

# Galactic cosmic-ray (GCR) propagation and nuclear production cross sections

- 1) GCR propagation in brief
- 2) Production XS in the AMS02 era
- 3) GCR perspective for NA61/SHINE



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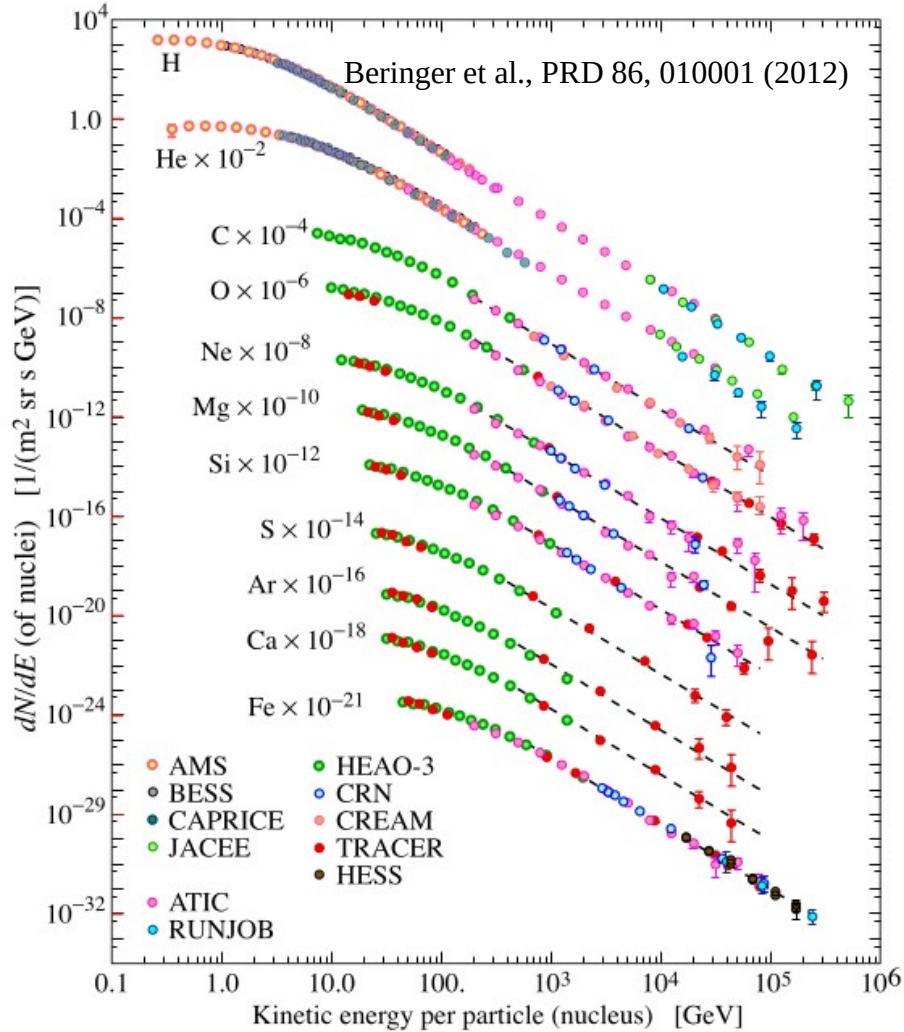


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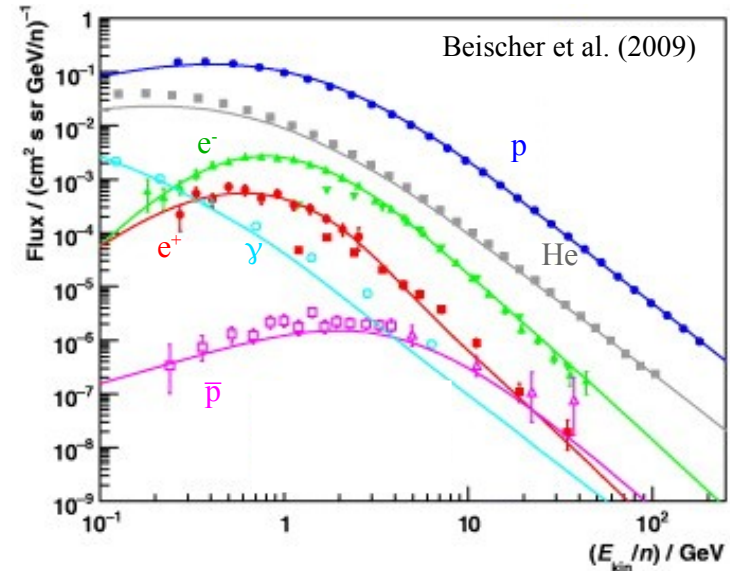
# 1) Introduction: Galactic CR data ( $E \sim 10^8 - 10^{15}$ eV)

## Elemental spectra



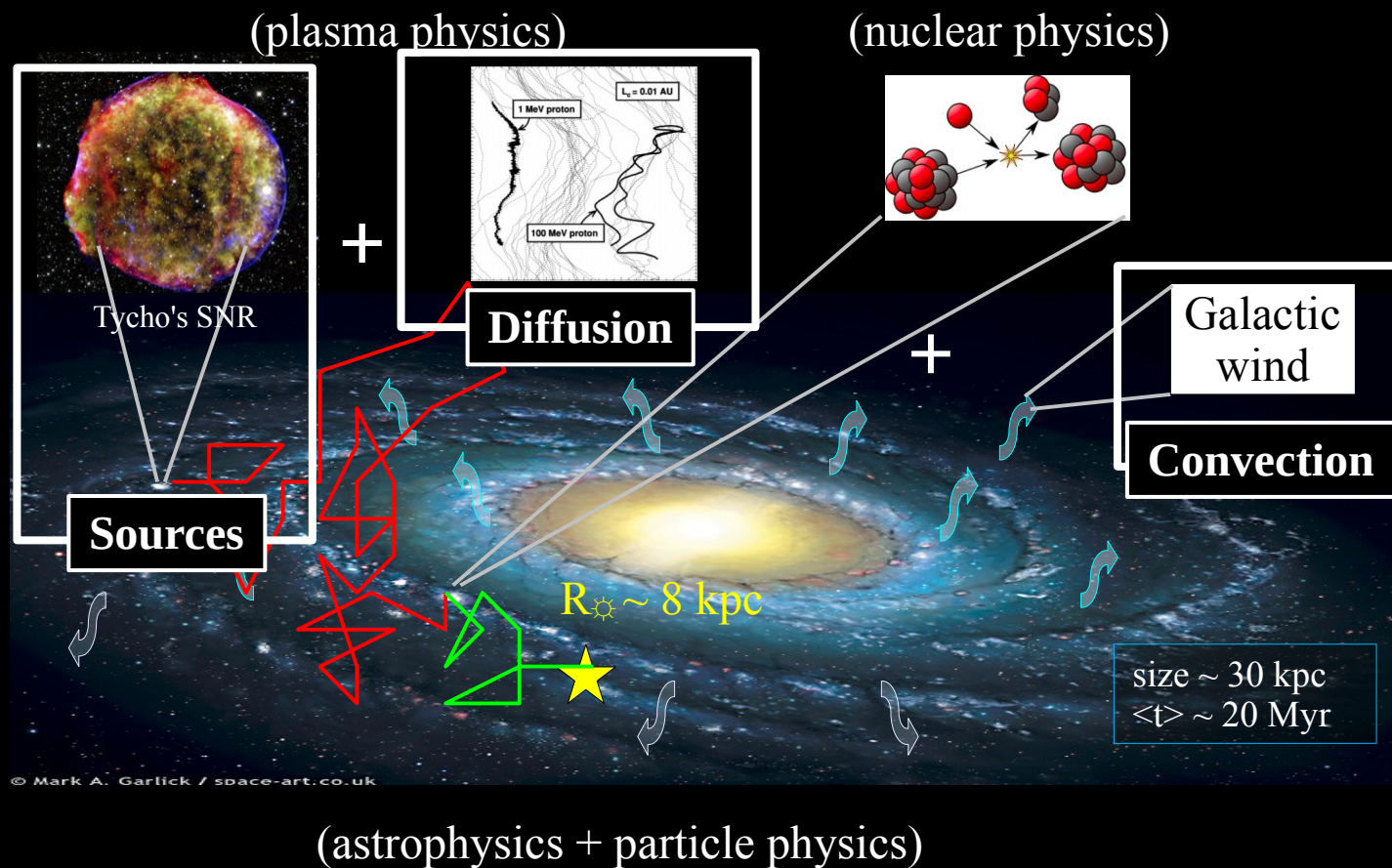
- Origin of quasi-universal power law ( $E^{-2.8}$ )?
- Maximum energy of Galactic sources?
- Abundances of elements and isotopes?
- Patterns in small-scale anisotropies ( $\delta < 10^{-3}$ )

