The Latest Results of CALorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET) on the International Space Station

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on the International Space Station

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CALET Payload







Launched on Aug. 19th, 2015 by the Japanese H2-B rocket

Emplaced on JEM-EF port #9 on Aug. 25th, 2015





- Mass: 612.8 kg
- JEM Standard Payload Size:
 - 1850mm(L) × 800mm(W) × 1000mm(H)
- Power Consumption: 507 W (max)
- Telemetry:

Medium 600 kbps (6.5GB/day) / Low 50 kbps

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Cosmic ray observation with CALET on the ISS



Overview of CALET Observations

- Direct cosmic ray observations in space at highest energy region
- Cosmic ray observation at world-record level using a large-scale detector at the ISS over a long-term more than 5 years.
- Electron observation in 1 GeV 20 TeV is achieved with high energy resolution due to optimization for electron detection
- ➡ Search for Dark Matter and Nearby Sources
- Observation of cosmic-ray nuclei will be performed in energy region from 10 GeV to 1 PeV
- Unravelling the CR acceleration and propagation mechanism
- Detection of transient phenomena in space by stable observations
- ➡ Gamma-ray burst, Solar flare, EM radiation from GW sources etc.



CALET Instruments

CAL

Charge Detector (CHD)
Imaging Calorimeter (IMC)
Total Absorption Calorimeter (TASC)

CGBM

 Hard X-ray Monitor (HXM) x 2 LaBr₃: 7keV~1MeV
 Soft γ-ray Monitor (SGM) BGO : 100keV~20MeV

Data Processing & Power Supply

 Mission Data Controller (MDC) CPU, telemetry, power, trigger etc.
 HV-BOX (Italian contribution) HV supply (PMT:68ch, APD:22ch)

Support Sensors

 Advanced Stellar Compass (ASC)
 Directional measurement
 GPS Receiver (GPSR)
 Time stamp of triggered event

(<1ms)



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CALET Calorimeter and Capability





Energy Measurement: a wide dynamic range 1-10⁶ MIPs





Energy Measurement: energy scale and resolution





CALET performance of observations on orbit





Cosmic-ray all-electron spectrum (update: as of May 30, 2021)







Energy loss due to Synchrotron and Inverse Compton : $dE/dt = -bE^2$ \Rightarrow Observable sources of the electrons in the TeV region should be located at a distance < ~1 kpc and produced at a year < ~10⁵ yr.

⇒ Softening of the spectrum is
 expected above 1 TeV since only a few
 SNRs are observed to keep this condition.

□ CALET observes a flux suppression above 1 TeV with a **significance** > 6.5 σ , a considerable improvement with respect to the result published in PRL2018 (~4 σ). □ No peak-like structure at 1.4 TeV in CALET measurement irrespective of binning.

Statistics x 3.4 as of Dec. 2022 => Updated results coming soon...



Towards an interpretation of the CALET all-electron spectrum

□ Fits of the CALET all-electron spectrum in 55 GeV - 4.8 TeV, using the same energy binning as DAMPE [Nature, 2017]
 • Broken power law used in DAMPE

 γ= - 3.151 ⇒ - 4.024 (χ² /NDF=11.64/29)

 • Exponential cut-off power law [PRL, 2018]

 γ= - 3.054 with E_c= 2.17 TeV (χ² /NDF=11.25/29)

 • Single power law

 γ=-3.197 (χ² /NDF=54.50/30)

 The significance of both fits of softening spectrum is considerably

improved: 4σ (PRL2018) => nearly 6.5 σ ,

- Tentative spectral fit in 11 GeV-4.8 TeV including pulsars and a possible Vela SNR contribution.
- Positron flux(AMS): secondaries+ nearby pulsars
- Electron flux (CALET-AMS):

Secondaries + Distant SNRs (black dashed line)

+ Vela SNR (green line).

A possible contribution from the Vela SNR:

Energy output of 2.08×10^{48} erg in electron CR above 1 GeV.





