Latest news from the first year of Fermi Large Area Telescope and the Quest for Dark Matter signals

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XV Christmas Workshop Windows on the Unknown Madrid Universidad Automa, 16-18 December 2009







- Front > 200 MeV, Back > 400 MeV, log color scale
- Galactic coordinates, Aitoff projection

First Fermi LAT Catalog

The Galactic ridge ($||at| < 1^{\circ}$, $||on| < 60^{\circ}$) has serious difficulties: sources are close to each other, are not high above the background below 3 GeV, and the Galactic diffuse model is very uncertain there. We now plan to set Galactic ridge sources apart entirely (some 120 sources), and warn against using them without detailed analysis. Of course there are still many true sources in there, including pulsars and SNRs.

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First Fermi LAT Catalog (11 month, release: end of November) > 1000 LAT sources

 Typical 95% error radius is 10'. Absolute accuracy is better than 1' About 250 sources show evidence of variability Half the sources are associated positionally, mostly with blazars and pulsars Other classes of sources exist in small numbers (XRB, PWN, SNR, starbursts, globular clusters, radio galaxies, narrow-line Seyferts)

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<u>http://people.roma2.infn.it/~aldo/GLASTpaperModel.pdf</u>





Fermi inside the Delta 2













Fermi in orbit

GLAST Latitude = S 23 28 20.36 Longitude = W 09 05 30.98 Altitude = 555.92 km

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- Track the satellite: http://observatory.tamu.edu:8080/Trakker
- Watch Fermi as it orbits over you home town: http://www.nasa.gov/mission pages/GLAST/news/glast online.html

EGRET(Spark Chamber) VS. GLAST(Silicon Strip Detector)



Gamma-Ray Large Area Space Telescope

> GLAST Scheme

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One Tower Module of GLAST



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Simulated Fermi LAT exposure for five years of all-sky scanning at 100 GeV



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GRB 090902B - Autonomous Repoint Request

LAT pointing in celestial coordinates from -120 s to 2000 s

- Red cross = GRB 090902B
- Dark region = occulted by Earth ($\theta_z > 113^\circ$)
- White line = LAT FoV (±66°)
- Blue lines = 20° (Earth avoidance angle) / 50° above horizon
- White points = LAT transient events (no cut on zenith angle)



Public data → GRB090902B paper submitted to ApjL, arXiv:0909.2470





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Assume χ present in the galactic halo

Neutralino WIMPs

- χ is its own antiparticle => can annihilate in galactic halo producing gamma-rays, antiprotons, positrons....
- Antimatter not produced in large quantities through standard processes (secondary production through p + p --> anti p + X)
- So, any extra contribution from exotic sources ($\chi \chi$ annihilation) is an interesting signature
- ie: $\chi \chi \rightarrow \text{ anti } p + X$
- Produced from (e. g.) $\chi \chi \rightarrow q / g / gauge boson / Higgs boson and subsequent decay and/ or hadronisation.$





How Fermi LAT detects gamma rays



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The CERN Beam Test Campaign



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- 4 weeks at PS/T9 area (26/7-23/8)
 - Gammas @ 0-2.5 GeV
 - Electrons @ 1,5 GeV
 - Positrons @ 1 GeV (through MMS)
 - Protons @ 6,10 GeV (w/ & w/o MMS)
- 11 days at SPS/H4 area (4/9-15/9)
 - Electrons @ 10,20,50,100,200,280 GeV
 - Protons @ 20,100 GeV
 - Pions @ 20 GeV
- Data, data, data...
 - 1700 runs, 94M processed events
 - 330 configurations (particle, energy, angle, impact position)
 - Mass simulation
- A very dedicated team
 - 60 people worked at CERN
 - Whole collaboration represented

Energy reconstruction

Reconstruction of the most probable value for the event energy:

- based on calibration of the response of each of 1536 calorimeter crystals - energy reconstruction is optimized for each event -calorimeter imaging capability is heavily used for fitting shower profile --tested at CERN beams up to 280 GeV with the LAT **Calibration Unit**

Very good agreement between shower profile in beam test data (red) and Monte Carlo (black)

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The LAT sensitivity extends to higher energies (> 300 GeV) than that of any previous spacebased gamma-ray mission, opening the unexplored energy range above 30 GeV. The energy range of the LAT will overlap those of the next generation ground-based TeV gamma-ray instruments, allowing for inter-calibration between the LAT and these instruments.



