The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) Experiment

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The Collaboration

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16 Countries, 60 Institutes and 600 Physicists







- To search for Antimatter ($\overline{He},\overline{C}$) in space with a sensitivity of 10³ to 10⁴ better than current limits.
- To search for dark matter
 - High statistics precision measurements of $e^{\pm},\,\gamma$ and \overline{p} spectrum.
- To study Astrophysics.
 - High statistics precision measurements of D, ³He, ⁴He, B, C, ⁹Be, ¹⁰Be spectra
 - B/C: to understand CR propagation in the Galaxy (parameters of galactic wind).
 - ¹⁰Be/⁹Be: to determine CR confinement time in the Galaxy.

AMS-01 on Discovery during STS-91 Flight (June 1998)







G.F.: $\approx 3000 \text{ cm}^2.\text{sr}$ MDR: $\approx 400 \text{ GV}$ Energy Range: $100 \text{ MeV/n} < E_k < 300 \text{ GeV/n}$ Electronics channels: ≈ 70000 Power: $\approx 1 \text{ kW}$

- ≈30 hours before and ≈105 hours after rendezvous with MIR (total of ≈135 hours including ≈11 hours of albedo measurements)
- Shuttle altitude ranged from 320 to 390 km
- Latitudes ±51.7°, All longitudes (except S.A.A.)
- A total of 100 million events recorded with event rates ranging from 100 Hz to 700 Hz (corresponding to 95%÷40% DAQ livetime)



It was a successful flight !!

- Detector test in actual space conditions
 - Good performance of all subsystems
- Physics results:
 - Antimatter search
 - Charged cosmic ray spectra (p, e^{\pm} , D, He)
 - Geomagnetic effects on cosmic ray



AMS-01 STS-91 Flight Physics Results (2)





(Ref. Phys. Lett. B472(2000)215-226)

AMS-02 - Detector purpose



	e ⁻	р	He,Li,Be,Fe	γ	e+	p , D	He, C
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Physics example			Cosmic Ray Physics Strangelets		Dark	matter	Antimatter



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The first AMS-02 – Superconducting magnet



•The coils are cooled to a temperature of 1.8 K by a system of pipes...

Heat shunt

Helium 1.8 K 1 bar

Coil



Helium 1.8 K 16 mbar

•...connected to a 2500 litre superfluid helium tank.

•The cold mass is suspended from a system of 16 composite straps.



•The coils and helium vessel are enclosed in radiation shields and multi-layer superinsulation.





•All components are suspended within a vacuum tank.

AMS-02 in the ESA – ESTEC thermal vacuum chamber







April 2010:

- Test results in ESTEC showed that the life of the Superconductiong Magnet was 20±4 months (with 2500 liters of superfluid He)
- NASA decided to increase the life of ISS up to 2028

The permanent magnet was selected



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The AMS-01 permanent magnet





- 1. Stable: no torque
- 2. Safety : no field leak out of the magnet
- 3. Low weight: no iron

The detailed 3D field map (120k locations) was measured in May 2010

It was found that the deviation from the 1997 measurement are <1%

Deviation from 1997 measurements in R-Phi coordinates





TRD principles



p⁺ rejection >10² 1-300 GeV acceptance: 0.5m²sr

Choosen configuration for 60 cm height: 20 Layers each existing of:

- 22 mm fibre fleece
- Ø 6 mm straw tubes filled with Xe/CO₂ 80%/20%





12 layers in the bending plane2 x 4 layers in the non-bending plane



TRD straw tube proportional counter module



TRD Test beam

- 20 layer TRD detector in the test beam at CERN in 2000
- we have recorded 3 million events providing signals for protons, electrons, muons and pions at energies from 5-250 GeV
- Muon events have been used for an intercalibration of the individual straws to a relative accuracy of 2%.





TOF principles





The TOF system



To cover the full solid angle of AMS-02, each TOF plane has a surface of about 1.4 m^2 .

Each counter is 12 cm wide and overlaps by 0.5 cm with adjacent counters.



PMs

Clear plastic Conical light guides

Curved

light guides

Four scintillator planes: 1) 8 counters, 36 PMTs 2) 8 counters, 32 PMTs 3) 10 counters, 40 PMTs 4) 8 counters, 36 PMTs

Scintillator

The system have been designed for maximum redundancy to ensure the fast trigger to AMS even in presence of HV, PMT or front-end electronics faults:

- Each counter is 4-fold redundant in PMTs
- Each HV power supply is doubly redundant
- Each coincidence signal for the fast trigger is doubly redundant



The TOF has been designed to work with the SuperConducting Magnet initially foreseen to be used in AMS-02. The planes are placed just above and below the magnet (60 cm from the magnet center) therefore the magnetic field on the photomultipliers (PMs) was of the order of 1÷2kG.



