



# Beam Test Calibration of the ISS-CREAM Calorimeter

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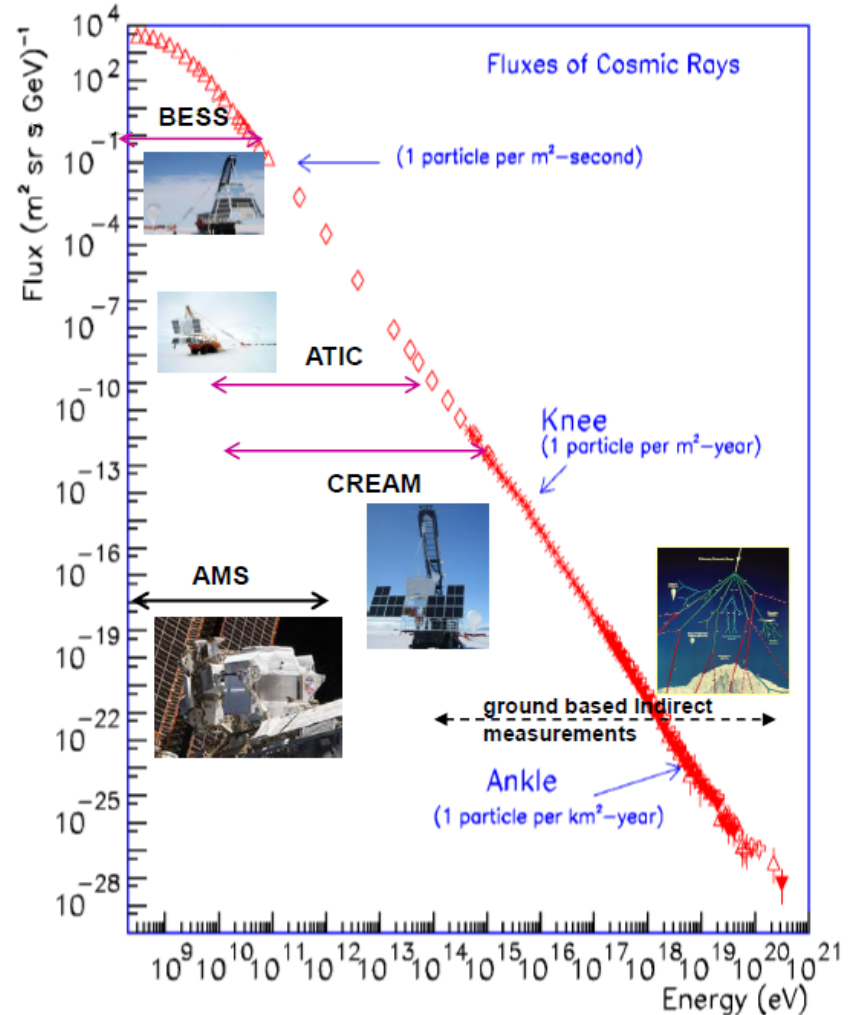
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# Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass

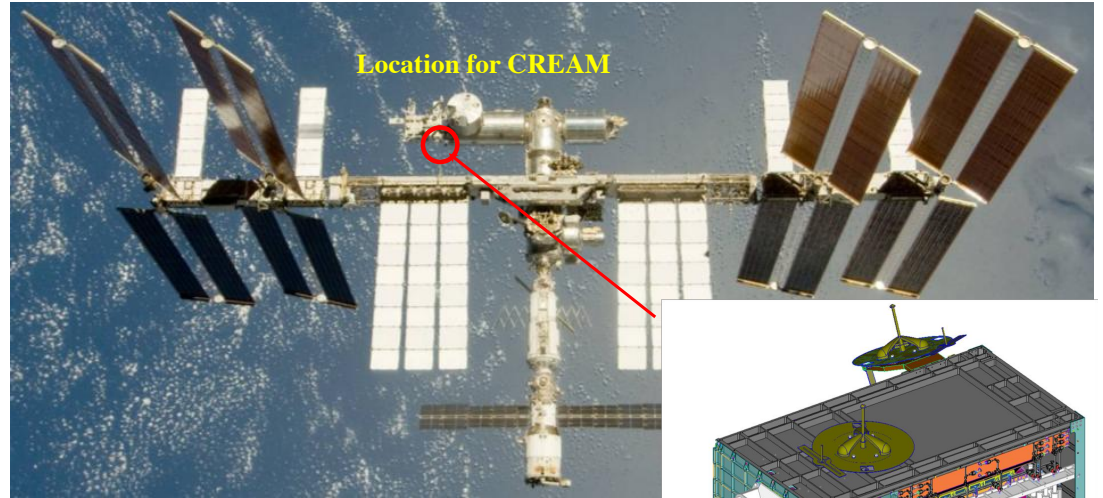
- The CREAM Experiment is designed to measure the energy and identify the elemental composition of incident cosmic-ray nuclei ( $Z=1-26$ ) and electrons in energy range  $10^{11}-10^{15}$  eV.
- It's goal is to extend direct measurements to the highest energies with the best statistics possible.
- In doing so, CREAM can address several open questions in cosmic-ray physics such as,
  - What is the nature of the mechanism behind cosmic ray acceleration? Single Source?
  - What effect do propagation effects have on cosmic-ray energy spectra → Cosmic Ray History?
  - Origin of the so-called 'knee'?



