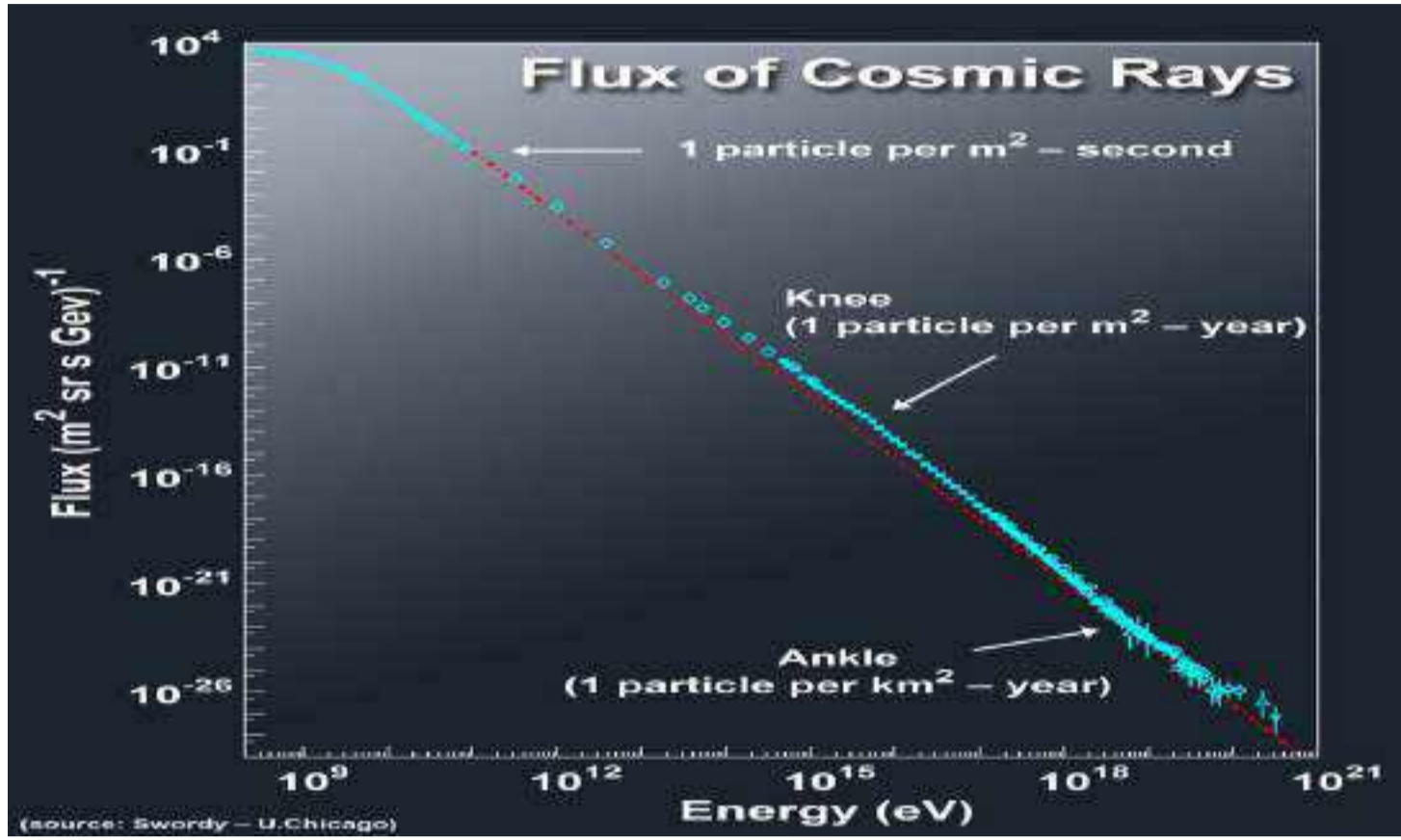


Monte Carlo background simulation in a boron loaded scintillator for OLVE-HERO detector

