

Non-thermal radiative processes

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Procesos Radiativos en Astrofísica
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Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium (LTE)

Radiative transport

$$\frac{dl_\nu}{ds} = j_\nu - \alpha l_\nu$$

$$\tau = \int \alpha ds$$

Kirchoff Law (LTE)

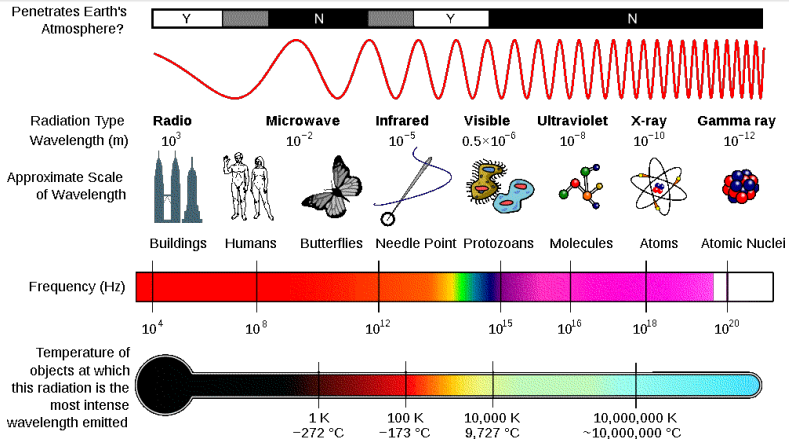
$$j_\nu = \alpha B_\nu(T)$$

$$\frac{dl_\nu}{d\tau} = B_\nu(T) - l_\nu$$

Radiative transport at constant temperature

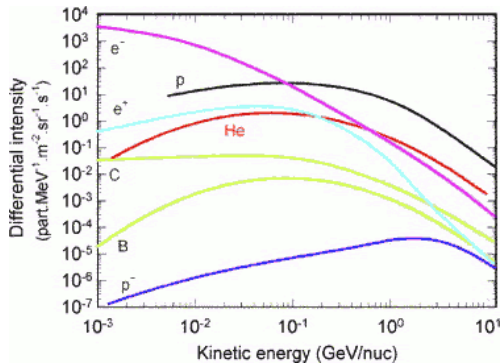
$$l_\nu(\tau) = l_\nu(\tau = 0)e^{-\tau} + B_\nu(T)(1 - e^{-\tau})$$

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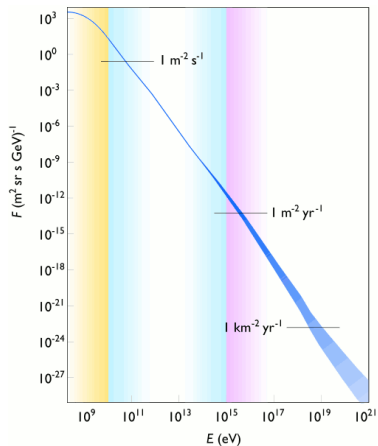
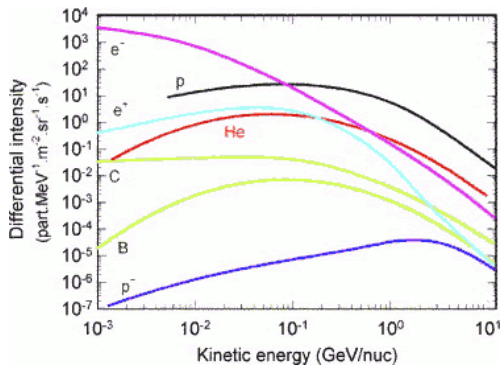
$$1 \text{ eV} \sim h \times 10^5 \text{ GHz} \sim \frac{hc}{10^4 \text{ \AA}} \sim \frac{hc}{1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}} \sim k \times 10^4 \text{ K} \sim 0,6m_p(10 \text{ km/s})^2$$

Cosmic rays



- Protons: 88 %
- Helium: 10 %
- Other nuclei: 1 %
- Electrons: 1 %

Cosmic rays



Outline

- 1 Cosmic ray propagation
 - Astrophysical sources
 - Physical processes
 - Galactic structure

