

# HEAT Antimatter Measurements

has a dark matter signature been observed?

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## Galactic Cosmic Rays

- Primary  $p$ ,  $e^-$  produced at CR acceleration sites (e.g. supernova shocks);
- Secondary CRs produced in the ISM
- Secondary component includes antimatter particles
- “unusual” sources of  $p\bar{p}$ ,  $e^\pm$  ?
  - Annihilating dark matter WIMPs (e.g. neutralinos);
  - $\gamma \rightarrow e^\pm$  near pulsar magnetic poles;
  - CR nuclei + Giant Molecular Cloud  $\rightarrow e^\pm$  + reacceleration;
  - Evaporating primordial black holes.

[for a recent review see: Tarlé & Schubnell, Space Science Reviews, v. 99, p. 95-104 (2001).]

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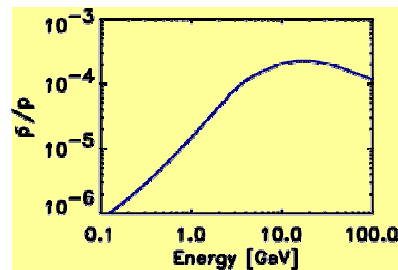
# Antiprotons

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$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + p + \bar{p}$$

- Progenitors are mainly protons & production threshold relatively high  
→ probe the primary nucleon component and CR propagation.
- Measurements are difficult ( $\bar{p}/p < 10^{-4}$  and  $\bar{p}/e^- \sim 10^{-3}$  @ few GeV)  
→ excellent particle ID for background discrimination required
- Good understanding of galactic secondary antiproton spectrum required to detect possible signatures for antiprotons from WIMP annihilation.
- $E_{\text{th}} = 7 \text{ GeV}$ , few antiprotons with kinetic energies  $< 1 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Solar modulation smoothes kinematic cutoff (inside heliosphere)
- IF antiprotons are produced purely as secondaries, antiproton/proton ratio should decrease at high energies.

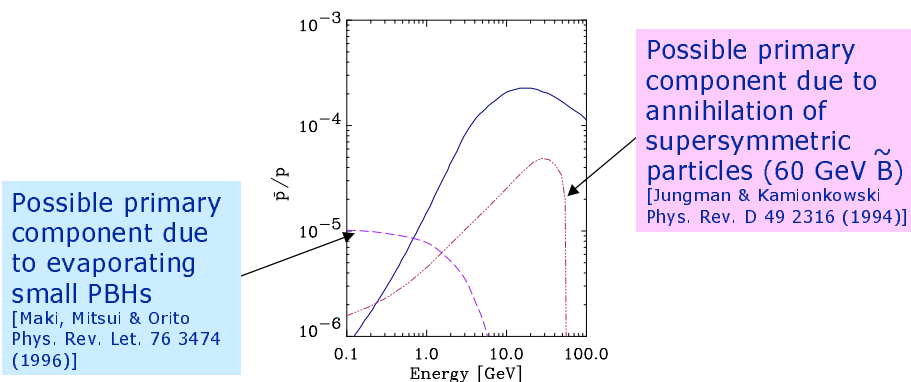


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## Primary Antiprotons

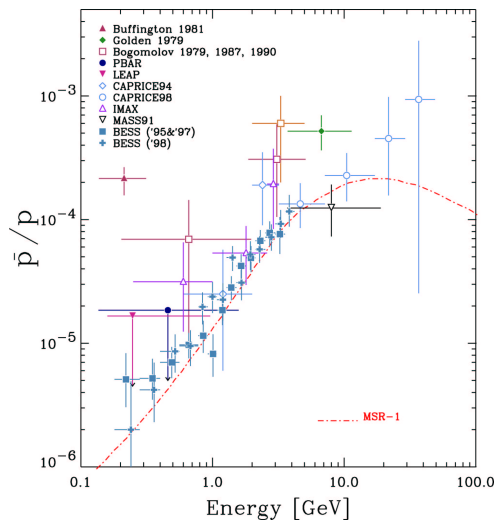
Are there primary sources of antiprotons in our Galaxy?  
(astrophysical sources, dark matter annihilation, Primordial black hole evaporation ... )



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## Antiproton Results [before 2000]



Most observations below 5 GeV.

$E < 5$  GeV: BESS measures  $\bar{p}/p$  consistent with purely sec. production through repeated balloon flights.

