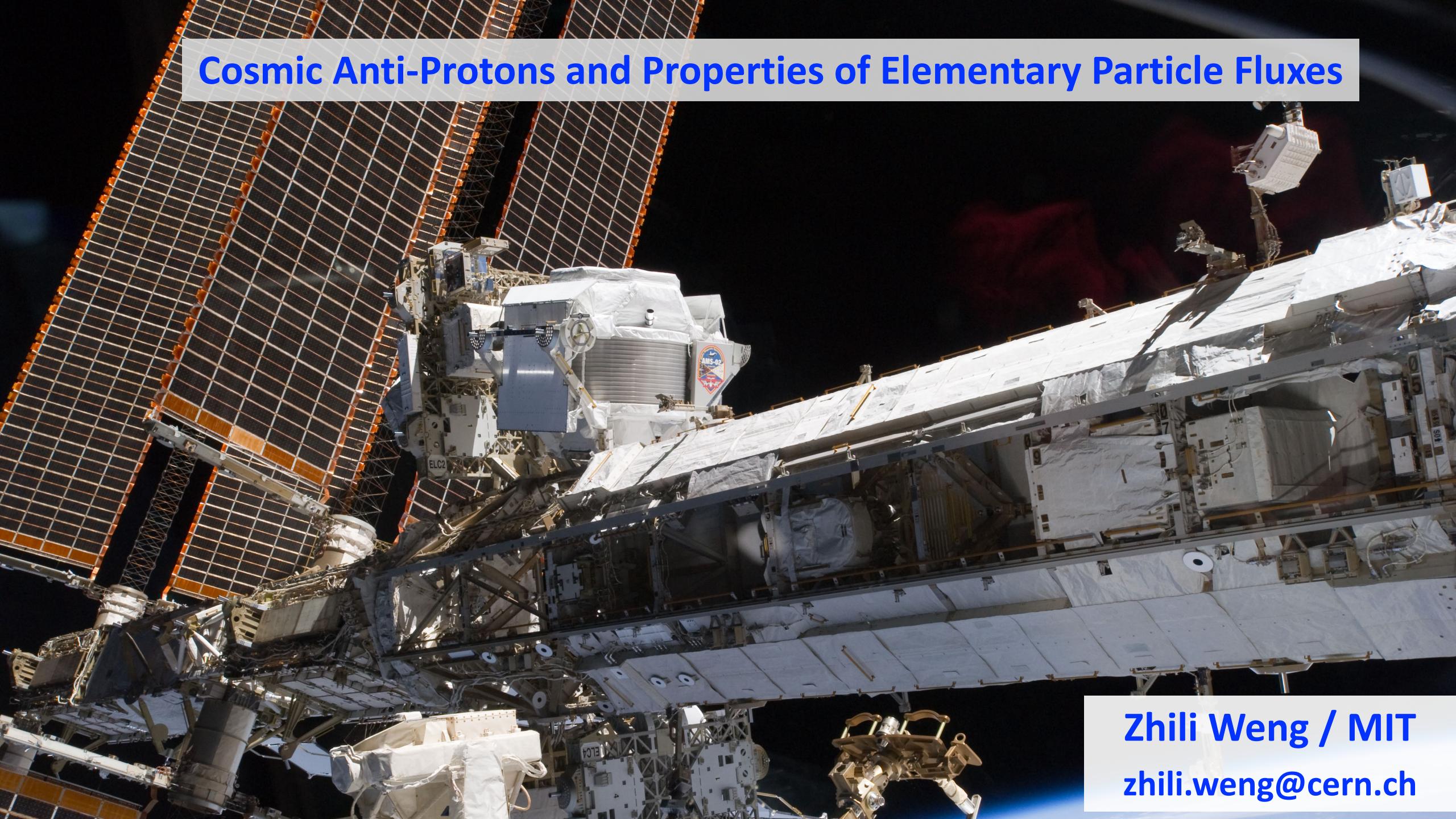


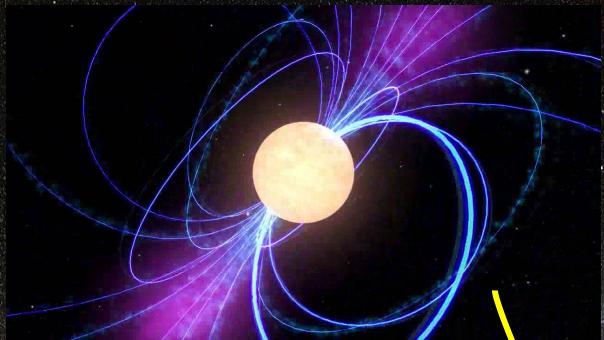
# Cosmic Anti-Protons and Properties of Elementary Particle Fluxes



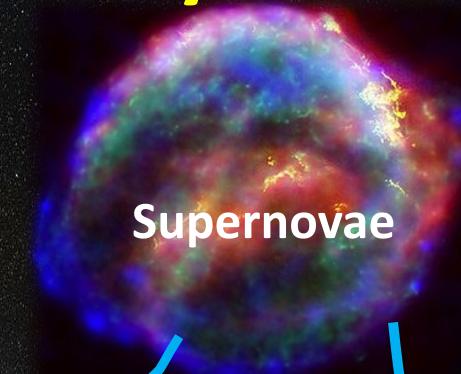
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# Elementary Particles in Cosmic Rays

New Astrophysical Sources: Pulsars, ...



$e^+$  from Pulsars



Supernovae

Protons,  
 $e^-$ , ...

Interstellar  
Medium

$e^+$ , antiprotons  
from collisions

Dark Matter

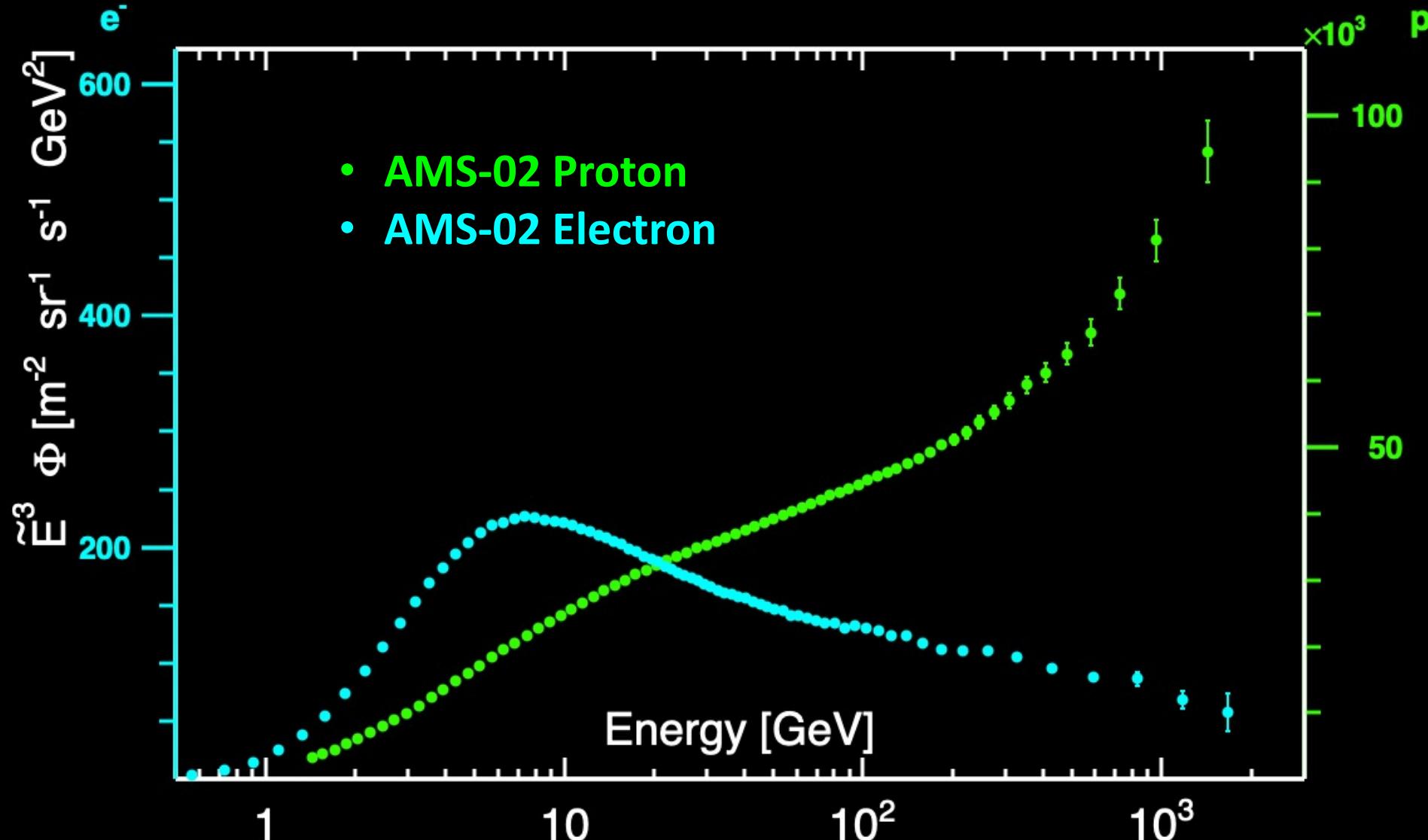
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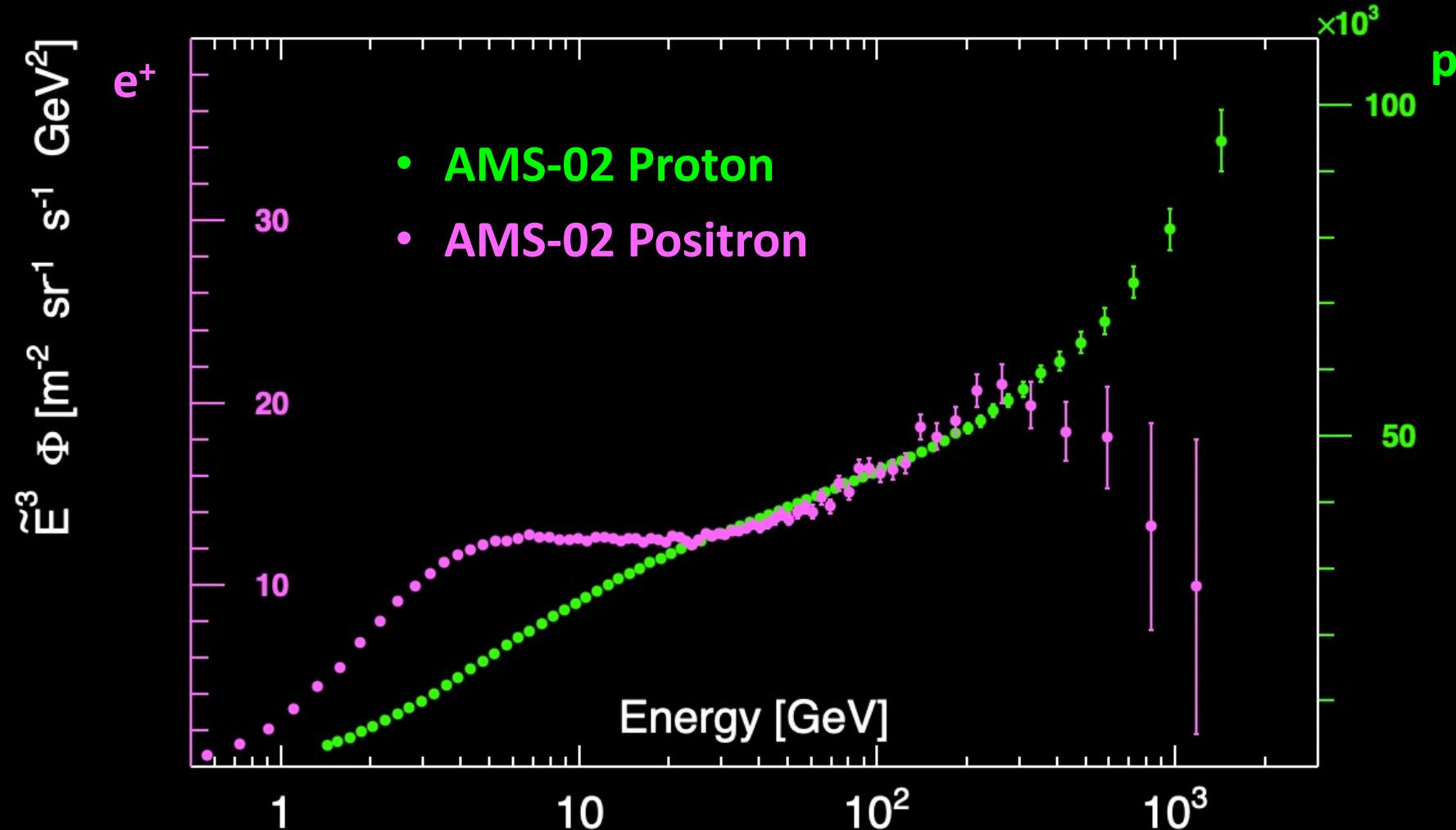
# The Spectra of Electrons and Protons



