

# Antiproton Flux and Properties of Cosmic Rays Elementary Particles with AMS

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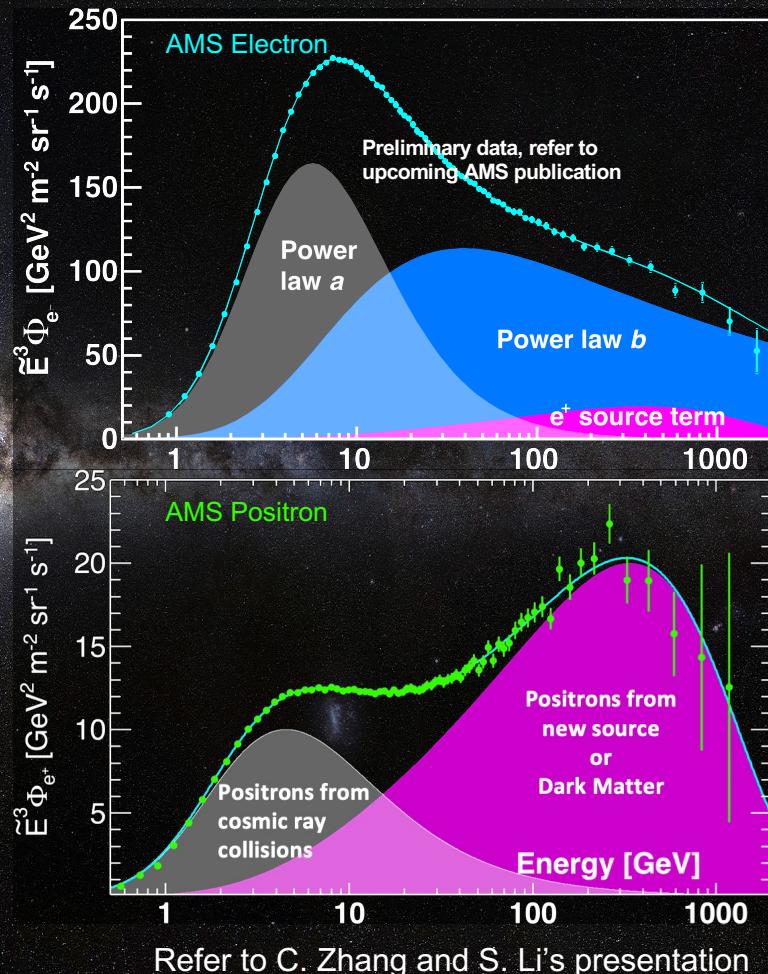
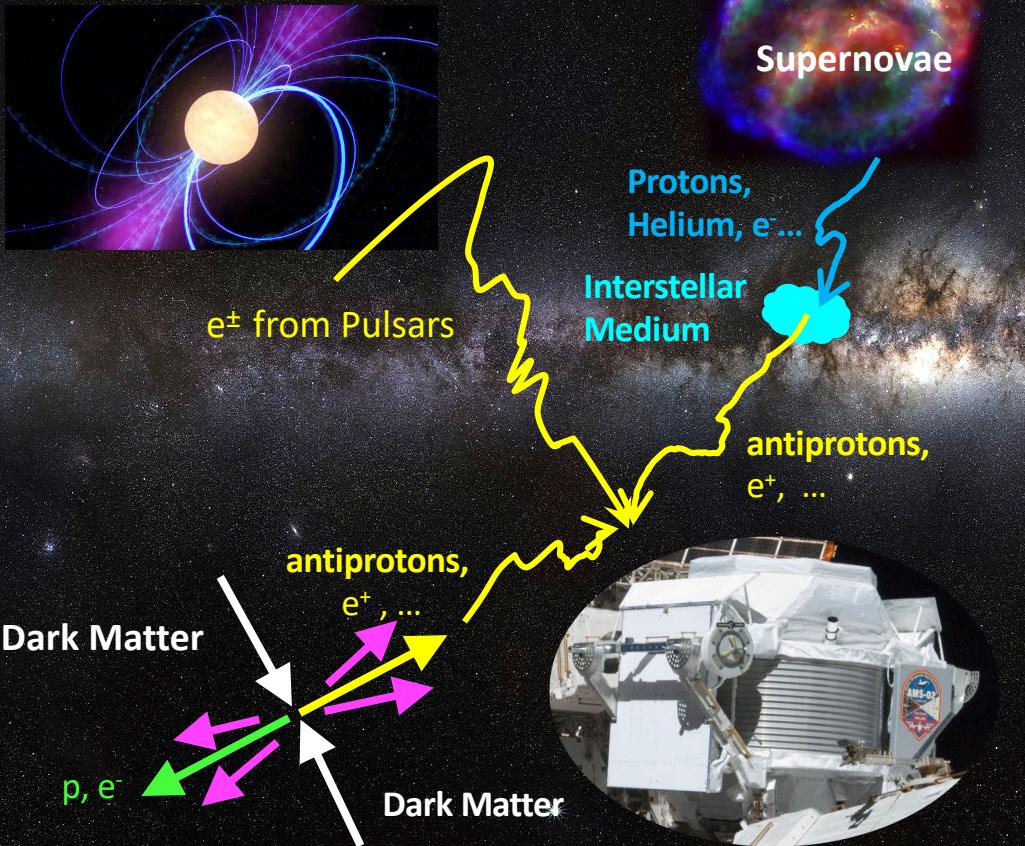
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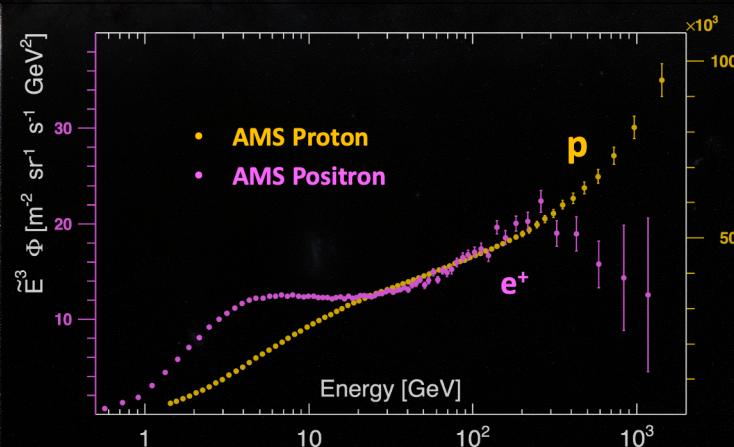
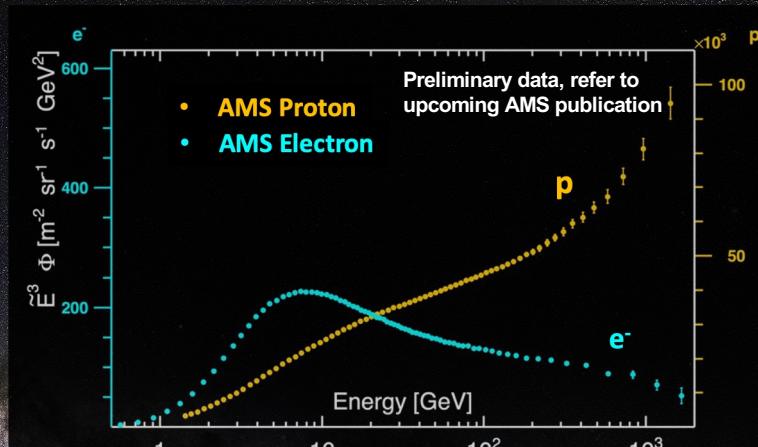
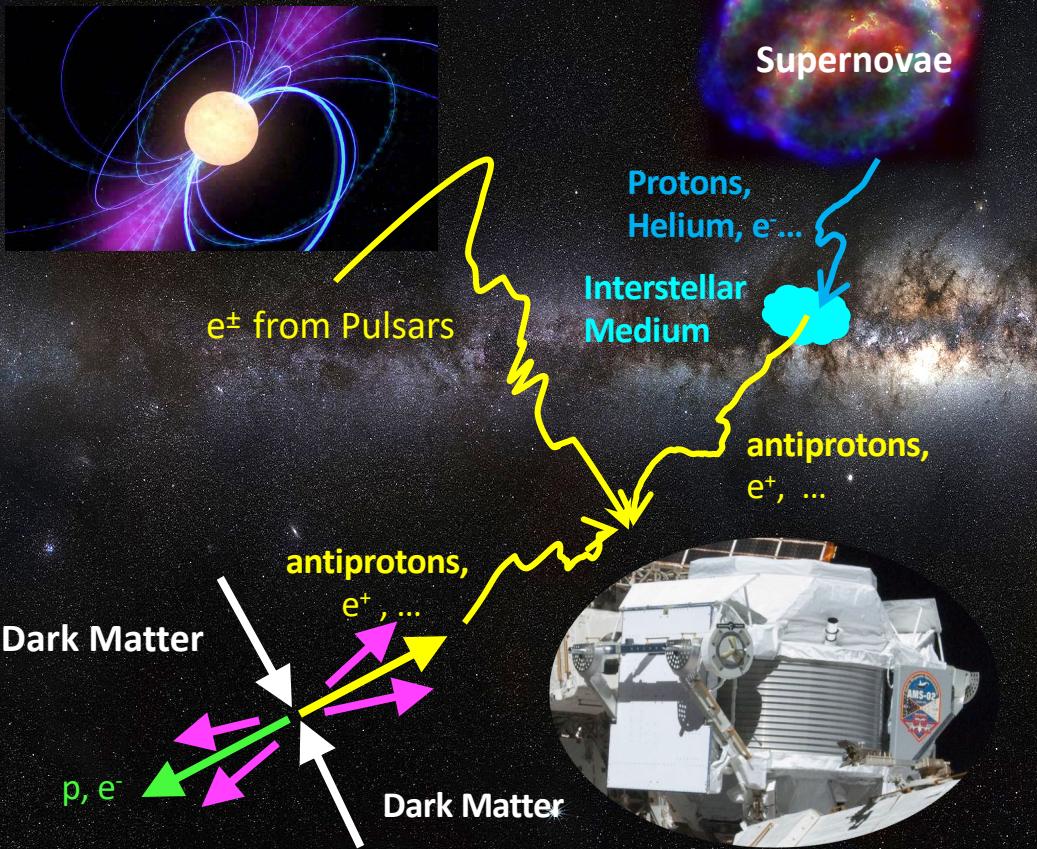