TOF - light guides

To reduce the angle between the magnetic field and the PMT axis, the shape of each light guide has been determined according to the position of the PMT.

Therefore, straight, tilted, tilted and bent light guides have been built with special tools.







TOF - read-out electronics





Anode signal processing



Anode sum



Three thresholds are applied to the anode signal: -Low (LT): time measurement -High (HT): Z=1 selection -SuperHigh (SHT): Z>1 selection

The amplitude of the anode signal is also measured with an ADC.

The amplitude of each dynode signal is read-out on a card mounted inside the detector.

TOF – operation in space

Requirements on the design and on the servicing electronics for the TOF system:

- Each plane is housed into a mechanically robust and light-tight cover with a system for fast depressurization
- The support structure conforms to the NASA specifications concerning resistance to load and vibrations
- The electronics is protected from the highly ionized loworbit environment
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TOF – Thermal Vacuum Test and Vibration Test







The vibration test has been performed along the three axes (X,Y,Z) with the Maximum Expected Flight Level specifications during shuttle launch.

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Tracker



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Tracker – cooling system









ACC (Anti-Coincidence Counters)





Panel:Bicron BC414826.5mm x 230mm x 8mmWLS:Kuraray Y-11(200)MCLF:Bicron BCF-98PMT's:Hamamatsu R5946



ACC - counters







Wavelength shifter fibers in the grooves




Velocity measurement comes from reconstructed Čerenkov angle:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{n\cos\theta_c} \qquad \qquad \frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta} = \tan\theta_c \frac{\Delta\theta_c}{\sqrt{N_{pe}}}$$

- Sources of uncertainty in θ_c measurement:
 - pixel size
 - radiator chromaticity: n = n(λ)
 - radiator thickness (ΔL = h tan θ_c, exact photon emission point unknown)

$$\Delta \theta_c = (\Delta \theta_c)^{pixel} \oplus (\Delta \theta_c)^{thick} \oplus (\Delta \theta_c)^{chrom}$$

For an individual hit, i:

$$\Delta \theta_c^{(i)} \approx \frac{\Delta R_i}{m} \cos^2 \theta_c$$
 (thickness)

$$\mathcal{P}_{c}^{(i)} \approx \frac{1}{\tan \theta_{c}} \frac{\Delta n}{n}$$
 (chromaticity)



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RICH - PMTs



Housing (half) shell





RICH - Images







ECAL - principles





Proton 100 GeV

Longitudinal Leak Shower lateral size >> R_{molière}

 $E_{ECAL} \mathop{<<} P_{TRK}$



Proton rejection with ECAL:

✓ Energy fraction in each layer

Positron 100 GeV

 $E_{ECAL} \sim P_{TRK}$

p 100 GeV

Longitudinally contained

Shower lateral size ~ $R_{molière}(2cm)$

- ✓ Shower lateral width in each layer
- ✓ Shower longitudinal profile
- ✓ Shower 3D profile



A 3-D sampling calorimeter made out of lead and scintillating fibers



High granularity: ~ $0.9 \times 0.9 \text{ cm}$ Readout cells: ~ $1 X_0(Z) \times 0.5 R_{\text{molière}}(X,Y)$ 18 Longitudinal samplings $18 \times 72 = 1296 \text{ cells} \rightarrow 3D \text{ sampling}$

Lead (58%), Scintillating fibers (33%), Optical glue (9%), Density ~ 6.8 g/cm³
Dimensions 648x648x167 mm
(17 X₀, λ_I/X₀~ 22)



324 PMTs Hamamatzu R7600-00-M4 (4 anodes)

- •324 PMT, 4 pixels / PMT
- •2 dynamic ranges for each pixel (ADC 12 bits)

✓High Gain: 0.4 MeV - 1.6 GeV

✓ Low Gain: 150 MeV - 55 GeV

1296 HG, 1296 LG, 324 dynodes





Electronics





Electronics - mounting



Ram Radiator (~4m²) Electronics ~ 750W



Detector integration





Detector integration





Detector integration





UTOF+TRD





LTOF+RICH+ECAL

AMS in the CERN test beam (8-20 Aug 2010)



