

# Recent Results from Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer

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# AMS

a U.S. DOE sponsored international collaboration

## 16 Countries, 60 Institutes and 600 Physicists

from Asia, Europa, and USA



# 1912 – 2012 : A century of Cosmic Rays

- Until 1950's, new particles had been discovered in Cosmic Rays
- Even after accelerators took over, Cosmic Rays play important role in Particle Physics

CARL D. ANDERSON

The production and properties of positrons

*Nobel Lecture, December 12, 1936*



**V. Hess discovered  
Cosmic Rays (1912)**

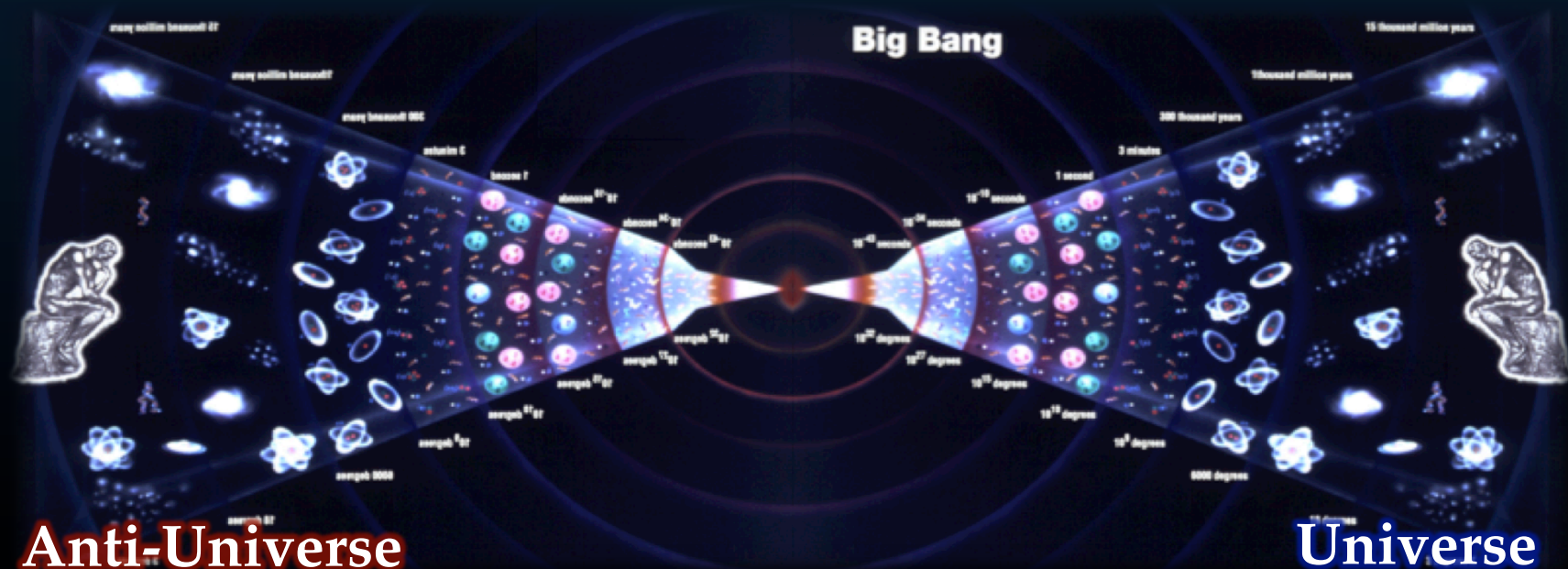


**C.D. Anderson discovered  
positron and muon (1932 and 1936)**

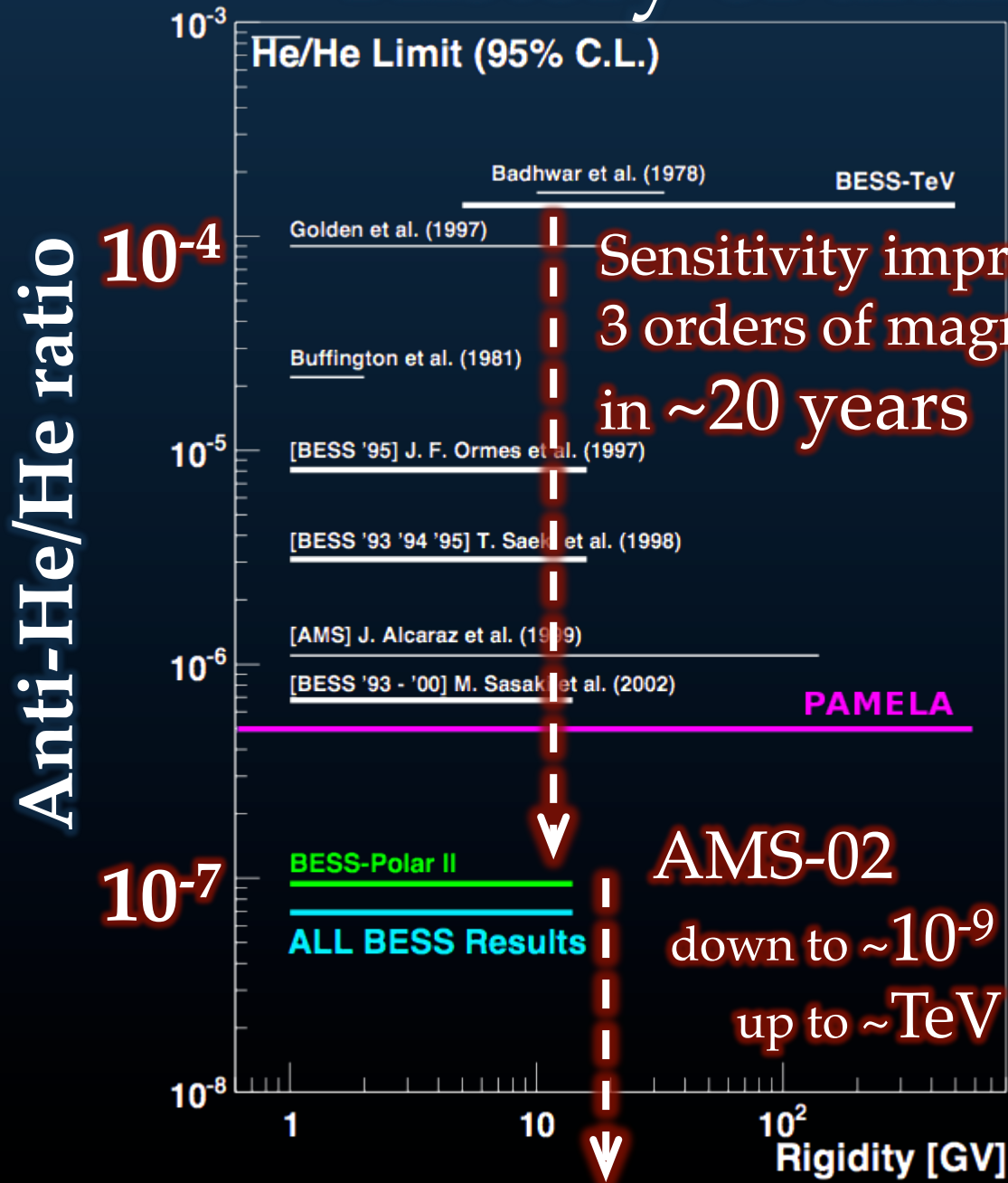


# Example 1 : Search for antimatter

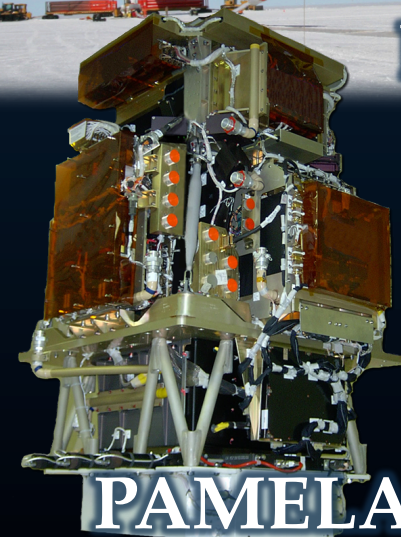
- Apparent asymmetry of matter and antimatter is one of the fundamental problems in cosmology
- Detection of anti-nuclei in Cosmic Rays will be a strong evidence of primordial Anti Matter



# History of antimatter search



From balloons to satellite

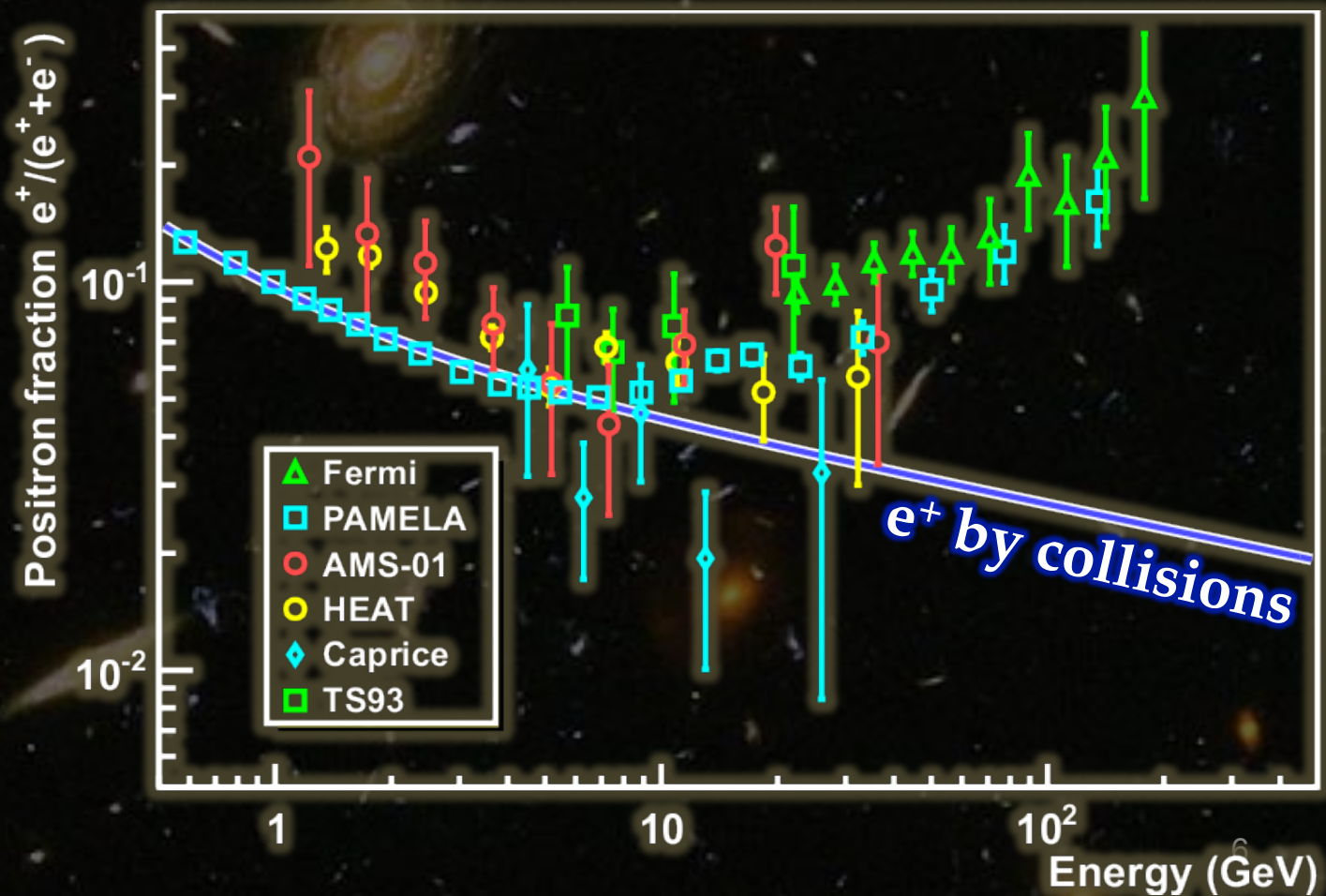


... and ISS

## Example 2: Cosmic-Ray Positrons

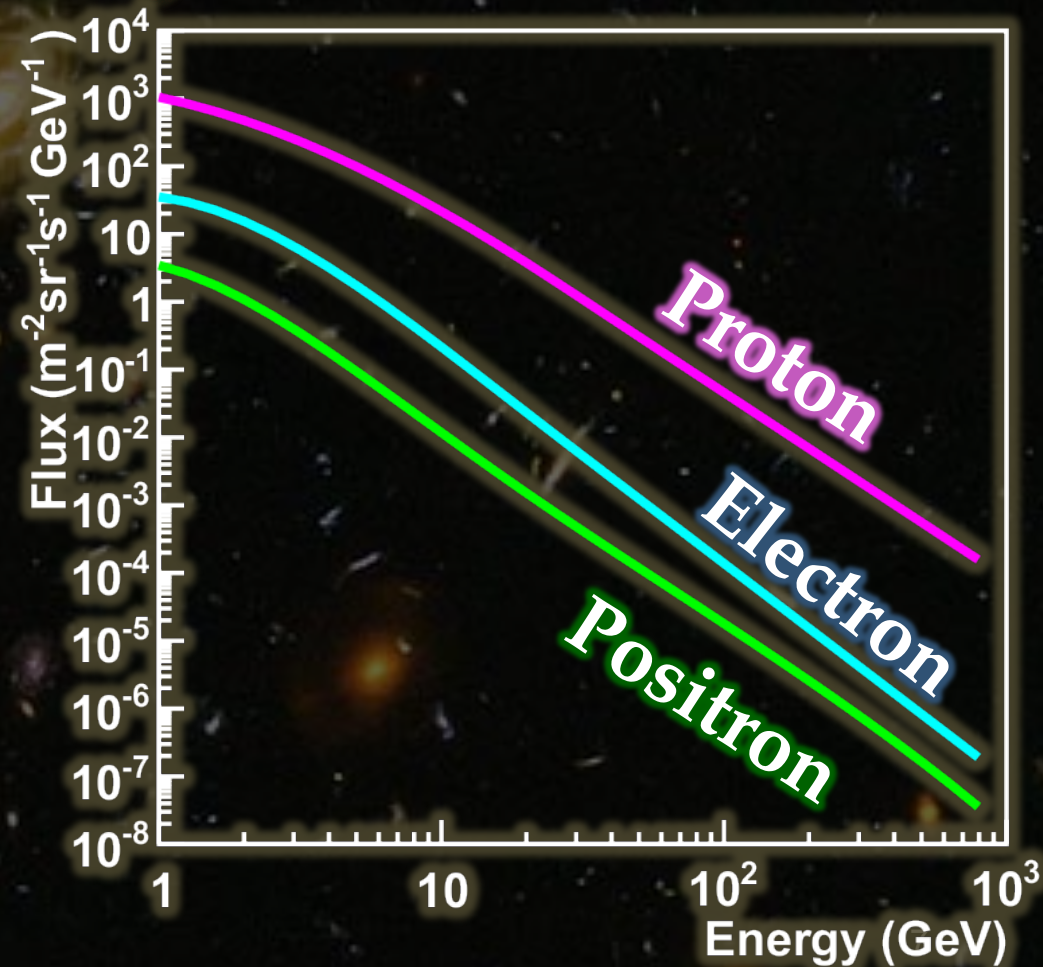
- Mostly produced by collisions of Cosmic Rays
- Annihilation/Decay of Dark Matter

