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New results obtained from CALET observations after 8 years of data collection on the International Space Station

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The CALET mission

The **CALorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET)**, operating aboard the **International Space Station (ISS)** since October 2015, is an experiment dedicated to high-energy astroparticle physics.

Figure 1: the CALET mission on the ISS.

Remarkable events:

- August 19^{th} , 2015: launched by the Japanese H2-B rocket;
- August $25th$, 2015: emplaced on JEM-EF (Japanese Experiment Module Exposed Facility) port #9;
- \bullet October 13th, 2015; start of stable observations, more than 4.5 billion events collected so far.

CALET payload

- **Mass** 612.8 kg (JEM Standard Payload)
- **Size:** 1850 mm(L) \times 800 mm(W) \times 1000 mm(H)
- **Power**: 507 W (max)
- **Telemetry: Medium 600 kbps (6.5 GB/day)**

The CALET payload

CALET consists of a **detector system and data processing units**, **support sensors** and an **interface unit** that attaches the payload to the JEM-EF.

Figure 2: overview of the CALET payload.

Overview of the CALET payload:

- detector system:
	- **o** main calorimeter (CAL):
		- CHarge Detector (CHD)
		- IMaging Calorimeter (IMC)
		- □ Total AbSorption Calorimeter (TASC)
	- CALET Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (CGBM):
		- \Box Hard X-ray Monitor (HXM)
 \Box Soft Gamma-ray Monitor (
		- Soft Gamma-ray Monitor (SGM)
- data processing and power supply:
	- Mission Data Controller (MDC)
	- CPU, telemetry, power, trigger, etc. HV-BOX
		- HV supply (PMT: 68ch, APD: 22ch)
- support sensors:
	- Advanced Stellar Compass (ASC) Directional measurement
	- GPS Receiver (GPSR) Time stamp of triggered event $(< 1$ ms)

CALET observations and physics targets

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Overview of CALET observations:

- **O** direct cosmic-ray observations in space at the highest energy region by combining:
	- √ a large-size detector; √
	- long-term observation onboard the ISS;
- all electron observation in the 1 GeV 20 TeV energy range, with high energy resolution;
	- ⇒ search for dark matter and nearby cosmic-ray sources;
- observation of cosmic-ray nuclei in the 10 GeV - 1 PeV energy range;
	- ⇒ unravelling the cosmic-ray acceleration and propagation mechanism;
- detection of transients in space by long-term stable observations:
	- ⇒ electromagnetic radiation from gravitational wave sources, gamma-ray bursts, solar flares, etc.

Experiments installed on the ISS

AMS-02 and CALET are carrying out complementary measurements.

The main detector (CAL)

The CALET main detector (CAL) [1] employs a **calorimeter** with a field of view of ∼ 45◦ from zenith, a geometrical factor of ∼ 1040 cm² sr and a total depth of ∼ **30 radiation length X⁰** and ∼ **1**.**3 interaction length** λ**^I** for particles at normal incidence.

It consists of:

- **CHarge Detector (CHD)**: a pair of plastic scintillator hodoscopes arranged in two orthogonal layers, in order to identify the charge of the incident particle;
- **IMaging Calorimeter (IMC)**: a sampling calorimeter made of alternated thin layers of Tungsten absorber and scintillating fibers read-out individually;
- **Total AbSorption Calorimeter (TASC)**: a packed lead-tungstate (PWO) hodoscope, capable of almost complete containment of the TeV-electromagnetic showers.

Figure 4: electron (or positron) event candidate (reconstructed energy of 3.05 TeV and energy deposit sum of 2.89 TeV).

This design leads to excellent **detector performance**: an electromagnetic shower energy resolution of ∼ 2% above 20 GeV and a protons rejection factor of \sim 10⁵.

[1] S. Torii, P. S. Marrocchesi et al., Adv. Space Res., **64** (2019) 2531

CALET operations in space

Three trigger modes are possible in CALET. The **High Energy (Low Energy) Trigger** select shower events with energies greater than 10 GeV (1 GeV), while the **Single Trigger** is dedicated to acquiring data from non-interacting particles for detector calibration.

