The Galactic magnetic field: the cosmic- ray / gamma-ray / radio connection



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The basis: cosmic-ray production & propagation in the Galaxy





The **goal** : use *all* types of data in self-consistent way to test models of cosmic-ray propagation.



Part 1 : the model: tuning to cosmic-rays and γ -rays OLD

Part 2 : implications for synchrotron & **B** NEW (in progress, mainly with this conference in view)

galprop

3D gas model based on 21-cm (atomic H), CO (tracer of H_2) surveys cosmic-ray sources $f(\underline{r}, E)$ interstellar radiation field $f(\underline{r}, v)$ nuclear cross-sections database energy-loss processes **B**-field model

 γ – ray, synchrotron

project running since 1996 (with Igor Moskalenko, Olaf Reimer, Troy Porter) c++

galprop code: publicly available many users

continuous development, *with dedicated Website galprop.stanford.edu* new:

non-linear effects of cosmic rays on propagation anisotropic inverse Compton scattering



Adopted as Standard Model for NASA's GLAST to be launched in December

Cosmic-ray propagation

 $\partial \psi$ (<u>r</u>, p) / $\partial t = q(\underline{r}, p)$ cosmic-ray sources (primary and secondary)

+
$$\nabla$$
 (D $_{xx}\nabla\psi$ - $v\psi$)
diffusion convection

+ $\partial / \partial p [p^2 D_{pp} \partial / \partial p \psi / p^2] = D_{pp} D_{xx} \sim p^2 v_A^2$ diffusive reacceleration (diffusion in p)

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} - & \partial / \partial p & [& d p / d t \psi \\ & \text{momentum loss} \\ & \text{ionization, bremstrahlung} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} - & p / 3 & (\nabla \cdot v) \psi \end{array} \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{adiabatic momentum loss} \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{c} -\psi \ /\tau_{\rm f} \\ -\psi \ /\tau_{\rm r} \end{array}$$

nuclear fragmentation radioactive decay More about *galprop*:

Solved numerically on a grid using Crank-Nicolson scheme

Time-dependent solution, allow to approach steady-state or can use time-dependent solution (stochastic sources).

Output (as FITS files) # cosmic-ray spectra in 3D # gamma-ray skymaps by process # synchrotron skymaps

Gas Rings: HI (Inner & Outer Galaxy)



Gas Rings: HI (Our Neighborhood)



Seth Digel'05

Interstellar Radiation Field (for inverse Compton γ-rays): new model *ApJ* 640, *L155*, 2006 (Troy Porter)



Recent review of cosmic-ray propagation:

Strong, Moskalenko, Ptuskin: Annual Review Nuclear and Particle Science, vol 57

astro-ph/0701517

Key data: primary cosmic-ray spectra



Key data: cosmic-ray secondary/primary ratios: e.g. Boron/Carbon probes cosmic-ray propagation parameters



Peak in B/C can be explained by **diffusive reacceleration** with Kolmogorov D ~ β p ^{1/3}

E



Energy-dependent diffusive reacceleration produces <u>bump</u> in particle spectrum



so ratio sensitive to cosmic-ray confinement time, halo size

Hams et al. 2004 ApJ 611, 892



first adjust parameters to fit Boron/Carbon

Ptuskin et al. 2006 ApJ 642, 902



diffusive reacceleration

Voyager

Ulysses

▲ HEAO-3

 10^{0}

Dwyer 1978

Chapell, Webber 1981

V Maehl et al. 1977

O ACE

DR model

 $\Phi = 450 \text{ MV}$

10²

0.35

0.3

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05

10⁻²

LIS

 10^{-1}

B/C ratio

wave damping



then predict the other cosmic-ray spectra

Kinetic energy, GeV/nucleon

 10^{1}



Ptuskin et al. 2006 ApJ 642, 902



Modelling diffuse Galactic gamma-rays:

Conventional model: proton, electron spectra as measured



'Conventional' model: cosmic-ray protons (+He) and electrons as *directly measured*



There really IS a big excess over prediction !

