First Result from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) Experiment *on the International Space Station.*

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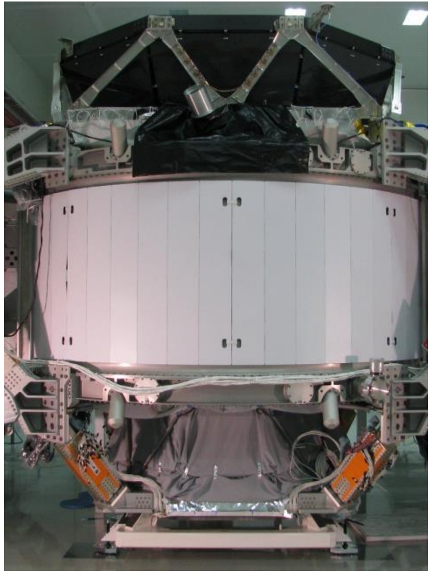
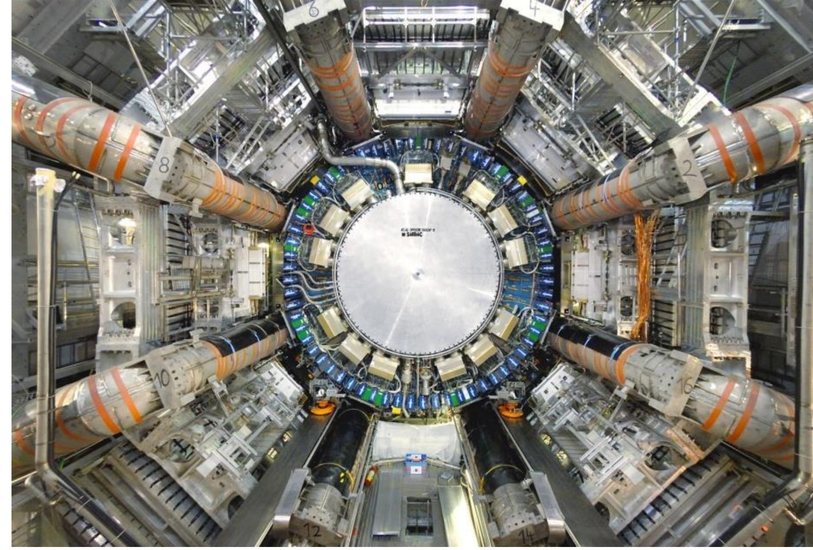
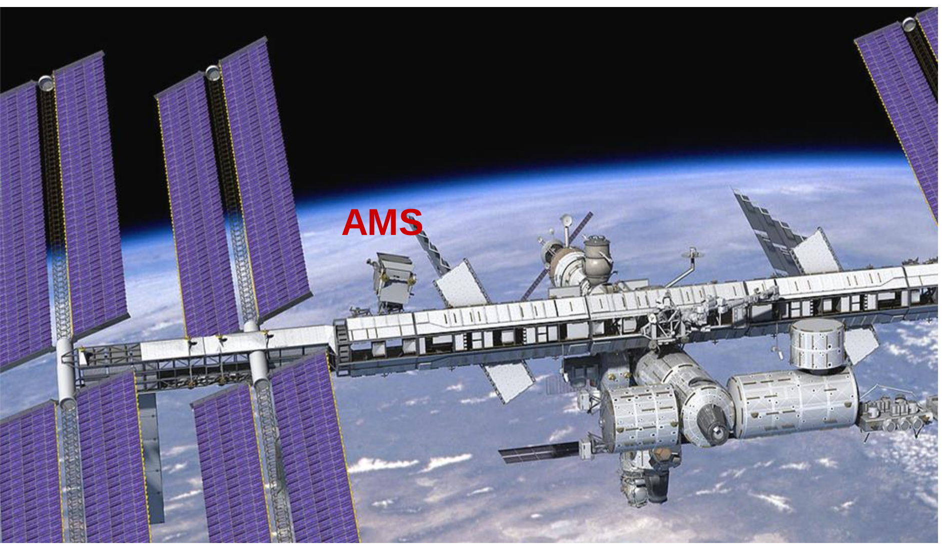
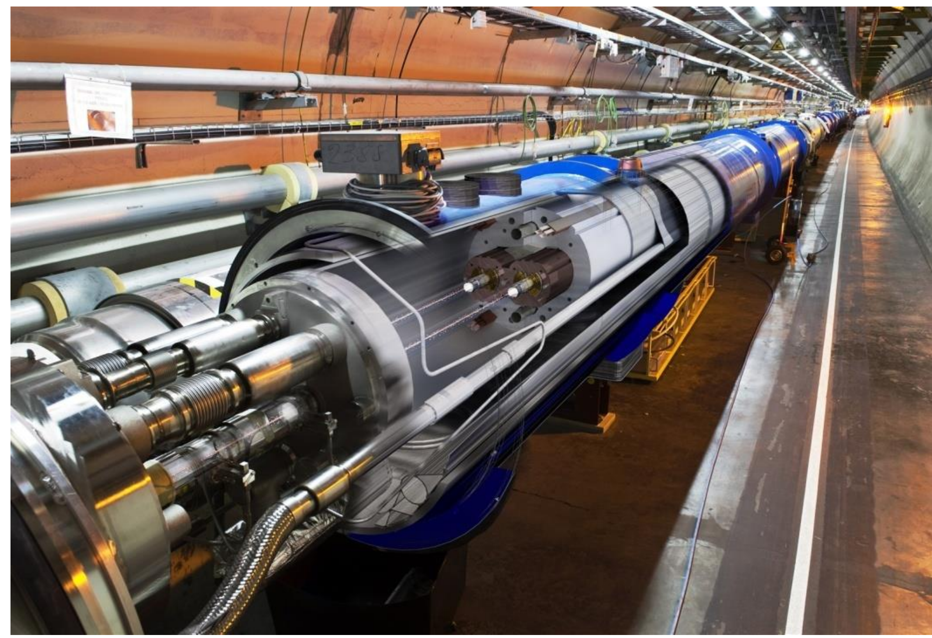


ATLAS, CMS, ALICE & LHCb







ISS cost = ~10 LHC.

LHC has 4 big experiments.

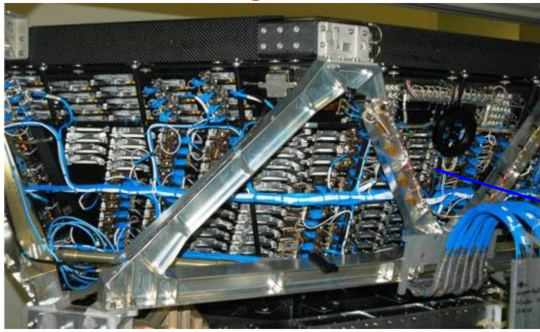
ISS only has AMS.


AMS
5m x 4m x 3m
7.5 tons

AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

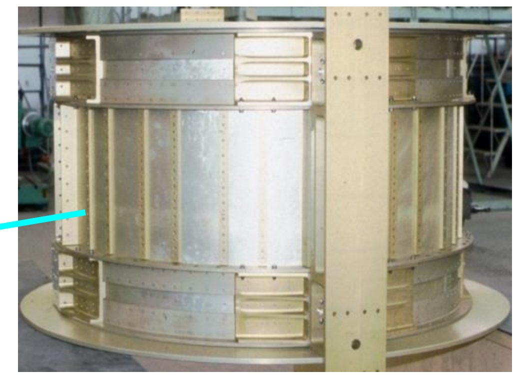
Particles and nuclei are defined by their charge (Z) and energy (E ~ P)

TRD
Identify e^+, e^-

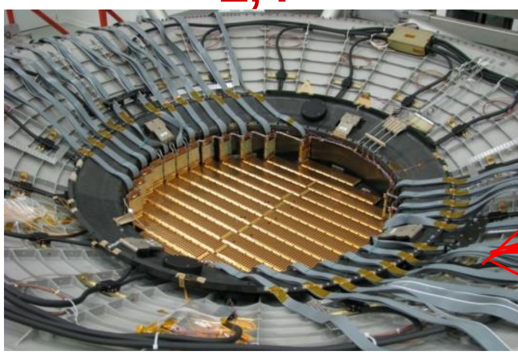


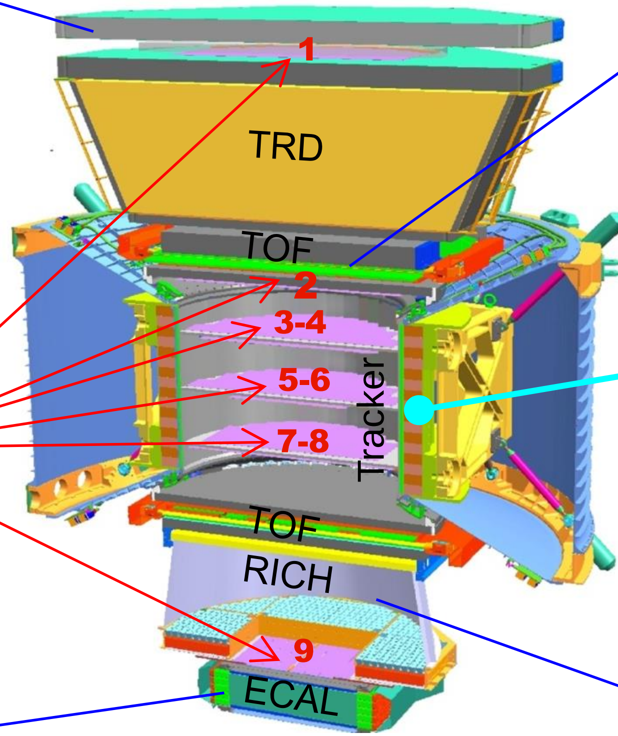
TOF
Z, E

Magnet
±Z

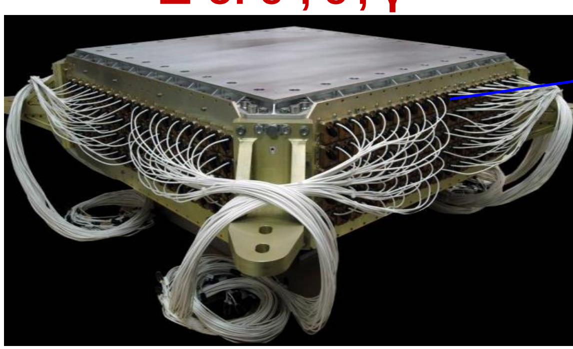


Silicon Tracker
Z, P

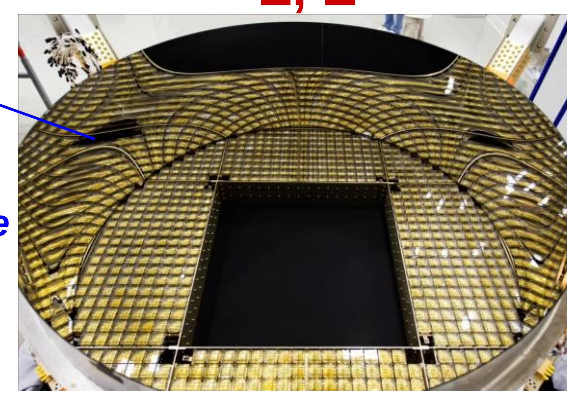




ECAL
E of e^+, e^-, γ

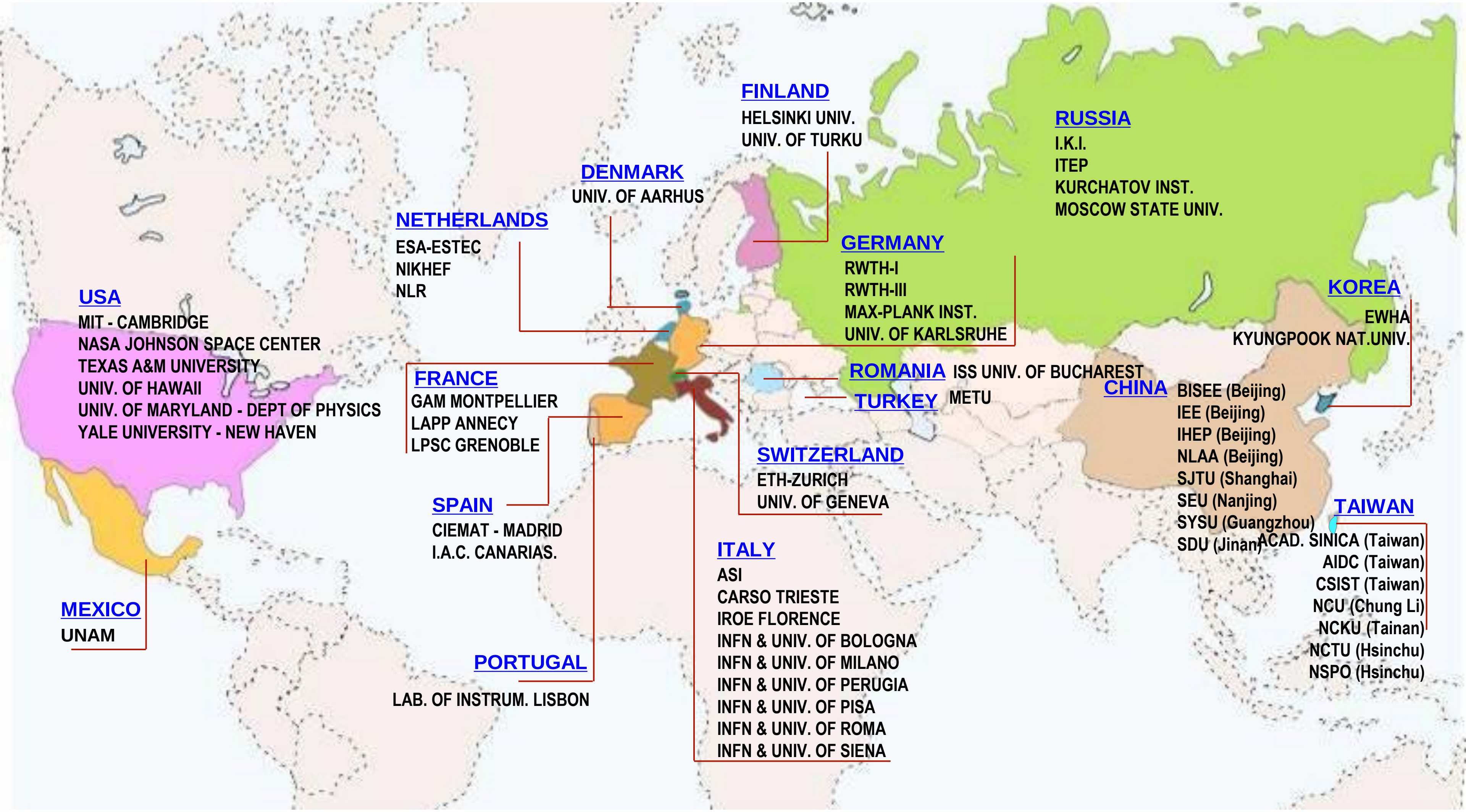


RICH
Z, E



***Z, P* are measured independently by the Tracker, RICH, TOF and ECAL**

AMS international collaboration



Italy in AMS

60 Scientists and Engineers
- 6 Universities
- 5 INFN Sections
- 2 INFN National Laboratories

1 INFN Computing center

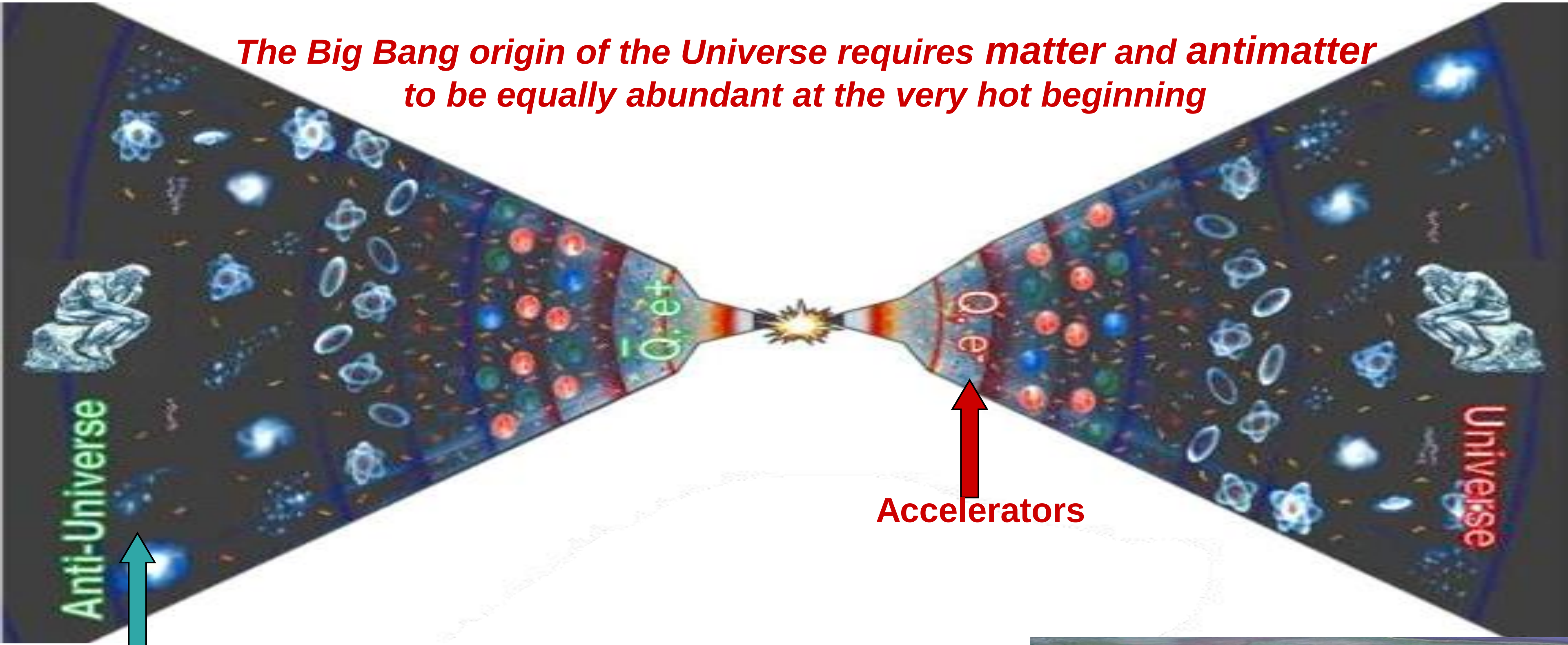
16 years of collaboration among INFN and ASI

AMS Group at INFN and University of Perugia

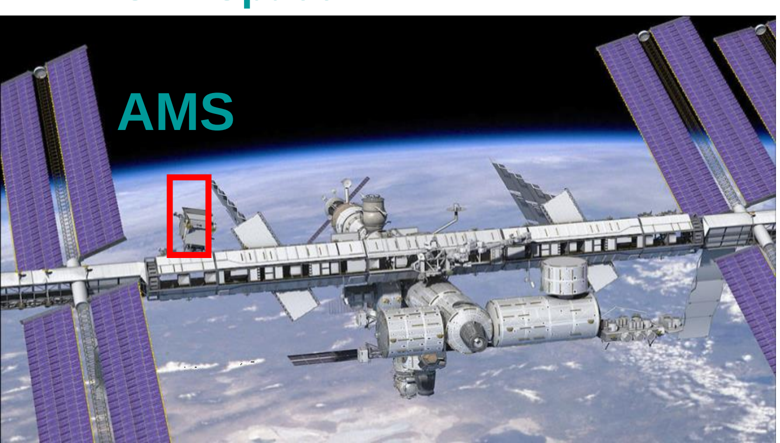
Physics examples

Search for the existence of Antimatter in the Universe

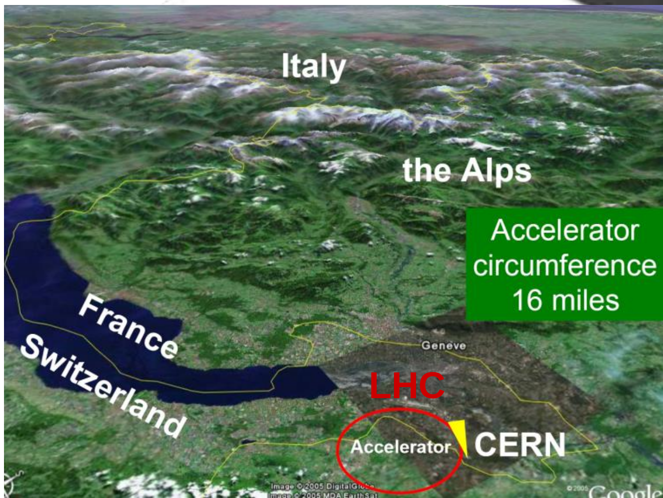
*The Big Bang origin of the Universe requires **matter** and **antimatter** to be equally abundant at the very hot beginning*



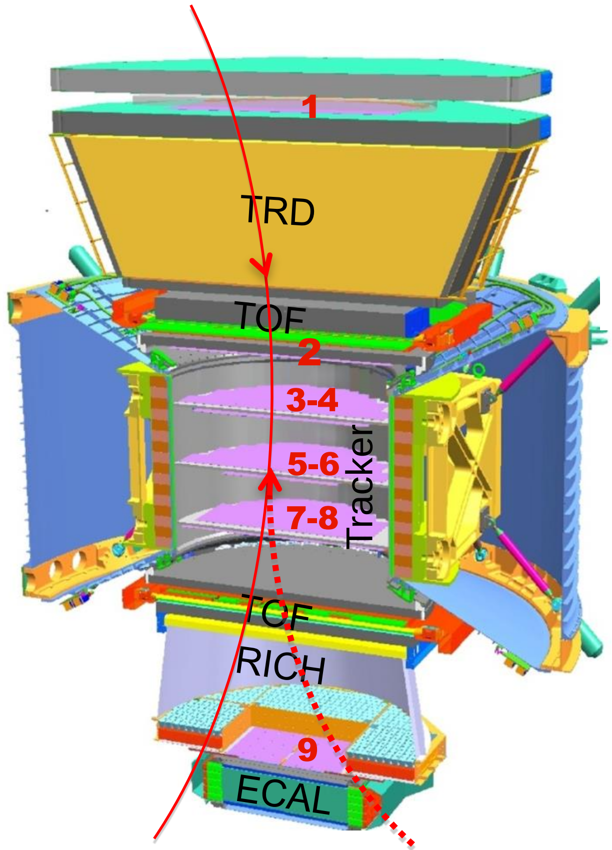
AMS in Space



AMS on the Space Station for 10-20 years will search for the existence of antimatter to the edge of the universe



