

# A Data Driven approach for the measurement of $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$ in Cosmic Rays with magnetic spectrometers

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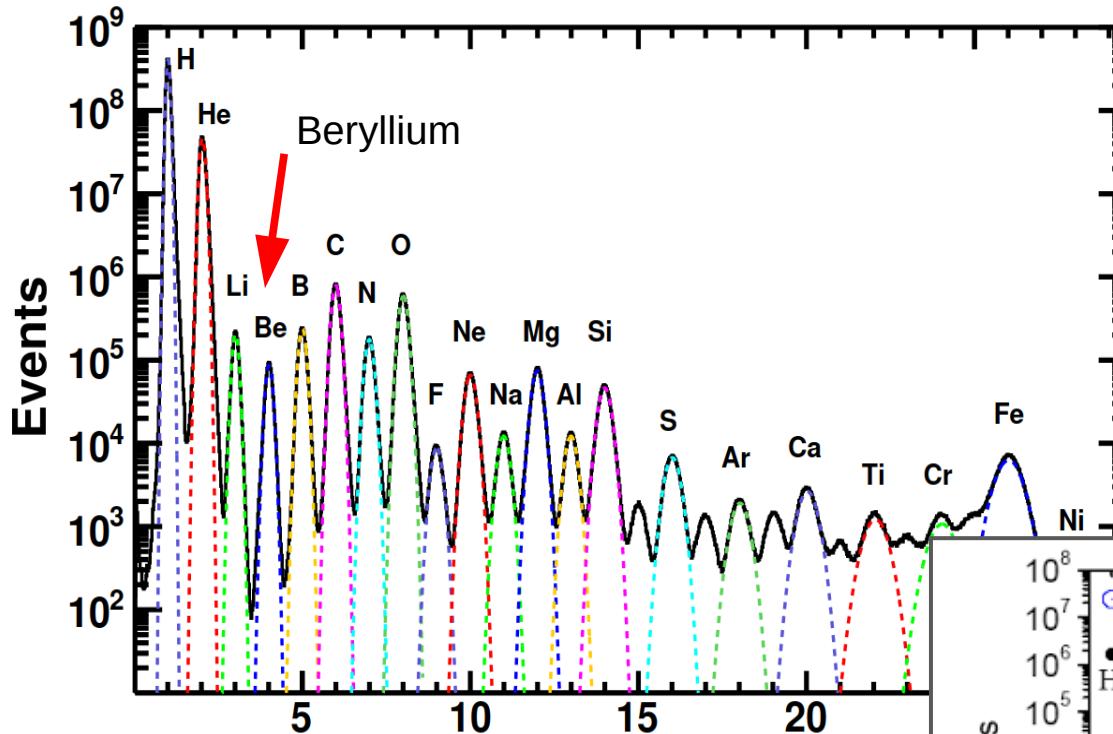
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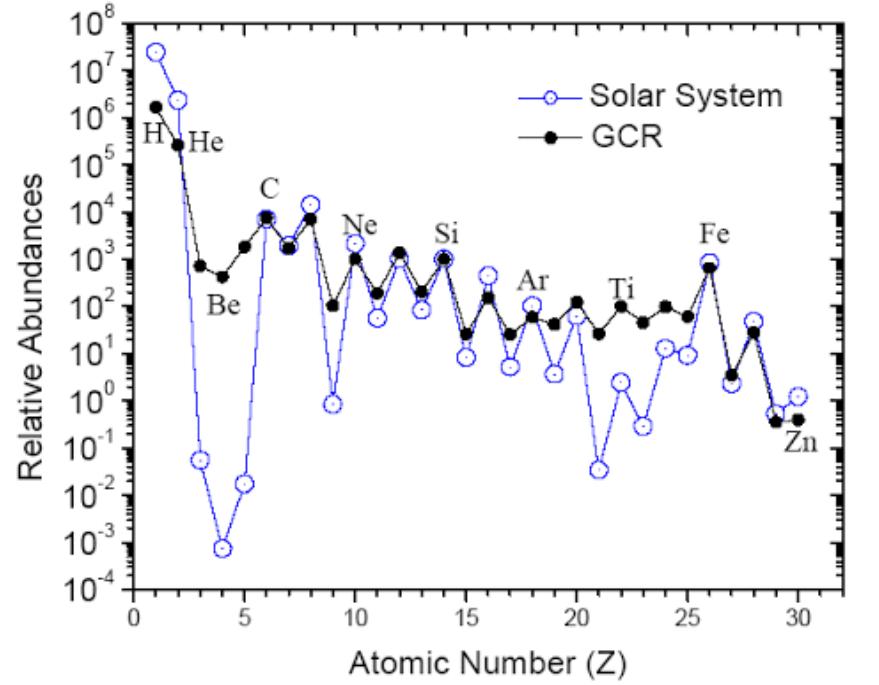
# Beryllium in cosmic rays



- Beryllium amount is very small in CR
- Why do we interest in it?

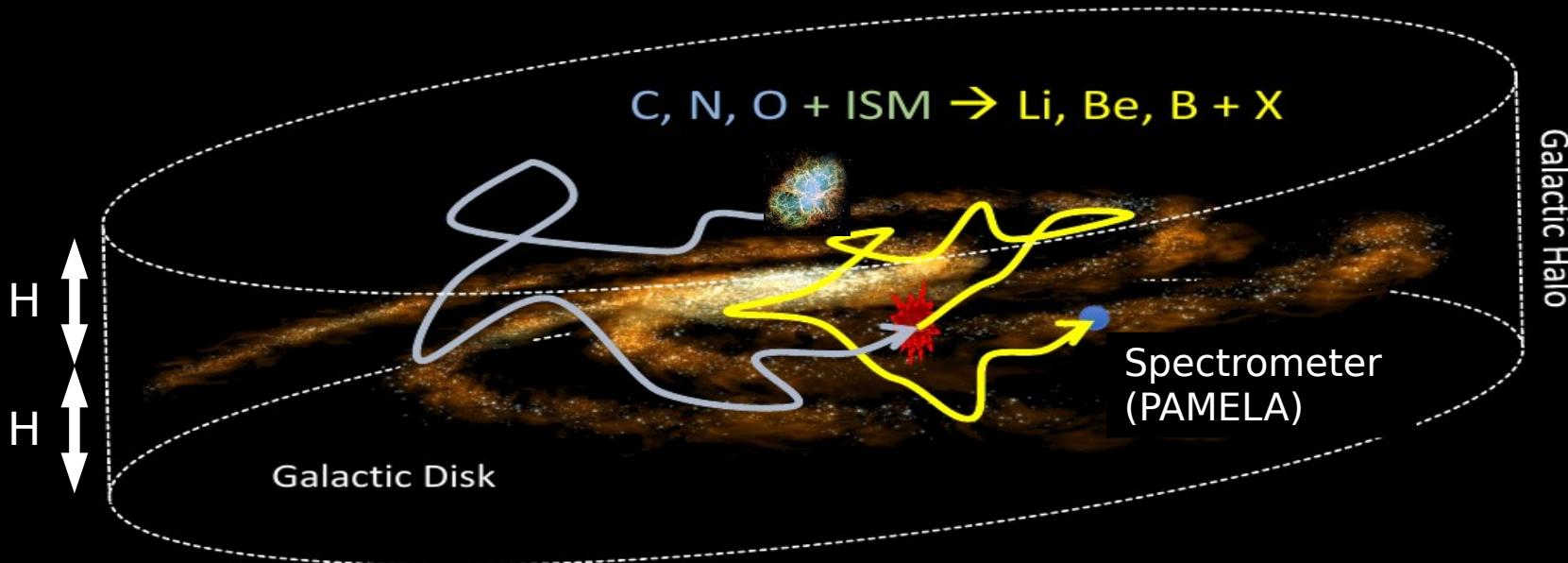
Beryllium (Li and B) are not produced in Stellar-Nucleo-Synthesis

Why they are so “abundant” in CR?



# Secondary nuclei in CR

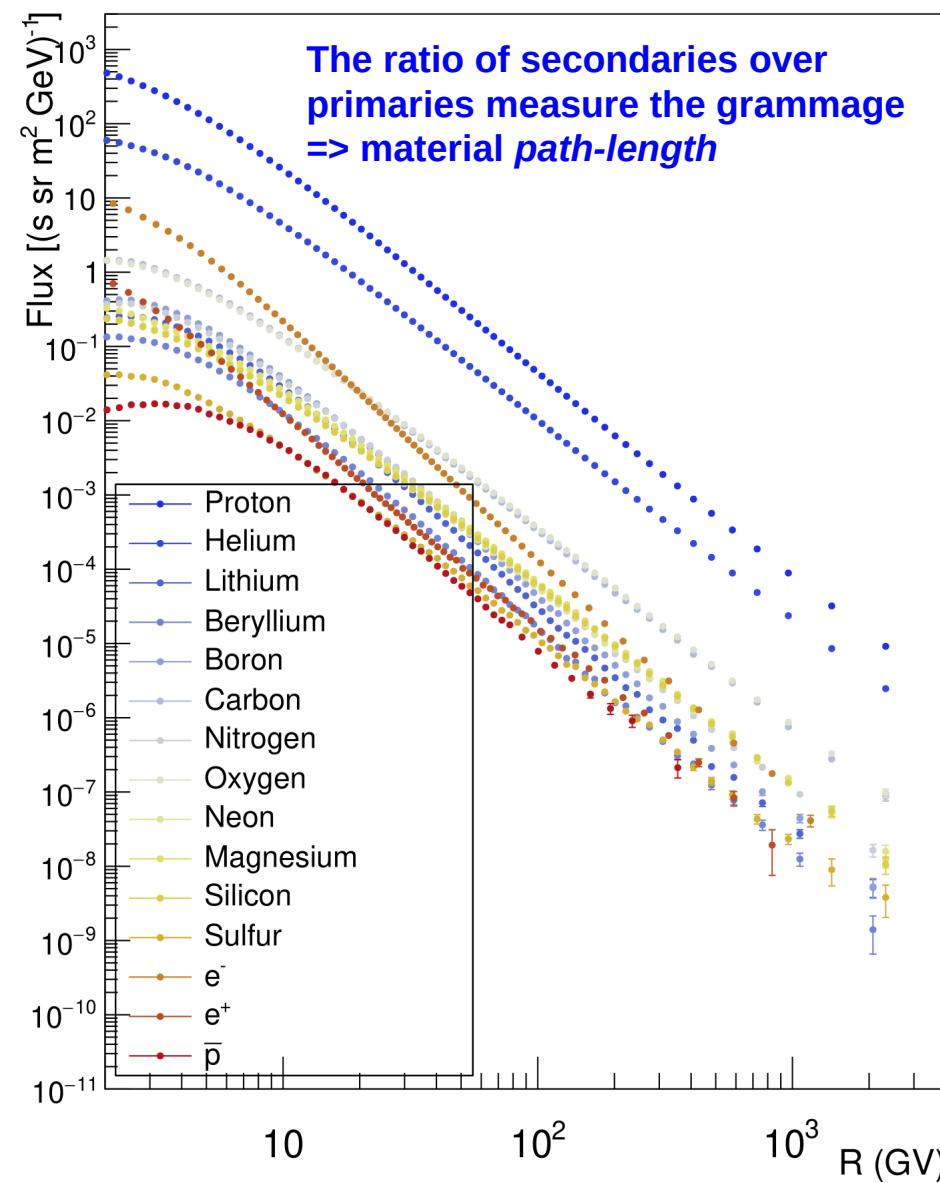
**Secondary CR** are produced from collisions of **primary CR** with the **interStellar medium (ISM)**



**The fluxes of the secondary species are very important for the understanding of the origin and propagation of cosmic rays**

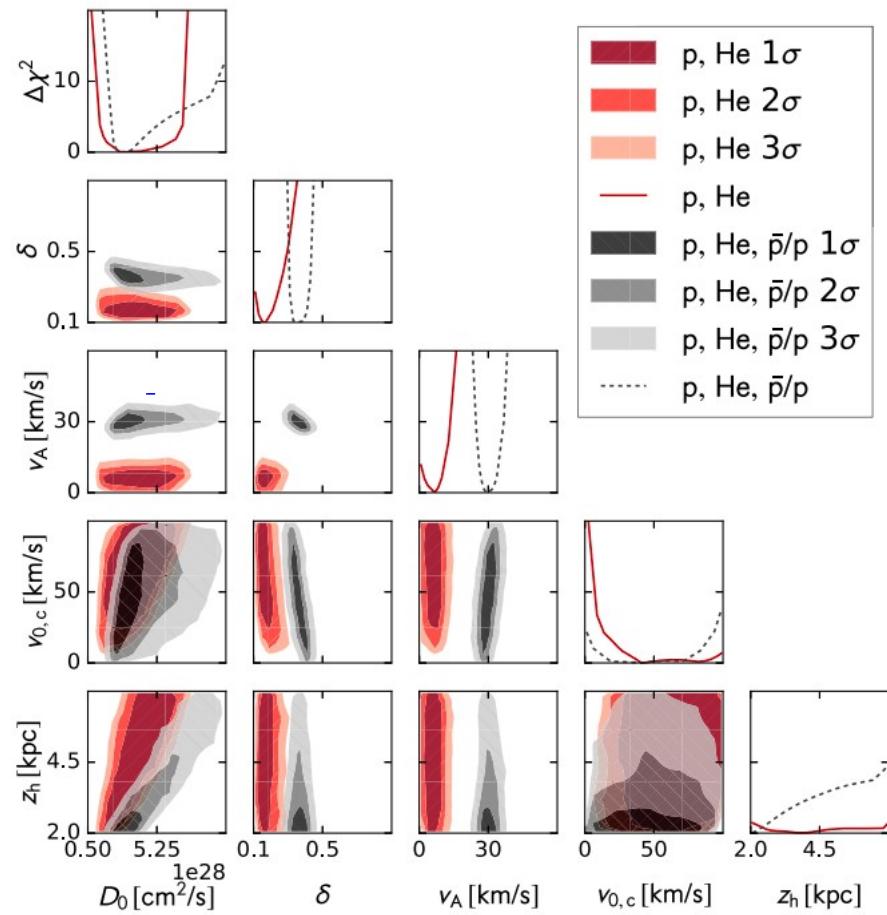
- They carry information on the history of the travel and **properties of ISM**,
- Most abundant species: **Li, Be, B and light isotopes ( ${}^3\text{He}$  and D)**

