Direct measurement of cosmic rays above the atmosphere (balloons & space missions)



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Magnetic spectrometer

momentum measurement

particle in magnetic field $\ \frac{mv^2}{\rho} = evB$ and $\ \rho = \frac{p}{eB}$

deflection angle ($\rho >> L$) $\quad \theta = \frac{L}{\rho} = \frac{L}{p} eB$

measured momentum $p = eB\rho = eB\frac{\mu}{\theta}$

$$\left|\frac{dp}{d\theta}\right| = eBL\frac{1}{\theta^2} = \frac{p}{\theta}$$

momentum resolution

$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} = \frac{2\sigma(x)/h}{eBL}p$$

 $\sigma(p) \propto p^2$

position measurements

source

F = gvB

maximum momentum:

 $\frac{\sigma(p_{max})}{\sigma(p_{max})} = 1$ p_{max}



- Balloon-borne Experiment with a Superconducting Spectrometer
- Measures charge, charge-sign, mass, and energy
- Superconducting magnetic spectrometer: momentum from magnetic rigidity
 - Thin solenoidal superconducting magnet Gives very uniform field
 - Fully active "JET" and "IDC" drift chambers with 54 points on trajectory, σ <130 μm
 - MDR: 200 GV BESS; 1400 GV BESS-TeV; 240 GV BESS-Polar
- Time-of-flight system (TOF): velocity and charge
- Silica-aerogel Cherenkov detector (ACC, n=1.02/1.03): background rejection





- Nine northern latitude flights (1+ days) 1993-2002 and two Antarctic flights in 2004 (8.5 days) and 2007 (24.5 days)
- Including BESS-Polar I 3757 antiprotons reported 0.2 4.2 GeV

BESS Instrumentation

Event display with reconstructed Antiproton track is shown.

Rigidity (MDR:240GV)

Solenoid: Uniform field (ϕ =1m, B=0.8T) Thin material (2.4 g/cm²)

Drift chamber: Redundant hits (σ~150μm, 32~48+4hits)

Charge, Velocity

TOF, Chamber: dE/dx measurement (Z = 1, 2, ...)

TOF: $1/\beta$ measurement (σ ~1,2%)

$$m = ZeR\sqrt{1/\beta^2 - 1}$$

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Energy measurement - calorimeter

electron-photon calorimeter

at high energies (>GeV):

electrons loose energy through Bremsstrahung photons loose energy through pair production --> electromagnetic cascade

longitudinal shower development/energy loss

 $\frac{dE}{dt} = const \cdot t^a e^{-bt} \qquad \begin{array}{l} t = x/X_0 \\ \text{depth in mate} \end{array}$

depth in material in units of the radiation length

depth of maximum depends on energy as

$$t_{max} \propto \ln \frac{E}{E_c}$$

Energy measurement - calorimeter

electromagnetic cascade

lateral extension of the cascade mostly caused by multiple scattering and characterized by Molière radius

Particle identification - calorimeter

200-

100 Gel

in calorimeters there are different shower responses for electrons and hadrons

energy deposit for electrons and pions

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The PAMELA Mission: Heralding a new era in precision cosmic ray physics

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Fig. 3. Left: an overview of the magnetic spectrometer showing the top silicon plane. The magnet cavity has dimensions 13.1×16.1 cm². The lower part of the magnet canister is covered by a magnetic screen. Right: a silicon plane comprising six silicon strip detectors and front-end electronics.

Fig. 4. Left: The PAMELA electromagnetic calorimeter with the topmost silicon plane visible. The device is \sim 20 cm tall and the active silicon layer is \sim 24 × 24 cm² in cross-section. Right: Details of a single calorimeter module comprising two tungsten layers each sandwiched between two silicon detector planes.

Fig. 5. An overview of the anticoincidence system. The CARD system is not shown but the design closely follows that of CAS. The CAS scintillator (on the left) is approximately 40 cm tall and 33 cm wide. The hole in the CAT scintillator (on the right) measures approximately 22 cm by 18 cm.

Fig. 6. Left: the shower tail catcher scintillator S4. The scintillator has dimensions 48×48 cm². Right: The neutron detector equipped (partially in the figure) with ³He proportional counters. The neutron detector covers an area of 60×55 cm².

Fig. 7. A particle identified as an antiproton in the PAMELA detector. The charge sign and the rigidity are obtained from the information of the magnetic spectrometer. A hadronic shower is visible in the calorimeter; the neutron detector records neutrons from the hadronic cascade.

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Fig. 8. A particle identified as a positron in the PAMELA detector. The charge sign and the rigidity are obtained from the information of the magnetic spectrometer. An electromagnetic shower is produced in the calorimeter, no neutrons are detected by the neutron detector.

Fig. 29. Velocity versus rigidity showing the mass separation for Z = 1 (left) and Z = 2 (right) particles. The black lines represent the theoretical isotope curves.