Figure 5: energy deposit (in TASC) spectrum in the range 1 GeV-1 PeV.

High energy (HE) trigger statistics:

- orbital operations: **3123 days (> 8 years)** as of April 30, 2024
- live time fraction: ∼ **86**%
- exposure of HE trigger: **> 275 m2sr day**
- HE-gamma point source exposure: ∼ **4.2 m2day** (for Crab, Geminga)

Geometrical Factor (GF)

- **GF = 1040 cm² sr** for electrons, light nuclei
- **GF = 1000 cm² sr** for gamma-rays
- **GF = 4000 cm**² **sr** for ultra-heavy nuclei

Time duration of observation: **20.6 hours per day** on average

All-electron spectrum

$$
\Phi(E) = \frac{N(E)}{\Delta E \epsilon(E) \text{ } S\Omega \text{ } T}
$$

Φ(E): electron spectrum E: electron energy N(E): number of events in ∆E bin (after background subtraction) SΩ: geometrical acceptance (1040 cm² sr) $T: \lim_{n \to \infty}$

Figure 6: cosmic-ray all-electron spectrum measured by CALET compared with the results of AMS-02, DAMPE and Fermi-LAT.

 $\epsilon(E)$: total selection efficiency Low energy region:

∆E: energy bin width

- the CALET spectrum is consistent with AMS-02 up to 2 TeV:
- present measurements are clustered below 1 TeV into 2 groups: **AMS-02 + CALET** and **Fermi-LAT + DAMPE**, possibly indicating the presence of unknown systematics.

High energy region:

CALET observes a flux suppression above 1 TeV with a significance more than 6.5 σ .

^[2] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **131** (2023) 191001

Fit on the all-electron spectrum

Only nearby (< 1 kpc) and young (< 10^5 yr) sources can contribute to the flux above 1 TeV if the sources are supernova remnants (SNRs): a **steepening** at about 1 TeV is expected.

FIGURE 7A: fits in [30,4800] GeV. FIGURE 7B: possible spectral fit.

All-electron spectrum fitted in 30 GeV < ^E < ⁴.⁸ TeV with a **single broken power law (SBPL)**:

$$
\Phi(E) = C \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{\gamma} \left[1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_b} \right)^{\frac{\Delta \gamma}{s}} \right]^{-s}
$$

We observe that:

- in the TeV region the data show a break of the spectrum compatible with the DAMPE results;
- 9 candidates above 4.8 TeV are consistent with an estimation of the electron flux from the nearby SNRs based on an interpretation model.

Proton spectrum

∆E: energy bin width

 $\epsilon(E)$: total selection efficiency

Figure 8: cosmic-ray proton spectrum measured by CALET compared with the experimental results of AMS-02, CREAM-III and DAMPE.

CALET spectrum is in good agreement with:

- **The interpret** in rigidity spectra measured by magnetic spectrometers in the sub-TeV region;
- **O** measurements carried out with calorimetric instruments at higher energies.

Observations

The analysis confirms the presence of a spectral **hardening** at a few hundred GeV (significance of more than 20 σ) and observes a spectral **softening** around 10 TeV.

^[3] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **129** (2022) 101102

Fit on the proton spectrum

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Proton spectrum is not consistent with a single power law covering the whole range.

Figure 9a: fit with a DBPL function.

Proton spectrum fitted in 80 GeV < ^E < ⁶⁰ TeV with a **double broken power law (DBPL)**:

$$
\Phi(E)=C\left(\frac{E}{1~GeV}\right)^{\gamma}\left[1+\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^s\right]^{\frac{\Delta\gamma}{s}}\left[1+\left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right)^{s_1}\right]^{\frac{\Delta\gamma_1}{s_1}}
$$

A gradual hardening is followed by a sharp softening at about 9 TeV ($s_1 >> s$, large uncertainty). Spectrum shape is consistent with the most recent results of DAMPE.