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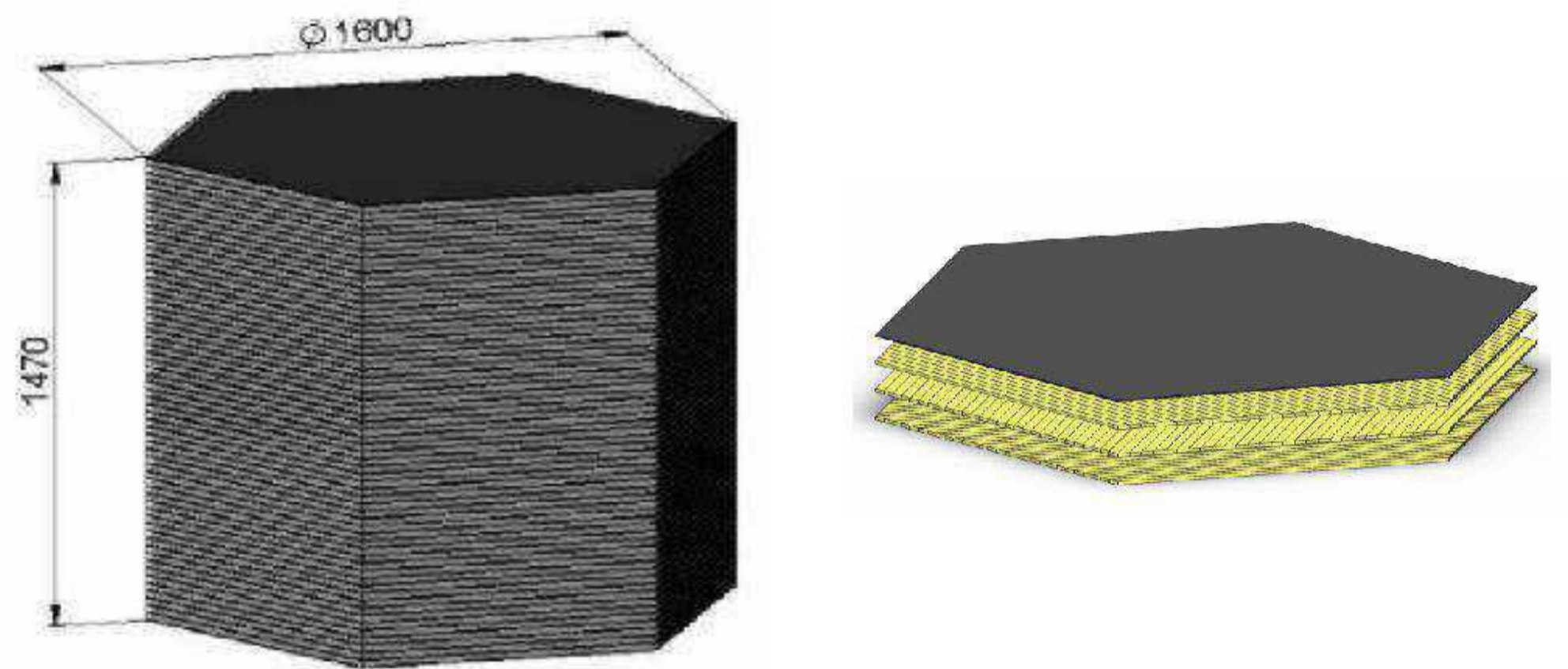
CR spectrum

A "breakthrough" experiment is needed, which will turn high-energy astroparticle physics into an exact science!

That is
HERO
"High Energy Rays Observatory"
 supported by the Russian Academy of Sciences and included in the Russian Federal Space Program

Main Requirements:

- Effective exposure factor >120 m² sr year
- Energy resolution
 - for Protons at 10¹⁵-10¹⁶ eV < 30%
 - at 10¹²-10¹⁵ eV < 20%
 - for Nuclei at 10¹²-10¹⁶ eV < 15-20%
 - for Leptons at 3*10¹¹-10¹³ eV < 1%
- Charge resolution < 0.2 ch. u. for all Nuclei in full energy range