# Cosmic Ray Propagation parameters

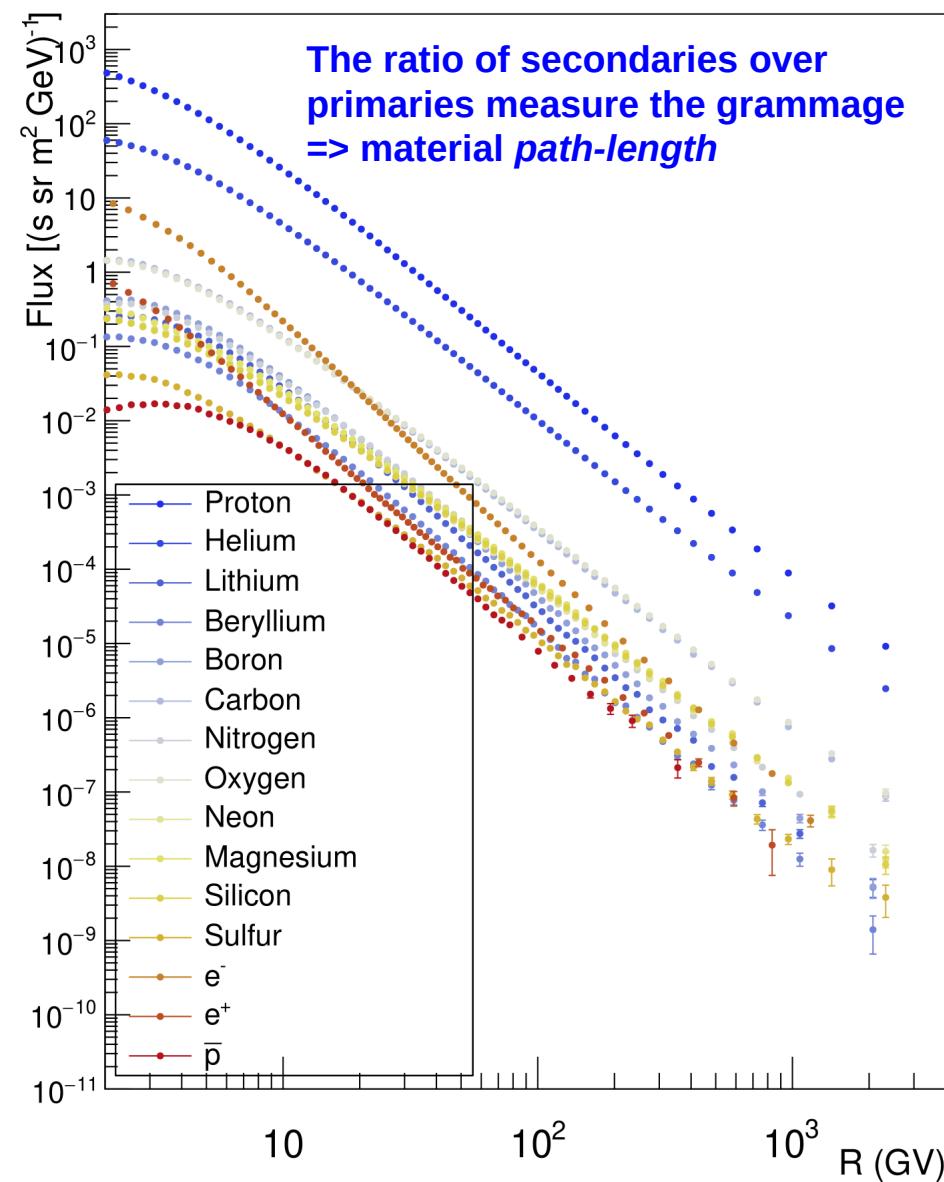


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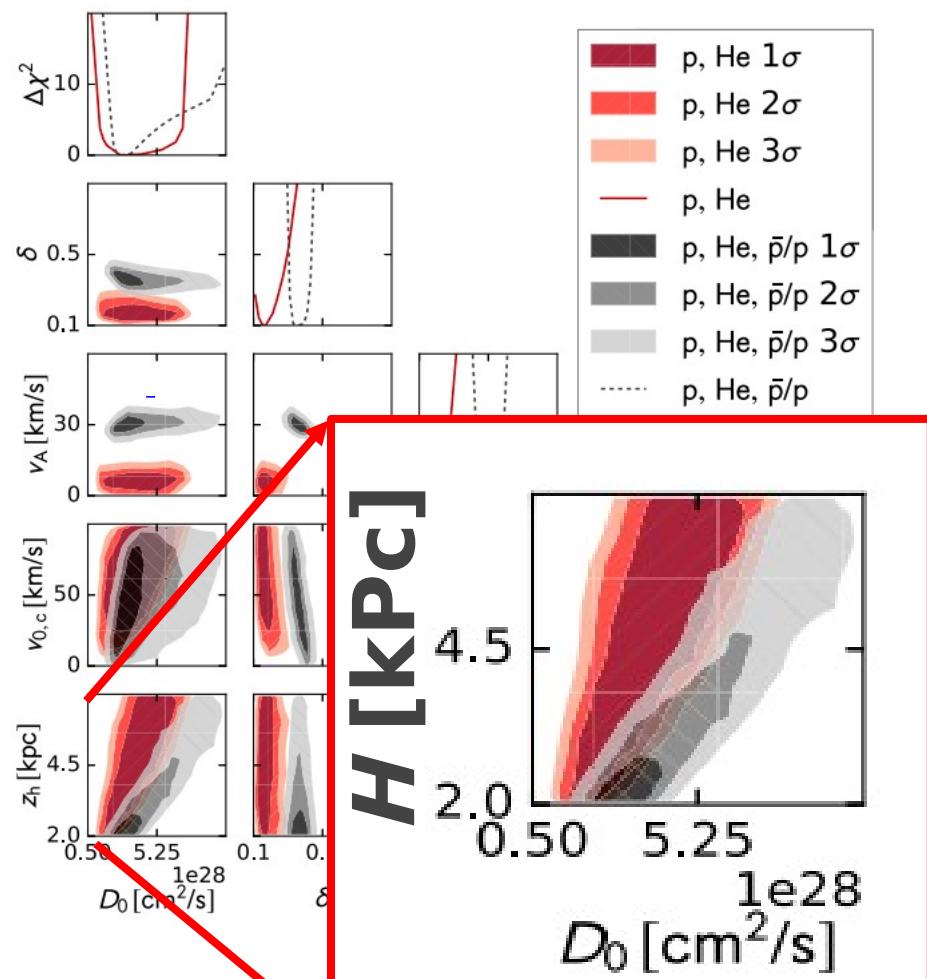


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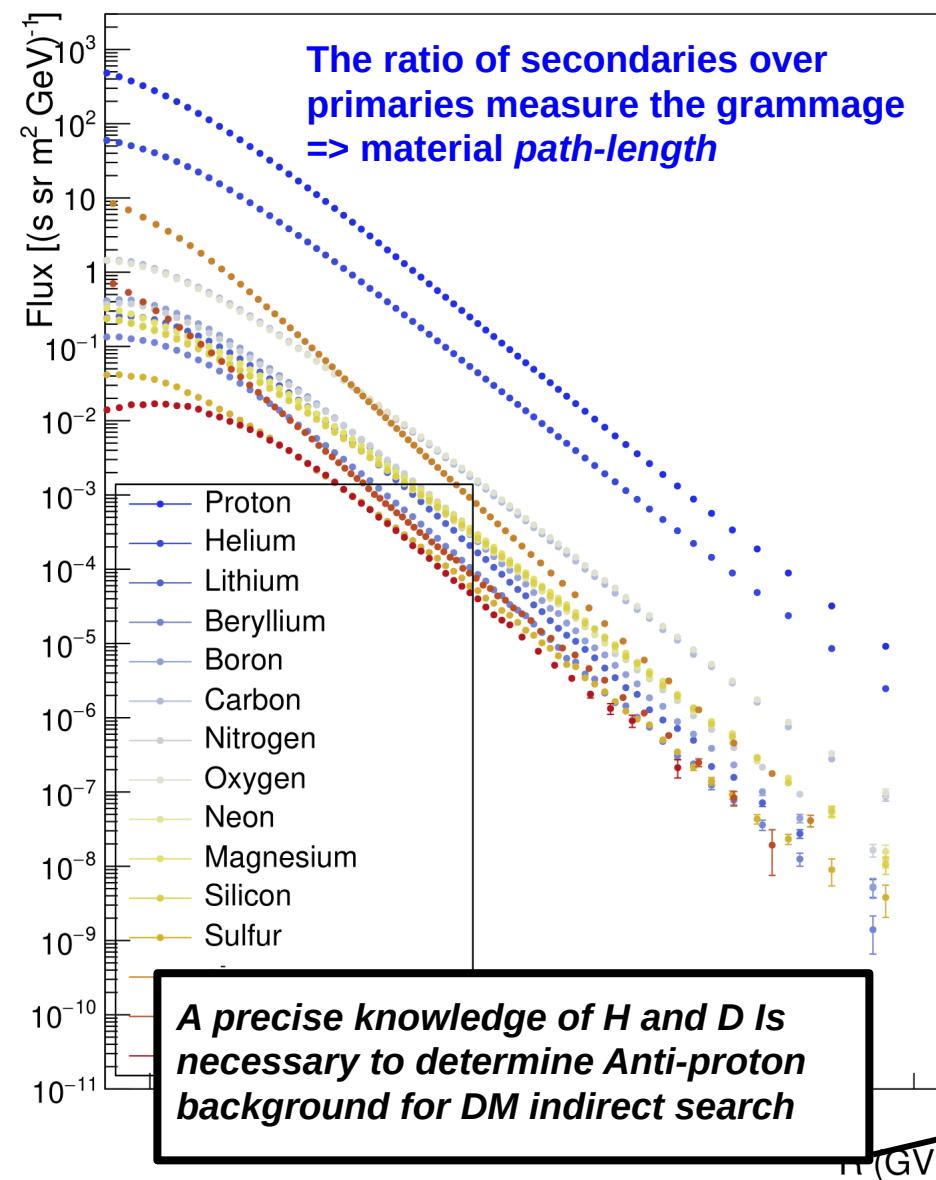


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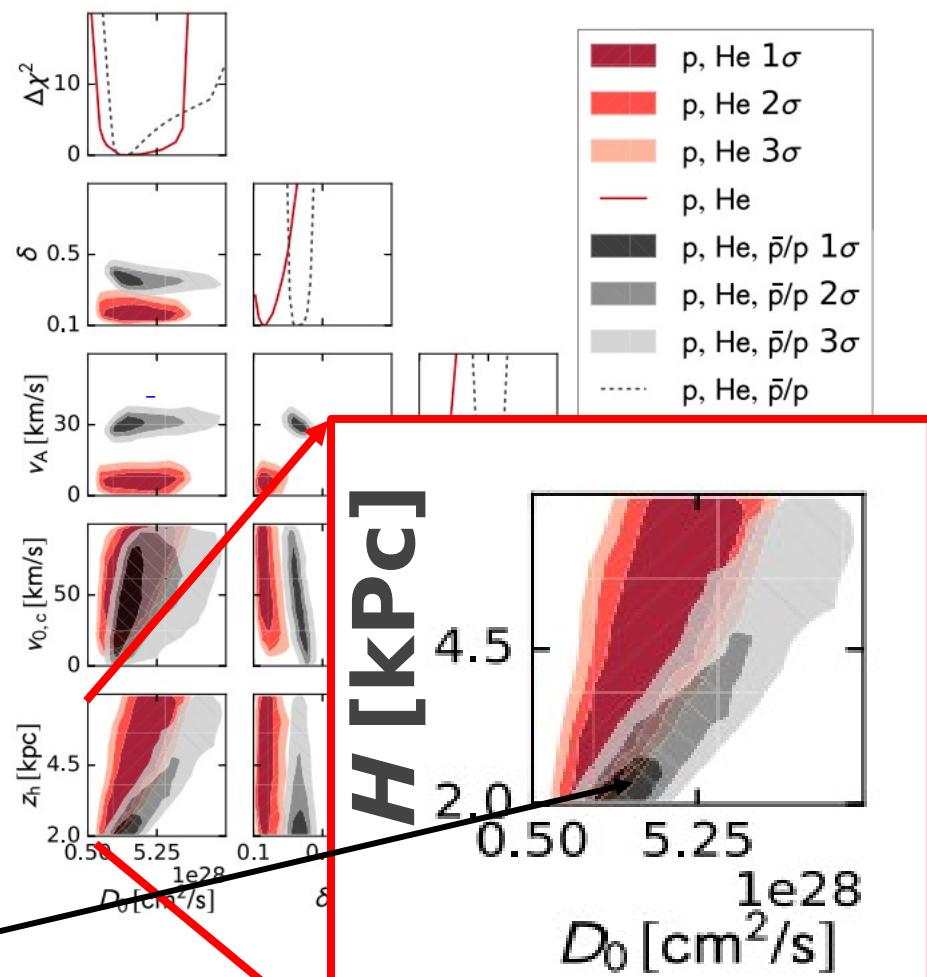


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# Radioactive Cosmic Rays

Radioactive isotopes are sensitive to CR residence time in the Galaxy.  
Used as cosmic clocks, they constrain H<sup>2</sup>/D solving the existing H/D degeneracy.

