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Calorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET)

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Calorimetric Electron Telescope (CALET) Science Goals



• Search for nearby sources of trans-TeV e[±], i.e. Tevatrons, dark matter A.K. Harding et al 2018 ApJL 869 L18

- Measurement: All-Electron observation (1 GeV 20 TeV)
- Instrument: Design optimized for electron detection with highly effective electron/hadron separation and nuclei measurement capability

Electromagnetic shower containment with 30 radiation length depth

ightarrow Fine energy resolution

versus 1.3 proton interaction length depth

ightarrow Effective electron/hadron separation

with good charge measurement from Z=1 thru Z=40

- ightarrow Efficient measurement of cosmic ray nuclei
- Unravel CR acceleration and propagation
 - Measurement: Cosmic-ray spectra for light & heavy nuclei (10 GeV 1 PeV)
 - Measurement: Abundances of UHGCR (Z=30 thru Z=40)

• Detection of astrophysical/solar/magnetosphere transient phenomena

- Gamma-ray bursts
- Gravitational wave counterparts
 - Solar modulation of electrons and protons
- October 14, Space weather phenomena









Scientific Objectives	Observable Quantity	Energy Range	Energy [J]
Cosmic-ray origin and acceleration	Electron spectrum	1 GeV – 20 TeV	$10^{-10} 10^{-8} 10^{-6} 10^{-4} 10^{-2} 10^{0} 10^{2}$
	Elemental spectra	10 GeV – 1 PeV	10^{-7}
	Ultra-heavy abundances	> 600 MeV/n	$E = 10^1 - e^{-} + e^{+}$
	Gamma rays (diffuse & point source)	1 GeV – 1 TeV	$\operatorname{Knee}^{\mathrm{Knee}}$
Galactic CR propagation	B/C and sub-Fe/Fe ratios	Up to some TeV/n	$\begin{array}{c c} \underbrace{O} \\ \underbrace{\times} \\ \underbrace{P} \\ \underbrace{P} \\ \underbrace{P} \\ \underbrace{\gamma} \\ \underbrace{F} \\ \underbrace{P} \\ \underbrace{\gamma} \\ \underbrace{F} \\ \underbrace{P} \\ $
Nearby CR sources	Electron spectrum	100 GeV – 20 TeV	Ankle Ankle
Dark matter	Signatures in electron/gamma spectra	100 GeV – 20 TeV	$10^{-5} - \begin{array}{c} & \gamma \text{ IRGB} \\ & \nu + \overline{\nu} \\ & \text{AMS02} \\ & \text{FERMI} \\ & \text{HAWC} \\ & \text{HESS} \\ & \text{AUGER} \\ & \text{ICECUDE} \\ & \text{BESS-TEV} \\ & \text{ICETOP} \\ & \text{CALET} \\ & \text{KASCADE-Grande} \\ & \varphi \\ & \text{LHC} \\ & \varphi \\ & \text{ICHC} \\ & \varphi \\ & \varphi \\ & \text{ICHC} \\ & \varphi \\ & \varphi \\ & \text{ICHC} \\ & \varphi \\$
Heliospheric physics	Electron flux	1 GeV – 10 GeV	10 ⁻⁷ GeV TeV PeV FeV
Gamma-ray transients	LE gamma rays and x-rays	7 keV – 20 MeV	Energy

Science Measurements require CALET to be well calibrated

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The CALET Payload







- Mass: 612.8 kg
- JEM Standard Payload Size: 1850mm(L) × 800mm(W) × 1000mm(H)
- Power Consumption: 507 W (max)
- Telemetry:

SuGAR 2024 - CALET Mission & Science Resultedium 600 kbps (6.5GB/day) / Low 50 kbps



The CALET Calorimeter

CHD – Charge Detector

- 2 x 14 plastic scintillating paddles
- Charge measurement Z = $0 \rightarrow 40+$

