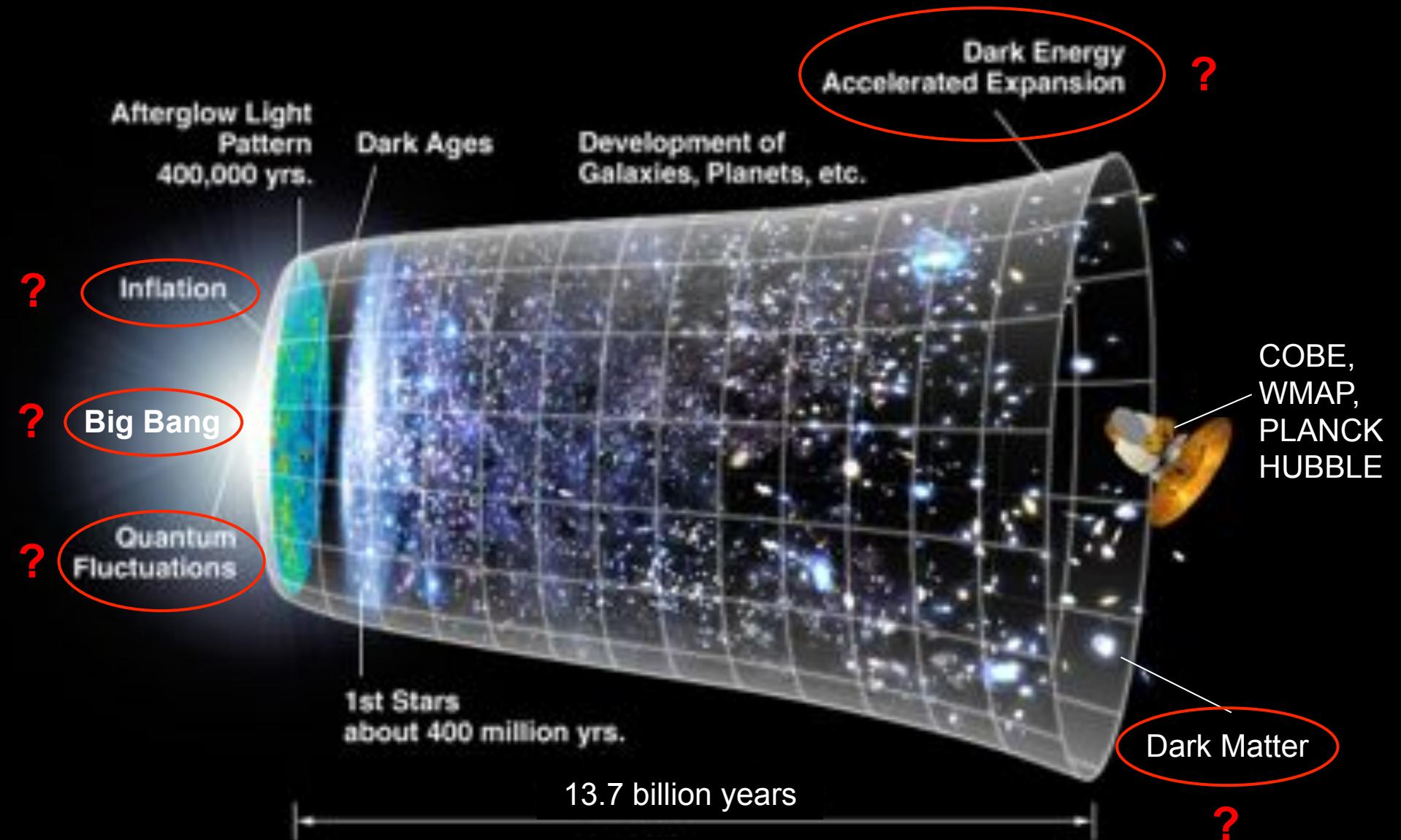


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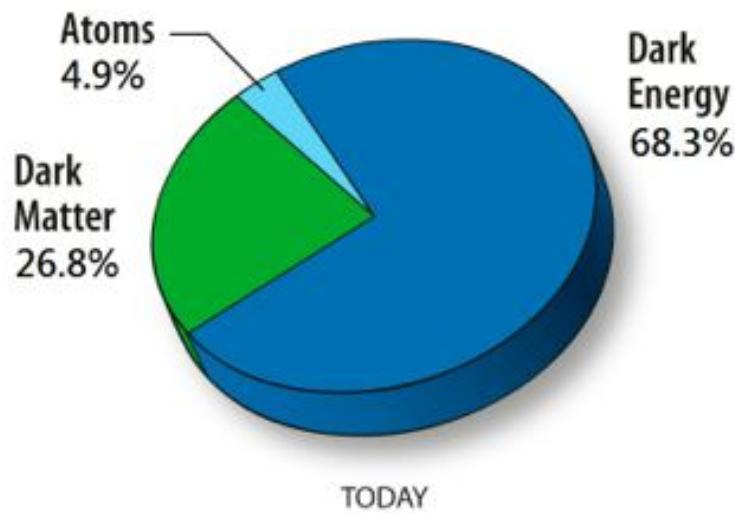
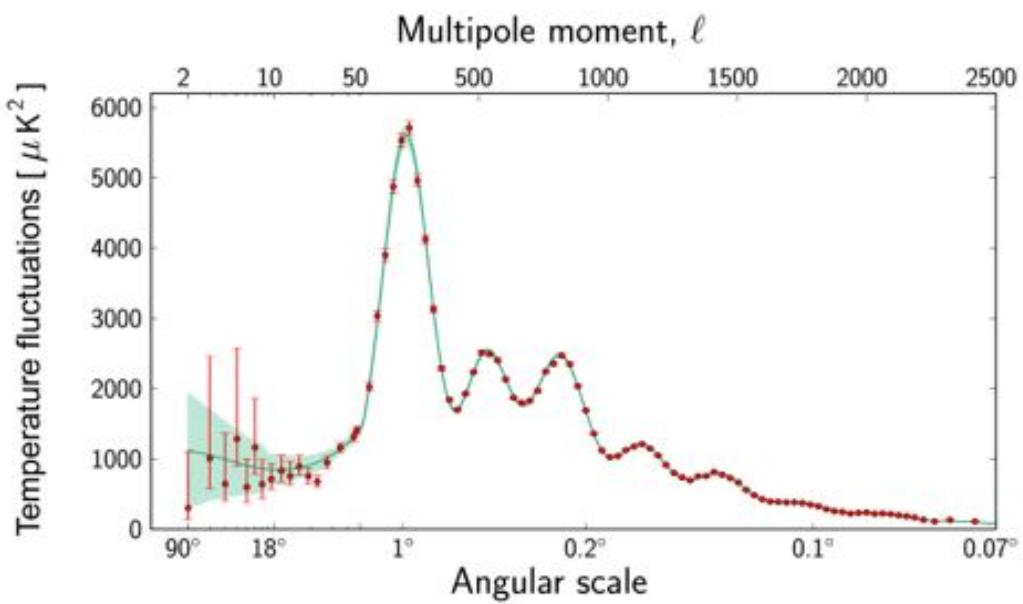
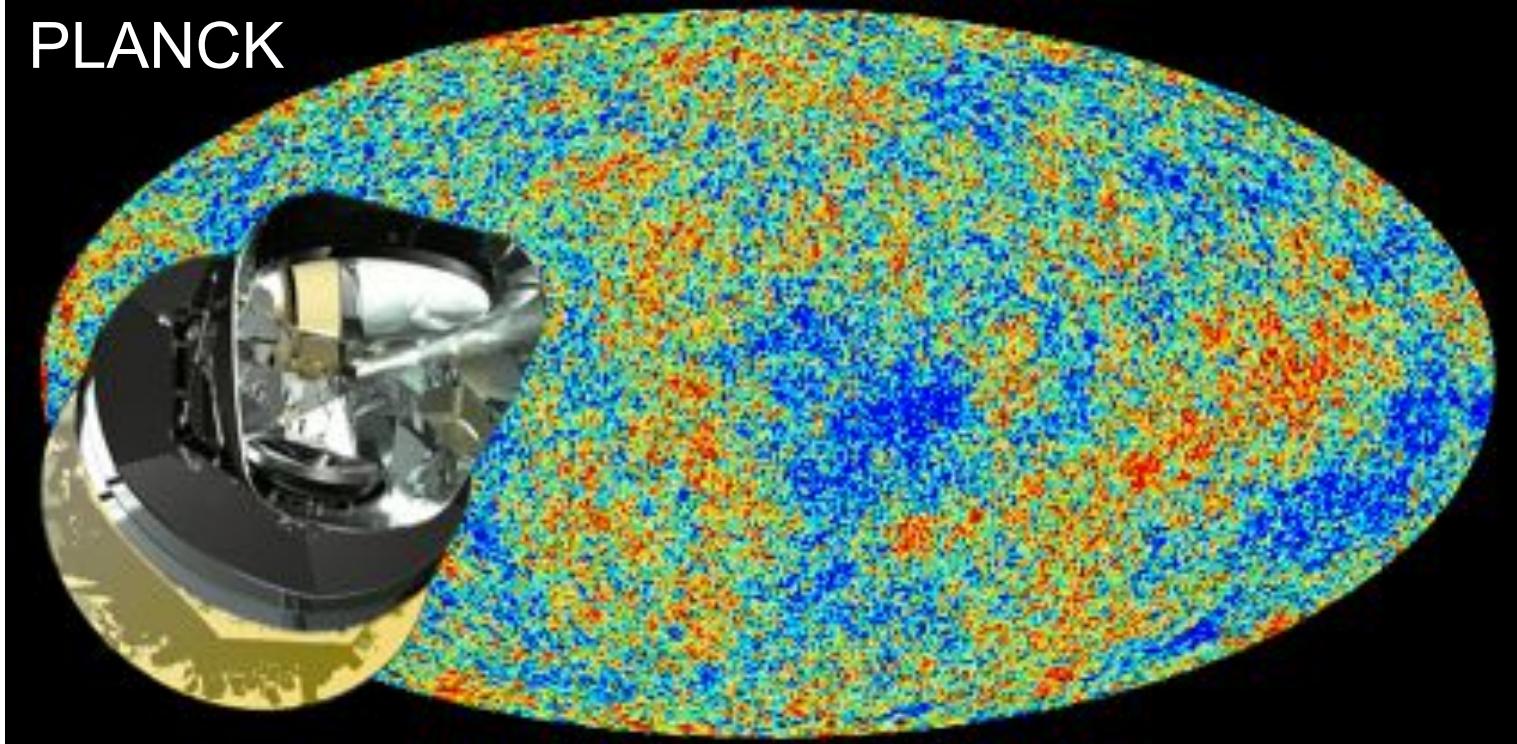
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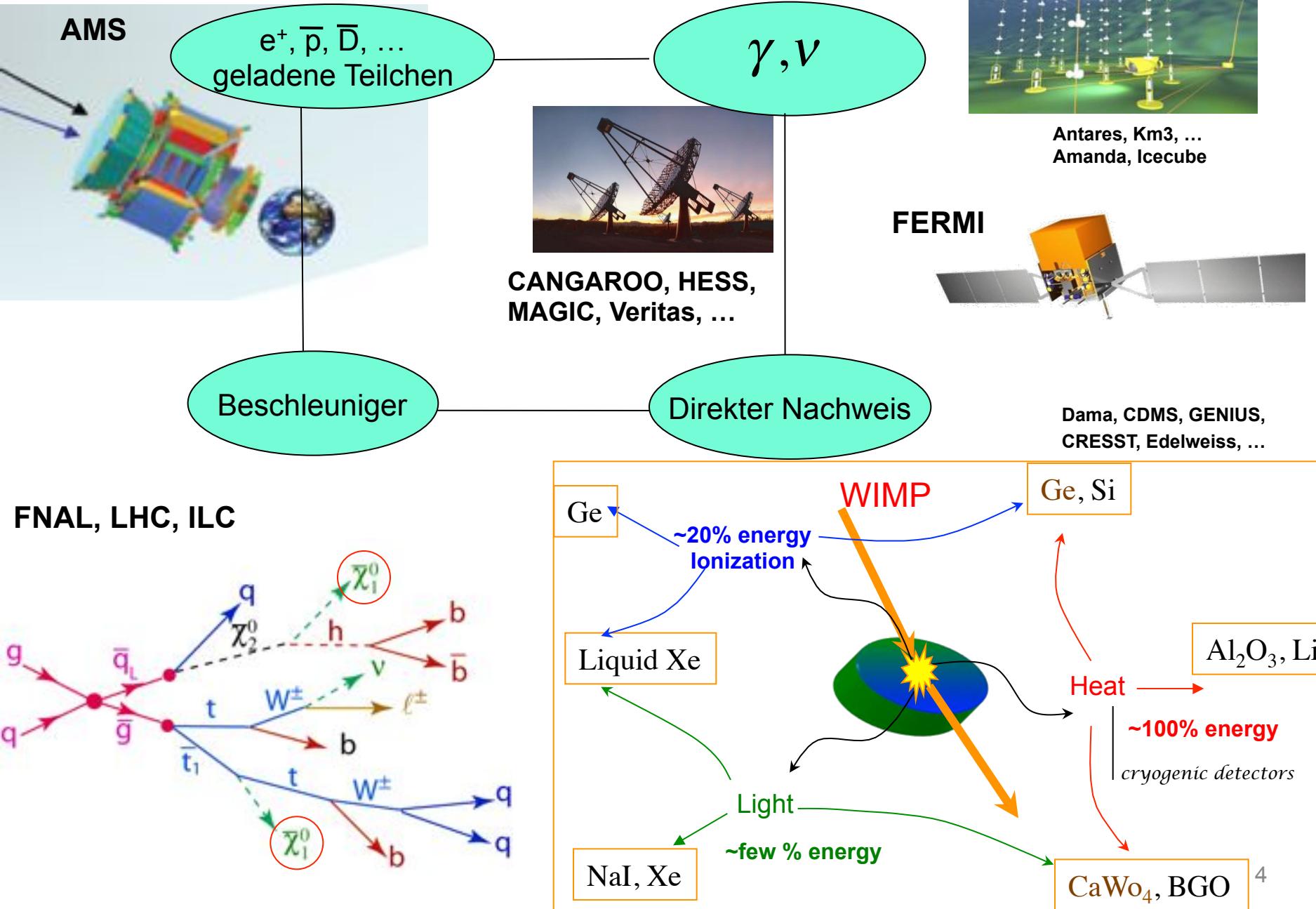
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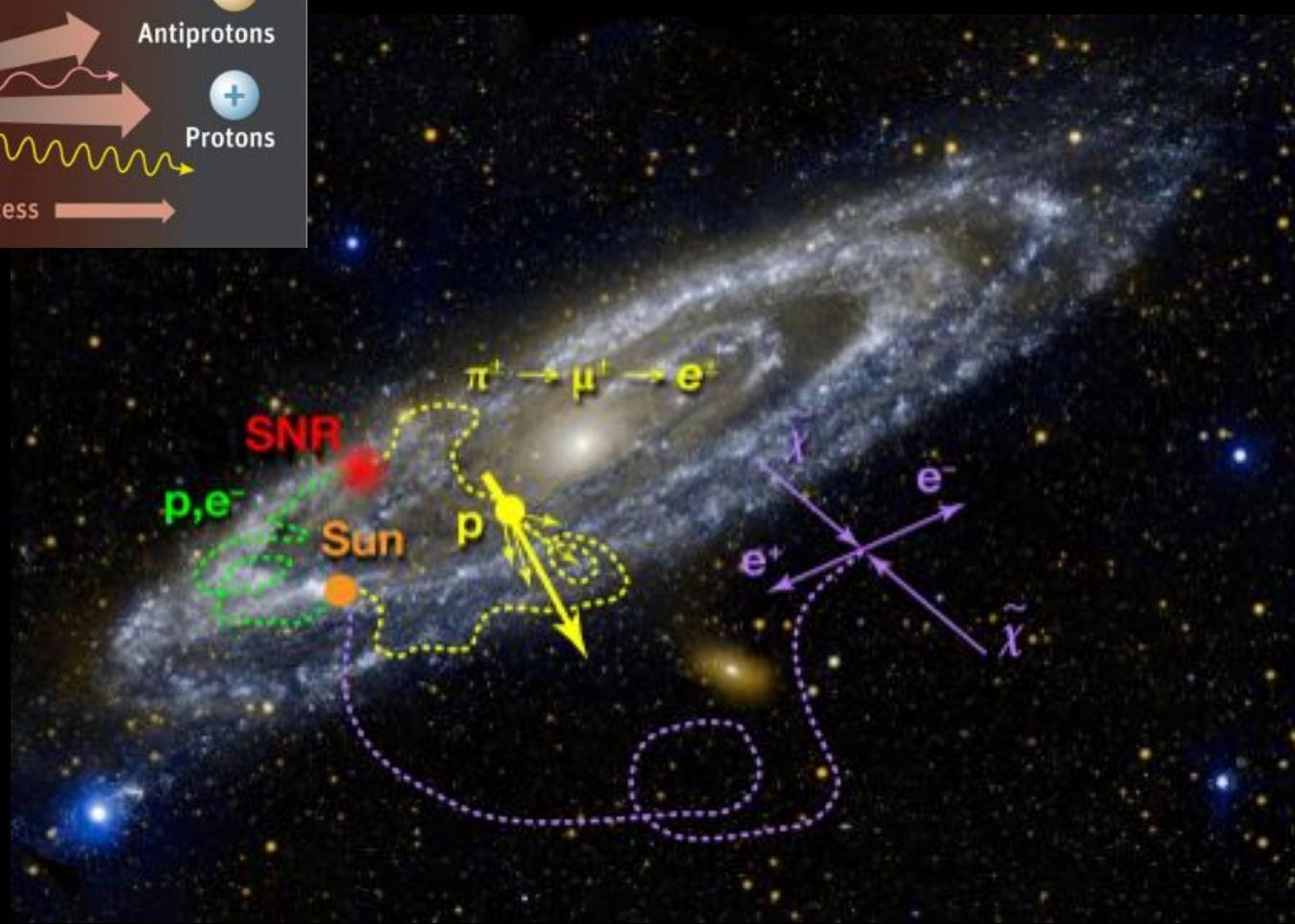
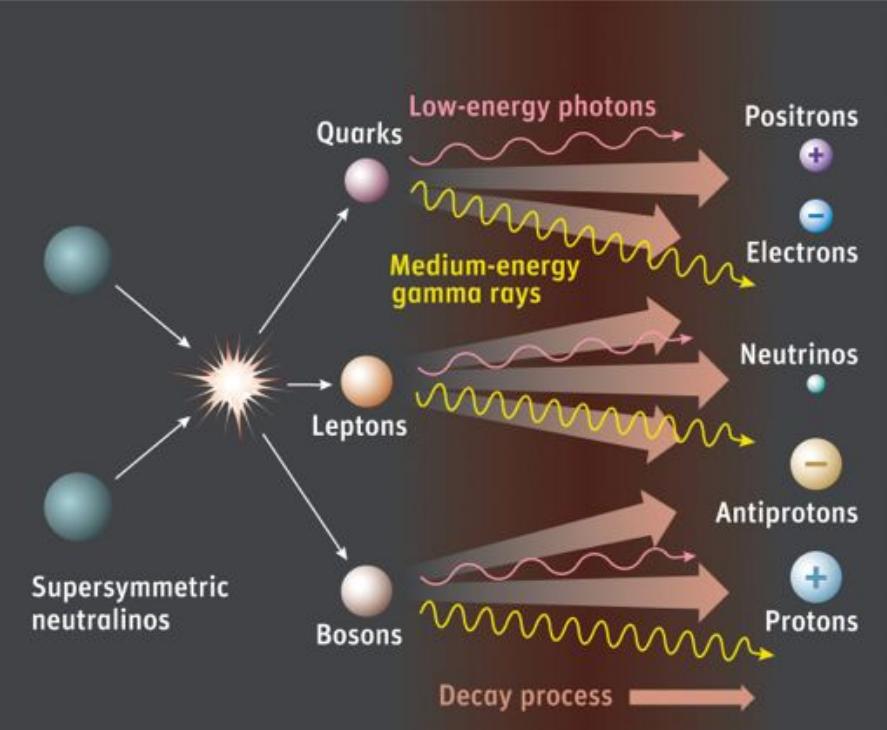


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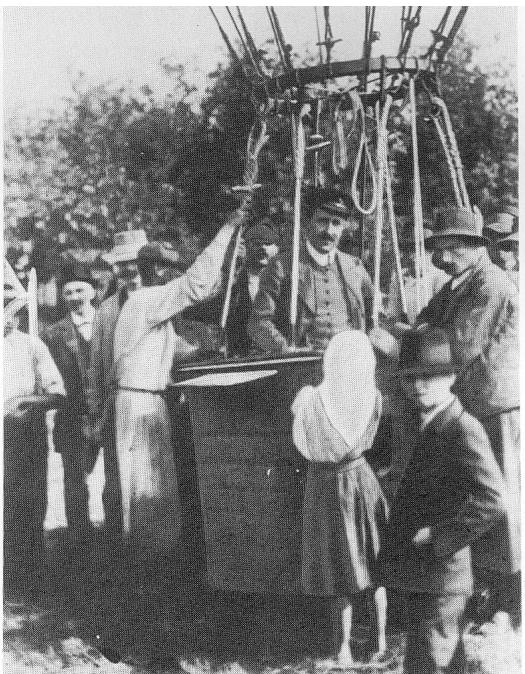


