High energy cosmic rays: (1) lessons from radioactive nuclei and positrons (2) robust tests for exotic sources

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Motivation: High energy cosmic rays

- Continuing data revolution: HESS, Fermi, ATIC, PAMELA, CREAM, DeepCore,… and **AMS02** is running
- **Even in** *old* **data, some rocks left to turn over**
- Primordial **antimatter** extinct occurrence in HE CRs relatively well understood

 \rightarrow potential window to fundamental physics **dark matter?** pulsars?

Plan

- Cosmic rays: simple analysis of stable secondaries CR grammage
- Radioactive nuclei: propagation time Radioactive nuclei probe escape time up to (surprisingly) high energy
- Positrons, antiprotons; PAMELA and Fermi Know injection \rightarrow learn propagation Robust tests for secondary hypothesis

Galactic CRs: lightning review

- CRs fill our Galaxy. Galactic: up to \sim PeV (at least). Energy density \sim eV/cm³
- **Primaries:** p, C, Fe, ... consistent w/ stellar material, shock-accelerated
- **Secondaries**: B, Be, Sc, Ti, V, … consistent w/ fragmentation of primaries on ISM Antimatter occurs as secondary $pp \to pn\pi^+ \to ppe^-e^+\nu_e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Open questions: propagation, primary source(s)

A simple analysis of stable secondaries

• At high energy, flux of stable secondary nuclei follows *empirical* relation:

$$
J_S = \frac{c}{4\pi} X_{\rm esc} \tilde{Q}_S
$$
 (S = ⁹Be, B, Sc, \bar{p} , ...)

• \ddot{Q}_S = Local net production density per traversed unit column density of ISM

• $X_{\rm esc}$ = CR grammage = mean column density. $X_{\rm esc}$: *no* species label, *S*

CR grammage $J_S = \frac{c}{4\pi} X_{\text{esc}} \tilde{Q}_S$

- Measured from B/C, sub-Fe/Fe $X_{\rm esc}(\mathcal{R}) \approx 8.7 \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{10 \,\mathrm{GV}}\right)^{-0.5} \text{g/cm}^2$
- Precise way by which $X_{\rm esc}$ comes about is unknown

• Equivalent to:
$$
\frac{n_A}{n_B}
$$

$$
\frac{A}{B} = \frac{Q_A}{\tilde{Q}_B} \qquad \forall \zeta
$$

A,B secondaries, compared at the same rigidity

Intuition: ISM bombarded by CRs. Yields N_{A,B} secondary particles per unit time. N_A/N_B depends on CR and ISM *composition*. If composition uniform everywhere \rightarrow expect $\hat{\times}$

• Sufficient condition:

Composition of CRs and of ISM approximately uniform, in regions where most secondaries observed at earth are produced

Example: antiprotons

No free parameters.

Why does it work so well?

Why it could work:

NGC 891

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NGC 891

MW? Feldmann, Hooper, Gnedin arXiv:1205.0249

NIR

1.4GHz

Diffusion models fit grammage

Maurin, Donato, Taillet, Salati Astrophys.J.555:585-596,2001

Diffusion models fit grammage

$$
X_{\rm esc} = X_{\rm disc} Lc/(2D)g(L/R) \propto \varepsilon^{-\delta}
$$

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$$
f(\delta) = (\varepsilon / \text{ GeV})^{\delta - 0.6} \approx 75^{\delta - 0.6}
$$

\n
$$
g(L/R) = \frac{2R}{L} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_0 \left(\nu_k \frac{r_s}{R}\right) \frac{\tanh\left(\nu_k \frac{L}{R}\right)}{\nu_k^2 J_1(\nu_k)}
$$

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Propagation time scales: radioactive nuclei

B/C teach us the mean column density of target material traversed by CRs

But it does not say much about the time it takes to accumulate this column density

A beam of carbon nuclei traversing 1g/cm² of ISM produces the same amount of boron, whether it spent 1kyr in a dense molecular cloud, or 1Myr in rarified ISM

 \rightarrow Radioactive nuclei carry time info (as do positrons)

