5.15 GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)

(Leland's comment: Section 5.15 needs to be updated with actual location of antenna with supporting graphic – Ross)

The AMS-02 utilizes an ALCATEL TOPSTAR 3000D which will be integrated into AMS by IN2P3-Montpellier. A single patch type antenna (Sextant Avionique model 3407-79) will be mounted on an upper USS-02 structural member. A signal from the GPS unit will be used for precision time correlation that exceeds the capabilities of the ISS to provide. The need for the GPS is to correct time drift over time within the precision timing systems that trigger the particle events.

Interface electronics within the M-Crate receive the precise time at which the timing pulse from the GPS unit was emitted and this is included, along with the value of the local timer, in the event data. To reach the required accuracy, software has been developed to include all the corrections required for low earth orbit GPS applications. The GPS operates off of the AMS-02 internal 28 VDC power bus.

<<NEED TO INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF THE GPS ANTENNAS, THE ONLY RELEVANT PIECE OF SAFETY INFORMATION>>