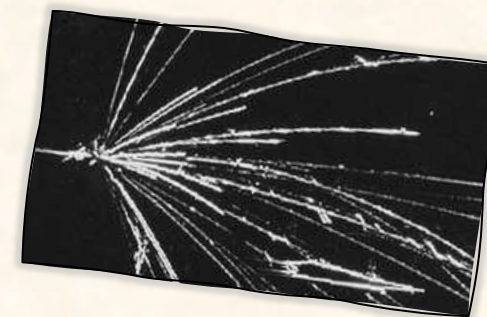
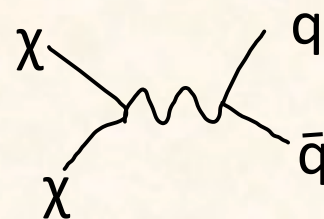
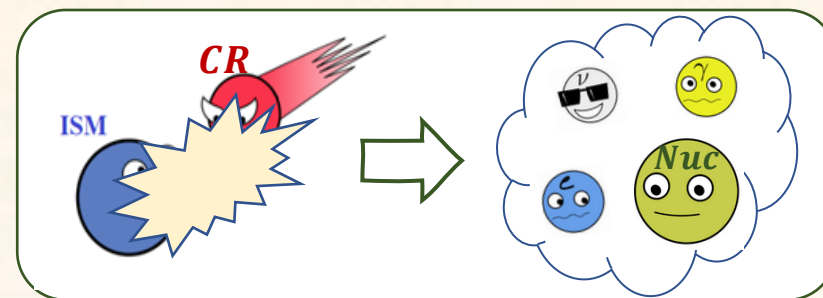
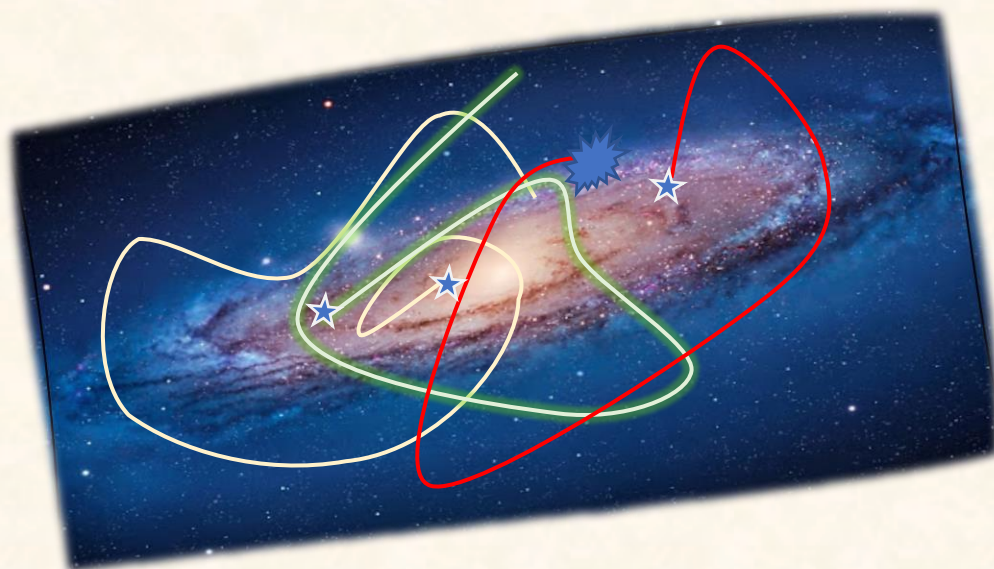
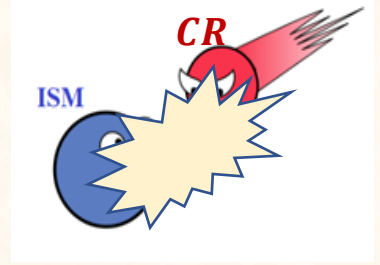


# Indirect dark matter searches with anti-nuclei



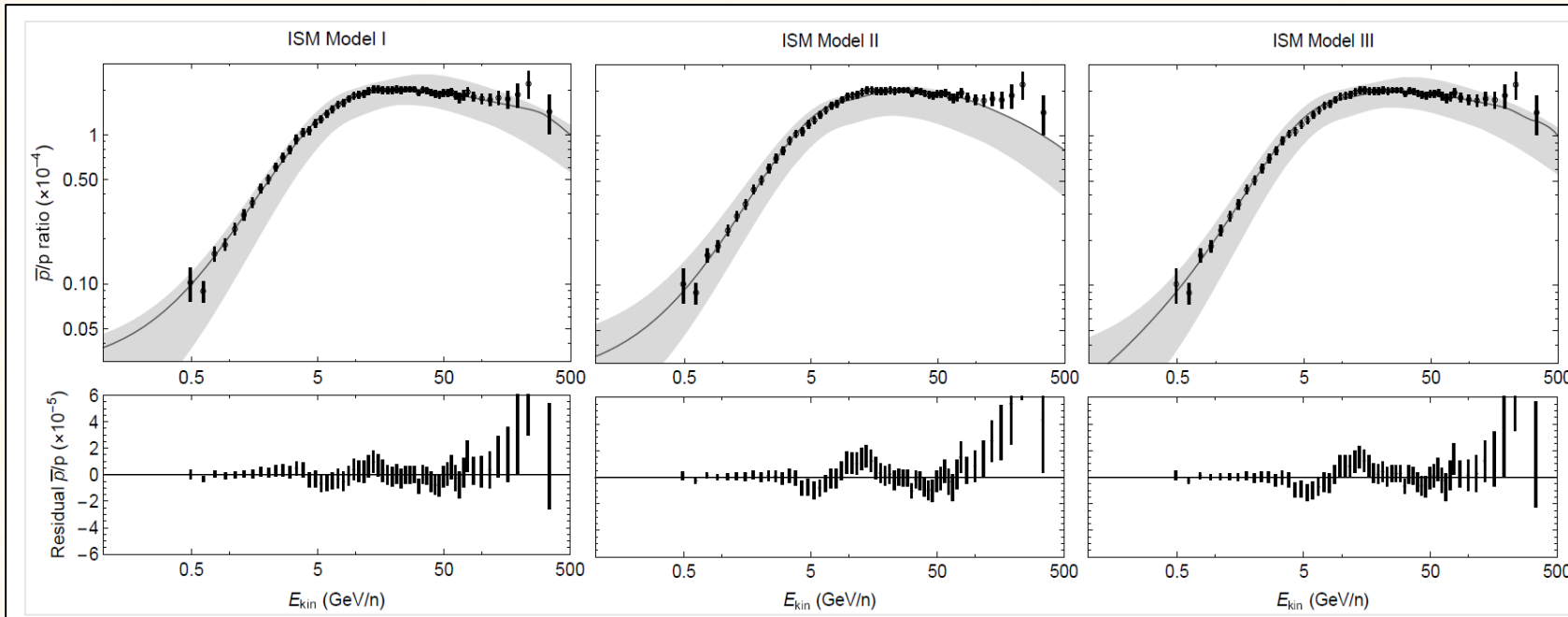
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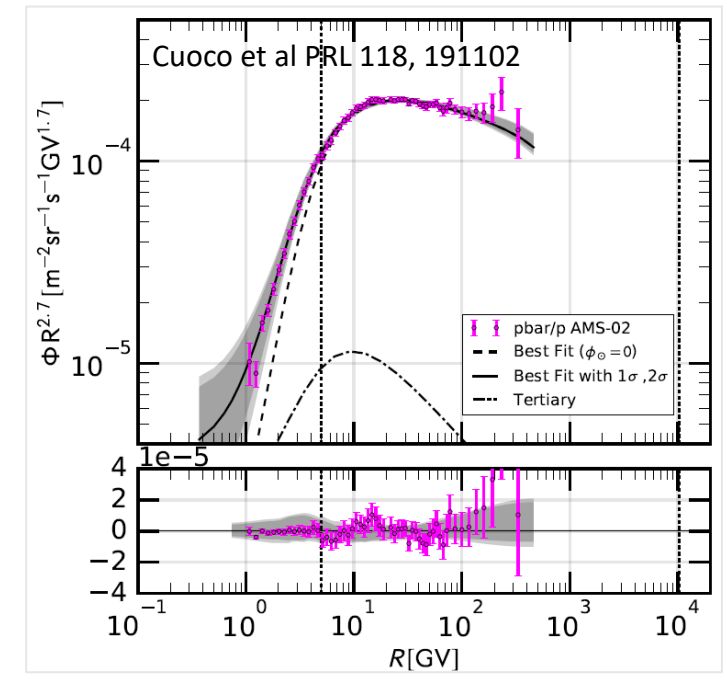
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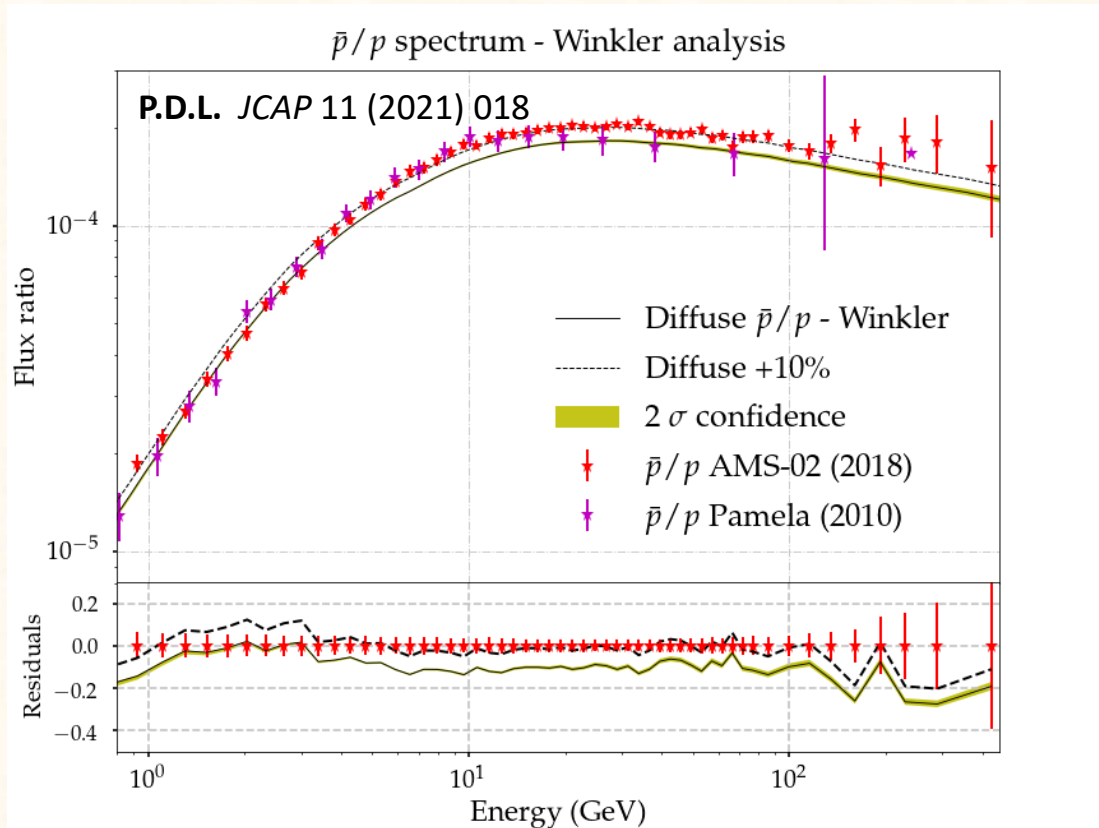
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# Antiproton *excesses* – *The grammage excess*

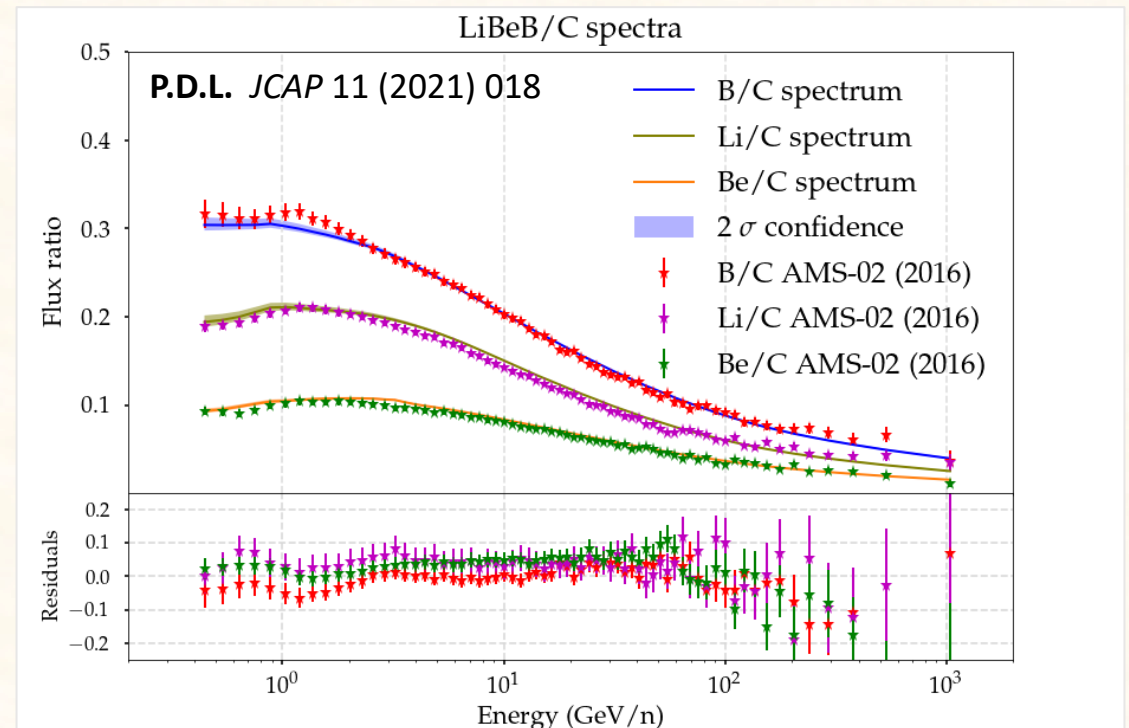


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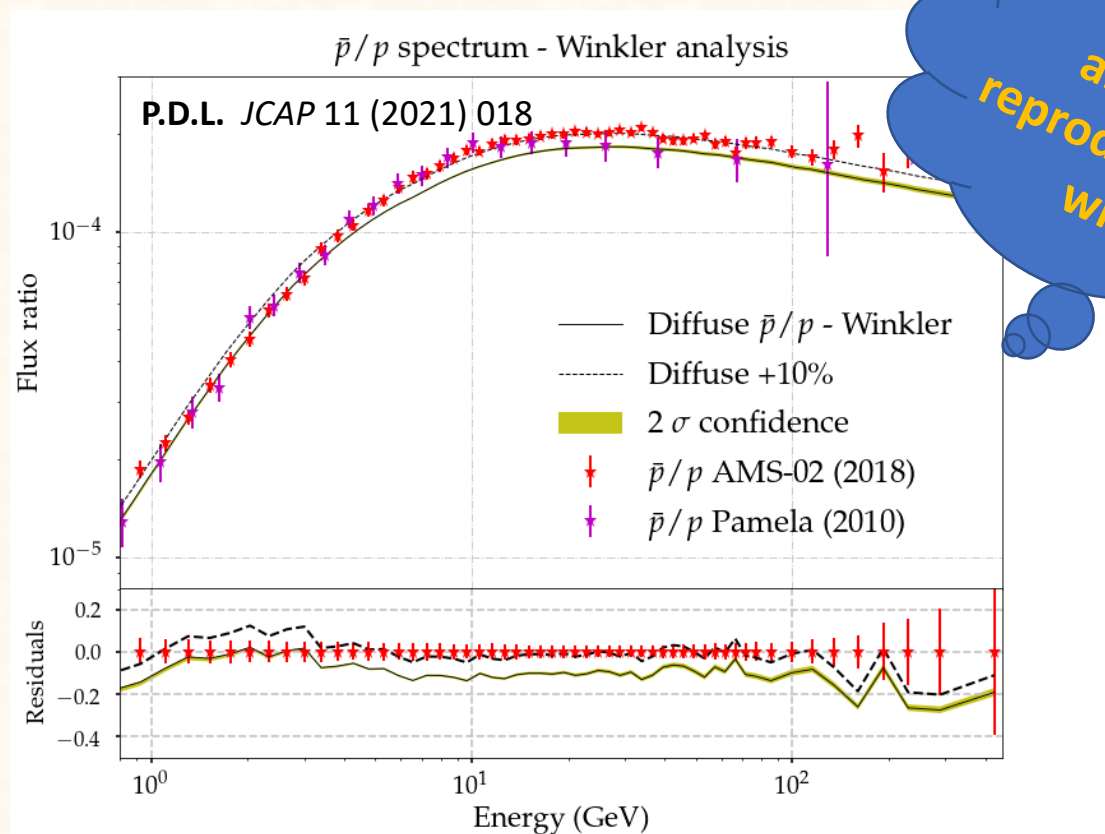
Diffusion coefficient

Production cross sections

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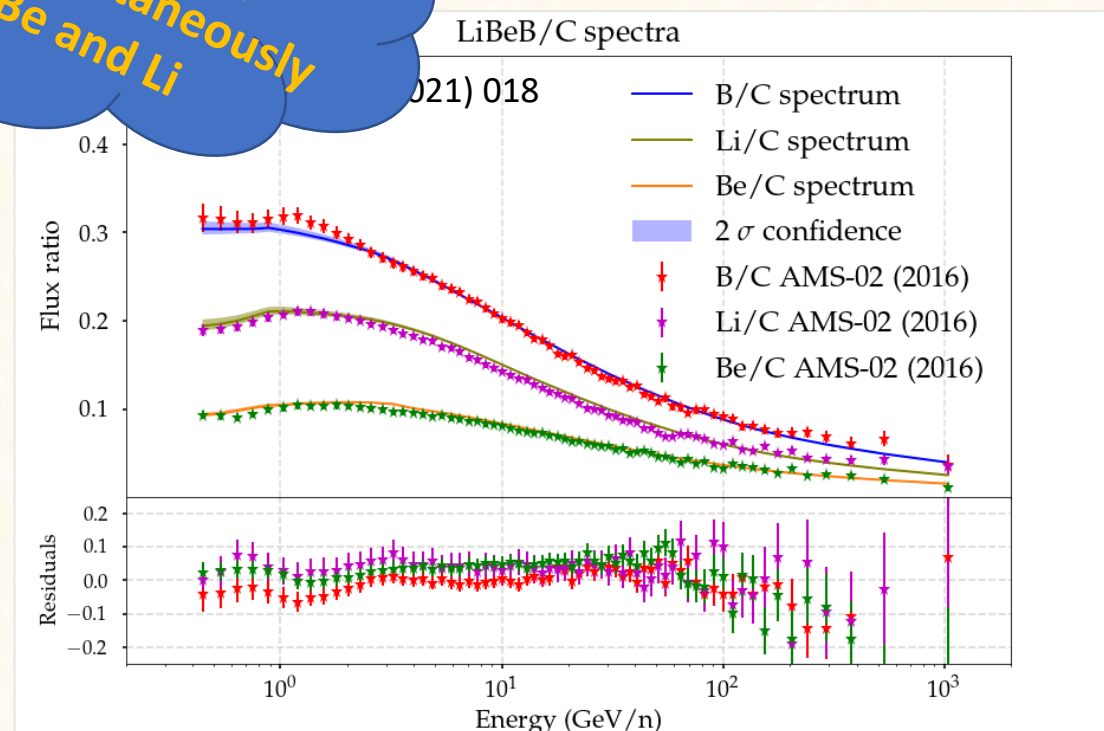


# Antiproton *excesses* – The grammage excess



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

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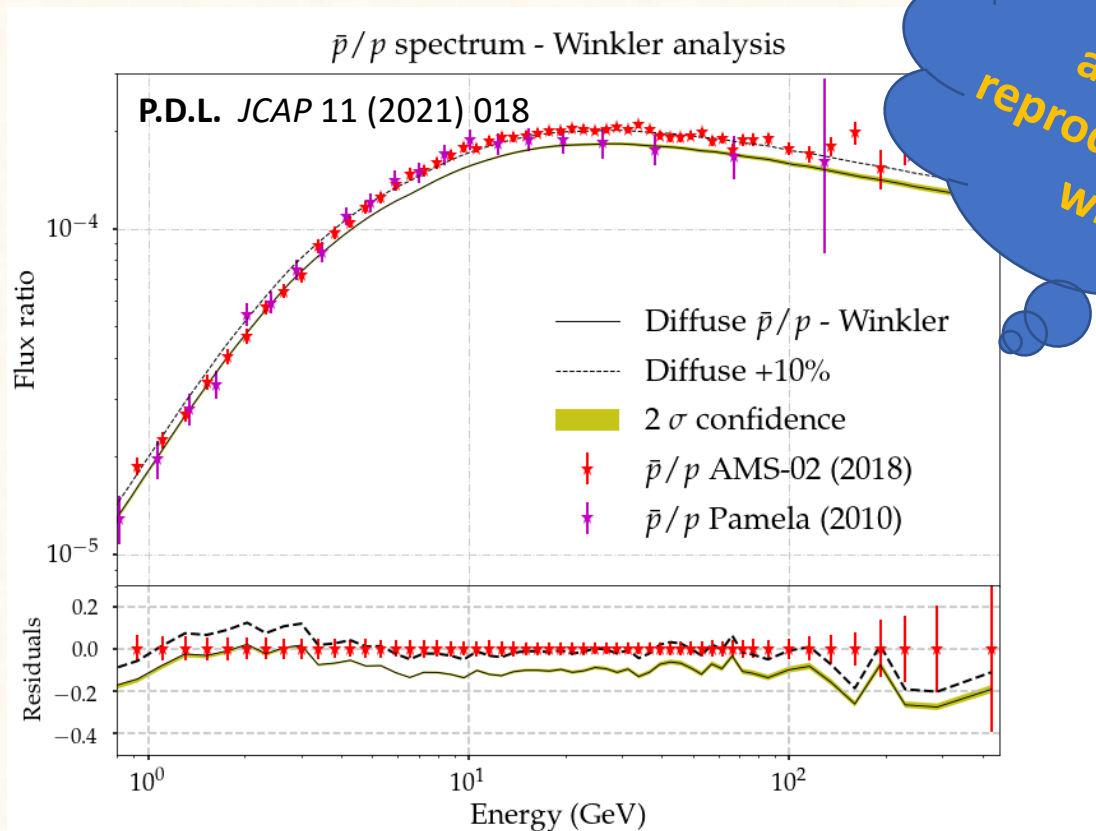
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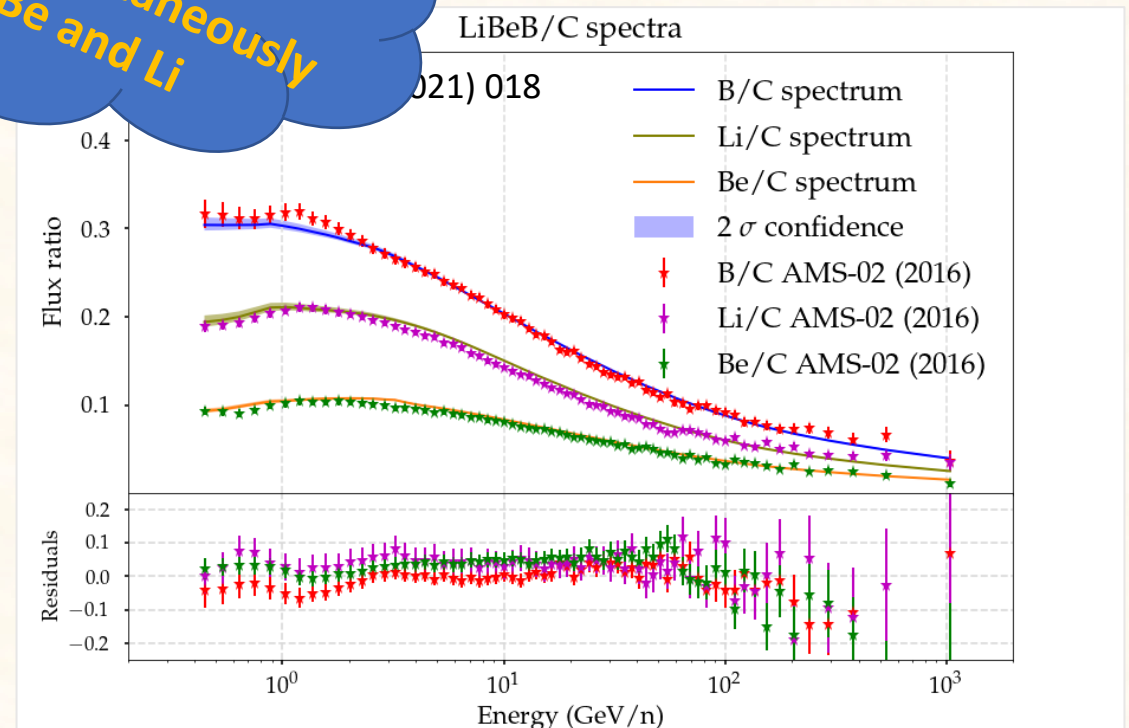


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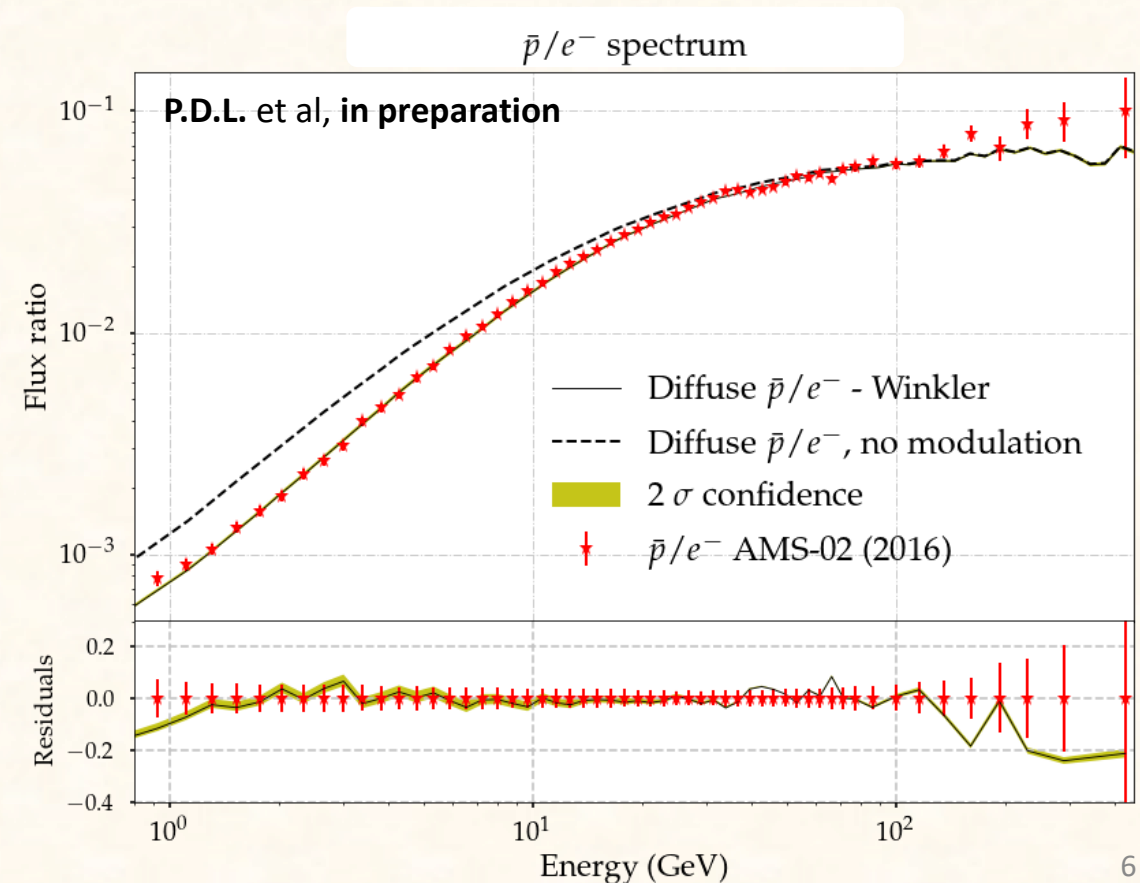
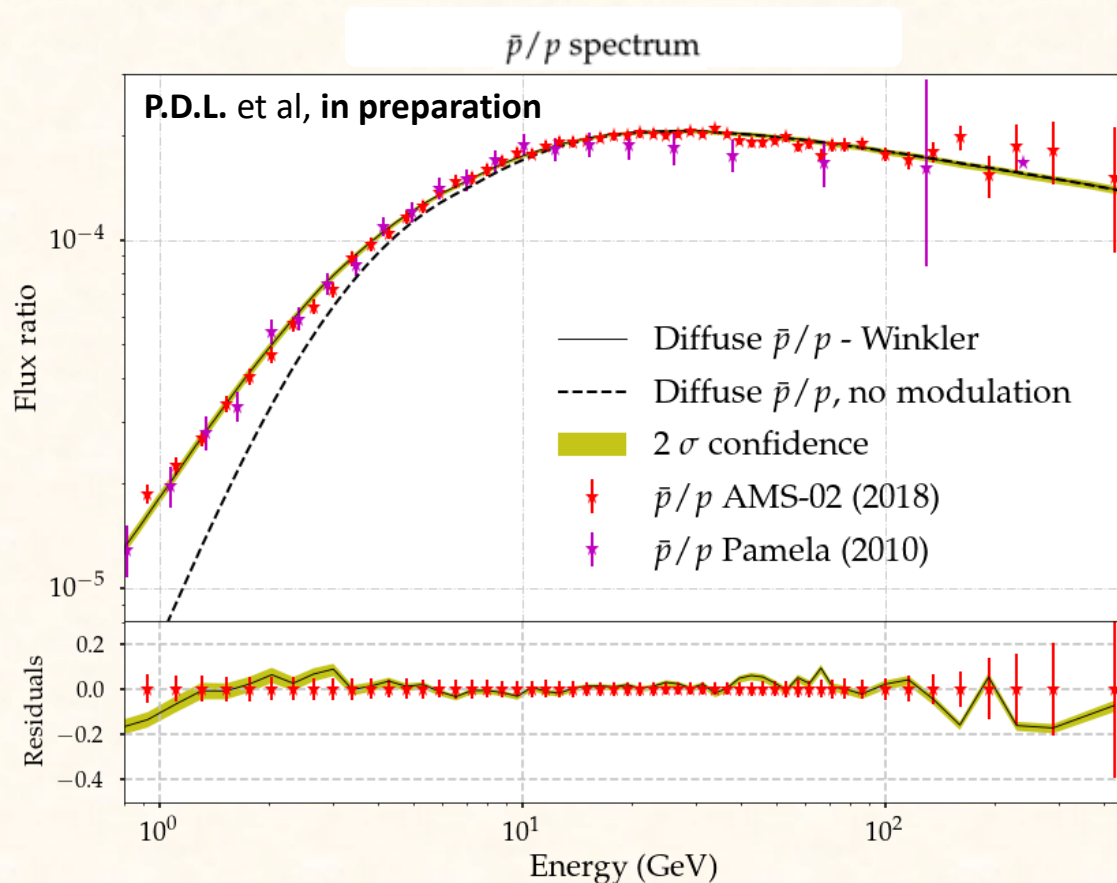


Conclusion: Cross sections uncertainties can explain the excess alone, but more uncertainties are present!

