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# Unique Properties of Twelve Years Positron and Electron Spectra measured by AMS

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A photograph of the International Space Station (ISS) in space. Two astronauts in white space suits are visible working on the station's exterior. The station's complex structure, including solar panel arrays and various modules, is clearly visible against the black background of space. The AMS (Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer) experiment is also visible as a large, white, rectangular structure.

# AMS was installed on the International Space Station in May 2011

Near Earth Orbit:

- altitude 400 km
- inclination 52 deg
- period 92 min

To date, over 230 billion charged particles have been collected by AMS<sub>2</sub>



# AMS is a TeV precision magnetic spectrometer in space

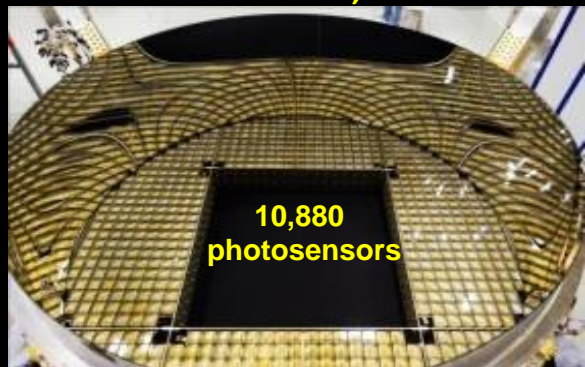
Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)  
identify  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$



Silicon Tracker  
measure Z, P

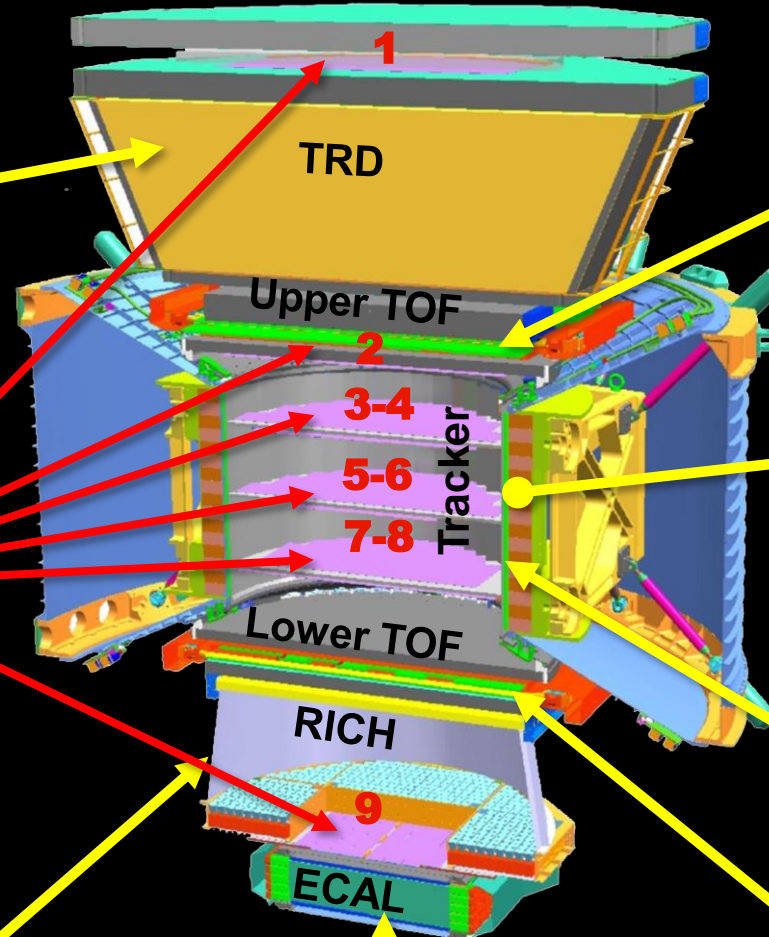


Ring Imaging Cerenkov (RICH)  
measure Z, E



10,880  
photosensors

Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)  
measure E of  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$



Upper TOF measure Z, E



Magnet identify  $\pm Z, P$



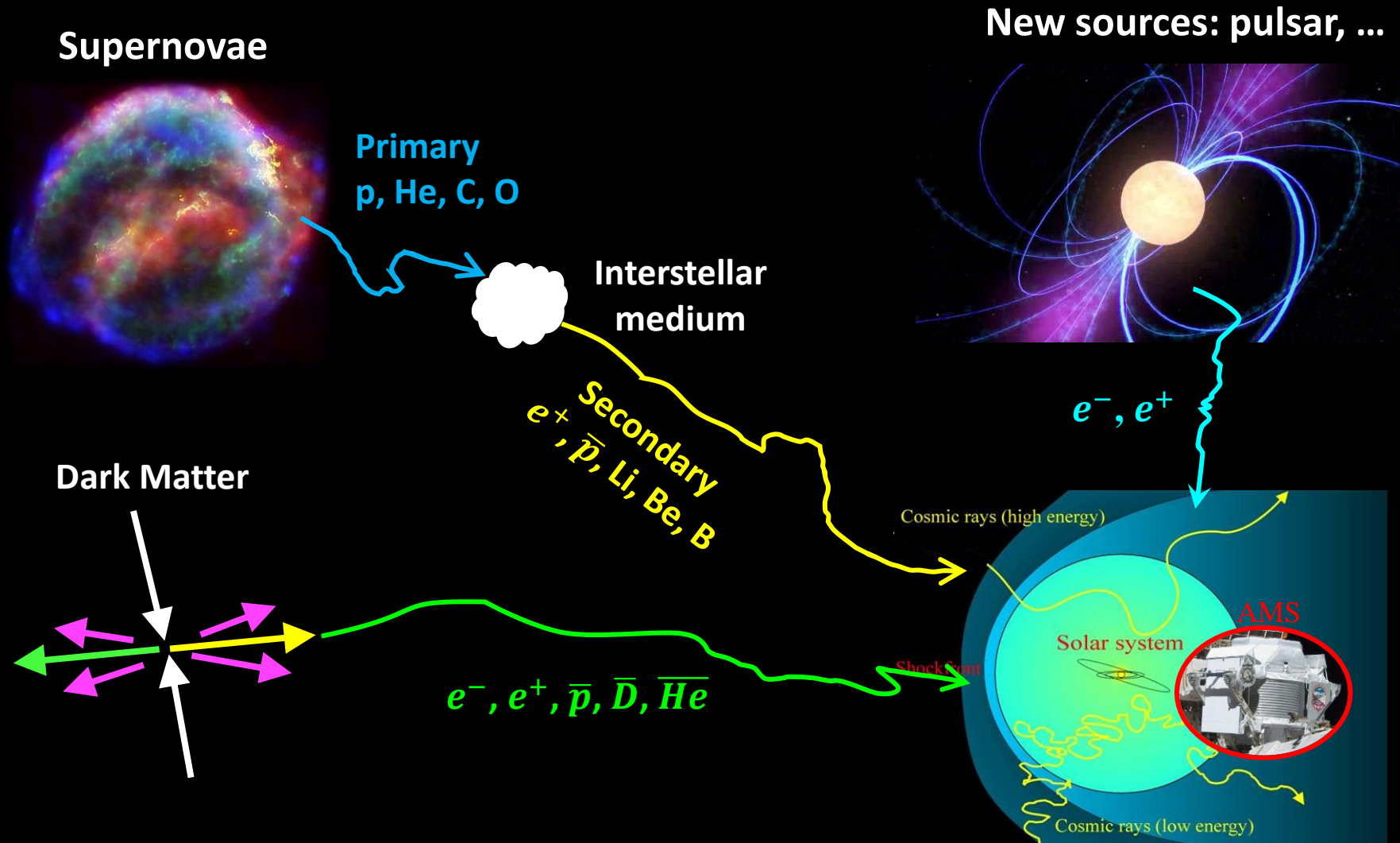
Anticoincidence Counters (ACC)  
reject particles from the side



