Review of the mixed composition model and its multimessenger implications



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Multimessenger contraints on the origin of ultra-high-energy cosmic-rays



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mechanism responsible for the GZK cut-off at least for UHECR protons



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Vs do not interact while propagating in the extragalactic medium while the universe is opaque to VHE e⁺/e⁻ and γ which cascade down to sub-TeV energies

Diffuse UHECR (E>10¹⁷ eV) flux

- \rightarrow diffuse v flux in the PeV-EeV range
- rightarrow diffuse γ -ray flux in the GeV-TeV range

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The extragalactic photon backgrounds evolve with time, they are hotter and denser as the redshift increases

- cosmological evolution of the sources is expected to have a strong impact on cosmogenic photons and neutrino fluxes
- 4 different hypotheses on the source evolution in the following :
- A very strong evolution such as that of very luminous AGNs (hereafter labeled FR-II)
- 2 "intermediate" evolutions following the "star formation rate" (SFR) and the evolution of GRB sources
- A baseline case with no evolution (often labeled "uniform")



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The UHECR spectrum can be well reproduced above the ankle —> the ankle is interpreted in this case as a signature of the transition between Galactic and extragalactic cosmic-rays (more precisely the end of the transition)

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When all the species are assumed to be accelerated above 10²⁰ eV, the composition is expected to get lighter (i.e proton richer) above 10¹⁹ eV (photodisintegration of composed species)

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All the energy released in γ and e⁺e⁻ piles up in the subTeV range

Strong impact of the cosmological evolution of the sources on the cosmogenic γ fluxes —> strongest evolution also ruled out by Fermi-LAT IGRB



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> subdominant contribution of πphotoproduction to cosmogenic γs —> dominant contribution of the e⁺e⁻ pair production —> unlike cosmogenic Vs, cosmogenic γs are not produced by the highest energy particles

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--> dominant sources of UHECR do not accelerate protons to the highest energies

Low maximum energy per nucleon (a few EeV to 10^{19} eV, well below the pion production threshold with CMB photons) and hard source spectral indexes required here N(E) \propto E^{- β}, β =1.4, E_{max}(Z)=Z×E_{max}^{proton}, E_{max}^{proton}=4.10¹⁸ eV **obviously not a good news** for UHE cosmogenic neutrinos predictions

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Difficult to make a consistent picture of the Auger composition + the light ankle with the above phenomenological model One would need a much softer spectrum for the light nuclei

Phenomenological model of UHECR acceleration as a solution to the soft proton spectrum issue

Model of UHECR acceleration at GRB internal shocks (Globus et al. 2015) can reproduce UHECR data (Auger spectrum and composition)
- if most of the energy dissipated is communicated to accelerated cosmic-rays
- the composition injected at the shock has ~ 10 times galactic CR metallicity



N. Globus, D. Allard, R. Mochkovitch, E. Parizot, MNRAS, 2015

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Proton spectrum : low proton maximum energy Soft due to the --> composition getting heavier as efficient escape of the energy increases neutrons from the source (secondary 10²⁵ neutron from the Model C, isotropic, $B_{ext} = 0.1 \text{ nG}$ • Auger (ICRC 2013) photodisintegration of nuclei within the 10²⁴ Z =tota source) E³dN/dE (eV²m⁻²s⁻¹sr⁻¹ —> Allows the proton component He 10²³ to extend down to the light ankle seen by KASCADE-10²² Grande 10²¹ Z=21-26 Heavier nuclei spectrum : Very hard due to the highpass filter effect of the 10²⁰ escape process 17.5 18.0 18.5 19.0 19.5 --> Hard nuclei spectrum $\log_{10} E (eV)$ required to fit Auger composition at high energy

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The difference in shape between the proton and nuclei spectra arises from the fact that the source environment is strongly magnetized and harbours dense radiation fields --> should not be a distinctive feature of GRB sources



We showed that an extragalactic component presenting these spectral features was able to account for the light ankle 🥑 and the evolution of the composition measured by Auger

Globus, Allard & Parizot, 2015, PRD rapid com.