# 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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 $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{Be}/\text{Be}$  (H), Be/B, Li/B, Li/Be ( $S_X$ )  
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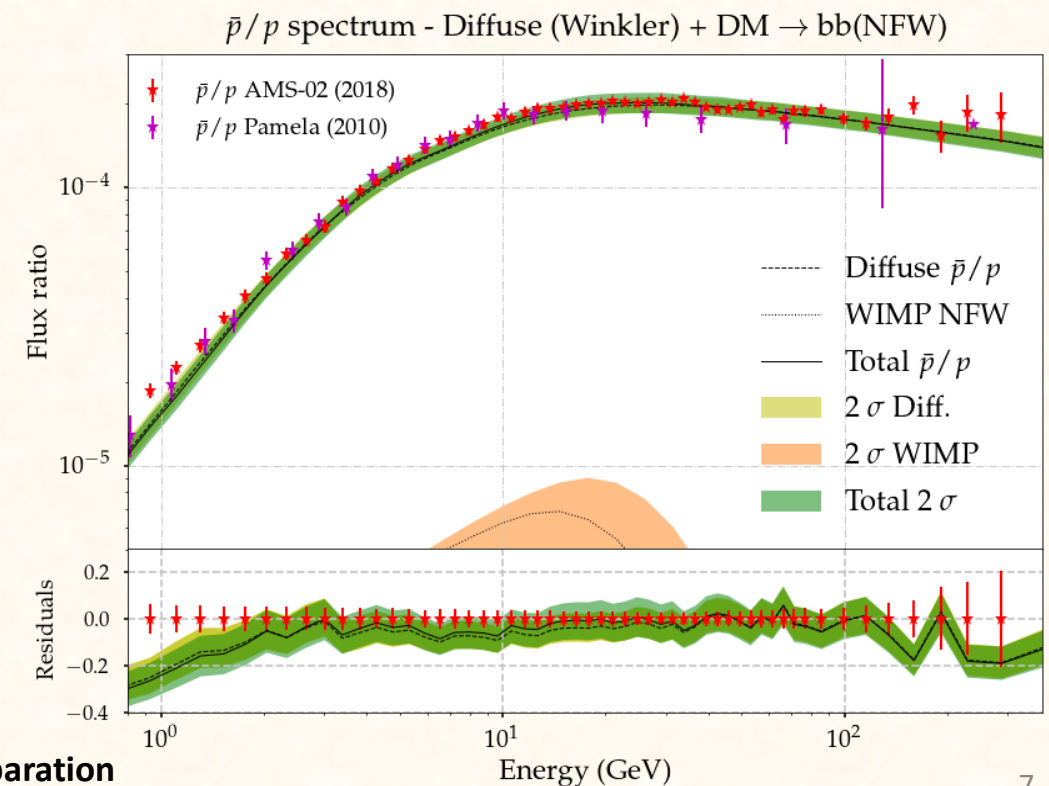
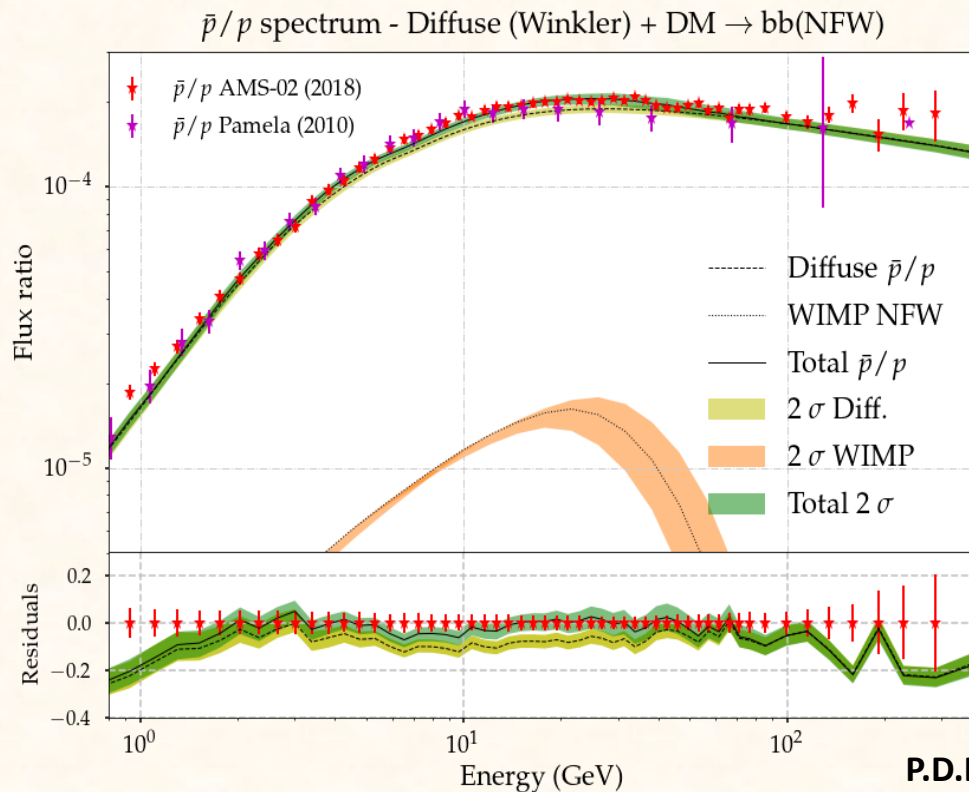


# Antiproton *excesses* – *The grammage excess*

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

**Full XS prior constrains**  $M_\chi \sim 160 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 7 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

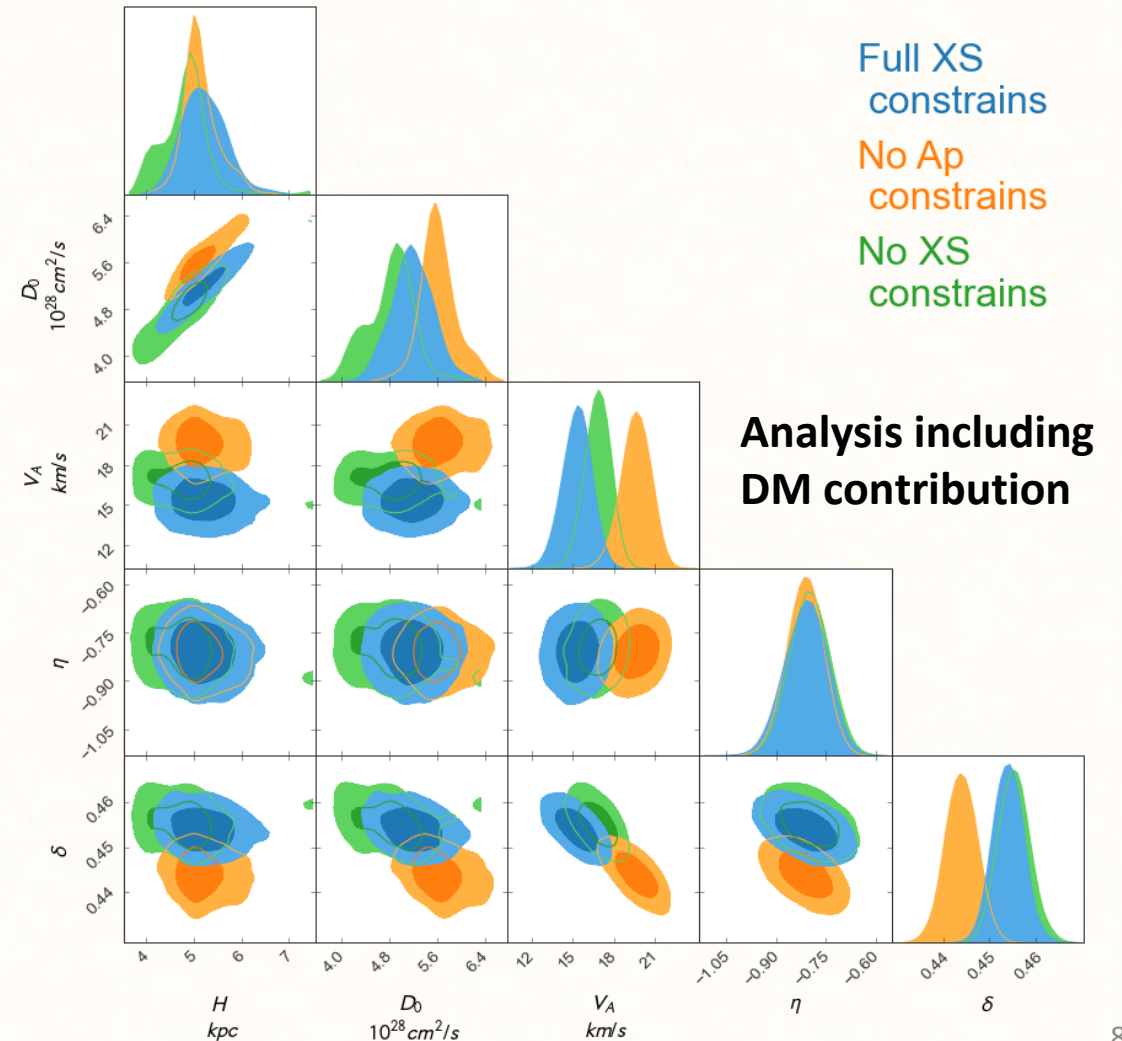
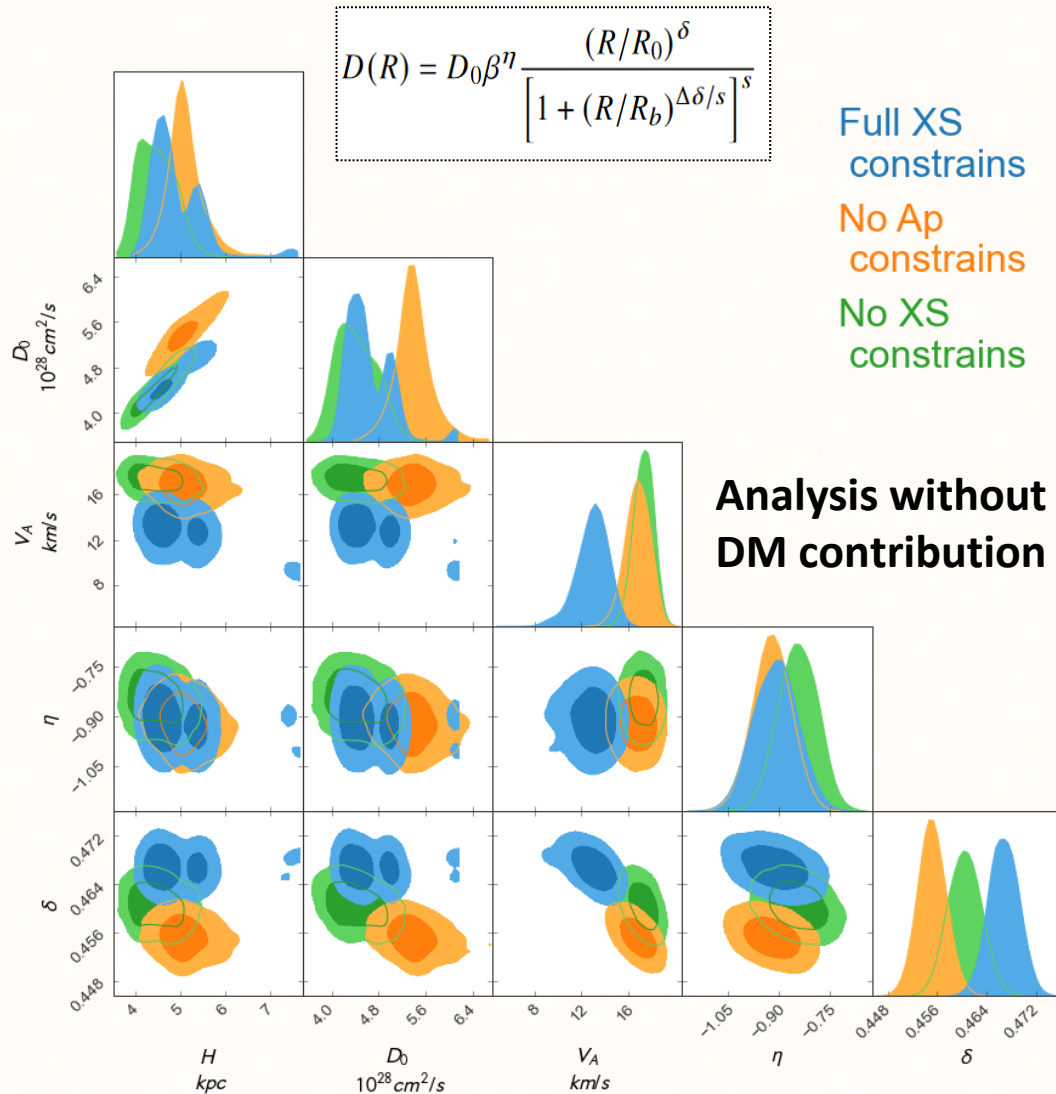
**No XS prior constrains**  $M_\chi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$



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- The predicted parameters are compatible within  $1\sigma$  uncertainty
- Both hypotheses lead to roughly same propagation parameters!

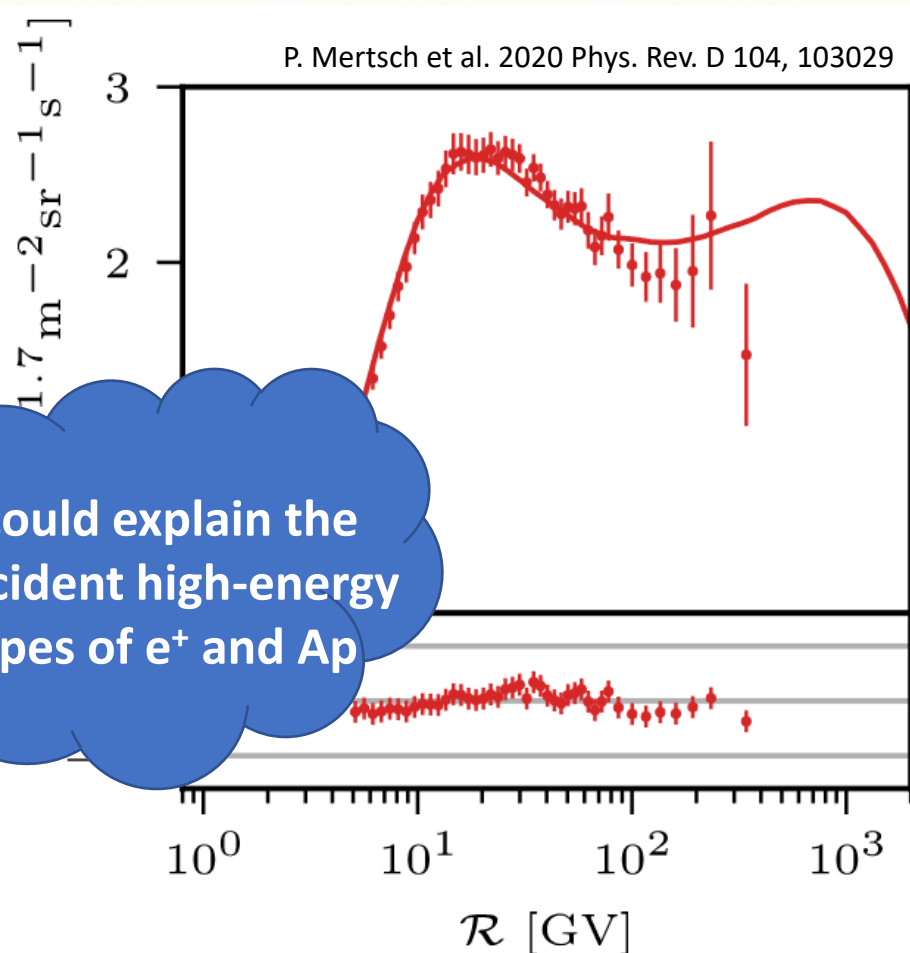
Prop. Params are robustly inferred?



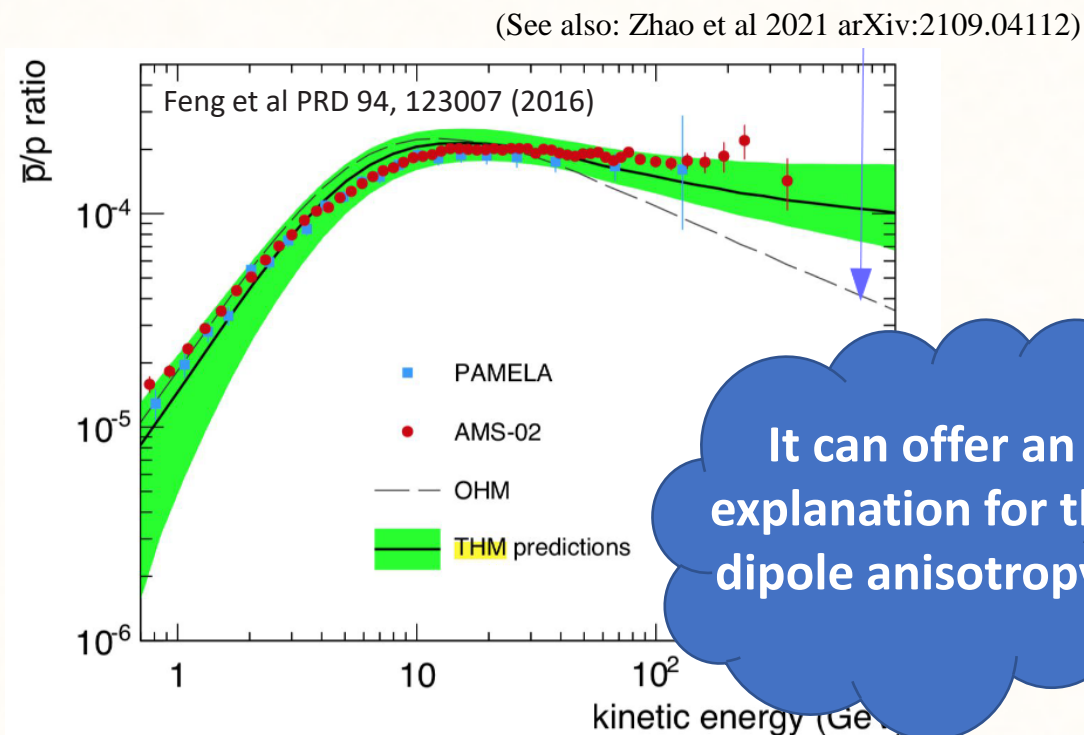


# Antiproton *excesses* – *More possibilities*

## SNRs accelerating antiprotons



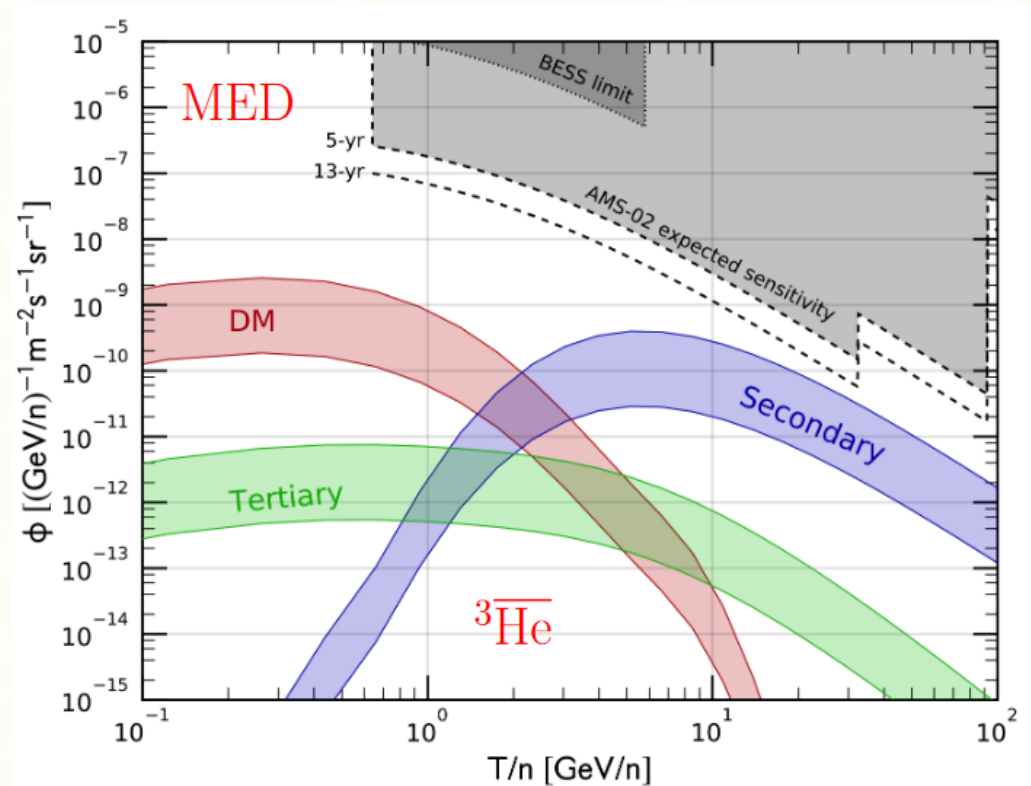
## Inhomogeneous diffusion coefficient



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

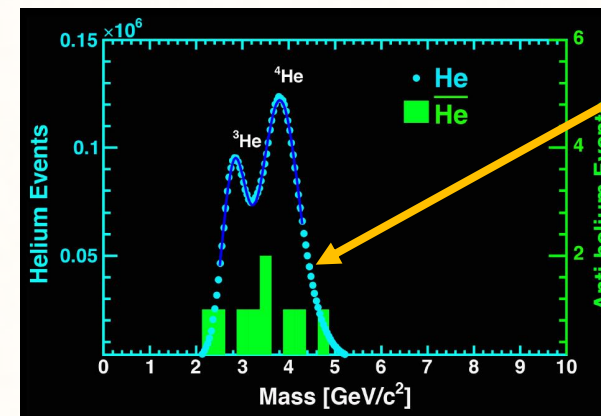
# Anti-nuclei as the dark matter smoking gun

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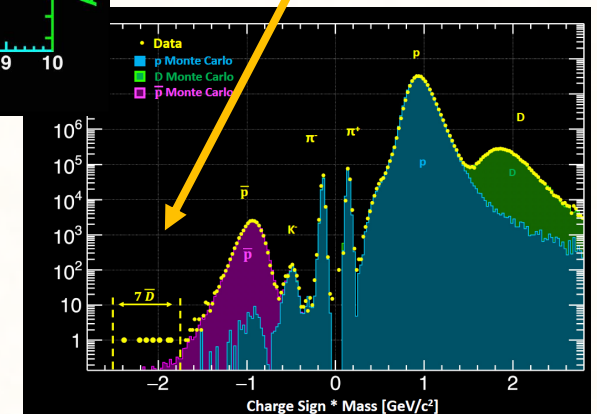
AMS-02 has already some anti-nuclei candidates!



Up to 9 Anti-He events

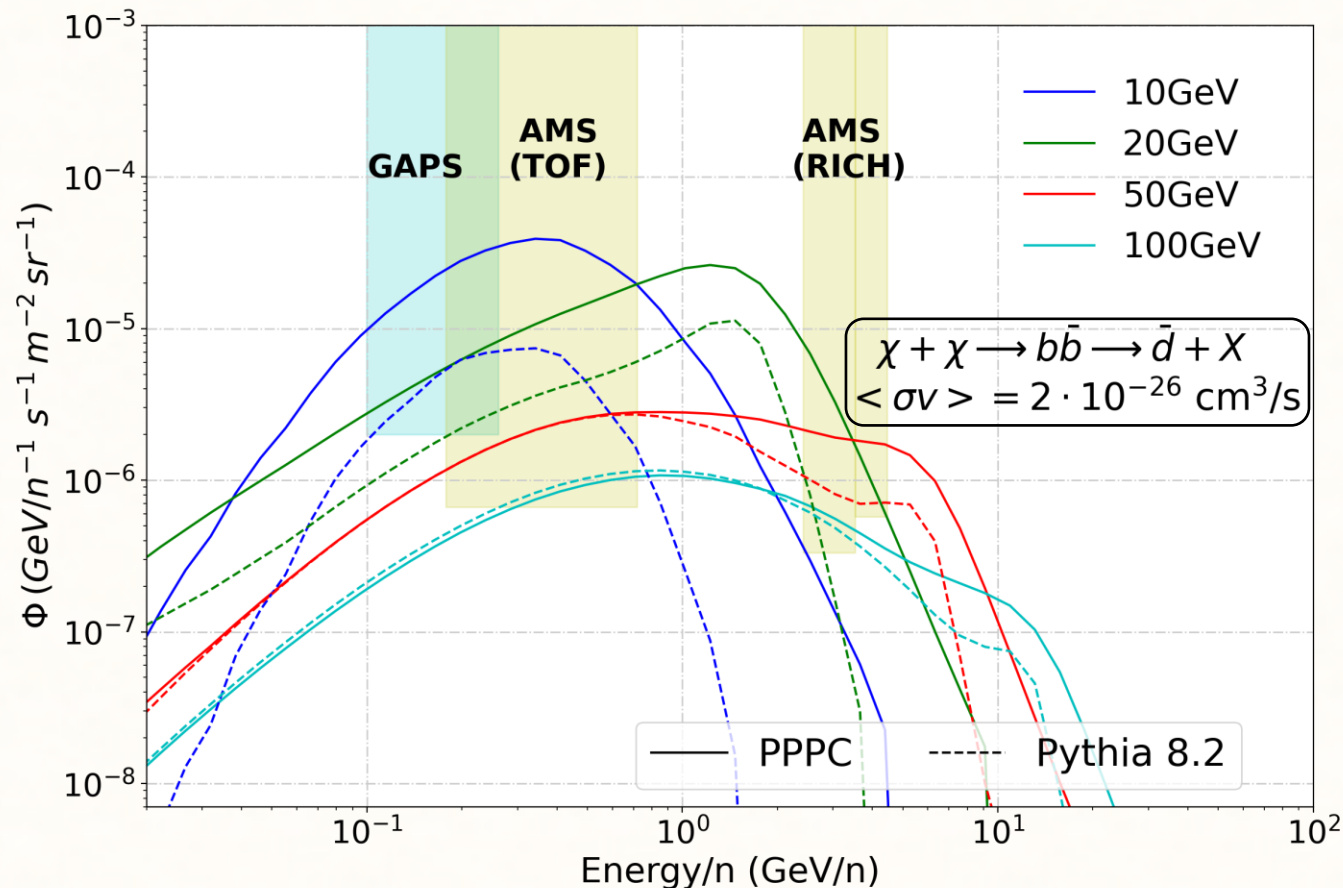
Up to 7 Anti-D events

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## Astrophysical DM excesses and hints

GC GeV excess 30-80 GeV

Anti-p excess 60-160 GeV

$\gamma$ -ray lines  $\sim 133$  GeV

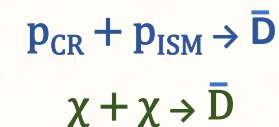
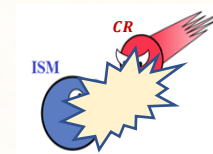
DAMA excess 10-70 GeV

PPPC – M. Cirelli tables:

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

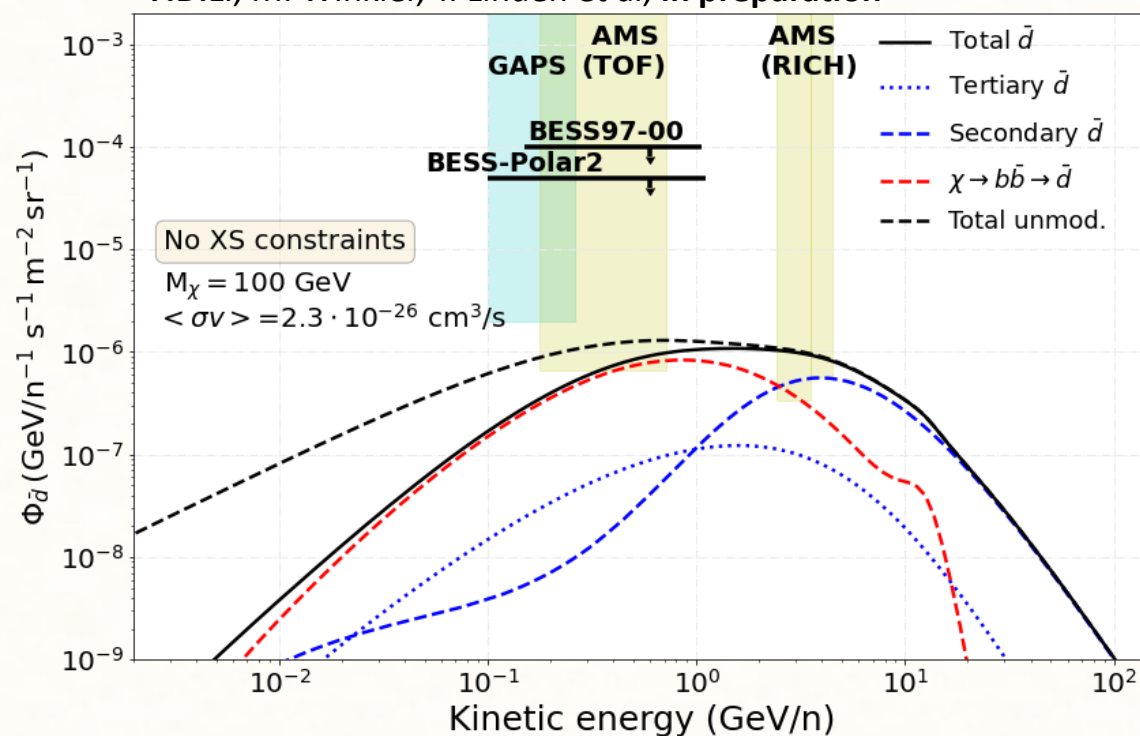
# Anti-nuclei propagation in *DRAGON2*

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[https://github.com/tospines/Customised-DRAGON2\\_beta](https://github.com/tospines/Customised-DRAGON2_beta)

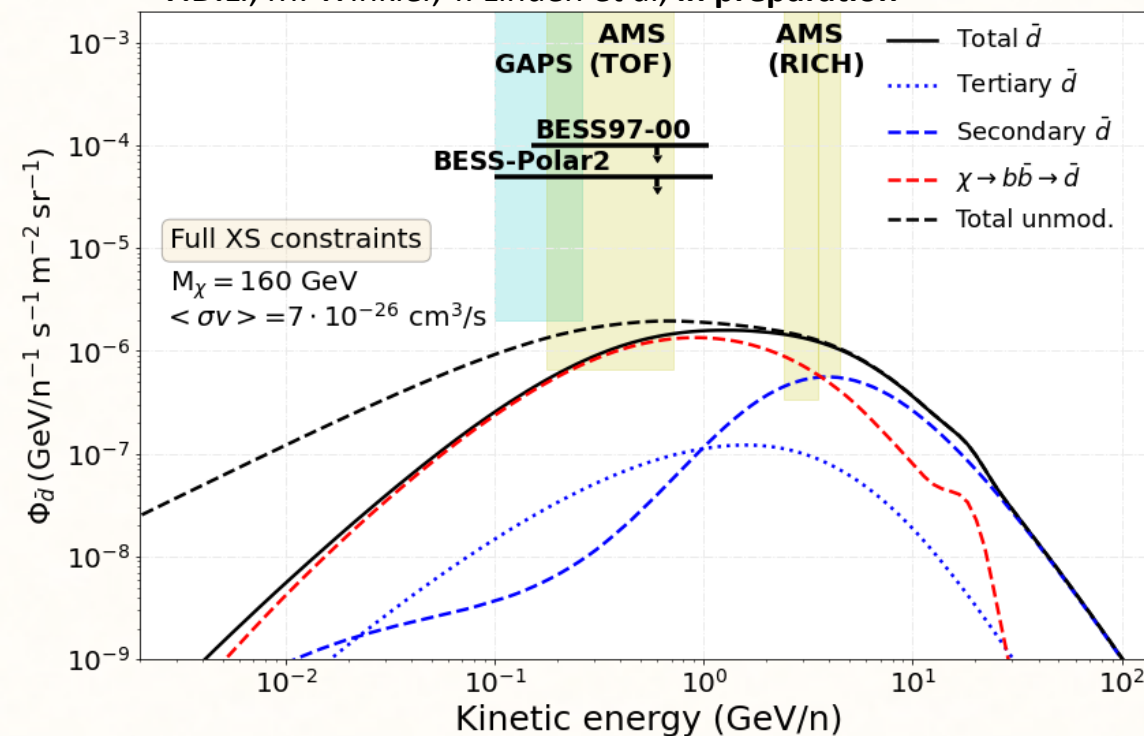


Anti-nuclei from CR collisions  
can be detected soon!

