

# *Introduction to Cosmic Rays*

## *Data Analysis Issues*

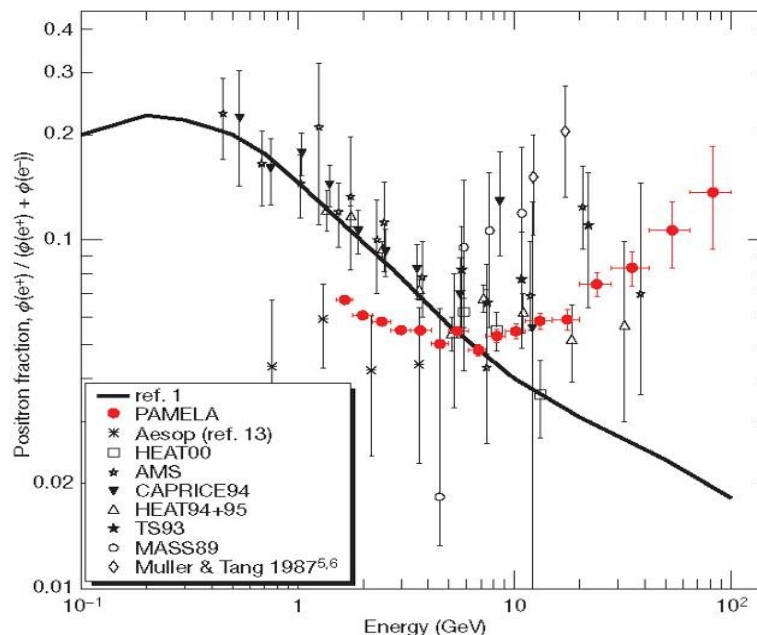
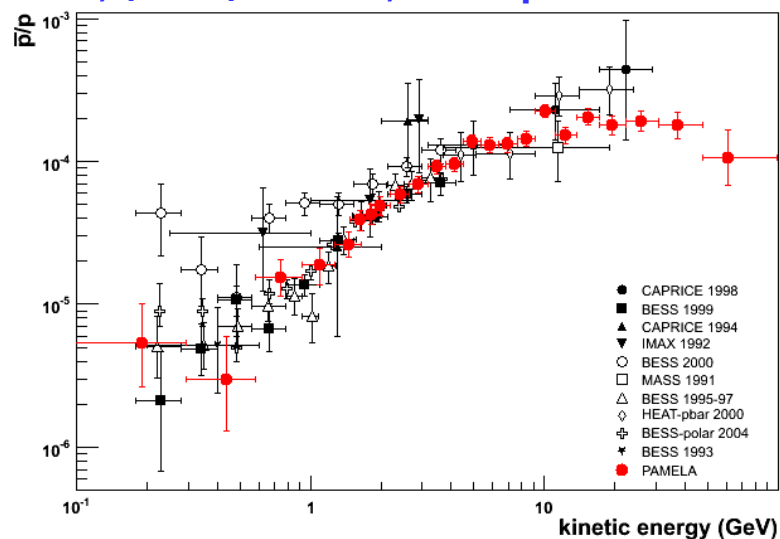


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# The physics of PAMELA

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## Scientific objectives of particle detectors in space:

- Study antiparticles in cosmic rays
  - Search for primordial antimatter (antihelium)
  - Search for dark matter annihilation ( $e^+$  and  $pbar$  spectra)
- Study of cosmic-ray production, acceleration and propagation
- Study of solar physics and solar modulation
- Study of the terrestrial magnetosphere

# PAMELA instrument



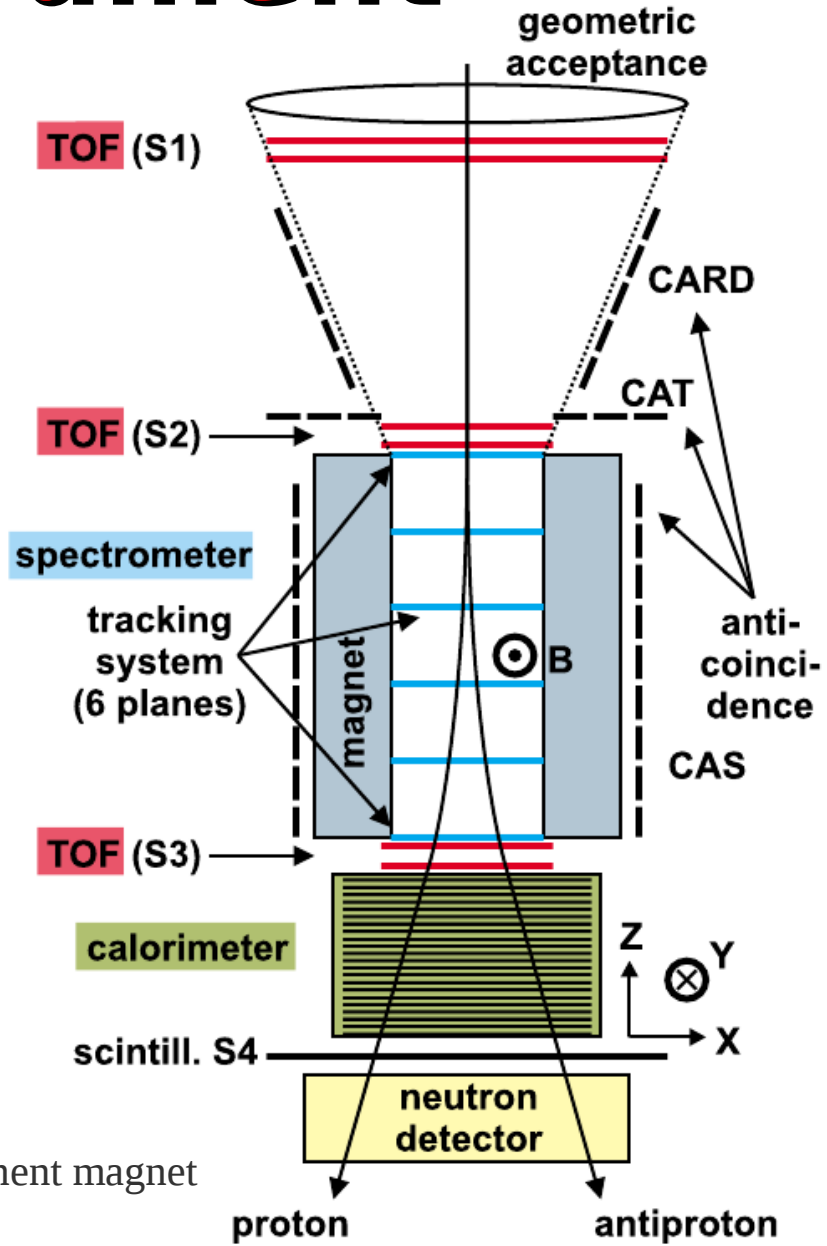
Time-Of-Flight  
 plastic scintillators + PMT:  
 - Trigger  
 - Albedo rejection;  
 - Mass identification up to 1 GeV;  
 - Charge identification from  $dE/dX$ .

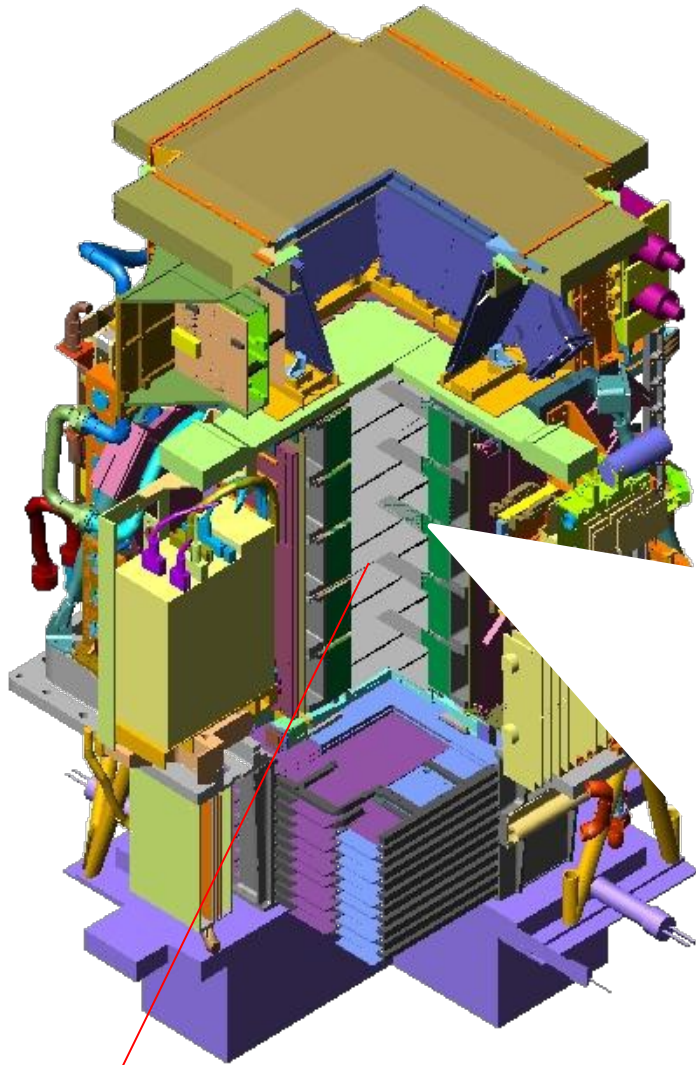
Electromagnetic calorimeter  
 W/Si sampling ( $16.3 X_0$ ,  $0.6 \lambda I$ )  
 - Discrimination  $e^+$  / p, anti-p /  $e^-$   
 (shower topology)  
 - Direct E measurement for  $e^-$

Neutron detector  
 $^3\text{He}$  tubes + PMT:  
 - High-energy e/h  
 discrimination

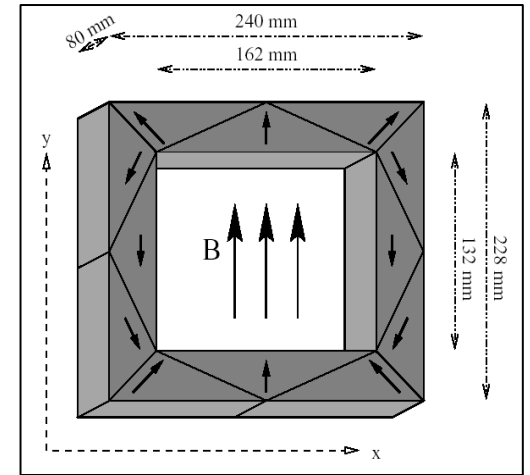
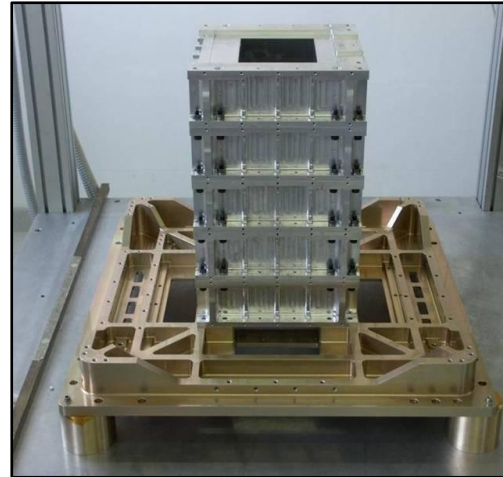
GF: 21.5 cm<sup>2</sup> sr  
 Mass: 470 kg  
 Size: 130x70x70 cm<sup>3</sup>  
 Power Budget: 360W

Spectrometer  
 microstrip silicon tracking system + permanent magnet  
 It provides:  
 - *Magnetic rigidity*  $\rightarrow R = pc/Ze$   
 - *Charge sign*  
 - *Charge value from  $dE/dx$*





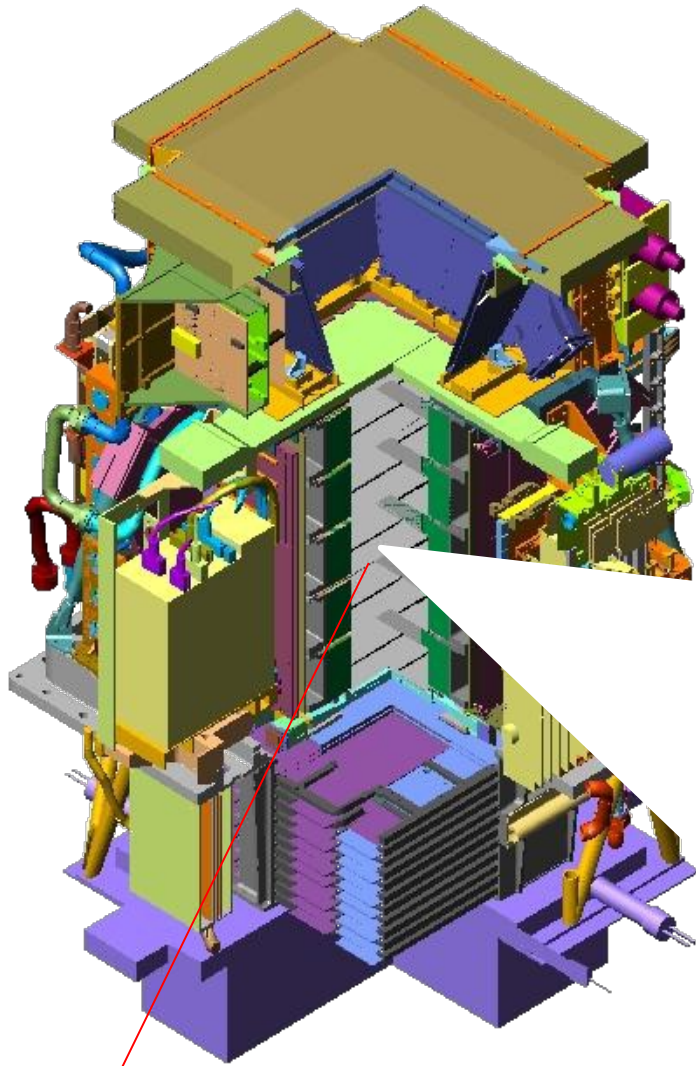
SPECTROMETER



### Characteristics:

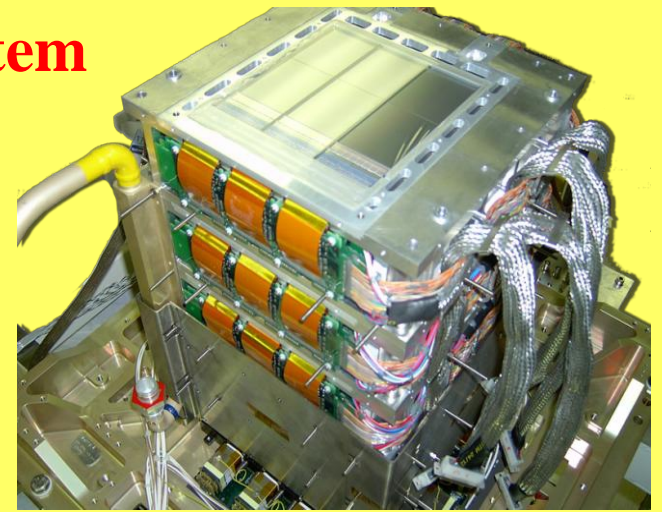
- 5 modules of permanent magnet (Nd-B-Fe alloy) in aluminum mechanics
- Cavity dimensions 162x132x445 cm<sup>3</sup>  
→ **GF 21.5 cm<sup>2</sup>sr**
- Magnetic shields
- 5mm-step field-map
- **B=0.43 T** (average along axis), B=0.48 T (@center)

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**SPECTROMETER**

## The tracking system



### Main tasks:

- Rigidity measurement
- Sign of electric charge
- $dE/dx$

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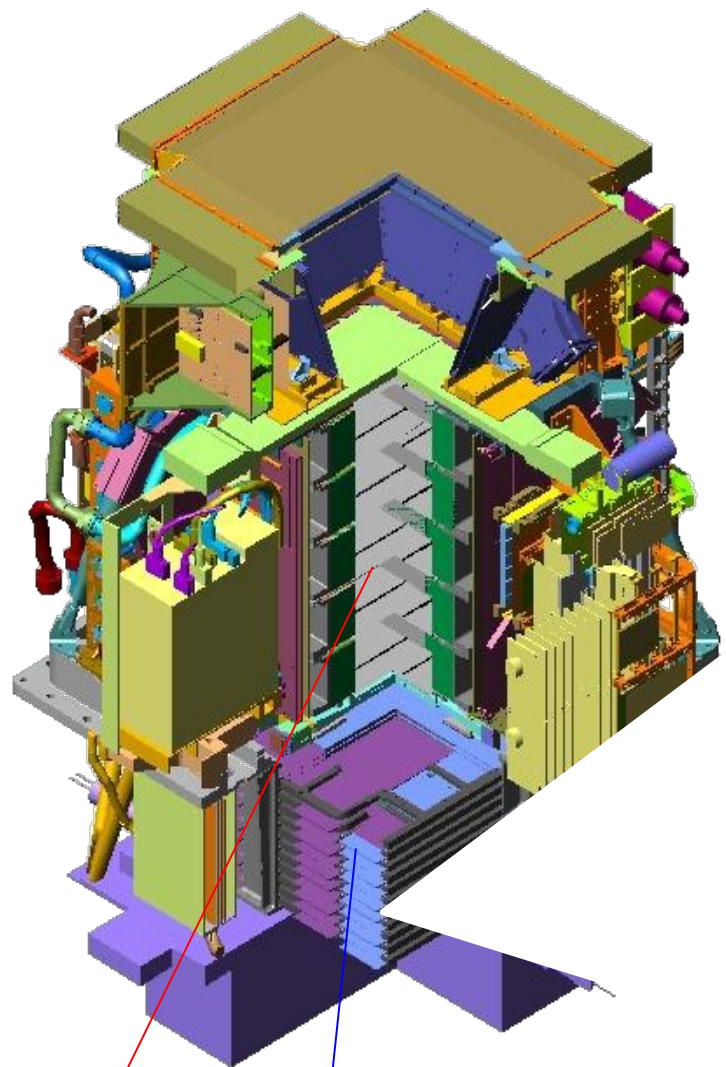
- 6 planes double-side (x&yview) microstrip Si sensors
- 36864 channels
- Dynamic range 10 MIP

### Performances:

- Spatial resolution:  $3 \div 4 \mu\text{m}$
- **MDR** ~1.2TV (from flight data)

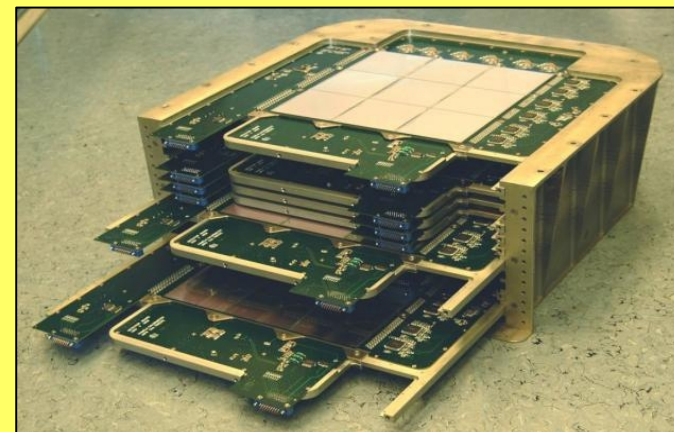
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## The electromagnetic calorimeter



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CALORIMETER



### Main tasks:

- e/h discrimination
- $e^{+/-}$  energy measurement

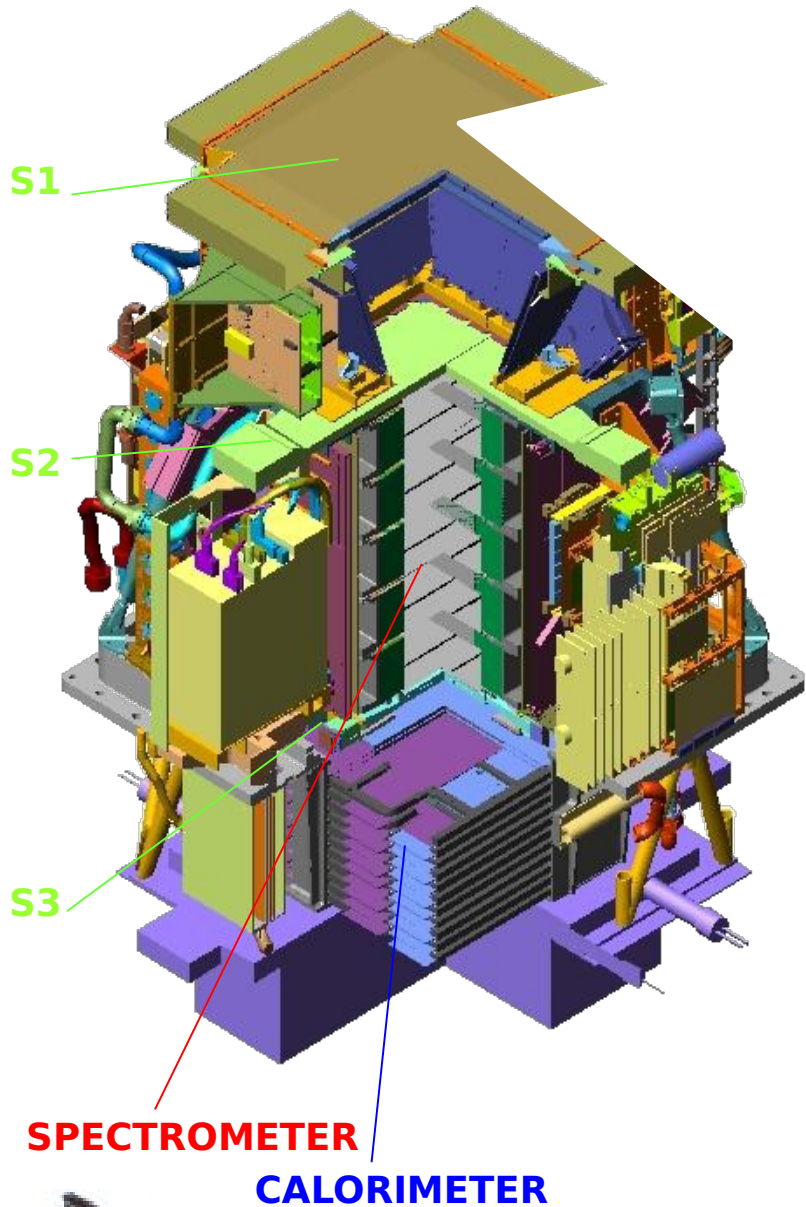
### Characteristics:

- 44 Si layers (X/Y) +22 W planes
- $16.3 X_0 / 0.6 I_0$
- 4224 channels
- Dynamic range  $\sim 1100$  mip
- Self-trigger mode ( $> 300$  GeV GF  $\sim 600$  cm<sup>2</sup> sr)

