

The Science of the PAMELA Space Mission

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PAMELA

**Payload for Antimatter Matter Exploration
and Light Nuclei Astrophysics**



PAMELA Collaboration

Italy:



Bari



Florence



Frascati



Naples



Rome



Trieste



CNR, Florence

Russia:



Moscow
St. Petersburg



Germany:



Siegen

Sweden:



KTH, Stockholm

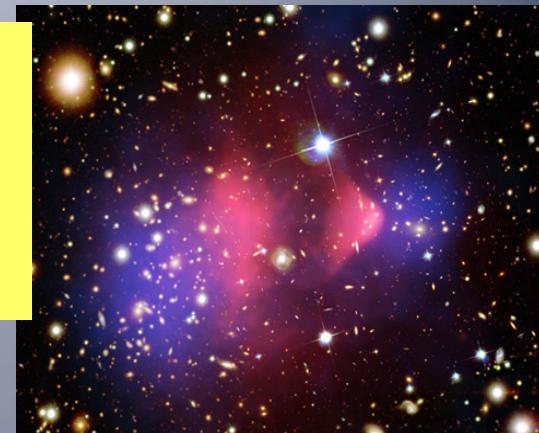
Pamela as a Space Observatory at 1AU

Search for dark matter annihilation

Search for antihelium (primordial antimatter)

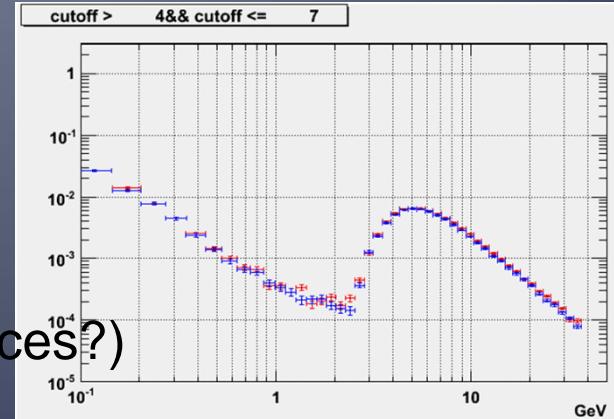
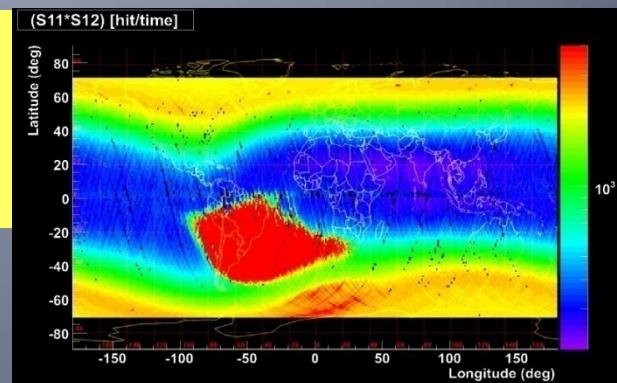
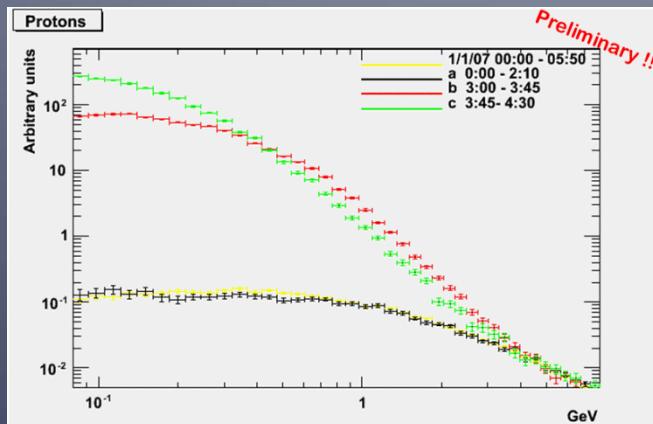
Search for new Matter in the Universe (Strangelets?)

Study of cosmic-ray propagation



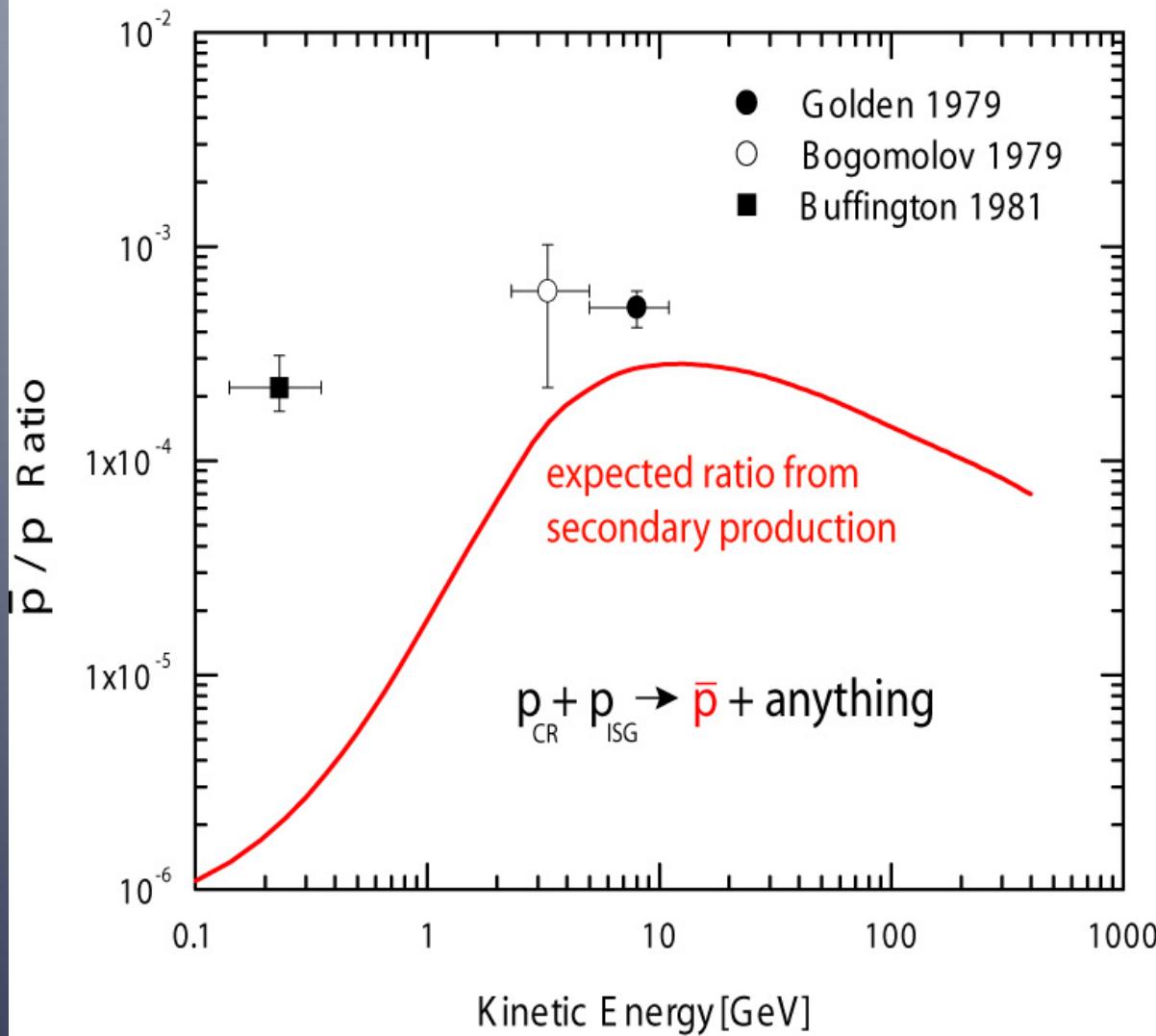
Study of solar physics and solar modulation

Study of terrestrial magnetosphere

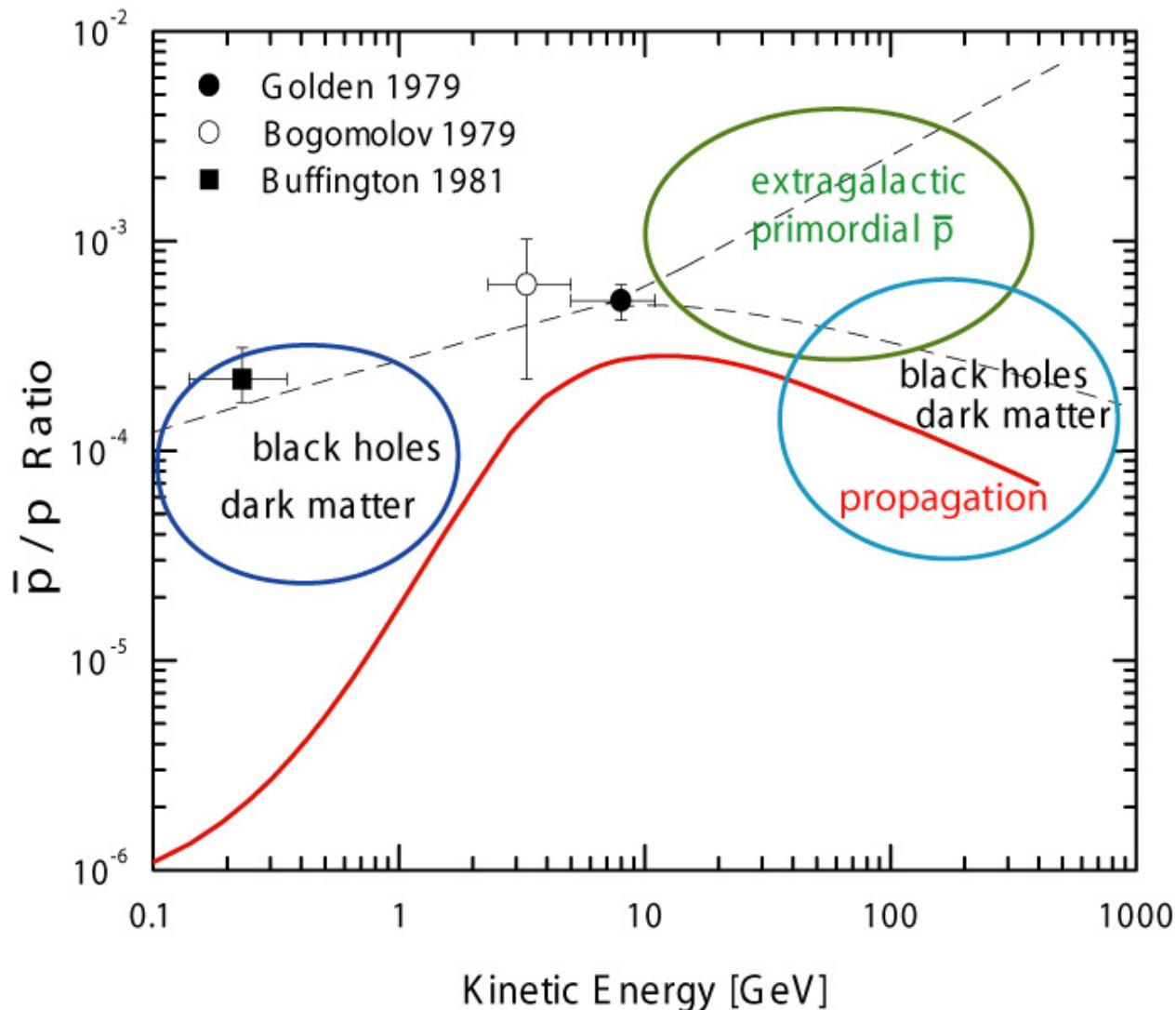


Study of high energy electron spectrum (local sources?)

The first historical measurements on galactic antiprotons



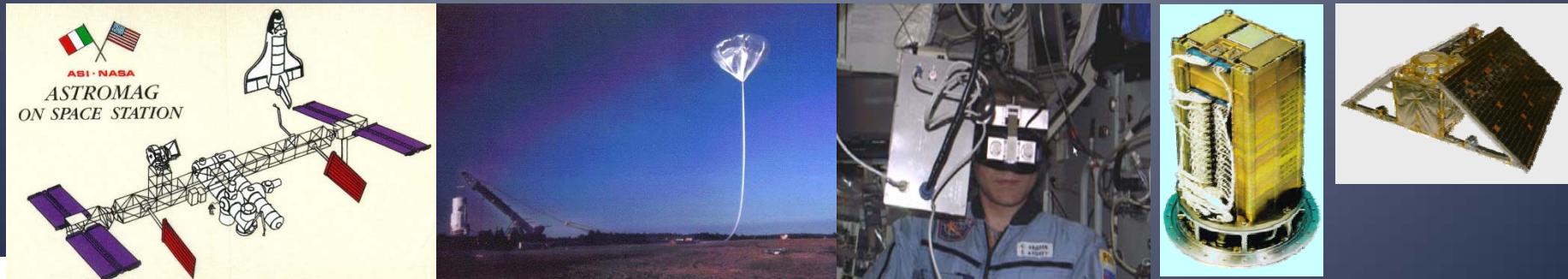
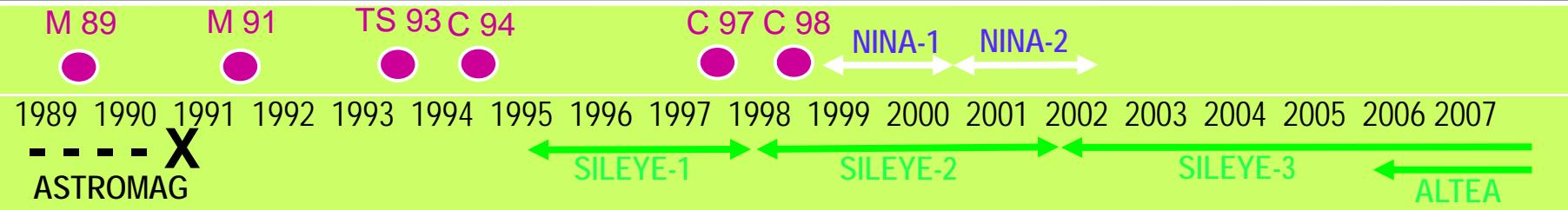
The first historical measurements of the \bar{p}/p - ratio and various Ideas of theoretical Interpretations



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PAMELA prehistory

- Astromag/WiZard project (PAMELA precursor) on board of the Space Station Freedom → CANCELED
- Balloon-borne experiments: MASS-89,91 TS-93 CAPRICE-94,97,98
- Space experiments*: NINA-1,2 SILEYE-1,2,3 ALTEA
(*study of low energy nuclei and space radiation environment)



PAMELA history

- 1996: PAMELA proposal
- 22.12.1998: agreement between RSA (Russian Space Agency) and INFN to build and launch PAMELA.

Three models required by the RSA:

- Mass-Dimensional and Thermal Model (MDTM)
- Technological Model (TM)
- Flight Model (FM)

→ Starts PAMELA construction

- 2001: change of the satellite → complete redefinition of mechanics
- 2006: flight!!!

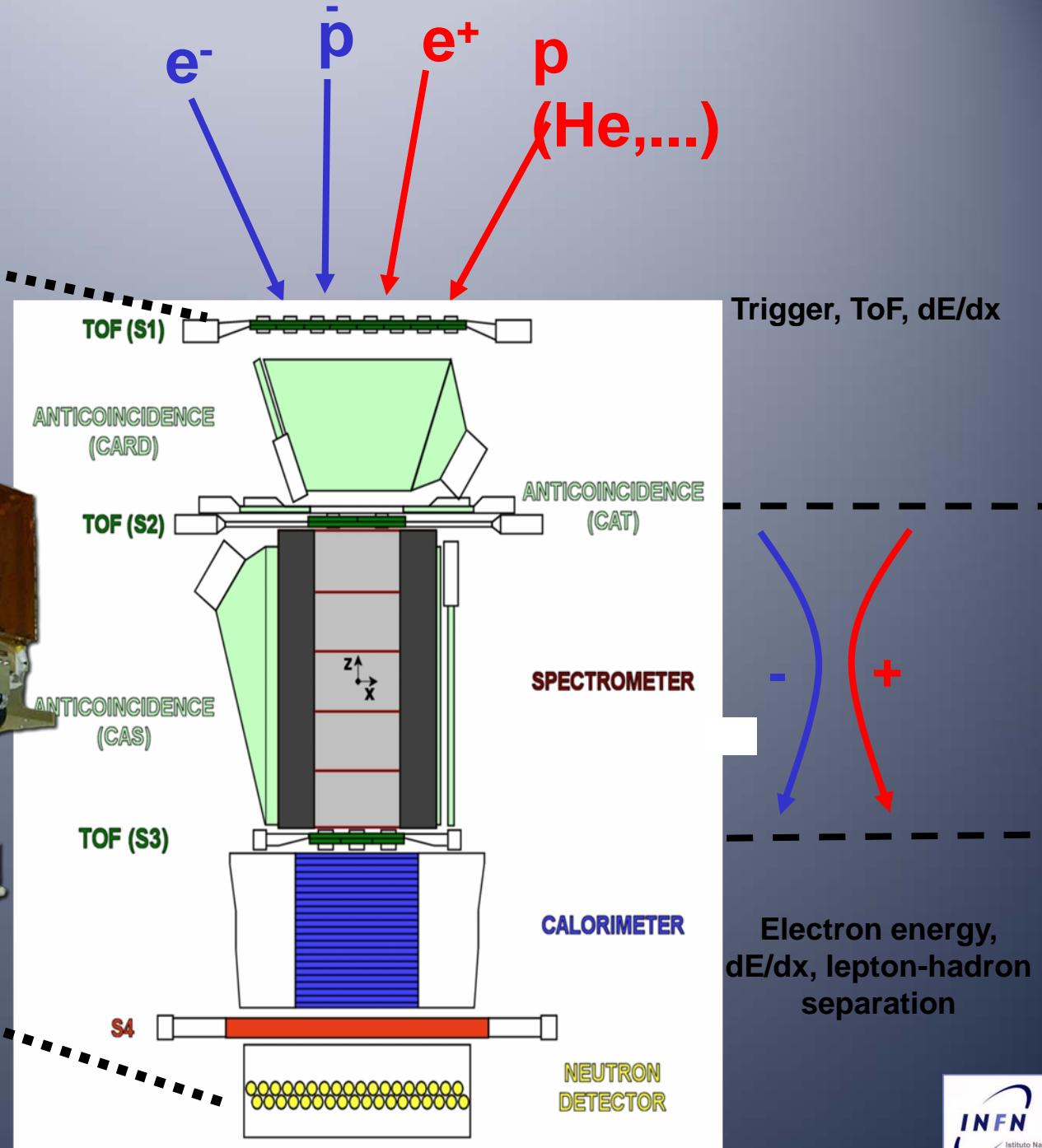


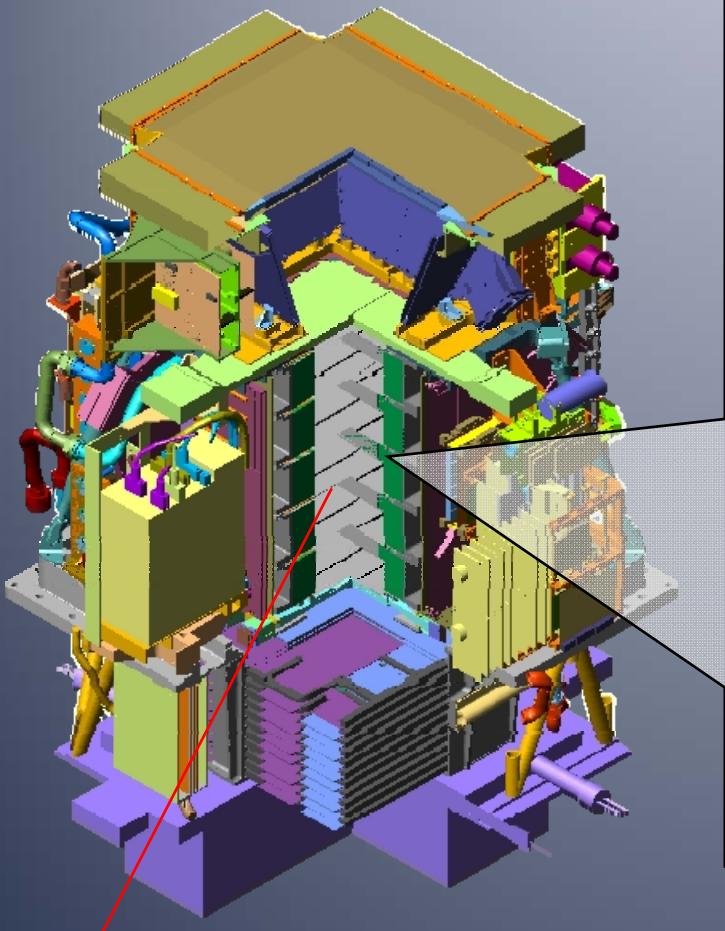
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GF ~21.5 cm²sr

Mass: 470 kg

Size: 130x70x70 cm³





SPECTROMETER

The magnet

The diagram illustrates the magnet's dimensions and its magnetic field configuration. The overall width is 240 mm, with a central cavity of 162 mm. The height is 228 mm, and the depth is 132 mm. The magnetic field (B) is indicated by arrows pointing upwards through the central opening. A coordinate system (x, y, z) is shown, with the z-axis pointing along the central axis of the magnet.

Characteristics:

- 5 modules of permanent magnet (Nd-B-Fe alloy) in aluminum mechanics
- Cavity dimensions $162 \times 132 \times 445 \text{ cm}^3$
→ GF $21.5 \text{ cm}^2\text{sr}$
- Magnetic shields
- 5mm-step field-map
- $B=0.43 \text{ T}$ (average along axis), $B=0.48 \text{ T}$ (@center)

The tracking system

Main tasks:

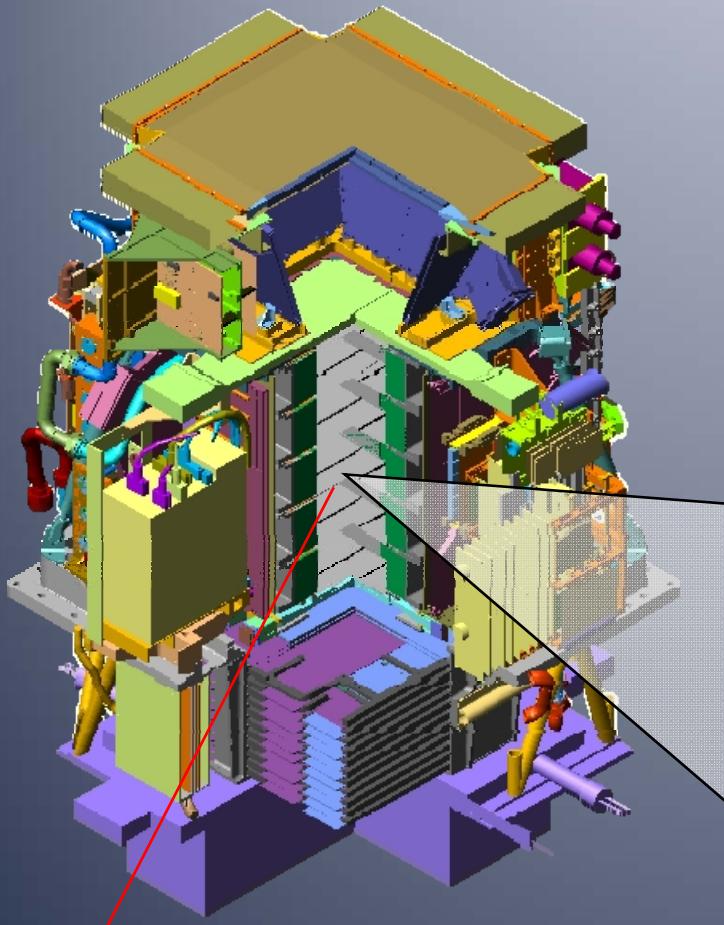
- Rigidity measurement
- Sign of electric charge
- dE/dx

Characteristics:

- 6 planes double-side (x&y view) microstrip Si sensors
- 36864 channels
- Dynamic range 10 MIP

Performances:

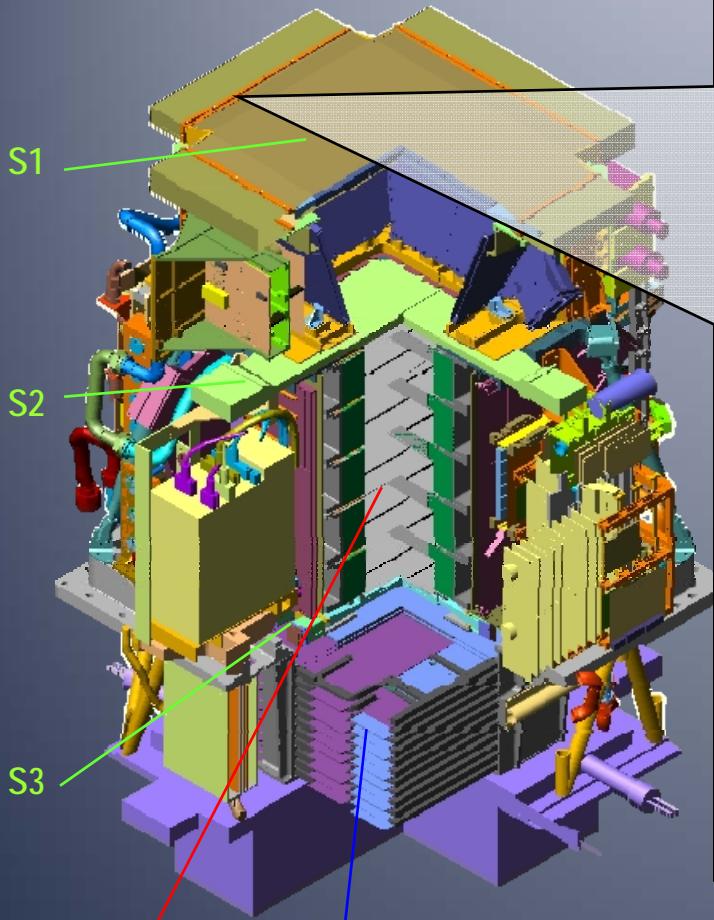
- Spatial resolution: $3-4\mu\text{m}$
- MDR $\sim 1\text{TV}/\text{c}$ (from test beam data)



SPECTROMETER



The time-of-flight system



Main tasks:

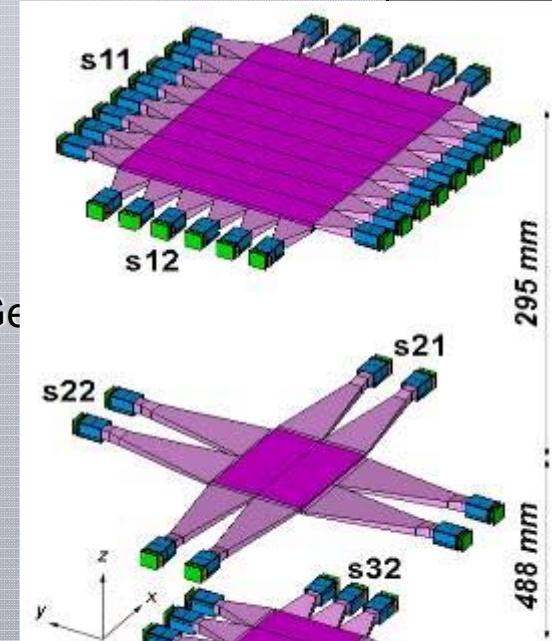
- First-level trigger
- Albedo rejection
- dE/dx
- Particle identification (<1 GeV)

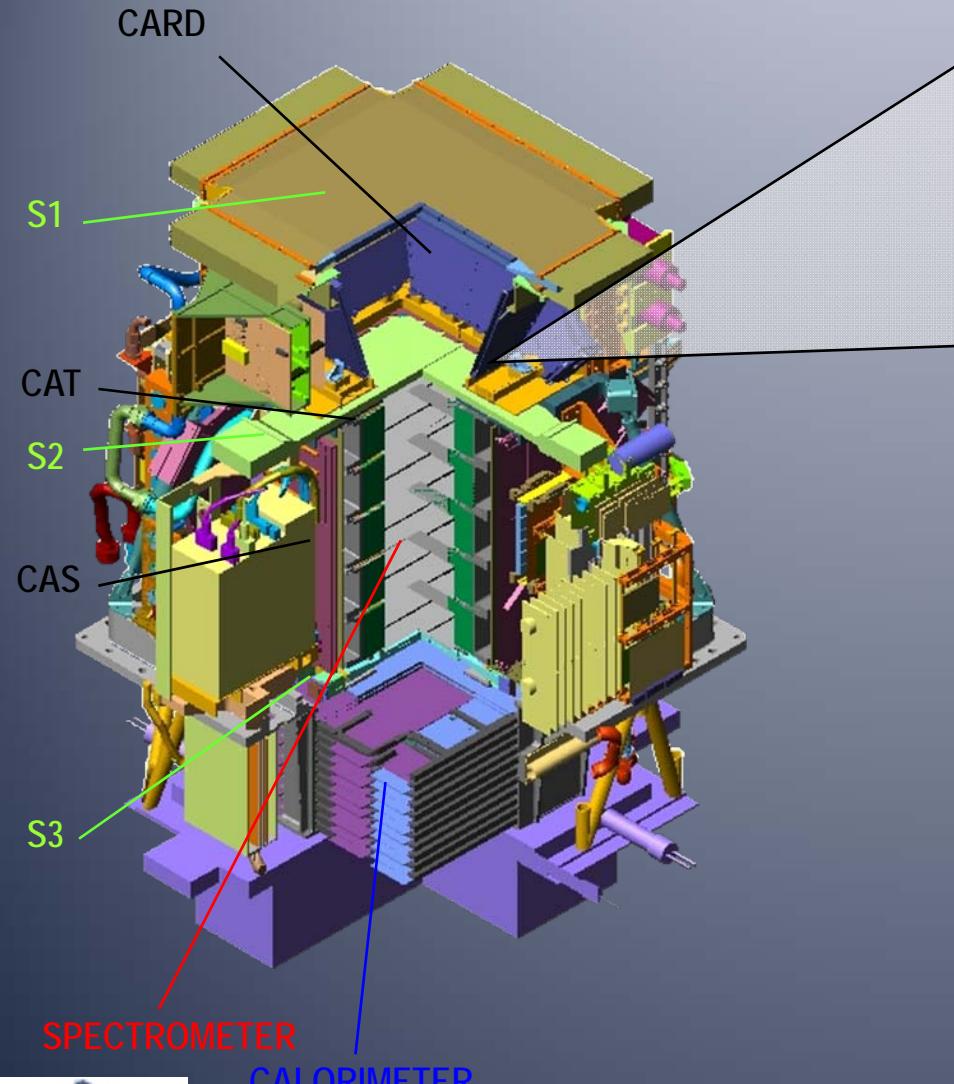
Characteristics:

- 3 double-layer scintillator paddles
- X/Y segmentation
- Total: 48 Channels

Performances:

- $\sigma(\text{paddle}) \sim 110\text{ps}$
- $\sigma(\text{TOF}) \sim 330\text{ps}$ (for MIPs)





