# Introduction to the CALET Experiment

CALET

Calorimetric Electron Telescope

on the International Space Station

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### **CALET** Payload







Launched on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by the Japanese H2-B rocket

Emplaced on JEM-EF port #9 on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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



### Cosmic Ray Observations 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 LaBr<sub>3</sub>: 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 even

Time stamp of triggered event (<1ms)





## **CALET** Calorimeter and Capability





## CALET Observations on the ISS

Accumulated observation time (live, dead)













## Cosmic-ray all-electron spectrum (update: as of Sep. 30, 2020)





Single element identification for p, He and light nuclei is achieved by CHD+IMC charge analysis. He 0.3  $\sigma_{0}$ Charge separation in B to C : ~7  $\sigma$ Fe 0.25 Ca Ne 0.15 He **CHD** charge resolution (2 layers combined vs. Z) 18 16 Atomic number Z  $\sigma_{\mathsf{Q}}$ 10 Charge separation in B to C : ~5  $\sigma$ Ne 10 Li Be B Entries 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> He 10-**IMC charge resolution** with multiple dE/dx sampling in scintillating fibers 0 5 10 CHD-X Charge Atomic number Z



Deviation from  $Z^2$  response is corrected both in CHD and IMC using a core + halo ionization model (Voltz)



### Cosmic-ray proton spectrum





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## Cosmic-ray proton spectrum (update: as of Sep.30, 2020)







# Cosmic-ray helium spectrum (preliminary)





## Spectra of Cosmic-ray Nuclei from C to Fe





## Carbon and Oxygen Energy Spectra



CALET C is consistent with PAMELA and most of the previous experiments. PAMELA did not publish oxygen.

The spectra show a clear hardening around 200 GeV/n.

They have shapes similar to AMS-02 but the absolute normalization is significantly lower (  $\sim 27\%$ )



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### C/O flux ratio



The C/O flux ratio as a function of energy is in good agreement with the one reported by AMS

Above 25 GeV/n the C/O ratio is well fitted to a constant value of 0.911  $\pm$  0.006 with c<sup>2</sup>/dof = 8.3/17

 $\rightarrow$  C and O fluxes have the same energy dependence.













Flux x E<sup>2.6</sup> vs kinetic energy per nucleon [10 GeV/n, 2 TeV/n]

E<sup>2.6</sup> x Flux [m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> (GeV/n)<sup>1.6</sup>] CALET Statistical uncertainties Iron Systematic uncertainties Total (stat.+syst.) uncertainties Sanriku TRACER NUCLEON (KLEM - 2019) ATIC 02 (2003) **CREAM-II** CRN-spacelab2 HEAO3-C2 AMS-02 H.E.S.S. (2004-2006) PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 126, 241101 (2021) 10<sup>2</sup>  $10^{3}$ 10 Kinetic Energy per nucleon [GeV/n]

#### Analyzed data: Jan, 2016 – May 2020

#### 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)







#### AMS-02 Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 041104 (2021)

CALET Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 241101 (2021)



#### Spectral shape:

- CALET E<sup>2.7</sup> x Flux vs kinetic energy/n normalized to AMS-02:
  - similar spectral shape
  - comparable errors above 200 GeV/n

#### Spectral hardening:

- CALET iron data are consistent with an SPL spectrum up to 2 TeV/n.
- Beyond this limit, the present statistics and large error in systematics do not allow to draw a significant conclusion on a possible deviation from a single power law.



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





# CALET γ-ray Sky (>1GeV) ,GRBs, GW follow-up, DM limits

2.78-01

2.1e-01

1.7e-01

1.2e-01

2.7e-01

2.44-01

2.14-01

1.7e-01

1.2e-01

- Effective area: ~400 cm<sup>2</sup>
   (>2 GeV)
- Angular resolution: < 0.2°</li>
   (> 10 GeV)
- Energy resolution: ~5% at 10 GeV

Gamma-ray sky map LE- $\gamma$  trigger (E >1 GeV) Identified bright point-sources (E >1 GeV) PG 1553+113 OMrk 841 O3C 279 0 OQ\$0 J1512-0906 Mrk 501() P5R B1706-44 ONGC 1275 OBL Lac 3FHL J1833.6-2104 QSO J0457-232 3C 454.3 CTA 102 36HL 10449.4-4350 Opks 2155-304 PKS 2247-131



- X-ray and  $\gamma$ -ray bands
- high-energy γ-in calorimeter

- **Limits on DM** annihilation into  $\gamma\gamma: \langle \sigma v \rangle \langle 10^{-28} - 10^{-25} \text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$ - Limits on DM decay  $\chi \rightarrow \gamma \nu$  etc.:  $\tau_{\text{DM}} > 10^{30} \text{s}$  ( $m_{\text{DM}} > 100$  GeV)

See for details:

"CALET Observation of Gamma Rays" by M, Mori @ 14:00, Today "CALET GRBs" by Y. Kawakubo @10:00, Tomorrow



## Solar modulation: 1-10 GeV electrons and protons

- Since the start of observations in 2015/10, a steady increase in the 1-10 GeV all-electron flux has been observed.
- In the past two years, the flux has reached the maximum flux observed with PAMELA during the previous solar minimum.