Radioactive nuclei: Charge ratios vs. isotopic ratios

 Be/B , Al/Mg, Cl/Ar, Mn/Fe Charge ratios

¹⁰Be/⁹Be, ²⁶Al/²⁷Al, ³⁶Cl/Cl, ⁵⁴Mn/Mn Isotopic ratios

• High energy isotopic separation difficult. Must resolve mass Isotopic ratios up to \sim 2 GeV/nuc (ISOMAX)

• Charge separation easier. Charge ratios up to ~ 16 GeV/nuc (HEAO3-C2) (AMS-02: Charge ratios to \sim TeV/nuc. Isotopic ratios \sim 10 GeV/nuc)

• **Benefit**: avoid low energy complications; significant range in rigidity

• **Drawback**: systematic uncertainties (cross sections, primary contamination)

Radioactive nuclei: Charge ratios vs. isotopic ratios

Charge ratios Be/B , Al/Mg, Cl/Ar

Isotopic ratios

$$
{}^{10}\text{Be}/{}^{9}\text{Be},\, {}^{26}\text{Al}/{}^{27}\text{Al},\, {}^{36}\text{Cl}/\text{Cl}
$$

Radioactive nuclei: Charge ratios

A STUDY OF THE SURVIVING FRACTION OF THE COSMIC-RAY RADIOACTIVE DECAY ISOTOPES ¹⁰Be, ²⁶Al, ³⁶Cl, and ⁵⁴Mn AS A FUNCTION OF ENERGY USING THE CHARGE RATIOS Be/B, Al/Mg, Cl/Ar, AND Mn/Fe MEASURED ON $HEAO-3$

> W. R. WEBBER¹ AND A. SOUTOUL Received 1997 November 6; accepted 1998 May 11

(WS98)

Surviving fraction vs. suppression factor

- Convert charge ratios to observable with direct theoretical interpretation
- **•** 1st step: WS98 report **surviving fraction** Well defined quantity, model independently.

$$
\tilde{f}_i = \frac{J_i}{J_{i,\infty}}
$$

 $\tilde{Q}_{S}(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{P} \frac{n_{P}(\mathcal{R}) \sigma_{P \to S}}{\bar{m}} - \frac{n_{S}(\mathcal{R}) \sigma_{S \to X}}{\bar{m}}$ • 2nd step: net source includes losses

Surviving fraction over-counts losses $n_{i,\infty} > n_i$

Instead, define **suppression factor** due to decay Accounts for actual fragmentation loss

$$
f_{s,i} = \frac{J_i}{\frac{c}{4\pi} \tilde{Q}_i X_{\text{esc}}}
$$

$$
\tilde{f}_i = \frac{J_i}{\frac{c}{4\pi} X_{\text{esc}} \left(\frac{n_P \sigma_{P \to i}}{m_p} - \frac{n_{i,\infty} \sigma_{i \to X}}{m_p} \right)} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad f_{s,i} = \frac{J_i}{\frac{c}{4\pi} X_{\text{esc}} \left(\frac{n_P \sigma_{P \to i}}{m_p} - \frac{n_i \sigma_{i \to X}}{m_p} \right)}
$$

Suppression factor

• Different nuclei species on equal footing

• **Expected**
$$
t_{\text{esc}} = t_{\text{esc}}(\mathcal{R})
$$
, $f_{s,i} \approx \left(\frac{t_i}{t_{\text{esc}}}\right)^{\alpha}$

Examples:

$$
f_{s,i} = \frac{1}{1 + t_{\text{esc}}/t_i}
$$

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$$
\tilde{f}_i = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{t_{\text{esc}}}{t_c} \left(1 + \frac{X_{\text{esc}} \sigma_{i \to X}}{m_p}\right)^{-1}} \qquad \tilde{f}_i = \dots
$$

Surviving fraction vs. energy (WS98)

Suppression factor vs. energy

Suppression factor vs. lifetime

Residual rigidity dependence

$$
\log\left(\frac{f_{s,i}\left(\mathcal{R}'\right)}{f_{s,j}\left(\mathcal{R}'\right)}\right) \approx \alpha \log\left(\frac{A_j Z_i \tau_i}{A_i Z_j \tau_j}\right)
$$

 $\Delta \alpha \propto 1/\log{(\tau_i/\tau_j)}$

Radioactive nuclei: constraints on $t_{\rm esc}$

- Rigidity dependence: hints from current data
- Cannot (yet) exclude $\delta < -1$ with $\alpha \leq 0.5$
- **AMS-02 should do much better!** Looking forward to the verdict: will it stay?