**<sup>10</sup>Be (T<sub>1/2</sub>=1.39My)** <sup>26</sup>Al (T<sub>1/2</sub>=0.72My) <sup>36</sup>Cl (T<sub>1/2</sub>=0.30My) <sup>53</sup>Mg (T<sub>1/2</sub>=3.74My) <sup>60</sup>Fe(T<sub>1/2</sub>=2.6My)

Among them Beryllium is the most promising for isotope separation at high energy

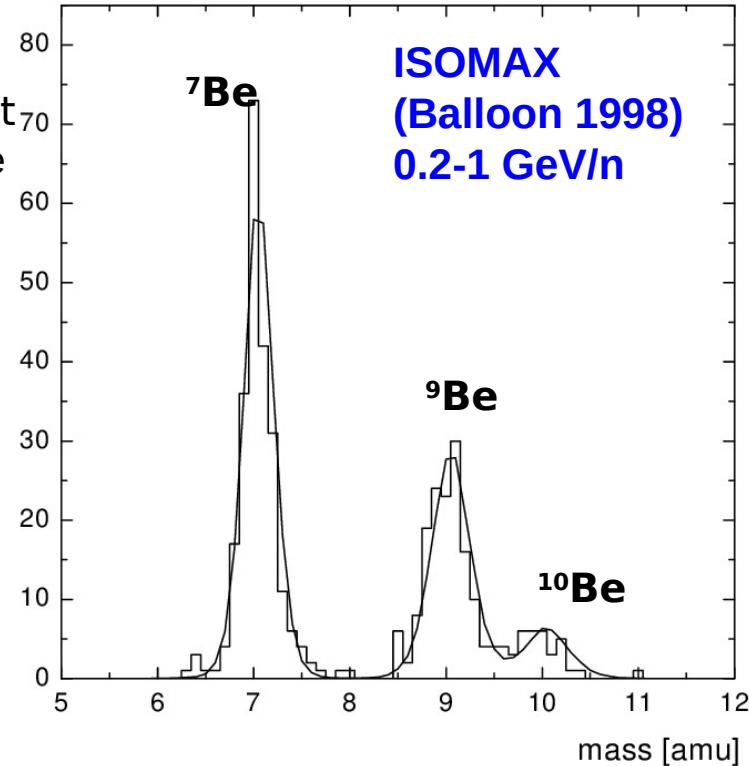
## Be isotope composition in CR:

- **<sup>7</sup>Be** decays through e<sup>-</sup> capture, on Earth it has a T<sub>1/2</sub>~ 55 days, but it's stable in CR because is totally ionized
- **<sup>9</sup>Be** is stable
- **<sup>10</sup>Be** is β-unstable: T<sub>1/2</sub>= 1.39 My



### NOTE:

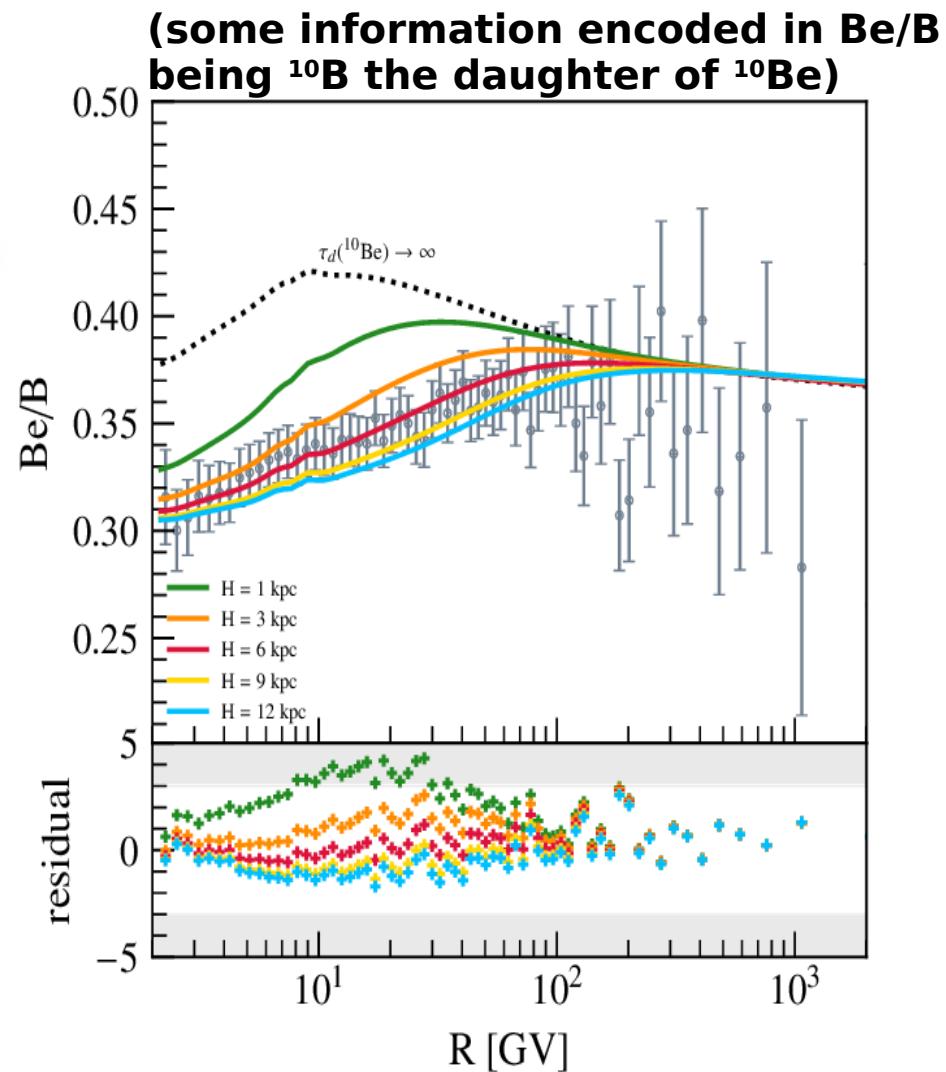
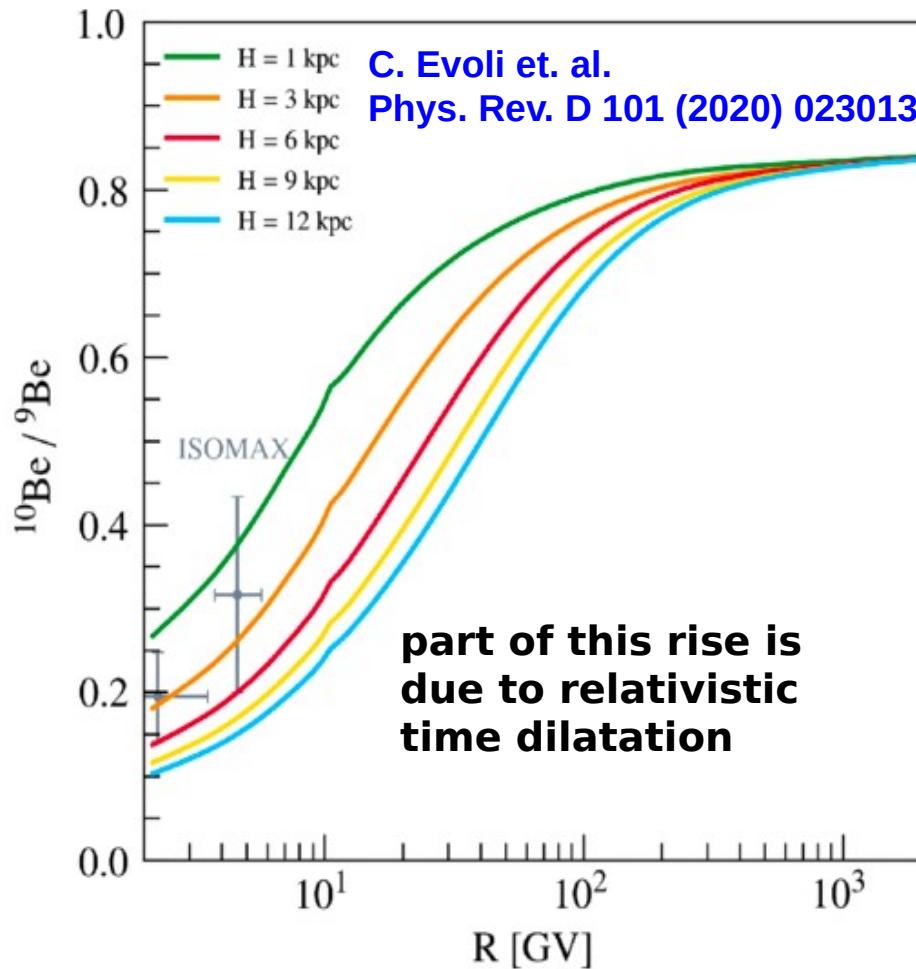
**<sup>8</sup>Be** (T<sub>1/2</sub>~ 8 × 10<sup>-17</sup> s) “hole” is very useful for THIS measurement



$^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$  sensitive to the halo thickness  $\Rightarrow$  can remove the H/D degeneracy

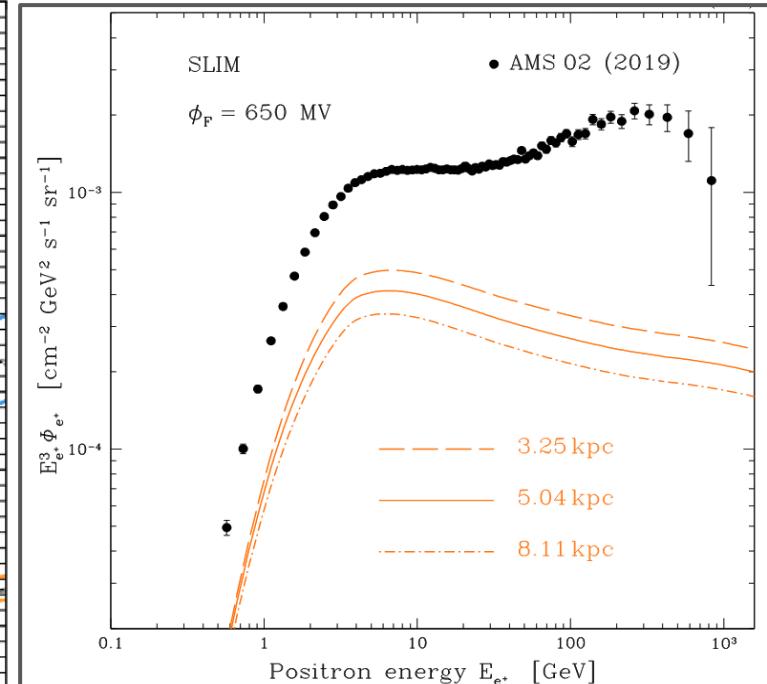
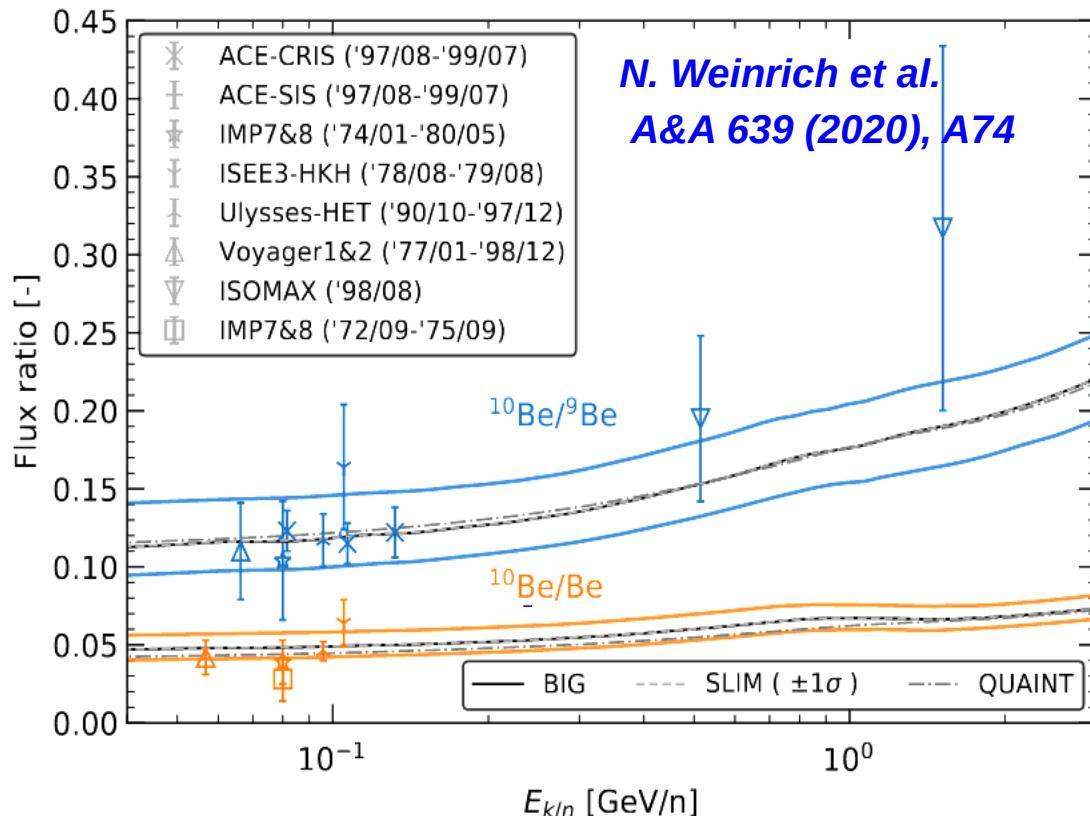
**but current measurements are:**