Lower TOF measure Z, E



# Origin and Propagation of Cosmic Rays



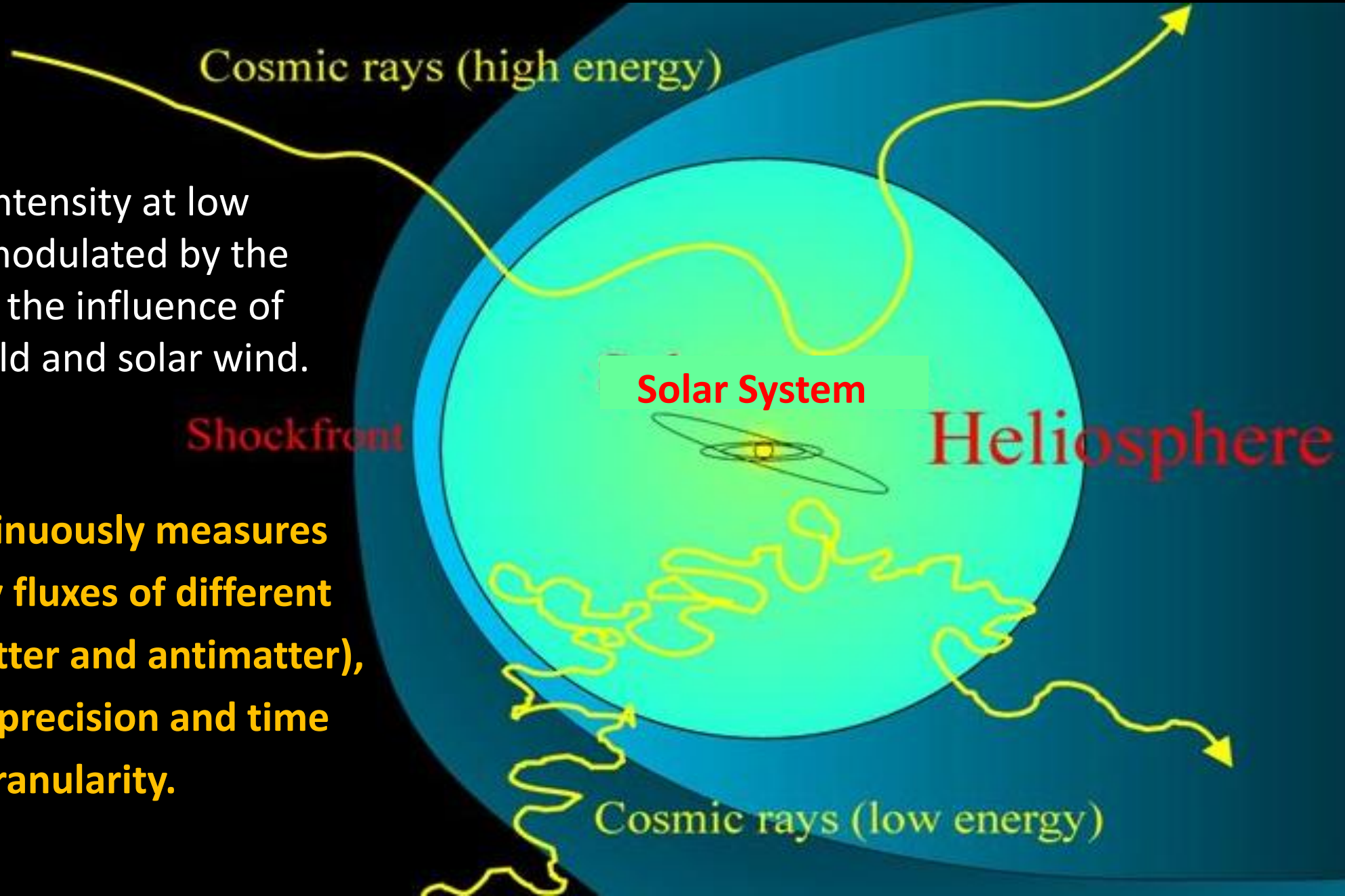
Before being detected by AMS,  
All the galactic cosmic rays propagate in the solar system (heliosphere)



# Solar Modulation of Cosmic Rays

Cosmic ray intensity at low energies is modulated by the Sun through the influence of magnetic field and solar wind.

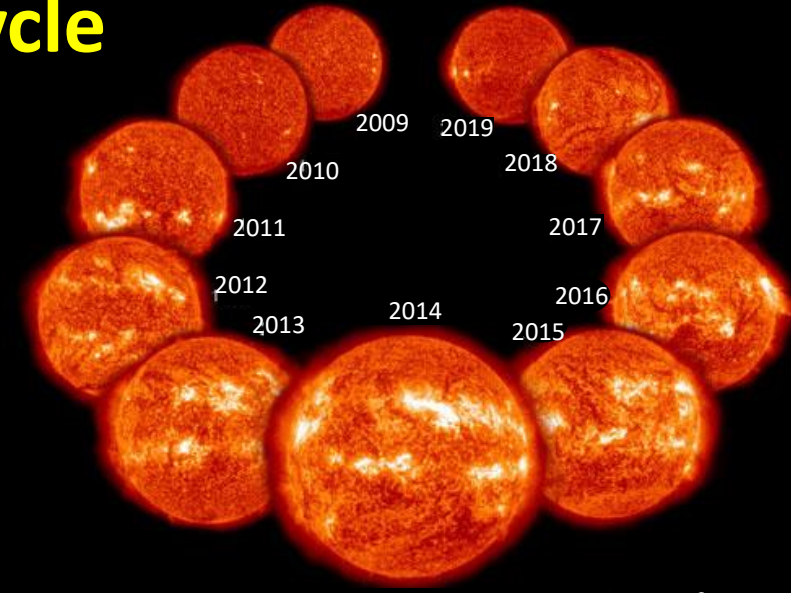
**AMS continuously measures cosmic ray fluxes of different species (matter and antimatter), with high precision and time granularity.**



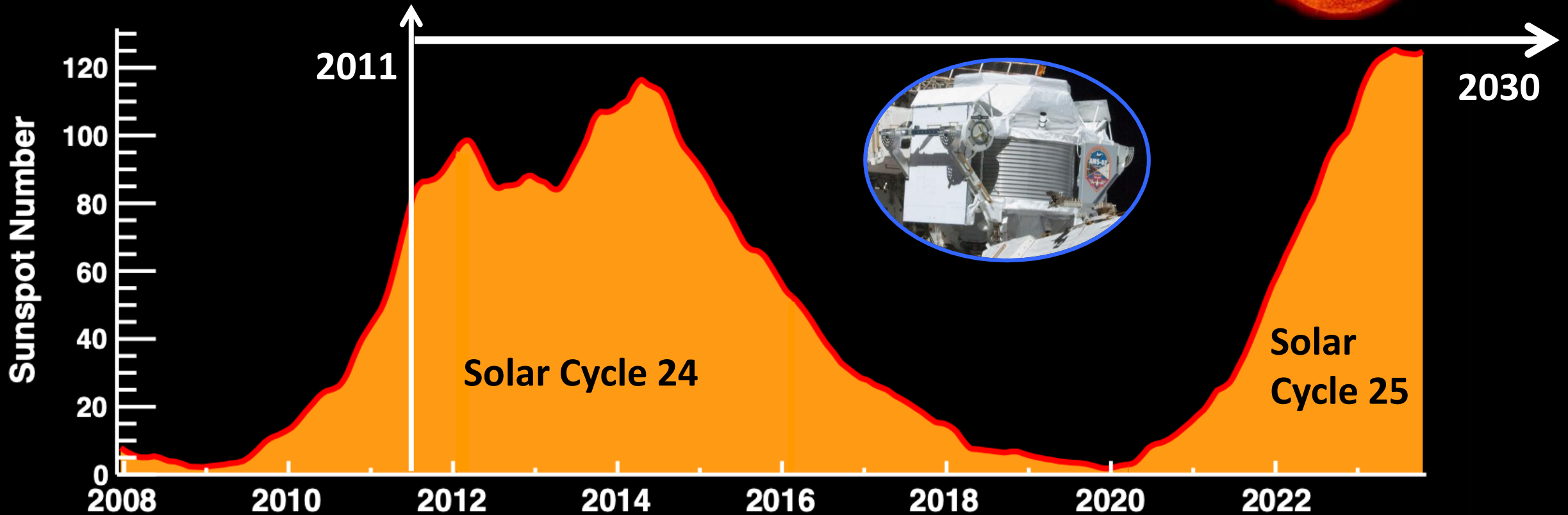


# Long Term Variation: Solar Cycle

The most significant long-term scale variation of cosmic rays is related to the 11-year solar cycle.



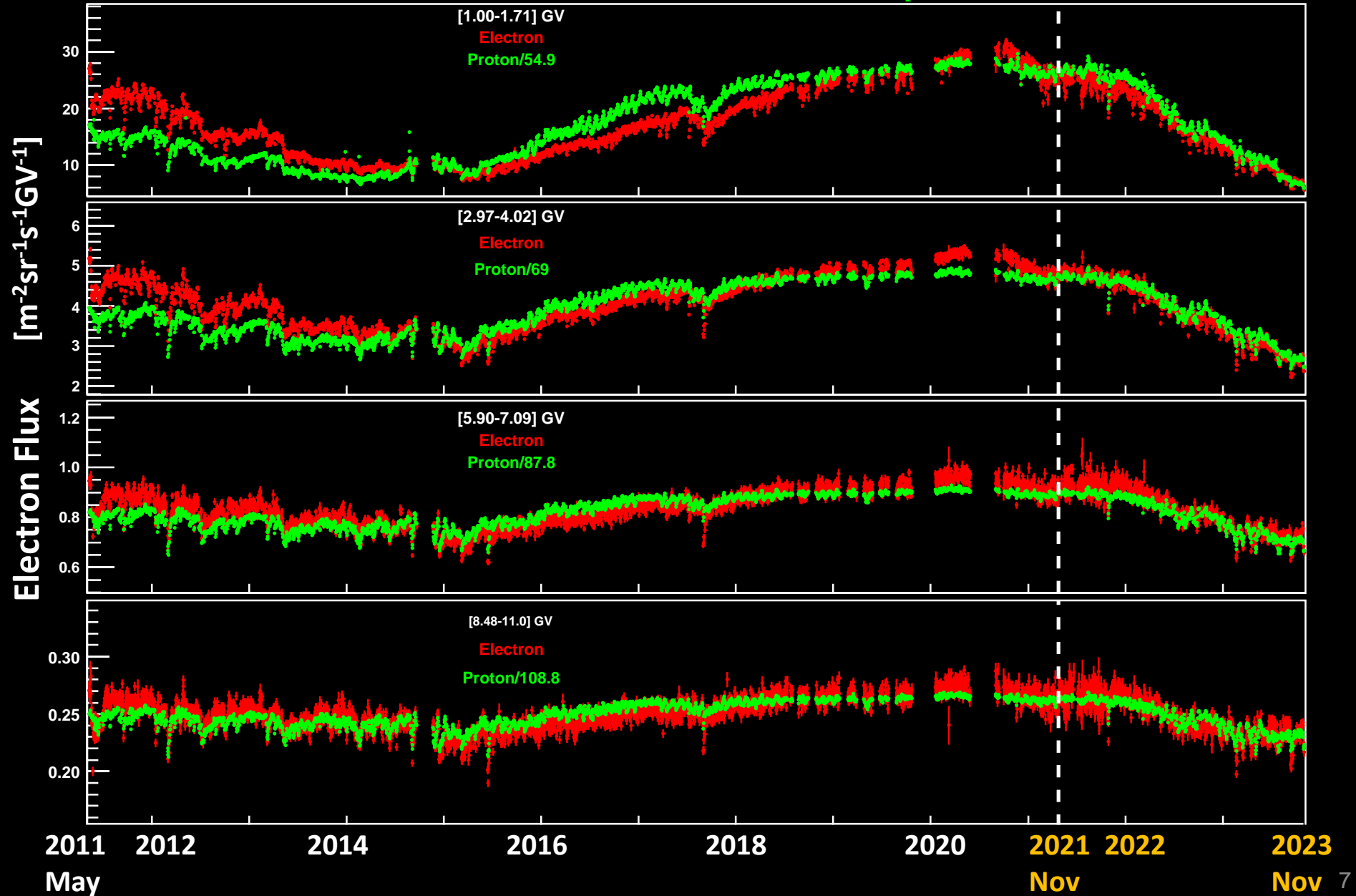
Sunspot activity is extensively recorded since 1755





