### AMS-02 on the ISS Results and perspectives

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### **AMS: Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer**

- AMS-02 is a particle physics detector devoted to the precision measurement of cosmic radiation in the near Earth orbit in the GeV – TeV energy range
- It has been installed on the International Space Station (ISS) on May 19, 2011
- It will take data data for the rest of the life of the ISS (2024)



### **The AMS Collaboration**



### AMS-02 : (part) of the Collaboration @ NASA-JSC



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### **PART 1 : The scientific objectives**

### **AMS measurements**

# → charged cosmic rays (GV-TV) → γ rays (E>1GeV)





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### Fundamental physics & Antimatter :

### Primordial origin (Signal: anti-nuclei)

#### Dirac's Nobel speech

"We must regard it rather as an accident that the Earth [...] contains a preponderance of negative electrons and positive protons. It is quite possible that for some stars it is the other way about."



# **The Quest for Dark Matter**



**Universe content** 

visible matter 5%

dark matter 27%

#### ANTI-MATTER & DARK MATTER ANTI-MATTER & DARK MATTER

WIMP as the responsible of Dark Matter (?) Indirect DM search  $\rightarrow$  search for (RARE IN CR) products from their annhilation....

#### But you should know what you expect in the ISM !!



### **Knowledge of cosmic background**

#### e<sup>+</sup>, p are produced in the CR interactions with the ISM



Information on Cosmic Ray Interactions and Propagation can be provided by the accurate measurement of nuclear species e.g. B/C

 $C + (p,He) \rightarrow B + \dots$ 

### Anti-matter & Exotic sources (DM ?)



### AMS Objectives according to some blogs...

http://www.rumormillnews.com/cgi-bin/archive.cgi?read=204750

...Shuttle Endeavor's official mission is to haul a deliberately-mislabeled "Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer" (AMS-02) to the International Space Station and install it. NASA claims that the AMS-02 is a state-of-the-art particle physics detector. In actuality the AMS-02 is an advanced extreme-energy neutral-particle-beam space weapon intended to shoot down Star Visitor craft (UFOs). And instead of the International Space Station, Shuttle Endeavor will deliver the AMS-02 Star Wars weapon to a secret military space station, also in orbit....

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You are invited to join in a Joint Psychic Exercise to address these problems.

We will focus on one or both of two things. First is to direct telekinetic, electrical-pulse, disruptive-magnetic, and/or other energies to deactivate the AMS-02 neutral-particle-beam weapon and render it inoperative. Thus there will be nothing useful to deliver to the military space station.

### **Objectives**

#### Fundamental physics & Antimatter :

- Primordial origin (anti-nuclei ?)
- Exotic sources a.k.a DARK MATTER (positrons, anti-p, anti-D?,gammas)

#### ✓ The CR composition and energy spectrum (how to understand the beam)

- Sources & acceleration : Proton and He
- Propagation in the ISM: (nuclear and isotopic composition)

### Requirements

#### ✓ Particle identification and p/E measurement up to TeV:

- e/p separation at the 10<sup>4</sup> level by means of independent detectors
- Z : redundant measurements to evaluate fragmentation along the detector
- Charge sign: matter to anti-matter separation (magnetic field!)

#### Statistics

- acceptance & efficiency
- Exposure time

#### PART 2 : The experimental challenge Detector & Operation

### AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



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### Redundant measurements of incoming particles: full coverage of anti-matter & CR physics

#### 600 GeV electron



### A HEP detector located in an hostile environment



AMS: the facts

5 m x 4 m x 3m

• 7.5 tons

300k readout channels

• More than 600 microprocessors reduce the data rate from 7 Gb/s to 10 Mb/s

> Total power consumption < 2.5 kW

#### **Test....for all detectors:** Before assembly : Beam test, Thermal, Vibration, TVT,EMI After assembly : EMI, TVT, Beam Test









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## May 19, 2011: AMS installation completed

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### **AMS on ISS**



#### Payload Operation Control Center (POCC) @ CERN

24/24 hours

All along the year...no technical stops...



#### **Orbital DAQ parameters**



# **The Thermal environment**



### **Thermal environment**



### **Seasonal effects on external Tracker planes**



#### **Alignment accuracy of the 9 Tracker layers**



### To date AMS collected over 60 billion events

(This is much more than all the cosmic rays collected in the last 100 years.)



