The search for Dark Matter with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the ISS













AMS is an international collaboration of 16 countries, 60 institutes (10 U.S.) and 600 physicists.

In den letzten 15 Jahren, sind 95% der \$2Mrd um AMS zu bauen von Europa und Asien aufgebracht worden. Die Grundlage dafür war die Zusage der NASA AMS auf die ISS zu bringen.

AMS-01: STS-91 1998 Flight Results

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- Energy Range: 100 MeV/n<E_k< 300 GeV/n
- Electronics channels: 70000
- Power: 1 kW
- Weight: 3 t

- Data taking 135 hours
- Shuttle altitude 370 km
- Trigger rate 100 700 Hz
 - **100 million events recorded**

Using a purely geometric method (Bremstrahlung + Conversion) we identified in the AMS-01 data sample clean electrons & positrons Physics Letters B 646 (2007) 145–154

Signatures of dark matter annihilation in charged cosmic rays ?

B.Beischer et al. NewJournal ofPhysics11(2009)105021

Das Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer Experiment

Transition Radiation Detector

p⁺ rejection >10² 1-300 GeV acceptance: 0.5m²sr

Choosen configuration for 60 cm height: 20 Layers each existing of:

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

12 layers in the bending plane2 x 4 layers in the non-bending plane

Straw Module

Straw tube proportional counter modules:

TRD Module Computer-Tomography X-Ray Scan

Luisenhospital Aachen (GE 16-Channel CT)

Wire- and Tube-xy-Fit ($\sigma \approx 10 \mu m$)

Fertiggestellt nach einer Bauzeit von 10 Jahren

We gained extensive experience, adjusted all the cables and the integration sequence by integrating and deintegrating AMS in 2008

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A cosmic ray event seen by all AMS detectors

Visit of Senator Bill Nelson - March 16, 2008

Dr. B. Accoyer, M.D. , President, French National Assembly

Professor G. Bignami, President, Italian Space Agency (ASI)

Prof. Dr.-Ing. J-D Woerner, President, German Space Agency (DLR)

Dr. M. Serrano, Head, Spanish Space Program (CDTI)

18.11.2009

AMS Event Display

Run 1258112116/ 99491 Fri Nov 13 12:52:09 2009

Particle TrTofTrdTrdHRich No 0 Id=14 p= 1e+04±1.4e+11 M=1.03e+03±1.5e+10 θ=2.72 φ=5.08 Q= 1 β= 0.995± 0.001 Coo=(24.60,16.85,52.99) AntiC=-66.64 TRD Cluster No 0 Layer 0 TubeDir x Coo 19.0, 31.3, 86.8 Mult 1 HMult 0 E_{Dep}(Kev) 1.8 Amp 59.5 Haddr 4415 Status 80020

Test at CERN AMS in accelerator test beam Feb 4-8, 2010

CERN Accelerator Complex

AMS in Test Beam

Feb 4-8, 2010

Test Beam 2010 : momentum resolution of the spectrometer

12.February 2010 - 16. Febrauary 2010: AMS-02 Transport from CERN, Geneva to ESTEC, Noordwijk

130 layers of Multi-Layer Insulation with instrumentation and plumbing heat stationed to it.

Heat load Breakdown

		Room	TVT(242K)	ISS(250K)
•	Radiation	120mW	20mW	(20mW)
•	Straps (+ …)	260mW	130mW	(130mW)
•	Cryocoolers (eff)	0mW	70mW	(0mW)
•	Current Leads	240mW	160mW	(10mW)
•	Actuation lines	100mW	100mW	(0mW)
•	Instrumentation	20mW	10mW	(2mW)
•	Total	720mW	490mW	(160mW)

Expected life time of the AMS Cryostat on ISS

20±4 months

(28±6 months with GT cryocoolers)

Uncertainties:

Accuracy of Heat Load estimates-15%Nearby Payloads on ISS-9%Waiting time on the launch pad-8%ISS attitude control-6%

Truss Attach Site Usage

Notes: 1. MISSE-7 PECs are returned on ULF6 and MISSE-8 PEC is launched on ULF6 2. ESP-3 relocation to S3LO planned for 21S Stage (see CR 11648). Michael Braukus Headquarters, Washington 202-358-1979 michael.j.braukus@nasa.gov

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Heads of Agency International Space Station Joint Statement

TOKYO -- The heads of the International Space Station (ISS) agencies from Canada, Europe, Japan, Russia, and the United States met in Tokyo, Japan, on March 11, 2010, to review ISS cooperation.

