

Precision Measurement of the Monthly Cosmic Ray Fluxes with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer



Solar Energetic Particles (SEP),
Solar modulation and Space Radiation:
New Opportunities in the AMS-02 Era #3
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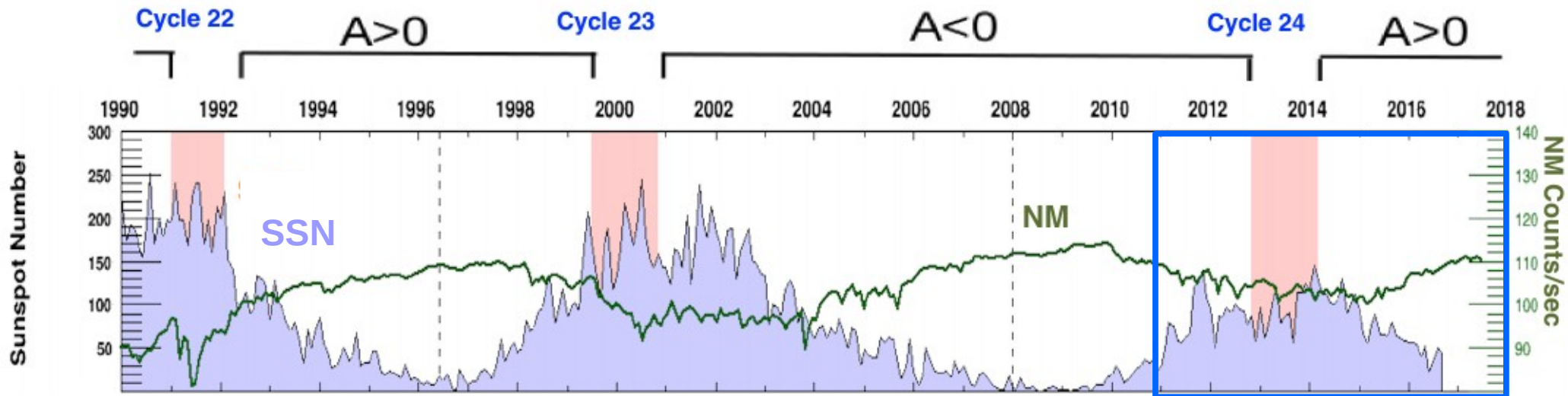
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AMS Period of Observation



AMS is a TeV precision, multipurpose, magnetic spectrometer, on the ISS since May 2011.

AMS is measuring GCR fluxes and their time variation. AMS will study the solar modulation effect and the short-term solar activity in the present (24th) and next solar cycle for the live-time of the ISS.



AMS: Since May 2011

Daily sunspot number: <http://www.sidc.be/silso/datafiles>
NMDB database at <http://www.nmdb.eu>

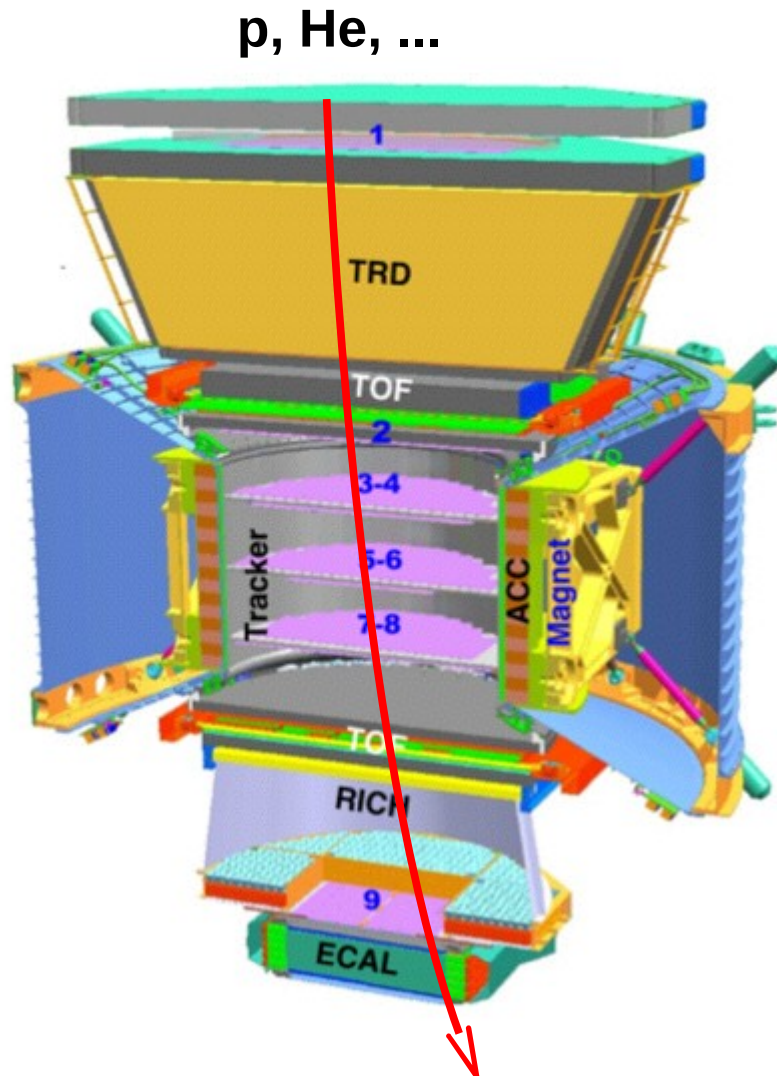
AMS Contribution to Solar Modulation

- Simultaneous multi-particle measurements.
- Fine rigidity resolution.
- Total uncertainty at the percentage level.
- Short integration time.
- Continuous particle measurement over one solar cycle.

Detailed time evolution of GCR during both periods of maximum and minimum of solar activity.

AMS measurements will help to understand the propagation of charged particles in heliosphere and to test diffusion and drift models.

AMS Detector and Proton and Nuclei Identification



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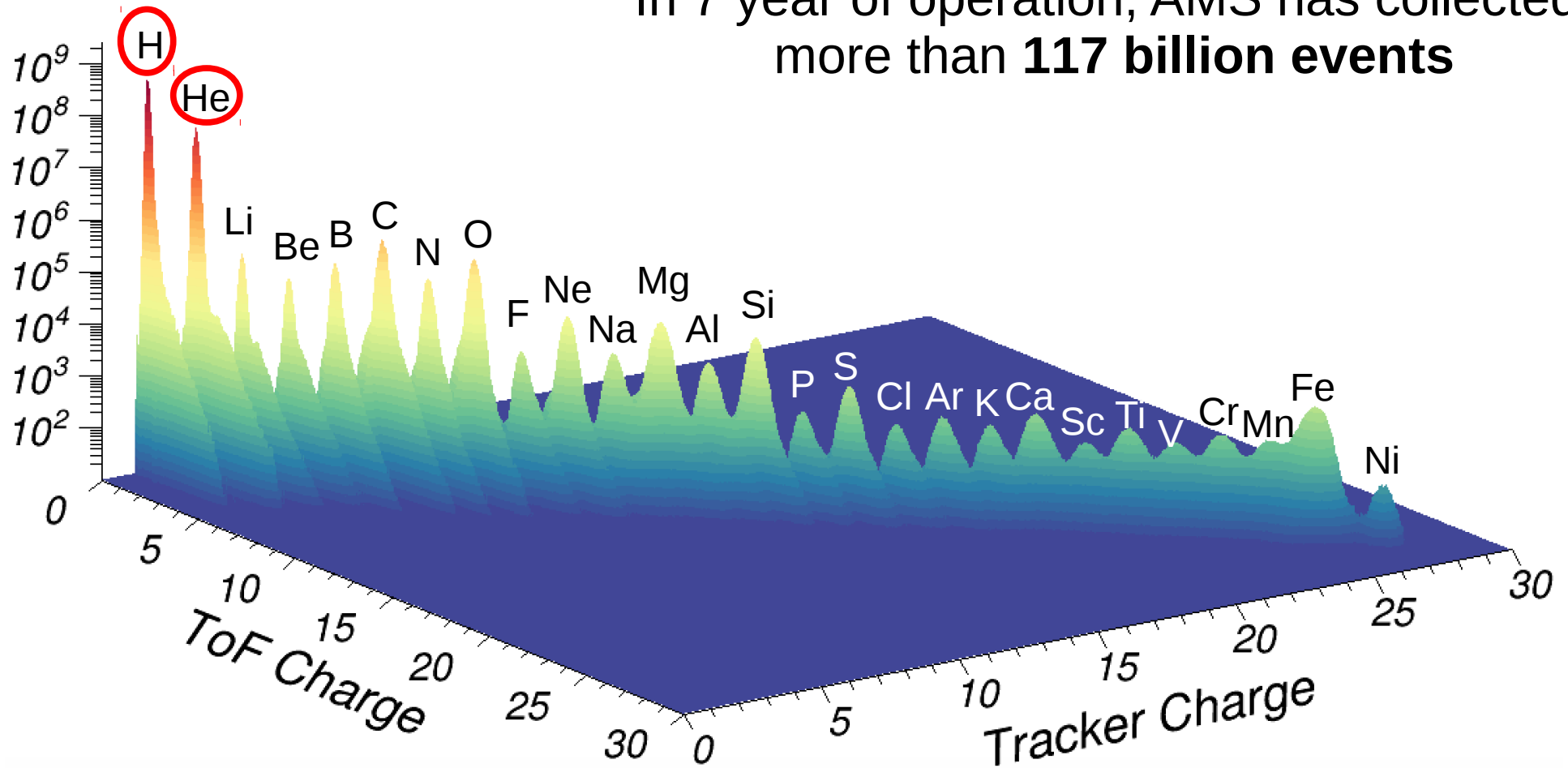
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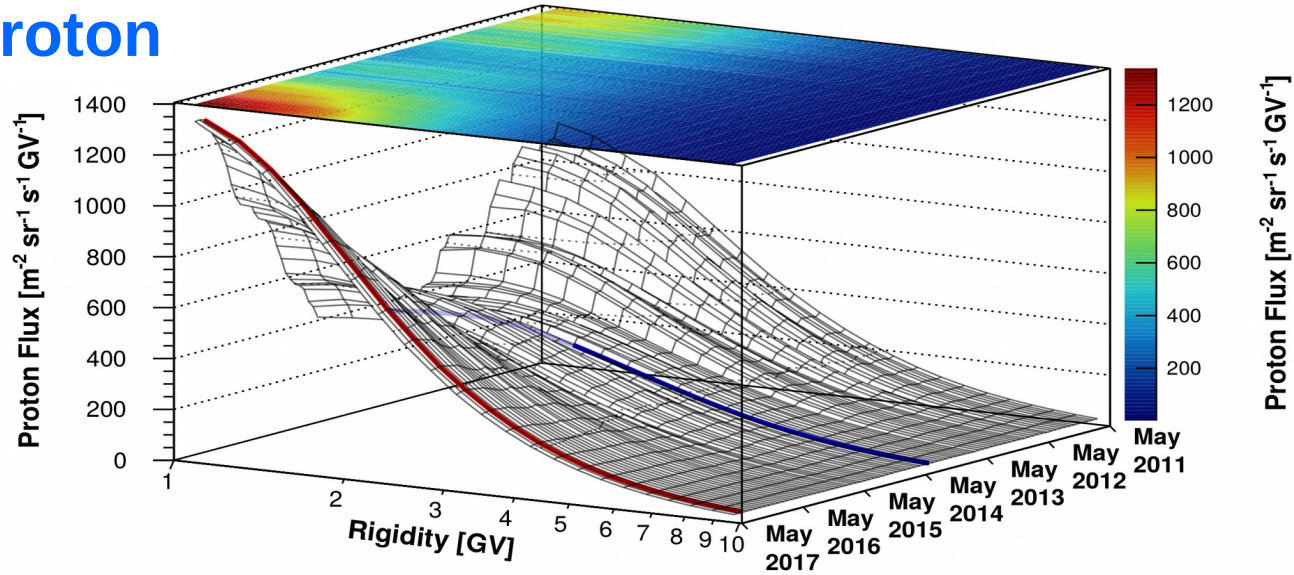
AMS Proton, Helium & other Nuclei

In 7 year of operation, AMS has collected more than **117 billion events**



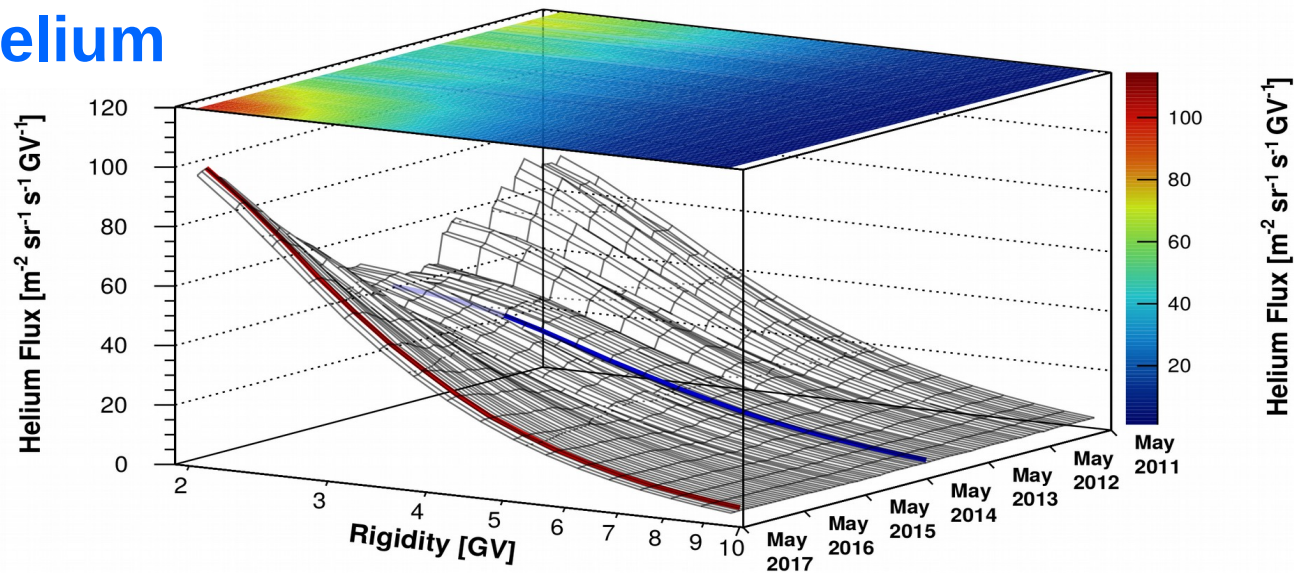
AMS Proton and Helium Fluxes vs. Time & Rigidity