How Fermi LAT detects electrons

Trigger and downlink

- LAT triggers on (almost) every particle that crosses the LAT
 - ~ 2.2 kHz trigger rate
- On board processing removes many charged particles events
 - But keeps events with more that 20 GeV of deposited energy in the CAL
 - ~ 400 Hz downlink rate
- Only ~1 Hz are good γ-rays

Electron identification

- The challenge is identifying the good electrons among the proton background
 - Rejection power of 10³ 10⁴ required
 - Can not separate electrons from positrons



Event topology

A candidate electron (recon energy 844 GeV)

A candidate hadron (raw energy > 800 GeV)



- TKR: clean main track with extra-clusters very close to the track
- CAL: clean EM shower profile, not fully contained
- ACD: few hits in conjunction with the track



- TKR: small number of extra clusters around main track
- CAL: large and asymmetric shower profile
- ACD: large energy deposit per tile

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Fermi LAT Energy resolution for electrons



Energy resolution checks - High XO events

Select subsample of events with long path-length (HI-XO) XO>13 12 XO in CAL + minimum track

length in TKR + events contained in a single CAL module

Energy resolution Down to 5% at 1 TeV (68% containment half-width)

Instrument acceptance to ~ 5% of standard and limited to a specific portion of instrument phase space

->Much higher systematics

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Comparison of standard and high-XO spectra



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Simulation of LAT response to spectral features with artificially worsened resolution



→ the Fermi LAT energy resolution is adequate to detect prominent spectral features
→ the Fermi spectrum is NOT dependent on the energy resolution of the bulk of the events

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new: Fermi Electron + Positron spectrum in October 2009



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the positron ratio accounting for nearby pulsars (d < 1 kpc)



What if we randomly vary the pulsar parameters relevant for e+e- production?

(injection spectrum, e+e- production efficiency, PWN "trapping" time)



Under reasonable assumptions, electron/positron emission from pulsars offers a viable interpretation of Fermi CRE data which is also consistent with the HESS and Pamela results. D.Grasso et al.,[arXiv:0905.0636]

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Pulsars as sources of e^{-/+} pairs not a new idea

C) N.Krumw

- A.Boulares APJ 342 (1989) 807-813
- Aharonian et al., A&A 294 (1995) L41
- A. M. Atoyan, F. A. Aharonian, and H. J. Volk, Phys. Rev. D52 (1995) 3265.
- T. Kobayashi, Y. Komori, K. Yoshida and J. Nishimura, ApJ 601 (2004) 340.



Pulsars as sources of e^{-/+} pairs



e SYN e± et SYN e e e[±] ICS $\gamma + B \rightarrow e^{\pm}$ CS X_(surface) (surface) e (1-10 TeV) e(.05-500 GeV)

 e^{\pm} pairs are produced in the magnetosphere and accelerated by the electric fields and/or the pulsar wind.

Crab Pulsar Wind Nebula (PWN)

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The pulsar catalog

In addition to the search for new pulsars, 762 known pulsars with ephemerides were searched for pulsations in nine months of data.

=> 46 pulsars were detected: 16 blind search PSRs, 8 radio-loud MSPs, 22 radio-loud normal PSRs. +90



Pulsars

- 1. On purely energetic grounds they work (relatively large efficiency)
- 2. On the basis of the spectrum, it is not clear
 - The spectra of PWN show relatively flat spectra of pairs at Low energies but we do not understand what it is
 - 2. The general spectra (acceleration at the termination shock) are too steep

The biggest problem is that of escape of particles from the pulsar 1. Even if acceleration works, pairs have to survive losses

2. And in order to escape they have to cross other two shocks

New Fermi data on pulsars will help to constrain the pulsar models



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other Astrophysical solution



 Positrons created as secondary products of hadronic interactions inside the sources

 Secondary production takes place in the same region where cosmic rays are being accelerated

-> Therefore secondary positron have a very flat spectrum, which is responsible, after propagation in the Galaxy, for the observed positron excess Blasi, arXiv:0903.2794



Boron-to-Carbon Ratio



_ _ spallation during propagation only

— spallation also during acceleration

CREAM: Ahn et al. 2008, Astroparticle Phys. **30**, 133

A rise would rule out the DM and pulsar explanation of the PAMELA positron excess.

