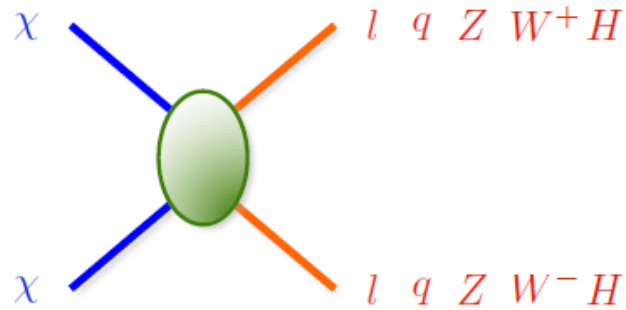




A personal take on indirect searches of dark matter with cosmic rays (antimatter)

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Features of the astrophysical signals



Non-relativistic
annihilation (or decay)

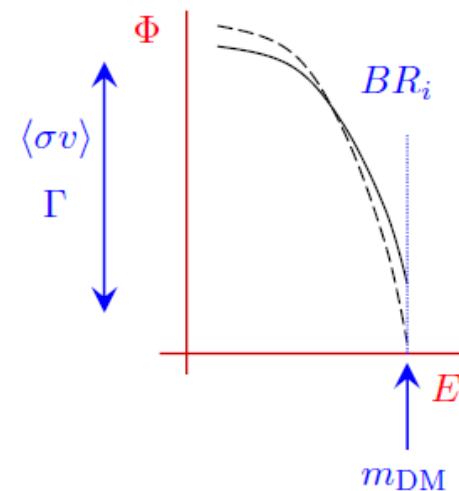
$$S \sim \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right)^{2,1} \times \{ \langle \sigma v \rangle, \Gamma \} \times [\text{energy spectrum}]$$

Relevant particle physics properties:

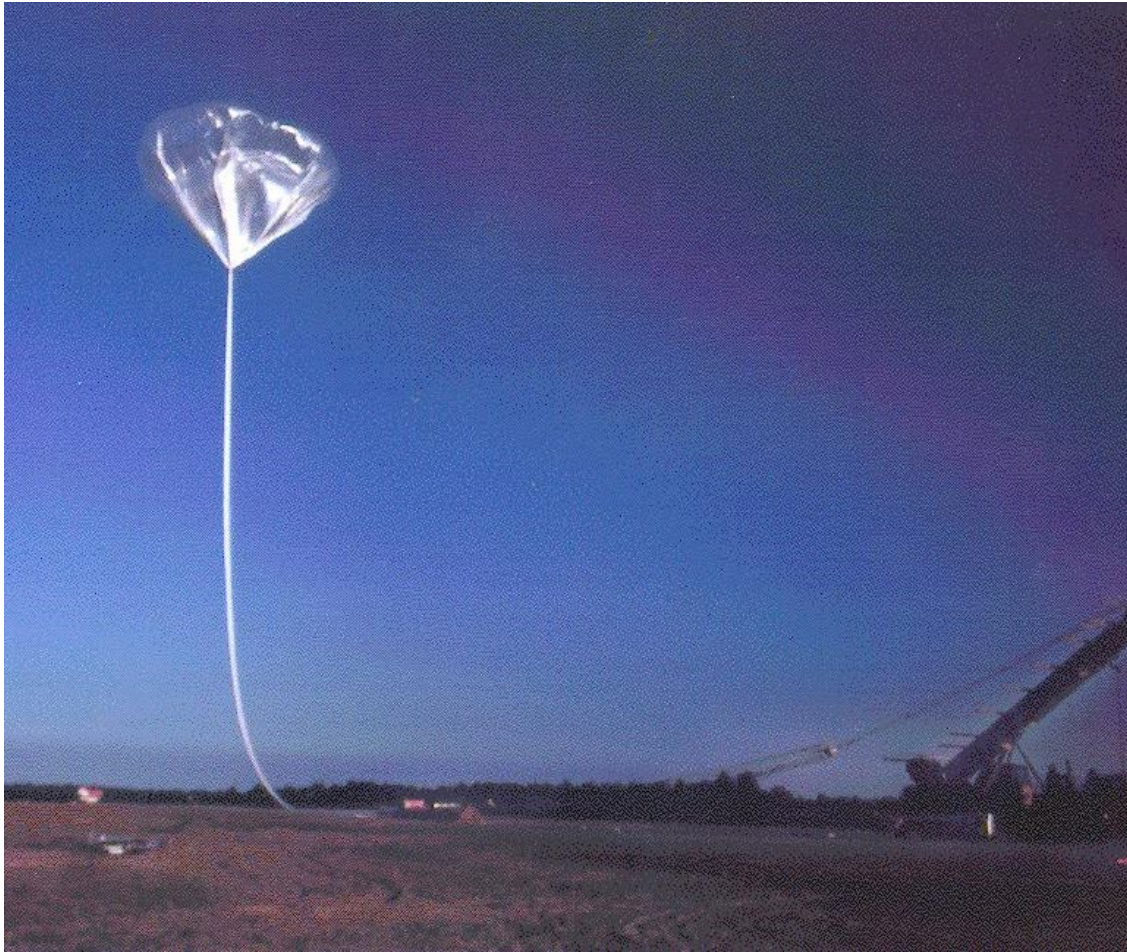
1. Annihilation cross section (or decay rate)
2. Mass of the DM particle
3. BR in the different final states

1 + 2 : Size of the signal

2 + 3 : Spectral features

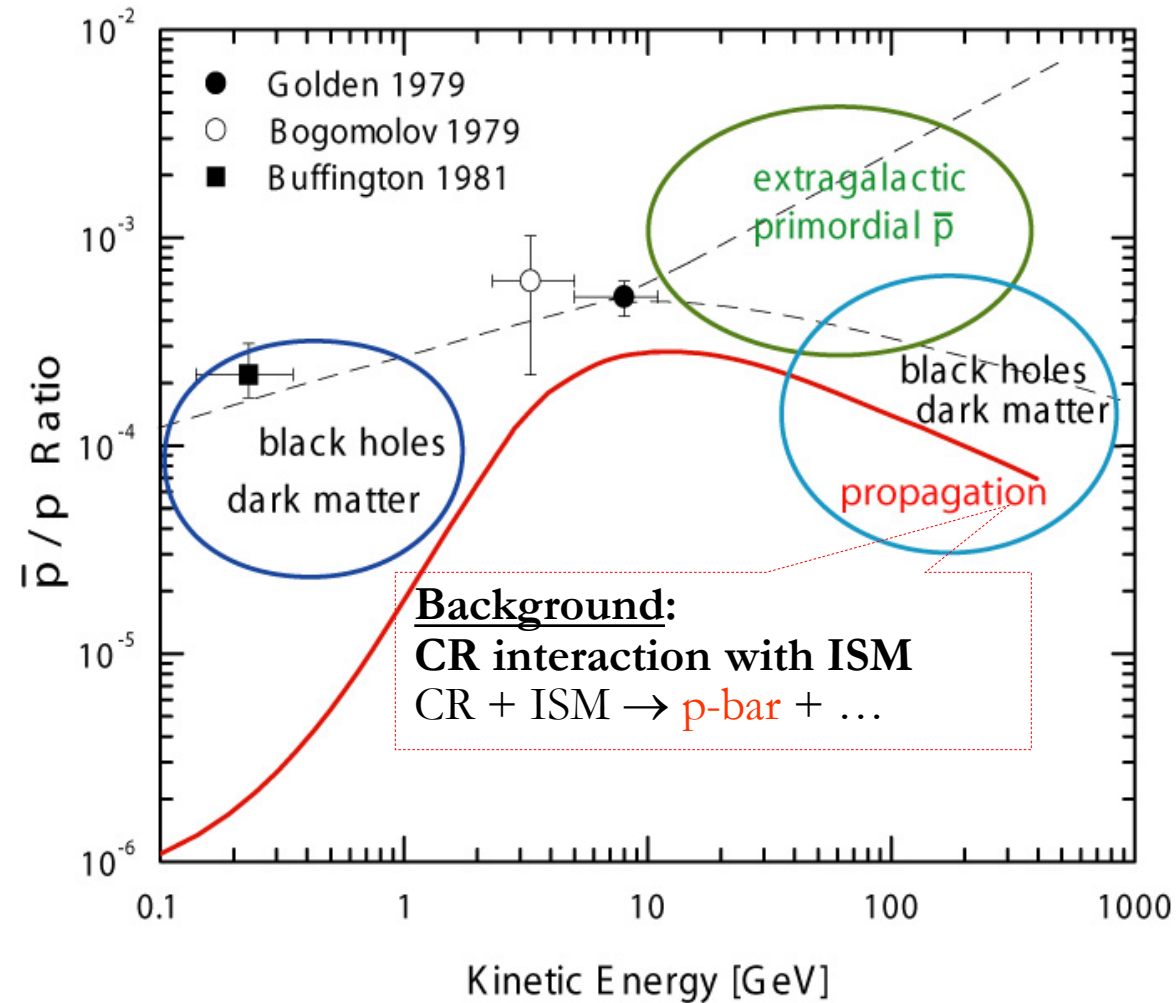


First Detection of Antiparticles in the Cosmic Rays

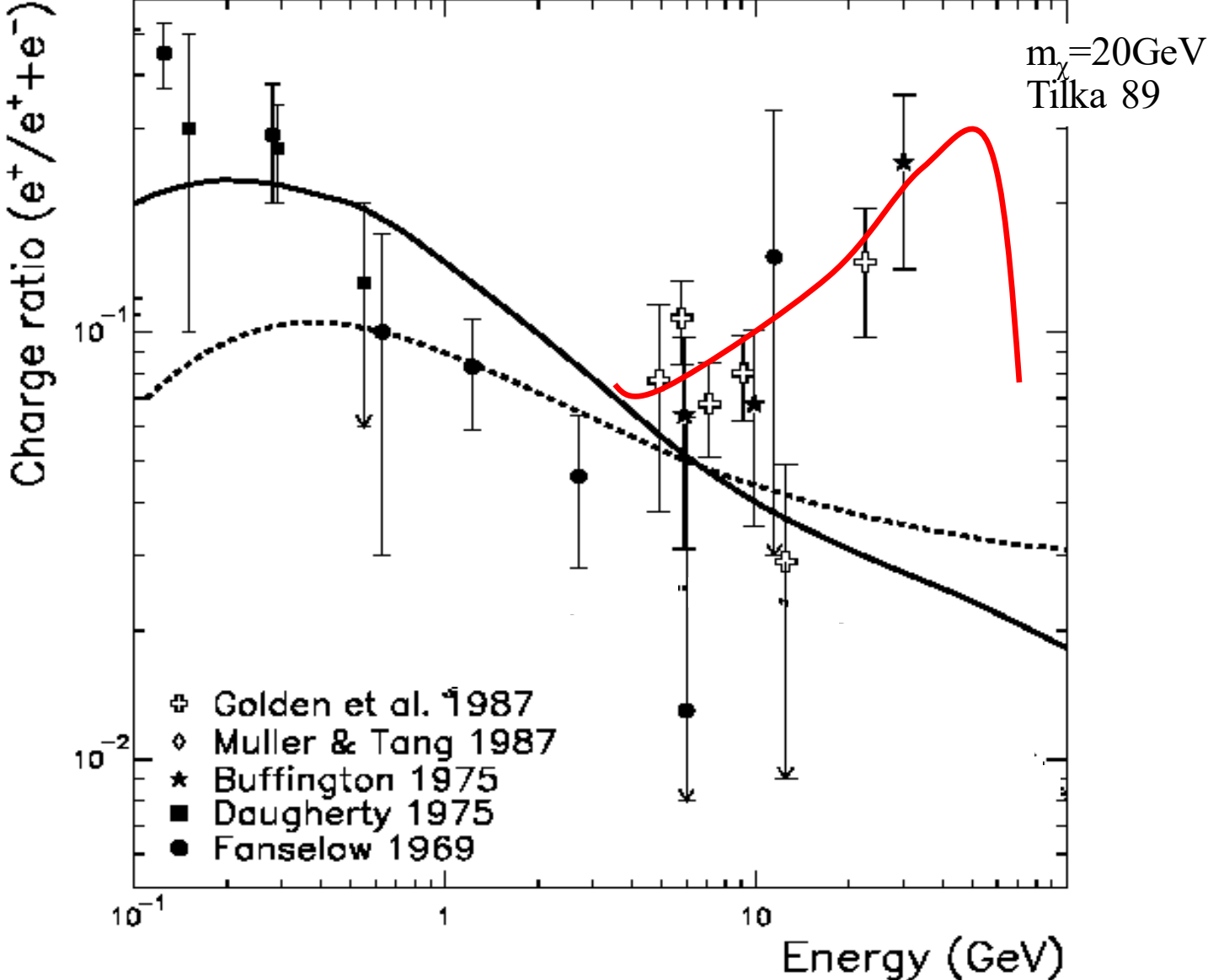


- First detection of positrons in the cosmic radiation in 1964 by J.A. De shong, R.H. Hildebrand & P. Meyer Phys. Rev. Let. **12** (1964) 3
- First detection of antiprotons in the cosmic radiations in 1979 by R.L. Golden et al. Phys. Rev. Let. **43** (1979) 1196, and by E. Bogomolov et al., 16th ICRC (1979), Tokyo, Japan

The first historical measurements of the \bar{p}/p - ratio and various Ideas of theoretical Interpretations



Balloon data : Positron fraction before 1990

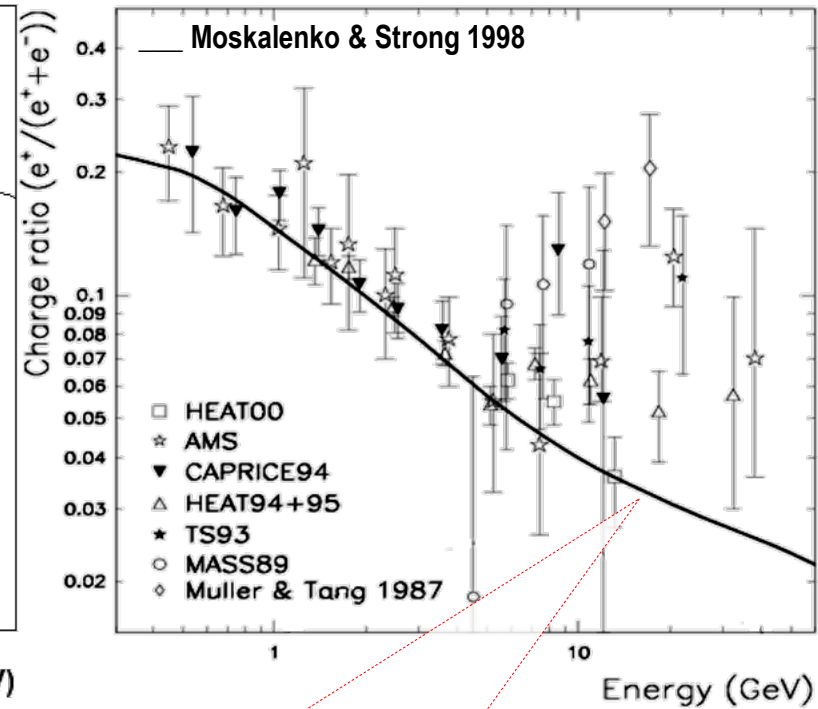
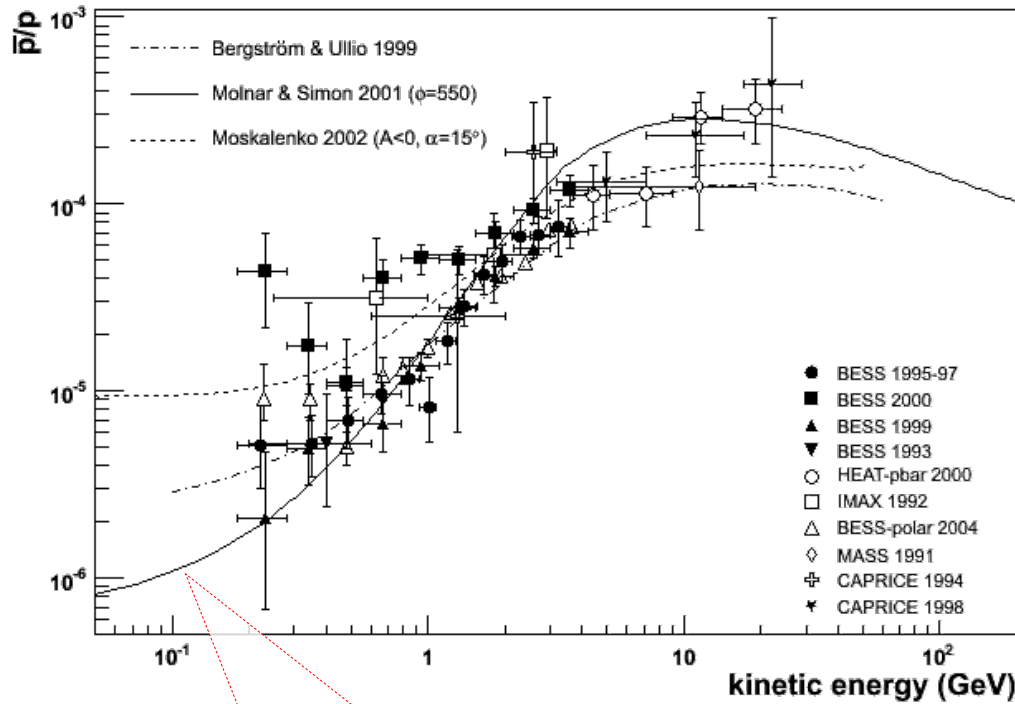


CR antimatter

Status in 2006

Antiprotons

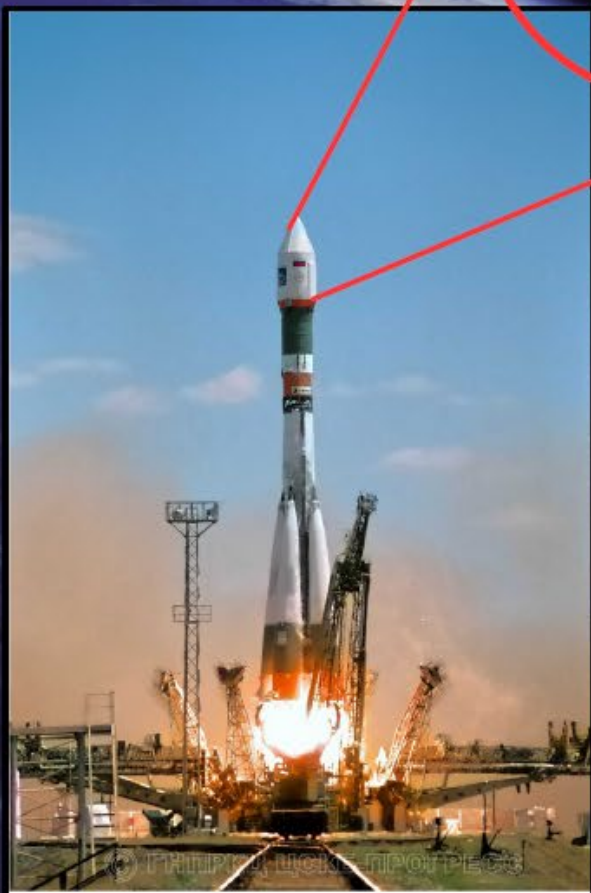
Positrons



CR + ISM \rightarrow **p-bar** + ...
 kinematic treshold:
 5.6 GeV for the reaction
 $pp \rightarrow \bar{p}ppp$

CR + ISM $\rightarrow \pi^\pm + X \rightarrow \mu^\pm + X \rightarrow$ **e^\pm** + X
 CR + ISM $\rightarrow \pi^0 + X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ **e^\pm**

Launch: 15 June 2006 – Stopped in January 2016

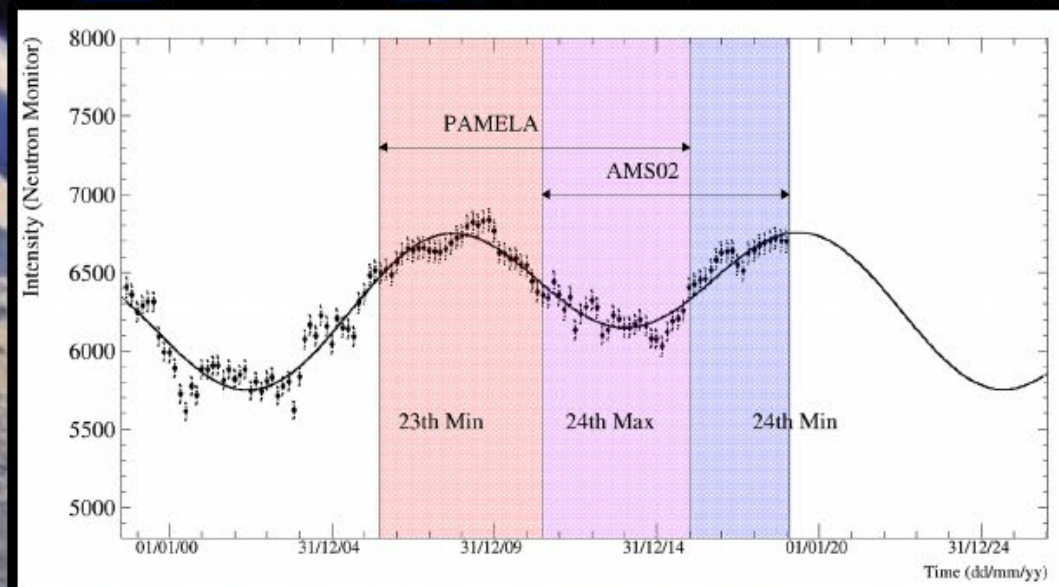
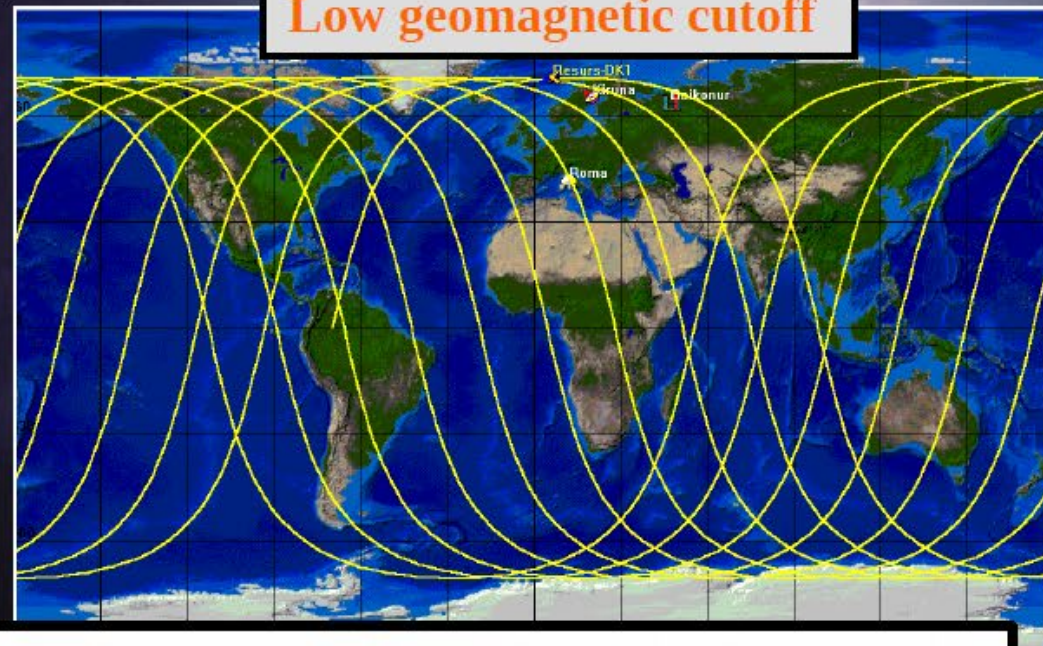


Пуск РН «Союз-У» с КА «Ресурс-ДК1». 15 июня 2006 год.

