

# The DAMPE mission and its first results

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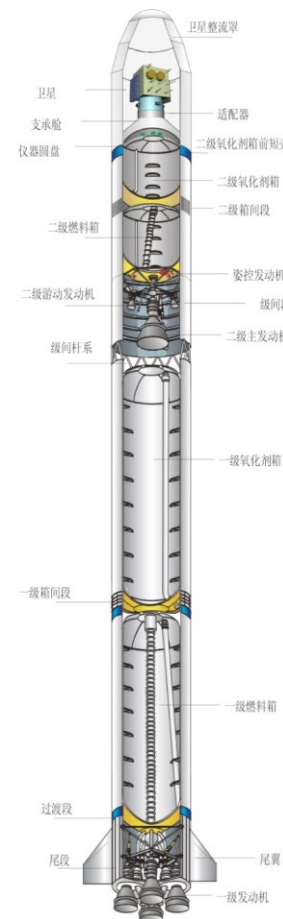
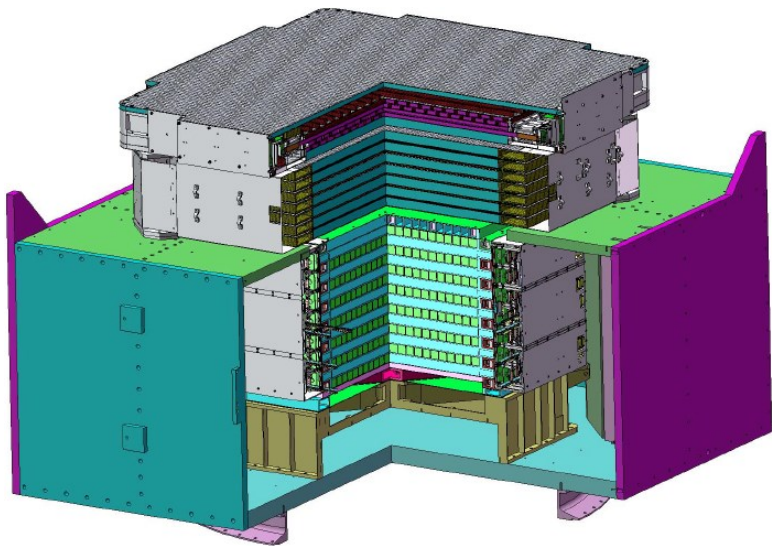


# DAMPE: a space experiment

(Dark Matter Particle Explorer)

4 sub-detectors

Orbit at 500 km



Major scientific goals:

- Cosmic-ray physics: 100 GeV-100 TeV nuclei;
  - $\gamma$ -ray astronomy;
  - Dark matter search.
- } 1 GeV-10 TeV  $e/\gamma$

# The DAMPE Collaboration

- **CHINA**

- Purple Mountain Observatory, CAS, Nanjing
- University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei
- Institute of High Energy Physics, CAS, Beijing
- Institute of Modern Physics, CAS, Lanzhou
- National Space Science Center, CAS, Beijing



- **ITALY**

- INFN Perugia and University of Perugia
- INFN Bari and University of Bari
- INFN Lecce and University of Salento



- **SWITZERLAND**

- University of Geneva

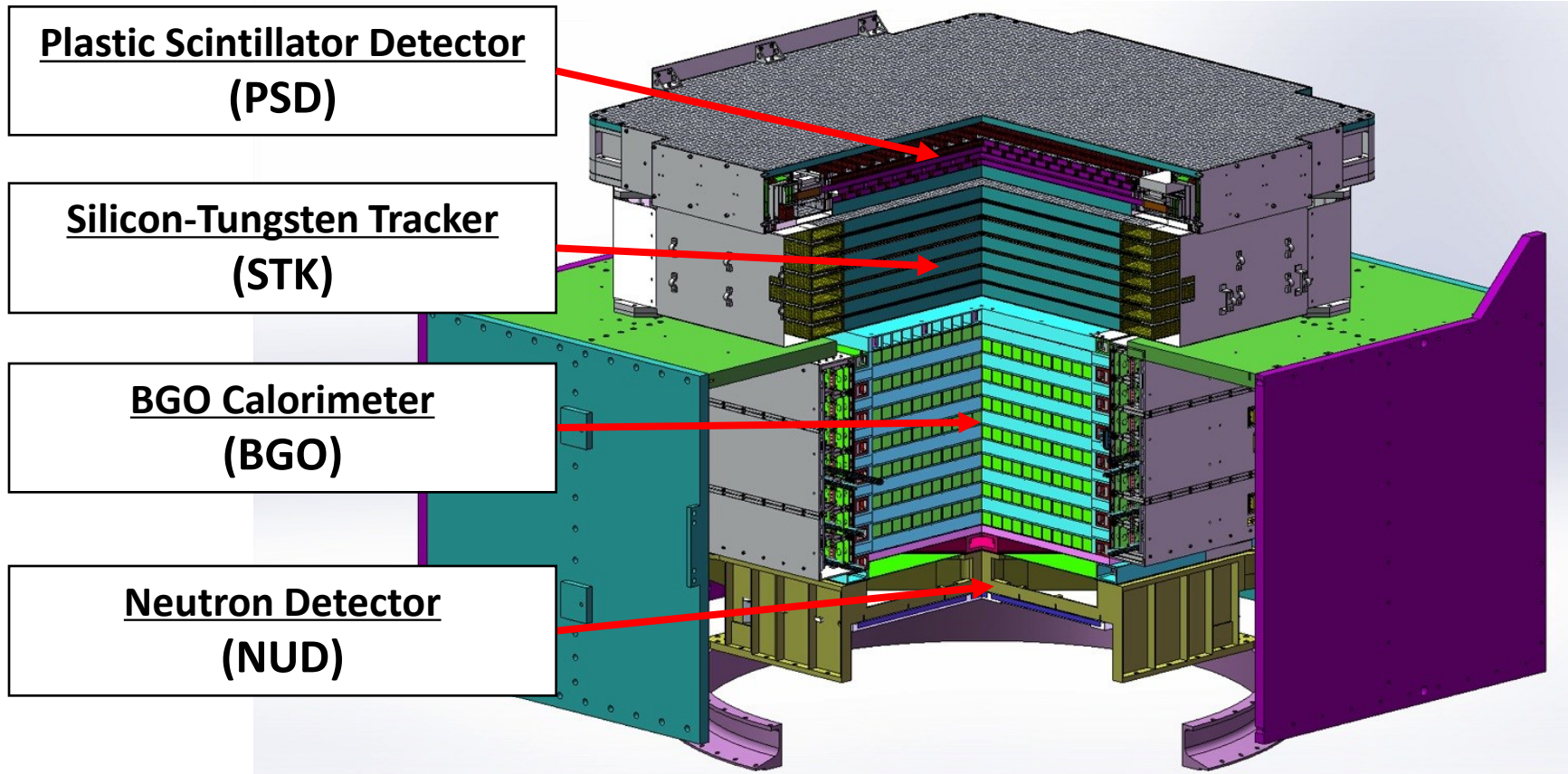


# Outline

- **The Detector**
- **Performance**
- **Orbit Status**
- **First Results**



# Instrument Design



Plastic Scintillator Detector  
(PSD)

Silicon-Tungsten Tracker  
(STK)

BGO Calorimeter  
(BGO)

Neutron Detector  
(NUD)

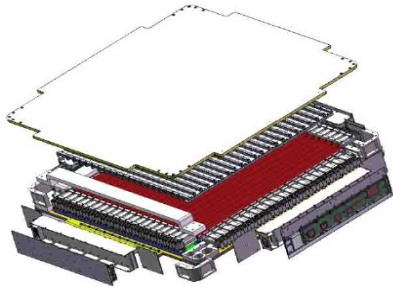
- Charge measurement ( $dE/dx$  in PSD, STK and BGO)
- Pair production and precise tracking (STK and BGO)
- Precise energy measurement (BGO bars)
- Hadron rejection (BGO and neutron detector)

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# Sub-detectors

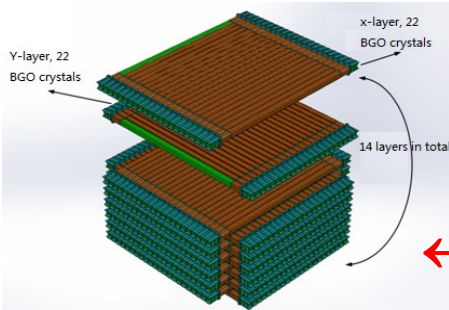
## Plastic Scintillator Detector (PSD)

- $\gamma$  anti-coincidence
- Z-measurement



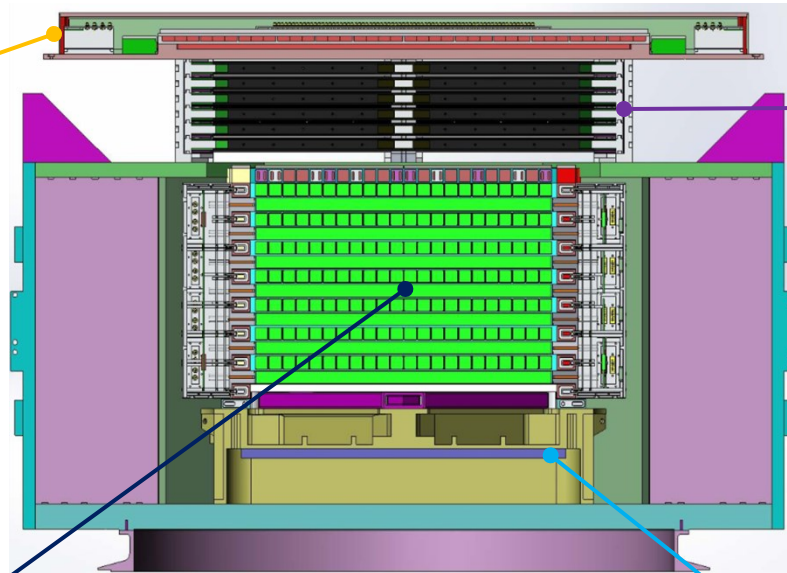
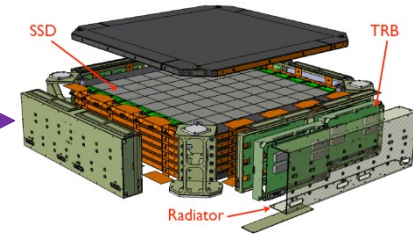
## BGO Calorimeter (BGO)

- Calorimeter ( $32X_0$  &  $1.6\lambda_1$ )
- e/p separation
- Trigger primitives



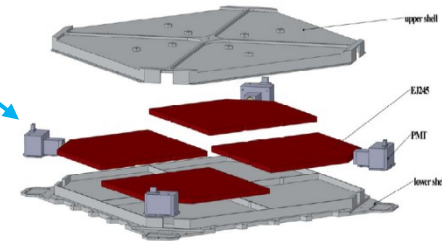
## Silicon Tungsten Tracker (STK)

- $\gamma$  convertor, particle track
- Z-measurement



## Neutron Detector (NUD)

- e/p separation



← Key part of the instrument

# Other experiments in space

- Magnetic spectrometer

## PAMELA experiment

### Time-Of-Flight plastic scintillators + PMT:

- Trigger
- Albedo rejection;
- Mass identification up to 1 GeV;
- Charge identification from  $dE/dX$

### Electromagnetic calorimeter

- W/Si sampling (16.3  $X_0$ , 0.6  $\lambda I$ )
- Discrimination  $e^+ / p$ , anti- $p / e^-$  (shower topology)
  - Direct E measurement for  $e^-$

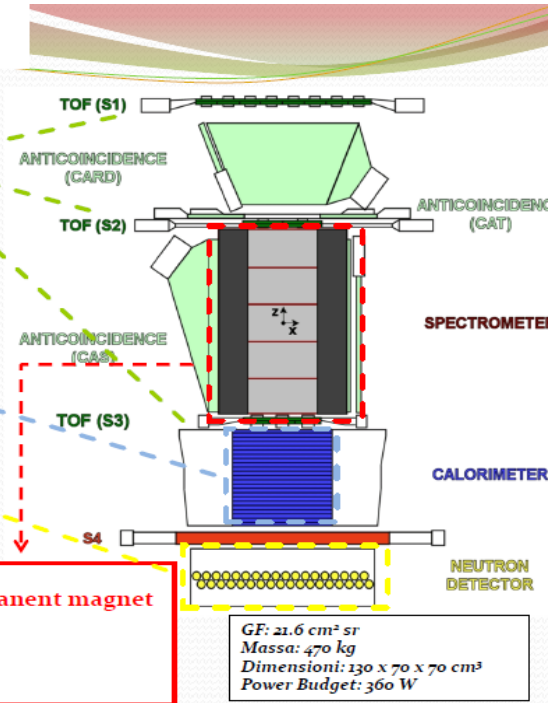
### Neutron detector

- 36  $He^3$  counters :
- High-energy  $e/h$  discrimination

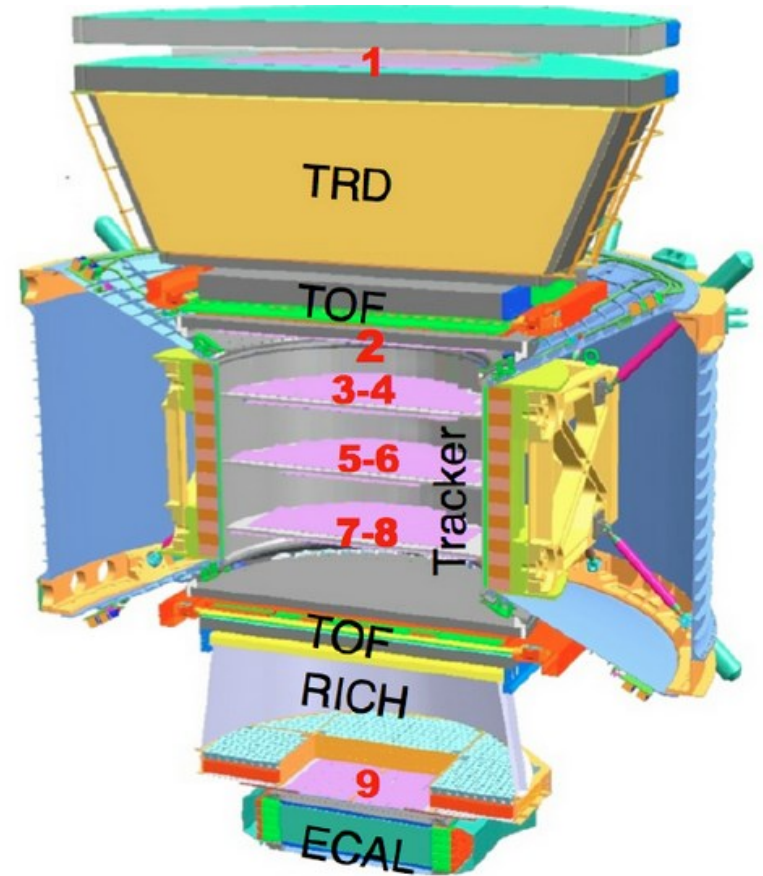
### Spectrometer microstrip silicon tracking system + permanent magnet

It provides:

- Magnetic rigidity  $\rightarrow R = pc/Zq$
- Charge sign
- Charge value from  $dE/dx$



PAMELA



AMS02

# Other experiments in space

## • Telescope + calorimeter

### The Fermi LAT

- The Large Area Telescope (LAT) is one of two instruments on the *Fermi* Gamma-ray Space Telescope
- The LAT is a pair conversion telescope

#### Anti-coincidence Detector (ACD)

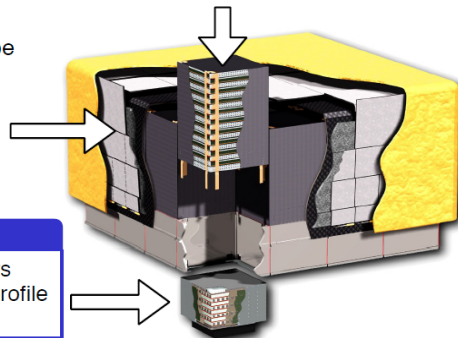
- 89 segmented plastic scintillating tiles
- Used for particle identification

#### Calorimeter (CAL)

- 1536 CsI(Tl) crystals arranged in 8 layers
- Hodoscopic, image shower shape and profile
- Used for energy measurement

#### Tracker (TKR)

- 18 x-y layers of silicon strip detectors
- Used for direction reconstruction and particle identification