## Protons and He vs diffuse $\gamma$ -rays, $p\bar{p}$ , $e^-$ and $e^+$



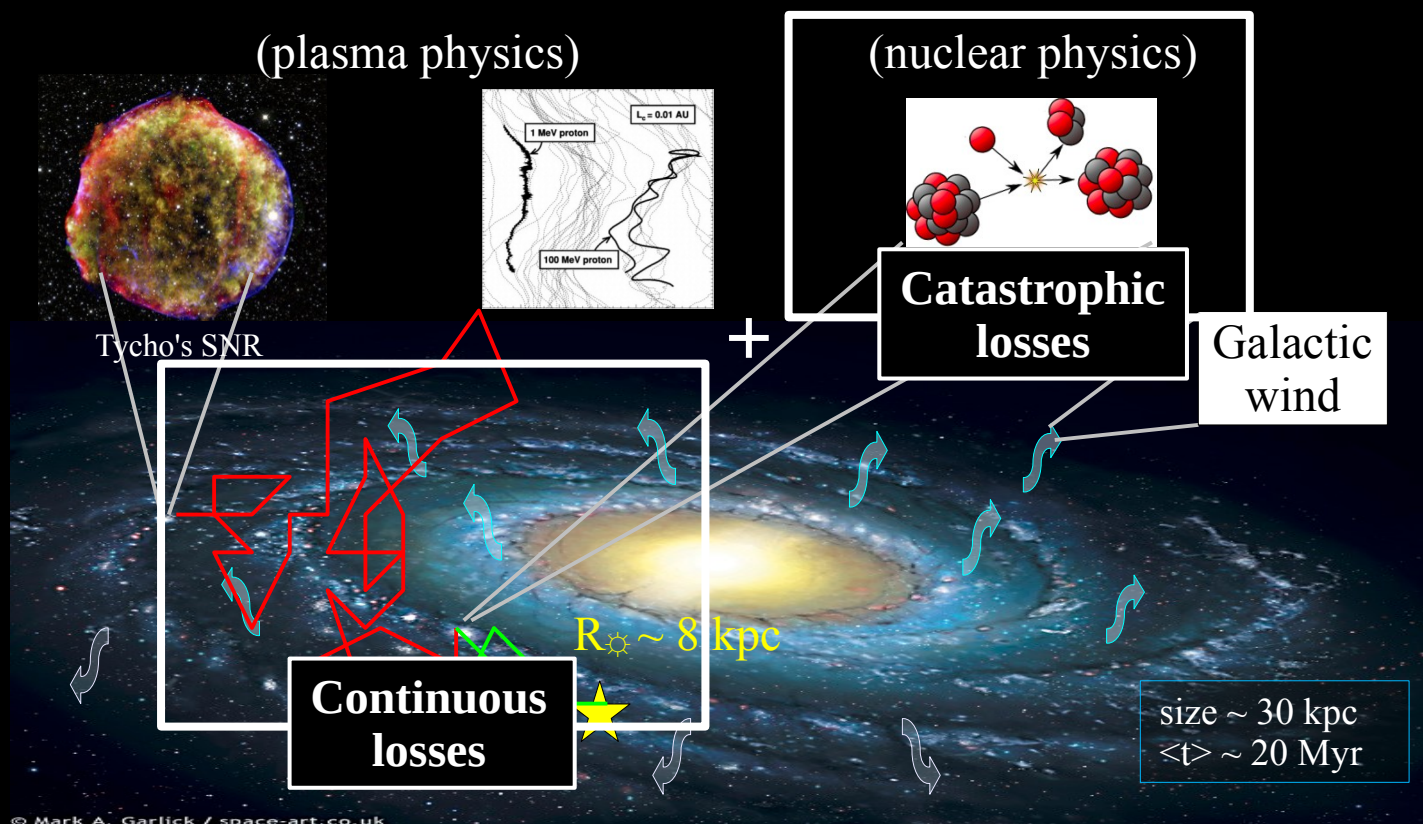
- N.B.: rare CRs produced by H, He + ISM
- How well do we know the astro. production?
  - Are there primary sources?
  - Is it a good place to look for dark matter?

# 1) Introduction: transport parameters



Source term and transport parameters (diffusion, convection, reacceleration)  
→ “Free” parameters to determine from GCR data

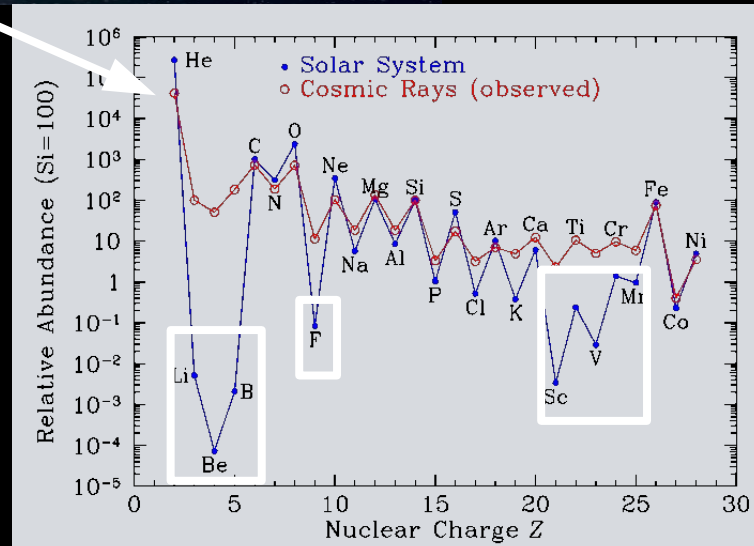
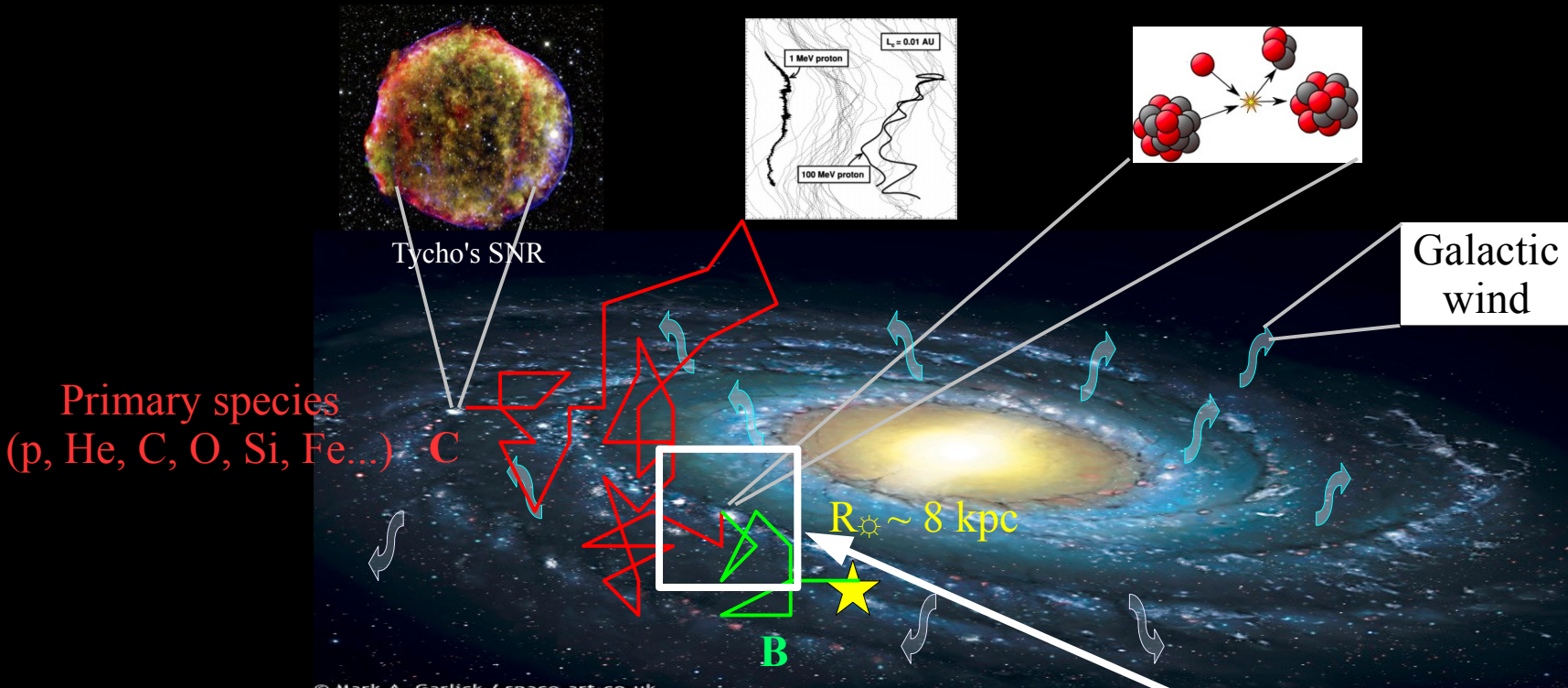
# 1) Introduction: input ingredients