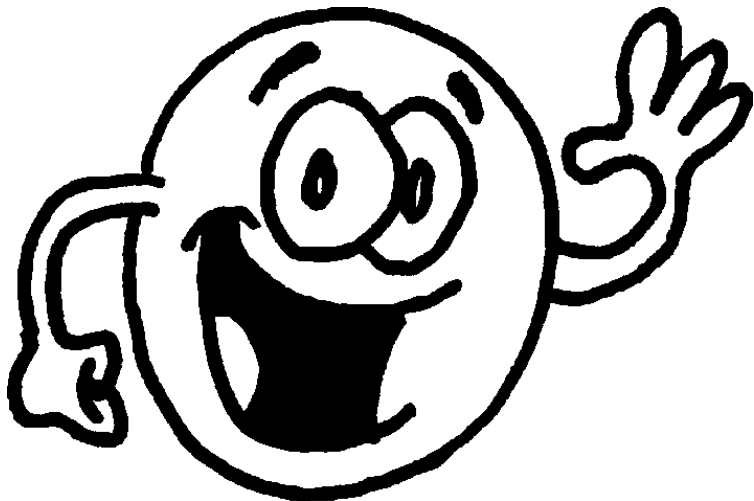
- 2 Observable signatures

Cosmic ray propagation

Diffusion-loss equation

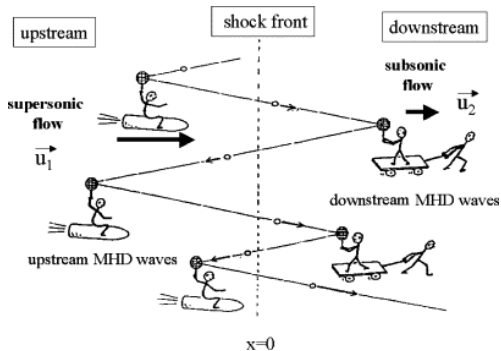
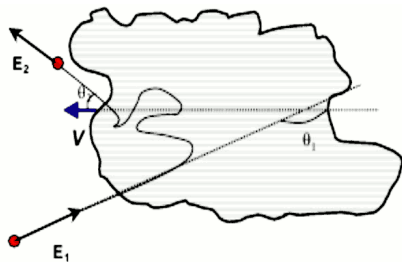
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{dn}{d\gamma}(\vec{x}, \gamma) \stackrel{\text{steady-state}}{=} \nabla \cdot \left[\underbrace{K(\vec{x}, \gamma)}_{\text{diffusion}} \nabla \frac{dn}{d\gamma}(\vec{x}, \gamma) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} \left[\underbrace{b(\vec{x}, \gamma)}_{\text{energy losses}} \frac{dn}{d\gamma}(\vec{x}, \gamma) \right] + \underbrace{Q(\vec{x}, \gamma)}_{\text{source term}}$$

cosmic ray energy spectrum

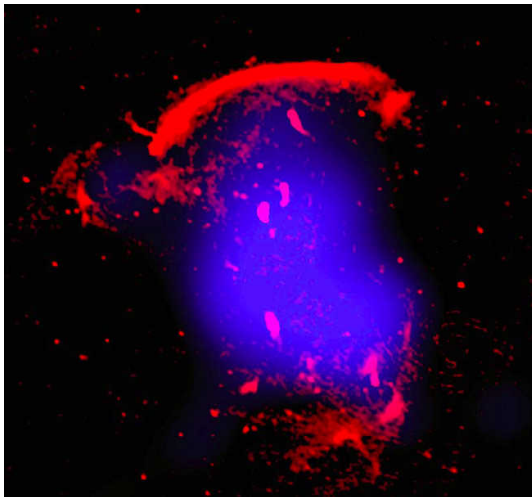


Where do the cosmic rays come from?

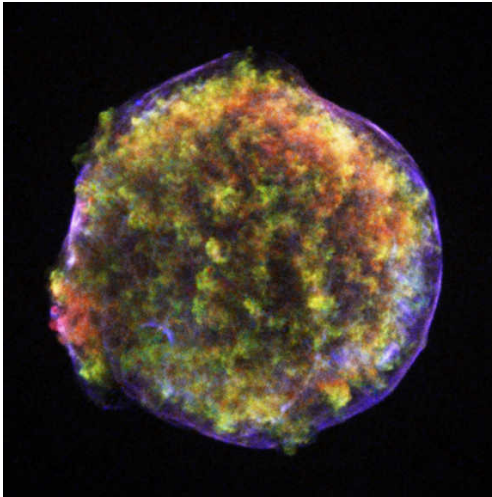
Fermi acceleration mechanisms



Astrophysical shocks



Supernova remnants (SNR)



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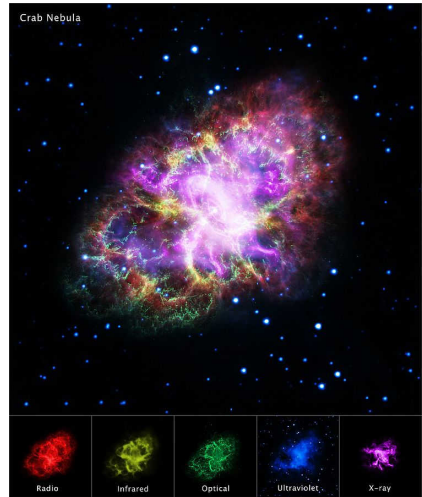
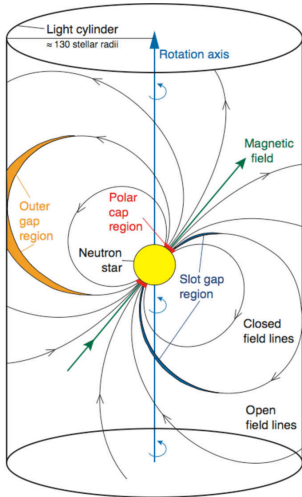