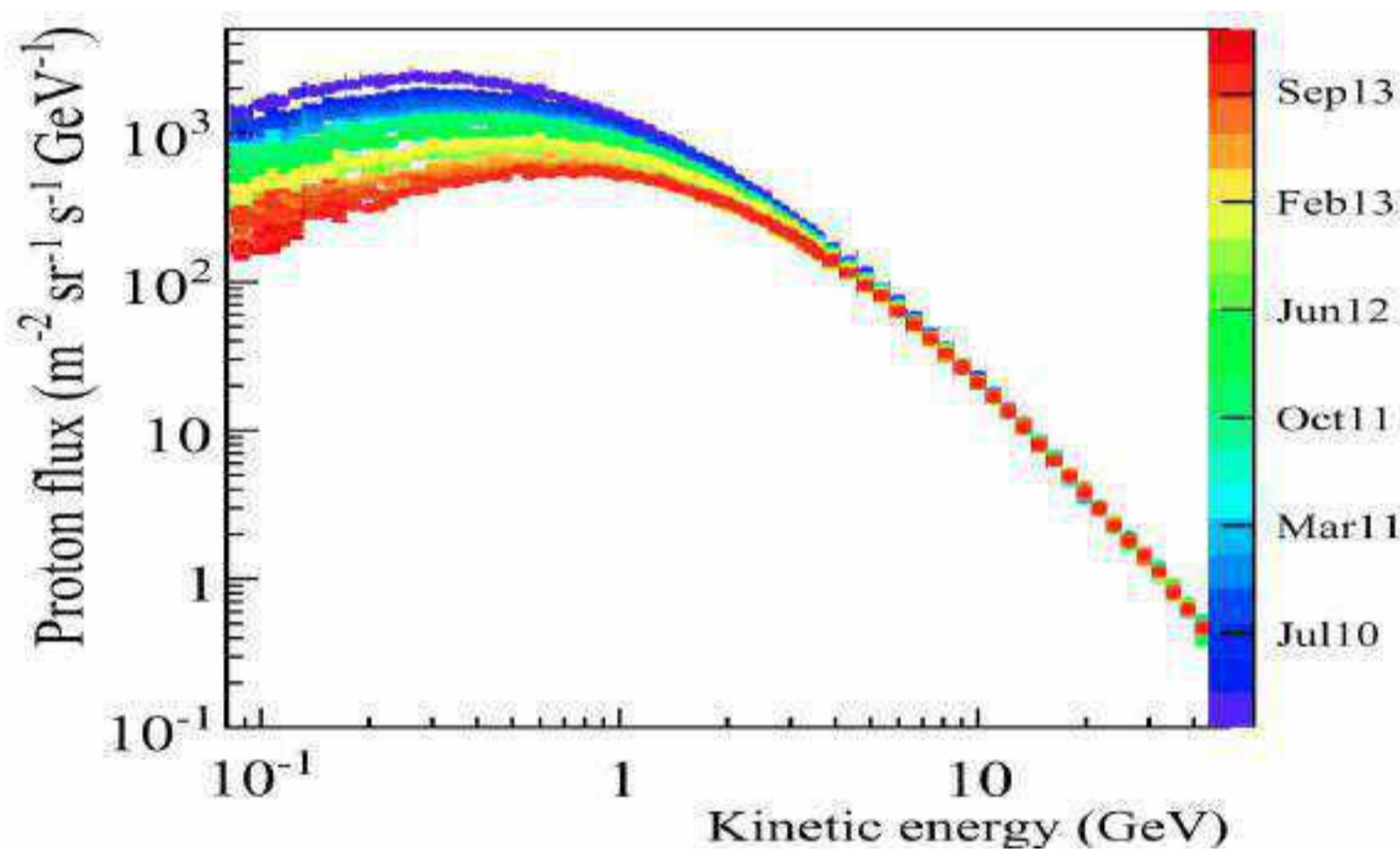
The scheme of HERO detector

Why do we need a boron loaded scintillator?