IMC – Imaging Calorimeter

- 8 x 2 x 448 plastic scintillating fibers
- 7 tungsten sheets
- Shower development and imaging
- 3 electron radiation lengths normal incidence depth

TASC – Total Absorption Calorimeter

- 6 x 2 x 16 lead tungstate (PbWO₄) logs
- Electromagnetic shower absorption
- 27 electron radiation lengths normal incidence depth

•Geometrical Factor:

1040 cm² sr for electrons, light nuclei 1000 cm² sr for gamma-rays 4000 cm²sr for ultra-heavy nuclei

•ΔE/E:

~2 % (>10GeV) for e , γ ~30-35% for protons, nuclei



Image: simulated 1 TeV electron event in CALET

•e/p separation: ~10⁵

- •Charge resolution: 0.15-0.3 e (p-Fe)
- •Angular resolution:
- 0.2° for gamma-rays > ~50 GeV



The CALET Calorimeter





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Pre-launch calibration of the TASC









Analyzed on orbit to characterize changes from new environment:



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On-orbit calibration of the calorimeter



Temperature dependence



∞ HE trigger observation summary Comparison to LE γ Trigger







Observed events in CALET flight data







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CALET TASC E_{Res} and e/p Separation

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Cosmic-ray all-electron spectrum

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Spectral fit over the whole region of the CALET observation with the contributions from nearby SNRs.



Spectral fit over the whole region of the CALET observation without the contributions from nearby SNRs.



Observed events in CALET flight data





Energy spectrum of cosmic-ray protons

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Kinetic Energy [GeV] 24 - CALET Mission & Science Results



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The p/He ratio decreases as a function of Kinetic Energy (GeV/n) and Rigidity (GV)



Observed events in CALET flight data











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The Ti/Fe ratio as measured by HEAO (red) and CALET (blue) as a function of kinetic energy. CALET uncertainties are statistical only. The red line is a power law fit to the HEAO data.



Measurement of UHGCR Abundances

- CHD 7 years of CALET UH-trigger data from 10/2015 - FEC through 06/2023. (~280 million events) JMC This analysis: events pass through the top of the TASC. (~70 million events) TASC - FEI Longitude (deg) UH CHD charge histogram with TASC filter in Pass4.3 Number of events shown: 35471355 106 106 Fe Preliminary 105 10⁵ Ni **Corrected Relative Abundances** 104 104 ī 100 ë Preliminary ද¹⁰⁻¹ 103. 10^{3} Zn Φ Relative 10⁻² 102 10² CALET UH (Rigidity) Ge 1 i CALET TASC Corrected Abundances 10-4 10-2 Se Kr Sr Zr HEAO-3-C2 1.25 GeV/nuc 10¹ 10¹ HEAO-3-C2 1.60 GeV/nuc HEAO-3-C2 2.25 GeV/nuc SuperTIGER (TOA) 100 100 SuperTIGER (TOI) ACE-CRIS 10^{-6} 28 30 32 34 16 18 20 22 24 26 36 38 40 42 14 44 7 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44



Observed events in CALET flight data





CALET GeV-energy Gamma Rays NASA



Energy resolution: ~2% (> 10 GeV)



On-plane: $|\ell| < 80^{\circ} \& |b| < 8^{\circ}$ **Off-plane**: $|b| > 10^{\circ}$





Measurements of energy spectra for point sources and diffuse structures are found to be consistent with those by Fermi-LAT.

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- Follow-up of LIGO/Virgo GW observations during O3 & O4

High-energy gamma-ray in the calorimeter

CGBM Specifications

	нхм	SGM
Crystal	LaBr3(Ce)	BGO
Number of detectors	2	1
Diameter [mm]	66.1 (small) 78.7 (large)	102
Thickness [mm]	12.7	76
Energy range [keV]	7-1000	40-20000
Field of view	~3 sr	~8 sr

X-ray and gamma-ray bands



CGBM has detected 367 GRBs as of Aug 2024.

