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Origin of Cosmic Rays

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Discovery of Cosmic Rays



- In 1912 Victor Hess discovered cosmic rays with an electroscope onboard a balloon
 - Reached only ~ 17,000 ft but measured an increase in the ionization rate at high altitude (1936 Nobel Prize in Physics for this work)
- Discoveries of new particles in cosmic rays
 - Positrons by Anderson in 1932 (Nobel '36)
 - Muons by Neddermeyer & Anderson in 1937
 - Pions by Powell et al. in 1947 (Nobel' 50)
- "Direct Measurements of Cosmic Rays Using Balloon Borne Experiments," E. S. Seo, Invited Review Paper for Topical Issue on Cosmic Rays, Astropart. Phys., **39/40**, *76-87*, 2012.

Cosmic Rays: Why care?

Highest-energy particles known to mankind Made in some of the most extreme environments of the Universe Energy density is comparable to thermal energies, magnetic fields

They influence

- evolution and shape of galaxies
- state of interstellar medium
- interstellar chemistry
- evolution of species on Earth
- and even the weather ...



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 products of WIMP's in the Galactic halo.



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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: AMS-01 (Discovery STS-91) 2000/2: Heat-pbar 2004: BESS-Polar I 2006-present PAMELA (Polar-orbit) 2007: BESS-Polar II 2011-present: <u>AMS-02</u> (Endeavour STS -134) **Cosmic Rays**



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.

Charge Sign Dependent Solar Modulation



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Voyager 1 in Interstellar Space

Bow Shock



From MASS to PAMELA **e**: GAS CHERENKOV TOF (S1) ATTER TOF ANTICOINCIDENCE (CARD) MAGNET COINCIDENCE TRACKING SYSTEM TOF (S2) (CAT) TOF CALORIMETER Z^ 1.'m SPECTROMETER ANTICOINCIDENCE (CAS) TOF (S3)

Matter Antimatter Superconducting Spectrometer (MASS) 1989 balloon flight in Canada



GF ~21.5 cm²sr Mass: 470 kg Size: 130x70x70 cm³ Payload for Anti-Matter Exploration and Lightnuclei Astrophysics (PAMELA) Satellite Launch 6/15/06 Operation termination in 2016

Pamela under various geomagnetic conditions



SEP from Dec. 14, 2006 CME



Solar Physics with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer



Dec 21st, 2012

Spectacular phenomena are connected with solar activity

- several solar events are expected during the lifetime of the AMS mission
- AMS has the capability to detect rapid variations of the cosmic ray flux
- case study: hypotetical flare of december 21st, 2012 (from Mayan prophecy)

AMS-02 Projected Measurements

- → proton and helium energy spectra in 0.2 20 GeV
- → 5 min time intervals





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PAMELA

Payload for Anti-Matter Exploration and Light-nuclei Astrophysics

"High energy data deviate significantly from predictions of secondary production models (curves), and may constitute the evidence of dark matter particle annihilations, or the first observation of positron production from near-by pulsars."



Adriani et al., Nature, 458, 607-609 (2009)



Cosmic Rays

1.8

1.6

0.8



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

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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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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?



Advanced Thin Ionization Calorimeter



ATIC

- Beam measurements for 150 GeV electrons show 91% containment of incident energy, with a resolution of 2% at 150 GeV
- Proton containment ~38%



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ATIC discovers mysterious excess of high energy electrons

Chang et al., Nature, 456, 362-365 (2008)



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Other CAL based missions: DAMPE and CALET



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

- The CREAM instrument has had seven successful Long Duration Balloon (LDB) flights and have **accumulated 191 days** of data.
 - This longest known exposure for a single balloon project verifies the instrument design and reliability.







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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.



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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



Distribution of cosmic-ray charge measured with the SCD. The individual elements are clearly identified with excellent charge resolution. The relative abundance in this plot has no physical significance.



Unexpected results challenge the standard paradigm



Spectral Hardening Confirmed





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Need to extend measurements to higher energies



ISS-CREAM: CREAM for the ISS

SpaceX-12 Launch on 8/14/2017

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From the International Space Station (ISS), the Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass (CREAM) instrument will trace the energy at which cosmic rays become very rare, revealing the limits of the supernoval shock waves thought to accelerate them.

ISS-CREAM

ASTROPHYSICS

Cosmic ray catcher will probe supernovae from new perch

Balloon-borne detector moves to space to trap rare, high-energy particles that carry clues to their origin

By Eric Hand

fter 191 days aboard balloons sailing the stratosphere, an experiment designed to probe the galaxy's natural particle accelerators will move to higher ground: the International Space Station (ISS). The Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass (CREAM) instrument and its successors floated above Antarctica seven times to collect high-energy cosmic that a few smash into Earth with extraordinarily high energies—higher than today's most powerful atom smashers can generate. Their abundance drops sharply with increasing energy, following what's known as a power law distribution. In 1949, Italian-American physicist Enrico Fermi came up with a mechanism that could explain that and the cosmic rays' mind-boggling energies: supernova shock waves. In the centuries after a supernova,

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ISS-CREAM Instrument

Seo et al. Adv. in Space Res., 53/10, 1451, 2014; Smith et al. PoS(ICRC2017)199, 2017



Cosmic Ray Event Simulation

Seo et al. Adv. in Space Res., **53**/10, *1451*, 2014; Wu et al. PoS(ICRC2019)154, 2019.



Flight data: Cosmic Ray Detection



Cosmic Ray:

Examples of high energy events



E = 1.88 PeV



E = 748 TeV



CAL provides energy measurements



SCD provides particle charge identification

Choi et al. PoS(ICRC2019)048, 2019; Takeish et al. PoS(ICRC2019)140, 2019



The individual elements are clearly identified. The relative abundance in this plot has no physical significance, because needed corrections for interactions and propagations have not been applied to these data.

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To Unveil Mysteries of the Universe

