

Cosmic-ray antiprotons and dark matter

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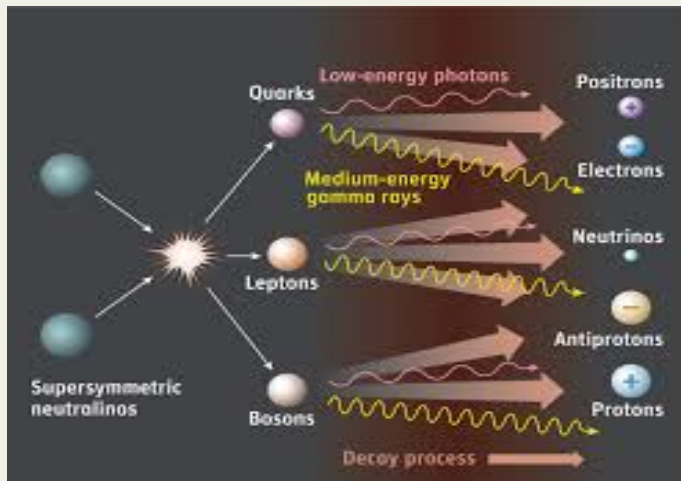
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Overview: DM indirect searches

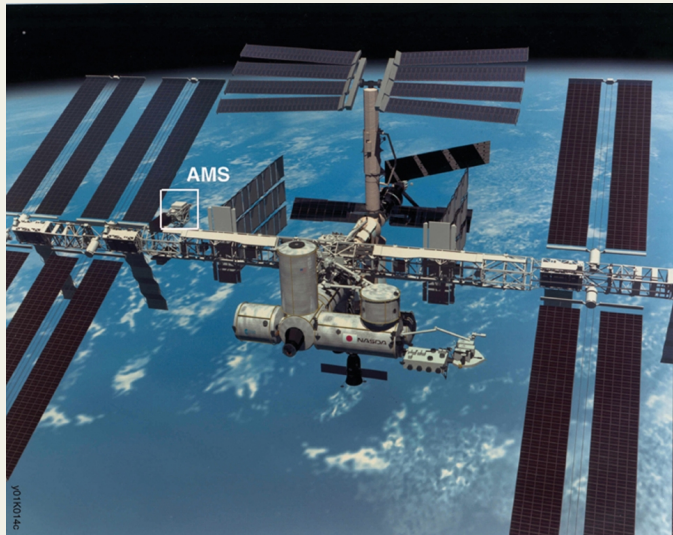


Advantages

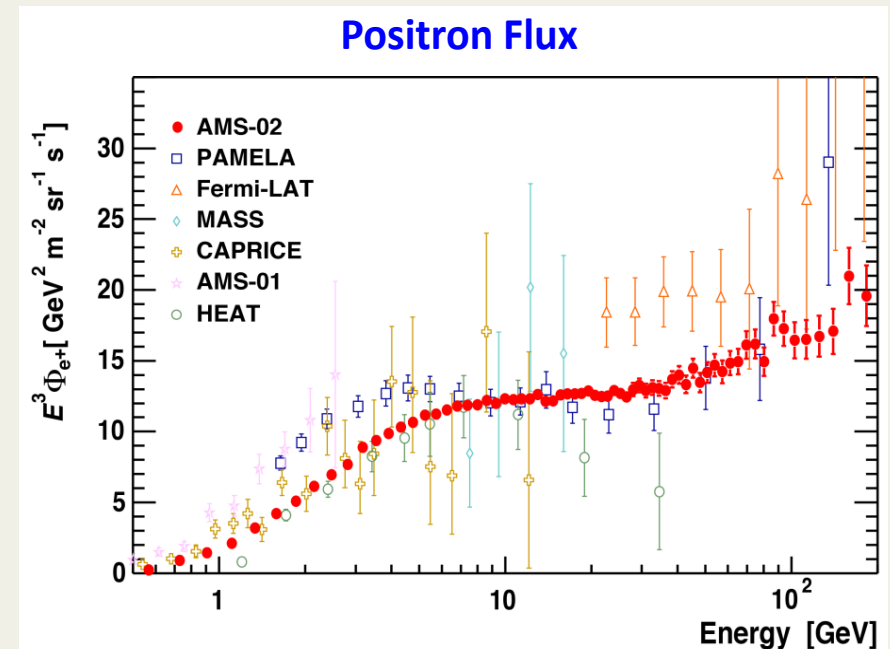
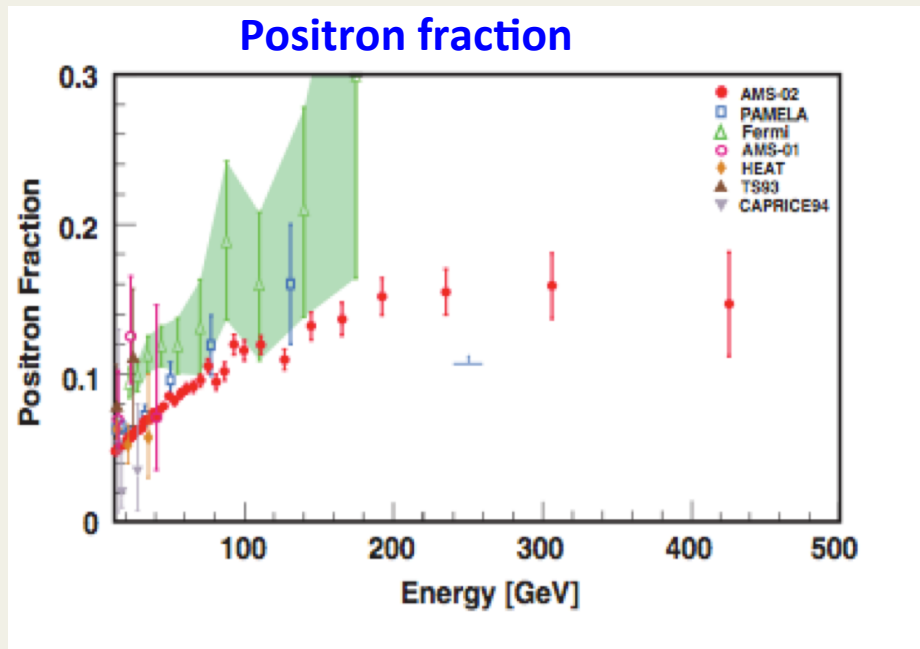
- Can probe DM annihilation/decay, important to understand the origin of DM.
- Tiny signals enhanced by huge volume of the DM halo
- Many observables: CR leptons, hadrons, photons in multi-wave lengths. *Both* energy spectra and morphology can be measured

Challenges

- “backgrounds” not well understood, difficult to distinguish “signal” and “background”
- Information loss after propagation (for charged CRs)
 - spectrum change due to E-dependent propagation, convection, re-acceleration, E-loss
 - anisotropic source --> almost isotropic signals
- Significant uncertainties in theoretical predictions e.g. model of CR propagation, distribution of ISM, interaction cross sections, Solar modulation



