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A Century of Cosmic Rays



PaMel

• Victor Hess ascended to 5000 m in a balloon in 1912

• ... and noticed that his electroscope discharged more rapidly as altitude increased

• Not expected, as background radiation was thought to be terrestrial. Extraterrestrial origin, confirming previous hints by Theodore Wulf and Domenico Pacini

•1934: CR association to SNe proposed on energetic grounds (Baade and Zwicky)

•Almost 80 years later evidence is still circumstantial

•Late 70's: Diffusive shock accelerations is proposed (Krymskii 77, Bell 78)





Height above sea level (km)

Pillars of the SNR paradigm



Particle escape

CRs IN SNR \rightarrow DIFFUSIVE SHOCK ACCELERATION, Q(E)~E^{γ}

PROPAGATION OF CRs IN THE GALAXY with D(E)~ $E^{\delta} \rightarrow$ n(E)~ $E^{-\gamma-\delta}$

P. Blasi, TeVPA 2011, Stockholm 2011

Cosmic-Rays' "Life"









J. Cronin , T.K. Gaisser & S.P. Swordy, Sci. Amer. 276 (1997) 44

Astrophysics and Cosmology compelling Issues

- Origin and propagation of the cosmic radiation
- Nature of the Dark Matter that pervades the Universe
- Apparent absence of cosmological Antimatter

The first historical measurements on galactic antiprotons



The first historical measurements of the p/p - ratio and various Ideas of theoretical Interpretations



CR antimatter

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■ BESS(99)



CR antimatter

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Payload for Antimatter Matter Exploration and Light Nuclei Astrophysics

PAMELA Collaboration





- Search for dark matter annihilation
- Search for antihelium (primordial antimatter)
- Search for new Matter in the Universe (Strangelets?)
- Study of cosmic-ray propagation (light nuclei and isotopes)
- Study of electron spectrum (local sources?)
- Study solar physics and solar modulation
- Study terrestrial magnetosphere











PAMELA apparatus





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PAMELA detectors

Main requirements → high-sensitivity antiparticle identification and precise momentum measure



GF: 21.5 cm² sr Mass: 470 kg Size: 130x70x70 cm³ Power Budget: 360W

Resurs-DK1 satellite + orbit





- Resurs-DK1: multi-spectral imaging of earth's surface
- PAMELA mounted inside a pressurized container
- Lifetime >3 years (assisted, first time February 2009), extended till <u>end of satellite operations</u>
- Data transmitted to NTsOMZ, Moscow via high-speed radio downlink. ~16 GB per day
- Quasi-polar and elliptical orbit (70.0°, 350 km - 600 km) – from 2010 circular orbit (70.0°, 600 km)
- Traverses the South Atlantic Anomaly
- Crosses the outer (electron) Van Allen belt at south pole

Antiparticle Results



New Results



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Antiproton to proton flux ratio

Using all data till 2010 and multivariate classification algorithms 20-50% increase in respect to published analysis





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Antiproton energy spectrum



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Cosmic-Ray Antiprotons and DM limits





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Searches for WIMP Dark Matter







P. Gondolo, IDM 2008

DM annihilations

DM particles are stable. They can annihilate in pairs.



DM annihilations

Resulting spectrum for positrons and antiprotons $M_{\rm WIMP}{=}\;1\;{\rm TeV}$



Cosmic-Ray Antiprotons and DM limits



D. G. Cerdeno, T. Delahaye & J. Lavalle, Nucl. Phys. B 854 (2012) 738 Antiproton flux predictions for a 12 GeV WIMP annihilating into different mass combinations of an intermediate two-boson state which further decays into quarks.

See also:

- M. Asano, T. Bringmann & C. Weniger, Phys. Lett. B 709 (2012) 128.
- M. Garny, A. Ibarra & S. Vogl, JCAP 1204 (2012) 033
- R. Kappl & M. W. Winkler, PRD 85 (2012) 123522

Cosmic-Ray Antiprotons and DM limits



M. Cirelli & G. Giesen, arXiv: 1301:7079 "Antiprotons are a very relevant tool to constrain Dark Matter annihilation and decay, on a par with gamma rays for the hadronic channels. Current Pamela data and especially upcoming AMS-02 data allow to probe large regions of the parameter space."











