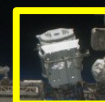


# Misure di precisione di raggi cosmici con AMS-02 sulla ISS

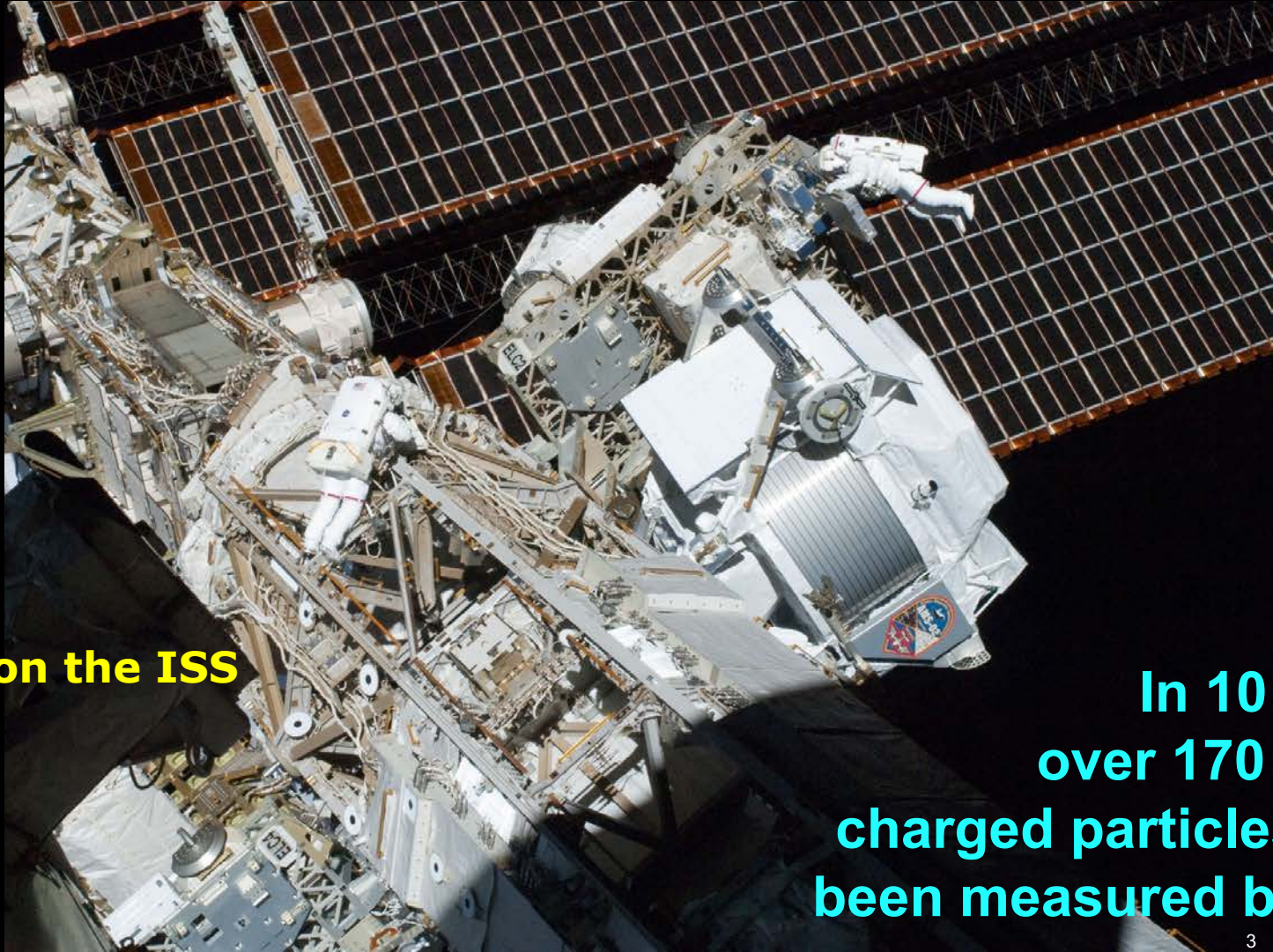
Roberto Battiston  
Trento University and INFN-TIFPA



International  
Cosmic Day  
EEE-Cref  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022



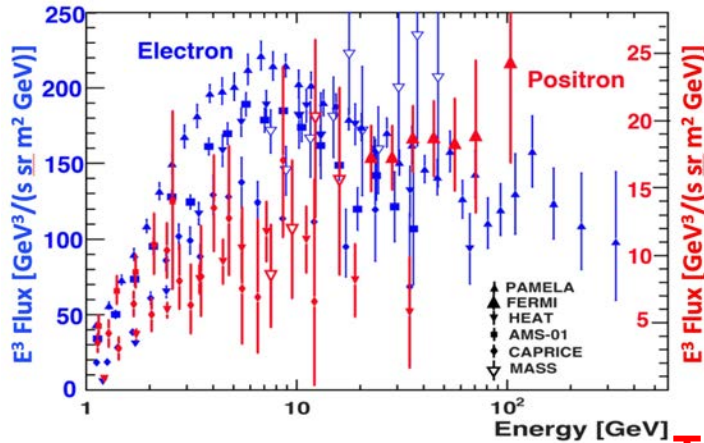
# One hundred years after Hess discovery, Cosmic Rays experiments in space provide precision measurements



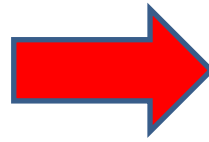
**AMS-02 on the ISS**

**In 10 years,  
over 170 billion  
charged particles have  
been measured by AMS**

Data of the Electron and Positron spectra before AMS

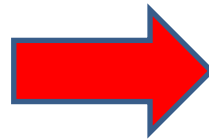
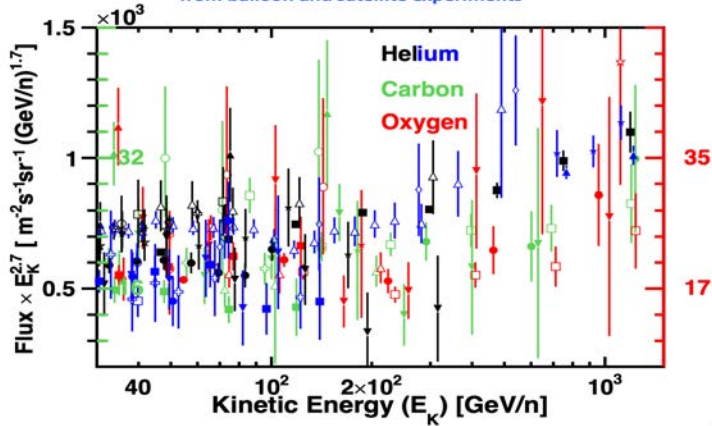


Alpha  
Magnetic  
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AMS



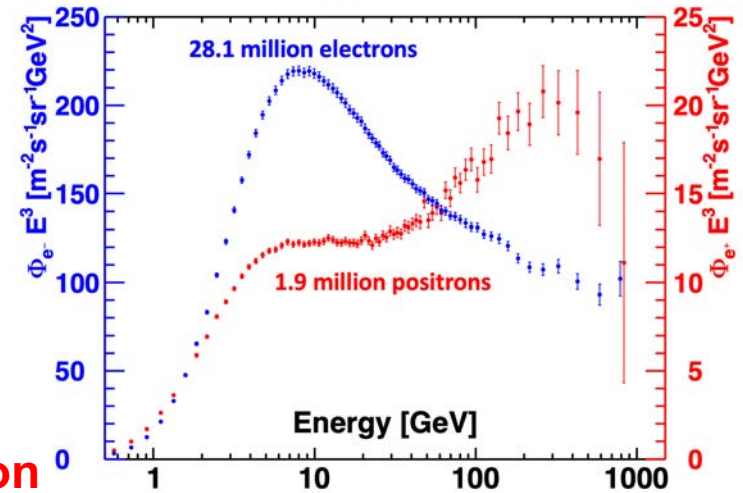
The Era of Precision  
Cosmic Ray  
measurements

Before AMS: results on Primary Cosmic Rays  
(Helium, Carbon, Oxygen)  
from balloon and satellite experiments

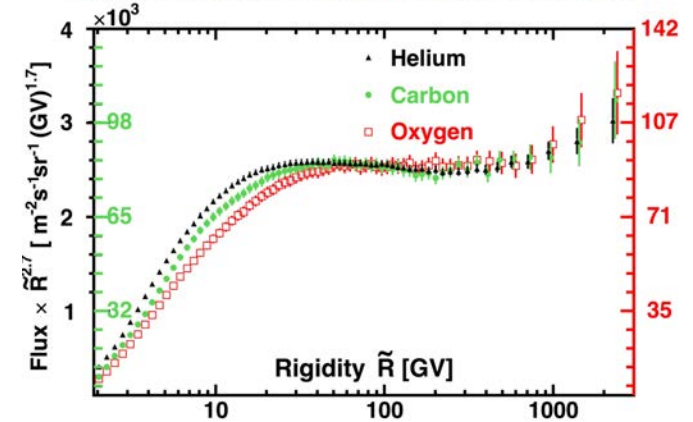


AMS results :  
first time % accuracy  
in Cosmic Ray physics

Latest AMS results on positron and electron fluxes



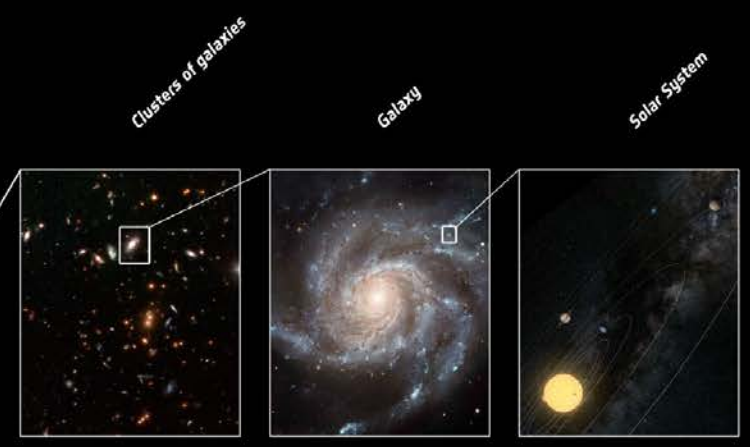
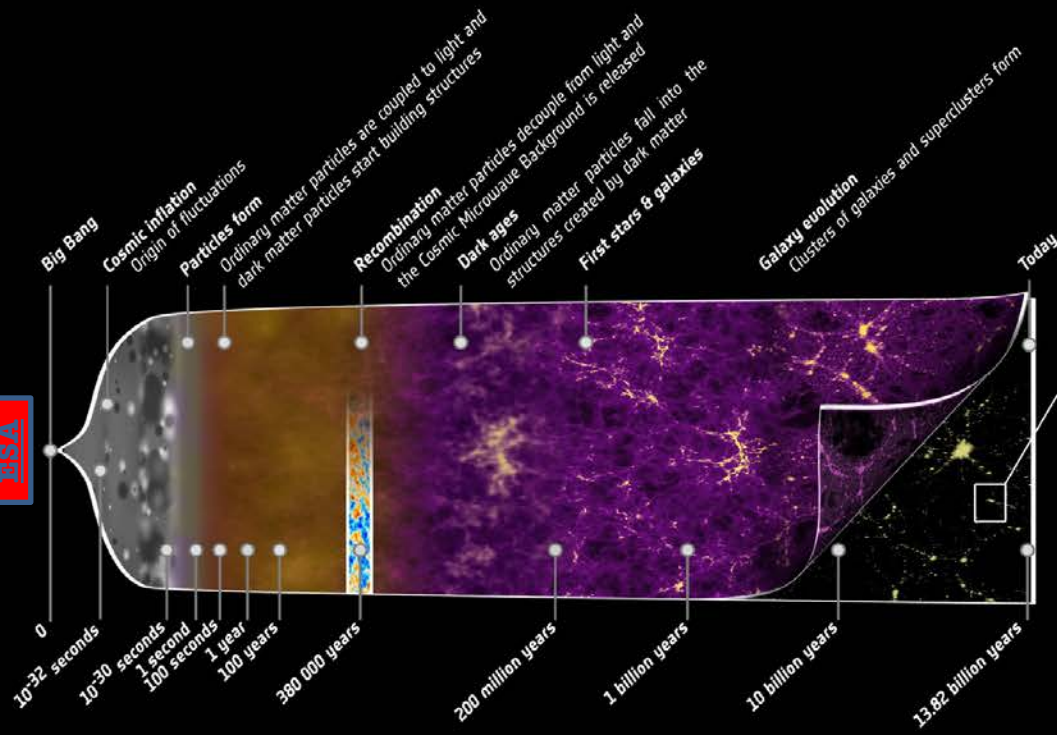
The AMS results on primary cosmic rays He, C, and O.

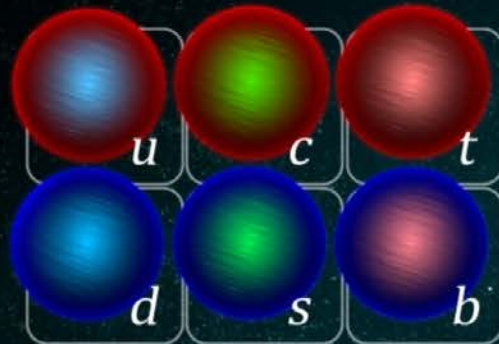


# High Precision Particle Astrophysics using antimatter particles

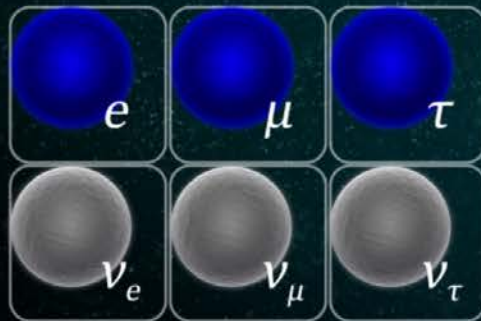
Antimatter particles in Cosmic Rays (CR) represent a small fraction of the total flux, about  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  for  $e^+$ ,  $10^{-5}$  for  $p\text{-bar}$ ,  $10^{-7}$  for  $d\text{-bar}$ , less than  $10^{-9}$  for anti- $^3\text{He}$  or heavier antinuclei: these tiny fluxes, however, carry a great amount of information, since the origin of antiparticles is intimately related to fundamental processes.