The anticounter shields

Main tasks:

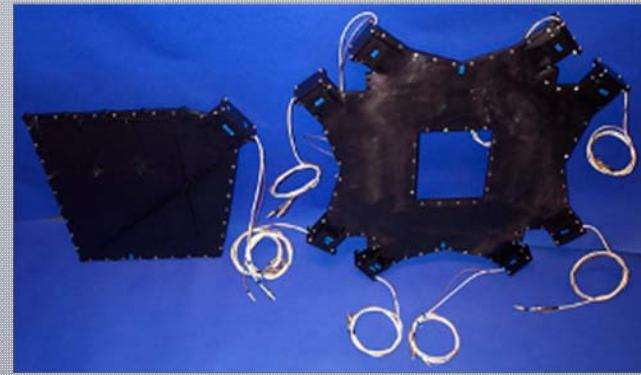
- Rejection of events with particles interacting with the apparatus (off-line and second-level trigger)

Characteristics:

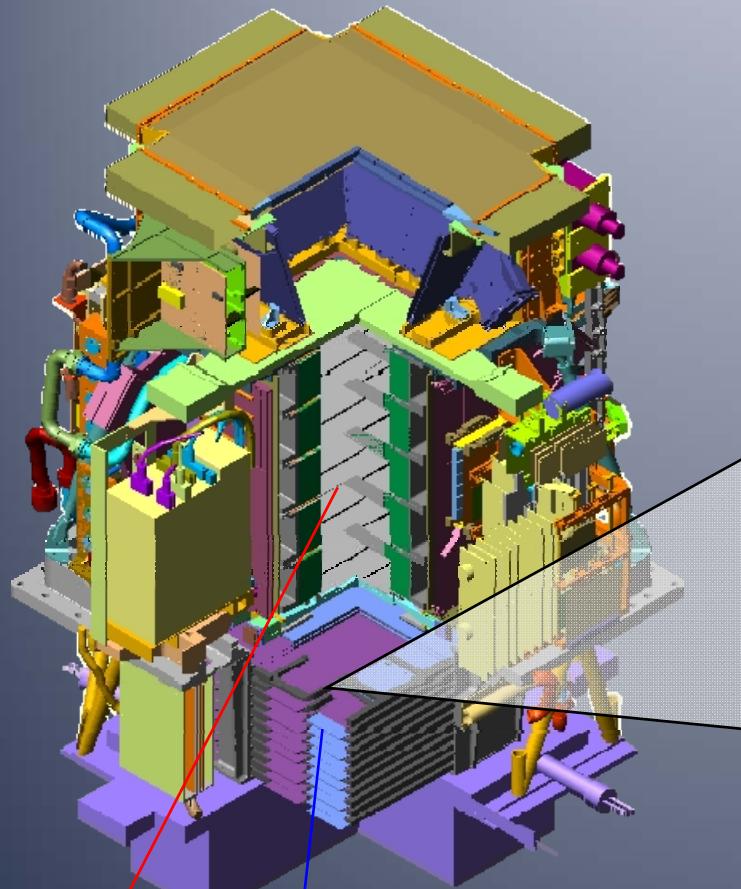
- scintillator paddles 10mm thick
- 4 up (CARD), 1 top (CAT), 4 side (CAS)

Performances:

- Efficiency > 99.9%

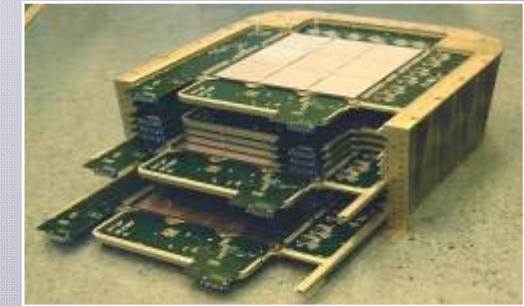


The electromagnetic calorimeter



SPECTROMETER

CALORIMETER



Main tasks:

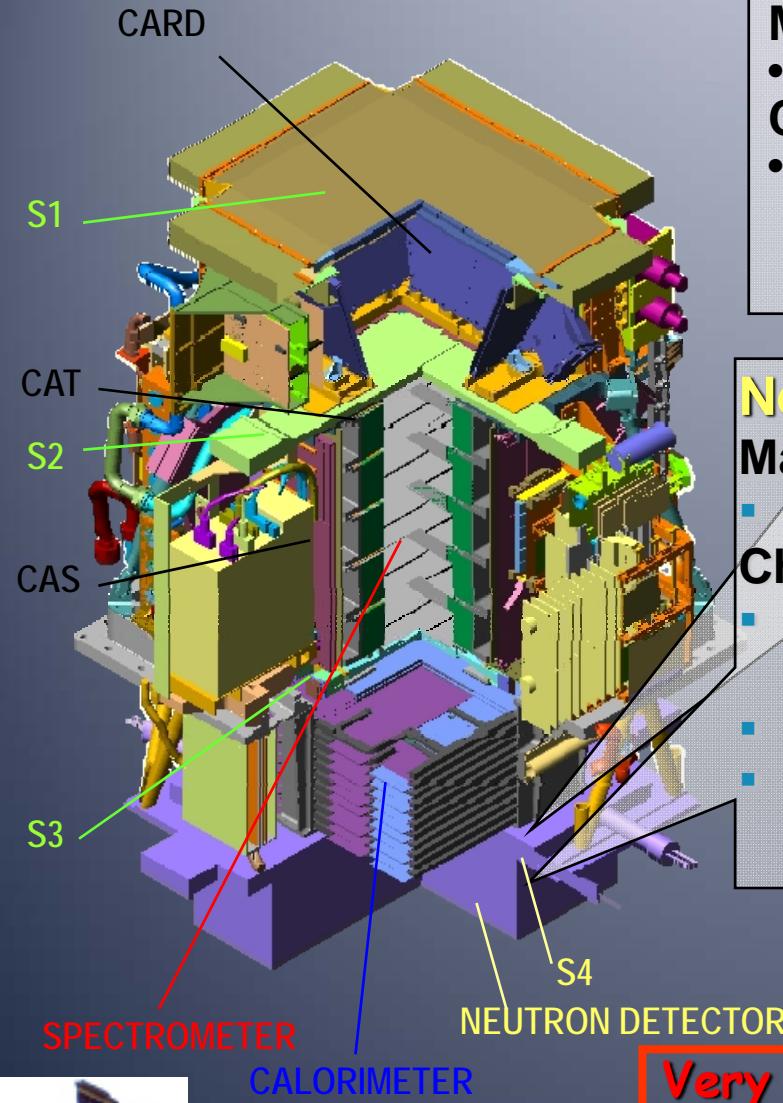
- e/h discrimination
- $e^{+/-}$ energy measurement

Characteristics:

- 44 Si layers (X/Y) +22 W planes
- $16.3 X_0 / 0.6 \lambda_0$
- 4224 channels
- Dynamic range 1400 mip
- Self-trigger mode ($> 300 \text{ GeV} \text{ GF} \sim 600 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$)

Performances:

- \bar{p} and e^+ selection efficiency $\sim 90\%$
- p rejection factor $\sim 10^5$
- e^- rejection factor $\sim 10^4$
- Energy resolution $\sim 5\% @ 200 \text{ GeV}$



Shower-tail catcher (S4)

Main tasks:

- ND trigger

Characteristics:

- 1 scintillator paddle
10mm thick



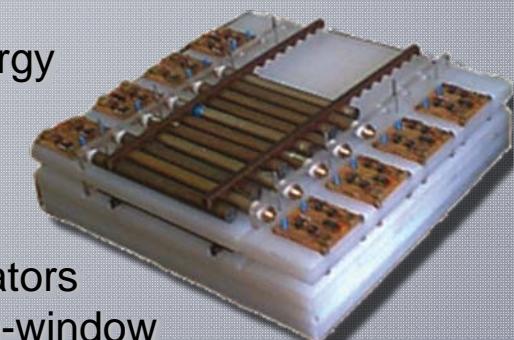
Neutron detector

Main tasks:

- e/h discrimination @high-energy

Characteristics:

- 36 ${}^3\text{He}$ counters:
 ${}^3\text{He}(n,p)\text{T} \rightarrow E_p = 780 \text{ keV}$
- 9 cm thick polyethylene moderators
- n collected within 200 μs time-window



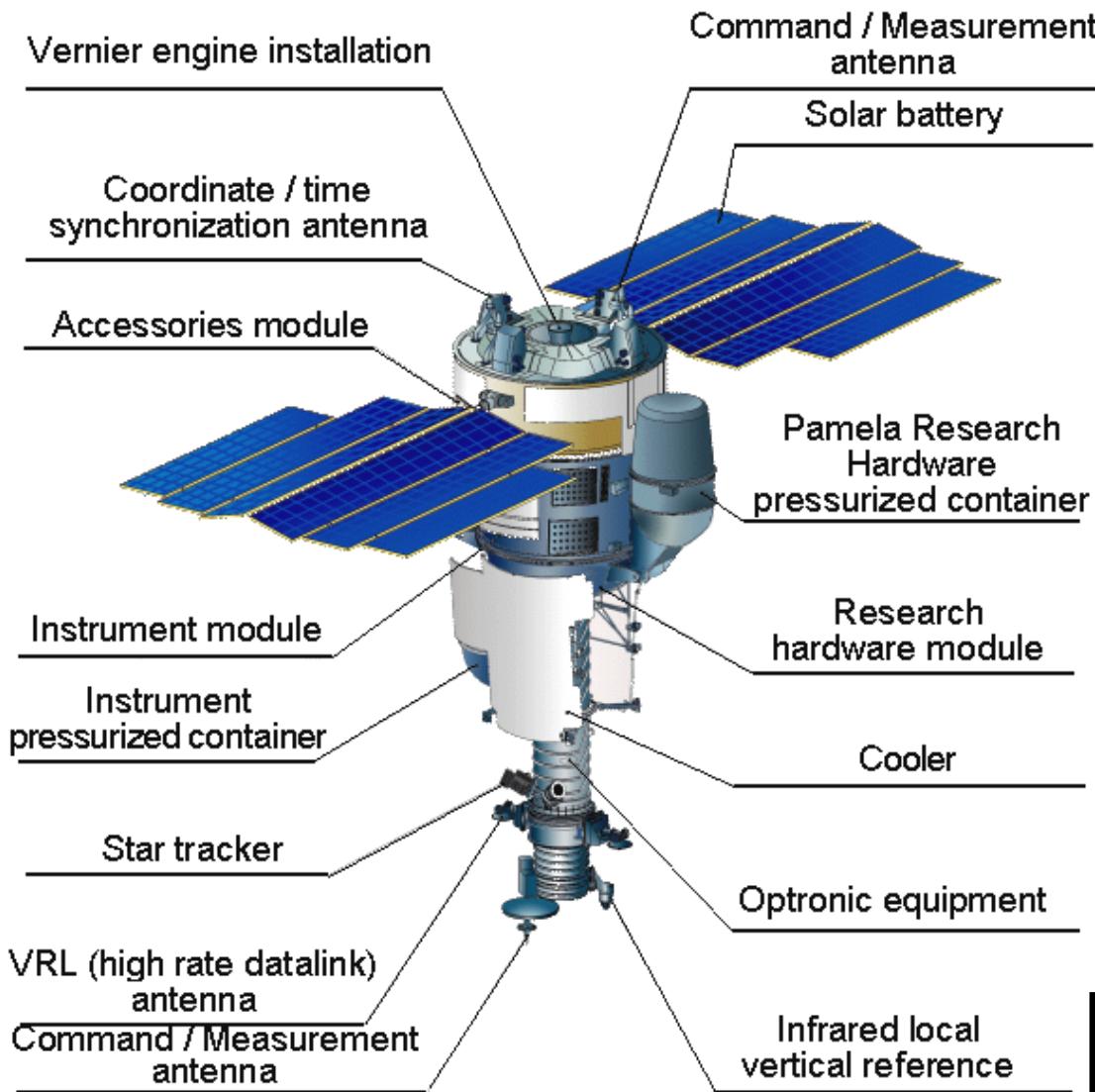
**Very important to help the
Calorimeter in the particle separation**

Design Performance

	<u>energy range</u>	<u>particles in 3 years</u>
■ Antiprotons	80 MeV - 190 GeV	$O(10^4)$
■ Positrons	50 MeV - 270 GeV	$O(10^5)$
■ Electrons	up to 400 GeV	$O(10^6)$
■ Protons	up to 700 GeV	$O(10^8)$
■ Electrons+positrons	up to 2 TeV (from calorimeter)	
■ Light Nuclei	up to 200 GeV/n He/Be/C: $O(10^{7/4/5})$	
■ AntiNuclei search	sensitivity of 3×10^{-8} in $\overline{\text{He}}/\text{He}$	

- Simultaneous measurement of many cosmic-ray species
- New energy range
- Unprecedented statistics

Resurs-DK1 satellite



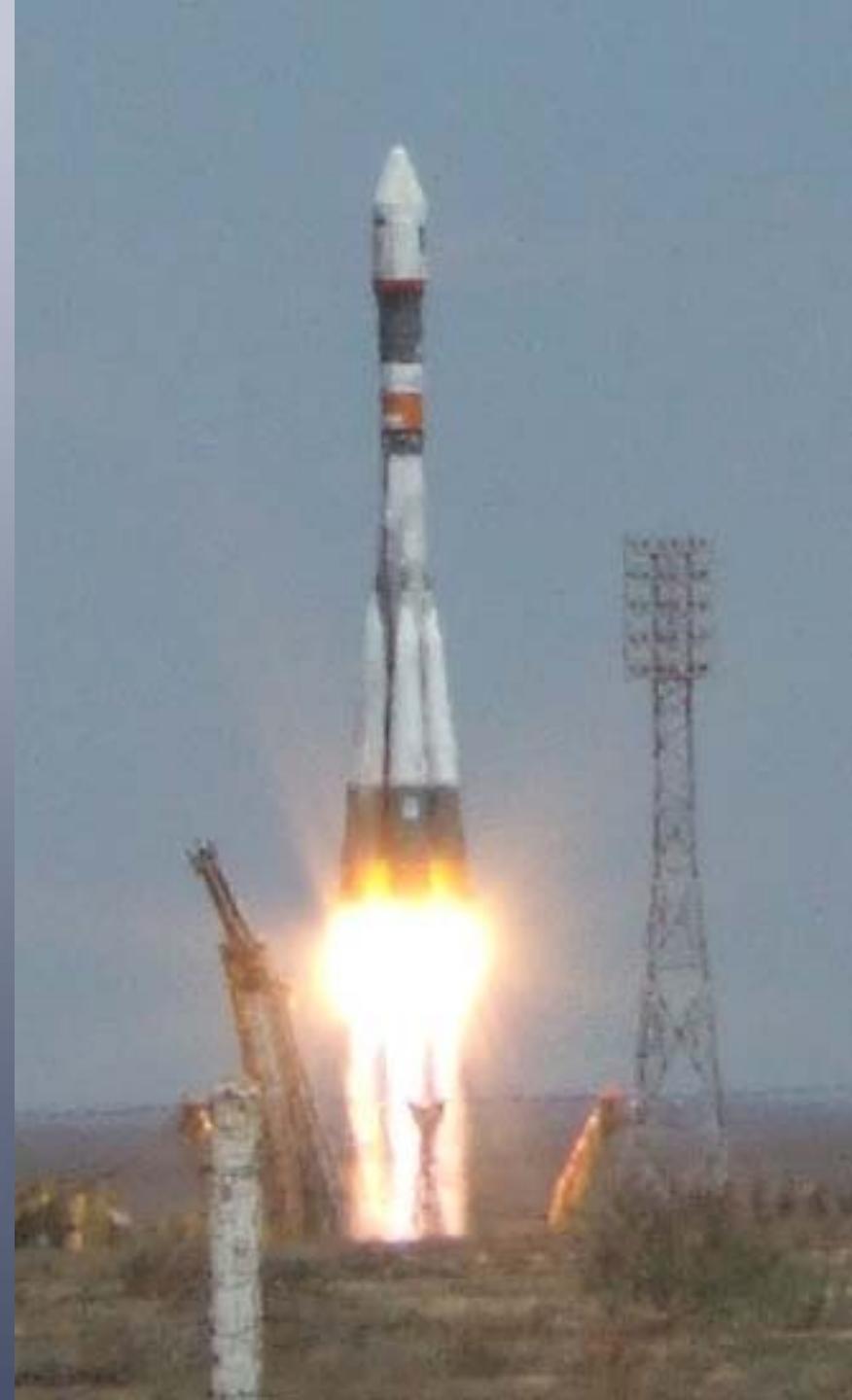
- **Main task:** multi-spectral remote sensing of earth's surface
- Built by TsSKB Progress in Samara, Russia
- **Lifetime >3 years (assisted)**
- Data transmitted to ground via high-speed radio downlink
- **PAMELA mounted inside a pressurized container**

Mass: 6.7 tonnes
Height: 7.4 m
Solar array area: 36 m²

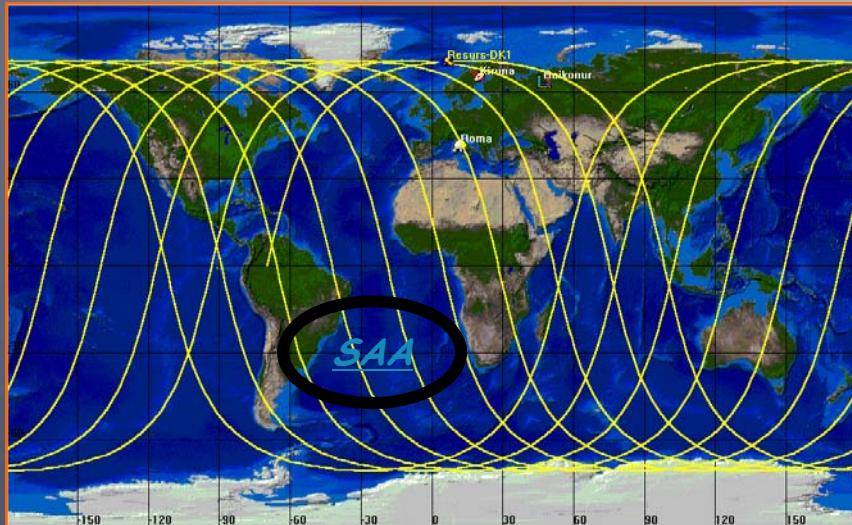
PAMELA

Launch
15/06/06

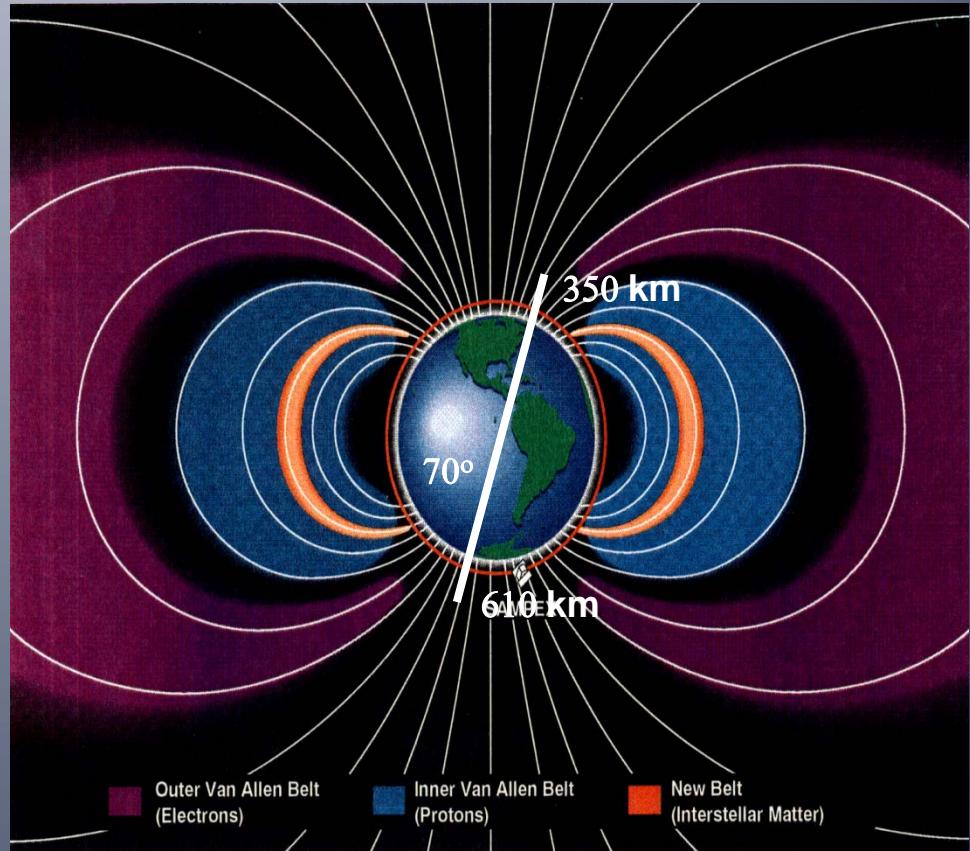
16 Gigabytes transmitted daily
to Ground
NTsOMZ Moscow



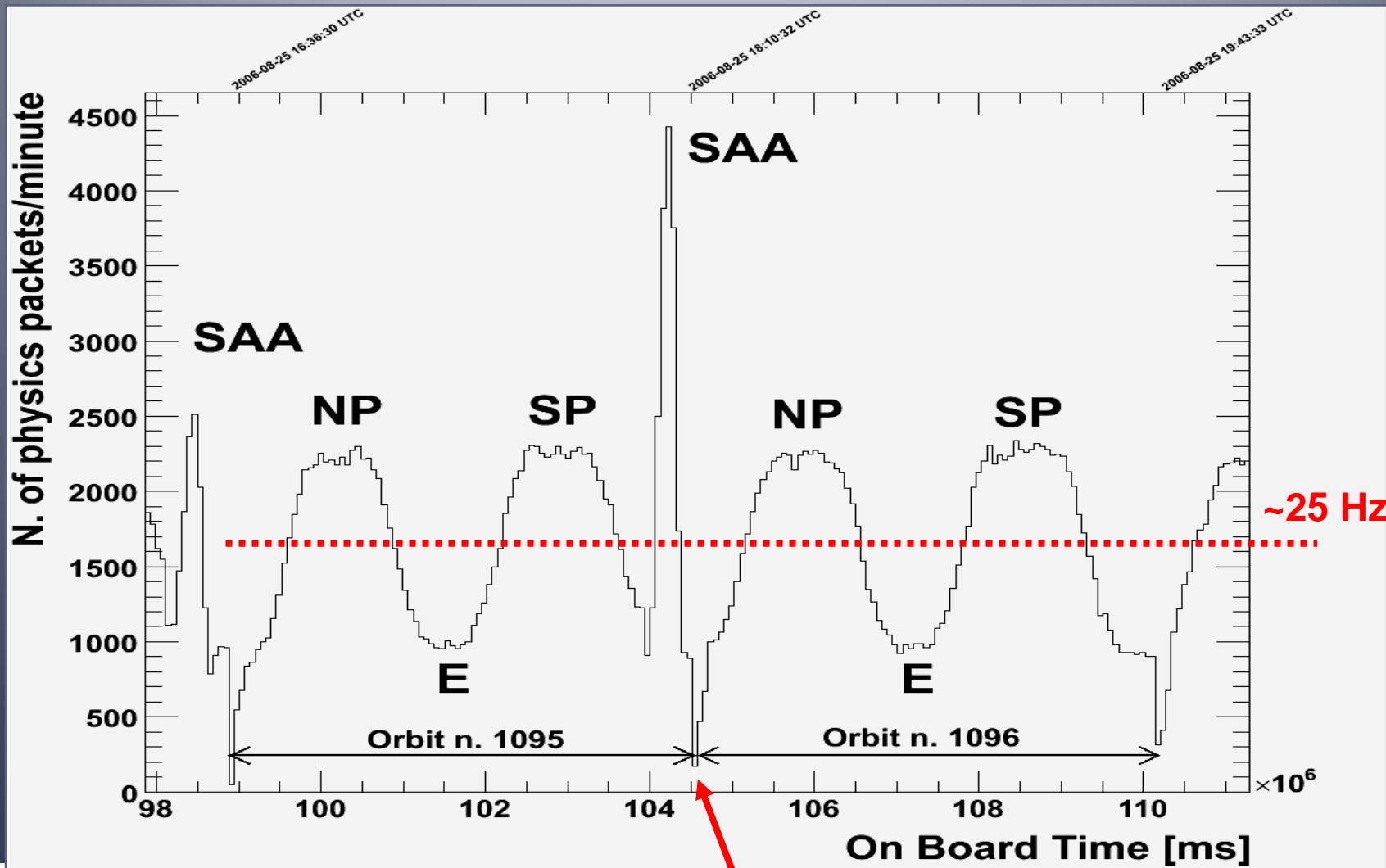
Orbit Characteristics

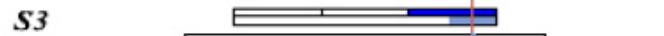
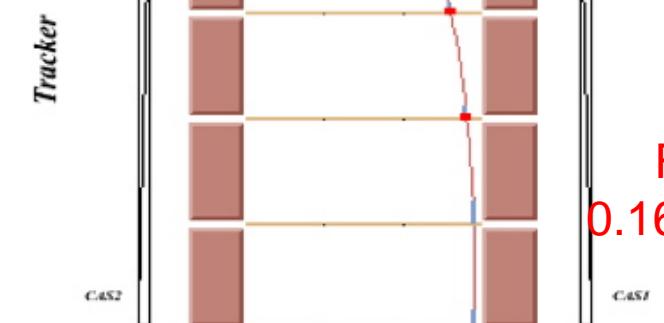


- Low-earth elliptical orbit
- 350 – 610 km
- Quasi-polar (70° inclination)
- Lifetime >3 years (assisted)

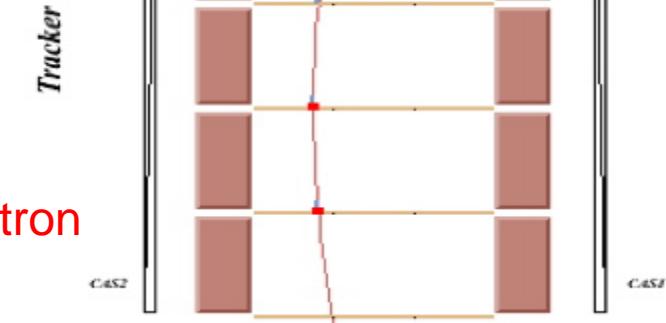


Trigger rate





SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE



ND

SATELLITE (CPU) SIDE

**Flight data: 0.632 GeV/c
antiproton annihilation**

PALIETTE

TOF., TRK, CALO, S4 [MP]:

0	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 100	100 - 500	> 500
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HC [neutrons]:

0	1	2	3 - 6	7 - 14	> 14
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AC:

NOT HIT	HIT trigger	HIT background
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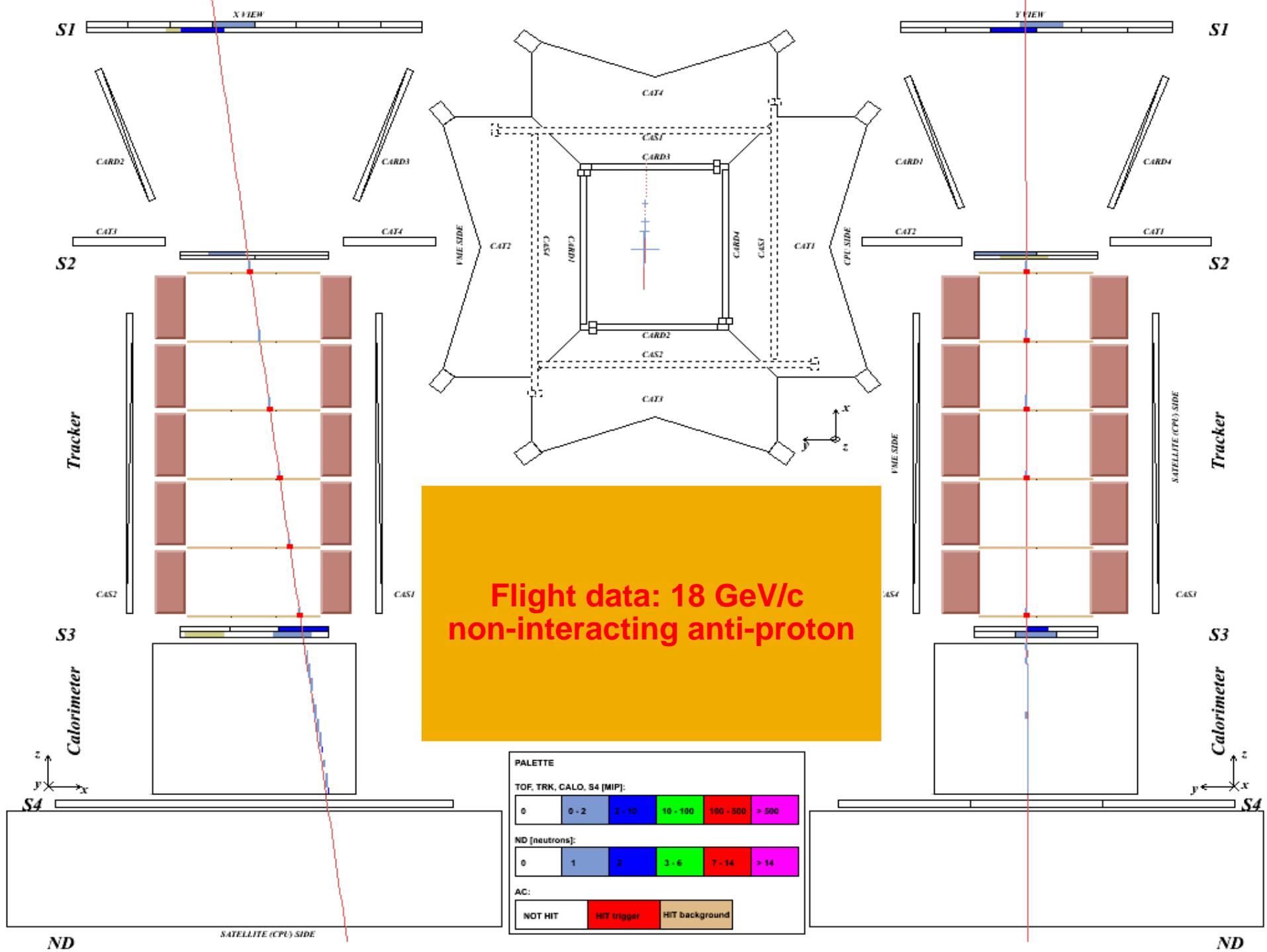
Flight data: 0.763 GeV/c
antiproton annihilation

