

Dark Matter signal from e⁺ / e⁻ / p with the AMS Detector on the International Space Station

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Multiple methods to search for dark matter...



The search for dark matter in cosmic rays

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The search for dark matter in cosmic rays

- Dark matter annihilation can produce SM matter and antimatter cosmic rays.
- The same processes are also originated by standard astrophysical processes.



The search for dark matter in cosmic rays



e⁺ / p̄ are sensitive probes for dark matter

The AMS-02 detector on the ISS



Indirect search for Dark Matter (e^{+/-}, anti-p,....)

- Search for primordial antimatter (anti-He)
- CR composition and energetics (of H, He, Li, B, C, ...)

AMS-02: A TeV precision magnetic spectrometer

Antiproton / proton ratio

Antiproton identification at intermediate rigidity

Antiproton identification at high rigidity

—> Advanced techniques allow to explore high energies.

Antiproton/proton ratio - results

Electron / positron fluxes

Electron / positron identification

A sample of e⁺ / e⁻ candidates is prepared utilizing the redundancy of the AMS-02 detector.

Finally 2D reference spectra for the signal and the background are fitted to data after an efficient ECAL selection to remove the majority of protons.

-> Extract counts.

Electron / positron flux with 5 years data

AMS-02 e+/p+/e-/p-results combined

AMS-02 e+ / p+ / e- / p- results combined

AMS-02 e+ / p+ / e- / p- results combined

Interpretation

Positron flux - results

Collision of Cosmic Rays with the Interstellar Media produce e⁺ ... and this is indeed true at low energies.

Positron flux - dark matter model

Positron fraction - extrapolation to 2024

Antiproton/proton ratio - dark matter model

Example of theoretical models for e+ / p-

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