Continuous and catastrophic losses  
→ “Input” ingredients of the GCR calculation  
N.B.: large uncertainties on production cross sections

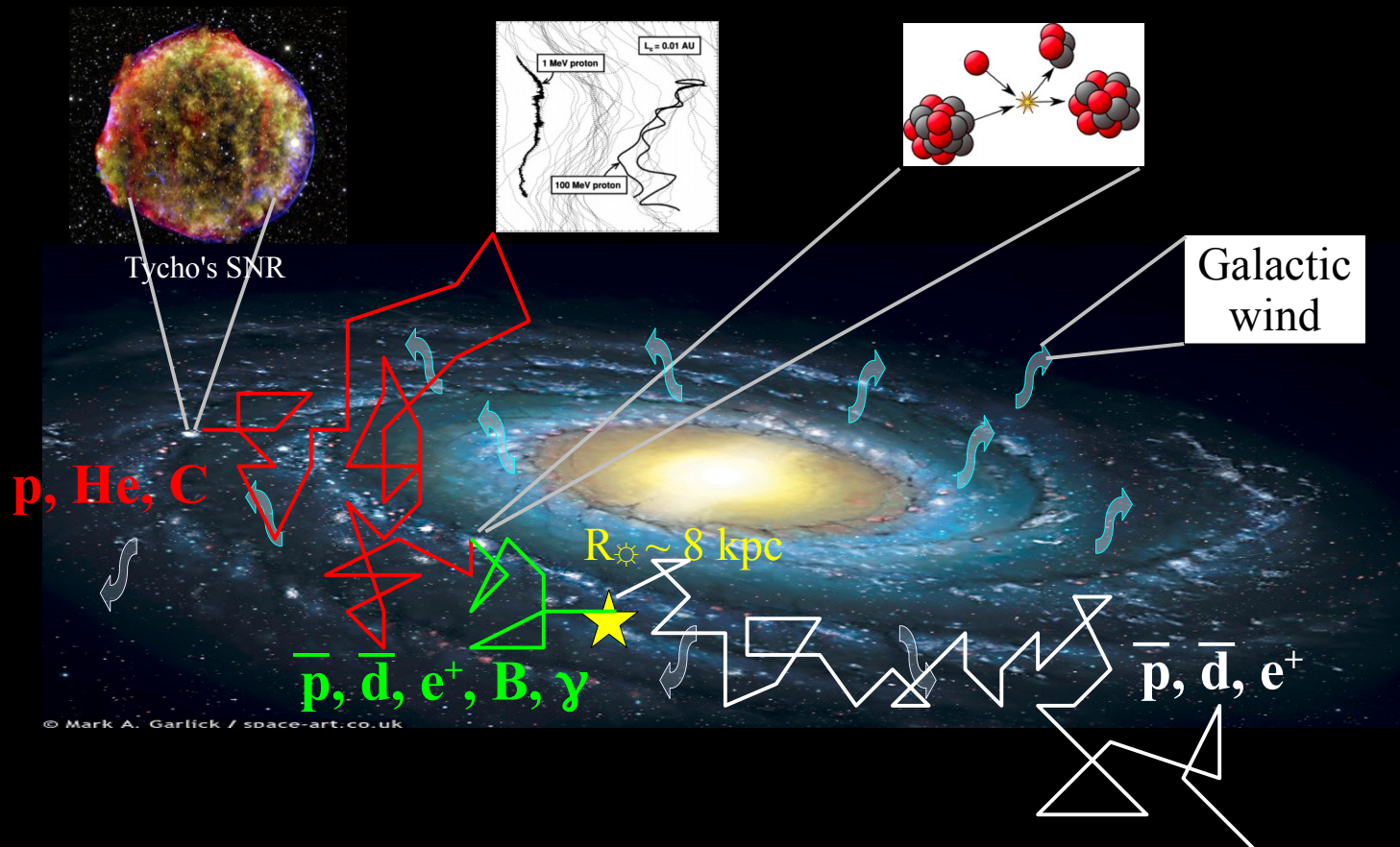


# 1) Introduction: secondary species from production XS



→ Secondary-to-primary ratios constrain the transport parameters  
→ **Production XS required (to calculate secondary species)**

# 1) Introduction: XS key ingredient for many studies...



## Production XS for nuclei needed for:

- Astrophysical interpretation of GCRs
- Astrophysical background calculation for anti-nuclei, positrons, gamma-rays, neutrinos

**Dark-matter induced**  
(from dark matter halo,  
 $\sim 300 \text{ kpc}$ )

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## 2) AMS-02

**Installed on ISS in May 2011**

- Circular orbit, 400 km, 51.6°
- Continuous operation 24/7
- Average rate ~700 Hz (60 millions particles/day)

**More than 200 billion events so far!**

N.B.: access “all” CR data via **CRDB**  
DM et al. (2014, 2020)  
<https://lpsc.in2p3.fr/crdb/>