Wherever you look, the GeV γ -ray excess is there !



10²

10

10⁴ 10⁵ energy, MeV

10⁵

Proposed explanations of GeV γ - ray excess:

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Optimized' model: *p, e* spectra factor 2 - 4 higher than measured (justification: spatial variations due to stochastic nature of sources)



Optimized model: vary cosmic-ray proton, electron spectra but keep compatible with expected spatial variations



Satisfactory fit above 10 MeV: no more GeV excess

Optimized model explains the GeV γ - ray excess everywhere!





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Optimized model for γ - rays also improves antiproton, positron predictions





Facit: proposed explanations of GeV γ -ray excess:

- 1. SNR with injection CR spectra: NO: would give only excess at low latitudes, but observed everywhere
- 2. Hard nucleon injection spectrum: NO: too many antiprotrons, positrons.
- Hard electron injection spectrum:
 NO: GeV peak absent and spatial fluctuations not enough to allow locally observed spectrum
- 4. Moderate changes in nucleon and electron spectra
- 5. Physics of $p+p \rightarrow \pi^{\circ}$ NO
- 6. Hard spectrum SOURCES
- 7. 'Exotic' : e.g. dark matter

synchrotron could help sort all this out (if GLAST doesn't)

quite likely

who knows

not just spectra also skymaps



EGRET γ -ray data

Tracer of SNR cosmic-ray sources: Pulsar distribution



Parkes Deep Survey

Yusifov & Kücük 2004 (Lorimer 2004: almost same result)



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y-rays = sources(R) * X(R) *CO(R) (+ HI, inverse Compton terms)
Steeper sources * flatter X = observed gamma-rays
Strong et al. 2004 A&A 422,L47

the (near) γ - ray future GLAST..... 30 MeV – 100 GeV full sky, arcminute resolution

GLAST - Planck synergy

co-operative efforts started

AGILE – γ - ray satellite launched April 23 2007

PAMELA – cosmic-ray satellite launched June 2006




Simulation for GLAST using galprop



So we sort of understand cosmic-ray propagation.

What are consequences for synchrotron emission & B ?

The procedure:

- 1 build model consistent with γ rays: electron spectrum, spatial distribution
- 2 tune **B** to fit 408 MHz skymaps
- 3 compare radio spectrum with data

Step 1 is not very sensitive to **B** (it just affects electron energy losses) so this procedure is robust

Use a very simple **B**-model (we're just starting on this ! - one reason I'm here) exponential in *R* and *z* random **B** only (not bad for a start since regular < random)

Large scale random B No **B** topology (yet !) current *galprop* synchrotron studies No polarization (yet !) No fine details of Galactic structure but still a lot of physics – cosmic ray propagation, ISM

From CR and gammas we can get the *electrons* Knowing the *electrons* + *synchrotron* we can get *B*.



Synchrotron is the *missing link*

both intensity and spectrum / index are predicted by the model and provide essential constraints on both **B** and cosmic-ray propagation not yet much exploited in cosmic-ray context

beyond templates: want to understand what's going on simple ideas e.g. "spectrum steepens with energy due to losses" often misleading for *electrons* the factors determining the spatial distribution & spectrum are

- injection spectrum
- source distribution
- energy losses
- energy-dependent diffusion
- halo size

- : from cosmic-rays / γ -rays
- : from γ -rays / SNR
- : from ISRF, B
- : from cosmic-rays / γ -rays
- : from cosmic-rays

The only freedom left in modelling the synchrotron is **B** !

galprop synchrotron skymap @ 408 MHz



galprop synchrotron skymap @ 408 MHz



intermediate latitudes inner Galaxy: we are seeing kpc-wide halo

GC

Sun

gamma-rays: halo less evident but still there: cosmic-rays + gas + ISRF





Haslam et al. 408 MHz

intermediate latitudes inner Galaxy: seeing kpc-wide halo: cosmic-rays + B

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Electrons: Synchrotron and B field B(μ G) ~ 6 e^{-(R - Ro)/10 kpc - |z|/2 kpc}