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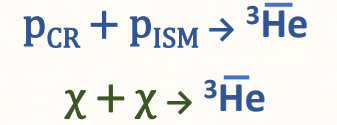
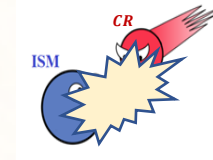
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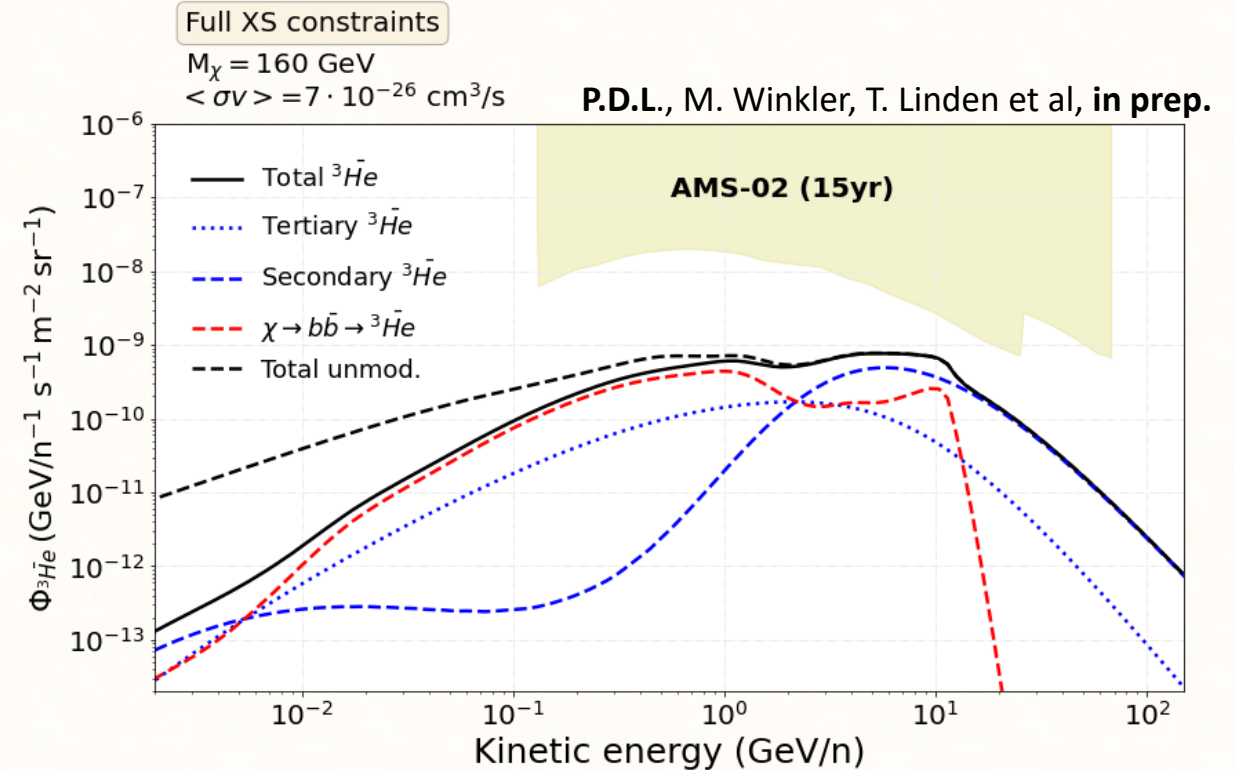
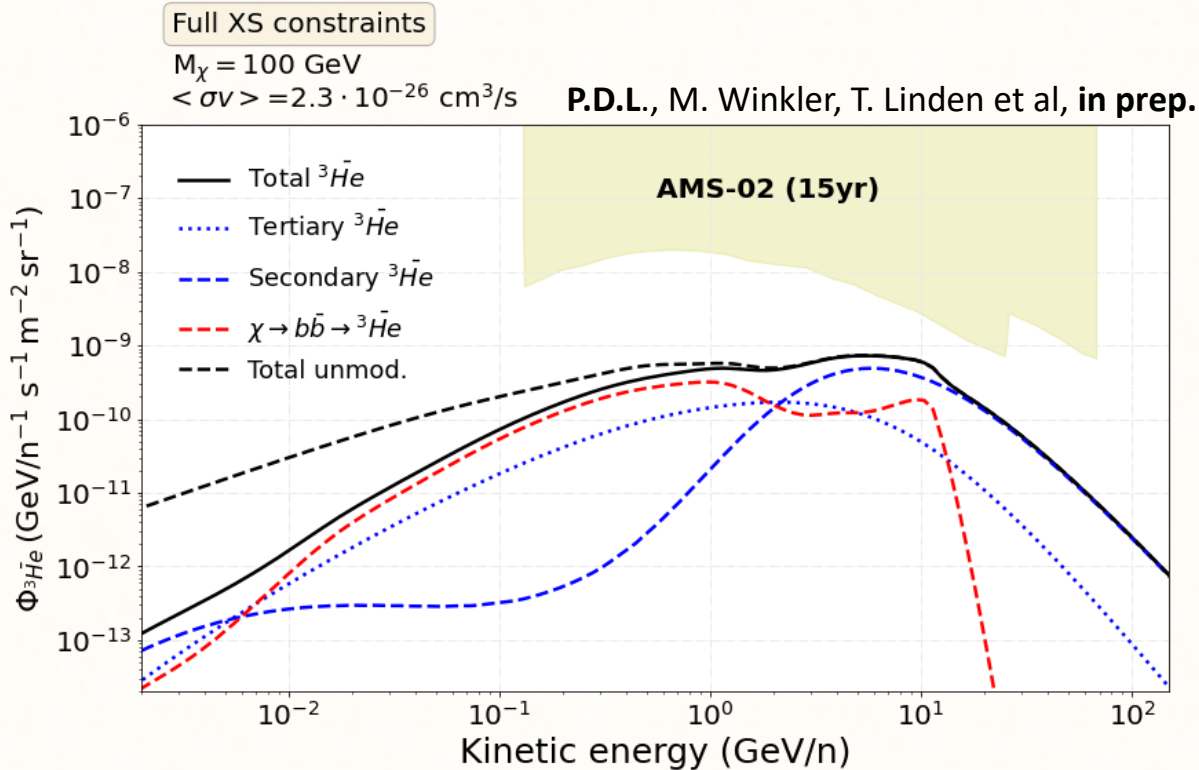
Limits are drawn for: 15 yr of AMS-02 operation and 35 days x 3 flights (LDB) for GAPS



# Anti-nuclei propagation in *DRAGON2*



- ✓  **$\Lambda_b$  production** is a very important source of anti-helium, even able to explain some of the events reported by AMS-02... See Winkler, Linden (2021) PRL 136, 101101



# Conclusions

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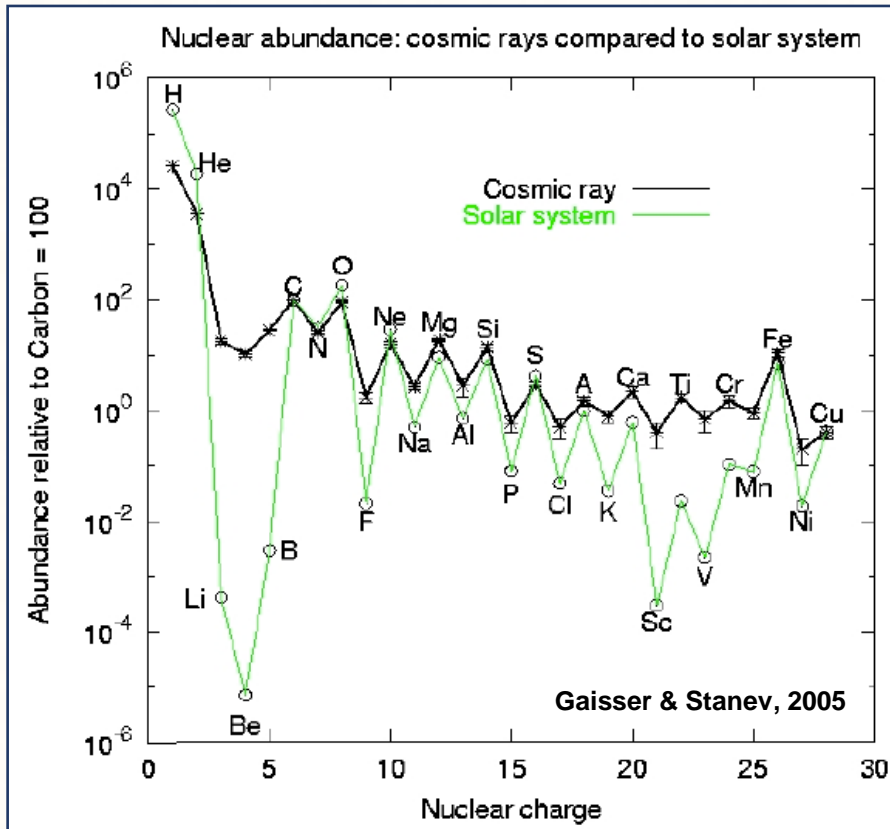
Indirect dark matter  
searches with anti-nuclei

- **Every antimatter particle**, 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** – Complexity of the physics involving the production and transport of particles in astrophysical media
- ***No significant discrepancy is found in the antiproton data***
- A careful analysis of the **background** (propagation) **uncertainties** can prove (disprove) any current anomaly – Possible (WIMP) **dark matter** signals are going to be tested in the next few years, thanks to AMS-02 and GAPS

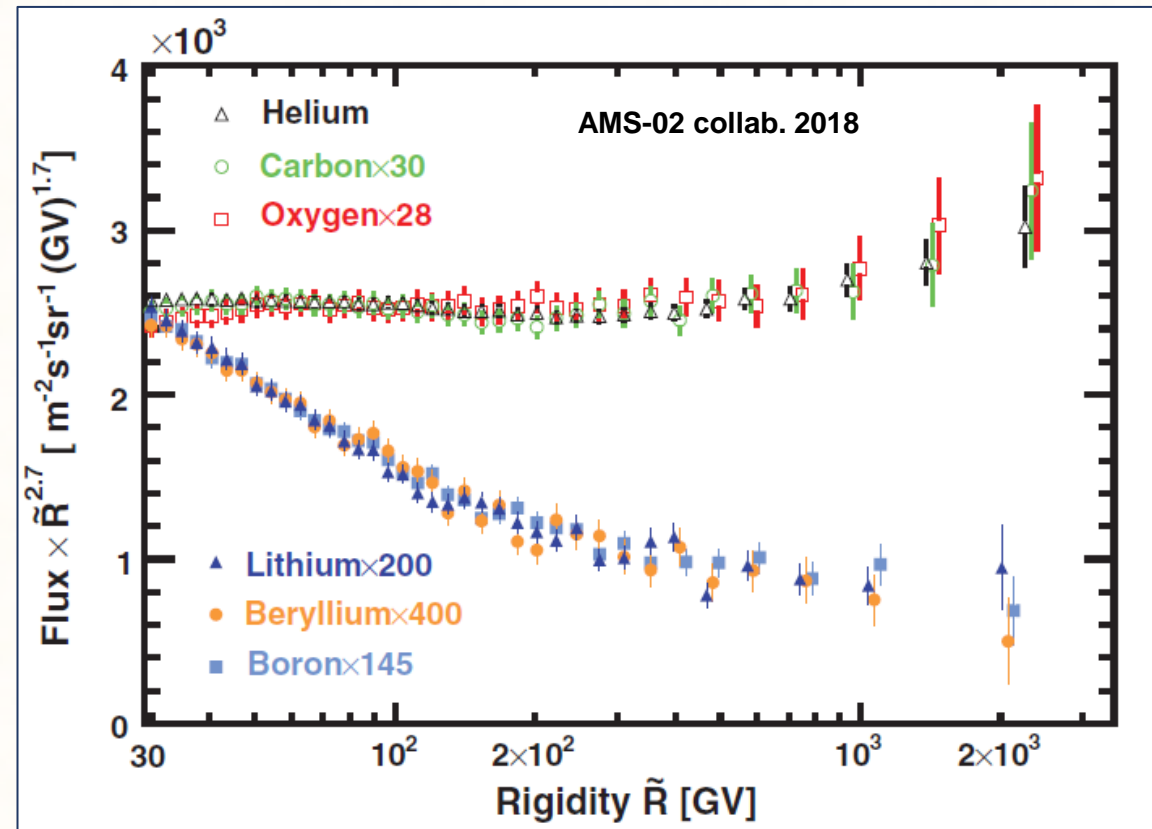
**BACK UP**

*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





# Diffusive transport of Galactic cosmic rays

Propagation equation is solved with the DRAGON2 code

[https://github.com/cosmicrays/DRAGON2-Beta\\_version](https://github.com/cosmicrays/DRAGON2-Beta_version)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (-D \nabla N_i - \vec{v}_\omega N_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{N_i}{p^2} \right) \right] = Q_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \dot{p} N_i - \frac{p}{3} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}_\omega N_i) \right] - \frac{N_i}{\tau_i^f} + \sum \Gamma_{j \rightarrow i}^s(N_j) - \frac{N_i}{\tau_i^r} + \sum \frac{N_j}{\tau_{j \rightarrow i}^r}$$

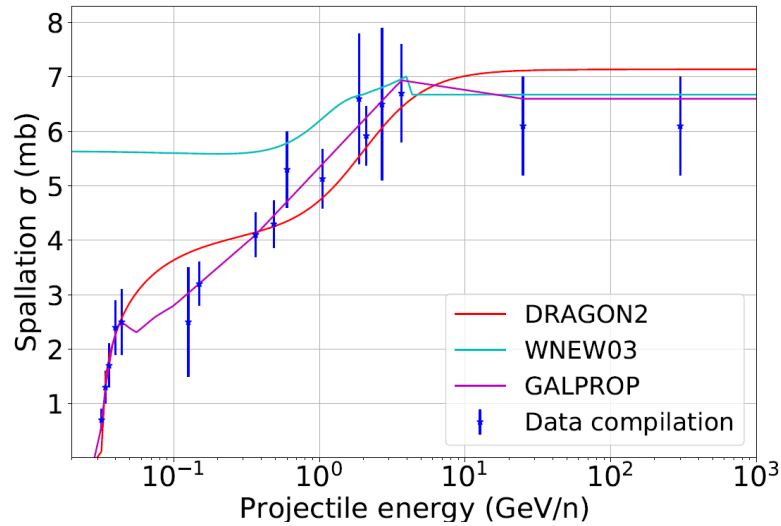
$$D = D_0 \beta^\eta \left( \frac{R}{R_0} \right)^\delta F(\vec{r}, z)$$

$$\frac{J_{\text{sec}}}{J_{\text{pr}}} \sim \sigma(E) / D(E)$$

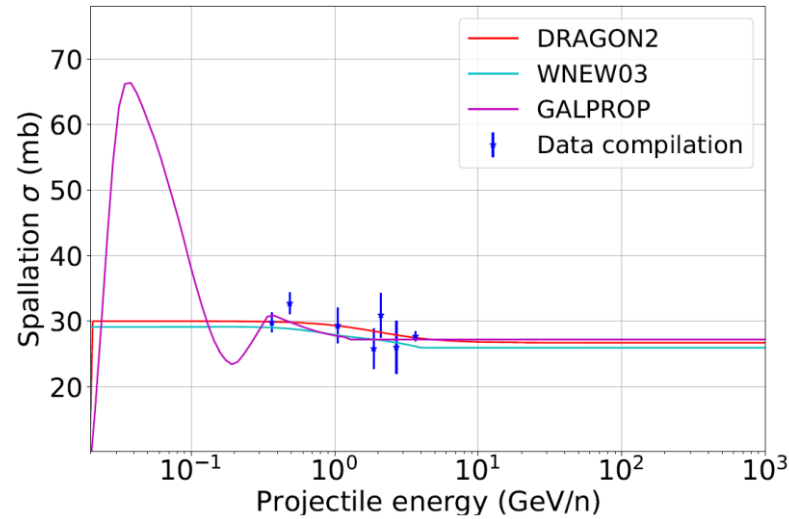
$$\Gamma_{j \rightarrow i}^s = \beta_j c n_t \sigma_{j \rightarrow i} N_j$$

# Cross sections parametrizations

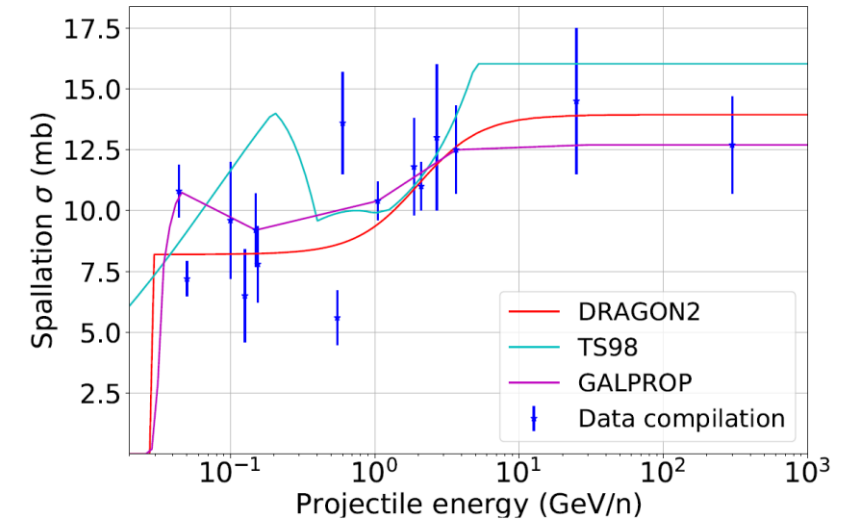
Direct  $^{12}\text{C} + ^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^9\text{Be}$



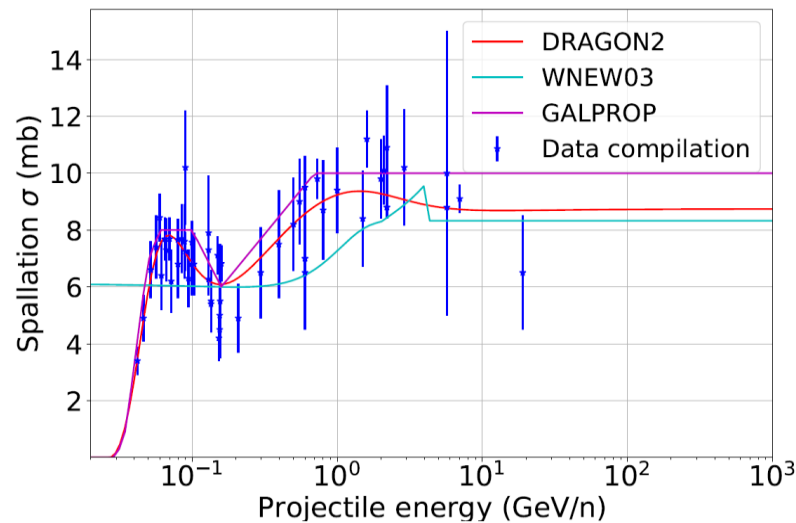
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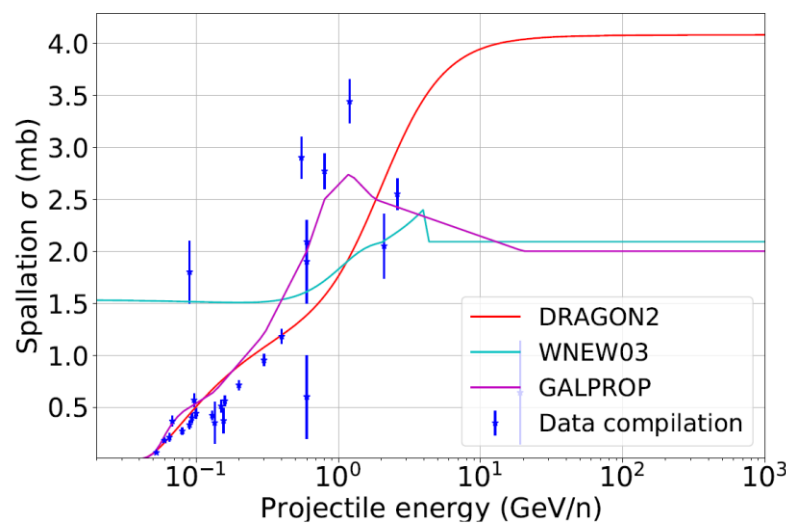
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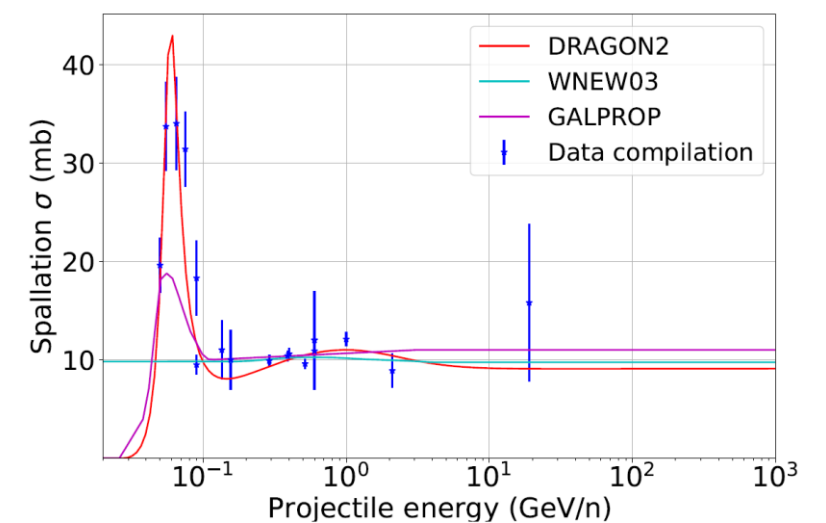
Direct  $^{16}\text{O} + ^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^7\text{Be}$



Direct  $^{16}\text{O} + ^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be}$

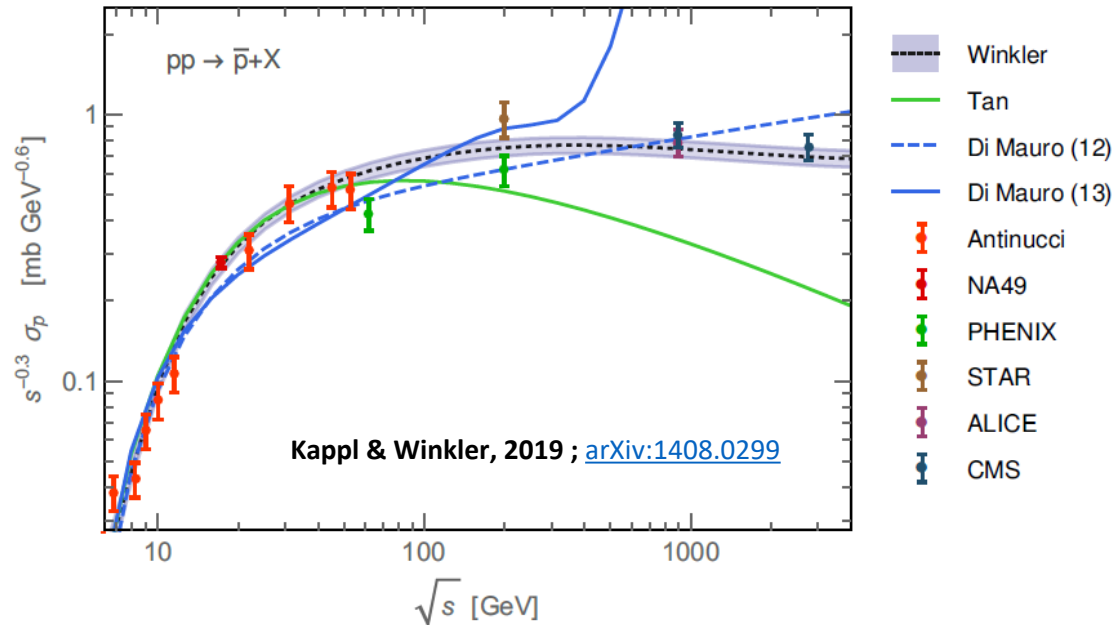


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# Antiproton cross sections

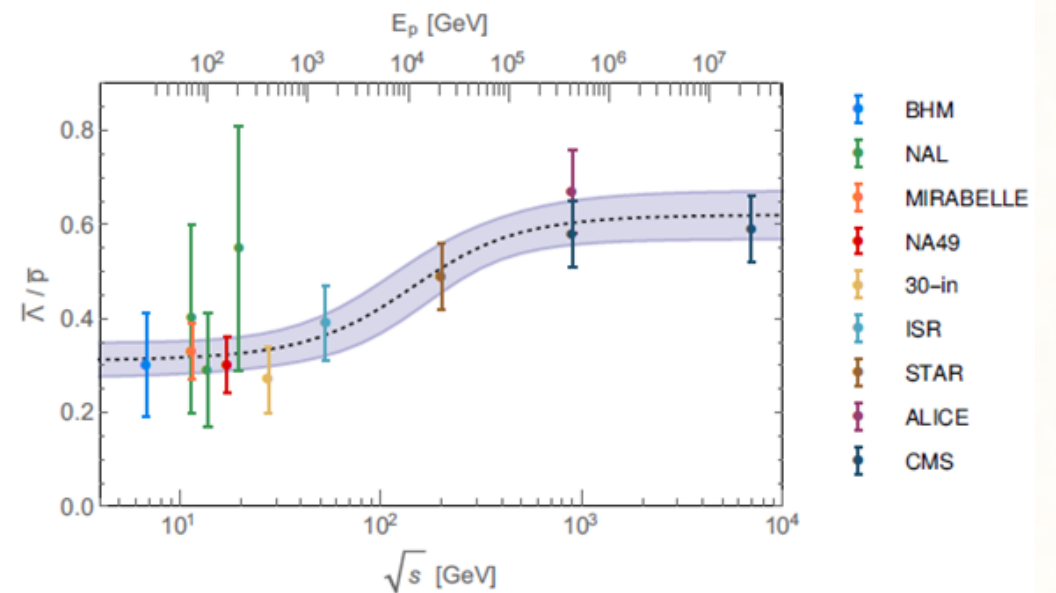
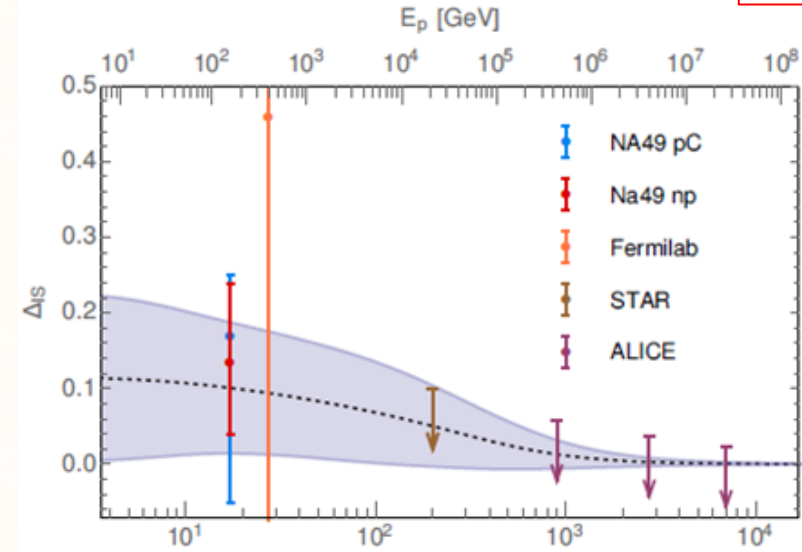
$$\left( E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \right)_{pp \rightarrow \bar{p}} = \left( E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \right)_{pp \rightarrow \bar{p}}^{\text{prompt}} \cdot (2 + \Delta_{IS} + 2 \Delta_{\Lambda})$$