Duration distribution measured by SGM (40 – 1000 keV)



- We developed automatic pipelines to process CGBM and CAL data to analyze O4 events with higher event rates.
- 169 events have been reported via GCN Notice in ER15 and O4, and the developed pipelines have been triggered by LVC NOTICE and processed CALET data, and enabled us to check many GW events.

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Solar ge-sign Dependent Solar Modulation

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CALET preliminary 10 C_p [%] O Electron C_{NM} [%] O Proton 120 and 105 Drift Model Electron Count Rate Normalized Count Rates, Ce-Proton 100 00 Normalized NM 80 Count late of a neutron monitor at the Oulu station 2019.0 2020.0 2021.0 2023.0 2017.0 2018.0 2022.0 2016.0 Year

Solar Modulation during Solar Cycles 24-25 Transition



CALET proton (a) and electron (b) count rates at the average rigidity of 3.8 GV as a function of neutron monitor count rates at the Oulu station during the descending phase in the 24th solar cycle (closed circles) and the ascending phase in the 25th solar cycle (open circles).

- We have observed a clear charge-sign dependence of the solar modulation of GCRs, showing that variation
 amplitude of C_e is much larger than that of C_p at the same average rigidity.
- We also have succeeded in reproducing variations of C_e and C_p simultaneously with a numerical drift model of the solar modulation, which implies that the drift effect plays a major role in the long-term modulation of GCRs.
- We also find a clear difference between ratios, C_p/C_{NM}, during the descending phase of the 24th solar cycle and the ascending phase of the 25th solar cycle.



Space Weather Transients



- Objectives of CALET include continuous monitoring of space-weather phenomena in the LEO radiation environment, including relativistic electron precipitation (REP) from the outer Van Allen Belt
- REP drivers were investigated in magnetically conjugate observations by CALET and Van Allen Probes, showing the role of wave scattering and the contribution of EMICwave driven precipitation to radiation-belt losses (Bruno et al., 2021⁺; Blum et al., 2024[‡])



Relativistic Electron Precipitation Events with CALET



- An automated algorithm based on machine-learning techniques was implemented to identify and classify the REP events collected during >9 years of the mission (Vidal-Luengo et al, 2024a*)
- The large statistical sample allowed to investigate the contribution of REP to the radiation belt dropouts, and the correlations with solar-wind/geomagnetic drivers (Freund et al., 2024*)
- The occurrence of REP events was found to exhibit a semi-annual variation (peaking at equinoxes), in agreement with the temporal periodicity of outer-belt electron intensities (Vidal-Luengo et al, 2024b^)



- To identify relativistic electron precipitation (REP) in the CALET dataset an algorithm was developed which use self organizing maps (SOM), an unsupervised machine learning technique, to both detect and categorize potential REP events.
- For a period from October 2015 to October 2021 this method found a total of 1448 rapid REP events and 21301 smooth profile events.

CALET and Radiation Belt Science Probes (RBSP)



Relativistic Electron Precipitation (REP) Events with CALET



664 events were identified in RBSP-A data and 443 events for RBSP-B Distribution of EMIC Events in MLT and L Shel



Spatial distribution in terms of magnetic local time (MLT) and L shell for observed REP events (left) and observed EMIC wave events (right). R 2024 - CALET Mission & Science Results



Coincident REP/EMIC Events

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coincident REP/EMIC wave events in MLT and L.

