Desired reactions for nuclear production XS

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1) Intro: Galactic CR data $(E \sim 10^{8} - 10^{15} eV)$

Elemental spectra

1) Intro: CR data in CRDB (https://lpsc.in2p3.fr/crdb)

1) Intro: GCR transport

(astrophysics + particle physics)

 \rightarrow Phenomenological transport models to interpret CR data (DRAGON, GALPROP, PICARD, *USINE*)

N.B: microphysics-based approaches make progress! (e.g., moving-mesh MHD code AREPO)

DM, CPC (2020) <https://dmaurin.gitlab.io/USINE/>

1) Intro: model parameters

(astrophysics + particle physics)

Source and transport parameters = free parameters to determine from GCR data

1) Intro: XS as key ingredient

(astrophysics + particle physics)

Continuous and **catastrophic losses** = input ingredients of the GCR calculation

This talk = nuclear XS uncertainties are a limitation for data interpretation (astro and dark matter)

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2) Nuclear XS for transport parameters

Secondary species $(^{2}H, \,^{3}He, \, Li-Be-B, \, F, \, sub-Fe)$

- \rightarrow Secondary fluxes proportional to nuclear production XS
- \rightarrow Sec./prim. (B/C, F/Si...) constrain transport parameters [e.g. [Weinrich et al., 2020;](https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2020A%26A...639A.131W) [Ferronato Bueno et al., 2024](https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2024A%2526A...688A..17F)]

Transport uncertainties depend on nuclear production XS

Modelling systematics (from XS) vs CR data uncertainties

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→ Interpretation of recent data (e.g. universality of transport for all species) limited by XS uncertainties

 \rightarrow Network of ~1000 reactions (up to ⁵⁶Fe) to rank!

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Flux impact + propagation of uncertainties

$$
f_{abc} = \frac{\psi_{\text{sec}}^{\text{ref}} - \psi_{\text{sec}}^{\sigma_{a+b\rightarrow c}=0}}{\psi_{\text{sec}}^{\text{ref}}}
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\Delta\psi_{\text{tot}}}{\psi_{\text{tot}}}\right)^{\text{mix}} \approx f_{\text{sec}} \sum_{a} \sqrt{\sum_{b,c} \left(f_{abc} \frac{\Delta\sigma_{a+b\rightarrow c}}{\sigma_{a+b\rightarrow c}}\right)^2}
$$

 \rightarrow Ranking f_{abc} = ranking most important reactions \rightarrow f_{abc} link XS uncertainties to CR flux uncertainties

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Illustration of ranking on Li

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New data mandatory to fully exploit current GCR data

Configuration to reach ~3% precision on GCR fluxes with a few 10^5 reactions ω a facility like NA61

[Génolini, DM, Moskalenko & Unger \(2024\)](https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2024PhRvC.109f4914G)

 \rightarrow Low risk / high benefit measurements (game changer) | \sim 12

XS for GCRs and their typical uncertainties

Beam time calculation

TABLE IV. Required number of interactions to be recorded per reaction, as calculated from Eq. (18) with $\beta = 1$. The reactions are given in three groups of increasing projectile mass (up to O, Si, or Fe). The cumulative number of required interactions is quoted at the end of each group.

Génolini et al. (2024)

$$
\left(\frac{\Delta\psi}{\psi}\right)^2_{a+b} = \frac{f_{\text{sec}}^2}{N} \mathcal{C}_{ab}^2, \qquad \mathcal{C}_{ab}^2 \equiv \sum_c f_{abc}^2 \frac{\sigma_{a+b}}{\sigma_{a+b\to c}}.
$$

The above uncertainty is only for one contributing reaction. The total flux uncertainty is obtained from the quadratic sum over all contributing reactions (i.e., reactions $a + b$, $d+e$, $f+g$, etc.). Labelling these n_r reactions with the index k, we can write $\{\mathcal{C}_{ab}, \mathcal{C}_{de}, \mathcal{C}_{fe}, \dots\}$ as $\{\mathcal{C}_k\}_{k=1...n_r}$, and assuming N_k interactions recorded for each reaction k, we get

$$
\left(\frac{\Delta\psi}{\psi}\right)^2 = f_{\text{sec}}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} \frac{1}{N_k} C_k^2.
$$
 (15)