- affected by large uncertainties
- limited to low energies



# $^{10}\text{B}$ status and impact on antimatter background

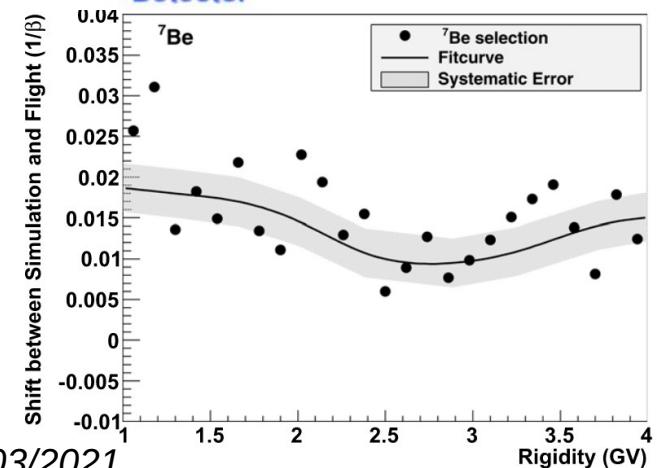
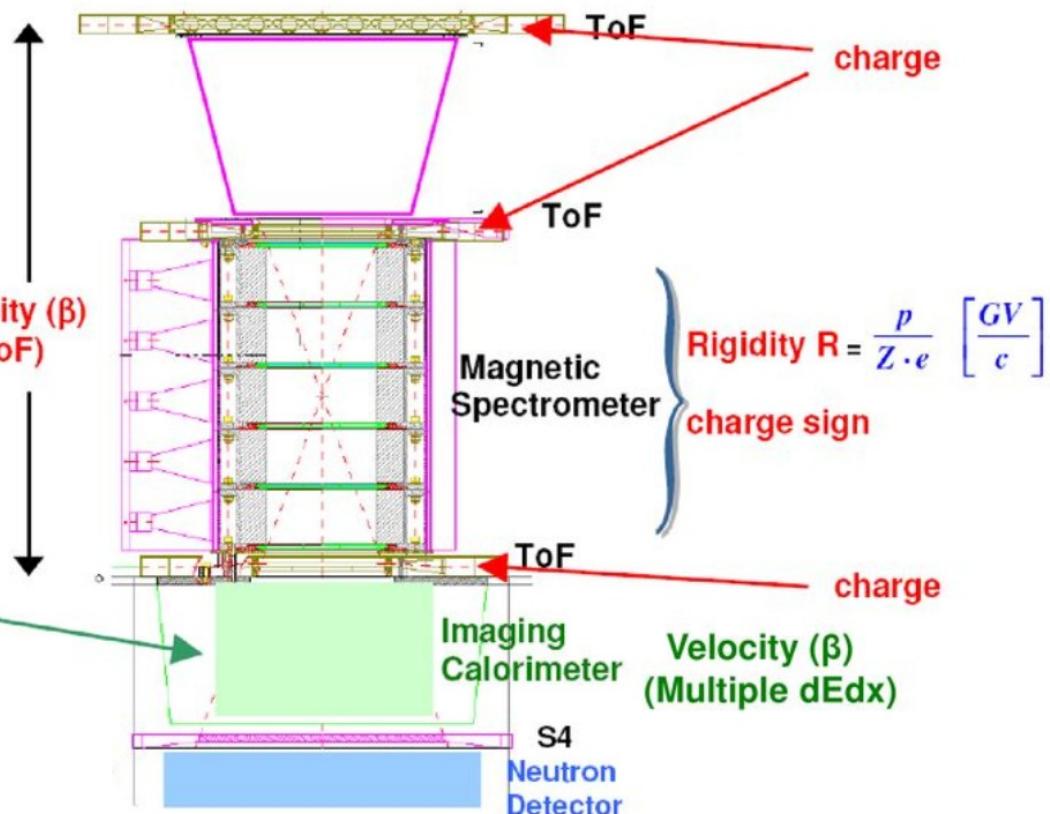
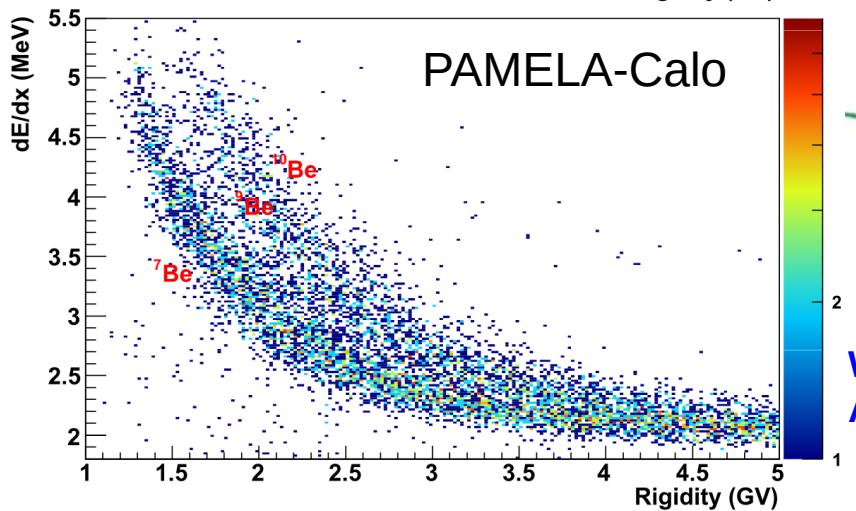
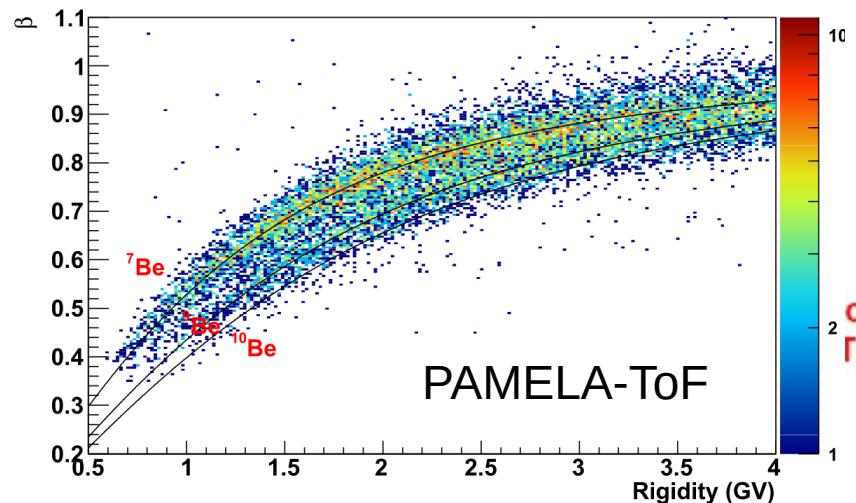
AMS-02 data Li/C B/C and Be/B used to tune USINE  
(semi analytical propagation model)



$^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  can be predicted by model with uncertainties much larger than the direct measurement obtained by MAGNETIC SPECTROMETERS in SPACE

Example of the impact of uncertainty in halo thickness parameter  $H$ , on the expected secondary positron flux. An improved knowledge of  $H$  will help in the study of the unknown Positron source (Pulsar, DM, ... ?)

# Example: Beryllium measured by PAMELA Spectrometer



Due to a **NON**-perfect Monte-Carlo simulation ←→  
 PAMELA was **not able to measure**  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$   
 but only the complementary  $^7\text{Be}/(^9\text{Be} + ^{10}\text{Be})$

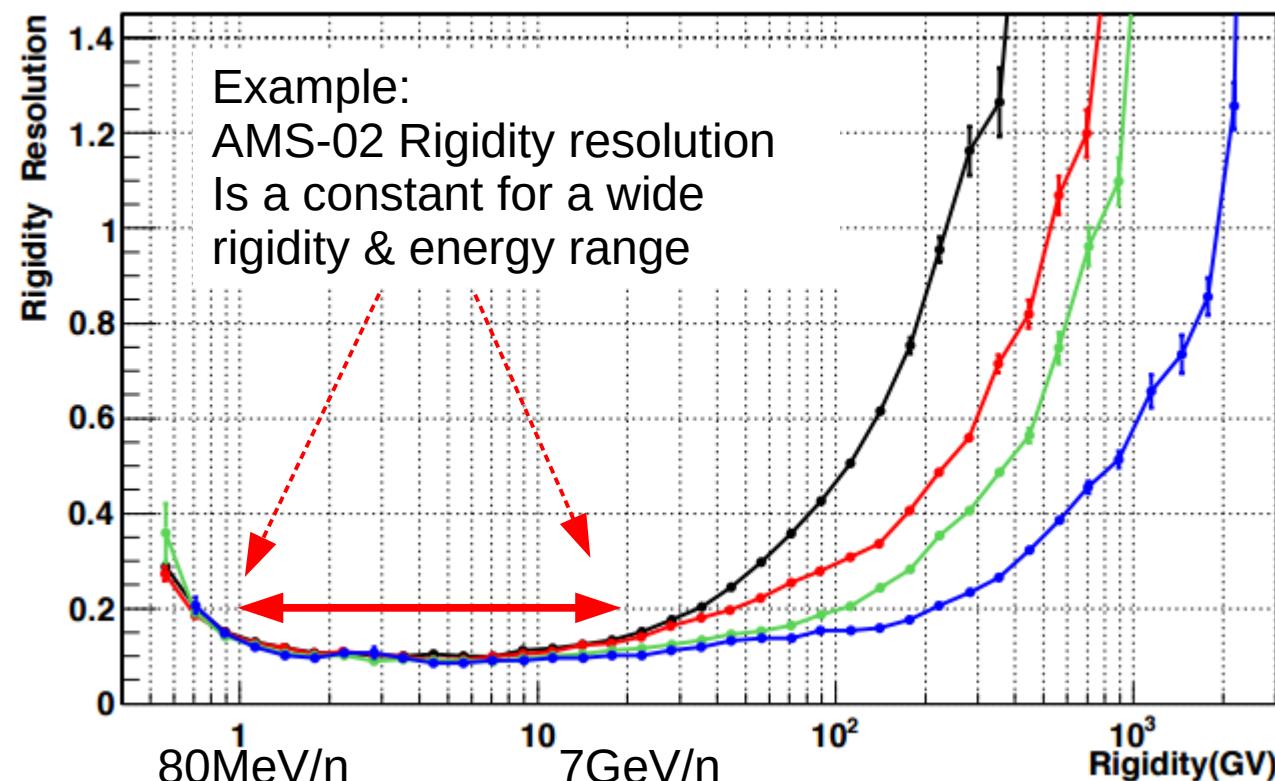
# The mass resolution in magnetic spectrometers

$$\frac{\delta M}{M} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta R}{R}\right)^2 + \gamma^4 \left(\frac{\delta\beta}{\beta}\right)^2}$$

This term is constant for fixed  $\beta$   
(i.e. within the same  $E_k/n$  bin)

This term is dominated by Multiple Coulomb Scattering  
i.e. is constant in a wide kinetic energy range

therefore:  
**the mass resolution**  
is  
=> **CONSTANT <=**  
**(for a fixed  $E_k/n$ )**



... this allows to get rid of Monte Carlo predictions of the isotope mass distributions ...

# The “Data Driven” approach (all the boring Math)

A 3x3 equation system of the unknown “templates”:  $T_7$ ,  $T_9$ ,  $T_{10}$  (fixing isotopic fractions  $f_x$ )

$$D(x) = f_7 T_7 + f_9 T_9 + f_{10} T_{10} \Rightarrow \text{Measured mass distribution}$$

$$A_{7,9} D(x) = f_7 T_9 + f_9 A_{7,9} T_9 + f_{10} A_{7,9} T_{10} \Rightarrow A_{7,9} \text{ known dilatation (7=>9)}$$

$$A_{7,10} D(x) = f_7 T_{10} + f_9 A_{7,10} T_9 + f_{10} A_{7,10} T_{10} \Rightarrow \text{known dilatation (7=>10)}$$

Can be solved iteratively knowing that  $f_7 > f_9 > f_{10}$ :

$$T_7 = \frac{1}{f_7} \left[ D - \frac{f_9}{f_7} A_{7,9} D - \frac{f_{10}}{f_7} A_{7,10} D \right] + \text{ (main and “known” quantities)}$$

$$+ \frac{f_9 f_9}{f_7^2} T_{G1} + \frac{f_9 f_{10}}{f_7^2} T_{G2} + \frac{f_{10} f_9}{f_7^2} T_{G3} + \frac{f_{10} f_{10}}{f_7^2} T_{G4} \text{ (small corrections: “ghost”)}$$

$$T_{G1} = A_{7,9} T_9 \simeq L_{7,x_{G1}} T_7 @ 11.5 \text{ amu}$$

$$T_{G2} = A_{7,9} T_{10} \simeq L_{7,x_{G2}} T_7 @ 13 \text{ amu}$$

$$T_{G3} = A_{7,10} T_9 \simeq L_{7,x_{G3}} T_7 @ 13 \text{ amu}$$

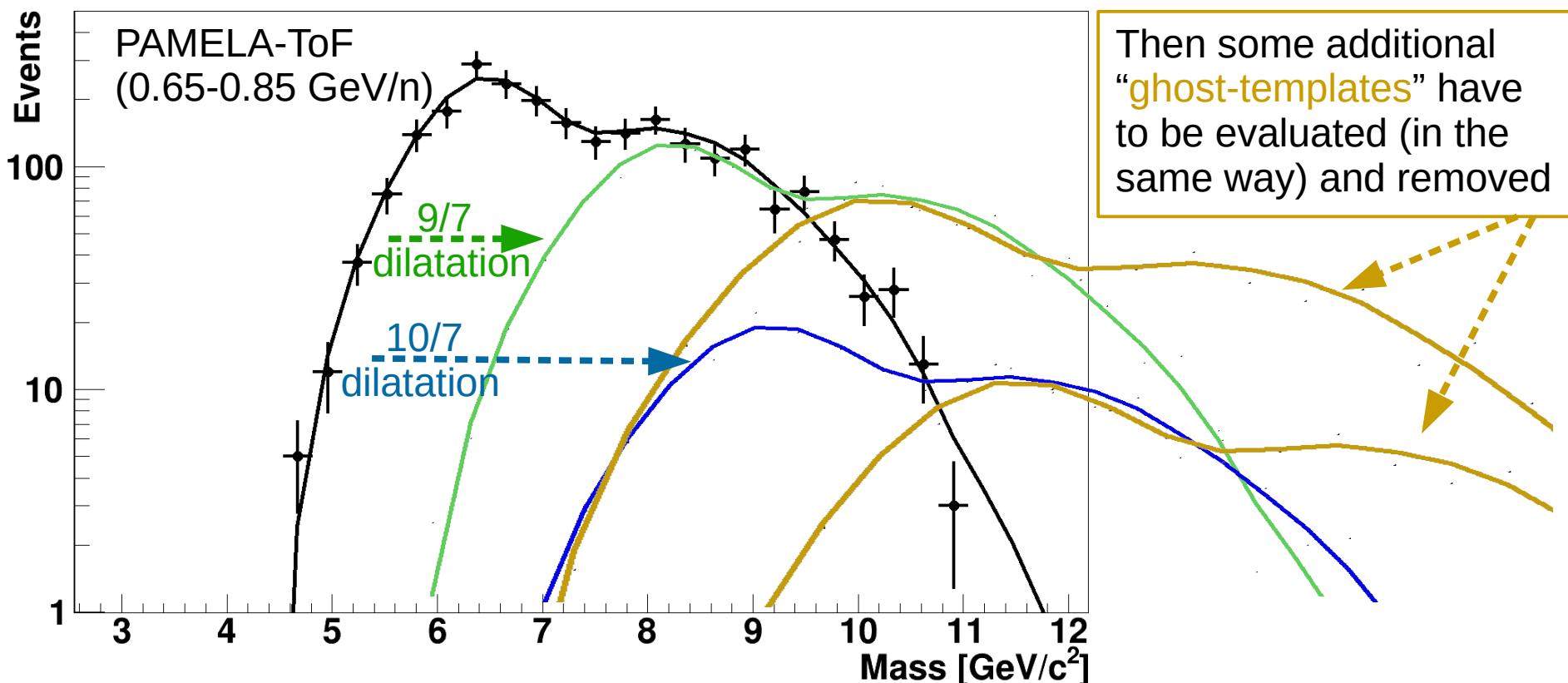
$$T_{G4} = A_{7,10} T_{10} \simeq L_{7,x_{G4}} T_7 @ 14 \text{ amu}$$

“ghost” templates are small corrections of the tail of  $T_7$  and are “far” (placed above  $T_{10}$ )

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(it is a solution of the 3x3 equation system of the mass distributions: “templates”)

