# The AMS Silicon Tracker: construction and performance



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### Outline



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- The Silicon Tracker
- Construction and qualification
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# AMS on the International Space Station



- Cosmic Antimatter search with 10<sup>-9</sup> sensitivity
- Indirect Dark Matter search (e<sup>+</sup>, p
  , γ)
- Relative abundance of nuclei and isotopes in primary cosmic rays
- γ ray astrophysics



The purpose of the AMS experiment is to perform accurate, high statistics long measurements of charged (0.5 GV - 1 TV) cosmic rays and  $\gamma$  rays (E>1GeV)





- performance a la `particle physics':
  - high resolution measurements of momentum, velocity, charge and energy
- characteristics to properly work in the space environment:
  - Vibration (6.8 G rms) and acceleration (17 G)
  - Temperature variation (day/night  $\Delta T = 100^{\circ}C$ )
  - Vacuum (10<sup>-10</sup> Torr)
  - Orbital debris and micrometeorites
  - Radiation (Single Event Effect)
- limitation in weight (15000 lb), power (3KW), bandwidht and maintenance
- Compliant with EMI/EMC specs



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# AMS-01 pilot experiment: STS91, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 1998



- 10 days of data taking in orbit:
  - 400 Km altitude
  - latitudes +51.7°
  - all longitudes
- 10<sup>8</sup> events recorded
- Physics results (Phys. Rep. 366 (2002) 331)
  - precise measurements of primary fluxes
  - detection of secondary fluxes (quasi trapped)
  - antimatter limit at 10<sup>-6</sup>





#### The AMS-02 detector







Silicon spectrometer design goals: dP/P ~ 1% up to 100 GeV MDR ~ 1 TV Z measurement up to Iron



#### Superconducting magnet



- 2 'dipole' coil, 12 'racetrack' coil (~ no magnetic dipole moment)
- B~0.9 T, 1.1 m inner diameter, 2360 Kg weight
- 55 Km of superconducting wire (NbTi/Cu embedded in pure aluminium)
- Indirect cooling with superfluid helium (1.8 K)
- 2500 liters helium vessel plus cryocuulers for 3 years operation





#### Silicon Tracker



- 8 layers of double sided silicon detectors arranged in 192 ladders
- 5 honeycomb carbon fiber plane
- detector material ~ 0.04 Xo
- total of 200 kchannels for 192 watt dissipated inside the magnet volume
- 10 μm (30 μm) spatial resolution in bending (non bending) plane
- momentum resol 1.5% at 10 GeV
- high dynamic range front end for charge measurement
- wide temperature range
   (-20/+40 survival, -10/+25 oper.)



Al honeycomb/carbon fiber support planes

Hybrid boxes



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- Perugia
- 1024 high dynamic range, AC coupled readout channels:
   640 on junction (S) side
   384 on ohmic (K) side
- Impl/readout pitch:
   27.5/110 μm (S side)
   104/208 μm (K side)
- 7 15 wafers (28 60 cm)

192 flight units, 210 assembled in 3 lines: Perugia (I), Geneva-ETHZ (CH), G&A (Carsoli, I)





# Ladder components (p side)



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# Silicon positioning and metrology











#### Sensor alignment in ladders





strip no. (pitch : 110 µm)



#### Noise and currents (after ~ $3 10^6$ bonds)







## Mounting ladders on plane











### Tracker integration









## Inner Tracker (plane 2, 3 and 4)







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# Tracker ready for cosmic test





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# Space qualification









#### Vibration tests



#### ladder on plane



no missing bonds after ladder and test structure vibration cables and cables support



definition of cabled fixation



#### TV test set-up







#### Radiation 'hard' electronics



The problem are the SEE (Single Event Effect)



current limit protection is present for all active components



# AMS-02 Custom/Common Readout Unit



- Cust/Comm processing unit, software, links.
  - DSP (ADSP-2187L), Gate Array (Actel A54SX-2A), SRAM (Samsung K6R-016V1C), Flash (AMD Am29LV004), LVDS Tx/Rx (TI SN65LVD-39-), etc.
- Cust/Comm monitor & control interfaces.
- Cust/Comm power supplies w/high efficiency.

Perugia



# Data Reduction Board (TDR2)



#### analog signal in



Collect analog data and digitize it (100  $\mu$ s irred. dead time)

Perform online data compression

- Remove Pedestals
- Calculate and Remove
   Common Noise
- Search Clusters

Up to 5 KHz trigger rate in compressed mode

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total bandwith is 2Mbit/s max trigger rate is 2 KHz

Subdetector	<b>Req</b> 'ments	Channels	Raw Kbits
U: TRD	Gas gain	5,248	84
S: ToF+ACC	100 ps	48*4*8	49
T: Tracker	few fC	196,608	3,146
R: RICH	Single gamma	680*16*2	348
E: ECAL	1:60,000	324*(4*2+1)	47
Σ Raw Kbits/event			3,674
* Event Rate			≤ 2 Khz
= Total Raw Data Rate			~7 Gbit/sec



#### **Residual Distributions**



**Proton Residuals** 



3<sup>th</sup>

Gaussian

3% of events





#### Conclusions



- After the successful test flight on board the Space Shuttle Discovery on June 1998, the AMS-02 Tracker capabilities have been extended
- The detector construction is completed
- Design requirements have been fulfilled
- In September 2007 the Tracker will be integrated in the AMS-02 magnet
- In autumn 2008 the whole AMS-02 detector must be delivered to Cape Canaveral (Florida) ready to launch for 3 years (and more) operation on board the ISS



#### ISS status on orbit



