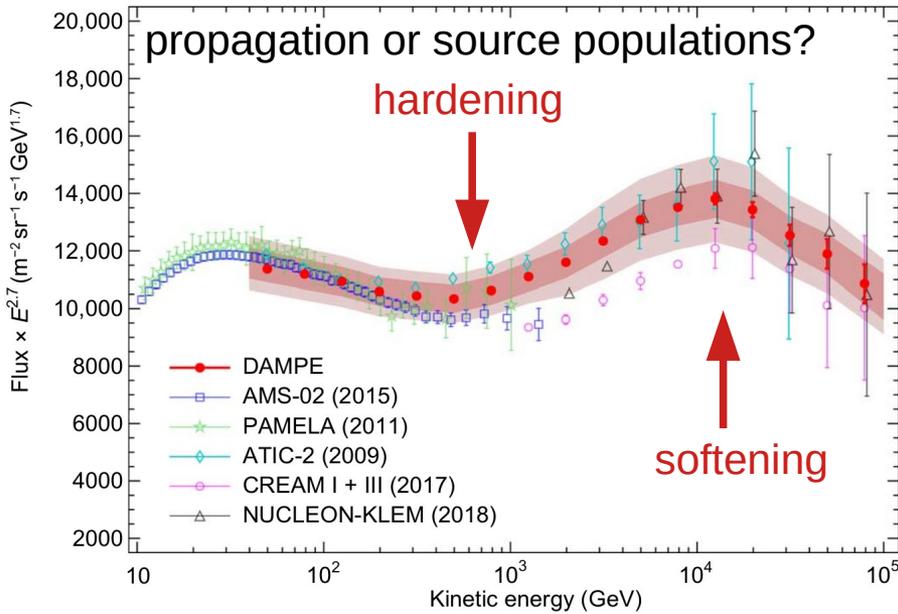
Projectile	a, GeV	b
p	1651	1.36
He	2556	1.27
C	3514	1.18
S	4163	1.14
Fe	4362	1.12

$$E_{primary} \approx aS^b$$

## Thin Calorimeter 12 X<sub>0</sub> 350kg 0.2m<sup>2</sup>sr (2017)



# P & He spectrum



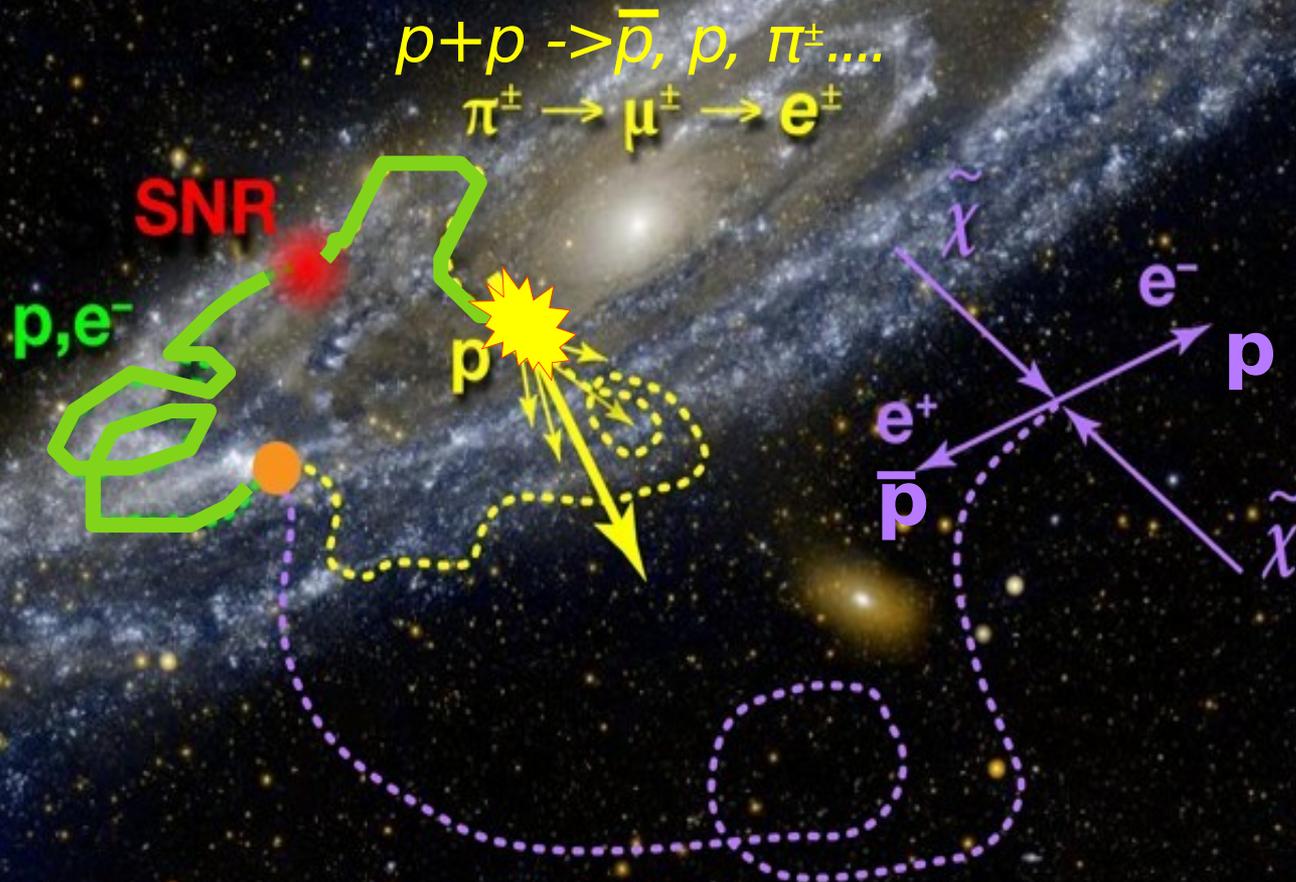
# Cosmic Rays & DARK MATTER

**e<sup>-</sup> and p are produced and accelerated from SNR**

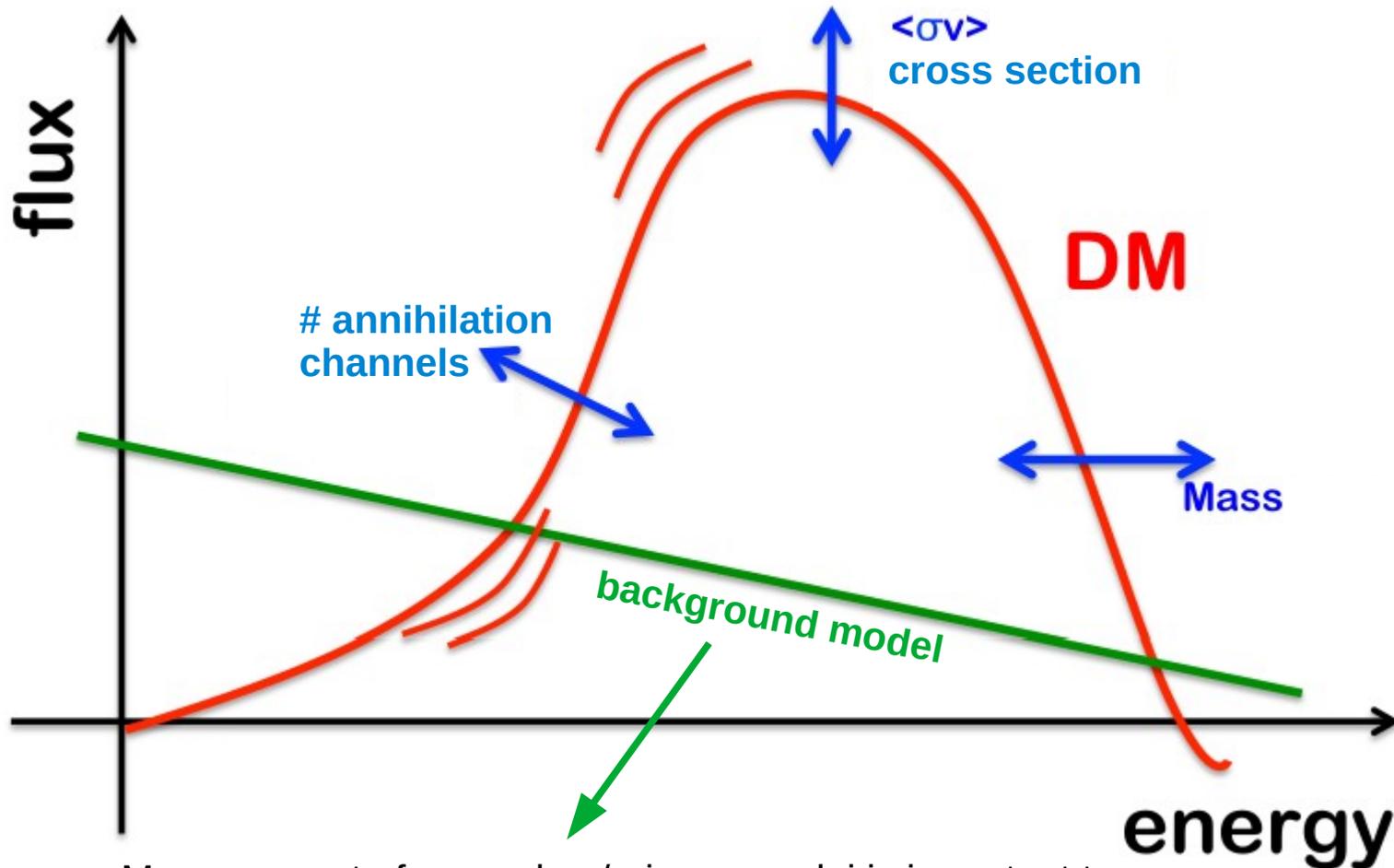
**Collision of “ordinary” Cosmic Rays produce secondary e<sup>+</sup>, e<sup>-</sup>,  $\bar{p}$**

Among many possible mechanisms:

**Collisions of Dark Matter will produce additional e<sup>+</sup>, e<sup>-</sup>,  $\bar{p}$**

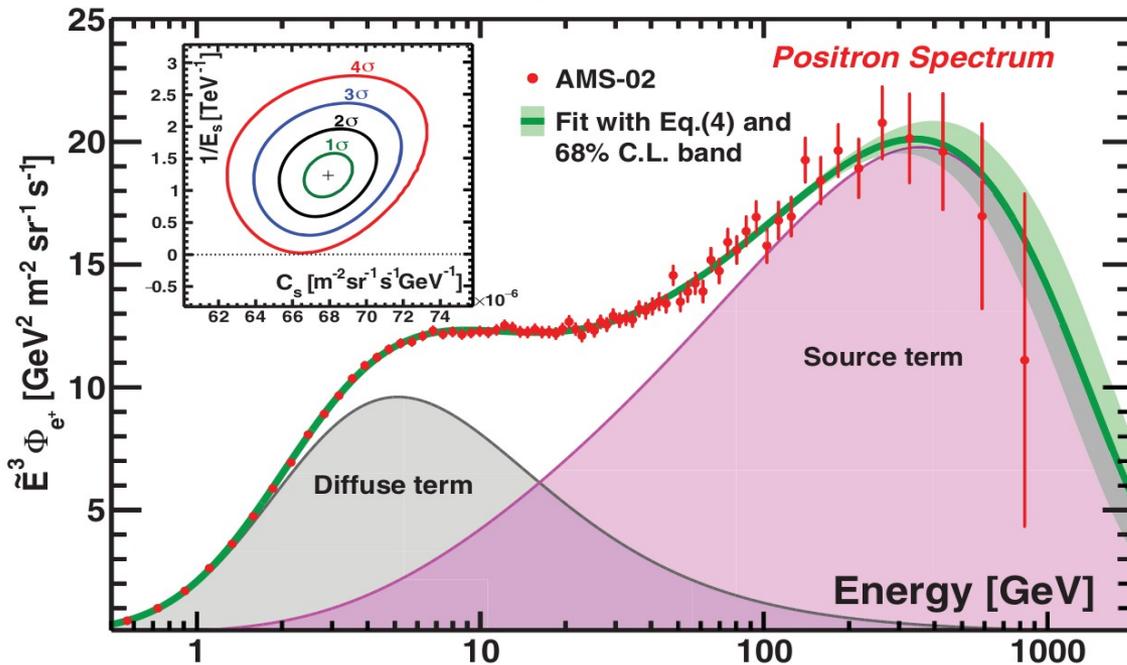
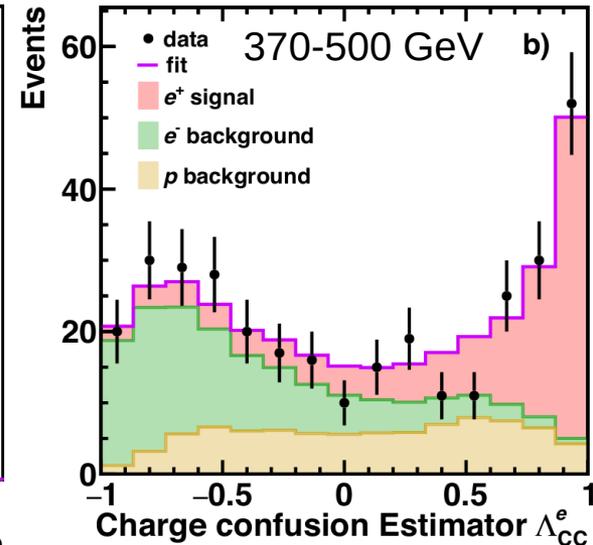
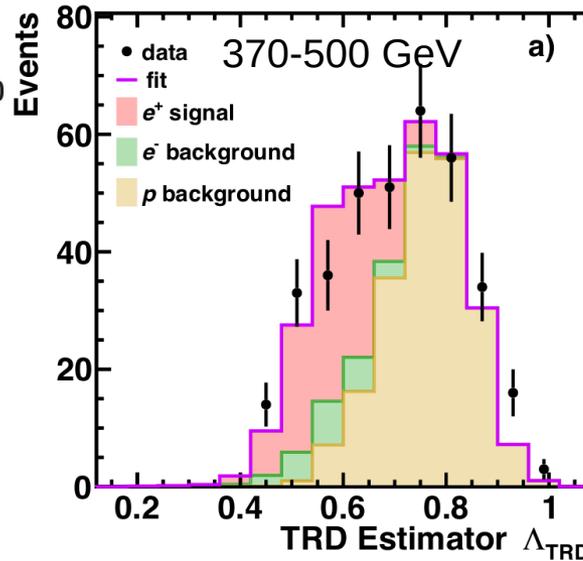
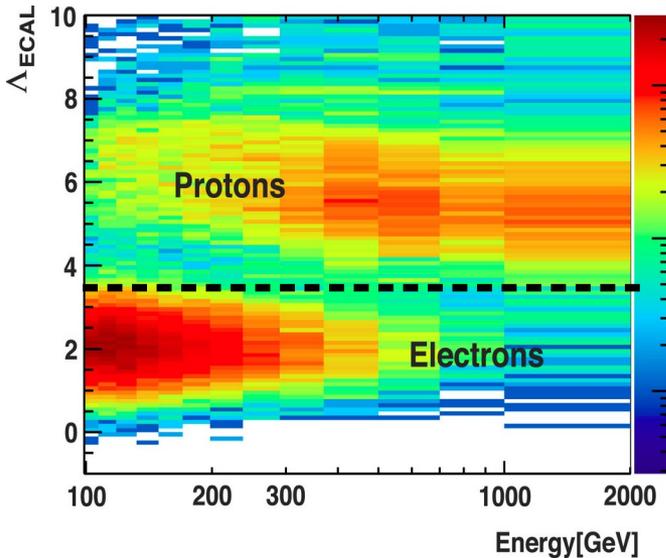


# Dark Matter => antimatter exotic source



Measurement of secondary/primary nuclei is important to define effects of propagation/interaction in ISM. This allows a precise evaluation of the antimatter background.

