

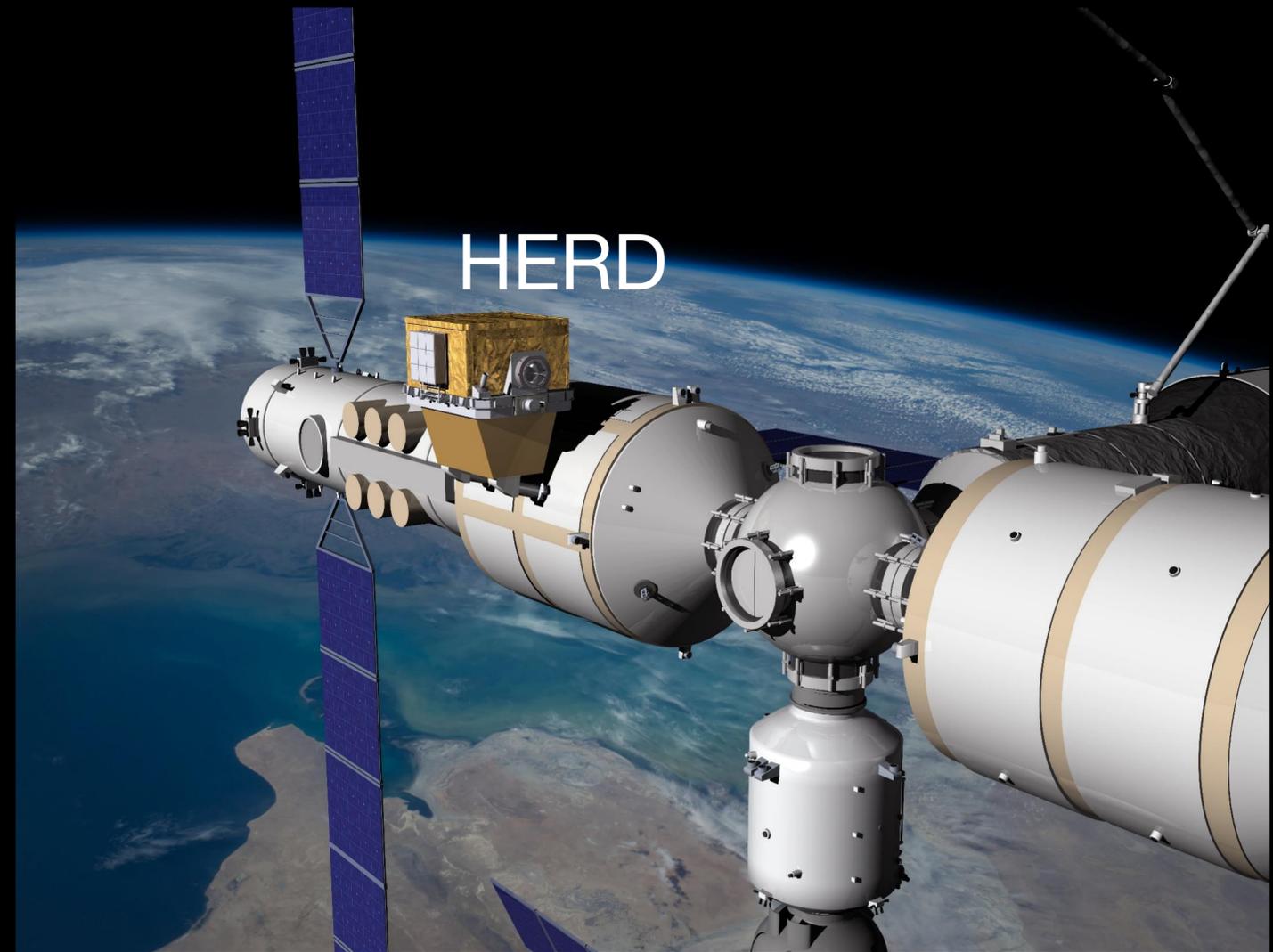
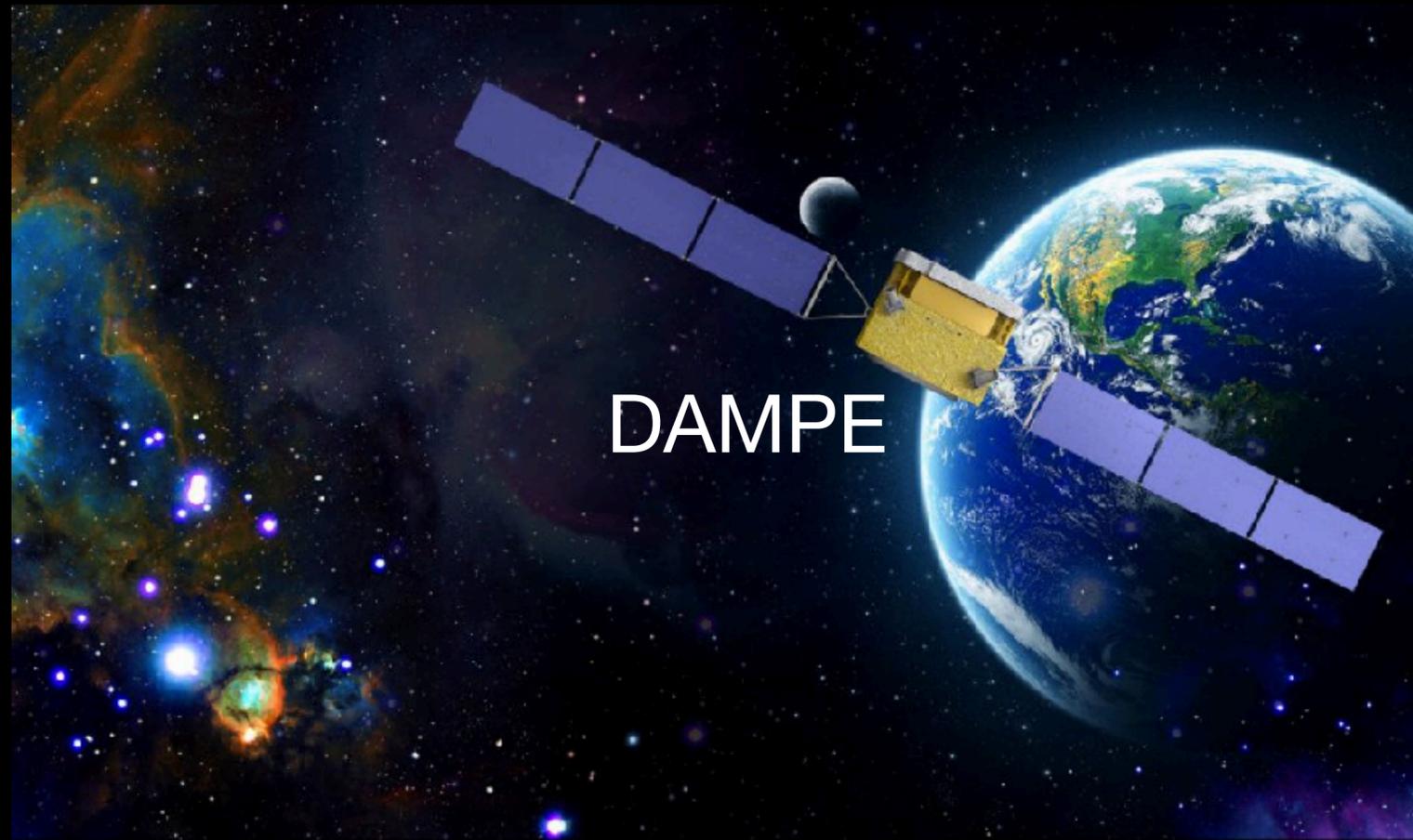


# Direct Detection of TeV—PeV Cosmic Rays in Space



# Chapter I

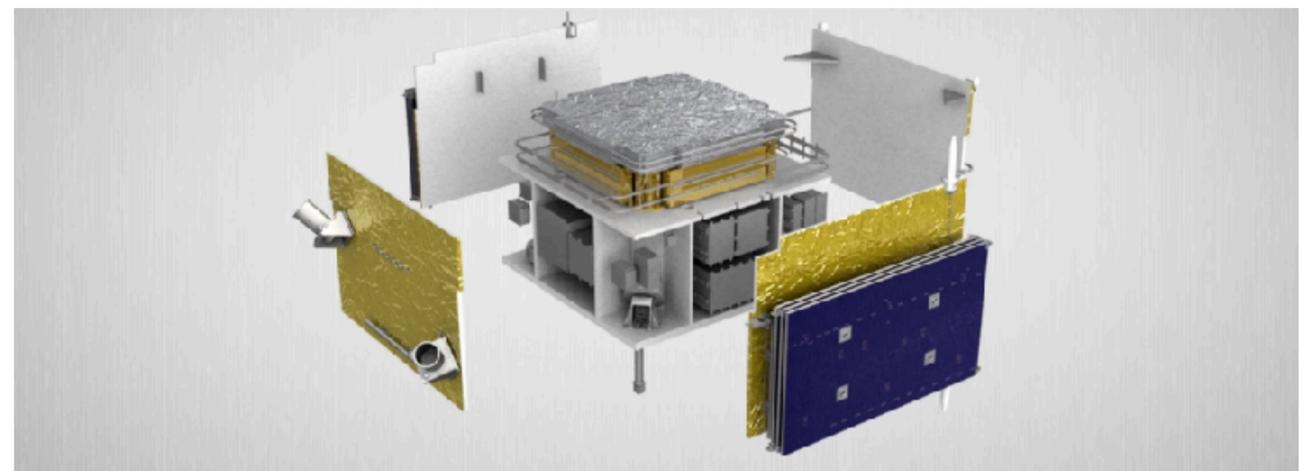
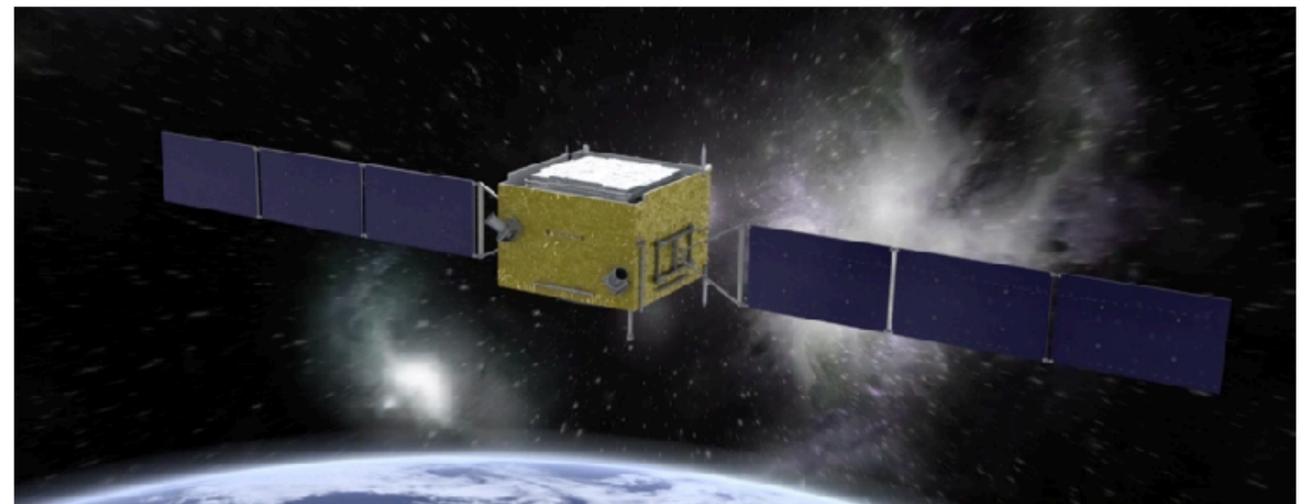
# Instruments



# DArk Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE)

- Launched in **Dec 2015**
- Orbit: sun-synchronous, **500 km**
- Period: **95 min**
- Payload: **1.4 Tonn**
- Power: **~ 400 W**
- Data: **~ 12 GByte / day**

## *Collaboration*



# DARK MATTER PARTICLE EXPLORER (DAMPE)

## BGO

- 31  $X_0$  — thickest in space
- e/ $\gamma$  detection up to **10 TeV**
- p/ions up to **50 GeV — 500 TeV**

## STK

- Position solution  **$\sim 50$  micron**
- $\gamma$  angular resolution  **$0.5^\circ - 0.1^\circ$**  (GeV — TeV)
- Absolute Charge (Z) identification

## PSD

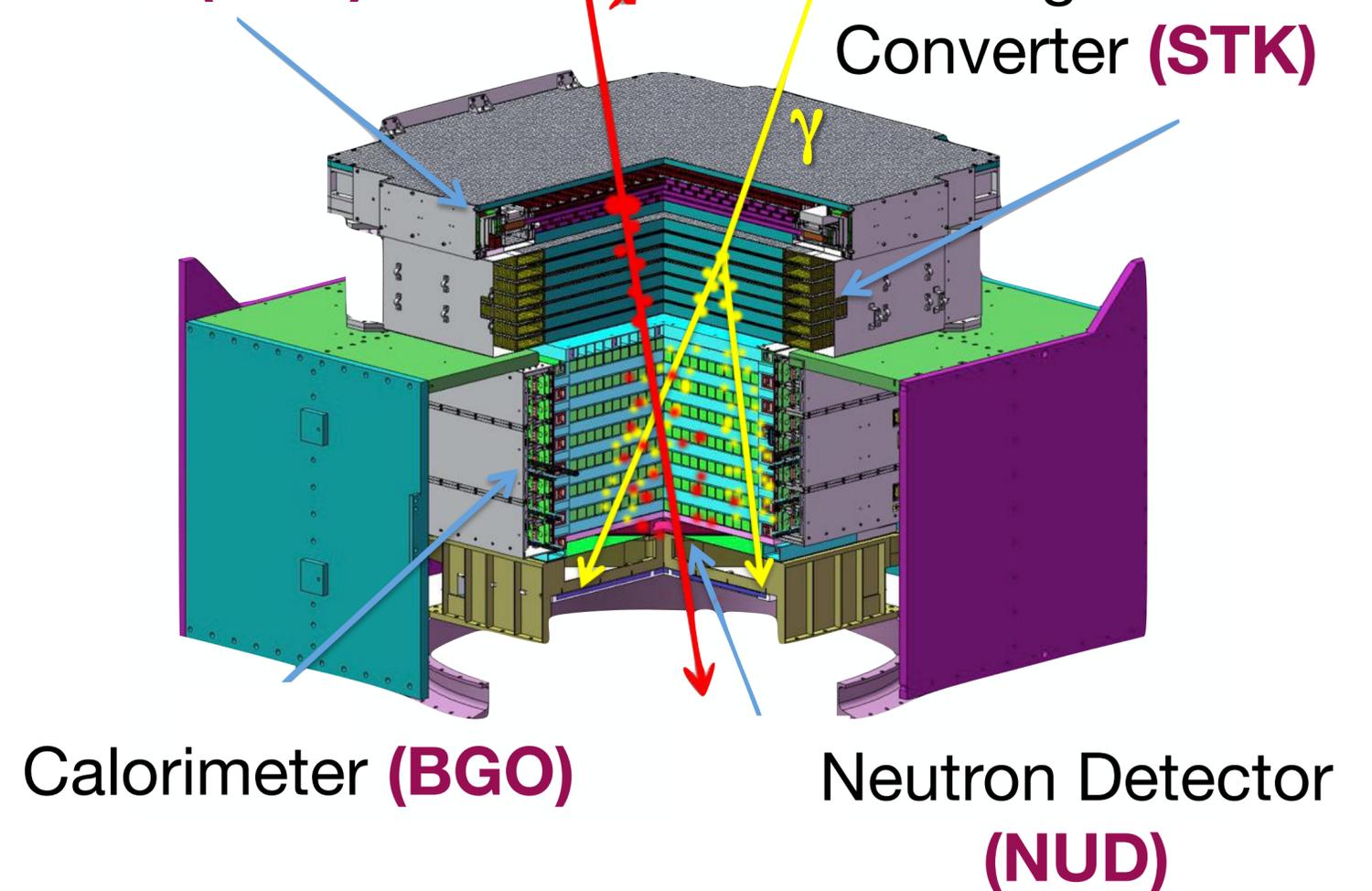
- Z identification up to *Ni* (Z=28)
- $\gamma$  anti-coincidence signal

## NUD

- Additional e/p rejection capability

Plastic Scintillator  
Detector (**PSD**)