$E > 5$  GeV: Low statistics; Measurements inconclusive.

Difficult to detect WIMP signal due to uncertainty in interstellar reference spectra and solar modulation.

Does  $\bar{p}/p$  continue to rise at high energy (CAPRICE)?

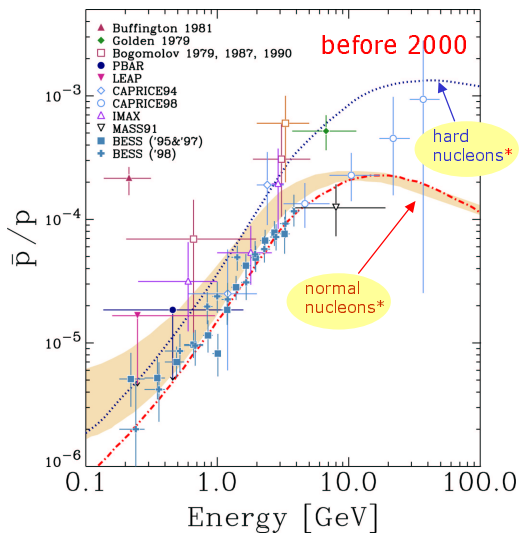
High statistics measurements needed in the region 5-50 GeV.

[for a recent review see: Tarlé & Schubnell, Space Science Reviews, v. 99, p. 95-104 (2001).]

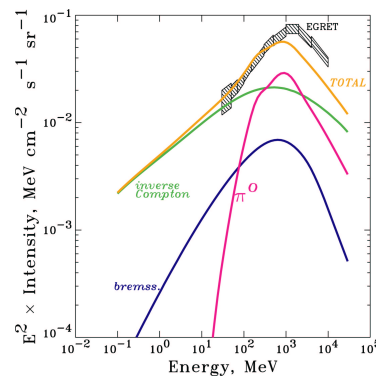
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Positrons and antiprotons probe the structure of the ISM and the primary nucleon component.



Diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray flux of inner Galaxy measured by EGRET.  
[Strong & Mattox A&A 308, 1996]

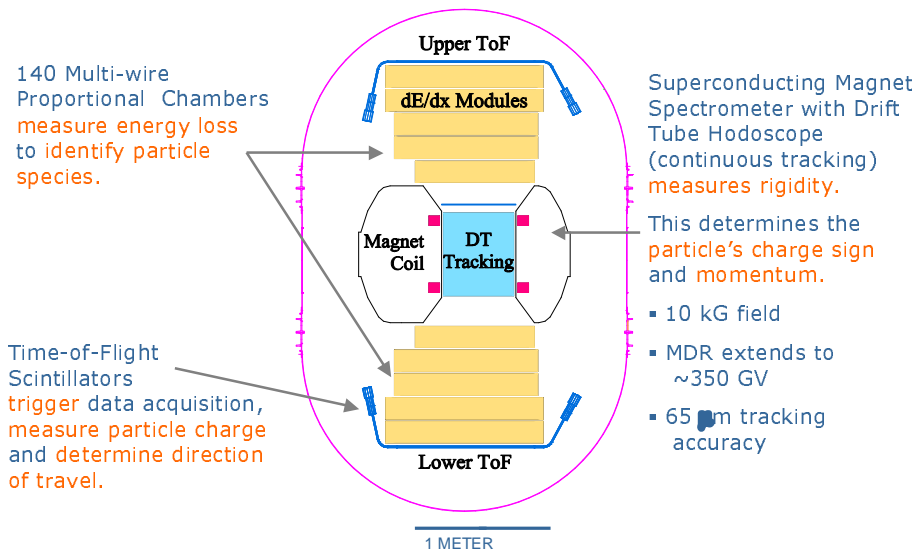


\* [Moskalenko, Strong, Reimer, A&A 338, 1998]