**A game-changing experiment**  
→ high precision data  
→ anomalies detected in spectra



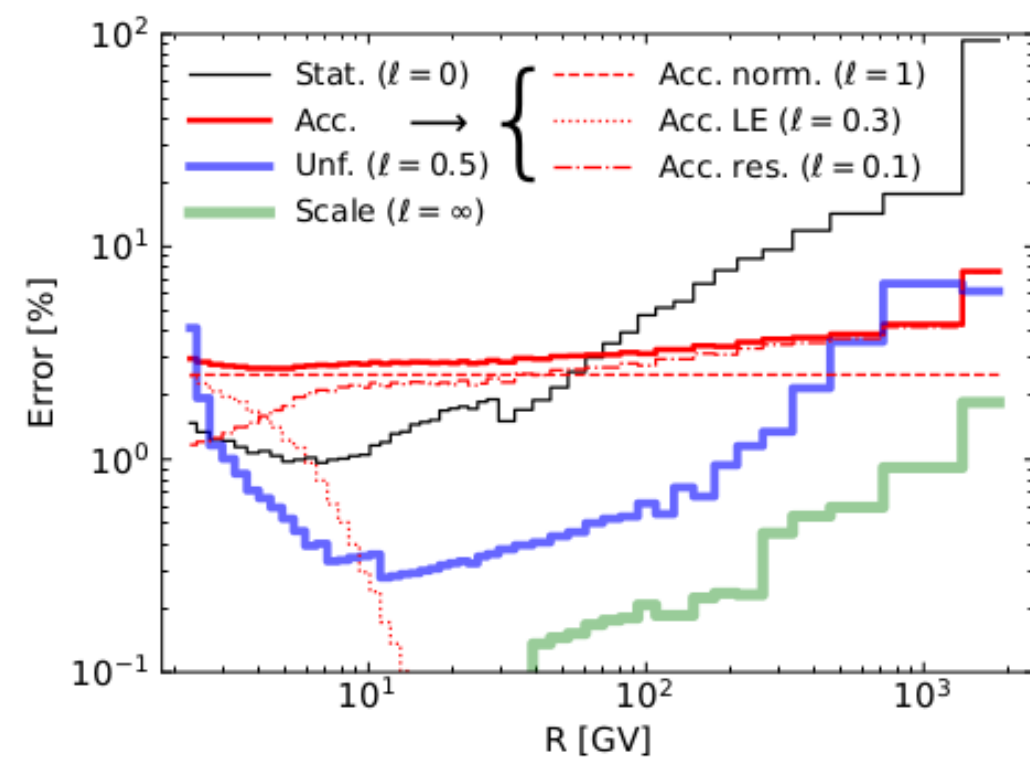
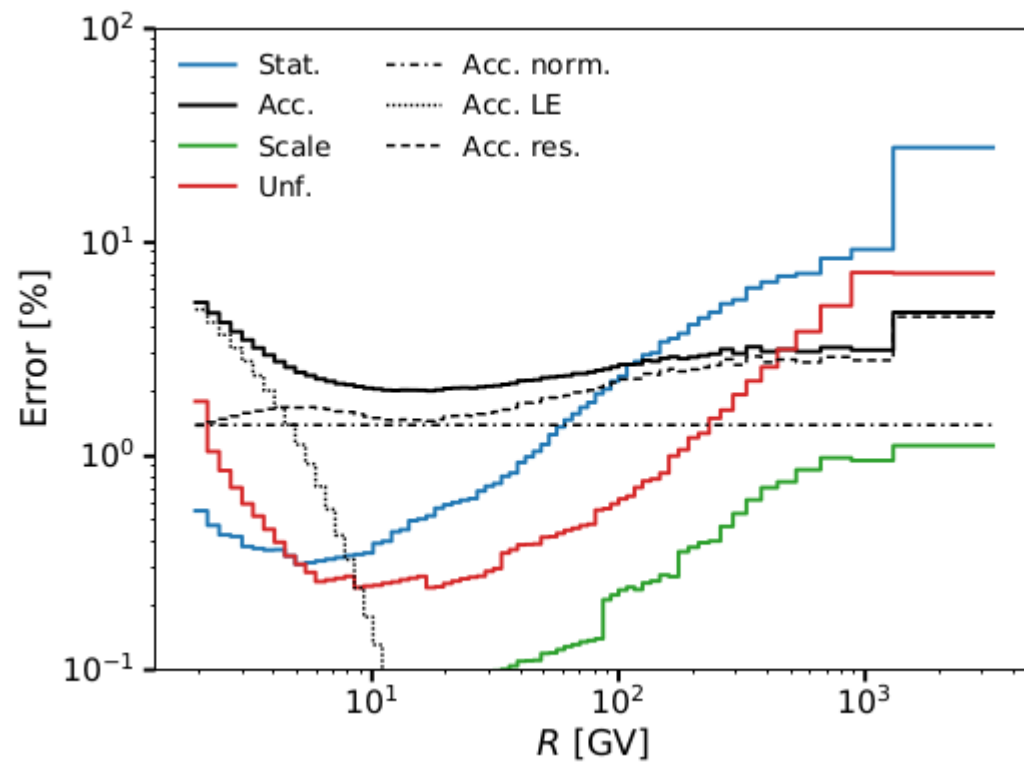


## 2) AMS-02 data: systematics-dominated ( $\sim 3\%$ at best)

### AMS-02 data uncertainties (Aguilar et al.)

B/C

F/Si



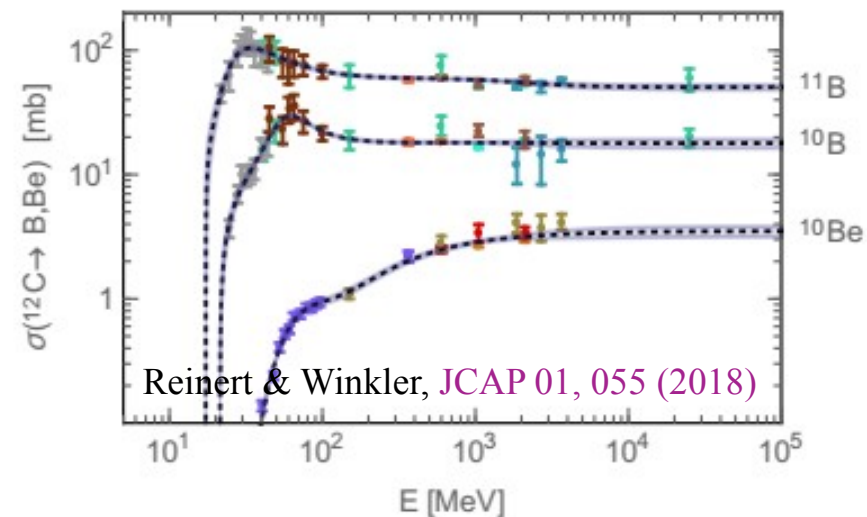
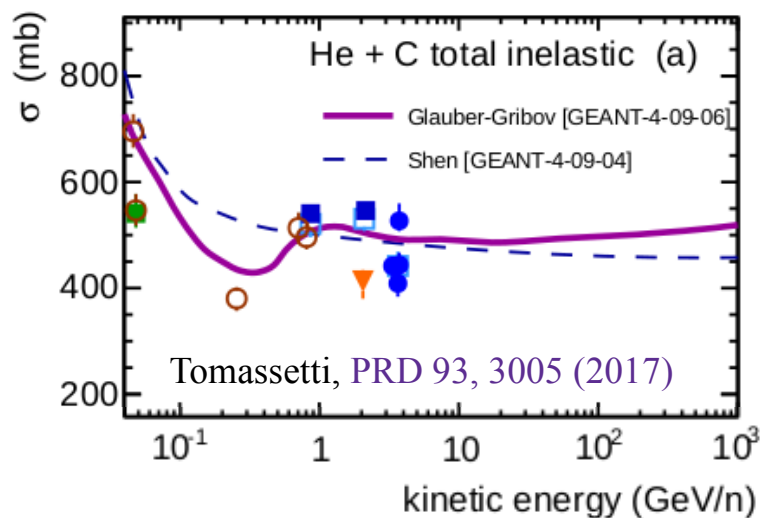
N.B.: dominated by statistical uncertainties above  $\sim 100$  GV

# 2) Uncertainties on XS

**Reaction cross sections**  
(CR destruction)

**Production cross sections**  
(creation of secondary species)

**on targets**  
(ISM = 90% H+10% He)



Uncertainties  $\sim$  5-10% (on H)  
 $\rightarrow$  **mostly OK in AMS02 era**

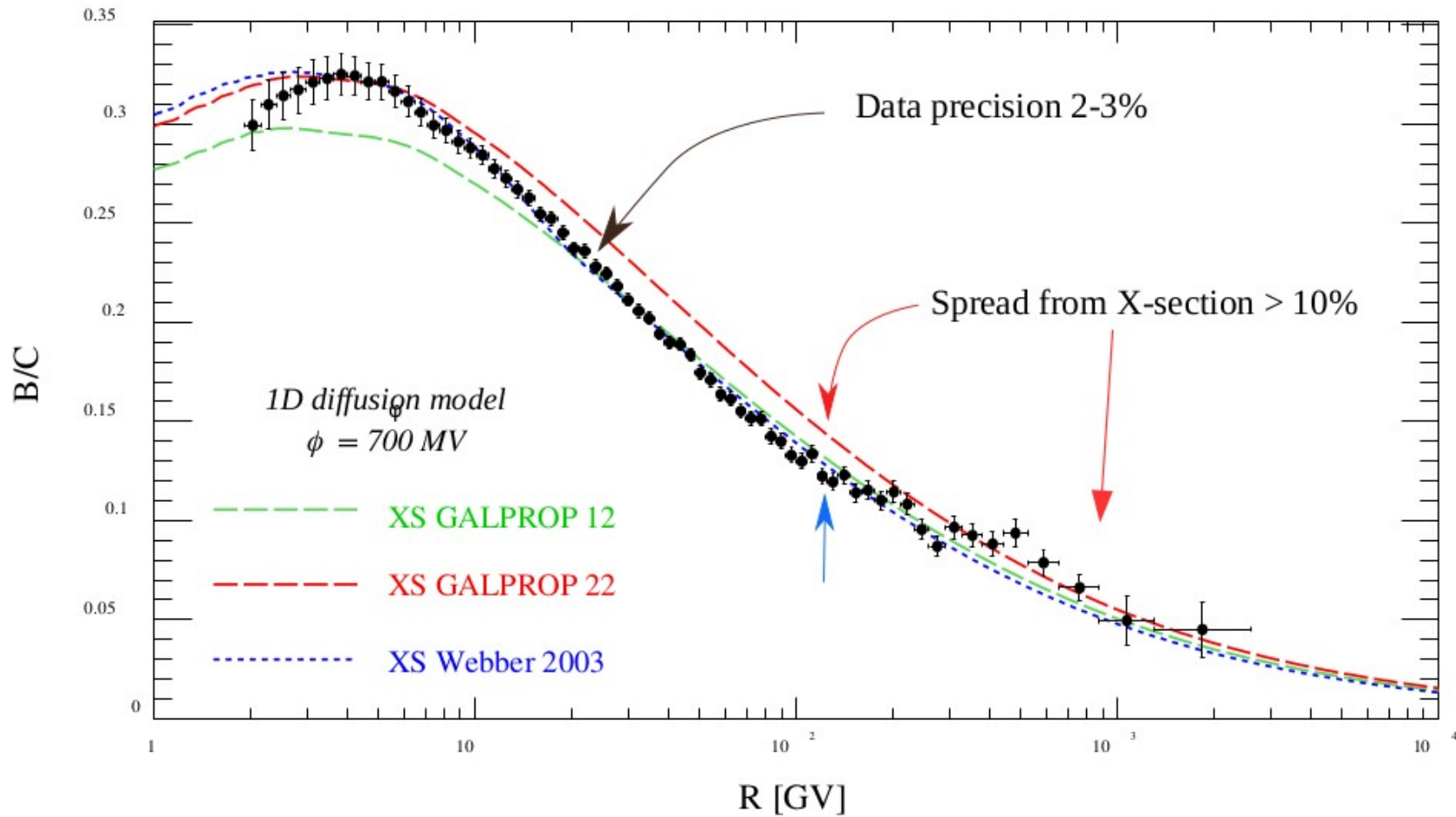
Uncertainties  $\sim$  10-20% (on H)  
 $\rightarrow$  **big issue in AMS02 era!**

