

Direct measurement of cosmic neon, magnesium, and silicon fluxes with DAMPE

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The Dark Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE) is a satellite-based detector optimized for precise Galactic cosmic ray studies up to hundreds of TeV. Since its launch on December 17th, 2015, DAMPE has been continuously collecting data on high-energy cosmic particles with excellent statistics and particle identification capabilities, thanks to a large geometric factor and a very good energy resolution. In this contribution, the latest advancements concerning the direct measurement of the energy spectra of cosmic-ray neon, magnesium, and silicon nuclei obtained by DAMPE will be presented. Precise knowledge of these spectral measurements could provide valuable insights into the origin, acceleration, and propagation processes of cosmic rays in the Galaxy.

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1. Introduction

Cosmic rays (CRs) are high-energy particles originating from astrophysical sources both within and beyond our Galaxy. Their study provides crucial insights into the fundamental processes shaping the Universe, including CR acceleration and subsequent propagation through the interstellar medium. In recent years, several experiments have revealed distinct features in the CR spectra, showing unexpected deviations from the single power-law behaviour predicted by shock acceleration mechanisms for protons and heavier nuclei below 3-4 PeV, where the so-called "knee" of the all-particle spectrum occurs [1–3]. The study of the elemental composition and fluxes of individual CR species plays a key role in unravelling the mechanisms governing CR acceleration and propagation within the Galaxy. One of the most intriguing aspects of CR physics is the study of intermediate-mass nuclei, such as neon, magnesium, and silicon. These elements exhibit spectral behaviours different from those of lighter nuclei such as helium, carbon, and oxygen. Such differences may indicate the presence of multiple source classes or distinct propagation effects [4, 5]. A complete understanding of these variations is essential for refining current astrophysical models. At present, the measurements of the intermediate-mass nuclei remain scarce, particularly in those high-energy regions (>1 TeV/nucleon) which cannot be reached by satellite spectrometer-type experiments or balloon-borne detectors, due to limited statistical and instrumental uncertainties [5–7].

2. The DAMPE detector

The Dark Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE) is a satellite-borne experiment designed to investigate several scientific topics, including the measurement of CR spectra up to ~ 10 TeV for the electromagnetic component (γ, e^\pm) and up to hundreds of TeV for protons and nuclei, as well as the search for indirect signatures of dark matter. The instrument is composed of four sub-detectors: a plastic scintillator detector (PSD), a silicon-tungsten tracker-converter (STK), a bismuth germanium oxide (BGO) calorimeter, and a neutron detector (NUD). The PSD consists of 82 bars arranged in two orthogonal planes (X and Y views), each composed of two staggered layers (four layers in total). It is designed to distinguish gamma rays from charged particles and to measure their absolute charge. The STK, composed of six planes of silicon strips and three interleaved tungsten layers, measures particle trajectories and facilitates photon conversion into e^+e^- pairs. The BGO calorimeter, with 14 layers of 22 bars each (corresponding to a depth of ~ 32 radiation lengths and ~ 1.6 nuclear interaction lengths), measures the particle energy and discriminates between hadronic and electromagnetic showers. Finally, the NUD, made of four boron-loaded plastic scintillators, enhances the separation between electromagnetic and hadronic events.

3. Data sample

This analysis is based on data collected from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2023, with a live time of 1.92×10^8 s, corresponding to 76% of the total operational time. Periods affected by instrumental dead time, on-orbit calibration, or passages through the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA) are excluded. The analysis is validated through simulations performed with the GEANT4

toolkit [8], using the FTFP_BERT physics list in the range from 100 GeV to 1 PeV, with a smooth transition to EPOS-LHC for particles above 10 TeV/n, implemented within the CRMC framework¹.

4. Event selection criteria

Pre-selection

An initial selection is applied to retain only well-reconstructed and well-contained events. Events initiating showers at the top of the calorimeter are identified by requiring activation of the High Energy Trigger (HET), which occurs when the energy deposition exceeds 10 MIPs² in the first three BGO layers and 2 MIPs in the fourth [9]. To avoid effects due to geomagnetic rigidity cut-off and solar particles, events with total calorimetric energy deposition (E_{BGO}) below 100 GeV are excluded. To ensure good shower containment, events are rejected if the maximum energy deposition occurs at the calorimeter edges in the second, third, or fourth BGO layer. Additionally, the maximum energy deposition in a single layer must remain below 35% of E_{BGO} to suppress badly reconstructed horizontal events.