will produce  
additional  
positrons



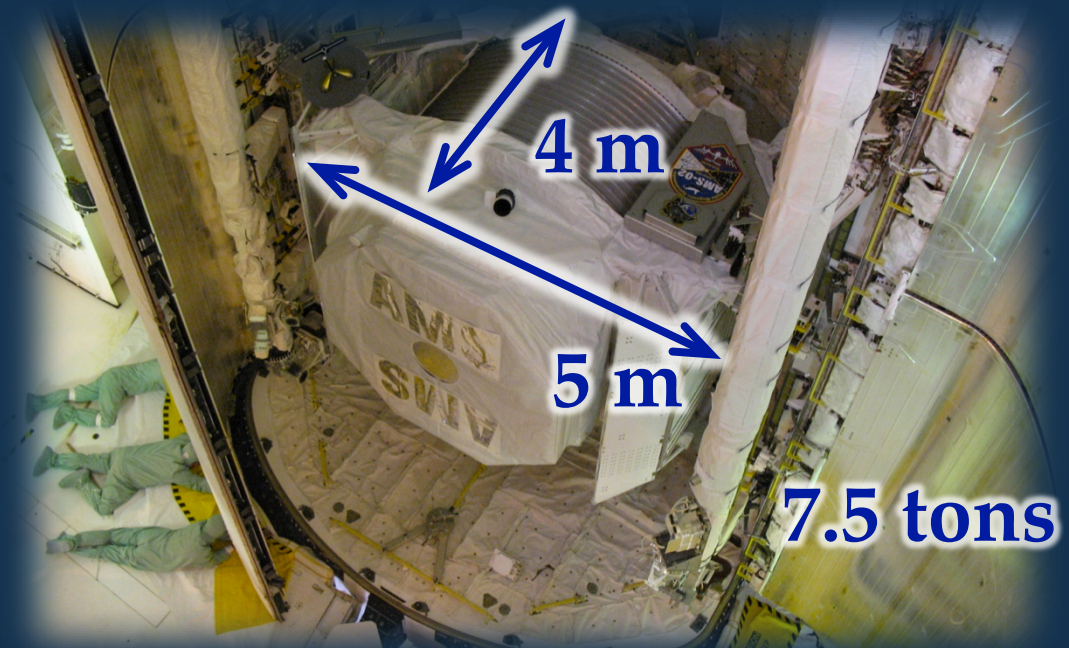
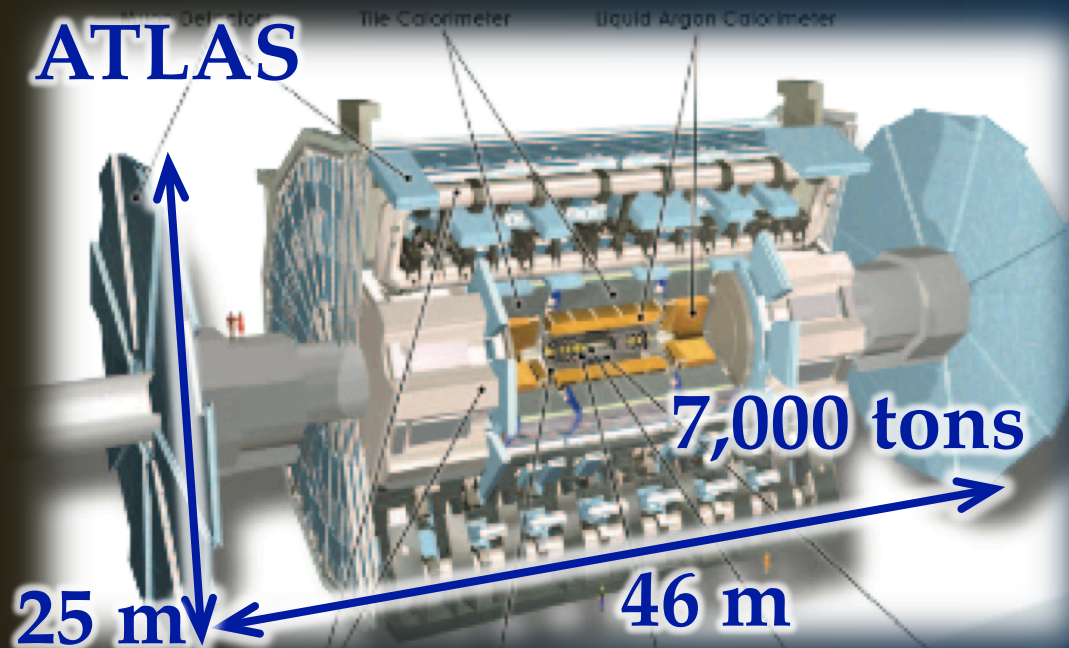
# Difficulties – positron measurement

- **Low abundance** : 0.01~0.1 % of Cosmic Rays
  - Large acceptance and long duration needed
- Large backgrounds
  - (1) **Protons**  $\times 10^3 \sim 10^4$ 
    - Redundant  $e^+ / p$  separation capability
  - (2) **Electrons**  $\times 10 \sim 100$ 
    - Deflection measurement in a magnetic field to determine charge sign



# Technical challenges

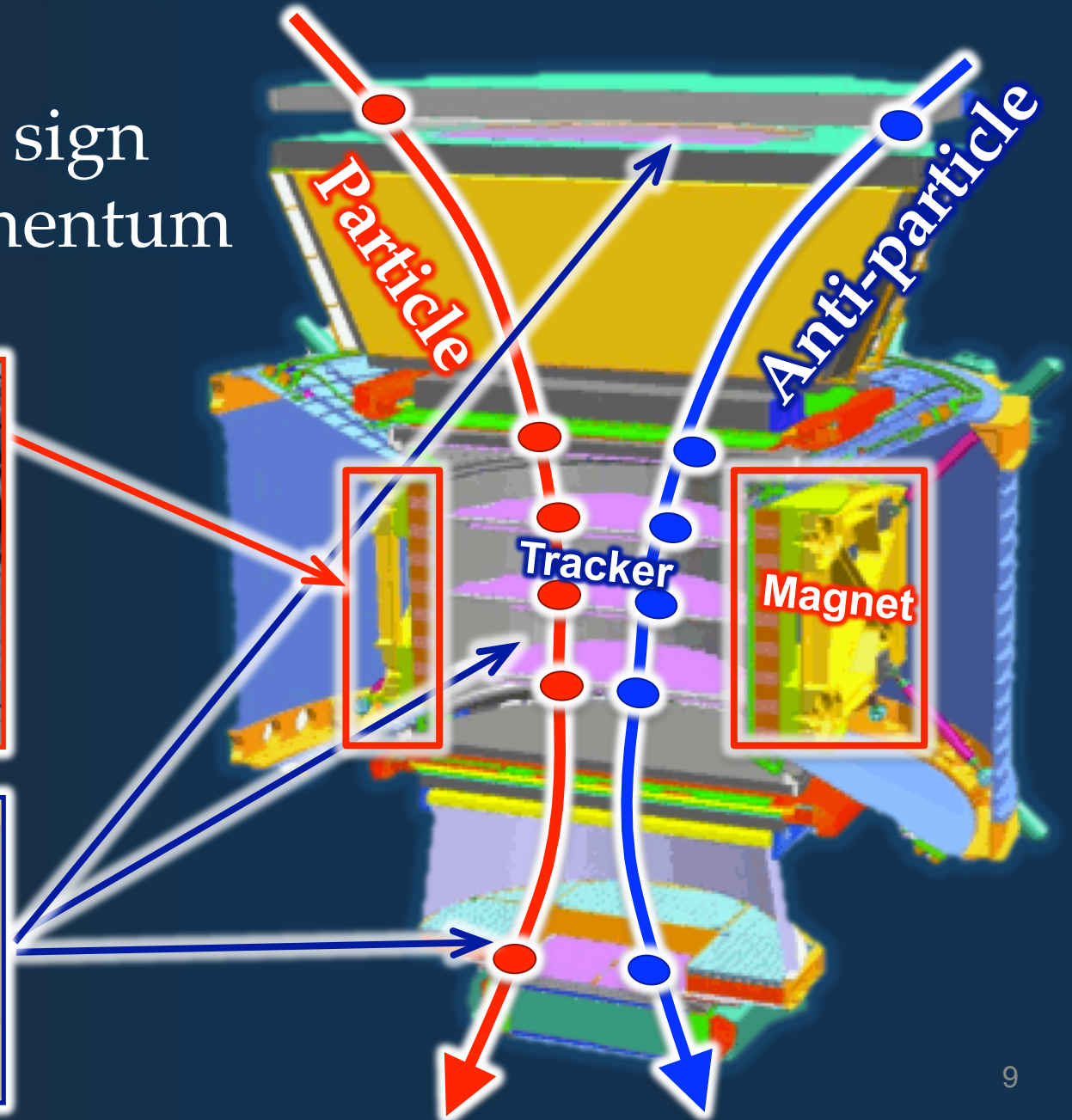
- AMS is designed with the same capability as state-of-art CERN-LHC detectors but **small enough to fit in space shuttle**
- AMS needs to work for 20 years in extreme space enviroment without access nor repair





# Magnet and Tracker

- Determine charge sign and measure momentum

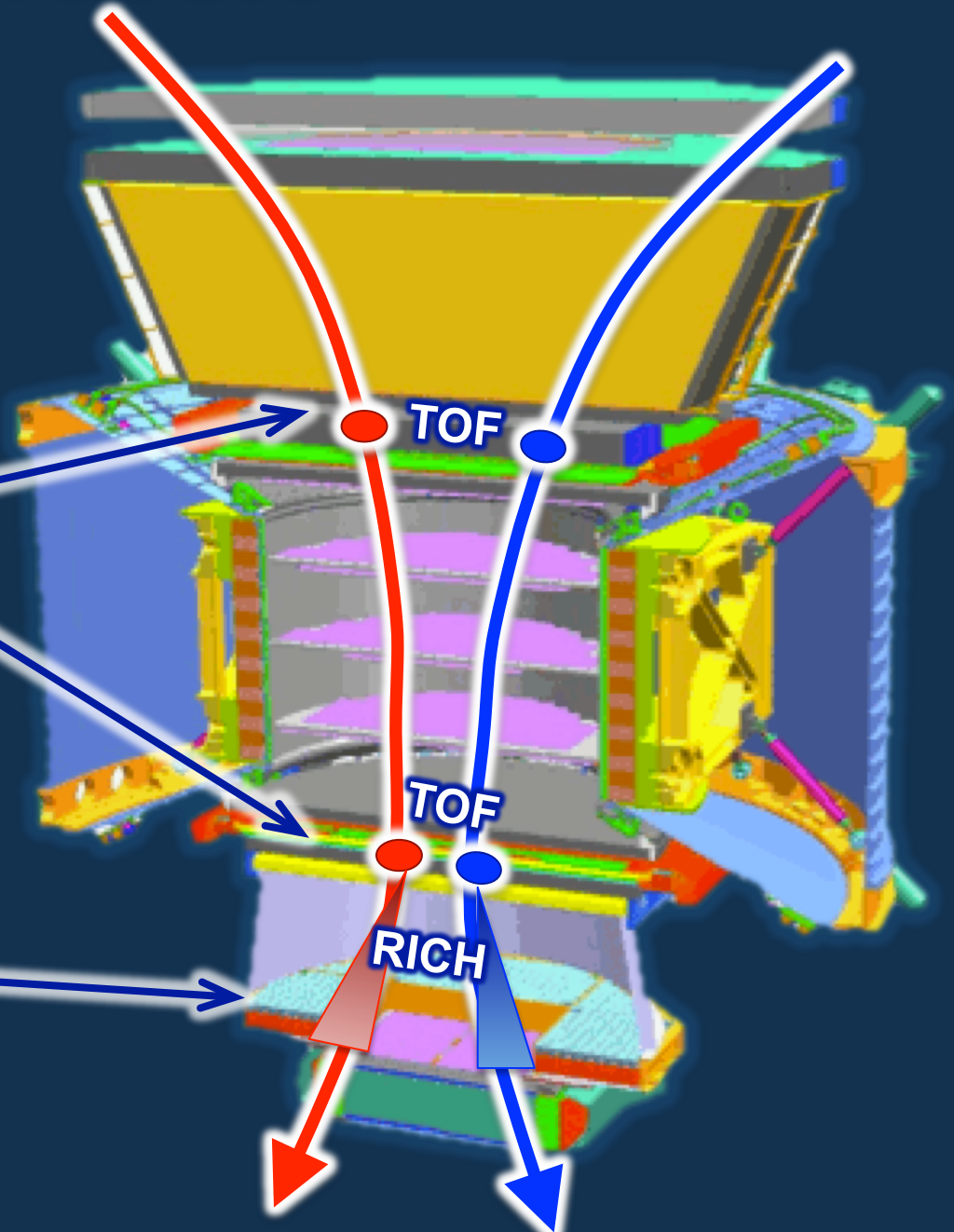
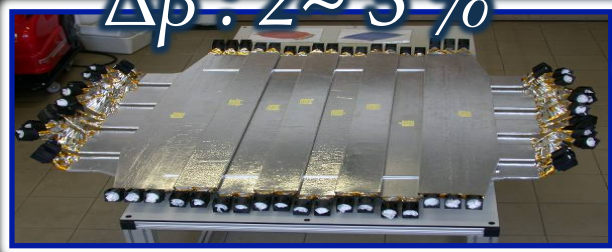