• The CR e<sup>-</sup> + e<sup>+</sup> flux increases in the 1-10 GeV until ~half a year after the beginning of the new solar cycle 25. The flux has now started decreasing.

- Good correlation of the CR proton counting rate (red points) with the NM counting rate at Oulu station (black solid curve).
- The increase of CR e<sup>-</sup> + e<sup>+</sup> count rate is found to be larger than that of CR protons being consistent with the expected CHARGE SIGN dependence of the solar modulation.



### Space Weather Phenomena with CALET



EMIC-Wave Driven Electron Precipitation observed by CALET on the International Space Station (Geophysical Research Letters, first published: March 07,2022)

Observations by CALET and Van Allen Probes



Time profile of electron, interplanetary and geomagnetic data between 29 December 2016 and 3 January 2017. From top to bottom: CHDX and CHDY count rates (a); 1.8 MeV electron intensity (color code) measured by the REPT instrument (b); the magnetopause standoff distance (c). The dashed vertical line marks the arrival of a HSS at ~12UT on December 31.

# **CALET: Summary and Future Prospects**

- CALET was successfully launched on Aug. 19th, 2015. The observation campaign started on Oct. 13th, 2015. Excellent performance and remarkable stability of the instrument were confirmed.
- As of Jan. 31, 2022, total observation time is 2303 days (> 6 years) with live time fraction close to 86%. Nearly 3.25 billion events collected with low (> 1 GeV) & high (> 10 GeV) energy triggers.
- Accurate calibrations have been performed with non-interacting p & He events + linearity in the energy measurements established in 1 GeV-1PeV.
- □ Following results 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 observed above a few hundred GeV/n.
- Heavy primary cosmic-ray elements up to Iron and Nickel are successfully observed, and these spectra are published in PRL.
- Continuous observations of gamma-ray bursts, solar modulation and REP events are successfully caried out.
- CALET observation has been carried out over 6 years, and is approved to be extended for 4 years more until the end of 2024 at the JAXA review held on March 12, 2021.
- ✓ We greatly appreciate JAXA staffs for perfect support of the CALET operation at the TKSC of JAXA !!
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# Main Science Goals and Status of the Analysis

Scientific Objectives	Observables	Energy Reach	Reported	Reference	Present
Cosmic-ray origin and acceleration	Electron spectrum	1 GeV – 20 TeV	to 4.8 TeV	PRL 120, 261102 (2018)	11 GeV – 4.8 TeV
	Proton spectrum	10 GeV – 1 PeV	to 10 TeV	PRL 122, 181102 (2019)	30 GeV – 60 TeV
	Helium spectrum	10 GeV – 1 PeV	preliminary	preliminary	50 GeV – 50 TeV
	Carbon and oxygen spectra	10 GeV – 1 PeV	to 2.2 TeV/n	PRL 125, 251102 (2020)	10 GeV/n – 2.2 TeV/n
	Iron spectrum	10 GeV – 1 PeV	to 2 TeV/n	PRL 125,241101 (2021)	50 GeV/n – 2 TeV/n
	Elemental spectra of primaries	10 GeV – 1 PeV	to 100 TeV	ICRC 2019, 034	10 GeV – 100 TeV
	Ultra-heavy abundances	> 600 MeV/n	> 600 MeV/n	ICRC 2019, 130	> 600 MeV/n
CR propagation	B/C and secondary-to-primary ratios	Up to some TeV/n	to 200 GeV/n	ICRC 2019, 034	16 GeV/n – 2.2 TeV/n
Nearby electron sources	Electron spectral shape	100 GeV – 20 TeV	to 4.8 TeV	ICRC 2019, 142	to 4.8 TeV
Dark matter	Signatures in $e/\gamma$ spectra	100 GeV–20TeV (e) 10 GeV-10TeV (γ)	to 4.8 TeV (e) to 600 GeV (γ)	ICRC2019, 533	to 4.8 TeV
Gamma rays	Diffuse & point sources	1 GeV – 10 TeV	1 GeV – 1 TeV	ApJS 238:5 (2018)	1 GeV – 1 TeV
Heliospheric physics	Solar modulation	1 GeV – 10 GeV	1 – 10 GeV	ICRC 2019, 1126	1 – 10 GeV
Gamma-ray transients	GW follow-up and GRB analysis	7 keV–20MeV (CGBM) 1 GeV-1TeV (ECAL)	7 KeV-20MeV	ApJL 829:L20 (2016)	7 keV–20MeV (СGBM) > 1 GeV (ECAL)
Space weather	Relativistic electron precipitation	> 1.5 MeV	> 1.5 MeV	Geophys.Res.Lett,43 (2016)	> 1.5 MeV