Track selection

Track reconstruction is performed with a dedicated Machine Learning (ML) tool developed for DAMPE, which is described in detail in Ref. [10]. The reconstructed trajectory must be fully contained within both the PSD and BGO fiducial volumes. To reduce background from lighter nuclei (mainly proton and helium), the average signal in the first STK plane must exceed 1200 ADC counts, corresponding to the signal of ~ 18 MIPs.

Charge selection

Charge reconstruction is performed using PSD signals along the identified track. A dedicated algorithm applies corrections for path length, light attenuation, and light-yield saturation [11]. Events are selected if the charges reconstructed in the X and Y views agree within $|Q_Y - Q_X| < 2$. The final charge estimate is obtained as the path length-weighted average:

$$Q^{\text{PSD}} = \frac{\sum_i Q_i L_i}{\sum_i L_i}, \quad (1)$$

where Q_i is the charge measured in the i th PSD layer and L_i is the traversed path length through the crossed bar. This reduces the weight of events crossing the corners of PSD bars, where short path lengths ($\ll 10$ mm) lead to large relative fluctuations. Figure 1a shows the Q^{PSD} spectrum at different selection stages, from pre-selection to the PSD consistency cut. This last selection, together with the STK charge requirement, significantly improves the separation of neon, magnesium, and silicon peaks, as well as heavier nuclei. The final charge selection is performed by fitting Q^{PSD} in different bins of E_{BGO} with a *Langaus* function (a convolution of Landau and Gaussian distributions). The Most Probable Values (MPVs) and widths (σ) extracted from the fits define the energy-dependent charge windows, illustrated by dashed lines in Figure 1b as a function of E_{BGO} .

¹Cosmic Ray Monte Carlo Package (CRMC), <https://zenodo.org/records/5270381>

²The energy deposition of a Minimum Ionizing Particle (MIP) in the BGO calorimeter corresponds to ~ 23 MeV.

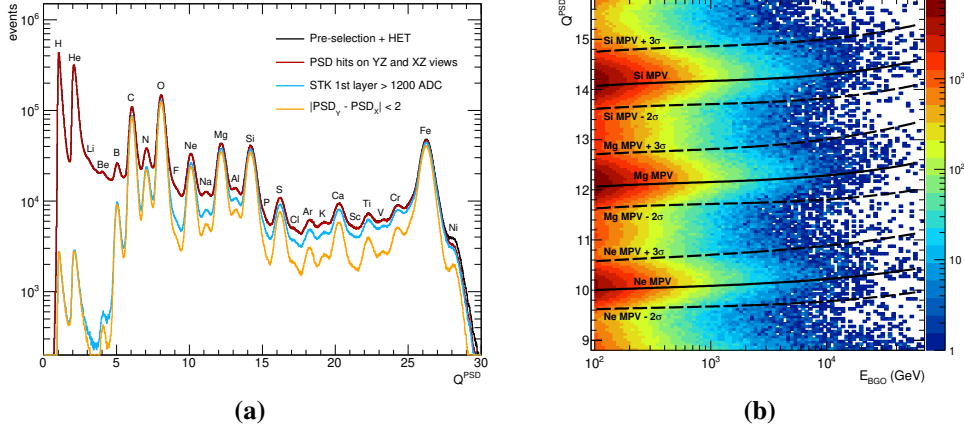


Figure 1: PSD charge spectrum at different selection steps (a) and as a function of E_{BGO} (b). The preliminary charge selection ranges for neon, magnesium, and silicon candidates are indicated by dashed lines.

5. Contamination estimation

Residual contamination from neighbouring nuclei may still affect the selected charge regions. To quantify this, a template-fitting procedure is applied to the Q^{PSD} distributions in several E_{BGO} intervals using the RooFit toolkit³, with MC-based templates for nuclei from carbon to silicon. Figure 2 shows examples of template fits for neon; similar analyses are performed for magnesium and silicon. The contamination fractions are subtracted from the data before the flux calculation:

$$\tilde{N}_{\text{obs},i} = (1 - f_{\text{tot},i}) N_{\text{obs},i} \quad (2)$$

where $N_{\text{obs},i}$ is the number of observed events in the i th E_{BGO} bin, $f_{\text{tot},i}$ is the total contamination fraction, and $\tilde{N}_{\text{obs},i}$ is the background-subtracted count. Figure 3 shows the contamination fractions for neon, magnesium, and silicon candidates, with individual contributions from neighbouring nuclei (coloured lines) and the total contamination (black points).