Electron flux decrease faster than proton: Electron loss energy faster during propagation

# The Spectra of Protons and Positrons

Protons and positron have different origin and propagation history



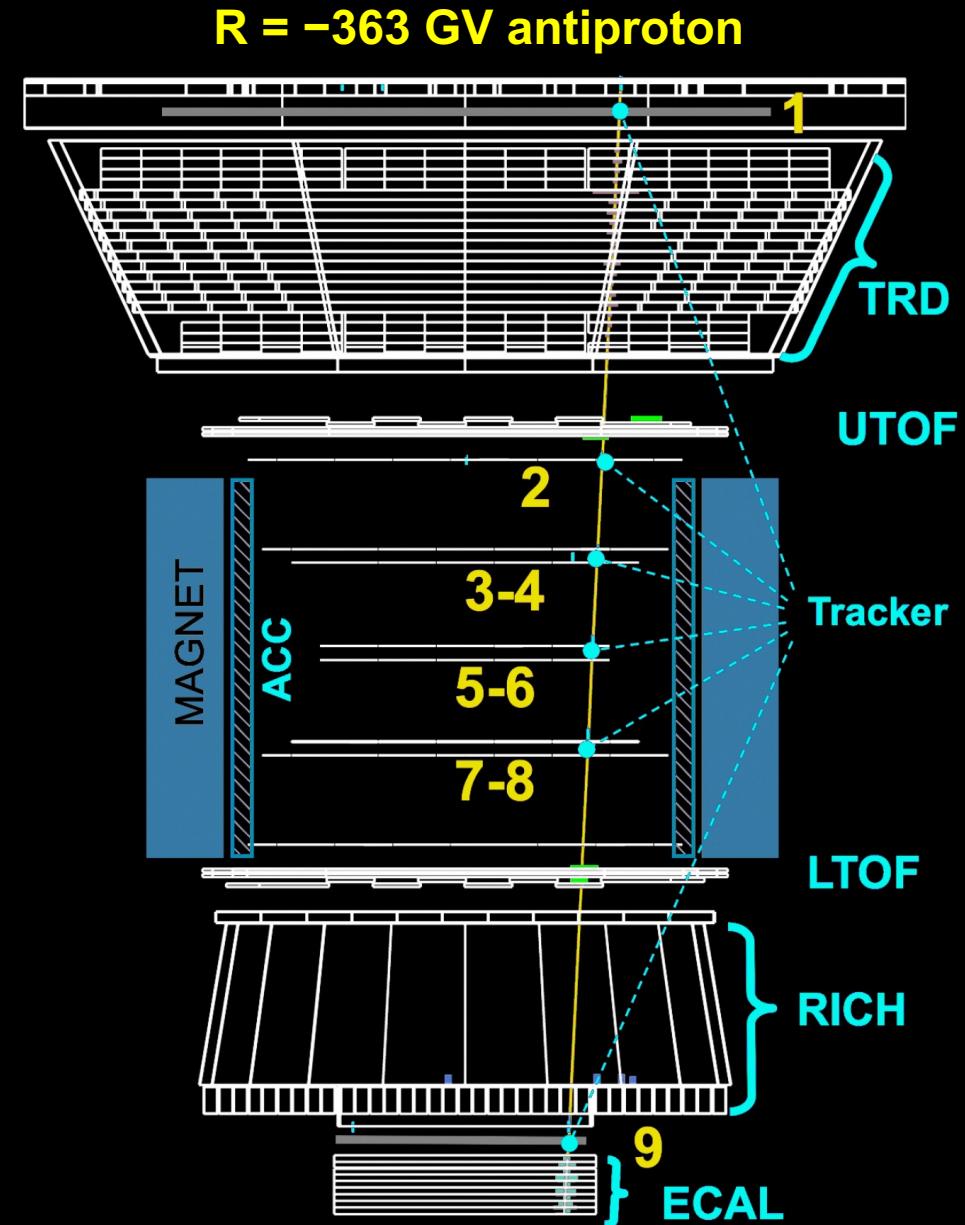
AMS measurement shows new source of positrons with high energy cutoff

# Antiproton Measurements with AMS

The Antiproton Flux is  $\sim 10^{-4}$  of the Proton Flux.

A percent precision experiment requires background rejection close to 1 in a million

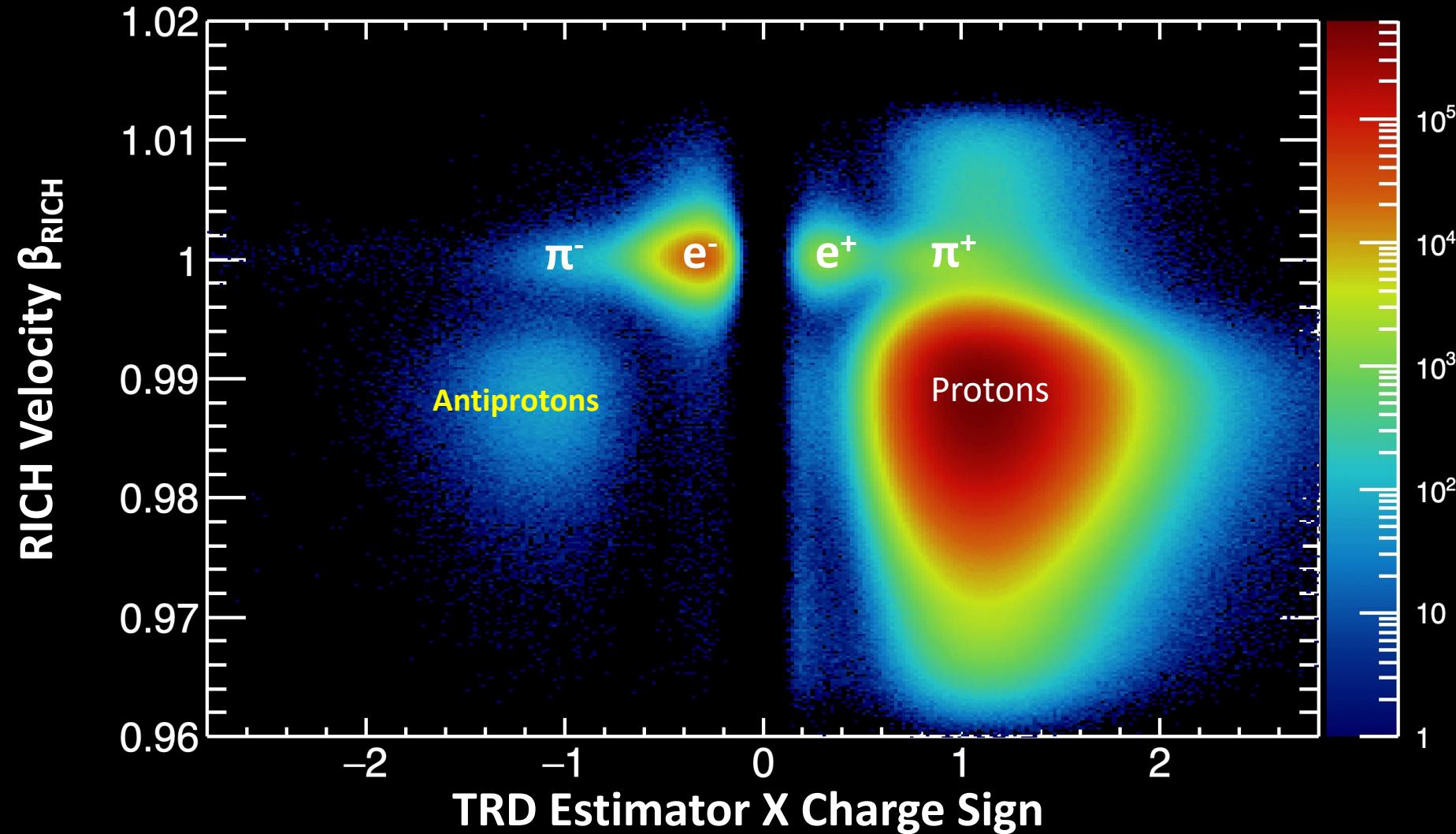
- Tracker & Magnet: measure rigidity, separate antiprotons from protons
- TRD & ECAL: reject electron background
- TOF & RICH: select down going particle and measure velocity



