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Searching for Dark Matter from the Sky Cosmic Rays, Gamma Rays, and the Hunt for Dark Matter

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Can we do fundamental physics with cosmic-ray/gamma-ray data?



Antimatter (positron, Anderson, 1932)



Pions ("Yukawa" particles) (Lattes, Powell and "Beppo" Occhialini)



Second Generation (muon, Anderson, 1936)



Neutrino Masses

3 tantalizing results might start delivering fundamental physics from the sky







Adriani et al, Nature 458 (2009) 607, arXiv 0810.4995 *I.V. Moskalenko and A.W. Strong Astrophys. J. 493, 694-707 (1998).



22 years full cycle (max every 11 years, with **polarity reversal**) previous data: solar polarity favored positively charged particles, opposite for PAMELA

Gast & Schael, ICRC Conference, Lodz, 2009

Cosmic Ray Secondary-to-Primary ratio

High-energy protons diffuse before producing secondaries 90% H, 10% He γ_{γ} Diffusion "softens" the proton spectrum; secondaries inherit a softer spectrum

~ any cosmic ray model predicts a **declining slope** for high-energy **secondary-to-primary** ratios



is the **positron** excess **real**?

Experimentalists get ignored if they are right, and **hugely cited** if they are **wrong**.

Theorists get ignored if they are wrong, but a Nobel Prize if they are right.*

Superluminal Neutrinos @ OPERA: >200 theory papers

* quoted from the Guardian



How does Fermi tells e⁺ apart from e⁻?

Fermi-LAT Collaboration, 1109.0521

Geomagnetic field + solid Earth shadow = directions from which only electrons or only positrons are allowed



For particular directions, electrons or positrons are completely forbidden Pure e⁺ region looking West and pure e⁻ region looking East Regions vary with **particle energy** and **spacecraft position**



positron excess with very high statistics (x100)

PRL, 110 (2013) 14

...better take seriously the excess of HE positrons

Can we determine the **source?**

key piece of the **puzzle**: the **Denominator** (e⁺ + e⁻)



Solution: postulate **additional source** of (high-energy) electrons **and** positrons:



What is the nature of this **new** powerful electron-positron **source**??

Exciting!

It could be New Physics: Dark Matter Annihilation!



Image Credit: NASA/GLAST collaboration

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A. Tylka, Phys. Rev. Lett. 63, 840-843 (1989)

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...or it could **not**...

Pulsar Magnetosphere

Rotation-powered Neutron Stars radiate energy by producing e+e- pairs, injected in ISM when out of Pulsar Wind Nebula





Harding, A. K. & Ramaty, R. The pulsar contribution to galactic cosmic-ray positrons. Proc. 20th ICRC, Moscow 2, 92-95 (**1987**). ~ 900/1000 papers advocate Dark Matter ...despite some obvious and significant issues:

- (i) Need very large annihilation rates ($\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 10^2 - 10^3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$)
- (ii) Need rather large masses (~TeV)
- (iii) Need special annihilation or decay modes
 (suppress antiprotons + have a hard spectrum)
 e.g.: μ⁺μ⁻, or 4μ (even worse post-AMS: ππ)

interesting riddle to test a theorist's creativity!

Redman's Theorem

"Any competent theoretician can fit any given theory to any given set of facts" (*)

(*) Quoted in M. Longair's "High Energy Astrophysics", sec 2.5.1 "The psychology of astronomers and astrophysicists"



Roderick O. Redman (b. 1905, d. 1975) Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University "Dissecting Pamela with Occam's Razor: existing, well-known Pulsars naturally account for the "anomalous" Cosmic-Ray Electron and Positron Data"*



*Profumo, 0812.4457



- Distance and Age from observation (set the cutoff)
- Normalization: 1-10% spin-down luminosity
- Injection Spectrum: ~ E⁻² (Fermi 1st order)

Linden and Profumo, 1304.1791

can we discriminate between dark matter and pulsars?

Nearby Pulsar

Anisotropy in the arrival direction (sufficient, not necessary)

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Dark Matter: a "Universal" Phenomenology

Large annihilation rates Large masses Hard charged leptons



Final State Radiation

Inverse Compton

Gamma-Ray Searches from Galaxy Clusters



Jeltema, Profumo & Fermi-LAT Collaboration, JCAP 2010, arXiv: 1001.4531

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Fermi-LAT Collaboration, PRD, 1008.5119 AMS-02 Collaboration, PRL, 110, 141102



No Anisotropy observed in the Fermi e⁺e⁻ data, or in the AMS data

Pulsar interpretation entirely consistent with all data!





Way forward: **Cherenkov Telescopes** sensitive to predicted **anisotropies** at VHE!

