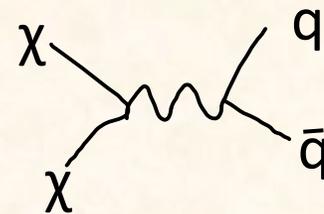
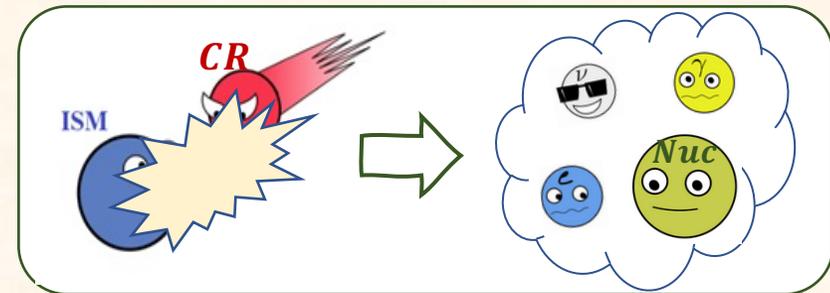
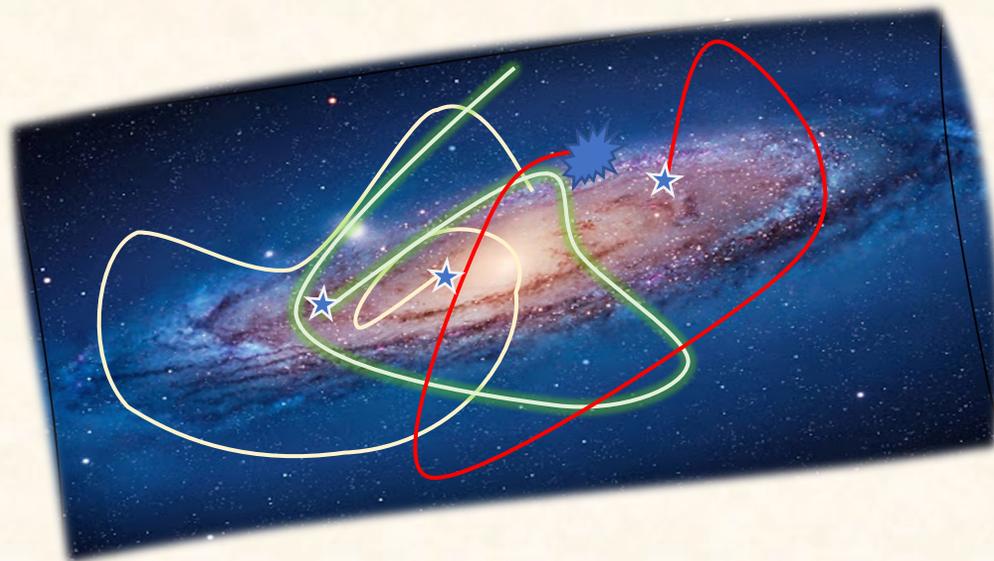
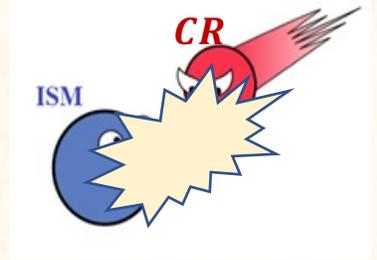


# Indirect dark matter searches with anti-nuclei



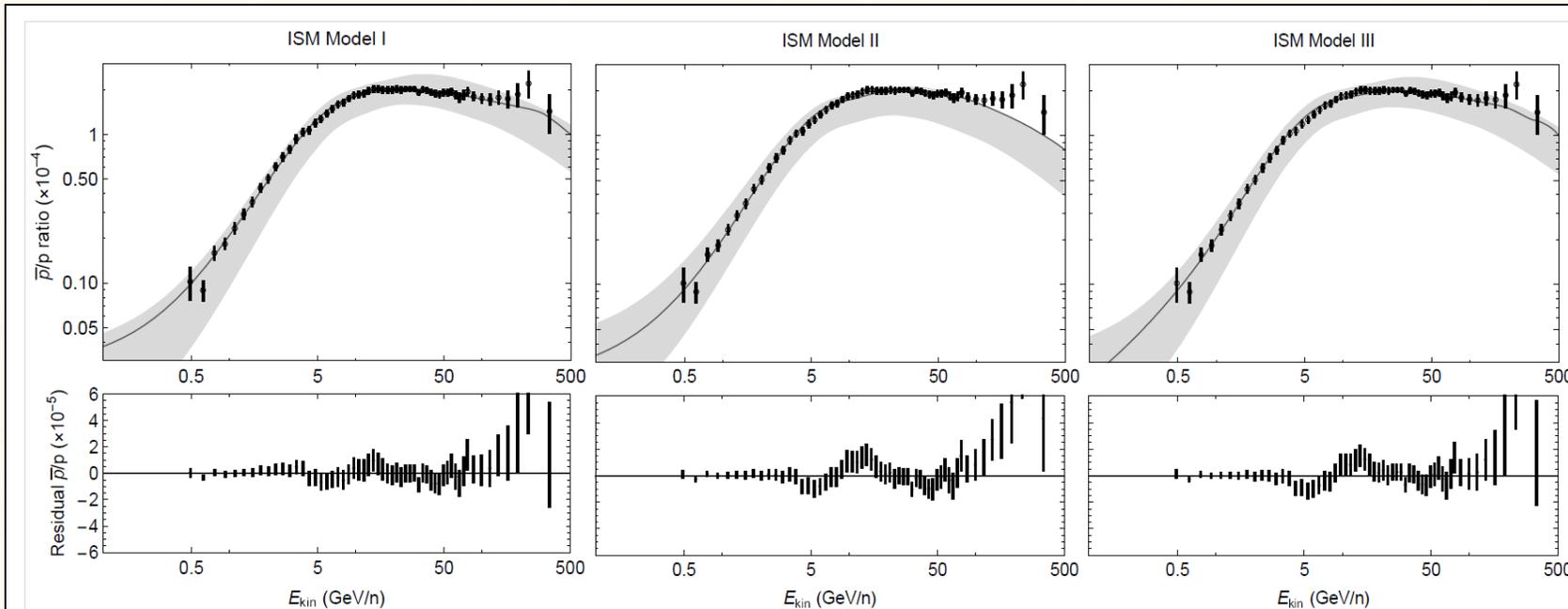
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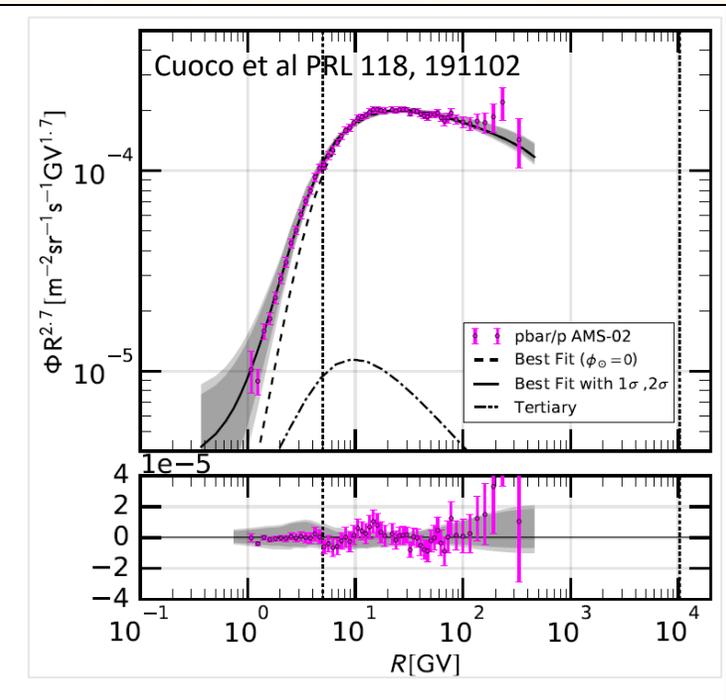
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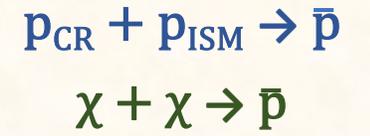
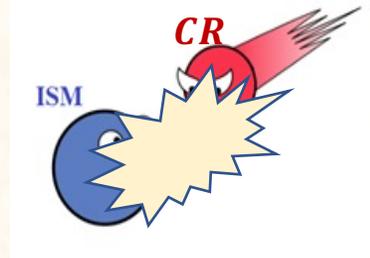
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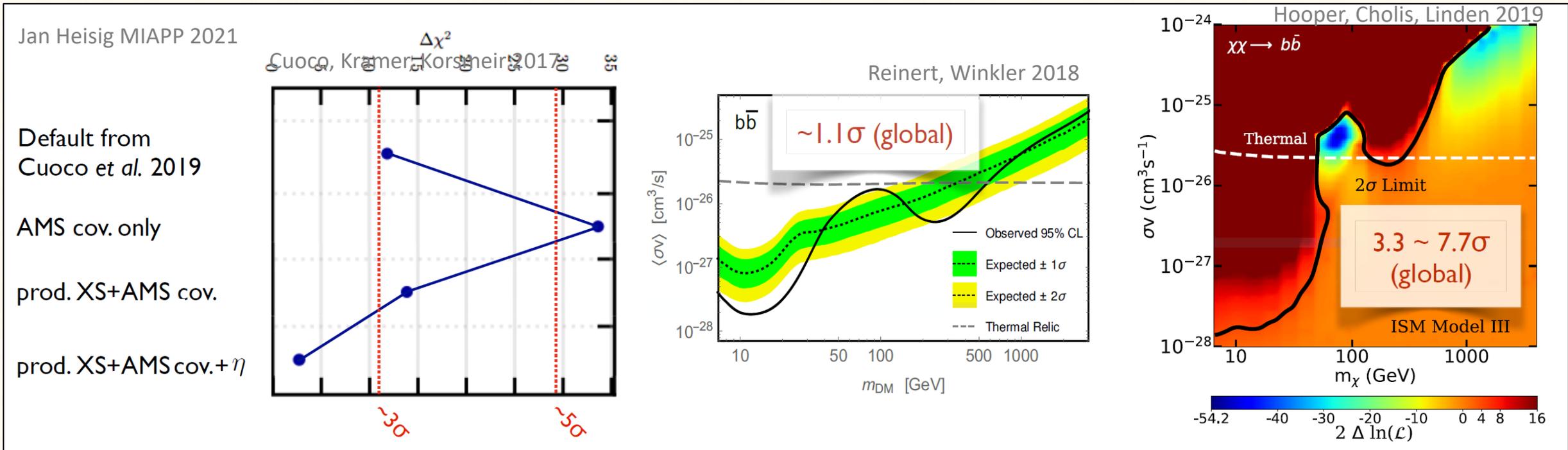
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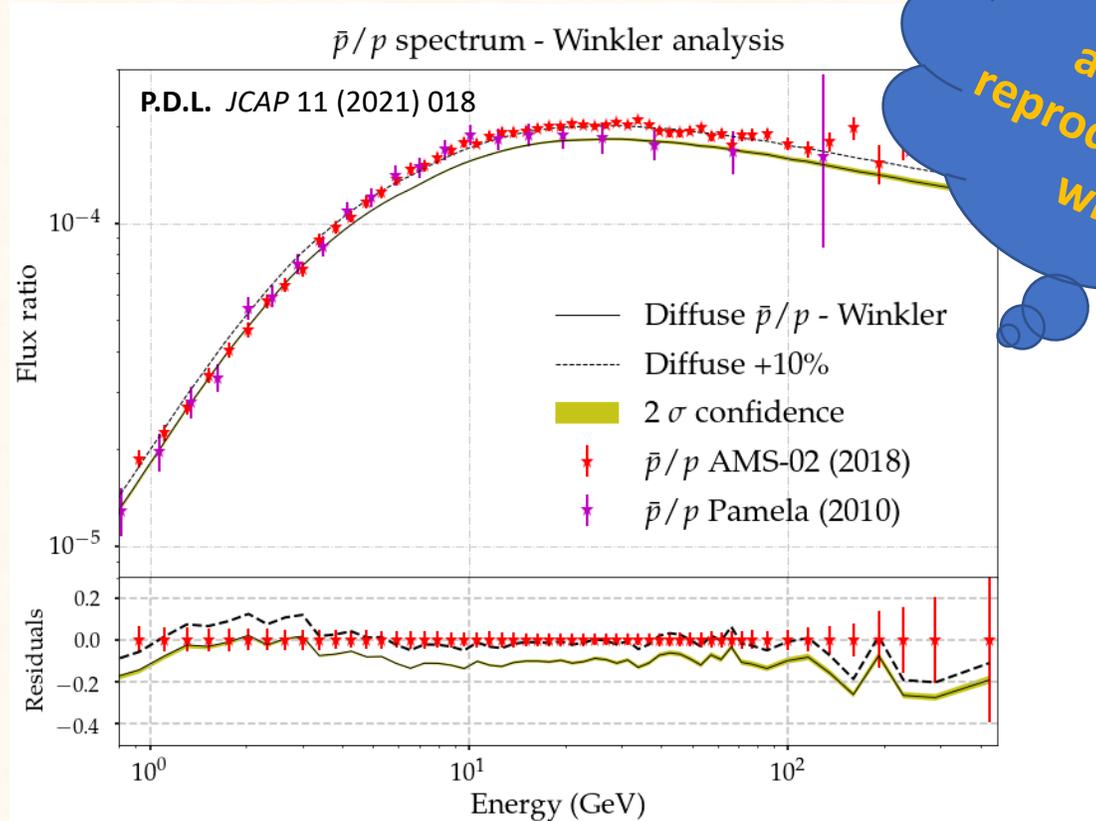
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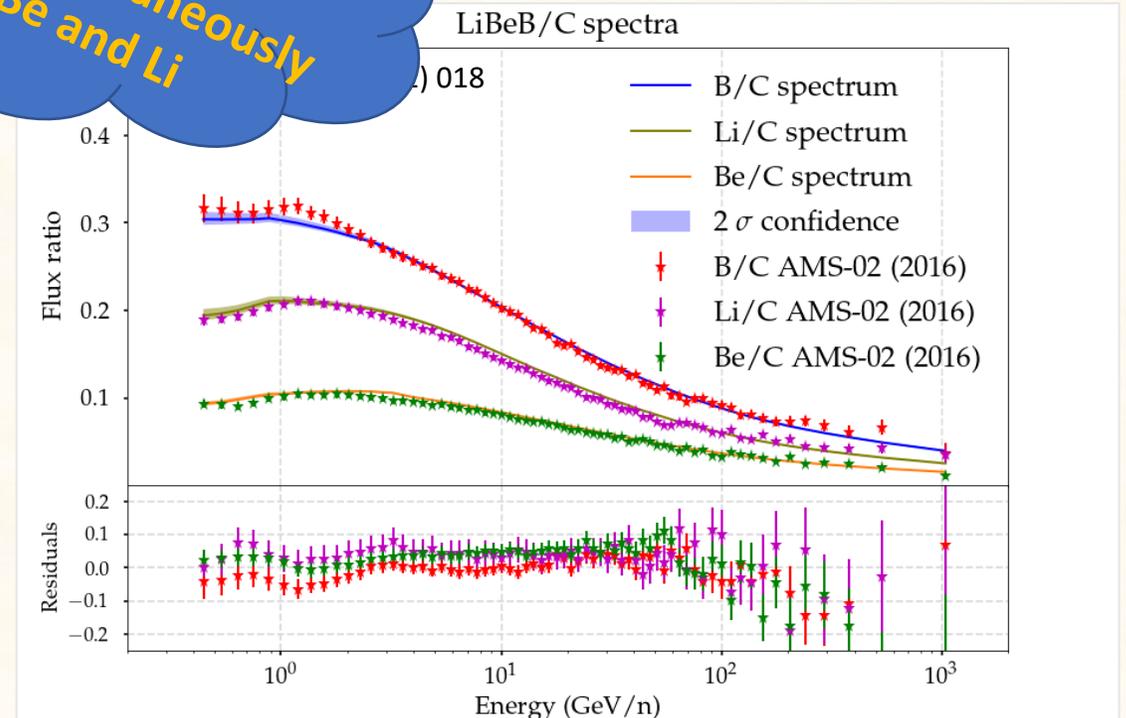


# Antiproton *excesses* – The grammage excess



Energy spectrum of antiprotons is easily reproduced simultaneously with B, Be and Li

diff. coeff. predicted by the flux-ratios of B, Be and Li underpredicts the antiproton excess by ~10% → **Grammage tension**



**Conclusion:** Cross sections uncertainties affect very significantly our predictions and can explain the excess

$\frac{J_{\bar{p}}}{J_p} \sim \frac{\sigma(E)}{D(E)}$

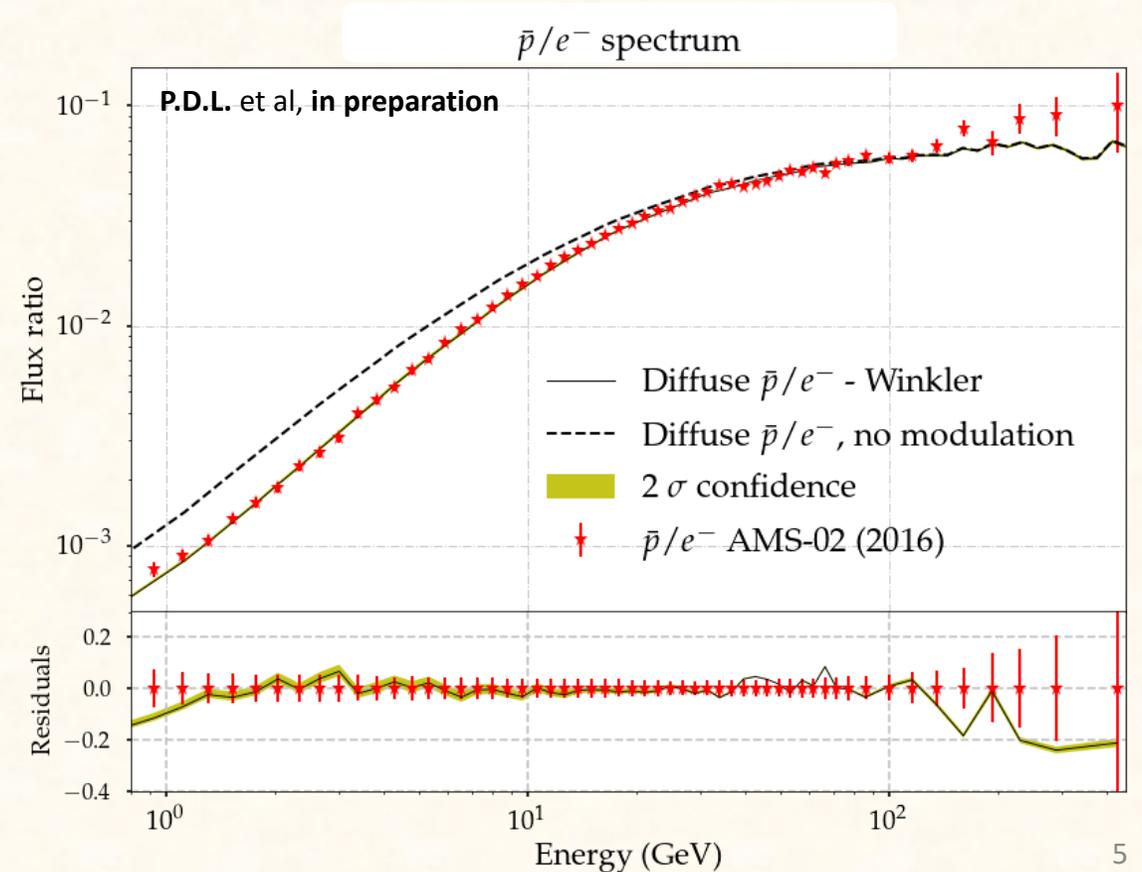
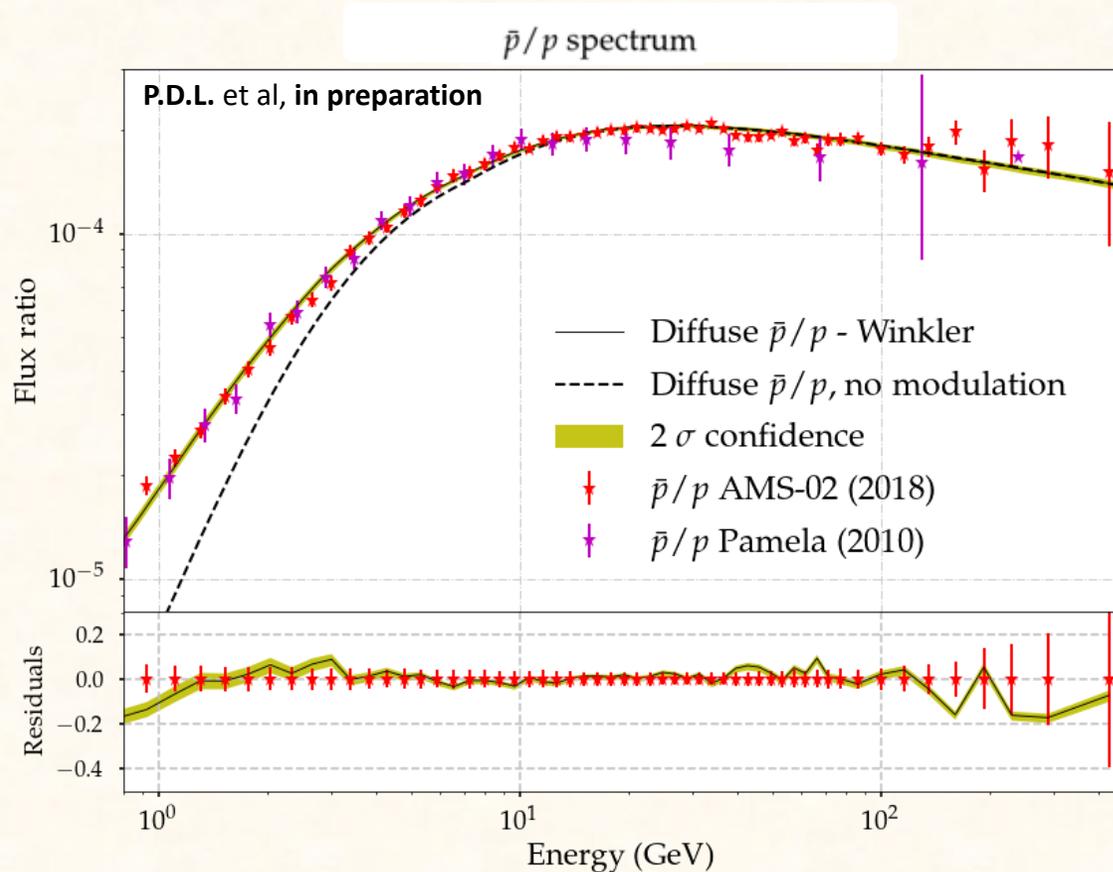
Diffusion coefficient