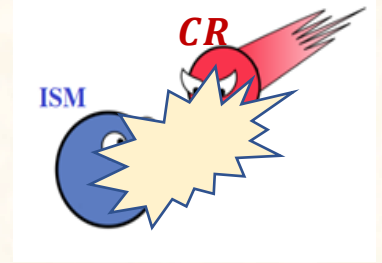
$$p + p \longrightarrow \{ \bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Sigma} \longrightarrow \bar{p} \} + X$$

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

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



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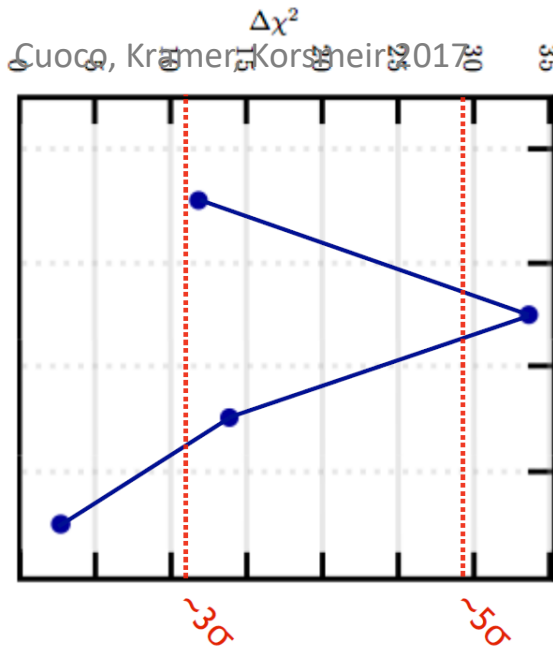
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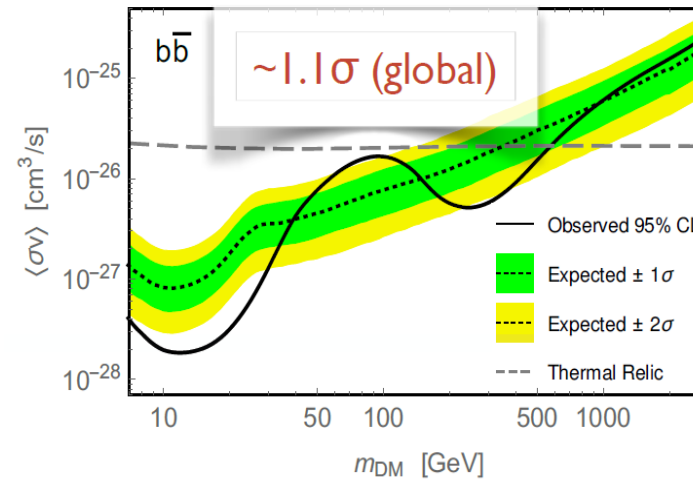
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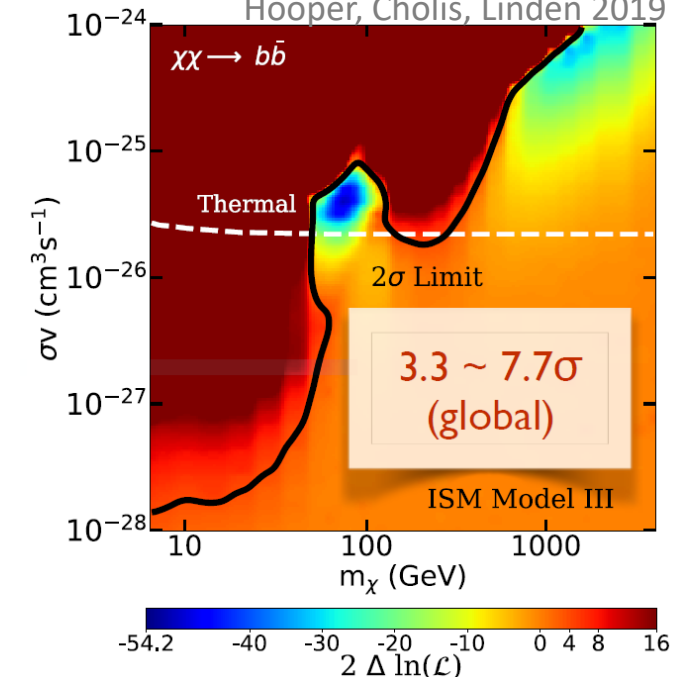
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Reinert, Winkler 2018



Hooper, Cholis, Linden 2019

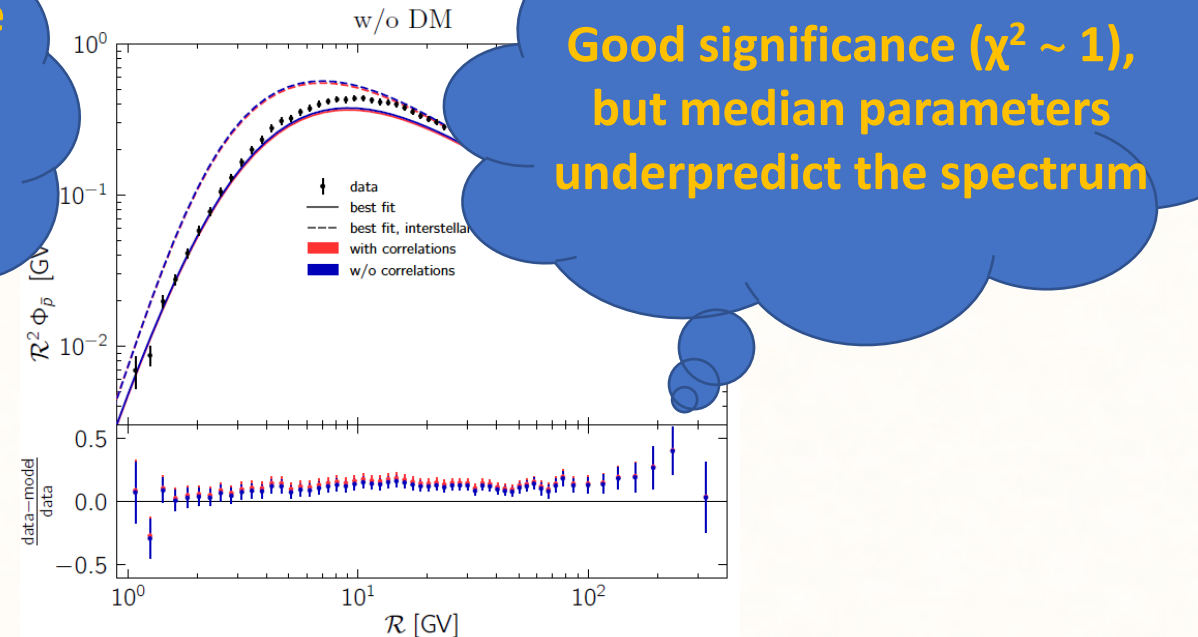
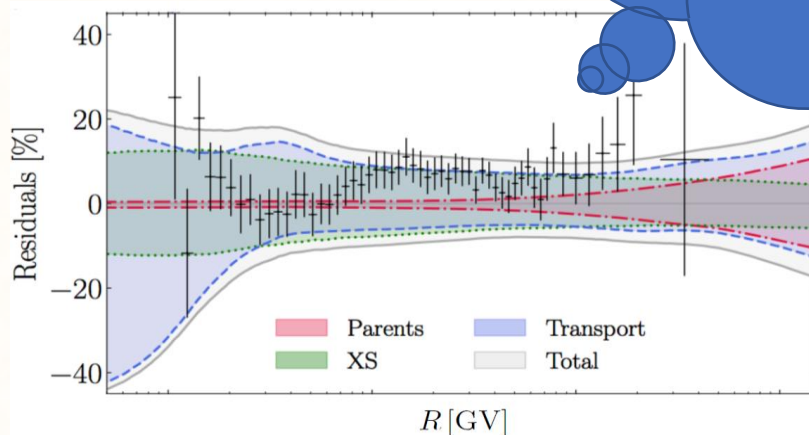
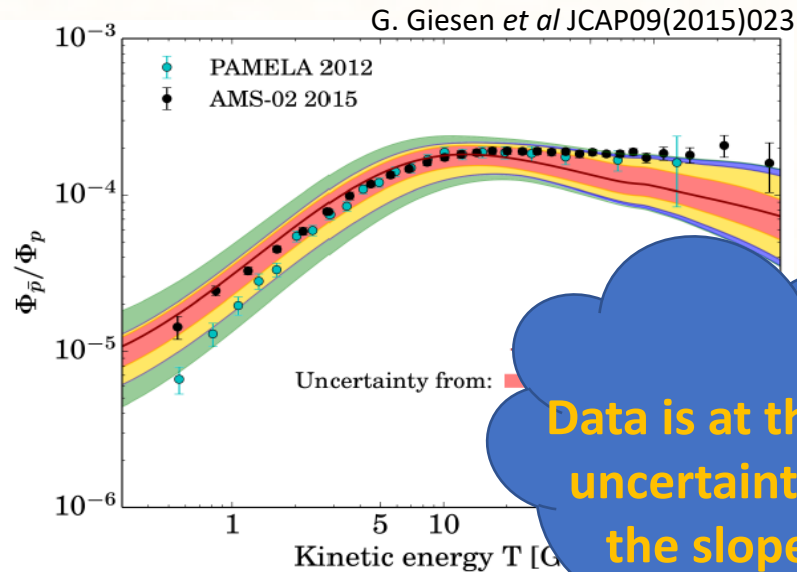




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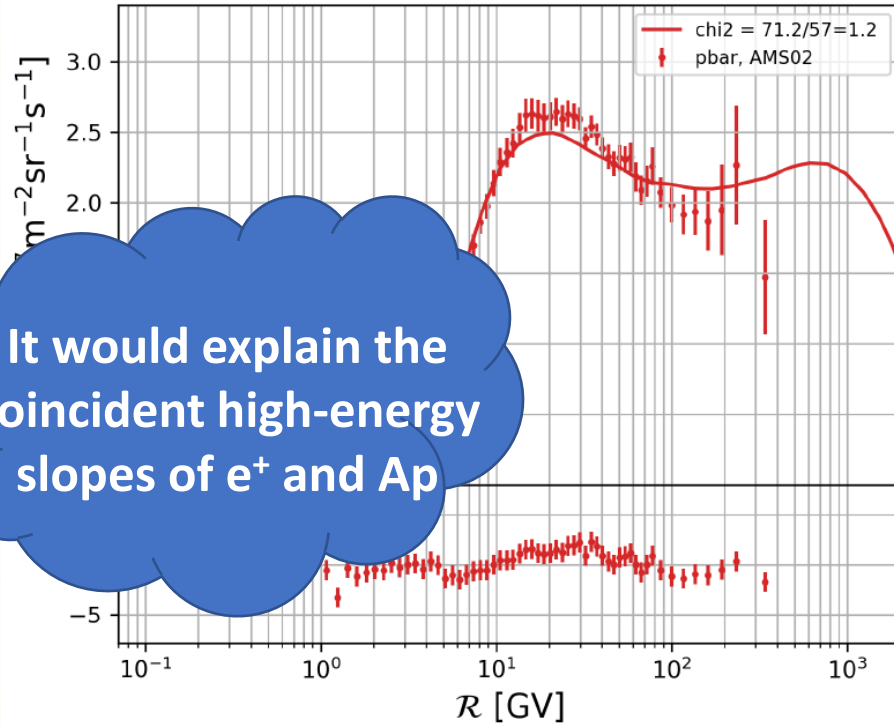
Tension in the **amount of grammage** predicted from the secondary CRs B, Be and Li and that predicted from antiprotons

No one has shown a set of propagation parameters that allow us to reproduce at the same time B, Be, Li and antiprotons



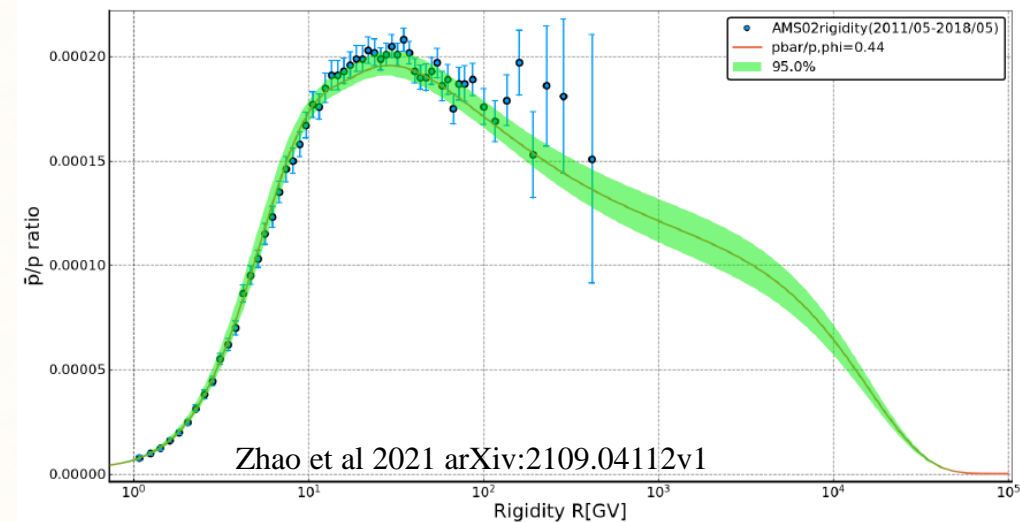
# Antiproton excess

P. Mertsch et al. 2020 arXiv: 2021.12853



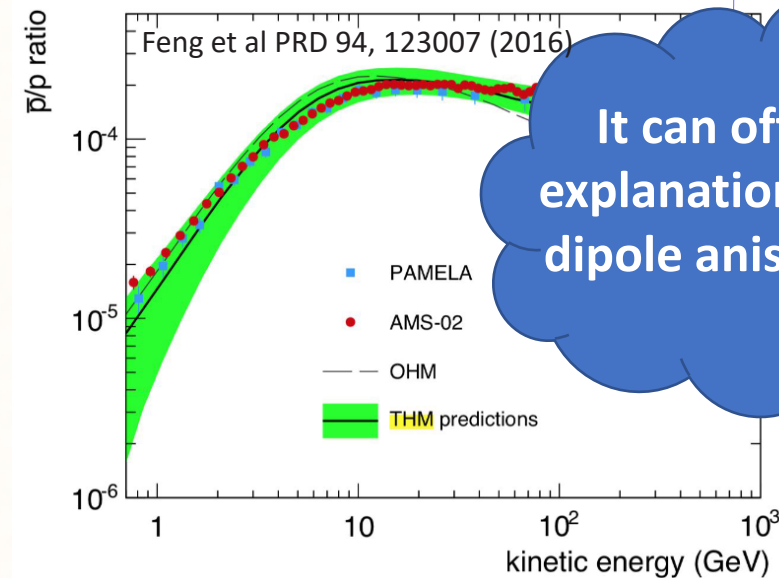
**Nearby source accelerating antiprotons**

**Caveat: Antiproton spectrum not well reproduced**



**Inhomogeneous diffusion coefficient**

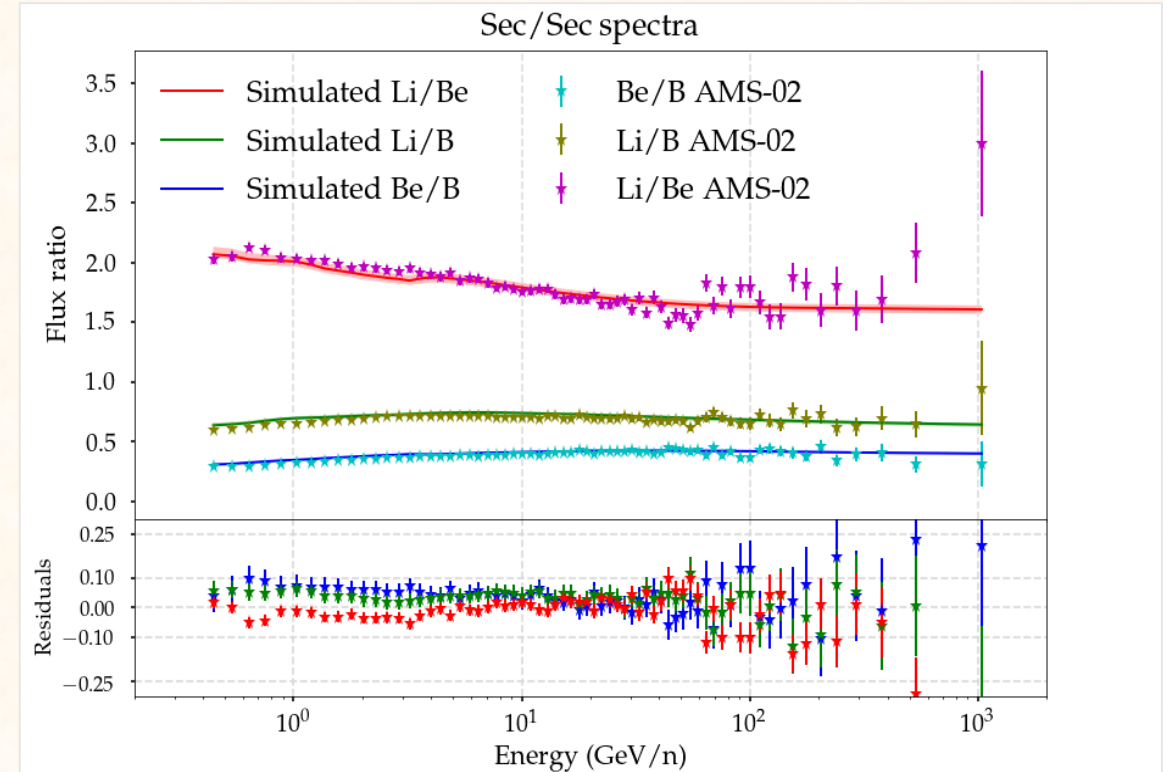
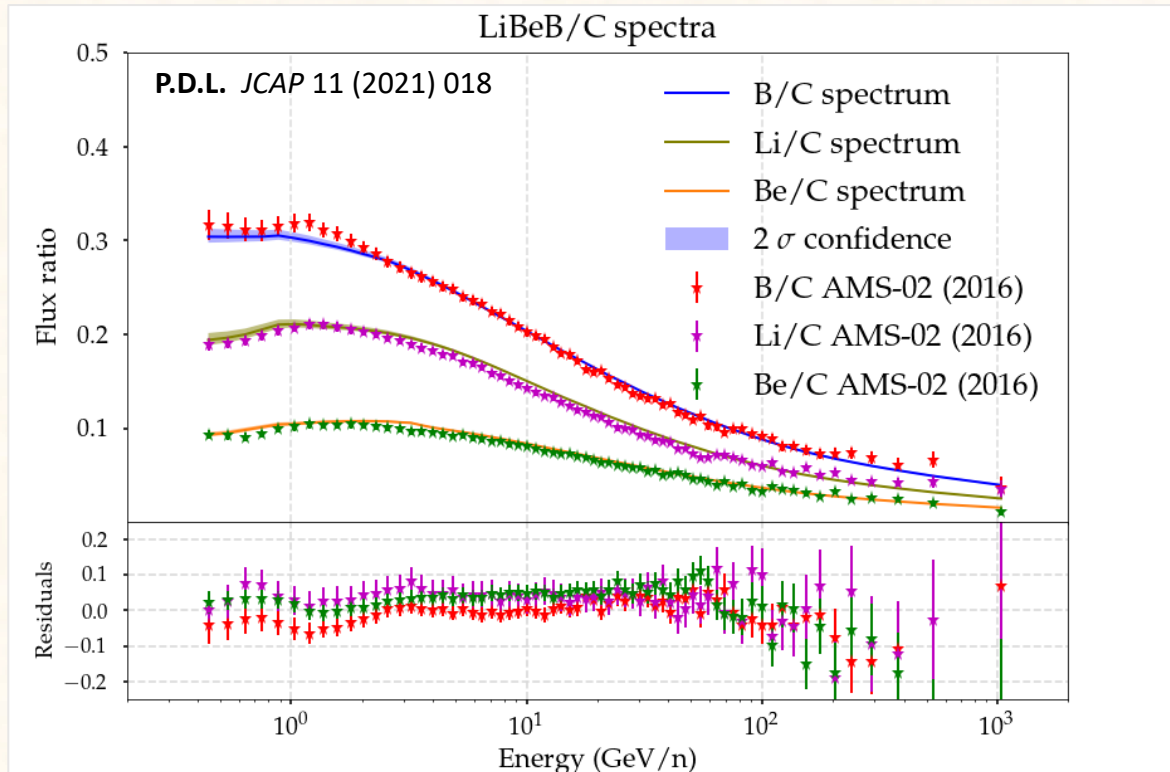
**Caveat: predicted  $\delta$  not compatible with MHD theory**



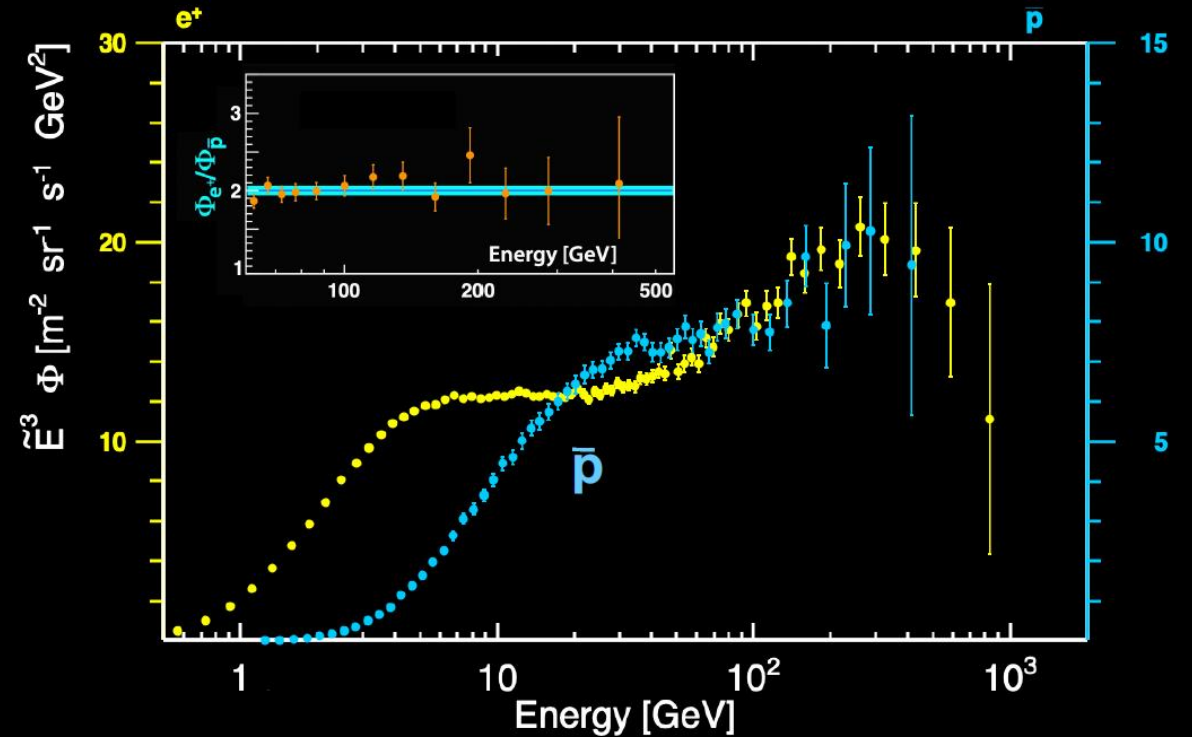
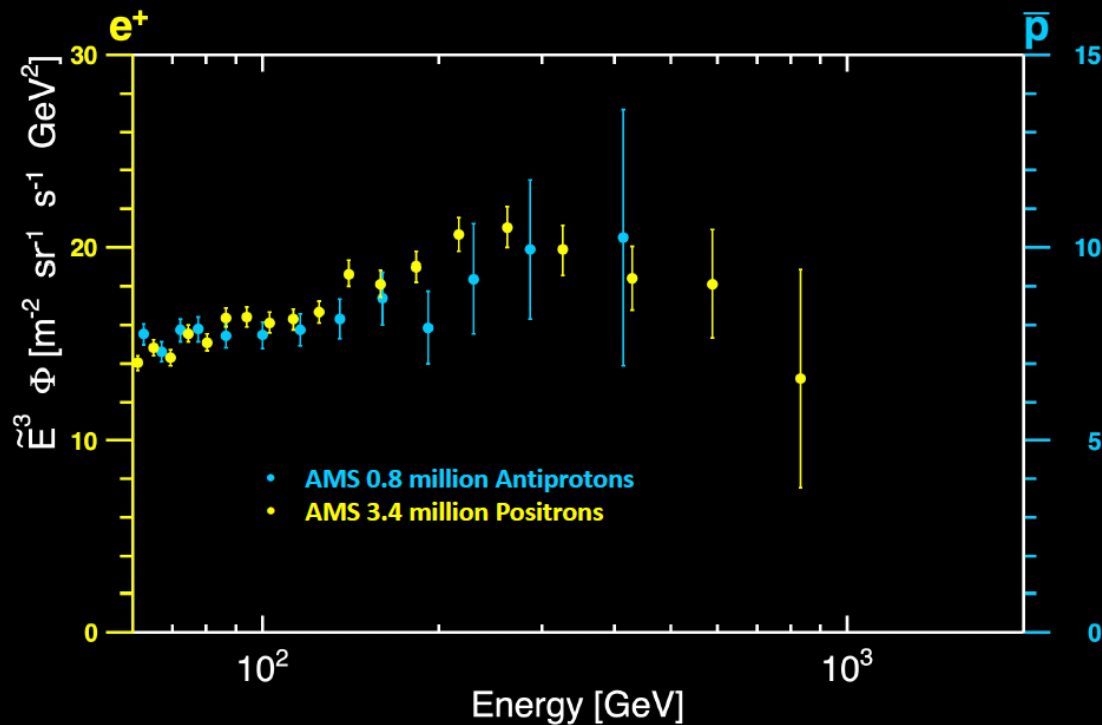
# Precise studies of secondary CRs: The antiproton excesses

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

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# AMS-02 Positrons and antiprotons

