Gamma-ray emissions

Giant Shocks in the Fermi Bubbles and the Origin of the Microwave Haze^{3000 lightyears}

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Fermi data reveal giant gamma-ray bubbles

Fermi Bubbles



Su, Slatyer and Finkbeiner 2010 (ApJ)

- 2 x 10³⁷ erg/s [1-100 GeV]
- hard spectrum, but spectral down-break below ~ GeV in SED, cut-off (?) ~100 GeV
- uniform projected intensity
- sharp edges
- vast extension: ~7 kpc from plane
- \gtrsim few 10⁵⁵ erg
- coincident emission at other wavelengths

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WMAP Haze



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Dobler (2012)





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PLANCK images a giant eruption from the heart of the Milky Way

The Galactic haze/bubbles is shown here in PLANCK data from 30-44 GHz

> The same structure at 2-5 GeV as seen by the Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope



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Giant Radio Lobes

Northern Ridge

Galactic Centre Spur

Southern Ridge

Carretti et al. 2013

limb brightening spurs

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'hadronic': Cosmic ray protons/gas collisions

Hadronic Scenario

Crocker & Aharonian PRL 2011

- Bubbles' gamma-ray luminosity requires a source of protons of power ~10³⁹ erg/s in saturation
- This is the power supplied by nuclear SF to cosmic rays that escape the GC

The Fermi Bubbles as Bubbles

Crocker, Bicknell, Taylor & Carretti 2015, ApJ 808, 107





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height ~ 1 kpc

Mach num ~ 6

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Range of CR electrons downstream of shock









IC gamma-rays

contact discontinuity

Freely-expanding wind zone



Haze









GHz radio





Conclusions

With few free parameters our model explains:

- the size of the Bubbles
- the luminosity, spectrum and morphology of the Bubbles' gamma-ray emission
- the luminosity, spectrum and extent of the microwave haze
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