Production cross sections

# Antiproton *excesses* – *The grammage excess*

Cross sections uncertainties are crucial in the assessment of these possible signals, but dark matter component is still statistically preferred

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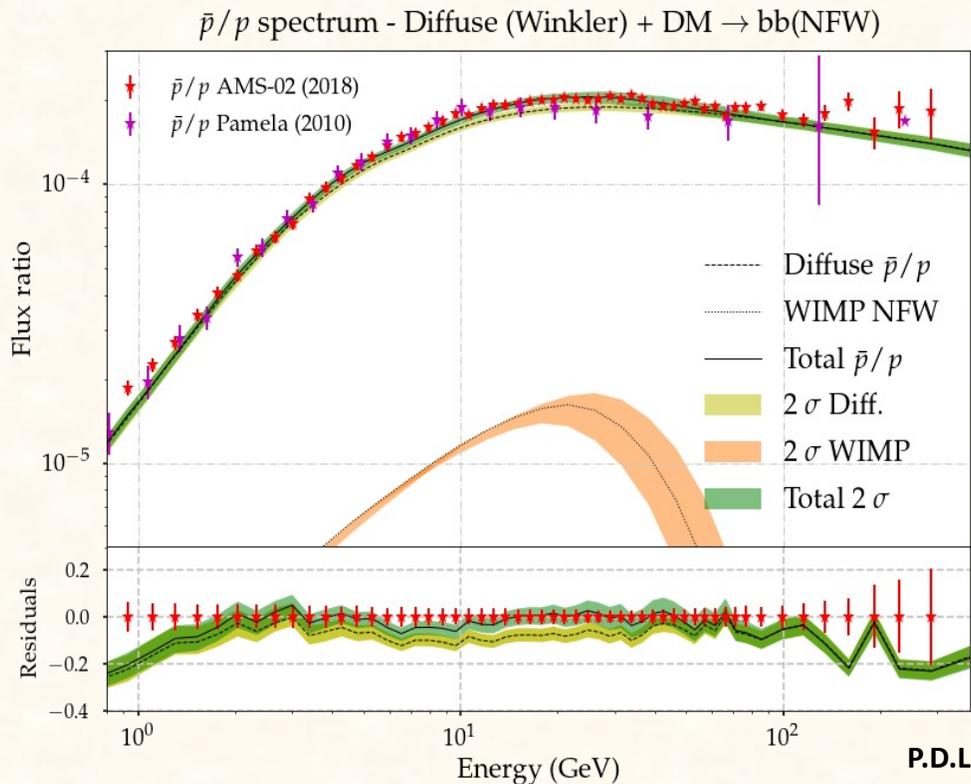


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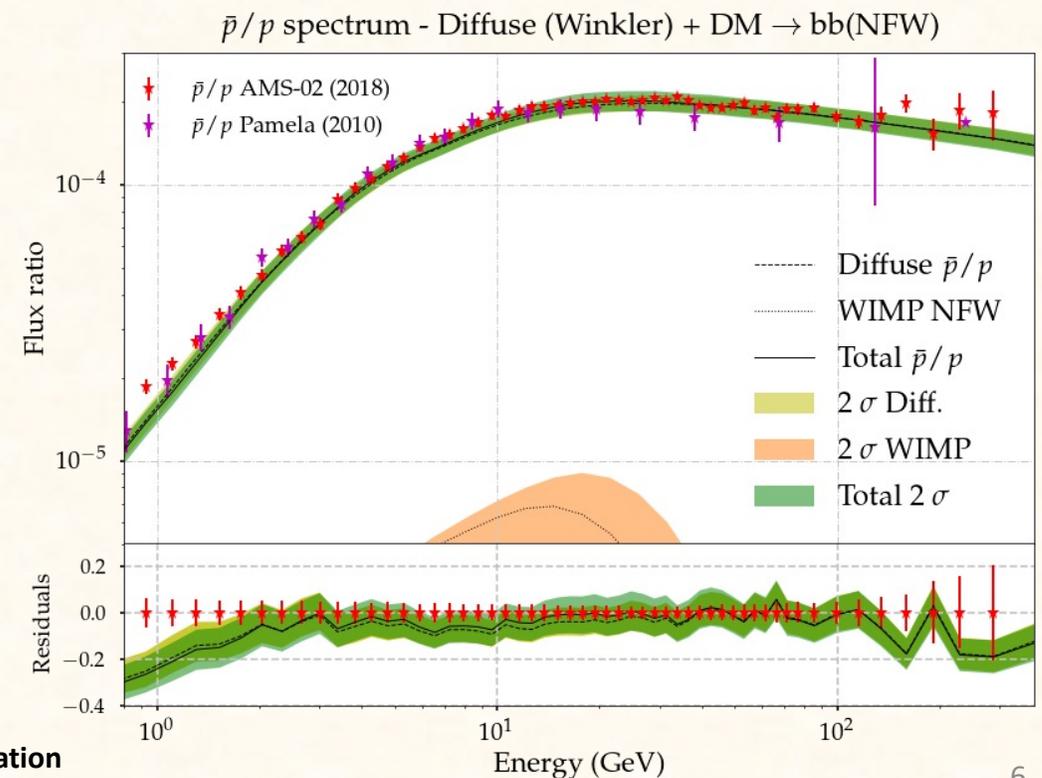
DM globally favoured. The way to assess the antiproton **uncertainties affect the properties of the DM candidate** reproducing the signal. Significance below  $1\sigma$

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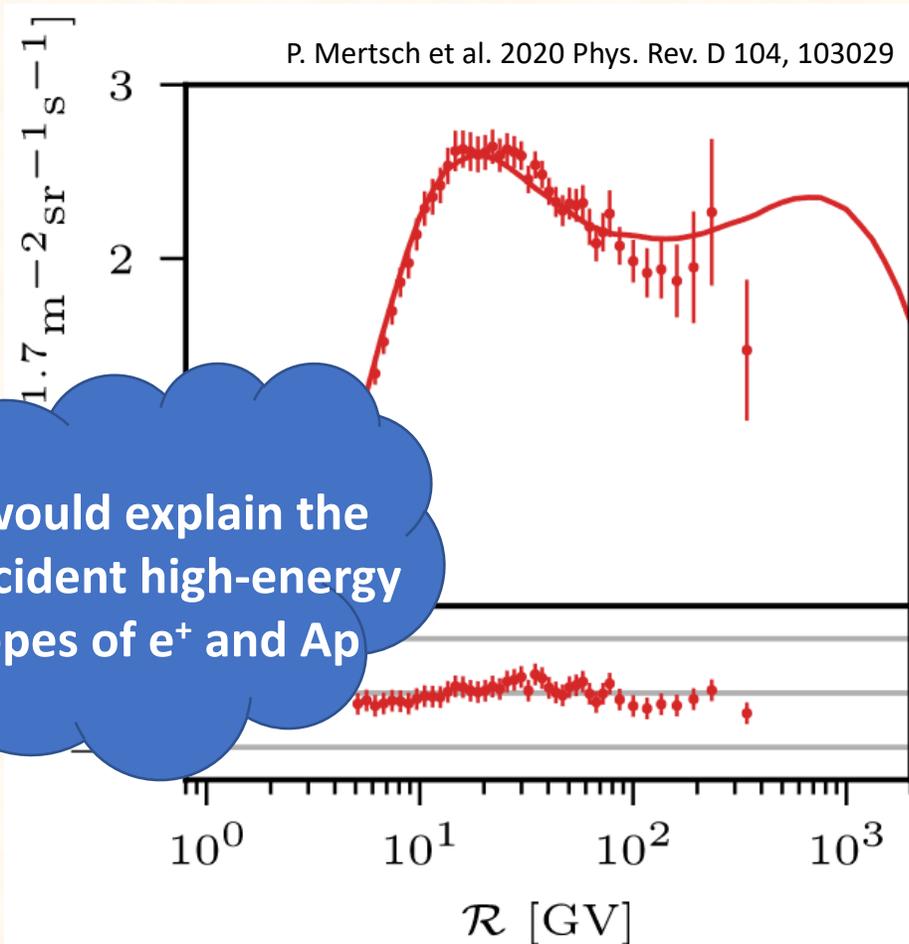


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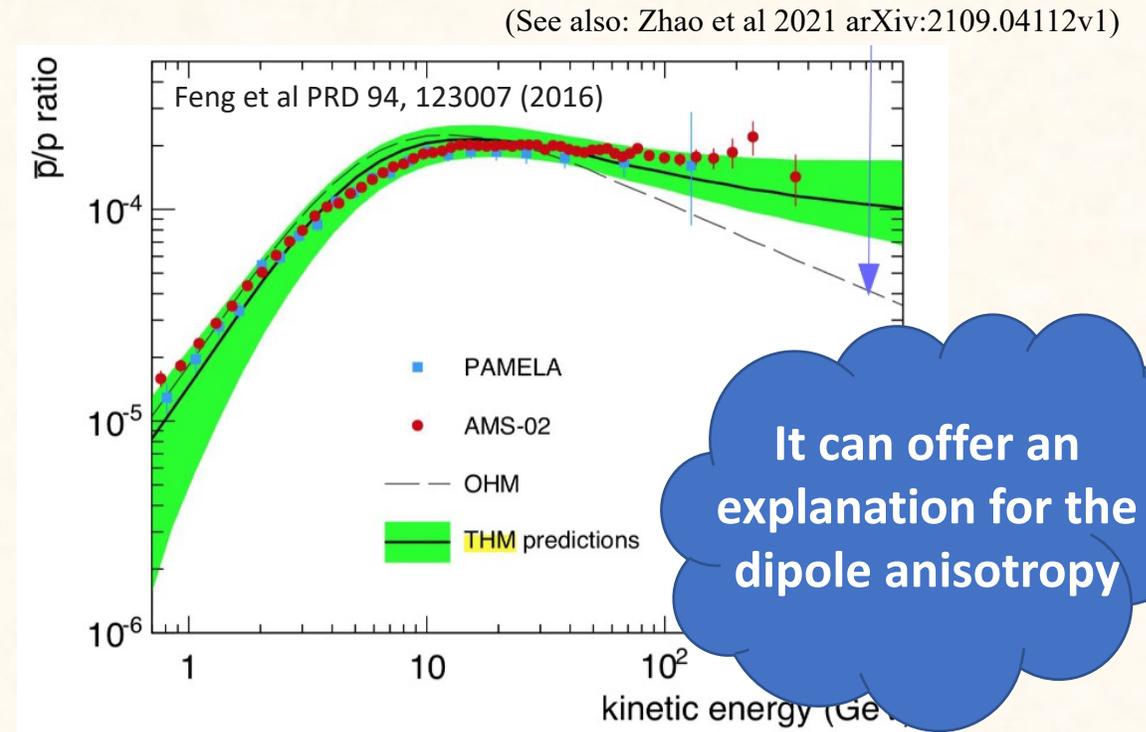


# Antiproton *excesses* – *More possibilities*

## SNRs accelerating antiprotons

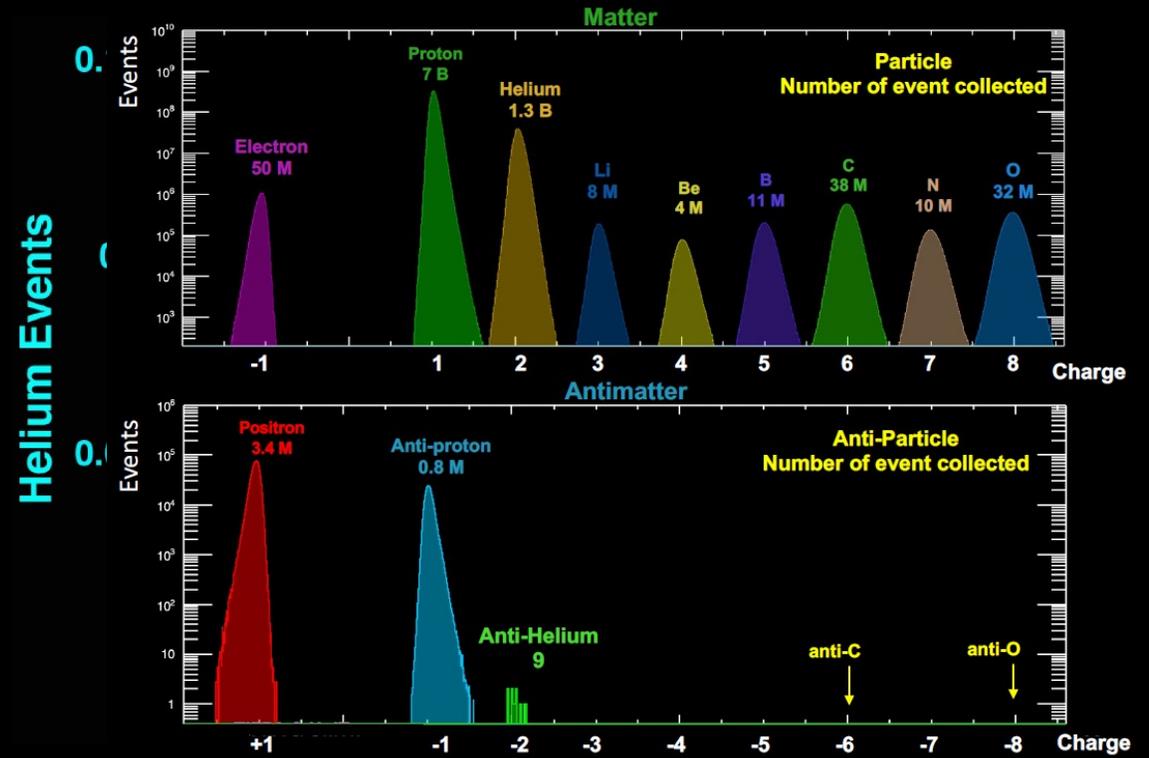
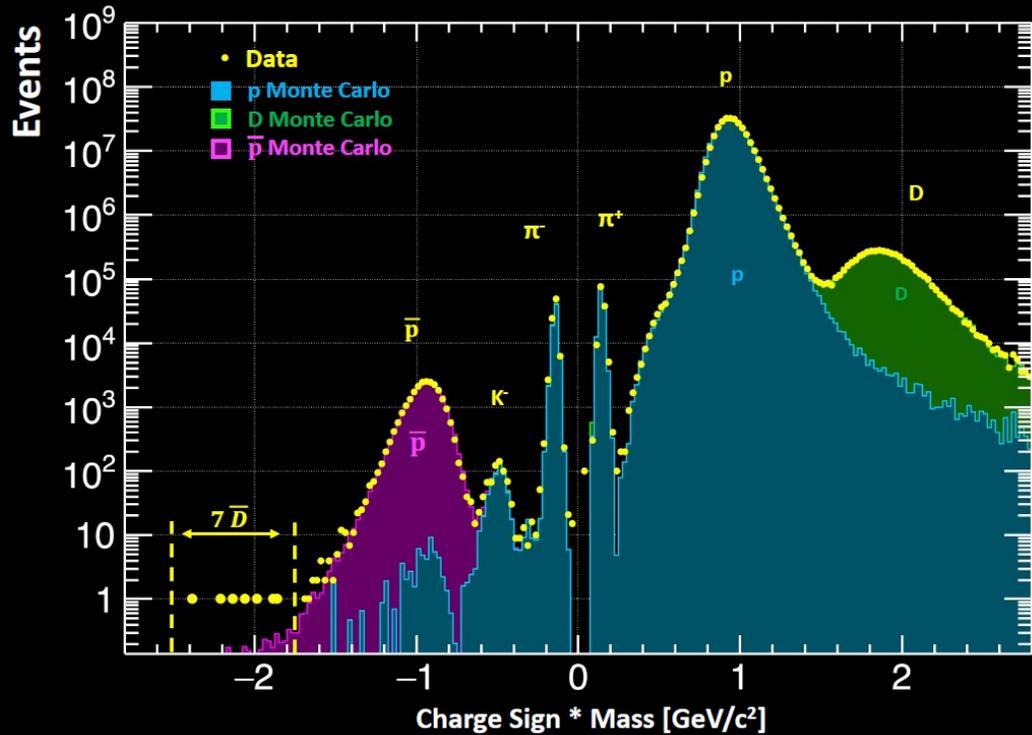


## Inhomogeneous diffusion coefficient



Gas Inhomogeneities and the non-uniformity of the CR transport are not explored in depth