6. Effective acceptance and unfolding procedure

After applying the selection cuts, the effective detector acceptance $A_{\text{eff},i}$ is derived from MC simulations as:

$$A_{\text{eff},i} = A_{\text{gen}} \frac{N_{\text{pass},i}}{N_{\text{gen},i}} \quad (3)$$

where A_{gen} is the geometrical factor for event generation, $N_{\text{gen},i}$ is the number of generated events in the i th energy bin, and $N_{\text{pass},i}$ is the number of events passing all cuts.

Since the calorimeter thickness is limited, the energy deposited by a hadronic CR particle represents only a fraction of its primary energy. To recover the true spectra, a Bayesian unfolding procedure is applied, following the approach of Ref. [12]. The unfolded event distribution in the i th

³ROOT RooFit toolkit. <https://root.cern/manual/roofit/>.

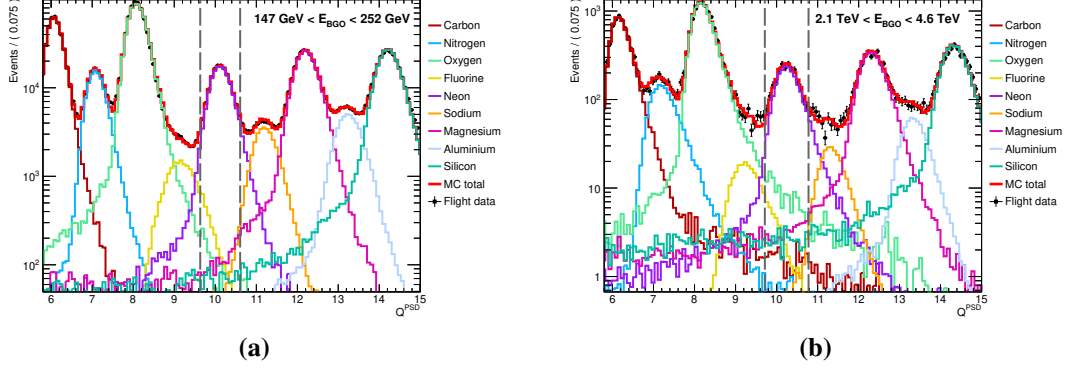


Figure 2: Neon template fits for $147 < E_{\text{BGO}} < 252$ GeV (a) and $2.1 < E_{\text{BGO}} < 4.6$ TeV (b). Flight data (black points) are compared with MC templates for nuclei from carbon to silicon, as indicated in the legend. The total MC contribution is shown by the red line.

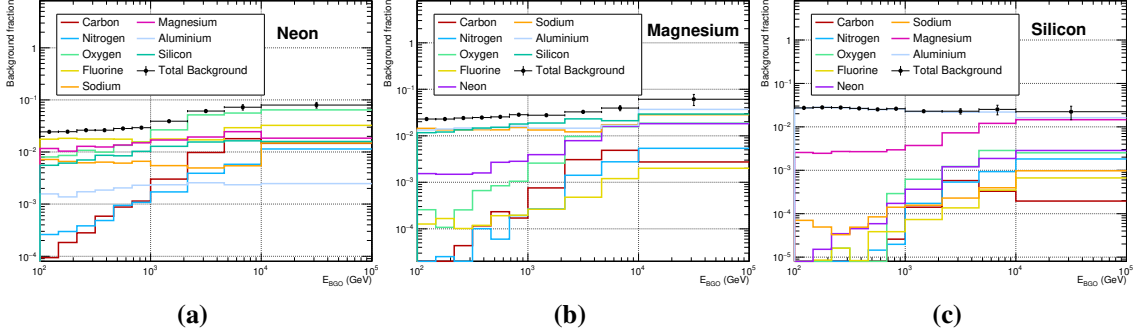


Figure 3: Background fractions for neon (a), magnesium (b), and silicon (c), estimated from template fits. Individual contributions are shown according to the coloured legend, while the total background is represented by the black points.

bin of true energy, $N(E_{\text{true},i})$, is obtained as:

$$N(E_{\text{true},i}) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(E_{\text{true},i} | E_{\text{obs},j}) N(E_{\text{obs},j}), \quad (4)$$

where $N(E_{\text{obs},j})$ is the number of observed events in the j th deposited-energy bin and $P(E_{\text{true},i} | E_{\text{obs},j})$ is the unfolding matrix derived from MC simulations. Deposited energies are corrected for BGO saturation [13], while Birk's quenching effects are also taken into account in the simulation [14, 15].

