SPACE-BASED GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY: NEW RESULTS, NEW FRONTIERS, NEW HORIZONS

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Space-borne Y-ray telescopes



Addison-Wesley Longman

Detecting Y rays in space



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The Fermi Y-ray sky

> I GeV Fermi LAT 2008-2015 NASA/DoE/Fermi-LAT collaboration

Resolving the γ -ray sky: diffuse emission

diffuse component D3PO, pseudocolor Selig+ A&A 581 2015 A126

diffuse emission = no individual sources

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Resolving the γ -ray sky: diffuse emission



unresolved sources isotropic γ-ray background = residual CR contamination +extragalactic diffuse emission

Galactic interstellar emission = nucleon-nucleon collisions Bremsstrahlung, inverse Compton

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Resolving the Y-ray sky: sources

- general catalogs, e.g., 3FGL
 - 4 years, 100 MeV-300 GeV
 - 3033 sources (> 4.1 \sigma)



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CR origin: testing the SNR paradigm

- SNR paradigm: 10% of SN energy into cosmic rays
- LAT SNR Catalog, I-100 GeV
 - 30 sources classified as SNRs
 - 14 marginal candidates
 - 245 upper limits on radio SNRs



A cocoon of freshly accelerated CRs in Cygnus

- massive star-forming regions
 - CR isotopic abundances (²²Ne, trans-iron)
 - 80% SN = gravitational collapse of massive star
 - superbubbles
- CR cocoon in Cygnus
 - single source or superbubble?
 - advection? confinement?



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The Crab nebula flares

- variability < 8 h, 1%
 pulsar spindown power
 - emitting region
 < 3 10⁴ pc
- PeV electrons emitting
 γs up to I GeV
- magnetic reconnection?





Buehler+ ApJ 749 2012 26B

Searches for DM



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Extension to TeV energies

- segmented ACD/calorimeter: reduce back-splash self-veto
- Pass8 analysis
 - reliable energy estimate up to 2 TeV
 - 25% larger effective area > 10 GeV
- 2FHL Catalog
 - 80 months, 50 GeV-2 TeV
 - 360 sources → 75% previously unknown
- upcoming: 3FHL (1720 sources, 10 GeV-2 TeV)



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The Fermi bubbles

Y rays (foreground subtracted) 10-500 GeV



Quasi-periodic flux modulation in a γ -ray AGN

- blazar PG 1553+113
 - nearly-periodic oscillation 2.18 y period
 - LAT: c.l. 99% over 6.9 years
 - correlated with optical (> 9 y), radio, X rays
- pulsational accretion flow instabilities? jet precession? accretion-outflow coupling? SMBH binary system?



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- deep calorimeter (multi TeV, % energy resolution)
 - DAMPE (2015)
 - HERD (>2020)
- + TKR/imaging CAL
 separation (0.02° PSF)
 - Gamma-400 (2021?)



- gas time projection chambers
 - 3 to > 100 MeV energy range
 - $PSF < I^{\circ}$
 - polarization
- R&D:AdePT, HARPO



- Si tracker with no passive converter: Compton+pairs
 - 500 keV to > 100 MeV
 - I° PSF
 - polarization
- e-ASTROGAM (M5?),
 ComPair (MIDEX?)

Summary







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Backup

Science with gamma rays



- relatively easy to detect
- not deflected by magnetic fields

The Fermi Large Area Telescope

Anticoincidence Detector (ACD) → segmented → 0.9997 MIP efficiency

Pair-tracking Telescope

1.8 m x 1.8 m x 0.72 m



Precision Si-strip Tracker + W Converters (TKR): → 12 planes 3% r.l. (FRONT) → 4 planes 12% r.l. (BACK) → 2 planes with no converter →0.9 M channels → > 0.7 m² active Si

Data challenge simple SNR models

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The cosmic-ray gradient across the Milky Way

- emissivity spectrum in rings (H I line Doppler shift)
- intensity/spectral variations
- challenge simple propagation models





CRs in the halo of the Milky Way

- high- and intermediate velocity clouds
 → CR densities in the Galactic halo
- decrease with distance from disk at 97.5% c.l.
- agreement with propagation models
 - OK with B/C ¹⁰Be/⁹Be (confinement region: 4-6 kpc)





The GeV Galactic center excess

- residual emission near the Galactic center peaking at few GeV
 - spherical or bipolar?
 - low/high-energy shape of spectrum uncertain
- origin
 - DM annihilation?
 - poorly modeled interstellar emission?
 - Fermi bubbles?
 - unresolved sources (ms pulsars)?



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Novae as Y-ray sources

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V407 Cyg 2010

- > 100 MeV detections for 1 symbiotic + 5 classical novae
- particle acceleration mechanism unclear



A state-change in a γ -ray pulsar

- PSR J2021+4026: simultaneous flux/ spindown change
- reconfiguration of magnetosphere?
- new state change in 2015



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