CREAM can measure <u>individual</u> energy spectra and elemental composition of cosmic rays (1 = Z = 26 and above) from 1 TeV up to 1000 TeV

 search for a <u>cutoff in the proton</u> <u>spectrum</u> around 100 TeV

• expected to **reach 500 TeV** with 30% statistical accuracy with 3 flights

measurement of B/C ratio up to 500
GeV/n (test of propagation models)

Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass

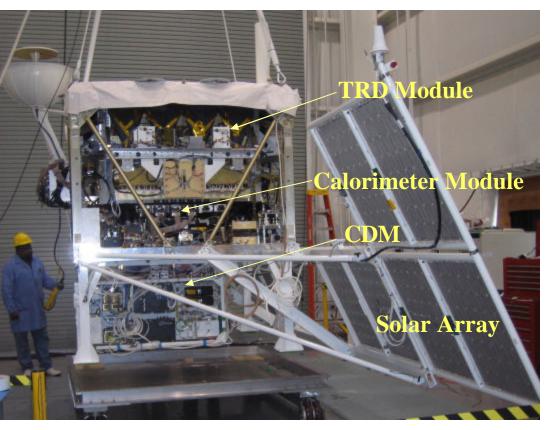
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What is the history of cosmic rays in the Galaxy?



TRD Module

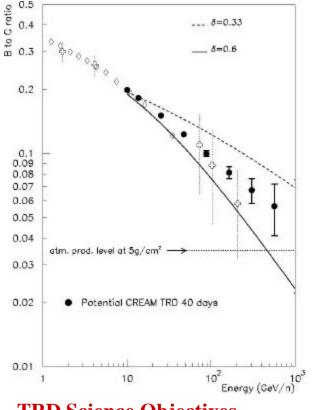
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• The **Timing Charge Detector (TCD)** provides event trigger and particle charge identification. The TCD has 2 layers of 4 paddles each.

• The **Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)** has 2 modules separated by a Cherenkov threshold counter

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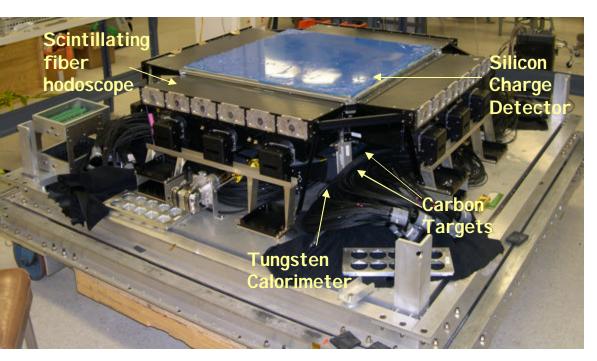


TRD Science Objectives

- The above figure compares TRD data expected from a 40-day flight (black circles) with prior data
- The TRD is expected to provide the first **B/C ratio** in this energy range in more than a decade

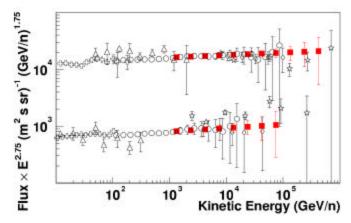
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Calorimeter Module

- The **Silicon Charge Detector (SCD)** provides particle charge identification
- The 20-layer **tungsten-scintillating fiber calorimeter** provides its own event trigger and x,y,z tracking coordinates
- The scintillating fiber hodoscope provides x,y tracking coordinates at fixed z above the calorimeter



Comparison of Calorimeter data (red squares) for protons (upper) and Helium (lower) with prior data

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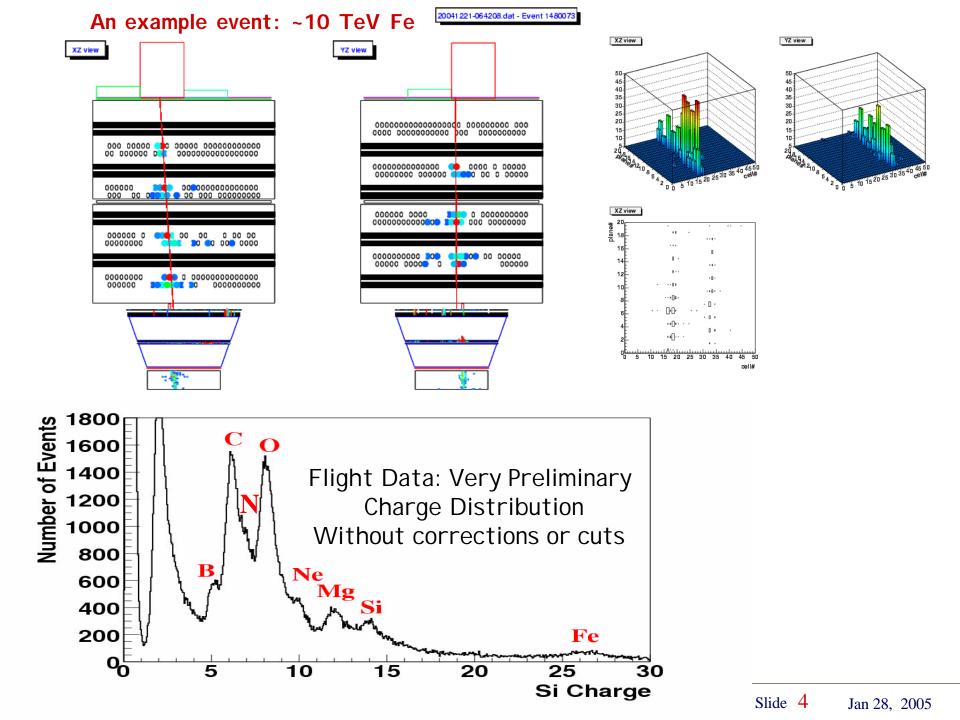
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Calorimeter Science Objectives

• The Figure at left shows unique **p** and **H**e results (which TRD can't provide) **expected from a 40-day flight** of the Calorimeter

• Simultaneous measurements of Z > 3 particles provides inflight cross calibration of Calorimeter and TRD

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Launch operations



January 16, 2005 Break the record of 31 days and 20 hrs