# Antiproton Analysis Overview

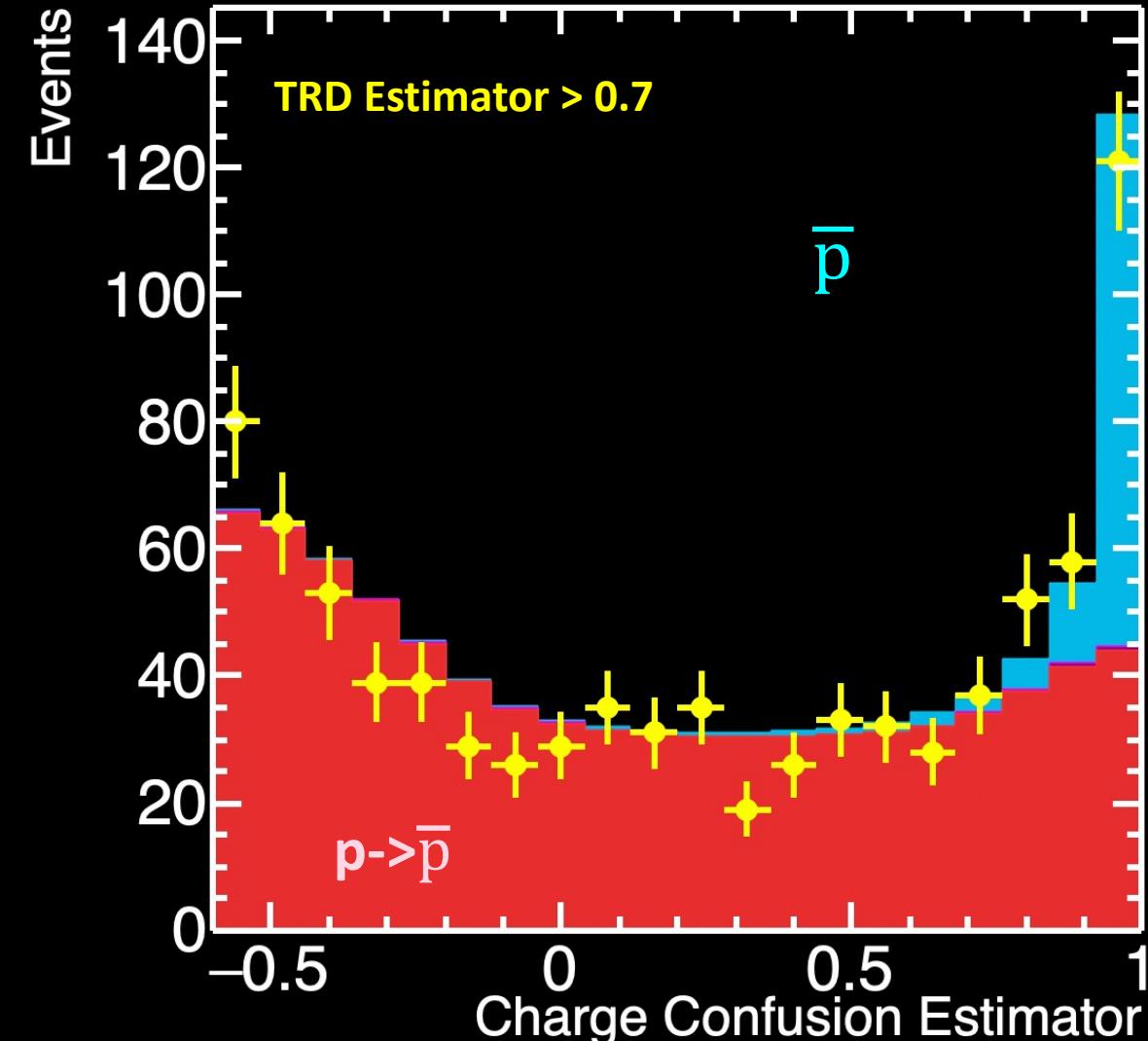
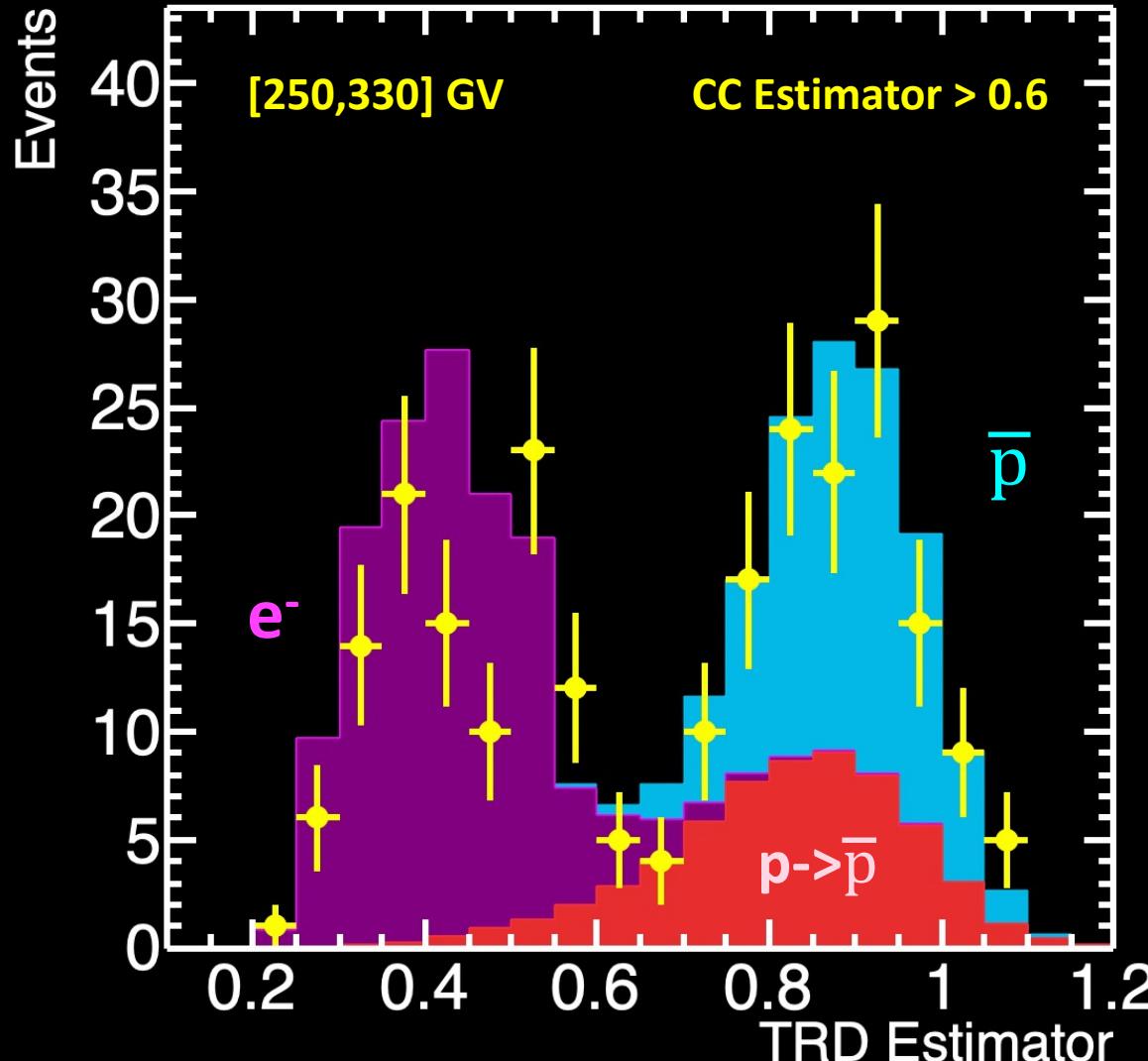
Use TOF, RICH, and TRD identify antiproton from backgrounds

