

# Dark Matter searches with charged cosmic rays: status and perspectives

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I will discuss indirect detection in **charged cosmic rays**, namely **antiprotons**, **anti-nuclei** and **positrons** 

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# **WIMPs** detection

In order for the WIMP to have the **correct relic density**, the annihilation in the early Universe must be **efficient**. This implies a **DM-DM-SM-SM** interaction term.



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# **Charged cosmic rays: generalities**



•The CR spectrum can be described by **power law distributions** with shapes varying at fixed points

•CRs are composed for the **98% by nuclei** and for the **2% by electrons**:

Among the nuclei: 87% H and 12% He

Antimatter is present but extremely rare
A good place to look for DM!

•**Primary CRs** are accelerated by astrophysical sources (SNRs)

•CRs generated in **spallation reactions** with the interstellar matter are called **secondary CRs** 

How do CRs propagate from their source to the observer?

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# Charged cosmic rays: propagation





Solution is generally found by expanding the function in the transport equation in **Bessel functions** 

all the information on the production mechanism is

here

#### The model is defined by these parameters:

	δ	$K_0 \; (\mathrm{kpc}^2/\mathrm{Myr})$	L (kpc)	$V_c \ (\rm km/s)$	$V_a \ (\rm km/s)$
Min	0.85	0.0016	1	13.5	22.4
Med	0.70	0.0112	4	12	52.9
MAX	0.46	0.0765	15	5	117.6

•K<sub>0</sub>,V<sub>c</sub>,V<sub>a</sub> and  $\delta$  constrained by B/C data •L can be constrained (L>2kpc) by synchrotron measurements

Maurin, Donato, Taillet, Salati, Astrophys. J., 555 (2001) 585-596 Donato, Maurin, Taillet Astron. Astrophys. 381 (2002) 539-559 F. Donato, N. Fornengo, D. Maurin, P. Salati, PRD 69 (2004) 063501

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# Charged CRs in the heliosphere

•The Sun is surrounded by the **heliosphere** that extends up to 100 AU

•The heliosphere hosts the **solar wind**, originated by the expansion of the hot plasma generated by the solar corona

•This wind of charged particles determines the existence of the **Heliospheric Magnetic Field** (HMF)





•HMF appears as an **Archimedean spiral** 

•In the heliosphere, charged CRs **interact** with the HMF and with the solar wind

This mechanism is the **solar modulation** 

### Solar modulation

Propagation in the heliosphere is described by a **continuity equation**:

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No adiabatic momentum
losses
No sources

One can solve it by using Force Field Approximation

$$\frac{1}{3}\frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \ln p}\vec{V}_{\rm sw}f + K\nabla f = \text{const} = 0 \Longrightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \frac{V_{\rm sw}\mathcal{R}}{3k}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathcal{R}} = 0$$

Which gives:

$$\Phi_{\rm TOA}(T_{\rm TOA}) = \frac{T_{\rm TOA}(T_{\rm TOA} + 2m)}{T_{\rm IS}(T_{\rm IS} + 2m)} \Phi_{\rm IS}(T_{\rm IS}) \qquad \frac{T_{\rm TOA}}{A} = \frac{T_{\rm IS}}{A} - \frac{|Z|}{A}\varphi$$
  
**TOA = Top of Atmosphere (after solar modulation)**

IS = interstellar (before solar modulation)

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One can solve it by using **Numerical methods** 

One can use 3D models in which the full complexity of the HMF can be taken into account.

$$-(\vec{V}_{\rm sw} + \vec{v}_{\rm d}) \cdot \nabla f + \nabla \cdot (\vec{K} \cdot \nabla f) + \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}_{\rm sw}) \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0$$

Drifts (result of the interaction with gradients and curvatures of the HMF) make the solar modulation **charge dependent** 

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$$Q_{\rm sec} = \int_{E_{\rm thr}}^{\infty} dE' \left( 4\pi \, \phi_p(E') \right) \frac{d\sigma_{pp \to \overline{p} + X}}{dE} (E, E') \, n_{\rm H}$$



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•As expected, the choice of the **propagation model** is related to the **largest uncertainty** 

•The solar modulation used here is **charge dependent** and its parameters are compatible with PAMELA data taking period. What happens if we **change their values**?

# The role of solar modulation

We can plot the **percentage difference** for different choices of the solar modulation parameters (antiproton mean-free-path  $\lambda$  in the heliosphere)



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Are we observing an excess of antiprotons?

