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AMS-02 latest results & Indirect DM searches

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What is AMS ?

AMS is a precision, multipurpose magnetic spectrometer operating on the ISS since 2011 to perform accurate measurements of charged cosmic rays in the GeV-TeV energy range:

Its main objectives:

Search for new physics: anti-matter, dark matter, strange matter Shed light on the origin of cosmic rays and their propagation into the galaxy

The quest for Dark Matter

Annihilation



 $e^{-}/p \approx O(10^{-2})$ $e^{+}/p \approx O(10^{-3})$ $\overline{p}/p \approx O(10^{-4})$

e⁻, p,γ





The Astrophysical Background:

Origin, propagation and production of CRs and their secondaries in the galaxy

p, He,C..,e⁻SNR

Sun $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm}$ **e**⁻, p,γ

p+p→ p+p...

The Astrophysical Background:

Origin, propagation and production of CRs and their secondaries in the galaxy + heliospheric / magnetospheric effects...



The experimental challenge

Hunt rare signals (anti-matter) and provide accurate flux measurements of the CR components to constraint astrophysical models

- 1) DESIGN : state of the art detectors providing redundant particle measurements
- 2) TEST: test and calibration on ground
- 3) OPERATION on ISS : continuous monitoring and calibration
- 4) DATA ANALYSIS: different independent analyses for internal cross check & reduced systematics.



Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on STS-91 AMS-01 (1998) First silicon tracker in space

THE REAL OF



Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the ISS: AMS-02

- → Launched on May 16, 2011
- → Installed on ISS May 19, 2011

→ AMS-02 foreseen to operate for the entire ISS lifetime (2024)







AMS-02: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



Positron fraction analysis



TRD Estimator shows clear separation between positrons and protons with a small charge confusion background

Energy range 206-260 GeV



Antiproton analysis

6.5 · 10¹⁰ cosmic rays 3.49 · 10⁵ antiprotons 2.42 · 10⁹ protons



1. TRD (transition radiation) to separate e[±] from p[±]



2. Tracker measures momentum and separates + from -



Selection of the signal at low energies. The \overline{p} signal is well separated from the backgrounds.



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Selection of the signal at high energies. Background rejection close to 1 particle in a million.



Positrons & Electrons



1. The energy at which positron fraction begins to increase



2. The rate of increase with energy. The non-existence of sharp structures.



3. The energy beyond which it ceases to increase.



Additional source of positrons



Electron & Positron spectra



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Model based on J. Kopp, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 076013

Something "different" with respect "conventional" models of e⁺ production by collisions of CR hadrons with the interstellar matter (ISM):

Astrophysical Sources:

- Local sources as pulsars (slow fall at high energies, anisotropy..)
- Interactions of CR hadrons in old SNR (but this should affect also other secondary species as anti-protons, B/C)
- purely secondary production in non-conventional models

Dark matter:

- The mass of the DM particle could give a sharp cutoff with energy
- Isotropic distribution
- Effects also on anti-p

Secondary production





4. Anisotropy on e⁺/e⁻ : dipole amplitude

In 2024, AMS will collect above 200,000 positron events in the energy range 16 GeV < E < 350 GeV



5. The expected rate at which it falls beyond the turning point.



Other channels...? e.g. anti-p

AMS results on the p7p flux ratio



Elementary particle fluxes measured by AMS



Spectrum of Elementary Particles e⁺, p, p have identical energy dependence above 60 GeV e⁻ does not



The pbar/p ratio flattens above 60 GeV..



The accuracy of the AMS measurement challenges current knowledge of cosmic background !





XSCRC2017: Cross sections for Cosmic Rays @ CERN

29 Mar 2017, 14:00 → 31 Mar 2017, 19:00 Europe/Zurich

503-1-001 - Council Chamber (CERN)

Description New space borne experiments are ushering us into the era of precision direct measurements in cosmic ray physics. However, a poor knowledge of several particle physics and nuclear physics inputs - such as antiproton production or spallation cross sections - can seriously limit the relevant astroparticle physics information that can actually be extracted from these data, for instance for Galactic propagation parameters or indirect dark matter searches. The goal of the workshop, bringing together different communities, is to review theoretical motivations for the measurements of key processes, current galactic models and recent advances in cosmic ray observations that crucially depend on some of these inputs. The workshop also strongly aims at presenting current efforts and discussing forthcoming perspectives for particle/nuclear measurement campaigns.