Example: Data Sample composition in  $|{\text{Rigidity}}|=6 \text{ GV}$



# Antiproton Analysis Overview

- Identify Antiproton signal at high rigidity: Charge confusion estimator
- Number of antiprotons are obtained by a fit in (TRD Estimator – Charge Confusion Estimator) 2D plane

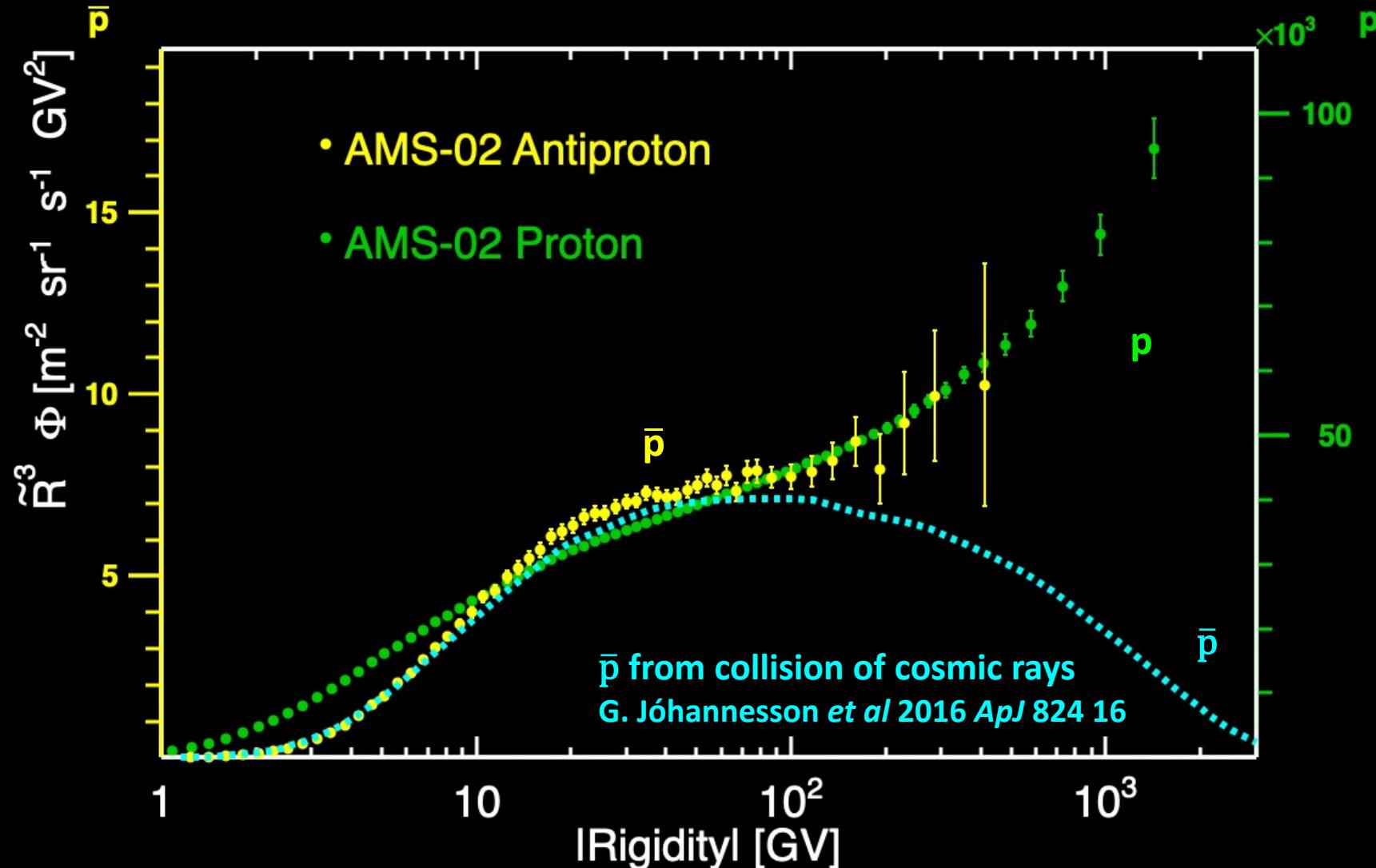


In 10 years, AMS has identified over 0.8 million antiprotons from 1 to 525 GV

# Precision study of the properties of antiproton flux

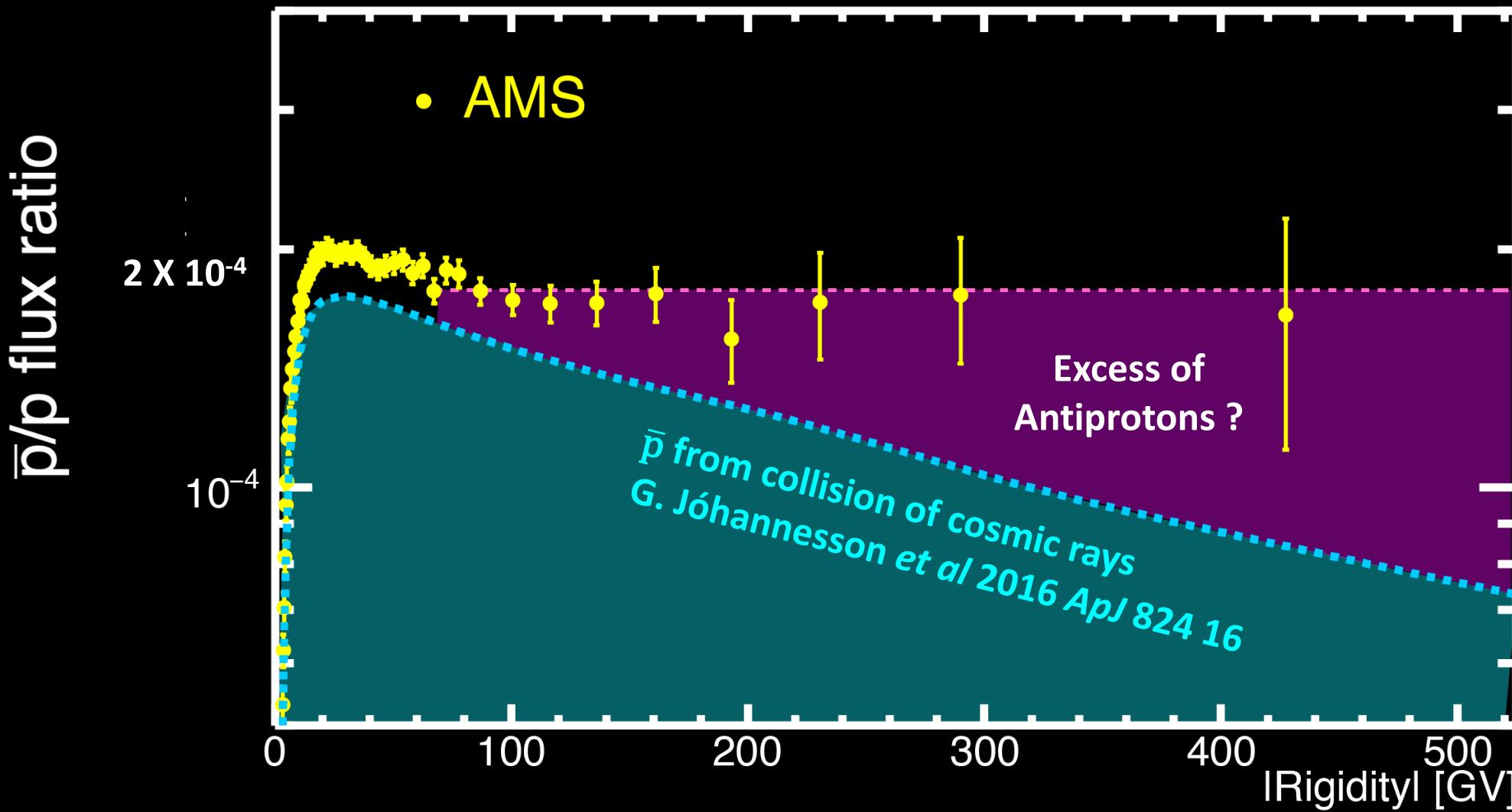
AMS measurements show that  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$  have identical rigidity dependence

Contradict with traditional cosmic ray model with only secondary  $\bar{p}$  produced from collision of cosmic rays



# Antiproton-to-Proton flux ratio

The antiproton-to-proton flux ratio shows unexpected energy dependence  
Distinctly different from antiprotons from collision of cosmic rays