Proton

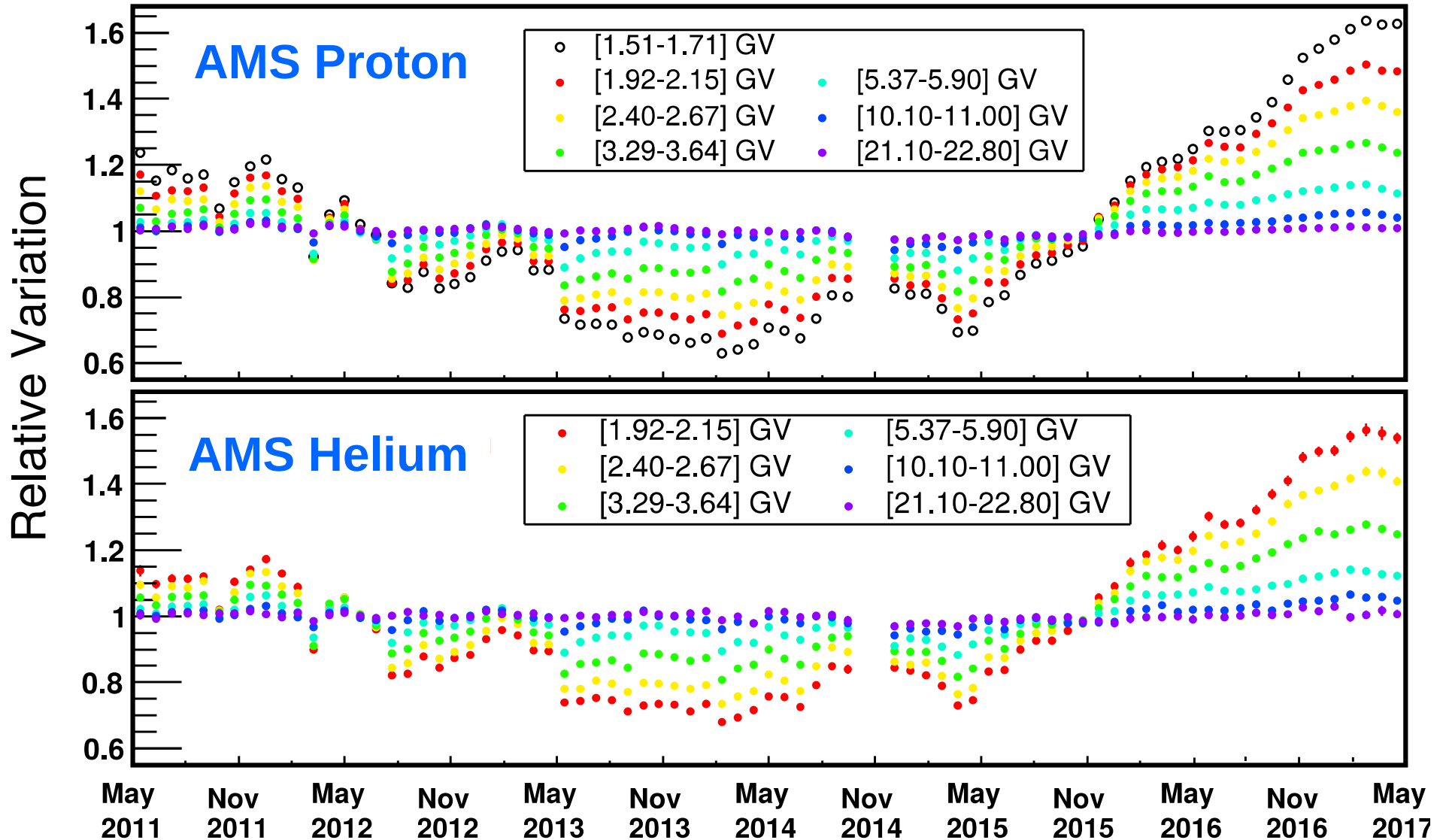


May 2011- May 2017

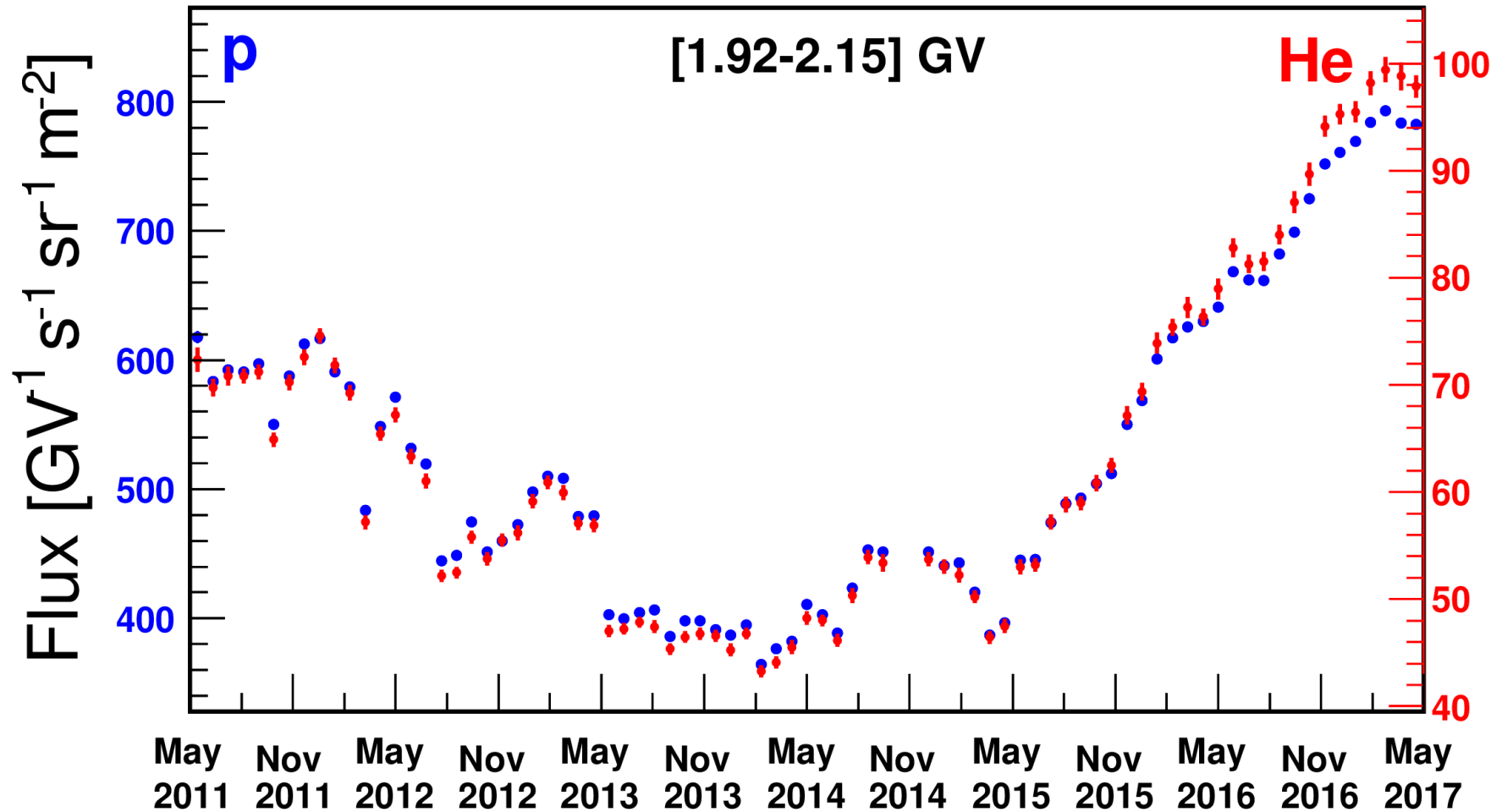
Helium



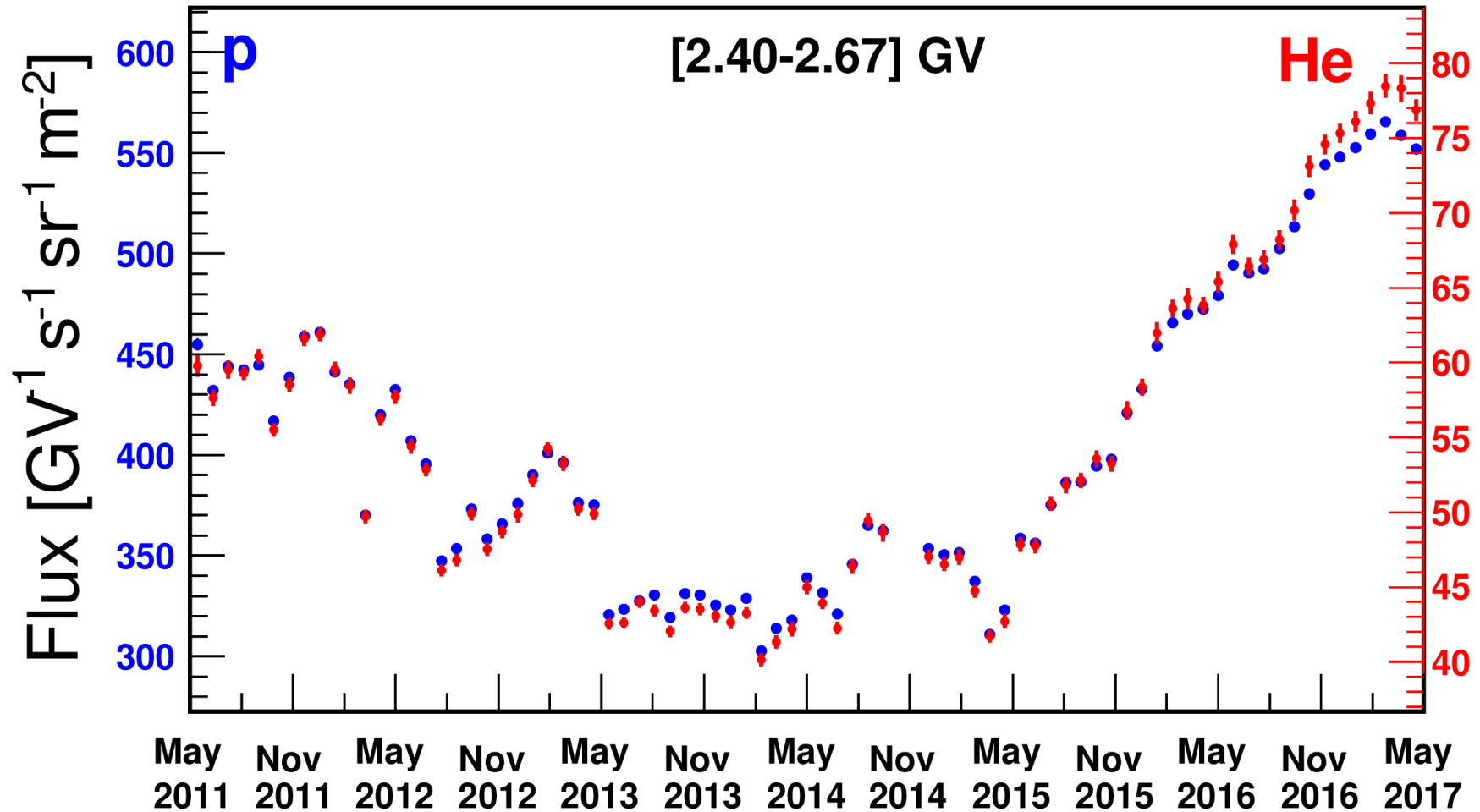
AMS Monthly Proton and Helium Fluxes (27 days, Bartels Rotation) Relative Variation