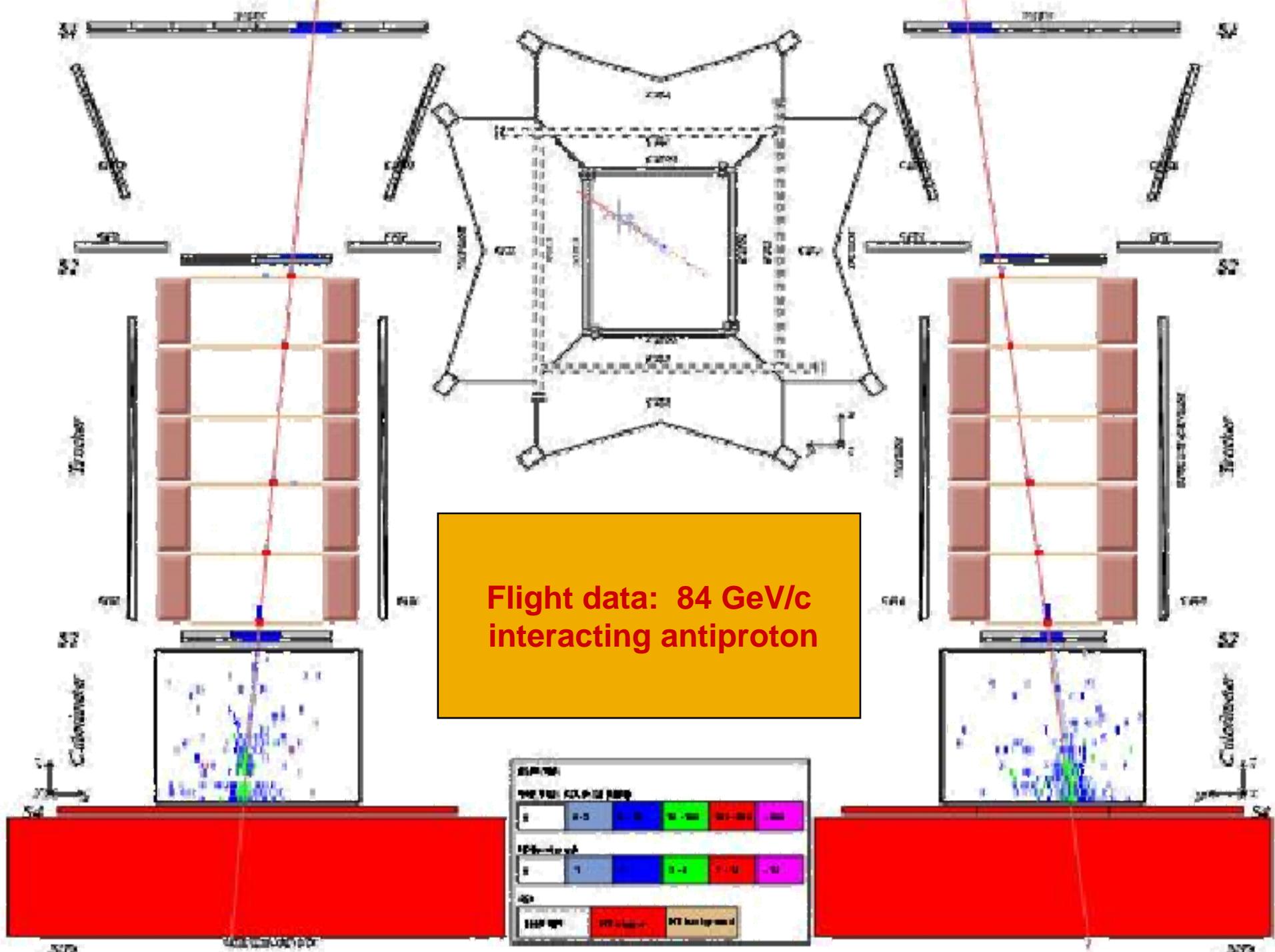
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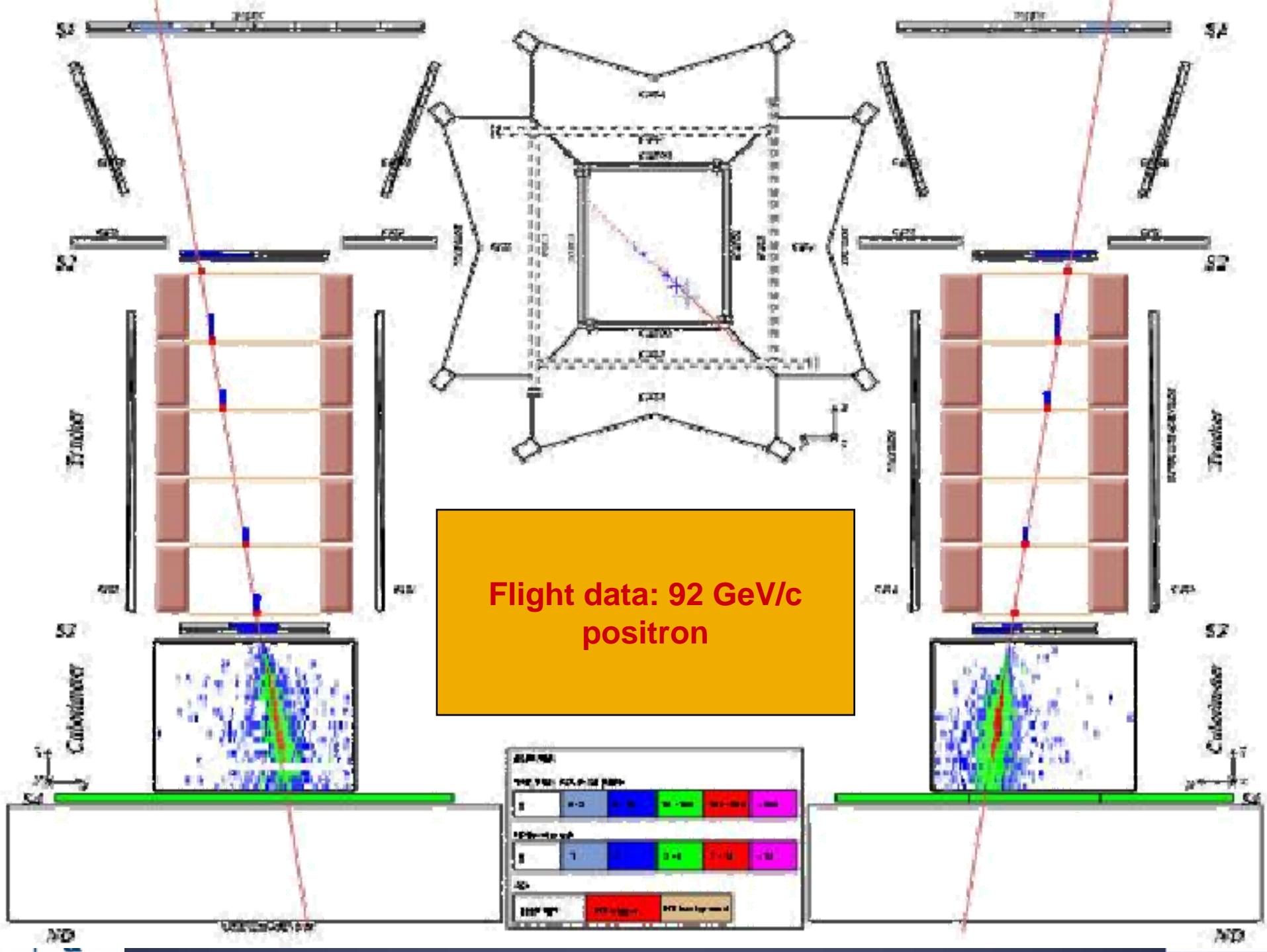
TOF, TRK, CALO, 2-4 [MPe]					
0	0-2	2-10	10-100	100-500	>500

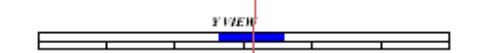
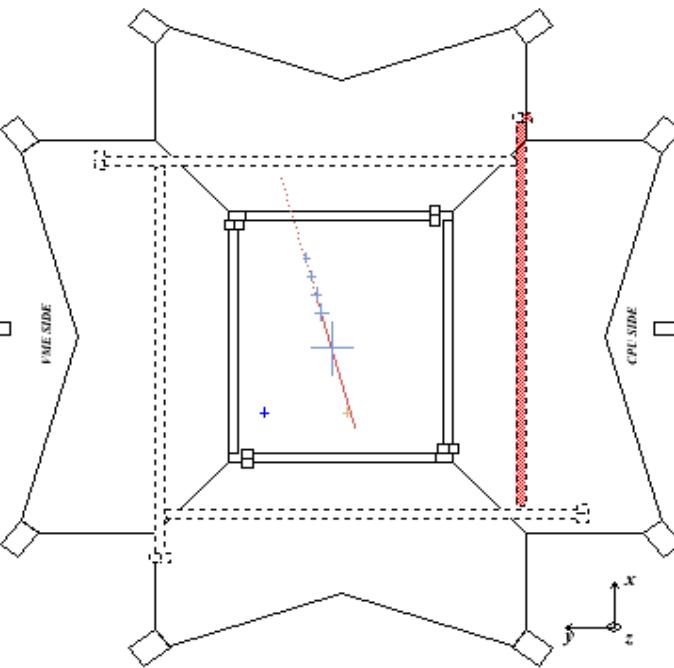
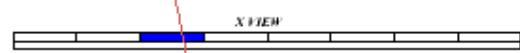
ND [neurons]					
0	1	2	3-6	7-14	>14

AC:		
HOT HIT	HIT trigger	HIT background



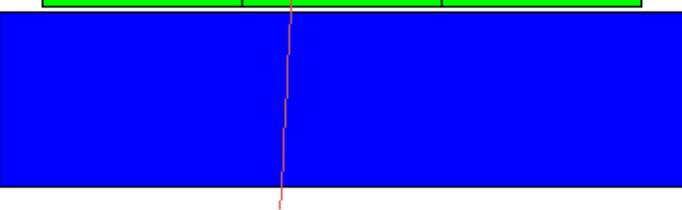
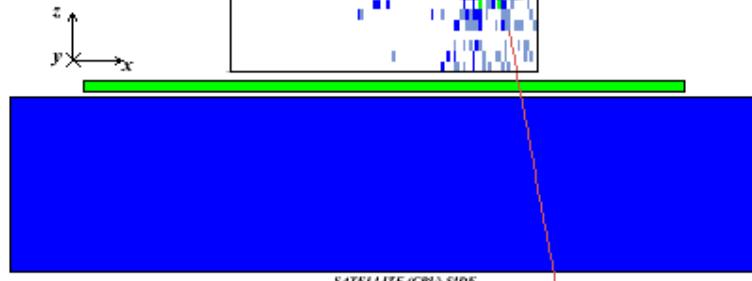


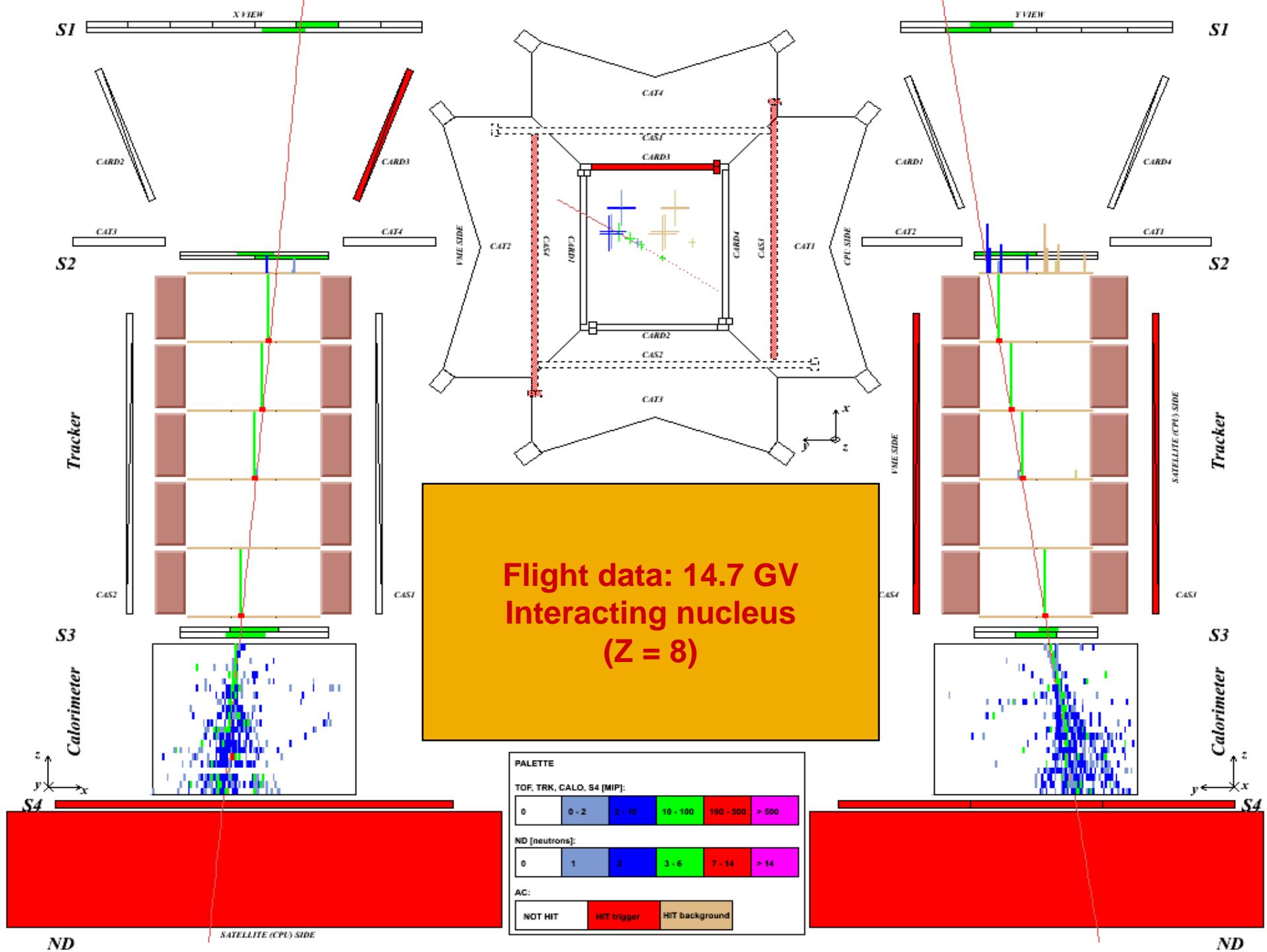




Flight data: 36 GeV/c interacting proton

PALETTE					
TOF, TRK, CALO, S4 [MIP]:					
0	0 - 2	2 - 10	10 - 100	100 - 500	> 500
ND [neutrons]:					
0	1	2	3 - 6	7 - 14	> 14
AC:					
NOT HIT	HIT trigger	HIT background			





Matter in the Universe

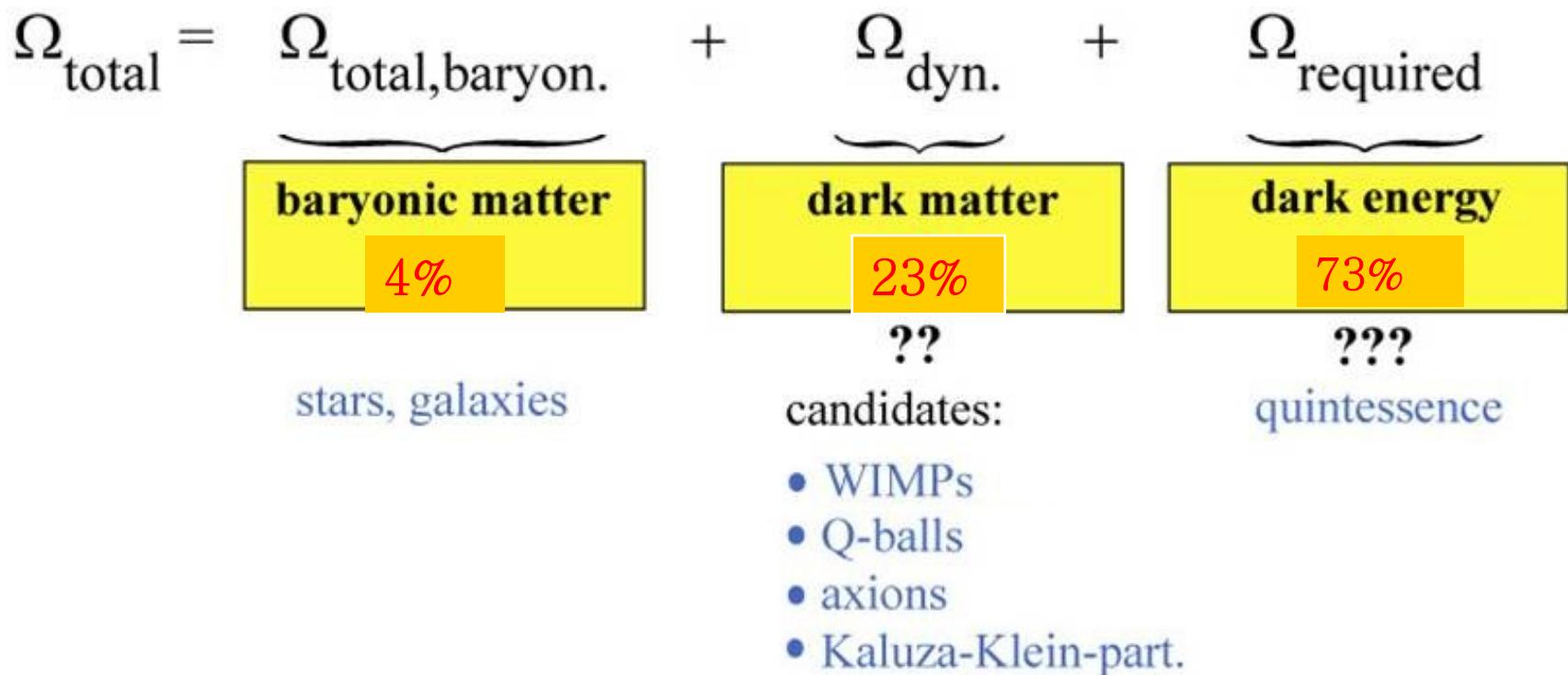
Microwave Anisotropy
WMAP - NASA -
Explorer Mission



$$\Omega_{\text{total}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{total}}}{\rho_{\text{crit.}}} = 1$$

(Universe is flat)

$$\rho_{\text{crit.}} = \frac{3H^2(t)}{8\pi G}$$



Signal (supersymmetry)...



... and background



Neutralino Annihilations

Will distort the antiproton positron and gamma spectra from purely secondary production

$\tilde{\chi} + \tilde{\chi} \rightarrow X + \gamma$	(GLAST AMS-02)
$+ \nu$	(AMANDA / IceCube)
$+ \bar{p}$	
$+ e^+$	
$+ \bar{D}$	PAMELA (and Bess, HEAT, AMS etc.)

UED models: Kaluza-Klein dark matter

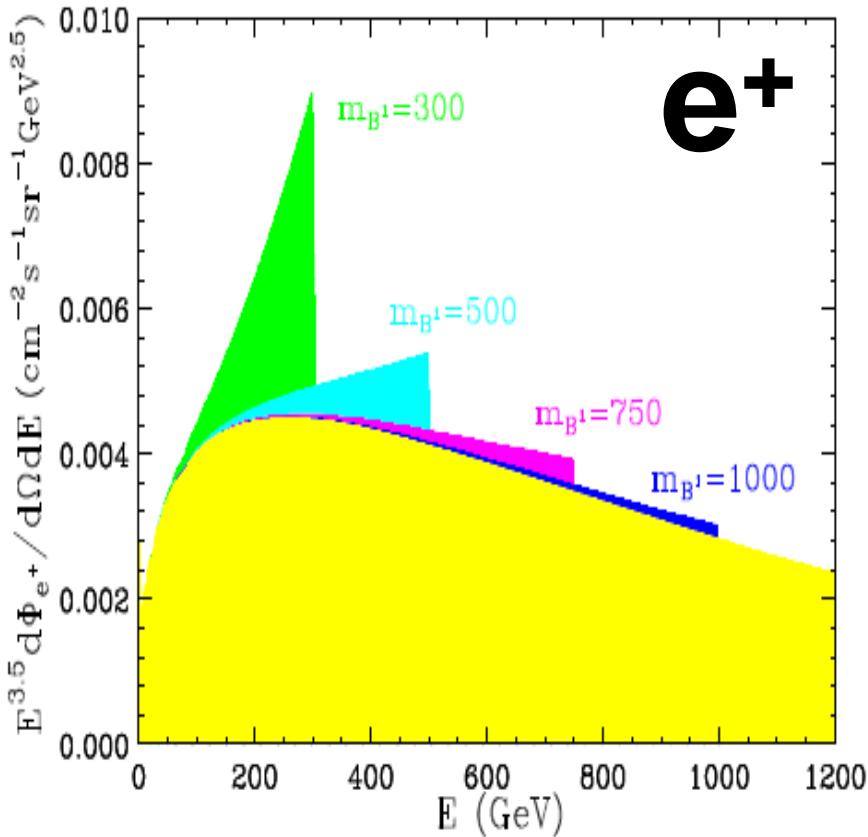


FIG. 2: Predicted positron signals (dark shaded) above background (light shaded) as a function of positron energy for $m_{B^1} = m_{e_L^1} = m_{e_R^1} = 100, 500, 750$, and 1000 GeV.

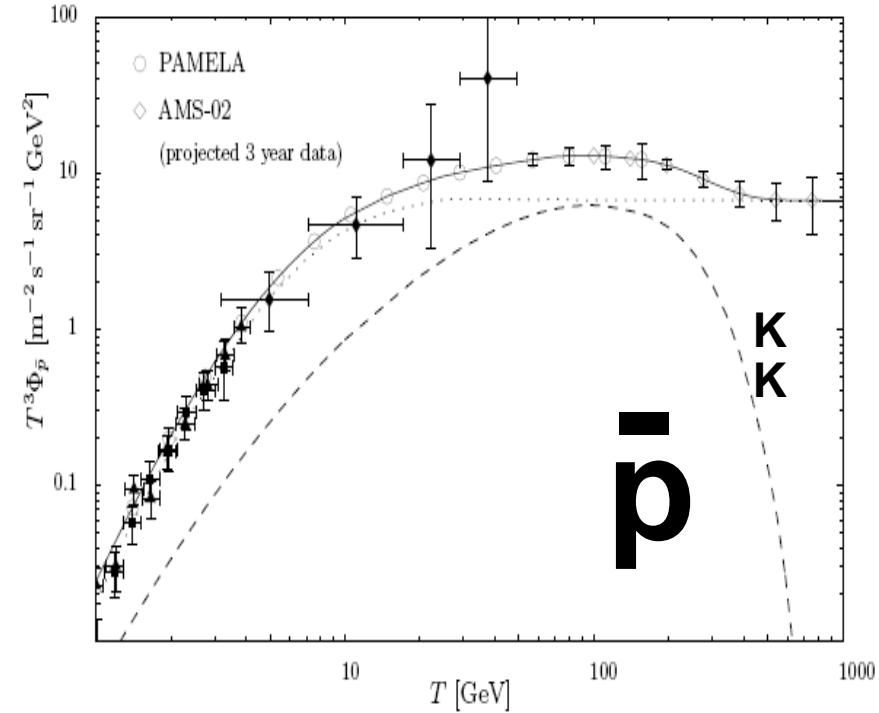
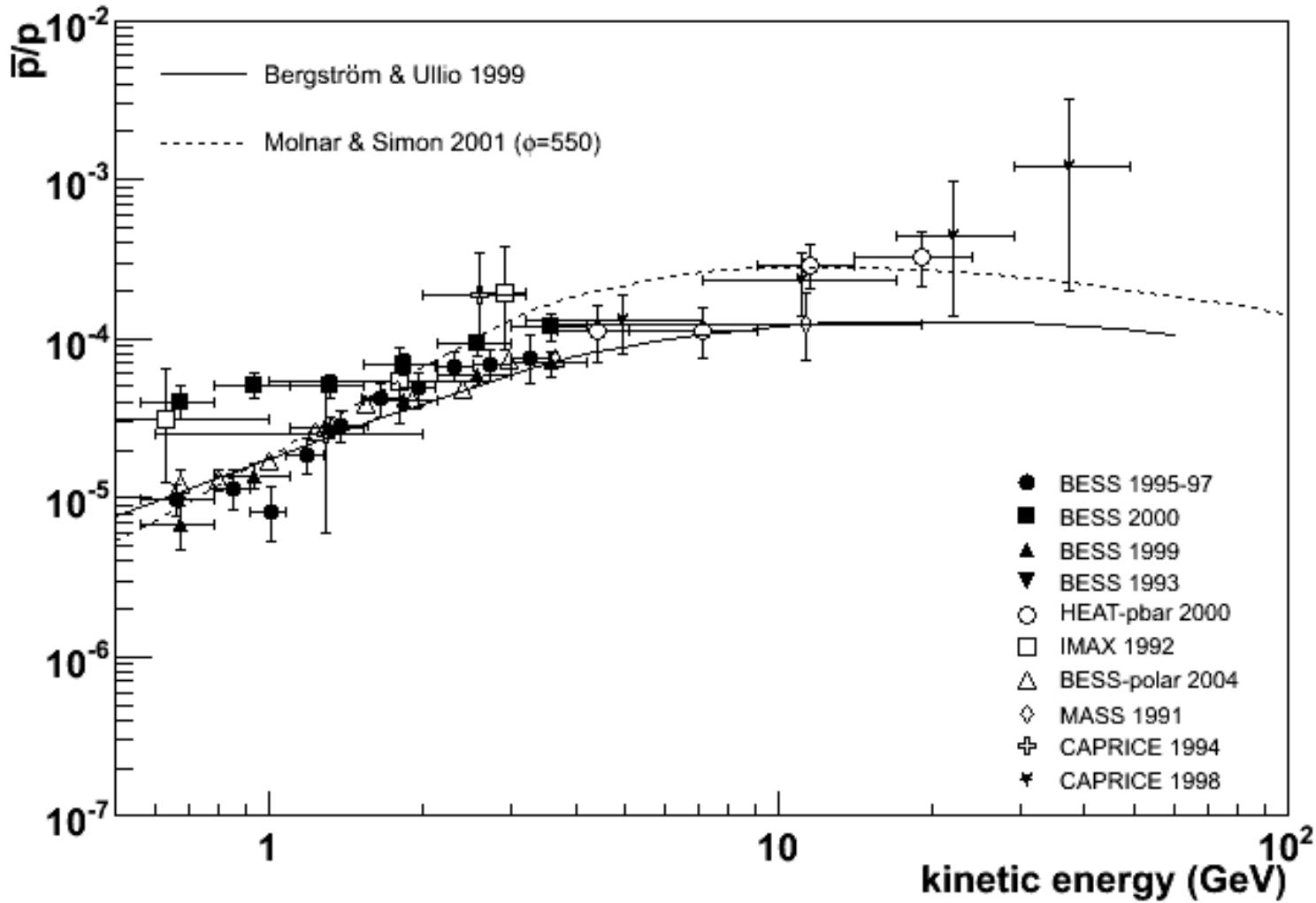


Figure 4. The solid line shows the expected antiproton spectrum for the case of a clumpy NFW profile with $f\delta = 200$ and $m_{B^1} = 800$ GeV; the dotted and dashed lines give, respectively, the background flux and the contribution from LKP annihilations alone. The data points are the same as those of Fig. 2; in addition, the detectional prospects of PAMELA [48] and AMS-02 [49] are indicated by displaying their projected data after three years of operation (only statistical errors are included; error bars smaller than the symbol size are not shown). For AMS-02, only energies above 100 GeV are considered.

Antiproton-Proton Ratio

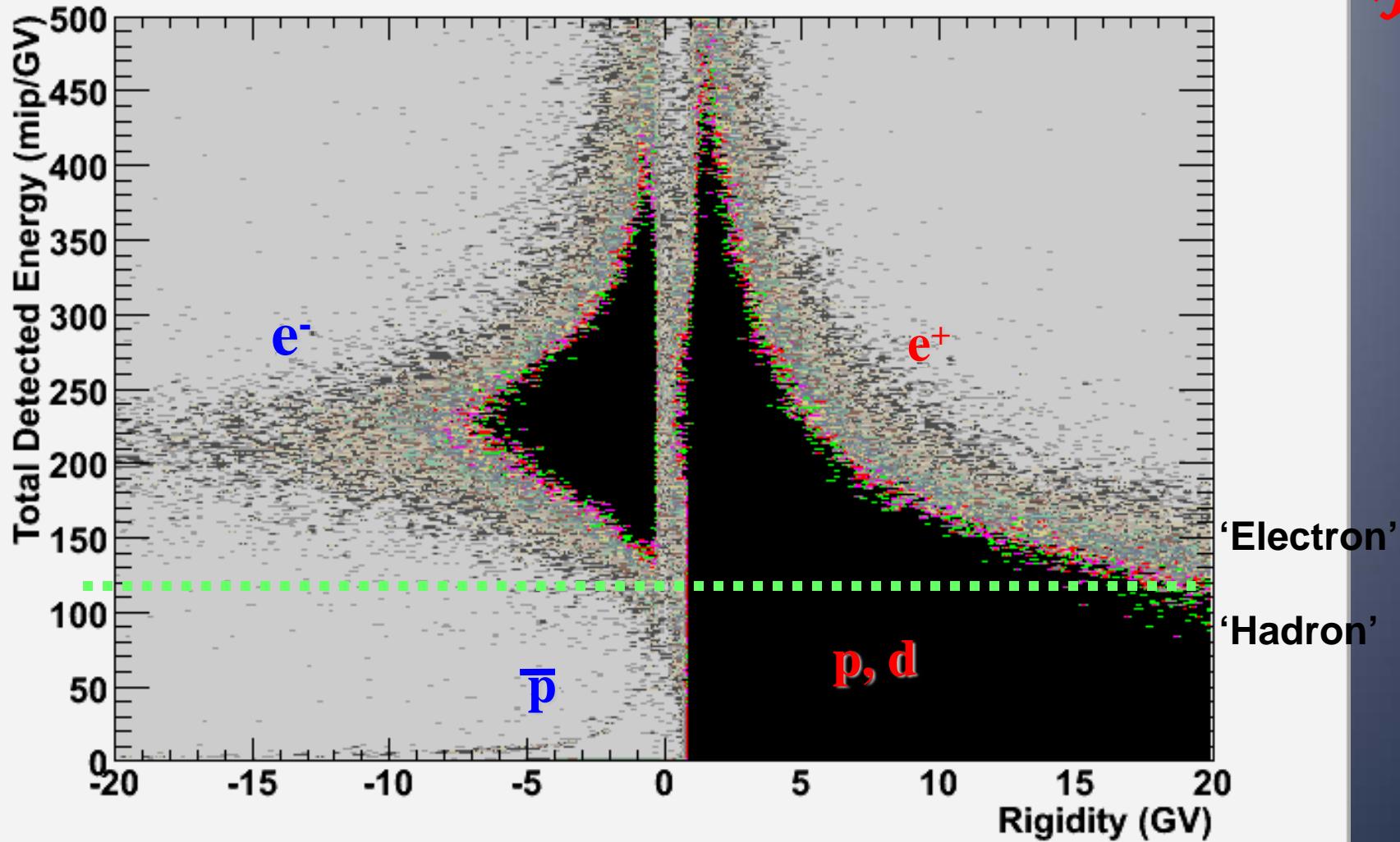


PAMELA Status and Antiprotons

- Till 2nd of March 2008 PAMELA has collected $\sim 8.8\text{TB}$ of data, corresponding to $\sim 1 \times 10^9$ triggers
 - More than 10^7 p and 800 \bar{p} have been identified between 1 and 100 GeV.