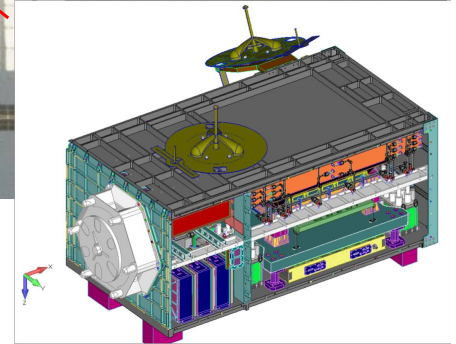
# CREAM to ISS-CREAM



CREAM with Long Duration Balloon



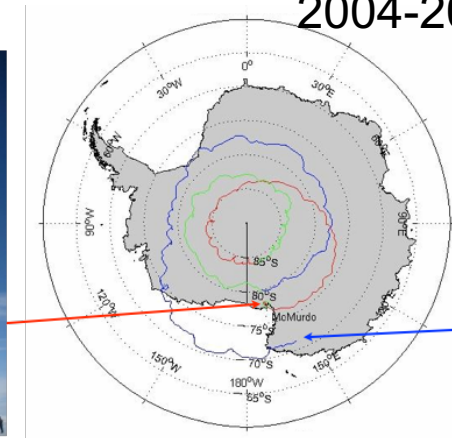
CREAM on the International Space Station



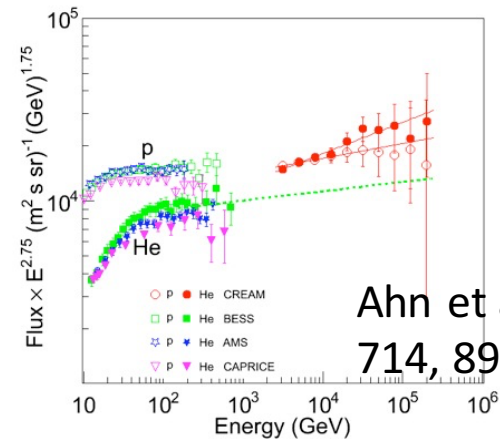
6 CREAM balloon flights around Antarctica  
2004-2010 with 161+ days of accumulated data.



CREAM



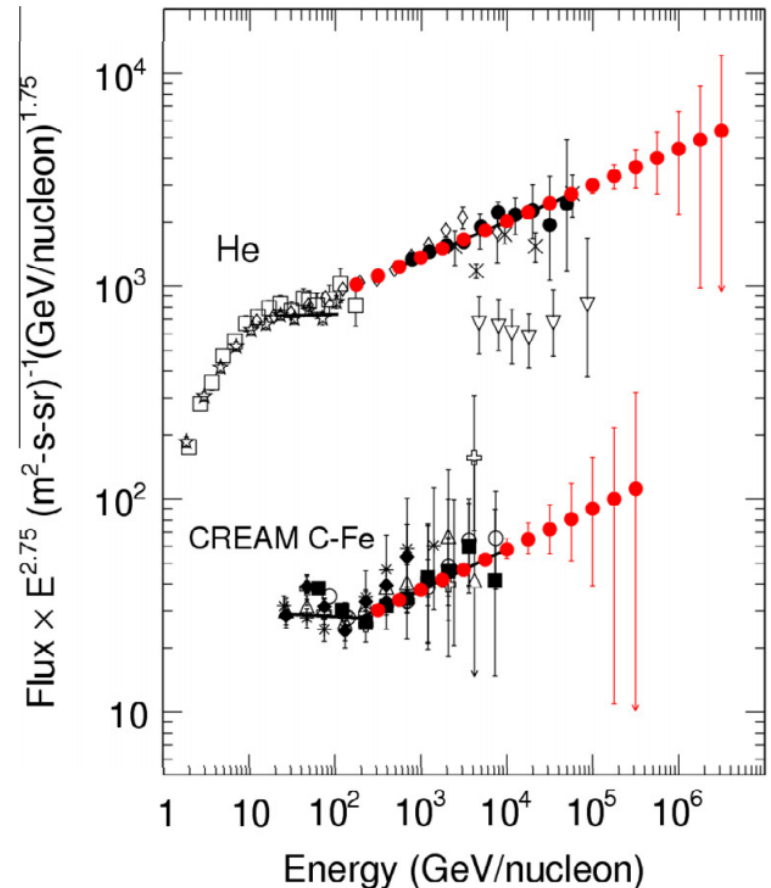
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# ISS-CREAM: Objectives

- ISS-CREAM
  - Follow-up project that will integrate the CREAM payload onto the International Space Station (ISS).
- Spectral hardening discovered with CREAM-I flight.
- Advantages of ISS:
  - Increased exposure time (3+ year mission = order of magnitude increase in exposure time)
  - No atmospheric overburden
- Direct measurement of cosmic rays will be extended to highest energies with best statistics to date.