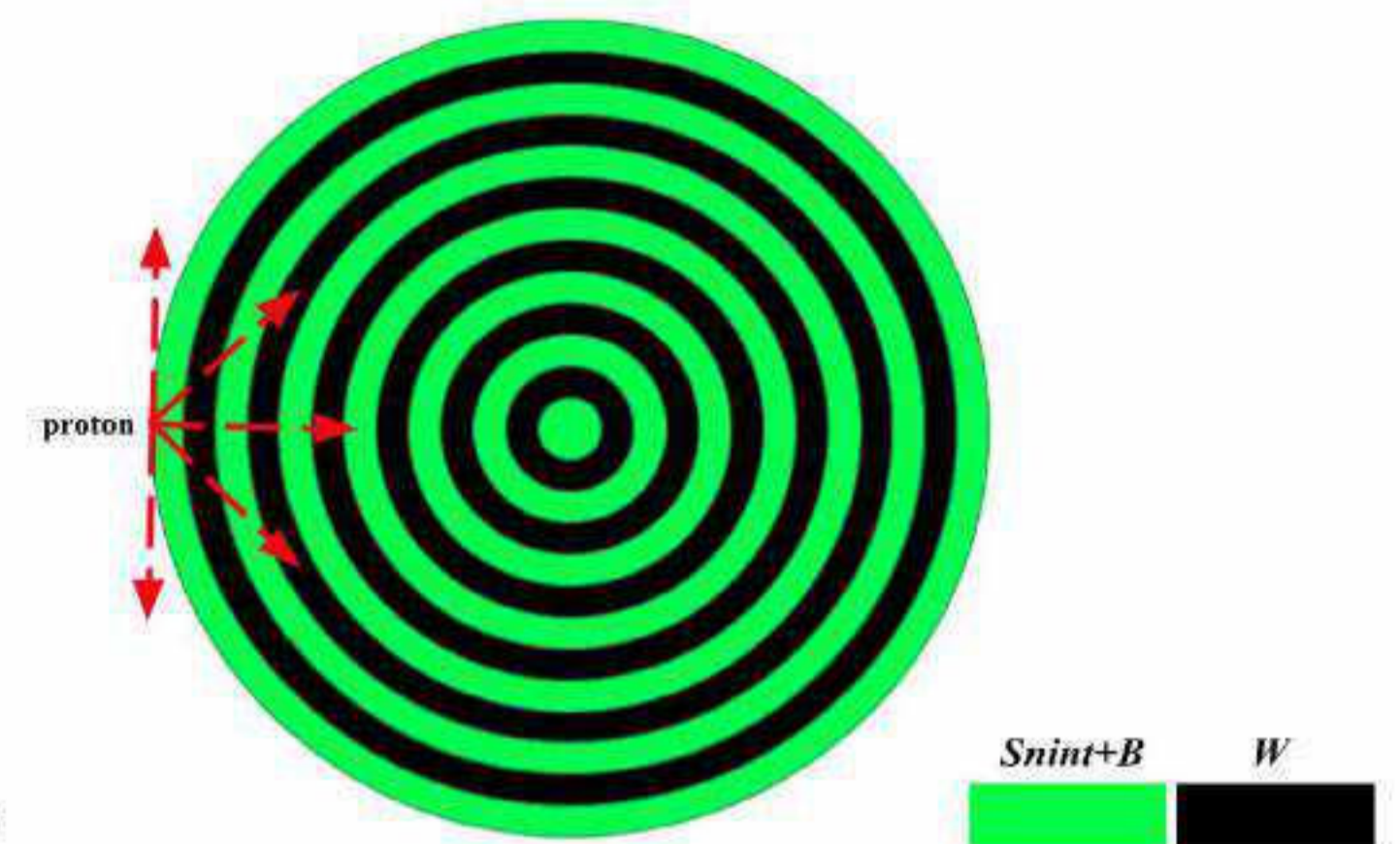
- hadrons number is GCRs is 10 000 times greater than electromagnetic particles.
- hadrons produce a larger number of neutrons by interacting with matter
- $n + B^{10} \rightarrow \alpha + Li^7$. α takes almost all the energy
- It will improve the rejection power between electromagnetic and hadron components of CRs

