



The gamma-ray sky and impact of cross-section uncertainties

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Template method :

$$= q1 + q2 + q3 =$$

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First evidence of interstellar emission



OSO-3 (Third Orbiting Solar Observatory, launched on 1967)

FIG. 8.—Sky map of the γ -ray intensity in galactic coordinates. The element of area on the map to which the formula given in the text applies is approximately 245 square degrees.

Kraushaar et al., ApJ, 1972,177,341

counts per 0.25 degree pixel sqrt color scaling



NASA High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center (HEASARC)

LAT with 8 years of data



3 and 4FGL Catalog: the list of point sources



Interstellar emission ?



IGRB: \sqrt{r} ray emission from unresolved extragalactic sources



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Interstellar emission !



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Predicted LAT counts derived from LAB radio survey.

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Correlation between gammas and H column density







Emissivity: a way to derive the CR fluxes





p and He flux from a fit to the LAT and PAMELA

Power-law, as predicted by the diffusive shock acceleration

Emissivity prediction for different cross-sections





Here cross-section with heavy nuclei was scaled from p-p cross-section.

Production of secondary particles and nuclei in cosmic rays collisions with the interstellar gas using the FLUKA code Mazziotta et al. , 2016



Figure 1: Total inelastic cross sections as a function of the energy per nucleon of the incoming projectile. The plot shows the cross sections for all the projectile-target pairs studied in the present work.



Figure 2: Inclusive cross sections for the production of π^0 (blue), π^+ (red) and π^- (green) in p - p collision as function of the incoming proton kinetic energy. Lines: FLUKA simulation; points: data from Ref. [28].



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 $N_{\gamma} = (2 \times q_{HI}) \times (X_{CO} \times W(CO)) + stuff$

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We can derive XCO with LAT !

$X_{\rm CO} = (0.902 \pm 0.007) \times 10^{20} \,{\rm cm}^{-2} \,({\rm K\,km\,s}^{-1})^{-1}$

The CO-to-H₂ Conversion Factor

Alberto D. Bolatto,¹ Mark Wolfire,¹ and Adam K. Leroy²

Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 2013. 51:207-68

 $X_{\rm CO}$, in different environments. In the Milky Way disk, we recommend a conversion factor of $X_{\rm CO} = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (K km s⁻¹)⁻¹ with ±30% uncertainty. Studies of other "normal galaxies" return similar values in Milky XSCRC 2019

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Inverse Compton



 $N_{\gamma} = IC + stuff$

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IC probe the Galaxy bulge and halo





 $N_{\gamma} = stuff$ (interesting stuff..)

Conclusions

 $(q) \propto F_{CR} \times \sigma_{pp \to \gamma}$

if we can measure q...

... if not

We are / will be able to measure the local emissivity q with a precision of $\sim 5\%$.

We need the same precision on the XSCR with the ISM to learn about the CR density outside the Local Bubble.

We need the XSCR to model the emissivity when the template method does not work and when the emissivity is different from the local one (H^+) .