Helium spectrum

Spectrum measured [4] in 40 $GeV < F < 250$ TeV

$$
\Phi(E) = \frac{N(E)}{\Delta E \epsilon(E) \text{ } S\Omega \text{ } T}
$$

- Φ(E): helium spectrum E: helium kinetic energy N(E): number of events in ∆E bin (after background subtraction) SΩ: geometrical acceptance (510 cm² sr) $T: \lim_{n \to \infty}$ ∆E: energy bin width
- $\epsilon(E)$: total selection efficiency

Figure 10: cosmic-ray helium spectrum measured by CALET compared with the experimental results of AMS-02, CREAM-I and DAMPE.

CALET spectrum is in good agreement with:

- \bullet rigidity spectra measured by magnetic spectrometers in the sub-TeV region;
- measurements carried out with calorimetric instruments at higher energies.

Observations

The analysis observes a spectral **hardening** from a few hundred GeV to a few tens TeV and also observes the onset of a spectral **softening** above a few tens of TeV.

^[4] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **130** (2023) 171002

Fit on the helium spectrum

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Helium spectrum is not consistent with a single power law covering the whole range.

^Figure ¹¹a: fit with a DBPL function. ^Figure ¹¹b: spectral index vs. energy.

Spectrum fitted in 60 GeV < ^E < ²⁵⁰ TeV with a **double broken power law (DBPL)**:

$$
\Phi(E) = C \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{\gamma} \left[1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^s\right]^{\frac{\Delta \gamma}{s}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_1}\right)^{s_1}\right]^{\frac{\Delta \gamma_1}{s_1}}
$$

The index change $\Delta \gamma$ is proven to be different from zero by more than 8 σ . DBPL fit parameters are consistent, within the errors, with the most recent results of DAMPE.

Comparison of proton and helium spectra

Figure 12a: proton and helium spectra vs. energy per nucleon

Figure 12c: proton to helium ratio vs. energy per nucleon. Figure 12d: proton to helium ratio vs. rigidity.

Figure 12^B: proton and helium spectra vs. rigidity.

- **•** proton and helium spectra harden and soften at around the same region of rigidity;
- **the spectral index of helium is harder than that of proton (by ∼0.1) in the whole** rigidity range.

The proton and helium spectrum **softening** around 10 TV indicates a possible relation to the energy limit of shock wave acceleration in SNRs.

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Boron, carbon and oxygen spectra

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Figure 13n: fits with a DPL function.

For carbon and oxygen:

Spectra measured $[5,6]$ in 8.4 GeV/n < $E < 3.8$ TeV/n. Fit in $25 \text{ GeV}/n < E < 3.8 \text{ TeV}/n$ with a **double power law (DPL)**:

$$
\Phi(E) = \begin{cases} C \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{\gamma} & E \le E_0 \\ C \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{\gamma} \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{\Delta \gamma} & E > E_0 \end{cases}
$$

For boron:

- ο. C and O fluxes harden in a similar way above 200 GeV/n;
- B spectrum clearly different from C-O as expected for primary and secondary CR.

[5] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **129** (2022) 251103 [6] P. Maestro et al., PoS **(ICRC 2023)** (2024) 058

B/C, B/O and C/O flux ratio

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We observe that:

- flux ratios of B/C and B/O are in agreement with AMS-02 and lower than DAMPE result above 300 GeV/n, although consistent within the error bars;
- C/O flux ratio as a function of energy is in good agreement with AMS-02;
- at $E > 30$ GeV/n the C/O ratio is well fitted to a constant value 0.90 ± 0.03 , with \bullet 2 /dof = 8.1/13 $\ddot{}$
	- \Rightarrow C and O fluxes have the same energy dependence.
- \bullet at E < 30 GeV/n C/O ratio is slightly softer
	- ⇒ secondary C from O and heavier nuclei spallation

Iron spectrum and fit

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Figure 15b: fits with a DPL and a SPL function.

Spectrum measured [7,8] in 10 GeV/ $n < E < 1$ TeV/n. Fit in 50 GeV/ $n < E < 1000$ GeV/n with a **DPL** and a **single power law (SPL)**: $\Phi(E) = C \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{\gamma}$

We observe that:

- the spectrum is consistent with CRN and ATIC
- \bullet the significance of the fit with the DPL is not sufficient to exclude the possibility of a SPL.