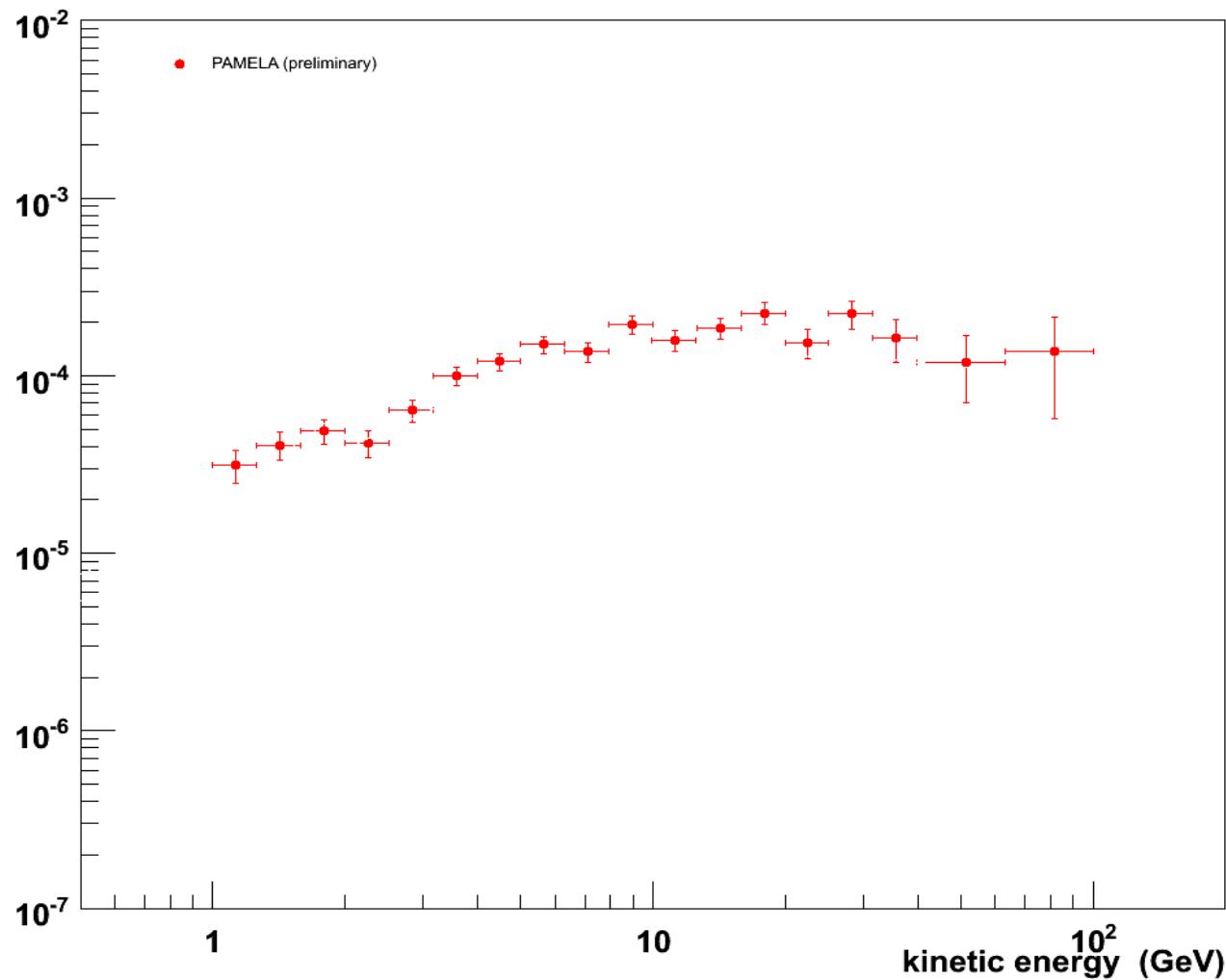
Antiparticle selection

Preliminary



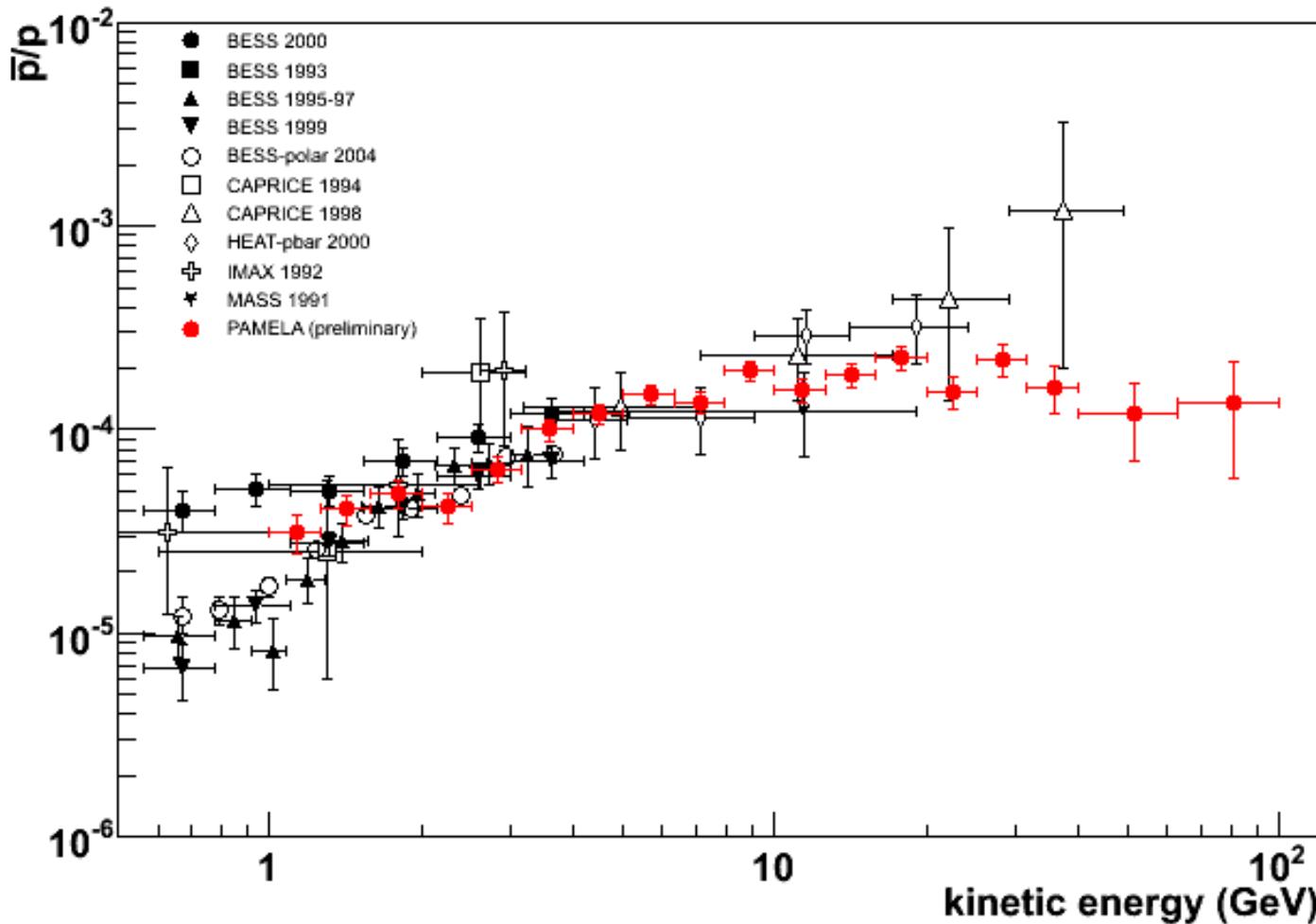
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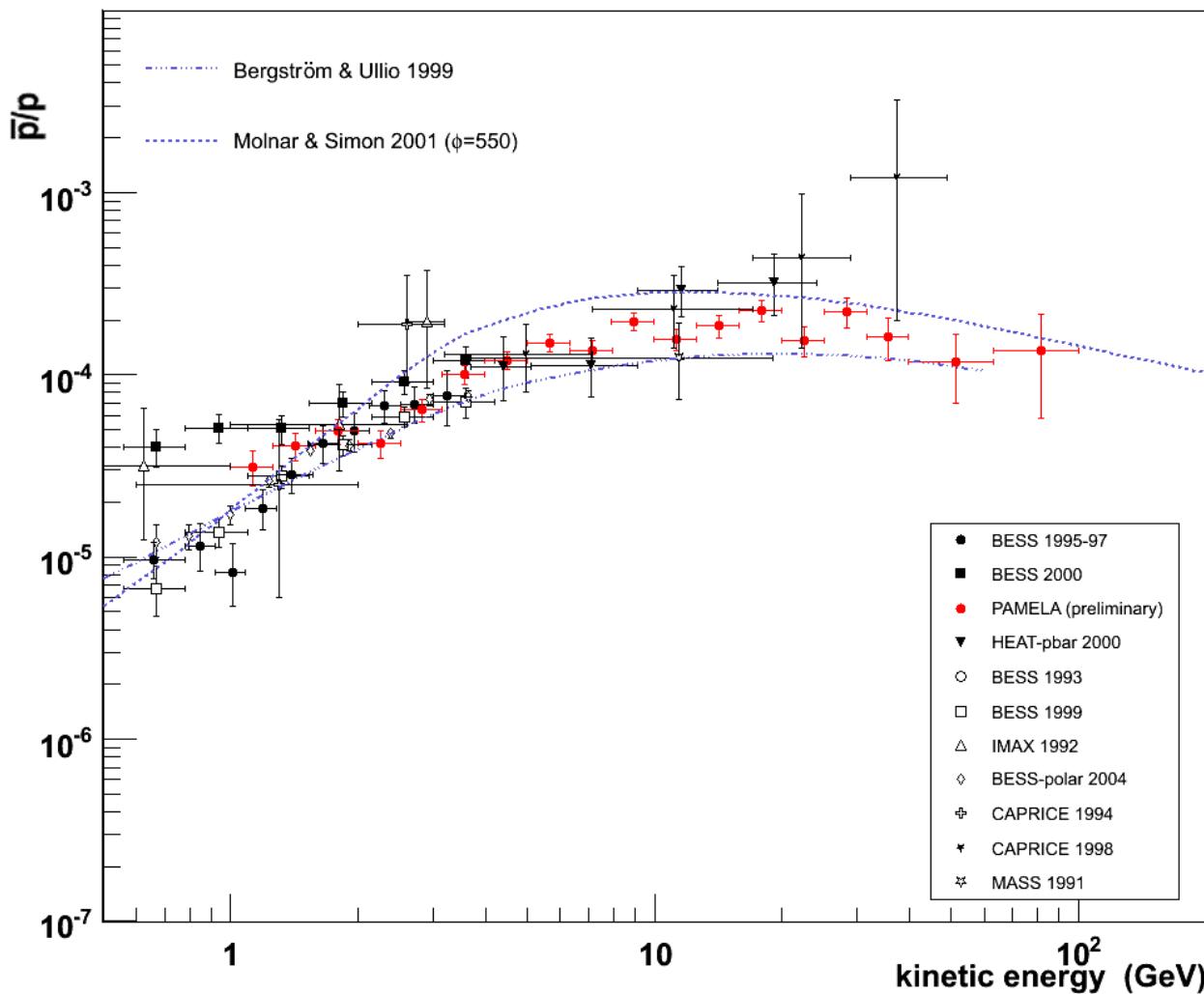
Antiproton to Proton Ratio

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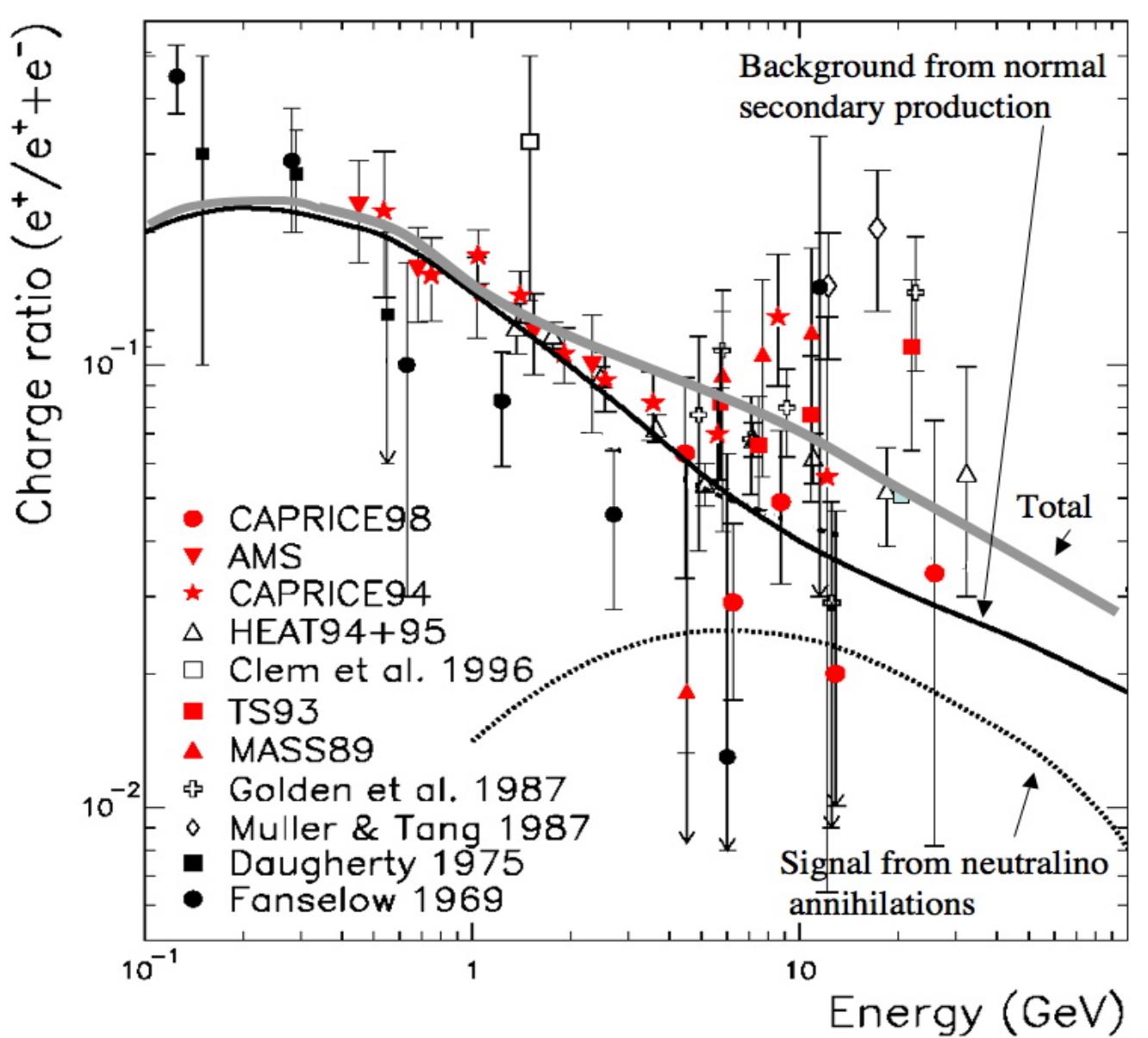


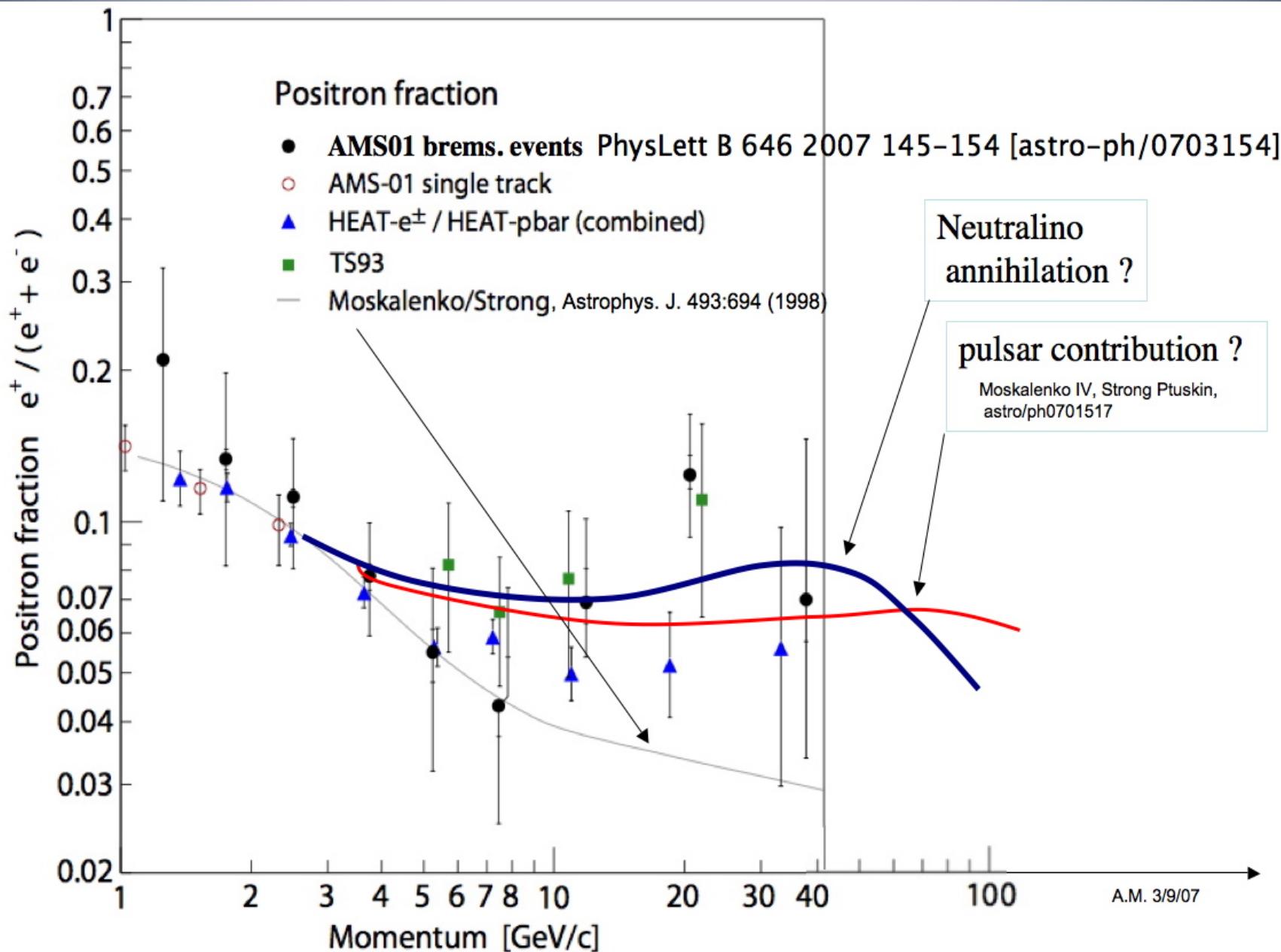
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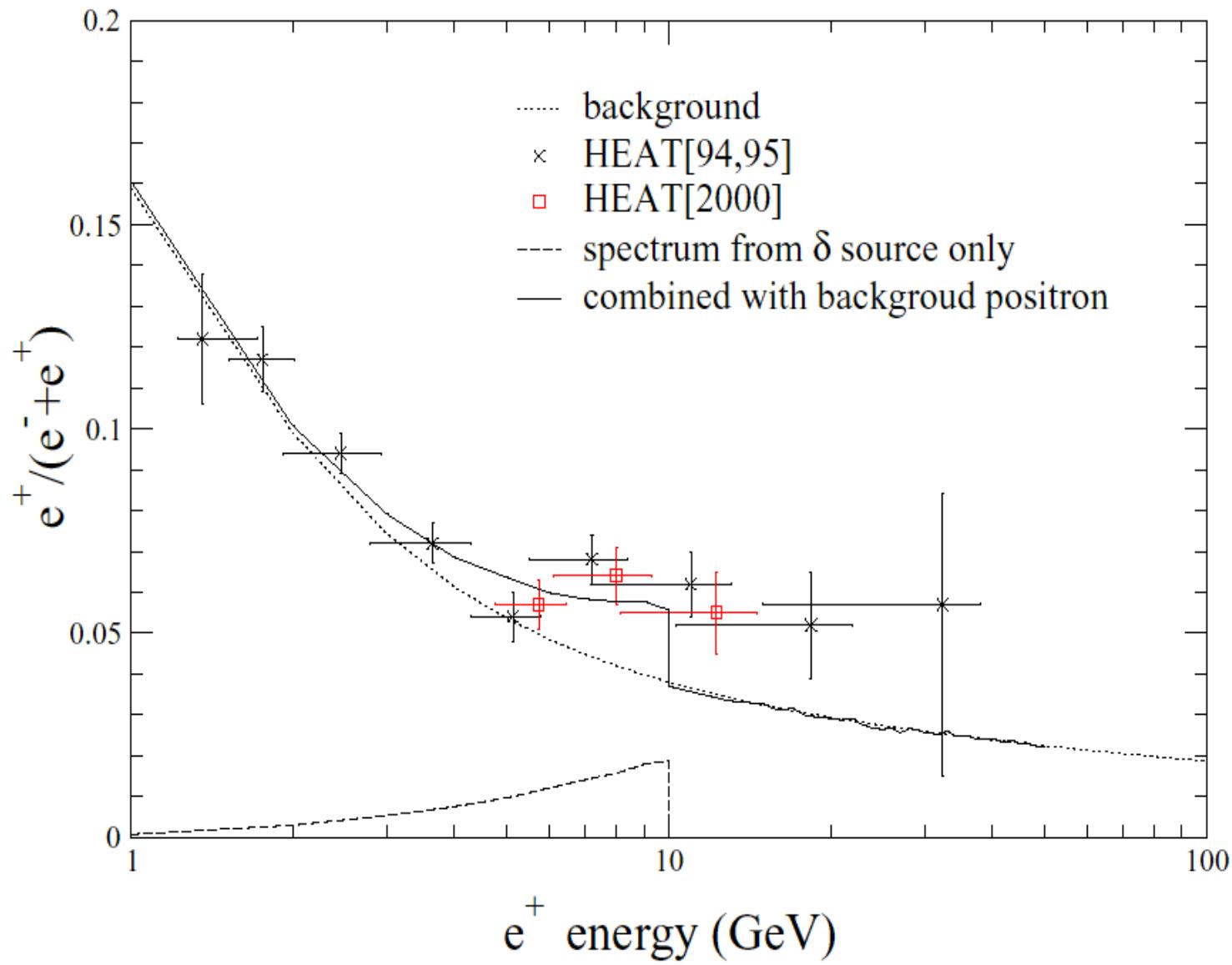


Positron Fraction





Positrons with HEAT

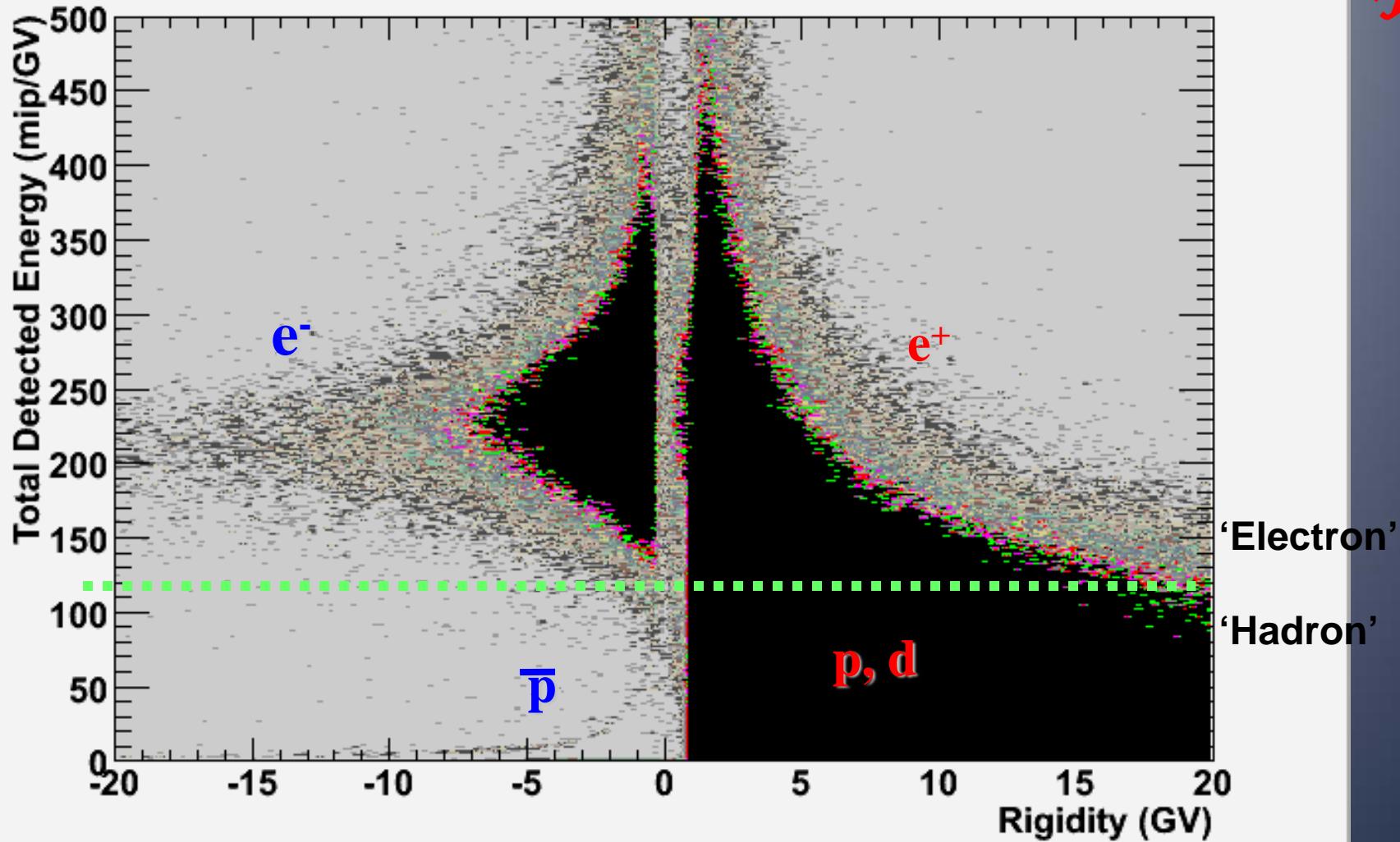


Pamela Positrons

- Till August 30th $\sim 2 \times 10^5$ e⁻ and $\sim 2 \times 10^4$ e⁺ from 200 MeV up to 10 GeV have been identified
- About 15000 positrons over 1 GeV
- Other eight months data yet to be analyzed

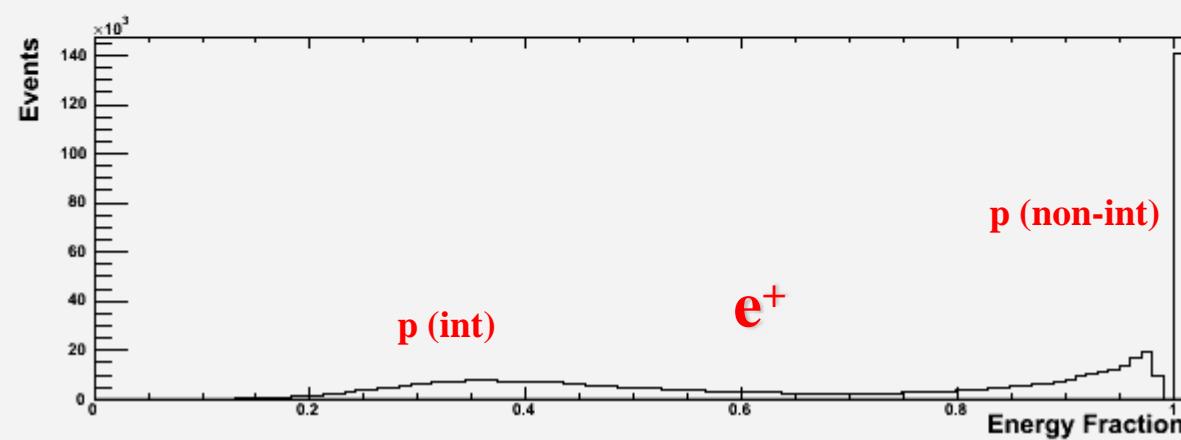
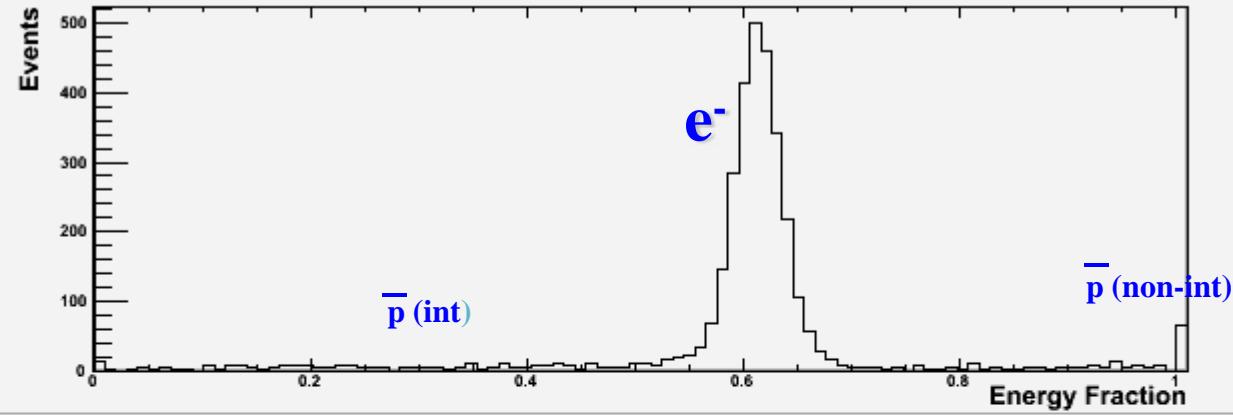
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Positron selection with calorimeter