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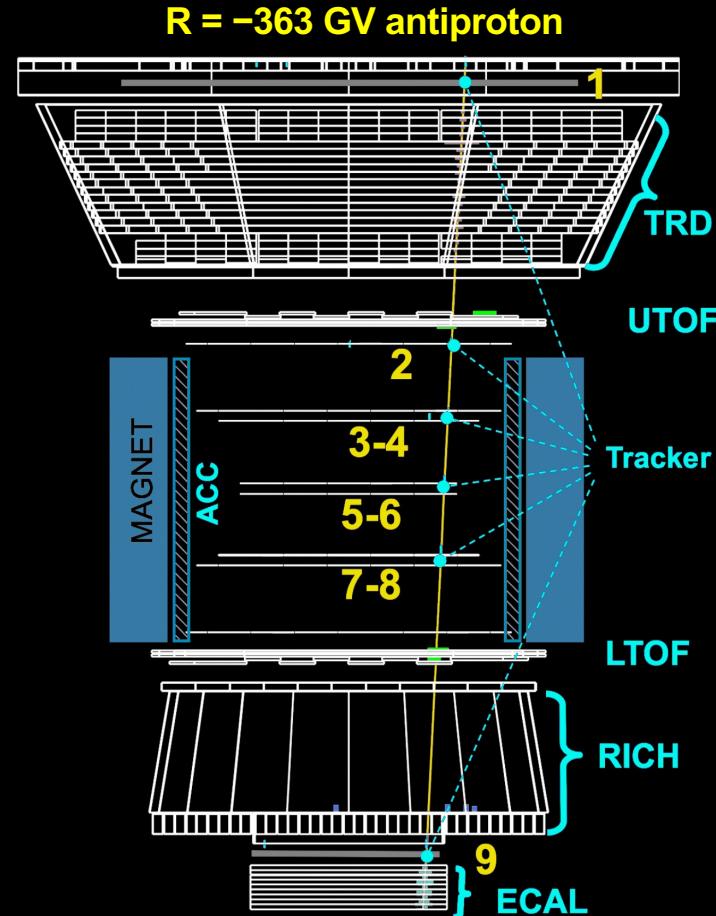