CR positron anomaly

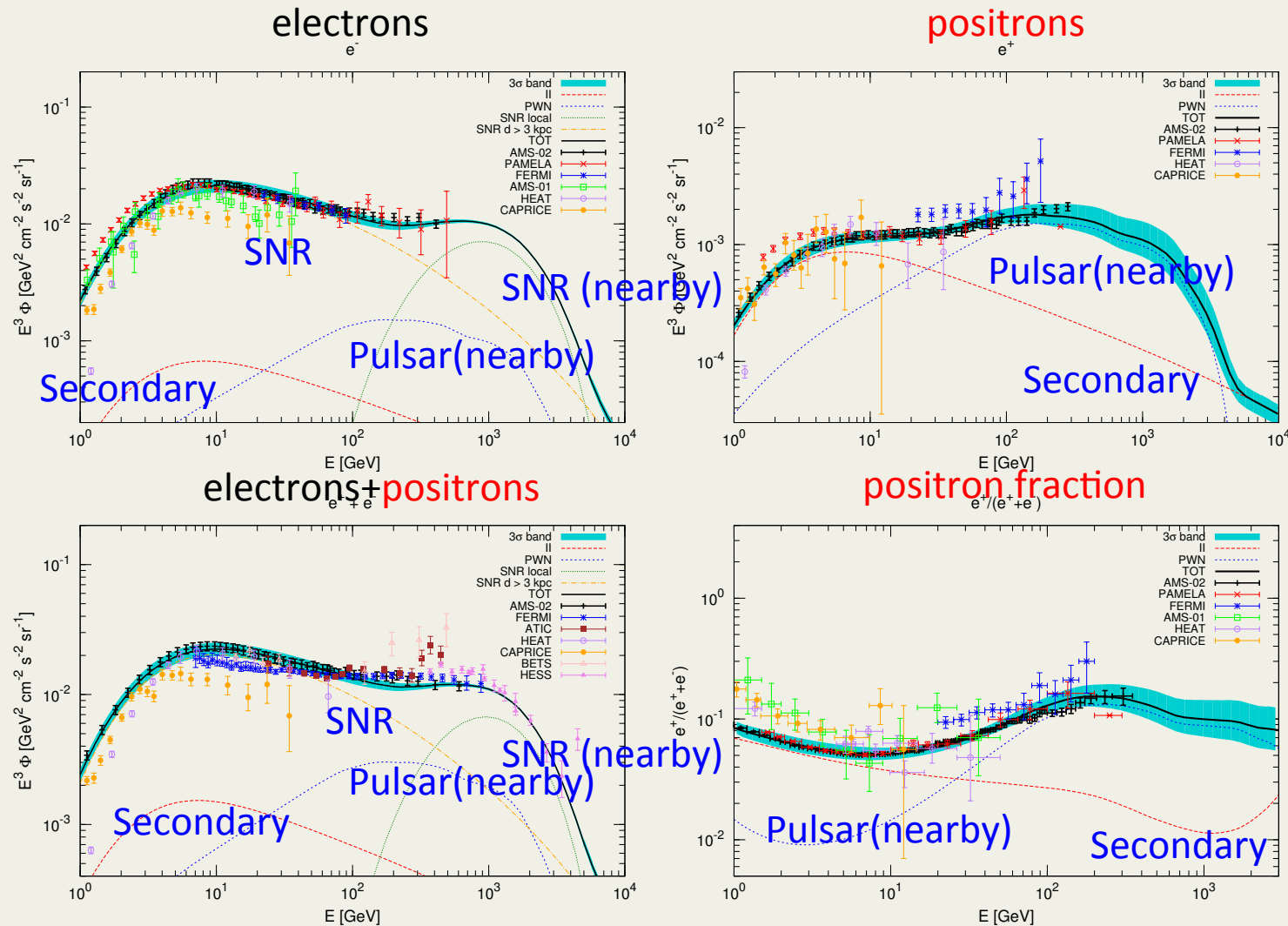


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A rise in positron fraction (flux) is well-established (PAMELA, Fermi-LAT, AMS-02)

- Viable explanations: PWN, SNR, DM and unconventional secondary sources
- Models with modified propagation constrained by AMS-02 B/C data
- Upper limits on dipole anisotropies not stringent enough to distinguish DM and astrophysical (PWNe, SNRs) sources
- Fermi-LAT gamma-ray data (also Planck) strongly disfavor DM annihilation with or w/o Sommerfeld Enhancement

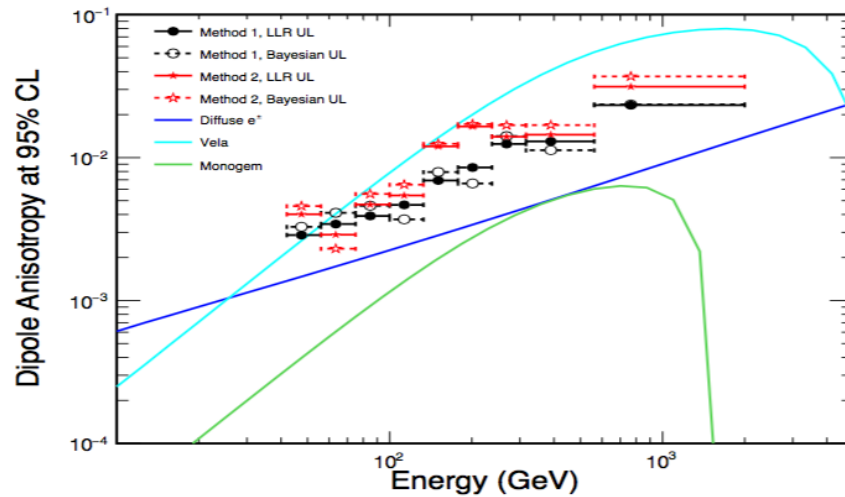
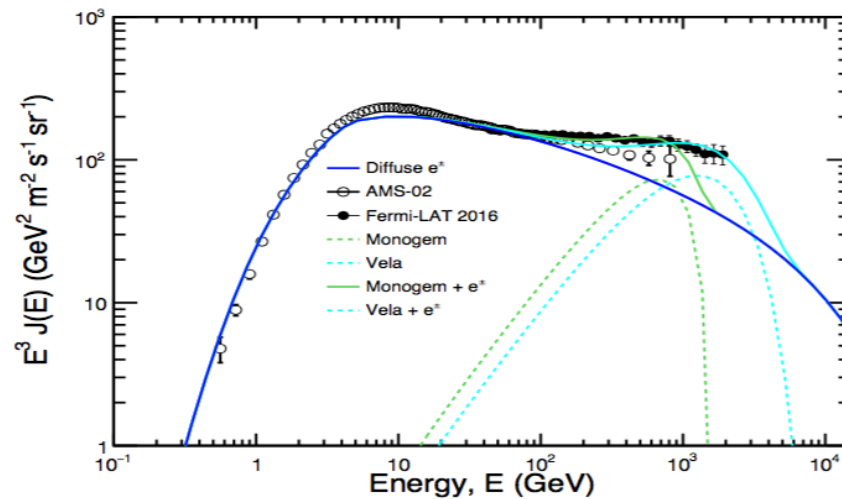
Multiple astrophysical sources can account for both positron and electron spectra



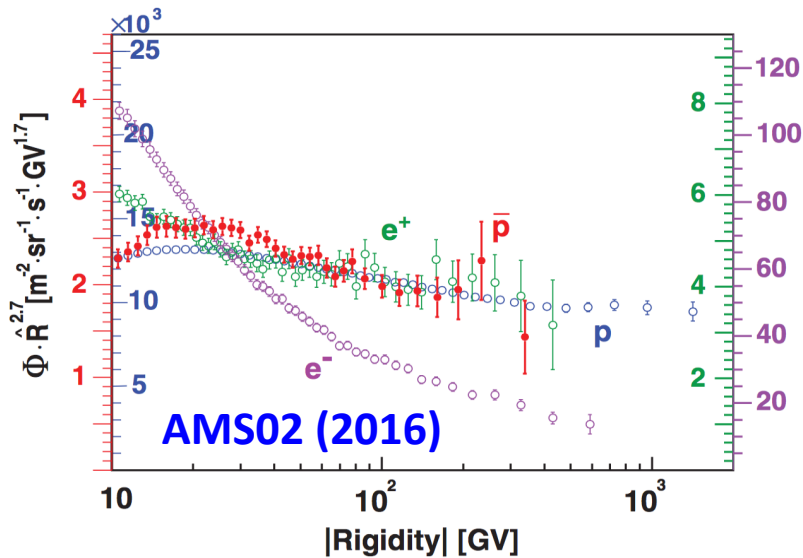
Nearby source can generate significant anisotropy

Mauro et al, 1402.0321⁴

Fermi-LAT limits on anisotropy

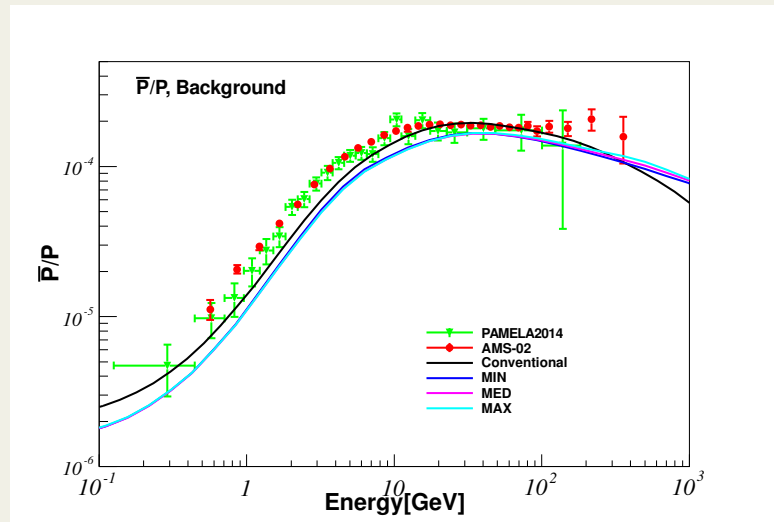
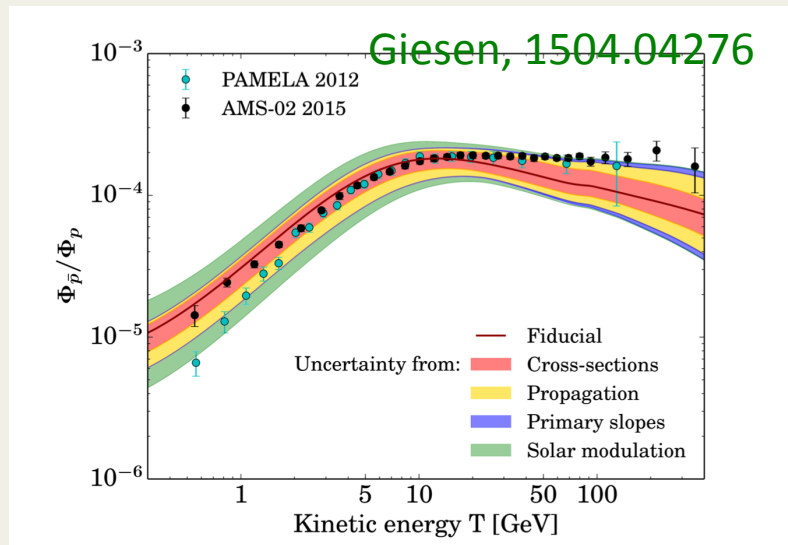