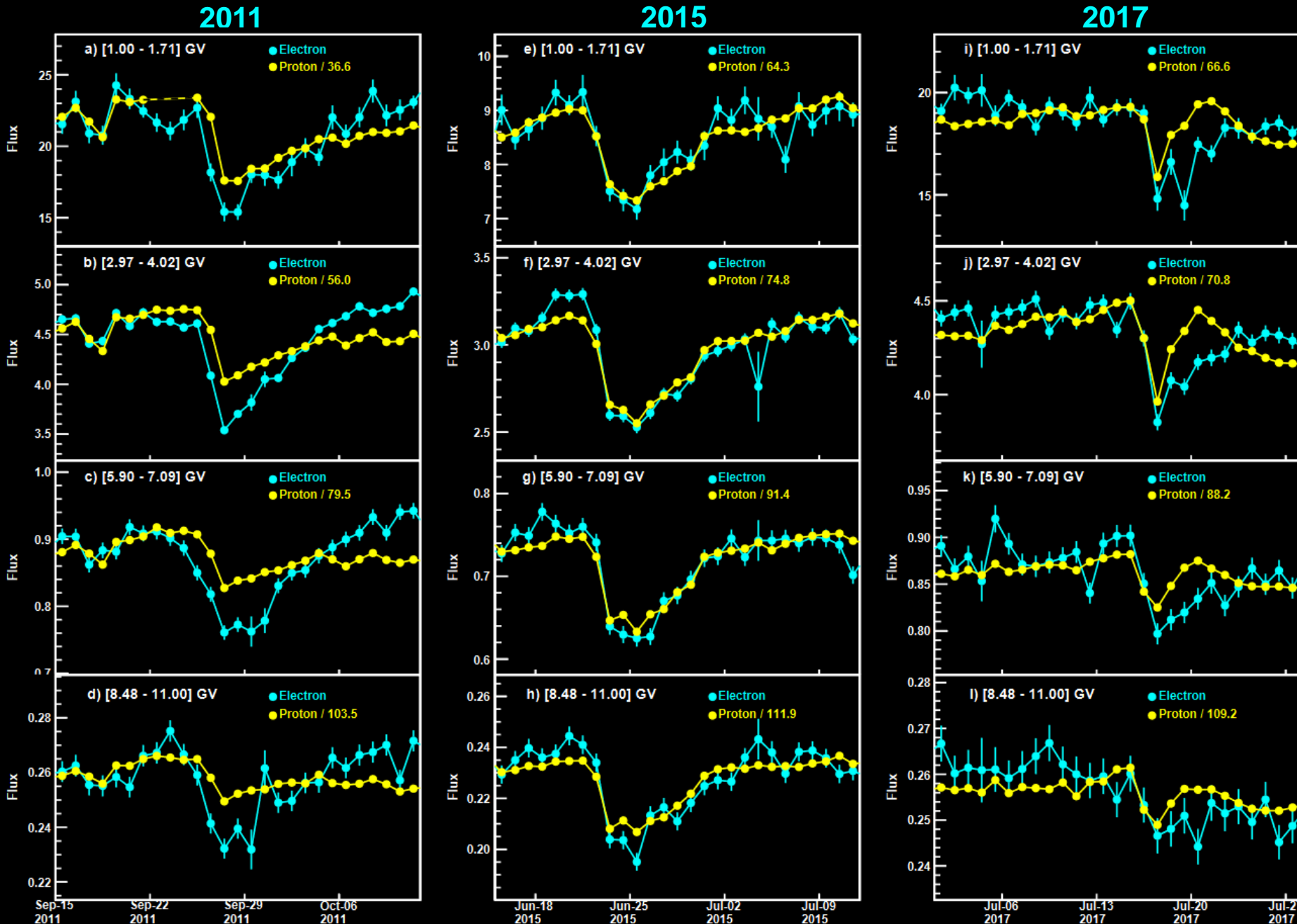
# Daily electron and daily proton over 12.5 years

The time-dependent behavior of the  $\Phi_{e^-}$  and  $\Phi_p$  is distinctly different





# Non recurrent variations of Electron and Proton Fluxes



During **lower solar activity** in 2011 and 2017, a **difference between the short-term evolution of electrons and protons** is observed, while during the **solar maximum** in 2015 the **difference vanishes**.

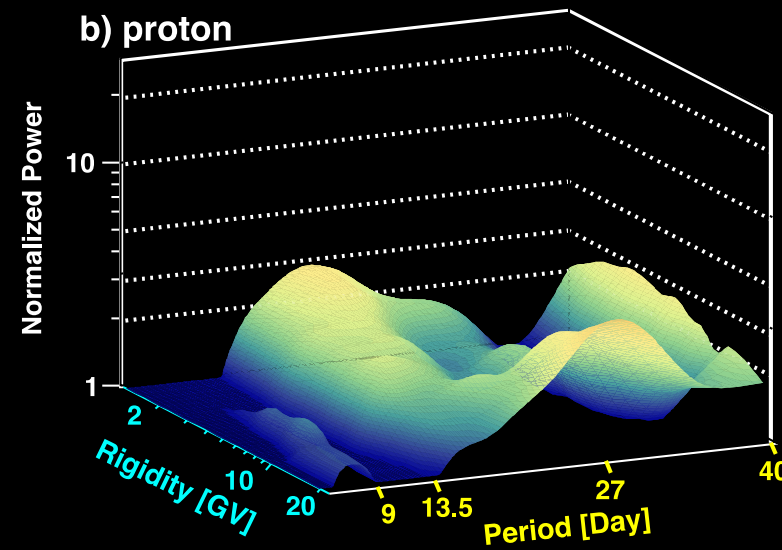
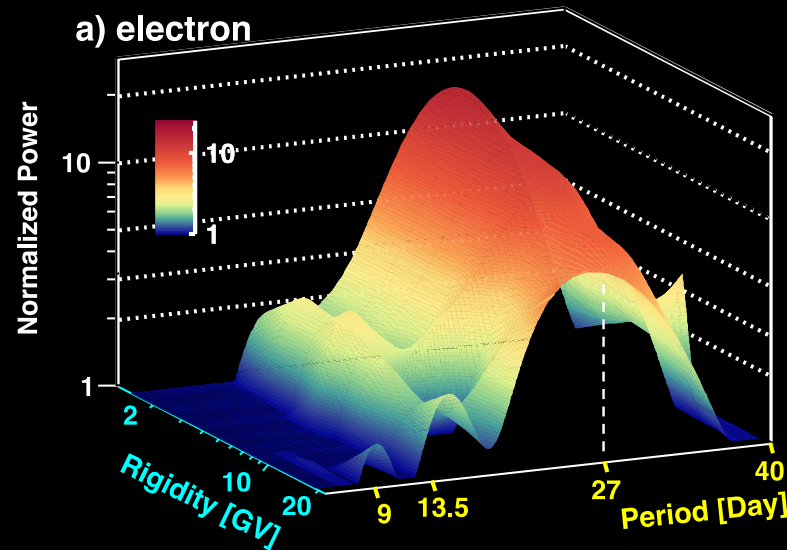
**These observations indicate a charge-sign dependence in nonrecurrent solar modulation.**