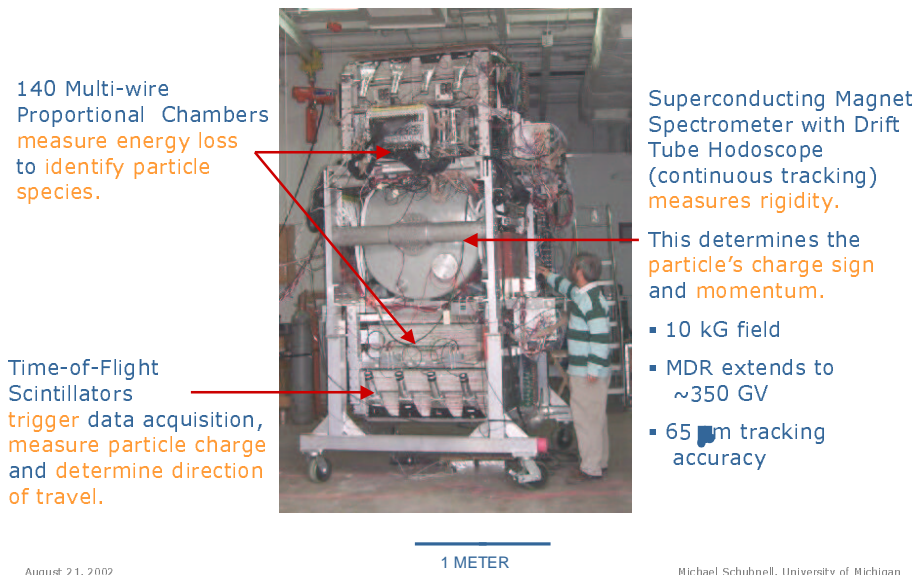
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Balloon borne HEAT-pbar experiment utilizes multiple energy loss measurements vs. rigidity for CR particle identification in the 4-50 GV range.

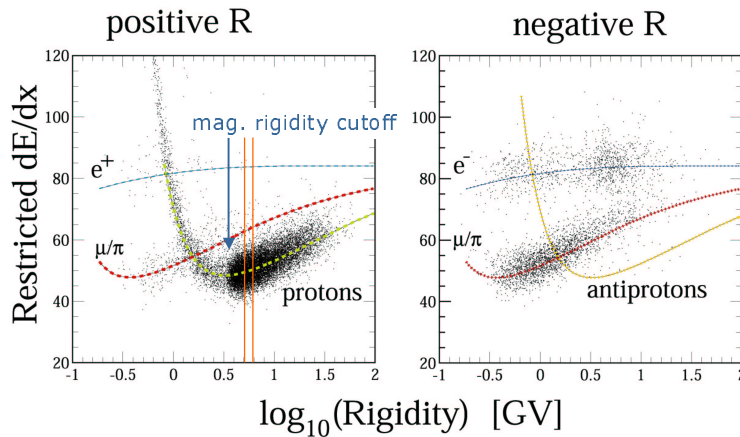


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## Particle ID using $dE/dx$ vs. Rigidity

- To provide mass discrimination HEAT-pbar measures multiple samples of the ionization loss.
- Technique exploits the logarithmic rise in the mean rate of energy loss.

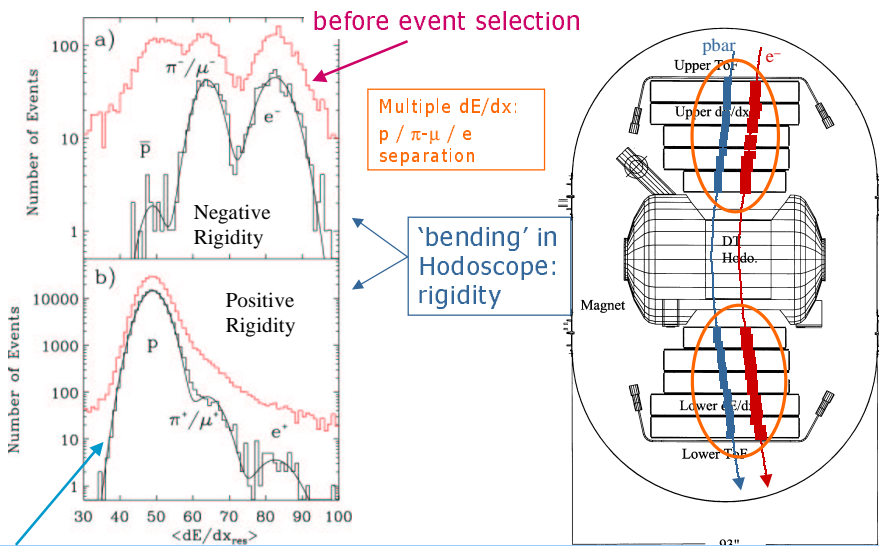


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## Identifying Particle Mass with HEAT-pbar