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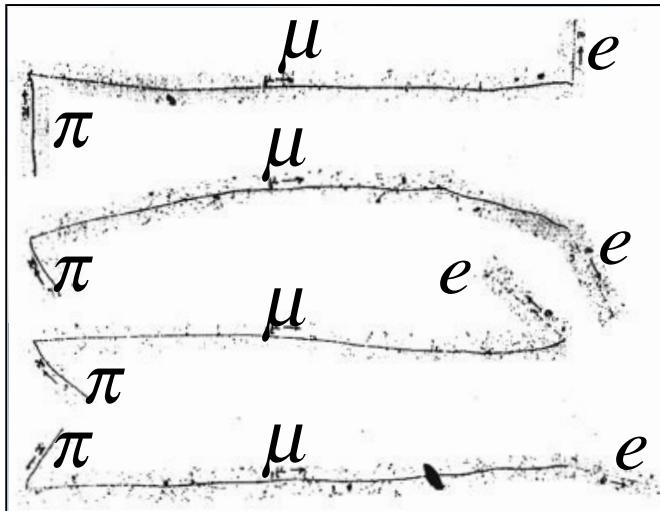
# Physics of Charged Cosmic Rays



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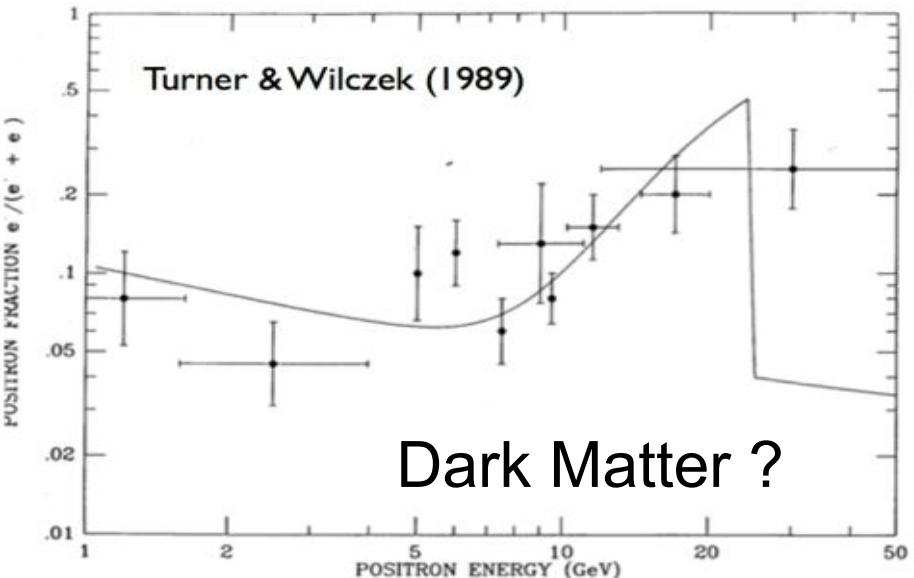


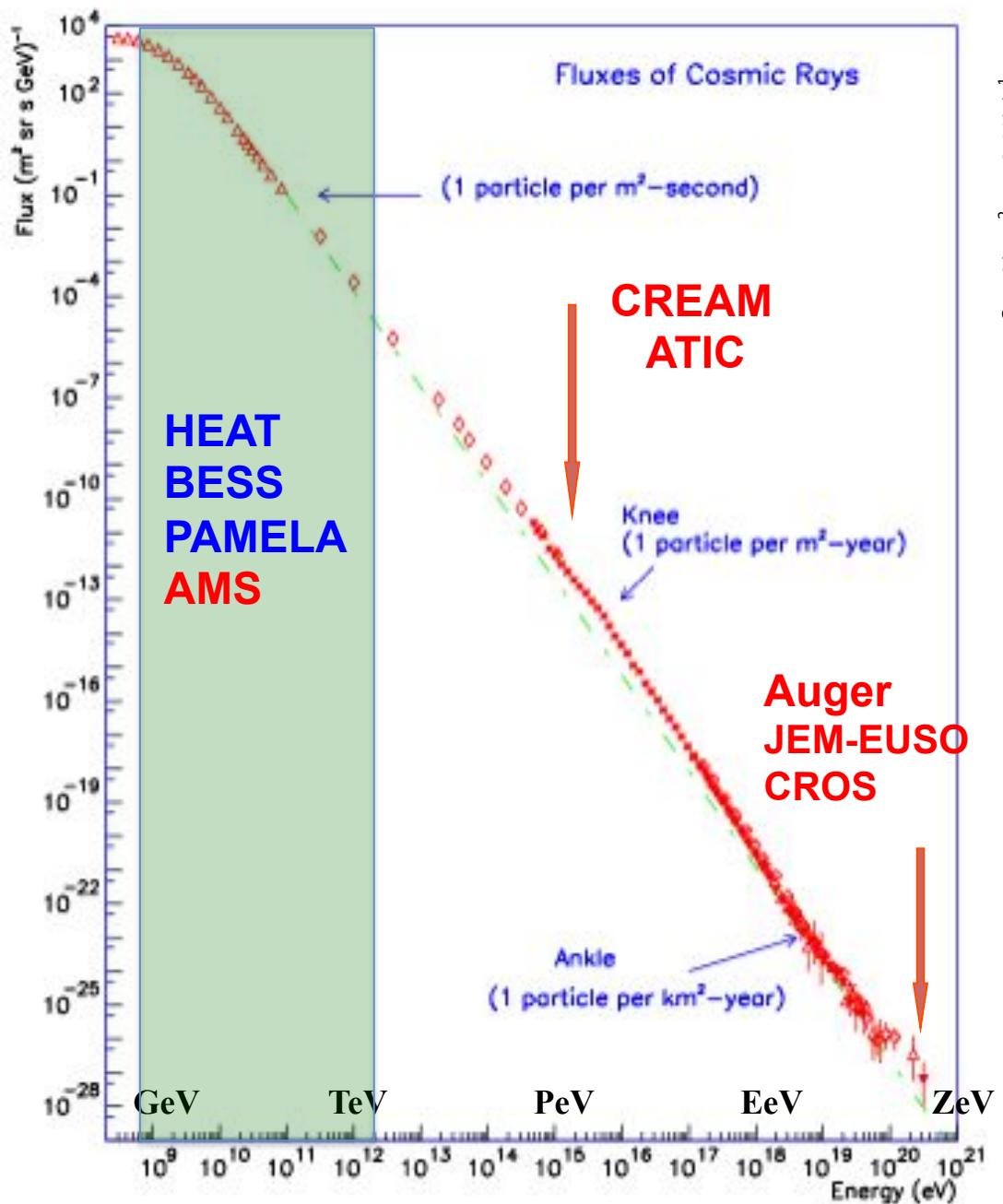
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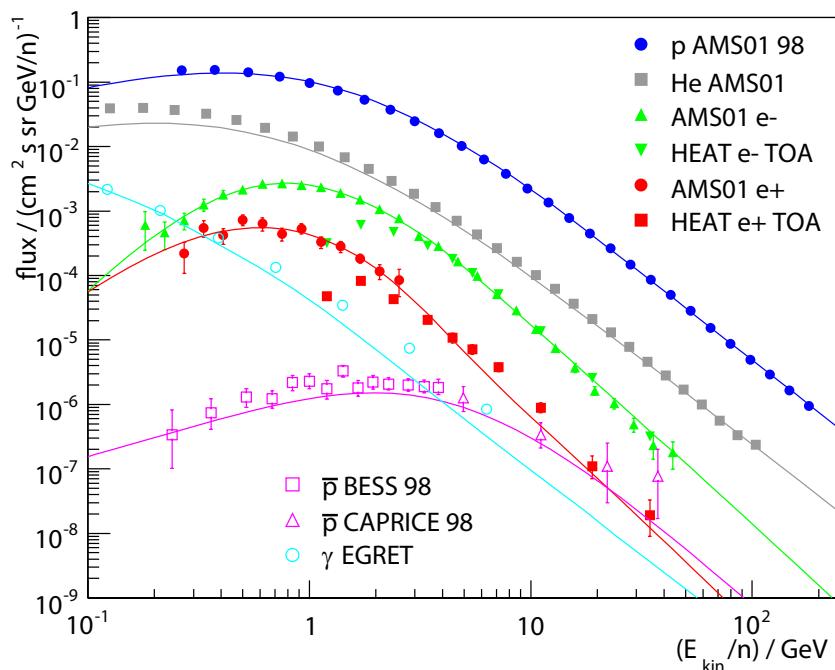
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- Discoveries of
- 1936: Muon ( $\mu$ )
  - 1938:  $10^{15}$  eV CR
  - 1949: Kaon (K)
  - 1949: Lambda ( $\Lambda$ )
  - 1952: Xi ( $\Xi$ )
  - 1953: Sigma ( $\Sigma$ )





Ref: B Beischer et al 2009 New J. Phys. 11 105021



## Experimental Challenges

to search for new physics:

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow X \rightarrow e^+e^-, p\bar{p}, \dots$$

Signal/background =  $e^+/p < 10^{-4}$   
rejection of background  $< 1/10^6$

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FIGURE 2. PAMELA positron fraction with other experimental data and with secondary production model.

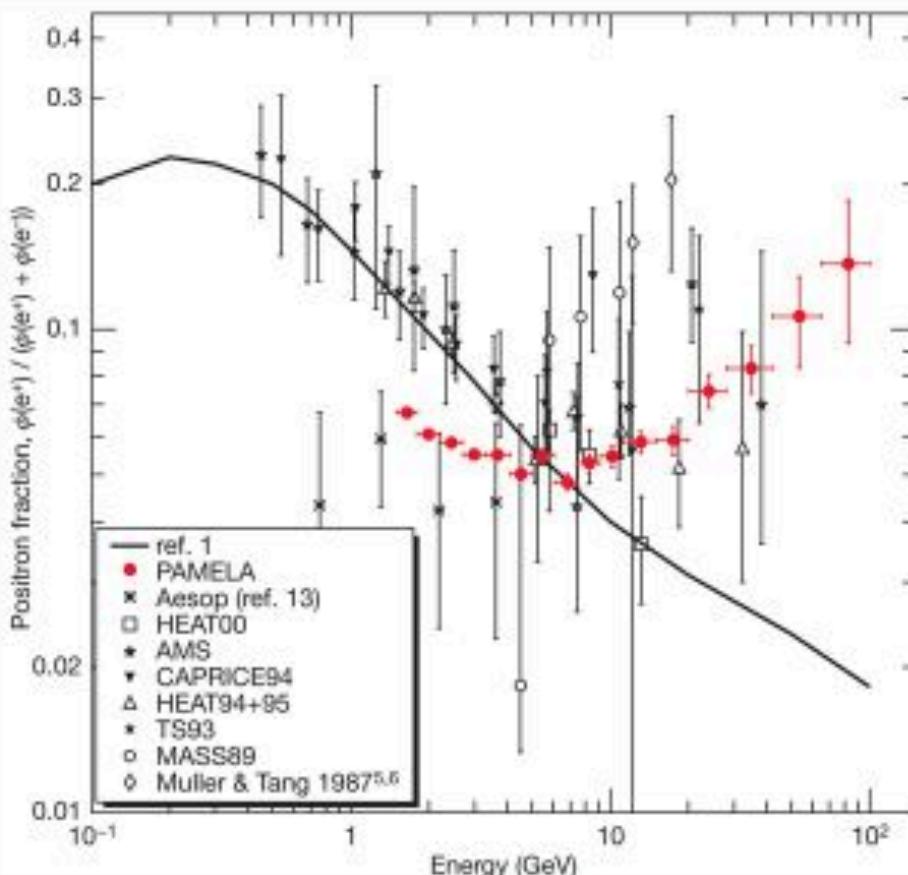
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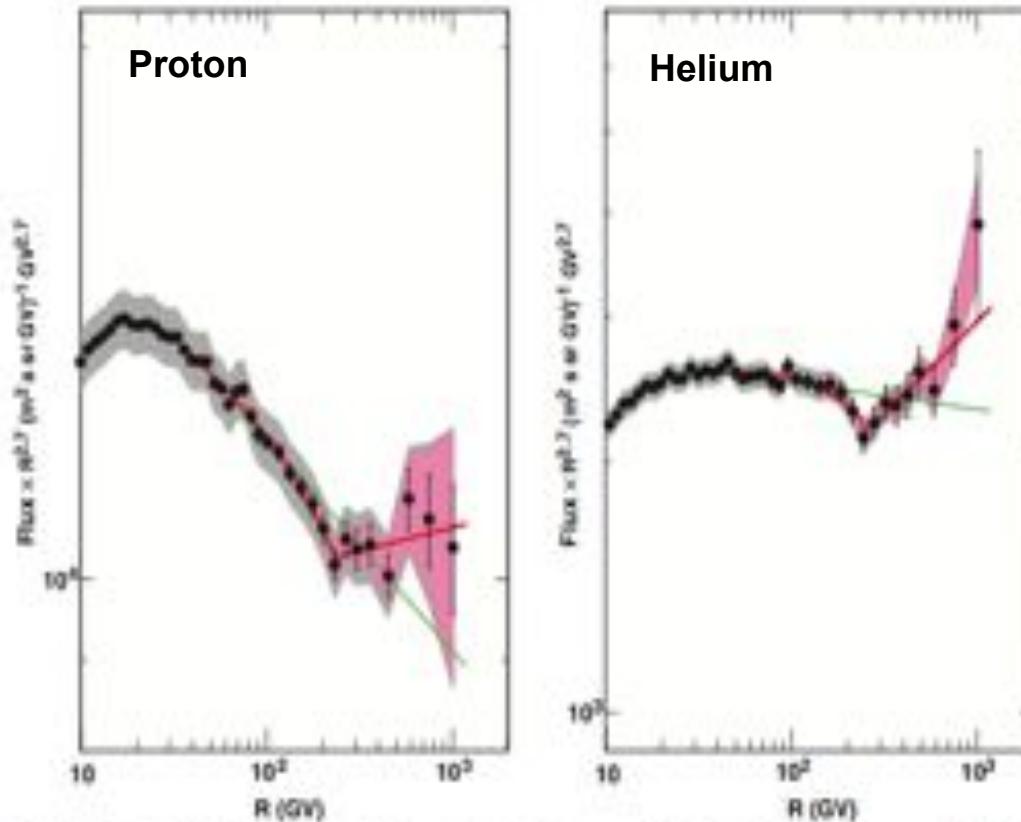
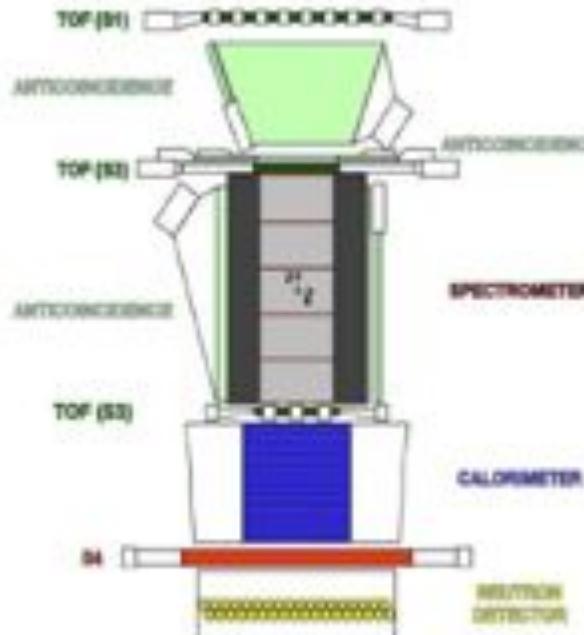


Fig. 4. Proton (left) and helium (right) spectra in the range 10 GV to 1.2 TV. The gray shaded area represents the estimated systematic uncertainty, and the pink shaded area represents the contribution due to tracker alignment. The green lines represent fits with a single power law in the rigidity range 30 to 240 GV. The red curves represent the fit with a rigidity-dependent power law (30 to 240 GV) and with a single power law above 240 GV.

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FIGURE 4. Assuming an annihilation signature of Kaluza–Klein dark matter, all the data can be reproduced.

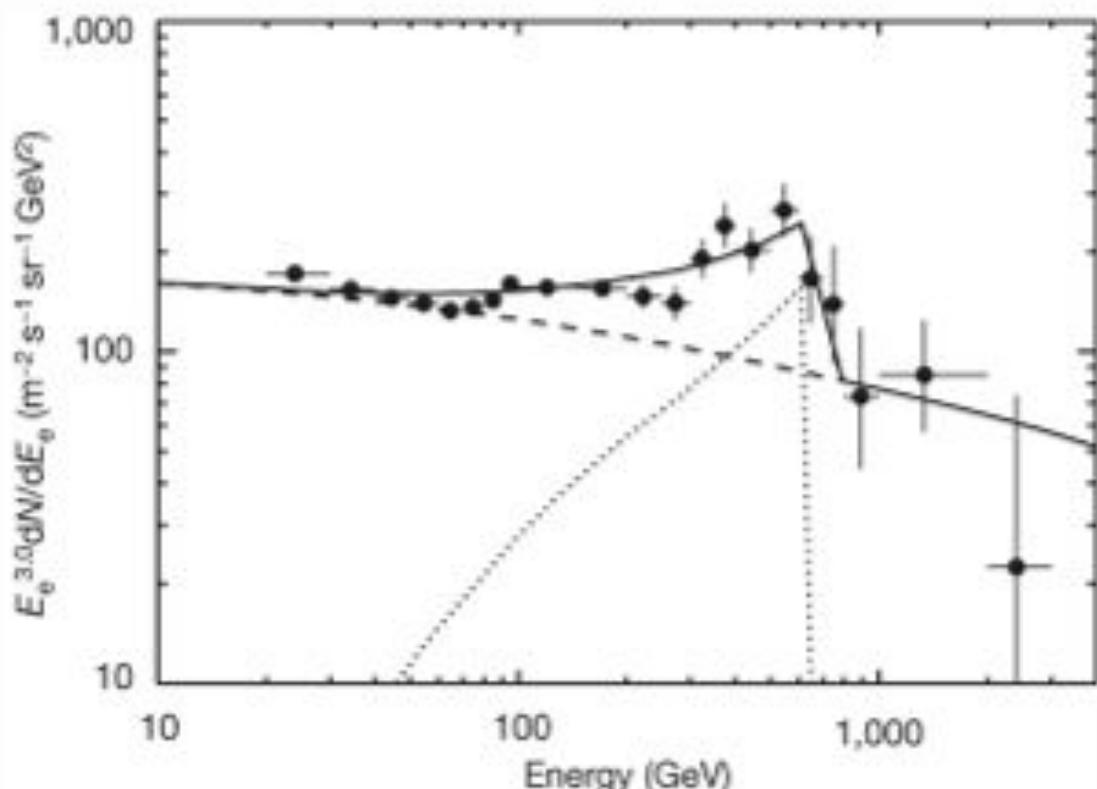
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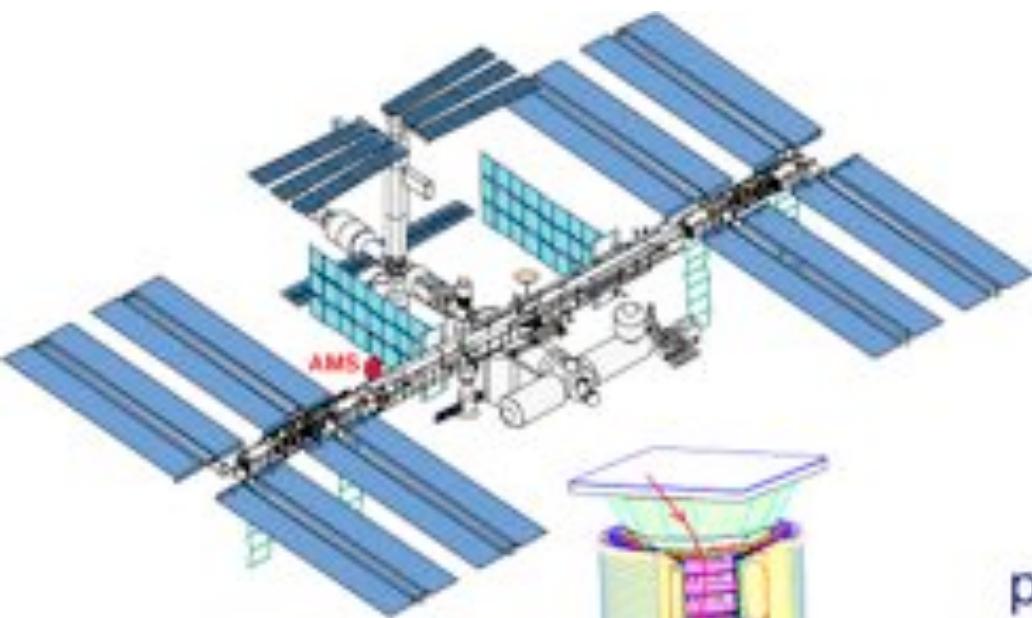
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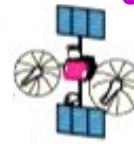
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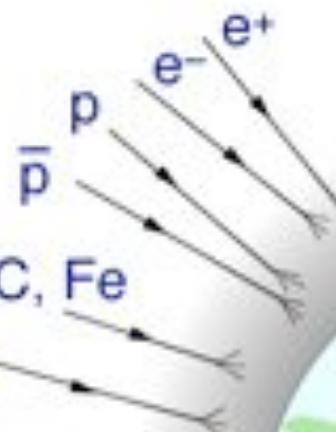
$\gamma, \nu$

Hubble, Chandra,  
GLAST, JWST,  
JDEM



### Discoveries:

- (1) Pulsar,
  - (2) Microwave,
  - (3) Binary Pulsars,
  - (4) X Ray sources, solar neutrinos
  - (5) Dark Matter, Dark Energy
- ... ...