7. Uncertainty estimation

Systematic uncertainties are evaluated from several contributions, including selection efficiencies, background subtraction, and hadronic models in MC simulations:

$$\sigma_{\text{sys}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{HET}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{PSD}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{STK charge}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{STK fiducial}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{bkg}}^2} \quad (5)$$

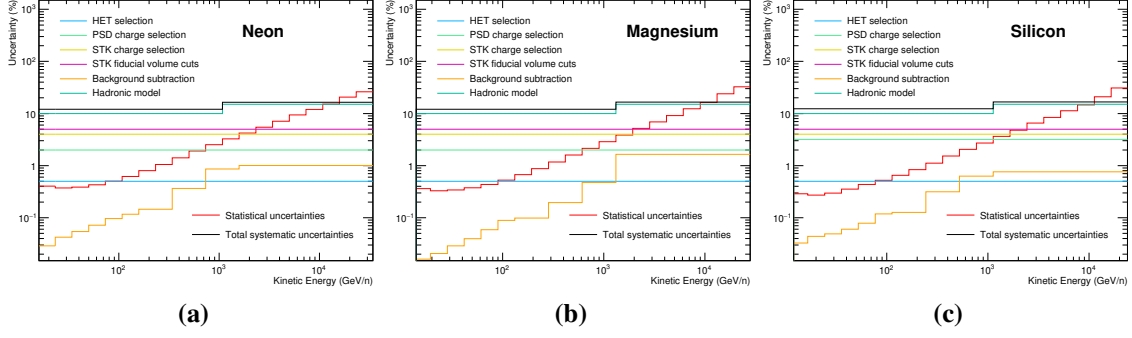


Figure 4: Statistical and systematic uncertainties on the energy spectra of neon (a), magnesium (b), and silicon (c) nuclei.

The agreement between data and simulation is within 0.5% for the HET efficiency (σ_{HET}), 2% (neon, magnesium) and 3.2% (silicon) for the PSD charge efficiency (σ_{PSD}), 4% for STK charge efficiency ($\sigma_{\text{STK charge}}$), and 5% for STK containment ($\sigma_{\text{STK fiducial}}$). The uncertainty on background subtraction (σ_{bkg}) reflects the template-fit errors on contamination fractions. Model-dependent uncertainties are usually evaluated through comparison with ion beam-test data or alternative hadronic interaction models, such as FLUKA [16]. Although dedicated studies for neon, magnesium, and silicon are not yet available, comparisons on oxygen provide an estimate of their order of magnitude, used here as a preliminary evaluation. A summary of systematic uncertainties is presented in Figure 4.

8. Preliminary results

The differential flux Φ_i as a function of the kinetic energy is computed as follows:

$$\Phi_i = \frac{\Delta N_i}{\Delta T A_{\text{eff},i} \Delta E_i} \quad (6)$$

where N_i is the number of unfolded events, ΔT the live time, $A_{\text{eff},i}$ the effective acceptance, and ΔE_i the bin width. The fluxes are converted to kinetic energy per nucleon, assuming pure compositions of ^{20}Ne , ^{24}Mg , and ^{28}Si . Figure 5 shows the resulting spectra compared with previous measurements [6, 7, 17–20].

This work presents the preliminary DAMPE results on the measurement of the CR energy spectra of neon, magnesium, and silicon, covering the range from a few hundred GeV up to ~ 100 TeV, and providing new high-precision data in the intermediate-mass nuclei region. The DAMPE measurements confirm the presence of a spectral hardening in these nuclei, as previously indicated by other experiments [5, 7]. Ongoing studies aim to refine the evaluation of systematic uncertainties, including those related to hadronic interaction models, selection efficiencies, and the isotopic composition assumption, and to extend the measurement to higher energies. In the near future, DAMPE will provide improved spectra of CR neon, magnesium, and silicon with extended coverage at the highest energies.