Cosmic-ray electrons from EGRET γ - rays --> B from synchrotron *Strong, Moskalenko & Reimer 2000 ApJ* 537, 763 *current* working model (no detailed parameter study yet):

$$B(\mu G) = 8 e^{-(R - Ro)/50 kpc - |z|/3 kpc}$$

NEW essentially no R- dependence of B: since the electrons have a steeper R-dependence than before Magnetic field in the Galactic plane 25 cosmic-ray source distribution Broadbent et al. 1990 В 20 source density, arbitrary units 15 3 Stot, mkG **VEV** 10 2 **NEW** 5 OLD Ю 0 0 10 15 0 5 10 5 20 15 0 R, kpc R, kpc

z-dependence: scale height cannot be >> electrons, best is 3 kpc, cf halo height 4 kpc

Best-fit **B** model



Sensitivity to **B** parameters

R-scale: 10 kpc too small



z - scale : 1 kpc too small

galdef ID 51_6002079RE 405 MHz 0.25<l<59.75, 300.25<l<359.75 10² 1

>> electron halo too large



best (still not great)





GAMMA RAYS FROM INNER GALAXY



γ - rays constrain electron spectrumvia inverse Compton emission

COSMIC RAY ELECTRONS

ELECTRON SPECTRUM



need a BREAK in electron spectrum derived from γ-rays

also need a factor ~ 4 more electrons than observed locally to be consistent with γ - rays

Producing the electron/synchrotron spectrum







using large areas of sky we should be immune to local effects but beware of loops, spurs et al (can eventually be included in model) !

SYNCHROTRON, NORTHERN GALAXY





NORTHERN SKY SPECTRAL INDEX



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data are just indicative, schematic

cosmic-ray electron injection index = 1.8



propagation produces *little curvature* at high frequencies !

electron injection index: const @ 1.8



with break 1.5 / 2.4 at 20 GeV



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MODEL SPECTRAL INDEX VARIATIONS

408-1420 MHz

18 - 30 GHz



Propagation model predicts some interesting structure but variations are small, and not really as observed. Easily masked by other effects: loops etc. Some flattening to high *b*, but less than observed.

Outlook

more realistic **B** in *galprop*, including regular component

compare with all radio survey data, spectral index maps

this impacts on cosmic-ray, γ - ray models

exploit synergy cosmic-ray - GLAST – radio - Planck





END

backup slides

SPECTRAL INDEX SPATIAL VARIATIONS ALWAYS TRICKY ! BUT TRY ANYWAY

Bloemen et al 1988 based on Reich&Reich 1988

spectral hardening with increasing latitude: surprising (Galactic wind?)



Fig. 1. a Latitude distributions of the brightness temperatures at 408 MHz toward the inner and outer Galaxy. The dashed lines indicate the background level of 3.7 K (Reich and Reich 1988a). b As a, but for 1420 MHz. The background level is 2.8 K. c Latitude distribution of the spectral index β of the galactic radio emission at 408 and 1420 MHz ($T_b(v) \propto v^{-\beta}$). d As c, but the regions below and above the galactic plane are combined

diffusion model does NOT predict this behaviour !

Reich, Reich and Testori spectral index maps from The Magnetized Interstellar Medium Conference, 2003





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galprop model



electron spectrum: has breaks, complex form ?

importance of detailed models !

 $\mathbf{B}(z)$ – see different electron energies low B are we seeing the break as we move up into the halo? high B below break above break synchrotron I(v)electrons n(E) $\nu \sim BE^2$ E ν

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SPECTRAL INDEX AS FUNCTION OF LATITUDE

guiding principle:

to fit a wide range of data approximately is more important than to fit a small range of data precisely

Compare *galprop* realistic 3D approach to usual 'leaky-box' models which reduce the Galaxy to 0-D and ignore astronomical data.

the original motivation

- to escape from the leaky-box

into the Galaxy

but now...

upcoming *precision* experiments e.g. GLAST, PAMELA, AMS, long-duration balloon flights require correspondingly *detailed* models.