Linden and Profumo, Astroph. J (2013) 1304.1791
we are closing in on the dark matter interpretation

AMS-02 positron fraction data "favor" PSR's over dark matter

Conclusive argument against dark matter: anisotropy (ACTs!)



the problem with the Galactic Center: "under-fitting" versus "over-fitting"



The Galactic Center Region: a Holy Grail or a Hornet's Nest?

- Largest (known) Galactic
 Dark Matter Density
- There appears to be an excess of soft gamma rays



Springel et al, 2009

- Largest Cosmic Ray Density
- Largest Gas and Radiation Densities
- Largest concentration of

Galactic Gamma Ray sources



Kassim et al, 1999

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Oct. 2009

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r ^{-1.55} fall-off Spectrum: extracted from >2deg region

8 GeV, τ ⁺ τ ⁻



the danger of background "under-fitting":

may end up with a "Goodenough Hooperon"



"Over-fitting"



[slide from Igor Moskalenko]

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We know little about **cosmic rays** in the **GC**

CR power: ~10⁴¹ erg/s; Sag A* Eddington lum.: >10⁴⁴ erg/s

While very **quiet** now, **Sag A*** likely accelerates and has accelerated protons: study the **gamma-ray** properties

Linden, Lovegrove and SP, 1203.3539 and in prep.



Fig. 2. Composite image showing (in green) the 3.6 cm radio continuum emission from warm ionized gas in the Sgr A West H u region, with the three-arm Minispiral emerging very clearly, and (in red) the 3.4 mm HCN $J = 1 \rightarrow 0$ line emission from the surrounding Circumnuclear Ring (CNR). The radio continuum data are from Yusef-Zadeh et al. (2008) and the HCN data from Wright et al. (2001). Figure credit: Farhad Yusef-Zadeh.

If source is **hadronic**, GALPROP likely is the wrong tool



Need detailed modeling of gas distribution Our approach: Monte Carlo

K. Ferrere, 2012; Linden and Profumo, 2012



Linden, Lovegrove and SP, 1203.3539, ApJ 753 (2012) 41



Chernyakova et al, 2011; Linden, Lovegrove and SP, 1203.3539, ApJ 753 (2012) 41

Galactic Center: the way forward??



- seek a "golden mean" between overand under-fitting
- detailed cosmic ray and target density models
- data-driven backgrounds

Linden, SP,..., in progress



"Troubling and Inconclusive"

5² Φ [GeV cm

 $\gamma = 2$

Reg3



Steve Ritz Fermi-LAT Deputy PI

If confirmed, huge **impact** on **particle physics**!

DM particle at rest, so $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ implies $E_{\gamma} = m_{\chi}!$



...and the target mass for direct detection experiments!



Weniger (1204.2797)

Key novelty: optimized Regions of Interest



Signal: $\sim (\rho_{DM})^2$

Noise: (1-20 GeV sky)^{1/2}

(almost) 3σ effect, E_{γ} =130 GeV look-elsewhere effect accounted for



Two remarks*

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* Profumo and Linden, "Gamma-Ray Line in the Fermi Data: is it a Bubble?", JCAP 2012

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(2) broken power-law
 could be mistaken for
 a line - Fermi bubbles
 have broken power-law spectrum





could it be an instrumental effect?



One culprit could be **energy reconstruction**: E>130 GeV mis-read as E=130 GeV event!

Instr. effects under investigation by Fermi Collaboration, including troubling Earth's Limb feature!
[Pass 8: currently being tested internally/public in ~1yr]

If not instrumental, potentially **very interesting** wait for **more statistics** (so far ~50 photons)!

can we hope for more statistics with other existing/near future telescopes?

Fermi: $A_{eff}xT_{obs} = (1 \text{ m}^2) \times 4\pi \times 10^7 \times (1/6) \text{ s} \sim 2\times 10^7 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}$ ACT, with 100h: $(10^5 \text{ m}^2) \times 100\times 60\times 60 \text{ s} \sim 3\times 10^{10} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}$

e.g., HESS: promising, but A_{eff} rapidly declining in energy region of interest

Figure credit: Benow, for HESS collaboration



CTA: superior energy resolution, angular resolution, energy threshold and effective area



Cherenkov Telescopes will be **key** for further studies of the **line**

Astrophysical backgrounds? Always keep Occam in mind!



Klein-Nishina regime: almost all energy transferred from e to $\gamma \rightarrow E_e^{\sim} 130 \text{ GeV}$

Need~ mono-chromatic electrons and target photons with $\omega_0 >> m_e^2/E_e \sim 2 \text{ eV}$

Both OK with electron pulsar wind

Aharonian et al, 2012; image credit: NASA



This is **not** a **POST-diction**!