## A sample of recent papers on AMS antiproton data

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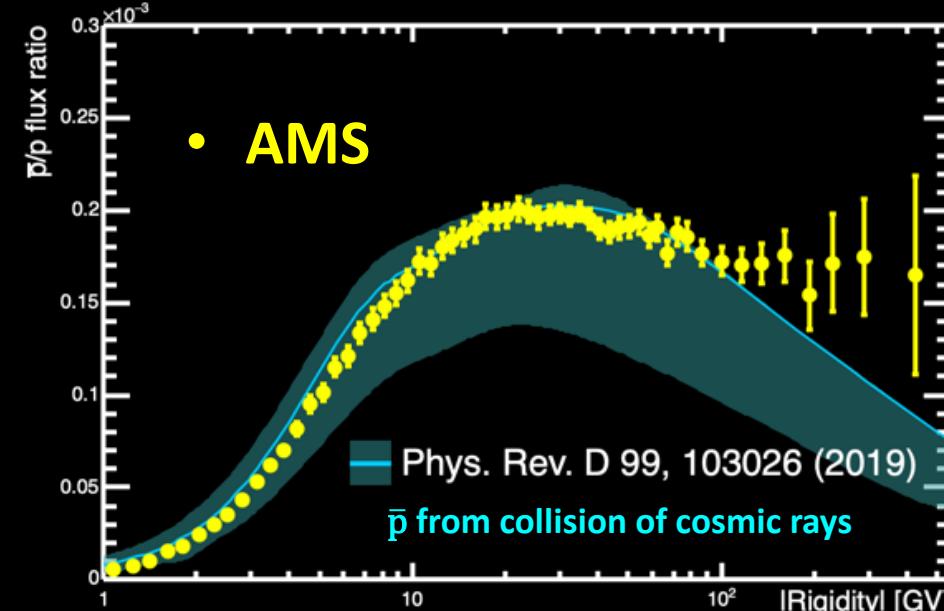
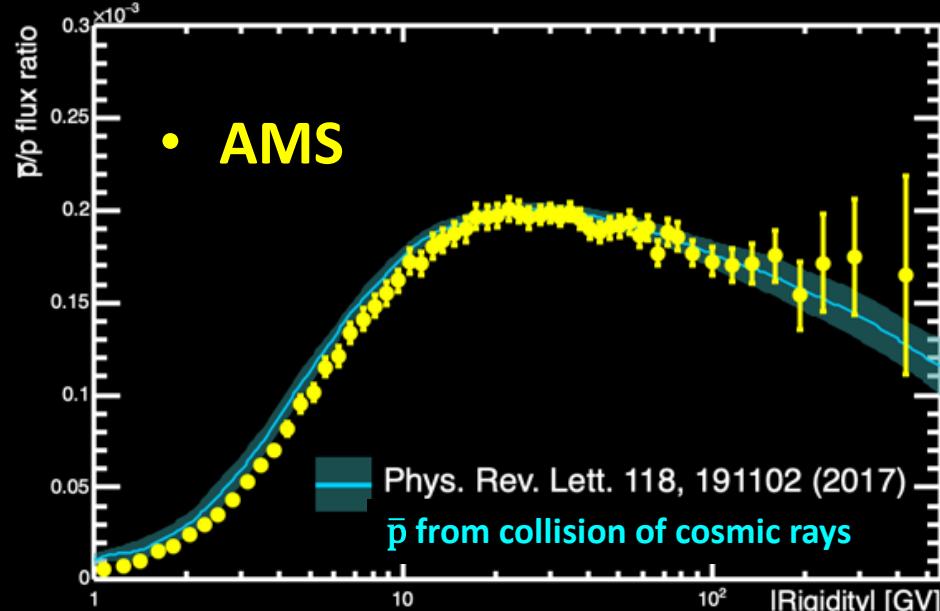
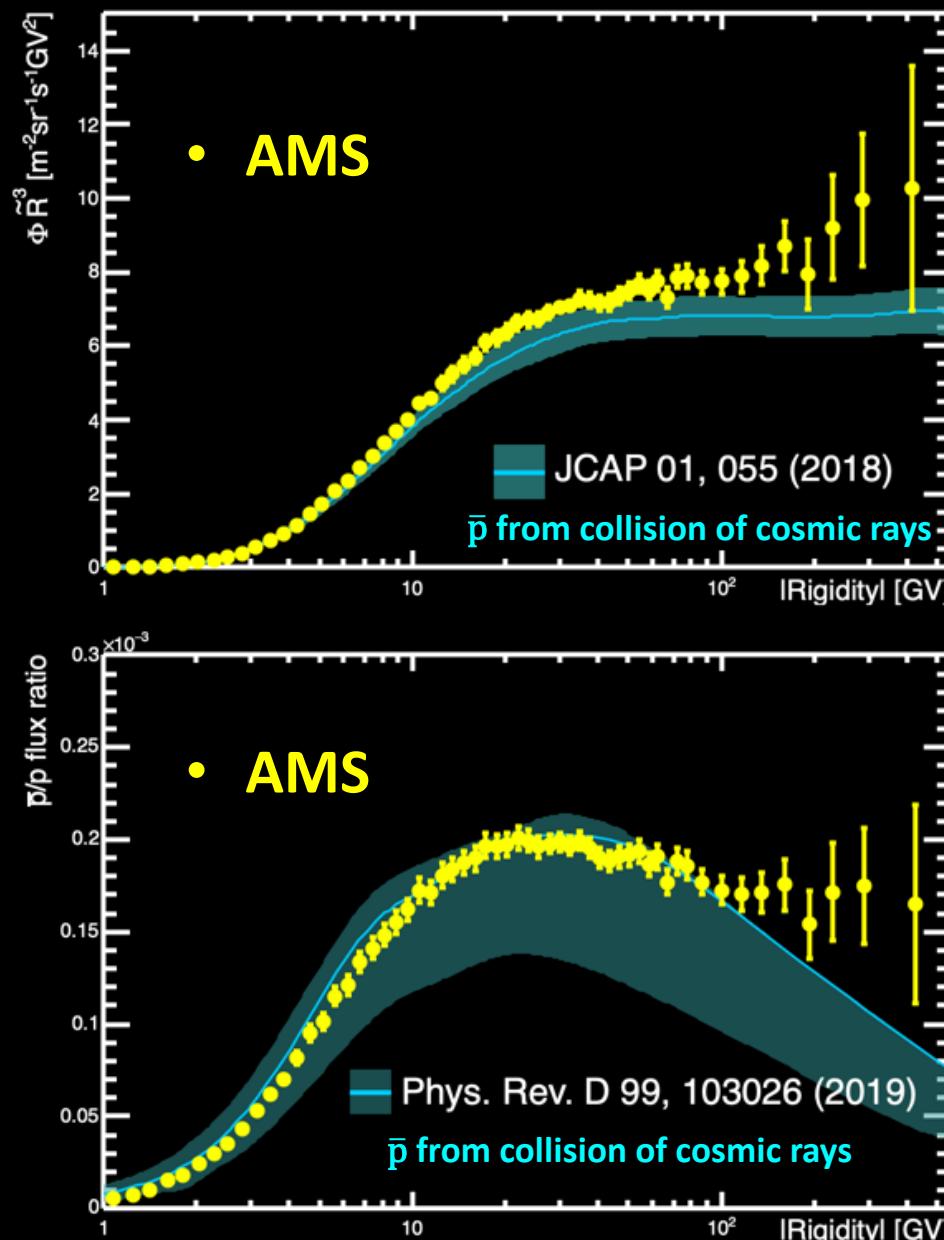
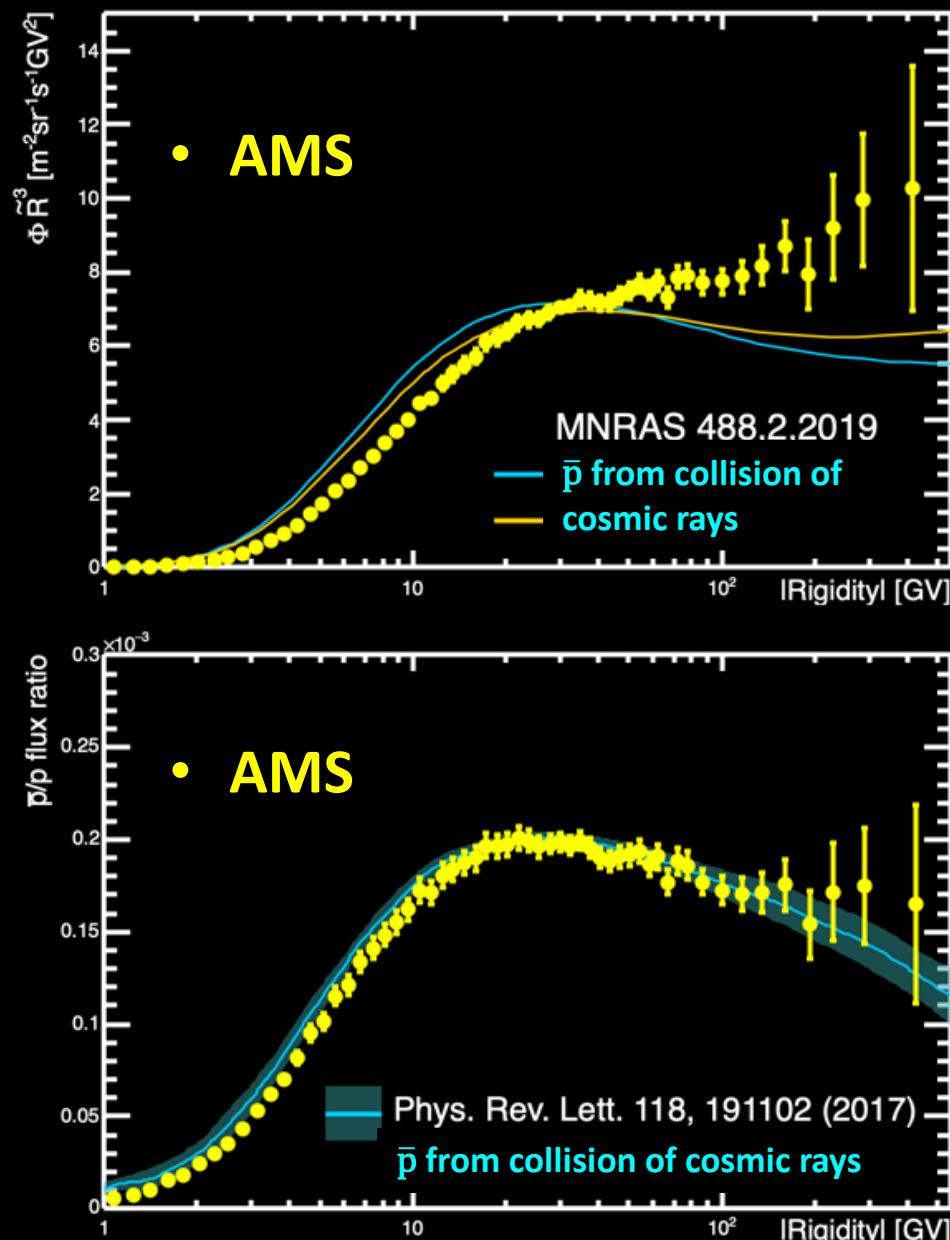
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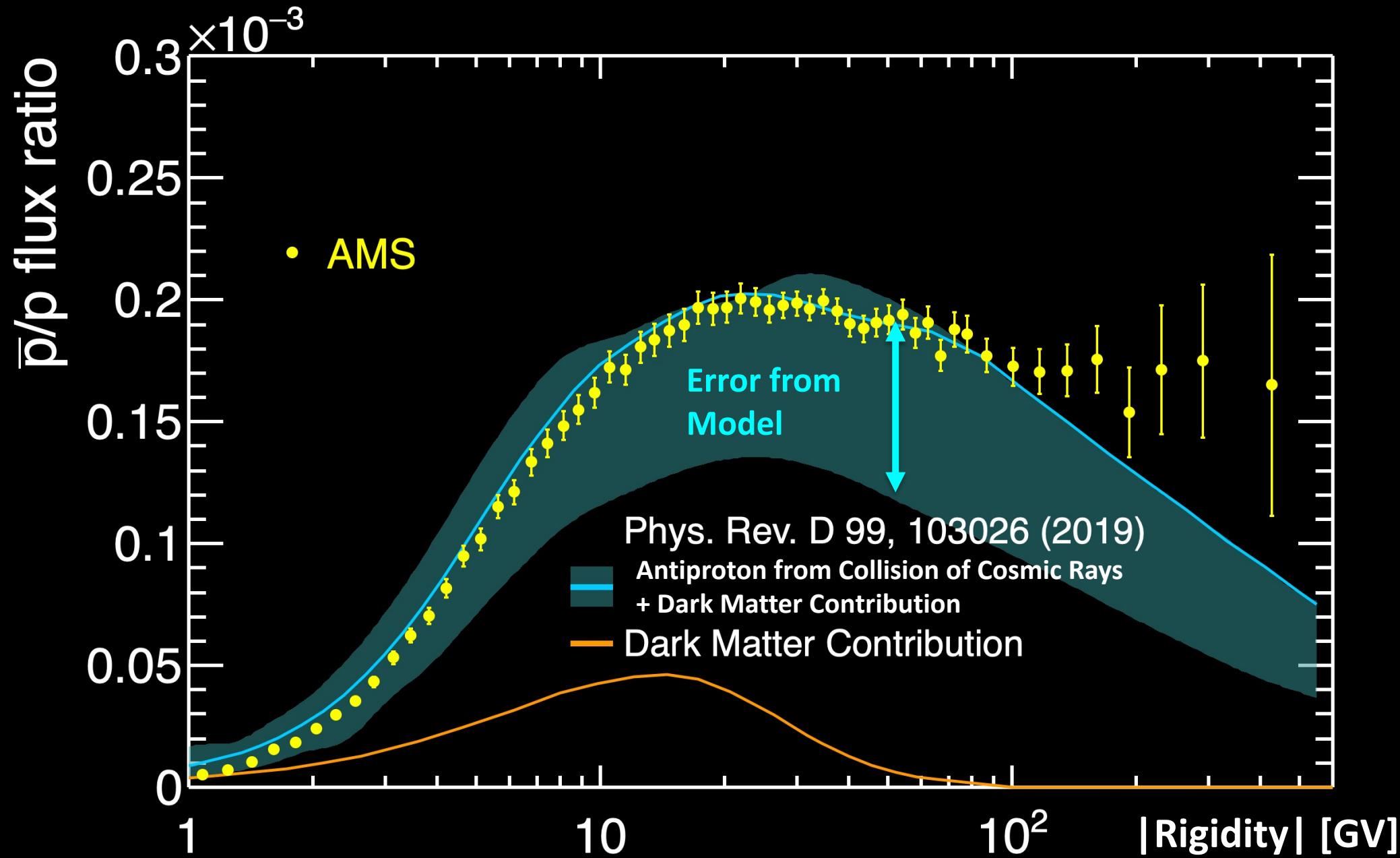
**Antiproton  
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# Example: AMS Antiproton Results compared with Cosmic Ray Models Based on AMS Data

