

# Galactic cosmic rays : current status and open questions

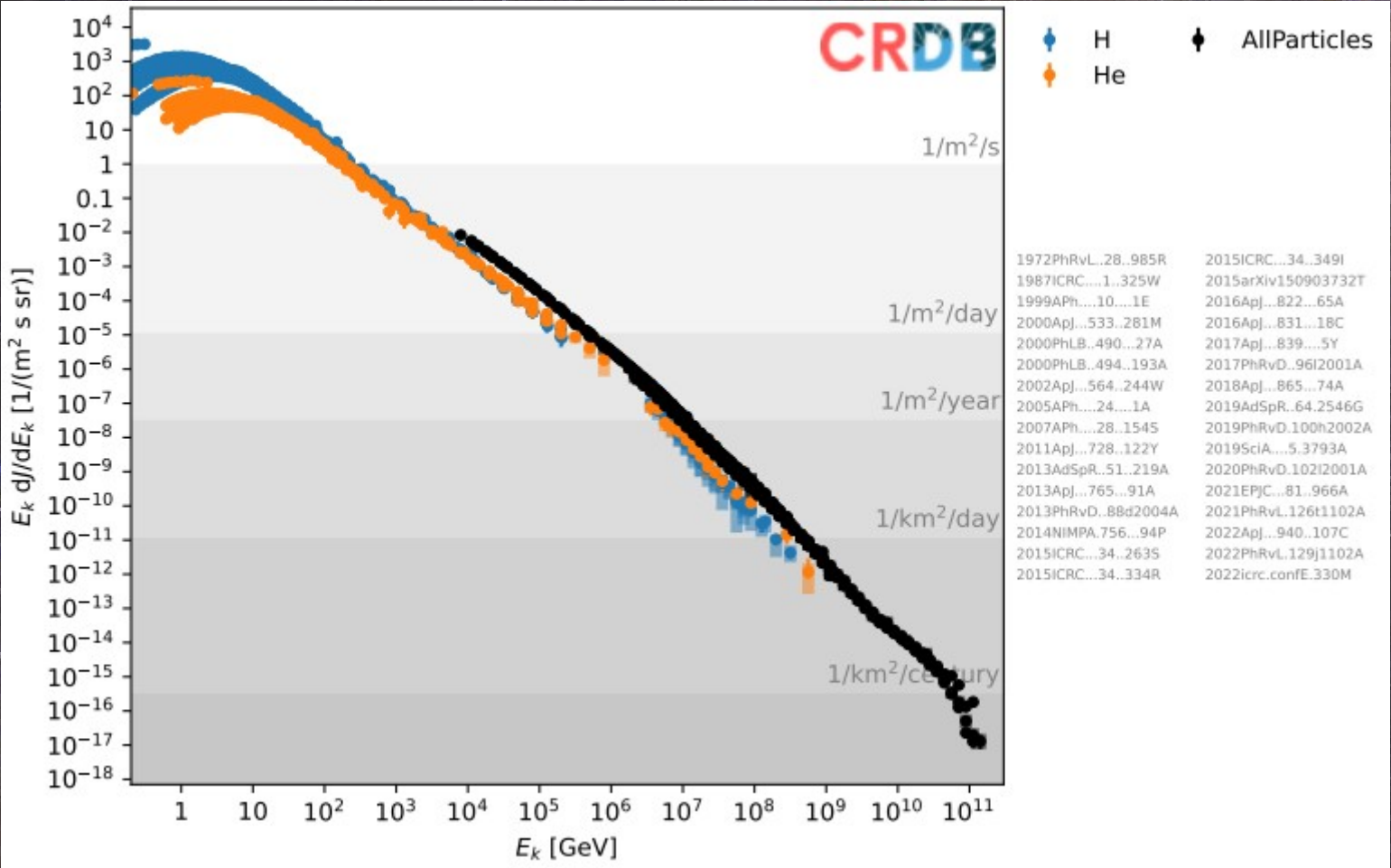
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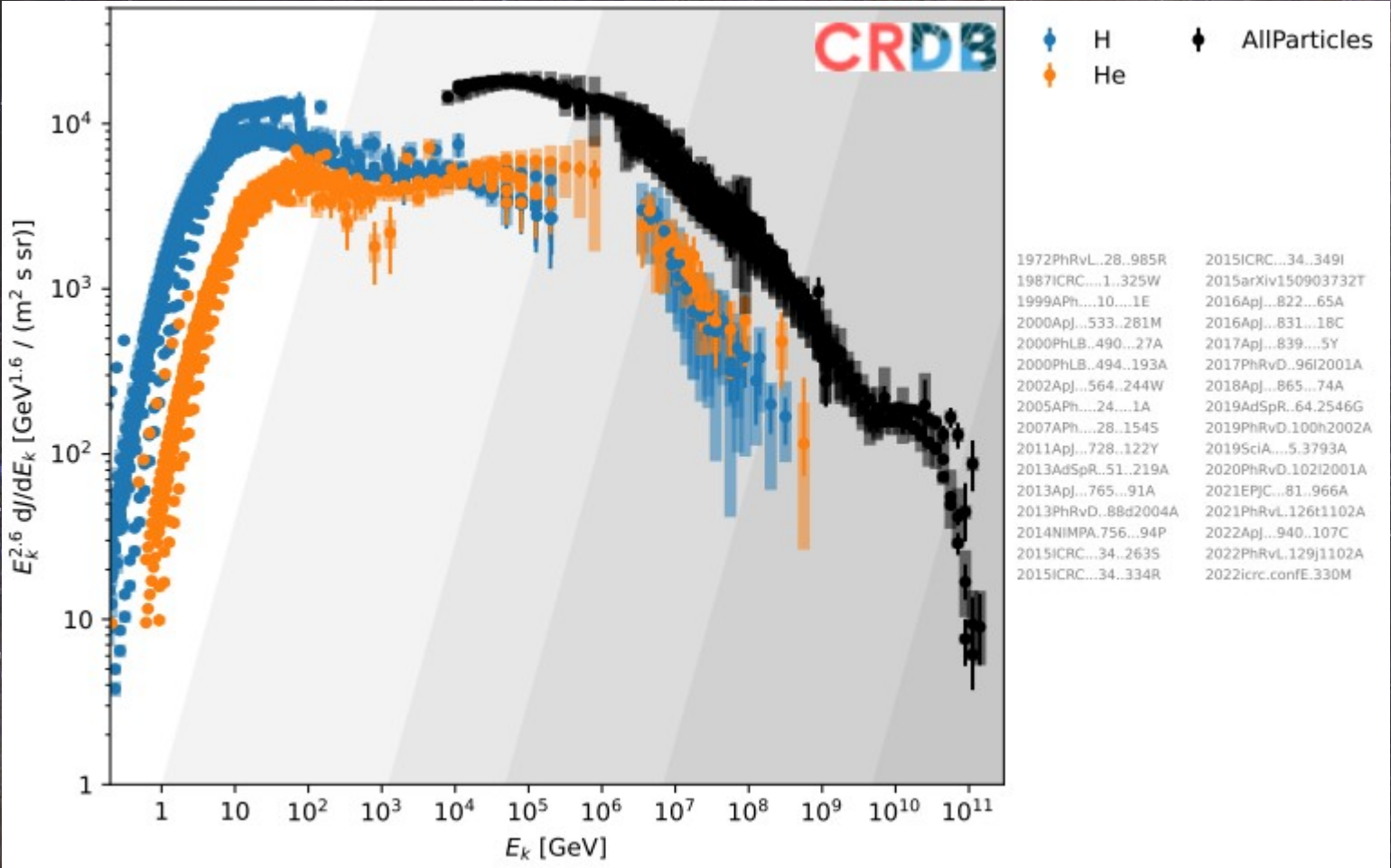


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<https://github.com/crdb-project/tutorial/blob/main/gallery.ipynb>

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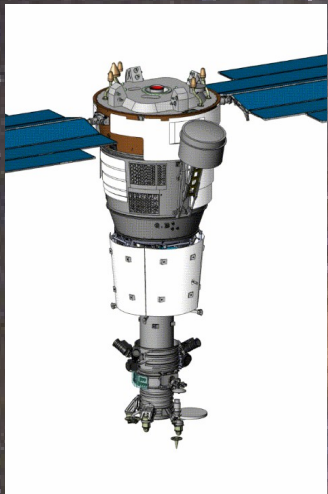
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→ In this talk focus on direct detection experiments

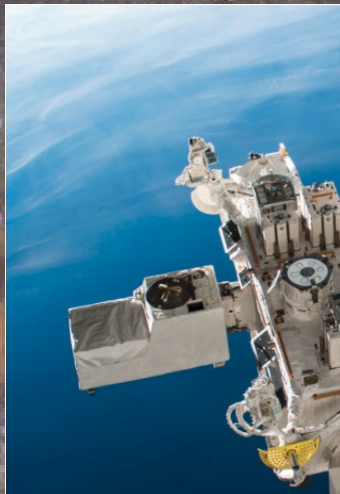
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NUCLEON



CALET



DAMPE



ISS-CREAM



Op. since:	12yrs	8.5yrs	8yrs	7.5yrs	3.5yrs
Published E-range	1 GV – 1.9 TV	1 TeV – 500 TeV	10 GeV – 100TeV	10 GeV – 100 TeV	1TeV-500TeV

Spectrometer

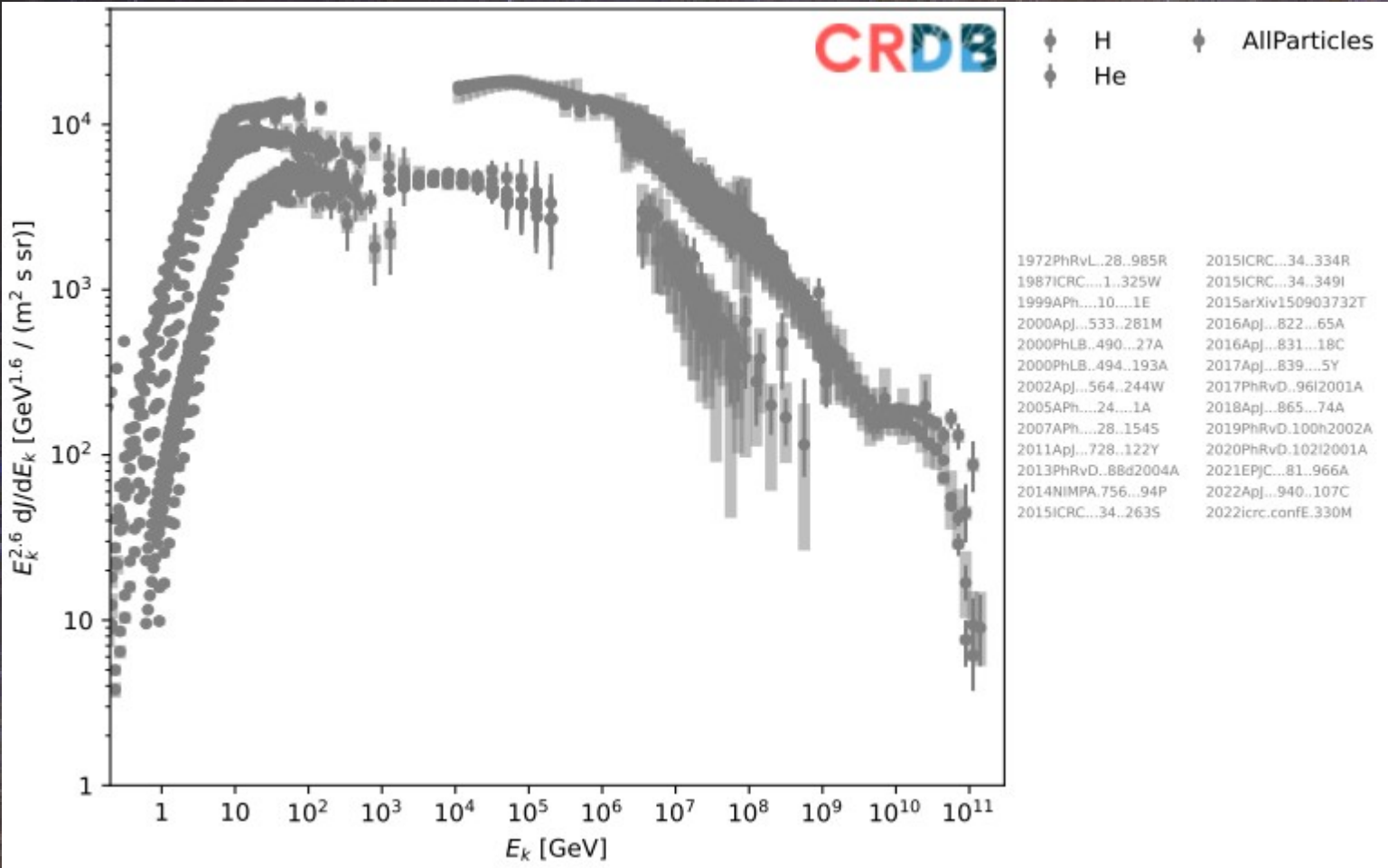
- Precision level % from GV to TV
- Spectrometer : able to measure isotopes

