Newborn Pulsars as Sources of Ultrahigh Energy Cosmic Rays

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Possible Candidates of UHECR Sources







What have we learnt in 100 years?



What remains unknown?





Ackermann et al (Fermi Collab) '13

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Galactic - Extragalactic Transition



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UHECR observables - 1. Spectrum

GZK cutoff and/or end of Emax



intrinsic index ~ 2

GZK Cutoff Greisen, Zatsepin, Kuzmin 1966

$$p + \gamma_{cmb} \rightarrow \Delta^{+} \rightarrow p + \pi^{0}$$
$$\rightarrow n + \pi^{+}$$



UHECR observables - 2. Chemical Composition



Auger: Light to Heavy Transition

Not confirmed by North Hemisphere telescopes



UHECR observables - 3. Anisotropy



A tale of newborn pulsars

Blasi, Epstein & Olinto 2000 Arons 2003 KF, Kotera, Olinto 2012, 2013

> Goldreich-Julian charge density at the stellar surface

$$\dot{N}_{GJ} = \frac{\Omega^2 \mu}{Zec}$$

Pulsar spins down due to electromagnetic radiation (neglect GW)

$$\dot{\Omega} = -\frac{\dot{E}_{EM}}{I\Omega} \propto -\mu^2 \Omega^3$$

Particles can be accelerated by the induced E-field

$$E = Ze\Phi\eta = 3 \times 10^{20} Z_{26}\eta_1 \Omega_4^2 \mu_{30.5} eV$$

$$t_{spin}(E) = 1yr \left(\frac{3 \times 10^{20} eV}{E}\right) \frac{Z_{26}\eta_1}{\mu_{30.5}}$$

$$\frac{dN_i}{dE} = 5 \times 10^{23} (Z_{26}\mu_{30.5}E_{20})^{-1} eV^{-1}$$

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Monte-Carlo propagation hadron interactions simulated with EPOS + CONEX





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Pulsar Distribution in a Galaxy



log-normally on B <log B> = 12.65 G, σ= 0.55 G
normally on P <P> = 300 ms, σ= 150 ms
pulsar burst rate 1 per 60 yr per galaxy

Integrated Extragalactic Pulsars



Newborn pulsars can be successful UHECR accelerators



Anisotropy Check

$$\begin{split} r_{L} &= 10 Mpc \frac{1}{Z} \frac{E}{10^{20} eV} \left(\frac{B}{10^{-8} G}\right)^{-1} \\ \lambda &\approx 10 - 100 kpc << r_{L} \Rightarrow small deflections \\ \delta \theta^{2} &\approx \frac{r_{structure}}{r_{L}^{2} / l_{c}} \\ \\ \delta \theta_{i} &\simeq 1.7^{\circ} \left(\frac{\bar{r}_{i}}{2 \,\mathrm{Mpc}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{B_{i}}{10^{-8} \,\mathrm{G}}\right) \times \\ & \left(\frac{\lambda_{i}}{0.1 \,\mathrm{Mpc}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{E}{10^{20} \,\mathrm{eV}}\right)^{-1} . \end{split}$$
Kotera et al 2009

Time delay after the deflections

$$\begin{split} \delta t_i &\simeq 0.93 \times 10^3 \, \mathrm{yr} \, \left(\frac{\bar{r}_i}{2 \, \mathrm{Mpc}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{B_i}{10^{-8} \, \mathrm{G}} \right)^2 \times \\ & \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{0.1 \, \mathrm{Mpc}} \right) \left(\frac{E}{10^{20} \, \mathrm{eV}} \right)^{-2} \, . \end{split}$$
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Time the source was lightedTransients, no
source- arrival>> $t_{spin} = 3yr \left(\frac{10^{20} eV}{E}\right) \frac{Z_{26} \eta_1}{\mu_{30.5}}$ => direction
correlation

What about their Galactic Counterparts?



Contribution from Galactic pulsars

KASCADE coll. PRD 87, 081101(R) (2013)



Composition





Testable Scenario?

Neutrino as a smoking gun?



Neutrinos from Integrated Pulsar Sources



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Conclusion III

Consistent with current detection upper limits; Robustly tested with IC86-5 year and projected ARA-37 3 year operations.

Summary



Backups

Conclusions

Below the knee: hadron acceleration in SNR proved

Transition: additional components may be needed

Above the ankle:
Leading Observatories:

Pierre Auger Observatory: 3,000 km² Argentina
Telescope Array: 700 km² Utah, USA

Agreement on the shape of the spectrum
Composition: controversial
Anisotropies: hints above 60 EeV – no >3σ signal

Newborn pulsars – can significantly contribute above the knee. Testable in 3-4 years.

Multimessenger Approach - v from GRBs



Re-evaluation of diffusive v background -> 10 times smaller



IceCube collaboration, Nature 484 (2012) 351

10⁰

E²F_y (GeV cm⁻²)

10-1

100

Multimessenger Approach - PeV v events



Multimessenger Approach - Cosmogenic v



Detectability of cosmogenic neutrino dependent on source composition, evolution

1. spectrum

2012 CERN working group unified spectrum

energy recaled



2. Chemical Composition



Anisotropy - hot spot around Cen A



Pierre Auger sees an excess in the direction of Centaurus A above 55 EeV

> even for iron primaries Centaurus A can not be the only UHECR source



Extragalactic?? -Yes, particles point at highest energy



rule out Galactic P-CNO as dominant cosmic ray component at E>1EeV Fe at E>20 EeV

UHE-allowed Pulsars



Estimation on Anisotropy





Heavy composition reduces anisotropy levels

Assume sources homogeneously distributed in the disc, small scale anisotropy can be estimated as (Blasi & Amato 2011b)

$$\delta = rac{3}{2^{3/2}\,\pi^{1/2}}\,rac{D(E)}{Hc}$$

Conclusion II Galactic pulsars can contribute between the knee and the ankle!