High-energy antiprotons

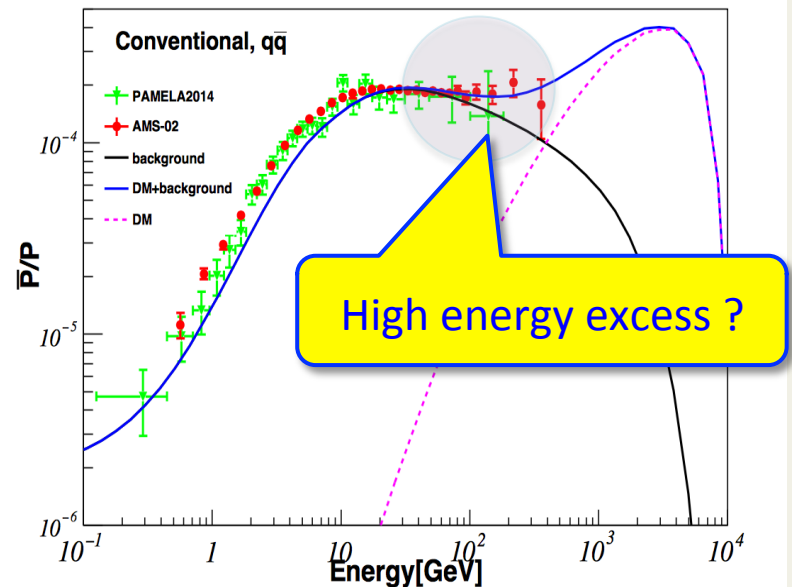
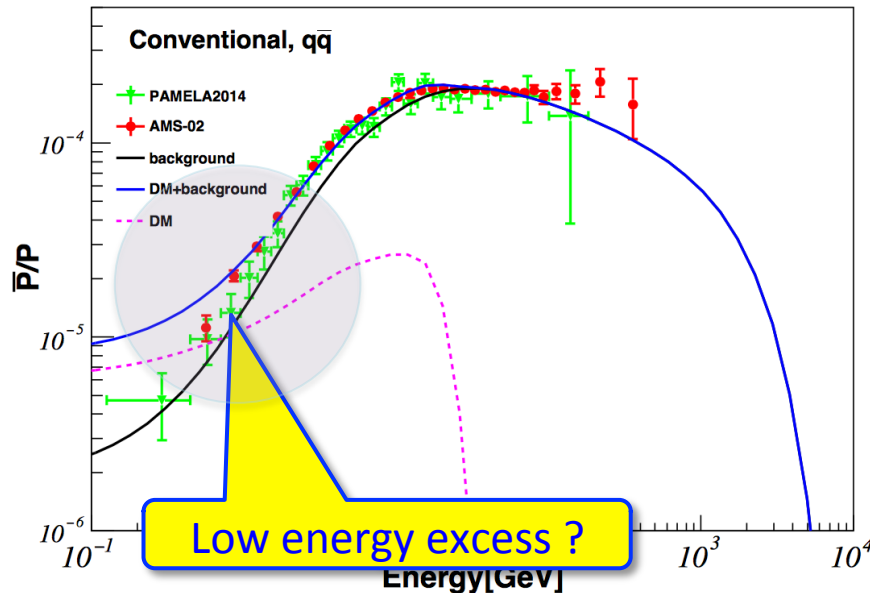


CR antiprotons

- AMS-02 data roughly consistent with background
- PWNe unlikely to contribute
- SNRs still possible source
- Cooling is less important, compared with CR electrons.
- More sensitive to propagation parameters and DM profile



Possible excess and DM interpretation



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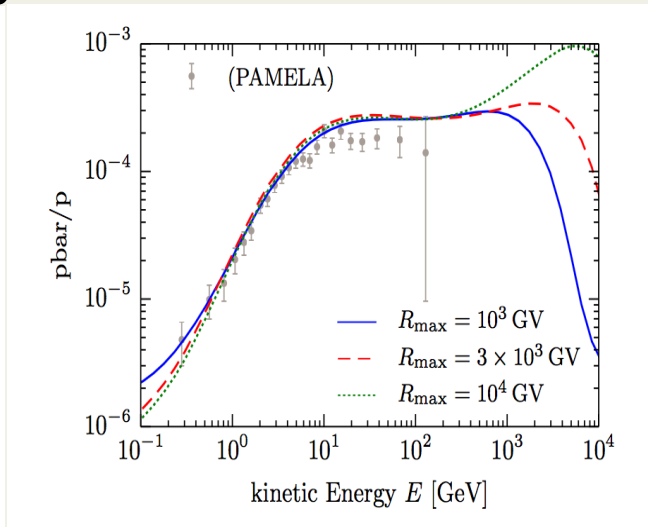
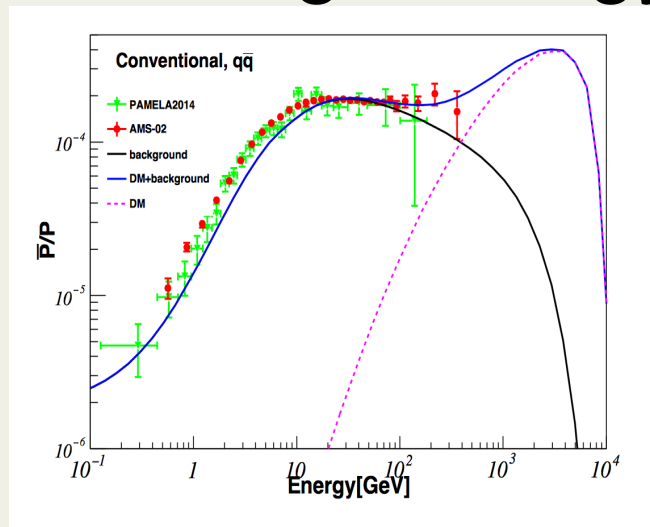
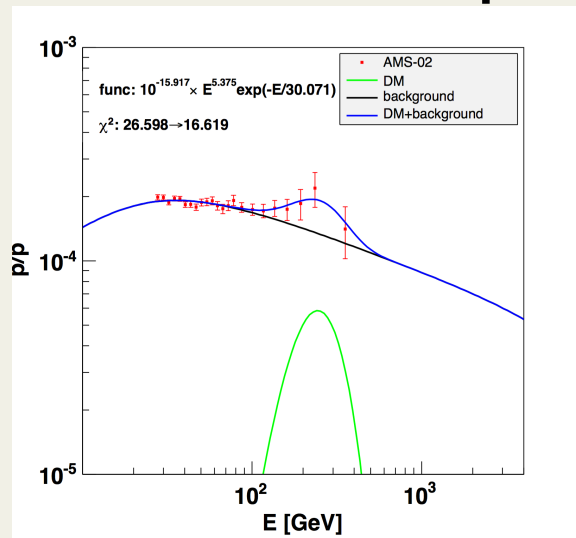
Low energy excess: 40-50 GeV DM to 2b, thermal cross section, consistent with GC γ excess

High energy excess: 10 TeV DM annihilation into 2W, 2b, boost factor ~ 10 -100

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Giesen, 1504.04276; Ibe 1504.05554;
Hamaguchi, 1404.05937; Lin, 1504.07230
Chen, 1504.07848; Chen, 1505.00134

The possible high-energy excess



Power law with cut off

DM $\rightarrow 2q$

SNR

Implications

1. The spectral feature can be well-fitted with a power law spectrum with a cut off, typical significance ~ 3 sigma.
2. DM direct annihilation ($\text{DMDM} \rightarrow f \bar{f} \rightarrow p \bar{p} + X$) predicts a broad bump, too smooth to explain the excess in a narrow energy range.
3. SNRs can produce secondary antiprotons but with a flat (or smooth rising) spectrum.

For DM interpretation, propagation is one of the major source of uncertainty

Cosmic-ray transportation equation

The diagram shows the cosmic-ray transportation equation enclosed in a blue box. Yellow callout boxes point to specific terms in the equation:

- diffusion** points to $\nabla(D_{xx} \nabla \psi - \mathbf{V}_c \psi)$
- convection** points to $\mathbf{V}_c \psi$
- E-loss** points to $-\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[\dot{p} \psi - \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}_c) \psi \right]$
- reacceleration** points to $\frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \frac{1}{p^2} \psi$
- spallation** points to $-\frac{1}{\tau_f} \psi$
- decay** points to $-\frac{1}{\tau_r} \psi$
- source** points to $+q(\mathbf{r}, p)$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \nabla(D_{xx} \nabla \psi - \mathbf{V}_c \psi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \frac{1}{p^2} \psi - \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[\dot{p} \psi - \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}_c) \psi \right] - \frac{1}{\tau_f} \psi - \frac{1}{\tau_r} \psi + q(\mathbf{r}, p),$$

Sources of CRs

- **Primary** sources from SNR, pulsars
- **Primary** sources from WIMP
- **Secondary** source from CR fragmentation

Processes in Propagation

- Diffusion (**random B field**)
- Convection (**galactic wind**)
- Reacceleration (**turbulence**)
- Energy loss: **ionization, IC, Synchrotron, bremsstrahlung**
- Fragmentation (**inelastic scattering**)
- Radioactive decay (**unstable species**)

Solar modulation

Uncertainties

- Distribution of primary sources
- **Parameters in the diffusion equation**
- Cross sections for nuclei fragmentation
- Distribution of B field
- Distribution of gas

Approaches

- Semi-analytical, two-zone diffusion model.
- Numerical solution using realistic astrophysical data.
GALPROP/Dragon code

Determine the propagation models

Observables

1) Secondary/Primary

- B/C and sub-Fe(Sc+V+Ti)/Fe
sensitive to combination D_0/Z_h

2) Radioactive species (cosmic clock)