26 August - U.S. Air Force C-5 transported AMS to KSC





28 August - AMS powered and taking data at KSC





AMS in the Space Station Processing Facility (SSPF)





Closing Endeavour's Payload Bay Doors at the Launch Pad











Counting down to the launch of STS-134





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AMS POCC @ JSC





AMS POCC @ JSC waiting for launch





STS-134 launch May 16, 2011 @ 08:56 AM





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Seen from the AMS POCC @ JSC



Endeavour approaches the International Space Station





AMS transfer to the ISS





AMS installed on the ISS truss, May 19, 2011



AMS-02

Two astronauts working on the Space Station near AMS







Data from the 1st few minutes – 20 GeV Electron, 19 May 211 **AMS Event Display** Run 1305815610/ 114493 Thu May 19 16:38:57 2011 Side Front



Data from the 1st few minutes – 42 GeV/c Carbon, 19 May 2011



TOF - Trigger uniformity





Science Data Flow







Flight Operations

Ground Operations

Ku-Band High Rate (down): Events <10Mbit/s>

TDRS Satellites



AMS Payload Operations Control and Science Operations Centers (POCC, SOC) at CERN



S-Band Low Rate (up & down): Commanding: 1 Kbit/s Monitoring: 30 Kbit/s



White Sands Ground Terminal, NM

CERN POCC fully operational



AMS-02



General Charlie Bolden, NASA Administrator, made a special trip to visit the AMS POCC on June 23, 2011. Dr. Veronica Bindi and Dr. Lucio Quadrani explain the POCC details to General Bolden.



Thermal Control is one of the most challenging task in the operation of AMS

The thermal environment on ISS is constantly changing due to:

- Solar Beta Angle (β)
- Position of the ISS Radiators and Solar Arrays
- ISS Attitude

Over 1,100 temperature sensors and 298 heaters are monitored around the clock in the AMS POCC to assure components stay within thermal limits and avoid permanent damage.

Thermal control


Thermal control



AMS Flight Electronics for Thermal Control



Performances in space – velocity measurement





Performances in space – tracker stability





Performances in space – charge measurement













ECAL estimator = Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)



- Kurtosis
- Energy deposit in first 2 layers
- Fraction of energy deposited in the first 2 layers
- Fraction of energy deposited in the last 2 layers
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- Energy Fraction in the **18** layers



- Fraction of energy within 3 cm
- Fraction of energy within 5 cm
- Fraction of energy in 3 cells (X)
- Fraction of energy in 3 cells (Y)
- Fraction of energy in 5 cells (X)
- Fraction of energy in 5 cells (Y)
- Lateral sigma (X)
- Lateral sigma (Y)
- Lateral sigma in the last 17 layers





ECAL estimator = Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)





Data from ISS: Proton rejection using the ECAL Proton Rejection 10⁴ 10⁵ 10³ 10² 10 10³ 10² 10 Momentum (GeV/c)

Performances in space – positron selection using ECAL&Tracker



Data taking – Absolute rate on first TOF plane







25 billion events in 18 months



Tracker

A track in the Tracker containing at least one hit in planes 1 or 2 or 9 and hits in planes (3 or 4), (5 or 6) and (7 or 8). In addition, the projected track must pass within 3 cm in x and 10 cm in y of the center of gravity of the ECAL shower.

The relative error on the curvature (inverse of the rigidity) value from the track fit is less than 50 %, which ensures that tracks have rigidities well below their Maximum Detectable Rigidity.

The detector livetime exceeded 50 %, which excludes, for example, the South Atlantic Anomaly.

TOF

The particle velocity measured by TOF β >0.8. The value of the absolute charge is required to be between 0.8 and 1.4.

TRD

At least 15 TRD hits on the Tracker track traced through the TRD.

ECAL

A shower axis within the ECAL fiducial volume.

