AMS Days at CERN, The Future of Cosmic Ray Physics and Latest Results, 4/17/15

# Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass: From Balloons to the ISS





### We do not know what 95% of the universe is made of!

- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPS) could comprise dark matter.
- This can be tested by direct search for various annihilating ٠ products of WIMP's in the Galactic halo.



# Search for Antimatter & Dark Matter Novel Cosmic Origin

#### **1979: first observation of antiprotons**

(Golden et al, 1979, Bogomolov et al. 1979) **1981:** Anomalous excess (Buffington et al.) 1987: <u>LEAP</u>, PBAR 1988: ASTROMAG proposal 1989: MASS 1991: ASTROMAG shelved 1992: IMAX 1993: <u>BESS</u>, TS93 **1994: CAPRICE, HEAT** 1995: AMS proposal 1998: <u>AMS-01</u> (Discovery STS-91) 2000/2: Heat-pbar 2004: BESS-Polar I 2006-present PAMELA (Polar-orbit) 2007: BESS-Polar II 2011-present: AMS-02 (Endeavour STS -134)



# **BESS-Polar II**

#### Balloon-borne Experiment with a Superconducting Spectrometer





#### Abe et al. PRL, 108, 051102, 2012



Kinetic Energy (GeV)



- Original BESS instrument was flown nine times between 1993 and 2002.
- New BESS-Polar instrument flew from Antarctica in 2004 and 2007
  - Polar-I: 8.5 days observation
  - Polar-II 24.5 day observation, 4700 M events

7886 antiprotons detected: no evidence of primary antiprotons from evaporation of primordial black holes.



### **Alpha Magnet Spectrometer**

Launch for ISS on May 16, 2011

- Search for dark matter by measuring positrons, antiprotons, antideuterons and  $\gamma\text{-}rays$  with a single instrument
- Search for antimatter on the level of  $< 10^{-9}$



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### Latest measurements from the AMS experiment unveil new territories in the flux of cosmic rays

The excess positrons in the flux could be an indicator of dark matter particles annihilating into pairs of electrons and positrons.

By CERN, Geneva, Switzerland | Published: Friday, September 19, 2014 RELATED TOPICS: SPACE PHYSICS | COSMIC RAYS

"With AMS and with the LHC to restart in the near future **at energies never reached before, we are living in very exciting times** for particle physics as both instruments are pushing boundaries of physics," said CERN Director-General Rolf Heuer.

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## AMS Space Experiment Sees Hints of Dark Matter Particles



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### Dark Matter Looks WIMPy

Data from the International Space Station-based Alpha Magnetic Spectre consists of the invisible particles called weakly interacting massive particle



## How do cosmic accelerators work?



## Is the "knee" due to a limit in SNR acceleration?

- The all particle spectrum extends several orders of magnitude beyond the highest energies thought possible for supernova shocks
- And, there is a "knee" (index change) above 10<sup>15</sup> eV
- Acceleration limit signature: Characteristic elemental composition change over two decades in energy below and approaching the knee
- Direct measurements of individual elemental spectra can test the supernova acceleration model



 $E_{\max} \sim \frac{v}{c} ZeBVT \sim Z \times E_{\max_p}$ 

# **CREAM** Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass

Se<u>o et al. Adv. in Space Res.</u>, **33** (10), 1777, 2004; Ahn et al., NIM A, **579**, 1034, 2007

- Transition Radiation Detector (TRD) and Tungsten Scintillating Fiber Calorimeter
   In-flight cross-calibration of energy scales
- Complementary Charge Measurements
  - Timing-Based Charge Detector
  - Cherenkov Counter
  - Pixelated Silicon Charge Detector



 This longest known exposure for a single balloon project verifies the instrument design and reliability.







### Balloon Flights in Antarctica Offer Hands-On Experience CREAM has produced >12 Ph.D.'s



Eun-Suk Seo

## Two CREAM students won a poster award International School of Cosmic Ray Astrophysics, Erice, Italy, 2014



## U-Md.-Goddard programs offer students out-of-this-world opportunities

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By Allison Klein October 31 at 6:00 AM

Professor Eun-Suk Seo at the University of Maryland Laboratory stands in front of the Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass detector, which NASA will launch to the International Space Station. (Greg Powers/For The Washington Post)

**Dozens of students** at the University of Maryland have toiled in the physics lab, some soldering metal parts, some debugging software and some simply slicing black pieces of paper into perfectly sized triangles.

To physics professor Eun-Suk Seo, all of their work is critical. Students are helping her build a payload that is scheduled to launch to the International Space Station next year, the culmination of more than 10 years of her painstaking work on cosmic rays in a collaboration with NASA.



# <u>McMurdo, Antarctica</u>



## Elemental Spectra over 4 decades in energy

Yoon et al. ApJ 728, 122, 2011; Ahn et al., ApJ 715, 1400, 2010; Ahn et al. ApJ 707, 593, 2009



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## CREAM spectra harder than prior lower energy measurements



### **Taking into account the spectral hardening of elements** for the (AMS/PAMELA/ATIC/FERMI) high energy e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> enhancement

Yuan & Bi, Phys. Lett. B, 727, 1, 2013 & Yuan et al. arXiv:1304.1482, 2013



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Eun-Suk Seo

### CREAM solves the puzzle with the knee and beyond

T. K. Gaisser, T. Stanev and S. Tilav, Front. Phys. 8(6), 748, 2013





S. Tilav's presentation, TeV Particle Astrophysics, Irvine, CA , 26-29 August 2013

Acceleration limit:  $E_{max_z} = Ze \times R = Z \times E_{max_p}$ , where rigidity R = Pc/Ze

Consider propagation of CR in the interstellar medium with random hydromagnetic waves.