Quasi-polar elliptical orbit
70 degree inclination
350/610 km.
Allows to measure low
energy particles (70 MeV
electrons)

Long flight duration: 10
years of data
Allows to test model
over different period of
solar activity

Low geomagnetic cutoff

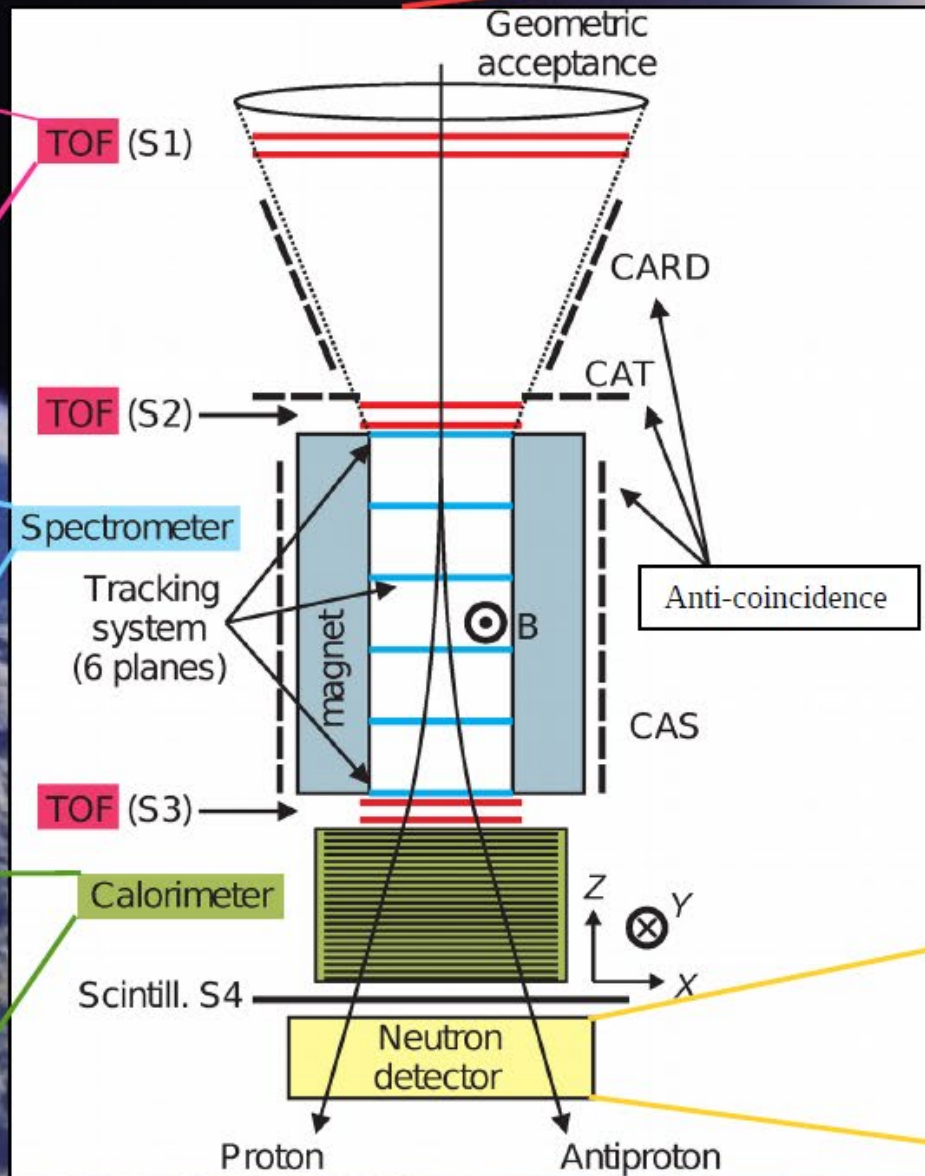


The PAMELA instrument

24 bars of plastic scintillator arranged in six plane, S11, S12, S21, S22, S31, S32: velocity, absolute charge $Z < 8$.

Six planes of double side microstrip silicon detectors inside a magnetic cavity: rigidity, absolute charge $Z < 6$, charge sign.

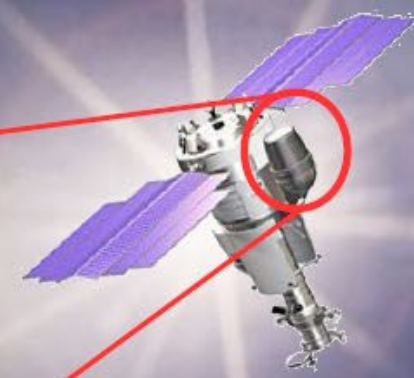
44 planes of Si detector interleaved with 22 tungsten planes, 16.3 radiation length: hadron lepton separation.



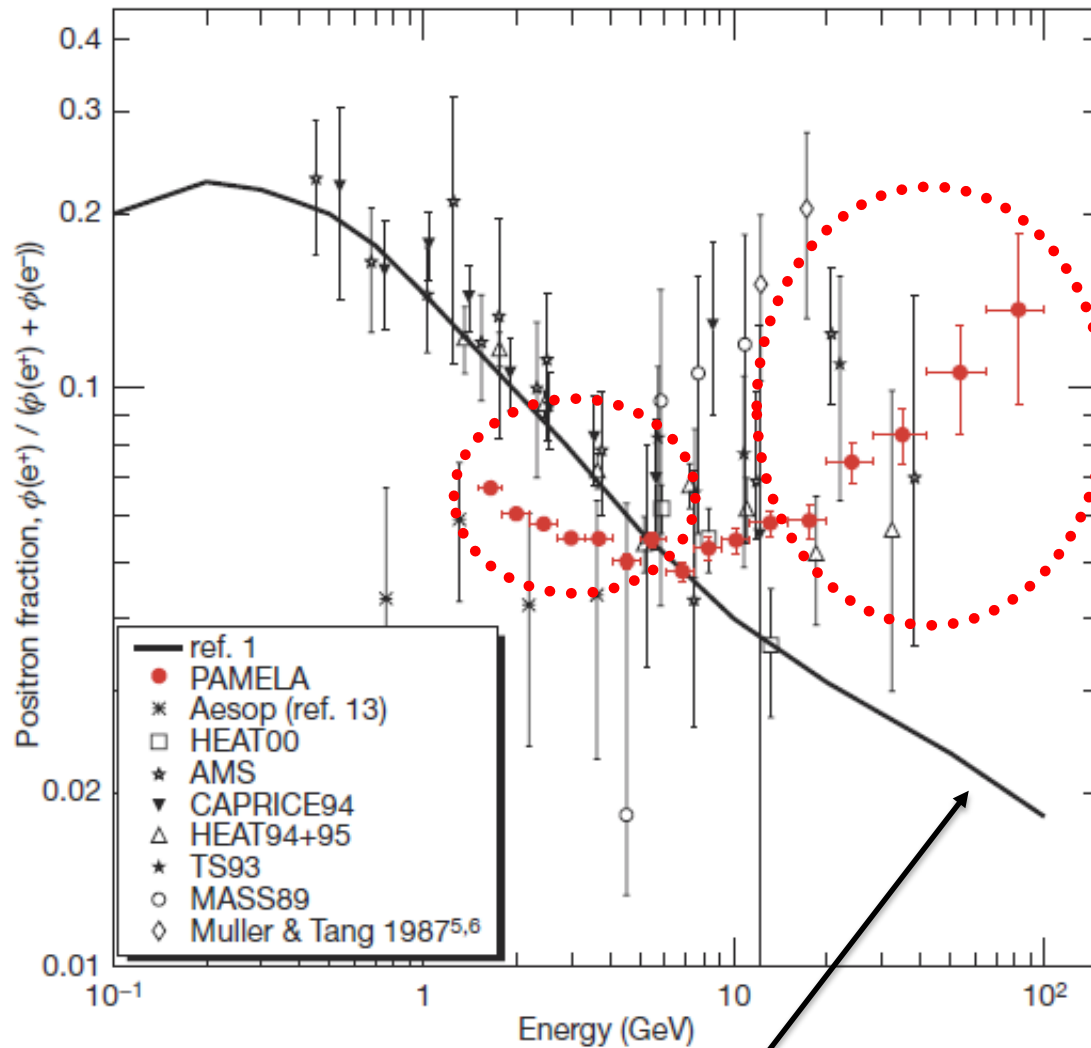
GF: 21.5 cm² sr
Mass: 470 kg
Size: 130x70x70 cm
Power budget: 360 W

(CAS, CARD e CAT) nine planes of plastic scintillator around the apparatus: reject false triggers or multi-particle events.

36 proportional counters filled with ³He: improve hadron rejection.



PAMELA Results: Positrons



Secondary production: Moskalenko & Strong 98

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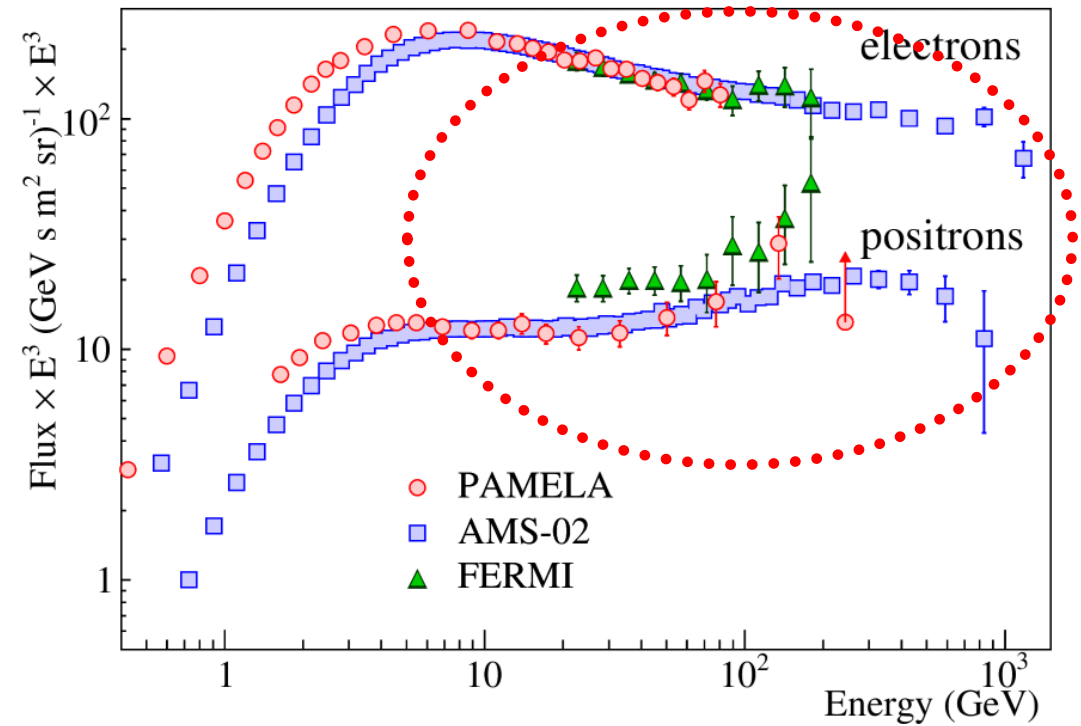
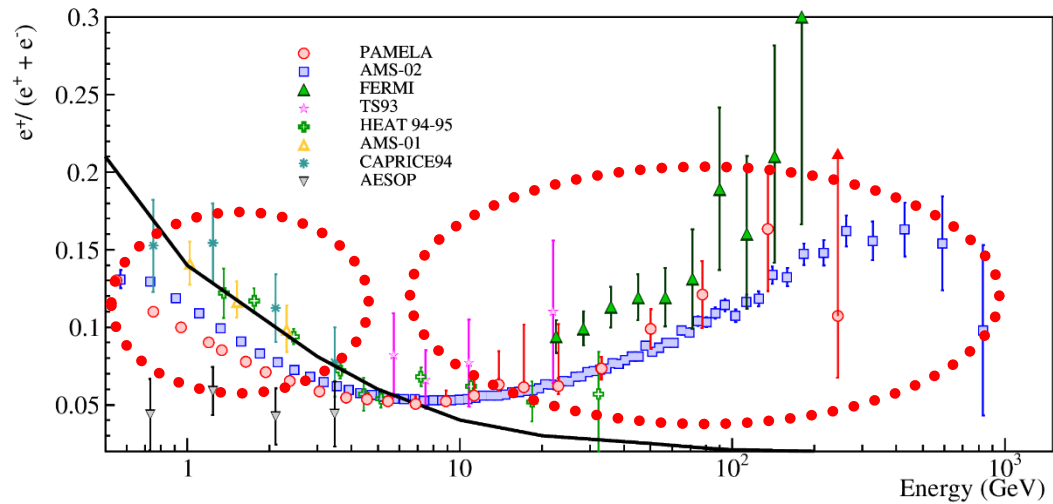
LETTERS

An anomalous positron abundance in cosmic rays with energies 1.5–100 GeV

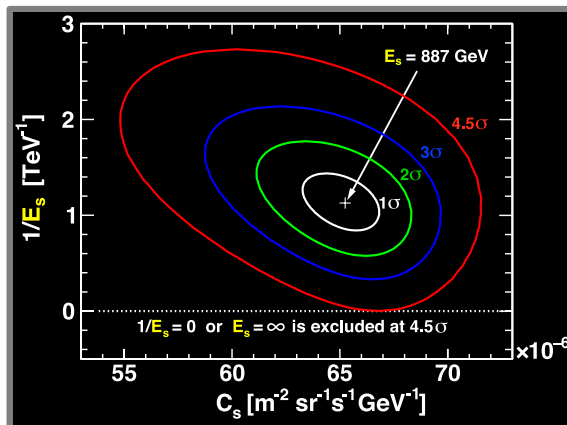
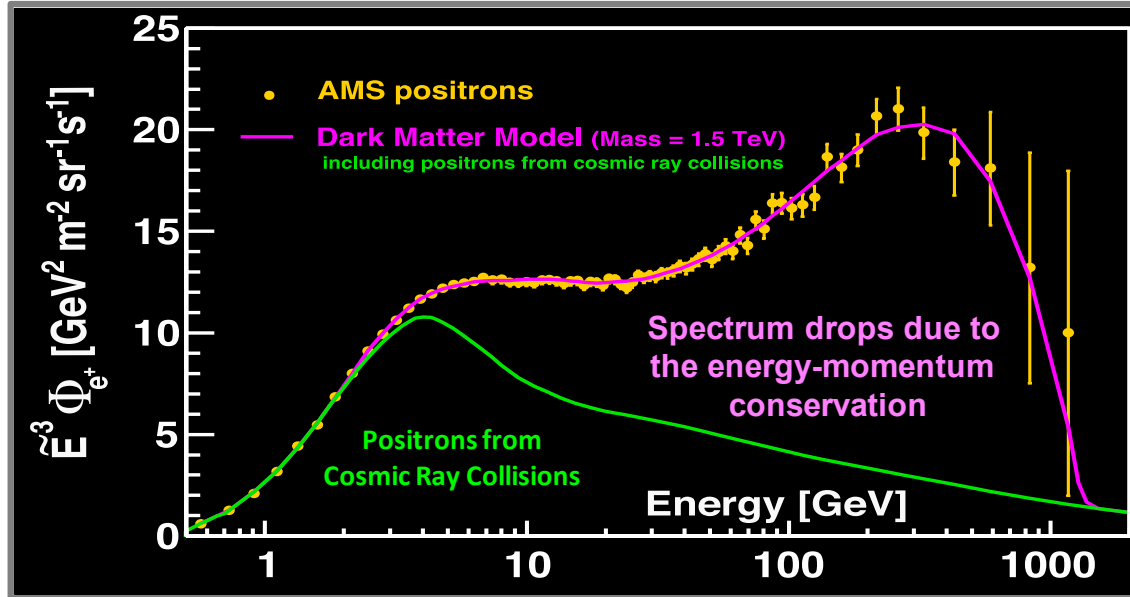
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- **High energy:** first clear evidence of increasing positron fraction above 10 GeV with respect to pure secondary production;
- **Low energy:** charge-dependent solar modulation