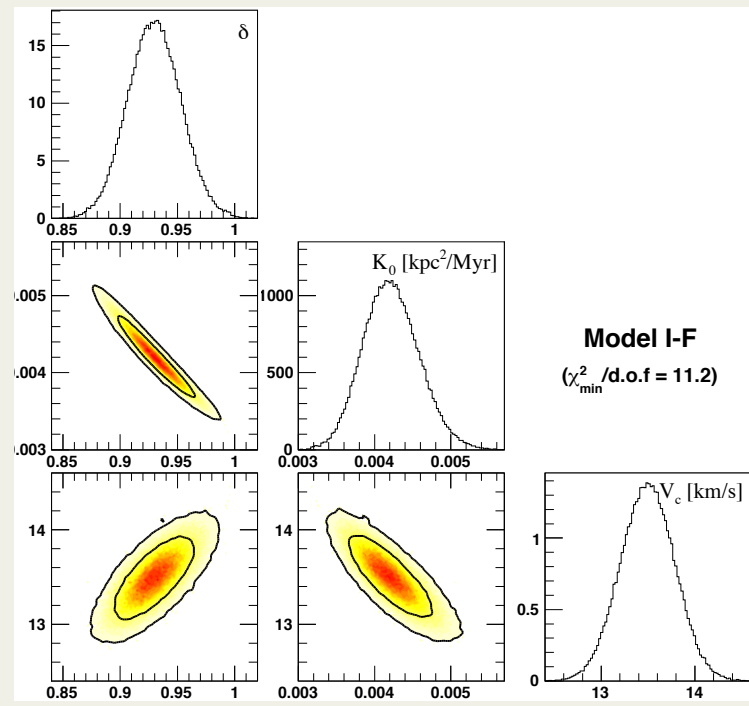
- $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$, $^{36}\text{Cl}/\text{Cl}$, $^{26}\text{Al}/^{27}\text{Al}$
sensitive to diffusive halo size

3) Stable primaries

- Proton and electron fluxes
sensitive to primary sources

Degeneracies between parameters

1. D_0/Z_h , most relevant for DM
2. $\delta + \gamma_{p2} = 2.7$
3. V_a scales as $(D_0)^{1/2}$



Constraining the propagation model using AMS-02 data

Standard approach: B/C + $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$

pros: B/C source independent, only constrain D_0/Z_h ,

^{10}Be : $\tau_{\text{Be}10} = 1.4$ Myr, sensitive to D_0 only, break the D_0/Z_h degeneracy

cons: lower precision $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ data (from ACE, ISOMAX)

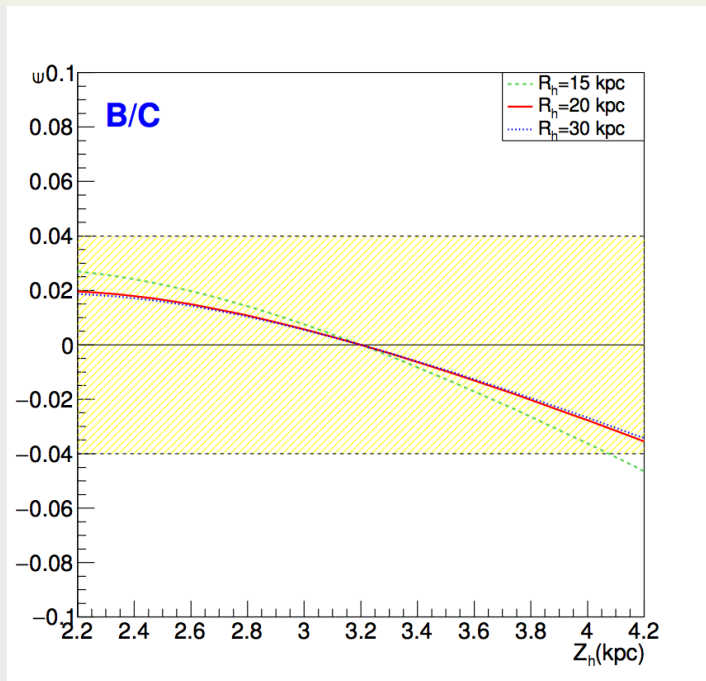
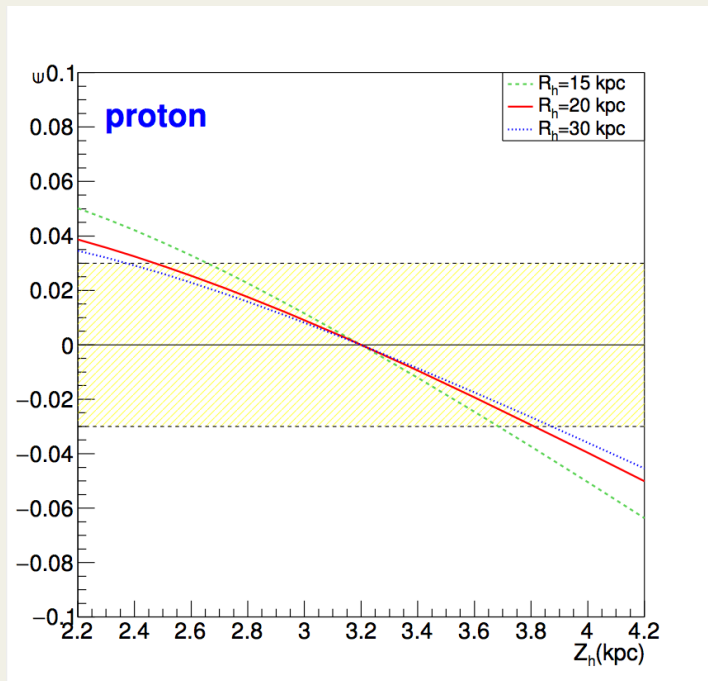
data come from different exps., different solar activity periods,

Alternative approach: B/C + Proton

- B/C + Proton forms a complete set for determining all the propagation parameters.
- Both have been measured by AMS-02
 - Very precisely measured
 - Avoiding combination of syst. errors in different experiments
 - All data from the same period, easy to model solar modulation effects

Proton flux breaks the D_0/Z_h degeneracy in 2D diffusion model

Relative change with Z_h for fixed D_0/Z_h



Analytic solution in 2D two-zone model

$$\psi_i(0) = \frac{2hq_i}{V_c + 2h/\tau_f + D_{xx}S_i \coth(S_i Z_h/2)},$$

$$S_i^2 = \frac{V_c^2}{D_{xx}^2} + \frac{4}{D_{xx}\tau_r} + \frac{4\zeta_i^2}{R_h^2}.$$

Breaking term

$$D_{xx}S_i \coth(S_i Z_h/2) \approx \left(\frac{D_{xx}}{Z_h}\right) \left(2 + \frac{V_c^2 Z_h^2}{6D_{xx}^2} + \frac{2Z_h^2}{3D_{xx}\tau_r} - \frac{2Z_h^2 \zeta_i^2}{3R_h^2}\right).$$

D_0/Z_h degeneracy is broken in stable CR fluxes

- For proton $\sim 5\%$, data err $\sim 3\%$
- For B/C $\sim 2\%$, data error $\sim 4\%$

Thus

- B/C determines D_0/Z_h
- Proton flux determines Z_h

Results

(using data from AMS02, ICRC2013)

Trotta, 1011.0037
Fit B/C+¹⁰Be/⁹Be

Quantity	Prior range	Best-fit value	Posterior mean and Standard deviation	Posterior 95% range	Ref. [23]
$Z_h(\text{kpc})$	[1, 11]	3.2	3.3 ± 0.6	[2.1, 4.6]	5.4 ± 1.4
D_0/Z_h	[1, 3]	2.02	2.00 ± 0.07	[1.82, 2.18]	(1.54 ± 0.48)
δ	[0.1, 0.6]	0.29	0.29 ± 0.01	[0.27, 0.32]	0.31 ± 0.02
$V_a(\text{km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})$	[20, 70]	44.7	44.6 ± 1.2	[41.3, 47.5]	38.4 ± 2.1
γ_{p1}	[1.5, 2.1]	1.79	1.78 ± 0.01	[1.75, 1.81]	1.92 ± 0.04
γ_{p2}	[2.2, 2.6]	2.46	2.45 ± 0.01	[2.43, 2.47]	2.38 ± 0.04

D_0/Z_h is precisely determined (err <5%)

$$\frac{D_0}{Z_h} = (2.00 \pm 0.07) \text{ cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1} \text{kpc}^{-1}.$$

A lower Z_h favored

$$Z_h = 3.3 \pm 0.6 \text{kpc}$$

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Correlations between parameters