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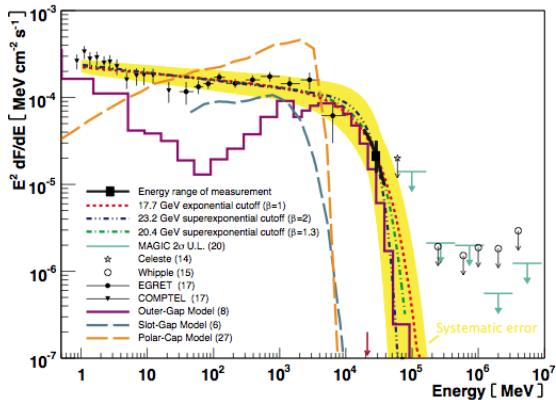
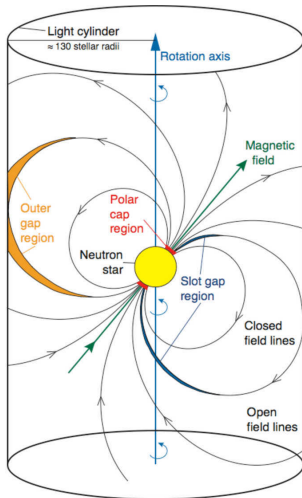
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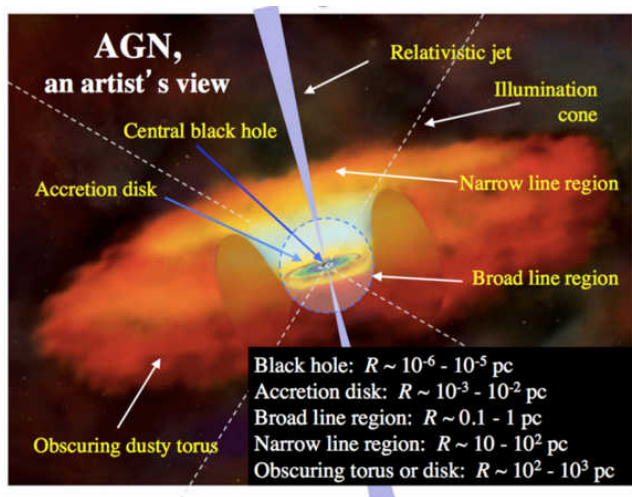
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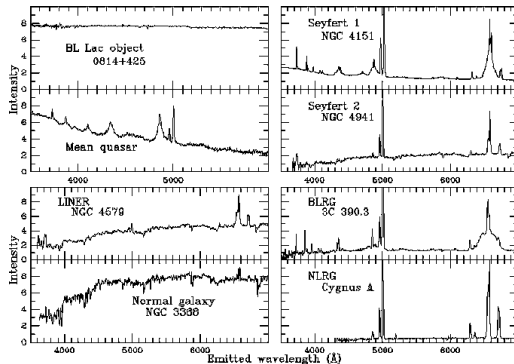
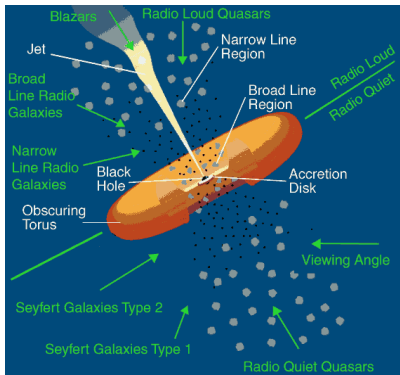
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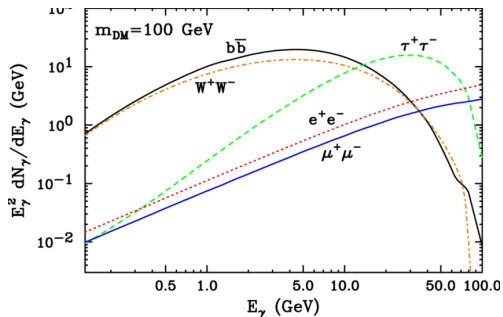
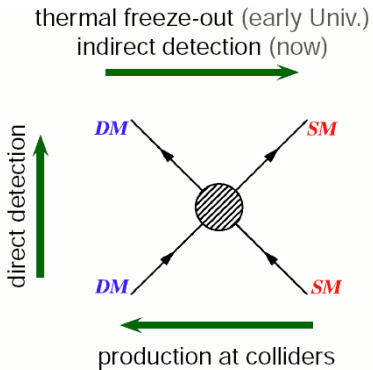
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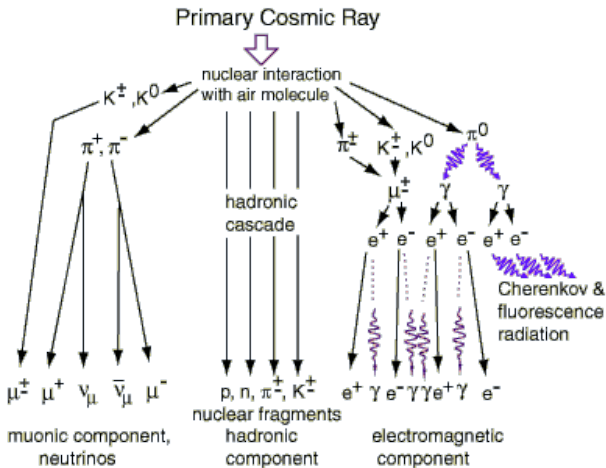
Not-so-dark matter (DM)



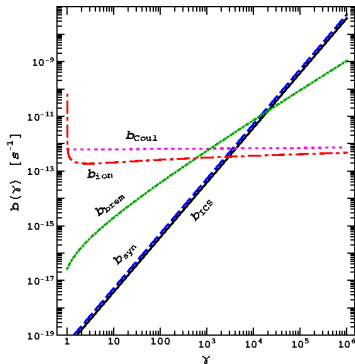


What could possibly go wrong?