# ISS-CREAM Instrument

ISS-CREAM has 4 particle detectors:

## Calorimeter (CAL)

- Energy measurements
- Sampling calorimeter with tungsten and scintillating fibers
- Providing a trigger

## Silicon Charge Detector (SCD)

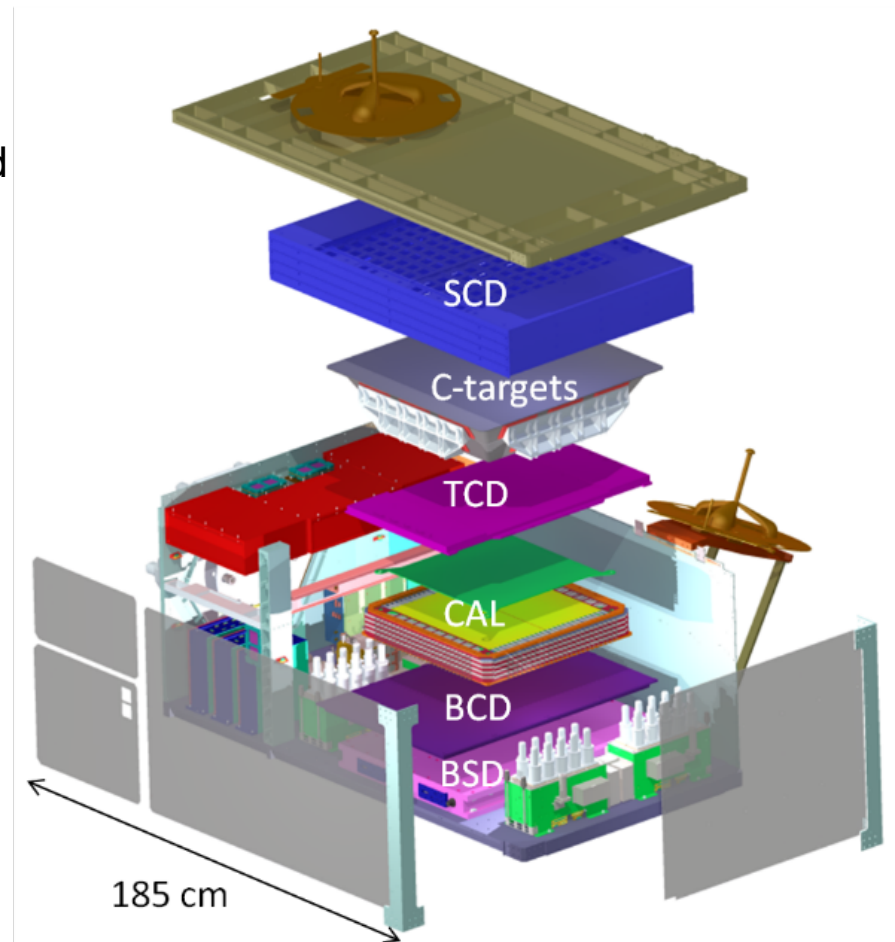
- Charge identifications
- 4 layers of silicon pixel sensors
- 380 $\mu$ m-thick 2.12 cm<sup>2</sup> pixels
- 79x79 cm<sup>2</sup> active detector area

## Boronated Scintillating Detector

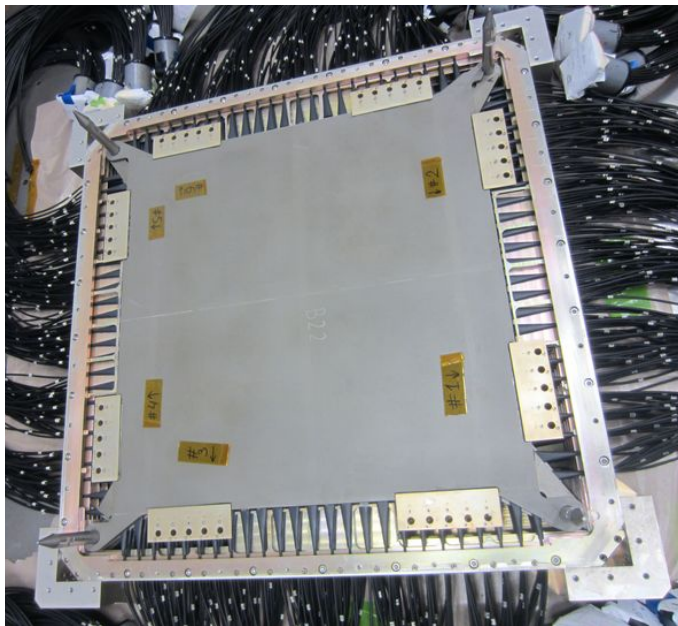
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## Top/Bottom Counting Detectors

- e/p separation (new for ISS-CREAM)
- Redundant trigger
- Segmented plastic scintillators