The ECAL shower has electromagnetic shape



Positron E=1.1 GeV Electron E=1.1 GeV Run/Event 1316182344/ 919896 Run/Event 1315150703/ 667540 front side ront side view view view view 7











Positron E=636 GeV Electron E=982 GeV -Run/Event 1329775818/ 60709 -Run/Event 133119-743/ 56950 front side front side view view view view ₽₽¥ ____ ____ _──<mark>──</mark>───<mark>─</mark>─── (minini matani = F E yz view xz view yz view xz view 35 A 40 **30** -25 35 GeV 25 20 8 30 0 25 rgy 20 25 lergy (2 20 15 20 15 15 ដ៏ 15 10 10 10 10 5 5 5 900 10 14 12 100 0 * at 13 10 0 0

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Example of event selection





- 1. Acceptance asymmetry
 - Difference between positron and electron acceptance due to known minute tracker asymmetry
- 2. Selection dependence
 - Dependence of the result on the cut values
- 3. Migration bin-to bin
 - Migration of electron and positron events from the neighboring bins affects the measured fraction
- 4. Reference spectrum
 - Definition of the reference spectra is based on pure samples of electrons and protons of finite statistics
- 5. Charge confusion
 - Two sources: large angle scattering and production of secondary tracks along the path of the primary track. Both are well reproduced by MC. Systematic errors correspond to variations of these effects within their statistical limits.



The measurement is stable over wide variations of the cuts in the TRD identification, ECAL Shower Shape,
E (from ECAL) matched to |P| (from the Tracker), ...
For each energy bin, over 1,000 sets of cuts were analyzed.

Systematic error on the positron fraction: 3. Bin-to-bin migration



Event migration effects are obtained by folding the measured spectra of positrons and electrons with the ECAL energy resolution. Bin width: 2σ at 5 GeV; 4σ at 50 GeV; 8σ at 100 GeV; 19σ at 300 GeV.



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Time stability



Positron fraction E=20-100 GeV



Results



AMS-02 Results



Grasso et al.: arXiv:1304.6718v1

A novel propagation configuration: the leptons spectra are computed assuming the extra-component sources are located only in spiral arms.

In fact, although several SNRs and pulsars are observed in the nearby region (d < few hundred pc), only a few of these sources may significantly contribute to the observed e± flux, either because they are not powerful enough or because propagation may take place along streams which have a small probability to intersect the solar

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The contribution of single nearby pulsars becomes less and less significant at high energies (> 0.5 TeV), so that the anisotropy rapidly decreases



Profumo et al.: arXiv:1304.1791v1

Anyone of two well-known nearby pulsars, Geminga and Monogem, can satisfactorily provide enough positrons



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Dipolar anisotropy:







The contributions to the positron fraction of all the 178 pulsars in the ATNF catalogue with d < 3 kpc fit AMS data very well



Both the pulsar (nearby or altogether) and the DM scenarios can fit the observations: it is a fundamental problem to distinguish these two scenarios. If the positron excess is from pulsars, it may have a characteristic spectrum with many structures, because the parameters of pulsars might differ from one to another. If such fine structures are not discovered, it would be a strong support to the DM interpretation.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the first 6.8 million primary positron and electron events collected with AMS on the ISS show:



- 2. A steady increase in the positron fraction from 10 to ~250 GeV.
- 3. The determination of the behavior of the positron fraction from 250 to 350 GeV and beyond requires more statistics.
- 4. The slope of the positron fraction versus energy decreases by an order of magnitude from 20 to 250GeV and no fine structure is observed.
- 5. The positron fraction spectrum is consistent with e[±] fluxes each of which is the sum of its diffuse spectrum and a single common power law source.
- 6. The positron to electron ratio is consistent with isotropy; $\delta \le 0.036$ at the 95% *C.L.*

These observations show the existence of new physical phenomena, whether from a particle D3 physics or an astrophysical origin.







Future





Future





The isotopic composition of the CR is correlated with their propagation mechanisms



AMS Hadronic Tomography

with the cosmic-ray p/He ratio

Exposure Time: May 20 2011	– May 20 2012
Number of Protons:	3,676,863,217
Number of Helium nuclei:	620,303,906
Rigidity range:	2 GV - 2000 GV
Tomographic plane:	Z = +165 cm
XY pixel area:	1 cm^2



Credit: AMS Collaboration





Unknown



Facility		Original purpose, Expert Opinion	Discovery with Precision Instrument
P.S. CERN (1960	'S)	π N interactions	Neutral Currents -> Z, W
Brookhaven (1960	's)	π N interactions	ν _e , ν _μ CP violation, J
FNAL (1970	's)	Neutrino physics	b, t quarks
SLAC Spear (1970	's)	ep, QED	Scaling, Ψ , τ
PETRA (1980	's)	t quark	Gluon
Super Kamiokande	e (2000)	Proton decay	Neutrino oscillations
Hubble Space (19 Telescope	90's)	Galactic survey	Curvature of the universe, dark energy
AMS on ISS		Dark Matter, Antimatter Strangelets,	?

Exploring a new territory with a precision instrument is the key to discovery.