## 2) Uncertainties on GCRs from production XS

Systematics from XS dominate over data CR uncertainties

(e.g., DM, Putze, and Derome, *A&A* 516, 67 (2010))

**Fixed propagation setup**



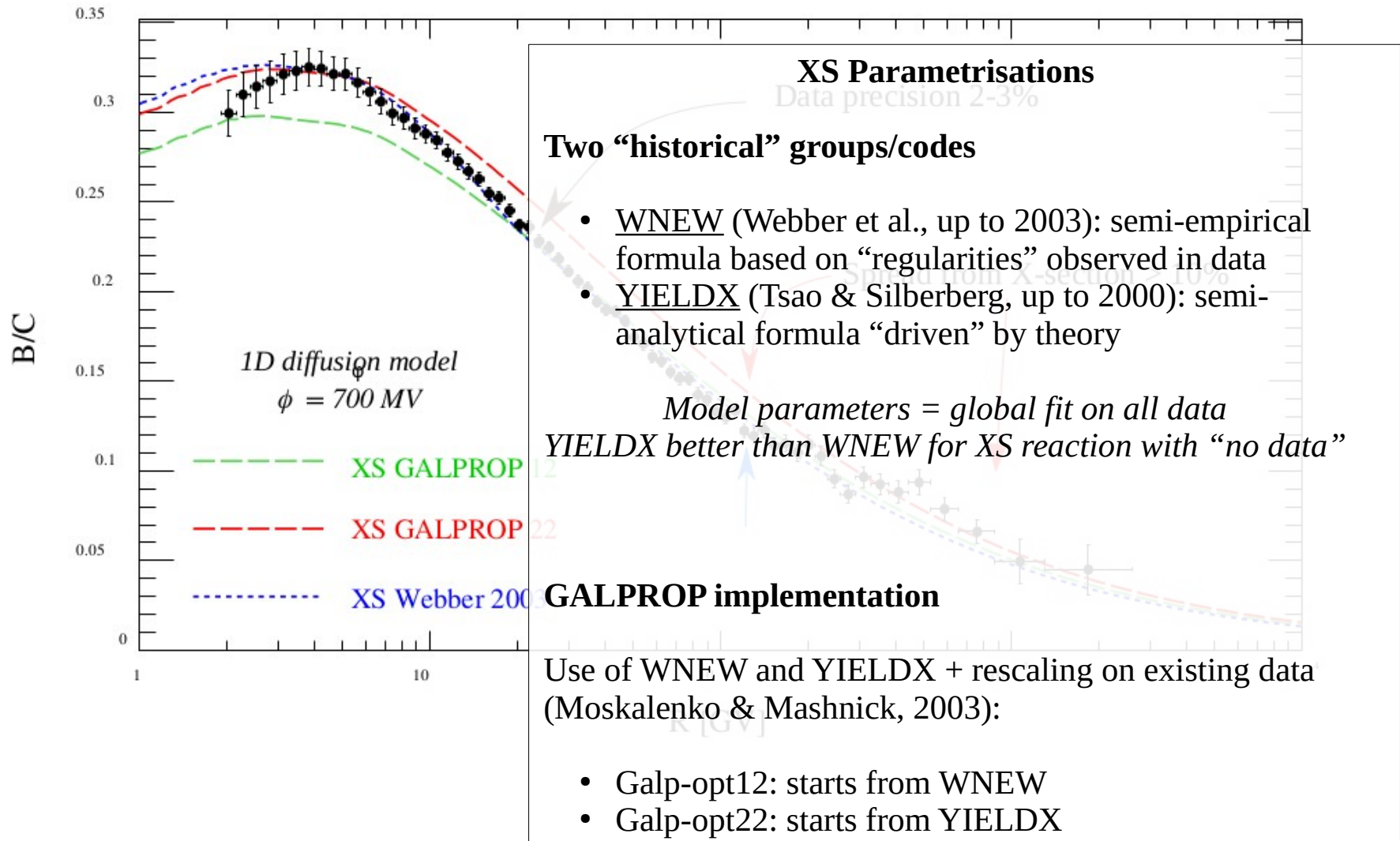


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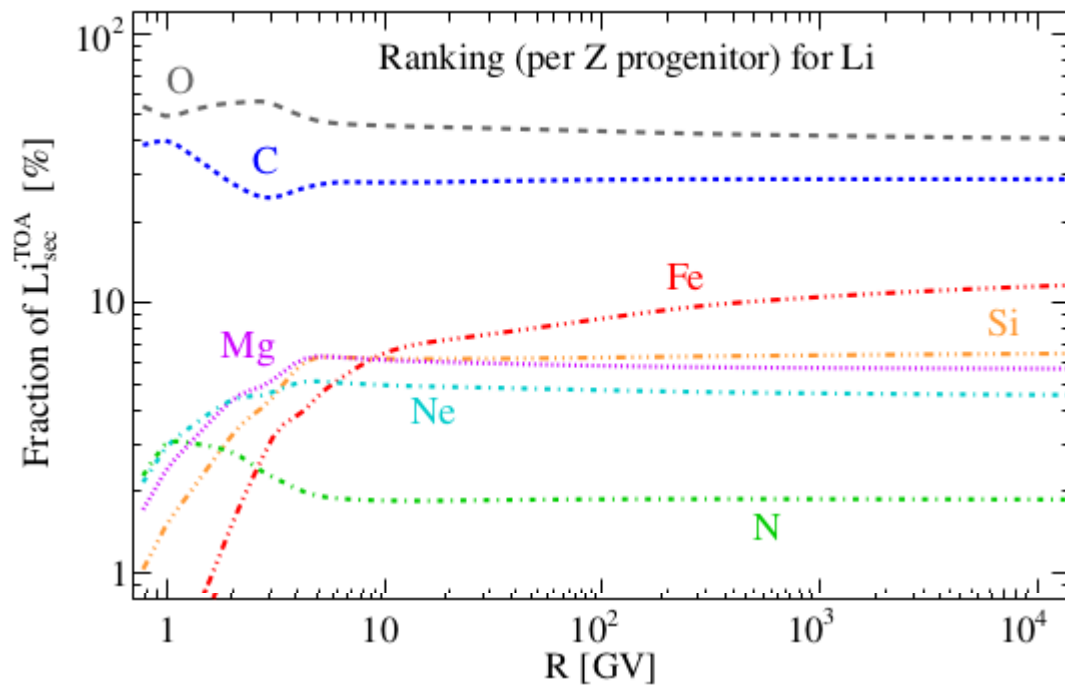
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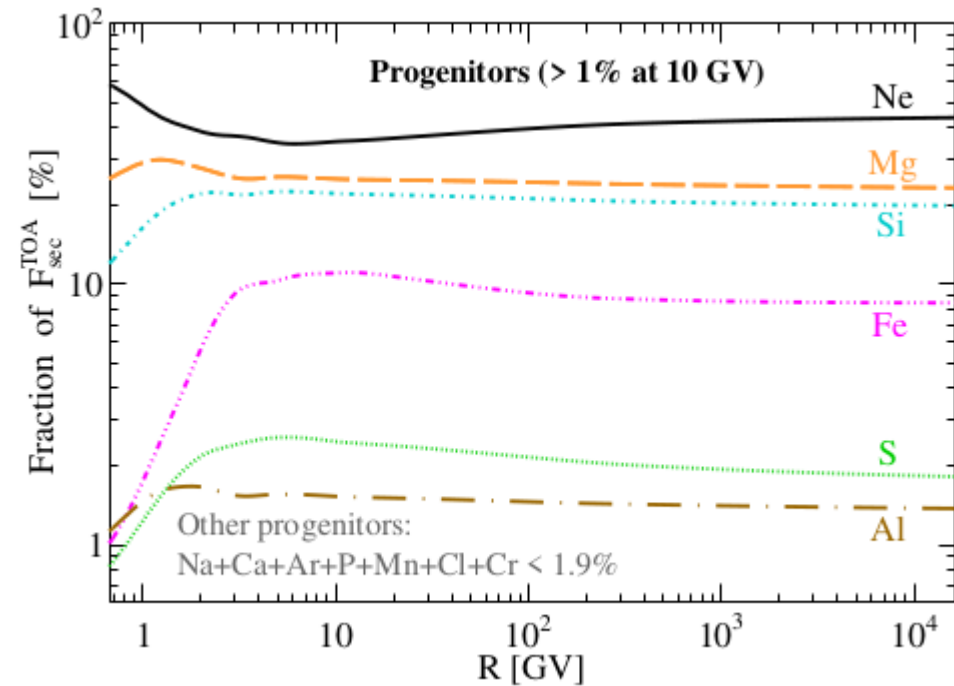