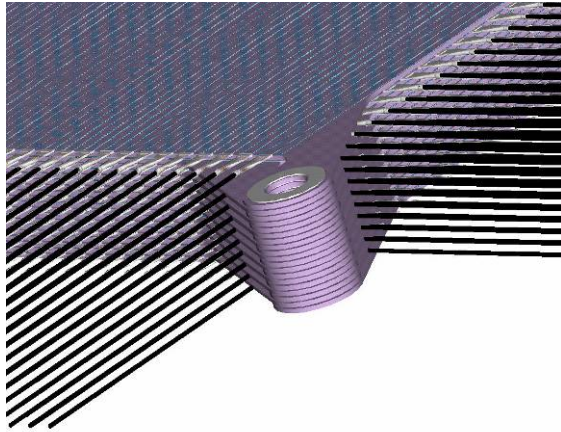


# ISS-CREAM Calorimeter



- Designed to measure cosmic-rays in the energy range of  $10^{11}$ - $10^{15}$  eV
- Flared densified C-target,  $\sim 0.5 \lambda$ ,  $1 \chi_0$  to increase hadronic interactions
- Thin calorimeter to increase acceptance,  $\sim 20\chi_0$
- Twenty alternating W and scintillating fiber ribbon layers
  - W: 50 cm x 50 cm x 0.35 cm,  $1 \chi_0$  each
  - Fibers: fifty-1 cm wide of nineteen 0.05 cm BCF-12MC scintillating fibers per layer
  - **Epoxy fiberglass mesh to glue calorimeter for mechanical stability in rocket launch**
- Optical division, HPD, and electronics
  - Three range optical divisions to support wide dynamic range (43:5:1)
  - Hybrid Photo-Diodes (HPD): Linear 1 – 100,000 p.e.
  - **16-bit ASIC IDE single package VA32HDR14.2/TA32cg3**
  - **Increased trigger gain and range from balloon**

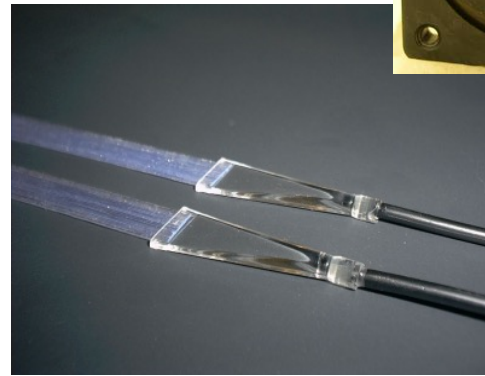
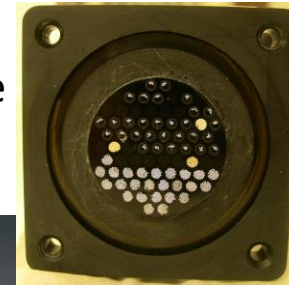
# Calorimeter Components and Scheme



W/Scint stack

Epoxy Fiberglass Mesh

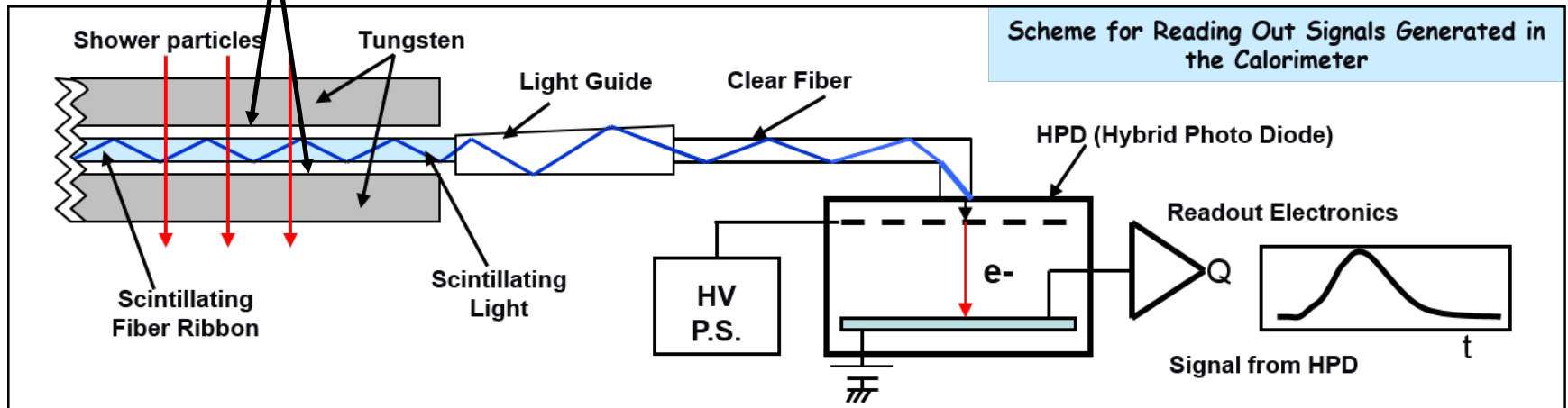
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Fiber light guides



