Indirect Search for Dark Matter signatures in the Cosmic Rays as seen from Space

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Outline

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Gamma Rays and DM

Charged Cosmic rays

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Indirect DM search



- **~ ~ 1***/* **4** *o* **f** *o* **u r Universe** is composed of DM:
 - Weakly coupled to SM particles
 - Dynamically cold
 - No direct indication on the mass scale GeV-TeV well motivated range,
 - → Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)
- Current evidence of DM is purely of gravitational origin
- Non-gravitational signal is needed to understand its particle-physics nature

 → look for anomalies in the cosmic radiation ascribable to the presence of DM particles, from galactic to cosmological scale
 → <u>Complementary</u> approach to direct and collider searches

Cosmic messengers of DM

Thermal relic from Big Bang, concentrated in galactic halos



 \rightarrow Self-annihilation of DM particles into **visible products**

 \otimes propagation along the way to the observer

 \oplus background/foreground from conventional astrophysical processes

→ Multi-messenger/multi-wavelength approach to DM search

 \rightarrow Available channels depend on DM mass and astrophysical background

Indirect DM signal

$$\frac{d\phi_m}{dE} \propto \frac{\Gamma}{m_{DM}^a} \cdot \sum_f B_f \left(\frac{dN_m}{dE}\right)_f \cdot \iiint d\nu \ \rho_{DM}^a$$

- * Source term for particle m ($\gamma, e^{\pm}, p^{\pm}, \nu, ...$) from annihilation (decay) of DM particle of mass m_{DM}
 - Terms in the equation:
 - Integral of the **DM density** to the power of a = 2 (1) for annihilation (decay)
 - o Sum of the spectra from hadronization and decay of DM annihilation (decay) products over all the individual **annihilation (decay) modes** having probability B_f
 - ο Annihilation (decay) rate $\Gamma = \langle \sigma v \rangle / 2$ (1/ τ)
- * Search for excess in the cosmic radiation allows to put constraints into the $\Gamma vs m_{DM}$ parameter space

Indirect DM signal



* Search for excess in the cosmic radiation allows to put constraints into the $\langle \sigma v \rangle vs m_{DM}$ parameter space

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Gamma-rays

- Produced as both primary and secondary products (from hadronization/decay of primary products)
 - Carry distinctive <u>spectral</u> features (e.g. lines!)
- Point back to the production sites
 - ~unaffected by energy losses (at non-cosmological scale)
 - Provide several DM search targets, that carry distinctive <u>spatial</u> features
- Suffer from significant astrophysical background



Gamma rays from dark matter annihilation









Gamma rays from dark matter annihilation



Box-shaped spectra

- Cascade-decay into monochromatic photons
- already at tree level

Internal Bremsstrahlung (IB)

- radiative correction to processes with charged final states
- Generically suppressed by O(α) a

$$\chi\chi\to \bar f f\gamma$$

Gamma-ray lines

- from two-body annihilation into photons
- forbidden at tree-leve, generically suppressed by O(α²)

Gamma rays from dark matter annihilation



Running gamma-ray telescopes

Proved detector technology

- Direct detection with pair conversion telescopes
 - tracker/converted + em calorimeter
 Fermi-LAT, DAMPE, CALET
- * Indirect detection of EASs (only mention)
 - Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACT)s:
 - MAGIC, HESS, VERITAS
 - Water Cherenkov EAS array

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KeV		MeV		GeV		TeV		PeV
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Strategies and targets

- Relevant parameters for DM discovery:
 - DM quantity, concentration and distance
 - Signal prediction uncertainties
 - Astrophysical background
- Signal intensity and signal-to-bk pictures favors DM detection around the Galactic Center region
- Most robust predictions from **Dwarf Galaxies**







Figure 2 | Targets for indirect dark matter searches in the gamma-ray sky.

The central Fermi-LAT skymap indicates the celestial distribution of high-energy photons. Symbolizing one or more specific characteristics of a respective search location, the most popular targets are emphasized in auxiliary pictures and discussed in the text. By GC we denote the Galactic Centre and by dSph dwarf spheroidal galaxy. Image credit: NASA/ESA/Q.D. Wang (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) (Galactic Centre); ref. 98, APS (GC halo); ESO/Digitized Sky Survey 2 (dSph); NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration (galactic diffuse, extragalactic diffuse and main image); NASA/ESA/STScI (galaxy clusters).