Sensitive Search for Antimatter with $He/\overline{He} > 10^{10}$



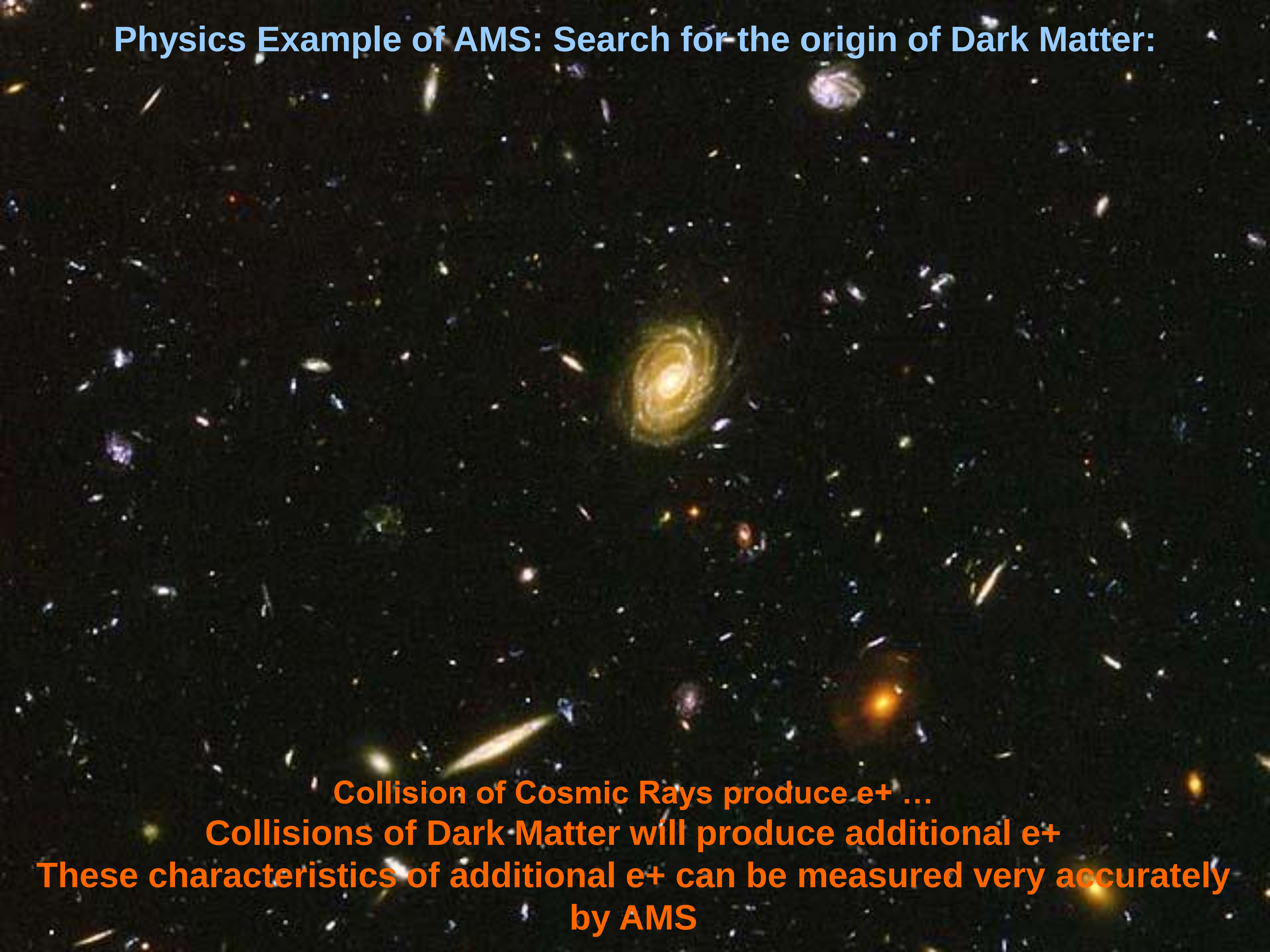
a) Minimal material in the detector

So that the detector does not become a source of large angle scattering

b) Repetitive measurements of momentum

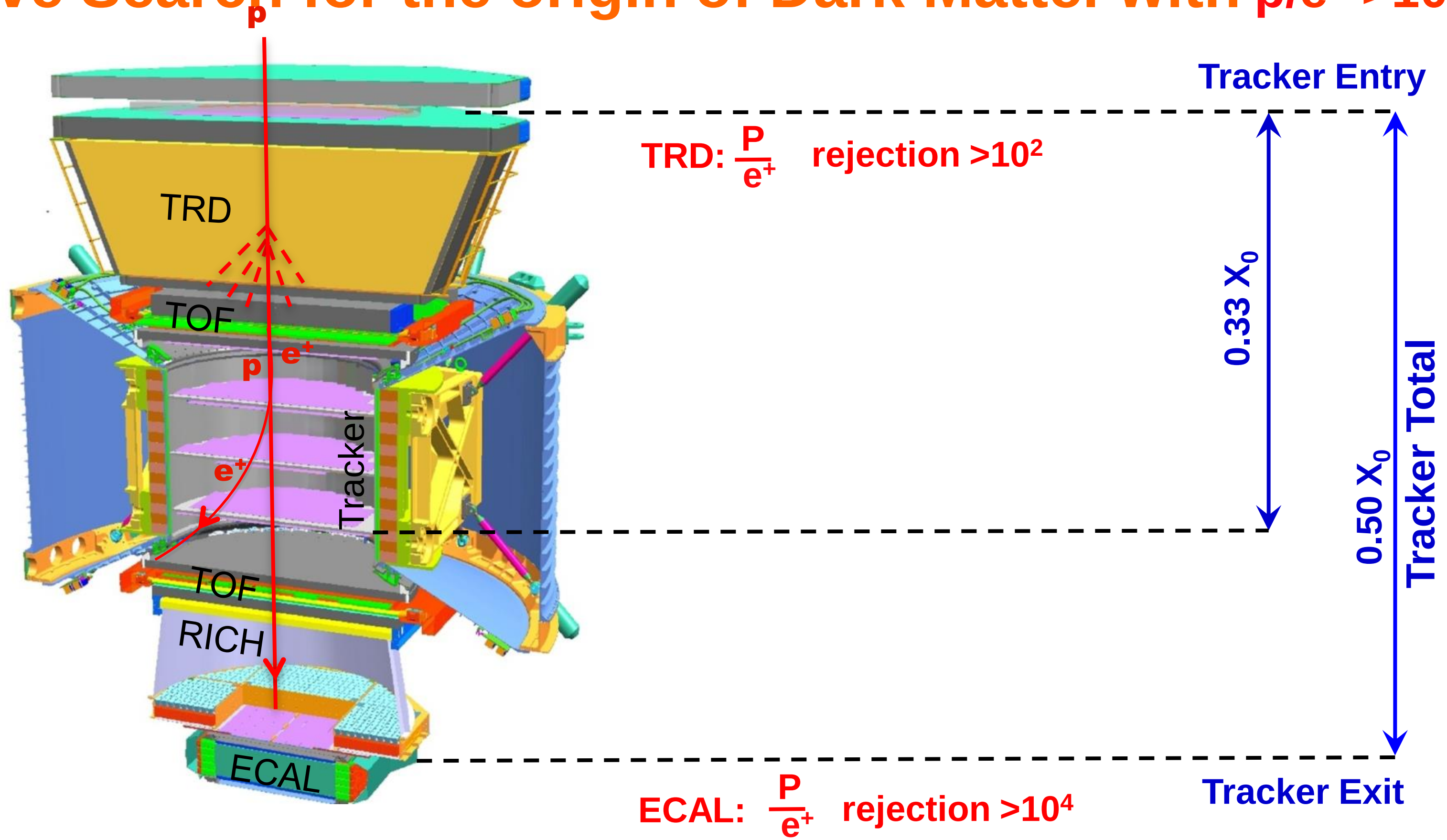
To ensure that particles which had large angle scattering are not confused with the signal.

Physics Example of AMS: Search for the origin of Dark Matter:



Collision of Cosmic Rays produce e+ …
Collisions of Dark Matter will produce additional e+
These characteristics of additional e+ can be measured very accurately by AMS

Sensitive Search for the origin of Dark Matter with $p/e^+ > 10^6$

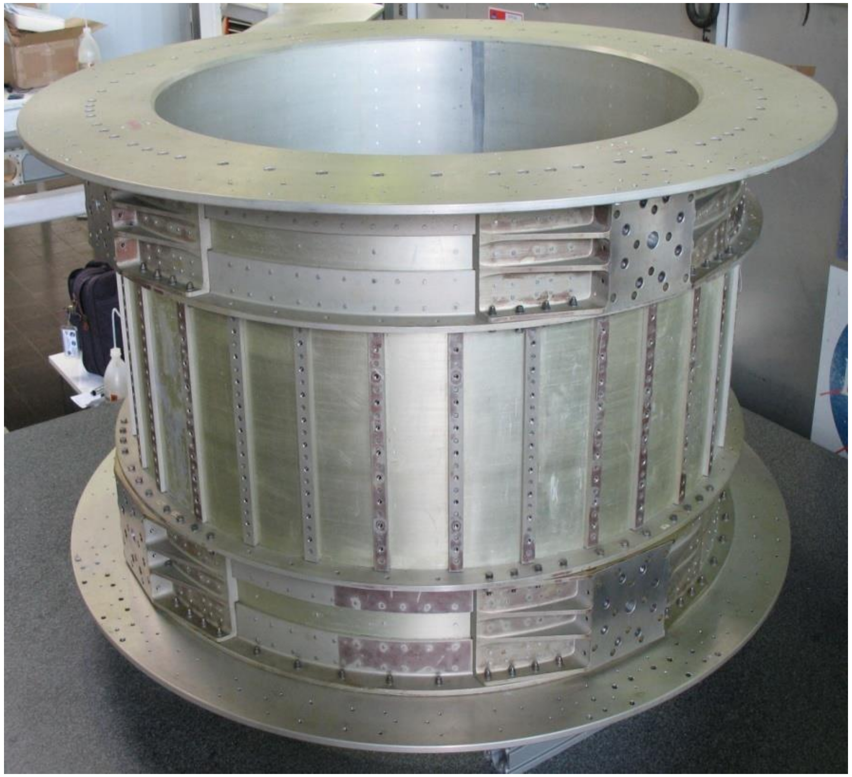


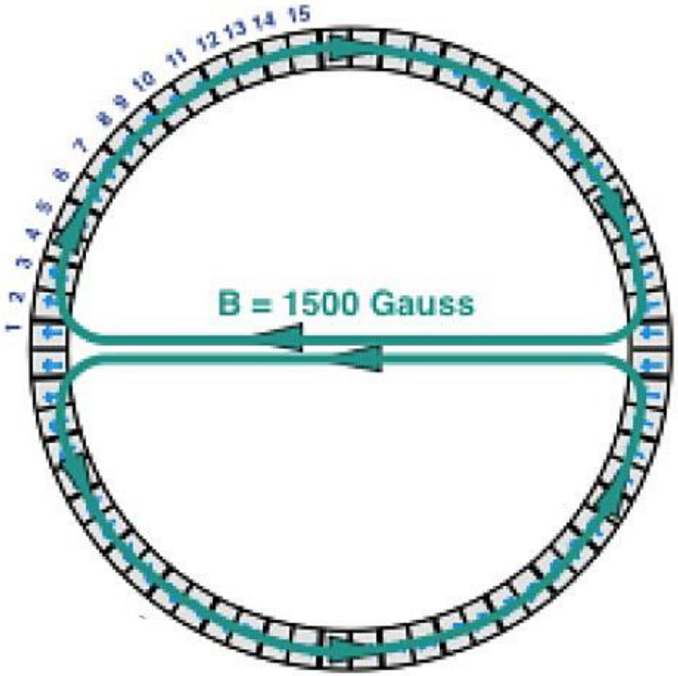
a) Minimal material in the TRD and TOF
So that the detector does not become a source of e^+.

b) A magnet separates TRD and ECAL so that e^+ produced in TRD will be swept away and not enter ECAL
In this way the rejection power of TRD and ECAL are independent

c) Matching momentum of 9 tracker planes with ECAL energy measurements

The Magnet





1. Stable: no torque

2. Safety : no field leak out of the magnet

3 . Low weight: no iron

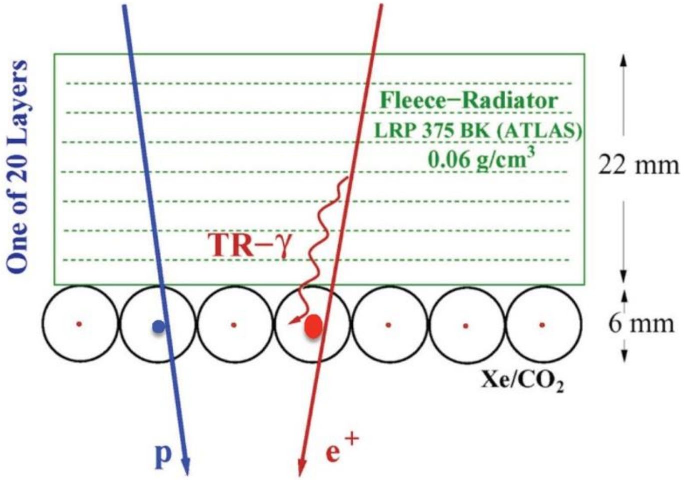
The detailed 3D field map (120k locations) was measured in May 2010

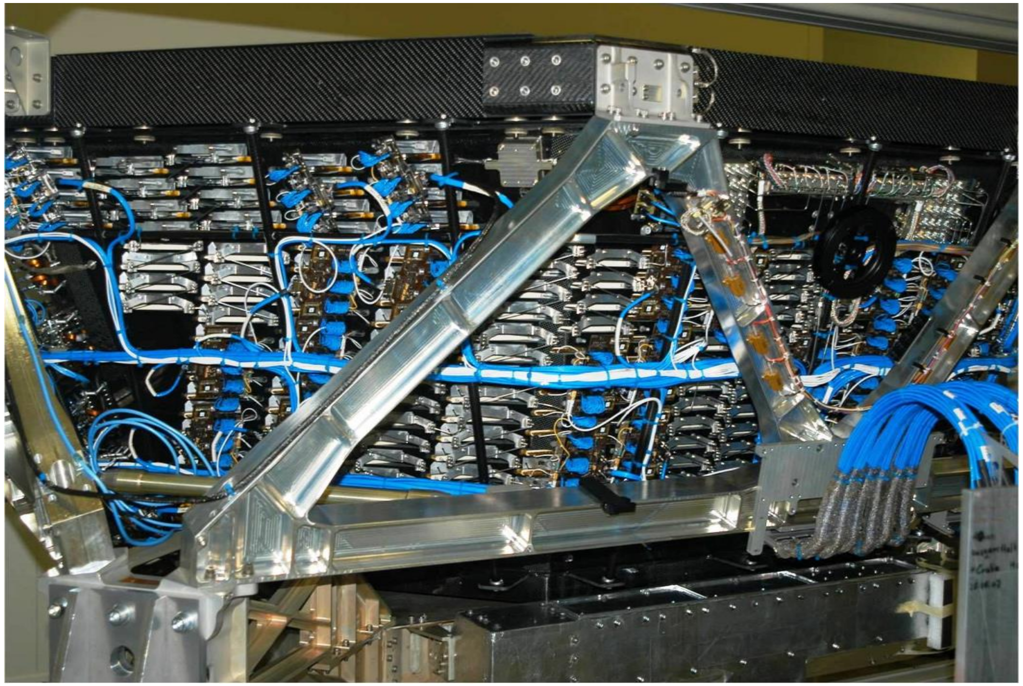
It was found that the deviation from the 1997 measurement had remained the same to <1%

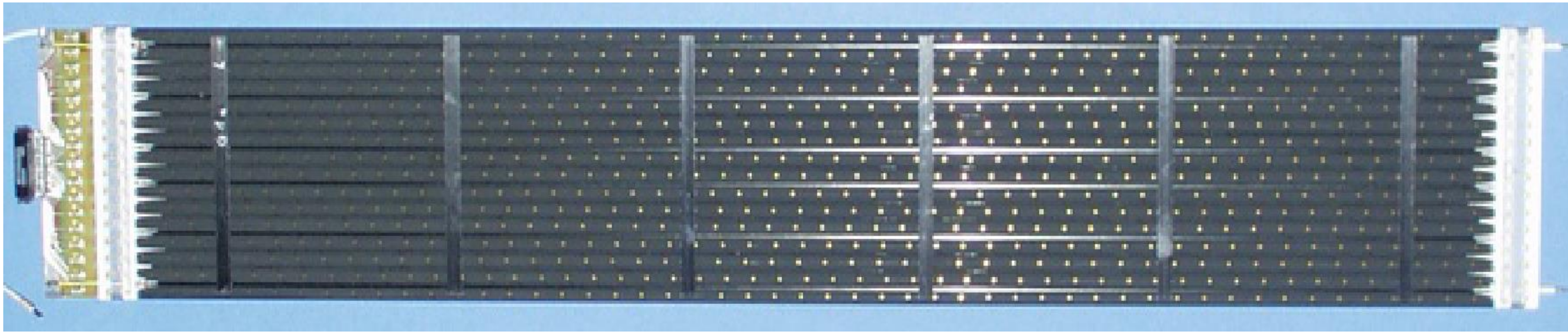
Transition Radiation Detector (TRD) Identifies Positrons, Electrons by transition radiation and Nuclei by dE/dX

20 Layers each consisting of:

- 22 mm fibre fleece
- Ø 6 mm straw tubes filled with Xe/CO_2 80%/20%







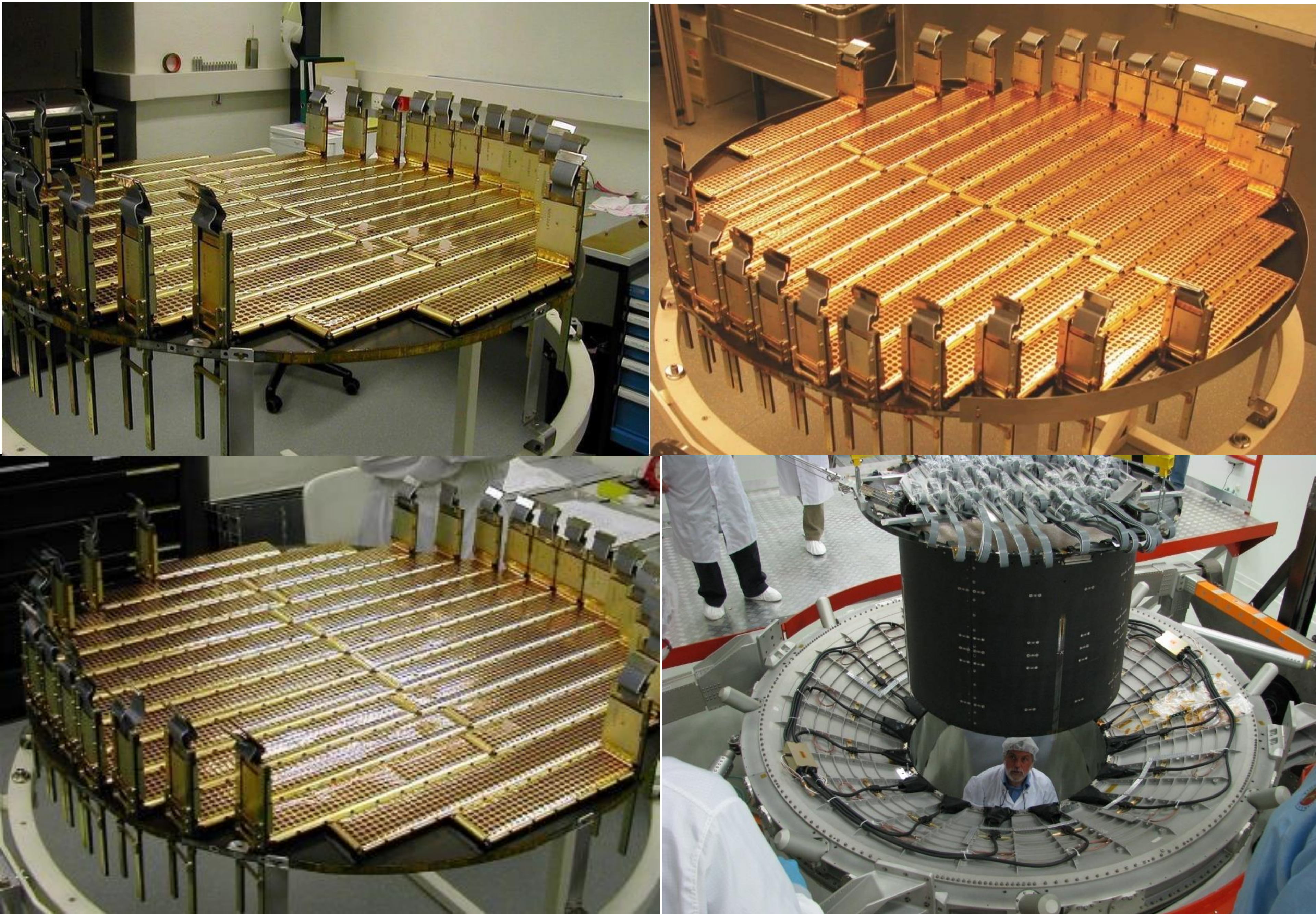
5,248 tubes selected from 9,000, 2 m length centered to 100μm, verified by CAT scanner

Silicon Tracker

The coordinate resolution is 10 microns

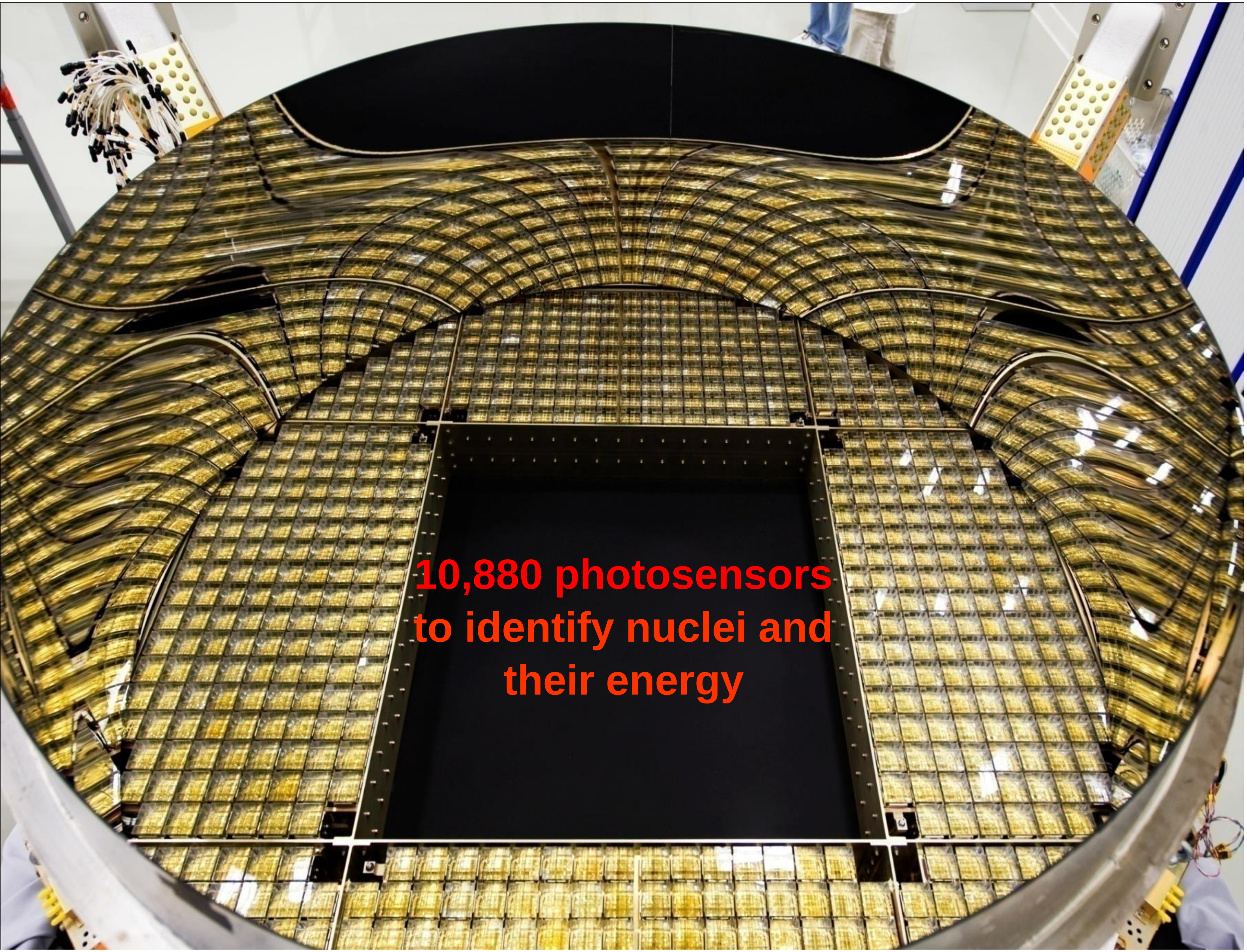
It has taken 50 engineers 3 years to complete the silicon tracker

There are 9 planes with 200,000 channels aligned to 3 microns



Ring Imaging CHerenkov (RICH)

160 Gv



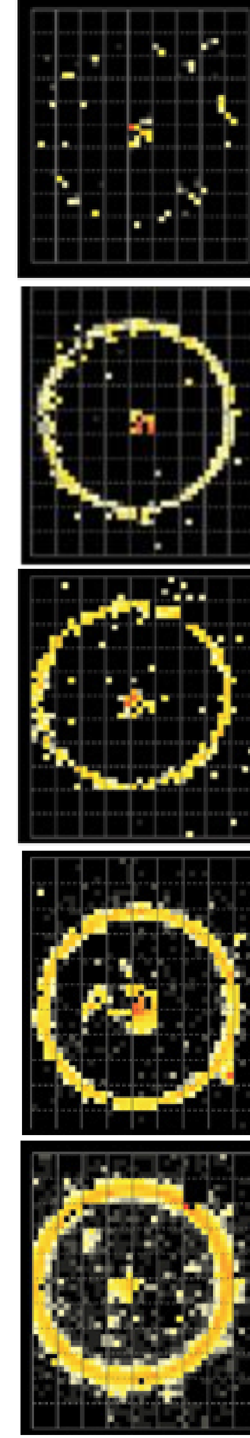
He

Li

C

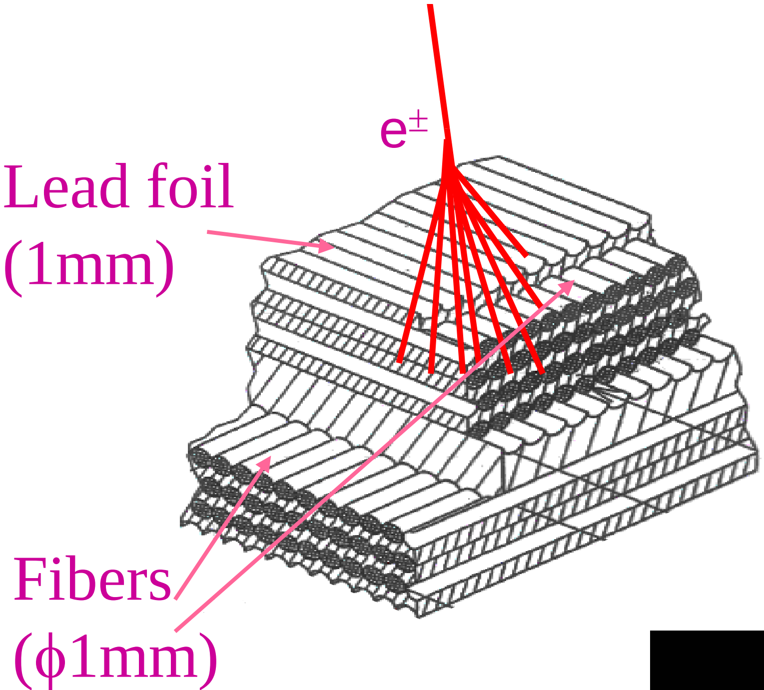
O

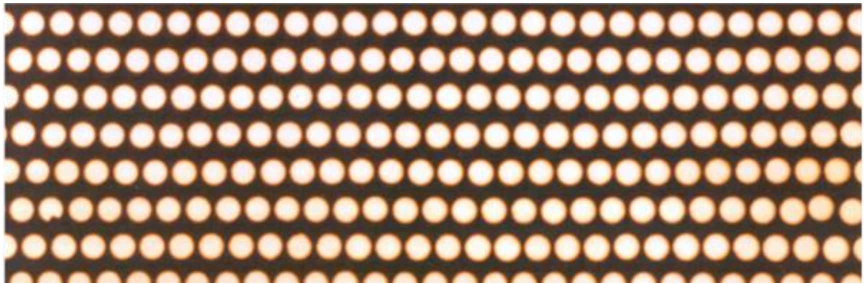
Ca



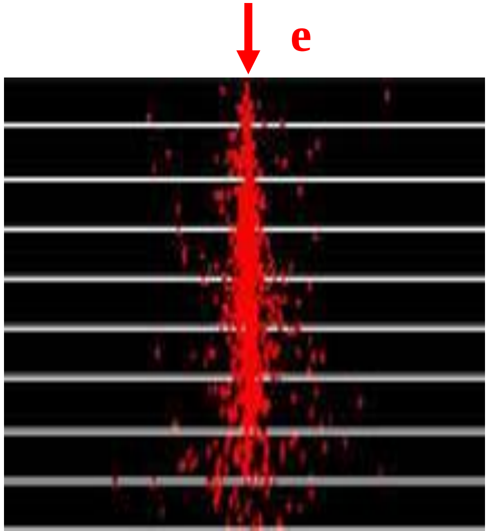
Calorimeter (ECAL)

