



# (Anti)matter propagation in the Galaxy



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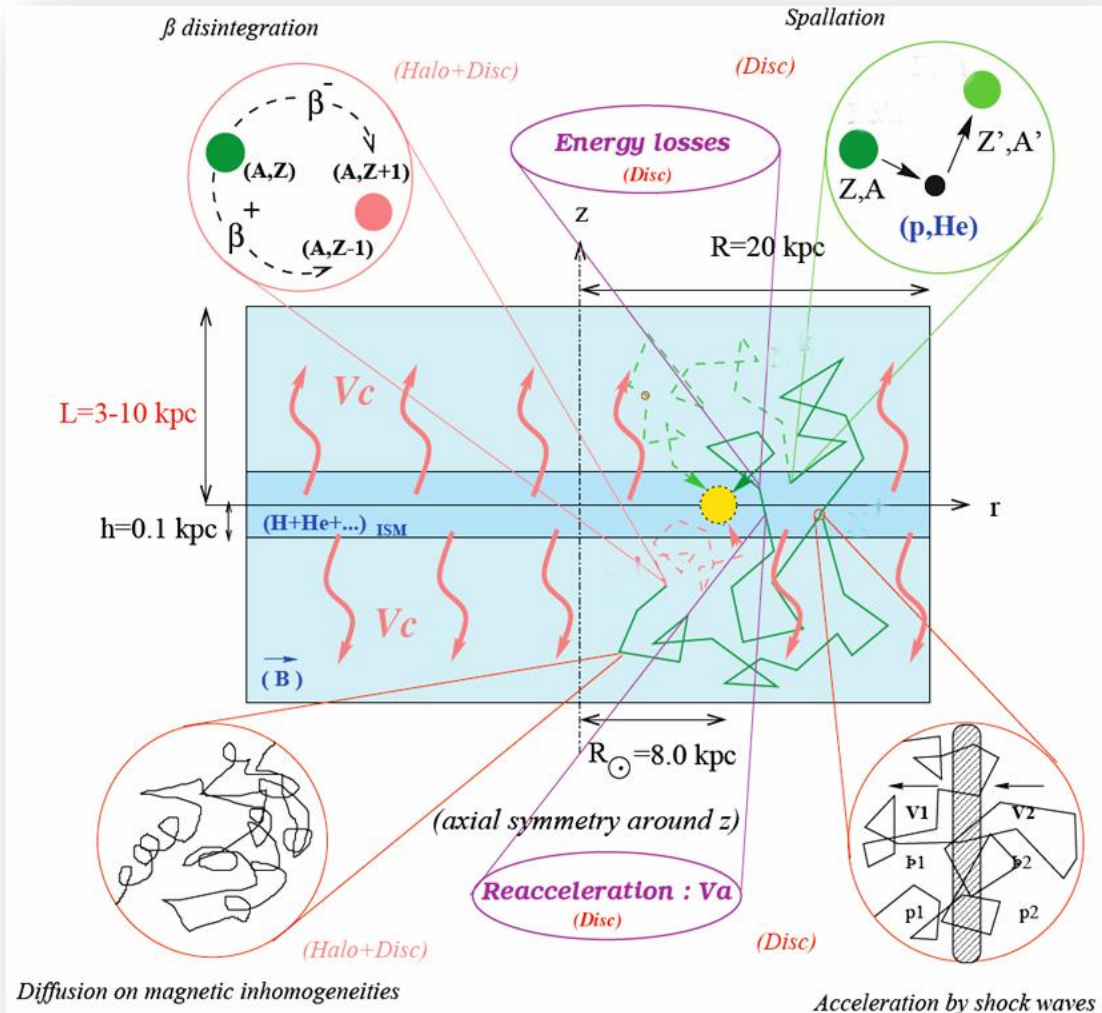
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# Explaining $Z \leq 28$ CRs physics by means of GALPROP and HelMod

- AMS-02 published data are fitted in the combined framework of GALPROP and HelMod (for Galactic and Heliosphere propagation, respectively) **with a single model**, capable of reproducing all primary and secondary spectra at the same time (*see* ApJ **840**:115 No 2, 2017; ApJ **854**:94 No 2, 2018; ApJ **858**:61 No 1, 2018; ApJ 889:167, 2020, ApJS **250** 27, 2020, ApJ 913 5 (2021));
- The 28 proposed LISs fit Voyager 1, ACE, Pamela, AMS-02 (and many other experiments) and recent CALET and DAMPE data, from 10 MeV/n up to 200 TeV/n, representing a **reference model for the Collaboration** and a **forecasting tool for astroparticle and solar physics**;
- The overall model has a strong **prediction capability** for what concerns the resulting cosmic rays **antimatter content**, especially antiprotons.

# The Propagation Scheme in the Milky Way

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \underbrace{q(\vec{r}, p)}_{\text{Source}} + \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (D_{xx} \vec{\nabla} \psi - \vec{V} \psi)}_{\text{Convection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^2 D_{pp}}_{\text{Reacceleration}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \frac{1}{p^2} \psi - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \dot{p} \psi - \frac{p}{3} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}) \psi \right]}_{\text{Energy Loss in ISM / Adiabatic Expansion}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau_f} \psi}_{\text{Fragmentation}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau_r} \psi}_{\text{Decay}}$$



- **Geometry:** halo of thickness  $z$
- **Diffusion:** diffusion in the galactic magnetic field inhomogeneities, propagating through the ISM ( $D_0, \delta$ )
- **Convection:** galactic wind with velocity gradient  $dV_c/dz$
- **Reacceleration:** interstellar turbulence with Alfvén velocity  $V_A$

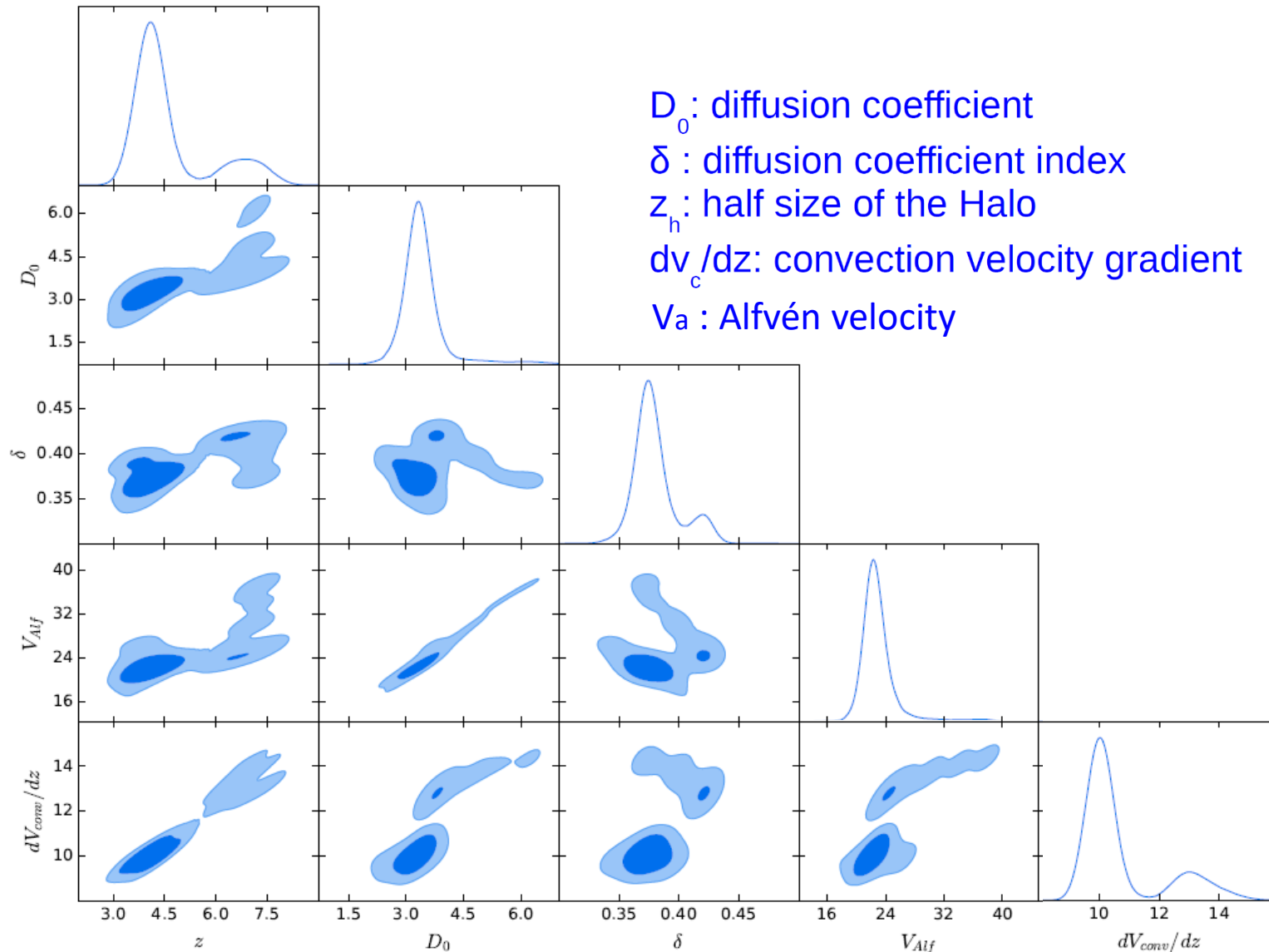


5 fundamental parameters space to fix CR propagation



# MCMC Matrix Approach

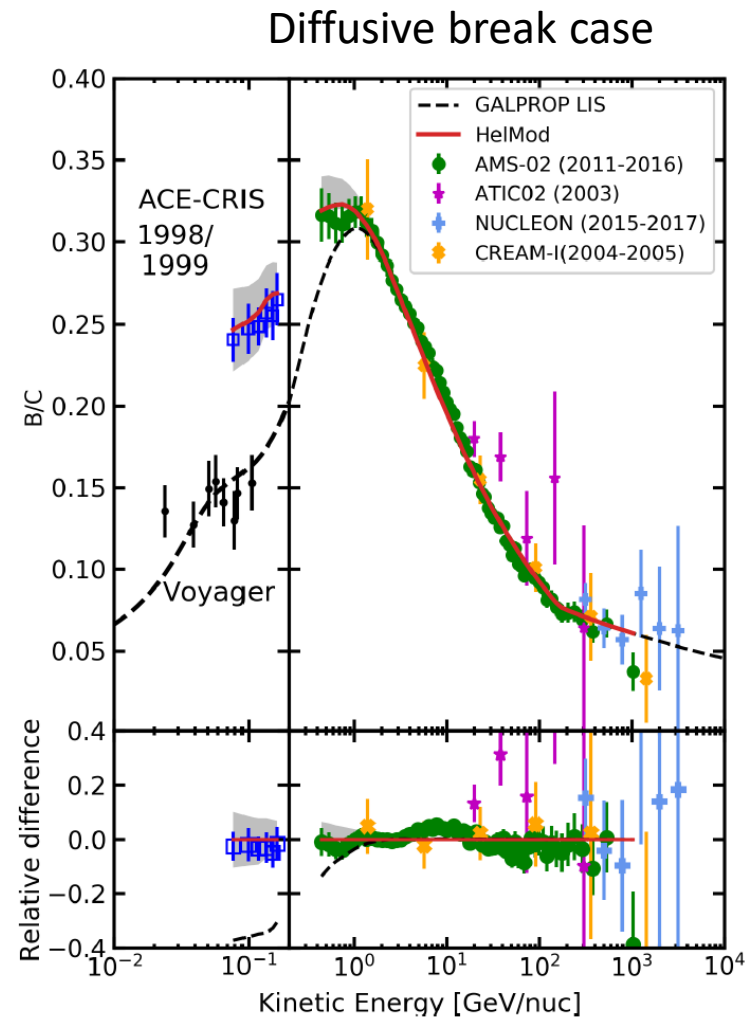
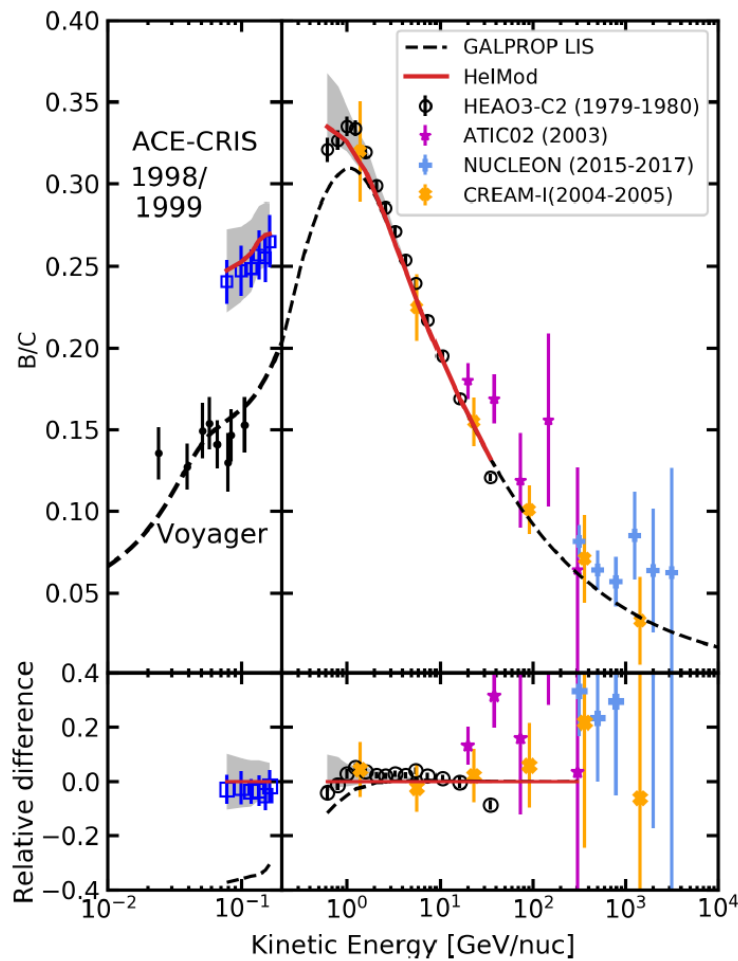
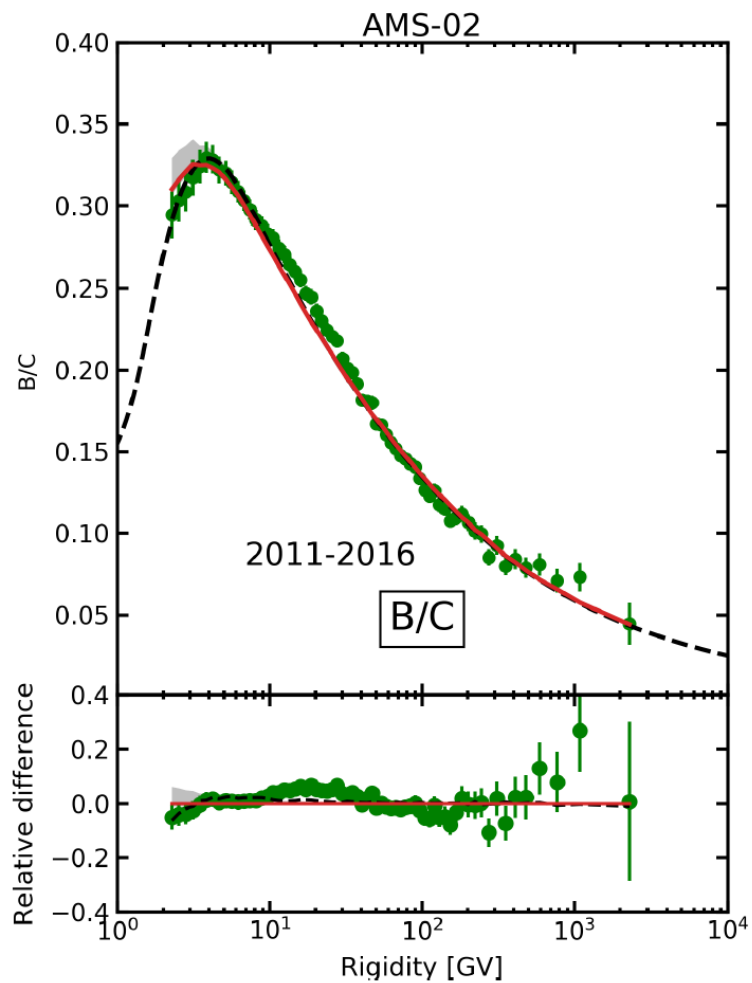
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*Solution Of Heliospheric Propagation: Unveiling The Local Interstellar Spectra Of Cosmic Ray Species*,  
The Astrophysical Journal **840**:115 No 2, 2017, arXiv:1704.06337



1. The Monte-Carlo-Markov-Chain interface to **GALPROP v56** was **developed in Bologna** from CosRay-MC and COSMOMC package, embedding GALPROP framework into the MCMC scheme;
2. The simulations run on Ravenna pc farm;
3. The solar modulation is made using **HelMod**;
4. The experimental observables used in the MCMC scan include **all primary CRs AMS-02 data and B/C ratio**.