## 2) Which GCR progenitors (projectiles)?

**Lithium**  
DM et al. (2022)



**Fluorine**  
Ferronato Bueno et al. (2022)



→ Main projectiles (for LiBeB and F): C, N, O, Ne, Mg, Si, Fe

**but**

*Network of ~1000 reactions:*

- Top 10 reactions make ~80% of flux
- Next 100 reactions makes ~15% of flux
- The rest makes up to ~5% of flux

*Nuclear data coverage*

- Most important reactions have data (but some only 1 point!)
- Most reactions have no data

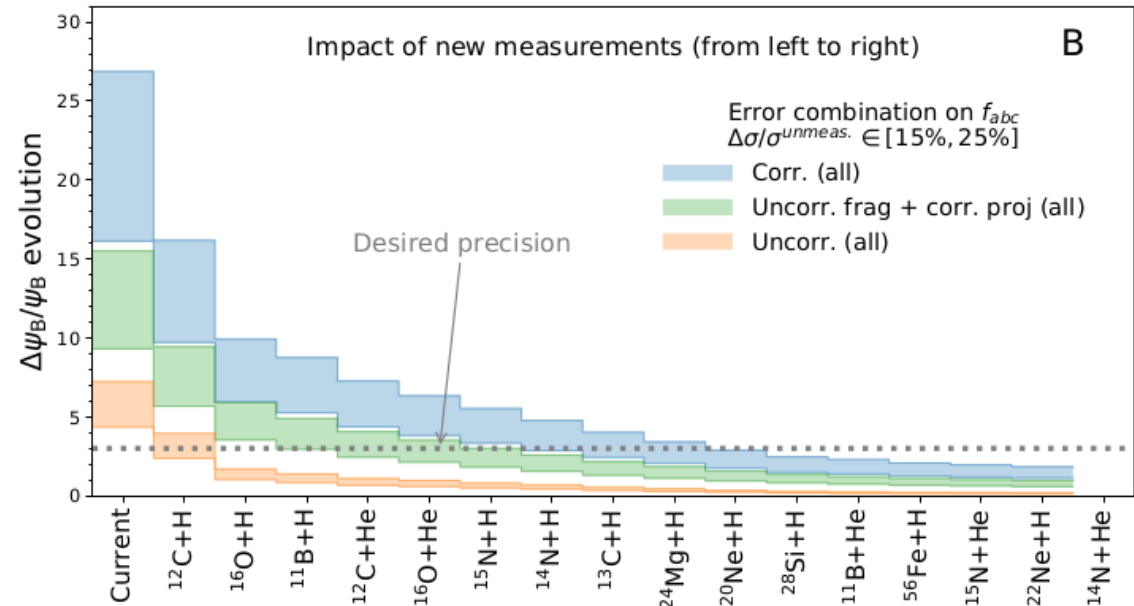
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Génolini, DM, Moskalenko & Unger, PRC 98, 034611 (2019)

## Ranking of XS (for B here)

Reaction $a + b \rightarrow c$	Flux impact $f_{abc}$ [%]			$\sigma$ [mb]	Data
	min	mean	max		
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	18.0	<b>18.1</b>	19.0	30.0	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	16.0	<b>16.2</b>	17.0	26.9	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	11.3	<b>11.8</b>	12.0	18.2	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	7.20	<b>7.41</b>	7.60	12.3	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	6.82	<b>7.03</b>	7.21	10.9	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	5.67	<b>5.89</b>	6.00	9.1	✓
$\sigma(^{11}\text{B} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	4.00	<b>4.07</b>	4.20	38.9	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	2.50	<b>2.59</b>	2.70	38.6	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	2.10	<b>2.14</b>	2.20	32.0	✓
$\sigma(^{15}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	2.00	<b>2.03</b>	2.10	26.1	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{C})$	1.80	<b>1.87</b>	1.90	3.1	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	1.67	<b>1.75</b>	1.80	24.4	✓
$\sigma(^{13}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	1.50	<b>1.53</b>	1.60	22.2	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be})$	1.40	<b>1.48</b>	1.50	4.0	✓
$\sigma(^{14}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	1.30	<b>1.34</b>	1.36	17.3	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	1.00	<b>1.06</b>	1.10	15.8	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.99	<b>1.05</b>	1.09	14.6	✓
$\sigma(^{24}\text{Mg} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.98	<b>1.01</b>	1.00	10.4	✓
$\sigma(^{14}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.90	<b>0.92</b>	0.94	11.9	✓
$\sigma(^{20}\text{Ne} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.87	<b>0.90</b>	0.93	12.0	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.83	<b>0.88</b>	0.90	12.2	✓
$\sigma(^{16}\text{O} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be})$	0.84	<b>0.87</b>	0.91	2.2	✓
$\sigma(^{11}\text{B} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be})$	0.81	<b>0.83</b>	0.85	12.9	✓
$\sigma(^{14}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.77	<b>0.79</b>	0.82	10.3	✓
$\sigma(^{15}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.72	<b>0.74</b>	0.77	9.6	✓
$\sigma(^{28}\text{Si} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.39	<b>0.63</b>	0.87	[4.0, 9.5]	✓
$\sigma(^{13}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.59	<b>0.62</b>	0.65	9.0	✓
$\sigma(^{24}\text{Mg} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.58	<b>0.60</b>	0.62	6.2	✓
$\sigma(^{11}\text{B} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.57	<b>0.58</b>	0.59	50.0	✓
$\sigma(^{13}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.54	<b>0.56</b>	0.59	8.2	✓
$\sigma(^{20}\text{Ne} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.52	<b>0.54</b>	0.56	7.2	✓
$\sigma(^{24}\text{Mg} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.51	<b>0.53</b>	0.56	[5.1, 5.9]	✓
$\sigma(^{20}\text{Ne} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.49	<b>0.51</b>	0.52	[6.4, 7.1]	✓
$\sigma(^{28}\text{Si} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.42	<b>0.44</b>	0.46	[4.3, 5.0]	✓
$\sigma(^{15}\text{N} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{C})$	0.40	<b>0.41</b>	0.43	5.3	✓
$\sigma(^{28}\text{Si} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.27	<b>0.39</b>	0.52	[2.8, 5.7]	✓
$\sigma(^{56}\text{Fe} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.03	<b>0.35</b>	0.67	[0.4, 11.0]	✓
$\sigma(^{15}\text{N} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.29	<b>0.29</b>	0.30	34.1	✓
$\sigma(^{22}\text{Ne} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{11}\text{B})$	0.27	<b>0.28</b>	0.30	[16.0, 18.0]	✓
$\sigma(^{13}\text{C} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be})$	0.24	<b>0.25</b>	0.26	5.9	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{C})$	0.24	<b>0.25</b>	0.25	3.7	✓
$\sigma(^{56}\text{Fe} + \text{H} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{B})$	0.01	<b>0.24</b>	0.47	[0.2, 7.8]	✓
$\sigma(^{12}\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be})$	0.22	<b>0.23</b>	0.24	5.6	✓