Calorimeters

- High-statistics up to 100TeV
- Bridging the gap with air-shower experiments

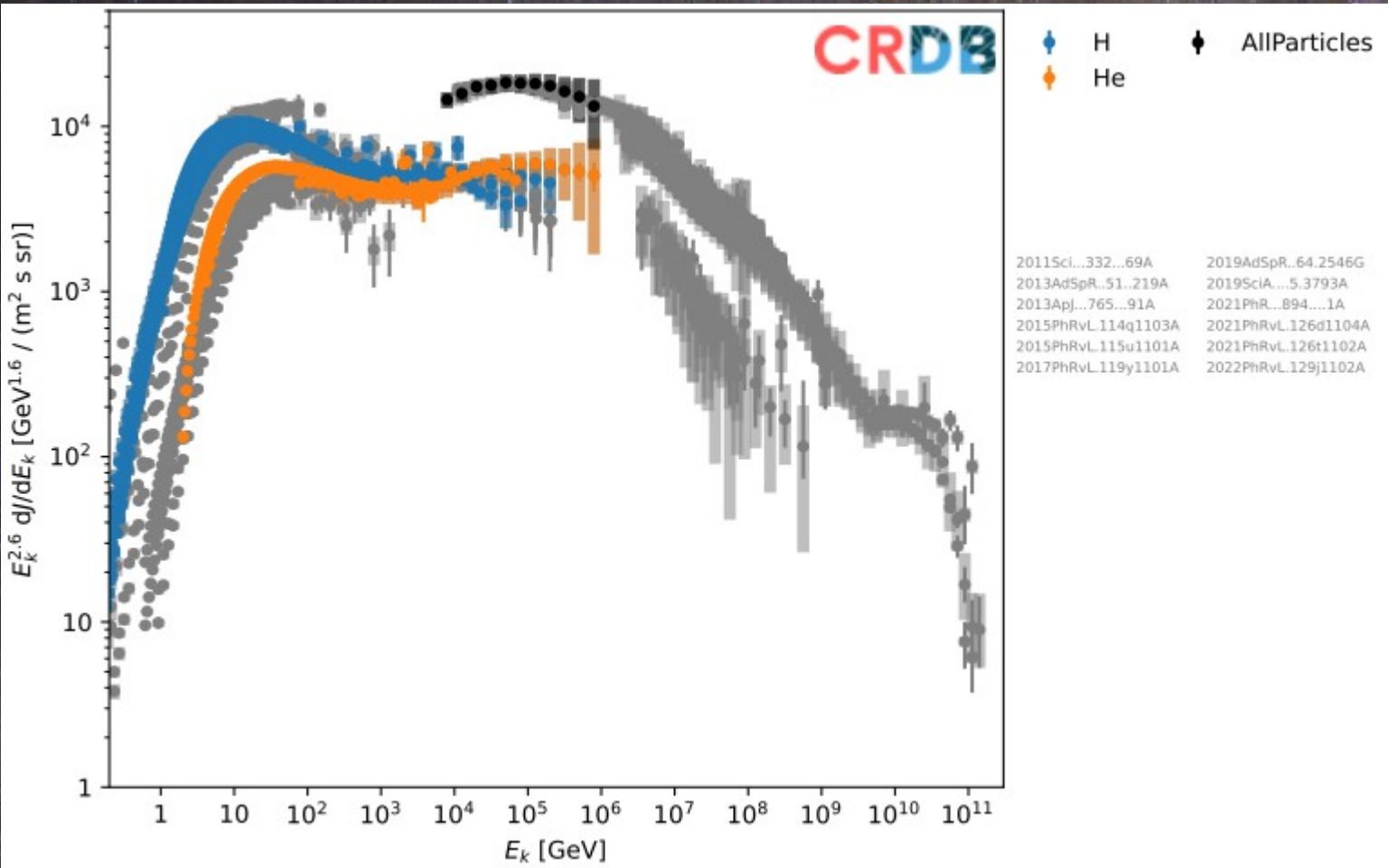
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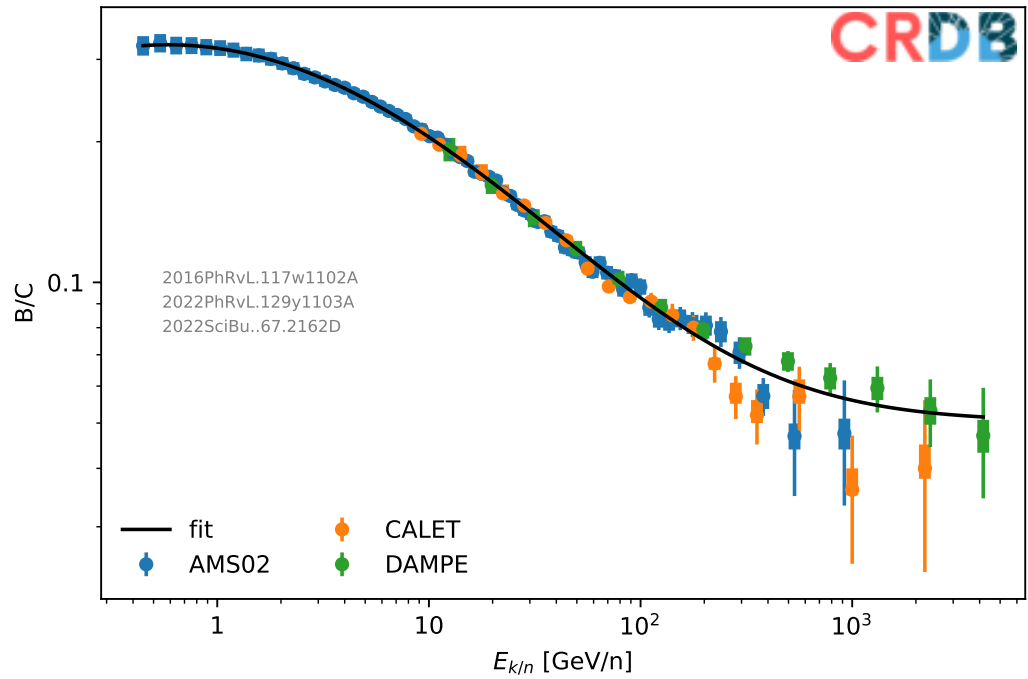
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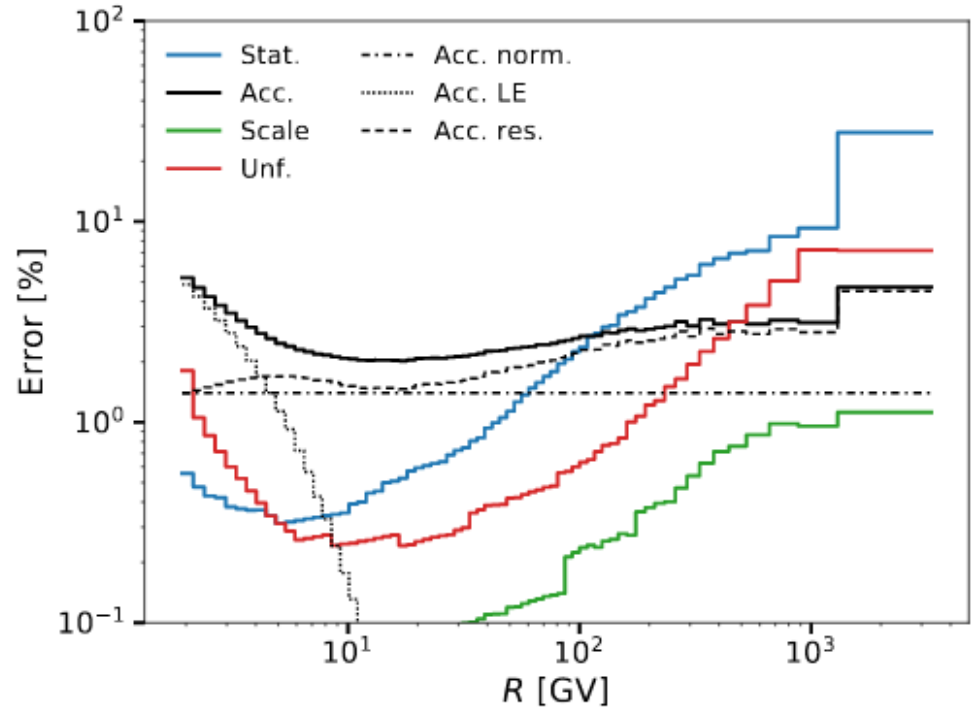
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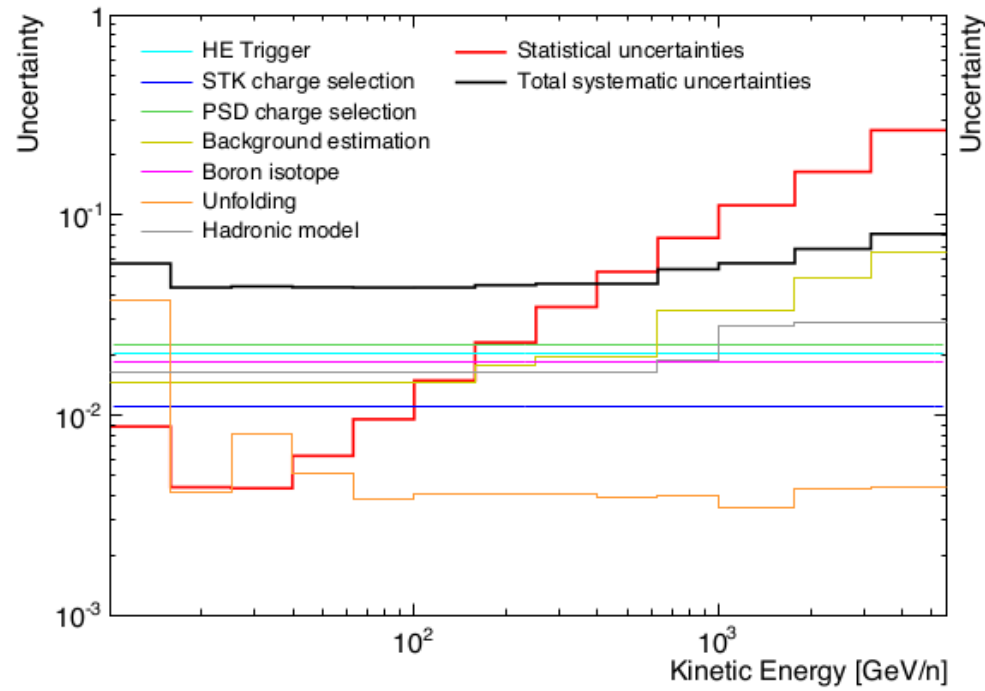
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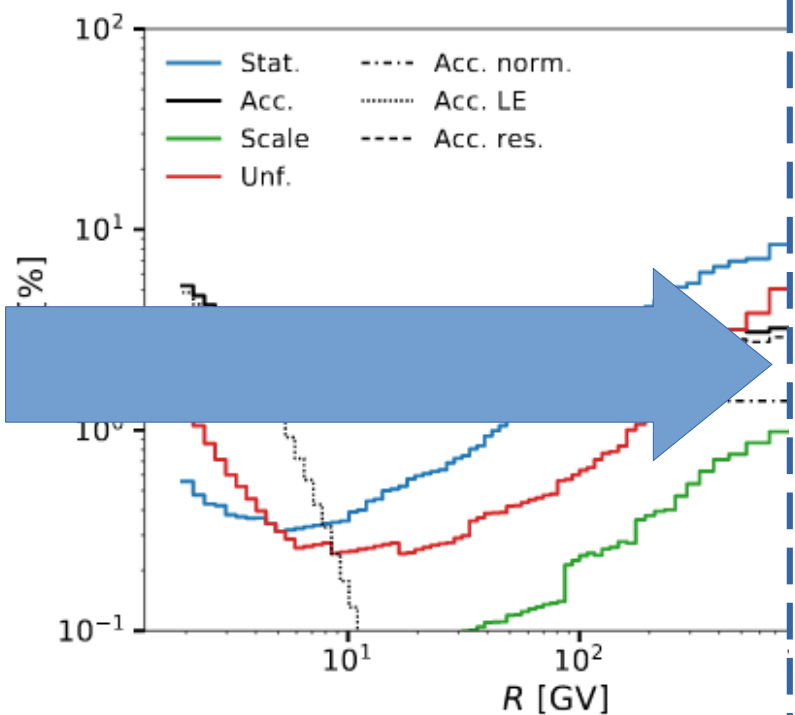
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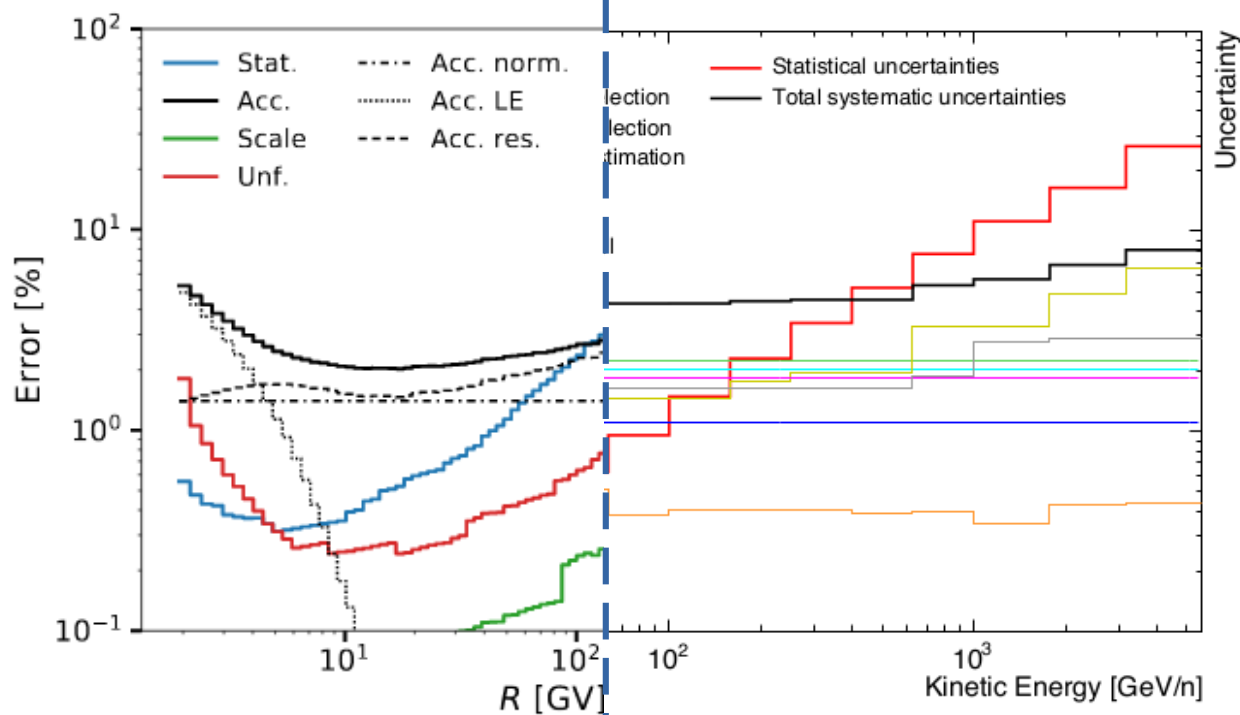
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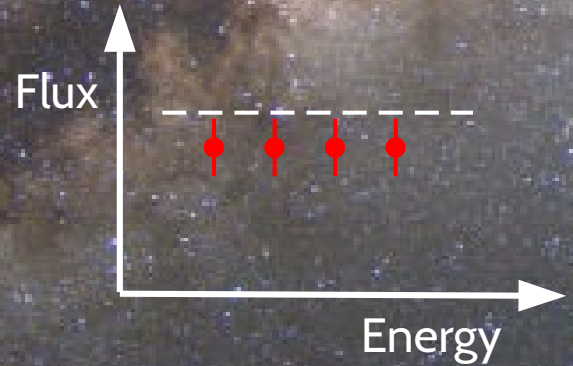


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Reminder :



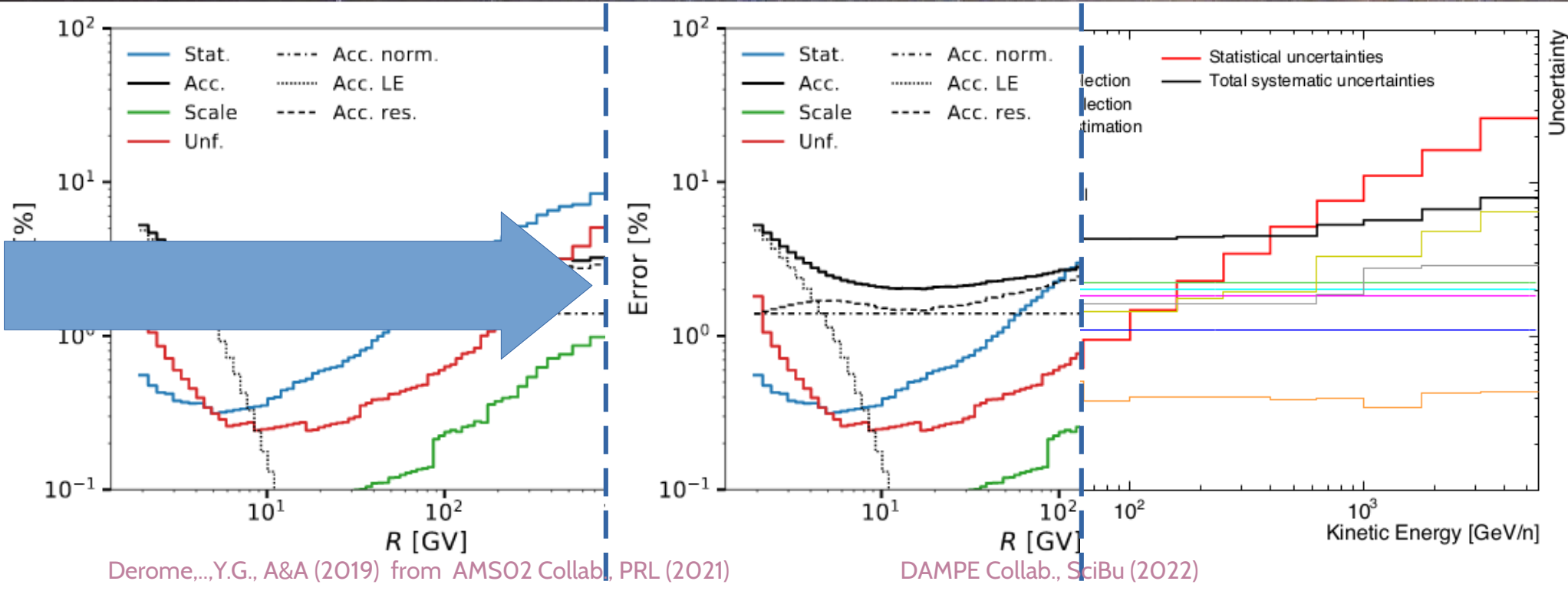
Fully correlated errors →  $c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \chi^2 = 1$

Fully uncorrelated errors →  $c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \chi^2 = 4$

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- Proper hypotheses testing impossible
- Decrease the constraining power of the new data..

**Experimental collaborations should systematically provide the covariance matrix of systematic errors.**

- Hopes with next AMSO2 releases of isotopes?
- First-guess covariance matrix for AMSO2 data in Derome, Y.G., A&A (2019), Heisig et al., PRR (2020)

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**Cosmic-ray transport**

**Prediction of secondary (anti)particles**

**What is next?**



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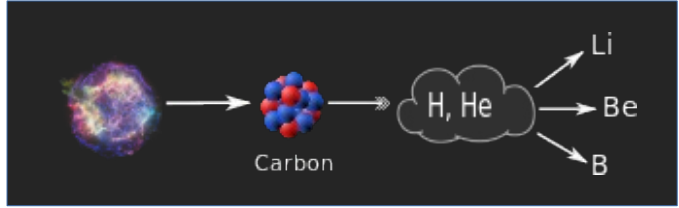
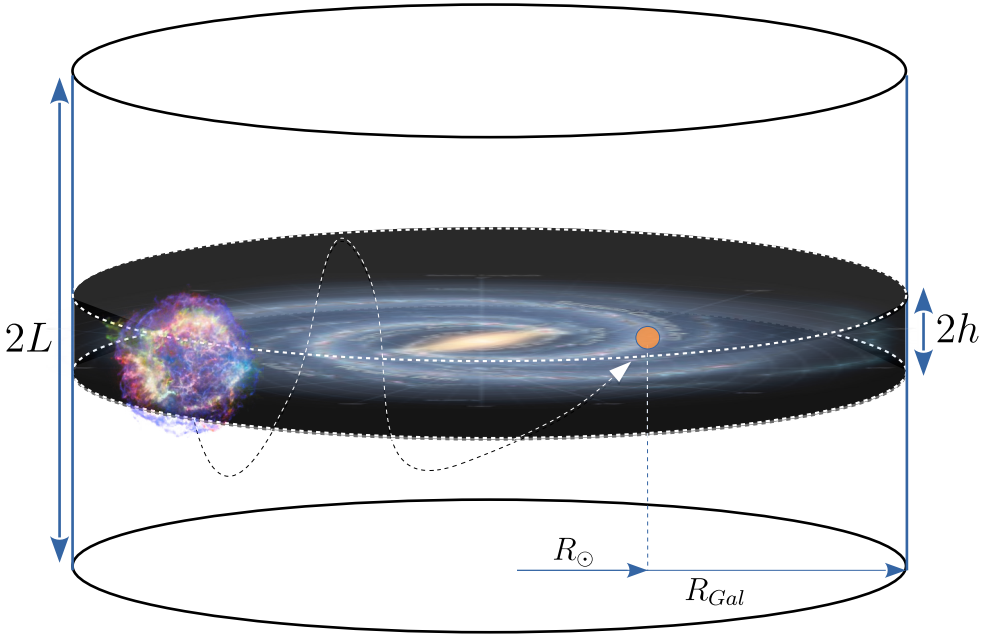
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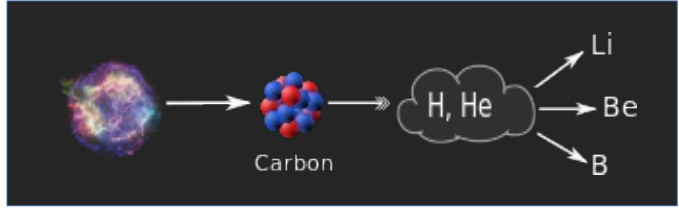
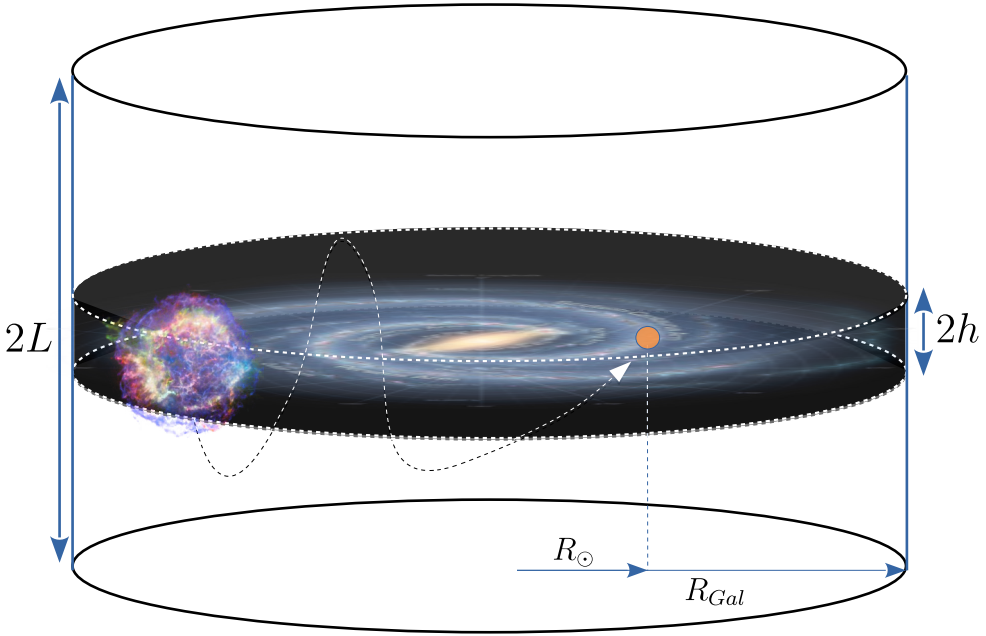
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### Remarks on the CR transport equation

- Diffusion, convection, E-losses, reacceleration, spallation
- Ingredients introduced ~60 yrs ago still satisfying
- Non exhaustive list of fitted parameters :
 
$$K = K_0 \beta R^{\delta} / V_C / V_A / L / \dots$$
- **Effective** transport param. = average over kpc scales
  - pros : learn generic properties of transport/sources
  - cons : several processes intricated
- Precise determination of transport param.
  - link  $\mu$ -physics
  - prediction secondaries (antipart.)