# TOF and RICH

- Determine direction and measure velocity

Time Of Flight

$\Delta\beta : 2 \sim 3\%$



# TRD and Ecal

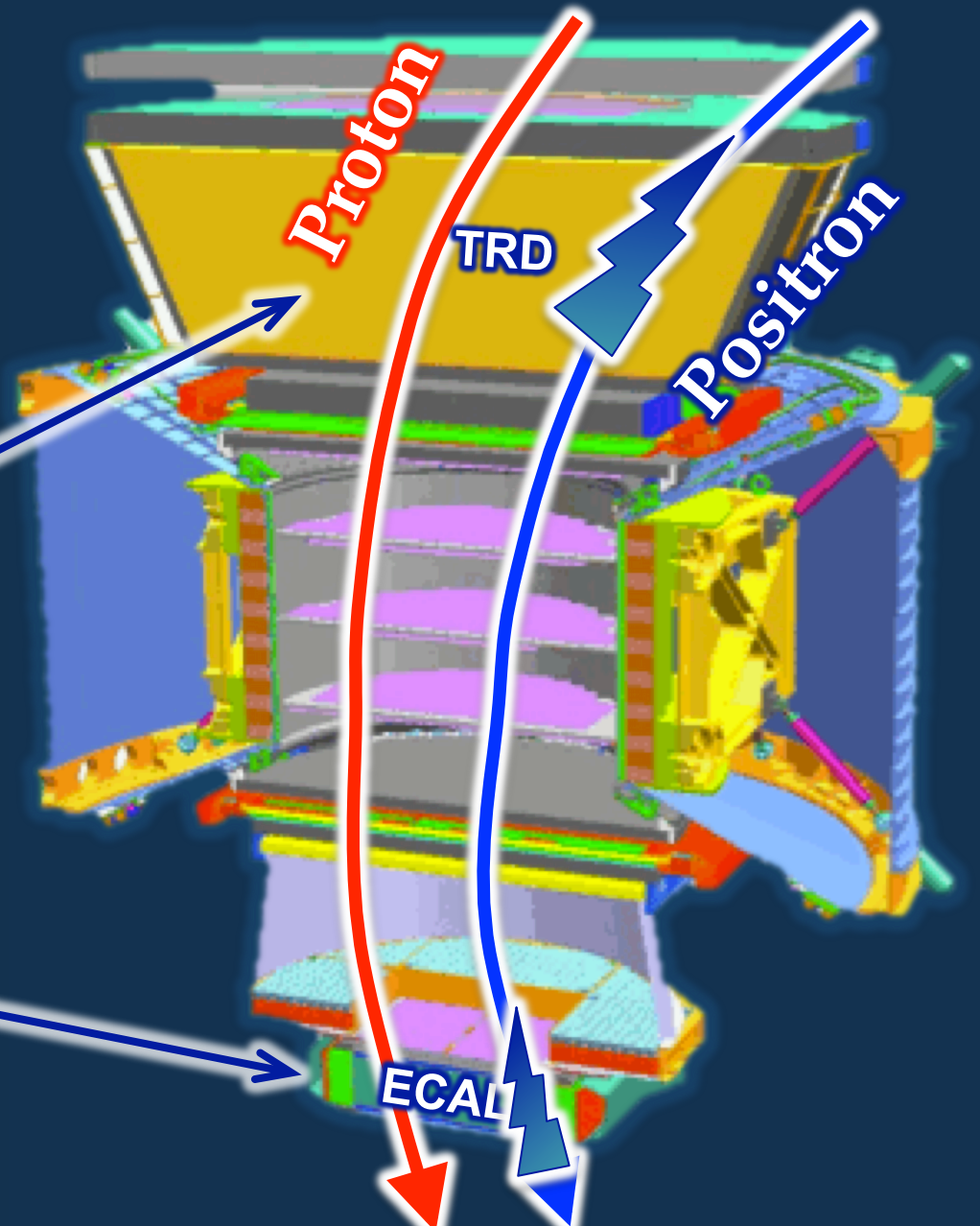
- Distinguish  $e^+ / e^-$  from proton backgrounds



Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)



EM Calorimeter  
( $17 X_0$ )



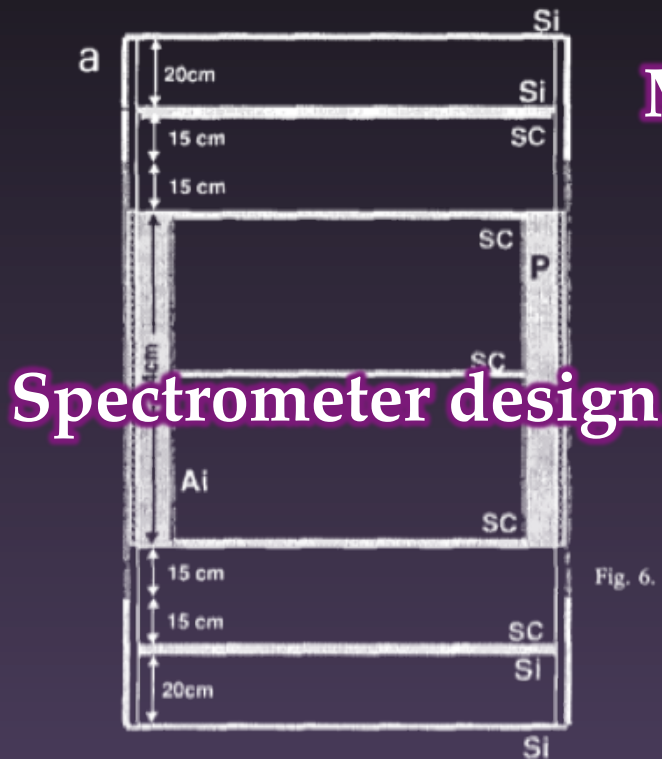
# AMS proposed in 1994

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 350 (1994) 351–367  
North-Holland

**NUCLEAR  
INSTRUMENTS  
& METHODS  
IN PHYSICS  
RESEARCH**  
Section A

## An antimatter spectrometer in space

Antimatter Study Group



- P permanent magnet with supporting structure
- SC Double sided silicon detector resolution ( $7\mu$ ) and  $\frac{dE}{dX}$  (charge) measurements
- Si scintillators for time a flight and  $\frac{dE}{dX}$  (charge) veto scintillators

## Magnet design



Fig. 6. Magnetic field distribution at a cross-section of the center of the magnet.

## Anti-He/He Ratio

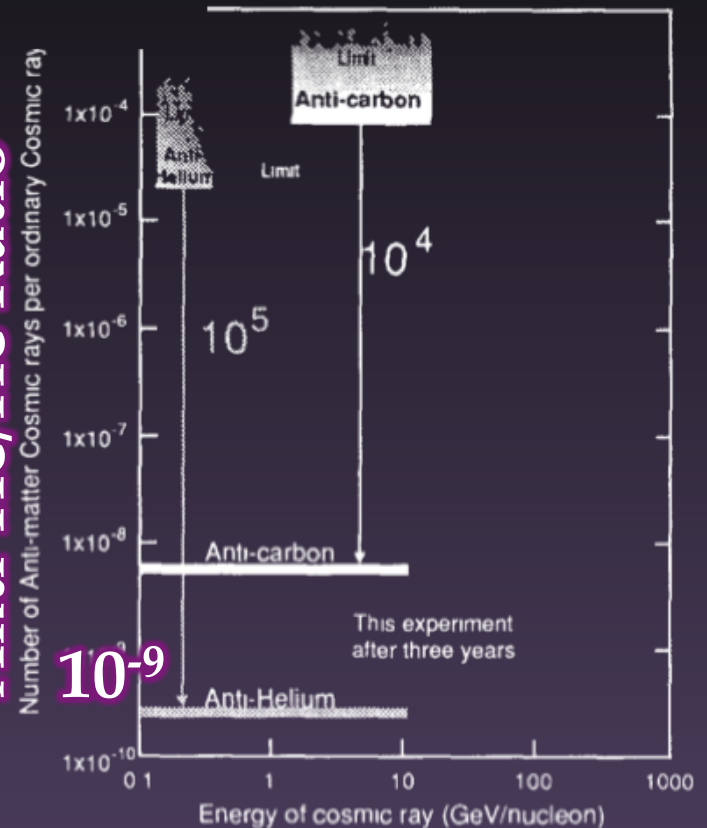
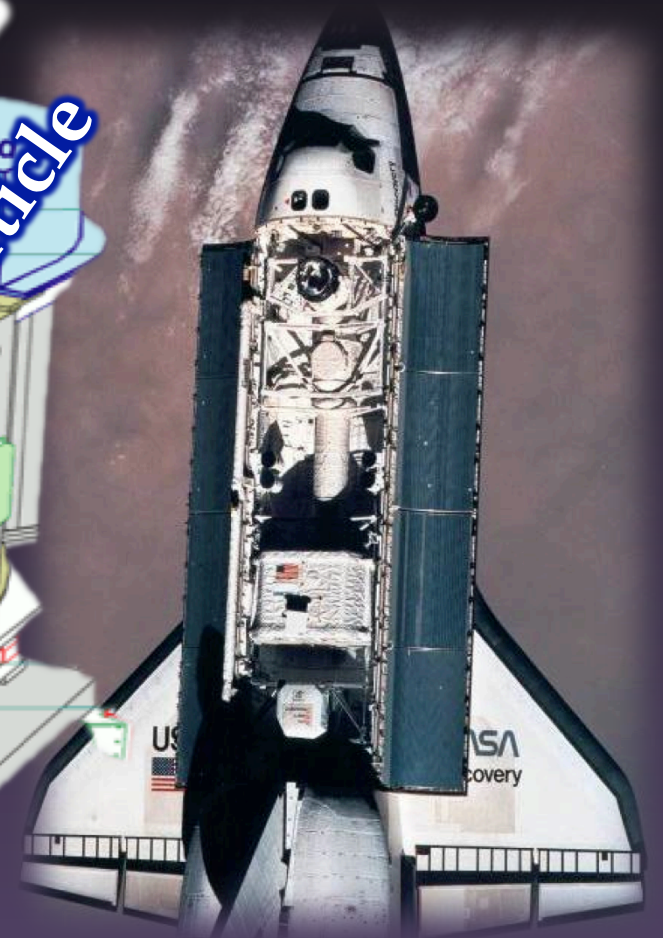
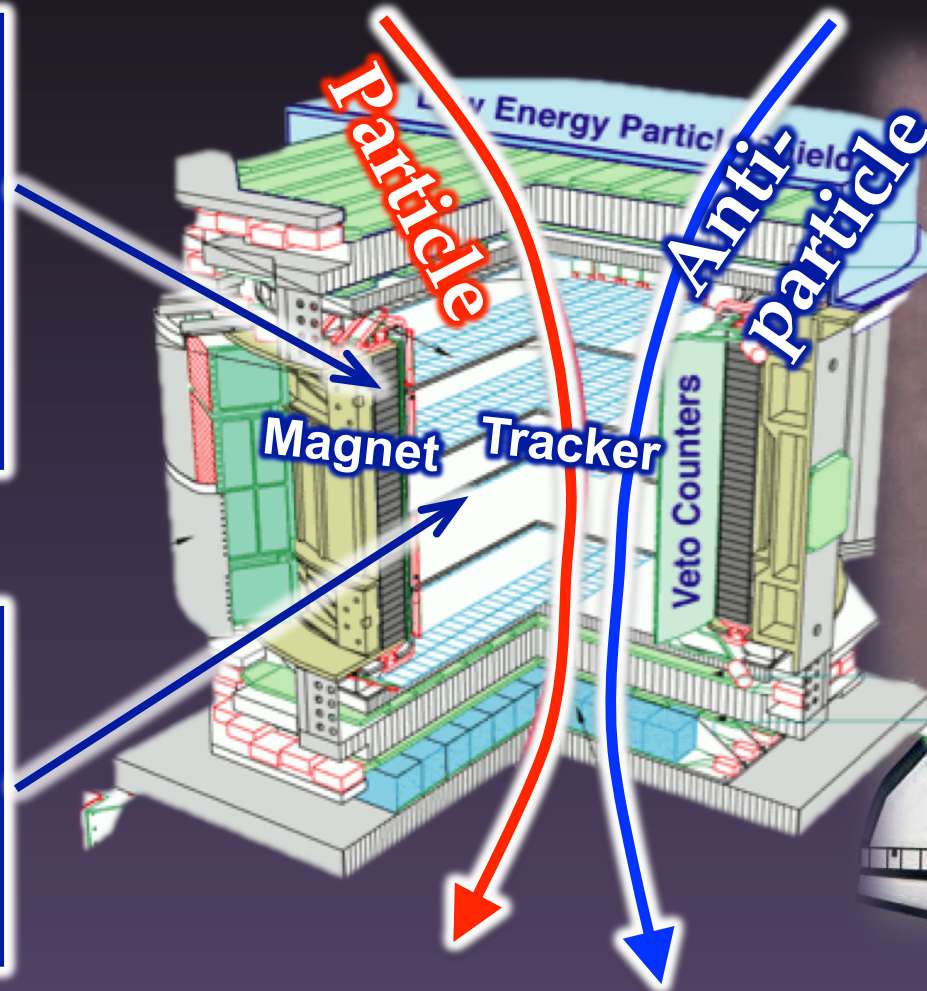
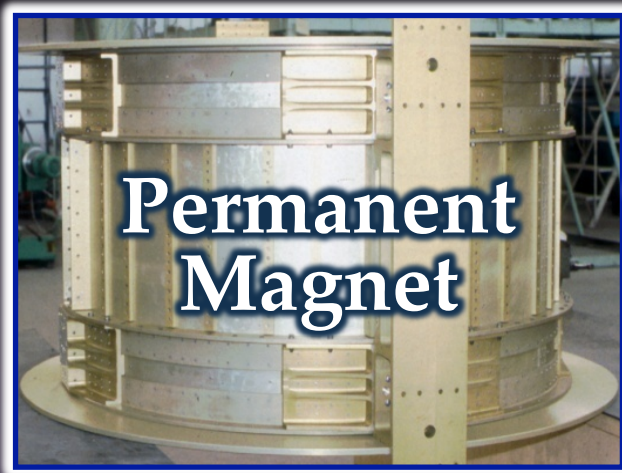


Fig. 30. Current limits and sensitivity of this experiment for antimatter. In addition to the search for antimatter, our detector could be easily modified (particularly for options 2 and 4) to explore the search of  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^+$ .

