Charged cosmic rays A review of balloon and space borne measurements

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Overview

- Electron and positron measurements
- Energy spectra of p, He, light nuclei, sub-Fe nuclei
- Secondary-to-Primary Ratios
- Anti-protons
- Isotope flux ratios, propagation clocks, ultra-heavy nuclei
- A glimple to future direct measurements of VHE cosmic rays





Charged cosmic-ray leptons

electron and positron measurements



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PAMELA: first unambiguous evidence of the rise of the positron fraction above 10 GeV



PAMELA launched on 15th June 2006 recently celebrated 10 years



GF: 21.5 cm² sr Mass: 470 kg Size: 130x70x70 cm³ **Power Budget: 360W**

Elliptical orbit 350 - 610 km 70° inclination in operation at 560 km

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 λ I) Discrimination e + / p, anti-p/e⁻

(shower topology)

- Direct E measurement for e⁻

Neutron detector

³He tubes + polyethylene moderator: - High-energy e/h discrimination



- Charge value from dE/dx

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PAMELA Results: Positrons



Launched in 2011: 5 years aboard the ISS AMS-02: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



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AMS-02: positron fraction

- ✓ No sharp structures
- ✓ Steady increase of the positron content up to ≈ 275 GeV
 [B. Bertucci @LNGS July 2016]
- ✓ Well described by an empirical model with a common source term for e⁺/e⁻



AMS-02: Electron Flux and Positron Flux



Observations:

- 1. The electron flux and the positron flux are different in their magnitude and energy dependence.
- 2. Both spectra cannot be described by single power laws.
- 3. The spectral indices of electrons and positrons are different.
- 4. Both change their behavior at ~30GeV.
- 5. The rise in the positron fraction from 20 GeV is due to an excess of positrons, not the loss of electrons (the positron flux is harder).

[S.C.C. Ting, ICRC 2015]

PAMELA Results: Electrons



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INCLUSIVE (e⁻+e⁺) spectrum below 1 TeV (AMS-02, FERMI & PAMELA)







- Above ~60 GV the rigidity dependence of e⁺, p and anti-p are almost identical
- BUT electrons behave differently.

Anisotropy in e⁺ and e⁻ data

> PAMELA

Study of arrival directions of e⁺ and e⁻ taking into account the effects of the Earth's geomagnetic field:

- No anisotropy observed at all angular scales
- δ = 0.076 at 95% confidence level

[Panico @ICRC 2015]



PAMELA Significance sky maps

➤ AMS-02

- Isotropic fluctuations of the positron ratio already measured
- Measurement of the arrival directions underway

[Gebauer @ICRC 2015]

The CR leptonic sector puzzle (observations)

- <u>Positron spectrum</u>: is *harder than e⁻* above 50 60 GeV and has *similar Rigidity dependence as proton*. Incompatible with secondary origin since at these energies radiative losses (~E²) are dominant during propagation.
- 2 <u>Electron spectrum</u>: *featureless* up to at least 1 TeV and *more steep than* e^+
- Inclusive e⁺ + e⁻ spectrum: direct measurements < 1 TeV => power law index ~ -3.17
 Spectrum above 1 TeV: only preliminary or indirect measurements.
 "Great Expectations" from CALET and DAMPE.
 Potential discovery of local source(s) at kpc distance
- ♦ Anisotropy in e⁺ and e⁻ data: no anisotropy observed at all angular scales by PAMELA

Electron measurements at high energy are challenging due to the large proton background. High proton rejection power (> 10⁵) is required.

<u>The CR leptonic sector puzzle</u> (theoretical interpretations)

♦ Positron excess from Astrophysical sources including:

- Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWN) where the pulsar produces e⁺e⁻ pairs
 + acceleration away from the neutron star (at termination shock)
- SuperNova Remnants (SNR) for a recent eview e.g.: [P.Serpico, Astropart. Phys. 39-40, 2]
- Local source(s): order 0.1% anisotropy expected at ~ 100 GeV

Astrophysical interpretation(s)

- try to fit simultaneously all observables with a single model.
- Large number of papers. An example below from [M.Di Mauro @ICRC2015] :



WANTED! electron spectrum above 1 TeV

- Precision measurements expected from new missions CALET and DAMPE
- Present efforts by FERMI, PAMELA, AMS02





Some nearby sources, e.g. Vela SNR, might have unique signatures in the electron energy spectrum in the TeV region (Kobayashi et al. ApJ 2004)