# Recurrent variations of Electron and Proton Fluxes: Periodicities

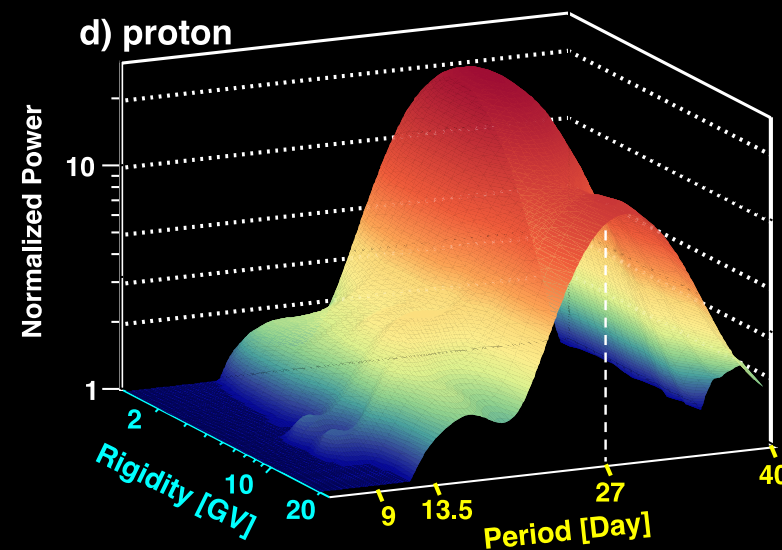
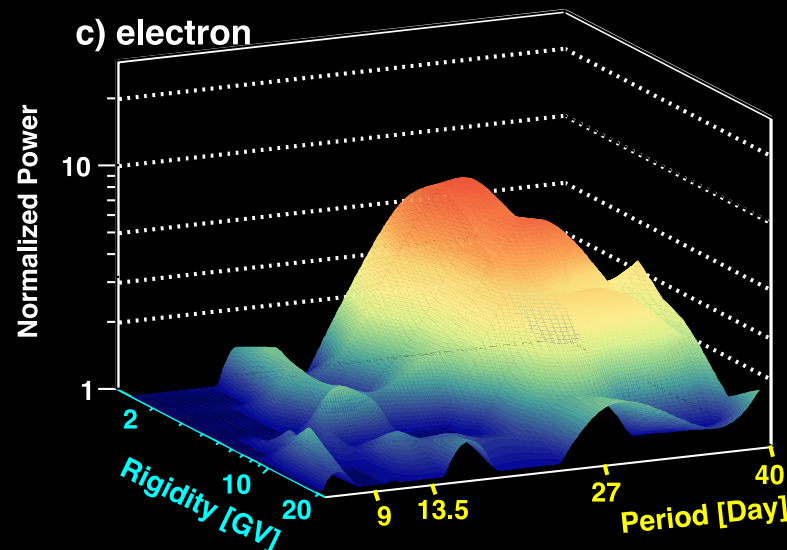
The rigidity dependence of the electron periodicities is different from that of protons

Second half of 2011



In the second half of 2011 the strength of the 27-day period of electrons is **greater** than that of protons.

First half of 2017

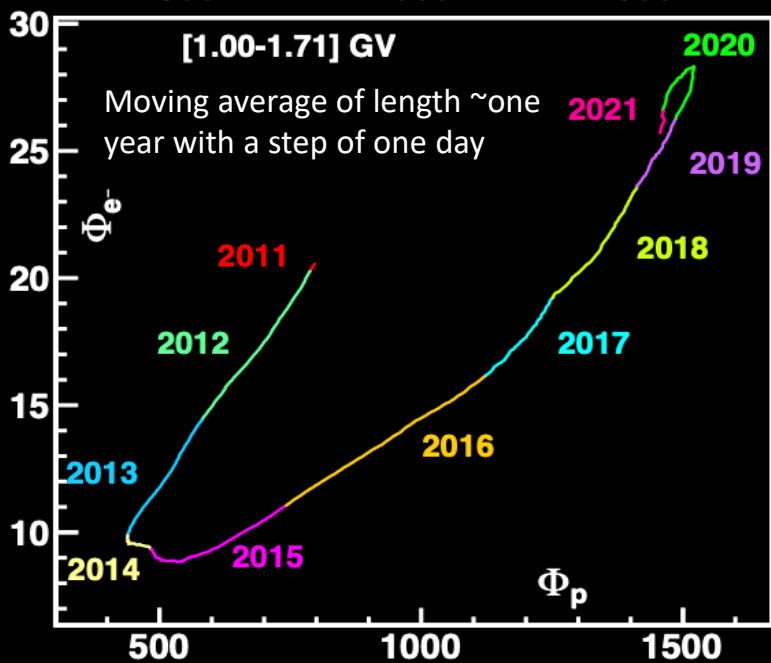
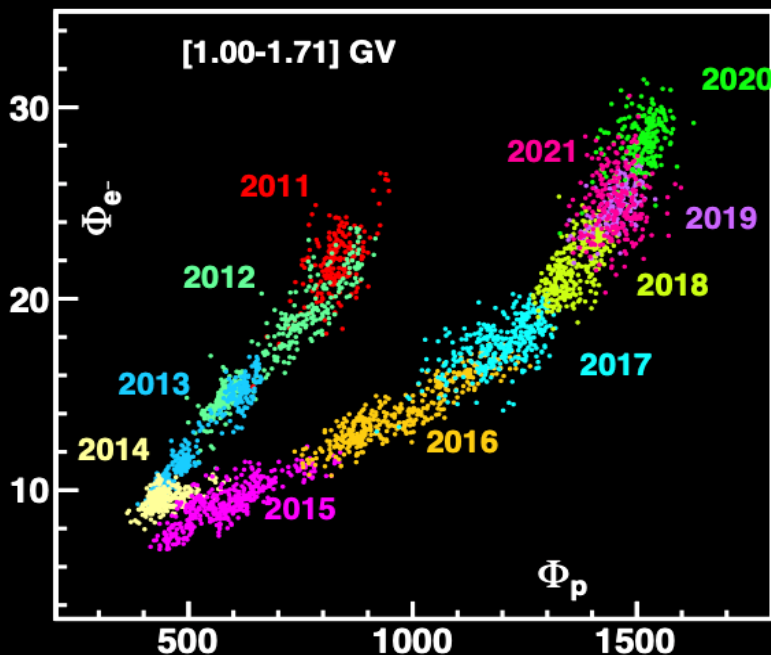


In the first half of 2017 the strength of the 27-day period of electrons is **less** than that of protons.

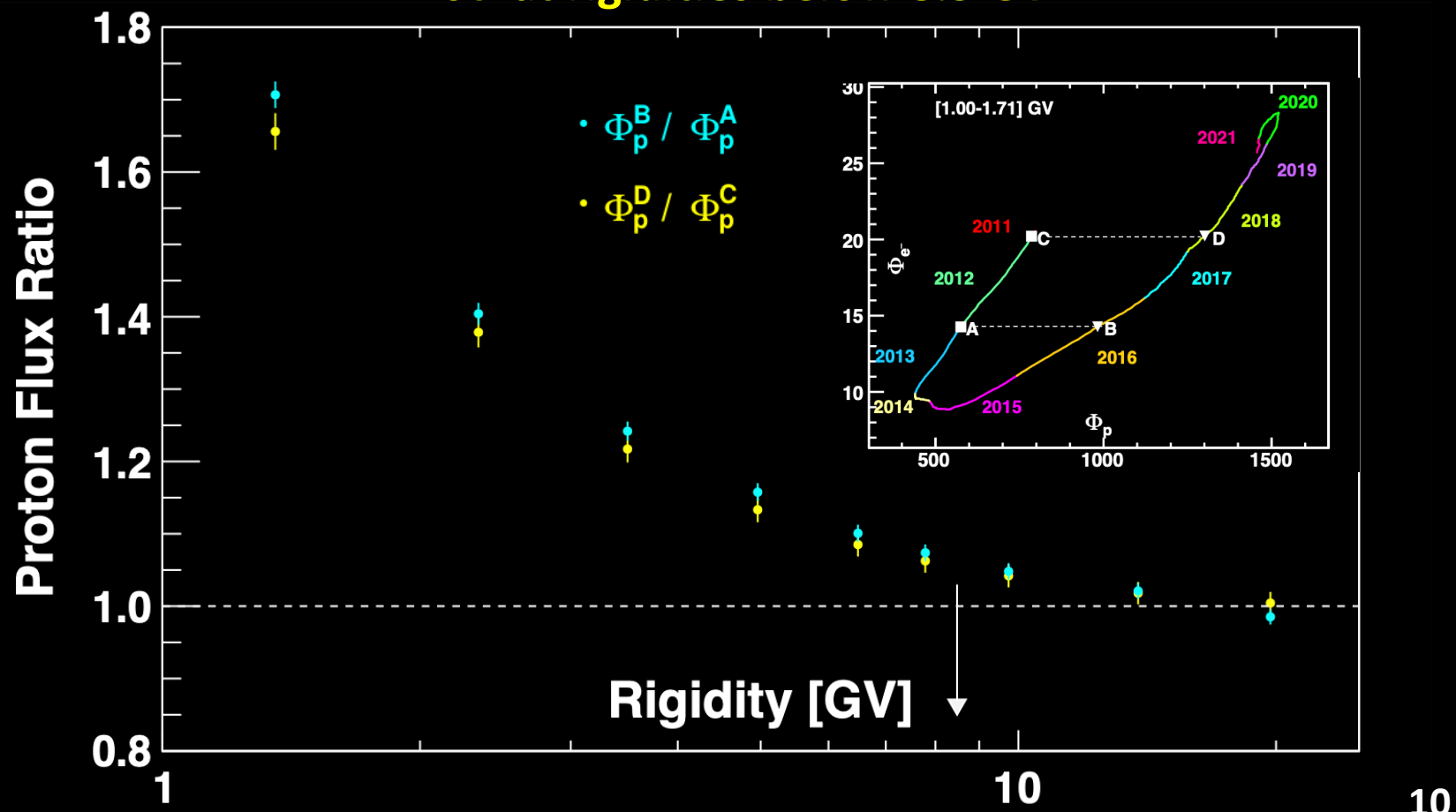


# A Hysteresis between $\Phi_{e^-}$ and $\Phi_p$

To assess the significance of the hysteresis we study, at different solar conditions, the values of  $\Phi_p$  at the same  $\Phi_{e^-}$