A precision, 3-D measurement of the directions and energies of light rays and electrons up to 1 TeV

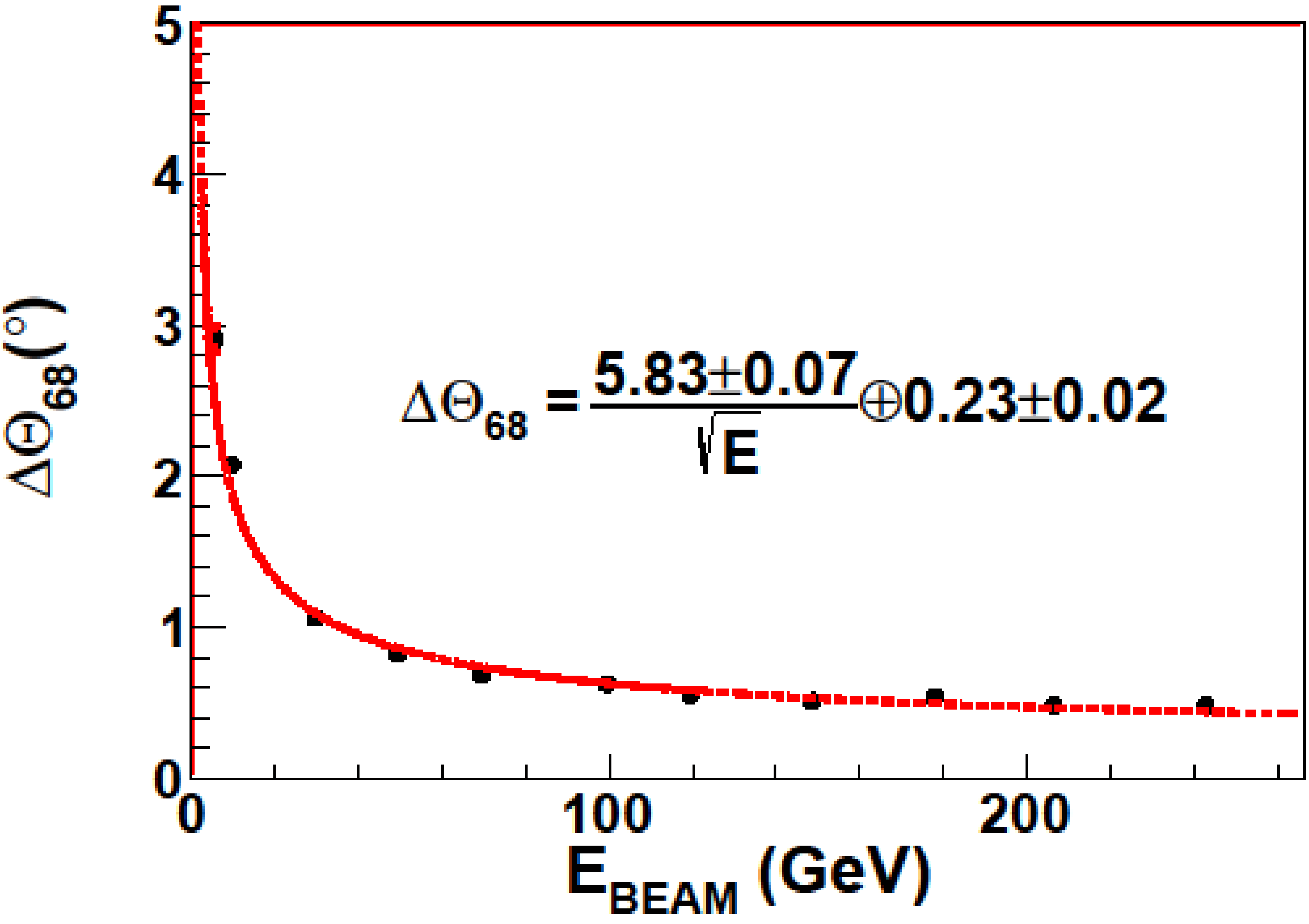




50,000 fibers, $\phi = 1$ mm
distributed uniformly Inside 600 kg of lead
Total 17 X_0



ECAL angular resolution



AMS Electronics

Reliability: operational for 20 years.

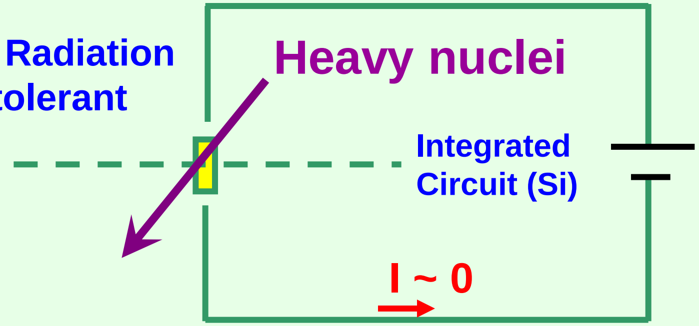
Fast: 10 x the commercial space electronics

Accurate: measure coordinate to 10 microns

Linear: 1 in 10^5, 10 MeV to 1 TeV

Radiation Effects on Components:

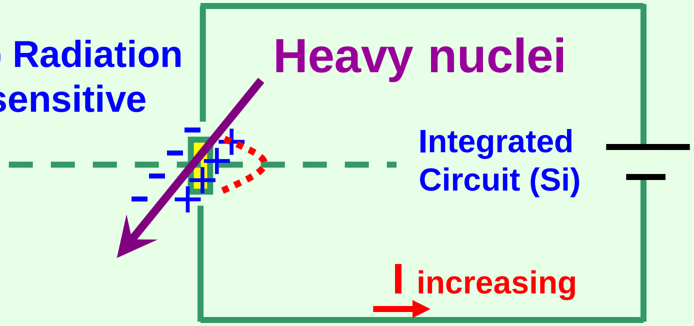
(A) Radiation tolerant



(A) For a radiation tolerant IC, the current induced by a heavy ion is ~ 0

Only radiation tolerant chips (A) are allowed in space.

(B) Radiation sensitive

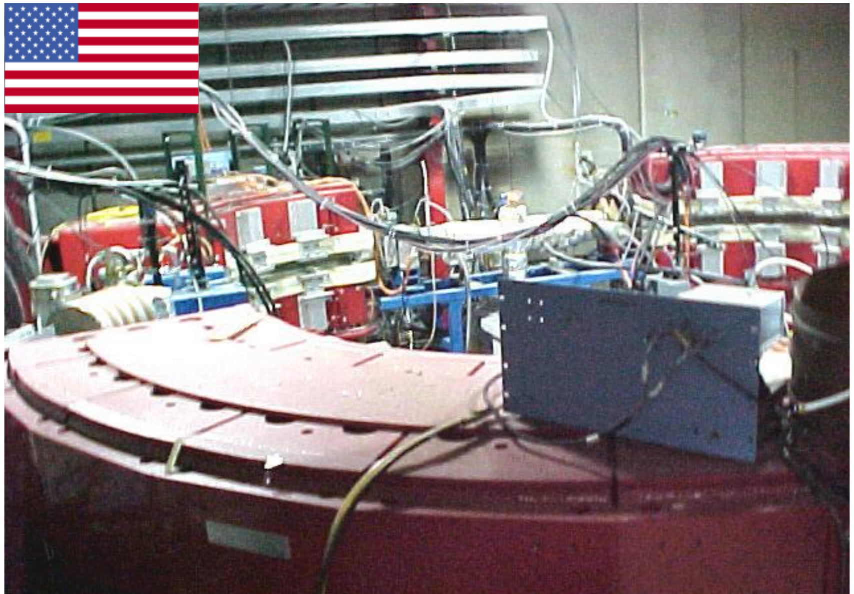


(B) For a radiation sensitive IC, the current induced by a heavy ion increases, leading to:

1) Bit-flips - a logic state is changed,
2) Latch-ups - the IC or circuit are damaged.

AMS Electronics

The AMS group performed extensive radiation tests to select components that tolerate the radiation of space.

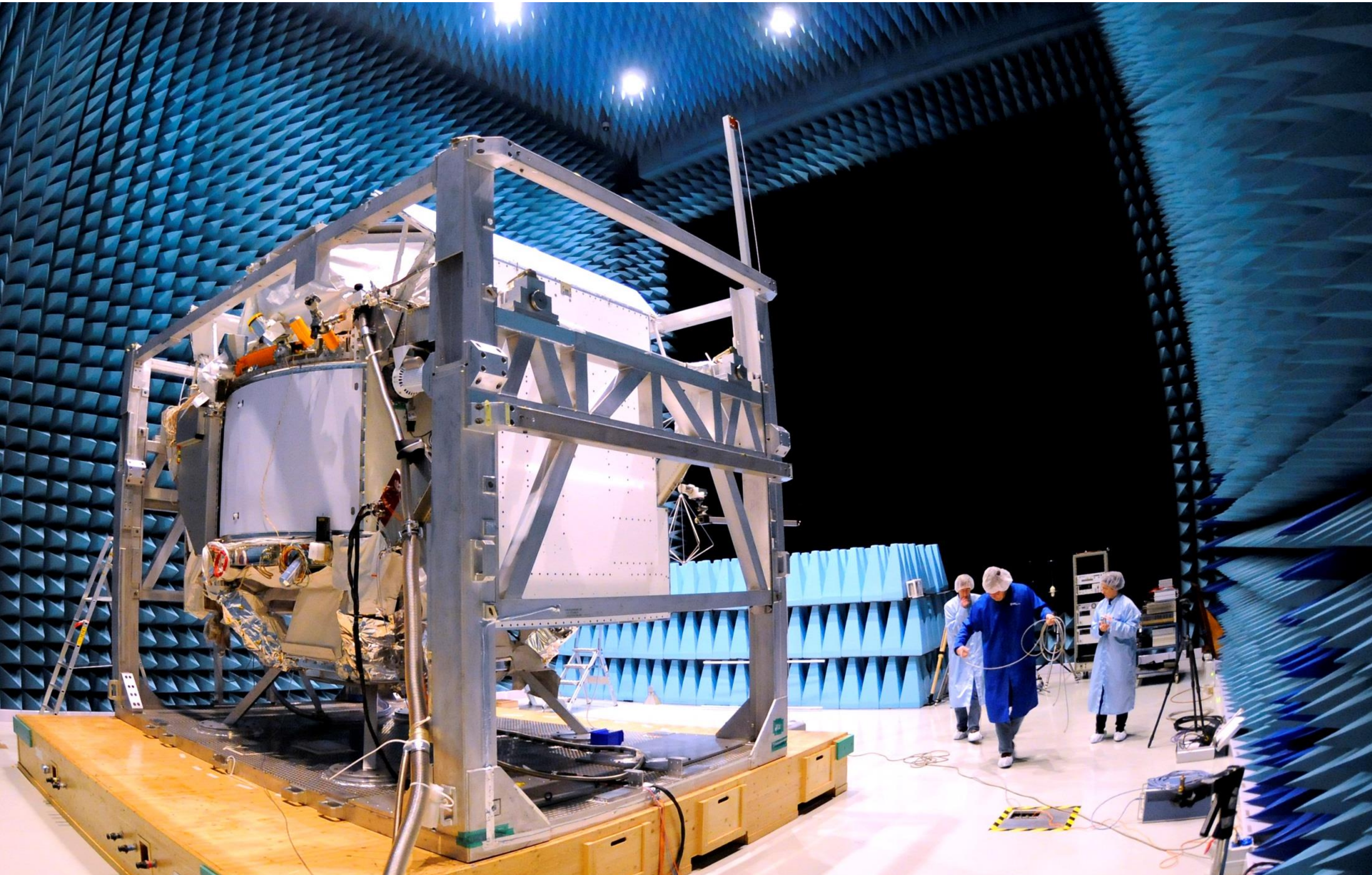


2009: AFTER 9000 hrs of TVT…
THE END OF SUB-SYSTEMs TESTS

NASA Associate Administrator for Space Operations William Gerstenmaier visited AMS more than 10 times:

19 June 2011,
1 June 2011,
10 May 2011,
26 October 2010,
15 February 2010,
19 January 2010,
5 July 2009,
1 November 2007,
12 May 2003

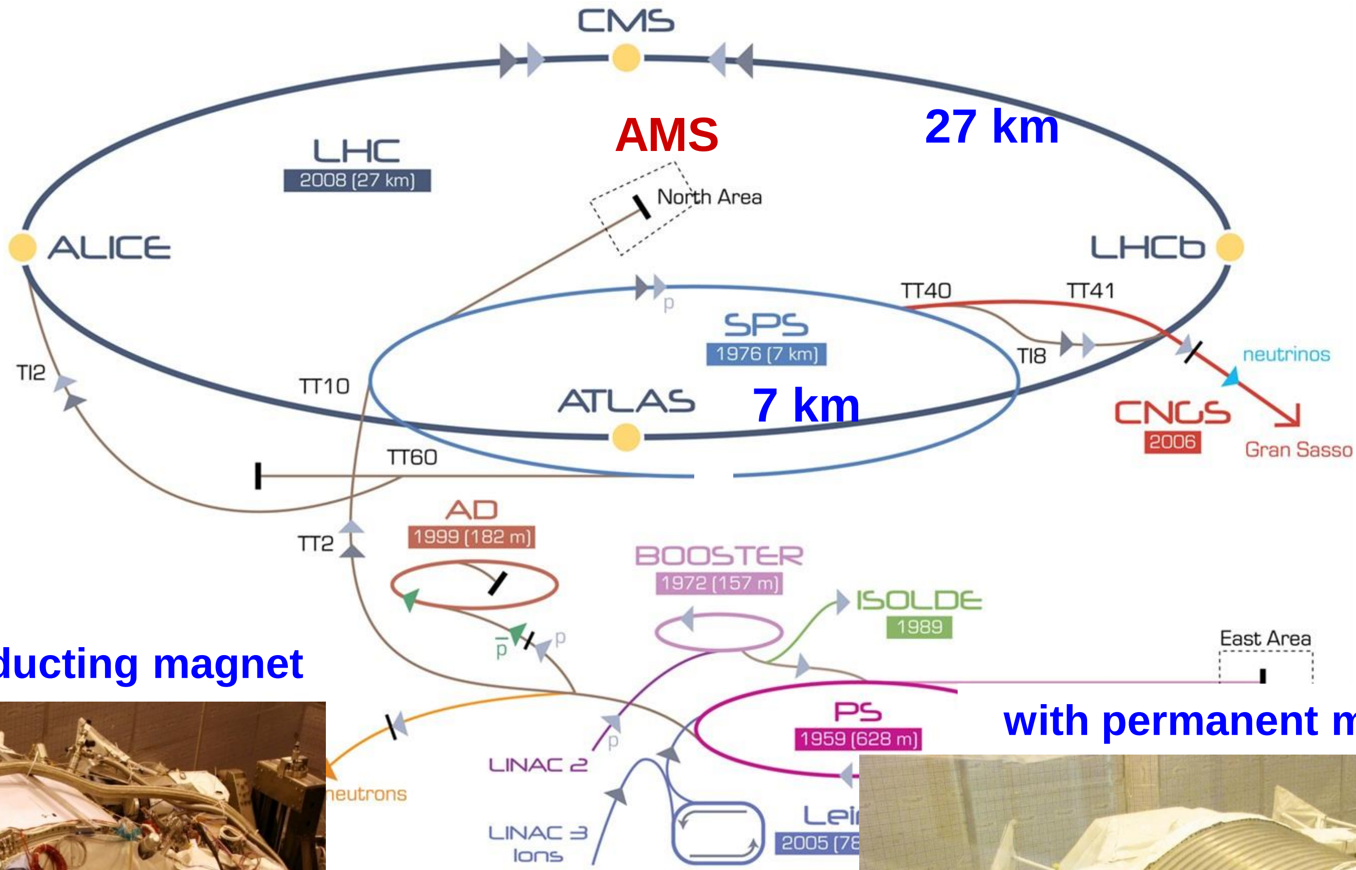
AMS in the ESA Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Chamber, March 2010, Noordwijk, the Netherlands



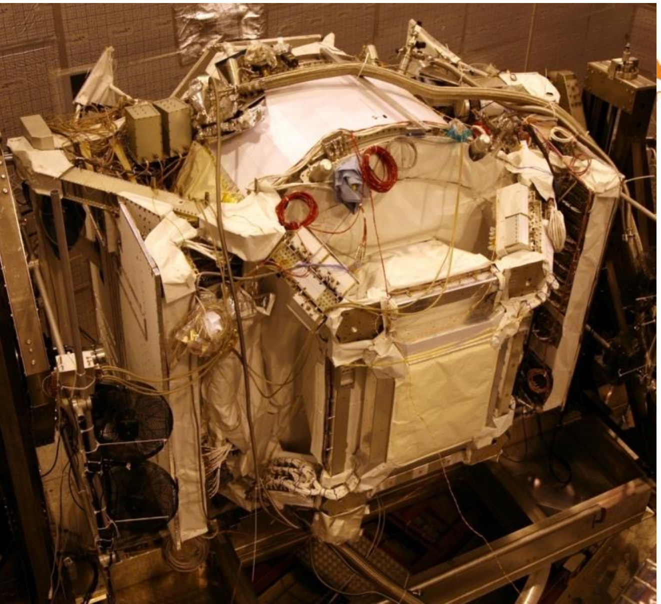
AMS in SPS Test Beam, August 2010

Particle	Momentum (GeV/c)	Positions	Purpose
Protons	400 + 180	1,650	Full Tracker alignment, TOF calibration, ECAL uniformity
Electrons	100, 120, 180, 290	7 each	TRD, ECAL performance study
Positrons	10, 20, 60, 80, 120, 180	7 each	TRD, ECAL performance study
Pions	20, 60, 80, 100, 120, 180	7 each	TRD performance to 1.2 TeV

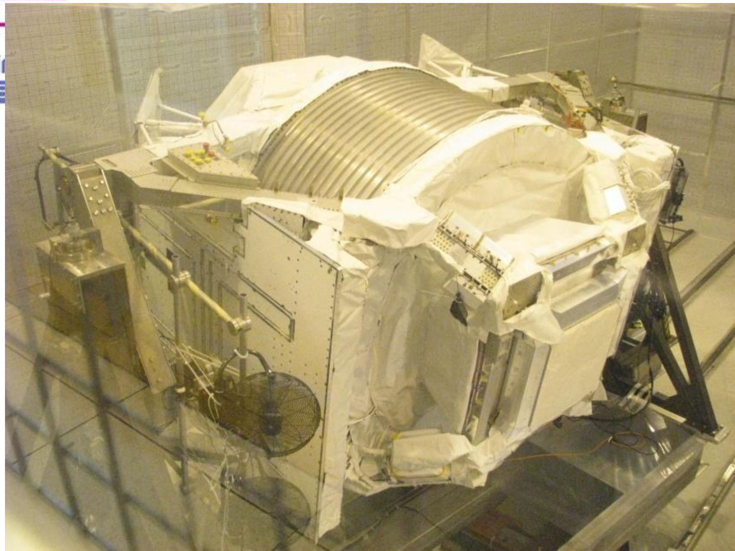
Tests at CERN
AMS in accelerator test beams Feb 4-8 and Aug 8-20, 2010



with superconducting magnet



with permanent magnet




Endeavour: 110 t
External tank: 756 t
2 SRB: 1142 t
(solid rocket boosters)
Total weight: 2008 t
AMS weight: 7.5 t

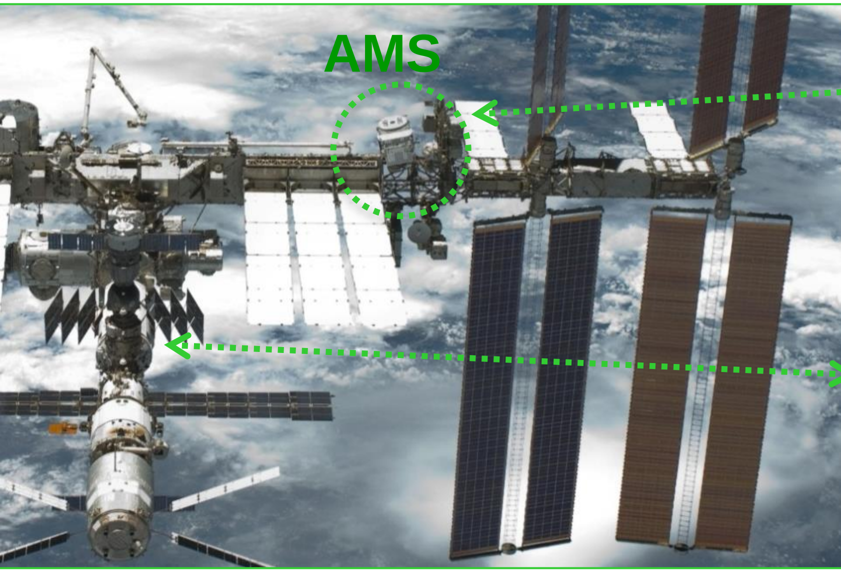
After 123 seconds,
1,000 tons of fuel is spent.

May 16, 2011

May 19, 2011: AMS installation completed.