Steady State Transport Eq.:

$$\partial \frac{\partial}{\partial z} D_{j} \frac{\partial f_{j}}{\partial z} + \frac{\rho}{m} v \sigma f_{j} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{2} K_{j} \frac{\partial f_{j}}{\partial p} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p^{2} \left( \frac{dp}{dt} \right)_{j,ion} f_{j} \right] = q_{j} + \sum_{k < j} S_{jk}$$

The momentum distribution function f is normalized as  $N = \int dp p^2 f$ where N is CR number density, D: spatial diffusion coefficient,  $\sigma$ : cross section...

$$\frac{I_{j}}{X_{e}} + \frac{\sigma_{j}}{m}I_{j} + \alpha \{...\} + \frac{d}{dE} \left[ \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{j,ion} I_{j} \right] = \frac{Q_{j}}{\rho_{0}} + \sum_{k < j} \frac{\sigma_{jk}}{m}I_{k}$$
Cosmic ray intensity  $I_{j}(E) = A_{j}p^{2}f_{0j}(p)$ 
Escape length Xe  
Reacceleration parameter  $\alpha$ 

E. S. Seo and V. S. Ptuskin, Astrophys. J., 431, 705-714, 1994.

## What is the history of cosmic rays in the Galaxy?

Ahn et al. (CREAM collaboration) Astropart. Phys., 30/3, 133-141, 2008

- Measurements of the relative abundances of secondary cosmic rays (e.g., B/C) in addition to the energy spectra of primary nuclei will allow determination of cosmic-ray source spectra at energies where measurements are not currently available
- This first B/C ratio at such high energies will distinguish among propagation models





## NASA ISS Research Academy

League City, TX, August 3-5, 2010



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## **ISS Transportation Post-Shuttle**



### ATV (ESA)



### Progress/Soyuz (Energia)



HTV (JAXA)

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# **ISS-CREAM: CREAM for the ISS**

### E. S. Seo et al, Advances in Space Research, 53/10, 1451, 2014



- Building on the success of the balloon flights, the payload is being transformed for accommodation on the ISS (NASA's share of JEM-EF).
   Increase the exposure by an order of magnitude
- ISS-CREAM will measure cosmic ray energy spectra from 10<sup>12</sup> to >10<sup>15</sup> eV with individual element precision over the range from protons to iron to:
  - Probe cosmic ray origin, acceleration and propagation.
  - Search for spectral features from nearby/young sources, acceleration effects, or propagation history.

## THE ISS-CREAM TEAM



## **ISS-CREAM** Instrument

Seo et al. (CREAM Collaboration) Adv. in Space Res., 53/10, 1451, 2014



- Plastic scintillator instrumented with an array of 20 x 20 photodiodes for e/p separation.
- Independent trigger.

**Detector (T/BCD)** 

#### **Cosmic Ravs**

#### **Calorimeter (CAL)**

- 20 layers of alternating tungsten plates and scintillating fibers.
- Determines energy.
- Provides tracking and trigger.

#### **Boronated Scintillator Detector (BSD)**

• Additional e/p separation by detection of thermal neutrons.

# **CREAM Integration at WFF**









## Key Decision Points and Milestones



## Science Operation Center is in operation

http://cosmicray.umd.edu/iss-cream/data



## Data available online for real time monitoring

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## ISS-CREAM takes the next major step

- The ISS-CREAM space mission can take the next major step to 10<sup>15</sup> 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.



## Ever closer to answering long standing questions

ISS-CREAM will address specifically the science objectives of the Advanced Cosmic-ray Composition Experiment for the Space Station (ACCESS) prioritized in the Small Space-Based Initiative category of the 2001 NRC Decadal Study Report "Astronomy and Astrophysics in the New Millennium."





July 12, 2010

# SMD Urged To Use Station

SPACE NEWS

#### AMY KLAMPER, WASHINGTON

With the White House having directed NASA to continue supporting the international space station at least through 2020, the agency is looking for ways to more fully utilize the facility as a host platform for scientific payloads and for testing instrument technologies in orbit.

The research could involve any number of scientific disciplines, including astronomy, astrophysics, Earth science and planetary exploration, according to Vernon Jones, senior scientist for suborbital research in the astrophysics division of NASA's Science Mission Directorate (SMD).

Jones was speaking July 8 during a meeting of a group of outside scientists who reg-

al examples of such utilization are already under way, including the Alpha-Magnetic Spectrometer planned to launch aboard the final space shuttle mission early next year.

www.spacenews.com

"Here's an asset that's been extended for several years that in the past hasn't been used, and is there usability for the science area?" Jones said.

Jones said the space station provides a good platform for a variety of non-microgravity science and technology payloads because it offers mounting points for large instruments, moderate stability, ample power and high-bandwidth communications capabilities. He said all four of the NASA Advisory Council's Science subcommittees had been asked to propose potential science and technology research ideas to the full committee in ad-

#### **Cosmic Rays**

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## **Cosmic Ray Observatory on the ISS**

to solve the Mysteries of

**Dark Matter &** 

Origin of Cosmic Rays



AMS Launch May 16, 2011



JEM-EUSO Launch Tentatively planned for >2018

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ISS-CREAM Sp-X Launch 2015

# **Balloon Launch**

