CURRENT STATUS OF ASTROPHYSICS OF COSMIC RAYS

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Subject of Astrophysics of Cosmic Rays

- Studies of the phenomenon of CRs, their sources and propagation in a broad sense, which includes:
 - ✦ Identification of the sources of the majority of CRs and of their particular species (minorities)
 - ✦ Identification and description of the mechanisms of acceleration of CRs in the sources and in the interstellar medium
 - Understanding the process of propagation of CRs from their sources to the observer and more generally in the Galaxy
 - Influence of CRs on the Galactic structure (star formation rate, halo size, Galactic wind driven by CRs)
 - + Studies of the phenomenon of CRs in other normal galaxies
- \diamond Some of these studies are impossible without the γ -ray astronomy

Our tools

- Direct measurements of CRs in space, inside of the heliosphere and in the interstellar medium
- Indirect measurements of CRs from the ground (extensive air showers)
- Indirect measurements of CRs through their emissions (synchrotron, γ-rays)
- Extensive modeling of CR acceleration and propagation (MHD codes, GALPROP, USINE)

High energy gamma-ray emission processes



 $\Rightarrow pp → π^0(2\gamma) + X - neutral pion production and decay$

 \diamond Inverse Compton scattering

♦ Bremsstrahlung

 \diamond Curvature (or synchrotron) radiation

CRs in the interstellar medium



Modeling is a must!

Fermi-LAT skymap >1 GeV, 48 months

Shows where accelerated particles meet targets (gas, photons)

 Our Galaxy provides the best opportunity to study CRs: direct and indirect measurements with excellent resolution

4-year sky map, >1 GeV, front converting (best psf) (4.52M events)
♦ LAT: ~275B triggers, 225M Source class events
♦ GBM: >1000 GRBs

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2FGL Catalog – 1873 src

Based on integrated exposure (100 MeV to 100 GeV) from August 4, 2008, to July 31, 2010 (2 years), TS > 25



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3FGL Catalog: 3033 sources

- \diamond 4 years (P7 reprocessed)
- ♦ 0.1 100 (300) GeV
- \diamond 5 (14) energy bins uniformly spaced in log E
- \Rightarrow 20 extended sources
- \diamond Identified 238

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- \diamond Associated 1745
- \diamond Unidentified ~1/3 of all sources 5

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-5

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Galactic latitude (deg)



1FHL: Fermi-LAT skymap >10 GeV

\diamond Less diffuse emission

\diamond Fewer but more powerful sources at high energies

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2FHL: "TeVatron map" – Fermi Sky >50 GeV

61,000 photons E > 50 GeV 22,100 photons E > 100 GeV 2,000 photons E > 500 GeV Compared with atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes (ACTs) which observed only a small fraction of the sky, Fermi-LAT observes the whole sky



Comparison with HESS Galactic Plane survey

Significance Map



Total: 103 sources at |b|<10°

Take home message

- Most of these sources are too far and too young so that CRs did not come to us yet
- However, the same types of sources (SNRs, pulsars, PWNs,...) had produced the observed CRs. Therefore, we have to study them to understand the *past sources* that produced *observed* CRs
- And yet, some of these sources are close to us and thus influencing the observed fluxes of CR species
- \diamond Terry will talk more about the CR-gamma-ray connection

Large scale study of the diffuse emission

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Brems

- ♦ GALPROP code with diffusion-reacceleration model for CR propagation
- \diamond Propagation parameters fixed from CR data
- ♦ Grid of 128 models covering plausible confinement volume, CR source distributions, etc.
- Corresponding model sky maps compared with data using maximum likelihood
- ♦ Iterative process since the model parameters (Xco, H I) depend on outcome of the fit

♦ A massive Fermi-LAT study – ApJ 750 (2012) 3

Diffuse emission skymap

 ♦ Observed Fermi-LAT counts in the energy range 200 MeV to 100 GeV

- Predicted counts calculated using GALPROP reacceleration model tuned to CR data
- ♦ Residuals (Obs-Pred)/Obs
 ~ % level, ~10% in some
 places