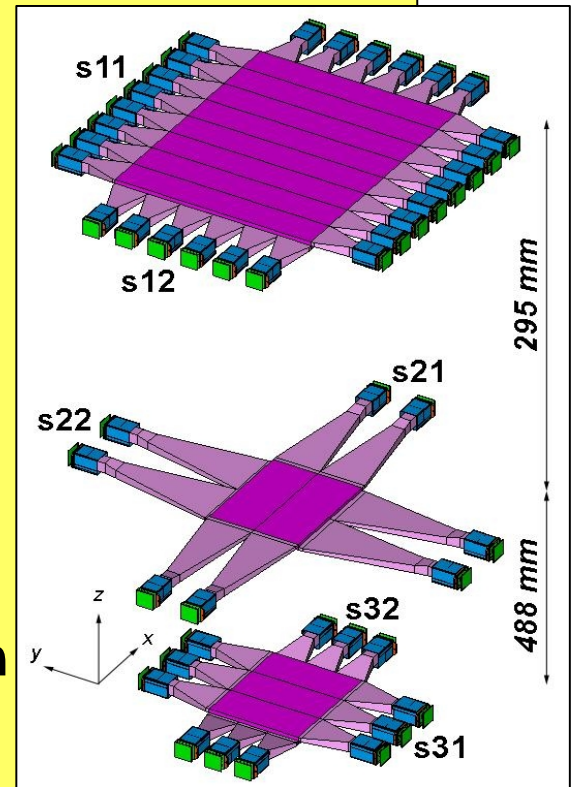
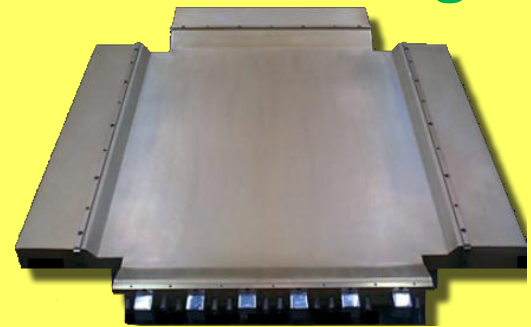
### Performances:

- p/ $e^+$  selection efficiency  $\sim 90\%$
- p rejection factor  $10^5$
- e rejection factor  $> 10^4$
- Energy resolution  $\sim 5\%$  @ 200 GeV

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## The time-of-flight system



### Main tasks:

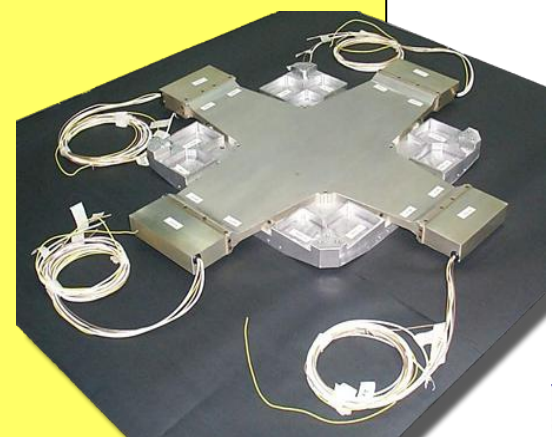
- First-level trigger
- Albedo rejection
- $dE/dx$
- Particle identification ( $<1\text{GeV}/c$ )

### Characteristics:

- 3 double-layer scintillator paddles
- X/Y segmentation
- Total: 48 Channels

### Performances:

- $\sigma_{\text{paddle}} \sim 110\text{ps}$
- $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \sim 330\text{ps}$  (for MIPs)



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## The anticounter shields

### Main tasks:

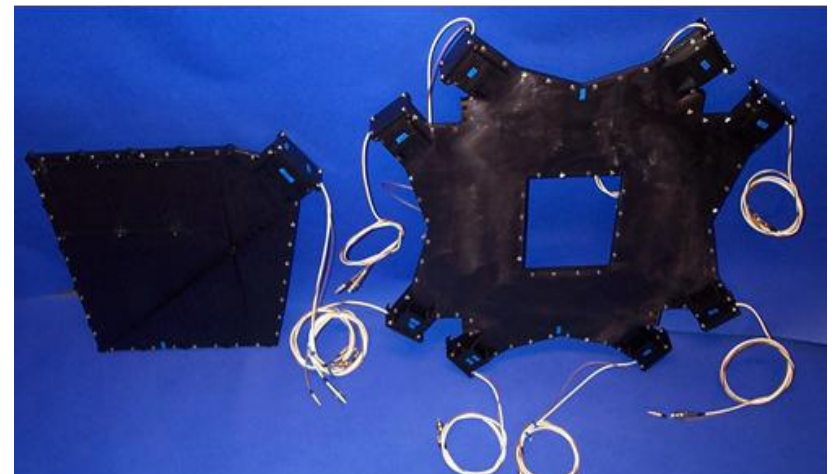
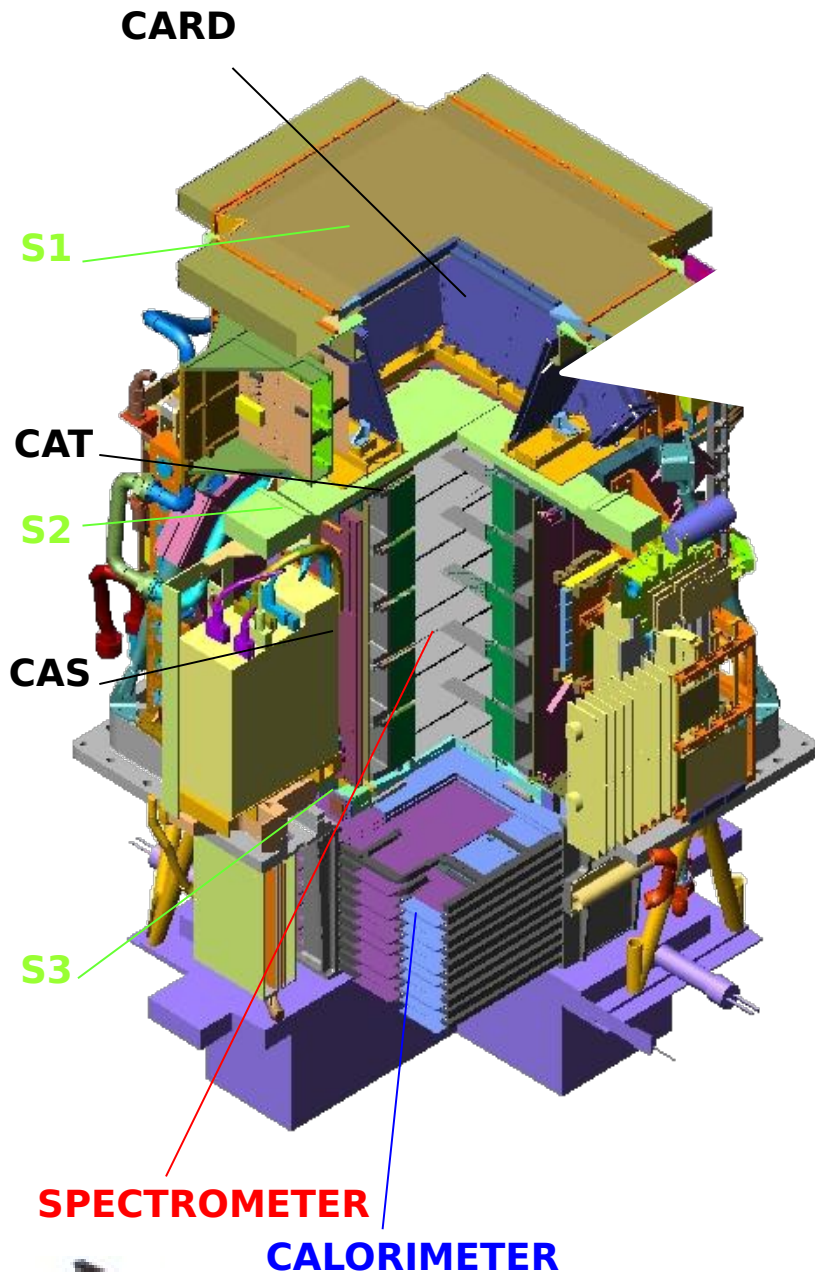
- Rejection of events with particles interacting with the apparatus (off-line and second-level trigger)

### Characteristics:

- Scintillator paddles 10mm thick
- 4 up (CARD), 1 top (CAT), 4 side (CAS)

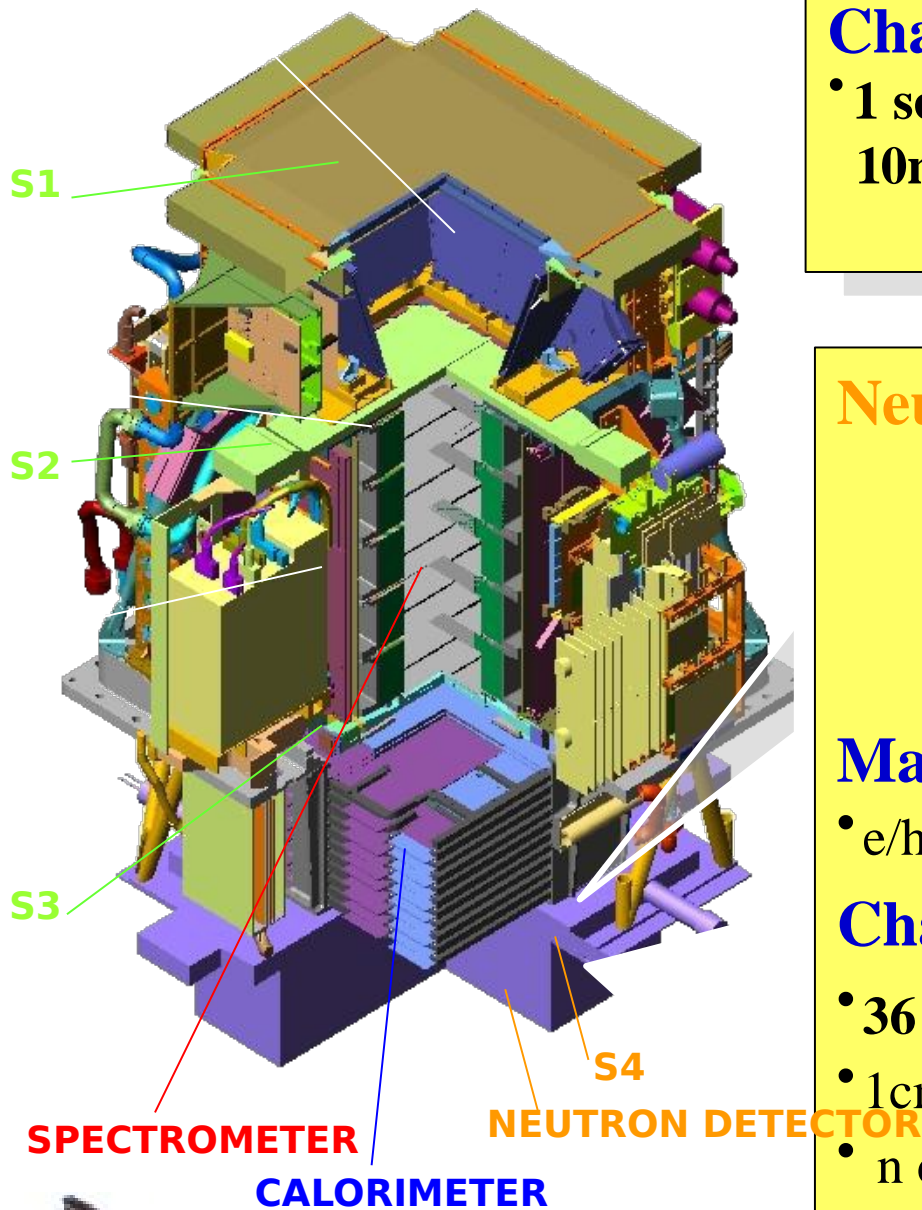
### Performances:

- Efficiency > 99.9%





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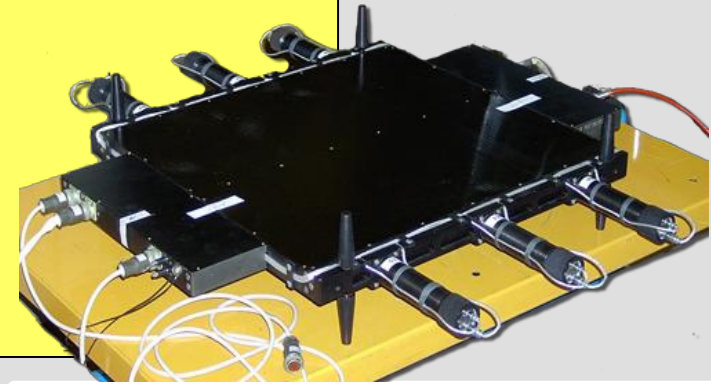
## Shower-tail catcher (S4)

### Main tasks:

- ND trigger

### Characteristics:

- 1 scintillator paddle  
10mm thick



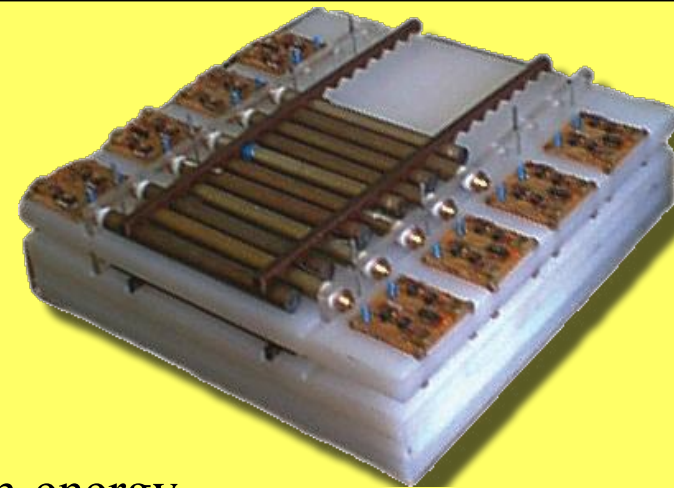
## Neutron detector

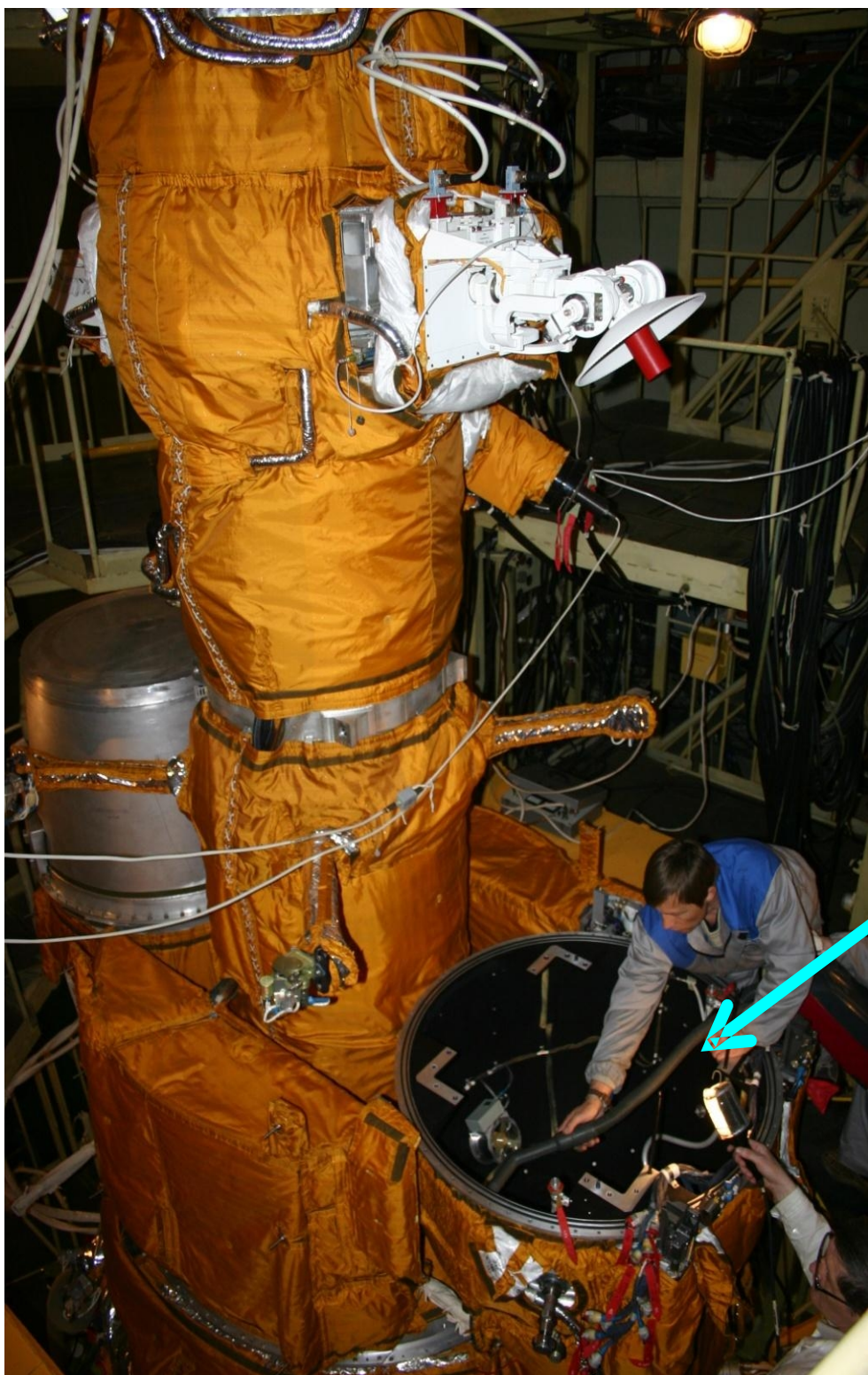
### Main tasks:

- e/h discrimination @high-energy

### Characteristics:

- 36  $^3\text{He}$  counters:  $^3\text{He}(n,p)\text{T} \rightarrow E_p=780 \text{ keV}$
- 1cm thick polyethylenemoderators
- n collected within 200 ms time-window



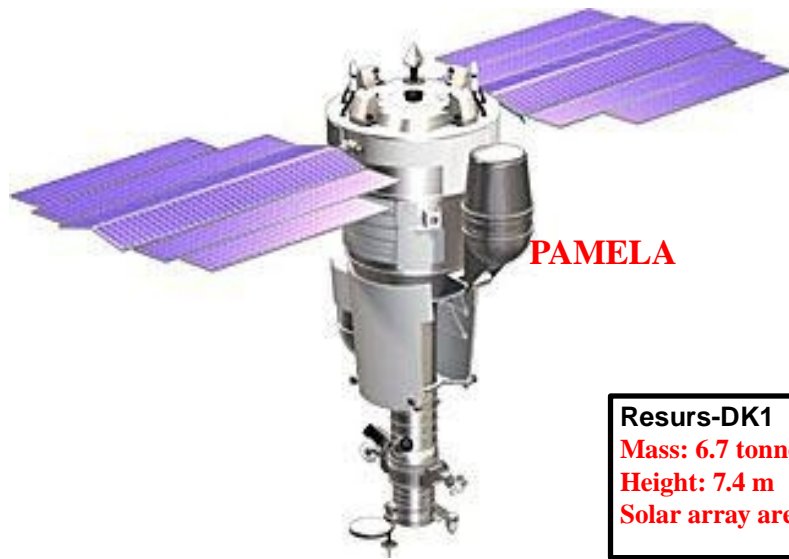


**PAMELA INTEGRATION in the RESURS-DK1 satellite**

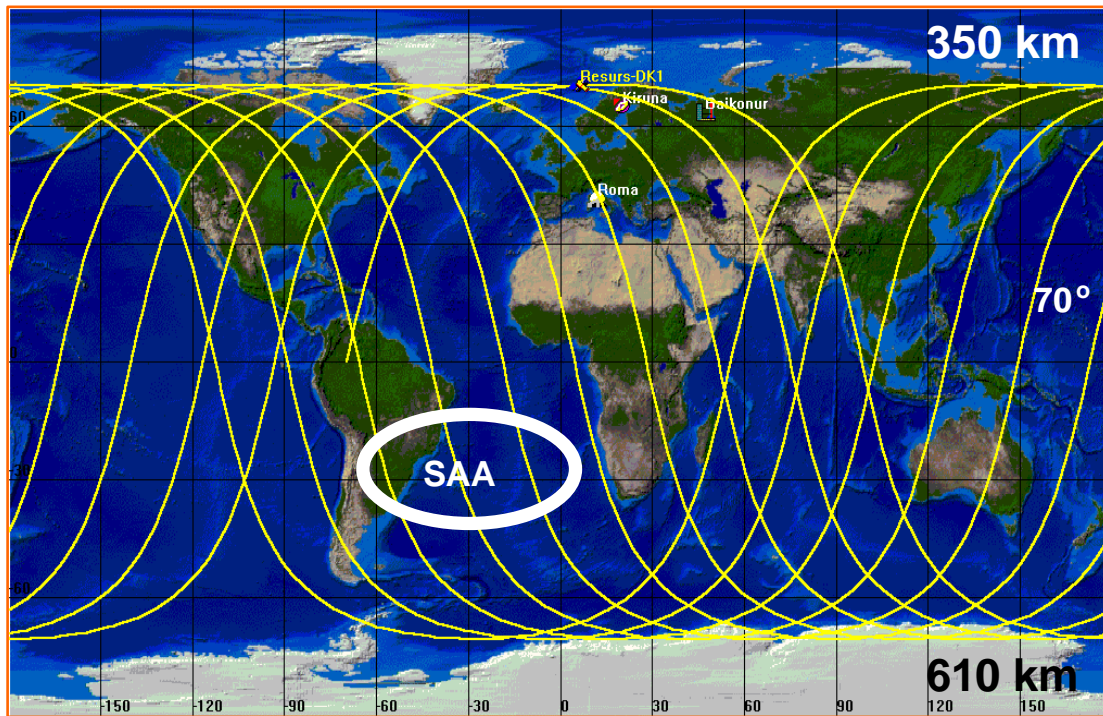
# The Launch: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006



# Resurs-DK1 satellite + orbit



**Resurs-DK1**  
Mass: 6.7 tonnes  
Height: 7.4 m  
Solar array area: 36 m<sup>2</sup>



- Resurs-DK1: multi-spectral imaging of earth's surface
- PAMELA mounted inside a pressurized container
- Lifetime >3 years (assisted, first time last February)
- Data transmitted to NTsOMZ, Moscow via high-speed radio downlink. ~16 GB per day
- Quasi-polar and elliptical orbit (70.0° , 350 km -600 km)
- Traverses the South Atlantic Anomaly
- Crosses the outer (electron) Van Allen belt at south pole

# How many data?

Trigger rate\*  $\sim 25\text{Hz}$   
Fraction of live time\*  $\sim 75\%$   
Event size (compressed mode)  $\sim 5\text{kB}$   
 $25\text{ Hz} \times 5\text{ kB/ev} \rightarrow \sim 10\text{ GB/day}$   
(\*outside radiation belts)

Till ~now:  
 $\sim 1400$  days of data taking  
 $\sim 20$  Tbyte of raw data downlinked  
 $> 2 \times 10^9$  triggers recorded and analyzed  
(Data till January 2010 under analysis)



Main antenna in NTsOMZ



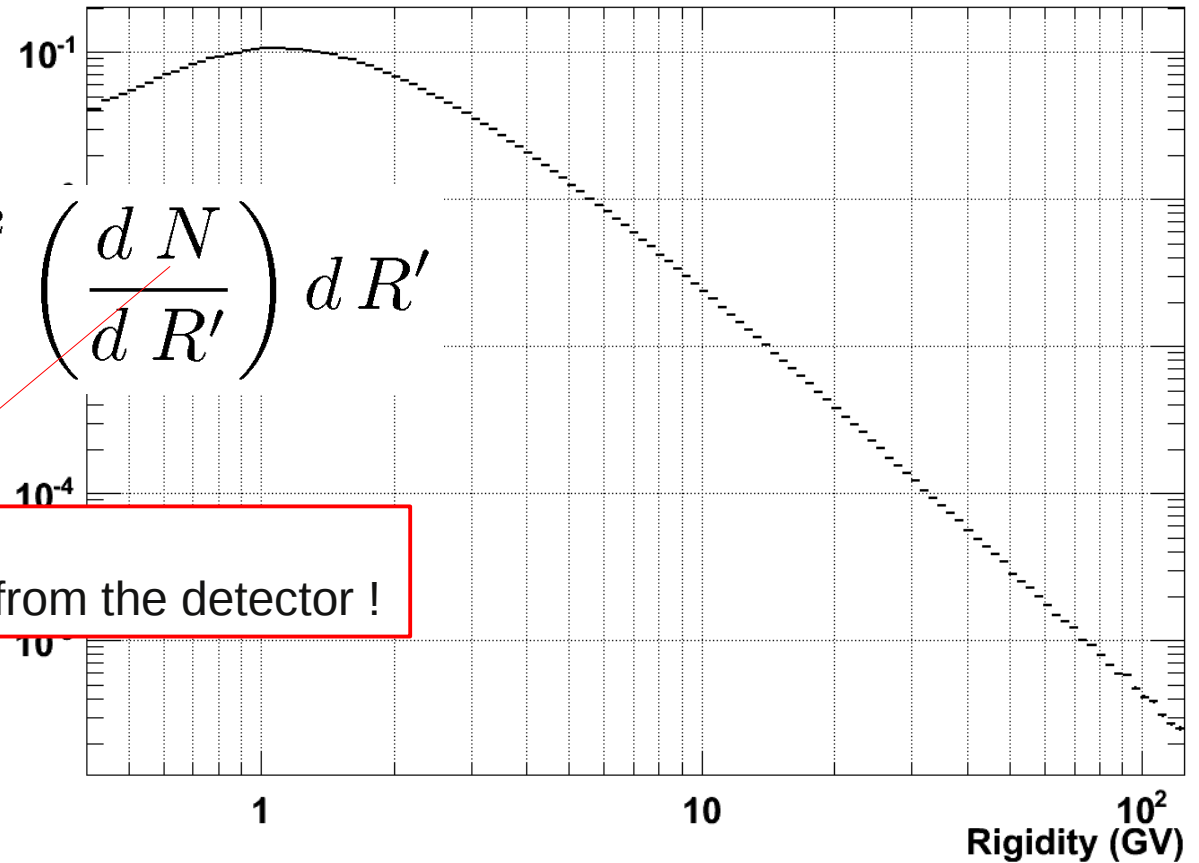
# What kind of measurements?