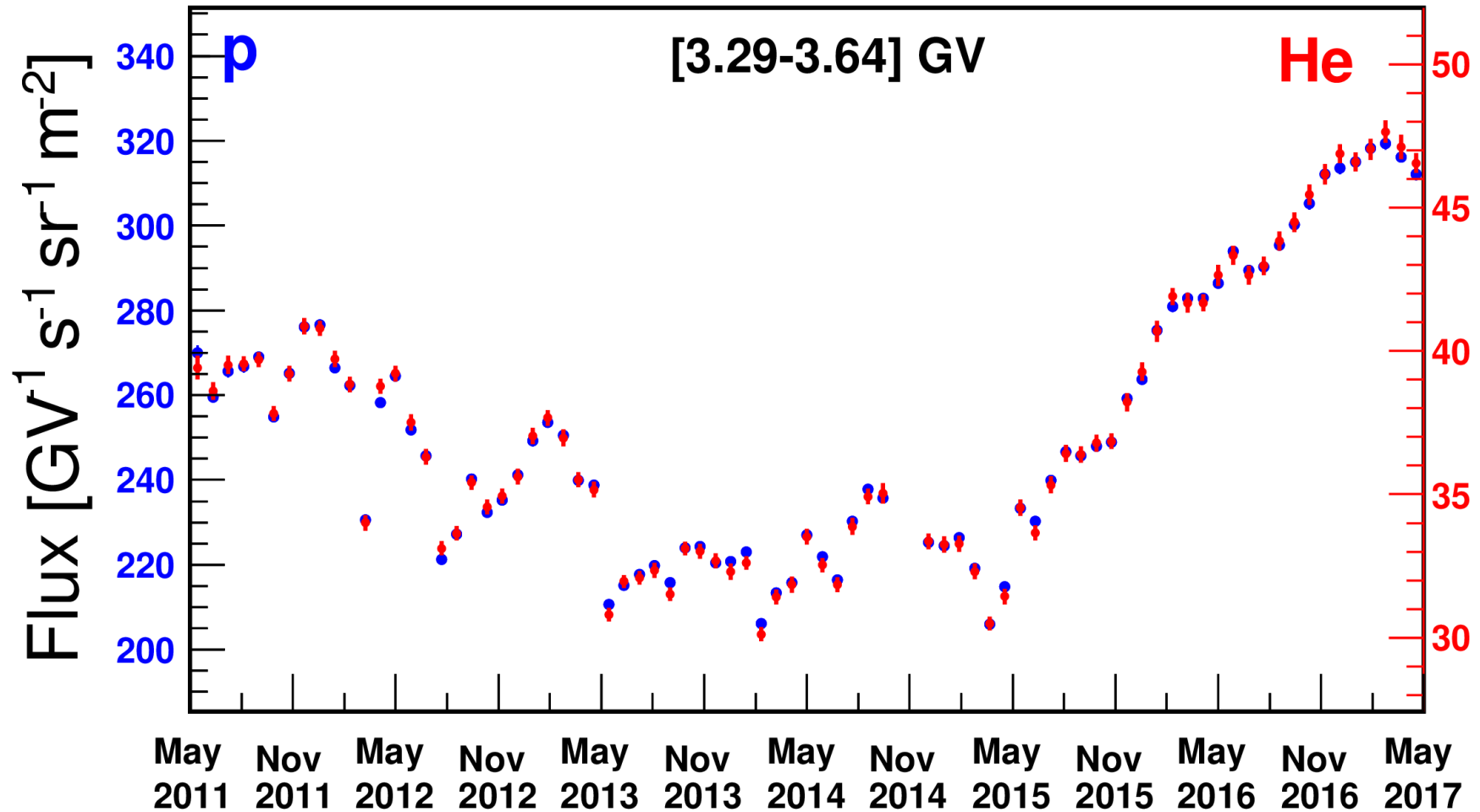
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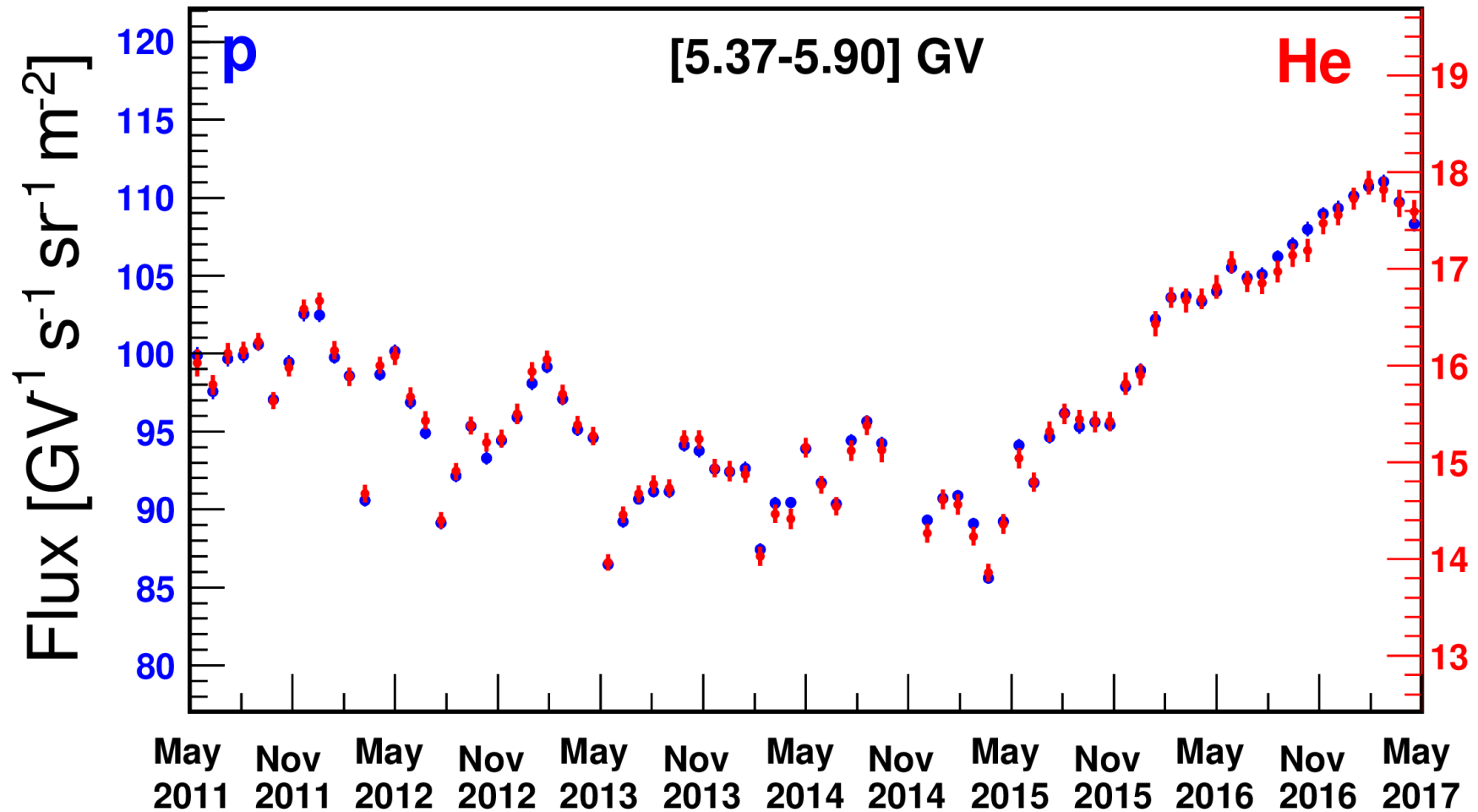
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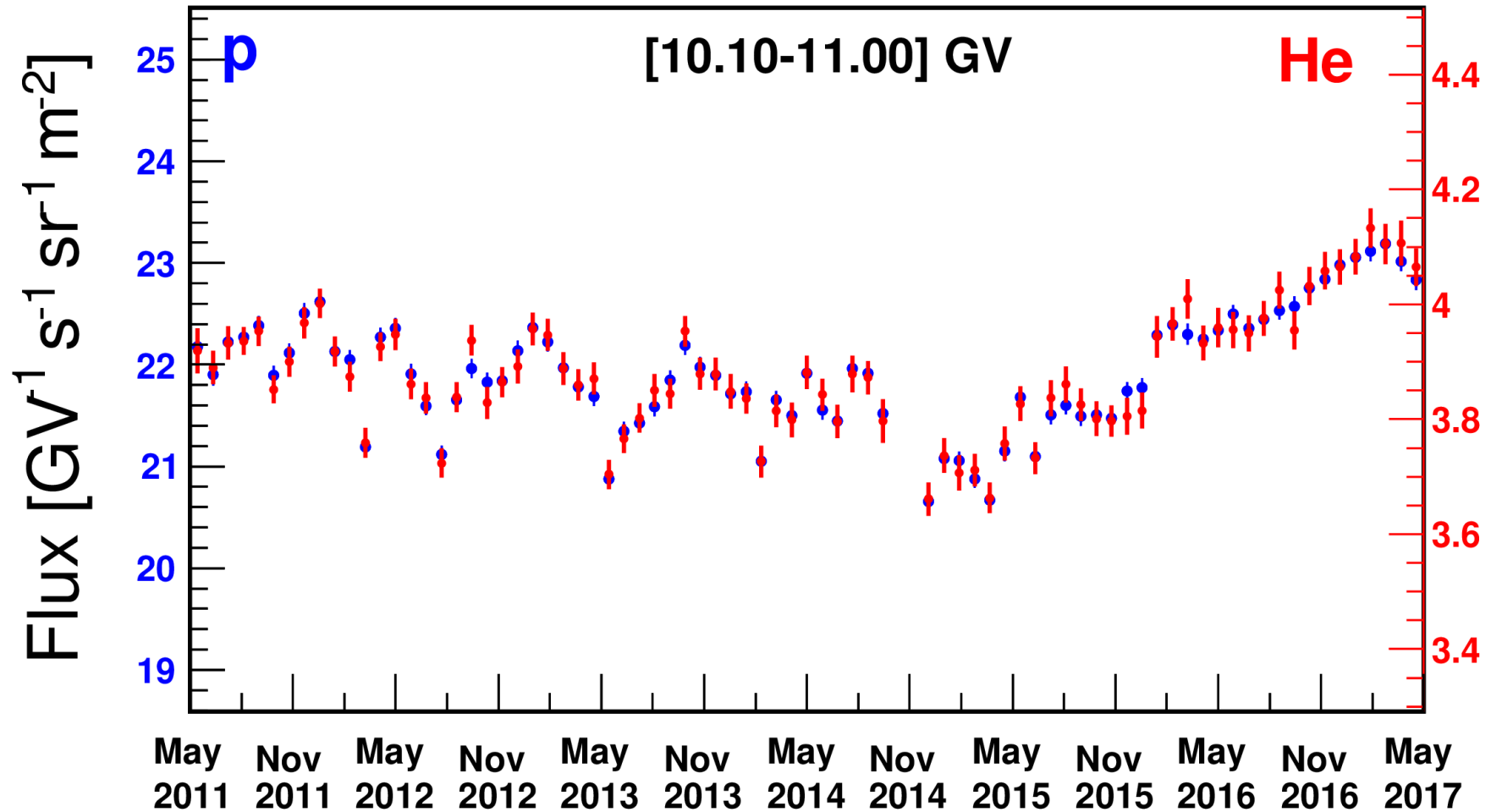
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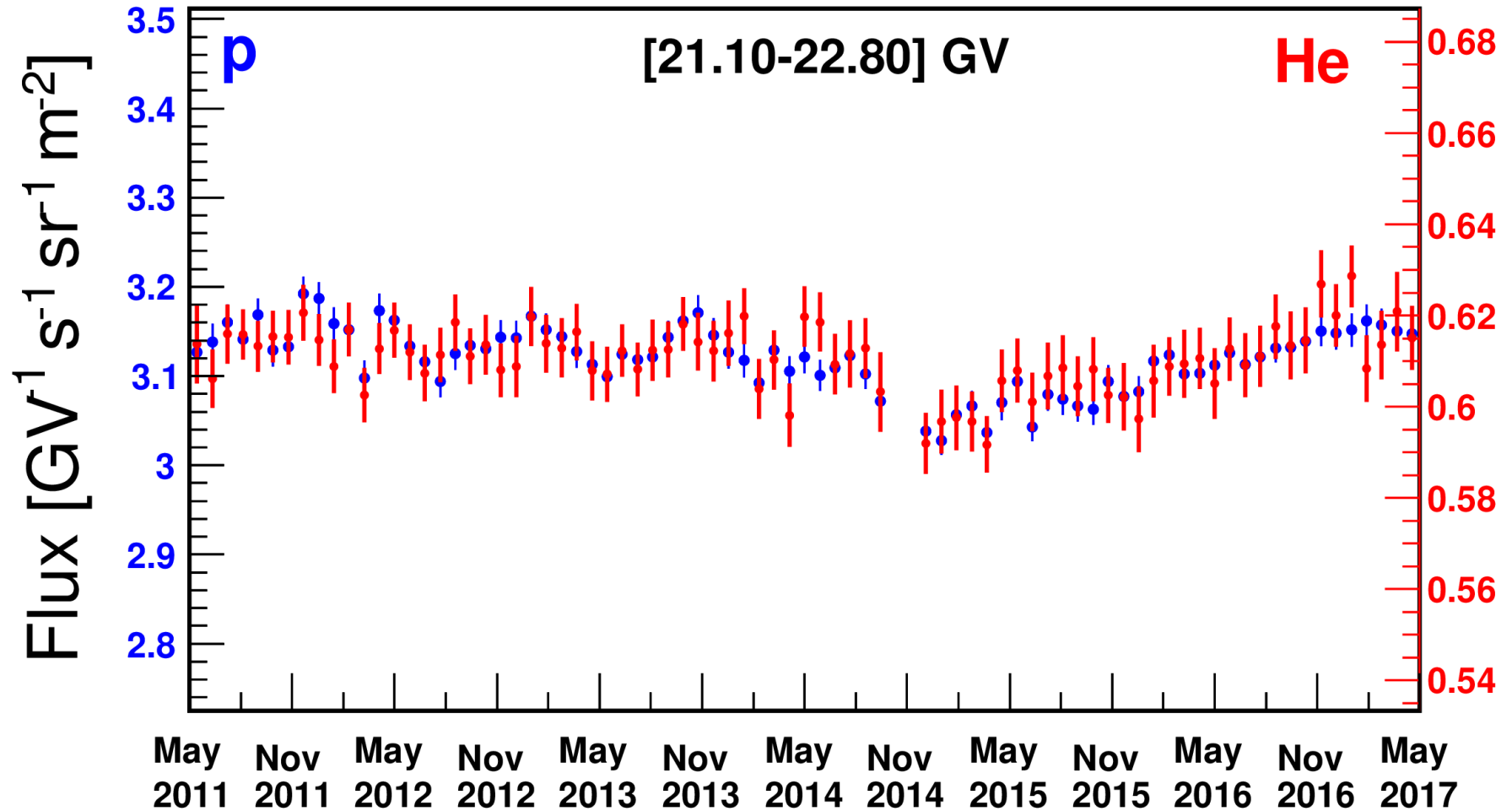
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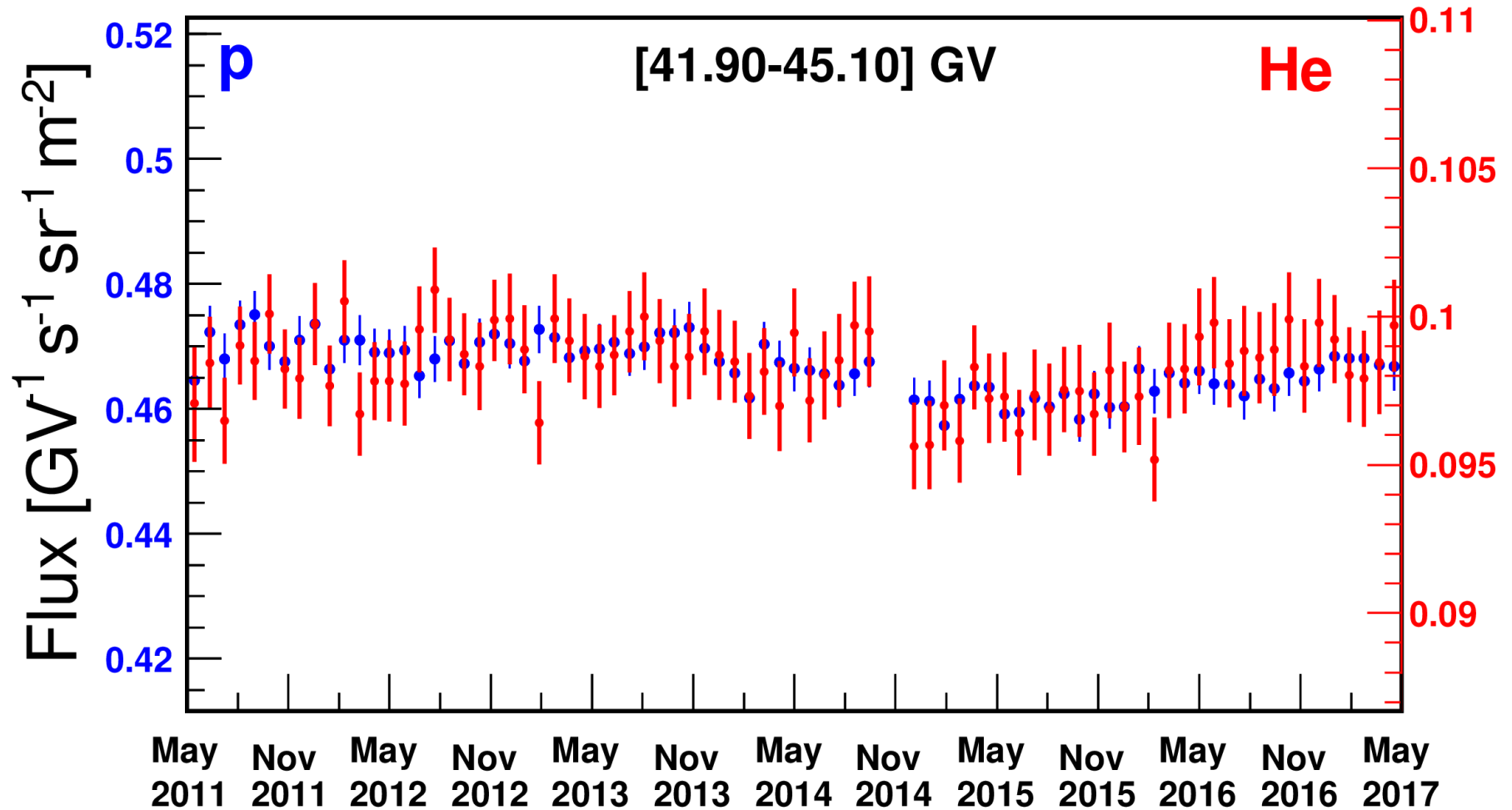
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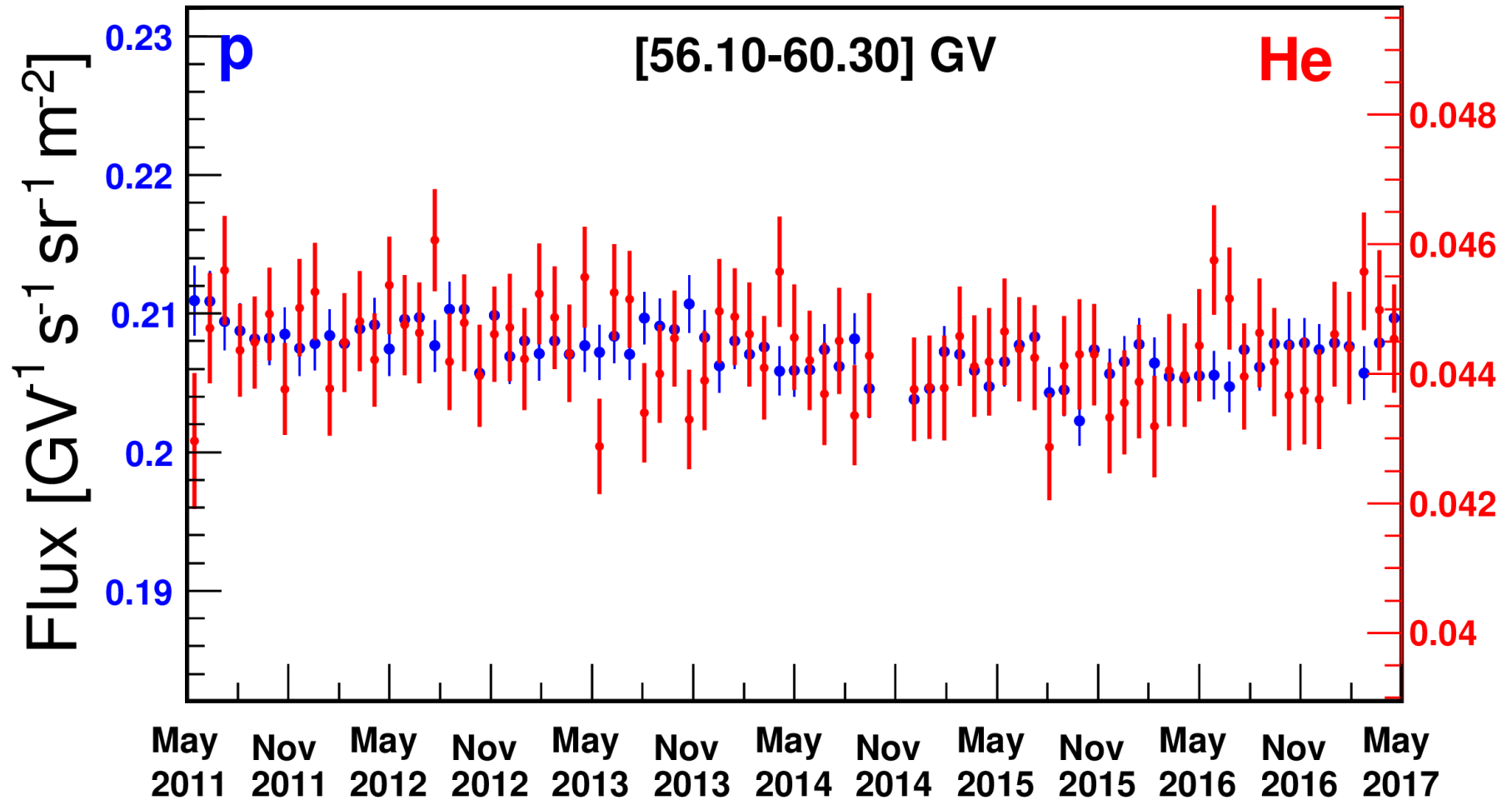
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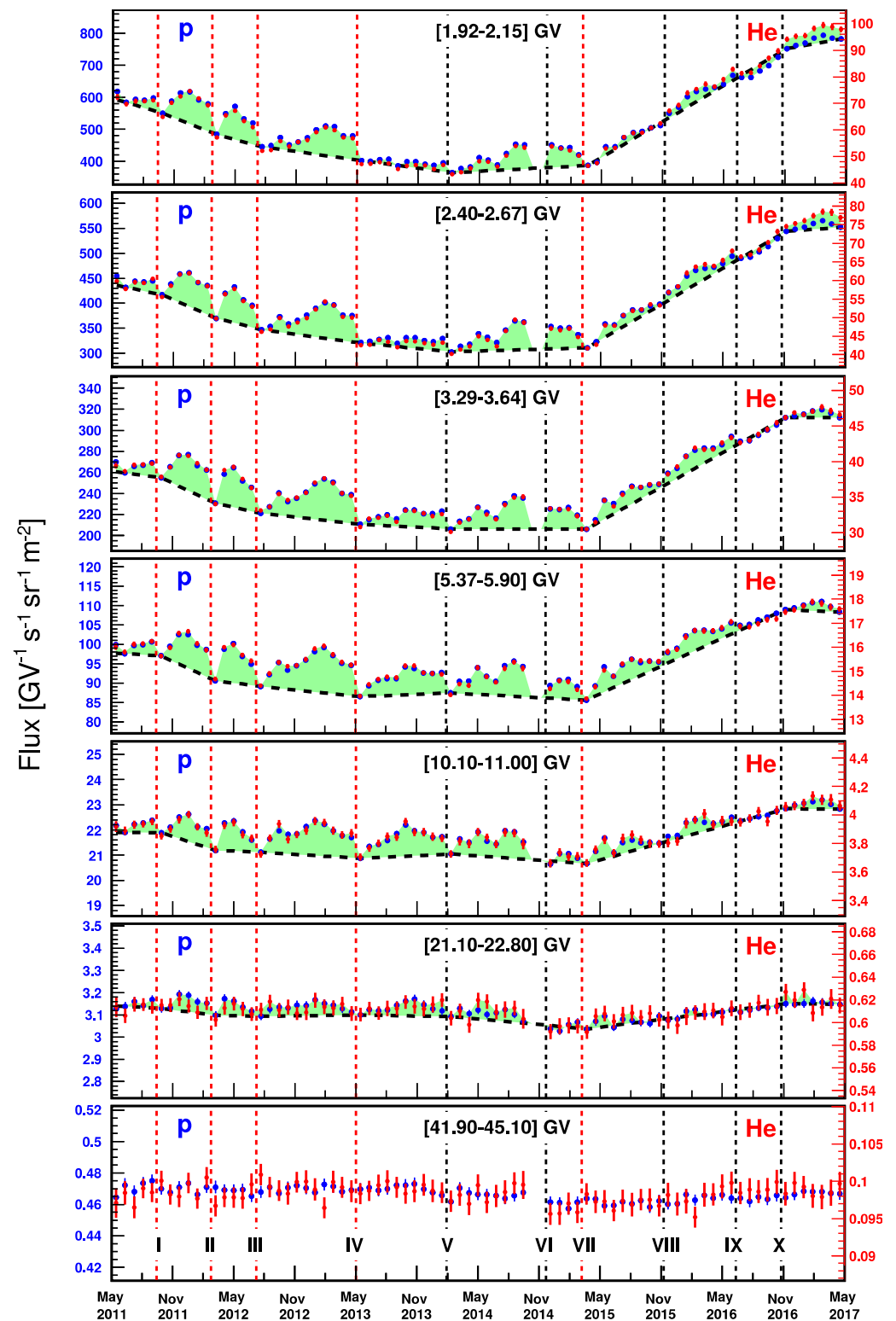


