Direct detection of galactic cosmic rays



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Detection of Galactic Cosmic rays

- E < 10¹⁵ ev : Cosmic rays are absorbed in the upper layer of atmosphere but the flux is large
 - Direct detection above atmosphere.
 - Identification of CR/Energy measurement with particle physics detectors
- > Precise description of the different components in cosmic rays:



 Rare components in CR positrons, antiprotons, ... and DM searches



An unexpected journey: across the Earth atmosphere

From David Maurin 1. Cosmic rays in the Galaxy 3. Earth magnetic shield \rightarrow Spectra and abundances (acceleration and transport) \rightarrow Cut-off rigidity for detectors size ~ 30 kpc size $\sim 10^4$ km <t>~ 20 Myr $x \ 10^2$ size $\sim 40 \text{ km}$ $x \ 10^{7}$ m Mark A. Garlick / space-art.co.uk $x 10^{5}$ Bow Shock 4. Atmospheric showers size ~ 100 AU <t> ~ a few years \rightarrow Ground-based detection 2. Transport in the Solar cavity \rightarrow Solar activity monitoring \rightarrow flux modulation < 10 GeV/n [N.B.: Čerenkov flash ~ 10⁻⁸ s]

 \rightarrow time dependence

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space

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Galactic CRs status ~10 years ago

Main properties:

- Featureless and universal powerlaw energy spectra above 2 GeV/n
- Abundances for primary species related to Solar system ones.
- Abundances of secondary species explained by nuclear interaction on ISM.
- → Global features could be well described by diffusion model with universal power-law injection in the sources

→ Recent data, reaching an unprecedented precision are challenging this "simple" picture.



PAMELA Detector

• PAMELA installed on Russian satellite Resurs-DK1, inside a pressurized container.





- Launched in June 2006,
- Circular orbit (70.0°, 600 km).
- Pamela operations terminated in 2016

AMS installed on ISS in May 2011

- Circular orbit, 400 km, 51.6°
- Continuous operation 24/7
- Average rate ~700 Hz
- 60 millions particles/day

> 100 billion events

AMS



Cosmic-Ray Nuclei



Each cosmic-ray nucleus provides specific information:

- Protons and Helium are the most abundant charged particles in cosmic rays. Knowledge of the precise behavior of the spectrum is important to understand the origin, acceleration, and propagation of cosmic rays.
- Li, Be, B, ... are produced by the spallation of cosmic rays in the interstellar medium: The flux of these secondaries or secondary/primary ratios (like B/C) are key measurements to understand propagation.
- Other primary (C,O,...) can be used to test the universality of propagation/acceleration.
- Precise knowledge of both primary fluxes and propagation mechanisms is mandatory to ٠ assess background (e⁺,pbar,...) and expected signal for DM searches. 10

Proton Flux Measurement

• Proton flux from AMS based on 300 million events released in 2015, compared to PAMELA and recent measurements:



 \rightarrow Hardening of the proton flux around 300 GeV.

 \rightarrow Precision of AMS data allowed to characterize the shape of the transition.

Proton Flux Measurement

• Fit of the AMS flux with a double power model with smooth transition:

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Rigidity [GV]

Helium flux measurement

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 \rightarrow The He spectral index is different from that of proton, but the rigidity dependence is similar.

Carbon and Oxygen



→ Deviation from single power law and hardening of the flux above 300 GV

Carbon and Oxygen



Precise measurement of primary/primary ratios :

Universality of primary fluxes ?

- < ~30 G : Rise linked to the Adependence of absorption cross-sections
- > 30 GV: expected contribution from secondary component for C and He (computed here in GALPROP, similar results with USINE) but flat measured ratio.
- \rightarrow Beyond universality of source spectra?