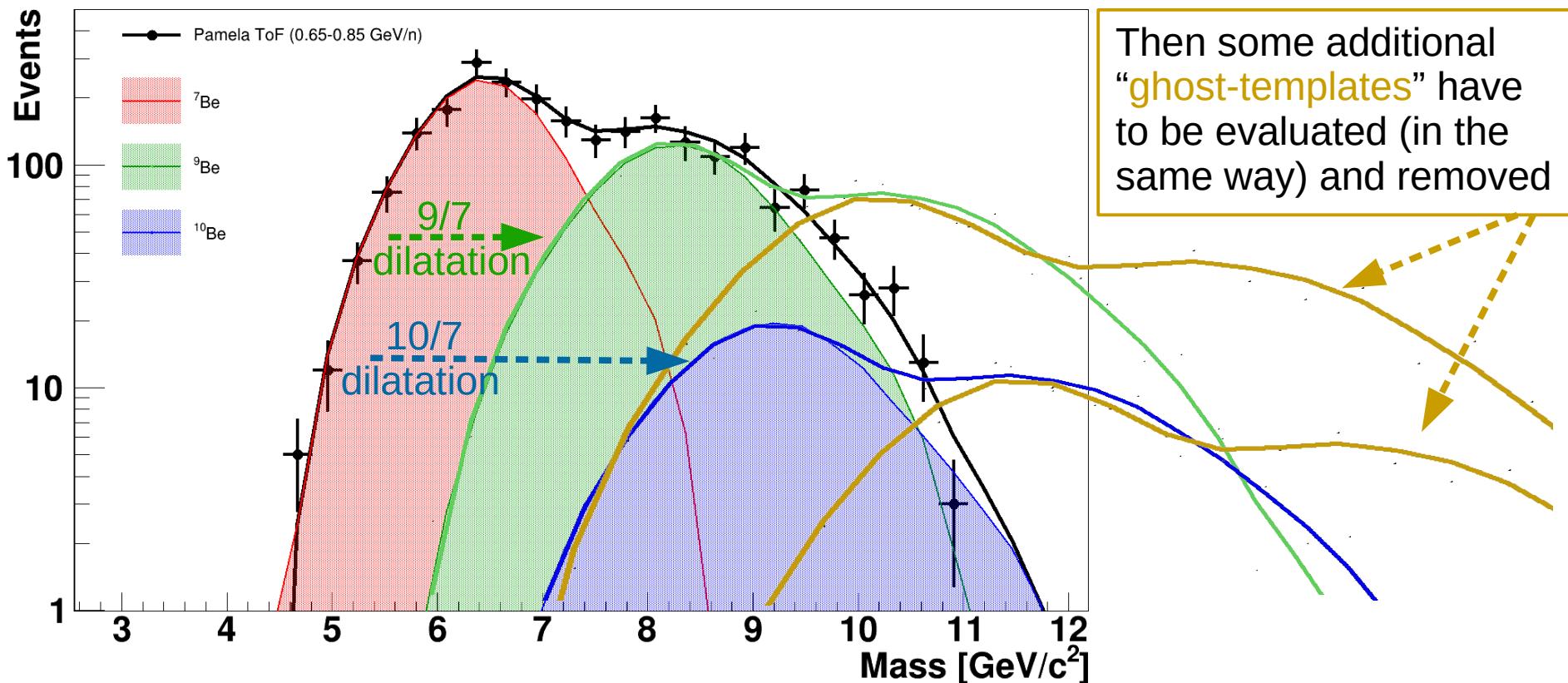
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Linear transf. approximation: templates are related by (known) coordinate dilatation



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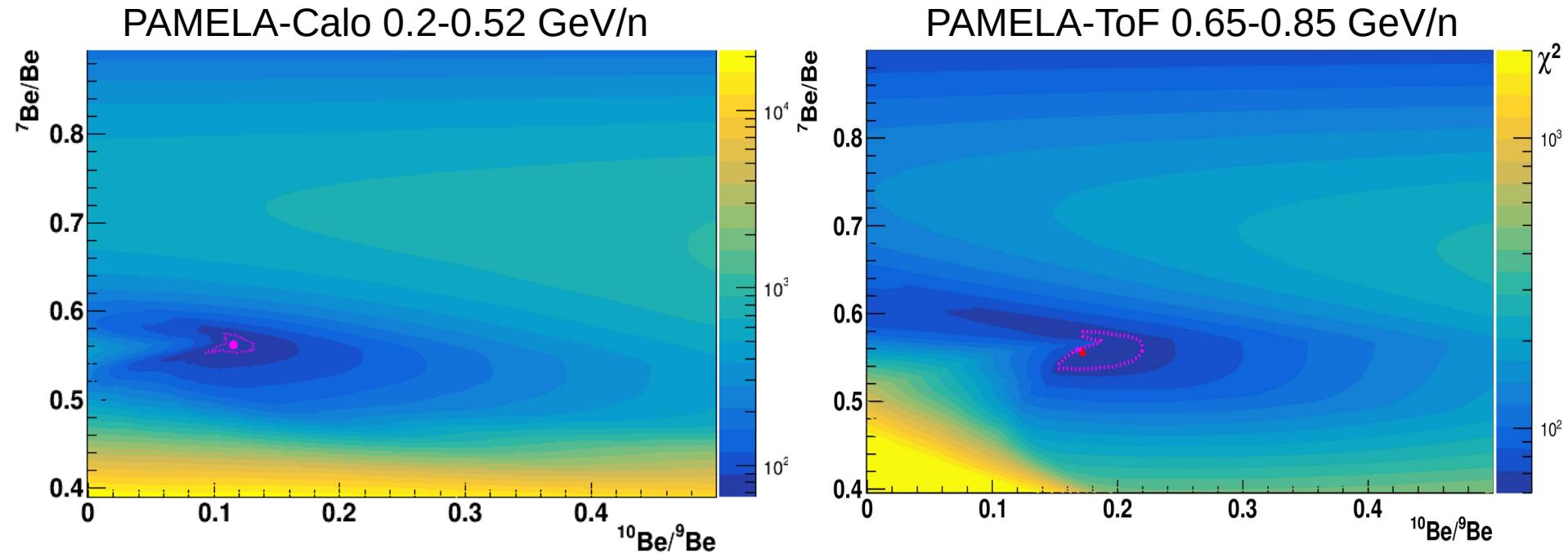
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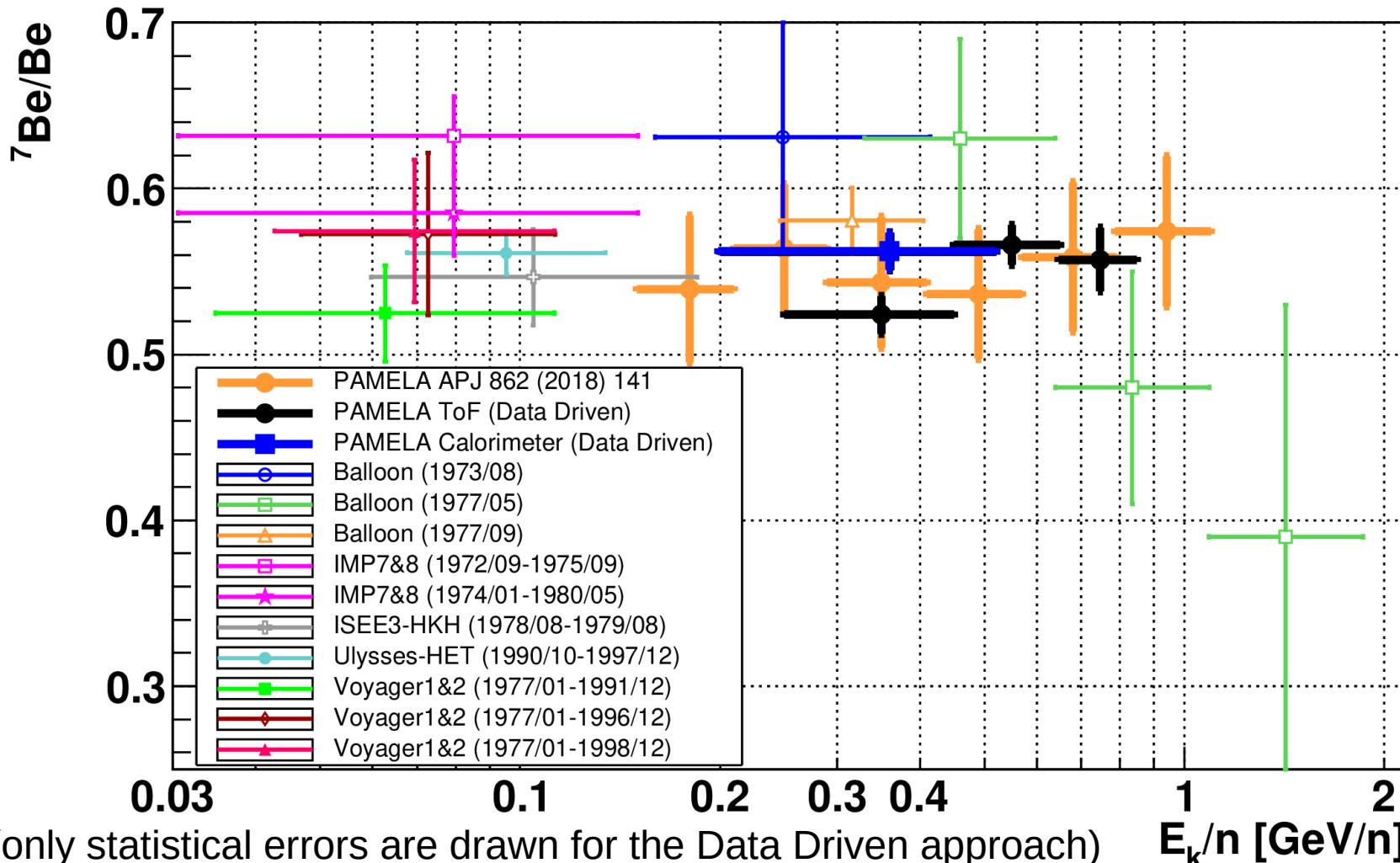
# The map of $\chi^2$ configurations

A  $\chi^2$  value can be evaluated for each configuration in the plane  $< f_7 \text{ and } f_{10}/f_9 >$  leading to a 2D confidence interval of the physical minimum.



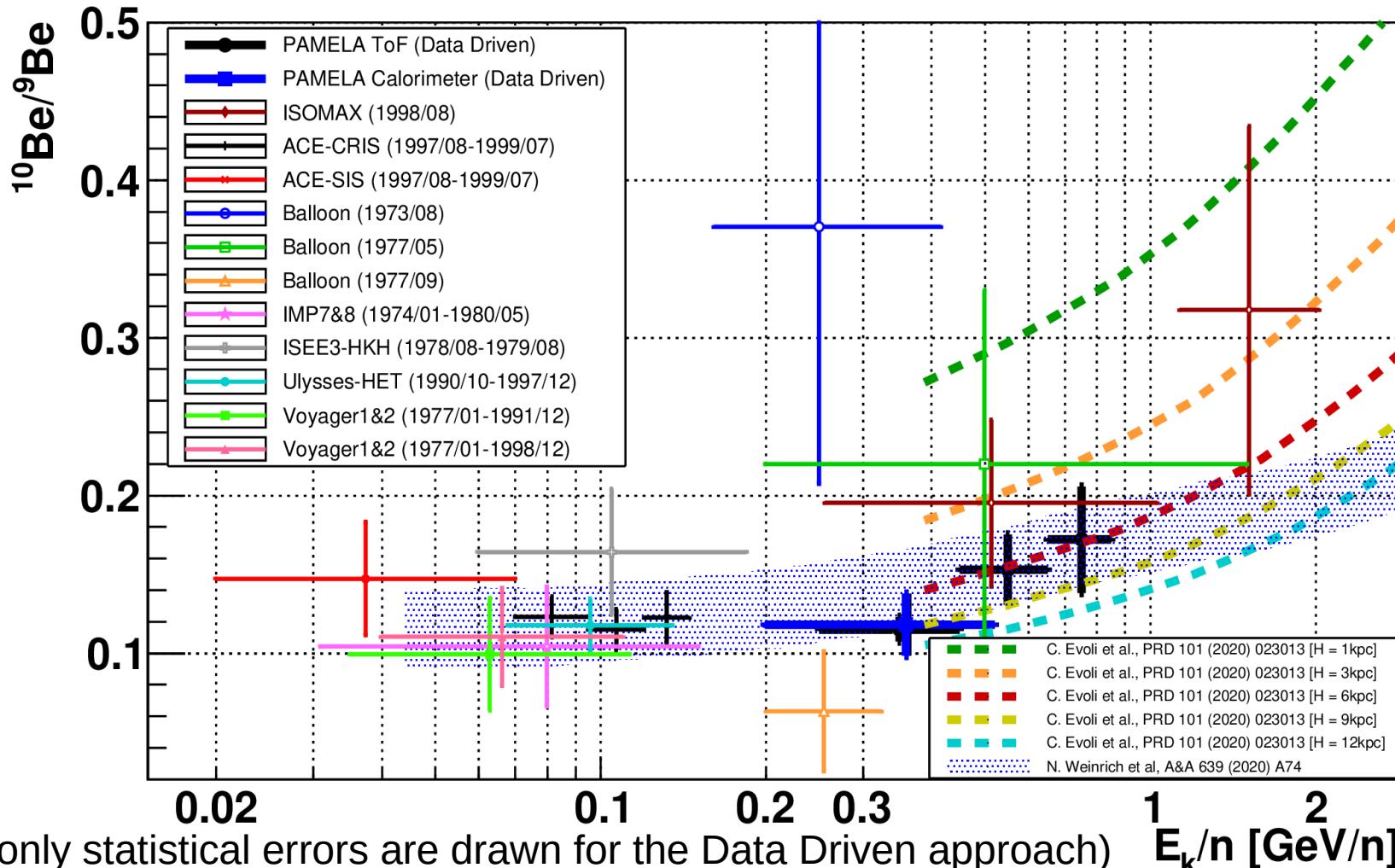
statistical bootstrap performed to treat the naive un-physical solutions:  $f_7 = 1$ ,  $f_9 = 1$ ,  $f_{10} = 1$  (characterized by a null  $\chi^2$  value) this is a detail important only for scarce statistics.

# Comparison with previous measurements ${}^7\text{Be}/\text{Be}$



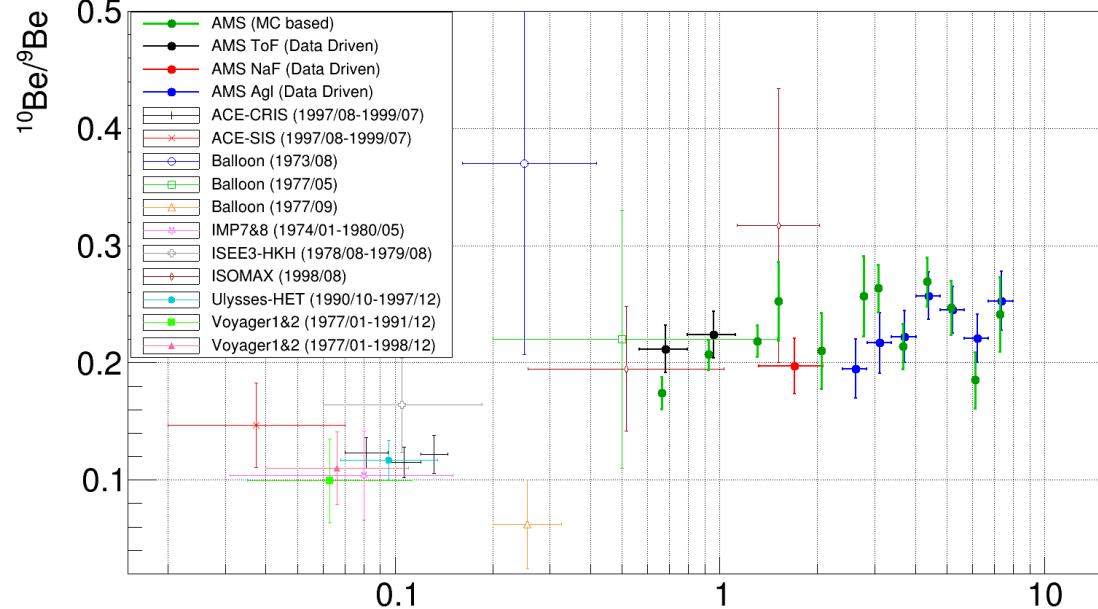
- Data Driven results for PAMELA-ToF and PAMELA-Calorimeter are in reasonable agreement
- Both are compatible with published (MC based) PAMELA result.