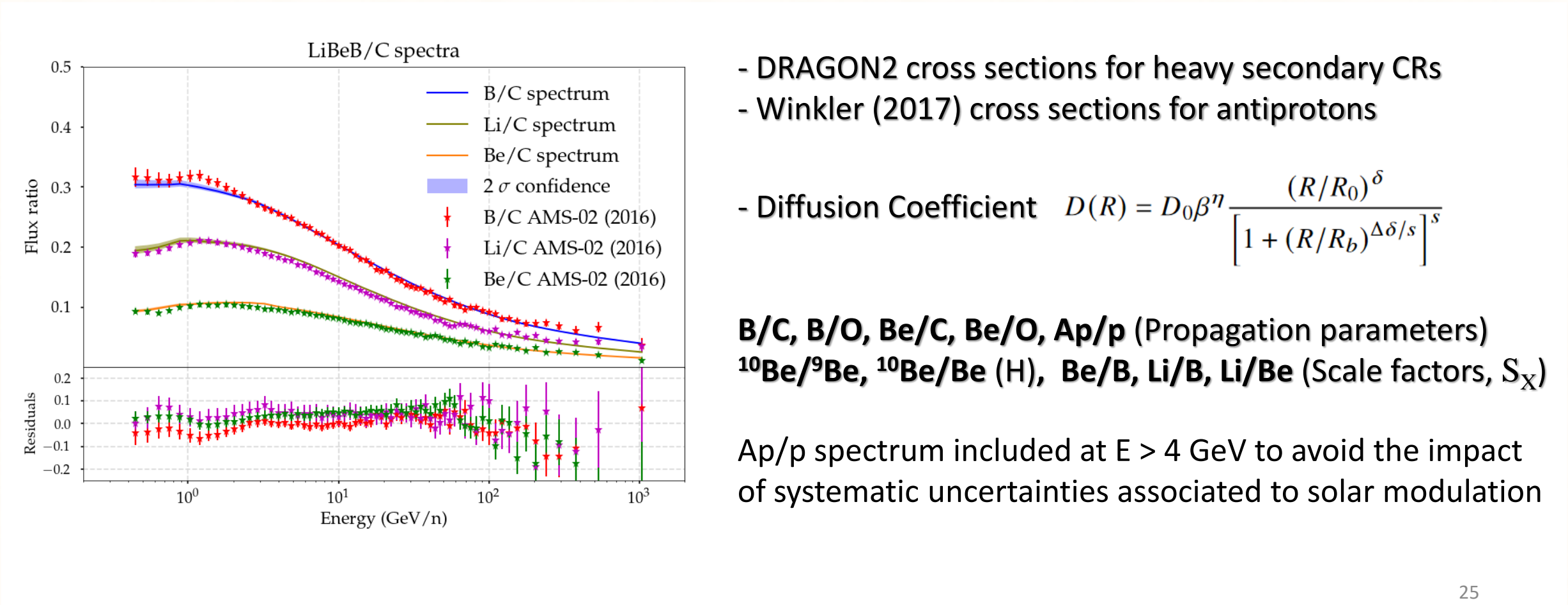


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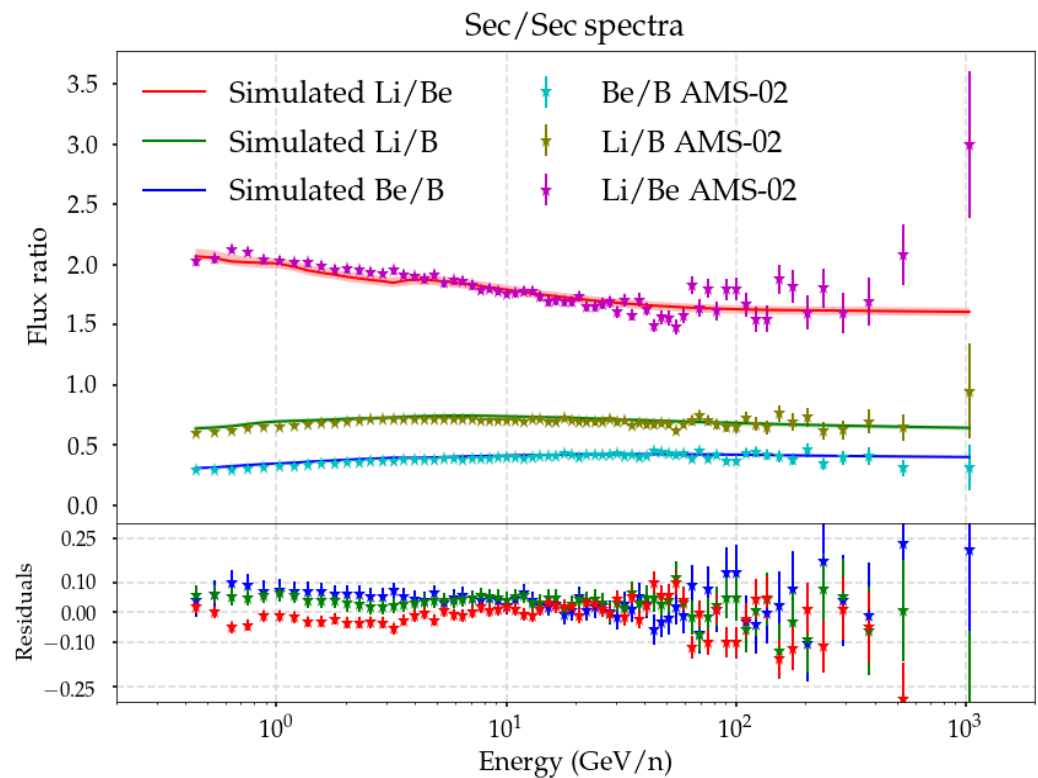
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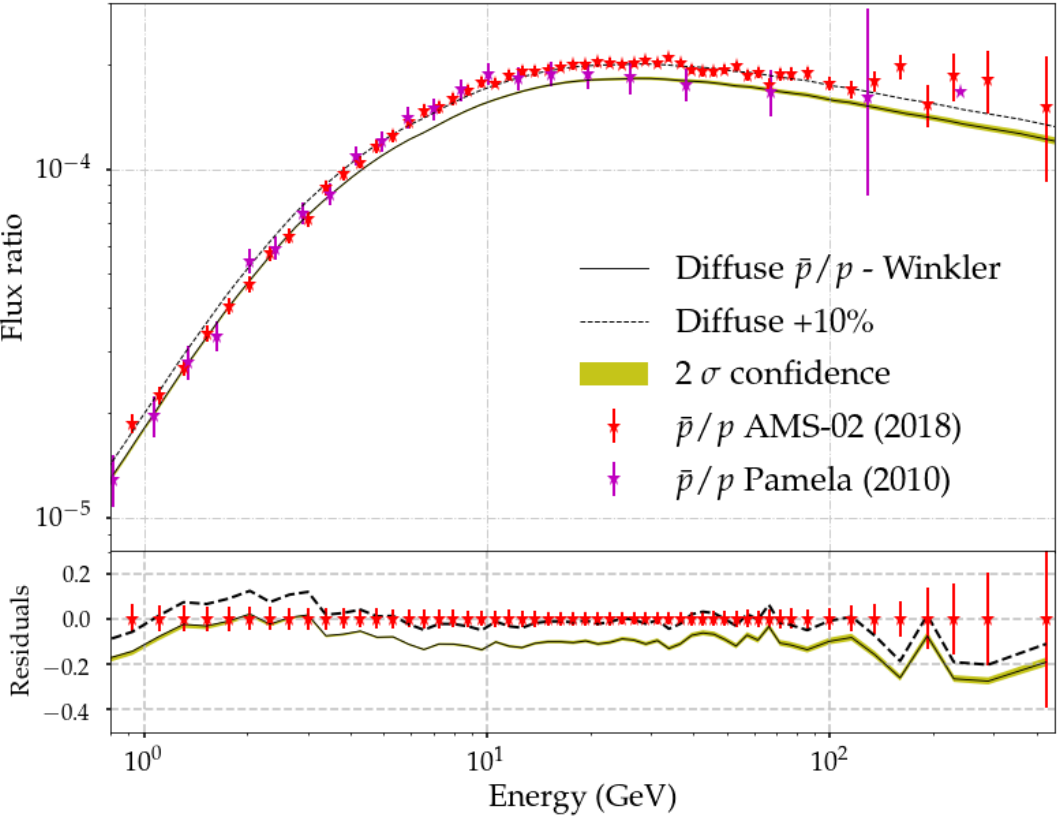
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Ap/p spectrum included at  $E > 4$  GeV to avoid the impact of systematic uncertainties associated to solar modulation

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



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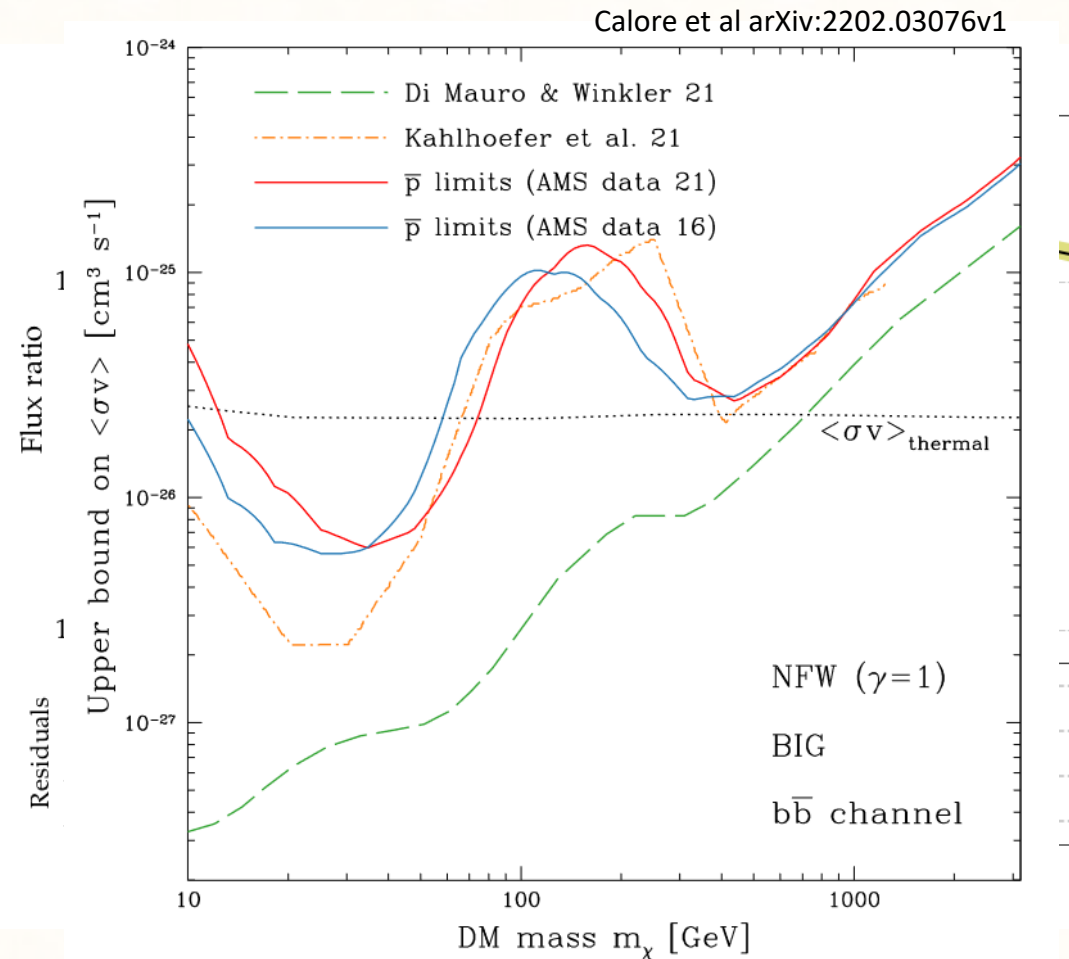
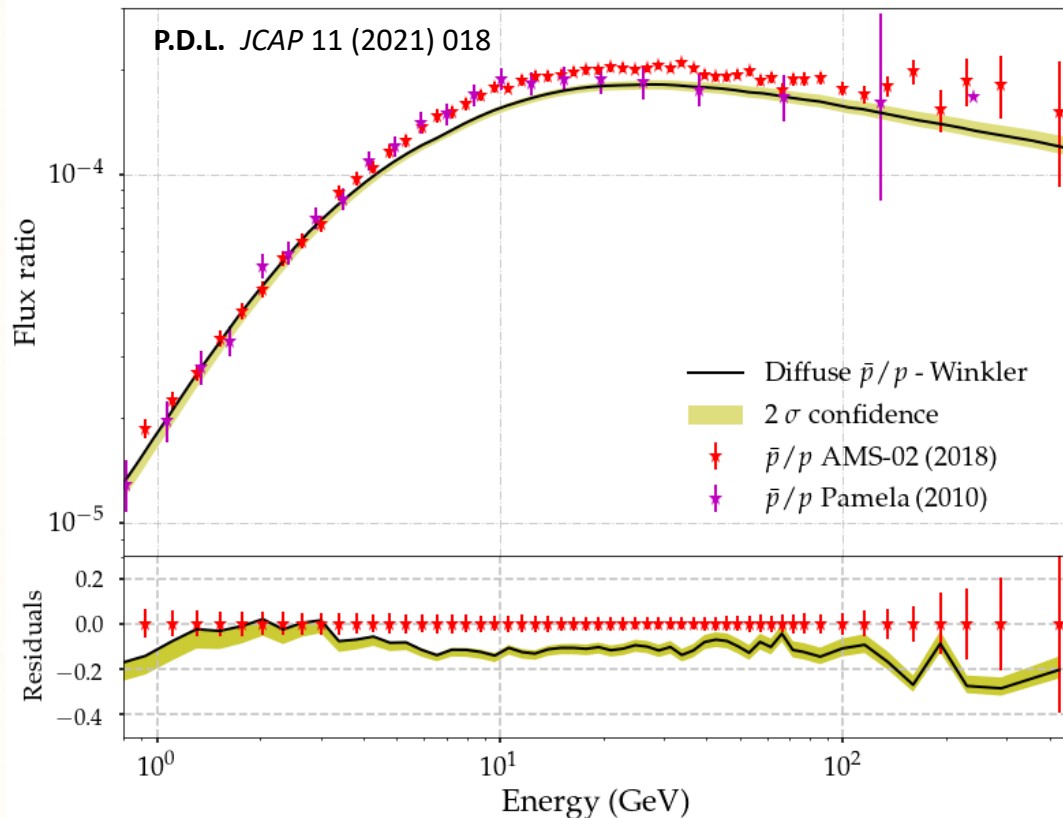
- Diffusion Coefficient 
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Ap/p spectrum included at  $E > 4$  GeV to avoid the impact of systematic uncertainties associated to solar modulation

# Precise studies of secondary CRs: The antiproton excesses

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



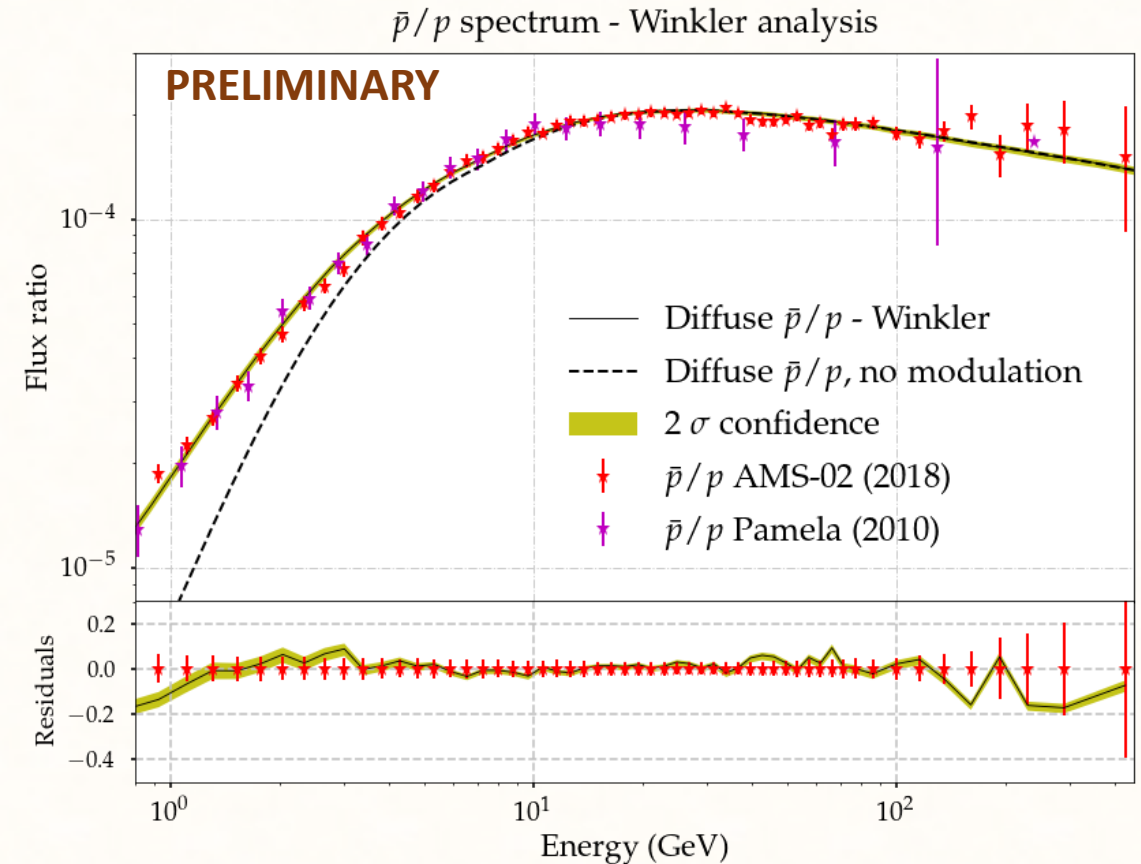
# Combined antiproton analysis

- Included  $\text{Ap}/e^+$  and  $\text{Ap}/e^-$  as well as a scale factor ( $S_{\text{Ap}}$ ) to renormalize cross sections of Ap production

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 $\text{Ap}/e^+$ ,  $\text{Ap}/e^- \rightarrow S_{\text{Ap}}$ , propagation params

- Prior constraints on the Ap cross sections impact on the predicted grammage:

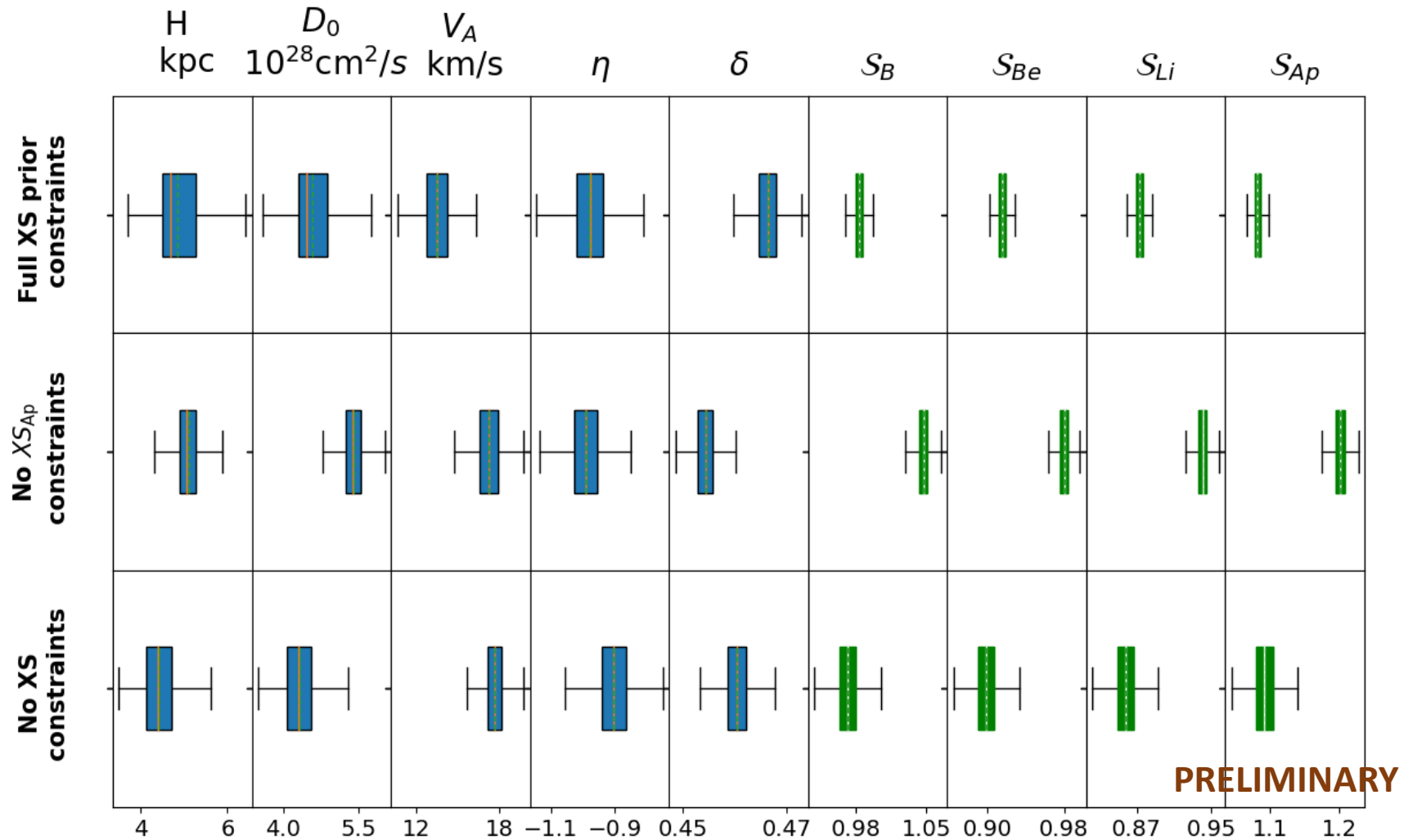
Different tests are performed for different prior constraints



- I. Propagation parameters that best describe the spectra of all these secondary CRs
- II. Scaling needed to reconcile the antiproton data with B, Be and Li data
- III. Is there room for any WIMP contribution on the antiproton spectrum?



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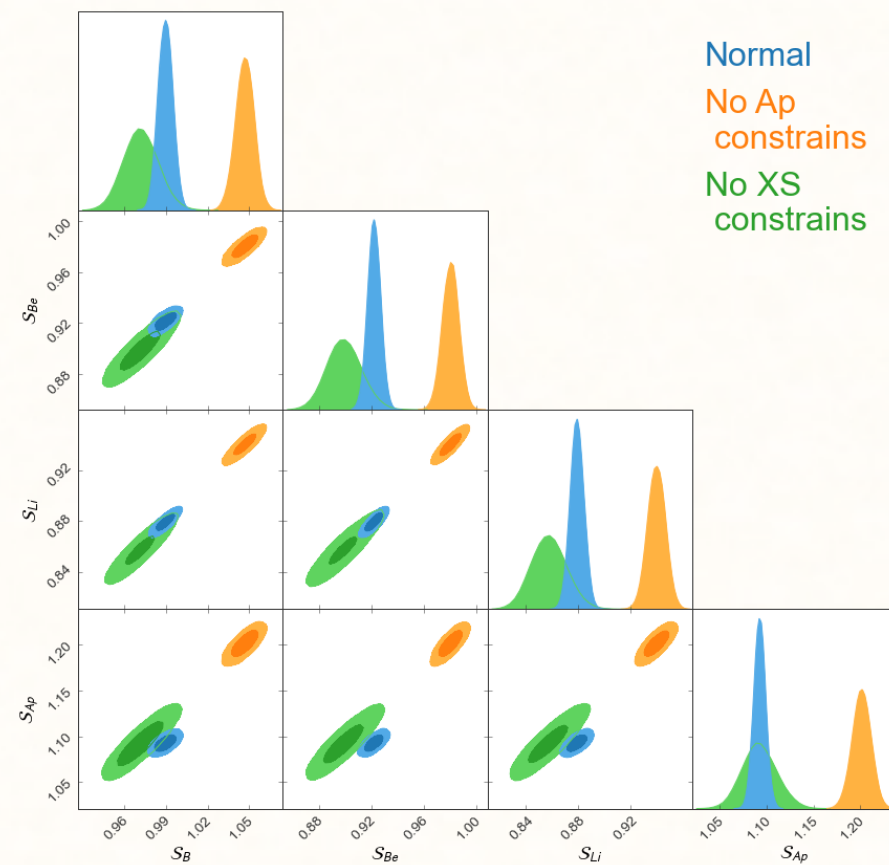
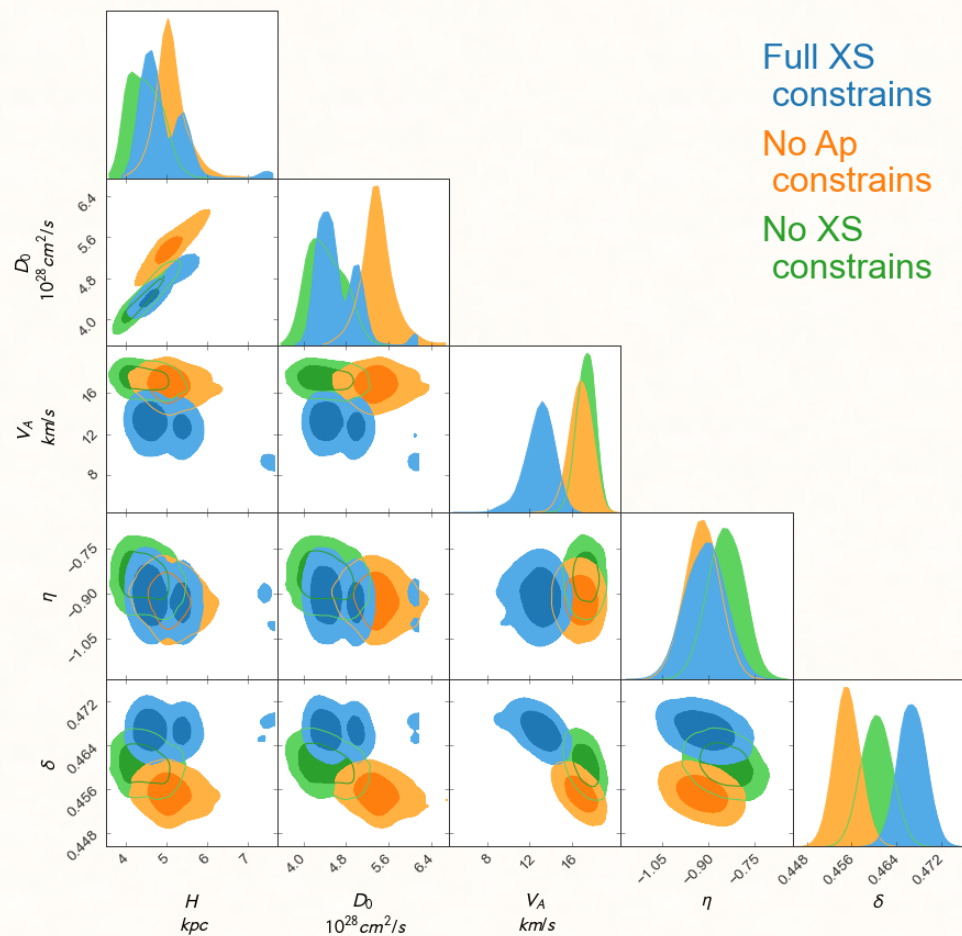