Electrons and Positrons



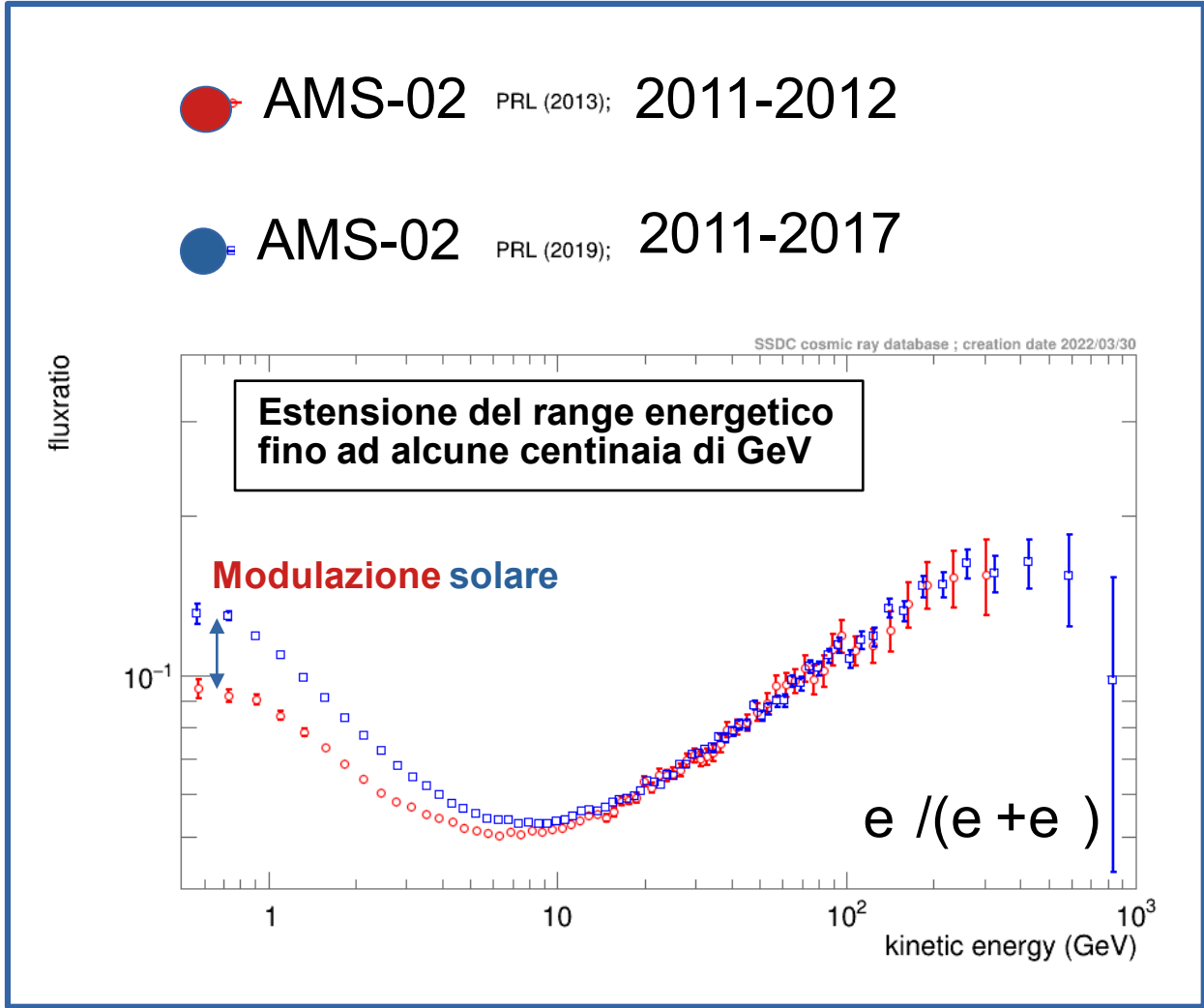
Positron Anomaly: AMS-02



The finite cutoff energy E_s is established at 4.5σ

P. Zuccon, MIAPP 2022

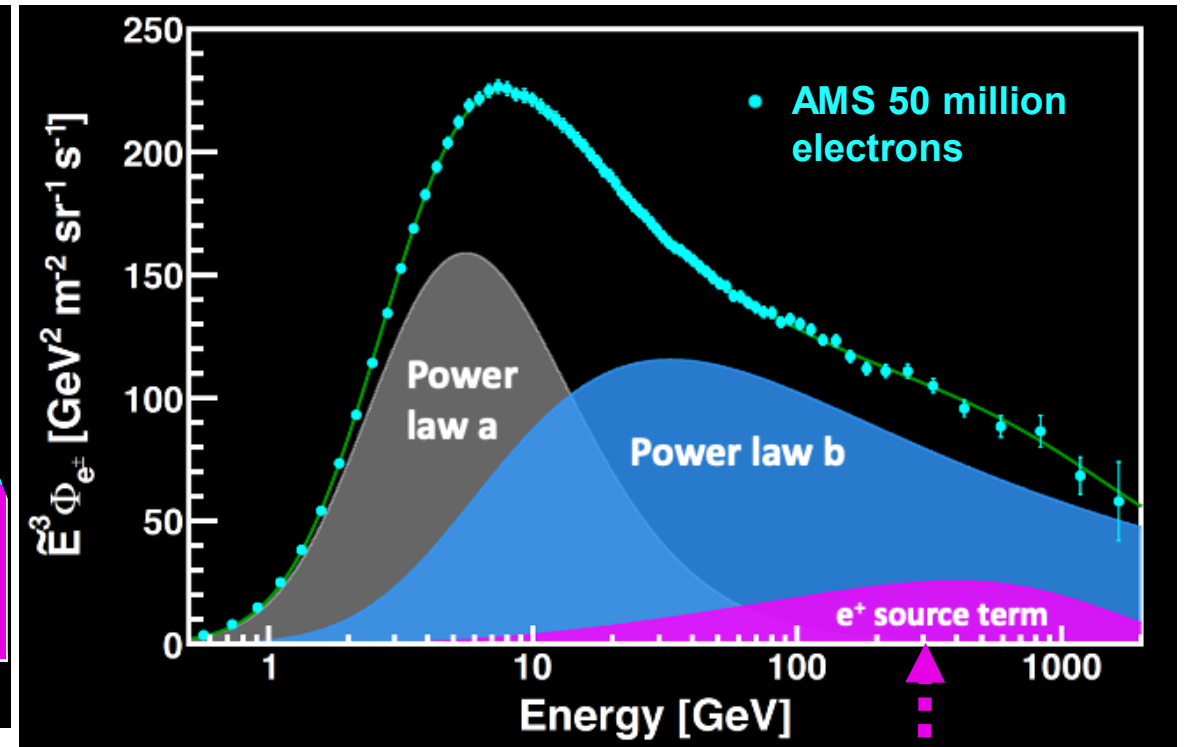
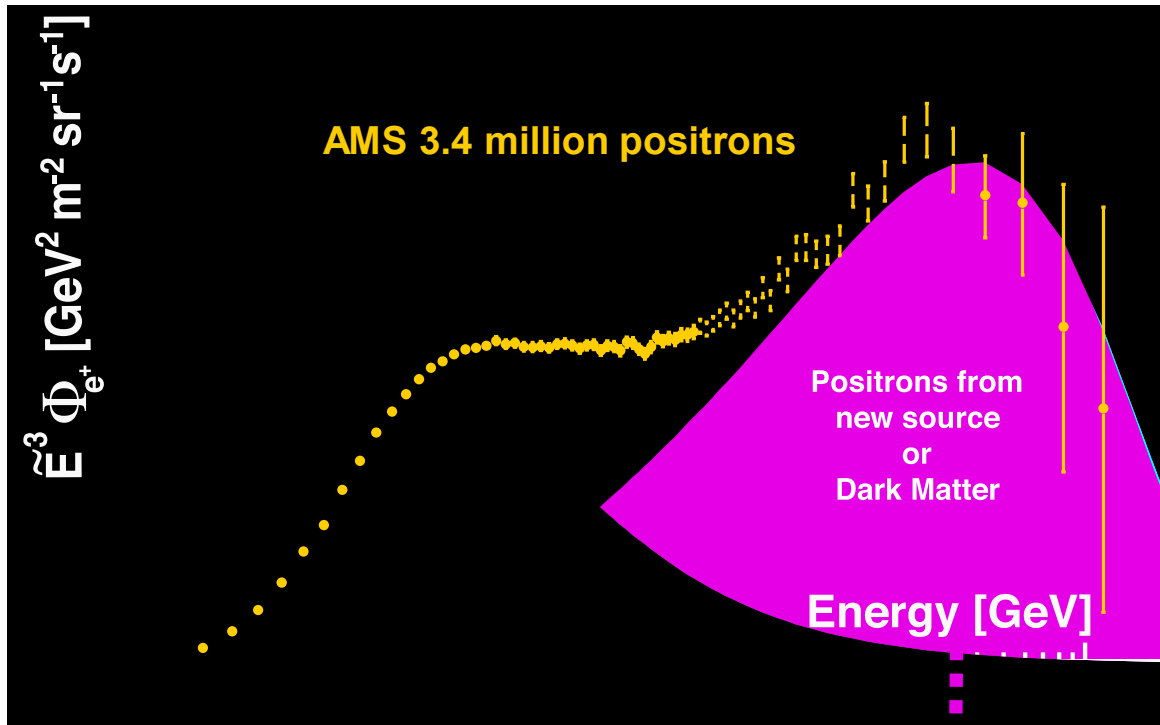
- AMS-02 PRL (2013); 2011-2012
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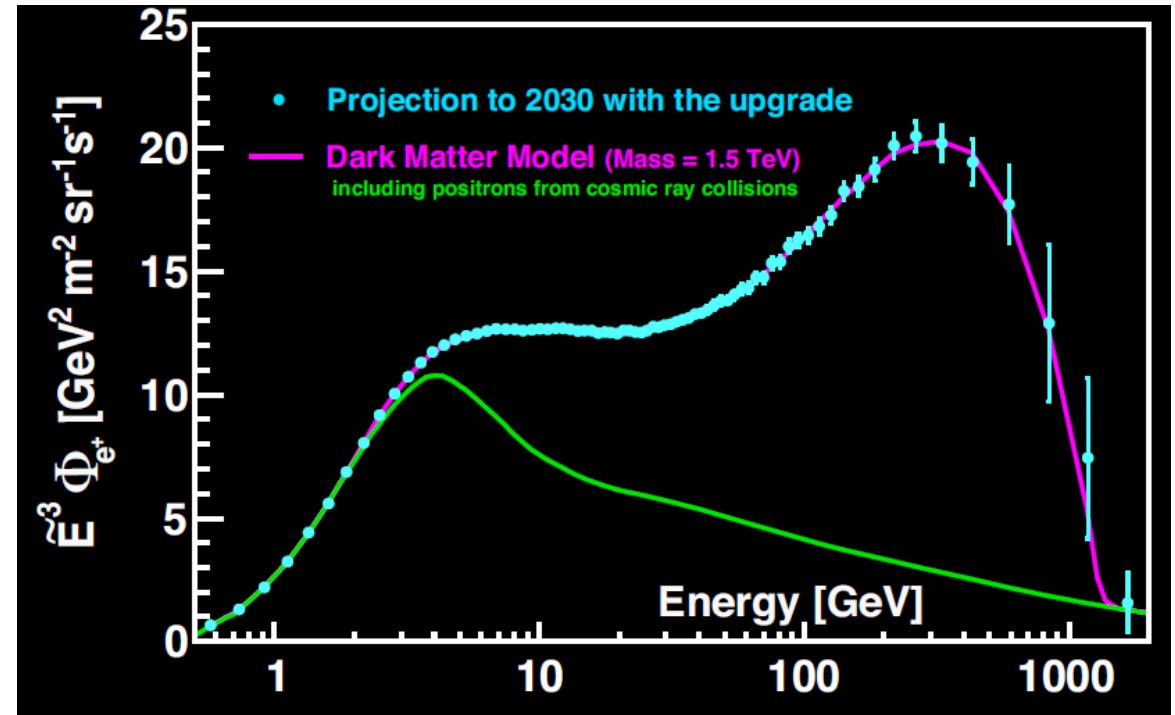
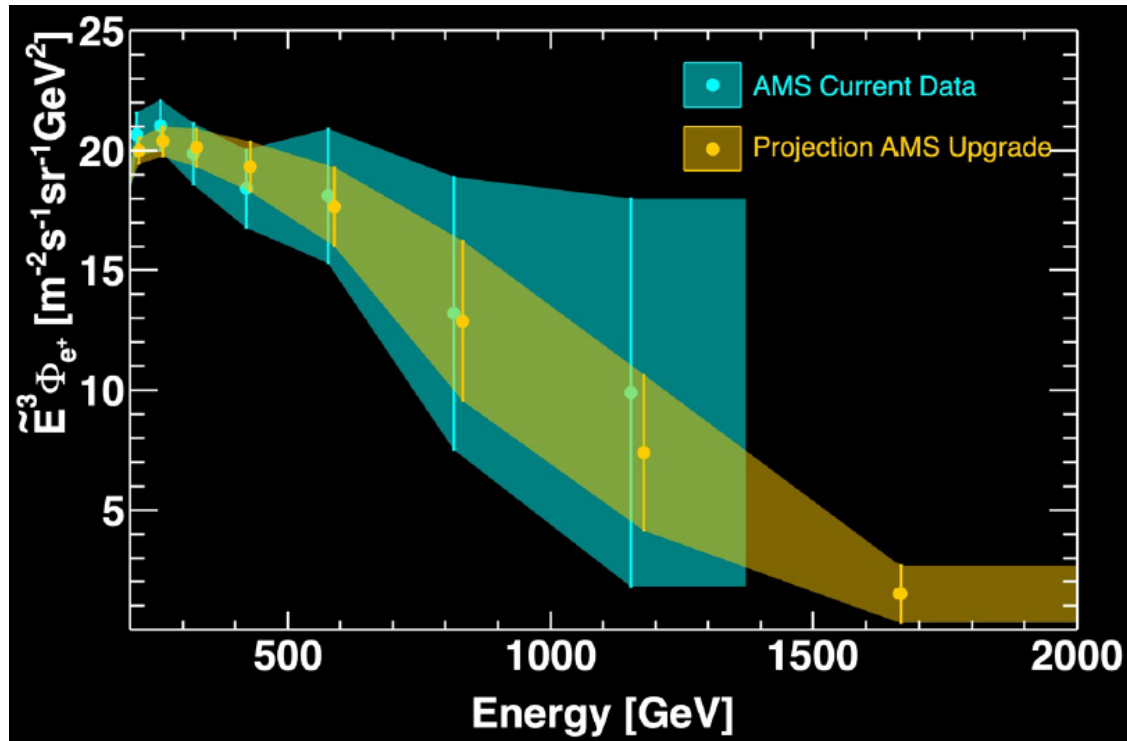
Positrons vs Electrons

Electron spectrum favors the contribution of the positron-like source term at 95% confidence level

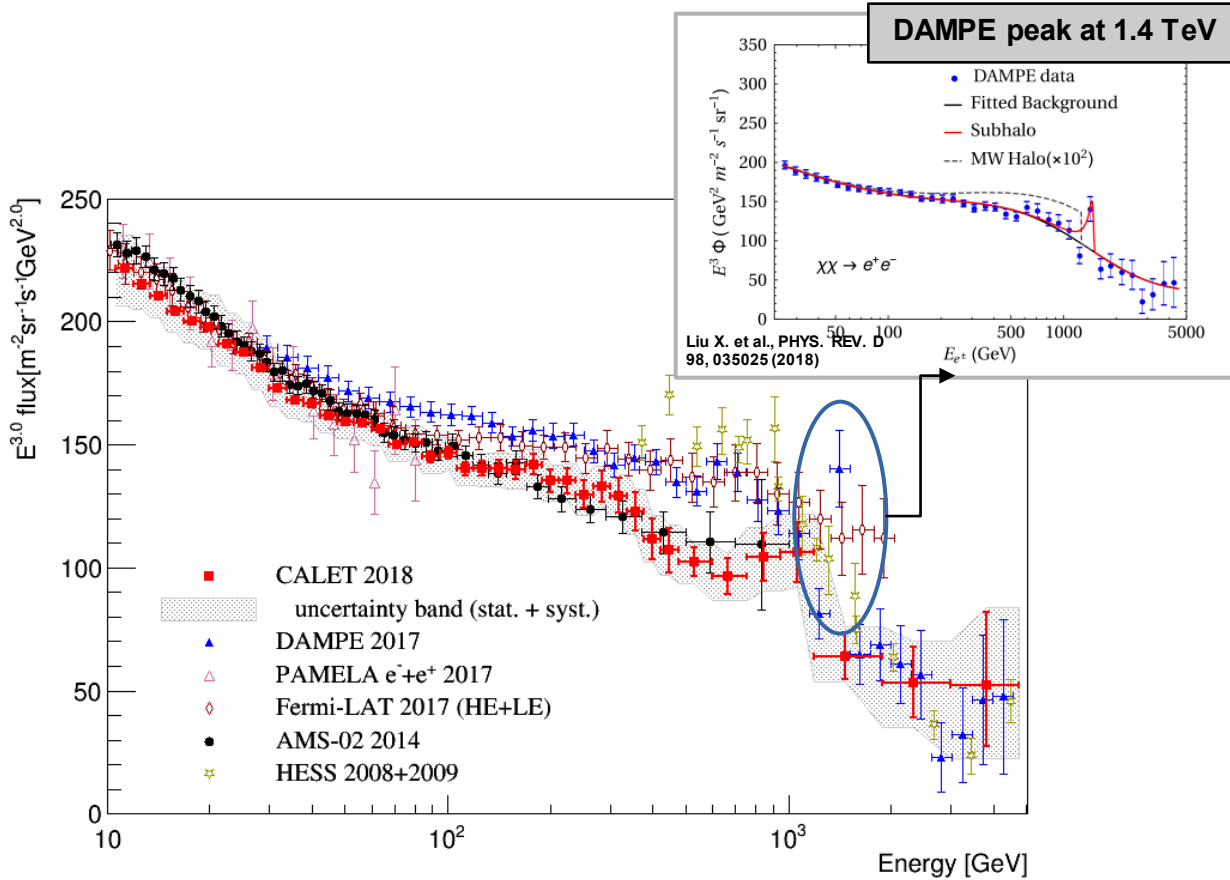
However, this does not allow to discriminate between pulsar and DM contributions



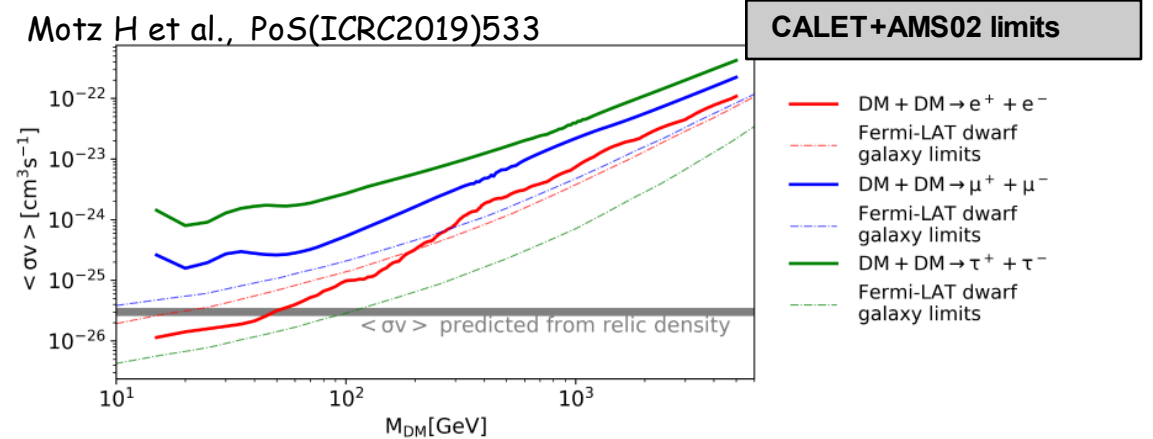
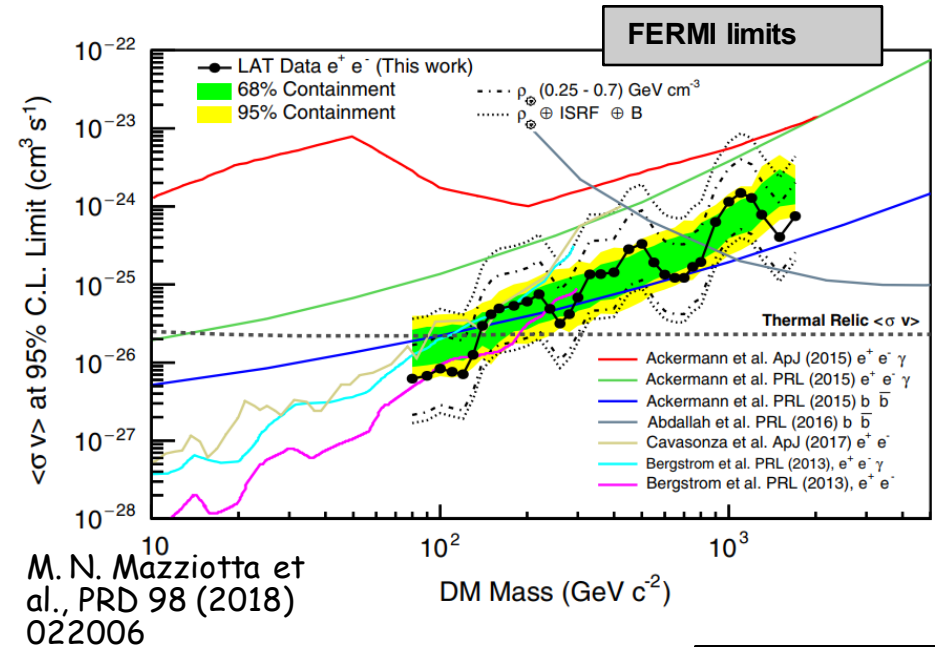
Positrons with AMS-02 upgrade