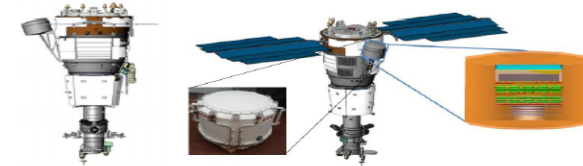
### NUCLEON mission

NUCLEON apparatus is placed on board of the **RESURS-P** regular satellite as an additional payload. The spacecraft orbit is a Sun-synchronous one with inclination **97.276°** and an average altitude of **475 km**. Lunched **December 28, 2014**. From **July 2015** up to now - regular measurements. The planned exposition time is not less than **5 years** (more expected)



#### Vessel:

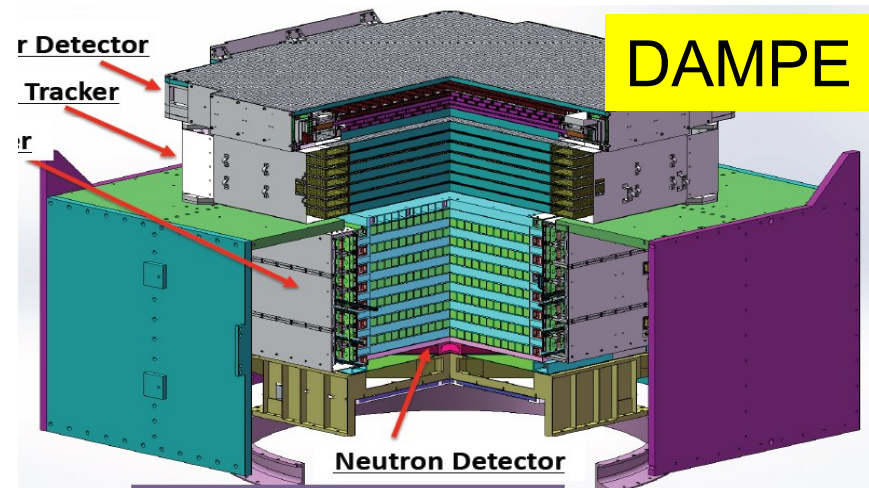
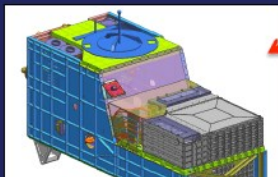
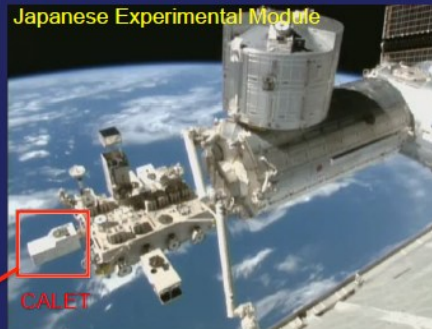
Weight ~360 kg  
Power consumption ~160 W  
Telemetry ~10 GB/day



The NUCLEON detector on board of the satellite RESURS-P N2.

CALET:  
CALorimetric Electron Telescope

Launch: August 19, 2015  
Observations: October 13, 2015



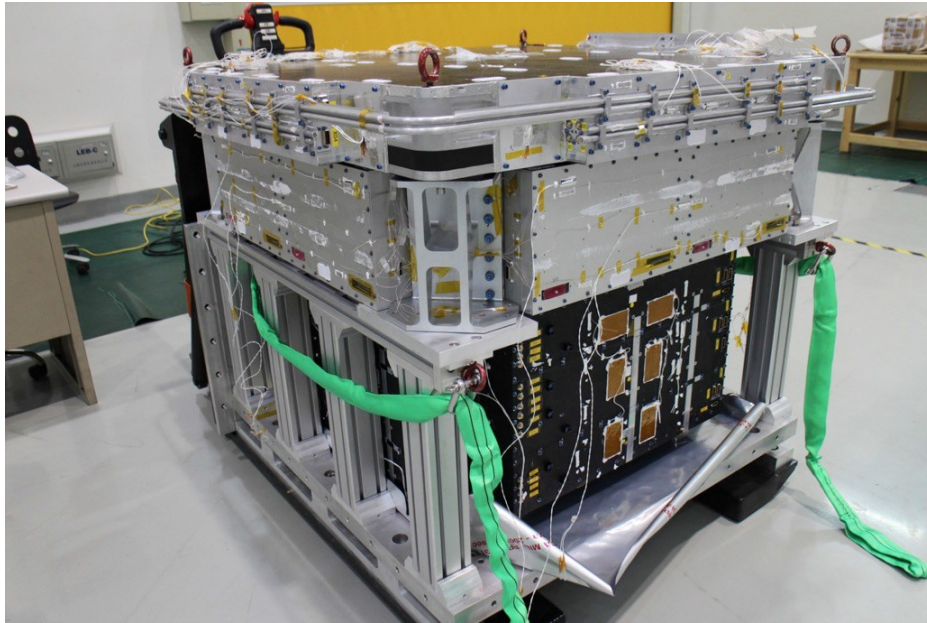


# Comparison of performance

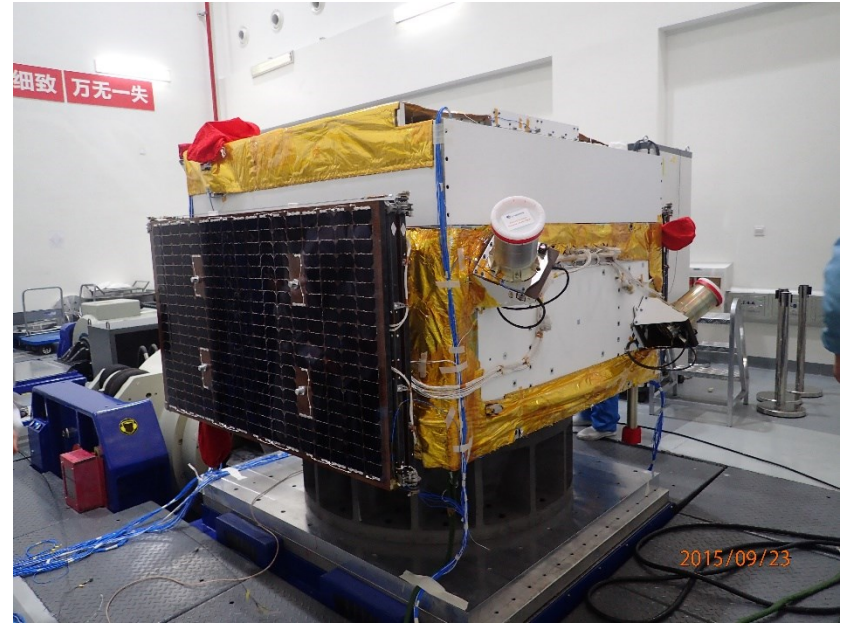
Detector	Acceptance (m <sup>2</sup> Sr)	Radiation length	Energy resolution
PAMELA	0.002	17	12%@100GeV
AMS02	0.05	17	2%@100GeV
FERMI	2	8.6	>8.5%@100GeV
CALET	0.1	28	2%@100GeV
DAMPE	0.3	32	1.0%@100GeV

Larger acceptance, better resolution

# The DAMPE Satellite



EQM, Oct. 2014, CERN



Integrated satellite, Sept. 2015, Shanghai

**Weight : 1450/1850 kg (payload/satellite)**

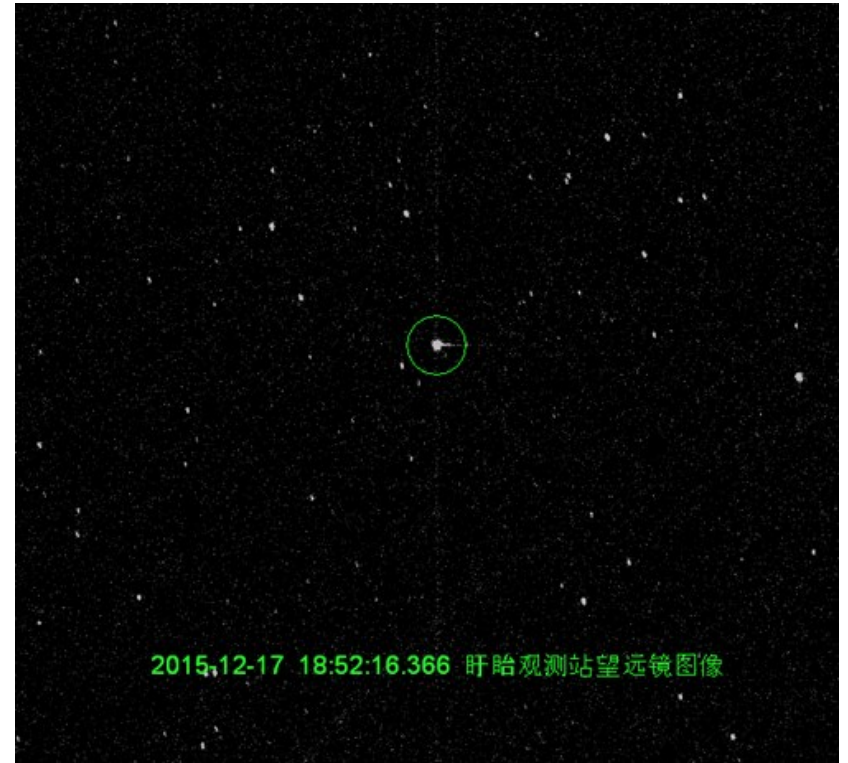
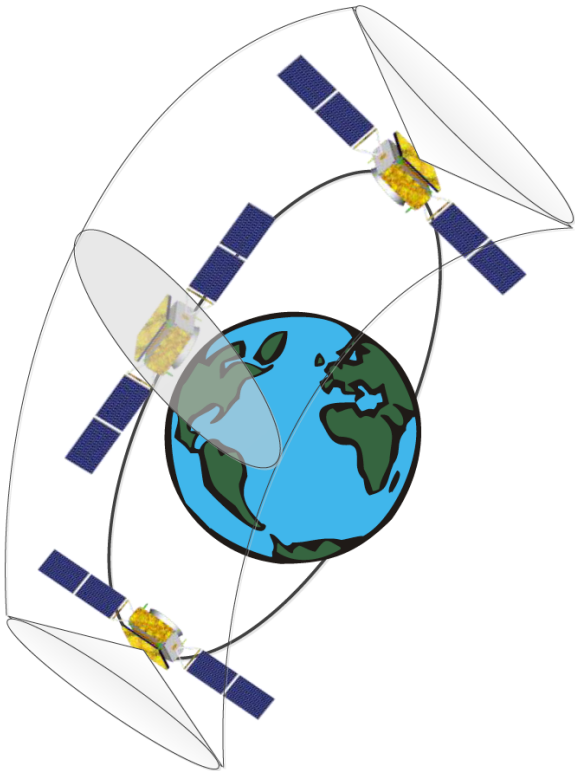
**Power: 300/500 W (payload/satellite)**

**Readout channels: 75,916 (STK 73,728)**

**Size: 1.2 m x 1.2 m x 1.0 m**

# The Orbit

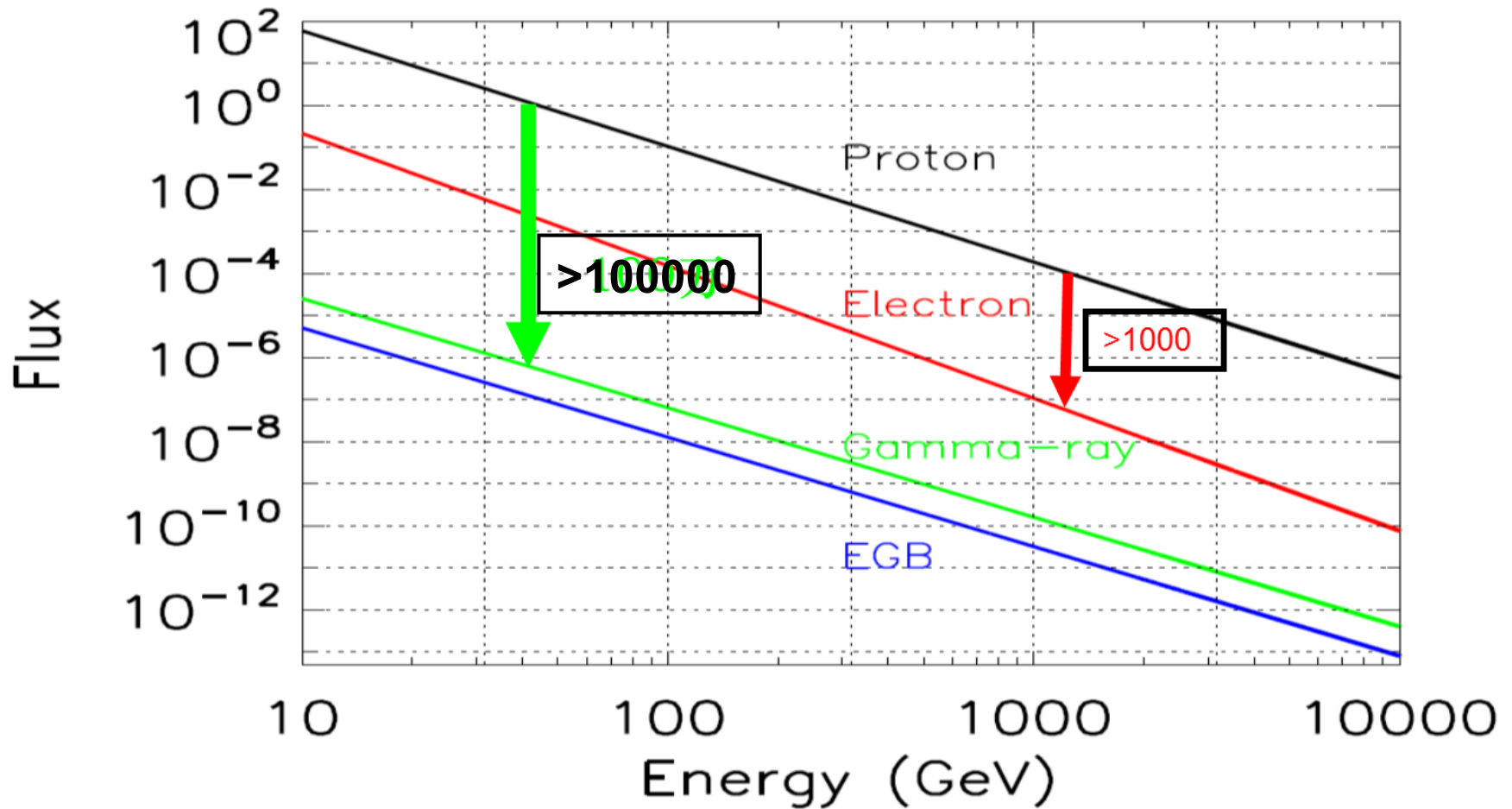
- **Altitude: 500 km**
- **Inclination:  $97.4065^\circ$**
- **Period: 95 minutes**
- **Orbit: sun-synchronous**



- **Launched on Dec.17, 2015**
- **Dec. 20: all detectors powered on, except the HV for PMTs**
- **Dec. 24: HV on!**
- **Dec. 30: stable trigger condition**
- **Smooth operation since then!**

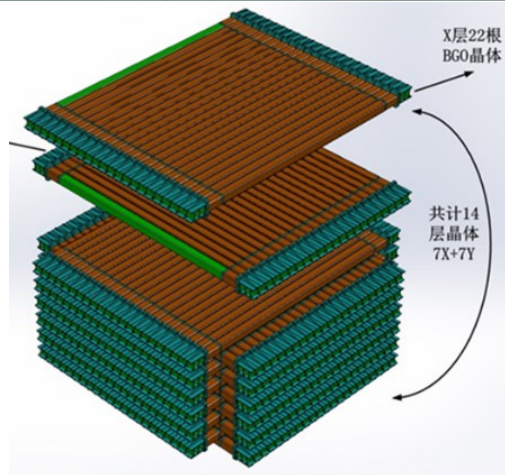
# Challenge 1: Particle ratios

Requirement for e/p rejection power:  $> 10^5$  !

