Cosmic-Ray and Gamma-Ray Studies with Fermi LAT and LHAASO



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Cosmic Rays (CRs) and Gamma Rays (y)





- CRs = high-energy particles and in space
- ~89% protons, ~9% He, small fraction of heavy nuclei, e⁻, e⁺, γ, etc
- Sources: Supernovae, pulsars, AGNs, stellar winds, Sun, etc

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Primary and secondary CRs





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GeV Gamma-Ray Sky before Fermi LAT





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GeV Gamma-Ray Sky after Fermi LAT



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CR proton spectrum



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Give me a break! (CR protons)



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How to Explain the Break



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CR-induced y-ray emission of Earth



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Excess e⁺/e⁻ at high energy



Combined e⁻+e⁺ spectrum





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Constrain some parameters of pulsars



Bright γ-ray pulsars



Anisotropy Measurements





- Latest measurements by Fermi LAT and AMS-02 show that CR e⁻/e⁺ are consistent with being isotropic
- Dipole upper limit by AMS-02 for E > 16 GeV:
 - e⁻: δ < 0.005
 - PRL 122, 101101 (2019)
 - e⁺: δ < 0.019
 - PRL 122, 041102 (2019)

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Constrain some parameters of DM



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Pulsars and Gravitational Wave Background



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Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO)



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LHAASO

300 m, 60 cells . 150 m, 30 units 150 m, 30 units 600 400 200 ۲ ۲ -200 Aharonian et al., Chinese Phys. C 45 085002 Aharonian et al., Chinese Phys. C 45 025002 Aharonian et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 657 -400 -600 -600 -400 -200 200 400 0 X (m)

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600

110 m, 22 cells

50 m, 30 cells

2365 ED

LHAASO and Fermi LAT Energy



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Gamma-Ray Burst GRB221009A



CR Spectral Measurement (by KM2A)





T. Antoni et al., Astropart. Phys. 24, 1 (2005).

H. Zhang, et al. (2023), ICRC2023



Shadow band: systematic uncertainty

CR Anisotropy from Solar Storm



Preliminary hourly WCDA skymaps centered at the zenith direction, out to a zenith angle of 45 degrees (outer circle), for $30 < N_{hit} < 100$ for each hour UT of 2021 Nov 4

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Sidereal Anisotropy from LHAASO-WCDA



W. Liu, et al. (2023), ICRC2023

- Challenging to model
- Patterns do not vary much with energy
- May need to use KM2A data for E > 100 TeV

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CR Moon shadow







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Summary



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CR electrons (e⁻) and positrons (e⁺)



- CR = ~1% e⁻, ~0.1% e⁺
- High-energy e⁻/e⁺ lose energy rapidly → great probe of local (a few kpc) universe
- Spectral index (~3.1) much softer than proton (~2.7)
- e⁺ created through e⁻/e⁺ pair, so if e⁻/e⁺ have the same origin, we expect positron fraction e⁺/(e⁻+e⁺) ~ 0.5
- Measured e⁺/(e⁻+e⁺) ~ 0.05 at 10 GeV, implying that e⁺ are mostly secondary while e⁻ are mostly primary

This model predicts decreasing e⁺/(e⁻+e⁺) with energy

Additional source(s) of e⁺



Known (pulsars) vs new (DM) physics

Some models suggest that $e^+/(e^-+e^+)$ at high energy exhibits sharp cutoff for dark matter and gradual decline for pulsars



AMS-02 Collaboration (https://www.quantumdiaries.org/tag/ams/) We expect larger anisotropy for e⁺ from pulsars than from DM

e⁺/(e⁻+e⁺) cutoff explained with DM



e⁺/(e⁻+e⁺) cutoff explained with pulsars



Anisotropy