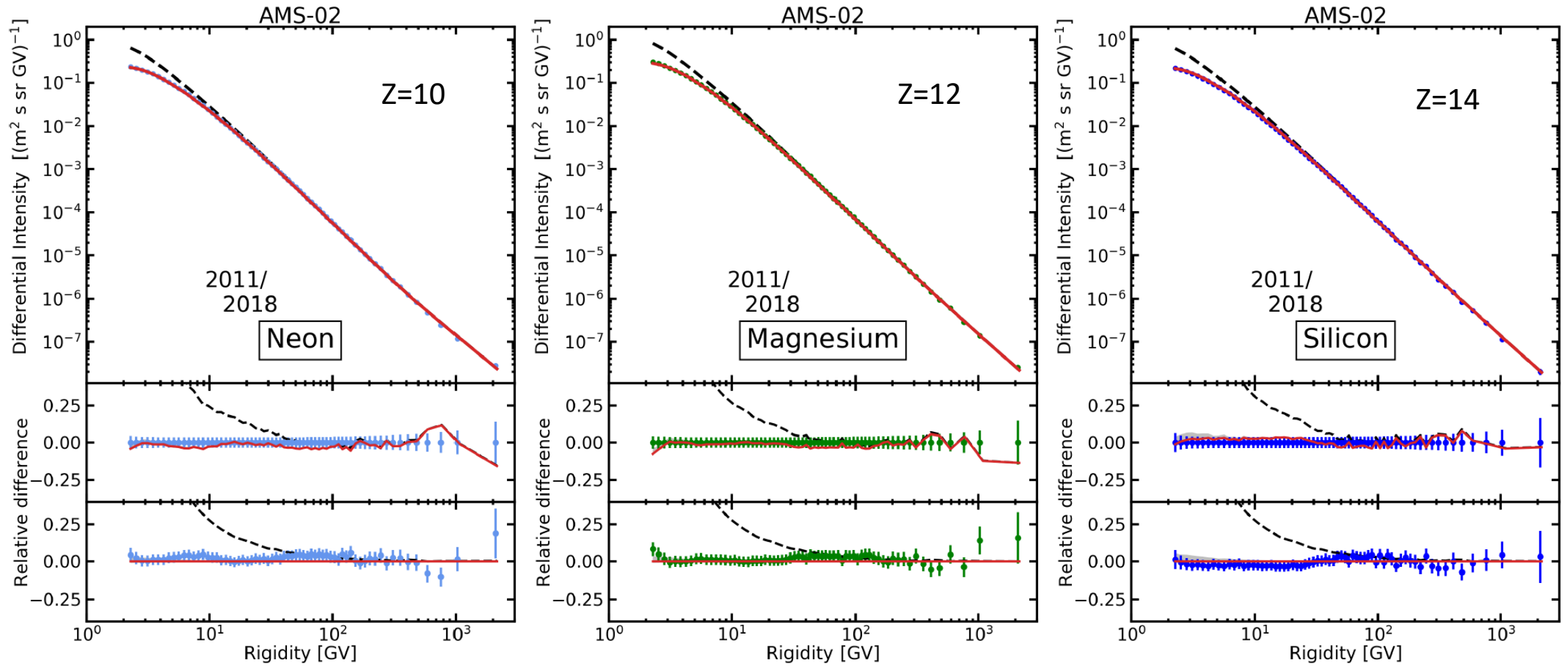
One order of magnitude of improvement for fundamental parameters uncertainties

# Updated secondary over primary ratio: B/C



# New AMS-02 $Z > 8$ Nuclei

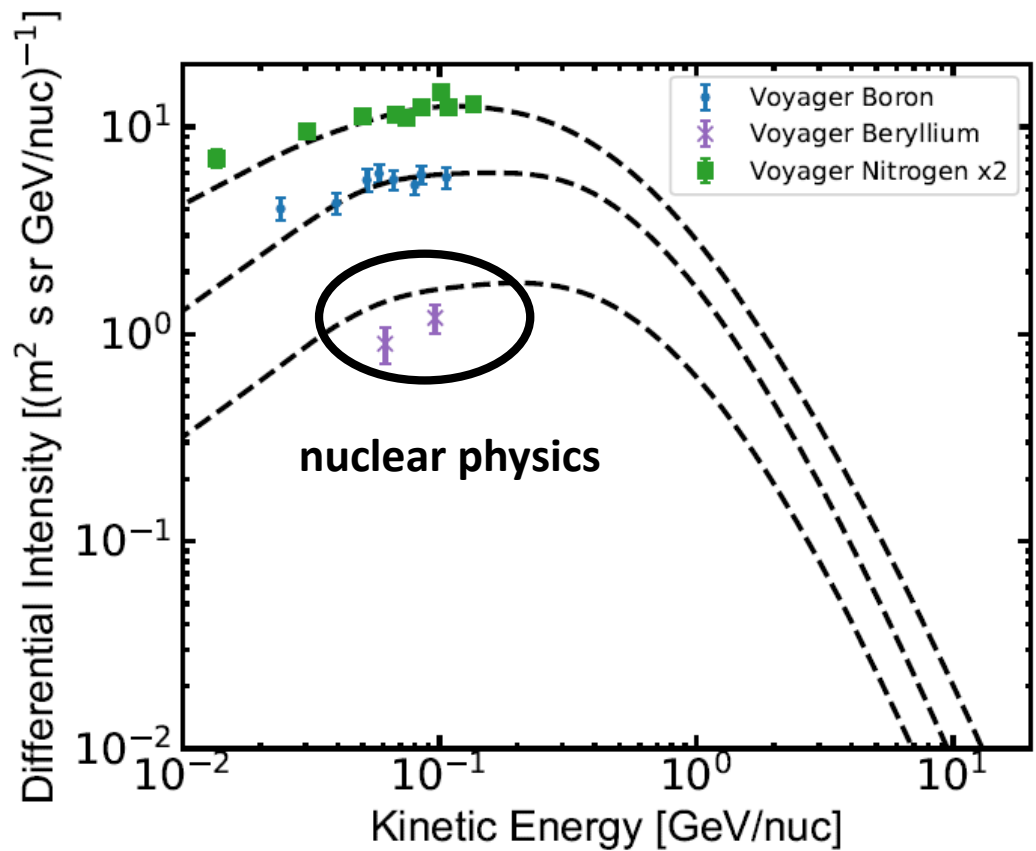
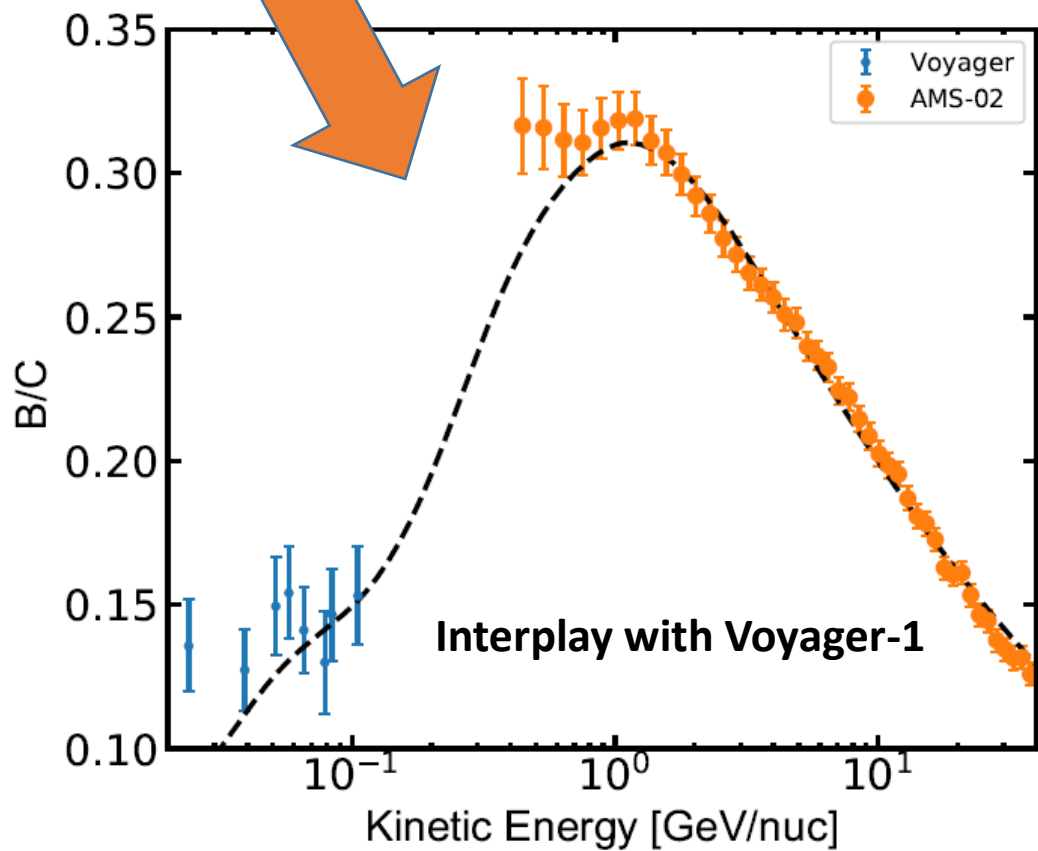
AMS-02 data from PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **124**, 211102 (2020)

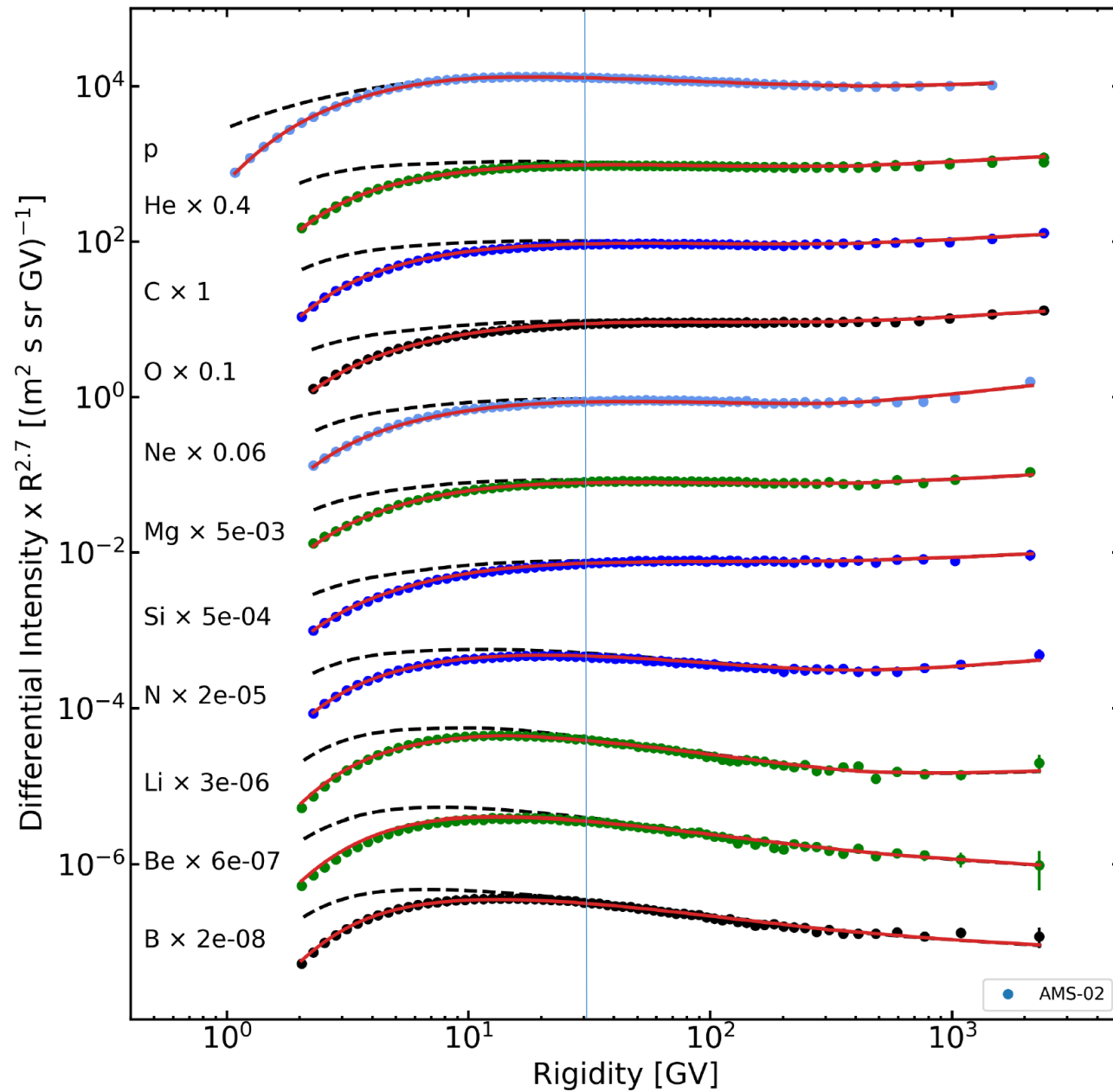


**Per cent/few per cent level precision**

N	Parameter	Units	Best Value	Error
1	$z_h$	kpc	4.0	0.6
2	$D_0$	$10^{28} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$	4.3	0.7
3 <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_1$		0.415	0.025
4	$V_{\text{Alf}}$	$\text{km s}^{-1}$	30	3
5	$dV_{\text{conv}}/dz$	$\text{km s}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-1}$	9.8	0.8