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MCMC approach

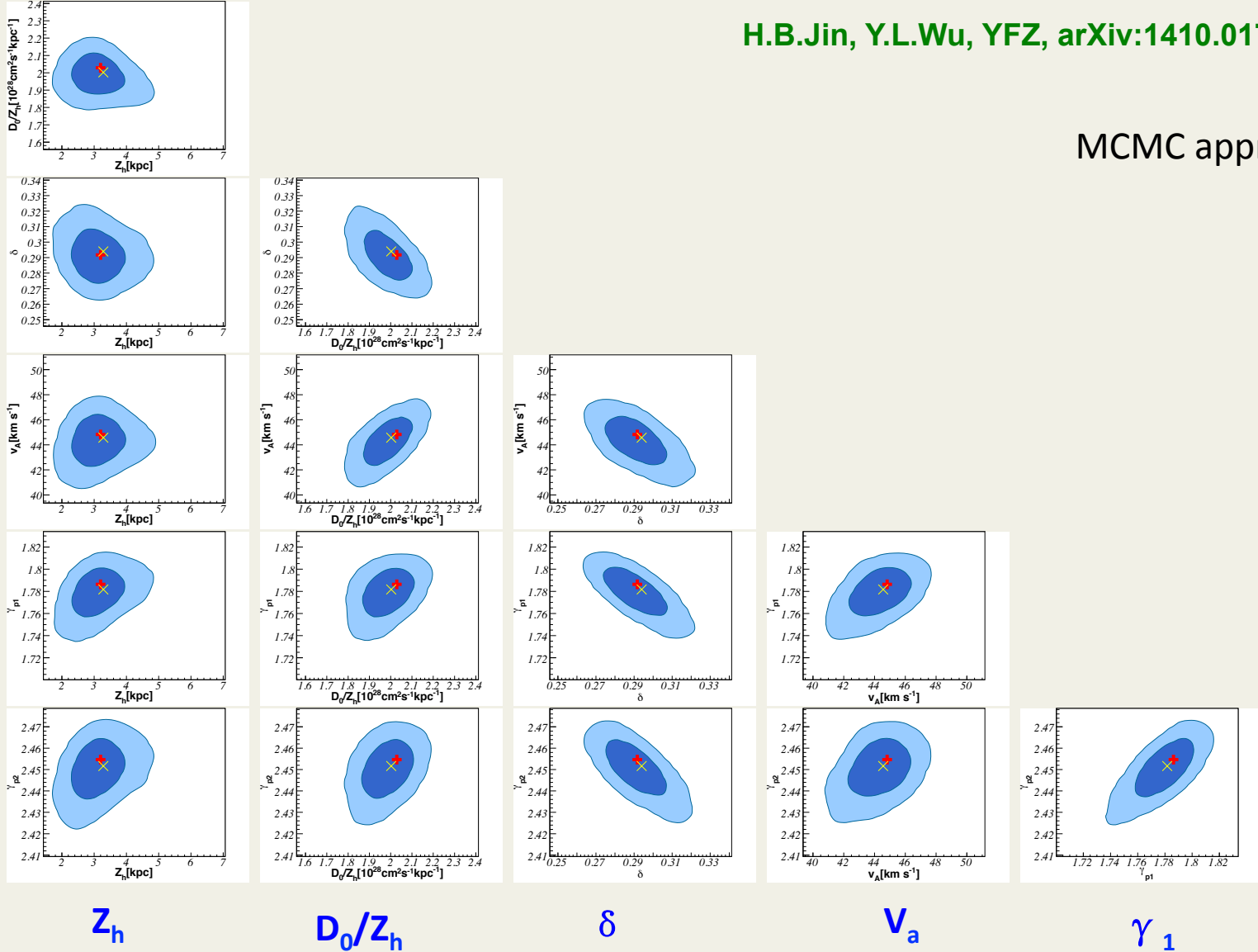
D_0/Z_h

δ

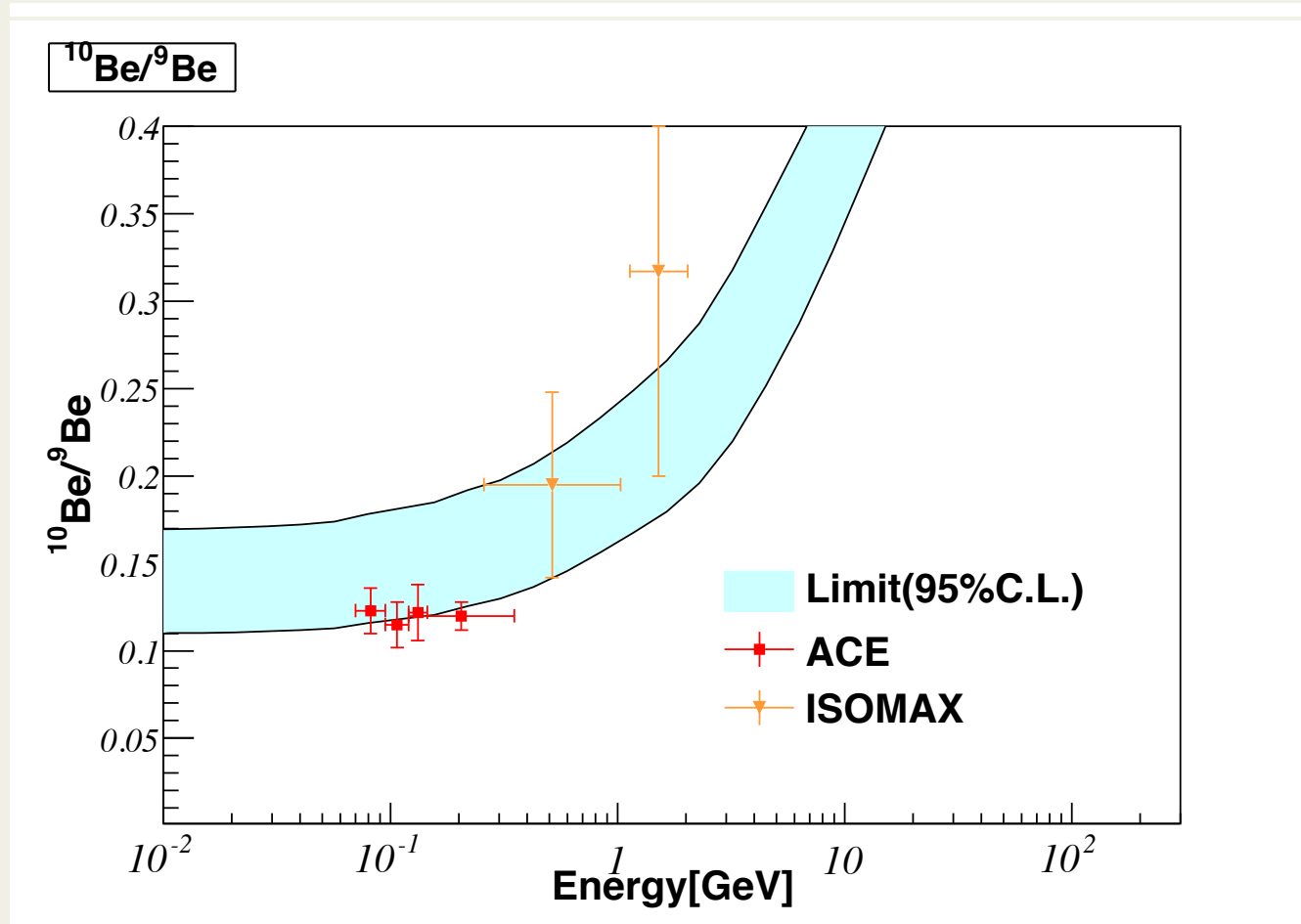
V_a

γ_1

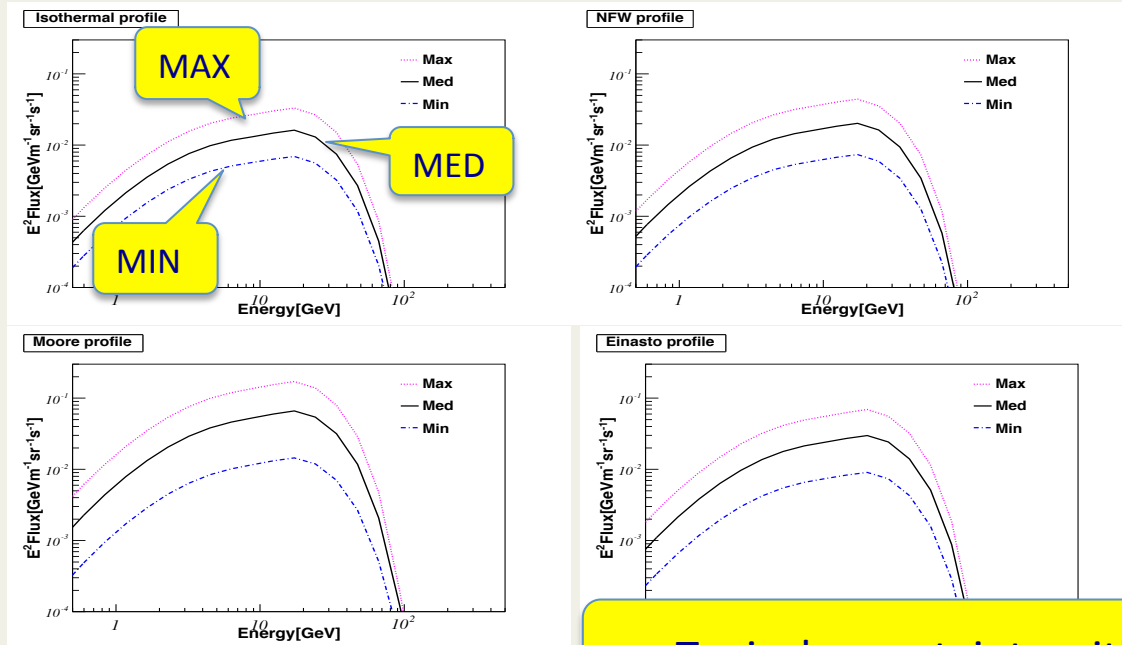
γ_2



Prediction for $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ consistent with data



