Cosmic-Ray Lithium & Beryllium Isotopes with AMS02

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Light Isotopes in Cosmic Rays

- Precise measurement of the light elemental fluxes by AMS (H. Gast ICRC21#121)
- → Important information to understand the origin and the propagation of Cosmic Rays
- More detailed information from isotopic composition:
 - Different origins (secondary/primary):
 - ²H/¹H (E. Ferronato Bueno ICRC21#113),
 ³He/⁴He (F. Giovacchini ICRC21#096)
 - Primary ⁷Li component? (Boschini, 2020, ApJ, 889, 167).
 - Different propagation history:
 - ¹⁰Be: t_{1/2} = 1.4 My: radioactive clock.
- This presentation: measurement of Isotopic Lithium and Beryllium fluxes with AMS 02



Isotopes in light cosmic rays:

Isotopic identification with AMS02



$$M = \frac{RZ}{\gamma\beta} \to \frac{\Delta M}{M} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta R}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\gamma^2 \frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}\right)^2}$$

• Z measurement:

- L1 UTOF Inner Tracker LTOF
- \rightarrow Negligible charge confusion
- *R* measurement:
 - Tracker (Inner)
 - β measurement:
 - TOF:
 - $\Delta 1/eta$ (Z=3) ~ 2 10⁻²
 - RICH NaF ($n_{\rm NaF}$ = 1.33): β > 0.75, $\Delta\beta$ (Z=3) ~ 15 10⁻⁴
 - RICH AGL ($n_{\rm AGL}$ = 1.05): β > 0.95, $\Delta\beta$ (Z=3) ~ 5 10⁻⁴
 - \rightarrow 3 analyses which cover different *E* ranges

Isotopic identification with AMS02



the mass distribution.

Measurement of Isotopic fluxes

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- Fitted with the sum of scaled mass templates for each isotopes,
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- Based on 0.8 million lithium events,
- Include Data/MC and unfolding corrections,
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Combined fluxes from AMS 02 compared with previous experiments.

→ First Measurement of ⁶Li and ⁷Li fluxes above 0.3 GeV/n and up to 11 GeV/n.



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- Stat. and syst. (mass id.-acceptance-survival prob.-background-unfolding) errors.
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⁶Li/⁷Li ratio

AMS 02 ratio compared with previous experiments:



stat

mass

 E_{kn} [GeV/n]

 10^{1}

bkgd

unf

tot

above 1 GeV/n up to 11 GeV/n

Fitting of Beryllium rates





Beryllium Isotopic Fluxes

- Isotopic fluxes obtained from the fit.
- Based on 0.4 million beryllium events,
- Include Data/MC and unfolding corrections,
- Correction from background coming from the interaction of heavier nuclei above L1 applied.



Beryllium Isotopic Fluxes

Combined and rebinned fluxes from AMS 02 and comparison with previous experiments.

→ First measurement of
 ⁷Be, ⁹Be and ¹⁰Be fluxes
 above 0.4 GeV/n and up to
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Beryllium Isotopic Flux ratios vs E_{kn}

Flux ratios



Errors

Total correlation

Conclusion

- Isotopic composition of light nuclei in cosmic rays is a key measurement to understand cosmic rays origin and propagation.
- Dedicated method based on template used to fit the event rates vs. mass to measure the isotopic fluxes.
- Results presented based on 0.8 million Lithium events and 0.4 million Beryllium events.
- Measurement of Lithium and Beryllium isotopic fluxes and ratios between 0.4 GeV/n and 11 GeV/n with systematic errors and associated covariance matrices assessment have been presented.