



Study of solar modulation effects on cosmic ray fluxes measured by the AMS experiment

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Who am I?

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Scientific Interests:

Solar Modulation of Galactic Cosmic Rays

Cosmic Ray Physics

Computational Physics and Numerical Methods

Data Analysis and Statistics

Experimental Particle Physics



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ALPHA MAGNETIC SPECTROMETER

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Image:NASA

History of AMS

The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02) is a state-of-the-art cosmic-ray detector designed to operate as an external module on the International Space Station (ISS).

Installed on the ISS in May of 2011, its main objective is the search for antimatter and dark matter.

AMS has collected more than 135,000,000,000 events up to this day, at a rate of about 45 million events per day.

It will continue in space for the duration of ISS' lifetime.







ALTITUDE: 400 KM ORBITAL PERIOD: 92.49 MIN VELOCITY: 27600 KM/H LAUNCH: 20 NOV 1998

AMS: A detector in space



45 MILLION EVENTS PER DAY 135.000.000.000 EVENTS

Anatomy of a detector

Permanent Magnet 6000 Ne-Fe-B magnets Magnitude: 0.15 T

Sillicon Tracker

- 9 layers of double-sided silicon sensors

- Spatial accuracy in bending direction: ${}^{\sim}10\mu\mathrm{m}$

- Measurement of rigidity (p/q) up to ~2 TV for protons

- Measurement of charge-sign

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- 9 super-layers of lead and scintillating fiber (17 $\rm X_0)$ - Measurements of e± and γ energy ($\Delta \rm E/E^{\sim}2\%$ - 100GeV) p/e rejection $>10^4$



Selecting CR data

$$\phi(P,t) = \frac{N_{\text{part}}(P,t)}{\Delta t(P,t)\varepsilon_{\text{trigg}}(P,t)Acc_{\text{MC}}(P)C_{\text{MC}}^{\text{Data}}(P,t)\Delta P}$$





Proton flux estimation

$$\phi(P) = \frac{N_{\text{part}}(P)}{\Delta t \,\varepsilon_{\text{trigg}}(P) \,Acc_0 \,\varepsilon_{\text{sel}}(P) \,\Delta P} \,A$$

- To estimate the proton flux some key ingredients are necessary:
- Selection of Events
- Exposure Time
- Trigger Efficiency
- Detector Acceptance and Efficiency



Proton flux estimation

The determination of the proton flux requires the study of the interaction of the cosmic-rays with the AMS detector as well as with earth's magnetic field.

The essential ingredients can be aggregated into the following quantities:

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Unfolding a flux

Unfolding a flux

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Unfolding a flux – An iterative process





Proton Flux



AMS Proton Parallel Selection



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SOLAR MODULATION OF COSMIC RAYS INTERPRETATION OF TIME VARIABILITY UNDER TRANSPORT THEORY

Solar Modulation

Solar modulation is:

 \checkmark Time dependent

Correlated to the 11-year solar activity cycle and to short-term events.

\checkmark Space dependent

Modulation parameters vary as the spiral magnetic field spreads throughout the solar system.

✓ Energy dependent Effect decreases with CR increasing energy until it vanishes at the 20-50 GeV scale.

\checkmark Particle dependent

Depends on charge of the particle. Particles and antiparticles showcase this **charge-sign** effect.



Proton Flux

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Proton Flux



Heliosphere



Magnetic Field



Side

α





Local Interstellar spectra

- $\checkmark\,$ Low energy: Strong constraints from Voyager-1
- $\checkmark\,$ High energy constraints from AMS-02

Protons and electrons

- \checkmark Voyager-1 (Cummings et al. 2016)
- ✓ AMS-02 (Aguilar et al. 2014 & 2015)

Antiprotons and positrons

✓ from calculations of secondary CR production in the interstellar medium (NTomassetti PRD 2015)





Convection and energy losses

- ✓ Radially outflowing from the sun
 ✓ V=400km/s
- ✓ Changes to subsonic speed beyond termination shock (R=85AU)
- ✓ Vanishing at the Heliopause boundary (R=122AU)





 $k_0(\text{SSN}) = a \log_{10}(\text{SSN}) + b$



Drift motion along B-field

- Charge-sign effects
- Definition of heliospheric current sheet





Heliospheric current sheet

Drift motion along B-field

- \checkmark Charge-sign effect
 - $\checkmark\,$ Different trajectories for particles and antiparticles
 - $\checkmark\,$ Role reversal with magnetic reversal
- $\checkmark\,$ Tilt angle defines heliospheric current sheet





(Jokipii and Thomas, 1981)



Simulated protons for varying tilt angle



Cosmic ray drifts





Solar Activity



Estimation of a delay

1977 - 2018





Estimation of a delay

Z240

1977 - 2018















Static sun

The solar properties propagate through the solar system evenly, carried by the plasma.

k(t) = cte



Evolving sun

The solar properties propagate through the solar system but every layer of plasma contains the solar parameters from a previous period.