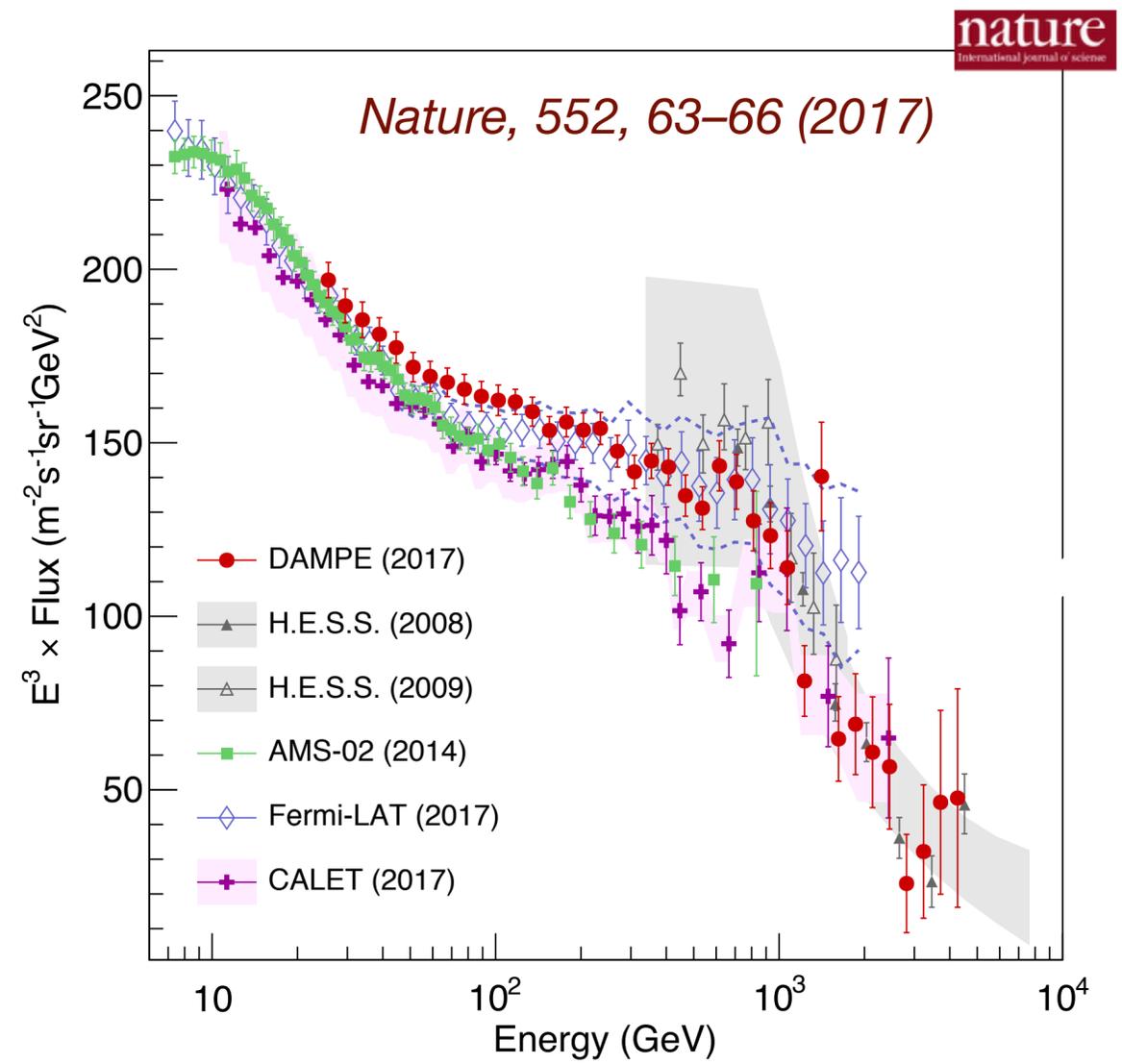
Silicon-Tungsten Tracker  
Converter (**STK**)



# Cosmic Rays (CR) @ DAMPE

## Electrons (+ positrons)

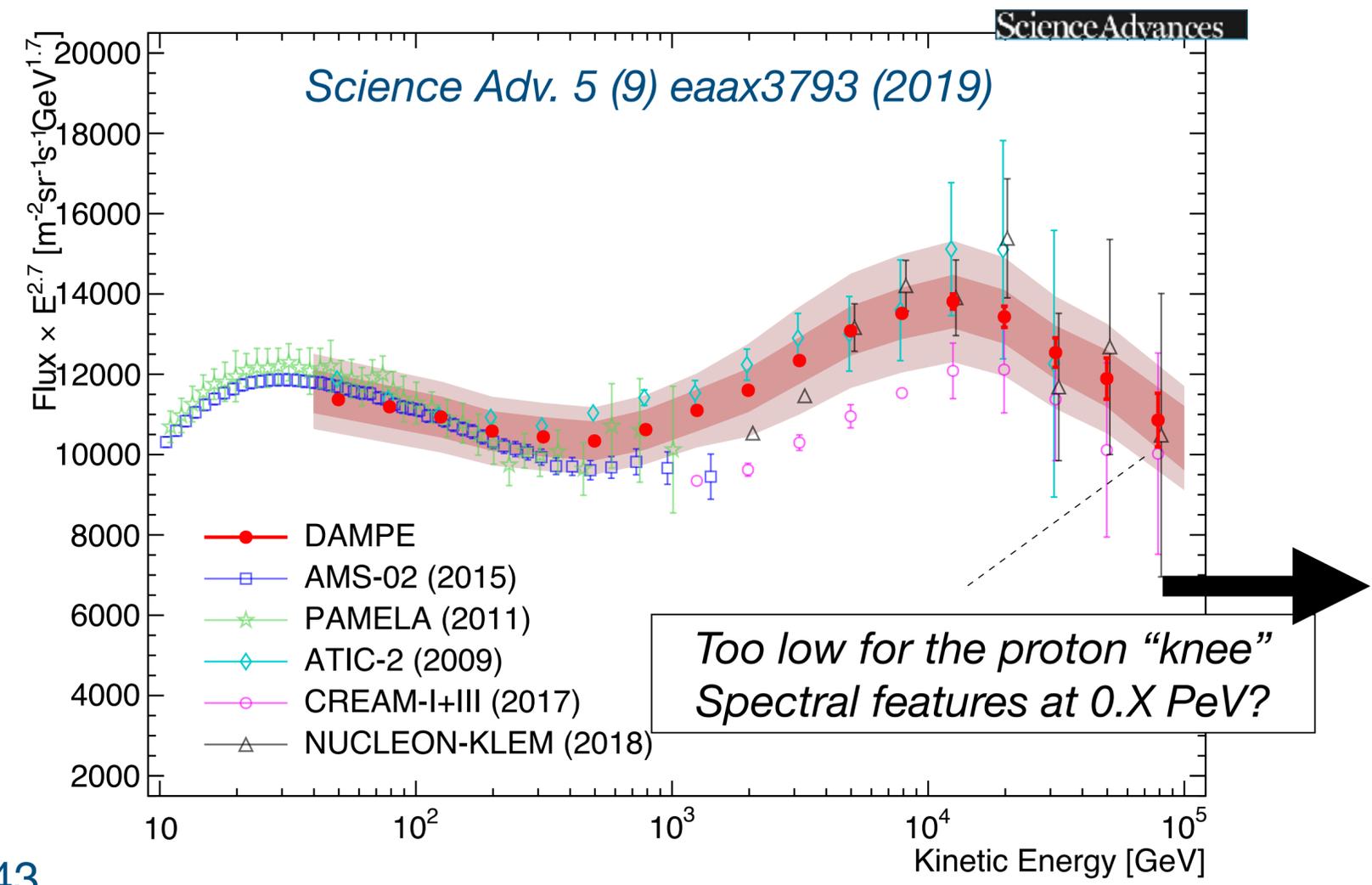
- Direct observation of spectral break



Also solar physics with  $e^+ + e^-$ , see [Astro.J.Lett. 920 \(2021\) 2, L43](#)

## Protons

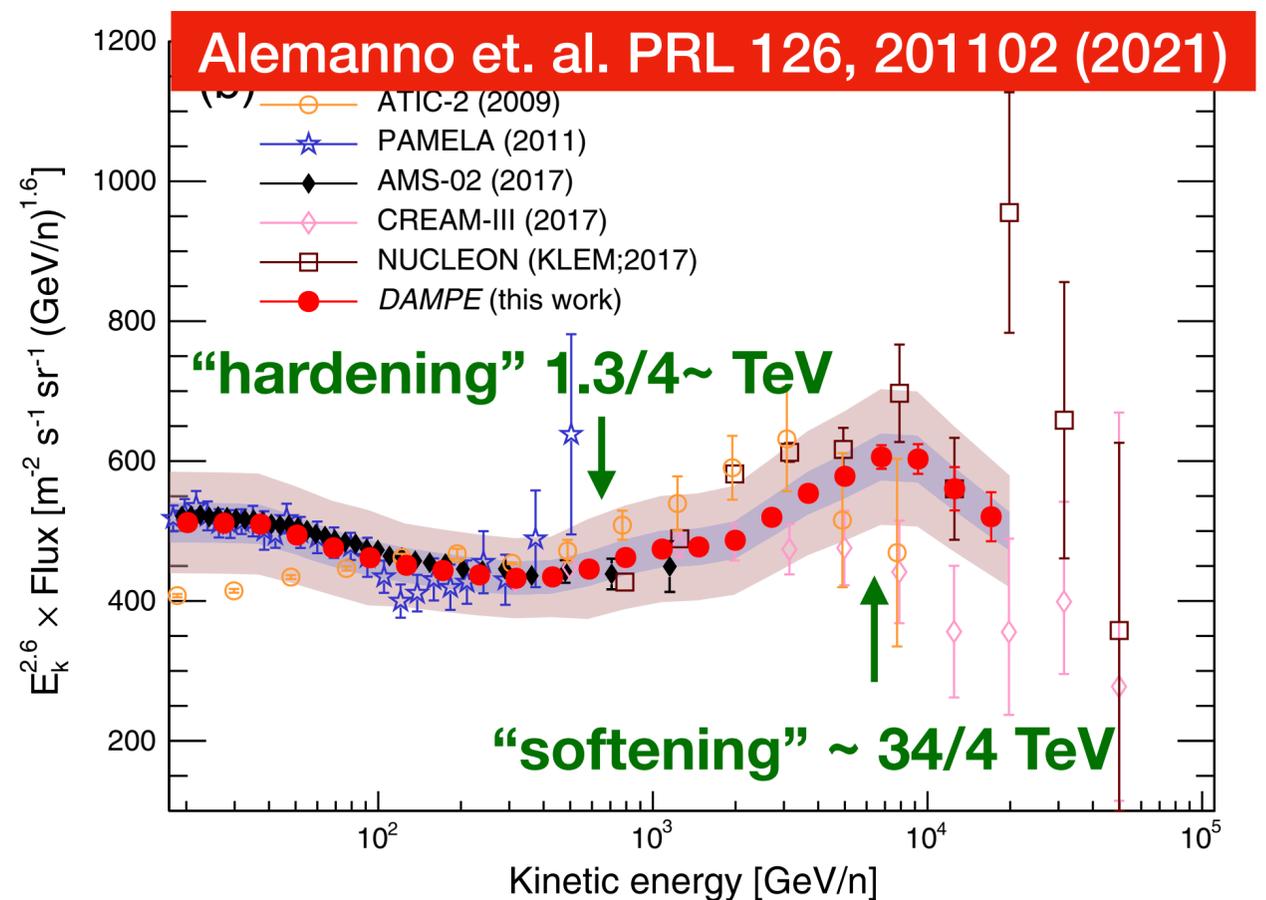
- First direct measurement up to 100 TeV
- Reveals new spectral feature at ~13 TeV



# Cosmic Rays (CR) @ DAMPE

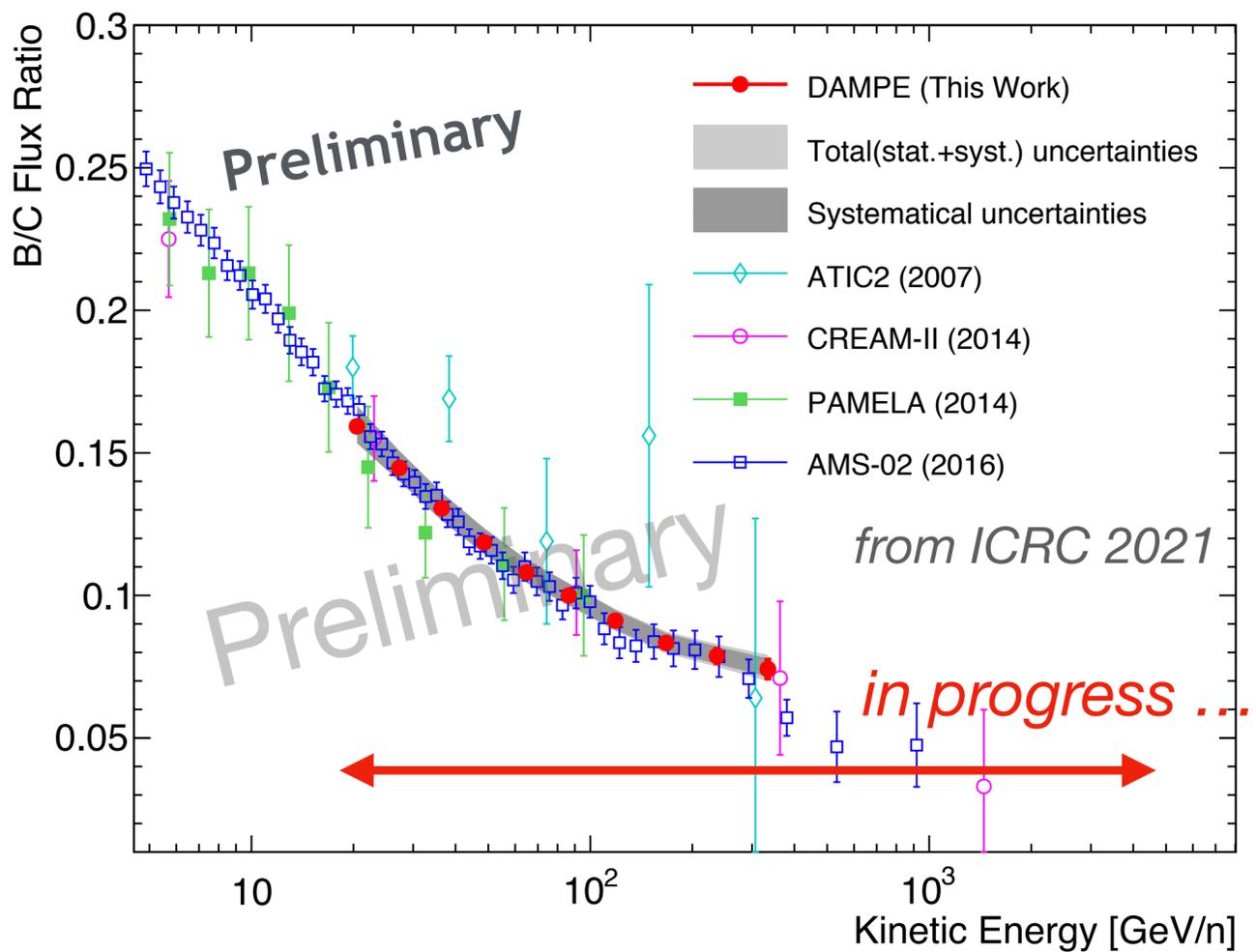
## He

- Indication of Z-dependent acceleration source of CR ?



## B/C ratio

- CR propagation at TeV ?