astronomical input



compared to analytical methods:

allows realistic interstellar medium based on observations

not restricted to special cases – easy to add new processes

intuitive – obvious what's going on
(cf. complex formulae of analytical methods)

for *nuclei* it is possible to treat semi-analytically but for e.g. *electrons*, *positrons* it's **impossible** to do it properly (rapid energy losses on 3D interstellar radiation field)

for γ -rays, synchrotron it's **essential**

an example of a *galprop* application:

study of cosmic-ray diffusion theories: wave-damping by cosmic rays

Ptuskin et al. 2006 ApJ 642, 902



secondary/primary ratio: Boron/Carbon

..... another explanation of peak in B/C : dissipation of MHD waves by cosmic rays Ptuskin et al. 2006, ApJ 642, 902 Effect included in galprop code.

Boron/Carbon



Conventional model underpredicts secondary antiprotons



When you have eliminated the impossible whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

- Sherlock Holmes



EGRET Excess of Diffuse Galactic Gamma Rays as Tracer of Dark Matter

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Comparison with observations problematic



Fig. 8. Spectral index map between 408 MHz (3.7 K subtracted) and 1420 MHz (2.8 K subtracted) of the galactic "background" emission at a resolution of $10^{\circ} \times 3^{\circ}$

Reich & Reich 1988



Fig. 11. Same latitude profiles as in Fig. 9, but for the spectral index data between 408 MHz (Fig. 9) and 1420 MHz (Fig. 10). The offset between the profiles is $\Delta\beta = 0.15$ resolution $10^{\circ} \ge 3^{\circ}$

(Early work thoroughly reviewed by Lawson etal 1987) Bridle 1967 drift scans 17.5-81.5 Mhz 2.4 Berkhuijsen 1971 240-820 Mhz 2.66 Sironi 1974 : drift scans 81.5-151-408 Mhz 2.41 Webster 1974 drift scans 408-610-1407 Mhz 2.8 Strong 1977 evaluation of drift scans in halo model 17.5-81.5 Mhz 2.4 (disc) 2.6 (halo) Webber 1980 10-100 Mhz : 2.57 Lawson etal 1987 38-408-820-1420 maps: 2.5(38-408) -2.8 (408-1420), summary of previous drift scans. Reich&Reich 1988b 408-1420 map, 1, b-profiles. 2.65-2.8. Flattens with b esp. in outer Galaxy Bloemen et al. 1988 408-1420 based on Reich&Reich, 408-1420:convenient b plots: 2.6-2.85 Broadbent et al. 1989: 408 Mhz – 5 Ghz : 2.7 -3 Davies et al 1996 408-1420-10GHz high-lat 408-1420: 2.8-3.2. no correlation with 10GHz! 408-31.5: >2.9 Kogut et al1996 Platania et al. 1998 1.4-7.5 Ghz high-lat 2.81, 408 Mhz-7.5 Ghz: 2.76 Jonas et al. 1998 and thesis1999:map (plate C5) 408-2326: 2.5-2.8. 2.326-31.5GHz:2.95 Roger et al. 1999 22-408Mhz: 2.4-2.55 Giardino et al 2001 408-1420:2.78 (with full sky map:2.5-3.2), 408-2326:2.75 Bennett et al 2003 408-23: low b (near SFR: 2.5, high b: 3. Near 20GHz:break to >3 Finkbeiner 2004 408-2326-8...93GHz : uses 3.05 for high-freq model Davies et al 2006 408MHz-WMAP (22-41 Ghz) 408-22:3.18 Fernandez-Cerezo et al 2006 408-COSMOSOMAS (12.7-14.7-16.3 Ghz) high b: 2.94-3.2 Singal et al 2006 8GHz 408-81.5: 2.6+-.2, 1420-81.5: 2.7+-.2 (!) Borka 2007 408-820-1420 loops 1-VI 2.68-3.03

General comment: results not often presented in user-friendly (digital) form for comparison with models !

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