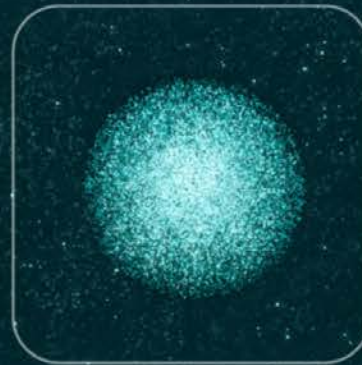




Quarks



Leptons



Higgs boson

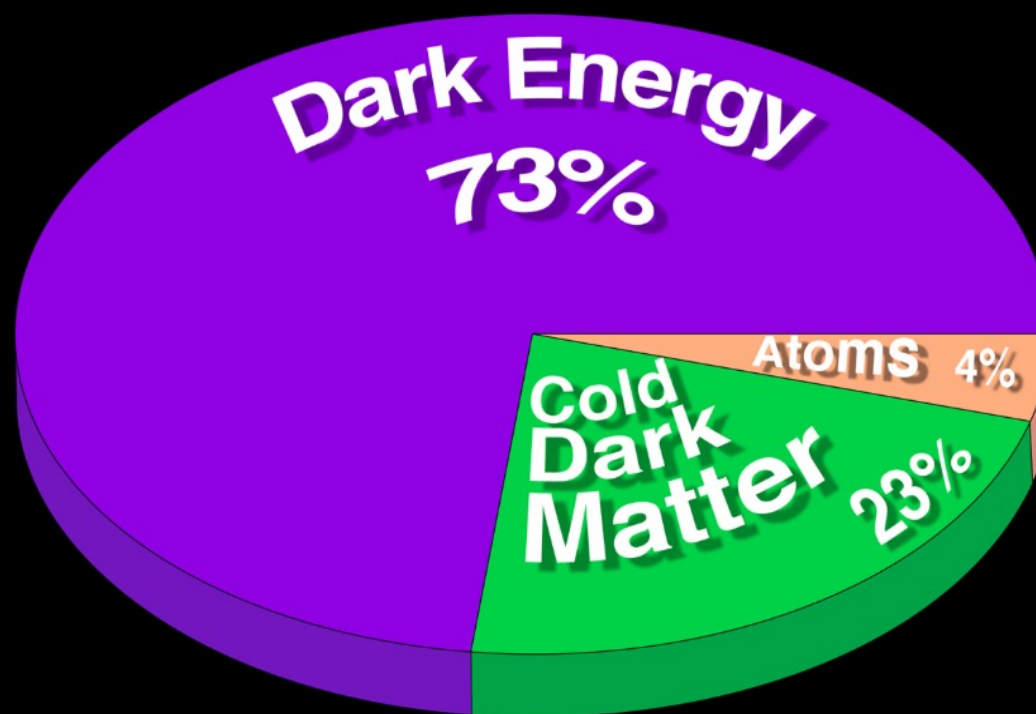


Forces



ACCELERATING SCIENCE

# Planck



**Dark matter in the  
universe**

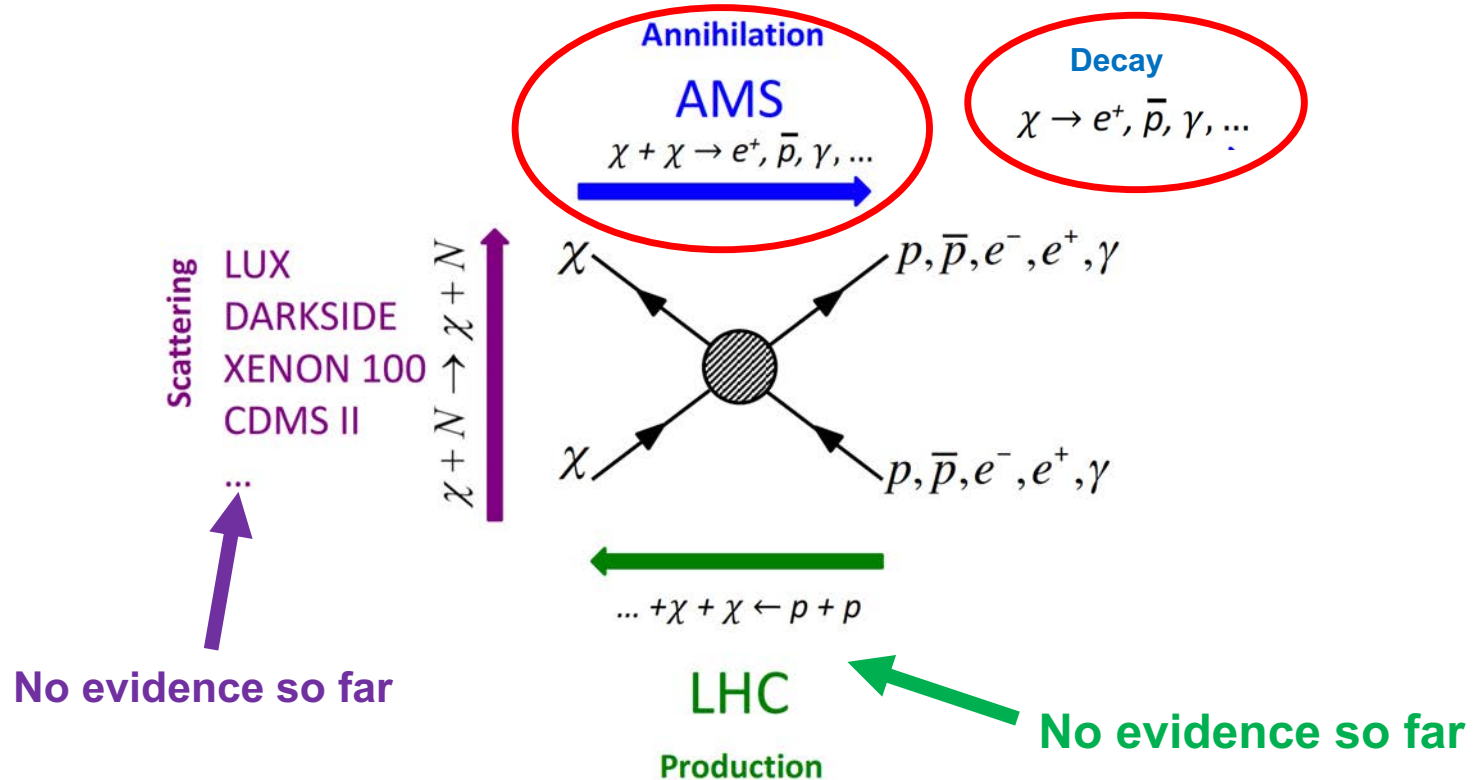


**A jar with  
a very few  
edible candies**



# Example of physics topics for High Precision Particle Astrophysics «Search for the origin of dark matter»

## Three independent methods to search for Dark Matter

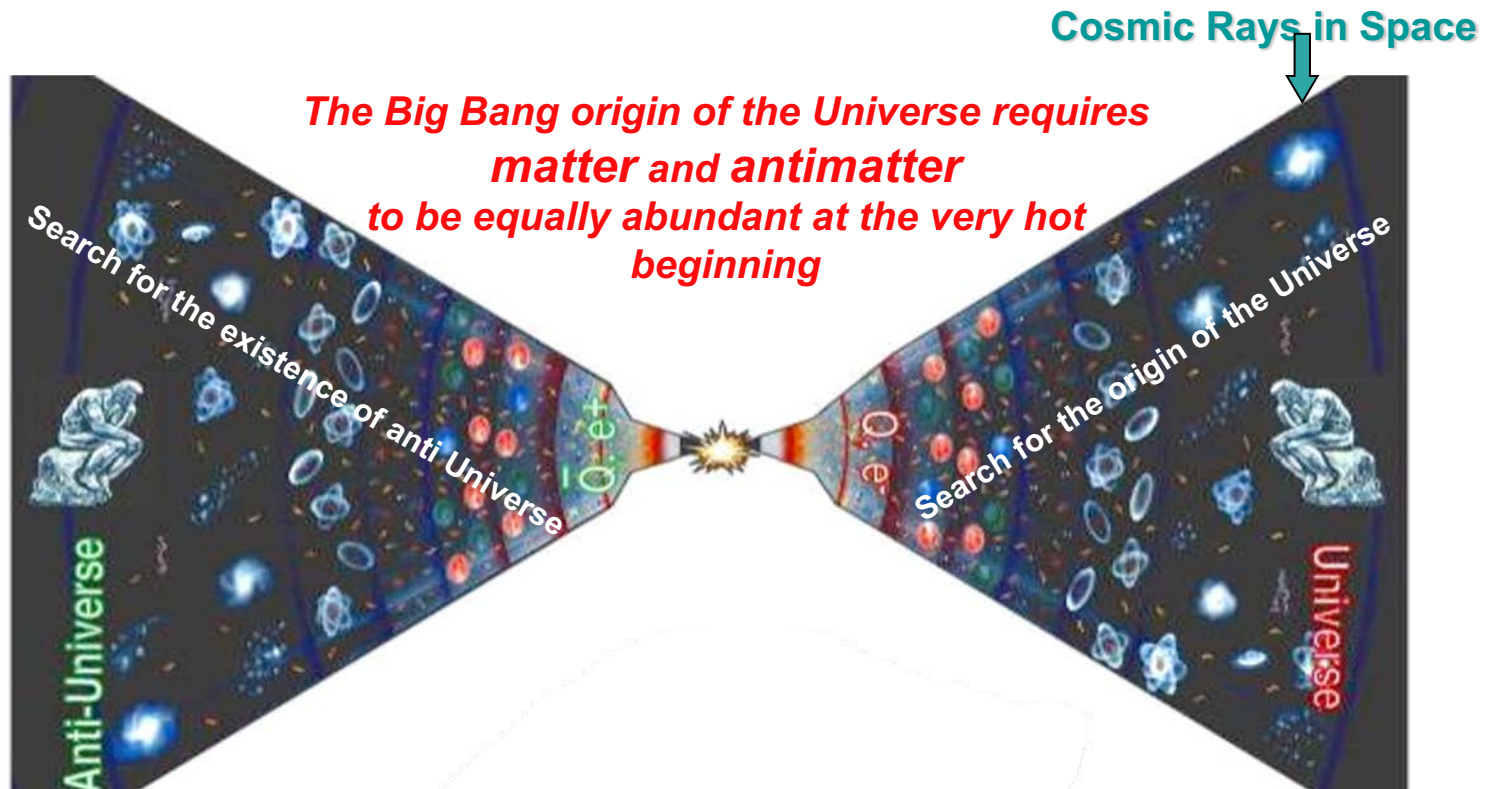


**Antimatter  
in the  
universe**



**The lost can**

# Example of physics topics for High Precision Particle Astrophysics: «Disappearance of nuclear antimatter»



Observation and detailed study of nuclear antimatter would be a game changer in our understanding of the physics of early Universe and of the fundamental properties of particle and fields.



# AMS-02: Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer

**Launch** 16/5/2011 (Endeavour)

**Construction** 1999-2010

**Dimensions**  $3 \times 4 \times 5 \text{ m}^3$

**Weight** 8.5 t

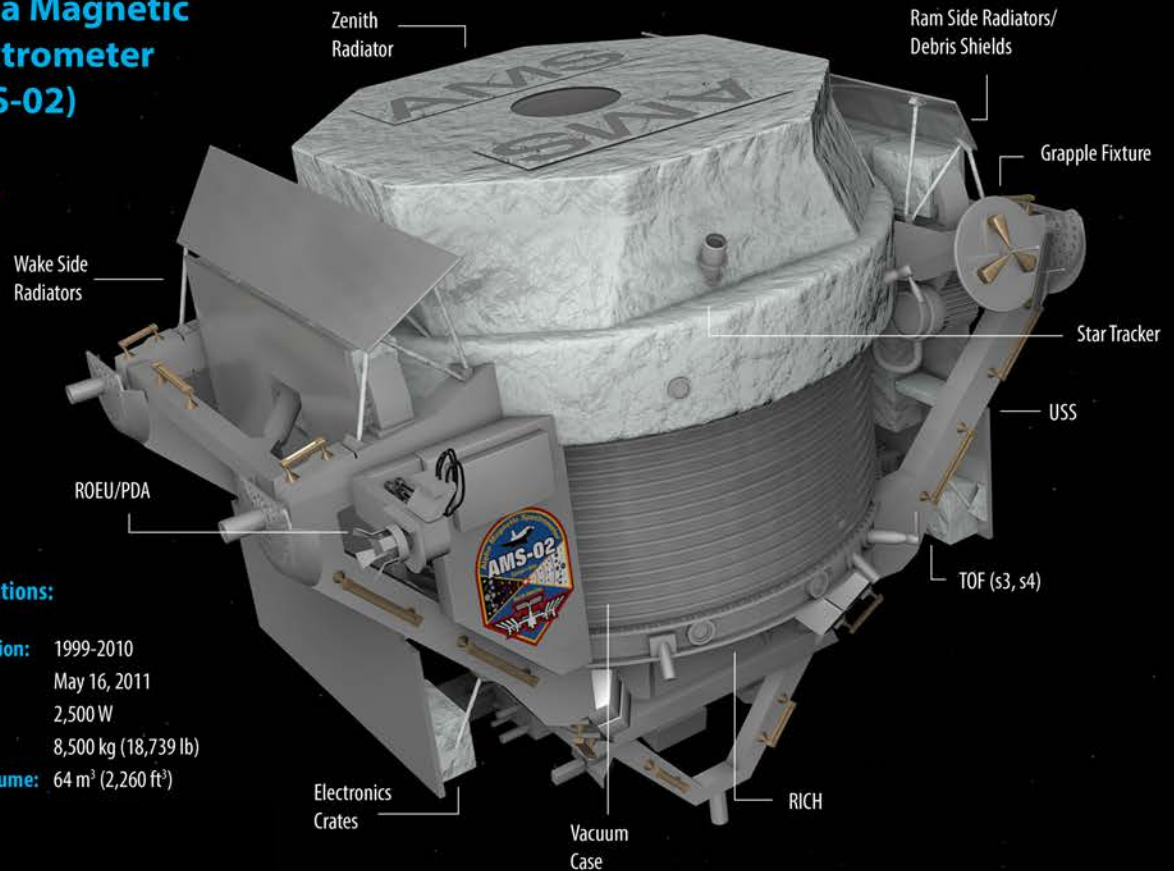
**Power** 2500 W

## Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02)

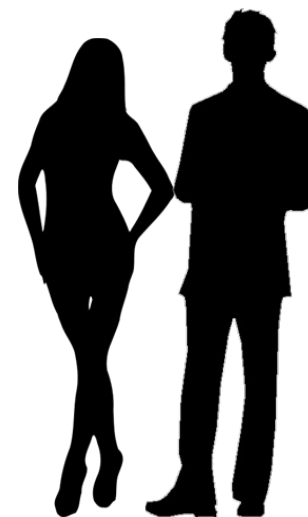
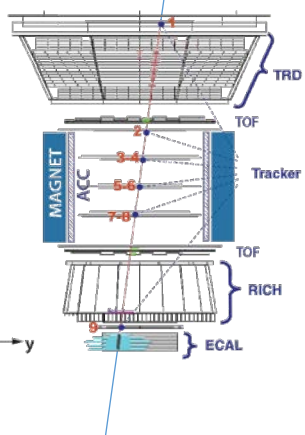
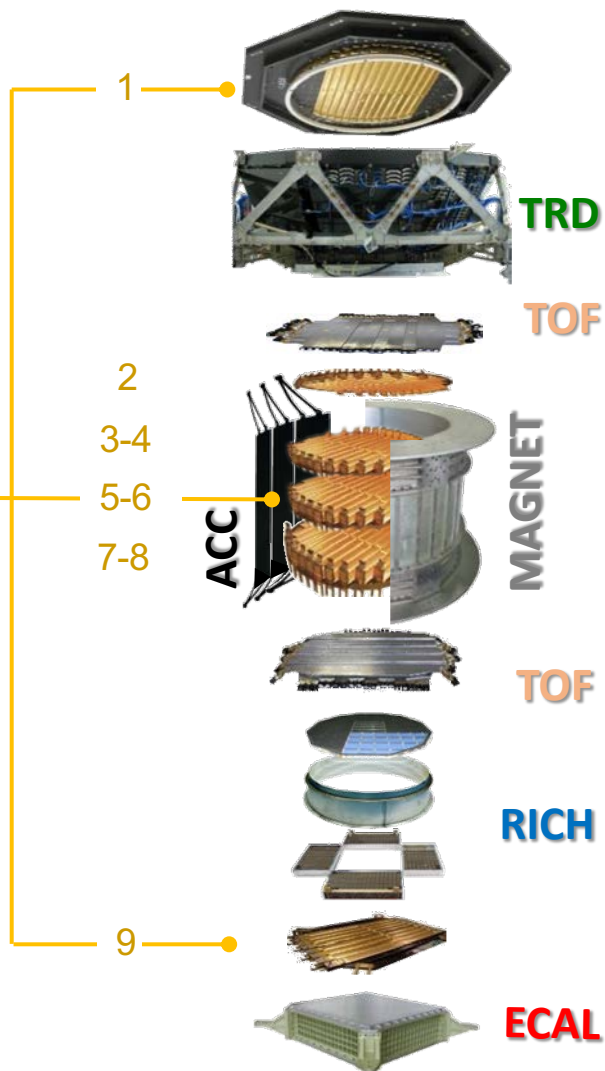
Port view

### Specifications:

**Construction:** 1999-2010  
**Launch:** May 16, 2011  
**Power:** 2,500 W  
**Mass:** 8,500 kg (18,739 lb)  
**Press. Volume:**  $64 \text{ m}^3$  (2,260  $\text{ft}^3$ )



**Tracker  
planes**



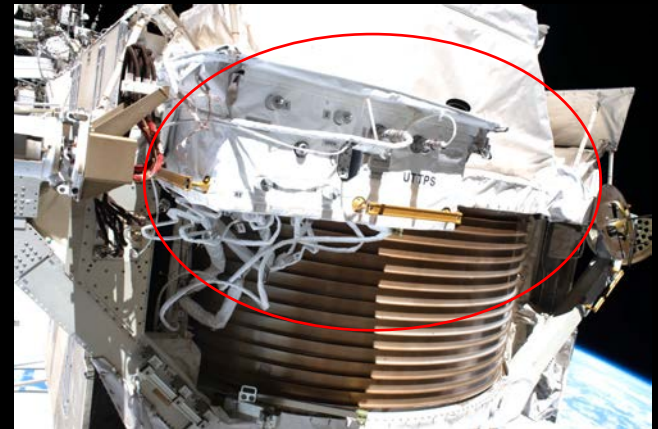


**STS-134 launch    May 16, 2011 @ 08:56 AM**

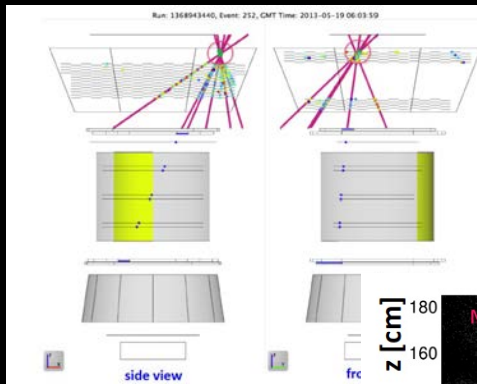


# Fix of the Cooling system 2019/20

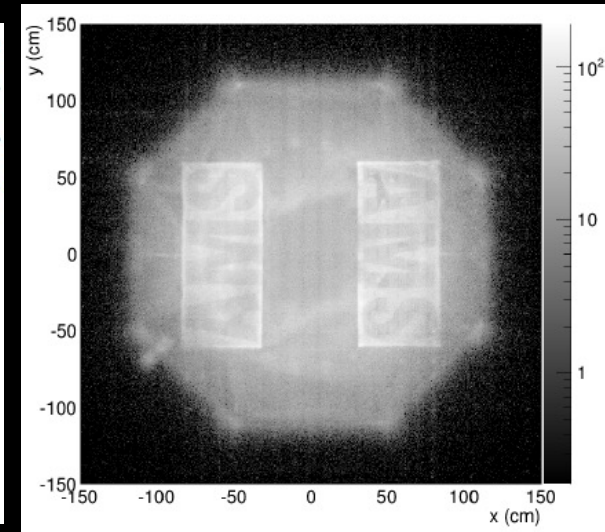
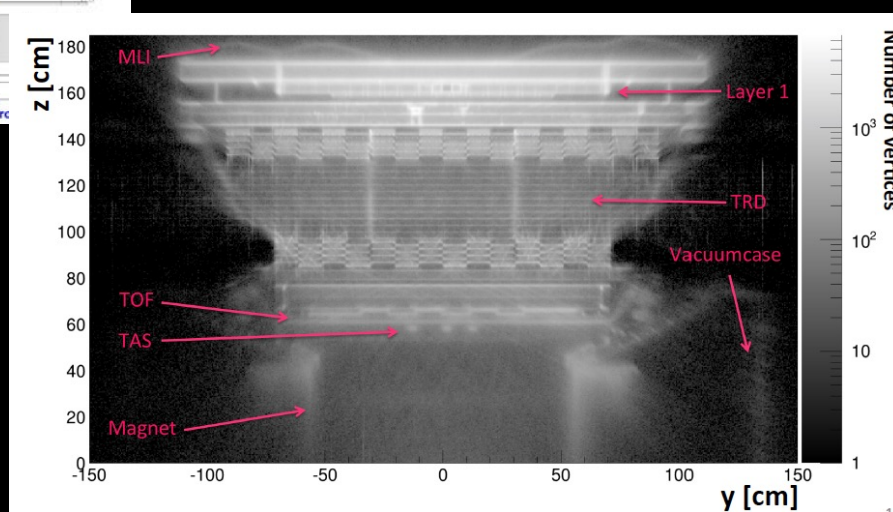
- 4 EVAs by**
- **Luca Parmitano**
  - **Andrew Morgan**