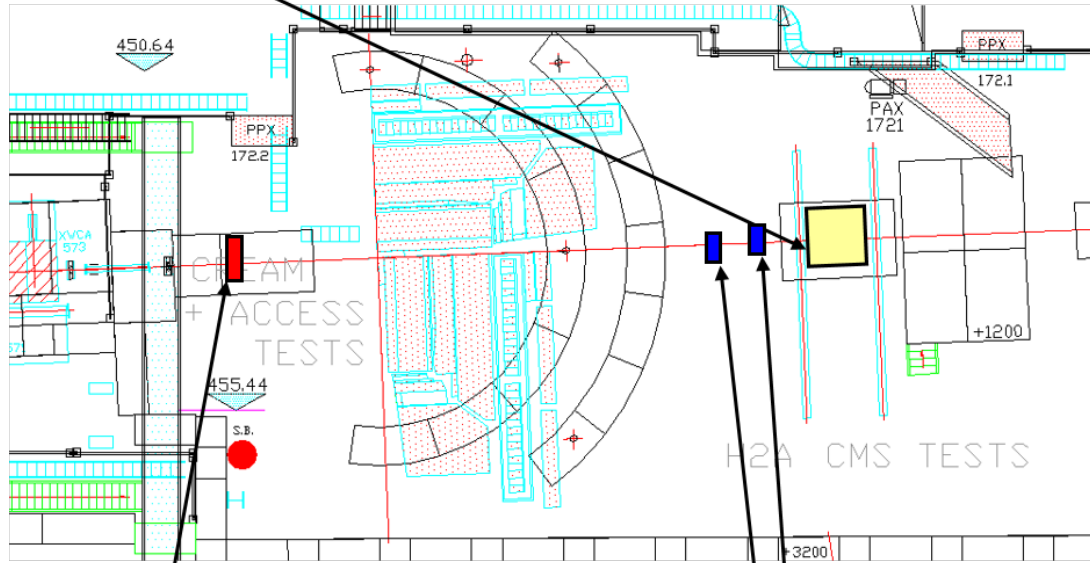
Mounted HPD





# Calibration in CERN H2 beam line

CREAM calorimeter on the moving table



Trigger counters( 2x2cm<sup>2</sup>)

Si-Beam Trackers\*

- Electron beam: 50-250 GeV
- Pion beam: 150-350 GeV

## Position scans

- to measure calibration constants for each fiber ribbon

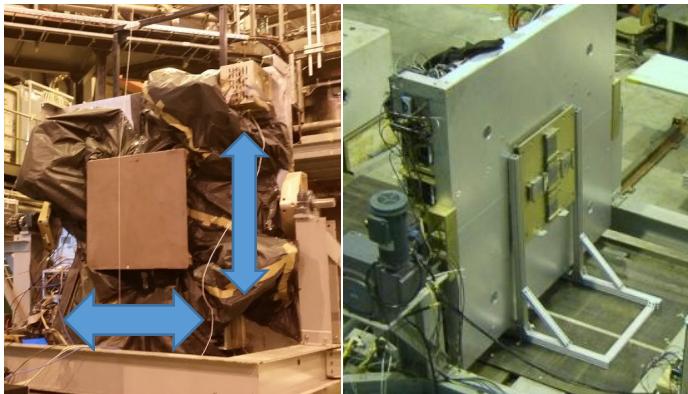
## Energy scans of electrons and pions

- to measure linearity and resolution



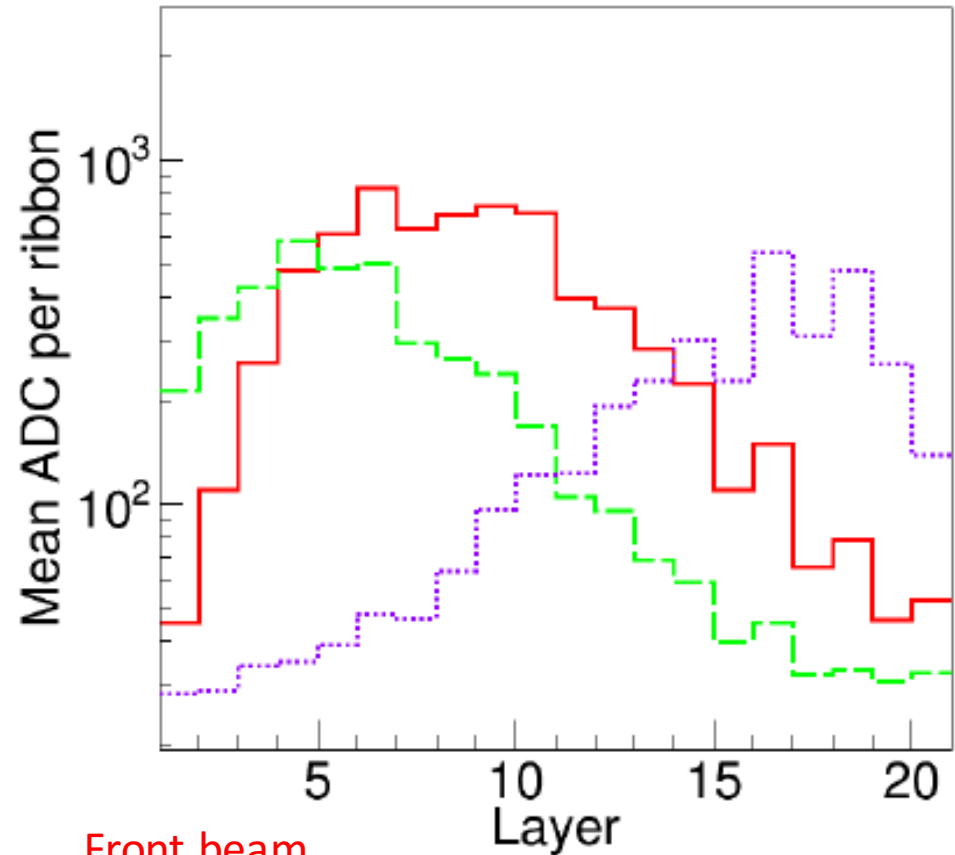
# Position Scans with Electrons

- Electron sampling fraction  $\sim 0.5\%$
- Calibration front and rear layers' ribbons additional Pb bricks and W plates are used.
- Shower max is located at  $9 \chi_0$ , i.e. layer 8.