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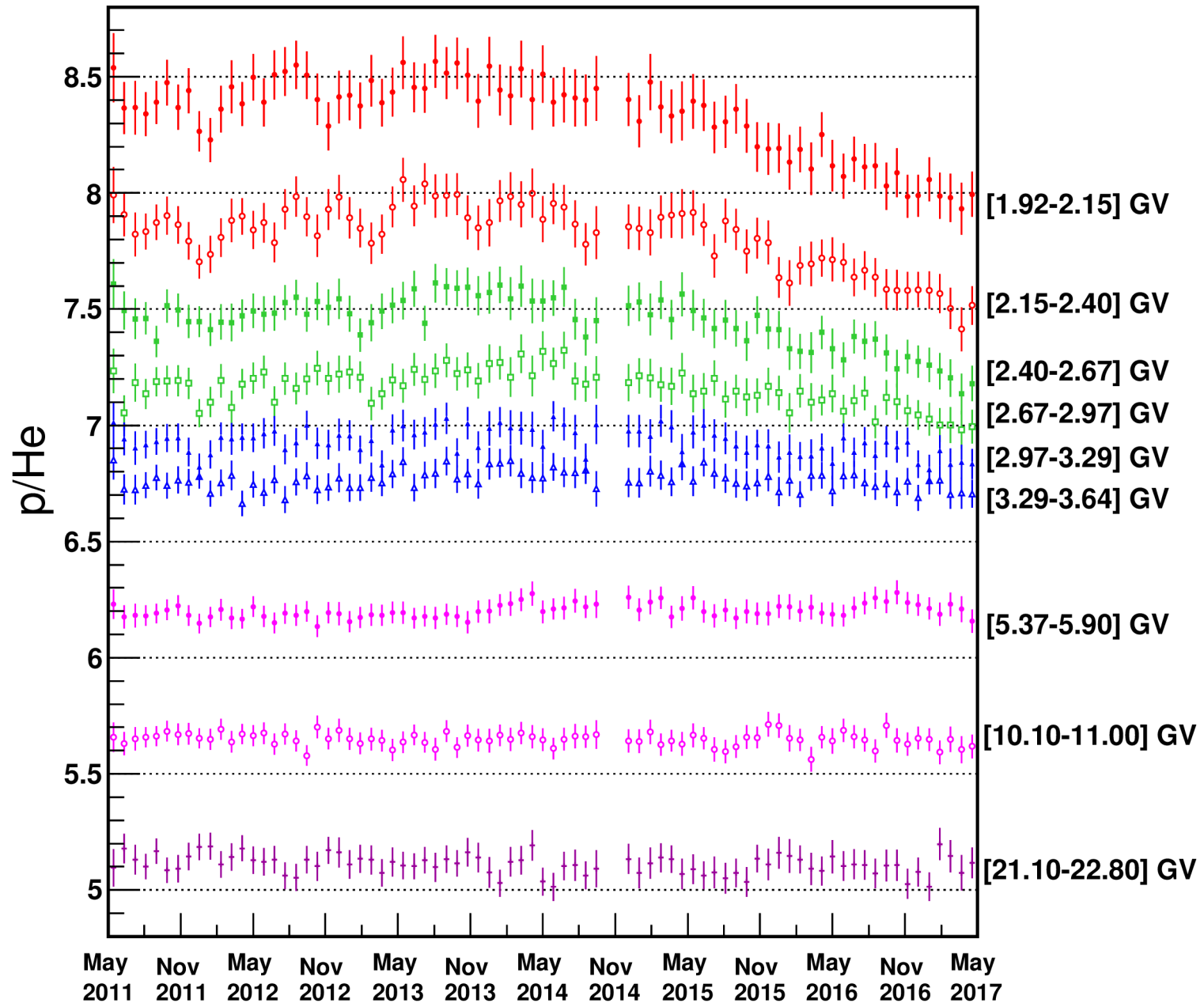
AMS Proton and Helium Low Energy Structures

- Detailed structures (green area) are clearly present below 40 GV.
- The amplitude of the structures decreases with increasing rigidity.
- Vertical dashed lines delimit boundaries of p and He structures (from I to X).
- The red vertical dashed lines denote structures that have also been observed by AMS in the electron and positron fluxes.



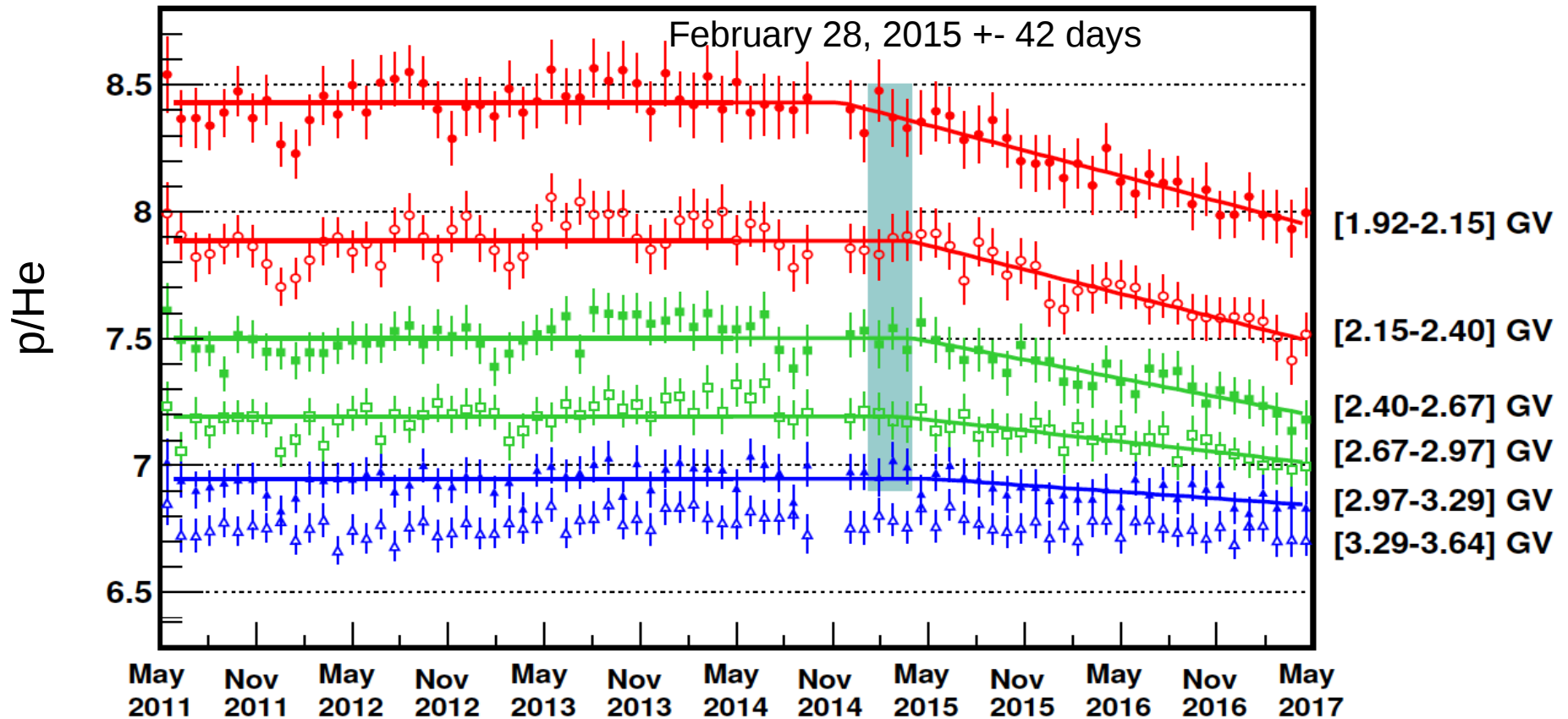
AMS Monthly p/He Flux-Ratio

Above 3 GV the p/He flux ratio is time independent



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Below 3 GV the p/He flux ratio has a long-term decrease