# AMS “tomography” using rare nuclear interaction events produced by 170 billions of Cosmic Rays

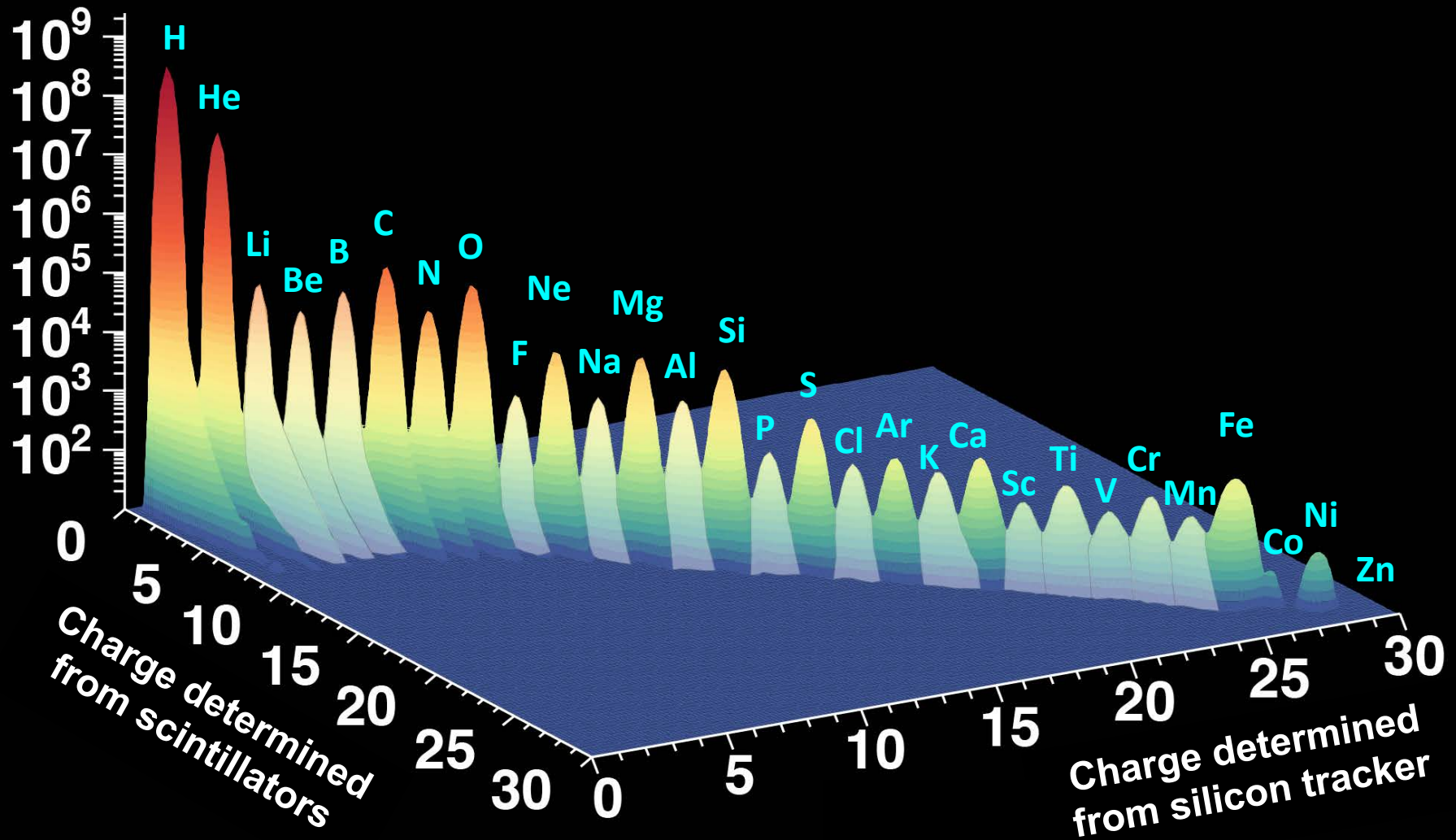


**Z=178.5 cm**



**The gray scale is proportional the the number of found vertices**

# Precision Measurement of Cosmic Nuclei





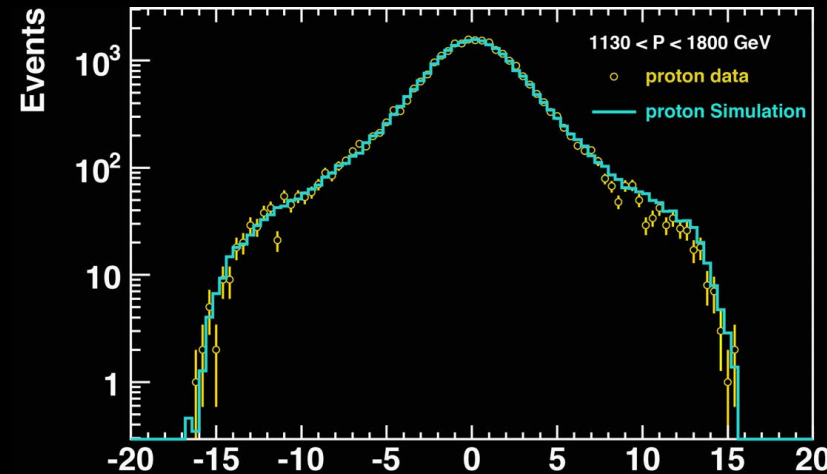
# Continuous Calibration at TeV (above CERN 0.4 TeV test beam)

By comparing **proton data**  
and **simulation from**

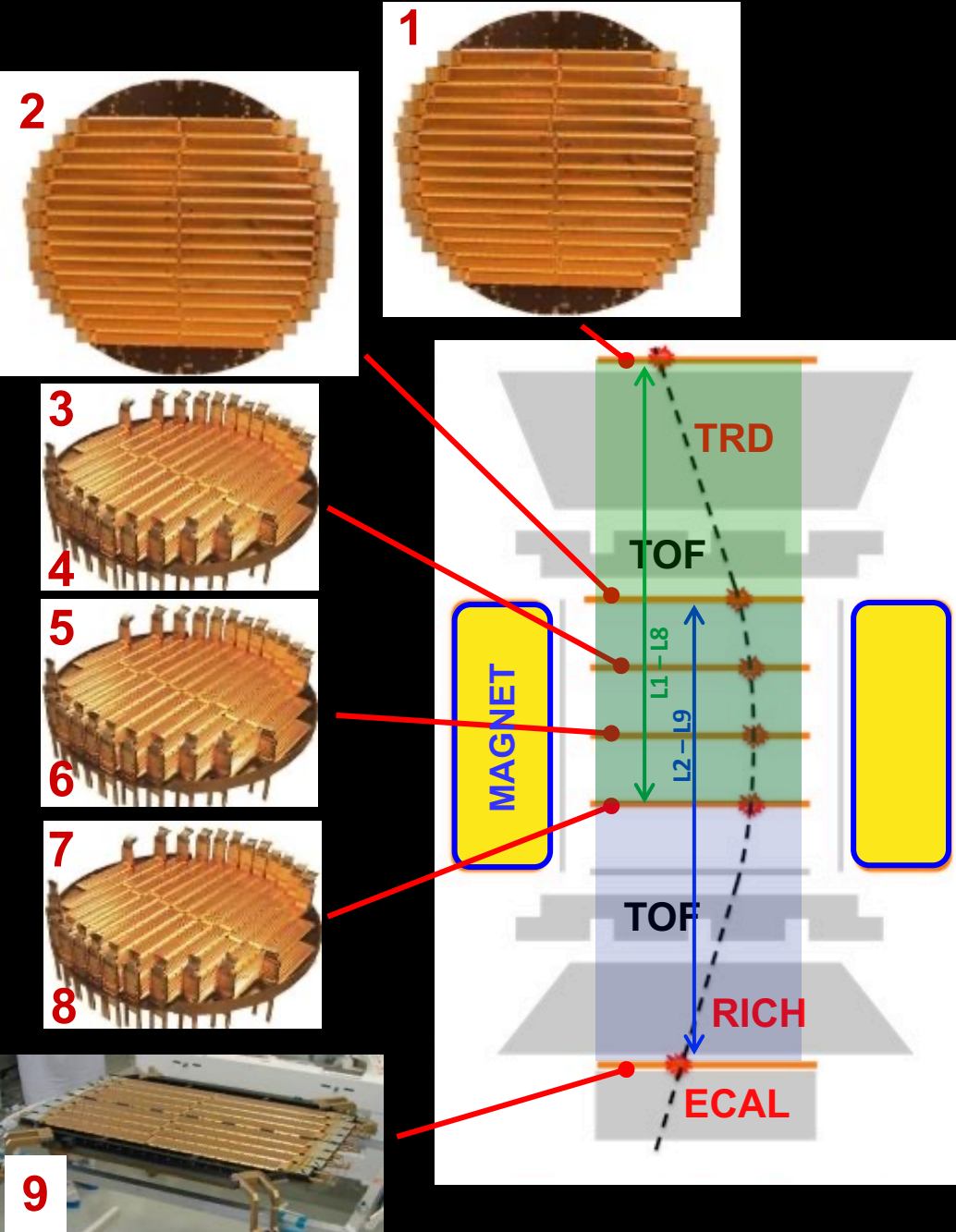
**the upper spectrometer**  
(L1 to L8)

and

**the lower spectrometer**  
(L2 to L9)



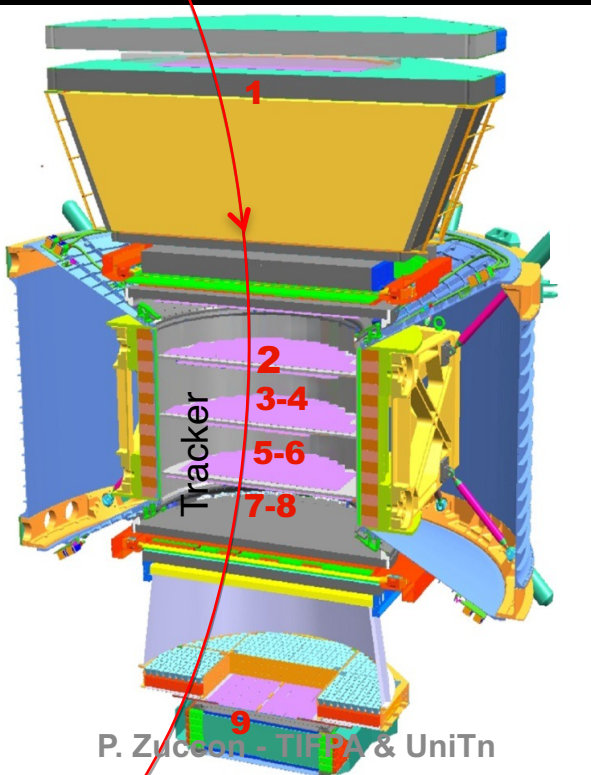
$$\frac{1}{P_{L1-L8}} - \frac{1}{P_{L2-L9}} [(\text{TeV}/c)^{-1}]$$



# Absolute Momentum Scale

In AMS, the largest systematic error in the determination of the fluxes at the highest energies is due to the uncertainty in the absolute momentum scale.

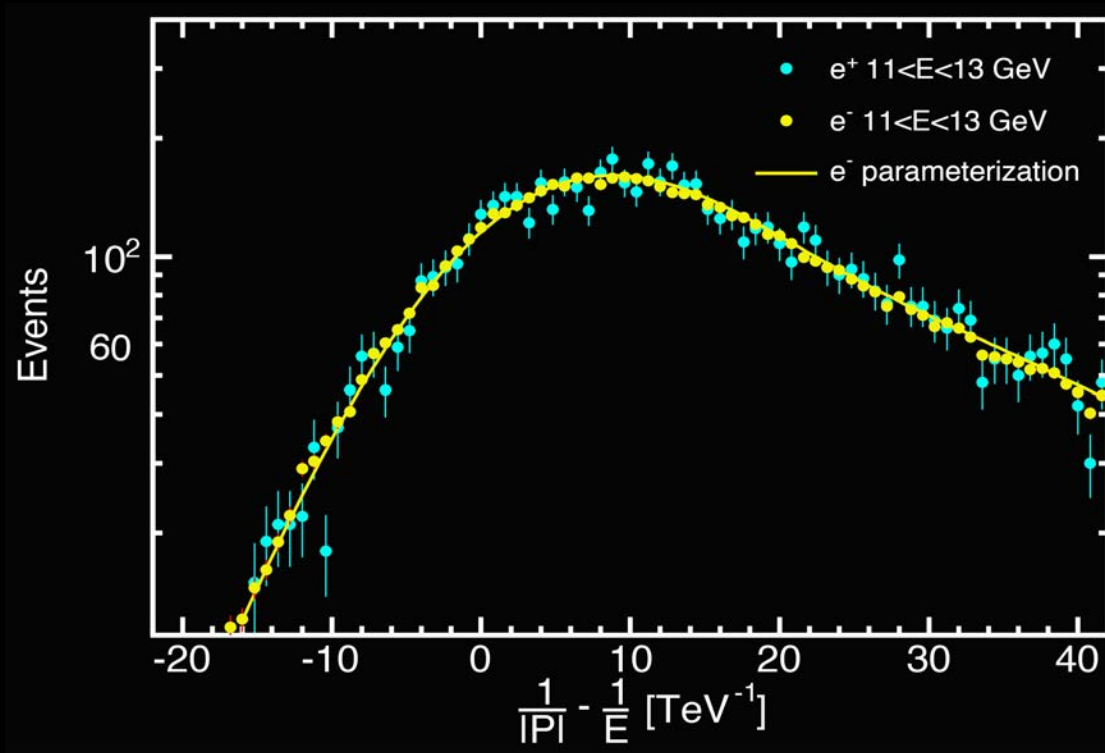
In space continuous outgassing of the carbon fiber supporting structure can affect the position of the tracker sensors at the sub-micron level.



A shift in the central tracker planes  
of 0.5 microns  
is sufficient to create  
a momentum shift of 10% at 1 TeV  
and bias flux measurements.

# Momentum Scale Verification

By matching the momentum determined by the tracker and magnet with the energy measured in the ECAL for both  $e^+$  and  $e^-$



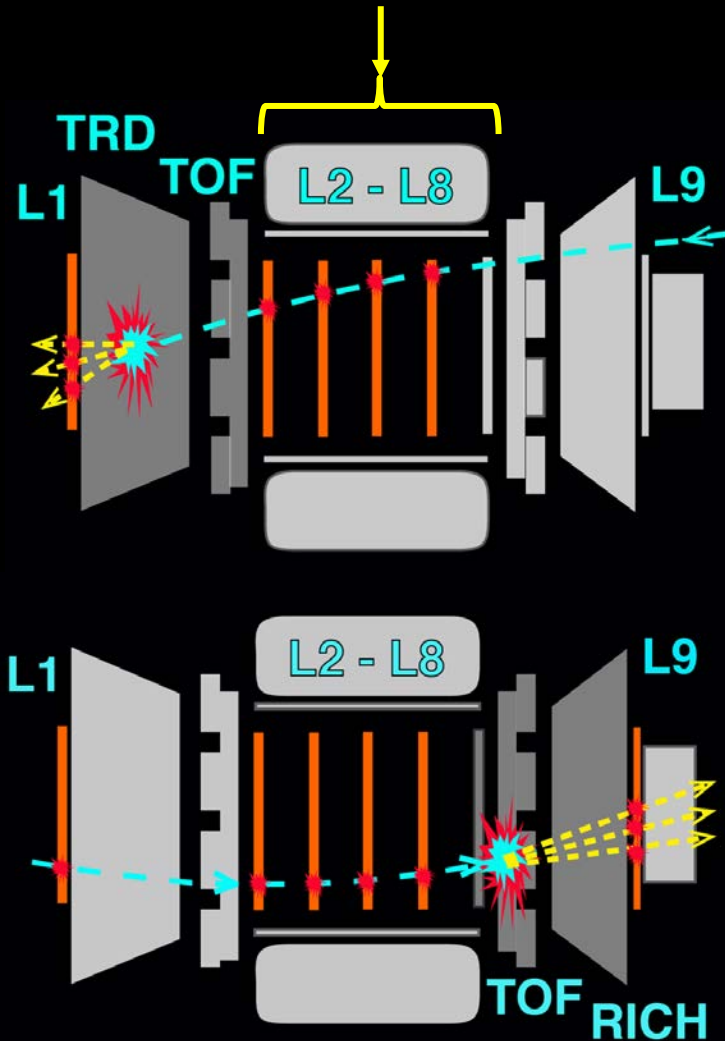
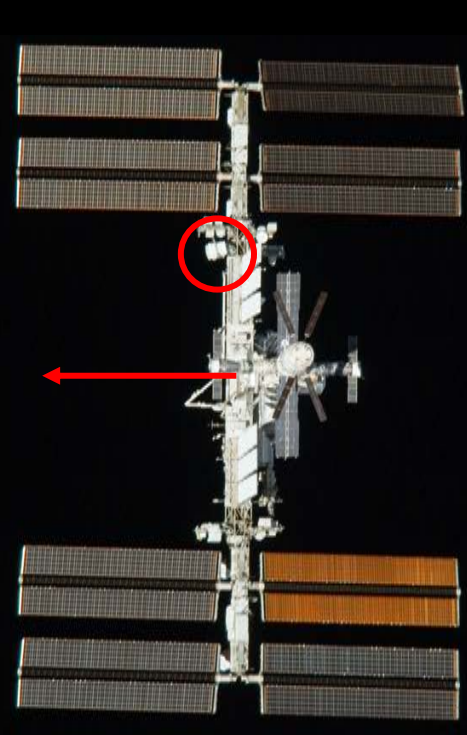
The accuracy of the momentum is determined to be  $1/(30,000 \text{ GeV})$ ;  
**i.e., at 1 TeV the uncertainty is 3%**