He, Be, C, Fe

$\overline{\text{He}}$

WHIPPLE,  
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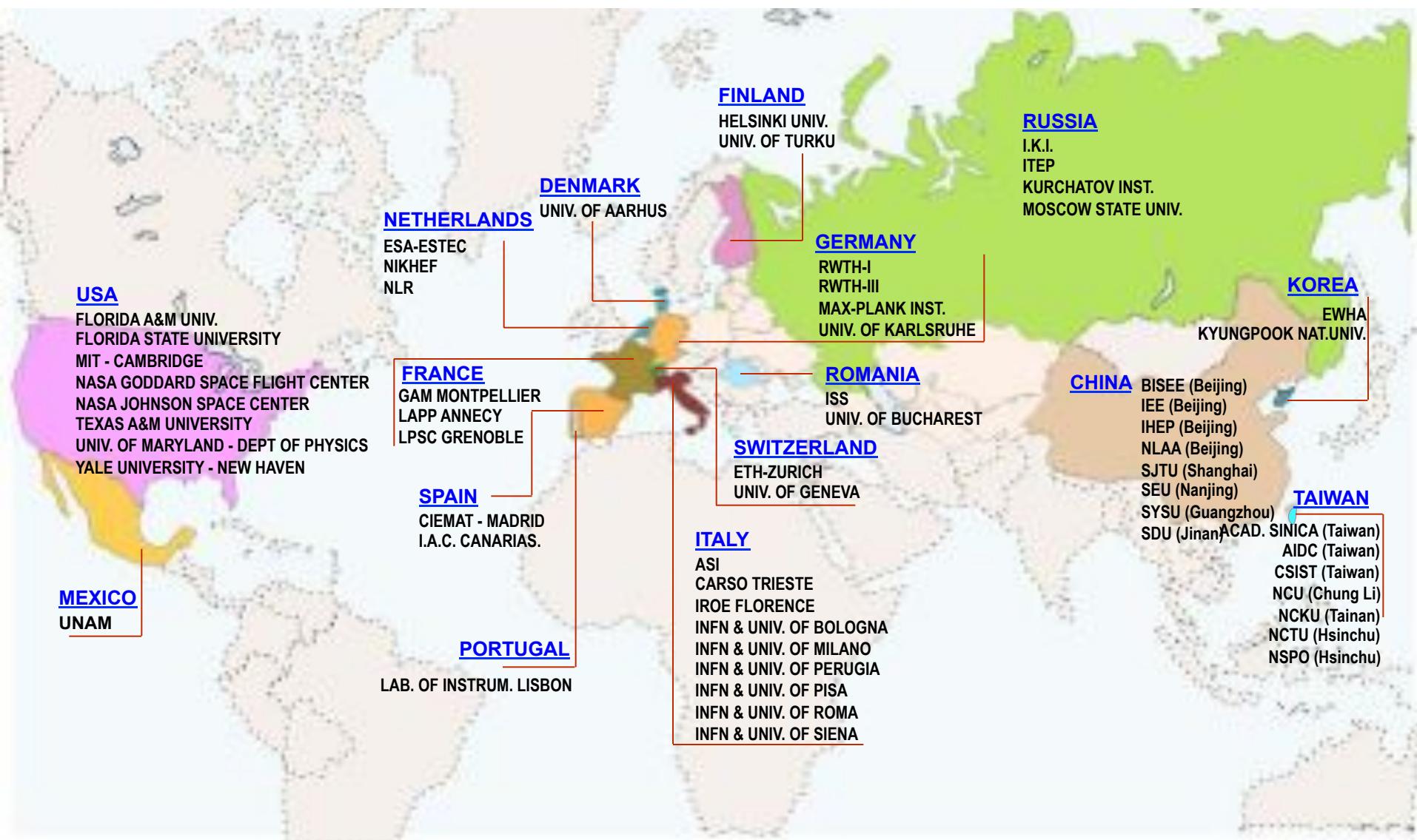
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# AMS is US Dept of Energy (DOE) led International Collaboration

## 16 Countries, 60 Institutes and 600 Physicists, 17 years



The detectors were built all over the world  
and assembled at CERN, near Geneva, Switzerland

# AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

TRD

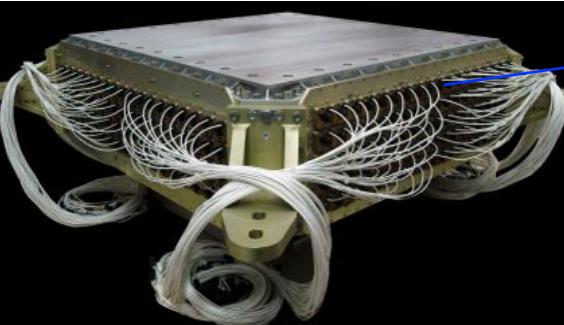
Identify  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$



Silicon Tracker  
 $Z, P$



ECAL  
 $E$  of  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ,  $\gamma$

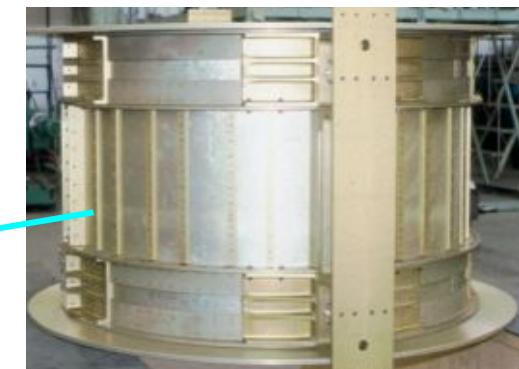


Particles and nuclei are defined by their charge ( $Z$ ) and energy ( $E \sim P$ )

TOF  
 $Z, E$



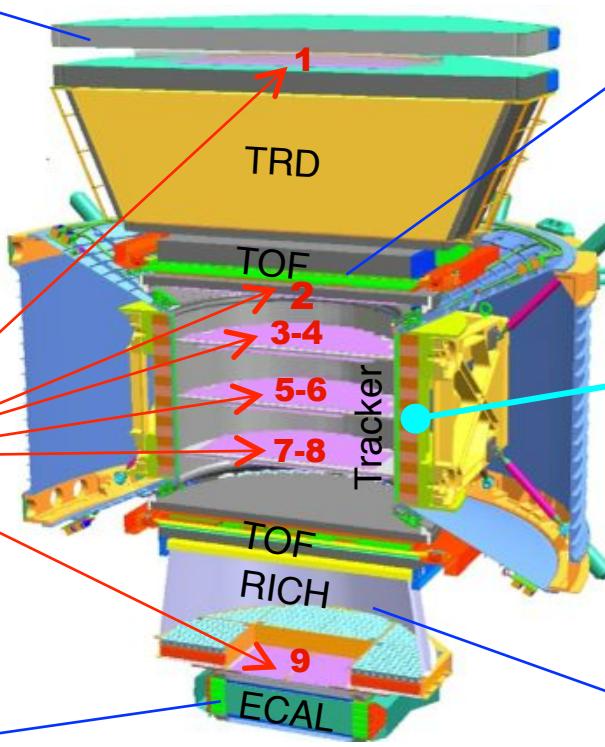
Magnet  
 $\pm Z$



RICH  
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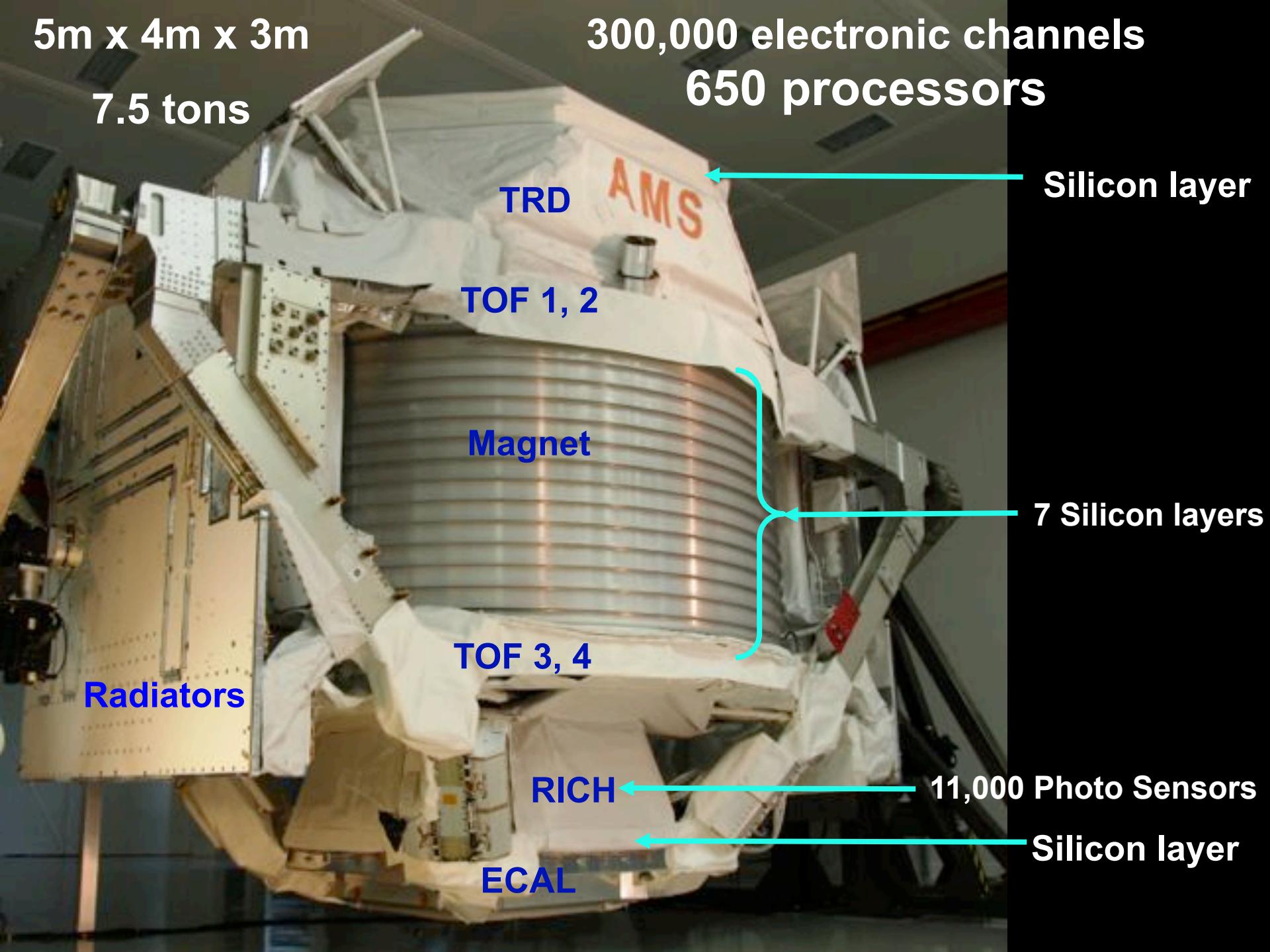
$Z, P$  are measured independently by the Tracker, RICH, TOF and ECAL



5m x 4m x 3m

7.5 tons

300,000 electronic channels  
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has been used for transport  
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25. August 2010





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# Closing Endeavour's Payload Bay Doors at the Launch Pad





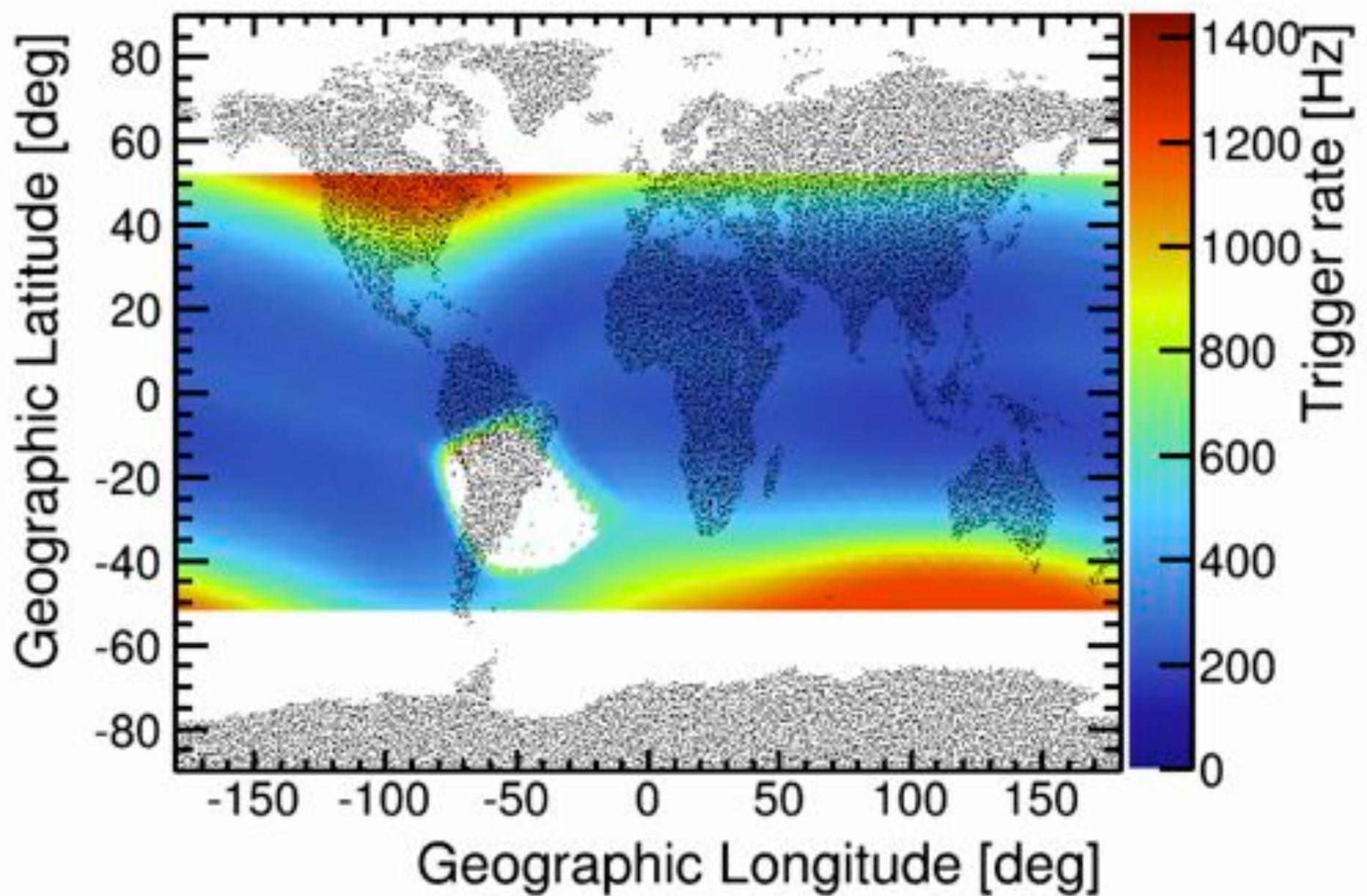
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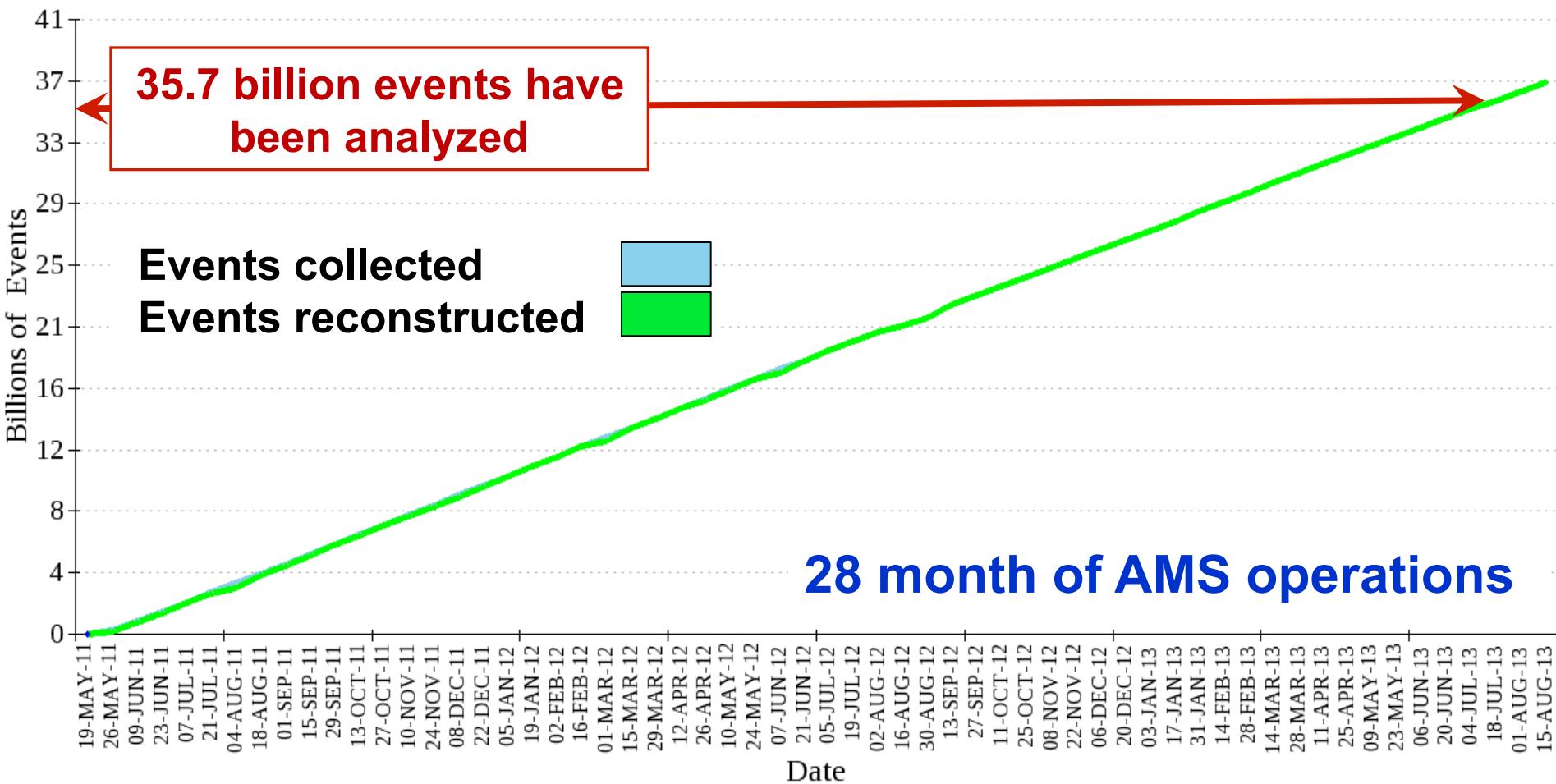
**Endeavour approaches the International Space Station**



AMS installed on the ISS  
Truss and taking data  
May 19, 2011



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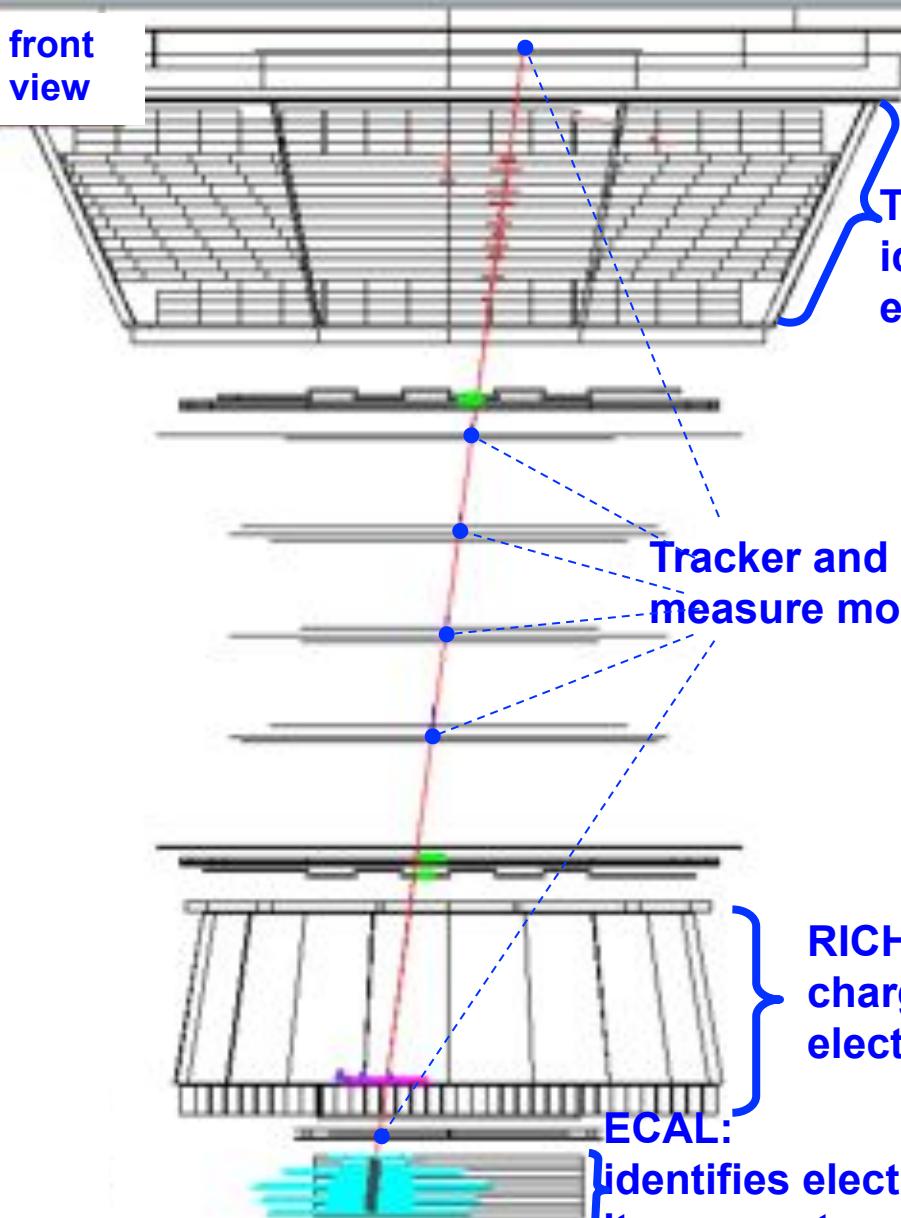