# Test flight : AMS-01 in 1998

- One week flight on space shuttle *Discovery* with the same magnet as AMS-02





... and it took ~12 years

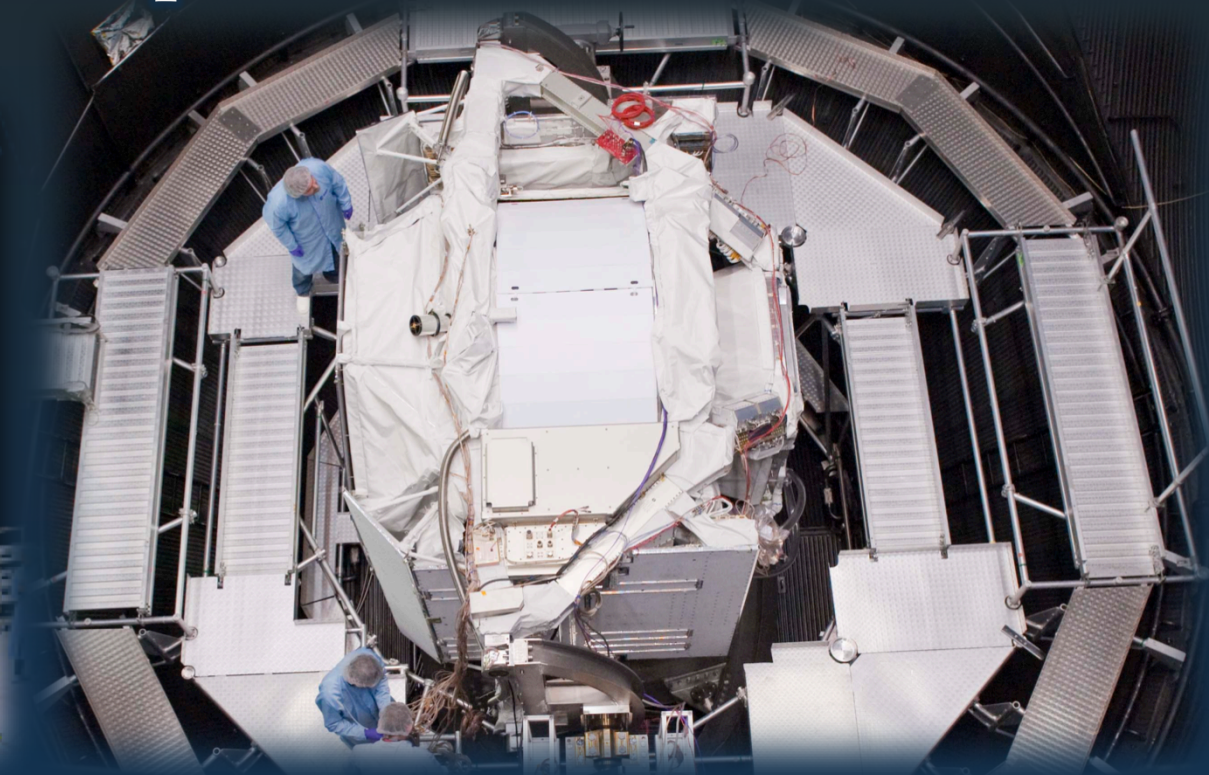
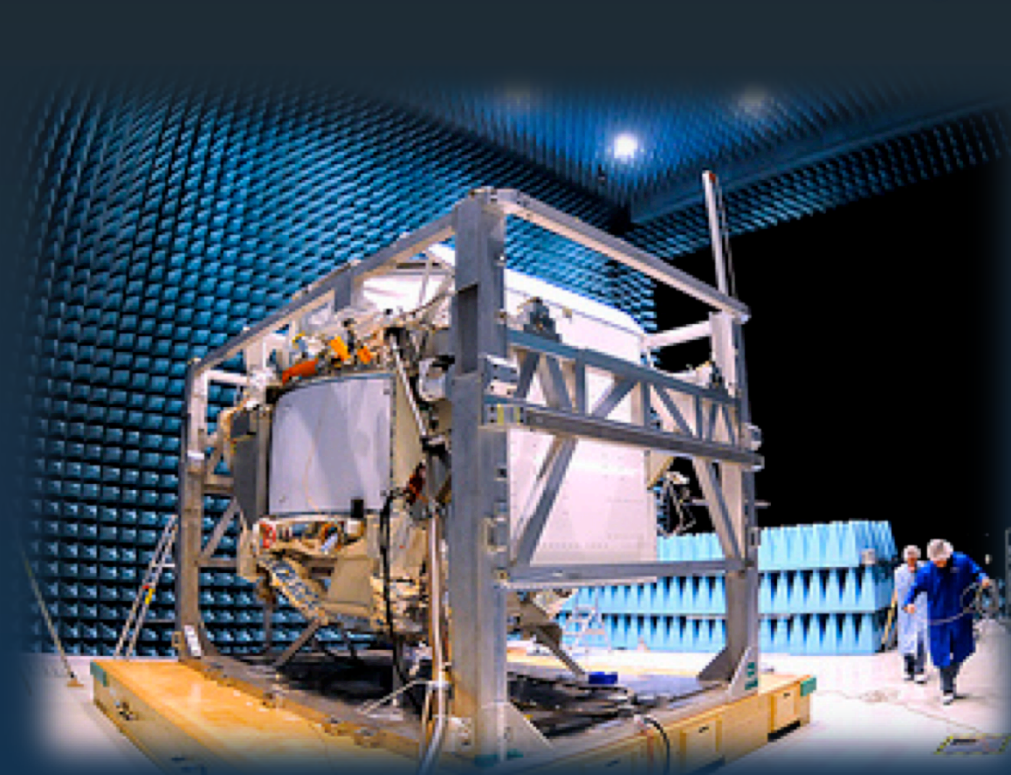
For

- Design
- Construction
- Space qualification tests  
of sub-systems  
and
- Integration of AMS-02

# Space qualification test

At European Space Agency  
Mar~Apr/2010

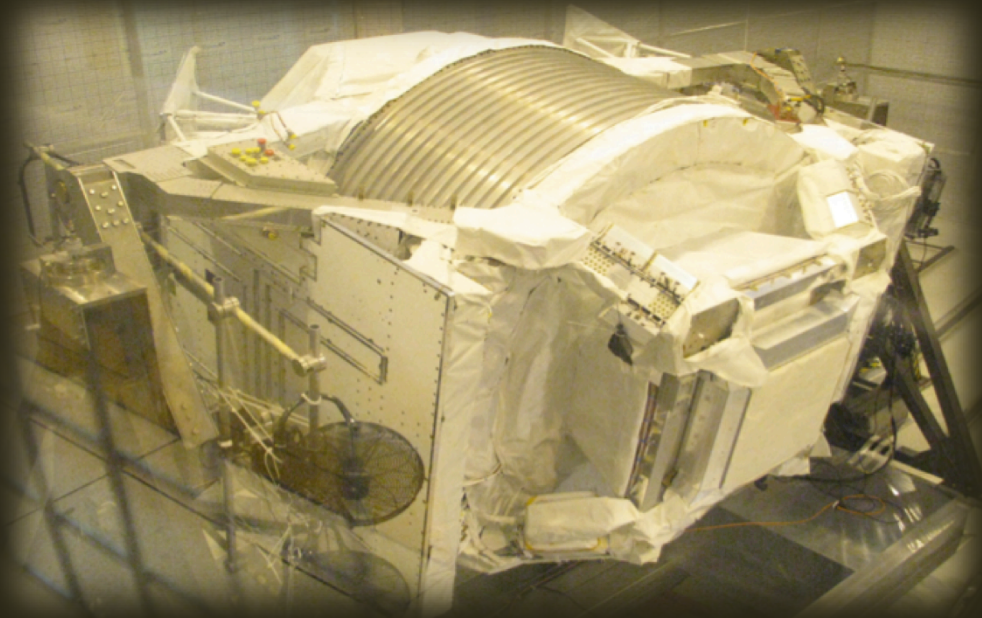
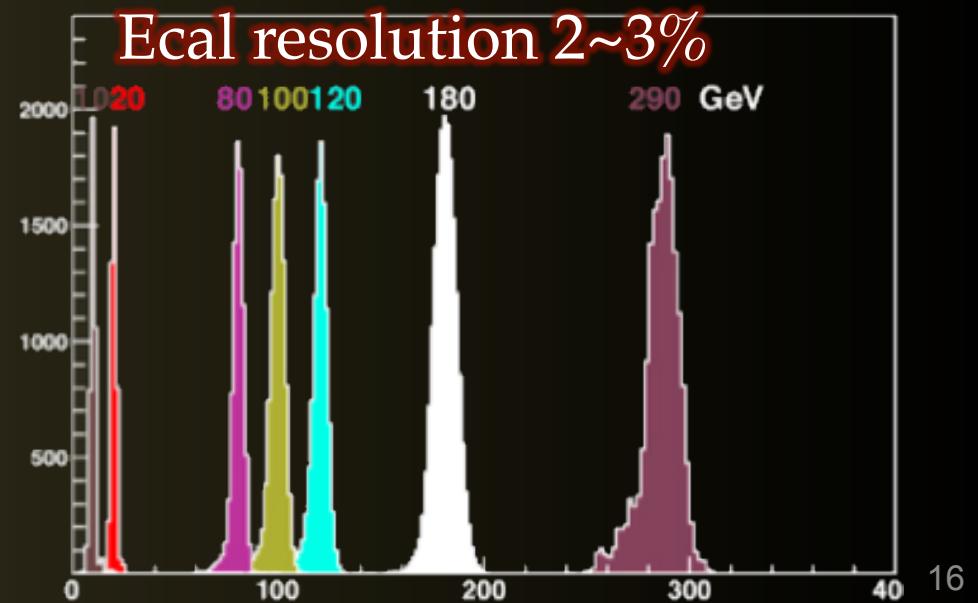
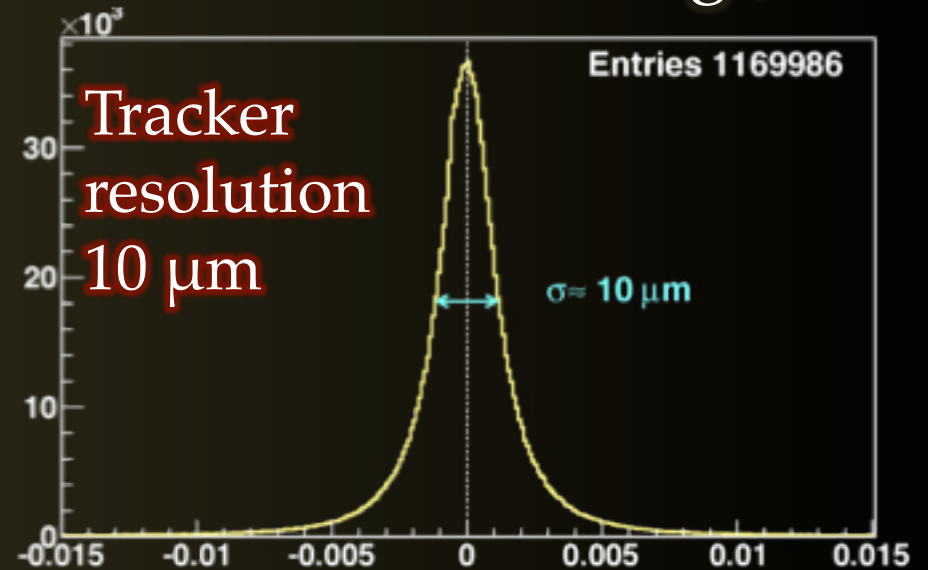
- EMI (Electro Magnetic Interference) test
- Thermal Vacuum test  
Pressure  $< 10^{-9}$  bar, Temperature  $-40 \sim +90$  °C