# Antiproton Measurements with AMS

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

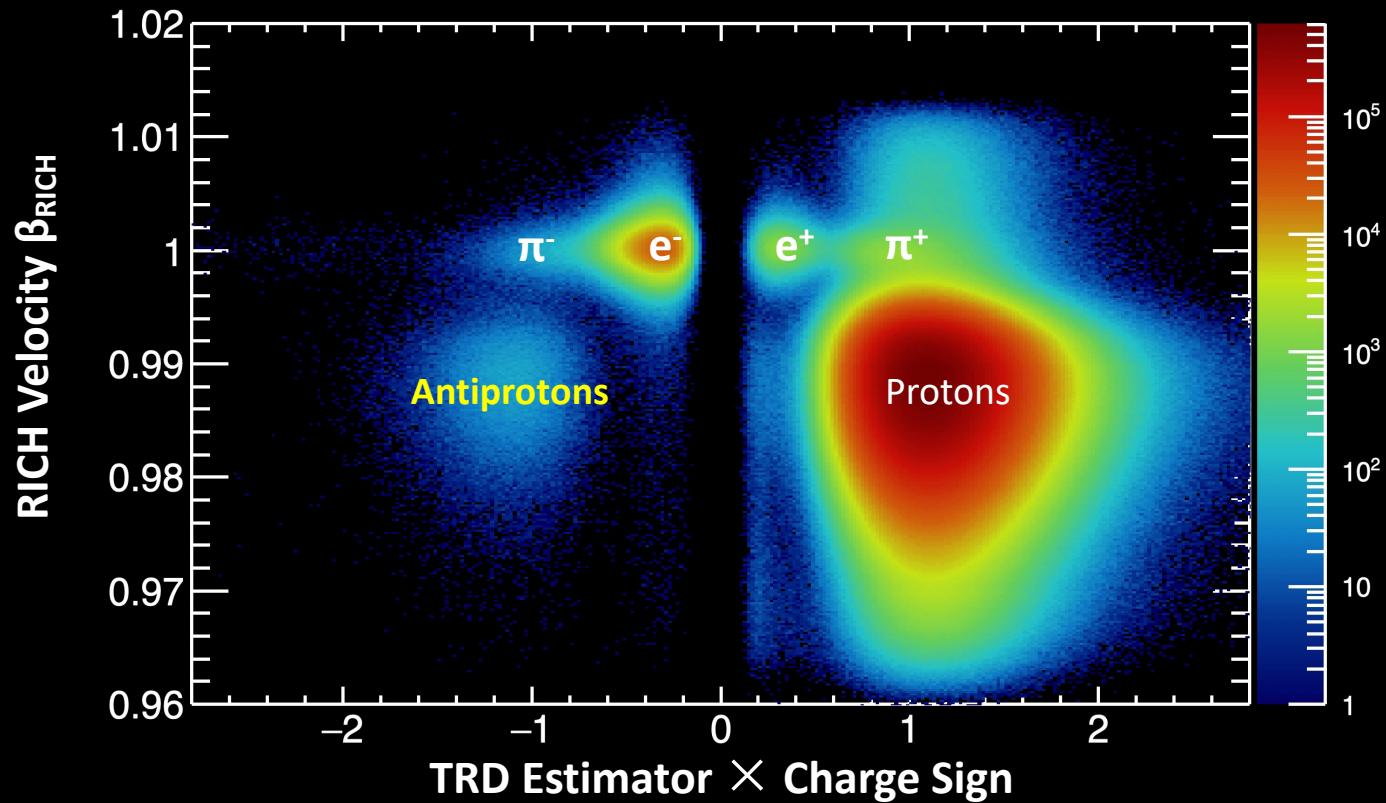
A percent precision experiment requires background rejection close to 1 in a million

- 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

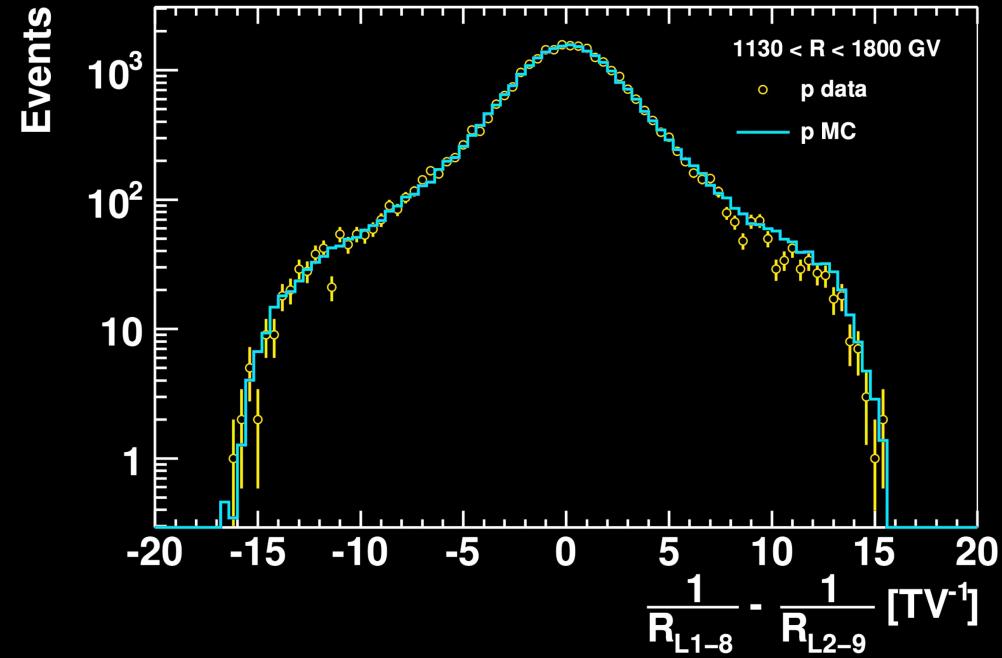
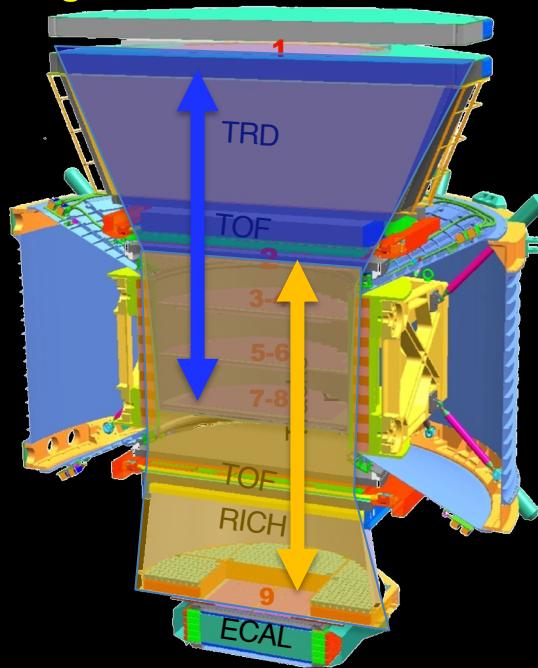
Example: Data Sample composition in  $|{\text{Rigidity}}|=6 \text{ GV}$