## Desired measurements to reach 3% precision on GCRs



→ Done for LiBeB in this paper  
 → All nuclei up to Si (in progress) then Fe



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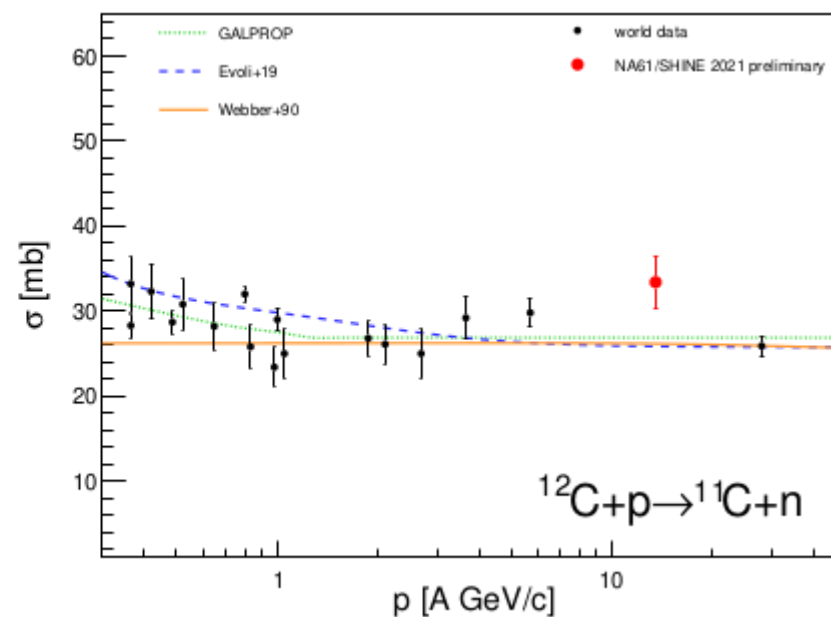
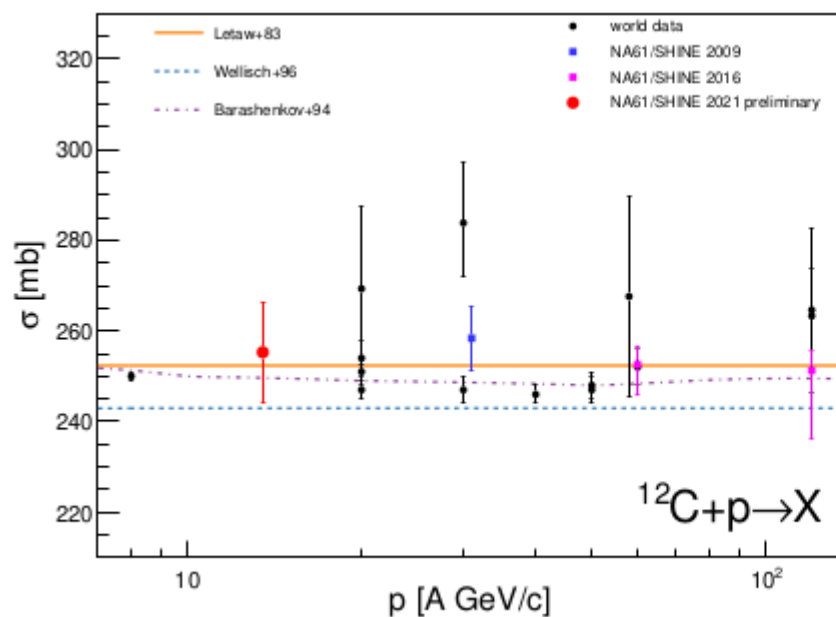
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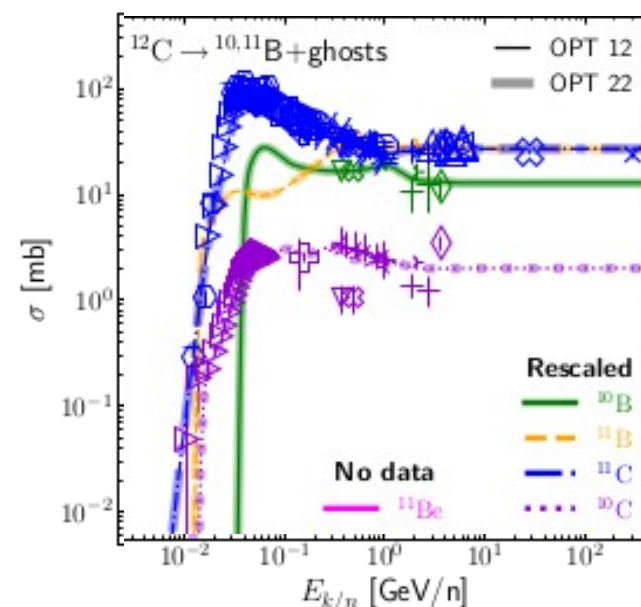
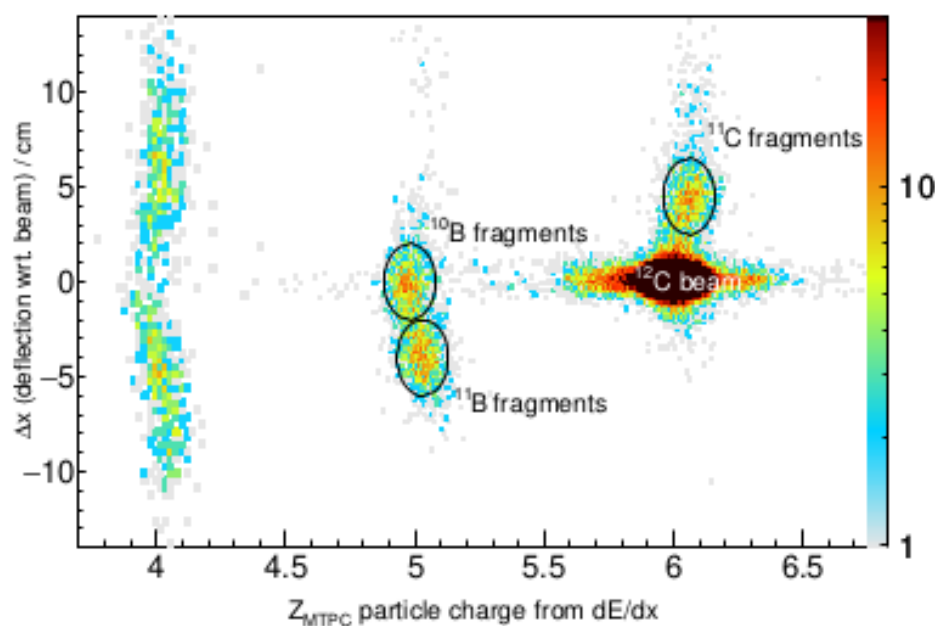
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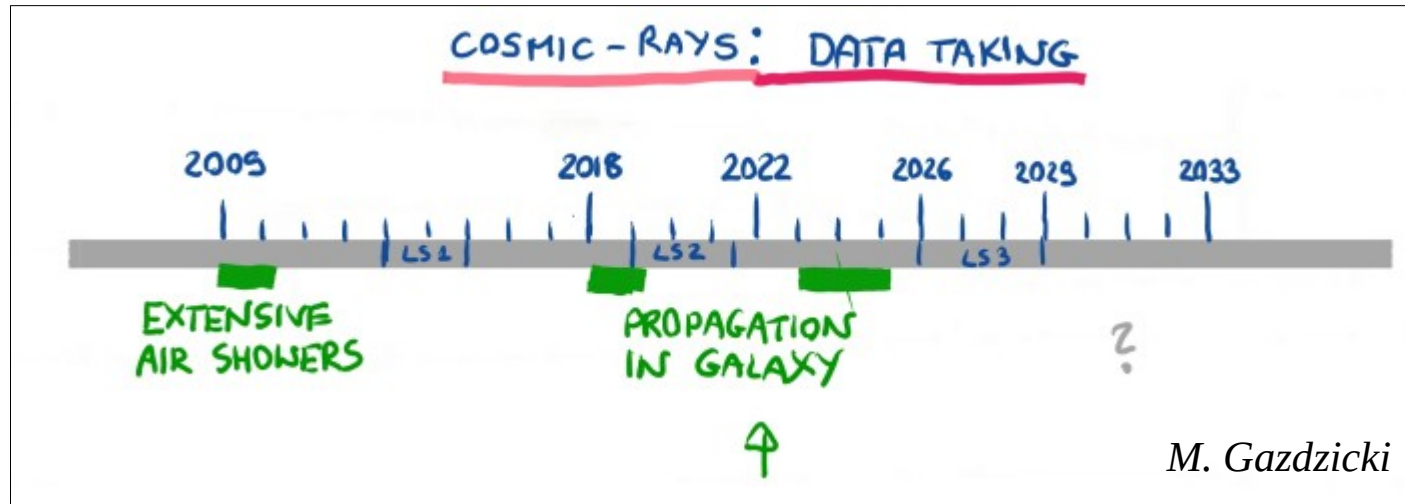
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→ Also desired data for  $^{10}\text{B}$  and  $^{11}\text{B}$  (DM et al. 2022)