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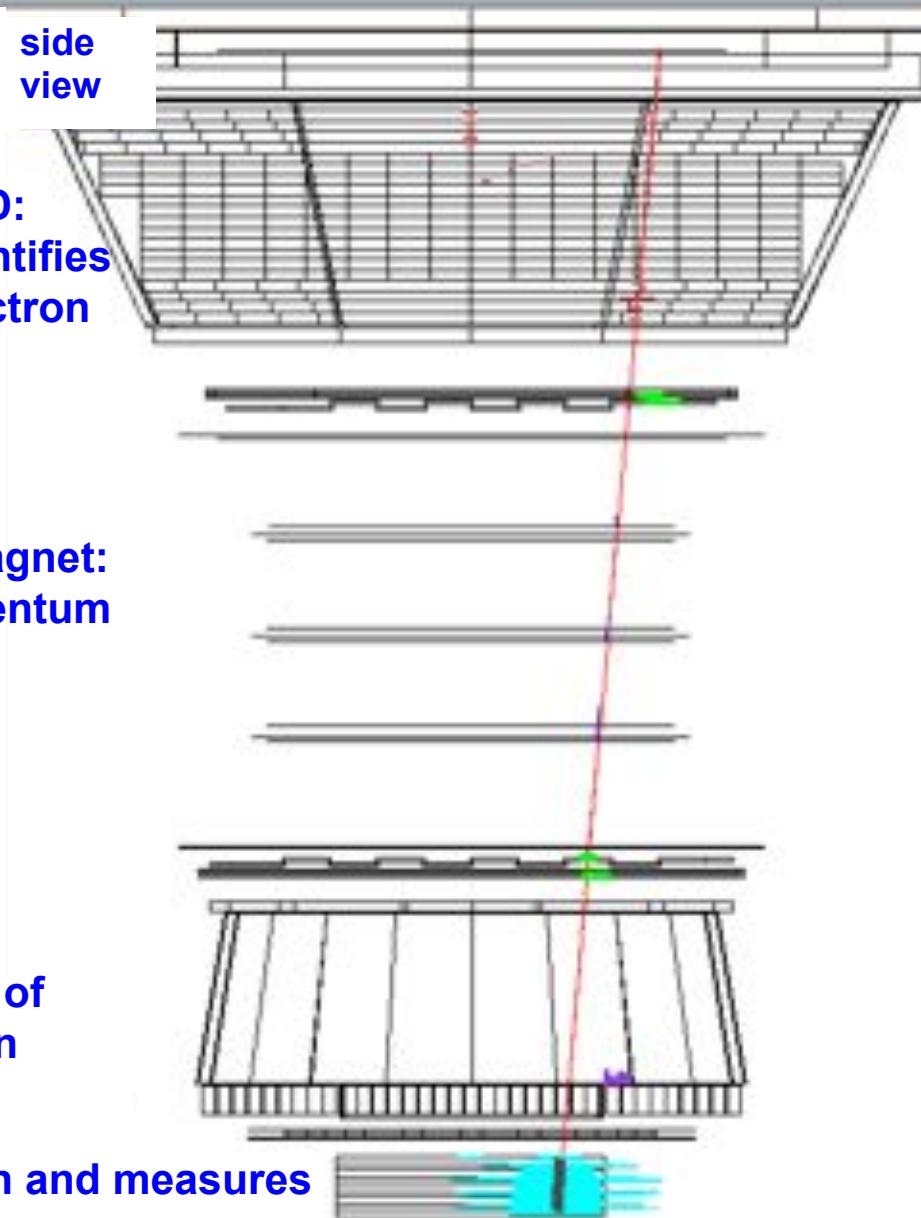
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front view



side view



TRD:  
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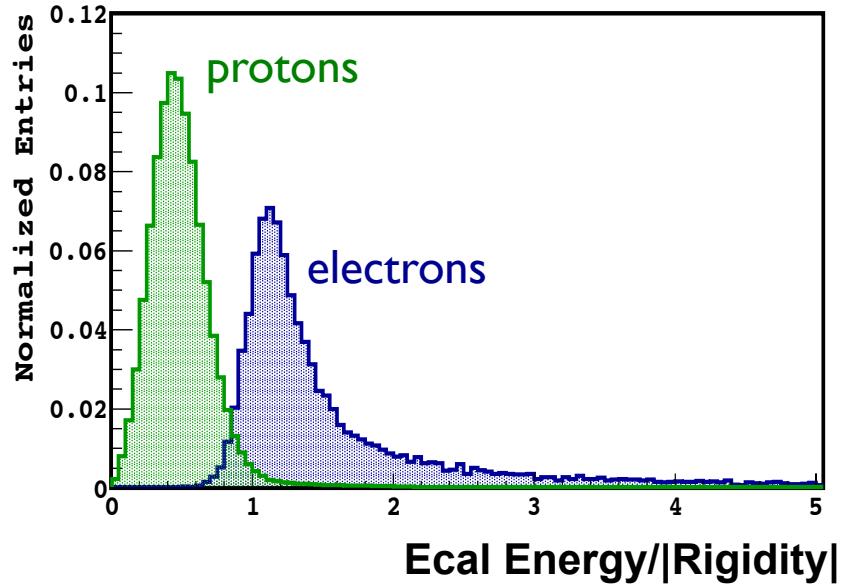
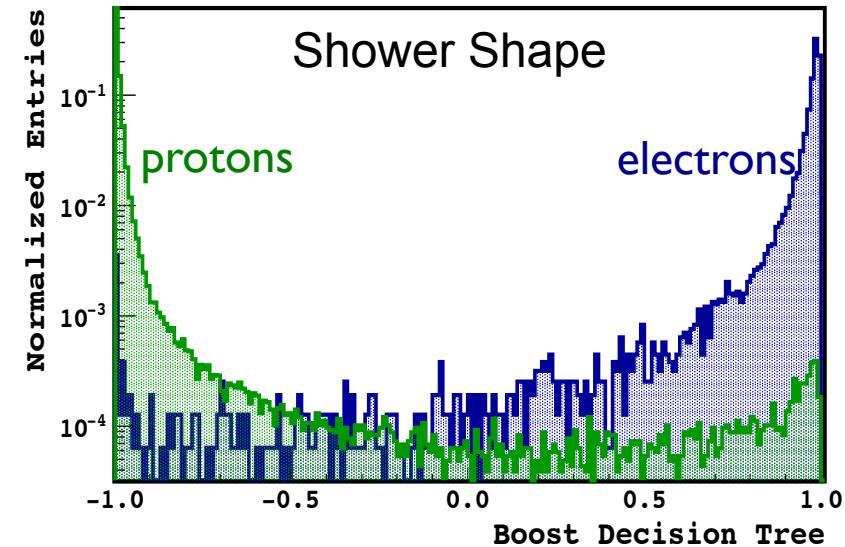
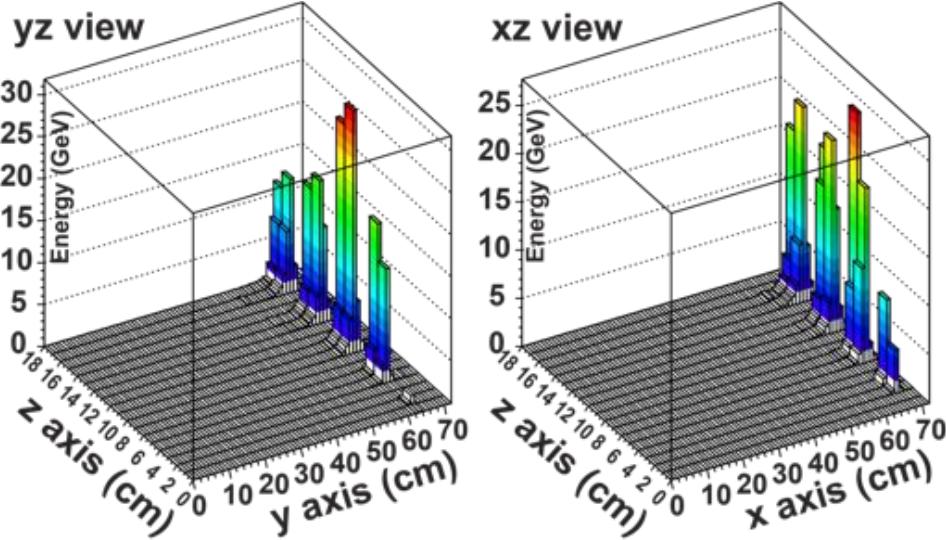
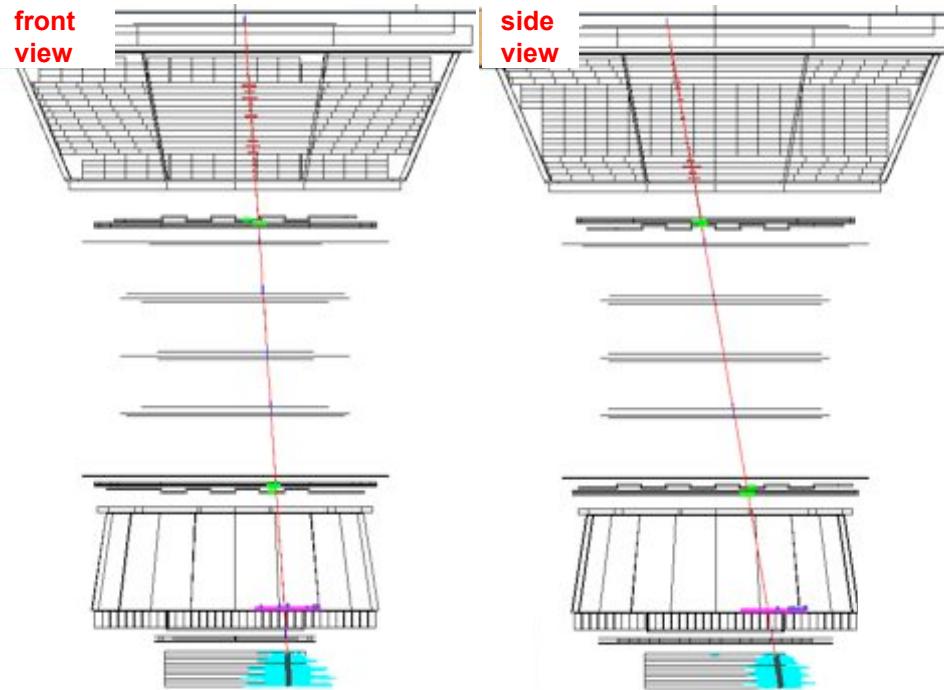
Tracker and Magnet:  
measure momentum

RICH  
charge of  
electron

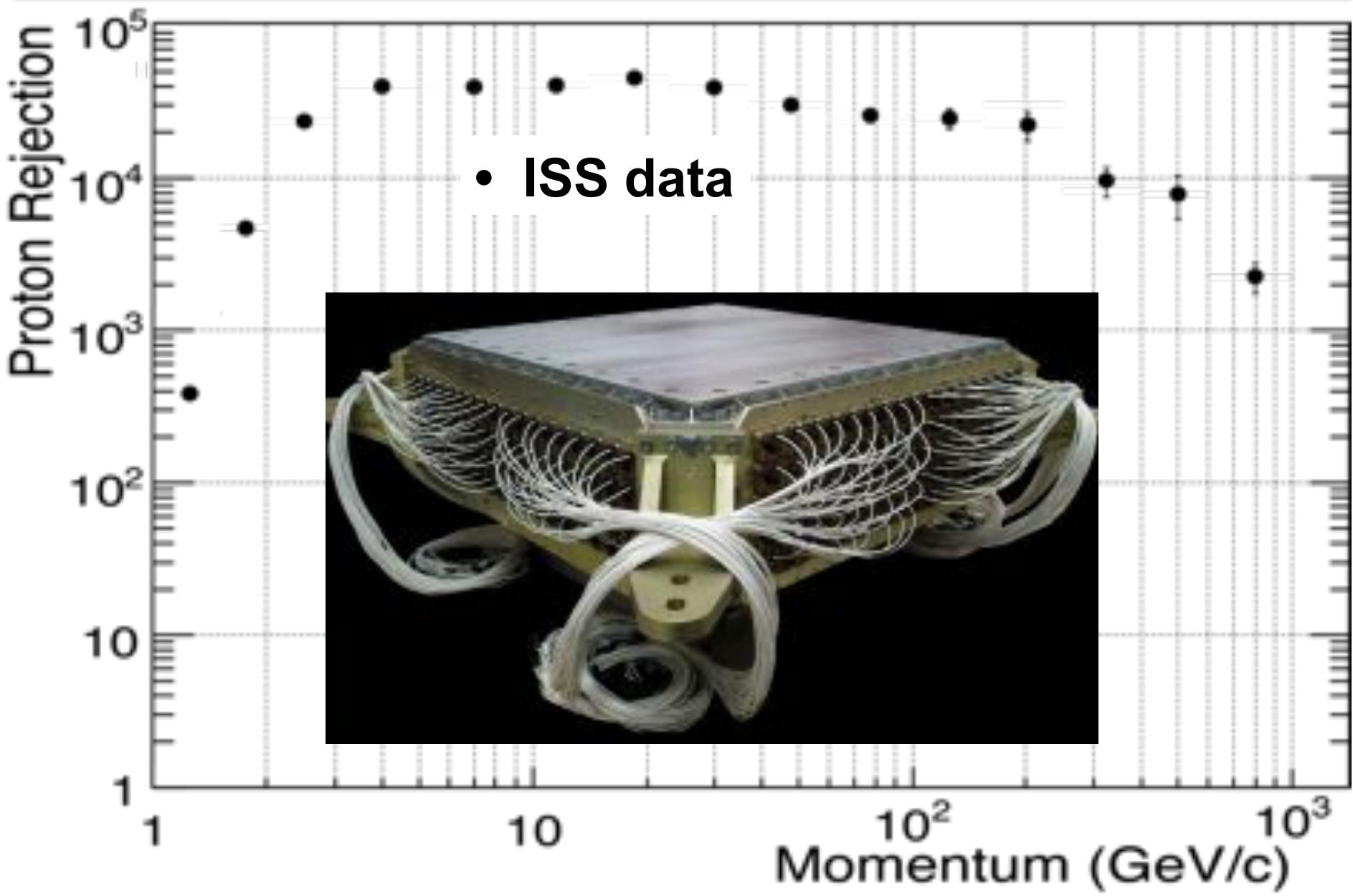
ECAL:  
identifies electron and measures  
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# Positron E=636 GeV

Run/Event 133119-743/ 56950



# Proton Rejection by ECAL and Tracker

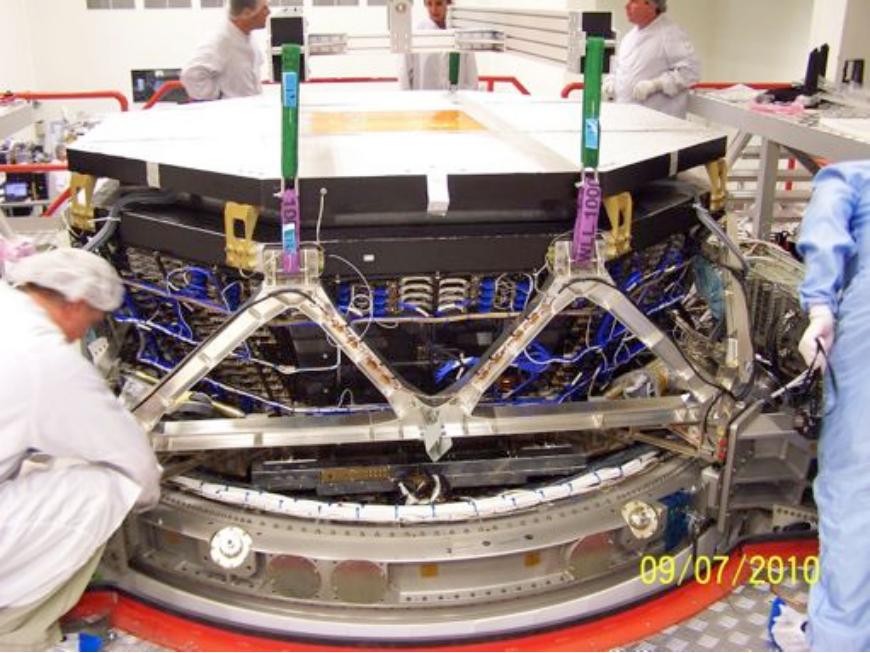
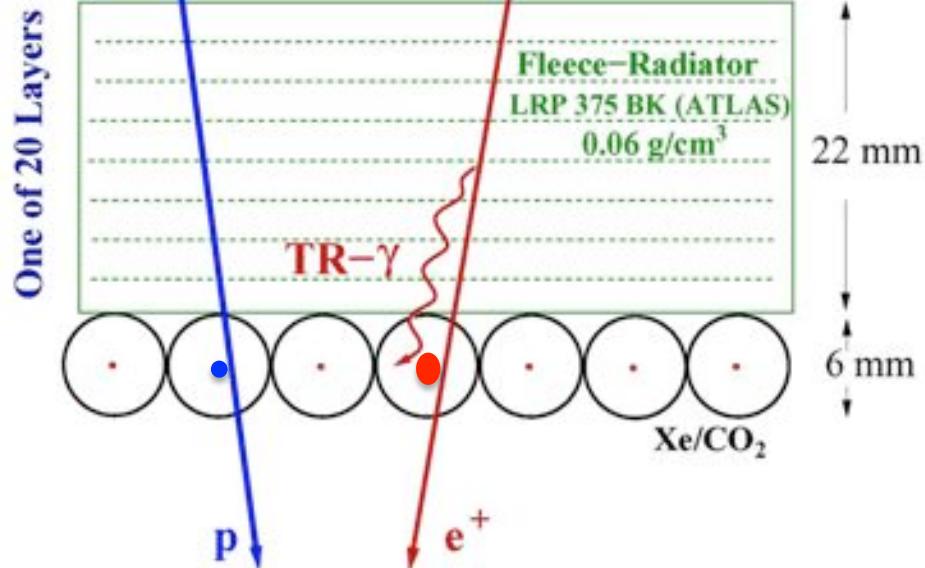


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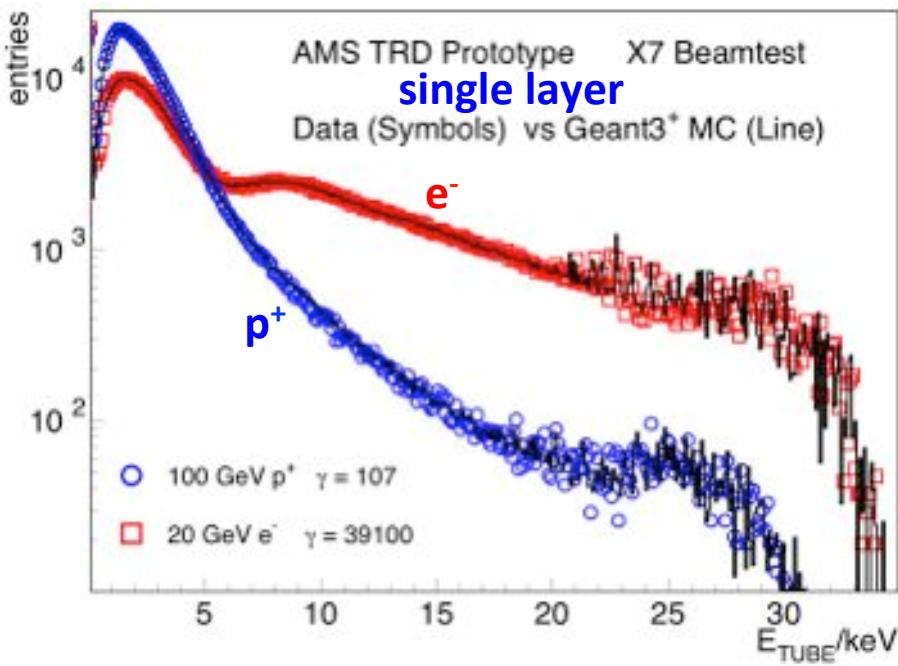
**p<sup>+</sup> rejection >10<sup>2</sup> 1-400 GeV  
acceptance: 0.4m<sup>2</sup>sr**

20 Layers each consisting of:

- 22 mm fibre fleece
- Ø 6 mm straw tubes  
filled with Xe/CO<sub>2</sub> 80%/20%