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• What to expect from current and upcoming positron measurements? Secondary e+ produced in pp interactions, just like e.g. antiprotons **Antiprotons understood** *secondary e+ production understood* e+ lose energy radiatively. **Measure e+ measure losses**

Positrons

$$
\frac{J_{e^+}}{J_p} = f_{s,e^+} 10^{-\gamma+1} \xi_{e^+, A>1} C_{e^+, pp}(\varepsilon) \frac{\sigma_{pp,inel,0}}{m_p} X_{\rm esc}
$$

$$
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$$

- Cannot apply grammage relation: *energy losses*. Parameterize…
- Cooling suppression depends on time scales for escape and loss. Both time scales unknown
- Moreover, precise relation model dependent

For example, diffusion models predict:

$$
f \sim \sqrt{t_c/t_{\rm esc}}
$$

Leaky Box models predict: $f \sim t_c/t_{\rm esc}$

• What we do know: steep spectrum \rightarrow loss suppresses flux

Study positrons and antiprotons together

Below ~100 GeV, positron flux consistent w/ secondary + losses.

Positrons: data

 $f_{s,e^+} < 1$

Positrons: data

non secondary

Positrons: data

Positron Fraction

Constraints on positron energy loss

• Suppression factor: (estimated f_{e+} goes down by~10-20% if adopt new Adriani et al 1103.4055)

$$
f_{s,e^{+}} = \frac{J_{e^{+}}}{\frac{c}{4\pi} \tilde{Q}_{e^{+}} X_{\text{esc}}} \approx 0.6 \times 10^{3} \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{10 \text{ GV}}\right)^{0.5} \times \frac{J_{e^{+}}(\mathcal{R})}{J_{p}(\mathcal{R})}
$$

• Saw
$$
f_{s,e^+} \sim 0.3 < 1
$$
 ©20 GV

Does this result make sense quantitatively?

• Expect $f_{s,e+}$ rise if escape time drops faster than cooling time: $f_{s,e+} \approx \left(\frac{t_c}{t_{\rm esc}}\right)^{\alpha}$ expect $t_c \propto \mathcal{R}^{-\delta_c}$. If uniform environment, IC/sync', Thomson regime $\delta_c \sim 1$

\rightarrow Does data allow escape time falling faster than \bar{t}_c ?

Positrons vs. radioactive nuclei

• Suppression factor due to decay ≈ suppression factor due to radiative loss, *if compared at rigidity such that cooling time* ≈ *decay time*

Explain:

$$
t_c = \left| \mathcal{R}/\dot{\mathcal{R}} \right| \propto \mathcal{R}^{-\delta_c} \qquad n_{e^+} \sim \mathcal{R}^{-\gamma}
$$

Consider decay term of nuclei and loss term of e+ in general transport equation.

decay:
$$
\partial_t n_i = -\frac{n_i}{t_i}
$$
 loss: $\partial_t n_{e^+} = \partial_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\dot{\mathcal{R}} n_{e^+} \right) = -\frac{n_{e^+}}{\tilde{t}_c}$
 $\tilde{t}_c = \frac{t_c}{\gamma - \delta_c - 1}$

But, $\gamma \sim 3$ \rightarrow $t_c \approx t_c$

Combined information

 f_{s,e^+} rising with rigidity (=escape time falling faster then cooling time) allowed *by data?*

Currently cannot exclude robustly. Upcoming data should settle this!

