Recent results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) Experiment on the International Space Station

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## **Experimental Challenges**



## A Large Magnetic Spectrometer in Space : a game changing for the study of Cosmic Ray



#### **AMS International Collaboration**

16 Countries, 60 Institutes and 600 Physicists



DOE sponsored experiment, NASA space operation 95% construction from Europe and Asia



#### Sensitive Search for the origin of Dark Matter with p/e<sup>+</sup> >10<sup>6</sup>



- a) Minimal material in the TRD and TOF So that the detector does not become a source of e<sup>+.</sup>
- b) A magnet separates TRD and ECAL so that e<sup>+</sup> produced in TRD will be swept away and not enter ECAL In this way the rejection power of TRD and ECAL are independent
- c) Matching momentum of 9 tracker planes with ECAL energy measurements

## **AMS Flight Electronics for Data Acquisition (DAQ)**

TRD: 5248 Signals

300,000 channels at 2 KHz, 650 computers designed and built by AMS

TRD

**IOF** 

TOF RICH

5-6 0 7-8 0 TOF & ACC: 88 Signals



Magnet



**RICH: 10,800 \* 2 Signals** 



Silicon Tracker: 196,608 Signals



#### ECAL: 2,916 Signals



#### **AMS Flight Electronics for Thermal Control**

1118 temperature sensors, 298 heaters

TRD

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TOF

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TRD

24 Heaters 8 Pressure Sensors

Silicon Tracker 4 -Pressure Sensors 32 Heaters 142 Temperature Sensors



ECAL 80 Temperature Sensors





TOF & ACC 64 Temperature Sensors



#### Magnet 68 Temperature Sensors



RICH 96 Temperature Sensors





**Rigidity (GV)** 

## Time of Flight System Measures Velocity and Charge of particles Data from ISS



Alignment accuracy of the 9 Tracker layers over 18 months



#### **RICH - Detector performance on ISS**



## **ECAL Performance**



## Data from ISS: Proton rejection using the ECAL



## **Intensive Beam Tests at CERN**





Particle	Momentum (GeV/c)	Positions	Purpose
Protons	400 + 180	1,650	Full Tracker alignment, TOF calibration, ECAL uniformity
Electrons	100, 120, 180, 290	7 each	TRD, ECAL performance study
Positrons	10, 20, 60, 80, 120, 180	7 each	TRD, ECAL performance study
Pions	20, 60, 80, 100, 120, 180	7 each	TRD performance to 1.2 TeV



# **AMS today**

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## **AMS Operations**





## 24 hours x 365 days x 10-20 years

#### White Sands, NM



Payload Operations Control Center at CERN



# **Physics results**

# **Physics results (ICRC 2013)**

- 1. e<sup>+</sup>/(e<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup>) ratio and anisotropy
- 2. Proton spectrum
- **3. Helium spectrum**
- **4. Electron Spectrum**
- **5. Positron Spectrum**
- **6. All electron spectrum**
- 7. Boron-to-Carbon ratio

#### Physics of Positron Fraction: e + /(e + + e -)

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## In the first 1.5 years in space, AMS has collected over 25 billion events.

#### 6.8 million are electrons or positrons.



TRD performance on ISS TRD estimator =  $-\ln(P_e/(P_e + P_p))$ 



## Separation of protons and electrons with ECAL

#### ISS data: 83–100 GeV



#### **Results of the fit:**

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



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

Selected for a Viewpoint in Physics and an Editors' Suggestion [Aguilar,M. et al (AMS Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 1411xx (2013)]



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#### A fit to the data in the energy range 1 to 350 GeV yields:

 $\gamma_{e} - \gamma_{e+} = -0.63 \pm 0.03$ , *i.e.*, the diffuse positron spectrum is less energetic than the diffuse electron spectrum

 $\gamma_{e} - \gamma_{s} = 0.66 \pm 0.05$ , *i.e.*, the source spectrum is more energetic than the diffuse electron spectrum

 $C_{e^+}/C_{e^-} = 0.091 \pm 0.001$ , *i.e.*, the weight of the diffuse positron flux amounts to ~10% of that of the diffuse electron flux

 $C_{\rm s}/C_{\rm e^-} = 0.0078 \pm 0.0012$ , *i.e.*, the weight of the common source constitutes only ~1% of that of the diffuse electron flux

#### $1/E_s = 0.0013 \pm 0.0007 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ ,

corresponding to a cutoff energy of **760**<sup>+1000</sup><sub>280</sub> GeV.

#### Bergstrom, Bringmann, Cholis, Hooper, Weniger 2013

PRL 111, 171101 (2013)

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FIG. 2 (color online). The AMS positron fraction measurement [2] and background + signal fit for DM annihilating directly to  $e^+e^-$ , for  $m_{\chi} = 10$  GeV and 100 GeV. The normalization of the DM signal in each case was chosen such that it is barely excluded at the 95% C.L. For better visibility, the contribution from DM (lower lines) has been rescaled as indicated.

#### Also : Ibarra, Lamperstorfer, Silk 2013





What will the Positron Fraction look like at high energy?

## Comparison of $\overline{p}/p$ with Models in 10 more years



# We now understand the systematic errors to ~1%.

Studies with 1% statistical error will take time to collect the data.

## **Physics analysis nearing completion**

1.Antiprotons (0.5-300 GeV) 2.Anti-He (@ few 10<sup>8</sup> He events) 3. Ion fluxes **4.Solar physics** 

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## The Cosmos is the Ultimate Laboratory

Cosmic rays can be observed at energies higher than any accelerator



With AMS-02 on the ISS we have entered the era of precision Cosmic Ray physics to search for phenomena which exist in nature but we have not yet imagined nor had the tools to discover

# SPARE SLIDES

#### Deviation from 1997 measurements in R-Phi coordinates, Z=0



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## Data analysis in AMS (2 years of data)

AMS is a very precise particle physics detector. Precision physics results require attention to detail and a large analysis effort. The data are analysed by two independent AMS international teams.

Example: the positron fraction paper







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FIG. 3 (color online). Upper limits (95% C.L.) on the DM annihilation cross section, as derived from the AMS positron fraction, for various final states (this work), WMAP7 (for  $\ell^+ \ell^-$ ) [44], and Fermi LAT dwarf spheroidals (for  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $\tau^+ \tau^-$ ) [43]. The dotted portions of the curves are potentially affected by solar modulation. We also indicate  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{therm}} \equiv 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The AMS limits are shown for reasonable reference values of the local DM density and energy loss rate (see text), and can vary by a factor of a few, as indicated by the hatched band (for clarity, this band is only shown around the  $e^+e^-$  constraint).

## Current limits: neutralino/chargino (7)