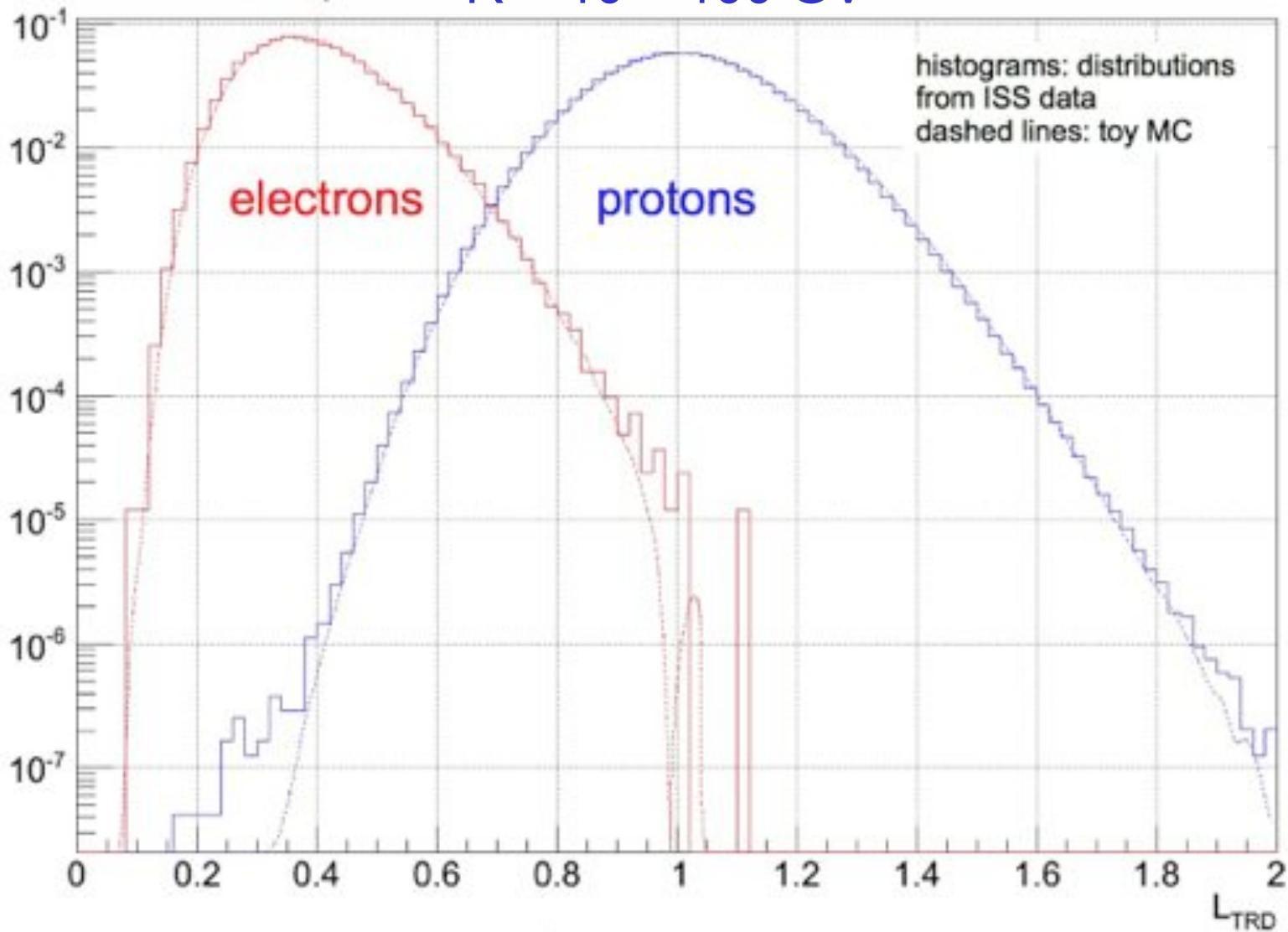
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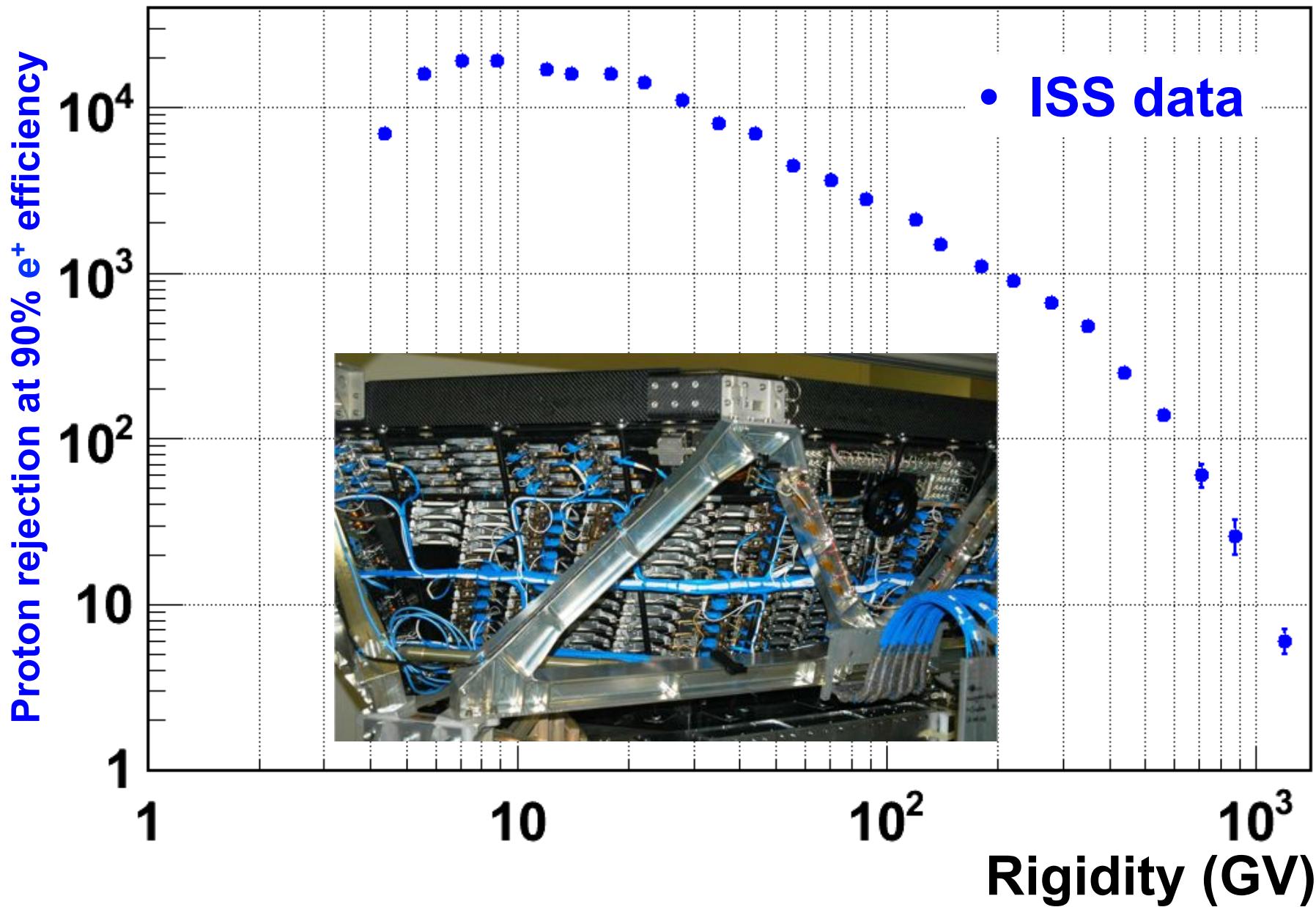
# AMS TRD Data on ISS

$$L_{e,p} = \sqrt[n]{\prod_i^n p_{e,p}(dE_i/dx_i)} \rightarrow L_{\text{TRD}} = -\log \frac{L_e}{L_e + L_p}$$

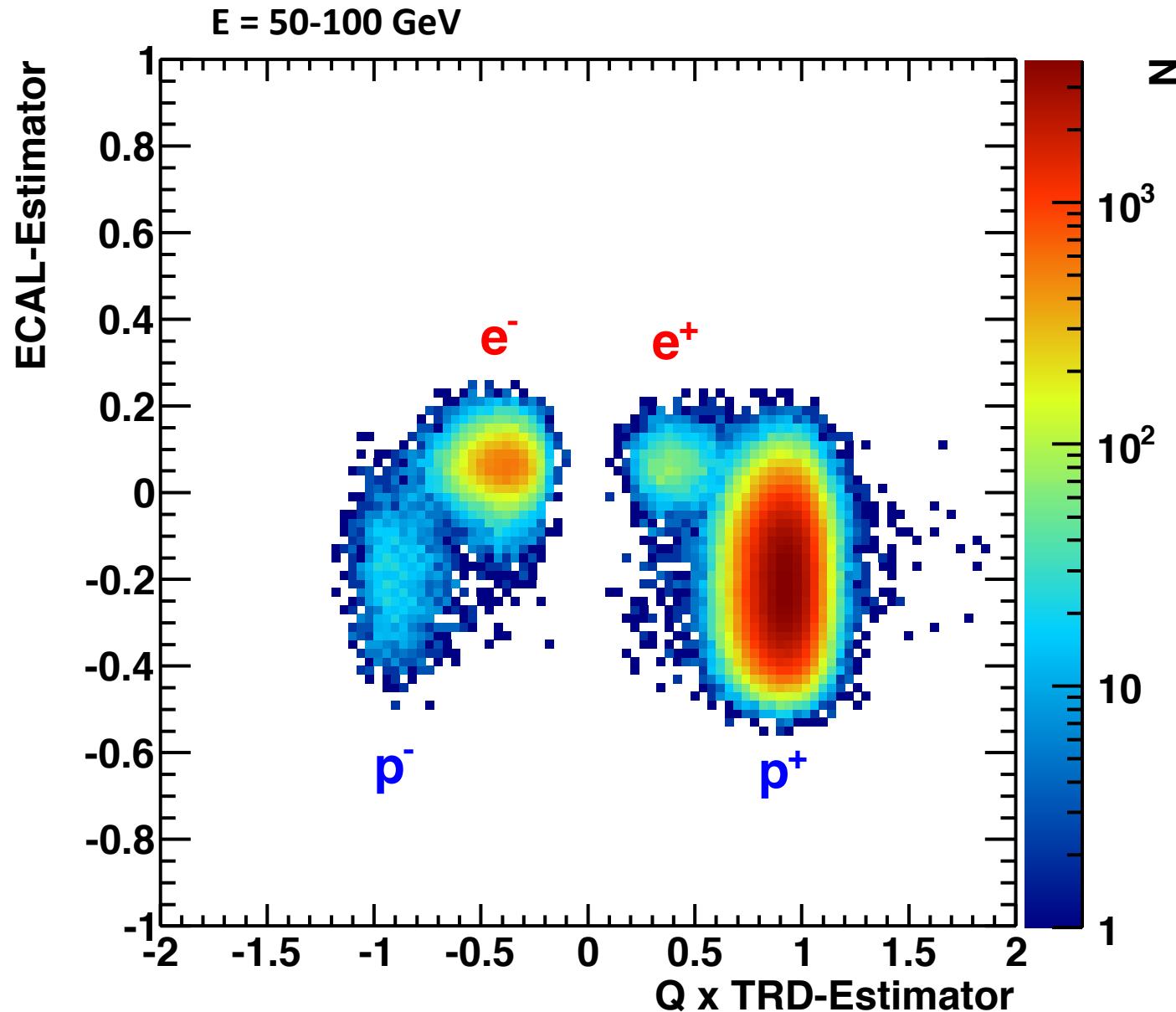
$R = 10 - 100 \text{ GV}$



# Proton Rejection by TRD



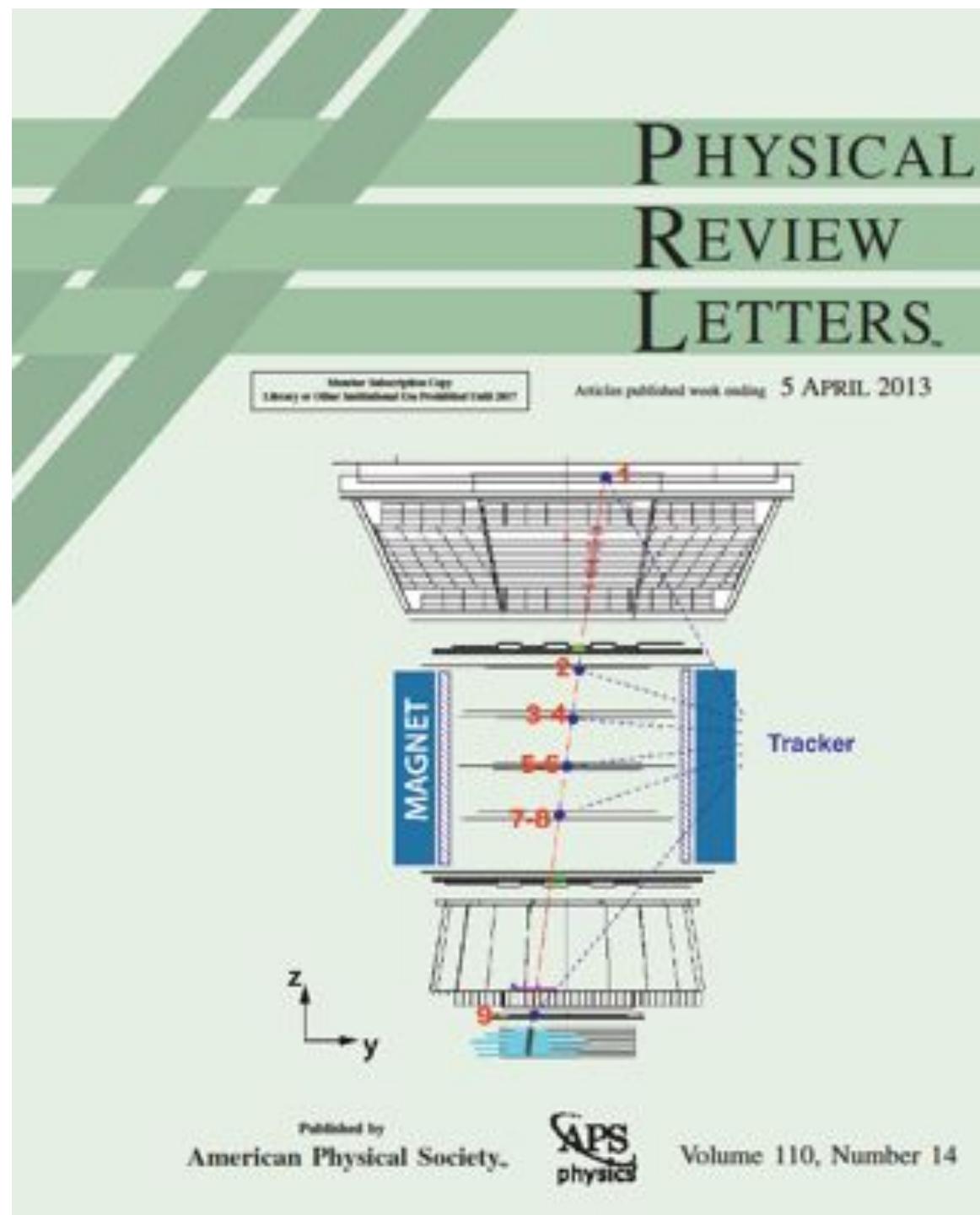
In our data sample we identify four components using an ECAL Estimator and a TRD Estimator.



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Positron fraction

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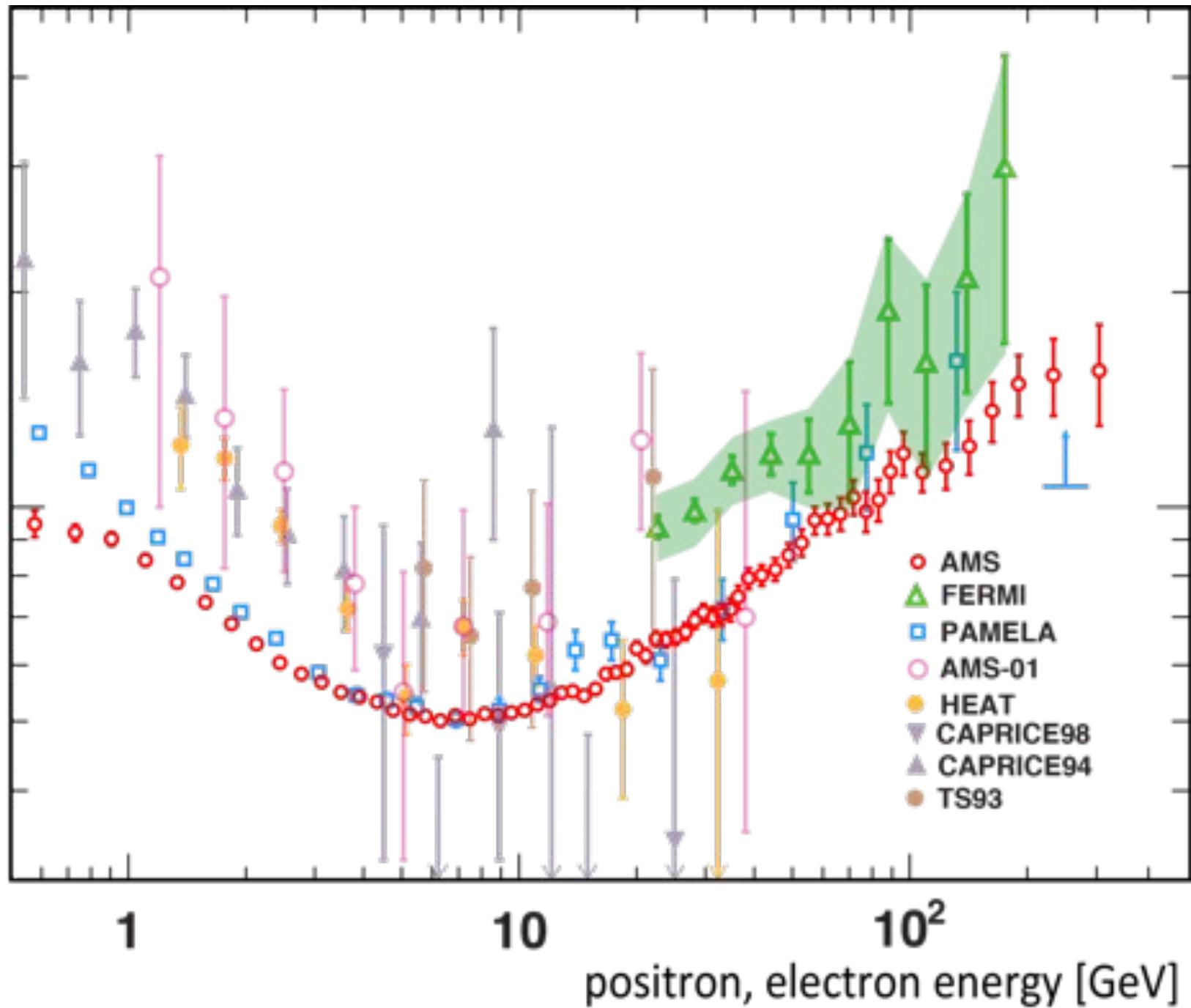
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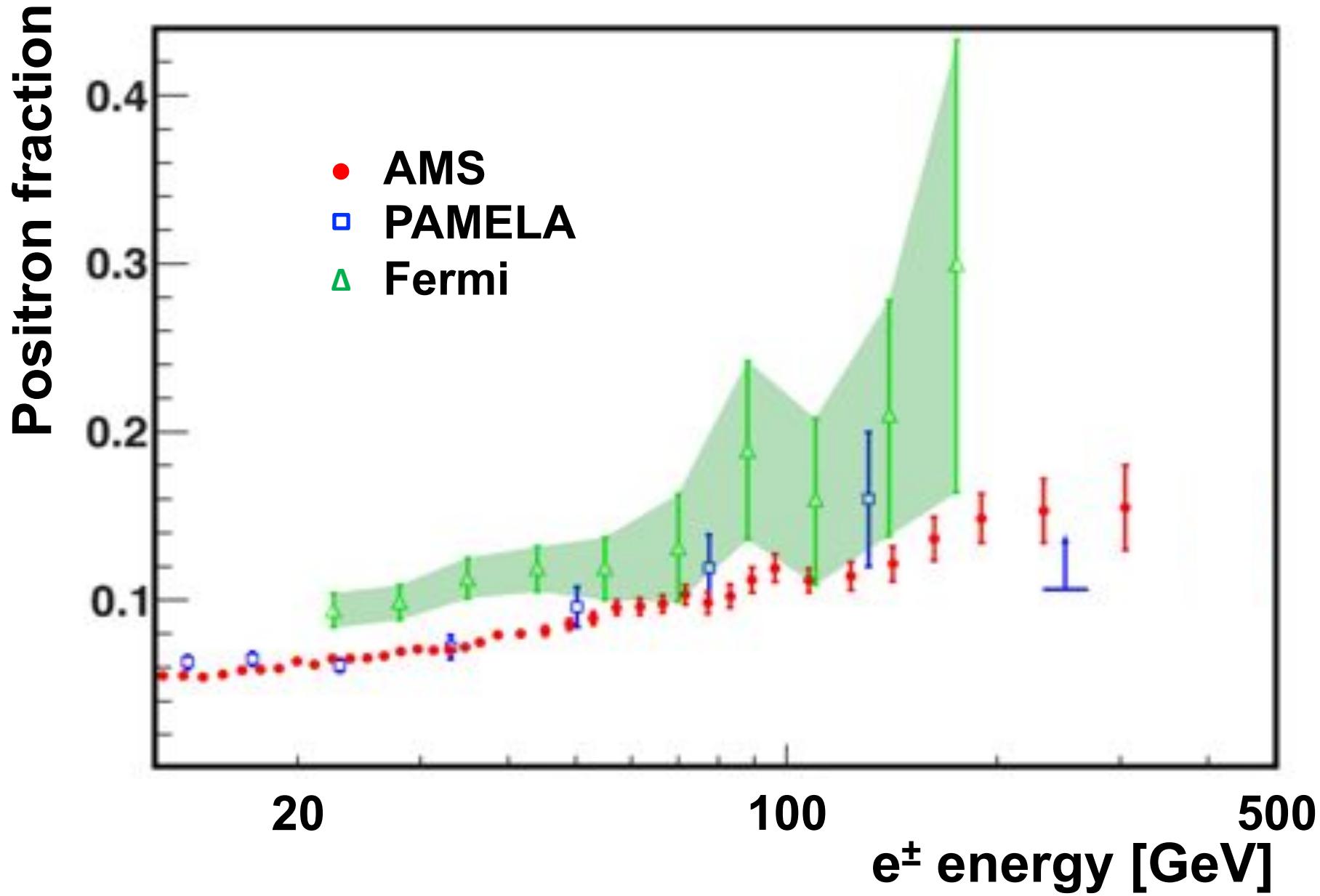
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positron, electron energy [GeV]