Monte-Carlo

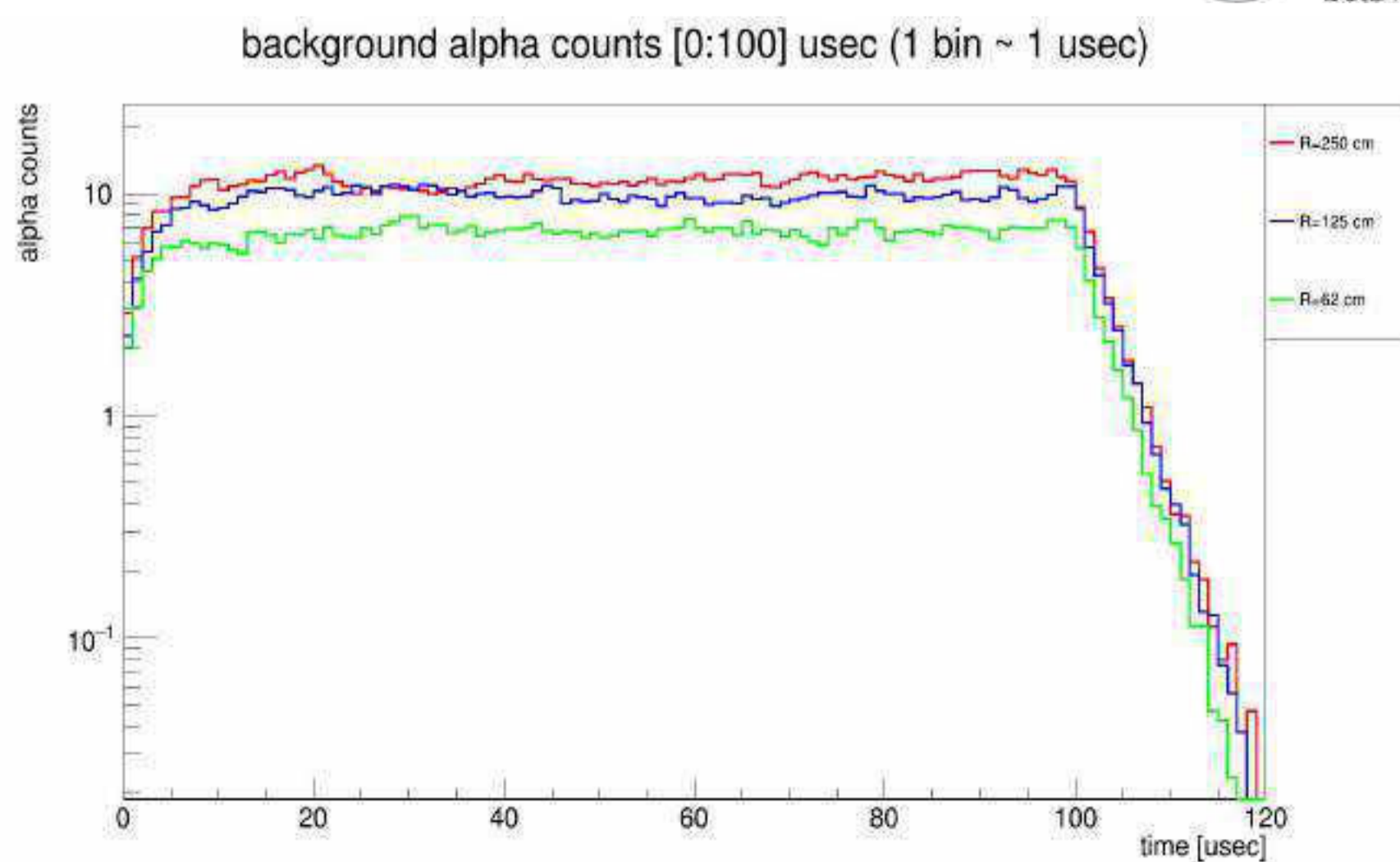
- to study background alpha counts level from cosmic protons in a boron loaded scintillator
- to estimate energy thresholds for different primary particles