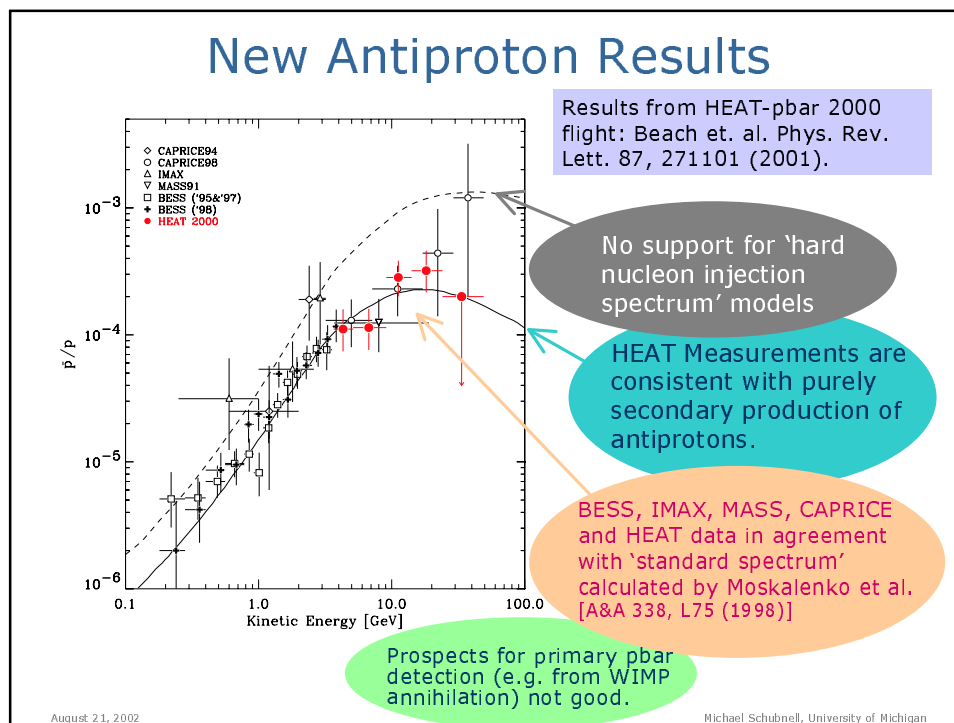
Select Rigidity bands and fit restricted average  $dE/dx$  distributions



Highly Gaussian shape allows for good particle separation/count.

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# Positrons

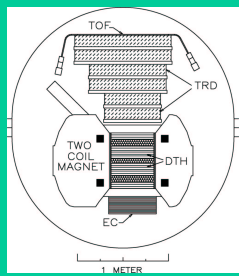




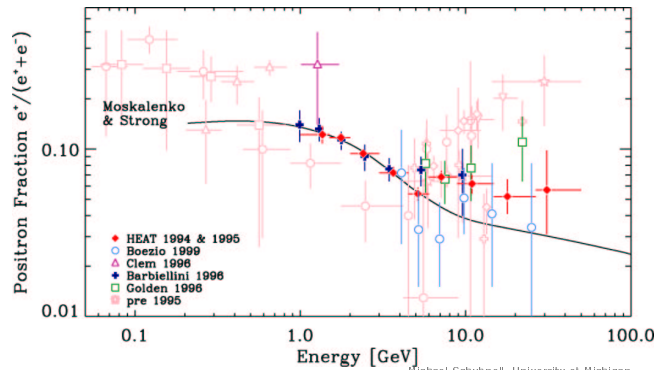
## $e^\pm$ in Cosmic Rays

- Secondary  $e^\pm$  produced in equal numbers in the ISM:  
CR nuclei + ISM  $\Rightarrow \pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm$  ;
- $e^\pm$  unique-lose energy rapidly  $\propto E^2$ . High energy electrons are "local."
- $e^+/(e^+ + e^-)$  fraction is small (about 10%)  $\rightarrow$  substantial primary  $e^-$  component.
- New balloon instruments with powerful particle ID resulted in improved hadron rejection ( $\geq 10^5$ ).
- Trend consistent with secondary production [Moskalenko & Strong ApJ 493, 694 (1998)] (but high energy data lies above the curve.)
- Solar modulation only affects low energy.