ISS: 109 m x 80 m
Cost: $ 100 billion
Life time 20 years

AMS Operations



Ku-Band
High Rate (down):
Events <10Mbit/s>

Flight Operations

Ground Operations

S-Band
Low Rate (up & down):
Commanding: 1 Kbit/s
Monitoring: 30 Kbit/s

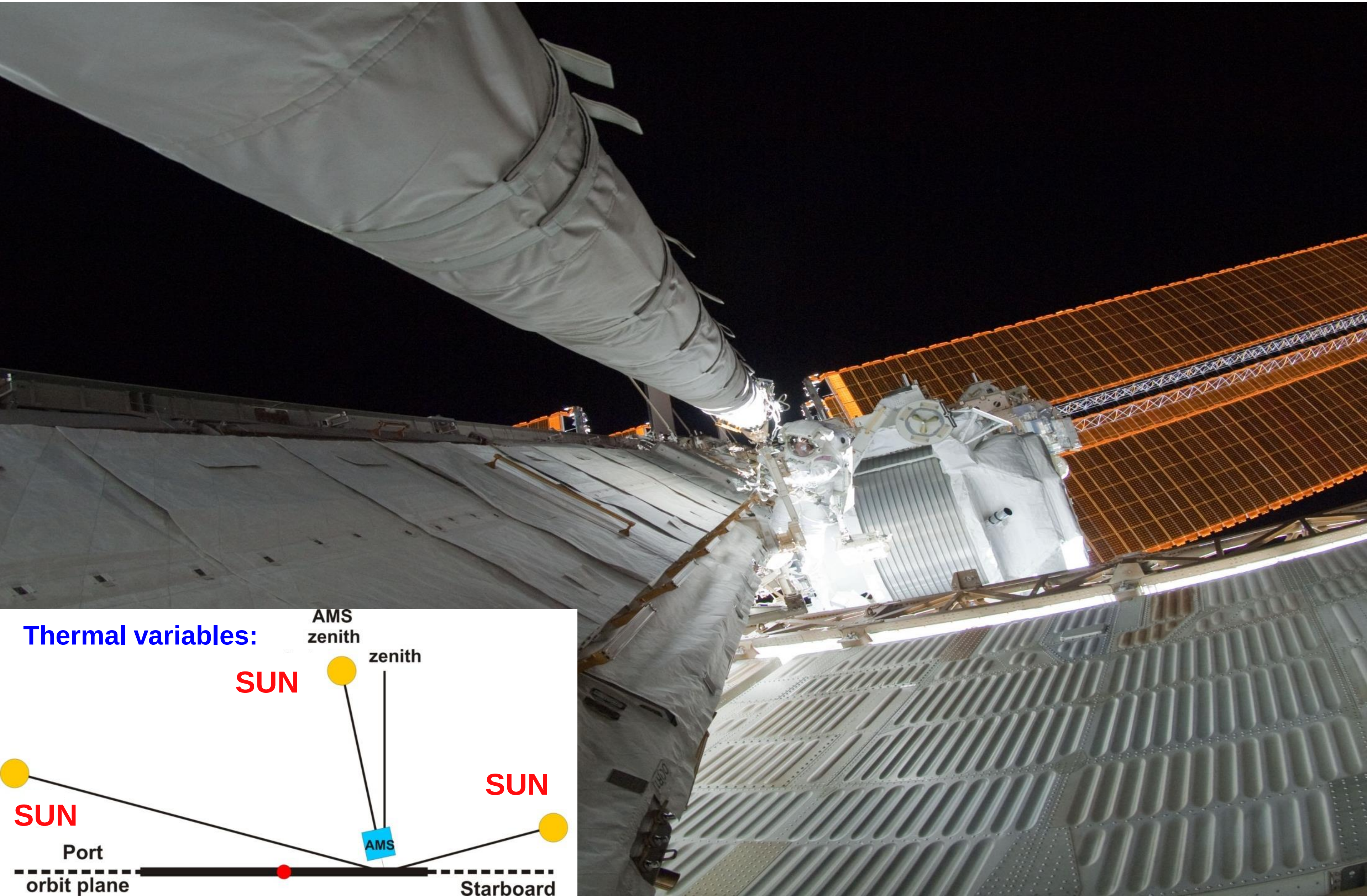
AMS Payload Operations Control and Science Operations Centers (POCC, SOC) at CERN

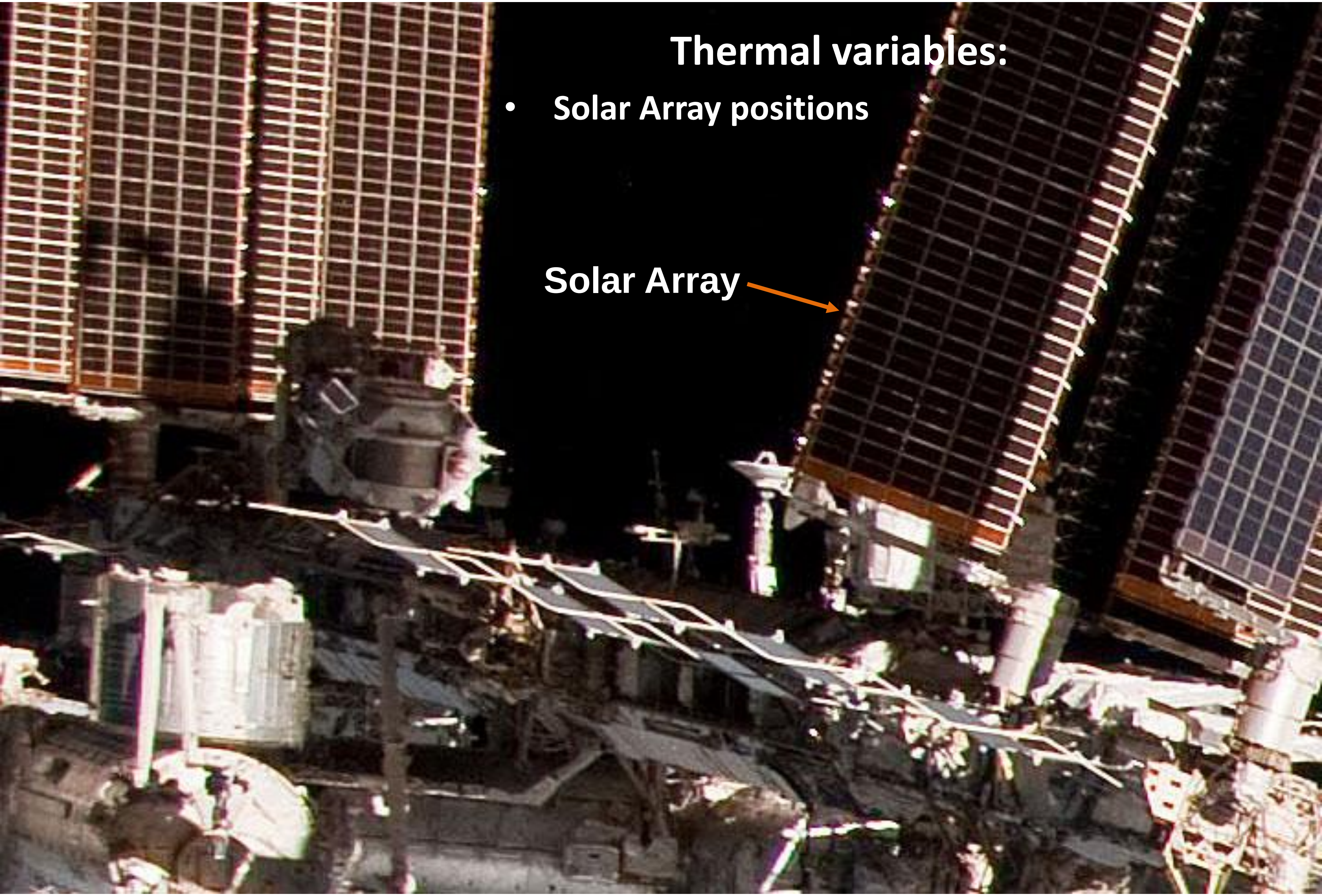
AMS Computers at MSFC, AL

White Sands Ground Terminal, NM

POCC at CERN in control of AMS since 19 June 2011

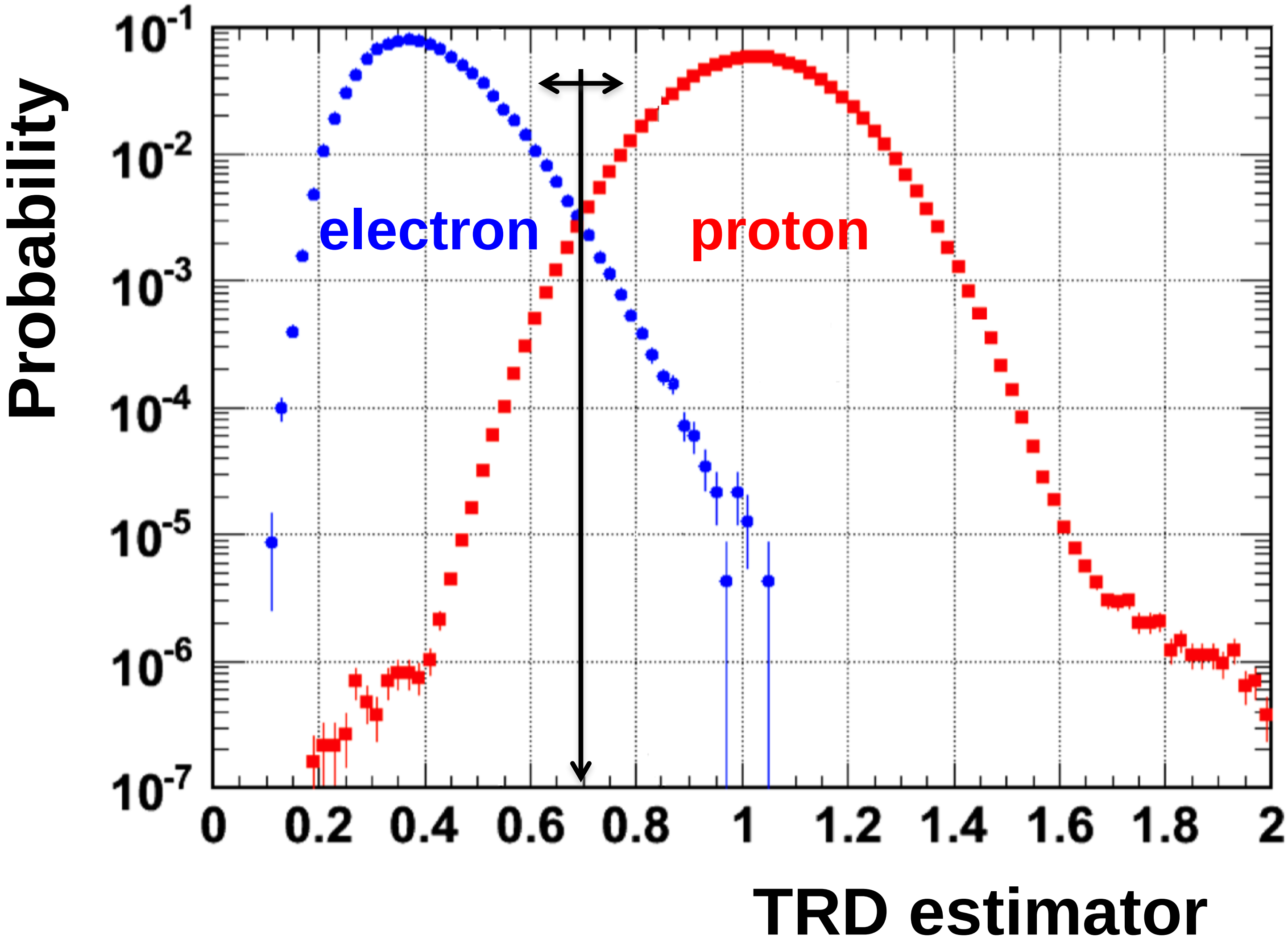
One of the major challenges of operating on the Space Station is the extreme thermal environment to which the experiment is exposed.




Thermal variables:
• Solar Array positions
Solar Array

TRD performance on ISS

TRD estimator = -ln(P_e/(P_e+P_p))

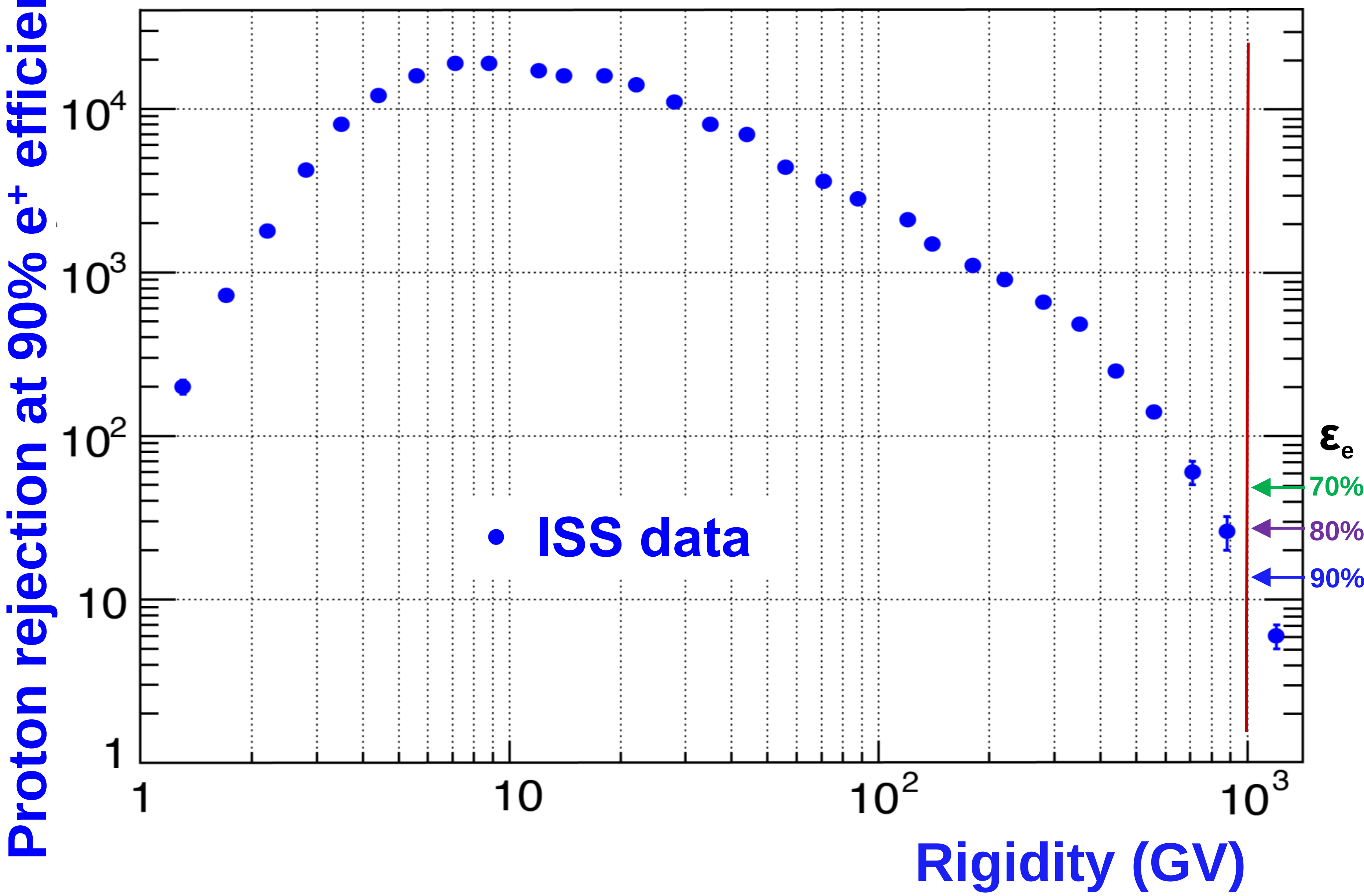


Normalized probabilities P_e and P_p

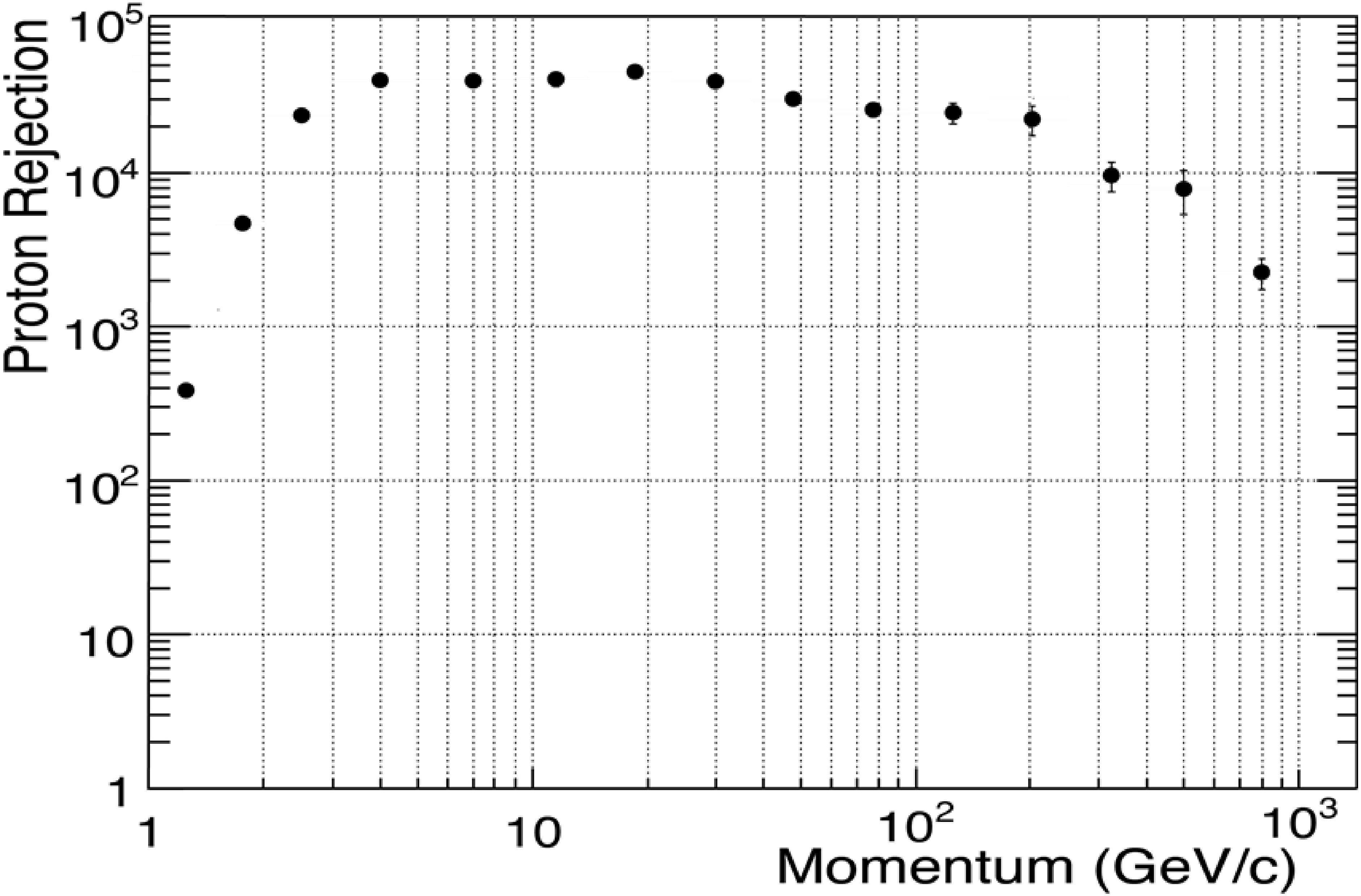
$$P_e = \sqrt[n]{\prod_i^n P_e^{(i)}(A)}$$

$$P_p = \sqrt[n]{\prod_i^n P_p^{(i)}(A)}$$

TRD performance on ISS

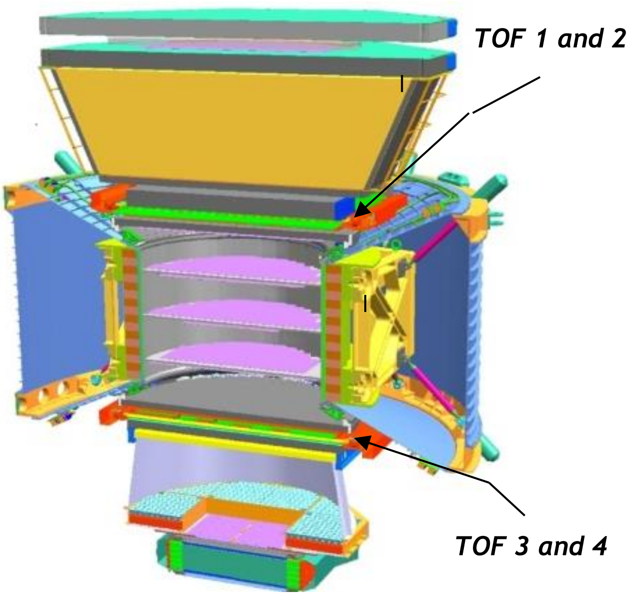


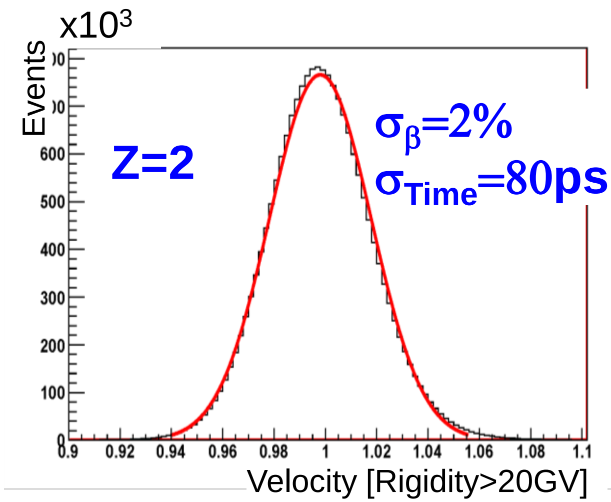
Data from ISS: Proton rejection using the ECAL

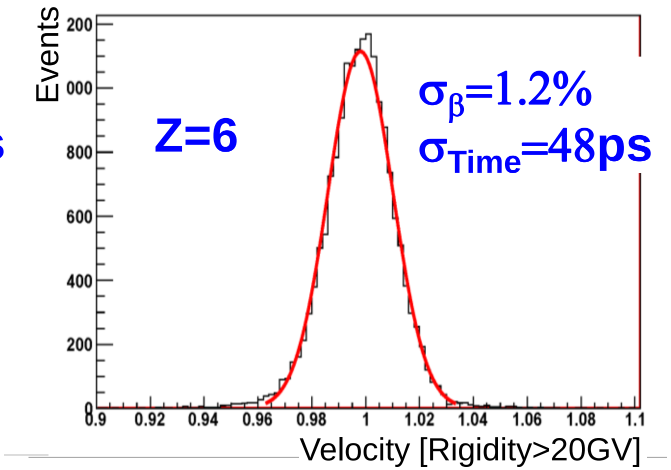


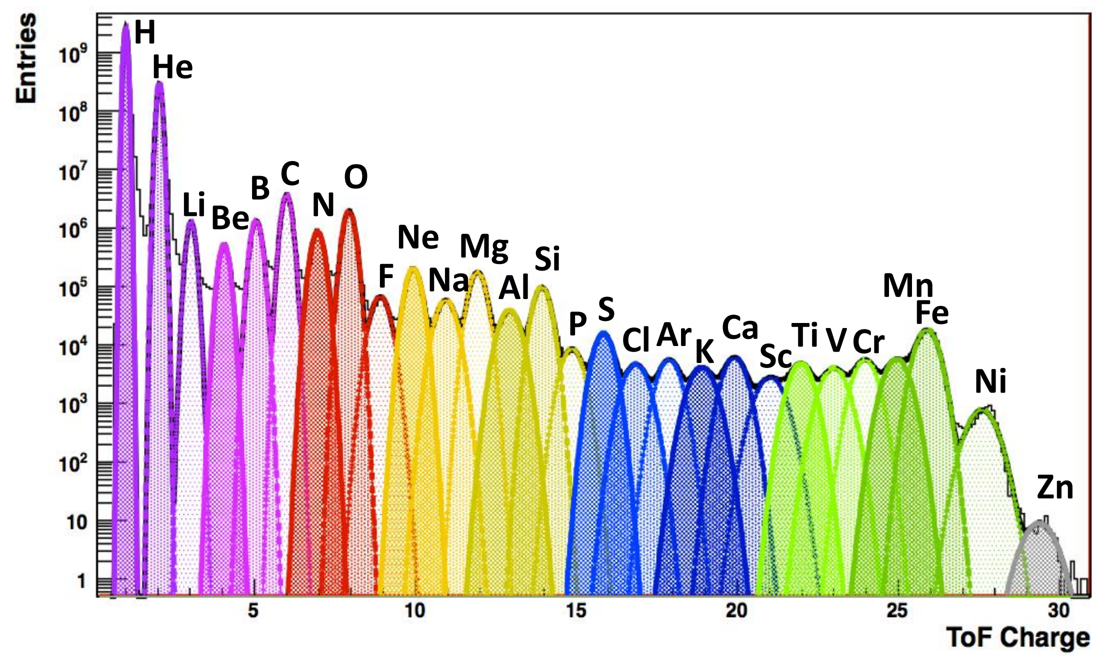
Data from ISS   Time of Flight System

Measures Velocity and Charge of particles









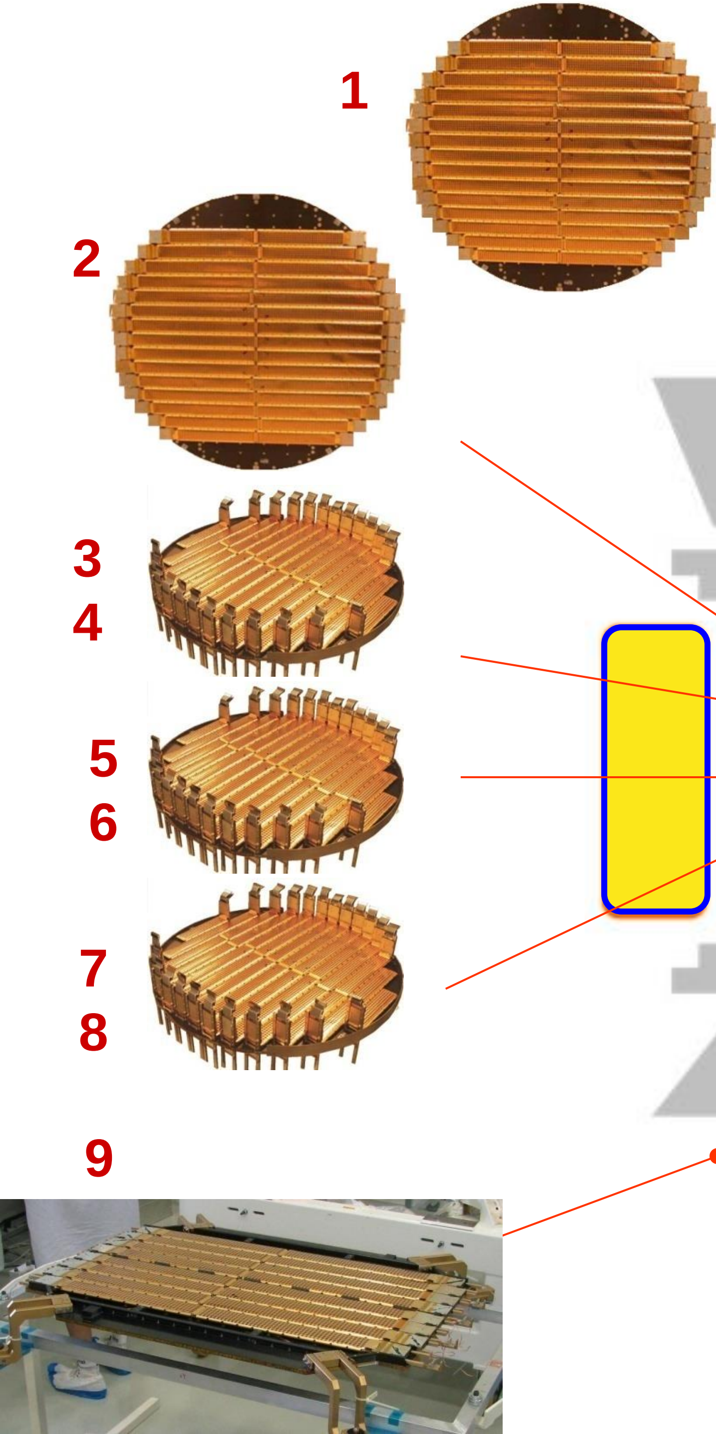
Tracker: The coordinate resolution is 10 μ