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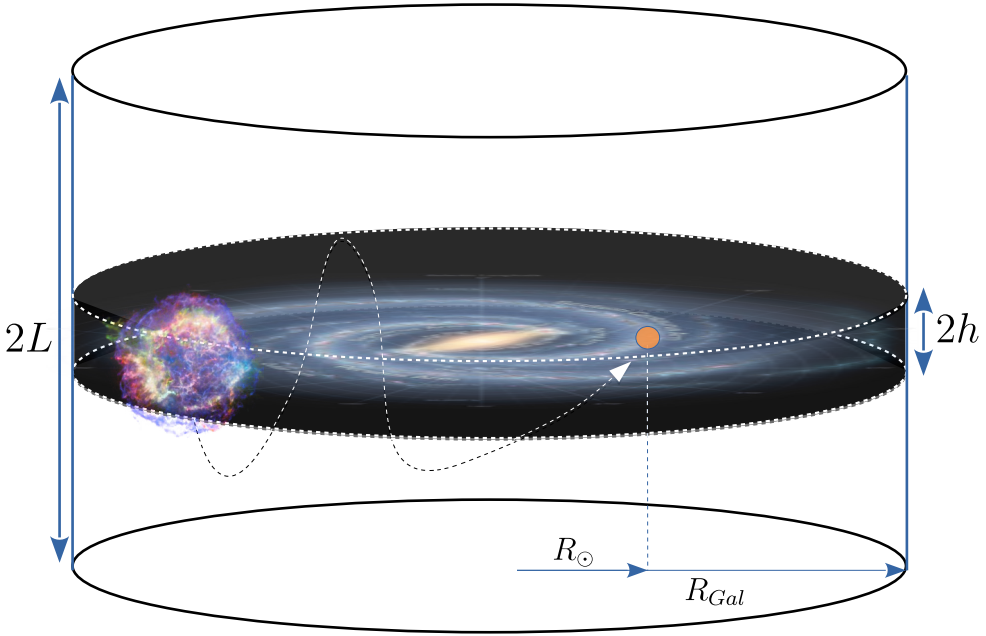
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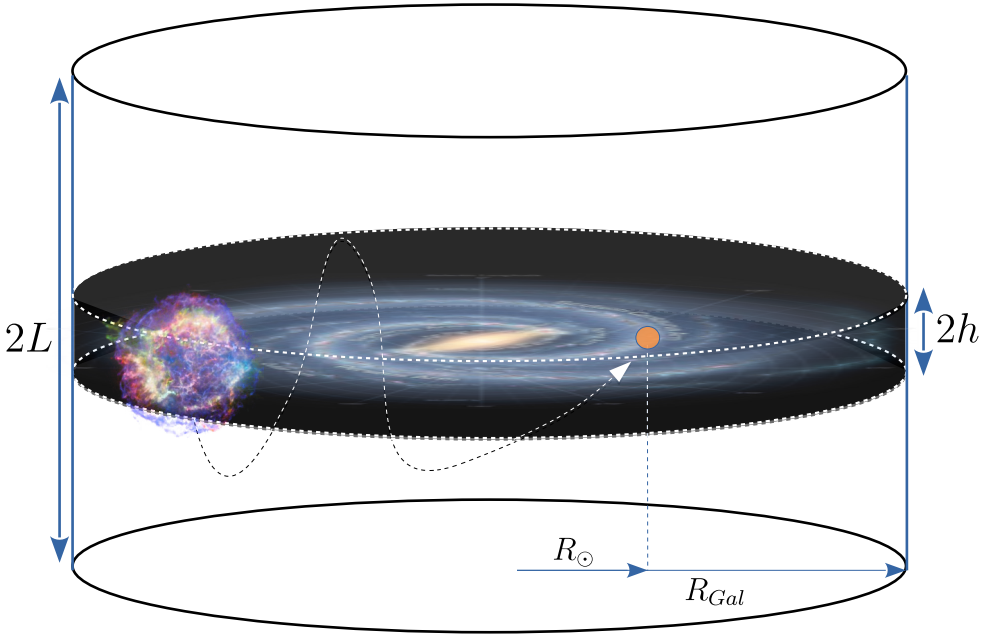
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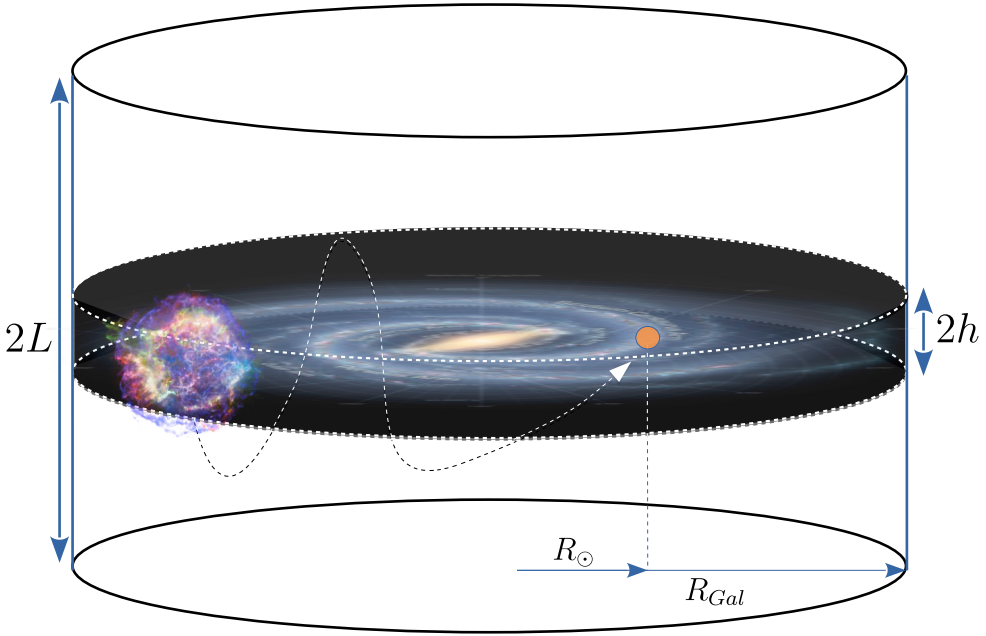
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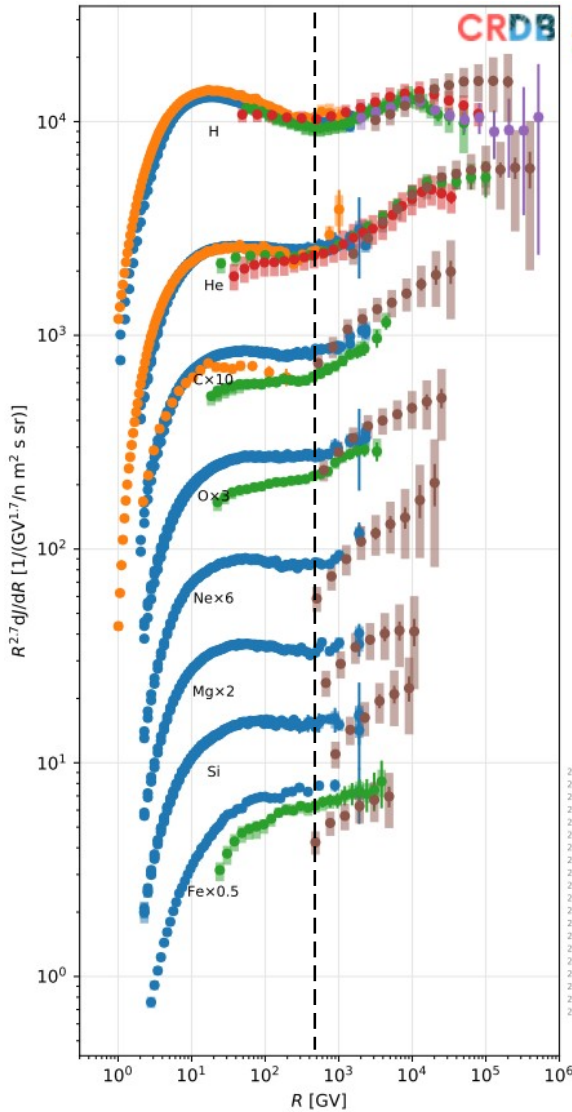
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- Chose a minimal setup based on usual assumptions
  - Add a novel ingredient
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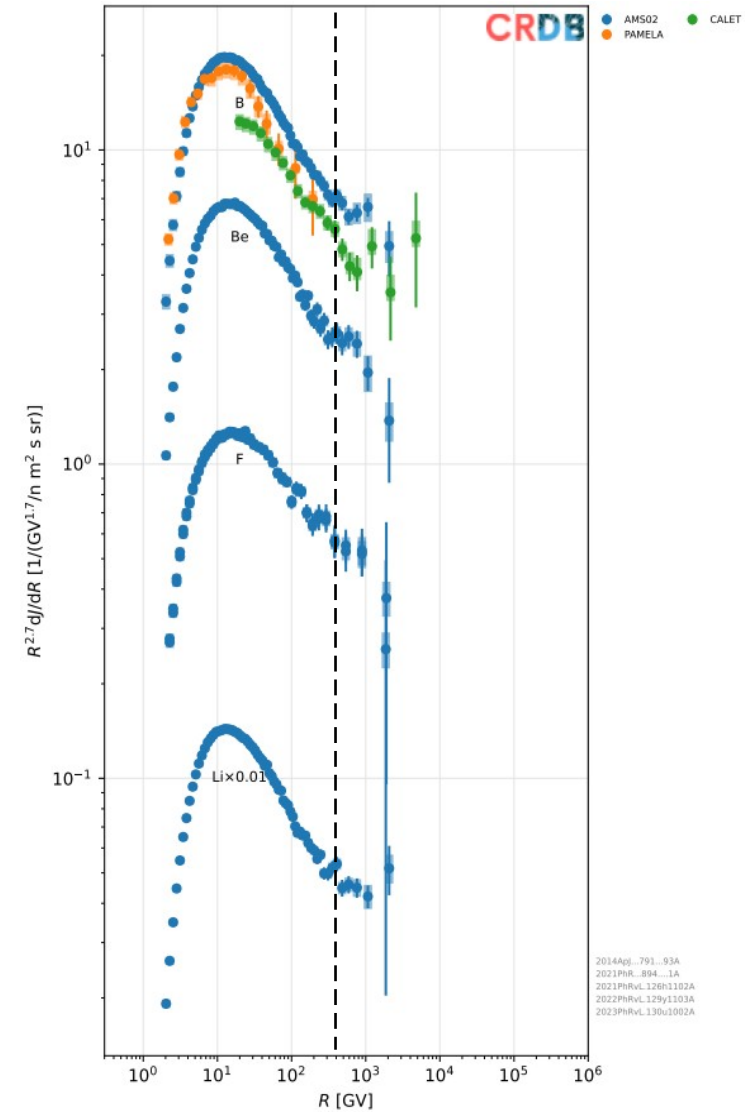
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primaries and secondaries

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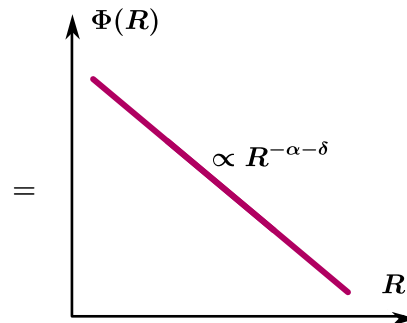
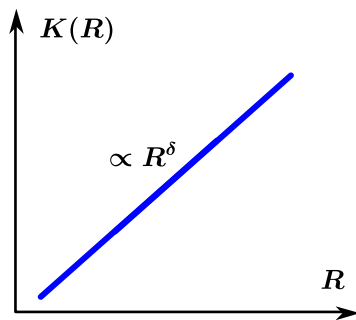
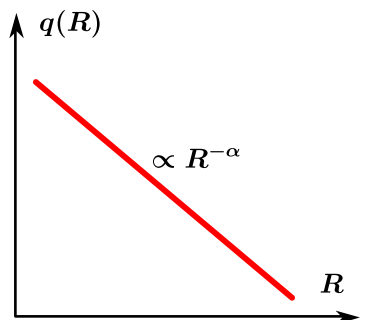
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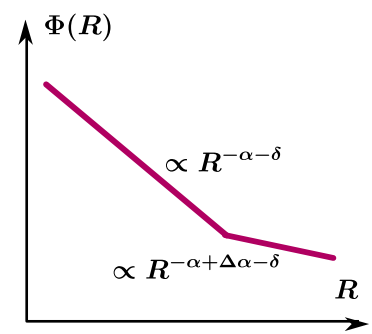
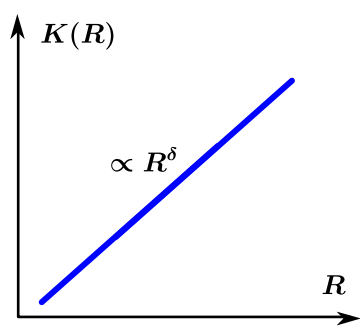
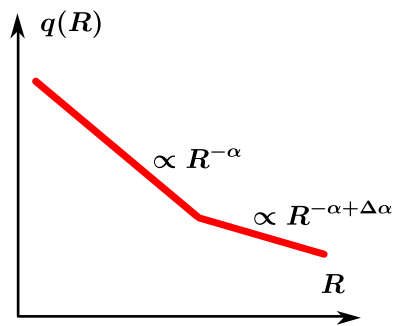
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- Primaries e.g. Vladimirov+ (2012), Niu+ (2018, 2019, 2020); Tomassetti+ (2015)
- Secondaries e.g. Tomassetti+ (2012); Y.G.+ (2014); Tomassetti+ (2017); Zhang+ (2023)
- Reacceleration e.g. Tomassetti+ (2012); Yuan+ (2020)

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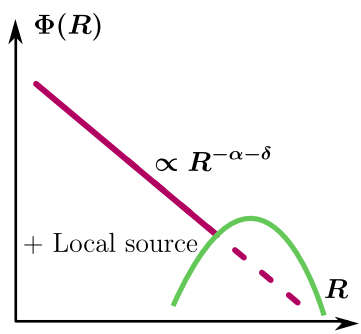
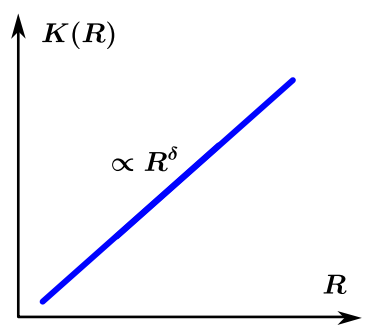
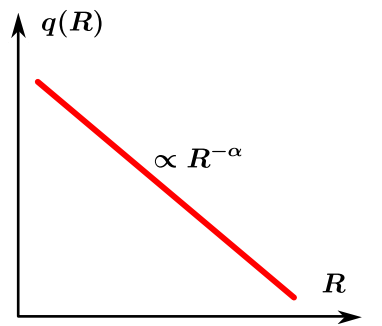
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- Local source fits:
- Bernard+ (2012)
  - Thoudam+ (2012)
  - Wei+ (2014)
  - Mertsch+ (2014/2021)
  - Savchenko+ (2015)
  - Bouyahiaoui+ (2018)
  - Lagutin+ (2019)
  - Yue+ (2020)
  - Tang+ (2022)
  - Anisotropies
  - Ahlers+ (2016)

- Statistical approach:
- Hadrons
  - Y.G+ (2017)
  - Evoli+ (2022)
  - Leptons
  - Mertsch (2011,2018,2018)

Stochasticity kicks in when the effective number of sources (Ns) is close to 1



Ns ~ 1 at 10 TV for Leptons  
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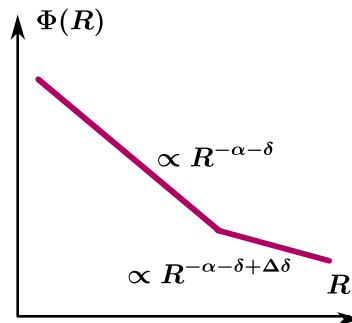
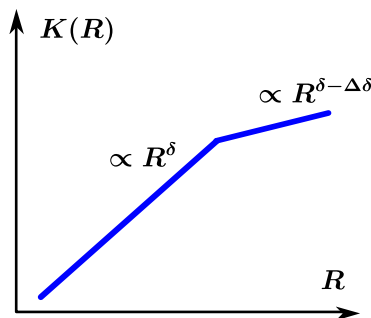
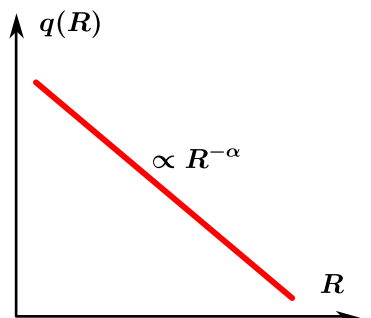
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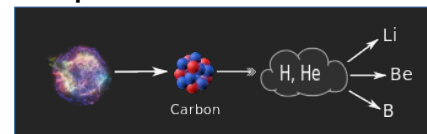
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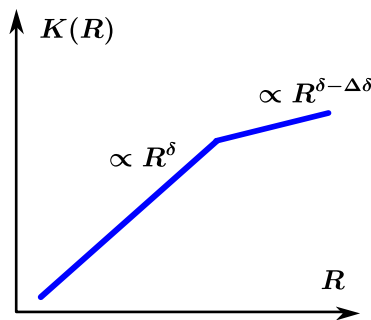
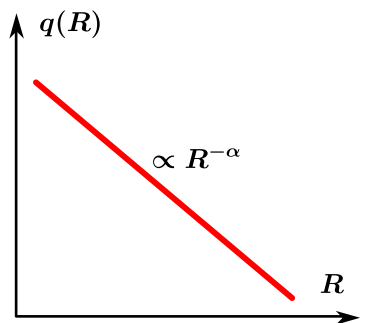
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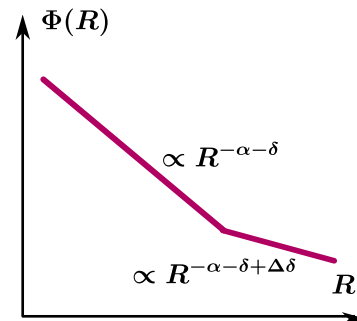