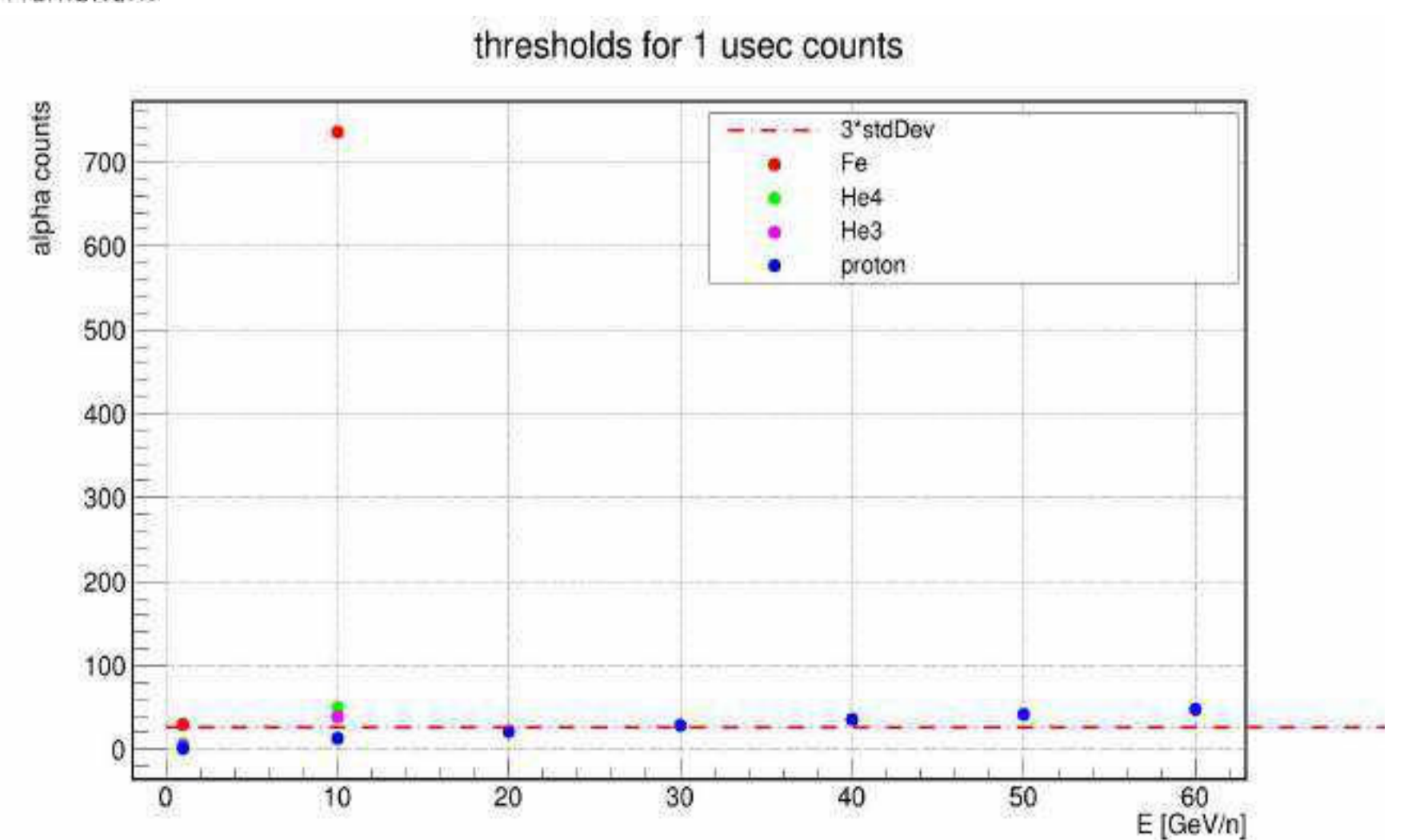
Spectrum of cosmic protons. PAMELA experiment



Monte-Carlo model



Monte-Carlo background alpha counts for diff. sizes of the detector



Monte-Carlo thresholds for diff. particles