Galactic Center Excess (GCE)

\clubsuit Signal excess (~30%) from the GC

- Spatially extended $(\theta_{1/2} \sim 10^o)$
- Observed by EGRET in 1997, confirmed by Fermi-LAT in 2009
- Main difficulty is modeling the GC region
- ✤ Updated measurement of GCE with 11years of Fermi-LAT data (2× previous statistics)
 - Spherical symmetric morphology, centered at GC, independent on energy
 - Consistent with DM of ~40 GeV mass
- ✤ DM interpretation degenerate with astrophysical models
 - sub-threshold unresolved source population, like MSPs
 - CR inhomogeneities



(Envelope of the GCE SEDs using different IEMs, data selections and analysis techniques)

Dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph)

- Satellites of the Milky Way, most DMdominated among galaxies
 - Mass well constrained via observation of star dynamics
 - No conventional gamma ray emission
- ◆Low signal expected → more sources stacked to increase signal-to-bkg
- Several analysis published with different dSph Fermi-LAT samples, exposures and techniques
 - No significant excess detected
 - Most stringent limit to DM so far
 - Limits compatible with GCE, within the uncertainties



Other DM searches with γ-rays

- DM annihilation/decay from different targets
 - Galaxy clusters (decaying DM)
 - Globular clusters
 - Sun (DM annihilation into long-lived mediators) (Fermi)
 - Unidentified Fermi sources (possible MW DM sub-halos)
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- ALPs (Axion Like Particles)
 - Observational effects due to $\gamma \leftrightarrow$ ALP oscillation in the presence of magnetic fields.
 - $\circ~$ transparency of the Universe to $\gamma\text{-rays:}~\gamma$ from distant AGNs might oscillate into ALP in intergalactic magnetic field
 - $\circ~$ prompt $\gamma\text{-}rays$ from core-collapse galactic and extragalact SNe
 - altered emission from galactic pulsars
 - 0 ...

Future perspectives

Running experiments

• Fermi-LAT will run until 2022 (extension to 2025 after NASA review)

• Better understanding of GC bk from multi-wavelength observations

- Increasing number of dSps from optical survey (e.g. DES)
- Ongoing effort for multi-target, multi-instrument joint analysis of dSphs will increase sensitivity

✤ Future missions: eXTP*, HERD, CTA

 *eXTP-WFM instrument (FOV 4 sr, 2÷50keV, 0.3keV energy resolution ~Chandra) will provide an unprecedented high-signal measure of DM photons. WFM very sensitive to the candidate 3.5 keV line (possible decaying sterile neutrino signature)



Charged Cosmic Rays

Charged (anti)particles

- Produced in the DM Halo mainly from hadronization of primary annihilation/decay products
 - Experience significant diffusion-loss processes while propagating through the diffusive Halo (and the Heliosphere)
 - Probe Milky Way Halo DM
- Background from secondary GCRs and close-by astrophysical sources
 - Antiparticles are the most promising channels due to reduced bkg from GCR collisions
 - Additional uncertainties for antinuclei from nuclear coalescence
 - Need excellent particle identification capabilities



Running CR experiments

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Direct CR detection from space

Magnetic spectrometers

- Provide most powerful particle discrimination capabilities over the widest energy range antimatter identification
- (PAMELA until 2016), BESS, AMS-02 (MDR ~ 2 TV)

Calorimeters

- Inclusive all-electron spectra
- Fermi-LAT, CALET, DAMPE

Experiment	Calorimeter	X ₀	Resolution
AMS-02	SF/Pb	17	1% > 10 GeV
Fermi-LAT	CsI(Tl)	8.6	6% @10GeV
DAMPE	BGO	31	1% @200GeV
HERD	LYSO	55	$1 \div 2\%$ @200GeV







Cosmic Ray Space Missions



Magnetic Spectrometers

PAMELA 2006



130x70x70 cm³ 470 Kg

AMS-02 2011



5m x 4m x 3m 7.5 tons

Calorimetric Instruments

DAMPE

CALET







Positrons

- $\star Excess$ above 10 GeV
 - Observed by PAMELA in 2008, confirmed by AMS-02 in 2013
 - Secondary origin strongly disfavoured
- Updated measurement from AMS-02 in 2019
 - Significant cutoff at 810 GeV
 - Anisotropy limit set to δ <0.0XX





