UNCERTAINTIES IN THE ANTIPROTON FLUX PRODUCED FROM COSMIC-RAY INTERACTIONS

AND ITS IMPORTANCE FOR INDIRECT SEARCHES OF DM

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Outline

Propagation and generation of secondary particles

Antiproton production

- Background of cosmic p̄
- Primary production hints?

Full uncertainties associated to CR production of antiprotons

Is there any hint of exotic sources of antiproton production?



Diffusive transport of Galactic cosmic rays

The basic idea is that primary particles are accelerated in astrophysical sources (namely SNRs) and propagate throughout the Galaxy, occasionally interacting with gas, mainly in the disc of the Galaxy, and there they produce secondary nuclei through spallation.



Markov-chain Monte Carlo analysis

Solved with the *DRAGON* code with cross sections option *DRAGON2* and *Winkler* https://github.com/cosmicrays/DRAGON2-Beta version

• Two different diffusion coefficients tested:

 $D = D_0 \beta^\eta \left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)^\delta$

Source hypothesis

$$D = D_0 \beta^{\eta} \frac{\left(R/R_0\right)^{\delta}}{\left[1 + \left(R/R_b\right)^{\Delta\delta/s}\right]}$$

Diffusion hypothesis

 Systematic uncertainties in the parametrization of D are small in the region from 1 to 200 GeV



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- Precision of AMS-02 data ~2-5%
- No public release of errors correlation
- Estimate of the covariance matrix from Heisig, korsmeier, Winkler (2020). arXiv:2005.04237v2
- Systematic uncertainties from the experiment become progressively more important at very low and very high energies



ANTIPROTON PREDICTIONS



B production cross sections

Important lack of data

Average uncertainties of data ~ 22%

Parametrizations based on these data and are extrapolated for channels with no existent data





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 $\frac{J_k}{J_j}(E) \propto \frac{\sum_{\alpha \to j}^{\alpha \to k} J_\alpha(E) \sigma_{\alpha \to k}(E)}{\sum_{\alpha \to j}^{\alpha \to j} J_\alpha(E) \sigma_{\alpha \to j}(E)} \xrightarrow{\text{high energies}} \sim \frac{\sum_{\alpha \to j}^{\alpha \to k} C_\alpha E^{-\gamma_\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha \to k}(E)}{\sum_{\alpha \to j}^{\alpha \to j} C_\alpha E^{-\gamma_\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha \to j}(E)}$

B/O spectrum - DRAGON2 Cross sections 0.35 Comb. Model - Diff. hypothesis Comb. Model, no modulation 0.30 confidence 2σ confidence 0.25 B/O AMS-02 (2017) B/O Voyager 1 (2012-2015) 0.20 . 1 년 0.15 0.10 0.05 iduals 0.25 0.00 ₩ -0.25 100 10² 10³ 10^{-1} 10¹







PRELIMINARY



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ANTIPROTON XSECS







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ANTIPROTON XSECS

<u>Uncertainties</u> in the cross sections parametrizations of antiproton production <u>estimated to be</u> from <u>12% to 20%</u> in **Korsmeier**, **Donato, di Mauro 2018** <u>arXiv:1802.03030</u>

 \bar{p}/p spectrum - Tan & NG cross sections



 \bar{p} /p spectrum - Winkler cross sections

Winkler, 2017 arXiv:1701.04866v1

Tan and N.G., 1982 https://journals.aps.org/prd/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevD.26.1179

OTHER SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

Scaling factors uncertainties

- Also related to the inelastic cross sections and the "shape" of the parametrizations
- Estimated to be around ± 5%



Modulation uncertainties

- Force-Field approximation with the Cholis-Hooper-Linden (<u>arXiv:1511.01507</u>) correction
- Neutron monitor (NEWK experiment) + Voyager-01 data





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In conclusion...

- We have seen that using the most recent cross sections of antiproton production, an **evident excess of data** appears over the models, peaking around 10 GeV
- In turn, we have demonstrated that with a careful analysis of the quantities that play an important role in the derivation of the propagation modelling, the residuals with respect to the model are of 10% in that energy region
- The most important source of uncertainties is related to the cross sections of antiproton production
- Finally, an estimation of the total, statistical and systematic, uncertainties makes this **excess of data over model not significant at all**, even with conservative assumptions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

BACK UP

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CURRENT SITUATION

Li and Be at the level of B



Discrepancy around 10-11 GeV points to a 80 GeV dark matter particle



Cuoco, Krämer, Kosmeier, 2017 ; <u>arXiv:1610.03071</u>

SOLAR MODULATION



1000

900

(a)

EPHIN/SOHO

- Force-Field approximation
- Neutron monitor (NEWK experiment) + Voyager-01 data
- ✤ p with the Cholis-Hooper-Linden (<u>arXiv:1511.01507</u>) correction

$$\Phi^{\text{TOA}}(T) = \frac{2mT + T^2}{2m\left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right) + \left(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi\right)^2} \Phi^{\text{IS}}(T + \frac{Z}{A}\phi)$$
$$\phi^{\pm}(t, \mathcal{R}) = \phi_0(t) + \phi_1^{\pm}(t) \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{R}_0}\right)$$

Proton