# AMS02 Positrons



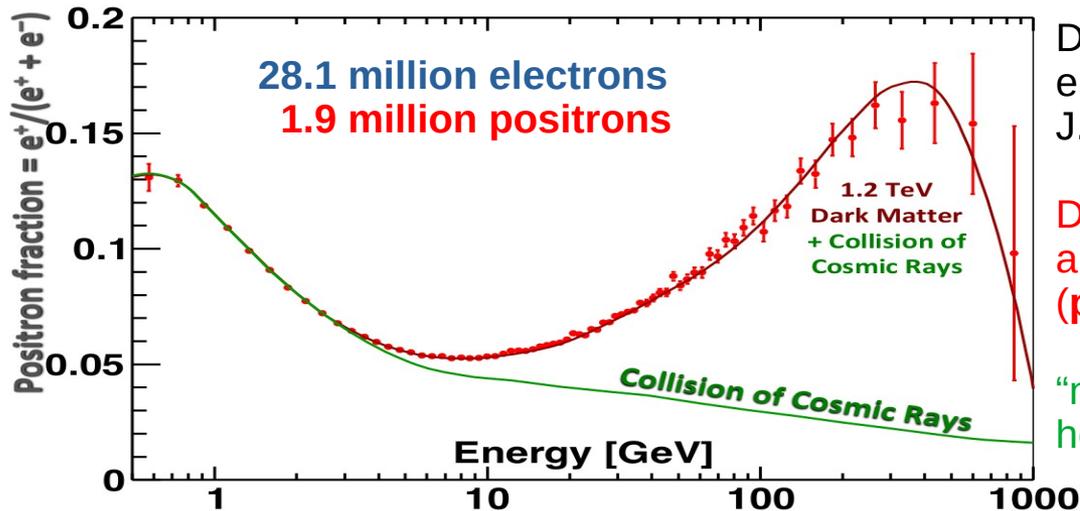
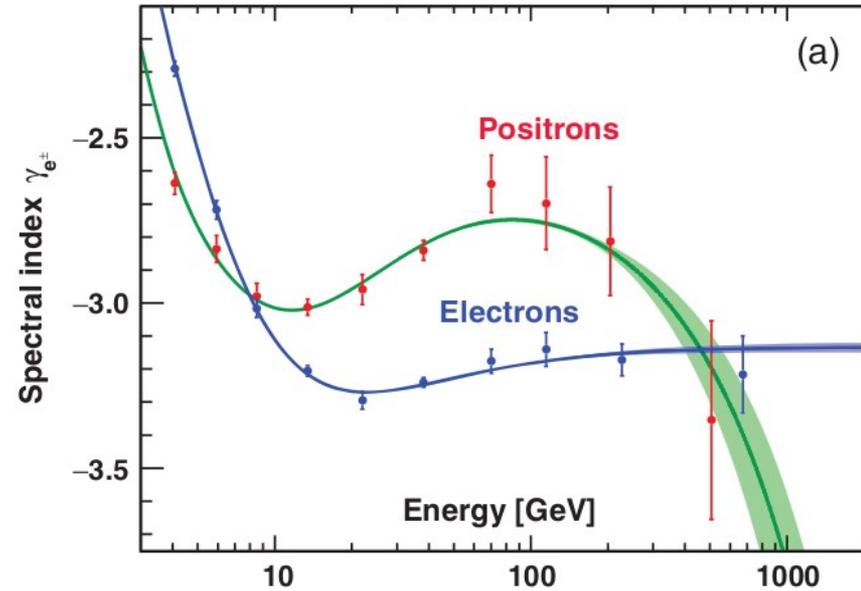
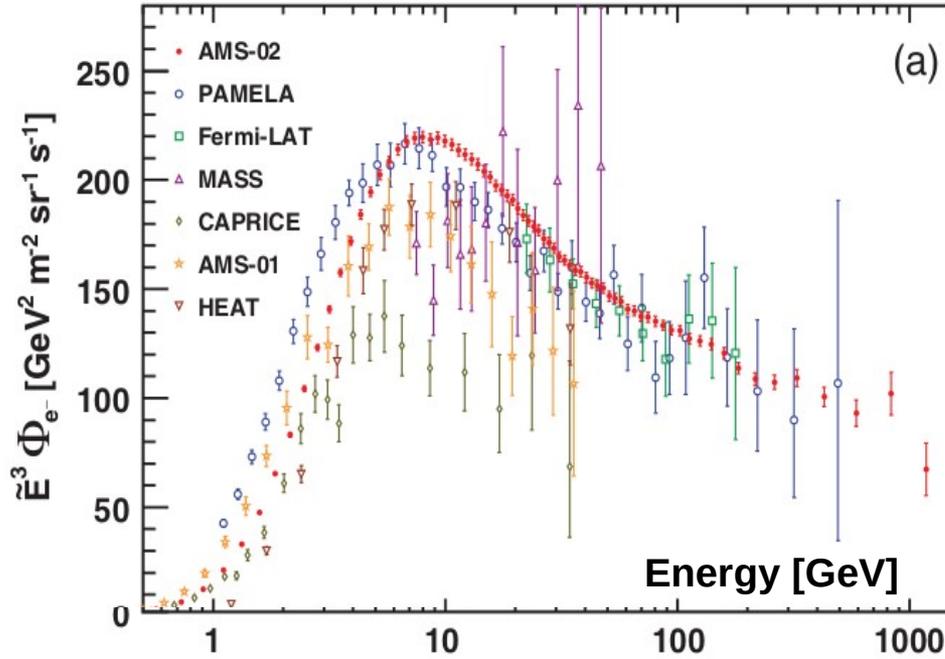
$$\Phi_{e^+}(E) = \frac{E^2}{\hat{E}^2} \left[ C_{e^+} \hat{E}^{\gamma_{e^+}} + C_S \hat{E}^{\gamma_S} \exp(-\hat{E}/E_S) \right]$$

MINIMAL MODEL:

- **quantitative** information about the Positron source
- **minimal assumptions** on the underlying physics

Evidence for a cutoff energy:  
 $E_s = 810 \text{ GeV} @ 99.99\% (4 \sigma)$

# AMS02 Electrons & Positron fraction

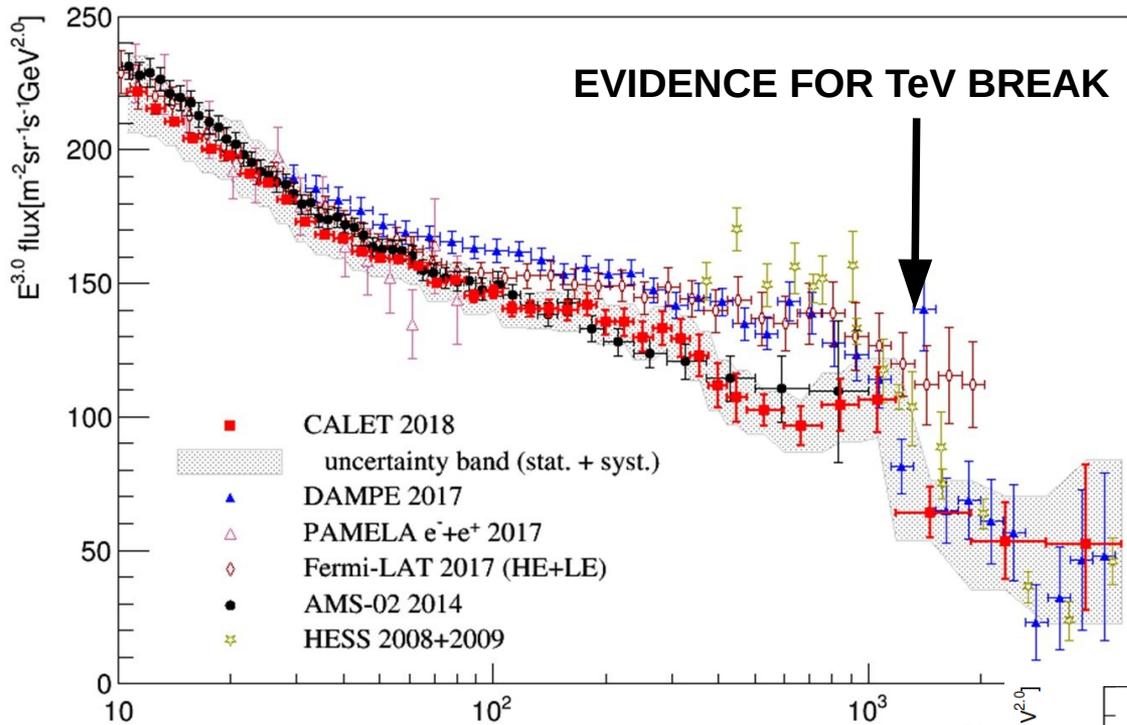


Detailed information on the positron source e.g. “excess” is compatible with Dark Matter J. Kopp, Phys. Rev. D 88, 076013 (2013).

Dark Matter is just an “intriguing” example, also nearby astrophysical positron sources (**pulsar**) could account for the excess...

“next point” (1-1.5 TeV, AMS02@2026) will help to solve degeneracy ...

# Electrons + Positrons



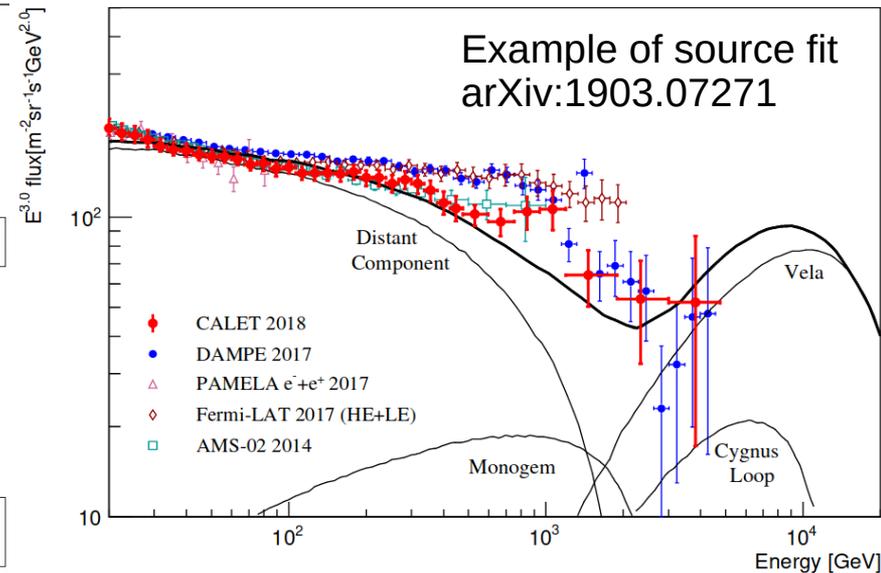
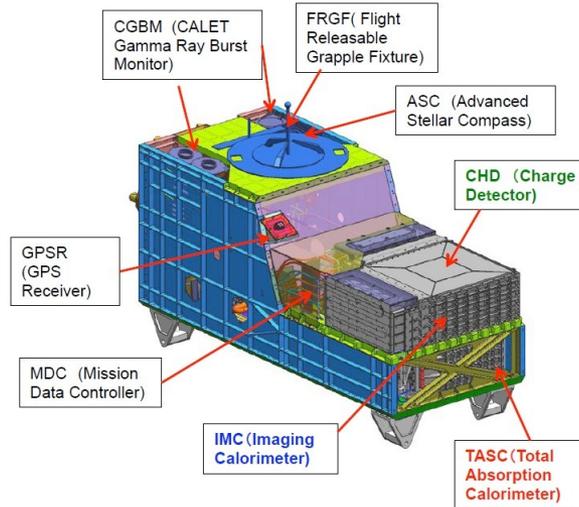
Some tension in results:  
 DAMPE compatible with Fermi-LAT  
 CALET compatible with AMS02  
 All of them within  $2.5 \sigma$  considering syst. uncertainties in calorim. E scale

HESS  
 (indirect detection see next lecture)

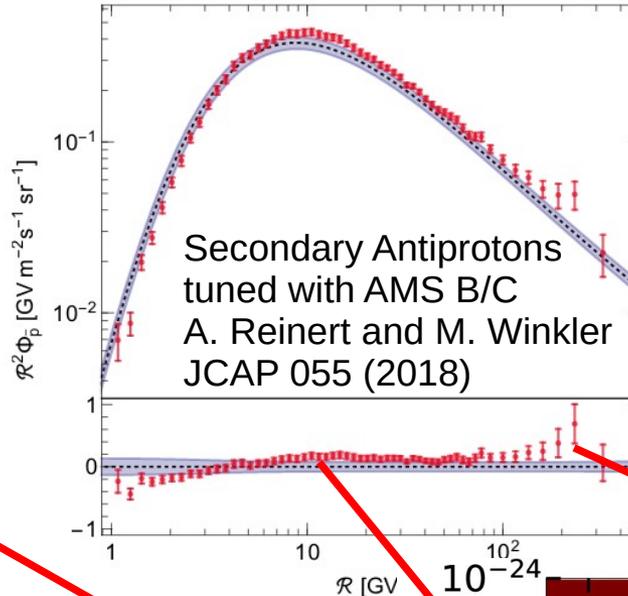
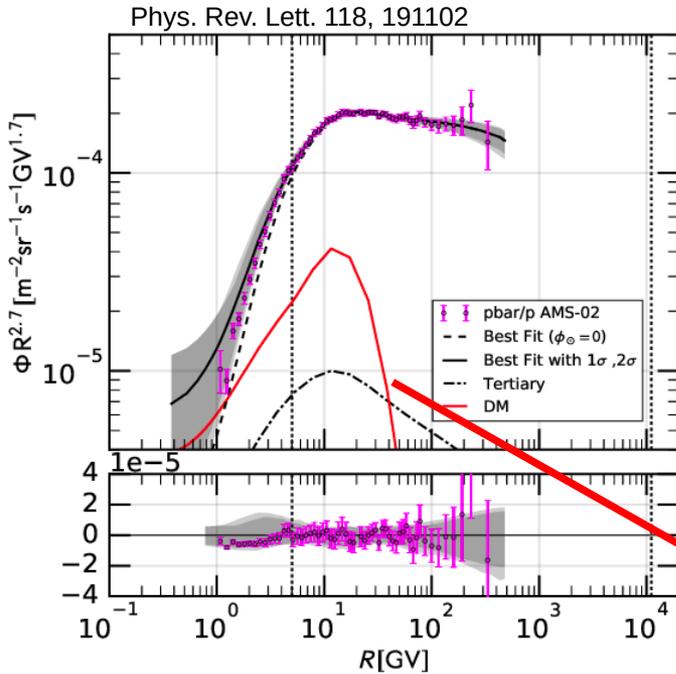