Next:

 \rightarrow

Quantitative result for $f_{s,e}$ +

Cooling ~ decay $f_{s,i} \approx \left(\frac{t_i}{t_{\rm esc}}\right)^{\alpha}$ $f_{s,e^{+}} \approx \left(\frac{t_c}{t_{\rm esc}}\right)^{\alpha}$

$$
\textbf{} \text{Cooling time} \qquad t_{\text{c}} \approx 10 \, \text{Myr} \, \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{30 \, \text{GV}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\bar{U}_T}{1 \, \text{eV} \, \text{cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1}
$$

$$
\boxed{\frac{f_{s,i}(\mathcal{R}')}{f_{s,e^+}(\mathcal{R}')}} \approx \left[\left(\frac{\tau_i}{1.5 \,\mathrm{Myr}} \right) \, \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}'}{20 \,\mathrm{GV}} \right)^2 \, \left(\frac{\bar{U}_T}{1 \,\mathrm{eV} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}} \right) \right]^{\alpha}}
$$

Combined information

•
$$
f_{s,e^+} \sim 0.3 < 1
$$
 @ 20 GV

consistent w/ secondary… so far

Upper bound from Cl

$$
\bar{U}_T<5\,\left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{20\,\mathrm{GV}}\right)^{-2}\,\mathrm{eV}\,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}
$$

• Test secondary e+:

$$
\bar{U}_T~<~U_{CMB}~\approx~0.25~\,{\rm eV/cm^3}
$$

Tests for secondary positrons

1. Existence of losses: $f_{s,e^+} < 1$

Independent of radioactive nuclei. Satisfied by PAMELA data

2. Amount of losses: $U_T > U_{CMB}$

Compare w/ radioactive nuclei. At present, satisfied where Cl and e+ data coexist *AMS02 can easily expose discrepancy at higher energy, even if fe+<1*

3. Slope: $\delta + \delta_c < 0$

Measure escape time $t_{\rm esc} \propto \mathcal{R}^{\delta}$ and cooling time $t_c \propto \mathcal{R}^{-\delta_c}$ Based on radioactive nuclei. Consistent w/ PAMELA data

Another clean test

Summary

Stable secondaries

propagation models fit grammage

• Radioactive nuclei

probe propagation time up to surprisingly high E

• Interpreting e+ data

e+ ~ antiprotons, define robust tests secondary e^+ consistent up to 100 GeV PAMELA , AMS-02 reach ~300 GeV Fermi 2011: if correct, rules out secondary model. AMS02 should settle this

Xtras

Guiding concept: The solar neutrino problem

• Major success of particle astrophysics: Solar Neutrinos

Case was only closed when astro uncertainties were removed model independently. Done from basic principles:

- Low energy deficit (Homestake) T uncertainty?
- Smaller deficit at higher energy (Kamiokande)
	- **→ real anomaly**
- **Lesson**:

model independent no-go conditions

CR grammage

In some more detail

• Net production includes fragmentation losses

$$
\tilde{Q}_{S}(\mathcal{R}) = Q_{P \to S}(\mathcal{R}) - Q_{S \to X}(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{P} \frac{n_P(\mathcal{R})\sigma_{P \to S}}{\bar{m}} - \frac{n_S(\mathcal{R})\sigma_{S \to X}}{\bar{m}}
$$

 \bar{m} = mean ISM particle mass (~ 1.3 m_p)

High-energy \rightarrow energy independent cross sections; negligible energy gain/loss Approx': secondary inherits rigidity of primary

• In general
$$
n_S(r',t',\mathcal{R})=c\int^{t'}dt\int d^3r \,\rho_{ISM}(r,t)\,\tilde{Q}_S(r,t,\mathcal{R})\,G(r,r';t,t';\mathcal{R})
$$

• Uniform composition: $\bar{m}(r',t') = \bar{m}(r,t)$, $\frac{n_i(r,t,\mathcal{R})}{n_i(r,t,\mathcal{R})} = f_{ij}(\mathcal{R})$

