Dark Matter Searches with AMS-02 Experiment



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The evidence for the existence of Dark Matter comes from the observation of rotation velocities across the spiral galaxies, derived from the variation in the red-shift. The observation is consistent with the gravitation motion only if:

The matter in the Universe is mostly non luminous Dark Matter.

If the Dark Matter (or a fraction of it) is non-baryonic and consists of almost noninteracting massive particles WIMP's (like SUSY neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}^0$) it can be detected in Cosmic Rays through its annihilation into positrons or antiprotons, resulting in deviations (in case of antiprotons) or structures (positrons) to be seen in the otherwise predictable spectra. Anti-deuterons and γ -ray can also be good signature.

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Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer science

The AMS is a particle physics experiment in space. It will be launch ready by December 2008 for 3 year mission on board of ISS. The precursor mission: AMS-01 June 1998, STS-91.

- Study of the Nature's beam: Cosmic ray hadron and lepton components. Fluxes, abundances. Acceleration, propagation mechanism, interaction with ISM.
- Search for new physics: Antimatter searches: anti-Helium, anti-nuclei in Space. Dark Matter searches: anti-protons, anti-deuterons, positrons, γ .

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AMS-02 instrument



AMS Installation in 2009

3 Year mission on board of ISS





AMS-02 Instrument



AMS TRD

AMS STA vibration test



AMS ECAL

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AMS-02 instrument

The AMS-02 instrument will be the first magnetic spectrometer in space capable of measuring cosmic rays from under the geomagnetic cutoff up to TeV region with energy resolution of a few percent and angular resolution of 0.01-1°

Dark Matter expected signals Antiprotons

Yellow band shows the uncertainty of the standard interstellar spectrum

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Dark Matter expected signals

Positrons

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"HEAT bump" fit with the SUSY DM signal

Baltz et.al. found a SUSY signal enhancement ~30-100 is necessary to fit data.

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Antiprotons

Monte-Carlo feasibility study was performed. Over 10⁹ MC events containing p^{\pm} , He, e^{\pm} , and γ were fully simulated, passing through AMS-02 detector model and then reconstructed.

Background to antiproton signal ratios.

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Antiproton signal selection cuts using TRD

Combined RICH + ToF selection efficiency

Good particle identification based on velocity measurement is necessary to reject ~10³ electron background which can fake an antiproton event.

This method is also efficient against misreconstructed events, affected by interactions inside the detector.

The proton and electron background rejection power

The acceptance for the antiproton signal including the selection efficiency

The expected antiproton spectrum measured by AMS-02 in 3 years

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Positron signal selection cuts using RICH

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The proton and electron background rejection power

The survived background MC event scanned with AMS-02 Event Display

The expected positron spectrum measured by AMS-02 in 3 years

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Positrons

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Gamma

Angular and energy resolution

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Searches for Dark Matter with AMS Gamma

No additional boost factor was applied

Sensitivity for AMSB, KK and large tan (β)

Searches for Dark Matter with AMS Gamma

DM search assuming a 150GeV SUSY $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ DM search assuming a 50GeV KK boson

IMBH associated DM clumps at different distance: 20 kpc (case 1) and 2 kpc (case 2)

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Conclusions

- During the three year mission in space, AMS-02 will perform precise, high statistics cosmic ray measurements in the 1 GeV to few TeV energy range.
- It will allow to combine all indirect Dark Matter search channels, constraining the existing models and will have a high discovery potential of the Dark Matter signal.

Whenever new sensitivities are reached, exciting and unexpected discoveries become possible.

Picture taken by STS117 Atlantis crew on 19 June 2007

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