

Propagation of galactic Cosmic Rays: recent results and future prospects

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Cosmic Ray physics

Deep astrophysical problems: what are the sources? how are they accelerated? how do they propagate?



Features: unavoidable background to Dark Matter searches

- Observables:
- spectrum of CRs
- spectrum of their secondaries
- arrival directions

CR abundances

For some nuclei (CNO, Fe) abundances are the same as SSA. Others (Li,Be,B,F...) are much more abundant.

> White points: Solar System abundances Filled points: CR abundances

Reeves, Fowler & Hoyle (1970): Li,Be,B are produced by spallation of CRs onto the galactic gas.

In order to reproduce the measured abundances of stable nuclei, CRs should have traversed ~ 5 g/cm² material. Assuming n_{ISM} ~ 1 cm⁻³, this implies CRs have propagated for ~3 million years (10 million years if one considers the Galactic Halo).



J.A. Simpson, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 33 (1983) 32.



 $L = c\tau \simeq 10^3 \text{ kpc} \gg 15 \text{ kpc}$

(Galactic radius)

$n(E, \vec{r}_{\rm obs}) = \int_0^\infty dt \int d^3r_0 \int dE_0 q(E_0, \vec{r}_0, t) f(E, \vec{r}_{\rm obs}; E_0, \vec{r}_0, t)$



propagation probability function

A complex magnetohydrodynamics problem

The DRAGON code

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Cosmic Rays: main results



New strategy to pinpoint propagation models by fitting nuclear data

Antiproton spectrum is consistent with astrophysical predictions (no room for dominant DM contribution) !!

Di Bernardo, Evoli, Gaggero, Grasso, LM, Astropart.Phys. 34 (2010) 274–283 Evoli, Gaggero, Grasso, LM, JCAP 0810 (2008) 018





DM constraints: antiprotons

(arbitrary complicate the procedure to get constraints on DM models)

Standard sources are mainly in the galactic plane. DM sources are also present in the halo and at the galactic center. Nuclear CR measurements are not able to constrain effectively the propagation in the halo, therefore we need to test several propagation models to draw meaningful constraints



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Two components models: main motivations

Di Bernardo, Evoli, Gaggero, Grasso, LM, APP 34 (2011)

Toy model with a Galactic

 $N_{\rm extra} \propto E^{-1.5} e^{-E/1} {
m TeV}$

added to a conv. bkg with



- If the extra component is charge symmetric it allows to match the PAMELA growing ratio above 10 GeV
- Only way to match low energy Fermi and AMS-01 (both taken in a low solar activity phase) without invoking more involved modulation scenarios
- provides a better fit to Fermi-LAT data at high energy as well as HESS data
- under some conditions improve the fit of low energy PAMELA data

News from Fermi



Notice how a double component scenario with Kraichnan-like diffusion setup is self-consistent and compatible with most CR observables:

primary nuclei, secondary/primary ratios, electrons, positrons.



Dark Matter vs Astrophysics





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Cosmic Rays and DM searches

Typical problems:

- DM fluxes predictions are model dependent
- background predictions are model dependent

A model independent observable, the dipole anisotropy



A **simple yet powerful** criterion to disentangle DM from astrophysical contributions



Open problems

Electron/positron spectra still to be understood
what does the steep injection spectrum mean?
what about the extra component:

pulsars?
enhanced secondary production in sources?
Dark Matter?

smoking guns ?

Get ready to interpret new AMS-02 data!



Markov Chain Montecarlo (MCMC) may be a very useful tool to perform complete statistical analyses on large parameter spaces (in order to include convection, reacceleration, diffusion-related parameters...)

There is WORK IN PROGRESS at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) on this field!!!

A markov chain monte carlo interface for Dragon



- MTM and MH has been implemented into a small package called DMCMC. In the case of MTM the programm runs parallel using standard C posix threads (gcc-4.4 not available on all clusters, so C++ threads cannot be used).
- DMCMC can be easily adapted for use with Galprop/any other code
- DMCMC is tested and stable
- allocation of computing ressources is currently underway, first physics runs are running

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