Spectrum and profiles



\diamond Components of the model

- + Neutral pion emission from gas H_2 , HI, HII
- ✦ Inverse Compton
- ✦ Bremsstrahlung
- ✦ Detected sources
- + Isotropic emission



Large scale study: residuals Model 2

- 93 44 119
 - Agreement for models is overall good, but features are visible in residuals at ~% level
 - Difference between illustrative models shown in right maps : structure due to variations of model parameters
 - ♦ Models details:
 2: SNR^Z4^R20^T150^C5
 44: Lorimer^Z6^R20^T∞^C5
 93:
 Yusifov^Z10^R30^T150^C2
 119: OB^Z8^R30^T∞^C2

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Local γ -ray emissivities



- ♦ Local gamma-ray emissivities derived from observations of the local gas clouds are consistent with the direct CR measurements
- Show intensity variations due to errors in gas mass estimates, gas composition, or true CR intensity variations



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Fermi: recent studies of the diffuse emissic



♦ High velocity clouds – large distances from the Galactic plane (ApJ 2015, 807, 161) = 1.4



Comparison to propagation model



Voyager 1 in the interstellar space



First interstellar probe! Will operate until 2026

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Voyager 1 131.0 AU 19.7 billion km

Voyager 2 107.7 AU 16.2 billion km ~2 years to interstellar space?

Launched in 1977!



Cosmic ray fluxes in the heliosphere

- CR flux along the Voyager 1 path
- Note some delay relative to the sunspot maxima
- ♦ Weak last solar max helps smaller size of the heliosphere



International sunspot number R_i: monthly mean and 13-month smoothed number



SILSO graphics (http://sidc.be) Royal Observatory of Belgium 01/07/2014

Interstellar probe – Voyager 1

- (A) (y axis on right) GCR nuclei (E > 70 MeV) at the High Energy Telescope 1
- (B) (y axis on left) GCR electrons (6-100 MeV) observed by the Electron Telescope
- (C) (y axis on left) Protons with 7 to 60 MeV stopping in HET
 1 are mainly anomalous cosmic rays before 2012/238 (25
 August) and galactic cosmic rays after that
- (D) (y axis on left) Low-energy particles mainly protons with 0.5 to ~ 30 MeV accelerated at the termination shock and in the heliosheath





Voyager 1 spectra for 2012/342-2014/365



Li – Ni : V1 spectra together with HEAO-3-C2 data (≥3.35 GeV/nuc)

ApJ paper – submitted

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Voyager 1 – H and He spectra



Energy losses of nucleons



- The ionization and Coulomb losses are calculated for the gas number density 0.01 cm⁻³ & 1 cm⁻³
 - Carbon at 10 MeV/n $(nH \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3})$:
 - $\tau \sim 30 \; kyr$
- ♦ The energy losses by nucleons can be neglected above ~1 GeV
- ♦ Nuclear interactions are more important

Heliospheric modulation: Charge-sign effect I

The Parker magnetic field has opposite magnetic polarity above and below the helio-equator, but the spiral field lines are mirror images of each other.



This antisymmetry produces the drift velocity fields that affect the particles of opposite charge in different ways (converge on heliospheric equator or diverge from it).





HELMOD

 ♦ Working with HELMOD people to provide reliable spectra of CR species in the interstellar medium
 ♦ Fully compatible with GALPROP

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HelMod Web model : cosmic rays intensity evolution at 1AU calculator

Energy [GeV] 6.59 0

Send Cancel

Evaluation of proton intensities evolution in time for different energetic bins from 0.5 GeV to 177 GeV at 1AU

Notes:

- version HelMod 1.5

- spectra evaluated for heliospheric ecliptic plane
- energies are centers of AMS experiment energetic/registration bins

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 ♦ Goal: Modulation of arbitrary spectrum (provided by a user) at the arbitrary epoch

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ApJ paper on the interstellar spectra of CR species is in progress

Rising positron fraction



- ♦ TS93 (Golden+'96): flat positron fraction 0.078±0.016 in the range 5-60 GeV
- ♦ HEAT-94,95,00
 (Beatty+'04): "a small positron flux of nonstandard origin"
- PAMELA team reported a rise in the positron fraction compared to the "standard" model predictions
- ♦ "Standard" model:
 - Secondary production
 - + Steady state
 - Smooth CR source distribution