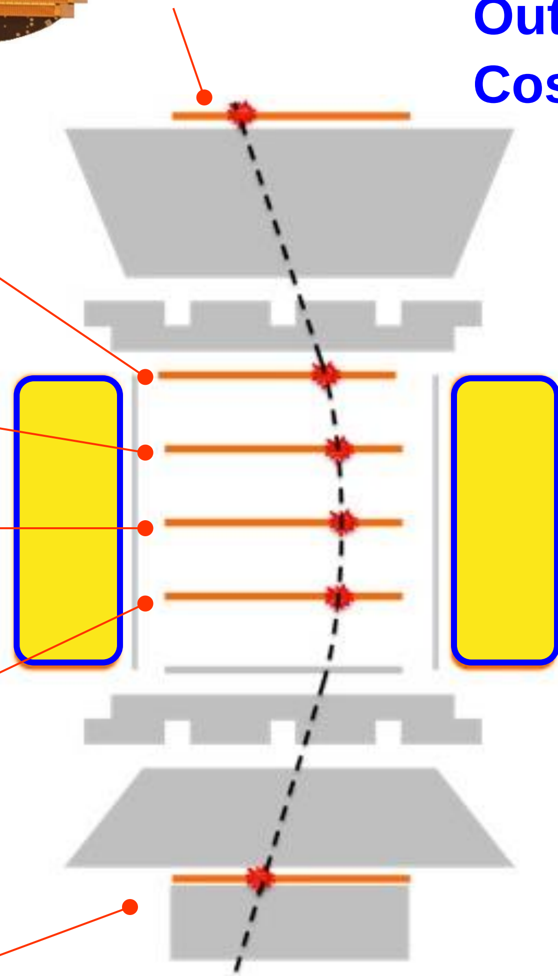
Inner Tracker Alignment via

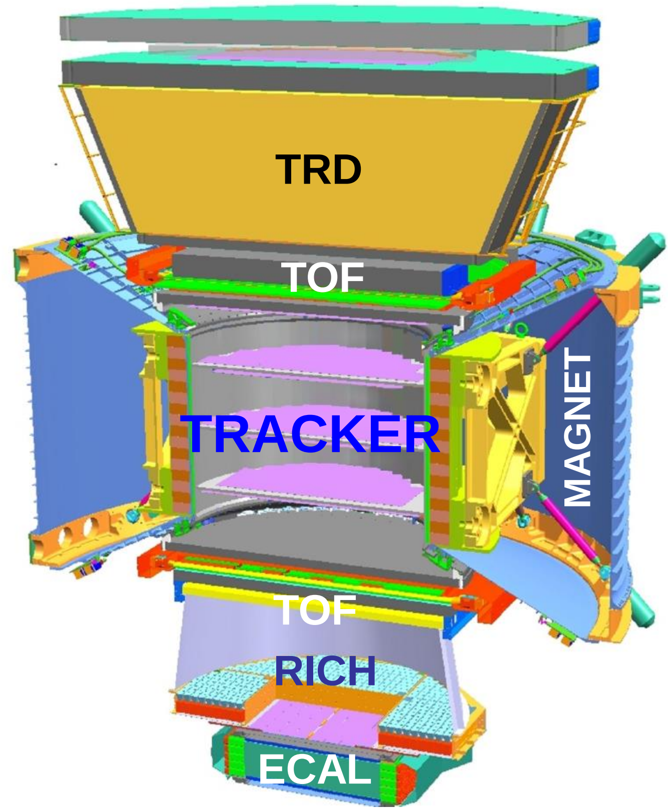
20 –UV Lasers

Outer Tracker Alignment via

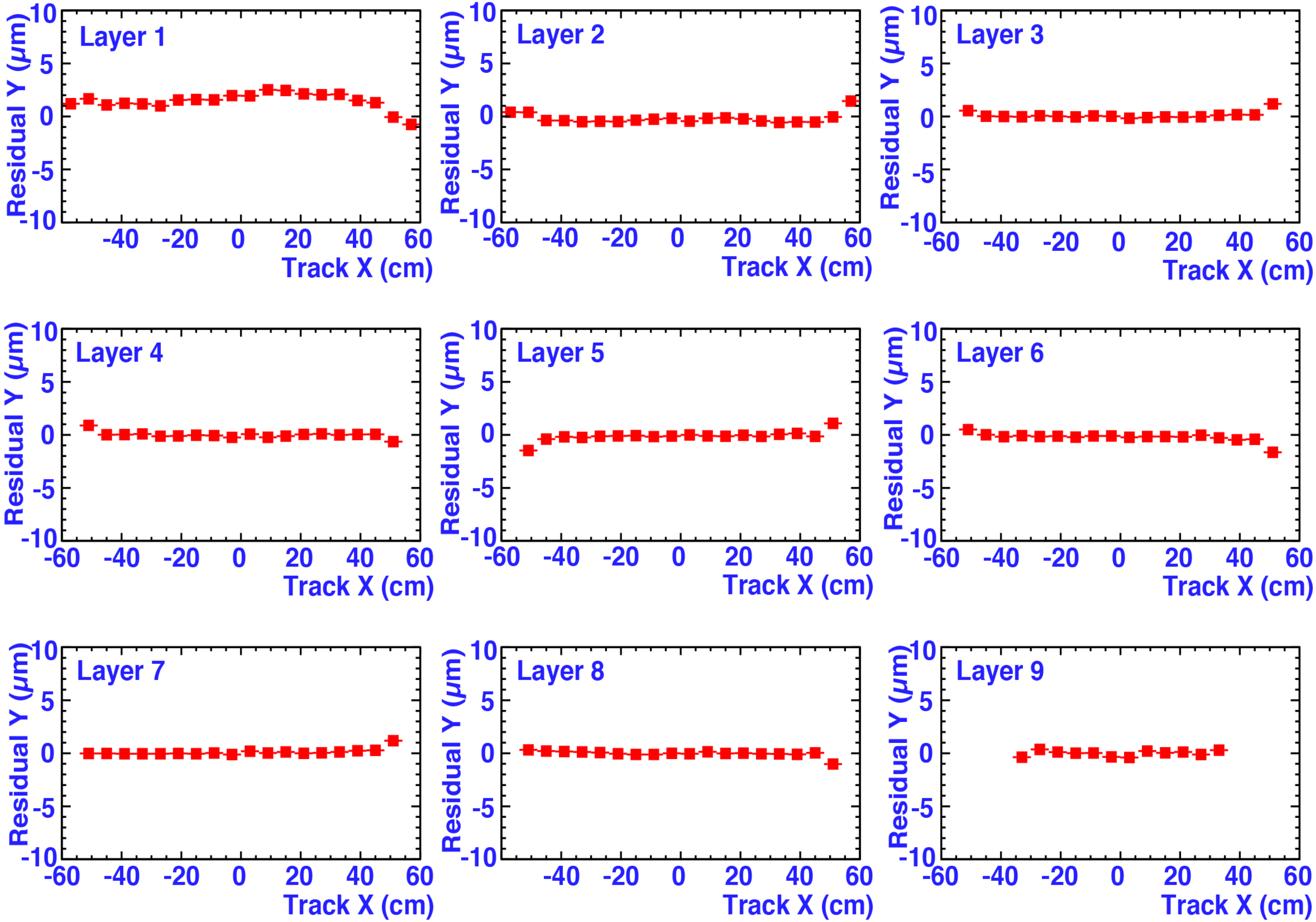
Cosmic rays

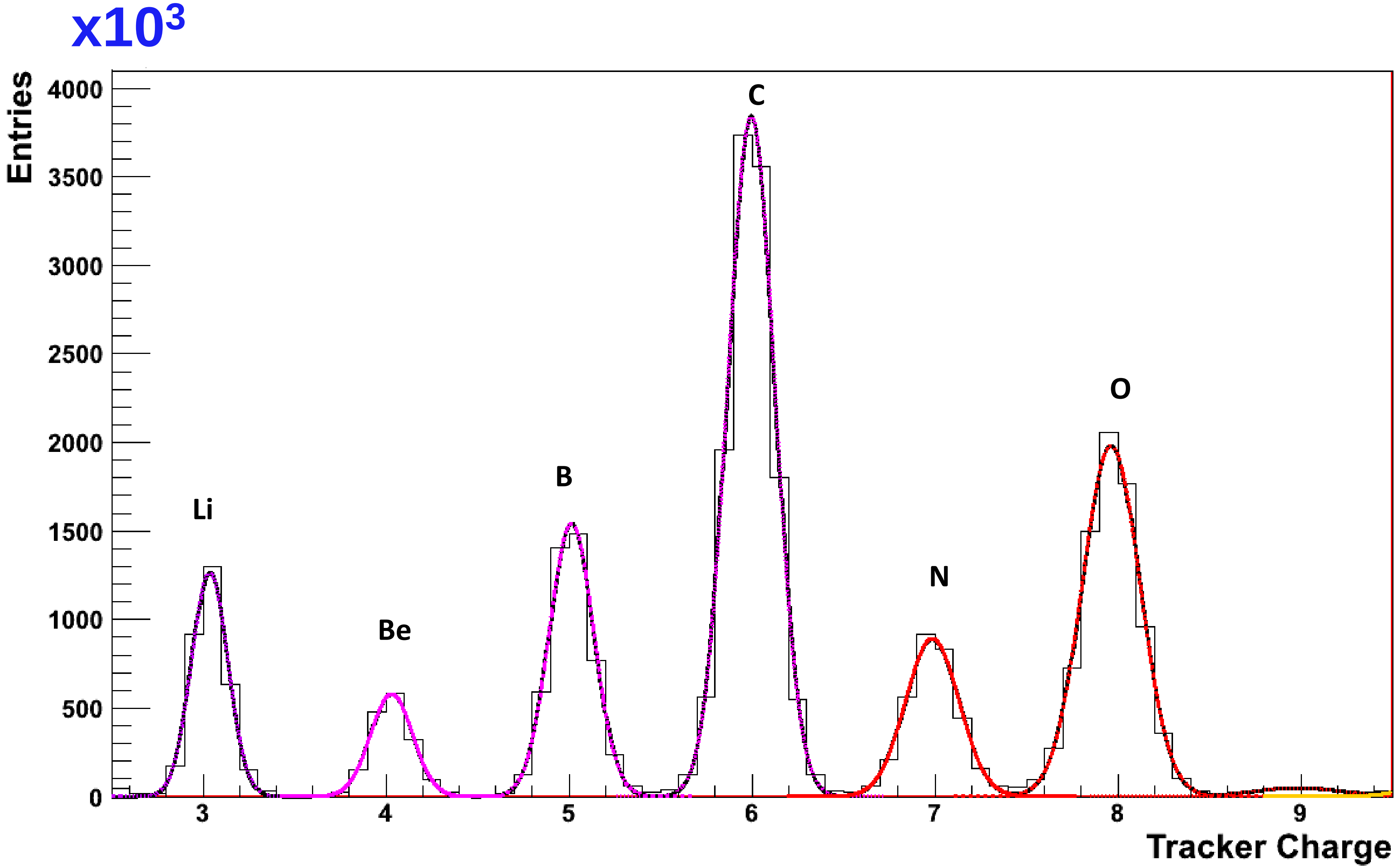






Alignment accuracy of the 9 Tracker layers over 18 months

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Tracker Charge

AMS today

Lessons learned after 22 months of AMS operations on the ISS:

1. Operating a particle physics experiment on the ISS is fundamentally different from operating an experiment in the LHC.

   On the ISS, the thermal conditions can easily destroy AMS unless all electronics components and Station parameters are constantly monitored to avoid exposing the detector to a dangerous condition from which there is no recovery.

   We have learned that to mitigate risks to AMS, immediate actions must be implemented by the AMS experts who designed, manufactured and tested all the electronics and thermal sensors.

Lessons learned after 24 months of AMS operations on the ISS:

2. Operating AMS on the ISS is also different from operating on a “free flying” satellite because we have no control over the ISS orientation, attitude and beta angle – all of which affect the thermal environment.

   This requires the full attention of the AMS experts so as to be able to communicate the approaching dangerous thermal environment to the NASA ISS Mission Control to request change of ISS flying conditions.

AMS

Physics !

Physics analysis nearing completion

1. Electron Spectrum
2. Positron Spectrum
3. Boron-to-Carbon ratio
4. High Energy Gamma Rays
5. …….

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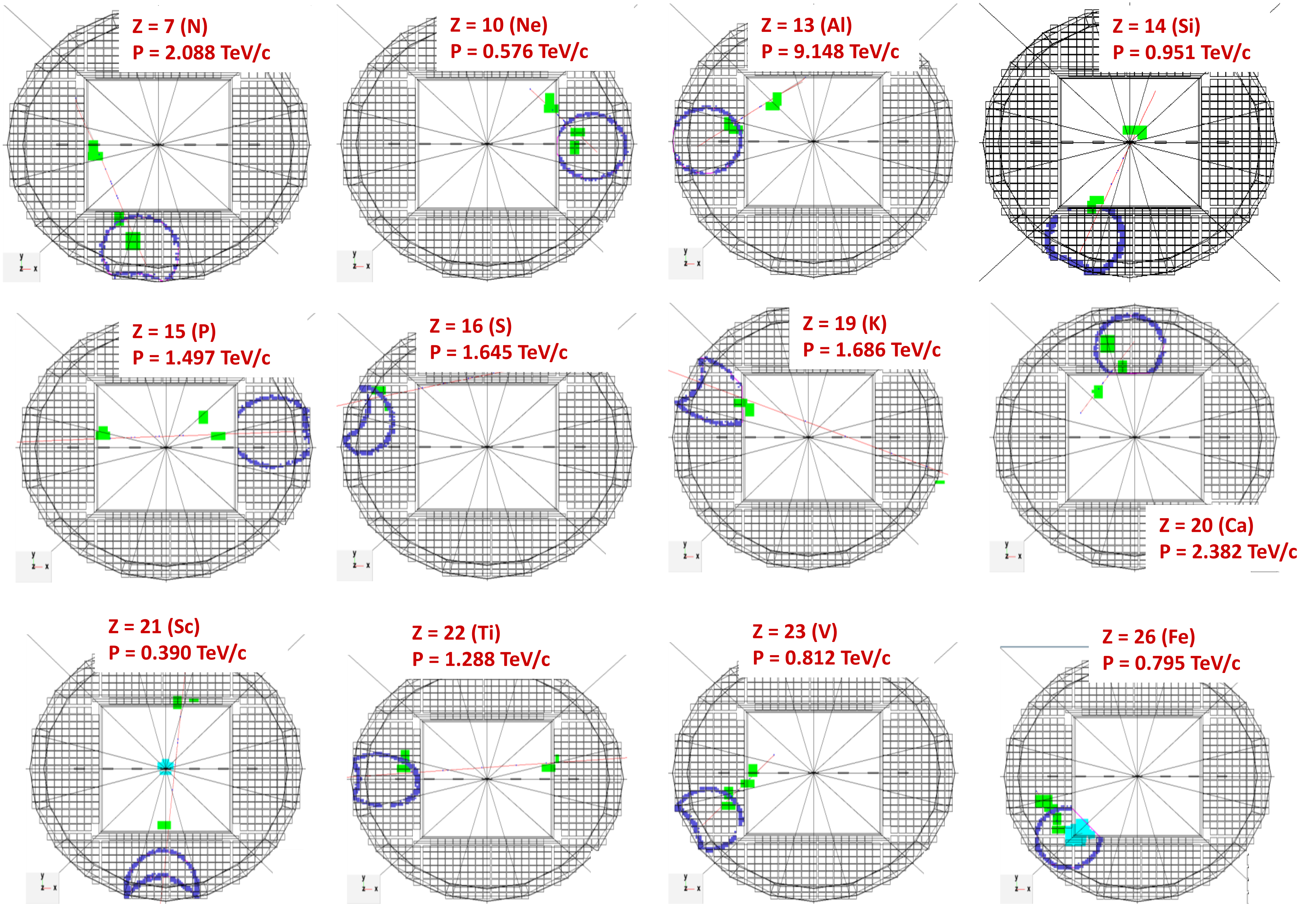
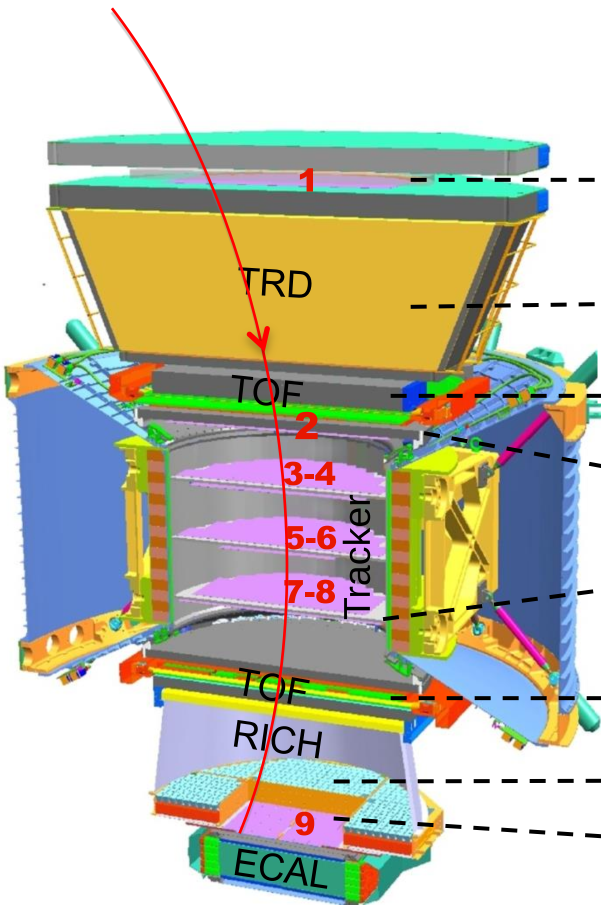
Data from ISS Nuclei in the TeV range



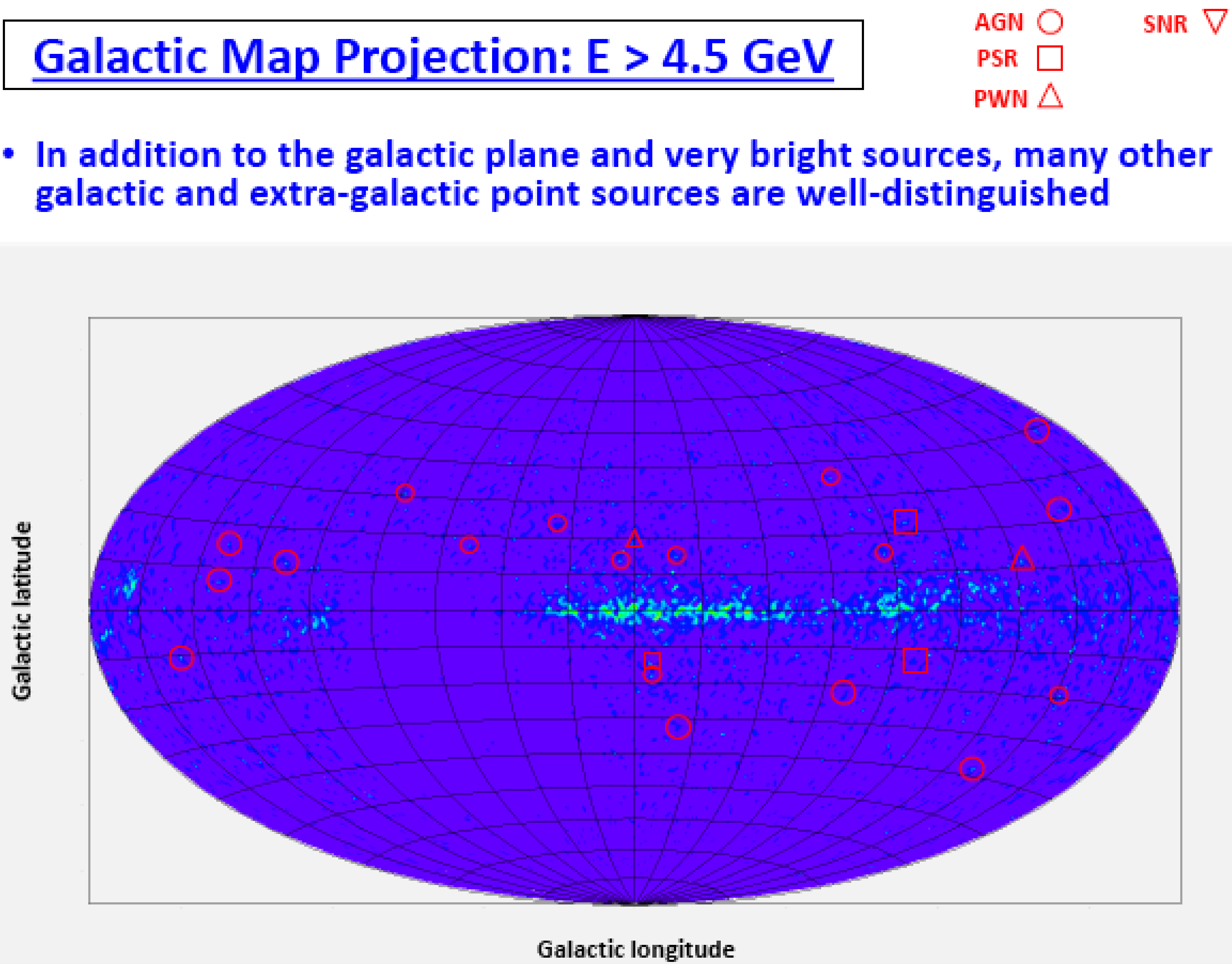
Multiple Independent Measurements of the Charge (|Z|)



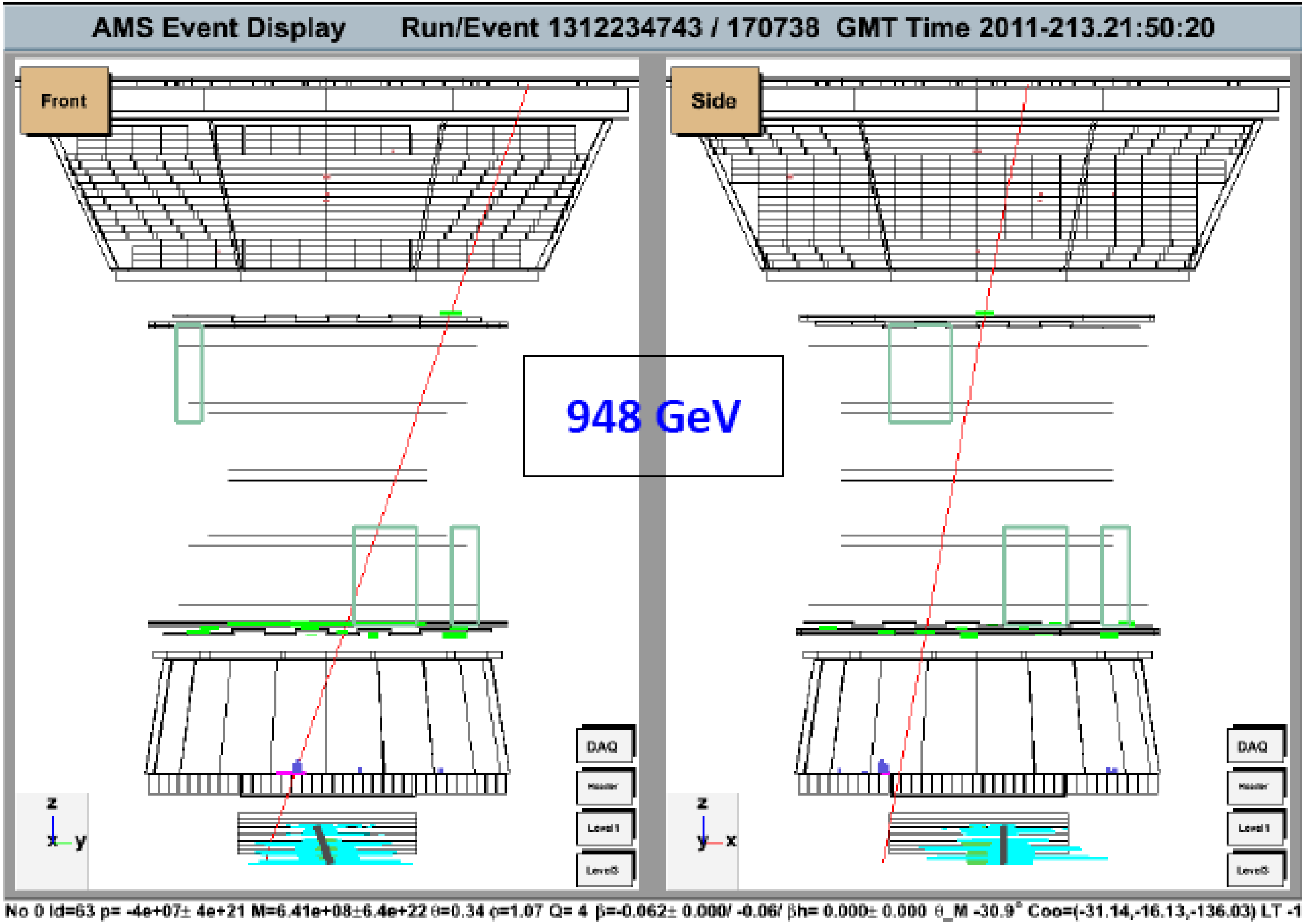
	Carbon (Z=6) ΔZ (cu)
1. Tracker Plane 1	0.30
2. TRD	0.33
3. Upper TOF	0.17
4. Tracker Planes 2-8	0.15
5. Lower TOF	0.20
6. RICH	0.32
7. Tracker Plane 9	0.30

Galactic Map Projection: E > 4.5 GeV

- In addition to the galactic plane and very bright sources, many other galactic and extra-galactic point sources are well-distinguished



Highest energy gamma ray



First Publication from AMS

Over the first eighteen months of operations in space, AMS has collected over 25 billion events.

6.8 million are electrons or positrons.