[7] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **126** (2021) 241101 [8] F. Stolzi et al., PoS **(ICRC 2023)** (2024) 061

Nickel spectrum and fit

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Figure 16a: cosmic-ray nickel spectrum.

Figure 16b: fit with a SPL function.

Spectrum measured $[8.9]$ in 8.8 GeV/n < E < 240 GeV/n. Fit: 20 GeV/n < E < 240 GeV/n with a **SPL**: γ = −2.49 ± 0.03 (stat) ±0.07 (syst) (χ²/dof = 0.1/3)

- **O** Slightly softer than NUCLEON results
- **O** SPL well consistent with CALET data

[9] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **128** (2022) 131103

Ultra heavy nuclei (26 $<$ Z \leq 44)

Figure 17a: acceptance for UH trigger. Figure 17b: UH CHD charge histogram with TASC filter.

- the Ultra Heavy (UH) trigger uses CHD and IMC (first 4 layers) to quadruple the geometric factor GF \sim 4400 cm 2 sr without energy information (\sim 260 million events);
- a data subset cross the top of the TASC with energy information (∼65 million events).

Figure 17c: UH abundances for $Z > 26$. Figure 170: relative abundances of the Odd-Even pairs.

The CALET UH element ratios relative to Fe are consistent with SuperTIGER and ACE-CRIS abundances [10].

[10] V. Zober et al., PoS **(ICRC 2023)** (2024) 088

γ -rays and gravitational waves

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- Observations with High Energy (HE) trigger . are always active (E > ∼10 GeV);
- **O** observations with Low Energy γ (LE- γ) trigger are active at low geomagnetic latitudes (E > ∼1 GeV);
- trigger of CGBM instrument prompts CALET to temporarily activate LE- γ mode to search for transient counterparts;
- \bullet transient analysis pipeline allows for quick follow-up of GRBs or LIGO/Virgo GW triggers:
- **◯** observations corresponding to triggers in LIGO/Virgo O3-O4 run were analyzed.

^Figure ¹⁸a: LE-γ trigger rate [11].

CGRM has detected 327 GRRs, as of June 2023.

Figure 18b: duration distribution measured by SGM.

No candidate of EM counterparts was found in CALET data. We obtained upper limits of high energy γ-ray flux [12].

[11] Y. Asaoka et al., Astr. Phy. **100** (2018) 29 [12] O. Adriani et al., Astr. Jou. **933** (2022) 85

γ -ray sky map and energy spectra

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^Figure ¹⁹a: skymap for LE-γ triggers.

Figure 19_B: skymap for HE triggers.

- Effective area: ∼400 cm² \bullet
- 0 Angular resolution: $< 0.2^\circ$ (> 10 GeV)
- \bullet Energy resolution: 2% (> 10 GeV)

Figure 19c: energy spectra of some point sources (Crab, Geminga, Vela).

^Figure ¹⁹d: Galactic and off-Galactic plane spectra for LE-γ (left) and HE (right) data.

The spectra for point sources and diffuse components are found to be consistent with those obtained by Fermi-LAT [13].

[13] M. Mori et al., PoS **(ICRC 2023)** (2024) 708

Solar modulation and drift model

Figure 20a: time profiles of the normalized count rates of electrons Ce−, protons C_p and neutron monitor C_{NM}.

Figure 20b: proton and electron count rates at the average rigidity of 3.8 GV as a function of neutron monitor count rates at the Oulu station during the descending phase in the 24th solar cycle (closed circles) and the ascending phase in the 25th solar cycle (open circles).

- We have observed a clear charge-sign dependence of the solar modulation of GCRs, showing that variation amplitude of C_{e-} is much larger than that of C_p at the same average rigidity [14,15].
- \bullet We also have succeeded in reproducing variations of C_{e-} and C_p simultaneously with a numerical drift model of the solar modulation, which implies that the drift effect plays a major role in the long-term modulation of GCRs.
- \bullet We also find a clear difference between ratios, C_p/C_{NM} , during the descending phase of the 24th solar cycle and the ascending phase of the 25th solar cycle.