CALET instrument overview



Geometric Factor:

1200 cm²sr for electrons, light nuclei

- 1000 cm²sr for gamma-rays 4000 cm²sr for ultra-heavy nuclei
- ΔE/E :
- ~2% (>10 GeV) for e, gamma ~30-35 % for protons, nuclei
- e/p separation : ~10⁻⁵
- Charge resolution : 0.15 0.3 e
- Angular resolution :
 - 0.2° for gamma-rays > \sim 50 GeV
- Standard Payload Size
- Mass: 612.8 kg
- Power: 507 W (Max)
- **Telemetry:**
- Medium rate: 600 kbps 0
- Low rate: 50 kbps 0



CALET: a unique set of key instruments.

- **TASC:** a thick, homogeneous calorimeter allows to extend electron measurements into the TeV energy region with ~2% energy resolution.
- IMC: a high granularity (1mm) imaging pre-shower with tracking capabilities identifies the starting point of electromagnetic showers.
- □ TASC+IMC provide a strong rejection power ~10⁵ to separate electrons from the abundant protons.
- **CHD: a charge detector** combined with multiple dE/dx samples from IMC identifies individual elements.

CGBM

Calet Gamma-ray Burst Monitor

HXM x2

SGM x1 0.1-20MeV

7keV-1MeV

New experiments: DAMPE all-electron spectrum (expected)



- Measure the all-electron flux up to about 10TeV
- Measure with high accuracy the sub-TeV region and the possible cut-off around one TeV
- Detect structures in the spectrum due to nearby sources and/or DM induced excesses
- Detect anisotropies at high energy



The DAMPE Detector



W converter + thick calorimeter (total 33 X_0) + precise tracking + chargemeasurement high energy gamma-ray, electron and CR telescope

DAMPE

Dark Matter Explorer Satellite

- Large geometric factor instrument (0.3 m² sr for p and nuclei)
- Precision Si-W tracker (40 μm , 0.2°)
- Thick calorimeter (32 X_0 , σ_E/E better than 1% above 50 GeV for e/γ , ~35% for hadrons)
- "Mutiple" charge measurements (0.2-0.3 e resolution)
- e/p rejection power > 10⁵ (topology alone, plus neutron detector)



Comparison with AMS-02 and FERMI

	DAMPE	AMS-02	Fermi LAT
e/γ Energy res.@100 GeV (%)	1.5	3	10
e/ γ Angular res.@100 GeV ($^\circ$)	0.1	0.3	0.1
e/p discrimination	10 ⁵	10 ⁵ - 10 ⁶	10 ³
Calorimeter thickness (X ₀)	32	17	8.6
Geometrical accep. (m ² sr)	0.29	0.09	1

[I. De Mitri, LNGS 2015]

- Satellite ≈ 1900 kg, payload ≈1300kg
- Power consumption ≈640W
- Lifetime > 3 years
- Launched by CZ-2D rockets

- Altitude 500 km
- Inclination 97.4°
- Period 95 minutes
- Sun-synchronous orbit



Charged cosmic-ray hadrons

energy spectra of p, He, light nuclei, sub-Fe nuclei, ...



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Direct measurements of proton and He spectra



PAMELA: Proton and Helium Nuclei Spectra & H/He ratio



Proton and He fluxes measured by AMS-02

Two power laws with a characteristic transition rigidity R₀ and a smoothness parameter s are used by AMS-02 to fit the measured H and He spectra:





AMS-02: spectral indices for p and He



Pamela vs. AMS-02: proton and He below 1 TeV

good agreement up to 1 TeV in the energy region above a few tens of GV unaffected by solar modulation [Boezio @UCLA Dark Matter 2016, 02/17/16]



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Не

New era of precision spectral measurements:

 \diamond good agreement between PAMELA and AMS-02 on p and He spectra



O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rep. 544 (2014) 323 ; M. Aguilar et al., PRL 114 (2015) 171103

O. Adriani et al., Science 332 (2011) 6025 ; M. Aguilar et al., PRL 115, (2015) 211101

	fit range proton	γ _p	fit range He	ү _{не}
PAMELA	80-230 GV	-2.844±0.02	80-250 GV	-2.753±0.03
AMS-02	45-330 GV	-2.816±0.006	45-250 GV	-2.743±0.006

Proton and Helium:

♦ need to extend precision measurements to the multi-TeV region



Precision measurements are expected from new missions: CALET, DAMPE (both in flight), ISS- CREAM (to be launched)

for example: after one year on the ISS, CALET is expected to close the gap between AMS02 and CREAM above 1 TV. It will also extend the investigation on the spectral shapes of proton and He to the multi-TeV region.