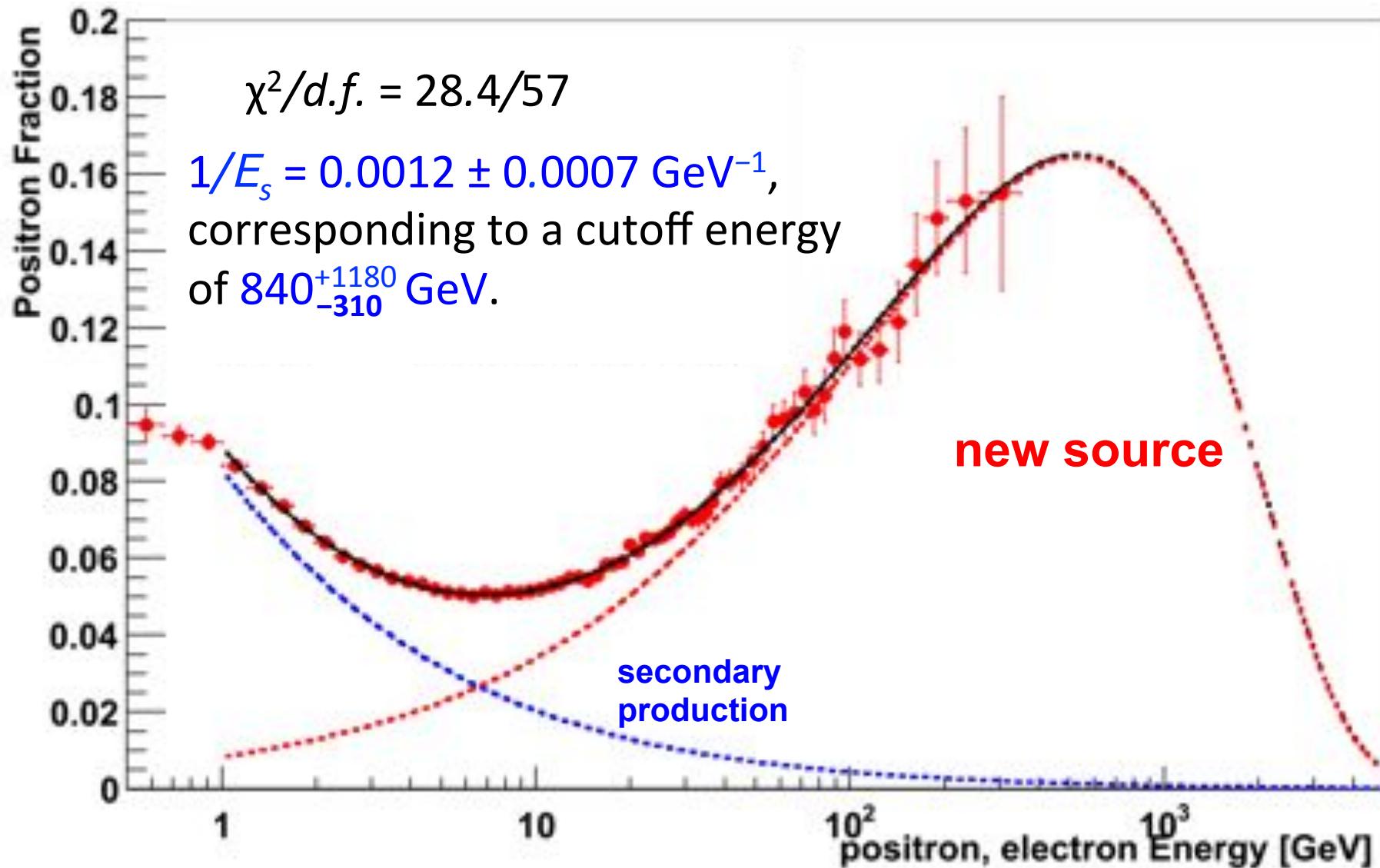
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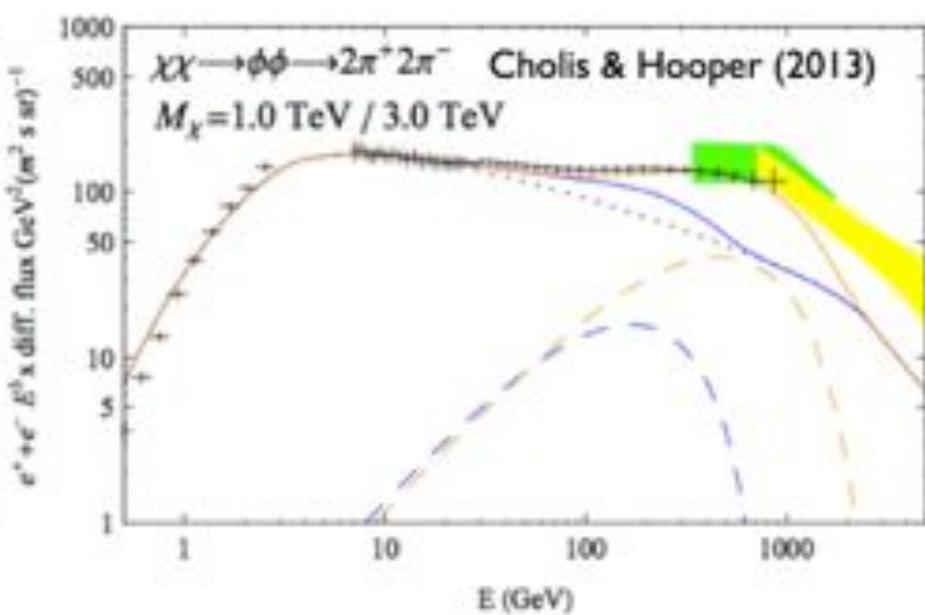
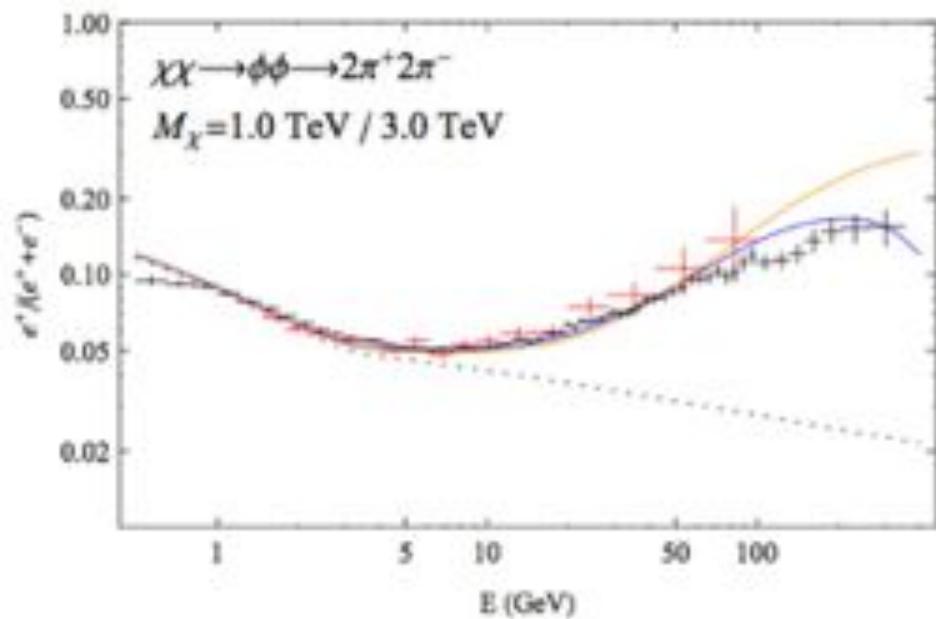
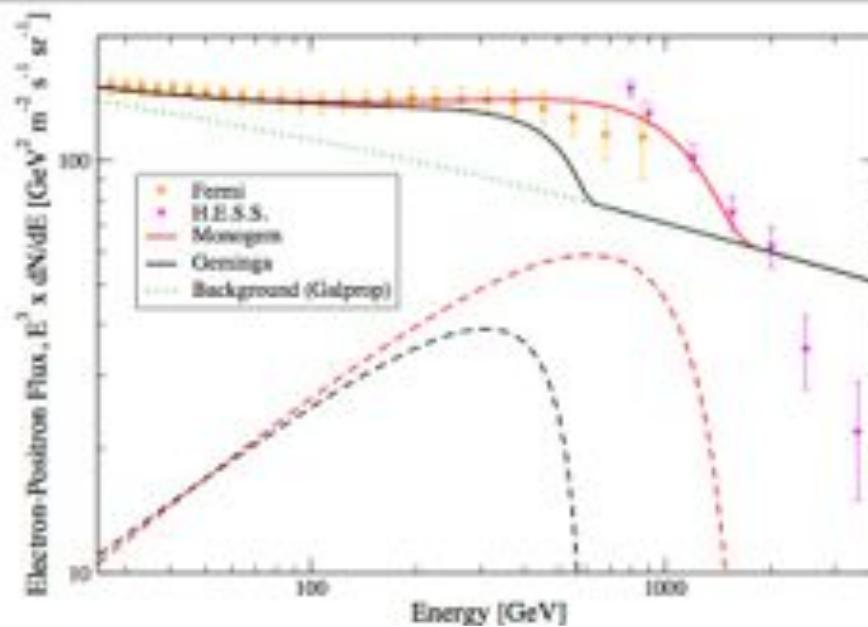
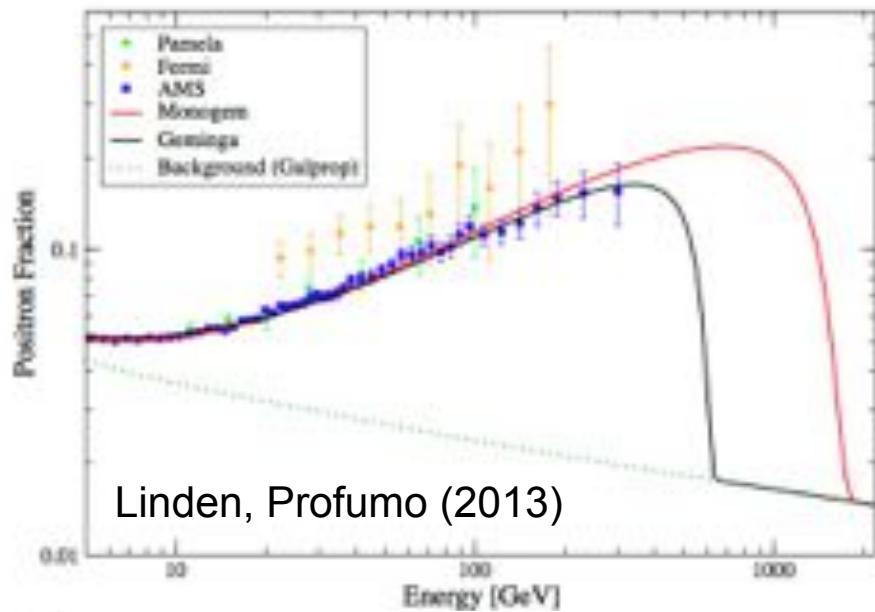
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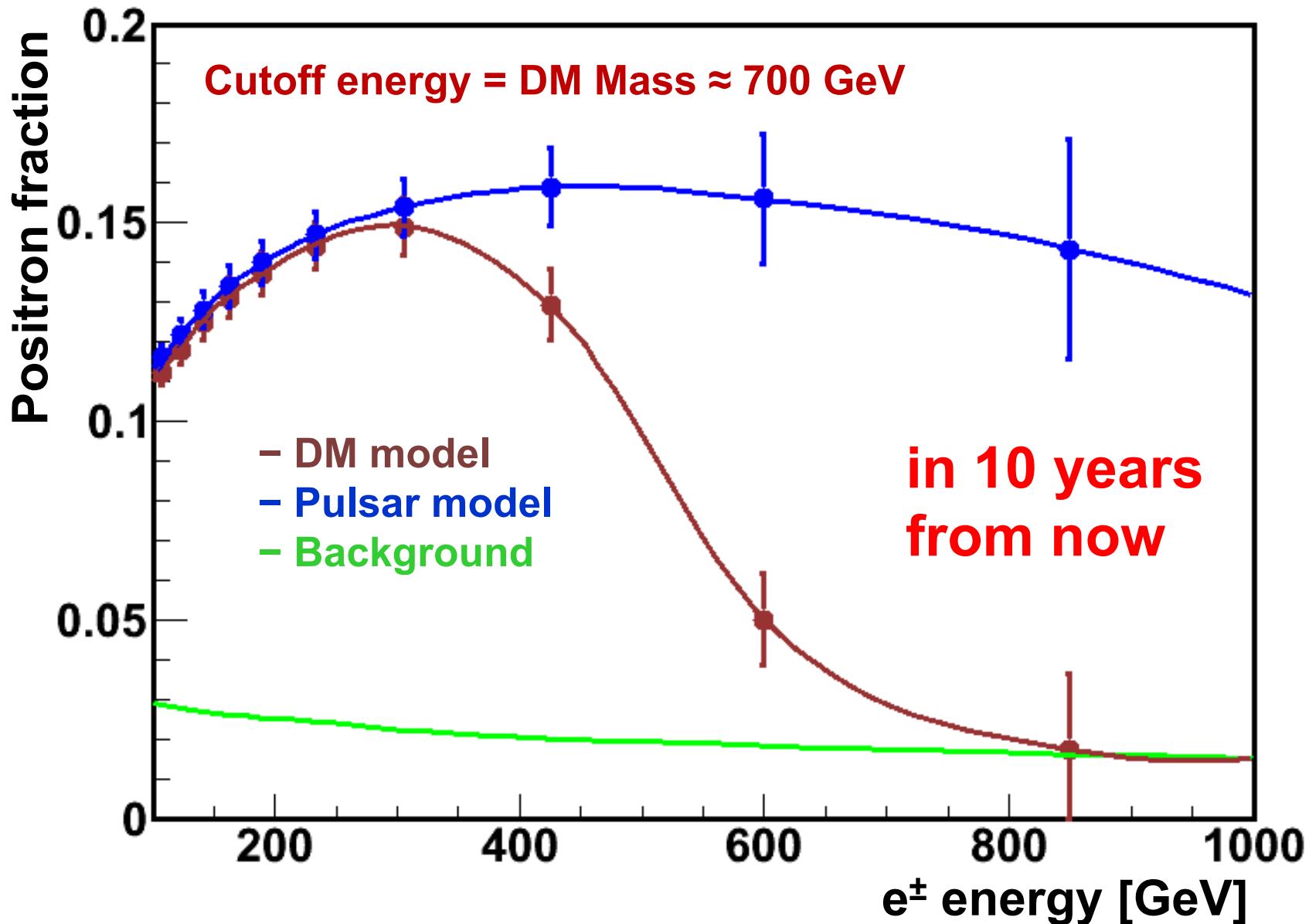
The agreement between the data and the model shows that the positron fraction spectrum is consistent with  $e^\pm$  fluxes each of which is the sum of its diffuse spectrum and a single common power law source.



# Pulsar or Dark Matter ?

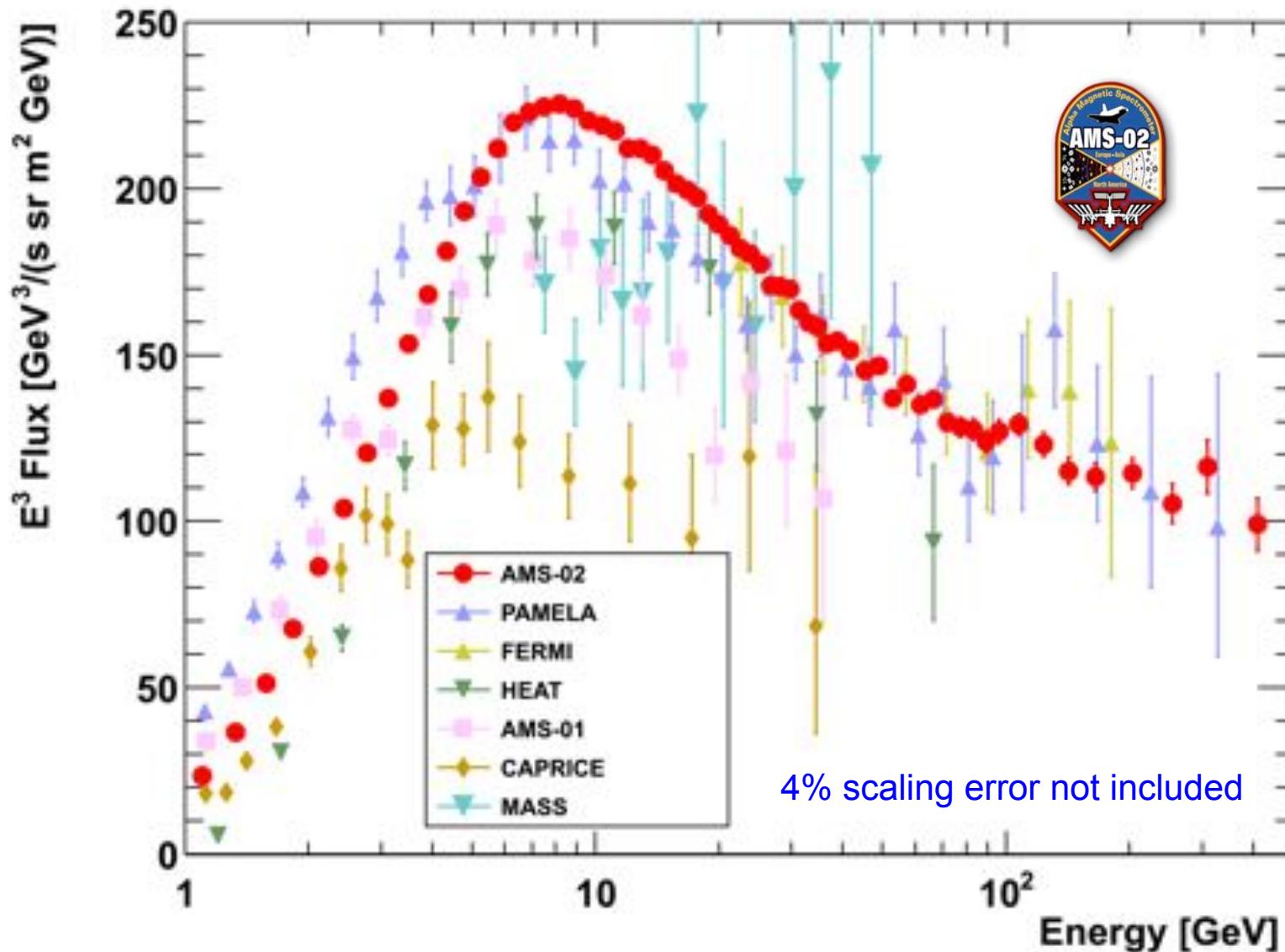


# Expected AMS-02 reach in 10 more years



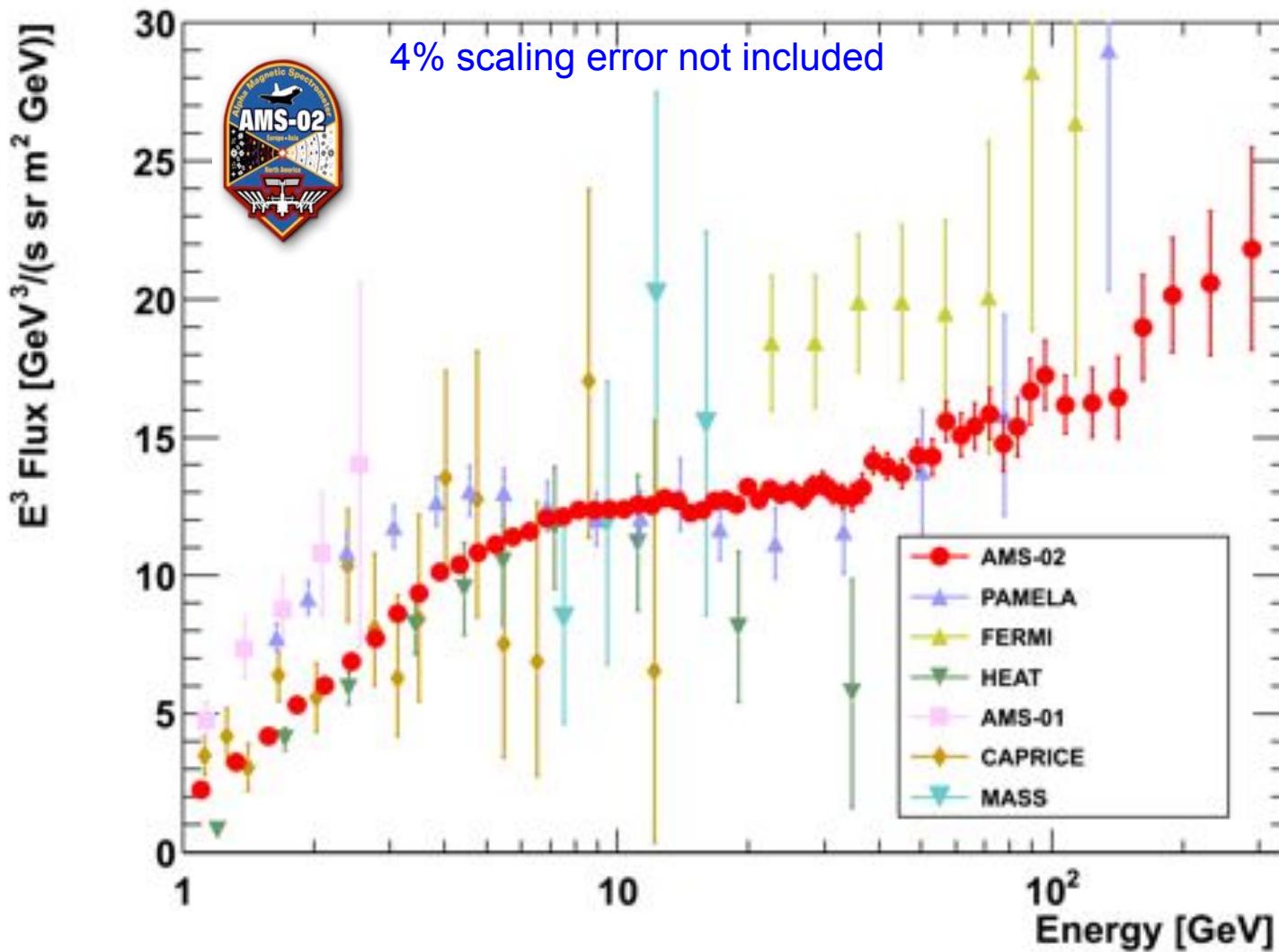
# ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: Electron Flux $J_{e^-}(E)$

- The electron flux measurement extends up to 500 GeV.
- Multiplied by  $E^3$  it is rising up to 10 GeV and appears to be on a smooth, slowly falling curve above.