Origin of positron excess



- Positron excess consistent with TeV-mass DM annihilation
 - Severe constraints from γ-ray dSph and antiprotons observations
 - Large cross-section required (σν)~10^(-24) [[cm]]^3/s to leptonic channels
- Possible standard astrophysical contribution from near-by pulsars
 - em cascading from electrons ejected from spinning neutron star



Electrons

- Distinctly different magnitude and energy dependency than positrons
 - Double power-law with no cut-off
 - Most high energy electrons originate from different sources than high energy positrons
- Search for features in the electron spectrum
 - Data can accommodate an amount of electrons equal to the positron excess, but not statistically significant



Electron+positrons

Search for features in the inclusive electron+positron spectrum

- Search for lines (direct annihilation into e⁺e⁻) performed with AMS-02 and Fermi-LAT yield no evidence of features
- Still very large discrepancy among different measurements



Outlook

- AMS-02 and DAMPE will continue operations
 - Measure positrons excess end-point (2×statistics in 2018)
 - Ascertain existence of positron source term in the electron spectrum
 - Improved inclusive electron+positrons spectrum
- ✤ Future HERD mission
 - Inclusive electron+positron spectrum up to 10s TeV
 - Better control of systematics,
 - cubic calorimeter with redundant redout system + TRD



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Kobeyashi 2004 ApJ 601:340-351

1.5

Loop

4.5 5 Log(E(GeV))

3.5

Antiprotons

- Extensively measured with magnetic spectrometers from 200 MeV up to 450 GeV
- *Backgoround from secondary \bar{p}
 - Produced in the disk by GCR interaction $p_{CR} + p_{ISM} \rightarrow \bar{p} + ppp$
 - Propagate in the diffusive halo
 - Kinematically suppressed at low energy
- No pronounced deviations from secondary GCR background
 - Interpretation limited by theoretical uncertainties on interstellar/heliospheric propagation parameters and \bar{p} production cross sections



Antiproton from DM

- Produced in DM halo from hadronization of DM annihilation products, propagate in the diffusive halo
- Provide robust upper to DM annihilation cross-section
 - Competitive with dSph limits for many annihilation channels
 - Less sensitive to DM density profile
- \clubsuit Many works indicate a possible excess (~10%) at in AMS-02 data at low energy
 - Consistent with GCE interpretation in terms of DM
 - Sys. uncertainties (e.g. energy correlation) could affect significance of narrow spectral features



Cholis-Linden-Hooper PRD (2019)



Antinuclei

- Background free DM search
 - Secondary antinuclei formation in the ISM requires:
 - ${\rm o}$ additional antinucleons (yield reduced by ${\sim}10^{\rm \wedge}3$ each)
 - o coalscence
 - \rightarrow Bkg strongly kinematically suppressed at low energies
 - \rightarrow Favorable S/N for DM search
- Formation of heavier antinuclei progressively suppressed
 - \rightarrow Antideuterons most promising target



Antinuclei

- Antideuteron search conducted by magnetic spectrometers BESS and AMS-02
 - Isotopic separation based on β vs rigidity measurement

Antideuterium

- Critical for AMS-02 (work-in-progress)
- Best upper limit provided by BESS

Antihelium

- $8 \times \overline{\text{He}}$ candidates found by AMS-02 below 50 GeV ($6 \times {}^{3}\overline{\text{He}} + 2 \times {}^{4}\overline{\text{He}}$)
- ³He could be within sensitivity
 - o requires optimistic coalescence scenario
 - $\circ\,$ DM origin in tension with other constraints
- ⁴He challenging to explain in terms of known physics
 - If confirmed, breakthrough discovery (local antimatter over-densities??)