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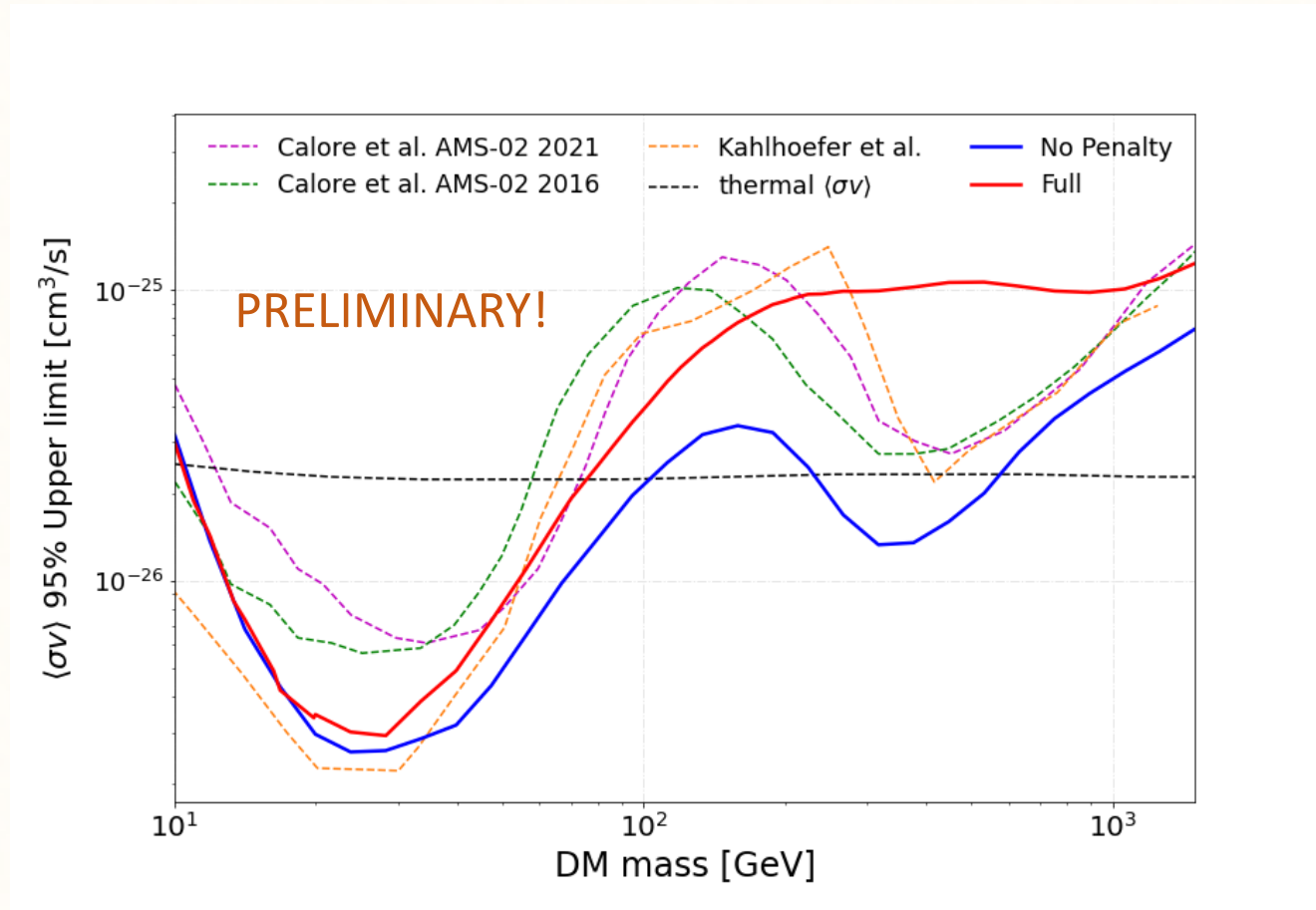
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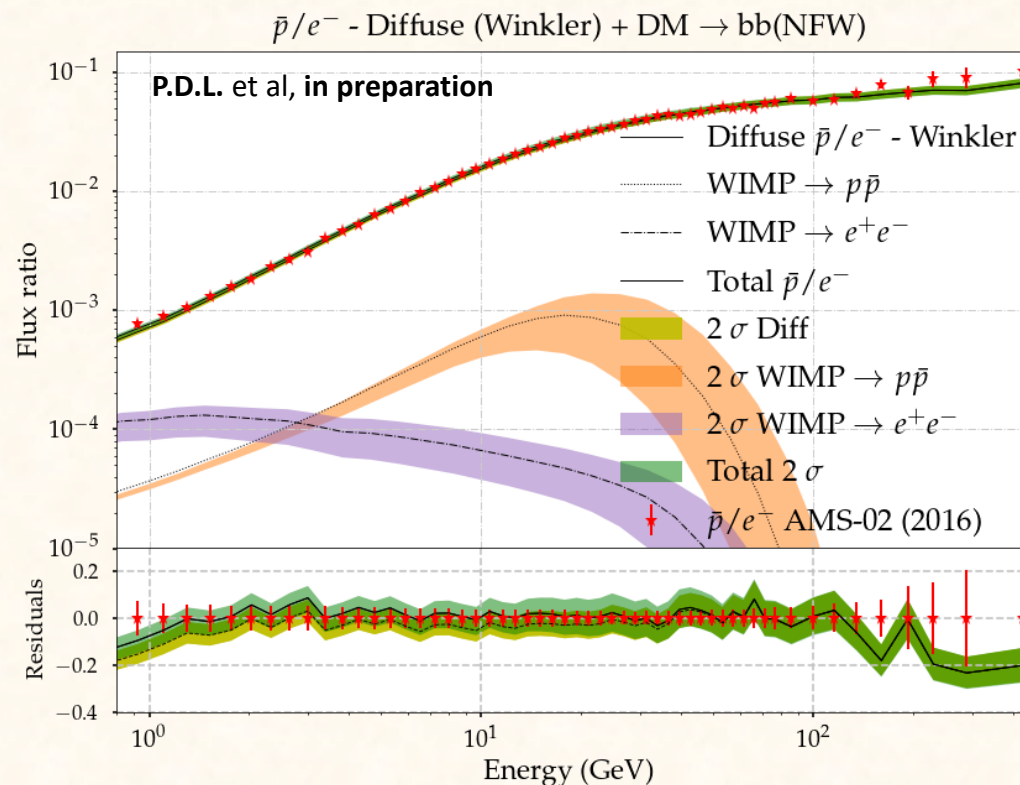
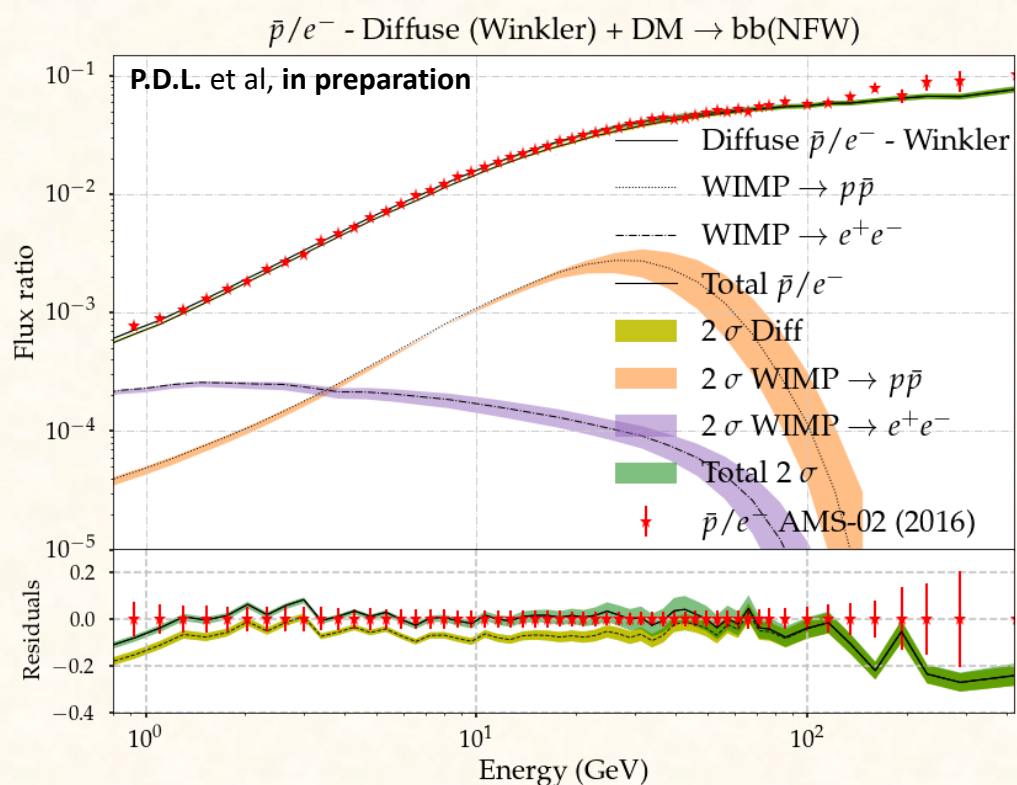
# DM limits from different analyses



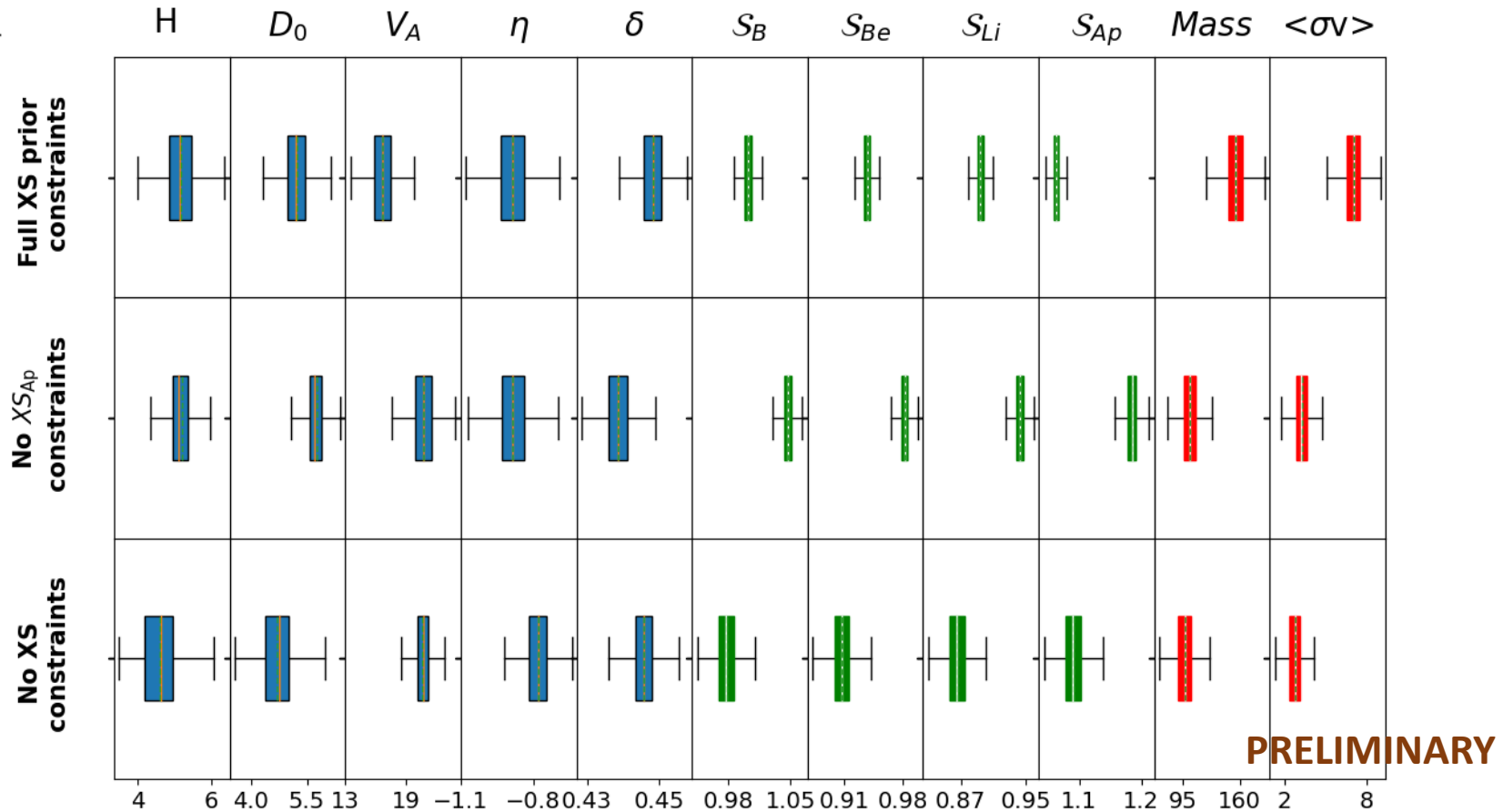
# Antiproton *excesses* – *The grammage excess*

Full XS prior constrains  $M_\chi \sim 160 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 7 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

No XS prior constrains  $M_\chi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$



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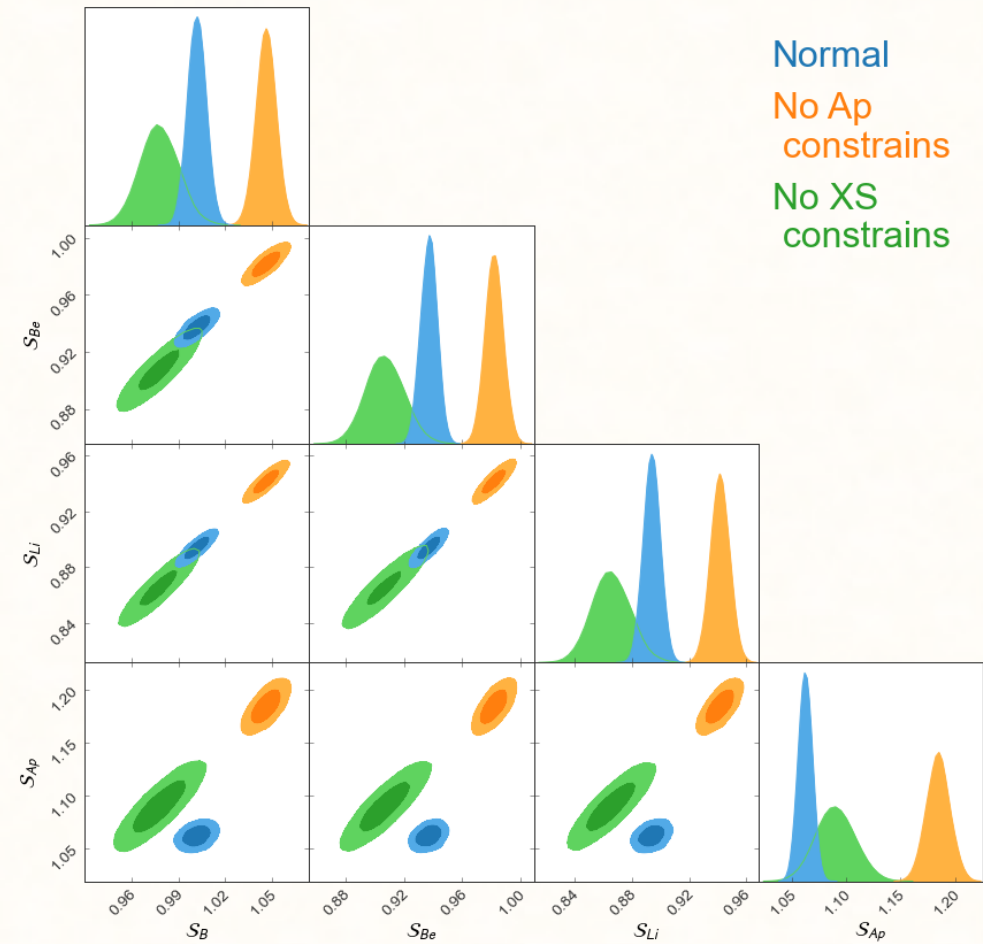
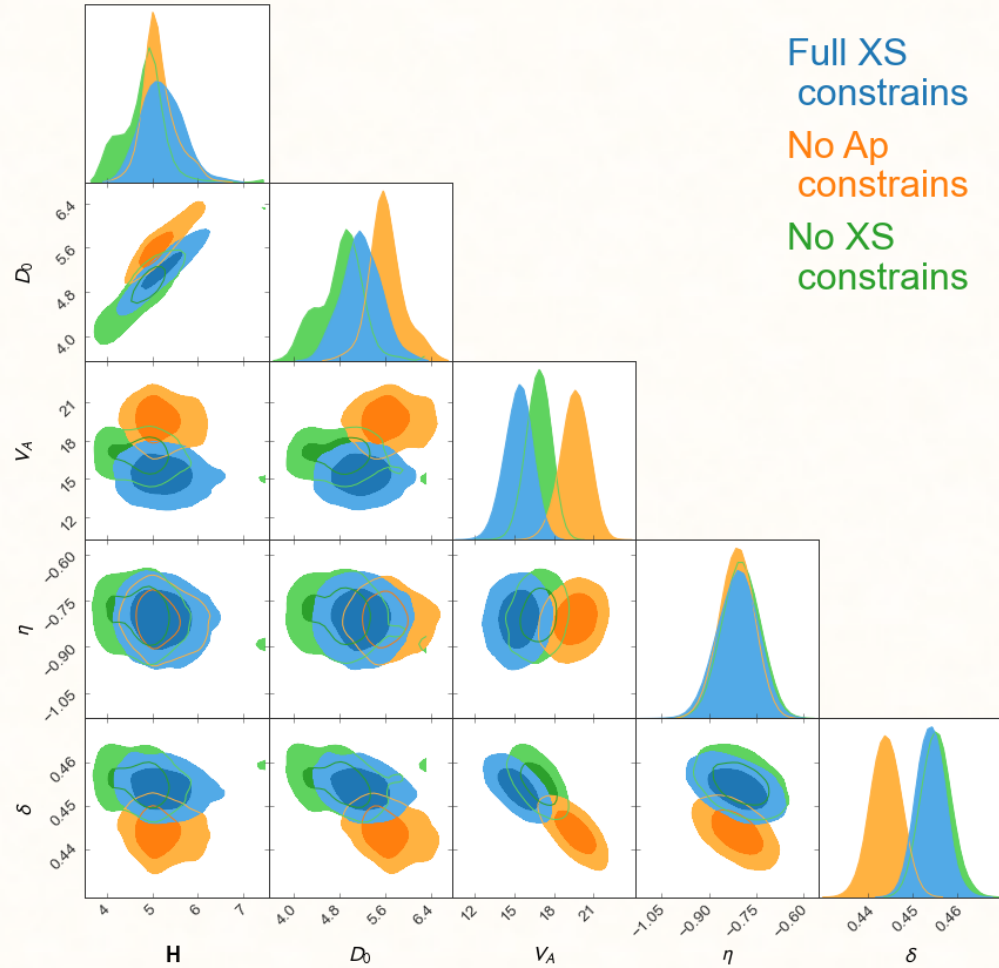
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# DM model

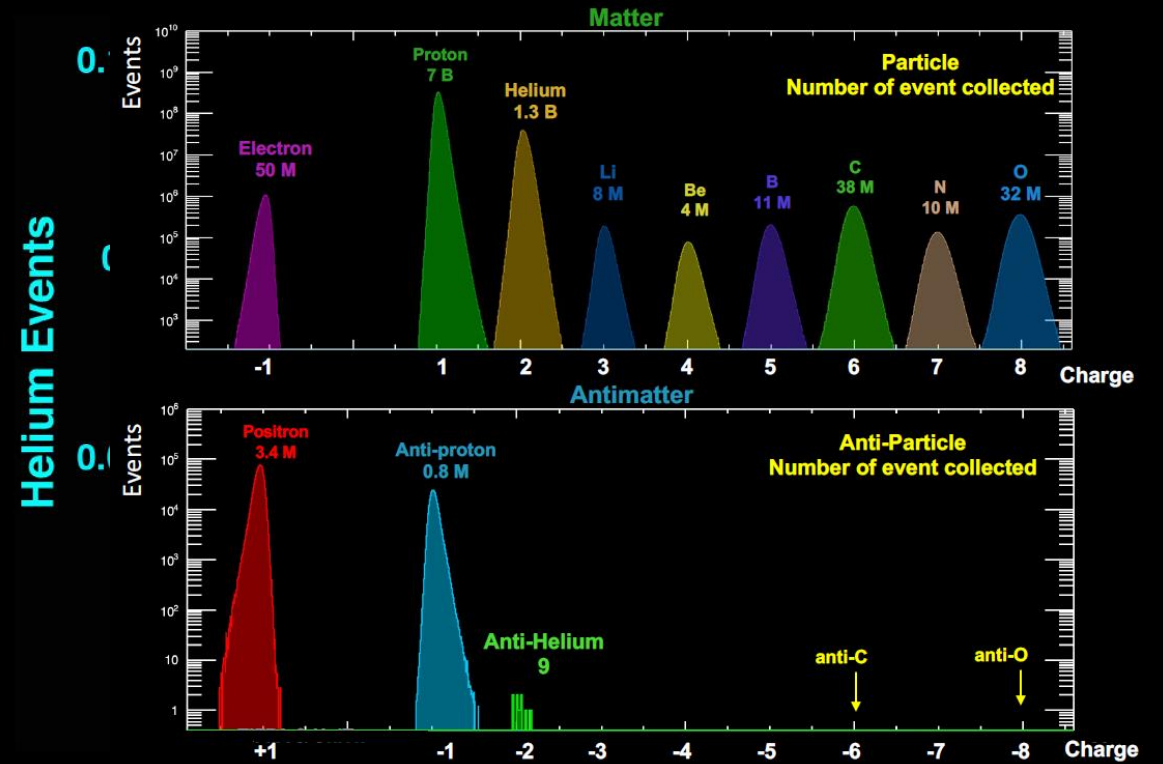
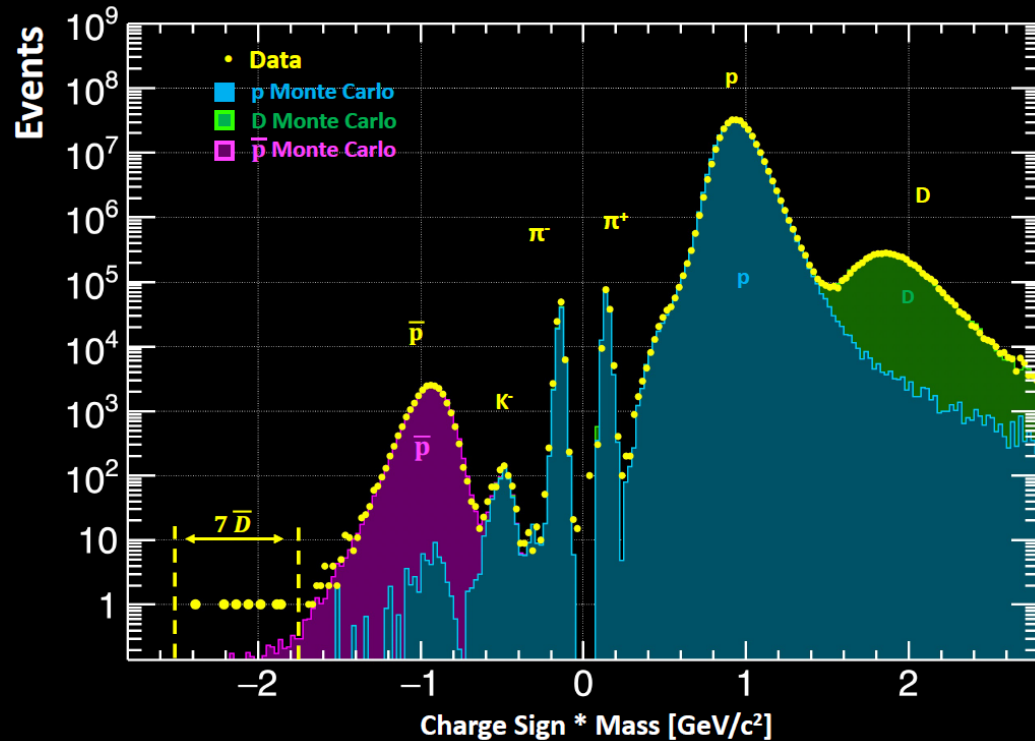
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# Dark matter constraints

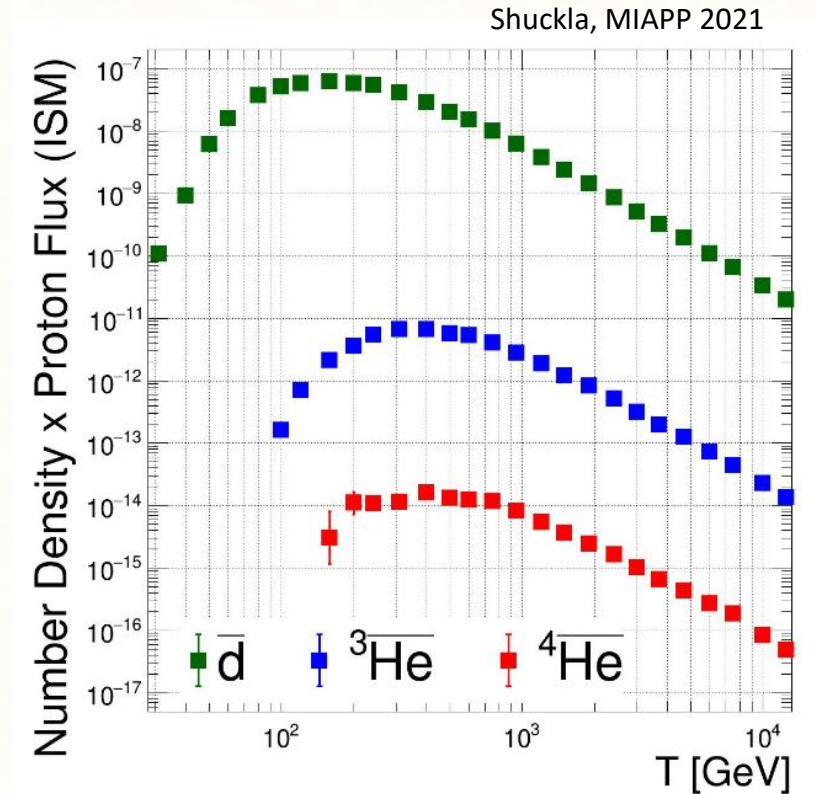
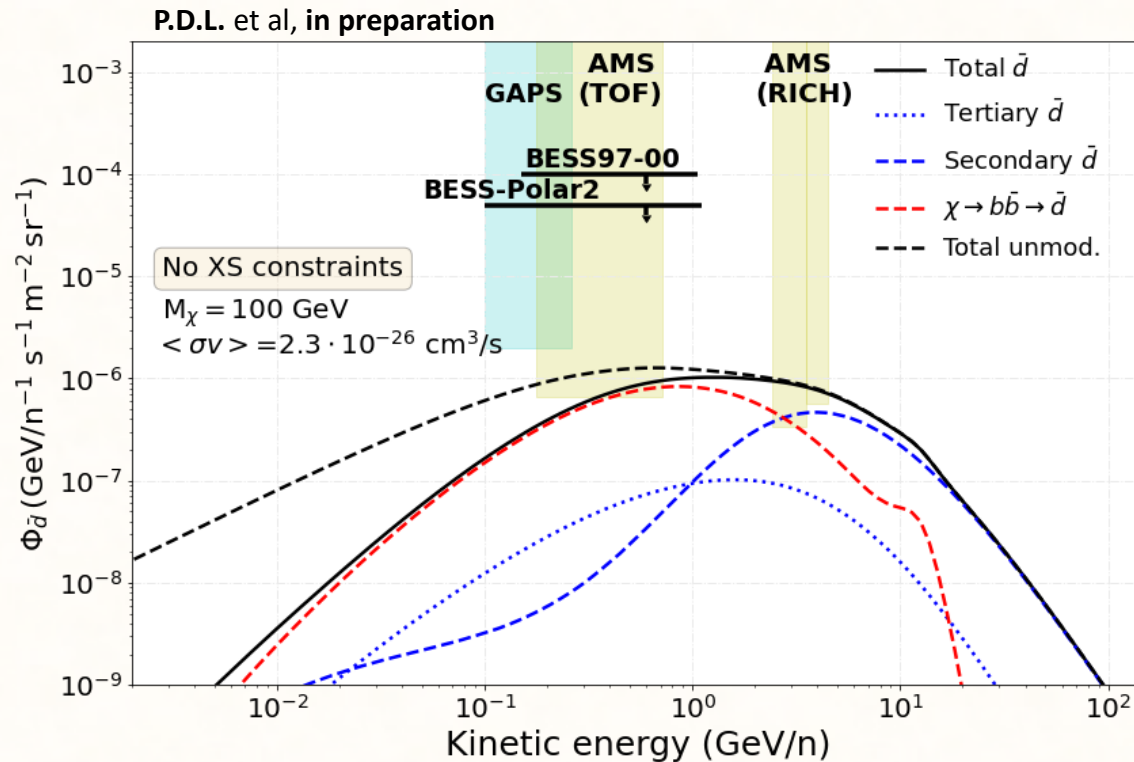
- Analysis incorporate a dark matter component, still allowing the cross sections to be rescaled.
- A WIMP annihilating into  $b\bar{b}$  pairs and then subsequent decay of these into leptons and antiprotons is simulated with WimpSim.
- A larger  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  implies less scaling of the antiprotons, which increases the total value of the likelihood.
- The hypothesis of a dark matter component is disfavoured against the hypothesis of  $A_p$  cross sections scale ( $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 160$  – over around 600 points). However, the hypothesis with dark matter + cross sections scaling is favoured against the other ones ( $\Delta\chi^2 \sim 38$ ).

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



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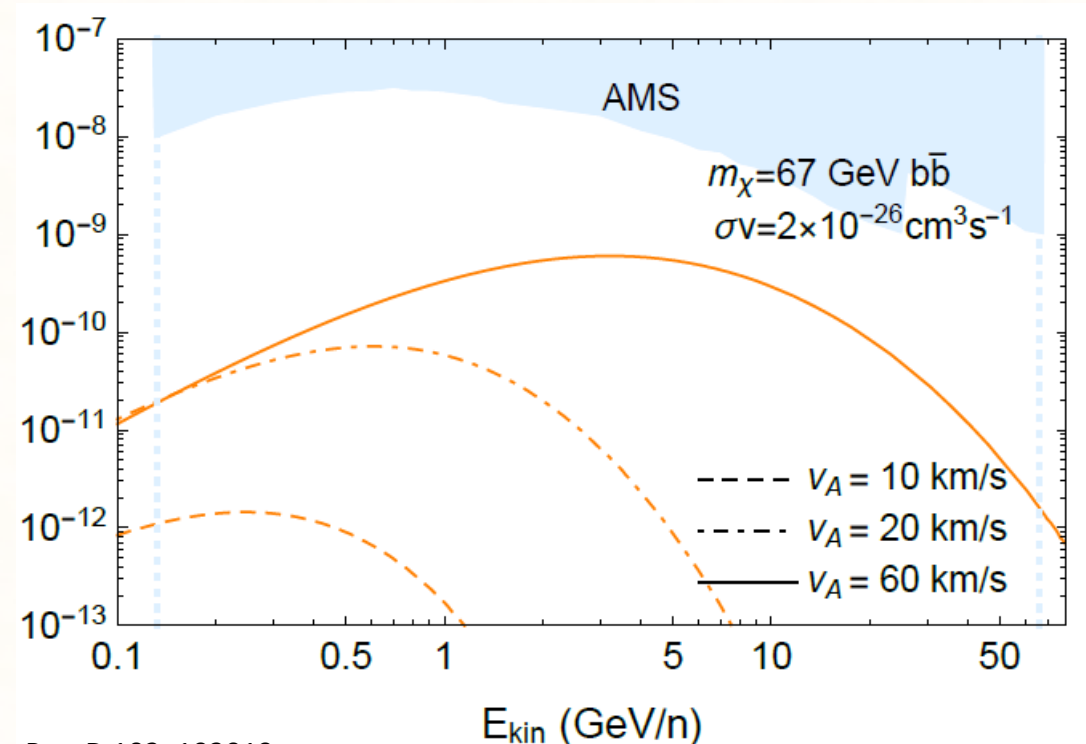
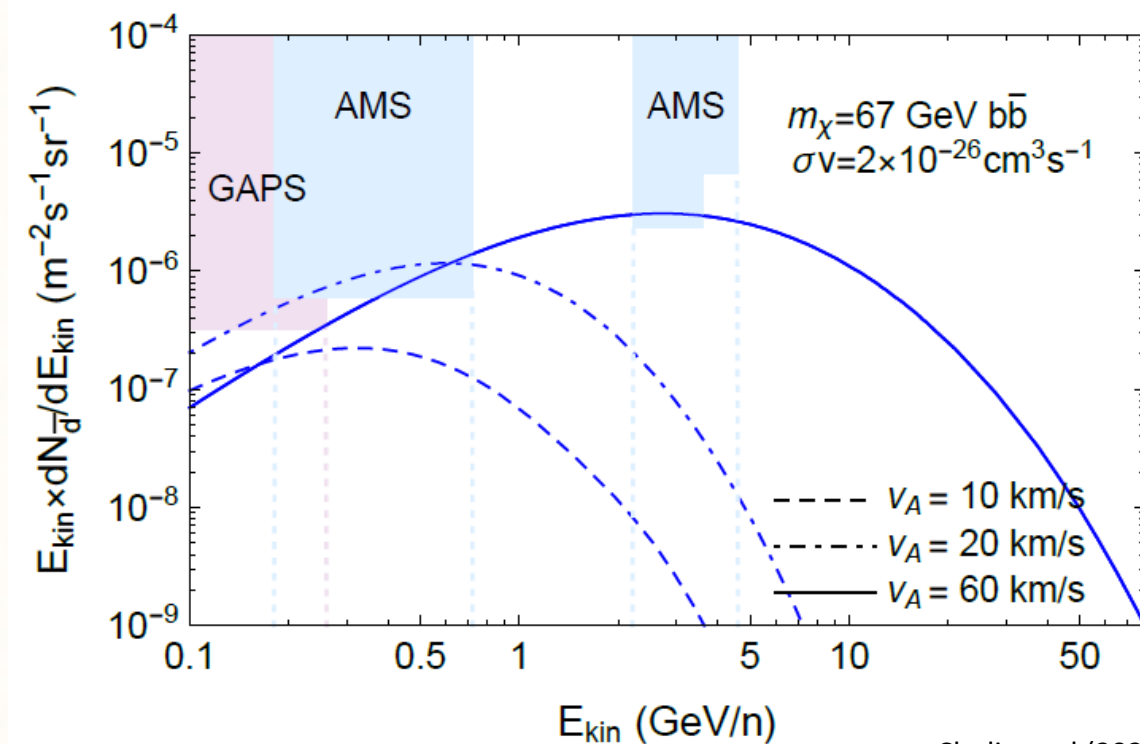
# Anti-nuclei as the dark matter smoking gun