All of the analysis of AMS data is being performed by two independent groups

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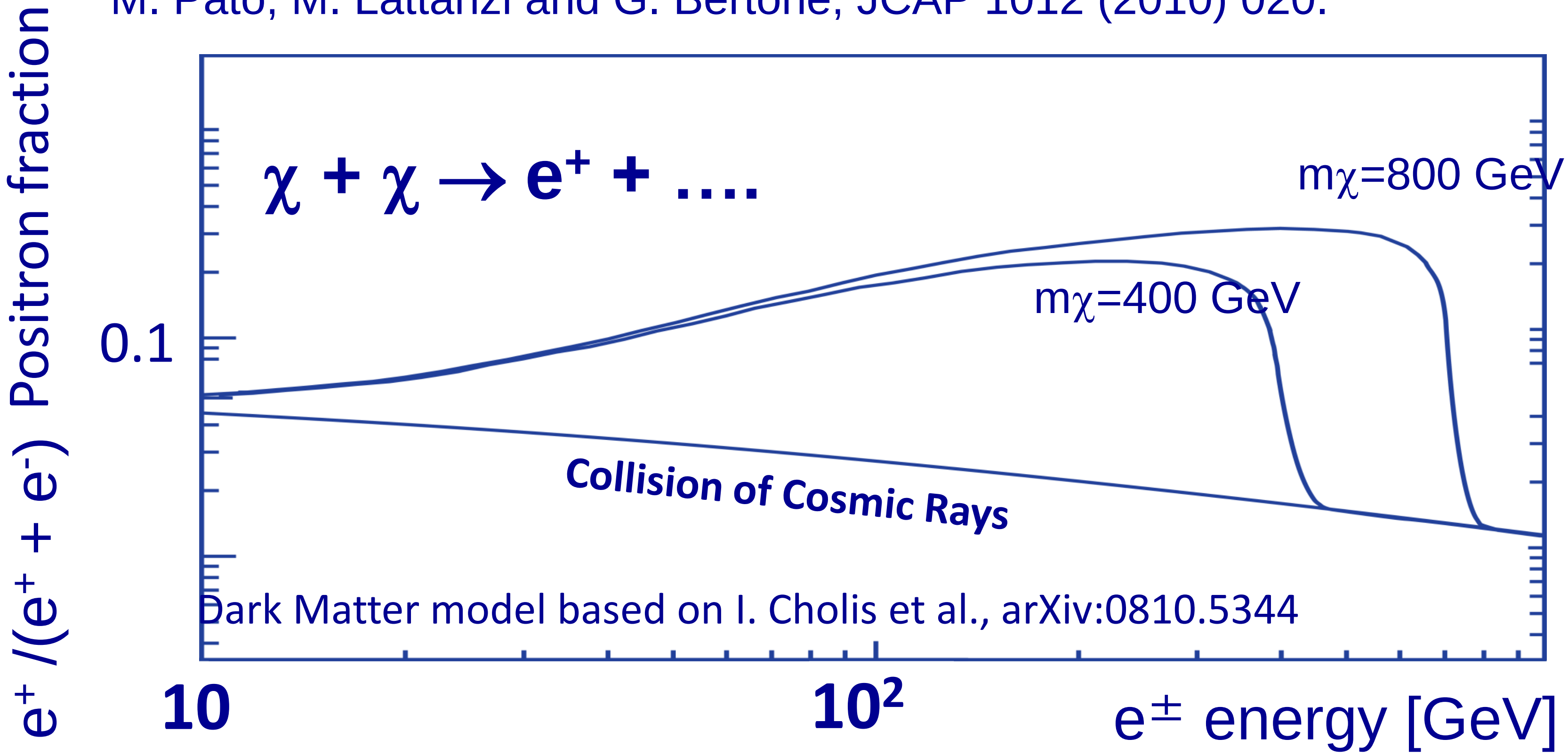

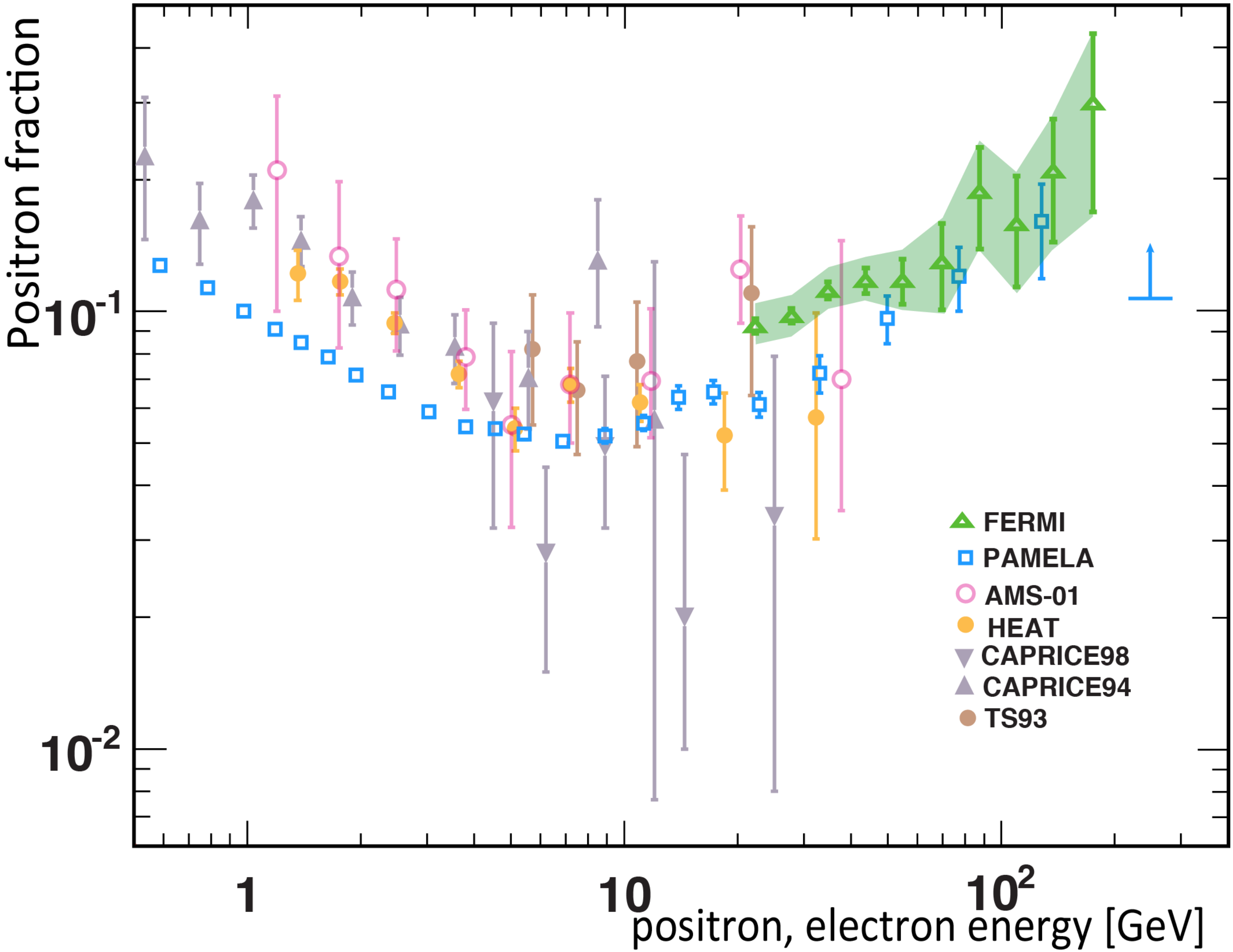
Positron fraction
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positron, electron energy [GeV]
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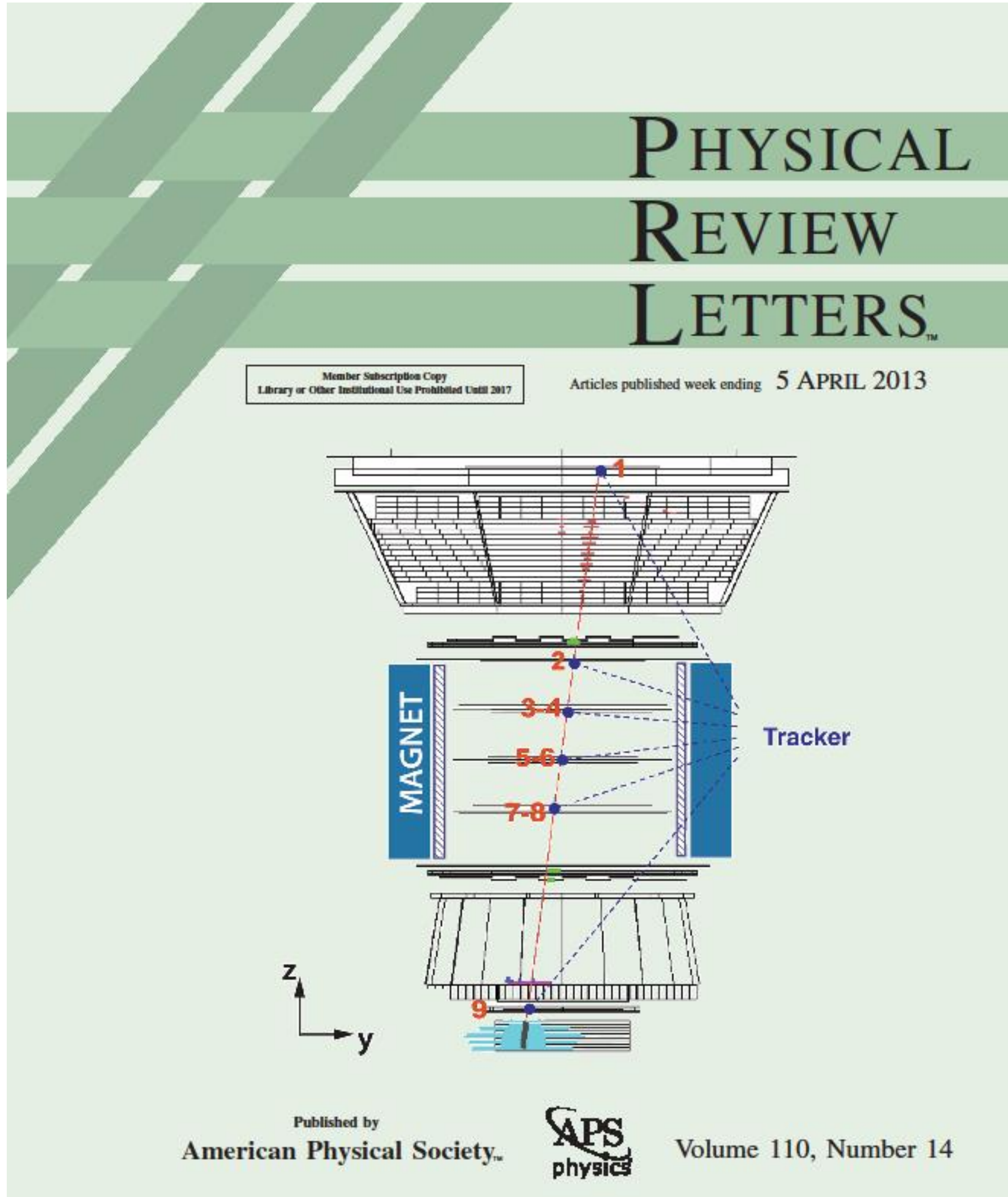
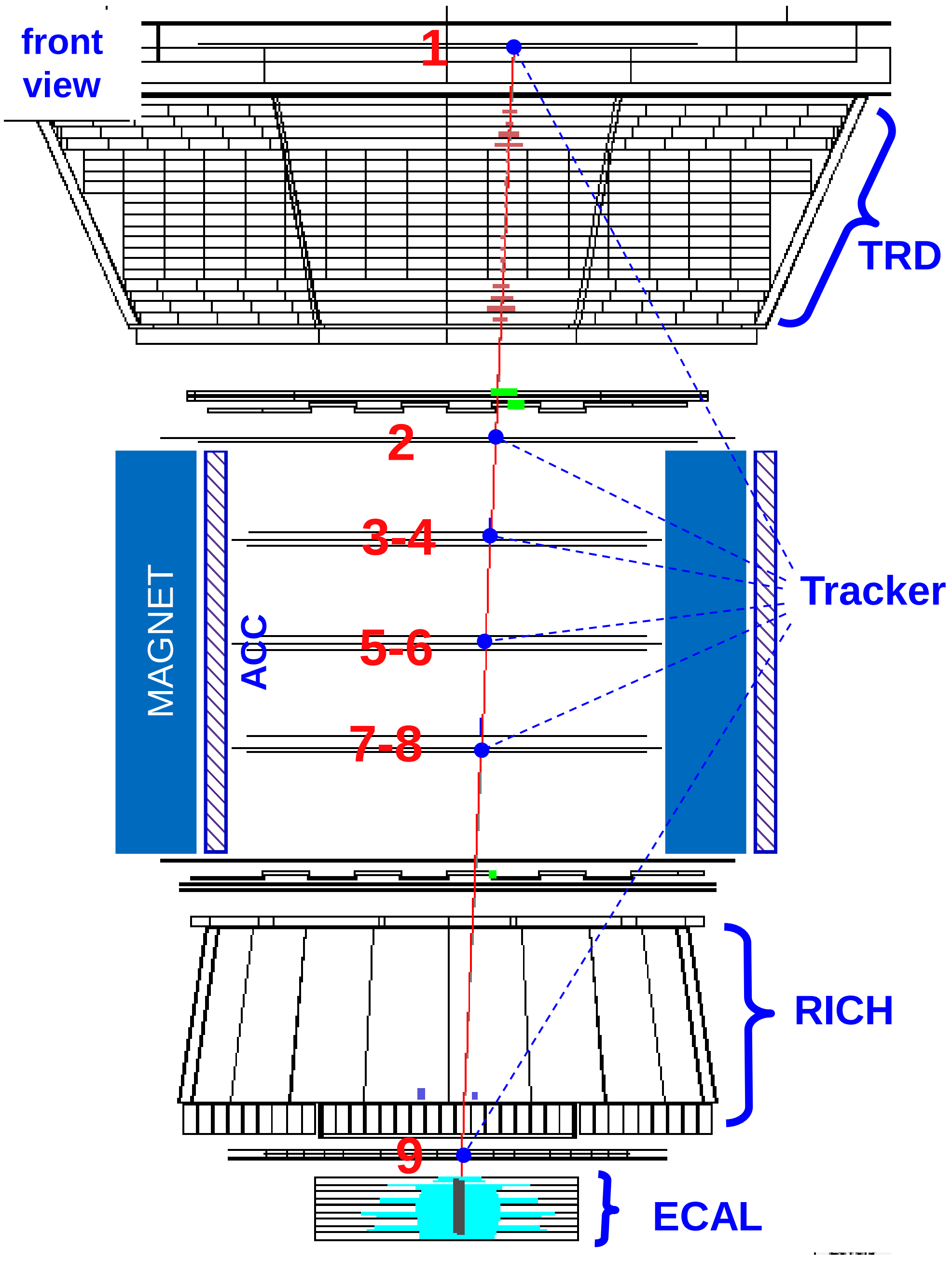
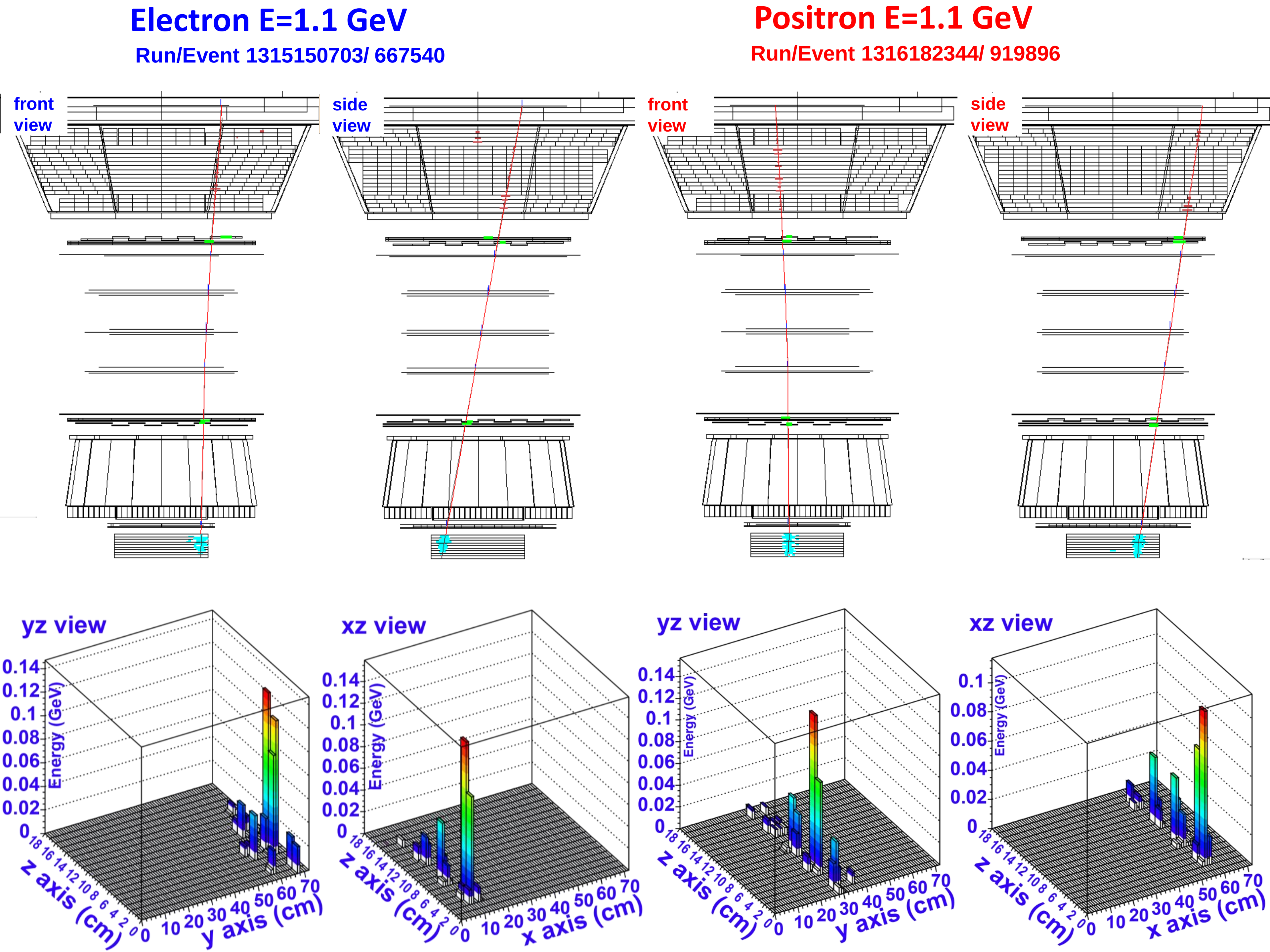


Tracker
A track in the Tracker containing at least one hit in planes 1 or 2 or 9 and hits in planes (3 or 4), (5 or 6) and (7 or 8). In addition, the projected track must pass within 3 cm in x and 10 cm in y of the center of gravity of the ECAL shower.
The relative error on the curvature (inverse of the rigidity) value from the track fit is less than 50 %, which ensures that tracks have rigidities well below their Maximum Detectable Rigidity.
The detector livetime exceeded 50 %, which excludes, for example, the South Atlantic Anomaly.
TOF
The particle velocity measured by TOF β >0.8.
The value of the absolute charge is required to be between 0.8 and 1.4.
TRD
At least 15 TRD hits on the Tracker track traced through the TRD.
ECAL
A shower axis within the ECAL fiducial volume.
The ECAL shower has electromagnetic shape

Event selection.





