Charged-particle What charged cosmic rays tell us on dark matter

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Outline

Dark matter and antimatter cosmic rays
 Measuring the height L of the magnetic halo
 Positrons, dark matter and TeV haloes
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 Anti-He nuclei – The new frontier



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$$\chi + \chi \rightarrow q\bar{q}, W^+W^-, \dots \rightarrow \gamma, e^+, \bar{p}, \bar{D}, {}^3\!\bar{He} \& \nu's$$



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Three CR transport schemes

Y. Génolini et al., Phys. Rev. $\mathbf{D99}$ (2019) 123028

- **BIG** is the most comprehensive $(K_0, \delta, R_l, \delta_l, V_C, V_a, L)$
- QUAINT \subset BIG is the old scheme $(K_0, \, \delta, \, \eta, \, V_C, \, V_a, \, L)$
- SLIM \subset BIG is for the Gifted Amateur $(K_0, \delta, R_l, \delta_l, L)$

- ¹⁰**Be** used as a CR clock with half-lifetime $t_{1/2}$ of 1.387 Myr
- But isotopic data at low energies and with improvable precision
- Trade-off between isotopic data ¹⁰Be/Be & ¹⁰Be/⁹Be and elemental ratio Be/B



Weinrich+[2002.11406] & Weinrich+2004.00441]



The precision on L improves as more data sets are combined Cosmic ray parameter values and associated covariance matrix for BIG

Unstable secondary ¹⁰Be allows to measure a magnetic halo size L of 4.5 ± 1 kpc

Weinrich+[2002.11406] & Weinrich+2004.00441]

• In 2008, the rise of the e^+ fraction reported by PAMELA triggered a hectic activity to explain the excess in terms of DM. The dust has settled by now.



 $\Phi_{e^+} = \Phi_{e^+}^{\text{sec}} + \Phi_{e^+}^{\text{prim}}(\text{pulsars})$

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• TeV haloes have been discovered around pulsars, with γ -rays from the ICS of e^{\pm} . This indicates that pulsars accelerate these species. CR diffusion is much slower inside these regions.



CR generate themselves the magnetic turbulence inside which they are trapped.

4) Antiprotons – Trimmed hints and robust bounds

Over the past few years, many analyses concluded that $\Phi_{\bar{p}}$ hints at DM

Authors	Data analyzed	Method	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{data}}$	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{model}}$	Significance of	Conclusive
		F or B			fit w and w/o DM $$	hint for DM
Cuoco+[1610.03071]	$\bar{p}/p, p$ & He + Voyager p & He	F	no	no	$4.7\sigma~({ m L},2{ m dof})$	yes
Cui+[1610.03840]	$ar{p}$ with prior $\Pi(\lambda)$ from CR nuclei	В	no	no	$2 \ln K = 11 \text{ to } 54$	Decisive
Reinert+[1712.00002]	B/C, \bar{p} & AMS/PAM	F	no	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{XS, parents}}$	$2.2 \sigma \text{ (L,1dof)} \rightarrow 1.1 \sigma \text{ (G)}$	no
Cui+[1805.11590]	\bar{p} with prior $\Pi(\lambda)$ from CR nuclei	В	no	no	Best-fit m_{χ} and $\langle \sigma v \rangle$	N/A
	+ PandaX-II, LUX, XENON1T (DD)					
Cuoco+[1903.01472]	$\bar{p}/p, p \&$ He + Voyager and CREAM $p \&$ He	F	no	no	$3.1\sigma~({ m L},2{ m dof})$	yes
	all data with $\mathcal{R} > 5 \mathrm{GV}$	F	no	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{XS}}$	$2.9\sigma~({ m L},{ m 2dof})$	yes
		F	\checkmark	no	$5.5\sigma~({ m L},{ m 2dof})$	yes
Cholis+[1903.02549]	\bar{p}/p with best-fit of fudge factor $N_{XS}(T_{\bar{p}})$	F	no	no	4.7σ (L,1dof)	yes
	$+ \bar{p}$ production in SNR shocks	\mathbf{F}	no	no	$3.3\sigma~({ m L},{ m 1dof})$	yes
Heisig+[2005.04237]	B/C, \bar{p} & AMS/PAM	F	\checkmark	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{XS}}$	$0.5\sigma~({ m L,1dof})$	no
	$\bar{p}/p, p$ & He + Voyager p & He	F	\checkmark	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{XS}}$	$1.8 \sigma \text{ (L,1dof)} \rightarrow 0.5 \sigma \text{ (G)}$	no
Di Mauro+[2101.11027]	B/C, \bar{p} & AMS/PAM	F	\checkmark	$\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{XS}}$	$2\sigma (L, 1dof) \rightarrow 1\sigma (G)$	no
Luque+[2107.06863]	B/C, B/O, Be/C, Be/O, Be/B, Li/B, Li/Be	В	no	no	DM fit is poorer	no
	+ $^{10}\mathrm{Be}/\mathrm{Be},^{10}\mathrm{Be}/^{9}\mathrm{B}$ and \bar{p}/p				than fit w/o DM	
Kahlhoefer+[2107.12395]	$p,{\rm He}\ \&\ \bar{p}/p+$ Voyager $p\ \&\ {\rm He}$	F+B	no	no	4.5σ (L,1dof)	TBC
Calore+[2202.03076]	\bar{p} + nuisance on L from LiBeB	F	\checkmark	\checkmark	1.8σ (L,1dof)	no

