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Publications:

- Carbon and oxygen
 - Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 251102 (2020)
 - PoS (ICRC2021) 093

➤ Iron

- Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 241101 (2021)
- PoS (ICRC2021) 109
- Boron and B/C ratio
 - PoS (ICRC2021) 112



Instrument of CALET

A 30-radiation length deep calorimeter designed to detect electrons and gammas to 20 TeV and cosmic rays up to 1 PeV

Since the start of operation on the ISS in October 2015, CALET has been accumulating scientific data without any major interruption





Data analysis for nuclei

Analyzed Flight Data

1,815 days (Oct. 13, 2015 – Sep. 30, 2020) T_{live} =3.69 x 10⁴ hours

Analysis procedure

- HE + offline shower trigger 50MIP in IMC-X/Y78, 100MIP in TASC-X1
- Tracking with IMC
- Field of view cut Remove shielded region by ISS structures
- Acceptance cut CHD, TASC top and bottom layers
- Charge identification Charge consistency among CHD and IMC layer Track width selection
- Estimate efficiency and background
- Apply energy unfolding
- Calculate flux and the ratio

An example of Boron candidate (X-Z view) $E_{TASC} = 475.8 \text{ GeV}$













Flux measurement

$$\Phi(E) = \frac{N(E)}{\Delta E \varepsilon(E) S \Omega T}$$

$$N(E) = \underbrace{U[N_{obs}(E_{TASC}) - N_{bg}(E_{TASC})]}_{\text{The number of observed events}}$$
Energy unfolding The number of background events

- ε(E): Efficiency

- 15-35% for B, C and O
- 20-40% for Fe
- SΩ: Geometrical factor (510 cm²sr)
- T: livetime
 - 1,480 days for C and O
 - 1,613 days for Fe
 - 1,815 days for B



Background ratios of C, O and Fe are ~1 %



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Trigger efficiency





High vs. low energy triggers





TASC energy scale

Beam test calibration at CERN-SPS with ion fragments beam (Z/A=2) at 13, 19 and 150 GeV/n.

Good linearity up to max available beam energy (~ 6 TeV)

Fraction of particle energy released in TASC is $\sim 20\%$

Energy resolution ~30%

The energy response derived from MC simulations was tuned using the beam test results.





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Mote Carlo models



MC simulations, reproducing detector configuration, physics processes, and detector signals, were developed based on three simulation packages

- EPICS 9.21 w/ DPMJET-III
- Fluka 2011 2c.6 w/ DPMJET-III
- GEANT4 10.5 w/ FTFP_BERT

MC simulations were tuned using beam test and flight data.

They are used to estimate selection efficiencies and response matrix.

Comparison of energy responses from different MC at high energy where no beam calibration is available.

The resultant fluxes from the analyses with different MC's show consistent normalization and spectral shapes.



Carbon and Oxygen Spectra





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Iron spectrum



The iron flux, above 50 GeV/n, is compatible within the errors With a single power law



CALET preliminary result is consistent with PAMELA, but lower than AMS-02



Fluxes normalized to AMS-02

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The spectral shapes and their spectral indices are consistent with AMS-02, but the absolute normalizations are lower than AMS-02.

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Preliminary result of B/C ratio

CALET preliminary result is well consistent with other experiments



Fit with a single power law function

The B/C ratio is fitted by a single power law function: $(B/C) = AE^{\delta}$ $\delta = -0.344 \pm 0.012 (E > 20 \text{ GeV/n}), \quad \chi^2/\text{ndf} = 5.6/15$



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Summary

- CALET measures carbon, oxygen, iron and boron spectra and B/C ratio from 10 GeV/n to 2.2 TeV/n with 5 years of operations
- A single power law spectrum for C and O is excluded by more than 3o
- A spectral index increase $\Delta\gamma$ =0.166 \pm 0.042 for C and Δ =0.158 \pm 0.053 for O is measured above 200 GeV/n
- The Fe spectral spectrum is consistent with the hypothesis of a SPL spectrum up to 2 TeV/n with a spectral index γ = -0.260±0.03
- Preliminary result of B/C ratio can be fit with a SPL function of $E^{-\delta}$; δ =0.344±0.012 (E>20GeV/n)
- Our results are consistent with the ones reported by AMS-02, as regards the spectrum shape and hardening. However, the absolute normalization of our data is significantly lower than AMS-02, but in agreement with other experiments
- We performed detailed systematics checks to search for possible causes of this normalization issue. We can exclude that it can stem from trigger inefficiencies, differences between MC simulation packages or hadronic models, or lacking modeling of the instrument.