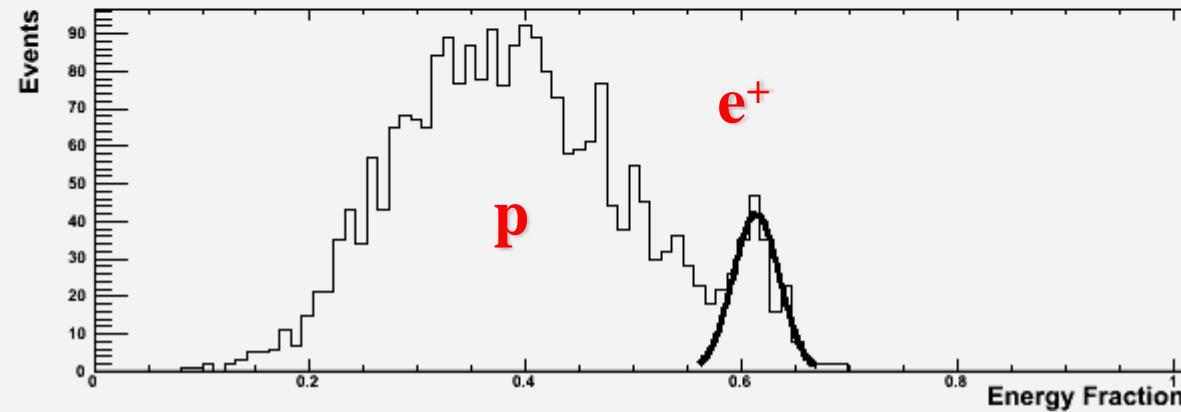
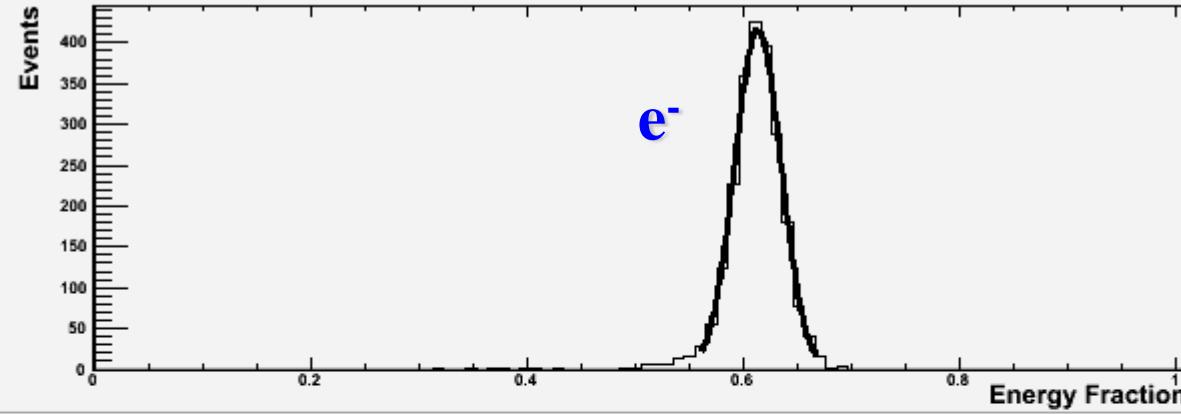
Rigidity: 20-30 GV



Fraction of charge released along
the calorimeter track (left, hit, right)

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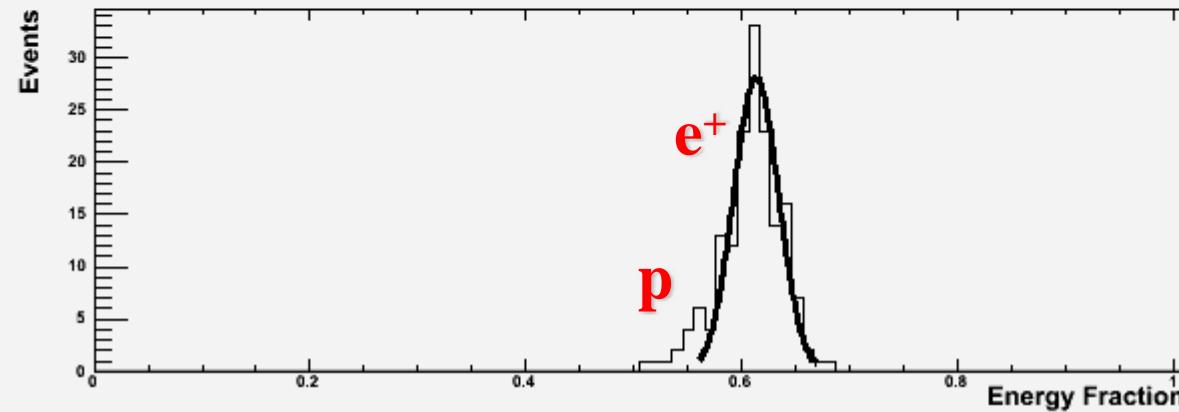
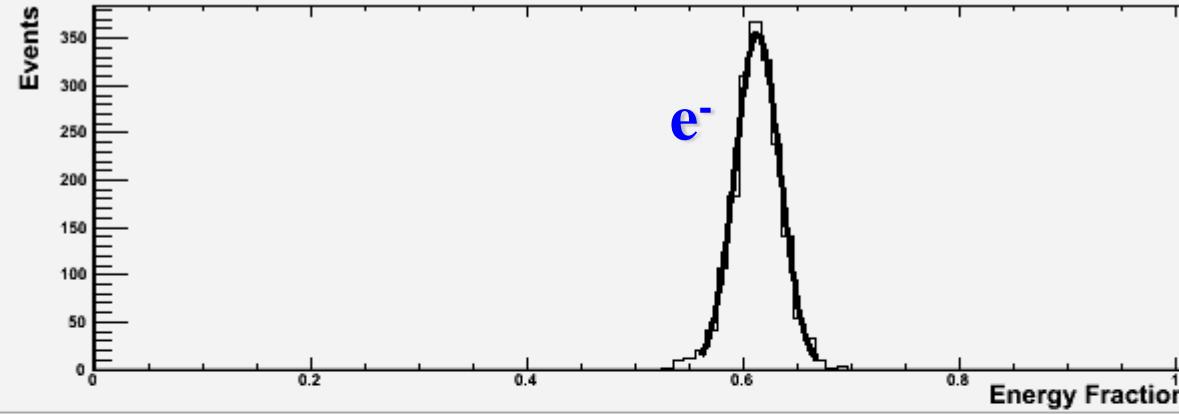


Energy-momentum match

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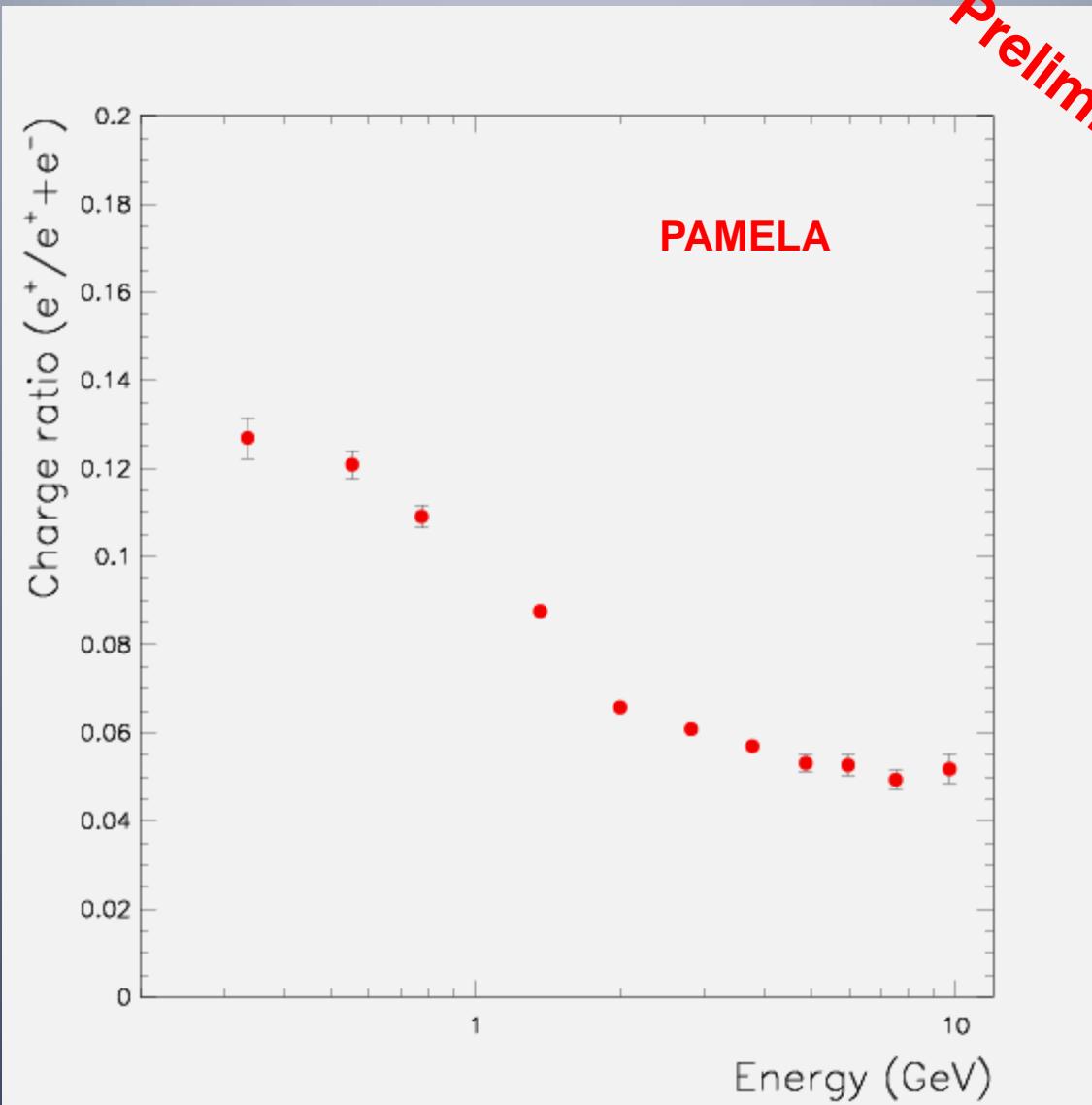


- Energy-momentum match
- Starting point of shower
- Longitudinal profile

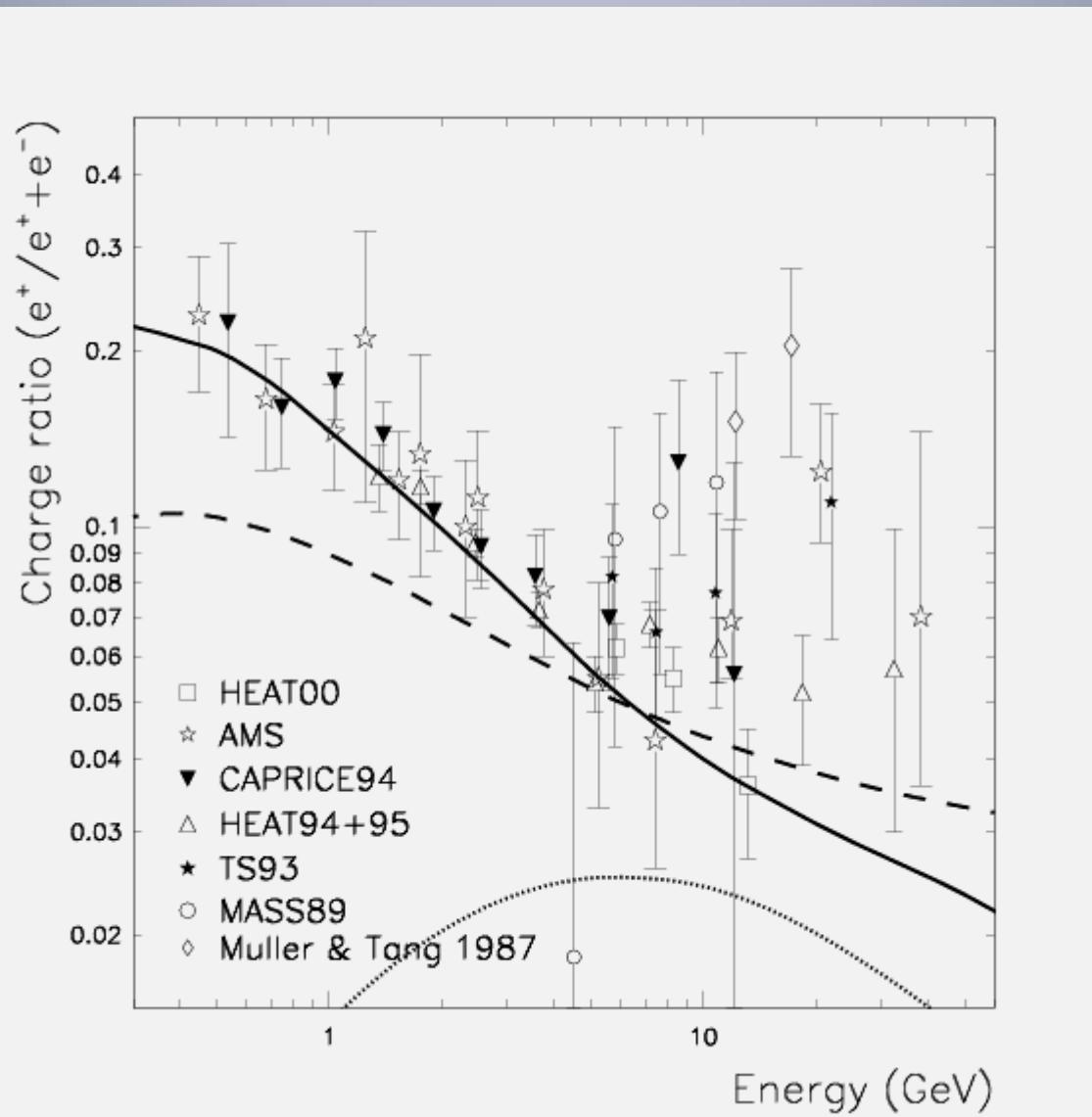
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Positron - Electron ratio

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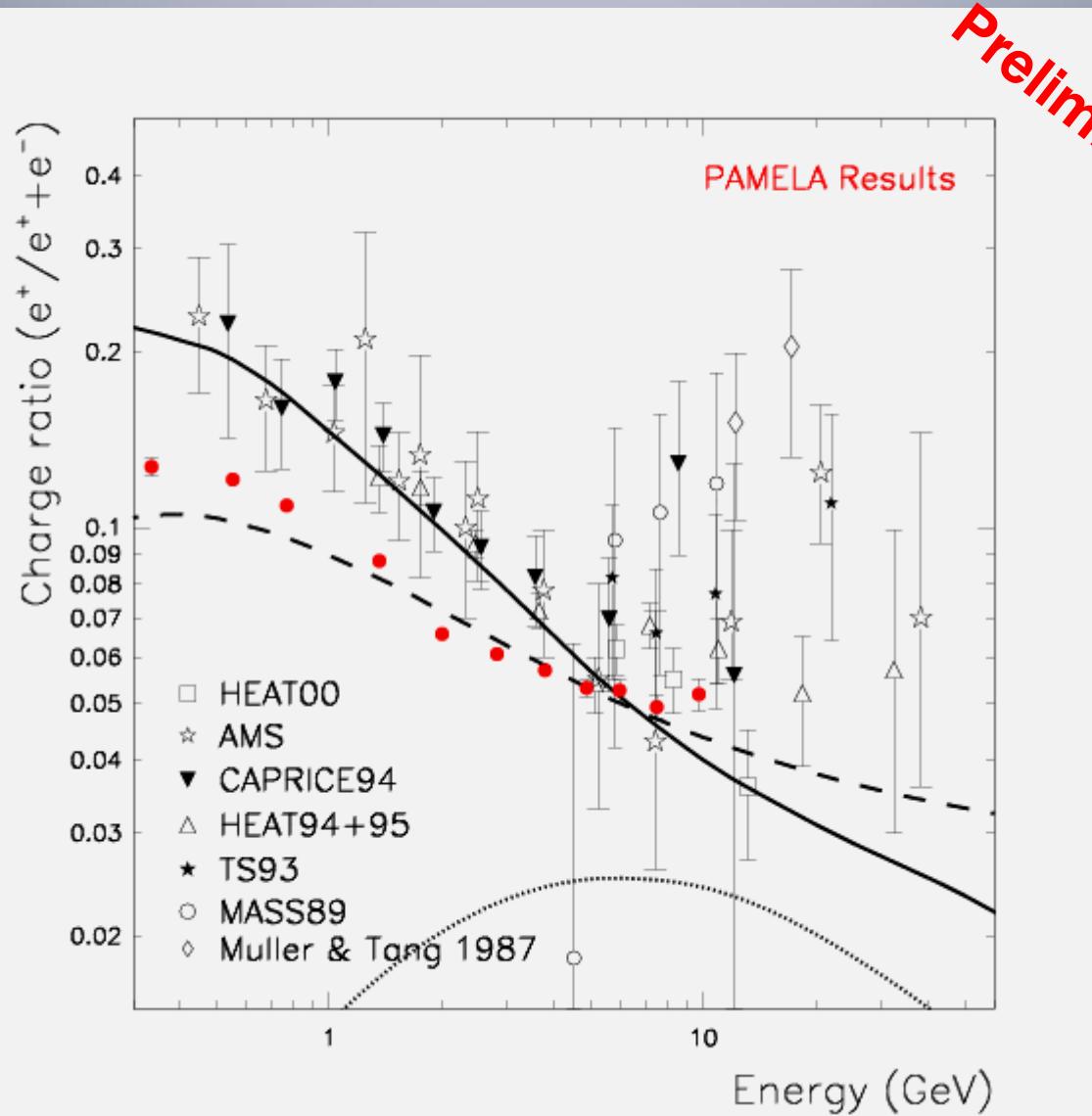
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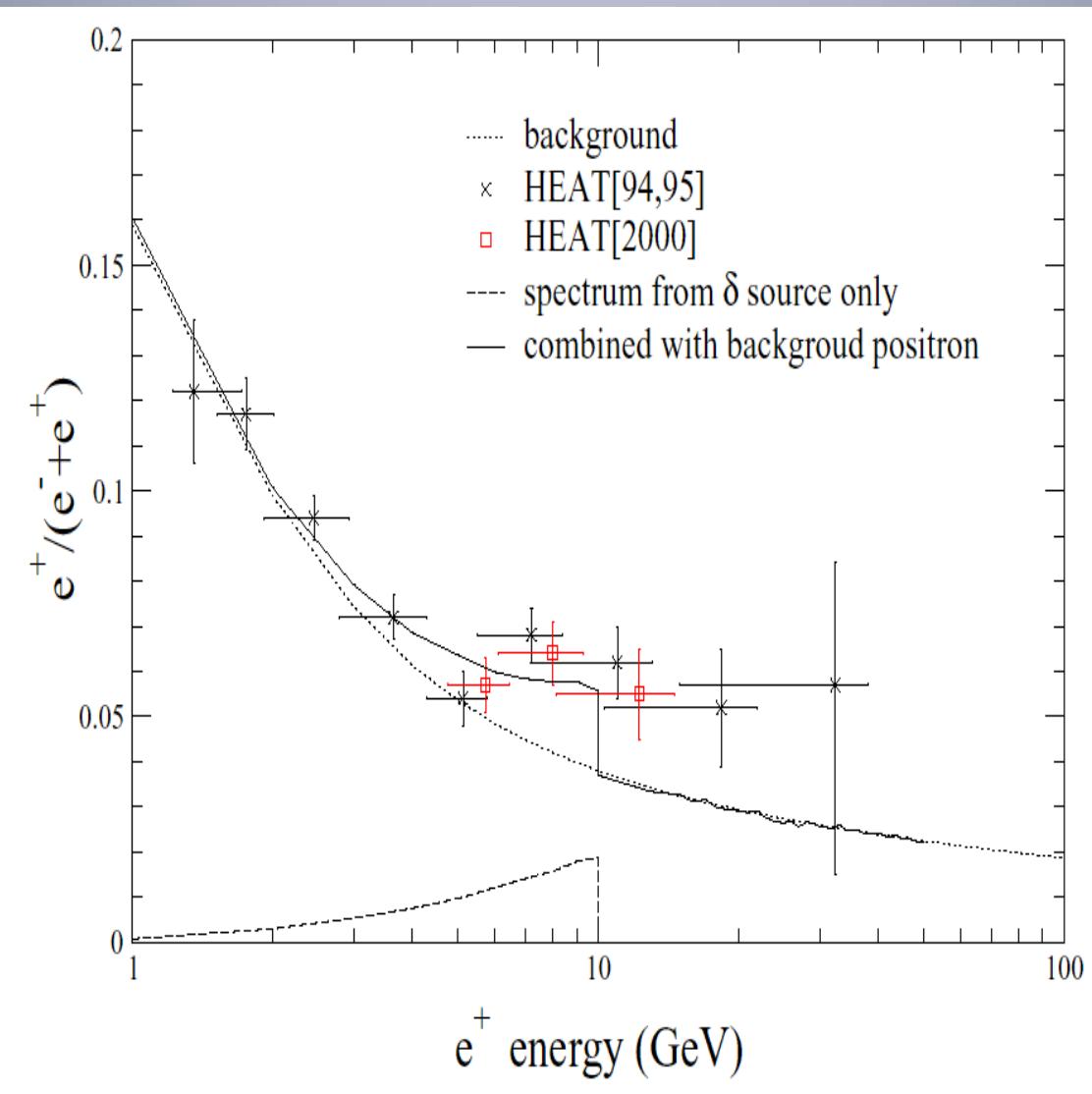
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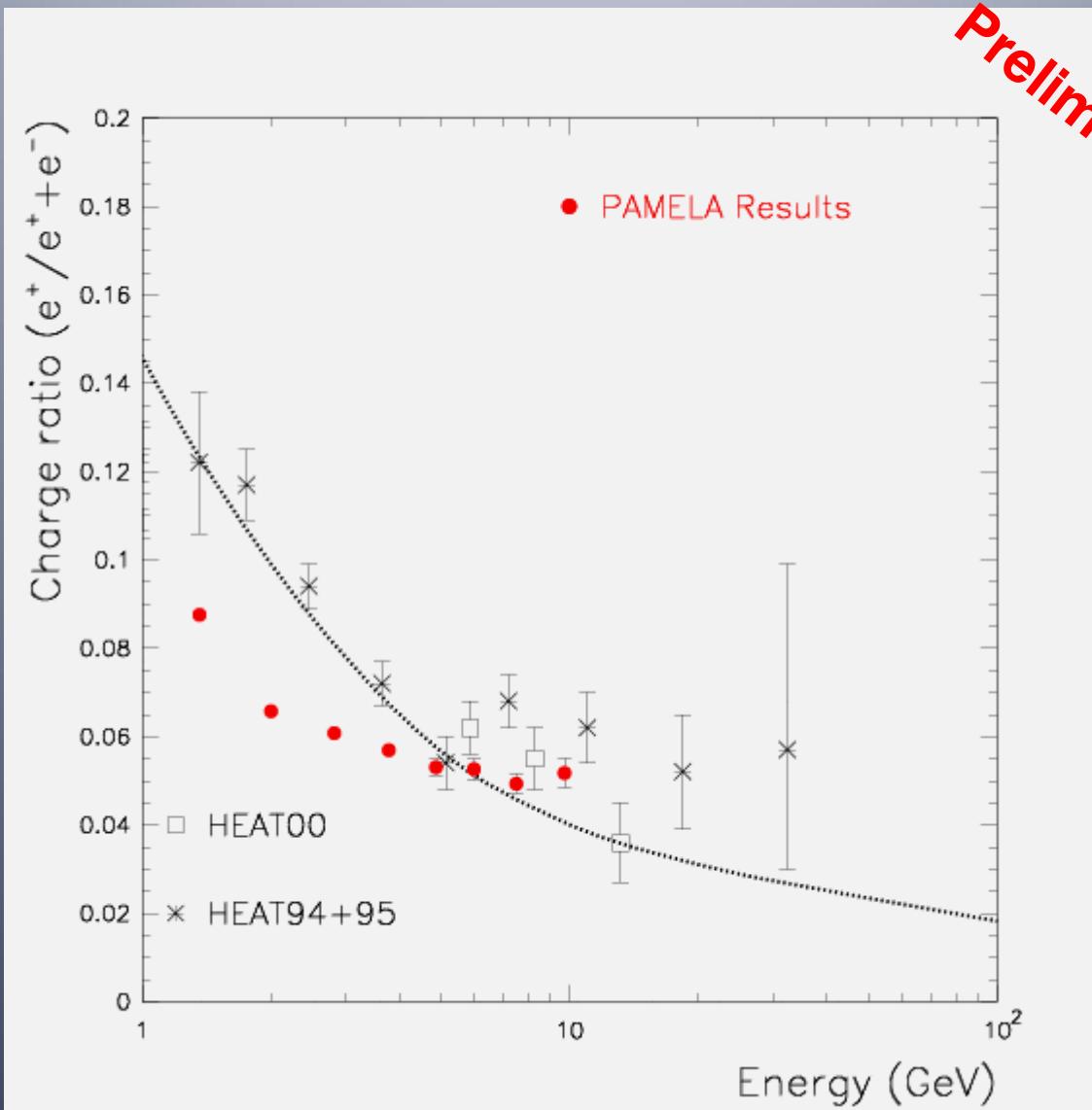
Positrons with HEAT



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Positrons with HEAT & PAMELA

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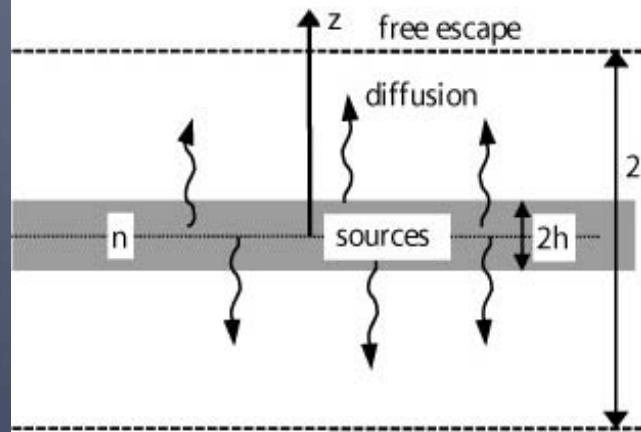
Problems

- ✓ Background calculation
- ✓ Solar Modulation at low energies
- ✓ Charge-sign dependence of solar modulation

Diffusion Halo Model

$$\frac{\partial N_i(E, z, t)}{\partial t} = D(E) \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} N_i(E, z, t) - N_i(E, z, t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\tau_i^{\text{int}}(E, z)} + \frac{1}{\gamma(E) \tau_i^{\text{dec}}} \right\}$$

diffusion interaction and decay


$$+ \sum_{k>i} \frac{N_k(E, z, t)}{\tau_{\text{int}}^{k \rightarrow i}(E, z)} + Q_i(E, z)$$

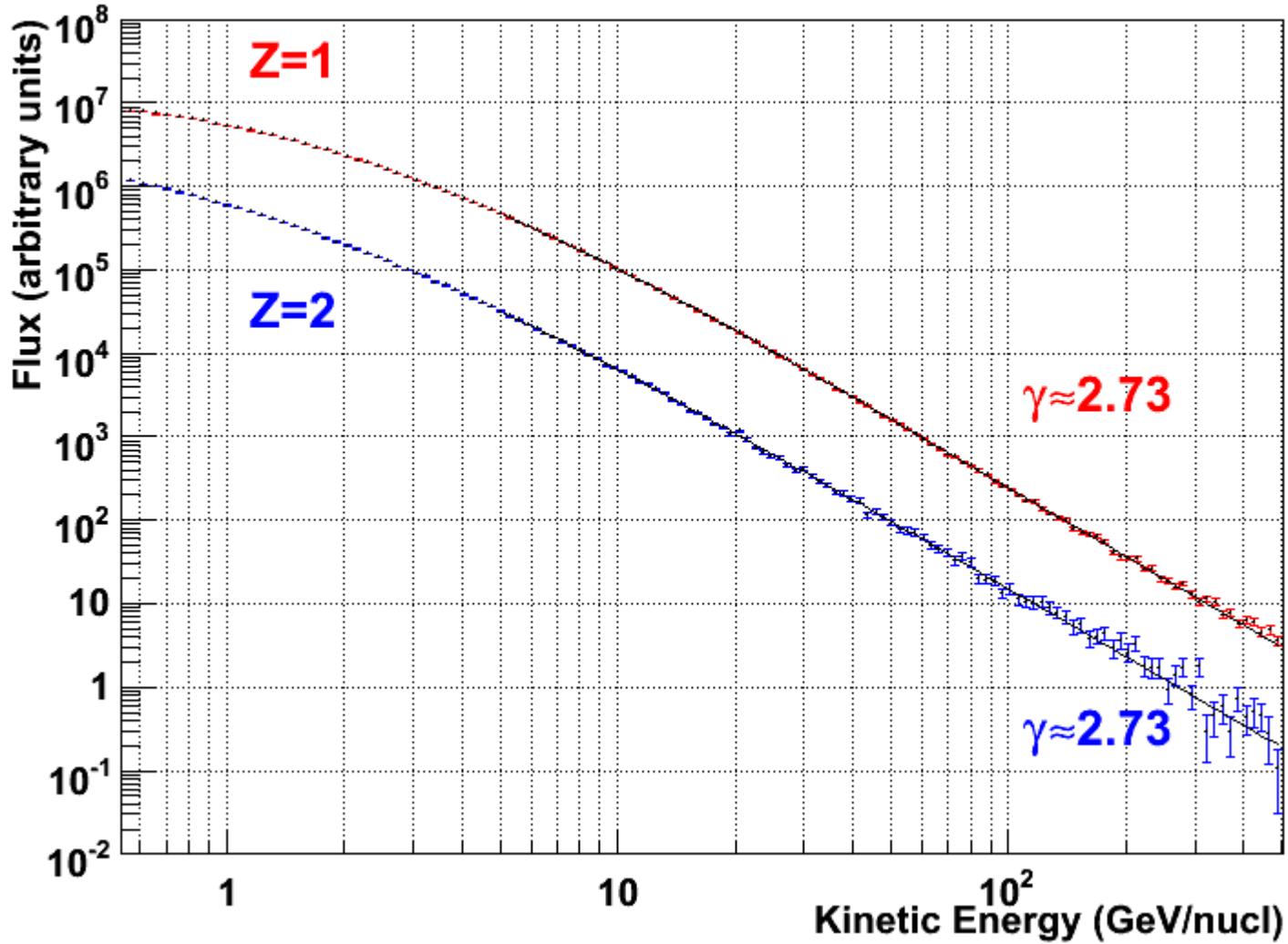
secondary production primary sources

$$- \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left\{ \left\langle \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \right\rangle \cdot N_i(E, z, t) \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial E^2} \left\{ \left\langle \frac{\Delta E^2}{\Delta t} \right\rangle \cdot N_i(E, z, t) \right\}$$

