

# Antideuterio: resoconto del workshop “Antideuterons 2014” @ UCLA

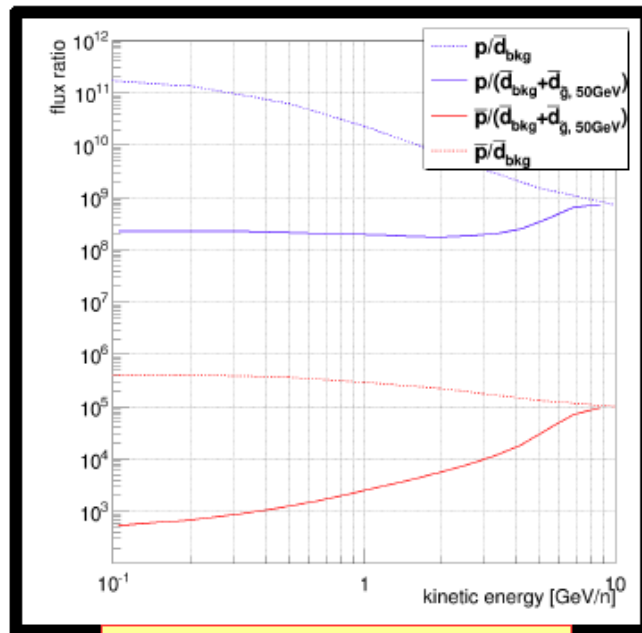
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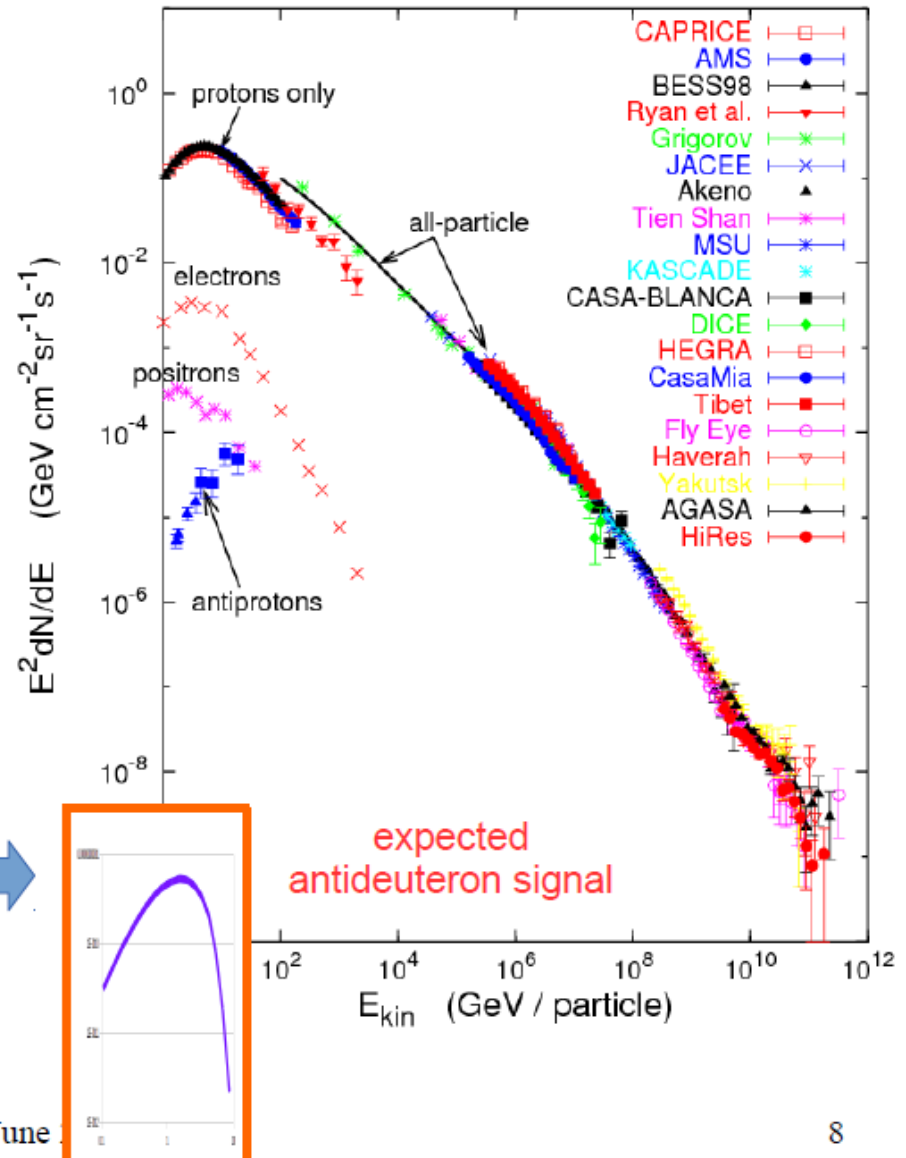
# Cosmic-ray spectrum

- Required rejections for antideuteron detection:

- protons:**  $> 10^8 - 10^{10}$
- He-4:**  $> 10^7 - 10^9$
- electrons:**  $> 10^6 - 10^8$
- positrons:**  $> 10^5 - 10^7$
- antiprotons:**  $> 10^4 - 10^6$



Dal & Raklev (2014),  
arXiv:1402.6259



# BESS Program

- **B**alloon-borne **E**xperiment
  - **S**teady improvement
    - Continuously upgrade and modify detector components
    - Various new scientific subjects
  - **L**ong period of **s**uccessive observations
    - Cover more than full cycle (11 years) of solar activity
  - **E**ducation/**T**raining
    - Young people can be responsible for essential parts of the experiment (24 students/engineers awarded with Ph.D)

with a

- **S**uperconducting **S**pectrometer
  - **L**arge acceptance
    - High statistics
  - **U**niform magnetic field
    - High resolution MDR 200 – 1400 GV
  - **T**ransparent
    - Thin Solenoid  $4.4 \text{ g/cm}^2$  ( $2.2 \text{ g/cm}^2$ )
  - **D**efinitive mass ID



# BESS-Polar Program

	BESS	BESS-Polar
Geom. Acceptance:	0.3	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> •sr
Material for trigger:	18 g/cm <sup>2</sup>	4.5 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
Magnetic field	1.0 T	0.8 T
Weight	2.2	2.0 tons
Power	Battery	Solar-panel
Consumption	1.2 kW	450 W
Cryogen life	5.5	20 days



# BESS-Polar II Antideuteron Search

## Single Track Selection

Track Quality

No. of Hit,  $\chi^2$  of fitting

Consistency of Track and TOF

## Extract (anti)deuterons

dE/dX (UTOF, LTOF, MTOF, JET)