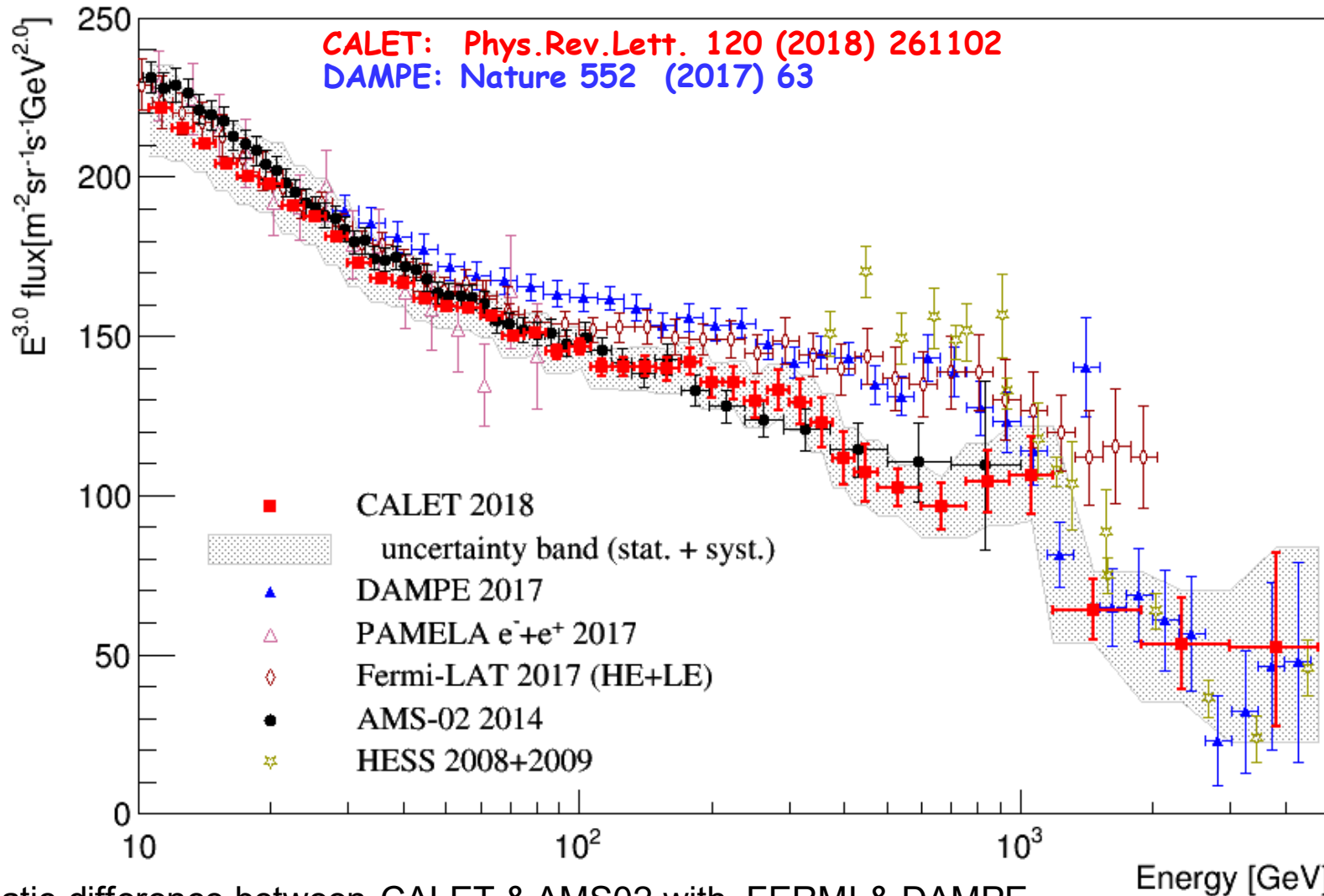
All Electron Spectrum ($e^- + e^+$)



CALET \rightarrow no structure at 1.4 TeV

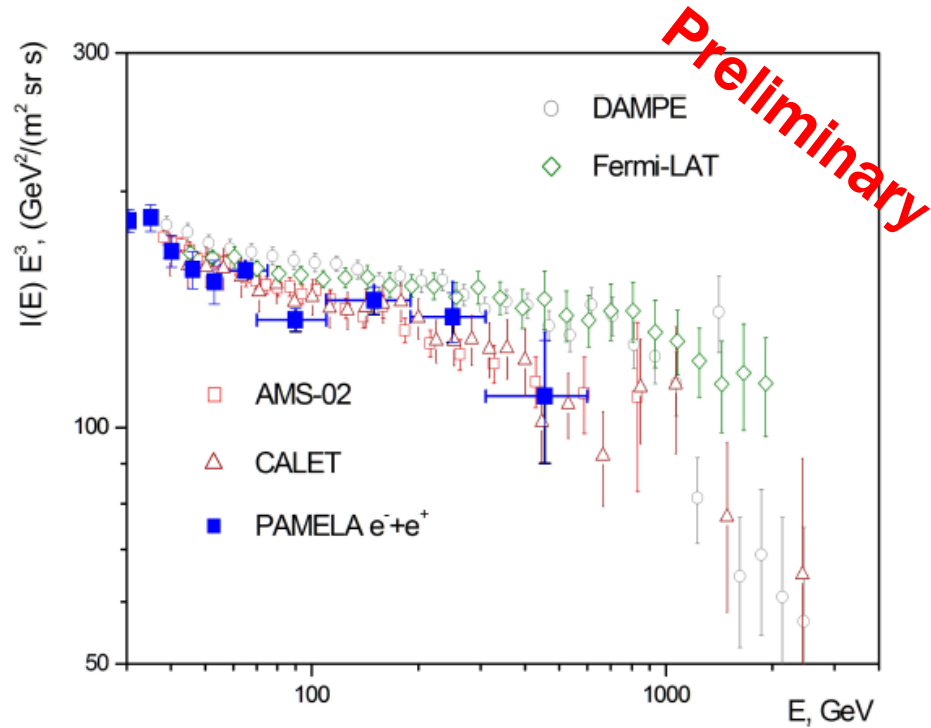


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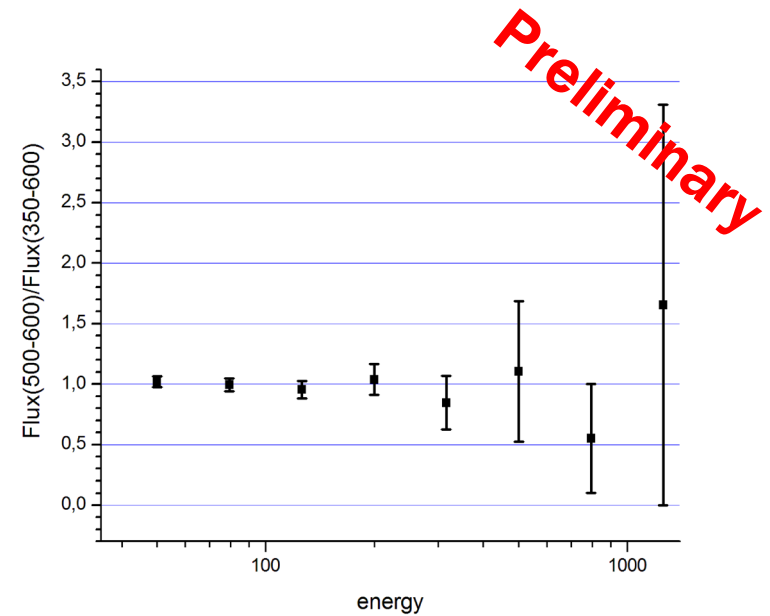


Systematic difference between CALET & AMS02 with FERMI & DAMPE

Elettroni e Positroni Galattici

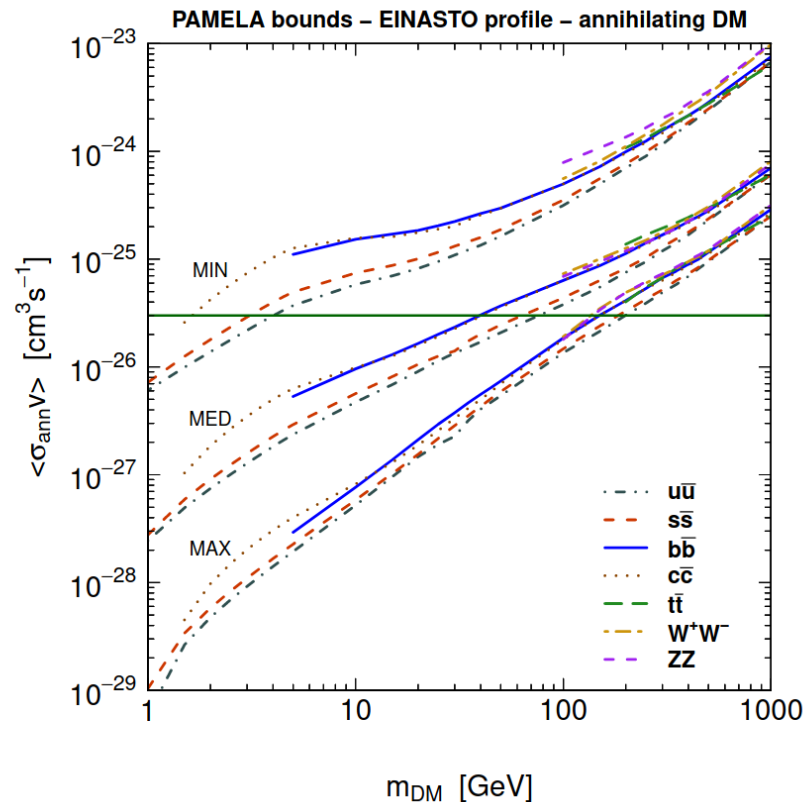


V. V. Mikhailov et al., J. Phys.
Conf. Ser. 1390 (2019) 012061



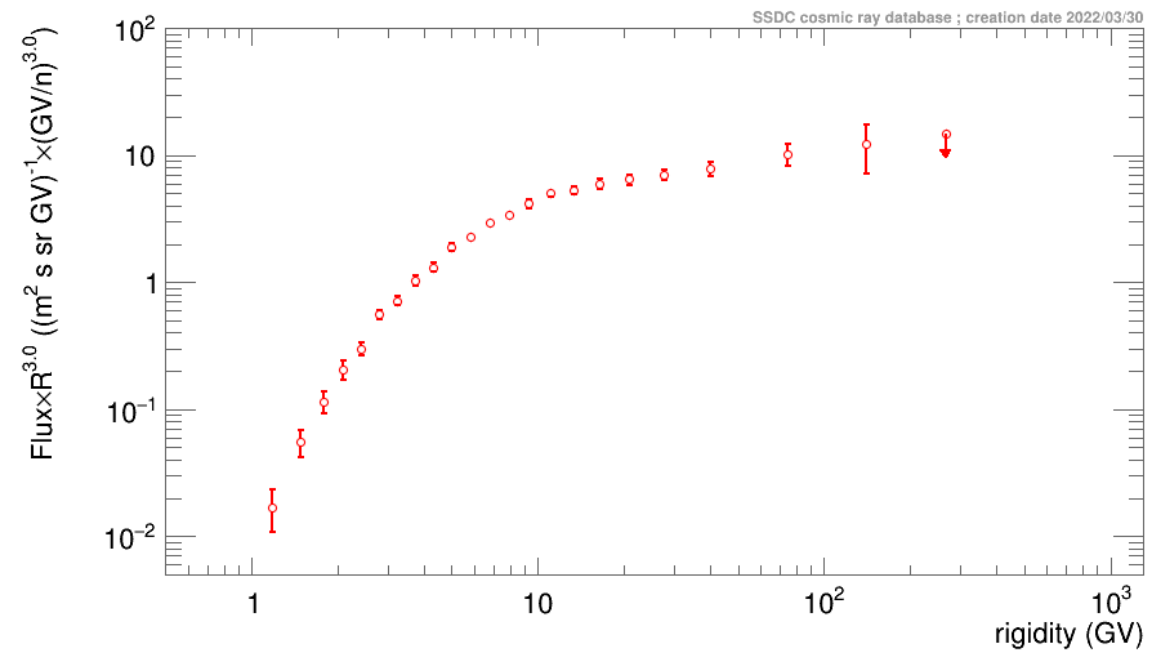
PAMELA: Antiprotons

PAMELA greatly increases the existing statistics significantly extending the observed energy range

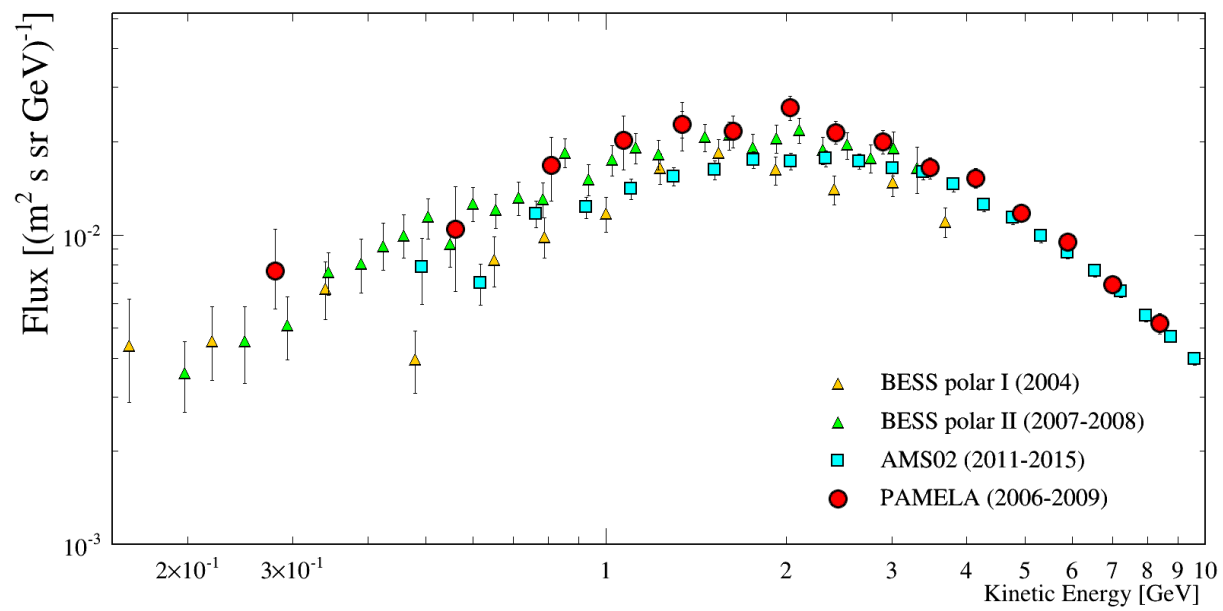
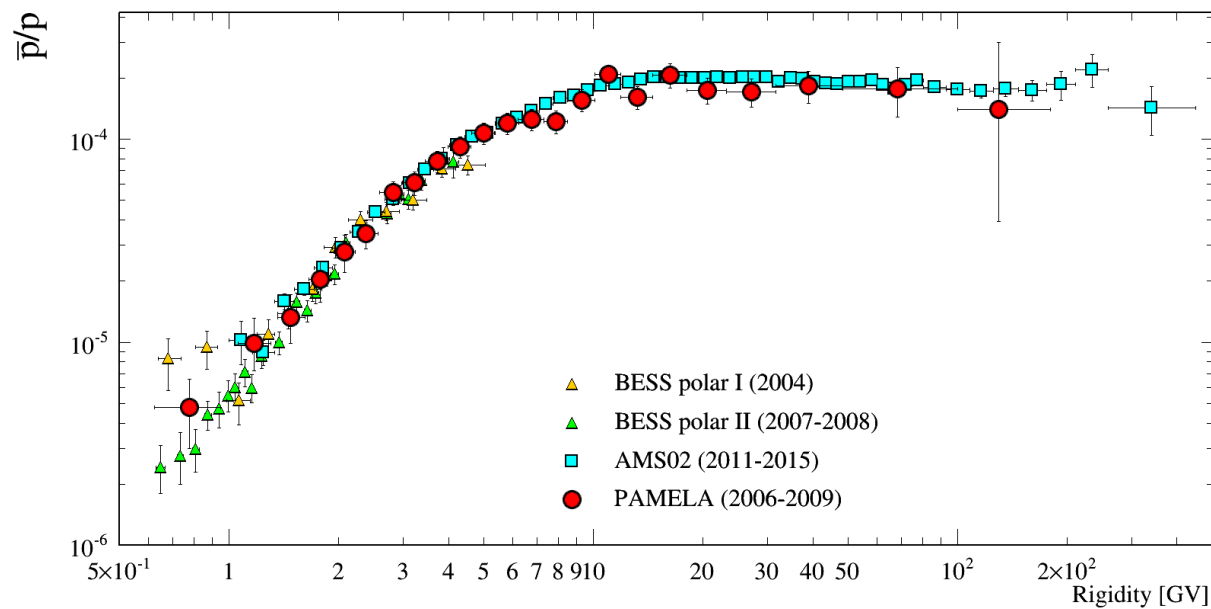


Fornengo N. et al., JCAP 1404 (2014) 003

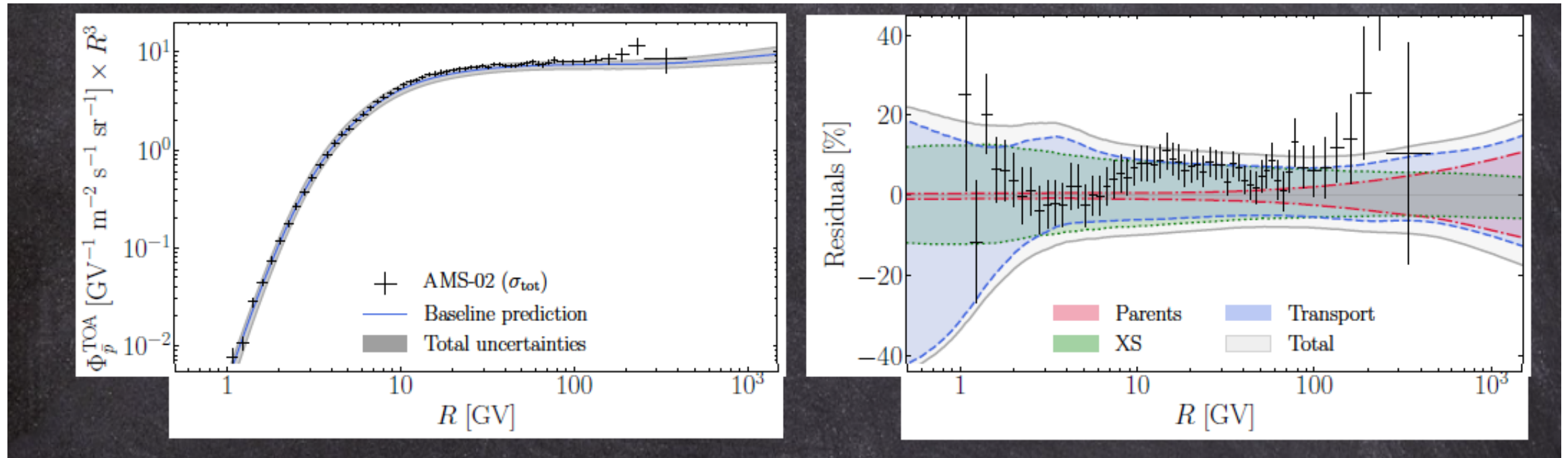
● PAMELA JETP Letters (2013) (2006-2010)



PAMELA antiproton results vs BESS Polar & AMS-02: Agreement!