All 50 positions along x and y

Average longitudinal profile with 150 GeV  $e^-$



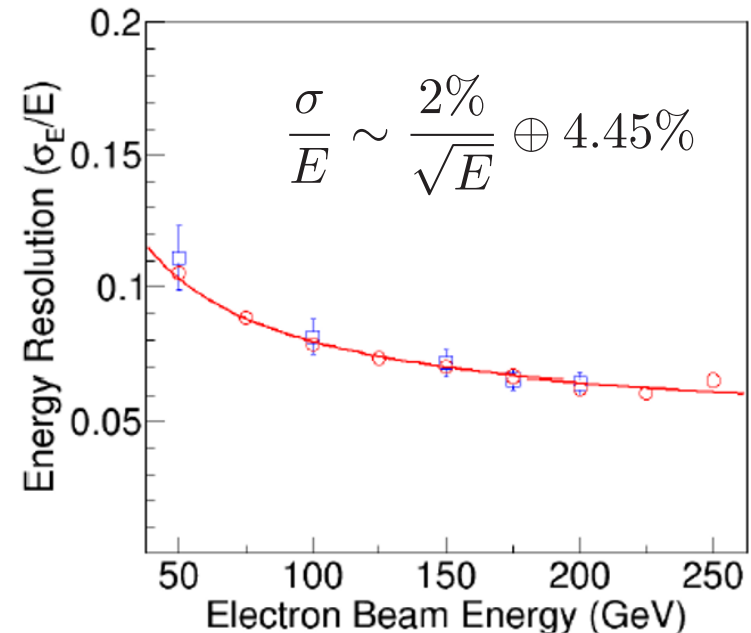
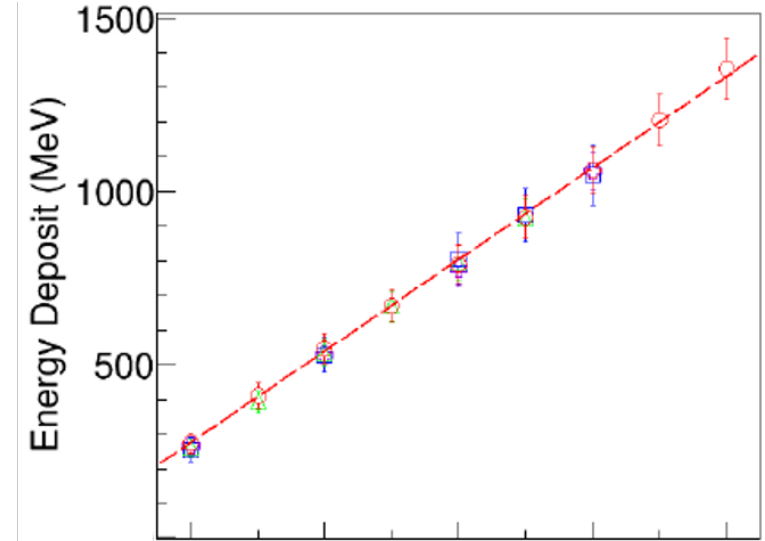
Front beam

Front beam with lead bricks ( $5 \chi_0$ )

