



Direct Cosmic Ray Measurements: Status and Perspectives

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<u>Outline</u>

 Charged messengers: nuclei (primary, secondary, isotopes, superheavy), electrons, antimatter (e+, pbar)

Direct measurements:

Space (AMS, CALET, DAMPE, ISS-CREAM, NUCLEON) Balloons (CREAM, HELIX, SuperTIGER, GAPS) Clink to higher energies, the future

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plus free flying NUCLEON, DAMPE plus Chinese SS plus balloons

CALET

ISS-CREAM until 12/9/2021 AMS →

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Complex instruments!

Geometric factors 0.1 - 0.8 m²sr nuclei up 100's TeV

CALET, 2015





Nuclei: elemental abundances

Primary nuclei produced in stellar nucleosynthesis, directly from the sources Secondary nuclei produced spallation reactions during Galactic propagation Ultraheavy nuclei from r-process in mergers of compact objects / supernovae

ISS-CREAM above ~2 TeV



SuperTiger above ~0.3 GeV/n or 2.3 GeV/n



N.E. Walsh et al., PoS(ICRC2021)118

K. Sakai et al., PoS(ICRC2021)080



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p vs He

Adriani et al., Science 332, 69 (2011) Yoon et al., ApJ 728, 122 (2011) Aguilar et al., PRL 114, 171103 (2015) Abe et al., arXiv: 1506.01267 (2015) Adriani et al., PRL 122, 181102 (2019)

Spectral hardening at few 100 GeV/n; hint of softening beyond 10 TeV/n

Complex spectra may need to account for non-linear DSA effects in the sources:

H: reverse shocks in Type II SNRs;

• He: reverse shocks in Type I SNRs;

• both: forward shocks in all SNRs. (Ptuskin et al., ApJ 763, 47 (2013) Zatsepin & Sokolskaya, A&A 458, 1 (2006))

Could be due to non-linear effects in CR transport through the Galaxy; (Aloisio et al., arXiv:1507.00594) Could be due to young nearby sources; (Thoudam & Hörandel, MNRAS 435, 2532 (2013))



Models can be adjusted for interesting structure...



p and He updates

- Spectral hardening at a few hundred GeV/n is well established, but interpretation is not clear;
- Further structure at ~10⁴ GeV/n is starting to emerge, and remains to be explained;
- Direct measurements overlap the low end of the ground-based detectors.



K. Kobayshi et al. (CALET) PoS(ICRC2021)098



10³

10⁴

Kinetic energy [GeV/n]

Helium

10

200

F. Alemanno et al. (DAMPE) PoS(ICRC2021)117



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Ahn et al., ApJ 714, L89 (2010)

Hardening spectra

Hardening in CNO seen by AMS and CALET, at 200-300 GeV/n (but 27% difference in normalization...); spectral index changes from about 2.7 to 2.6.

P. Mastro et al. (CALET) PoS(ICRC2021)093 also O. Adriani et al., PRL 125, 251102 (2020)



AMS 2017: 35th ICRC, Busan, South Korea A. Kounine et al., PoS(ICRC2017)1093





Other recent results

A. Panov et al. (NUCLEON) PoS(ICRC2017)1024



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F. Stolzi et al. (CALET) PoS(ICRC2021)109







S. Torii et al. (CALET) PoS(ICRC2021)105



(CALET+AMS02) vs (DAMPE+Fermi-LAT)

Apparent tension... but E³ rescaling can do funny things and control of systematics needs improvement

- Interpretation requires understanding distributed Galactic source contributions + perhaps some nearby pulsars;
- there seems to be a hardening in the >100 GeV region;
- TeV dropoff now confirmed;
- no strong features apparent in the multi-TeV region indicative of a dominant nearby source (maybe slight uptick at E>3TeV?);
- active theoretical investigations of shock acceleration details.

Antimatter

M. Aguilar et al., PRL 122, 041102 (2019)





- AMS-02 positrons: interpretation of the "source term" is not clear (dark matter or something less exciting?);
- secondary production needs to be better understood.

- Any meaningful pbar structure?
- Interesting similarity between positron and antiproton spectra (antiprotons cannot come from pulsars)
- New regime: antideuterons

M. Aguilar et al., PRL 117, 091103 (2016)

Secondary nuclei:

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H.S. Ahn et al., Astropart. Phys. 30, 133 (2008)
A. Oliva et al., 34th ICRC (2015)
M. Aguilar et al., PRL 117, 231101 (2016)

B/C shape well constrained by AMS; interesting sec vs pri comparison;

- Be and other isotopes need better measurements (including spallation crosssections);
- phenomenological understanding of secondary production being refined (crucial for antimatter).



M. Aguilar et al., PRL 120, 021101 (2018)



Be isotopes

• Be entirely secondary; ⁹Be is stable, but ¹⁰Be decays ($\lambda \sim 1.39$ Myr) • Energy evolution of ¹⁰Be/⁹Be ratio traces increasing regions of the Galaxy (Lorentz time dilation): disk at 0.3 GeV/n, halo at 10 GeV/n.

HELIX: 7-14 day exposure, 0.1 m²sr acceptance



Be isotopes with $\Delta m/m = 2.5\%$, HELIX design



AMS Be isotopes are not mass resolved





refurbished HEAT magnet



ToF plane



HELIX

High Energy Light Isotope eXperiment Sweden or Antarctic flight 2023





RICH



n=1.15 aerogel tiles from Chiba University 10 x 10 x 1 cm³ tile



SuperTiger



- Antarctic balloon payload;
- Large acceptance for rare heavy nuclei;
- Surprising twist in volatile/refractory trends...



Model with 80% solar system material + 20% massive star material; refractory elements preferred over volatiles up to Z~40, but not true beyond; likely r-process origin implications.

N.E. Walsh et al., PoS(ICRC2021)118





Future missions

HERD for nuclei up to 3 PeV (Chinese SS 2027)



Plus PUEO, POEMMA, EUSO, APT, HEPD02, GAMMA-400, ...



GAPS for antideuterons (balloon 2022)



TIGERISS for ultraheavies (proposal)



ALADInO and AMS-100 for antimatter (concepts)







Thanks to



Conclusions

Direct studies of cosmic-ray nuclei now yield high precision and energy reach overlapping groundbased instruments.

Elemental spectra now show hardening at \sim 300-500 GeV/n; additional spectral structure at the high end (\sim 10-14 TeV/n) for p and He;

- These observations need theoretical explanations;
- Could be a source effect and shock acceleration needs refinement;
- Could be a propagation effect;
- Could be due to the effect of nearby accelerators.

Secondary elements are starting to constrain propagation. Need refined isotope measurements, accelerator cross sections. Impact on secondary production, including antimatter.

Antimatter, electrons continue to offer fascinating alternative glimpses into the high-energy universe.

Next-gen instruments are expanding and refining these measurements, which anchor composition models for studies at higher energies with ground-based detectors. New and proposed instruments push to ever higher energies.