## CALET (2015)

- SciFi 41064 fibers 40.6 kg
- MA-PMT 642 PMTs
- Lead 1024 mm x 1024 mm  
 4 r.l. =  $\begin{cases} 0.1 \text{ r.l.} \times 10 \\ 0.2 \text{ r.l.} \times 5 \\ 1 \text{ r.l.} \times 2 \end{cases}$  266.6 kg
- BGO 25 mm x 25 mm x 350 mm  
 784 logs 1222.8 kg  
 32 r.l. 1.6 m.f.p
- Detector Total Weight 1530 kg  
 (+15% Support => 1760 kg)



# Some excess in Antiprotons?



AMS02@2026

Can just add a new point up to 550-600 GeV  
Charge confusion is dominated by gaussian "spillover" (MDR bulk)

"A Robust Excess in the Cosmic-Ray Antiproton Spectrum"  
Phys. Rev. D 99, 103026 (2019)

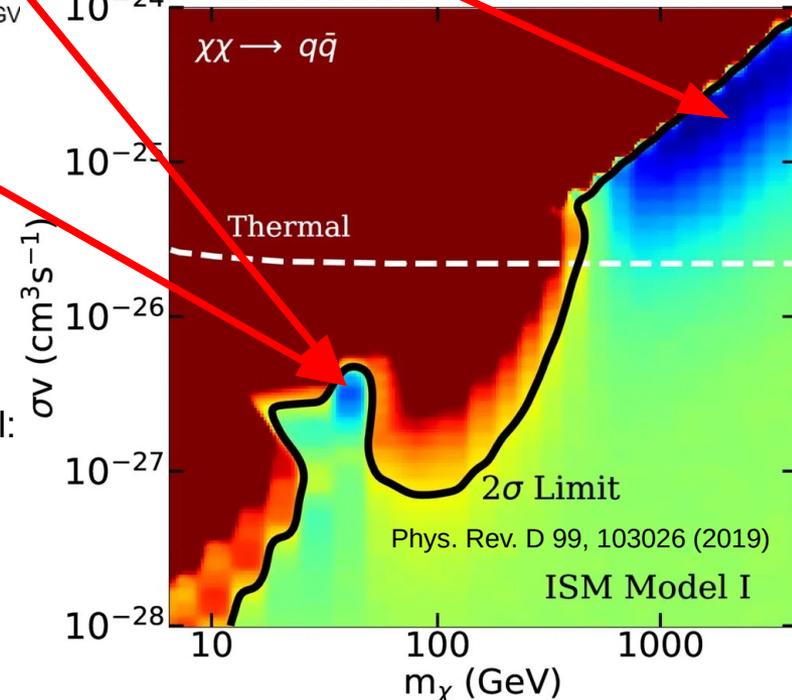
"AMS-02 antiprotons are consistent with a secondary astrophysical origin" arXiv:1906.07119

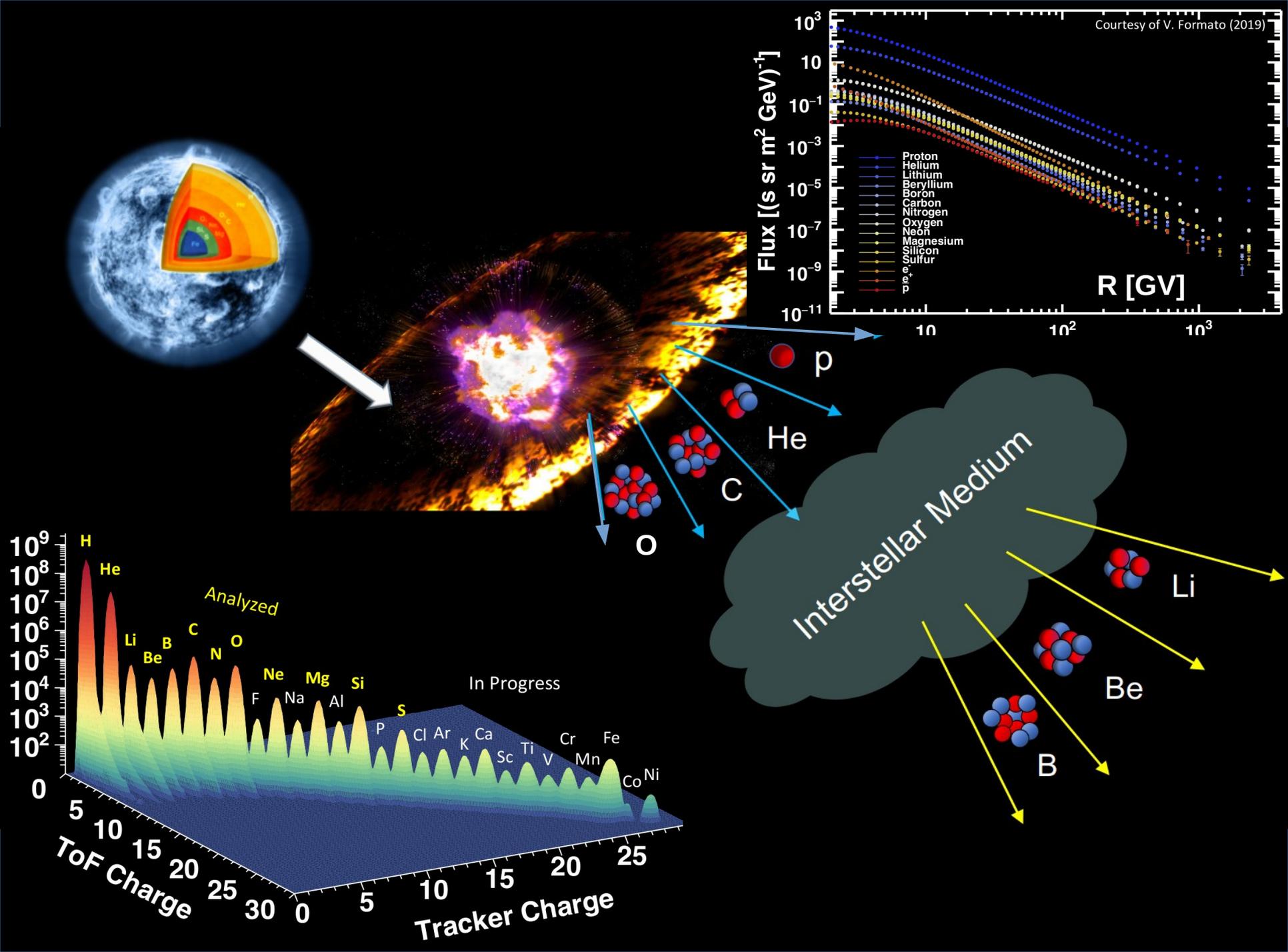
There is room for DM but...

It is necessary to decrease uncertainty in the background model:

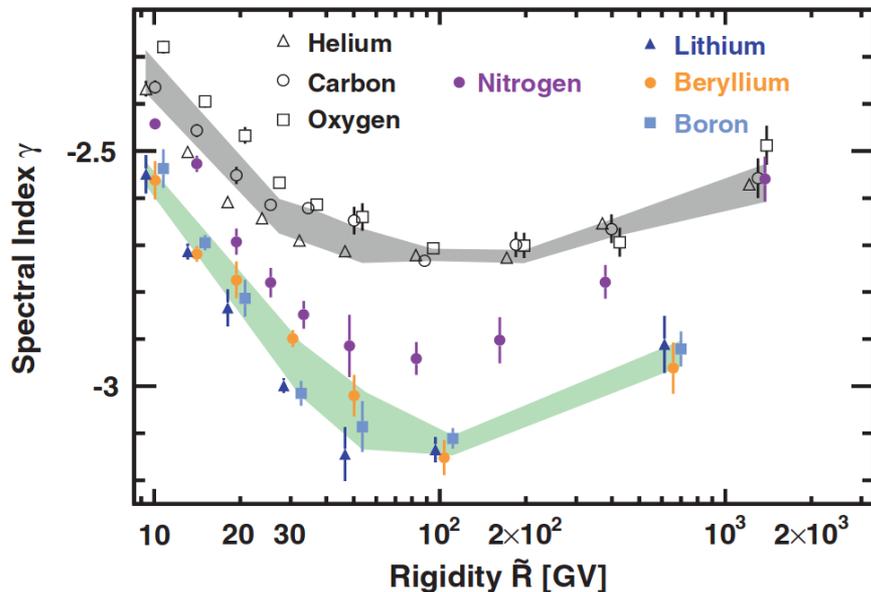
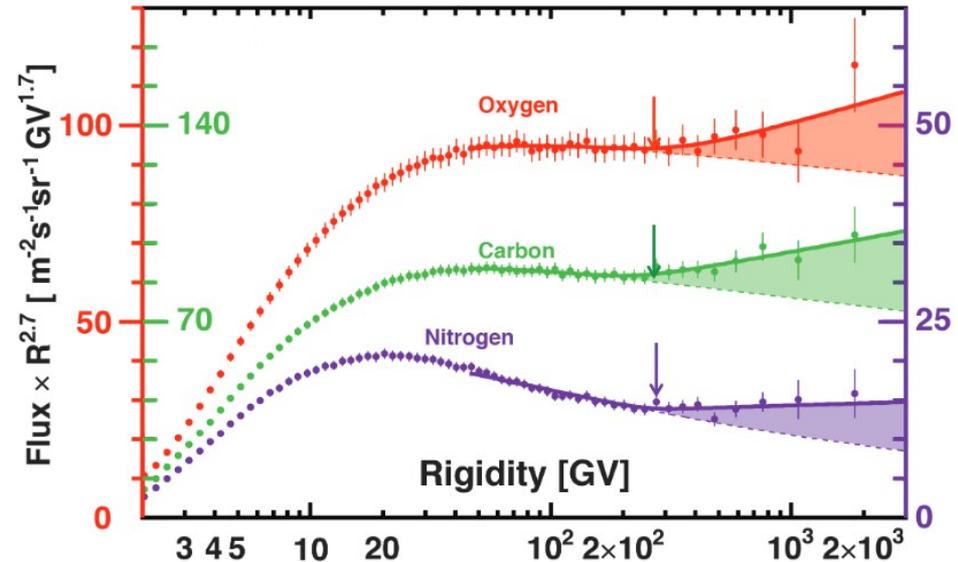
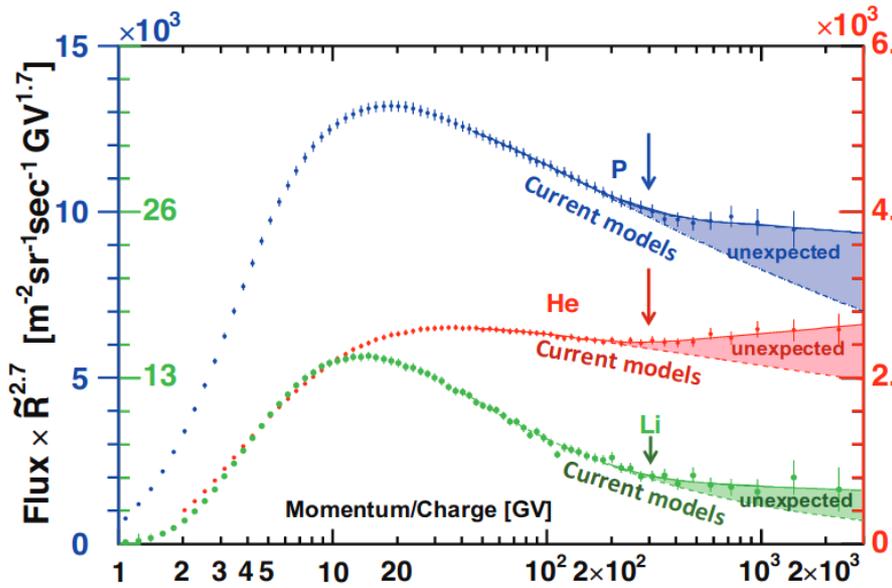
- cross sections knowledge (new measurements in lab)
- propagation models (**flux of other secondary cosmic rays**)
- solar modulation models (low energy time dependence)

=> expected signal in low energy antideuteron?