Duration: The workshop will start Wednesday, March 29 in the late morning, and will end Friday, March 31 at about 4pm.

Organizing Committee: Bruna Bertucci (Perugia University), F. Donato (Torino University, chair), G. Giudice (CERN), Giovanni Passaleva (INFN, Florence), P. D. Serpico (LAPTH, Annecy, co-chair)

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Invited Speakers: AMS Collaboration, Compass Collaboration, LHCb Collaboration, Alfredo Ferrari, Nicolao Fornengo, Guðlaugur Jóhannesson, Vladimir Ivanchenko, Tune Kamae, David Maurin, Nicola Mazziotta, Igor Moskalenko

Registration

This event is open to new participants.



AMS provides a comprehensive set of measurements to constrain astrophysical background:



Primary Cosmic Rays (p, He, C, O, ...)

C, O, ..., Fe + ISM \rightarrow Li, Be, B + X



Secondary Cosmic Rays (Li, Be, B, ...)

Cosmic ray composition:

- for Z > 2 statistical error is our limit !

Energy reach for less abundant species is just matter of statistics (i.e. time)



H and He fluxes



AMS H and He fluxes

Two power laws R^{γ} , $R^{\gamma+1}$ with a characteristic transition rigidity R_0 and a smoothness parameter s well describe H, He measured spectra:



AMS p/He flux ratio



What about other primary CRs?

Also for Carbon, Nitrogen and Oxygen the single-power law behaviour is excluded by AMS-02 data: a change of spectral index is observed at ≈ the same rigidity.



Analysis ongoing

Secondary CRs: Boron to Carbon flux ratio

AMS-02 precision challenges current theoretical models



More on Secondary CRs:



Heliospheric effects: time dependent measurement of ALL particle fluxes to retrieve properties of the LIS

Cycle 24 Sunspot Number (V2.0) Prediction (2016/10)

years



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Conclusions



- AMS is providing simultaneous measurements of different cosmic ray species with O(%) accuracy in an extended energy range
- new phenomena are being highligted by these measurements whose nature will be further clarified as more data will be collected by the experiment.
- AMS will match the lifetime of the Space Station: stay tuned !

BACKUP

Tomography of detector materials by means of CR interactions



Full Control of fragmentation in the detector: e.g. background from interactions below L1

Carbon Fragmentation to Boron R = 10.6 GV front view Z_{TRK_L1}=6.1 Front **Z**_{TRD}**=6.0 Z**₀=**9.9** Z₁=5.3 Z_{TRK_IN}=4.8 Z_{TOF_LOW}=5.2 **Z**_{RICH}=5.1 z X-V

Measured from Data by fitting the Charge Distribution in L1 with Charge Distribution in L2 obtained by pure nuclear samples selected by charge in the Inner Tracker. Typical systematic error < 0.5%.



L1

L8

CNO

Direct measurement of survival probabilities:

Measurement of nuclear cross sections when AMS flies in horizontal attitude





First, we use the seven inner tracker layers, L2-L8, to define beams of nuclei: He (Li, Be, B, ...)

Second, we use left-to-right particles to measure the nuclear interactions in the lower part of the detector.

Third, we use right-to-left particles to measure the nuclear interactions in the upper part of detector.

Survival prob. $L2 \rightarrow L1$

Survival probabilities L8-L9 can be evaluated with high statistics in "normal" data taking conditions

Spectral features & composition



CREAM, APJ 2010, 2011

Breaks occur also at "low" energies...



Anti-proton/proton



the early times (1984)

Figure 1. Antiproton Observations and Predictions





HEAT \approx 70 events CAPRICE \approx 31 events

Anti-proton/proton : 2010

BESS-POLAR (2004) ≈ 1520 event < 4.2 GeV PAMELA (2006-2009) ≈ 1500 events



2008-2009: the e⁺/e⁻ puzzle

An excess of cosmic ray electrons at energies of 300–800 GeV



An anomalous positron abundance in cosmic rays

with energies 1.5–100 GeV

Electron & Positron measurements before AMS



e⁺+e⁻ fluxes



e⁺+e⁻ fluxes @ SciNeGhe 2016