# Particle beam Tests at CERN

Aug./2010

- Proton 400 GeV/c
- $e^+$ ,  $e^-$  80 ~ 290 GeV



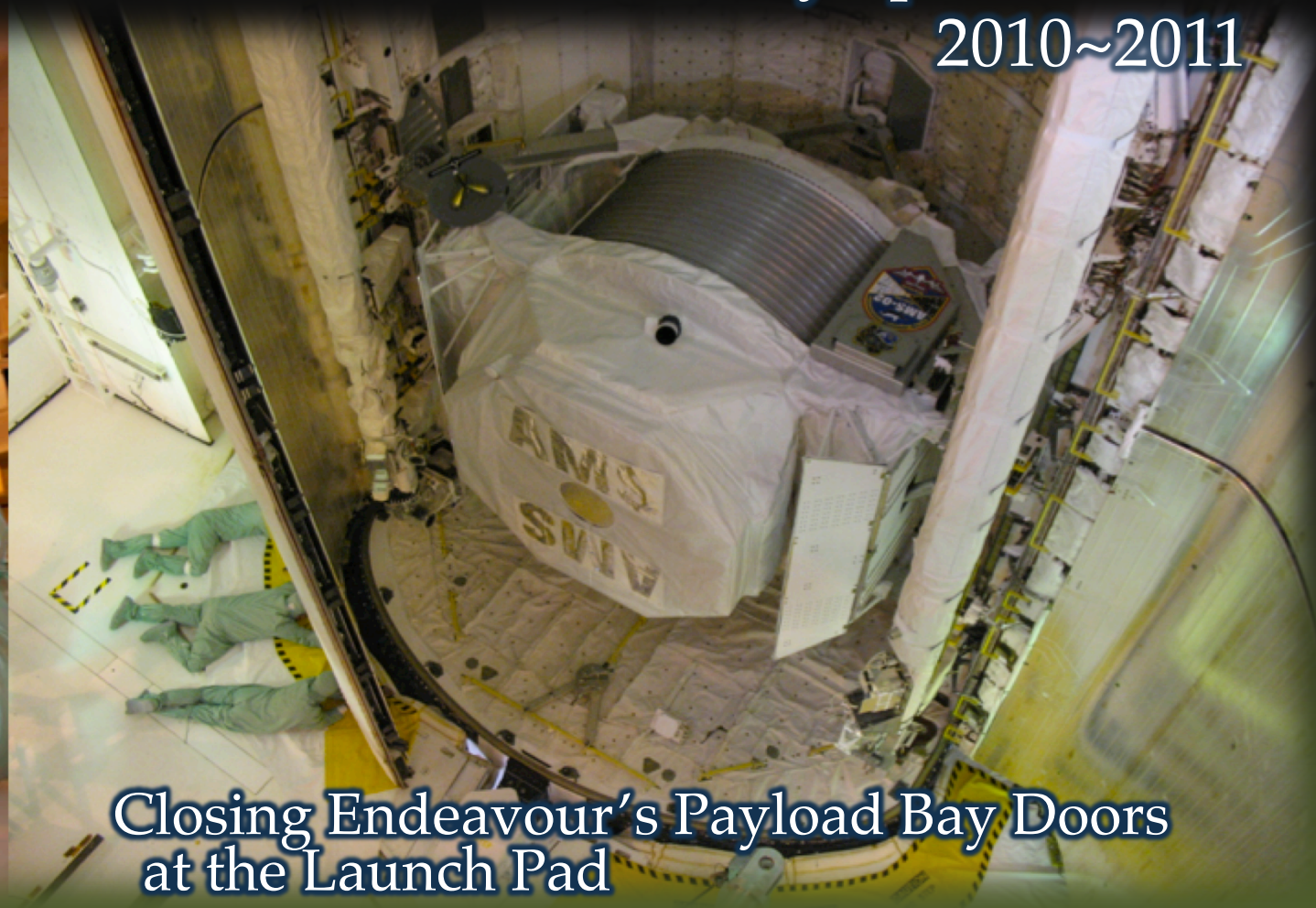


# AMS installed in Space Shuttle

At Kennedy Space Center  
2010~2011



Final inspection  
by S. Ting

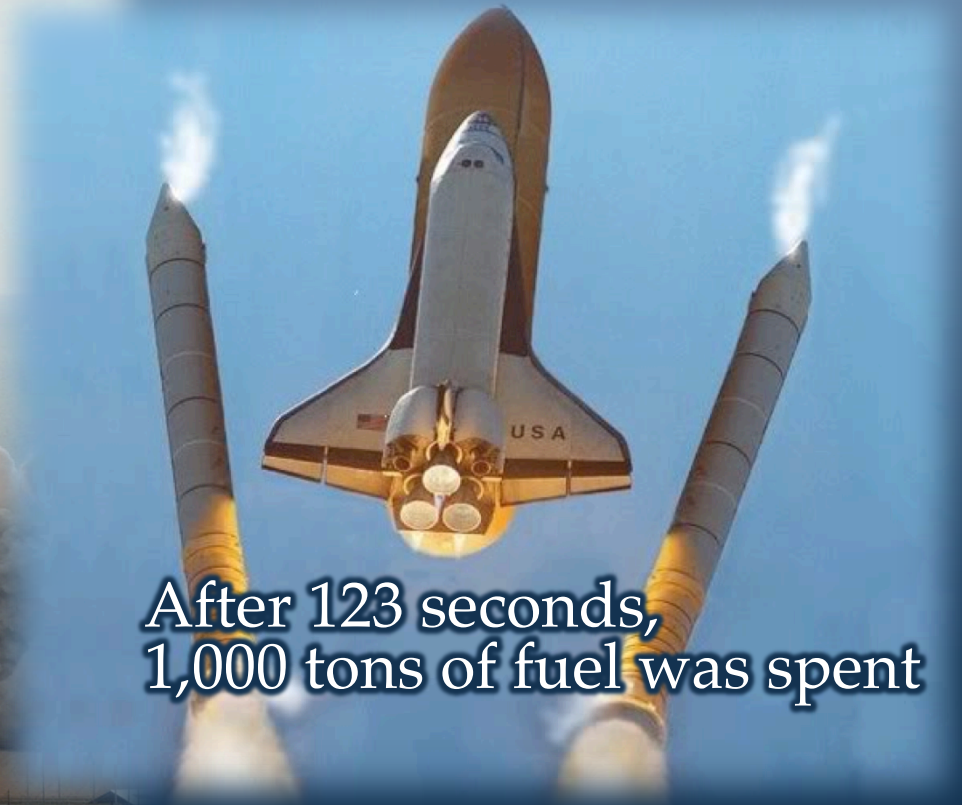


Closing Endeavour's Payload Bay Doors  
at the Launch Pad

# STS-134 Launch (Last *Endeavor* flight)

May 16, 2011 8:56 EDT

AMS :	7.5 t
Space Shuttle :	110 t
External tank :	756 t
Solid rocket boosters :	1,142 t
Total weight :	2,008 t



After 123 seconds,  
1,000 tons of fuel was spent

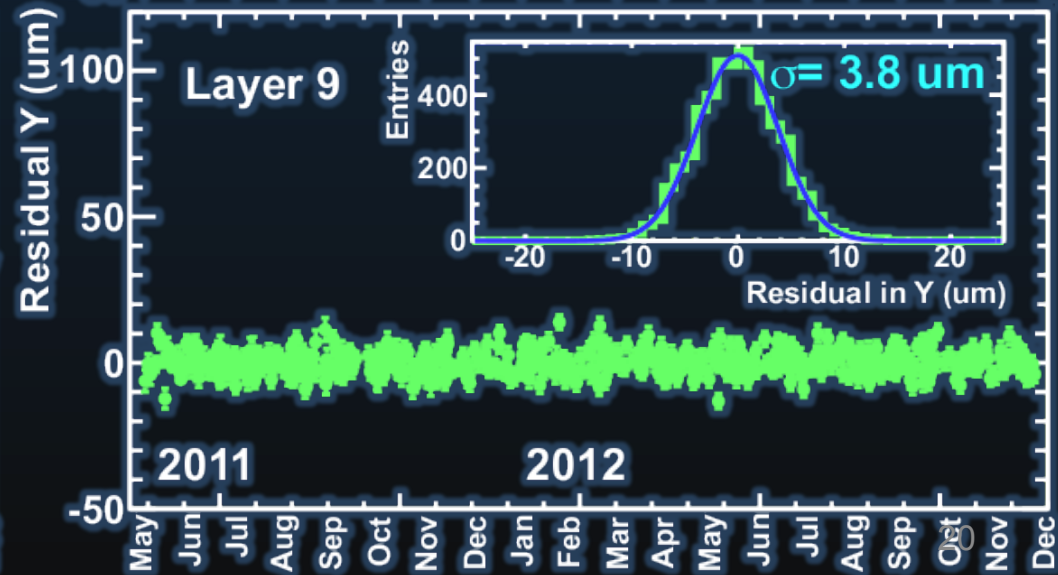
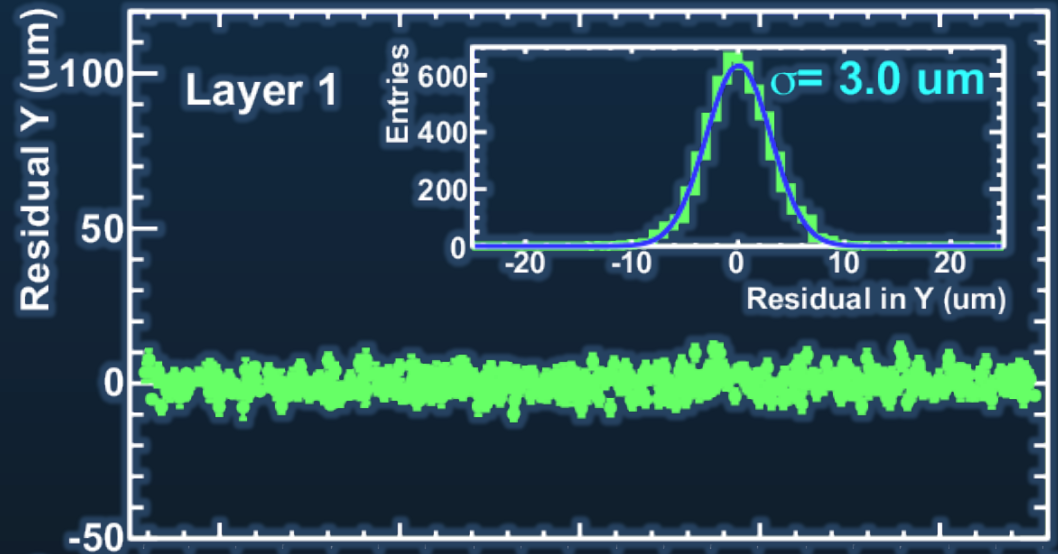
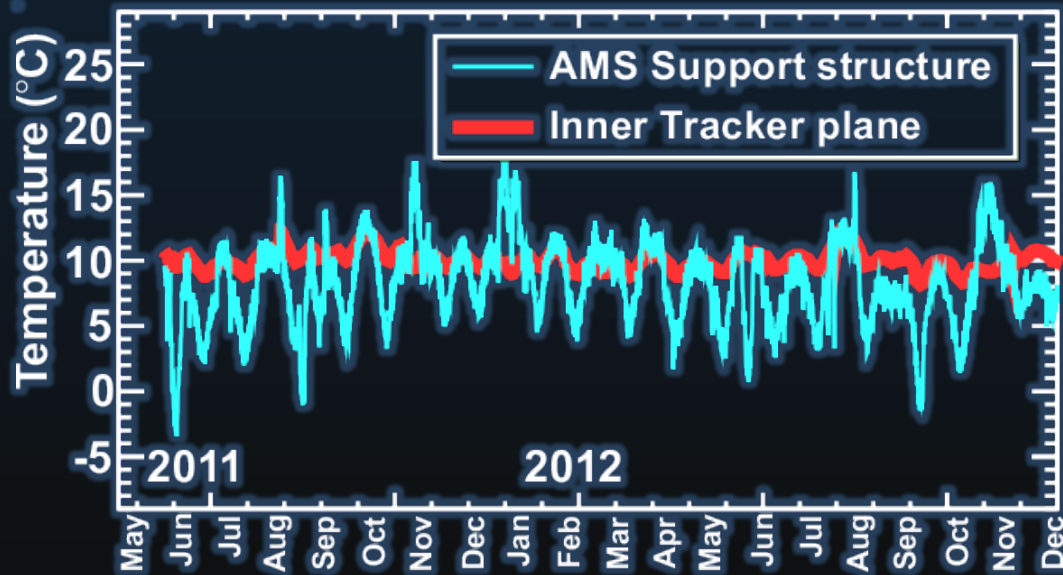
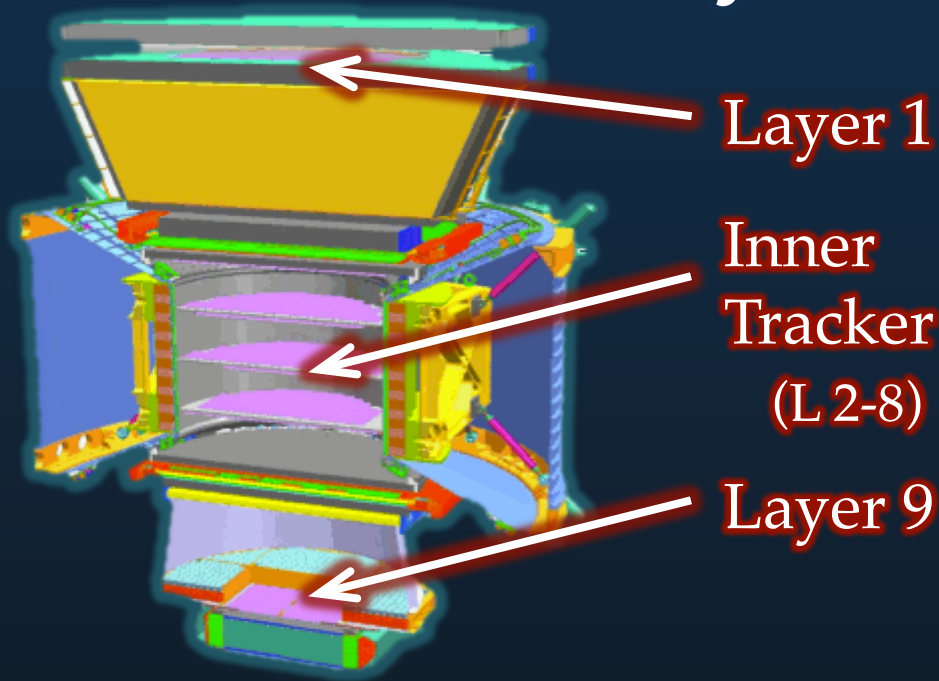
# AMS installed on the ISS

- May 19, 2011 5:15 CDT
- Start taking data 9:35 CDT

Since then, AMS is continuously recording 16 billion Cosmic-Ray events every year...