Predictions for the CRE spectrum from two specific dark matter models



Pure e+e-Models

the dark matter pair annihilation always yields a pair of monochromatic e+e-, with injection energies equal to the mass of the annihilating dark matter particle



Lepto-philic Models

here we assume a democratic dark matter pairannihilation branching ratio into each charged lepton species: 1/3 into e+e-, 1/3 into μ + μ - and 1/3 into $\tau + \tau$ - Here too antiprotons are not produced in dark matter pair annihilation.



electron + positron expected anisotropy in the directions of Monogem and Geminga



Where should we look for Dark Matter with FERMI ?

- Galactic center
- Galactic satellites
- Galactic halo
- Extra-galactic



Search Strategies

Satellites:

Low background and good source id, but low statistics

Galactic center:

Good statistics but source confusion/diffuse background

Milky Way halo:

Large statistics but diffuse background

> And electrons! and Anisotropies

Spectral lines:

No astrophysical uncertainties, good source id, but low statistics

Galaxy clusters:

Low background but low statistics

Extra-galactic:

Large statistics, but astrophysics,galactic diffuse background



Pre-launch sensitivities published in Baltz et al., 2008, JCAP 0807:013 [astro-ph/0806.2911]

High DM density at the Galactic center

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Fermi Expectation & Susy models



A.Cesarini, F.Fucito, A.Lionetto, A.Morselli, P.Ullio, Astroparticle Physics, 21, 267-285, June 2004 [astro-ph/0305075]





Model independent results for the GC



Search for DM in the GC

- Steep DM profiles ⇒ Expect large DM annihilation/decay signal from the GC!
- <u>Good understanding of the astrophysical background is</u> <u>crucial to extract a potential DM signal from this</u> <u>complicated region of the sky:</u>
 - source confusion: energetic sources near to or in the line of sight of the GC
 - diffuse emission modeling: uncertainties in the integration over the line of sight in the direction of the GC, very difficult to model



Spetrum (E> 400 MeV, 7°x7° region centered on the Galactic Center analyzed with binned likelihood analysis)



GC Residuals 7°x7° region centered on the Galactic Center 11 months of data, E >400 MeV, front-converting events analyzed with binned likelihood analysis)

• The systematic uncertainty of the effective area (blue area) of the LAT is ~10% at 100 MeV, decreasing to 5% at 560 MeV and increasing to 20% at 10 GeV


Search for DM in the GC

Model generally reproduces data well within uncertainties. The model somewhat under-predicts the data in the few GeV range (spatial residuals under investigation)

Any attempt to disentangle a potential dark matter signal from the galactic center region requires a detailed understanding of the conventional astrophysics

More prosaic explanations must be ruled out before invoking a contribution from dark matter if an excess is found (e.g. modeling of the diffuse emission, unresolved sources,)

Analysis in progress to updated constraints on annihilation cross section







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Diemand, Kuhlen, Madau 2006

A galactic dark matter halo



(Dark Matter density) ^2 along the line of sight without baryons



Cañadas et al. CP1178, The Dark Side of the Universe

+2.73

(Dark Matter density) ^2 along the line of sight with baryons



Dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph): promising targets for DM detection



Dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSph): promising targets for DM detection CVn II Com Segue SDSSJ1049+5103 Воо Leo I > dSphs are the most DM dominated systems known in the Universe with very high M/L ratios (M/L ~ 10- 2000). Many of them (at least 6) closer than 100 kpc to the GC (e.g. Draco, Umi, Sagittarius and new SDSS dwarfs). SDSS [only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the sky covered] already double the number of dSphs these last years Sgr Most of them are expected to be free from any other astrophysical gamma source. Low content in gas and dust. Fors

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Inverse Compton Emission and Diffusion in Dwarfs

> We expect significant IC gamma-ray emission for high mass WIMP models annihilating to leptonic final states.

- The IC flux depends strongly on the uncertain/unknown
- diffusion of cosmic rays in dwarfs.
- We assume a simple diffusion model similar to what is found for the Milky Way $D(E) = D_0 E^{1/3}$ with $D_0 = 10^{28} cm^2/s$ (only galaxy with measurements, scaling to dwarfs ??)



