



# Fermi in Context

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**Fermi Monterey** 

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- Major NASA, DOE National Reviews
  - Fermi team acquitted itself well
  - Competitive environment; tough budgets
- Maintain rate of discovery to justify the ten year mission
  - Reap harvest from PASS 8 etc
  - Overlap upcoming telescopes
- This meeting will keep us on schedule
  - Major announcements forthcoming
- Discovery/understanding more fun than upper limits!
  - Exoplanets!
  - "Higgs-like particle"
- Five possibilities for major discoveries that could involve Fermi
  - Engage and connect with other fields

#### What will you have done for us lately?



#### **Dark Matter**



- 23 percent of contemporary universe
- WIMP- neutral stable particle once in thermal equilibrium
  - WIMP miracle: m~ 100 GeV; <σv>~3x10<sup>-26</sup>cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
  - Neutralino lightest supersymmetric particle; fermionic photon?
    - Fermions <->Bosons
    - Strongly motivated, EW symmetry breaking by Higgs; 10YeV unification
    - Strong lines not excluded but generally unexpected
  - Only a theory; many other possibilities...
    - Axions, Wimpzillas, gravitinos...
- ATLAS, CMS expected to find from missing transverse energy
  - Not seen yet; >=24 parameters, only simplest version excluded
  - Reports of demise of SUSY are greatly exaggerated!
  - Higher and lower mass particles "natural"?
- May find at <13 TeV energy or with Higgs factory-e<sup>+</sup>-e<sup>-</sup> collider
  - Not soon!





#### **Direct Detection**

- 30 experiments
  - Crystals, Xe, Ar, Bubbles....
  - Backgrounds are key
    - Shield or veto
- Sensitivity increased by 10<sup>-4</sup>
  - Goal is 10<sup>-6</sup>
    - >5 t detectors proposed
    - Solar neutrino limit?
- No confirmed detections
  - DAMA annual signal is  $9\sigma!$
- International downselect likely
  - 5 t detector could overlap Fermi



#### **Astrophysics and Indirect Detection**



- Resolution of N-body simulations
  - Phase space integrations?
- Have to separate signal from "noise"
  - Galactic diffuse
  - Extragalactic diffuse
  - Sources
- Positrons

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- AMS2 when?
- Pulsar sources
- e<sup>+</sup> propagation slaved to p waves
  - Increases e<sup>+</sup> fraction
- More dwarfs, but are they clean?
  - Galactic center full of sources
- Fermi + CTA can sort out?
  - <σv><3x10<sup>-26</sup>cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
    - <1GeV ~ 5TeV







#### **Black Holes**



- Astrophysical detection
  - Galactic Nuclei
  - X-ray binaries
  - Gamma-ray Bursts
    - Black hole birth cries
- Disks and Jets
  - Common and robust
  - Many unstable modes!
- How are the made?
  - Accretion rate crucial
  - Magnetic field crucial
  - Spin crucial
- Ergosphere exploration







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Gamma-ray Space Telescope

#### **Gravitational Radiation**

- Binary NS/WD dipole emission to ~0.001
  - Indirect
- Adv LIGO, VIRGO...Direct detection ~2015
  - 10 x sensitivity; 1000 x volume?
  - 10 per year?
- Multi-messenger sources
  - EM, v triggers, blind sources
    - Swift/SVOM?,
    - PTF, ROTSE...,
    - LOFAR...,
    - IceCube...
  - Neutron star coalescence
    - 10 per year?
    - Short GRB
  - Magnetars, glitches







### "Direct" detection by pulsar timing



#### Space Telescope Fermi MSPs

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- Great collaboration with radio astronomy
- Quality not quantity
- Better than 40 ns arrival times
- Cross-correlation over many lines of sight
- Two-body systems
  - Bound and unbound; heavy, distant binaries
  - λ<<d<r~<R
  - h~µm/pr <10<sup>-15</sup>
  - $t \sim \omega^{-1} \sim p^{3/2} m^{-1/2} \sim 3yr$
  - $\delta \sim ht \sim L/r \sim 10 \mu_9 m_9^{2/3} r_{Gpc}^{-1} ns$ 
    - Dominated by waves within t<<d</li>
    - Relate incidence to wave torque
- Background
  - Lighter, slower systems
  - Cosmological?

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Optimize S/N given constraints on black hole mass build up over time



#### **Extreme Electrodynamics**

- **TeV variation in AGN jets** 
  - PKS 1222+21 --10 min
  - MKN 501-- 5 min
  - PKS 2155-304--2 min?
  - Outside "Gammasphere"
- **Rapid variation from 100pc?** 
  - $t_{var} << R/\Gamma c$
- **Rapid acceleration in jets** 
  - UHECR
  - >100 TeV X-rays in M87
- **Crab Nebula** 
  - $t_{var} < 10^{-4} R_{neb}/c$
  - Radiation reaction limit  $\sim \alpha^{-1} m_e c^2 \sim 60 \text{ MeV}$







#### Currents

- $L \sim I^2 Z_0 \sim V^2 / Z_0; Z_0 \sim 100 \Omega$ 
  - AGN, V ~ 300EV, I ~ 3 EA; UHECR
  - Crab, V ~ 30 PV, I ~ 300 TA; GeV flares
- Currents filament in plasmas
  - Reconnection
  - Shocks
  - Pinches
- Concentrate energy in small volume, impulsively
  - Giant flares
  - E ~ B
  - Can be radiation-reaction limited











#### **Unscripted Discovery**

- Seth Digel's Summary
- 5,6,7'th Fermi Symposium Summaries