- Differential particle fluxes

$$\frac{d N}{d R}$$

$$N(R_1 < R < R_2) = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \left( \frac{d N}{d R'} \right) d R'$$

$N = \mathbf{TRUE}$  number of particle.  
It depends from the physics, not from the detector !



$R = \text{Rigidity} = \frac{p}{q}$   
 $p = \text{relativistic momentum}$   
 $q = \text{charge}$

$$N(R_1 < R < R_2) = \frac{N^{\text{measured}}(R_1 < R < R_2)}{\text{efficiency}} \quad R$$

Need to know the efficiency !

# What kind of measurements?

- Ratios antiparticle / particle.  
e.g. antiprotons / protons:

$$Ratio(R) = \frac{Flux_{antip}(R)}{Flux_p(R)} = \frac{N_{antip}^{meas}(R)/\varepsilon_{antip}(R)}{N_p^{meas}(R)/\varepsilon_p(R)} \quad \Bigg| \quad \frac{N_{antip}^{meas}(R)}{N_p^{meas}(R)}$$



$\varepsilon_{antip}$  = efficiency for antiproton selection  
 $\varepsilon_p$  = efficiency for proton selection

$$\varepsilon_{antip}(R) = \varepsilon_p(R)$$

“No need” to know the efficiency !

# Some definition

- We need to develop a set of **selection criteria**.
- For each **selection S** we have to study:
  - **Efficiency**: fraction of good events selected by S

$$\varepsilon_S = \frac{N_S^{good}}{N^{good}}$$

- **Contamination**: fraction of background events selected by S

$$C_S = \frac{N_S^{backg}}{N^{backg}}$$

Example in antiparticle analysis

good	backg
$e^+$	$p$
$\bar{p}$	$p, e^-$

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$$\frac{signal}{noise} = \frac{N_S^{good}}{N_S^{backg}} = \boxed{\frac{\varepsilon_S}{C_S}} \frac{N^{good}}{N^{backg}}$$

**Rejection factor**



# What rejection power do we need?

The acceptable level of contaminations must be always put in relations, in flight, to the signal statistic over the background statistic.

Let's consider the case of **antiproton selection...**

# What rejection power do we need?

**Signal:** antiprotons

**Background:** protons

	Number(*)	Charge	Cal. shower	Performance
antiprotons	$O(10^3)$	-	h	80 MeV - 190 GeV
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E.g.: Is a contamination of 0.01% of protons in the antiproton sample acceptable?

$$RF \approx 10^4 \rightarrow \frac{\text{signal}}{\text{noise}} = 10^4 \frac{10^3}{10^7} = 1$$

**NO!**

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- Rejection Factor  $\gg 10^4$  needed → strong TRK quality required  
→ high energy limit 190 GeV

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# Spectrometer resolution

# Spectrometer – Toy Model

$$\vec{F} = q (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

If B uniform:

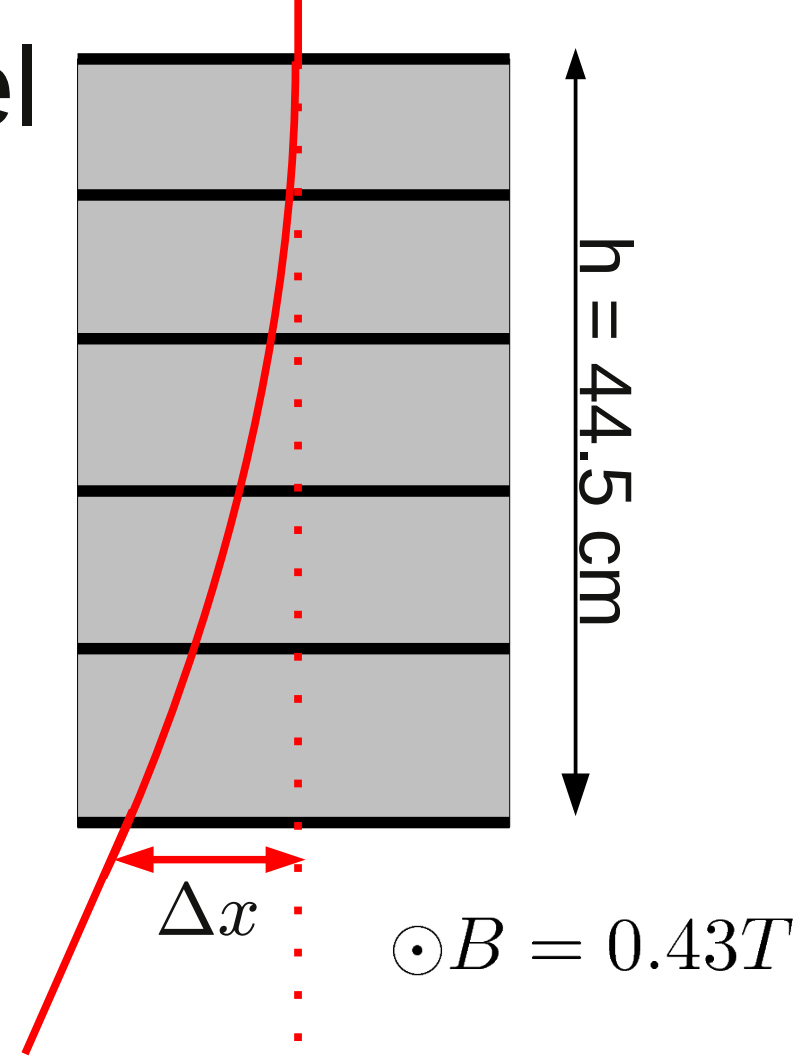
$$\text{Rigidity} = \frac{p}{q} = \rho B$$

↓                    ↓  
measured          known

$p$  = relativistic momentum

$q$  = charge

$\rho$  = Larmor radius



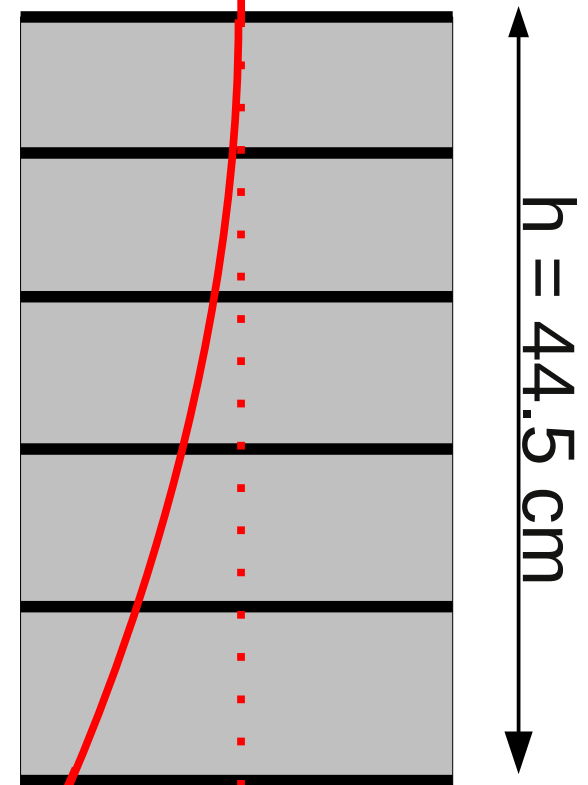


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$$\odot B = 0.43 T$$

$$\rho(m) = 3.3m \times \frac{\text{Rigidity (GV)}/\text{GV}}{B(T)/T} = 7.7m \times \text{Rigidity (GV)}/\text{GV}$$

For vertically incoming particles:

$$\Delta x = \rho - \sqrt{\rho^2 - h^2} \approx \frac{h^2}{14.4} \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) = \begin{cases} 1.3 \text{ cm} & \text{at 1 GV} \\ 1.3 \text{ mm} & \text{at 10 GV} \\ 13 \mu\text{m} & \text{at 1000 GV} \end{cases}$$

If  $h=44.5\text{cm}$  (**lever arm = 6**) !

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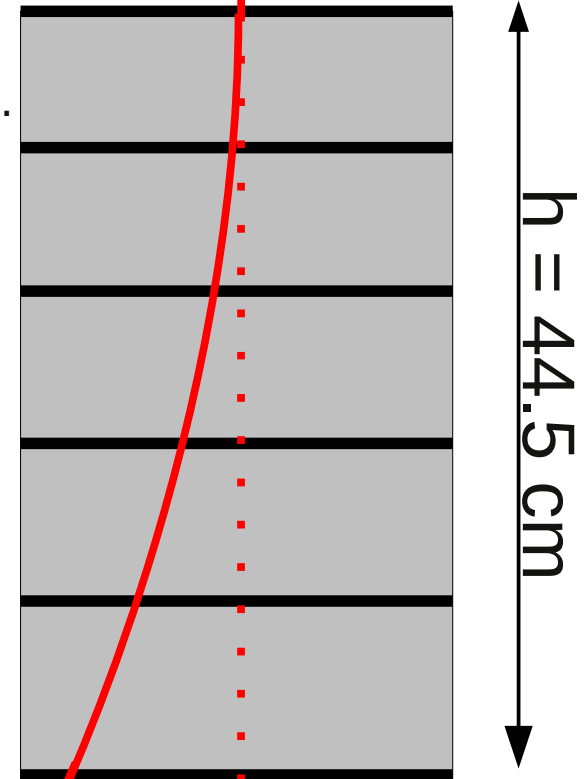
$$\frac{\sigma_\eta}{\eta_{MDR}} = 1 \iff MDR = \frac{1}{\eta_{MDR}}$$

or

$$MDR = \frac{1}{\sigma_\eta}$$

To have less than 100% error we have to select tracks with:

$$R < MDR$$



$\Delta x$

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m

$\text{GV}^{-1}$

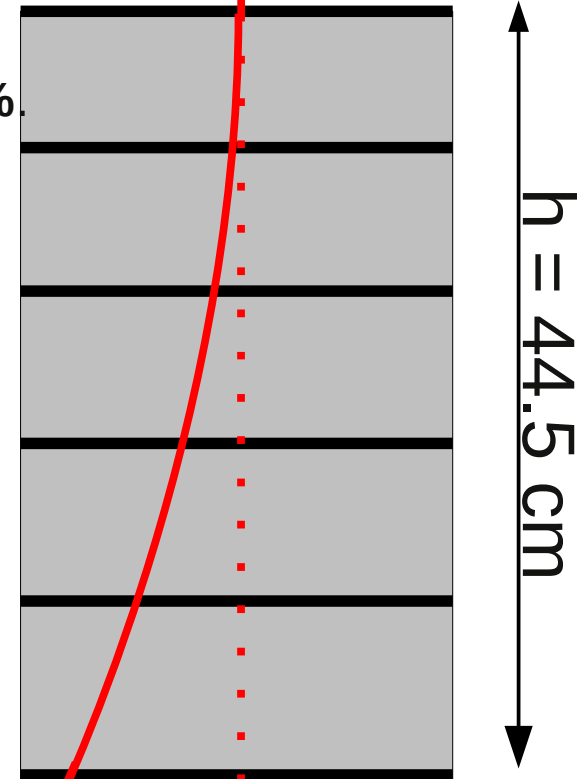
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$$MDR = \frac{1}{\sigma_\eta}$$

In PAMELA data analysis, the MDR changes on event-by-event basis because its value depends on:

- number and distribution of fitted points along the trajectory (lever arm !)
- magnetic field intensity along the trajectory



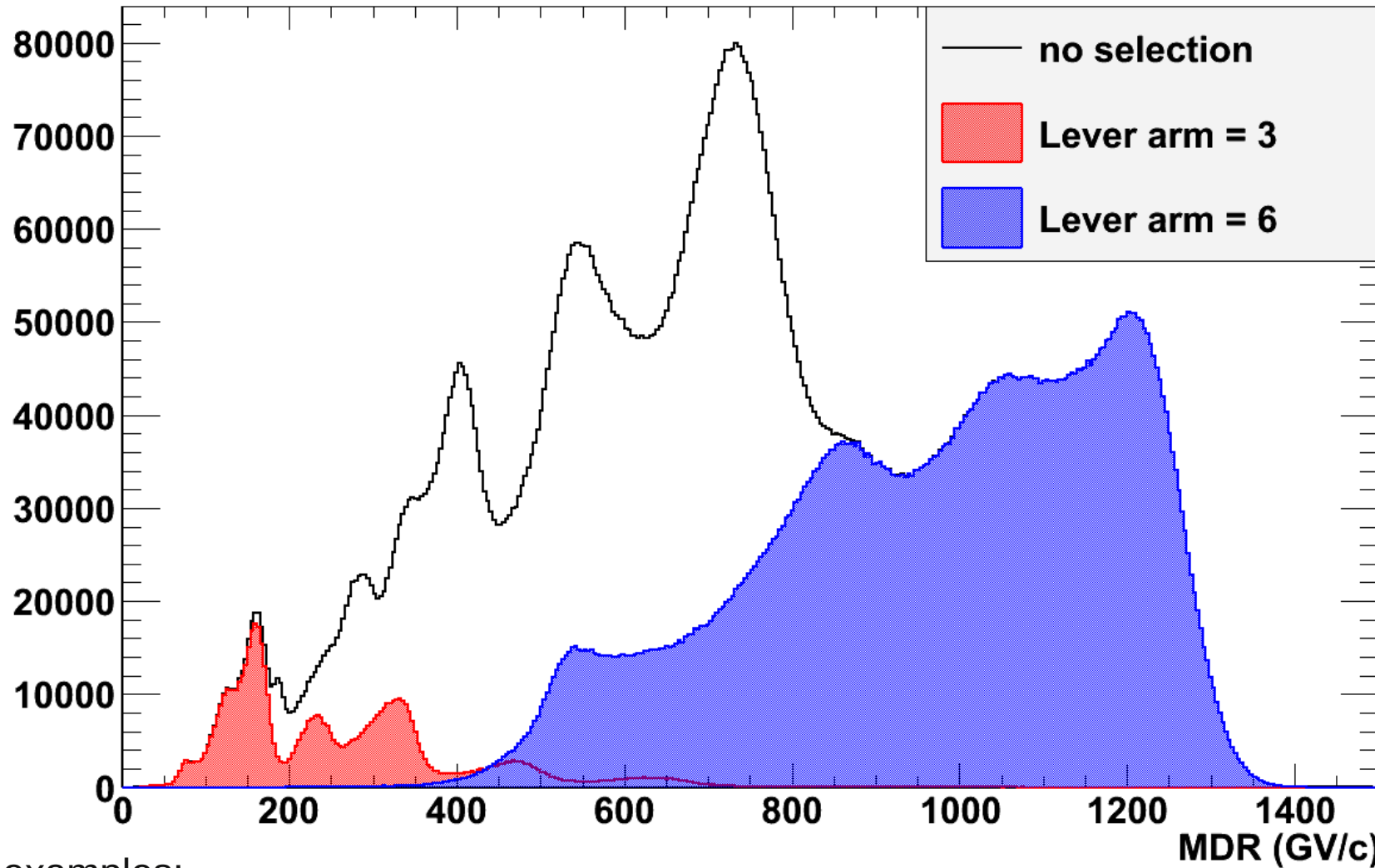
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{	1.3 cm	at	1 GV
{	1.3 mm	at	10 GV
{	13 μm	at	1000 GV

# MDR and resolution



Some examples:

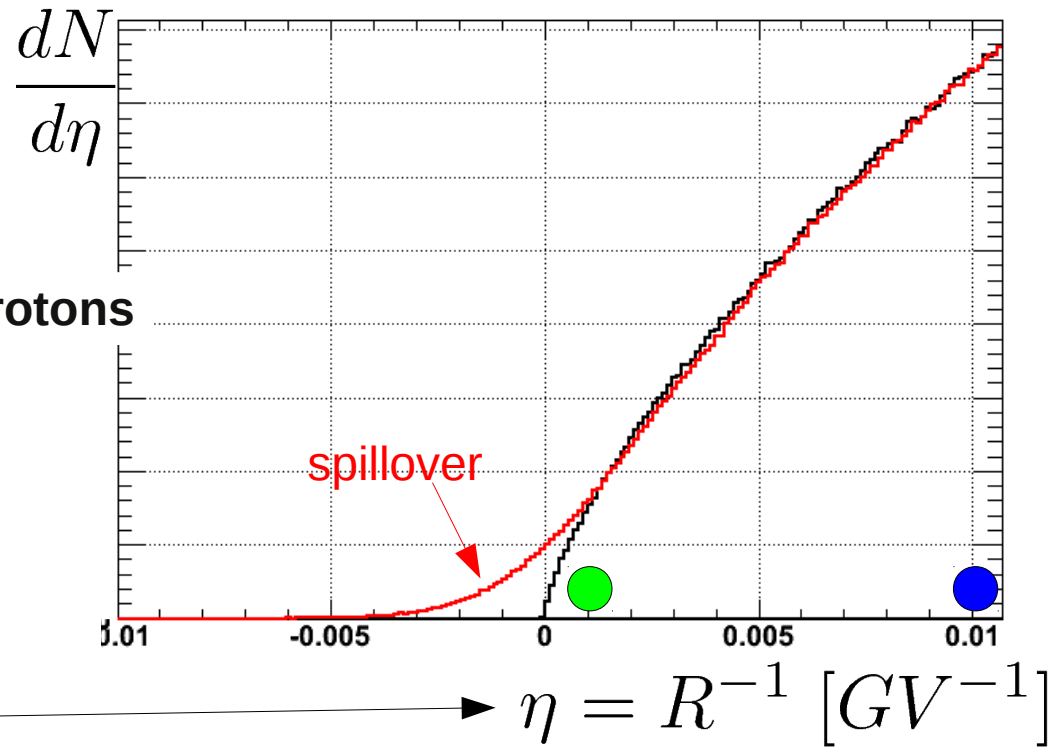
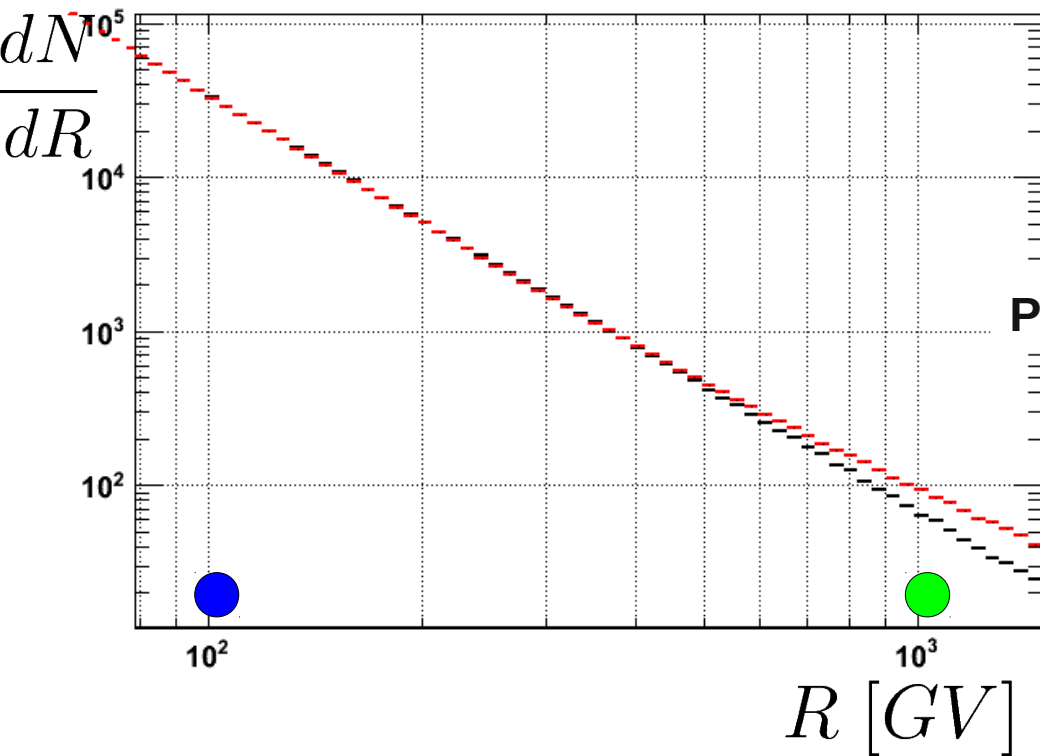
$$\begin{cases} Rig = 100GV \\ MDR = 500GV \end{cases} \implies \frac{\delta\eta}{\eta} = 20\%$$