# Precision measurement of cosmic-ray spectra requires an determination of nuclear interactions in the detector material

Define (P, Z) of nuclei with the central spectrometer

ISS horizontal

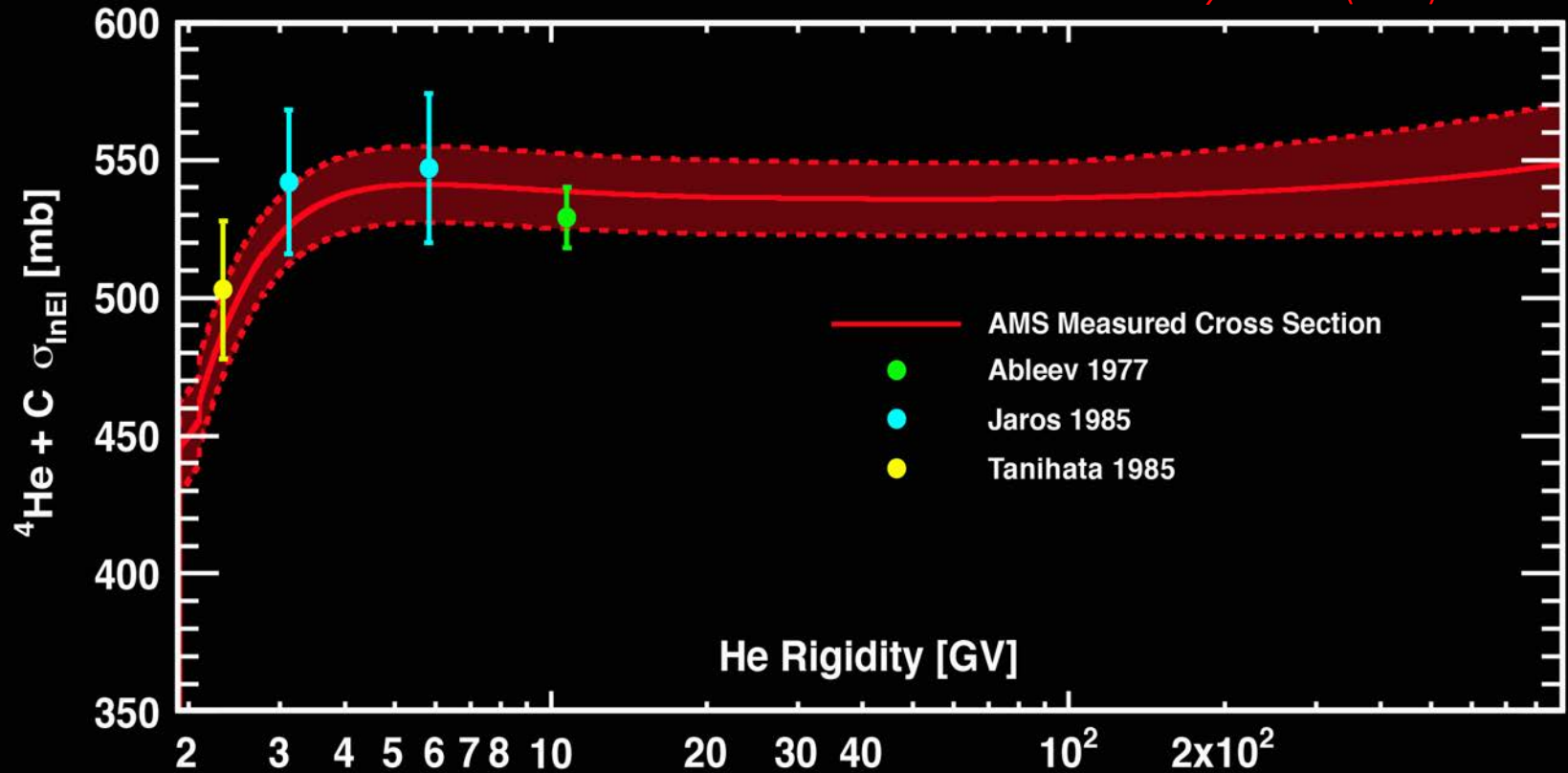


Use right-to-left nuclei to measure nuclear interactions in the TRD+TOF

Use left-to-right nuclei to measure the nuclear interactions in the TOF+RICH

# AMS Measurement of He-C Interaction Cross Section as a function of rigidity

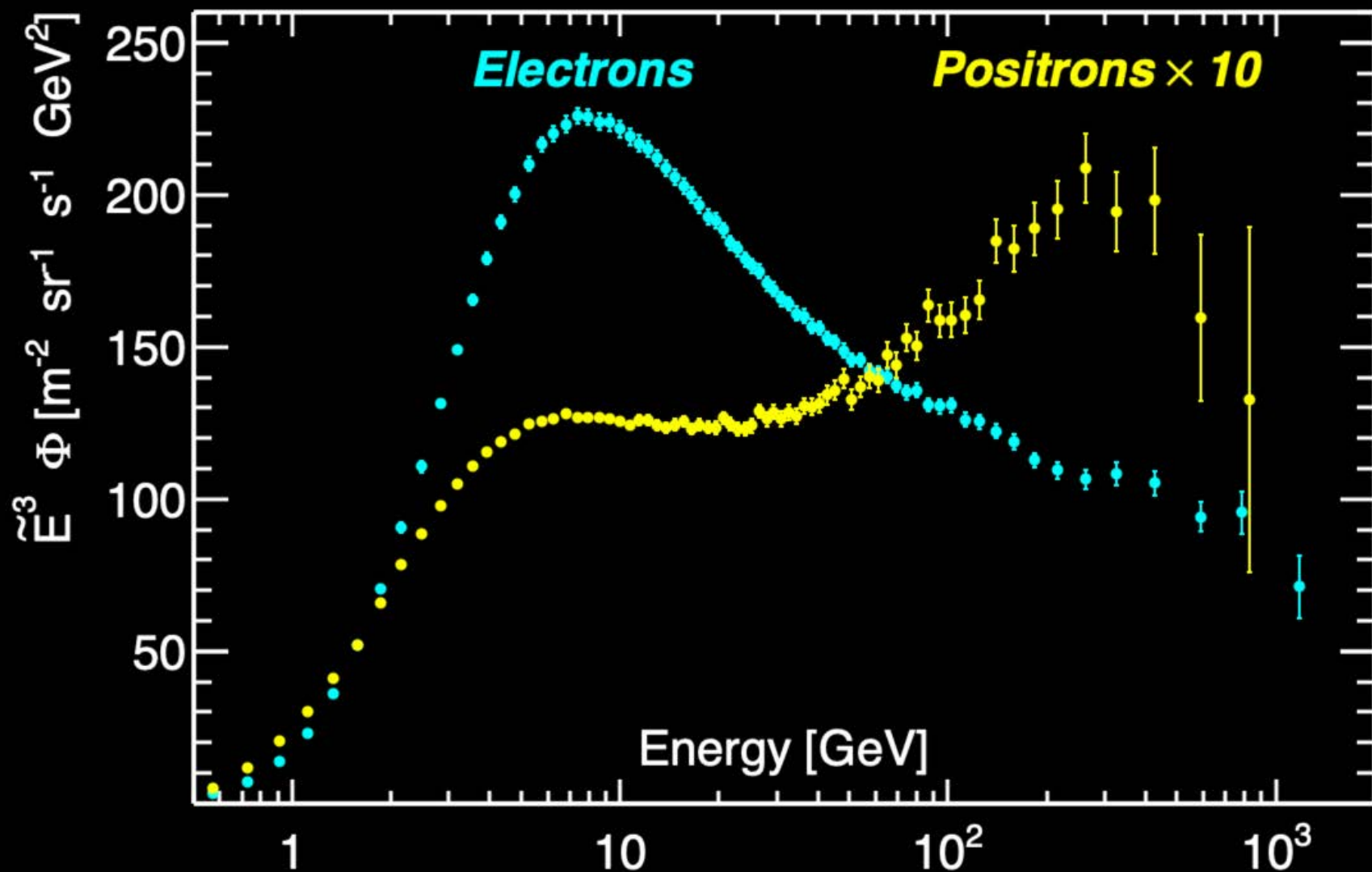
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# High Energy Positrons and Electrons

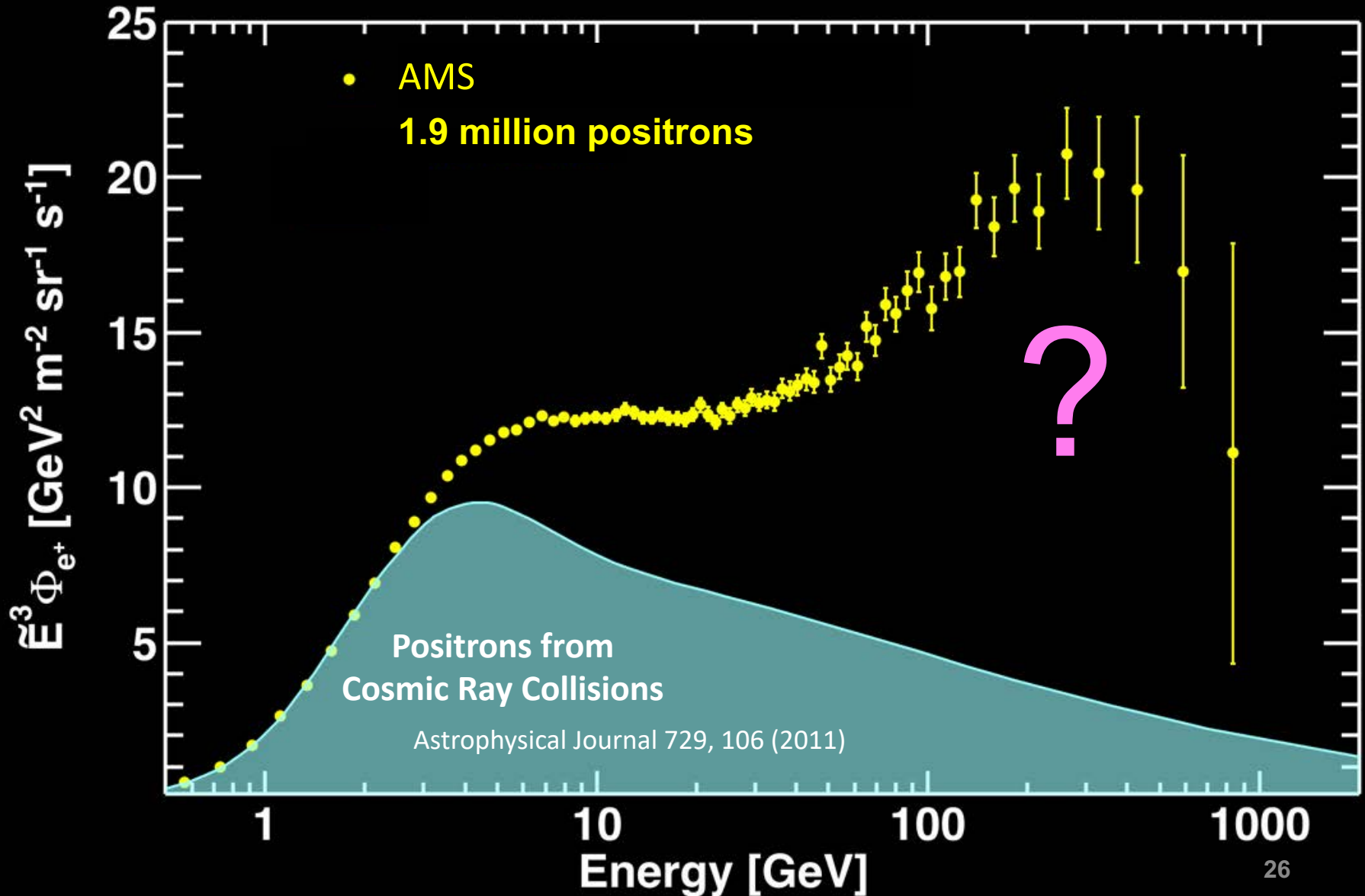


# AMS measurements of positrons and electrons



# The Origin of Positrons

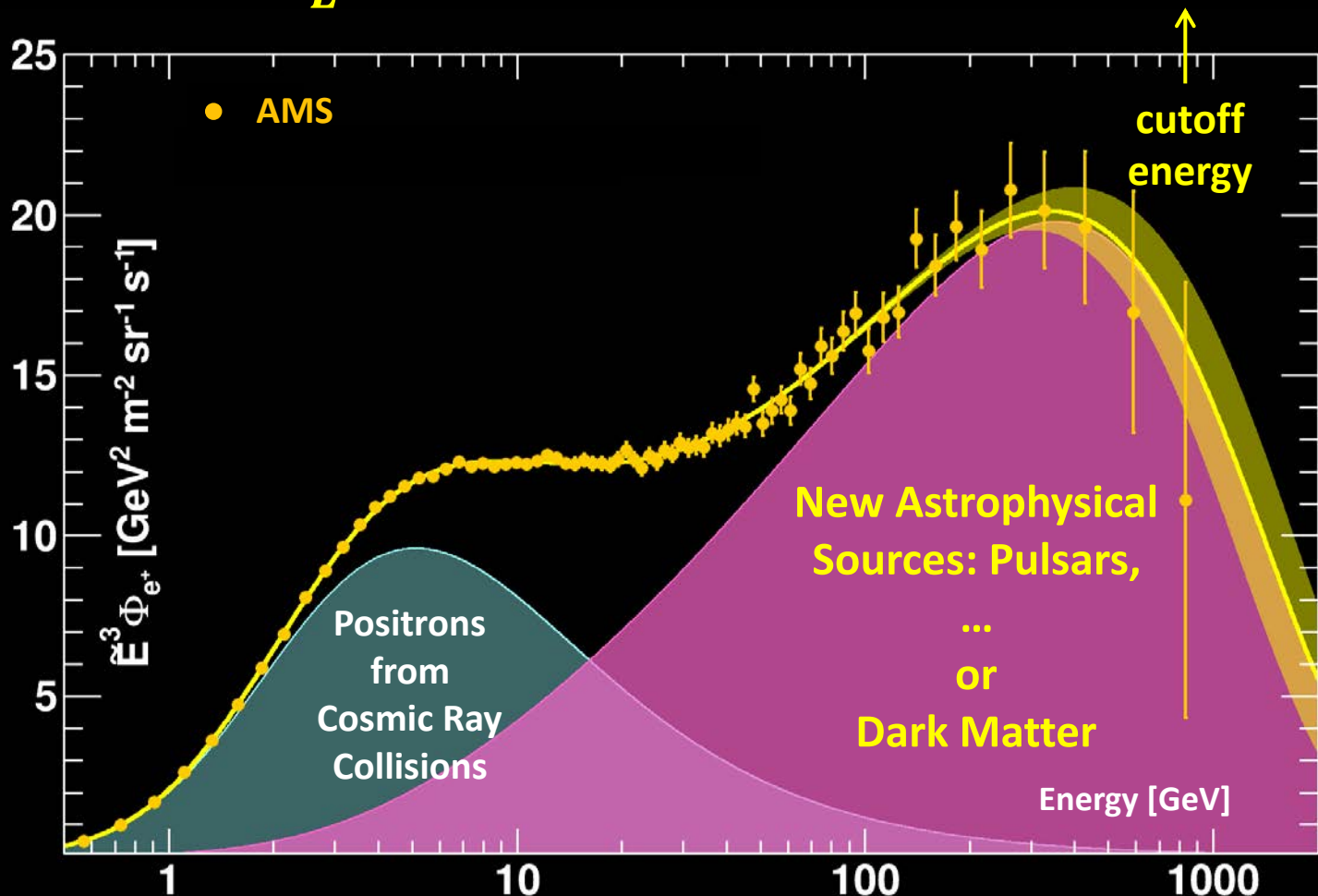
Low energy positrons mostly come from cosmic ray collisions



# The Origin of Positrons

The positron flux is the sum of low-energy part from cosmic ray collisions plus a high-energy part from pulsars or dark matter.

$$\Phi_{e^+}(E) = \frac{E^2}{\hat{E}^2} \left[ C_d (\hat{E}/E_1)^{\gamma_d} + C_s (\hat{E}/E_2)^{\gamma_s} \exp(-\hat{E}/E_s) \right]$$

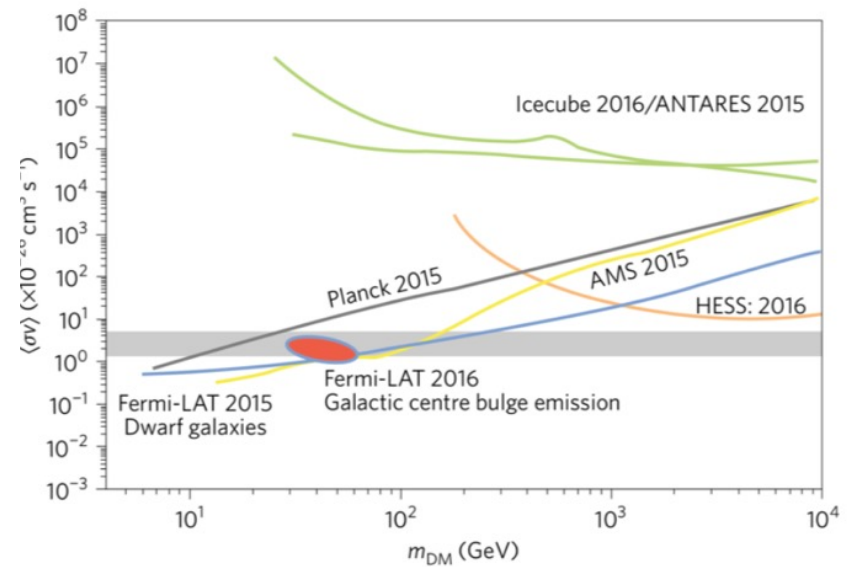
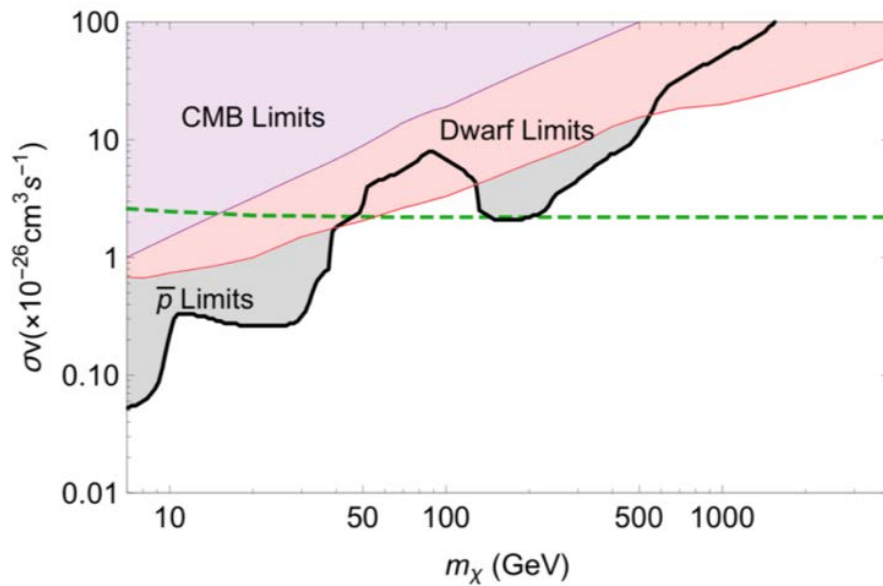




