The Quiet Sun in Gamma Rays: Modeling Cosmic Ray Electrons in the Inner Heliosphere

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Spatially extended inverse Compton emission GeV electrons (CR) + eV photon (solar photons)→ gamma rays First theory: Orlando & Strong, 2006 arXiv:astro-ph/0607563; 2007 Ap&SS, 309, 59; Moskalenko, Porter & Digel, 2006 ApJ 652, L65

Detection of the quiet sun in gamma rays and of its extended inverse Compton (IC) emission

Orlando & Strong (2008) A&A, 480, 847, with EGRET:



Entire mission of EGRET including both solar minimum and maximum activity

Count maps >100 MeV in sun-centred system

The IC emission is an important MOVING foreground component of the diffuse emission that has to be properly accounted for in other studies.

Abdo et al. ApJ. (2011) 734, 116, with FERMI LAT



First 18 months of the LAT mission during solar minimum activity For updated LAT analysis see also poster by Raino' et al. this conference

E. Orlando Observations of the Inverse Compton emission in agreement with predictions! 2

Inverse Compton model updates: the electron spectrum

Electron spectrum: fit to the PAMELA 2009 at 1AU. The LIS is also shown.



The IC model generated with the spectrum at 1 AU that fits Pamela 2009 electron and positron measurements can be the reference model for Fermi LAT observations during solar minimum.

Electron spectrum for the LIS and for the AMS02 fit at 1AU. The LIS is also shown



The IC model generated with the spectrum at 1 AU that fits AMS02 2013 electron and positron measurements can be the reference model for Fermi LAT observations during solar maximum.

Inverse Compton model updates: angular profile & SED. & predictions for e-ASTROGAM & AMEGO



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