Hadronic cascade



Electromagnetic losses



Ionisation

$$b_{\text{ion}}(\gamma) = \frac{q_e^4 n_{\text{H}}}{8\pi\epsilon_0^2 m_e^2 c^3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}}} f(\gamma)$$

Inverse Compton Scattering

$$b_{\text{ICS}}(\gamma) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\sigma_{\text{T}}}{m_e c} \gamma^2 U_{\text{rad}}$$

Synchrotron

$$b_{\text{syn}}(\gamma) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\sigma_{\text{T}}}{m_e c} \gamma^2 U_{\text{B}}$$

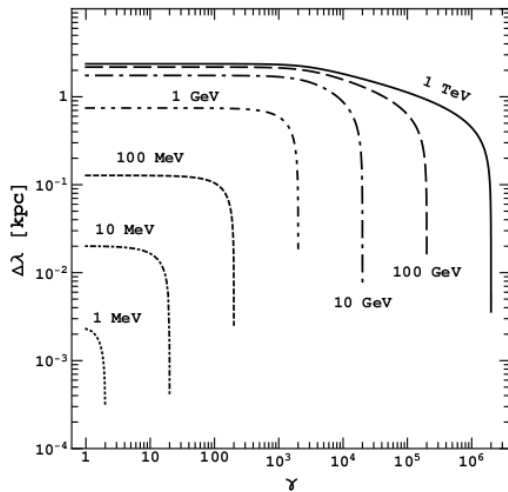
Bremsstrahlung

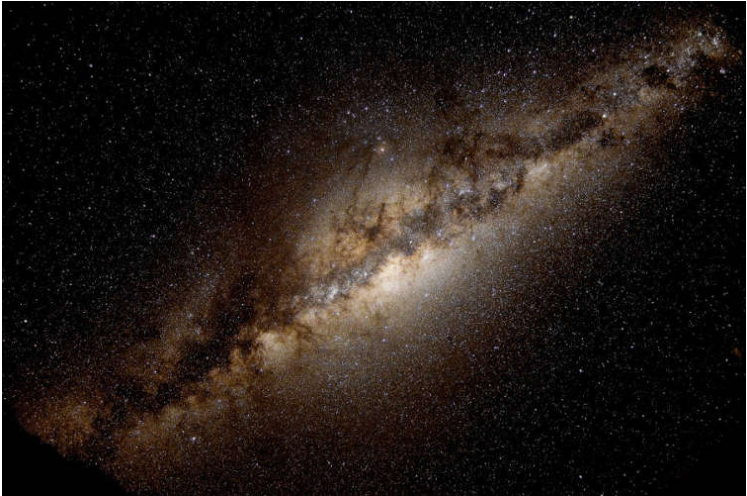
$$b_{\text{brem}}(\gamma) \propto n_e \gamma [\ln(\gamma) + 0,36]$$

Coulomb collisions

$$\frac{b_{\text{Coul}}(\gamma)}{1,2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}^{-1}} \approx n_e \left[1 + \frac{\ln(\gamma/n_e)}{75} \right]$$

Diffusion





Galaxies

The Milky Way

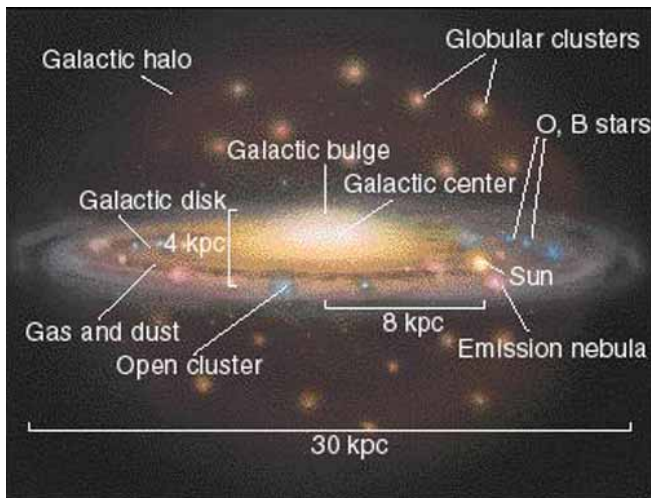


L'origine della Via Lattea, Tintoretto (1575-1580)

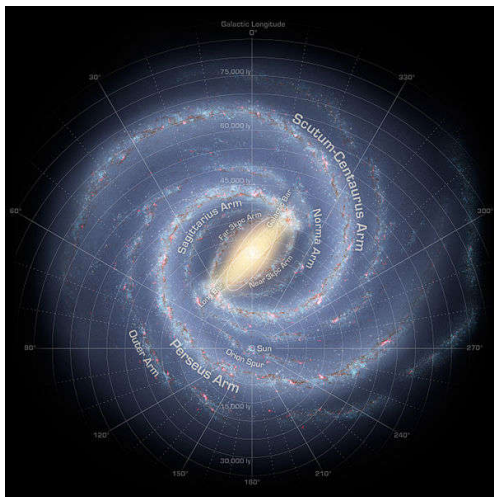


Aristotle (384 – 322 AC)