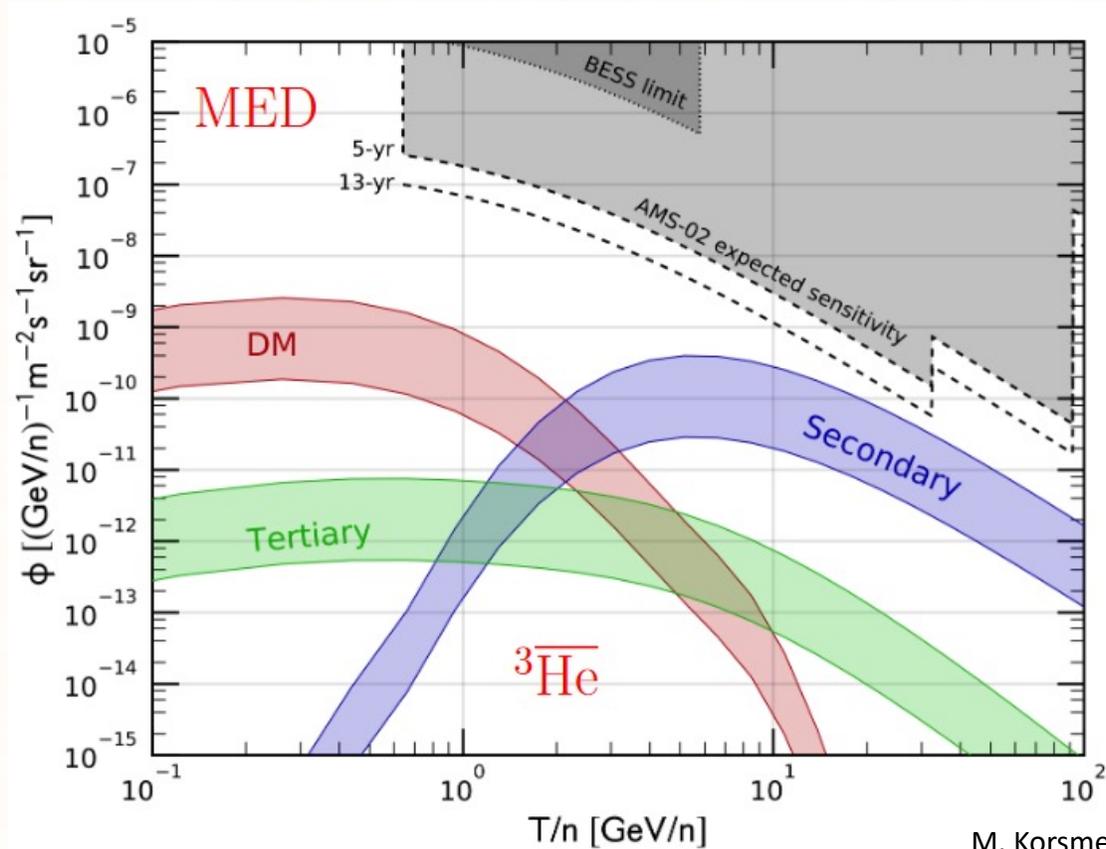
# ANTI-NUCLEI: AMS-02 mass-charge spectra



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# Anti-nuclei as the dark matter smoking gun

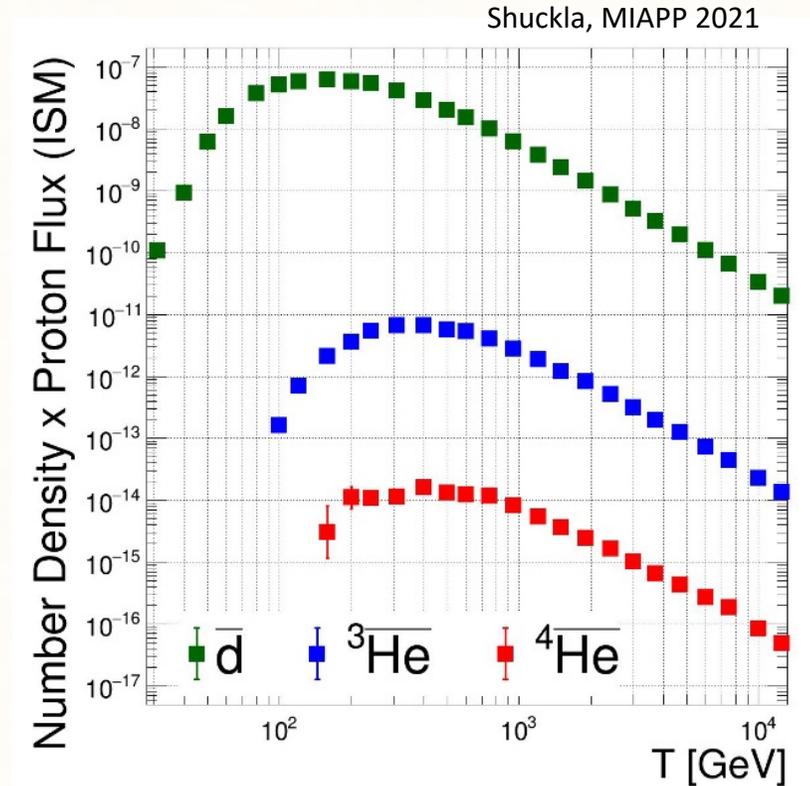
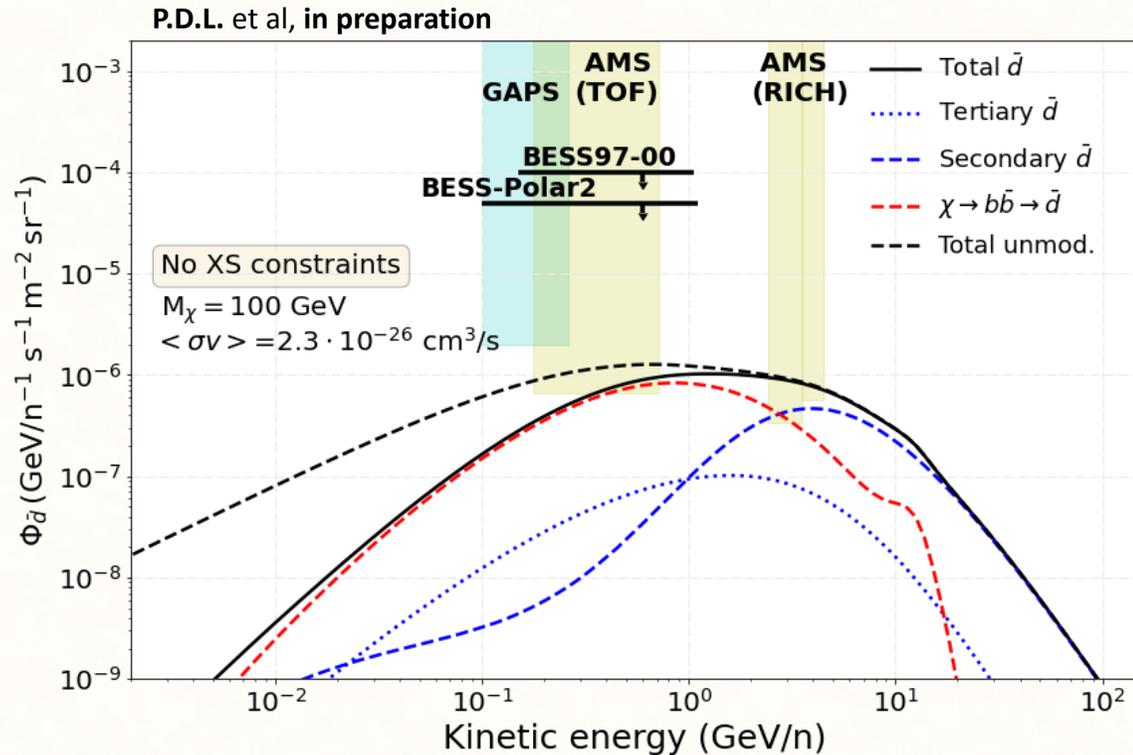
The window to prove (or disprove) many possible astrophysical excesses



M. Korsmeir et al. (2018) Phys. Rev. D97, 103011

For kinematical reasons, the production of anti-nuclei from CR interactions is not important at energies below the GeV, offering a **clear way to spot the production of anti-nuclei from dark matter** (at least for masses below ~hundreds of GeV)

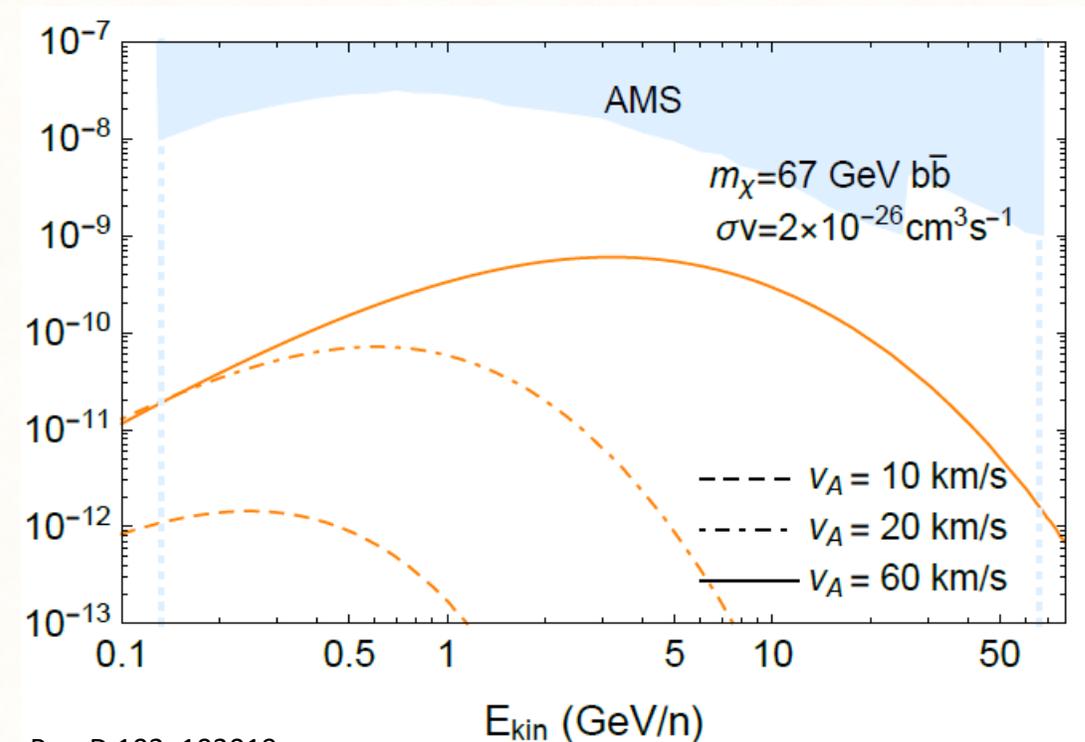
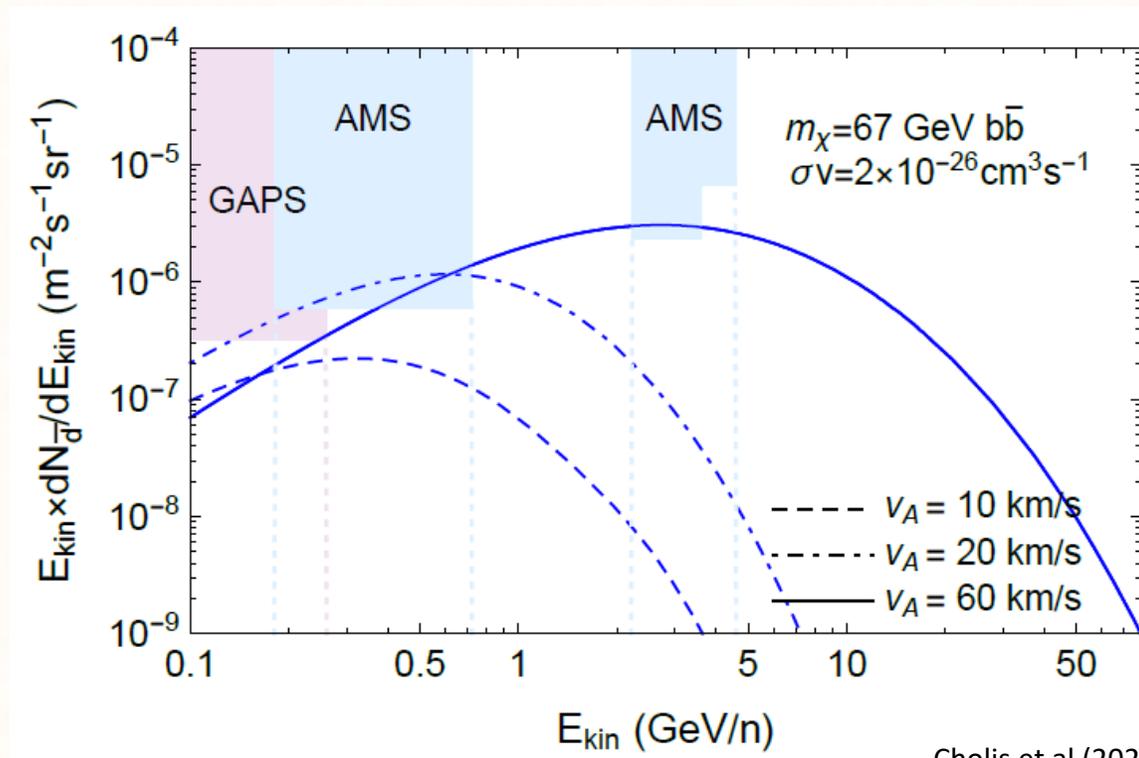
# Anti-nuclei as the dark matter smoking gun



Detected anti-D events possibly explained, but impossible to explain more anti-He events!

# Boosting the dark matter signal

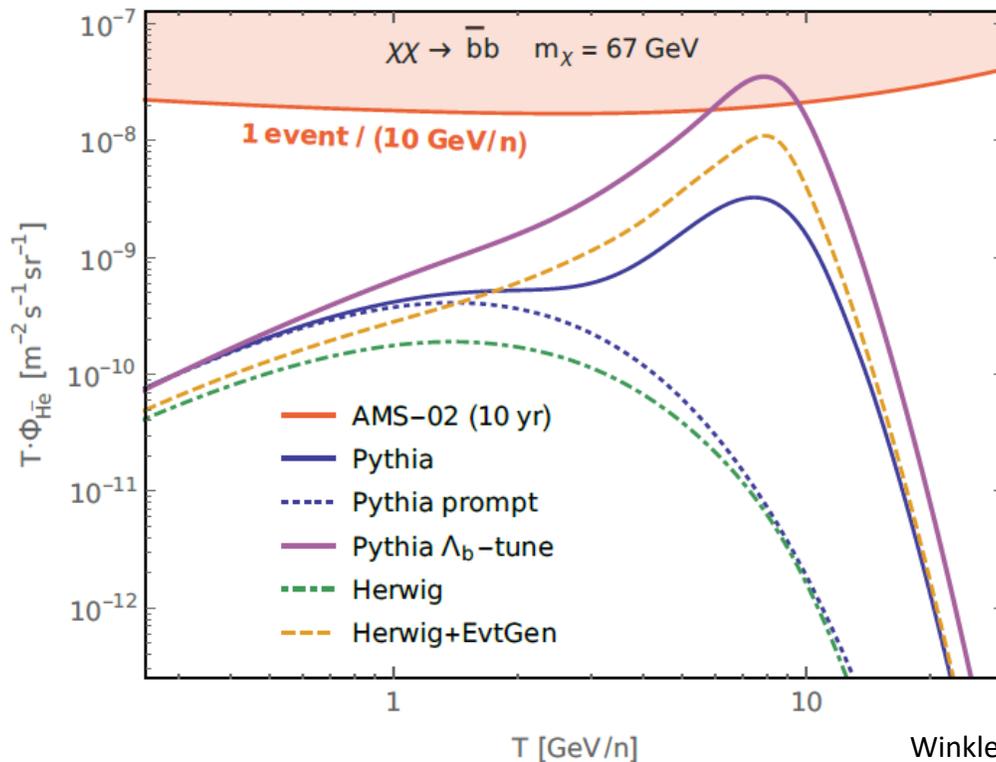
**Reacceleration** is able to enhance the DM signal and make it more important at larger energies, however, large reacceleration is in contradiction with other observables



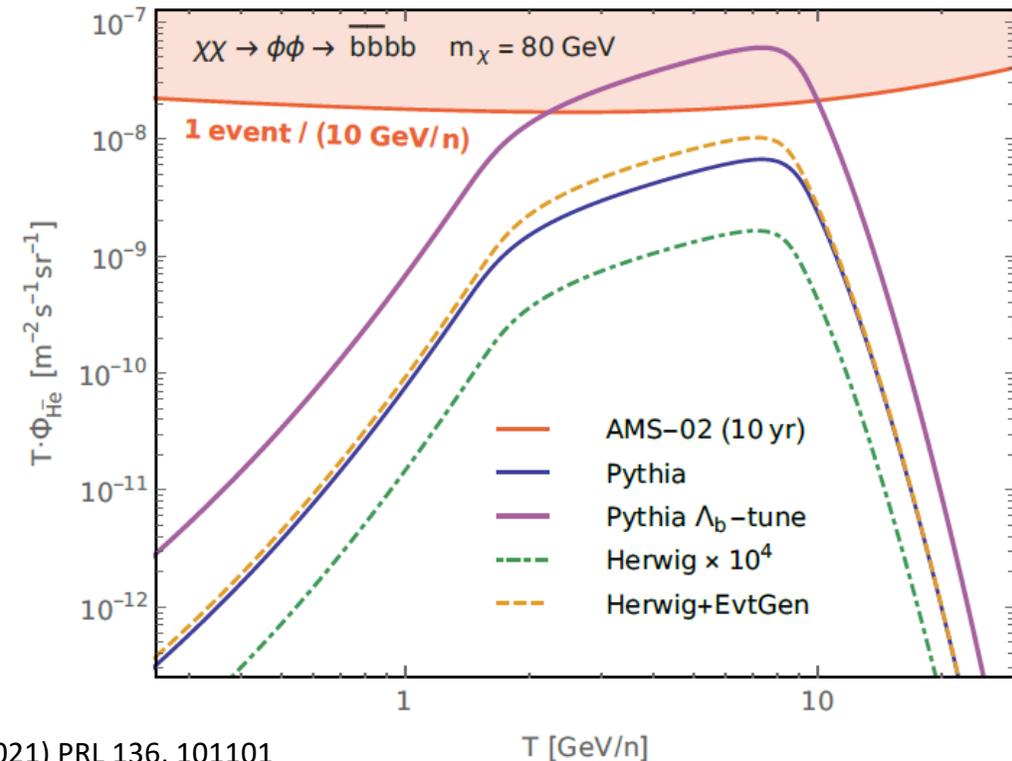
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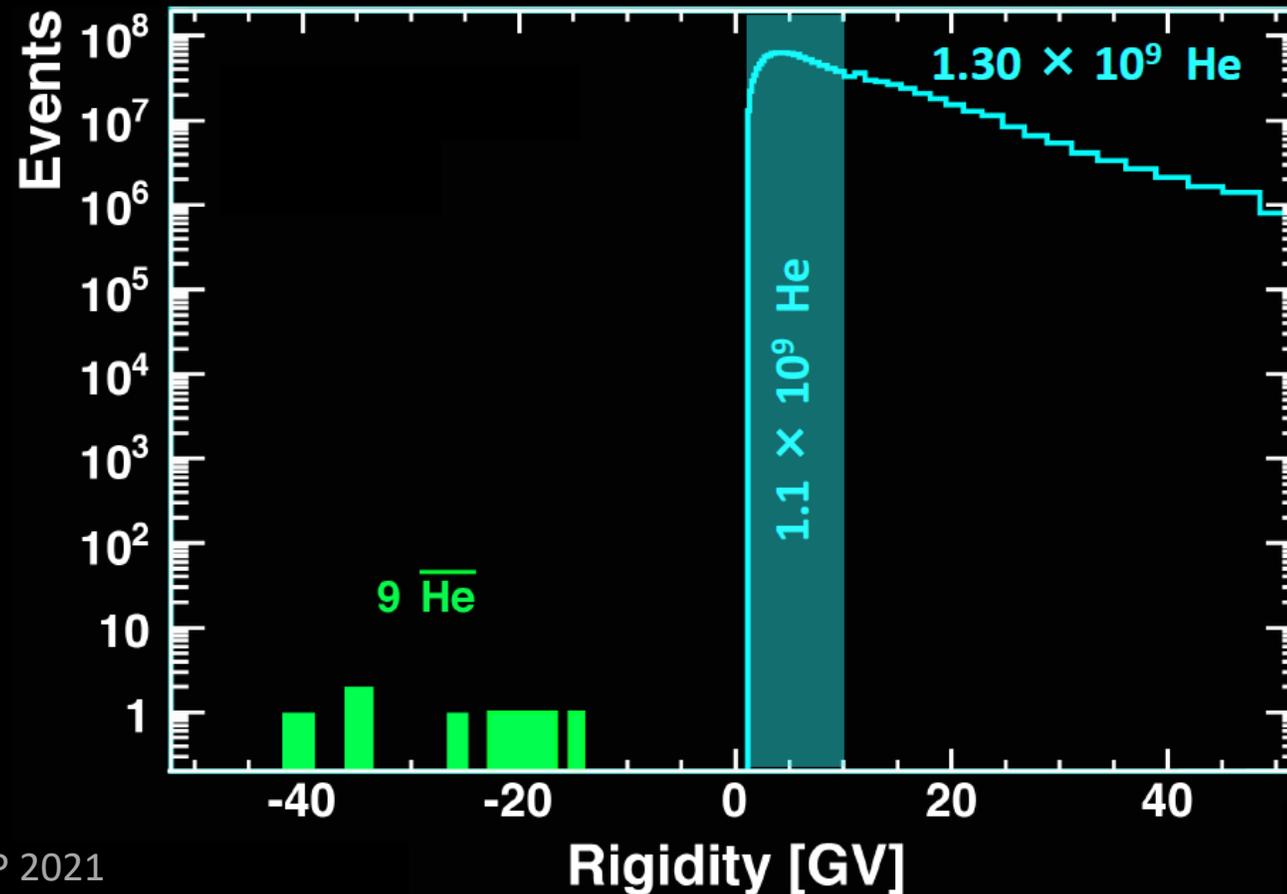
- ✓  $\Lambda_b$  production is a very important source of anti-helium, even able to explain the events reported by AMS-02, although not yet well constrained