Many more ongoing analyses: *B–C–N–O, Fe,  $\gamma$ -ray physics*

# High Energy Radiation Detector (HERD)

## Next-gen Calorimetric detector in Space

- 5-side tracking & absolute charge ID
- 3D imaging LYSO calorimeter
- Target size  $\sim 55X_0, 3\lambda_i$
- On board CSS  $\sim 2027$

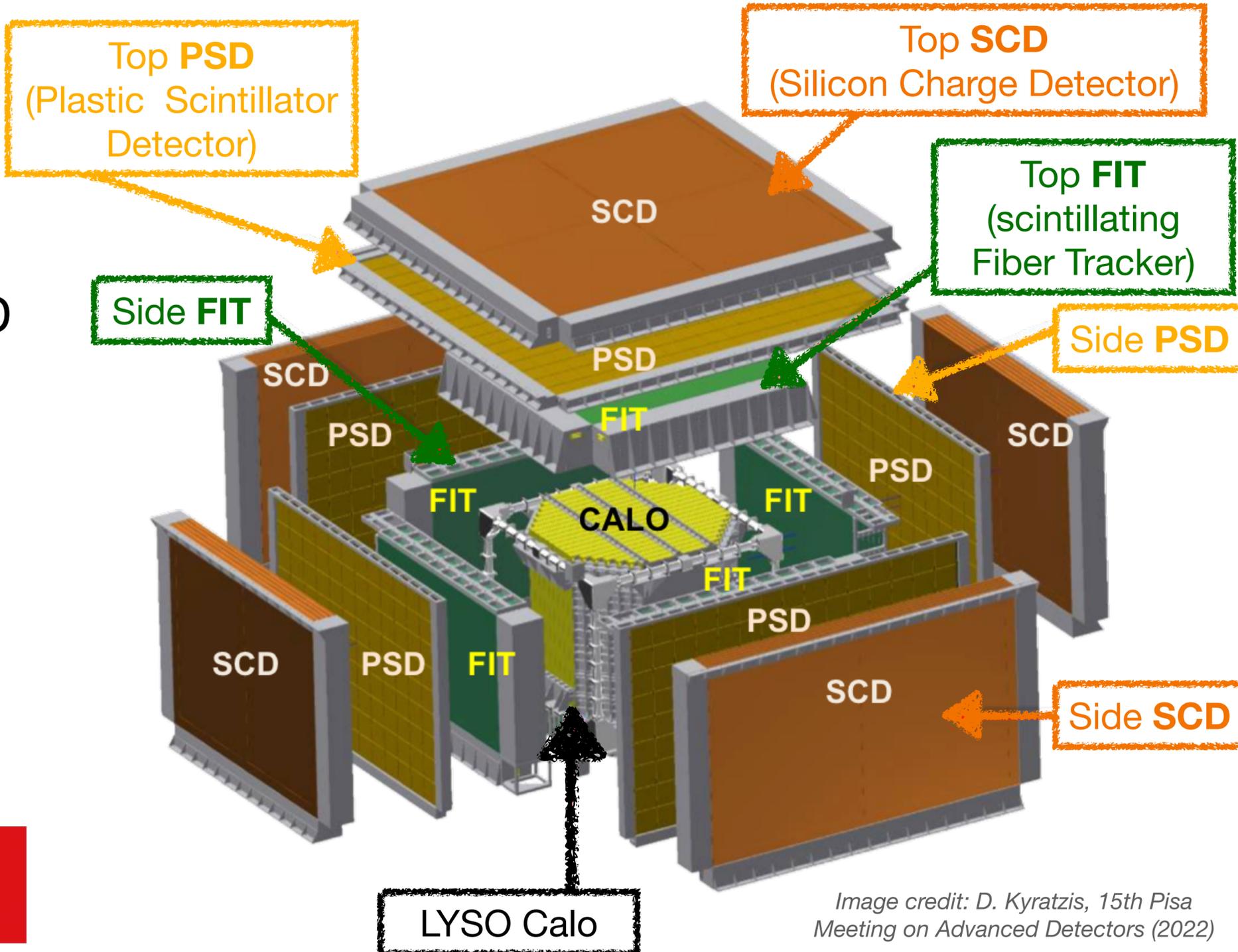


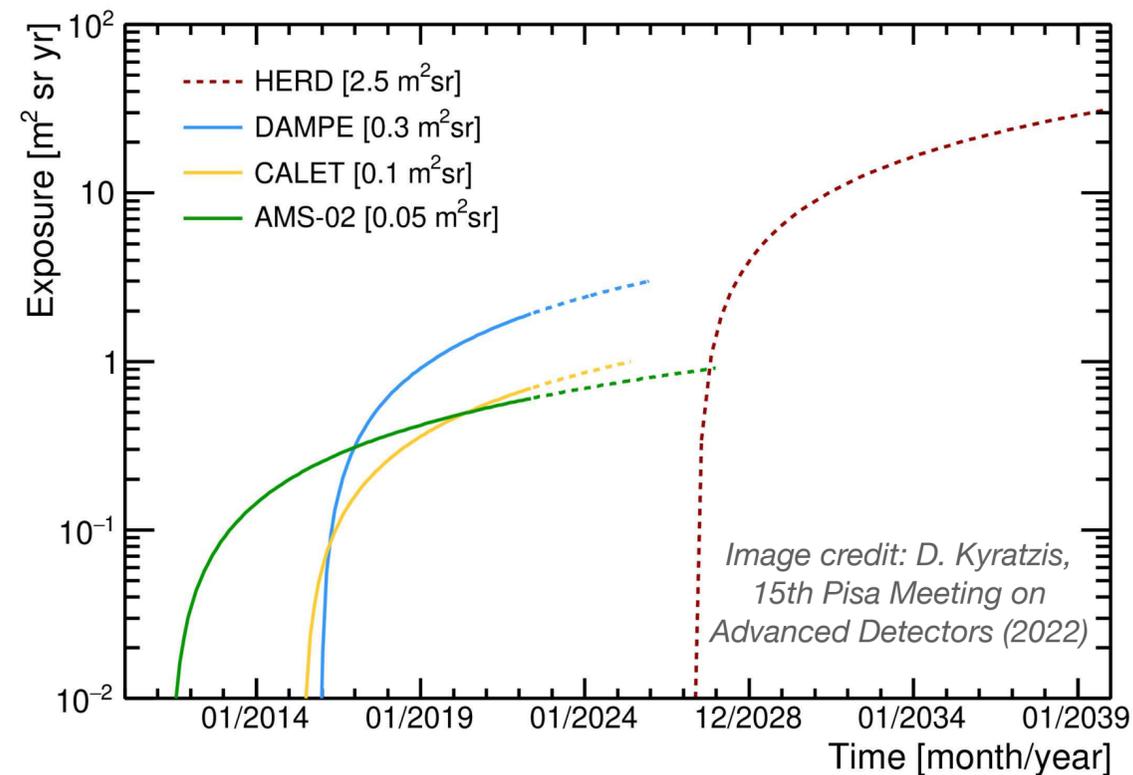
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### Collaboration

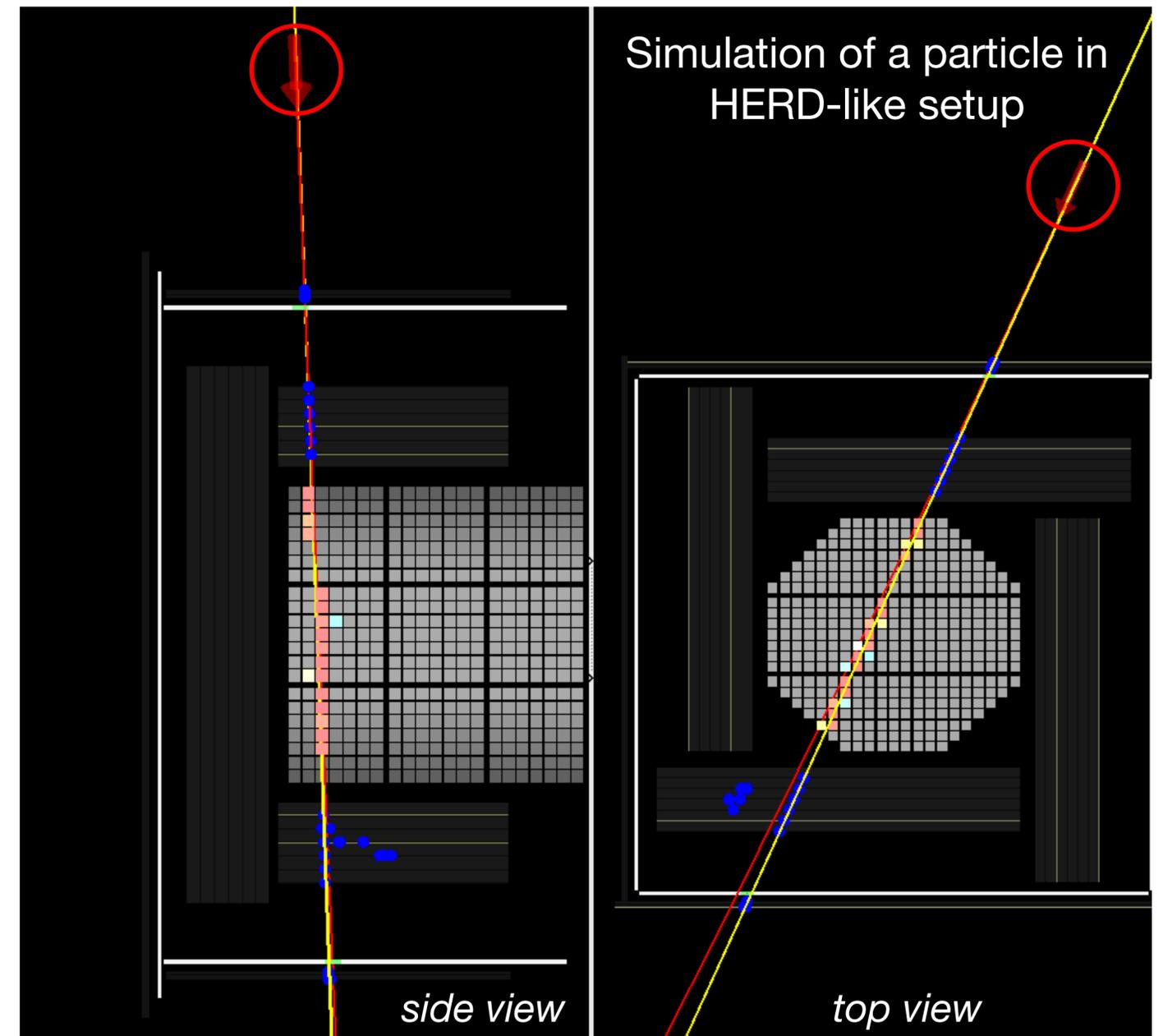


# High Energy Radiation Detector (HERD)

- $e/\gamma$  10 GeV — 10s TeV
- $p/\text{ions}$  10s GeV — few PeV
- Lifetime  $\sim 10$  years

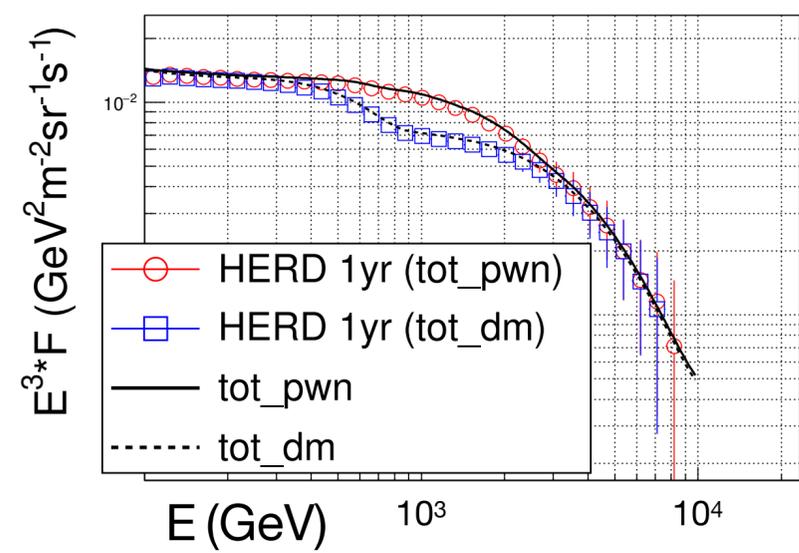
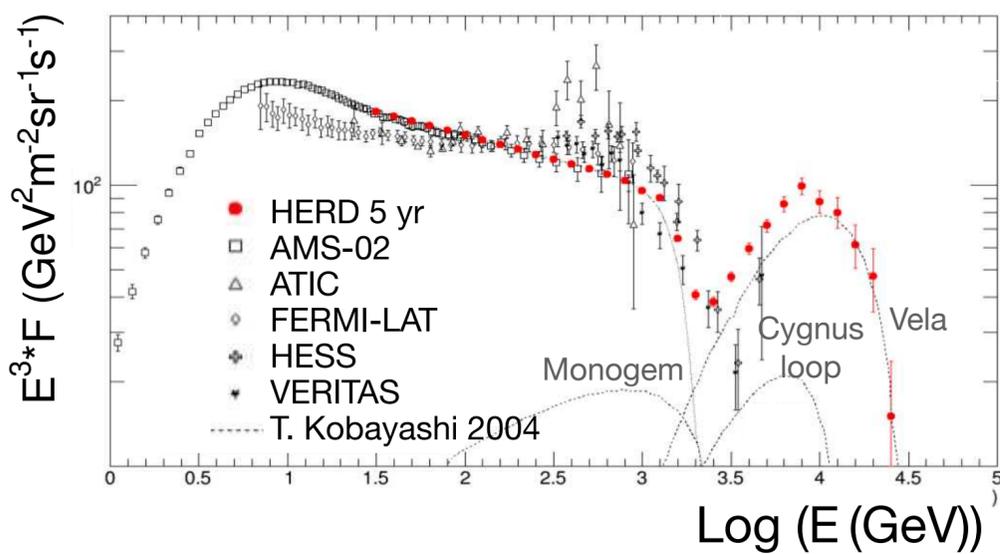


15 — 20  $\text{m}^2 \text{sr yr}$   
Order of magnitude higher exposure  
compared to previous experiments



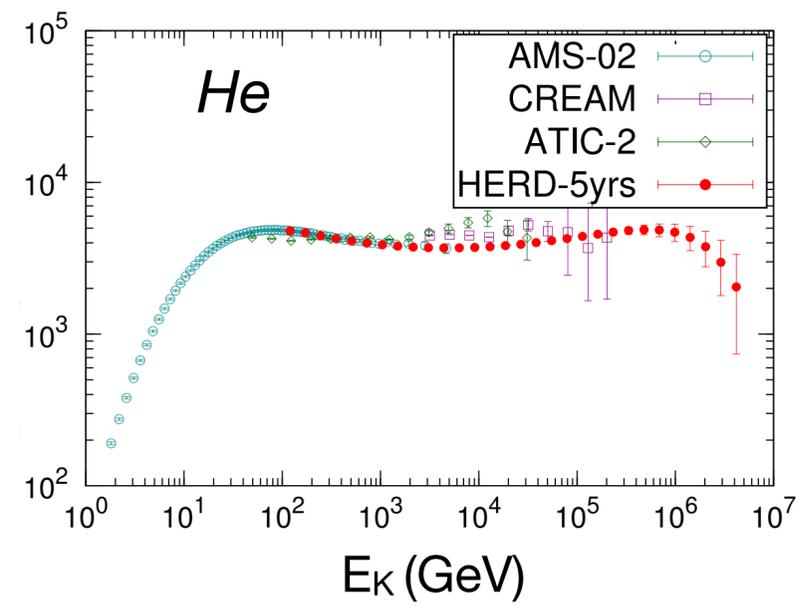
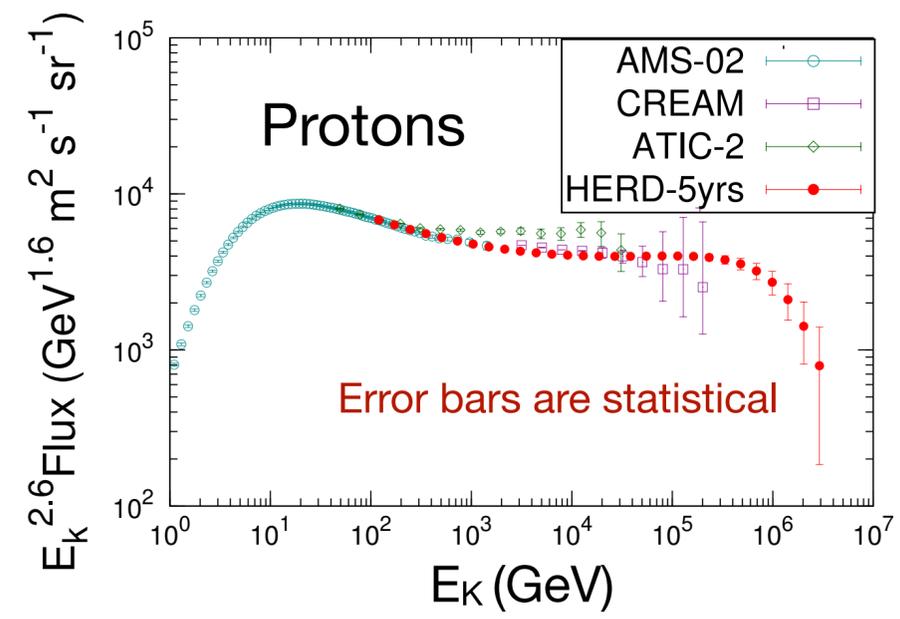
# High Energy Radiation Detector (HERD)

$e^- + e^+$



- Measure spectral cutoff, direct observation of local sources, anisotropy ...
- Discriminate Astrophysical sources from **Dark Matter** contribution