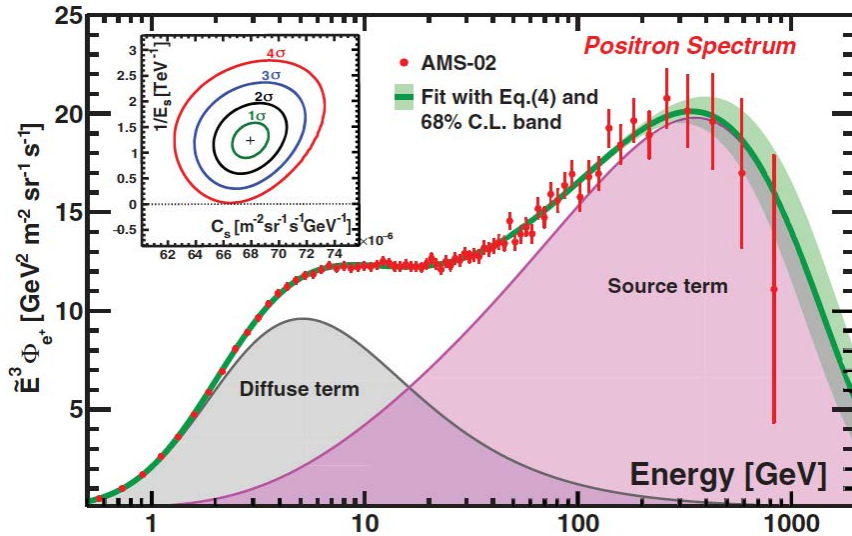
**High DM masses  $> O(1)$   
TeV/c<sup>2</sup> are also compatible  
with limits from LHC & direct  
searches**

**Precision measurements of the detailed features of the energy spectra and arrival directions of CR positrons and electrons at the TeV scale are needed to clarify whether DM annihilations or new astrophysics phenomena are the source of the anomalies observed on the positron flux.**

# Understanding the AMS positron peak origin in term of DM:

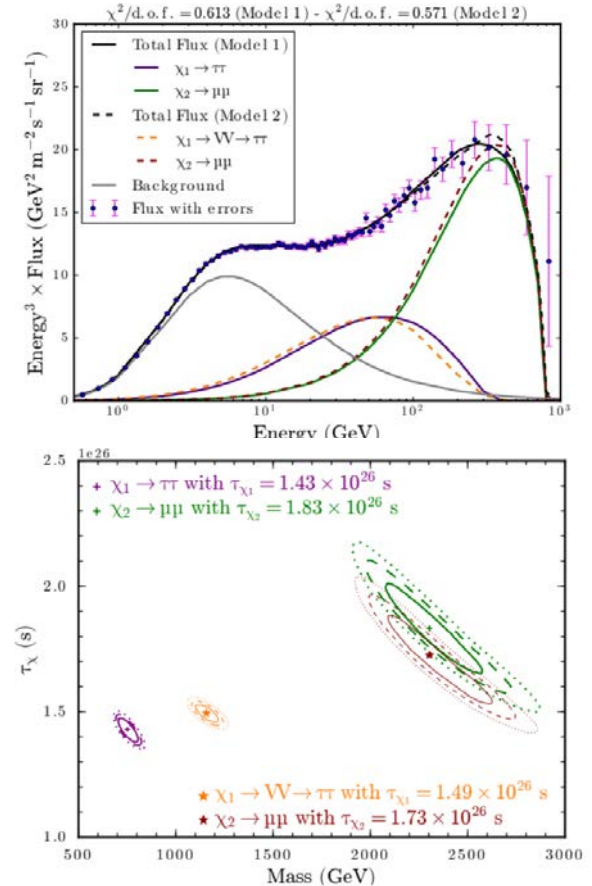


## AMS-02 has observed a clear positron excess due to a source term



AMS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 041102 (2019)

A two component DM decay would fit the AMS  $e^+$  excess



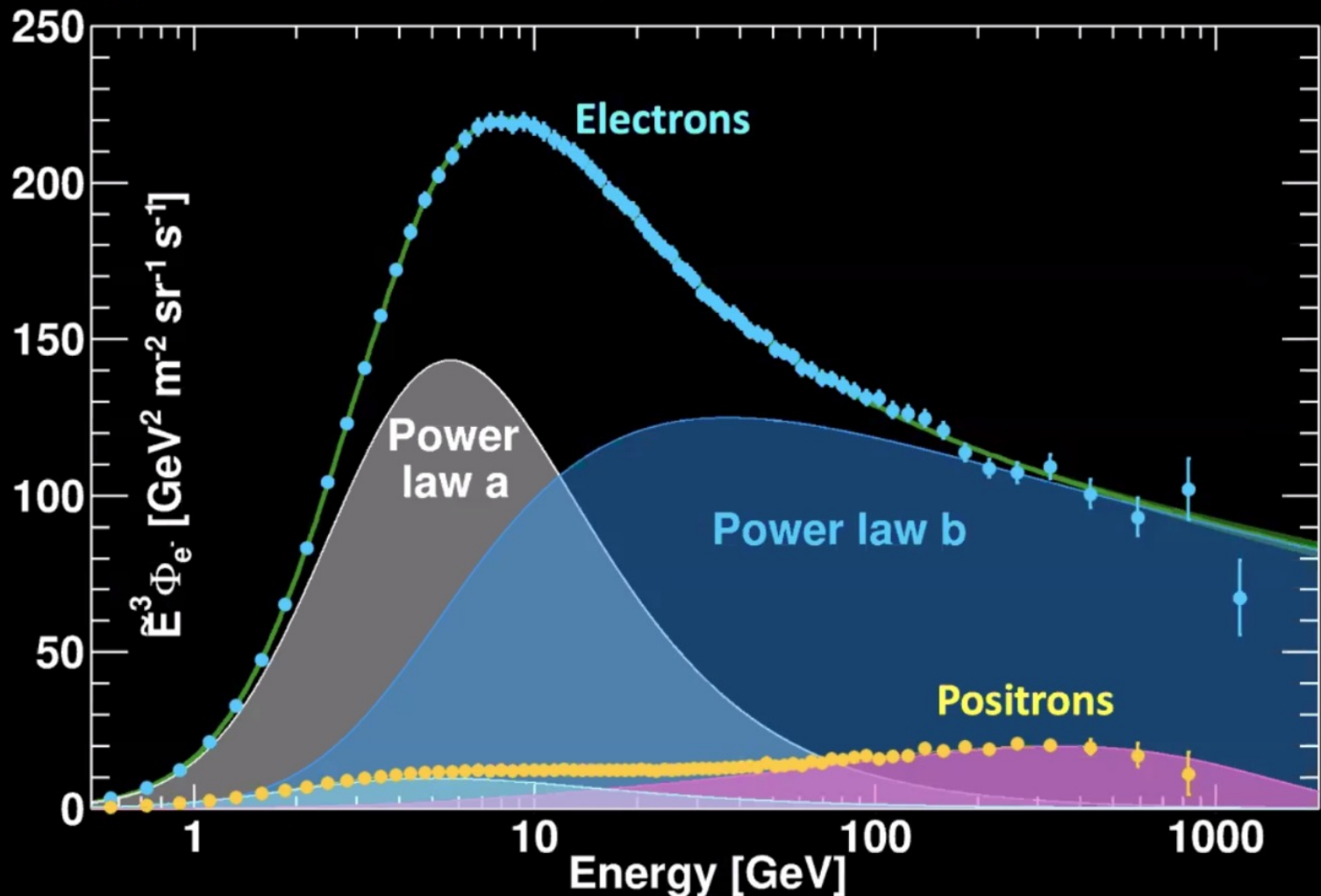
Profumo et al. arXiv:1903.07638v1 [hep-ph] 18 Mar 2019



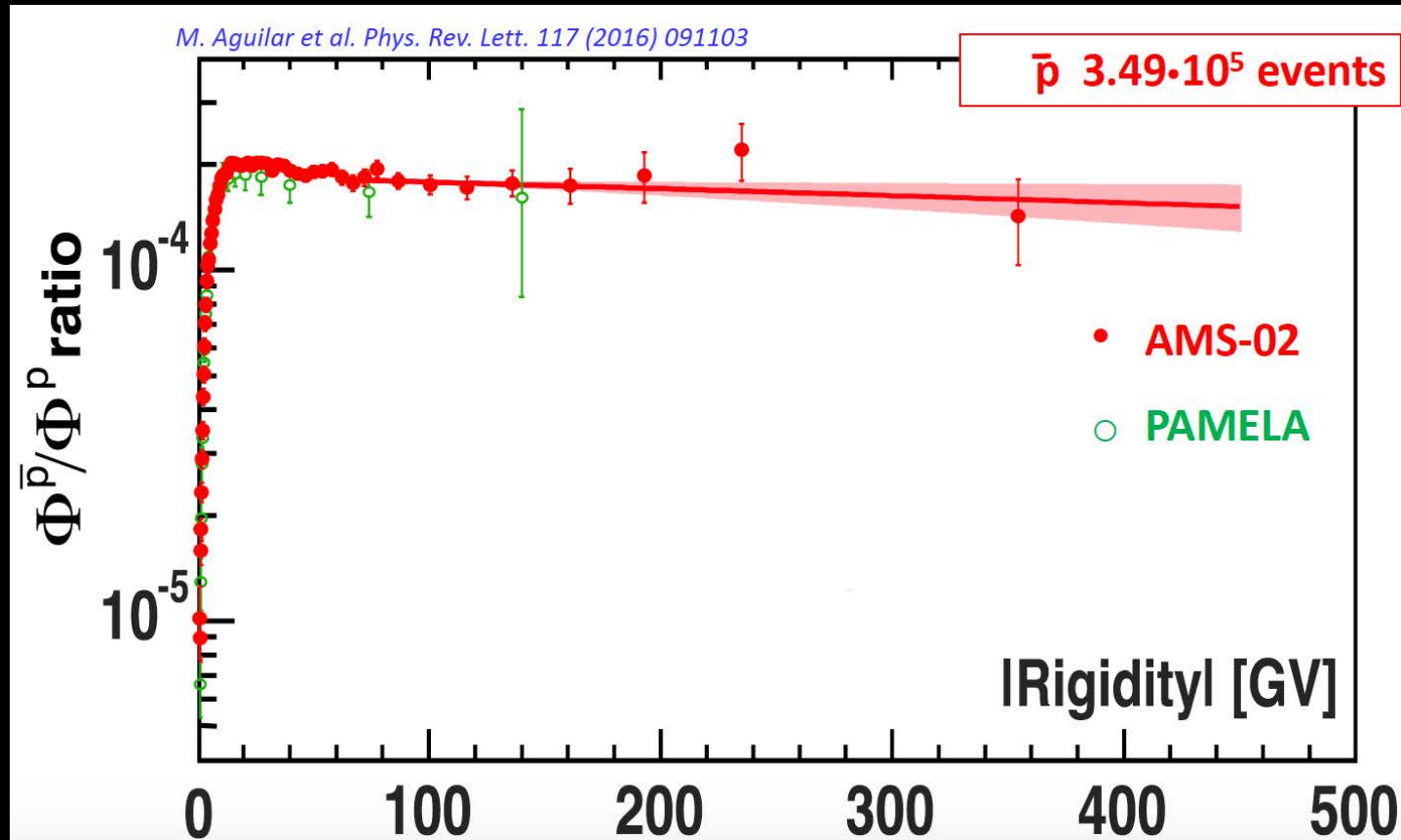
# AMS Physics Results:

Electrons originate from different sources than positrons;  
the electron spectrum comes from two power law contributions.

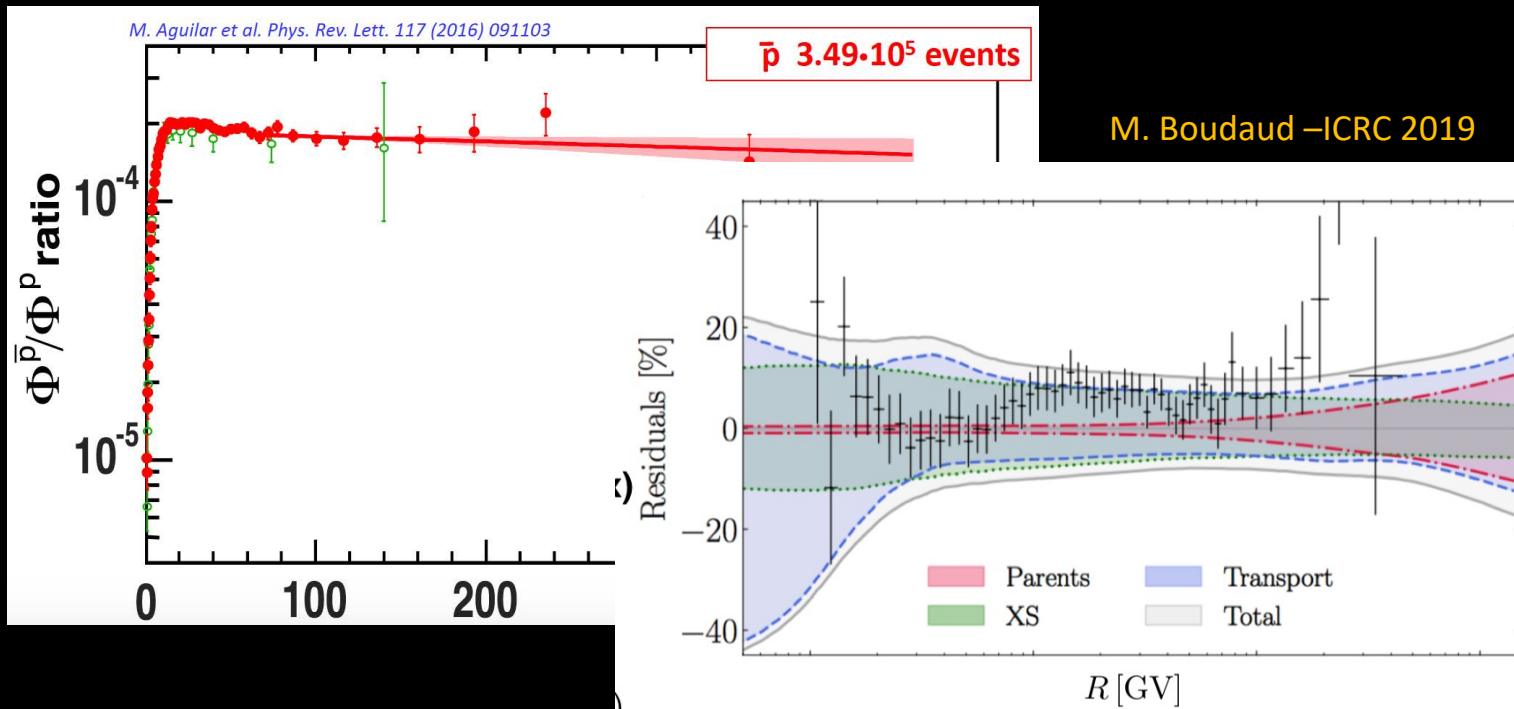
The positron flux is the sum of low-energy part from cosmic ray collisions plus  
a high-energy part from a new source or dark matter both with a cutoff energy  $E_s$ .