Beta U-L

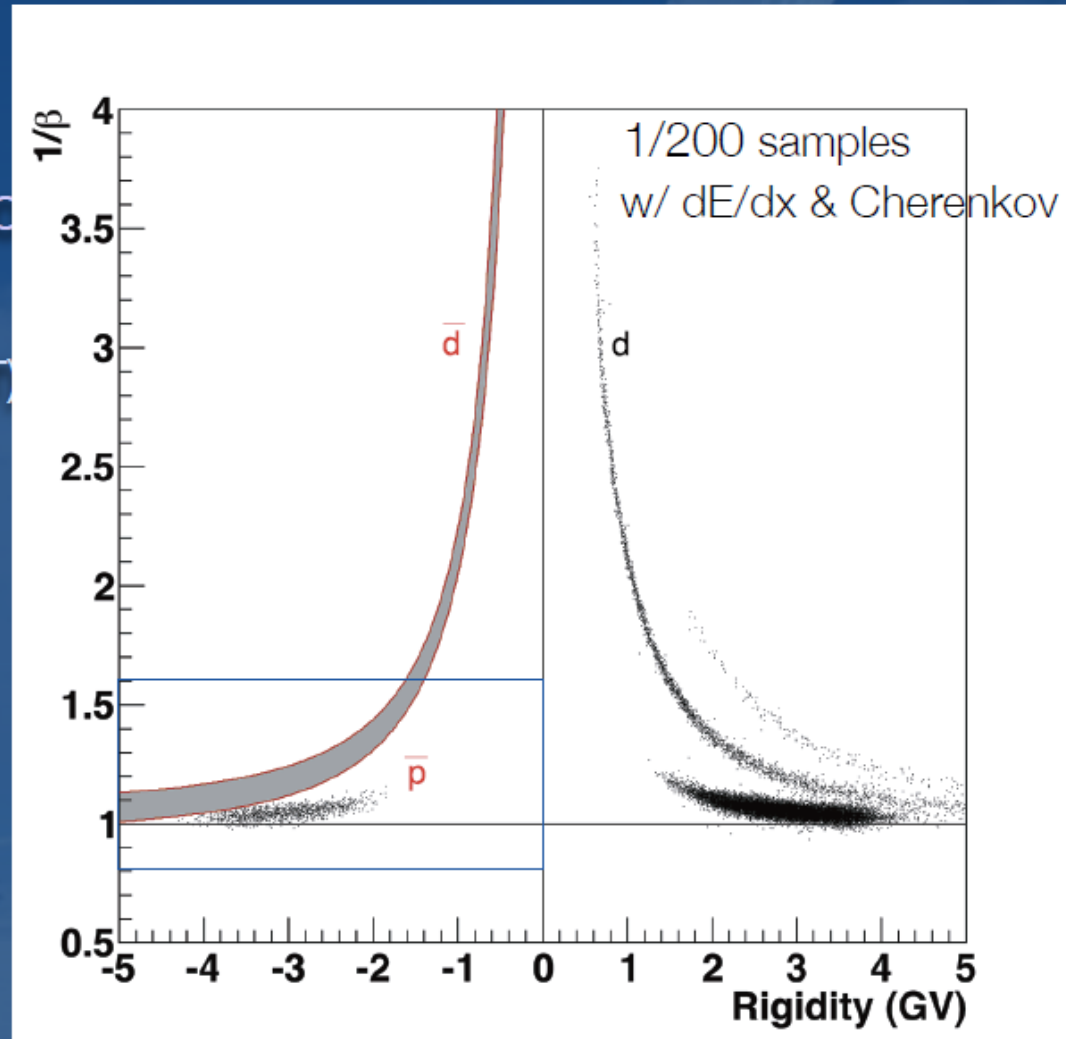
Cherenkov

## Optimize selection using positive curvature events

wider energy range

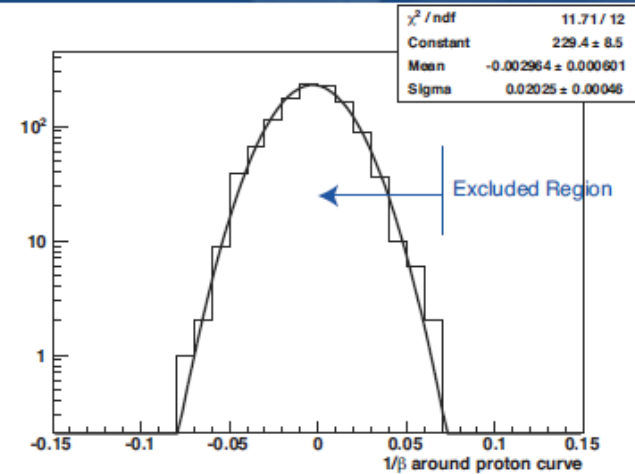
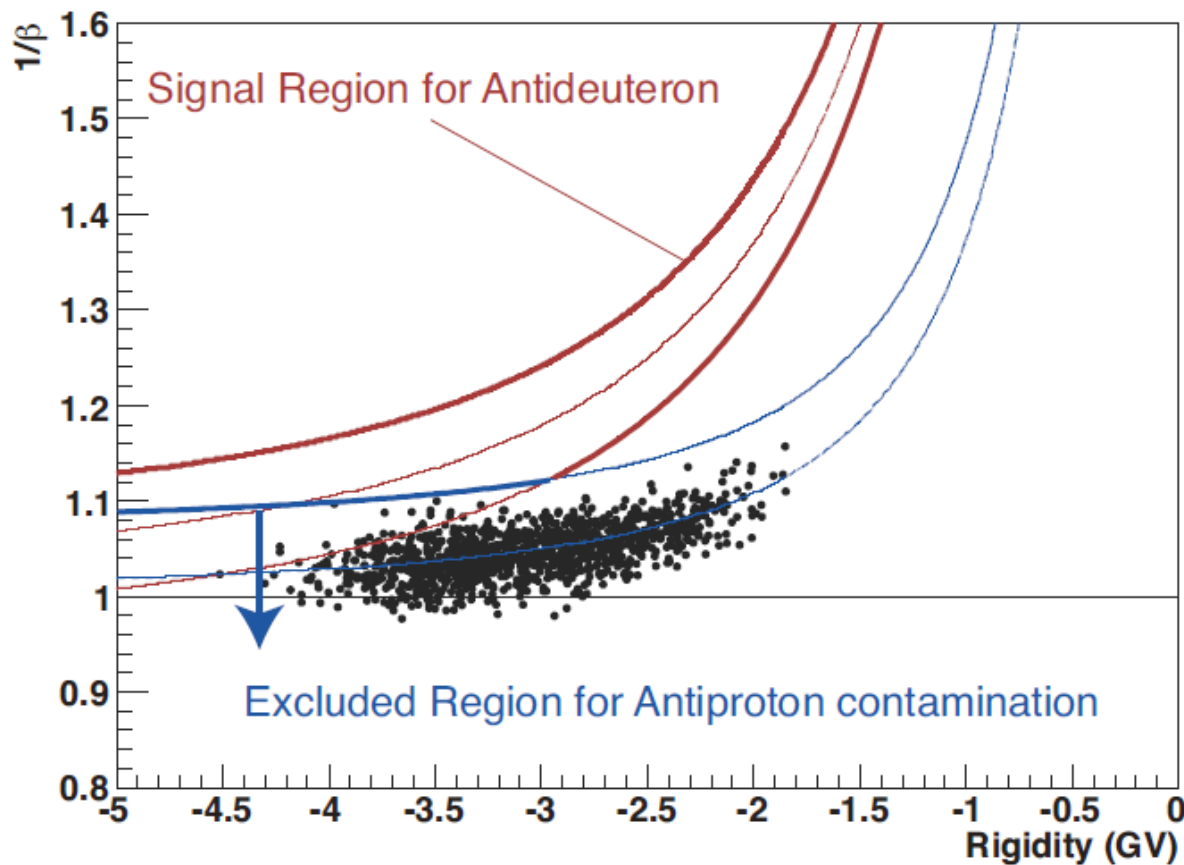
good rejection while keeping efficiency

