



art signal of the Fermi bubbles at



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The Cosmic-Ray positron fraction

Positron Fraction:

$$e^+/(e^+ + e^-)$$





We Account for pulsars and other cosmic-ray sources and Comparing to Observations



While pulsars are not the only source of cosmic-ray electrons and positrons, adding their contribution we can test various hypotheses on the properties of Milky Way pulsars using the recently released (2017-2021) cosmicray energy spectral measurements. <image><image>

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Using the Fermi Data



collection of ISM models

Fermi-LAT Collaboration Result ApJ 2014

Fermi Bubbles: (we clearly find them)

In addition to the Fermi Bubbles, in 2021 the e-ROSITA Bubbles at X rays were discovered

So what are those bubbles a signal of ?

They could be signals of <u>EPISODIC</u> bursts of cosmic-rays originating from the supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy

...AND maybe the galactic center excess in GeV energy gamma rays is just the result a similar signal from the supermassive black hole.

Connecting to positrons

...the cosmic rays giving these gamma-ray, X-ray and microwave signals would either be protons OR electrons + positrons.

If the Fermi Bubbles are produced by cosmic-ray electrons + positrons, then we can estimate

- i) the age of the Fermi Bubbles burst event to be ~5 Myr old. The e-ROSITA signal would come from an older burst event.
- ii) the energy output of the Fermi Bubbles to be $10^{56} 10^{57}$ erg. The e-ROSITA energy output is highly uncertain.

Most of those positrons propagate perpendicular to the disk. However, some fraction will end up propagating along the galactic disk. The highest energy positrons would be reaching us (at the Sun) about now....

Modeling the cosmic ray flux from a burst of positrons, originating from pulsars or from the supermassive black hole

Assuming the injection time is much smaller than the propagation time

Assuming Time-bombs of Cosmic-Rays

For a Milky Way source the cosmic-ray positron flux evolution with time

A cosmic-ray burst event from the center of the galaxy can give tiny spectral features at 10-30 GeV positron energies:

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DO these positron features have the right properties to be related to the Fermi Bubbles?

...within the uncertainties **YES**. Typically a small fraction of the total energy of the original burst event leaks to positrons that reach us.

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Additional Slides

Including uncertainties on the Pulsar Properties

One has to include all uncertainties, pertaining to

- The Neutron Stars distribution in space
- The initial conditions of the Neutron Stars (as a distribution of properties) in terms of their initial spin-down power
- The uncertainties on their time evolution, i.e. $\kappa~\&~ au_0$
- How many cosmic-ray electrons and positrons they produce/inject into the interstellar medium and with what spectrum
- How these electrons/positrons propagate from there to us (ISM physics & Heliospheric Physics)

We have produced over 7K unique Milky-Way pulsar simulations. Each simulation contains anywhere between 5K to 18K unique pulsars within 4 kpc from the Sun.

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Alternative assumptions on the (i.e. observable) luminosity of pulsars

Cholis, Karwal, Kamionkowski, PRD 98 063008 (2018)

Total Lepton Flux from AMS-02:

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ALSO relied on work: Cholis, McKinnon, PRD **106** 063021 (2022), to model the impact of the solar wind..

Total Lepton Flux from DAMPE (probing the youngest pulsars):