Winkler, Linden (2021) PRL 136, 101101



# AMS-02 energy spectrum points to an important problem...



# Conclusions

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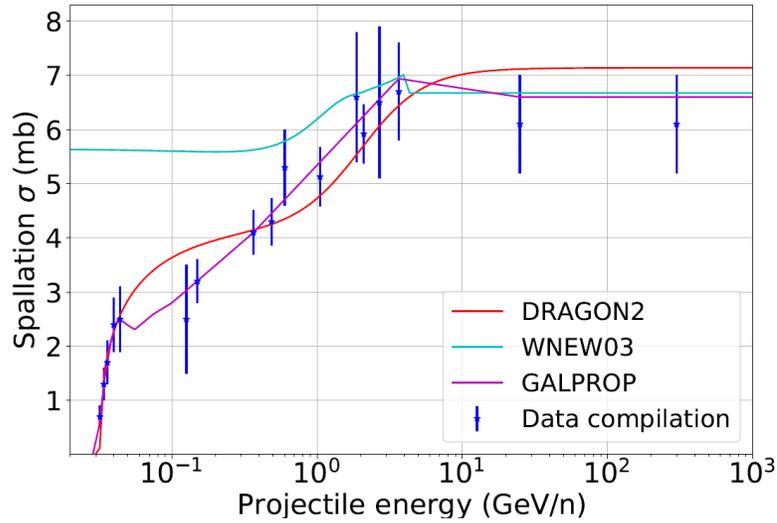
## Indirect dark matter searches with anti-nuclei

- **Every antimatter species, for which we have data have, unveiled our limited ability of predictions so far**
- Exciting period when experimental data is allowing us to go beyond standard paradigm of Galactic CR propagation – **Multimessenger studies**
- Crucial role of numerical codes giving the complexity of the expected **anisotropy** and **inhomogeneity** of the transport process
- A careful analysis of the **background** (propagation) **uncertainties** can prove (disprove) any current anomaly – Possible **dark matter** signals are going to be tested in the next few years, thanks to AMS-02 and GAPS

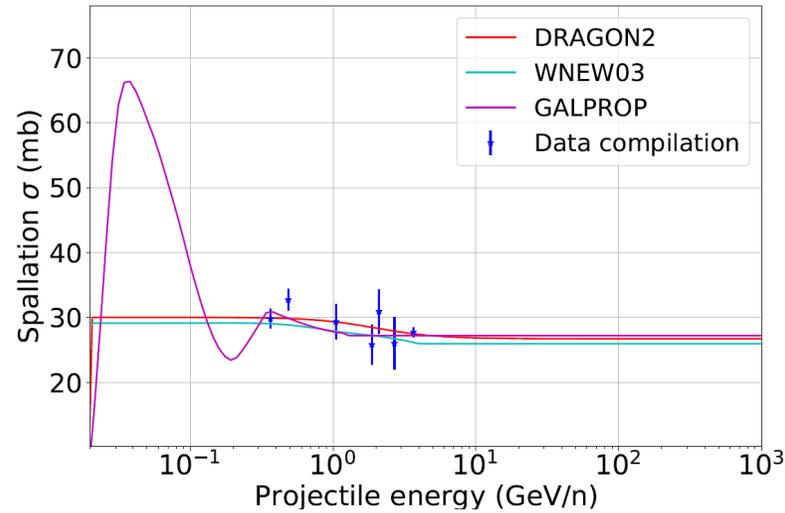
**BACK UP**

# Cross sections parametrizations

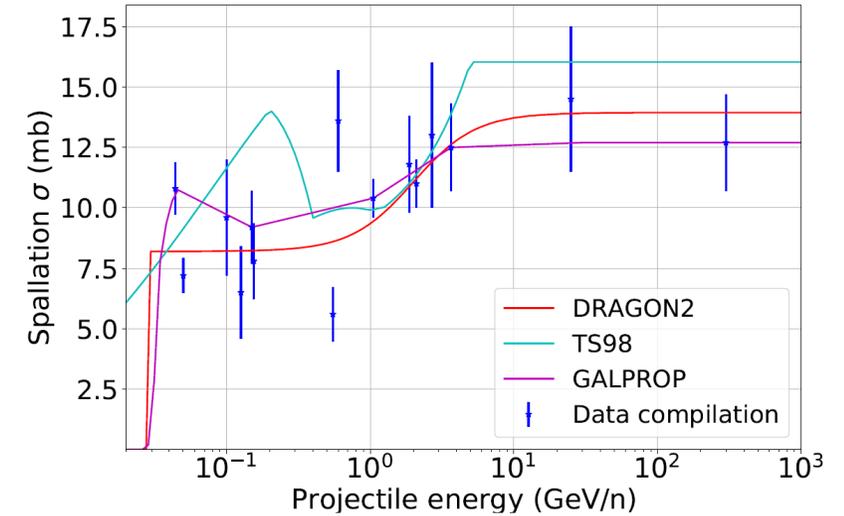
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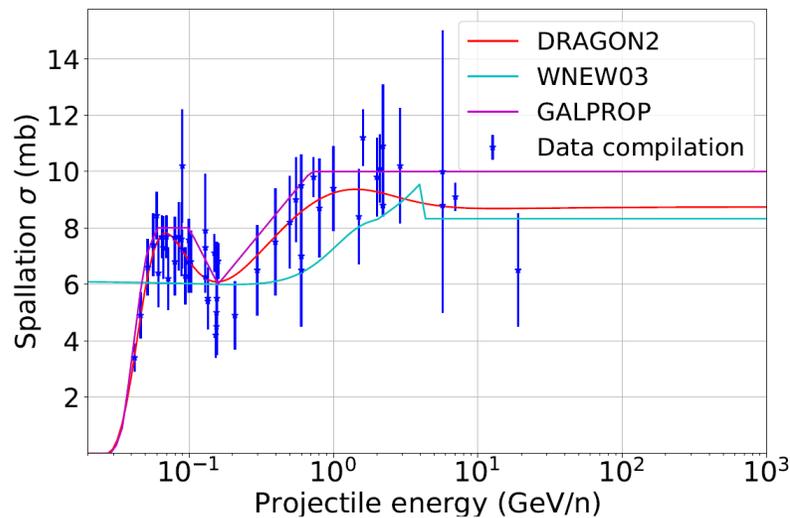
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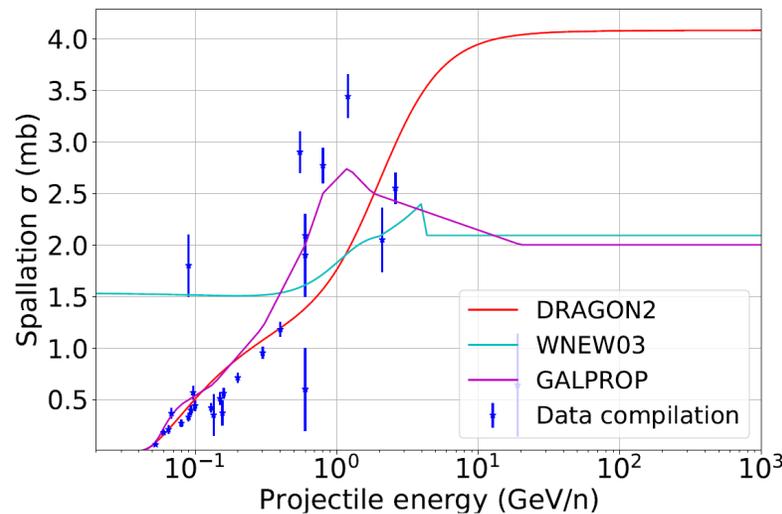
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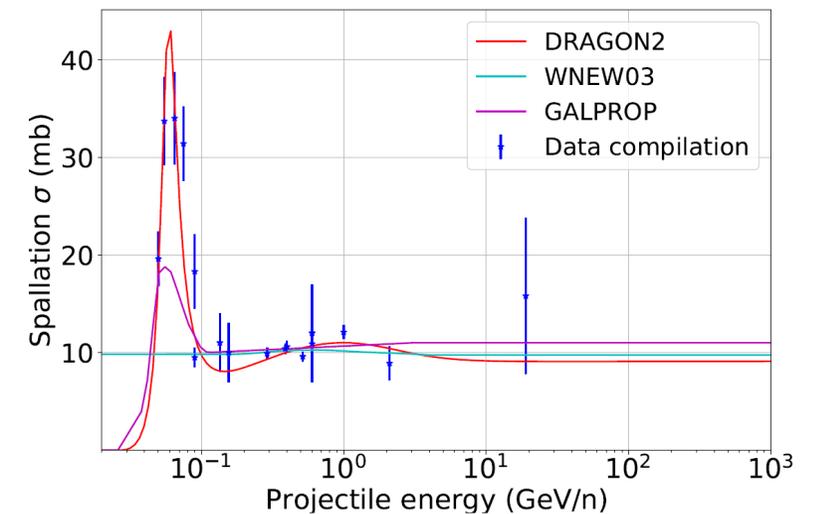
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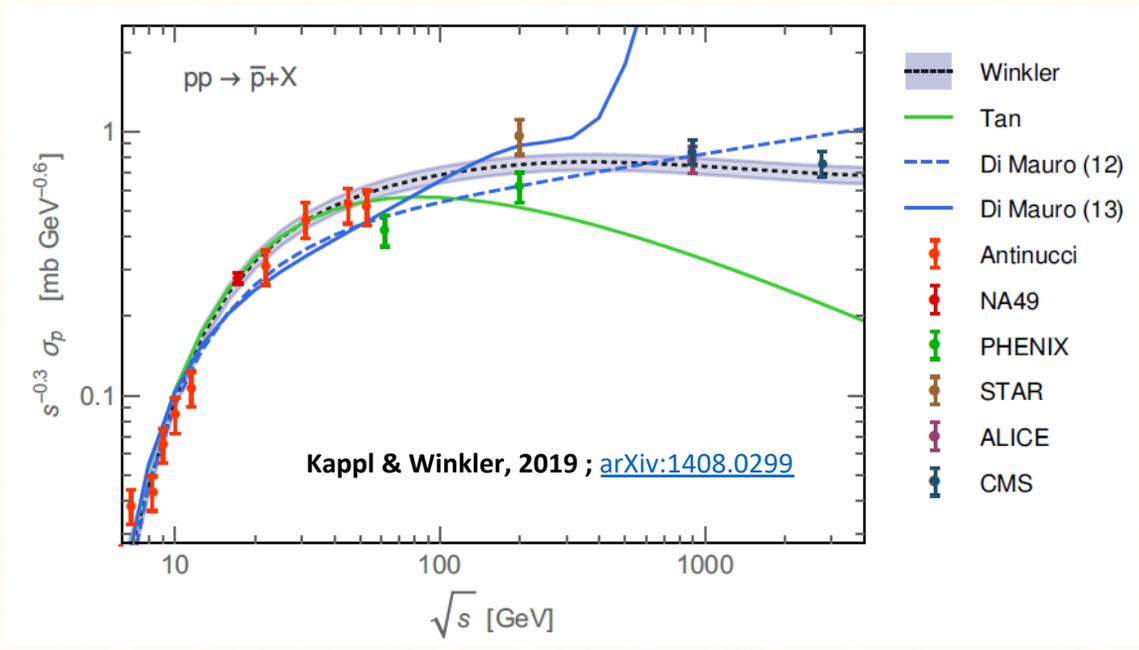


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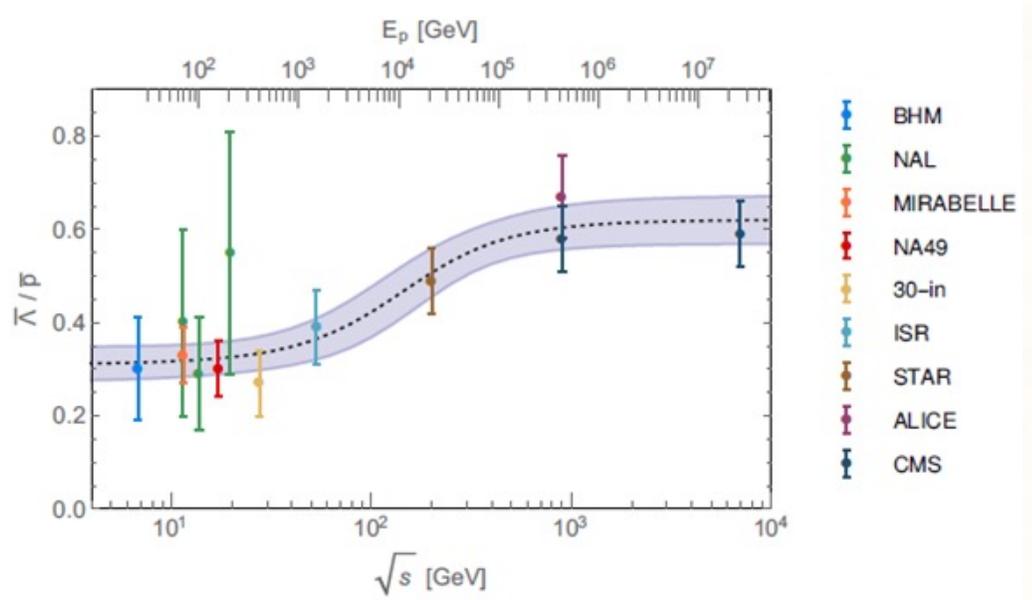
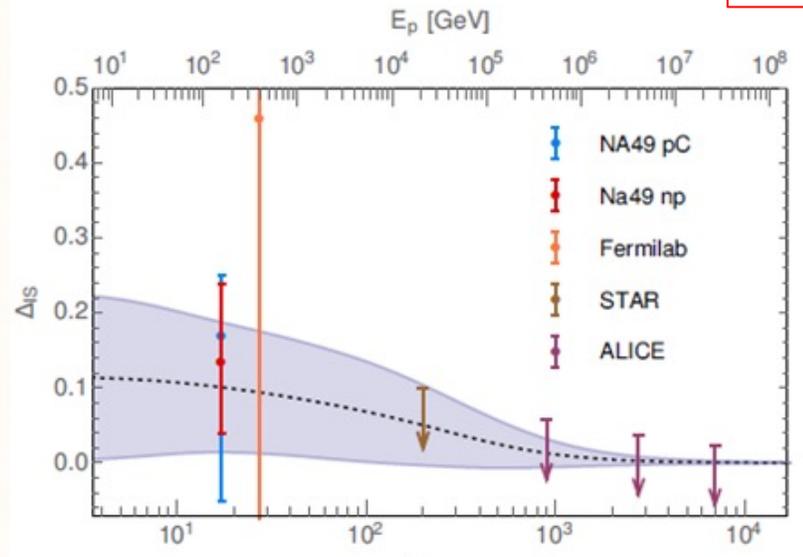
$$p + p \longrightarrow \{\bar{n} \longrightarrow \bar{p}\} + X$$

$$\Delta_{IS} = \frac{\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \bar{n}}}{\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \bar{p}}} - 1$$

$$\left( E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \right)_{pp \rightarrow \bar{p}} = \left( E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \right)_{pp \rightarrow \bar{p}}^{\text{prompt}} \cdot (2 + \Delta_{IS} + 2 \Delta_{\Lambda})$$



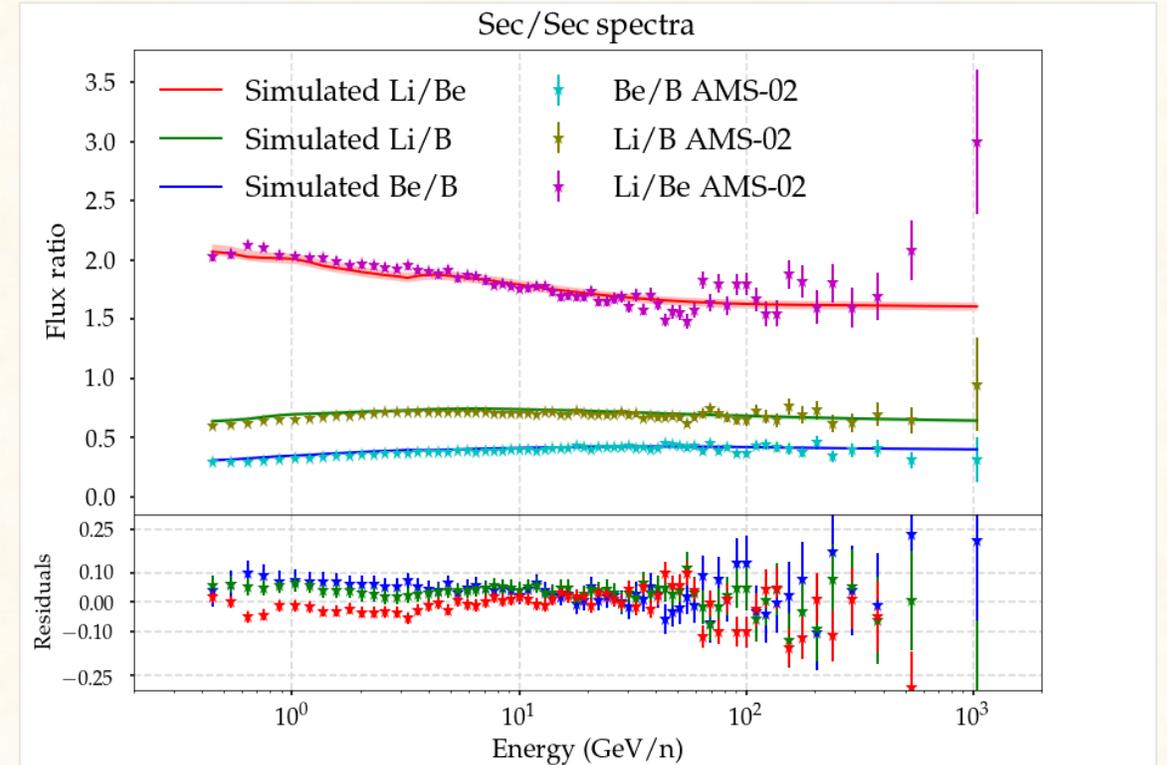
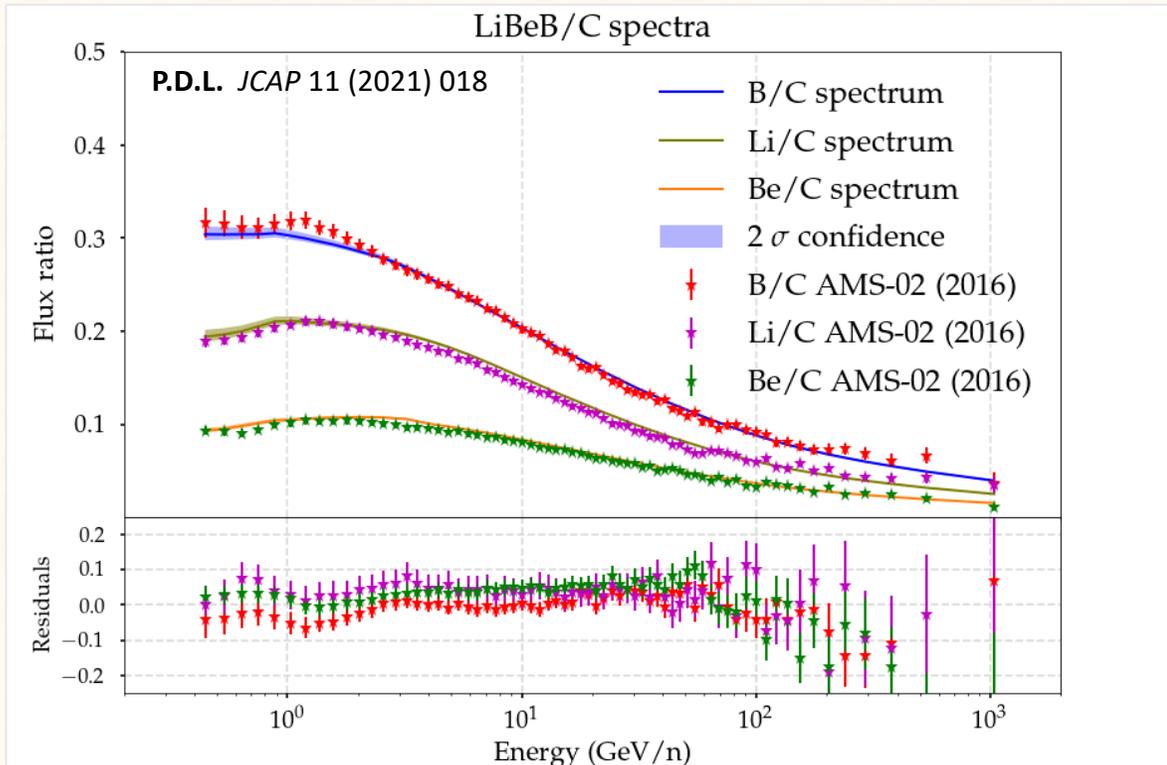
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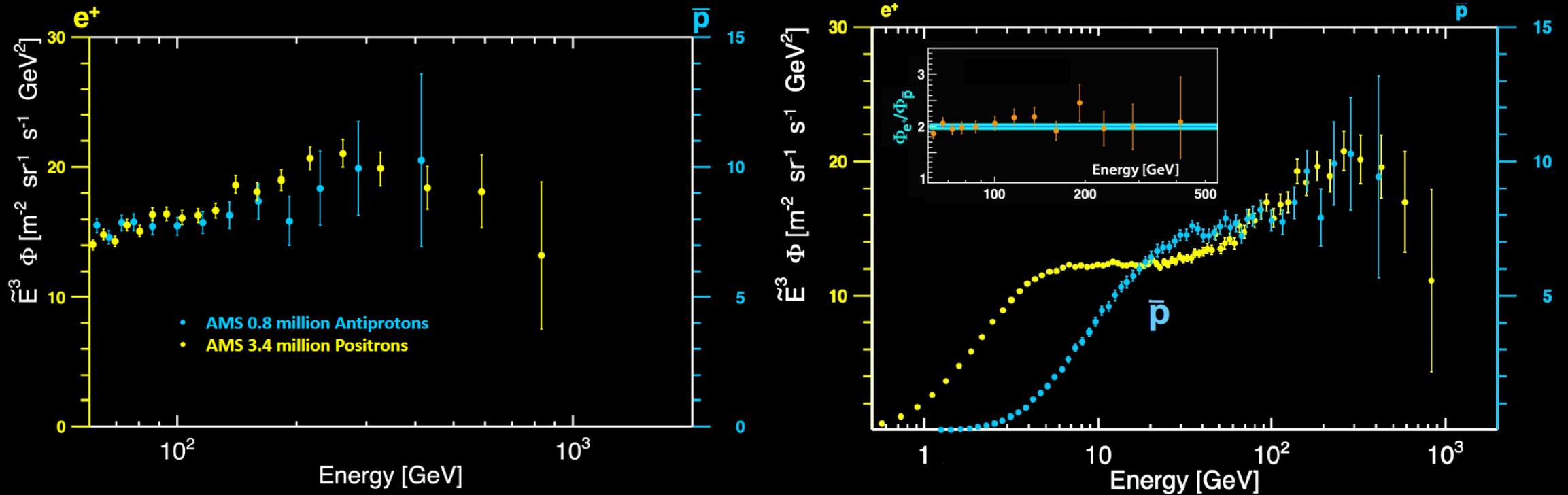
# Precise studies of secondary CRs: The antiproton excesses