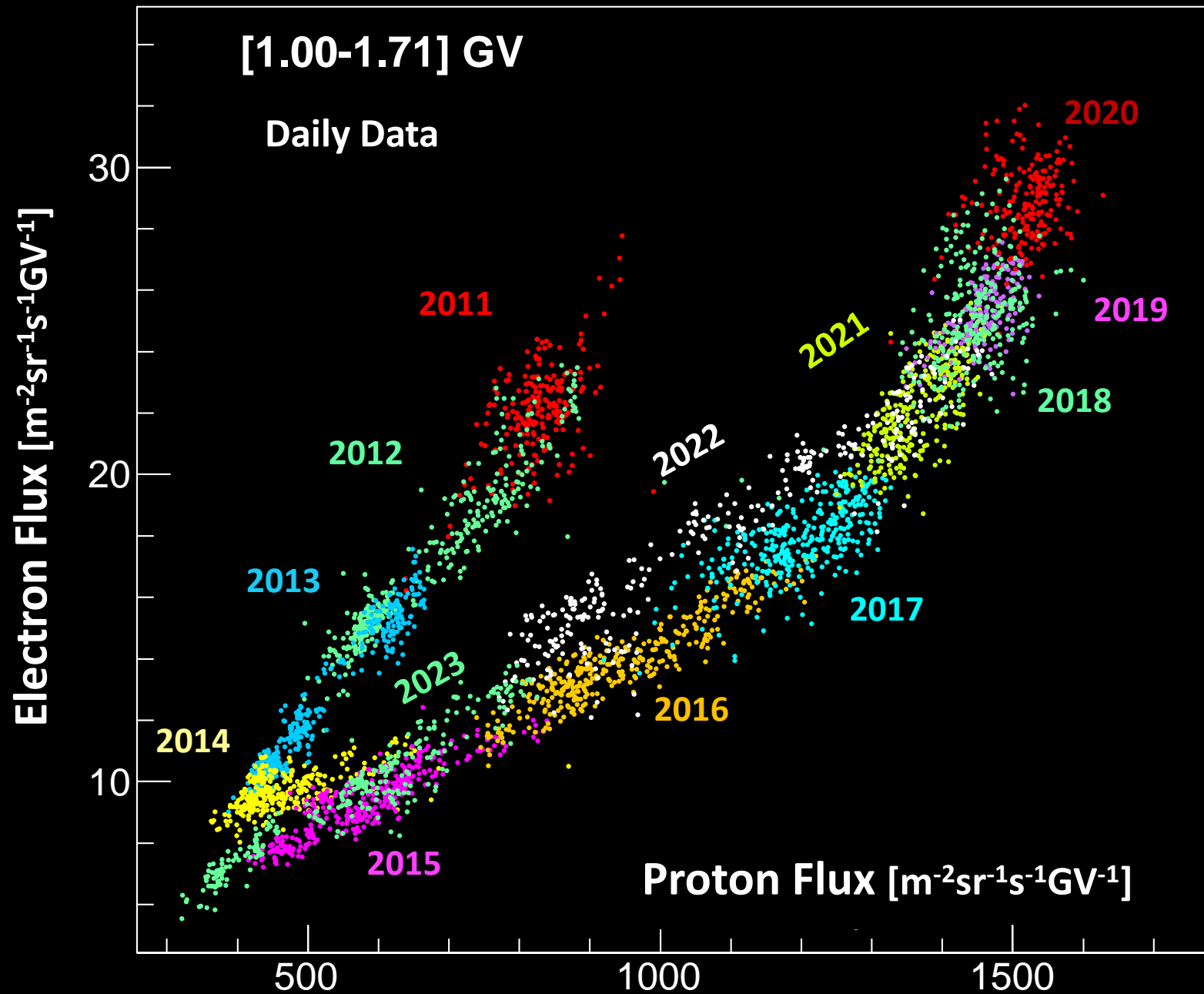


The hysteresis is observed with a significance  $> 6\sigma$  at rigidities below 8.5 GV