Li, Be, B





- Li, Be, B produced by spallation processes.
- Sensitive to CR propagation parameters (diffusion, convection, reacceleration...).
- > 20 GV, identical rigidity dependence.
- Low energy < 20 GV, sensitive to radioactive decay:
- B (¹⁰B from ¹⁰Be) > Li > Be (¹⁰Be decay)

Li, Be, B

→ Secondary/ primary Ratios



Data can be extracted from CRDB database [lpsc.in2p3.fr/cosmic-rays-db/] + UHECR to be included soon



→ Indications for a High-Rigidity Break in the Cosmic-Ray Diffusion Coefficient, Y. Genolini et al, PRL **119**, 241101 (2017)

Isotopic Composition





- Quartet (¹H, ²H, ³He, ⁴He) from PAMELA at low energy [PAMELA Coll. Astrophysical Journal, 818 (2016) 68]
- Ongoing analyses of AMS data: ³He:⁴He, ⁶Li:⁷Li, ¹⁰Be:⁹Be:⁷Be
- Balloon HELIX project dedicated to isotopic measurement in the range 1-10 GeV/n



Propagation du rayonnement cosmique

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Antiproton/Proton

Measurement by AMS of the antiproton flux and the antiproton-to-proton flux ratio from 1 to 450 GV based on 3.5×10^5 antiprotons



→ Flat Antiproton/proton ratio at high energy in tension with pure secondary component in standard propagation model

Positron Fraction

- Conclusive evidence of positron excess published by PAMELA in 2009 and then by Fermi.
- Confirmed with improved precision and extended energy range by AMS:
- \rightarrow Positron fraction:
 - reaches its minimum at 8 GeV,
 - steadily increases from 10 to ~250 GeV, no fine structures.
 - At 275±32 GeV the fraction reaches its max.

[AMS Collab. Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014)] Positron Fraction 0.0 90 20 AMS-02 PAMELA AMS-01 HEAT **TS93** 0.05 CAPRICE94 20 30 10 Energy [GeV] Positron Fraction 0 50 AMS-02 PAMELA Fermi AMS-01 HEAT **TS93** CAPRICE94 300 100 200 400 500 Energy [GeV]

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Electron and Positron Fluxes from AMS



 \rightarrow Shows that the rise of positron fraction is due to positron excess.

CALET – DAMPE - ISSCREAM



Comparison of Detector Performances for e⁺+e⁻

Detector	Energy Range	Energy Resolution	e/p Selection	Key Instrument	SΩT
	(GeV)	Resolution	TOWEI	(Thickness of CAL)	(m ² srday)
ATIC1+2	10 -	<3%	~10,000	Thick Seg. CAL	3.08
(+ ATIC4)	a few 1000	(>100 GeV)		(BGO: 22 X ₀)	
				+ C Targets	
PAMELA	1-700	5%	10 ⁵	Magnet+IMC	~1.4
		@200 GeV		(W:16 X ₀)	(2 years)
FERMI-LAT	20-1,000	5-20 %	10 ³ -10 ⁴	Tracker+ACD	60@TeV
		(20-1000	(20-1000GeV)	+ Thin Seg. CAL	(1 year)
		GeV)	Energy dep. GF	(W:1.5X ₀ +CsI:8.6X ₀)	
AMS	1-1,000	~2-4%	104	Magnet+IMC	~50(?)
	(Due to	@100 GeV	(x 10 ² by TRD)	+TRD+RICH	(1year)
	Magnet)			(Lead: 17X ₀)	
CALET	1-10,000	~2-3%	~10⁵	IMC+CAL	44
		(>100 GeV)		$(W: 3 X_0 + PWO : 27 X_0)$	(1years)
DAMPE	1-10,000	~1%	~10⁵-10 ⁶	IMC+CAL+Neutron	180
		(>100 GeV)		(W: 2 X _o + BGO: 32 X _o)	(1 years)

Dampe e⁺+e⁻



CALET e⁺+e⁻

CALET flux released one day after DAMPE

[CALET Collab., PRL. 119 (2017)]



Features in Dampe Flux (From Y. Génolini Moriond talk)

1-DAMPE data in tension with AMS and CALET.

Comment from CALET paper :

"The difference might be partially due to the uncertainty in the absolute energy scale, which would coherently shift the CRE spectrum up or down."

2- First direct detection of the (e⁺+e⁻) knee. Can be explained in a two components model with few local (<300pc) and far (continuous) sources : break from local source.

See Fowlie A., 2017. arXiv:1712.05089.