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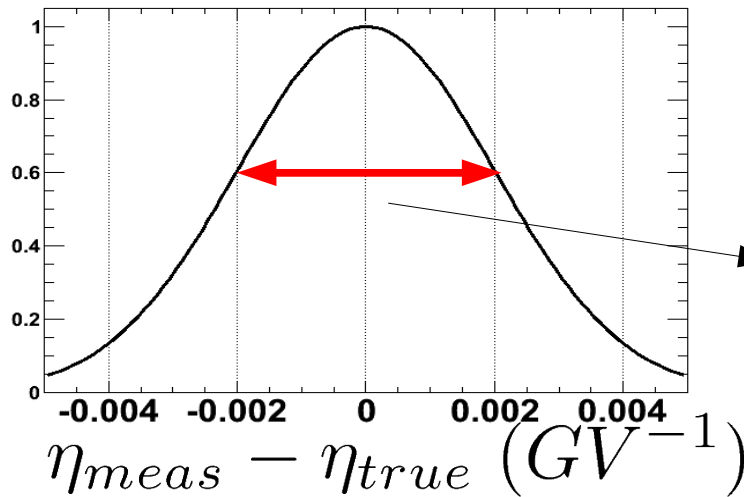
$$\begin{cases} Rig = 100GV \\ MDR = 1000GV \end{cases} \implies \frac{\delta\eta}{\eta} = 10\%$$

$$\begin{cases} Rig = 1000GV \\ MDR = 1300GV \end{cases} \implies \frac{\delta\eta}{\eta} = 77\%$$

# Spectrometer resolution – Toy Model



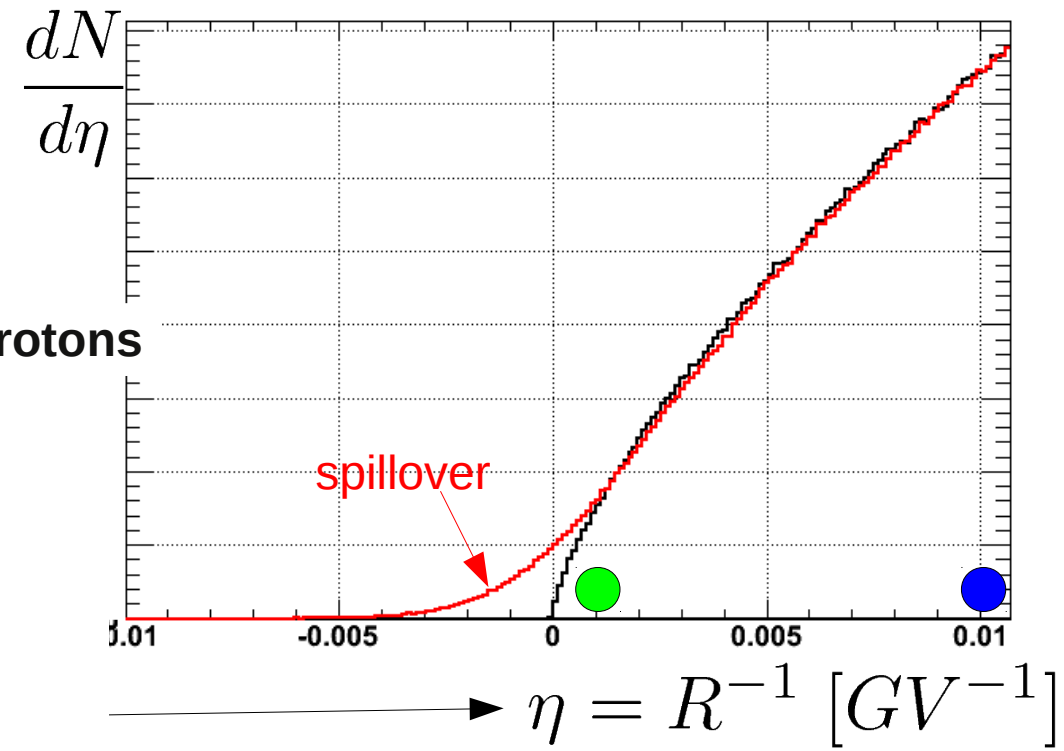
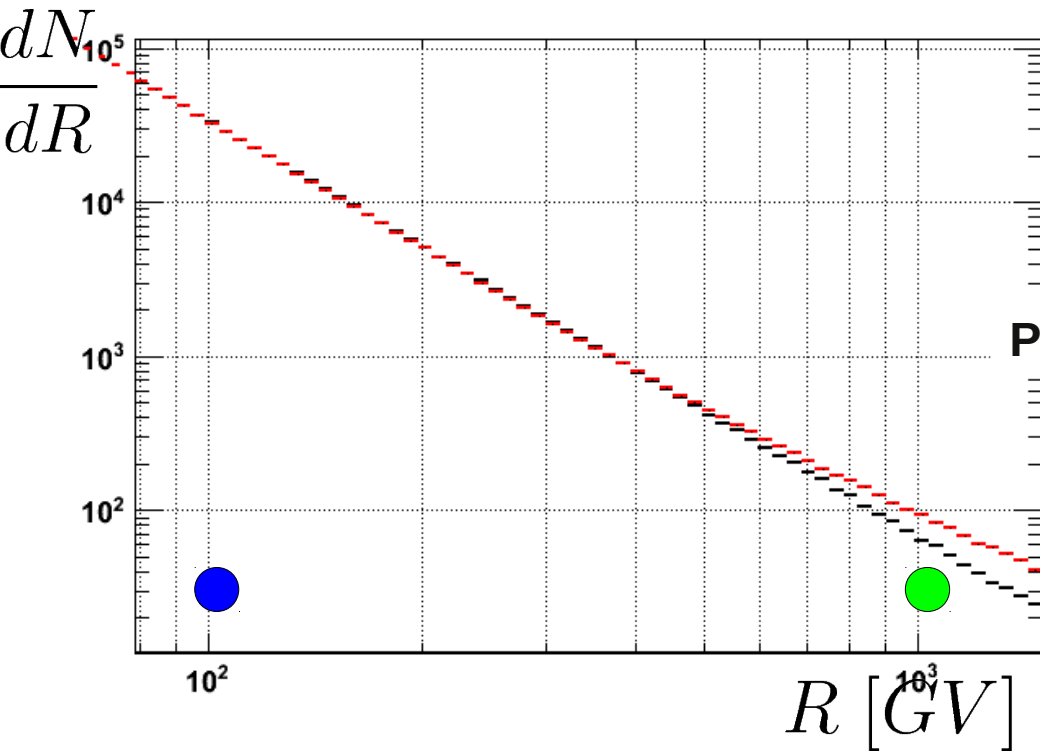
- Ideal tracker with infinite resolution: no spillover
- Tracker with finite resolution: spillover at high energy



$$\sigma_{\eta} = \frac{1}{MDR}$$

$$[MDR] = GV$$

# Spectrometer resolution – Toy Model



$$MDR = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\eta}}$$

- The spectrometer resolution sets the high energy limit for:
- Protons (left)
  - Antiprotons (because of the proton spillover) (right)

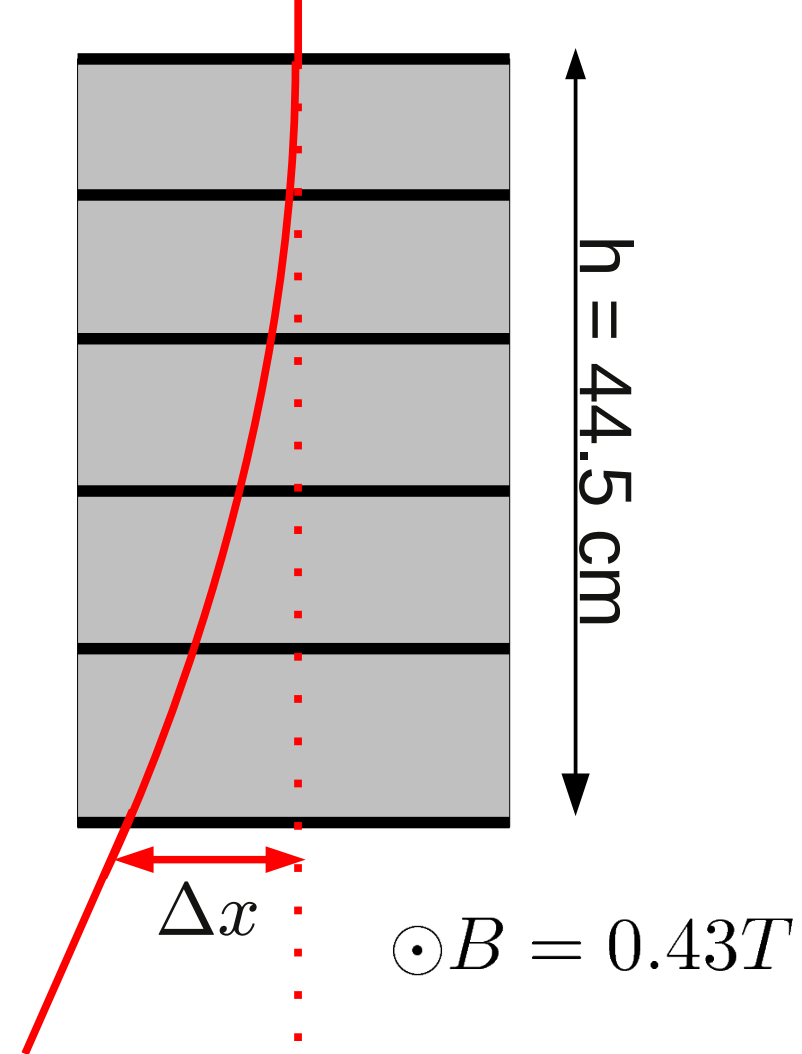
# Tracker: chi2

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x_i^{meas} - x_i^{fit})^2$$

The  $\chi^2$  cut is needed to improve the fit quality of the selected sample.

$\chi^2$  gets worse because of:

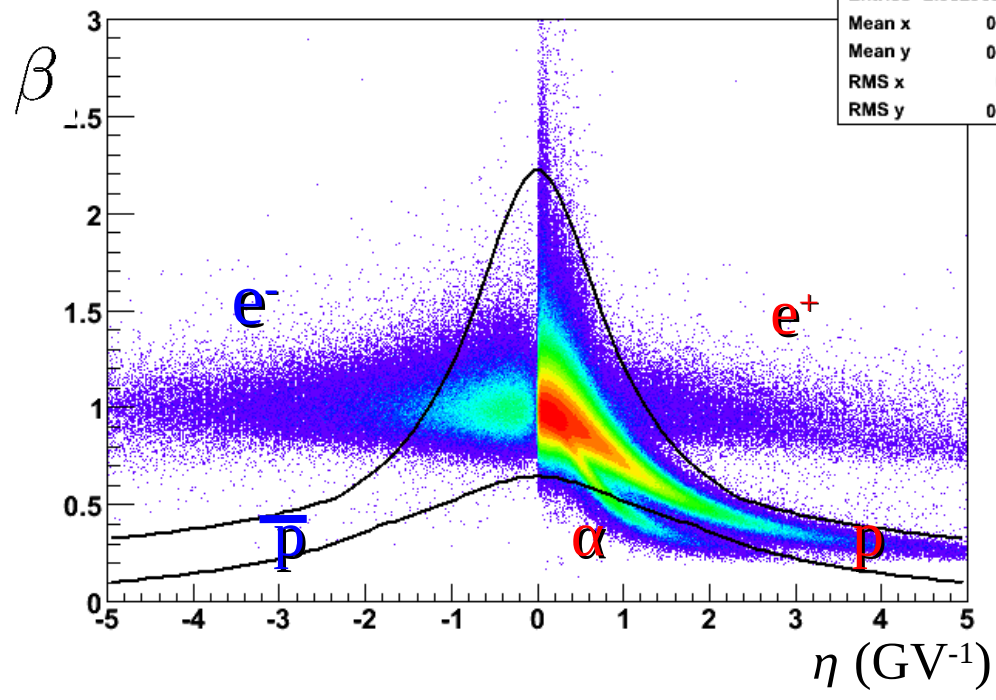
- Multiple scattering
- $\delta$ -ray emission inside the silicon
- faulty strips (high noise)



# **Antiproton to Proton Flux Ratio**

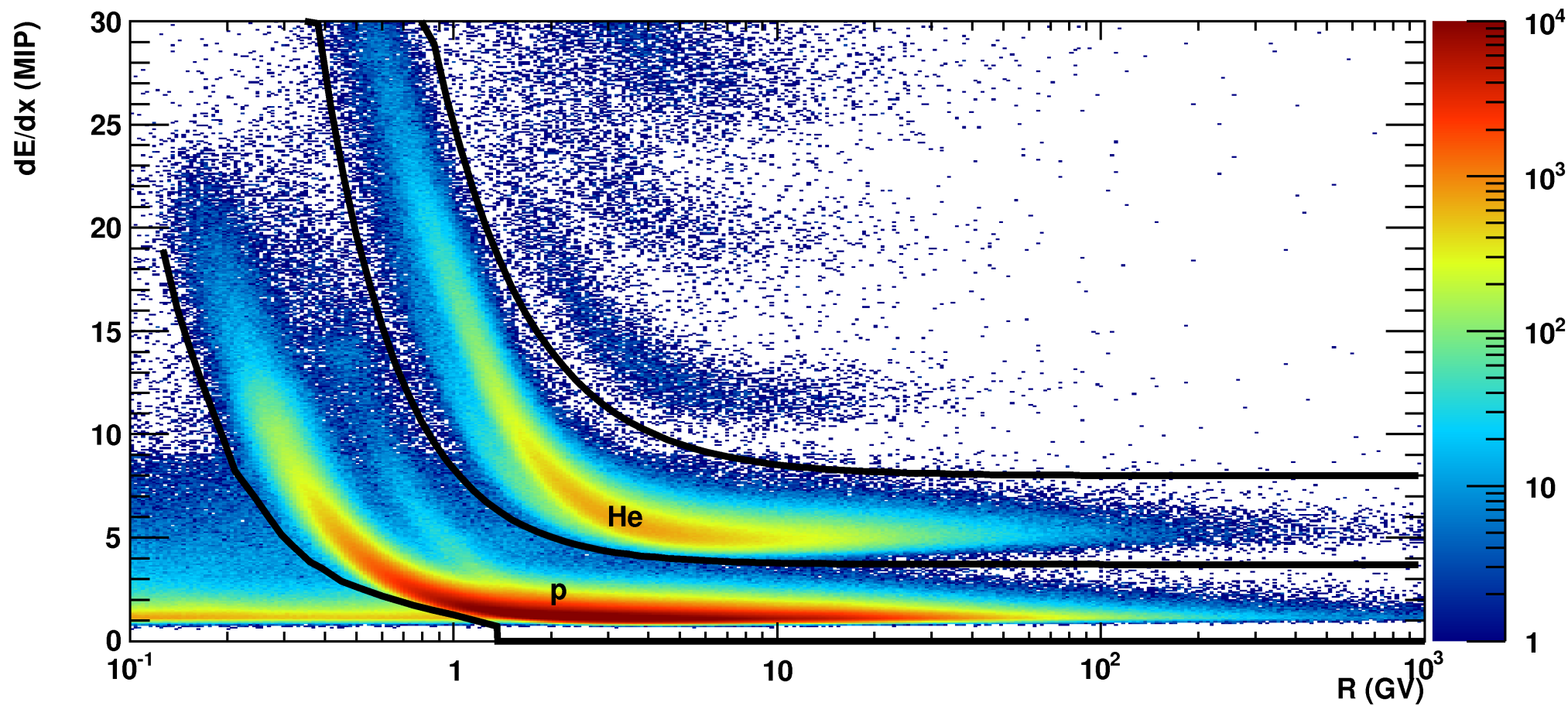


beta vs deflection

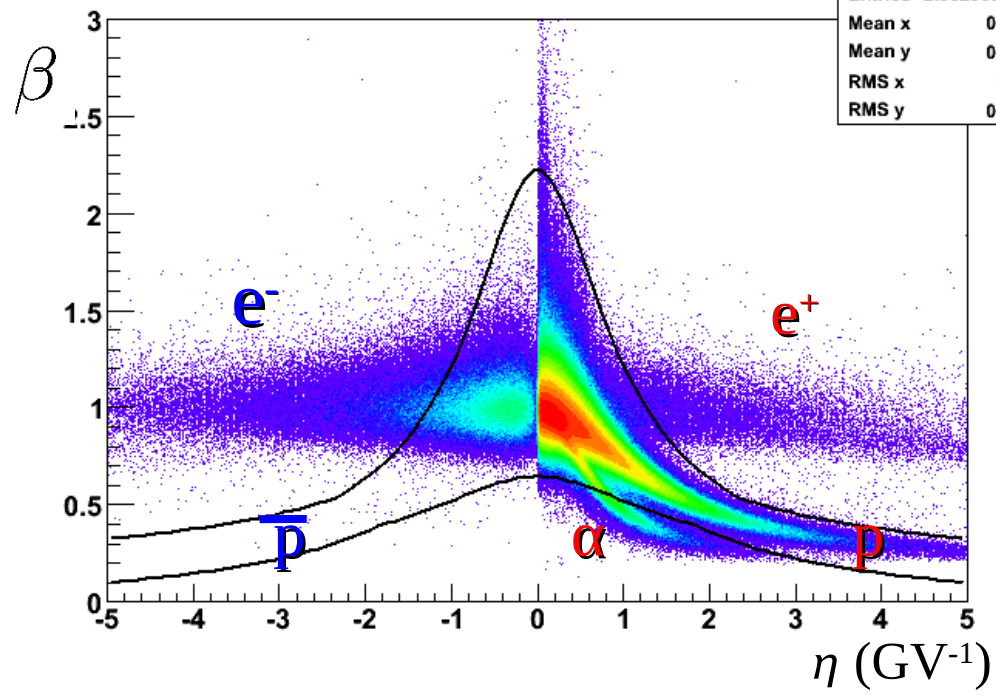


hbetavsdef	
Entries	2.982969e+07
Mean x	0.4213
Mean y	0.9073
RMS x	0.416
RMS y	0.1449

# Tracker dE/dx selection



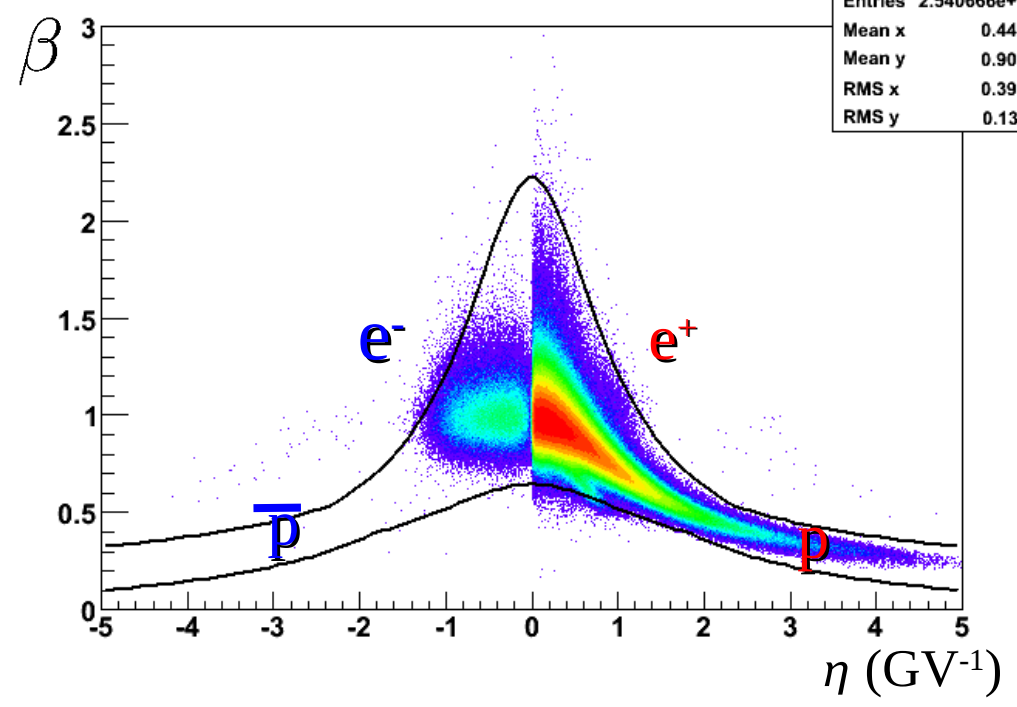
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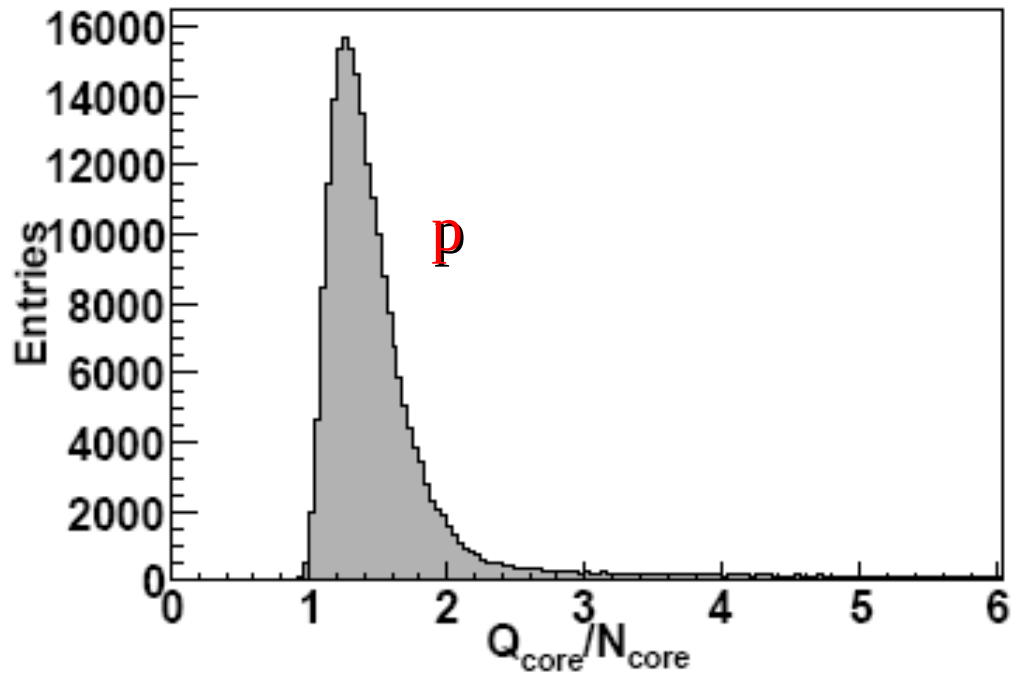
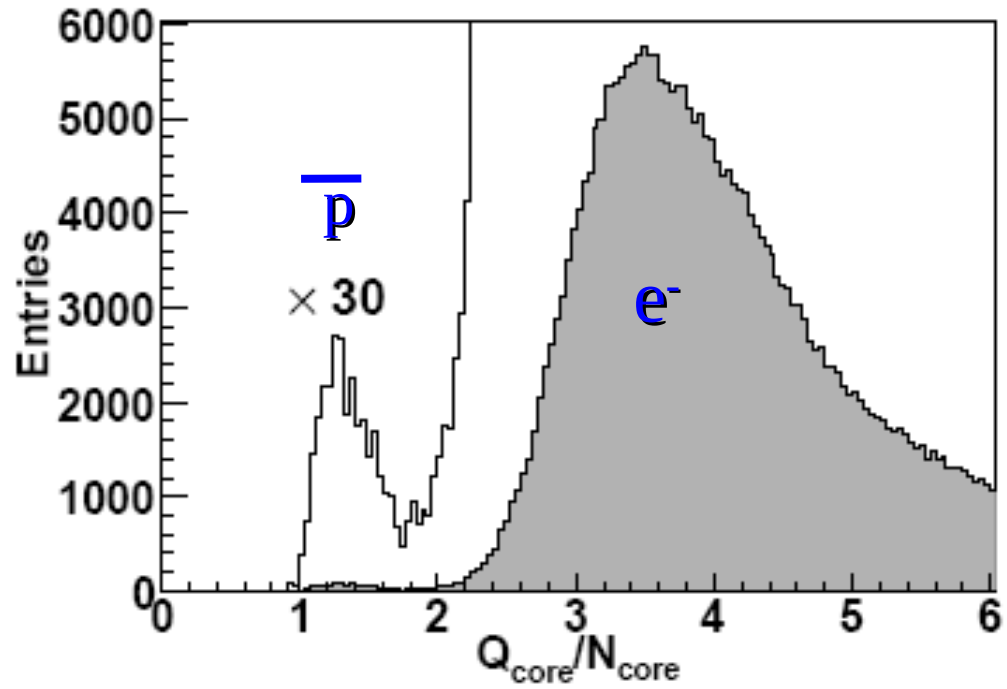
dE/dx cut