Summary

CALET has been nearly flawlessly recording science data since October 13, 2015

Key results for this conference (Searching for Sources of Galactic Cosmic Rays)

- CALET has measured the all-electron spectrum from 10.6 GeV to 7.5 TeV:
 - Spectrum fits to a broken power law vs single power law by 7.6 σ
 - Current statistics do not reveal any local source(s)
- CALET has measured the proton, helium, light and heavy nuclei spectra:
 - The proton spectrum shows a hardening around 550 GeV ($\Delta\gamma \sim 0.29$) and a softening around 9.8 TeV ($\Delta\gamma_1 \sim -0.39$)
 - The helium spectrum shows a hardening around 330 GeV/n (1319 GeV, $\Delta \gamma \sim 0.25$) and a softening around 8.3 TeV/n (33.2 TeV, $\Delta \gamma_1 \sim -0.22$)
 - The proton to helium ration decreases as a function of energy and rigidity
 - Using a joint-fitting approach yields $E_0 = 260 \pm 50 \text{ GeV/n}$ for double power law fit:
 - The carbon and oxygen spectra show a hardening with $\Delta \gamma = 0.25 \pm 0.04$
 - The boron spectrum shows a hardening with $\Delta \gamma = 0.32 \pm 0.14$
 - The boron/carbon ratio is consistent with a $\lambda_0 = 1.17 \pm 0.16 \ g/cm^2$ for a $\lambda(E) = kE^{-\delta} + \lambda_0$ fit.
 - The UHGCR relative abundances from Z=36 to Z=40 are consistent with previous results, especially SuperTIGER.

More to come: extended operations approved by JAXA/NASA/ASI through 2030!









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CALET Journal Paper Summary



CALET was successfully launched in August 2015 and installed on the JEM-EF module on the ISS

- Stable operations over a range of observing modes continue
 - Continuous on-orbit updates from ground calibration
 - Operational over 3200 days with 85% live time, total triggers over4.5 billion

Analysis of cosmic-ray events continues, extending to higher energies and charges

- All-electron spectrum in the range 10.6 GeV 7.5 TeV
- Proton spectrum in the range 50 GeV 60 TeV
- Carbon and oxygen spectra in the range 10 GeV/n 2.2 TeV/n
- Iron spectrum in the range 50 GeV/n 2 TeV/n
- Nickel spectrum in the range 8.8 GeV/n 240 GeV/n
- Boron spectrum in the range 8.4 GeV/n 3.8 TeV/n
- Helium spectrum in the range 40 GeV 250 TeV
- Abundances of heavy and ultra-heavy nuclei $(13 \le Z \le 44)$

Analysis of gamma-ray sources and transients continues

- Calorimeter instrument response characterized
- GW follow-up and GRB analysis with CGBM & CAL
- Counterpart search in LIGO/Virgo O3 with CGBM & CAL
- Updates
- Analysis of transient heliospheric and space weather phenomena underway
 - Charge-sign dependence of Solar modulation
 - Heliospheric transients such as relativistic electron precipitation, etc.

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Backup slides



Field-of-view Obstructions



Figure 4. CALET field-of-view during a planned robotic arm active period. From left: (1) bright gamma-ray background; (2) planned arm position; (3) shadow in UHGCRs.



Figure 5. One month of intetegrated low-energy photon events in the CALET field-of-view. From left, the frames show (1) all events; (2) events removed by manual inspection; (3) events removed via modeling of rotating structures; and (4) events remaining after the cuts are applied.

Obstructions appear in the CALET field-of-view and are seen via:

- Low-energy photons (<~5 GeV) produced from cosmic-ray impacts (as seen in Figures 4 and 5)
- Ultra-heavy Gal. cosmic rays (UHGCRs) are shadowed (Fig 4)
- Optical glare from Solar reflection can impact star camera operation

Regularly appearing objects such as Solar panels and radiators are removed via raytracing code provided by JAXA

Irregularly appearing objects such as robotic arms and slowmoving objects are removed via manual inspection of field-ofview maps. Cut maps are registered in the calibration DB.

Monitoring of TASC performance on-orbit









Nuclei Measurement: Charge Identification with CHD and IMC



Single element identification for p, He and light nuclei is achieved by CHD+IMC charge analysis.



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Energy spectra of cosmic-ray Fe & Ni

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Energy spectra of cosmic-ray BCO

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