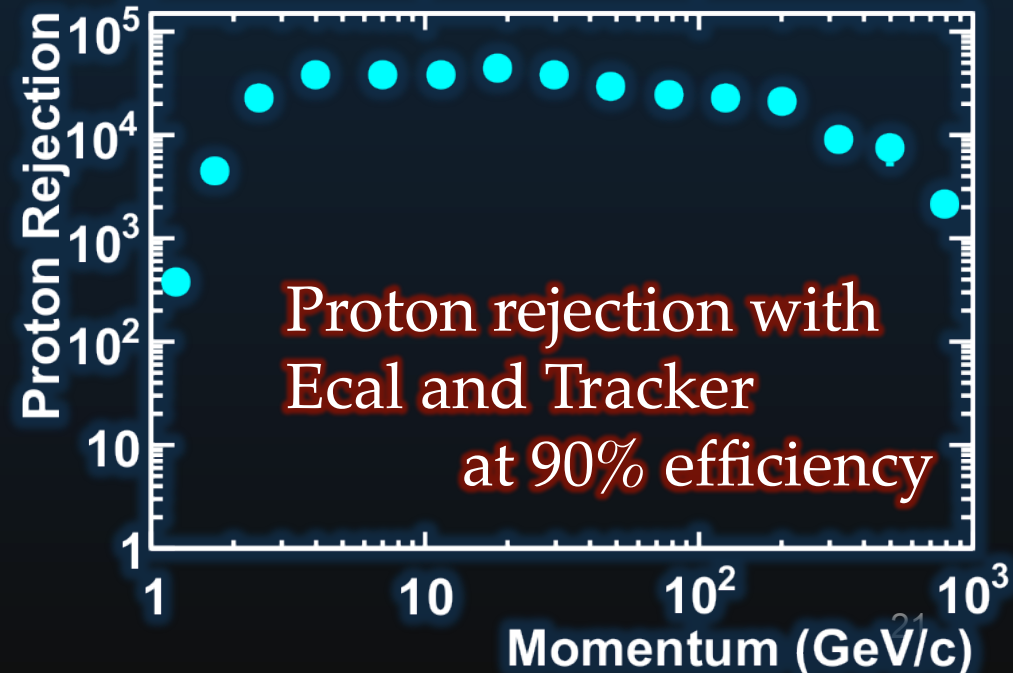
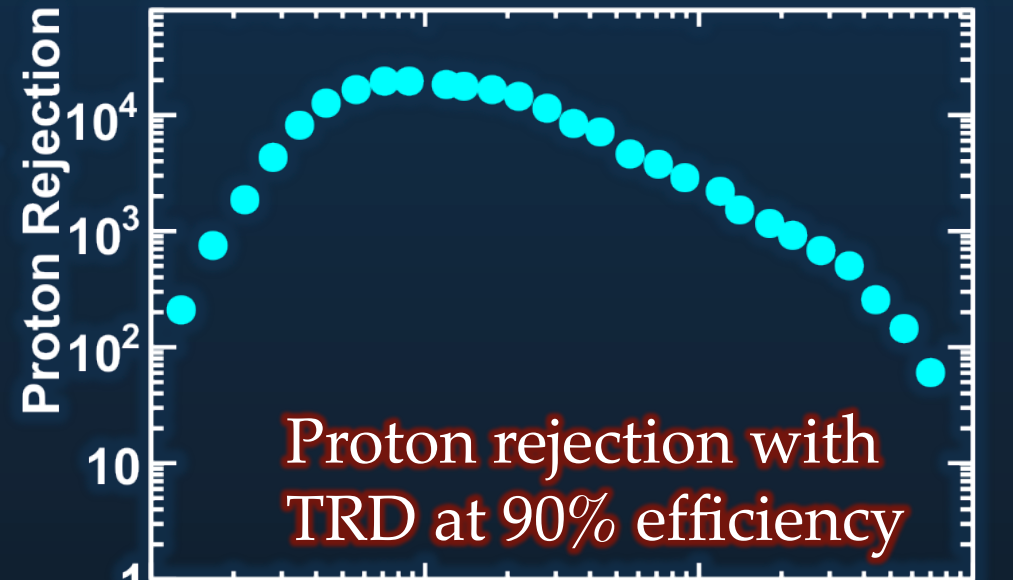
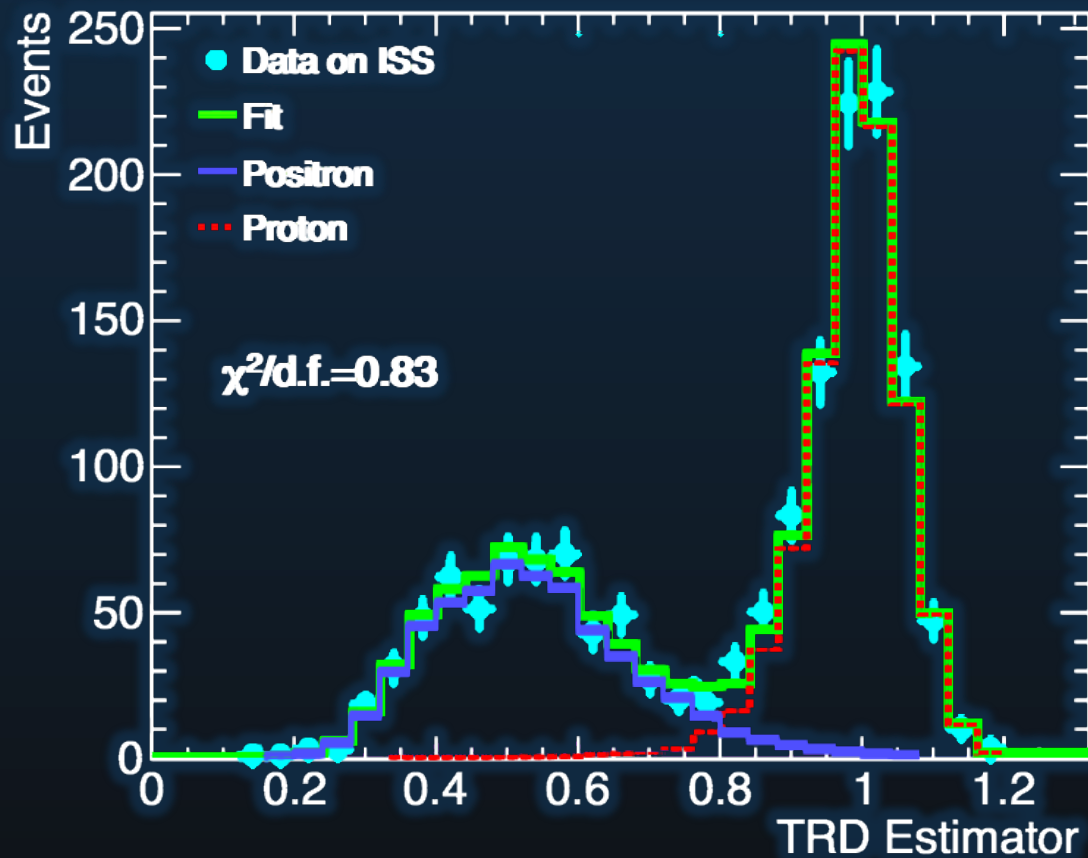


# Stability of Tracker layers



# Positron identification

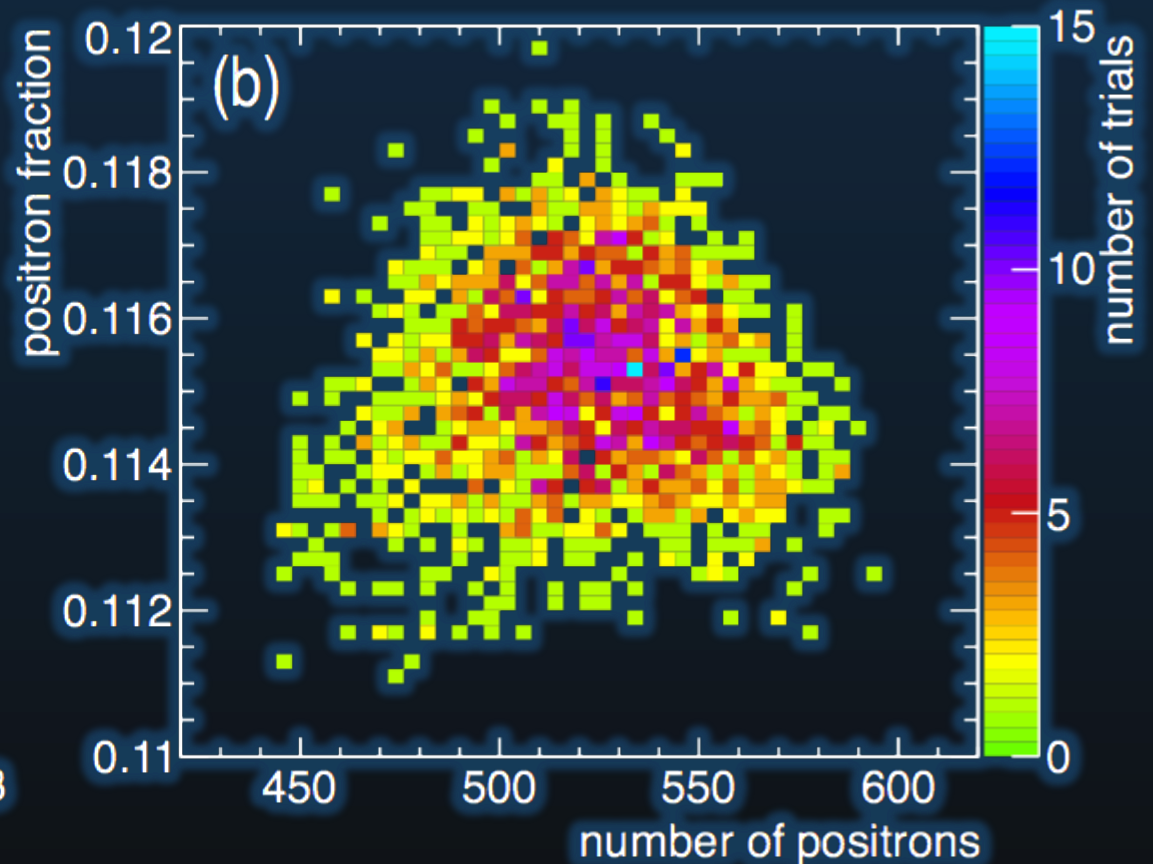
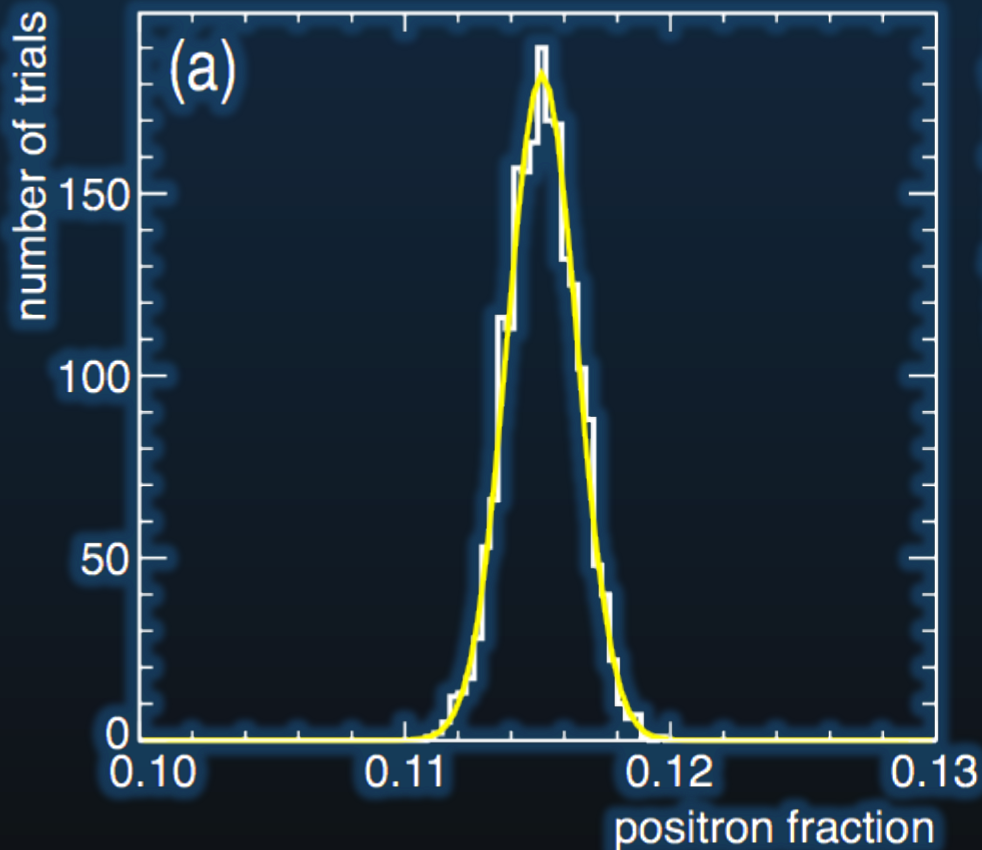
Positive charge data in 83-100 GeV