HEAT- $e^\pm$  Collaboration  
U. Chicago, Indiana U.,  
UCI, PSU, U. of Michigan



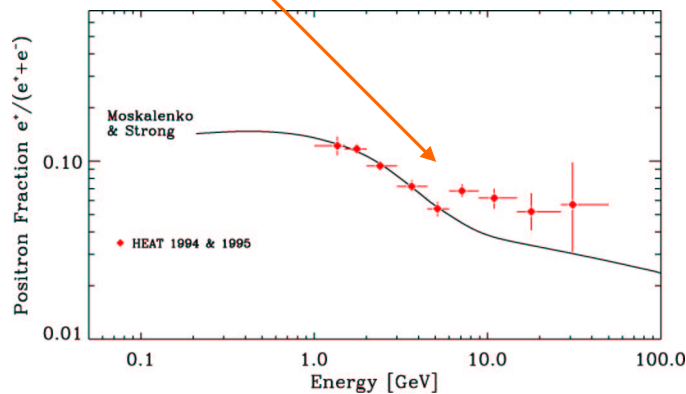
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- Two flights of the HEAT- $e^\pm$  instrument had shown hint of **additional structure** in the energy spectrum of the cosmic ray positron fraction  $e^+/(e^+ + e^-)$ .
- Difficult to explain with purely secondary production.

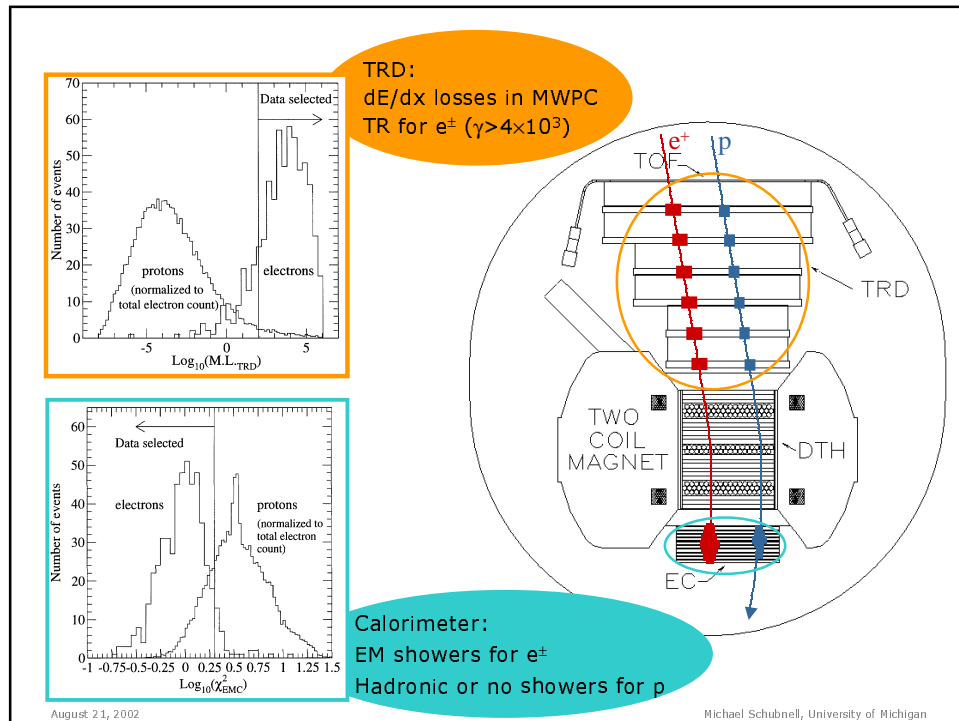
Is this structure a primary positron component from Dark Matter annihilation?



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## HEAT Positron Fraction '94 & '95