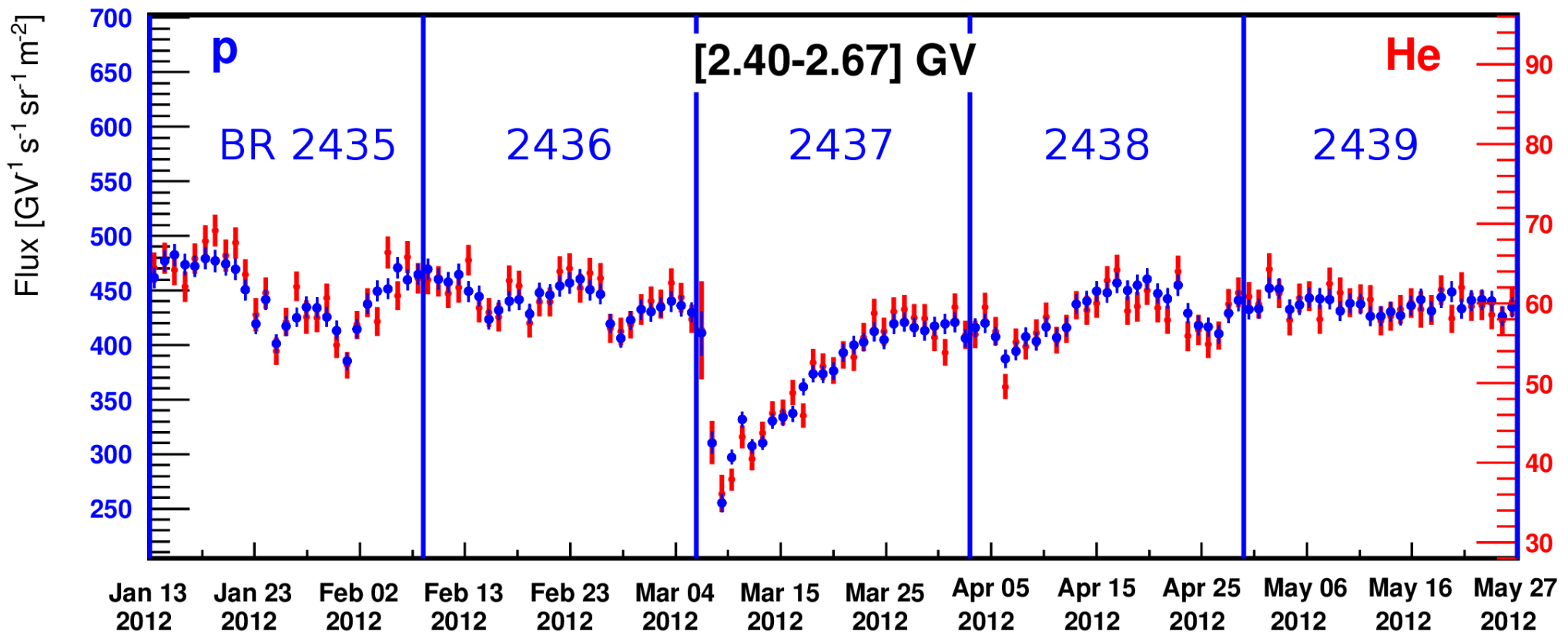


- Differences in p and He diffusion coefficients.
- Differences in the local interstellar spectra of p and He.
- ^3He and ^4He isotopic composition.

See Claudio Corti presentation.

AMS Daily Proton & Helium Fluxes

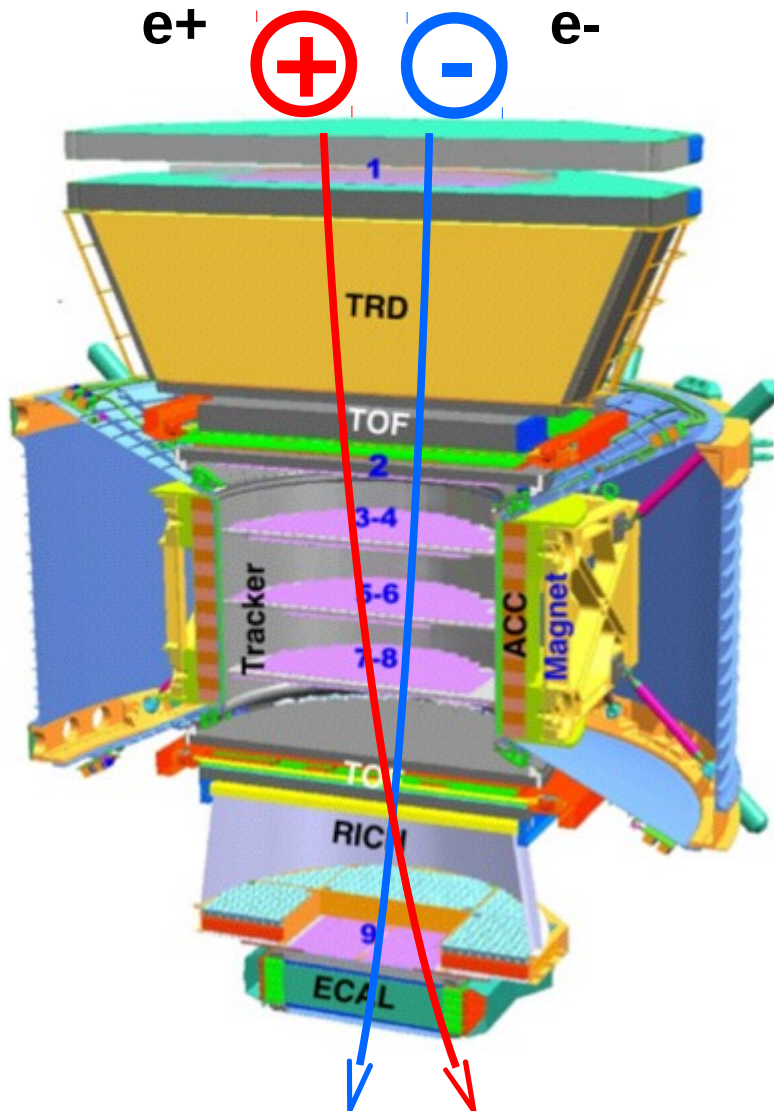
The daily flux will give more details on the time evolution of the proton and Helium fluxes (ongoing analysis)



Forbush decreases (FD), Corotating Interaction Regions (CIR), Global Merged Interaction Region (GMIR), and Solar Energetic Particles (SEP) studies.

See Alexis Popkow, Christopher Light, Metteo Palermo presentations.

AMS Leptons: Electron & Positron



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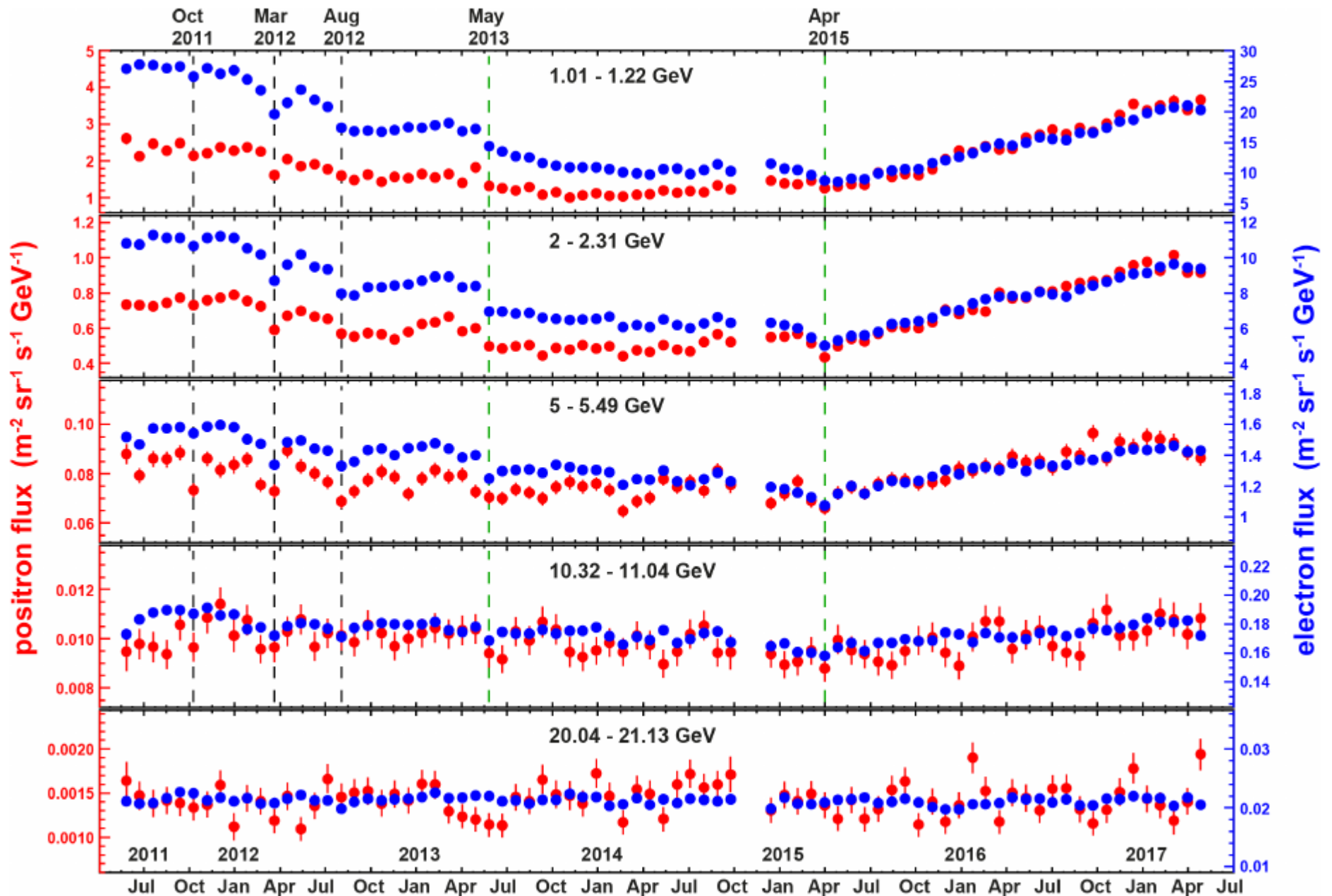
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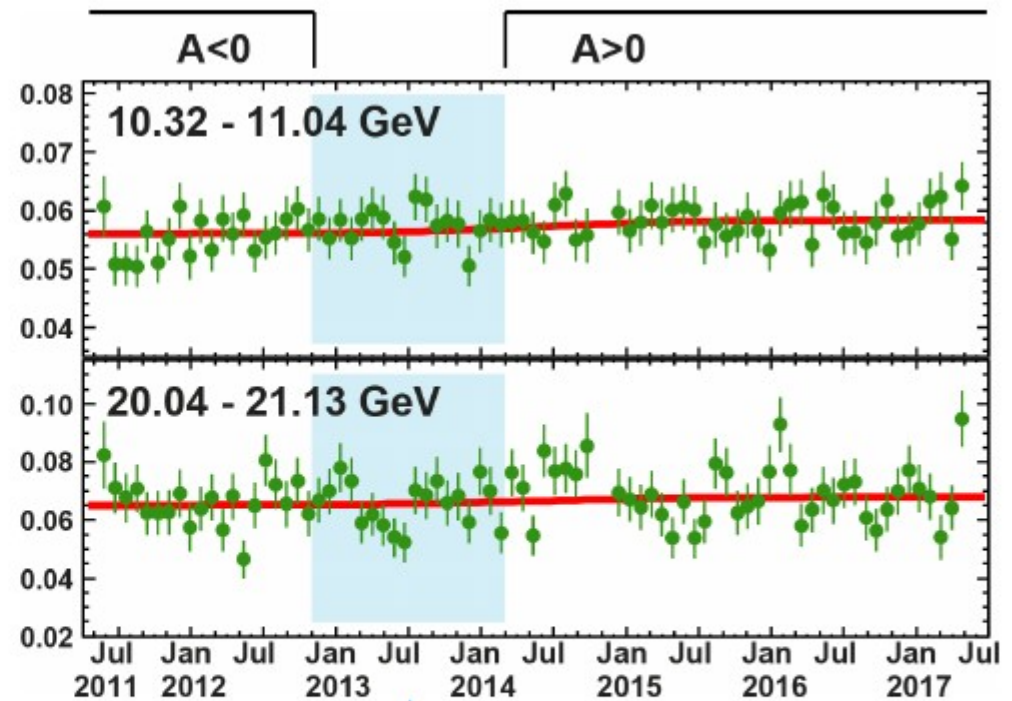
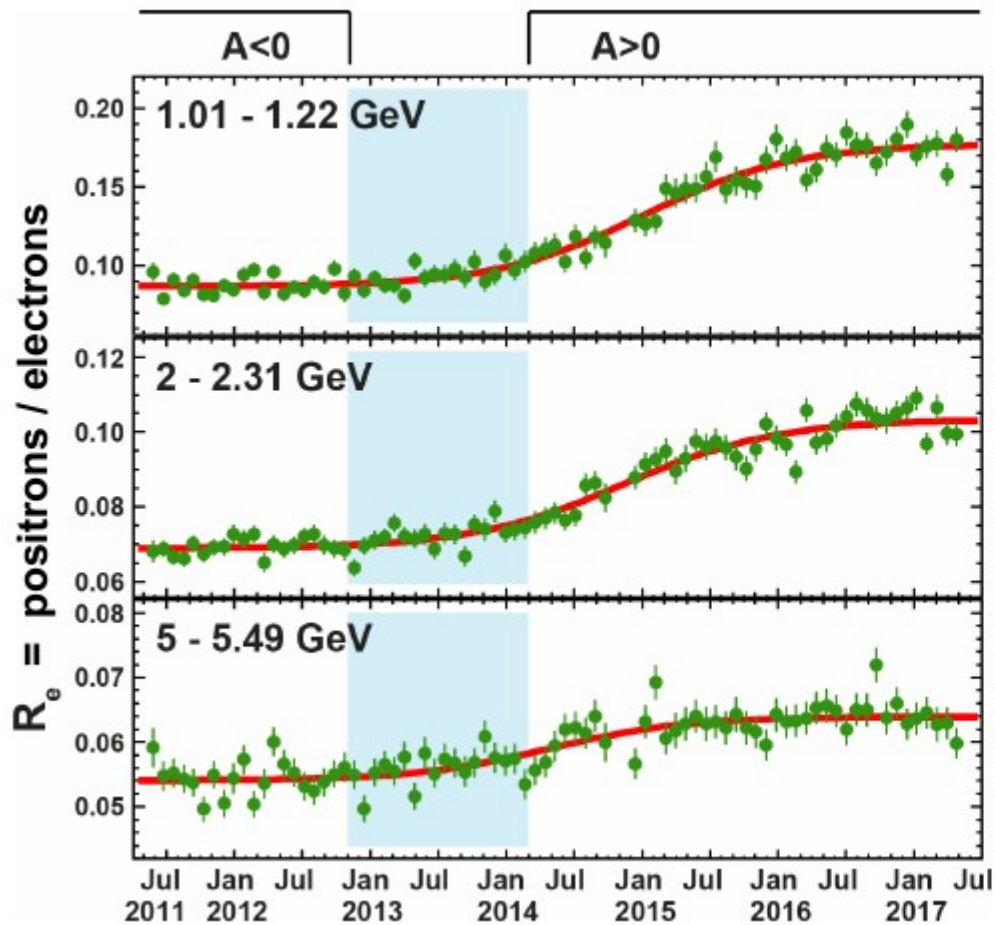
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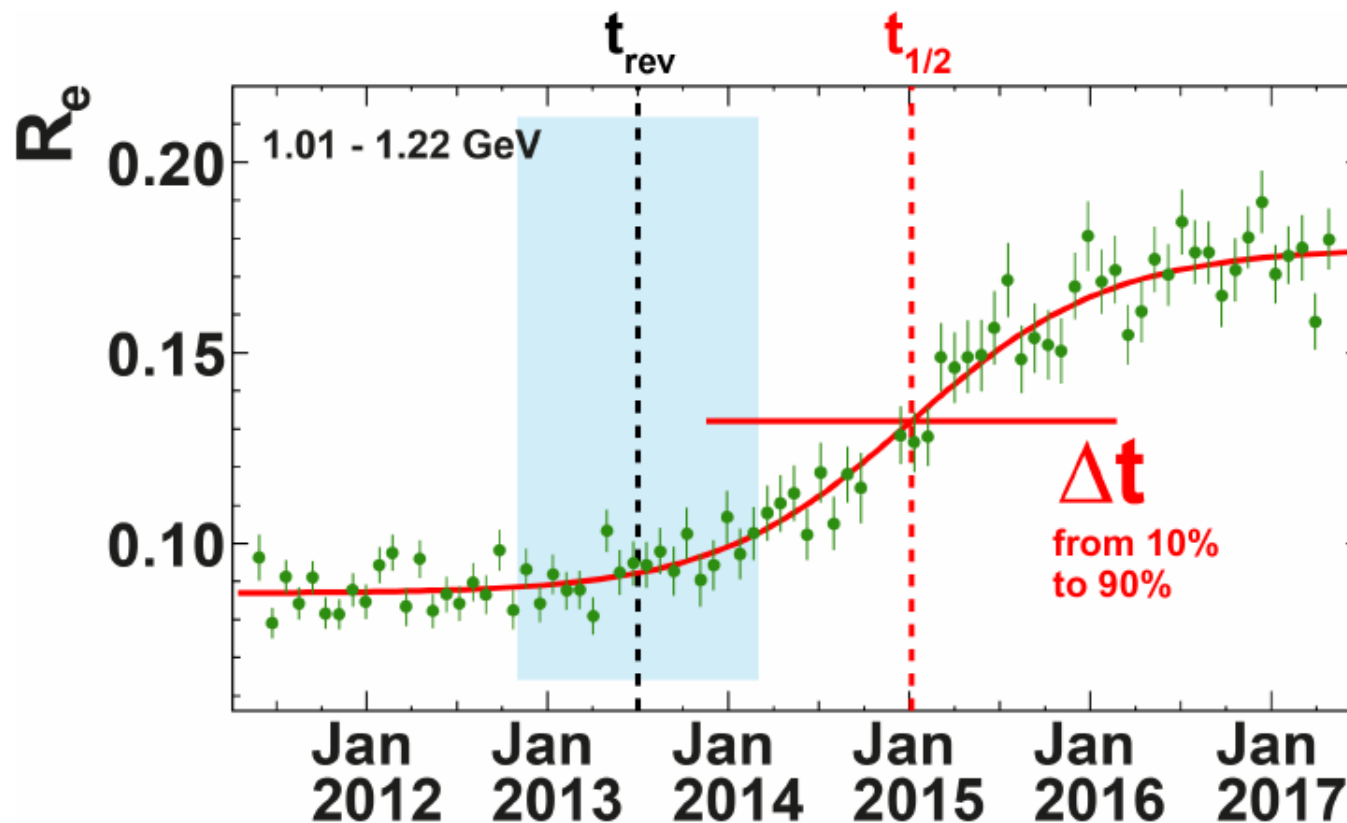