$\bar{d}$  (d) are clearly extracted in the band  
 $\bar{p}$  (p) contaminate the  $\bar{d}$ (d) region



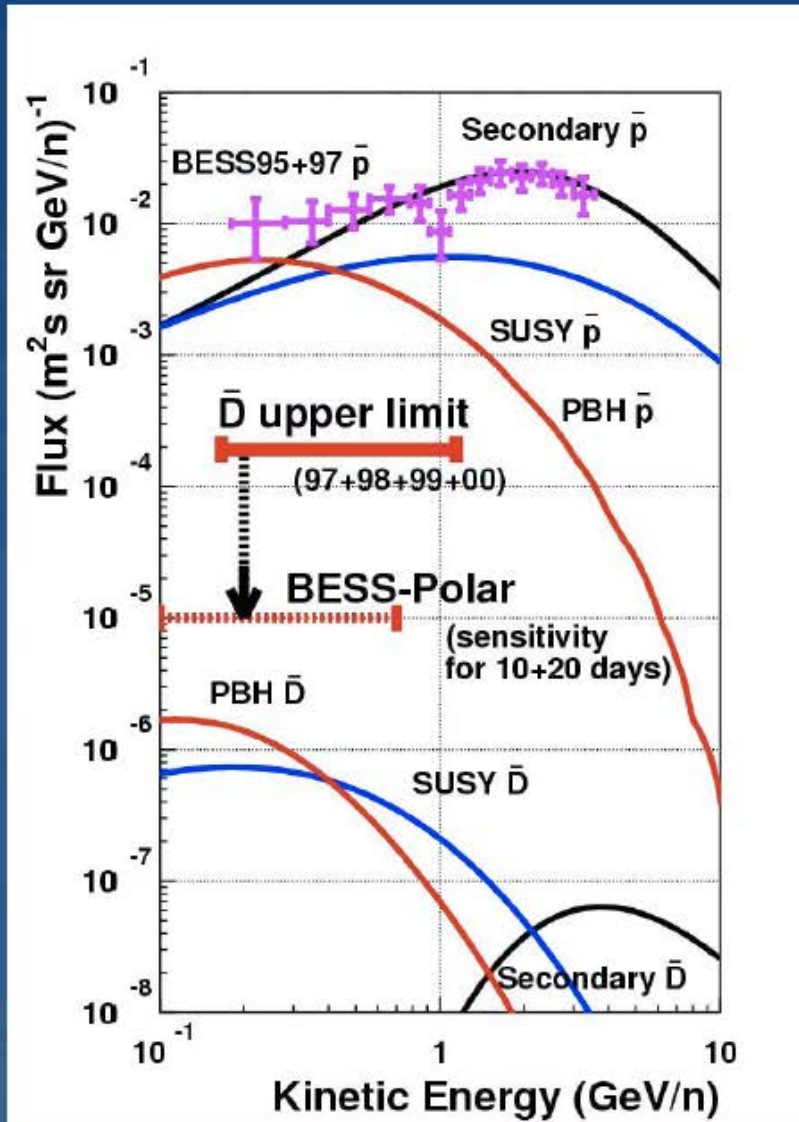
# BESS-Polar II Antideuteron Search

**No antideuteron** was found below 5 GeV/c rigidity.



Excluded region  
< 0.1 event

# Antideuteron Search



- Secondary  $\bar{D}$  probability is negligible at low energies due to kinematics
- Any observed  $\bar{D}$  almost certainly has a primary origin!
- $\bar{D}$  95% C.L. upper limit (first reported)  $1.92 \times 10^{-4}$  ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s sr GeV/n}^{-1}$ ) from BESS97+98+99+00.
- BESS-Polar II flight accumulated cosmic-ray data in near solar minimum conditions with more than 10~20 times the statistics of BESS97.