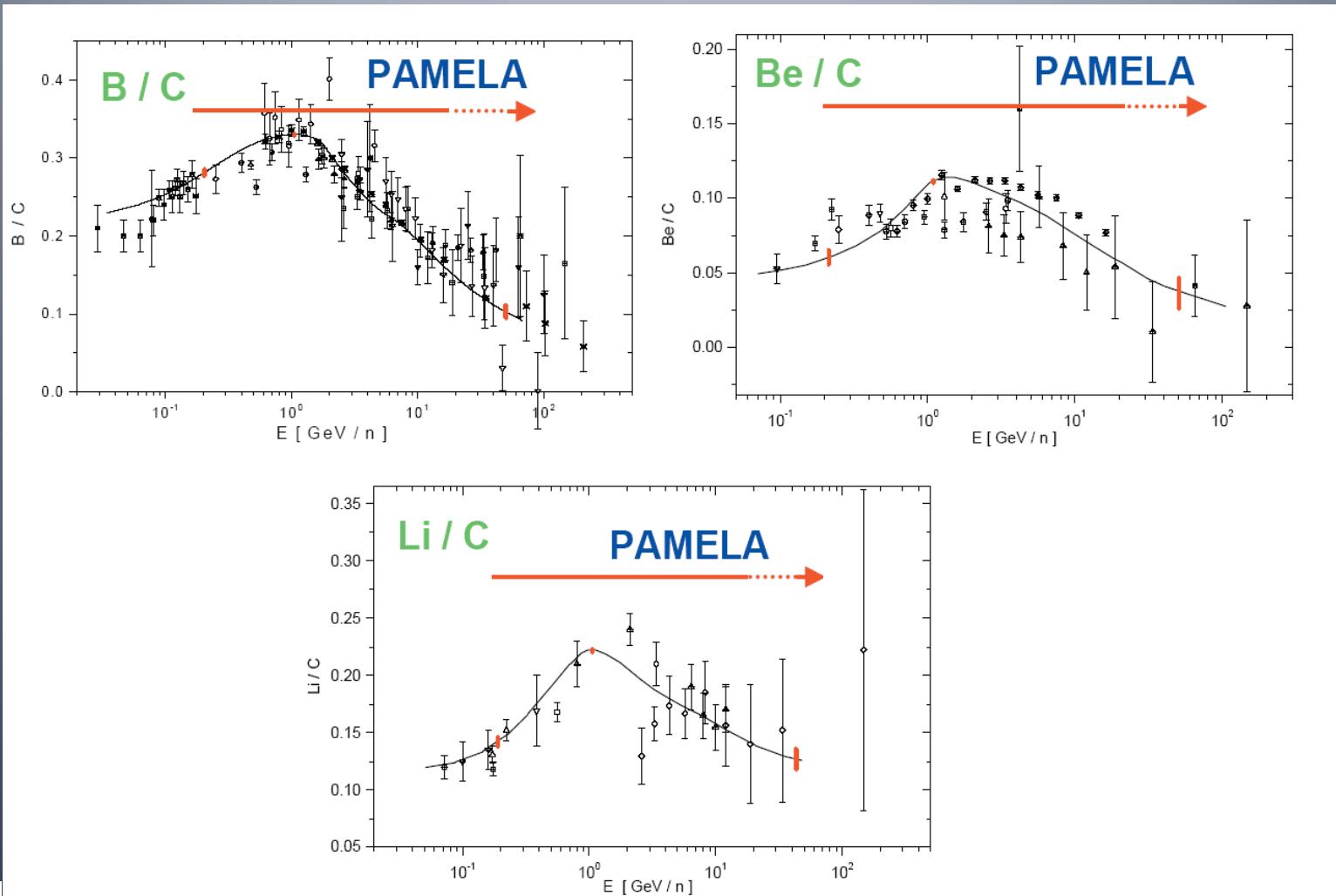
energy changing processes
(ionisation, reacceleration)

Galactic H and He spectra

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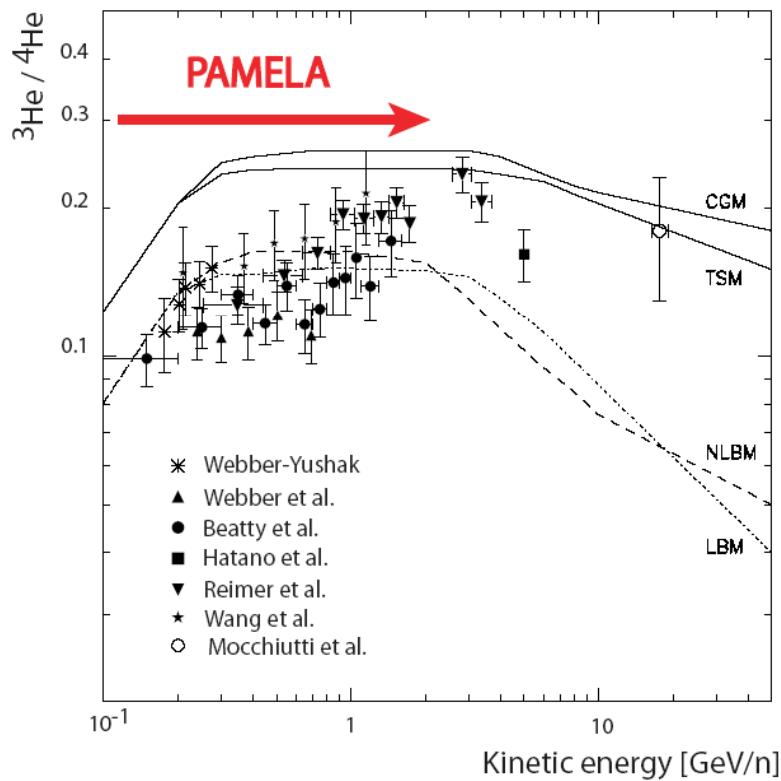


Secondary to Primary ratios

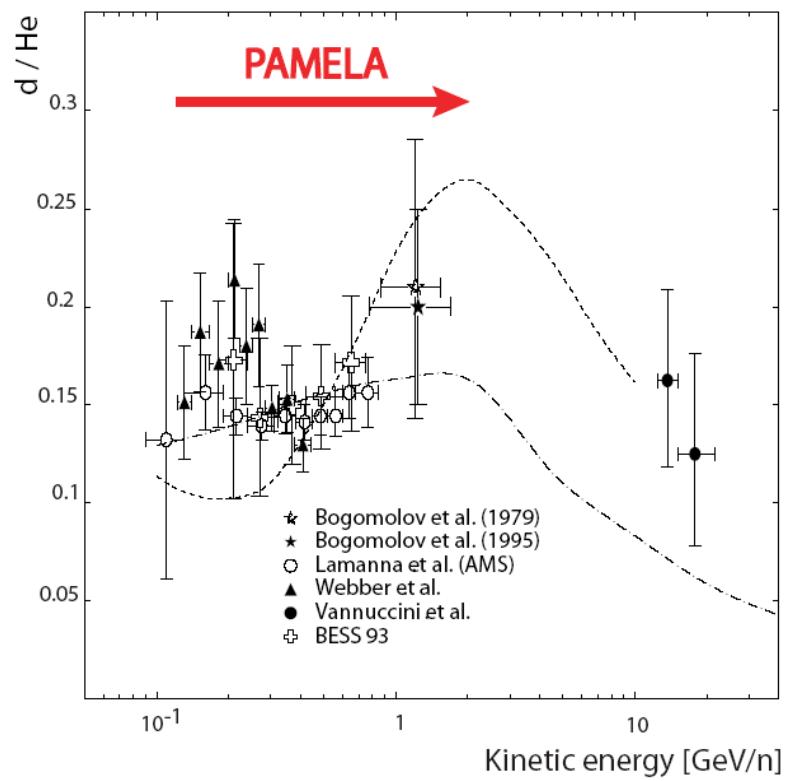


Helium and Hydrogen Isotopes

The current situation of the ${}^3\text{He} / {}^4\text{He}$ ratio

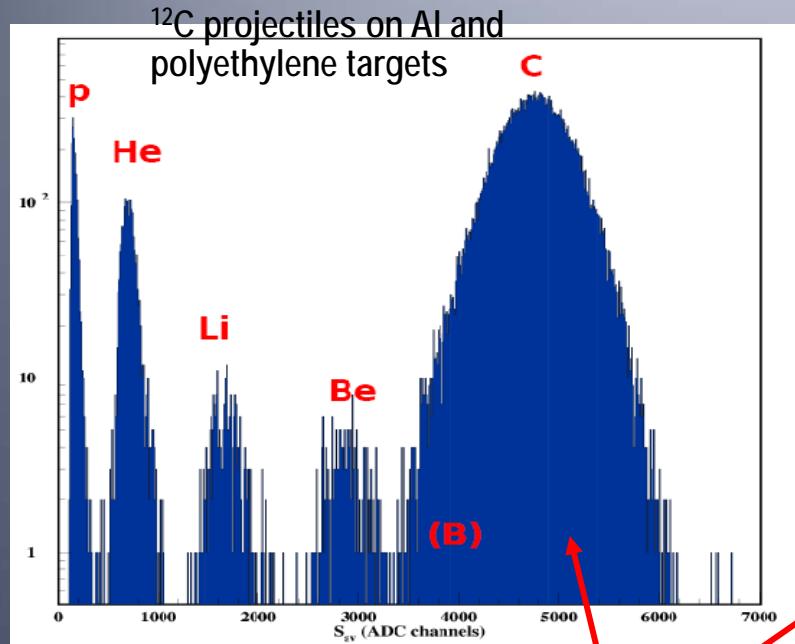


The current situation of the d / He ratio

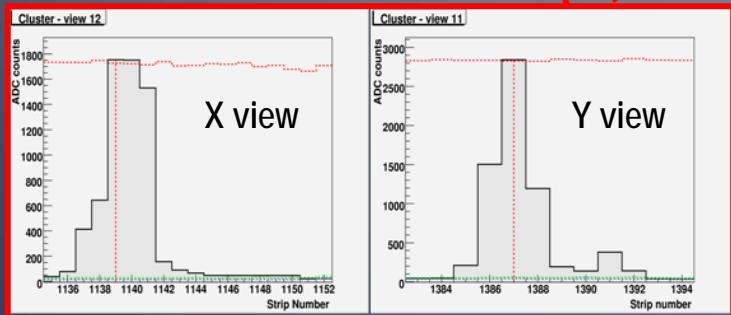


Charge identification capabilities (tracker)

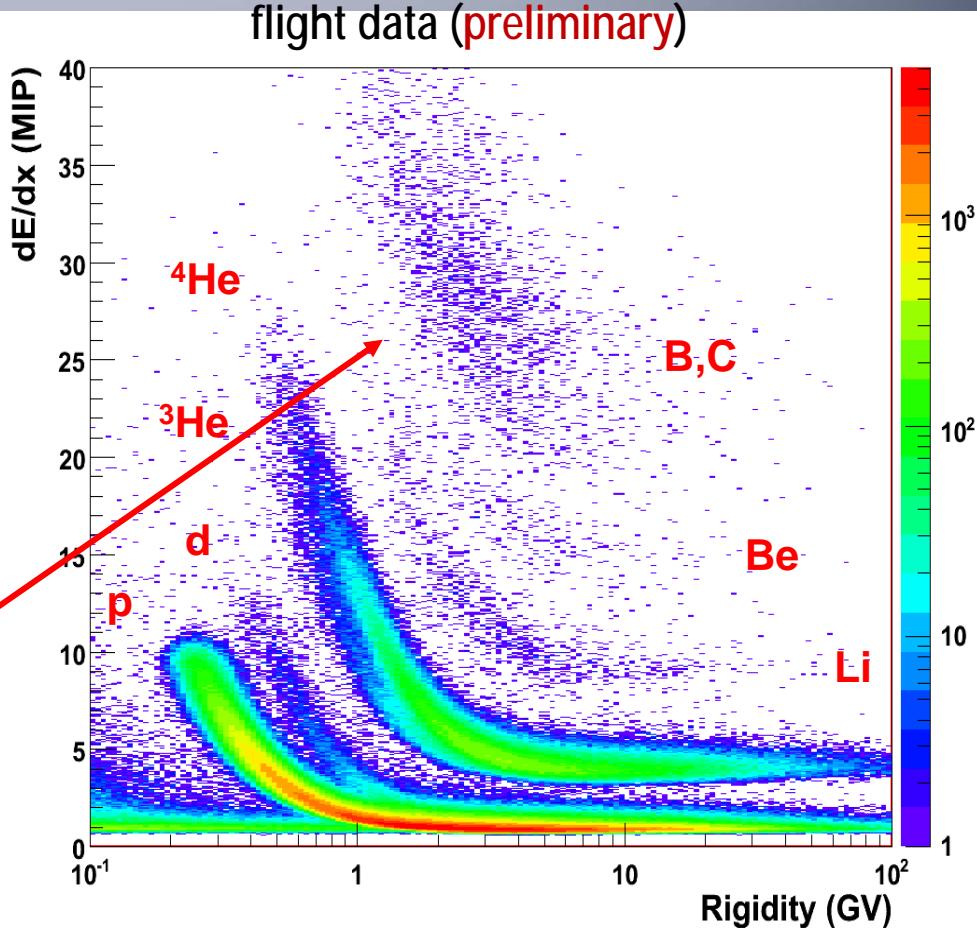
Beam-test data (@GSI 2006)



Saturated clusters

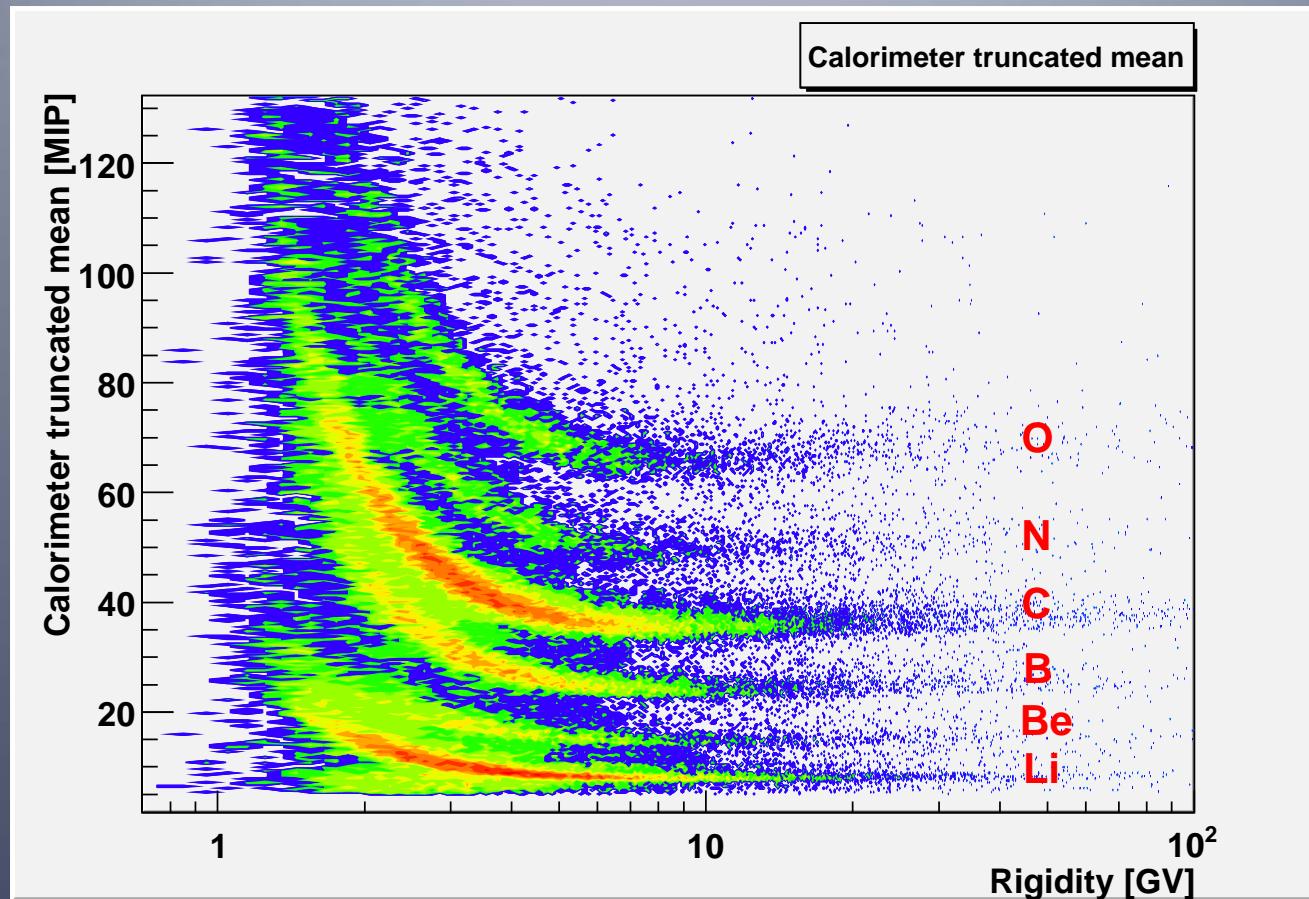


flight data (preliminary)



- Good charge discrimination of H and He
- Single-channel saturation at ~ 10 MIP affects B/C discrimination

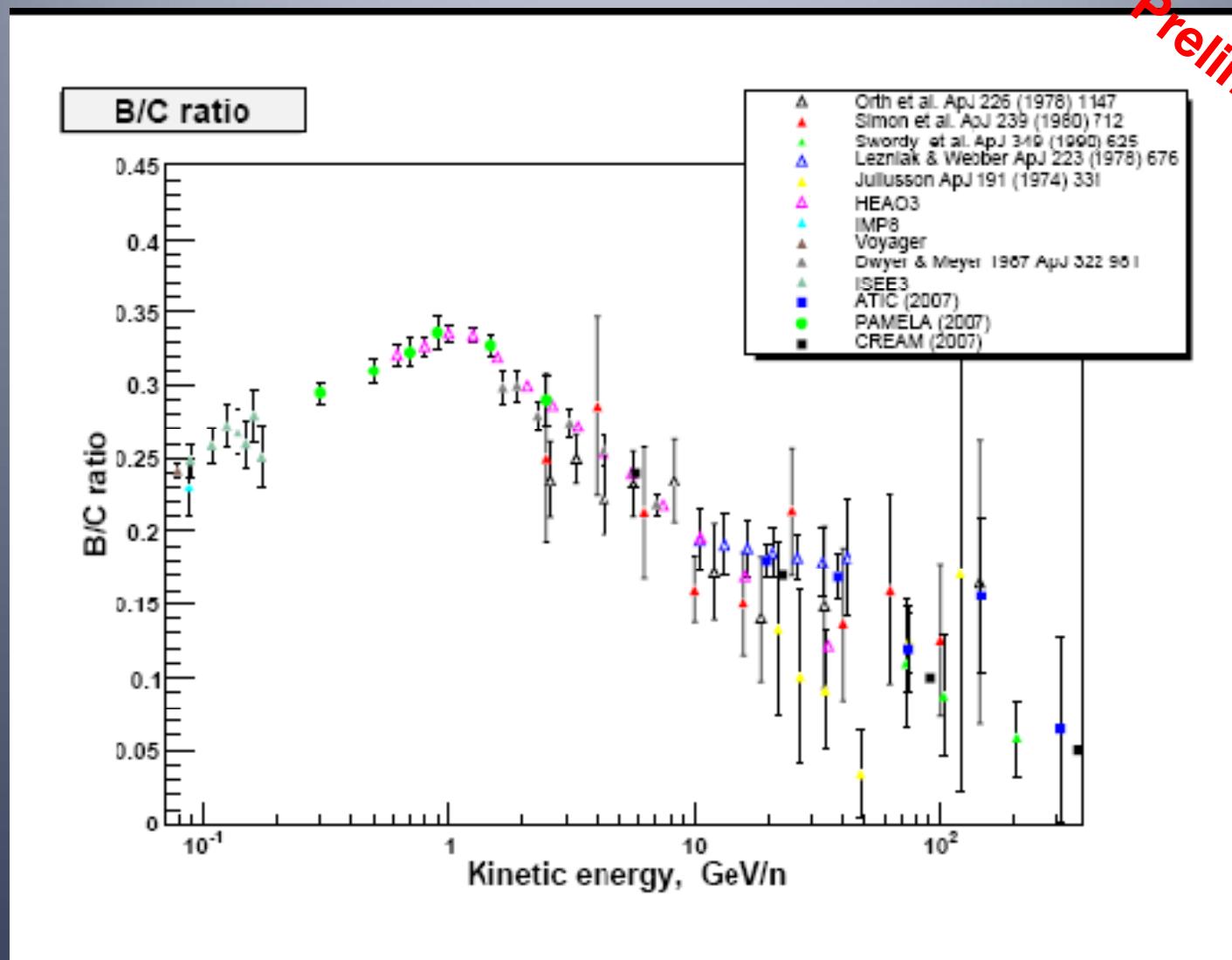
Charge identification capabilities (calorimeter)



Truncated mean of multiple dE/dx measurements in different silicon planes

Preliminary Results B/C

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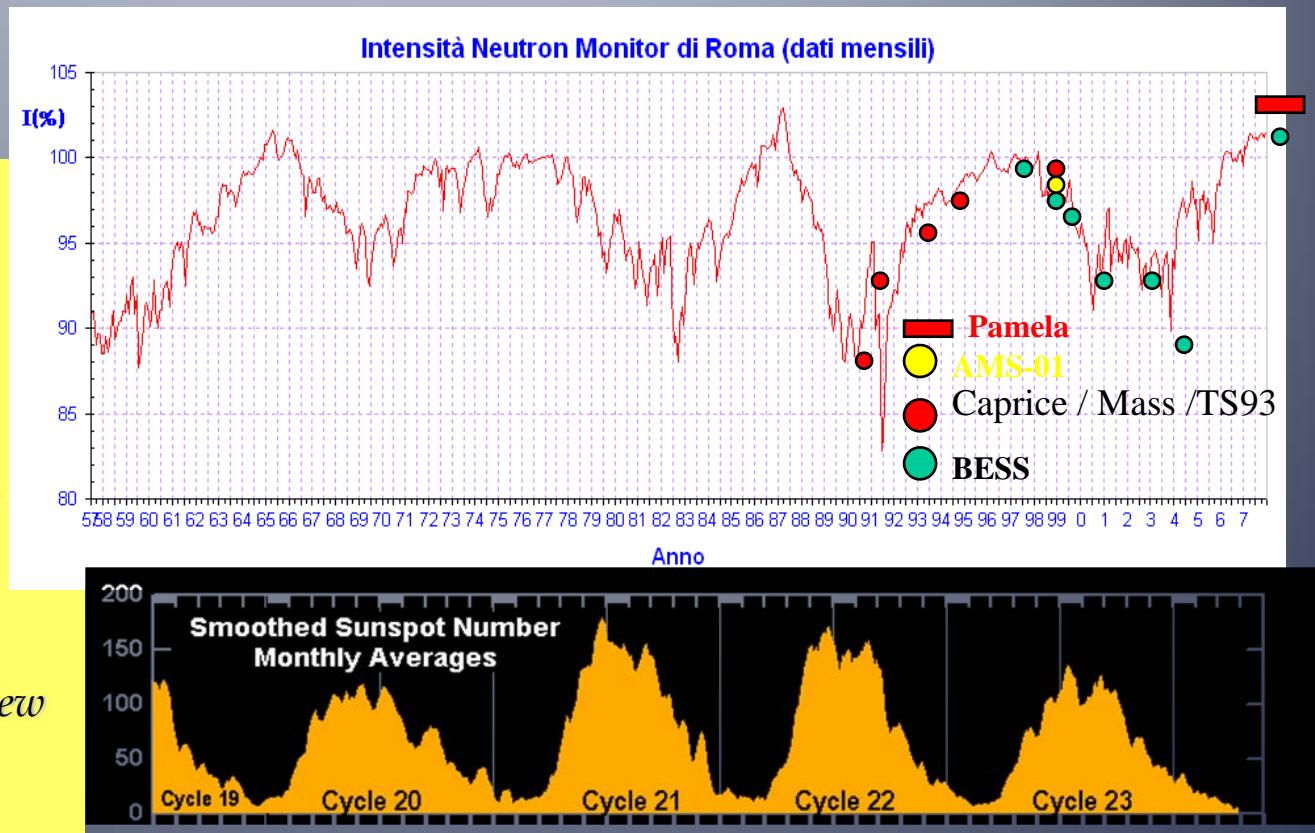
Solar Modulation of galactic cosmic rays

- Continuous monitoring of solar activity
- Study of charge sign dependent effects

Asaoka Y. et al. 2002, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 88, 051101),

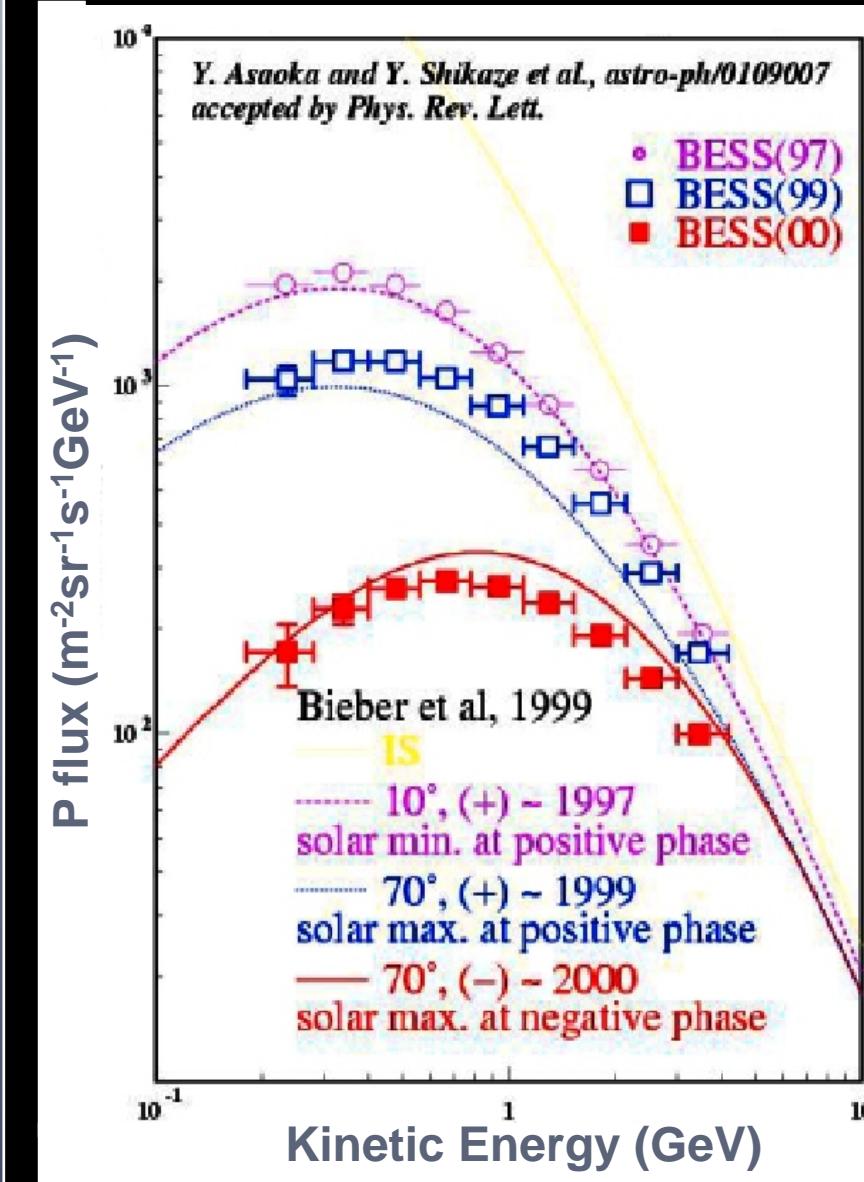
Bieber, J.W., et al. *Physical Review Letters*, 84, 674, 1999.

J. Clem et al. 30th ICRC 2007



Proton Fluxes at TOA

Annual Variation of P spectrum



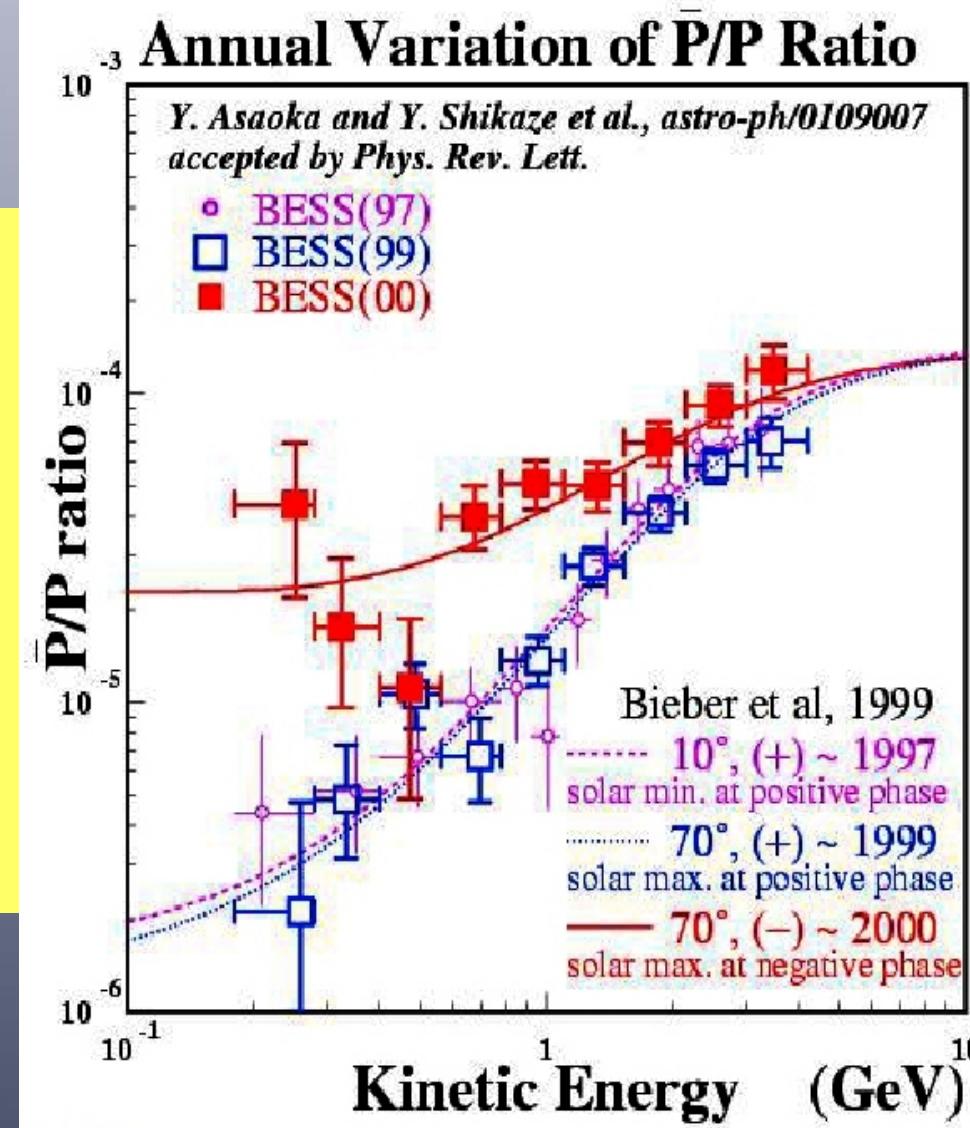
\bar{p}/p Ratio

Time variation of \bar{p}/p ratio at solar maximum

Observed data by BESS

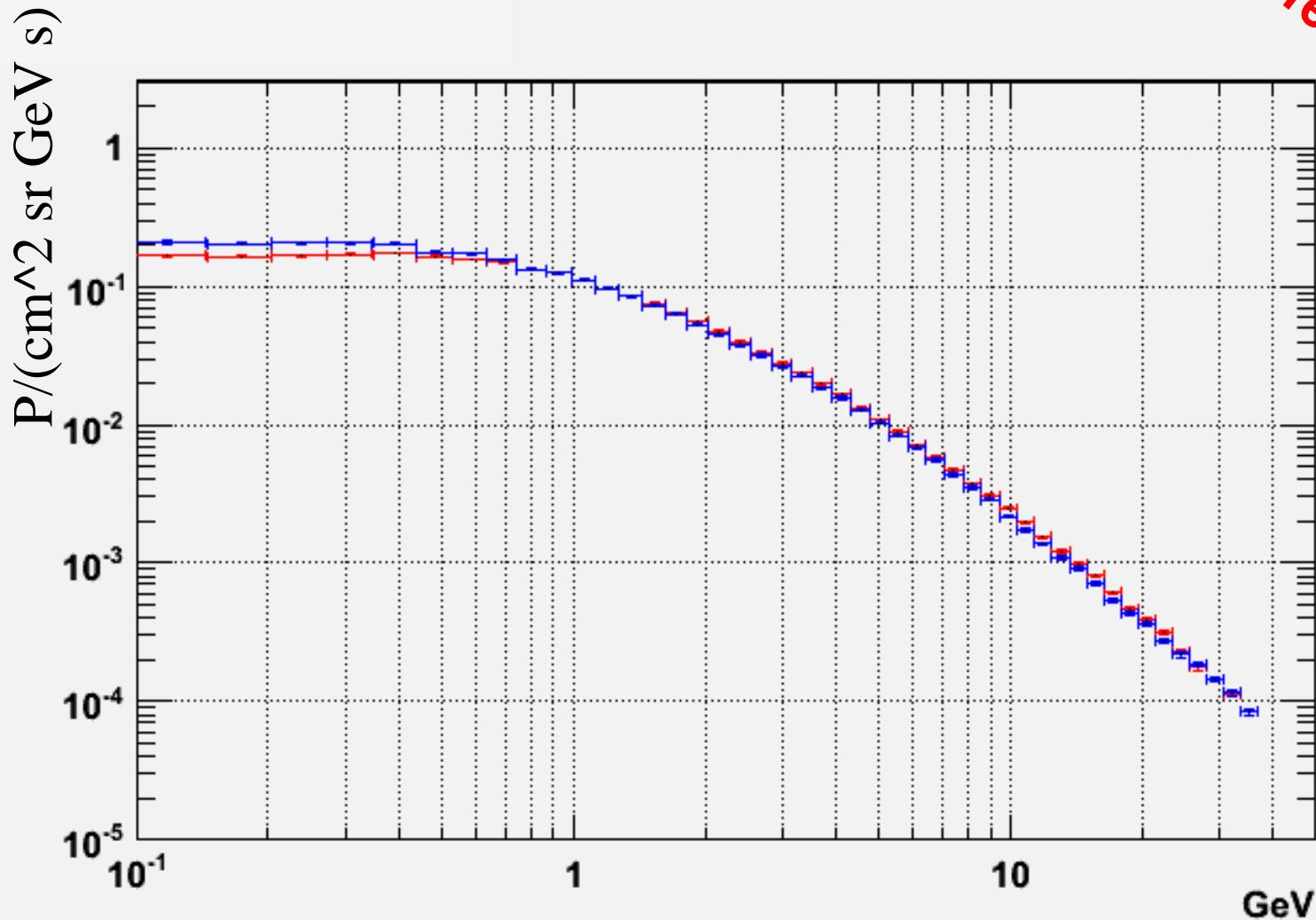
Charge dependent model prediction(Bieber et al.)