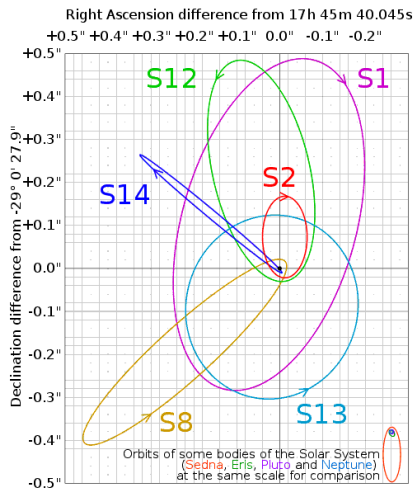
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The Galactic nucleus



Mass of Sagittarius A*

$$\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

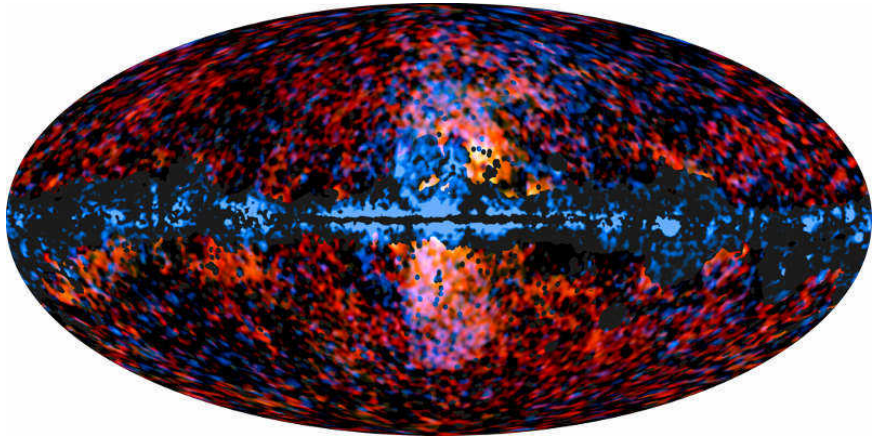
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Cosmic ray propagation
Observable signatures

Astrophysical sources
Physical processes
Galactic structure

The Galactic nucleus



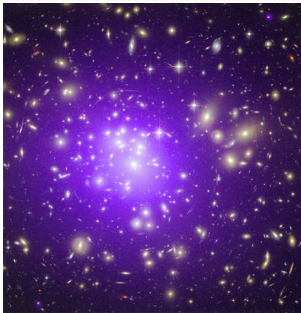
Procesos Radiativos

Non-thermal radiative processes

The Interstellar Medium (ISM)

Pressure

$$\nabla P = -\rho \nabla \phi$$



Hot spherical halo

Angular momentum

$$V_{tg}/R = -\nabla \phi$$



Cold rotating disk

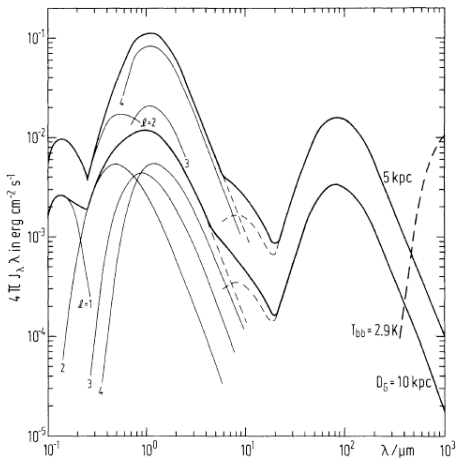
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Phase	f_v	f_m	h (pc)	T (K)	n (cm ⁻³)
Molecular clouds	1 %	22 %	80	15	> 100
Cold neutral medium	3 %	30 %	150	70	30
Warm neutral medium	20 %	35 %	400	8000	1
Warm ionised medium	30 %	10 %	1000	8000	1
HII regions	1 %	1 %	70	8000	> 100
Hot ionised medium	45 %	2 %	> 1000	> 10 ⁵	< 0,01

The Interstellar Radiation Field (ISRF)

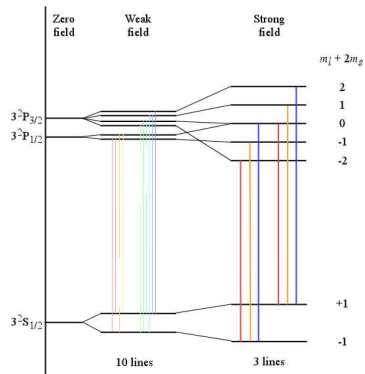


[Mathis et al. \(1983\)](#)