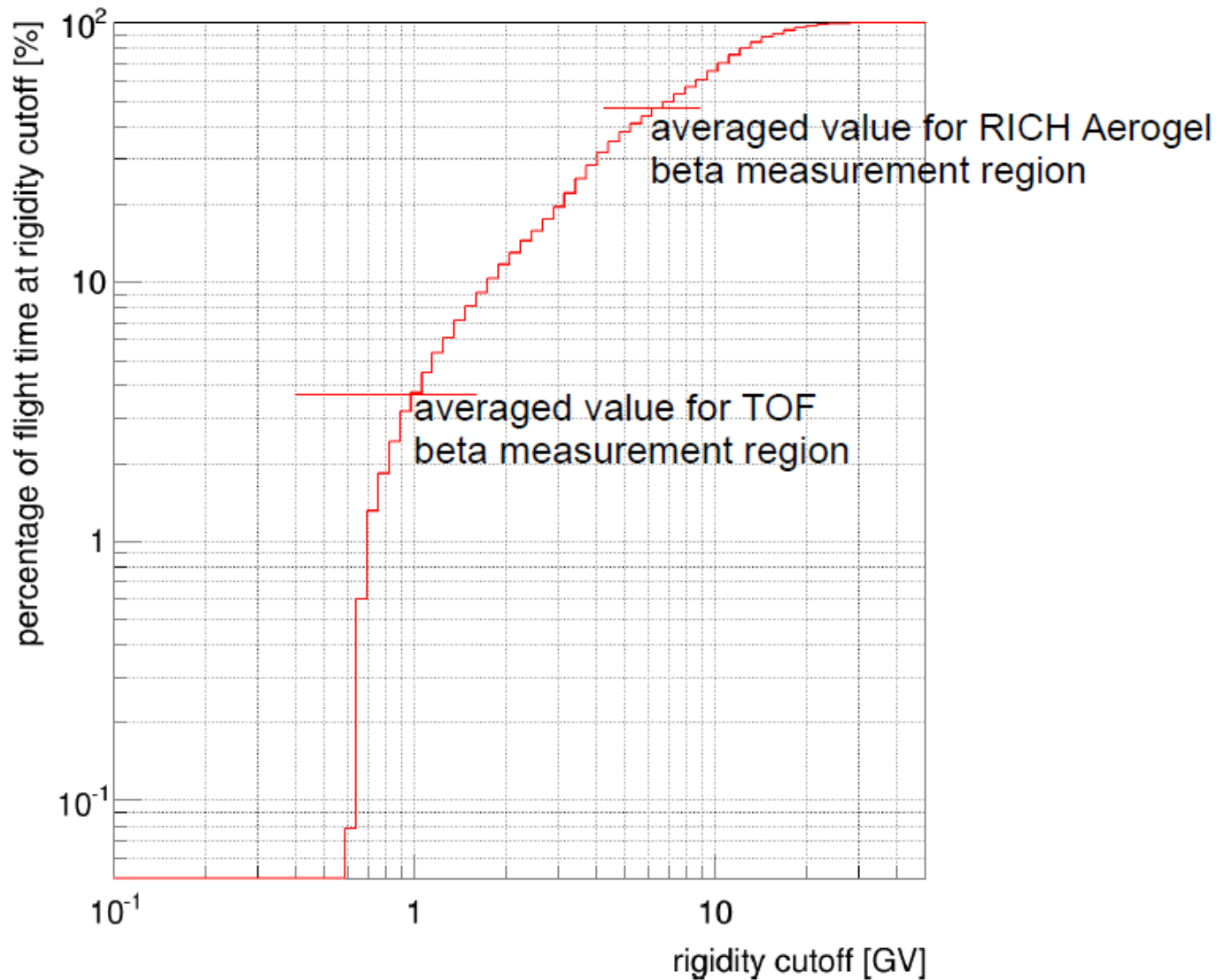
# AMS-02 antideuteron search

- Antideuteron identification requires reliable measurement of:
  - **Charge** magnitude (=1) & sign (negative)
  - **Mass**, from **velocity/momentum** combination:
    - Momentum measured in the form of rigidity ( $R=p/Z$ )
    - Methods for velocity measurement:
      - up to ~1 GeV/nuc: **TOF** (directly from  $\Delta t$  between upper/lower planes)
      - at ~1 GeV/nuc: **RICH**, **NaF radiator** (limited by very small acceptance)
      - at ~5 GeV/nuc: **RICH**, **aerogel radiator**  
(RICH velocity comes from Cherenkov cone aperture)
- Discreteness of charge, mass values is helpful
  - broad windows may be used
  - closest charges are 100% away, closest masses 50% away
- Existing studies on AMS-02 antideuteron sensitivity were based on superconducting magnet configuration
  - **NEW ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR PERMANENT MAGNET SETUP**

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



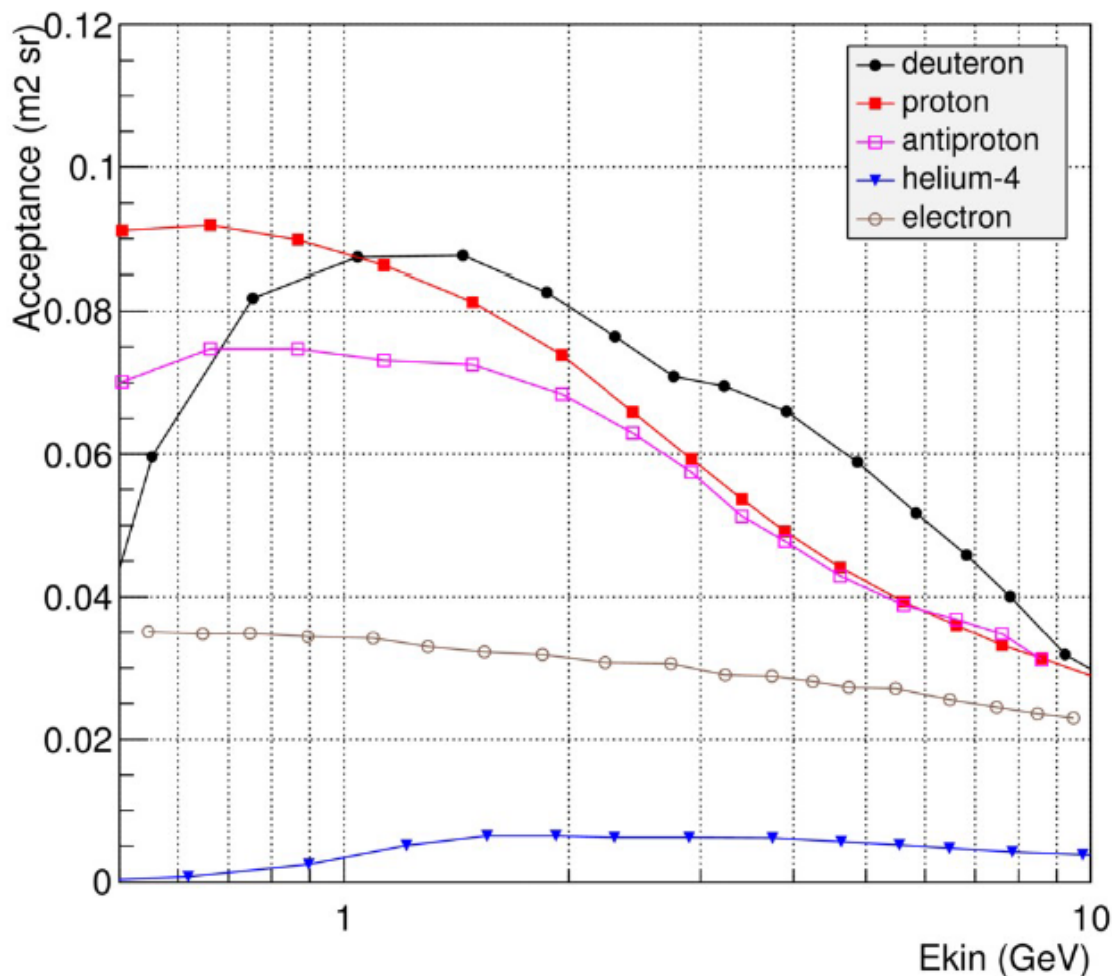
# Average time spent at low rigidity cutoffs