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Proton Spectra

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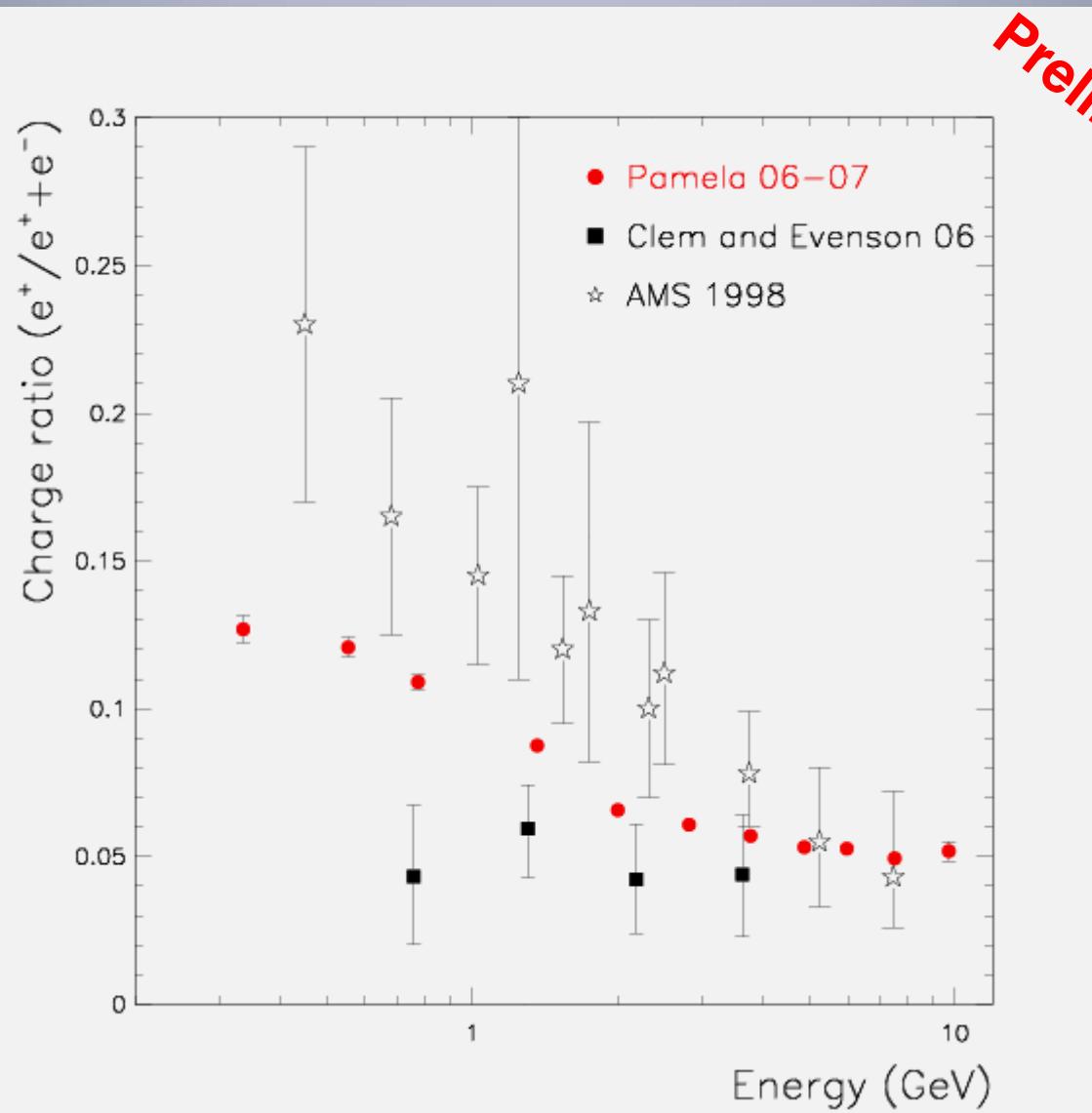


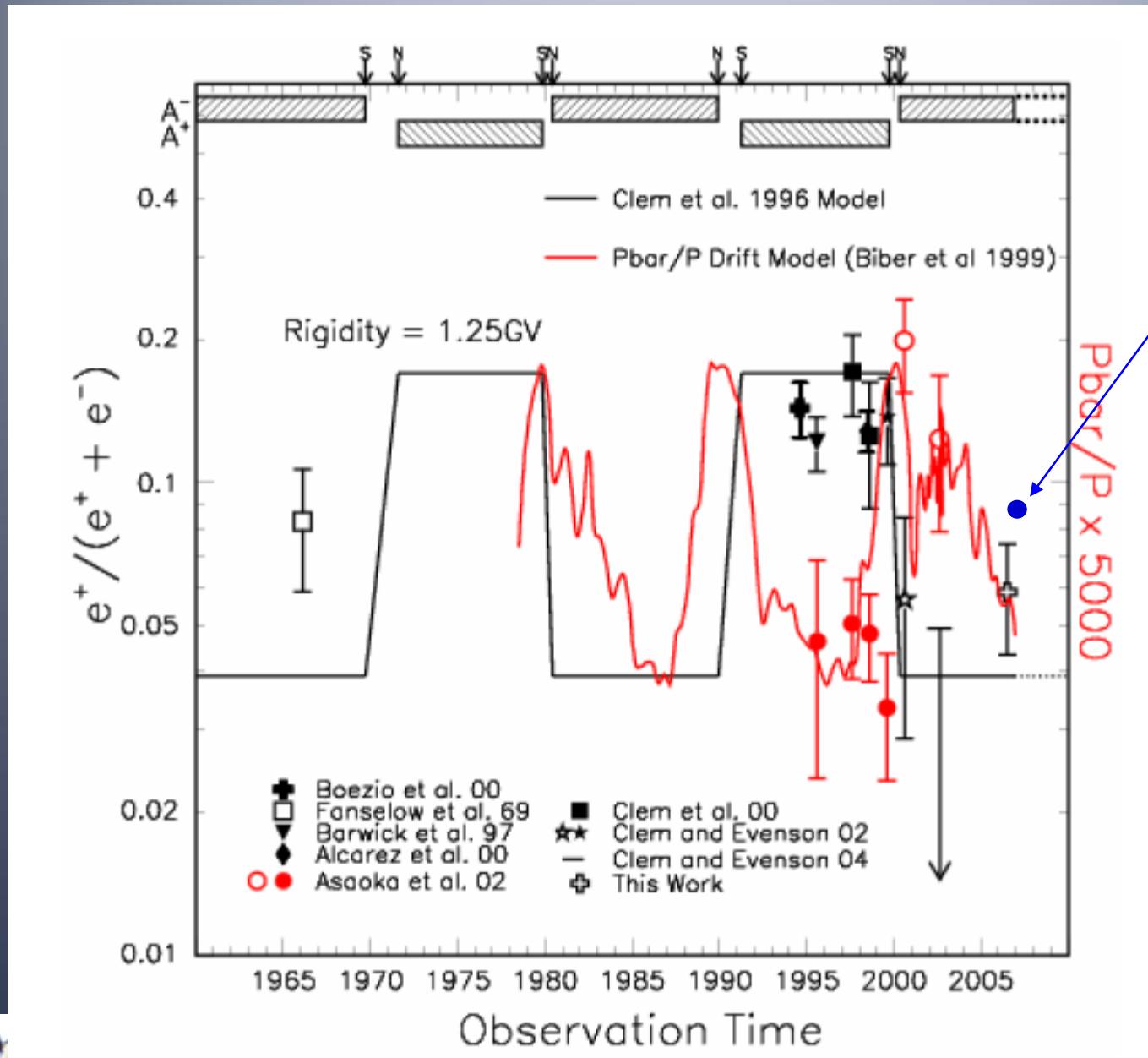
RED: JULY 2006

BLUE: AUGUST 2007

Positron Fraction

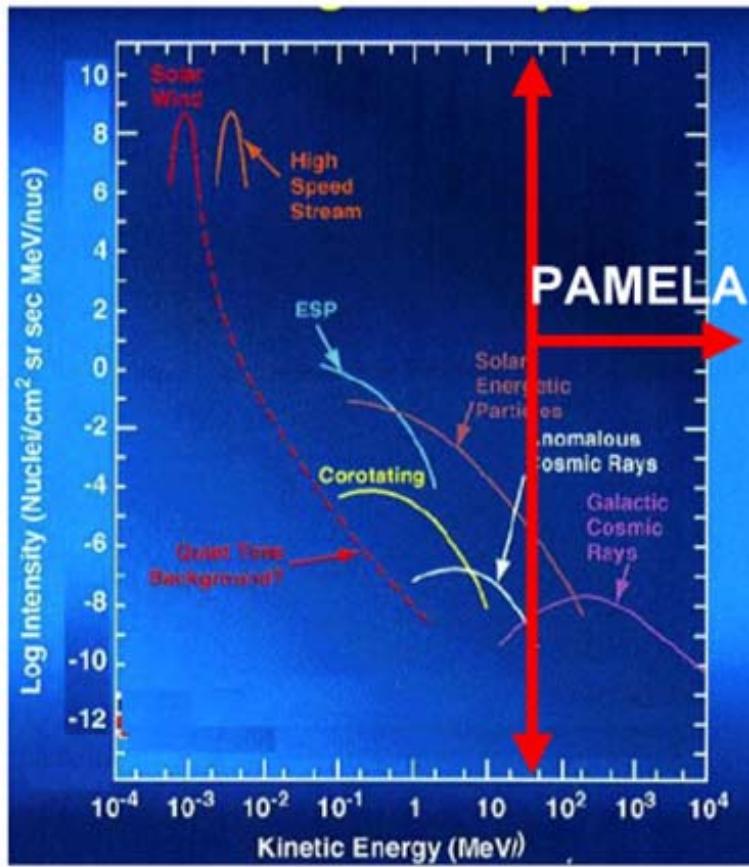
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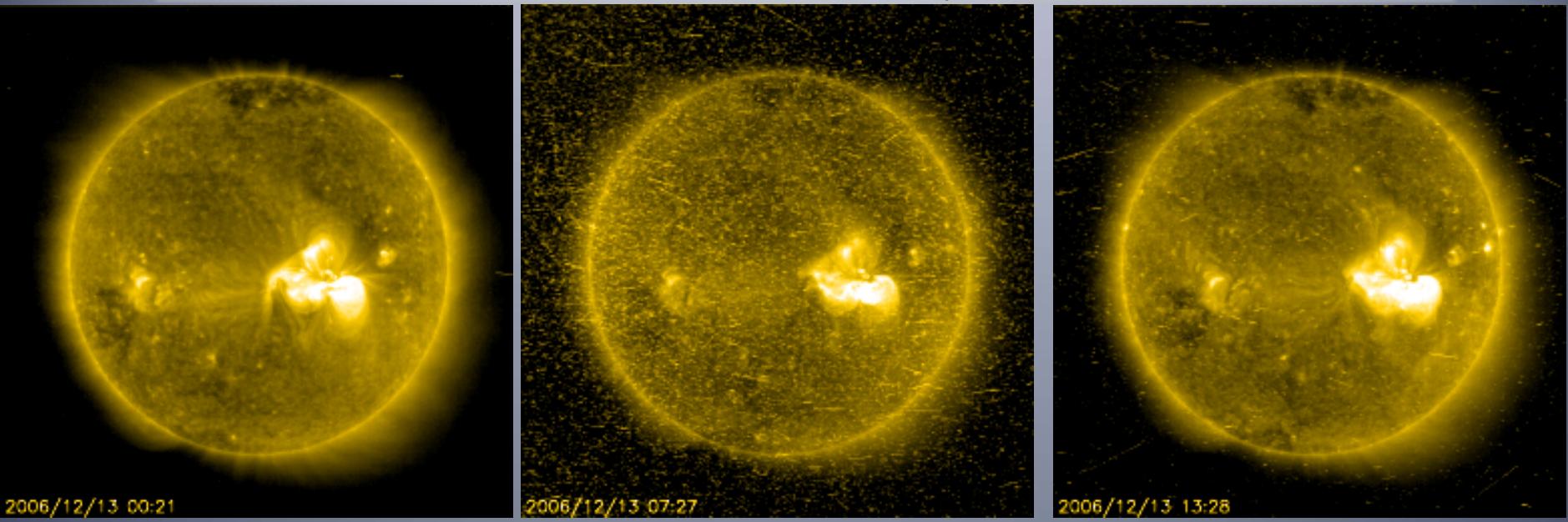
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Solar Physics with PAMELA

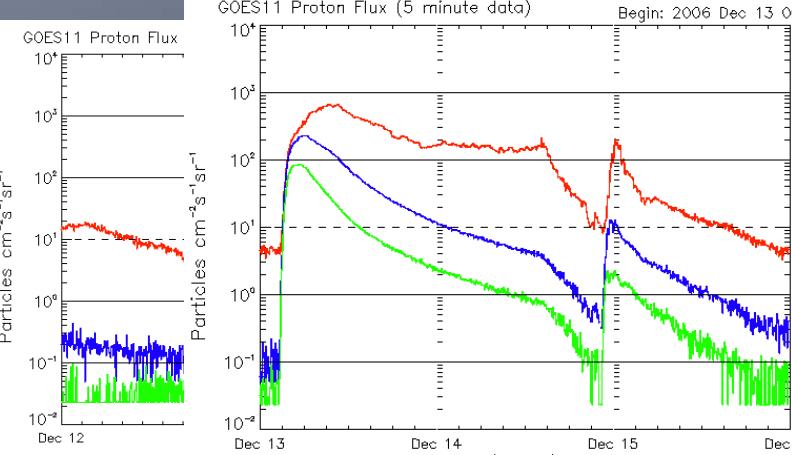
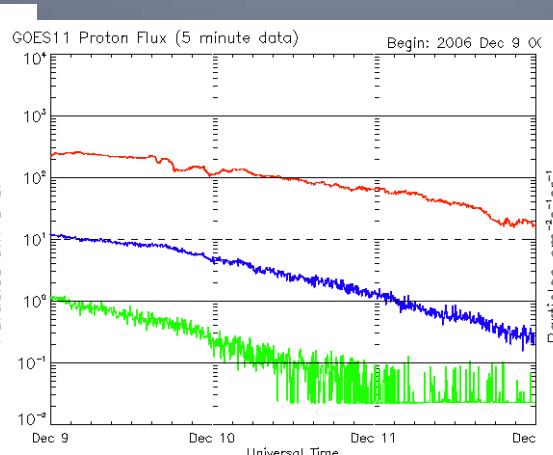
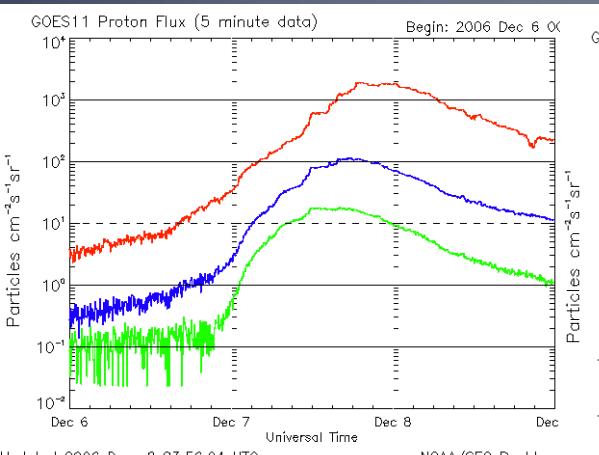


- Solar Modulation effects
- High energy component of Solar Proton Events (from 80 MeV to 10 GeV)
- High energy component of electrons and positrons in Solar Proton Events (from 50 MeV)
- Nuclear composition of Gradual and Impulsive events
- ^{3}He and ^{4}He isotopic composition

December 2006 Solar particle events

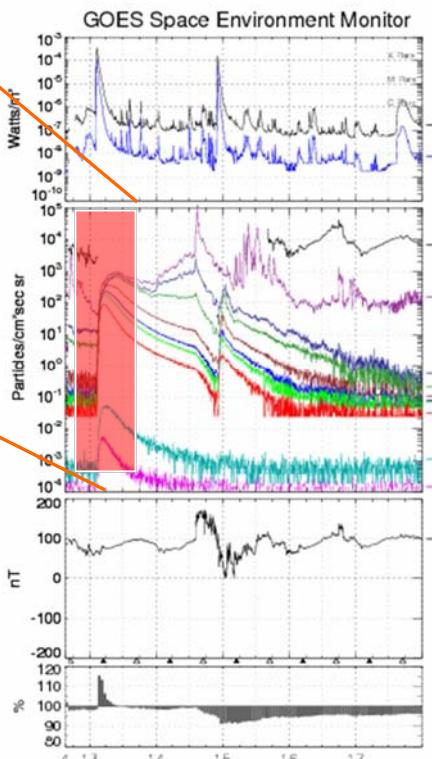
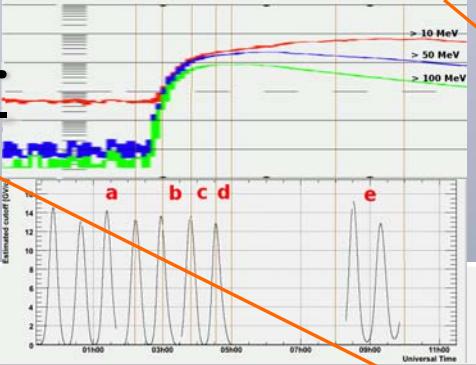
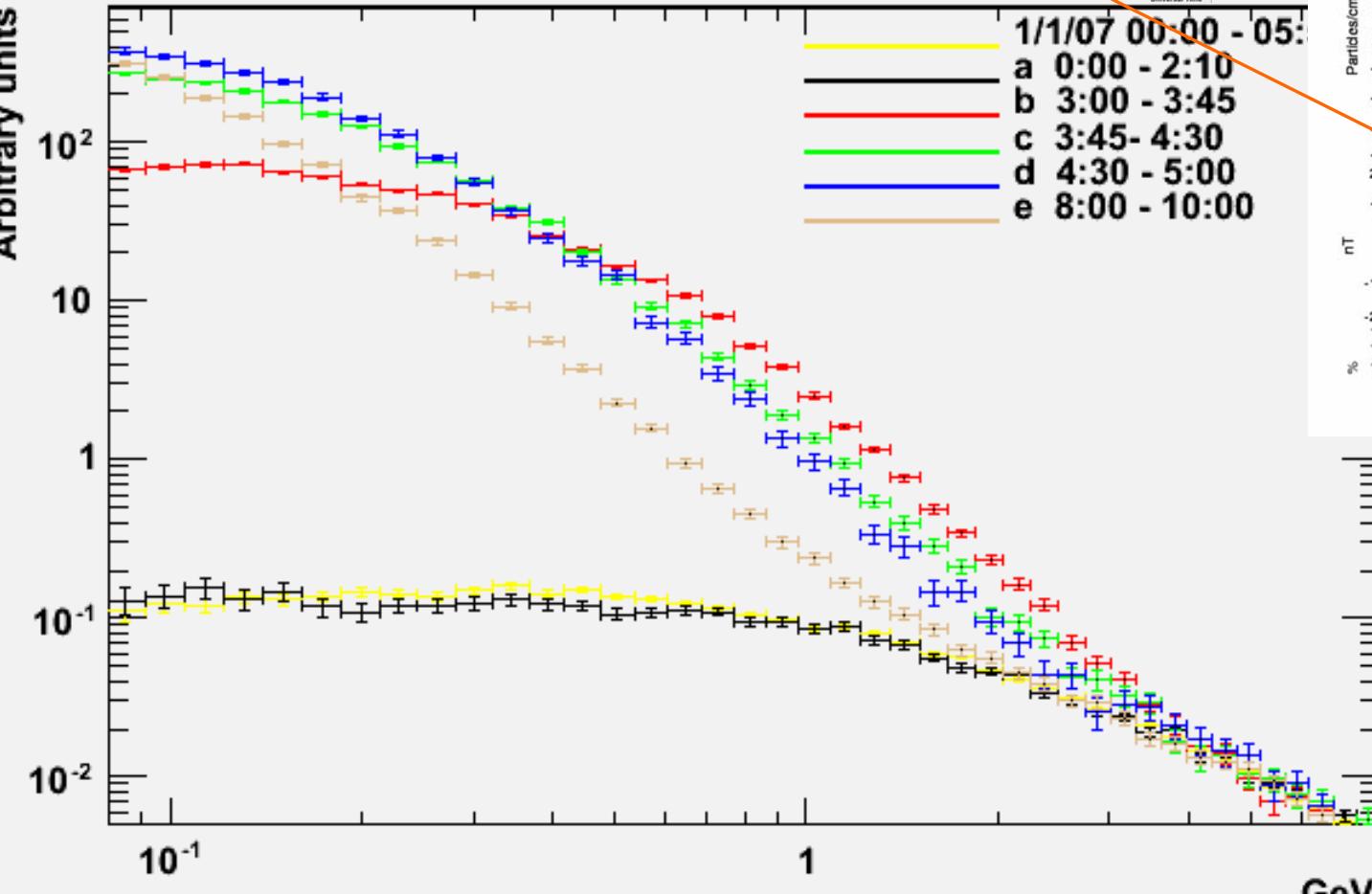


Dec 13th largest CME since 2003, anomalous at sol min X3.4 solar flare.



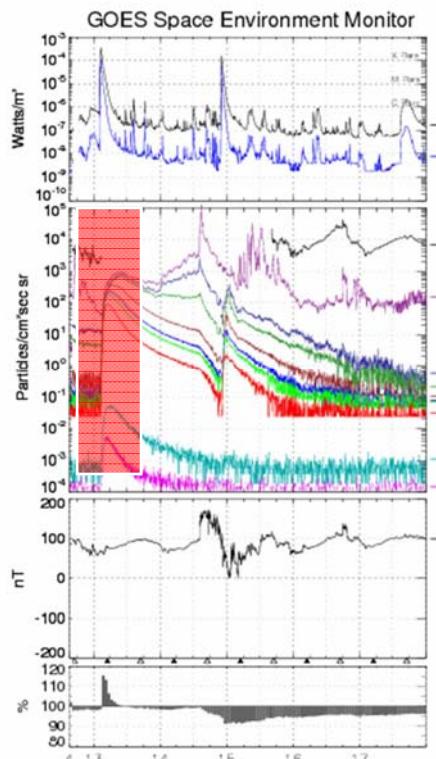
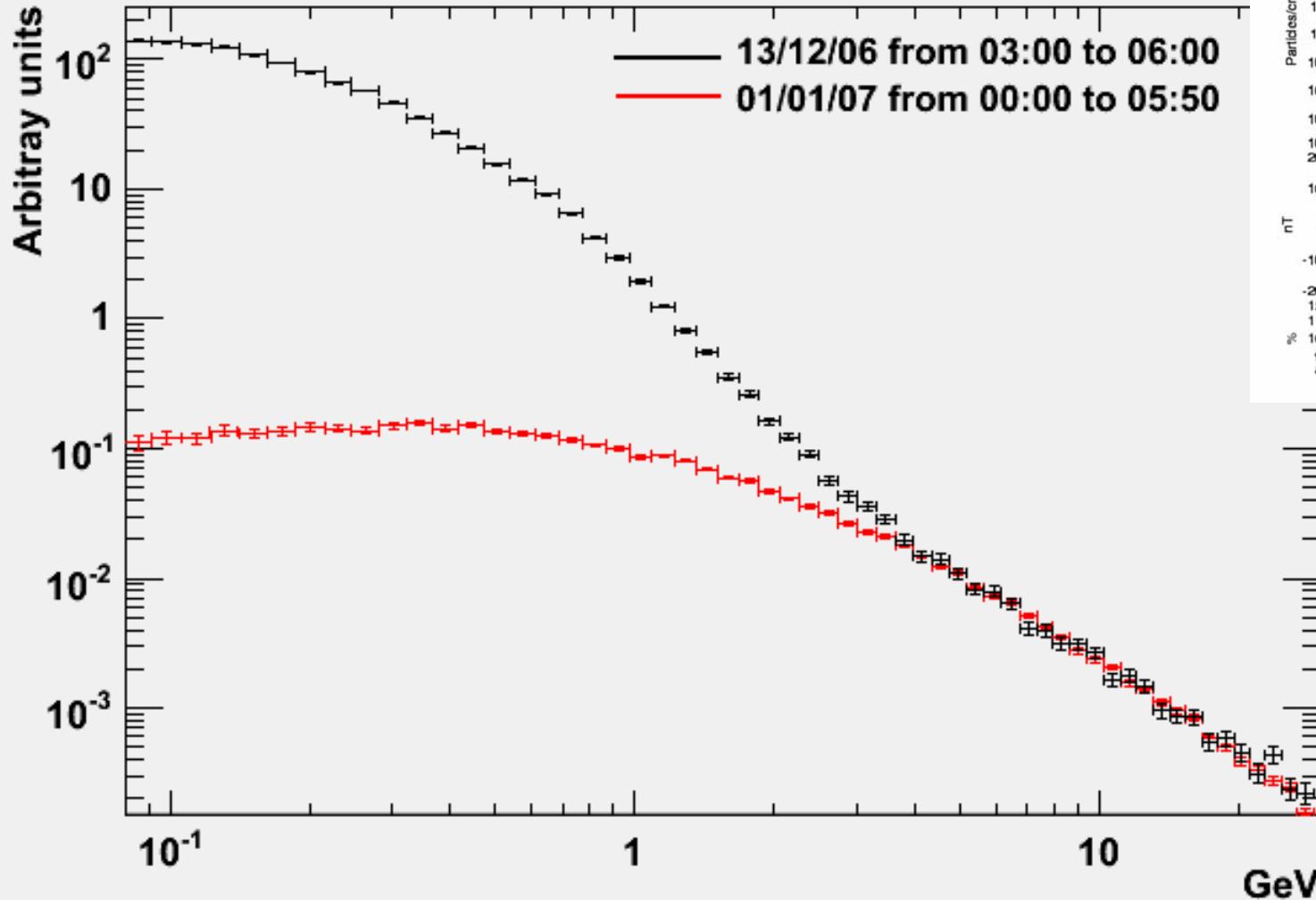
December 13th 2006 event

Protons



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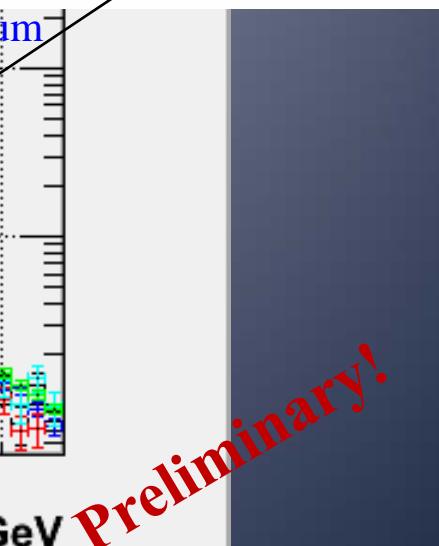
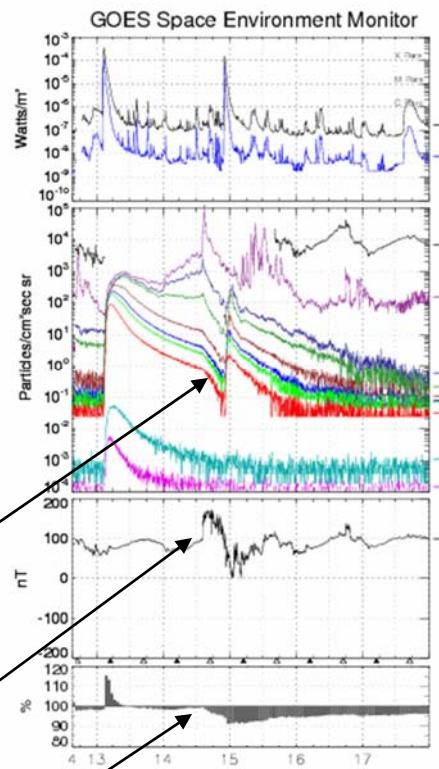
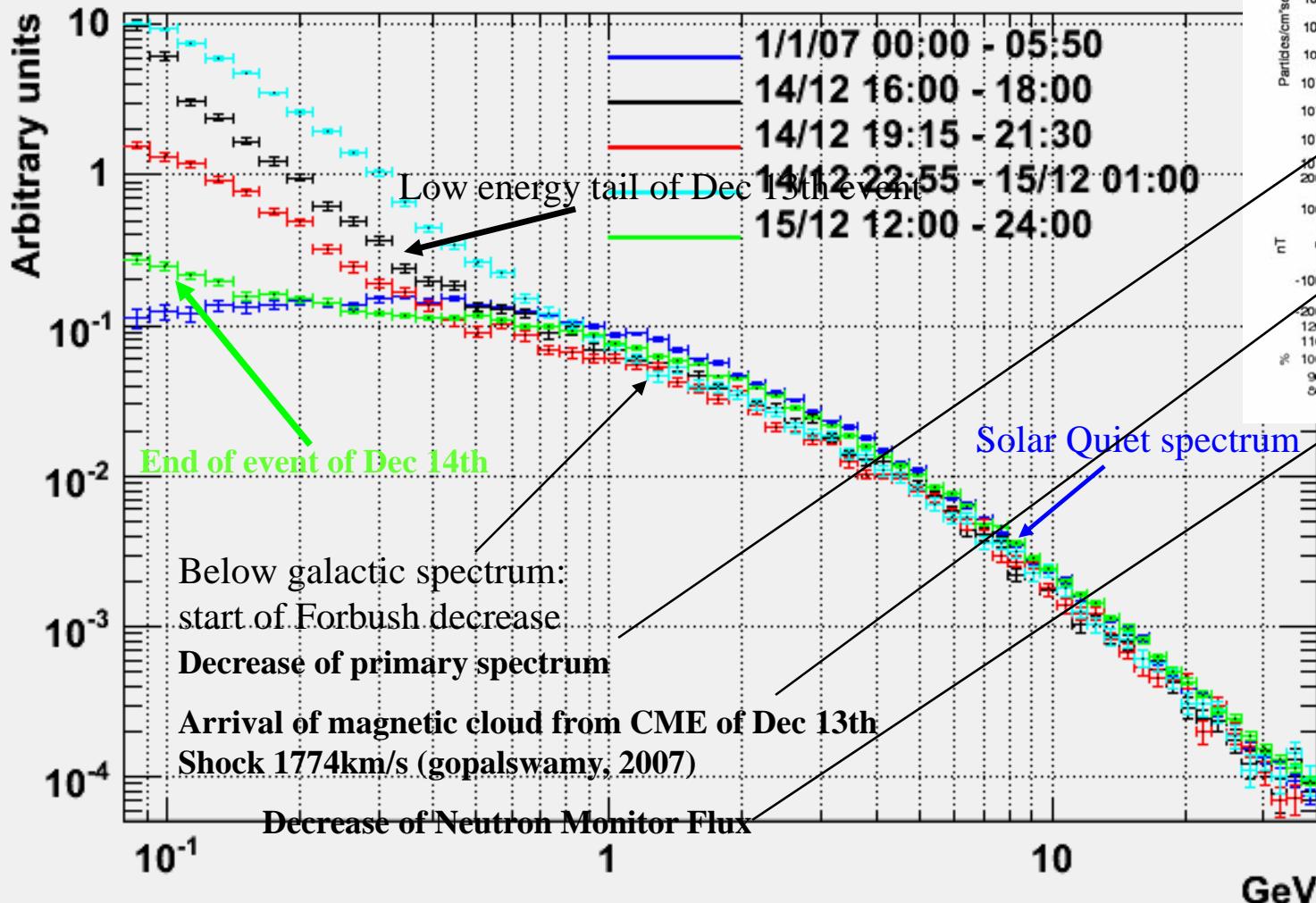
December 13th 2006 He differential spectrum



Preliminary!