If interpreted in terms of annihilating DM, we are around the bounds set by FERMI:



However, some astrophysical sources can fit this excess as well:

A nearby supernova active in the past (~2Myr ago)

Kachelriess et al. arXiv:1504.06472

Secondary production inside the SNR shock region Blasi and Serpico, PRL 103 (2009) 081103 They can also be responsible for the rise in the positron fraction!

If the AMS data are used to set constraints on DM properties in the MED propagation model, one finds:



Giesen et al. JCAP 1509 (2015)

# What can we say?

•DM candidates annihilating/decaying into quarks are **strongly constrained** by the antiproton measurements of PAMELA and AMS

•The **uncertainties** affecting the computation of the constraints are **many**:

The galactic propagation parameters

The **spallation cross sections** 

The Solar modulation

The features of the **astrophysical background** (especially at high energies)

•Because of these uncertainties and the limited statistics, it is **very difficult** to say anything unambiguous about the presence of an **excess in AMS** high-energy data.
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# Why anti-nuclei?

Basically because we expect the DM signal to **dominate over the astrophysical background** at low energies



The **background flux is given by spallation** of cosmic ray particles over the interstellar medium

$$\begin{cases} p + p \rightarrow \overline{d} + X & E_{thr} = 17m_p \\ p + p \rightarrow {}^3\overline{He} + X & E_{thr} = 31m_p \end{cases}$$

The **large energy thresholds**, together with the steeply falling primary spectra make the astrophysical background **highly suppressed** at low energies

Anti-nuclei are a promising tool to detect low or intermediate mass WIMPs

Donato, Fornengo, Salati, 2000

## Anti-nuclei production

Anti-nuclei are the result of the merging (**coalescence**) of 2 or 3 anti-nucleons



A simple idea: the two antinucleons merge if they are close enough in the phase space

#### How is coalescence implemented in practice?

# **Antideuteron production**

The spectrum can be written as:

$$\frac{dN_{\bar{d}}}{dT} \propto \int d^3 \vec{k}_{\bar{p}} d^3 \vec{k}_{\bar{n}} \ F_{\bar{p}\bar{n}}(\sqrt{s}, \vec{k}_{\bar{p}}, \vec{k}_{\bar{n}}) C(\Delta k, \Delta r)$$

 $F_{(\bar{p}\bar{n})}(\sqrt{s}, \vec{k}_{\bar{p}}, \vec{k}_{\bar{n}}) = \frac{dN_{(\bar{p}\bar{n})}}{d^{3}\vec{k}_{\bar{p}}d^{3}\vec{k}_{\bar{n}}} \qquad \text{from the MonteCarlo} \\ (event-by-event)$ 

 $F_{(\bar{p}\bar{n})}$  is the probability that the anti-nucleons are formed:

The function C is the **probability that the anti-nucleons merge**:

$$C(\Delta p, \Delta r) = \theta(\Delta p^2 - p_0^2)\theta(\Delta r^2 - r_0^2)$$

 $p_0$  is a free parameter. Which is its value?

We sample it directly

coalescence)

We take  $r_0 \approx 2 \text{ fm}$  (radius of the anti-deuteron)

(given the large spatial resolution of Pythia our results are insensitive to the exact value of  $r_0$ )

Kadastik, Raidal, Strumia 2010 Ibarra, Wild 2013

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### Astrophysical background

The background is assumed to be of purely secondary origin:





# Astrophysical background -additional contributions-

An example: secondary antideuterons accelerated within SNRs

J. Herms, A. Ibarra, AV, S. Wild, in preparation



#### **Diffusive shock acceleration** (DSA) is the machanism through

(DSA) is the mechanism through which **CRs are accelerated** 

As a possible interpretation of the rise in the positron fraction observed by PAMELA, it has been suggested that DSA can accelerate also particles created by pp collisions that take place inside the shock region

> Blasi 2009, Blasi, Serpico 2009 Ahlers, Mertsch, Sarkar 2009 Donato, Tomassetti 2012 ...