The differences in conclusion do not lie in the CR transport codes (Galprop, DRAGON or USINE) nor in the statistical approach (frequentist or Bayesian). They originate from the treatment of errors Calore+[2202.03076].

\bar{p} – Methodology and the definition of the likelihood

• We use the likelihood ratio LR which provides a powerful estimator for testing the null-hypothesis and deriving DM contraints.

$$LR(\mathrm{null}) = -2\ln\left\{\frac{\sup_{\lambda\in\Lambda}\mathcal{L}(\lambda)}{\sup_{\{\lambda,\mu\}\in\Lambda\cup M}\mathcal{L}(\lambda,\mu)}\right\} \text{ while } LR(\mu_0) = -2\ln\left\{\frac{\sup_{\lambda\in\Lambda}\mathcal{L}(\lambda,\mu_0)}{\sup_{\{\lambda,\mu\}\in\Lambda\cup M}\mathcal{L}(\lambda,\mu)}\right\}$$

Here $\lambda \in \Lambda$ stands for the CR parameters while $\mu \equiv \{m_{\chi}, \langle \sigma v \rangle, \text{channel}\}.$

• Defining the likelihood function $\mathcal{L}(\lambda, \mu)$ requires some care. In principle, we could define it through a global χ^2 measuring the distance of both nuclear and antiproton data to theory.

$$-2\ln \mathcal{L}(\lambda,\mu) \equiv \chi^2_{\text{LiBeB}}(\lambda) + \chi^2_{\bar{p}}(\lambda,\mu)$$

• This would be extremely CPU-time and resources consuming. A close inspection to the \bar{p} flux is mandatory to define a more tractable yet robust likelihood.

$$\Phi_{\bar{p}} = \Phi_{\bar{p}}^{\text{sec}}(\lambda) + \Phi_{\bar{p}}^{\text{DM}}(\lambda,\mu)$$

 $\Phi_{\bar{p}}^{\text{sec}}$ dominates over $\Phi_{\bar{p}}^{\text{DM}}$ and behaves like a stable secondary nuclear species. CR parameters \hat{L} and $\hat{\lambda}_i$ minimizing χ^2_{LiBeB} should also minimize $\chi^2_{\bar{p}}$. Actually for BIG, NFW and $b\bar{b}$, we get

> $\hat{L} = 4.96 \text{ kpc vs } L_{\text{sec}} = 5.00 \text{ kpc vs } L^* = 4.38 \text{ kpc}$ See also Boudaud+[1906.07119].

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• We replace $\chi^2_{\text{LiBeB}}(\lambda)$ by the posterior probability $\Pi(\lambda)$ yielded by the LiBeB analysis on CR parameters $\lambda \equiv \{L, \lambda_i\}$. We consider this posterior PDF as a prior for the \bar{p} analysis. Several possibilities to incorporate it.

$$\mathcal{P}(\mu) \propto \int \mathcal{L}(\bar{p} \mid \mu, \lambda) \Pi(\lambda) \, d\lambda$$
 Bayesian, see Cui+[1805.11590]

• Another option is to generate the multivariate normal distribution of $\Phi_{\bar{p}}(\lambda)$ with covariance matrix $\mathcal{C}^{\text{model}}$ calculated from

 $\mathcal{C}_{ij}^{\text{model}} = \left\langle \Phi_{\bar{p},i}^{\text{th}} \, \Phi_{\bar{p},j}^{\text{th}} \right\rangle - \left\langle \Phi_{\bar{p},i}^{\text{th}} \right\rangle \left\langle \Phi_{\bar{p},j}^{\text{th}} \right\rangle \quad \text{see Boudaud} + [1906.07119]$

• We also remark that $\Phi_{\bar{p}}^{\text{DM}} \propto L^2/K \propto L$ is very sensitive to halo size L. We split CR parameters. Halo size goes in the definition of \mathcal{L} while λ_i are $\mathbb{E}^{-0.7}$ incorporated in $\mathcal{C}^{\text{model}}$. This leads to the definition

$$-2\ln \mathcal{L}(\lambda,\mu) \equiv -2\ln \mathcal{L}(L,\mu) = \left\{\frac{\log L - \log \hat{L}}{\sigma_{\log L}}\right\}^2 + \left\{\chi_{\bar{p}}^2 \equiv x_i (\mathcal{C}^{-1})_{ij} x_j\right\}$$

• The CR parameters λ_i are set at their LiBeB maximum likelihood values for each halo size L.