<sup>a</sup> For the  $P$ -scenario  $R \geq 370 \pm 25 \text{ GV}$ . :  $\delta_2 = 0.15 \pm 0.03$  for





The Model confirms its prediction capability for all AMS-02 species with a single set of parameters

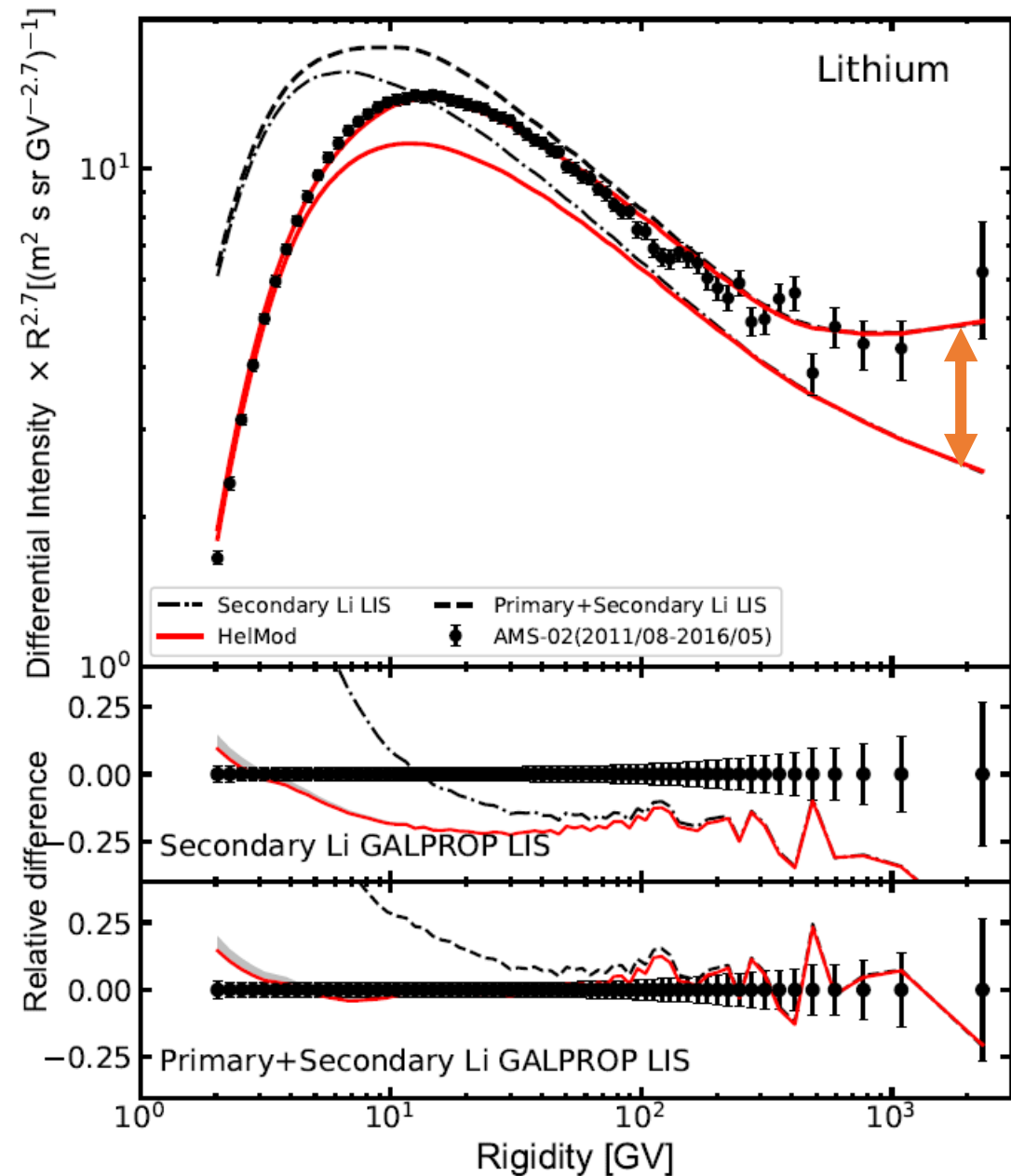


# Primary Lithium Discovery

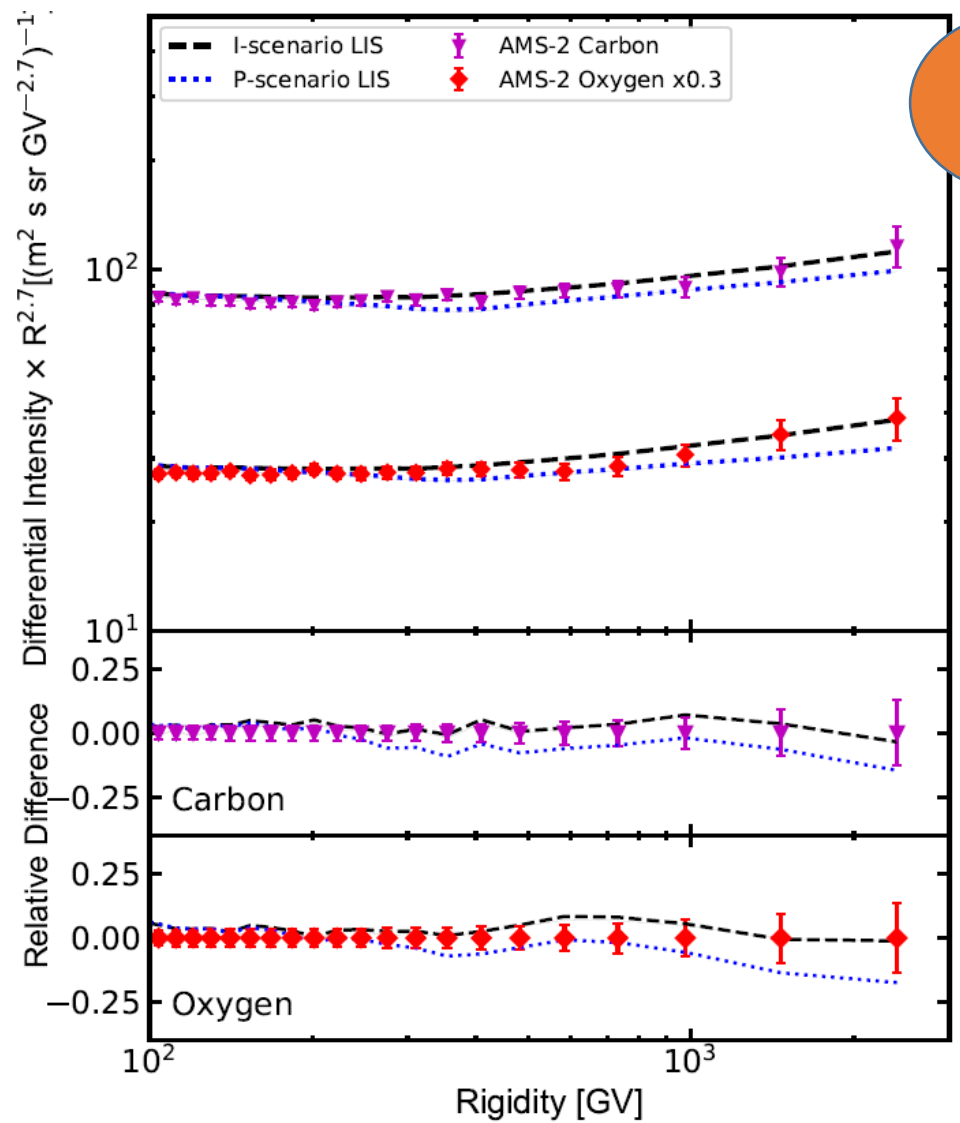
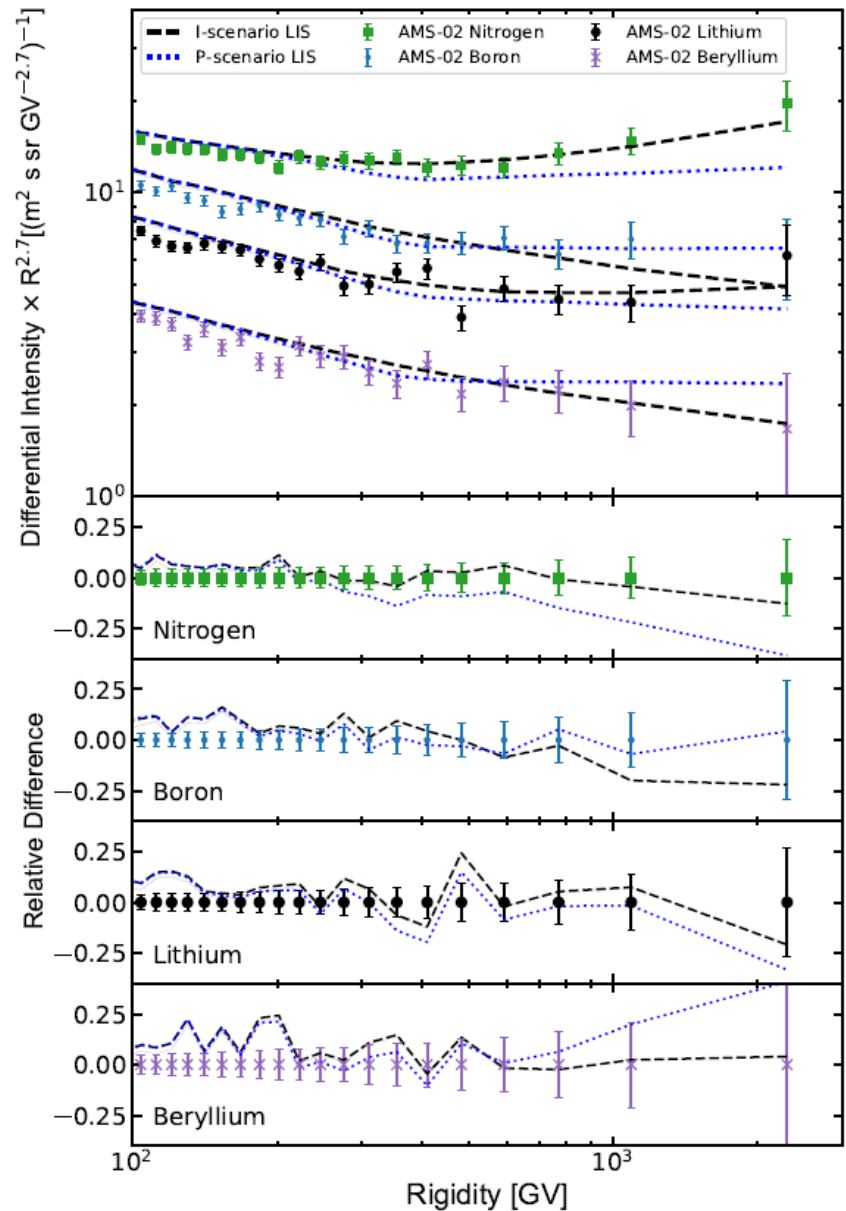
Primary Lithium from  
Novae/Wolf Rayet stars is  
mandatory to explain AMS-02  
measurement

the observed stellar lithium abundances indicate that some proportion of lithium is also produced in low-mass stars and nova explosions. Indeed, the alpha-capture reaction of  ${}^7\text{Be}$  production  ${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$  was proposed a while ago (Cameron 1955; Cameron & Fowler 1971). A subsequent decay of  ${}^7\text{Be}$  with a half-life of 53.22 days yields  ${}^7\text{Li}$  isotope. To ensure that produced  ${}^7\text{Li}$  is not destroyed in subsequent nuclear reactions,  ${}^7\text{Be}$  should be transported into cooler layers where it can decay to  ${}^7\text{Li}$ , the so-called Cameron-Fowler mechanism.

Recent observation of blue-shifted absorption lines of partly ionized  ${}^7\text{Be}$  in the spectrum of a classical novae V339 Del about 40-50 days after the explosion (Tajitsu et al. 2015) is the first observational evidence that the mechanism proposed in 1970s is working indeed (Hernanz 2015).