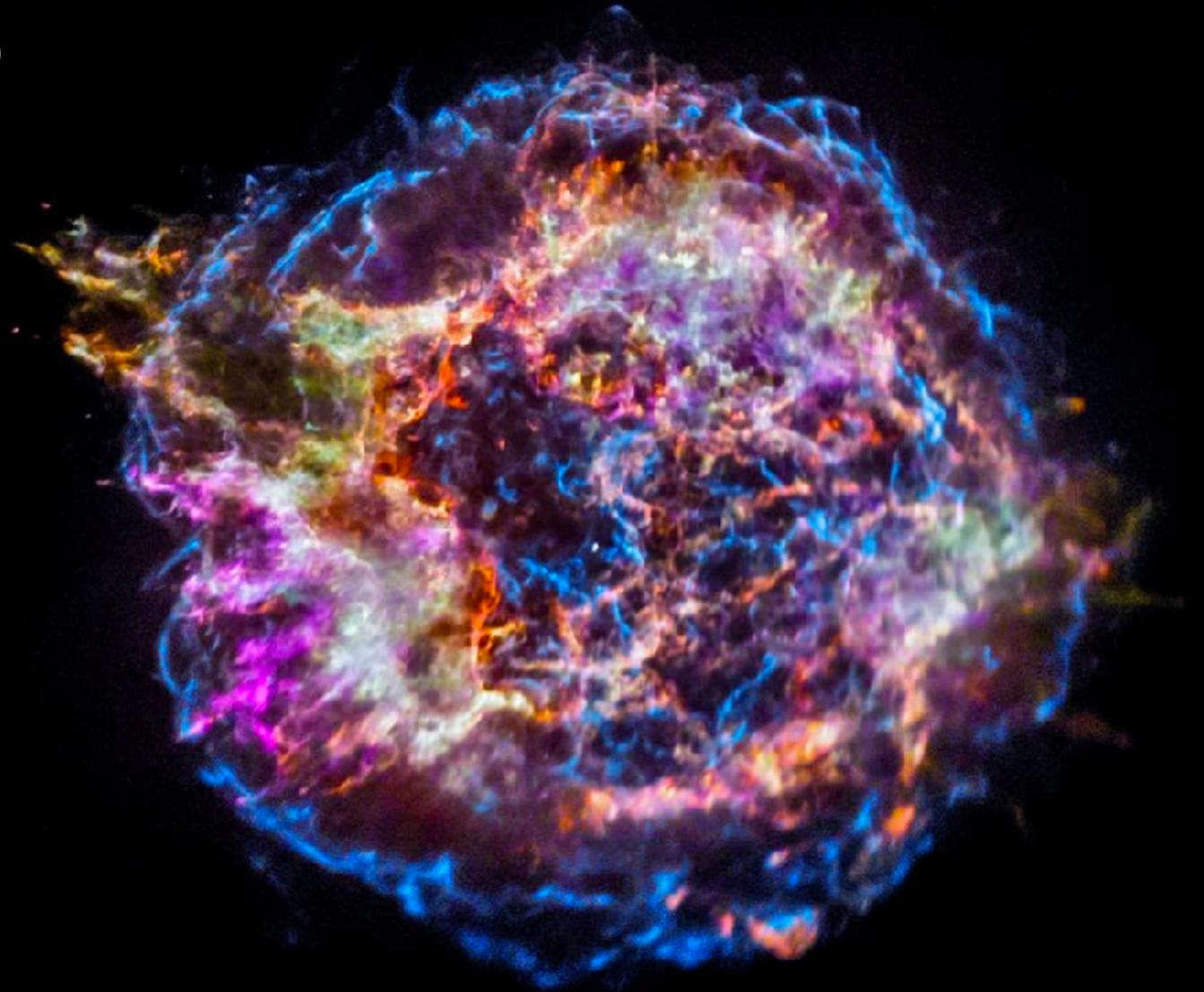
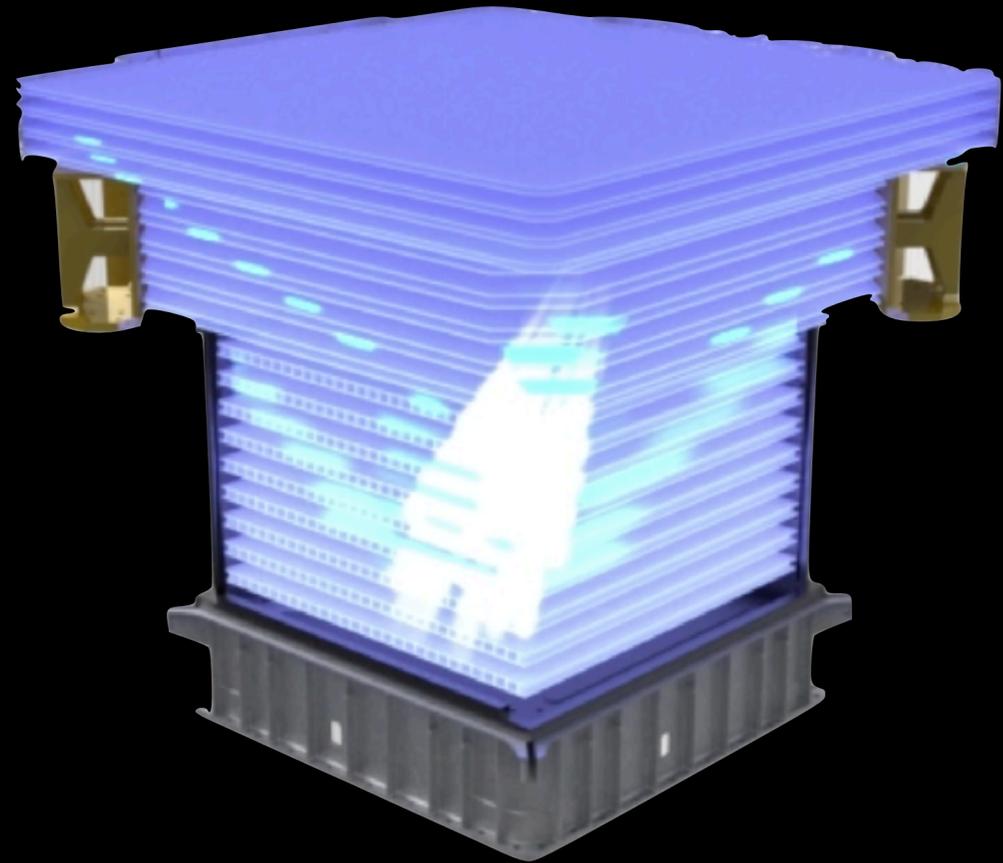
$p$  & ions



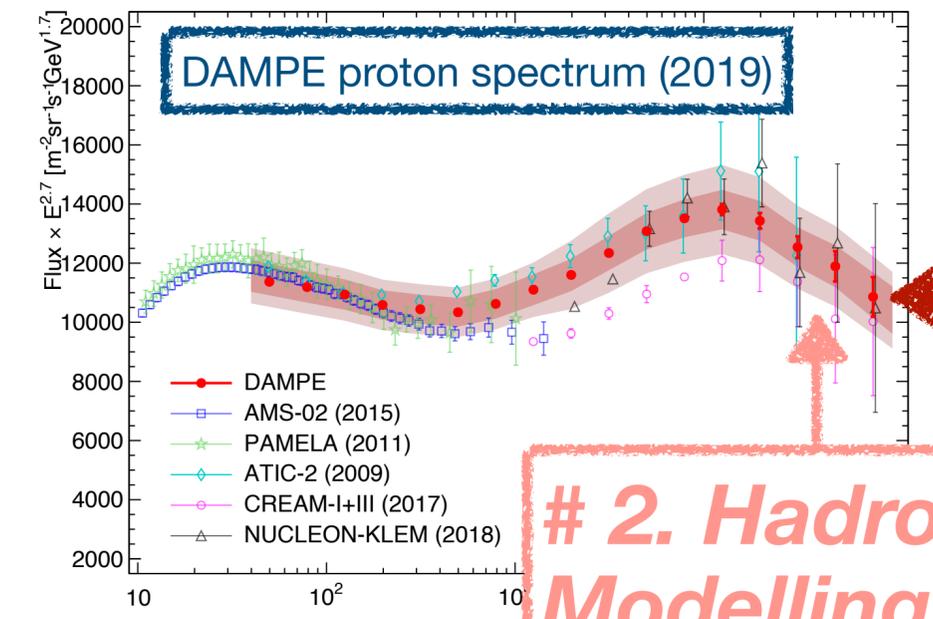
- First direct probe of **knee structures** and **acceleration limit** for  $p$  and  $He$
- Further insights into **propagation mechanisms** ( $B/C$  @ 10s TeV/n ,  $Li,..$ )

# Chapter II

# TeV—PeV Cosmic Rays: Analysis & Challenges

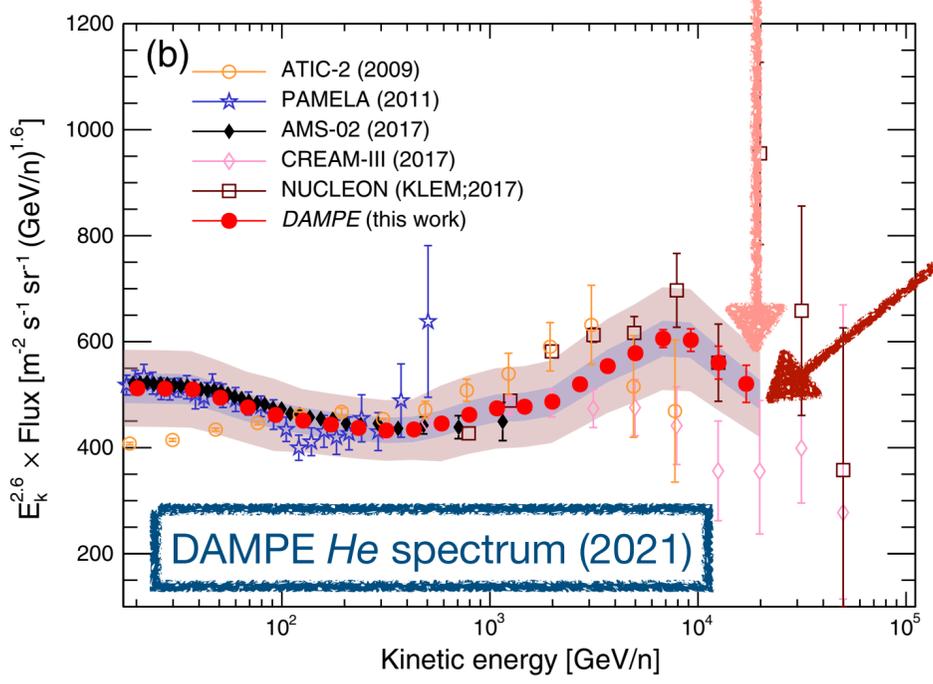


# TeV—PeV CR detection in Space: key systematics



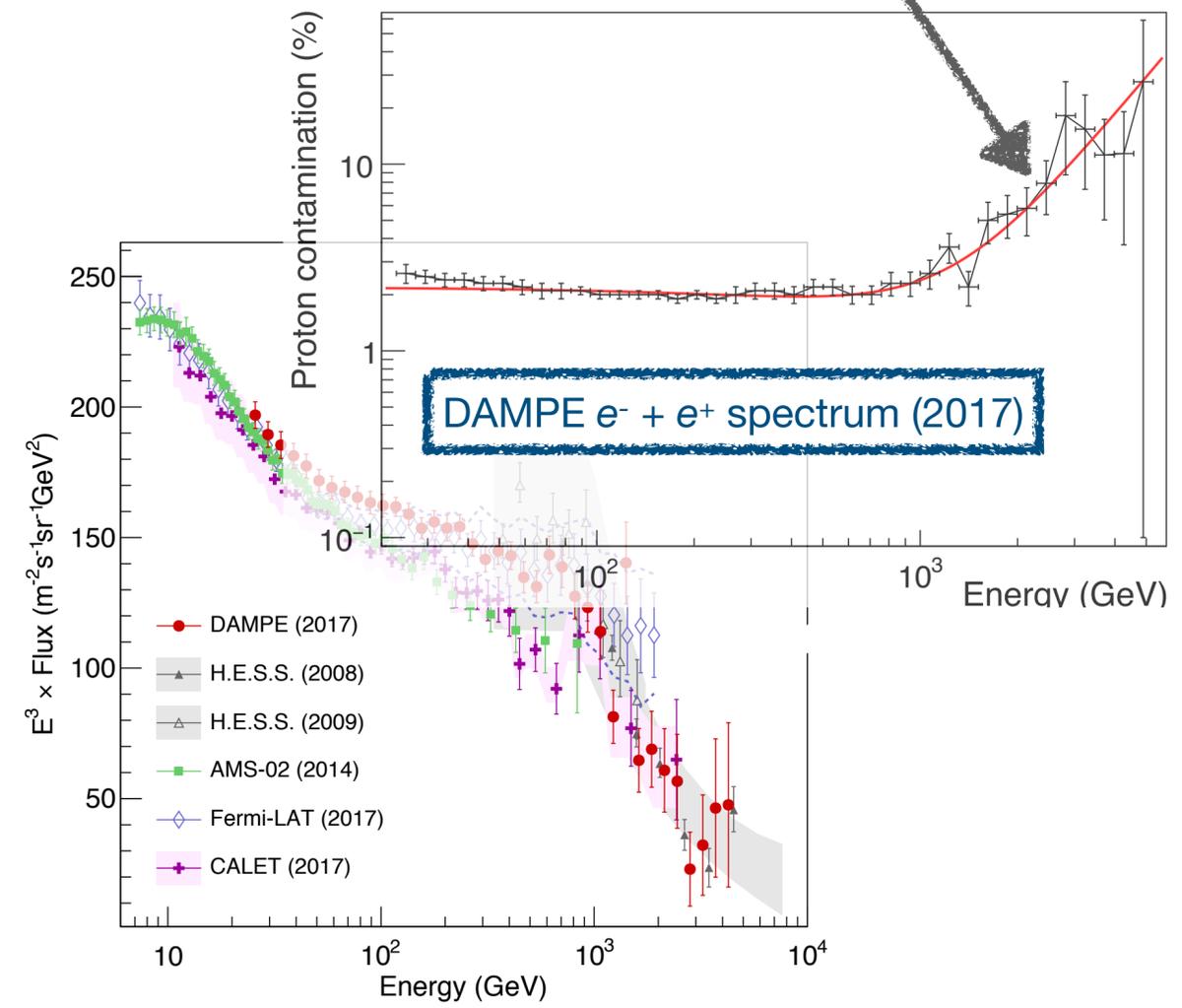
# 1. Tracking & Particle ID

# 2. Hadronic Modelling



.... also deteriorate analyses of B-C-N-O, Fe etc.

# 3. Electron / Proton discrimination



Relevant for both DAMPE and HERD !