# a “new” measurement for $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$

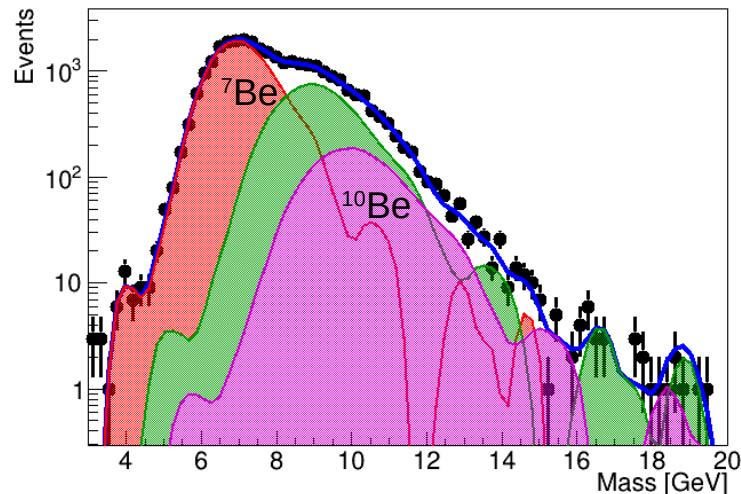


- Data Driven results for PAMELA improves our knowledge of  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  at “high-Energy”
- Compatibility with theoretical expectations

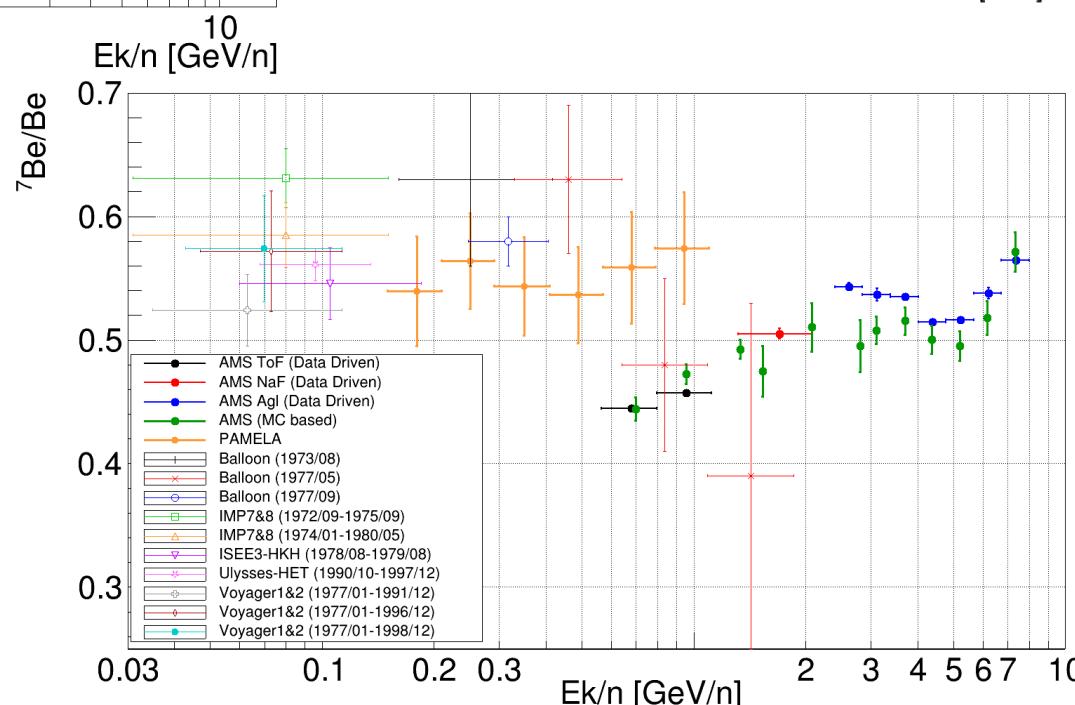
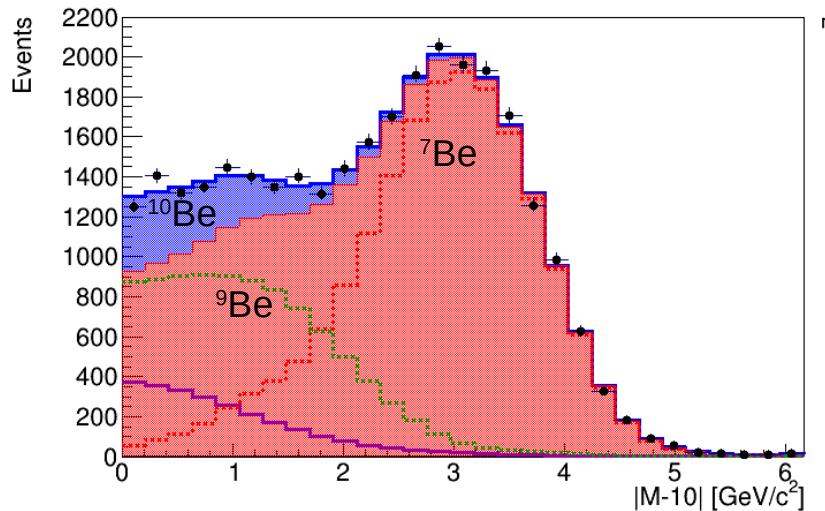
# Application to AMS-02 Beryllium



Last bin of Agl: Data Driven templates



Last bin of Agl: Data Driven templates  
a stacked representation



# conclusions

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Be isotopic composition is a key quantity to improve CR propagation models

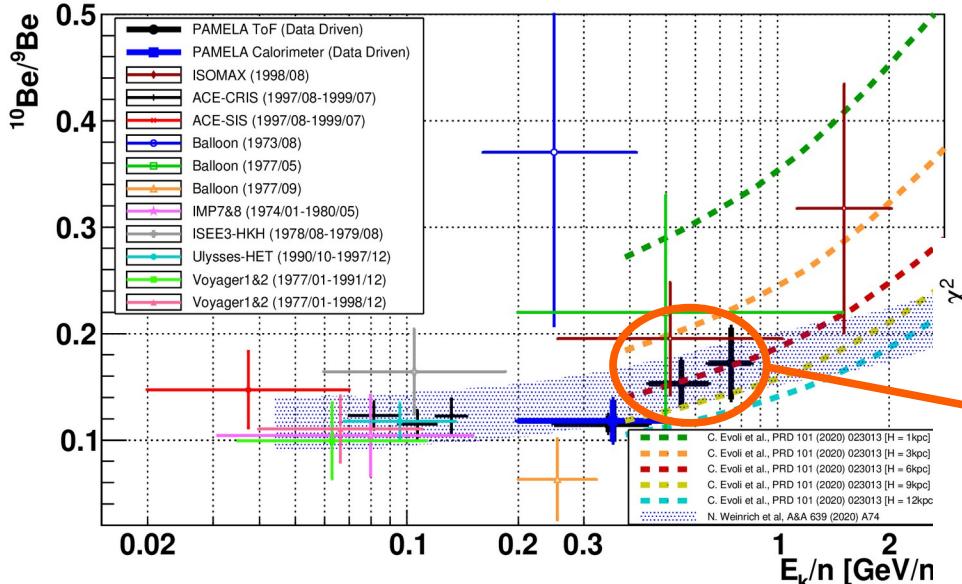
$^{10}\text{Be}$  is subdominant, its measurement requires a very good MC simulation

As an example, the very good Beryllium data collected by PAMELA experiment has not provided the important  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  measurement because of a not perfect MC simulation

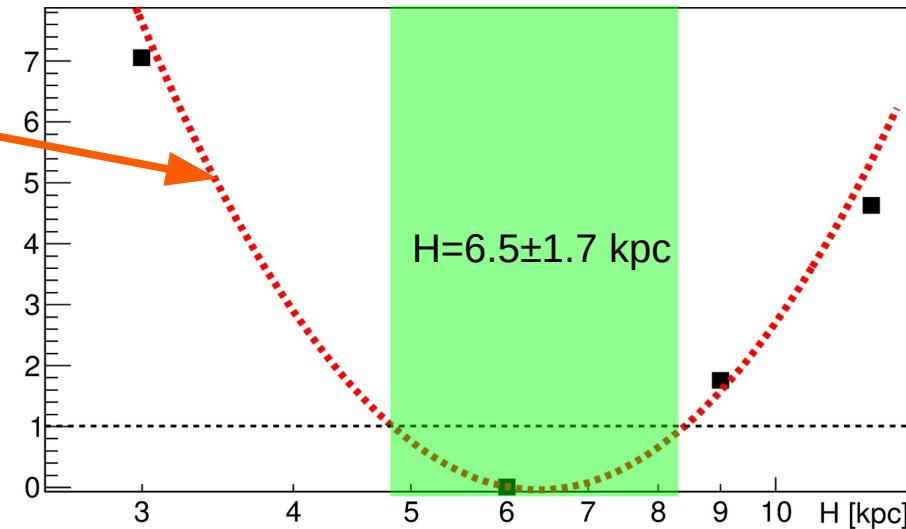
Developed a “Data Driven” approach to measure  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  without the use of MC

....in the following some qualitative/naive comparison with THEORY

# Example of sensitivity to Halo thickness: PAMELA

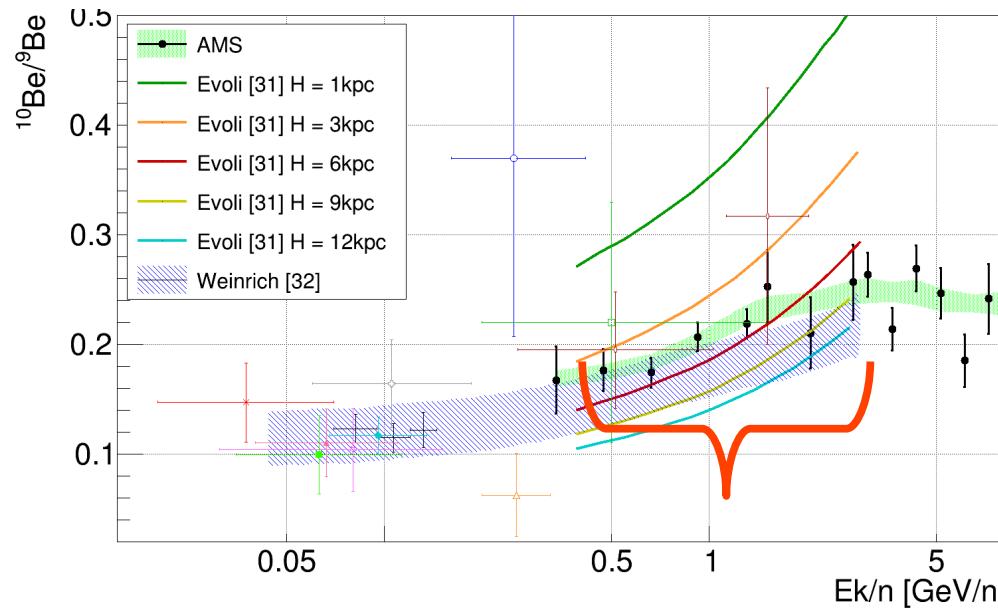


Example: assuming the model of C. Evoli  
[Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 023013]  
fitting the sub-range 0.45-0.85 GeV/n



The comparison of  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  (and the complementary  $^{7}\text{Be}/\text{Be}$ ) with theory models (once tuned accounting for these measured ratios) will provide a  $\sim 25\%$  precision measurement for  $H$  parameter that is currently affected by large uncertainties. (currently  $H = 3\text{-}8 \text{ kpc}$ )

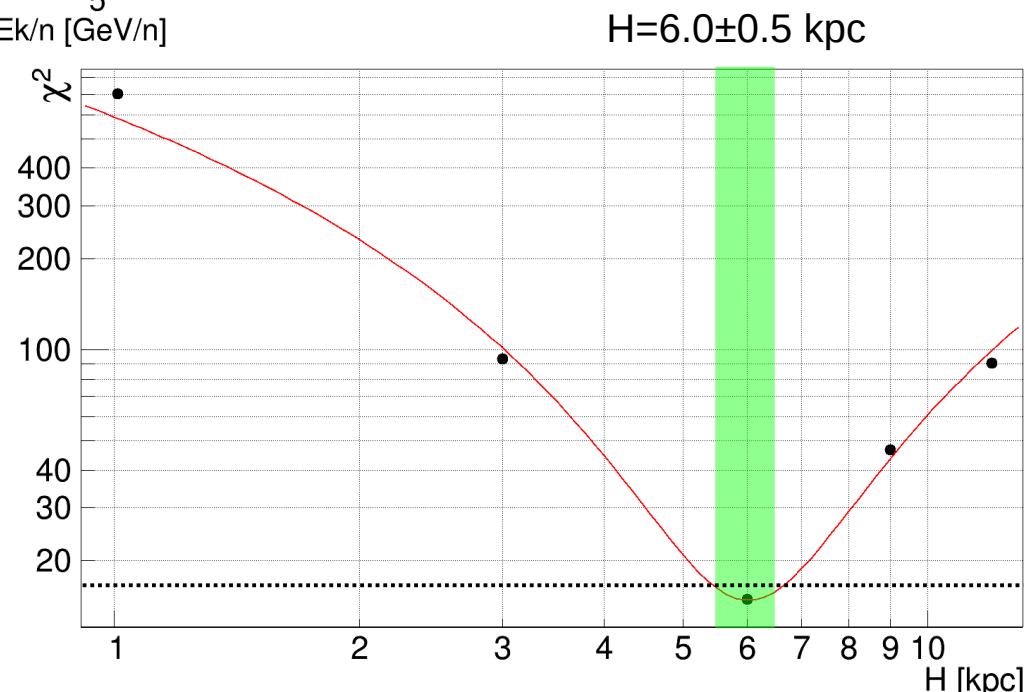
# Example of sensitivity to Halo thickness: AMS



Example: assuming the model of C. Evoli  
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fitting the sub-range 0.4-3.5 GeV/n

The behavior of  $^{10}\text{Be}/^{9}\text{Be}$  seems flattening for  $E > 3.5\text{GeV}/n$   
This is very interesting.