# AMS anti-proton to proton ratio



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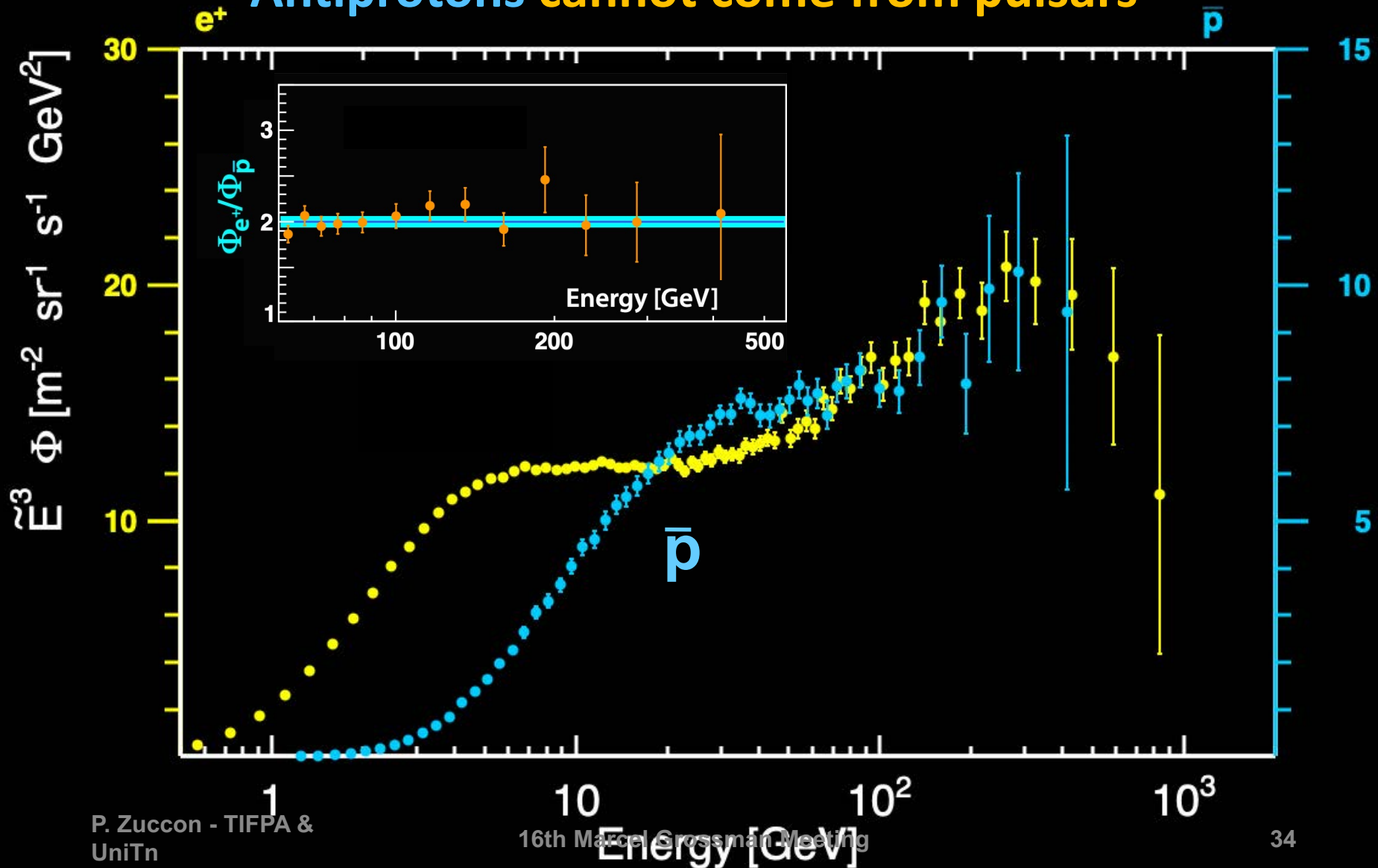


**Residuals of a fit to AMS anti-protons**  
**Shaded area represent prediction uncertainties**

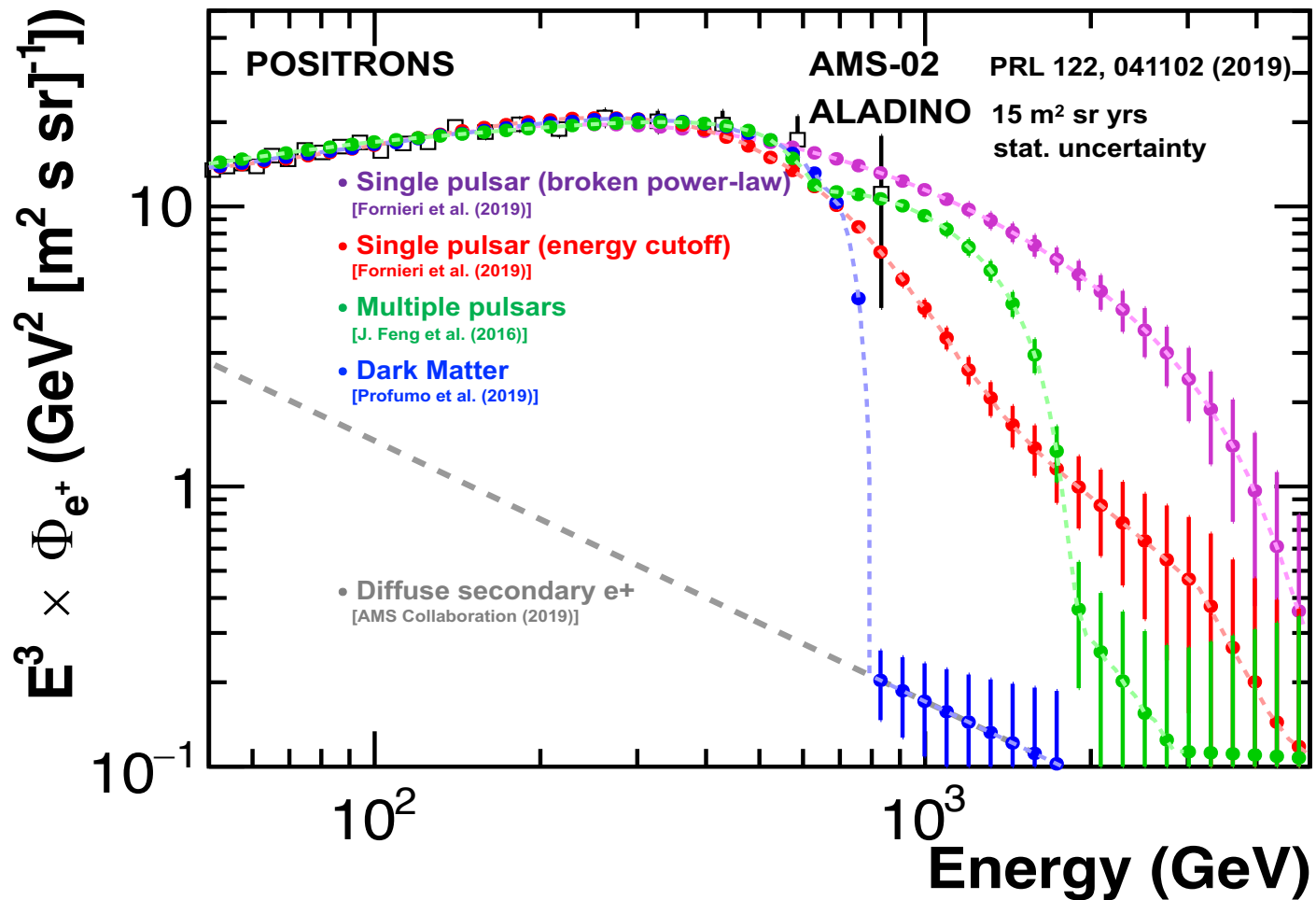
Antiprotons show a similar trend to positrons.

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

Antiprotons cannot come from pulsars

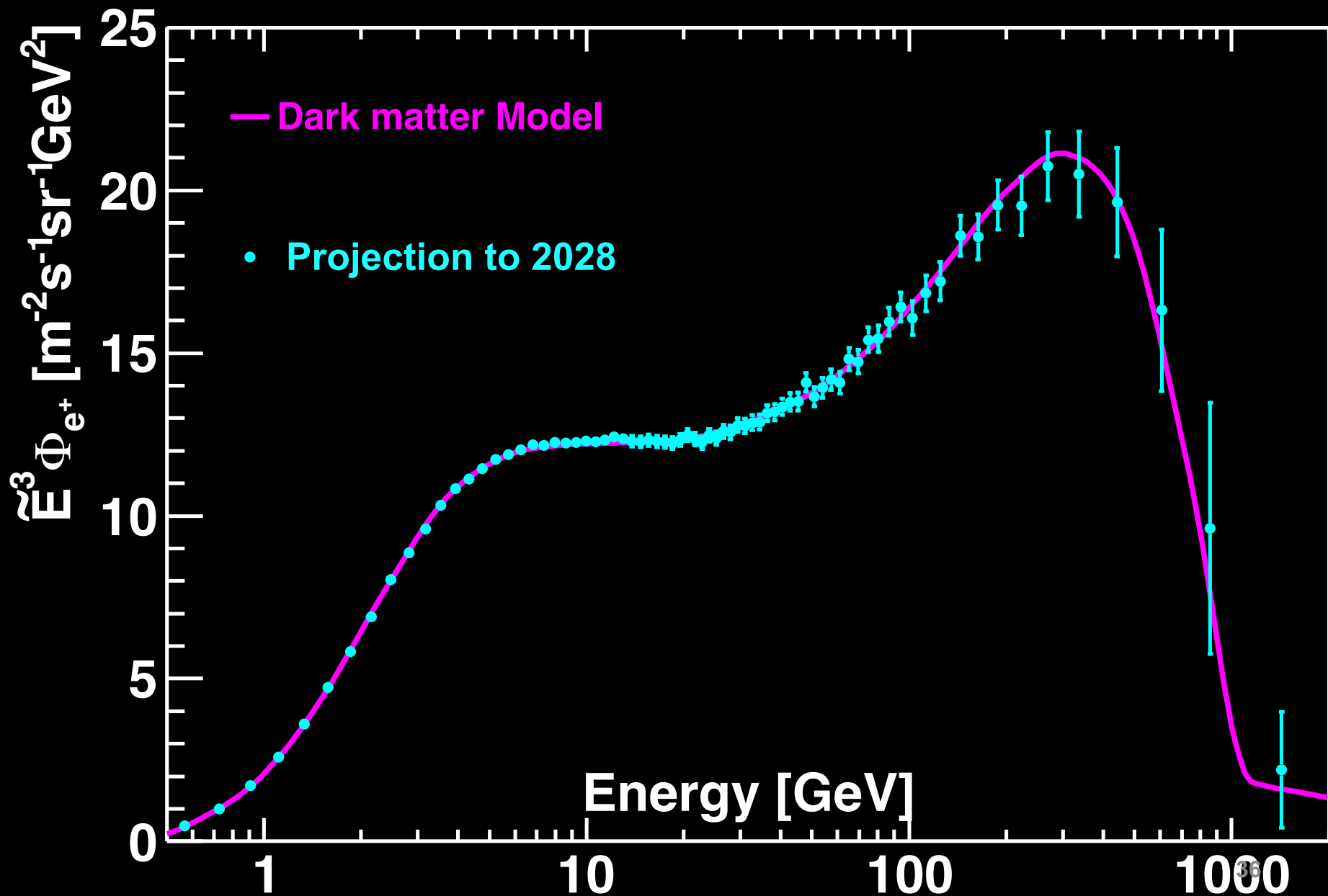






# Positrons and Dark Matter Model by 2028

AMS will clarify the nature of positron peak



# Heavy antimatter

# Experimental work on Antimatter in the Universe

## Search for Baryogenesis

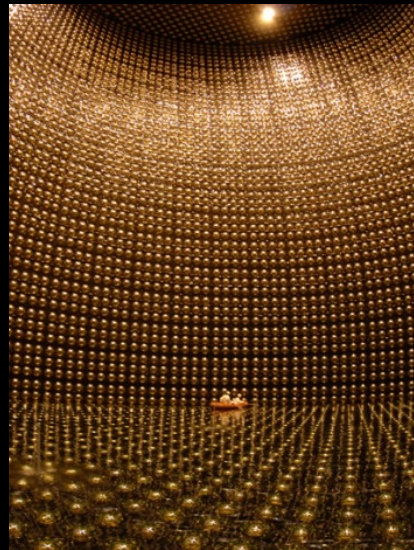
New symmetry breaking



LHC-b,

No explanation found for the absence of antimatter  
(no reason why antimatter should not exist)

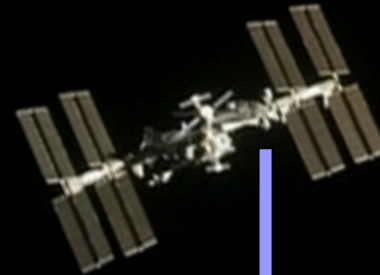
Proton has finite lifetime



Super Kamiokande

$$\tau_p > 6.6 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ years}$$

## Direct search

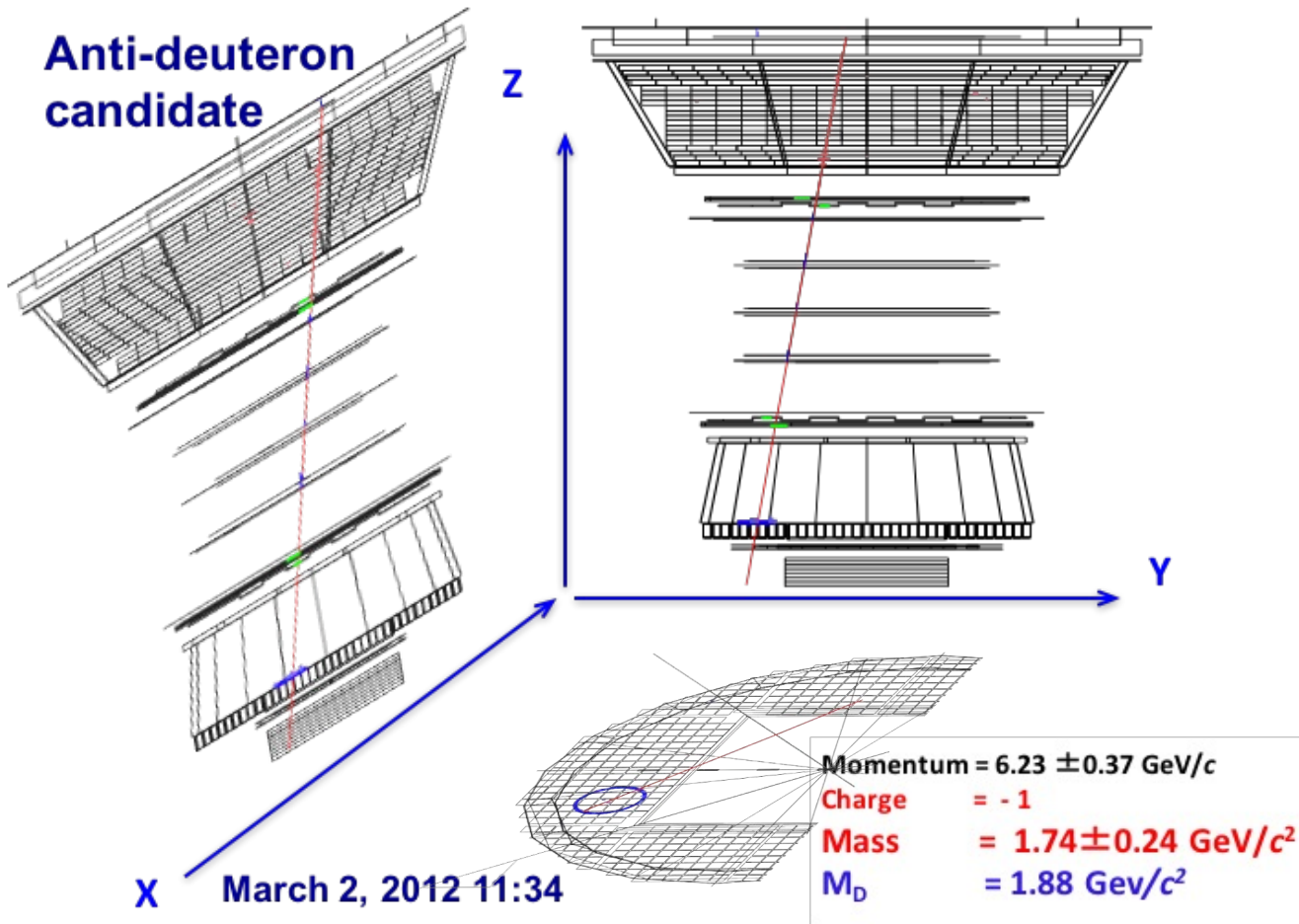


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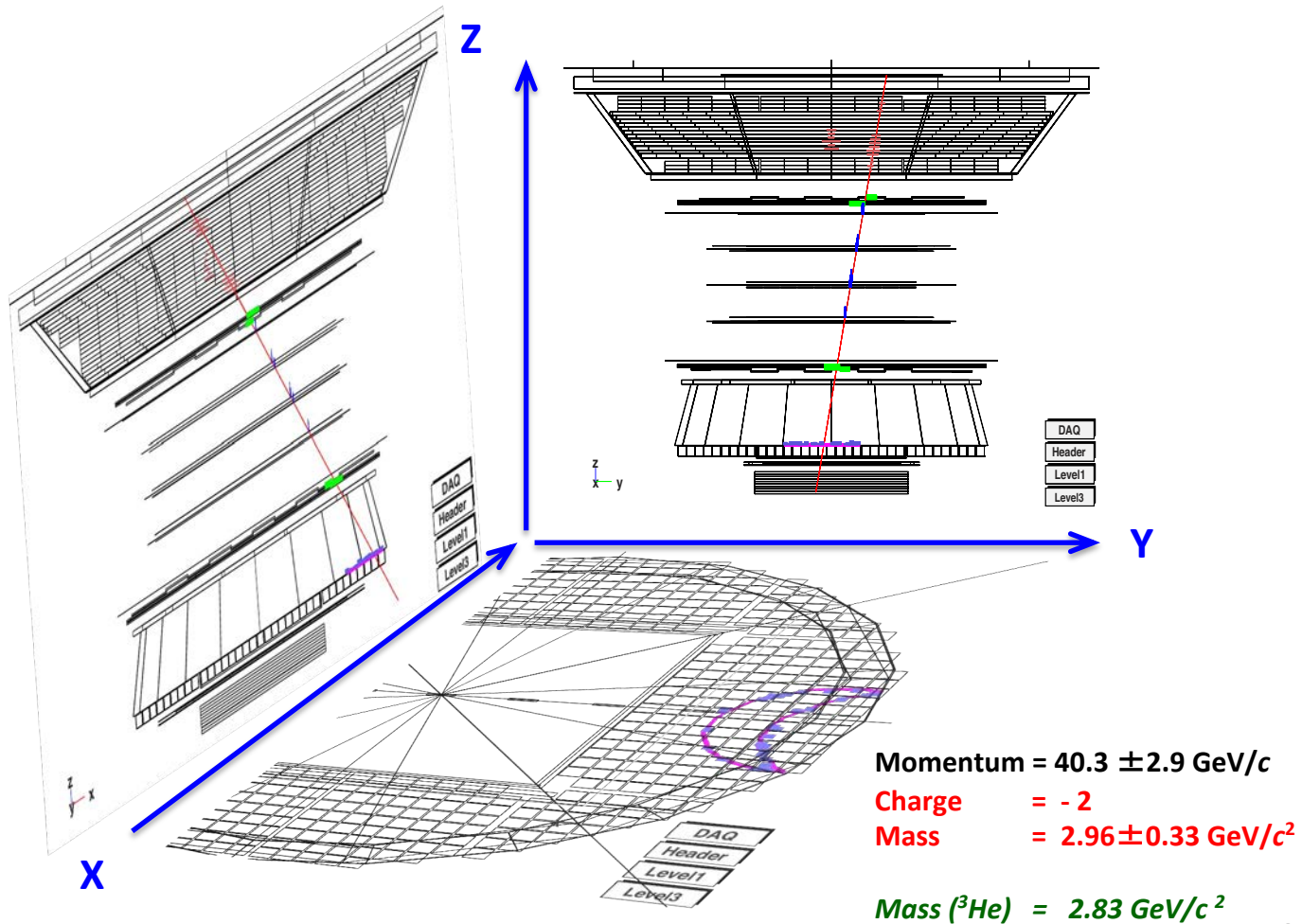
Increase in sensitivity:  $\times 10^3 - 10^6$   
Increase in energy to  $\sim \text{TeV}$