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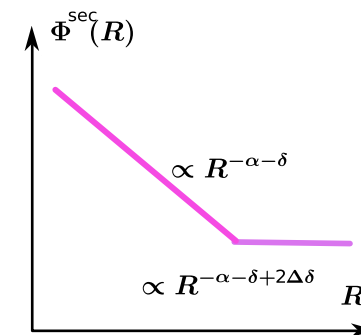
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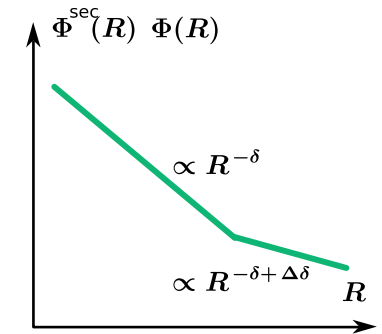
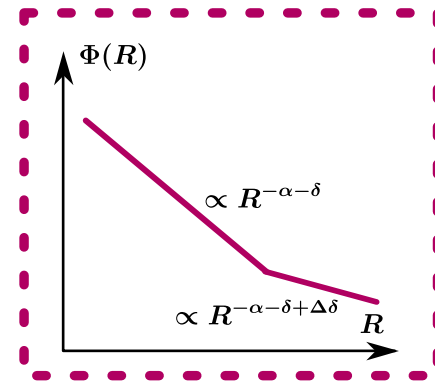
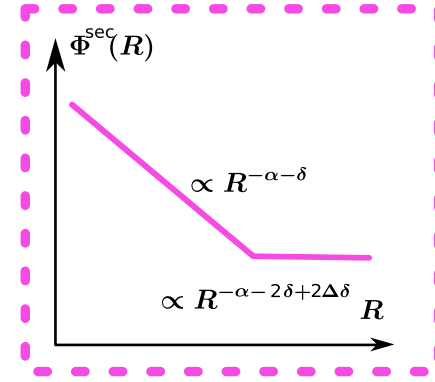
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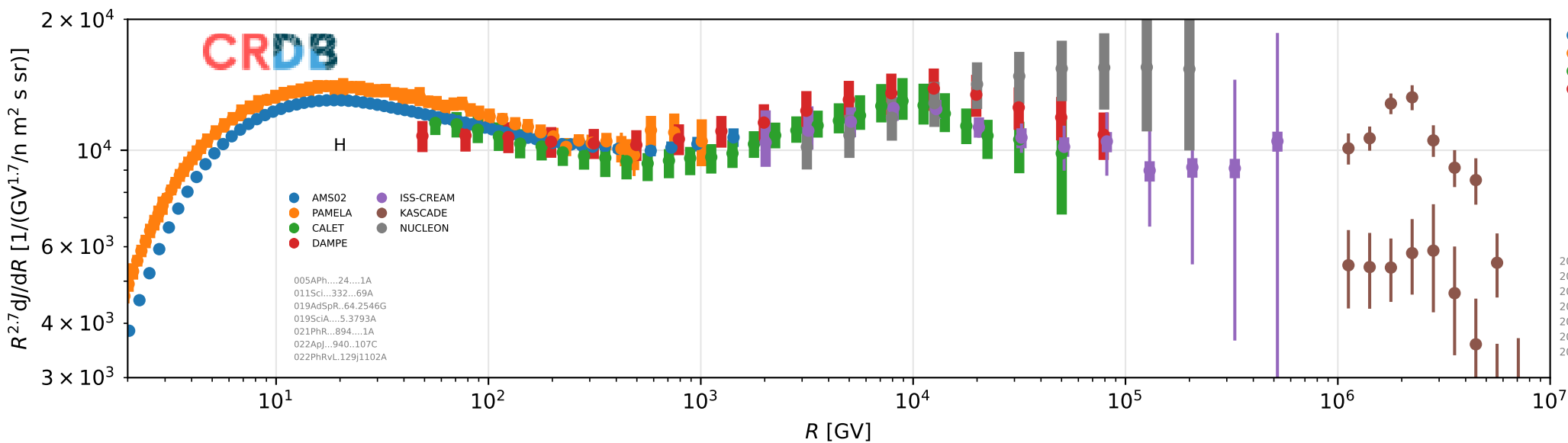
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Some words of caution:  
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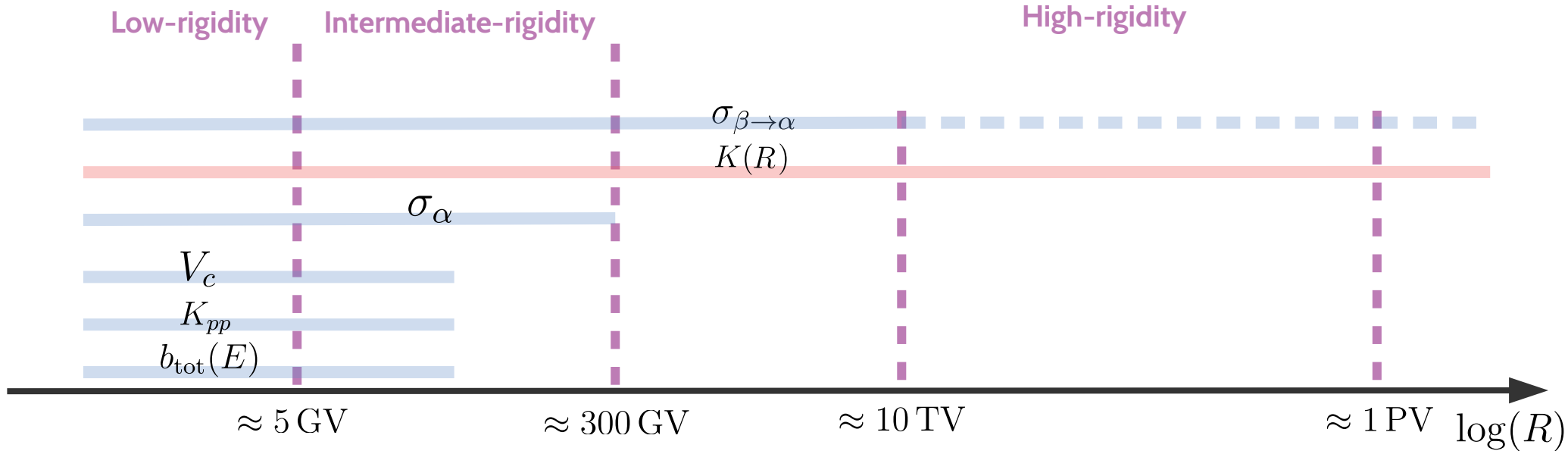
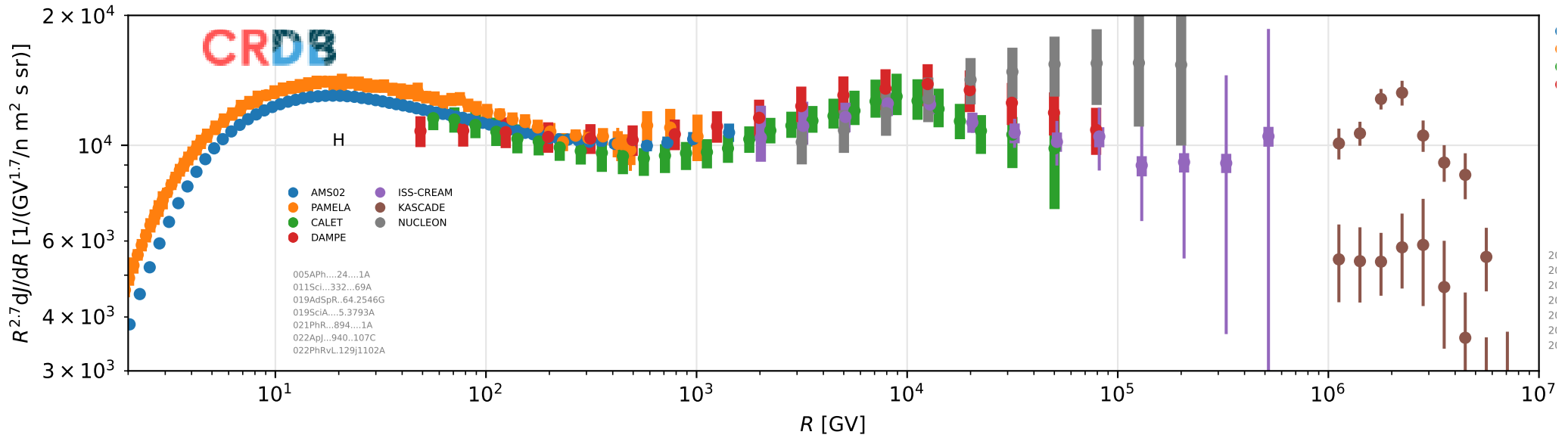
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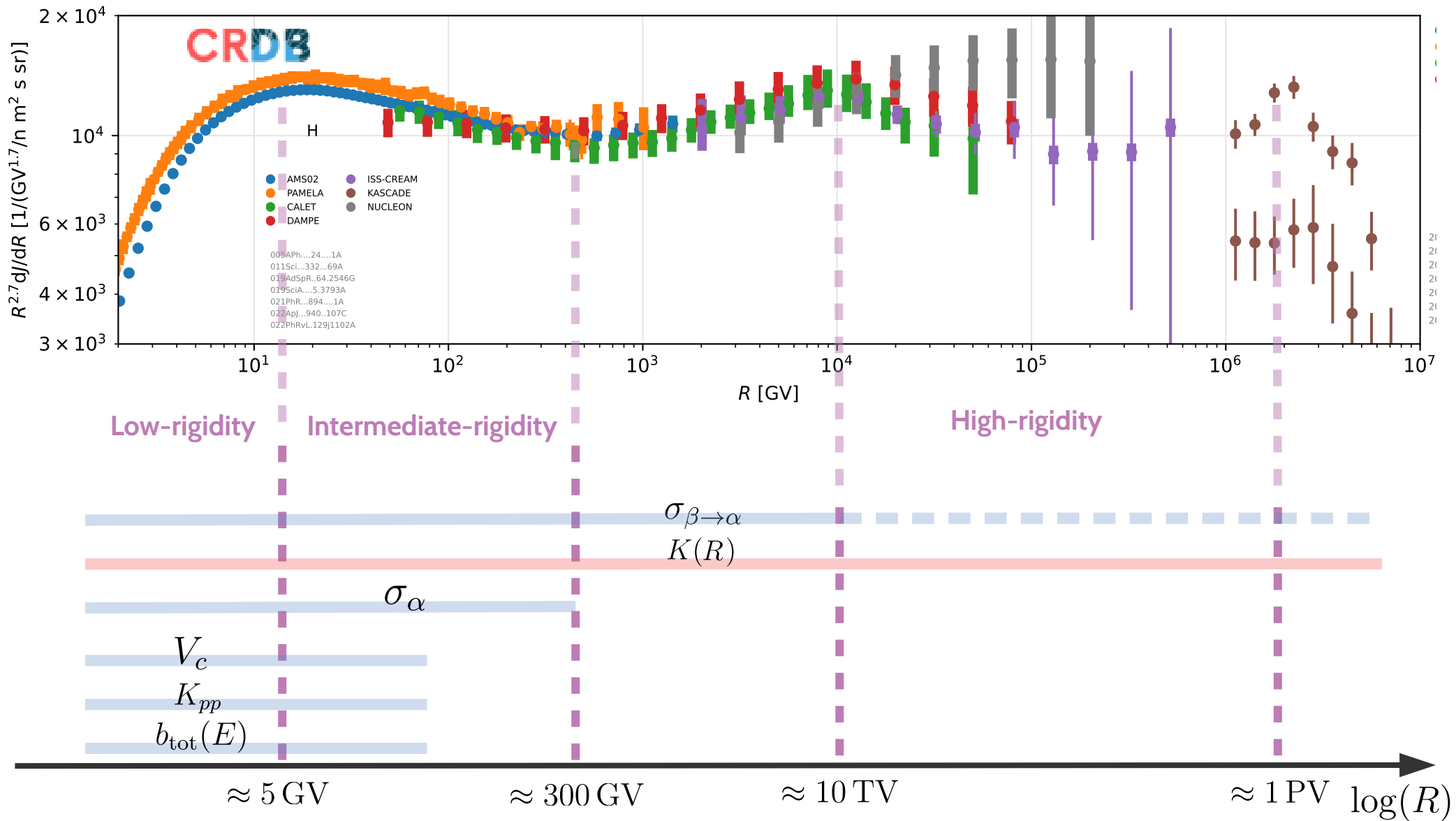
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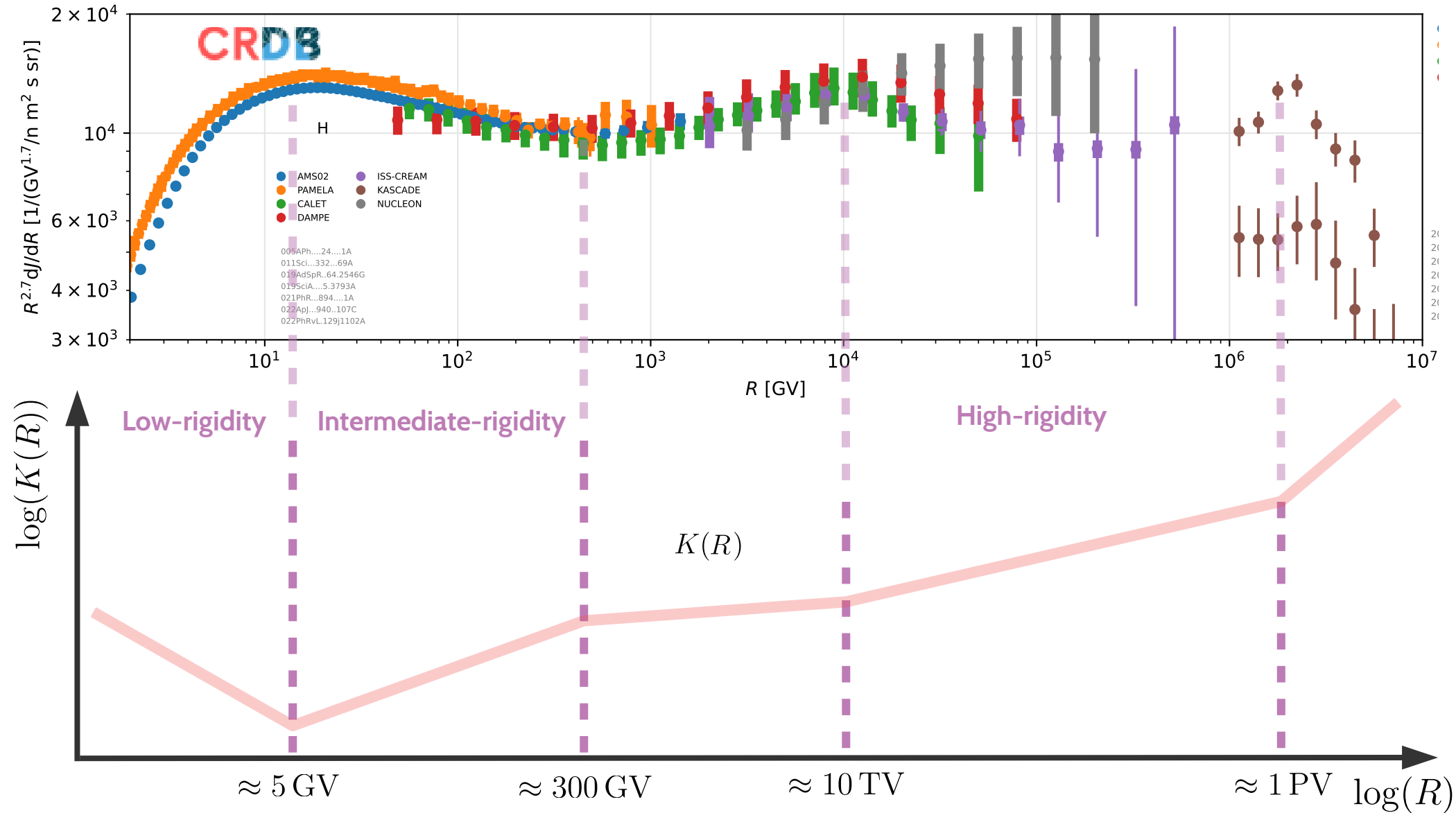
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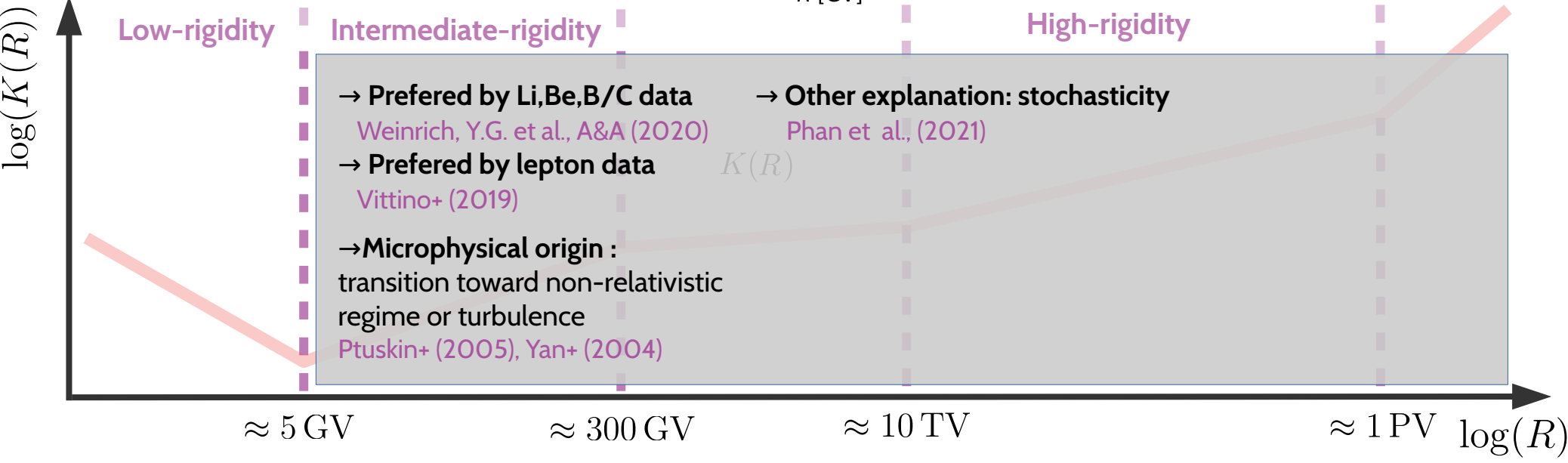
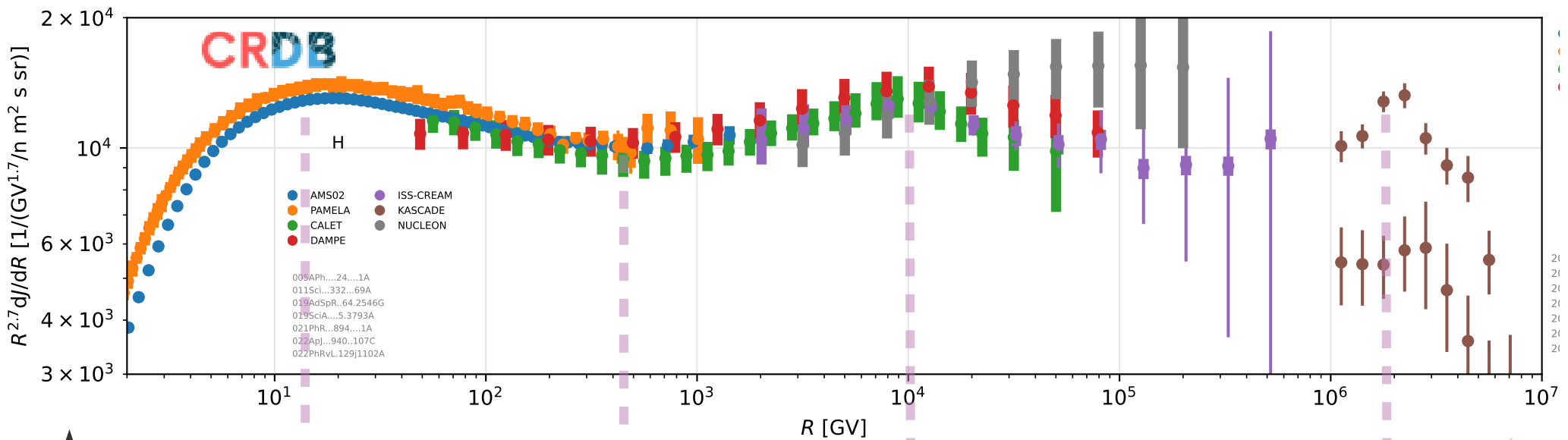
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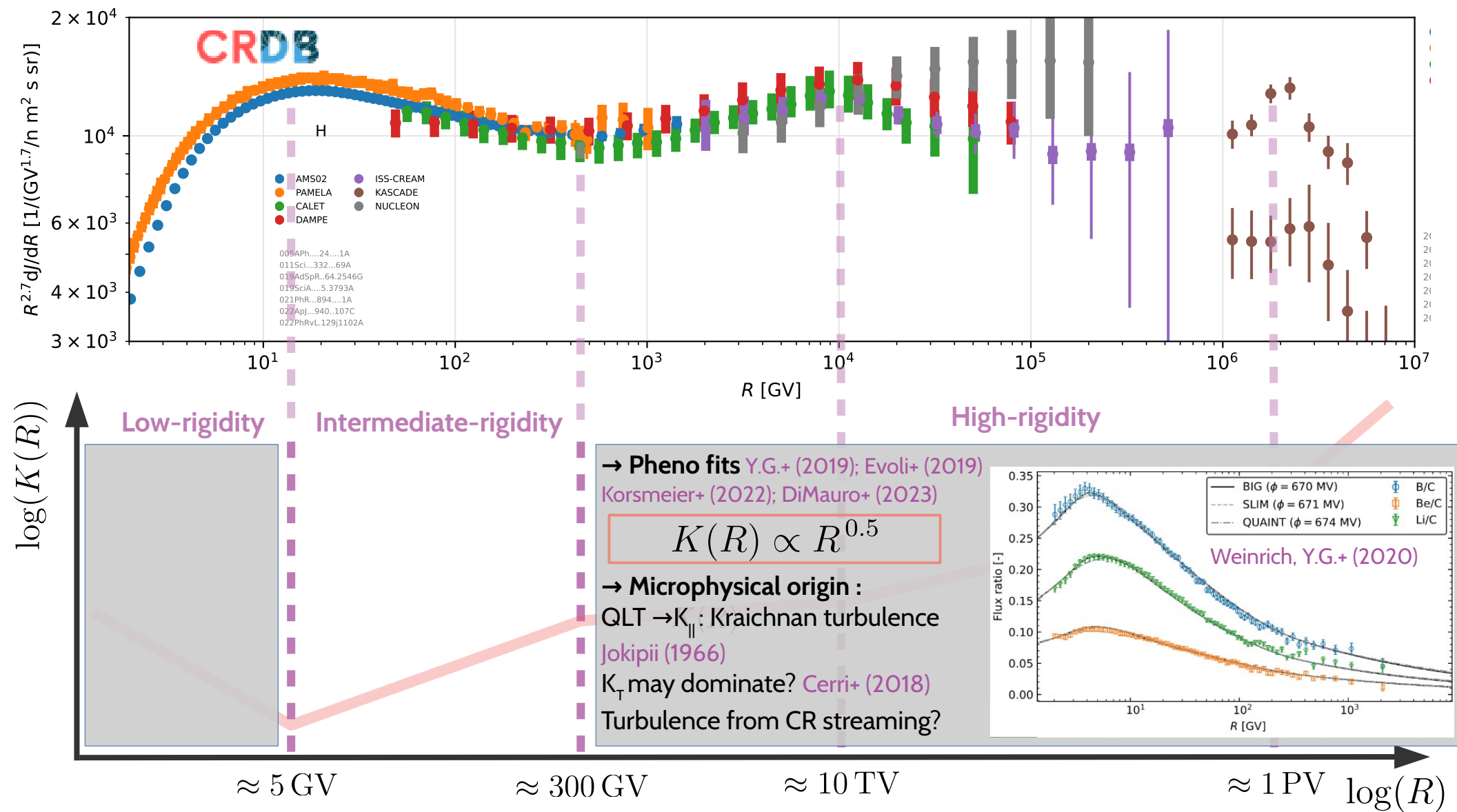
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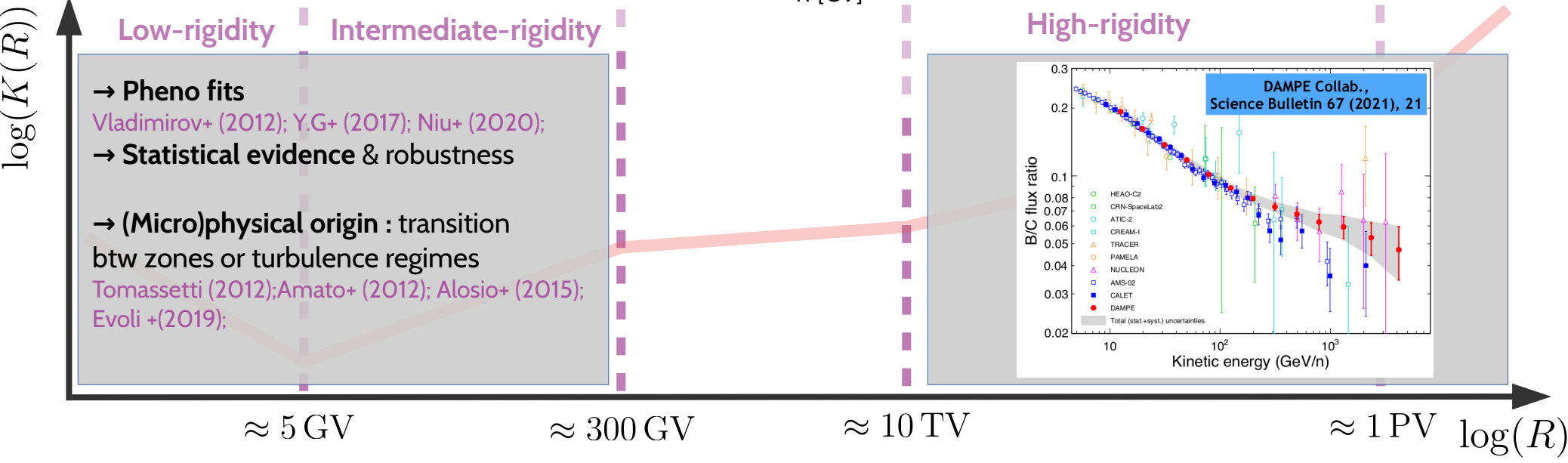
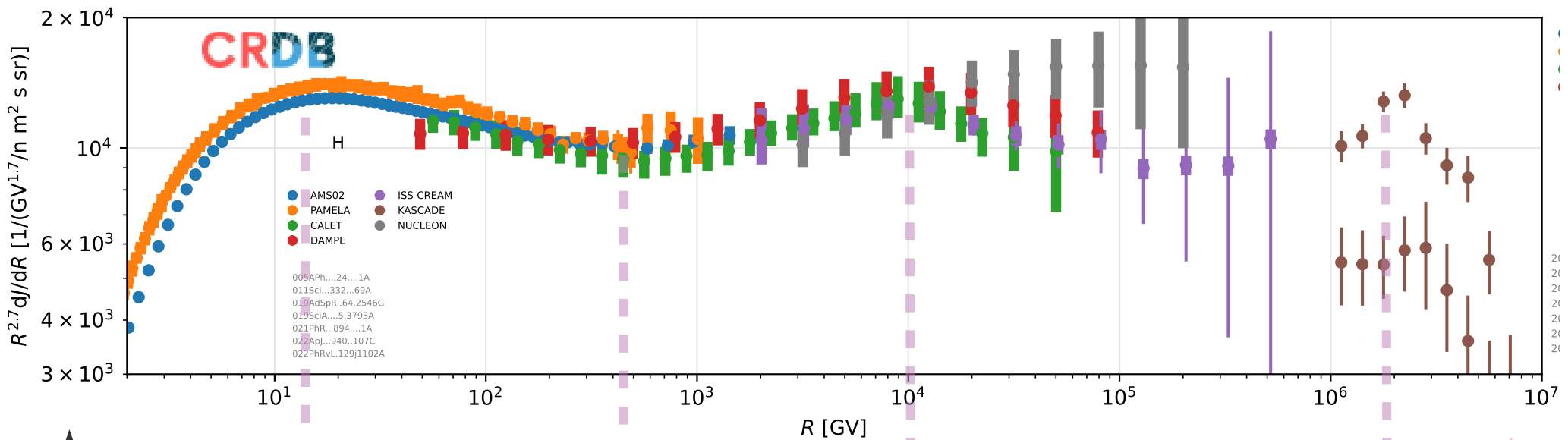
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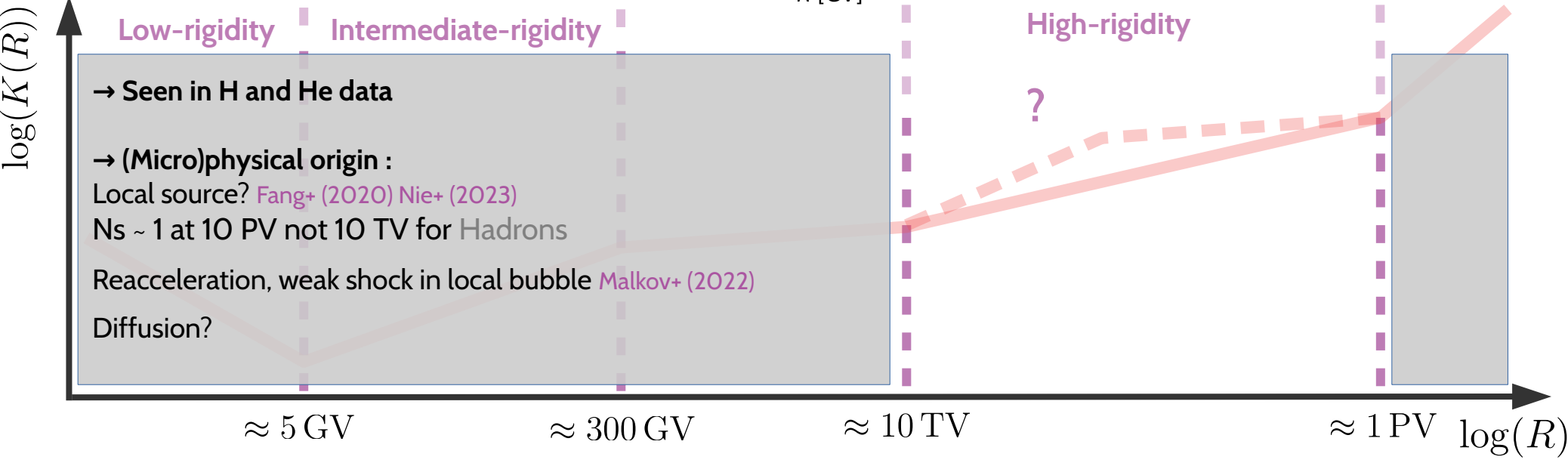
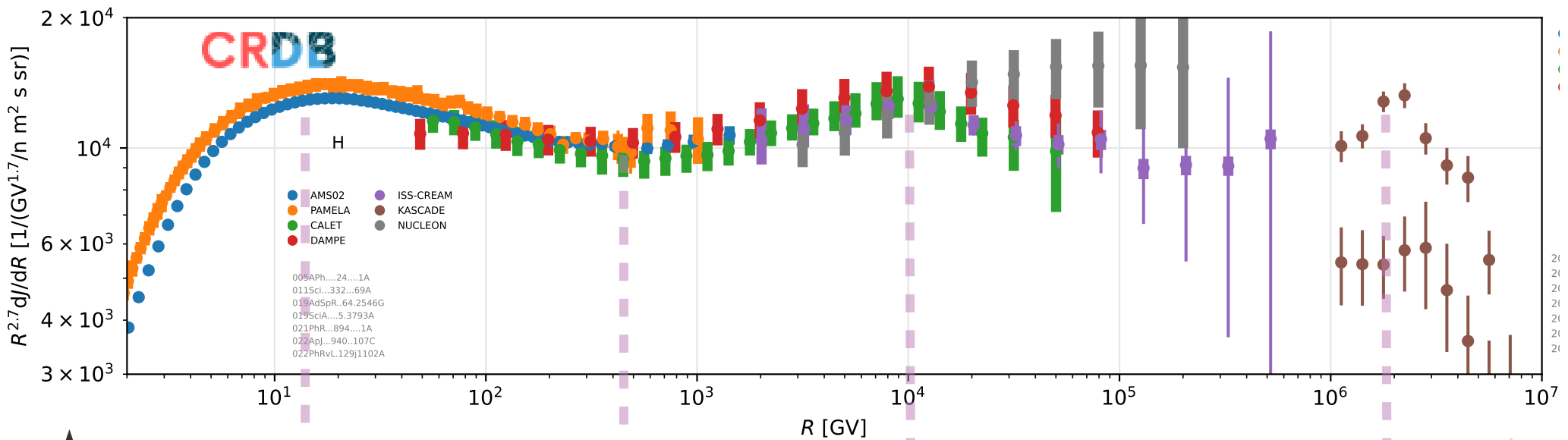
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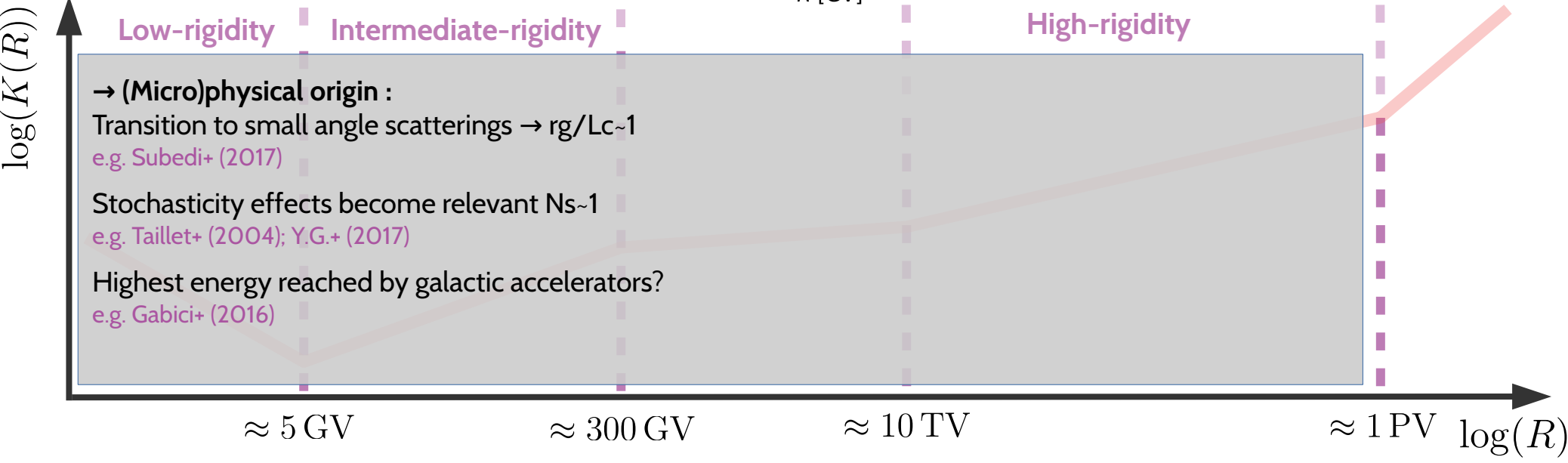
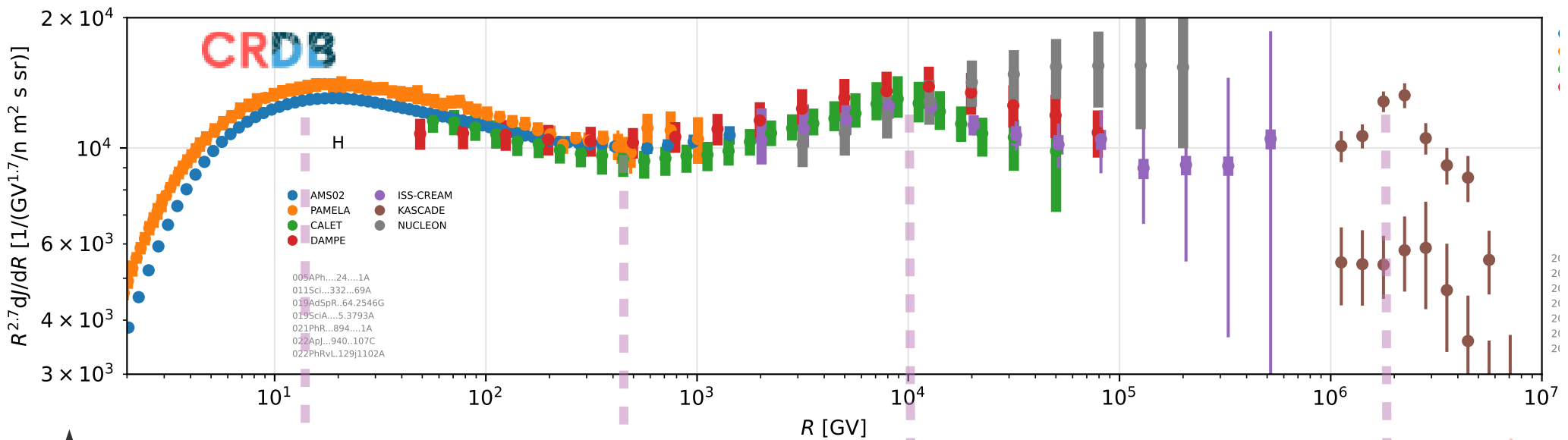
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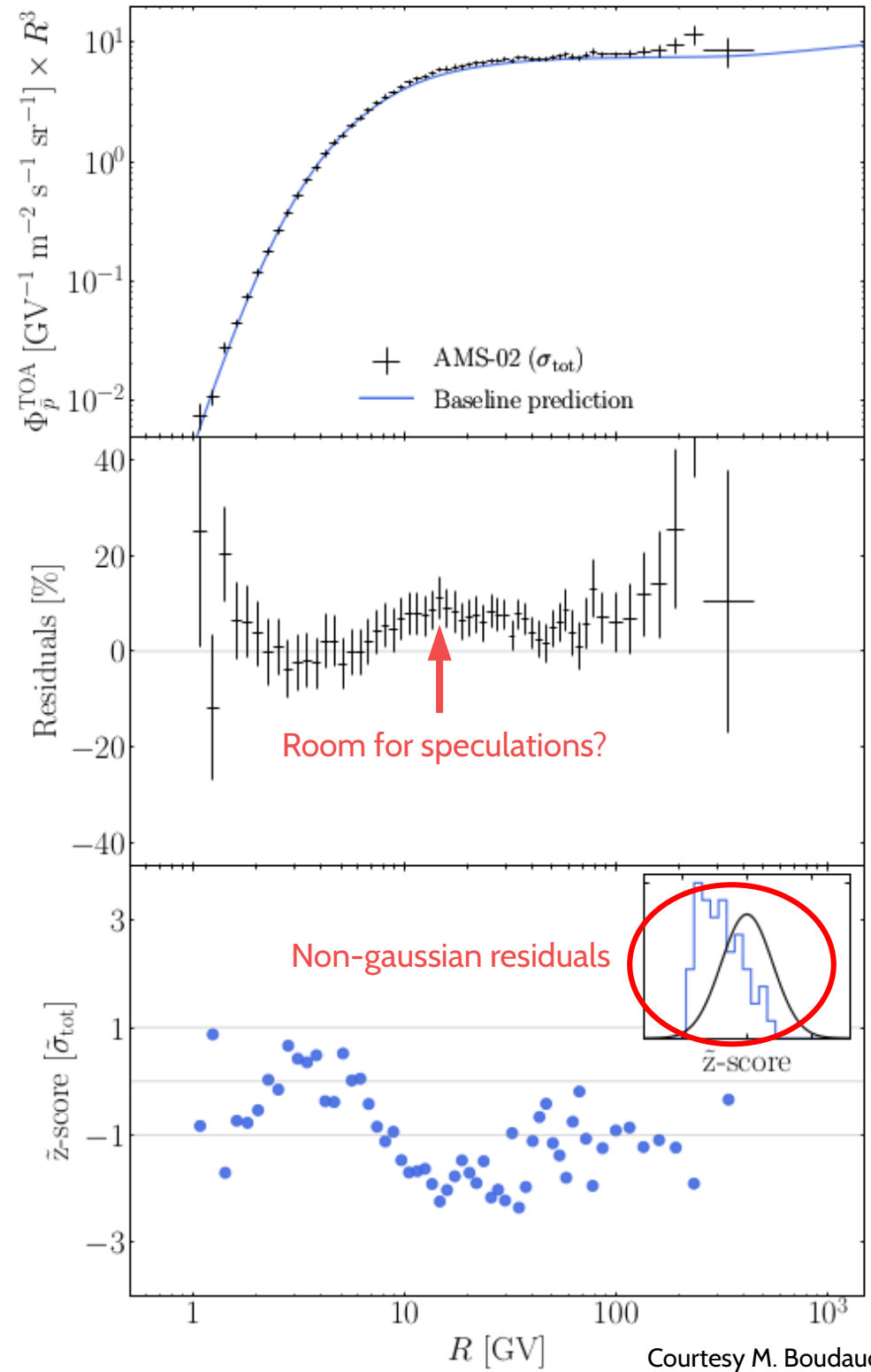
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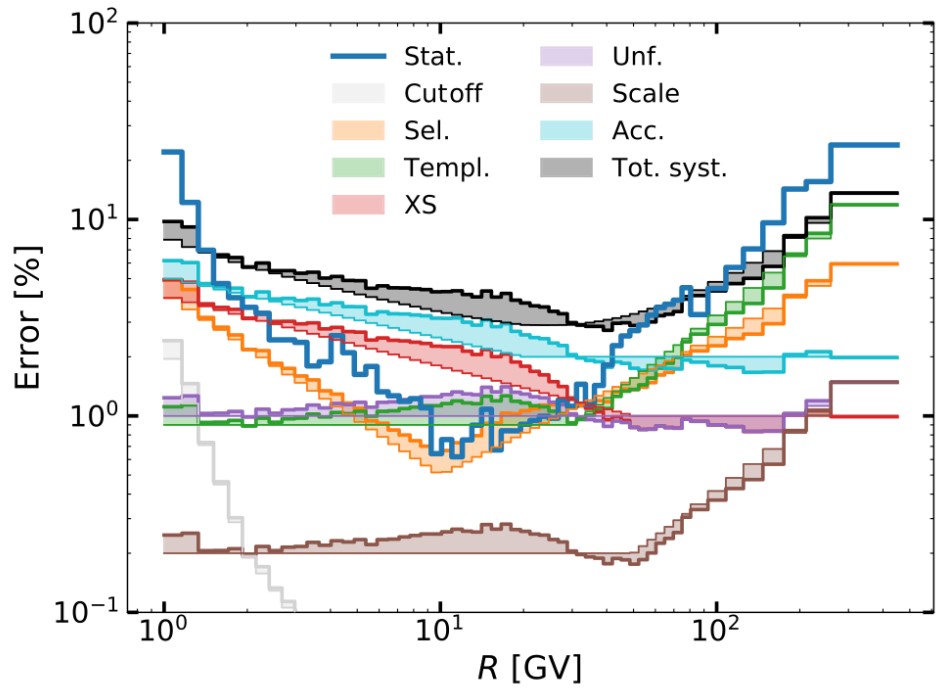