Magnetic field

Detection

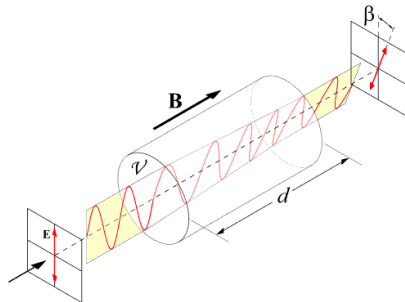
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- Faraday rotation
- Synchrotron emission
 - intensity
 - polarization
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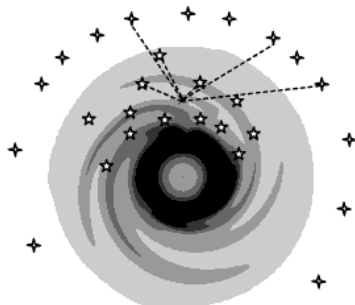


$$\beta \propto \lambda^2 \int n_e B_{\parallel} ds$$

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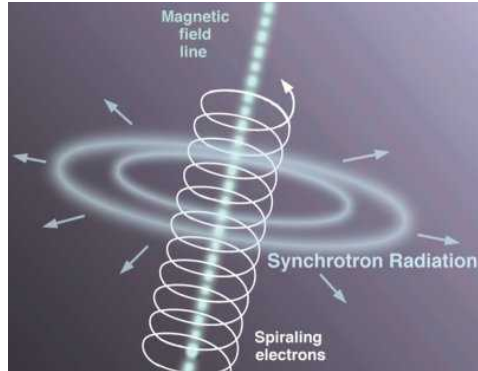
✦ = extragalactic source
★ = pulsar

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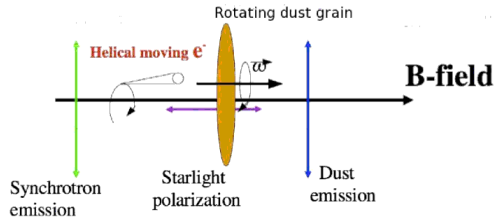


$$I_{\text{syn}} \propto \int n_e B_{\perp} ds$$

Magnetic field

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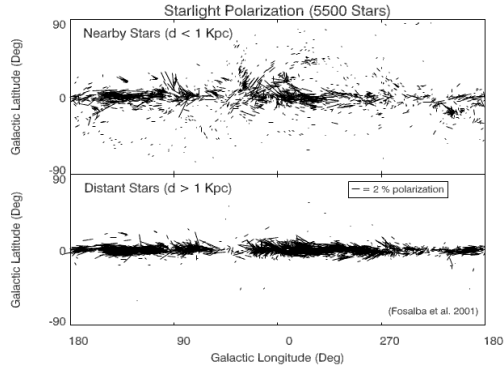
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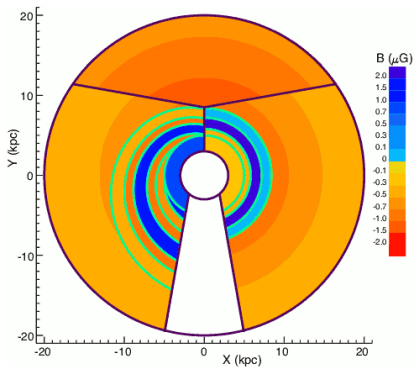
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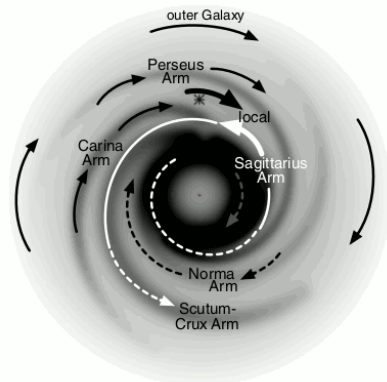


[Fosalba et al. \(2002\)](#)

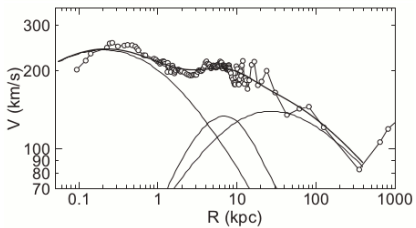
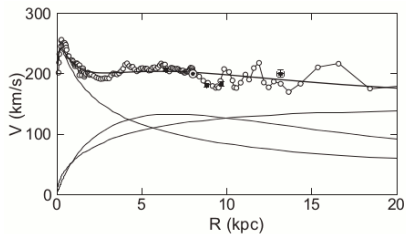
Magnetic field



[Van Eck et al. \(2011\)](#)



Dark matter



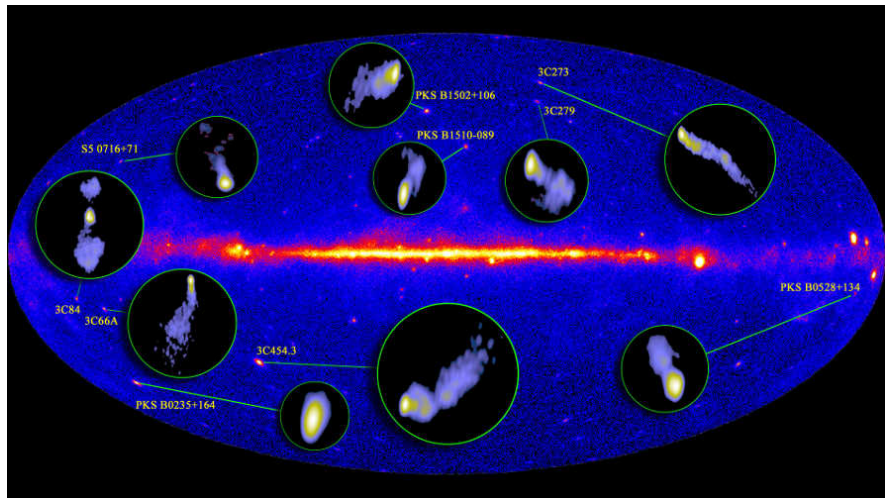
[Sofue \(2012\)](#)