The “MIN”, “MED”, “MAX” models in Galprop framework



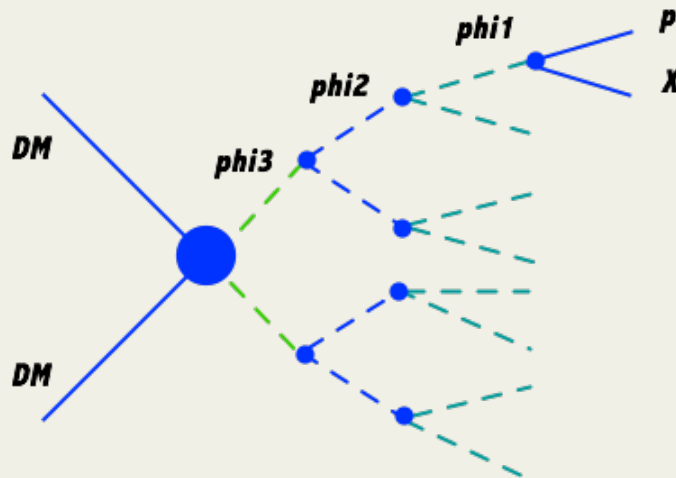
Typical uncertainty within a factor of five

model	$R(\text{kpc})$	$Z_h(\text{kpc})$	D_0	ρ_0	δ_1/δ_2	$V_a(\text{km/s})$	ρ_s	γ_{p1}/γ_{p2}
Conventional	20	4.0	5.75	4.0	0.34/0.34	36.0	9.0	1.82/2.36
MIN	20	1.8	3.53	4.0	0.3/0.3	42.7	10.0	1.75/2.44
MED	20	3.2	6.50	4.0	0.29/0.29	44.8	10.0	1.79/2.45
MAX	20	6.0	10.6	4.0	0.29/0.29	43.4	10.0	1.81/2.46

Spectral feature of DM annihilation through light mediators

DM cascade annihilation

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow 2\phi_n \rightarrow 2^2\phi_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow 2^n\phi_1 (\phi_1 \rightarrow \psi + X)$$



$$x_0 = \frac{2E_0}{m_1}, \quad \epsilon_0 = \frac{2m_\psi}{m_1},$$

$$x_1 = \frac{2E_1}{m_2}, \quad \epsilon_1 = \frac{2m_1}{m_2}.$$

Lorentz boost

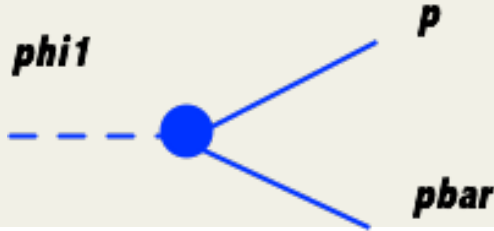
$$\frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_1} = \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_{\epsilon_0}^1 dx_0 \frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_0} \delta\left(2x_1 - x_0 - \cos\theta\sqrt{x_0^2 - \epsilon_0^2}\sqrt{1 - \epsilon_1^2}\right),$$

Large hierarchy limit $\epsilon_0 \ll \epsilon_1 \ll \epsilon_2 \dots$

$$\frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_n} = \int_{x_n}^1 \frac{dx_{n-1}}{x_{n-1}} \frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_{n-1}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_i^2),$$

Hierarchical limits

- Hierarchical limit $\epsilon_0 \ll \epsilon_1 \ll \epsilon_2 \dots$



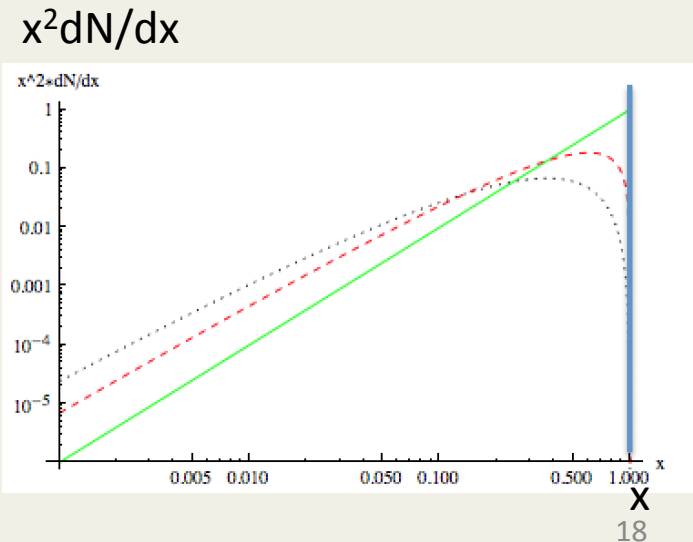
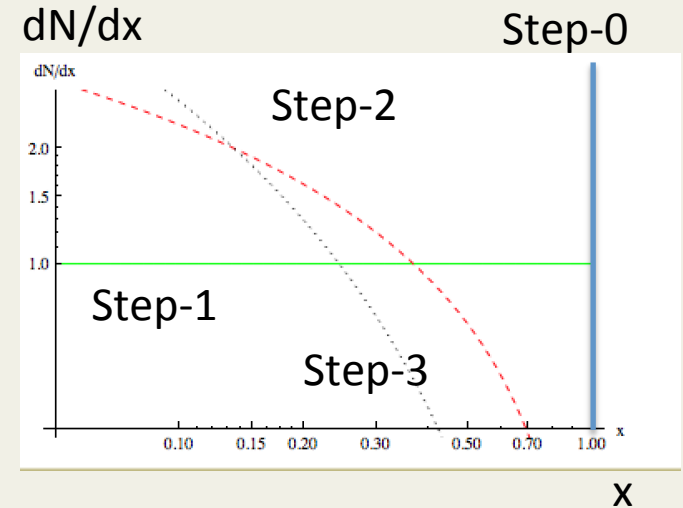
$$\frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_1} = \int_{x_1}^1 \frac{dx_0}{x_0} \frac{d\tilde{N}_\psi}{dx_0} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_i^2),$$

Step-0: $\frac{dN}{dx_0} = \delta(1 - x_0)$

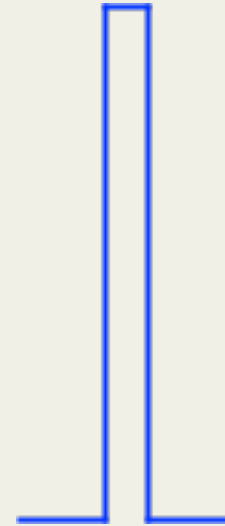
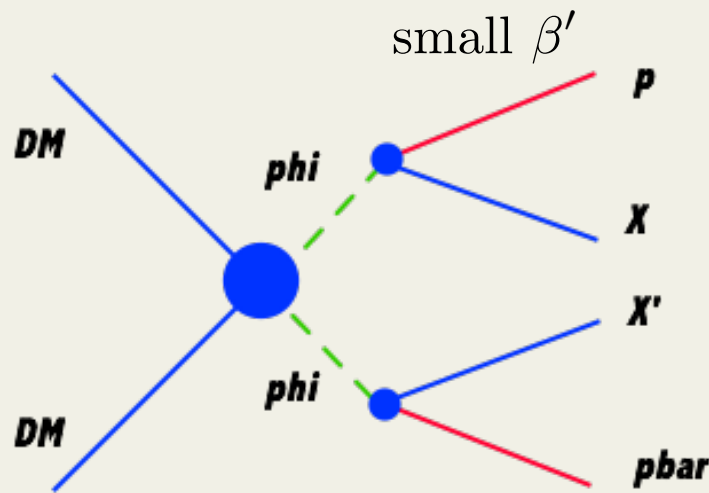
Step-1: $\frac{dN}{dx_1} = 1$

Step-2: $\frac{dN}{dx_2} = \ln \frac{1}{x_2}$

Step-n: $\frac{dN}{dx_n} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\ln \frac{1}{x_n} \right)^{n-1}$



