The First Result from the AMS-02 Experiment – Positron ratio in the primary cosmic rays

ISS: 109 m x 80 m Cost: \$ 100 billion Life time 20 years

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The AMS collaboration



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The AMS Detector





AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer TRD TOF Particles and nuclei are defined by their Identify e⁺, e⁻ **Z**, **v** charge (Z) and energy ($E \sim P$) Magnet **Silicon Tracker** TRD Z, P TOF 5-6 7-8 **FOF RICH** RICH **Z**, v **ECAL** E of e⁺, e⁻, γ 9 EC. **Z**, **P** are measured independently by the Tracker, RICH, TOF and ECAL

AMS Electronics (and detectors)

Reliability: operational for 20 years.

Same spec. as the best ground experiment.

However:

- Strong radiation
- Extreme temperature variation
- Vacuum
- Vibration during launch
- No Maintenance

AMS Space qualification:

- Redundant design (2x in general, 4x for main CPU)
- Radiation hardness (component selection)
- Thermal cycling
- Thermal vacuum test
- Vibration test



AMS Main Data Computers, each with:





AMS in the ESA Thermal Vacuum Chamber, April 2010



Intensive Tests at CERN



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