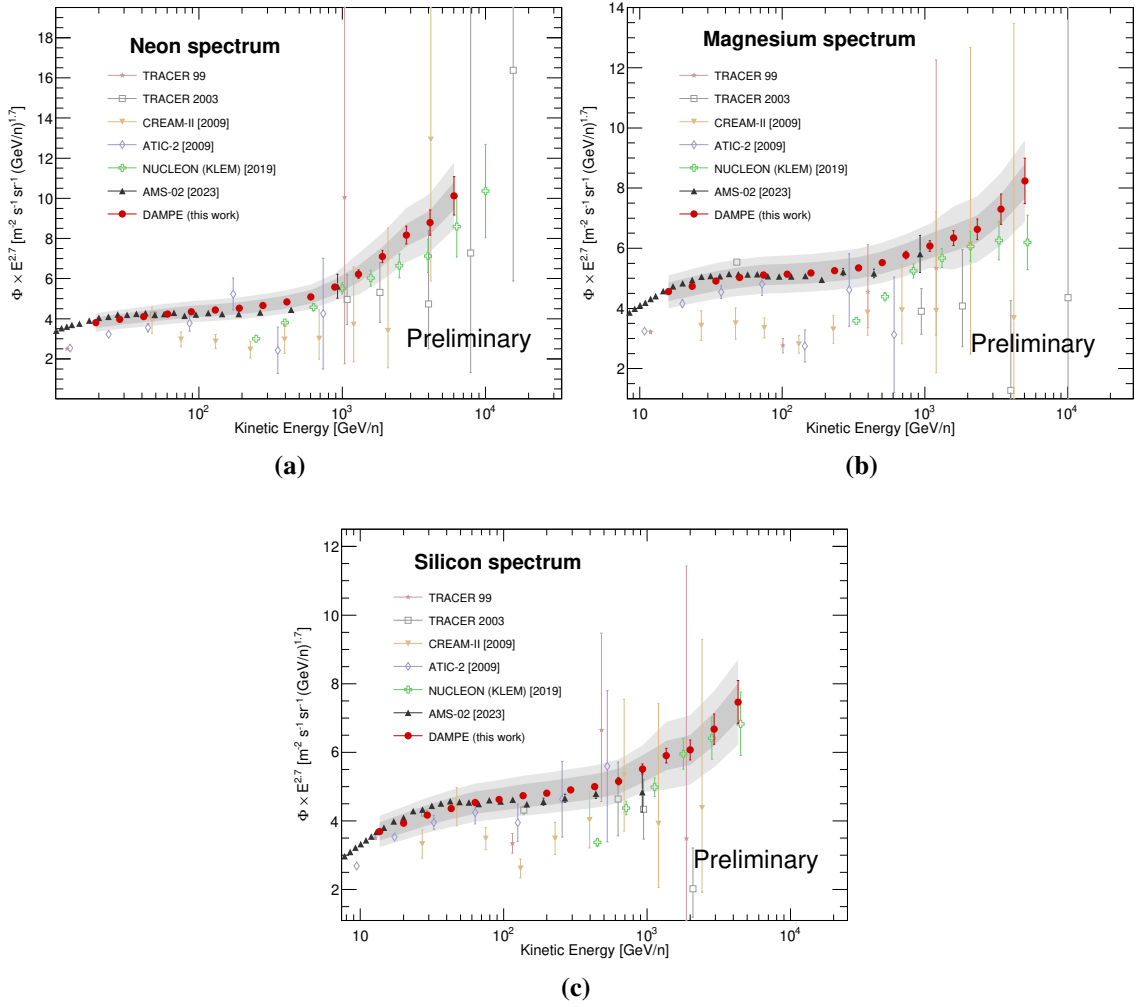


Figure 5: DAMPE spectra of neon (a), magnesium (b), and silicon (c) as a function of kinetic energy per nucleon, multiplied by $E^{2.7}$ and compared with results from TRACER [17, 18], CREAM-II [6], ATIC-2 [19], NUCLEON-KLEM [7], and AMS-02 [20]. Error bars indicate statistical uncertainties. The inner band shows the systematic uncertainty from the analysis, while the outer band includes the overall systematic uncertainty, accounting also for the hadronic contribution.

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