Fig. 32. The averaged dE/dx information on the middle ToF layer (S2) versus the rigidity obtained by the tracking system. Protons have been previously removed from the sample of events used to produce this figure.

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The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station

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AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

RICH, TOF and ECAL

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Fig. 4. High sensitivity search for antimatter is a goal of AMS.

Multiple Independent Measurements of the Charge (|Z|)

Sensitive Search for the origin of Dark Matter with p/e⁺ >10⁶

a) Minimal material in the TRD and TOF So that the detector does not become a source of e*

b) A magnet separates TRD and ECAL so that e⁺ produced in TRD will be swept away and not enter ECAL In this way the rejection power of TRD and ECAL are independent

c) Matching momentum of 9 tracker planes with ECAL energy measurements

1. Tracker Plane 1 -2. TRD TOF 3. Upper TOF 4. Tracker Planes 2-8 5. Lower TOF RICH 6. RICH 7. Tracker Plane 9

Fig. 5. Multiple independent measurements of the charge of passing particles.

Fig. 6. High sensitivity search for Dark Matter is a goal of AMS.

Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer - AMS

Test Beam Results at CERN 2010

Fig. 7. Major results from the AMS test beam calibration at CERN (2010)

Transition Radiation Detector

Transition radiation

particles traversing a boundary of media with different dielectric properties --> emission of transition radiation (below Cherenkov threshold)

differential energy spectrum of emitted x-ray photons

$$\frac{d^2 W_0}{d\omega \, d\theta} = \frac{2\alpha \hbar \theta^3 Z^2}{\pi} \\ \left| \frac{1}{\gamma^{-2} + \theta^2 + \xi_1^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^{-2} + \theta^2 + \xi_2^2} \right|^2$$

$$\xi_i \equiv \omega_i / \omega$$

ratio of material's plasma frequency to the emitted photon frequency

$$\epsilon_i \approx 1 - \xi_i^2$$

dielectric constant

emission of photons sharply peaked in forward direction $~~ hetapprox 1/\gamma$

total radiation yield (integrated over all angles and frequencies)

$$W_0 = \frac{\alpha \hbar Z^2}{3} \frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} \gamma.$$

Transition radiation

Fig. 1. Differential TR yield $(dW/d\omega)$ versus Lorentz factor for several configurations. Shown are the single-interface (smooth line) and approximate multi-foil (oscillating line) energy spectra, as well as the multi-foil spectrum modified by self-absorption processes in the foil (dashed line). The dotted line shows the yield which would be captured in a single 1 cm thick layer of xenon. The characteristic peak emission energy ω_{peak} is also indicated. All spectra are normalized to a singleinterface yield. The relevant parameters are $\gamma = 2 \times 10^4$, $l_1 =$ 35 µm, $l_2 = 1000$ µm, $\omega_1 = 21.2$ eV, and $\omega_2 = 0.75$ eV.

Fig. 8. Average detector signal versus Lorentz factor for a CRN-like radiator configuration. The open circles are data from MWPC 1, and the open squares are from MWPC 2, as shown in the inset schematic. The dashed lines serve to guide the eye.

Transition Radiation Detector

particle identification (threshold detector)
energy measurement (Lorentz factor)

TRD test at CERN

Cosmic Ray Nuclei detector

Spaceleb 2 July/August 1985 Spaceshuttle Challenger

Fig. 14. Schematic view of the Spacelab-2 instruments mounted in the orbiter.

Transition Radiation Array for Cosmic Energetic Rays

Geometric factor: 5 m² sr

1600 proportional tubes total

Data Analysis Steps:

Charge assignment:

Events with clean tracks

Fine trajectory resolution (< 1 mm) from signal distributions in proportional tubes

Correction of scintillator signals for position and zenith angle

Rejection of interacting particles

Energy determination:

3 GeV/n to 1000 GeV/n: use relativistic rise in specific ionization in gas (Xe - CH₄ mixture)

above 1000 GeV/n:

strong energy dependence of transition radiation signal, and dE/dx signal near saturation

Calibration of a transition radiation detector

Detector Response TRD signal vs dE/dx signal

Measured pulse height distribution in proportional tubes

35 GeV electrons

sample of flight data, oxygen nuclei

Measured detector response vs Lorentz factor

Measured relative width of the energy deposition

Spatial resolution dominated by (Landau-) fluctuations of energy deposit

Scintillator Response

Response map of scintillators for one of 12 PMT's

obtained with two layers of scintillation counters (200 x 200 x 0.5 cm³)

resolution dominated by spatial uniformity

FIG. 3.—Schematic arrangement (not to scale) of scintillator sheets, wavelength shifter bars, and PMTs.