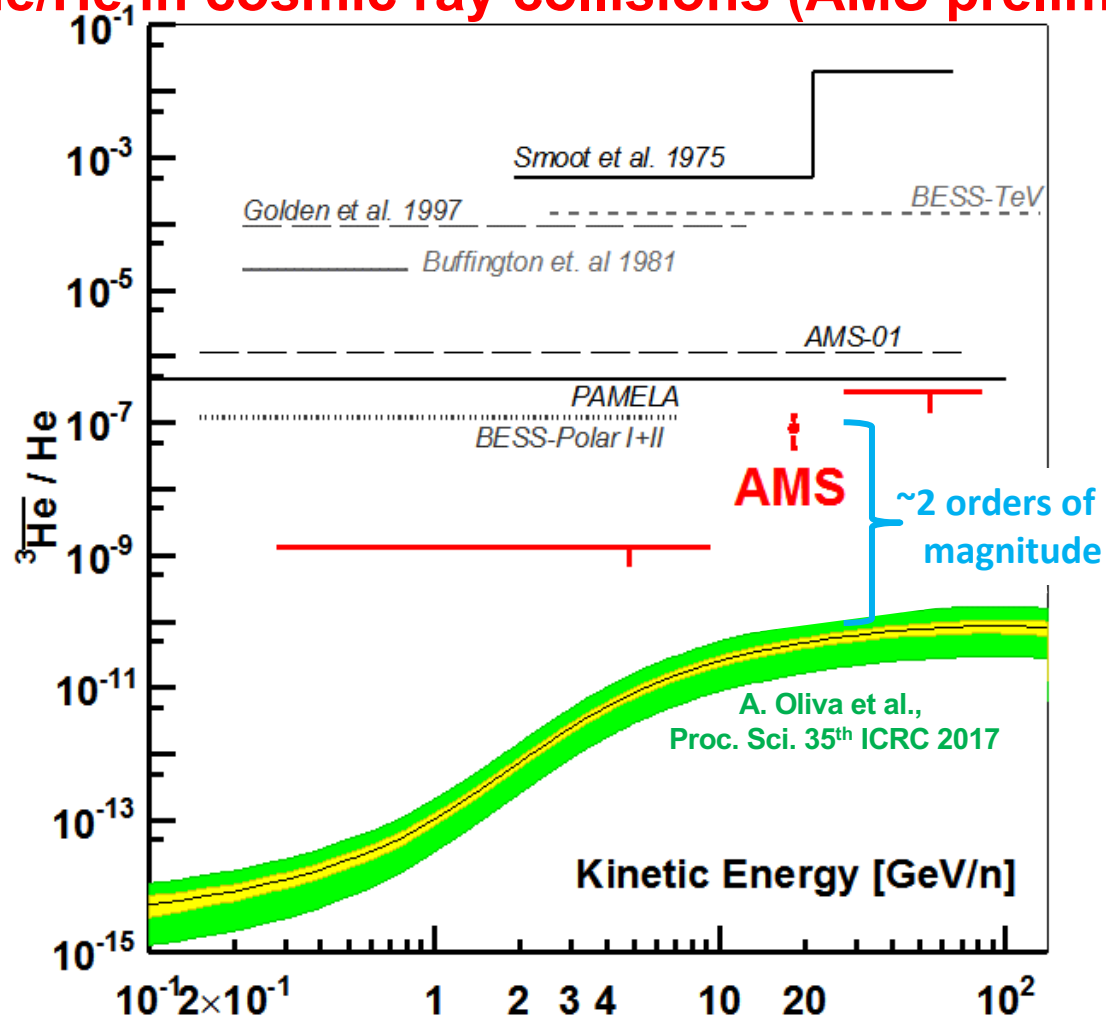
## An anti-deuteron candidate (AMS preliminary)



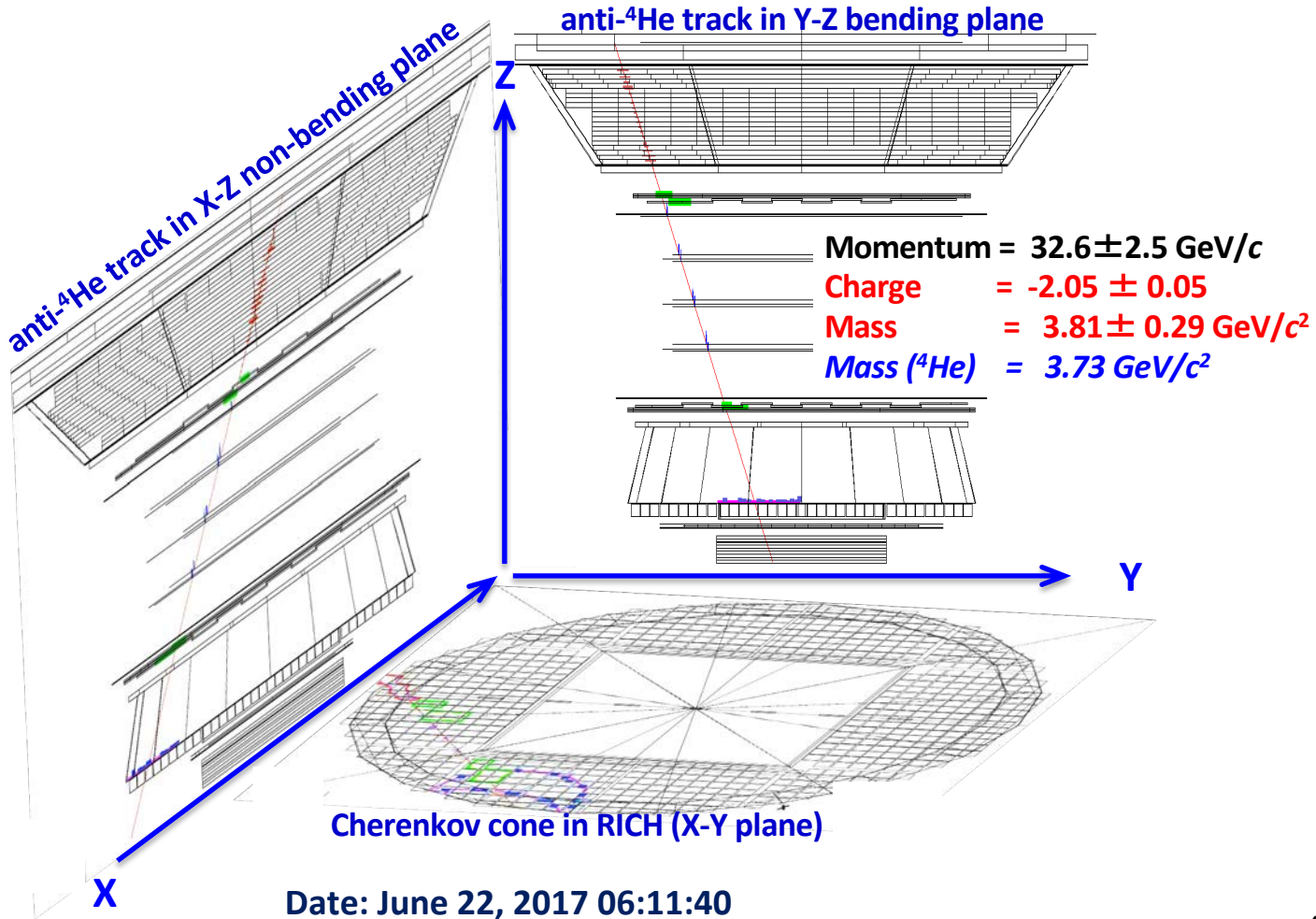
# An anti- $^3\text{He}$ candidate (AMS preliminary)



# ${}^3\overline{\text{He}}/\text{He}$ in cosmic ray collisions (AMS preliminary)

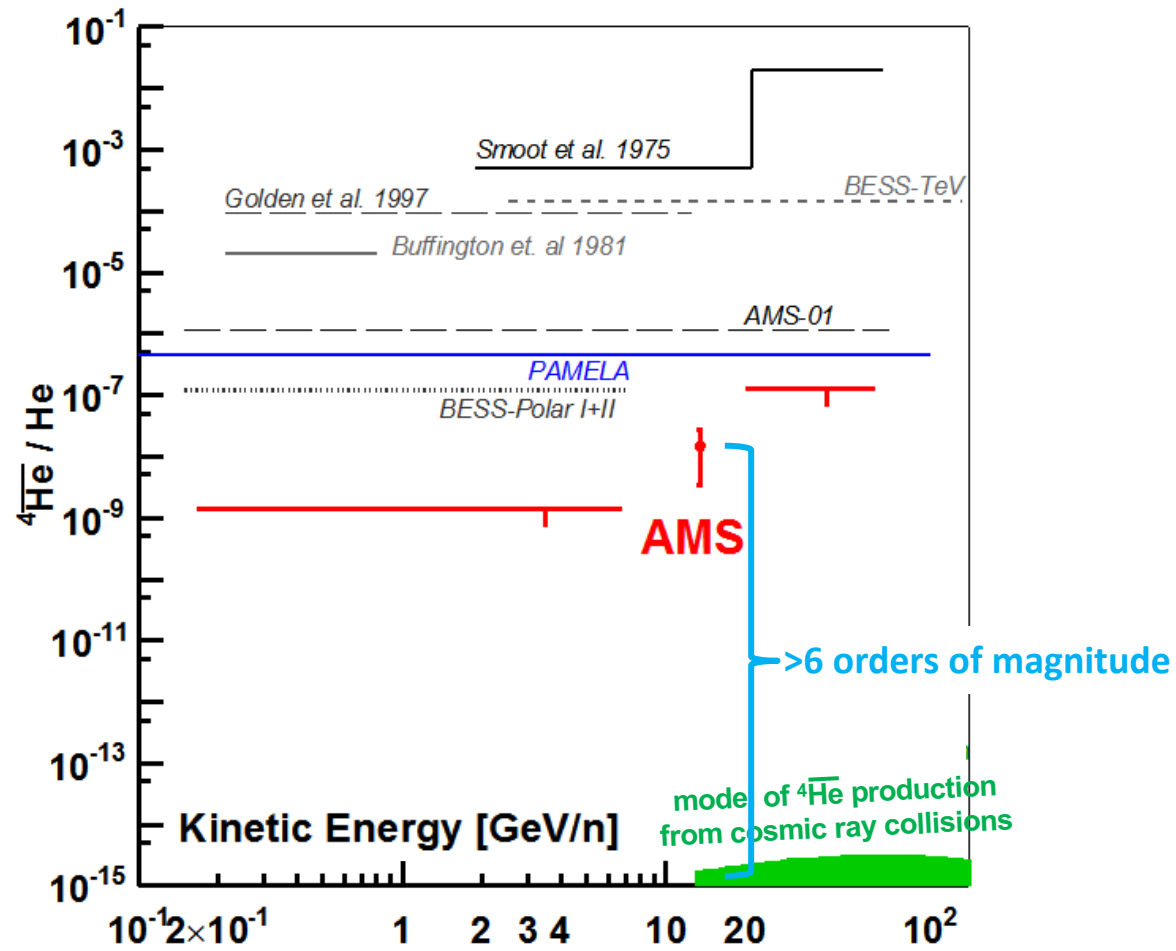


# An anti- $^4\text{He}$ candidate (AMS preliminary)





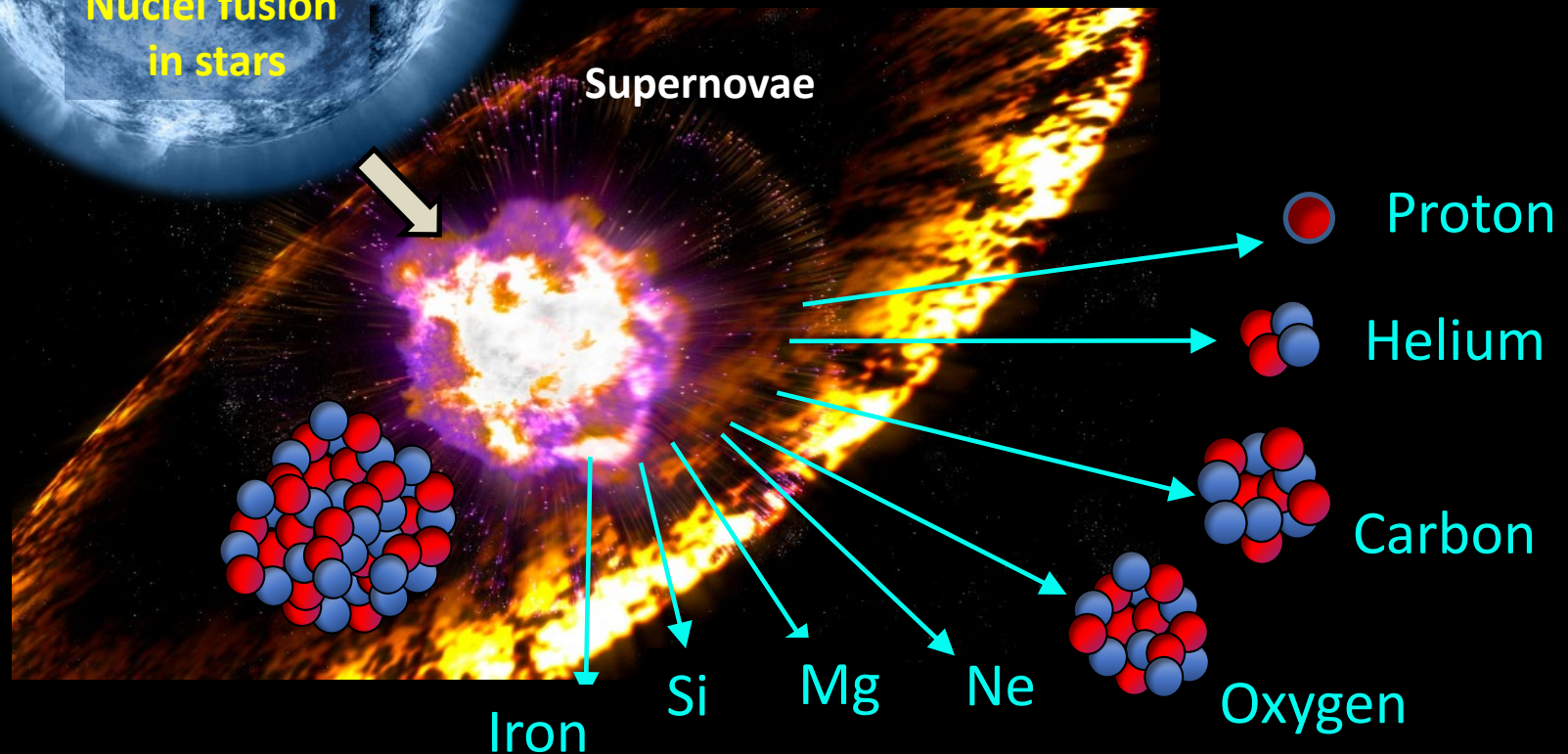
The AMS  ${}^4\overline{\text{He}}/\text{He}$  ratio is six orders of magnitude greater than predictions based on cosmic ray collisions (AMS preliminary)



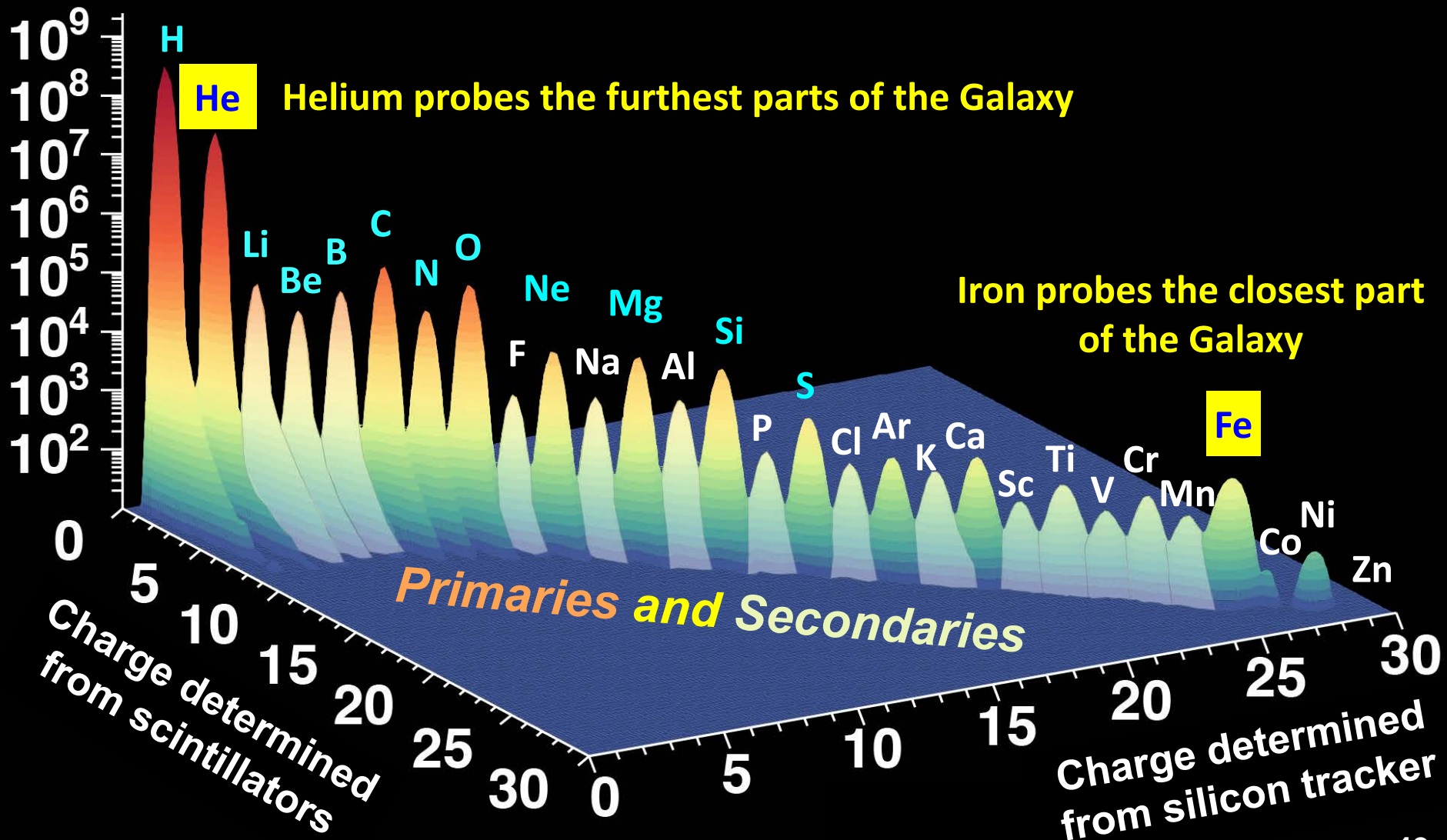
# Properties of Primary Cosmic Rays

Primary elements (H, He, C, ..., Fe) are produced during the lifetime of stars.