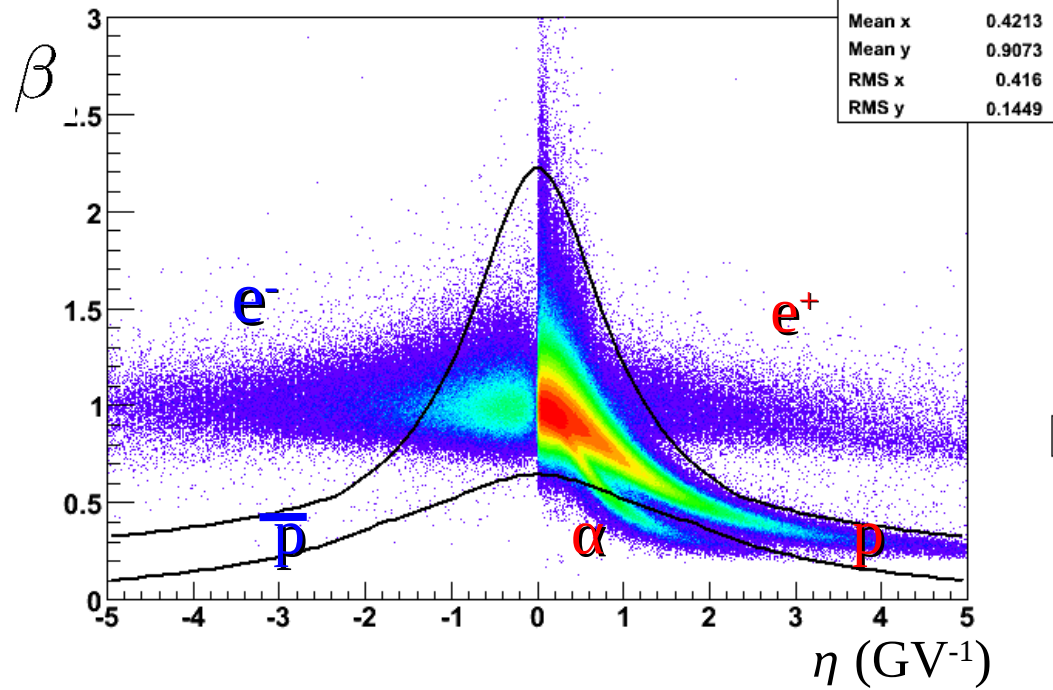
beta vs deflection -- after Z1 sel (Trk+ToF)



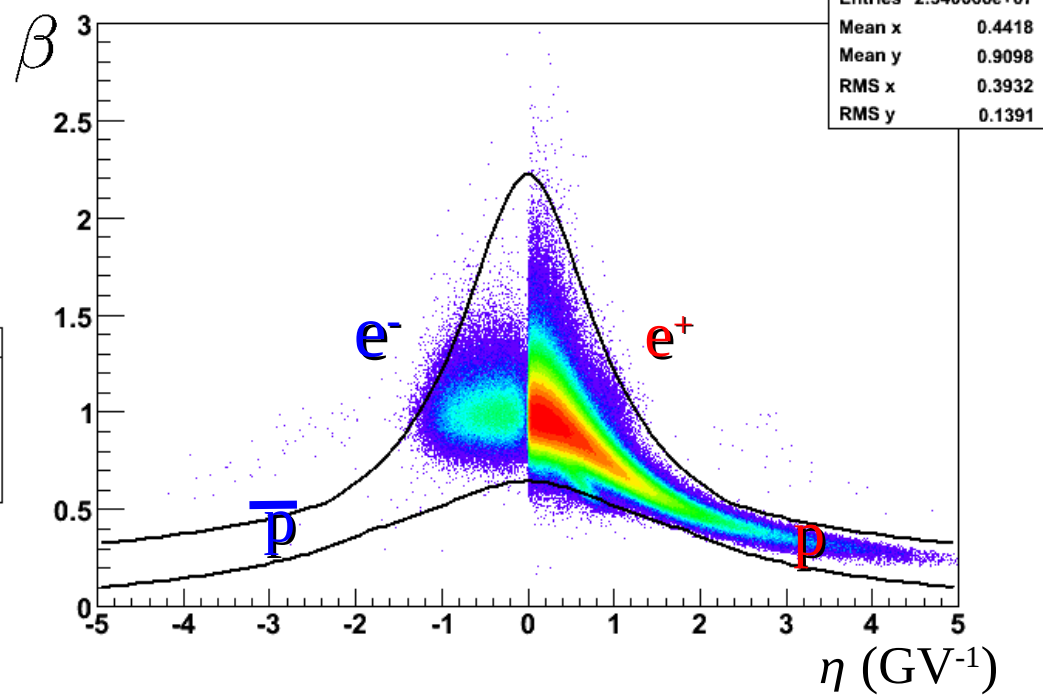
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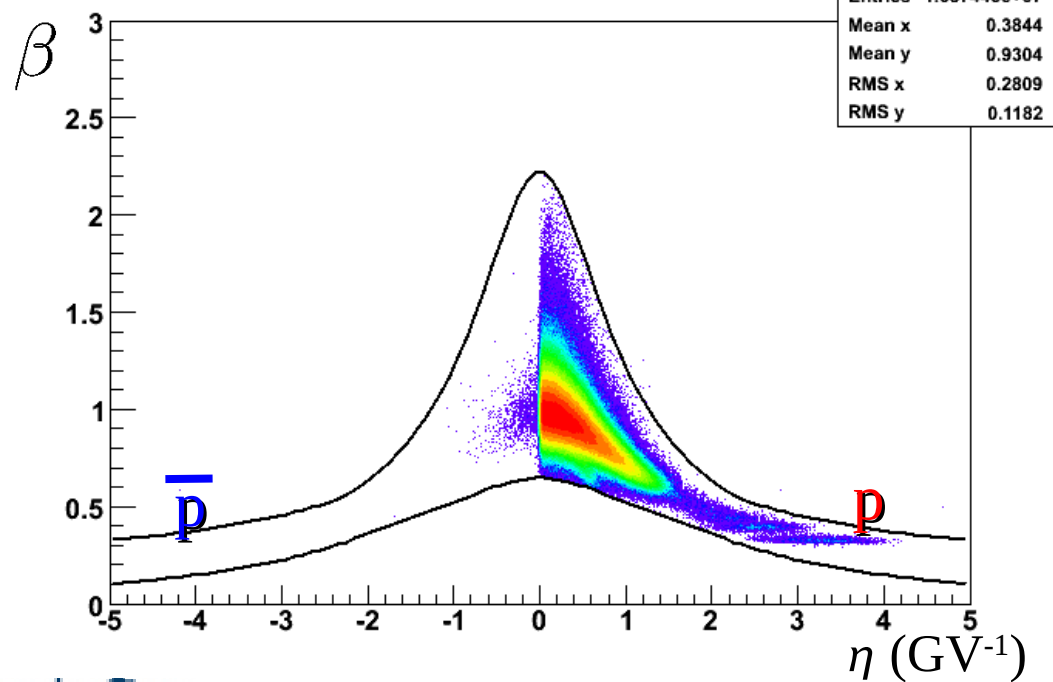
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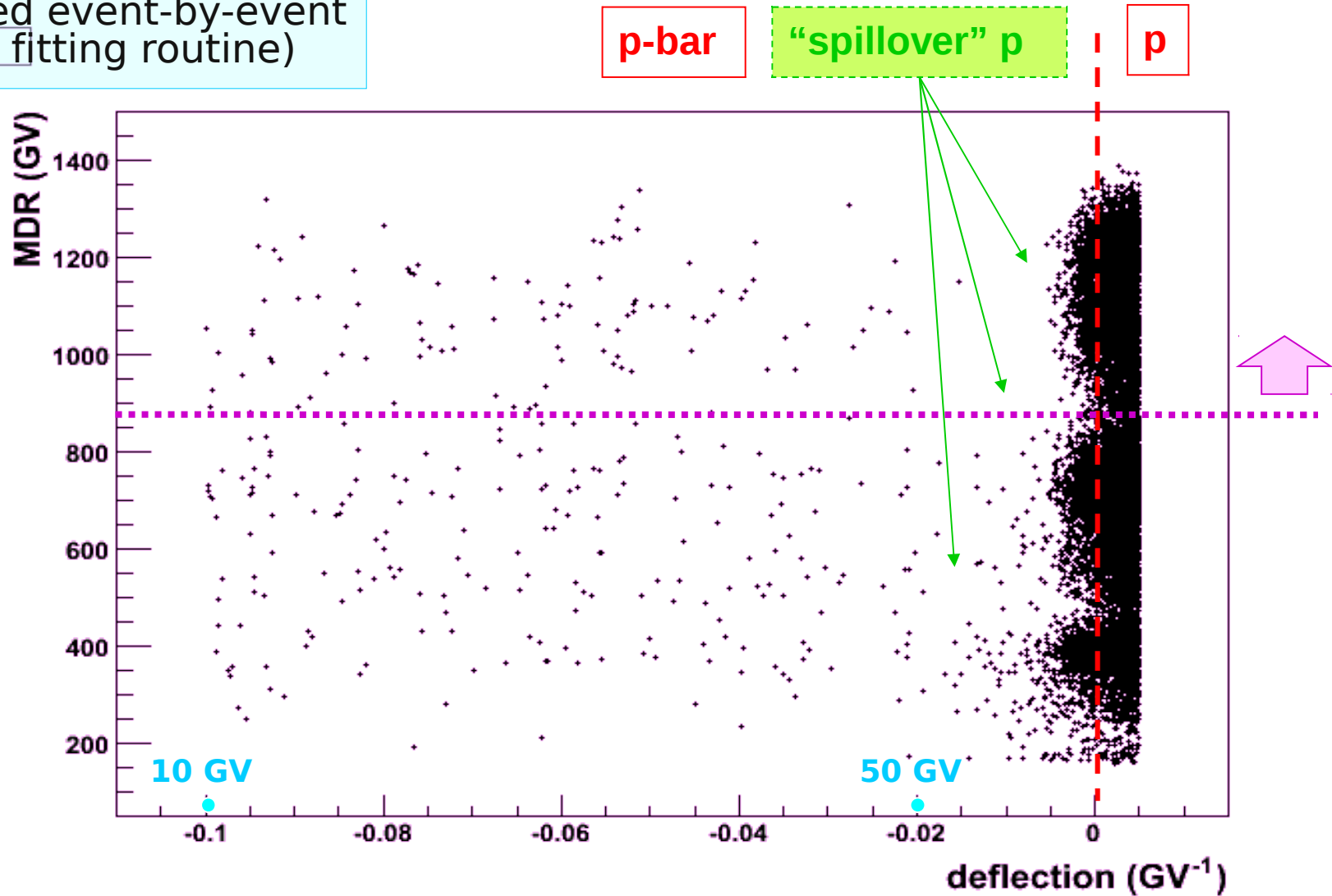
beta vs deflection -- after Z1&&BETA sel -- no electrons



Calorimeter selection

# Proton-spillover background

**MDR =  $1/\sigma_\eta$**   
(evaluated event-by-event  
by the fitting routine)



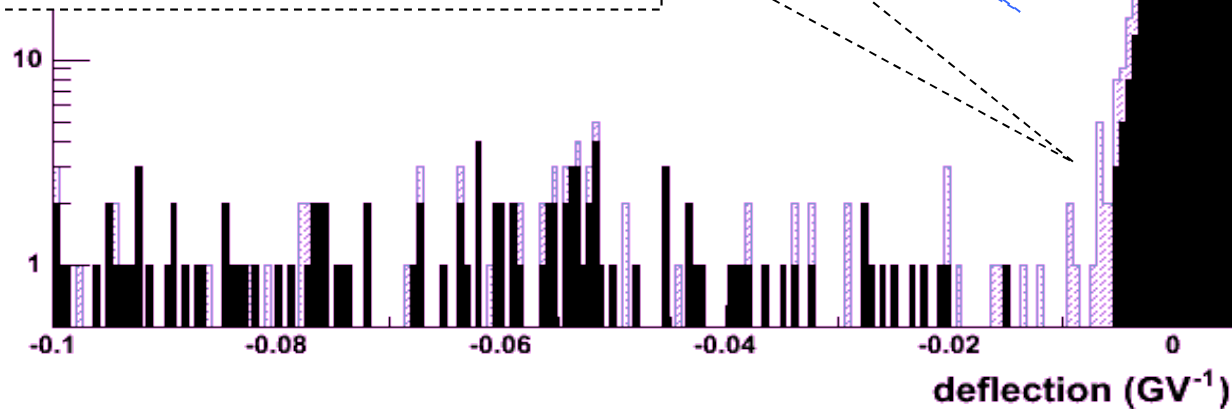
# Proton-spillover background

## Minimal track requirements

### Strong track requirements:

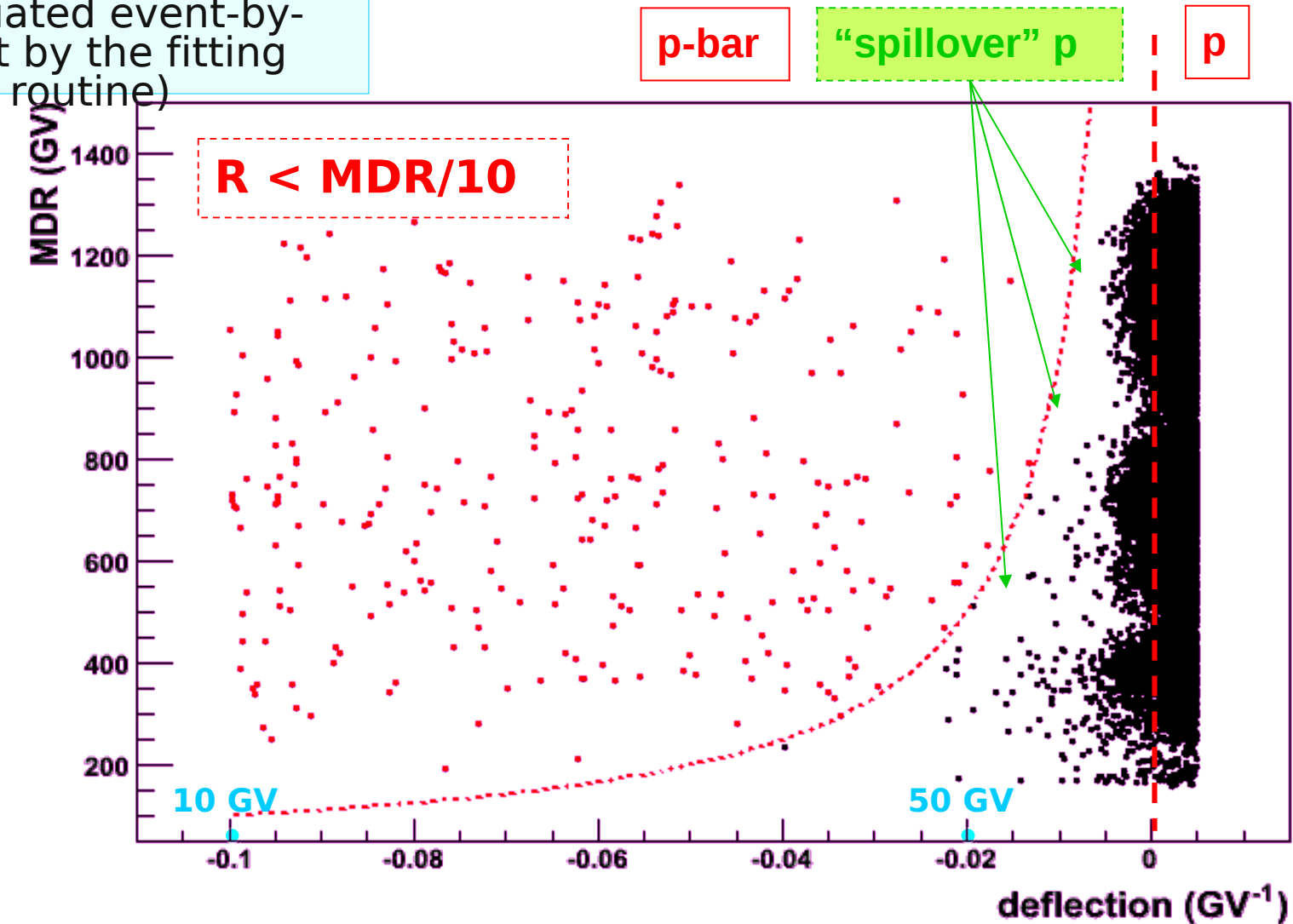
- strict constraints on  $\chi^2$  ( $\sim 75\%$  efficiency)
- rejected tracks with **low-resolution** clusters along the trajectory
  - faulty strips (high noise)
  - $\delta$ -rays (high signal and multiplicity)

MDR > 850 GV



# Proton-spillover background

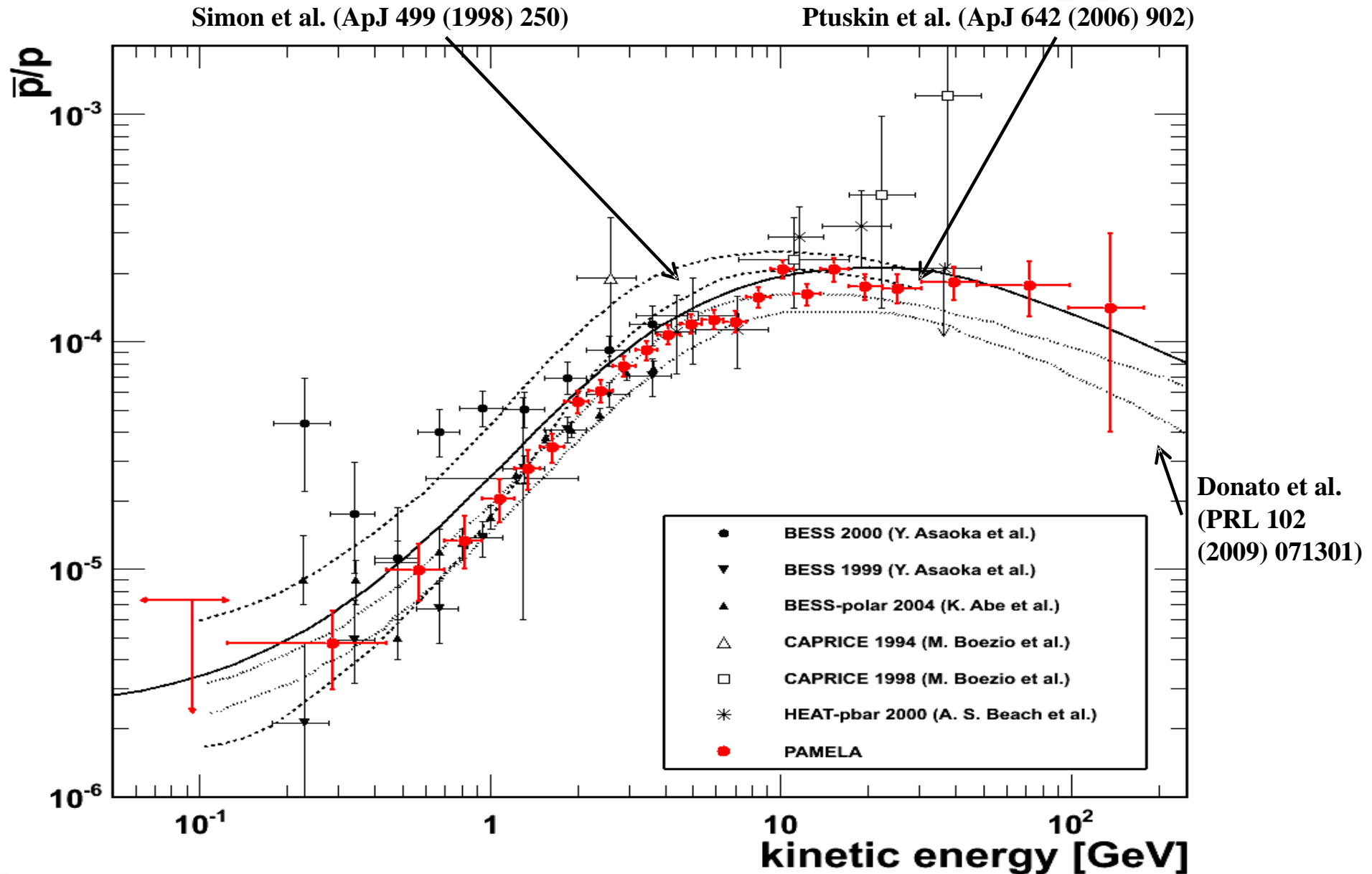
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# Antiproton to Proton Flux Ratio

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Adriani et al., PRL  
arXiv:1007.0821



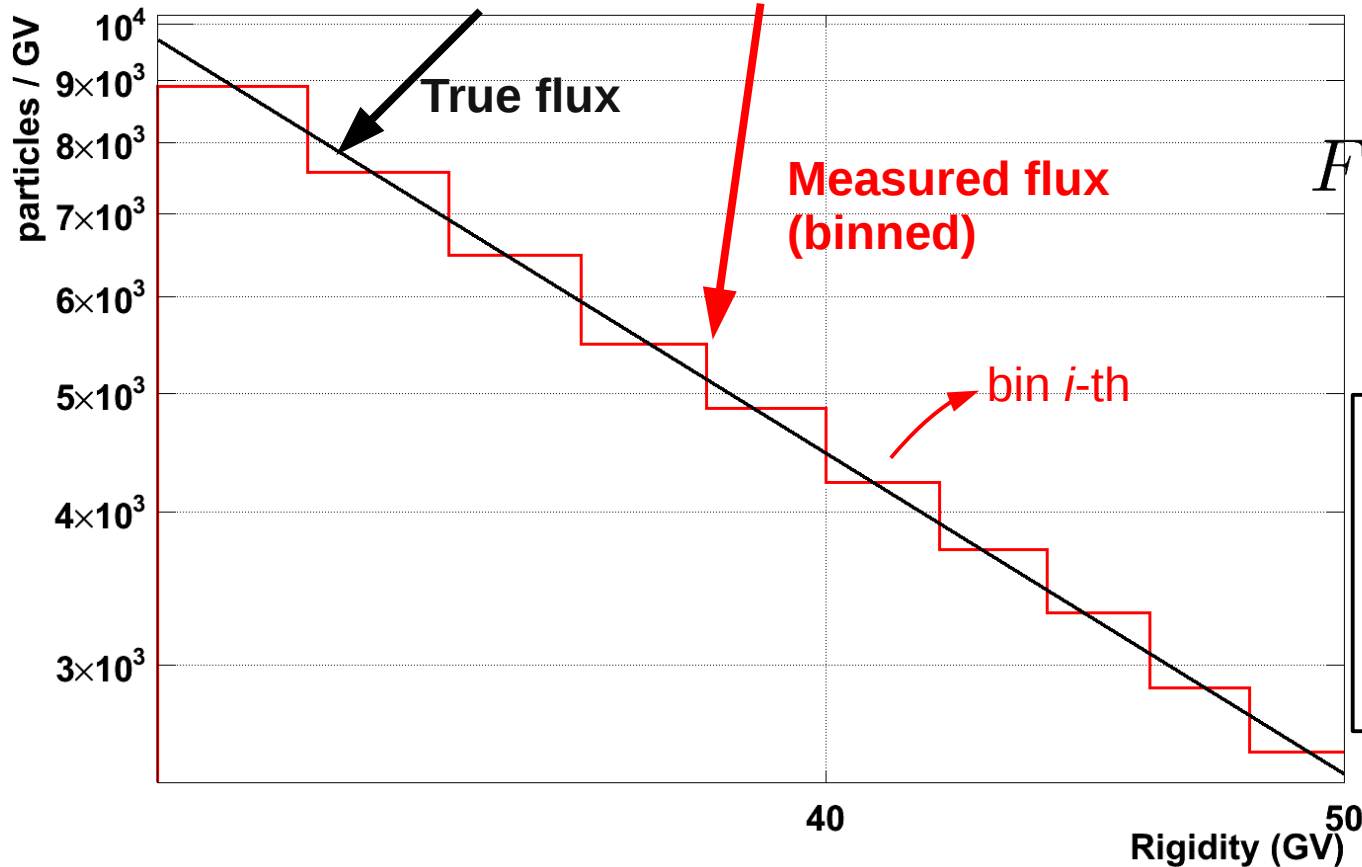
# Fluxes

# Differential flux

We define the flux in the rigidity interval  $i$ :

$$\frac{dN}{dR} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta R}$$

$$R_{min} < R \leq R_{max}$$



$$Flux_i = \frac{N_i}{G_i \Delta R_i LT_i \varepsilon_i}$$

→ The bin width  $\Delta R$  is arbitrary  
 A reasonable choice depends on:  
 → Resolution  
 → Statistic  
 Large binning kills spectral features.