### **CALET** Detector: Calorimeter

CHD-FEC CHD CHD FEC IMC TASC FEC TASC F



	CHD (Charge Detector)	IMC (Imaging Calorimeter)	TASC (Total Absorption Calorimeter)
Measure	Charge (Z=1-40)	Tracking , Particle ID	Energy, e/p Separation
Geometry (Material)	Plastic Scintillator 14 paddles x 2 layers (X,Y): 28 paddles Paddle Size: 32 x 10 x 450 mm <sup>3</sup>	448 Scifi x 16 layers (X,Y) : 7168 Scifi 7 W layers (3X <sub>0</sub> ): 0.2X <sub>0</sub> x 5 + 1X <sub>0</sub> x2 Scifi size : 1 x 1 x 448 mm <sup>3</sup>	16 PWO logs x 12 layers (x,y): 192 logs log size: 19 x 20 x 326 mm <sup>3</sup> Total Thickness : 27 X <sub>0</sub> , ~1.2 λ <sub>I</sub>
Readout	PMT+CSA	64-anode PMT + ASIC (VA32-HDR)	APD/PD+CSA PMT+CSA (for Trigger)@top layer



# Energy Measurement in a Wide Dynamic Range 1-10<sup>6</sup> MIPs





- Acceptance
   Geometrical factor
- 2. Detection efficiency- Losses in the detector

well defined SΩ because of reliable tracking

ε ~ 70 %
 (after electron selection, E>30 GeV)
 keeps mostly constant up to 5 TeV

- 3. Energy determination
  - Energy resolution
  - Calibration

- ⇒ ∆E/E < 2% (E>20 GeV) Absolute energy scale calibrated by beam tests and rigidity cutoff
- 4. Particle IdentificationProton contamination
- ➡ P<sub>BG</sub> < 5 % (E <1 TeV) P<sub>BG</sub> ~10 % (1 TeV<E< 5 TeV)</p>

### Minimize the effects of unforeseen systematics, combined with detailed systematic studies (see PRLs and SM)



### Simple Two Parameter Cut

- F<sub>E</sub>: Energy fraction of the bottom layer sum to the whole energy deposit sum in TASC
   R<sub>E</sub>: Lateral spread of energy deposit in TASC-X1
   Cut Parameter K is defined as follows:
- $K = log_{10}(F_E) + 0.5 R_E (/cm)$

### **Boosted Decision Trees (BDT)**

In addition to the two parameters in the left, TASC and IMC shower profile fits are used as discriminating variables.



### **BDT Response Distribution at Higher Energies**

In the final electron sample, the resultant contamination ratios of protons are: <5% up to 1 TeV ; ~ 10% in the 1 – 5 TeV region , while keeping a constant high efficiency of 80% for electrons.

476 < E < 599 GeV

1196 < E < 4755 GeV (highest energy bin )





# 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  $\gamma$ = - 3.151  $\Rightarrow$  - 4.024 ( $\chi^2$  /NDF=11.64/29) Exponential cut-off power law [PRL, 2018]  $\gamma$  = - 3.054 with E<sub>c</sub> = 2.17 TeV ( $\chi^2$  /NDF=11.25/29) • Single power law γ=-3.197 (χ<sup>2</sup> /NDF=54.50/30) The significance of both fits of softening spectrum is considerably improved:  $4 \sigma$  (PRL2018) => nearly 6.5  $\sigma$ , 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  $2.08 \times 10^{48}$  erg in electron CR above 1 GeV.





- Proton flux hardening has been observed around a few 100 GeV region. Also the softening was observed by CALET, DAMPE and Balloon Experiments around 10 TeV. It is important to determine spectrum hardening and softening parameters in order to understand cosmic ray source, acceleration mechanism, and propagation effects.
- It is also important to determine the flux up to hundreds of TeV by the direct measurements. That would also give a normalization of flux, for ground observations, and help an understanding of the origin of the KNEE in all-particle energy spectrum.





### Carbon and Oxygen: Spectral Analysis