Nuclei Measurement: Charge Identification with CHD and IMC

Single element identification for p, He and light nuclei is achieved by CHD+IMC charge analysis.





Cosmic-ray Proton spectrum





Cosmic-ray Helium spectrum (Preliminary)



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Comparison of Proton and Helium spectrum (*Preliminary*)

- Both of proton and helium spectrum have a similar structure of hardening and softening around same region of rigidities.
 However, the spectral index of helium is harder than that of proton (by ~0.1) in the whole rigidity range.
- The softening of p & He spectrum around 10-20 TV is coincident with expectation from shock wave acceleration in SNR.





Observations of cosmic-ray nuclei from C to Fe





Carbon and Oxygen energy spectra



The hardening of the C and O spectra is consistent with that observed in p and He within errors, in the energy region (per charge) of 400-600 GeV/Z.



Carbon/Oxygen flux ratio



- The C/O flux ratio as a function of energy is in good agreement with the one reported by AMS-02.
- Above 25 GeV/n the C/O ratio is well fitted to a constant value of 0.911 ± 0.006 with c²/dof = 8.3/17.

 \Rightarrow C and O fluxes have the same energy dependence.

Boron and Carbon energy spectra

Flux $x E^{2.7}$ vs. kinetic energy per nucleon

Comparison of energy spectra of Boron and Carbon

Boron and Carbon energy spectra are fitted by Double Power Law functions. $\Delta \gamma$ is the change of spectral index above the transition energy of Carbon, E_0^{C} .

Precise measurements of B/C ratio up to the TeV region.

DAMPE has no reports on the individual spectrum of Boron or Carbon.

Single / Double power law fit:

- $\Gamma = -0.366 \pm 0.018~(\chi^2/d.o.f. = 9.4/13)$ in 25 3800 GeV/n
- $\Delta \Gamma = 0.09 \pm 0.05 ~(\chi^2/d.o.f. = 8.7/12)~$ at 220 GeV/n

consistent with that of AMS-02 and supports the hypothesis that secondary B exhibits a stronger hardening than primary C, although no definitive conclusion can be drawn due to the large uncertainty

Iron energy spectrum

Flux normalization:

Consistent with ATIC-02 and TRACER at low energy and with CNR and HESS at high energy in tension with AMS-02 and SANRIKU (balloon)

The hardening seen in light nuclei is NOT observed in Iron spectrum up to 2 TeV/n.

Nickel energy spectrum

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Ultra-heavy cosmic-ray nuclei $(26 < Z \leq 40)$

CALET γ -ray Sky Map (>1GeV) and Energy Spectra

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Gamma-ray Bursts and GW Follow-up

CALET: Summary and Future Prospects

- CALET was launched on Aug. 19th, 2015. The observation campaign started on Oct. 13th, 2015. Excellent performance and remarkable stability of the instrument have been confirmed.
- As of Feb. 28, 2023, total observation time is 2969 days (> 7 years) with live time fraction close to 86%. Nearly 3.86 billion events collected with low energy trigger (> 1 GeV) and 1.77 billion events with high energy trigger (> 10 GeV).

□ Accurate calibrations have been performed in the energy measurements established in 1 GeV-1PeV.

Following results of the cosmic-ray spectra have been obtained by now.

- Measurement of electron + positron spectrum in 11 GeV- 4.8 TeV.
- Direct measurement of proton and Helium in 50 GeV ~ 60 or 50 TeV energy range, and of Carbon and Oxygen spectra in 10 GeV/n -2.2 TeV/n: Spectral hardening was consistently observed around a few hundred GeV/n. B/C flux is precisely measured up to 3.8 TeV/n.

Iron and Nickel spectra were measured to energies beyond those covered by previous experiments.
 Continuous observations of GRBs, Solar Modulation and REP events have being carried out.

- CALET observation has successfully been carried out over 7 years, and is approved to be extended for further 4 years (at least) until the end of 2024 (or more).
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