Latest Results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the International Space Station

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Cosmic Rays

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Galactic CRs 100 MeV-1 PeV

Extragalactic CRs 1 PeV -1 ZeV

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Traditionally, there are two prominent classes of cosmic rays: <u>Primary Cosmic Rays</u> (p, He, C, O, ...) are produced at their source and travel through space and are directly detected by AMS. They carry information on their sources and the history of travel.

p, e⁻, nuclei

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30,000 ly

Traditionally, there are two prominent classes of cosmic rays: <u>Secondary Cosmic Rays</u> (Li, Be, B, ...) are produced in the collisions of primary cosmic rays. They carry information on the history of the travel and on the properties of the interstellar matter.

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30,000 ly

P,He

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Collision of Cosmic Rays with Interstellar Matter produces e+, p, D

SNR

Dark Matter annihilation also produces light antimatter: e⁺, p, D The excess of e⁺, p, D from Dark Matter annihilations can be measured by AMS



Production



Vorma

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Physics goals

Accurate measurements of cosmic rays spectra (0.1 GeV to 2 TeV)

Fundamental Physics:

- > Dark Matter searches: simultaneous observation of several signal channels (e^+ , e^\pm , \overline{p} , \overline{d} , ...)
- > Search for Primordial antimatter: He, complex antimatter
- > Search for new form of matter (i.e. stranglets)

Cosmic Ray energy spectrum and composition

- Source & acceleration (p,He)
- Propagation models in the ISM (relative abundances of nuclei and isotopes)

Solar modulation on low energy CR spectra over 11 years solar cycle

To fullfill this ambitious program of measuring simultaneously several species and their anti in a wide energy range up to TeV scale

What is needed?

- ✓ Space
- ✓ Spectrometer (charge sign for matter-antimatter separation)
- ✓ Highly specialized and precise subdetector
 - Redundant and precise charge measurement
 - Accurate Energy measurement
 - e/p separation at the 10⁴ level by means of independent detectors
- ✓ statistics: large acceptance



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Cape Canaveral, KSC May 16, 2011@08:56 AM

ISS - May 19, 2011 AMS installation completed

Over 119 billion charged particles have been measured

The AMS-02 detector



- 5 x 4 x 3 m
- Weight 7500 kg
- Power consumption 2500 W
- 300k readout channels
- More than 600 microprocessors
- Data downlink reduction rate from 7 Gb/s to 10 Mb/s
- Mission duration: Until the end of ISS operation (currently 2024)

AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



Detector calibration

Test beam at CERN SPS:



2000 positions



10,000 CPU cores at CERN



Computer simulation: Interactions, Materials, Electronics





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Positron Fraction (0.5-500 GeV)



- Positron fraction shows an excess above 10GeV that is not consistent with only secondary production of positrons
- Above ~ 200GeV the positron fraction no longer exhibits an increase with energy
- Electrons decrease or positrons increase?

Positron and Electron fluxes before AMS



Difficult experiments:

- 1. A proton rejection of 1:100,000
- 2. A precision magnetic spectrometer to separate e⁻ from e⁺.

Latest AMS positron and electron fluxes



Latest AMS Positron Flux



Positron Flux: interpretation



The data are consistent with a symmetric contribution in e⁺ and e⁻.

A sample of Theoretical Models explaining AMS data



Positron Flux: interpretation (astrophysical source)

Anisotropy on e⁺

AMS has measured the e⁺ anisotropy in the energy range 16< E [GeV]<350. An upper limit to the dipole component has been obtained (6 years data):

δ < 0.02 (95% C.I.)

This measurement is compatible with isotropy



An extended data taking up to 2024 will allow to explore anisotropies of 1% and test models of compact astrophysical sources.

Positron Flux: interpretation (astrophysical source)

HAWC result disfavors this origin: "*leptons emitted by nearby middle-aged pulsar* (Geminga, PRS B0656+14) are unlikely to be the origin of the positron excess" [HAWC Collaboration 2017 Science 358 911]



TeV gamma rays can be produced via IC scattering and used to track the e⁺⁻ population and distribution.

Andrea Albert's talk

Positron Flux: interpretation (modified Propagation)

Modified Propagation models with no standard secondary e⁺ production



Antiproton to proton ratio



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Antideuterons from Dark Matter Annihilation

Antideuteron have been proposed as an almost background free channel for dark matter indirect detection.

The Anti Deuterons Flux is $< 10^{-4}$ of the Antiproton Flux.



With the unprecedented statistics and accuracy of the data, AMS has an unique capability to detect heavier antimatter in Cosmic Rays

- Given the AMS acceptance we expect to see this tiny signal
- Anti-Deuterons have never been observed in space
- This analysis just started





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Precision Measurements of Cosmic Rays



Nuclei Fluxes

The spectra of nuclei do not follow the traditional power law. A spectral hardening above 200 GV is observed for all species.



[PRL 120, 021101 (2018)]

Nuclei Fluxes: primaries

The AMS results show that the primary cosmic rays (He, C, and O) have an identical rigidity dependence.

Above 200GV they all increase in identical way.

Nuclei Fluxes: secondaries

Secondary Cosmic Rays (Lithium and Boron) above 7 GV have identical rigidity dependence

Nuclei Fluxes: energy dependence

Rigidity dependence of Primary and Secondary Cosmic Rays

- Both deviate from a traditional single power law above 200 GeV.
- But their rigidity dependences are distinctly different.
- The nitrogen flux can be presented as the sum of its primary component and secondary one (secondary component ~70% @ ~GeV, <30% @TeV).

Nuclei Fluxes: secondary/primary

• The interaction of CR with the ISM produce by fragmentation the secondary component

- Li,Be,B are 100% secondary. C,O are dominated by primary component
- Li,Be, B are sensitive to CR propagation parameters (diffusion, convenction, reacceleration) and provide information on propagation models.
- Secondary/primary used to constrain propagation models.
- Lack of accurate and large energy range measurements before
- Models tuned on B/C Only so far

Nuclei Fluxes: secondary/primary

Summary of AMS results on CRs fluxes

Anti Matter Search

We have observed a few events with Z = -2

At a signal to background ratio of one in one billion, more data and detailed understanding of the instrument are required. ³⁹

Summary

Since 2011 AMS has collected a total of 119 billion events.

Provided very precise results for wide energy range, multichannel

The accuracy of the data is challenging our understanding of CRs

AMS will operate on the ISS until 2024...

more physics is coming!

Thank you!

BackUp

Positron Flux: interpretation (modified Propagation)

Modified Propagation models with no standard secondary e⁺ production

The B/C ratio measured by AMS does not show any significant structures in contrast to many cosmic ray models that require such structures at high rigidities. Above 65 GV, the B/C ratio is well described by a single power law

Combined Electron + Positron Flux

