Results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station

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1912: Discovery of Cosmic Rays

Discoveries of 1936: Muon (μ) 1938: 10¹⁵ eV CR 1949: Kaon (K) 1949: Lambda (Λ) 1952: Xi (Ξ) 1953: Sigma (Σ)

Physics of Charged Cosmic Rays



1932: Discovery of positron



1947: Discovery of pions



In almost 5 years, AMS has collected over 78 billion cosmic rays. This is more than all the charged cosmic rays collected in the last 100 years. ₂

Search for the existence of Antimatter in the Universe

The Big Bang origin of the Universe assumes matter and antimatter are equally abundant at the very hot beginning

Accelerators



Anti-Uni





AMS: a U.S. DOE sponsored International Collaboration 15 Countries, 46 Institutes and 600 Physicists

Strong support from CERN: assembly, testing and the Control Center



AMS also has the strong support of NASA, ASI, CNES, DLR, ESA, CALT, ...

300,000 electronic channels 650 processors

5m x 4m x 3m 7.5 tons 5

AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



Transition Radiation Detector:





Leak rate: CO2 ≈ 5 μg/s Storage: 5 kg, >20 years lifetime





TRD performance on ISS: Tomography with vertices reconstructed in TRD

Z=178.5 cm







Calorimeter (ECAL)

A precision, **17** X₀, TeV, 3-dimensional measurement of the directions and energies of light rays and electrons





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Calorimeter Separation Performance in space



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Tests at CERN AMS in accelerator test beams Feb 4-8 and Aug 8-20, 2010



AMS installed on the ISS at 5:15 CDT May 19, 2011

AMS taking data since 9:35 CDT May 19, 2011

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AMS Payload Operations and Control Center at CERN



AMS Data Analysis Conducted at the Science Operations Center at CERN and in the regional centers around the world.



The analysis of each topic is performed by two independent groups

To date AMS collected over 78 billion events



AMS publications

PRL 110, 141102 (2013)	Selected for a Viewpoi PHYSICAL REVIEW	nt in <i>Physics</i>	week ending 5 APRIL 2013	
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The physics objectives of AMS include:The Origin of Dark Matter~ 90% of Matter in the Universe is not visible and is called Dark MatterCollision of "ordinary" Cosmic Rays produce e+, p...Collisions of Dark Matter (neutralinos, χ) will produce additional e+, p...

Positrons: $\chi + \chi \rightarrow e^+ + \dots$ Antiprotons: $\chi + \chi \rightarrow \overline{p} + \dots$ $\times 10^{-4}$ G' m_γ=800 GeV _mχ= 1 TeV Antiproton /Proton Ratio 0 5 1 mχ=400 GeV •_0_/(e+ A. Collision of Cosmic Rays Φ+ A. Collision of Cosmic Rays I. Cholis et al., arXiv:0810.5344 Donato et al., PRL 102, 071301 (2009) 100 200 300 10^{2} 400 Energy (GeV) 500 10 e[±] energy [GeV]

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"First Result from the AMS on the ISS: Precision Measurement of the Positron Fraction in Primary Cosmic Rays of 0.5-350 GeV"

Analysis is based on 25 billion events collected during the first 18 months of operations: from May 19, 2011 to December 10, 2012

> Selected as APS Highlight of the Year

Cited >400 times



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New Results on the Positron Fraction from 11 million et

PRL 113, 121101 (2014)

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Section's Suggestion

High Statistics Measurement of the Positron Fraction in Primary Cosmic Rays of 0.5–500 GeV with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station



Positron fraction measurement.



1. The energy at which it begins to increase.



2. The rate of increase with energy.



Positron Fraction Measurement compared with models



3. The energy beyond which it ceases to increase.





By 2024 we will reach the limit of excluding pulsars

Theoretical models to explain the AMS positron fraction. Among the 100's of models there are three classes:

- a) dark matter
- b) peculiarities of the propagation
- c) pulsars.

b) An example of propagation model:





An example of new forms of propagation:

R. Cowsik, B. Burch, and T. Madziwa-Nussinov, Ap. J. 786 (2014) 124



AMS results on the \overline{p}/p ratio



Analysis of the behavior of the \overline{p}/p ratio



Latest AMS results: the p/p ratio



The Search for the Origin of Dark Matter

Signal: Collisions of Dark Matter (neutralinos, χ) will produce e+, \overline{p} , ... To identify the Dark Matter signal we need to measure the e⁺ and \overline{p} signal accurately **through 2024**.



1. The energy at which it begins to increase.

Measurements of **Electron** and **Positron** spectra before AMS



- 1. These were the best data over the last hundred years.
- 2. Nonetheless, the data have large errors.
- 3. The data has created many theoretical speculations.