Outlook

\clubsuit AMS-02 will continue operations (2×statistics in 2018)

- Possible confirmation of antihelium candidates
- Improved \bar{p} measurement
- On-going effort to reduce uncertainties in secondary \bar{p} predictions
 - o Measuring p-bar production cross sections to improve AMS-02 data sensitivity to DM signals
 - Proposal of measuring p-He to p-bar with the AMBER (COMPASS) spectrometer using proton beam from SPS on Liquid Helium target

• Cross-check p-p measurement of NA61, complement p-He measurement of LHCb

- Future missions
 - GAPS mission on LDB
 - HERD
 - Next generation spectrometers?
 - (ALADINO, AMS-100)





GAPS (General AntiParticle Spectrometer)

- \clubsuit Specifically designed to search for \overline{D}
 - Novel antinuclei identification techniques, based on exotic atom formation and annihilation
 - Sensitive also to He nuclei
- \clubsuit Mission plan
 - First LDB flight already scheduled
 - o 100× statistics of \bar{p} below 250 MeV
 - Full D̄ sensitivity after ~100 hours (~3×LDB flights)









GAPS detector

Time-of-Flight system

- 1 outer + 1 inner layers
 - Plastic scintillator, readout on each end by SiPMs
 - 1 m b/w outer and inner layers
 - < 500 ps resolution</p>

Tracking system

- 12×12 Si(Li) wafers
 - -48°C operation temperature
 - 10 cm Ø × 2.5mm thickness
 - segmented into 8 strips
- 10 layers with 10 cm spacing
 → 3D particle tracking
- dual channel electronics
 - X-ray (20 80 keV)
 - charged particles (up to 50 MeV)
- 4 keV energy resolution

Oscillating Heat Pipe (OHP) passive cooling system





weight: 1700kg

power: 1.4kW



GAPS sensitivity

Antiprotons

- energy region currently inaccessible to any experiment
- probe light DM models and PBHs
- sensitive studies of propagation in ISM and Heliosphere
- Antideuterium
 - Most direct option to cross check antiproton excess

Antihelium

Crucial input to interpret the AMS-02 candidate events



HERD - High Energy cosmic-Radiation Detection facility

Herd is an international space mission that will start operation around 2026

The experiment is based on a **3D**, homogeneous, isotropic and finely-segmented calorimeter that fulfills the following goals:

Direct measurement of cosmic rays flux and composition up to the knee region

AMS-02 ATIC FERMI-LA

HESS

VERITAS

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Indirect dark matter search (e⁺+e⁻, γ,...)

Gamma-ray monitoring and full sky survey for multimessenger astrophysics





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SCD	Charge Reconstruction
PSD	Charge Reconstruction y Identification
FIT	Trajectory Reconstruction Charge Identification
CALO	Energy Reconstruction e/p Discrimination
TRD	Calibration of CALO response for TeV protons

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CONCLUSIONS

- Due to the increased sensitivity and performance of space detectors, indirect searches for Dark Matter signals are exciting now more than ever.
- In the center of our Galaxy, the excess of GeV gamma rays reported by Fermi-LAT might be Dark Matter. The leading alternate explanation is millisecond pulsars.
- Antiprotons are observed in excess at AMS-02, and while it is consistent with a dark matter origin (and consistent with the GCE), there are also arguments that it is consistent with cosmic-ray secondaries.
 Systematic correlation matrices, and better cosmic-ray propagation models, are needed here to definitively confirm or exclude explanations of this excess.
- Positrons exist in excess, as observed by PAMELA, AMS-02, and DAMPE. This signal is consistent with a TeV Dark Matter candidate. Nevertheless, astrophysical explanations, like near-by Pulsar origin or Supernova Remnants (SNR), remain still in place.
- Future balloon and space missions (GAPS, HERD) and the complementary fundamental role played by the next generation of ground telescopes (CTA) will – hopefully – try to shed new light and resolve the still present uncertainties

SPARES

Recent (2021) re-analysis of FERMI data

- The analysis of 11 years of Fermi data clearly shows that the excess of gamma rays is concentrated in the Galactic center, exactly what we would expect to find in the heart of the Milky Way if dark matter is in fact a new kind of particle
- The theoretical model demonstrates how the existence of dark matter particles is not disproven by other anomalies recorded in the astrophysical background. These include the excess of positrons measured by Pamela and AMS-02, if attributed to a surplus of dark matter

Mattia Di Mauro PRD and INFN News

	Track er/con verter	\mathbf{X}_{0}	Calori meter	\mathbf{X}_{0}			Aeff	FOV	PSF	
Fermi- LAT	18×Si 16×W	1.3	CsI(Tl)	8.6	20 MeV	300 GeV		2.4 sr	0.1°@10 GeV	6% @10GeV
DAMP E	6×Si 3×W	0.9	BGO	31	2 GeV	10 TeV	1200 cm2		0.1° @100 GeV	1% @200Ge V
HERD	6×Si 3×W	1	LYSO	55	0.5 GeV	100 TeV		± 70 deg	0.1°@10 GeV	1÷2% @200Ge V