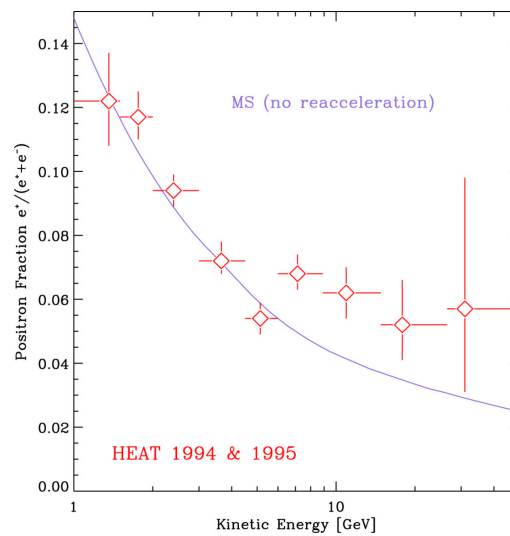
### HEAT- $e^\pm$ Instrument

- Ft. Sumner, NM  
(May 1994)
- Lynn Lake, Manitoba  
(August 1995)

near solar minimum

residual atmosphere:  
3.8 - 7.4 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

vertical geomagnetic  
cutoff rigidity:  
4.0 - 4.4 GV (1994)  
~1 GV (1995)

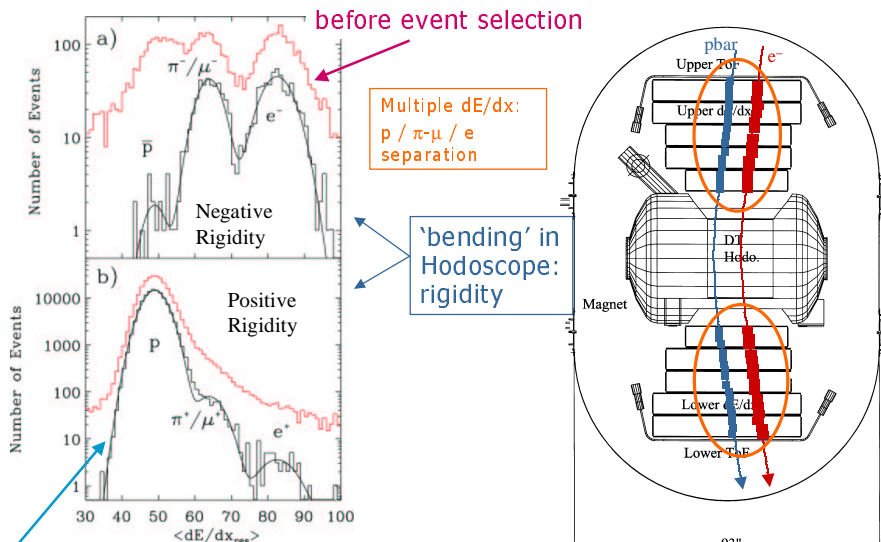


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## Identifying Particle Mass with HEAT-pbar

Select Rigidity bands and fit restricted average  $dE/dx$  distributions



Highly Gaussian shape allows for good particle separation/count.

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## HEAT Positron Fraction 2000

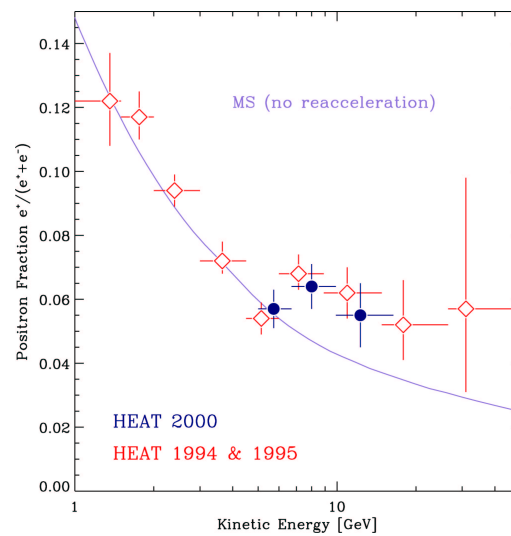
HEAT-pbar  
Instrument

- Ft. Sumner, NM  
(May 2000)

near solar maximum

residual atmosphere:  
4.5 - 11 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

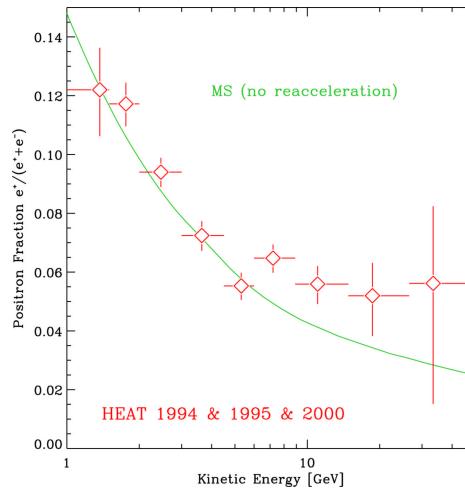
vertical geomagnetic  
cutoff rigidity:  
~4 GV