Taking into account the previous construction, we define the likelihood ratio as

$$LR(\text{null}) = -2\ln \mathcal{L}(L_{\text{sec}}, \langle \sigma v \rangle \equiv 0) + 2\ln \mathcal{L}(L^*, m^*, \langle \sigma v \rangle^*)$$



DM	best	fit	for	bb	channel,	NFW	and	BIG
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Final state	Model	m^*	$\langle \sigma v \rangle^*$	LR	LR	LR	local signif.
		[GeV]	[cm ³ /s]	(denom)	(num)		$[\sigma]$
$b\bar{b}$	BIG	109.3	1.71e-26	48.37	51.65	3.28	1.8
$b\overline{b}$	SLIM	109.1	1.48e-26	48.77	51.70	2.93	1.7
$b\overline{b}$	QUAINT	106.7	4.28e-27	45.32	45.53	0.22	0.5
$q \overline{q}$	BIG	88.5	4.41e-27	50.31	51.65	1.35	1.2
$\mu^+\mu^-$	BIG	155.7	2.65e-23	49.76	51.65	1.90	1.4
W^+W^-	BIG	106.8	2.20e-26	49.24	51.65	2.41	1.6
hh	BIG	166.7	3.62e-26	49.28	51.65	2.38	1.5

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Beware of a naive interpretation

We are tempted to gauge the statistical significance of the null hypothesis by interpreting LR as a $\Delta\chi^2$ with 2 degrees of freedom, i.e. m_{χ} and $\langle \sigma v \rangle$, but this is wrong.

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In data space, m_{χ} and $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ do not span a 2D plane since we get the same theoretical point for $\langle \sigma v \rangle \equiv 0$ for all m_{χ} . The DM mass m_{χ} is **not** defined under the null hypothesis.

The **global** significance is determined by generating mock \bar{p} data under the null hypothesis (only secondaries) to build the $\Delta \chi^2$ distribution and gauge the actual *p*-value. Heisig+[2005.04237] find 1.8 σ (local) yielding 0.5 σ (global).

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Err. data / model	local signif.	m^*	$\langle \sigma v \rangle^*$
	$[\sigma]$	[GeV]	[cm ³ /s]
cov/cov	1.81	109.3	1.71e-26
cov/none	2.39	10.5	5.07e-26
diag/cov	3.33	98.8	2.14e-26
diag/none	2.75	8.5	1.70e-25
stat/cov	5.19	89.7	1.48e-26
stat/none	4.49	8.0	2.98e-25

Significance of the fit w/wo $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{data}}$ and $\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{model}}$

No statistical significance in favour of a DM signal in \bar{p} flux

To set constraints on DM properties, we fix m_{χ} and define the likelihood ratio





Calore+[2202.03076]

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Errors should be now treated correctly with covariance matrices.

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We qualitatively obtain the same bounds for the two \bar{p} AMS data sets published in Aguilar+, PRL **117** (2016) 091103 & Aguilar+, Phys. Rept. **894** (2021) 1.

Excellent agreement with the bounds derived by Kahlhoefer+[2107.12395] using an extensive $\Phi_{\bar{p}}$ library with neural networks (machine learning).

The \bar{p} bound has a comparable strength to aggressive γ -ray bounds from dSph.



The \bar{p} flux probes deeply into the DM parameter space and sets strong bounds.

5) Anti-He nuclei – The new frontier



V. Choutko, Cosmic Heavy Anti-Matter, COSPAR E1.3-05-22, July 17th 2022

• AMS-02 has observed few events in the mass region from 0 to 10 GeV with charge Z = -2 and rigidity $\mathcal{R} < 50$ GV. The masses of all events are in the ³He and ⁴He mass region.

• The event rate is 1 anti-helium in \sim 100 million helium.

• Massive MC background simulations are carried out to evaluate significance. So far 35 billion He events simulated vs 6.8 billion He event triggers for 10 years. AMS-02 did not find background to the anti-helium events. At this level, the MC simulations are difficult to validate.

Secondary anti-helium fluxes



- Interactions of high-energy cosmic-ray protons and helium nuclei on the ISM yield a **secondary anti-He flux** well below AMS-02 sensitivity.
- The same conclusion holds for DM decays or annihilations although M. Winkler and T. Linden have proposed a nice counter-example based on $\overline{\Lambda}_b$ production if pure ³He events Winkler+[2006.16251].