# Acceptance after cuts

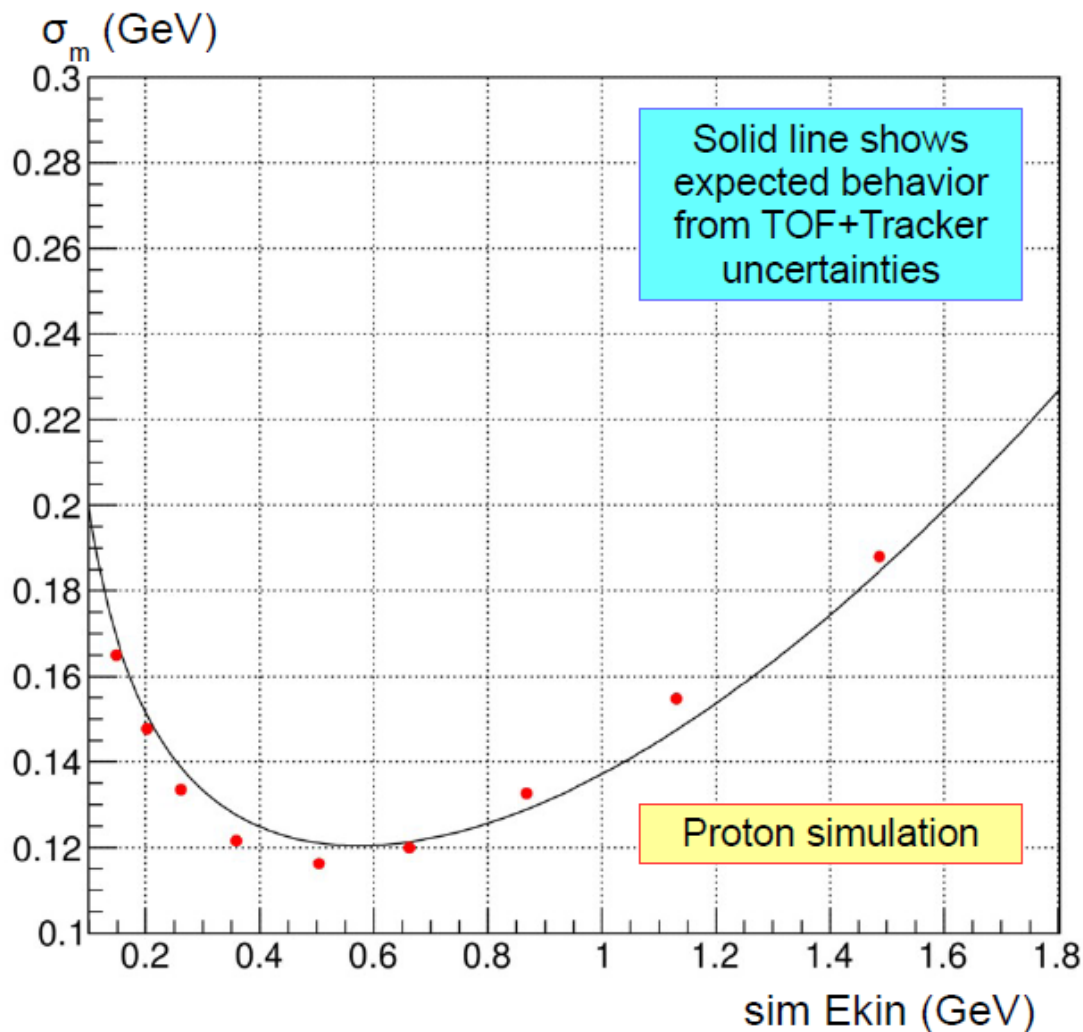
- Acceptance after cuts at 1 GeV:
  - $\sim 0.08 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$  for hadrons
  - $\sim 0.03 \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$  for electrons
  - Large electron fraction excluded due to  $\beta > 1$  reading
- Much smaller value for helium
  - restriction to  $Z = 1$  included in quality cuts
- Quality cuts tend to exclude noisy events (detected as ACC clusters, extra TOF clusters...)
  - higher energy means more interactions
  - also explains why antiprotons (where annihilation is possible) are clearly below protons at low energy

Rec with mass acceptance, after cuts



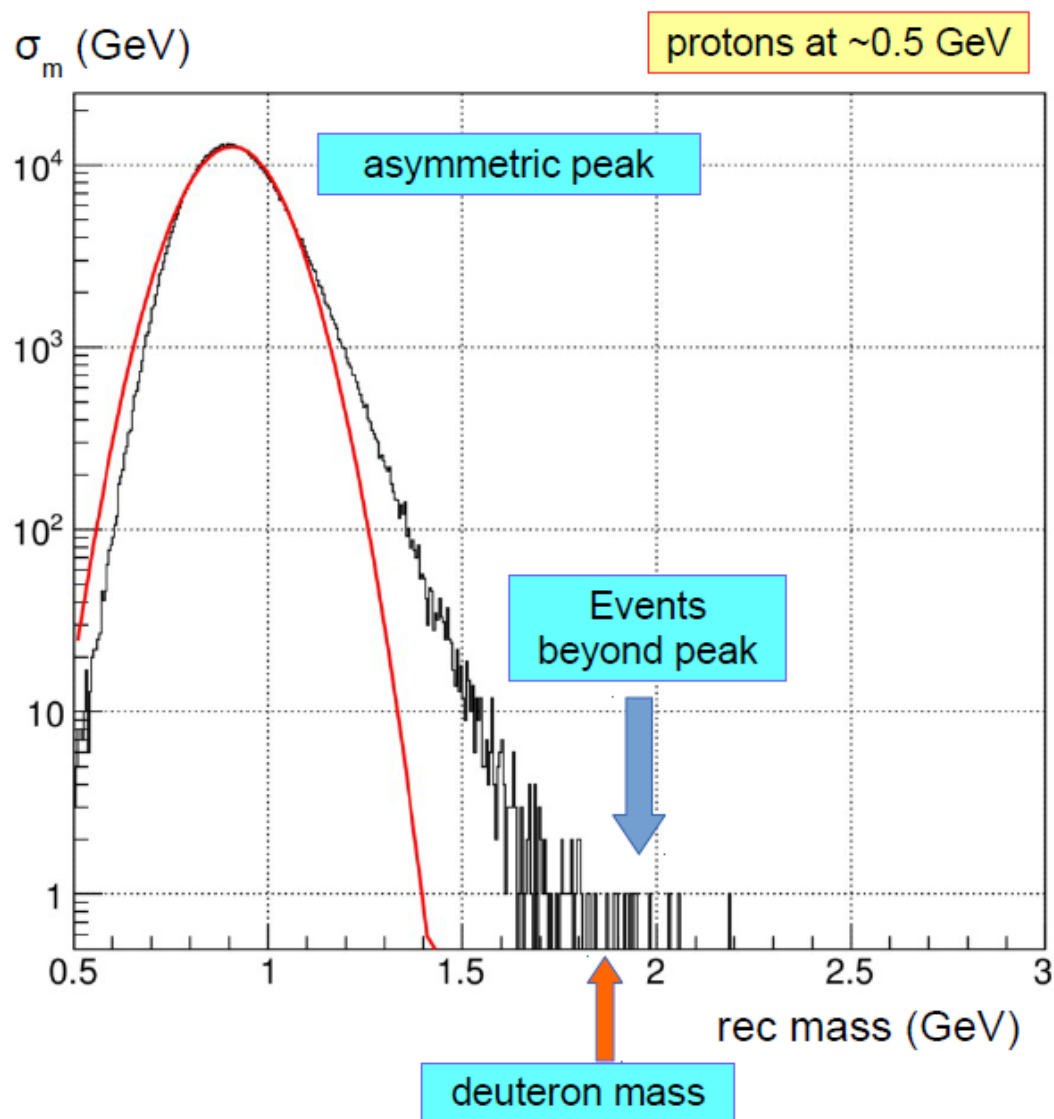
# Mass resolution

- Proton results show mass resolution of 12% at  $\sim 0.5$  GeV after quality cuts are applied
  - Should be enough for good d/p separation if tails were fully Gaussian...