# Antiproton Analysis Overview

- **High Rigidity [16, 525] GV**

- Background from electron and proton charge confusion.
- Use TRD and ECAL to identify electrons.
- **Proton charge confusion is the most important background.**
- **Unique Feature of AMS: Use cosmic ray to verify detector performance beyond test beam energies.**

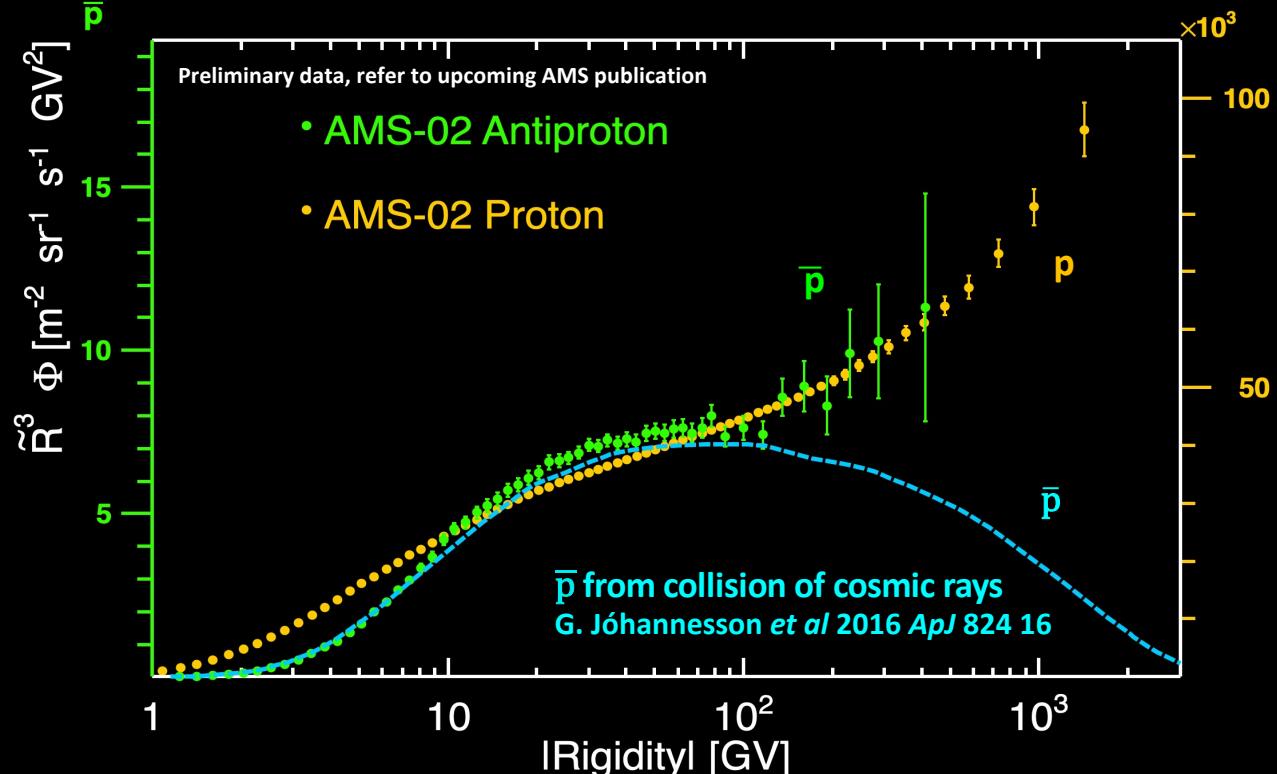


# Precision study of the properties of antiproton flux

To date, AMS has identified over 1.1 million antiprotons from 1 to 525 GV

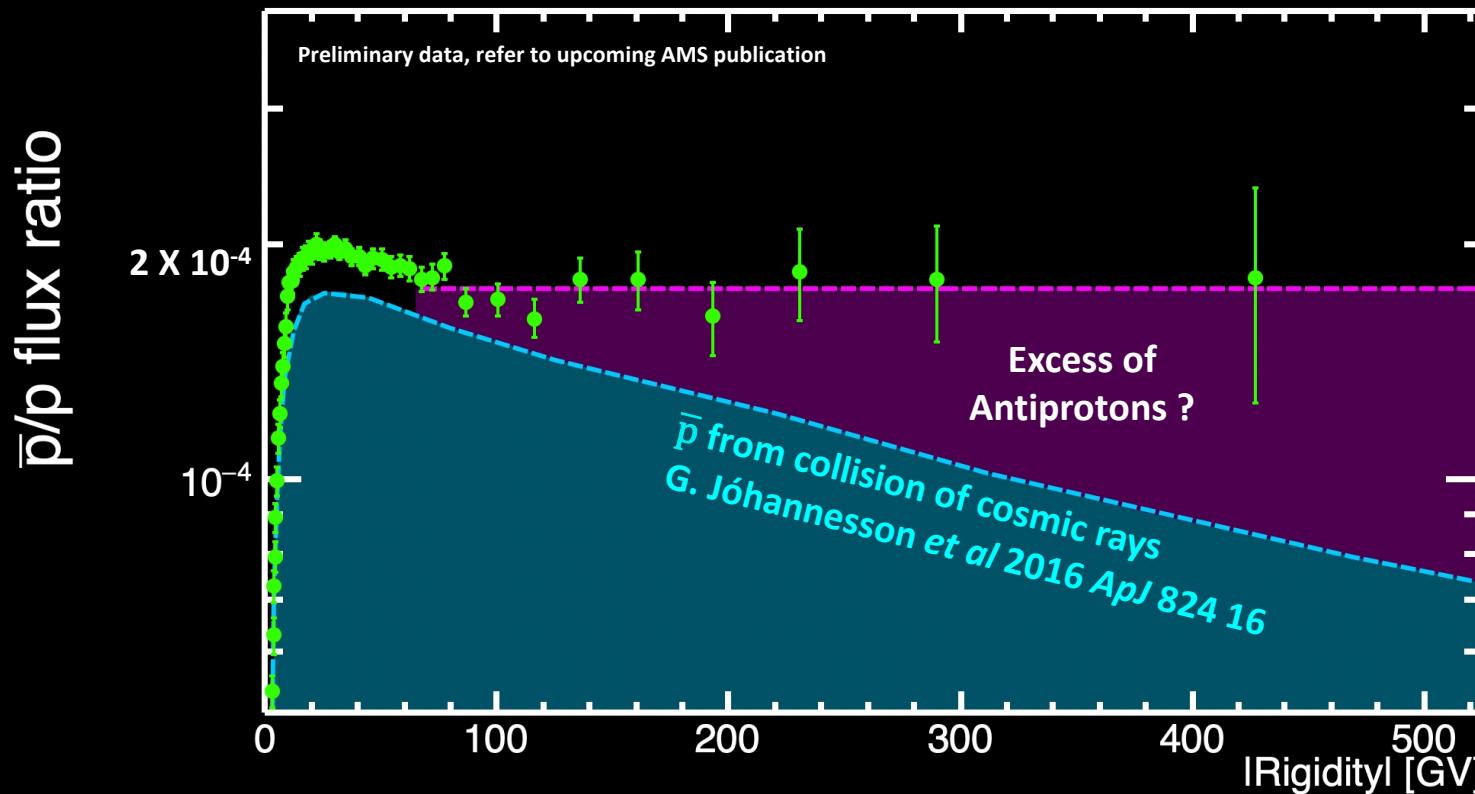
AMS measurements show that  $p$  and  $\bar{p}$  have identical rigidity dependence