AMS Positron/Electron Flux Ratio



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Polarity reversal of solar magnetic field in 2013.

AMS Positron/Electron Transition Parametrization



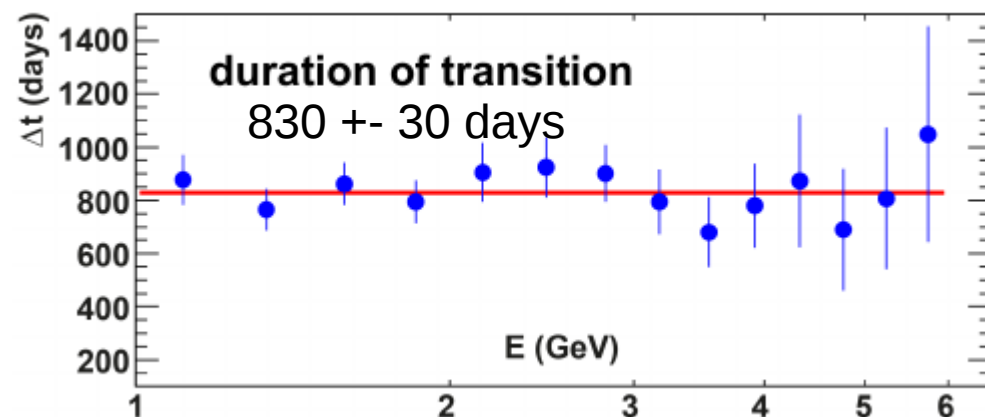
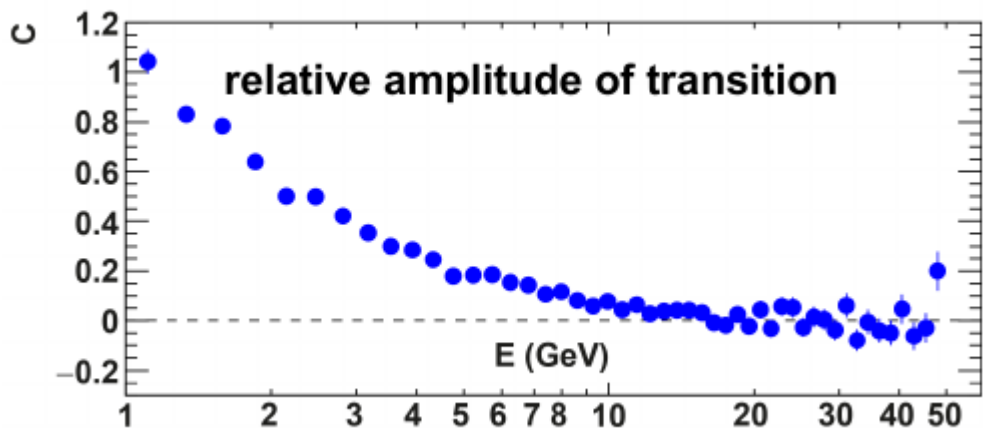
$$R_e(t, E) = R_0(E) \left[1 + \frac{C(E)}{\exp\left(-\frac{t-t_{1/2}(E)}{\Delta t(E)/\Delta_{80}}\right) + 1} \right]$$

relative amplitude of transition
midpoint of transition

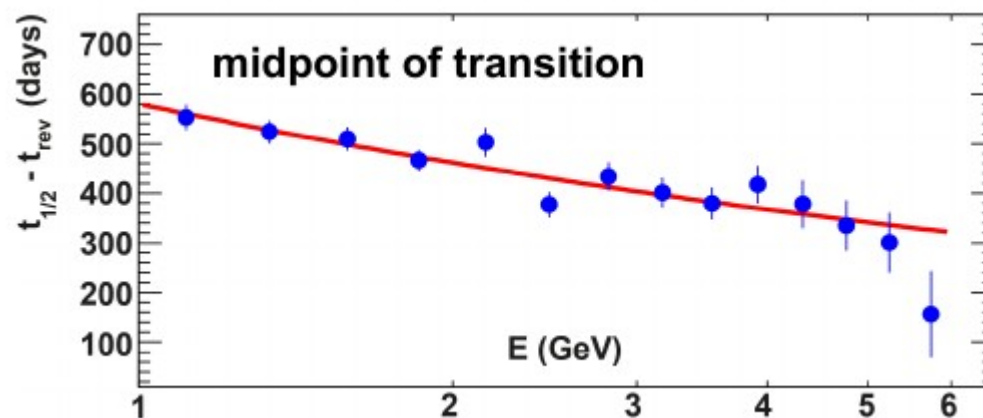
duration of transition

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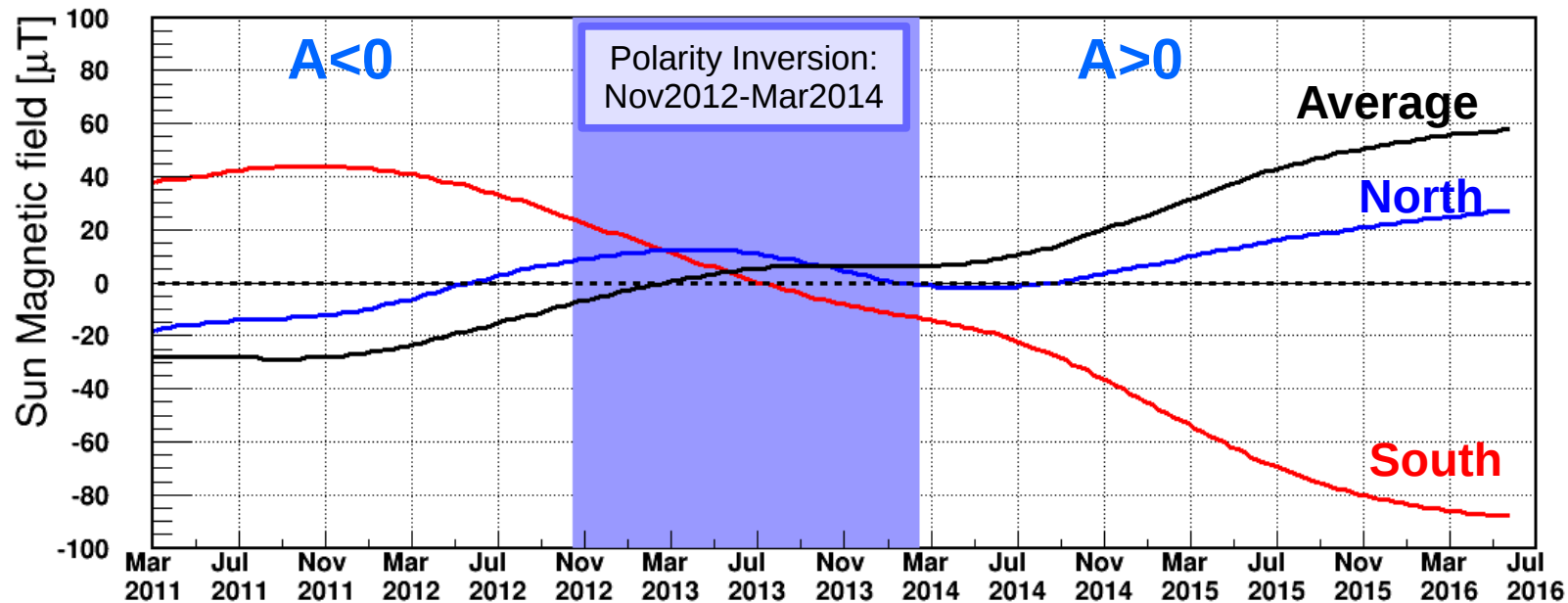
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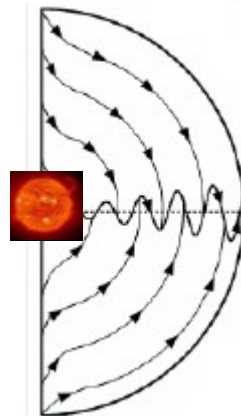
Midpoint of transition changes by (260 ± 30) days from 1 to 6 GeV.



