

The high energy gamma-rays produced by the ICS process  $e^\pm\gamma \rightarrow e^\pm\gamma'$  have the following energy spectrum [37, 38]:

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\gamma'}}{dE_{\gamma'}} = \frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{\Delta\Omega} \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{LOS} ds \int \int f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z) u_\gamma(E_\gamma, r, z) f_{ICS} \frac{dE_e}{E_e^2} \frac{dE_\gamma}{E_\gamma^2} . \quad (35)$$

Since the photon may be emitted from both electron and positron, an overall factor of 2 has been multiplied in the equation. The differential energy density  $u_\gamma(E_\gamma, r, z)$  of interstellar radiation field (ISRF) contains three components: the cosmic microwave background (CMB), thermal dust radiation and star light. Here we adopt the GALPROP numerical result for  $u_\gamma$  in Ref. [39]. The parameter  $f_{ICS}$  is defined by [37]

$$f_{ICS} = 2q \ln q + (1 + 2q)(1 - q) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon^2}{1 - \epsilon} (1 - q) , \quad (36)$$

with

$$\epsilon = \frac{E_{\gamma'}}{E_e}, \quad q = \frac{E_{\gamma'} m_e^2}{4E_\gamma E_e (E_e - E_{\gamma'})} , \quad (37)$$

where  $0 \leq q \leq 1$ . In Eq. (35),  $f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z)$  is the positron differential number density. Because of the ICS and synchrotron, high energy electrons and positrons will loss most of their energy within a kpc. Therefore one may neglect the diffusion term of Eq. (16) and approximately calculate  $f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z)$  for every point in the CR propagation region. In this case,  $f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z)$  is given by the following formulas [37, 40]

$$f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z) = \frac{1}{b_{ICS}(E_e, r, z)} \frac{\rho(r, z)}{m_D} \sum_k \Gamma_k \int_{E_e}^{m_D} dE' \frac{dn_{e^+}^k}{dE'} , \quad (38)$$

where the electron energy loss rate  $b_{ICS}(E_e, r, z)$  is

$$b_{ICS}(E_e, r, z) = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{E_e^2} \int dE_\gamma \frac{u_\gamma(E_\gamma, r, z)}{E_\gamma^2} \int dE_{\gamma'} (E_{\gamma'} - E_\gamma) f_{ICS} . \quad (39)$$

Here we neglect the synchrotron energy loss rate  $b_{syn}$  as  $b_{syn} \ll b_{ICS}$  [38]. It is worthwhile to stress that the above energy loss rate  $b_{ICS}(E_e, r, z)$  is position dependent<sup>1</sup>.

In order to compare with the experimental data, one needs to know the diffuse gamma-ray background which includes a galactic  $\Phi_\gamma^{\text{Galactic}}$  contribution and an extragalactic (EG)  $\Phi_\gamma^{\text{EG}}$  contribution. The galactic gamma-ray background  $\Phi_\gamma^{\text{Galactic}}$  mainly comes from pion

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<sup>1</sup> If a position independent energy loss rate is assumed, one can use Eq. (19) to calculate  $f_{e^+}(E_e, r, z)$ .