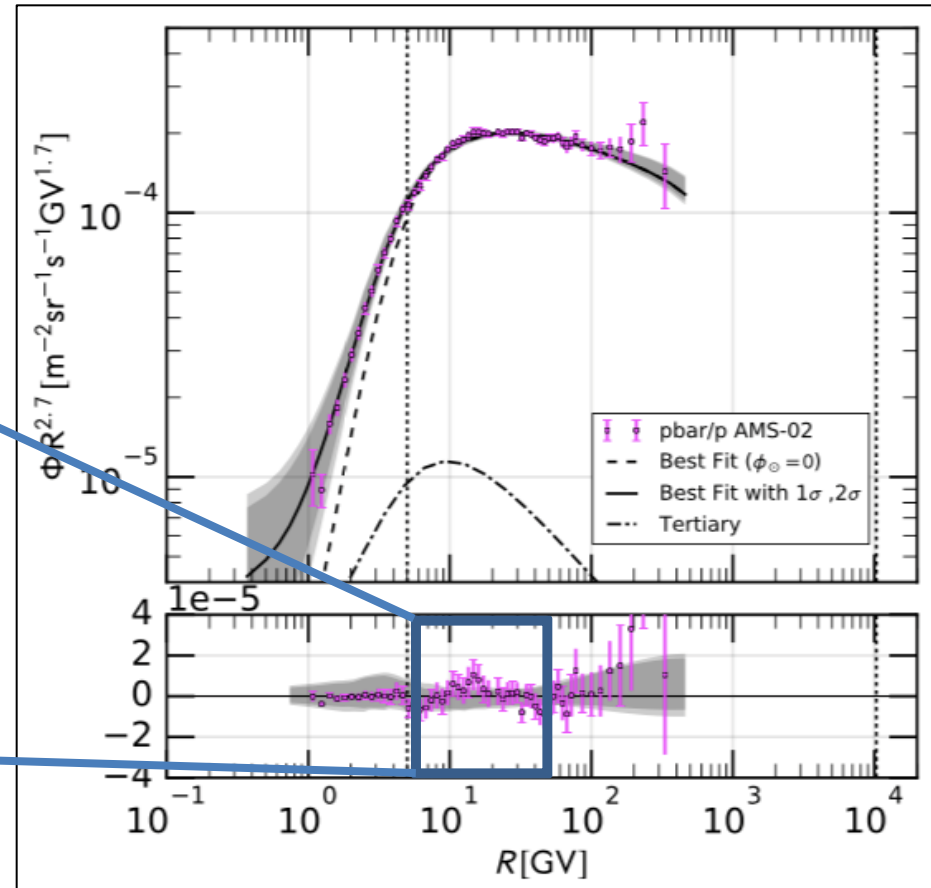
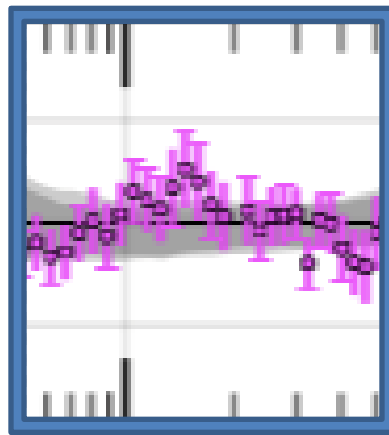


AMS-02 Antiprotons and Secondary Production

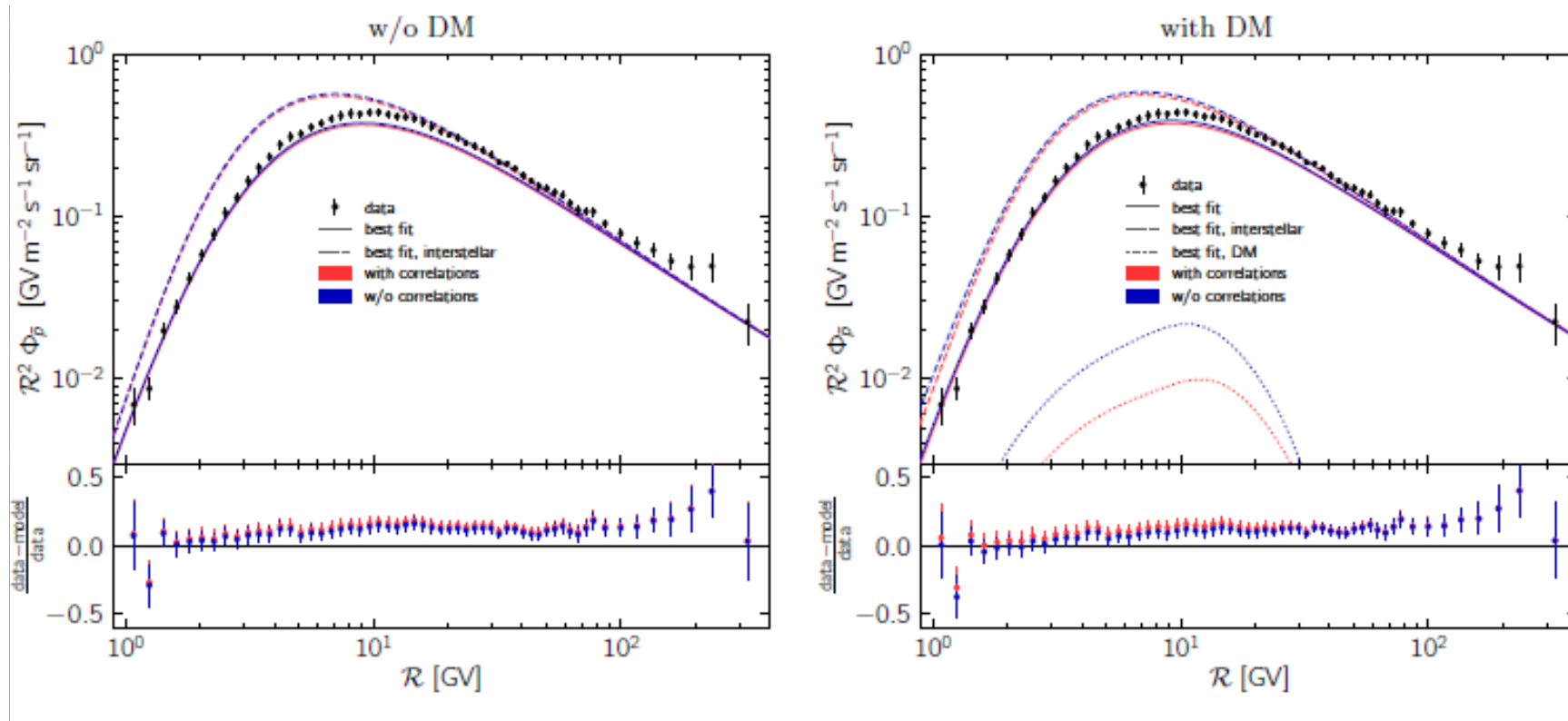


The Antiproton Excess

- The AMS antiproton excess was pointed out in 2016 by two independent groups (Cuoco, Krämer, Korsmeier and Cui, Yuan, Tsai, Fan)
- Both papers identified a small, but statistically significant excess ($\sim 4.5\sigma$)
- These papers made it clear that out-of-the-box GALPROP models could not explain the antiproton spectrum that had been observed by AMS



The Antiproton Excess



J. Heisig, M. Korsmeier, and M. W. Winkler, *Phys. Rev. Res.* **2** (2020), 043017:

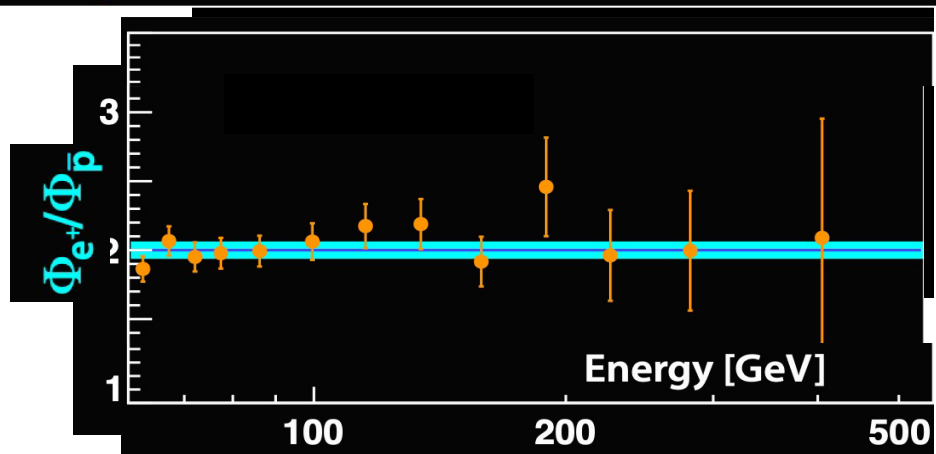
“We find that the global significance of the antiproton excess is reduced to below 1σ once all systematics, including the derived AMS-02 error correlations, are taken into account. No significant preference for a dark-matter signal in the AMS-02 antiproton data is found in the mass range 10-10000 GeV..”

Do we understand propagation correctly?

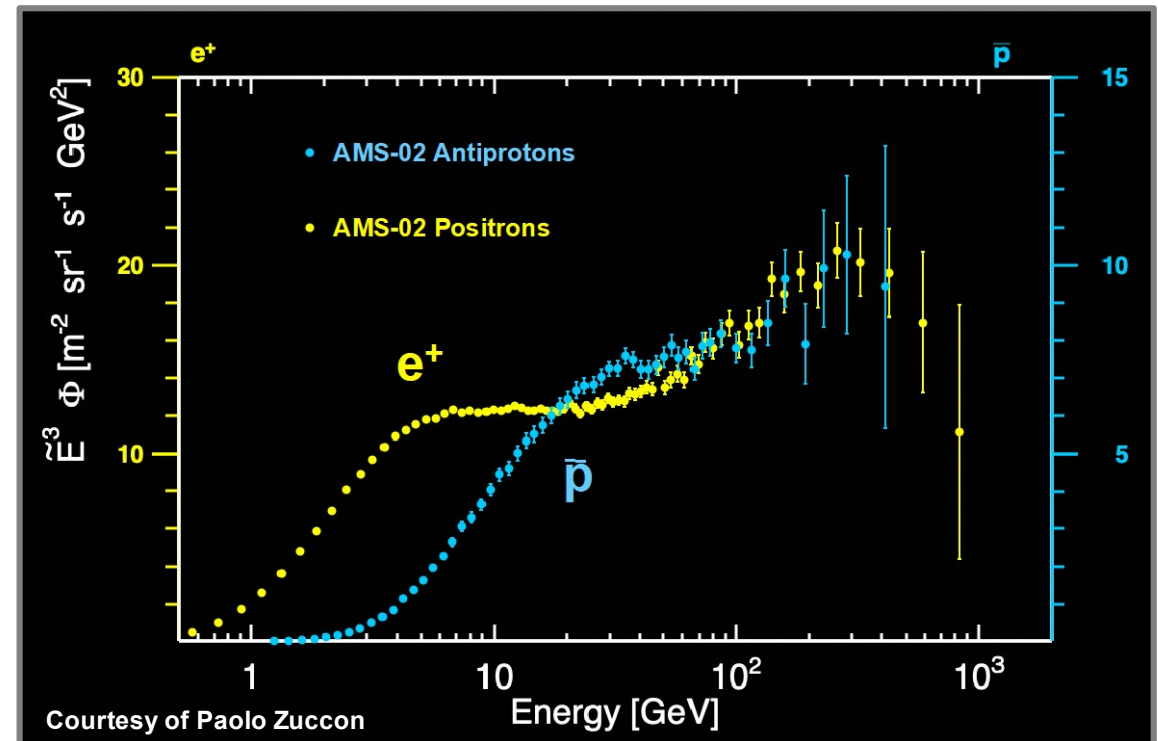
Paolo Lipari arXiv:1902.06173, 16 Feb 2019

“Alternative” interpretation: the e^+ flux is entirely of secondary origin, but its residence time in the Galaxy must be small than that usually inferred from CR nuclei

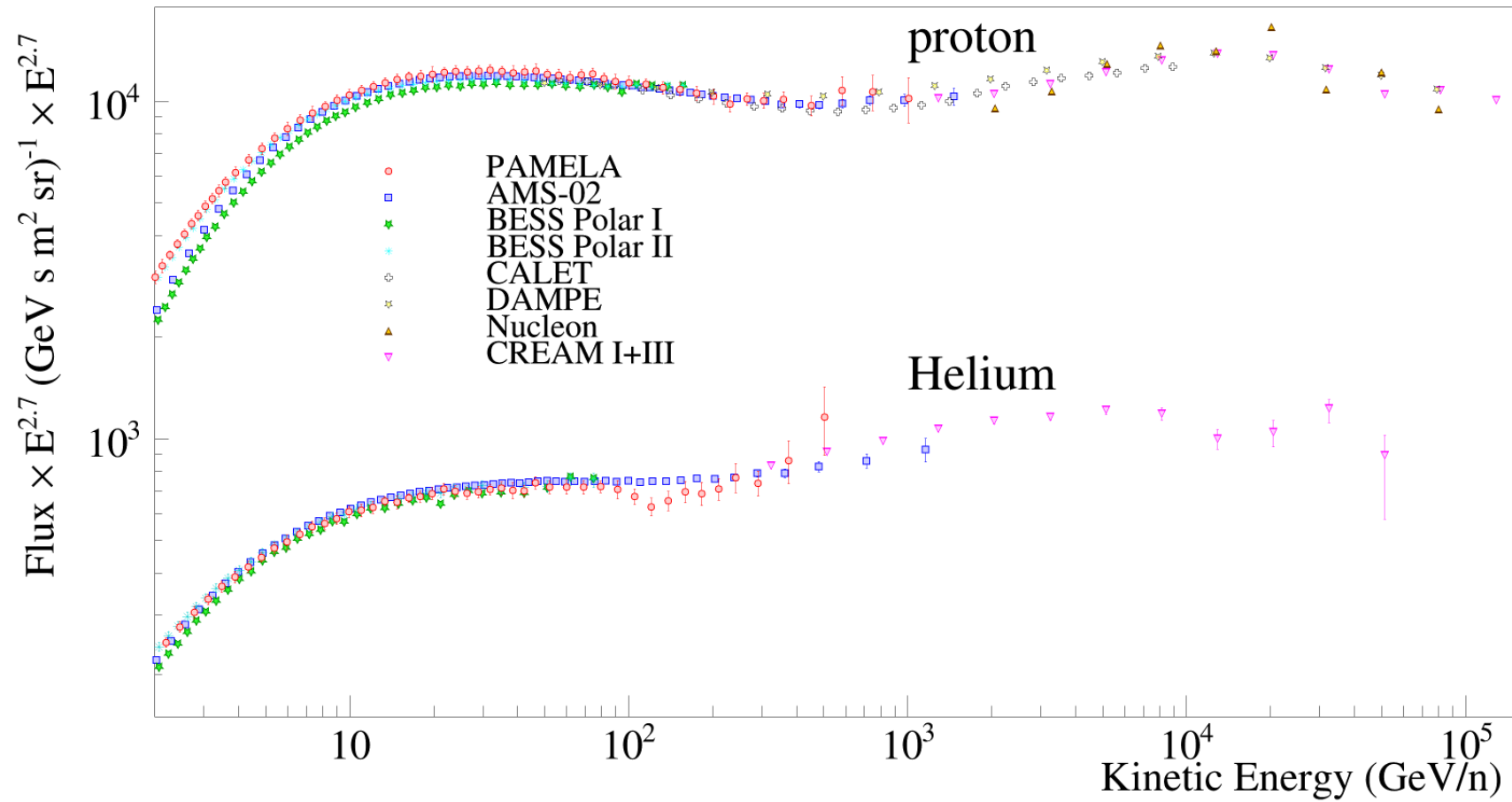
$$\Phi_{e^+}/\Phi_{\bar{p}} = 2.00 \pm 0.035(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst.})$$



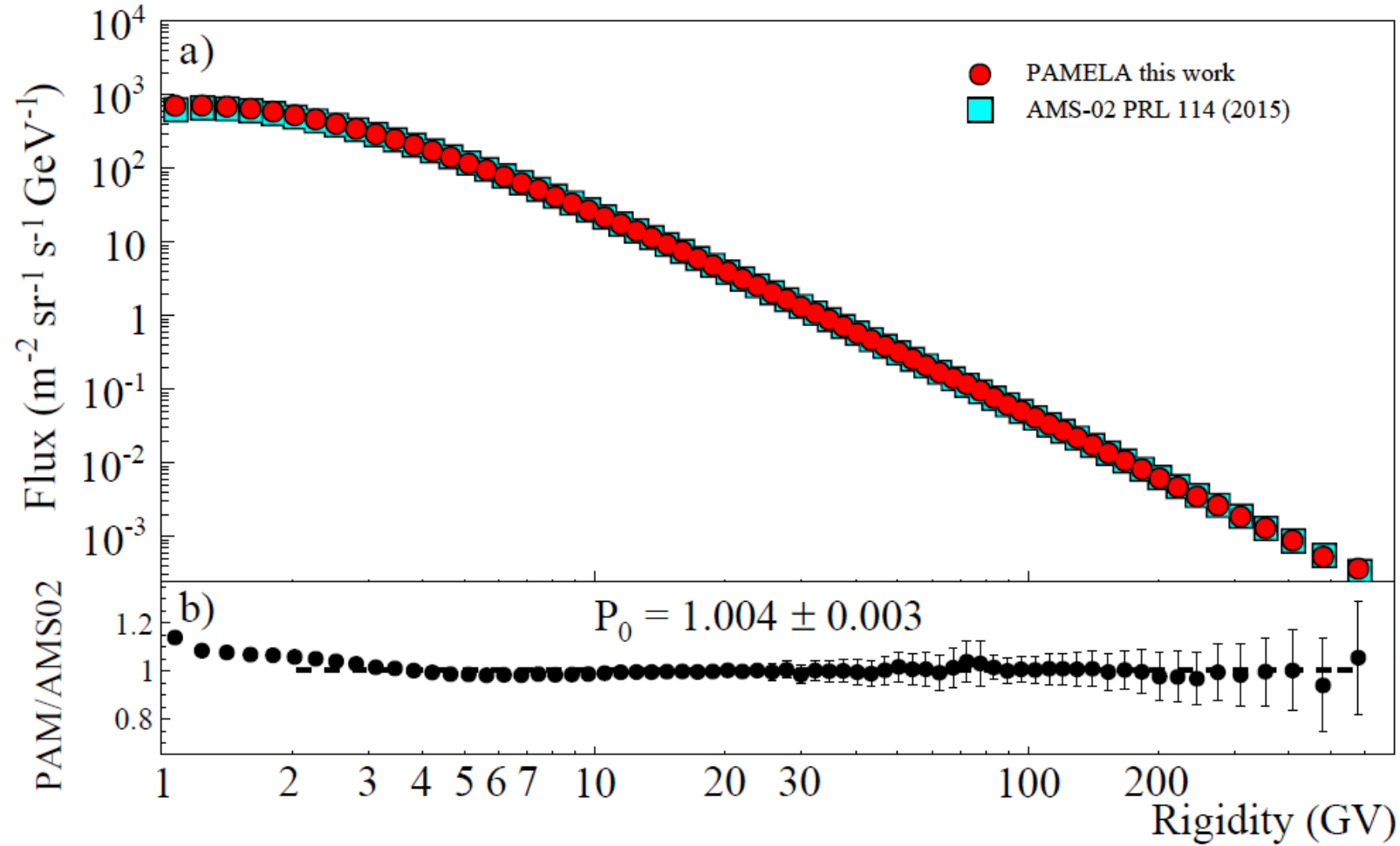
Antiprotons show a similar trend to positrons.



Recent proton spectrum measurements



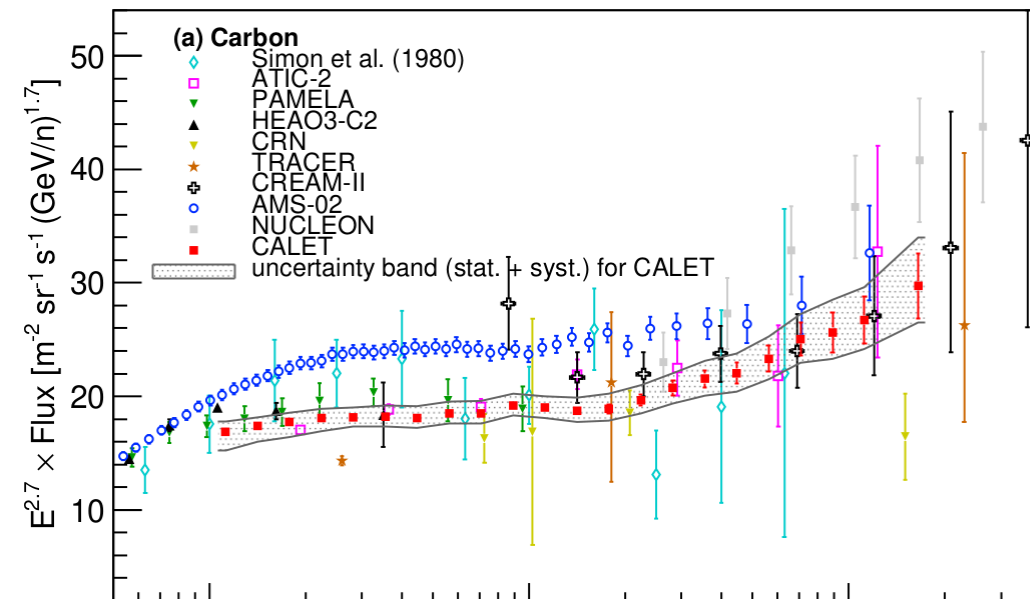
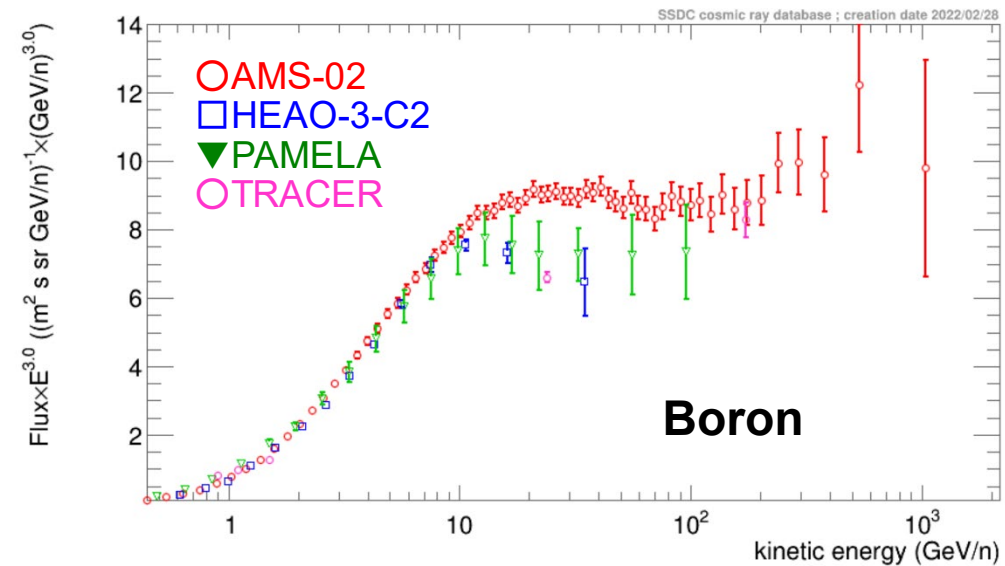
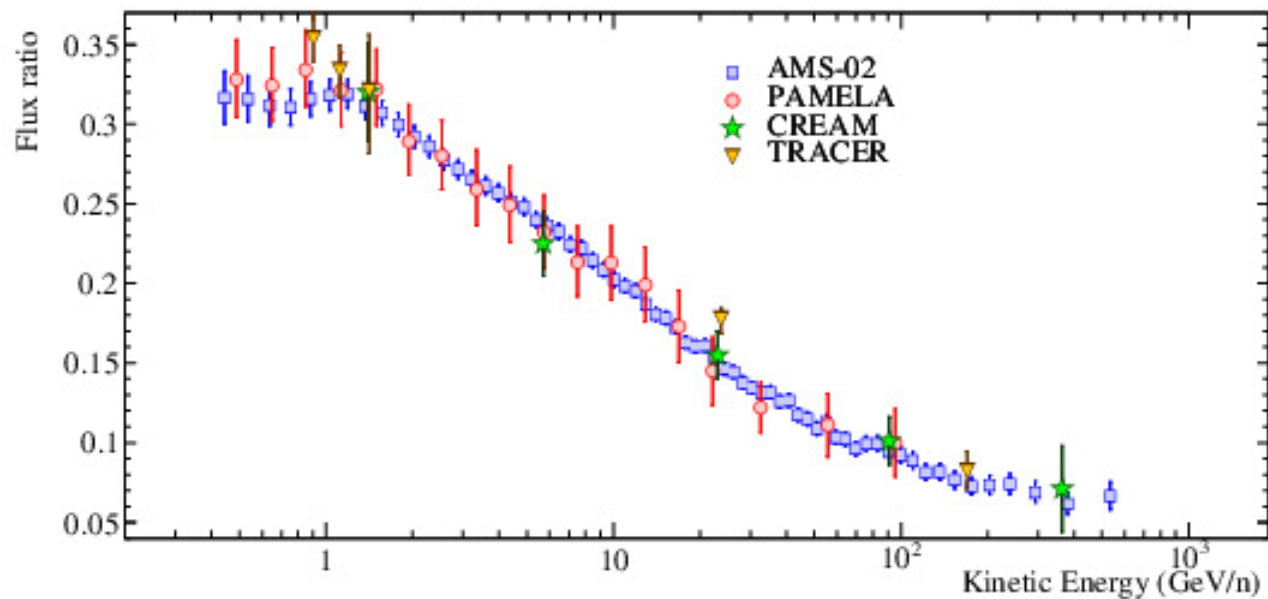
PAMELA & AMS-02 Proton Spectrum