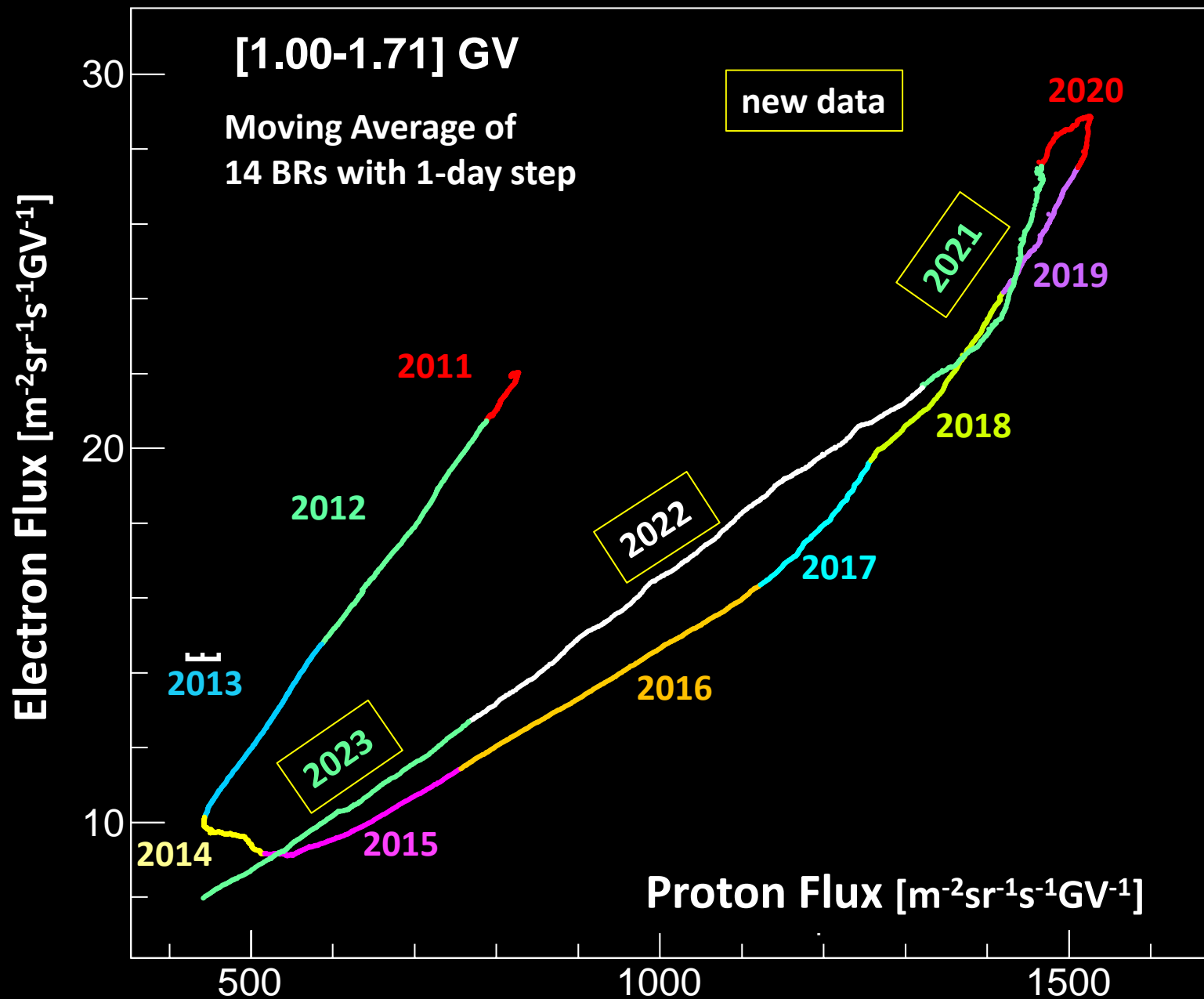




# New hysteresis between electron and proton

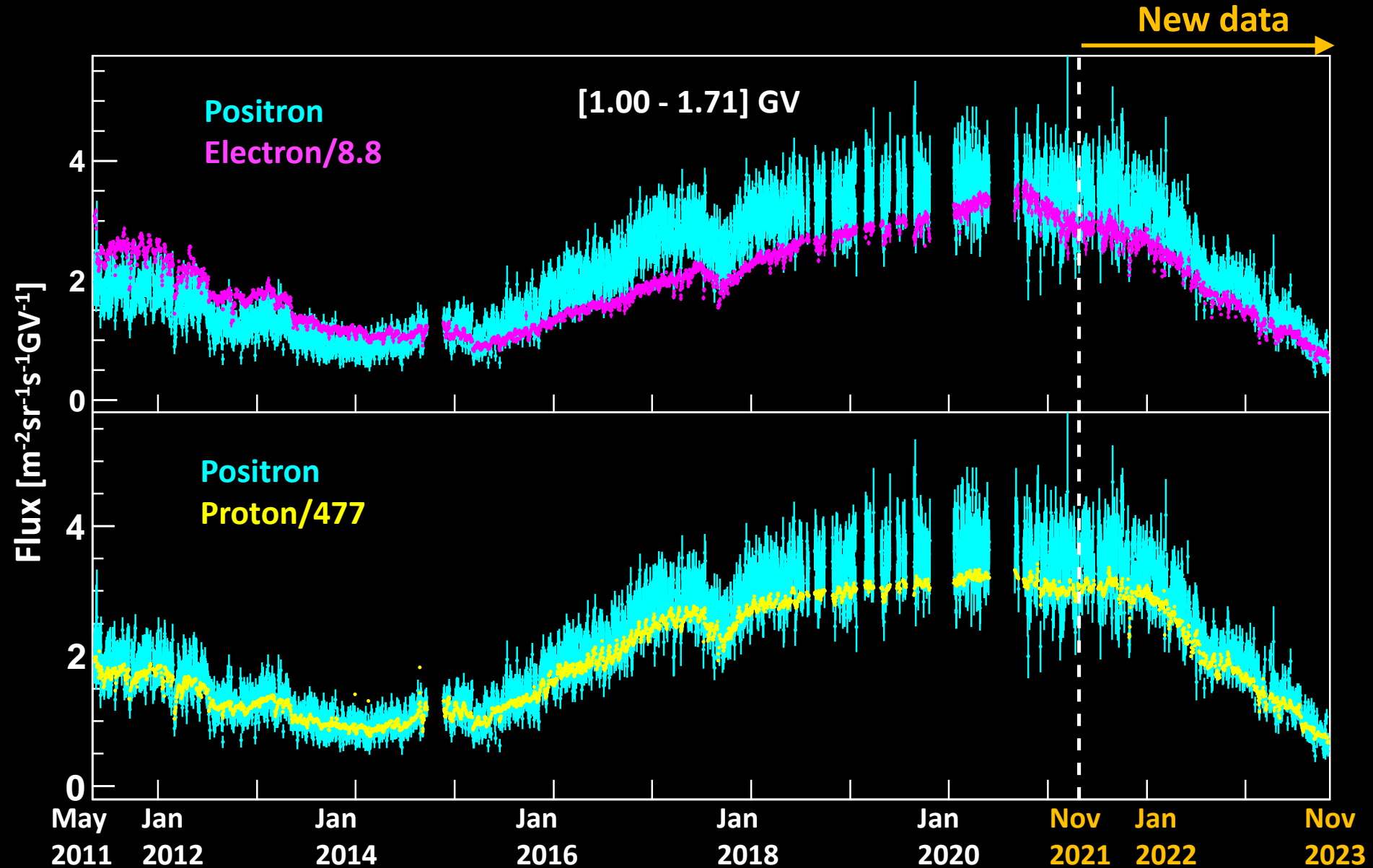


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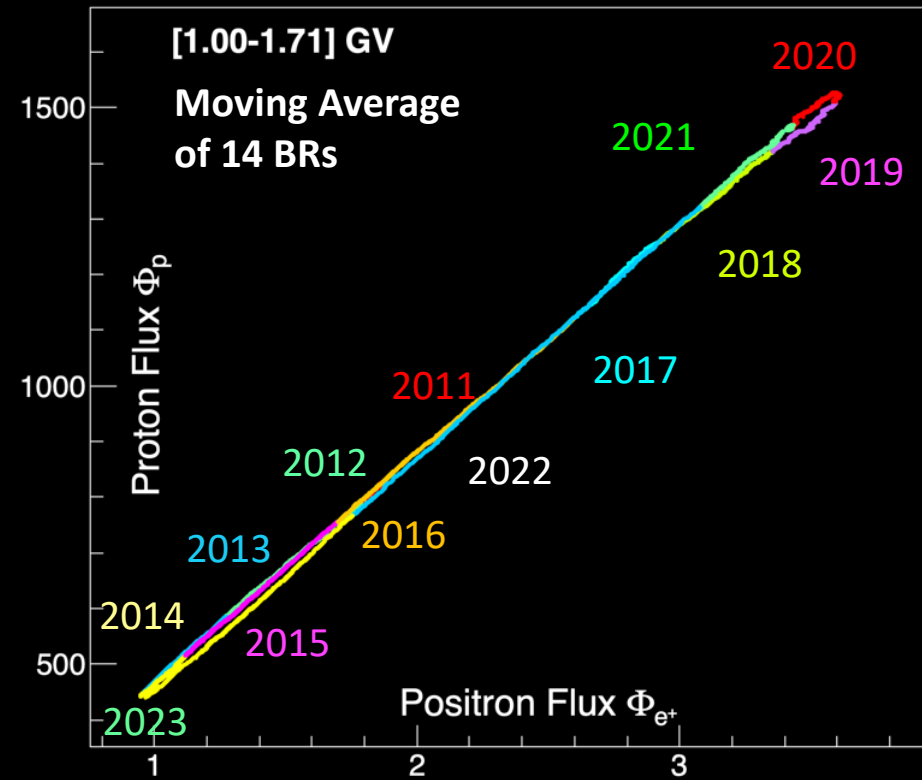
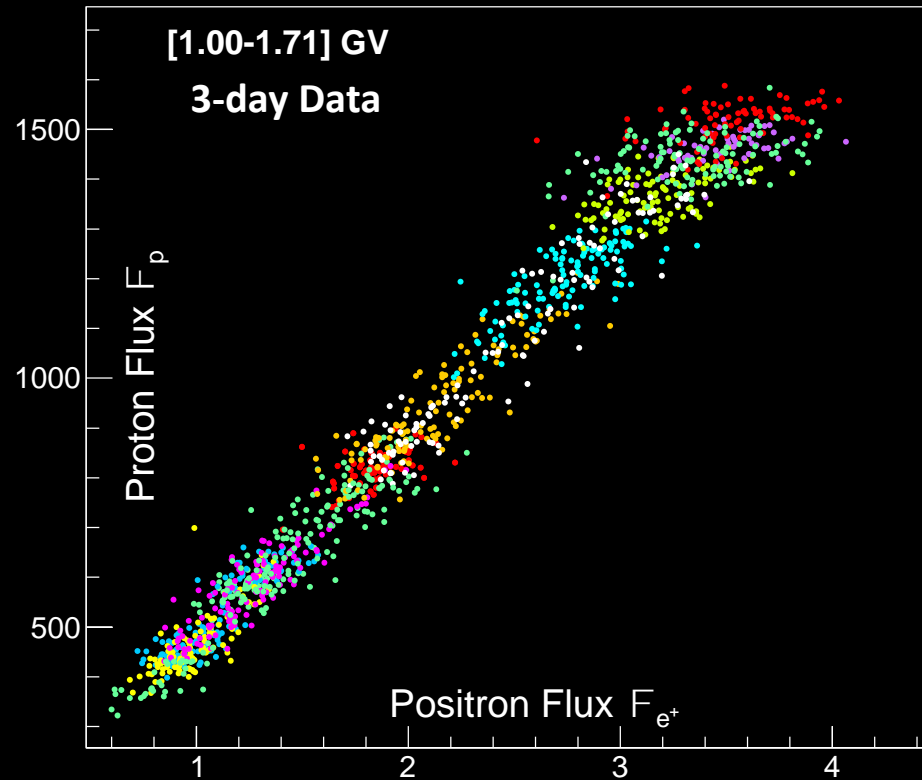