### **Results**:

... going to the % accuracy in CR physics

**Published:** 

- 1. Positron Fraction (0.5-350 [2013] 0.5-500 GeV [2014])
- 2. Electron ( 0.5--700~GeV ) and Positron Fluxes ( 0.5--500~GeV )
- **3. All electrons Flux** (0.5 GeV 1 TeV)

in 2015:

- 1. ....proton, he fluxes
- 2. ....anti-proton
- 3. ....B, C, Li, O ...ratio / fluxes

# e<sup>-</sup>/e<sup>+</sup> selection in AMS

#### -TRD:

identify the particle as e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> rejecting the hadronic hypothesis

#### -TOF:

- main trigger
- down going relativistic particle
- Z=1

#### -TRACKER:

- Identify charge sign (e<sup>-</sup>/e<sup>+</sup>)
- Z=1

#### -ECAL:

- identify the particle as e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup>/γ rejecting the hadronic hypothesis
- measurement of energy



# e/p separation in ECAL



# e/p separation in ECAL



# e/p separation in TRD

20 layers of fiber fleece radiators interleaved with 80:20 Xe/Co<sub>2</sub> straw tubes.





Entries

Rigidity (GV)

### The Positron fraction : e<sup>+</sup>/(e<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup>)



No fine structures are observed, no anisotropies, slope suggests a maximum?
### **Positron fraction @ high energies**



# Minimal empirical model



Describe electron and positron fluxes as a sum of a **diffuse component** and a **common source** with a cutoff energy :  $\gamma_{e} - \gamma_{e} = -0.56 \pm 0.03$ 

 $\gamma_{e} - \gamma_{s} = 0.72 \pm 0.04$ 

 $C_{e+}/C_{e-}=0.091\pm0.001$ 

 $C_{\rm s}/C_{\rm e^-} = 0.0061 \pm 0.0009$ 

$$\Phi_{e^{+}} = C_{e^{+}} E^{-\gamma e^{+}} + C_{s} E^{-\gamma s} e^{-E/E_{s}}$$

$$\Phi_{e^{-}} = C_{e^{-}} E^{-\gamma e^{-}} + C_{s} E^{-\gamma s} e^{-E/E_{s}}$$

$$\int_{01/03/15}^{\gamma_{e^{-}} - \gamma_{s} = 0.72 \pm 0.04$$

$$C_{e^{+}}/C_{e^{-}} = 0.091 \pm 0.001$$

$$\int_{1/E_{s}}^{\gamma_{e^{-}} - \gamma_{s} = 1.84 \pm 0.58 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$
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# **Physics origin of the source term ?**

- 1) Particle origin: Dark Matter
- 2) Astrophysics origin: Pulsars, SNRs
- 3) Secondaries: peculiarities of propagation

>300 references to the first AMS publication in 22 months..





# **Electron fluxes**



# The e<sup>-</sup> and e<sup>+</sup> fluxes



- 1. Both the electron flux and the positron flux are significantly different in their magnitude and energy dependence.
- 2. Both spectra cannot be described by single power laws.
- 3. The **spectral indices** of electrons and positrons **are different**.
- 4. Both change their behavior at ~30GeV.
- 5. The **rise in the positron fraction** from 20 GeV **is due to an excess of positrons**, not the loss of electrons (the positron flux is harder).

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### The (e<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup>) Flux



The flux is smooth and it is consistent with a single power law above 30 GeV.

# Conclusions

AMS is the Cosmic Rays observatory of the next decade

- The observed positron excess may imply a heavy Dark Matter WIMP particle or a new mechanism of acceleration in the pulsars: more statistics and measurements in complementary channels are needed
- Accurate measurements of the CR primary components and of antiprotons are been performed

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More data...more fun !

#### **STAY TUNED !**

# Thanks for your attention

# BACKUP

# Analysis: the template method

- 1. The *ecal classifier* is used to *remove most of the protons with high efficiency on positrons*
- 2. Reference spectra (or templates) are built for
  - protons and electrons  $\rightarrow$  from data
  - CC spillover and interactions  $\rightarrow$  from MC in the variables **E/p** and in **TRD likelihood**
- 3. The templates are *fit to data*, in each energy bin, to obtain the relative contributions
- This method maximizes the signal efficiency, since no further cut is explicitely applied after ecal classifier

# fit to data



- Fit on E/p (left) and on TRD Likelihood (right)
- The fit is repeated at each energy bin

# e<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup> flux measurements with AMS

... Taking into account also the knowledge of the energy scale....