Note:  
 in general, everything is  
 rigidity dependent

- $N_i$  = number of selected particles
- $G_i$  = geometrical factor
- $\Delta_i = R_{max} - R_{min}$
- $LT_i$  = live time
- $\varepsilon_i$  = selection efficiency

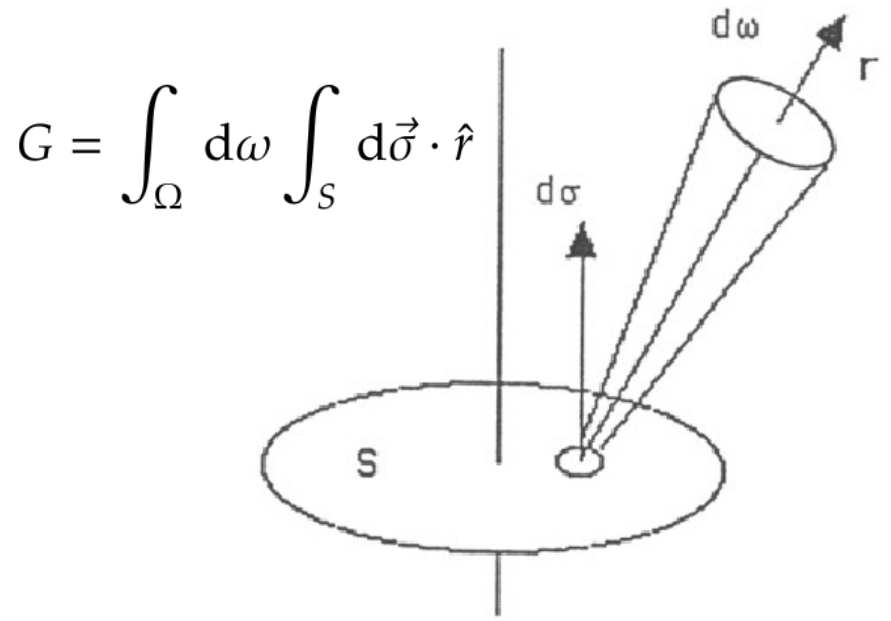
	unit
$N_i$	–
$G_i$	$cm^2 sr$
$\Delta_i$	$GV$
$LT_i$	s
$\varepsilon_i$	–

# **Fluxes**

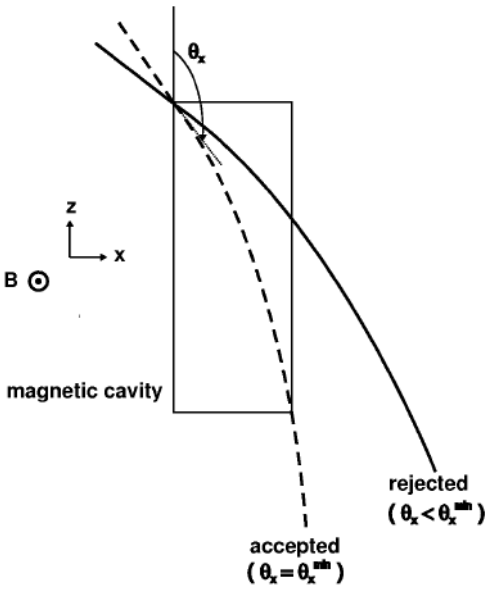
## Geometrical factor

$$Flux_i = \boxed{G_i} \frac{N_i}{\Delta_i LT_i \epsilon_i}$$

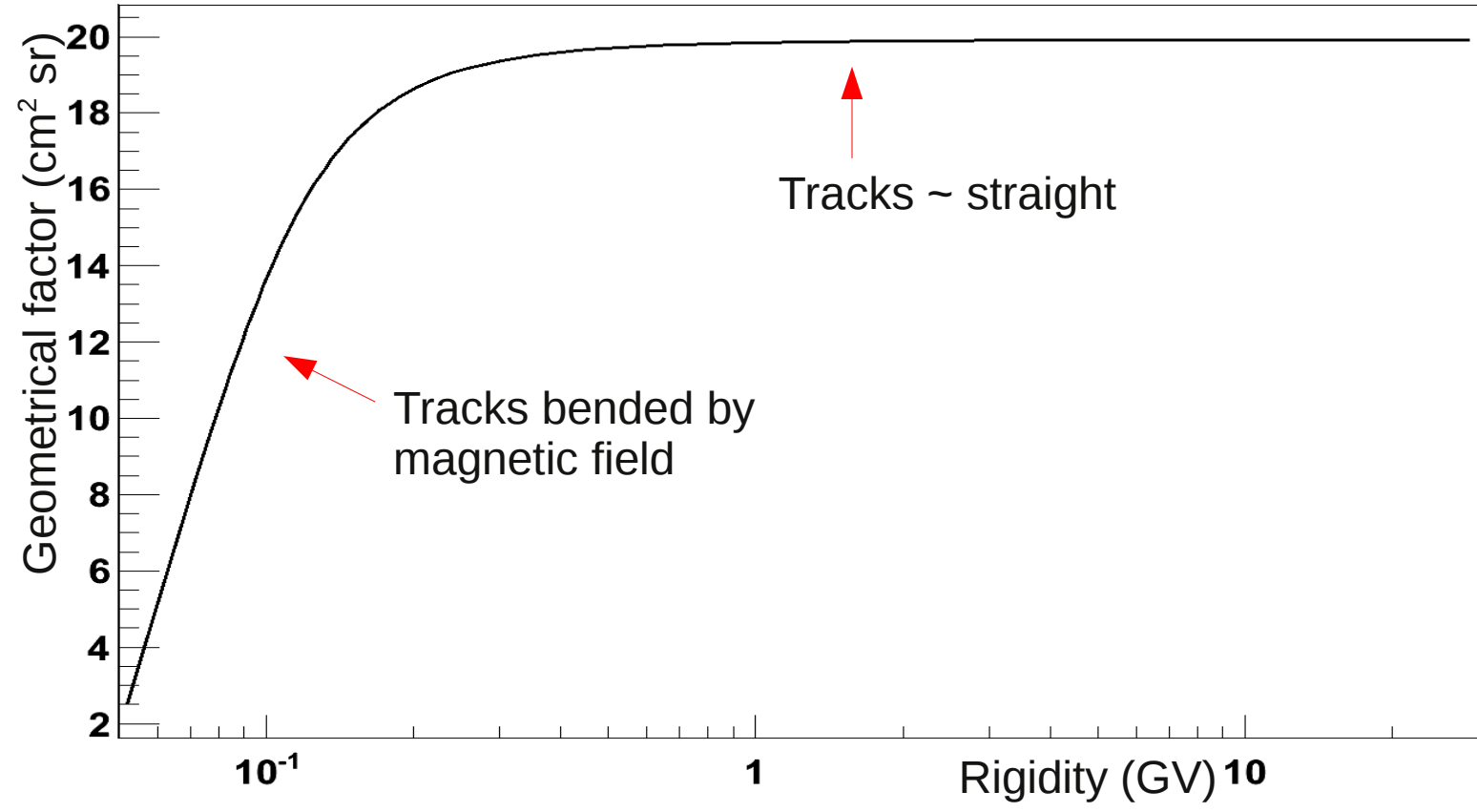
**Geometrical factor (cm<sup>2</sup> sr)**



J. D. Sullivan. NIM, 95, 1971.

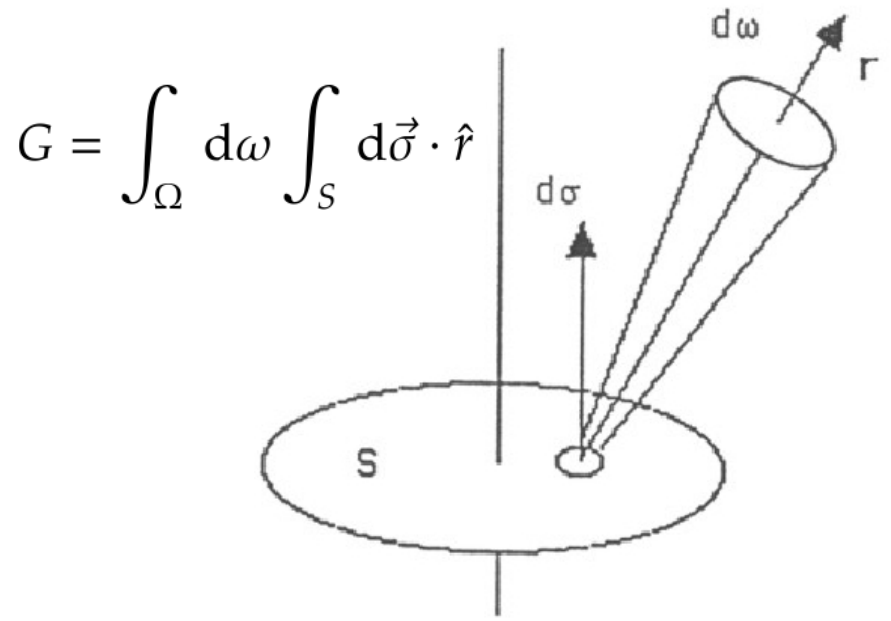


→ It is defined for an isotropic (galactic) flux

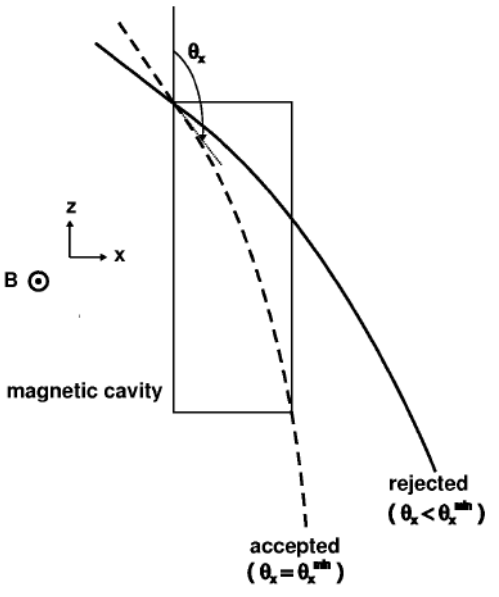


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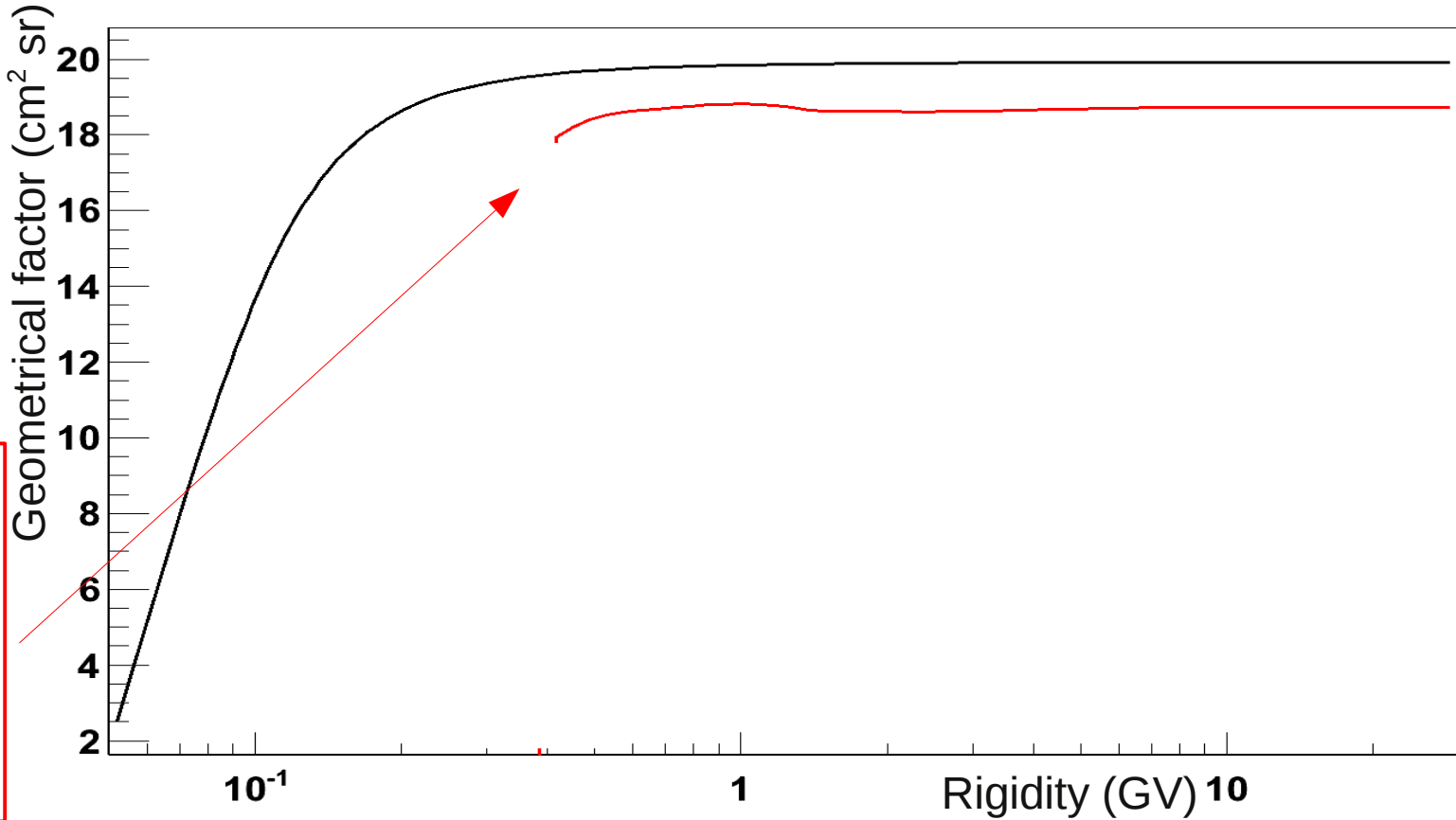
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The **physical** geometrical factor includes corrections for loss/gain for elastic scattering above the tracker, loss for inelastic scattering.



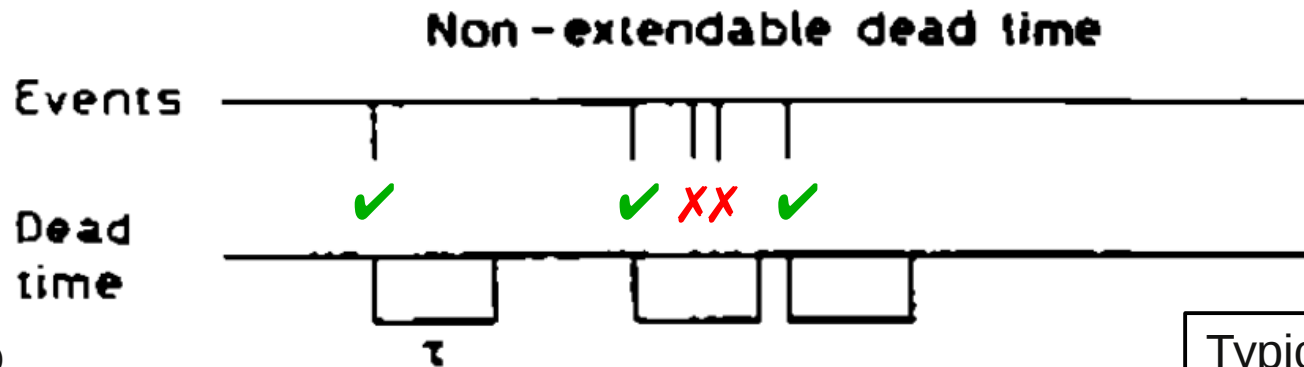
**Fluxes**  
Live Time

$$Flux_i = \frac{N_i}{G_i \Delta_i \boxed{LT_i} \epsilon_i}$$

↓

Live Time (s)

- We call **dead time** the time required by the apparatus to process and register each event.
- Each detector can keep the apparatus in “busy” state.
- In PAMELA the dead time is event-dependent.



Typical rate: 25 Hz  
Live time: 73% clock time

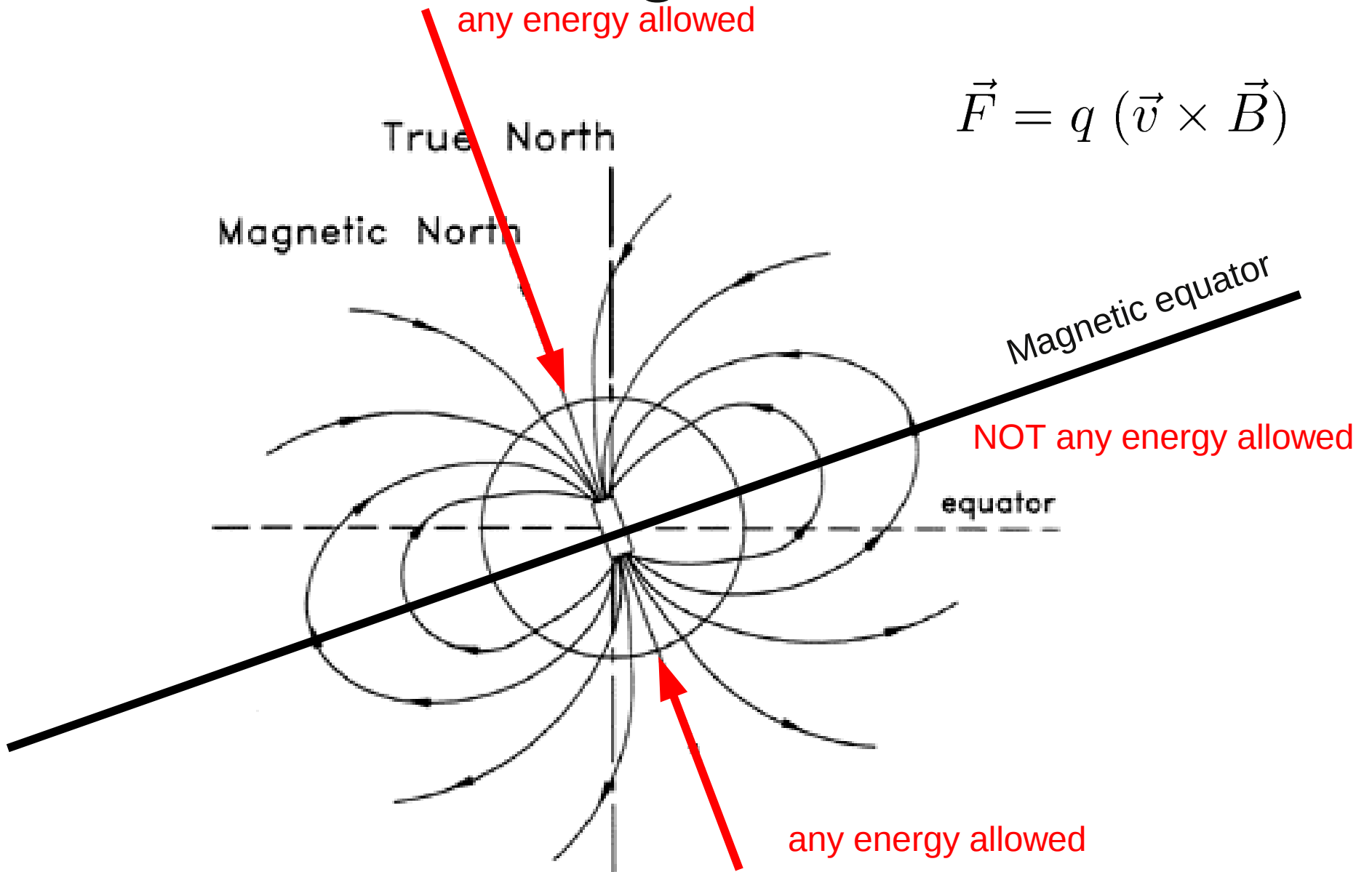
$$\text{clock time} = \text{dead time} + \text{live time}$$

In PAMELA, the trigger board counts the dead and the live time for each event.

