The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) Experiment

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1912: Discovery of Cosmic Rays V. Hess

Physics of Charged Cosmic Rays



1932: Discovery of positron C.D. Anderson $\begin{array}{cccc}
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1947: Discovery of pions C. Powell

Discoveries of 1936: Muon (μ) 1938: 10¹⁵ eV CR 1949: Kaon (K) 1949: Lambda (Λ) 1952: Xi (Ξ) 1953: Sigma (Σ)







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FIGURE 2. PAMELA positron fraction with other experimental data and with secondary production model.

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Energy (GeV)



PAMELA Measurements of Cosmic-Ray Proton and Helium Spectra

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Fig. 4. Proton Geft) and helium (right) spectra in the range 10 GV to 1.2 TV. The gray shaded area represents the estimated systematic uncertainty, and the pink shaded area represents the contribution due to tracker alignment. The green lines represent fits with a single power law in the rigidity range 30 to 240 GV. The red curves represent the fit with a rigidity-dependent power law (30 to 240 GV) and with a single power law above 240 GV.



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FIGURE 4. Assuming an annihilation signature of Kaluza-Klein dark matter, all the data can be reproduced.

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AMS is US Dept of Energy (DOE) led International Collaboration 16 Countries, 60 Institutes and 600 Physicists, 17 years



The detectors were built all over the world and assembled at CERN, near Geneva, Switzerland

AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer





A US Air Force C-5 Galaxy has been used for transport from Geneva to KSC 25. August 2010

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Closing Endeavour's





Endeavour approaches the International Space Station

AMS installed on the ISS Truss and taking data May 19, 2011



Up to August 26, 2013, 38 billion events have been processed by the Data Production Operations in the POCC



1.03 TeV electron



Positron E=636 GeV

Run/Event 133119-743/ 56950





Transition Radiation Detector

p⁺ rejection >10² 1-400 GeV acceptance: 0.4m²sr

20 Layers each consisting of:

- 22 mm fibre fleece
- Ø 6 mm straw tubes filled with Xe/CO₂ 80%/20%



P. Doetinchem et al., Nucl.Instrum.Methods A, 558:608641, 2006.





Proton Rejection by TRD



In our data sample we identify four components using an ECAL Estimator and a TRD Estimator.



"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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The very accurate data show that the positron fraction is steadily increasing from 10 to 250 GeV, but, from 20 to 250 GeV, the slope decreases by an order of magnitude.



The agreement between the data and the model shows that the positron fraction spectrum is consistent with e[±] fluxes each of which is the sum of its diffuse spectrum and a single common power law source.



Pulsar or Dark Matter ?



Expected AMS-02 reach in 10 more years



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: Electron Flux J_{e-}(E)

- The electron flux measurement extends up to 500 GeV.
- Multiplied by E³ it is rising up to 10 GeV and appears to be on a smooth, slowly falling curve above.



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: Positron Flux J_{e+}(E)

- The positron flux measurement extends up to 350 GeV.
- Multiplied by E³ it is rising up to 10 GeV, from 10 to 35 GeV the spectrum is flat and above 35 GeV again rising.
- The spectral index and its dependence on energy is clearly different from the electron spectrum.



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: (Electron plus Positron) Spectrum



AMS Nuclei Measurement on ISS



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS: Proton flux



Proton flux

Comparison with the latest measurements



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS:Helium flux



Helium flux

Comparison with the latest measurements



ICRC 2013 Results from AMS Boron-to-Carbon ratio

Precise measurement of the energy spectra of B/C provides information on Cosmic Ray Interactions and Propagation



Rigidity ≈ 700 GV

Boron Rigidity=680 GV

Carbon Rigidity=666 GV



Boron and Carbon: Sample composition



Background estimated to an accuracy of 0.1%.

Boron-to-Carbon ratio



Measurement of Antiproton flux

Physics importance

- Antiprotons : Only ~10⁻⁴ of cosmic ray particles
- Produced by cosmic ray collisions
 e.g. pN → p...
 - Probe of indirect Dark Matter detection e.g. $\chi\chi \rightarrow \overline{p}$...

Complementary to $\chi \chi \rightarrow e^+$...

5% NORMAL

AMS in ten years from now



The Cosmos is the Ultimate Laboratory.

Cosmic rays can be observed at energies higher than any accelerator.

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