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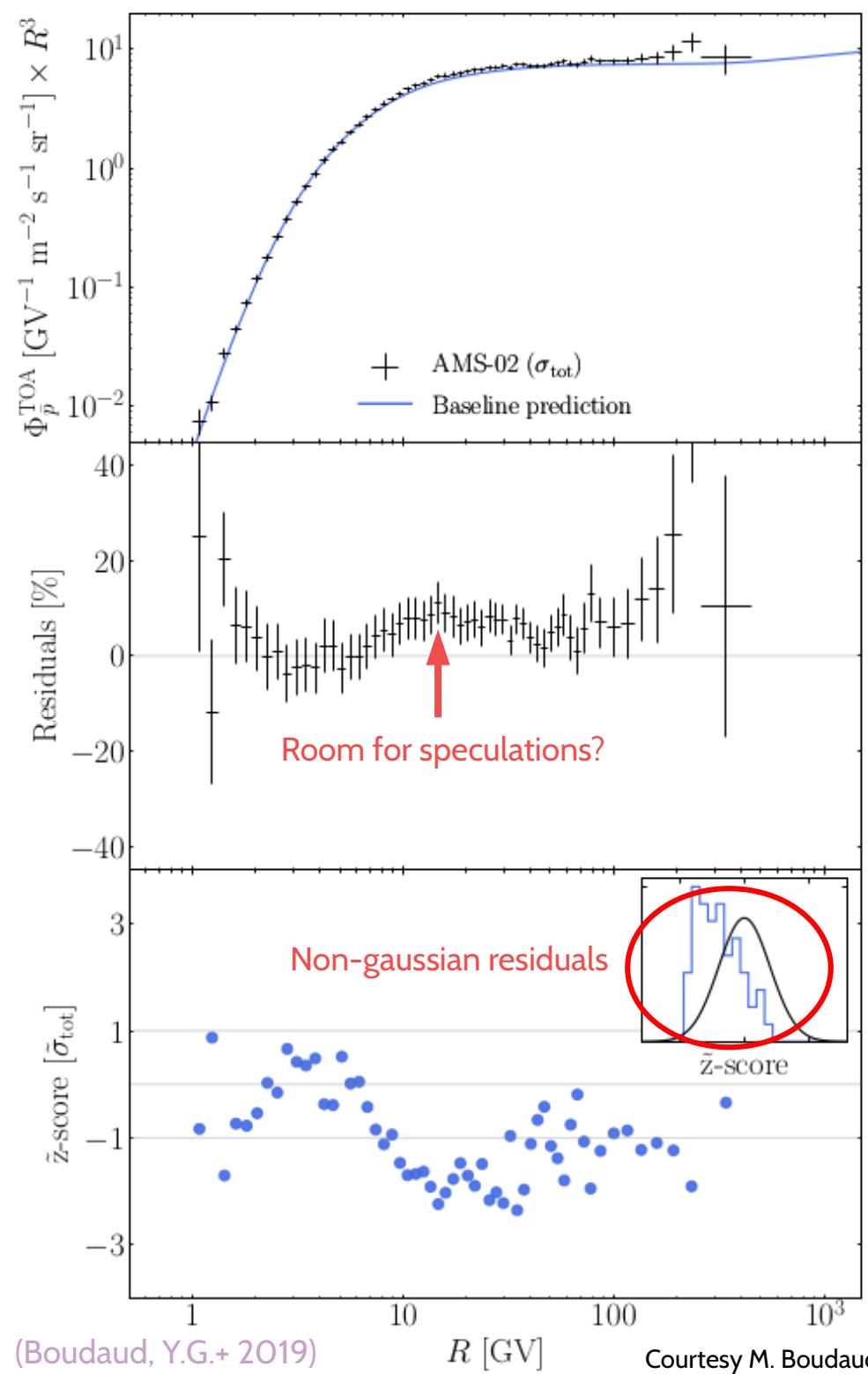
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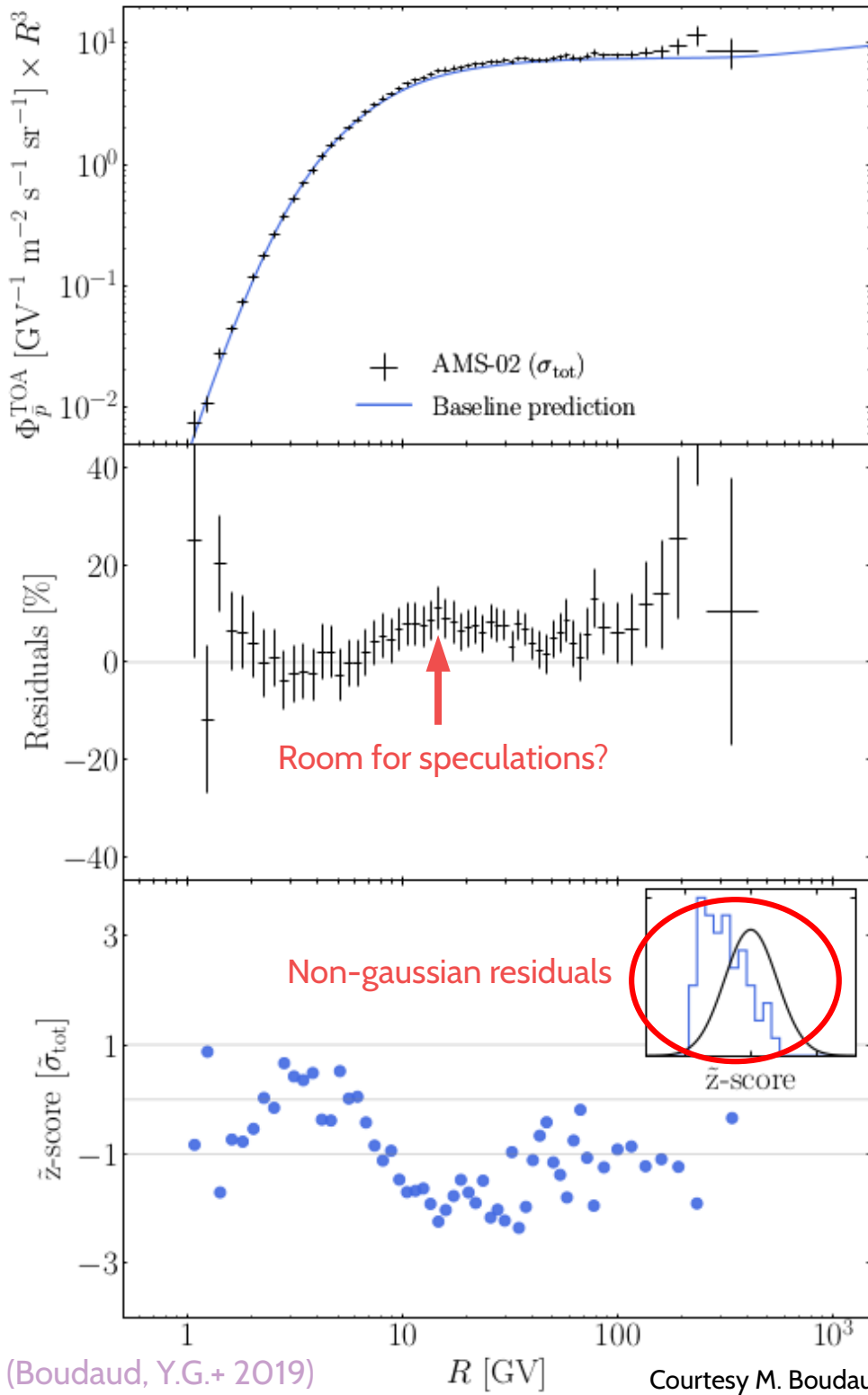