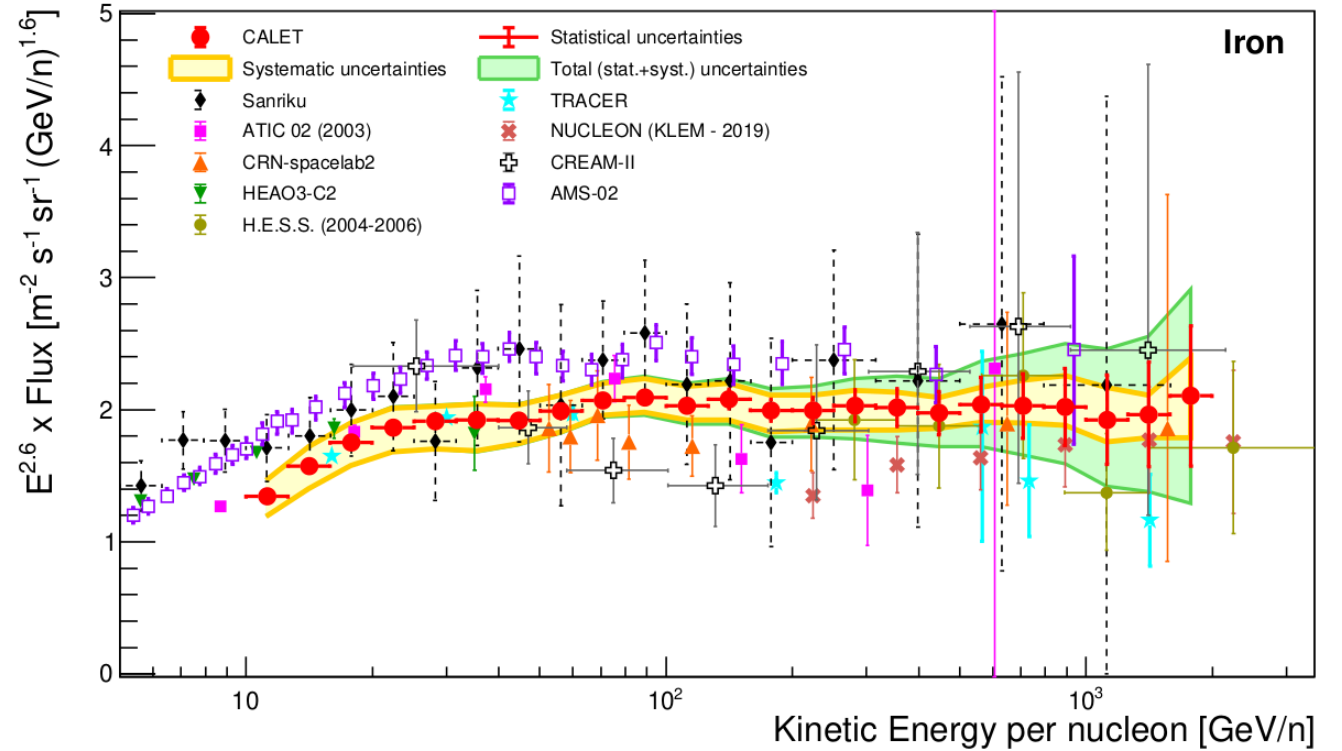
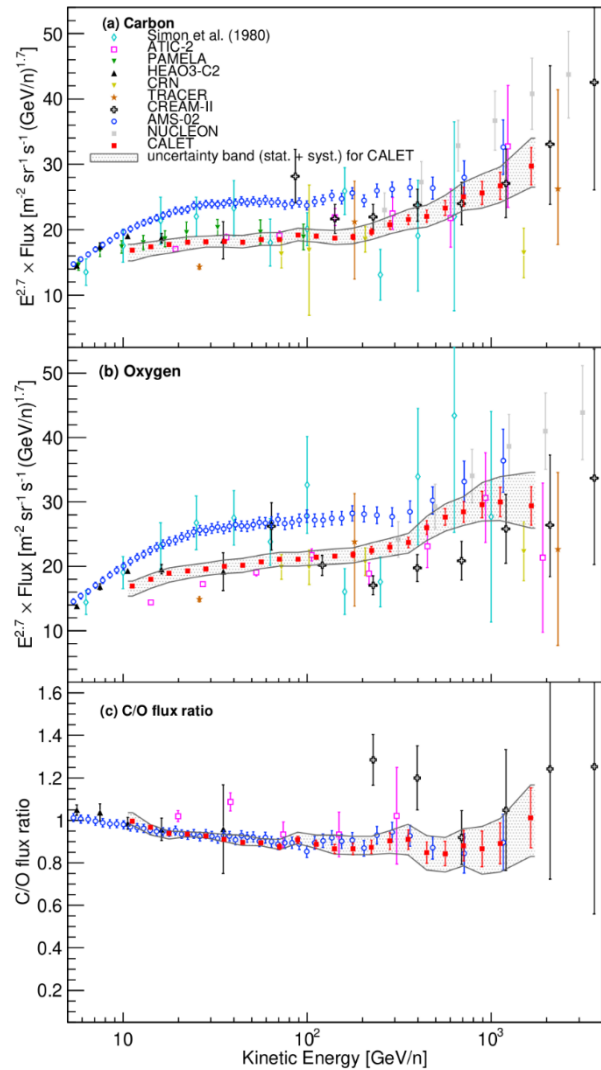
M. Martucci et al.,
ApJL 854 (2018)L2

Boron & Carbon

Boron-to-Carbon flux ratio



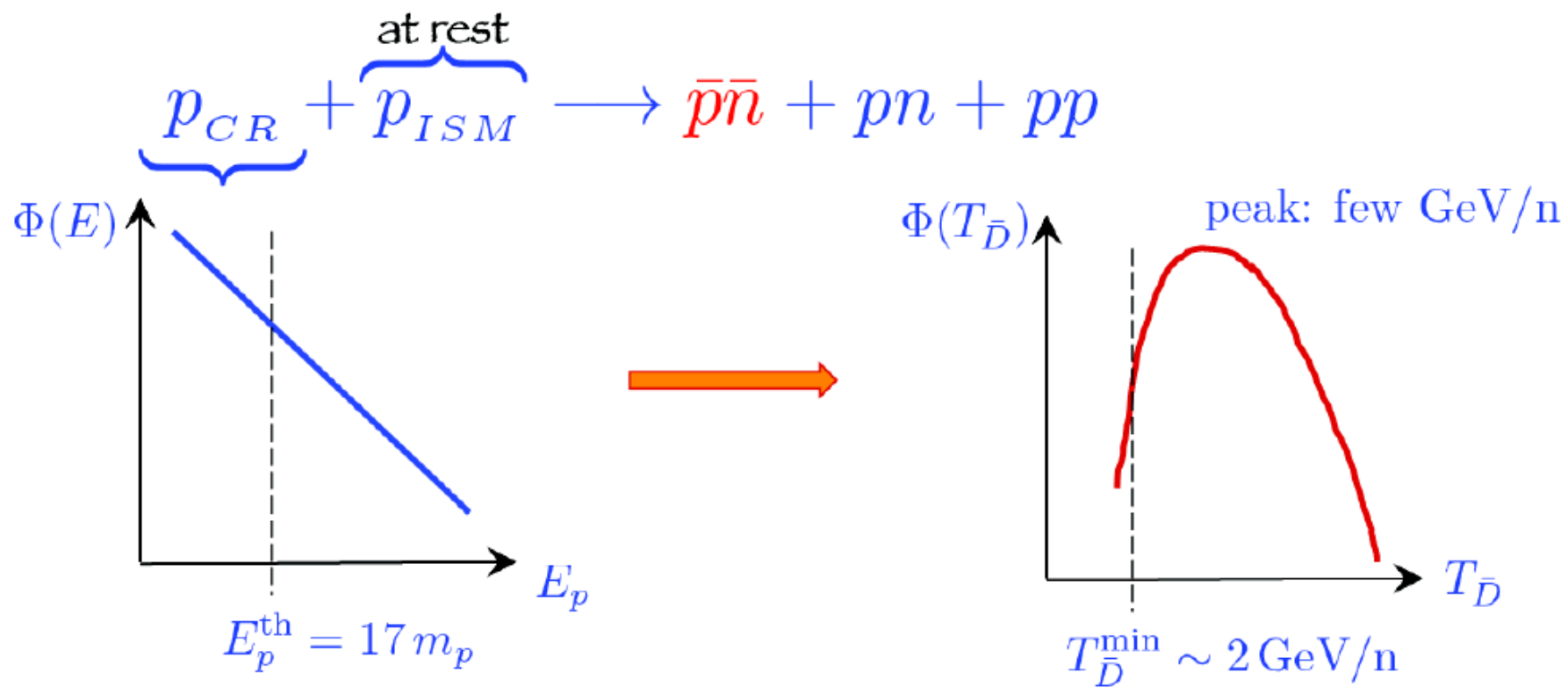
Recent measurements of nuclei spectra: C, O & Fe



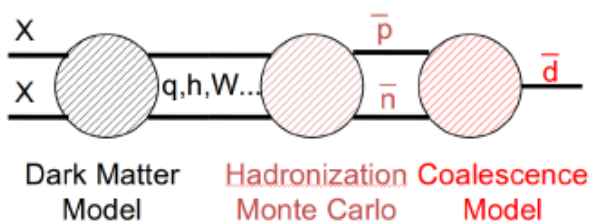
Background “free” Signals?

Antinuclei

WHY ANTI-DEUTERIUM? BACKGROUND

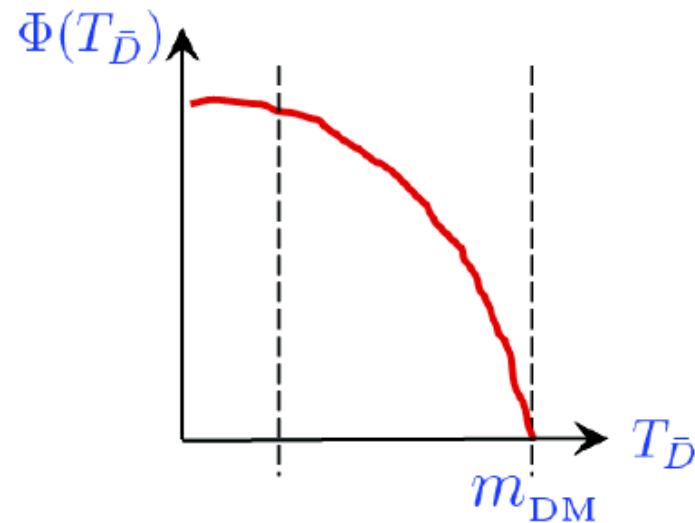
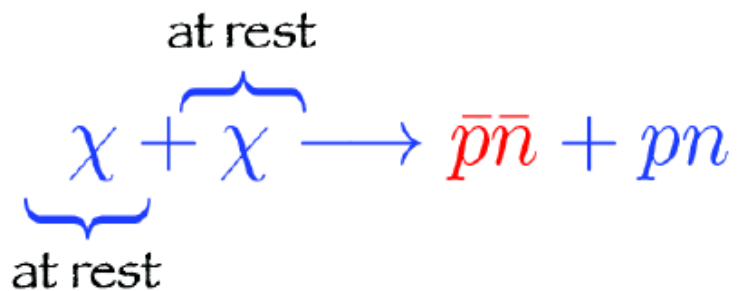


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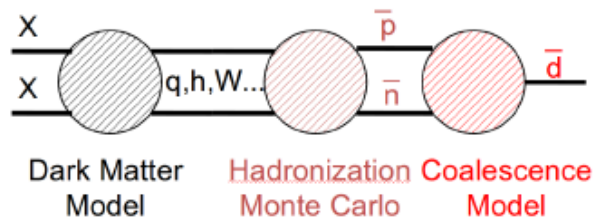


ANTI-DEUTERON FLUX

$$\phi(\bar{D}) \propto \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{annihilation}} \left(\frac{\rho_{DM}}{M_{DM}} \right)^2 \otimes (\text{coalescence } p_0)^3 \otimes \text{propagation}$$

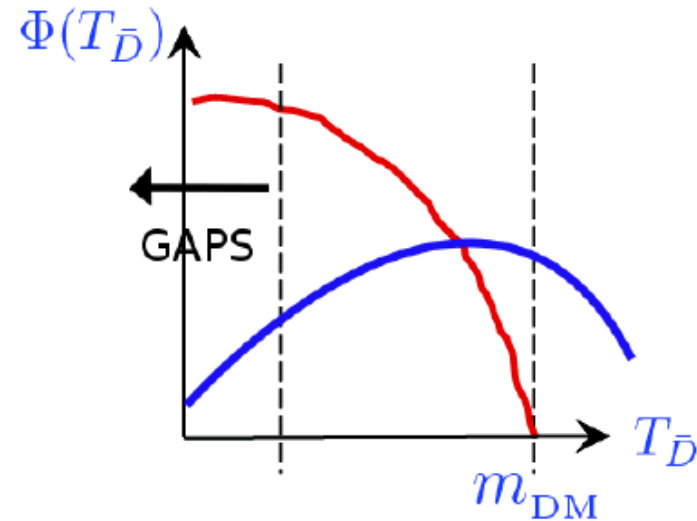
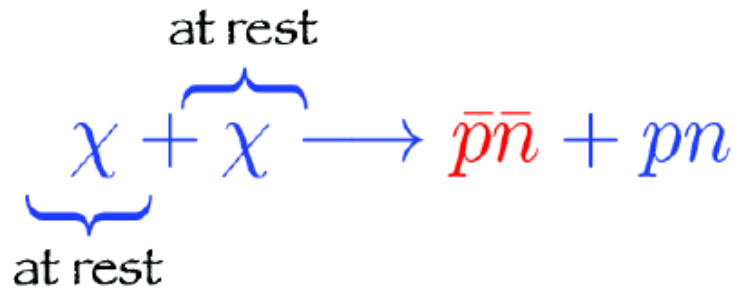


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The GAPS experiment



International collaboration between US, Japanese, and Italian institutes



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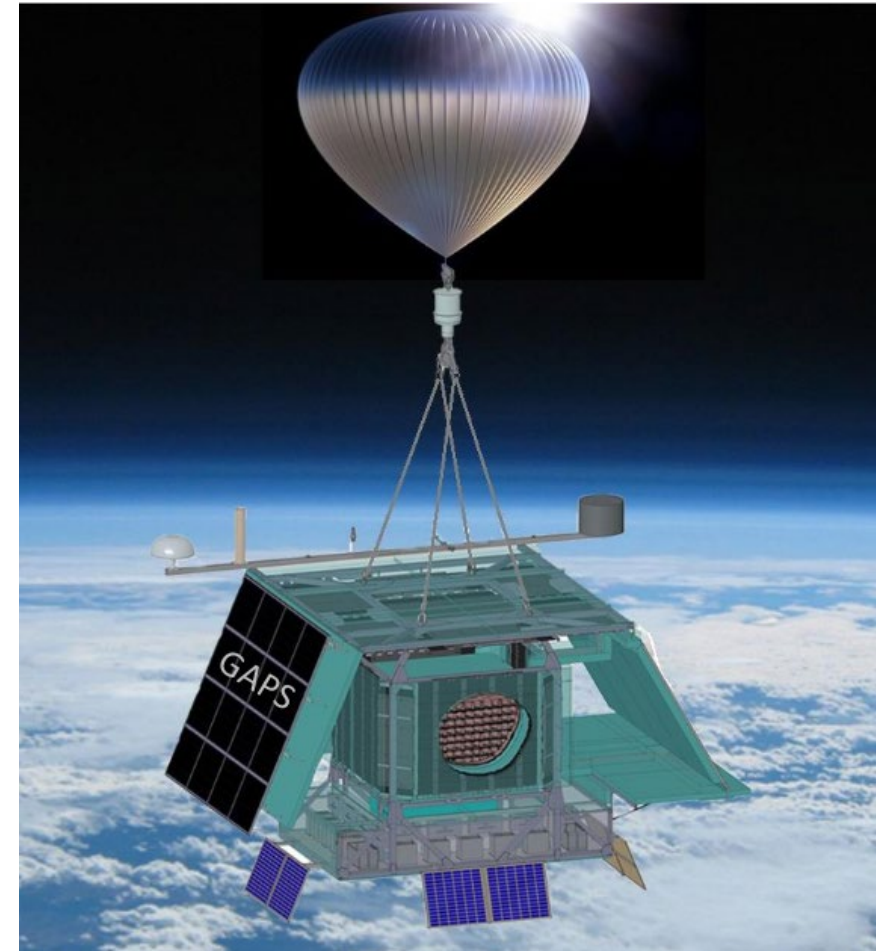
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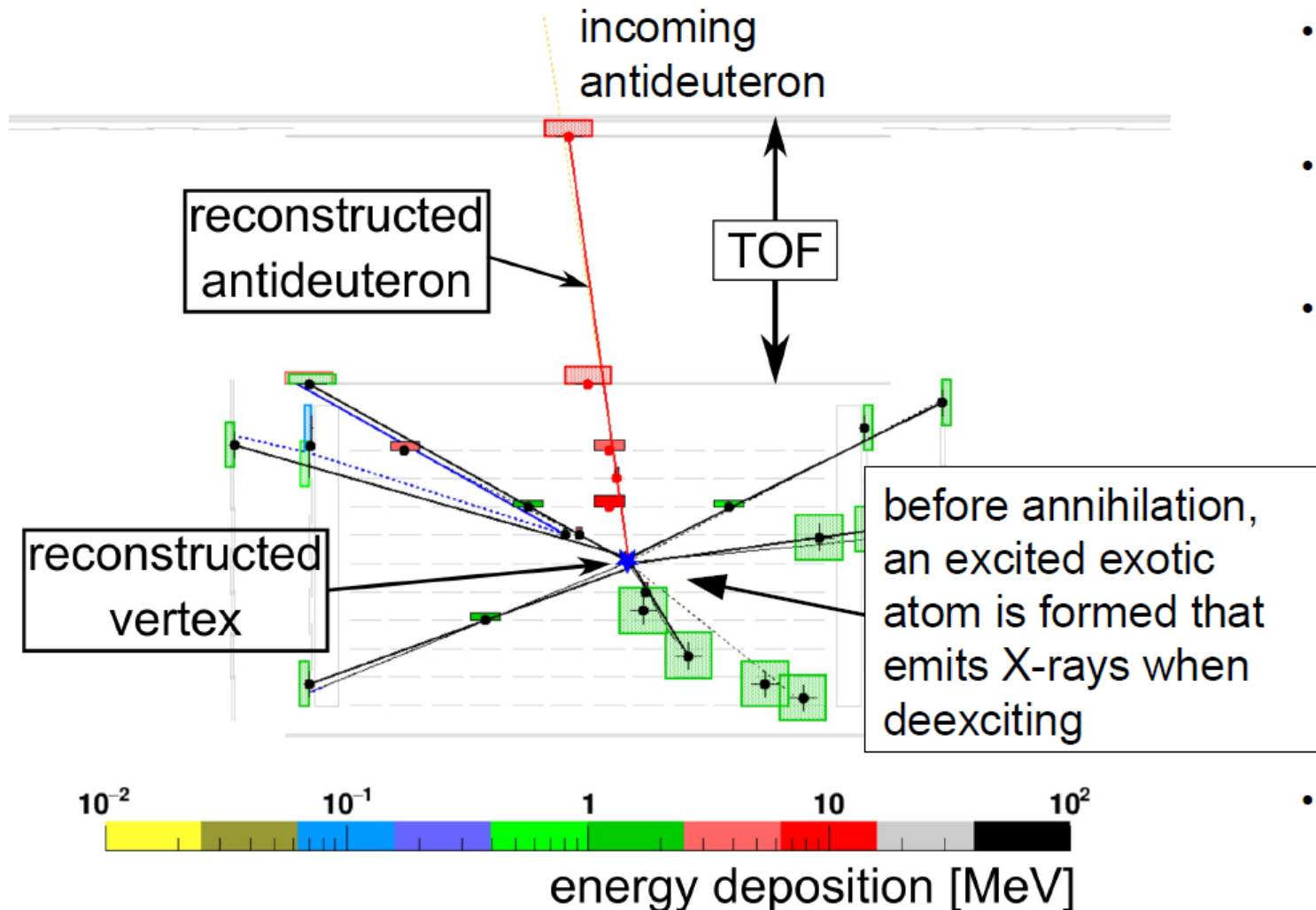