They are accelerated by the explosion of stars (supernovae).



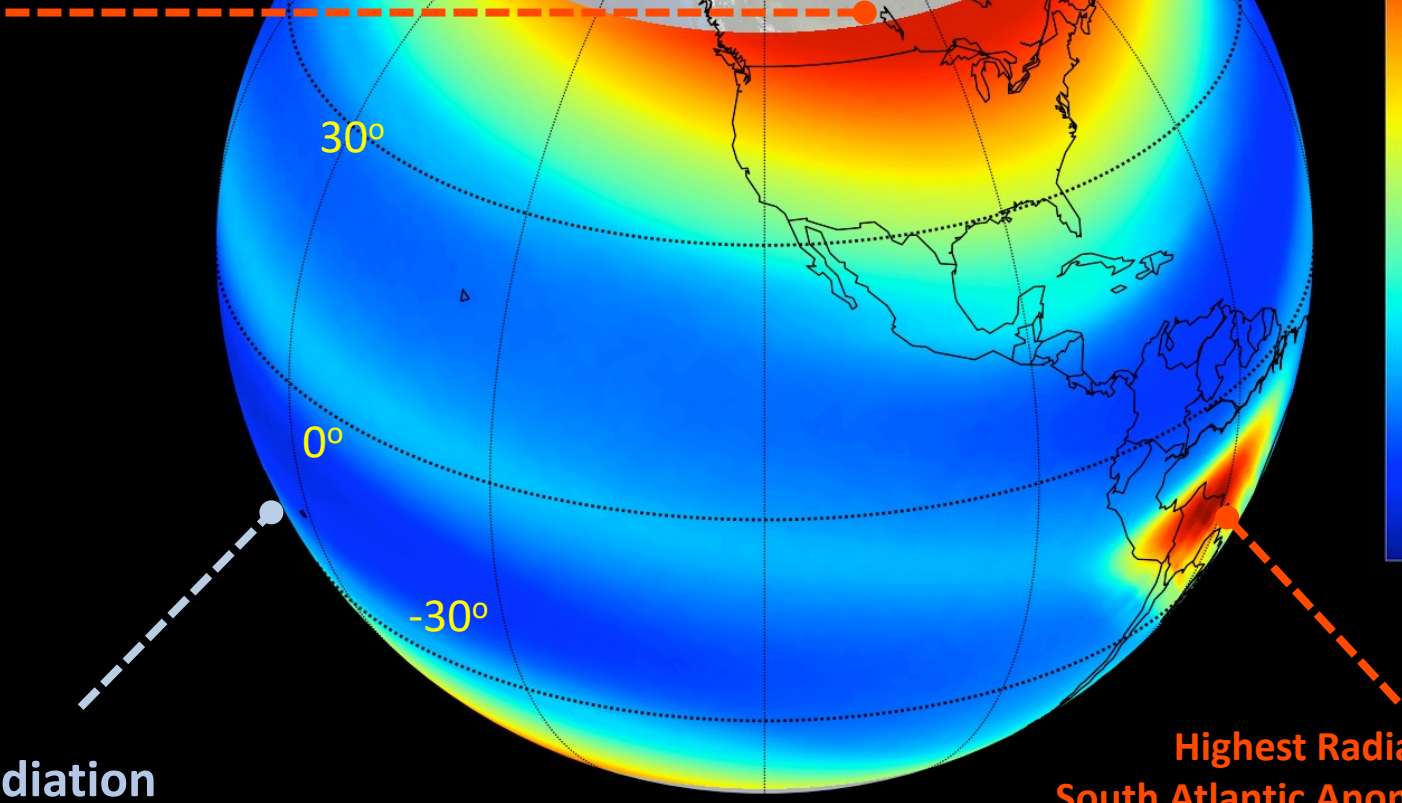
Iron is a very important element in cosmic ray theories because it is the heaviest element produced during stellar evolution. Iron has a large interaction cross section with the interstellar medium whereas helium has the smallest cross section.



# Flux of Protons above 100 MeV

Average  
2011-2018

Highest Radiation



Lowest Radiation

Highest Radiation  
South Atlantic Anomaly Region

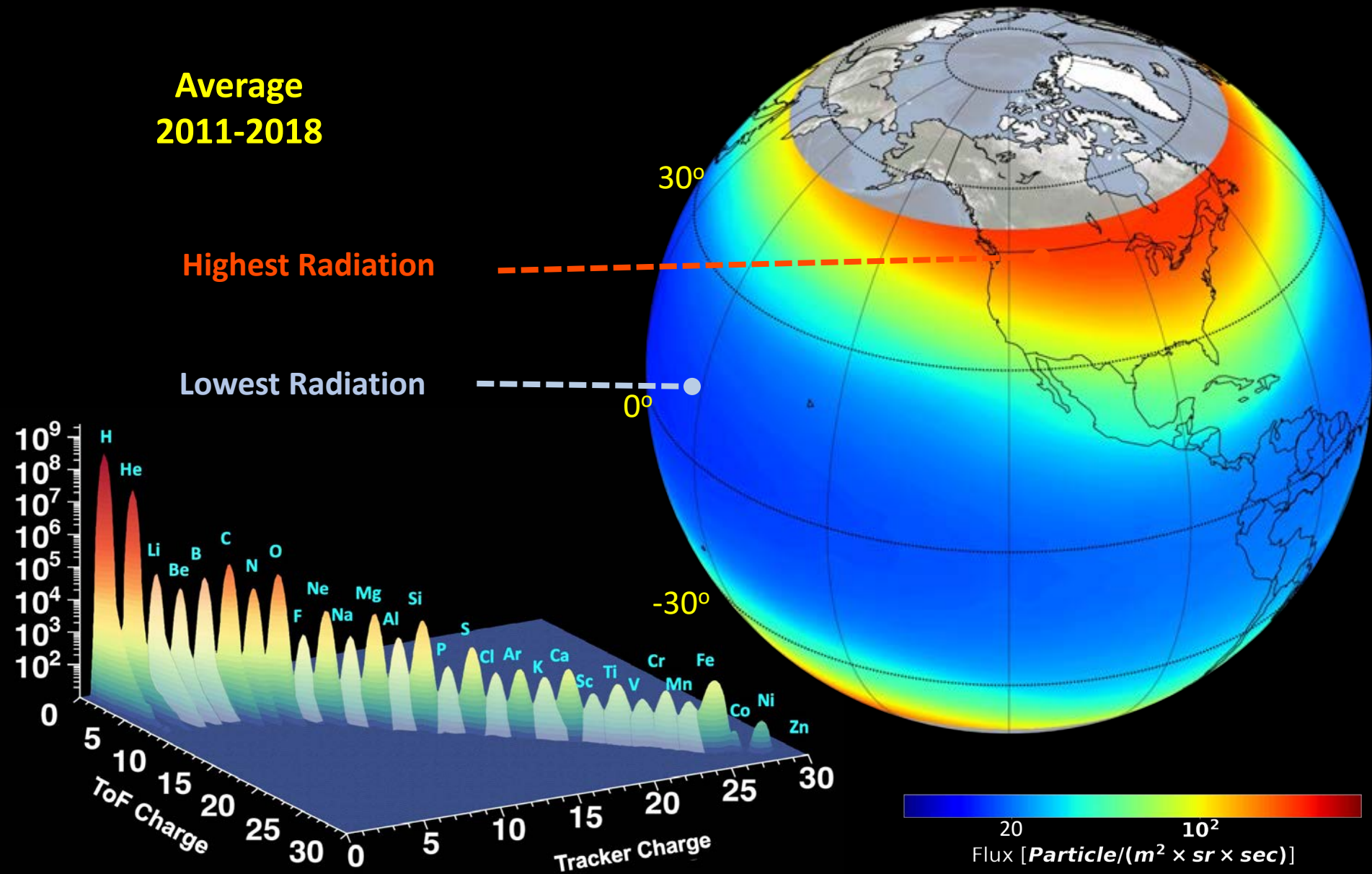


# AMS Radiation Flux of Heavy Nuclei He(Z=2) to Zinc(Z=30)

Average  
2011-2018

Highest Radiation

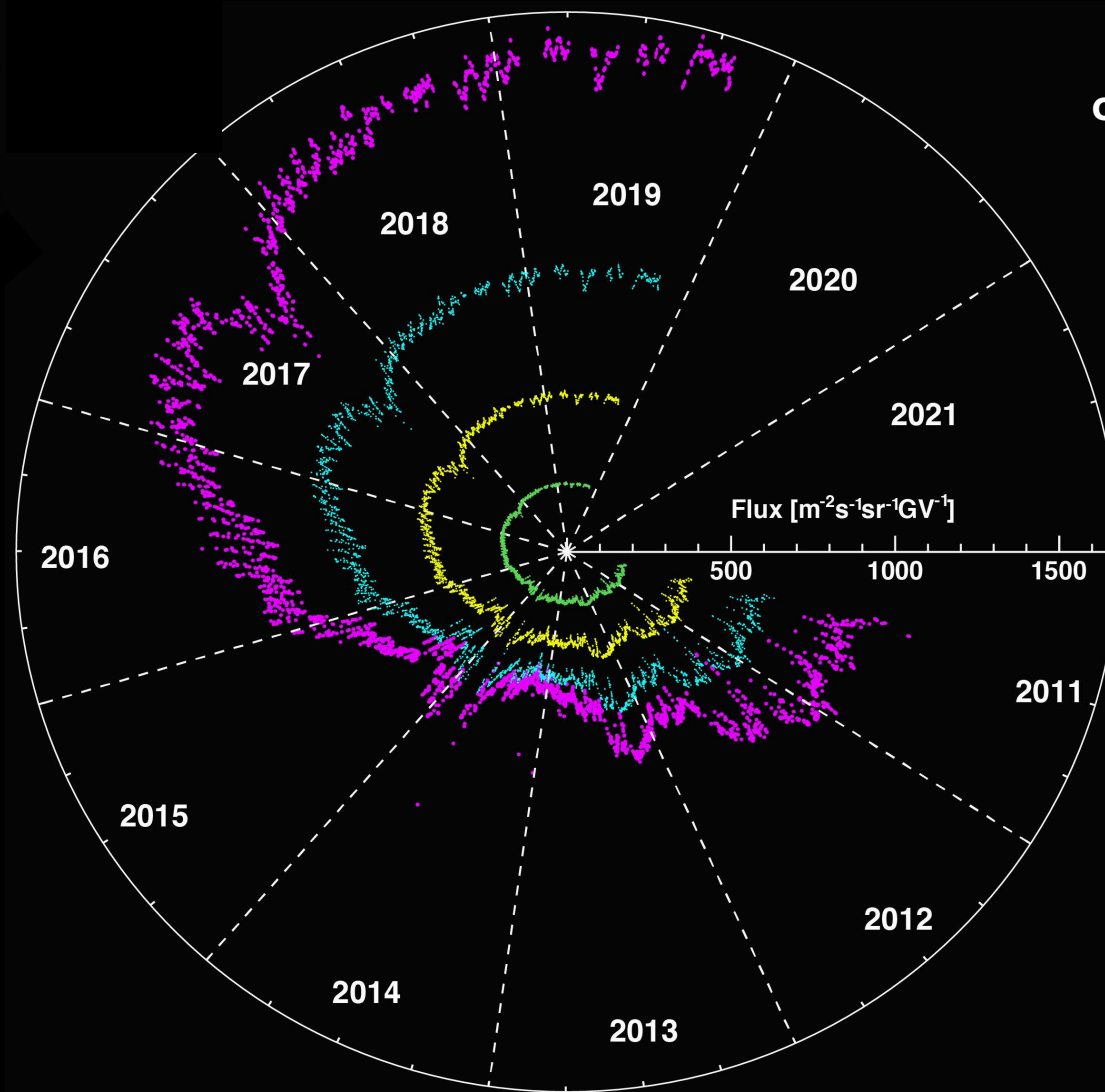
Lowest Radiation



# Daily Variations in the Proton Flux

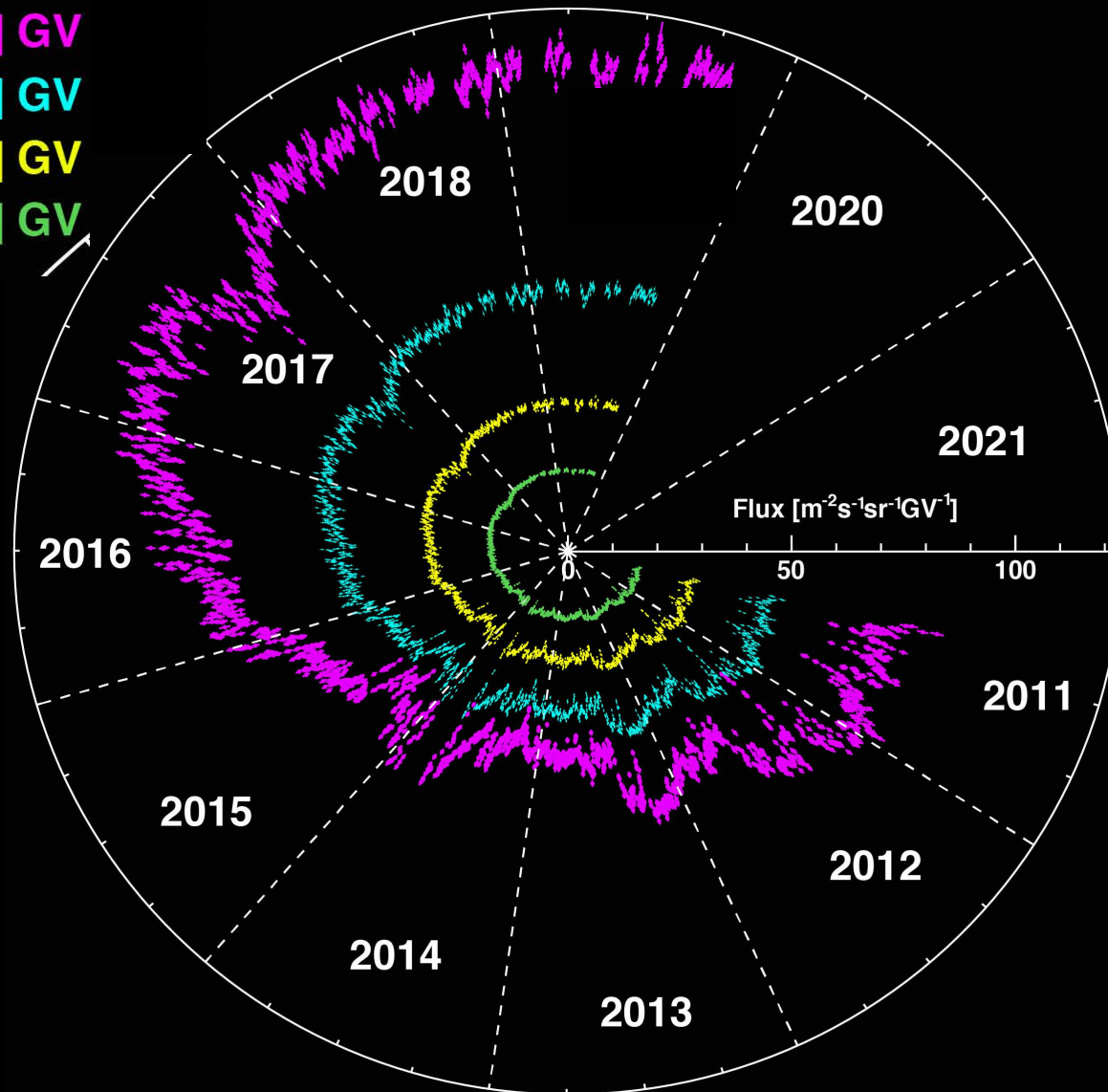
- [1.16-1.33] GV
- [1.92-2.15] GV
- [2.67-2.97] GV
- [4.02-4.43] GV

**Preliminary**  
please refer to  
our forthcoming  
publication in  
PRL



# Daily Variations in the Helium Flux

- [1.92-2.15] GV
- [2.97-3.29] GV
- [4.02-4.43] GV
- [5.37-5.90] GV



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# Conclusions

- AMS-02 has measured a clear positron structure around 500 GeV
- AMS-02 sensitivity to complex form of antimatter are providing interesting results
- AMS-02 is measuring with high accuracy the nuclei spectra up to Iron (and possibly just above)
- The AMS-02 measurements reveal new features
- AMS-02 can also study CR flux time dependence and its correlation with sun activity

## AMS-02 Beyond 2021

- Positrons and anti-protons as probes for exotic signals
- Complete the CR spectra measurement
- Complete the CR fluxes study over a full solar cycle
- Search for heavy antimatter (few candidates observed) and anti-deuterons

# AMS Publications

- 1) Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 141102 (2013). Editors' Suggestion. Viewpoint in *Physics*. Highlight of 2013. Ten-Year retrospective.
- 2) Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 121101 (2014). Editors' Suggestion
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- 8) Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 231102 (2016). Editors' Suggestion
- 9) Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 251101 (2017).
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- 17) Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 211102 (2020). Editors' Suggestion. Featured in *Physics*.
- 18) *Physics Reports* 894, 1 (2021), "The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) on the International Space Station: Part II – Results from the First Seven Years"
- 19) Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 041104 (2021) Iron Featured in *Physics*.
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