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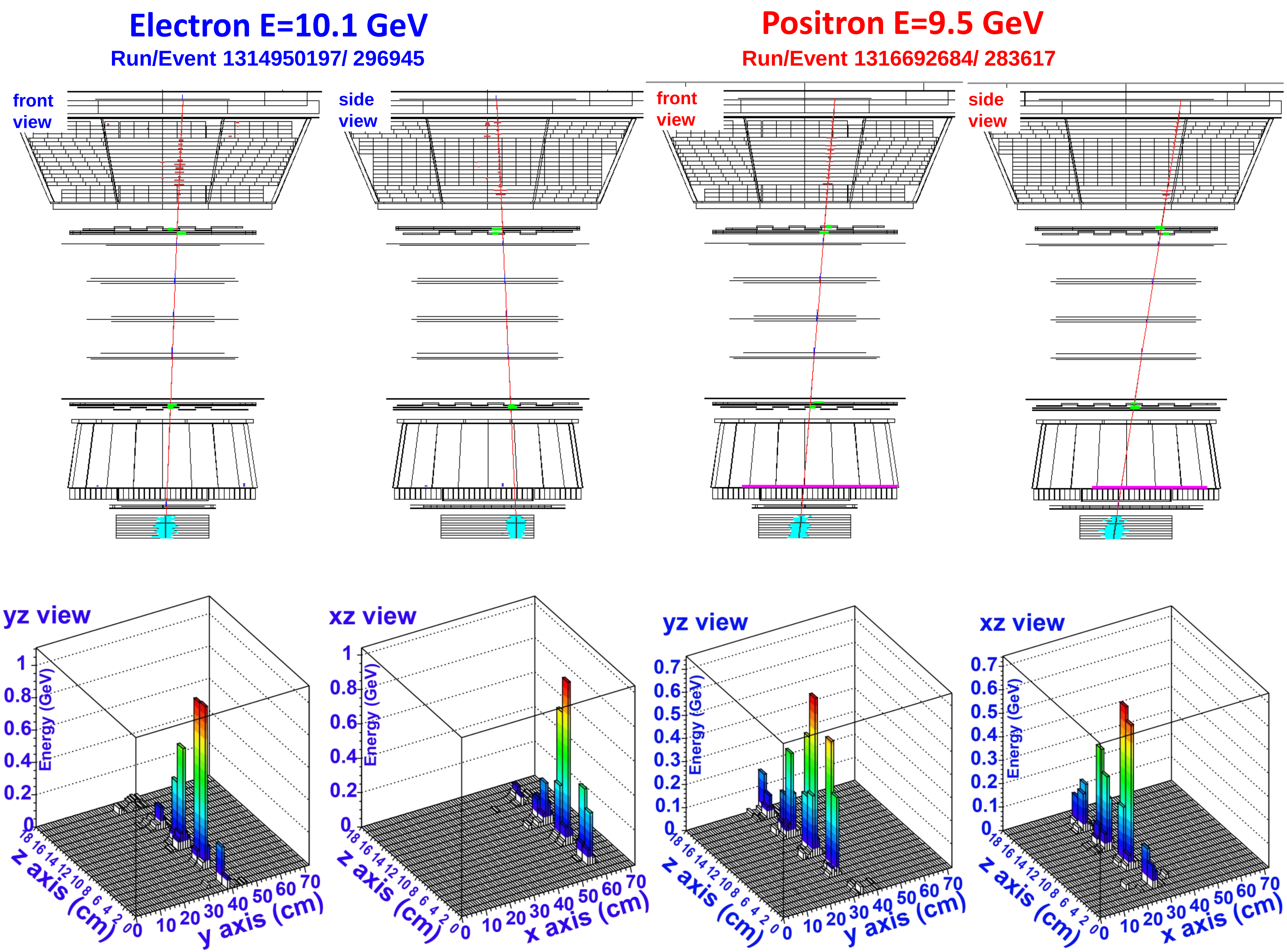
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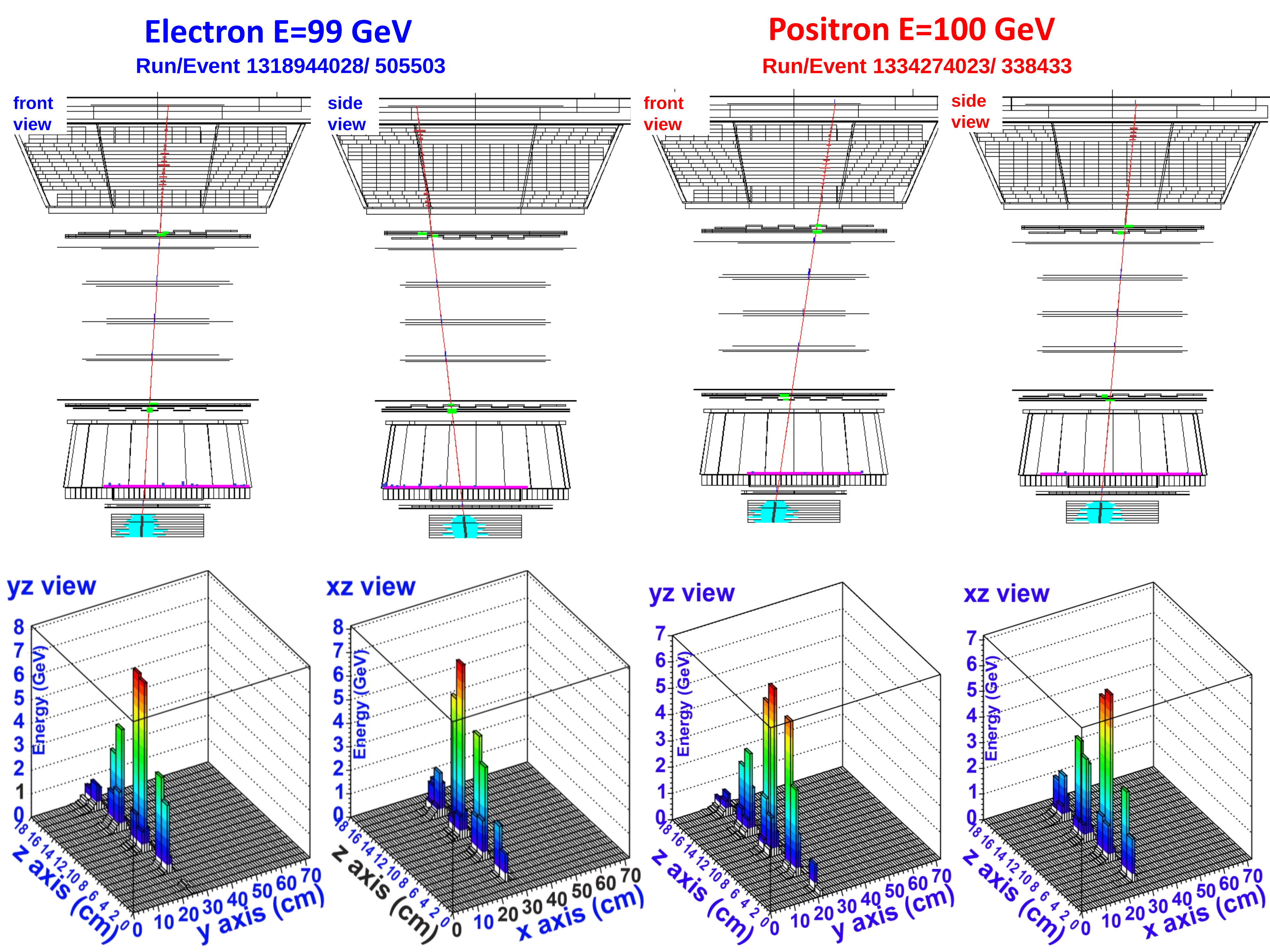
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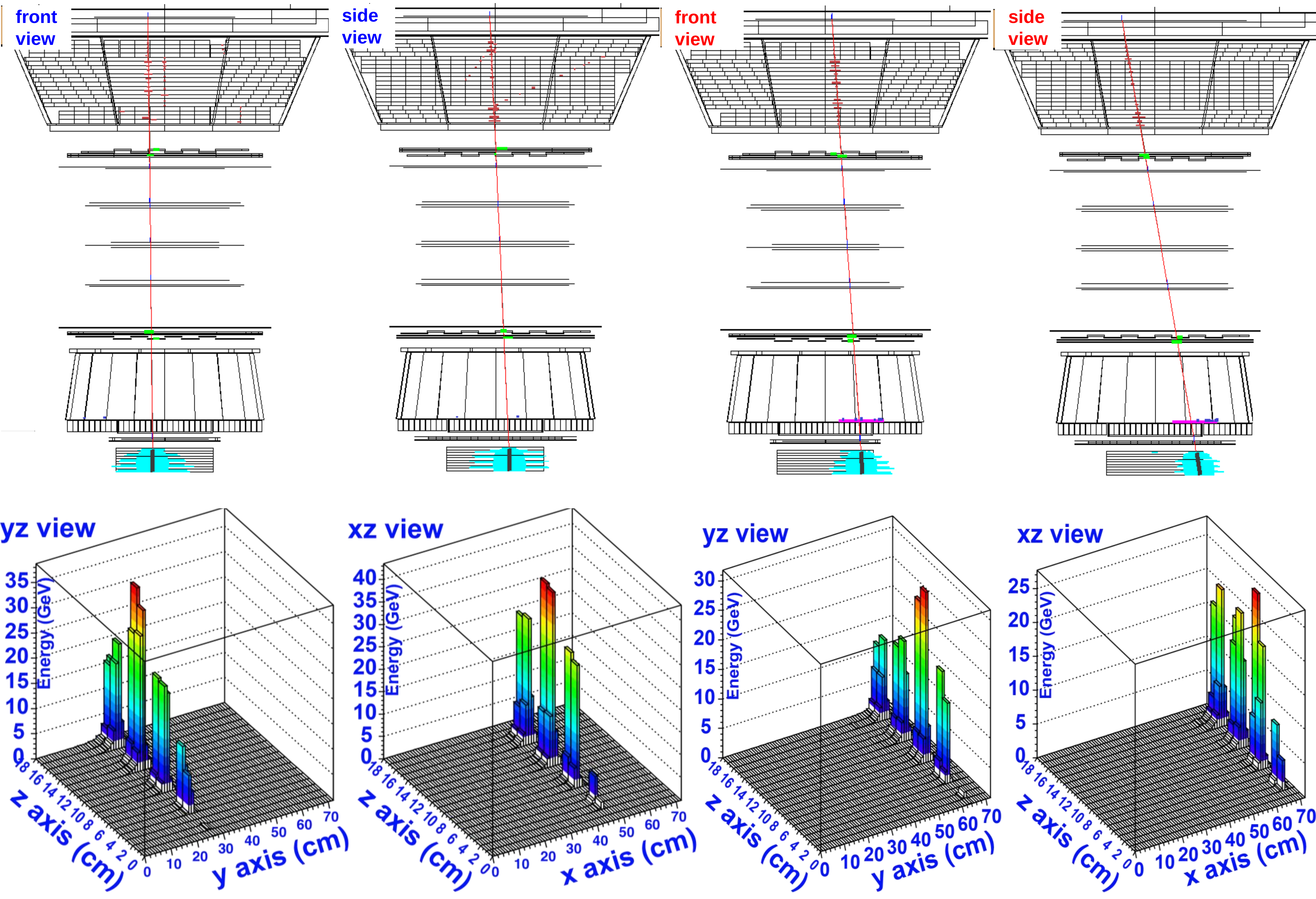
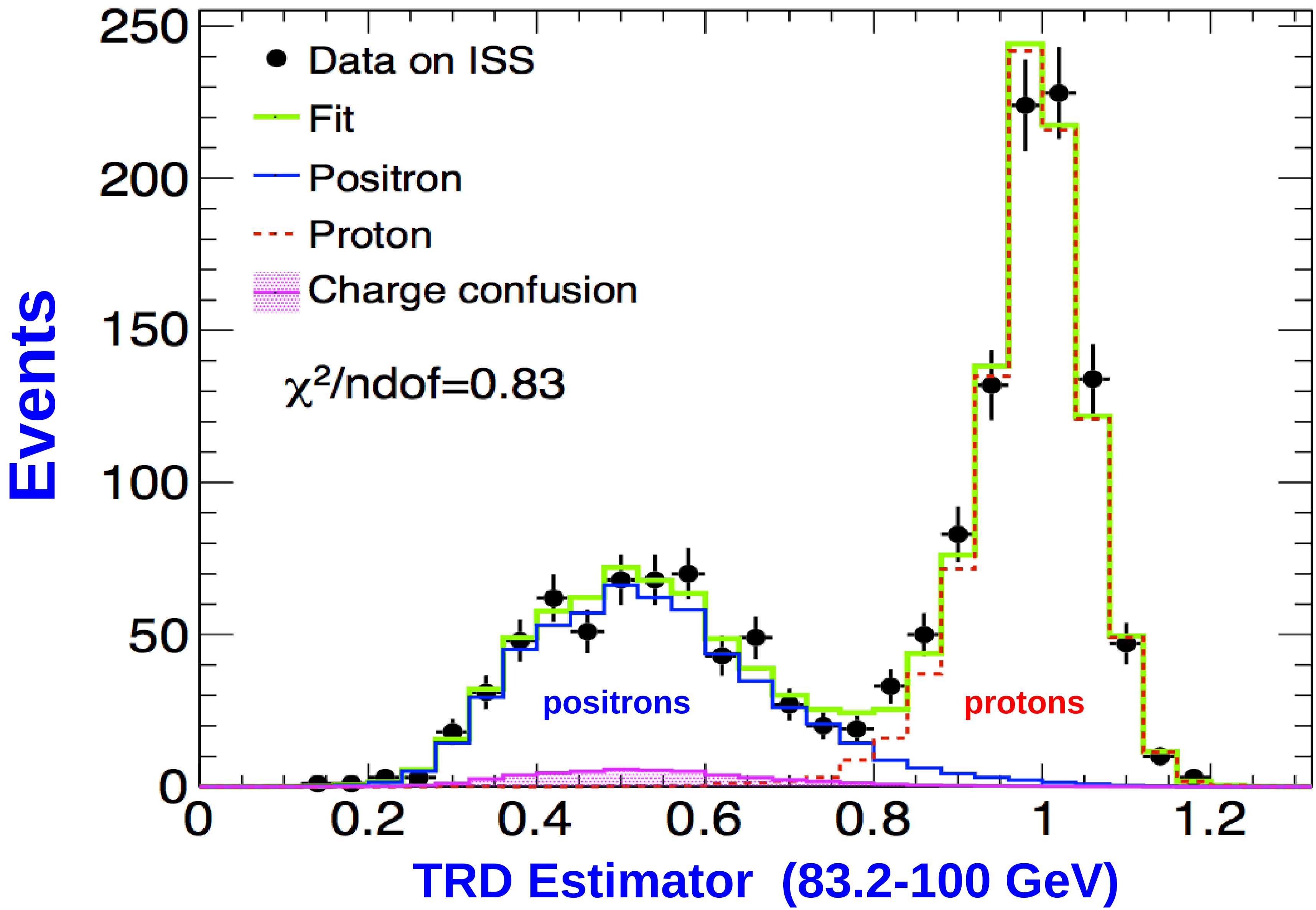


Example of Positron Selection:

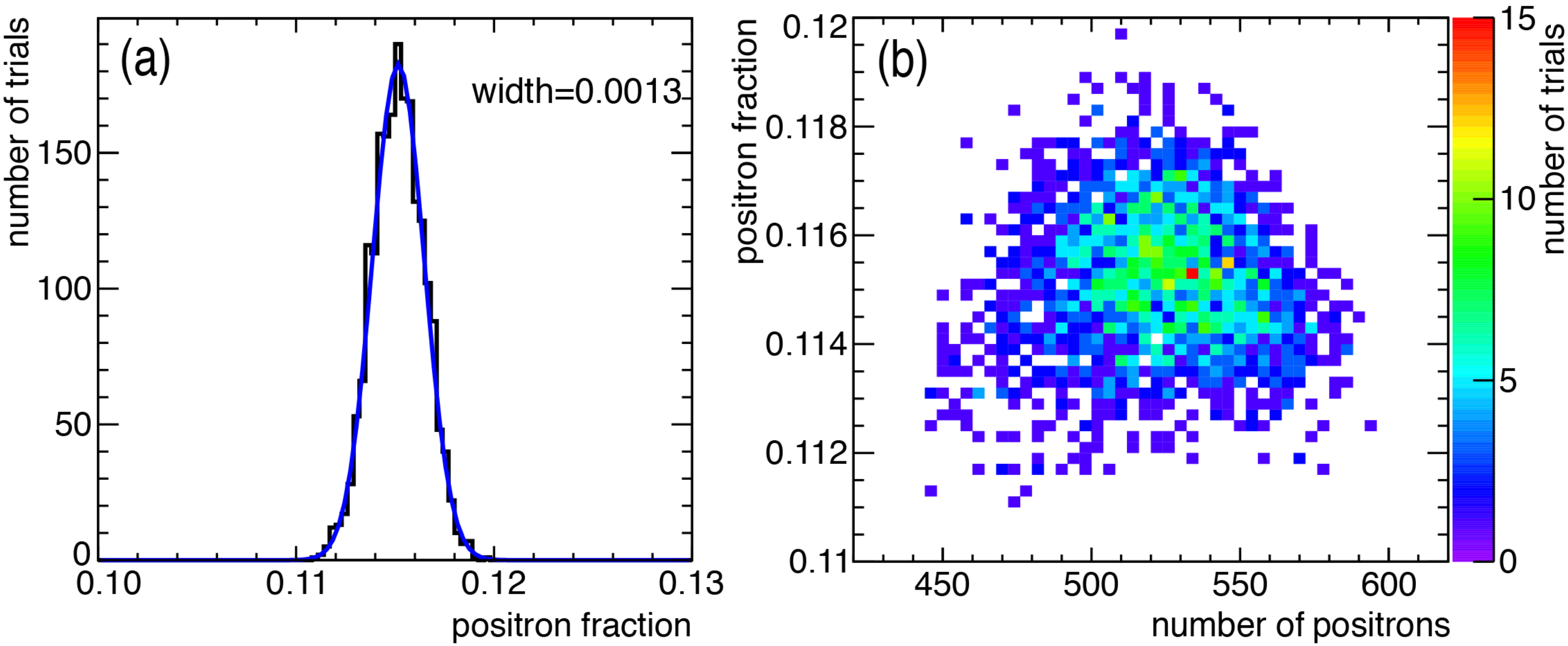
The TRD Estimator shows clear separation between protons and positrons with a small charge confusion background



Systematic errors to positron fraction

1. **Acceptance asymmetry**
   - Difference between positron and electron acceptance due to known minute tracker asymmetry
2. **Selection dependence**
   - Dependence of the result on the cut values
3. **Migration bin-to bin**
   - Migration of electron and positron events from the neighboring bins affects the measured fraction
4. **Reference spectrum**
   - Definition of the reference spectra is based on pure samples of electrons and protons of finite statistics
5. **Charge confusion**
   - Two sources: large angle scattering and production of secondary tracks along the path of the primary track. Both are well reproduced by MC. Systematic errors correspond to variations of these effects within their statistical limits.

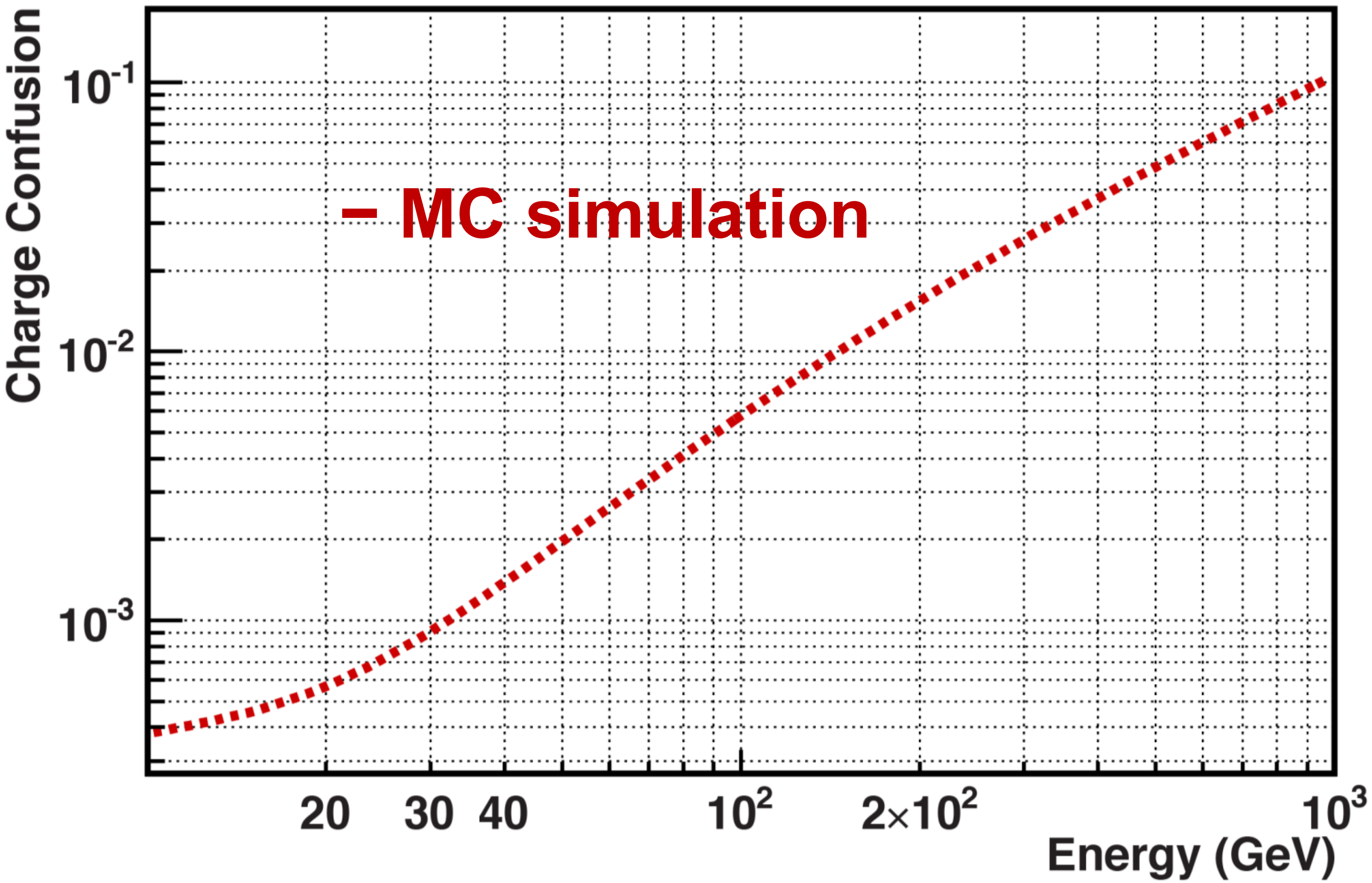
Systematic error on the positron fraction: 2. Selection dependence



The measurement is stable over wide variations of the cuts in the TRD identification, ECAL Shower Shape, E (from ECAL) matched to |P| (from the Tracker), …

For each energy bin, over 1,000 sets of cuts were analyzed.

Systematic error on the positron fraction: 5. Charge confusion



Two sources: large angle scattering and production of secondary tracks along the path of the primary track. Both are well reproduced by MC. Systematic errors correspond to variations of these effects within their statistical limits.

Positron events, positron fraction in each energy bin				Systematic Errors					
Energy [GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	statistical error	acceptance asymmetry	event selection	bin-to-bin migration	reference spectra	charge confusion	total systematic uncertainty
Energy[GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	$\sigma_{stat.}$	$\sigma_{acc.}$	$\sigma_{sel.}$	$\sigma_{mig.}$	$\sigma_{ref.}$	$\sigma_{c.c.}$	$\sigma_{syst.}$
0.50–0.65	822	0.0947	0.0034	0.001	0.0016	0.0005	0.0002	0.001	0.0022
0.65–0.81	3,045	0.0919	0.0016	0.0007	0.0014	0.0007	0.0002	0.0008	0.0019
0.81–1.00	6,504	0.0902	0.0011	0.0006	0.0012	0.0009	0.0002	0.0006	0.0017
1.00–1.21	9,335	0.0842	0.0008	0.0005	0.0009	0.0008	0.0001	0.0005	0.0014
1.21–1.45	12,621	0.0783	0.0007	0.0004	0.0007	0.0006	0.0001	0.0005	0.0011
1.45–1.70	15,189	0.0735	0.0006	0.0003	0.0005	0.0004	0.0001	0.0003	0.0008
1.70–1.97	18,400	0.0685	0.0005	0.0003	0.0005	0.0003	0.0001	0.0003	0.0007
1.97–2.28	23,893	0.0642	0.0004	0.0002	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001	0.0002	0.0006
2.28–2.60	22,455	0.0605	0.0004	0.0002	0.0005	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0006
2.60–2.94	21,587	0.0583	0.0004	0.0001	0.0005	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0006
2.94–3.30	21,158	0.0568	0.0004	0.0001	0.0004	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0005
3.30–3.70	20,707	0.0550	0.0004	0.0001	0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0004
3.70–4.11	19,429	0.0541	0.0004	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
4.11–4.54	18,370	0.0533	0.0004	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
4.54–5.00	17,064	0.0519	0.0004	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
5.00–5.50	16,385	0.0512	0.0004	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
5.50–6.00	14,244	0.0508	0.0004	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
6.00–6.56	13,880	0.0501	0.0004	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
6.56–7.16	13,153	0.0510	0.0004	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002

Positron events, positron fraction in each energy bin				Systematic Errors					
Energy [GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	statistical error	acceptance asymmetry	event selection	bin-to-bin migration	reference spectra	charge confusion	total systematic uncertainty
Energy[GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	$\sigma_{stat.}$	$\sigma_{acc.}$	$\sigma_{sel.}$	$\sigma_{mig.}$	$\sigma_{ref.}$	$\sigma_{c.c.}$	$\sigma_{syst.}$
7.16–7.80	11,747	0.0504	0.0005	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
7.80–8.50	10,910	0.0513	0.0005	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
8.50–9.21	9,110	0.0510	0.0005	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
9.21–9.95	7,501	0.0515	0.0006	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
9.95–10.73	7,161	0.0519	0.0006	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
10.73–11.54	6,047	0.0528	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
11.54–12.39	5,246	0.0535	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
12.39–13.27	4,787	0.0549	0.0008	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
13.27–14.19	4,166	0.0551	0.0008	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
14.19–15.15	3,698	0.0543	0.0009	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
15.15–16.15	3,326	0.0556	0.0010	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
16.15–17.18	3,007	0.0583	0.0011	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
17.18–18.25	2,663	0.0586	0.0011	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
18.25–19.37	2,410	0.0592	0.0012	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
19.37–20.54	2,322	0.0634	0.0013	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
20.54–21.76	2,052	0.0618	0.0014	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
21.76–23.07	1,992	0.0653	0.0015	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
23.07–24.45	1,788	0.0651	0.0016	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
24.45–25.87	1,642	0.0657	0.0016	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0002	0.0003
25.87–27.34	1,447	0.0668	0.0018	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0003	0.0003
27.34–28.87	1,260	0.0694	0.0020	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0003	0.0003
28.87–30.45	1,137	0.0710	0.0021	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.0003	0.0004
30.45–32.10	1,094	0.0701	0.0022	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.0003	0.0004
32.10–33.80	888	0.0707	0.0024	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0005