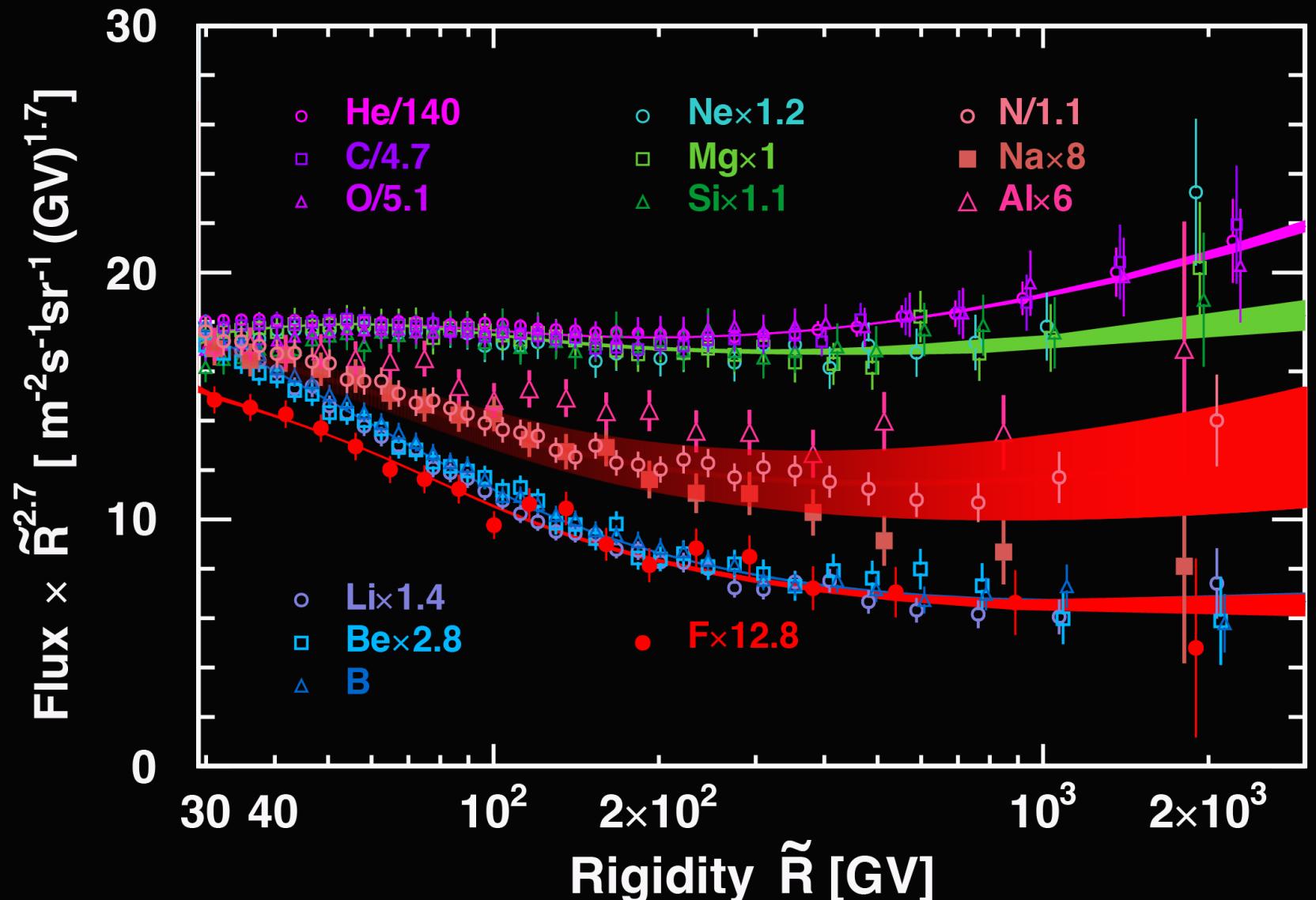


## Example: AMS Antiproton Results Compared with Low Mass Dark Matter Model



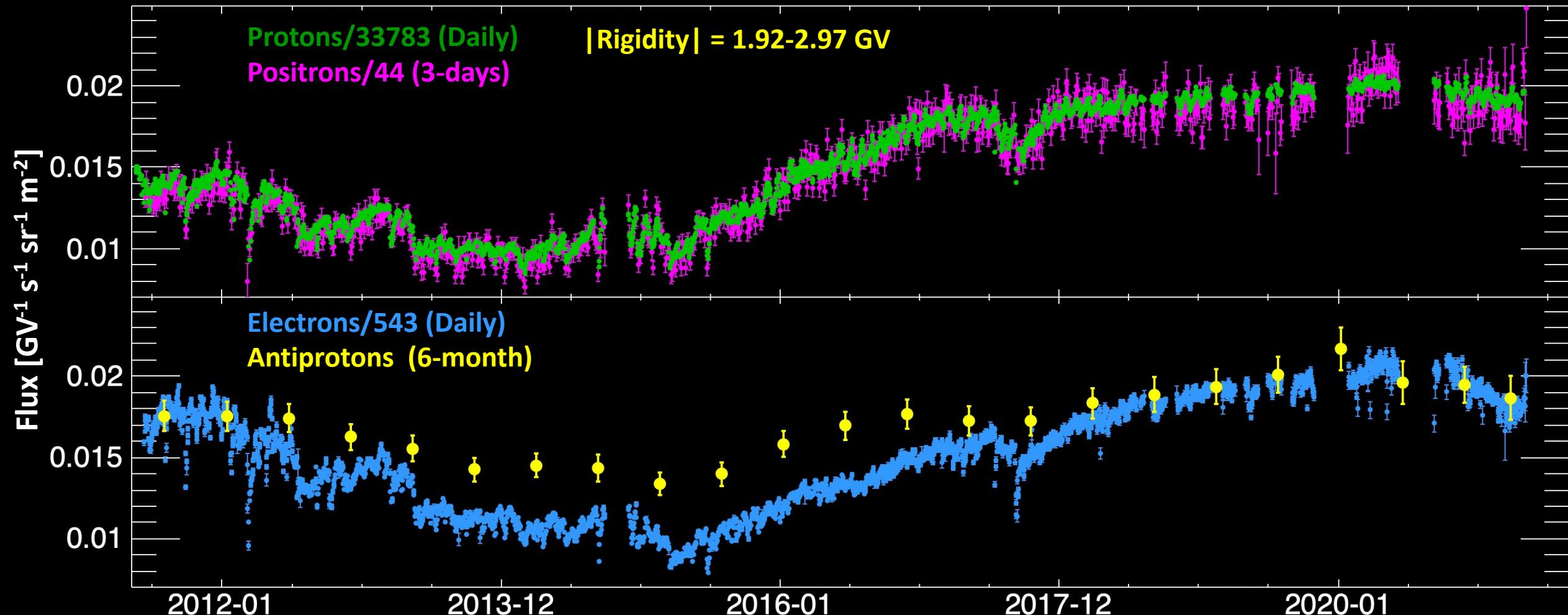
# Understanding Antiprotons with AMS Measurements