The GAPS experiment

- GAPS is a balloon flight experiment for low energy (<0.25 GeV/n) **antideuteron in cosmic rays (CRs)** that would result from certain dark matter (DM) interactions
- GAPS will also conduct a high statistics measurement of low energy **antiproton** and will search for **antihelium**
- Three flights from Antarctica are planned
- The detector is composed by a ToF system and a Tracker made of 10 plane of SiLi detector
- GAPS uses a detection technique based on exotic atom formation and subsequent decay and annihilation with X rays and pion emission



GAPS Detection Technique



- antiparticle slows down and stops in material
- large chance for creation of an excited exotic atom ($E_{kin} \sim E_I$)
- deexcitation:
 - fast ionization of bound electrons (Auger)
 - complete depletion of bound electrons
 - Hydrogen-like exotic atom (nucleus+antideuteron)
 - deexcites via characteristic X-ray transitions depending on antiparticle mass
- Nuclear annihilation with characteristic number of annihilation products



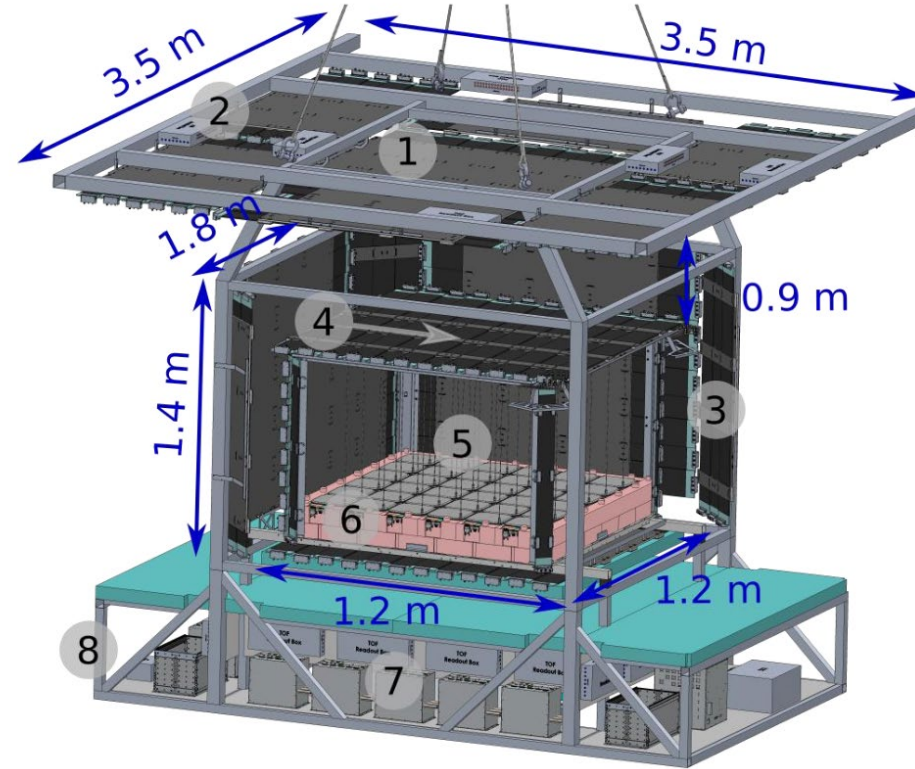
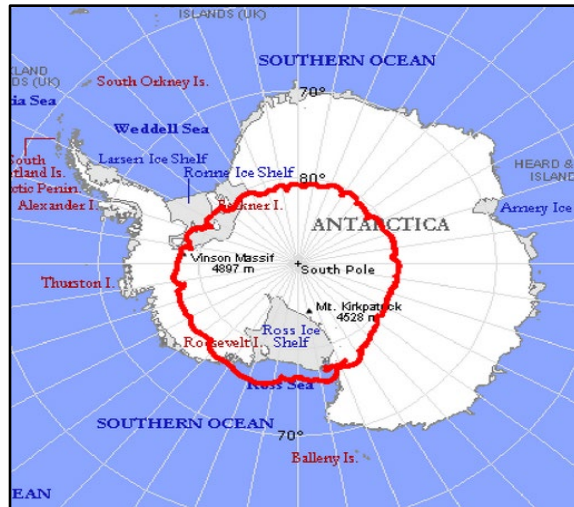
GAPS Instrument Overview



General requirements

- Large acceptance
- Restrictive trigger
- Velocity measurements
- Background rejection

- X-rays detection
- Track primary
- Track secondaries



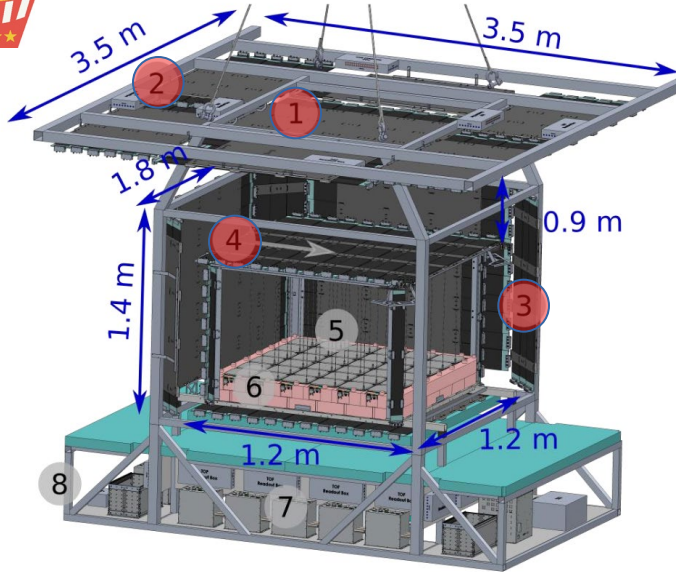
Total mass: 3500 kg
Power: 1.4 kW

- 1 – TOF Umbrella
- 2 – TOF electronics box
- 3 – TOF Cortina
- 4 – TOF Cube
- 5 – Heat pipe (cooling system)
- 6 – Si(Li) Tracker
- 7 – Electronics bay
- 8 – Gondola frame

1 LDB flight (35 days) → **high-statistic antiP**: >600 (BESS < 100 , 7 PAMELA)
 3 LDB flights (105 days) → **antiD sensitivity**: $2 \cdot 10^{-6} m^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1} GeV/n^{-1}$

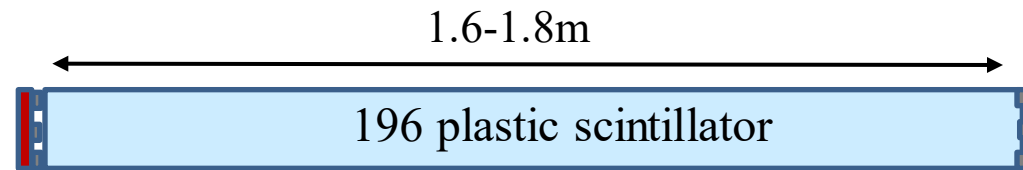


GAPS TOF System

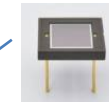


- Velocity measurements
- High speed trigger and veto
- dE/dx measurements

S. Quinn, POS (ICRC2019) 128



Si-PMs (x6)
Better performance
Save mass, power, cost



Trigger based on:

- **Beta:** rejects high beta particles
- **Charge:** rejects high Z particles
- **Hit:** count the number of paddles hit

Expected Trigger Rates (H, He, C)
Raw : 82,000 Hz → After cuts ~ 500 Hz

Antiprotons Trigger	60%
Antideuterons Trigger	76%
Proton Rejection Factor	>2500

1.8m SiPM paddles





GAPS Tracker system



- 4 keV FWHM (at ~60 keV)
- Large area, relatively high temperature
- Leakage current < 5 nA/strip
- Large dynamical range (~keV→100 MeV)
- >1000 mass production with high-yield
- Novel heat-pipe system with low-power and lightweight is used for the thermal control

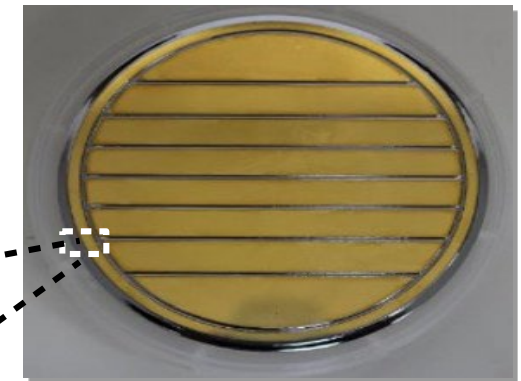
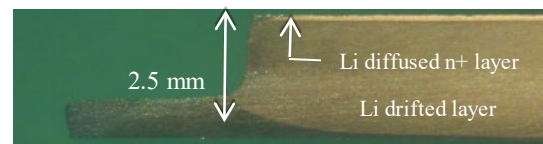
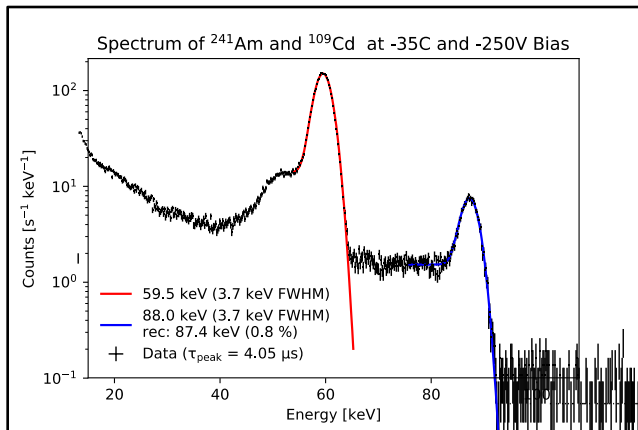
Li ions compensate impurities in boron-doped Si, creating extended thick depleted layer

Lithium-drifted Silicon

- Cylindrical detector
- -43C operational T
- 1100 SiLi detectors
- 10 planes



6x6 module each plane



10 cm

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 Kozai et al., NIM A 947, 162695 (2019)
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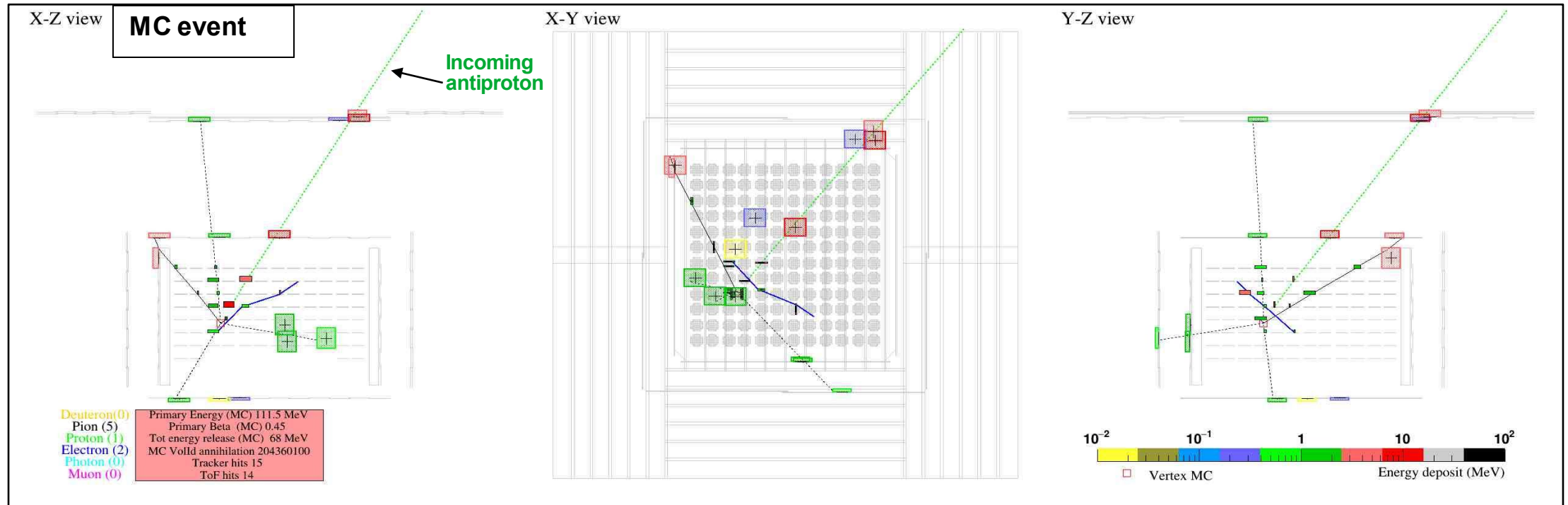


Simulated event



Fully detector simulation with (GEANT4)

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 - Custom algorithm for secondaries
 - Vertex reconstruction with minimization





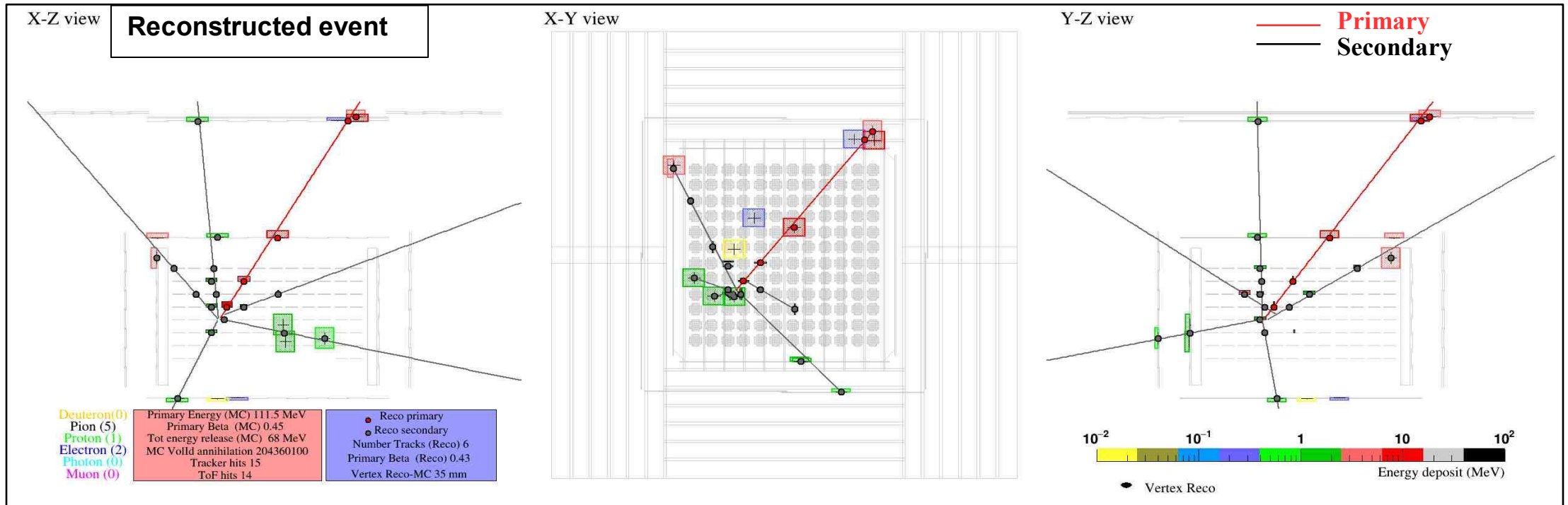
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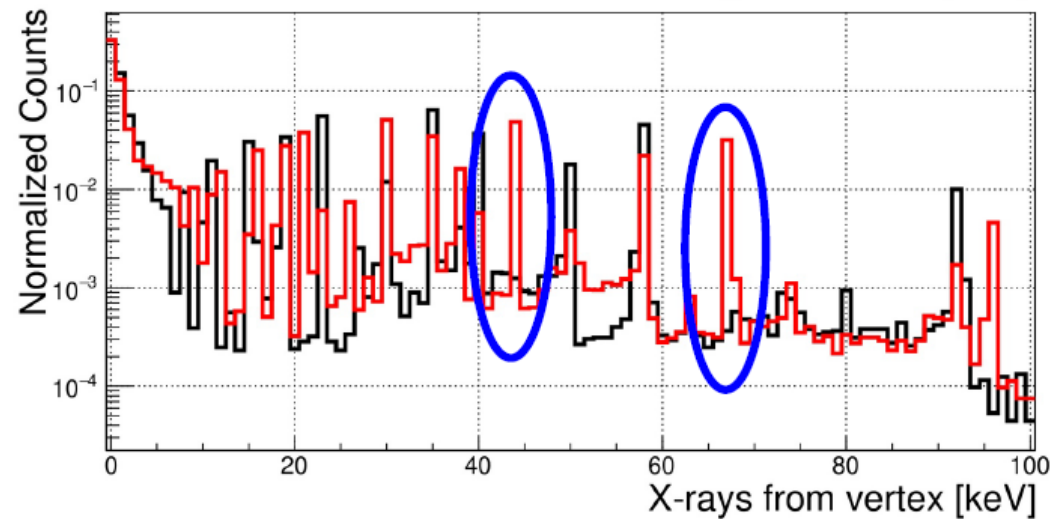
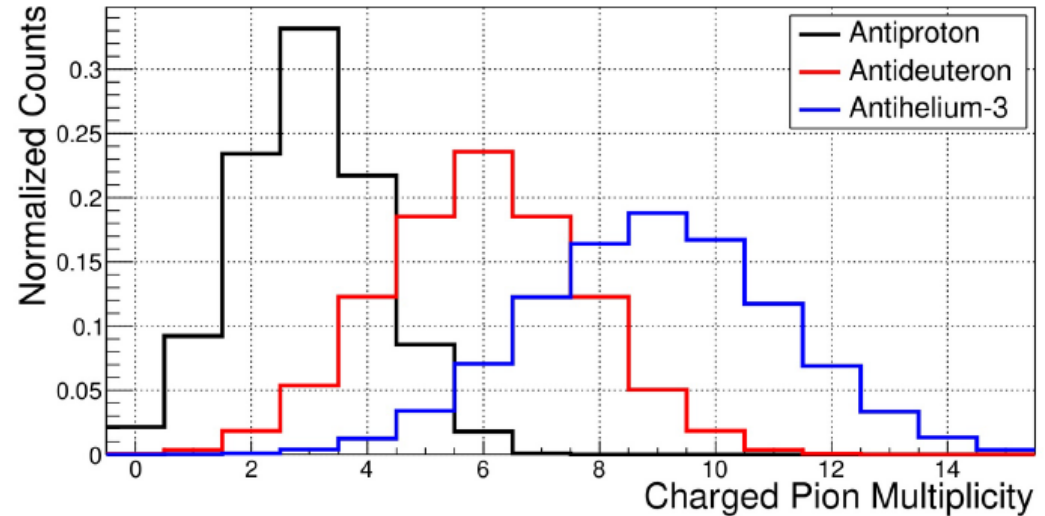


Reconstructed event



GAPS identification technique uses:

- Energy loss in the detector of the antinucleus (depends on Z and β)
- Deexcitation X-rays from exotic atom
- Multiplicity of charged annihilation products





Antiproton measurement

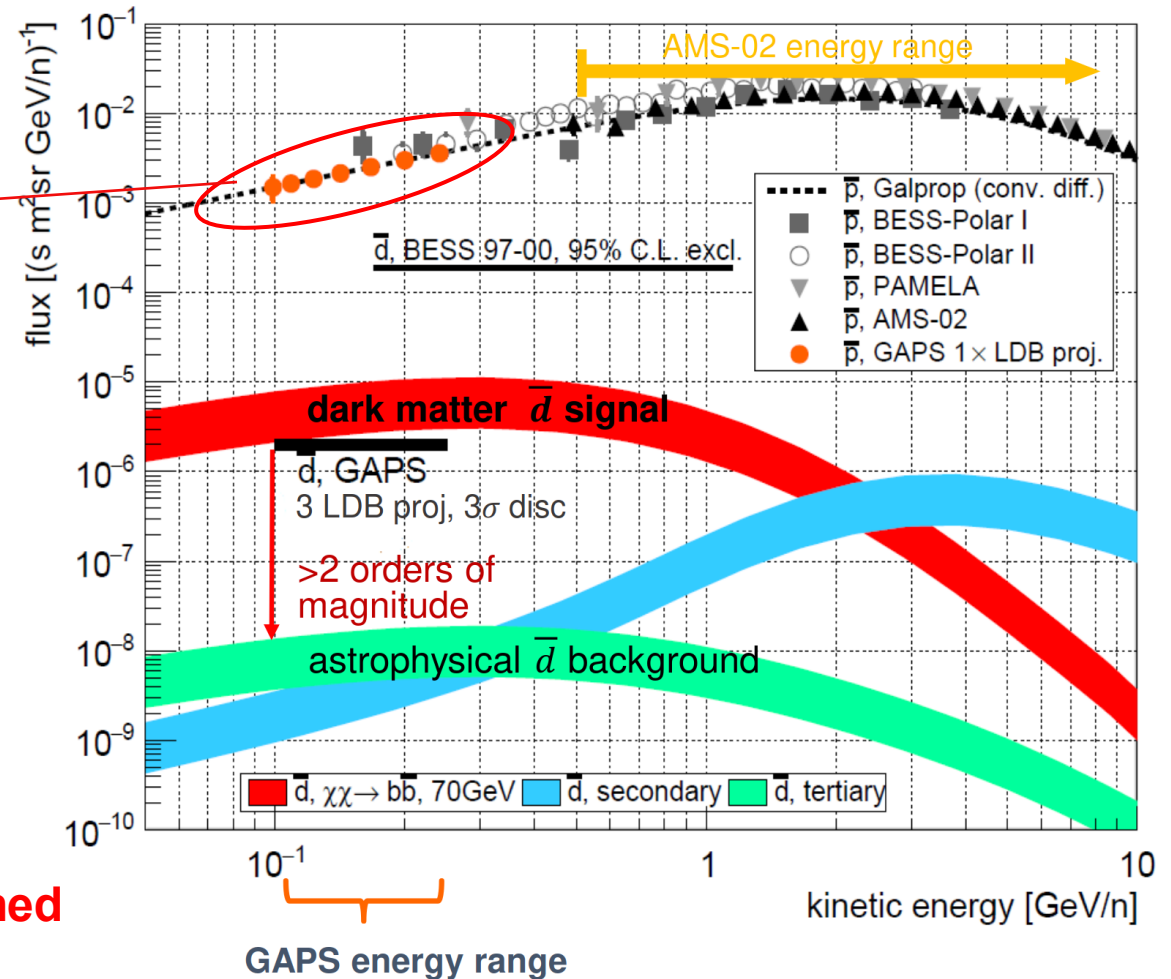


Precision antiproton spectrum in unexplored low-energy range (<0.25 GeV/n).