# AMS: primary & secondary break

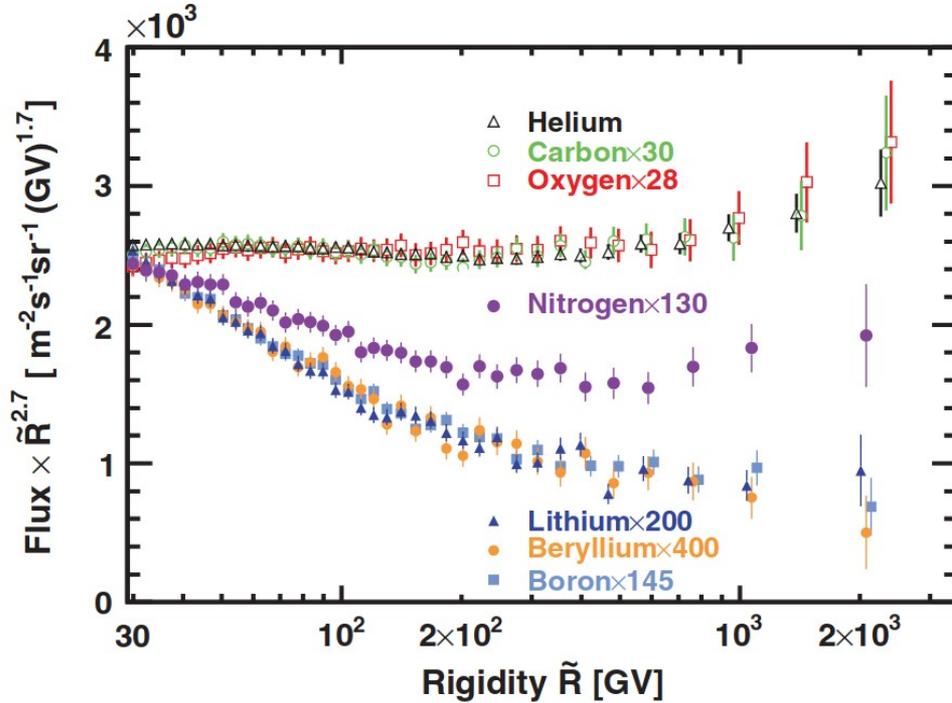


## AMS02 accuracy & new evidence:

- Both show hardening above 200 GV
- Primary => common behavior
- Secondary => common behavior

-Nitrogen is a mixture

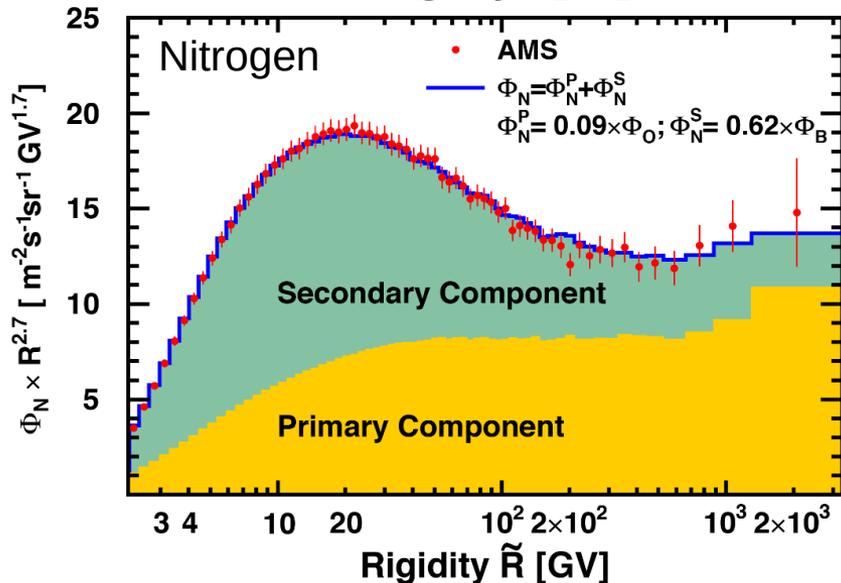
# AMS: NITROGEN



Primary  $\Rightarrow$  common behavior

Primary + Secondary MIXTURE

Secondary  $\Rightarrow$  common behavior

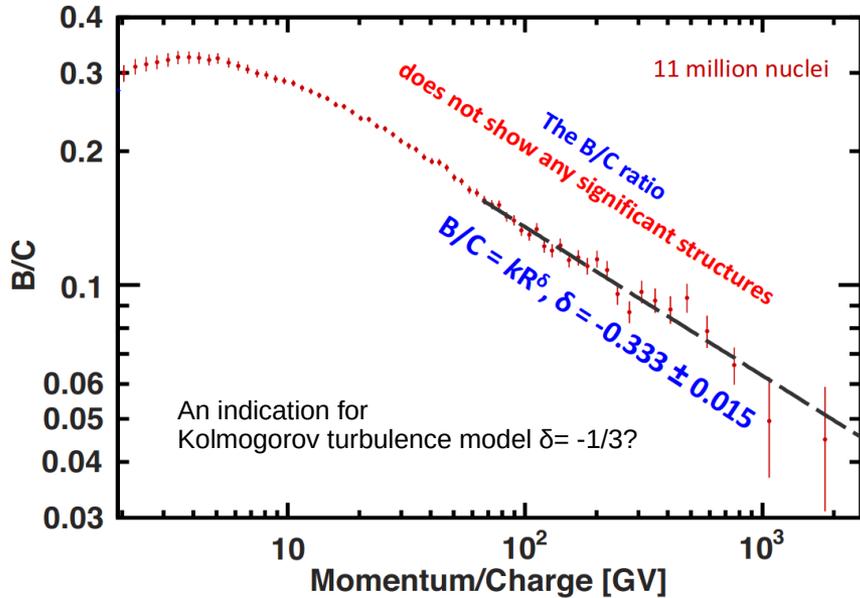


In the Solar System: In the Cosmic Rays:

N/O =  $0.14 \pm 0.05$       N/O =  $0.090 \pm 0.002$   
(primary component)

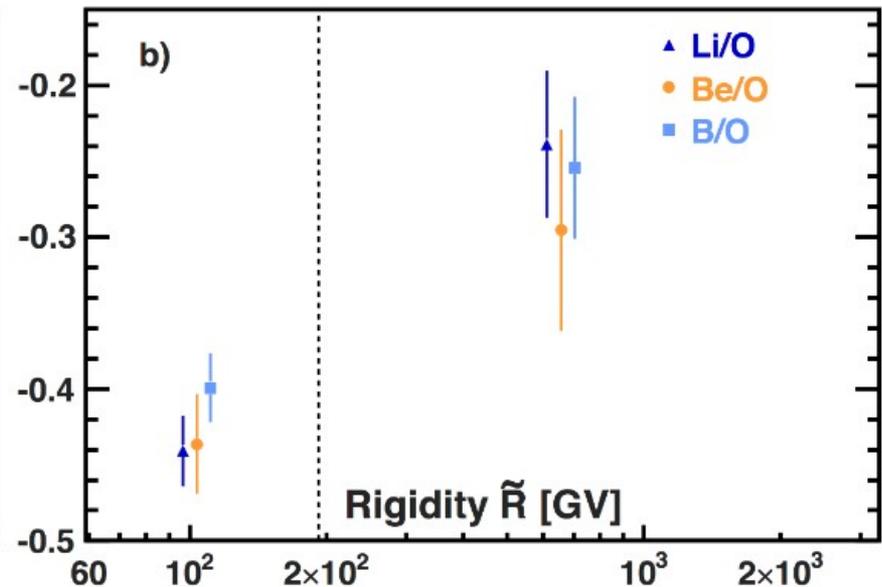
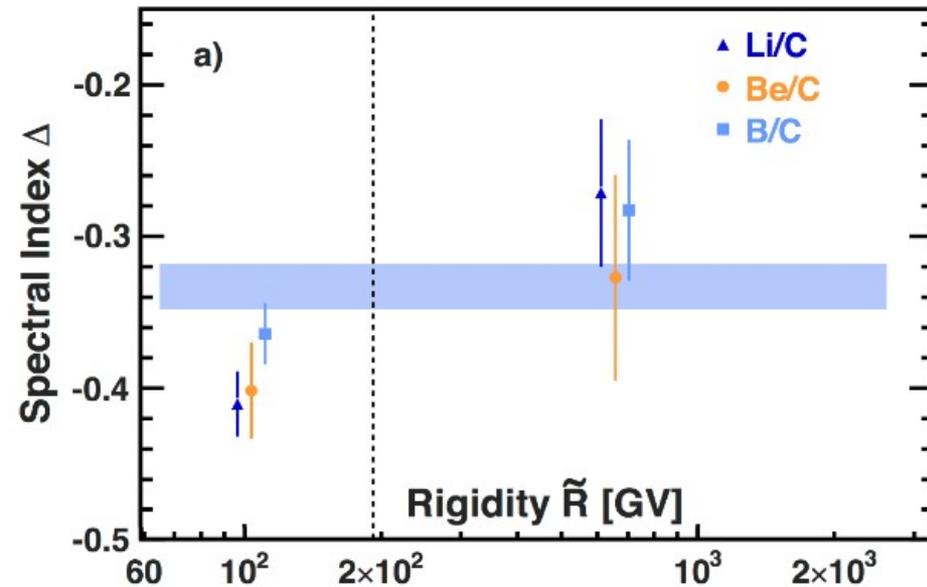
C/O =  $0.46 \pm 0.09$       C/O =  $0.91 \pm 0.02$

# AMS: secondary/primary



If the hardening in CRs is related to the **injected spectra at their source**, then similar hardening is expected both for secondary and primary cosmic rays.

If the hardening is related to **propagation** properties in the Galaxy then a stronger hardening is expected for the secondary with respect to the primary cosmic rays.

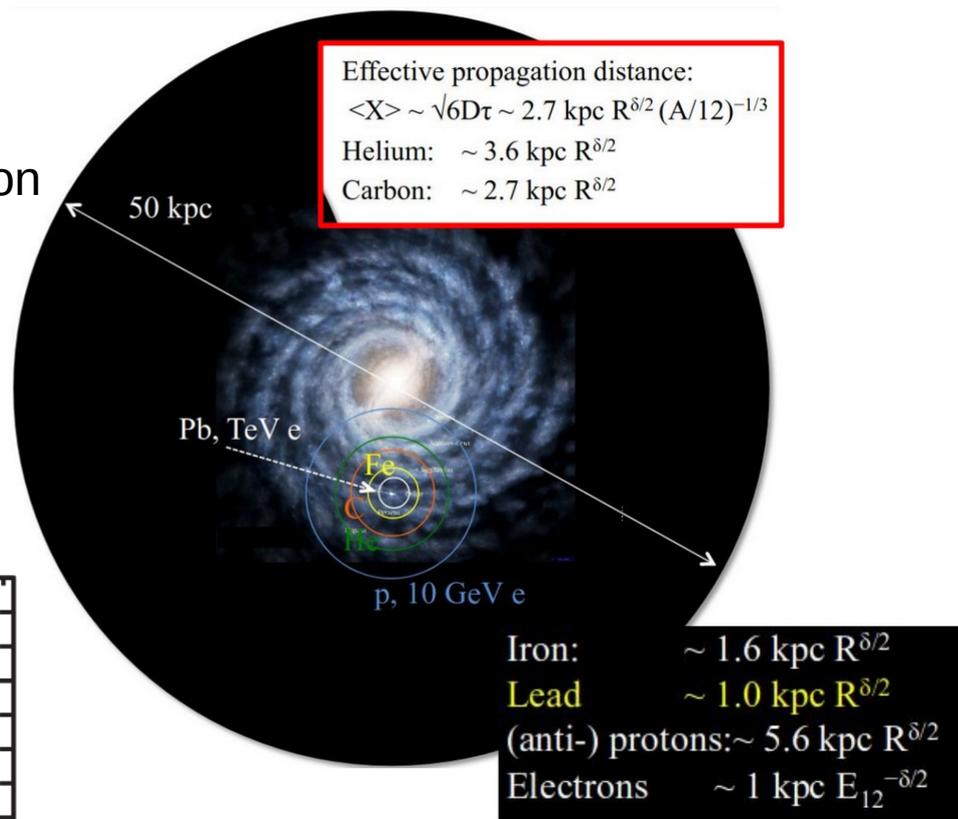
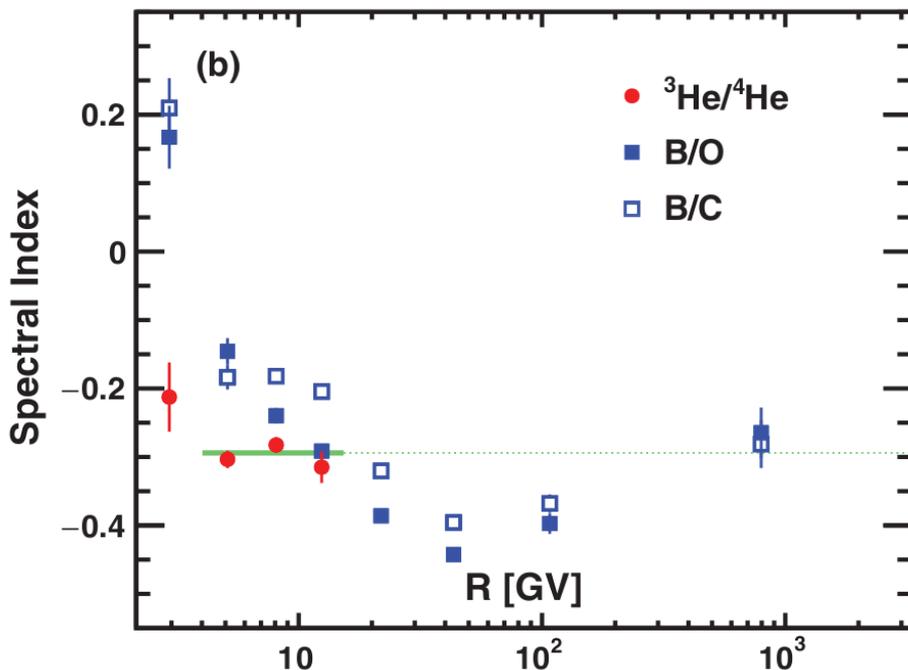


An hardening of  $0.13 \pm 0.03$  at 200 GV is observed combining the six secondary/primary ratios  
This observation favors the flux hardening as an universal propagation effect

# AMS: secondary/primary & distance

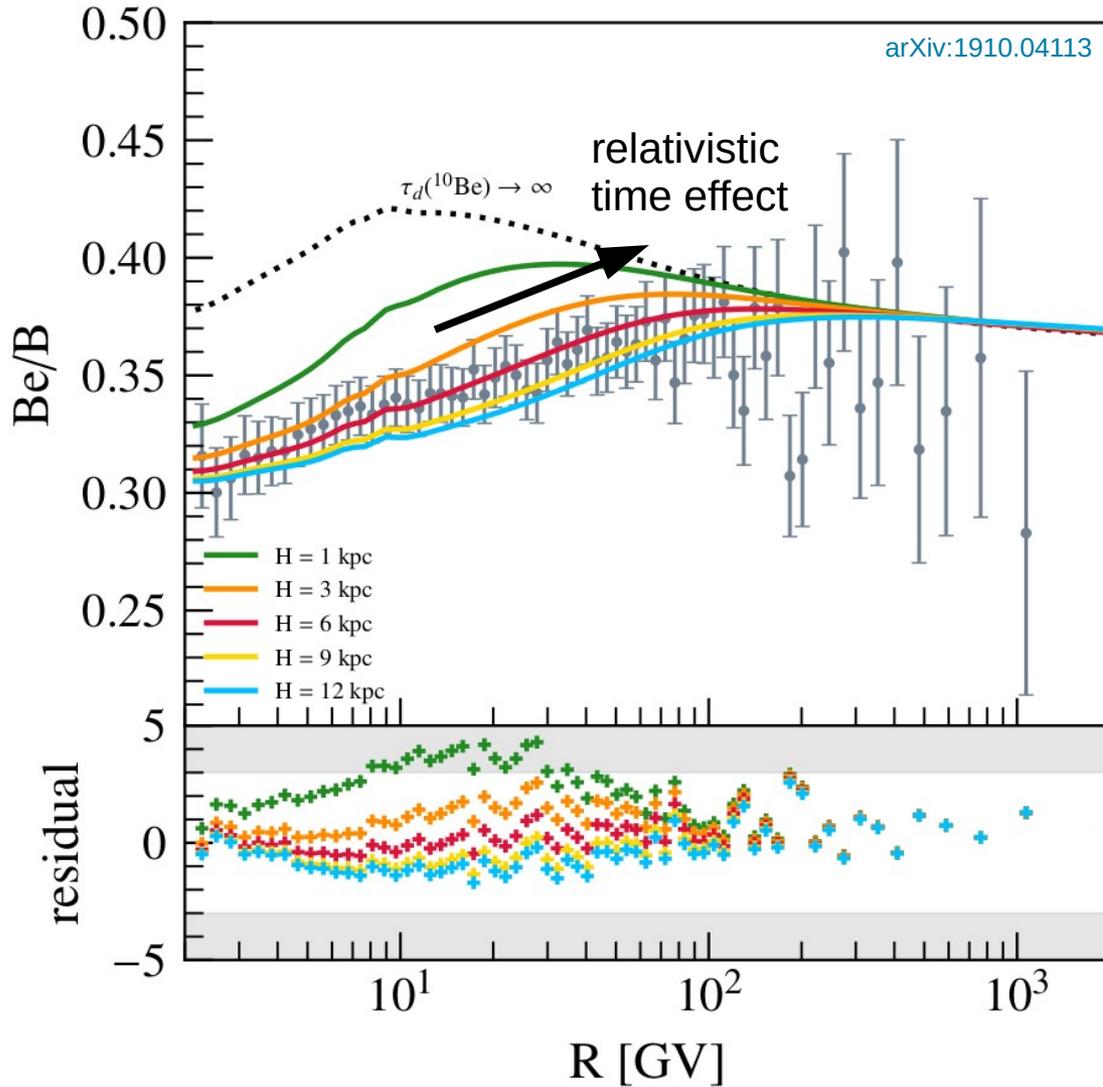
Probing Non-Homogeneous Diffusion:

- B/C is a probe for only “local” propagation
- $p, D$  and  $\bar{p}$  come from much further
- light secondary like  $D, {}^3\text{He}$  investigate better the  $\bar{p}$  secondary production

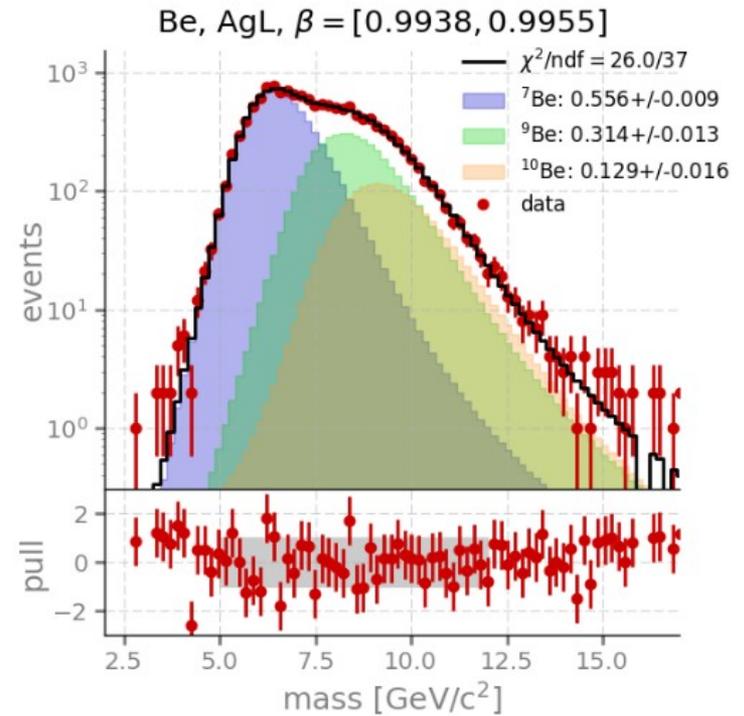


Spectral index for  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  is the same obtained for B/C and B/O at high R. May indicate the effect of a different diffusion coefficient in non local regions

# AMS: Be/B clock

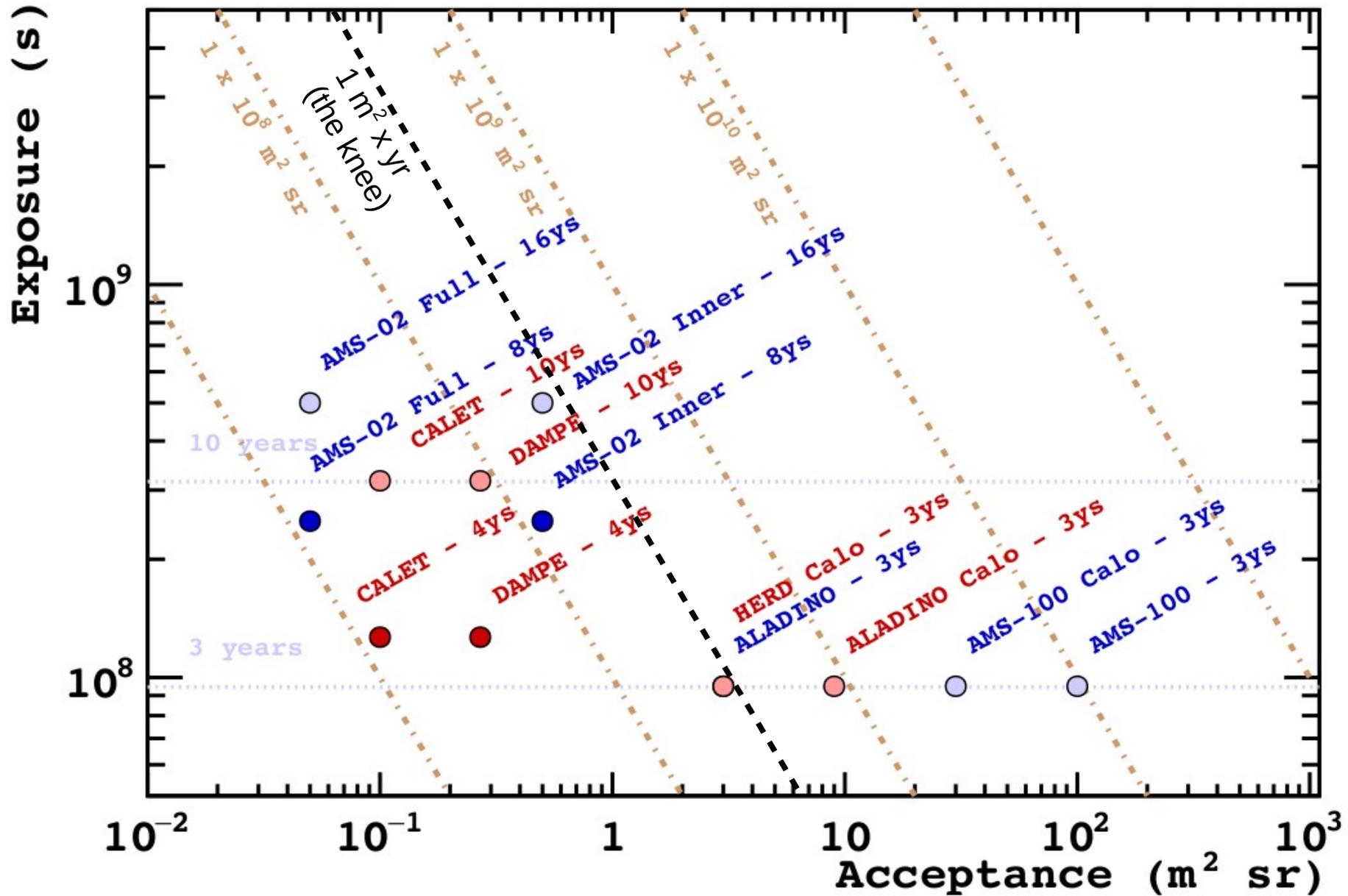


$^{10}\text{Be}$  ( $\tau \approx 1.4\text{My}$ )  $\Rightarrow$   $^{10}\text{B} + e^- + \bar{\nu}$   
 sensitive to residence time of CR in the Galaxy  $\Rightarrow$  halo size  $H$ .

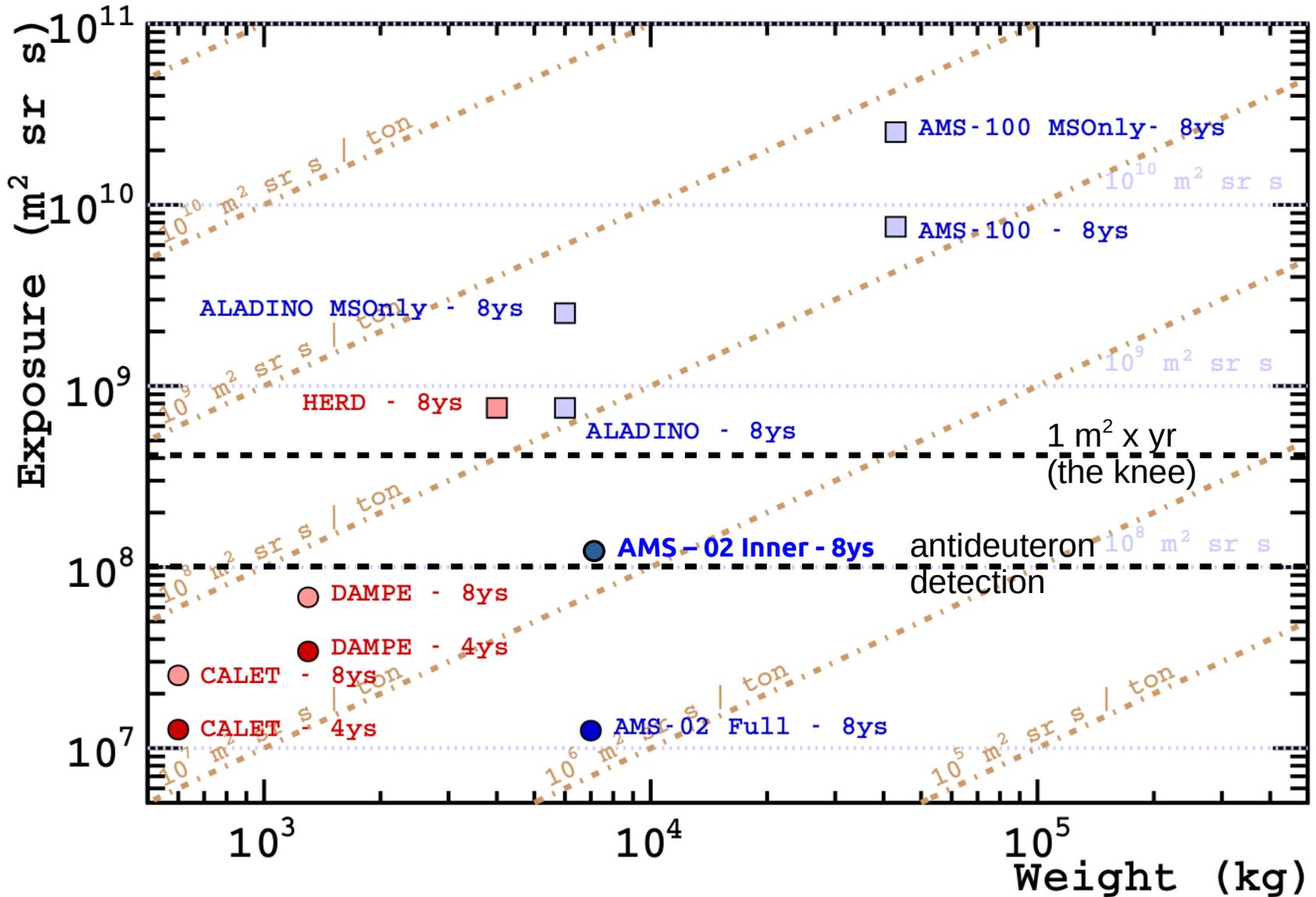


Hard to get direct measurement of  $^{10}\text{Be}$  content at "high energy", but  $\text{Be}/\text{B}$  is sensitive to  $^{10}\text{Be}$  fraction.

# Current - future experiments



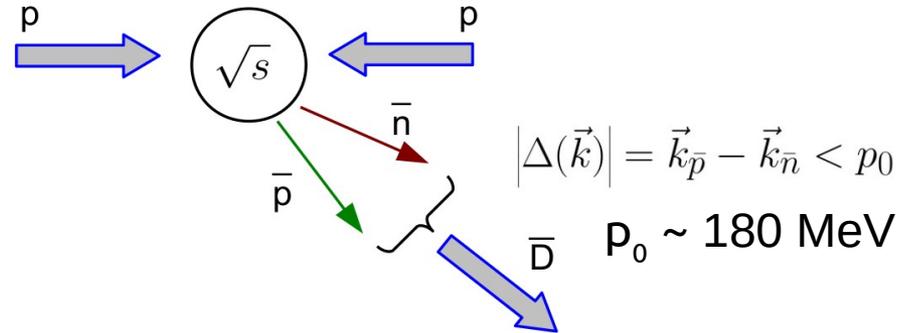
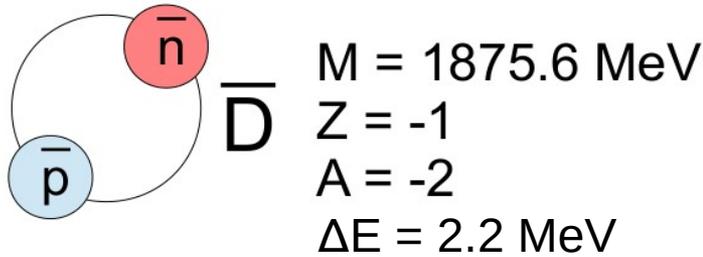
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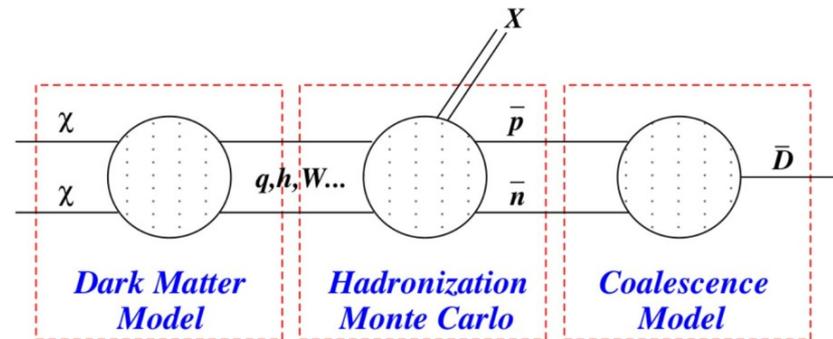
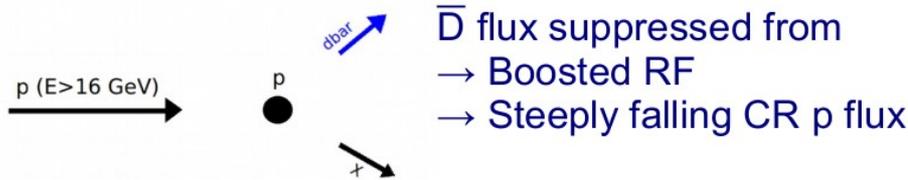
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**... and ...  
anti-nuclei?**