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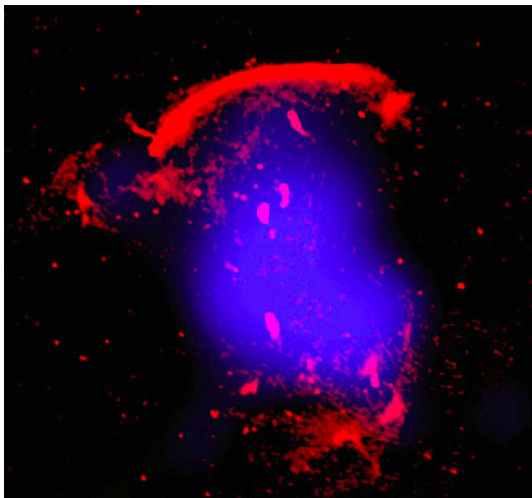


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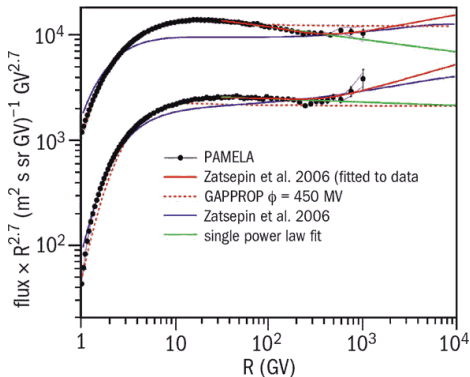
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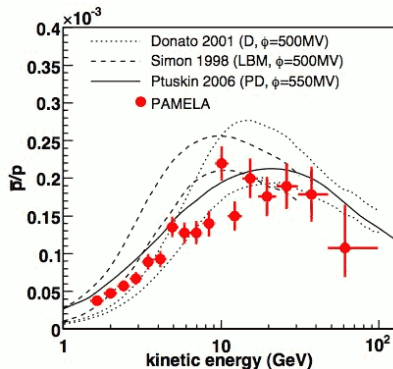
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Cosmic ray spectrum

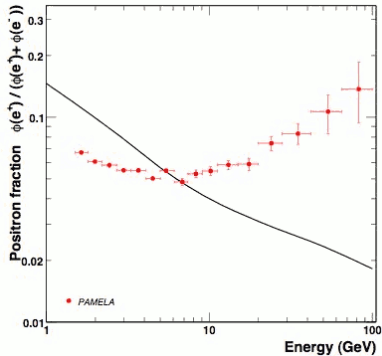


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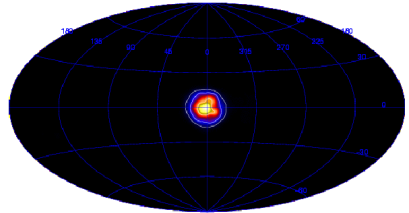


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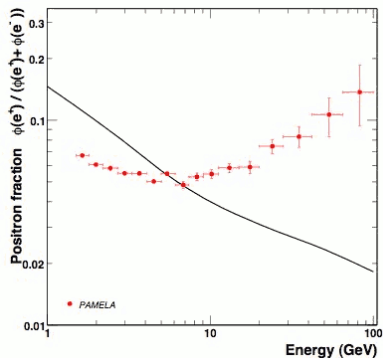


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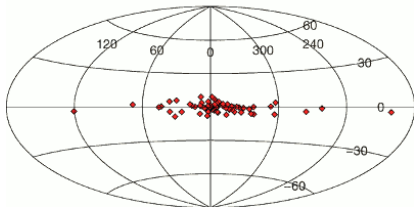
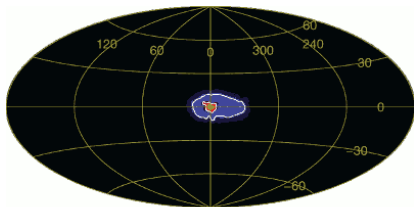


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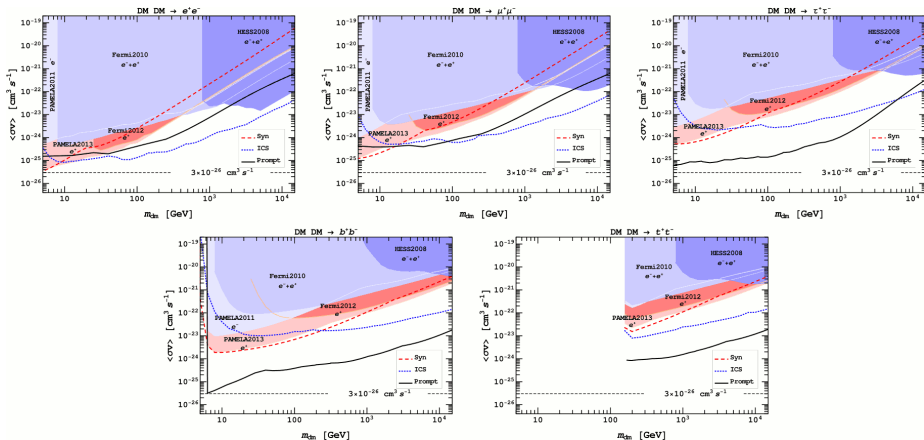


