

# Cosmic Rays from the U(1) Symmetry in the Dark Sector

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# Motivation

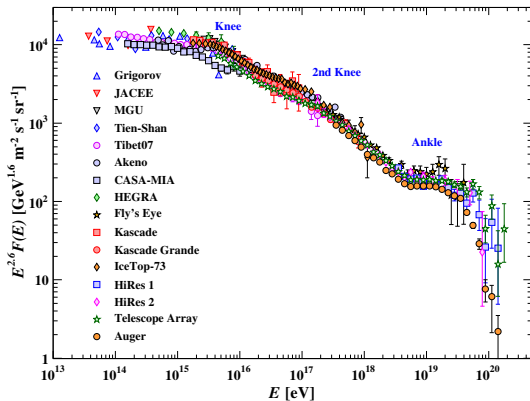


Figure : All Particle Cosmic Rays Spectrum (PDG, 2014)

# Motivation

- **Bottom-up**: Boost charged particles to high energy scale by EM field. No need for beyond the Standard Model.

ex: Fermi acceleration

- **Top-down**: Heavy particles decay or annihilation to create high-energy cosmic rays. Additional particles beyond the Standard model are needed.

ex: SUSY, Majorana neutrino, ... etc

Disadvantage: Fail to produce power law spectrum

- **Bottom-up + BSM**: Long-ranged force in the dark sector

ex:  $U(1)$  extension

# Outline

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# Model

Model with  $U(1)$  extension: Holdom (1986); Goldberg & Hall (1986); De Rujula *et al* (1990); Dimopoulos *et al* (1990), Feng *et al* (2009); Ackerman *et al* (2009)

...

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{D}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Mixing}}$$

Hidden sector with dark fermion:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{D}} = \bar{\psi}_{\text{D}}(i\mathcal{D} - m_{\text{D}})\psi_{\text{D}} - \frac{1}{4}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Mixing}} = \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{2}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \not{\partial} + iq\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = (\partial_{\mu}\tilde{A}_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\tilde{A}_{\mu})$ .

# Model

To decouple gauge fields, define

$$F'_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} - \tilde{\epsilon} F_{\mu\nu} = (\partial_\mu A'_\nu - \partial_\nu A'_\mu)$$

Decoupled gauge fields:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{2} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \\ & \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4} (1 + \tilde{\epsilon}^2) F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

Dark Photon:  $A'_\mu = \tilde{A}_\mu - \epsilon A_\mu$

Covariant:  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D} + iq\tilde{A} = \mathcal{D} + iqA' + i\tilde{\epsilon}q\mathcal{B}$

# Model

**Atomic Dark Matter Model:** Kaplan *et al* (2010, 2011); Cline *et al* (2012)

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \bar{\psi}_e(i\mathcal{D} - m_{D,e})\psi_e + \bar{\psi}_p(i\mathcal{D} - m_{D,p})\psi_p - \frac{1}{4}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \not{\partial} \pm iq\tilde{A} = \not{\partial} \pm iqA' \pm i\tilde{\epsilon}q\not{B}$ .

Dark current:

$$J_D^\mu = (\bar{\psi}_p\gamma^\mu\psi_p - \bar{\psi}_e\gamma^\mu\psi_e)$$

Interaction with ordinary matter with  $\tilde{\epsilon}q \equiv \epsilon g'$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon g' J_D^\mu B_\mu &= \epsilon g' J_D^\mu (\cos\theta_W A_\mu - \sin\theta_W Z_\mu^0) \\ &\equiv J_D^\mu \left[ \epsilon e A_\mu + \epsilon \frac{g_X}{2} \left( \frac{g}{\cos\theta_W} \right) Z_\mu^0 \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Model

Free Parameters:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Dark Particle Mass} & : m_\chi \\ \text{Coupling} & : \alpha_D = \frac{q^2}{4\pi} \\ \text{Mixing} & : \tilde{\epsilon} \rightarrow \epsilon \end{array} \right.$$