# Track reconstruction @ DAMPE

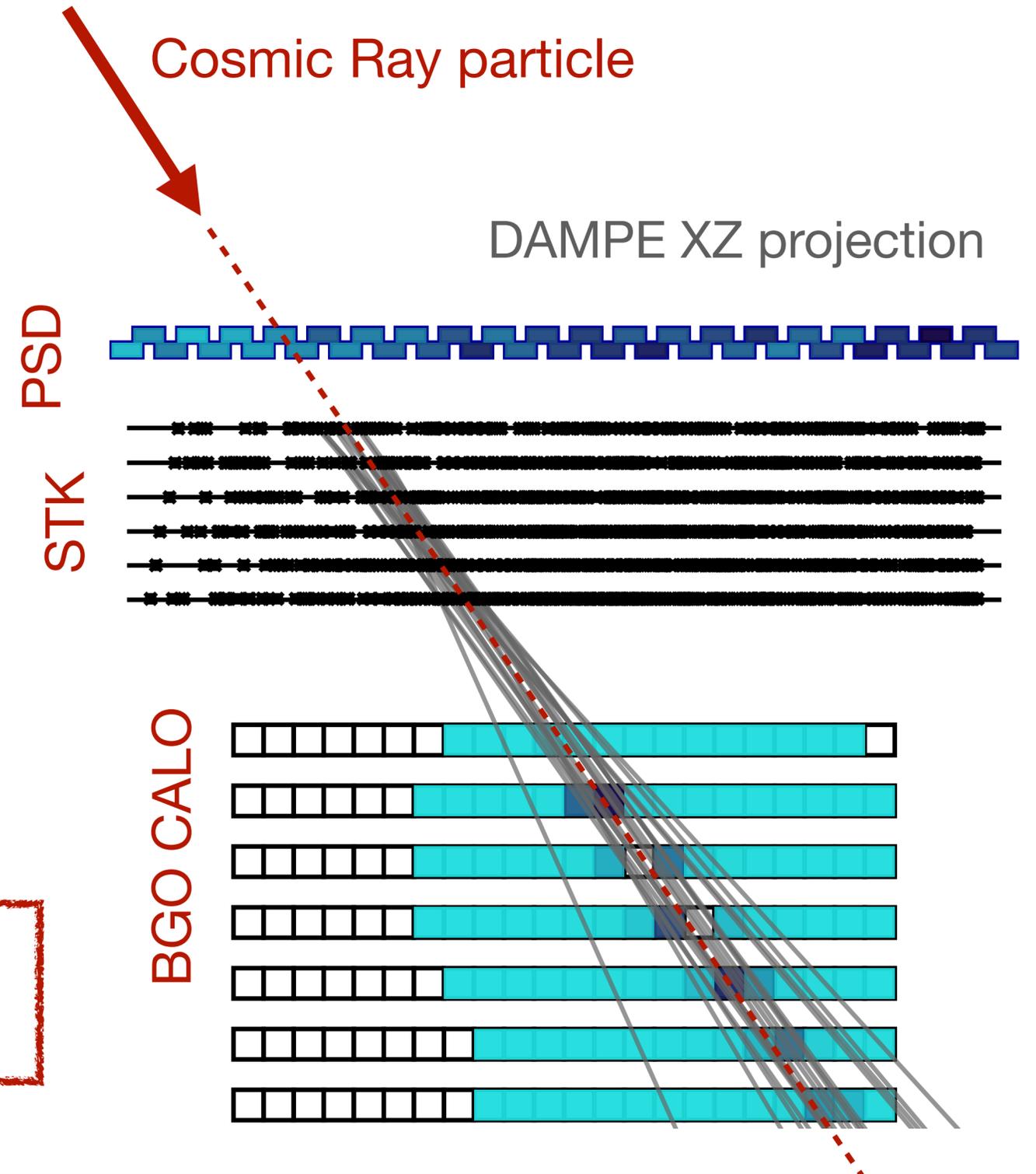
## Conventional track reconstruction:

- Shower axis from CALO as a seed
- Kalman fitting
- Combinatorial track finding
- XZ and YZ fitted separately,
- ... then combined in 3D tracks

## Problems:

- Selection needed to find **the ONLY track**
- Efficiency drops at high hit multiplicity

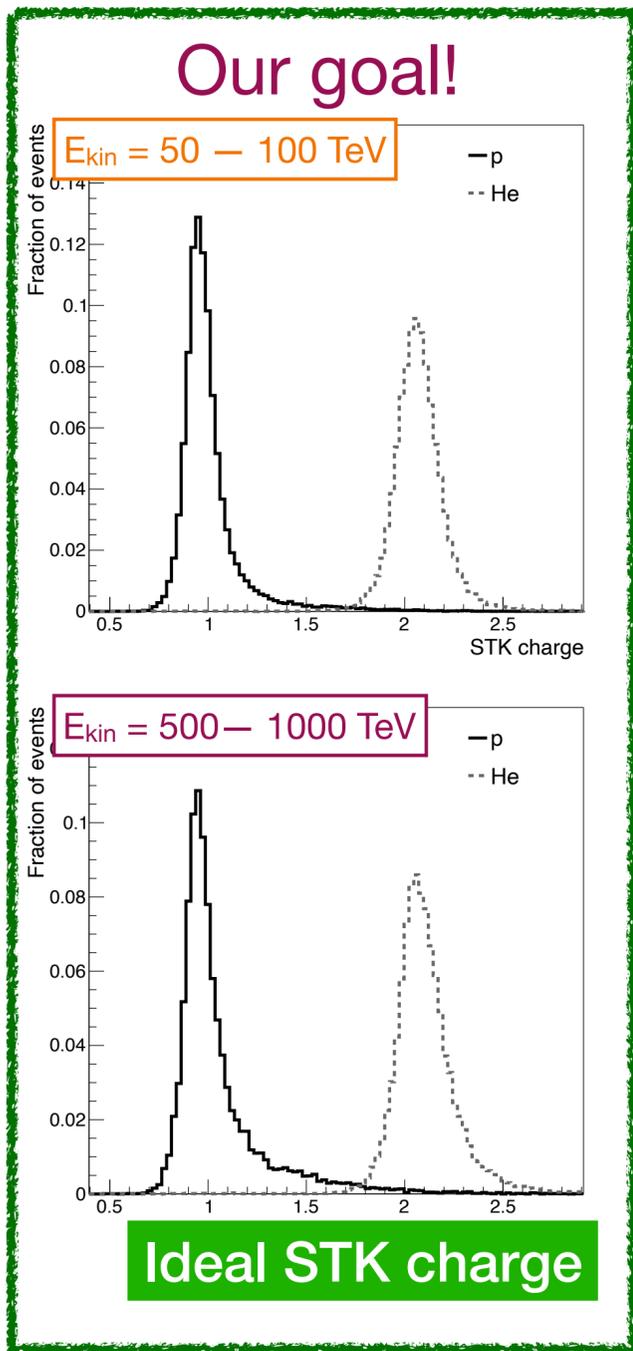
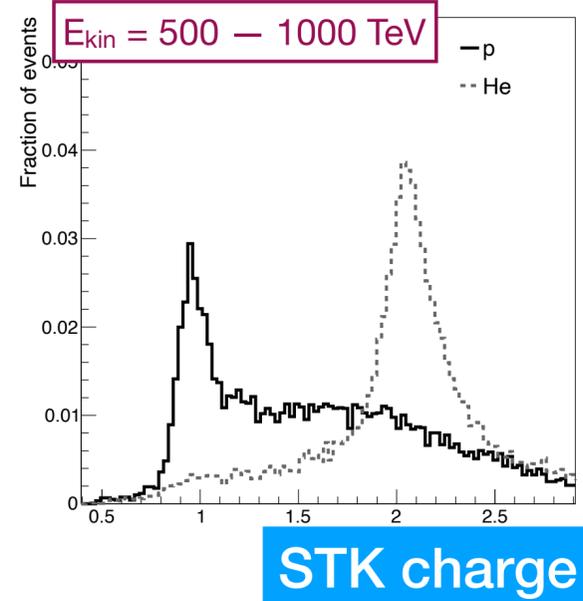
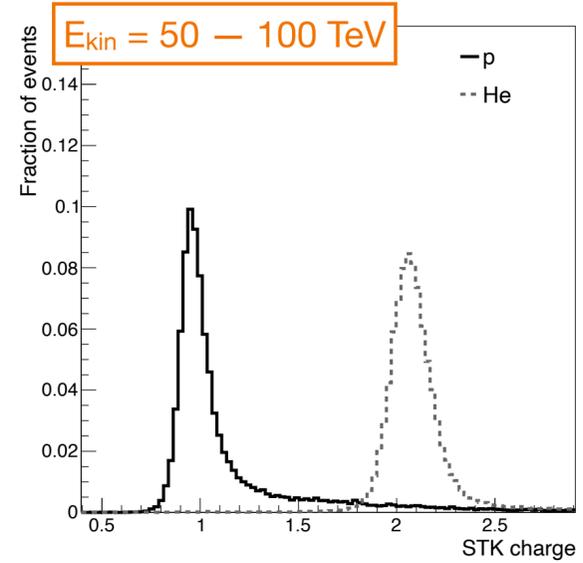
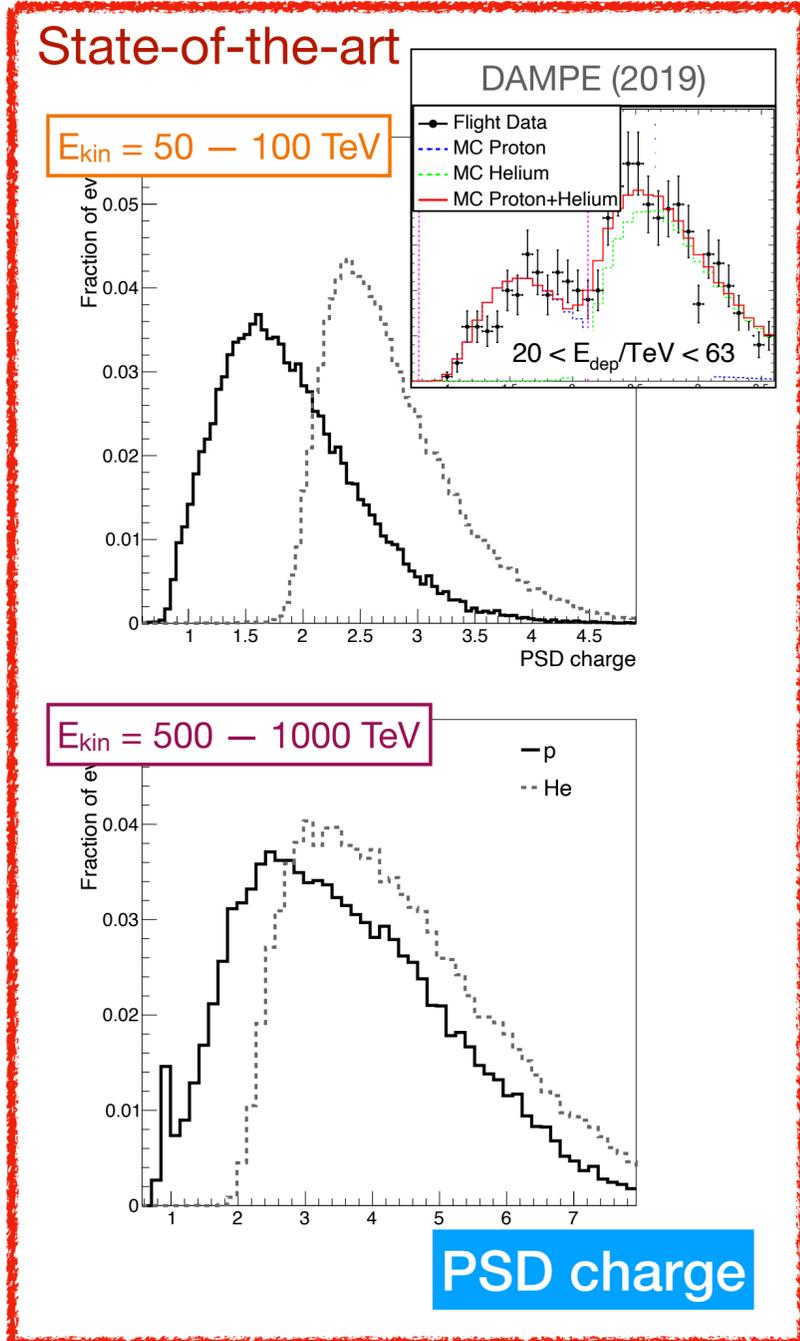
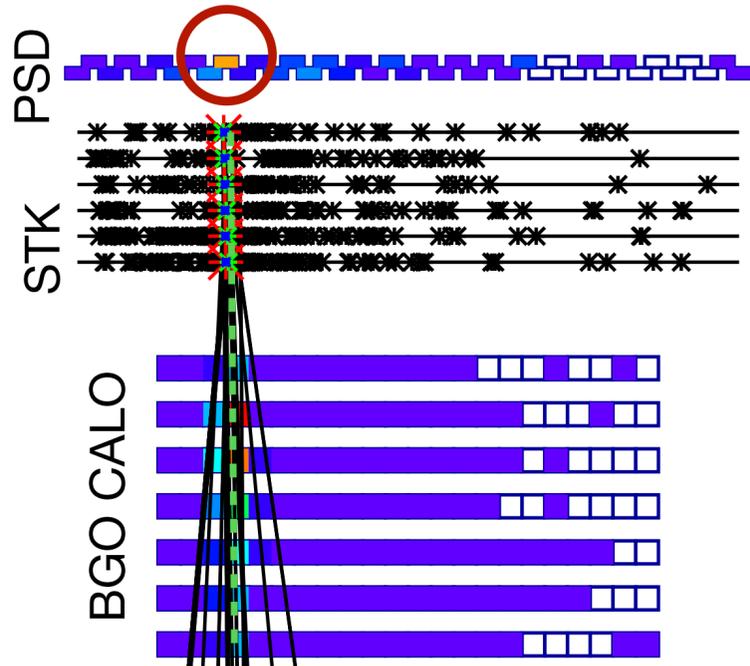
At TeV— PeV hit multiplicity increases dramatically →  
Track reconstruction & identification is a key challenge!



# Charge identification @ DAMPE

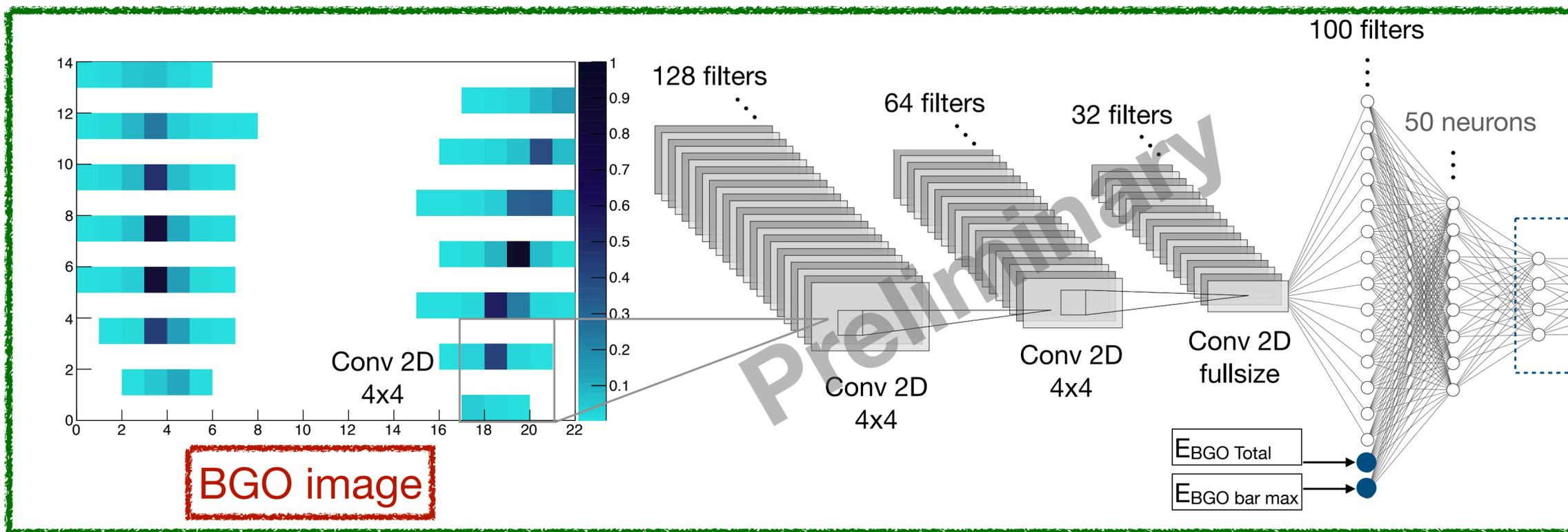
- Normally done in PSD
- Track used as a pointer to PSD
- Tolerant to track mis-identification, however:

***p* and *He* peaks washed out**  
**Gets worse at high energies!**



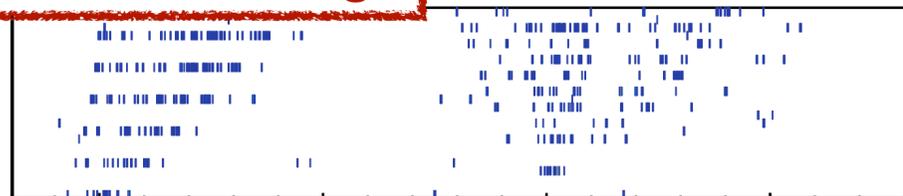
**New tracking algorithm required for ~ PeV measurements!**

# NEW Track reconstruction @ DAMPE



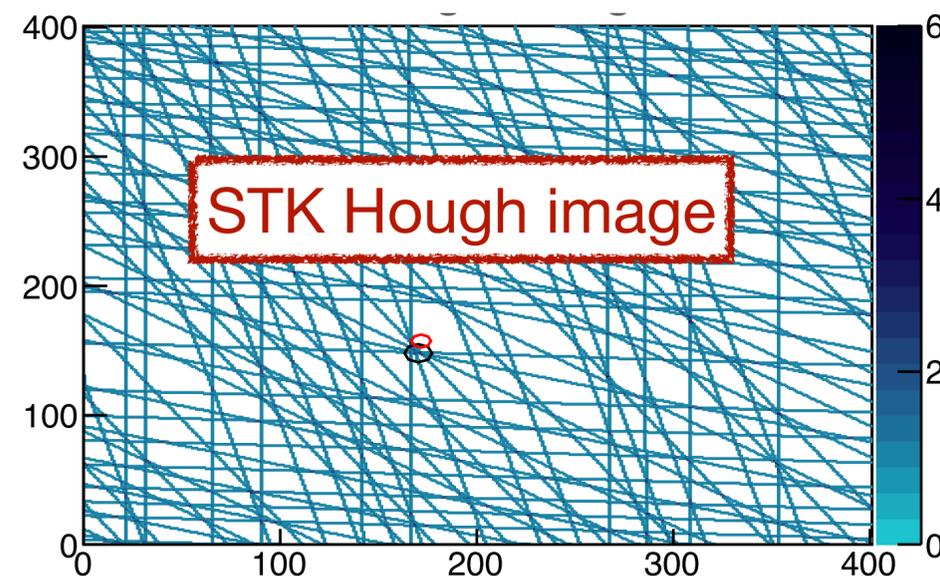
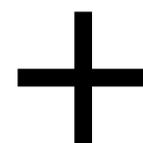
We employ **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** to boost the accuracy of track reconstruction & identification @ DAMPE

