# Background from CR

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Approach of cosmic rays to the top of the atmosphere is depending on geomagnetic cut-off rigidity background will be different at different places of ISS orbit

We need to know intensity of geomagnetic field and spectra on the top of atmosphere for different places of Earth surface (top of atmosphere)

**IGRF model** is enough to describe geomagnetic field, we do not need external model field

AMS spectra are probably best choice for particle spectra (i.e. published AMS spectra for 10 geomagnetic regions).

Particle spectrum in Corsika is described by input parameter ESLOPE PSLOPE - power law spect.

#### This mean that spectrum can precisely describe situation at 1AU for energies >60GeV

- 60Gev are energies not modulated by heliosphere
- we can assume that modulation can be neglected for particles with energies >10GeV and we still be quite OK
- but what about energies <10GeV ? where we have most of all particles

#### We apply next scheme:

- 1. calculate a results (in Corsika) for set of single energies (AMS bins)
- 2. use AMS spectra in different regions as spectra on the top of atmosphere
- 3. By combination of Corsika results for discrete energies and AMS spectra evaluate results inside of atmosphere



The 10 geomagnetic regions (M) covered by AMS-01, defined in Table 1, are shown on the background of the Earth surface. A typical trajectory of AMS-01 detector on board of the space shuttle, at an altitude of about 400 km, is also plotted. The space shuttle trajectory shifts with time and covers almost uniformly the Earth surface inside a geographic latitude  $\Theta \leq 51,6^{\circ}$ .



Region $(M)$	CGM latitude $\theta_M$ (rad)
1	$  heta_M  < 0.2$
2	$0.2 \le   heta_M  \le 0.3$
3	$0.3 \le   heta_M  \le 0.4$
4	$0.4 \le   heta_M  \le 0.5$
5	$0.5 \leq   heta_M  \leq 0.6$
6	$0.6 \le \left   heta_M  ight  \le 0.7$
7	$0.7 \le   heta_M  \le 0.8$
8	$0.8 \le   heta_M  \le 0.9$
9	$0.9 \leq   heta_M  \leq 1.0$
10	$ \overline{ heta}_M  \geq 1.0$

**Table 1.** Geomagnetic regions covered by AMS-01 measurements andkinetic energies corresponding to the dip for each geomagneticzone (see [AMS Collaboration, 2000a; AMS Collaboration, 2002]).The regions are dened using the Corrected Geomagneticlatitude (CGM).

Left down panel: Normalized fluxes per units of solid angle are shown for the geomagnetic regions M = 1, 4, 7 and 10 as functions of the proton kinetic energies.

#### Q: Why we choose AMS spectra?

#### A: Because it is most precise measurement of CR spectra yet.

All figures are from: Bobik P., Boella G., Boschini M. J., Gervasi M., Grandi D., Kudela K., Pensotti S., Rancoita P. G., Magnetospheric transmission function approach to disentangle primary from secondary cosmic ray fluxes in the penumbra region, JGR, 111, Issue A5, A05205, 2006

AMS downward proton total flux in (m<sup>2</sup> s sr MeV)<sup>-1</sup> - evaluated from spectra published in article *Protons in near earth orbit, Physics Letters B, Volume 472, Issues 1-2, 13 January 2000, Pages 215-226* 







AMS fluxes in region M = 6,7,8,9,10

 $I_x(\lambda)$  – intensity of x (x herein is Cherenkov light) at  $\lambda$  depth in atmosphere AMS differential downward proton flux spectra (m<sup>2</sup>s sr MeV)<sup>-1</sup> in region 10.

Formaly: 
$$I_{x}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{31} I_{AMS,i}(\Re) * b_{w} * I_{Corsika, normalized, x}(\Re, \lambda)$$

- where  $b_{w}$  is width of AMS bin



#### Corsika - simulation for

- N point at Earth (regions with equal area)
  - evaluation of Bx and Bz for net of points
- for every point X showers will be generated for every of 31 AMS bins