Dark Atom Parameters:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Reduced Mass} & : \mu = \frac{m_{D,e} m_{D,p}}{m_{D,e} + m_{D,p}} \\ \text{Bohr Radius} & : 1/\mu\alpha_D \\ \text{Binding Energy} & : \frac{1}{2}\mu\alpha_D^2 \end{array} \right.$$



# Model: Parameter Space

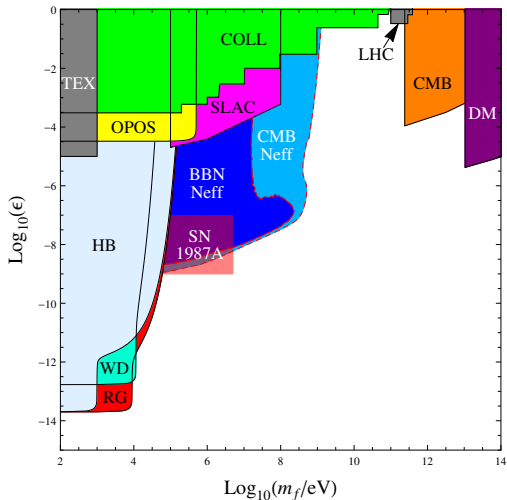


Figure : Constrained parameter space of millicharged particle by [Vogel & Redondo \(2014\)](#)

# Acceleration of Dark Particles

With millicharge  $\epsilon e$ , dark particles can be accelerated as normal charged particles.

## Mechanisms:

- Fermi Acceleration, Potential Drop, by Dark EM Field...

## Sources:

- Galactic: Supernova Remnant (SNR), Pulsar, ...
- Extragalactic: Active Galactic Nucleus (AGN), Gamma Ray Burst, ...

# Acceleration of Dark Particles - SNR

## Fermi Acceleration driven by Supernova Shock:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{UE}{\tau} + \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{\text{syn}}$$

where  $\tau \sim r_g/U = E/(\varepsilon e B_{\perp} U)$ .

The upper limit of maximum energy:

$$E_{\text{max}} = \varepsilon e B U L$$

If the radiation loss is significant,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{\text{syn}} = -\frac{2\varepsilon^2 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \alpha_{\text{D}} B_{\perp}^2}{3m_{\text{X}}^4} E^2 \Rightarrow E_{\text{max}}^{\text{syn}} = \left[ 24\pi^2 \left( \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_{\text{D}}} \right) \frac{U^2 m_{\text{X}}^4}{\varepsilon e^3 B_{\perp}} \right]^{1/2}$$

# Acceleration of Dark Particles - Pulsar

## Potential Drop of Pulsar:

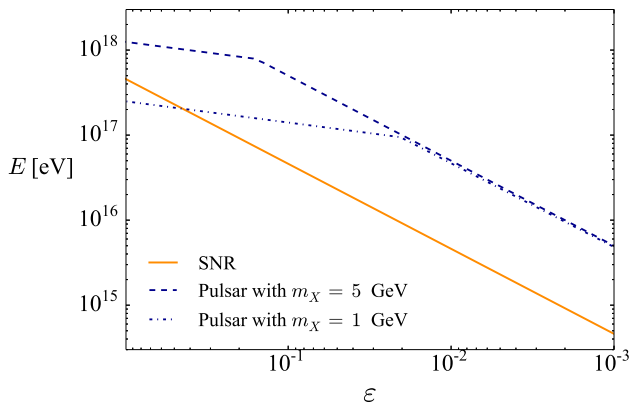
$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon e \Delta V &\simeq \varepsilon e \frac{B \Omega R_p^2}{2} \\ &= 5 \times 10^{18} \varepsilon \text{ eV} \left( \frac{B}{10^{12} \text{ G}} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega}{10^3 / \text{s}} \right) \left( \frac{R_p}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

Consider the curvature radiation:

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{dE}{dt} \right|_{\text{curve}} &= -\frac{8\pi\alpha_D}{3R_c^2} \left( \frac{E}{m_X} \right)^4 \\ \Rightarrow E_{\text{max}} &\sim 2.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ eV} \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{GeV}} \right) \varepsilon^{1/4} \left( \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_D} \right)^{1/4}\end{aligned}$$

# Acceleration of Dark Particles

## Upper Limit of Accelerations by Galactic Sources



**Figure :** For SNR,  $L \sim 10$  pc and  $B = 5$  mG. For pulsars,  $\sim R_c = 10^7$  m and  $\alpha_D/\alpha_{EM} = 1$ . The mass  $m_X = 1$  GeV and 5 GeV are considered.

# Acceleration of Dark Particles

## Anisotropy

Compare the thickness of the galactic disk  $\sim 300$  pc to gyroradius

$$r_g = \frac{E}{\varepsilon e B} = 360 \text{ pc} \left( \frac{E/\varepsilon}{10^{18} \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{3\mu\text{G}}{B} \right)$$

For electron/proton, anisotropy  $\rightarrow E \gtrsim 10^{18}$  eV

For millicharged particle with  $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}$ , anisotropy  $\rightarrow E \gtrsim 10^{16}$  eV

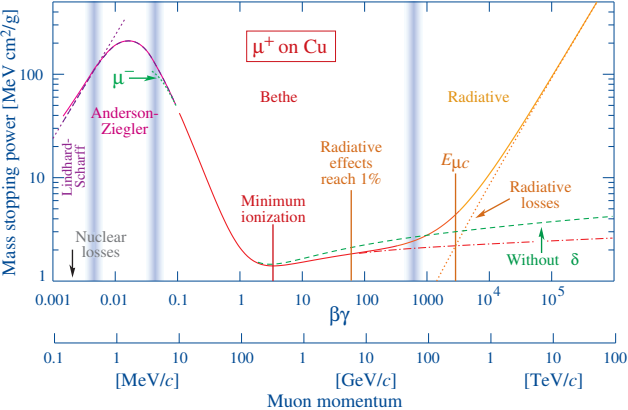
# Detection

- No hadronic shower in the atmosphere  
→ lepton search, ex: muon, neutrino
- Space-based detectors: PAMELA, AMS, ...
- Underground detectors: Super-Kamiokande, Icecube, ...
- Stopping power:

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = a_X(E) + b_X(E)E$$

# Detection

## Muon Stopping Power (PDG,2014)





# Detection

In the **Intermediate Energy** scale ( $1 \lesssim \beta\gamma \lesssim 1000$ )

**Bethe-Bloch Formula:**

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = kz^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

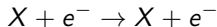
which is proportional to the square of absolute charge  $z^2$ .

Space-based cosmic ray detector: **PAMELA, AMS, ...**

- Silicon tracker  $\rightarrow$  Minimum Ionizing Particles (mip)

# Detection

- Energy deposit in Super-Kamiokande
- Cherenkov radiation from the process

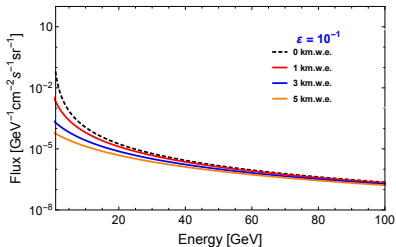
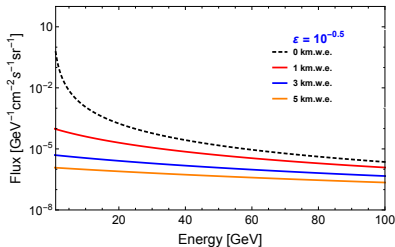


which can be compared to background signal from atmospheric neutrinos.