Precision AMS measurement significantly improves the understanding of cosmic ray propagation



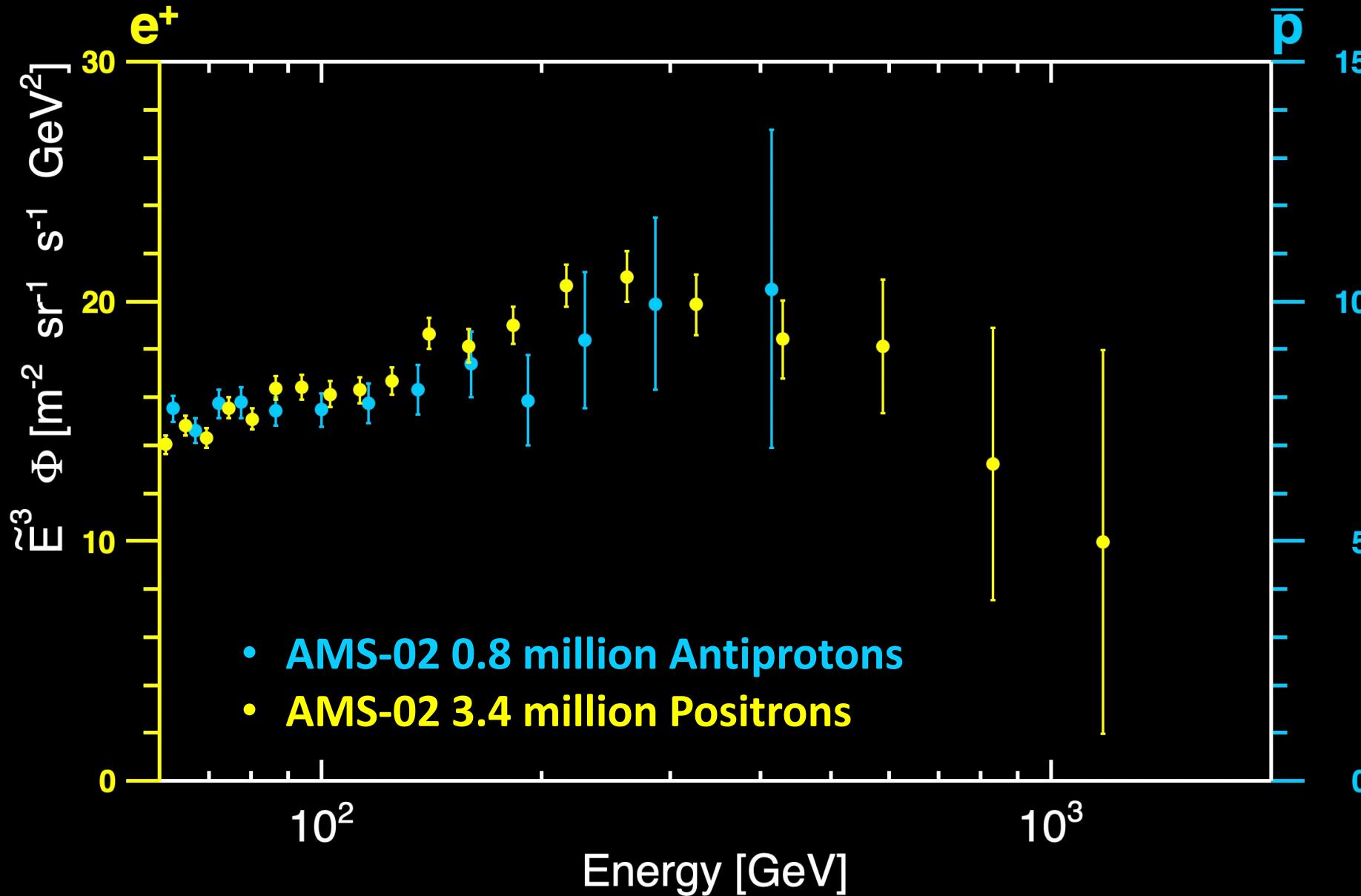
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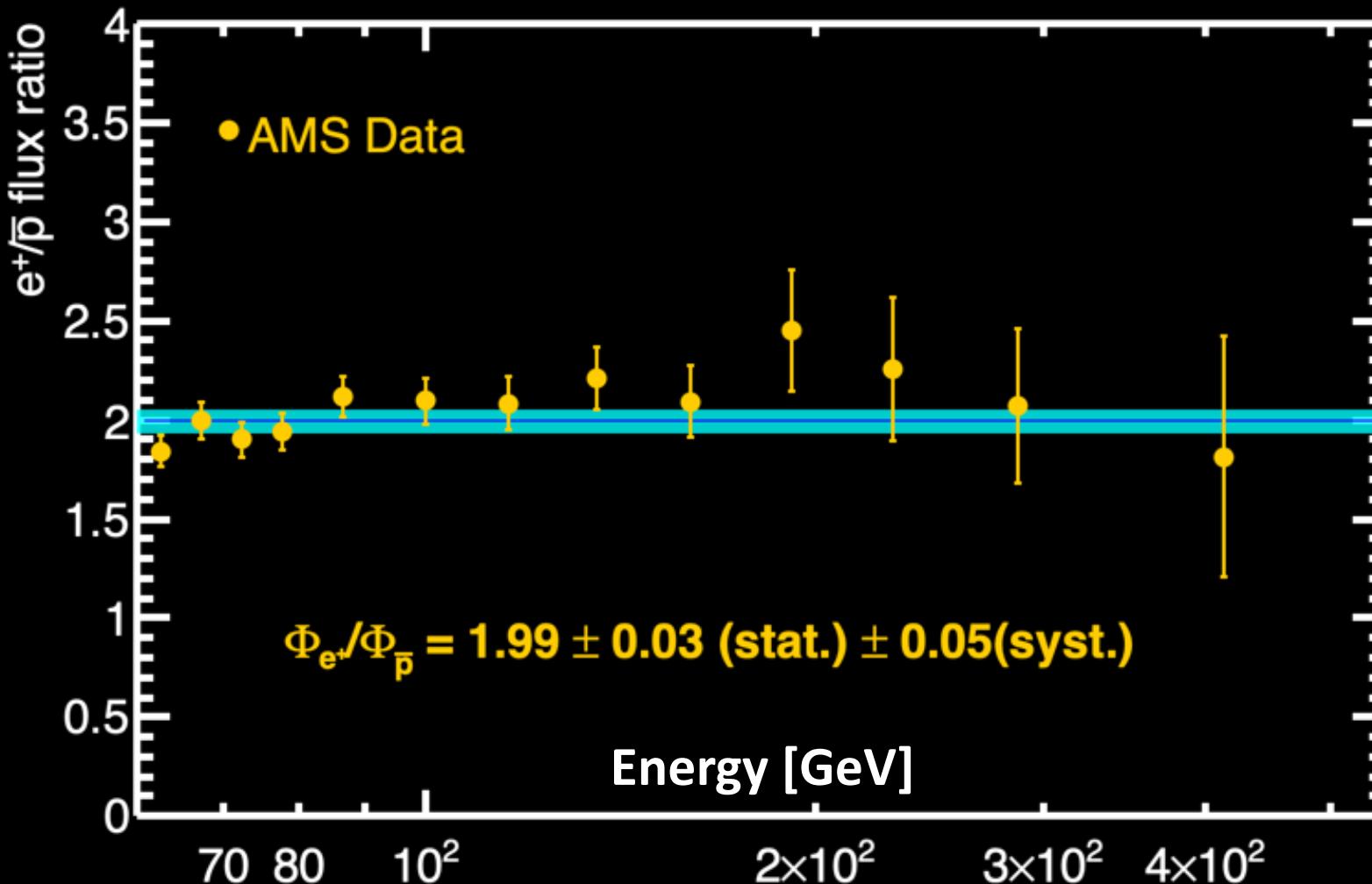


# Unique Observation from AMS:

Positron and Antiproton have nearly identical energy dependence.