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## HEAT Positron Fraction (3 flights)



Flight	May 1994	August 1995	May 2000
Instrument	HEAT- $e^\pm$	HEAT- $e^\pm$	HEAT-pbar
Geomagnetic cutoff rigidity	$\sim 4$ GV	$\sim 1$ GV	$\sim 4$ GV
Solar cycle epoch	near min	near min	near max

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## Cold Dark Matter Exists

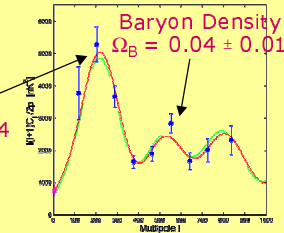
### DASI – Boomerang – MAXIMA

Location of peaks  
in CMB power  
spectrum

Flat Universe  
 $\Omega_{TOT} = 1.00 \pm 0.04$

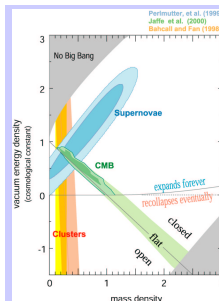
$\Omega_M = 0.40 \pm 0.15$

$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.60 \pm 0.15$



### Non-baryonic DM

- Some Galactic DM may be in MACHOs but insufficient to account for entire amount
- Hot Dark Matter (HDM), e.g. light neutrinos, does not account for small-scale structure.
- Cold Dark Matter (CDM), e.g. WIMPs or Axions, preferred non-baryonic candidate.
- Neutralino (Lightest Supersymmetric Particle) prime candidate for CDM



Supernova  
Cosmology  
Project:  
 $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.72$

### New Standard Cosmology:

- $\sim 2/3$  Dark Energy
- $\sim 1/3$  Dark Matter
- 0.5% Bright Stars

Matter: 29% CDM, 4% Baryons, 0.3% vs

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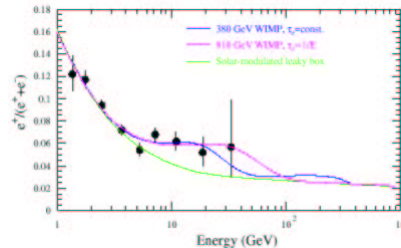
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## Primary Positrons?

- **Annihilating Dark Matter Neutralinos**

[Kamionkowski & Turner, Phys. Rev. D **43**, 1774 (1991)]

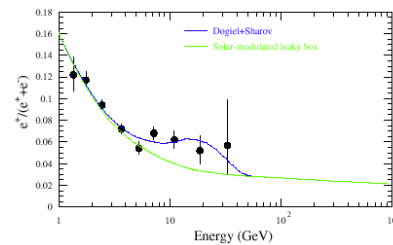
- Heavy  $\tilde{\chi} \Rightarrow$  resonant  $ZZ$  or  $W^+W^-$  production, then decay



- **CR + Giant Molecular Clouds**

[Dogiel & Sharov, A&A **229**, 259 (1990)]

- $p\text{-stuff} \rightarrow \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+$ ; Fermi acceleration by gas turbulence.



Small primary positron component possible !

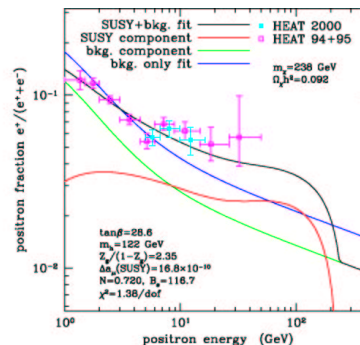
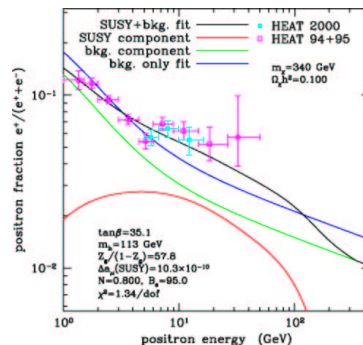
[Coutu et al. Astroparticle Phys. **11** (1999) 429]

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## Positrons from Annihilating Galactic Halo WIMPs (Revisited)

- Large region of MSSM space explored
- Continuum and monochromatic  $e^\pm$  Production
- Thermal production in early universe
- Substantial boost factors required to explain HEAT data (e.g. clumpy halo)
- Galactic diffusion model + solar modulation
- $e^+$  enhancement not as good a fit to HEAT data as Kamionkowski and Turner.
- None of these models can be observed at Tevatron, LHC unclear.