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



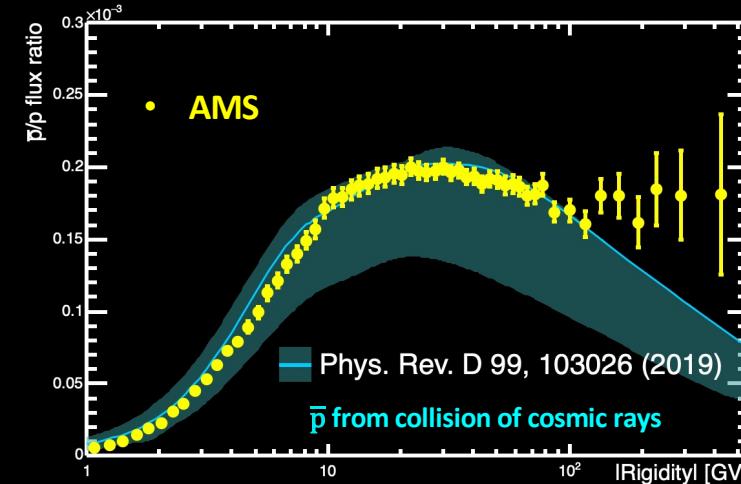
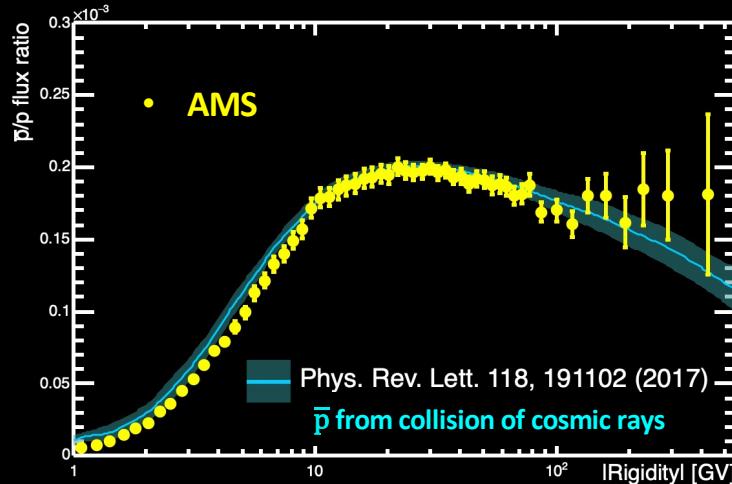
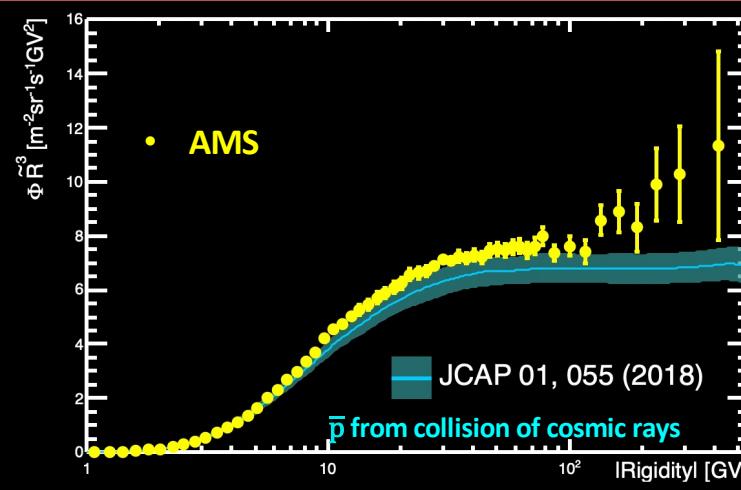
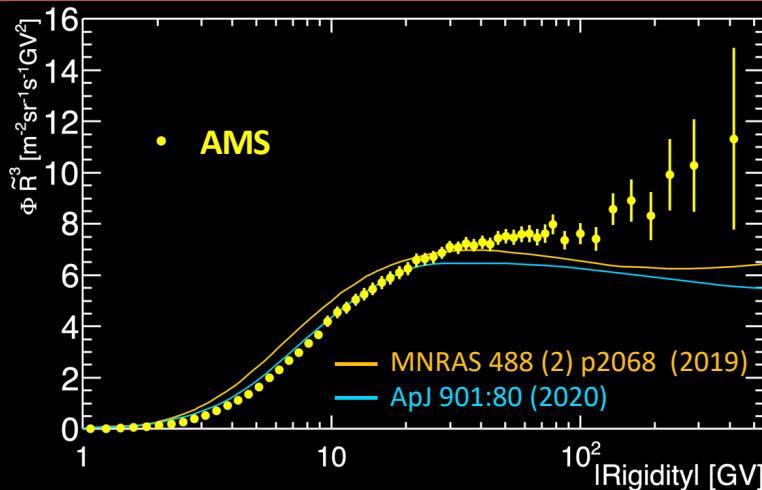
# A sample of recent papers on AMS antiproton data