- 3- « Dampe Peak »
- Low significance
- "Exotic" (DM) or "Astrophysical" (Pulsar) explanations imply fine-tuned physics which can only be probed by a multimessenger approach.

Cosmic ray modulation

- At low Energy (<20GV) cosmic ray spectrum affected by its propagation in the Solar cavity and the interaction with the plasma emitted by the sun.
- This produces a modulation of the spectrum which follows 11-year cycle in antiphase with Solar activity (Sunspot number)
- Simplest model for Solar Modulation: Force-Field approximation:

$$J(E, t) = \frac{E^2 - M^2}{(E + \Phi(t))^2 - M^2} J^{IS}(E + \Phi(t))$$



→ Precise measurement of the different components of CR over long period of time with the same detector needed to understand the solar modulation process.

Time dependence of the proton flux

Monthly proton flux from PAMELA:



[PAMELA Collaboration, APJ Letter 854 (2018)]

AMS02 - Daily normalized flux

Time fluctuation of proton rate for different rigidities from AMS02 data:

R < ~3 GV : Peaks associated with Solar flares (SEP)



 \rightarrow p, He time dependence AMS paper submitted

Sign-charge dependence

- e⁺/e⁻ time dependence from PAMELA provides evidence for charge solar modulation sign dependence.
- Precise measurement for e⁺ and e⁻ during solar magnetic reversal AMS paper submitted.





- Voyager 1&2 launched in 1977
- Used the gravity slingshot method to catapult itself to the furthest planets and eventually beyond the Heliosphere.

Voyager

 Payloads still active...cosmic ray telescopes (CRS) measure the Low energy CR intensity for almost 40 years.

Voyager 1

Measures CR intensity as it travels to the interstellar space:

Variation due to:

- 11-years cycles due to solar activity
- Global rise as Voyager go out from the sun.





On August 2012, Voyager 1 reached interstellar space at 121 AU.



Voyager 1

- Voyager1 measured for the first time the IS (unmodulated) CR spectra.
- Also measured electron and higher charge nuclei (not shown)



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- De très nombreux résultats ces dernières années et encore des résultats à venir:
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GCR propagation

Data before AMS: constraints on the propagation models adjusted on data dominated by B/C ratio with errors ~10%

\rightarrow Recent measures:

- Precision at the %-level, detailed description of systematics.
- wide range of energy from GeV to TeV
- Large set of nuclei: Li, Be, B, C and O (N from AMS02 in preparation)
- Fluxes and ratios

\rightarrow Paradigm shift:

- Strong sensitivity to many parameters of the model:
 - Nuclear absorption and production cross-sections
 - Source settings
 - Description of the diffusion (low energy, 2 zones, high energy break)
- New methodologies to implement all uncertainties
- Need new cross section measurements (see Y. Genolini et al. Astro-ph: 1803.04686)
- In France, LAPP, LAPTh, LPSC, LUPM collaboration (CR & MN project supported by D. Maurin and supported by IN2P3)

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- On the experimental side:
 - Many experiences are currently taking data: FERMI, AMS02, CALET, DAMPE, ISS-CREAM
 - No/few new experimental projects for the next decade
 - Reflections for projects beyond but very exploratory (low level of maturity)
- Many results in recent years and more results to come:
 - Wide dataset with unprecedented accuracy:
 - Measurement of H, He, Li, Be, B, C, N, O fluxes and ratios
 - + Heavier nuclei (to be released in the coming years)
 - + Isotopes (to be released in the coming years)
 - + Time dependence of the different components of the RC
 - + LE ISM p & He fluxes from Voyager

→ Interpretation of all these data in the context of propagation models is an important challenge. High potential in France around the LAPTh, LAPP, LPSC, LUPM collaboration.

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- 200 TB rec. data/yr
- More than 100 milliards of events collected so far

Antiproton/Proton and modeling

Secondary production of CR antiproton: [G. Giesen, et al. arXiv:1504.04276]



- Large uncertainty in the estimation of secondary antiproton.
- Recent nuclear data from AMS should help to reduce the propagation uncertainty.
- More statistics and work needed on models to know if extra sources are needed to reproduce the flat pbar/p ratio at high energy

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