#### **Antideuterons from SNRs**

propagation within the shock region:

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$$u\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = D\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{3}\frac{du}{dx}p\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} - \Gamma f = Q$$



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# **Prospects for DM observation**

#### Prospects for DIM observation An up L.M

An update of N.Fornengo, L.Maccione, AV, 2013



Annihilation cross sections compatible with **PAMELA antiproton bounds** 

Boudaud+ 2014

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### **Coalescence for the anti-Helium**

- For the anti-Helium, we have the coalescence of **three anti-nucleons**
- We consider only the pnn case, since for the ppn case we expect to have a suppression due to Coulombian repulsion
- Our algorithm is very simple: we compute the relative momentum of every antinucleon pair in the rest frame of the anti-He (i.e. the c.m. frame of the pnn system) and we consider the three particles as a bound state if :

 $|\Delta p|_{\max} \le p_0$ 

 Experimental data on anti-He production are very scarce and relative to pp or pA collisions whose dynamics is different from the one of a DM pair annihilation. Thus, the coalescence momentum can be considered as a free parameter (we set it equal to the one of the anti-deuteron)

### Anti-Helium fluxes at Earth

M.Cirelli, N. Fornengo, M.Taoso, AV, JHEP 08 (2014) 009, arXiv: 1402.0321



ON this topic see also Carlson, Coogan, Ibarra, Linden, Wild Physical Review D, 89, 076005 (2014)

# What can we say?

Anti-nuclei are a **promising channel** for the indirect detection of DM particles with low or intermediate mass. For this DM candidates, in fact, the **signal-to-background** ratio is extremely **large**.

However, **antiproton constraints** are becoming stronger and stronger.

For the current and future generation of experiments, the **detection of DM** in the anti-nuclei channels will probably be **challenging** 

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### **DIVI searches with positrons**



The observation of a **rise in the positron fraction**, firstly performed by PAMELA in 2009 and then confirmed by AMS-02 has triggered the interest of the community

•The rise is **not compatible** with the hypothesis that all the positrons are of **secondary origin** 

•However, this does **not** appear as **a smoking gun for DM**, since it might be due to the **emission** from **primary astrophysical sources** 

# Supernova Remnants (SNRs)



They accelerate electrons through the **shock acceleration mechanism**.

The spectrum is:

$$Q(E) = Q_0 \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{-\gamma} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_c}\right)$$

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The value of  $Q_0$  can be derived from radio data:

radio flux

$$\begin{split} Q_0 &= 1.2 \cdot 10^{47} (0.79)^{\gamma} \left[ \frac{d}{\text{kpc}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{\nu}{\text{GHz}} \right]^{(\gamma-1)/2} \left[ \frac{B}{100 \mu \text{G}} \right]^{-(\gamma+1)/2} \left[ \frac{B_r^{\nu}}{\text{Jy}} \right] \\ & \text{distance from the} \\ & \text{observer} \end{split}$$

# Supernova Remnants (SNRs)



For our analysis, we **divide** the SNRs population in **two classes**:

- Near SNRs (d ≤ 3 kpc): their distances and ages are fixed to the values of the Green catalogue, we allow a free normalization
- Far SNRs (d > 3kpc): treated as an average population (which follows a Lorimer radial profile) they share common values for Q<sub>0</sub> and γ, which are free parameters of the fit

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#### Pulsar Wind Nebulae (PWNe)



 $Q_0 = \eta W_0$ 

The rotating magnetic field of a pulsar can be so strong to tear particle away from the surface of the star. These particles are **trapped in a nebula**, accelerated (through shock diffusion mechanisms) and **then released in the ISM** (after ~50 kyr).

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where

$$W_0 \approx \tau_0 \dot{E} \left( 1 + \frac{t_\star}{\tau_0} \right)$$

pulsar spin-down energy
(energy emitted by the
 pulsar as it slows down)
[ATNF catalogue]

In our fit, pulsars have **2 free parameters**:  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$ 

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### A completely astrophysical model

#### •Electrons



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### fit to ANS-02 data



We fit the **two independent observables** among the ones measured by AMS-02:



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Annihilating DM					
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$\gamma_{PWNe}$	$1.87^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$1.76^{+0.09}_{-0.20}$	$1.23^{+0.33}_{-0.23}$	$1.77\substack{+0.19 \\ -0.69}$	$1.72^{+0.27}_{-0.68}$
$Q_{0,SNRs}[10^{50} \text{ erg/s}]$	$1.13^{+0.12}_{-0.09}$	$1.24_{-0.18}^{+0.10}$	$1.16\substack{+0.14\\-0.05}$	$1.40\substack{+0.11 \\ -0.14}$	$1.33^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$
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$N_{Vela}$	$0.80^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$	$0.74^{+0.24}_{-0.20}$	$0.88\substack{+0.14 \\ -0.20}$	$0.84^{+0.22}_{-0.15}$	$0.81^{+0.22}_{-0.17}$
$m_{DM}  [\text{GeV}]$	$50^{+1}_{-4}$	$88^{+31}_{-9}$	$635^{+73}_{-195}$	$39572^{+10351}_{-28792}$	$24759^{+22964}_{-14907}$
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$\eta_{PWNe}$	$0.032\substack{+0.002\\-0.002}$	$0.028\substack{+0.002\\-0.005}$	$0.011\substack{+0.005 \\ -0.001}$	$0.006\substack{+0.015\\-0.001}$	$0.006\substack{+0.011\\-0.001}$	
$\gamma_{PWNe}$	$1.87^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$1.76\substack{+0.09 \\ -0.20}$	$1.23^{+0.33}_{-0.23}$	$1.77\substack{+0.19 \\ -0.69}$	$1.72^{+0.27}_{-0.68}$	
$Q_{0,SNRs}[10^{50} \text{ erg/s}]$	$1.13_{-0.09}^{+0.12}$	$1.24_{-0.18}^{+0.10}$	$1.16\substack{+0.14 \\ -0.05}$	$1.40^{+0.11}_{-0.14}$	$1.33^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	
$\gamma_{SNRs}$	$2.22^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$2.24^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$	$2.23^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$2.26^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$2.25^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	
$N_{Vela}$	$0.80\substack{+0.19 \\ -0.17}$	$0.74^{+0.24}_{-0.20}$	$0.88\substack{+0.14 \\ -0.20}$	$0.84^{+0.22}_{-0.15}$	$0.81^{+0.22}_{-0.17}$	
$m_{DM}  [\text{GeV}]$	$50^{+1}_{-4}$	$88^{+31}_{-9}$	$635_{-195}^{+73}$	$39572^{+10351}_{-28792}$	$24759^{+22964}_{-14907}$	
$\langle \sigma v \rangle  [\mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	$5.6^{+2.2}_{-2.6} \times 10^{-27}$	$7.9^{+12.6}_{-3.4} \times 10^{-26}$	$7.2^{+1.4}_{-3.5} \times 10^{-24}$	$9.5^{+0.5}_{-8.4} \times 10^{-22}$	$7.2^{+11.5}_{-5.7} \times 10^{-22}$	
$\chi^2/85$ d.o.f.	1.13	0.98	1.05	1.24	1.18	



lines are upper limits derived in **Di Mauro, Donato, Phys. Rev. D 91, 2015** From an analysis of the Isotropic Gamma-ray Background (IGRB) measured by Fermi-LAT

(solid lines = limits based on more conservative assumptions)

The contour for the µ+µ- channel is compatible with limits derived in the gamma-ray channel!

### Alternative scenario



Positrons



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# Alternative scenario

#### Our model is now composed by astrophysical primary and secondary sources and an additional PWN



We have **9 parameters**:



φ Fisk potential
Nvela Normalization of Vela flux

We fit the two independent observables among

the ones measured by AMS-02:

 $e^{+}/(e^{+}+e^{-})$ e<sup>+</sup>+e<sup>-</sup> flux
### Fit to AINS data

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Parameter	central value $\pm 1\sigma$
$\eta_{PWNe}$	$0.05\substack{+0.04 \\ -0.03}$
$\gamma_{PWNe}$	$2.3^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$
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$N_{Vela}$	$0.8\substack{+0.2\\-0.2}$
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The contour region in the (d,T) plane is compatible with the uncertainty on the position of some of the source of the ATNF catalogue



We have seen that the **simplest astrophysical model** we can think of **fails** in reproducing the **positron fraction** 

#### This can be seen as a hint in favor of **additional positron sources**

However, it is **not an evidence of DM**, since astrophysical explanations are possible as well

Not everything is lost: we can still use AMS data to put conservative constraints on DM properties

# Adding DM



Positrons



## **Constraints on DIM properties**



# Take home message

•We have investigated the role of **three messengers**: antiprotons, antinuclei and positrons

•The current **experimental precision** has made indirect DM searches in these channels an invaluable instrument to **explore** configurations of the DM **parameters that are crucial for cold WIMPs** 

•Nevertheless, we have seen that the **uncertainties** that can **affect our predictions** are **numerous and varied**. In particular they are represented by the modeling of:

salactic propagation

solar modulation

production mechanisms (for anti-nuclei)

the astrophysical background (for positrons and antiprotons)

 Achieving a deep understanding of these issues is a mandatory step if one wants to make more robust claims of any kind