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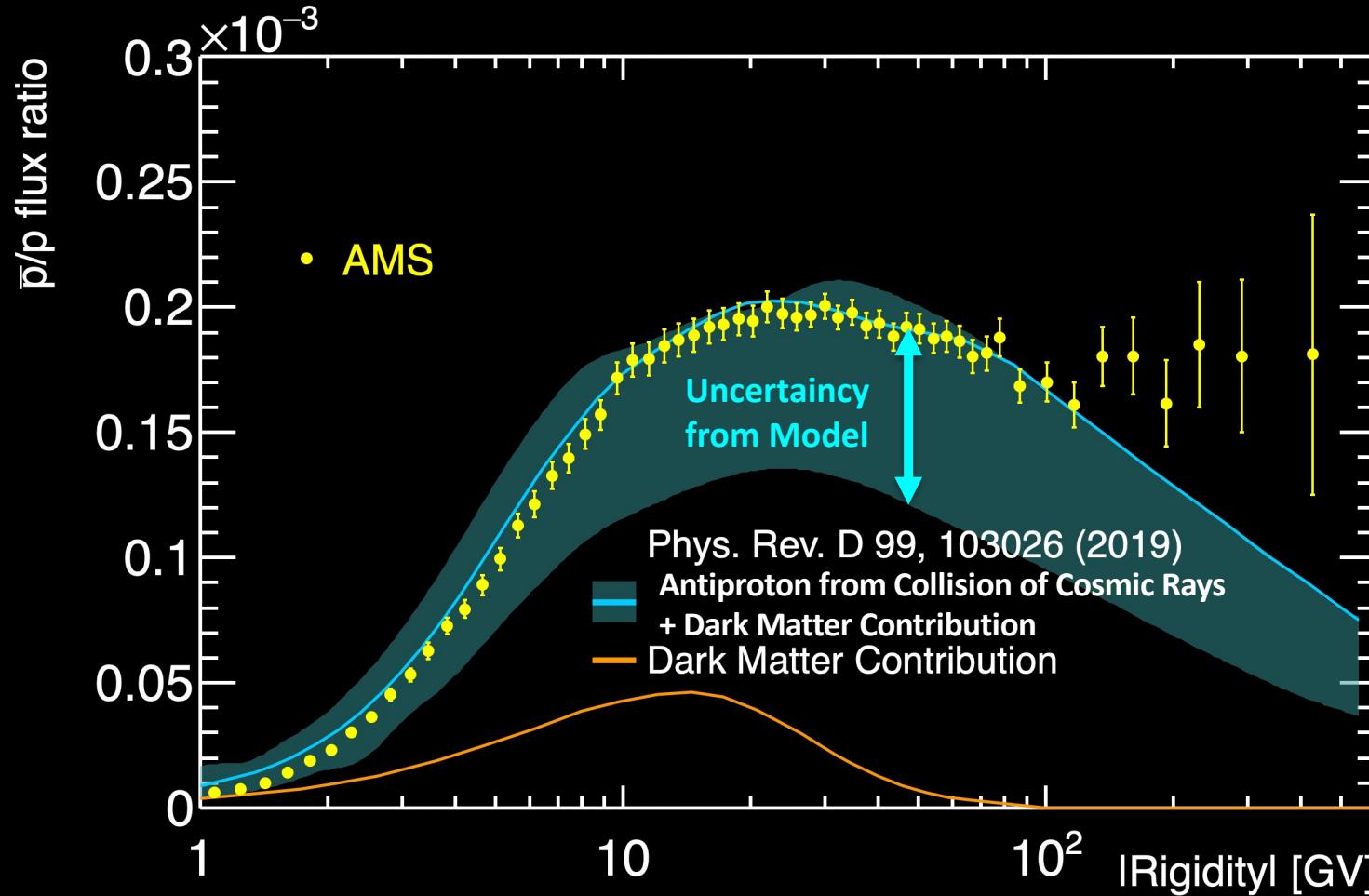
Antiproton  
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## Example: AMS Antiproton Results compared with Cosmic Ray Models Based on AMS Data

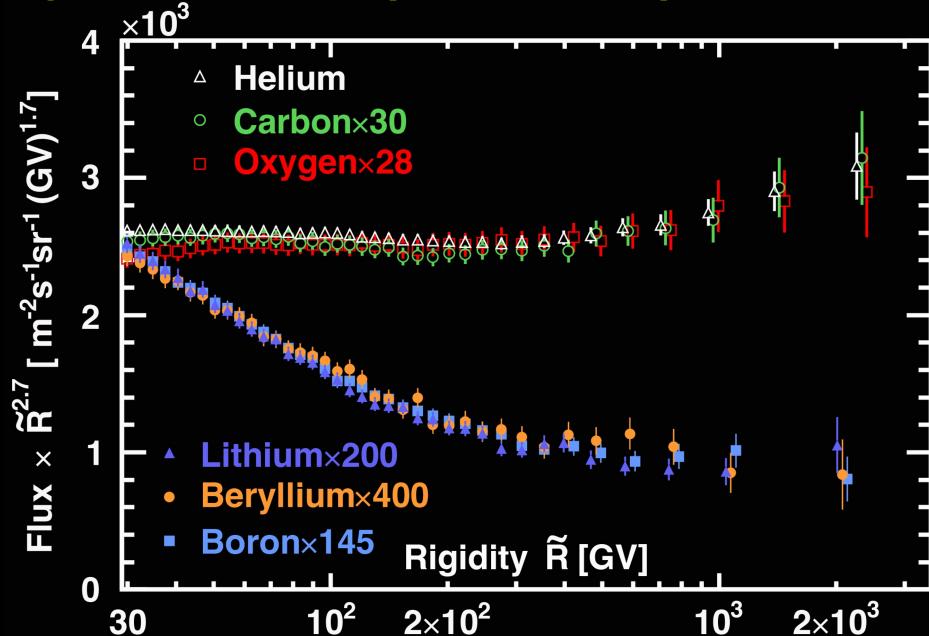
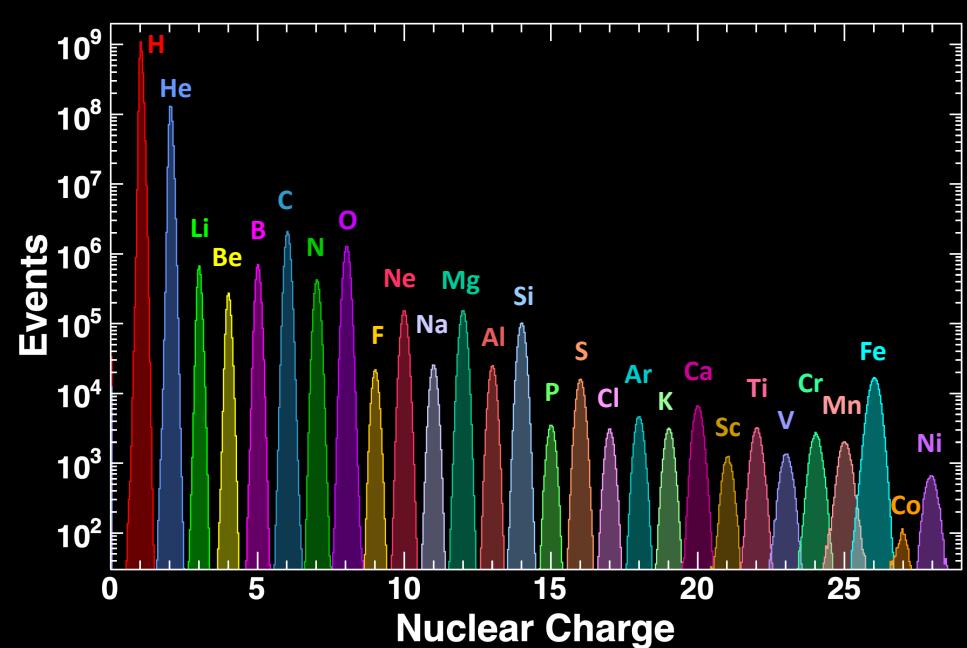