Lithium flux from AMS-02 shows a hardening !

• measured in the rigidity range 2 GV – 3 TV



Preliminary Li and Be fluxes from PAMELA



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Preliminary Carbon flux from AMS-02



- Hardening is NOT is observed in C spectrum
- Evident disagreement
 with PAMELA data
- Need to increase statistics above 200 GV
- The analysis is preliminary

The CR hadronic sector puzzle (observations)

Emerging picture from current observations:

- break in power law in rigidity around 200-300 GV for p, He, Li, ...
- violation of univerality of spectral indices: protons spectrum is softer by $\Delta \gamma \simeq 0.1$

Still to be clarified experimentally:

(1) sharp spectral break or continuos curvature ?

(2) is there a break also in C spectrum (unclear from preliminary data)

③ Is He index identical to C, O ... Fe ?

- accurate measurements of p, He bridging in energy PAMELA and AMS to CREAM data:
 - position and $\Delta \gamma$ of spectral break vs. nuclear species
 - precision differential measurement of spectral $d\gamma/dE$ + extension to higher energy
- Multi-TeV region largely unexplored

The CR hadronic sector puzzle (theoretical interpretation)

Broken power law interpretations include:

- *diffusion effects* (source spectra assumed to be single power law):
 - non factorizable spatial and rigidity dependence of diffusion coefficient [N. Tomassetti, Astrophys. J. 752, L13]
 - non linear diffusion on external turbolence (self-generated waves) above (below) the break [Blasi, Amato, Serpico, PRL 109]
- *acceleration effects* (observed features are imprinted on production spectra):
 - DSA acceleration non-linear effects (CR feed-back) [V. Ptuskin, V. Zirakashvili and E. S. Seo, Astrophys. J. 763]
 - Acceleration by different sources (e.g.: OB associations, SuperBubbles, W-R stars) [TStanev, Biermann & Gaisser, Astron. Astrophys. 274, 902]
 - Weak re-acceleration [E. Seo and V. Ptuskin, Astrophys. J. 431]
- local sources:
 - Young nearby objects accounting for He harder spectrum are in tension with anisotropy measurements [Blasi, Amato, JCAP 1201, 011]

Violation of universality of spectral indices interpretations include:

- e.g.: He accelerated "earlier" (with higherMach number than proton)?
 - He more efficient at injection than proton + slower decline with Mach number [Malkov, Diamond & Sagdeev, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108]
 - Variable He/p ion concentration in the medium swept by shocks [L. O. Drury, Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 415, 1807]


Secondary-to-Primary Ratios



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Secondary/Primary Nuclei Ratios relevance



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- Secondary/primary nuclei ratios decline for E > 1 GeV/n
- At high energy (E > 100 GeV/n) the S/P ratios measure the rigidity R dependence of diffusion D(R)
- Source spectra observed at Earth soften as a result of propagation in the Galaxy. In first approximation they factorize as $E^{-\delta}$



PRIMARY COSMIC RAY SPECTRUM AT EARTH

$$n_{CR}(E) = \frac{N(E)\mathcal{R}}{2\pi R_d^2} \frac{H}{D(E)} \equiv \frac{N(E)\mathcal{R}}{2H\pi R_d^2} \frac{H^2}{D(E)} \propto E^{-\gamma - \delta}$$

• **BUT** the diffusion coefficient might also depend on positon and have a **tensor** character (see next slide)

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Anisotropic diffusion in some propagation models

An example from the talk of D. Gaggero @ICRC 2015:

3. Spatial gradients in the rigidity scaling of the CR diffusion coefficient

- D. Gaggero @ICRC 2015
- The idea:



→ we drop the over-simplified assumption of homogeneous diffusion → we consider a harder diffusion coefficient in the inner Galaxy $\delta(R) = aR + b$

physical interpretation:

- CR near the sources propagate in SN-driven turbolence
- CR in the outer Galaxy propagate in self-generated turbolence (see Blasi 2013. Tomassetti 2014)

Boron to Carbon ratio vs. Energy/nucleon



PAMELA: Boron and Carbon fluxes and B/C to 100 GeV/n



Current B/C measurements (AMS-02 red points)



Beryllium-to-Boron Flux Ratio

C, N, O,..., Fe + ISM \rightarrow Li, Be, B + X ¹⁰Be \rightarrow ¹⁰B + e⁻ + v_e B + ISM \rightarrow Li, Be + X

[B. Bertucci @LNGS - July 2016]



B/C ratio from new experiments: CALET expectations







Anti-Matter ?