- DRAGON2 cross sections for heavy secondary CRs
- Winkler (2017) cross sections for antiprotons

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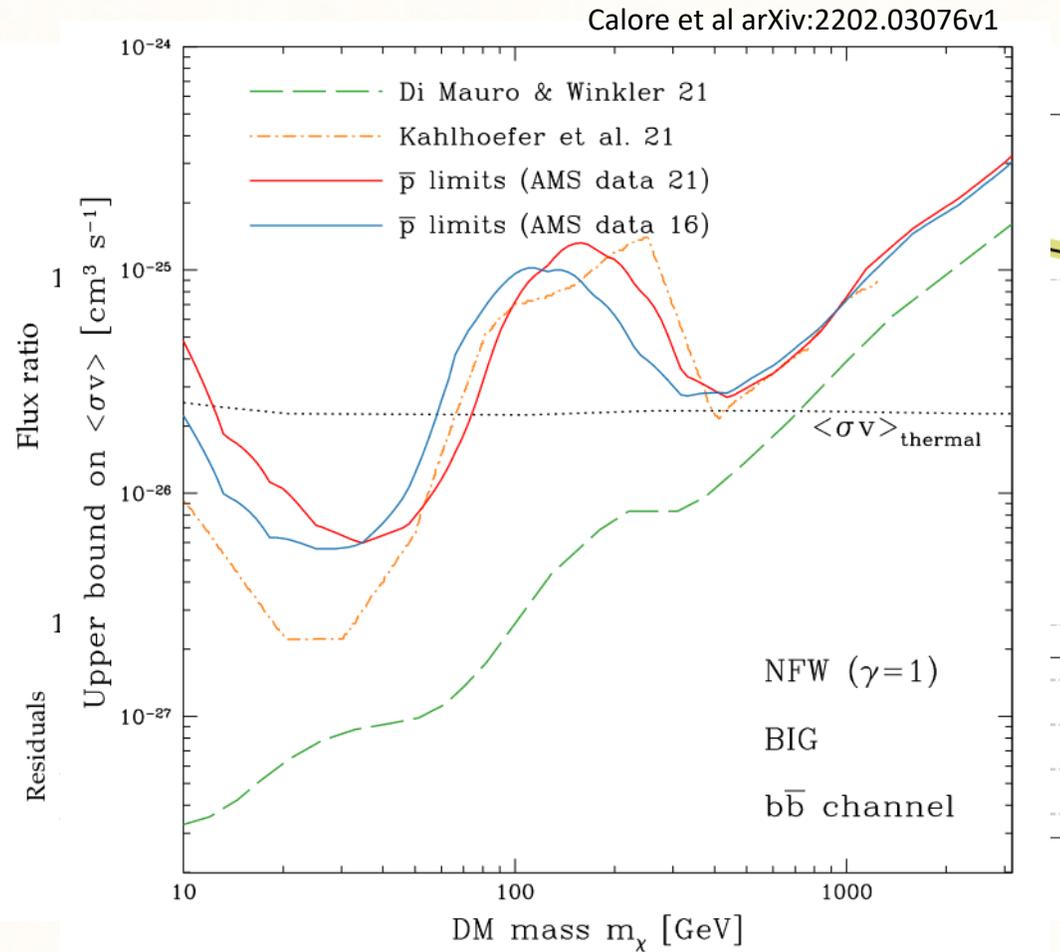
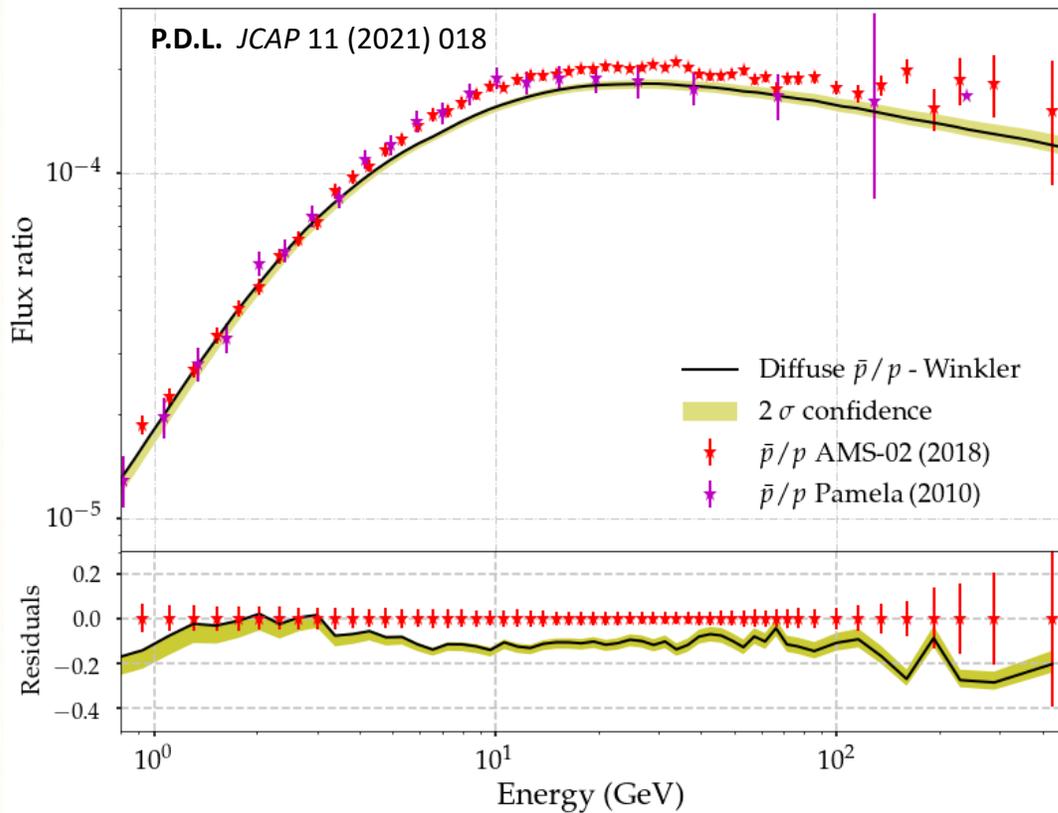


# AMS-02 Positrons and antiprotons



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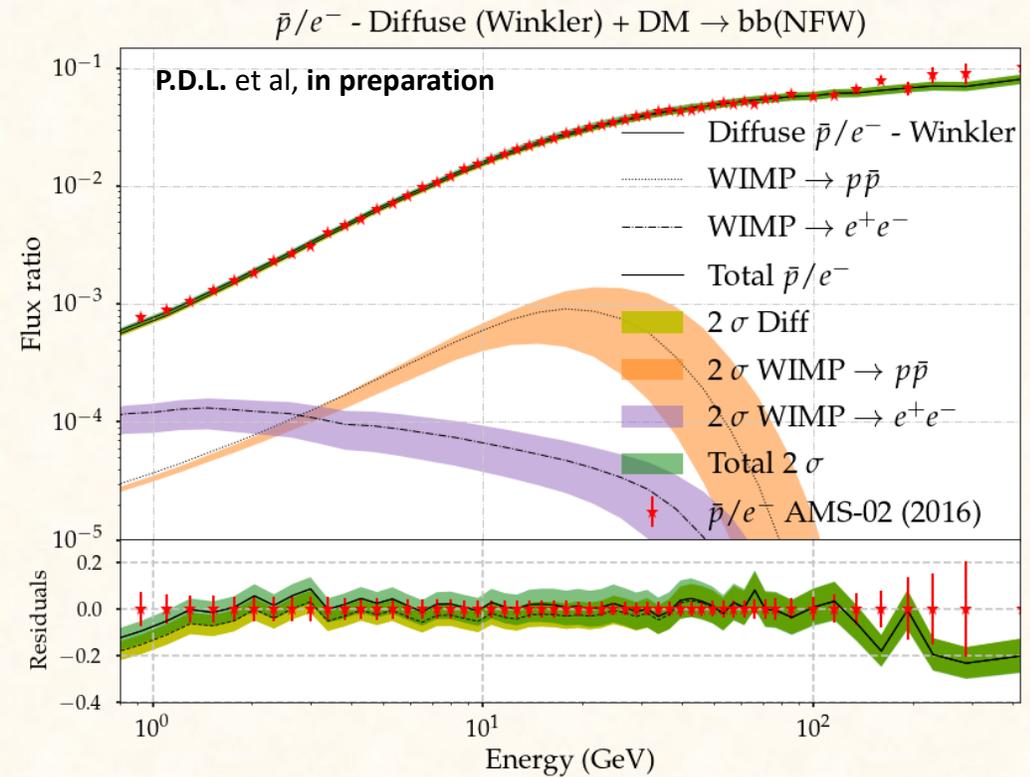
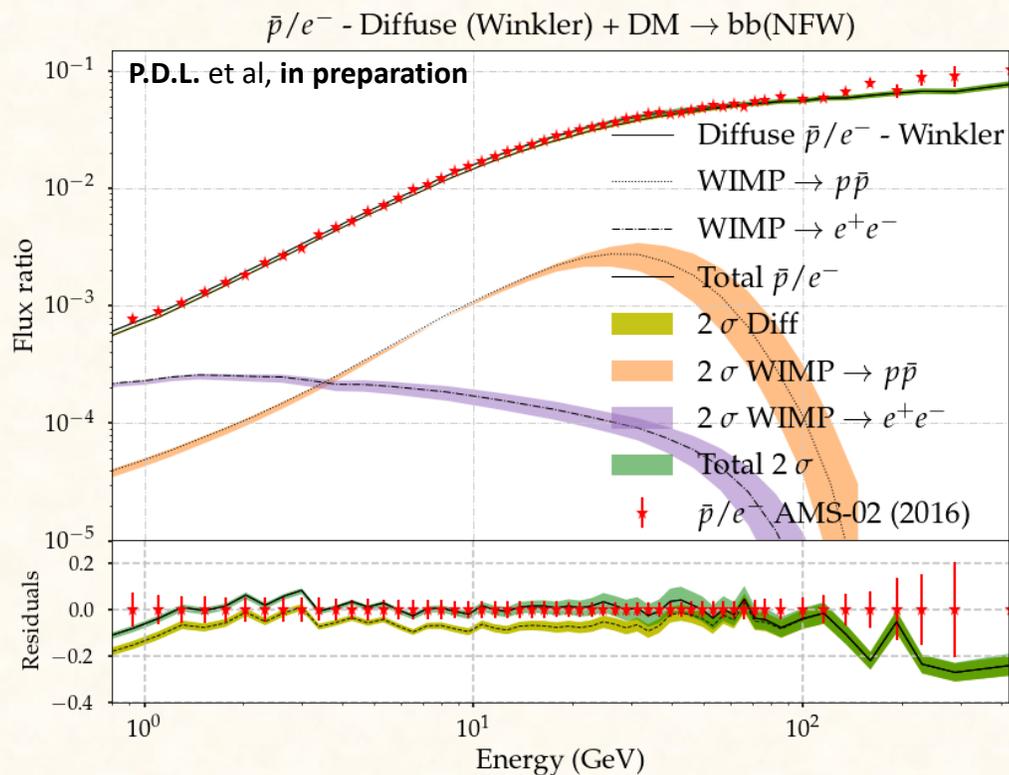
Flatter residuals lead to mass and annihilation rate larger with the new set of data from AMS-02



# Antiproton *excesses* – *The grammage excess*

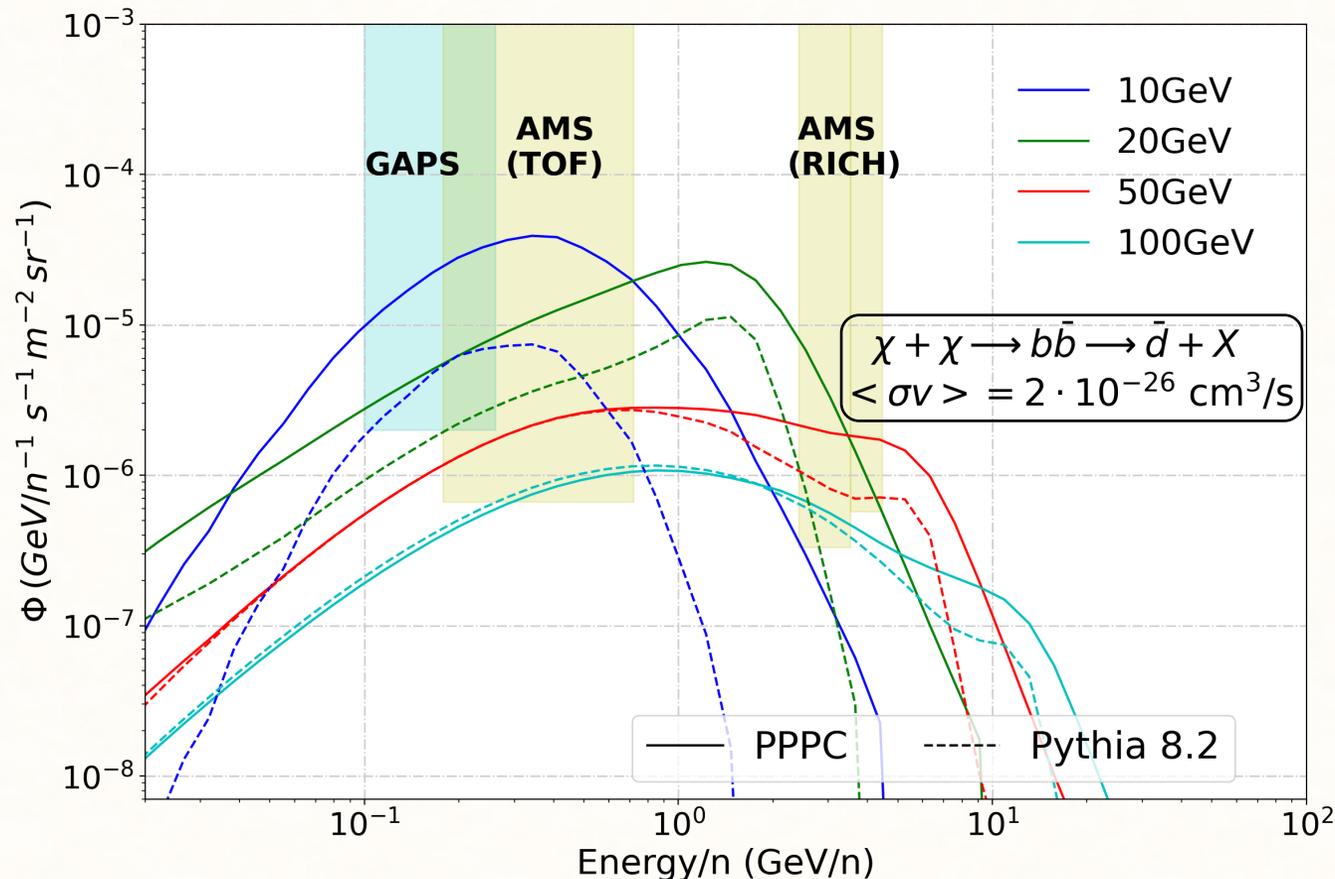
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# Anti-nuclei as the dark matter smoking gun