# Daily positron extending to November 2023



# Linear relationship between positron and proton fluxes

Different mass, same charge



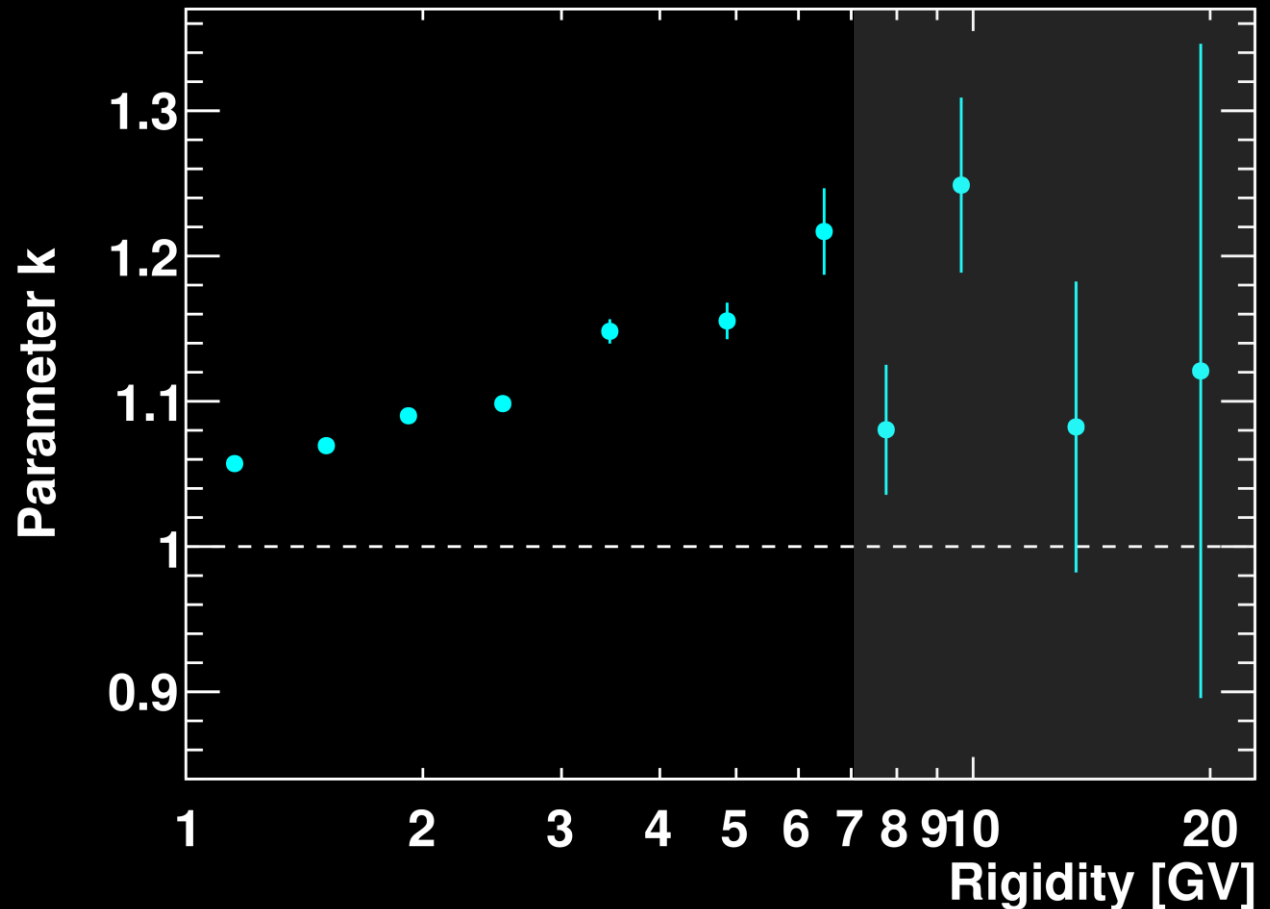
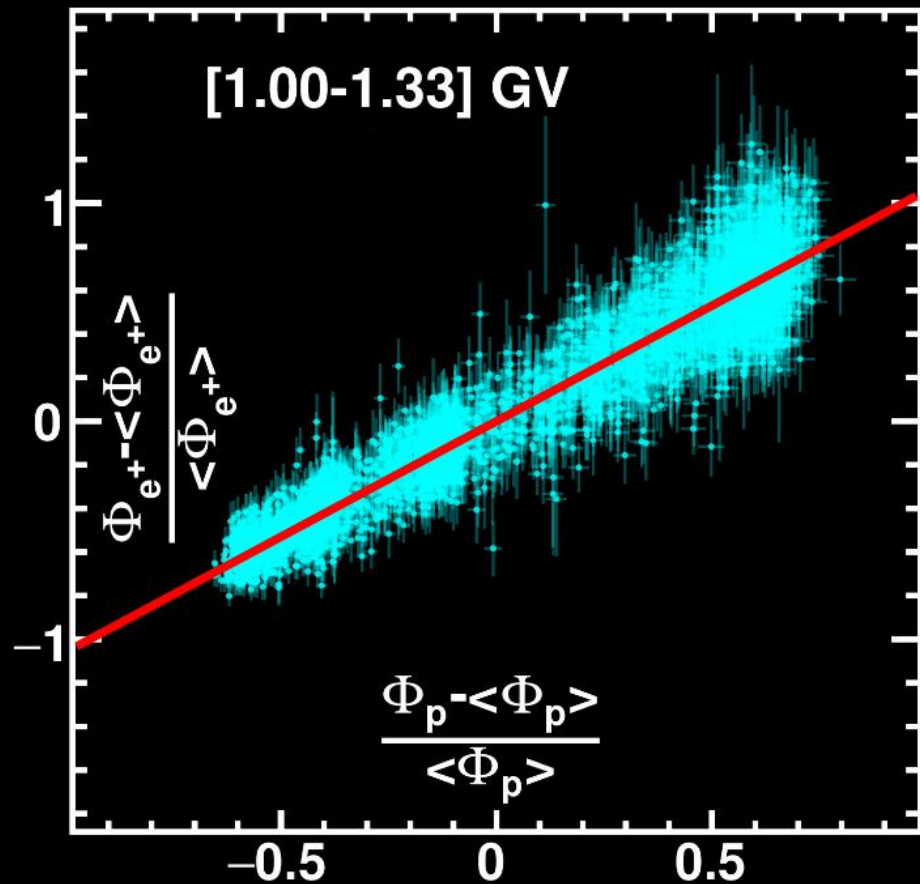
Fluxes in unit of  $[m^{-2}sr^{-1}s^{-1}GV^{-1}]$



# Linear relation between $\Phi_{e^+}$ and $\Phi_p$

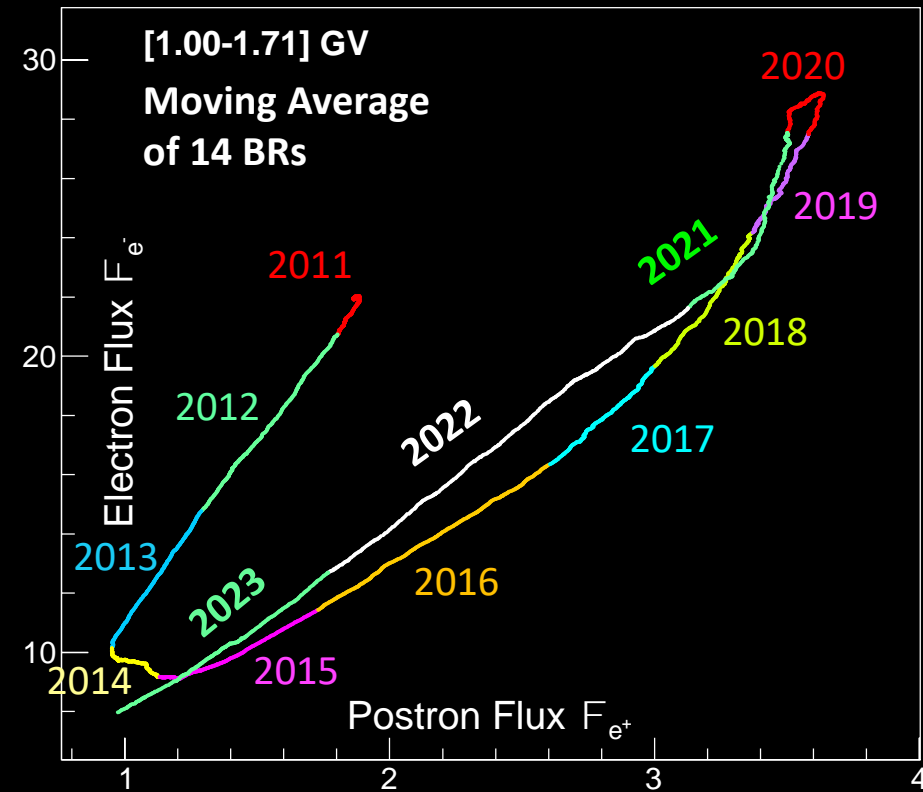
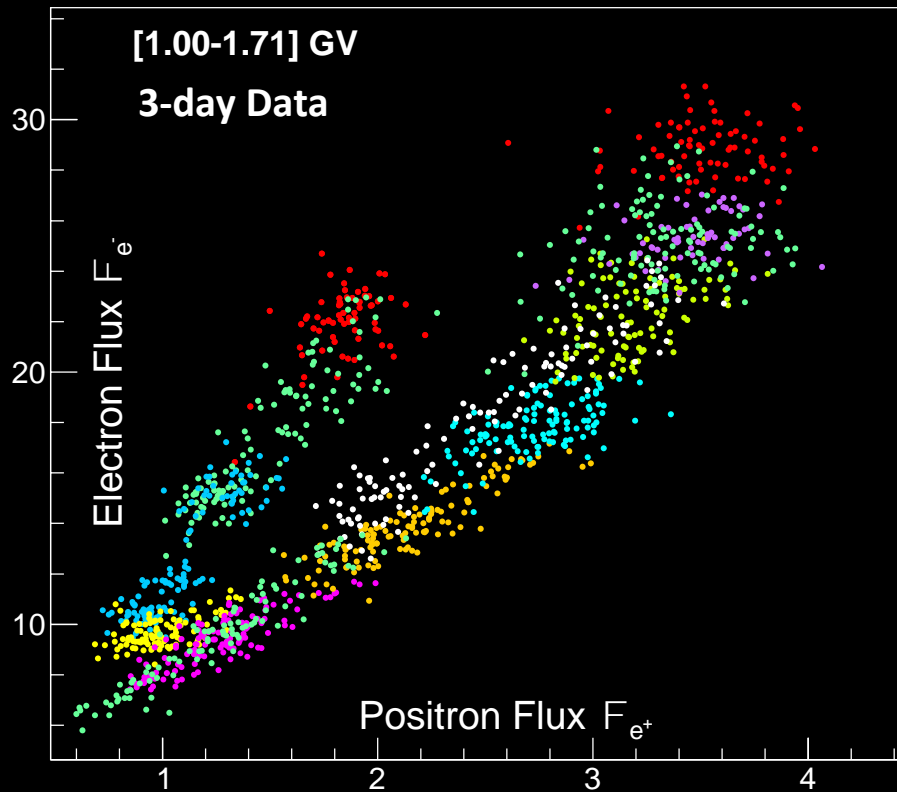
To compare the long-term variations of the **proton** and **positron** fluxes a linear relation between the relative variations of the fluxes is studied: 
$$\frac{\Phi_{e^+} - \langle \Phi_{e^+} \rangle}{\langle \Phi_{e^+} \rangle} = k \frac{\Phi_p - \langle \Phi_p \rangle}{\langle \Phi_p \rangle}$$