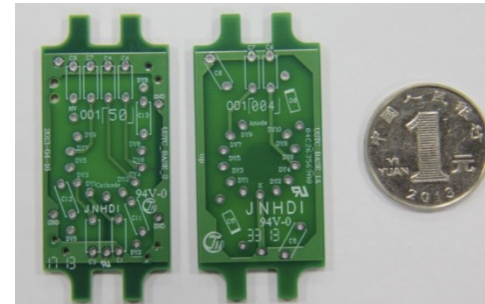
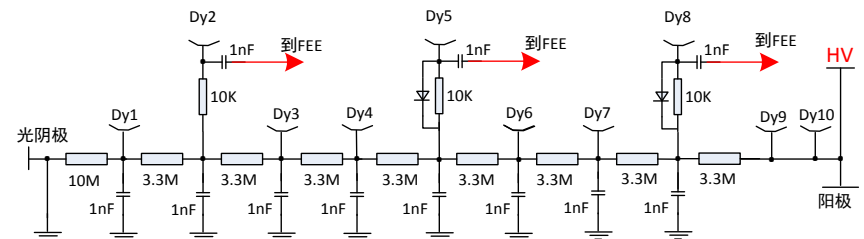


# Challenge 2: $10^6$ Dynamical Range

Electron & gamma-ray: GeV to tens TeV  
Requirement for BGO bars: MeV to TeVs

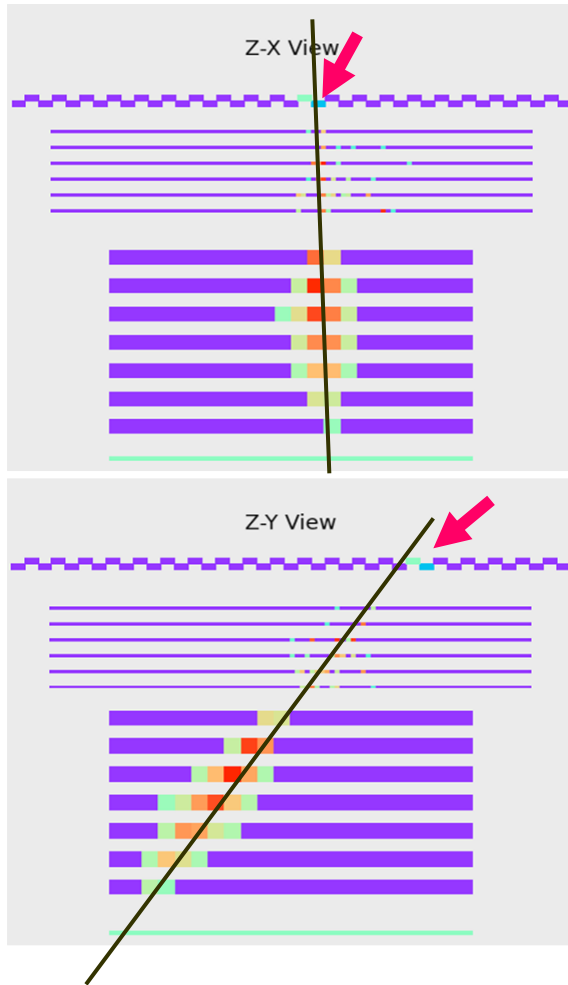


## Multi-dynode readouts: 2, 5, 8

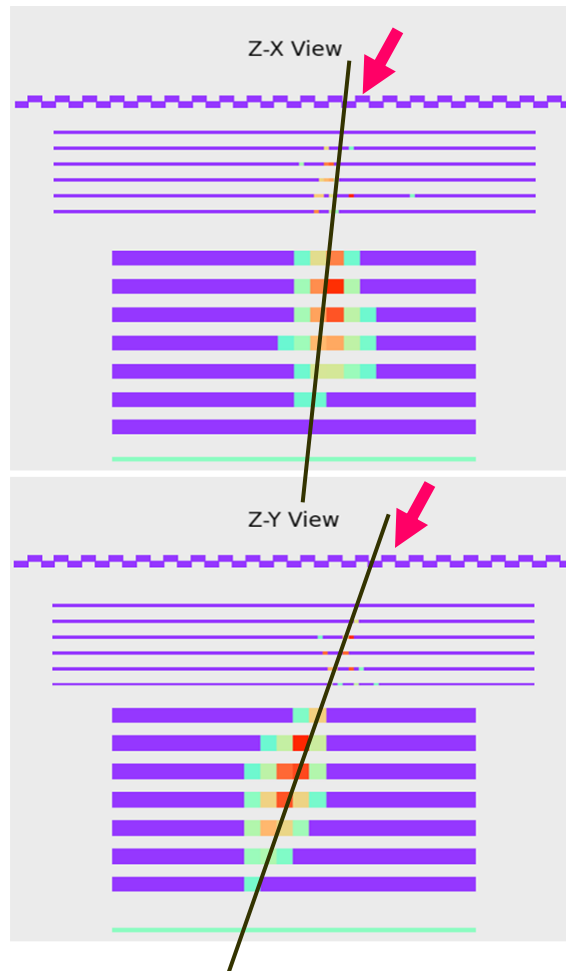


# Signals for different particles

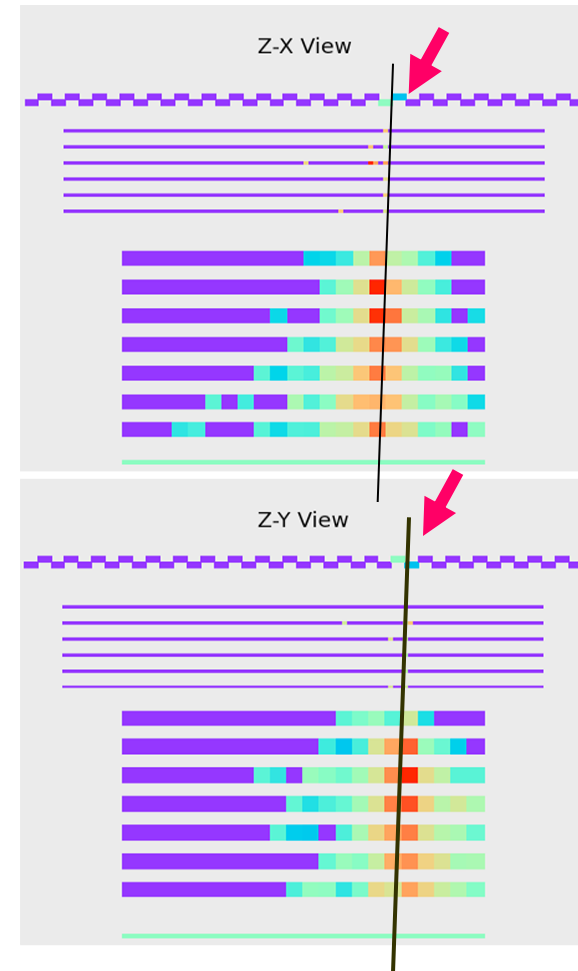
electron



gamma



proton

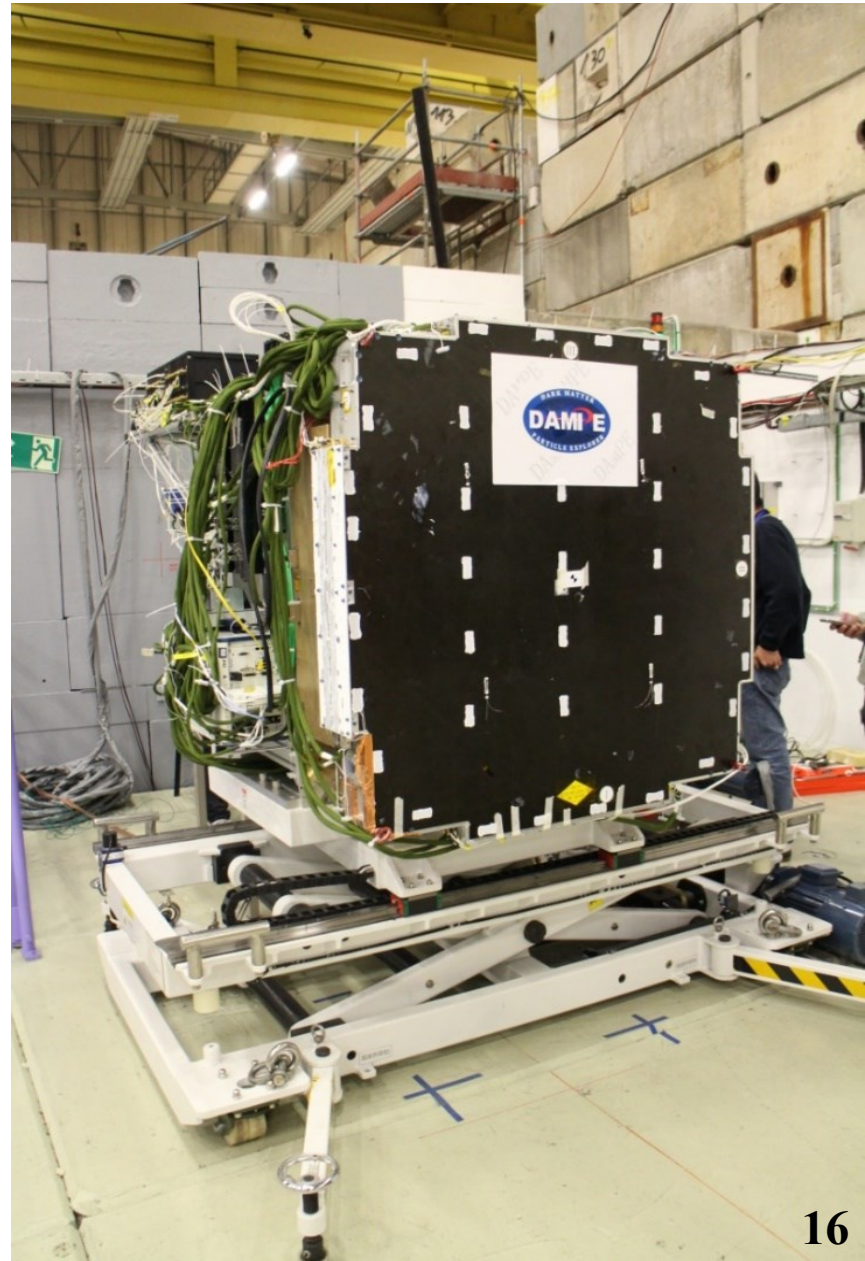


# Expected performance

Parameter	Value
Energy range of gamma-rays/electrons	5 GeV to 10 TeV
Energy resolution(electron and gamma)	1.5% at 800 GeV
Energy range of protons/heavy nuclei	50 GeV to 500 TeV
Energy resolution of protons	40% at 800 GeV
Eff. area at normal incidence (gamma)	1100 cm <sup>2</sup> at 100 GeV
Geometric factor for electrons	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> sr above 30 GeV
Photon angular resolution	0.1 degree at 100 GeV
Field of View	1.0 sr

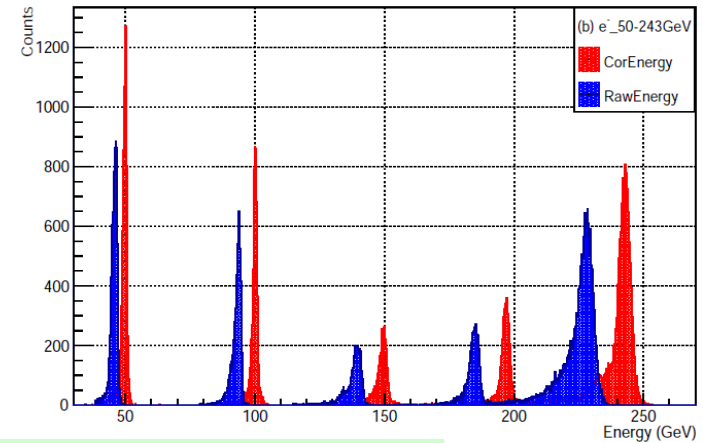
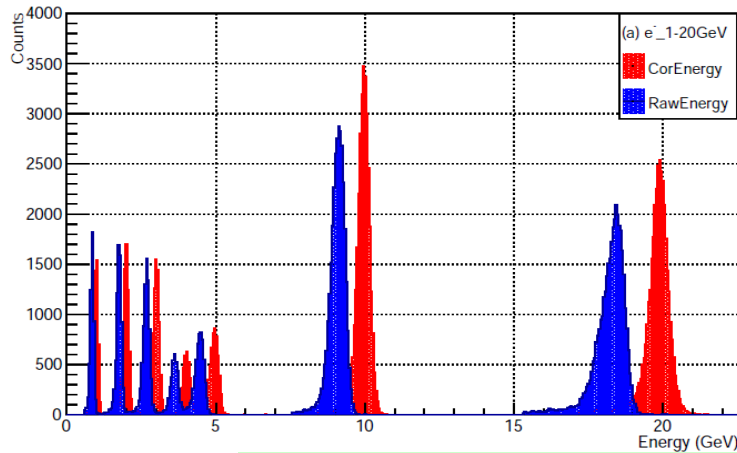
# Beam test @ CERN

- **14days@PS, 29/10-11/11 2014**
  - e @ 0.5GeV/c, 1GeV/c, 2GeV/c, 3GeV/c, 4GeV/c, 5GeV/c
  - p @ 3.5GeV/c, 4GeV/c, 5GeV/c, 6GeV/c, 8GeV/c, 10GeV/c
  - $\pi$ -@ 3GeV/c, 10GeV/c
  - $\gamma$  @ 0.5-3GeV/c
- **8days@SPS, 12/11-19/11 2014**
  - e @ 5GeV/c, 10GeV/c, 20GeV/c, 50GeV/c, 100GeV/c, 150GeV/c, 200GeV/c, 250GeV/c
  - p @ 400GeV/c (SPS primary beam)
  - $\gamma$  @ 3-20GeV/c
  - $\mu$  @ 150GeV/c,
- **17days@SPS, 16/3-1/4 2015**
  - Fragments: 66.67-88.89-166.67GeV/c
  - Argon: 30A- 40A- 75AGeV/c
  - Proton: 30GeV/c, 40GeV/c
- **21days@SPS, 10/6-1/7 2015**
  - Primary Proton: 400GeV/c
  - Electrons @ 20, 100, 150 GeV/c
  - g @ 50, 75 , 150 GeV/c
  - m @ 150 GeV /c
  - p+ @10, 20, 50, 100 GeV/c
- **10days@SPS, 11/11-20/11 2015**
  - Pb 30AGeV/c (and fragments) (HERD)
- **6days@SPS, 20/11-25/11 2015**
  - Pb 030 AGeV/c (and fragments)