• Thus
$$
\tilde{Q}_S(r',t',\mathcal{R}) = \tilde{Q}_S(r,t,\mathcal{R}) \frac{n_{P_1}(r',t',\mathcal{R})}{n_{P_1}(r,t,\mathcal{R})}
$$

• Obtain: $n_S(r', t', \mathcal{R}) = \tilde{Q}_S(r', t', \mathcal{R}) X_{esc}(\mathcal{R})$

$$
X_{\rm esc}(\mathcal{R}) = c \int^{t'} dt \int d^3r \, \rho_{ISM}(r,t) \, \frac{n_{P_1}(r,t,\mathcal{R})}{n_{P_1}(r',t',\mathcal{R})} \, G(r,r';t,t';\mathcal{R})
$$

Stable secondaries, spallation losses

Equivalently:

$$
dxQ_A = n_{A,out} + n'_{A,out} - n_{A,in}
$$

$$
dxQ_{A,eff} = n''_{A,out} - n_{A,in}
$$

$$
Q_{A, \text{eff}} = Q_A - n_A \frac{\sigma_{A \to X}}{m_p} \rho_{ISM} c
$$

Homogenous composition:

 Q_{eff} works just the same!

Comparing with radioactive nuclei

Time scales:

cooling vs decay

Theoretically clean channel:

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 \overline{p}/p Concrete example: Z3-protected ν' at the TeV Annihilation may compete w/ background if light radion ~ 10-100 GeV (Sommerfeld enhanced)

$$
f_V = \frac{\int d^3r q_{DM}(\vec{r}) \bar{G}(\vec{r}_{sol}, \vec{r})}{\int d^3r q_{\rm sec}(\vec{r}) \bar{G}(\vec{r}_{\rm sol}, \vec{r})} \sim L/h \sim 10 - 100
$$

Positron anomaly?

Claims of a primary source:

• The electrons are assumed to have the same production spectrum as the protons, and to suffer the same energy losses as the positrons $f_{s,e^-} = f_{s,e^+}$.

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Interpretation

• Decay suppression factor probes propagation

$$
n \sim \frac{Q V_{\text{source}} t_{\text{eff}}}{V_{\text{eff}}} \times \frac{V_{\text{esc}}}{V_{\text{decay}}} \times \frac{t_{\text{decay}}}{t_{\text{esc}}} \times \left(\frac{t_{\text{decay}}}{t_{\text{esc}}}\right)^{1-\kappa d}
$$

- Scaling of volume depends on type of motion, relevant dimensions $V_{\text{eff}} \sim (t_{\text{eff}})^{\kappa d}$
- \rightarrow In models with thin disc and thick halo, d~1
- → Uniform models, diffusion models, compound diffusion, ...

$$
\kappa \sim 0 \qquad \qquad \kappa \sim \frac{1}{2} \qquad \qquad \kappa \sim \frac{1}{4}
$$

• **Expected** $f_{s,i} \approx \left(\frac{t_i}{t_{\text{esc}}}\right)^{\alpha}$

• Lastly, if trapping is magnetic, expect $t_{\rm esc}=t_{\rm esc}({\cal R})$

Galactic CR: general picture

- **Primaries**: p, C, Fe, … consistent w/ stellar material, shock-accelerated
- **Secondaries**: B, Be, Sc, Ti, V, … consistent w/ fragmentation of primaries on ISM

Low energy complications

- Solar modulation
- Geomagnetic effects
- **Reacceleration**
- **Convection**
- Energy dependent fragmentation cross sections
- Ionization losses

• ?

Limit to R>10 GV avoid most effects

Radioactive nuclei

 $t_{\rm esc} \approx (20 \text{ to } 40) \times (\mathcal{R}/10 \,\text{GV})^{0 \text{ to } 0.2} \text{ Myr}, \text{ DLBM},$ $t_{\rm esc} \, \approx \, (200 \, {\rm to} \, 500 \,) \times \left({\cal R} / 10 \, {\rm GV} \right)^{-0.7 \, {\rm to} \, -0.3} \, {\rm Myr},$ diffusion

Radioactive nuclei

lifetime [Myr]