We aim at the desired model uncertainty to be smaller than the uncertainty of the current and near future CR experiments. The AMS-02 experiment claims \approx 3% uncertainty for most of its data. Therefore, since the contribution from cross-section uncertainties should be a subdominant of the overall uncertainty, we investigate how keep this contribution at the 1% level. If in addition an experimental systematic uncertainty of typically 0.5% can be achieved (e.g., Ref. $[121]$, then we arrive to the required statistical accuracy of $\xi = \sqrt{0.01^2 - 0.005^2} = 0.0087$ as in Ref. [122]. Adopting the optimal power-law exponent $\beta = 1$ derived in Sec. III C results in the required number of interactions listed in Table IV. It is worthwhile noting that a scaling with $\beta = 0$, as investigated in Paper I, would require about a factor-of-two more interactions to be recorded to obtain the same accuracy, but it involves fewer interaction channels.

Impact of new data (various XS model hypotheses)

Correlated uncertainties?

- \rightarrow measurements from same experimental setup
- \rightarrow parametrizations induce systematics

Uncorrelated uncertainties?

 \rightarrow data from different experimental setups

Looking at the data/parameterizations

- correlated for all fragments of a given projectile
- Uncorrelated between different projectile

XS parametrisations and EXFOR data base

XS Parametrisations

Two "historical" groups/codes

- WNEW (Webber et al., up to 2003): semi-empirical formula based on "regularities" observed in data
- YIELDX (Tsao & Silberberg, up to 2000): semianalytical formula "driven" by theory

Model parameters = global fit on all data YIELDX better than WNEW for XS reaction with "no data"

GALPROP implementation

Use of WNEW and YIELDX $+$ rescaling on existing data (Moskalenko & Mashnick, 2003):

- Galp-opt12: starts from WNEW
- Galp-opt22: starts from YIELDX

XS extraction: EXFOR database

<https://www.nndc.bnl.gov/exfor/exfor.htm>

Type of measured reactions

- Direct: beam on H (or using $CH2 C$ subtraction technique)
- Indirect: target irradiated by proton beam (γ-spectrometry or mass spectrometry after chemical extraction)

Relevant publications for Fe

- Napolitani et al. (2004)
- Herbach et al. (2006)
- Villagrasa-Canton et al. (2007)
- Titarenko et al. (2008.2011)

In practice

- update all relevant XS for relevant progenitors (see Génolini et al., 2018): ⁵⁶Fe, 28Si, 24Mg, 20Ne, 16O, 14,15N, 12C…
- Apply rescaling procedure

Most significant differences in updated XS

DM et al. (2022)

Beware: cumulative XS required in CRs (must account for short-lived nuclei, aka ghosts) $\sigma^{c}(X + H \rightarrow Y) = \sigma(X + H \rightarrow Y)$ + $\sum_{G \in \text{ghosts}} \sigma(X + H \to G) \cdot \mathcal{B}r(G \to Y)$,

For Fe in LiBeB, overall:

- Galp-opt12 (left factor) undershoots
- Galp-opt12 (right factor) overshoots

For O in LiBeB (dominant progenitor, ~50% of total):

• Significant differences after update

x = no data

Scare/no data for important reactions...

Large discrepancies for 10Be production XS

References for LiBeB production XS

(direct and inverse kinematics, activation, gamma-detection, subtraction CH4-C, ...)

Improvement of new XS data on transport parameters

FIG. 4. Forecast of transport parameters determination from new cross-section measurement campaigns. Each figure shows 1σ contours in the (D_0, δ) relative error plane in different scenarios. The *left panel* shows the estimated current uncertainty (solid red line) and three cases were a subsets of cross sections have been updated according to our proposition Table IV, increasing the mass of the heavier progenitor from O to Fe. Finally, for comparison, we show the irreducible/intrinsic data uncertainty (solid black line). The right panel is a zoom of the left one and compares subcases where we would not measure the fragmentations of Table IV on a helium target. More details on how these bounds were computed can be found in the text.

Impact of updated XS: Li primary source?

DM et al. (2022)

Interpretation of post-fit nuisance XS parameters

New XS datasets \rightarrow Depending on XS dataset, need to increase or decrease Li production → Need for Li primary source alleviated: any claim for primary Li, Be, or B source cannot be significant (XS

too uncertain)

Impact of updated XS: halo size of the Galaxy

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Uncertainty on L large because of uncertain Be isotopic production XS

[N.B.: will plague interpretation of AMS-02 and HELIX measurement of this ratio]