STK raw image



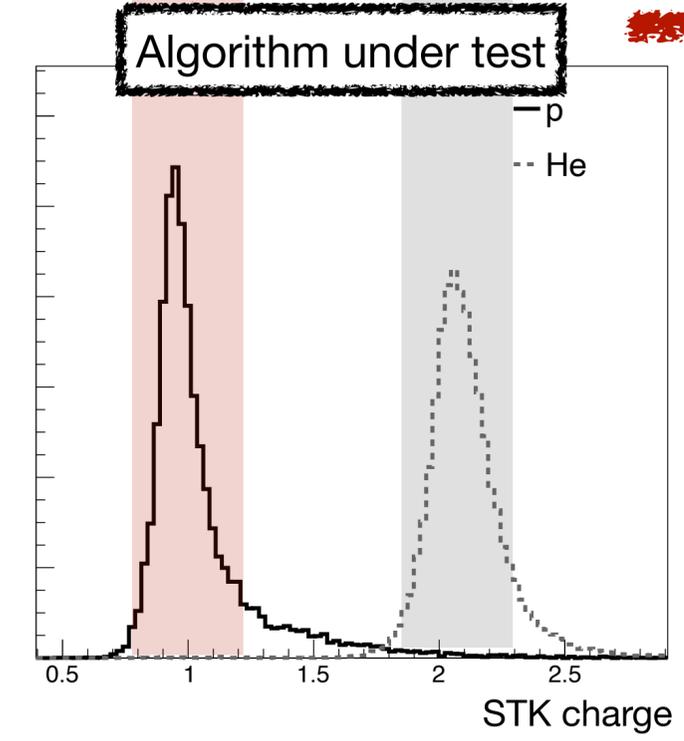
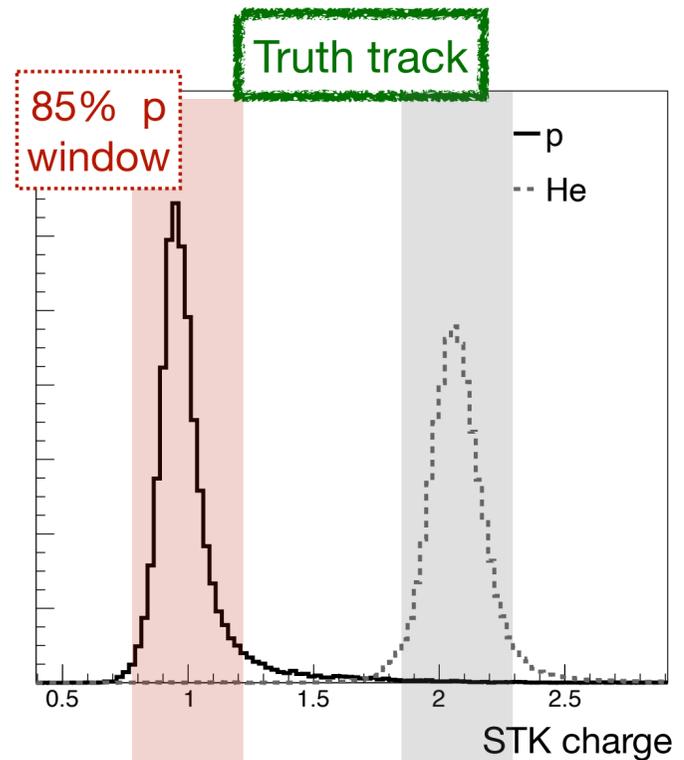
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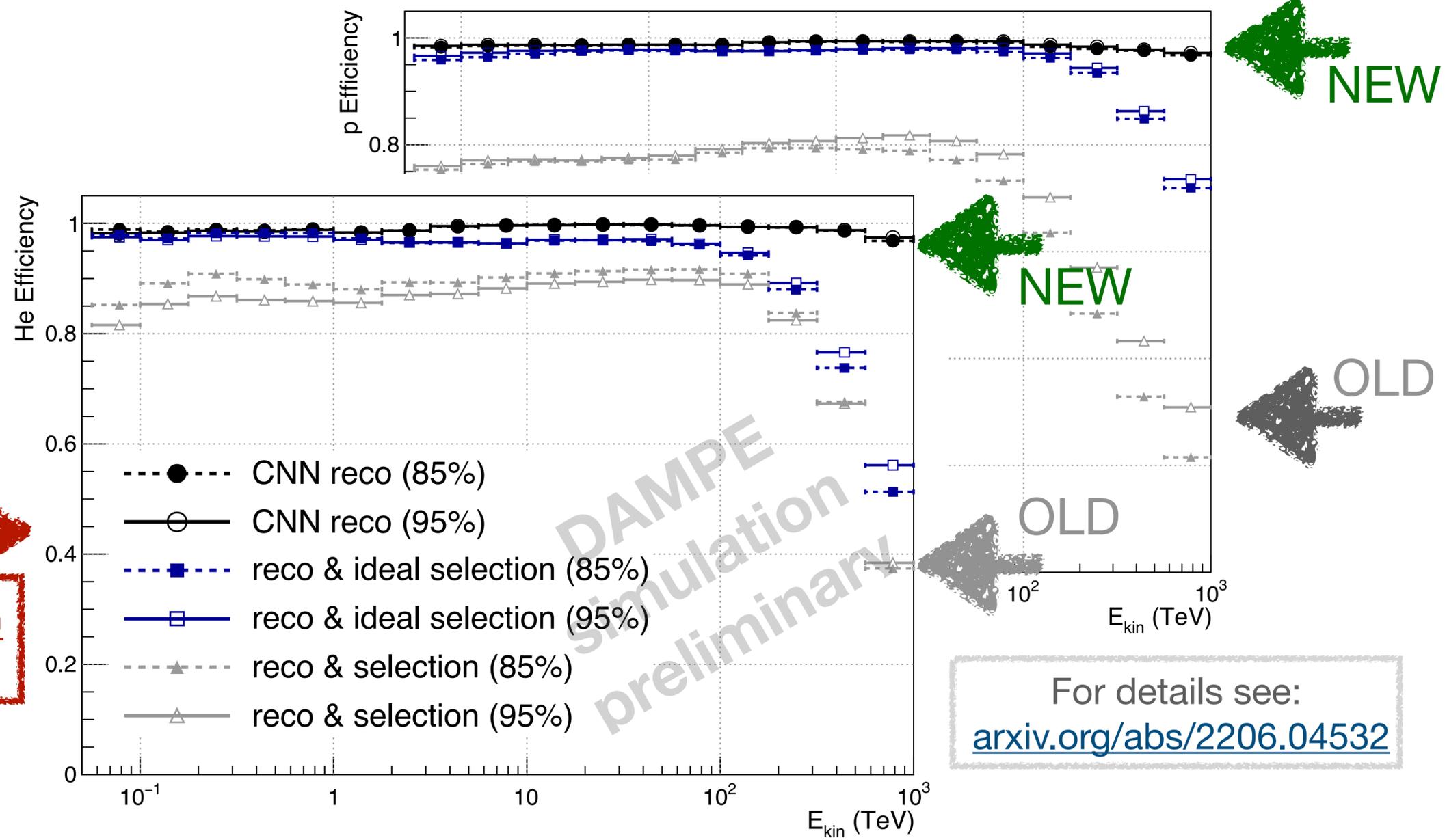


*CALO & Tracker “images” used as input, regression type of problem — returns particle direction as an output (no track selection needed)*

# Charge identification & NEW tracking



$$Eff = \frac{N_{algorithm}}{N_{true}}$$



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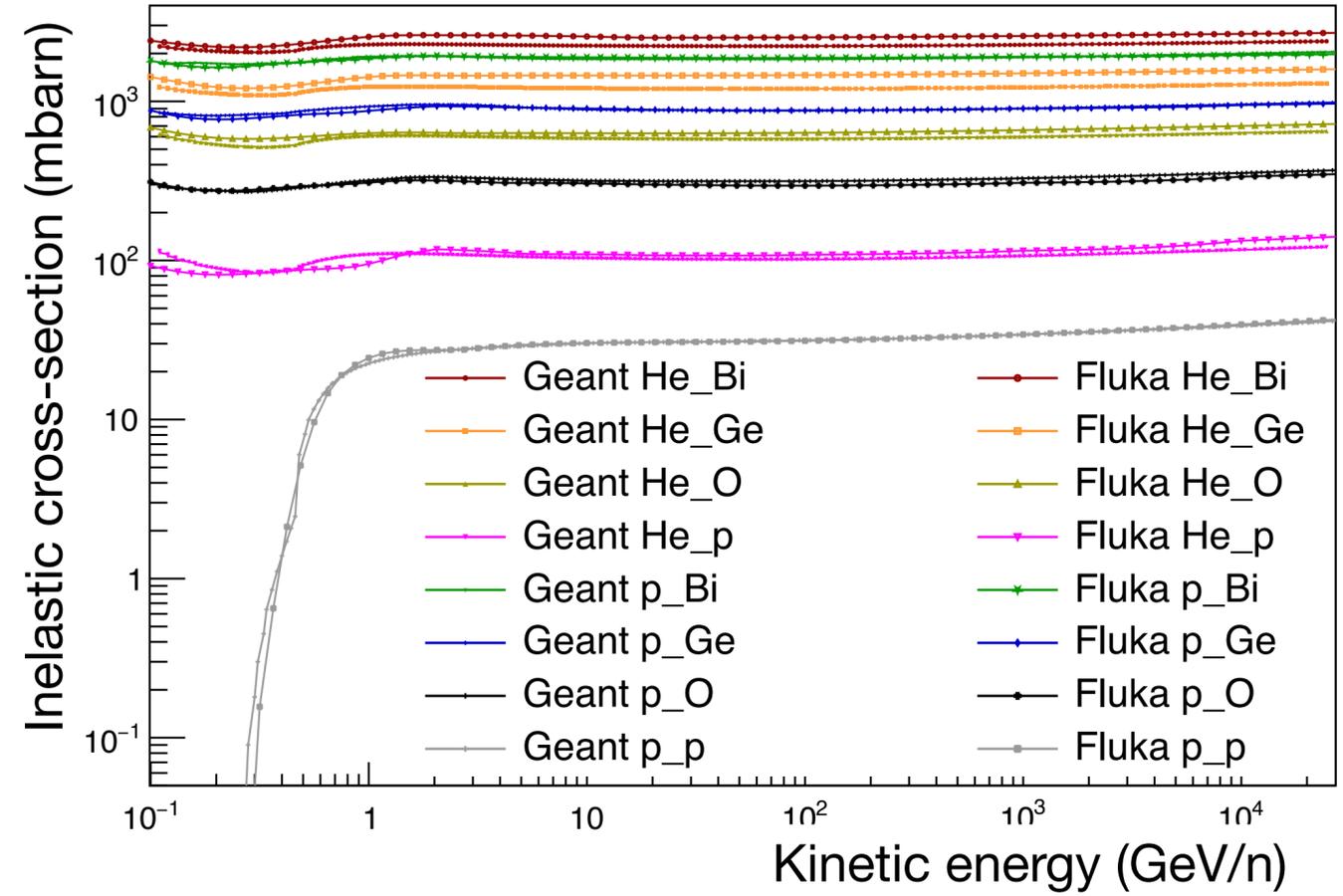
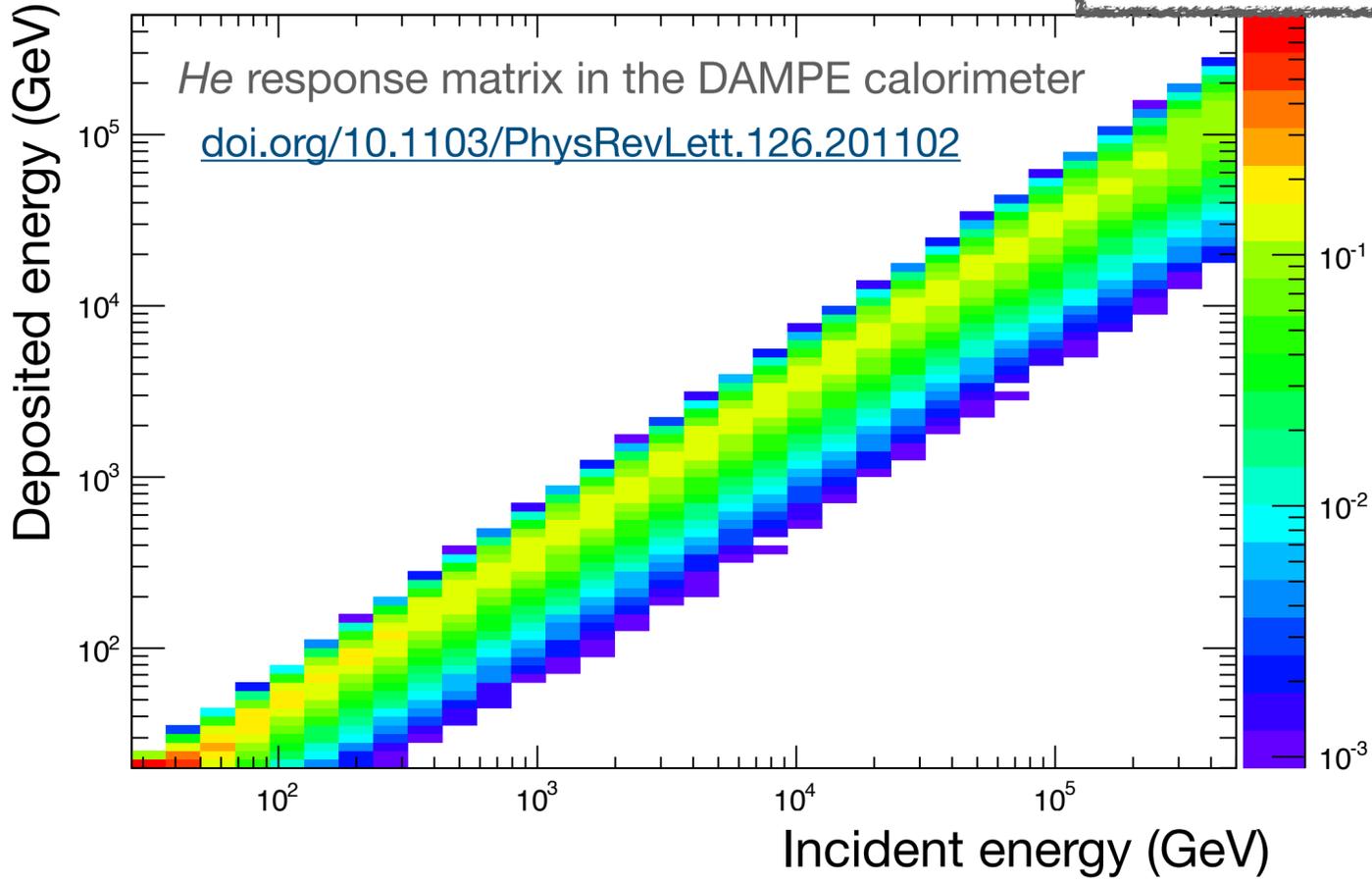
CNN tracking efficiency = 98-99% up to 500 TeV (> 96% @ PeV)

# Hadronic models & cross-sections

Protons & ions leave ~1/3 of energy in calorimeter

- ➔ Cosmic ray energy spectrum measurement rely significantly on hadronic simulations
- ➔ Largest source of large systematics!