The window to prove (or disprove) many possible astrophysical excesses



## Astrophysical DM excesses and hints

GeV excess 30-80 GeV

Anti-p excess 60-160 GeV

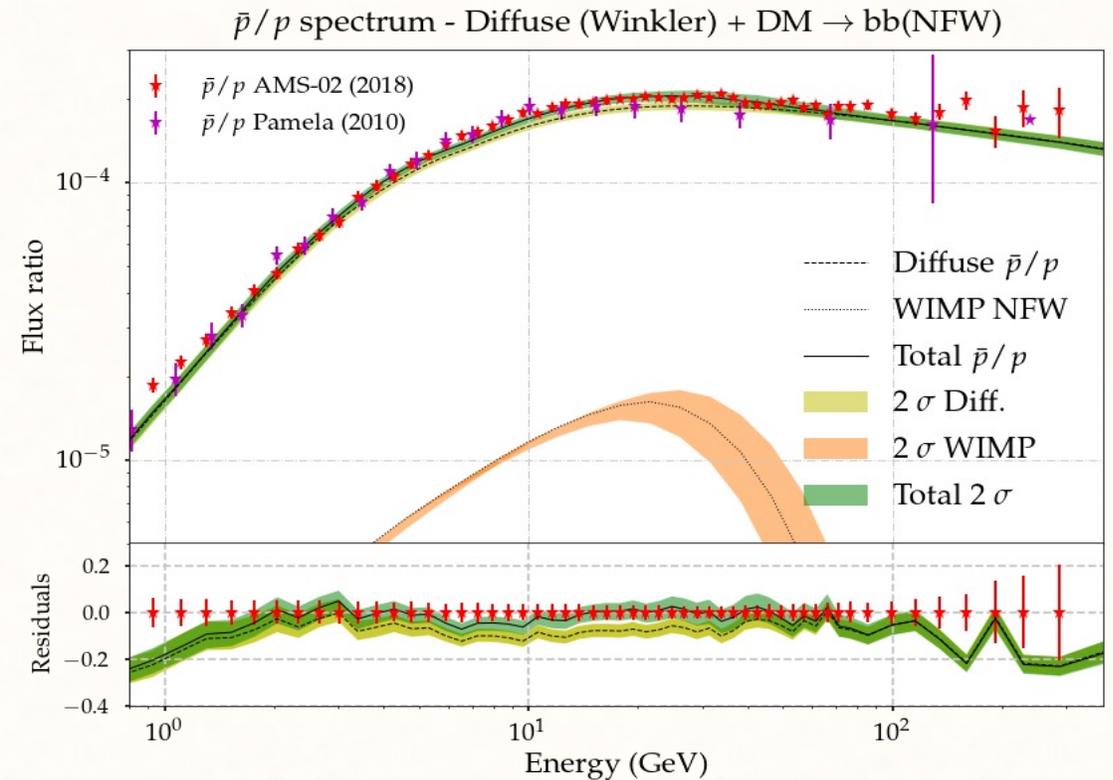
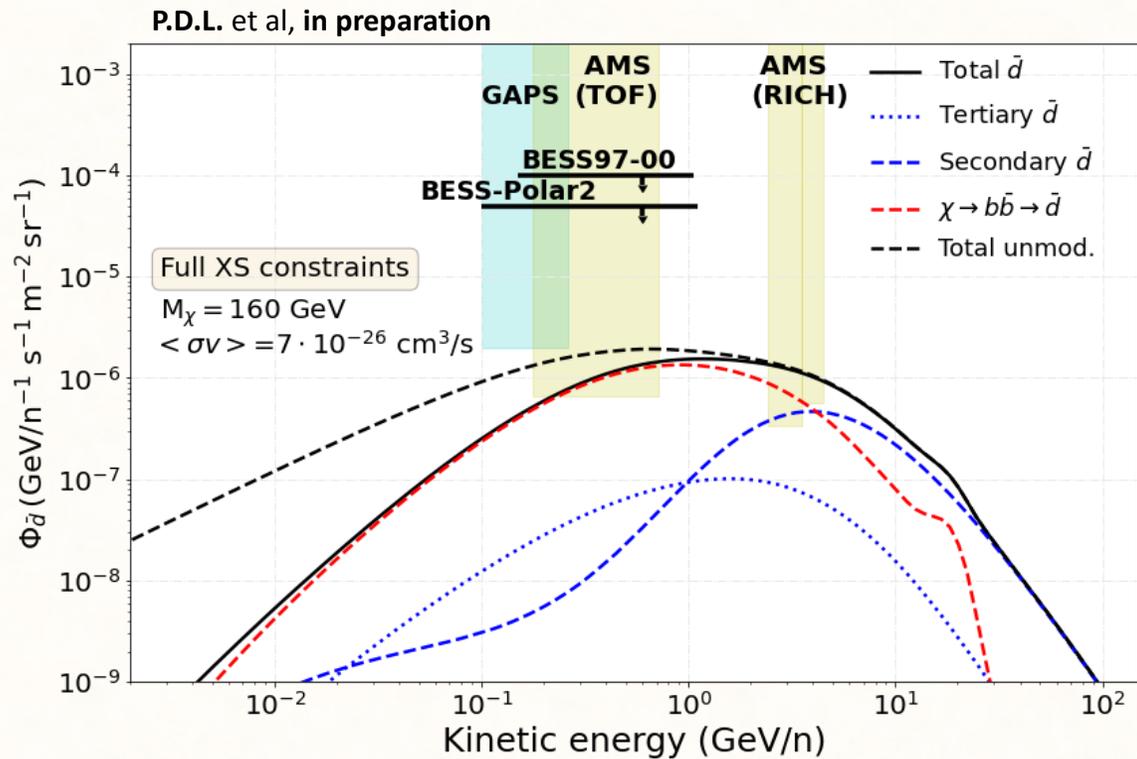
γ-ray lines ~133 GeV

DAMA excess 10-70 GeV

PPPC – M. Cirelli tables:

<http://www.marcocirelli.net/PPPC4DMID.html>

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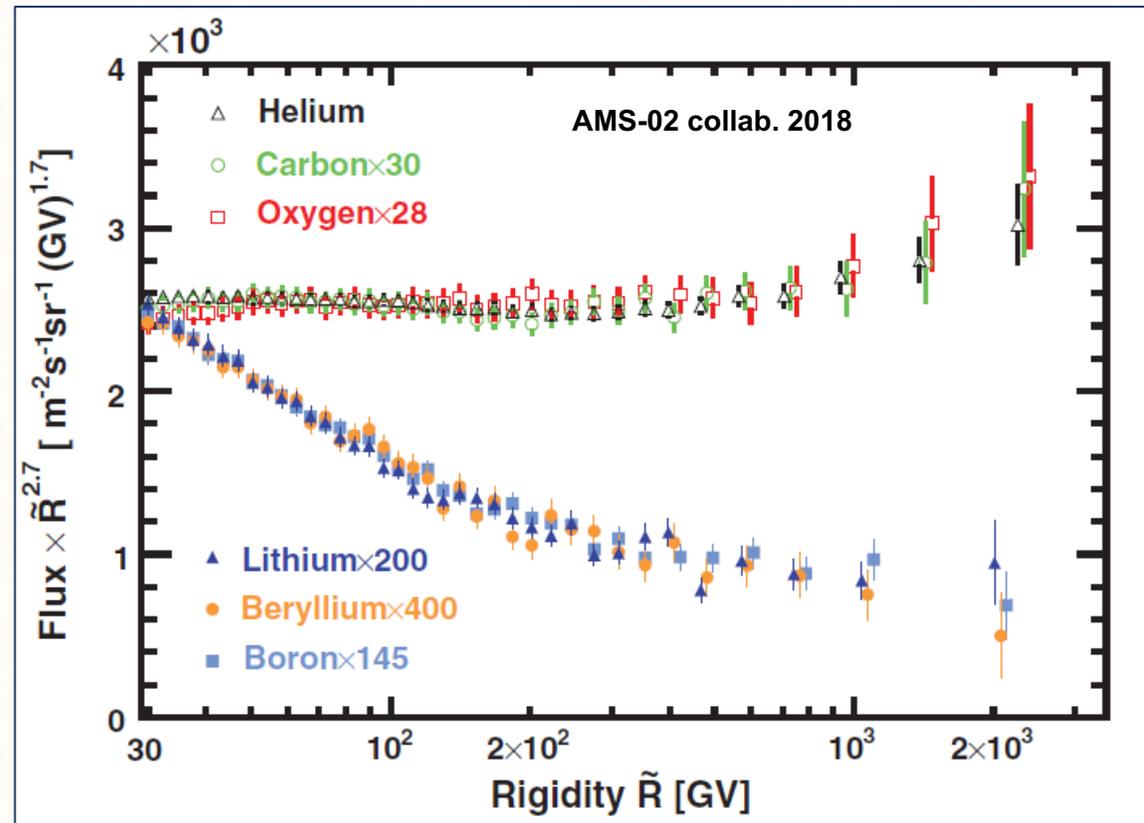
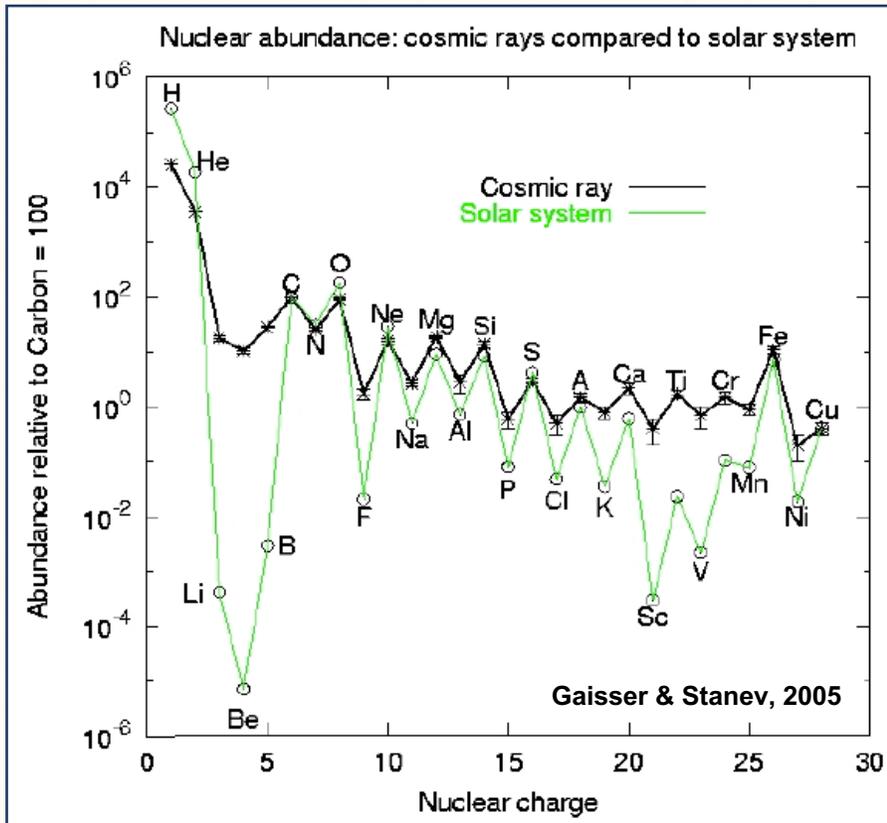
Limits are drawn for: 15 yr of AMS-02 operation and 35 days x 3 flights (LDB) for GAPS



*Primary CRs are accelerated in astrophysical sources (presumably SNRs) and propagate throughout the Galaxy, occasionally interacting with gas in the disc of the Galaxy, and there they produce secondary nuclei through spallation.*

Abundance of secondary nuclei explained if CRs propagate for hundred millions of years

Secondary CRs offer a sensitive tool to infer the grammage traversed by these particles



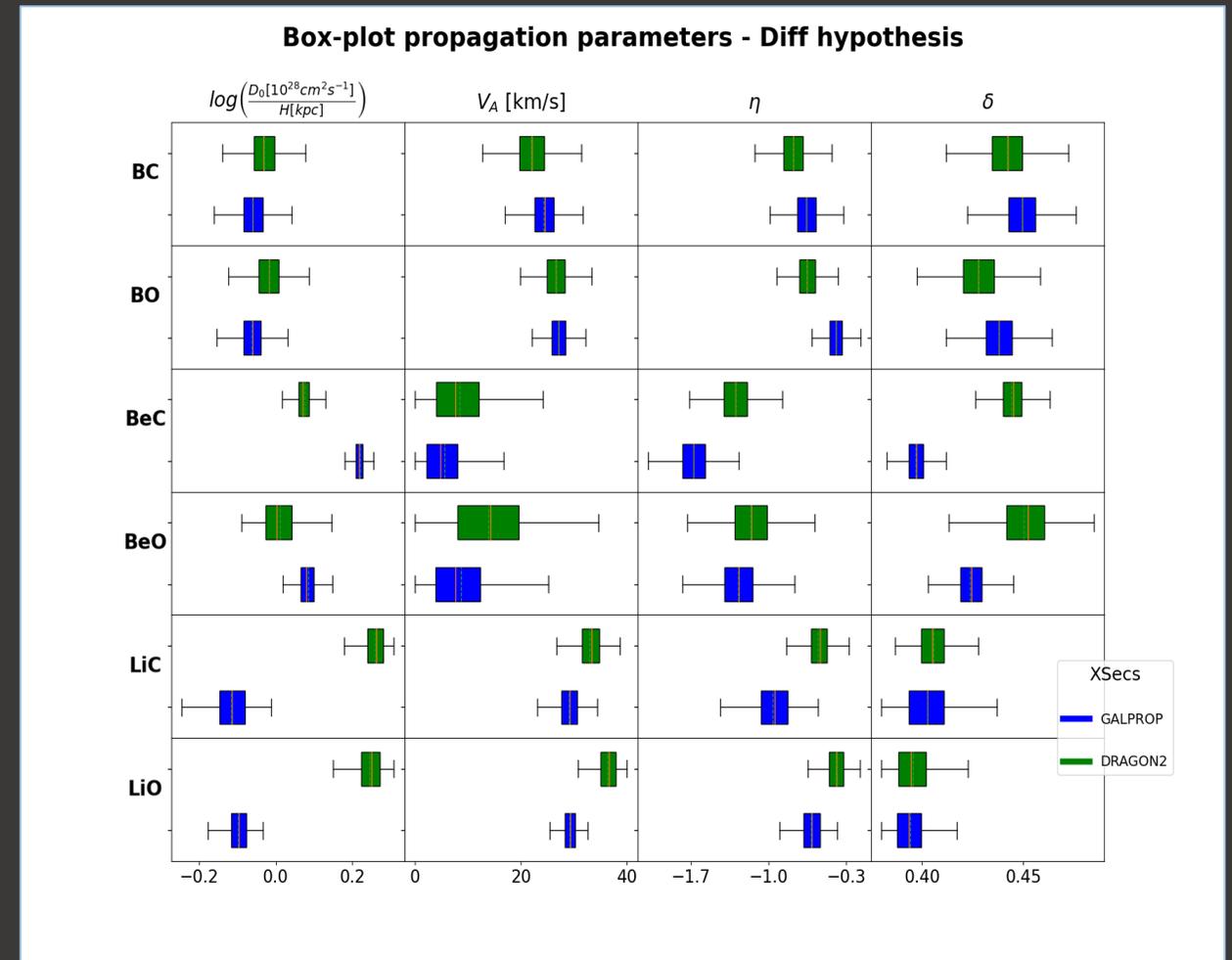
# Determination of propagation parameters

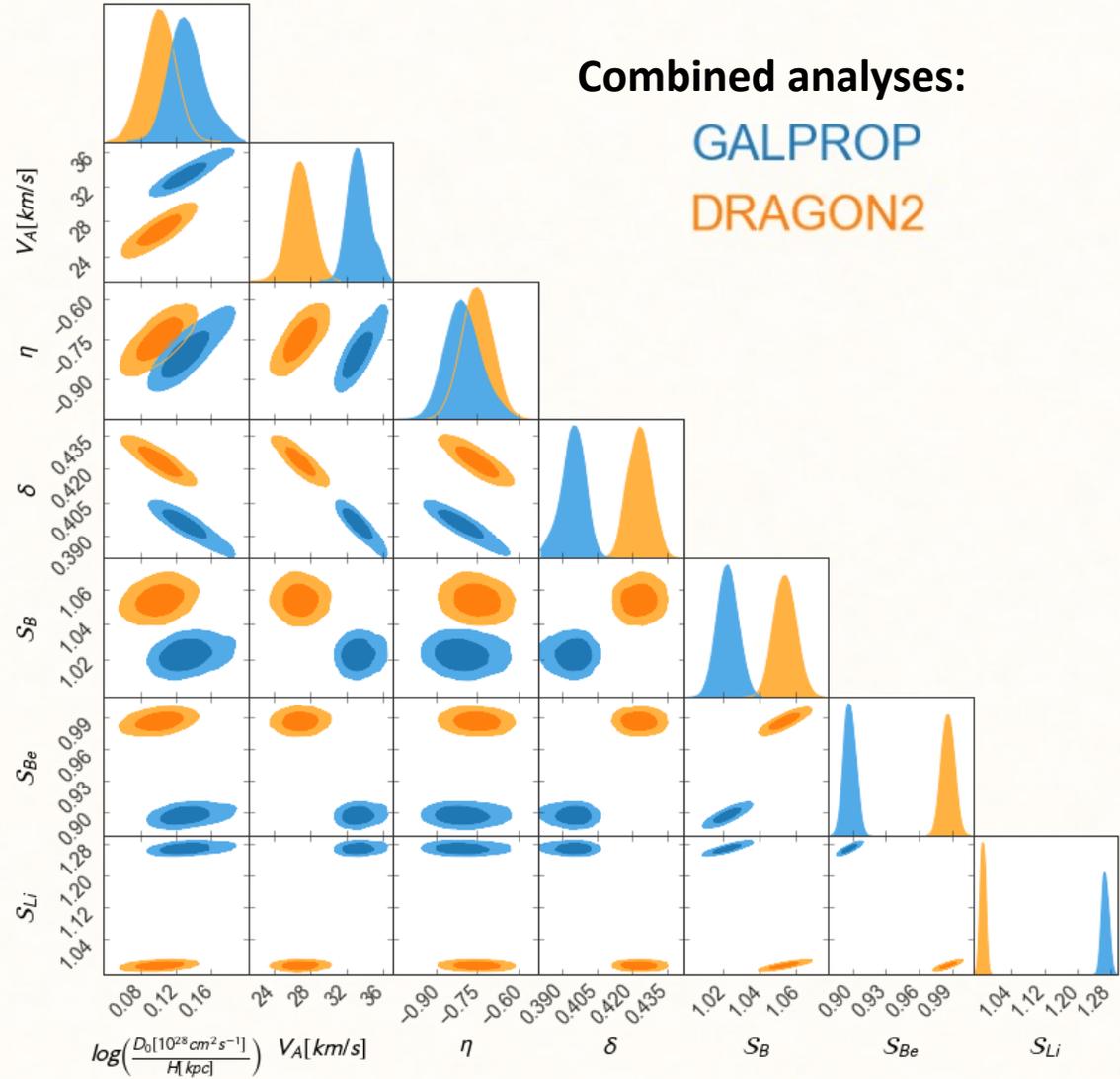
**Combined analyses are needed!**

- Negative  $\eta$  values  $\rightarrow$  Wave dissipation
- $V_A$  compatible with  $\sim 20$ -30 km/s
- Large dispersion of  $\delta$ : 0.39 – 0.46,  
(specially hard for Li ratios)

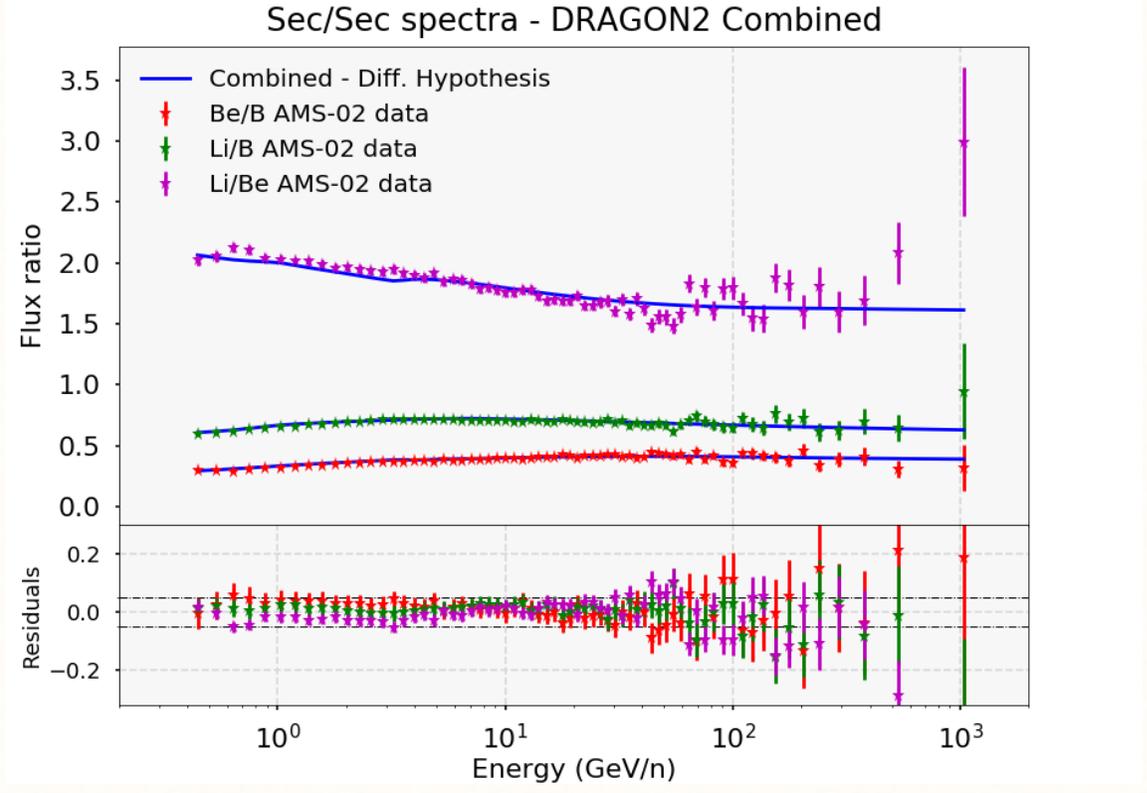
$$\Delta\delta=0.14, R_b=312 \text{ GV}, R_0=4\text{GV}$$

$$D(R) = D_0 \beta^\eta \frac{(R/R_0)^\delta}{\left[1 + (R/R_b)^{\Delta\delta/s}\right]^s}$$