AMS measurements of the Electron and Positron spectra



Results:

- 1. AMS data clearly exhibit the different behavior of the electron and positron spectra both in magnitude and in the energy dependence
- 2. Both spectra cannot be described by single power law $\Phi = C E^{\gamma}$.
- 3. The spectral indices γ of electrons and positrons are not constant (γ =-3), but changes with energy.
- 4. The rise in the positron fraction is due to an excess of positrons, not the loss of electrons.

Precision Measurement of the $(e^+ + e^-)$ Flux in Primary Cosmic Rays from 0.5 GeV to 1 TeV with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station


Spectral Indices of electrons, positrons, and (electrons + positrons)



The spectral indices of electrons and positrons are not constant (γ =-3), but change with energy

The spectral index of (e⁺ + e⁻) is energy independent



AMS Measurements of Nuclei



Measurements of proton spectrum before AMS



Protons are the most abundant primary cosmic rays.

 $\Phi_{i} = \frac{N_{i}}{A_{.}\varepsilon_{.}T_{.}\Delta R_{.}}$

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Precision Measurement of the Proton Flux in Primary Cosmic Rays from Rigidity 1 GV to 1.8 TV with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station

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The isotropic proton flux Φ_i for the *i*th rigidity bin (R_i , $R_i + \Delta R_i$) is

 N_i is the number of events; ϵ_i is the trigger efficiency;

 A_i is the effective acceptance;

 T_i is the collection time (which depends on the geomagnetic cutoff).

To match the statistics of 300 million events, extensive systematic errors studies have been made.

TABLE I: The proton flux Φ as a function of rigidity

Rigidity [GV]	Φ	$\sigma_{\rm stat.}$	$\sigma_{\rm trig.}$	$\sigma_{ m acc.}$	$\sigma_{\rm unf.}$	$\sigma_{ m scale}$	$\sigma_{\rm syst.}$
100 - 108	(4.085)	0.007	0.006	0.040	0.035	0.022	$0.058) \times 10^{-2}$
108 - 116	(3.294	0.007	0.005	0.033	0.028	0.018	$0.047)\!\times\!10^{-2}$
116 - 125	(2.698)	0.006	0.004	0.027	0.023	0.016	$0.039)\!\times\!10^{-2}$
125 - 135	(2.174)	0.005	0.004	0.022	0.019	0.013	$0.032)\!\times\!10^{-2}$

1) $\sigma_{trig.}$:trigger efficiency

- **2)** σ_{acc.}:
 - a. the acceptance and event selection
 - **b.** background contamination
 - c. geomagnetic cutoff

3) σ_{unf.}
 a. unfolding
 b. the rigidity resolution function

4) $\sigma_{\text{scale.}}$: the absolute rigidity scale

Verification of the systematic errors (1).

Study the dependence of the integral of the proton flux above 30 GV on the angle ϑ between the incoming proton direction and the AMS zenith axis.



This verifies the systematic error assigned to the acceptance.

Verification of the systematic errors (2).

The monthly integral flux above 45GV is within the systematic error of 0.4%.



This verifies that the flux above 45GV shows no observable effect from solar modulation fluctuations and that the detector performance is stable.

Verification of the systematic errors (3).

The ratios of fluxes obtained using events which pass through different sections of L1 to the average flux is in good agreement and within the assigned systematic errors.



This verifies the errors assigned to the tracker alignment.

There are no plans to put another Magnetic Spectrometer in space. The AMS proton, helium, ... fluxes are unique.



AMS proton flux



Fit Solar Modulation Potential: Fit AMS Proton data with model from AMS Hawaii group



AMS proton flux fit with two power laws:

 $R^{\gamma}, R^{\gamma+\Delta\gamma}$ with a characteristic transition rigidity R_0 and smoothness s



AMS proton flux

New information: The proton flux cannot be described by a single power law = CR^{γ}



New information:

The proton spectral index changes with momentum

It does not have a constant value γ = -2.7 as traditionally assumed



Measurements of helium spectrum before AMS <u>×10³</u>



He is the 2nd most abundant type of primary cosmic rays





New information:

- 1. The helium spectral index changes with rigidity. It is not a constant value $\gamma = -2.7$
- 2. The helium spectral index changes with rigidity in a similar way to that a proton spectrum index but the values are different



The AMS proton/helium flux ratio



Measurements of lithium spectrum before AMS



- 1. Lithium were assumed to be purely secondary cosmic rays from the collisions of primary cosmic rays (protons, helium, carbon, oxygen) with interstellar matter.
- 2. The measurement of the lithium flux provides information on the propagation of cosmic rays in the interstellar medium.
- 3. The data on the lithium flux was almost non-existent.