### **Electron Anisotropy**



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

### **Positron Anisotropy**



The incoming direction of positrons above 16 GeV in galactic coordinates yields  $\delta \le 0.03$  at the 95% confidence level

### What is needed?



Leptophilic dark matter or astrophysical sources ??

- Shape of the excess accurately measured over an extended energy range
- Knowledge of "cosmic background"

# **Dark Matter model with intermediate state**

M. Cirelli, M. Kadastik, M. Raidal and A. Strumia , Nucl. Phys. B873 (2013) 530



### **Acceleration in SNRs**

P. Mertsch and S. Sarkar, Phys.Rev. D 90 (2014) 061301(R)



### **Production in Pulsars**

M. DiMauro, F. Donato, N. Fornengo, R. Lineros, A. Vittino, JCAP 1404 (2014) 006



### Measurement of the flux of electrons and positrons

$$\Phi_{e^{\pm}}(E) = \frac{N_{e^{\pm}}(E)}{A_{eff}(E) \cdot \mathcal{E}_{trig}(E) \cdot \mathsf{T}(E) \cdot \Delta E}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{N}_{e\pm} & \text{is the number of electron or positron events} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{trig} & \text{is the trigger efficiency} \\ \mathsf{T} & \text{is the exposure time} \\ \mathsf{A}_{eff} & \text{is the effective acceptance} & \mathsf{A}_{eff} = \mathsf{A}_{geom} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{sel} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{id} \cdot (1 + \delta) \end{array}$ 

 $A_{geom}$  is the geometrical acceptance,  $\approx 550 \text{ cm}^2 \text{sr}$  $\varepsilon_{sel}$  is the event selection efficiency  $\varepsilon_{id}$  is the e<sup>±</sup> identification efficiency  $\delta$  is a minor correction from the comparison between

data and Monte Carlo (-2% at 10Gev to -6% at 700 GeV). The error on  $(1+\delta)$  is ~2.5

### Lower energy limit for single power law (E<sup>γ</sup>) description

Study intervals with starting energies E<sub>start</sub>, and ending at the highest energy.

Split a interval into two sections by any boundary E<sub>bound</sub>, fit with single power law for each section. Determine the significance between the difference of  $\gamma_a$  and  $\gamma_b$ 

The limit is defined by the lowest E<sub>start</sub> that gives consistent spectral indices at the 90% C.L. for any boundary yields Positrons: 27.2 GeV and Electron: 52.3 GeV



### Spectral indices (E<sup>γ</sup>) of electron and positron fluxes



**Observations:** 

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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
- $\gamma_{e-}$  is energy dependent below ~15 GeV.



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



$$\begin{split} & \begin{array}{lll} \text{Diffuse Flux} & \text{Source Flux} \\ \Phi_{e^+} = C_{e^+} E^{-\gamma_{e^+}} + C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s} \\ \Phi_{e^-} = C_{e^-} E^{-\gamma_{e^-}} + C_s E^{-\gamma_s} e^{-E/E_s} \end{split}$$

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# **Time of Flight System**

4 Layers of scintillation counter



# **Silicon Tracker**



#### Silicon Tracker

- 9 layers of double-sided micro-strip silicon sensors
- Spatial accuracy in bending direction: ~10 μm

#### **Purpose:**

- Measurement of rigidity (R=p/q) (MDR~2 TV)
- Measurement of the sign of charge: **detection of anti-matter**

### **Charge measurement :**





# Particle Charge Measurement



### Carbon Fragmentation to Boron in Upper TOF Rigidity 10.6 GV



### **Boron and Carbon: Sample composition**

Particles Identified as Boron in the Inner AMS show signals compatible with higher charges on the 1<sup>st</sup>



#### **Rigidity** ~ 200 GV

#### **Boron** Rigidity=187 GV

#### Carbon Rigidity=215 GV

#### Run/Event 1329086299/ 747549




## **Boron-to-Carbon ratio**



## **Tracker Thermal Control System**