December 14th 2006 event

Protons

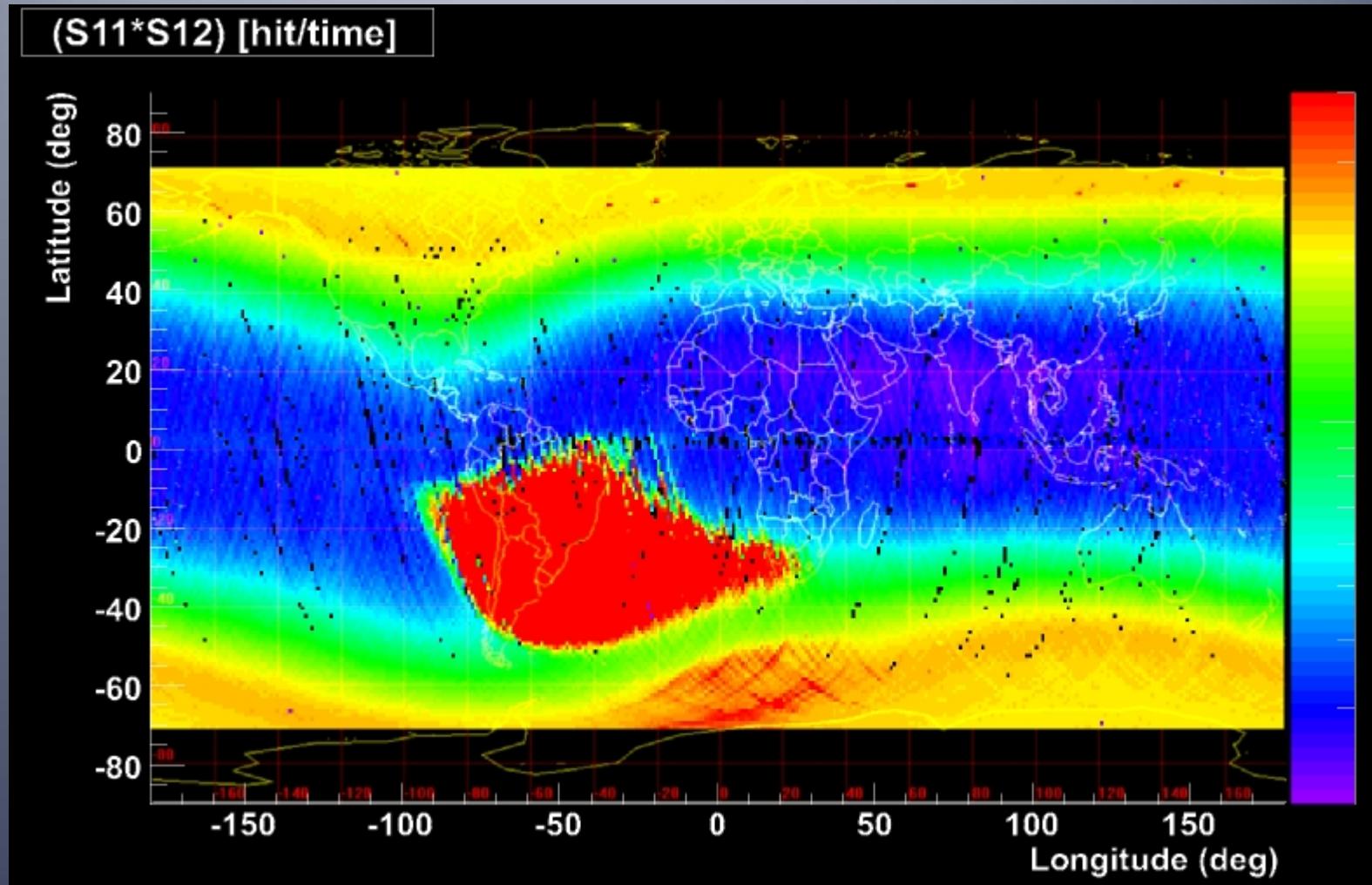


Radiation Belts

South Atlantic Anomaly

Secondary production from CR interaction with atmosphere

Pamela World Maps: 350 - 650 km alt

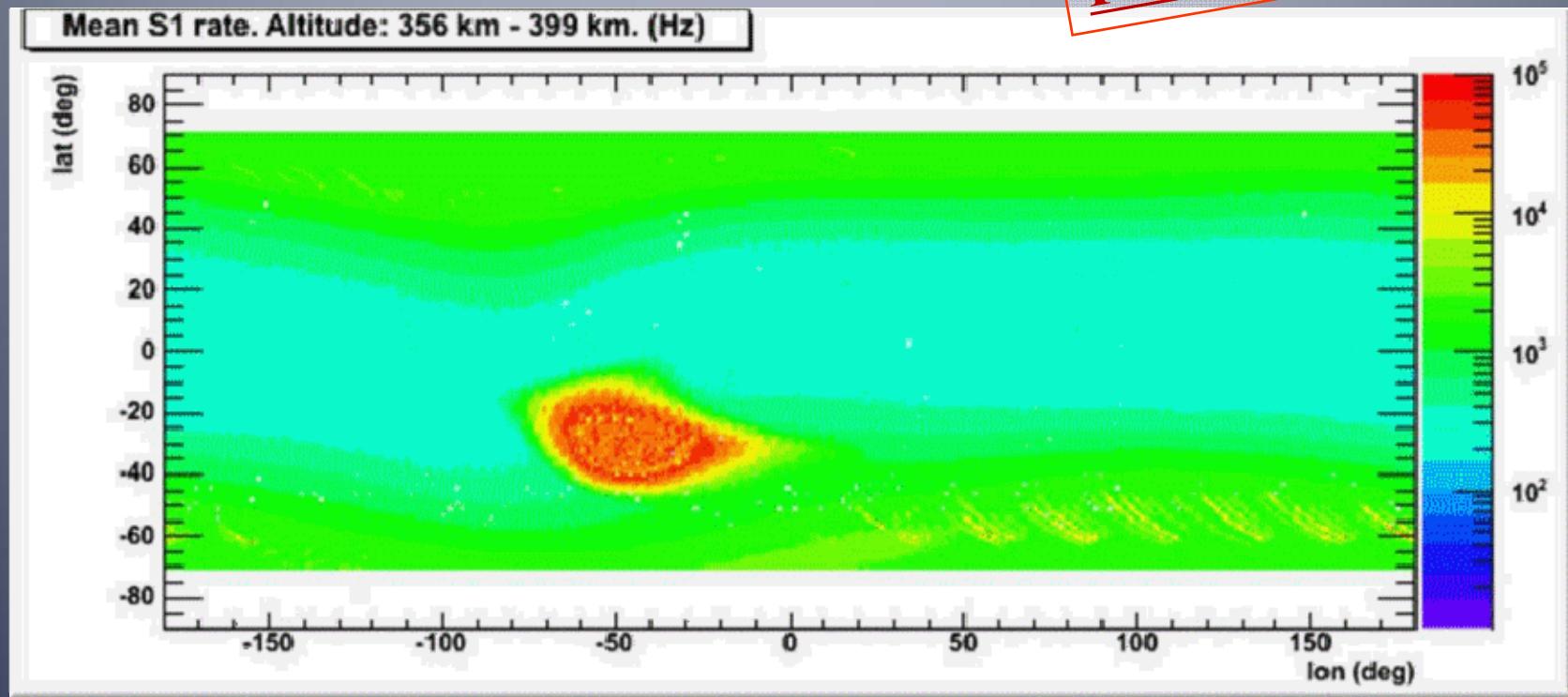


36 MeV p, 3.5 MeV e⁻

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Pamela maps at various altitudes

PRELIMINARY !!!

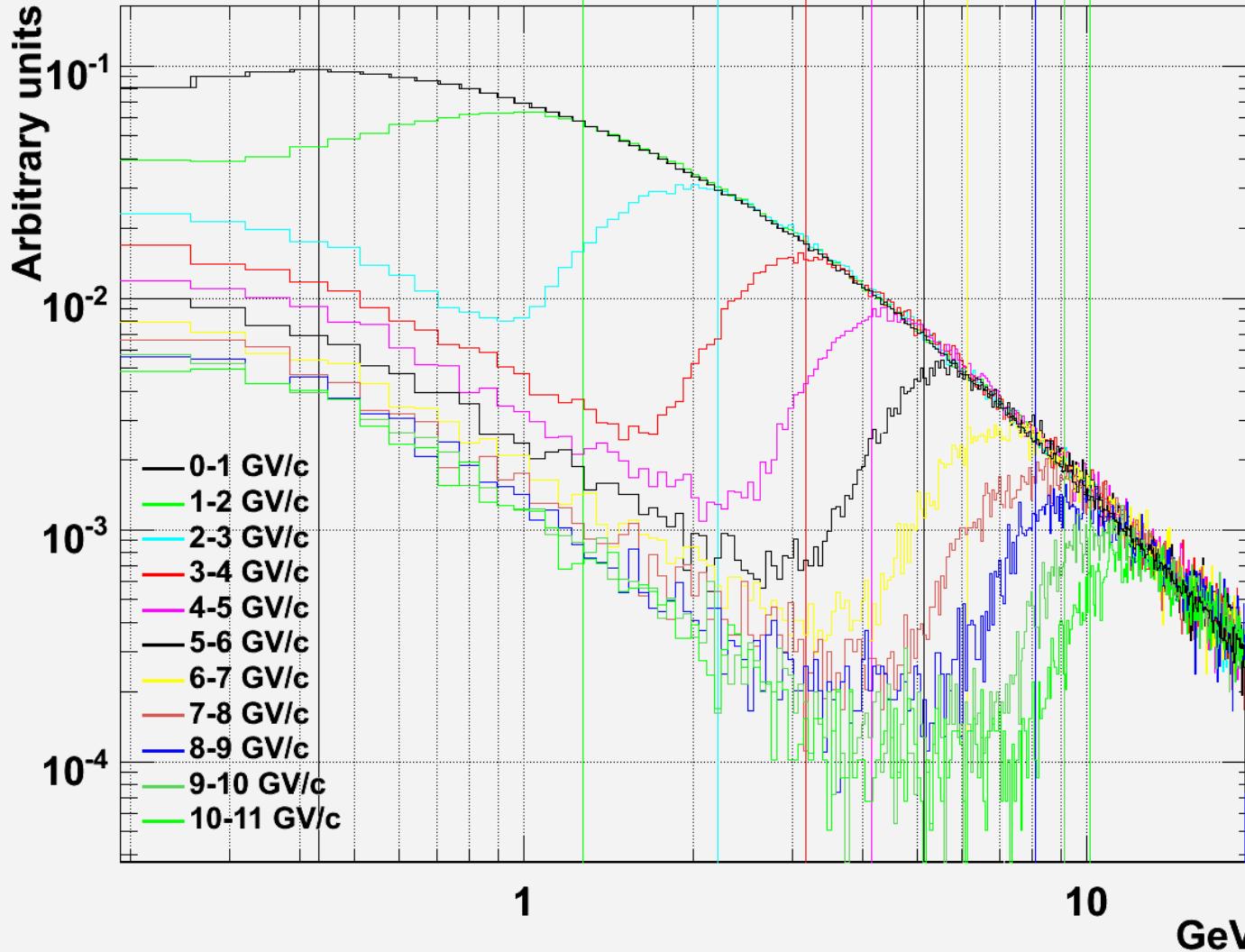


Altitude scanning

Primary and Albedo (sub-cutoff measurements)

Preliminary

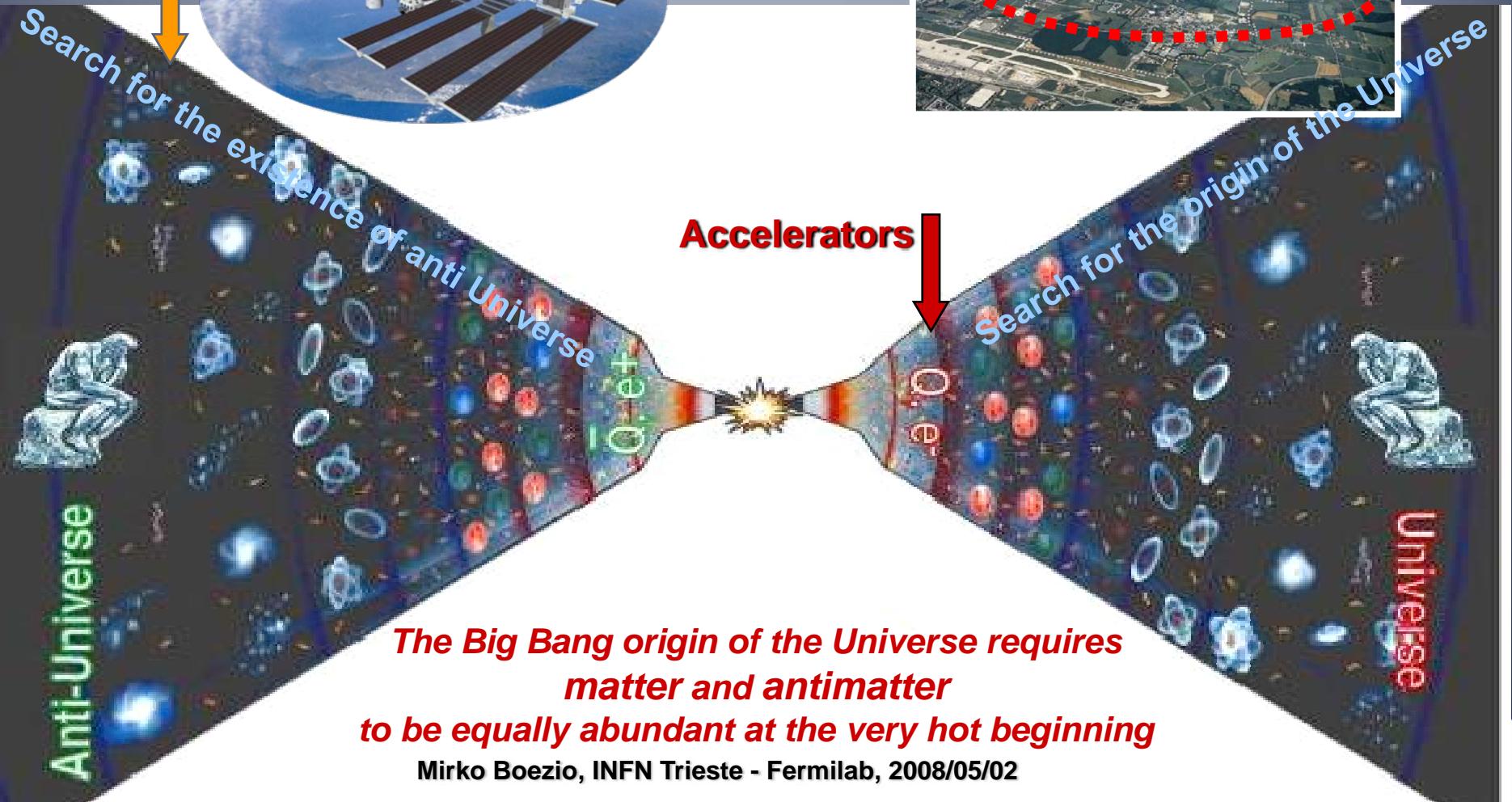
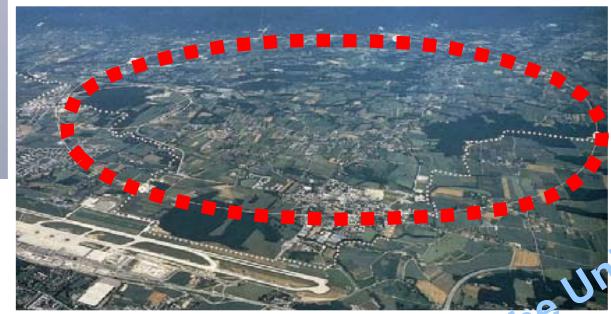
Differential proton flux at various cutoffs



Other Objectives

Search for the existence of Antimatter in the Universe

PAMELA AMS
in Space



*The Big Bang origin of the Universe requires
matter and antimatter
to be equally abundant at the very hot beginning*

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What about heavy antinuclei?

- The discovery of one nucleus of antimatter ($Z \geq 2$) in the cosmic rays would have profound implications for both particle physics and astrophysics.
 - For a Baryon Symmetric Universe Gamma rays limits put any domain of antimatter more than 100 Mpc away

(Steigman (1976) *Ann Rev. Astr. Astrophys.*, **14**, 339; Dudarerwicz and Wolfendale (1994) *M.N.R.A.* **268**, 609, A.G. Cohen, A. De Rujula and S.L. Glashow, *Astrophys. J.* **495**, 539, 1998)

Antimatter Direct research

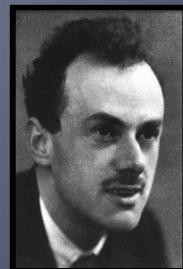
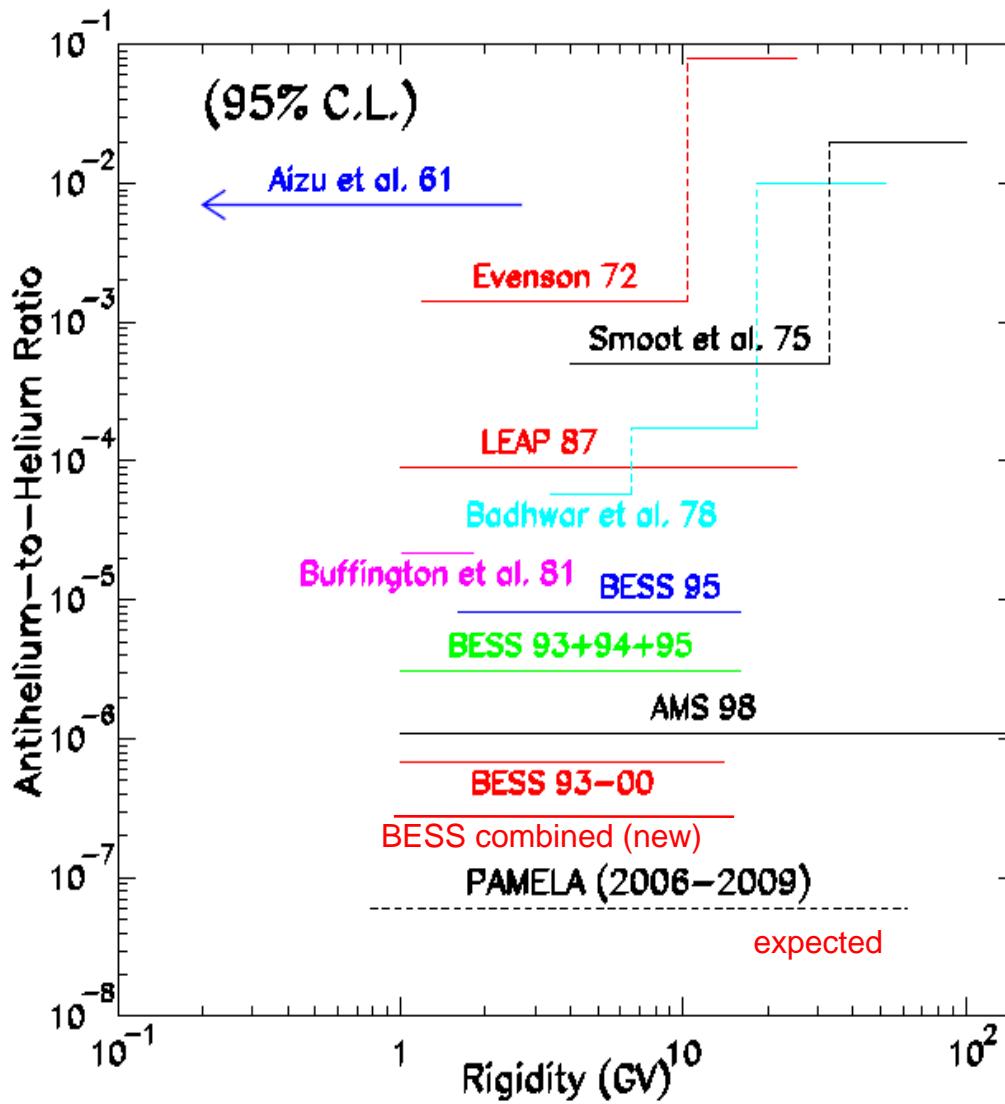
- **Antimatter** which has escaped as a cosmic ray from a distant antigalaxy

Streitmatter, R. E., Nuovo Cimento, 19, 835 (1996)

- **Antimatter** from globular clusters of antistars in our Galaxy as antistellar wind or anti-supernovae explosion

K. M. Belotsky et al., Phys. Atom. Nucl. 63, 233 (2000), astro-ph/9807027

Cosmic-ray antimatter search

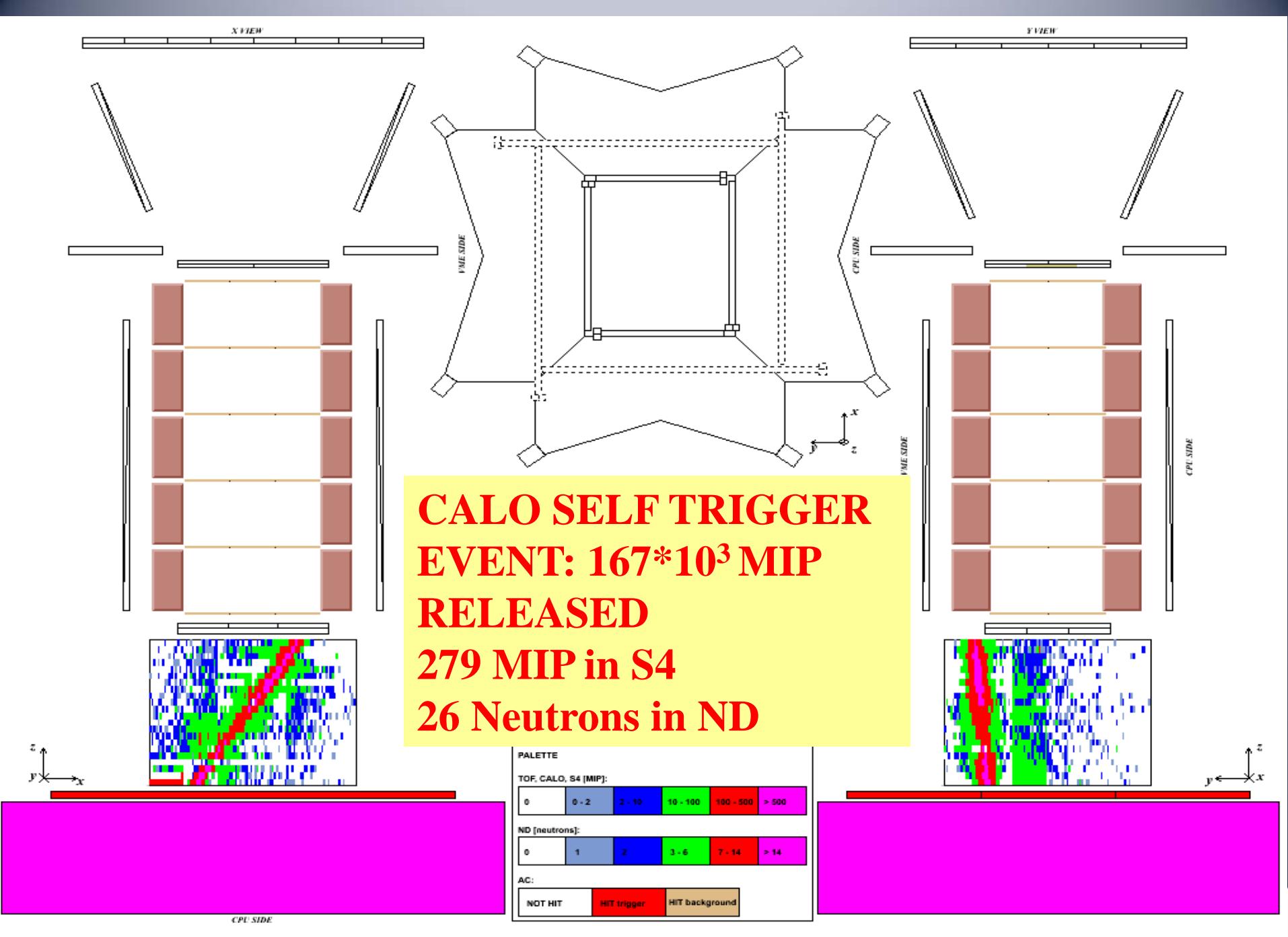


“We must regard it rather an accident that the Earth and presumably the whole Solar System contains a preponderance of negative electrons and positive protons. It is quite possible that for some of the stars it is the other way about”

P. Dirac, Nobel lecture (1933)

High Energy electrons

- The study of primary electrons is especially important because they give information on the nearest sources of cosmic rays
- Electrons with energy above 100 MeV rapidly loss their energy due to synchrotron radiation and inverse Compton processes
- The discovery of primary electrons with energy above 10^{12} eV will evidence the existence of cosmic ray sources in the nearby interstellar space ($r \leq 300$ pc)



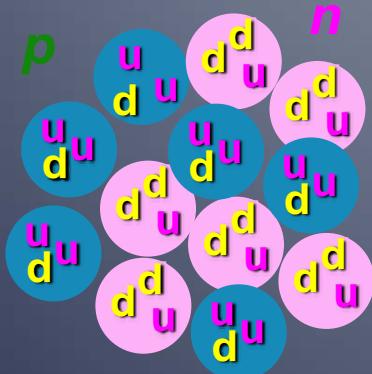
Search for New Matter in the Universe:

An example is the search for “strangelets”.

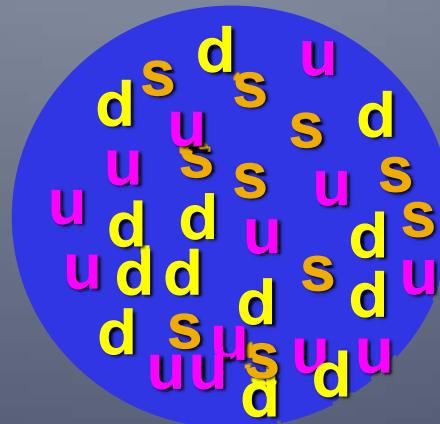
There are six types of Quarks found in accelerators.

*All matter on Earth is made out of only two types of quarks.
“Strangelets” are new types of matter composed of three types of quarks which should exist in the cosmos.*

Carbon Nucleus



Strangelet



- i. A stable, single “super nucleon” with three types of quarks
- ii. “Neutron” stars may be one big strangelet

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Conclusion

- PAMELA is the first space experiment which is measuring the antiproton and positron energy spectra to the high energies ($> 150\text{GeV}$) with an unprecedented statistical precision
- PAMELA is setting a new lower limit for finding Antihelium
- PAMELA is looking for Dark Matter candidates
- PAMELA is providing measurements on elemental spectra and low mass isotopes with an unprecedented statistical precision and is helping to improve the understanding of particle propagation in the interstellar medium
- PAMELA is able to measure the high energy tail of solar particles.

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