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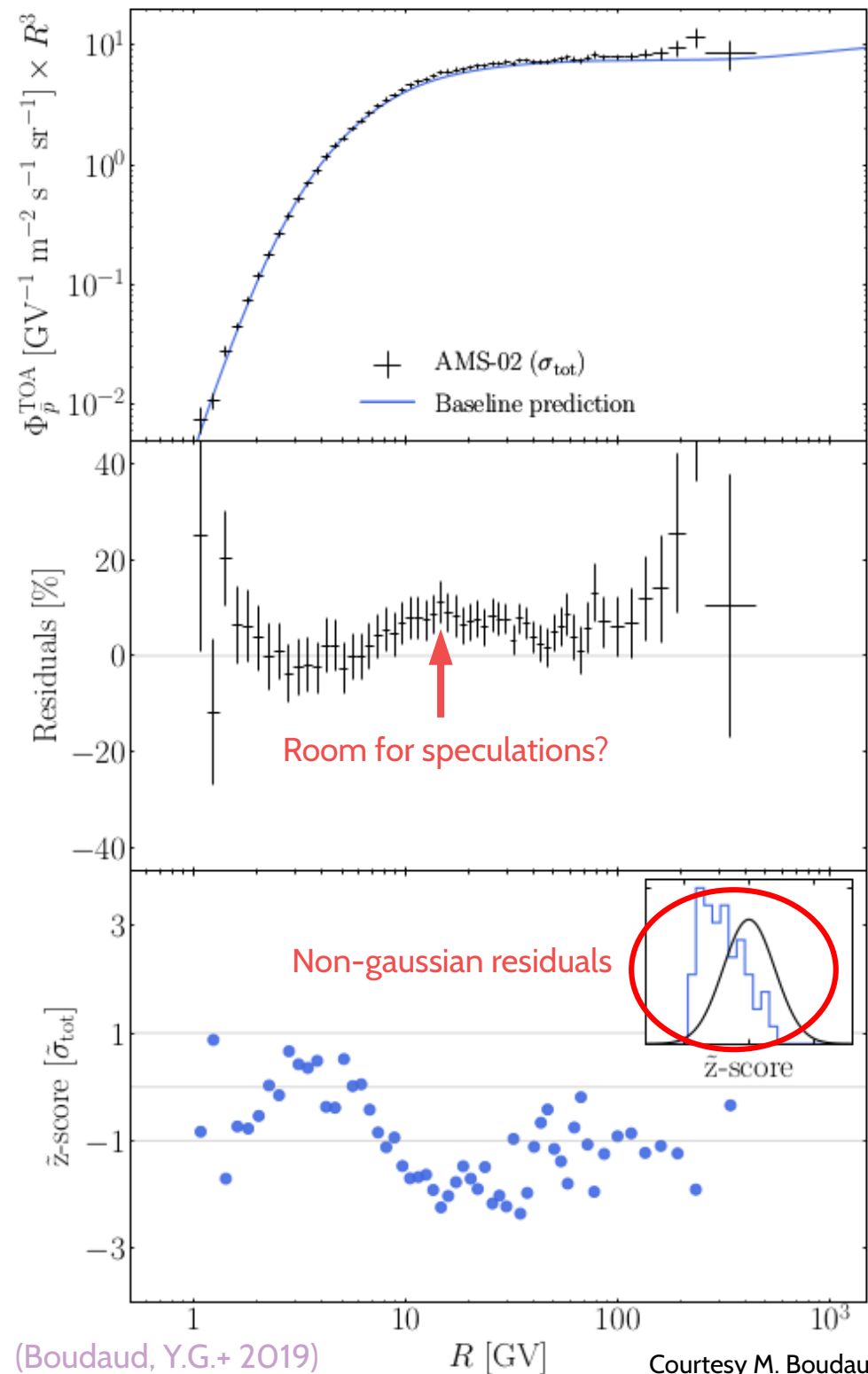