It is useful to study also the comparison with  $^{7}\text{Be}/\text{Be}$  theoretical expectations



# a naive/toy model

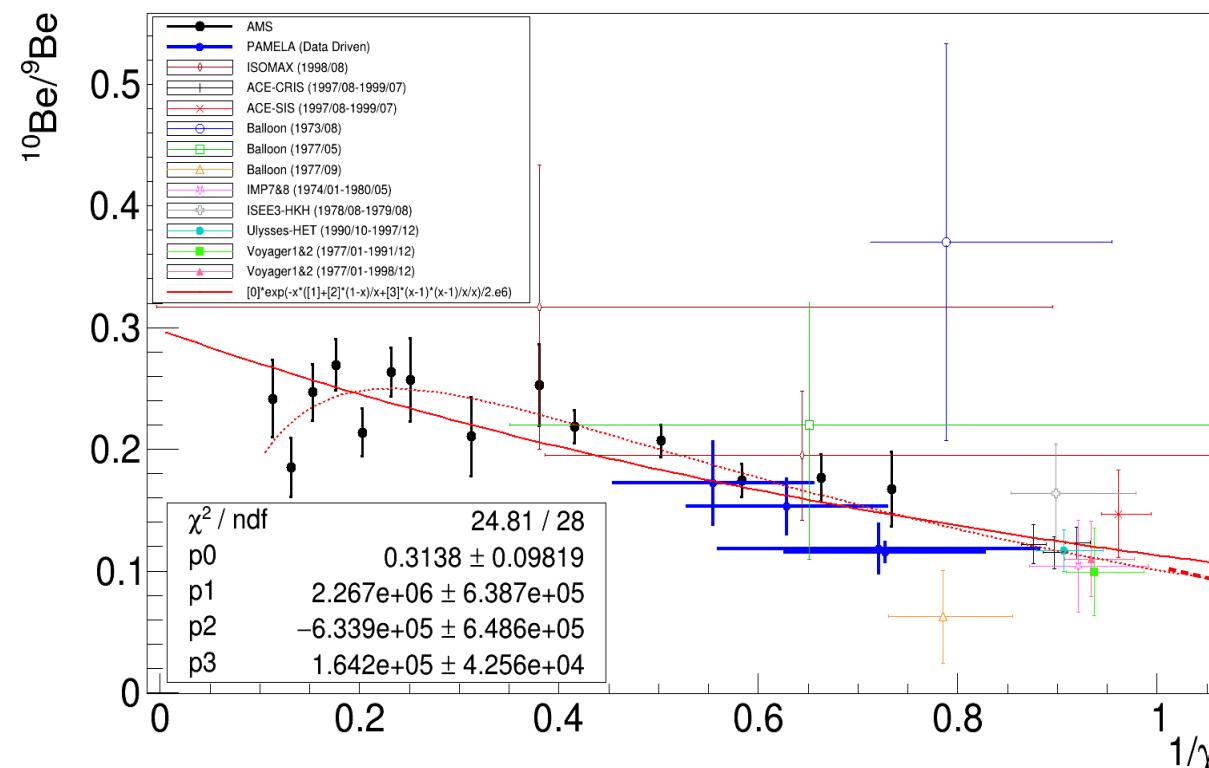
Energy dependence modeled as  
a Relativistic Time Dilatation:  $\tau = T_{1/2} / \log(2) \approx 2 \text{ My}$

$$\frac{^{10}\text{Be}}{^9\text{Be}}(\gamma) = \left. \frac{^{10}\text{Be}}{^9\text{Be}} \right|_{T=0} e^{-\frac{T(\gamma)}{\gamma\tau}}$$

$$T(\gamma) = T_0 + (\gamma - 1)T_1 + (\gamma - 1)^2T_2 + \dots$$

Low energy avg  
residence time

Propagation effects  
(energy dependent)



$$T_0 = 2.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ My}$$

$$T_1 = -0.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ My}$$

$$T_2 = 0.16 \pm 0.04 \text{ My}$$

Exponential "pure Time Dilatation":  
 $T_0 = 1.94 \pm 0.15 \text{ My}; T_1 = 0; T_2 = 0$

Time Dilation + Propagation effects

Relativistic Dilatation effect seems important:  
Low energy average residence time:  
 $T_0 = 1.7-2.9 \text{ My}$  Production fraction  $0.3 \pm 0.1$

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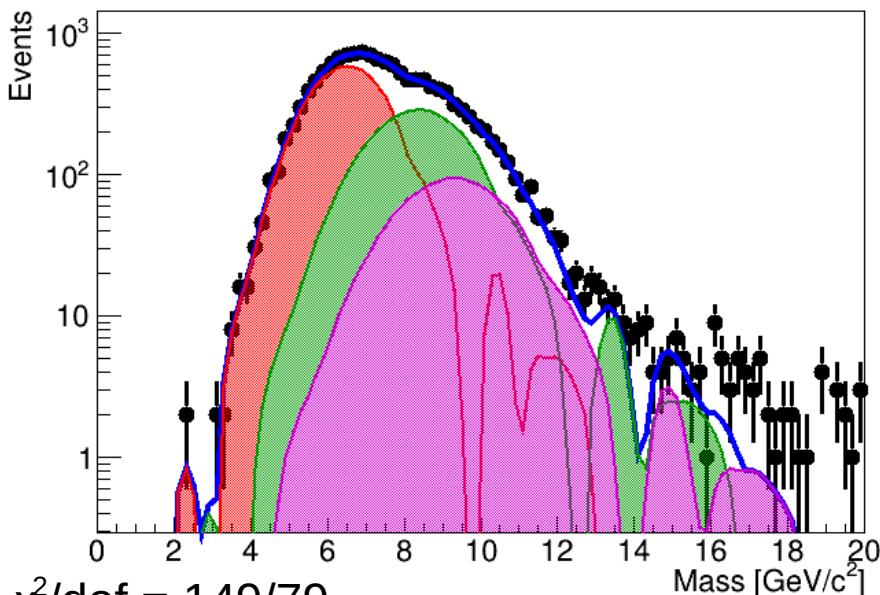
# **Some TEST of the Data Driven fitting method**

# method verification with a Toy model

toy-experiment generated by gaussian + a power-law right tail

same statistics & same signal

14kevents  ${}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.314$   ${}^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.13$



$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 149/79$

${}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.340$   ${}^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.123$

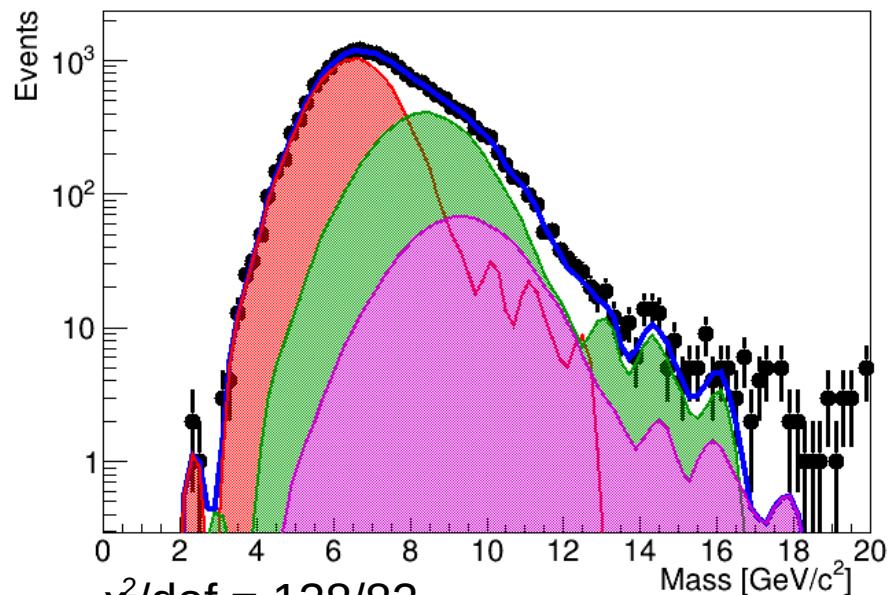
Unbiased 1 $\sigma$  (68% C.L.) intervals:

$0.086 < {}^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be} < 0.131$  RMS 0.01

$0.304 < {}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} < 0.354$  RMS 0.007

3/2 statistics & 1/2 signal

21kevents  ${}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.314$   ${}^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.065$



$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 138/82$

${}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.318$   ${}^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be} = 0.059$

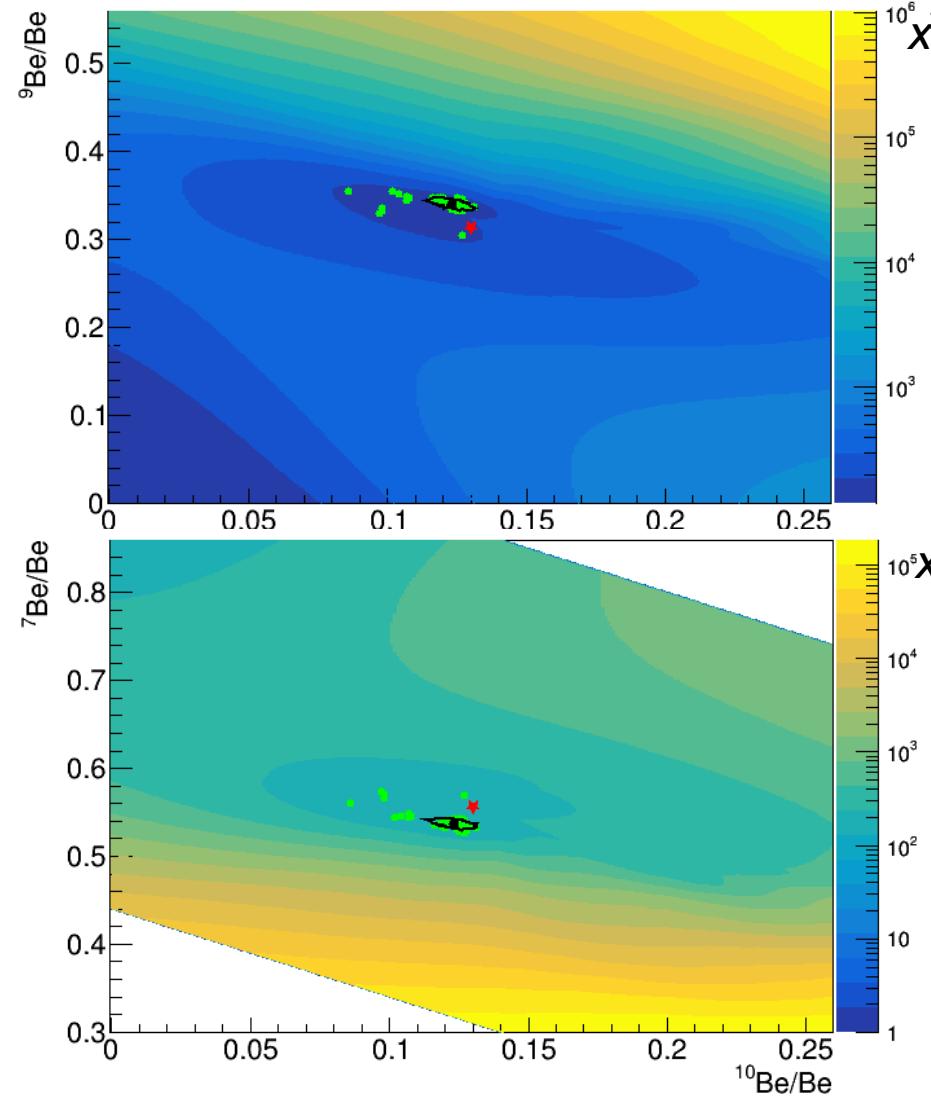
Unbiased 1 $\sigma$  (68% C.L.) intervals:

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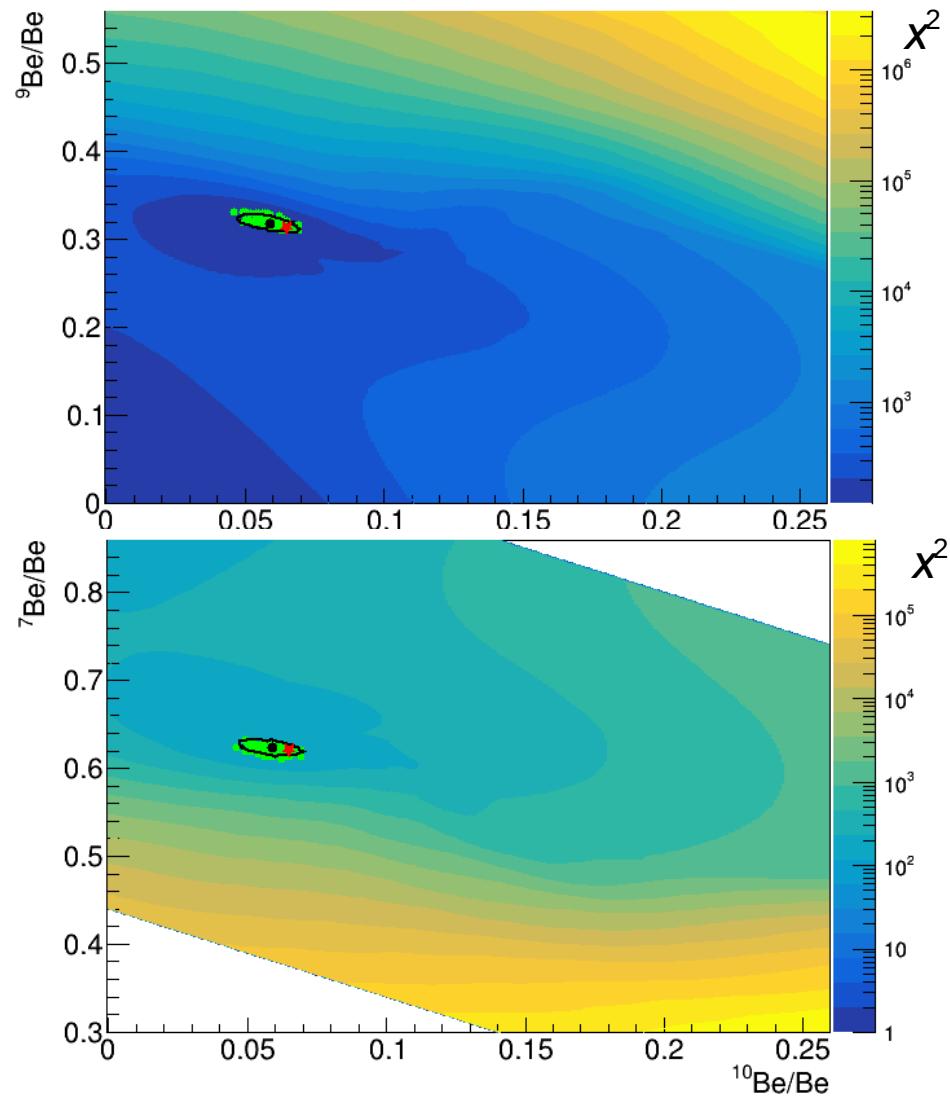
$0.310 < {}^9\text{Be}/\text{Be} < 0.331$  RMS 0.006

