

Analysis Result of the High-Energy Cosmic-Ray Proton Spectrum from the ISS-CREAM Experiment

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The Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass for the International Space Station (ISS-CREAM) experiment successfully recorded the data for about 539 days from August 2017 to February 2019. In this talk, we report the measurement of the cosmic-ray proton energy spectrum from the ISS-CREAM experiment in the energy range of 2.5 TeV–650 TeV. For the analysis, we used the silicon charge detector (SCD) placed at the top of the ISS-CREAM payload to identify the incoming cosmic-ray charge. The SCD is finely segmented to minimize charge misidentification due to backscatter effects. The four-layer SCD consists of 10,752 silicon pixels, each of which is $1.37 \times 1.57 \times 0.05$ cm³ in size. The calorimeter (CAL) consists of 20 layers of tungsten/scintillating fibers preceded by carbon targets. It provided cosmic-ray tracking, energy determination, and the high-energy trigger. The Top and Bottom Counting detectors (T/BCD) are above and below the CAL, respectively, and provided the low energy trigger. Each T/BCD is composed of an array of 20×20 photodiodes on plastic scintillators. The measured proton spectral index of 2.67 ± 0.01 between 2.5 and 12.5 TeV is consistent with prior CREAM measurements. The spectrum softens above ~ 10 TeV consistent with the bump-like structure as reported by CREAM I+III, DAMPE, and NUCLEON, but ISS-CREAM extends measurements to higher energies than those prior measurements.

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