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

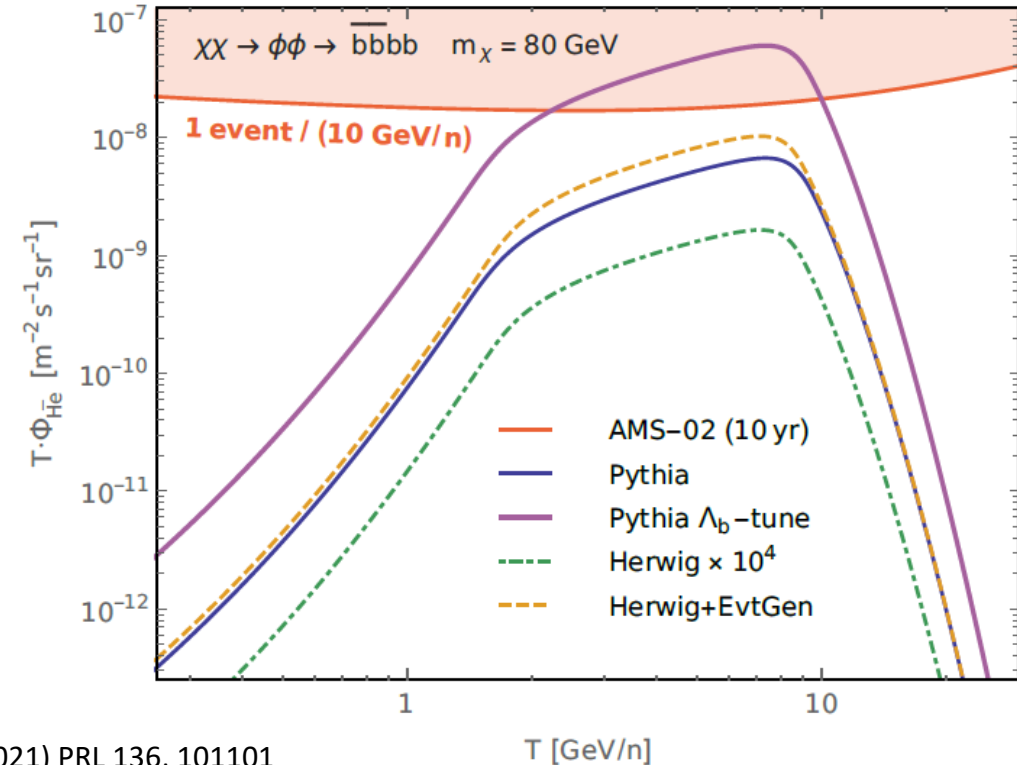
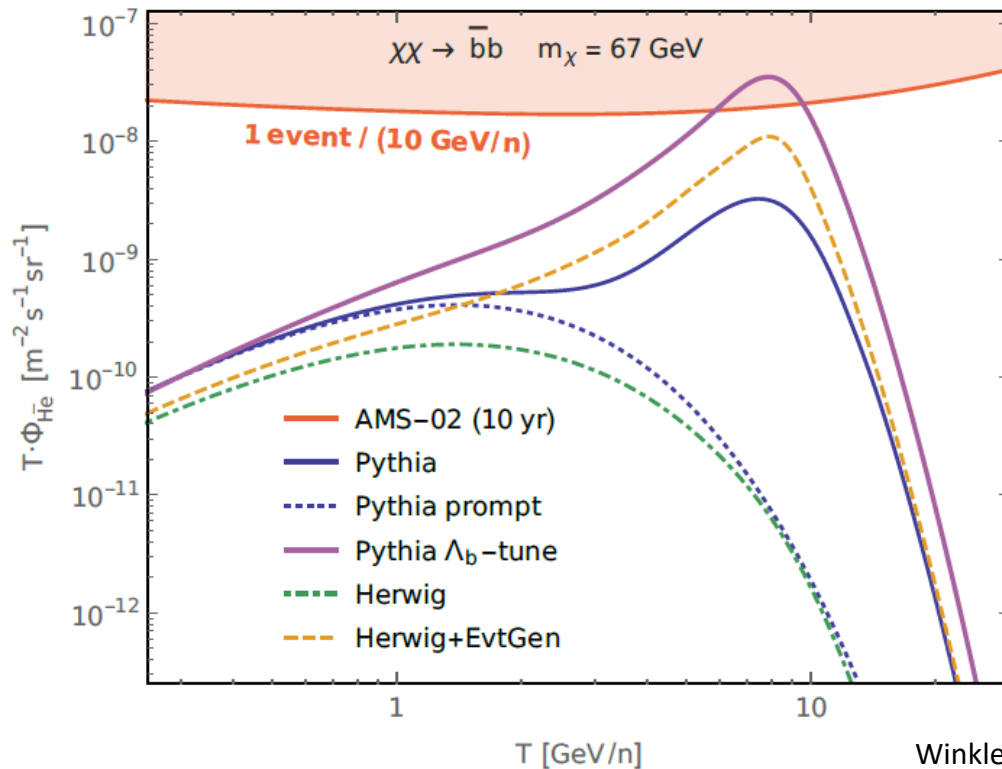


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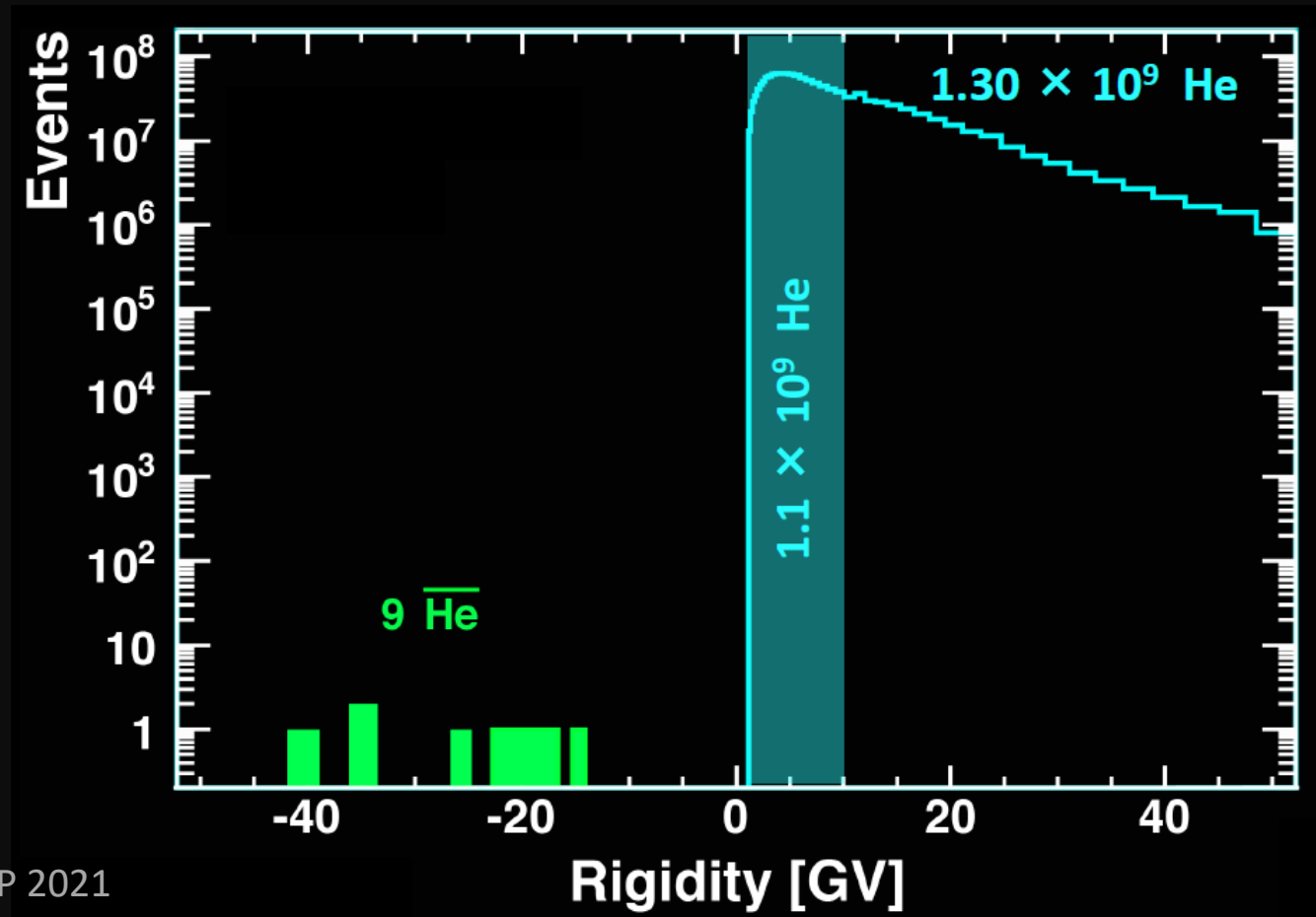
# Boosting the dark matter signal

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



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

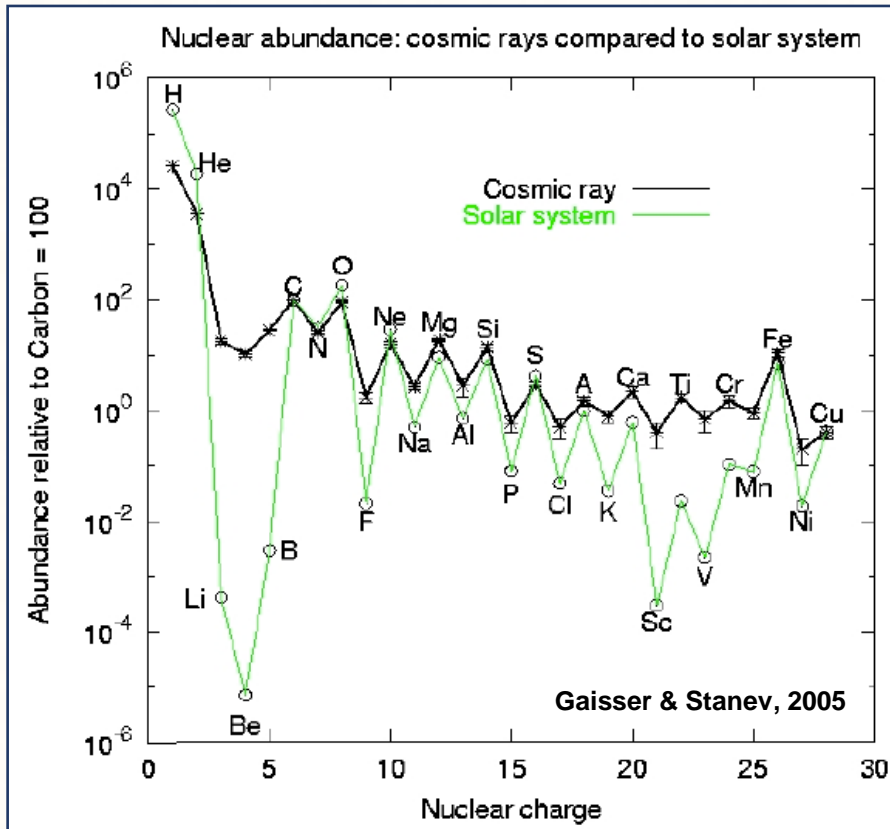


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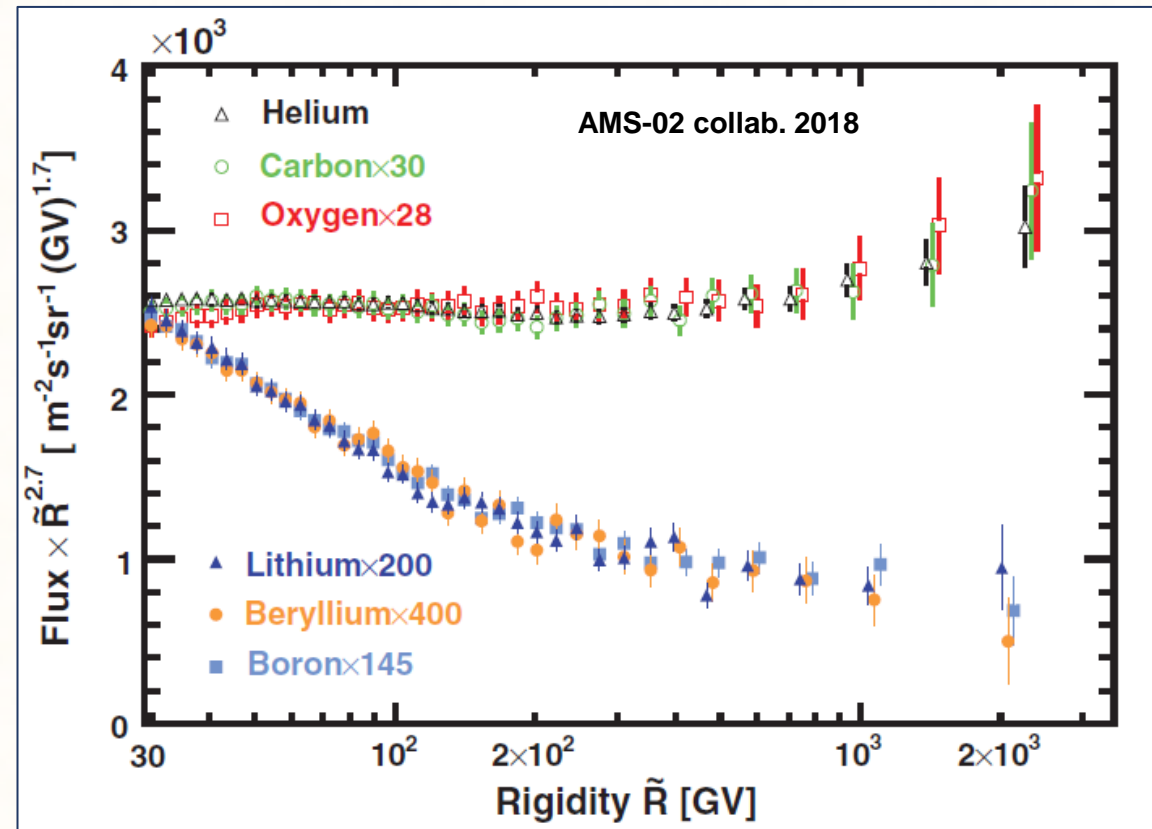


*Primary CRs are accelerated in astrophysical sources (presumably SNRs) and propagate throughout the Galaxy, occasionally interacting with gas in the disc of the Galaxy, and there they produce secondary nuclei through spallation.*

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

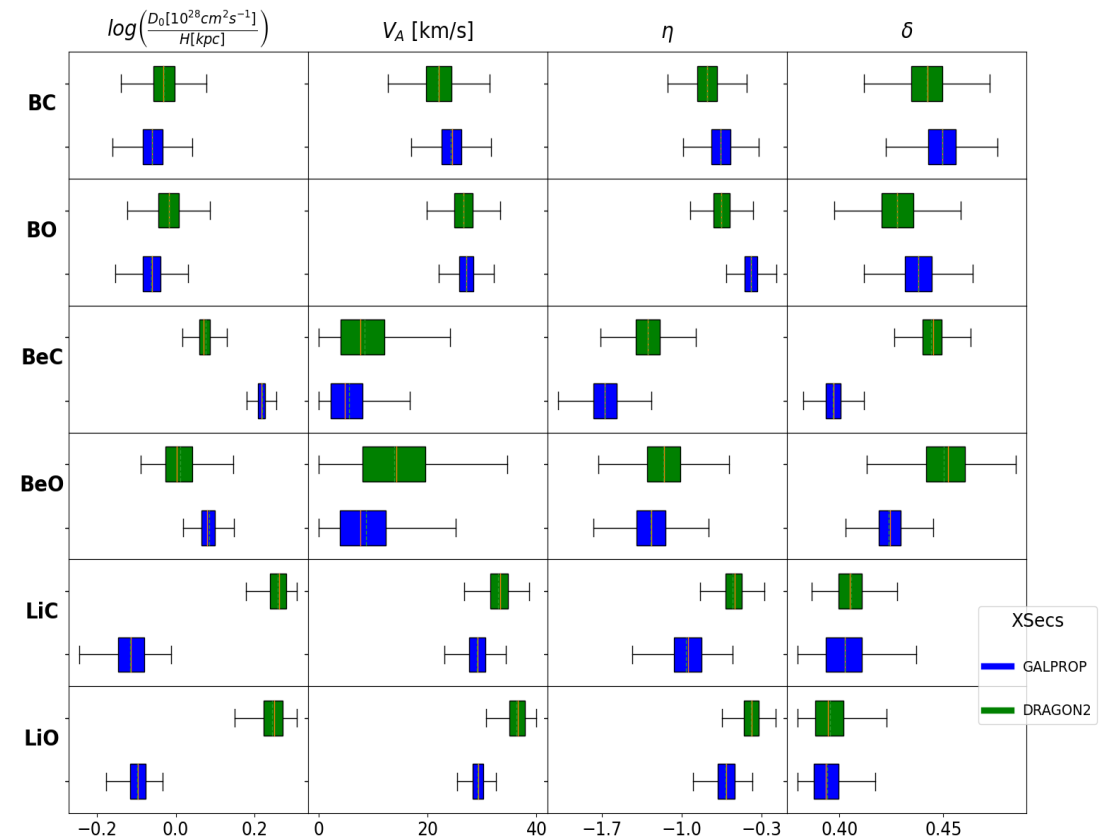
**Combined analyses are needed!**

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

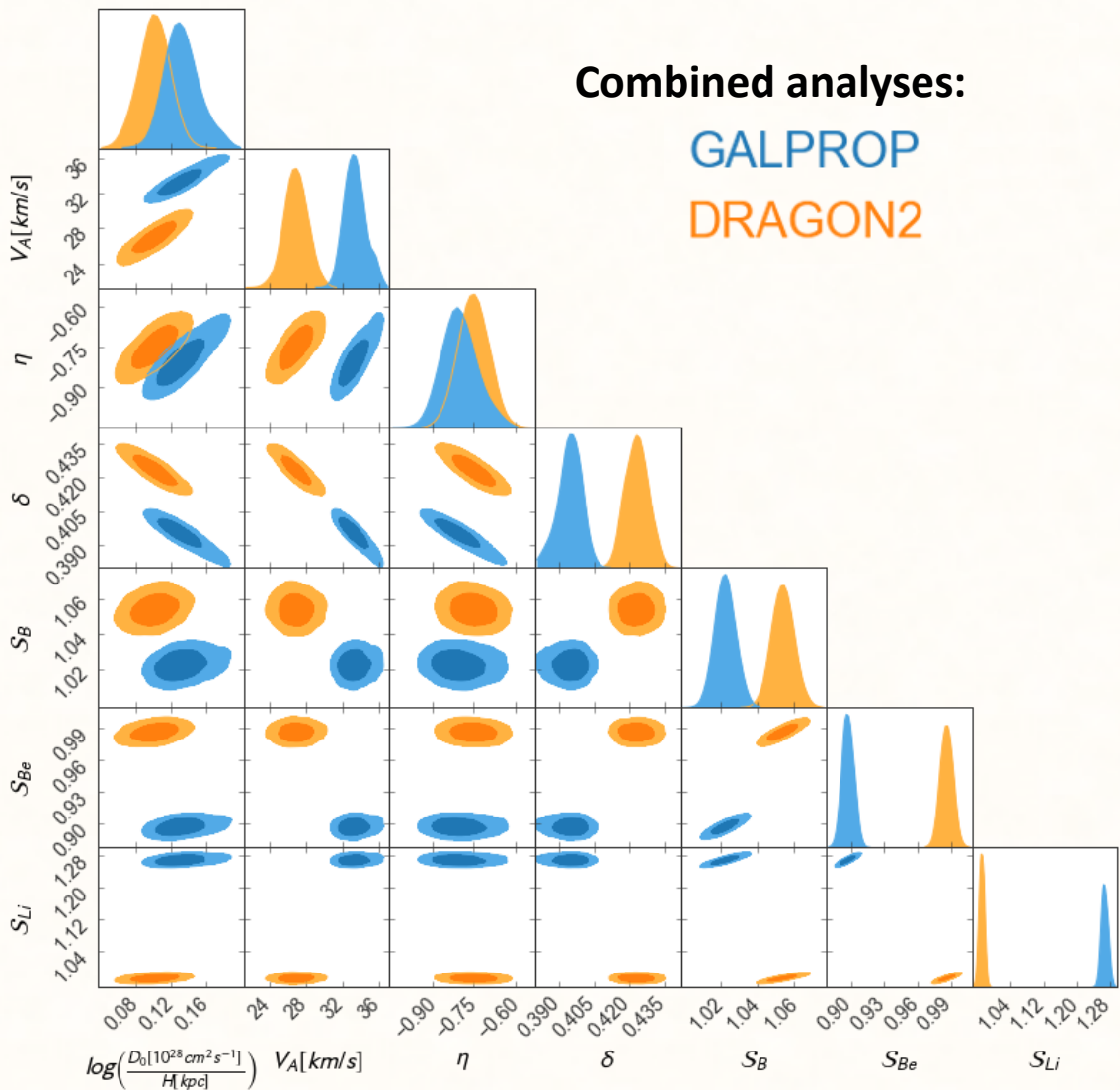
$$\Delta\delta=0.14, R_b=312 \text{ GV}, R_0=4\text{GV}$$

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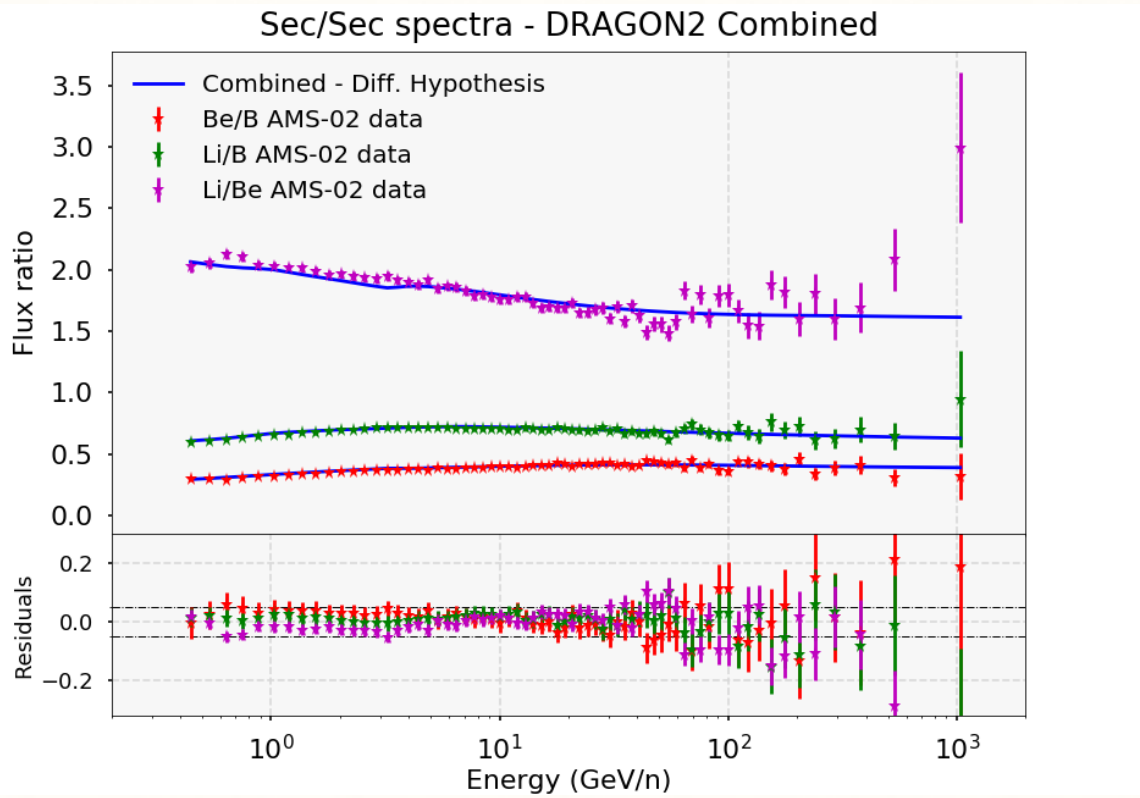
**Box-plot propagation parameters - Diff hypothesis**



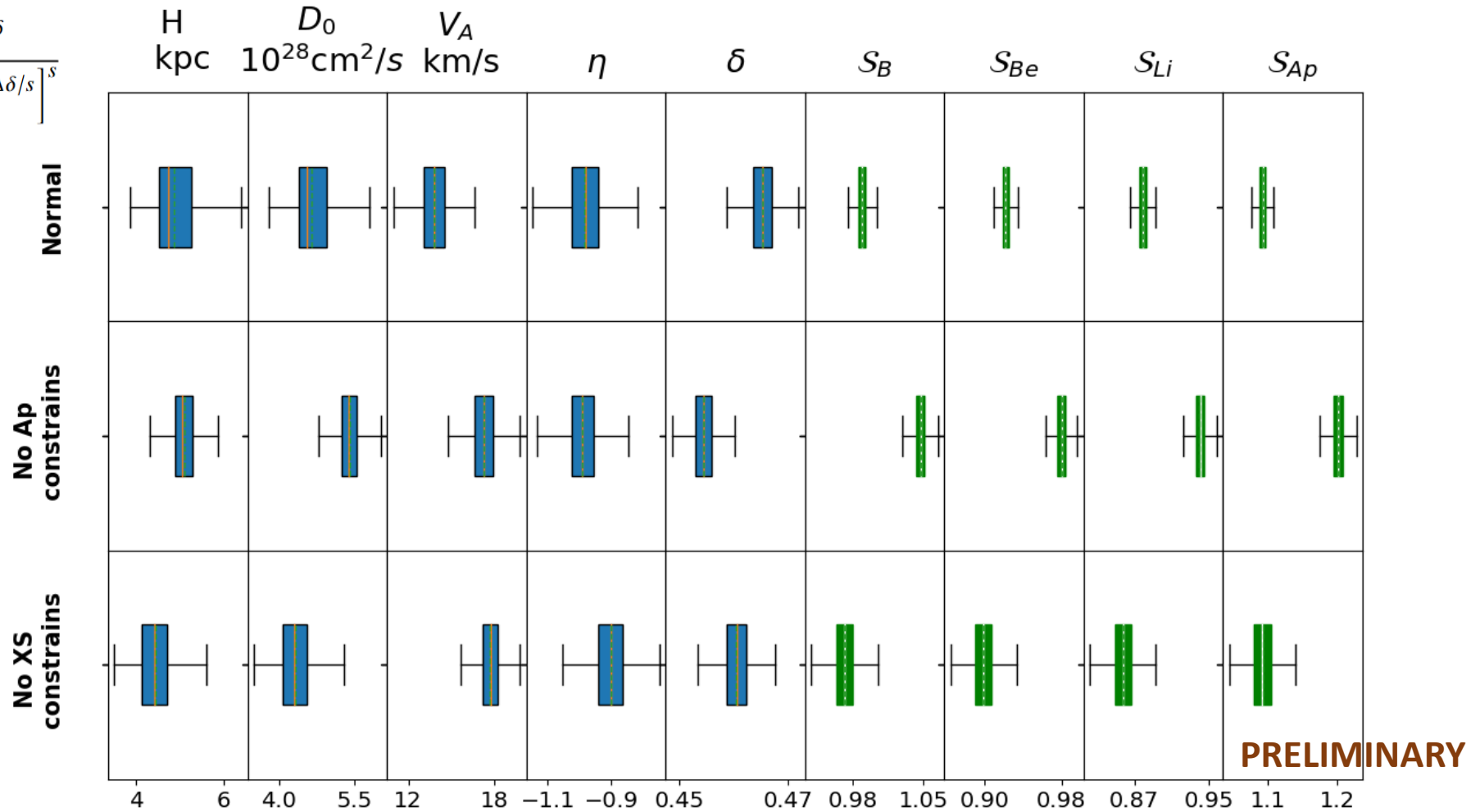




- Propagation parameters seem to be compatible for different cross sections parametrizations
- The spectra of all these ratios become compatible (within  $1\sigma$  uncertainties) with experimental data for scale factors  $S_X < 1.06$  ( $< 6\%$  scale)