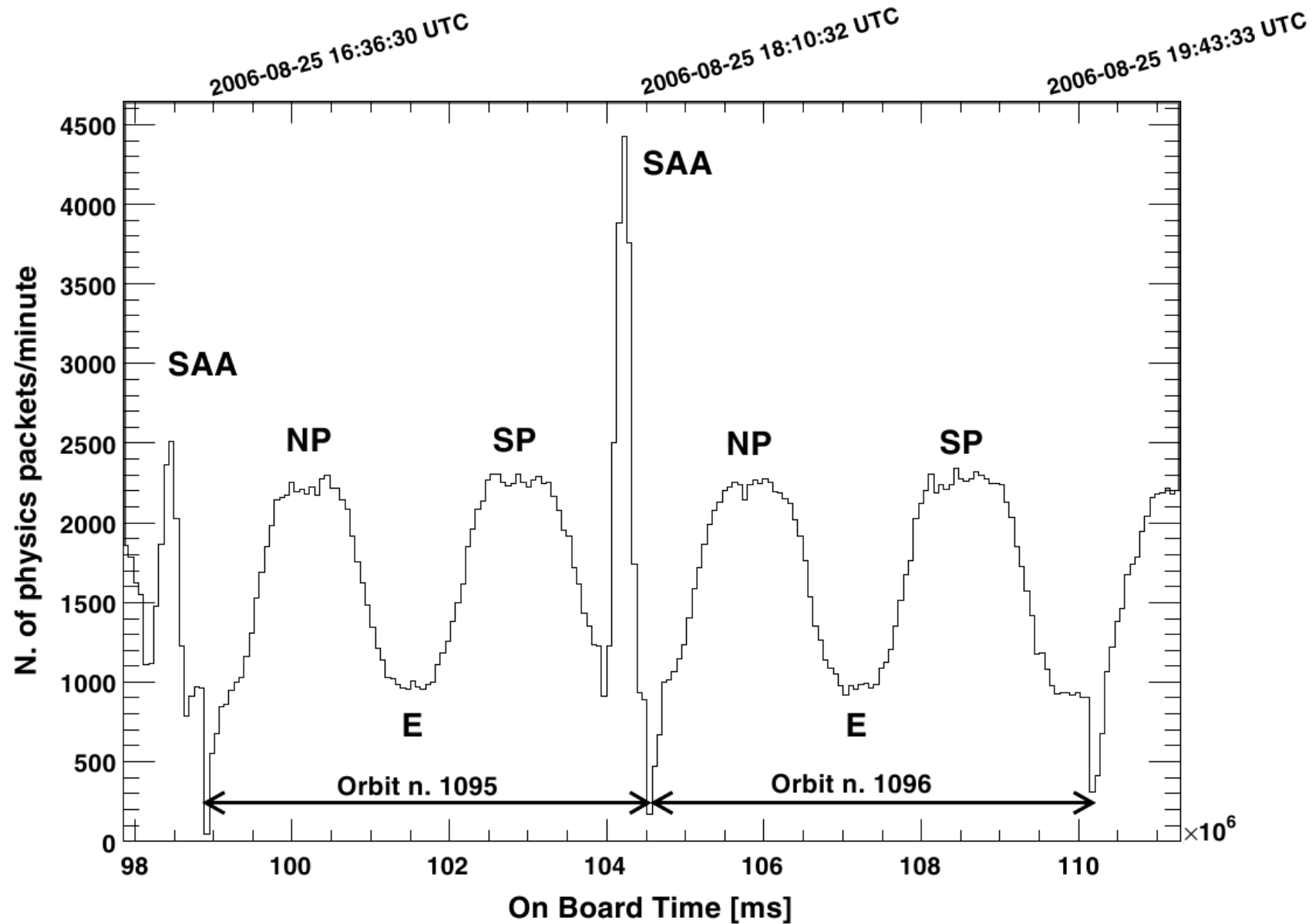
Because there is a **geomagnetic field**, the live time **LT** for **galactic particles** is not rigidity independent.



# CR trajectories in the Earth's magnetic field



# The orbit



# CR trajectories in the Earth's magnetic field

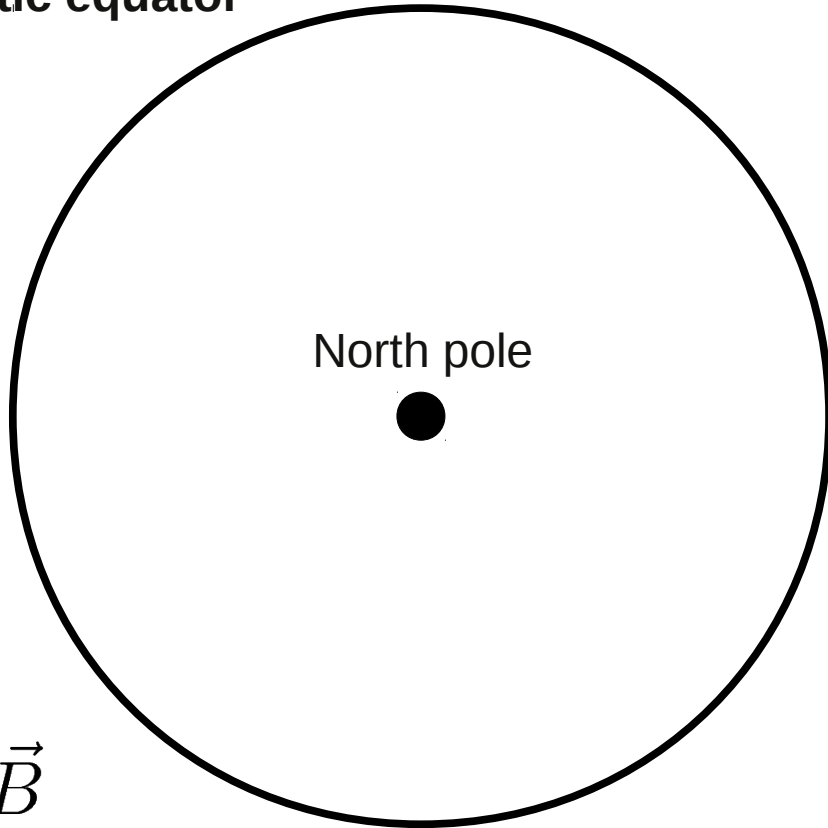
Magnetic equator

North pole

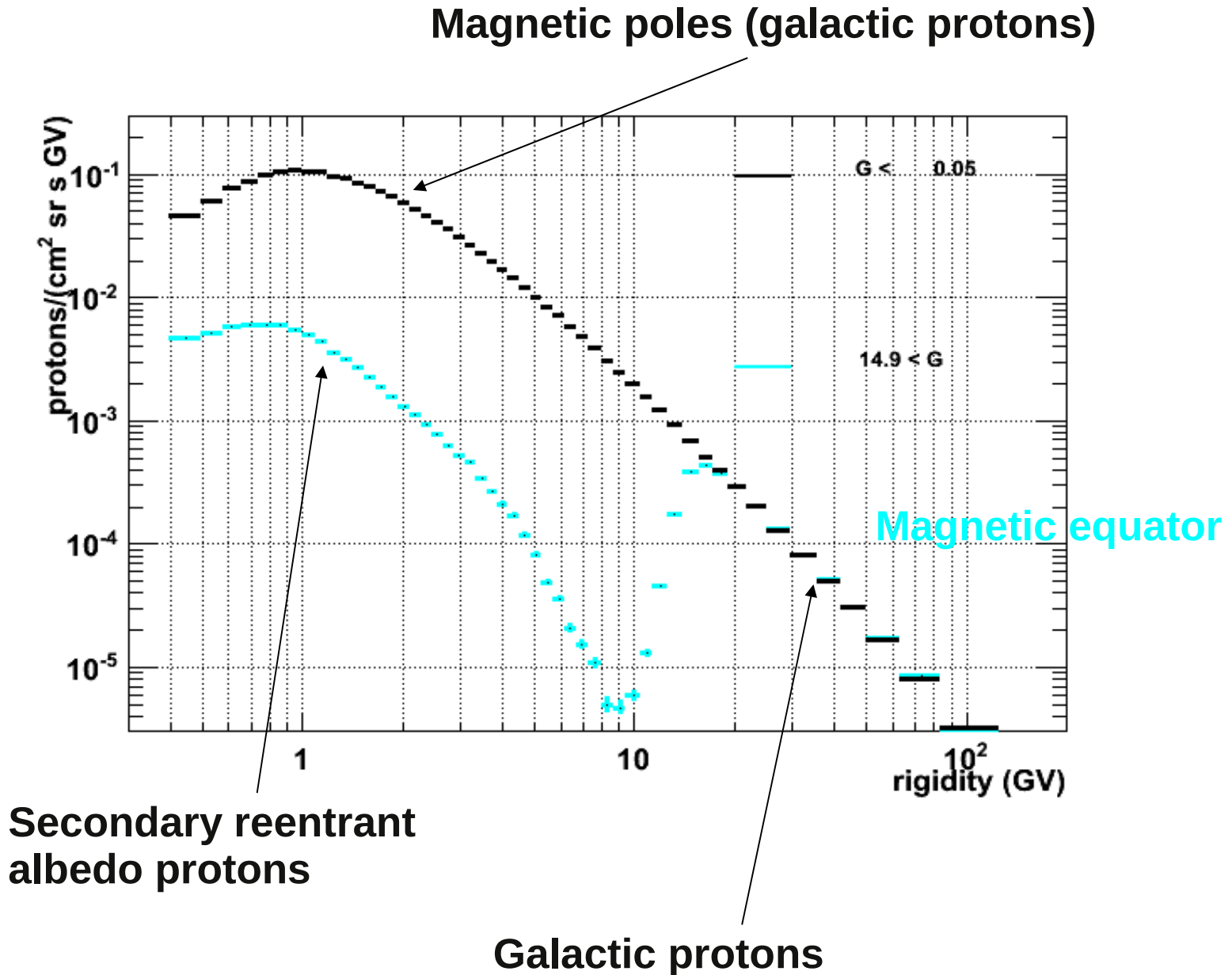
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Low energy  $\rightarrow$  forbidden

High energy  $\rightarrow$  allowed

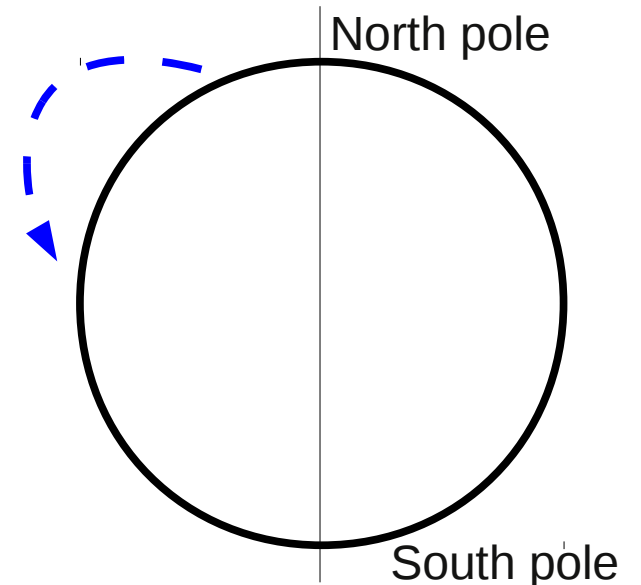
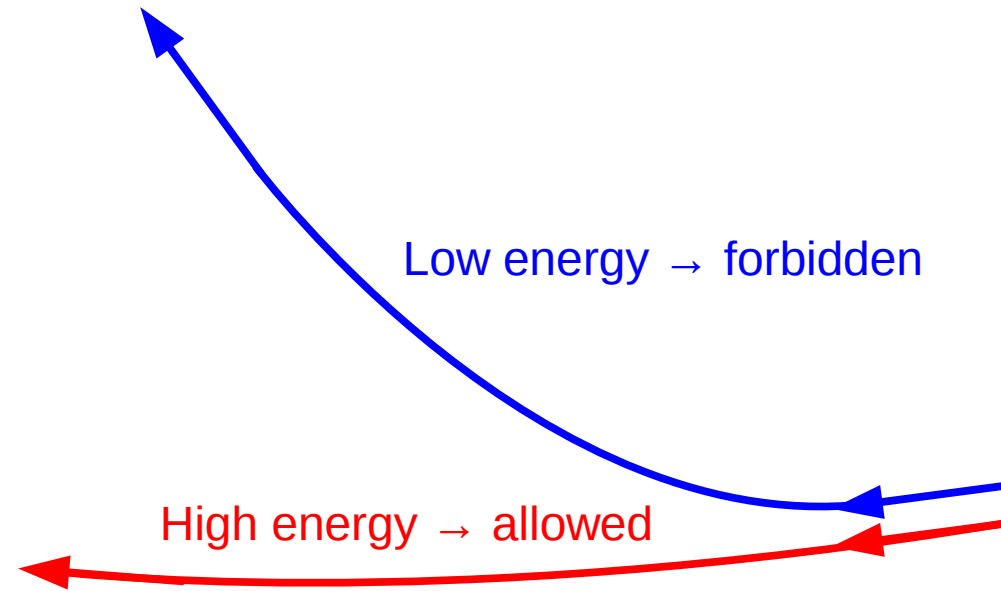
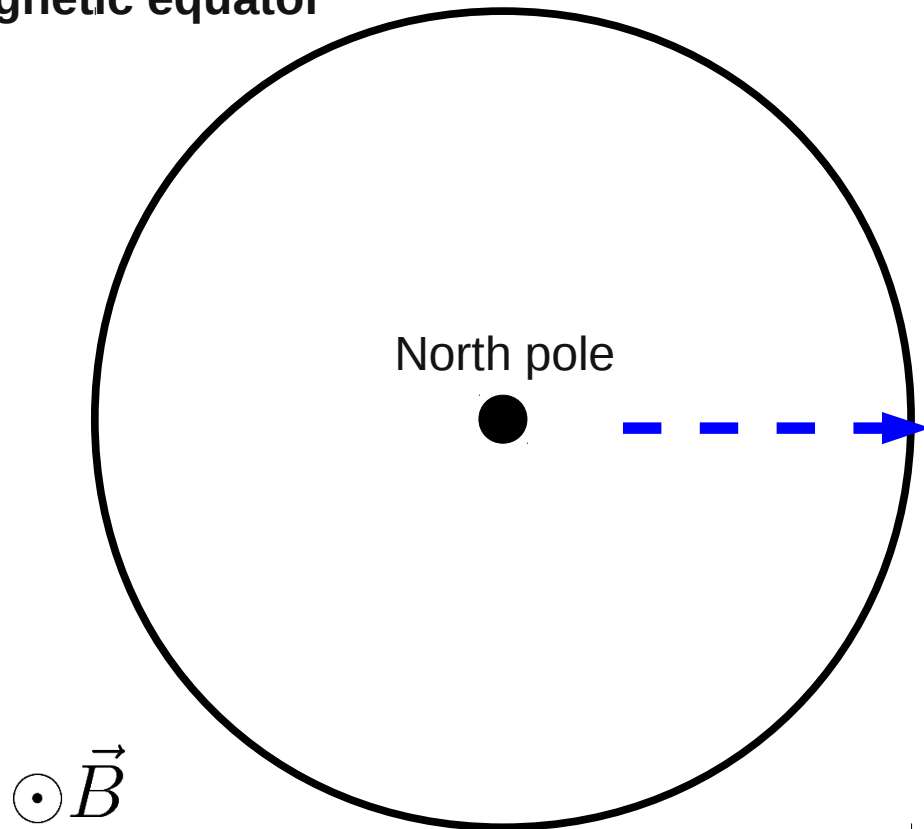


# Proton Flux at various cutoff



# CR trajectories in the Earth's magnetic field

Magnetic equator



The **cutoff rigidity  $R_c$**  in a given position and for a given direction of the incoming particle is the minimum rigidity that a galactic charged particle needs to reach that position from that direction.

In dipole approximation, the relation is analytical:

$$R_c(GV) = \frac{59.6 GV \cos^4 \lambda}{r^2 [1 + \sqrt{1 - \cos^3 \lambda \cos \epsilon \sin \zeta}]^2}$$

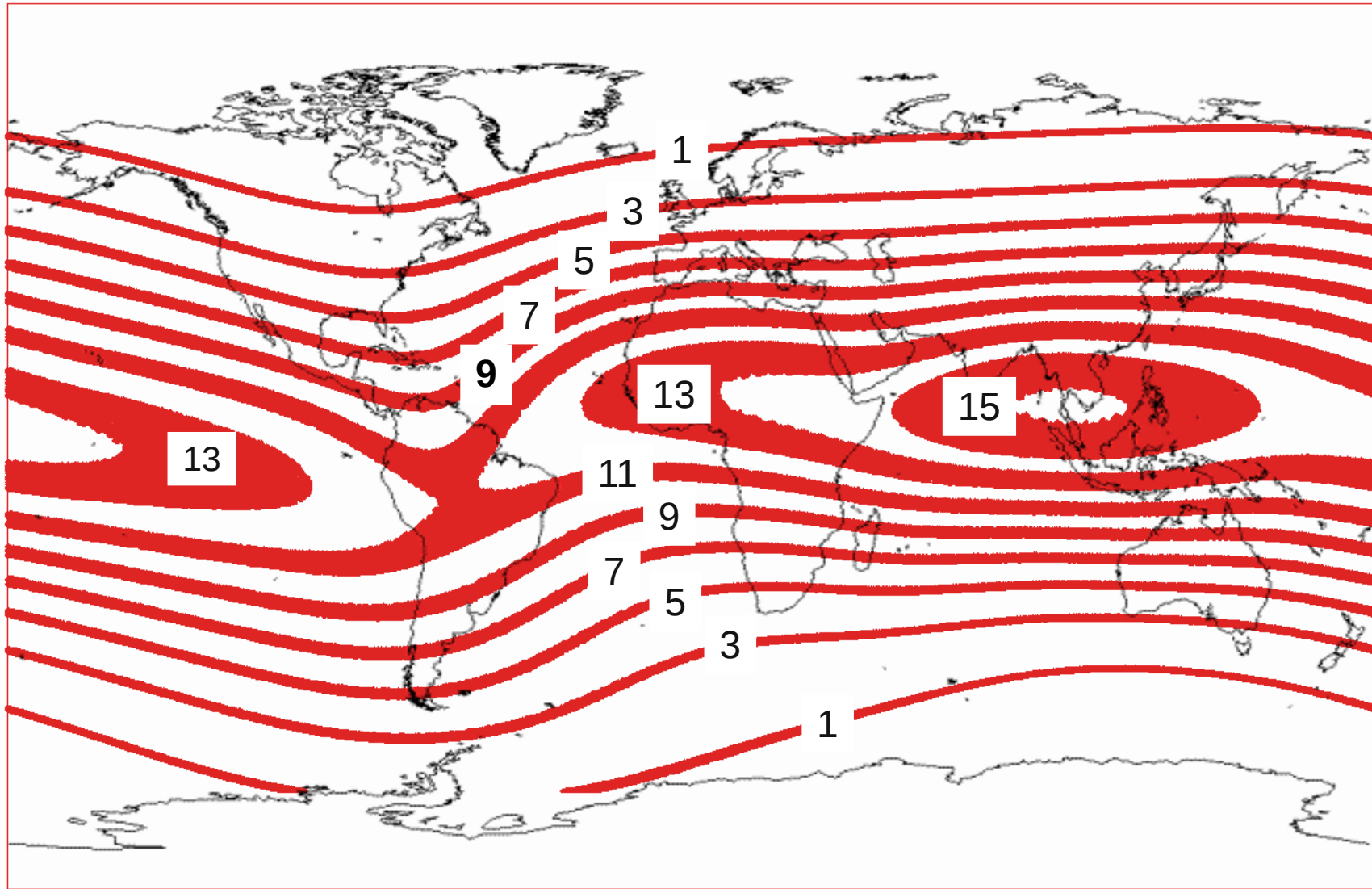
$\lambda =$ latitude	}	satellite position	}	
$r =$ radius in Earth radii		(magnetic coordinates)		
$\epsilon =$ zenithal angle of the particle	}	particle direction	}	
$\zeta =$ azimuthal angle of the particle (east = $0^\circ$ )		(local ref. frame)		

For vertically incoming particles:

$$\epsilon = 0^\circ \quad \implies \quad R_c(GV) = \frac{14.9 GV \cos^4 \lambda}{r^2}$$

# Isolines of cutoff rigidities

lat (deg)



Values in GV

lon (deg)

# Geomagnetic cut for galactic particles

For vertically incoming particle:

satellite position  $\rightarrow R_c$

To take into account a) non vertical particle, b) non-dipolarity of the magnetic field, we use:

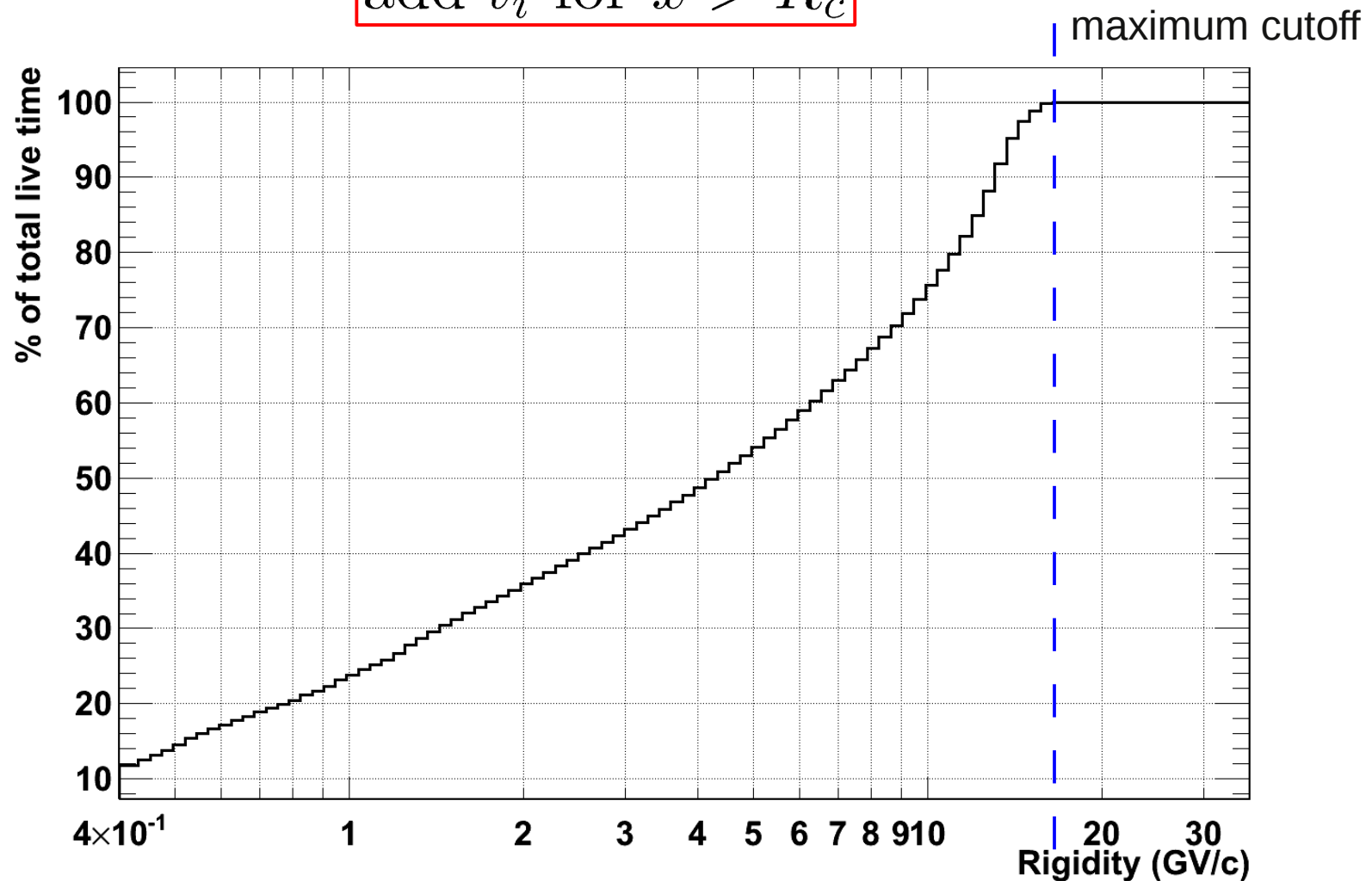
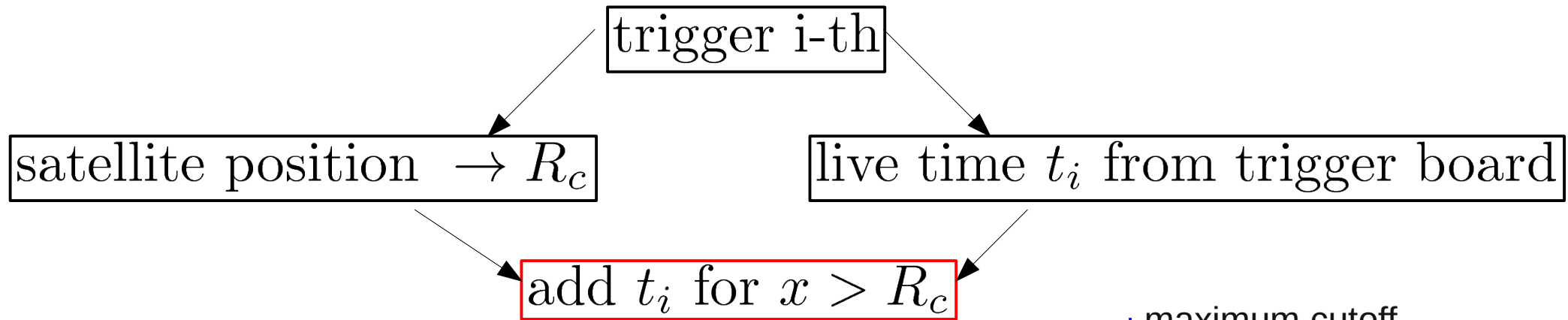
$$R > 1.3 \times R_c$$