# Mass resolution

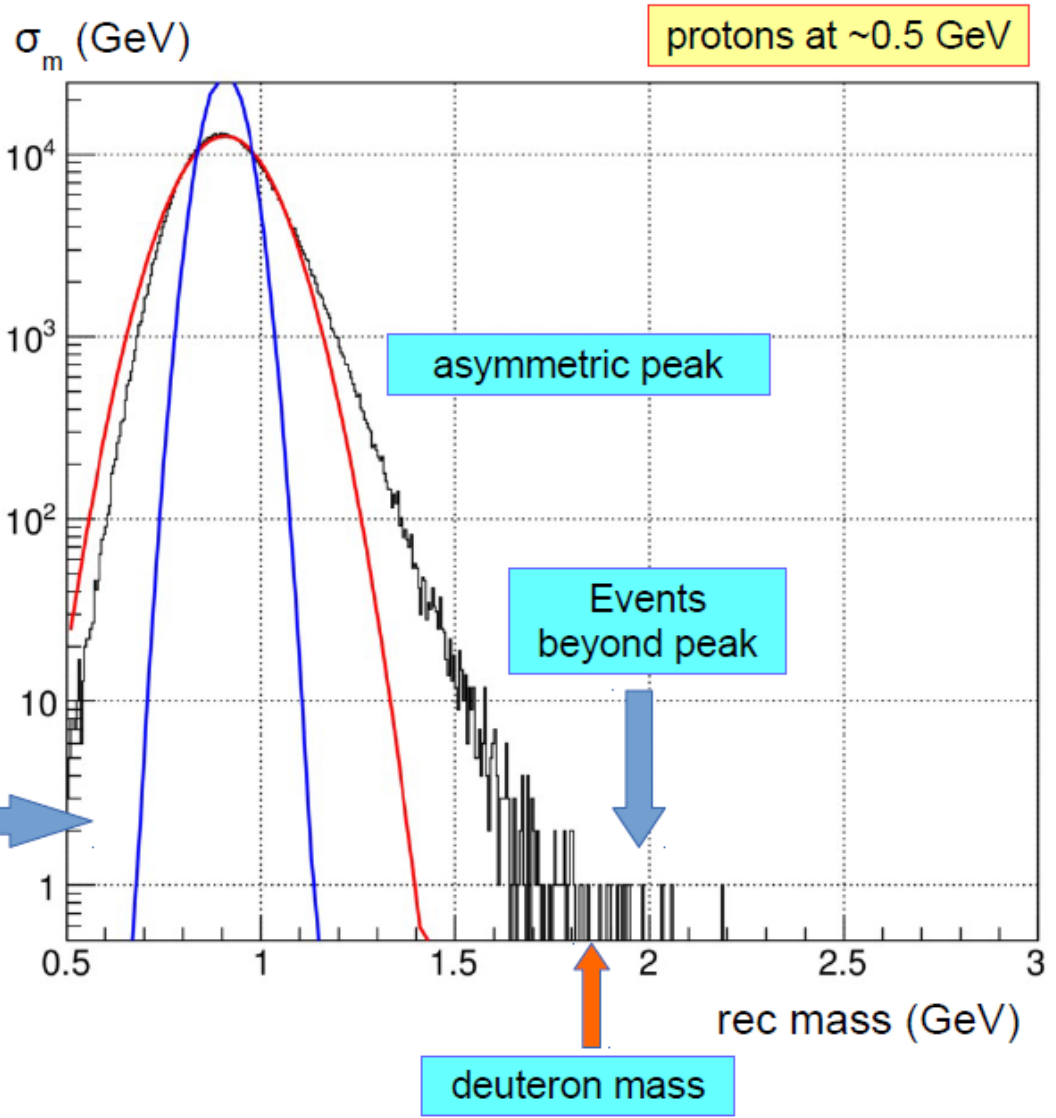
- Unfortunately, as expected, that is not exactly the case
  - Gaussian curve shown matches top of mass peak
  - Mass peak is slightly asymmetric, with larger tail on the right
  - A tiny, but non-zero fraction of events lies beyond the peak
- Ongoing work to improve reconstruction results





# Mass resolution

- Superconducting magnet configuration would have been better
  - Example for  $\sim 0.5$  GeV: mass resolution would be 5% instead of 12%





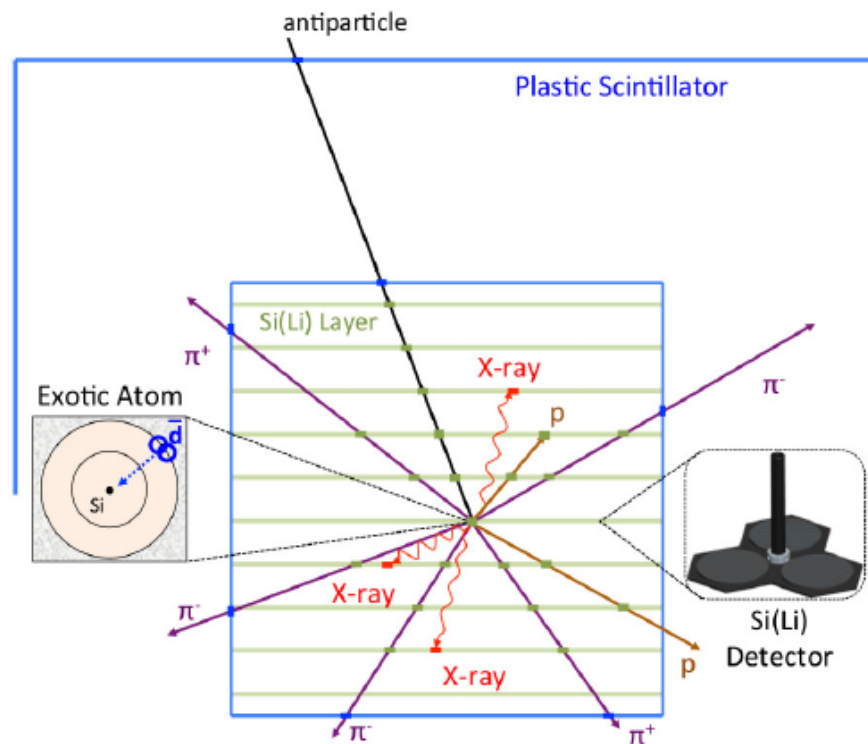
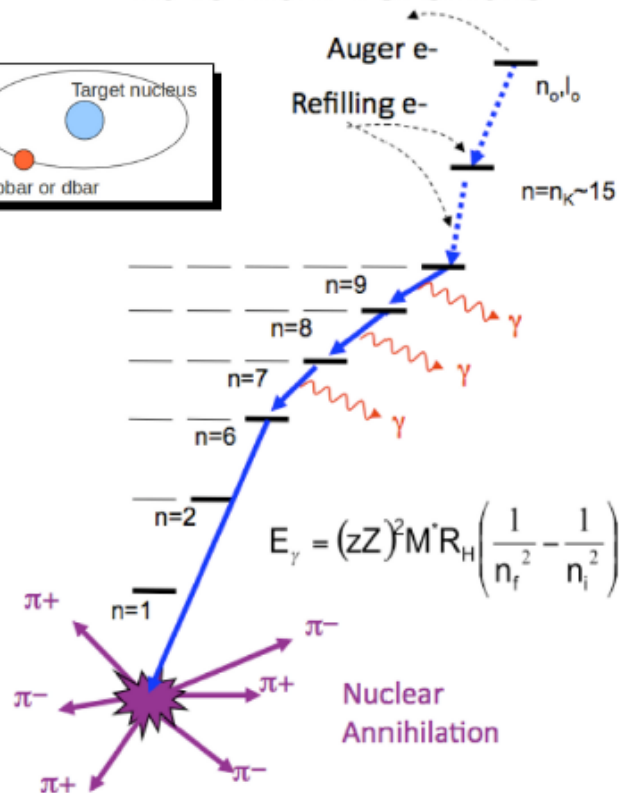
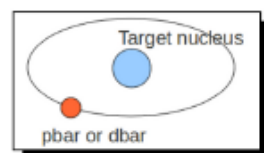
- JAXA / ISAS: Fuke, Bando, Takada, Yoshida
- Columbia Univ.: Aramaki, Hailey, Perez, Madden, Mori
- UC Berkeley: Boggs
- Hawaii: von Doetinchem
- UCLA: Mognet, Ong, Zweerink
- Univ. of Latvia: Gahbauer

