







### AMS on the International Space Station

- Primordial Antimatter search with 10<sup>-9</sup> sensitivity
- Indirect Dark Matter search (e<sup>+</sup>, p
  , γ)
- Relative abundance of nuclei and isotopes in primary cosmic rays
- γ ray astrophysics



The purpose of the AMS experiment is to perform accurate, high statistics, long measurements of charged cosmic rays (0.5 GV - 1 TV) and  $\gamma$  rays (E>1GeV)



### AMS01 at KSC (Florida) in 1998



### AMS-01 pilot experiment: STS91, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 1998

- I0 days of data taking in orbit:
  - 400 Km altitude
  - latitudes <51.7°</li>
  - all longitudes
- 10<sup>8</sup> events recorded
- Physics results
  - (Phys. Rep. 366 (2002) 331)
    - precise measurements of primary fluxes
    - detection of secondary fluxes (quasi trapped)
    - antimatter limit at 10<sup>-6</sup>





### The instrument we need has ...

- performance a la 'particle physics':
  - high resolution measurements of momentum, velocity, charge and energy
- characteristics to properly work in the space environment:
  - Vibration (6.8 G rms) and acceleration (17 G)
  - Temperature variation (day/night  $\Delta T = 100^{\circ}C$ )
  - Vacuum (10<sup>-10</sup> Torr)
  - Orbital debris and micrometeorites
  - Radiation (Single Event Effect)
- limitation in weight (15000 lb), power (~2KW), bandwidth and maintenance
- compliant with Electromagnetic Interference and Electromagnetic Compatibility specs



### AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose particle physics spectrometer in space



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# Recent AMS02 history in short

- 2000: started the activity of design and building
- fall 2009: integration at CERN
- February 2010: test beam at CERN
- spring 2010: EMI and TV test at ESTEC (ESA)
- late spring 2010: magnet replacement at CERN
- August 2010: test beam at CERN
- fall/winter 2010-2011 integration at KSC (Florida)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011: launch!
- May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011: first activation in space: everything is working!!

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### First Tracker calibration in space



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### Data from the 1st few minutes - 20 GV/c Electron, 19 May 2011





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



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double sided, DC coupled 300 µm thickness 7 - 15 sensors in a ladder produced at:

- Colybris (CH)
- IRST (IT)

700 pF coupling capacitances

6 VA\_hdr64a (IDEas, NO)
384 channels, 0.7 mW power each
CR-RC shaper and S&H
4 μs shaping time
100 MIP dynamic range

# Data Reduction Board (TDR2)

### analog signal in from a ladder



- Collect analog data and digitize it (90 µs irred. dead time)
- Perform online data compression
  - Remove Pedestals
  - Calculate and Remove Common Noise
  - Search Clusters
- Up to 5 KHz trigger rate in compressed mode

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### Layout modification to use the permanent magnet



# Inner Tracker integration

# Outer plane integration

### External planes integration



## First muon with the "new" Tracker



# Tracker signals



## The particles we see



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### In flight experience



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## Cooling: 2 phases CO<sub>2</sub> pumped loop



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### In flight experience: cooling and currents



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## **Experience to come: alignment**



on ground results inner planes

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## The performance we do expect



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# Conclusions

- AMS02 is in orbit since May 16<sup>th</sup> 2011
- No damage due to the launch stress or to the space environment, all the system are working in both the primary and redundant part
- All the detectors are properly functioning with DAQ in nominal conditions since May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 (> 2 billions triggers)
- Tracker behavior is as expected in term of signal and noise levels
- 10+ years on board the ISS: great discovery potential, lot of work ongoing (alignment!)

Two astronauts working on the Space Station near AMS

Stay tuned for new physics!

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## Radiation 'hard' electronics



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