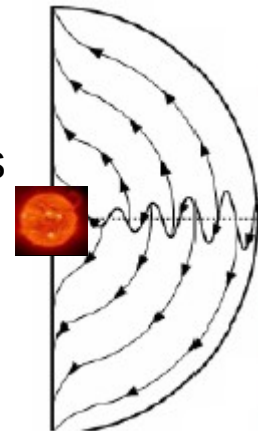
Drift Effect on Opposite Charged Particles



Drift direction of positrons in $A > 0$ epochs or **electrons** $A < 0$



Drift direction of positrons in $A < 0$ epochs or **electrons** $A > 0$



$A < 0$ negative particles are less modulated than positive particles
 $A > 0$ negative particles are more modulated than positive particles

p&He and e+ e-

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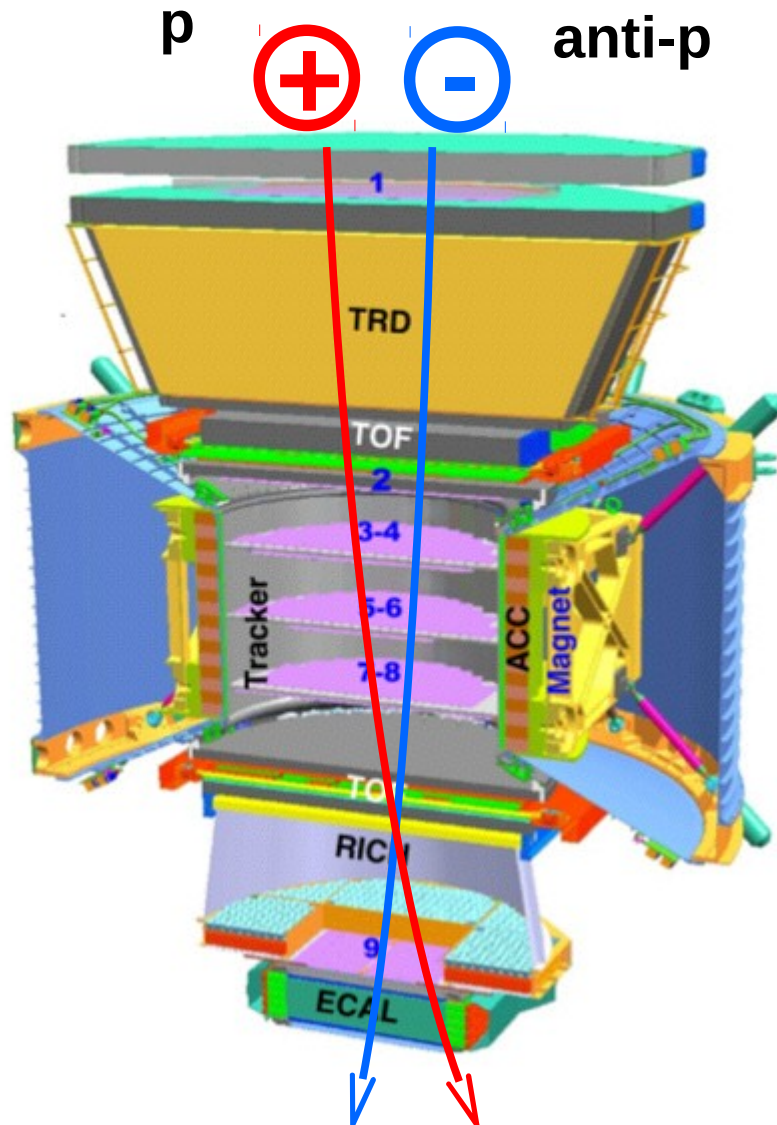
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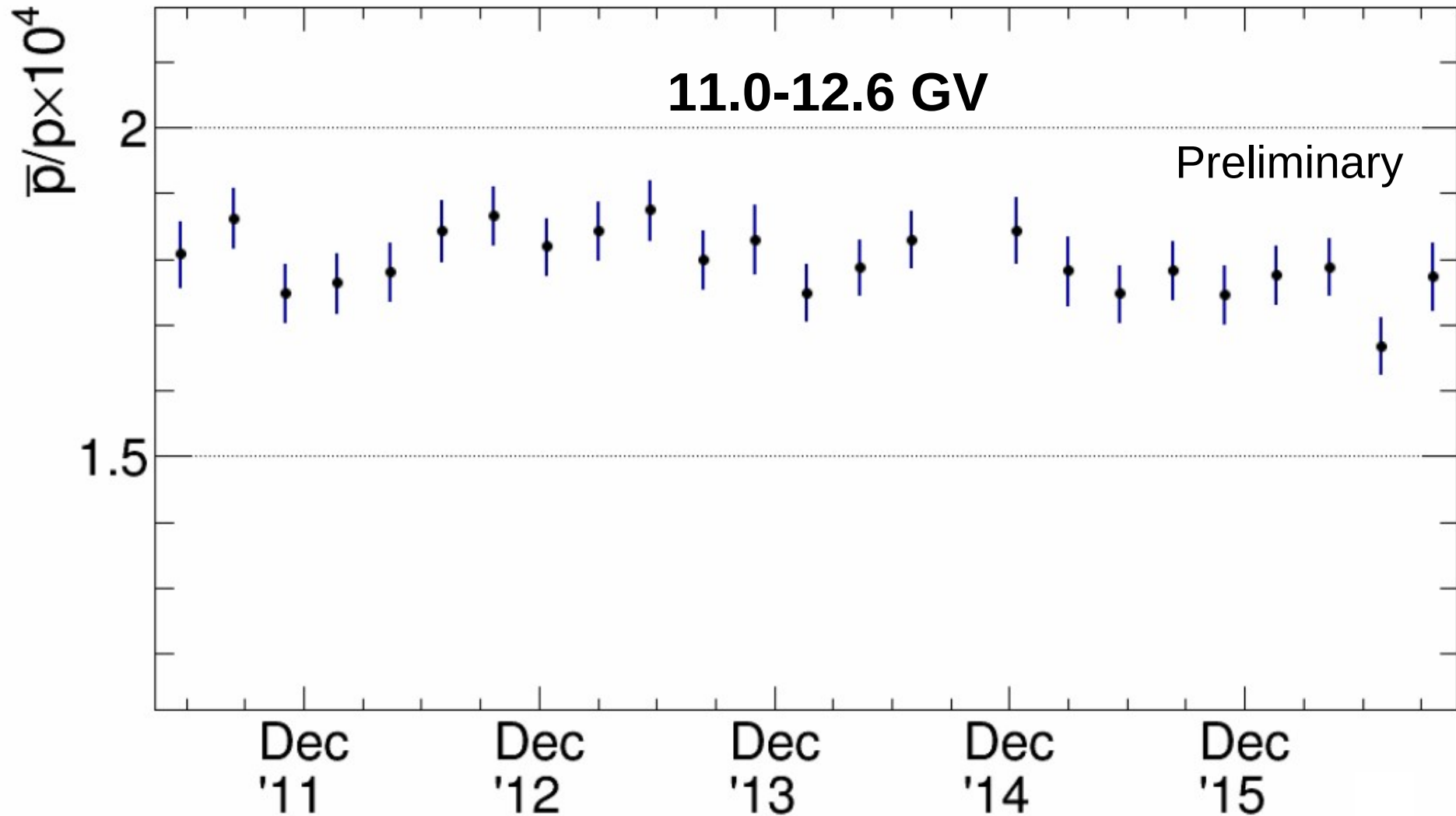
- Velocity
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- to separate anti-p and p from other $|Z|=1$

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- to separate anti-p and p from e^+ and e^-