Examples:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = 80^\circ \\ \textit{altitude} = 500\textit{km} \end{array} \right. \implies R_c \approx 12\textit{MV} \implies \begin{array}{l} \text{Events are accepted if:} \\ R > 16\textit{MV} \\ \text{(below PAMELA acceptance!)} \end{array}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = 60^\circ \\ \textit{altitude} = 500\textit{km} \end{array} \right. \implies R_c \approx 800\textit{MV} \implies \begin{array}{l} \text{Events are accepted if:} \\ R > 1050\textit{MV} \end{array}$$



# Live time for galactic fluxes



# **Fluxes**

## Efficiencies

**Efficiency of the selection S:** fraction of events selected by S on a sample of good (not background) events

$$\varepsilon_S = \frac{N_S^{good}}{N^{good}}$$

**Efficiency sample**  
Must be **unbiased** from S !

Efficiency samples can be obtained by:

- Simulations
- Test beams
- Flight data

Each method has issues:

- In-flight conditions might vary with time, bringing to time-dependent efficiencies (launch);
- Simulation cannot reproduce everything;
- Beam test data are not isotropic

The total efficiency is the combination of the efficiencies of every selection cut used:

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{TRIGGER} \times \varepsilon_{TRK} \times \varepsilon_{TOF+ANTI} \times \varepsilon_{dE/dx} \times \varepsilon_{MDR}$$

- Each efficiency sample must be representative of the flux sample.
- All the terms of this product must be uncorrelated to each other. High risk to count an efficiency more than once.
- Each term groups together correlated cuts.

Additional steps:

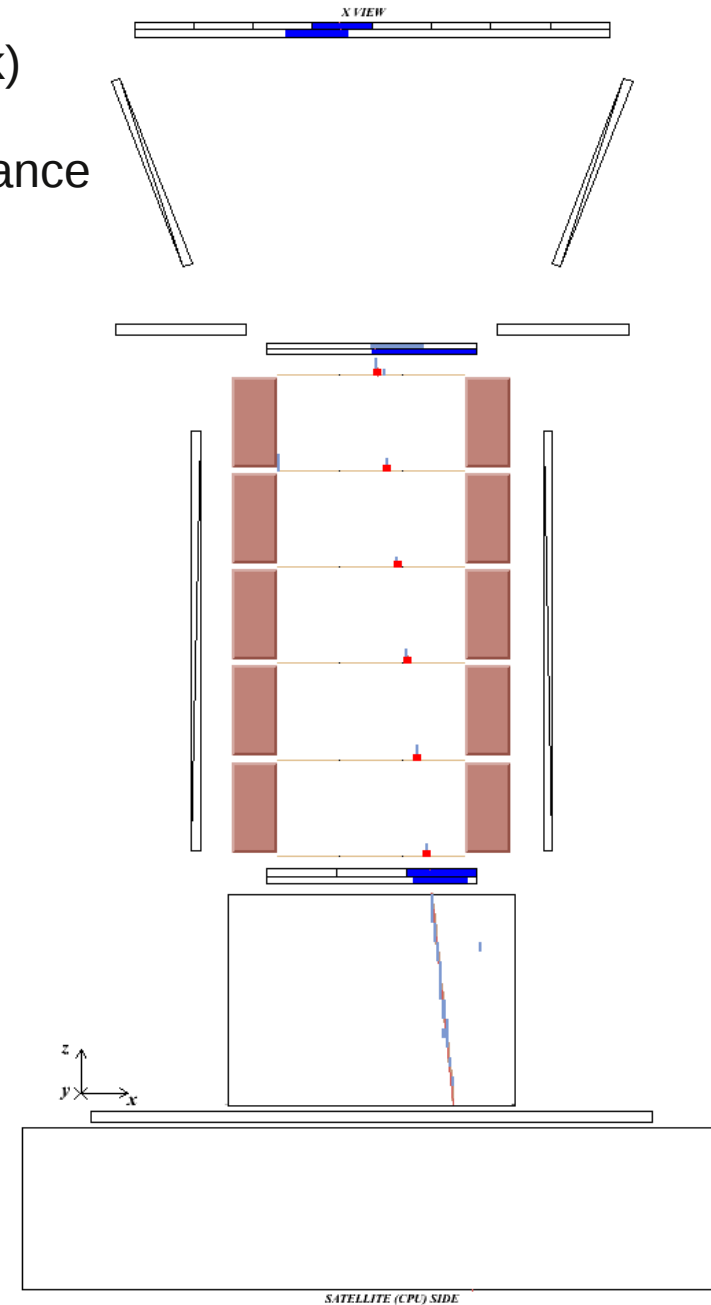
- consider time dependence of the efficiencies;
- consider contaminations in the flux and efficiency samples;
- estimate systematics.

# Tracker efficiency

Study: efficiency of the fitting algorithm (there is one fitted track)

Efficiency sample: **primary** downward-going protons in acceptance

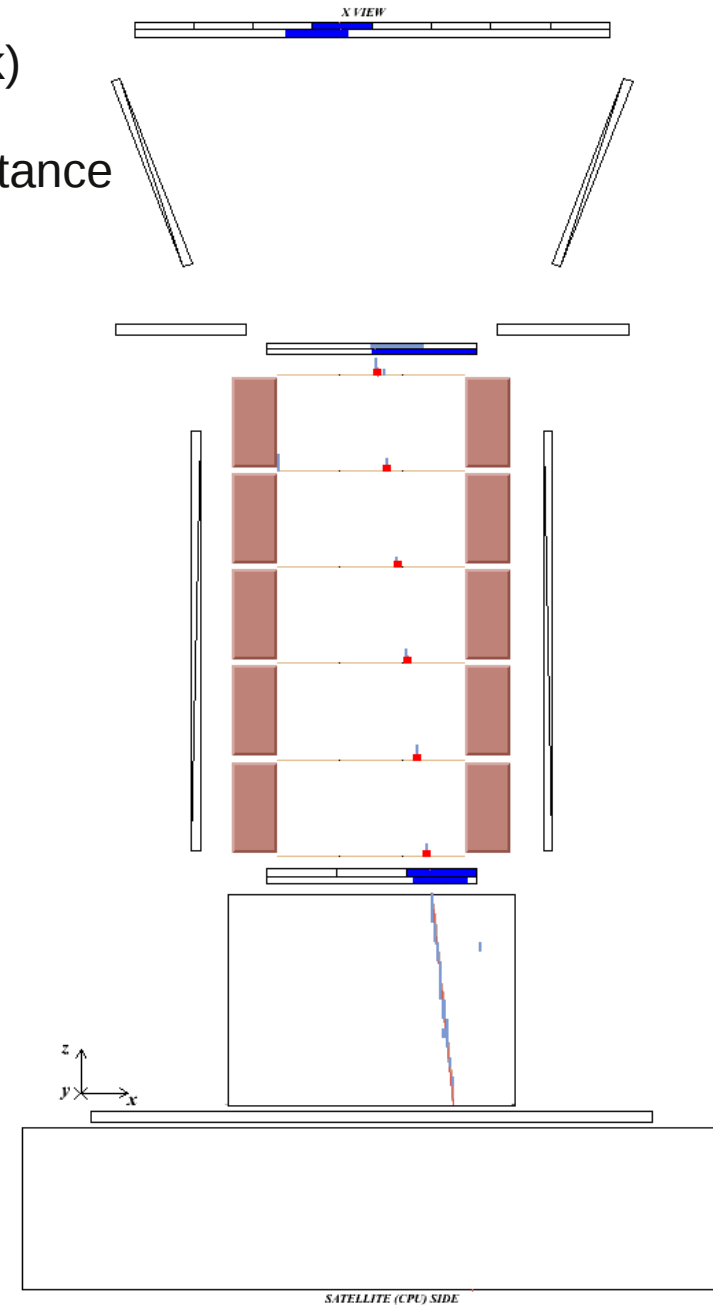
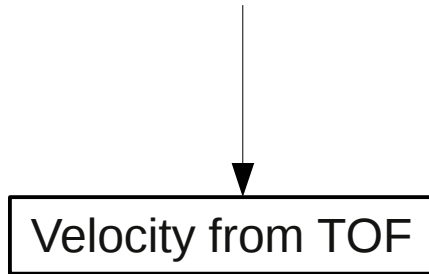
Clean TOF and anticoincidence pattern



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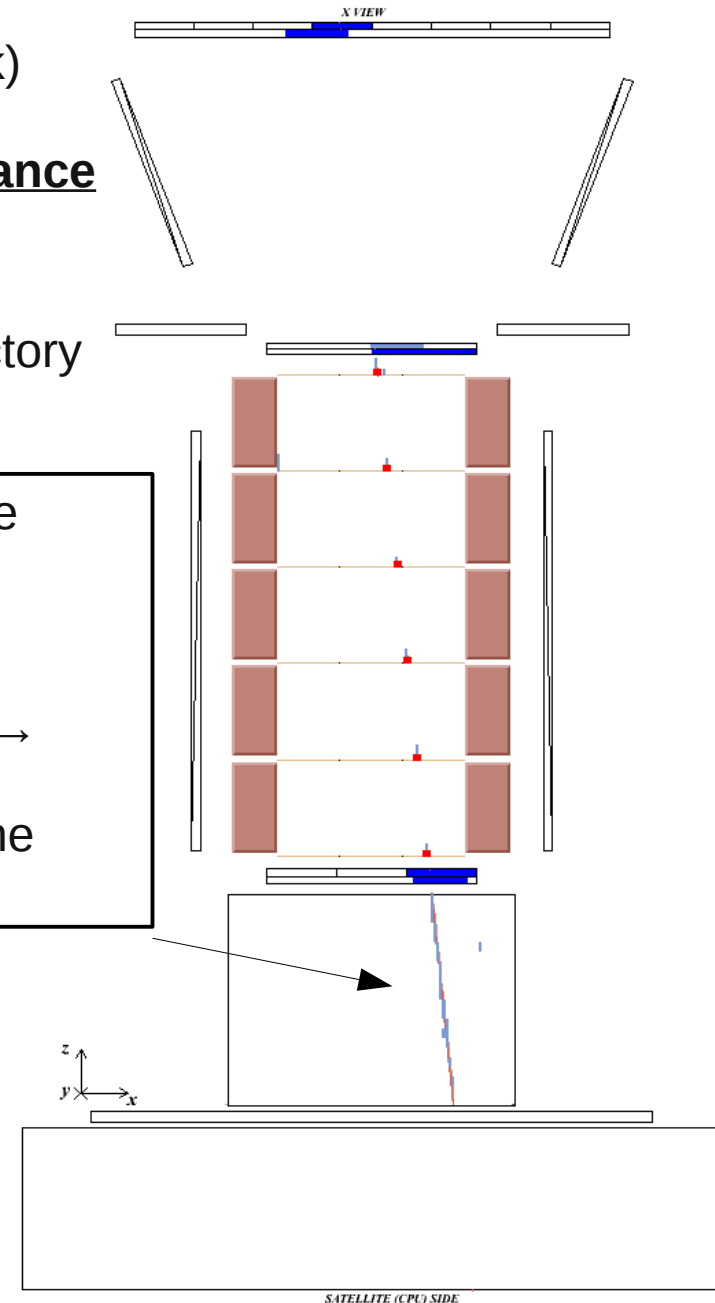
How? We need an independent reliable tool to check the trajectory

The **calorimeter** (44 silicon planes) provides a track that can be extrapolated up to S1. Requirements:

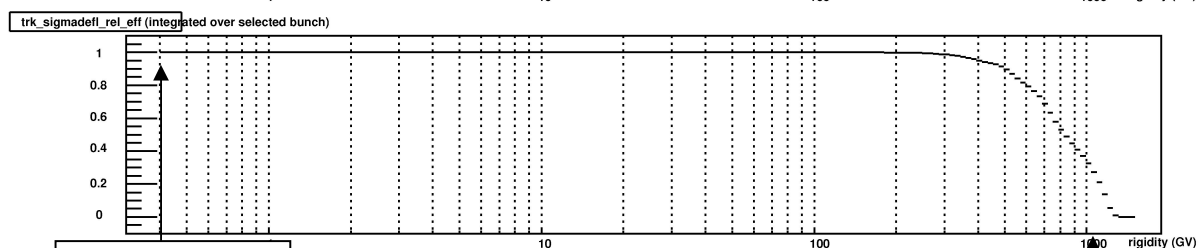
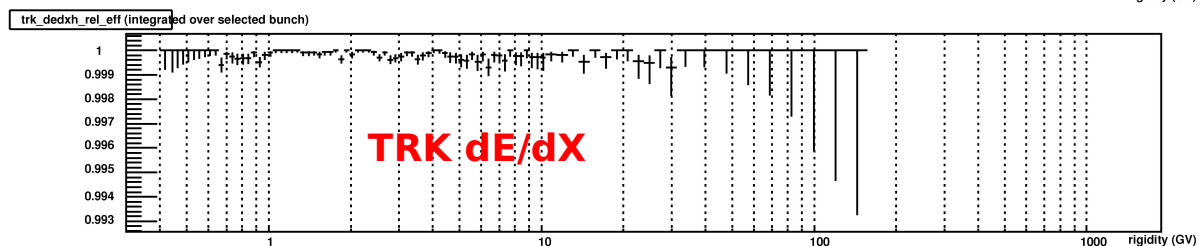
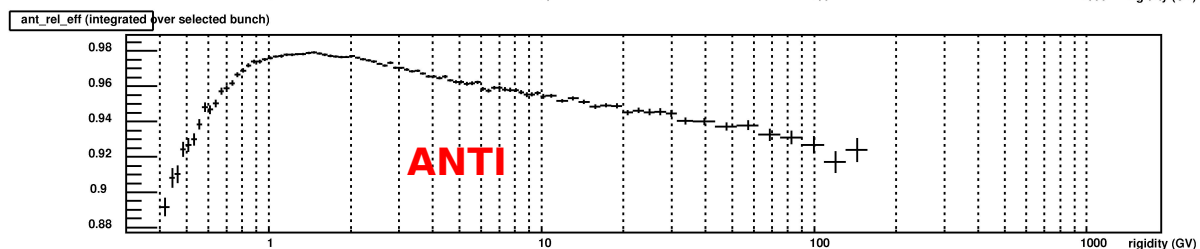
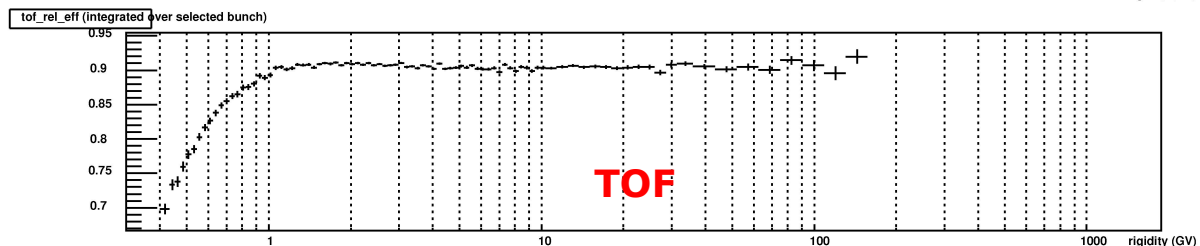
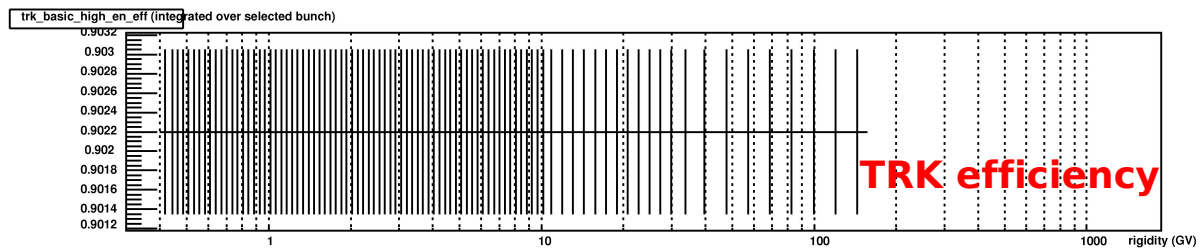
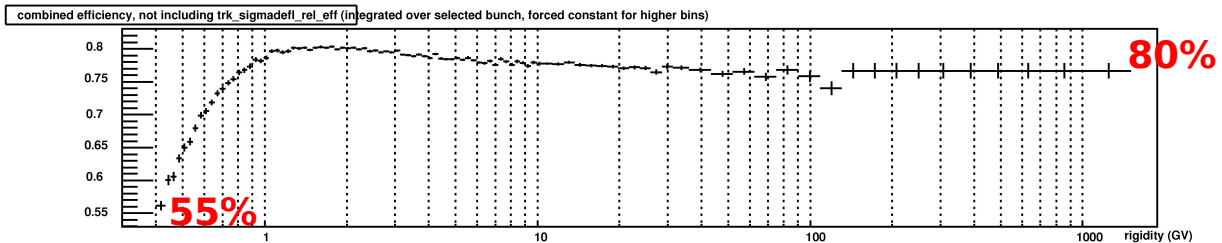
- 1) Energy release compatible with a proton.
- 2) Not interacting.
- 3) Crossing all the calorimeter (this select high energy protons → straight tracks → linear extrapolation possible).
- 4) Low resolution (in comparison with the tracker): safe cut at the edges of the acceptance planes is needed.

Drawback: no rigidity information. But the efficiency is ~ flat (small correction with simulation).

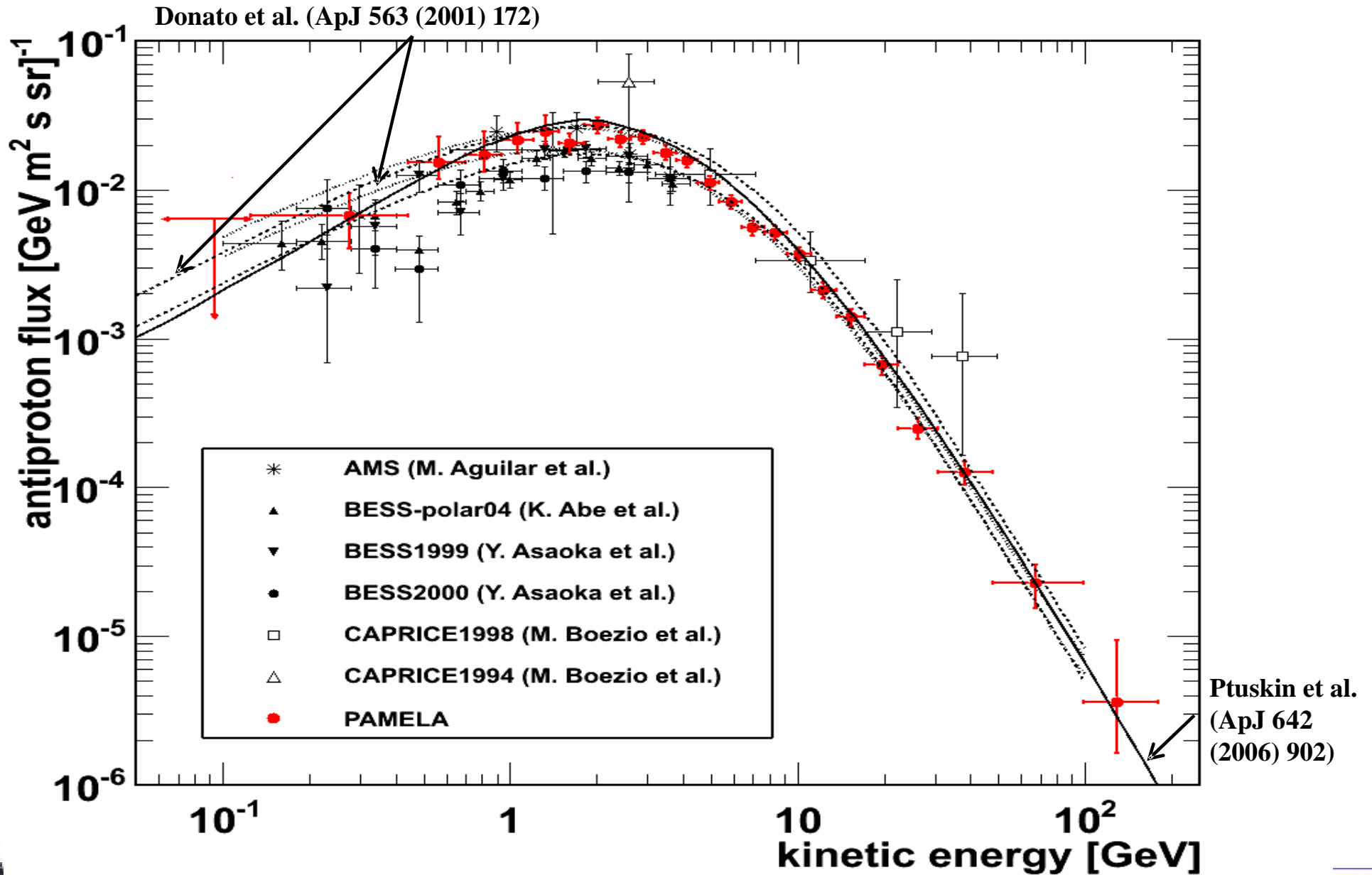
At **low energy** (< 1 GV): the TOF provides topology velocity (→ momentum if select protons)



# Combined efficiency



# Antiproton Spectrum





Thanks!