# anti-D coalescence production



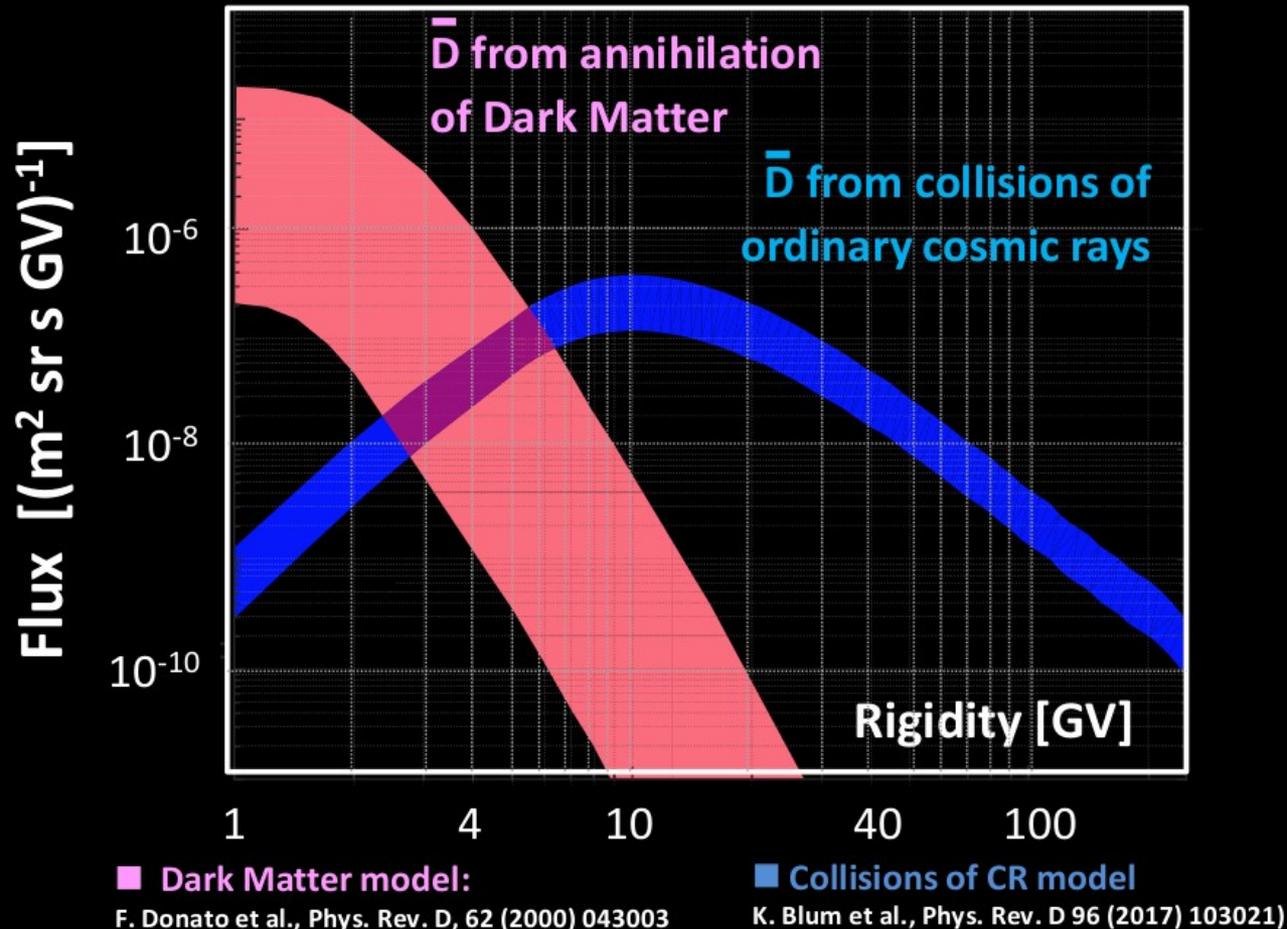
$\bar{D}$  flux from spallation (background, B)



- Coalescence is a very rare process.
- Low energy, secondary (bkg) anti-D suppressed by: threshold (16 GeV) + boost.
- Jet structure (correlation of  $\bar{p}, \bar{n}$ ) enhance anti-D production at low energy (i.e. from DM annihilation).

# Anti Deuterons in Cosmic rays

Anti Deuterons have been proposed as an almost background free channel for Dark Matter indirect detection

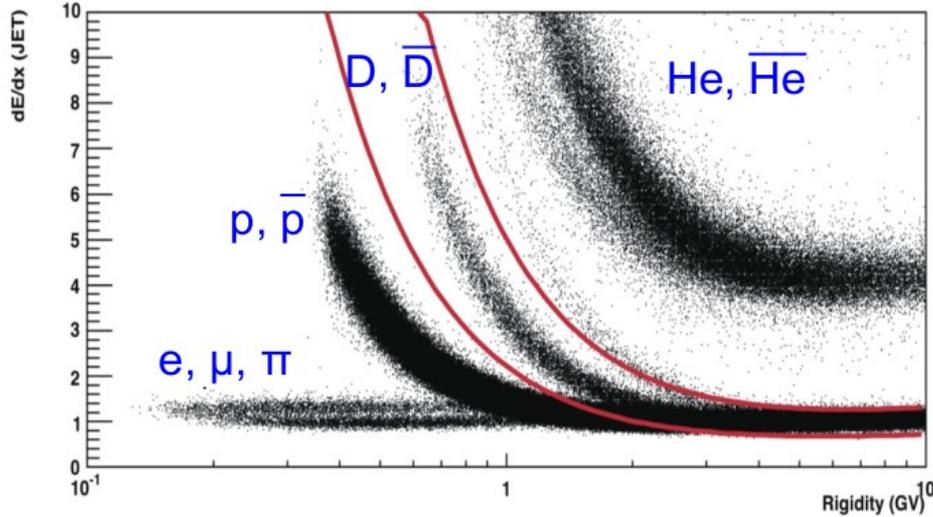


The Anti Deuterons Flux is  $< 10^{-4}$  of the Antiproton Flux.

Additional background rejection needed

# BESS-Polar II : we are still waiting for an “official” limit

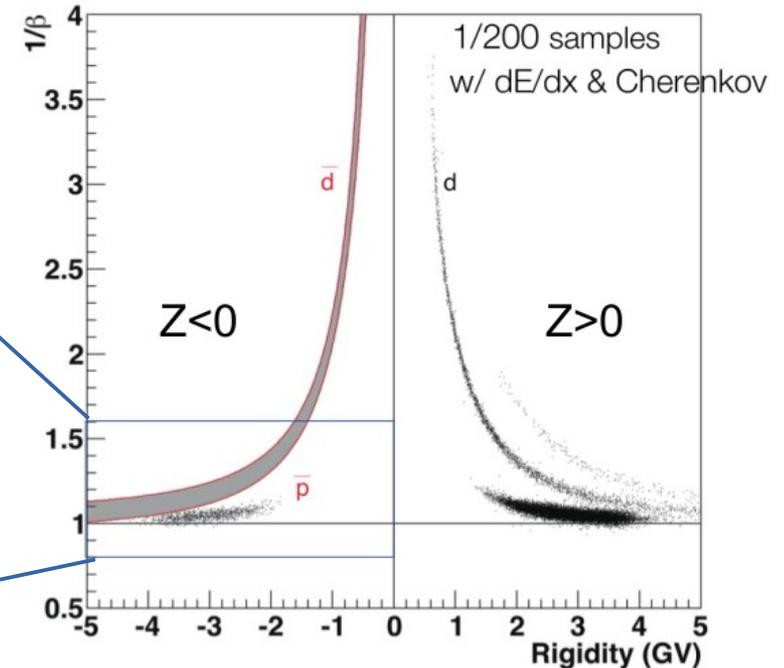
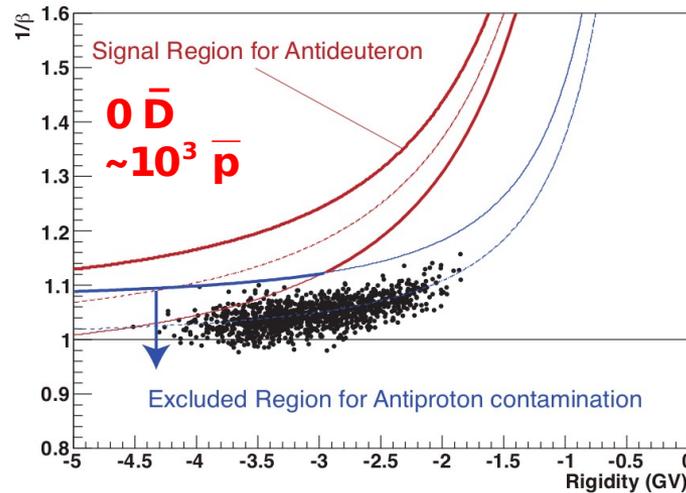
M. Sasaki, Antideuteron 2014



- Typical approach: MASS SELECTION

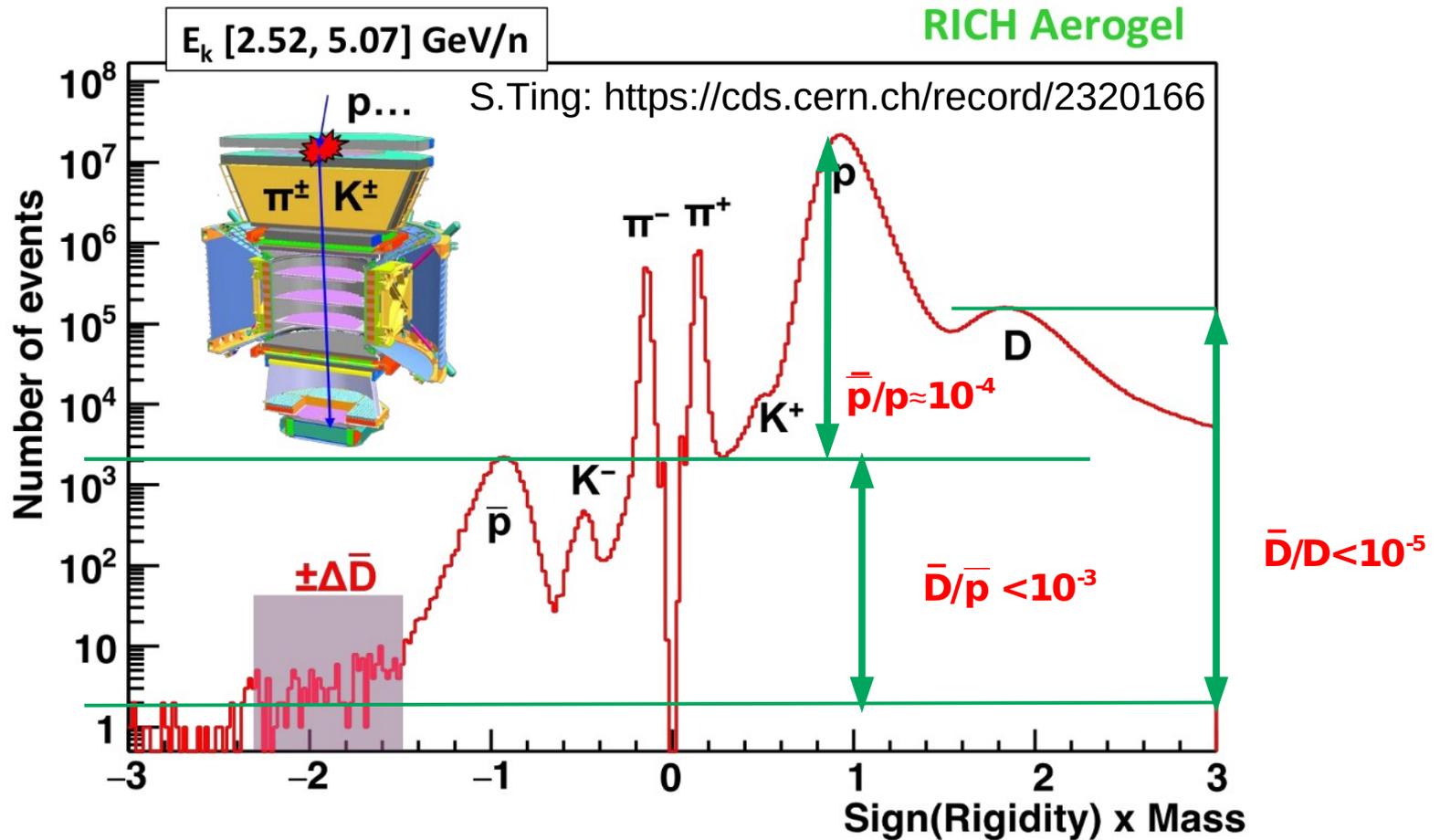
$$m = \frac{p}{Z} \frac{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}{\beta}$$

- $dE/dX$  sampled in many subdetectors and used to select the signal window



# a coming-soon improvement in sensitivity: AMS-02

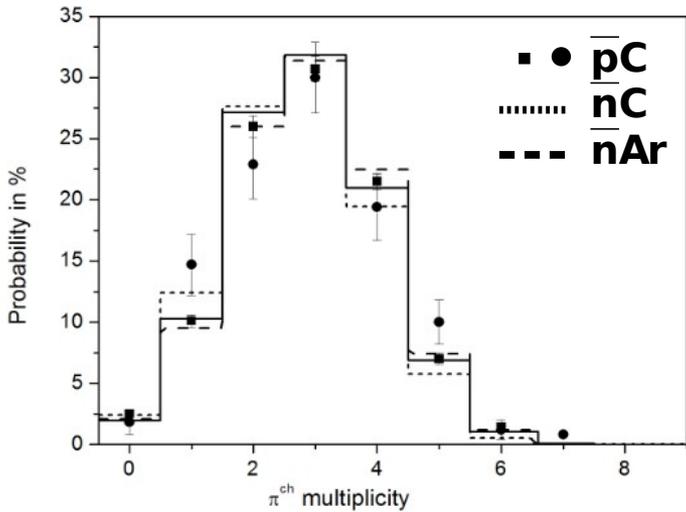
Status of AMS02 anti-D search: **already exceed the sensitivity of BESS**



