Learning the physics of CR transport from the gamma-ray sky



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Non-thermal emission from CRs



Planck (2009-2013): GHz - THz radio sky

Non-thermal emission from CRs is crucial to understand their properties.

Observations cover > 20 orders of magnitude in energy, from ~100 MHz radio waves to PeV neutrinos

Future data will come from experiments such as

- SKA (radio domain, 50 MHz -> 14 GHz)
- e-ASTROGAM? AMEGO? (MeV γ-ray domain)
- CTA, HAWC (TeV γ-ray domain)
- LHAASO, HERD (TeV to PeV CRs and γ-rays)
- Icecube, Km3NET (neutrinos)
- Dampe, CALET, ISS-CREAM (TeV charged CRs)



Arrival directions of most energetic neutrino events (HESE 6yr (magenta) & $v_{\mu} + \bar{v}_{\mu}$ 8yr (red))

The key questions

- 1) Where do CRs come from?
- 2) How do they propagate in (different region of) the Galaxy? What is the mechanism of confinement?

3) Can they reveal hints of new physics?



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The numerical (phenomenological) approach



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- Solve the CR transport equation for all the relevant species (heavy and light nuclei, leptons, antiparticles...)
- Compute the non-thermal emission over 20 orders of magnitude, from ~100 MHz radio waves (synchrotron emission) to GeV-TeV γ-rays and neutrinos [see R. Kissmann's, T. Porter's talks]

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- Pitch-angle scattering: a resonant interaction between Alfvén waves and charged CRs ∂z ∂z
- Whenever a CR interacts with an Alfvén preventities ${}_{wift}$ the equipse of the equipse of the second tion is satisfied, changes randomly the pitch angle: This stochastic process eventually results in a mostly parallel spatial diffusion w.r.t. the regular field D_{kk} .



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Figure 7. Lagrangian mixing of passive fields: fluctuations develop small scales across, but not along the exact field lines.

The real picture is much more complicated:

- Non-linear effects at small scales. If CRs stream faster than the Alfvén speed, they can amplify waves (naturally of the correct shape for scattering) through the *resonant streaming instability* [Wentzel 1974; Skilling 1975; Cesarsky 1980; Farmer&Goldreich 2003]
- Pitch-angle scattering is not an efficient confinement mechanism if Alfvénic turbulence is anisotropic. [Chandran 2000, Yan&Lazarian 2002]

Achievements in the CR field

A new precision era in CR and gamma-ray physics 1990s -> 2010s





However, we have anomalies!

... however, there are also **relevant anomalies** to be explained





Anomalies with respect to what?

Basic theories are used as guidelines for standard parametrizations
Set of "conventional models" —> anomalies "w.r.t. orthodoxy"

The three pillars

- The bulk of the CR energy is released by SN explosions in the Galactic disk
- CRs are accelerated via diffusive shock acceleration at work at SNR shocks — Universal, featureless spectrum
- CRs diffuse within an extended, turbulent and magnetized halo in a homogeneous and isotropic way. Confinement time ~ few million years

List of anomalies: Charged CRs

- **Spectral hardening** in primary and secondary species at ~200 GV
- Probably a transport effect.
- Different transport properties in the disk and in the halo? [Tomassetti 2015]
- Transition from self-generated to pre-existing turbulence?
 [Blasi, Amato, Serpico, PRL 2012; Aloisio, Blasi, Serpico 2015]

Positron excess

- A population of leptonic accelerators (e.g. pulsars?)
 [Aharonian&Atoyan 1995; Hooper+ 2009, Grasso+ 2009; Yuan+ 2018]
- DM interpretation challenged by many constraints (e.g. CMB) [1502.01589]
- Anomalous transport properties? Change of paradigm in CR propagation? [P. Lipari arXiv:1707.02504]
- ☆ [review arXiv:1802.00636]
- Low- and high-energy electrons?
- Low- and high-energy antiprotons?





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Improved modeling of large-scale topology of the Galactic magnetic field: poloidal component in the inner Galaxy Enhanced parallel escape in the vertical direction in the inner Galaxy

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Physical interpretations (II)

Alternative explanation for the progressive hardening based on CR self confinement

Growth-damping balance of selfgenerated magnetic turbulence

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial k} \left[D_{kk} \frac{\partial W}{\partial k} \right] + \Gamma_{\rm CR} W = q_W(k).$$

$$\Gamma_{\rm cr}(k) = \frac{16\pi^2}{3} \frac{v_{\rm A}}{k W(k) B_0^2} \left[p^4 v(p) \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right]_{p=qB_0}$$

$$D_{kk} = C_{\rm K} v_{\rm A} k^{7/2} W(k)^{1/2}$$

Stronger CR gradients -> more effective selfconfinement -> low diffusion coefficient -> advection takes over at larger energies -> propagated spectrum closer to the inj. one