With the assembly of the ISS nearing completion and the capability to support a full-time crew of six established, they noted the outstanding opportunities now offered by the ISS for on-orbit research and for discovery including the operation and management of the world's largest international space complex. In particular, they noted the unprecedented opportunities that enhanced use of this unique facility provides to drive advanced science and technology. This research will deliver benefits to humanity on Earth while preparing the way for future exploration activities beyond low-Earth orbit. The ISS will also allow the partnership to experiment with more integrated international operations and research, paving the way for enhanced collaboration on future international missions.

The heads of agency reaffirmed the importance of full exploitation of the station's scientific, engineering, utilization, and education potential. They noted that there are no identified technical constraints to continuing ISS operations beyond the current planning horizon of 2015 to at least 2020, and that the partnership is currently working to certify on-orbit elements through 2028. The heads of agency expressed their strong mutual interest in continuing operations and utilization for as long as the benefits of ISS exploitation are demonstrated. They acknowledged that a U.S. fiscal year 2011 budget consistent with the U.S. administration's budget request would allow the United States to support the continuation of ISS operations and utilization activities to at least 2020. They emphasized their common intent to undertake the necessary procedures within their respective governments to reach consensus later this year on the continuation of the ISS to the next decade.

In looking ahead, the heads of agency discussed the importance of increasing ISS utilization and operational efficiency by all possible means, including finding and coordinating efficiencies across the ISS Program and assuring the most effective use of essential capabilities, such as space transportation for crew and cargo, for the life of the program.

For the latest about the International Space Station, visit the Internet at:

http://www.nasa.gov/station

Silicon Tracker planes are movable

The function of the magnet is to measure the sign of the charge (±) and the momentum (P) of charged particles.

A charged particle passing through a magnetic field (B) experiences a bending. The amount of the bending depends on the value of the charge, **Q**, and momentum, **p**. The direction of the bending depends on the sign of the charge (±).

The momentum resolution $(\Delta p/p)$ is a measure the detectors ability to distinguish the sign of the charge and the accuracy of the momentum. It is the sum of two contributions:

1. Measurement inside the magnet with an effective length L

$$\sigma_p / p \propto 1 / B \cdot L^2$$

2. Measurement of the incident (θ_1) and exit (θ_2) angles which depend on the length L₁

$$\sigma_p / p \propto 1 / B \cdot L \cdot L_1$$

For both magnets, $L \approx 80$ cm,

but in the permanent magnet B is 5 times smaller to maintain the same $\Delta p/p$ we increase L1 from ≈ 15 cm (Superconducting Magnet) to ≈ 125 cm (permanent magnet)

AMS-02 Superconducting Magnet Silicon Tracker Layers

AMS-02 Permanent Magnet

Silicon Tracker Layers

Layer 9 comes from moving the ladders at the edge of the acceptance from layer 1. The layer 8 is moved on top of the TRD to become 1N. No new silicon and no new electronics are required.

With 9 tracker planes, the resolution of AMS with the permanent magnet is equal (to 10%) to that of the superconducting magnet, but with the permanent magnet AMS will be active for the duration of the ISS.

...and for the next ~10+ years...

Summary

We know that dark matter exists.
 We don't know what it is.

- We observe anomalies in the spectra of charged cosmic rays which could be explained by dark matter annihilation.
- Within the next five years we expect answers from:
 - Collider Experiments: Tevatron (<=2010), LHC (>=2010)
 - Direct dark matter searches:
 CMDS, Edelweis, CRESST, XENON, ...
 - Indirect dark matter searches:
 - in space: PAMELA, FERMI, AMS-02
 - Neutrino-Exp.: IceCube, ANTARES
 - Cherenkov-Telescopes: HESS, MAGIC