• The General Antiparticle Spectrometer (GAPS) is about to fly and measure the \bar{p} flux below 200 MeV). GAPS has a cute way to disentangle \bar{p} from \bar{d} – See Aramaki's talk.

A new scenario for $\overline{{}^{3}\text{He}}$ production from DM

 \bullet In general, DM species annihilations do not produce a detectable amount of antihelium nuclei $^3\overline{\rm He}.$

- Since DM is at rest, the spectrum peaks at low energy $\neq O(10)$ GeV/n.
- \bullet Recently, a new proposal based on DM coupling to b quarks.

 $\chi + \chi \to b + \bar{b}$ $\bar{b} \to \bar{\Lambda}_b$ meson $\bar{\Lambda}_b (5.6 \text{ GeV}) \to \overline{{}^3\text{He}} (4.7 \text{ GeV})$



Charged-particle What charged cosmic rays tell us on dark matter

Takeaway

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Back up slides

I. Sources & Acceleration diffusive shock acceleration

II. Propagation in the ISM diffusion, convection, re-acceleration $q_{\rm DM}$

primaries

III. Solar System & Detection solar modulation, geomagnetic cut-off

Fitting CR nuclei – MCMC or MINUIT/MINOS



FIG. 7: Comparison of constraints on transport parameters obtained from an MCMC engine or via the HESSE-MINOS algorithms. In off-diagonal plots, the black squares and red crosses show the best-fit values from the former and latter results respectively, MCMC points are shown in blue (from which 68% confidence level contours are extracted in black), and red ellipses are based on symmetrized MINOS errors (dash-dotted or dotted lines for the fit accounting for nuisance parameters). In diagonal plots, the blue histograms corresponds to the 1D probability distribution function (MCMC), and the 68% CL contours are shown as vertical blue lines (MCMC) and red vertical lines (HESSE-MINOS). We recall that the 1D 68% CL on any given parameter is not expected to match the projected value obtained from the 2D 68% CL. See text for discussion.

\bar{p} production cross section uncertainties



R. Kappl & M.W. Winkler, JCAP **1409** (2014) 051
M.W. Winkler, JCAP **1702** (2017) 048
A. Reinert & M.W. Winkler, JCAP **1801** (2018) 055



$$\frac{d\sigma_{p\mathrm{H}\to\bar{p}}}{dE_{\bar{p}}}(E_p, E_{\bar{p}}) = p_{\bar{p}} \int d\Omega \left\{ \sigma_{\mathrm{inv}} \equiv E_{\bar{p}} \frac{d^3\sigma}{d^3p_{\bar{p}}}(\sqrt{s}, x_{\mathrm{R}}, p_{\bar{p}}^{\mathrm{T}}) \right\}$$

- Anti-hyperons eventually decay in space $p + p \to \left\{\bar{\Lambda} \to \bar{p}\right\} + X$
- Isospin asymmetry $\begin{array}{l}p + p \rightarrow \{\bar{\mathbf{n}} \rightarrow \bar{p}\} + X\\ \sigma_{p \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \bar{n}} = N_{IS} \times \sigma_{p \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \bar{p}}\end{array}$
- Interactions between nuclei heavier than pdata from NA49 (p + C) & LHCb (p + He)
- Fit to data with analytic parameterisations
 - NA49 (2014) @ $\sqrt{s} = 13.7 \text{ GeV}$
 - NA61 (2017) @ $\sqrt{s} = 7.7, 8.8, 12.3 \& 13.7 \text{ GeV}$

M. di Mauro et al., Phys. Rev. **D90** (2014) 085017

M. Korsmeier et al., Phys. Rev. **D97** (2018) 103019

• Monte Carlo tools EPOS-LHC & QGSJET-II-04

- tuned on CR air showers with HE interactions
- poor description for $E_{\bar{p}} \leq 50 \text{ GeV}$

M. Kachelriess et al., Astrophys. J. 803 (2015) 54

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$$\Delta_{\Lambda} = \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{\bar{p}} \times \mathrm{Br} \left(\bar{\Lambda} \to \bar{p} + \pi^{+}\right) + \frac{\bar{\Sigma}^{-}}{\bar{p}} \times \mathrm{Br} \left(\bar{\Sigma}^{-} \to \bar{p} + \pi^{0}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{inv}}^{\mathrm{tot}} = \sigma_{\mathrm{inv}} \left(2 + \Delta_{\mathrm{IS}} + 2\Delta_{\Lambda}\right)$$

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 $\mathcal{R}_i[\mathrm{GV}]$

Heisig+[2005.04237]

To constraints mildly depend on DM profile and CR propagation.



\bar{p} – Changing the Fisk potential