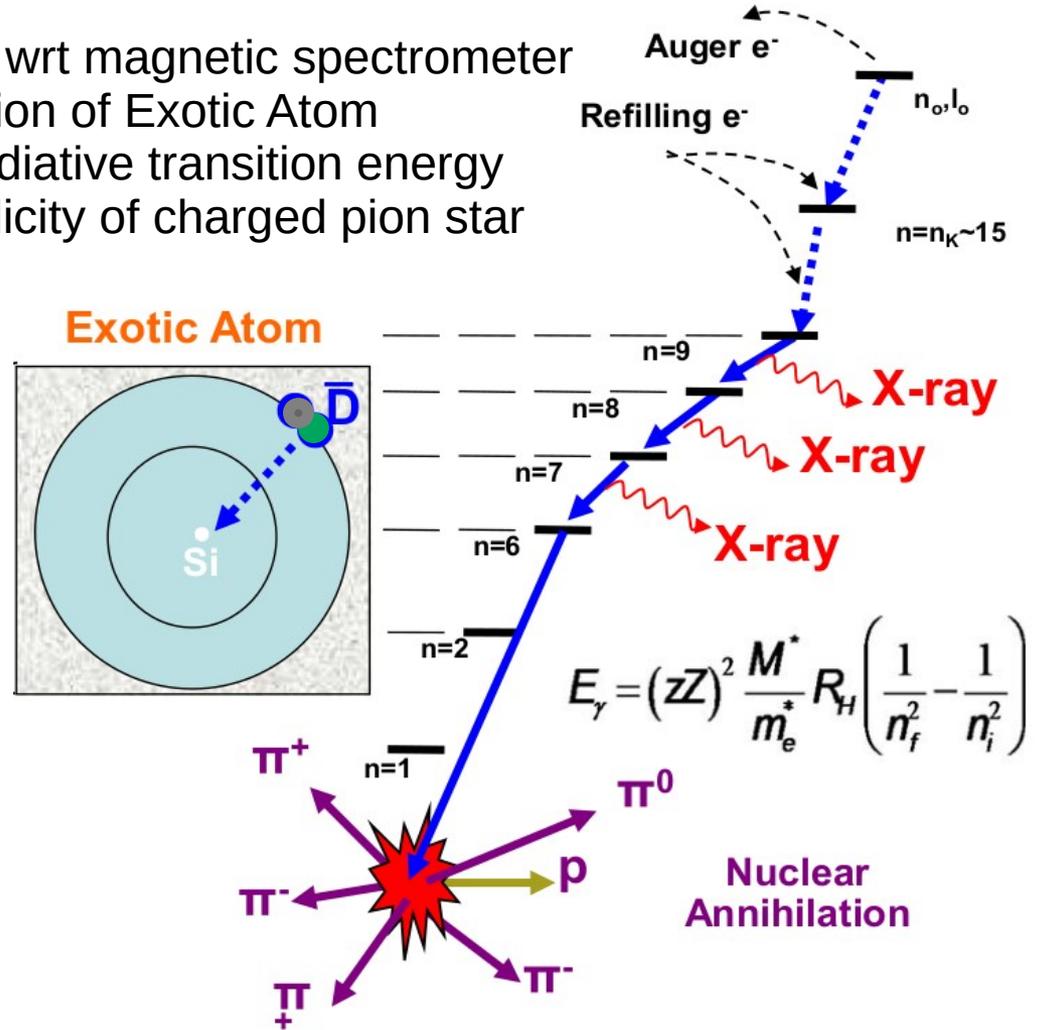
# Atomic-transitions: additional signatures for low energy anti-D

For low energy additional signature wrt magnetic spectrometer

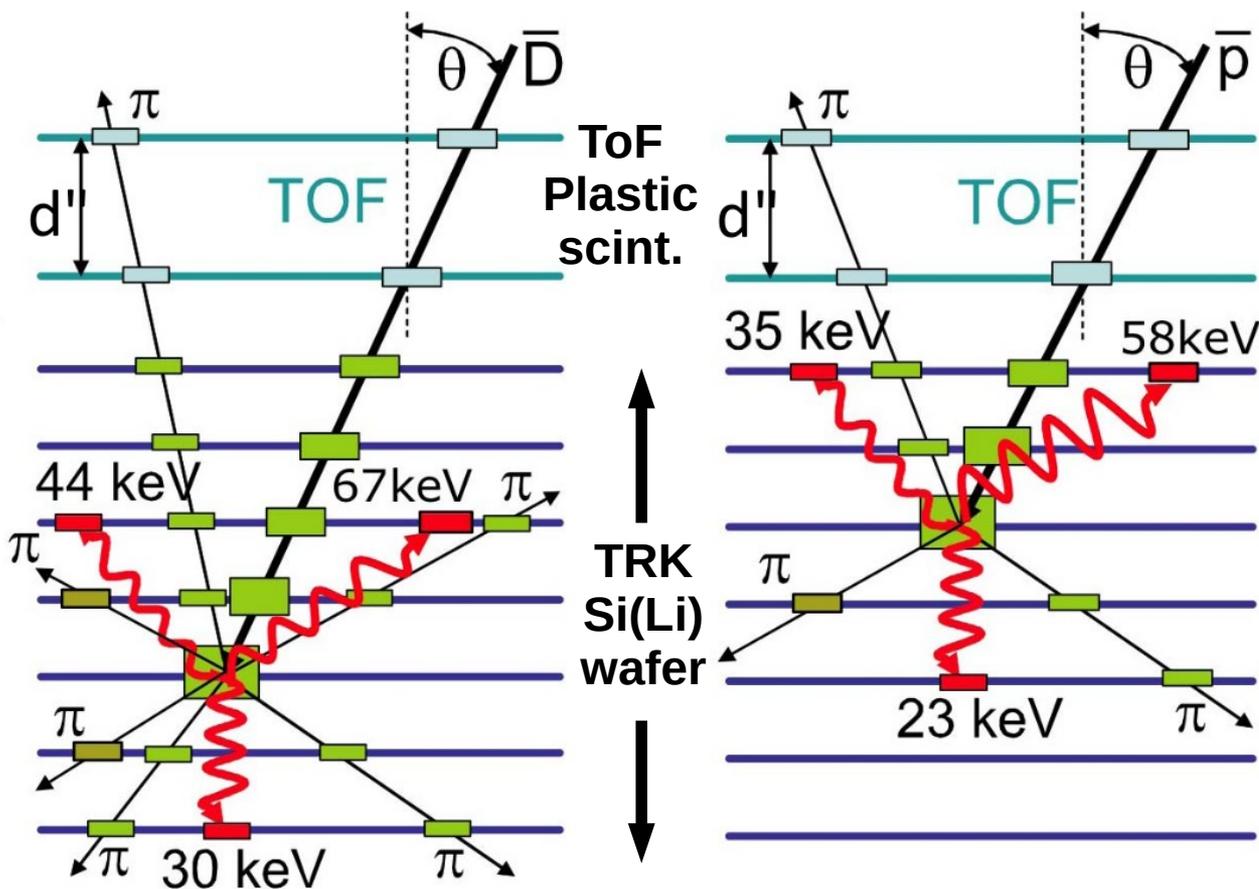
- Charge sign is detected by formation of Exotic Atom
- anti-D recognized by distinctive radiative transition energy
- anti-D recognized by larger multiplicity of charged pion star



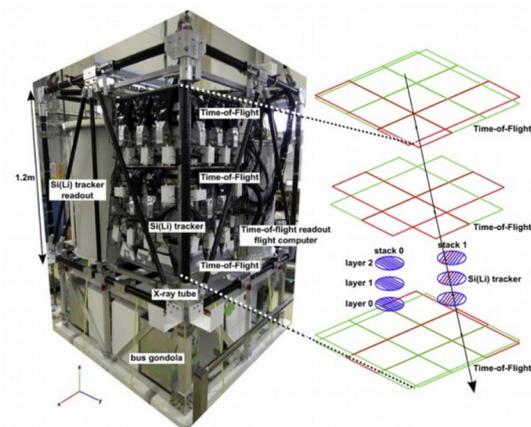
3 pions ( $\bar{p}$ ) vs 6 pions (anti-D)



# planned: GAPS (General Anti Particle Spectrometer)



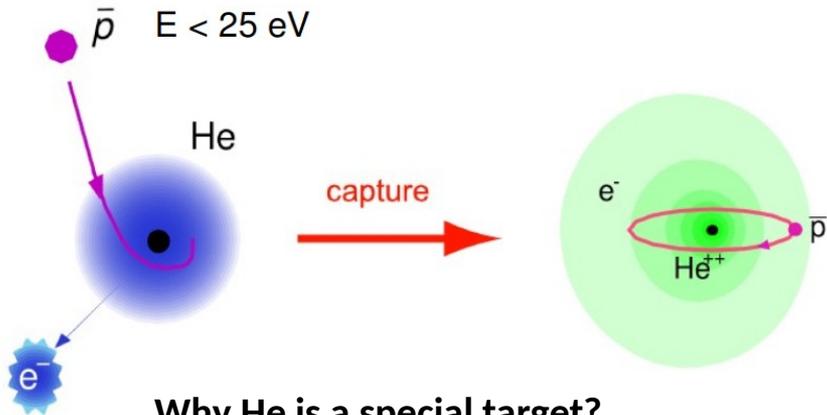
2004/2005 KEK Beam Test  
2012 pGAPS flight (6h)



2021 GAPS planned  
for a long flight (35d)  
36 km --  $5g/cm^2$   
1700 kg 1.4 kW  
Acceptance  $\sim 1.8 m^2sr$   
Ek: 0.1-0.25 GeV/n

Combination of time- of- flight + depth- sensing, X- ray,  
and  $\pi$  detection yield rejection  $> 10^6$

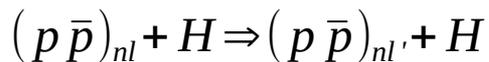
# a “new” signature: He metastable states



Why He is a special target?

1) the Auger decay is suppressed as well due to large level spacing of the remaining electron ( $\sim 25$  eV) compared to the small ( $\sim 2$  eV)  $n \rightarrow n-1$  level spacing of  $\bar{p}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  metastability is unexpected and excluded for  $Z > 3$  atoms (metastability for  $\text{Li}^+$  target?  $\rightarrow$  still not confirmed by expt.)

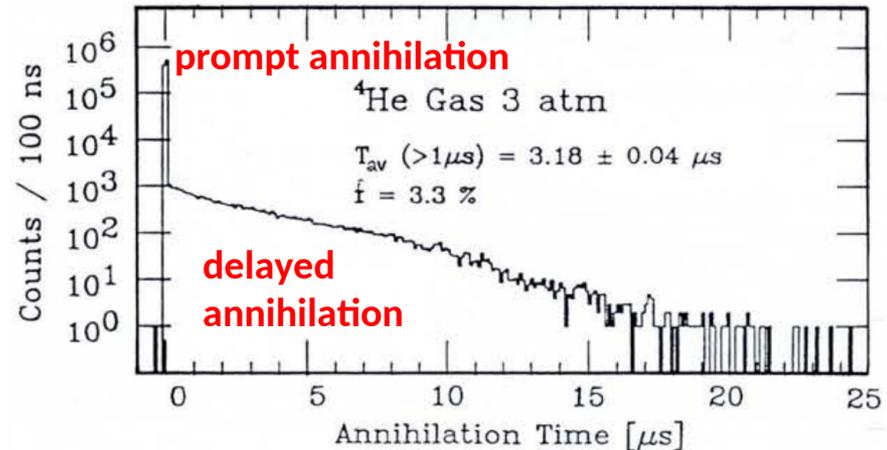
2) the remaining electron in  $\bar{p}\text{He}$  suppresses the collisional Stark effect (the main de-excitation channel for  $p\bar{p}$  system)



Not really new: similar effect already proven, and used, by the ASACUSA experiment

-In matter lifetime of stopped  $\bar{p}$  is  $\sim \text{ps}$   
 -In liquid/gas He delayed annihilation: few  $\mu\text{s}$  ( $\sim 3\%$  of the  $\bar{p}$ ) (discovered @ KEK in 1991)  
 The electron is on 1s ground state, while the  $\bar{p}$  (or also  $\pi^-, k^-, \bar{d}$ ) occupies a **large n** level ( $\sim 38$  for  $\bar{p}$ ) ( $\sim$ same bounding energy of the ejected  $e^-$ )

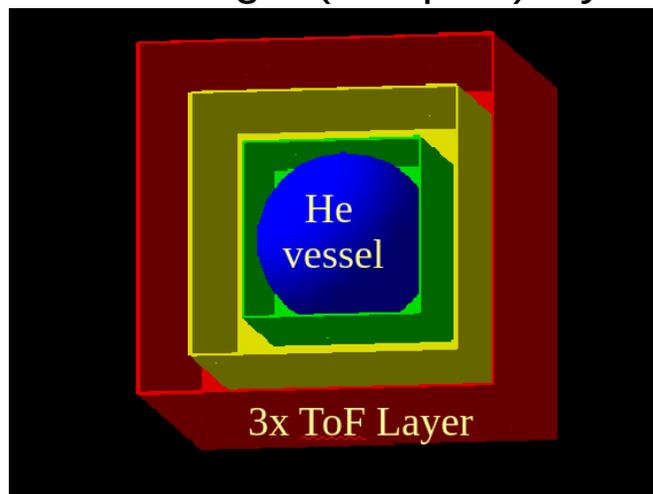
Theory: Phys. Lett. 9 (1964) 65 PRL 23 (1969) 63



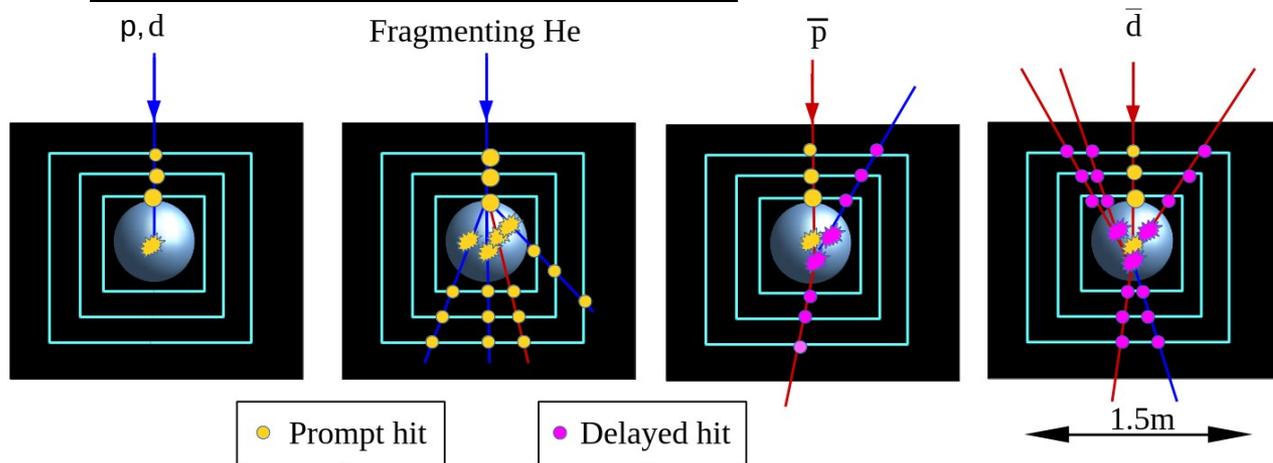
a signature for  $Z=-1$  antimatter capture in He is a  $\sim \mu\text{s}$  delayed energy release (in  $\sim 3\%$  of cases)