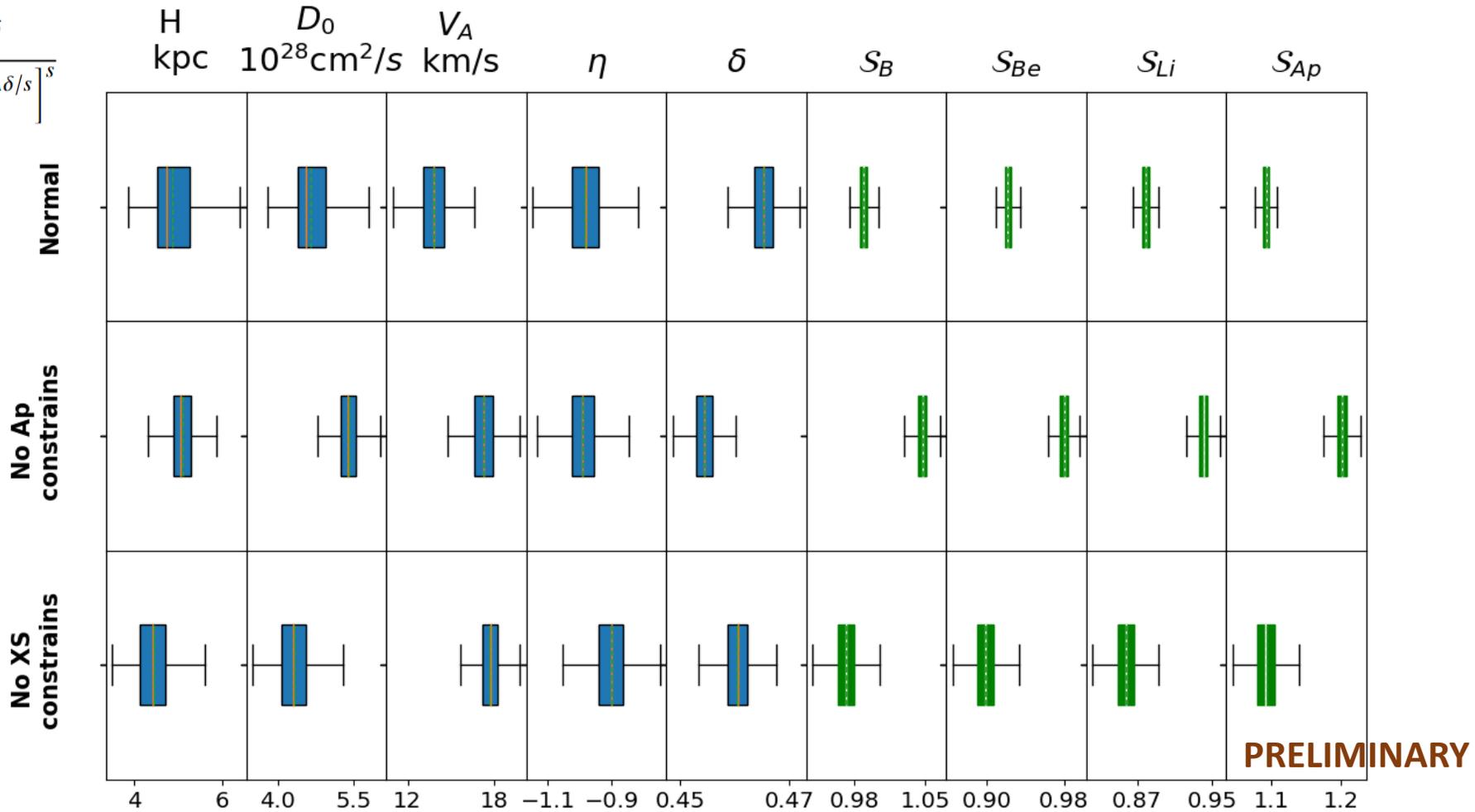




- Propagation parameters seem to be compatible for different cross sections parametrizations
- The spectra of all these ratios become compatible (within  $1 \sigma$  uncertainties) with experimental data for scale factors  $S_X < 1.06$  ( $< 6\%$  scale)



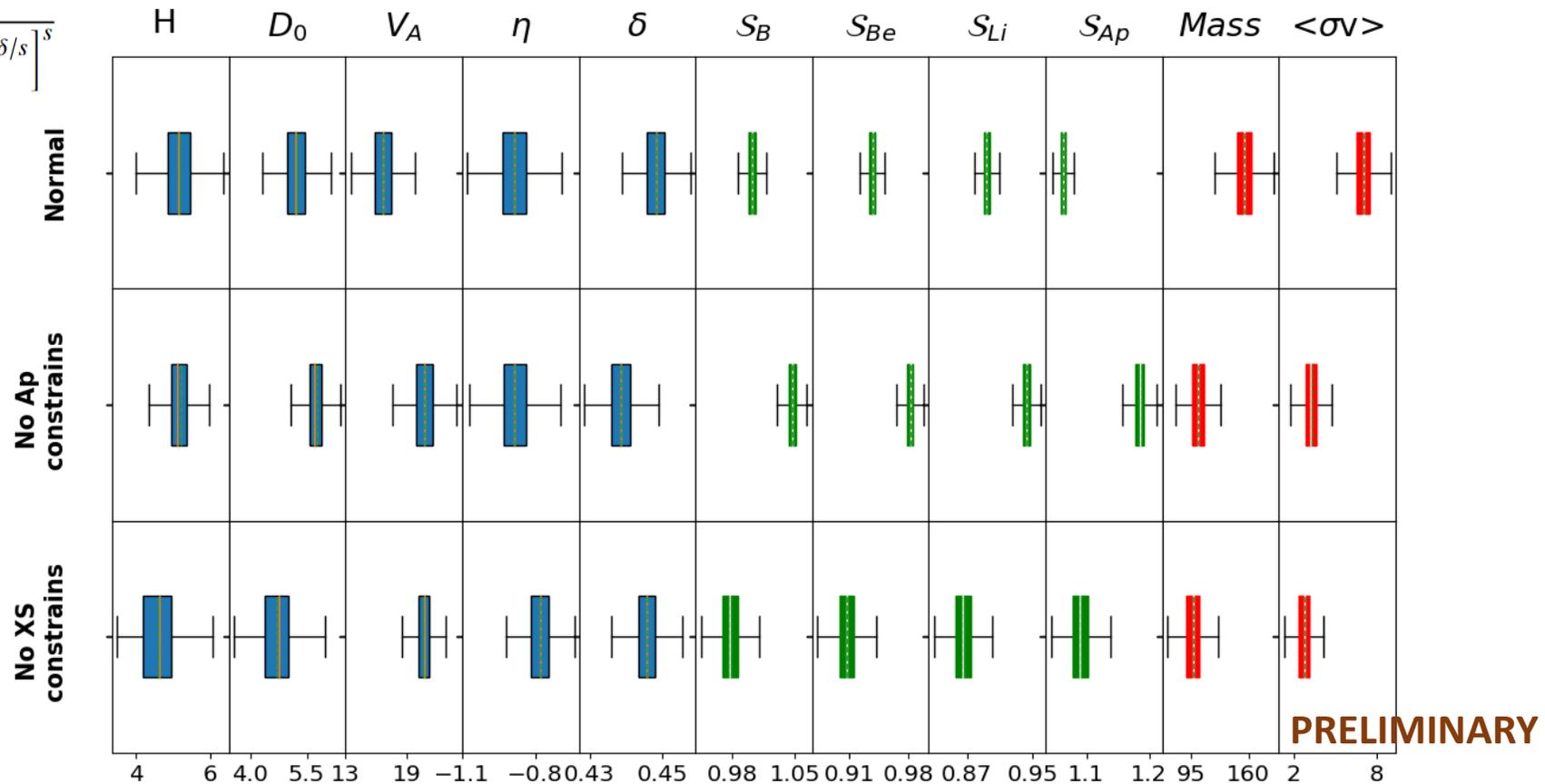
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The predicted parameters associated to the energy dependence of the diffusion coefficient are compatible even within 1 $\sigma$  uncertainty

Main change is found in the normalization of the diffusion coefficient and H parameters  $\rightarrow$  Prior constrains in cross sections only affect the normalization of the predicted grammage

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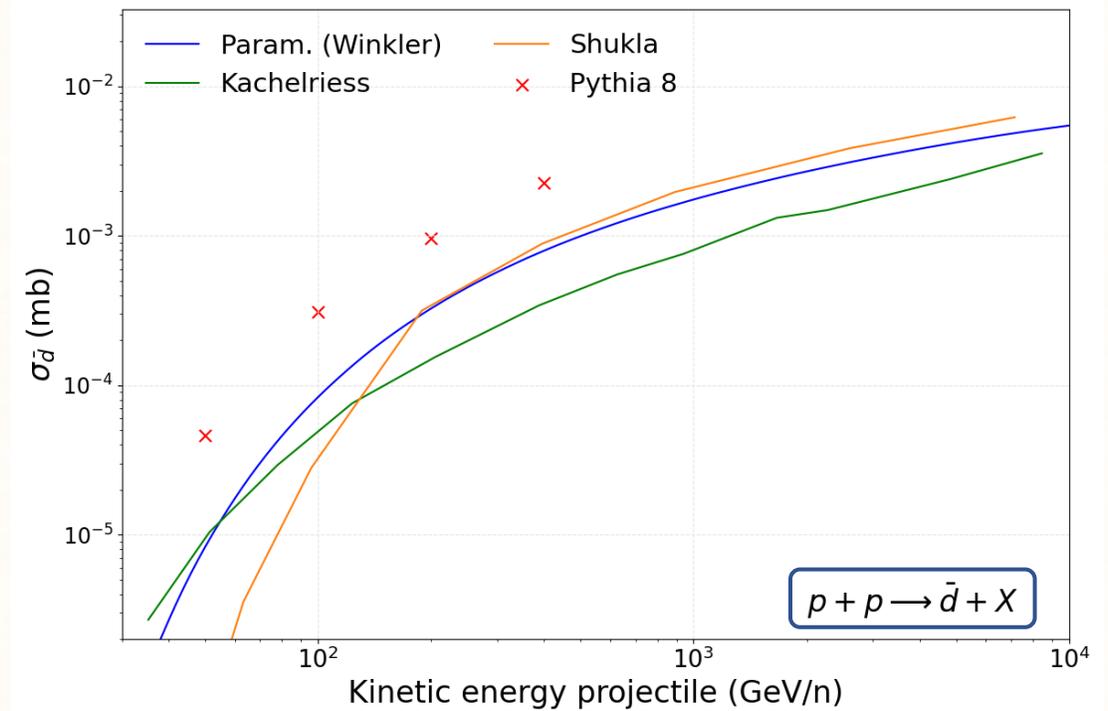
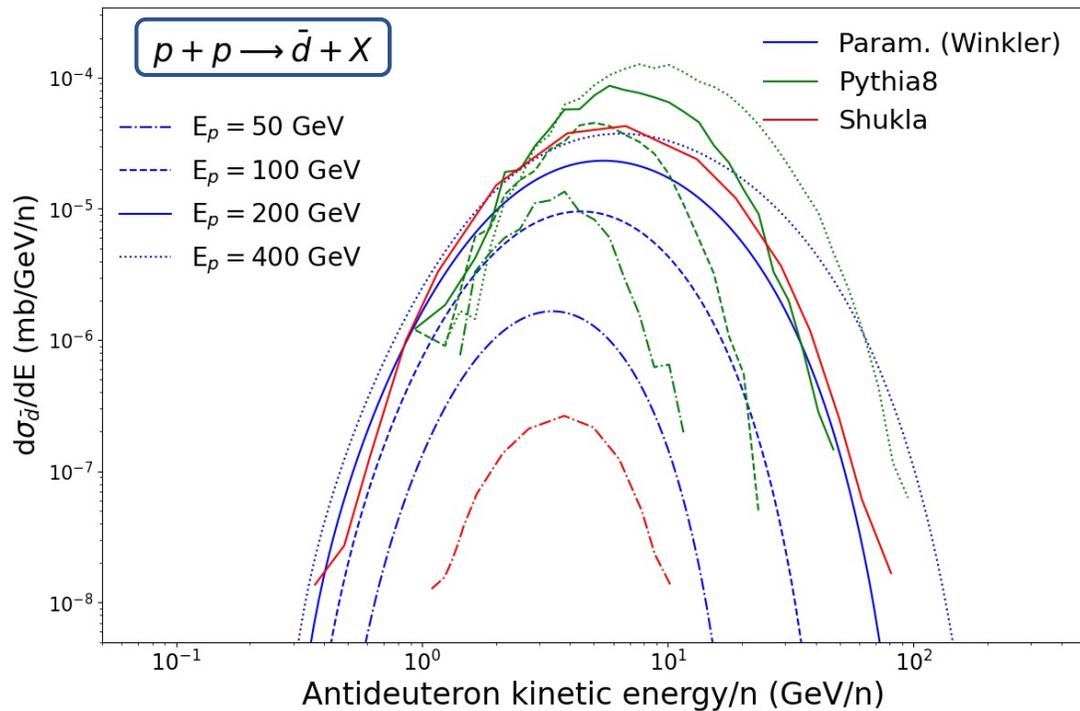
Propagation parameters are again very similar in every analysis and similar to the parameters found in the analyses without including dark matter component.

DM masses are slightly bigger than usually reported, due to the use of 2018 data-set

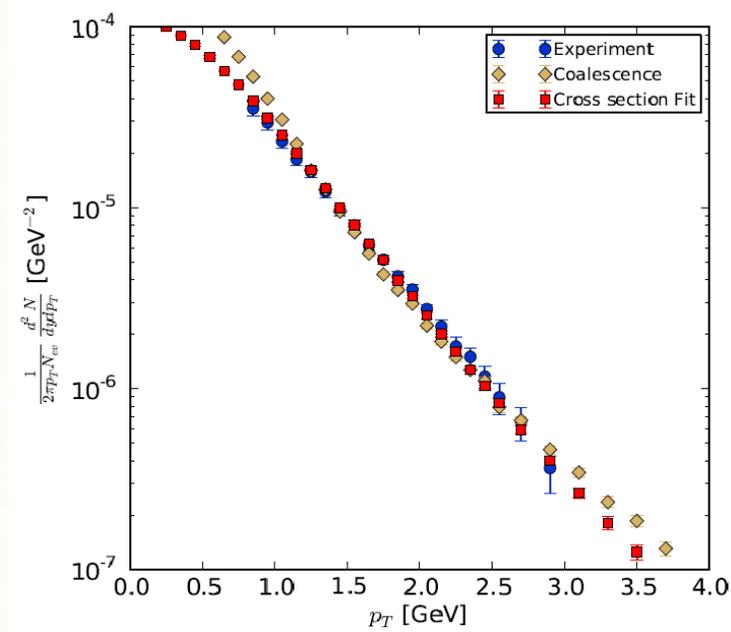
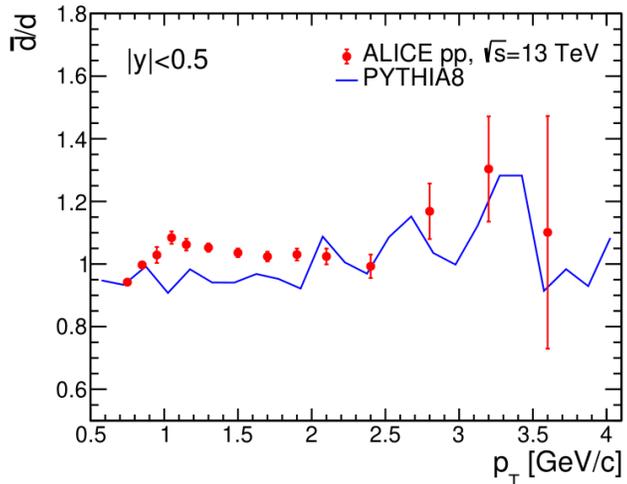
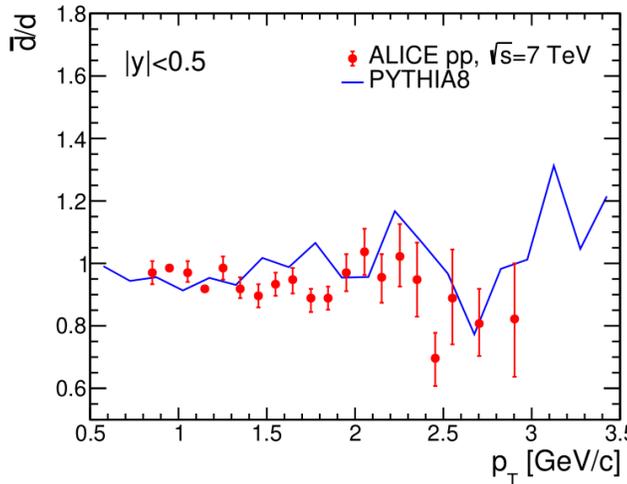
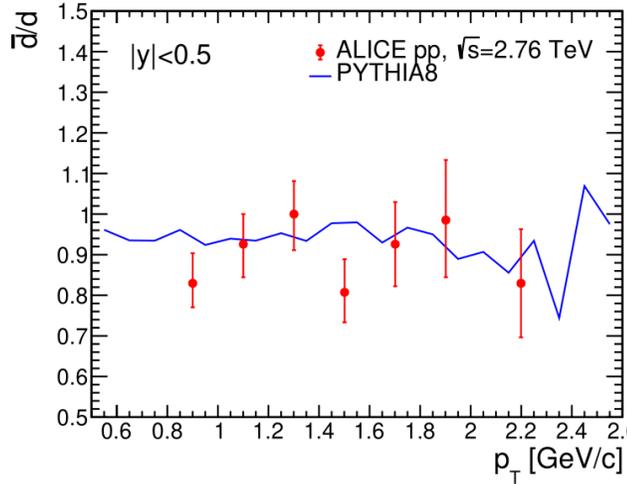
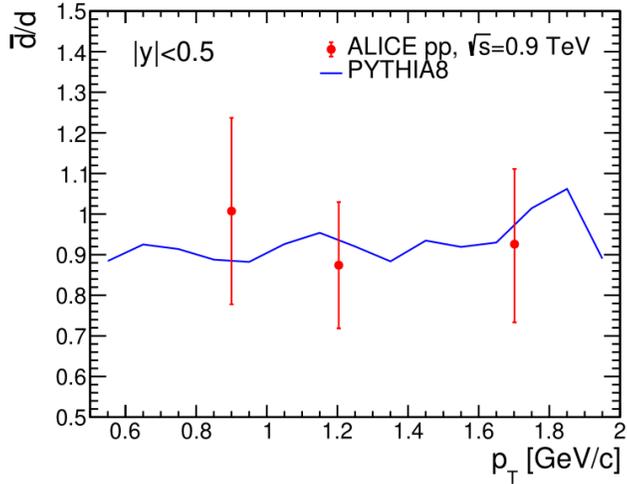
Scale factors are statistically needed. The case with no cross sections prior constrains finds (unsurprisingly) similar results as earlier analyses taking into account the full uncertainty bands