Suppose the main sources of dark particles and proton are the same, and we propose the total flux

$$\frac{N_x}{N_p} = \left( \frac{\rho_x/m_x}{\rho_p/m_p} \right) \left( \frac{e_x}{e_p} \right) \sim 3.8 \varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_x} \right)^2$$

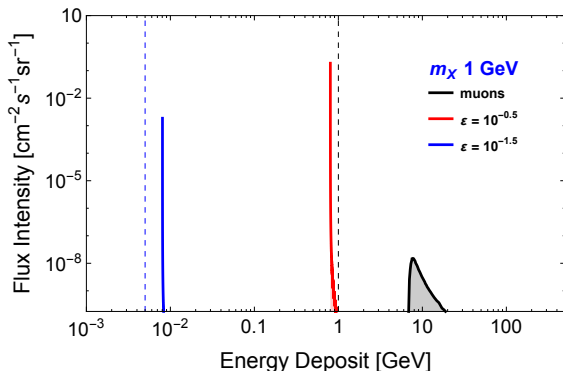
## Vertical dark particle intensity



**Figure :** Energy spectrum of  $X$  after traversing 0, 1, 3 and 5 km.w.e. distance of standard rock, assuming  $m_X = 1$  GeV. The cases of  $\epsilon = 10^{-0.5}$  (left) and  $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$  (right) are displayed.

# Detection

## Energy deposit in Super-Kamiokande



**Figure :** Energy deposit from a vertical through-going flux of millicharged dark matter particles. Vertical dashed lines denote the current SK through-going muon fitter capabilities ( $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ ) as well as possible future improvement ( $\sim 5 \text{ MeV}$ ).

# Detection

In the **High Energy** scale

The stopping power

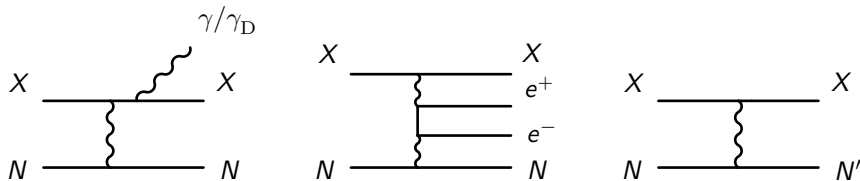
$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = a_X(E) + b_X(E)E$$

The radiative contribution includes **Bremsstrahlung**, **Pair Production**, and **Photonuclear Interaction**:

$$b_X = b_{\text{brem}} + b_{\text{pair}} + b_{\text{nucl}}$$

→ **Cherenkov Radiation**

# Detection

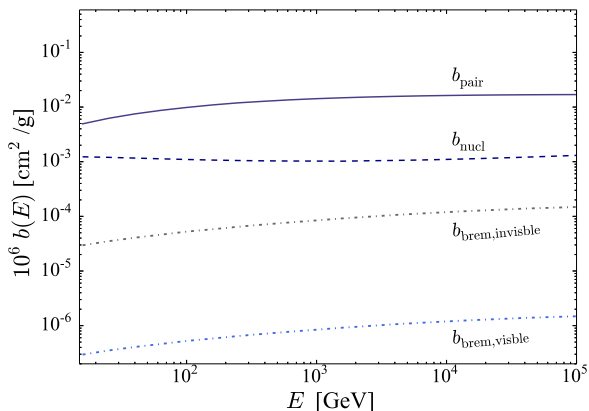


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Bremsstrahlung (visible)} & \propto \varepsilon^4 / m_x^2 \\ \text{Bremsstrahlung (invisible)} & \propto \varepsilon^2 (\alpha_D / \alpha_{EM}) / m_x^2 \\ \text{Pair Production} & \propto \varepsilon^2 / m_x \\ \text{Photonuclear Interaction} & \propto \varepsilon^2 \end{array} \right.$$

Compared to muons:

$$b_X / b_{\text{muon}} \sim (m_\mu / m_x) \varepsilon^2 / 2$$

## The Radiative Energy Loss of Millicharged Particles

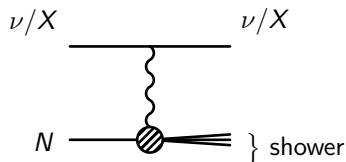


The parameters  $m_X = 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0.1$ , and  $\alpha_D = \alpha_{\text{EM}}$  are chosen.