# Anti Deuteron He Detector (ADHD)

**Concept:** HeCalorimeter (scintillator)  
3xTime of Flight (compact) layers



Status: preliminary Geant4 simulation  
Detector size: External ToF L = 1.5m;  
Vessel R=45cm Thick=3cm "thermoplastic"  
He pressure 400bar (typ. He bottle 130bar)  
("commercially" feasible space qualified)  
Detector mass: He = 20 kg Vessel = 100kg  
ToF = 110 kg ( 4mm scintillator thickness)  
Kinetic energy range: 0.06-0.15 GeV/n  
(threshold due to energy loss in vessel/ToF)  
**... a small & light detector ...**



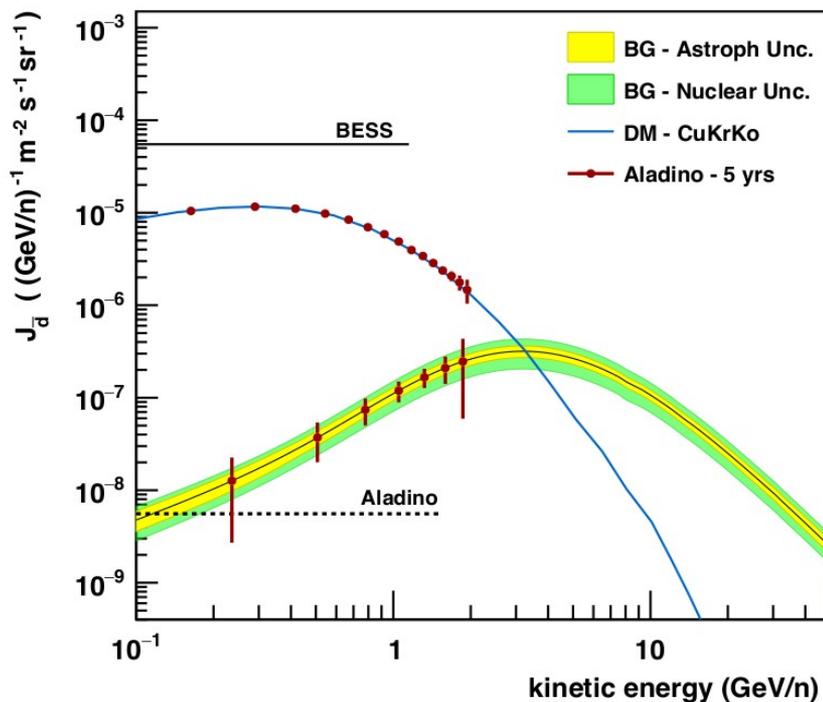
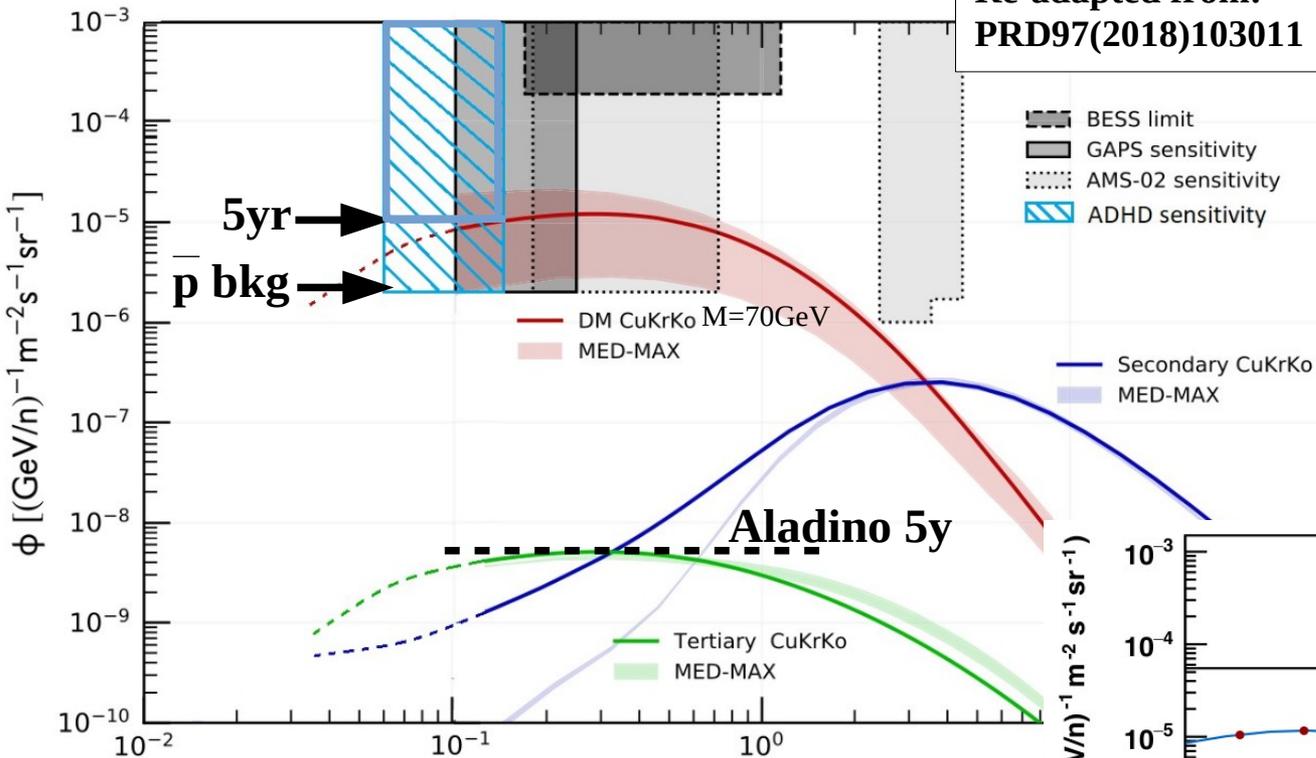
Particle identification by:

- 1) timing of tracks
- 2) dE/dx on ToF
- 3) Beta ToF
- 4) Prompt HeCal Energy
- 5) Delayed HeCal Energy
- 6) event topology

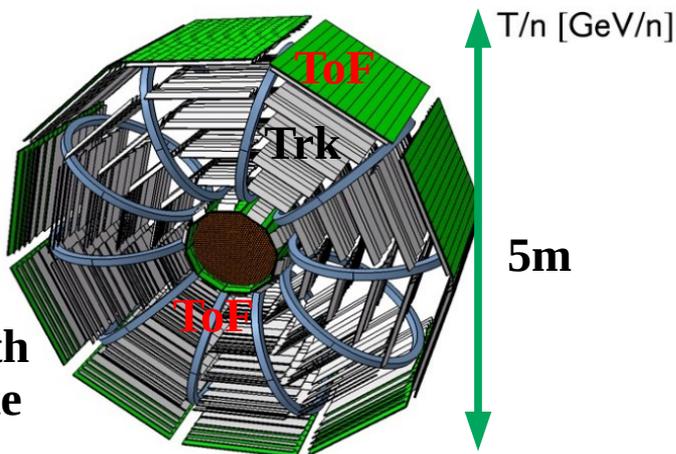
# planned sensitivity

Re-adapted from:  
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AMS02-GAPS-ADHD:  
different techniques,  
similar sensitivity,  
complementary Ek/n  
**Join of all the  
signatures in a future/  
ultimate Antideuteron  
detector?**

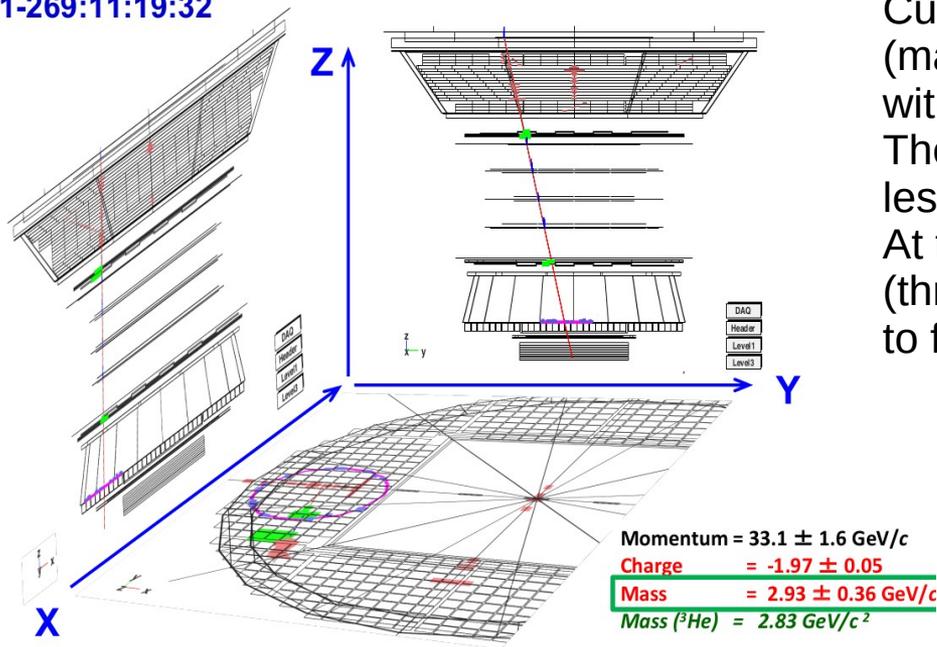


**Aladino:  
detector  
technology  
almost ready  
(how to deal with  
huge trigger rate  
in L2?)**

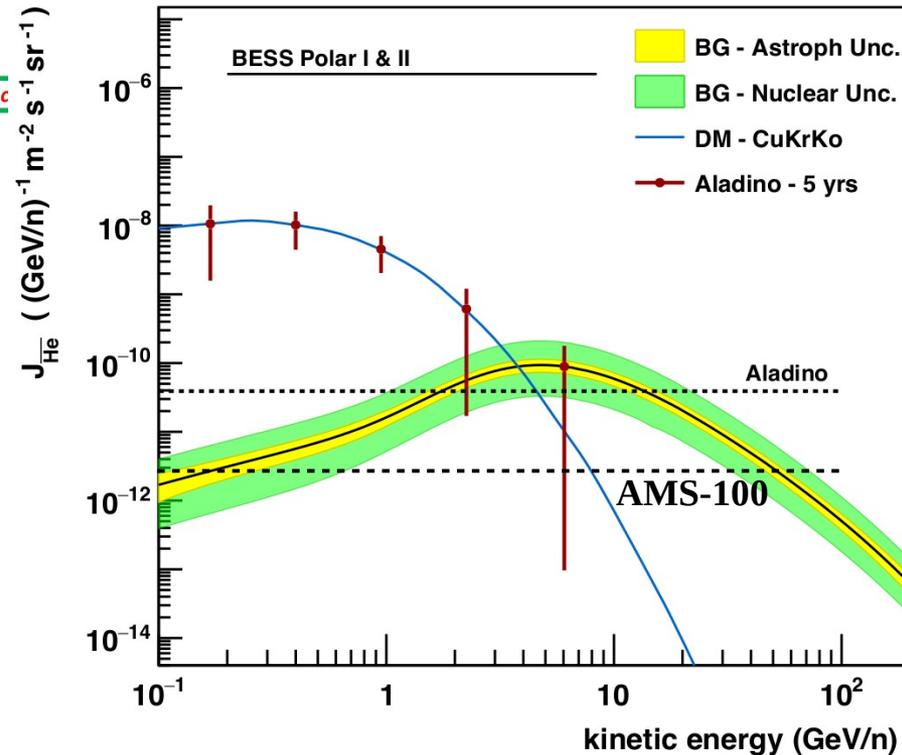
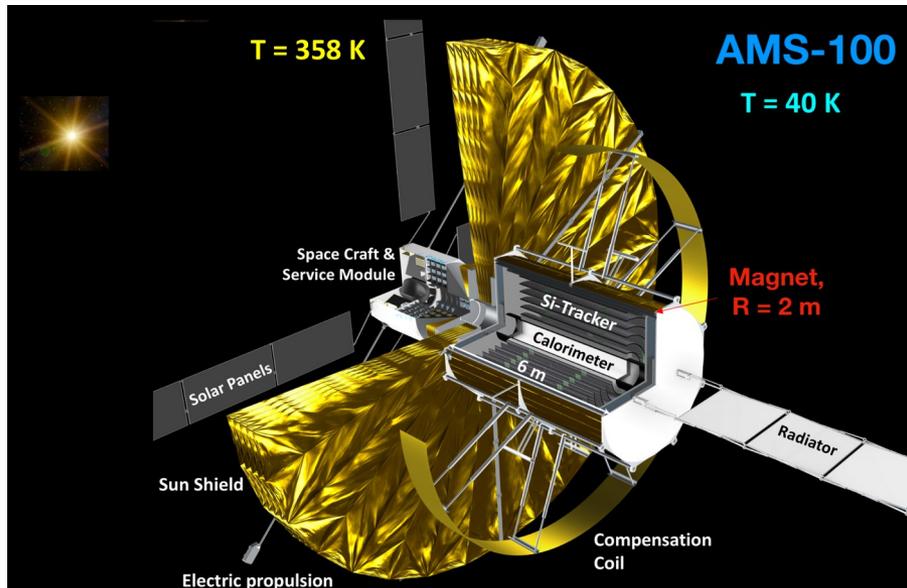


# anti-He?

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Currently, AMS observed 8 anti-helium candidates (mass region from 0-10 GeV) rigidity <50 GV with respect to a sample of 700 million He events. The rate in AMS of antihelium candidates is less than 1 in 100 million helium. At this extremely low rate, more data (through the lifetime of the ISS) is required to further check the origin of these events.



## Bibliography – some useful links

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-Cosmic ray database:

<https://lpsc.in2p3.fr/cosmic-rays-db/> (France, user friendly)

<https://tools.ssdsc.asi.it/CosmicRays/> (Italy, only published data tables)

-Particle Data Book (a lot of review on particle, cosmology, ecc... very very useful):

<https://journals.aps.org/prd/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevD.98.030001>

-Link to homepages of many Cosmic rays experiments:

<https://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/CosmicRay/CosmicRaySites.html>

-AMS02 webpage:

<https://ams02.space/>

-ADHD webpage:

<https://www.tifpa.infn.it/projects/adhd/>

-Aladino proposal:

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