At all N \* X \* 31 showers



#### Example of input file for shower in region 7 and AMS bin 7

RUNNR 10 run number EVTNR 1 number of first shower event 10000 NSHOW number of showers to generate particle type of prim. particle PRMPAR 14 -2.7 slope of primary energy spectrum ESLOPE 2.718E0 2.718E0 energy range of primary particle ERANGE range of zenith angle (degree) THETAP 0. 70. PHIP -180. 180. range of azimuth angle (degree) SEED 1 0 0 seed for 1. random number sequence SEED 0 0 seed for 2. random number sequence seed for 2. random number sequence observation level (in cm) starting altitude (g/cm\*\*2) magnetic field M = 7, AMS region flags hadr.interact.&fragmentation energy cuts for particles additional info for muons much multiple scattering appale OBSLEV 110.E2 ò. FIXCHI MAGNET 27.1 36.2 0 0 0 0 0 2 HADFLG 0.3 0.3 0.003 0.003 ECUTS MUADDI т muon multiple scattering angle em. interaction flags (NKG,EGS) MUMULT т ELMFLG т т mult. scattering step length fact. outer radius for NKG lat.dens.distr. STEPFC 1.0 RADNKG 200.E2 ARRANG 0. rotation of array to north LONGI т 20. т т longit.distr. & step size & fit & out cut on gamma factor for printout ECTMAP 1.E3 MAXPRT 100 max. number of printed events DIRECT /home/EUSO/corsika/corsika-6735/run/pavol/ams\_back7/ output directory write dbase file DATBAS thinning electron 1.E-6 1.E5 0.E0 THIN hardon thinning THINH 0.1 10. CERARY 10 8 1200, 1500, 80, 50, Cherenkov detector grid (cm) Cherenkov wavelength band (nm) CWAVLG 300. 450. bunch size Cherenkov photons CERSIZ 5. F 5 1000. 1000. Cherenkov output file CERFIL scatter Cherenkov events (cm) CSCAT USER pavol user F 6 F 1000000 debug flag and log.unit for out DEBUG termínates input EXIT

Latitude-longitude grid of points covering all ISS orbit. Every point of grid should cover same area at the Earth.



 $A_i = 1 \text{ sr } \rightarrow \text{ i.e. Earth is covered by 12 rings,}$ every ring cover/has area 1 sr

 $\Delta$  lat = 30°  $\rightarrow$  every ring is divided to 12 part

 $N = 12 \times 12 = 144$  points

Selected points - marked by green dots

Red squares have 1/12 steradian everyone



Geomagnetic field – model GRF11



Presented Corsika simulations was done by code compiled with

- -QGSII model
- fluka model
- cerenkov light
  - parameter CERARY 10 8 1200. 1500. 80. 50.
- thining
  - parameter THIN 1.E-6 1.E5 0.E0
  - parameter THINH 0.1 10.
- NSHOW 100 showers for every energy (monoenergetic injection of AMS bins energies) for range of angles  $\Theta = 0^{\circ} 70^{\circ}$ ,  $\Phi = -180^{\circ} - 180^{\circ}$  is averaged from *.long output file* to one average shower which is used in evaluation of background.

Selection of QGSII and Fluka for code compilation and input parameters of thining and Cherenkov light detector (detector grid) for Corsika simulation are maybe not optimal – was choose just as possible combination of parameters for method testing.

## **Cherenkov light**



#### Electrons



#### **Charged particles**



### Gamma





## Cherenkov light – background vs. 1e14 eV proton ratio



(bottom center figure)

## Cherenkov light – background vs. 1e16 eV proton ratio



100000

10000

0

200

400

600

lambda [g/cm2]

800

1000

1200



(bottom center figure)

points on Earth with geographic longitude 15° and

latitudes in center of 1 steradians ring i.e. geo. latitudes = 4.58°, 62.73° together with Cherenkov

light from 1e14 eV and 1e16 eV proton

## Cherenkov light – background vs. 1e18 eV proton ratio





lambda [g/cm2] 

#### (bottom center figure)

#### Cherenkov light – 1e16 eV proton



#### Verification of method

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1.6. DEFINITION OF COMMON OBSERVABLES



Figure 1.13: Altitude variation of the main cosmic ray components.

COSMIC RAYS AT EARTH, Researcher's Reference Manual and Data Book, Peter K. F. Grieder, Elsevier 2001, p. 23



Corsica background simulation for e<sup>-</sup> an muons<sup>-</sup> near equatorial and near midle latitude position (geographic longitude 15° and latitudes in center of 1 steradians ring i.e. geo. latitudes = 4.58°, 62.73°)