- Energy spectra of anti-protons
- Anti-p/p ratio
- Limits on anti-matter



PAMELA Antiparticle Results: Antiprotons



anti-proton/proton ratio



• PAMELA data from 60 MeV to 350 GeV

Cosmic-Ray Antiprotons and DM limits

PAMELA and preliminary AMS-02 antiproton data constraints on various dark matter models and astrophysical uncertainties.



anti-proton /proton ratio

AT HIGH ENERGY:

 a flat p-bar/p ratio above 100 GV can be explained in terms of secondary production using new propagation models (i.e. taking into account spectral breaks, updated cross-sections data, etc...). Weaker alternative explanation in terms of DM.

for a review see for instance:

P. D. Serpico : Possible physics scenarios behind cosmic-ray "anomalies" @ICRC 2015 M.Cirelli: "Dark Matter phenomena" - Rapporteur Talk @ICRC 2015

AT LOW ENERGY:

• PAMELA and AMS data consistent with BESS measurements below 4 GeV



O. Adriani et al., ApJL 737 (2011), L29

Anti-matter limits

[Physics Reports 544 (2014) 323–370]





Cosmic-Ray Isotopes

- Isotope flux ratios like ²H/¹H and ³He/⁴He are complementary to B/C measurements in constraining propagation models (data from e.g.: BESS, PAMELA)
- Li, Be are produced by spallation of primary CR with the ISM (e.g.: PAMELA data)
- Trans-Iron elements and "propagation clocks" (ACE/CRIS, Super-TIGER)

¹H, ²H Isotope separation with BESS-Polar II



 Isotope flux ratios like ²H/¹H and ³He/⁴He are complementary to B/C measurements in constraining propagation models as ²H and ³He are mostly secondaries.

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³He, ⁴He Isotope separation with BESS-Polar II



- Bess-Polar II data during solar minimum: in agreement with solar modulation expectations
- Data fitted using Reacceleration Model with φ ~400 MV
- Fluxes agree with PAMELA, with the exception of ³He
- Bess Polar ³He/⁴He comparison vs Pamela may clarify this issue

Hydrogen and Helium Isotopes

from PAMELA





Lithium and Beryllium Isotopes

β (ToF) vs. Rigidity or Multiple dE/dx (Calorimeter) vs. rigidity

Lithium

Beryllium





1.90 GY < R < 2.10 GV

Ratio ⁷Li / ⁶Li

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Calorimeter

N.H Balloon

★ SMILI

AMS-01

⁷Be / (⁹Be + ¹⁰Be)



[Menn @ICRC 2015]

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Li7/Li6 Ratio

1.2

0.8

0.6

ToF

ACE

Voyager

ISOMAX

△ UC Berkeley

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Super-TIGER (Trans-Iron Galactic Element Recorder)

Antarctic flight in 2012-13: 55 days



Acceptance ~8.3 m²sr TIGER & SuperTIGER energy range 0.8-10 GeV/n ECRS 2016 Torino, September 7, 2016



- Two identical modules
- Each module consists of
 - Scintillating fiber hodoscopes (H1, H2)
 - Three scintillator detectors (SI, S2, S3)

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- Aerogel Cherenkov detector (C0)
- Acrylic Cherenkov detector (CI)

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Cosmic-Ray Isotope Spectrometer (CRIS)

CRIS aboard ACE at Lagrangian Point L1 has been taking data for almost 18 years!





CRIS determines the charge and mass of cosmic rays stopping in a stack of silicon detectors using the dE/dx vs E technique

ACE energy range: 150-600 MeV/n

Ultra Heavy Nuclei



• Refractory elements (those likely found in interstellar grains) more effectively accelerated (enhanced by a factor ~4) compared with volatile elements.

- For both refractory and volatile elements efficiency of acceleration increases with mass.
- Better separation of refractory and volatiles by mass assuming a CR source mixture of about 20% ejecta of massive stars (including Wolf–Rayet stars and core-collapse supernovae) mixed with 80% material of solar system composition
- GCR origin in OB associations ?

First measurement of a primary cosmic-ray clock



With 16.8 years of data, CRIS detected 15 60 Fe and 2.95 x 10⁵ 56 Fe.