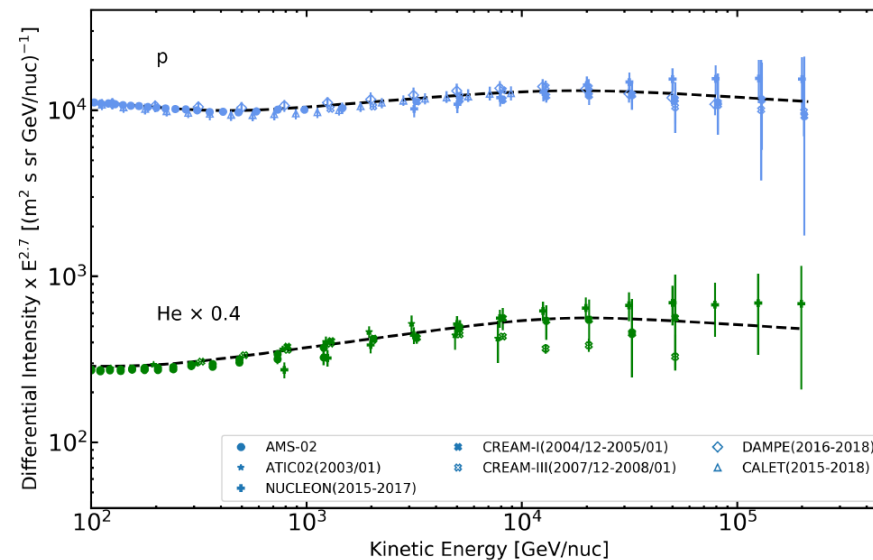
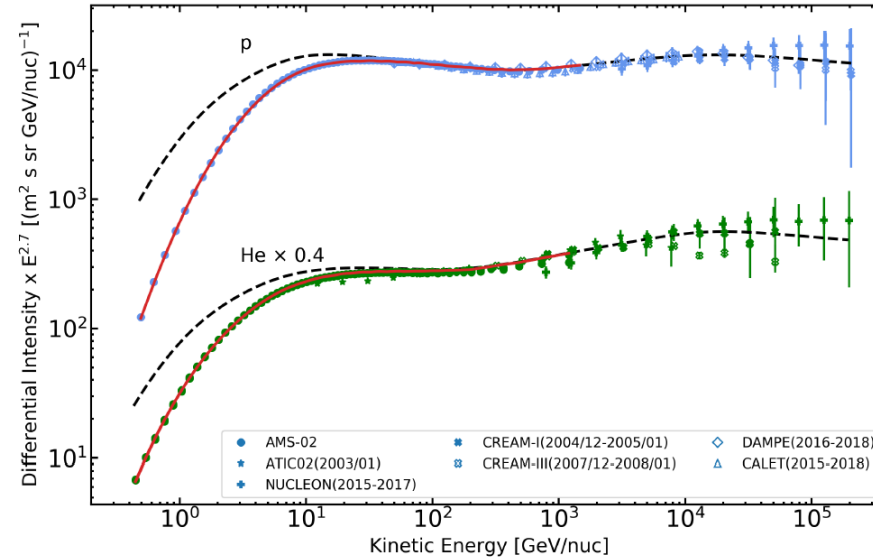
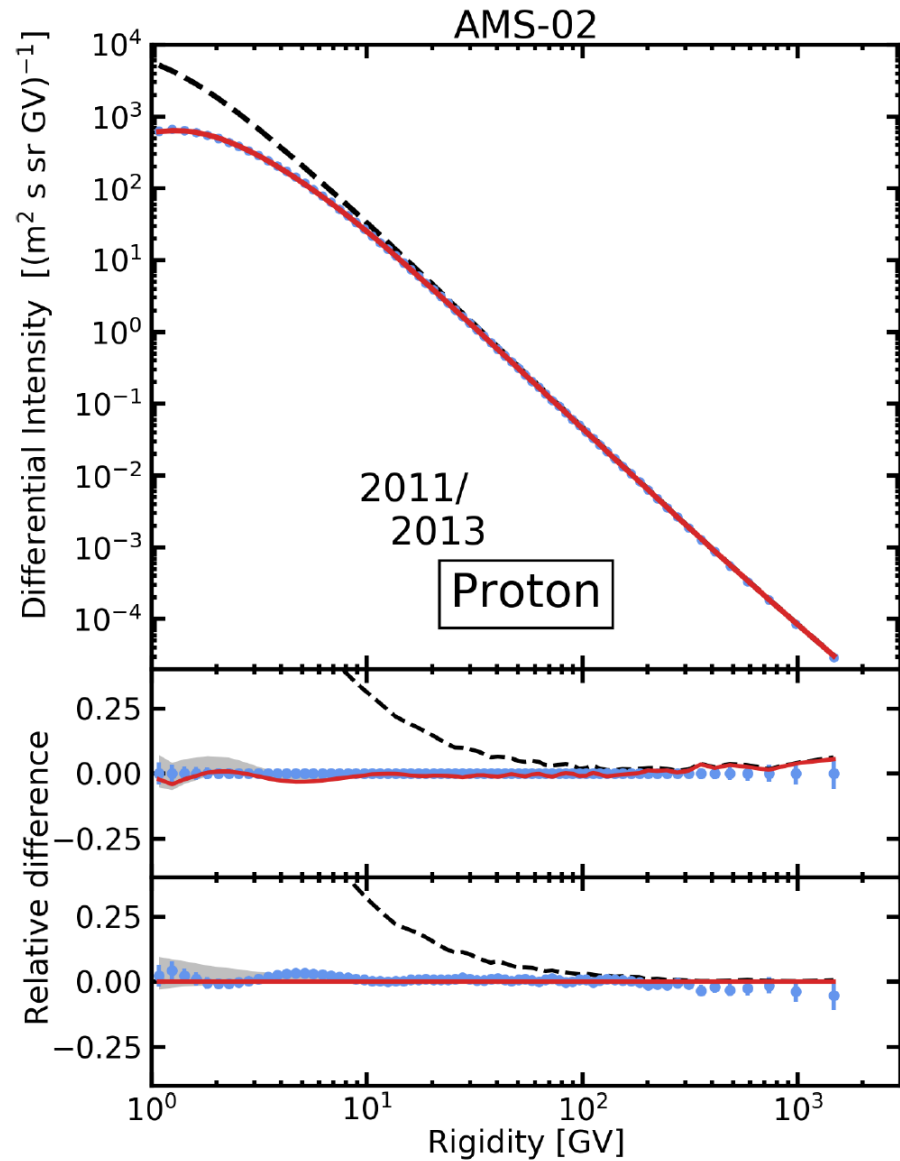


# Injection versus Propagation scenarios to explain CRs hardening above 300 GV



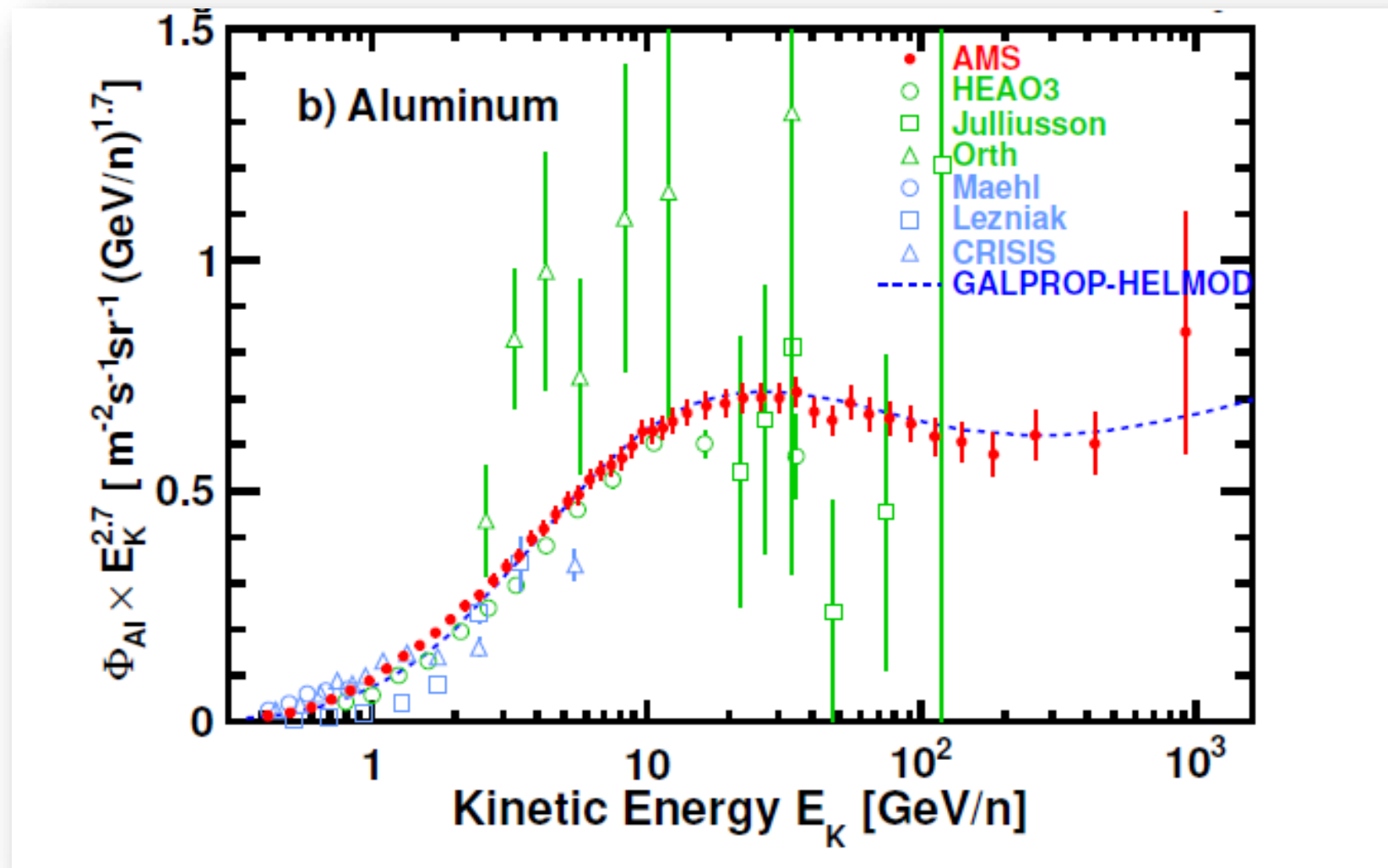
I or P?

# Extension of AMS-02 based LISs for p and He up to tens (and hundreds) TeV/n with CALET and DAMPE

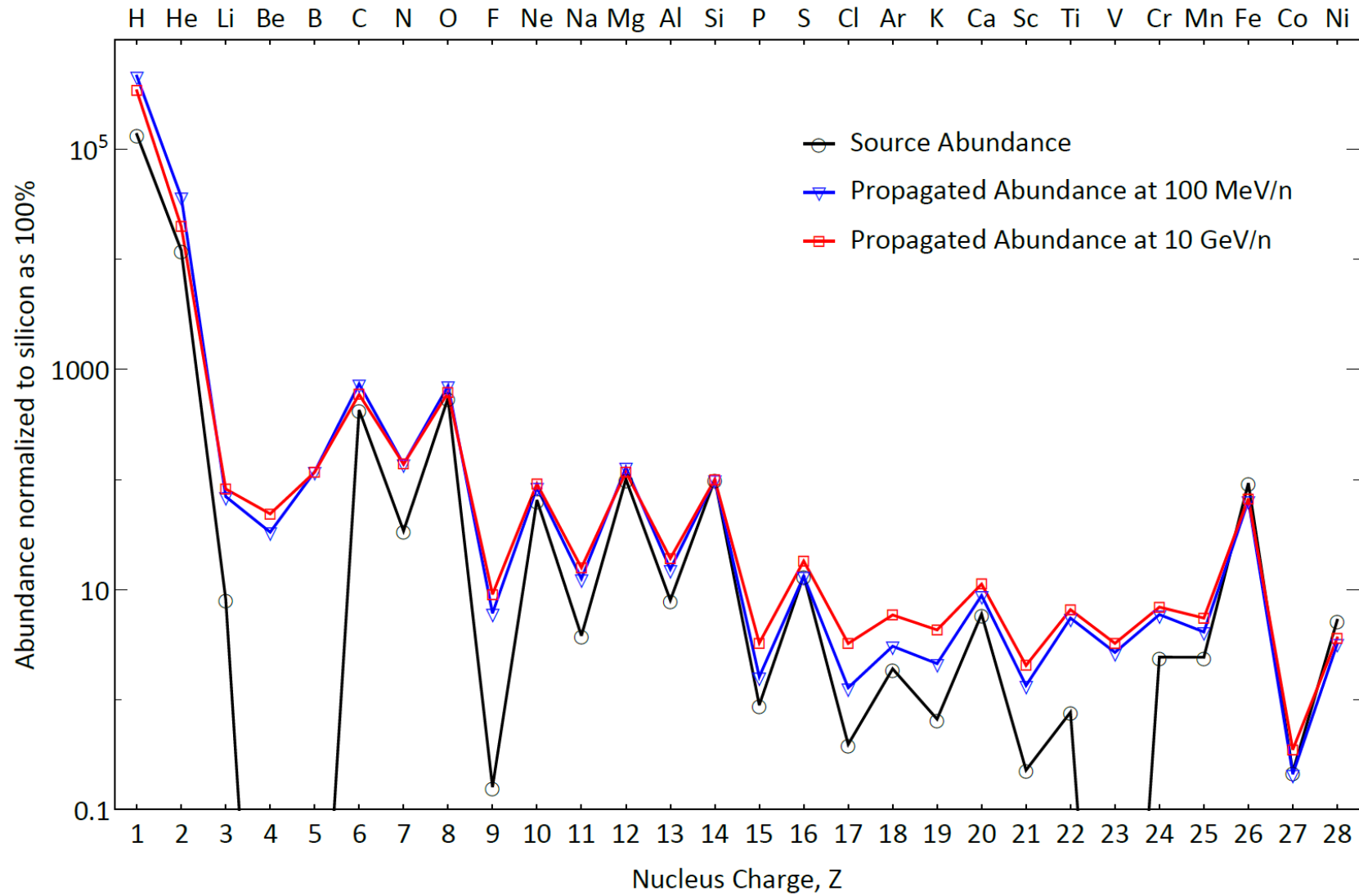


New universal behaviour with a 20 TeV/n break?