PAMELA trapped antiprotons



Positrons (and electrons) with PAMELA





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Positron to Electron Fraction

Using all data till 2010 and multivariate classification algorithms about factor 2-3 increase in respect to published analysis



Positron to Electron Fraction



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Positron Energy Spectrum



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A Challenging Puzzle for CR Physics



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Astrophysical Explanation: Pulsars

- Mechanism: the spinning B of the pulsar strips e⁻ that accelerated at the polar cap or at the outer gap emit γ that make production of e[±] that are trapped in the cloud, further accelerated and later released at $\tau \sim 10^5$ years.
- Young (T < 10⁵ years) and nearby (< 1kpc)
- If not: too much diffusion, low energy, too low flux.
- Geminga: 157 parsecs from Earth and 370,000 years old
- B0656+14: 290 parsecs from Earth and 110,000 years old.
- Diffuse mature pulsars

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D. Hooper, P. Blasi, and P. Serpico, JCAP 0901:025,2009; arXiv:0810.1527 Contribution from diffuse mature &nearby young pulsars.

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Positron Energy Spectrum



Subcut-off Electrons and Positrons



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Electron Observations

- High energy electrons have a high energy loss rate ∝ E²
 Lifetime of ~10⁵ years for >1 TeV electrons
- Transport of GCR through interstellar space is a diffusive process
 - Implies that source of high energy electrons are < 1 kpc away

Electrons <u>are</u> accelerated in SNR (as seen in γrays) Only a handful of SNR meet the lifetime & distance criteria Kobayashi et al (2004) calculations show structure in electron spectrum at high energy



Results from three ATIC flights



PAMELA Electron (e⁻) Spectrum



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Electron Spectrum and Positron Fraction



Modify the injection indices of GALPROP?

D. Grasso et al., Astropart.Phys. 32 (2009) 140; arXiv:0905.0636

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Pulsar Explanation

Some structure in the curve should eventually be seen for pulsars? (D. Grasso et al., Astropart. Phys. 32, 140, 2009).

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Interpretation: DM I. Cholis et al. Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 123518; arXiv:0811.3641v1



- Propose a new light boson (m $_{\Phi} \leq \text{GeV}$), such that $\chi\chi \rightarrow \Phi\Phi$; $\Phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $\mu^+\mu^-$, ...
- Light boson, so decays to antiprotons are kinematically suppressed

What about heavy antinuclei?

• The discovery of one nucleus of antimatter (Z≥2) in the cosmic rays would have profound implications for both particle physics and astrophysics.

 For a Baryon Symmetric Universe Gamma rays limits put any domain of antimatter more than 100 Mpc away

(Steigman (1976) Ann Rev. Astr. Astrophys., 14, 339; Dudarerwicz and Wolfendale (1994) M.N.R.A. 268, 609, A.G. Cohen, A. De Rujula and S.L. Glashow, Astrophys. J. 495, 539, 1998)





Antimatter Search: 2006 limits



What about PAMELA & Antinuclei?



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<u>Cosmic Rays in the</u> <u>Heliosphere</u>



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Adriani et al, Astropart. Phys. 34 (2010) 1 arXiv:1001.3522 [astro-ph.HE]



Solar modulation



Time Dependance of the Proton Flux



Time dependence: p and e⁻ (preliminary!)



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Summary of PAMELA results





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COSMIC RAYS PRODUCTION MECHANISMS



Balloon data : Positron fraction before 1990







PAMELA INTEGRATION in the RESURS-DK1 satellite

Subcutoff particles





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FERMI all Electron Spectrum



A. Abdo et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 102 (2009) 181101 M. Ackermann et al., Phys. Rev. D 82, 092004 (2010)
Electrons measured with H.E.S.S.



F. Aharonian et al., A&A 508 (2009) 561

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PAMELA&Fermi Electron (e⁻) Spectrum



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Charge-Sign Dependent Solar Modulation