## Example: AMS Antiproton Results Compared with Low Mass Dark Matter Model



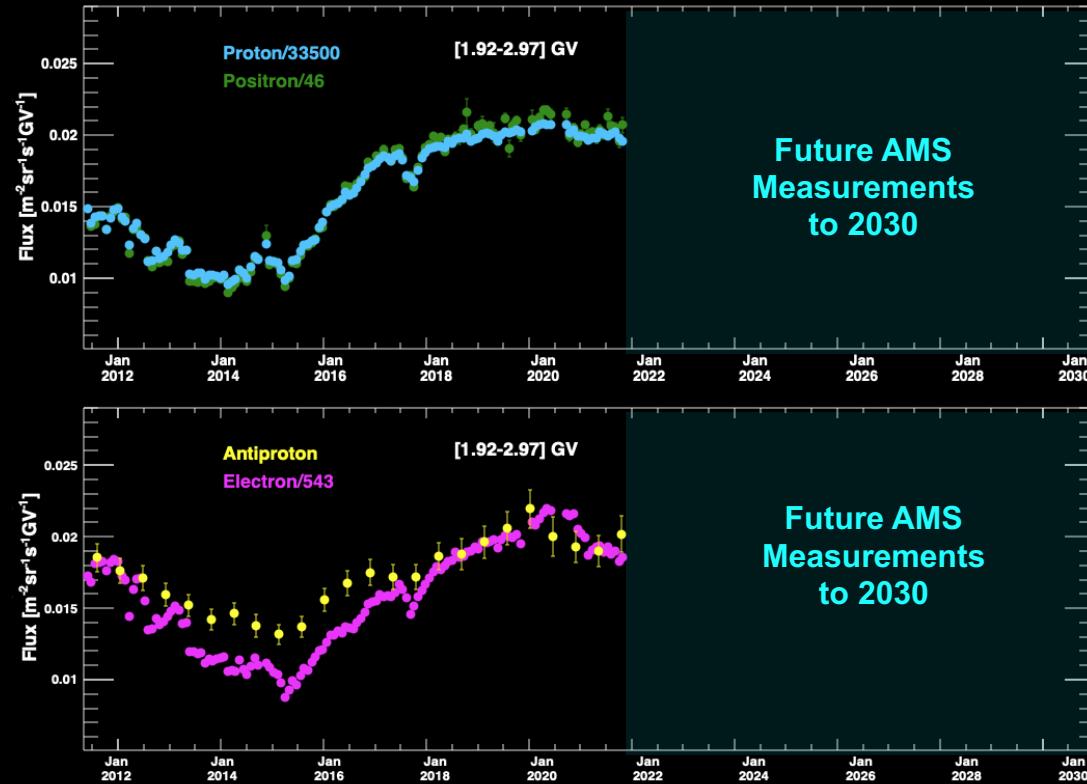
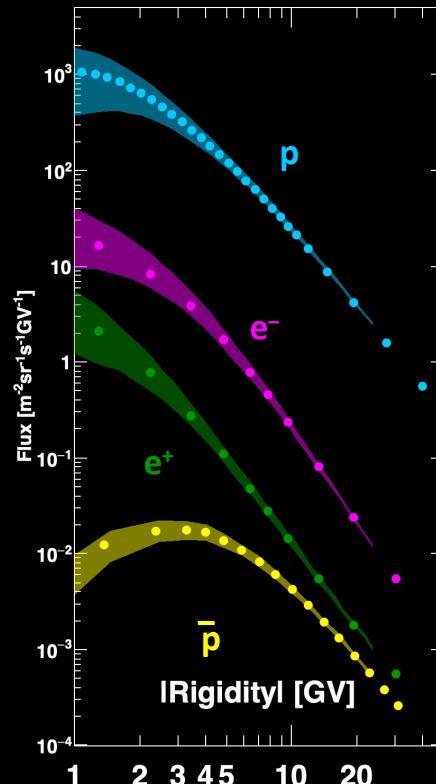
# Understanding Antiprotons with AMS Measurements

Precision AMS measurement continues to provide a complete and accurate spectrum for the all cosmic ray nuclei and provide the foundation for a comprehensive theory of cosmic rays.



# Understanding Antiprotons with AMS Measurements

For the first time, the time dependence of 4 elementary ( $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ,  $p$ ,  $\bar{p}$ , ...) are studied in detailed with the same experiment in a long duration