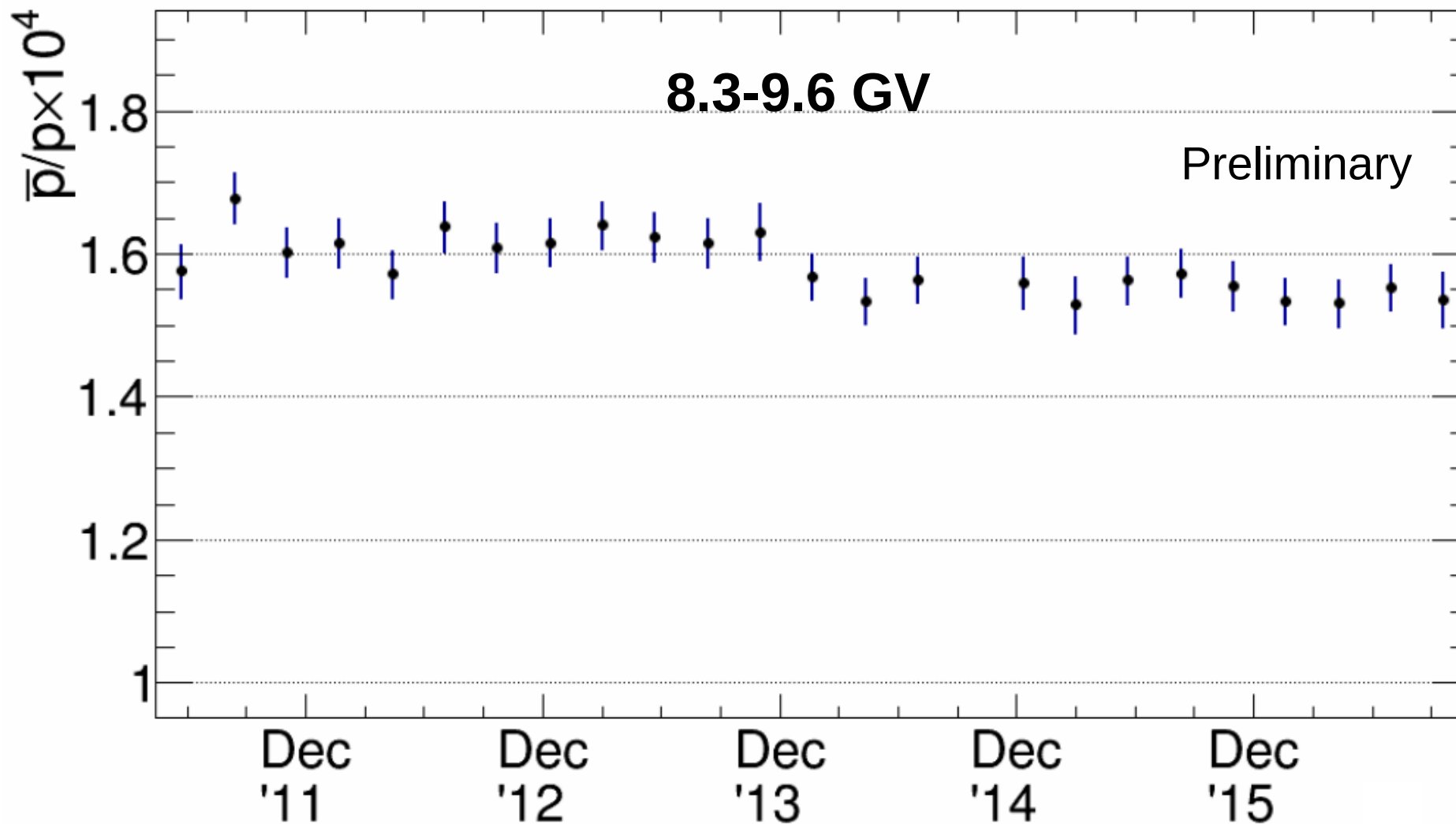
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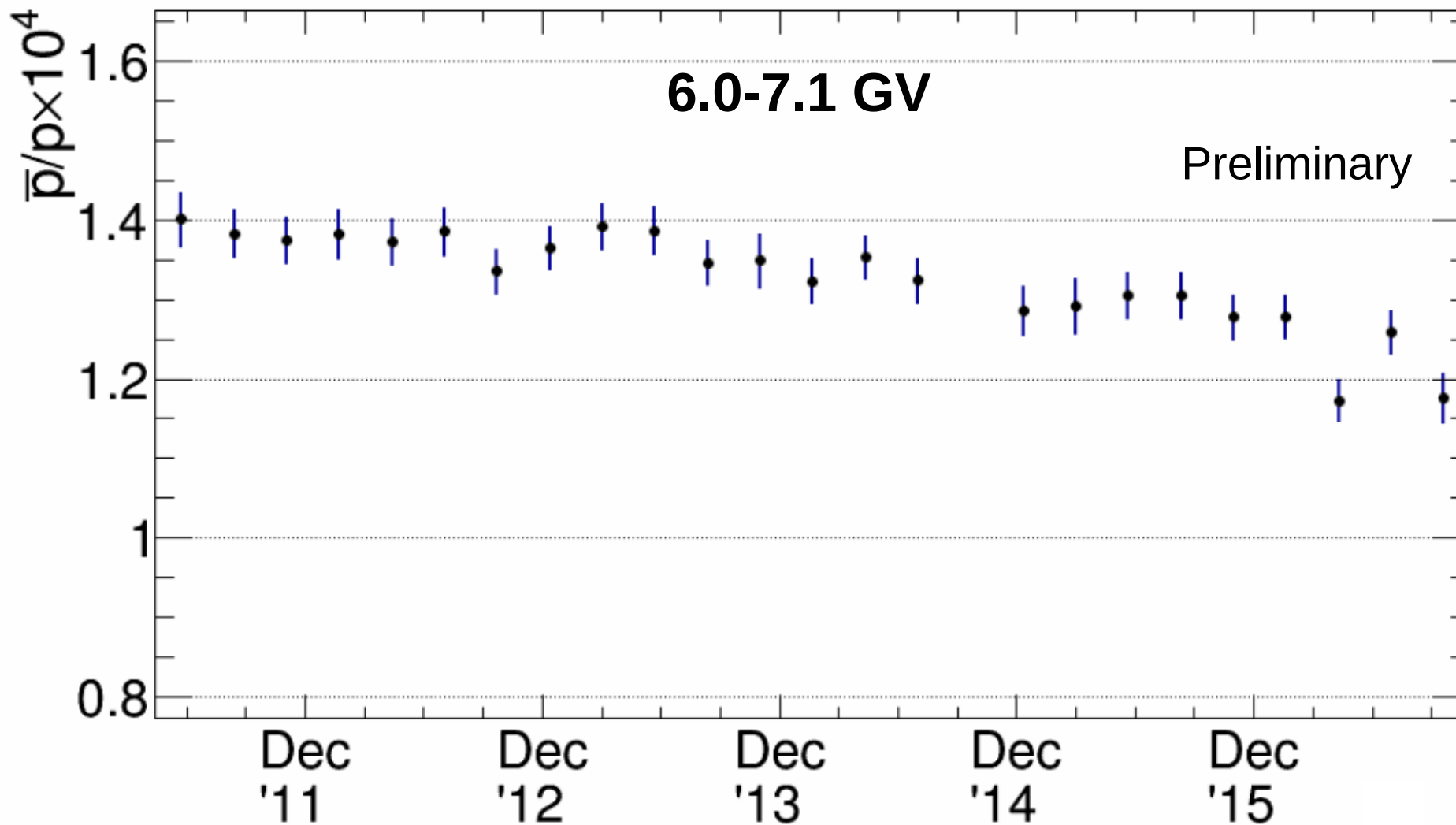
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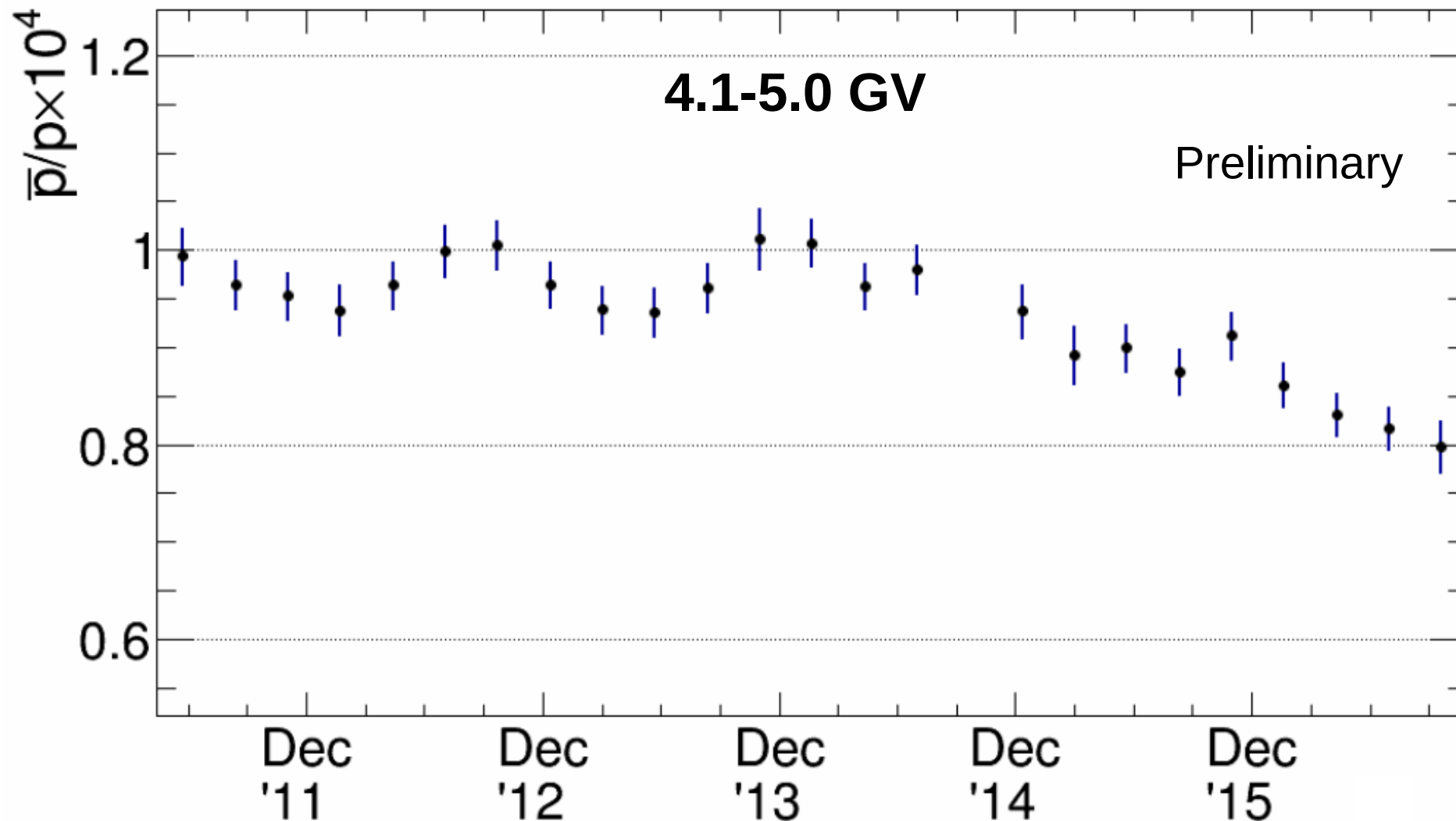
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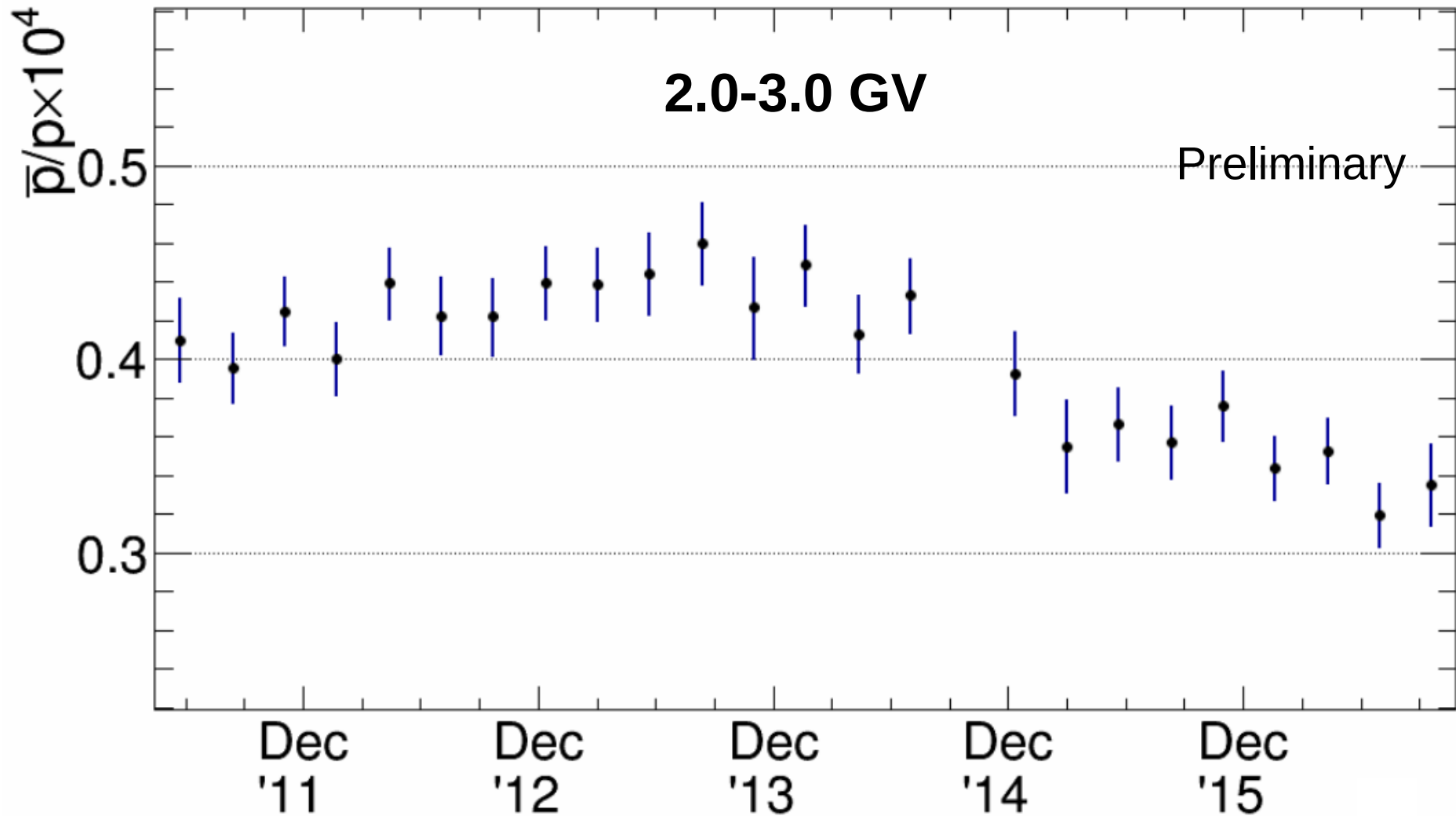
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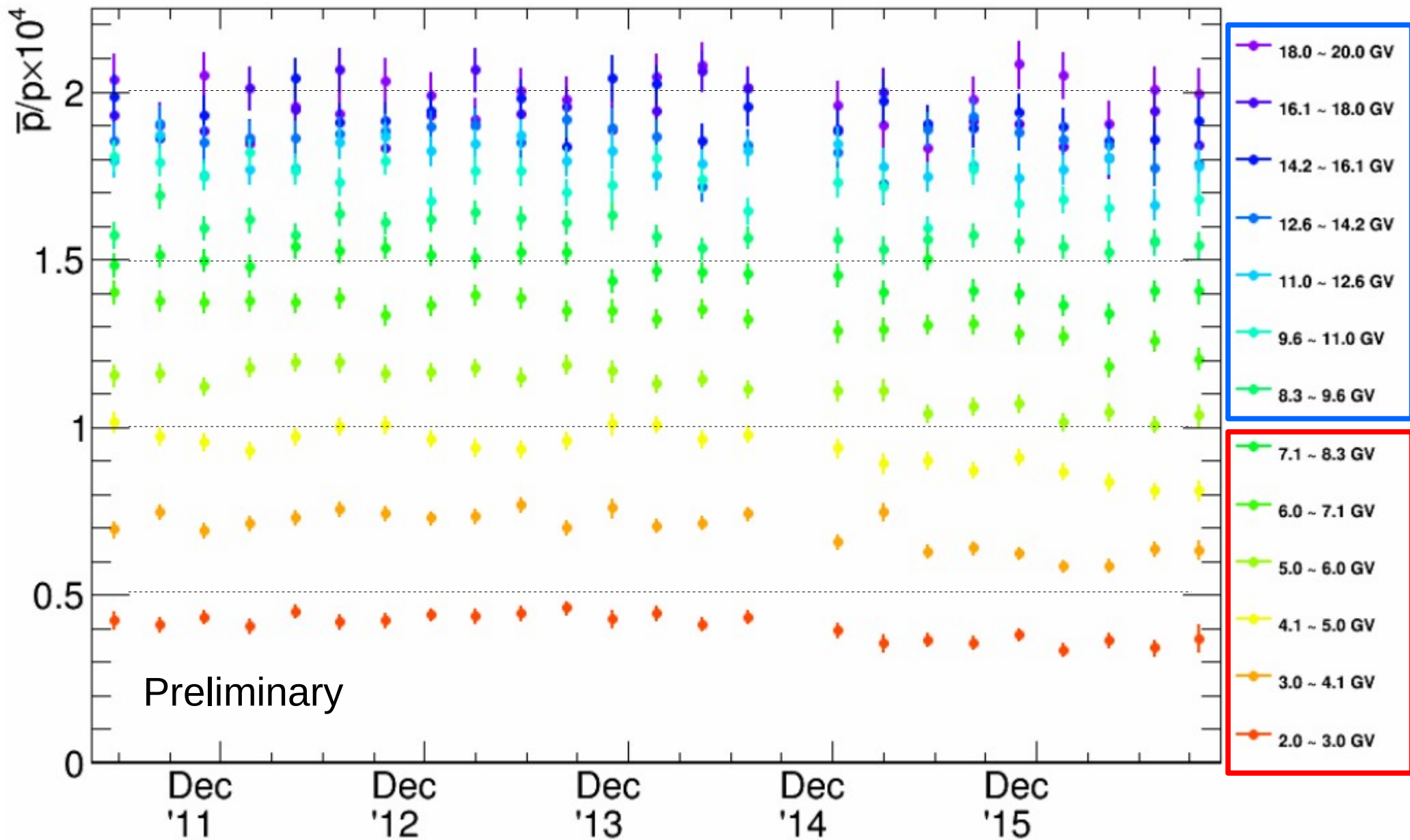


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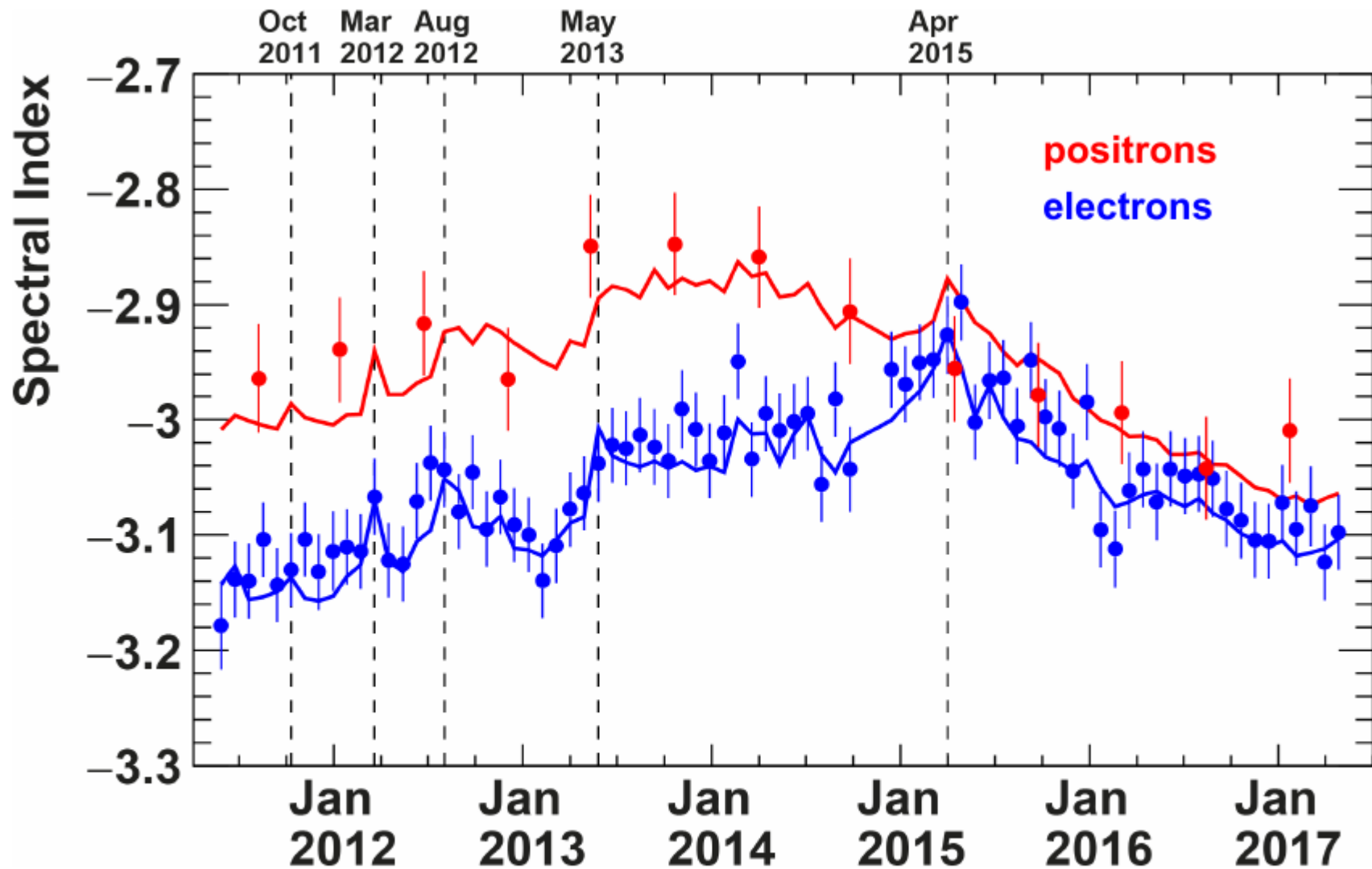


Summary & Conclusions

- AMS p, He, e⁺, e⁻, anti-p monthly fluxes were measured during the ascending phase of solar cycle 24 through its maximum and toward its minimum.
- Fluxes at low rigidity show sub-structures related to the short-term solar activity.
- Above 3 GV the p/He flux ratio is time independent while below 3 GV the p/He flux ratio has a long-term decrease
- AMS e⁺/e⁻ and anti-p/p ratio clearly shows the charge-sign dependence of solar modulation.
- AMS is measuring all nuclei, particle and anti-particle fluxes in the present and next solar cycle.

Backup

Time Evolution of Spectral Indices at 10GV



Spectral indices for both positrons and electrons harden until April 2015, then soften with identical slope.