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# GAPS: The General Antiparticle Spectrometer

Light antinuclei can form excited *exotic atom* states with normal matter.

## Exotic Atom Transitions

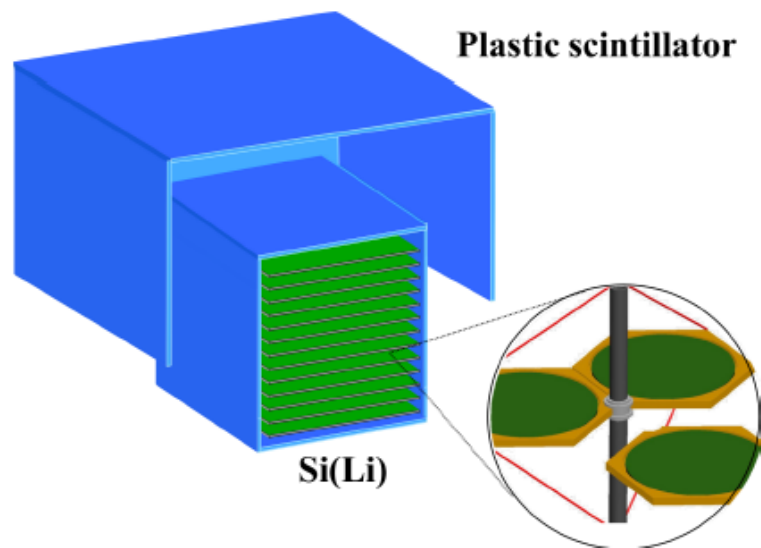


GAPS with Si target material.

Atomic transition x-rays, charged pion multiplicity, and other products provide distinct signature for antinuclei.

## Proposed Antarctic flight at the end of 2018.

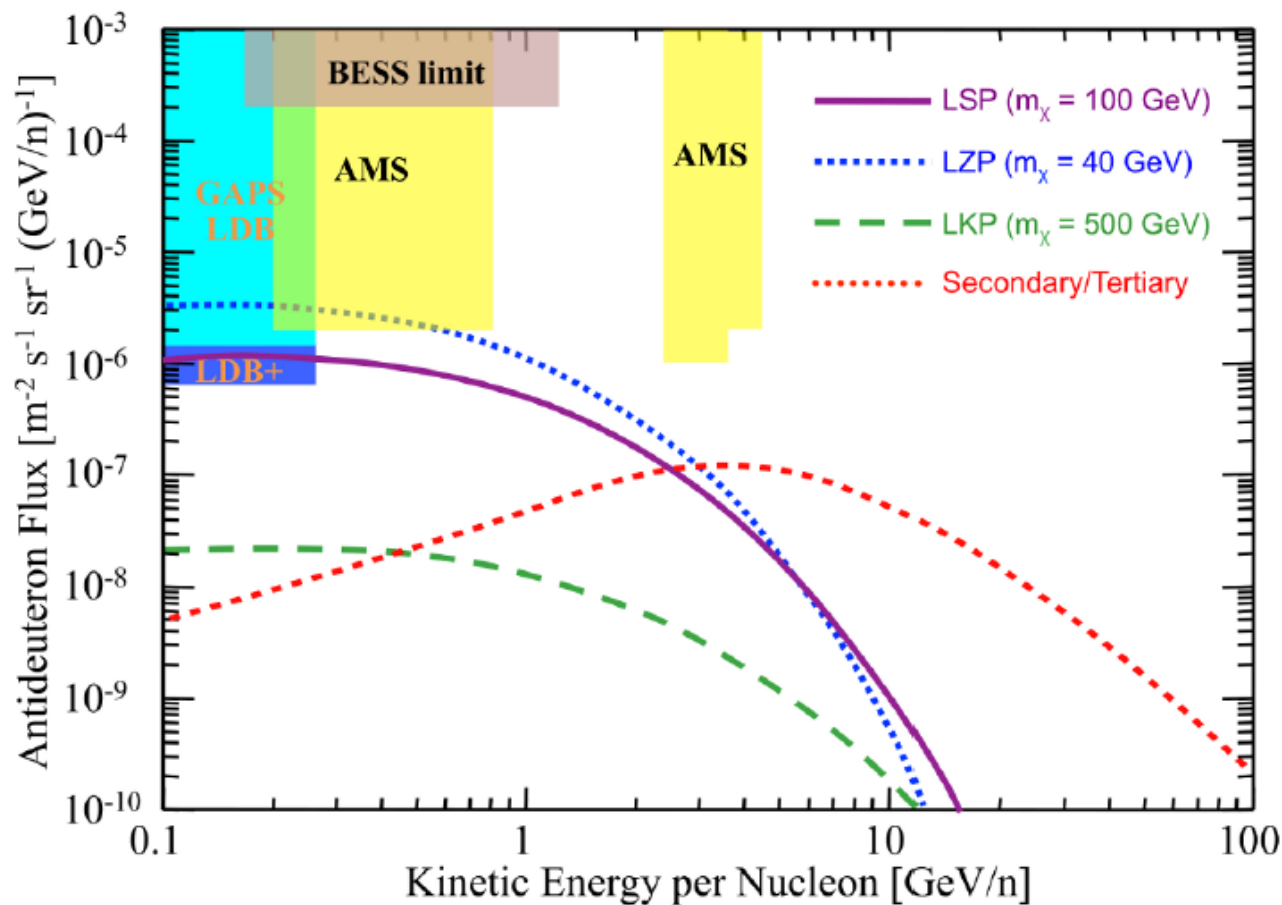
Geometrical Acceptance	$18 \text{ m}^2 \text{ sr}$
Energy	$0.05\text{-}0.25 \text{ GeV}/n$
Exposure Target	105 days (3 LDB flights)
Sensitivity (CL)	$2.0 \times 10^6 (\text{m}^2 * \text{sr} * \text{s} * \text{GeV}/n)^{-1}$
Expected Bkgd Events	0.009