Positron events, positron fraction in each energy bin				Systematic Errors					
Energy [GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	statistical error	acceptance asymmetry	event selection	bin-to-bin migration	reference spectra	charge confusion	total systematic uncertainty
Energy[GeV]	N_{e+}	Fraction	$\sigma_{stat.}$	$\sigma_{acc.}$	$\sigma_{sel.}$	$\sigma_{mig.}$	$\sigma_{ref.}$	$\sigma_{c.c.}$	$\sigma_{syst.}$
33.80–35.57	807	0.0718	0.0026	0.0001	0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0005
35.57–37.40	787	0.0747	0.0027	0.0001	0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0005
37.40–40.00	982	0.0794	0.0026	0.0002	0.0004	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0006
40.00–43.39	976	0.0802	0.0026	0.0002	0.0005	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0007
43.39–47.01	856	0.0817	0.0029	0.0002	0.0005	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0007
47.01–50.87	739	0.0856	0.0032	0.0002	0.0006	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0008
50.87–54.98	605	0.0891	0.0038	0.0002	0.0006	0.0000	0.0001	0.0004	0.0008
54.98–59.36	558	0.0957	0.0041	0.0002	0.0008	0.0000	0.0001	0.0005	0.0010
59.36–64.03	448	0.0962	0.0047	0.0002	0.0009	0.0000	0.0002	0.0006	0.0011
64.03–69.00	392	0.0978	0.0050	0.0002	0.0010	0.0000	0.0002	0.0007	0.0013
69.00–74.30	324	0.1032	0.0057	0.0002	0.0010	0.0000	0.0002	0.0009	0.0014
74.30–80.00	276	0.0985	0.0062	0.0002	0.0010	0.0000	0.0002	0.0010	0.0014
80.00–86.00	232	0.1023	0.0067	0.0002	0.0010	0.0000	0.0002	0.0010	0.0014
86.00–92.50	240	0.1120	0.0075	0.0002	0.0010	0.0000	0.0003	0.0011	0.0015
92.50–100.0	226	0.1189	0.0081	0.0002	0.0011	0.0000	0.0003	0.0012	0.0017
100.0–115.1	304	0.1118	0.0066	0.0002	0.0015	0.0000	0.0003	0.0015	0.0022
115.1–132.1	223	0.1142	0.0080	0.0002	0.0019	0.0000	0.0004	0.0019	0.0027
132.1–151.5	156	0.1215	0.0100	0.0002	0.0021	0.0000	0.0005	0.0024	0.0032
151.5–173.5	144	0.1364	0.0121	0.0002	0.0026	0.0000	0.0006	0.0045	0.0052
173.5–206.0	134	0.1485	0.0133	0.0002	0.0031	0.0000	0.0009	0.0050	0.0060
206.0–260.0	101	0.1530	0.0160	0.0003	0.0031	0.0000	0.0013	0.0095	0.0101
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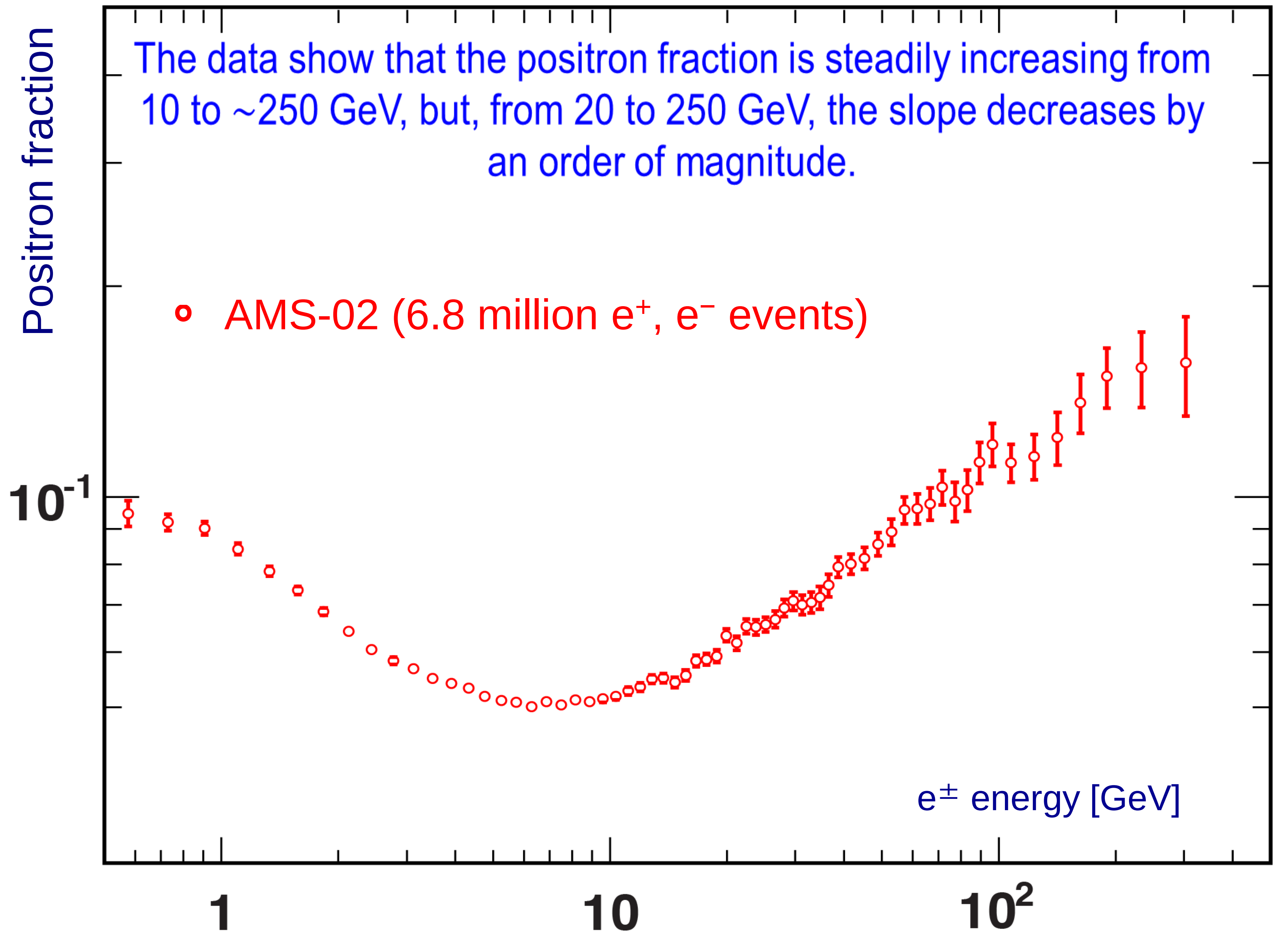
The data show that the positron fraction is steadily increasing from 10 to ~250 GeV, but, from 20 to 250 GeV, the slope decreases by an order of magnitude.
Positron fraction
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e± energy [GeV]
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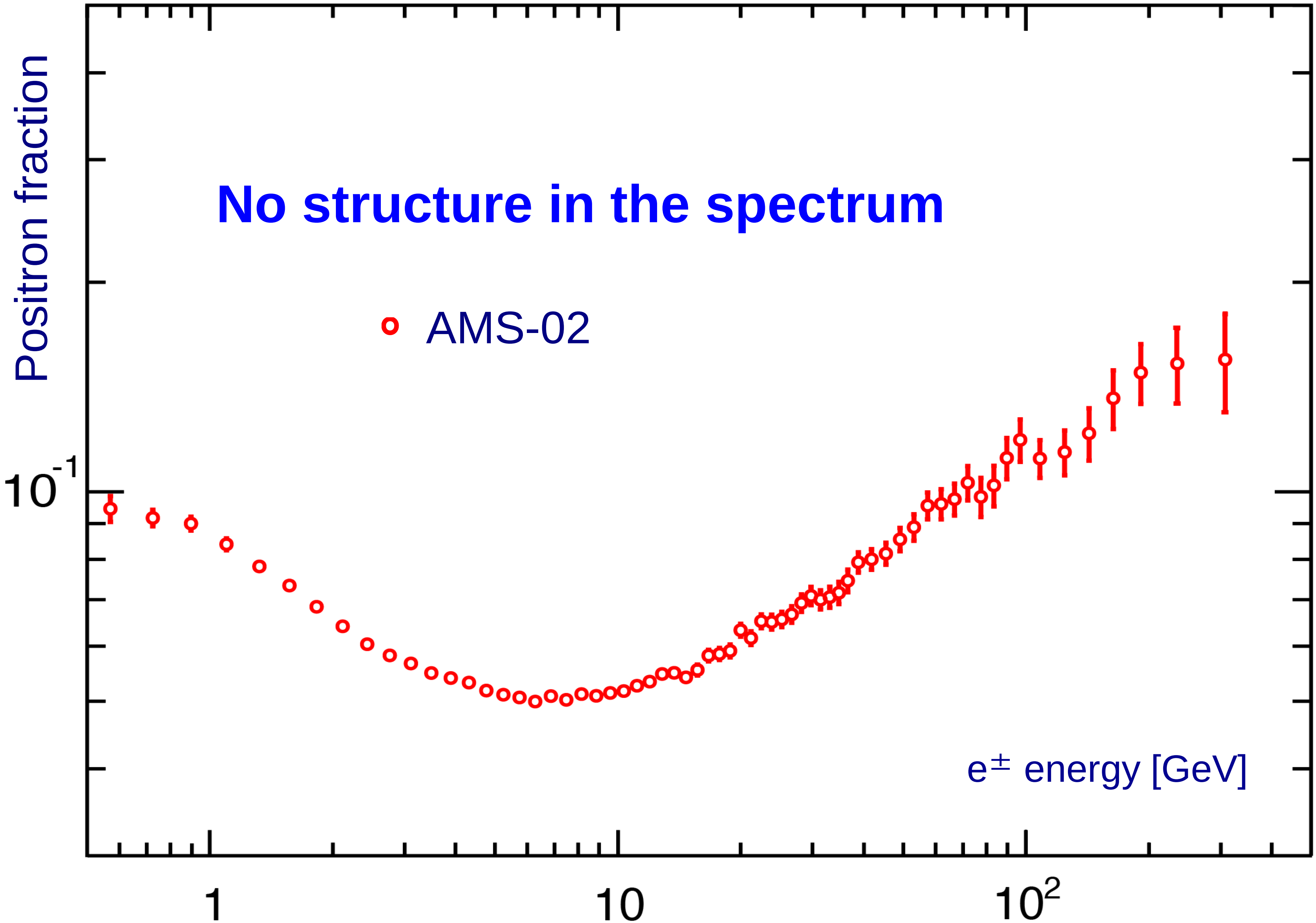

Positron fraction
No structure in the spectrum
AMS-02
e± energy [GeV]
10^-1
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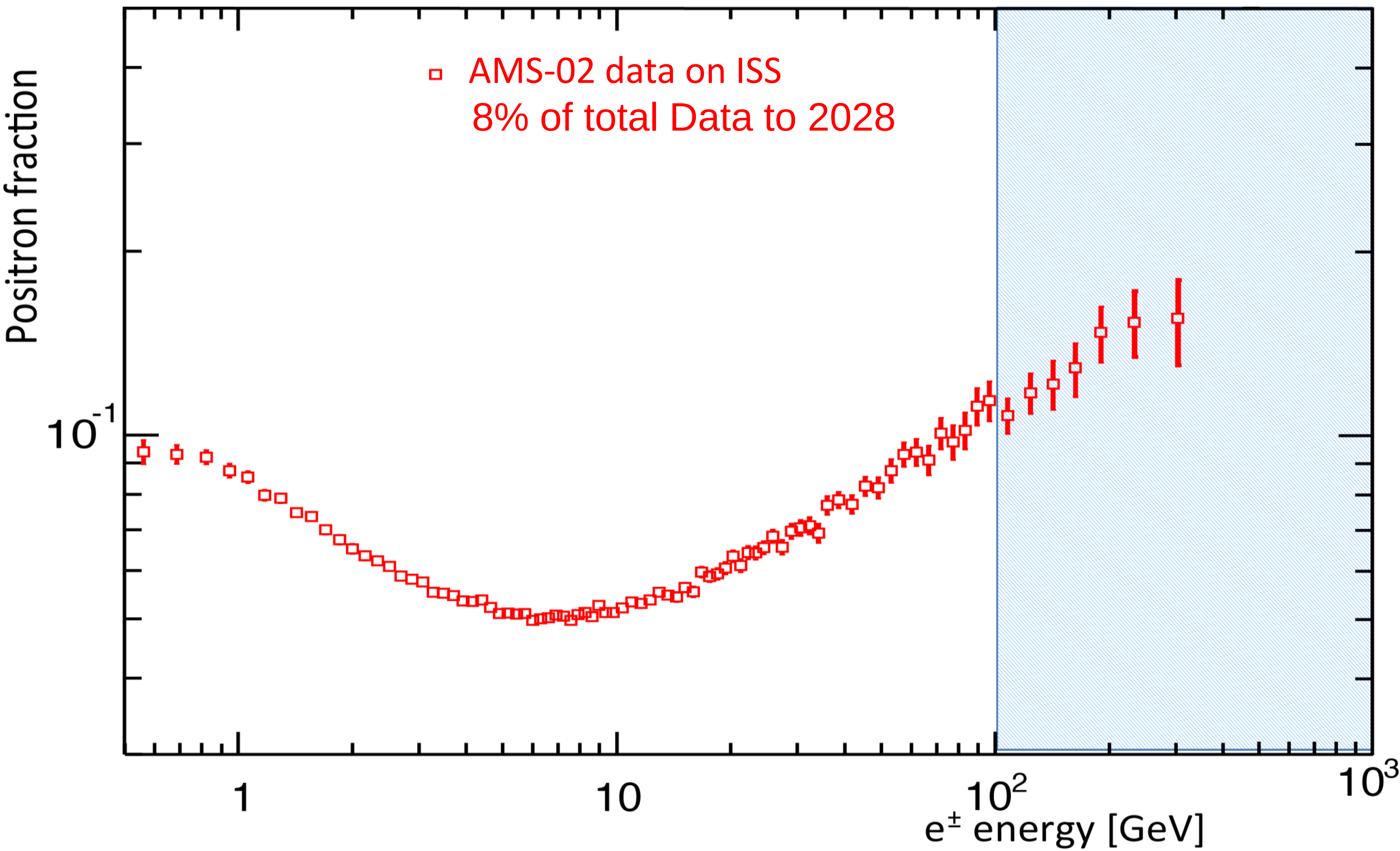
AMS will be on ISS for 20 years.

The data to ~1 TeV will be presented when there are sufficient events.



On the origin of excess positrons

If the excess has a particle physics origin,
there should be no anisotropy.

Anisotropy

Primary sources of cosmic ray positrons and electrons may induce some degree of anisotropy of the measured positron to electron ratio, that is, the ratio of the positron flux to the electron flux. Therefore, a systematic search for anisotropies using the selected sample is performed from 16 to 350 GeV.

Arrival directions of electrons and positrons are used to build a sky map in galactic coordinates, (b, l), containing the number of observed positrons and electrons. The fluctuations of the observed positron ratio are described using a spherical harmonic expansion

$$\frac{r_{\mathrm{e}}(b,l)}{< r_{\mathrm{e}} >} - 1 = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\pi/2 - b, l),$$

where $r_{\mathrm{e}}(b,l)$ denotes the positron ratio at (b,l); $< r_{\mathrm{e}} >$ is the average ratio over the sky map; $Y_{\ell m}$ are spherical harmonic functions and $a_{\ell m}$ are the corresponding weights. The coefficients of the angular power spectrum of the fluctuations are defined as

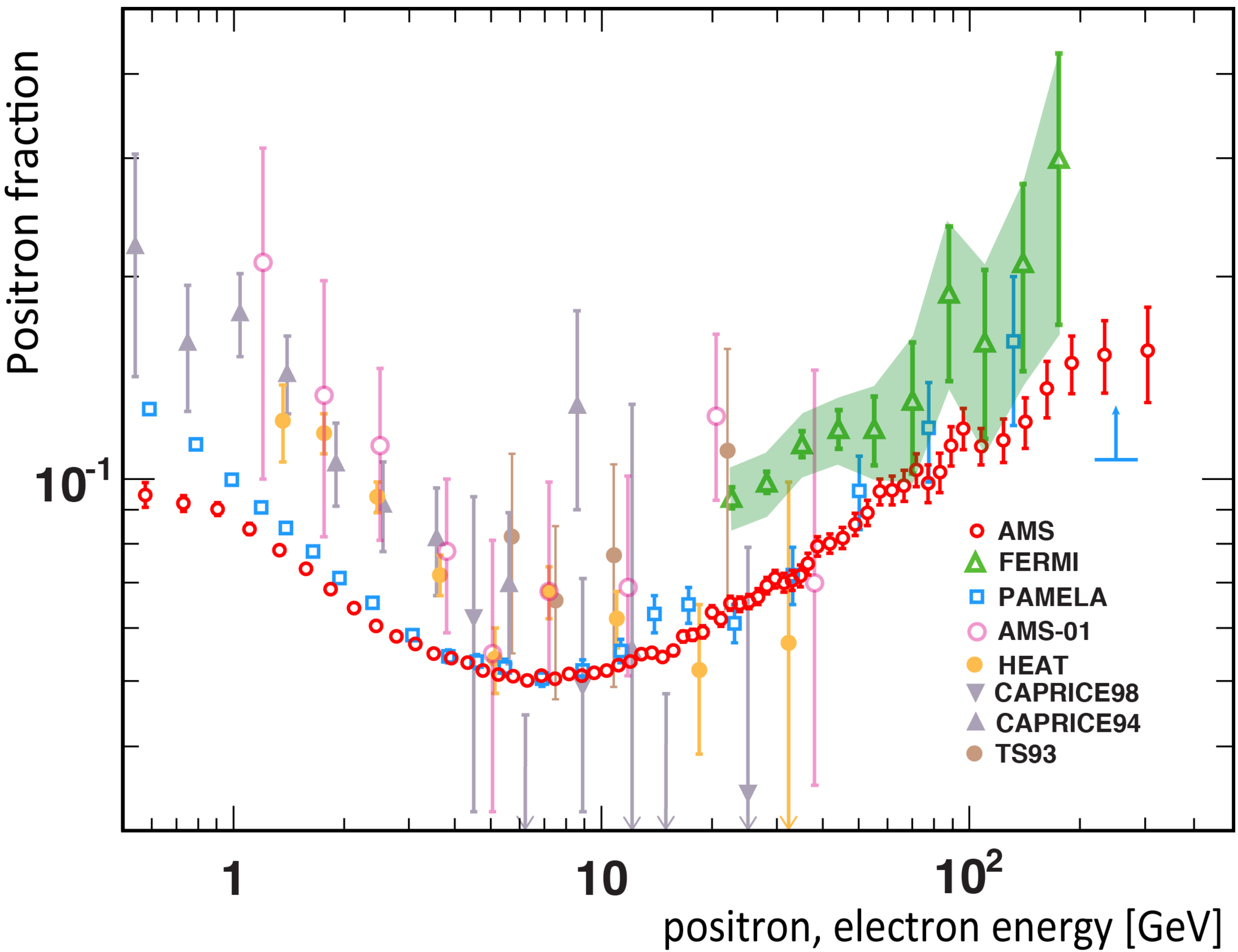
$$C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2.$$

They are found to be consistent with the expectations for isotropy at all energies and upper limits to multipole contributions are obtained. We obtain a limit for any axis in galactic coordinates on the amplitude of dipole anisotropy on the positron to electron ratio of

$$\delta = 3\sqrt{C_1/4\pi} \leq 0.036 \quad (95\% \; C.L.)$$

Limits on the amplitude of a dipole anisotropy in any axis in galactic coordinates on the positron to electron ratio

$\delta \leq 0.036$ at the 95% confidence level



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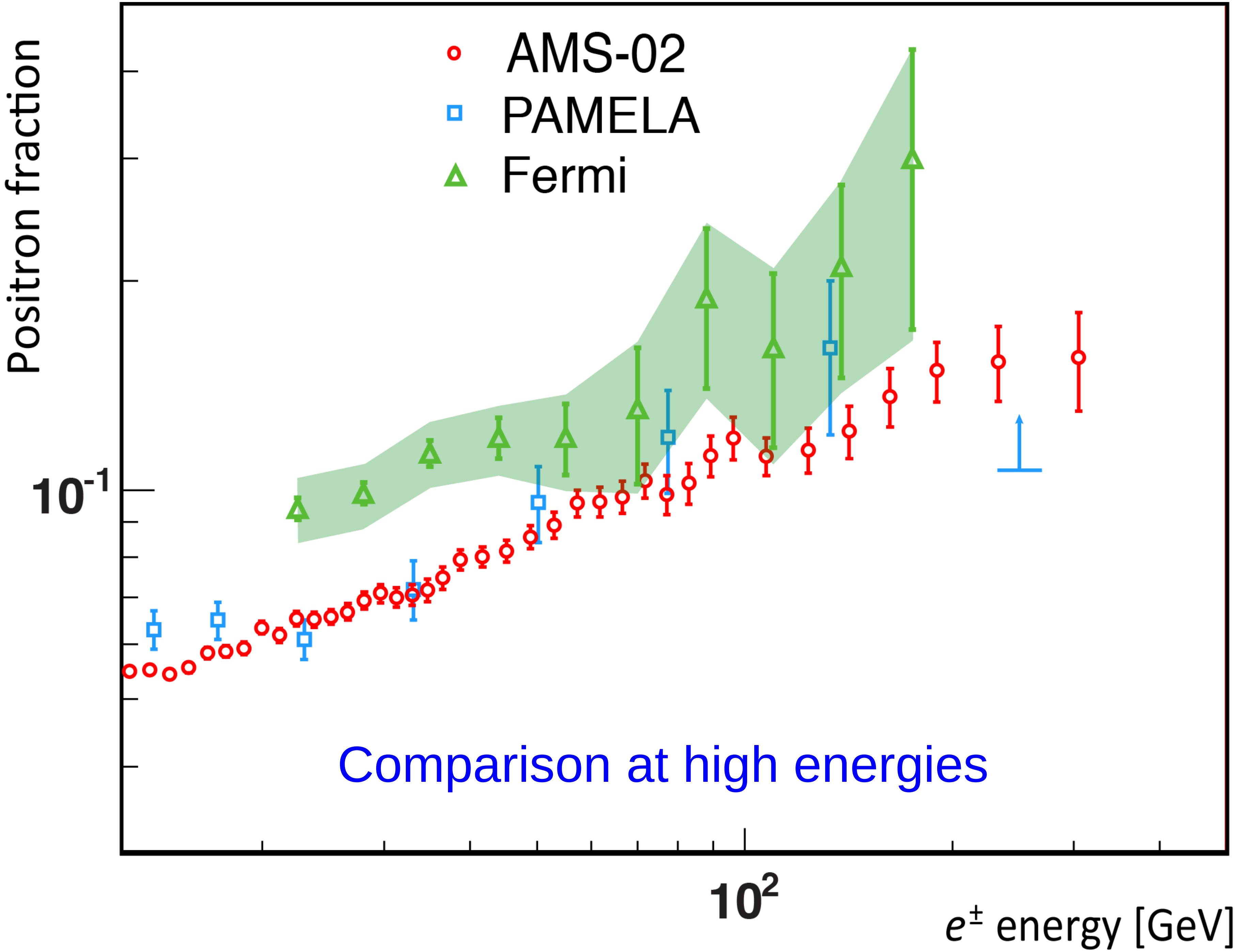

AMS-02
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Positron fraction
10^{-1}
10^{2}
$e^{\pm}$ energy [GeV]
Comparison at high energies

An Example:
Comparing AMS data with a minimal model.

In this model the e^+ and e^- fluxes, Φ_{e+} and Φ_{e-}, are parameterized as the sum of individual diffuse power law spectra and the contribution of a single common source of $e^{\pm}$:

$$\Phi_{e^+} = C_{e^+} E^{-\gamma_{e^+}} + C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s} \qquad \text{Eq(1)}$$

$$\Phi_{e^-} = C_{e^-} E^{-\gamma_{e^-}} + C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s} \quad (E \text{ in GeV}) \qquad \text{Eq(2)}$$

Coefficients C_{e+} and C_{e-} correspond to relative weights of diffuse spectra for positrons and electrons.

C_s is the weight of the source spectrum.

γ_{e+}, γ_{e-} and γ_s are the corresponding spectral indexes.

E_s is a characteristic cutoff energy for the source spectrum.

With this parametrization the positron fraction depends on 5 parameters.

A fit to the data in the energy range 1 to 350 GeV yields a $\chi^2/d.f. = 28.5/57$ and:

$\gamma_{e-} - \gamma_{e+} = -0.63 \pm 0.03$, *i.e.*, the diffuse positron spectrum is less energetic than the diffuse electron spectrum;

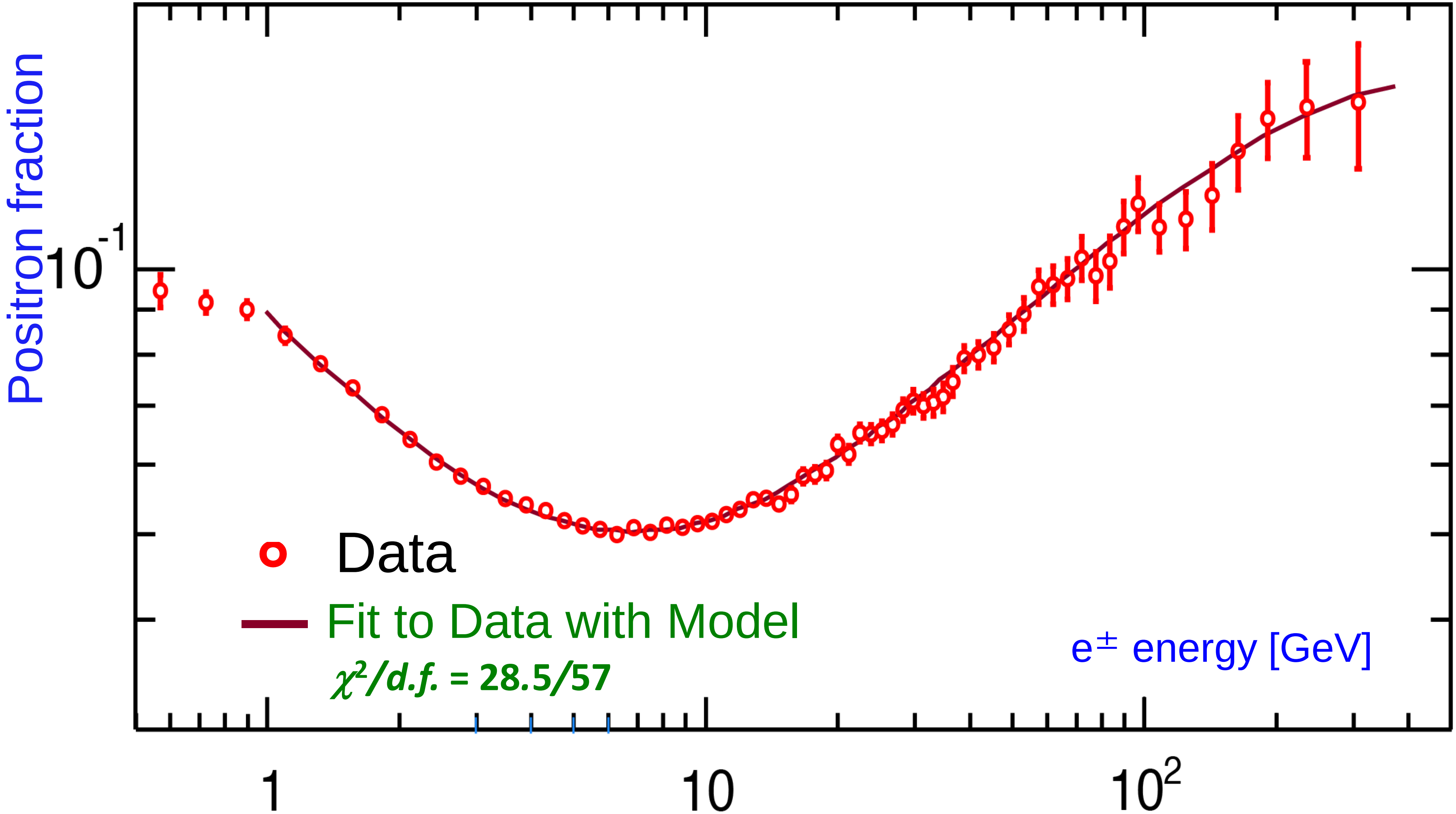
$\gamma_{e-} - \gamma_{S} = 0.66 \pm 0.05$, *i.e.*, the source spectrum is more energetic than the diffuse electron spectrum;

$C_{e+}/C_{e-} = 0.091 \pm 0.001$, *i.e.*, the weight of the diffuse positron flux amounts to ~10% of that of the diffuse electron flux;

$C_{S}/C_{e-} = 0.0078 \pm 0.0012$, *i.e.*, the weight of the common source constitutes only ~1% of that of the diffuse electron flux;

$1/E_s = 0.0013 \pm 0.0007\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$,

corresponding to a cutoff energy of 760^{+1000}_{-280} GeV.



The agreement between the data and the model shows that the positron fraction spectrum is consistent with e± fluxes each of which is the sum of its diffuse spectrum and a single common power law source.

In conclusion, the first 6.8 million primary positron and electron events collected with AMS on the ISS show:

i.At energies < 10 GeV, a decrease in the positron fraction with increasing energy.

ii. A steady increase in the positron fraction from 10 to ~250 GeV.

iii. The determination of the behavior of the positron fraction from 250 to 350 GeV and beyond requires more statistics.

iv. The slope of the positron fraction versus energy decreases by an order of magnitude from 20 to 250GeV and no fine structure is observed. The agreement between the data and the model shows that the positron fraction spectrum is consistent with $e^{\pm}$ fluxes each of which is the sum of its diffuse spectrum and a single common power law source.

v. The positron to electron ratio is consistent with isotropy; $\delta \leq 0.036$ at the 95% *C.L.*

These observations show the existence of new physical phenomena, whether from a particle D3 physics or an astrophysical origin.

The excess of antimatter (positrons) has been observed for more than twenty years and has aroused much interest.

AMS is the first experiment to probe in detail the nature of this excess with its high sensitivity and precision.

We have observed many new phenomena in this positron spectrum. Soon, the origin of this excess will be understood.

It is very difficult in accelerators to do a 1% accuracy experiment. To do so in space is extremely challenging. It is the effort of the entire AMS collaboration with the support of NASA and CERN which is making this possible.