# Detection

## Produce IceCube Shower Events?

- Suppressed radiative loss  $\rightarrow$  behaves like a muon with lower energy
- Event selection
- Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)  $\rightarrow$  shower events





# Detection

Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) of millicharged particles:

$$\frac{d\sigma^X}{dx dy} = \varepsilon^2 \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{EM}}^2 ME}{Q^4} \left\{ \left(1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E}\right) \left[ F_2^\gamma - g_X \eta_{\gamma Z} F_2^{\gamma Z} + g_X^2 \eta_Z F_2^Z \right] + \frac{y^2}{2} 2x \left[ F_1^\gamma - g_X \eta_{\gamma Z} F_1^{\gamma Z} + g_X^2 \eta_Z F_1^Z \right] \right\}$$

Compared to inelastic scattering of neutrino,

$$\frac{d\sigma^X}{dx dy} \bigg/ \frac{d\sigma^{\nu, \bar{\nu}}}{dx dy} = 4\varepsilon^2 \sin^4 \theta_W \frac{4 \cos^4 \theta_W F_2^\gamma + 2 \cos^2 \theta_W F_2^{\gamma Z} + F_2^Z}{F_2^Z + \cos^4 \theta_W F_2^W} \sim \varepsilon^2$$

## Cosmic Ray Abundance to Explain Icecube Data

The best fit of neutrino flux spectrum in the range 30 – 2000 TeV:

$$1.5 \times 10^{-18} \left( \frac{100 \text{ TeV}}{E} \right)^{2.3} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$

The spectrum of millicharged cosmic rays:

$$\frac{dN^X}{dE} = 4.7 \times 10^{-7} \epsilon^{-2} \left( \frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-2.3} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$

# Cosmic Ray Abundance

## Cosmic Rays from Point Sources

Diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D \nabla n) - \frac{\partial}{\partial E}(bn) + Q$$

with  $Q(\mathbf{r}, E) = \delta(\mathbf{r}) Q_0 (E/\text{GeV})^{-\gamma}$ .

The generated spectrum:

$$\frac{dN^X}{dE} = \frac{Q_0}{16\pi^2 R D(E)} \left( \frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\gamma}$$

# Cosmic Ray Abundance

In order to explain IceCube signals:

$$Q_0 = 2 \times 10^{39} \varepsilon^{-2} \left( \frac{R}{8 \text{ kpc}} \right) \text{GeV}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Power Needed:

$$\mathcal{P} = 2 \times 10^{39} \varepsilon^{-2} \left( \frac{R}{8 \text{ kpc}} \right) \frac{1}{\gamma - 2} \left( \frac{E_{\min}}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\gamma+2} \text{GeV s}^{-1}$$

Power of Supernovae:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{sn}} = 10^{51} \text{ erg} / 100 \text{ yr} = 2 \times 10^{44} \text{ GeV s}^{-1}$$

# Cosmic Ray Abundance

Total Flux Needed:

$$\mathcal{F} = 2 \times 10^{39} \varepsilon^{-2} \left( \frac{R}{8 \text{ kpc}} \right) \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{E_{\text{min}}}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\gamma+1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Total Flux of Supernovae:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{sn}} = 5.4 \times 10^{54} \left( \frac{R_{\text{sh}}}{100 \text{ pc}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{M_{\text{D}}} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma}{1/30 \text{ yr}} \right) \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Total Flux of Pulsars

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{pulsar}} = \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{D}}}{M_{\text{D}}} \right) c R_{\text{p}}^2 \pi = 2.8 \times 10^{20} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{M_{\text{D}}} \right) \text{ s}^{-1}$$

# Summary

- Dark Cosmic Rays from  $U(1)$  charge
- Cosmic rays detection:  
Indirect Search  $\rightarrow$  **Direct Search**
- **SNR** serves as a potential Galactic sources
- Detection in **SuperK**
- Possibly resemble the **IceCube Shower Events**