AMS Lithium flux

The results contradict the assumption that cosmic lithium is purely secondary in origin. Purely secondary production of lithium would not produce a sharp transition.



AMS Lithium flux

New information: The lithium flux cannot be described by a single power law = CR^{γ} , as was always assumed





The AMS results have changed the understanding of cosmic rays.

Carbon and Oxygen Fluxes



Carbon Flux



Carbon Flux





Boron and Carbon: Sample composition



B/C Ratio





AMS: Nuclei Flux Examples



The latest AMS measurements of the positron fraction, the antiproton/proton ratio, the behavior of the fluxes of electrons, positrons, protons, helium, and other nuclei provide precise and unexpected information. The accuracy and characteristics of the data, simultaneously from many different types of cosmic rays, require a comprehensive model to ascertain if their origin is from dark matter, astrophysical sources, acceleration mechanisms or a combination.



Physics in the next ten years:

Accurate measurement (~1%) of Cosmic Rays to higher energies including:

- a. Continue the study of Dark Matter
- b. Search for the Existence of Antimatter
- c. Search for New Phenomena, Strangelets ...



The Magnet



In 12 years the field has remained the same to <1%

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



Deviation from 1997 measurement



Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector (RICH)









10,880 photosensors



Single Event Displays RICH test beam E=158 GeV/n

Time of Flight (TOF)



4 scintillator planes

Provides trigger for charged particles

Trigger time is synchronized to UTC time to 1µs

Measures the time of relativistic protons to 160 picoseconds









Silicon Tracker, 212 Computers 196,608 Pulse Heights



ECAL, 32 Computers 2,916 Pulse Heights



AMS Electronics

Total of 300,000 channels producing 7 Gbit/s processed by 650 computers to <10 Mbit/s>

TRD

TOF

TOF RICH

MIT:

5-6 0 7-8 0

Electronics design,

construction and

qualification.



TOF & ACC, 48 Computers 84 Signals



Magnet



RICH, 28 Computers 21,760 Pulse Heights


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EXAMPLE:

Minimal Model Fit to the data



Simultaneous fit to

- a) Positron Fraction from 2GeV
- b) Electron + Positron from 2GeV
- $(\gamma_{e-} \gamma_{e+})$, $(\gamma_{e-} \gamma_s)$, C_{e+} , C_{e-} , C_s , E_s are constant
- γ_{e-} is energy dependent below ~15 GeV.

Minimal Model:



Minimal Model:

Diffuse FluxSource Flux $\Phi_{e^+} = C_{e^+}E^{-\gamma_{e^+}} + C_sE^{-\gamma_s}e^{-E/E_s}$ Fit to b) Electron + Positron Flux from 2 GeV $\Phi_{e^-} = C_{e^-}E^{-\gamma_{e^-}} + C_sE^{-\gamma_s}e^{-E/E_s}$ Fit to b) Electron + Positron Flux from 2 GeV $\Phi_{e^-} = C_{e^-}E^{-\gamma_{e^-}} + C_sE^{-\gamma_s}e^{-E/E_s}$ Fit to b) Electron + Positron Flux from 2 GeV



Electron anisotropy



The incoming direction of electrons above 16 GeV in galactic coordinates yields $\delta \leq 0.01$ at the 95% confidence level

Modelling the p/p ratio



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T [GeV/n]

10²



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Lower rigidity limit for constant dependence

Study intervals starting with rigidity R_{start}, and ending at the highest rigidity:

- Split an interval into two sections (a and b) by any boundary R_{bound}
- Fit with a constant dependence for each section, (p/p) = C
- Determine the significance of the difference of the two fits C_a and C_b

The limit is defined by the lowest R_{start} that gives consistent C_a and C_b at the 90% C.L. for any boundary yields ~60 GV





The Astroparticle Physics Conference 34th International Cosmic Ray Conference July 30 - August 6, 2015 The Hague, The Netherlands

Rapporteur talk Cosmic rays: direct measurements



Direct measurements summary

Main results presented @ this ICRC (my view):

•	Spectral break also observed in Li, not in C (with current statistics)	←AMS
•	B/C ratio is approaching TeV/n scale with unprecedented precision	←AMS
•	First measurements of the unmodulated energy spectra of nuclei in the LISM	Voyager
•	UHGCR data seem to indicate that GCR acceleration occurs in OB associations	ACE, TIGER
•	First primary CR clock (60Fe) was observed. Supports OB association scenario	CRIS
•	No spectral features neither anisotropy in the electron+positron spectrum	←AMS
•	e⁺ spectrum is harder than e⁻ and inconsistent with a pure secondary origin	←AMS
•	p-bar/p ratio flat between 50-450 GV.	←AMS

Lots of theoretical work underway to explain and interpret these results. Several new projects at the horizon. Stay tuned for more data !