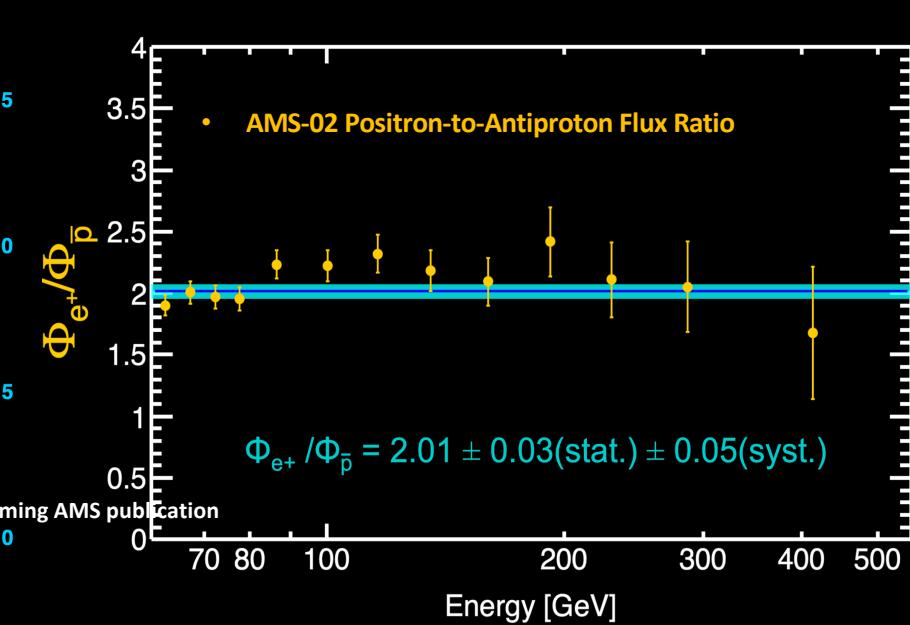
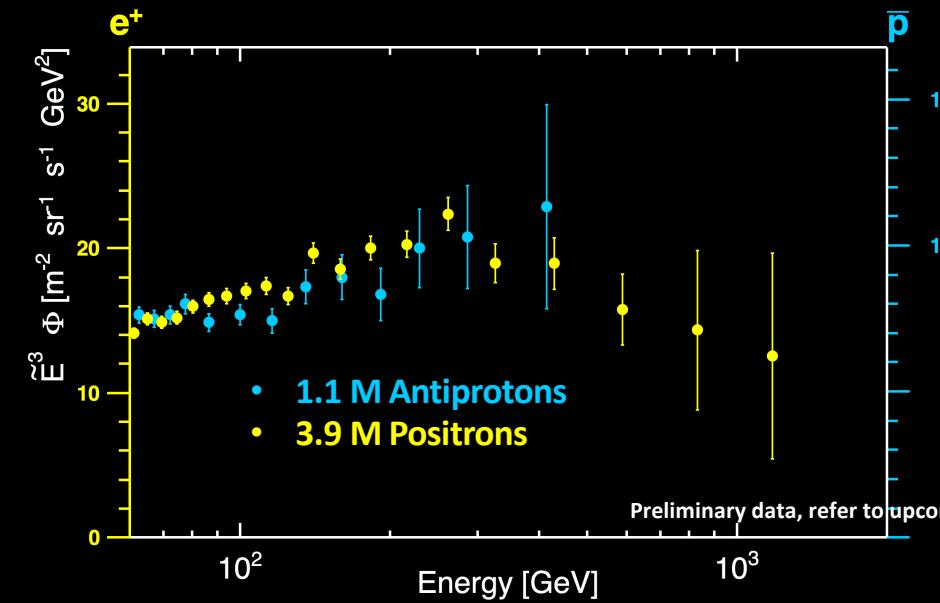


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## Unique Observation from AMS:

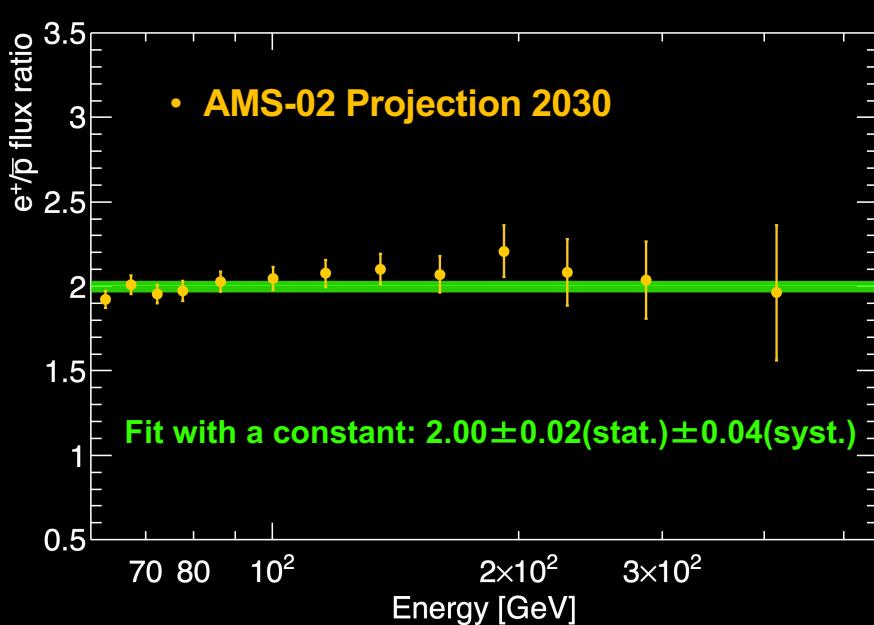
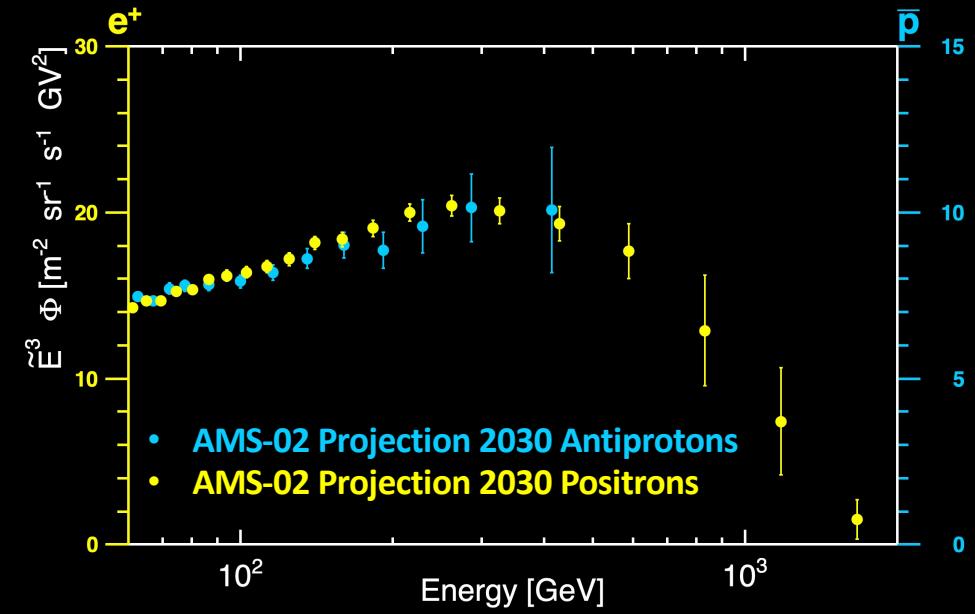
Positron and Antiproton have nearly identical energy dependence

The positron-to-antiproton flux ratio is independent of energy.



Antiprotons cannot come from pulsars

# Future Measurement of Antiproton and Positrons with AMS Upgrade



AMS will greatly improve the accuracy of the measurement. The identical behaviour of high energy positrons and antiprotons could shed light on their origin

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

**AMS will provide unique dataset for understanding of the origin  
of antiparticles in cosmic rays**