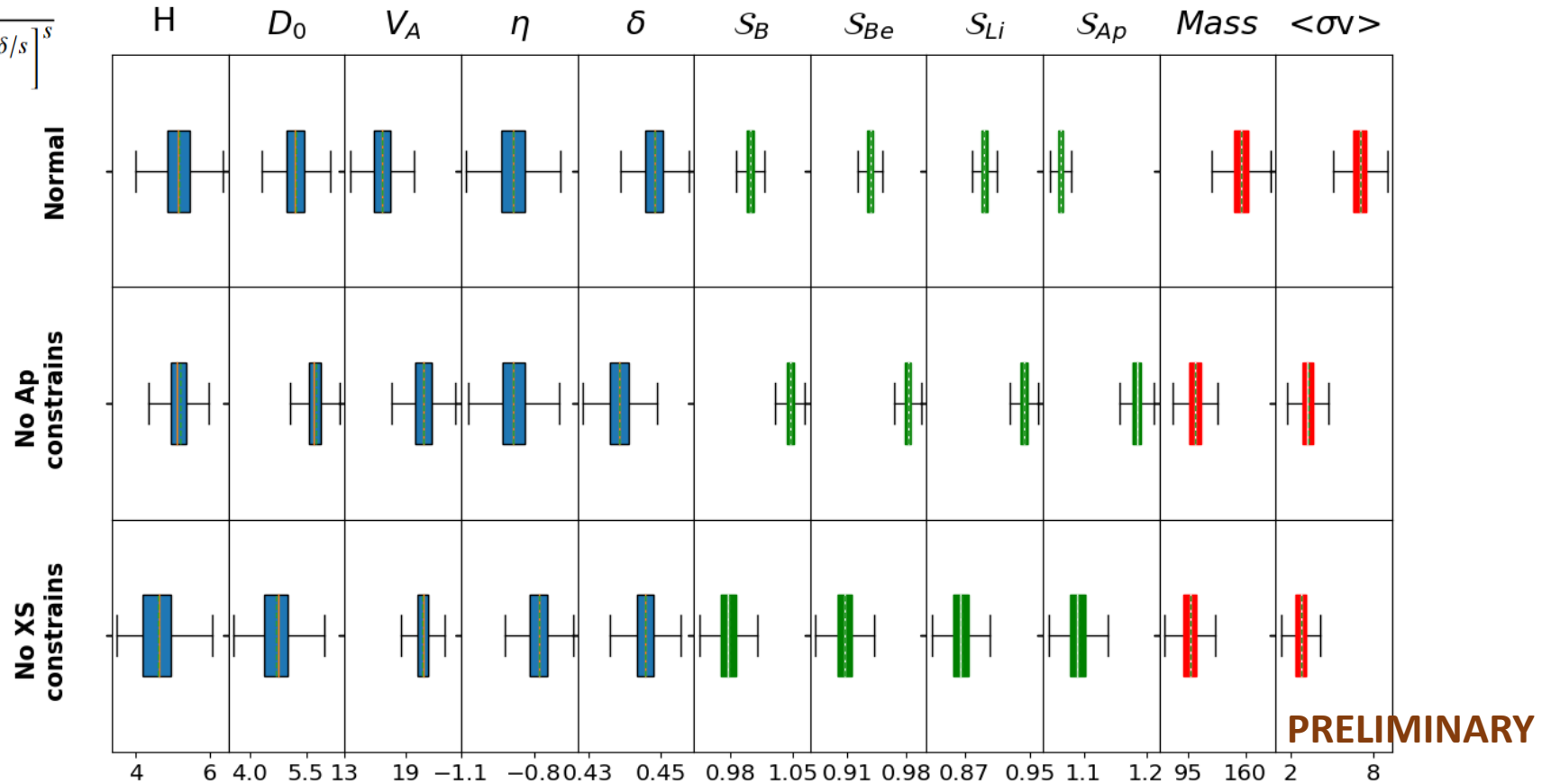
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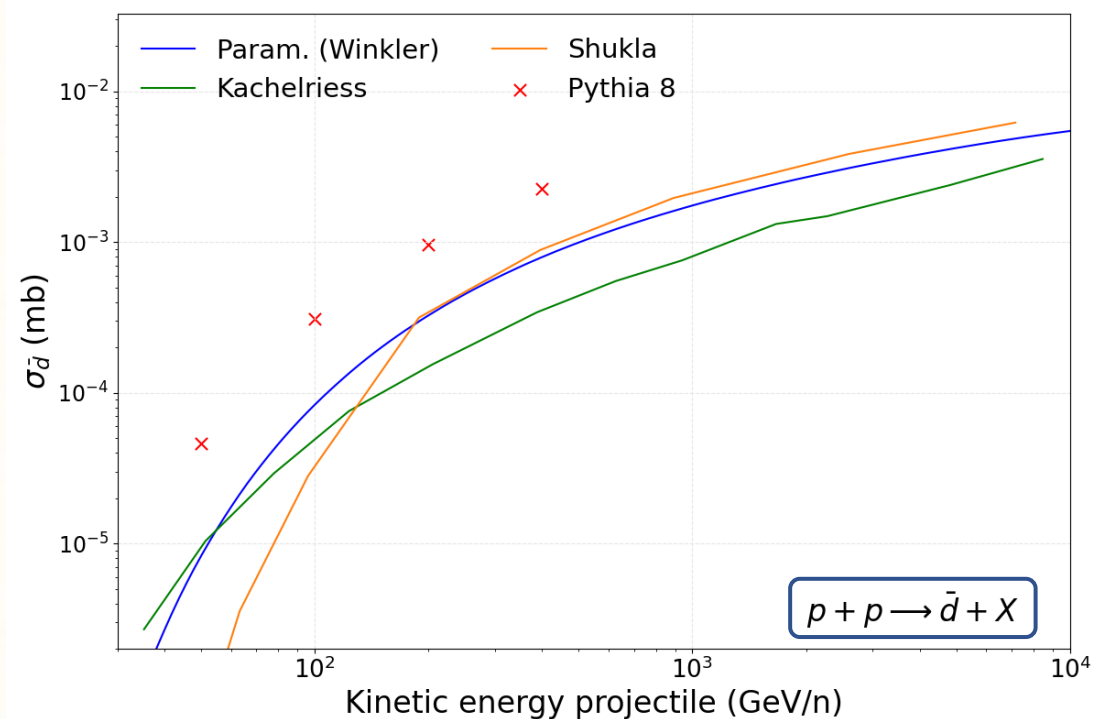
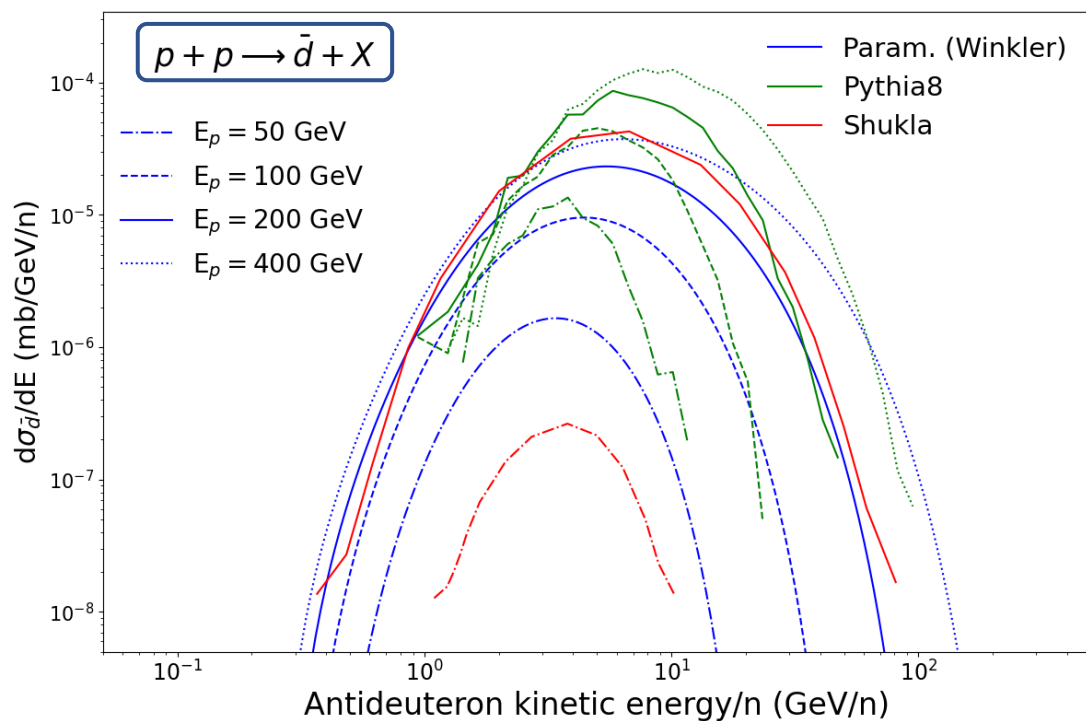
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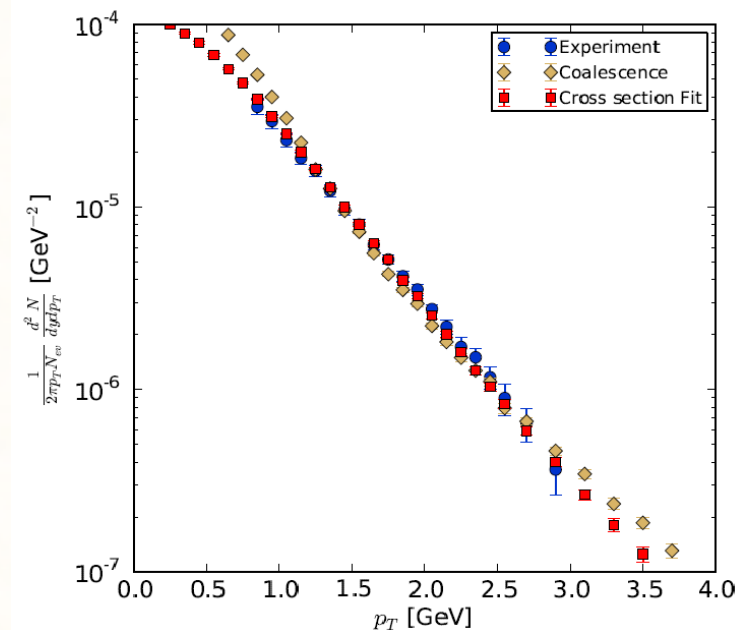
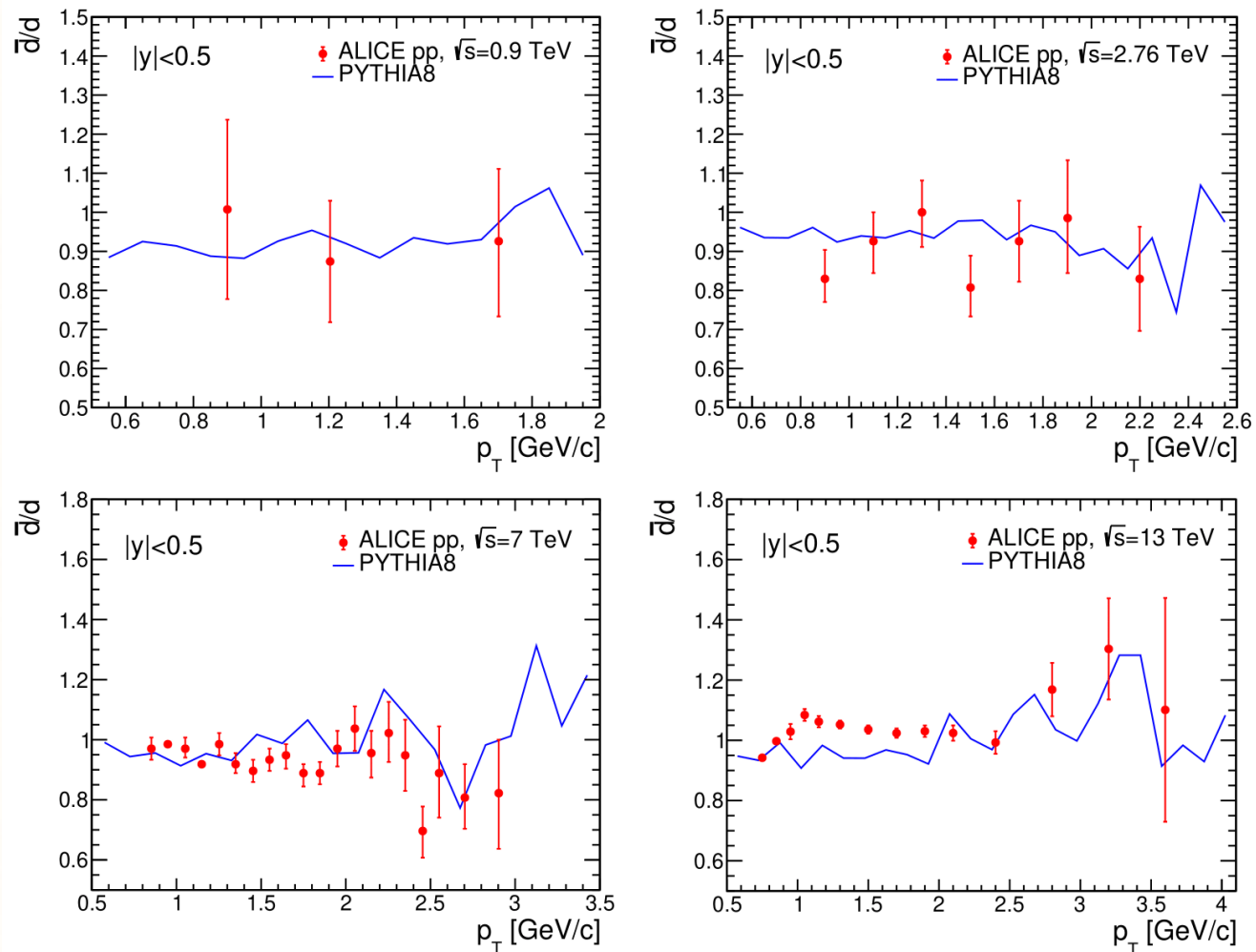
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# Implementation of anti-nuclei propagation in *DRAGON2*

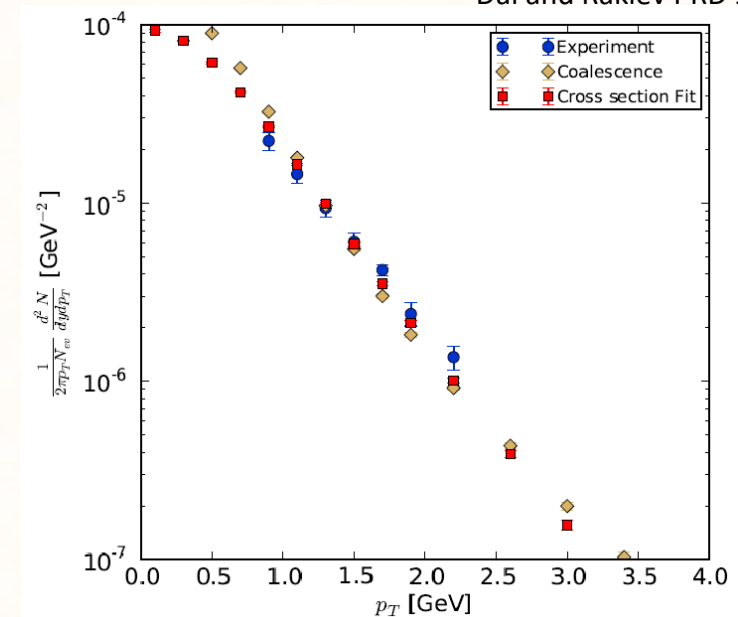
Cross sections of antinuclei production are being computed with Pythia8... in progress



# PYTHIA8 cross sections



Dal and Raklev PRD 91, 123536



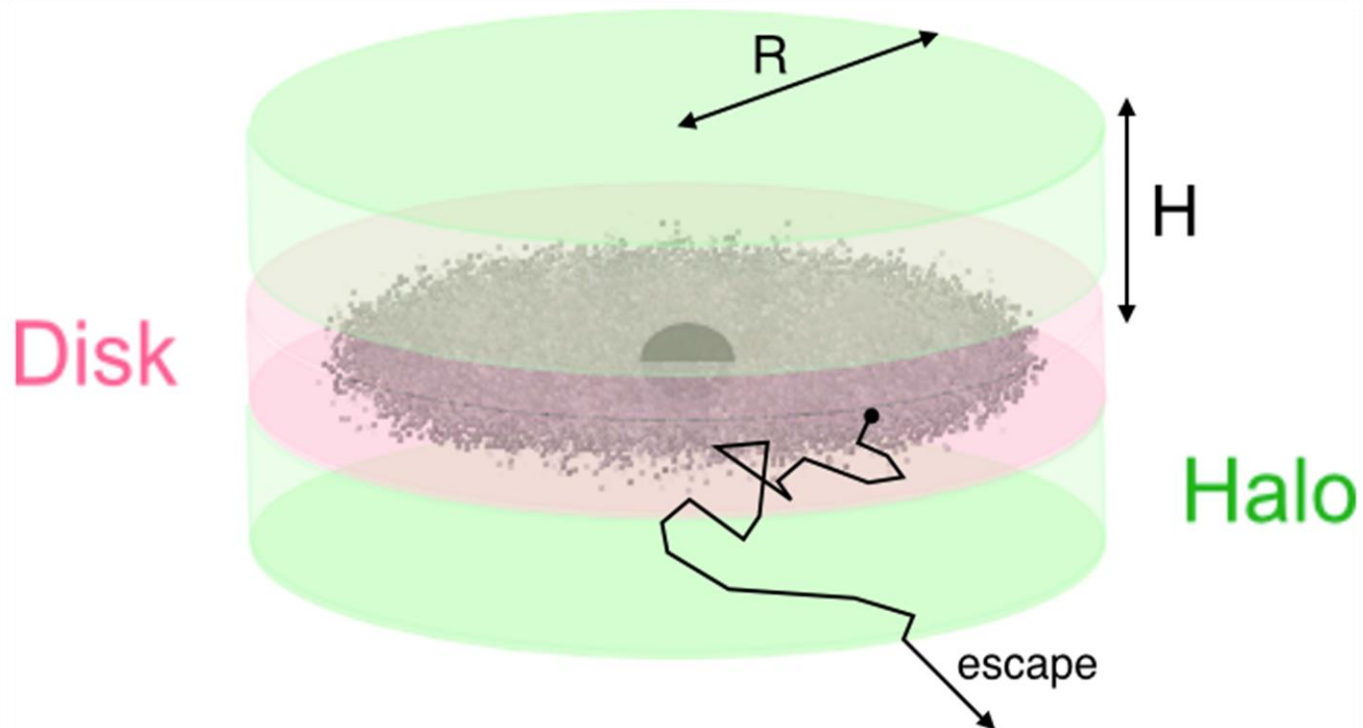




# Diffusive transport of Galactic cosmic rays

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

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



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

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

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

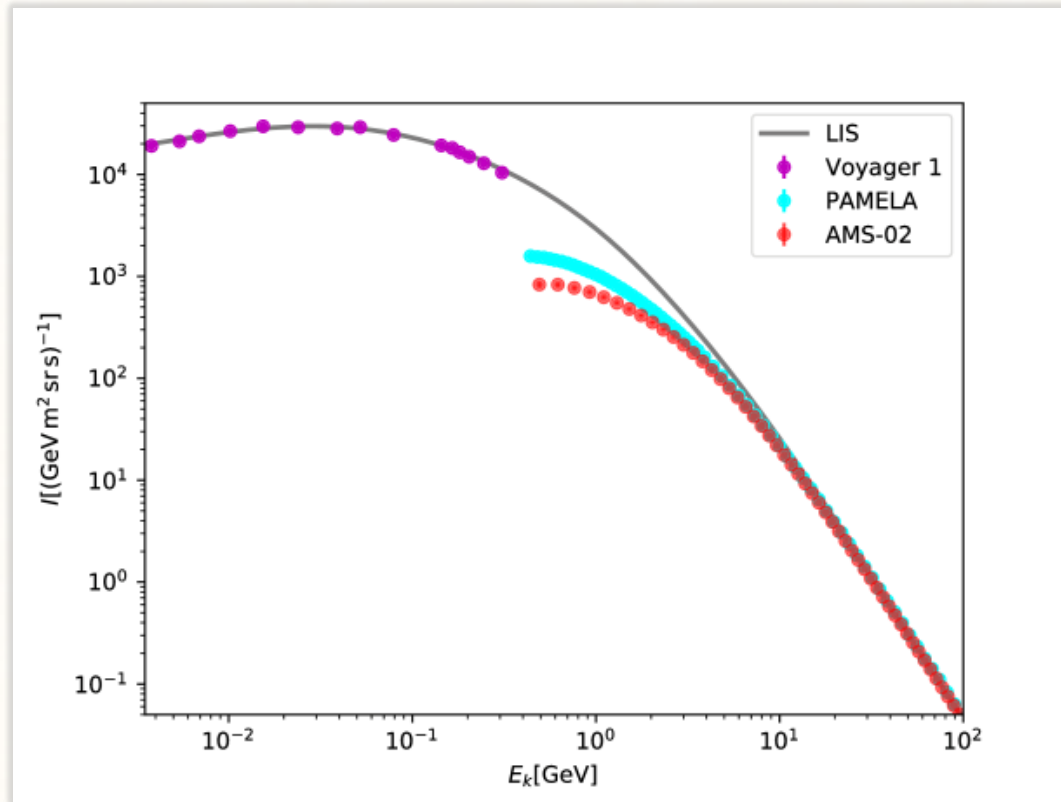
$$N_{\text{sec}} \propto Q_{\text{sec}}(E)/D(E)$$

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

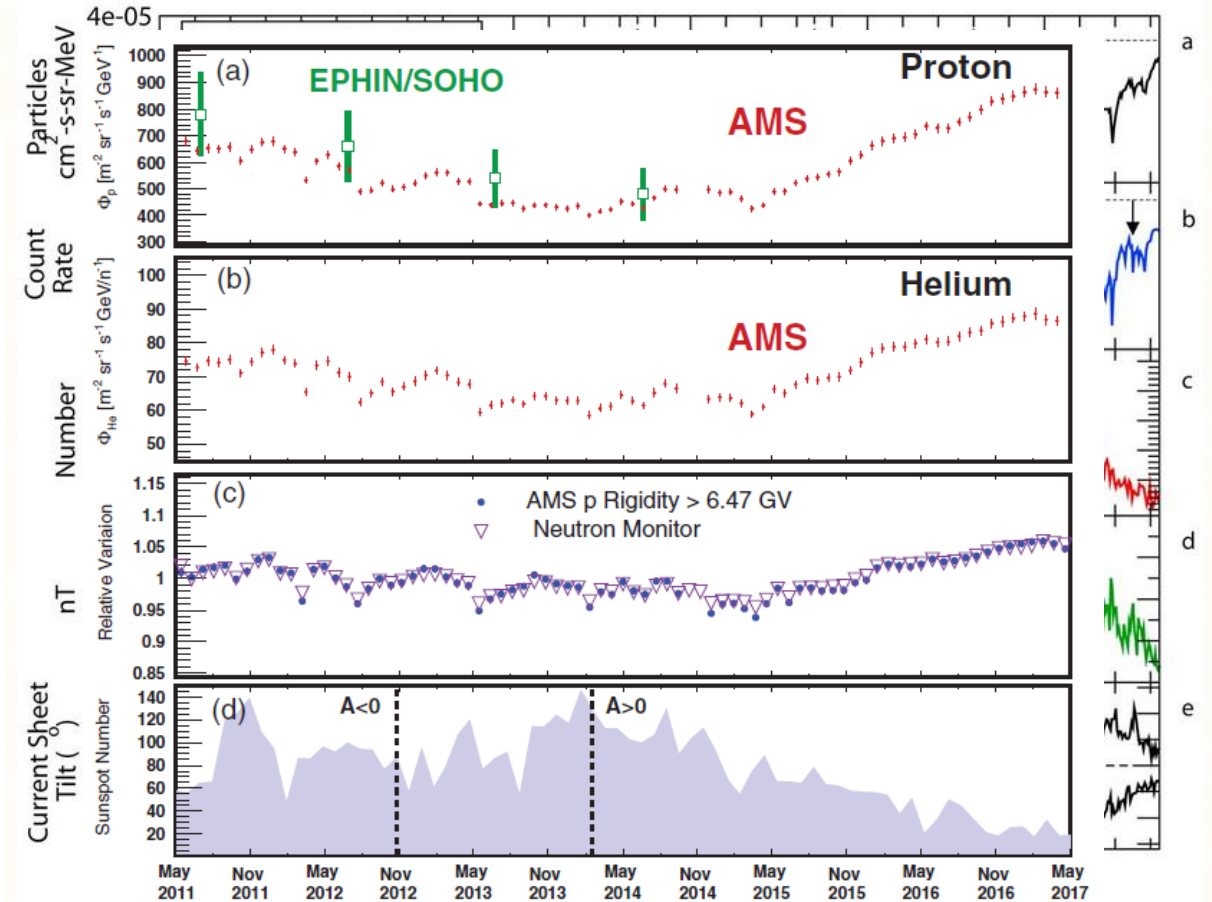
$$\frac{N_{\text{sec}}}{N_{\text{pr}}} = \frac{Q_{\text{sec}}}{Q_{\text{pr}}} \sim \sigma(E)/D(E)$$

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

# Solar modulation

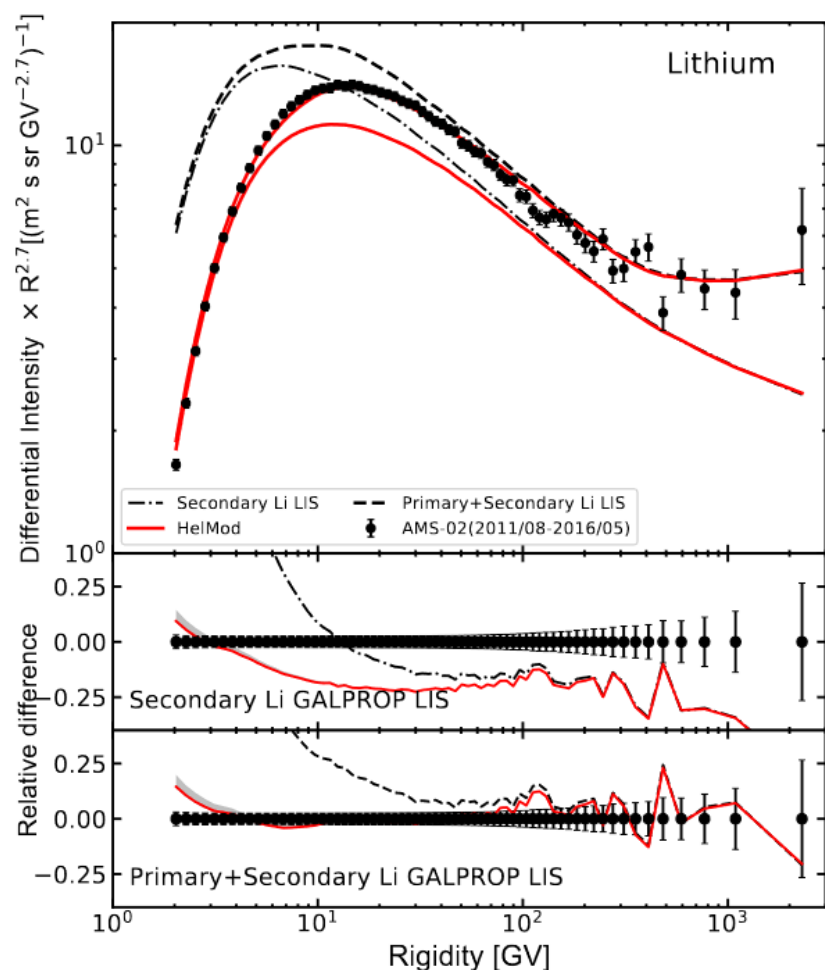


- ❖ Detailed heliospheric simulations or Force-Field approximation
- ❖ Neutron monitor experiments + Voyager-01 data

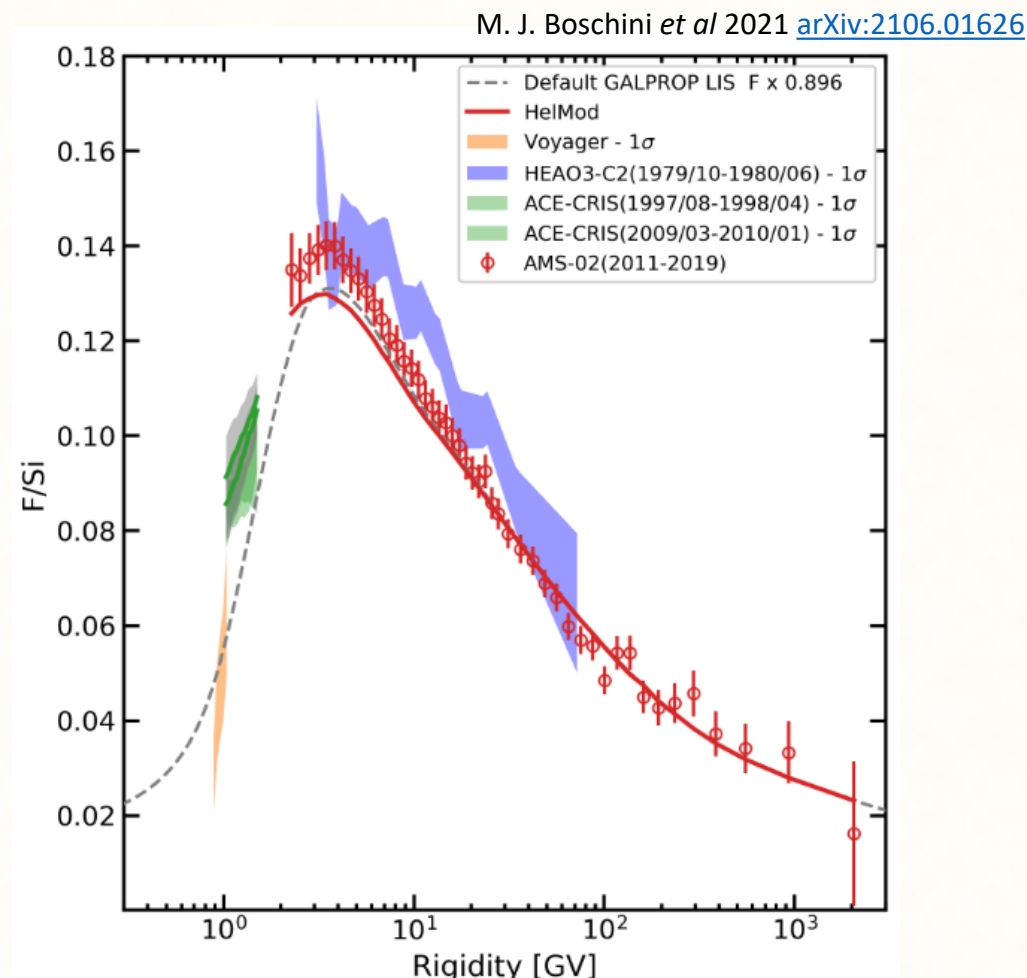


$$\Phi^{\text{TOA}}(T) = \frac{2mT + T^2}{2m \left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right) + \left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right)^2} \Phi^{\text{IS}}\left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right)$$

# Extra contributions of secondary CRs?



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