⁶⁰Fe β -decay with half-life of 2.62 Myr.

⁶⁰Fe observeed are almost all primaries

Neither products of ISM fragmentation, nor spill-over from ⁵⁸Fe.

[Israel @ICRC 2015]

- CR acceleration occurs within several Myr of nucleosynthesis.
- Combined with lack of ⁵⁹Ni \rightarrow ~10⁵ years < *T* < ~several x 10⁶ years
- Supports the idea of OB associations as CR acceleration sites.

Future measurements on Ultra Heavy nuclei: CALET (expected)

- Cleaner measurements wrt balloons (smaller hadronic interaction corrections above the atmosphere)
- charge measurement up to Z = 40
- Expected Statistcs in 5 years : dedicated UH trigger: larger trigger acceptance \rightarrow 0.4 m²sr
 - ≅ 10 x TIGER (with UH trigger)
 - ≅ 4 x TIGER (with full geometry and energy reconstruction)





Direct measurements of VHE cosmic-rays

- Space missions in flight at present: PAMELA, FERMI, AMS-02, NUCLEON, CALET, DAMPE ...
- Ready-to-go:
 ISS-CREAM
- Proposed balloon or space missions: HERD, GAMMA-400, GAPS, CSES, HELIX, HNX, ...

Experiment	e ⁺ e [−] (present data)	e ⁺ +e ⁻ (Energy range)	CR nuclei (Energy range)	charge Z	gamma	Туре	Launch
PAMELA	e⁺ < 300 GeV e⁻ < 625 GeV	1-700 GeV (3 TeV with cal)	1 GeV-1.2 TeV (extendable -> 2TeV)	1-8	-	SAT	2006 Jun 15
FERMI	-	7 GeV – 2 TeV	50 GeV-1 TeV	1	20 MeV – 300 GeV GRB 8 KeV – 35 MeV	SAT	2008 Nov 11
AMS-02	e⁺ < 500 GeV e⁻ < 700 GeV	1 GV-1 TV (extendable)	1 GV-1.9 TV (extendable)	1-26 ++	1 GeV-1 TeV (calorimeter)	ISS	2011 May 16
NUCLEON	-	100 GeV-3 TeV	100 GeV-1 PeV	1-30	-	SAT	2014/12/26 Dec 26
CALET	-	1 GeV-10 TeV (extendable -> 20TeV)	10 GeV-1 PeV	1-40	10 GeV-10 TeV GRB 7-20 MeV	ISS	2015 Aug 19
DAMPE	-	10 GeV-10 TeV	50 GeV-500 TeV	1-20	5 GeV-10 TeV	SAT	2015 Dec 17
ISS-CREAM	-	100 GeV-10 TeV	1 TeV-1 PeV	1-28 ++	-	ISS	~ 2017
CSES	-	3-200 MeV	30-300 MeV	1	-	SAT	~ 2017
GAMMA-400	-	1 GeV-20 TeV	1 TeV-3 PeV	1-26	20 MeV-1 TeV	SAT	~2023-25
HERD	-	10(s) GeV–10 TeV	up to PeV	TBD	10(s) GeV–10 TeV	CSS	~2022-25
HELIX	-	-	< 10 GeV/n	light isotopes	-	LDB	proposal
HNX	-	-	~ GeV/n	6-96	-	SAT	proposal
GAPS ECRS 2016	Torino, September	- 7, 2016	< 1GeV/n P. S. Marrocchesi	Anti-p, D	-	LDB	proposal 63

NUCLEON

- Launched on Dec. 26th 2014 on Resurs-P satellite
- uses the Kinematical Method (KLEM) to estimate the energy

> 0.2 m²sr for nuclei
0.06 m²sr for lectrons



ISS: a cosmic-ray observatory in Low Earth Orbit



CALET on the ISS explores the Multi-TeV region

Elemental spectra

CALET Energy reach in 5 years:

- ♦ Proton spectrum to \approx 900 TeV
- ♦ He spectrum to $\approx 400 \text{ TeV/n}$
- ♦ Spectra of C,O,Ne,Mg,Si to ≈ 20 TeV/n
- \Rightarrow B/C ratio to \approx 4 6 TeV/n
- \diamond Fe spectrum to \approx 10 TeV/n

	λ_{INT}	X ₀ (normal incidence)
CREAM	0.5 + 0.7	20
CALET	1.3	30
AMS-02	0.5	17
DAMPE	1.6	31

Proton and He



Requirements for proton calorimetry:

- proton interaction requires > 0.5 λ_{INT}
- at 100 TeV energy scale, longitudinal containment of the e.m. core of the shower requires > 20 X₀

ISS-CREAM Instrument

[Seo@Vulcano 2016]

Seo et al. Adv. in Space Res., 53/10, 1451, 2014; Hwang et al. JINT10 (07), P07018, 2015



ISS-CREAM takes the next major step Increases the exposure by an order of magnitude!