# Aluminum forecasting!

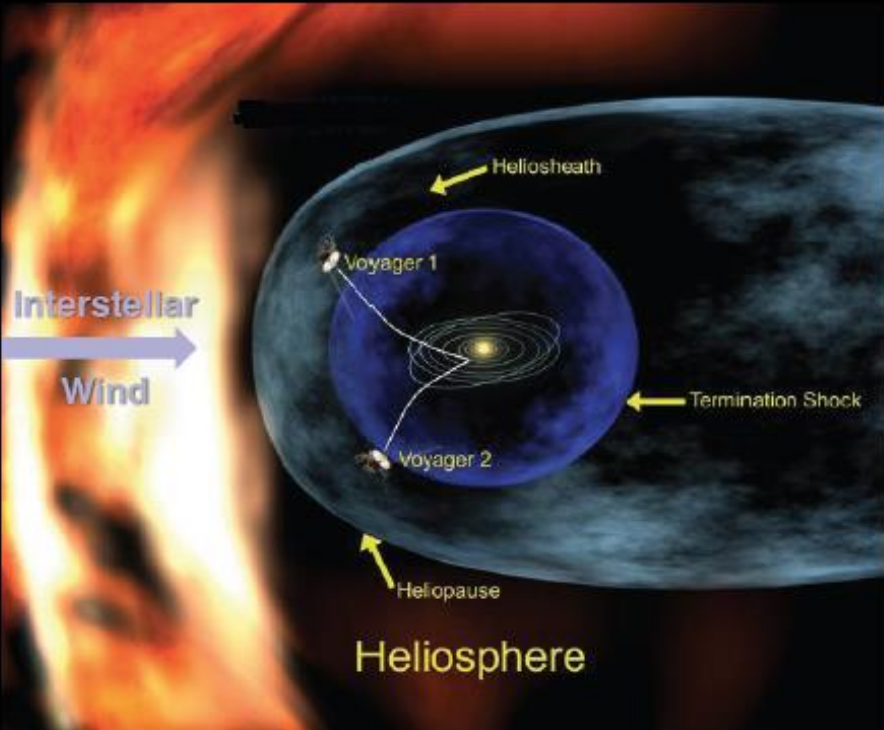


# Full knowledge of CR abundances: Source vs Propagated





## Voyager 1 in the interstellar space



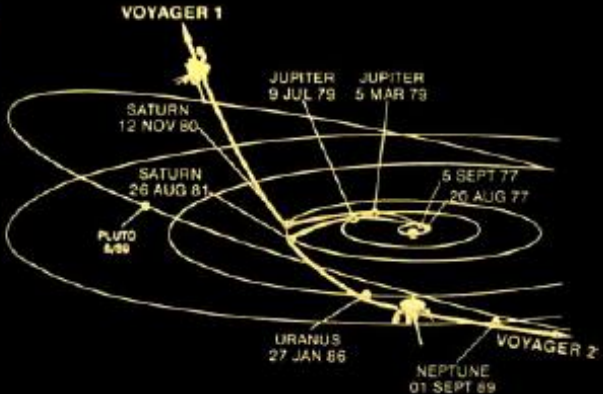
Heliosphere

First interstellar probe!  
Will operate until 2026

Voyager 1 131.0 AU  
19.7 billion km

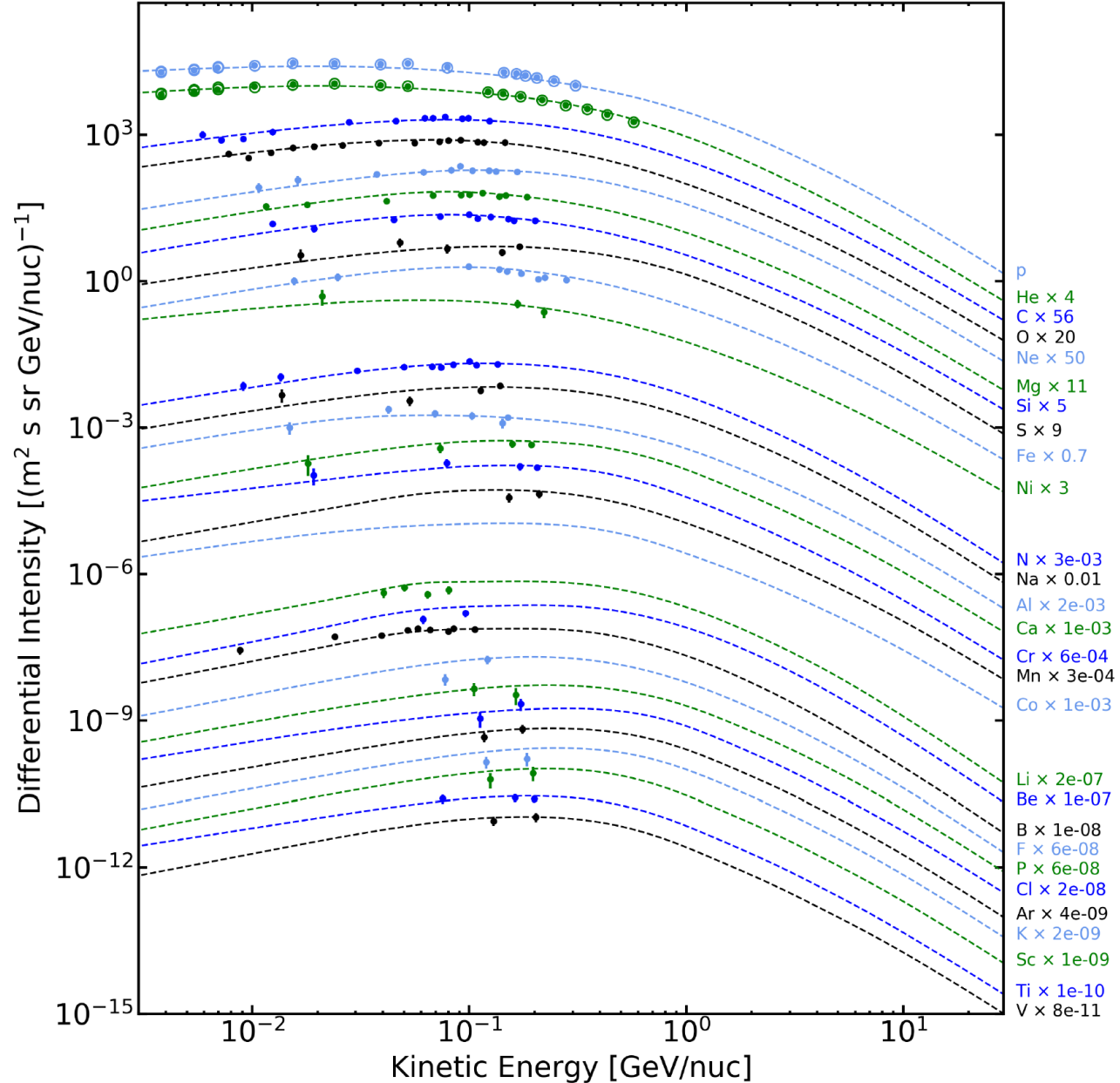
Voyager 2 107.7 AU  
16.2 billion km  
~2 years to interstellar space?

Launched in 1977!



Simulated proton and He LISs have been successfully compared to Voyager1

# Interstellar spectra measured by Voyager-1



All  $Z \leq 28$  are well reproduced

# Our website provides numerical LISs, analytical formulas and plots

## Website Search

### HelMod Long Write Up

- [The HelMod Model](#)
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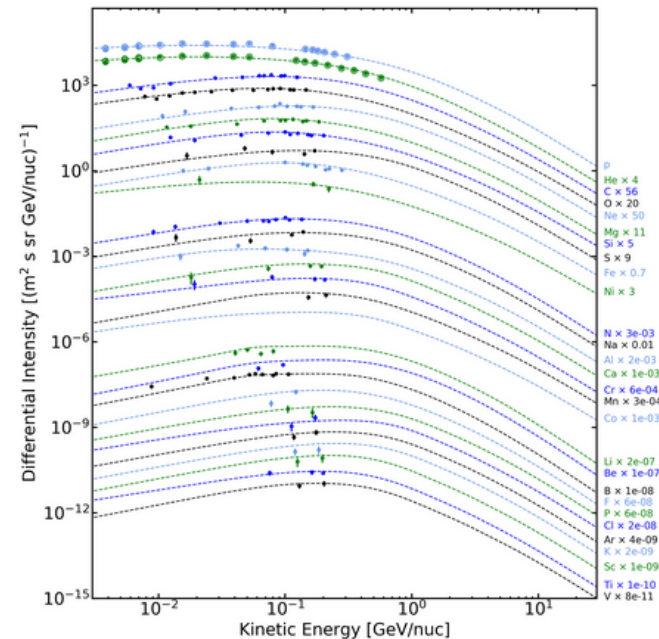
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## Local Interstellar Spectra from Galprop-HelMod join effort

By exploiting experimental results, the combined effort of the physicists involved with the [Galprop](#) model for propagation in galaxy and HelMod for the propagation in heliosphere, the local interstellar spectra (LIS) for Galactic Cosmic Rays species up to Z=28 (Nickel) were derived. These spectra are available and accessible from the current webpage.

Selected LIS: 26: Iron

Some of the currently available LIS's were derived accounting for [AMS-02](#) data published up to TV rigidity region. The exploitation of [AMS-02](#) data allowed one to approach the procedure with high statistic data of unprecedented accuracy. Currently, the observation data at Earth on cosmic rays species from [HEAO3-C2](#) (from [october 1979 to June 1980](#)) and [AMS-02](#) were employed for absolute scale normalization of fluxes (see Sects. 3-3.2 in [Boschini et al. 2020](#)).



The GALPROP LIS for all CR species (dashed lines) are compared to the Voyager 1 data (filled circles, [Cummings et al 2016](#)). We also show updated Voyager 1 data for H and He (open circles) taken from [September 1, 2012 to November 13, 2019](#). The elements are sorted by approximate amount of primary contribution: first group is mostly primary, second – with significant primary contribution, and third – mostly secondary.

LISs will be further fine-tuned and updated on the website using incoming AMS-02 measurements

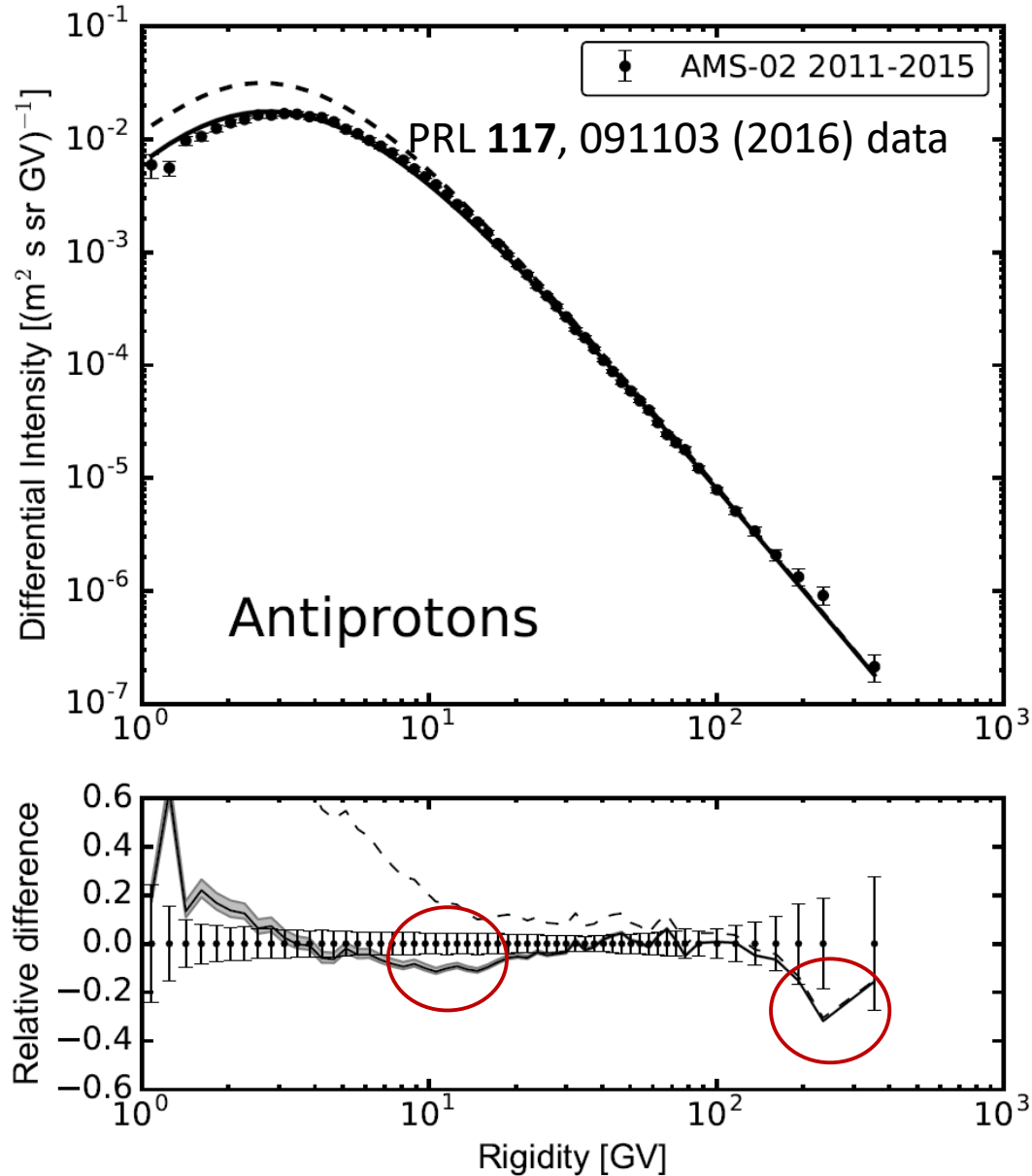
# 2020-2021 Achievements

- ✓ All cosmic rays species with  $Z \leq 28$  predicted with GALPROP plus HelMod
- ✓ General reference framework for astroparticle community
- ✓ Extension of LISs validity up to 100 TeV/n scale
- ✓ Study of high mass nuclei, abundances and possible anomalous secondaries
- ✓ Iron spectrum and its fine features
- ✓ High mass primary/half-primary (Na-Al) and secondaries (Fluorine)
- ✓ Iron/sub Iron predictions and study of the past SNe activity in the solar neighborhood with Iron isotopes
- ✓ Fundamental propagation mechanisms tests: injection vs diffusive breaks scenarios, possible nearby sources....
- ✓ **Isotopes physics** (deuterium, Li, Be, B...- ongoing)

So we are touching the «cross section wall»



# Antiprotons



The Antiproton LIS is substantially compatible with AMS-02 within  $2\sigma$ .

Discrepancies w.r.t. AMS-02 high precision data could be due to:

- nuclear cross section uncertainties
- peculiar propagation effects or variation of primary p and He spectra in the Galaxy
- eventually, DM annihilation in the galactic halo (60-90 GeV or 200-400 GeV mass DM)