Positron Fraction from AMS-02: 2015



AMS-02 e⁺ & e⁻

♦ One should look at the fluxes of e⁺ & e⁻, not the positron fraction





 ♦ Noticeable is a concave shape in both cases, a clear indication of an additional component (>20 GeV for e⁺, >100 GeV for e⁻)



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Old friends – pulsars

- ✦ Harding & Ramaty 1987 "The pulsar contribution to Galactic cosmic ray positrons"
- ♦ Boulares 1989 "The nature of the cosmicray electron spectrum, and supernova remnant contributions"

"Therefore, the only role observed pulsars might play as direct cosmic ray sources is in providing positrons and electrons..."



Reinvention of the Nested Leaky-Box – SNRs

- ♦ Cowsik & Wilson 1974 "The nested Leaky-Box model for Galactic cosmic rays"
- Berezkho+2003 "Cosmic ray production in supernova remnants including reacceleration: The secondary to primary ratio"

"The 'inner box' of cosmic ray confinement, corresponding to the region immediately surrounding the source, is assumed to have energy-dependent life time..."

"In this paper we shall in addition take the effect of nuclear spallation inside the sources into account. The energy spectrum of these source secondaries is harder than that of reaccelerated secondaries. Therefore it plays a dominant role at high energies for a high-density ISM..."



Secondary production in SNR shock

Primary



- \diamond Gas in the shock target for p, A
- \diamond Flatter spectrum of p, A flatter

spectrum of secondaries

- \diamond Assume no energy losses
- ◊ δ~0.3-0.7 effect of IS propagation (no losses)
- ♦ Same effect should be observed for <u>any</u> secondaries (pbars, B, e^{+/−})
- ♦ Energy losses will modify the spectra of
 e^{+/-} at low and high energies depend on
 the environment

Secondary production in a SNR shock



♦ The model assumptions are somewhat different, but all models predict a rise in the secondary products





The calculations were done in Ptuskin+'2006 with the CR p and He spectra without breaks and flattening above ~200 GV, so expect a bit of flattening in pbars >50 GeV
 New pbar production cross section is implemented in GALPROP (Kachelriess, IM, Ostapchenko'2015), which provides more pbars at HE, so stay tuned

B/C ratio

B/C Ratio converted in Kinetic Energy



- ♦ Continues to fall up to ~2 TeV/nucleon (CREAM)
- \diamond No significant change in the slope of the B/C ratio
- \Rightarrow The slope >7 GeV/n is ~1/3 clearly supports Kolmogorov reacceleration model
- ♦ Rules out Cowsik+ model

Breaks, breaks, breaks...

- ♦ CREAM papers of 2010 definitively indicate He spectrum is flatter than p at HE
- \diamond Hint on breaks in p and He spectra
- ♦ Break in C, O, Ne, Mg, Si, Fe spectra at the same E/nucleon, i.e. at the same rigidity
- \diamond He and heavier nuclei possibly have the same spectral index at HE



Break in the CR p and He absolute fluxes





- Data from several experiments (BESS, AMS-01, ATIC'2009, CREAM'2010, PAMELA'2011) are all consistent and indicate spectral hardening above ~100 GeV/nucleon
- \Rightarrow p/He ratio vs. rigidity R is smooth
 - → He spectrum is flatter than proton spectrum
- Heavier nuclei seem to share the same trend
- New data may provide us with a hint to the origin of high energy CRs



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AMS-02 p & He

- ♦ The indices of p and He spectra differ by ~0.1 in a wide energy range
- ♦ Expansion of the SNR into the stellar wind enriched with heavy elements?





AMS B/C ratio

- \diamond No significant change in the slope of the B/C ratio
- \diamond A break in Li spectrum at approx the same rigidity as for p and He!