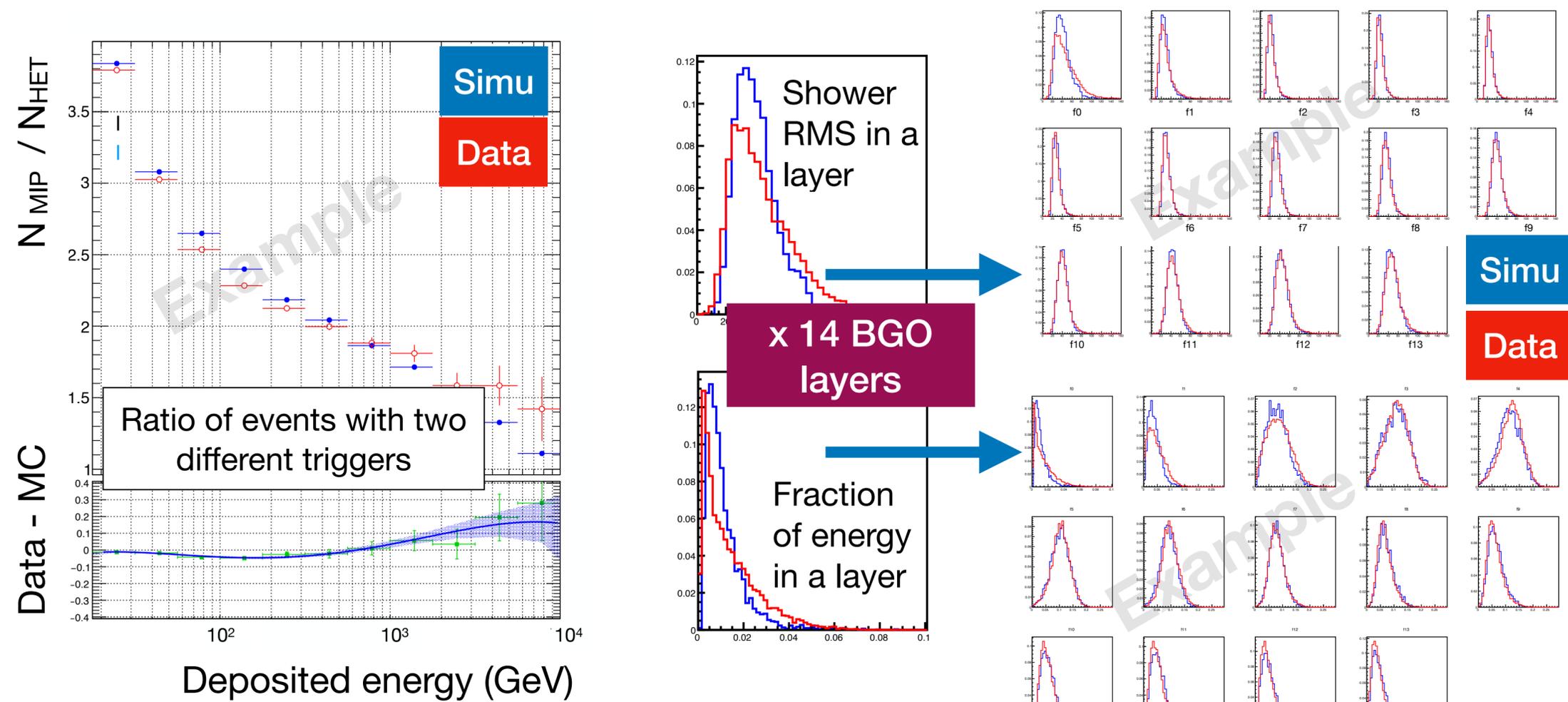
- Inelastic Cross-sections uncertainty ~ 10 – 20%
- Different generators (GEANT4, FLUKA) and models (DPMJET, EPOS, FTFP)



# Hadronic models & cross-sections

Profit of **TeV–PeV** data and fine granularity of **CALO** to “tune” models & cross-sections?

- ➔ Precise CNN tracking helps to perform clean particle ID
- ➔ Use shower-shape characteristics to constrain model parameters etc.

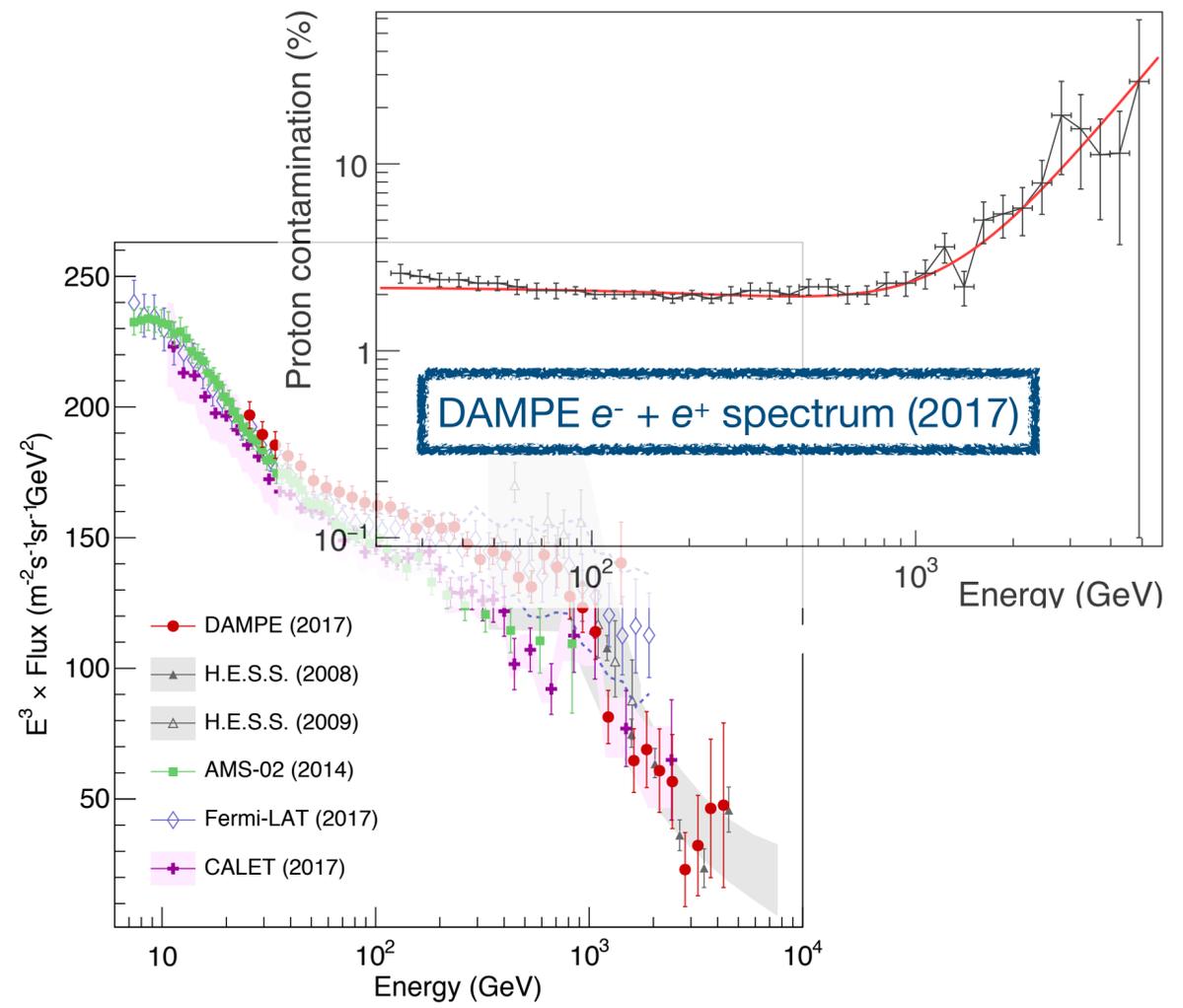
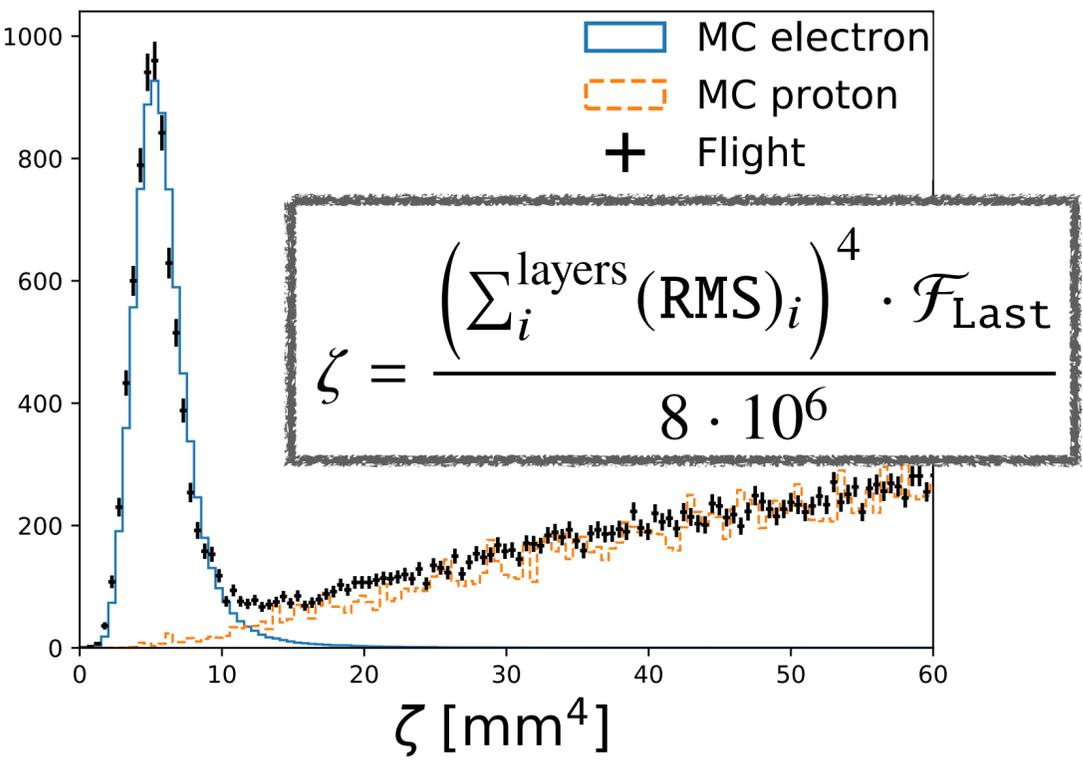
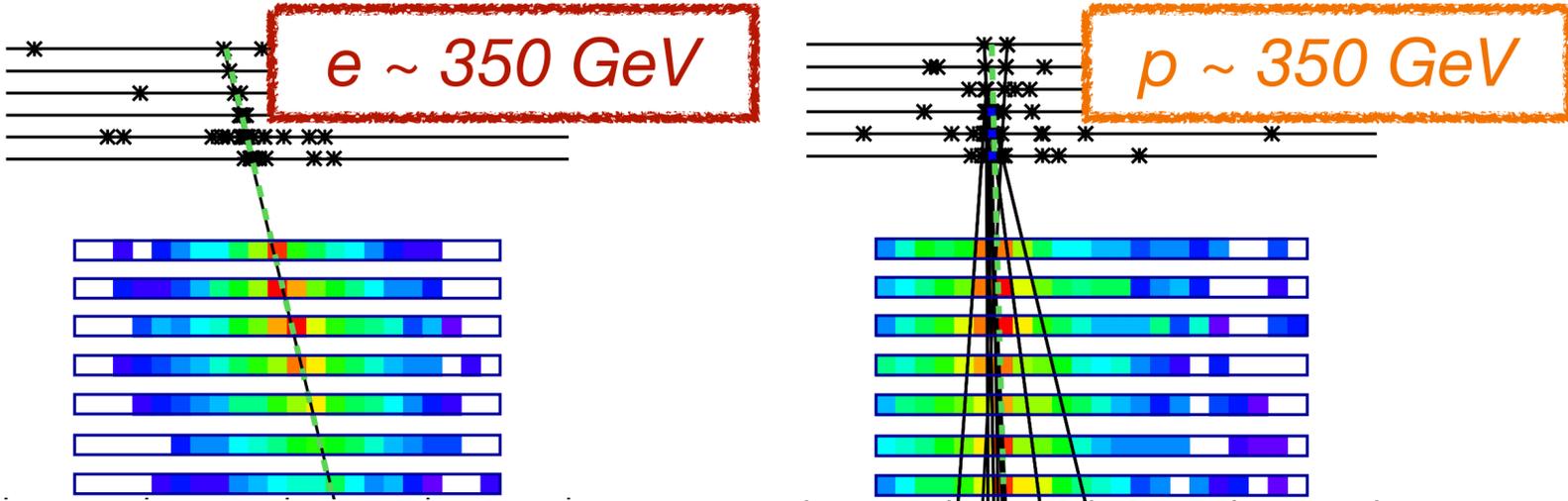


*Not trivial since primary energy is not known!*

*... work in progress*

# Electron / Proton discrimination

Classical e/p discrimination based on shower shape: EM showers are “slimmer” & “shorter”

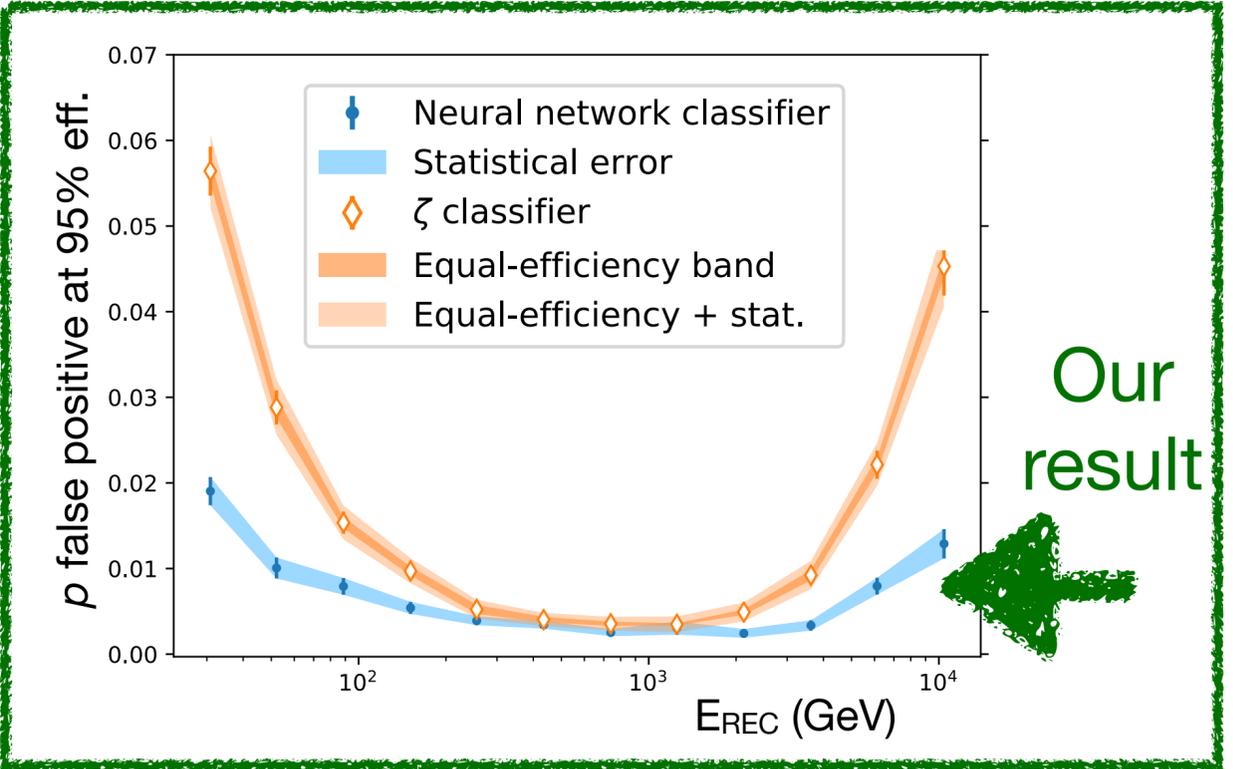
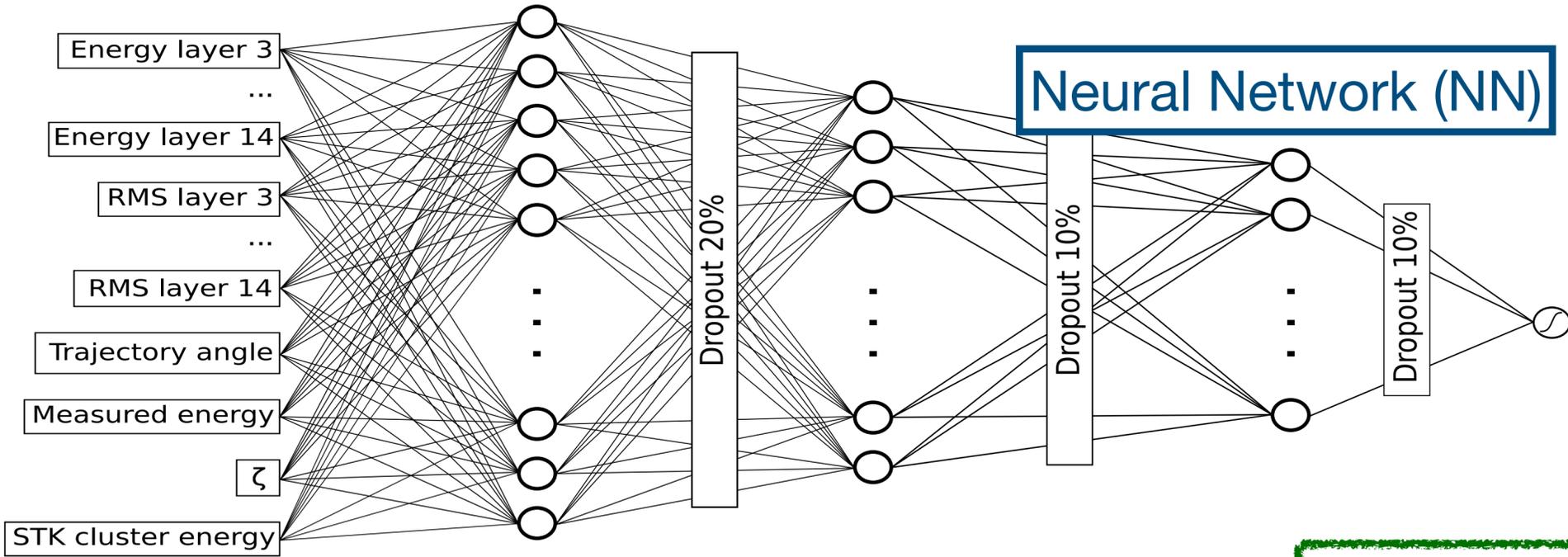