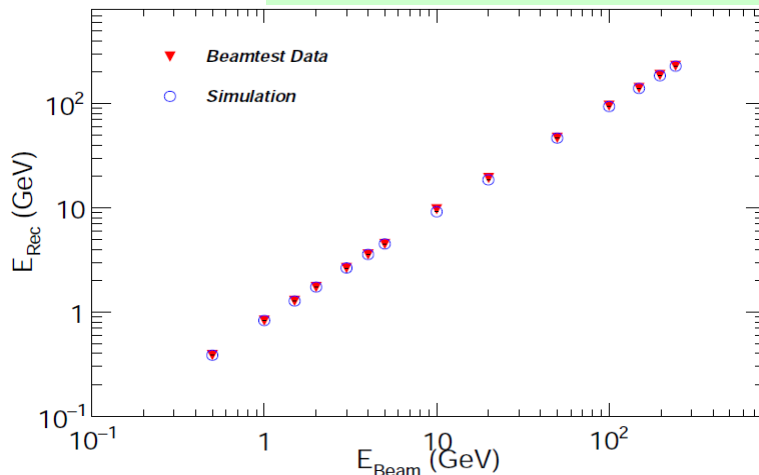




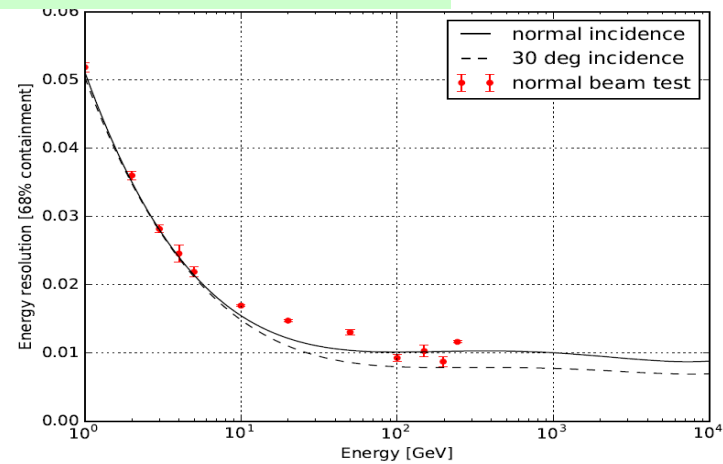
# Beam test @ CERN



Energy correction: ~6-7% for 100 GeV – 1 TeV



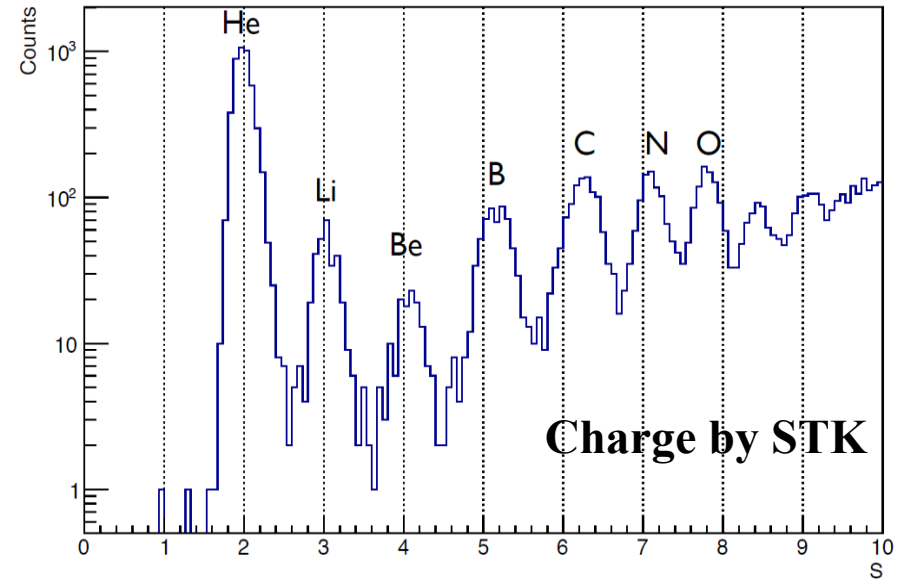
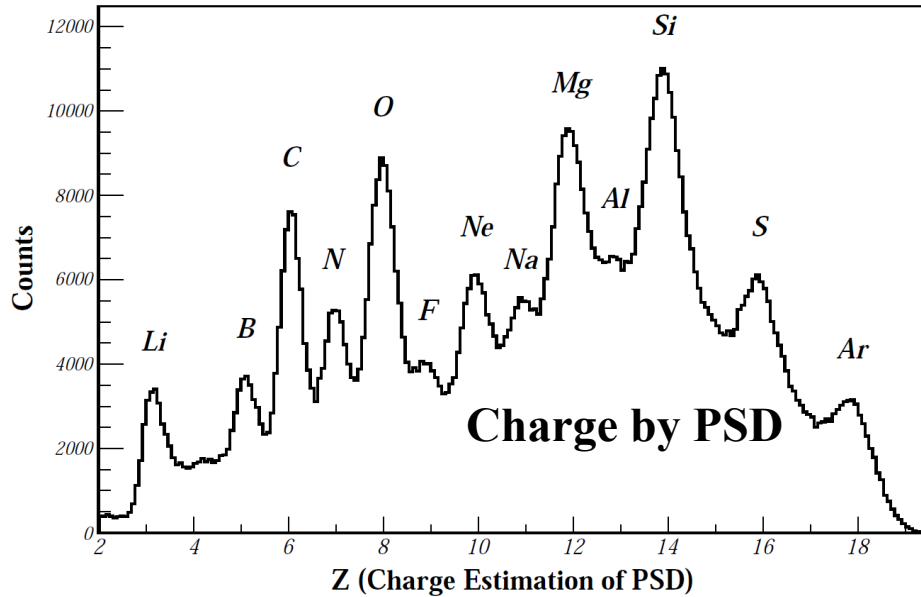
Energy linearity of electrons



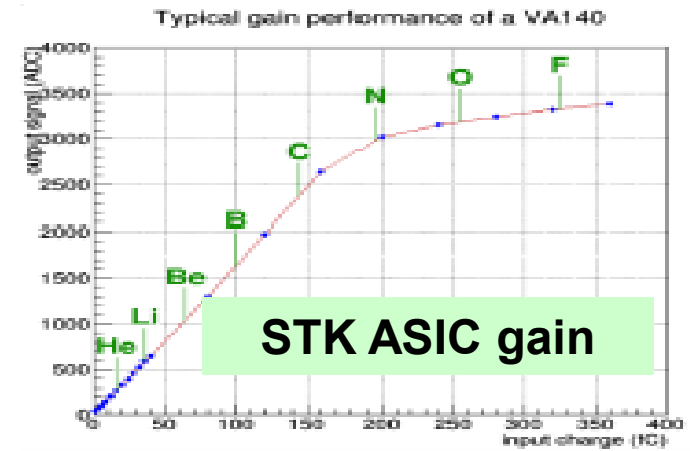
Energy resolution of electrons

Good linearity and resolution, good agreement between test beam and simulation (NIM A 856 (2017)11)

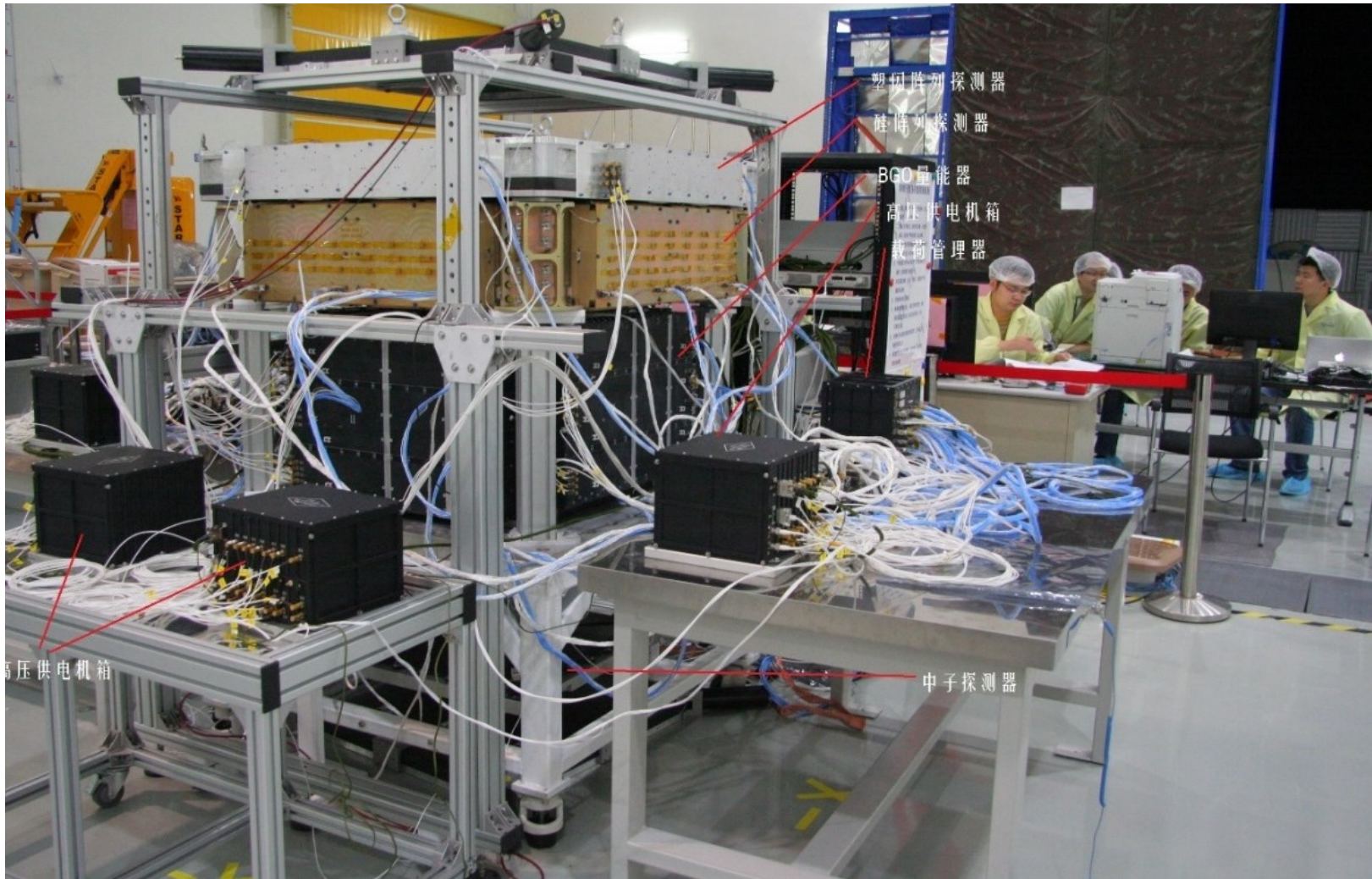
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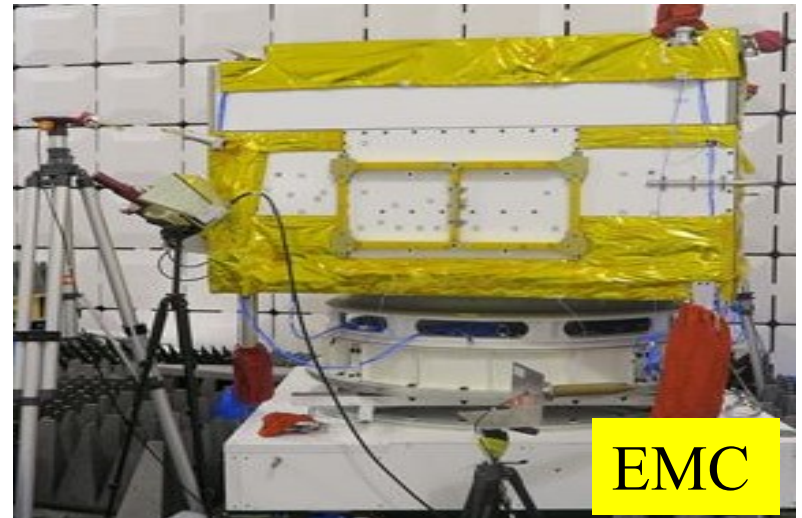
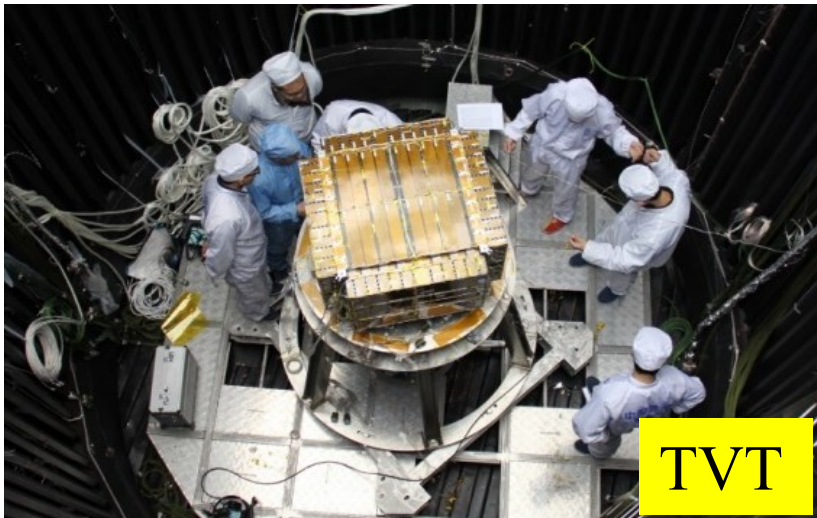
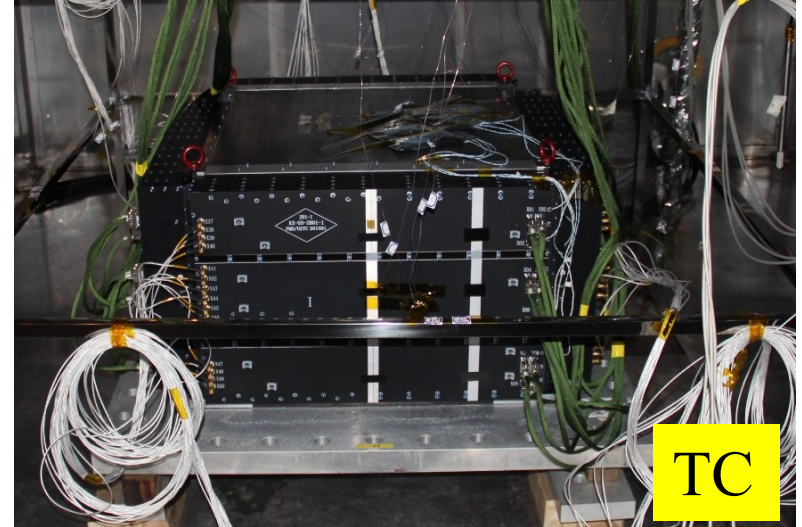
**STK has better resolution at low Z, but saturate at Z ~ 8**



# Flight Model: Cosmic Ray Test



# Flight model: environmental tests



**Launched on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015**



Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, Gobi desert

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(To probe the space.)

暗物质粒子探测卫星DAMPE:  
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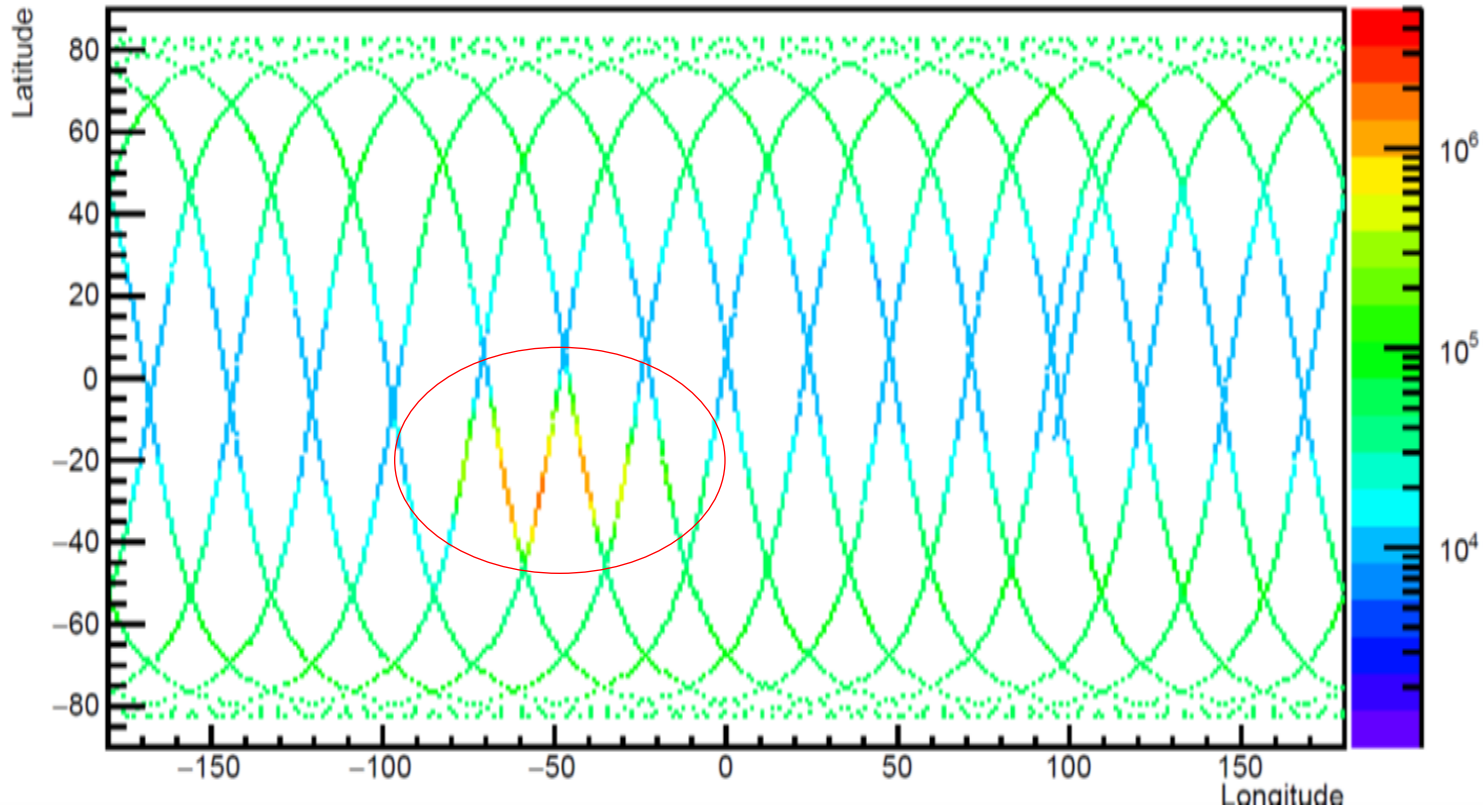