**Below 7 GV, the positron flux is more modulated than the proton flux**



# Hysteresis between positron and electron fluxes

Same mass, opposite charge

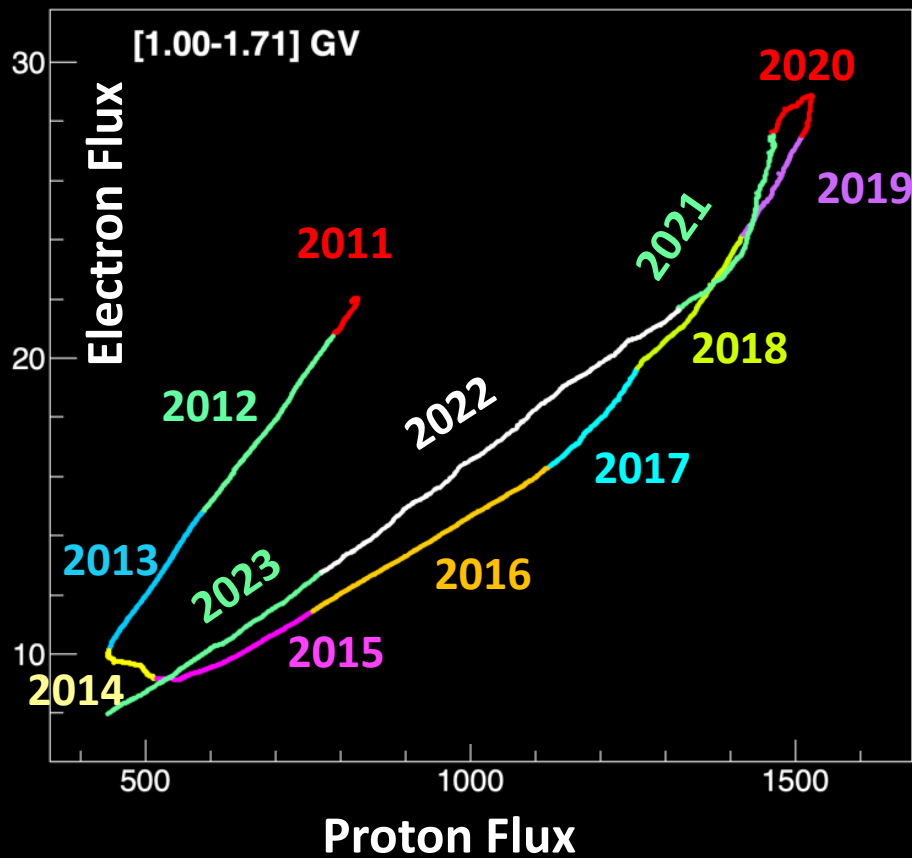


Fluxes in unit of  $[m^{-2}sr^{-1}s^{-1}GV^{-1}]$

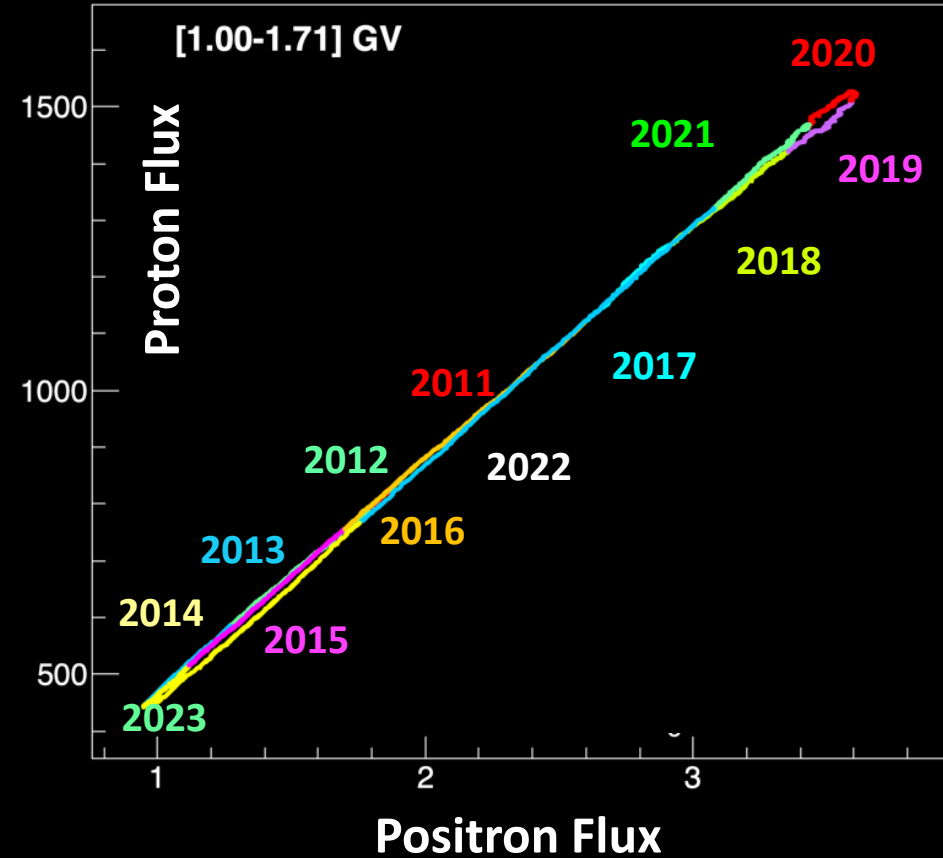


# Summary of daily electron and positron fluxes

**Electron vs Proton**  
**Opposite charge**  
Complex Hysteresis



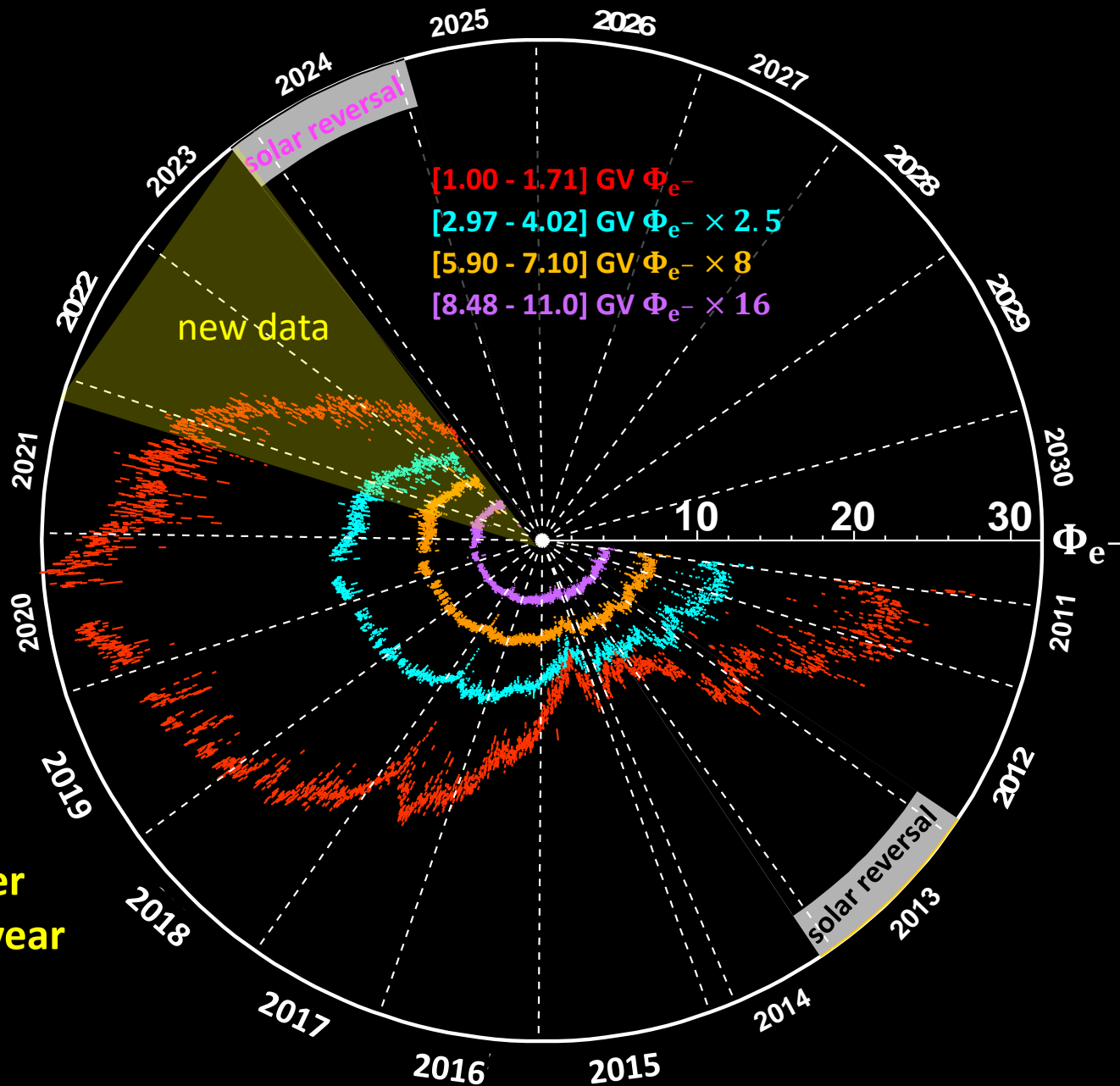
**Positron vs Proton**  
**Same charge**  
"Repeated" linearity



Fluxes in unit of  $[m^{-2}sr^{-1}s^{-1}GV^{-1}]$

# Daily fluxes over a 22-year solar cycle

We are approaching the next solar magnetic field reversal



By 2030, AMS will cover nearly a complete 22-year solar cycle



**AMS is a unique experiment to carry out precise studies on the time variability of the individual species in cosmic rays**

***By 2030, AMS will cover a complete 22-year solar cycles, and more unexpected results are yet to come***