*At TeVs, EM showers penetrate deeper — harder to discriminate from hadronic showers → at 10 TeV proton background dominates! **New classifier is needed ...***

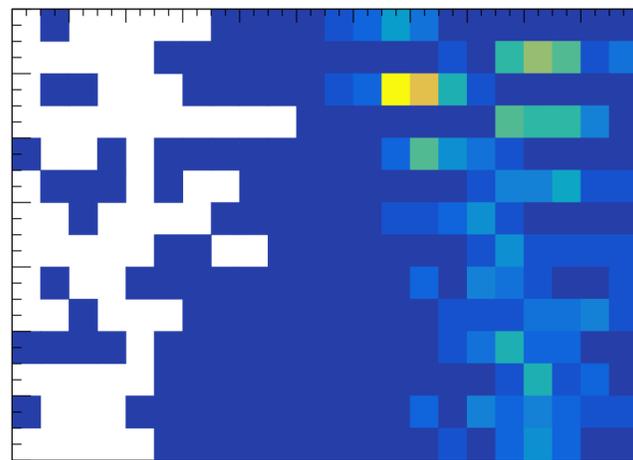
# Electron / Proton discrimination – NEW method

Different Deep Learning techniques tested (NN, CNN)  
 – the most optimal solution found with a classical NN

For details, see [arxiv.org/abs/2102.05534](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.05534)

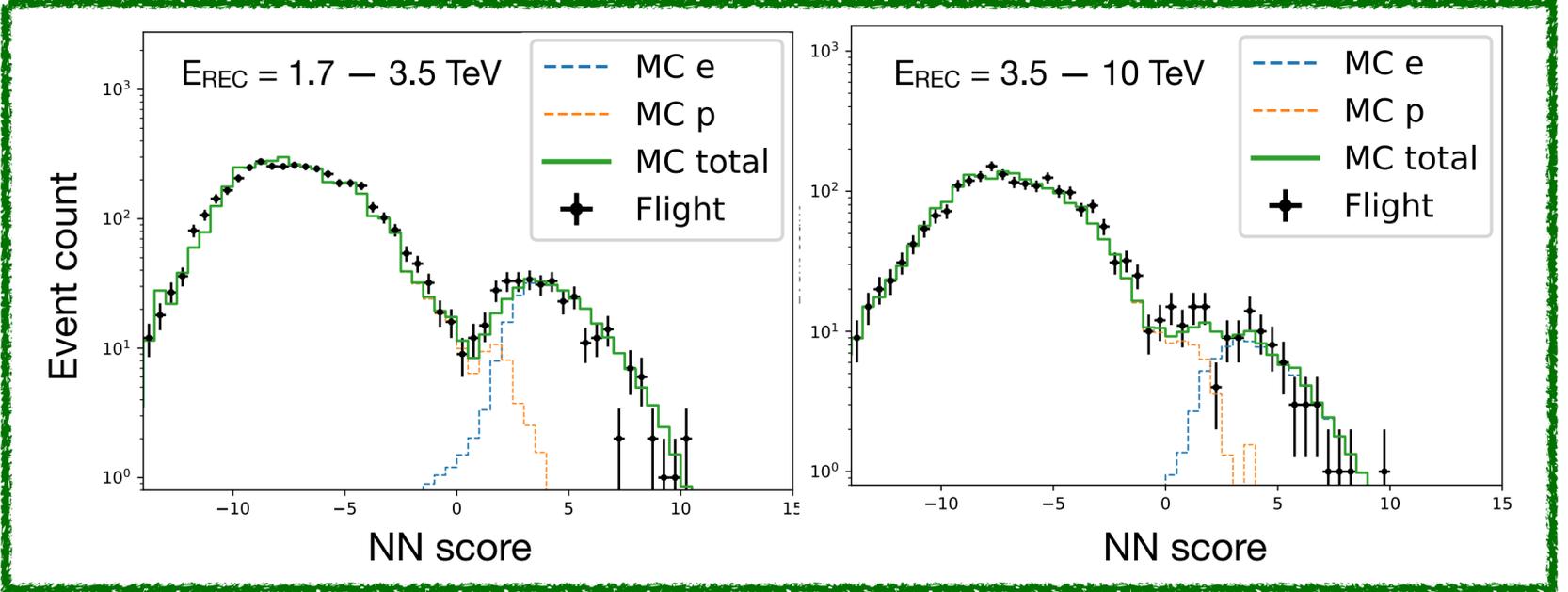


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2D CNN

Future studies:  
 3D CNN @ HERD?



- **Raise of Calorimetric Experiments in Space**

- **DAMPE — *present*, HERD - *future***

- Bridge gap between Space and ground-based

- The tool for TeV—PeV CR measurements

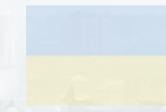
- Systematics dominated by hadronic modelling, track reconstruction, particle ID

- **Goal: tackle major systematics using ML and improved hadronic modelling**

- Neural—Net electron/hadron classifier developed: 3—4 better background rejection

- CNN tracking algorithm developed: > ~ 96% tracking efficiency up to PeV energies

- Hadronic modelling optimisation & implementation in analysis will follow— *stay tuned!*



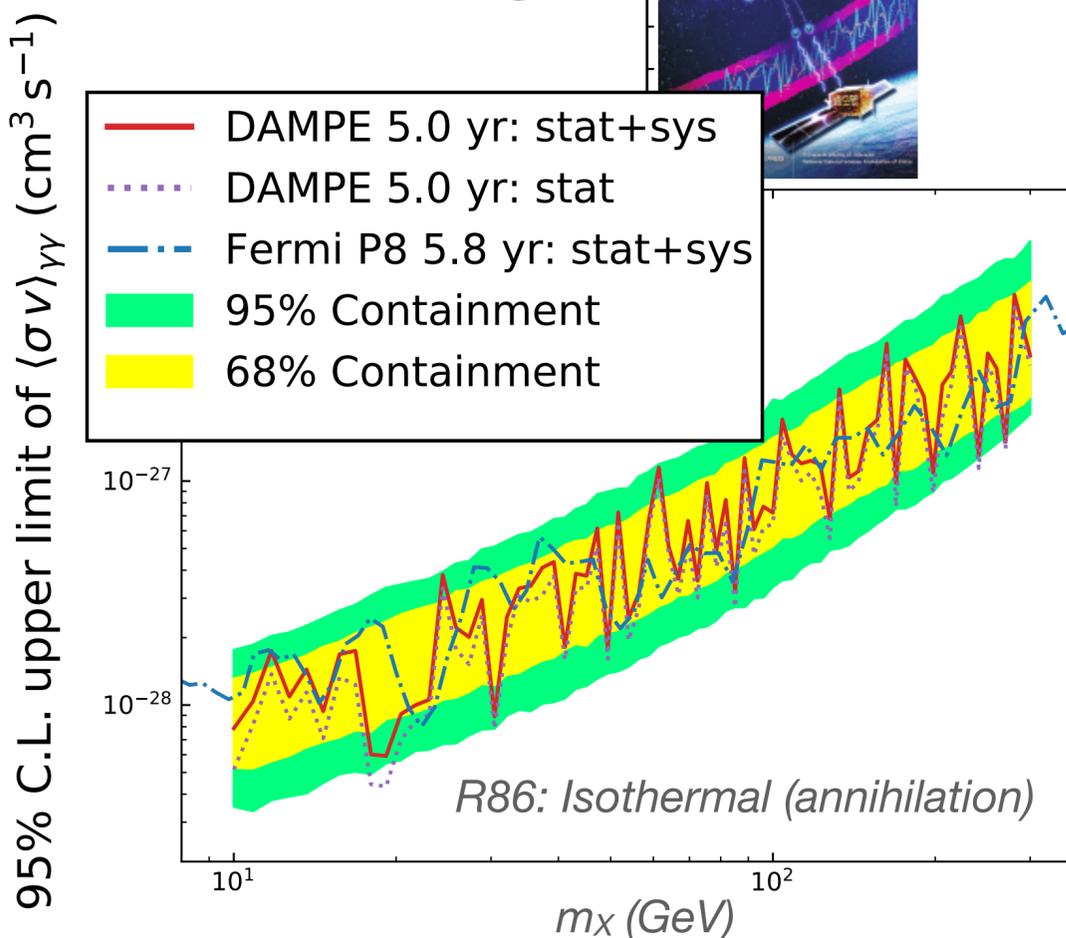
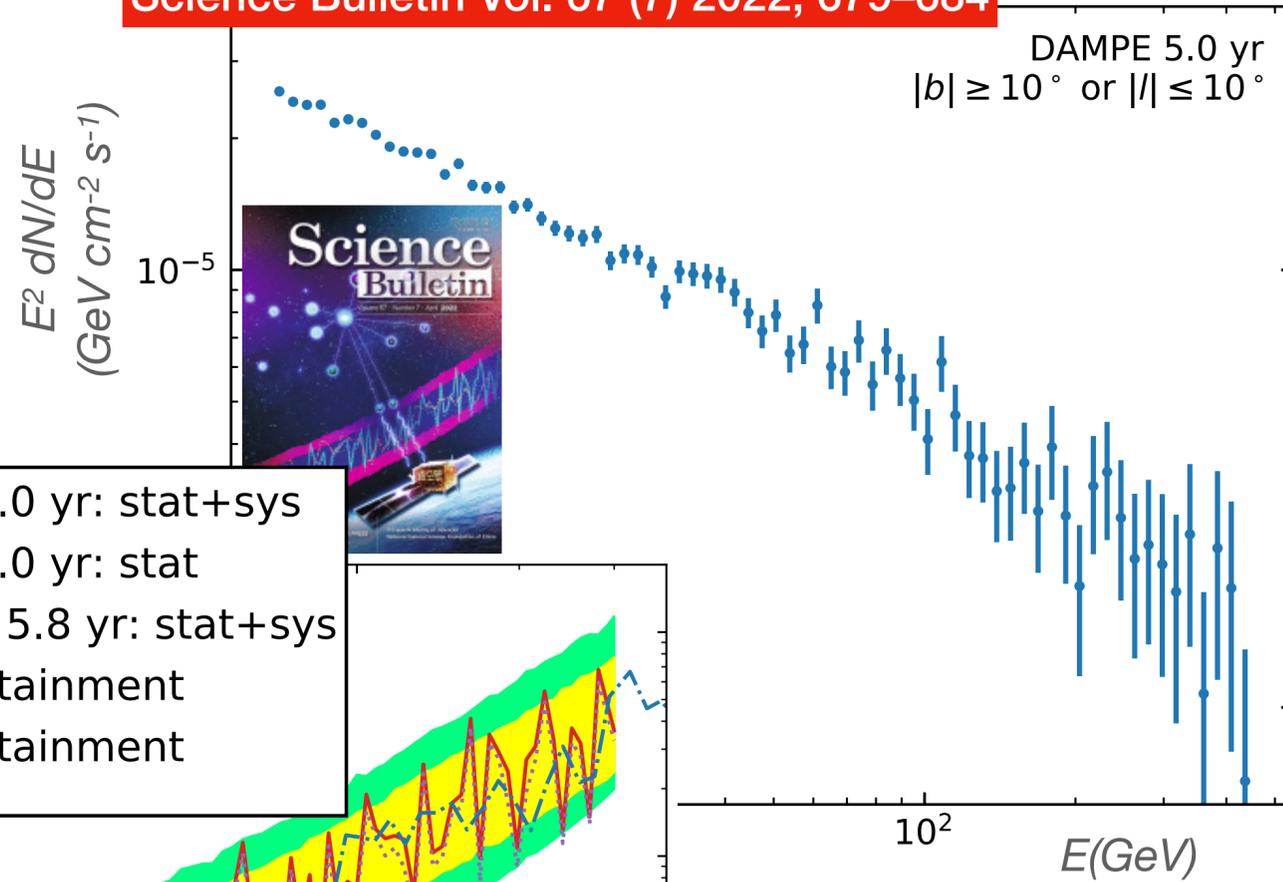
> 1000 children killed/mutilated  
> tens thousands people died  
Mariupol in ashes (0.5M inhabitants)  
> 6 M people moved out their homes  
[#RussiaTerroristState](#)

# Backup slides

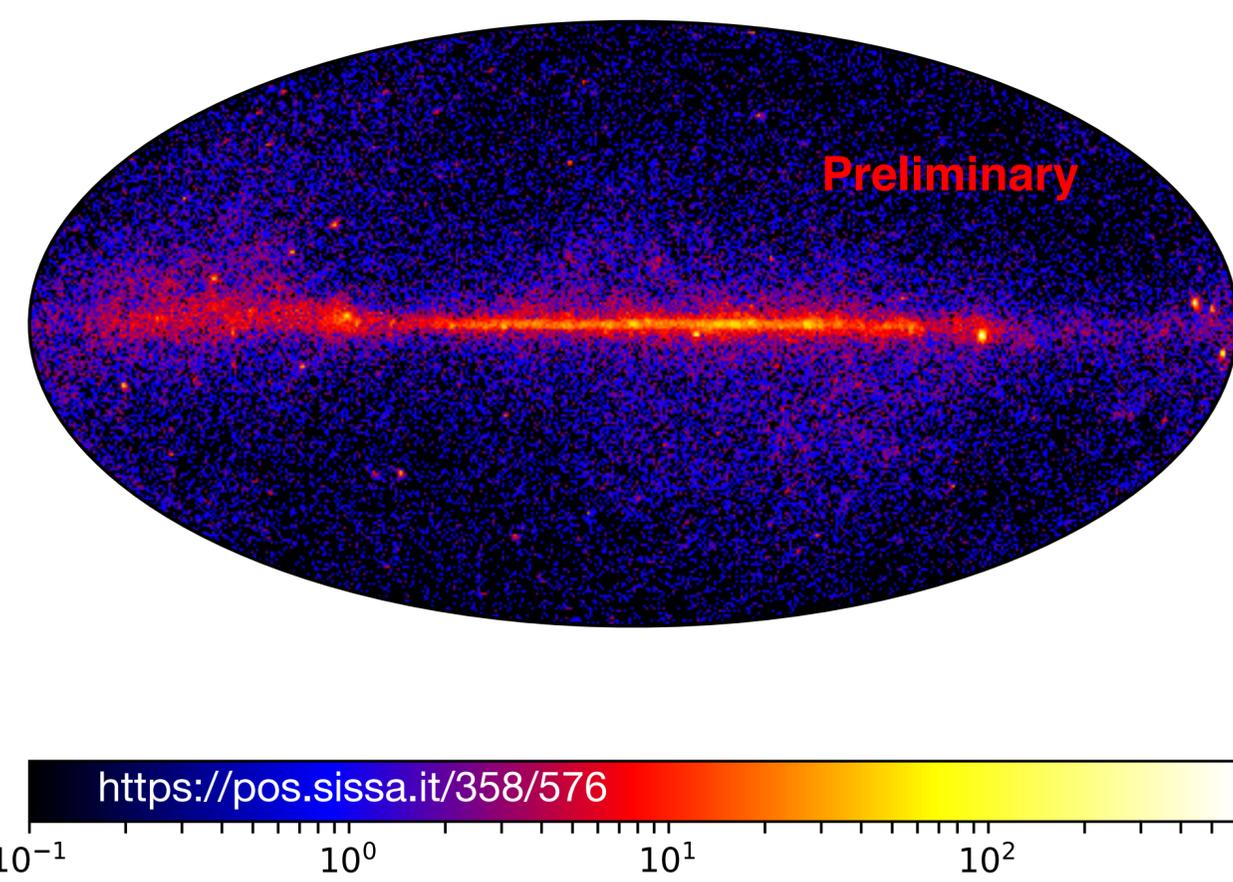
# Gamma Rays with DAMPE

## New constraints on Dark Matter density profiles

Science Bulletin Vol. 67 (7) 2022, 679–684



## Rich catalog of sources



| Type   | AGN | Pulsar | SNR and/or PWN | binary | globular cluster |
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(5 years)