308 BGO bars

The magic golden cudgel  
Weighs 36000 jin, or 18000 kg



# On-orbit trigger rate

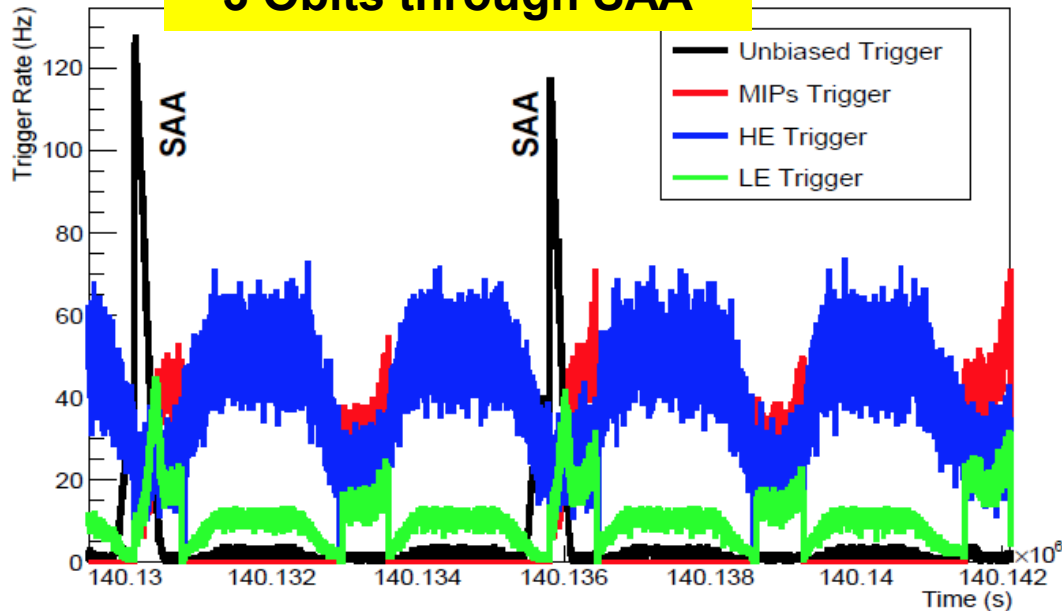


~50 Hz average trigger rate

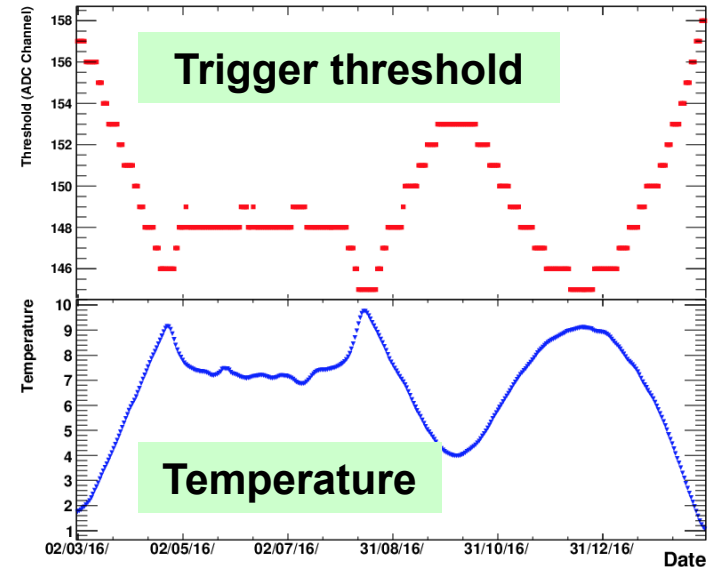
→ 100GB (H.L.)/day on ground (about 5 M events)

# On-orbit trigger rate

## 3 Obits through SAA



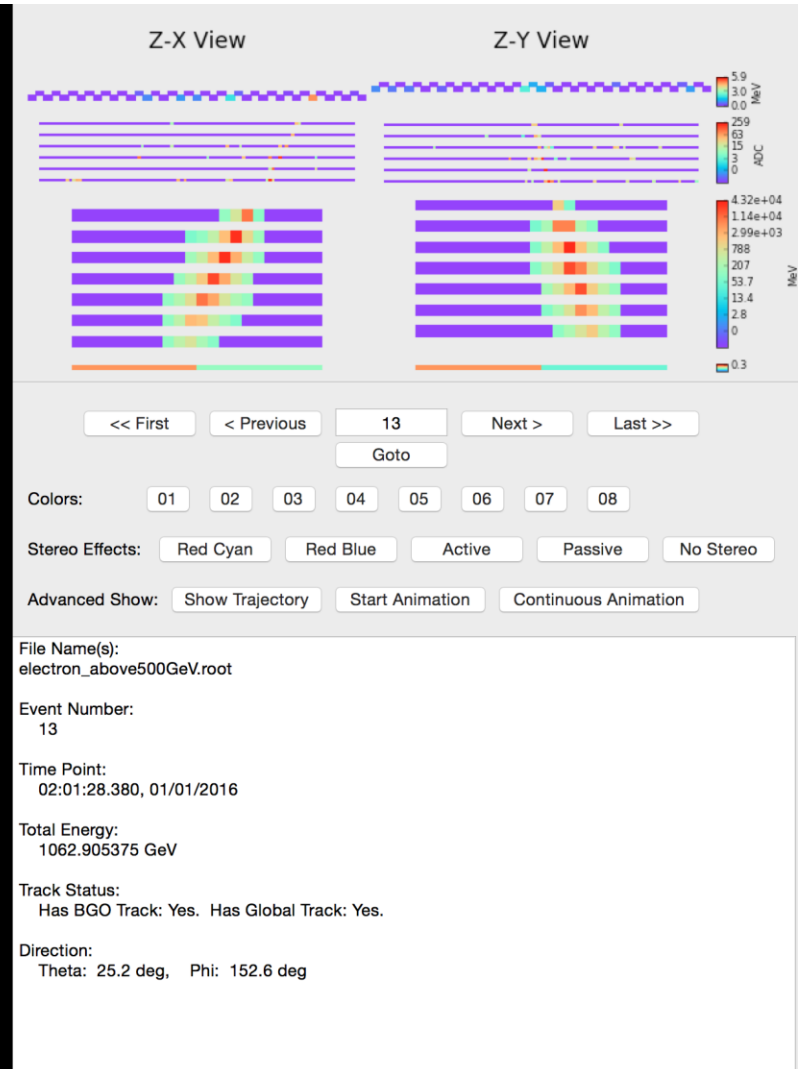
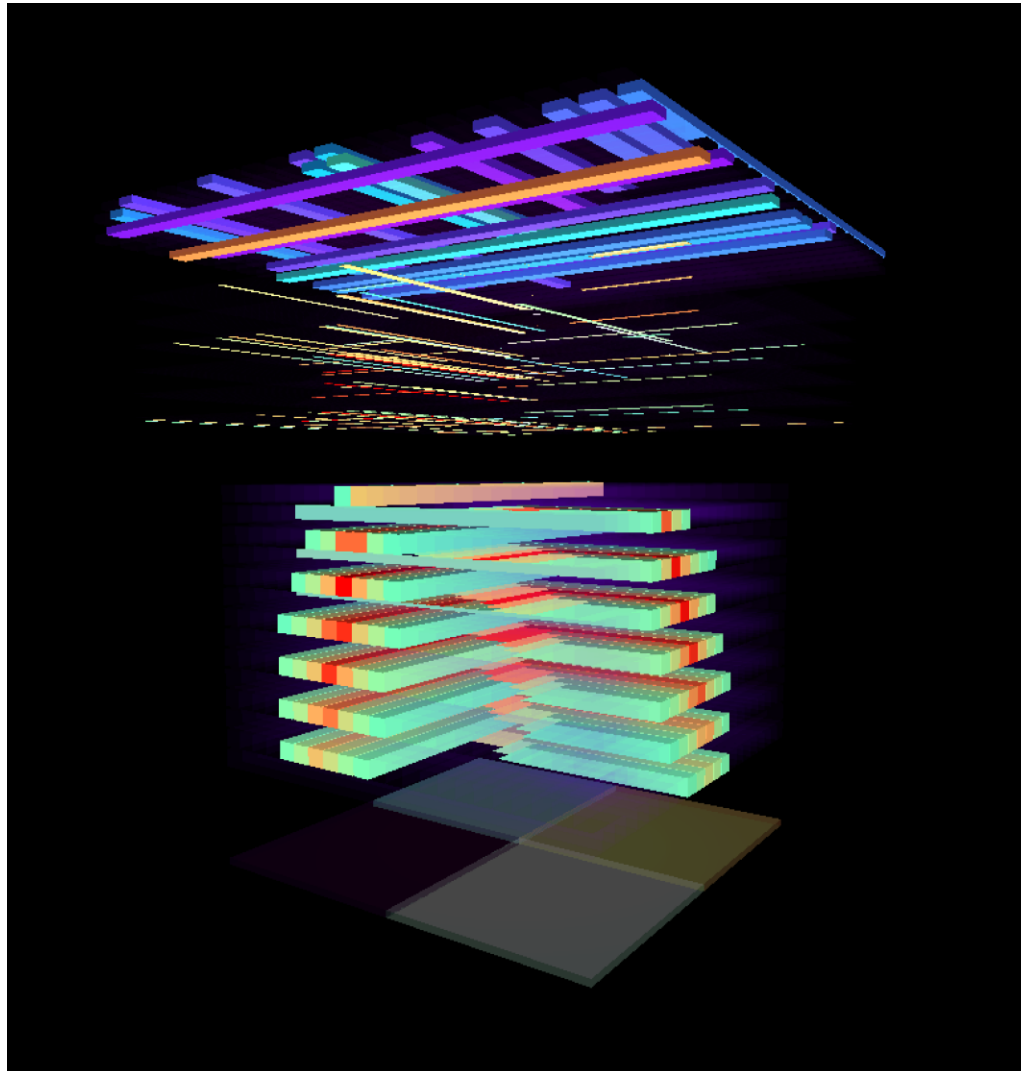
- HET trigger rate 20 – 60 Hz
  - Events in South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA) regions not used



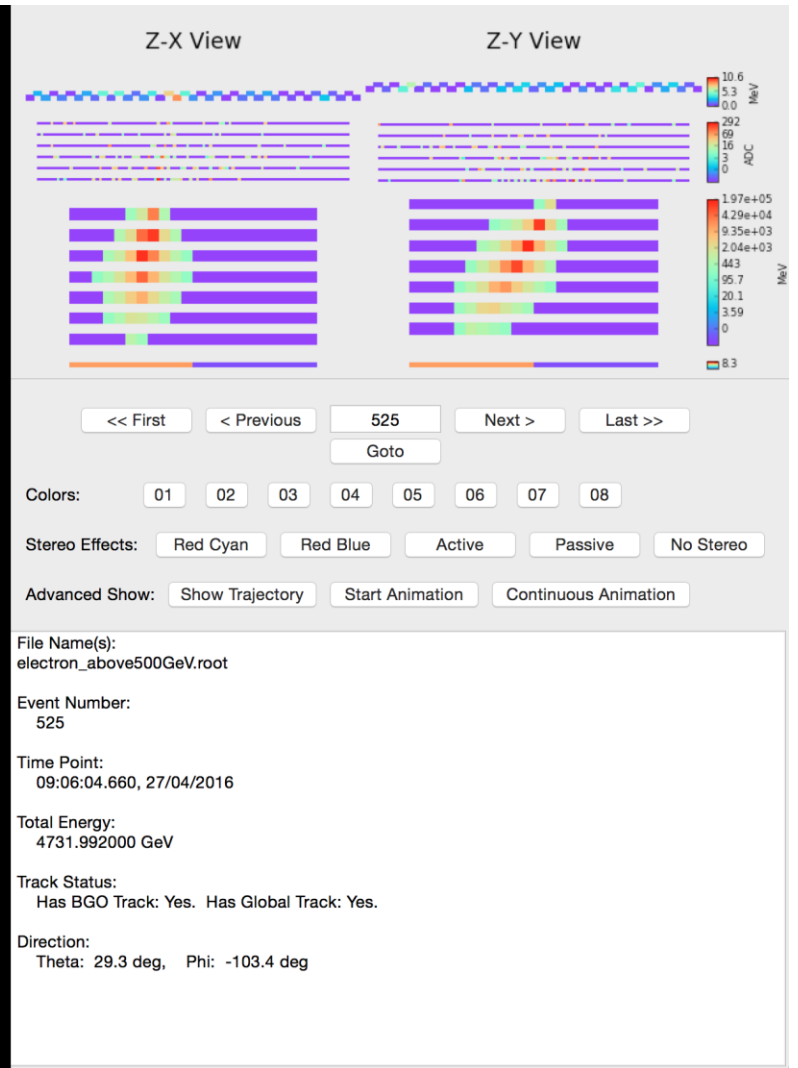
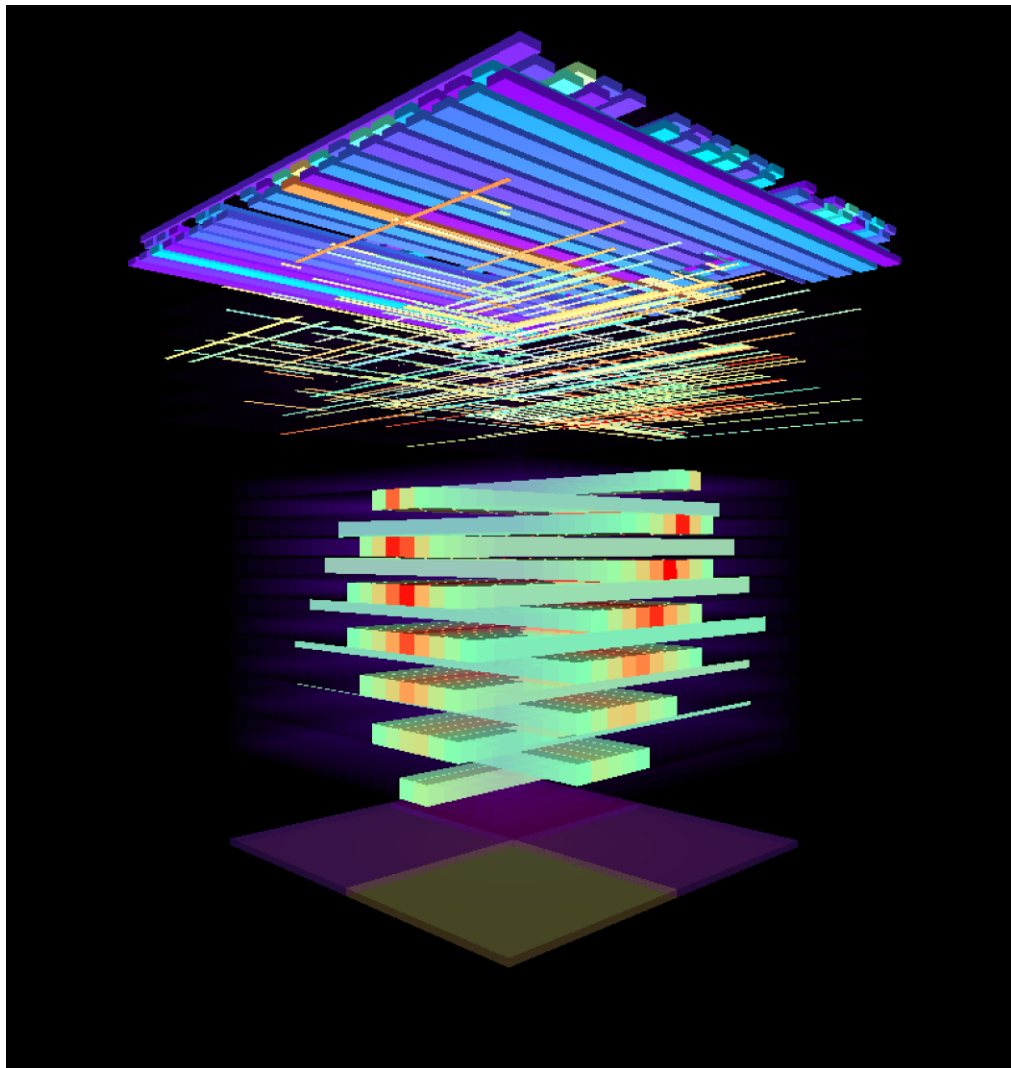
- Small trigger threshold variation with temperature
  - ~13 ACD (0.04 MIP) in full temperature range