>600 antiprotons for each long-duration balloon flight.

- BESS : 29 at ~0.2 GeV
- PAMELA: 7 at ~0.25 GeV
- AMS-02: E>0.25 GeV

Updated antiproton sensitivity will be published soon



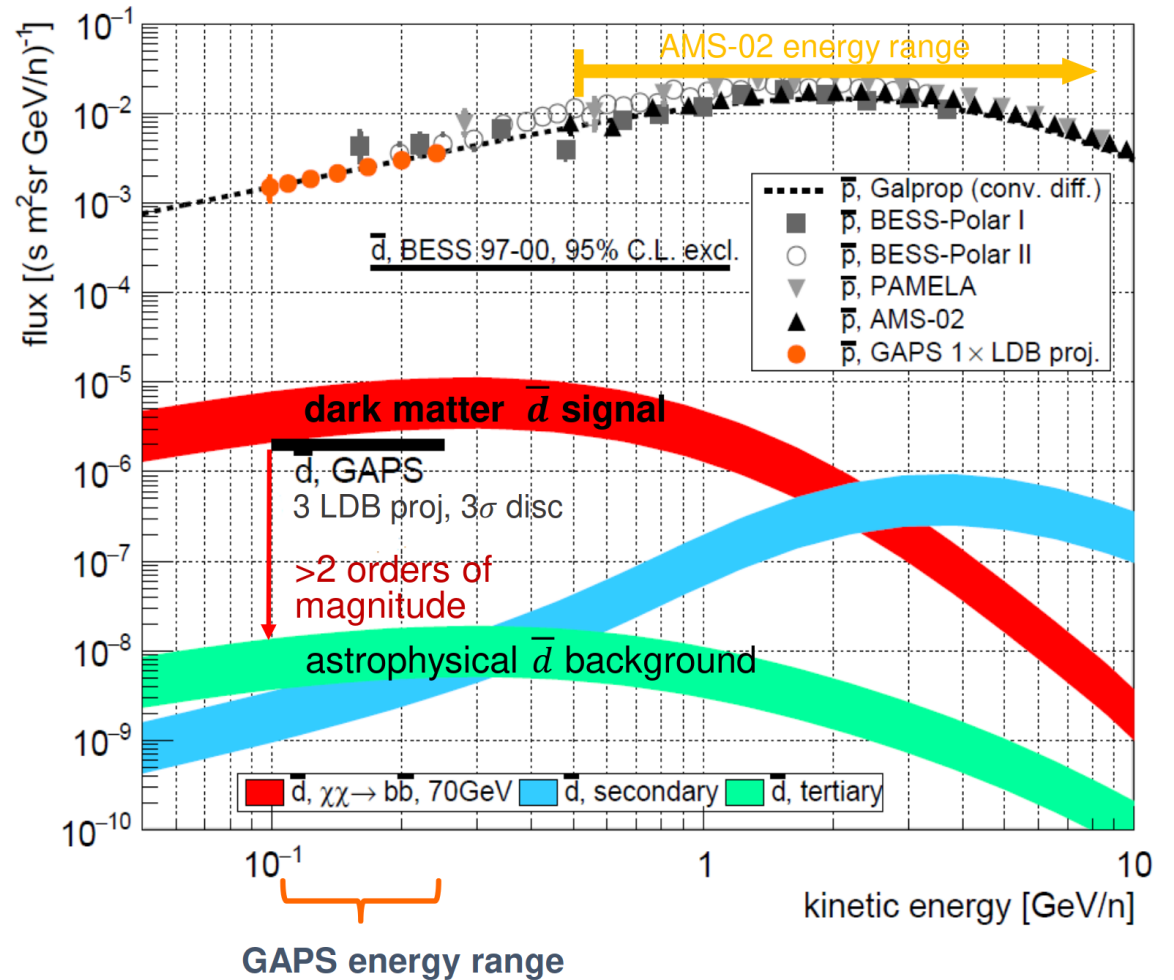


Antideuteron sensitivity



GAPS antideuterons: A generic new physics signature with essentially zero conventional astrophysical background!

Sensitivity will be 1-2 orders of magnitude below the current best limits.





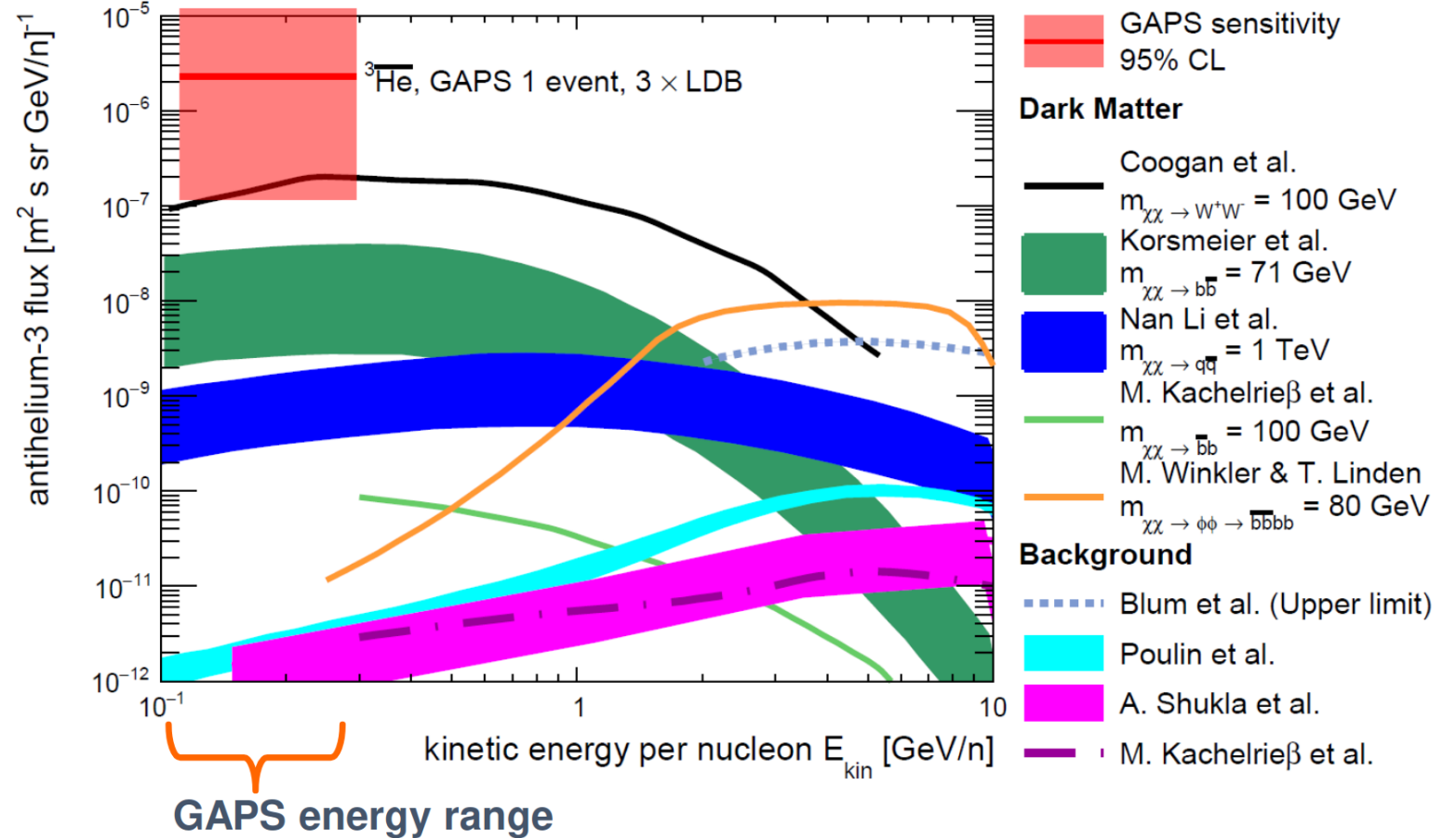
AntiHelium sensitivity



GAPS flux sensitivity to antihelium-3 (three 35-day long duration flights).

GAPS extends to lower energies (0.11-0.3 GeV/n), complementary to AMS-02.

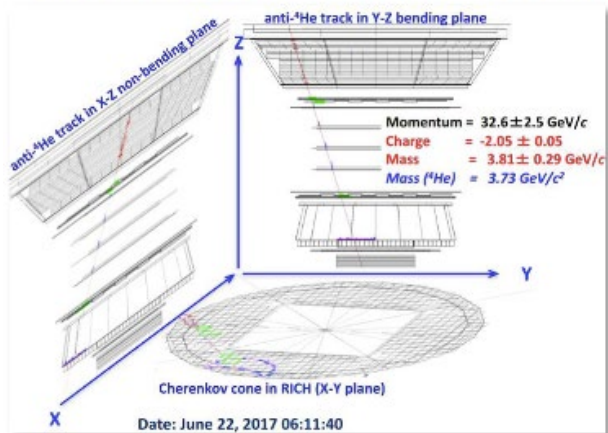
Capable of confirming signal, orthogonal detection technique, uniquely low bkg.



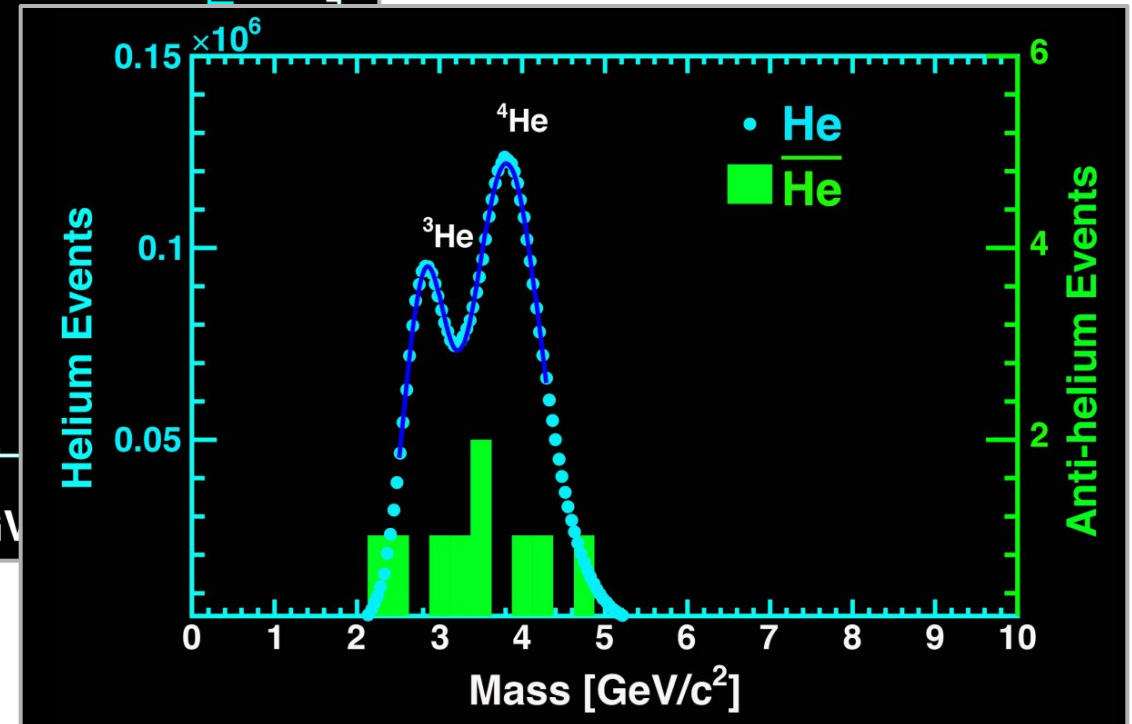
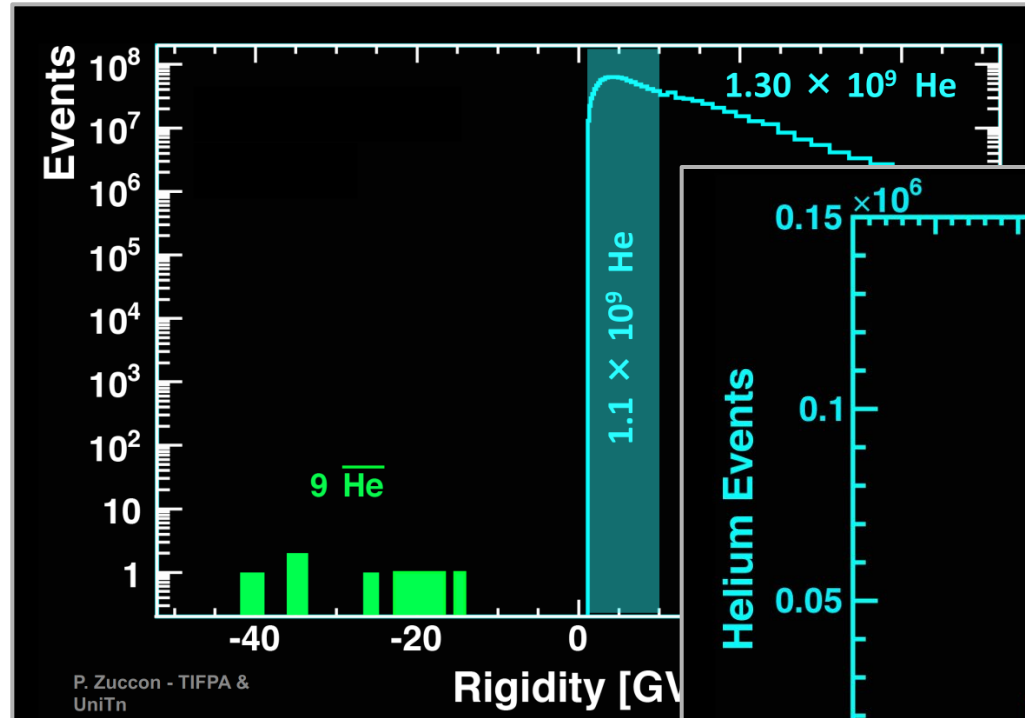
AntiHelium: AMS02

2018: "To date, we have observed eight events...with $Z = -2$. All eight events are in the helium mass region." – S. Ting (La Palma, AMS overview)

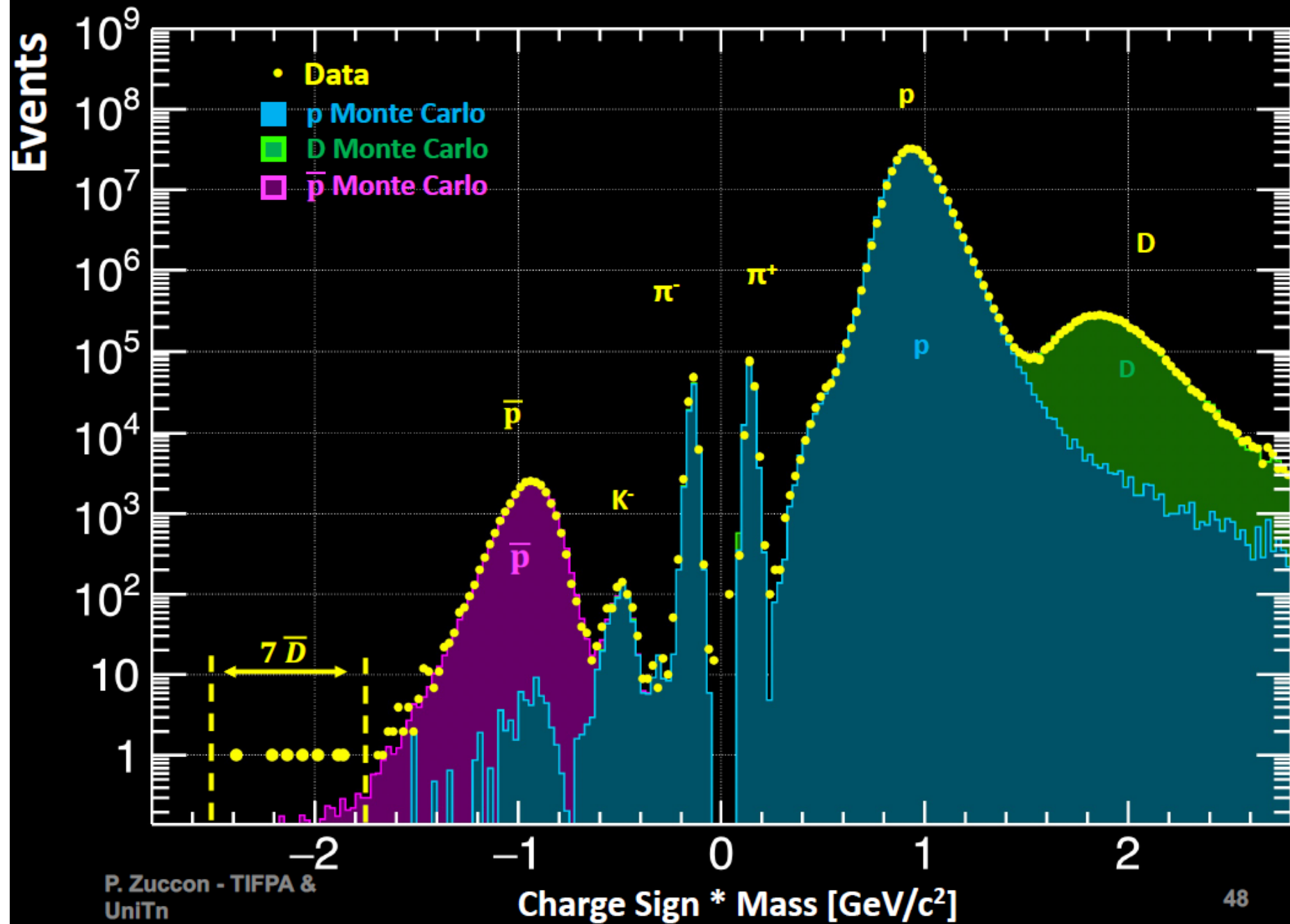
AMS Candidate Anti-He4 event ($p = 32.6 \text{ GeV}/c$)



Rate ~ 1 event/year



Current AMS Anti-Deuteron Status



P. Zuccon,
MIAPP 2022

Thanks!