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Cosmic Ray Data

Proton data collected during negative polarity between 2000 and 2012 **PAMELA:** E=0.08-50 GeV, 2006-2010 (3.5 y, $\Delta t=1m$) **EPHIN/SOHO:** E=0.5-2 GeV, 2000-2013 ($\Delta t=1y$) **BESS-Polar I-II:** E=0.1-50 GeV, 15 day flights in 2004 and 2008



The propagation model

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{K}_{s} \cdot \nabla f)}_{\text{diffusion}} - \underbrace{(\mathbf{V} + \langle \mathbf{v}_{\text{dr}} \rangle) \cdot \nabla f}_{\text{convection and drift}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \ln P}}_{\text{adiabatic energy loss}} + \underbrace{Q(\mathbf{r}, P, t)}_{\text{source/LIS}}$$
Quasi-stationary conditions

 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{(Stochastic differential integration method)}$

Model Parameters

 $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha(t), \, \text{SSN}(t) & \text{Direct observation} \\ k_0(t) = a \, \log_{10}(\text{SSN}(t)) + b \\ \phi^{\text{sim}}(E, t) = \phi^{\text{sim}}(E; \, k_0(t), \alpha(t)) \end{aligned}$

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Global Fitting procedure $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{c} & \begin{array}{c} \textbf{Delayed input} \\ \textbf{parameters} \\ \end{array} \\ \chi^2 = \sum_t \sum_E \left[\frac{\phi^{\text{sim}} \left(E, t - \Delta t \right) - \phi^{\text{data}} (E, t) \\ \sigma(E, t) \\ \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$

$$\Delta t = 8.1 \pm 1.2$$
 months
 $a = -1.30 \pm 0.29$
 $b = 4.07 \pm 0.95$





A time delay in the protons



A time delay in the protons



$$\phi^{\text{data}}(t) \sim \phi^{\text{sim}}(\alpha(t - \Delta t), k_0(t - \Delta t))$$

Observation of a time lag in solar modulation of cosmic rays in the heliosphere

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Directly observable solar parameters are delayed, only affecting the cosmic ray flux 8.1 months later.

Evidence for a Time Lag in Solar Modulation of Galactic Cosmic Rays

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A time delay in the protons



Good agreement between prediction and new AMS & PAMELA data.

EPHIN / SOHO *Kuhl et al. Solar Phys.* 291, 965, *2016 Yearly resolved, 1996 - 2015*

AMS-02

Aguilar et al. PRL 121, 051101, 2018 Monthly resolved, 2011-2017

PAMELA

Martucci et al. ApJ 854, L1, 2018 Monthly-resolved, 2006-2014

Predictability



 \checkmark Data is well described by the model

- solar data
- \checkmark Ability to forecast fluxes 8 months in advance
- $\checkmark\,$ Requires retuning using new AMS/PAMELA data

Electrons & Positrons

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Charge Sign Effect



- ✓ CR proton-driven retuning using new AMS/PAMELA data
 ✓ Requires a smooth transition across reversal
- $\checkmark\,$ LIS, diffusion and drift parameters for GCR leptons.

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Proton & Helium Fluxes





Testing Diffusion of Cosmic Rays in the Heliosphere with Proton and Helium Data from AMS

N. Tomassetti, F. Barão, B. Bertucci, E. Fiandrini, J. L. Figueiredo, J. B. Lousada, and M. Orcinha Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 251104 – Published 18 December 2018

Numerical modeling of cosmic-ray transport in the heliosphere and interpretation of the proton-to-helium ratio in Solar Cycle 24

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QUESTIONS?



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS











BACKUP SLIDES



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS











Exposure Time



$$\phi(P) = \frac{N_{\text{part}}(P)}{\Delta t \,\varepsilon_{\text{trigg}}(P) A c c_0 \varepsilon_{\text{sel}}(P) \Delta P}$$



Geomagnetic Cutoff (GV) Event Rate (Hz) 80 80 Latitude (rad) Latitude (rad) 25 1400 60 60 1200 20 40 40 1000 20 20 15 800 0 0 -20600 -2010 400 -40 -405 -60 200 -60-80-800 50 150 100 150 -150-100-50 100 -150-100-50 50 Longitude (rad) Longitude (rad)

Event rate is correlated with Earth's magnetic field Highest cutoff rigidity for positive particles with a maximum 40° inclination to detector. It uses the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF).





MC Acceptance & Data-MC corrections



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