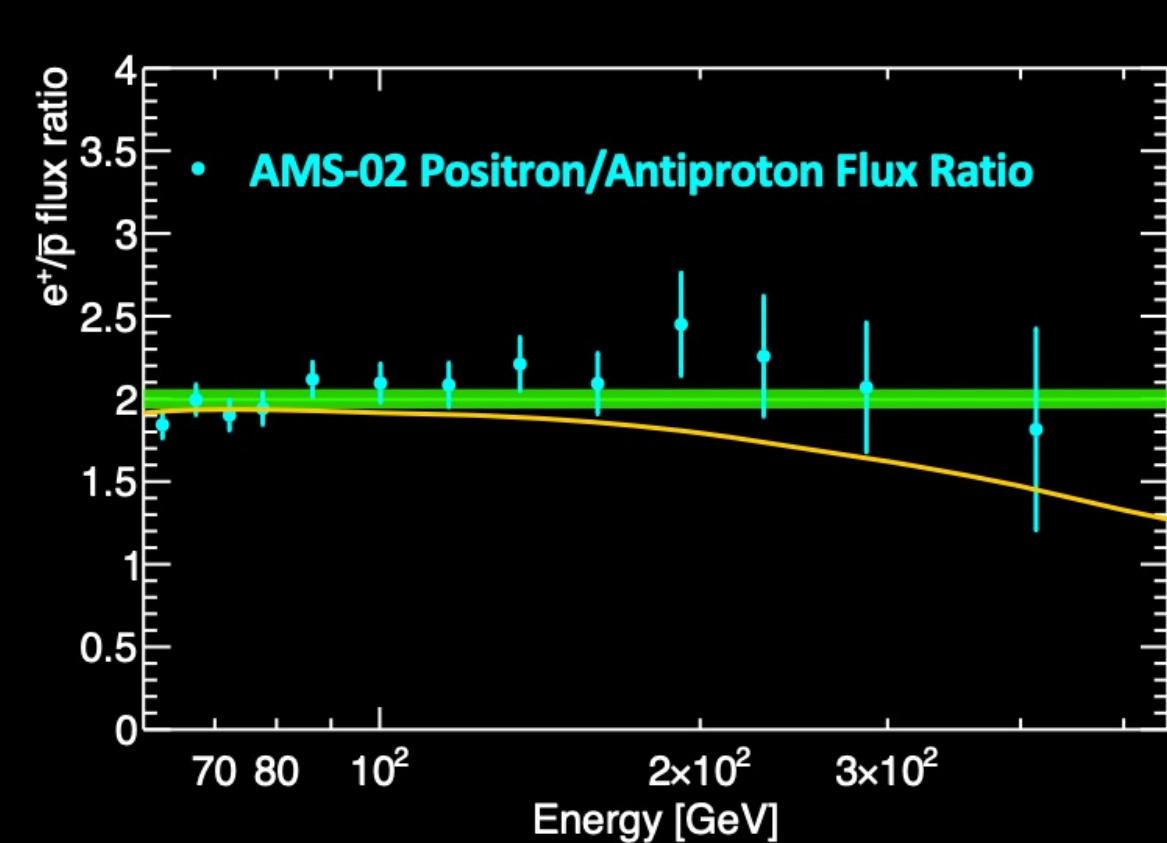
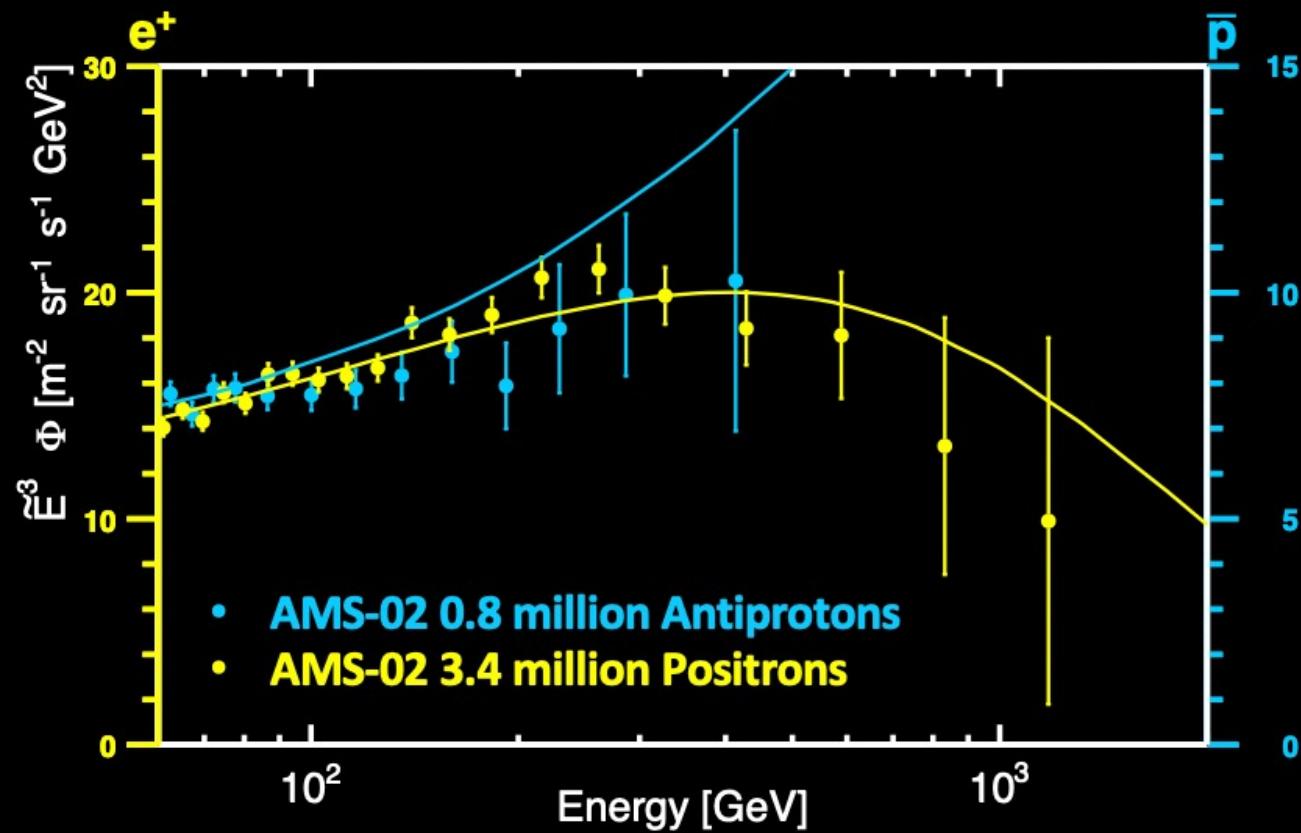


## Unique Observation from AMS: The positron-to-antiproton flux ratio is independent of energy.



Antiprotons cannot come from pulsars.

## Example: Positron and Antiproton spectra compared with recent model

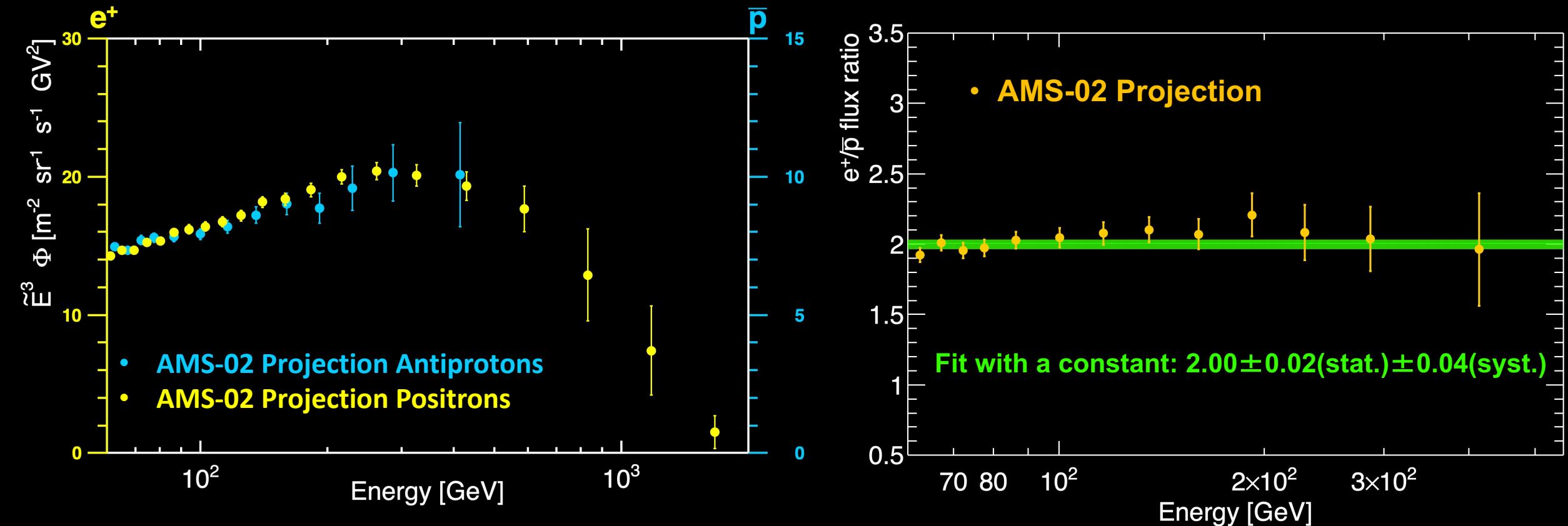


Model Example:

P. Mertsch, A. Vittino, S. Sarkar, PRD 104 (2021) 103029

“Explaining cosmic ray antimatter with secondaries from old supernova remnants”

# Future Measurement of Antiproton and Positrons with AMS Upgrade



AMS will greatly improve the accuracy of the measurement of the positrons and antiprotons  
The identical behaviour of positrons and antiprotons excludes the pulsar origin of positrons

**By simultaneous measurement of cosmic protons, electrons, antiprotons, and positrons through the lifetime of the space station,**

**AMS will provide the definitive dataset to resolve the mystery of the origin of elementary particles in cosmic rays.**