# 3) First (GCR) physics run at NA61 is going to be huge!



**Many recent GCR papers focus on XS...**

Derome et al. (2018)

Evoli et al. (2018)

Génolini et al. (2018)

Reinert & Winkler (2018)

De La Torre Luque et al. (2021a,b)

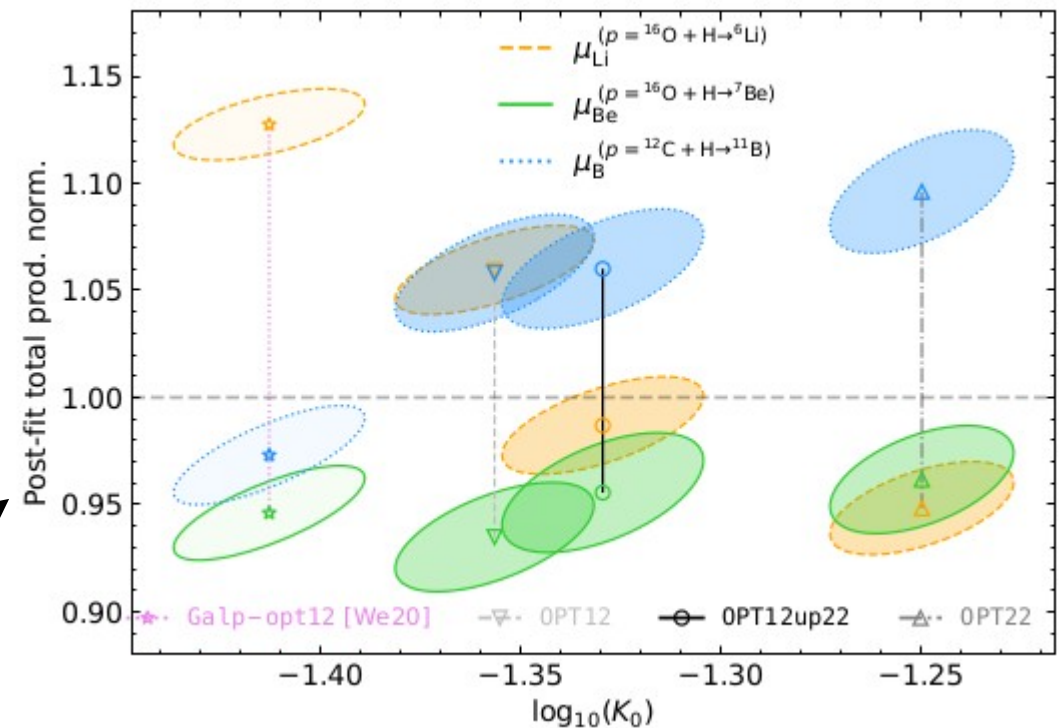
Korsmeier & Cuoco (2021)

DM et al. (2022)

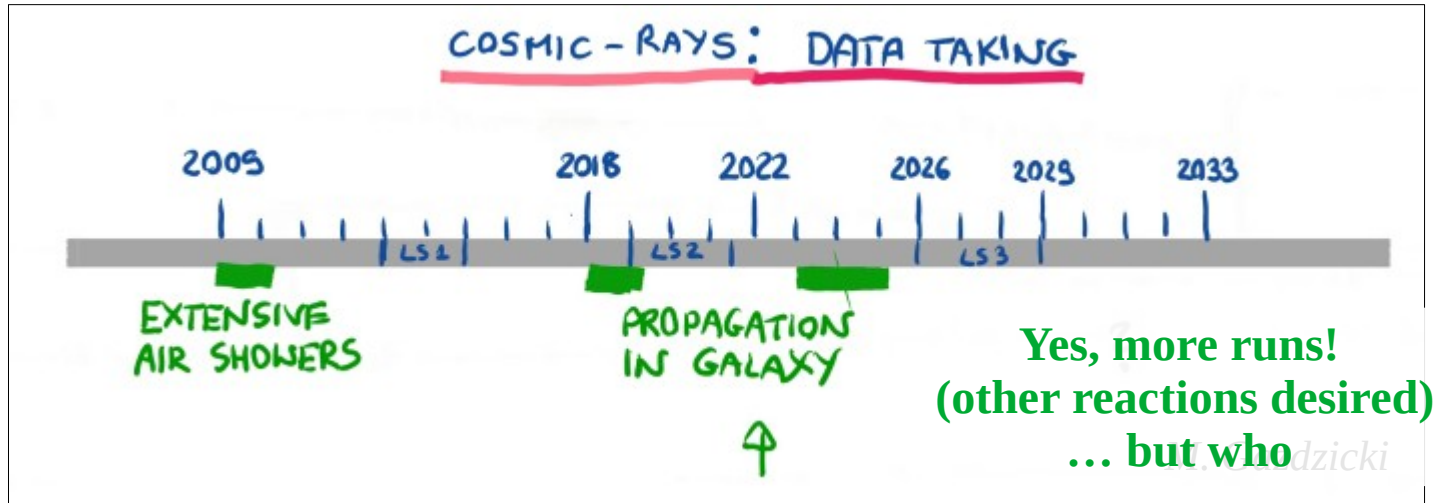
**Primary source of Li in GCRs or XS?**

Boschini...Moskalenko et al. (2020)

DM et al. (2022)



# What next?



## XS ranking

(Génolini, DM, Moskalengo, Unger)

- Up to Si, then up to Fe (Z=17-25 AMS data not yet published)
- Provide progenitors/targets required and estimated beam time

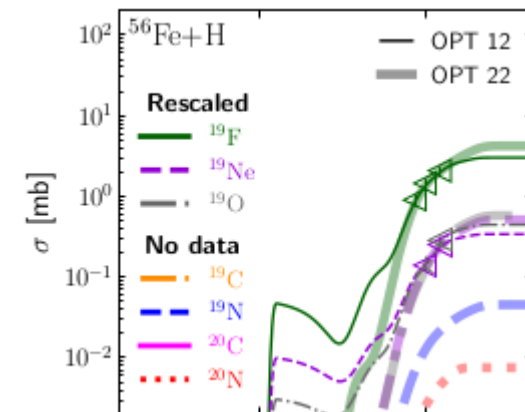
## XS modelling

(DM, Génolini...)

- Update our XS database (extracted from EXFOR)
- Use machine learning to
  - predict unmeasured XS
  - ID key reactions (to measure) for models

## XS measurement

- (He) CNO, Ne, Mg, Si, and Fe main projectiles
- (2H, 3He) LiBeB, F, and sub-Fe main fragments



*Debate with F: primary source (Boschini et al. 2021), XS (Ferronato Bueno et al. 2022), spatial dependent diffusion (Zhao et al. 2022)*