# Systematics : Selection dependence

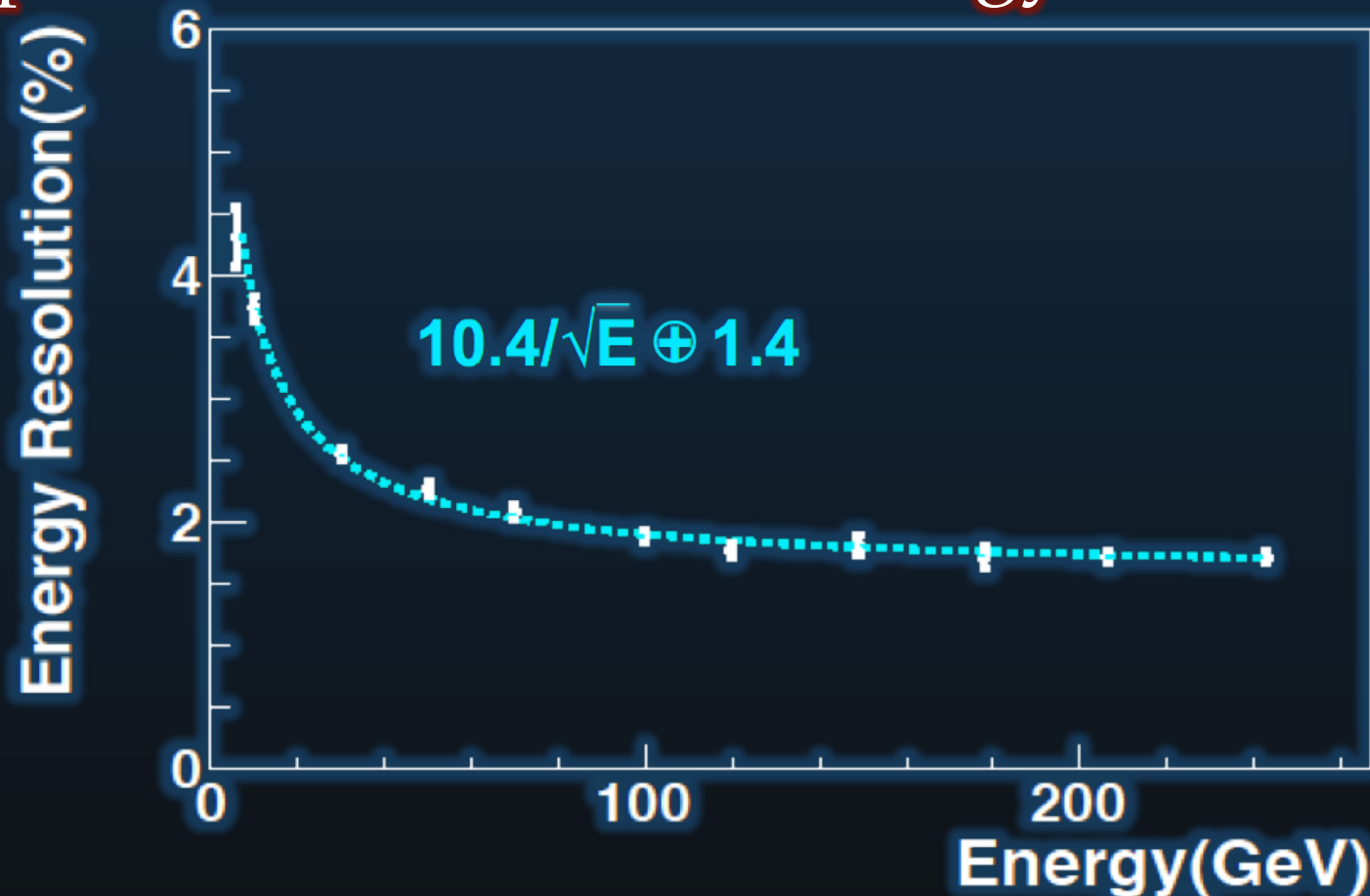
~1000 different cuts tested  
and all gave the same result

ISS data in 83-100 GeV



# Systematics : Bin-to-bin migration

Effect obtained by folding the measured spectra with the ECAL energy resolution



Bin width:  $2\sigma$  at 5 GeV;  $4\sigma$  at 50 GeV;  $8\sigma$  at 100 GeV;  $19\sigma$  at 300 GeV

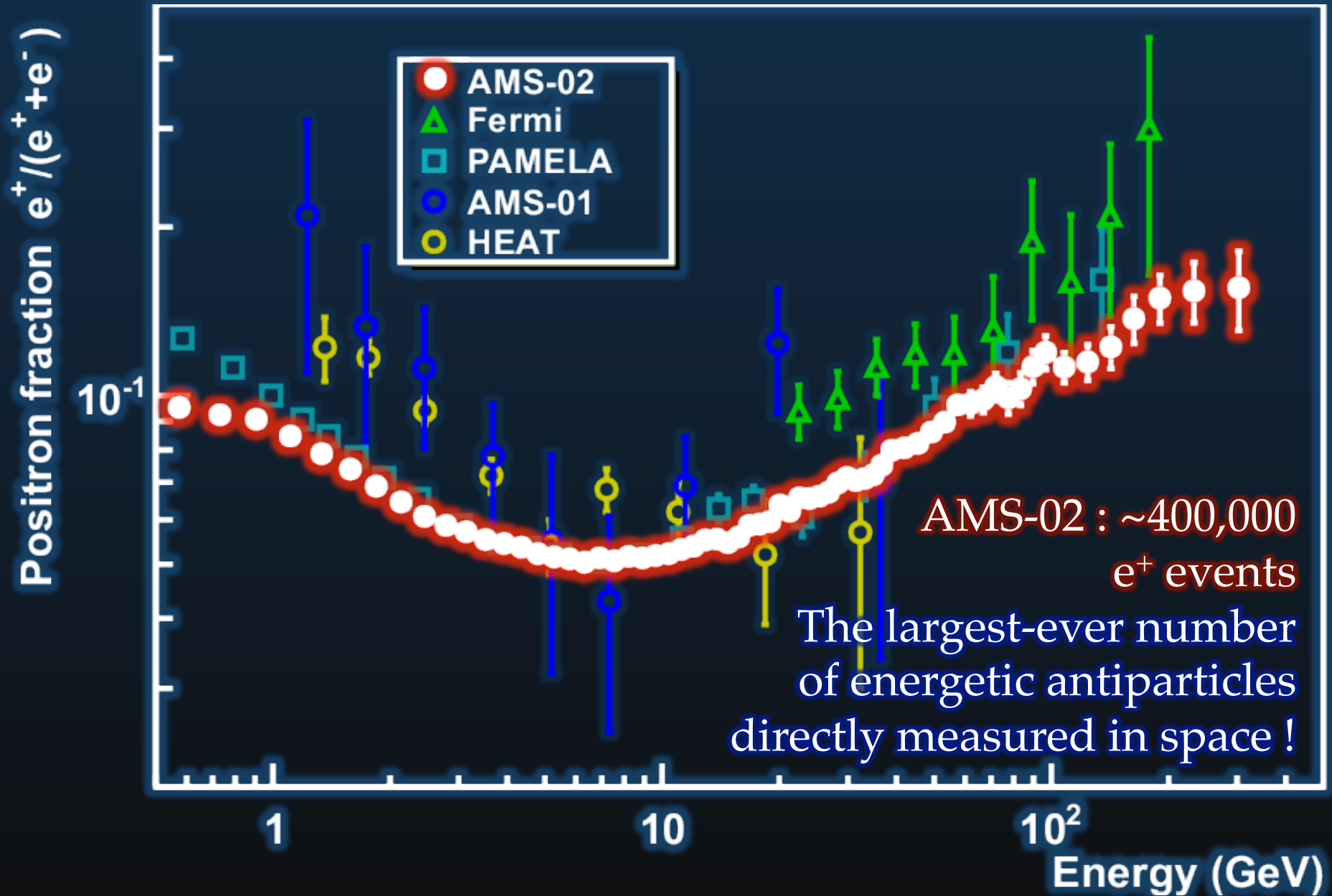
# Data table (highest points)

- **~1,100 e+ identified** above 100 GeV
- Syst. errors are always smaller than stat. errors, both of which are kept **within ~10 % level**

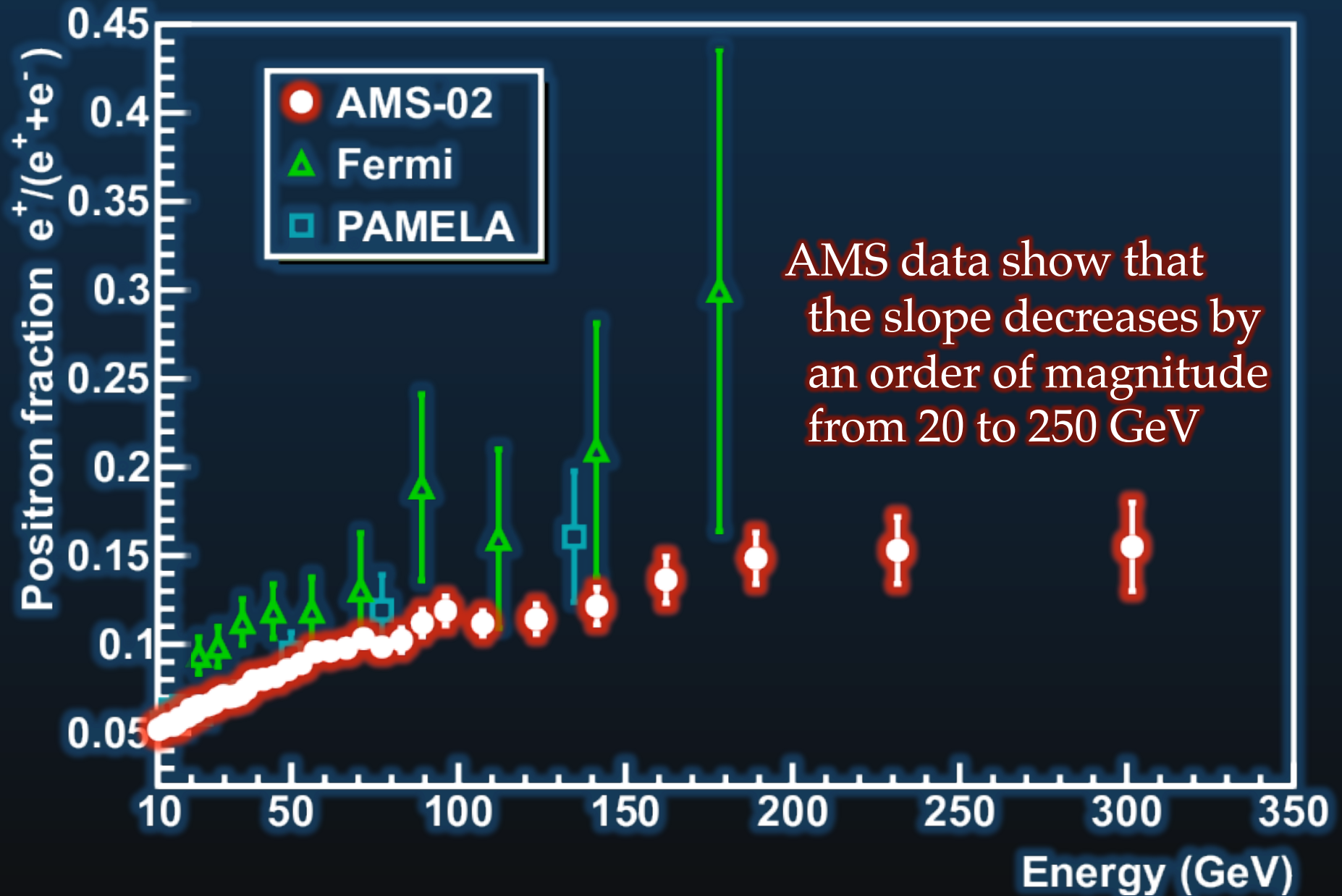
Energy [GeV]	$N_{e^+}$	Fraction	$\sigma_{stat}$	$\sigma_{acc.}$	$\sigma_{sel.}$	$\sigma_{mig.}$	$\sigma_{ref.}$	$\sigma_{c.c.}$	$\sigma_{syst.}$
100.0 - 115.1	304	0.1118	0.0066	0.0002	0.0015	0.0000	0.0003	0.0015	0.0022
115.1 - 132.1	223	0.1142	0.0080	0.0002	0.0019	0.0000	0.0004	0.0019	0.0027
132.1 - 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
260.0 - 350.0	72	0.1550	0.0200	0.0003	0.0056	0.0000	0.0018	0.0140	0.0152



# Positron fraction



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# An example: Minimal model

- Positron fraction =  $\frac{\Phi_{e^+}}{\Phi_{e^+} + \Phi_{e^-}}$

where  $\Phi_{e^+} = \underbrace{C_{e^+} E^{-\gamma_{e^+}}}_{e^+ \text{ diffuse}} + \underbrace{C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s}}_{\text{common source}}$

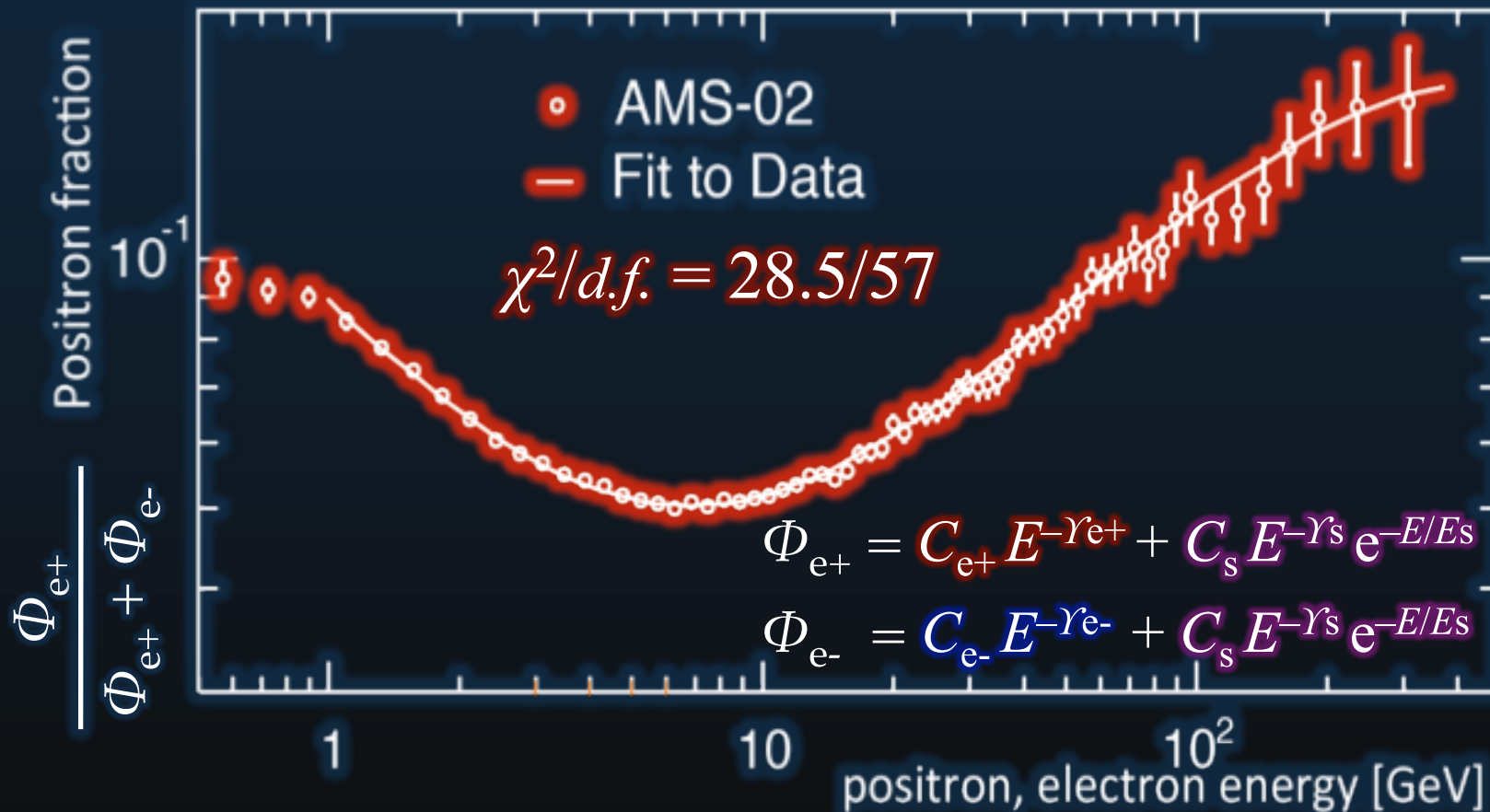
$$\Phi_{e^-} = \underbrace{C_{e^-} E^{-\gamma_{e^-}}}_{e^- \text{ diffuse}} + \underbrace{C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s}}_{\text{common source}}$$