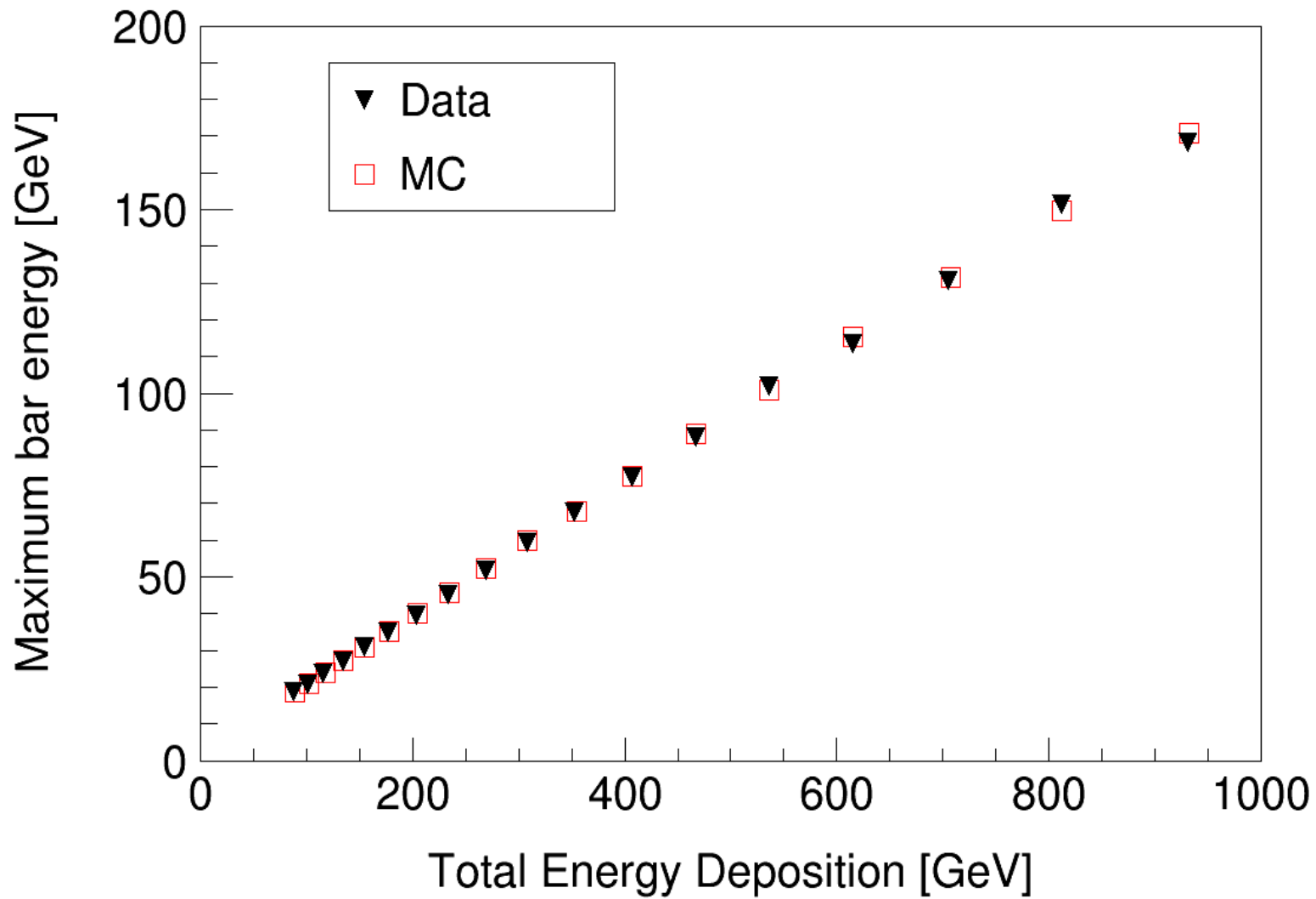


# Event: $\sim 1$ TeV electron candidate

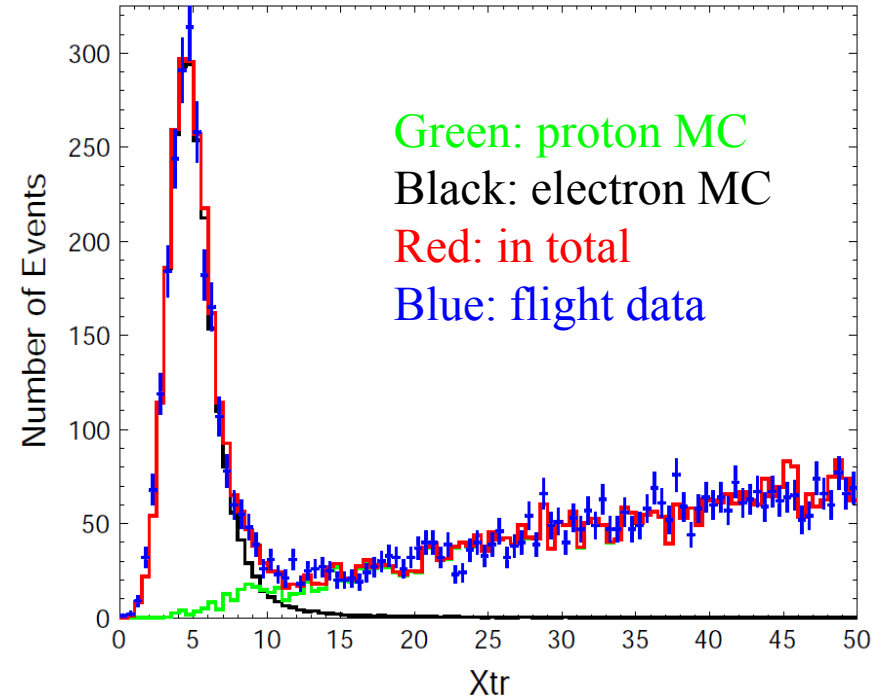
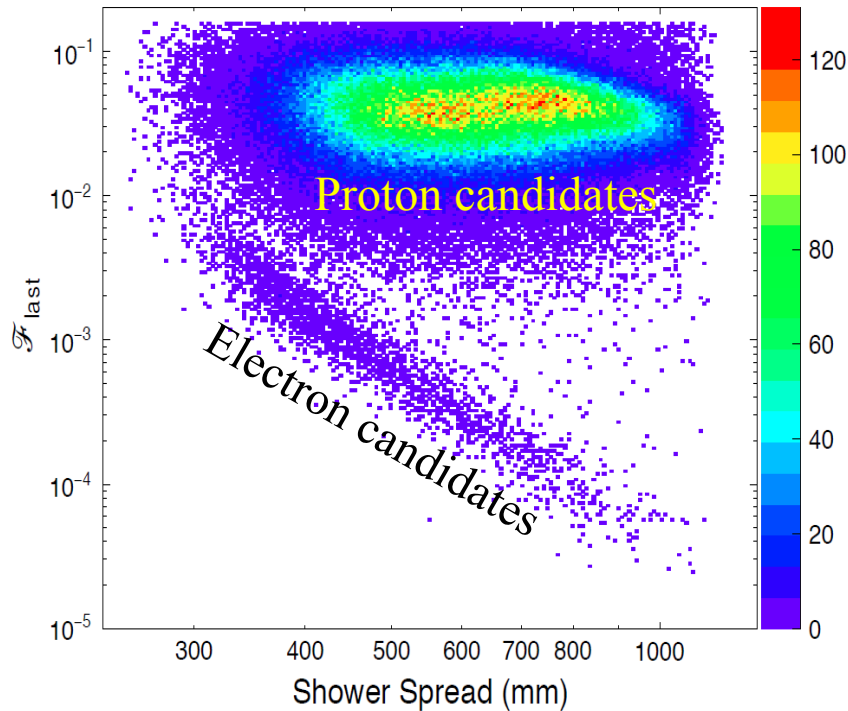


# Event: $\sim 5$ TeV electron candidate





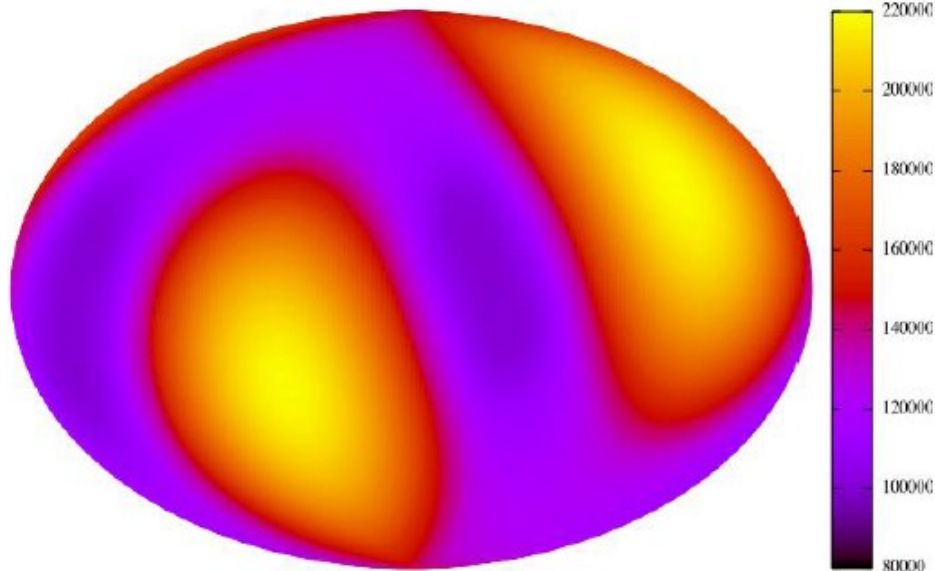
# On-orbit performance: e/p separation



**For events with deposit energy of 0.5-1.0 TeV; the proton contamination is found to be ~2% below 1TeV, ~5% @2TeV, and ~10% @5TeV.**

# Status

DAMPE 3.5 year counts map



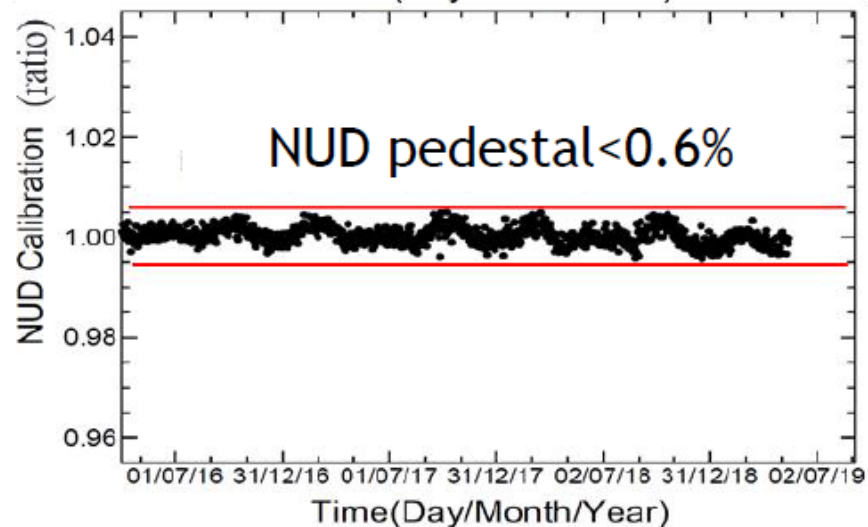
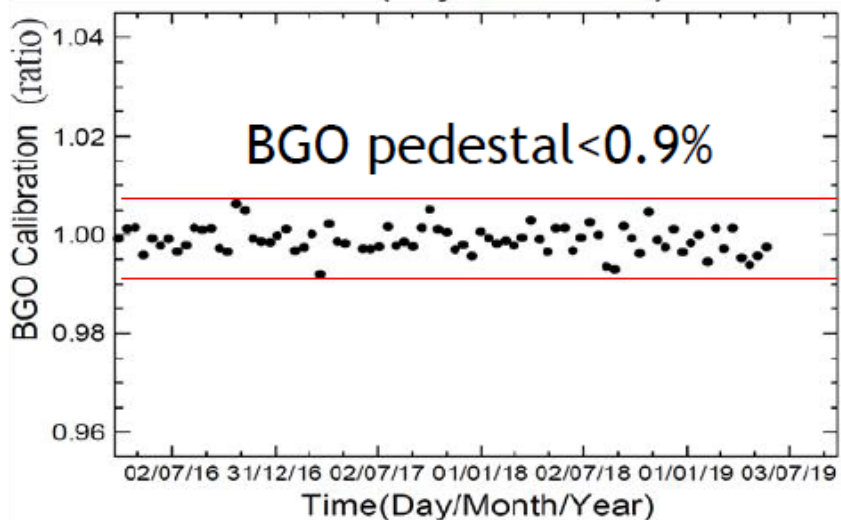
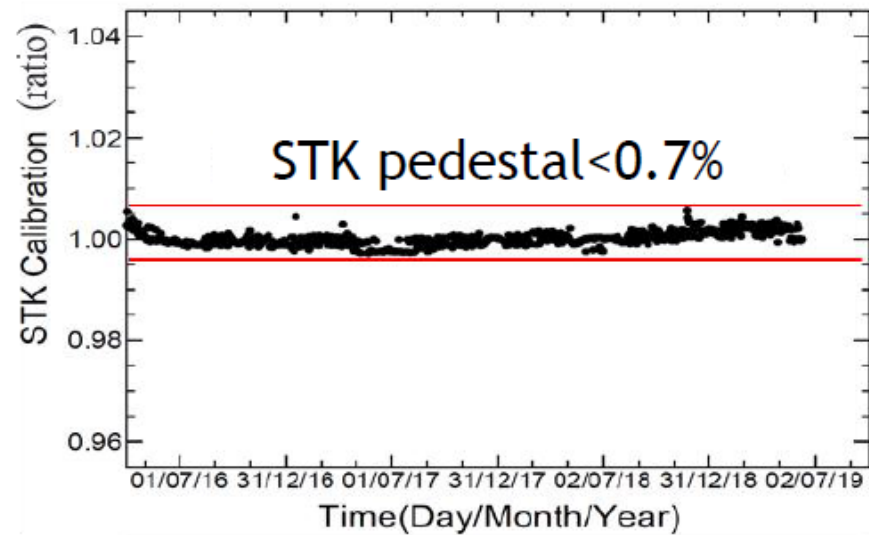
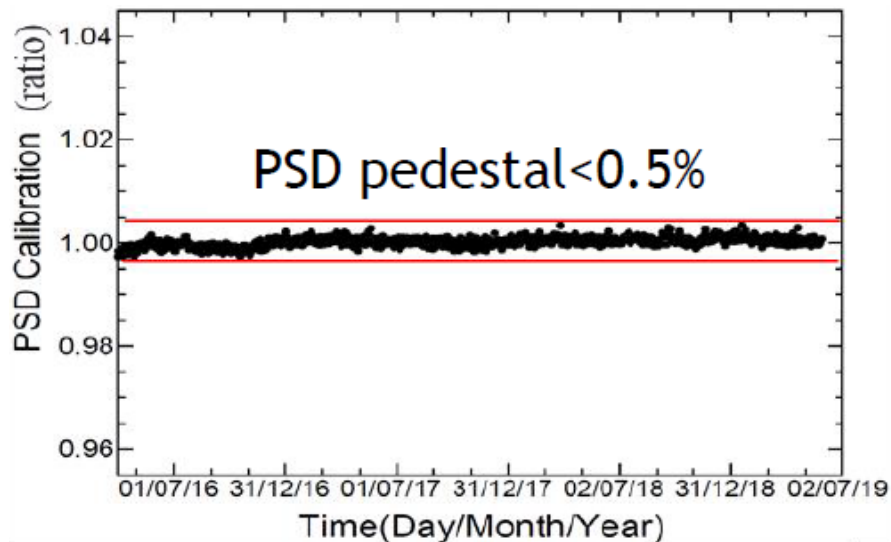
7 full scans of the sky