Rear beam with lead bricks and two W-plates

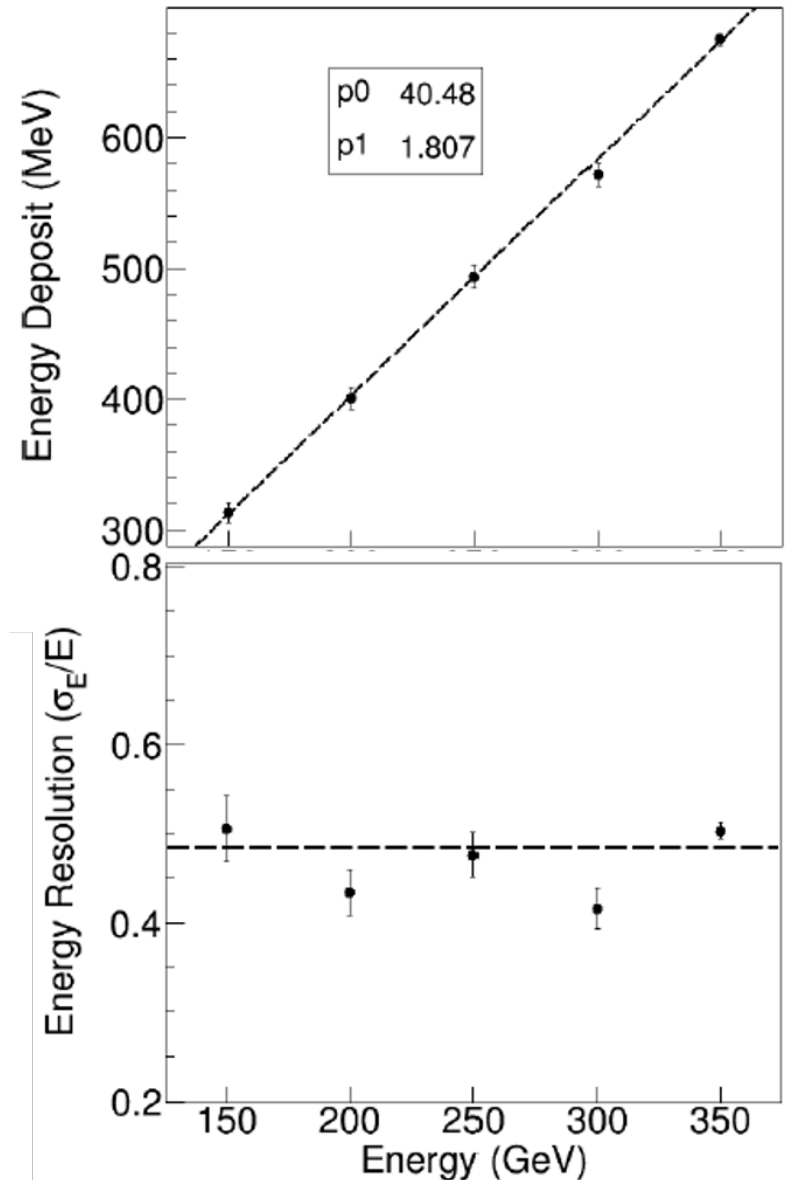
# Response to Electrons

- Energy scans with 50-250 GeV electrons
  - ADC to energy is  $\sim 0.085$  MeV/ADC
- Linearity was compared with former calibration results of calorimeter for balloon flights:
  - ISS-CREAM** (open circle),
  - CREAM-V** (open square),
  - CREAM-VII** (open triangle)
- 5.3 MeV/GeV response and 0.53% sampling fraction measured
- Resolution:  $\sim 2\%/\sqrt{E(\text{TeV})}$ , const term 4.45%



# Response to Hadrons

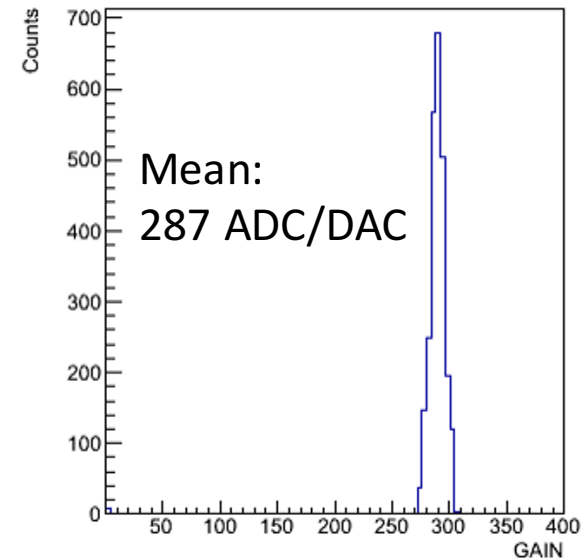
- Pion energy scans with 150-350 GeV
- Energy cuts in first three layers select events that interacted hadronically in the carbon target
- Hadrons show 1.8 MeV/GeV linearity
- Resolution is ~50% constant term
- Sufficient to cover dynamic range of cosmic-rays energies



# In-Flight Calibration and Energy Reach

- ISS-CREAM Calorimeter has capability to perform in-flight calibrations
- Charge injections calibrate entire dynamic range of electronics
  - 8-bit DAC over 20 pC charge injection range
  - 287 ADC/DAC electronics gain
- LED injections calibrate response of HPDs to light.

Electronics gain at certain input charge



Possible energy reach:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sim 32000 \text{ ADC (16-bit ADC – pedestal)} \times 42 \text{ (High range optical gain)} \\ &\times 0.085 \text{ MeV/ADC (Calibration)} \\ &/ (0.53\% / 3) \text{ (electron sampling fraction to proton)} \\ &\times 100 \text{ channels (assumed shower contained in 20 layer x 5 ribbons)} \\ &\sim 6.4 \times 10^9 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \sim \text{several-tens PeV energy} \end{aligned}$$

# SpaceX Integration and Launch

FRAMs  
In Dragon  
trunk

Flight  
Releasable  
Attachment  
Mechanism



BEAM above  
Dragon trunk

Bigelow  
Expandable  
Activity  
Module

Dragon is the name of the module that's on top of the SpaceX falcon rocket that carries various payloads to the space station.

# SpaceX Integration and Launch



Photos from the web...

Hanger with Falcon rocket (left)

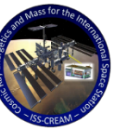
Dragon integration with Falcon in adjacent high-bay (right)



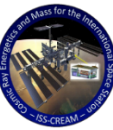
# Summary

- ISS-CREAM is designed to directly measure the energy and identify the elemental composition of cosmic-rays in the energy range  $10^{11}$ - $10^{15}$  eV.
- The Calorimeter has been upgraded from the balloon to withstand a rocket launch and its trigger energy range has been increased.
- Beam tests have successfully been completed at CERN's H2 beam line to characterize the Calorimeter performance and measure its response to electrons and hadrons.
- In-flight calibration will monitor the calorimeter performance in real time.
- ISS-CREAM is planned to launch on SpaceX 12 in April 2017.