A new analysis with SkyFACT

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 $Model = \sum_{k} Spectrum \times Morphology$ Uncertain spectral modelling Pixel-by-pixel correlated uncertainties $\phi_{pb} = \sum_{k} T_{p}^{(k)} \overline{\tau_{p}^{(k)}} \cdot S_{b}^{(k)} \overline{\sigma_{b}^{(k)}} \cdot \nu^{(k)}$ $In \mathcal{L} = In \mathcal{L}_{P} + In \mathcal{L}_{R}(\lambda, \lambda', \lambda'', \eta, \eta')$ Penalized Poisson likelihood with regularisation conditions

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3.0

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2.4

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0

5

Spectral index





[M. Pothast, **DG**, E. Storm, C. Weniger, arXiv:1807.04554]

The role of unresolved sources

- Unresolved point sources could in principle mimic the spectra trend
- We set up a MC simulation based on the spectra and luminosity function of resolved sources. Strong uncertainties on the low-luminosity cutoff!
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Future prospects: The TeV sky

 "Hard CR sea" in the inner Galaxy explains TeV emission from the Galactic ridge?



- Looking forward to the diffuse TeV emission map from future experiments (HAWC, CTA)
- The presence of a spectral trend in the very high energy can reveal a lot of information about the physics



Take-home message and outlook

- We are still far from fully understanding the physics of cosmic rays and their mechanisms of confinement
- We have great data, and a lot of anomalies to explain, both in the charged CR spectra and in the non-thermal emission
- Gamma-ray data can reveal CR spectral properties in different regions of the Galaxy. They can shed light on the physics of CR transport
- Looking forward to the TeV gamma-ray diffuse skymaps





Backup Slides

Phenomenology of CR sources

- 1) based on **DSA** at non-relativistic shocks (e.g. SNRs, superbubbles) [Blandford & Ostriker 1978; Bell 1978; Axford et al. 1977; Krymskii 1977]
- based on (transient or steady-state) accretion-powered relativistic jet acceleration (XRBs on the Galactic scale, GRBs and AGNs on larger scales)
- 3) based on other (leptonic) processes (PWNs)







Shock waves are ubiquitous: They are powerful heating machines and particle accelerators

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The DRAGON project





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DRAGON implements fully-tested **2D and 3D** *inhomogeneous* isotropic diffusion, and **2D** *anisotropic* diffusion

- Possibility to study transients, moving sources, 3D structures
- Possibility to study different transport regimes in different regions of the Galaxy
- Possibility to account for both astrophysical and beyond-standard-model processes





The mysterious high-energy positron excess and the pulsar hypothesis



— In conventional scenarios, positrons are secondary products of CR spallation on interstellar gas, and their spectrum is expected to be steeper than the electron one (in general, secondary-to-primary ratios are expected to decline with increasing rigidity)

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Alternative ideas?



P. Lipari, ICRC 2017

Conventional propagation scenario:

- A1. Very long lifetime for cosmic rays
- A2. Difference between electron and proton spectra shaped by propagation effects
- A3. New hard source of positrons is required
- A4. Secondary nuclei generated in interstellar space

Alternative propagation scenario:

- B1. Short lifetime for cosmic rays
- B2. Difference between electron and proton spectra generated in the accelerators
- B3. antiprotons and positrons of secondary origin
- B4. Most secondary nuclei generated in/close to accelerators

The high-energy hardening in local CR data



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A source effect?

- A new population of sources kicking in?
 - [Zatsepin&Sokolskaya 2008, pre-AMS]
- Possible role of superbubbles? [Ohira et al., PRD 2016; Parizot et al., A&A 2004, pre-AMS]
- Non-linear DSA? [Ptuskin et al., ApJ 2013]
- The fingerprint of a local supernova event? [Kachelriess et al., PRL 2015; Tomassetti&Donato ApJ 2015; Tomassetti ApJL 2015]

A transport effect?

Different transport properties in the disk w.r.t. the halo? [Tomassetti, PRD 2015]

- A possible transition between different transport regimes?
 - *low energies*: propagation in self-generated (via streaming instability) turbulence
 - *high energies*: propagation in pre-exisiting turbulence [Farmer&Goldreich 2004; Blasi, Amato, Serpico, PRL 2012; Aloisio, Blasi, Serpico 2015]



- How can we tell the difference? secondary spectra and secondary/primary ratios such as B/C are crucial observables [Genolini et al., 2017]
- source effects: secondaries inherit the primary feature: *B/C should be featureless* (secondaries originate from spallation, which preserve E/A; E/A is proportional to the rigidity)
- transport effect: secondaries inherit the primary feature and get a further hardening due to propagation. *B/C should show a break; break in Li, Be, B is more pronounced*





FIG. 2: Best fits and residuals with (blue) and without (red) the break using GALPROP cross sections and σ_{tot} , for the different models considered in the text.

"Hard diffusion" in the inner Galaxy explains it all?



This implies a non-negligible Galactic component in IceCube data A testable prediction with KM3Net

Joint IceCube+ANTARES analysis is ongoing



IceCube collaboration

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