Flux $\times R^{2.7}$ [GV^{1.7} m⁻² sr⁻¹s⁻¹

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B/C Ratio converted in Kinetic Energy



Slope changes at about the same rigidity as for protons and helium

AMS p/He ratio

- \diamond The ratio is featureless
- ♦ Indicates that the same (unknown) mechanism works for p, He, and possibly heavier elements
- ♦ What's about electrons and/or positrons
- \diamond More statistics is necessary

E³ Φ_e. [GeV² m⁻² sr⁻¹ s⁻¹

300

250

200

150

100

50



Possible scenarios

- P/He ratio is tuned in all scenarios except Reference scenario
 - $\Rightarrow \overline{\text{Propagation}}(P)$
 - ♦ Injection spectrum (I)
 - ♦ Local source at LE or HE
- Predicted antiproton/proton ratio agrees with the existing data, but exhibits different behavior at >100 GeV
- Only scenario P agrees with the data on CR anisotropy
- Only scenario L can explain the sharp break in the p, He spectra
- \diamond Await for more accurate data

Vladimirov+'2012, ApJ 752, 68

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The Electron Flux and the Positron Flux



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Cosmic ray sources



- Anomalous isotopic ratios are known since 1970s (Fisher+'75, Garsia-Munoz+'79 – Chicago CR Telescope/IMP-7)
- \diamond Some isotopes in CR sources are more abundant than in the solar system
- May indicate that ~20% of CR particles are coming from Wolf-Rayet star winds
- ♦ Note recent papers on overabundance of Fe⁶⁰ on the ocean floor and in the lunar soil hinting at a close SN ~2.2 Myr ago (see also ACE talk S13.00002)

Eta Carinae, pre-SN

Tycho's Supernova 1572





- for volatile elements
- \diamond A similar trend is observed at VHE
- \diamond This dependence is yet to be understood

Fe Co

Ni

Ga

Zn

Cul

Fe/Co/Ni

Zn

Cu

CREAM-II (500-3980 GeV/nucleon

HEAO-3 & TIGER (<30 GeV/nucleon)

Volatile Refractory

Volatile Refractor

Atomic Mass (A)

10

Se

Se 🕻

Ge

 10^{2}





Above ~1 GeV/n: $\sigma \sim 250 \text{ mb} (A/12)^{2/3}$

Total inelastic cross sections Fe-U



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Non-uniform diffusion

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- \diamond Interaction time scale
- ♦ Diffusion coefficient
- ♦ Effective propagation distance
- Total inelastic cross section
 (fragmentation) at a few GeV/nuc
- \Rightarrow p, pbar inelastic cross section ~40 mb
- ♦ Effective propagation distance of carbon nuclei and protons (antiprotons)
- ♦ Probes the area ~ < $x >^2$: p probes 4 times the area that is probed by C

$$\nabla \sim [\sigma_r nc]^{-1}$$
$$D_{xx} = \beta D_0 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\delta}$$
$$\langle x \rangle \sim \sqrt{6D\tau} \sim \left(\frac{6D_0}{\sigma_r nc}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\delta/2}$$
$$c \quad \sigma_r(A) \approx 250 \text{ mb } (A/12)^{2/3}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle x \rangle_A &\sim 2.7 \ \mathrm{kpc} \ \left(\frac{A}{12}\right)^{-1/3} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\delta/2} \\ \langle x \rangle_p &\sim 5.6 \ \mathrm{kpc} \ \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\delta/2}. \end{split}$$

Direct probes of CR propagation



 γ -rays: probe CR p (pbar) and e± spectra in the whole Galaxy ~50 kpc across

Some questions to address with future instruments

- \diamond Origin of excess positrons and spectra of secondaries at VHE
- \diamond Spectrum of electrons
- \diamond Origin(s) of the breaks
- Energy dependence of the halo size (radioactive clocks incl. short-lived isotopes)
- Energy dependence of the diffusion coefficient (B/C, sub-Fe/Fe, sub-Pb/Pb ??)
- The spatial dependence of the diffusion coefficient (light, medium, heavy nuclei)
- ♦ Heavy elements provide information about our local environment and details of the explosive nucleosynthesis
- Detailed measurements of the composition at VHE and up to the knee would tell us if the knee is a feature associated with a single or with multiple sources
- \diamond Also, where the ballistic regime of CR propagation begins
- Use models for interpretation and to predict what we can see: http://galprop.stanford.edu







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