- Overall width of  $\sim 3.6 \text{ m}$ .
- $\sim 1440$  Si(Li) detectors in 10 layers (70 kg of silicon).
- OHP cooling system
- Plastic scintillator based time-of-flight system ( $60 \text{ m}^2$ ).

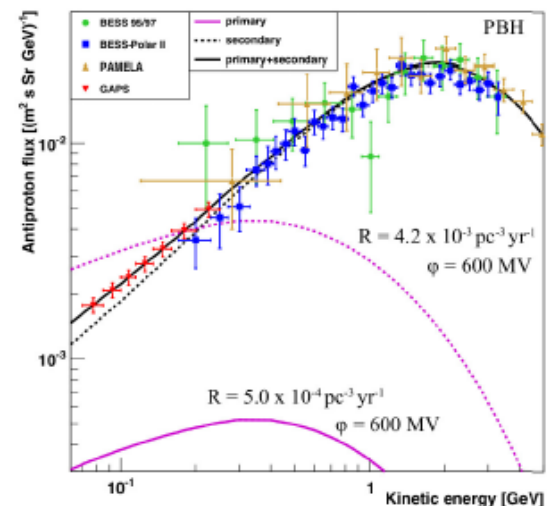
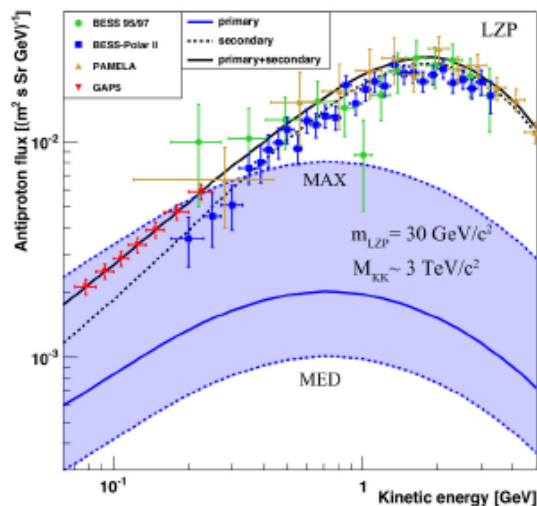
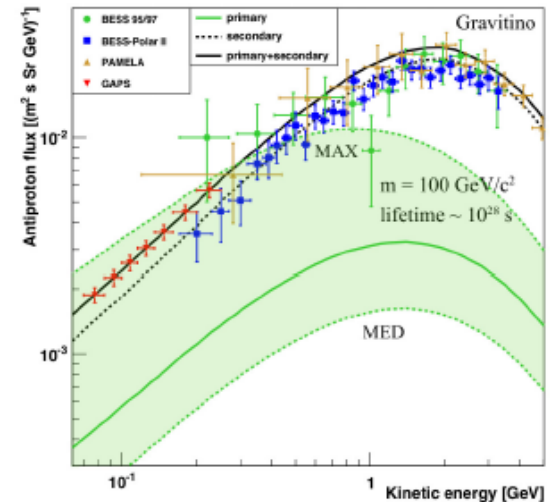
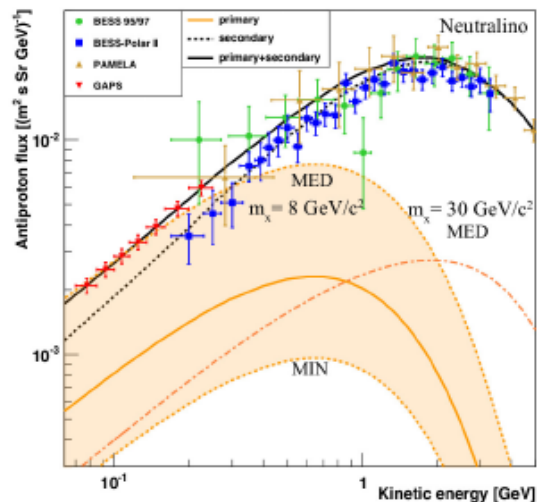
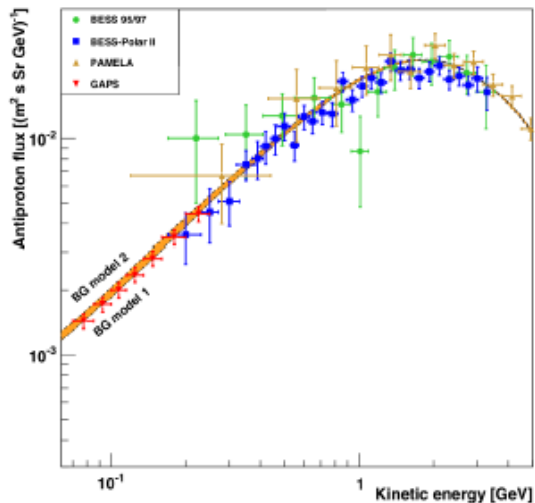


# GAPS and AMS Sensitivity



(Potentially) an essentially background free channel for dark matter detection.

# Precision Antiproton Measurements with GAPS



Antiproton sensitivity for 40 day GAPS flight:

- Secondary background
- Neutralino (8 and 30  $\text{GeV}/c^2$ )
- Gravitino
- Right-handed KK neutrino ( $30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )
- Evaporating primordial black holes

See [arXiv:1401.8245v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1401.8245v1)

# The Flight



## Instrument Paper

S. A. I. Mognet et al.

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1303.1615>

## Flight Paper

P. von Doetinchem et al.

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1307.3538v2>

- Both TOF and Si(Li) systems worked very well.
- Rotator failed so no pointing (no active cooling available).
- Si(Li) operated for duration of flight from initial ground cooling (64% of strips still depleted at termination).
- OHP test very successful (first operation in a balloon flight).
- Thermal model fully validated (with pointing, active cooling would have worked).

**The pGAPS flight was a great success!**