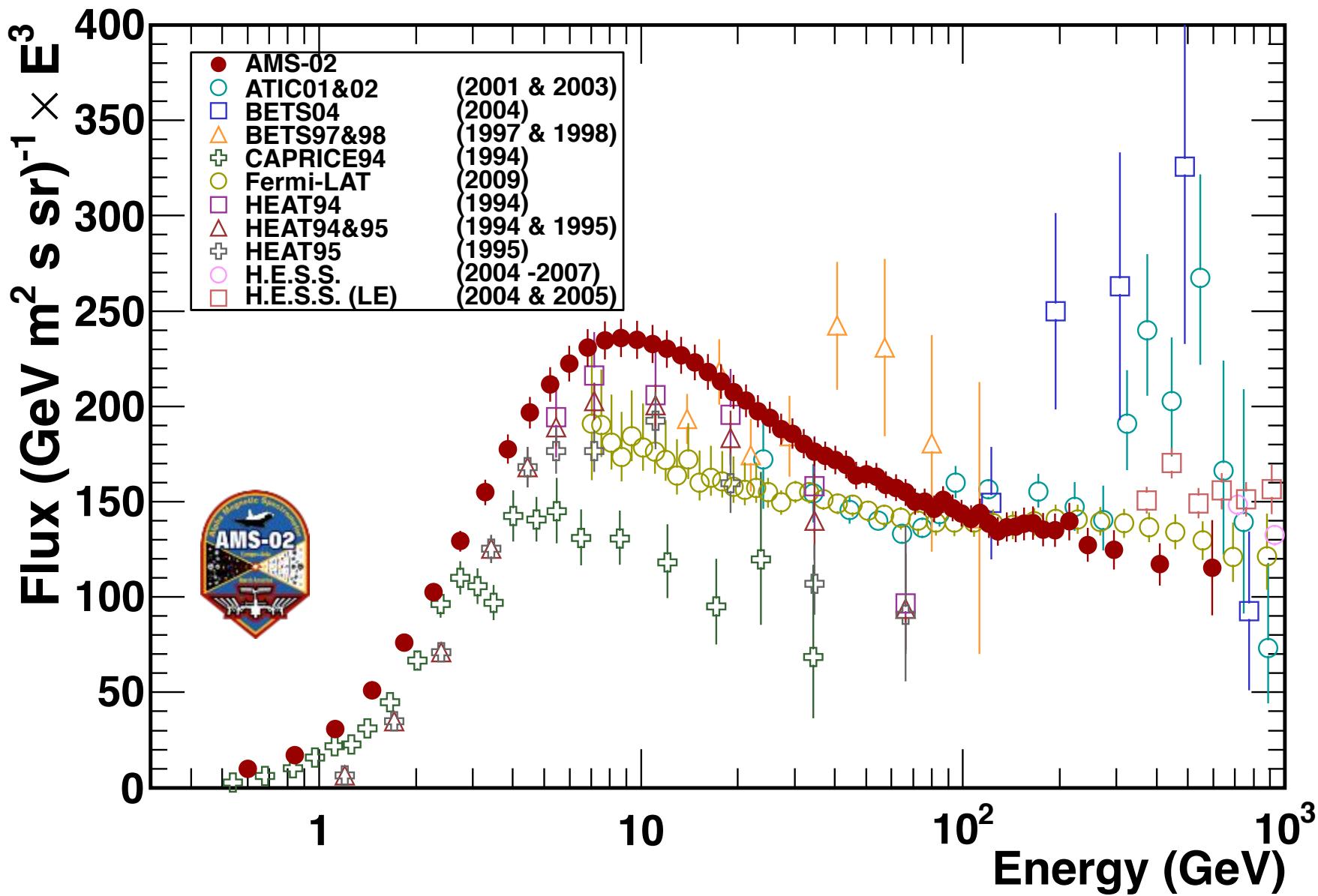


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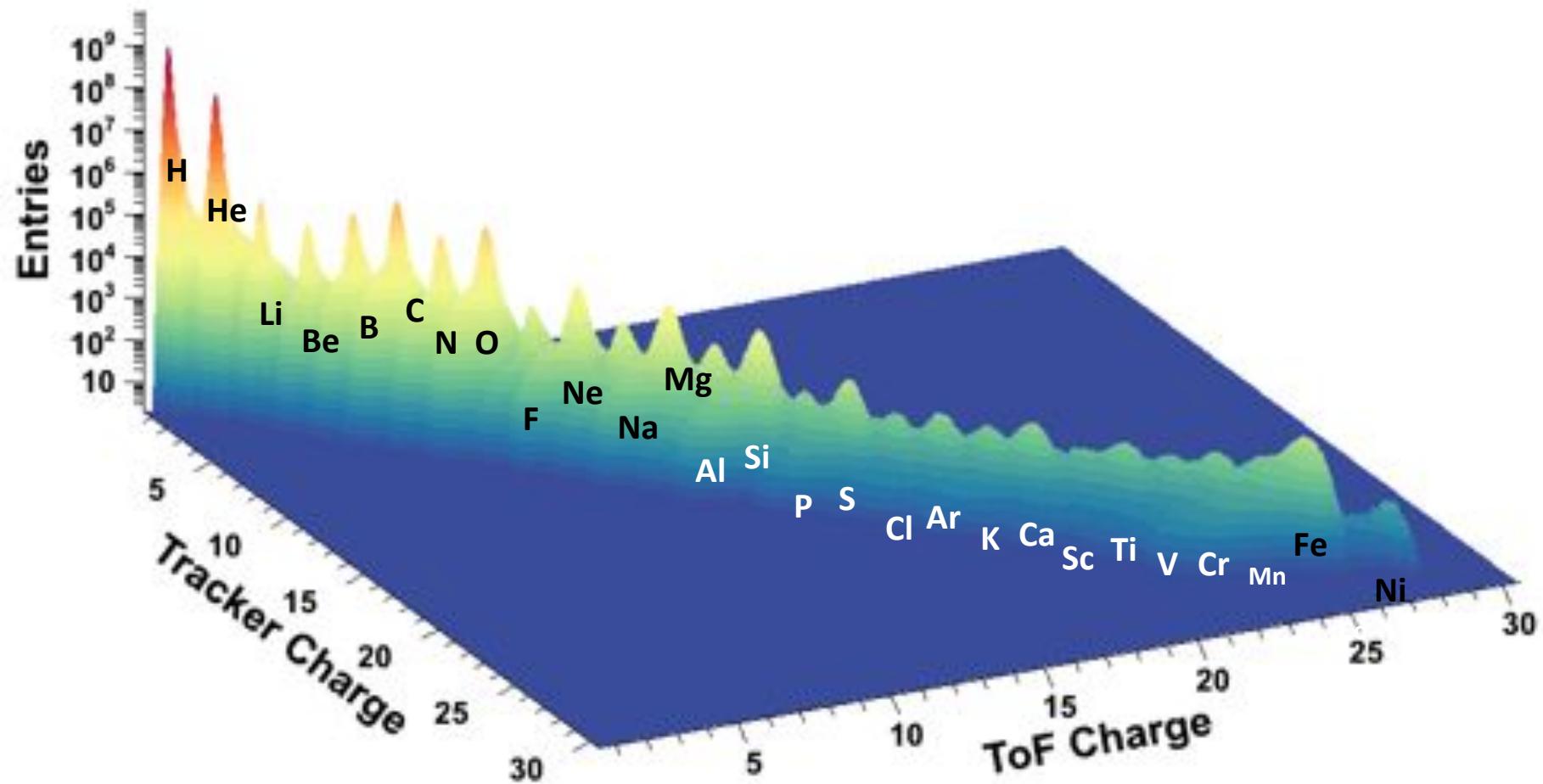
- The positron flux measurement extends up to 350 GeV.
- Multiplied by  $E^3$  it is rising up to 10 GeV, from 10 to 35 GeV the spectrum is flat and above 35 GeV again rising.
- The spectral index and its dependence on energy is clearly different from the electron spectrum.



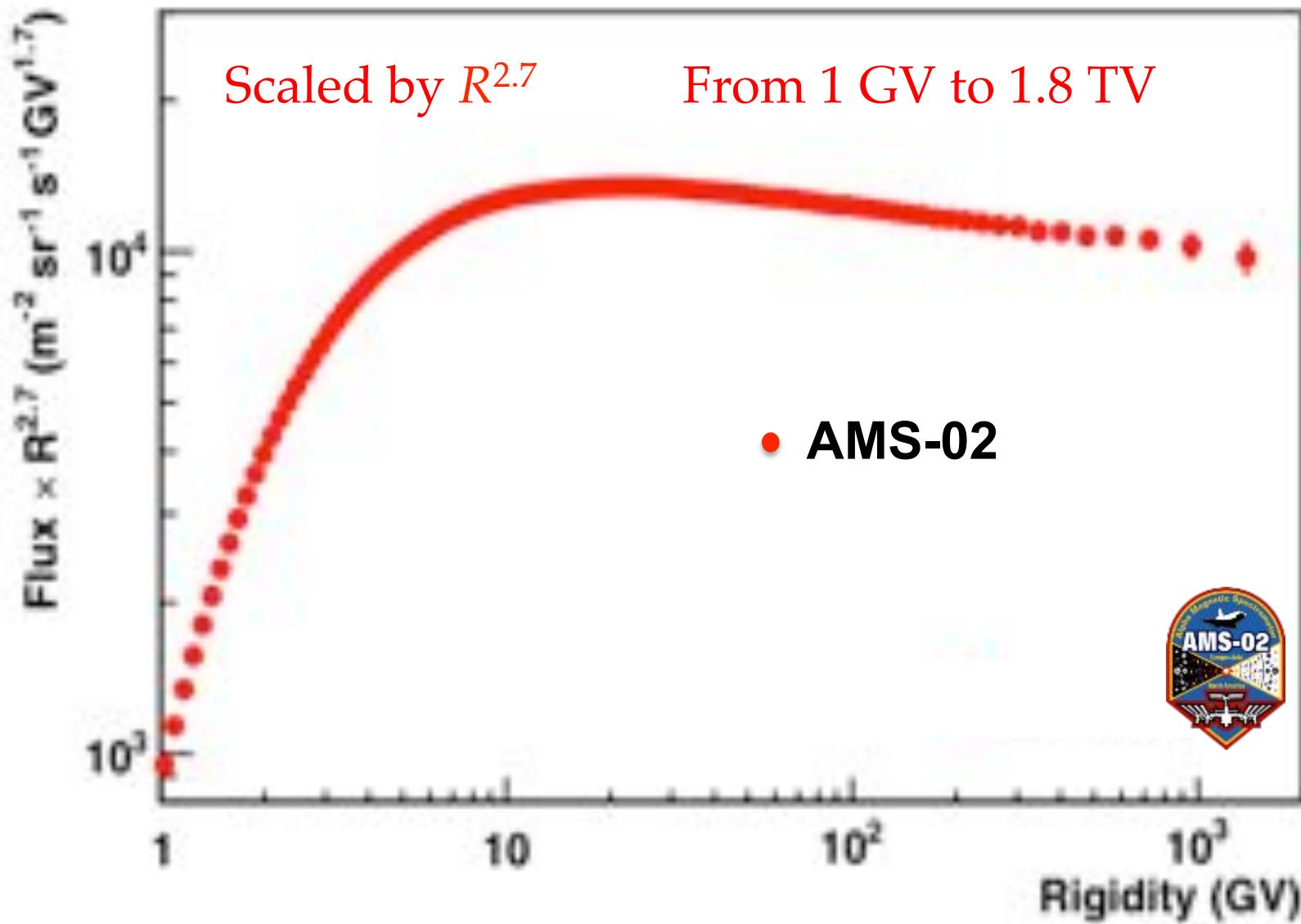
# ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: (Electron plus Positron) Spectrum



# AMS Nuclei Measurement on ISS

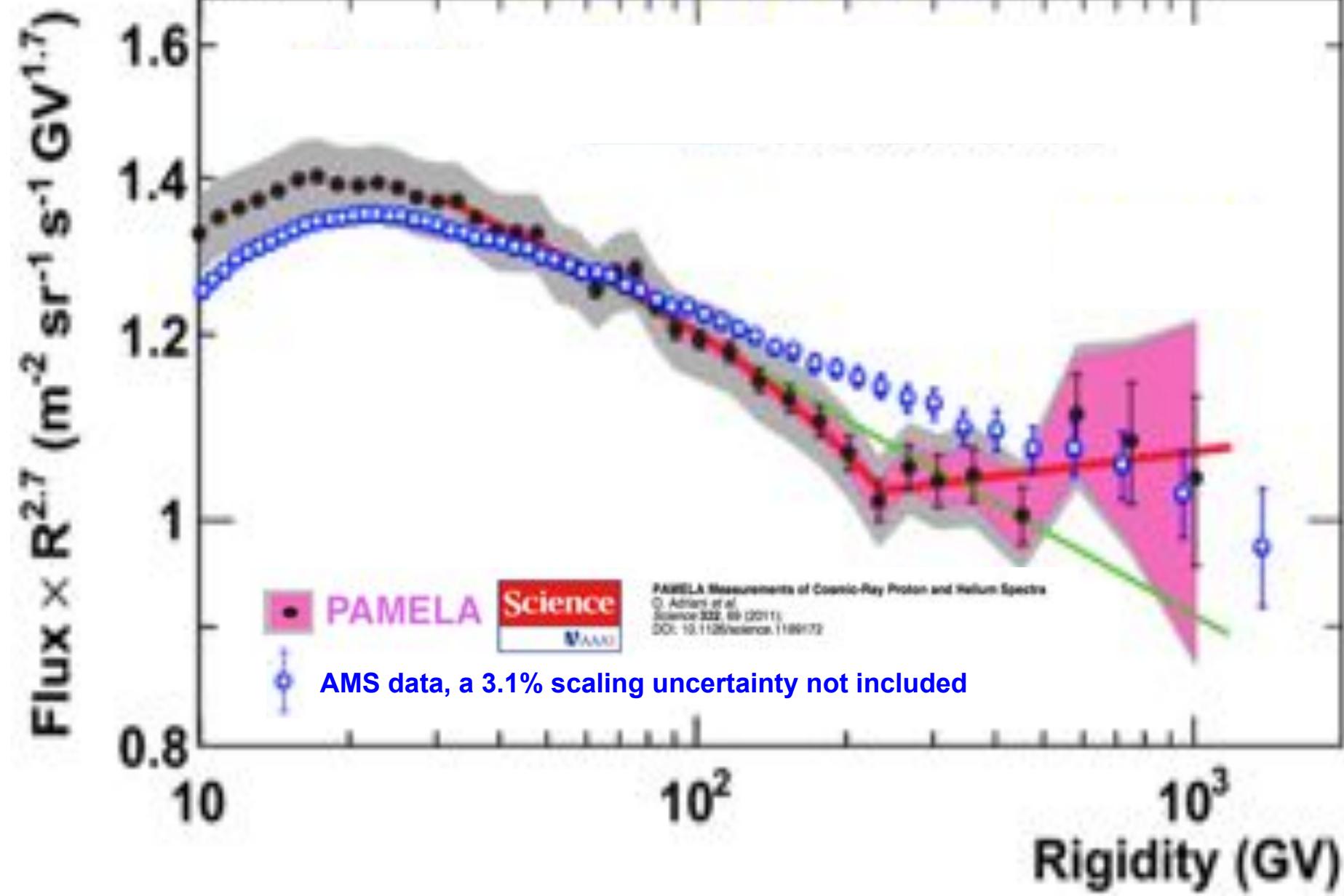


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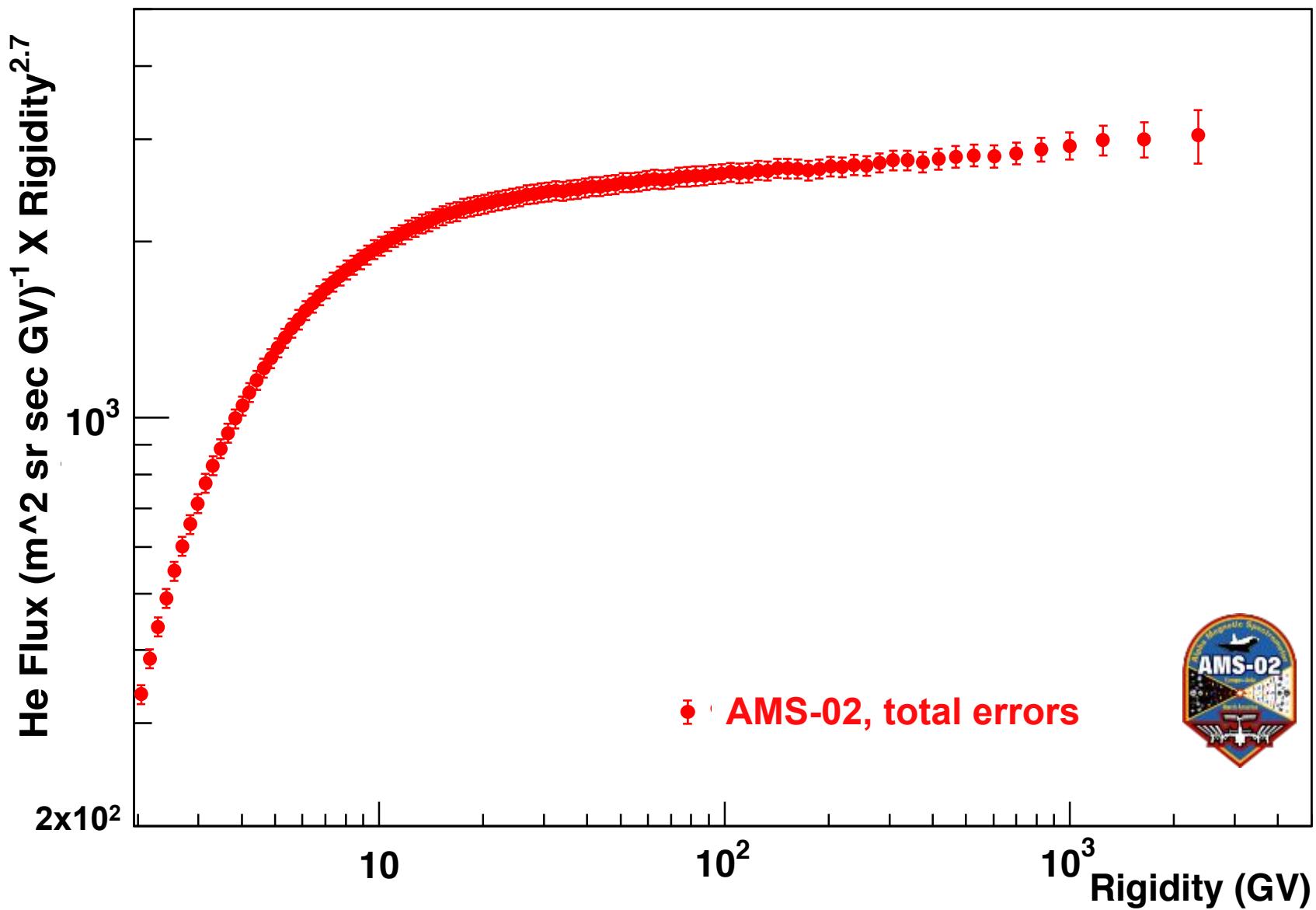


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Comparison with the latest measurements