# Low energy DM candidates

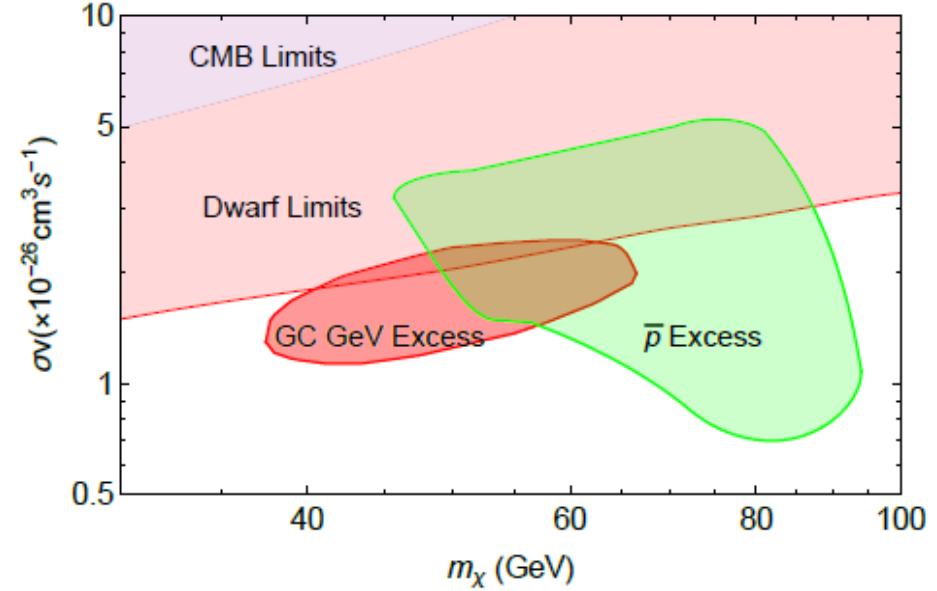
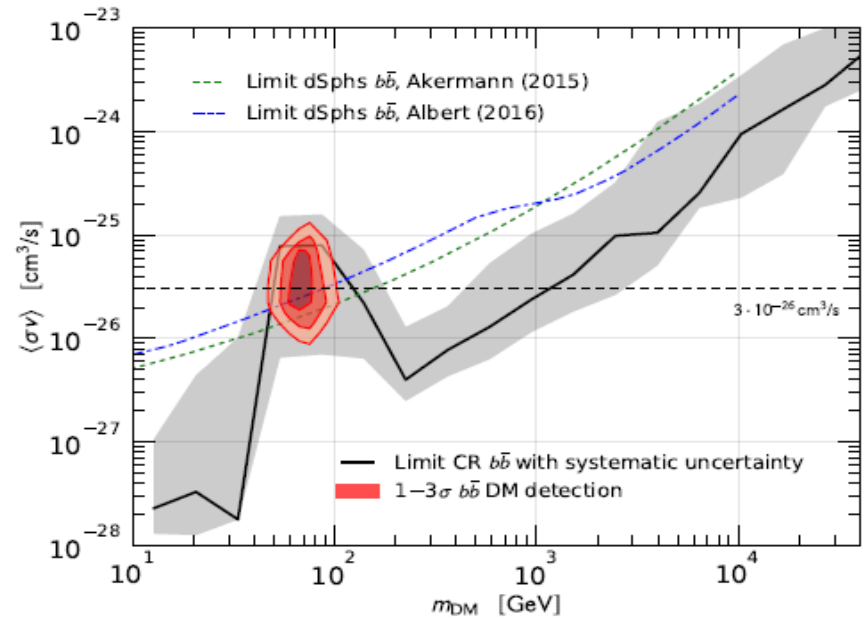
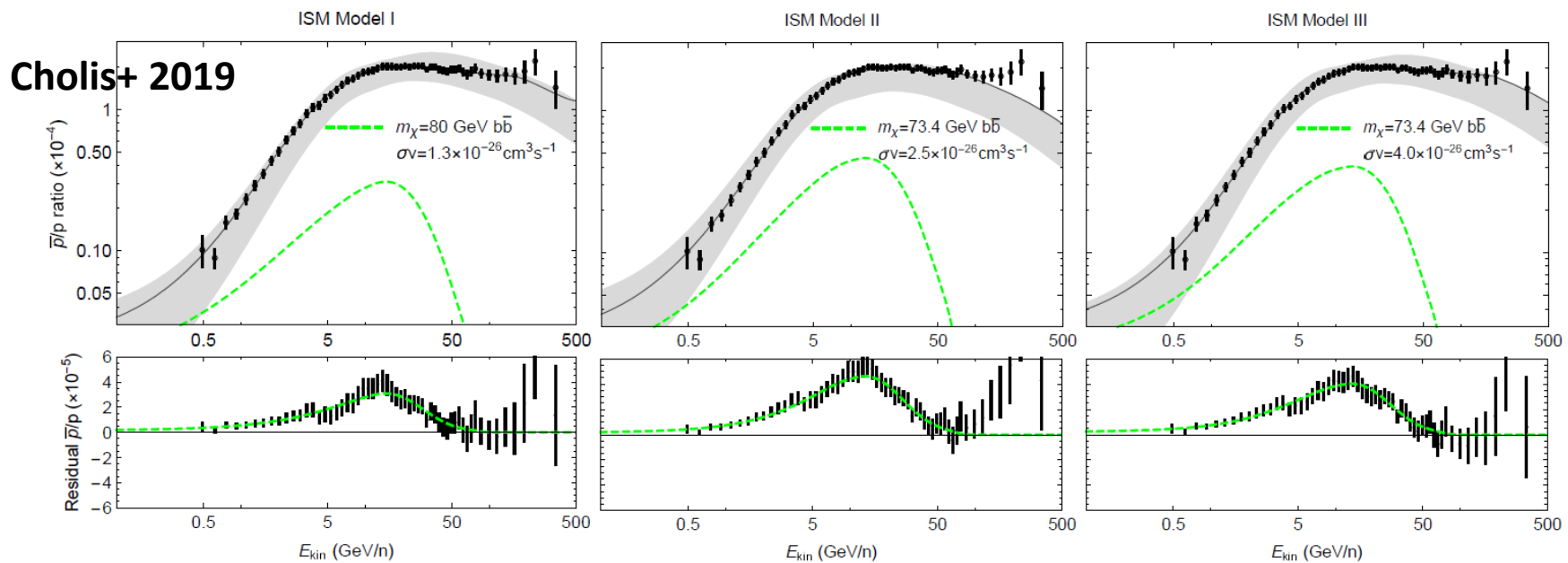
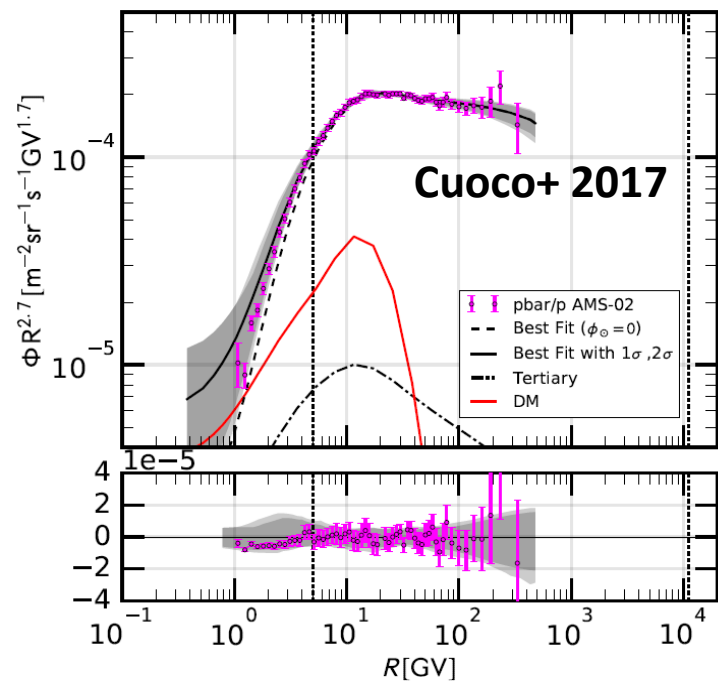
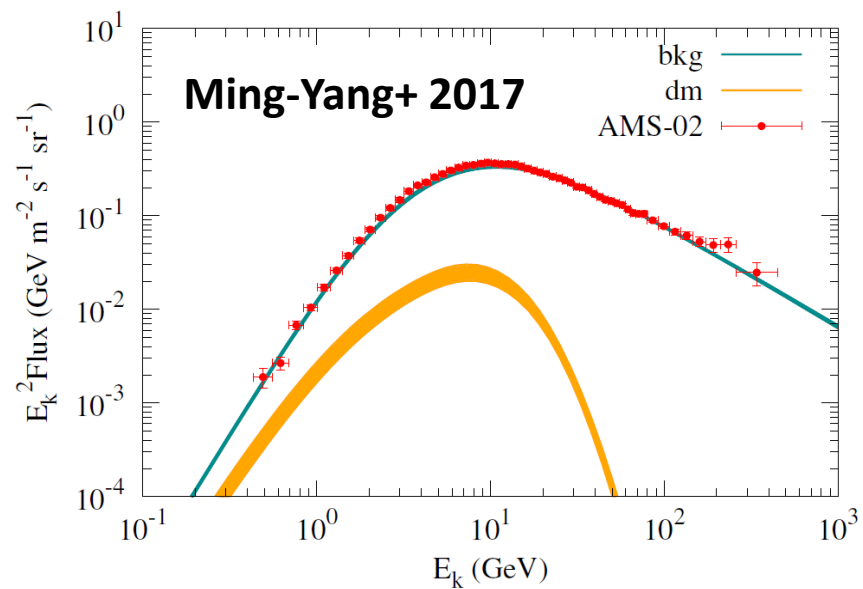
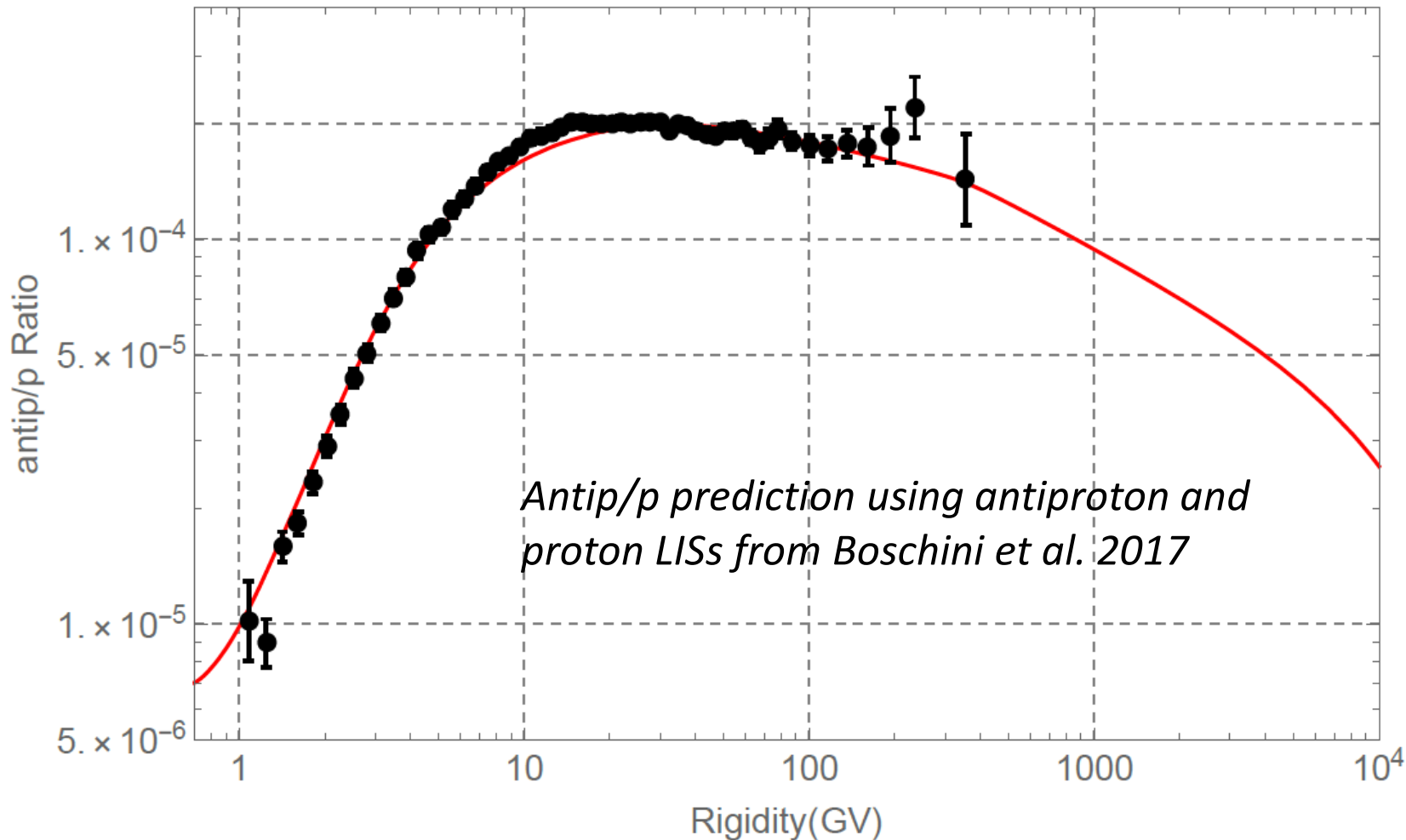


FIG. 4: Best fit regions (1, 2 and 3  $\sigma$ ) for a DM component of the antiproton flux, and limits on the DM annihilation cross-section into  $b\bar{b}$  final states. The grey shaded uncertainty band is obtained from the envelope of the various fits presented in FIG. 3. For comparison we show limits on the annihilation cross-section obtained from gamma-ray observations of dwarf galaxies [49, 51], and the thermal value of the annihilation cross-section,  $\langle\sigma v\rangle \approx 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

arXiv:1903.02549



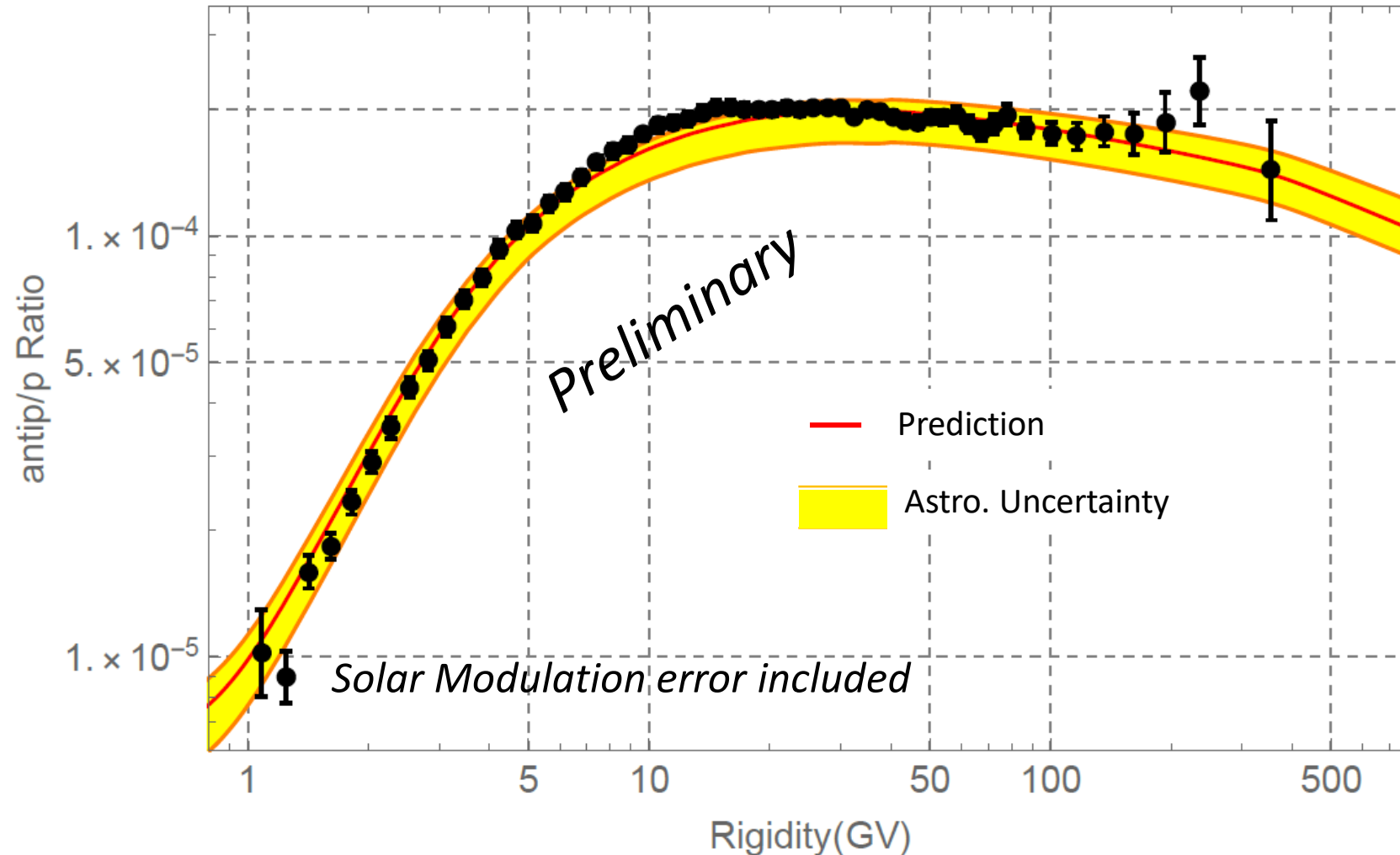
# Antip/p Ratio and search for anomalies



- In standard GALPROP: analytic parameterizations from Tan & Ng based on 70's data: PRD 26 (1982) 1179; J.Phys.G:Nucl Phys 9 (1983) 227
- **Moskalenko has recently recalculated the  $\bar{p}$  production in pp/pA/AA-interactions using EPOS-LHC and QGSJET-II-04 MC generators, tuned to accelerator data (ApJ, 803:54, 2015)**