# Implementation of anti-nuclei propagation in *DRAGON2*

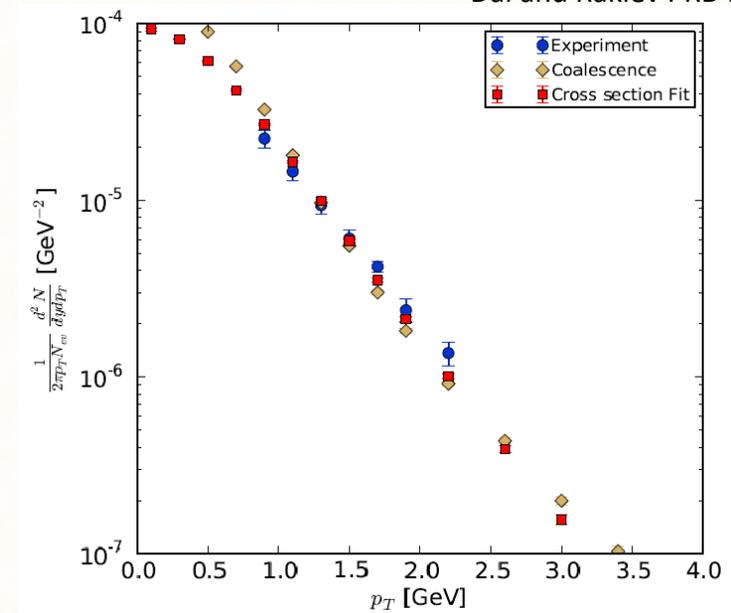
Cross sections of antinuclei production are being computed with Pythia8... in progress



# PYTHIA8 cross sections



Dal and Raklev PRD 91, 123536





# Diffusive transport of Galactic cosmic rays

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (-D \nabla N_i - \vec{v}_\omega N_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{N_i}{p^2} \right) \right] = Q_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \dot{p} N_i - \frac{p}{3} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}_\omega N_i) \right]$$

$$- \frac{N_i}{\tau_i^f} + \sum \Gamma_{j \rightarrow i}^s (N_j) - \frac{N_i}{\tau_i^r} + \sum \frac{N_j}{\tau_{j \rightarrow i}^r}$$

Secondary-to-primary ratios are key to evaluate the diffusion coefficient

**Diffusion coefficient** ( $D \propto 1/\tau^{\text{diff}}$ )

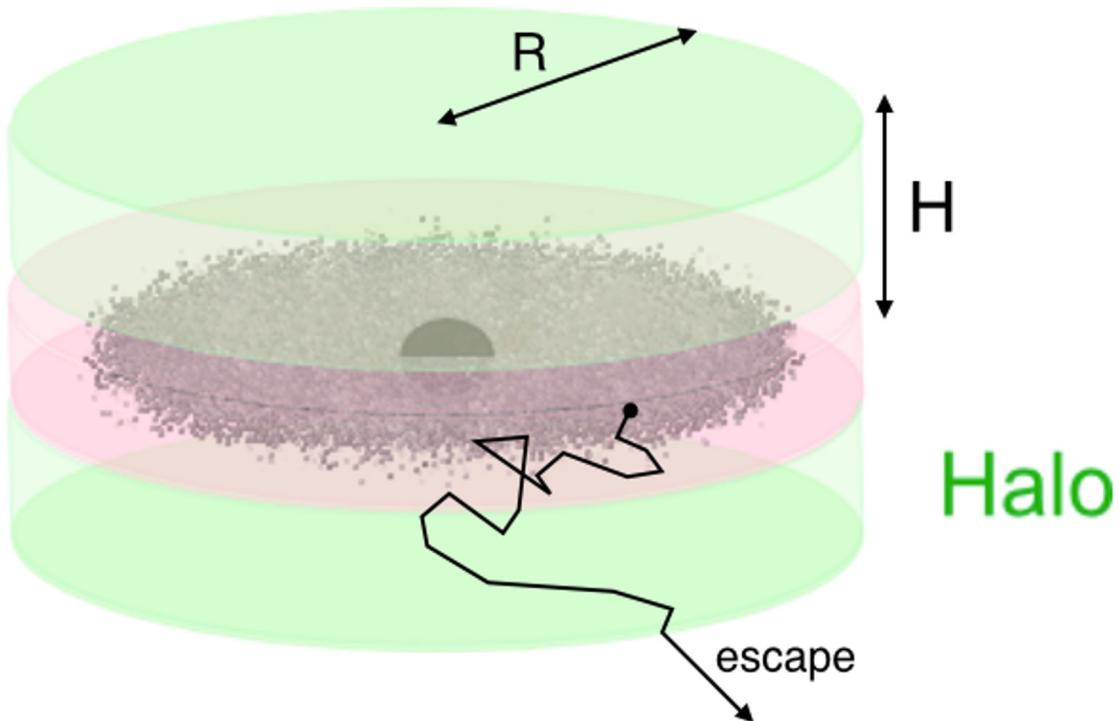
$$N_{\text{pr}} \propto Q_{\text{pr}}(E)/D(E)$$

$$N_{\text{sec}} \propto Q_{\text{sec}}(E)/D(E)$$

$$Q_{\text{sec}} \propto N_{\text{pr}}(E) \sigma(E)$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{sec}}}{N_{\text{pr}}} = \frac{Q_{\text{sec}}}{Q_{\text{pr}}} \sim \sigma(E)/D(E)$$

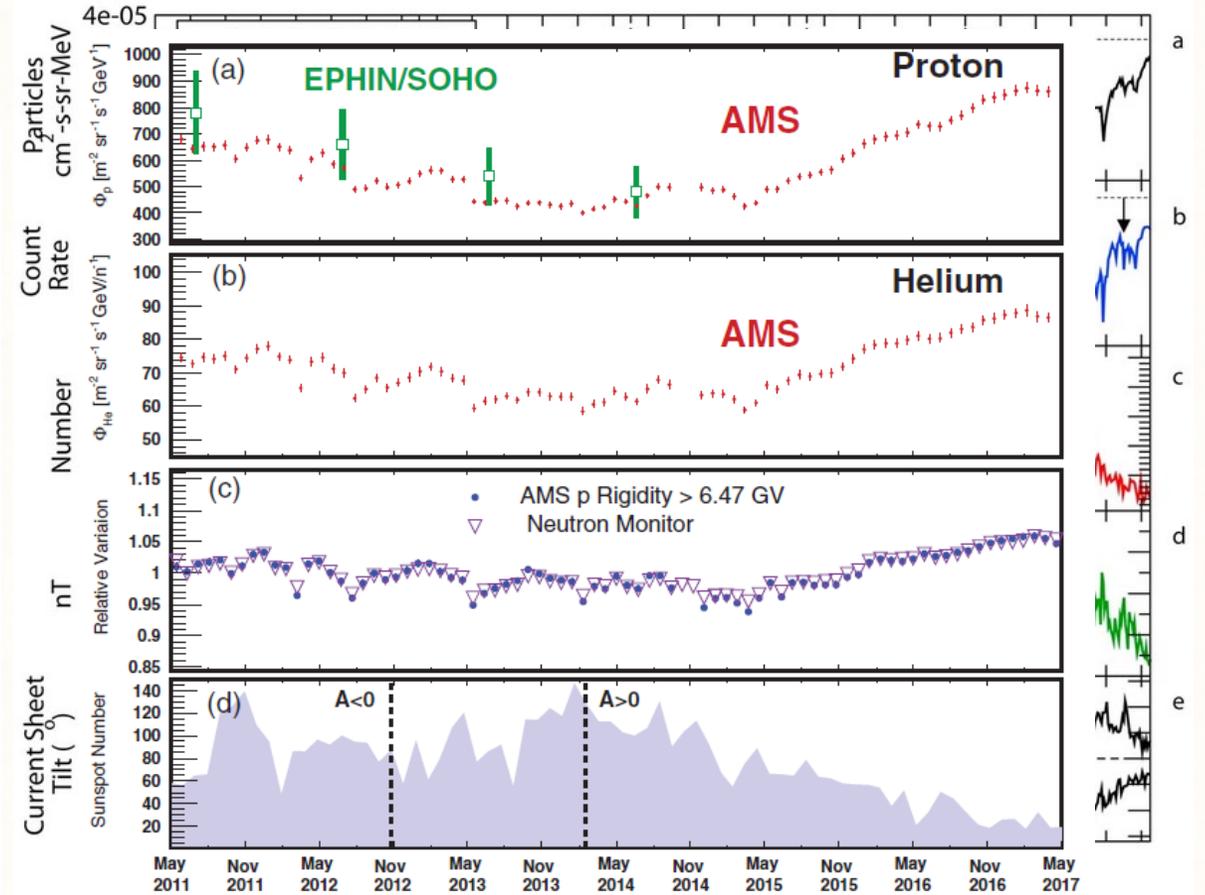
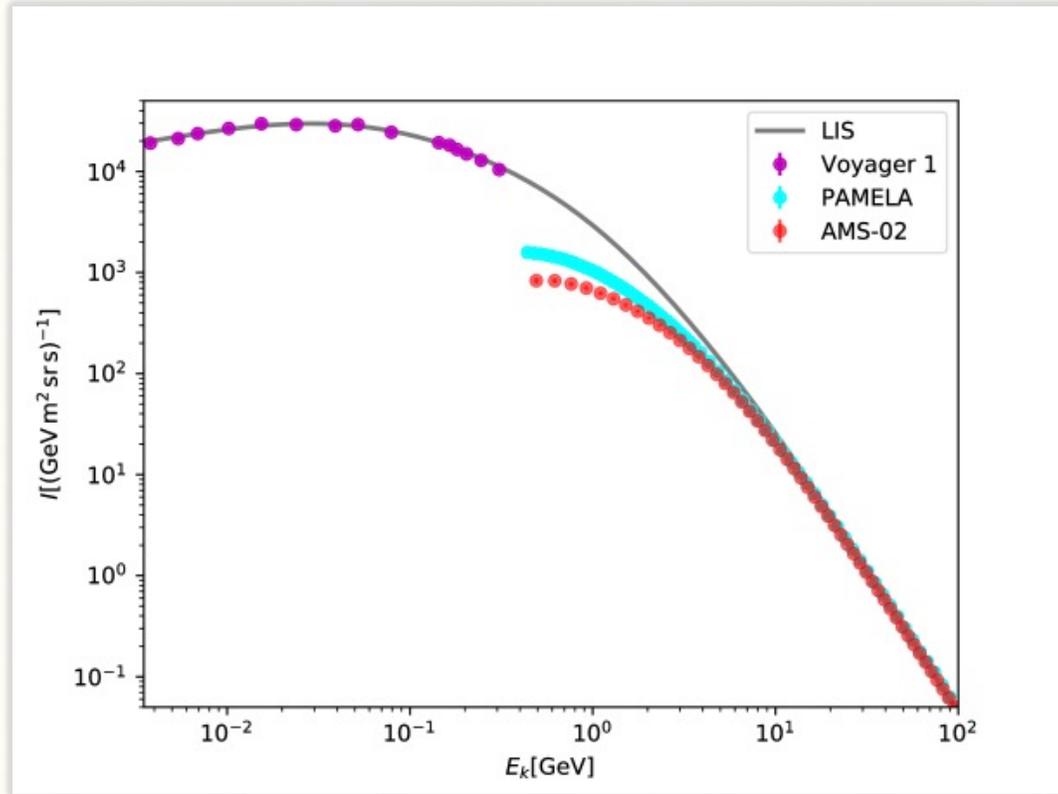
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Complexity of cross sections measurements and the amount of interaction channels involved in the CR network obey us to employ parametrizations

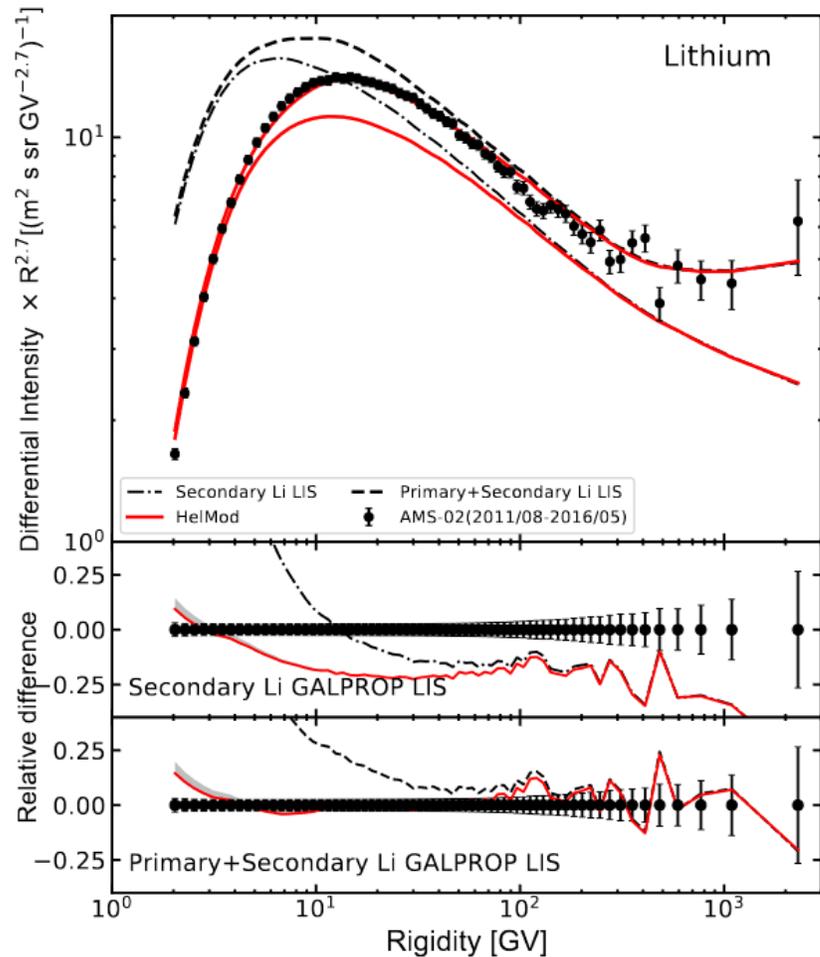
# Solar modulation



- ❖ Detailed heliospheric simulations or Force-Field approximation
- ❖ Neutron monitor experiments + Voyager-01 data

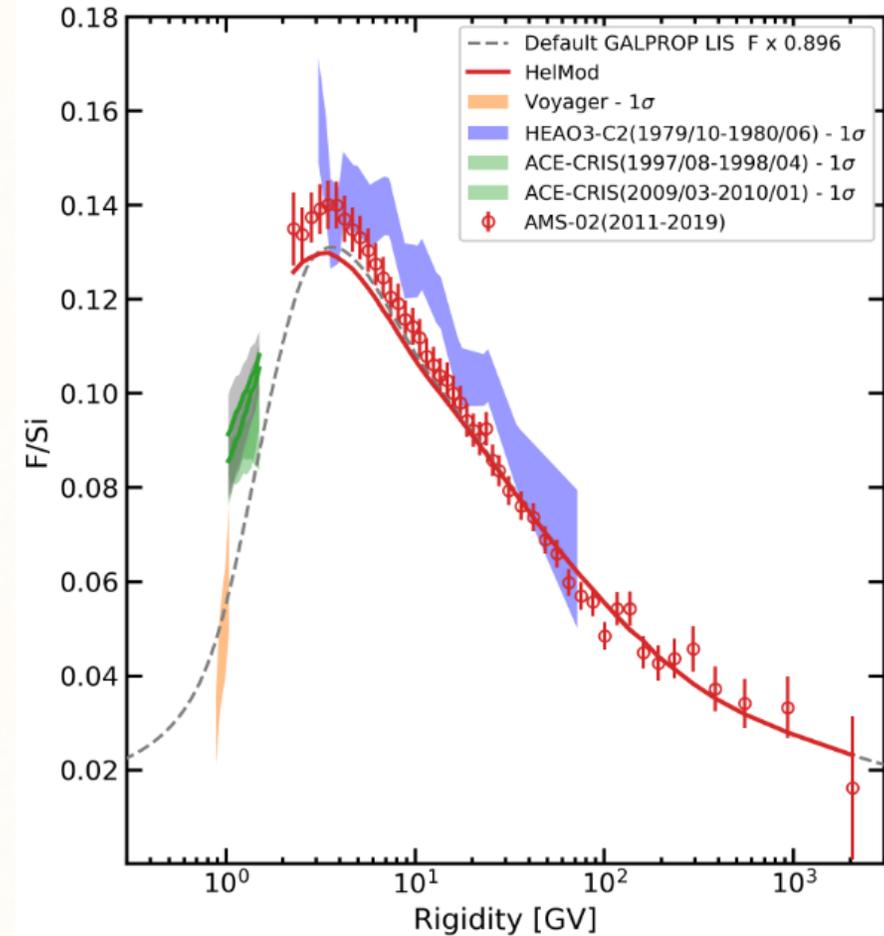
$$\Phi^{\text{TOA}}(T) = \frac{2mT + T^2}{2m \left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right) + \left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right)^2} \Phi^{\text{IS}}\left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right)$$

# Extra contributions of secondary CRs?

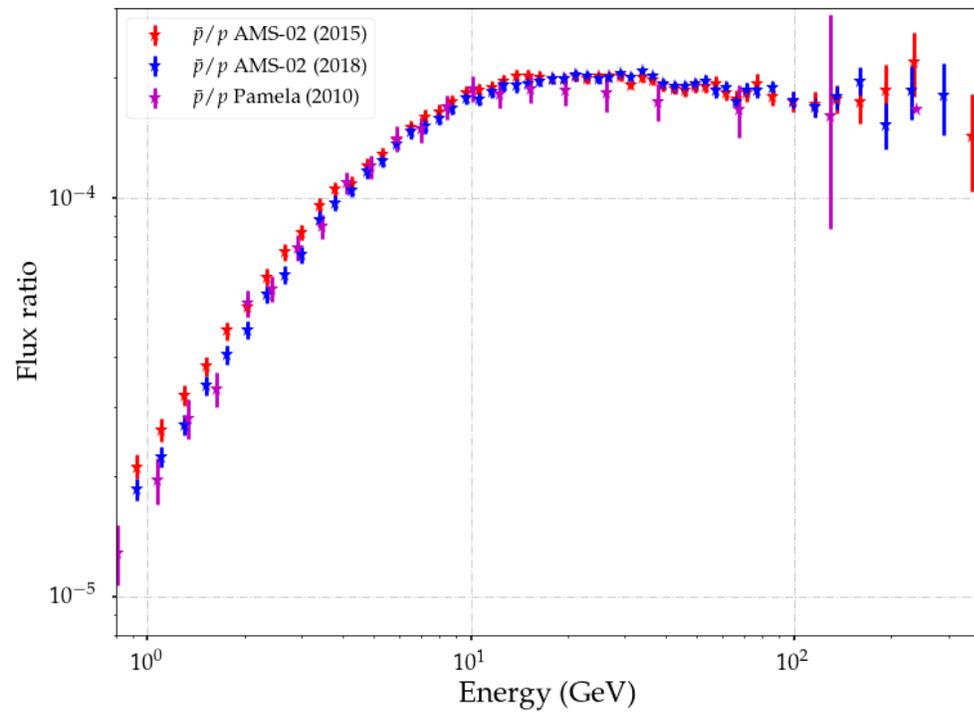


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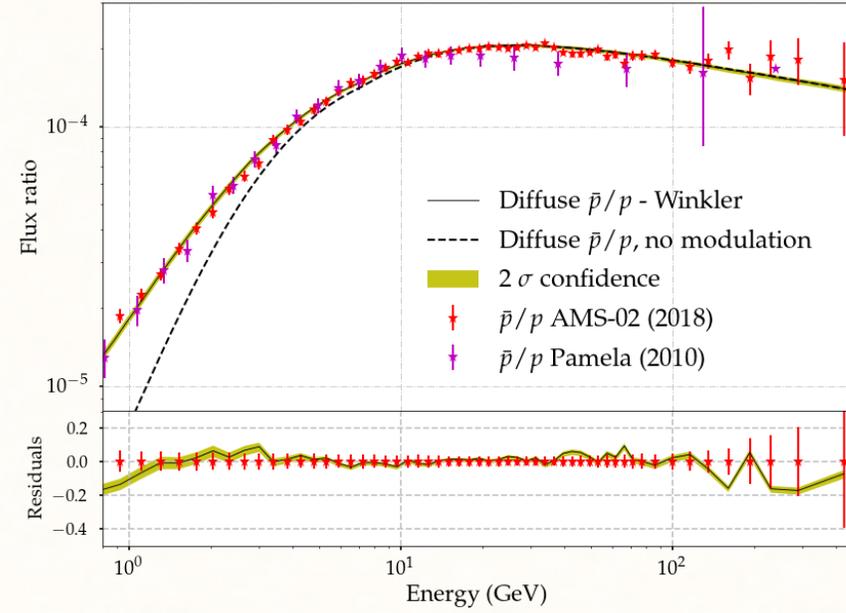
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$\bar{p}/p$  spectrum - Comparison



$\bar{p}/p$  spectrum - Winkler analysis



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