DAMPE DAQ statistics

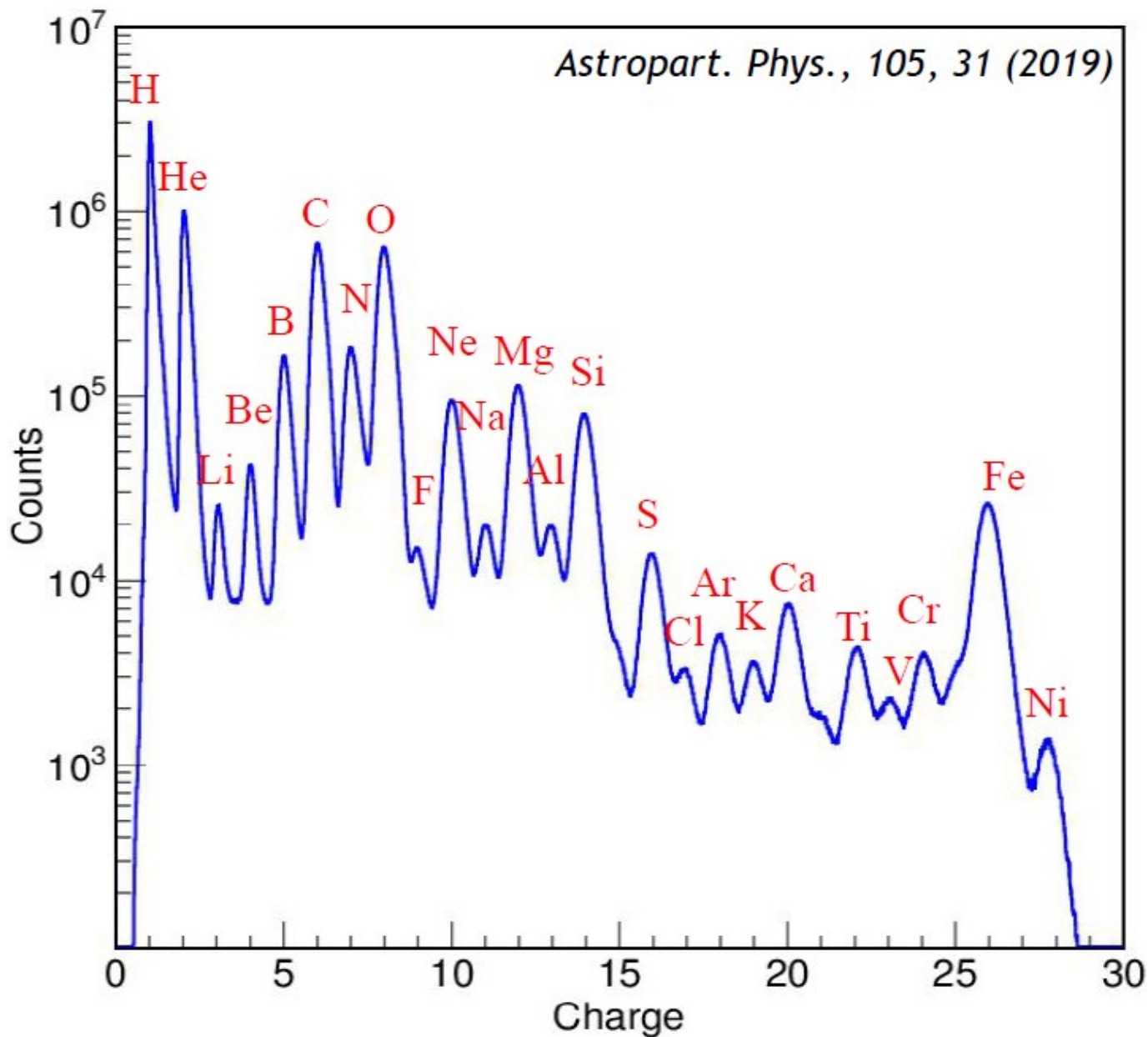


- 5M events/day
- 6.5 billion in total

# Detector Stability

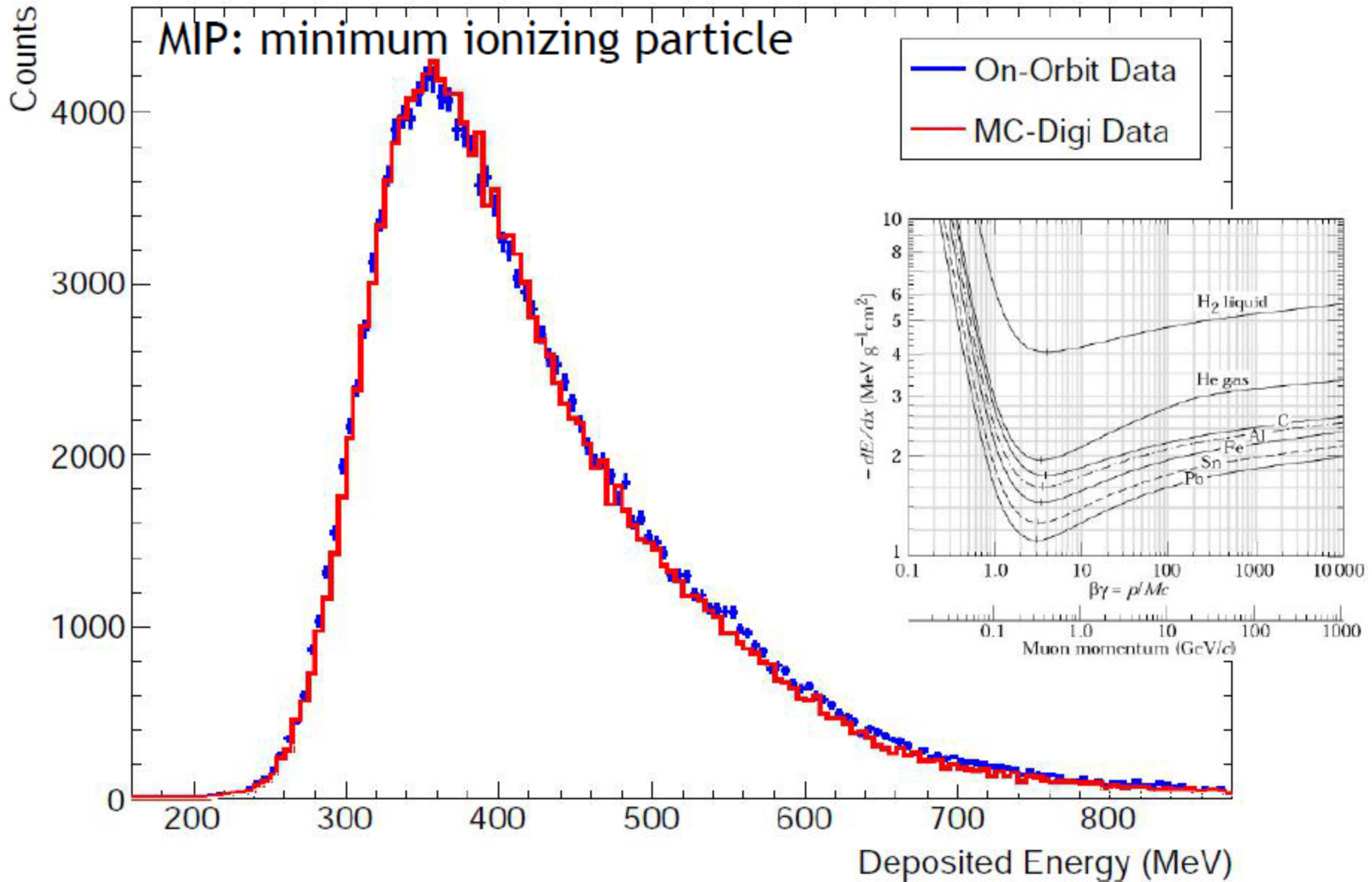


# Charge measurement



Nuclei	Res.
P	0.07
He	0.12
Li	0.14
Be	0.21
B	0.17
C	0.18
N	0.21
O	0.21

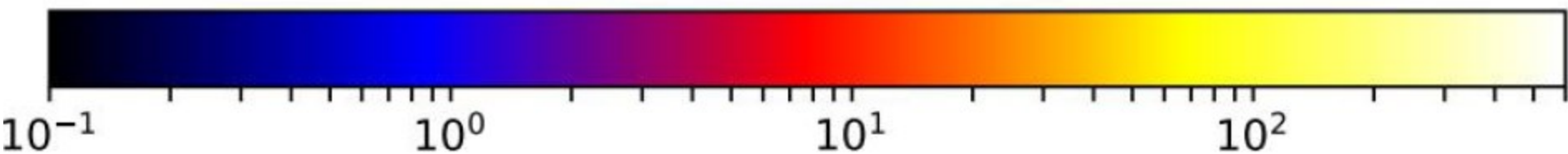
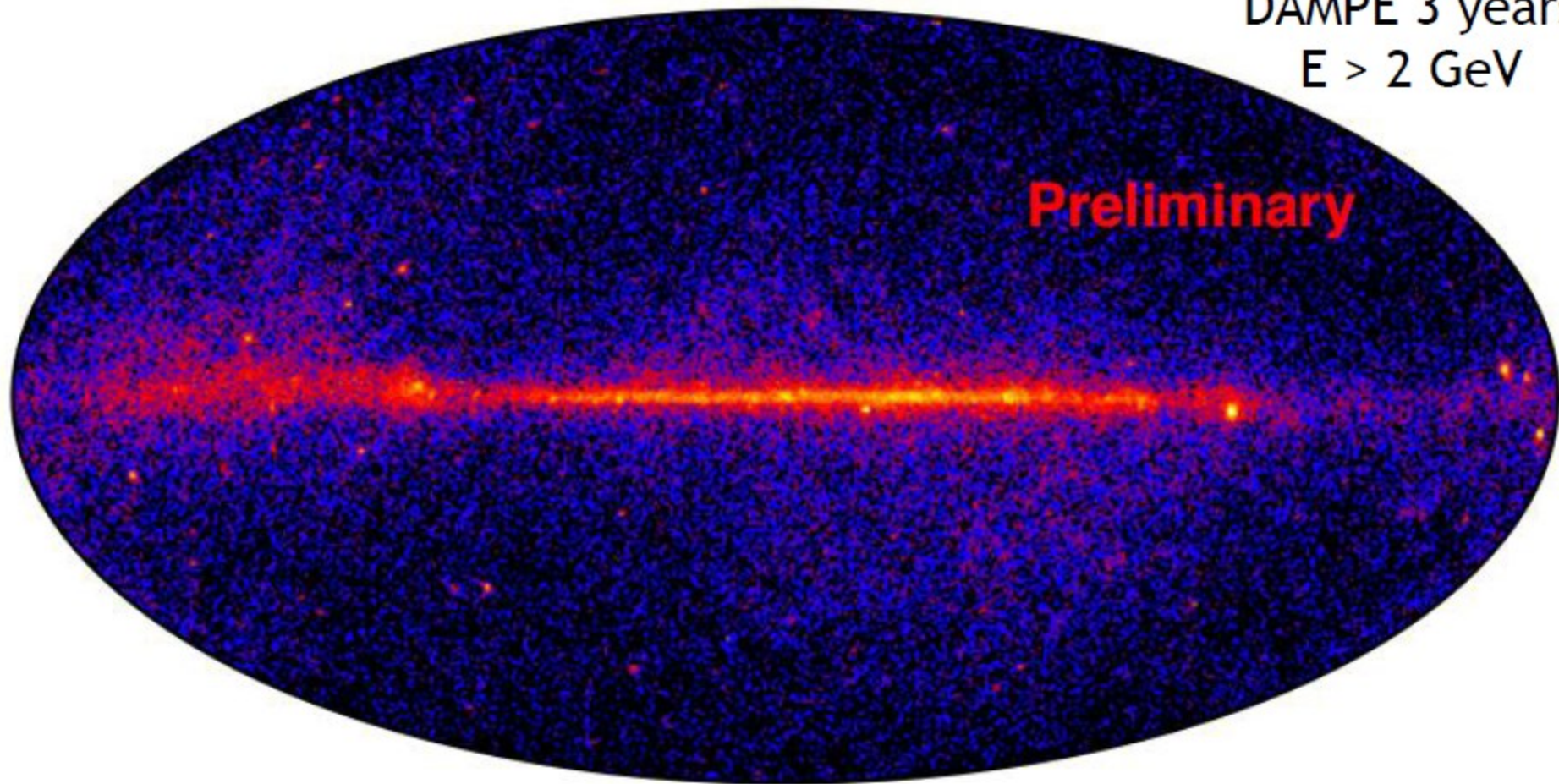
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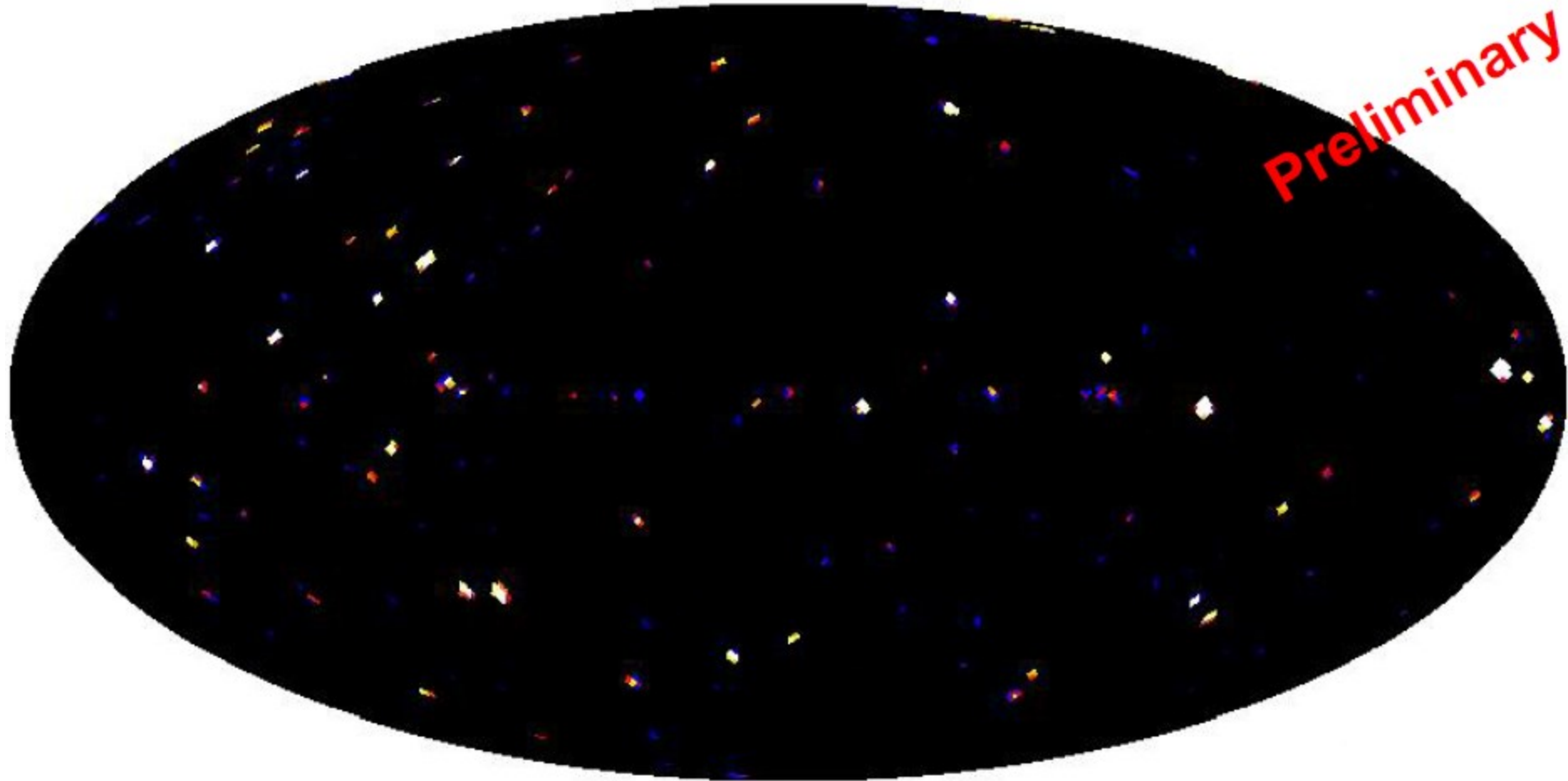