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^[14] O. Adriani et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **130** (2023) 211001 [15] S. Miyake et al., PoS **(ICRC 2023)** (2024) 1253

Conclusions

CALET was successfully launched on August 19th, 2015, and is successfully carrying out observations since October 2015 with stable instrument performance

Main results discussed in this presentation:

- all-electron up to 7.5 TeV, cut-off confirmed and hint of SNR contribution [PRL 131, 191001 (2023)];
- proton up to 60 TeV, hardening and softening confirmed [PRL 129, 101102 (2022)];
- helium up to 250 TeV, hardening confirmed and onset of a softening [PRL 130, 171002 (2023)];
- carbon and oxygen up to 3.8 TeV/n, hardening clearly observed [PRL 125, 251102 (2020) and ICRC2023];
- boron up to 3.8 TeV/n, harden more than C-O [PRL 129, 251103 (2022) and ICRC2023];
- \bullet iron up to 1 TeV/n, hint of hardening [PRL 126, 241101 (2021) and ICRC2023];
- nickel up to 240 GeV/n, more accurate high energy measurement [PRL 128, 131103 (2022) and ICRC2023];
- ultra heavy nuclei: large acceptance analysis, consistent with SuperTIGER [ICRC2023];
- transient low energy gamma and X-rays: no candidate of EM counterparts [ApJ 933:85, ApJL 829:L20];
- \bullet high energy gamma-rays: diffuse flux, source spectra [ICRC2023];
- solar modulation: charge-sign dependence [PRL 130, 211001 (2023) and ICRC2023].
- Other important topics were not discussed in this presentation, e.g. space weather, nuclei ratios, etc.

Extended operations recently approved by JAXA/NASA/ASI through the end of 2030.

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CALET objectives

The technical characteristics of the instrument enable the CALET mission to address the main outstanding questions of high-energy cosmic ray physics.

CALET main features:

- wide dynamic range (1-10⁶ MIP);
- **large thickness (30** X_0 **, 1.3** λ_l **);**
- excellent charge ID $(0.2 e^-)$

CALET can cover the whole energy range previously investigated in separate subranges by **magnetic spectrometers** and **calorimeters**.

The CALET instrumentation

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Overview of the main detector (CAL) instrumentation:

FIGURE 21: overview of the CALET main detector (CAL) instrumentation.

The total thickness of the instrument is equivalent to $30 X_0$ and $1.3 \lambda_I$.

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Examples of CALET event candidates

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CALET capability of particle identification:

- \bullet the calorimeter absorbs the full electron shower energy even in the TeV range;
- \bullet charge measurement (CHD and IMC) identifiy elements from $Z = 1$ to 26 and above;
- \bullet γ -rays are identified as charge zero (no signal before the pair creation).

Figure 22a: electron (or positron), $E = 3.05$ TeV. Figure 22b: proton, $E_{TASC} = 2.89$ TeV (same as electron).

Figure 22c: γ -ray, E = 44.3 GeV. Figure 22c: iron, E $_{TASC}$ = 9.03 TeV.

Detector performance

- CHD charge resolution: from 0.15 e (B and C) to 0.35 e (Fe); \bullet
- **•** angular resolution:
	- $\sim 0.1^{\circ}$ for e, p, nuclei;
	- $~\sim$ 0.2 $^{\circ}$ for γ -ray (E > 50 GeV);
- **e** energy resolution:
	- $\bullet \sim 2\%$ (E > 10 GeV) for e and γ -ray;
	- $\bullet \sim 30 35\%$ for p, nuclei;
- e/p separation: $\sim 10^{-5}$. The proton contamination is less than 10% up to 7.5 TeV
- **O** Charge identification:
	- \bullet for p, He and light nuclei is achieved by CHD + IMC;
	- for heavy nuclei is achieved by CHD (signal saturation in the IMC layers).

Figure 23a: charge distribution from proton to Nickel (CHD).

Figure 23b: charge distribution for low Z (CHD).

Figure 23c: charge distribution for high Z (CHD).