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> A NEW MEASUREMENT OF THE INTENSITIES OF THE HEAVY PRIMARY COSMIC-RAY NUCLEI AROUND 1 TeV amu-1

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1. Flight (Testflight) Ft Sumner/New Mexico September 1999 Duration: 1 day Average height: ~40 km = 3-5 g/cm²

TRACER Experiment - Mc Murdo, Antarctica flight: 12. – 26. December 2003 ~ 40 km (3-5 g/cm²)

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Cherenkov Detectors

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Cherenkov radiation

charged particles, moving in a medium with refractive index *n* with

 $v > \frac{c}{n}$

emit electromagnetic radiation --> Cherenkov radiation

electrons passing through a dielectric at

Charged particles, passing by the atoms in the dielectric, momentarily polarize them. Once the particle has passed, this polarized state collapses, causing each atom to emit Cerenkov radiation. For slow moving particles, the polarization is perfectly symmetrical, resulting in no electric field at long distances. When the particle is moving very quickly, however, the polarization is no longer perfectly symmetrical.

Cherenkov radiation

threshold for Cherenkov radiation

at threshold, the photons are emitted in forward direction the Cherenkov angle increases to a maximum value for $\beta = 1$: $\theta_c = \arccos \frac{1}{n}$

threshold energy

$$\gamma_{th} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta_{th}^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}}}$$
 with $\gamma_{th} = \frac{E_{th}}{m_o c^2}$

particle

βct

Cherenkov radiation

number of Cherenkov photons emitted per unit length

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi\alpha z^2 \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2\beta^2}\right) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^2}$$

z charge of particle lpha Sommerfeld constant $\,$ in the wavelength interval $\,\lambda_1\ldots\lambda_2$

neglecting dispersion yields

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi\alpha z^2 \sin^2\theta_c \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$$

which gives for a singly charged particle (z=1) in the wavelength range 400 to 700 nm

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 490\sin^2\theta_c \quad [\rm cm^{-1}]$$

Cherenkov detector

- particle identification threshold detector

$$\gamma_{th} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}}} = \frac{E_{th}}{m_o c^2}$$

select material with appropriate n
--> light particles radiate

Human Eye as Cherenkov detector - SilEye-2 experiment

Figure 2. Scheme of the SilEye-2 silicon detector: six 16 strip silicon layers glued

Figure 1. Photo of the SilEye-2 helmet and detector case: 1. Head Mounting. 2. Eye mask with internal LEDs. 3. Detector Box. 4. Connection cable for the LEDs used for dark adaptation tests .

Fig. 1. Schematic cross-section of the instrument.

Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber

electric field

ionization liberates electrons --> acceleration in electric field

energy gain between to electron collisions

$$\Delta E_{kin} = -e \int_{r_1}^{r_2} E(r) dr$$

if energy gain is larger than ionization energy

--> development of electron avalanche

voltage signal
$$\Delta U = -\frac{eN}{C}A$$
 A gas amplification factor
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Fig. 3. Schematic cross-section of the photon detecting chamber.

Fig. 1. Schematic cross-section of the instrument.

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particle passed through the detector, leaving a cluster of hits. Other pads shown as hits are background. Jörg R. Hörandel, Astronomical Instrumentation 2019/20 162

Cherenkov Detectors for particle detection in air showers

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Fig. 3. A schematic view of a surface detector station in the field, showing its main components.

Fez Insulating lug PMT Flange and UVtransparent window

Fig. 4. Mechanical housing for the SD PMT. Top to bottom: outer plastic housing (fez), insulating lug, PMT, flange, and UV-transparent window.

expected to be available over 99% of the time. Batteries are charged through a commercial charge controller, which is epoxy encapsulated and has robust surge protection. The electronics

12000 l ultra pure water three 9" diameter PMTs - Photonis XP1805/D1

Fig. 11. Conceptual schematic of the overall radio telecommunications system for the Pierre Auger Observatory.

trigger system to identify extensive air showers

Fig. 16. Four hexagons, containing stations, are illustrated around a central surface station, for a portion of an ideal array. For a 3-fold coincidence, a T3 is issued if the 3 T2s are ToT, and if one of them is found in the first hexagon of the central station, and the other one no further than the second hexagon. A 4-fold coincidence applies to any kind of T2 and the additional station may be as distant as in the 4th hexagon. Two examples of the topology of triggers are shown: a 4-fold coincidence in which the triggered stations are identified by open blue squares, and a 3-fold coincidence identified by open red circles.

Fig. 15. Schematics of the hierarchy of the trigger system of the Auger surface detector.

Fig. 17. Event 13357690: a typical vertical event of about 3×10^{19} eV. Top left: The array seen from above with the 8 triggered stations. Top right: The fit to the lateral distribution function (LDF) for this shower of zenith angle 28°. Bottom: The FADC traces from 2 detectors at distances of 650 and 1780 m from the shower core. The signal sizes are in units of VEM.

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