Thank you



# Dynamic Range of CREAM-I

Target energy range :  $\sim 100 \text{ GeV} - 1000 \text{ TeV}$

Optical division by dividing clear fibers in 37:5:1 (Low:Middle:High) +  
Neutral density filter 1: 0.5 : 0.16 (Low:Middle:High)  
→ Final division : 231 : 15 : 1

VA HDR 32 chip (Low range) linear range : up to 1 pC ( 1000 ADC counts)  
Gain : 1 MeV / ADC count (from beam test)  
Noise : 1 ADC count ( $\sim 1 \text{ fC}$ )

HPD: Linear between 1 p.e. – 100,000 p.e.

Low range : 1 MeV – 1 GeV per strip (HV@10.5 kV)

Middle range : up to 14.8 GeV per strip

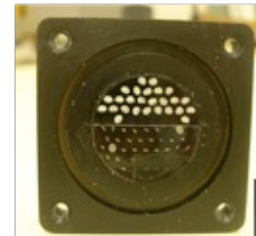
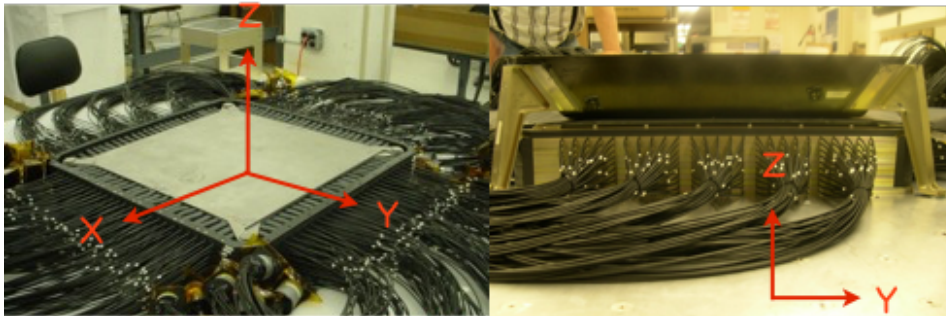
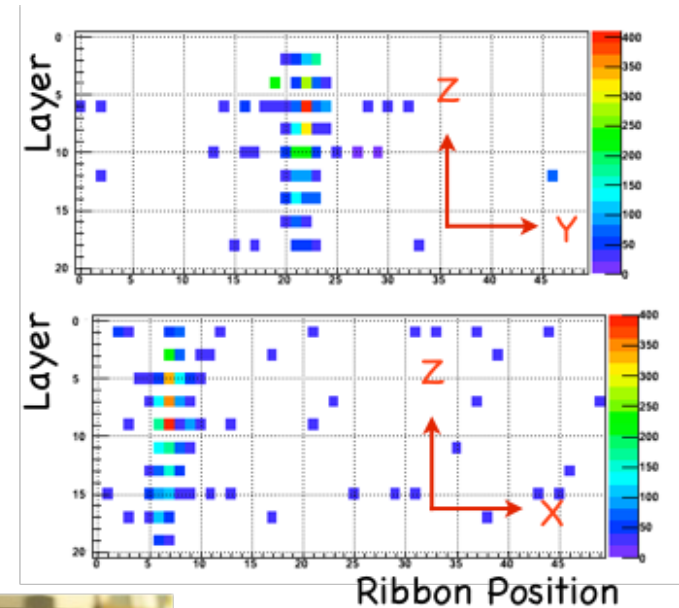
High range : up to 231 GeV per strip (  $\sim 1000 \text{ TeV}$  incident E proton)

*1 MeV – 231 GeV (1:200,000) range covered*

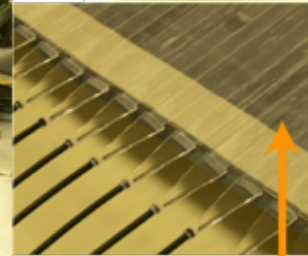
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# Tungsten/Scintillator Calorimeter

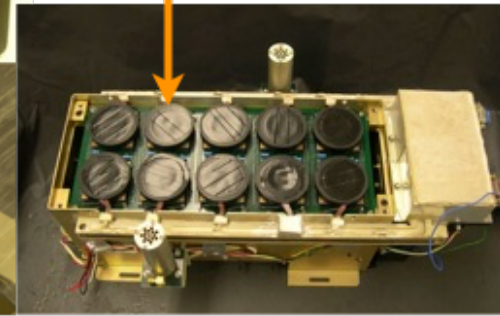
- ◆ CREAM Calorimeter composed of 20 layers of tungsten (20 radiation length) and scintillating fiber ribbons.
- ◆ The ribbons are laid down along X and Y direction alternatively.  
→ The trajectories are reconstructed.
- ◆ To increase the dynamic range of energy measurement, Hybrid Photodiodes (HPD) were used and the signal was divided into three optical divisions.



Hybrid Photodiodes (HPD)



Scintillating fiber ribbon



# Linearity of Calorimeter Response

## Heavy-Ion Beam test with CREAM-I Calorimeter

- ◆ The calorimeter response over the range was confirmed with nuclear fragments ( $A/Z=2$ ) of a 158 GeV/nucleon Indium beam at CERN.
- ◆ The energy response was linear up to the maximum bin energy of  $\sim 9$  TeV.
- ◆ Above the available accelerator beam energy, MC simulations indicate that the calorimeter response is quite linear in the CREAM measurement energy range.

