Cosmic-ray Electrons at GeV—TeV energies and CALET

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We will not see electrons above 1 TeV that were accelerated over 1 kpc away or over 10⁵ years ago -> signatures of nearby sources

Acceleration of CR electrons

Cosmic rays up to <~ PeV energies \rightarrow diffusive shock acceleration in SNRs



X-ray synchrotron emission supports presence of high-energy electrons in SNRs



Gamma-ray observations can fit models of electronic and/or hadronic particle acceleration

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Some dark matter candidate models include decay into leptonic channels, leading to features in the high-energy CR electron spectrum



Kaluza-Klein candidate

Fine energy resolution necessary for the detection of line signals in a continuum

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The Calorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET)

- CALET is an ISS-borne instrument designed to study CR electrons
- Deep EM calorimeter (30 radiation lengths)
- Zenith pointing observations
- Advanced Stellar Compass star tracker for pointing knowledge
- CALET Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor (CGBM) sensitive to keV—MeV energy photons
- Deployed on Japanese
 Experiment Module Exposed
 Facility (JEM-EF)
- Operational 2015—2024+



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Shower imaging with the IMC – a sampling calorimeter



Showers in the TASC: a full absorption calorimeter

Fully active calorimeter: Lead Tungstate (PbWO₄)

- Dense, inorganic scintillator: lots of grammage for lots of stopping power
- Segmentation enables crude shower imaging for consistency checks with IMC reconstruction
- Fine energy deposit resolution ightarrow high fidelity electron energy reconstruction

Sample event in CALET: 250 GeV electron from flight data

CALET flight instrumentation, integration, and launch

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Calibration of the TASC on ground Asaoka et al. 2017, Astropart. Phys. 91, 1–10

Calibration of the TASC on-orbit

Temperature dependence

Proton and Helium MIP peaks compared with MC

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Asaoka et al. 2018, Astropart. Phys. 100, 29-37

300 350 Longitude (deg)

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Operational modes

Event trigger statistics

High-energy trigger (> 10 GeV) statistics:

- Operational time > 2,423 days^(*)
 - (*) as of May 31, 2022
- Live time fraction > 85%
- Exposure of HE trigger
 ~211 m² sr day
- HE-gamma point source exposure
 ~4.1 m² day (for Crab, Geminga)

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IMC and TASC must be consistent with an electron with this total energy deposit and geometrical acceptance

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To be discussed later... Hadronic showers have a less tightly-contained energy deposit profile

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- BDT cut

Due to increasing proton contamination, a machine learning algorithm based on Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) is used to separate hadrons from electrons instead of the K-cut

BDT trained on physically-motivated parameters in different energy ranges:

- 1. The shower width in TASCX1, R_E
- 2. The fraction of energy in TASCY6, F_E
- 3. The IMCY8 shower concentration
- 4. Parameters for the TASC shower fit:
 - Shower maximum (α /b)
 - Attenuation constant (b)
 - 5% shower depth (T_{5%})
 - Goodness of fit (χ^2_{TASC})
- 5. Parameters for the IMC shower fit:
 - Exponential fit constant (p0)
 - Exponential fit slope (p1)
 - Goodness of fit (χ^2_{IMC})

Above 500 GeV, all of these except (3) are used

Selection efficiency for electrons and residual protons

FIG. 3. (a) Electron efficiency as a function of energy for each important selection step. (b) Same for protons. Black, green, yellow, blue and red histograms show the efficiency after (1) offline trigger, (2) geometrical condition with (3) track quality cuts, (4) charge selection, and (5)&(6) shower development consistency cuts, K-estimator cut with 80% efficiency, BDT cut with 80% efficiency, respectively. Adriani et al. 2017 PRL 119, 181101

Electron energy resolution

Asaoka et al. 2017, Astropart. Phys. 91, 1–10

Table 1

Summary of the error budget in the energy calibration.

MIP	Energy conversion	2.6%
Peak fitting of MC and flig Fitting range dependence Position dependence Temperature dependence Rigidity cutoff dependence Systematic uncertainty es from p/He consistency UV Laser	ght data e timated Linearity	0.6% $0.6\%^{a}$ 1.8% 1.0% $1.0\%^{a}$ 1.0% $1.4\sim 2.5\%$
Fit error APD high gain APD low gain PD high gain PD low gain		1.4% 1.5% 2.5% 2.2%
Gain Ratio	Gain range connection	1.6~ 2.1%
Fit error APD-high to APD-low gain APD-low to PD-high gain PD high to PD low gain Slope extrapolation APD-high to APD-low gain APD-low to PD-high gain PD high to PD low gain	n	0.1% 0.7% 0.1% 1.6% 2.0% ^a 1.8%
Sampling Bias		0.5% ^b

^a also considered as systematic error on energy scale

^b energy-scale systematic error only

Absolute energy scale calibration on-orbit

The Earth's magnetic field creates a low-rigidity cutoff where charged particles *cannot* reach the detector – the cutoff varies as a function of position in the orbit and direction

M. Ackermann et al./Astroparticle Physics 35 (2012) 346-353

Using a model for the magnetic field and raytracing code to determine the cutoffs, a correcting factor for the energy of electrons can be derived for individual experiments

Fig. 5. Energy spectrum of data and tracer for the McIlwain *L* interval 1.0 < L < 1.14. The black line is a fit to the data using Eq. (1) and the resulting cutoff energy has a value of 13.27 ± 0.10 GeV, and is indicated by the dot dashed line in the figure. The lower panel depicts the ratio of the two spectra.

Example figures from Fermi-LAT (AP 35 346 (2012))

Correction factor for CALET measured to be ~3.5%

Other space-borne calorimeters

Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT)

Astropart. Phys. 95, 6 (2017)

Astrophys. J. 697, 1071 (2009)

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 120, 261102 (2018)

Features above ~few TeV would indicate nearby source

• Electron candidate events with E >~10 TeV being studied in event-by-event analysis

Systematic errors on the CALET measurement

In addition to the statistical errors in the results, it is critical to study *systematic* errors from analysis choices

i.e. energy-dependent variation in the results can be probed via variation of analysis parameters such as (**non-exhaustive**):

- Electron survival fraction of cuts such as the K-cut, BDT, or charge selection
- MC model used for calculating instrument response
- Algorithms for reconstruction of primary particle properties such as incident direction and kinetic energy
- Binning artifacts

948.7 < E/[GeV] < 1194.3

Electron energy spectrum (preliminary update)

Modeling of contributions from CR electron sources

CR Electrons summary

- Cosmic-ray electrons are a unique channel for probing acceleration in nearby SNRs and dark matter candidates with decay via leptonic channels
- Current generation instruments are providing precision measurements of the electron spectrum into the TeV energy range
 - Calorimeters such as CALET, DAMPE, and Fermi-LAT provide direct sampling of the EM shower energy to provide accurate energy measurements
 - Magnetic spectrometers (see J. Mitchell's talk earlier today) such as AMS-02 and PAMELA offer charge-sign discrimination as well
- These current measurements are constraining structure in the spectrum, but significant questions remain
 - What systematic effects underlie the discrepancy between the flux normalization between CALET/AMS-02 and DAMPE/Fermi-LAT?
 - Are there contributions at energies above a few TeV from nearby SNRs such as Vela, Monogem, and the Cygnus loop?
 - Is the single-bin excess in the DAMPE measurement at ~1.4 a measurement at artifact or a real signal?
 - Will higher-energy measurements reveal CR electron anisotropy?