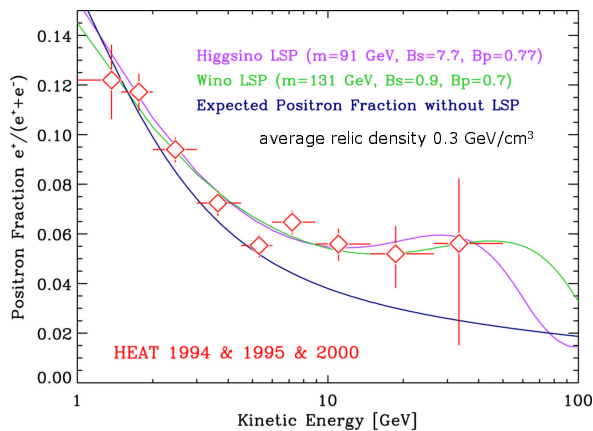
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and Baltz, Edsjö, Freese & Gondolo, Phys. Rev. D **65** 063511 (2002)]

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## Positron Excess and General SUSY Models

For  $m_\chi > m_W$ ,  $\chi\chi \rightarrow WW$  annihilation leads to peak at  $\sim M_W/2$  but  $\mu, \tau$  cascades,  $\pi$  decays and Galactic propagation "wash out" peak towards lower energy.  
 $e^+/(e^++e^-)$  enhancement at  $\sim 10$  GeV (insensitive to WIMP mass!)



Kane, Wang and Wells  
 [Phys. Rev. D65 (2002) 057701]  
 Kane, Wang and Wang  
 [Phys. Lett. B 536 (2002) 263]

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## Positron excess and special SUSY models

Strong peaking in the positron energy spectrum can be achieved by fine tuning special models.

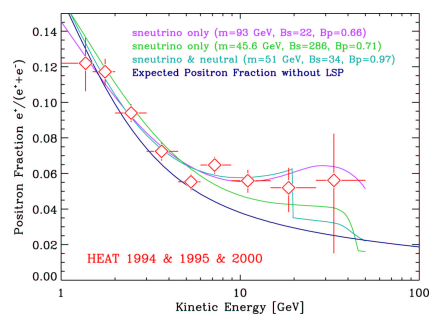
Kane, Wang & Wang [Phys. Lett. B 536 (2002) 263], Kane, Wang & Wang [in preparation, 2002]

**Electron sneutrino**  $\sim$  stable if its mass is very close to LSP mass (within  $m_n$ ).

Decays shown produce sharp peak in positron injection spectrum at  $E = m_c(1 - m_W^2/4m_c^2)$ . For peak at  $\sim 8$  GeV:  $m_n + m_c \approx m_W + 10$  GeV.

Propagation washes sharp peak out towards lower energies.

Detectability: Tevatron, simple models excluded by direct searches and underground neutrino experiments.



**Light sneutrino ( $m < M_W$ )**

Detectability: Tevatron, simple models already excluded by direct searches and underground neutrino experiments.

**Heavy sneutrino ( $m > M_W$ )**

Detectability: Tevatron, simple models already excluded by direct searches and underground neutrino experiments

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## Conclusions

### Antiprotons

HEAT measurements consistent with purely secondary production of antiprotons.  
Data are in agreement with 'standard spectrum' calculated by Moskalenko et al.  
No support for 'hard nucleon injection' models

### Positrons

New positron fraction measurement with HEAT-pbar confirm HEAT- $e^\pm$  results.  
Feature seen in experiments:

- With two independent techniques.
- At solar maximum and minimum.
- At two different geomagnetic cutoff rigidities.

Positrons appear to be mainly from CR interactions in ISM but feature exists above  $\sim 7$  GeV.

None of the existing primary  $e^+$  models explain the structure well. Is feature due to Dark Matter annihilation?

Feature (amplitude, shape and location) can be reproduced with a number of realistic SUSY models that are allowed by current accelerator limits.

More measurements needed to confirm this structure seen with HEAT and establish its nature.

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