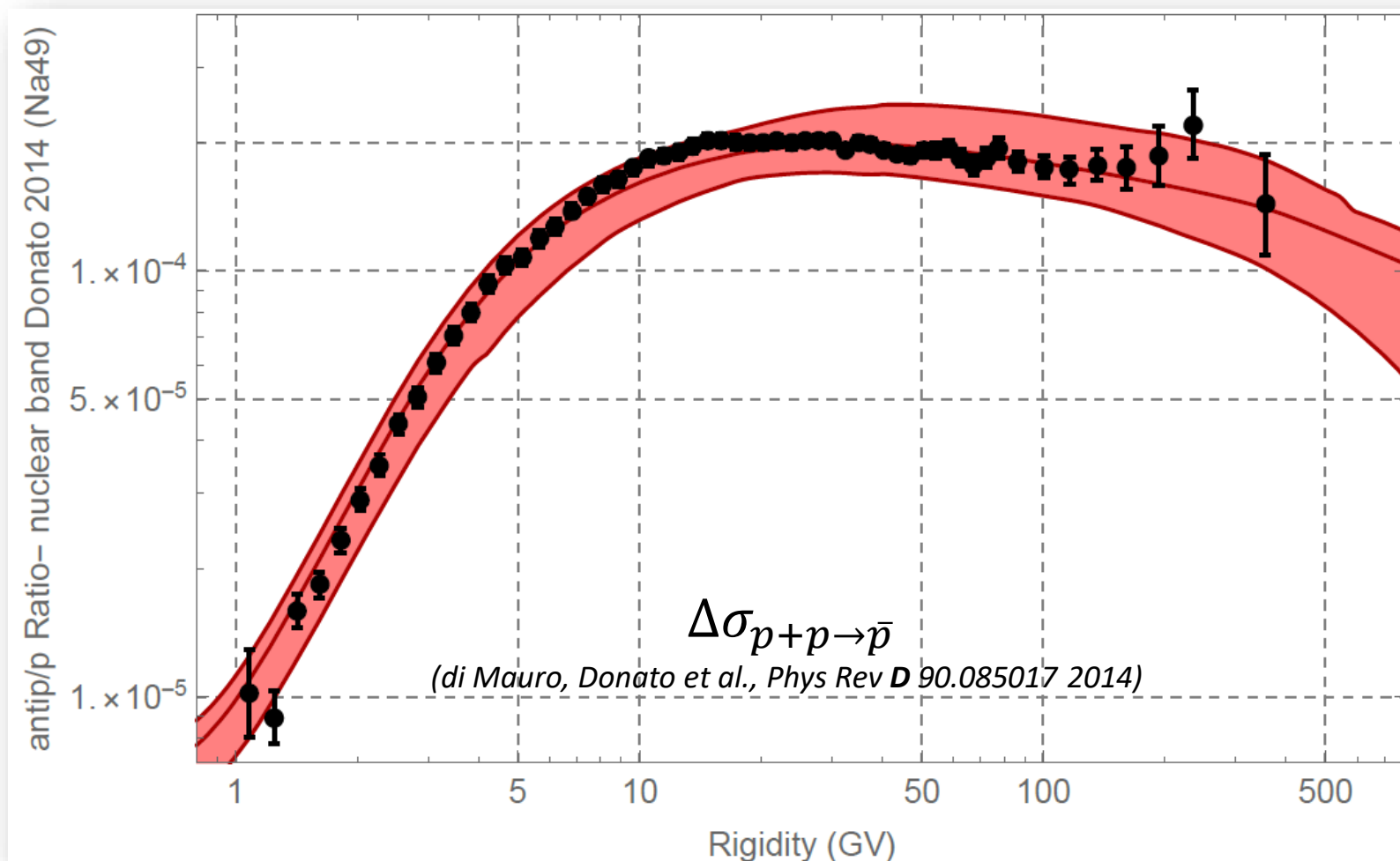
# Astrophysical Uncertainty

With the AMS-02 based propagation scheme and the MCMC approach we compute  $\bar{p}/p$  astrophysical uncertainties (remembering that z-D0 ratio is basically fixed by B/C)



# Nuclear uncertainty band for pp collisions

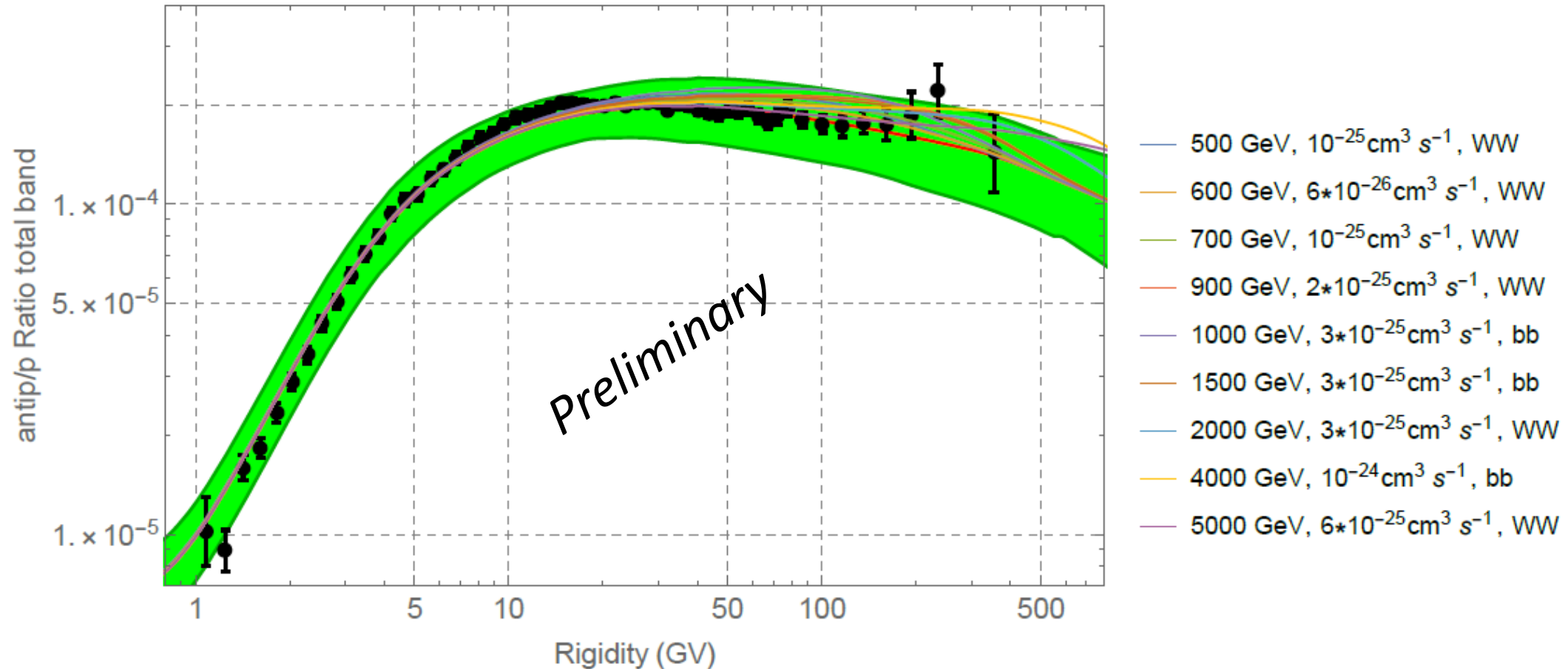
From NA49+BRAHMS analysis





# Total uncertainty band (astro&Donato) + DM DarkSUSY simulations

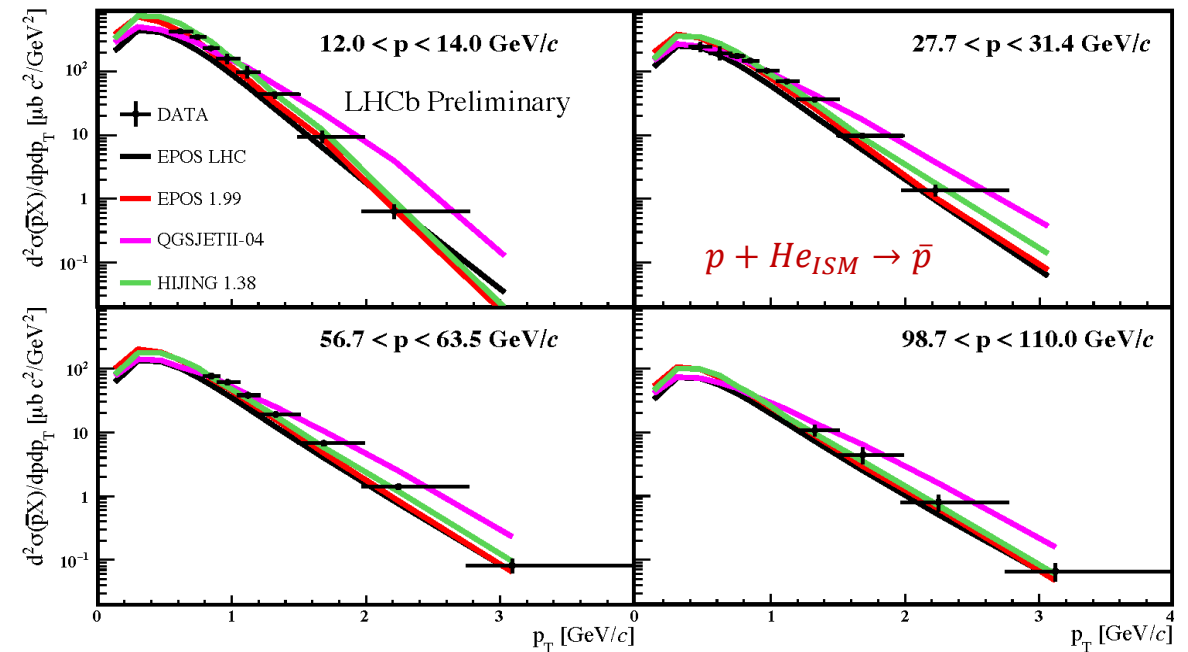
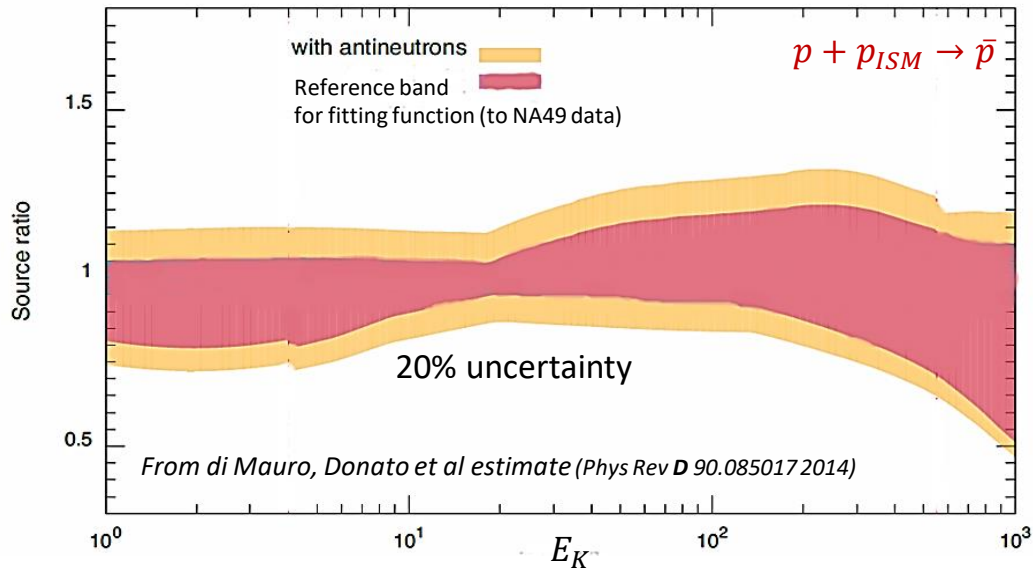
**BETTER CANDIDATES:**  $m > 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $0.6 \text{ TeV} < m < 1 \text{ TeV}$  and  $\langle \sigma v \rangle < 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$



- **AMS-02 results are compatible with a secondary production but DM signals could in principle still hide within the overall error band.**
- With the nuclear measurements effort we will be capable of extracting a possible DM signal.

# Nuclear uncertainties in the antiproton channel

$$p + ISM \rightarrow \bar{p} \dots \begin{cases} p + p_{ISM} \rightarrow \bar{p} \dots & \text{Poor measurements (forthcoming COMPASS and SHINE data)} \\ p + He_{ISM} \rightarrow \bar{p} \dots & \text{No direct measurements until 2017 (SMOG)} \end{cases}$$

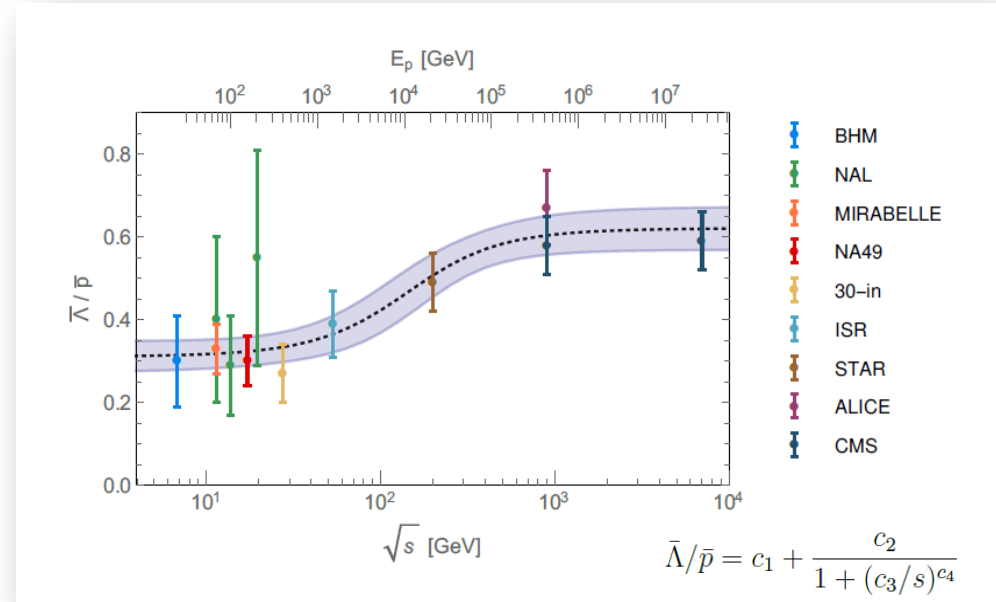
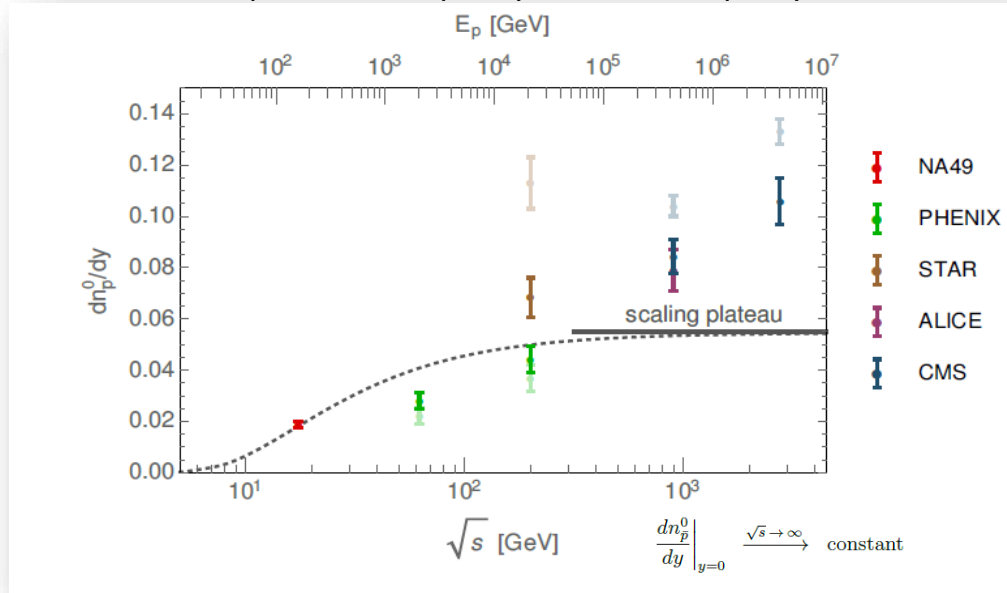