Fermi-LAT

LAT Specifications & Performance

Quantity	LAT (Minimim Spec.)	EGRET	
Energy Range	20 MeV - 300 GeV	20 MeV - 30 GeV	
Peak Effective Area ¹	> 8000 cm ²	1500 cm ²	
Field of View	> 2 sr	0.5 sr	
Angular Resolution ²	< 3.5° (100 MeV) < 0.15° (>10 GeV)	5.8° (100 MeV)	
Energy Resolution ³	< 10%	10%	
Deadtime per Event	< 100 µs	100 ms	
Source Location Determination ⁴	< 0.5'	15'	
Point Source Sensitivity ⁵	< 6 x 10 ⁻⁹ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	~ 10 ⁻⁷ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	

¹ After background rejection

² Single photon, 68% containment, on-axis

³ 1-σ, on-axis

⁴ 1-σ radius, flux 10⁻⁷ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (>100 MeV), high |b|

 5 > 100 MeV, at high |*b*|, for exposure of one-year all sky survey, photon spectral index -2

LAT Characteristics

Parameter	Value or Range			
Energy Range	~20 MeV to >300 GeV			
Energy Resolution	<15% at energies >100 MeV			
Effective Area	>8,000 cm ² maximum effective area at normal incidence			
Single Photon Angular Resolution	<0.15°, on-axis, 68% space angle containment radius for E > 10 GeV; < 3.5° , on-axis, 68% space angle containment radius for E = 100 MeV			
Field of View	2.4 sr			
Source Location Determination	<0.5 arcmin for high-latitude source			
Point Source Sensitivity	<6x10 ⁻⁹ ph cm ⁻² s ⁻¹ for E > 100 MeV, 5 σ detection after 1 year sky survey			
Time Accuracy	<10 microseconds, relative to spacecraft time			
Background Rejection (after analysis)	<10% residual contamination of a high latitude diffuse sample for E = 100 MeV - 300 GeV.			
Dead Time	<100 microseconds per event			

DAMPE

Energy Range	2 GeV - 10 TeV
Field of View	~ 1 sr
Effective Area (normal incidence)	~ 1200 cm^2 @ 100 GeV
Angular Resolution (normal incidence)	0.1°@ 100GeV
Energy Dispersion (normal incidence)	~1% @ 100 GeV

Li Xiang ICRC 2019

HERD

◆ Will continue sky-survey after Fermi-LAT, with ~comparable performances



HERD 5yrs, photon map, E_v > 1GeV







HERD specifications



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ltem	Value
Energy range (e/γ)	10 GeV-100 TeV(e); 0.5 GeV-100 TeV (γ)
Energy range (CR)	30 GeV-3 PeV
Angle resolution	0.1 deg.@10 GeV
Charge measurement resolution	0.15-0.2 c.u
Energy resolution (e)	1-2%@200 GeV
Energy resolution (p)	20-30%@100 GeV – PeV
e/p separation	~10 ⁻⁶
G.F. (e)	>3 m ² sr@200 GeV
G.F. (p)	>2 m ² sr@100 TeV
Pointing	Zenith
Field of View	+/-70 deg (targeting +/-90 deg)
Measur. accuracy of attitude	<0.1 deg
Measur. accuracy of angular speed	<0.005 deg/s
Lifetime	>10 years

De Mitri CRATER 2018



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CR/e trajectory

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- Gamma ray conversion & tracking
- Complementary charge measurement

Item	Value
Coverage ratio	>80%
Z measurement	Z = 1 - 20 (26); 0.1-0.15 c.u
Angle resolution	0.1 deg.@10 GeV
Layers of SSD	6 X/Y (top);3/6 X/Y (Lateral)
Active converter	1 R.L.
Dead time	<2 ms
Working mode	External trigger
Eff. Area (top)	~133 cm*133 cm
Eff. Area (lateral)	~114 cm*66.5 cm
Channels	~240,000/368,000



Based on the experience with AGILE, AMS-02, FERMI, DAMPE missions





Credits: De Mitri CRATER 2019

HERD



Antinuclei identification with GAPS

 Novel antiparticle identification techniques, based on antinuclei annihilation and exotic atom formation