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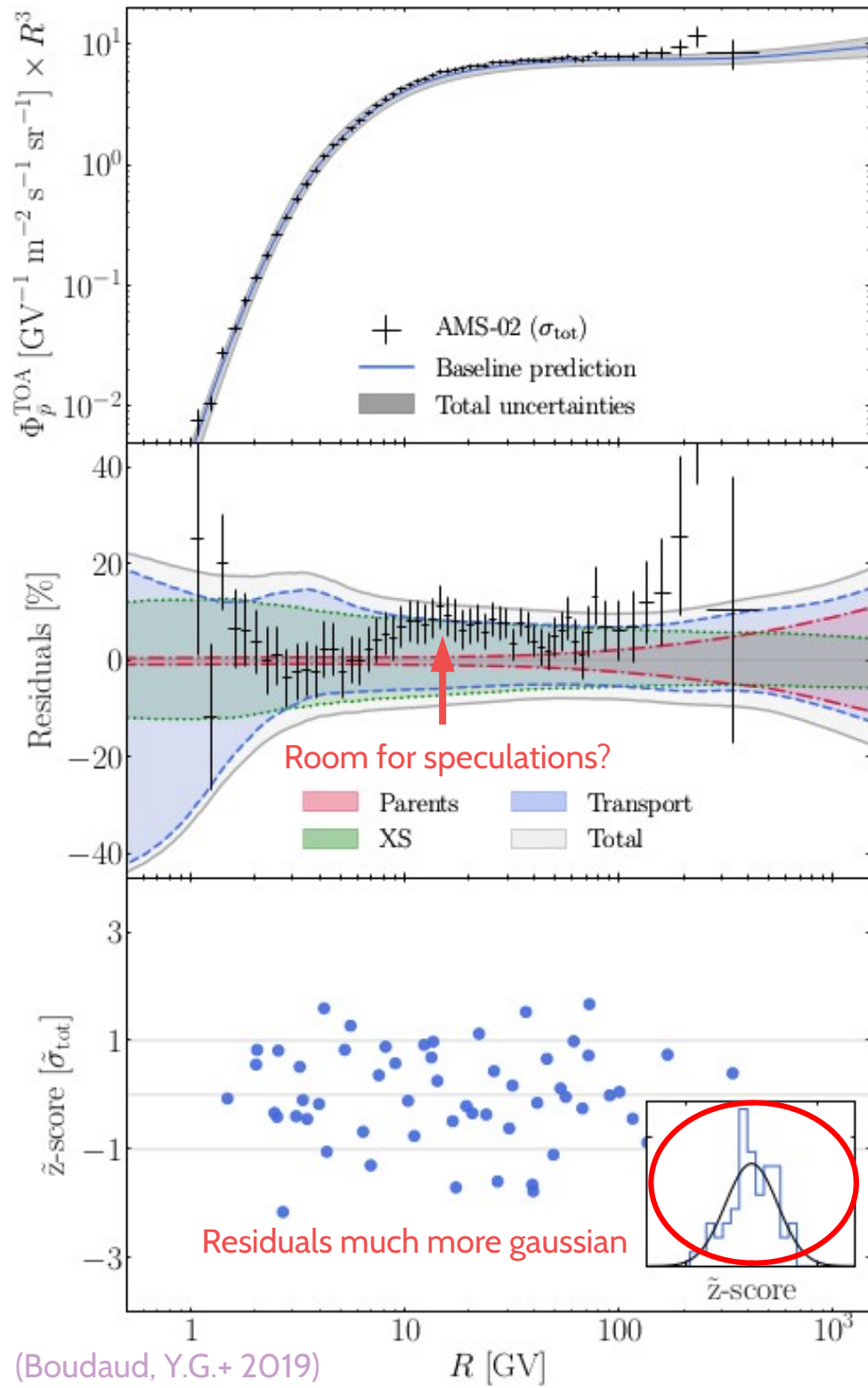
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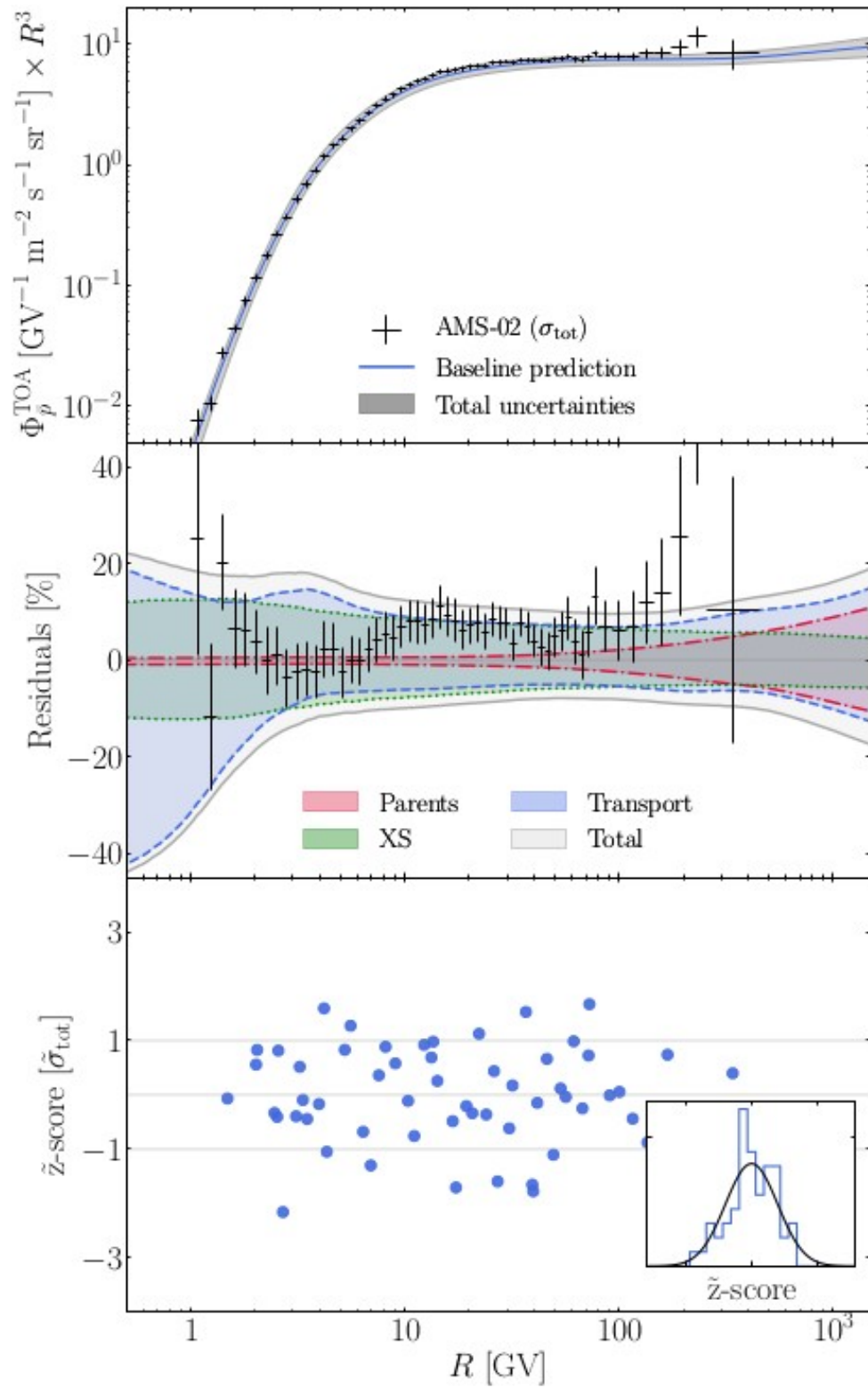
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AMS-O2 antiprotons are consistent with a secondary astrophysical origin

Other studies confirmed Heisig+ (2020); Reneirt+ (2018)

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Going beyond : transport and cross-sections main uncertainties Korsmeier+ (2018); Y.G.+ (2018);