- The ISS-CREAM space mission can take the next major step to 10¹⁵ eV, and beyond, limited only by statistics.
- The 3-year goal, 1-year minimum exposure would greatly reduce the statistical uncertainties and extend CREAM measurements to energies beyond any reach possible with balloon flights.

[E.S.Seo @Vulcano 2016]



HERD Design: 3D Calo & 5-Side Sensitive

About a factor 10 increase in statistics respect to existing experiments with a weight $2.3 \text{ T} \sim 1/3 \text{ AMS}$

STK(W+SSD) Charge gamma-ray direction CR back scatter





Expected performance of HERD

γ/e energy range (CALO)	tens of GeV-10TeV			
nucleon energy range (CALO)	up to PeV			
γ/e angular resol.	0.1°			
nucleon charge resol.	0.1-0.15 c.u			
γ/e energy resolution (CALO)	<1%@200GeV			
proton energy resolution (CALO)	20%			
e/p separation power (CALO)	<10 ⁻⁵			
electron eff. geometrical factor (CALO)	3.7 m ² sr@600 GeV			
proton eff. geometrical factor (CALO)	2.6 m ² sr@400 TeV			

Expected HERD Proton and He Spectra





GAPS precision antiproton flux measurement provides strong constraints on DM and PBH models



Complementary to direct/indirect DM searches and collider experiments for light DM
The HEPD instrument aboard CSES will study low energy CR cosmic rays of Galactic, Solar and Magnetospheric origin in the energy range 3-300 MeV

Instruments

Plasma analizer

Langmuir probe

Measurement of the electrical and magnetic fields and their perturbations in ionosphere Search-Coil Magnetometer Fluxgate Magnetometer Electrical Field Detector (CHN/ITA)

Measurement of the disturbance of plasma in ionosphere

Measurement of the flux and energy spectrum of the particles in the radiation belts High Energy Particle Detector (ITA)

Measurement of the profile of electronic GPS Occultation Receiver content Tri-frequency transmitter



High Energy Particle Detector (HEPD)

The detector consists of: the Silicon Detector [direction of the incident particle - two planes of double-side silicon microstrip detectors], the Trigger Detector [triggering the experiment two layers of plastic scintillators], the Energy Detector [layers of plastic scintillators followed by a matrix of an inorganic scintillator LYSO] and the Veto Detector [plastic scintillators].

HEPD specifications:	
Energy range electrons:	3 MeV~200 MeV
Energy range protons:	30 MeV~300 MeV
Angular resolution	<8°@ 5 MeV
Energy resolution	<10%@5MeV
Particle Identification	> 90 %
Mass (including electronics)	≤ 35 kg
Power consumption	≤ 38W



HELIX: High Energy Light Isotope (balloon) Experiment

- 1T superconducting magnet (ex-HEAT)
- Thin hybrid gas/silicon tracker
- Trigger/Time-of-flight
- RICH (Aerogel radiator with SiPM readout)



- Performance Goals:
 - 0.1 m²sr aperture
 - 7-14 day LDB
 - 0.25 amu for ¹⁰Be mass resolution
 - up to ~3 GeV/n (blue)
 - upgrade to ~10 GeV/n (green)



HNX Mission Concept

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HNX accommodation in DragonLab for 2 yr is straightforward ٠

- -Pressurization reduces complexity of CosmicTIGER no high-voltage potting, convective/forced air cooling
- -ECCO glass mounts directly to capsule isogrid walls

[Mitchell@ICRC 2015]

2m² electronic instrument using silicon strip detectors and Cherenkov detectors with acrylic and silica-aerogel radiators

-CosmicTIGER (Cosmic-ray Trans-Iron Galactic Element Recorder)

Uses ~21m² of Barium Phosphate (BP-1) glass tiles covering the walls and part of the top of the DragonLab Capsule

HNX uses two complementary instruments to span a huge range in

atomic number $6 \le Z \le 96$ and measure Actinides (Th.U.Pu) clocks

-ECCO (Extremely-heavy Cosmic-ray Composition Observer)









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