Non-hierarchical case

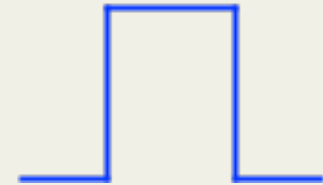


phi rest-frame

Lorentz Boost

$$E = \gamma_B E'$$

$$\Delta E/E = 2\beta_B \beta'$$



DM CM frame

When $\phi \approx 2m_p$

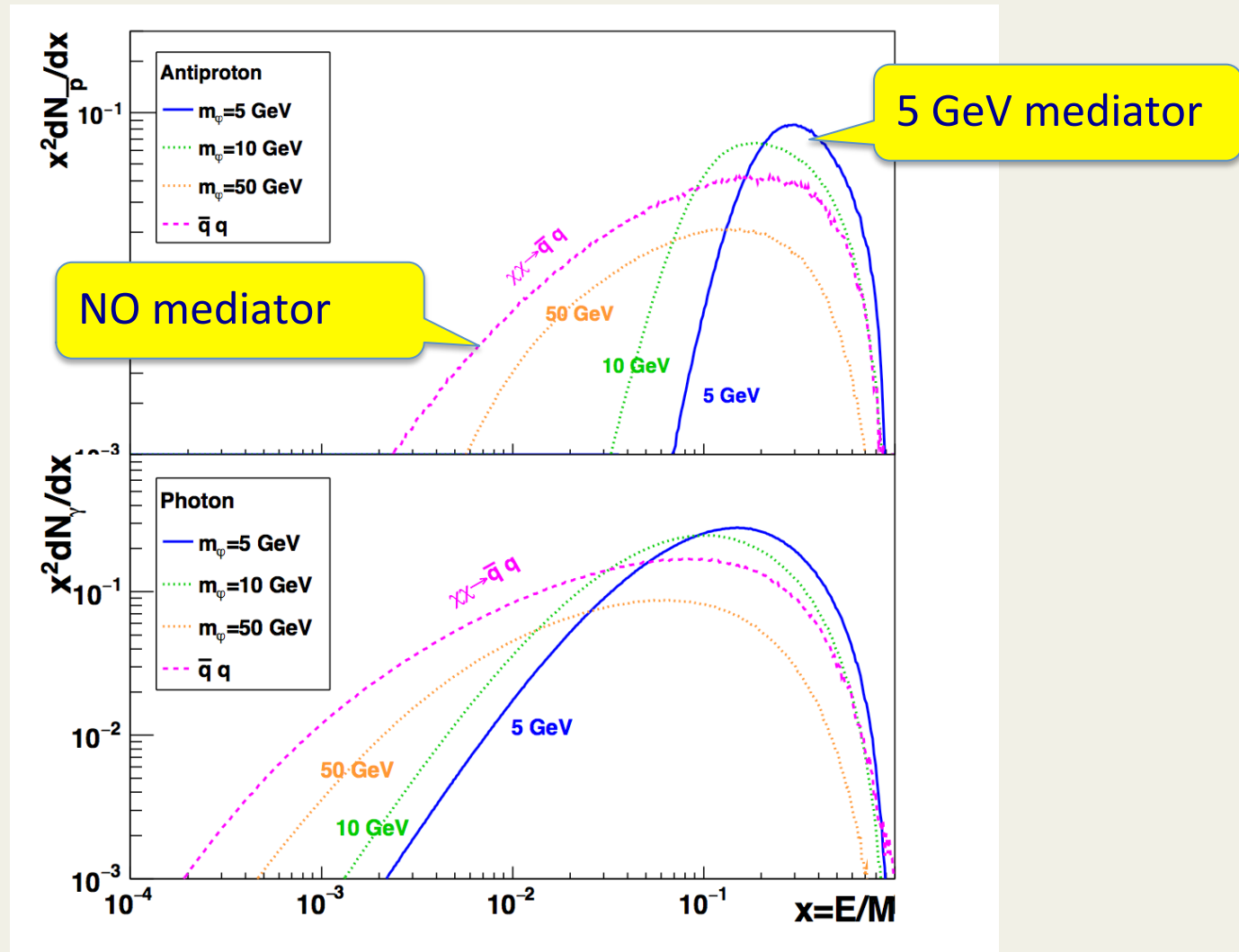
Lorentz boost for finite ϵ_0

$$\frac{dN(x)}{dx} = 2 \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} dx' \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \epsilon_1^2} \sqrt{x'^2 - \epsilon_0^2}} \frac{dN(x')}{dx'},$$

$$a(x) = x_- \text{ and } b(x) = \min\{1, x_+\}$$

$$x_{\pm} = 2(x \pm \sqrt{(1 - \epsilon_1^2)(x^2 - \epsilon_1^2 \epsilon_0^2/4)})/\epsilon_1^2.$$

Sharp antiproton energy spectra



Secondary antiproton from inside SNR

- Antiprotons can be generated from pp inelastic scatterings

$$Q_{\bar{p}}(E) \simeq 2 \int_E^{E_{\max}} d\mathcal{E} N_{CR}(\mathcal{E}) \sigma_{p\bar{p}}(\mathcal{E}, E) n_{gas} c,$$

- Antiprotons accelerated by the shock-wave and propagate in the same way as protons

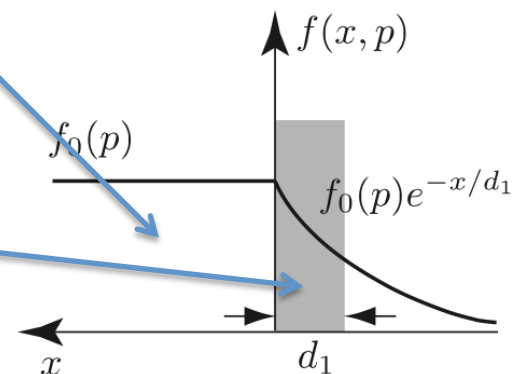
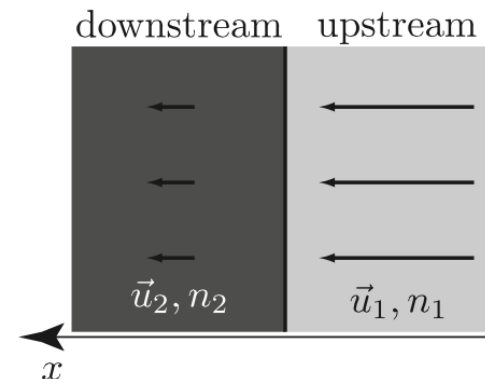
$$\frac{J_{\bar{p}, SNRs}(E)}{J_p(E)} \simeq 2 n_1 c [\mathcal{A}(E) + \mathcal{B}(E)]$$

$$\mathcal{A}(E) = \gamma \left(\frac{1}{\xi} + r^2 \right) \times \\ \times \int_m^E d\omega \omega^{\gamma-3} \frac{D_1(\omega)}{u_1^2} \int_\omega^{E_{\max}} d\mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{2-\gamma} \sigma_{p\bar{p}}(\mathcal{E}, \omega),$$

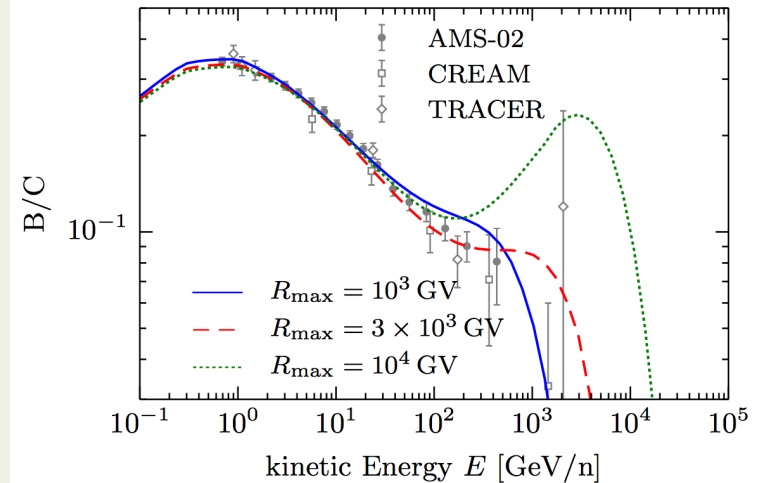
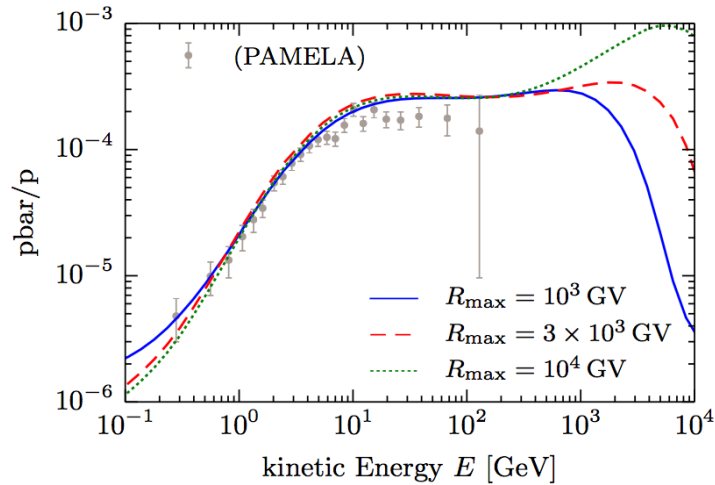
$$\mathcal{B}(E) = \frac{\tau_{SN} r}{2 E^{2-\gamma}} \int_E^{E_{\max}} d\mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}^{2-\gamma} \sigma_{p\bar{p}}(\mathcal{E}, E).$$

Diffusion coefficient inside SNRs

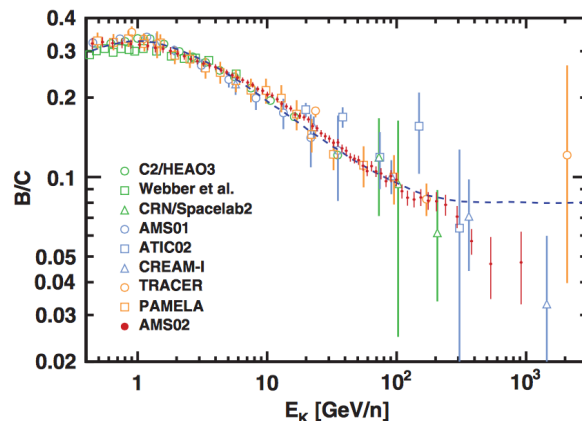
$$D_1(E) = \left(\frac{\lambda_c c}{3 \mathcal{F}} \right) \left(\frac{E}{e B \lambda_c} \right)^{2-\beta},$$



Spectral feature of SNR antiproton



SNRs can in principle explain the rising of both the positrons and antiprotons,
but also over predicts in B/C



Mertsch, Sarkar, 0905.3152
Mertsch, Sarkar, 1402.0855.