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Energy measurement: a wide dynamic range 1-10⁶ MIPs

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Nuclei measurement: charge identification with CHD and IMC

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Single element identification for p, He and light nuclei due to CHD+IMC charge analysis.

Figure 25a: IMC charge resolution (multiple dE/dx sampling in scintillating fibers). Charge separation in B to C: ~ 5σ.

Figure 25c: charge identification with CHD and IMC. Figure 25p: charge identification vs. Z.

Figure 25b: CHD charge resolution (2 layers combined). Charge separation in B to C: \sim 7 σ .

Deviation from Z^2 response is corrected both in CHD and IMC using a core + halo ionization model (Voltz).

Energy measurement: energy scale and resolution

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Figure 26a: absolute energy scale calibration (electrons).

Hadrons:

Beam calibration (CERN-SPS in 2015) with ion fragments at 13, 19 and 150 GeV/n:

- 0 linearity assessed up to ∼ 6 TeV with primary beam of ⁴⁰Ar at 150 GeV/n;
- \bullet fraction of particle energy released in TASC is ∼ 20%;
-

Figure 26b: simulated energy resolution (electrons).

- 0 absolute energy scale calibration for electrons using rigidity cutoff + beam calibration at CERN-SPS;
- simulated energy dependence of electron energy resolution: < 2% above 20 GeV using both TASC and IMC including the calibration errors.

Spectral Fit of B/C and B/O

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B/C and B/O ratio fitted to a DPL and to functions from a leaky-box model describing the particle transport in the Galaxy.

Figure 27a: fits with a SPL and a DPL function.

Leaky-Box (LB) model:

$$
\begin{aligned} &\frac{\Phi_B(E)}{\Phi_C(E)} = \frac{\lambda(E)\lambda_B}{\lambda(E) + \lambda_B} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda_{C \to B}} + \frac{\Phi_O(E)}{\Phi_C(E)} \frac{1}{\lambda_{O \to B}} \right] \\ &\frac{\Phi_B(E)}{\Phi_O(E)} = \frac{\lambda(E)\lambda_B}{\lambda(E) + \lambda_B} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda_{O \to B}} + \frac{\Phi_O(E)}{\Phi_C(E)} \frac{1}{\lambda_{C \to B}} \right] \\ &\lambda(E) = kE^{-\delta} + \lambda_0 \end{aligned}
$$

Figure 27B: Leaky-Box model (λο fixed or free).

Simultaneous fit to B/C and B/O (E > 25 GeV/n) with same parameters except normalization:

- \bullet SPL fit: $\Gamma = -0.376 + 0.014$ $(x^2/dof = 19/27)$
- DPL fit: $ΔΓ = 0.22 + 0.10$. $(x^2$ /dof = 15/26)

 $\lambda_{C\rightarrow B}(\lambda_{O\rightarrow B})$: average path length for a nucleus C (O) to spall into B;
 $\lambda(E)$: mean escape path length:

 δ : diffusion coefficient spectral index: δ : diffusion coefficient spectral index;
λ₀: residual path length (interpreted as
source grammage) source grammage).

Significance of $\lambda_0 \neq 0$ > 5 σ . Residual path length could explain the flattening of B/C, B/O ratios at high energies.

CALET Gamma-ray Bursts Monitor (CGBM)_{ICHEP 2024}

Figure 28a: Hard X-ray Monitor (HXM). Figure 28a: Soft Gamma-ray Monitor

(SGM). ^Figure ²⁸c: SGM field-of-view.

The Calet Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (CGBM):

- consists of two Hard X-ray Monitor (HXM) and one Soft Gamma-ray Monitor (SGM);
	- HXM: LaBr³ scintillator (energy range: 7 keV ∼ 1 MeV);
	- SGM: BGO scintillator (energy range: 100 keV ∼ 20 MeV);
- collects light curve data and spectral data for each 1/8 s and 4 s, respectively.
- \bullet if CGBM detects a transient, CGBM captures event data (62.5 μ s, 4096 x 2 energy channels).

CGBM can detect short GRBs, primary candidates for the counterparts of gravitational wave sources.