Bogovalov and Aharonian, 2000

Energetics works out fine! 130 GeV line luminosity ~ 3x10³⁵ erg/s



Crab luminosity in shock-acc. e⁺e⁻~ 3x10³⁸ erg/s [spin-down luminosity~ 5x10³⁸ erg/s] efficiency to produce gamma rays??



Aharonian et al, Nature 2012



Many open questions...

- **how many** point sources are needed?
- if more than one astrophysical source is needed, do we expect 130 GeV to be a special universal value?

Applied a clustering algorithm (DBSCAN) and demonstrated one needs at least 5 pulsars (@90%CL)



Astrophysical backgrounds are **unlikely**, given current data!

Carlson, Linden, Profumo and Weniger, JCAP, 1304.5524 (2013)

- 130 GeV line "troubling and inconclusive", yet exciting!
- Iow statistics, perhaps instrumental, but unlikely "astrophysical"
- Iook forward to: Fermi's Pass8 and ACT

A (dark matter) model that does everything?



A model that "does everything"



- Line with right cross section
- Suppressed GR continuum
- Right Higgs mass
- Right Thermal Relic Density

- Successful EW Baryogenesis
- Strongly first order **EWPT**
- OK with direct detection
- OK with SUSY searches
- OK with EDM searches

Weniger, 2012; Kozaczuk, Profumo and Wainwright 2013

A model that "does everything"

$$W = W_{\text{MSSM}}|_{\mu=0} + \lambda \widehat{S}\widehat{H}_u\widehat{H}_d + \frac{\kappa}{3}\widehat{S}^3,$$

$$-\mathcal{L}^{soft} = -\mathcal{L}^{soft}_{\text{MSSM}} + m_S^2 |S|^2 + \left(\lambda A_\lambda S H_u H_d + \frac{1}{3}\kappa A_\kappa S^3\right) + \text{h.c.}$$



Kozaczuk, Profumo and Wainwright, 2013

A model that "does everything"



Kozaczuk, Profumo and Wainwright, 2013

Positron excess, Galactic Center excess, "The Line"

Is this all "chasing ambulances"?



"Ambulance chasing OK, as long as the **patient is not dead**"


an appropriate adage for indirect dark matter detection :

"Everything we see hides another thing,

we always want to see what is hidden by what we see"

R. Magritte

[slide concept: Pasquale Serpico]

...plus, radio-quiet gamma-ray pulsars!

Gendelev, SP and Dormody JCAP 1002 (2010) 016

Spectral information key, but not sufficient...



Borla-Tridon (MAGIC Coll.) 1110.4008 (ICRC)



(i) For every (50 GeV) cosmic-ray positron,10 electrons and 10,000 protons!

important confirmation that the extra positrons measured by Pamela are **not mis-ID protons**!



(ii) Extends Pamela resultsto higher energy, E=200 GeV

consistent spectrum, no turnover

More to come **soon** from **AMS-02**!



One of the elephants in the room: Sgr A*



CTA: ability to **discriminate** point source versus diffuse hadronic emission

CTA key to understand physics of Galactic Center at high energies!!

Linden and SP, 1206.4308

A "Cosmic Ray Primer"



Particle scattering on random MHD waves and discontinuities in the tangled Galactic magnetic fields is modeled as a diffusive process



 $D_0(E = 1 \text{ GeV}) \sim 10^{28} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ $\delta \sim 0.3...0.7$ $D(E,\vec{r}) = D_0 E^{\delta}$

Associated Diffusion Time Scale:



A "Cosmic Ray Primer"



$b(E) \sim 10^{-16} \text{ GeV/s} (E/\text{GeV})^2$

Associated Energy-Loss Time Scale:



A "Cosmic Ray Primer"

Diffusion-loss equation then reads (neglecting reacceleration, convection...)



Energy Spectra

primary electrons

– – – – – production: E^{-2.2}

propagation: min $[\tau_{esc}, \tau_{loss}] \sim E^{-0.6}, E^{-1}$

ambient: E^{-2.8}, E^{-3.2} (energy-loss-dominated !!!)

primary protons/nuclei

diffusion-dominated !!!)

secondary e+e-

– – – – – production: E^{-2.8}

propagation: min $[\tau_{loss}, \tau_{esc}] \sim E^{-0.6}$, E^{-1}

- ambient: E^{-3.4}, E^{-3.8}

slide concept: Philip Mertsch





A model that does everything... ...across all three frontiers!



Effective potential at critical temperature (all NMSSM degrees of freedom included!) CosmoTransitions

Kozaczuk, Profumo and Wainwright, 2013



Very recently: results on other cosmic-ray species and detailed, separate positron and electron spectra PRL, 110 (2013) 14