# First results: $\gamma$ -ray sky map

DAMPE 3 years  
 $E > 2$  GeV



# $\gamma$ -ray point sources

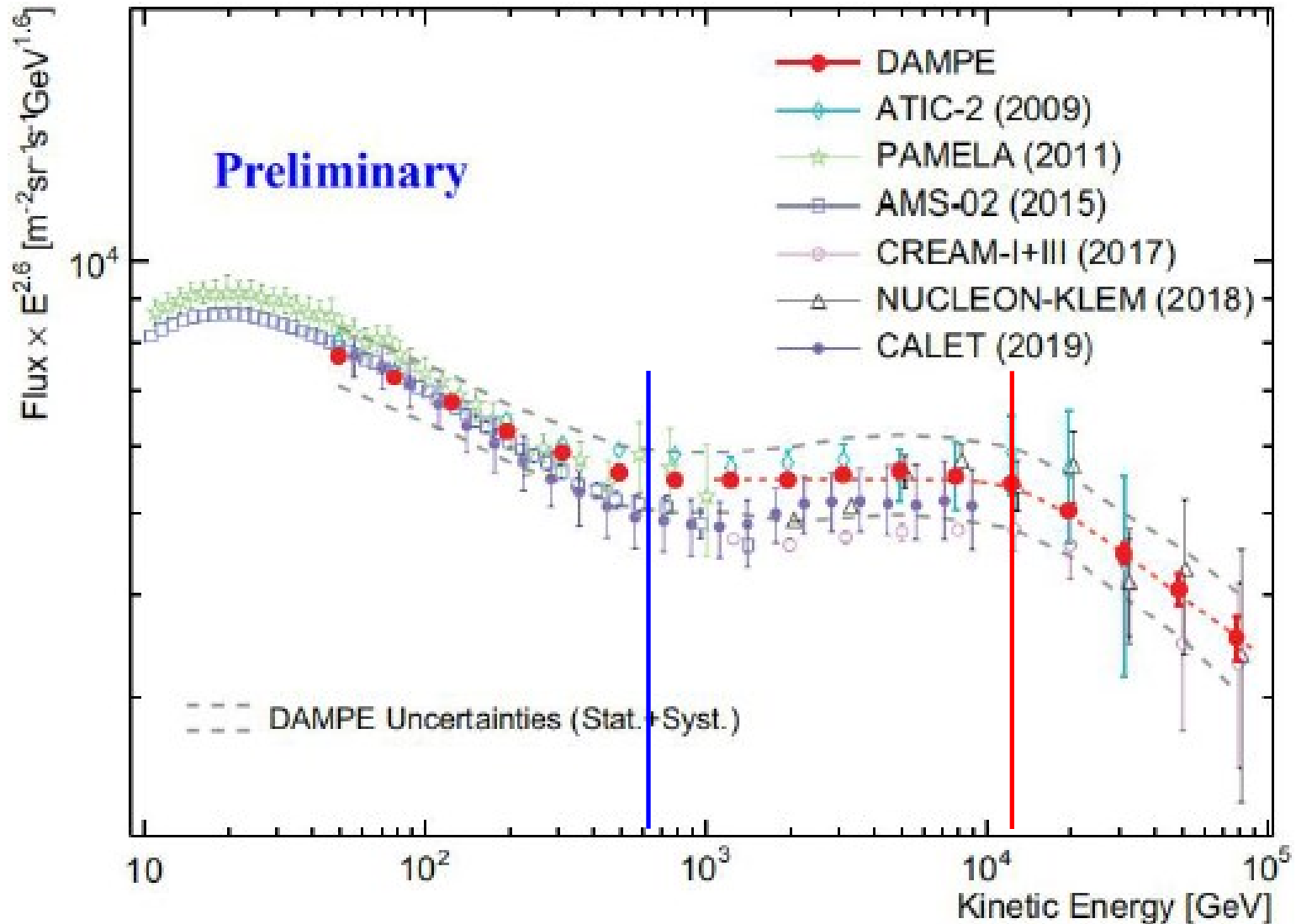


Preliminary



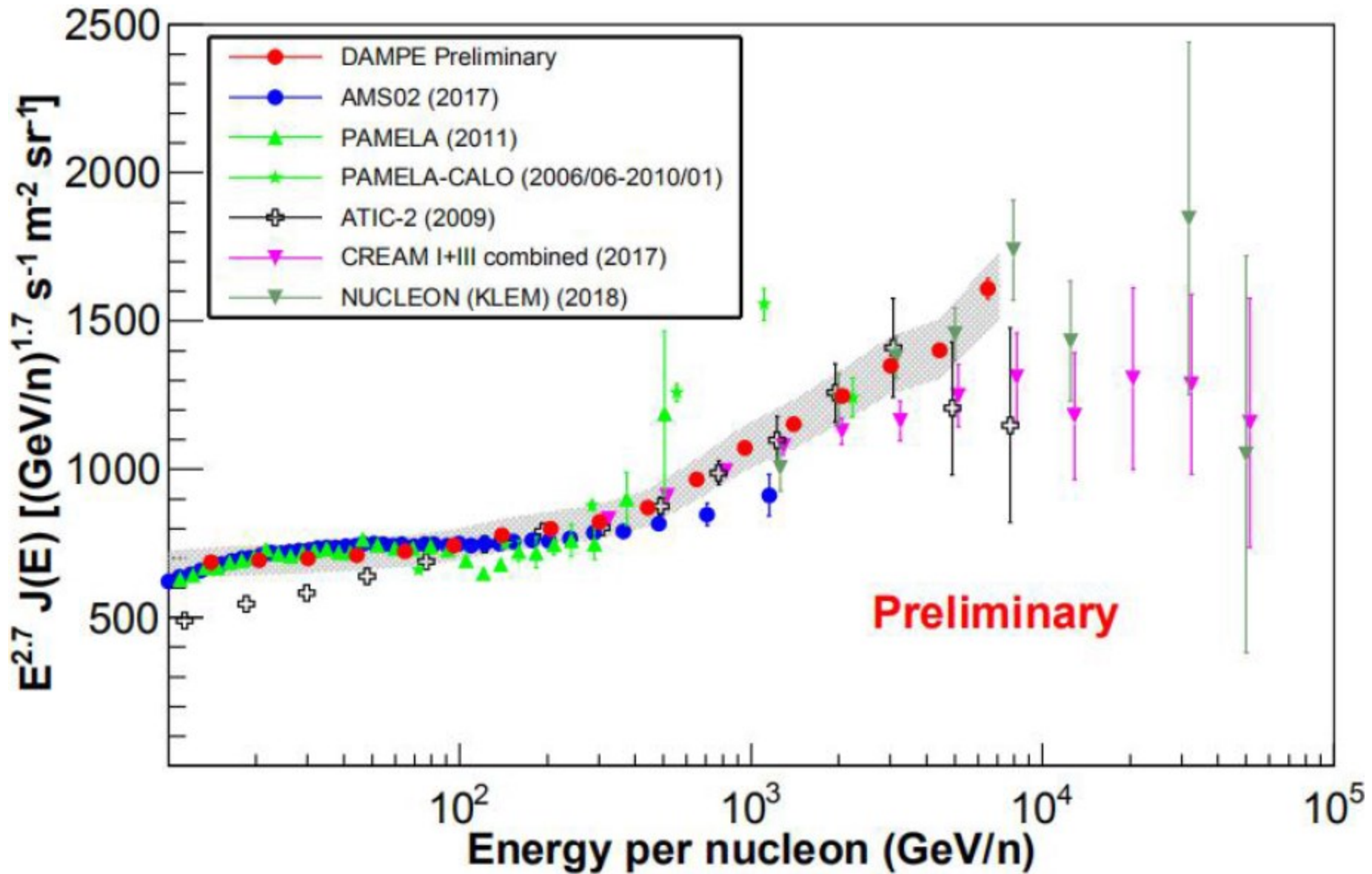
- 143 sources with  $TS > 20$
- Most are pulsars and AGNs

# First results: proton flux

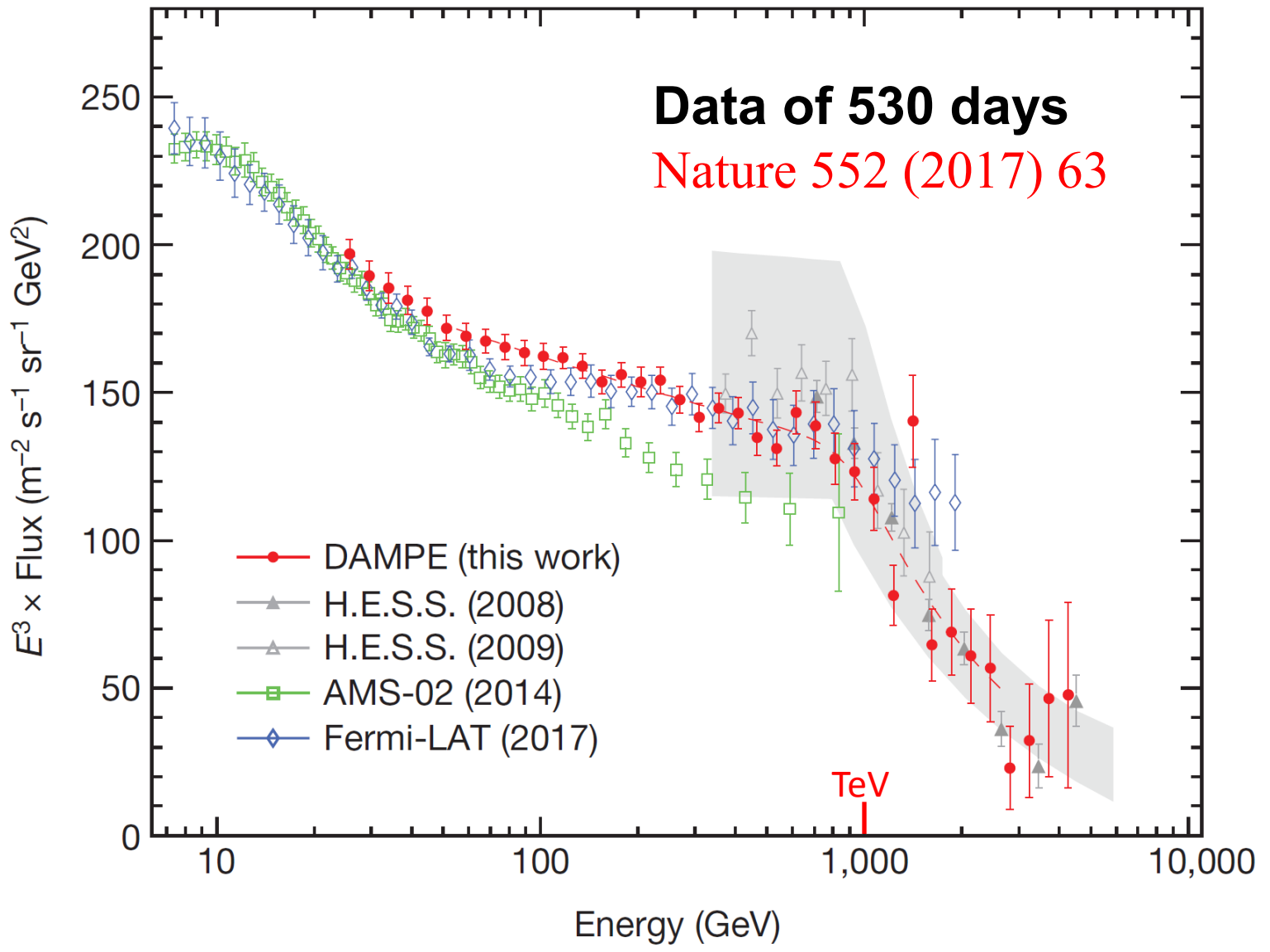


- Confirms the hardening at ~hundreds GeV
- Detecting a softening at ~13 TeV with high significance

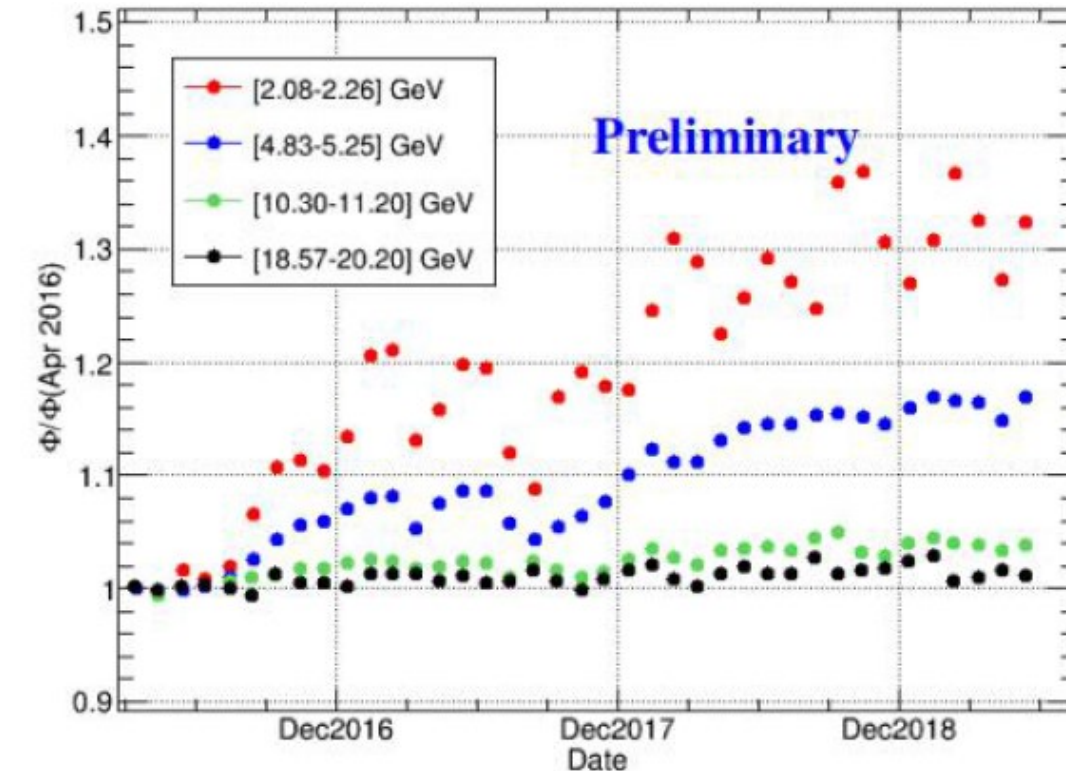
# First results: helium flux



# First results: electron+positron spectrum



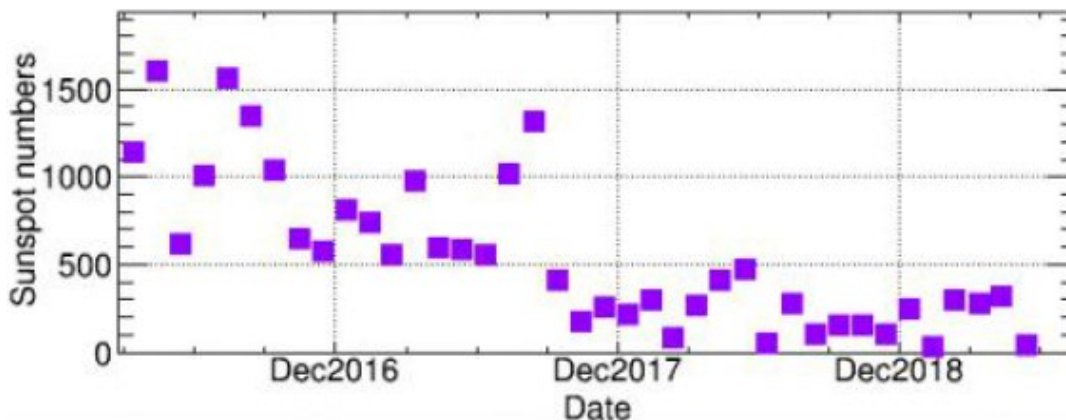
# Solar modulation of $e^+e^-$



➤ Anti-correlation with solar activities

➤ Monthly variation may be related to occasional solar activities

➤ Possible time delay between sunspot numbers and CR modulation



# Summary

## The detector

- Large geometric factor instrument ( $0.3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ sr}$  for electrons)
- Precision Si-W tracker ( $40\mu\text{m}$  ,  $0.2^\circ$  )
- Thick calorimeter ( $32 X_0$  ,  $\sigma_E/E$  better than 1% above 50 GeV for  $e/\gamma$  , (20~35)% for hadrons)
- “Multiple” charge measurements (0.2-0.3 e resolution)
- $e/p$  rejection power  $> 10^5$  (topology alone, higher with neutron detector)

## Launch and performances

- Successful launch on dec 17, 2015
- On orbit operation steady and with high efficiencies
- Absolute energy calibration by using the geomagnetic cut-off
- Absolute pointing cross check by use of the photon map

## Physics goals

- Study of the cosmic electron/photon spectra and search for dark matter signals
- Study of cosmic ray protons and nuclei: spectrum (structure) and composition
- High energy gamma ray astronomy

# Summary

- DAMPE detector is working extremely well since launched more than 3.5 years ago
  - A very precise electron + positron flux in the TeV region has been measured:
    - A clear spectral break has been observed at  $\sim 1$  TeV  $\rightarrow$  **a new piece of puzzle to understand many mysteries in cosmic ray physics!**
  - Preliminary results on nuclei measurements (proton flux and Helium flux) have been obtained.
  - Photon detection capability is demonstrated. Need more statistics to profit the excellent energy resolution at high energy for photon measurements.
  - More results are coming...

**Thank You!**