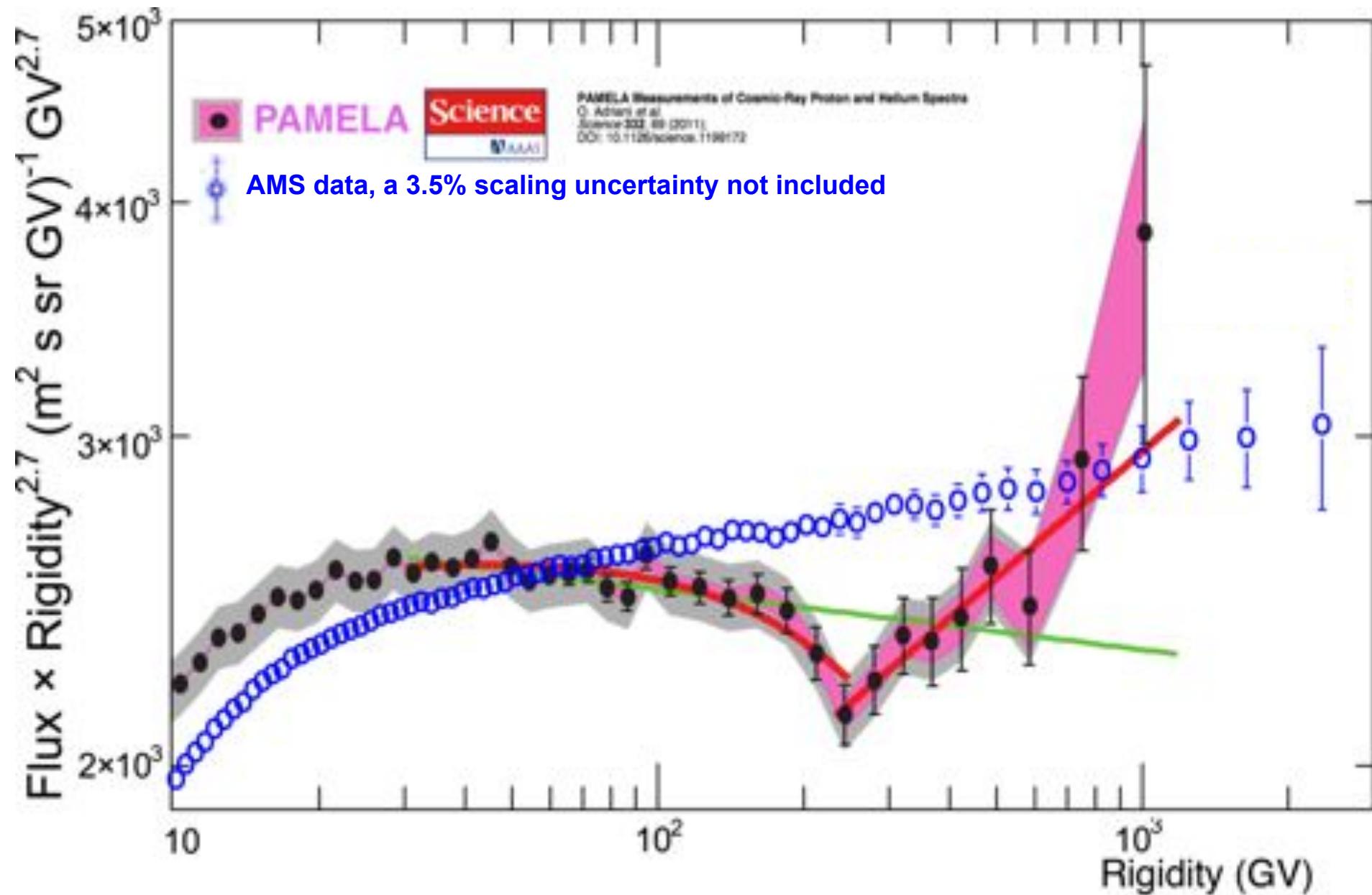


# ICRC 2013 Results from AMS:Helium flux



# Helium flux

## Comparison with the latest measurements

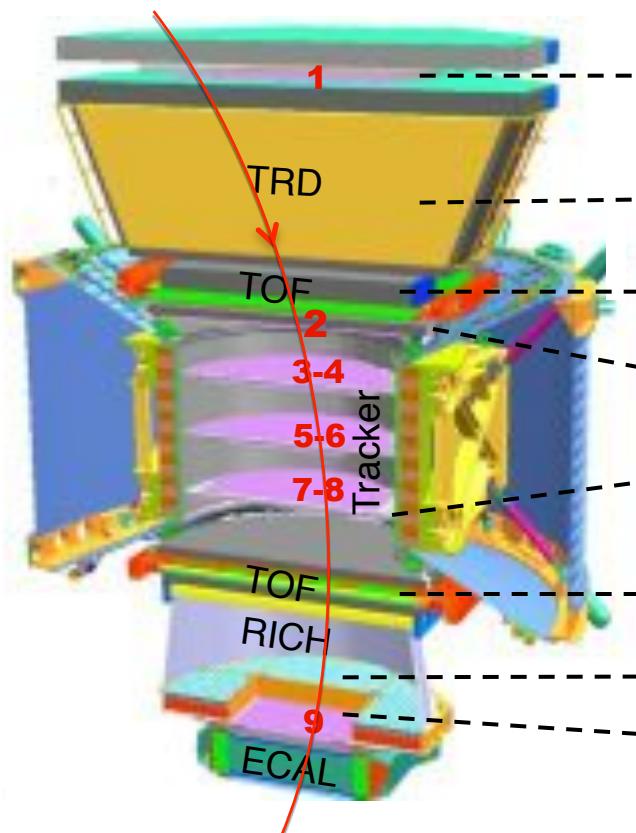


# ICRC 2013 Results from AMS

## Boron-to-Carbon ratio

Precise measurement of the energy spectra of B/C provides information on Cosmic Ray Interactions and Propagation

AMS: Multiple Independent Measurements of the Charge ( $|Z|$ )



Carbon (Z=6) $\Delta Z$ (cu)
0.30
0.33
0.16
0.12
0.16
0.32
0.30

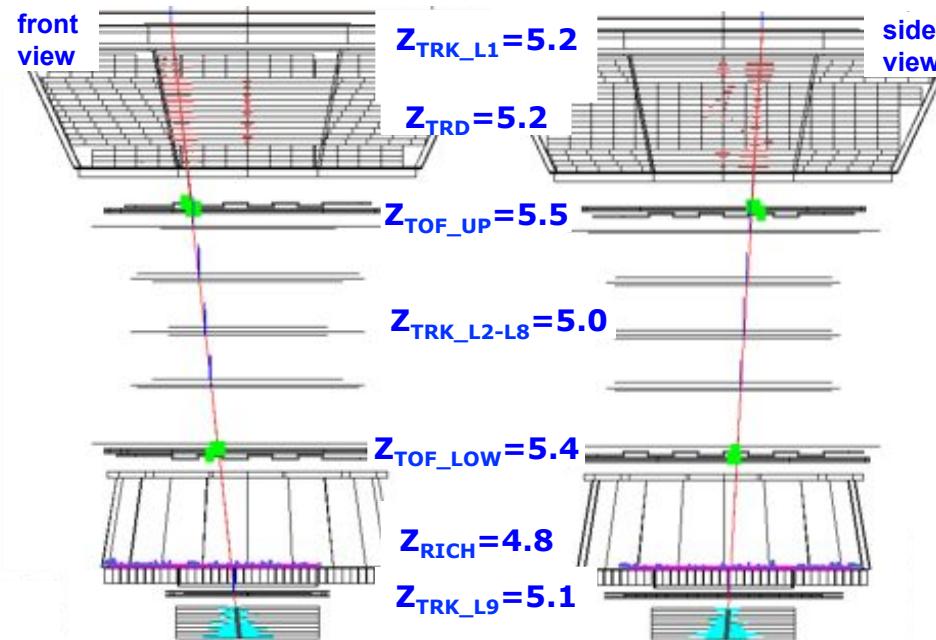
1. Tracker Plane 1  
2. TRD  
3. Upper TOF (1 counter)  
4. Tracker Planes 2-8  
5. Lower TOF (1 counter)  
6. RICH  
7. Tracker Plane 9

# Rigidity $\approx$ 700 GV

## Boron

Rigidity=680 GV

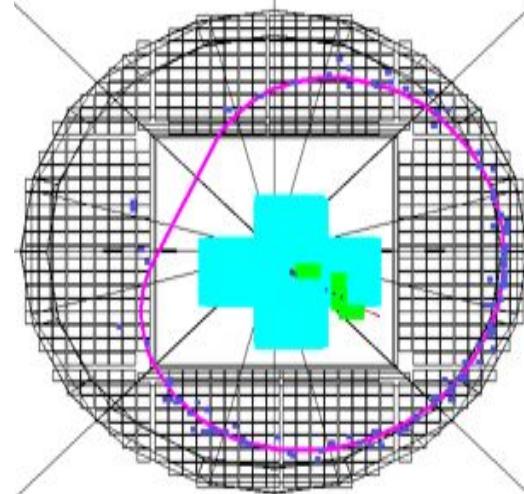
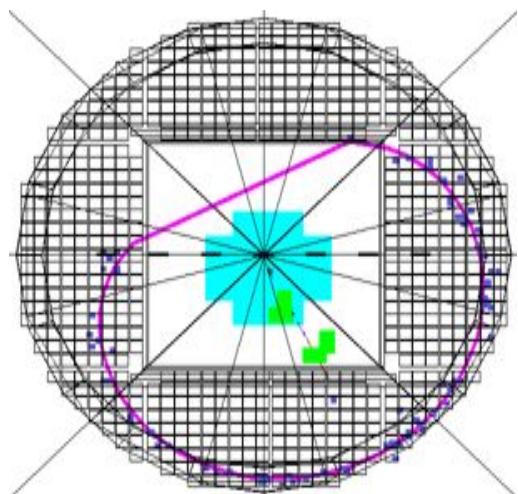
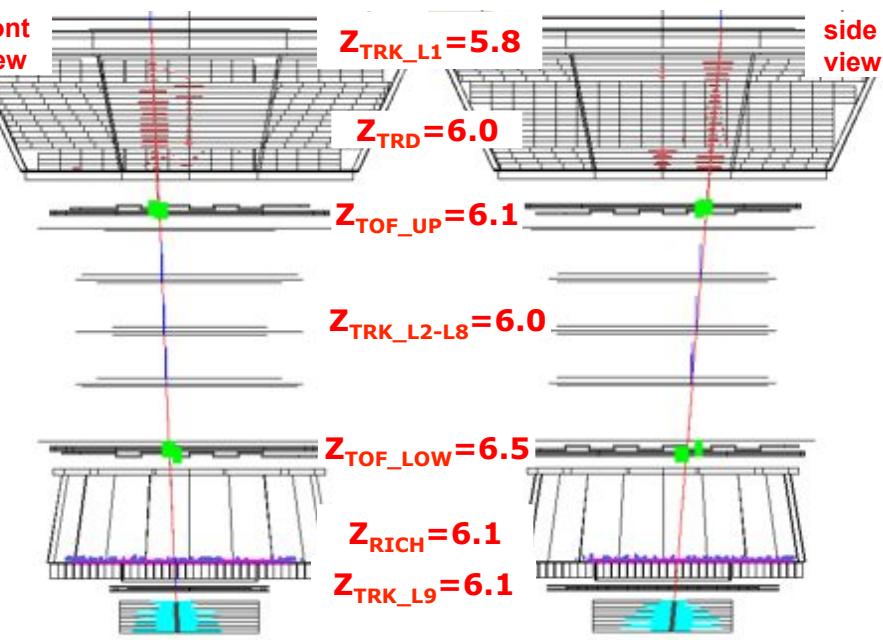
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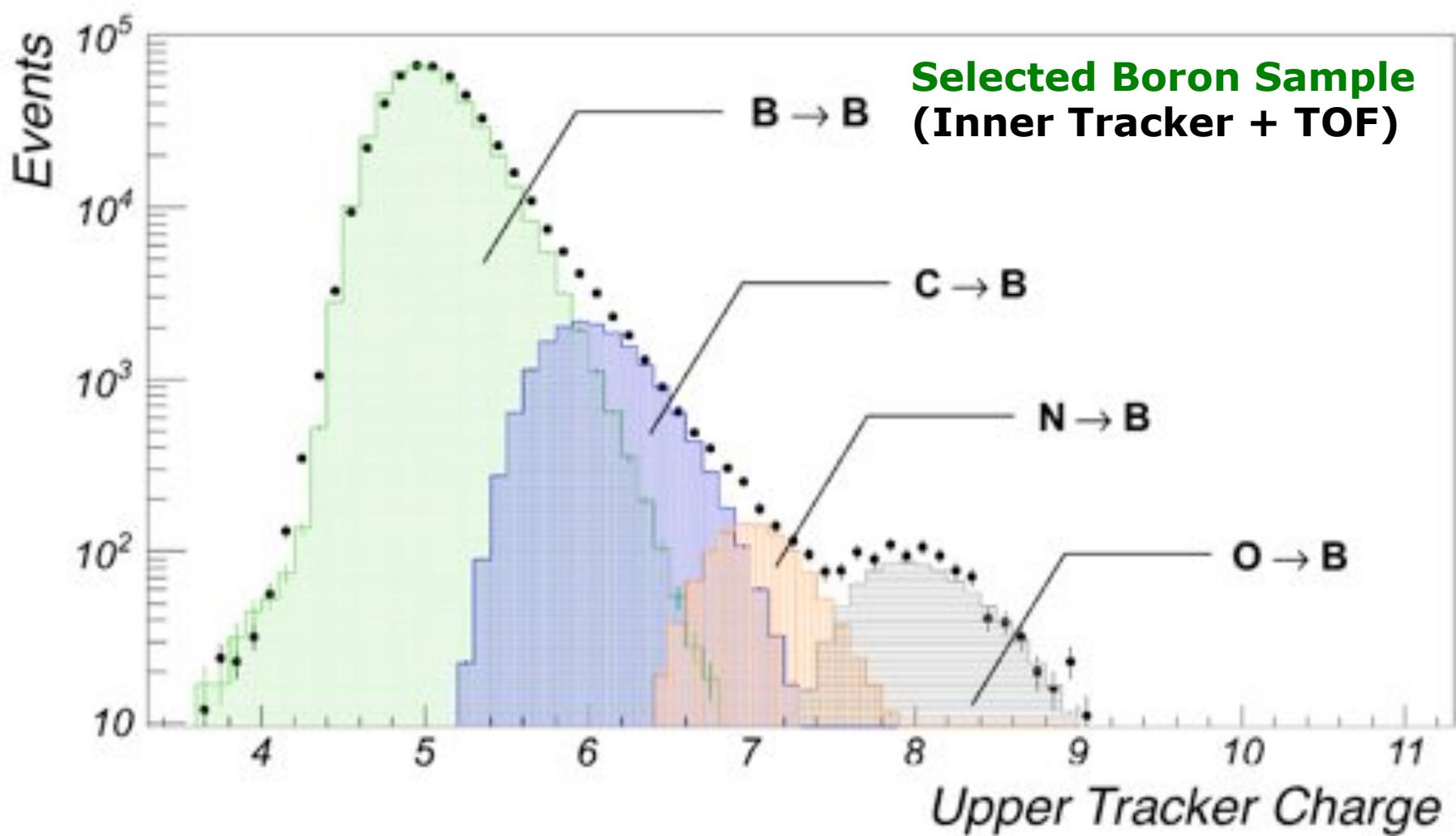
## Carbon

Rigidity=666 GV

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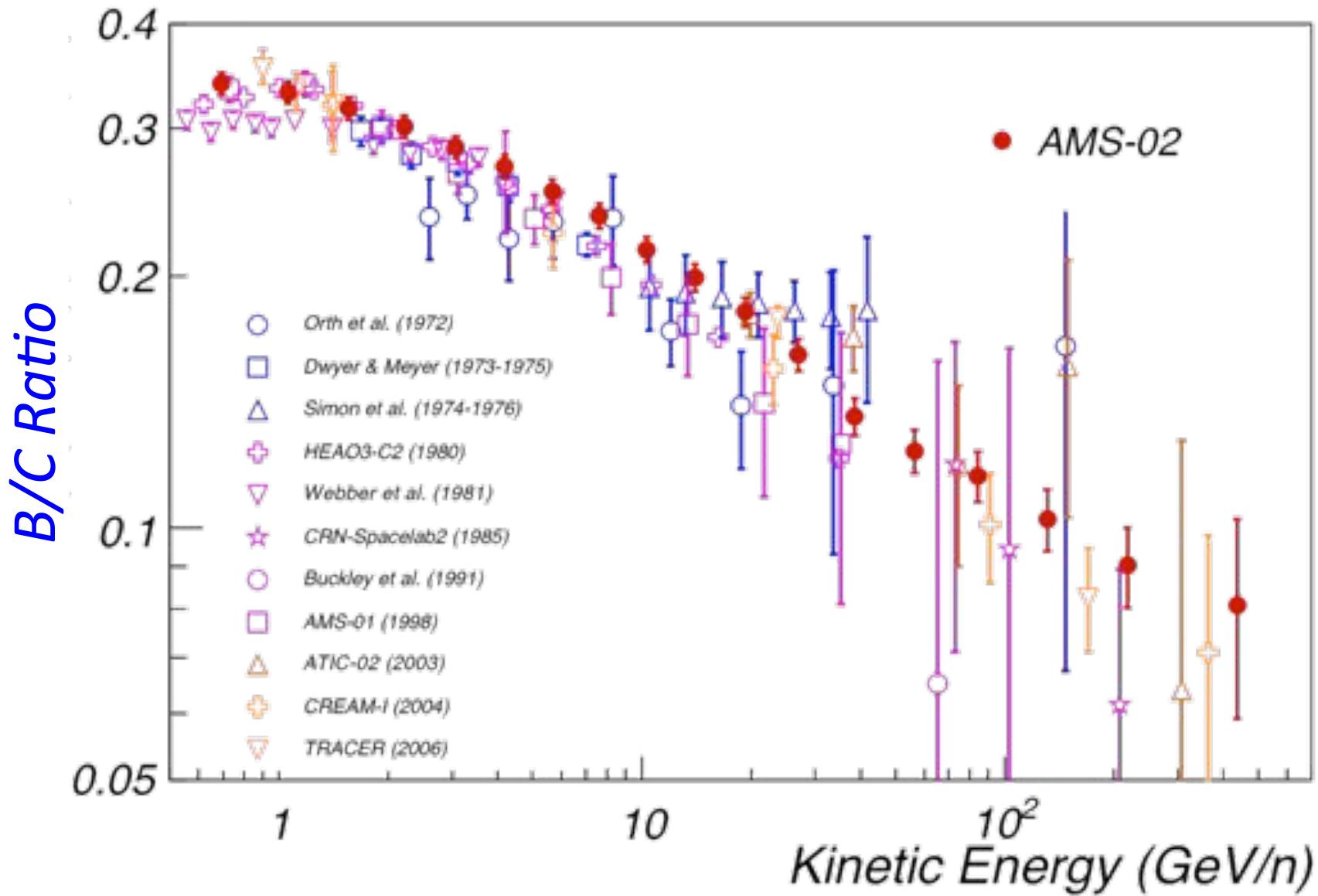


# Boron and Carbon: Sample composition



Background estimated to an accuracy of 0.1%.

# Boron-to-Carbon ratio



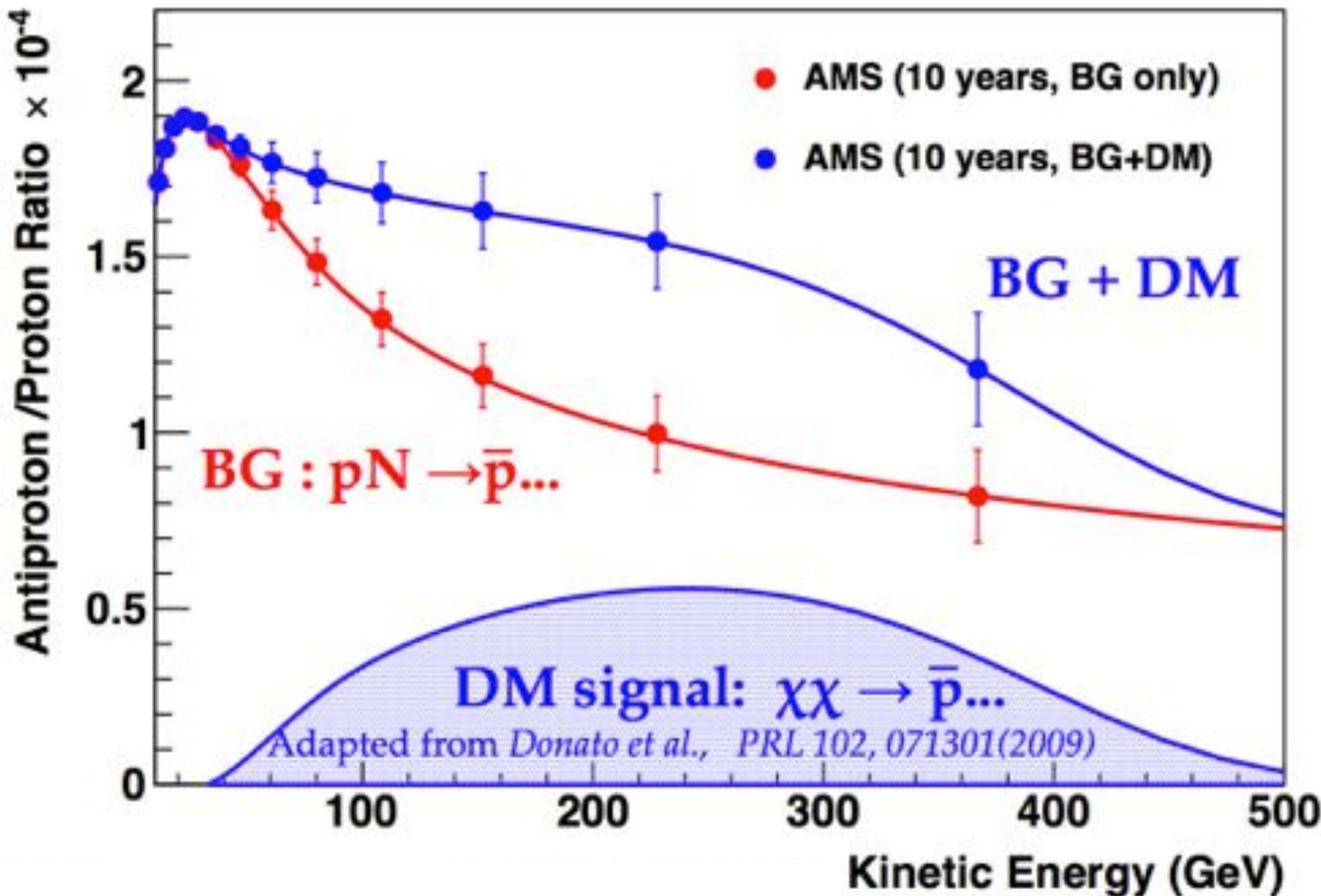
# Measurement of Antiproton flux

## Physics importance

- Antiprotons : Only  $\sim 10^{-4}$  of cosmic ray particles
- Produced by cosmic ray collisions  
e.g.  $pN \rightarrow \bar{p}...$
- Probe of indirect Dark Matter detection  
e.g.  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \bar{p}...$   
Complementary to  $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+...$



# AMS in ten years from now



# The Cosmos is the Ultimate Laboratory.

Cosmic rays can be observed at energies higher than any accelerator.



*"The most exciting objective of AMS is to probe the unknown;  
to search for phenomena which exist in nature  
that we have not yet imagined nor had the tools to discover."*

*S. Ting*