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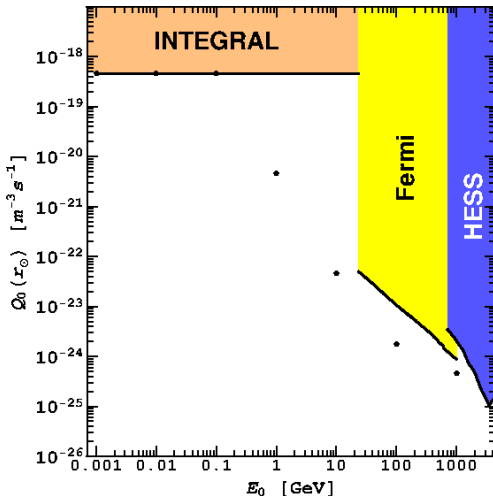
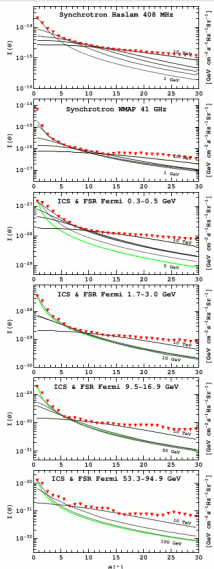
[Weidenspointner et al. \(2008\)](#)

Have we detected dark matter?

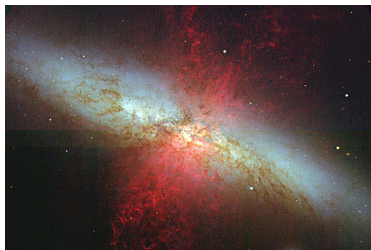


Wechakama & Ascasibar (2014)

Have we detected something else?



Non-thermal pressure support



Equipartition

$$P_B \sim P_{CR} \sim P_v \sim \frac{P_{nt}}{3}$$

Magnetic field

$$P_B \propto B^2$$

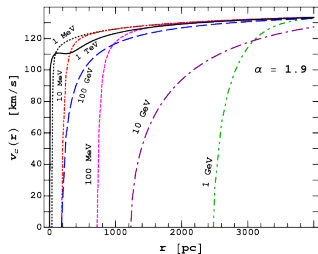
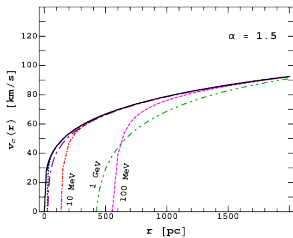
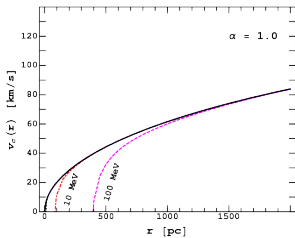
Cosmic rays

$$P_{CR} = \frac{E_0}{3} \int \frac{dn_{CR}}{dE} \frac{E^2 - E_0^2}{E} dE$$

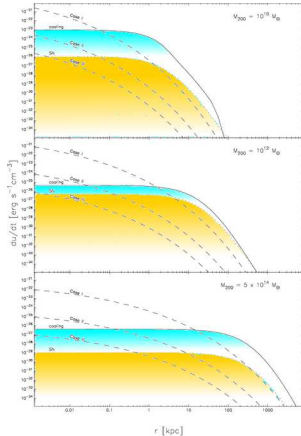
Turbulence

$$P_v \sim \rho \langle v^2 \rangle$$

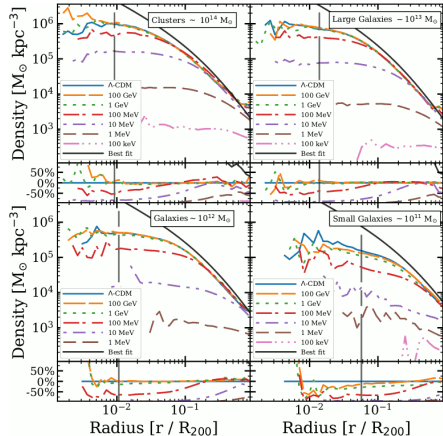
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Heating and ionisation

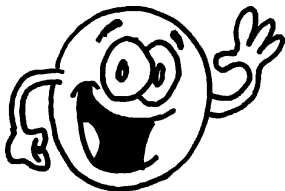


[Ascasibar \(2007\)](#)



[Iwanus et al. \(2019\)](#)

Conclusions



Noise

- Gamma rays
 - π^0 decay
 - ICS
- Radio continuum
 - synchrotron

Importance

- Pressure
- Energy
 - heating
 - ionization

Thank you!