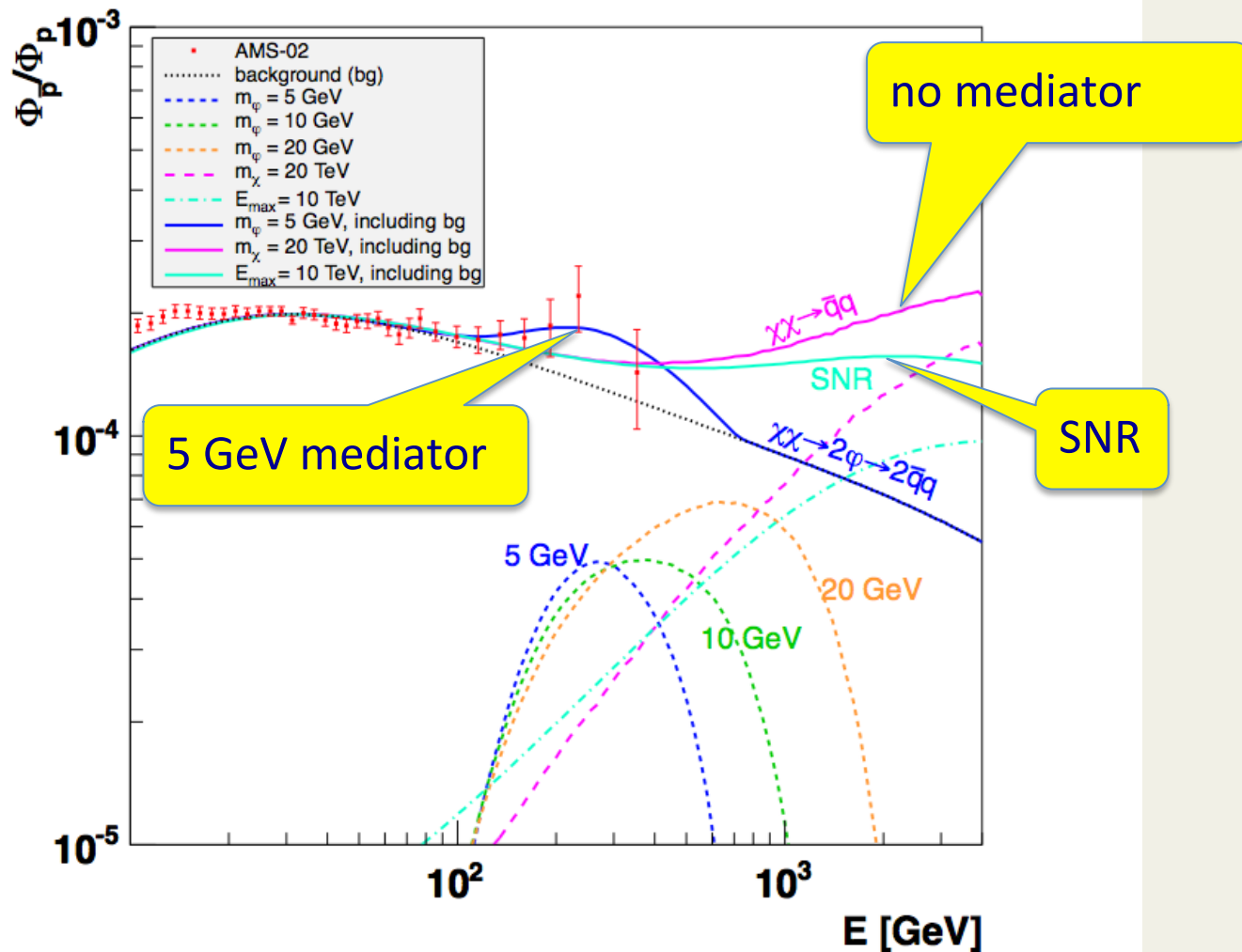
Global fits in the three scenarios

	Model	m_χ [GeV]	$\langle\sigma v\rangle(\eta)$	κ	χ^2	TS
A	MIN	765^{+167}_{-153}	$18.6^{+10.7}_{-8.0}$	1.12 ± 0.01	12.5	11.6
	MED	808^{+184}_{-165}	$5.18^{+3.04}_{-2.37}$	1.13 ± 0.01	13.8	9.0
	MAX	826^{+185}_{-168}	$2.29^{+1.31}_{-1.06}$	1.13 ± 0.01	15.5	8.5
B	MIN	20000	1200 ± 410	1.12 ± 0.01	15.5	8.6
	MED	20000	291 ± 123	1.13 ± 0.01	17.2	5.6
	MAX	20000	117 ± 54	1.12 ± 0.01	19.3	4.7
C	MIN	—	(0.262 ± 0.103)	1.08 ± 0.02	17.6	6.5
	MED	—	(0.195 ± 0.104)	1.10 ± 0.02	19.2	3.5
	MAX	—	$(0.172^{+0.104}_{-0.105})$	1.10 ± 0.02	21.4	2.7

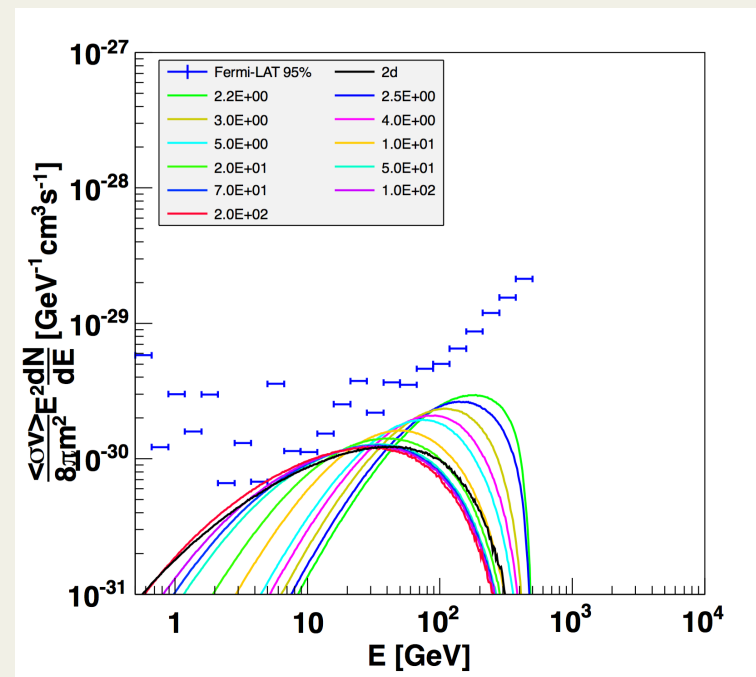
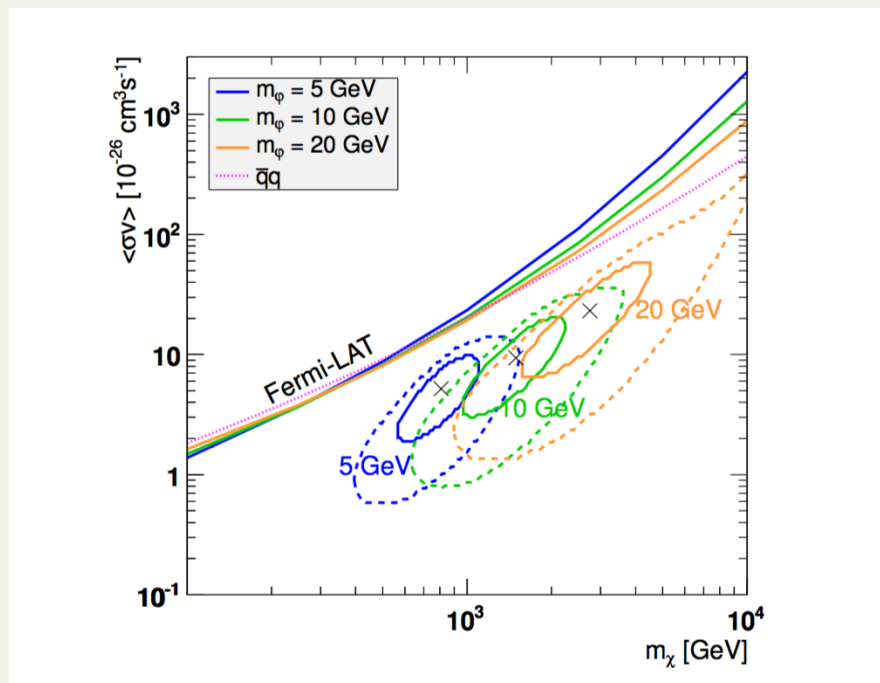
A: DM $\rightarrow$ 2b with 5 GeV mediators, **B:** DM $\rightarrow$ 2b directly **C:** antiproton from inside of SNR

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Comparing DM and SNR explanations



Limits from dwarf galaxies



Fermi-LAT sets limits per energy bin, sensitive to the spectral shape

Conclusions

- CR antiprotons is a very important probe of new sources participating strong interactions.
- The AMS-02 data show hint of a structure at high energy region (~ 300 GeV).
- CR antiproton flux are sensitive to propagation models. The cosmic ray propagation models can be determined by the AMS-02 data on B/C and proton flux.
- DM particle annihilation through light mediators (around $p\bar{p}$ production threshold) can generate a spectral structure consistent with the AMS-02 data.

Thank you!