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The Galactic Diffuse Emission



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 Spectra shown for mid-latitude range \rightarrow GeV excess in this region of the sky is not confirmed.

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 Sources are not subtracted but are a minor component. ·LAT errors are dominated by systematic uncertainties and are currently estimated to be ~10% \rightarrow this is preliminary.



The LAT isotropic diffuse flux (200 MeV - 100 GeV)



Accurate Measurements of Local CRs



Mid-high lat. region in 3rd quadrant:

- small contamination of IC and molecular gas
- correlate γ-ray intensity and HI gas column density

Abdo et al. [Fermi Coll.] ApJ 703 (2009) 1249-1256 (arXiv:0908.1171)



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Diffuse emission

Accurate Measurement of Local CRs

- Best quality γ -ray emissivity spectrum in 100 MeV-10 GeV (Tp = 1-100 GeV)
- Agree with the model prediction from the local interstellar spectrum (LIS)





SED of the isotropic diffuse emission (1 keV-100 GeV)



extragalactic gamma-ray spectrum



Fermi limits with gammas

DM DM $\rightarrow b\overline{b}$, isothermal profile



- $FSR \gamma$: Final State Radiation emitted by the primary DM annihilation or in subsequent decays.
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Papucci & Strumia arXiv:0912.0742

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DM DM $\rightarrow hh$, isothermal profile



DM DM $\rightarrow b\overline{b}$, Einasto profile

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Search for Spectral Gamma Lines

- Smoking gun signal of dark matter
- Search for lines in the first 11 months of Fermi data in the 30-200 GeV energy range
- Search region
 - |b|>10° and 30° around galactic center
- Remove point sources (for |b|>10°). The data selection includes additional cuts to remove residual charged particle contamination.



Search for Spectral Gamma Lines

DM annihilation

- No line detection, 95% CL flux upper limits are placed
 - For each energy (WIMP mass) the flux ULs are combined with the integral over the line of sight of the DM density² to extract UL on the annihilation cross section <σv>



Search for Spectral Gamma Lines

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Loop I region

hot gas superbubble possibly reheated by successive supernova explosions

408MHz, Haslam et al., 1981

Synchrotron spectral index between 408MHz and 23GHz Miville-Deschênes *et al.*, 2008



WMAP polarized emission at 23GHz, Page et al., 2007

Synchrotron emission at 23GHz Miville-Deschênes et al., 2008

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Loop I region diffuse model counts prediction for E>300 MeV Fermi-LAT counts map for E>300MeV with sources removed Residual map (data-model) for photons with E>300 MeV PREL IMINARY

WMAP 23GHz polarized intensity convolved with Fermi-LAT PSF for E>300 MeV



• The spatial relation between the radio and γ -ray data suggests that synchrotron- emitting hard electrons also produce γ rays by upscattering the local radiation field.

• A bremsstrahlung origin is less likely because of the hardness of the γ rays and because the excess better coincides with the radio spur than with the dense rim of compressed atomic hydrogen.

It is plausible that the inverse Compton emission of the Milky Way together with this fainter local excess linked with Loop I could fully account for the observed diffuse intensity



Conclusion:

The Electron+positron spectrum (CRE) measured by Fermi-LAT is significantly harder than previously thought on the basis of previous data

- Adopting the presence of an extra e^+ primary component with ~ 2.4 spectral index and $E_{cut} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ allow to consistently interpret Fermi-LAT CRE data (improving the fit), HESS and PAMELA
 - Such extra-component can be originated if the secondary production takes place in the same region where cosmic rays are being accelerated (to be tested with future B/C measurements)
 - or by pulsars for a reasonable choice of relevant parameters (to be tested with future Fermi pulsars measurements)
 - •or by annihilating dark matter for model with $M_{DM} \approx 1 \text{ TeV}$

Improved analysis and complementary observations

(CRE anisotropy, spectrum and angular distribution of diffuse γ , DM sources search in γ) are required to possibly discriminate the right scenario.

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.... however promising constraints on the nature of
DM have been placed

In addition to increased statistics, better understanding of the astrophysical and instrumental background will improve our ability to reliably extract a potential signal of new physics or set stronger constraints

 Further improvements are anticipated for analysis that benefits from multi-wavelength observations (for example galactic center, dwarf spheroidal galaxies and DM satellites)

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