Ultrahigh energy cosmic rays, pulsars, and supernovae



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Why do we care about cosmic-rays?

Energies that cannot be reproduced on Earth! Universe thru different eyes

The puzzle:

What source(s)? What physical mechanism(s)?

Astrophysical issues:

- UHECRs are charged particles and the Universe is magnetized
- Physics of powerful astrophysical objects is not known in detail

Particle Physics issues:

ultrahigh energies that cannot be reproduced on Earth ($E \sim 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ eV}$) shower development (hadronic interactions) still unknown

What observational information do we have?

- energetics
- arrival directions in sky
- chemical composition
- multi-messengers (neutrinos, gamma-rays)

Since 1990 in ultrahigh energy cosmic rays





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$E_{UHECR} > 10^{20} \text{ eV}$: first selection of local sources



confinement of particle in source: particle Larmor radius < size of source

 $r_{\rm L} \leq L$ $r_{\rm L} = 1.08 \text{ Mpc} Z^{-1} \left(\frac{E}{10^{18} \text{ eV}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{1 \text{ nG}}\right)^{-1}$

! caution when applied to relativistic outflows





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for particles with E > E_{GZK} (~6x10¹⁹eV) sources within ~ few 100 Mpc

ankle @ E~10^{18.5} eV: Galactic/extragalactic transition?

Puzzling composition measurements



at the sources: heavy nuclei if **metal-rich** or **nucleosynthesis** escape difficult due to **photo-disintegration** in source?

metal-rich surface, iron could escape

heavy nuclei?





deflection : spatial decorrelation **time delay** : temporal decorrelation if transient source

Extragalactic magnetic fields?

poorly known (no observation) **upper limits: B** *l*_{coh}^{1/2} < **1-10 nG Mpc**^{1/2} simulations --> complex and contradictory

Beck 08, Vallée 04, Dolag et al. 05, Sigl et al. 05, Ryu et al. 98, Donnert et al. 09...

Propagation of UHECR in extragalactic magnetic fields?

complicated because B not known standard B lead to low proton deflections

e.g., Dolag et al. 05, Sigl et al. 05, Ryu et al. 98, Takami & Sato 08, KK & Lemoine 08a, KK & Lemoine 08b

+ Galactic magnetic fields...

Arrival directions in the sky seen by Auger



- particularly strong extragalactic magnetic field

- UHECR = heavy nuclei

source already extinguished when UHECR arrives correlation with LSS with no visible counterpart

no correlation with **secondary neutrinos**, photons, grav. waves

>165 events (>4 years with Auger South) to reach a 5σ significance

Will better statistics help?

YES

time delay effects (deflections in magnetic fields)-> distribution of UHECRs for transient sources different from LSS



separation possible for

measurement of correlation btw observed and predicted event distributions $X_{C} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tot}} \frac{(N_{i}^{\tau} - \langle N_{i,LSS} \rangle)(\langle N_{i,iso} \rangle - \langle N_{i,LSS} \rangle)}{\langle N_{i,LSS} \rangle}$

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K.K., Allard & Olinto, 2010 see also Decerprit & Allard 2011



FRII galaxies and other sources with strong emissivity evolution excluded by Auger and soon by IceCube

proton dominated dip model proton dominated ankle model proton dom., no source evolution pure iron, no source evolution

iron rich, no source evolution

top-down models excluded
 FRII galaxies excluded
 reasonable models within reach?

4) there is a bottom





Meanwhile, case/case study of sources...



unipolar induction in the pulsar wind

strong magnetic field \mathbf{B} fast rotation velocity $\mathbf{\Omega}$ \rightarrow $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{B}$

particles accelerated to energy:

 $E(\Omega) \sim 8.6 \times 10^{20} Z_{26} \eta_1 \Omega_4^2 \mu_{31} \text{ eV}$

10%: fraction of voltage experienced by particles

magnetic moment 10³¹ cgs (B~10¹³ G)

rotation velocity 10⁴ s⁻¹

pulsar spins down

energy spectrum for one pulsar:



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{i}}}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{9}{2} \frac{c^2 I}{ZeB_* R E} \left(1 + \frac{E}{E_{\mathrm{g}}}\right)^{-1}$$

hard injection spectrum: -1 slope



supernova envelope: do accelerated particles survive?

SN envelope = dense baryonic background UHECR experience hadronic interactions

Parameter space for successful acceleration+escape

Fang, KK, Olinto 2012

pulsar

magnetic moment μ, rotation velocity Ω, particle acceleration rate η

> supernova ejecta energy E_{ej}, ejected mass M_{ej},



- Analytical estimates

 Monte-Carlo propagation, hadronic interactions with EPOS + CONEX





A scenario that fits UHECR Auger data (rare)

Fang, KK, Olinto 2012 Fang, KK, Olinto, in prep.



propagated 75%p, 20%CNO, 5%Fe @injection



energy spectrum at E>10²⁰ eV

 E_{cut} --> no recovery expected unlike in GZK cut-off

arrival directions

- no coincidence from source out of Local Group expected, as pulsars cannot be observed
- ms pulsar in core-collapse SN in our Local Group:

protons: a burst lasting
$$\delta t_{\text{Gal}} \sim 0.1 Z^2 \left(\frac{r}{2 \text{ kpc}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{B_{\text{turb}}}{4 \,\mu\text{G}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_{\text{turb}}}{50 \,\text{pc}}\right) \left(\frac{E}{E_{\text{GZK}}}\right)^{-2} \text{ yr.}$$
 delayed of that time after onset of explosion.

iron: will appear as an increase of number of events for ~70 years if sudden decrease of number of events happens, could be associated with birth of pulsar 70 yrs ago but some anisotropy would then be apparent

secondaries

- neutrinos produced during escape possibly observable by IceCube
 (*Murase et al. 2009 --> high density chosen though*)
- diffuse gravitational wave signatures in some highly optimistic cases (K.K. 2011)

A signature in the SN light curve?

KK, Phinney, Olinto in prep.

10% pulsar rotational energy into radiation



pulsar millisecond with B~10¹³G



injection of LARGE pulsar rotational energy into SN ejecta E~10⁵² erg change radiation emission from SN

Peculiar supernova lightcurves



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What will be needed to find the sources of UHECRs

UHECR data:

more statistics for anisotropy signatures (transient/steady sources) more statistics for shape of energy spectrum at highest E more statistics for chemical composition at highest E

Particle Physics:

shower development, parameters for hadronic interactions

Astrophysics:

better understanding of most powerful sources: escape issues measurements of intergalactic magnetic fields

Other messengers:

cosmogenic neutrinos (produced during propagation) gamma-rays (GeV to UHE) gravitational waves KK 2011 KK, Allard & Olinto 2010 KK, Allard & Lemoine 2011 multi-wavelength

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studies from radio to gamma-rays

measurement of gamma-ray halos? (e.g. Neronov & Semikoz 09)

> could be observed for reasonable source scenarios if composition is dominated by protons

Surprisingly promising candidate: millisecond pulsars

signatures if birth in our Local Group look for signatures in SN light curves @ few years after explosion Fang, KK, Olinto 2012 Fang, KK, Olinto in prep. KK, Phinney, Olinto in prep.