- Uncertainties in the  $\bar{p}$  production spectrum are at least 10%.
- Below 100 GeV the uncertainties for  $pp \rightarrow \bar{p}$  are about 10-20%
- Above 100 GeV extrapolations lead to errors larger than 30%

In March 2017 LHCb has performed the first measurement of the antiproton cross-section in p-He collisions at 6.5 TeV using fixed He target @ SMOG. A precision of around 10% is attained

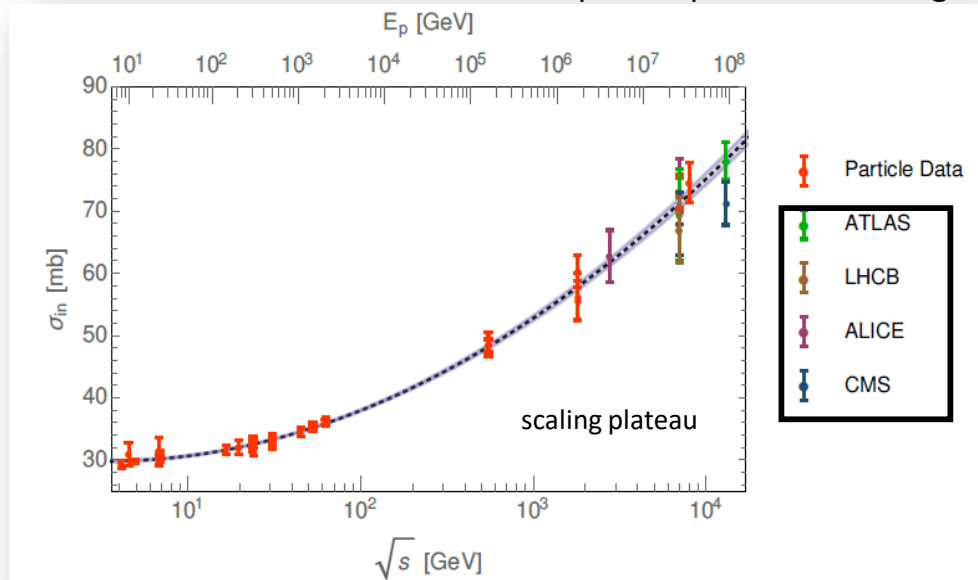
# Compilation of Measurements: LHC contributions

Antiproton multiplicity at central rapidity



Winkler, JCAP **02**(2017)048

Total inelastic cross section in proton proton scattering

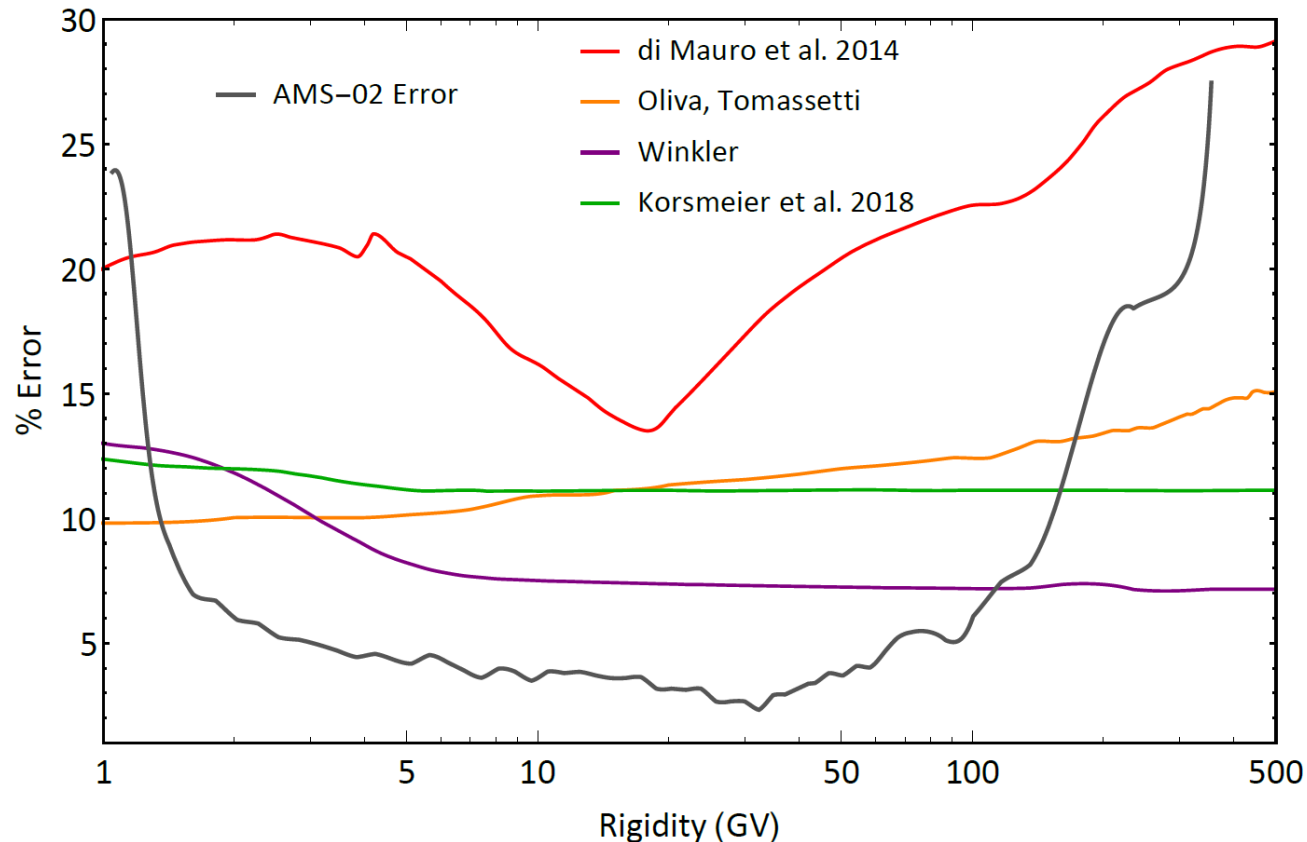


- There are new improved calculation of secondary antiproton production, with a particular focus on the high energy regime, **employing the most recent collider data.**
- A substantial **increase of antiproton cross sections with energy, driven by the violation of Feynman scaling as well as by an enhanced strange hyperon production.**
- **This violation could lead to more antiprotons than expected at high energies**

# Secondary background for exotic search

- We are involved in the analysis of the **nuclear uncertainties which afflict secondary antiprotons production** in the ISM
- Thanks to the AMS-02 plus GALPROP/HeMod approach, **propagation uncertainties are lower than nuclear ones**
- Bologna group has started a collaboration with **COMPASS/AMBER** experiment in order to provide precise and up-to-date pp and pHe cross section measurements for the DM search in the antiproton channel

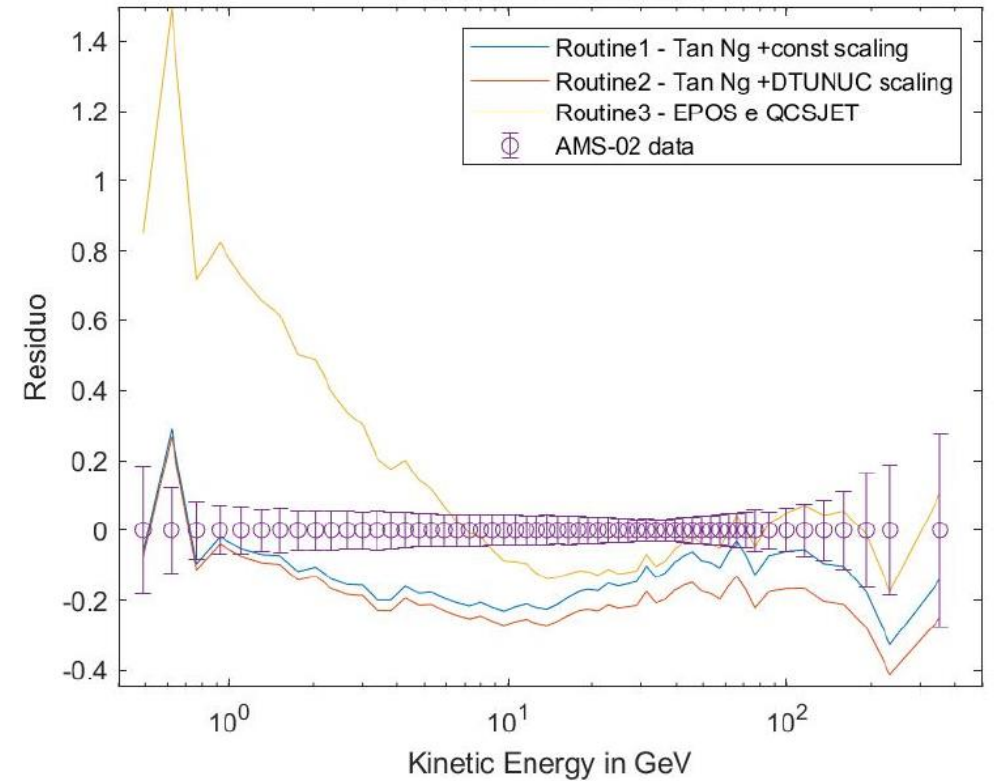
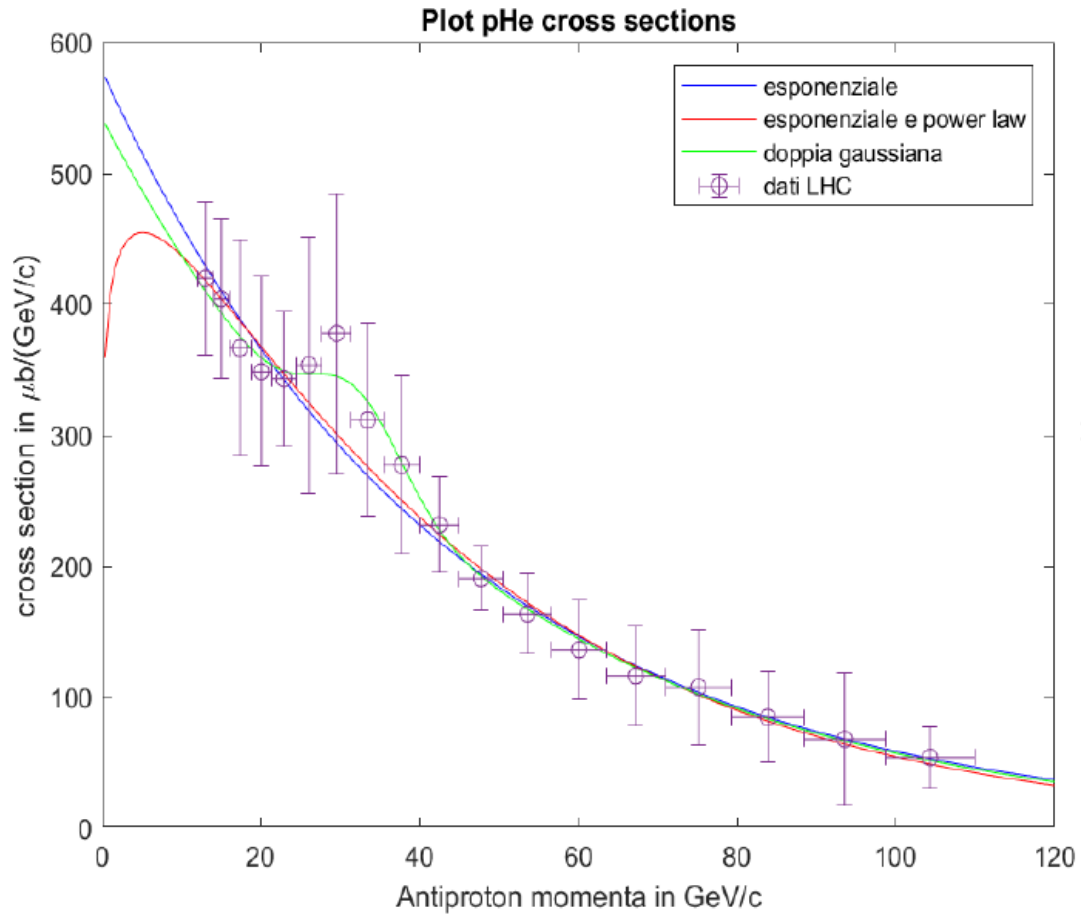
Comparison between nuclear uncertainties



**Letter of Intent:**  
**A New QCD facility at the M2 beam line of the CERN SPS\***  
COMPASS++<sup>†</sup>/AMBER<sup>‡</sup>

**Proposal for Measurements at the M2 beam line of the CERN SPS**  
**2022-2024**  
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# Nuclear uncertainties: D'Angelo, Thesis 2021



**p-He, He-p collision cross section from SMOG**

# A new era for astroparticle physics

- AMS-02 data allow a deeper understanding of the «High Energy Universe» and do put the models to the test, highlighting theoretical inaccuracies and driving the models to a precision astroparticle physics;
- Fitting AMS-02 data with the ultimate GALPROP framework together with the HelMod model of Heliosphere, a precise propagation scheme was achieved, granting a unitary description of CR physics at the % level for primary cosmic rays;
- Once fixed the CR propagation parameters, the secondary astrophysical background for DM and exotic searches is greatly reduced;
- We cannot go much further in reducing astrophysical uncertainties, but we can certainly do it for nuclear ones;
- Nuclear uncertainties should be weighed, considering in details pHe, pA and AA reactions in the ISM, in order to understand how much we have to improve the measurements;
- The next step for antimatter study is to **include deuterons, antideuterons and antihelium** in the machine to predict their fluxes and guide the forthcoming measurements by AMS-02 and future experiments.