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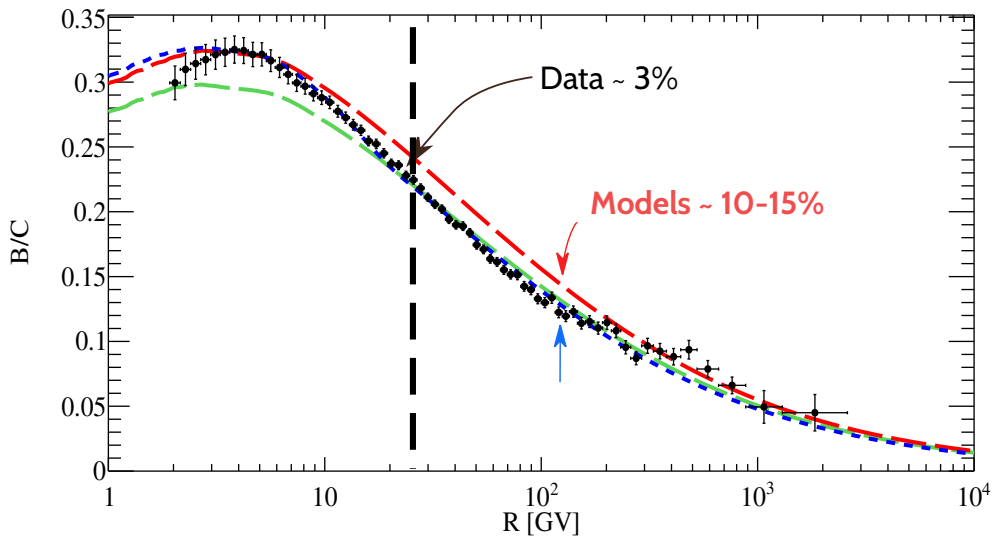
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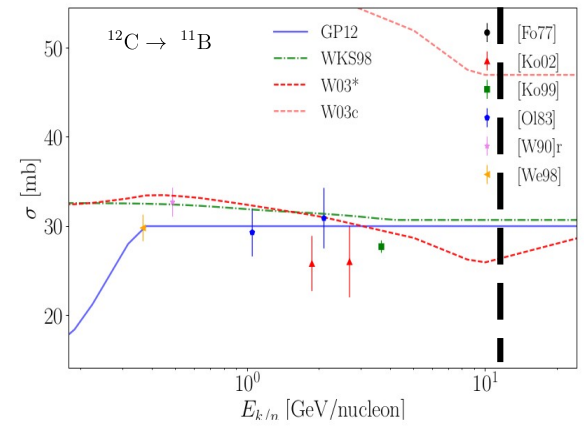
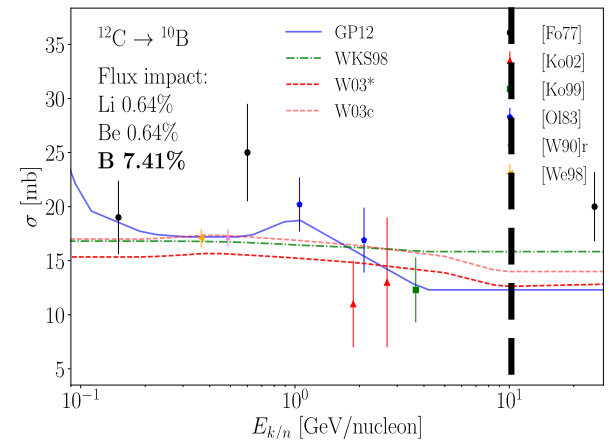
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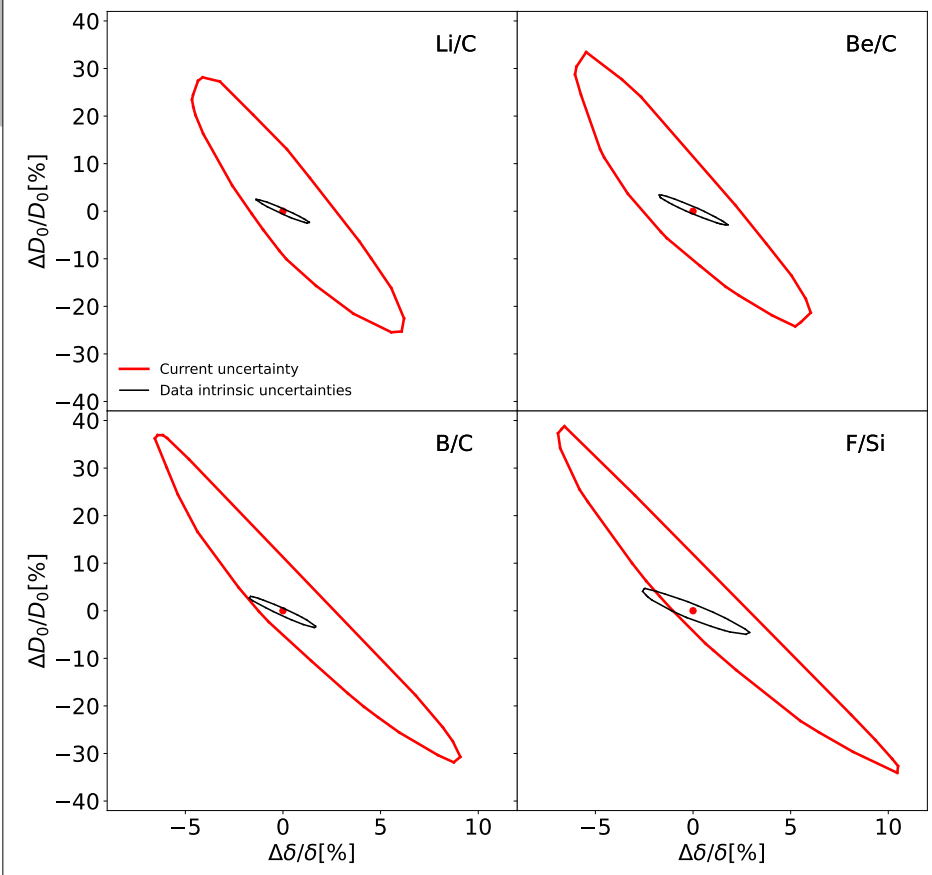
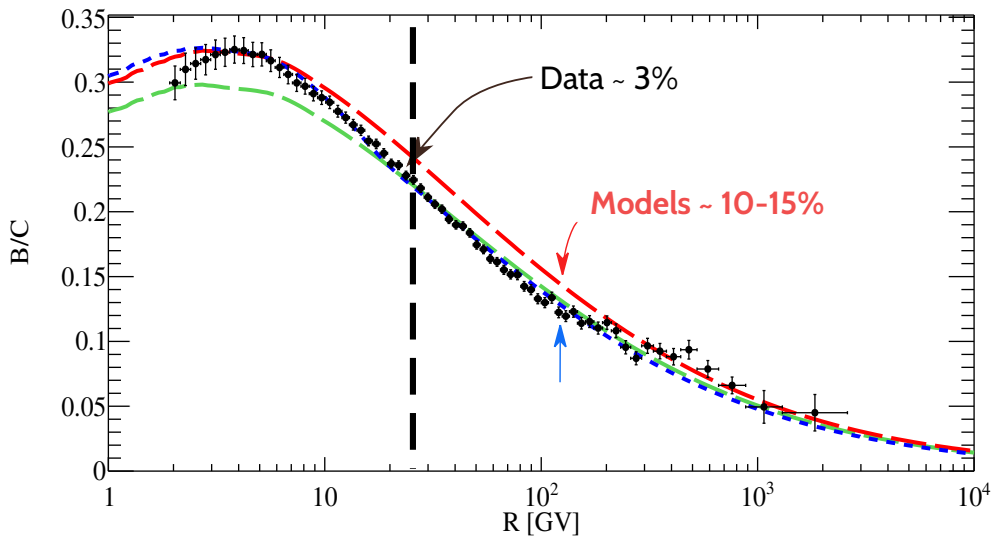
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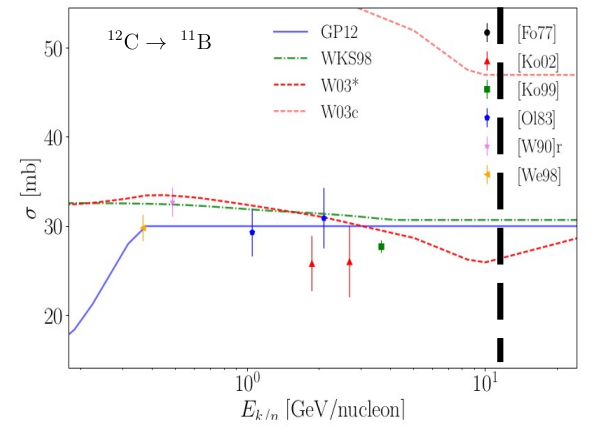
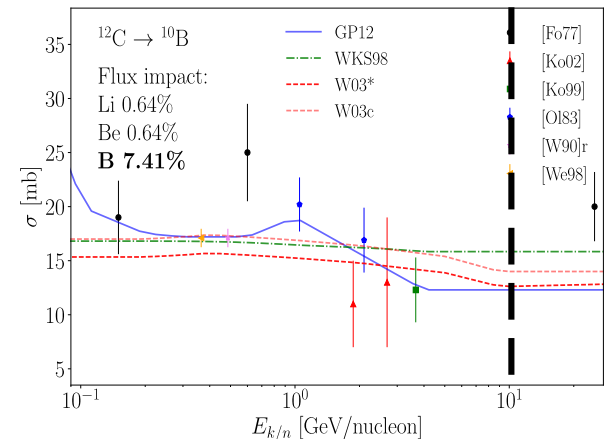
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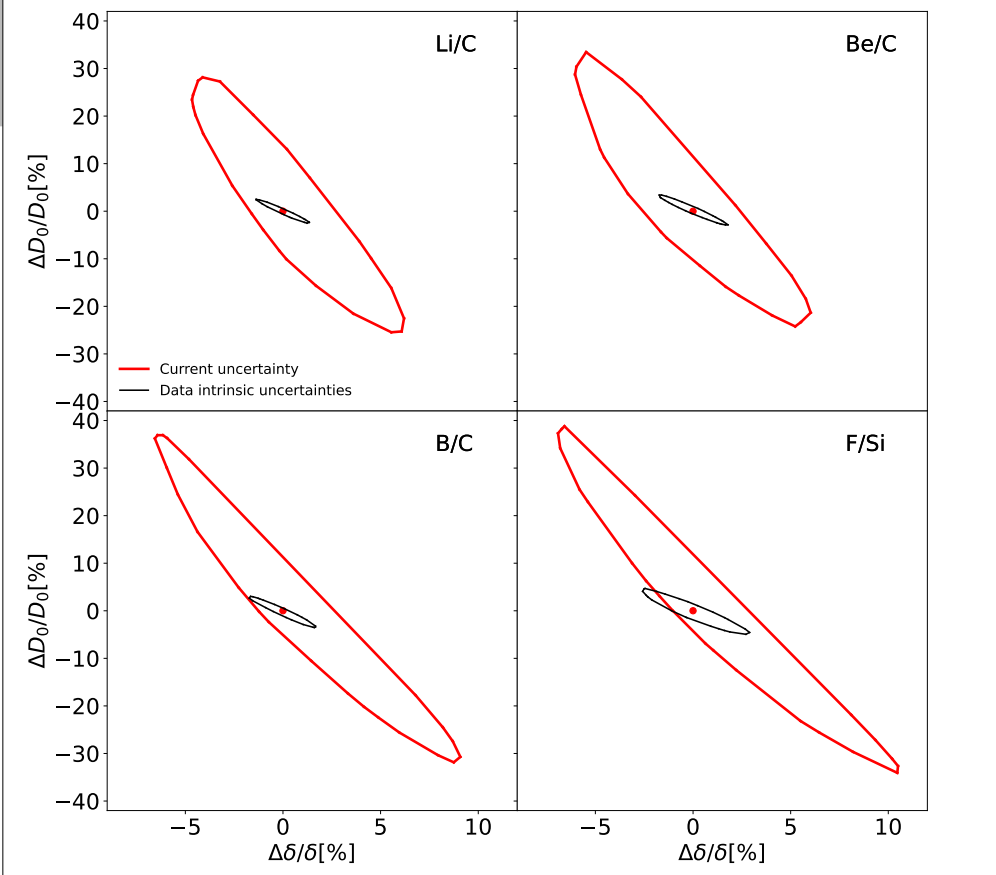
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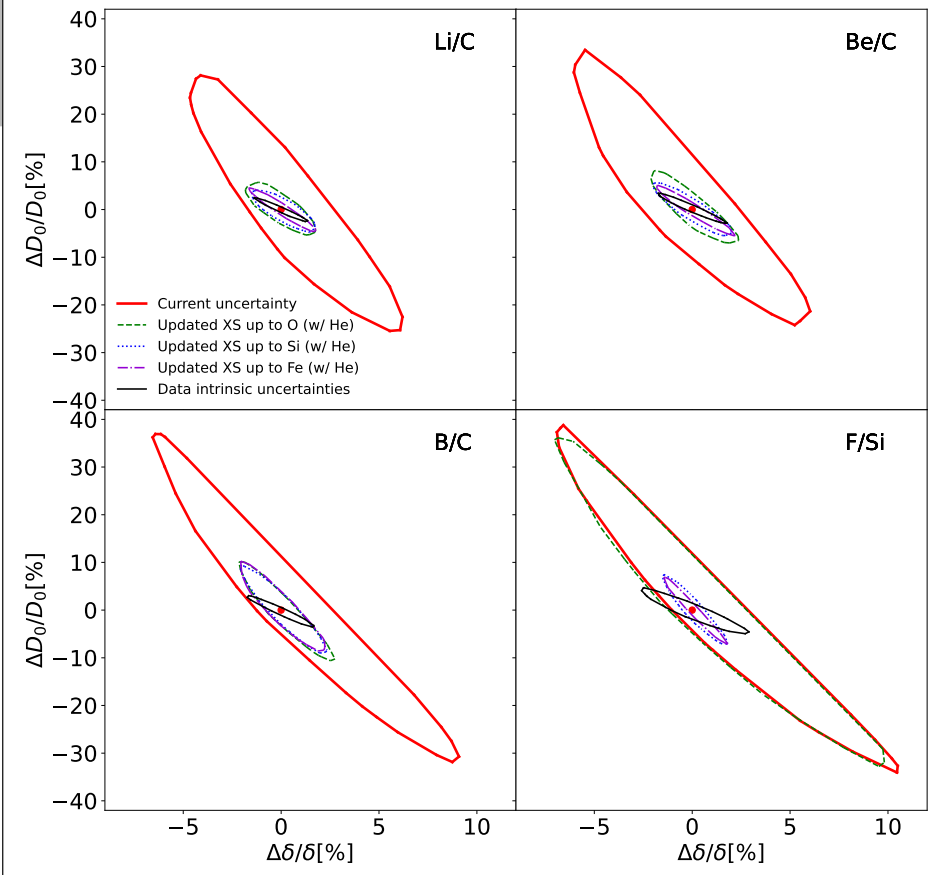
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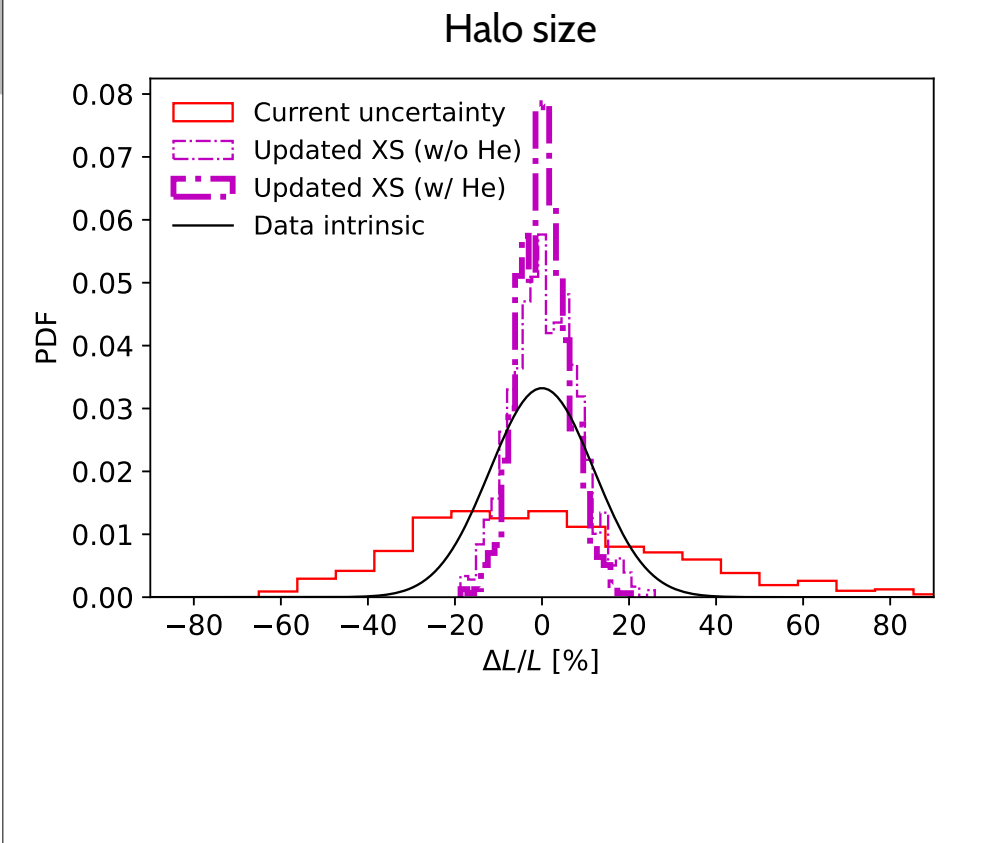
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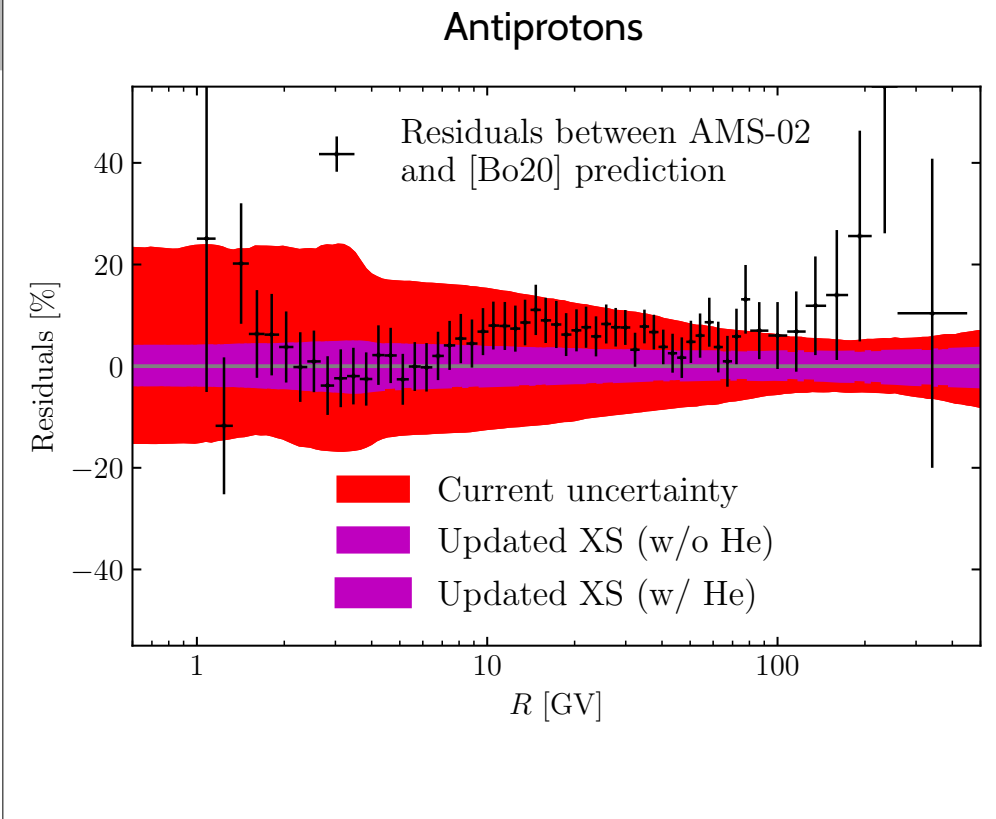
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Y.G., Maurin, Moskalenko, Unger (2023)

→ Quantifying the **improvements**:

- Precise determination of transport parameters
- Challenging universality
- Scrutinize excesses in secondaries



→ Effort has started for E=13.5 A GeV  
 Unger (NA61/SHINE Collab.) ICRC (2019)  
 Amin (NA61/SHINE Collab.) ICRC (2021/2023)

# What is next?

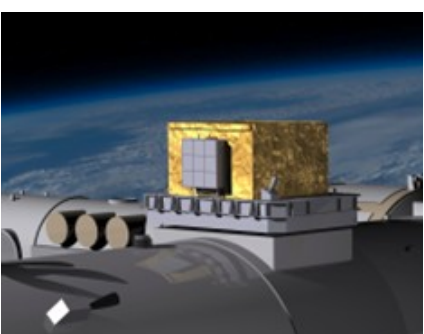
## Next generation experiments:

### HELIX



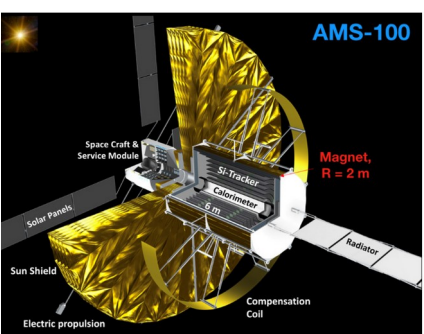
Park+ (2019)

### HERD



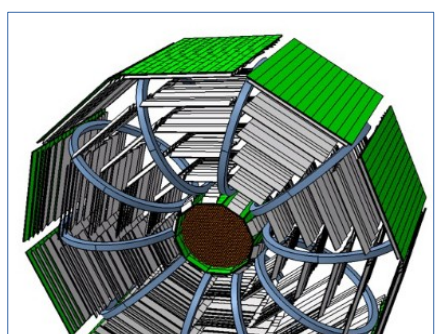
Mori+ (2022)

### AMS100



Shael+ (2019)

### ALADINO



Battiston+ (2021)

<b>Expected in</b>	2024	2027	2030?	2040?
<b>Type</b>	Spectrometer	Calorimeter	Spectrometer	Spectrometer
<b>Main focus</b>	10Be/9Be 0.2 → 10 GeV/n	gamma, e+e-, nuclei 0.5, 10 GeV → 100 TeV 30 GeV → 3 PeV	(anti)leptons, (anti)nuclei 100 TV and beyond	(anti)leptons, (anti)nuclei 20 TV and beyond

## Important points :

- Precision era, % precision data GeV-TeV
- The main process of CR transport – diffusion – is being elucidating
- Many open questions (universality, homogeneity, local effect, ..) need finer (multimessenger) studies & proper modeling  
see e.g. [Korsmeier+ \(2022\)](#); [Zhao+ \(2021\)](#); [Bouyahiaoui+ \(2018\)](#)
- Antinuclei (positrons, antipotons, antideuterons?, antihelium?) are still intriguing

## Take home messages :

**CR experimental collaborations** : please provide covariance matrices of data

**Particle physicists** : please (re)measure nuclear fragmentation cross-sections

**Phenomenologist/Theorist** : - please keep in mind systematics (e.g. exp. and cross section)  
- continue investigating unexplored/sublte effects ( %! )  
- link the phenomenology with micro-physics

Thank you!

# What is next?

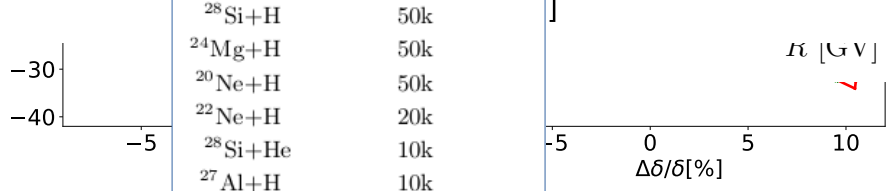
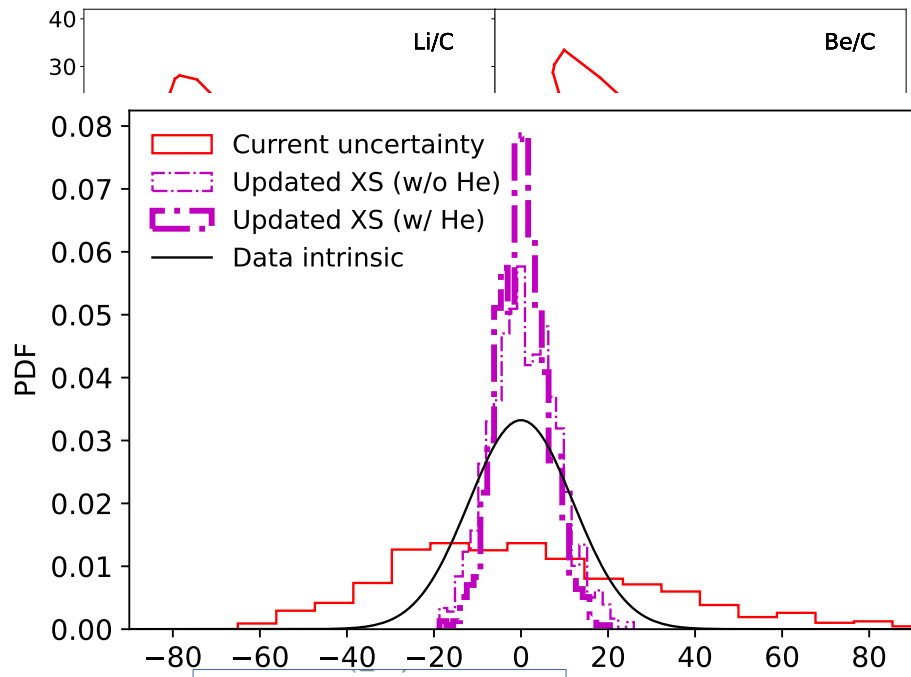
New measurements are required!

Difficulty : more than 1000 reactions are involved ..

reaction	$N_{int}$
$^{16}O+H$	60k
$^{12}C+H$	50k
$^{16}O+He$	20k
$^{11}B+H$	10k
$^{15}N+H$	10k
$^{14}N+H$	10k
$^{12}C+He$	10k
$^{10}B+H$	5k
$^{13}C+H$	5k
$^7Li+H$	5k

$N(\leq O) = 1.9 \times 10^5$

- Selection rules [Y.G. + \(2018\)](#)
- Proposition of new measurements beam + target experiment (e.g. : NA61) [Y.G., Maurin, Moskalenko, Unger \(2023\)](#)
- Quantifying the **improvements**



$^{28}Si+H$	50k
$^{24}Mg+H$	50k
$^{20}Ne+H$	50k
$^{22}Ne+H$	20k
$^{28}Si+He$	10k
$^{27}Al+H$	10k
$^{26}Mg+H$	10k
$^{24}Mg+He$	10k
$^{23}Na+H$	10k
$^{25}Mg+H$	10k
$^{21}Ne+H$	10k
$^{20}Ne+He$	10k
$^{32}S+H$	5k
$^{29}Si+H$	5k
$^{22}Ne+He$	5k
$N(\leq Si) = 3.8 \times 10^5$	
$^{56}Fe+H$	30k
$^{56}Fe+He$	10k
$N(\leq Fe) = 4.2 \times 10^5$	

- Precise **transport parameters**
- Characterization of **boundaries**