# Toy-model confidence intervals

same statistics & same signal

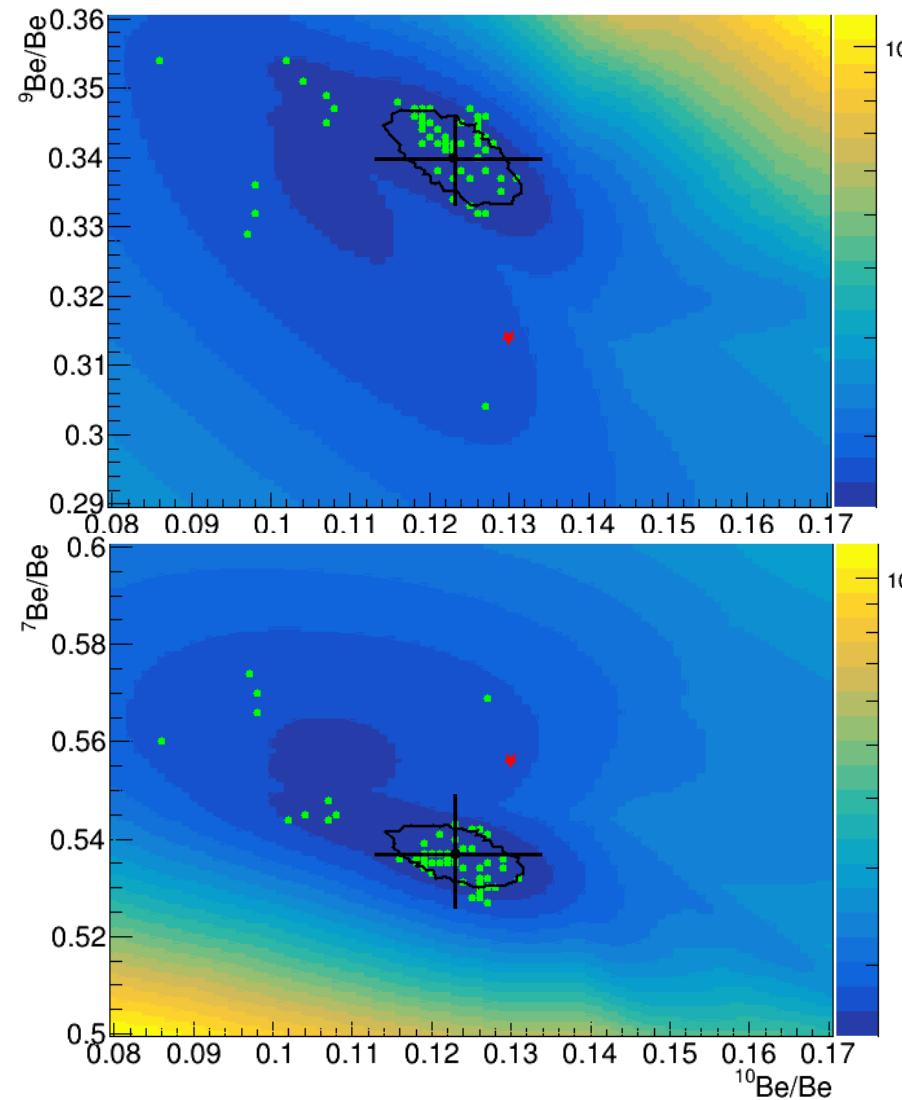


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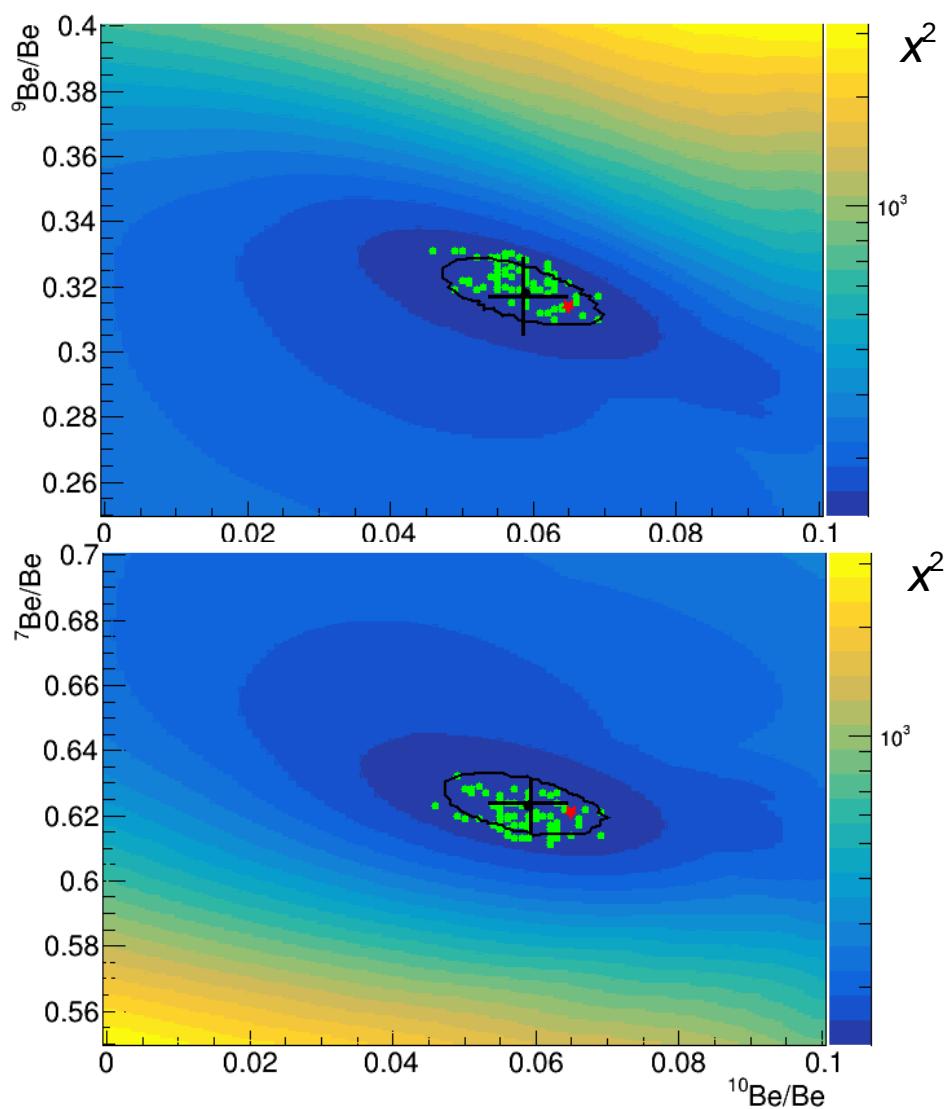


# Toy-model confidence intervals: zoom

same statistics & same signal



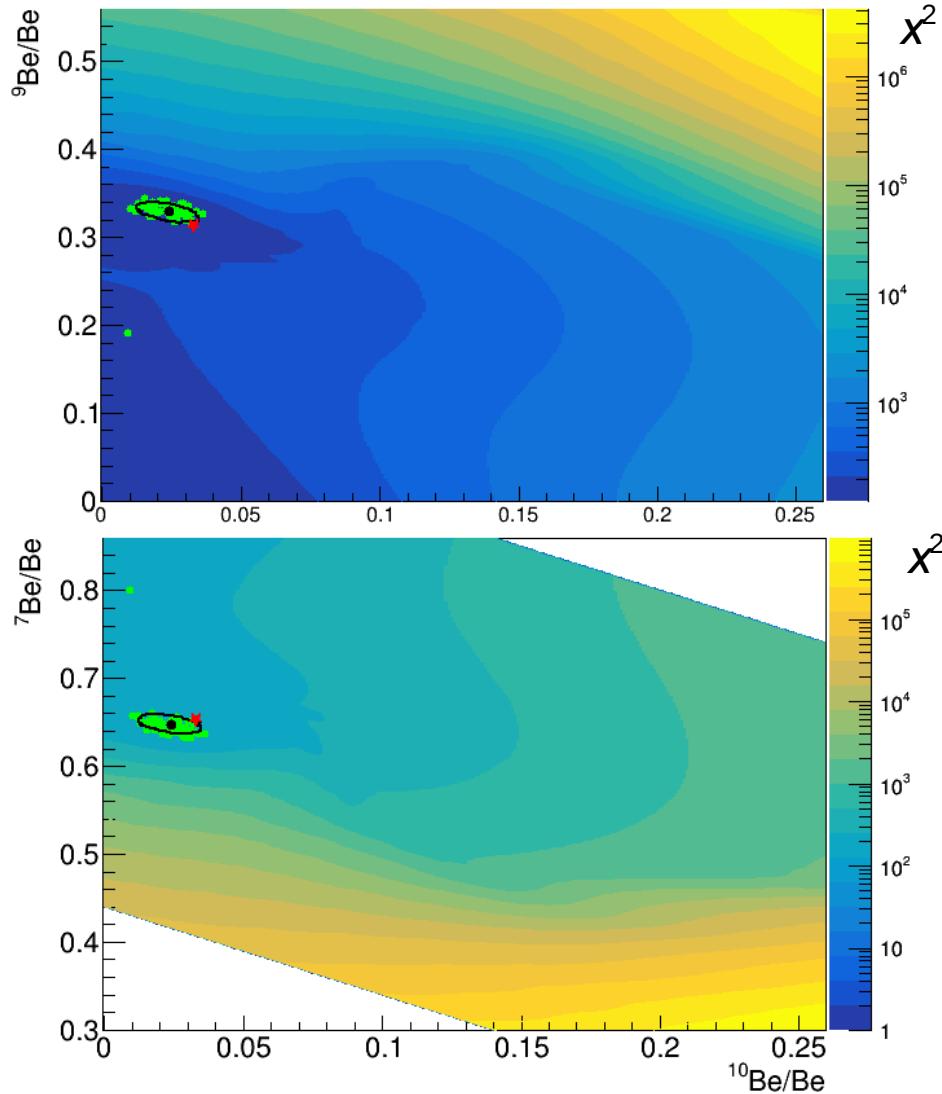
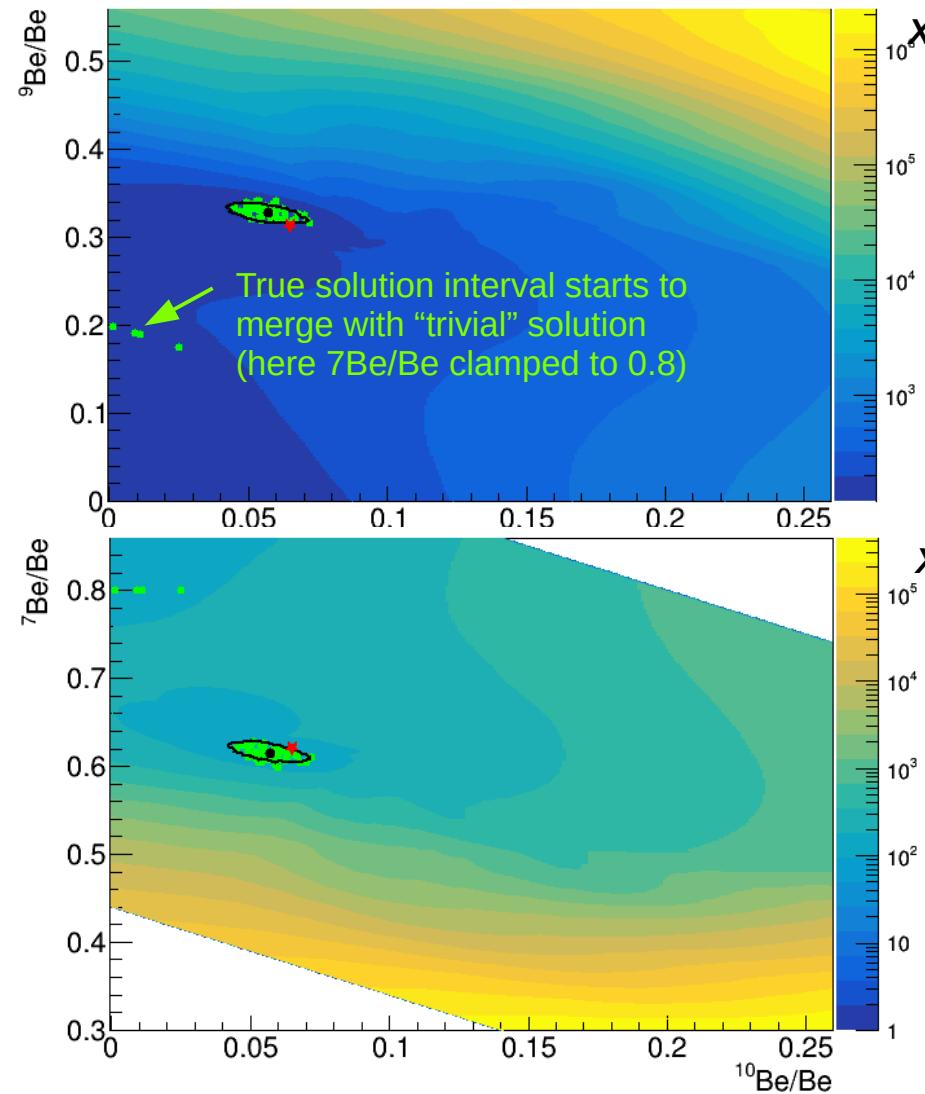
3/2 statistics & 1/2 signal



# Toy-model confidence intervals: hard task

same statistics & 1/2 signal

3/2 statistics & 1/4 signal



# The “stacked” plot

We know that the evidence for  ${}^{10}\text{Be}$  is NOT VISUALLY CONVINCING