(and primary)

# Fit with minimal model

$\gamma_{e^-} - \gamma_{e^+} = -0.63 \pm 0.03$  Diffuse  $e^+$  is less energetic than  $e^-$

$\gamma_{e^-} - \gamma_s = 0.66 \pm 0.05$  Source is more energetic than diffuse  $e^-$

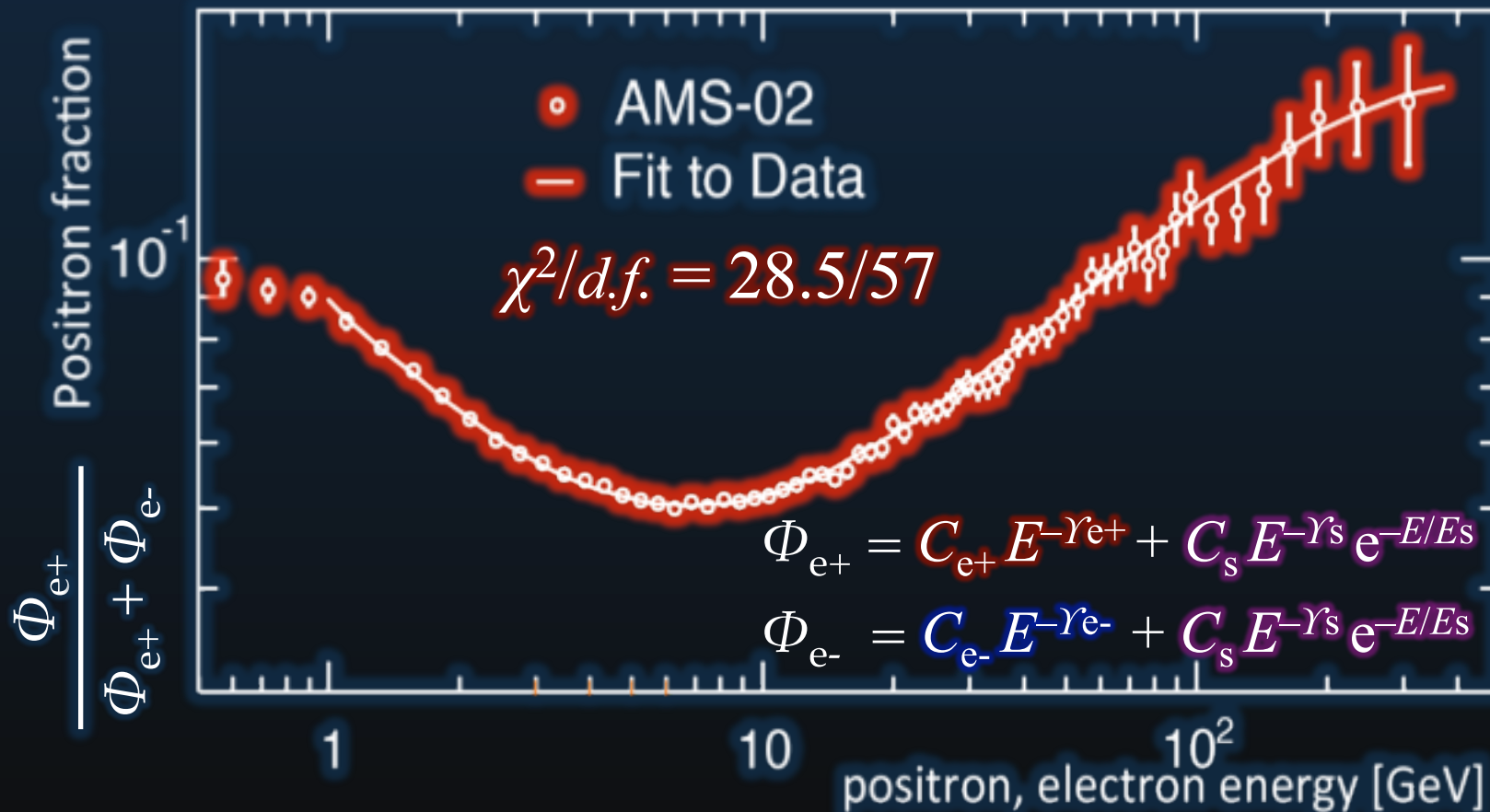


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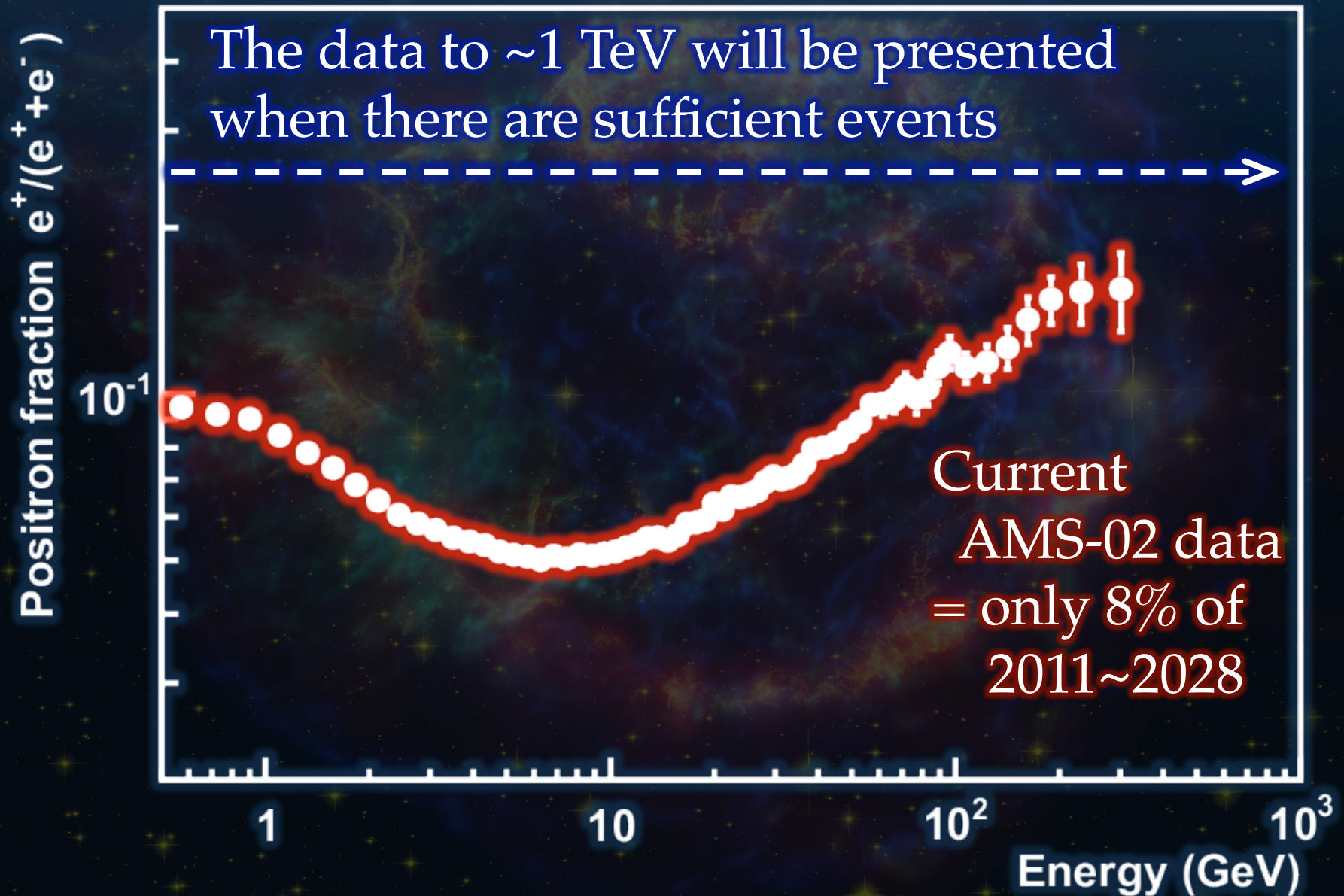
$$C_{e^+} / C_{e^-} = 0.091 \pm 0.001$$

$$C_s / C_{e^-} = 0.0078 \pm 0.0012$$

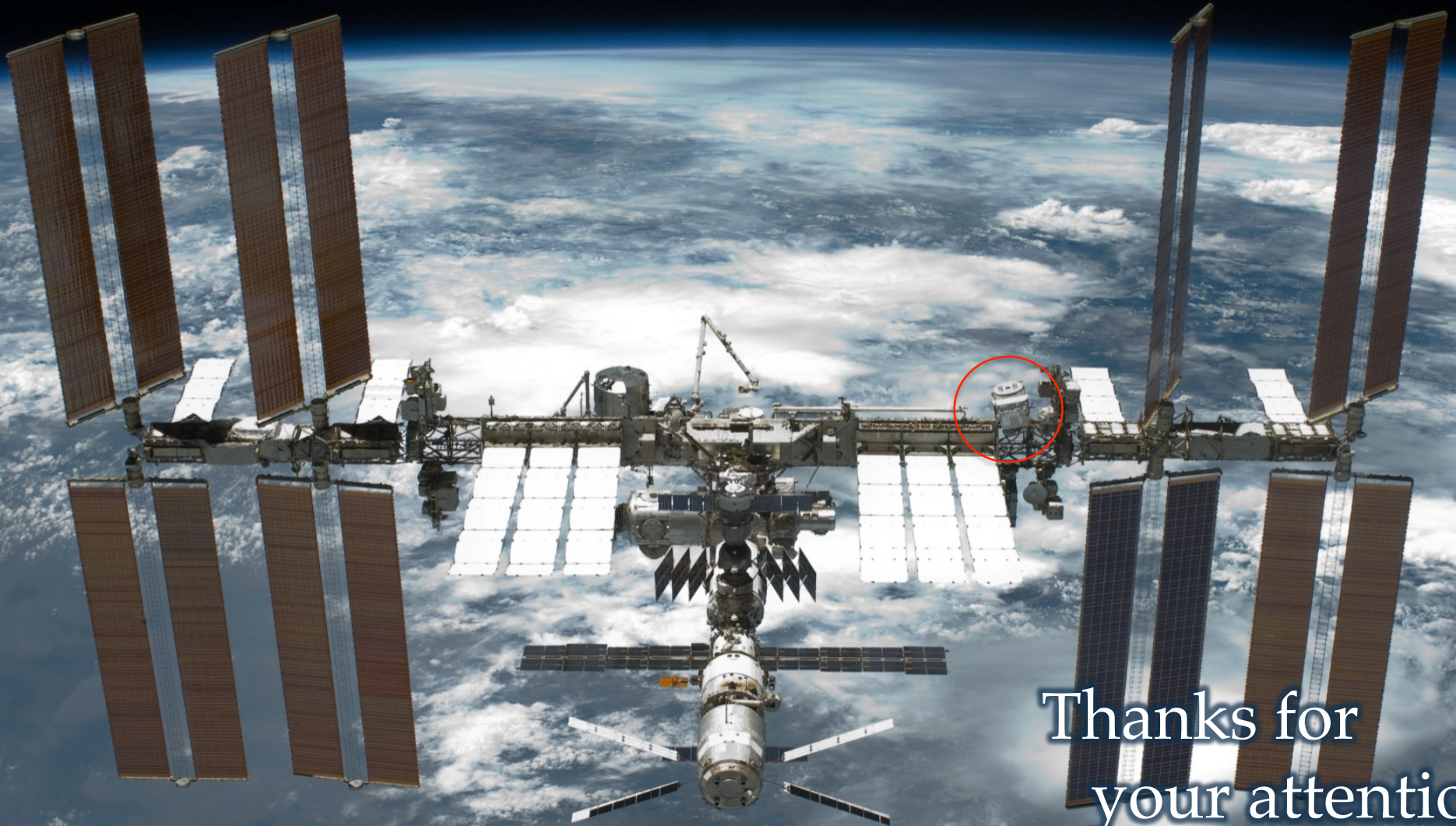
$$1/E_s = 0.0013 \pm 0.0007 \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad (\text{Cutoff energy } 760_{-280}^{+1000} \text{ GeV})$$



# On going work : Positron to $\sim$ TeV



# To be continued ...



Thanks for  
your attention !