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This scenario looks completely unconstrained from the point of view of cosmogenic neutrinos and photons

But Fermi-LAT data contain more informations than what we just discussed

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In the following we consider only the largest estimated background (namely model B) to discuss the constrains brought by the EGB composition on UHECR origin

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Besides blazars, SFGs and misaligned AGNs should contribute significantly to the EGB but these contributions were not constrained by **AI6 and ZI6**

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Summary plot on the allowed cosmological evolutions



In the case of our UHECR model (transition and low Emax), only very strong evolutions such as that of very luminous AGNs are clearly disfavoured

Discussion of the resulting cosmogenic neutrino fluxes



Globus et al., 2017, ApJL

The range of cosmogenic neutrino fluxes predicted in the framework of our model are low (mostly due to the low value of the maximum energy per nucleon)

Not observable by current and midterm experiments POEMMA could see some neutrinos for GRB or SFR-like evolutions

However there is possibly more to observe than just the cosmogenic neutrinos from the dominant contribution to UHECRs



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UHECR spectrum

The resulting neutrino flux is significantly larger than that of the main UHECR component



Real window to constrain the presence of proton accelerator in the universe (and not only within the GZK horizon)

Thank you very much !!!! cảm ơn bạn rất nhiều

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Backup

The GZK effect for protons and nuclei



proton attenuation length as a function of the energy : Strong decrease above ~5.10¹⁹ eV due to pion production with CMB photons —> Horizon of UHE proton gets reduced above this energy —> GZK cut-off for protons

nuclei mean free path for giant dipole resonance (photodisintegration) as a function of the Lorentz factor : Strong decrease above Γ ~5.10⁹ due to GDR interaction with CMB photons —> Horizon of UHE nuclei get reduced an energy ~ A×5.10¹⁸ eV —> GZK cut-off for nuclei



Phenomenological model : implications for the GCR to EGCR transition



Extragalactic model coupled to a simple description of the Galactic component (abundances obtained from balloon and satellite measurements, broken power laws assumed to reproduce the knee of the different species at energies proportional to Z)

- Fair reproduction of the light ankle and heavy galactic component

- Good description of Auger composition observables when using the latest (LHC tested) hadronic models
- Good agreement with more recent Auger analyses (down to 10¹⁷ eV) and recent LOFAR (radio) measurements (as well as older HiRes MIA results)

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Large amount of interactions with CMB photons initiating electromagnetic cascades **guaranteed** (low energy threshold for e⁺/e⁻) even if the highest energy cosmic-ray are heavy

^{20.5} Large amount of interactions with CMB photons emitting neutrinos **not** guaranteed unless the highest energy cosmic-ray are light

Some examples of contraints brought by cosmogenic secondaries (III)

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The attenuation length evolution is different for nuclei

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To match the KG light component estimate with post-LHC hadronic models, a boost of the predicted proton component is need

It can be done in two ways :

- Choose a stronger cosmological evolution
- Assume a softer spectrum for the protons
- in both cases these modifications result in larger predicted cosmogonic photon fluxes
 These fluxes however remain compatible with Fermi 2010 IGRB





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Vs only suffer from adiabatic losses while propagating in the EGM e^+/e^- and γ further cascade by interacting with the EBL :

 $e_{+\gamma_{EBL}} \rightarrow e_{+\gamma}$ ICS $\gamma_{+\gamma_{EBL}} \rightarrow e_{++e_{-}}$ pair production

the universe is opaque to high-energy γs (pile-up at sub-TeV energies)

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- \Rightarrow diffuse γ -ray flux in the GeV-TeV range



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The uncertainty on the amplitude of the different contributions is also a major aspect of the discussion



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Globus et al., 2017, ApJL

Components				Energy bands ($\beta = 2.0$)						Energy bands ($\beta = 2.5$)				
	and source evolution	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	$F_{ m UHECR}$	GRB	170	120	44	32	2.5	2.7	260	190	67	48	3.4	3.7
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non evol		42	30	11	8.6	1.1	1.3	58	41	15	11	1.4	1.6	
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В	$F_{ m UHECR}/F_{ m EGB}$	\mathbf{SFR}	5.3	7.1	9.8	14	14	13	7.3	9.9	14	19	18	17
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(considering the mean values of the SFG+misAGN models)

Cosmogenic Y-rays always represent a relatively small fraction of the EGRB even for GRB or SFR evolution and model A

Can be comfortably added to the other contribution in the case of model B

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The contribution of the resolved point sources is estimated for fluxes well below the point source detection limits using the so-called "photon fluctuations analysis"

- fluxes due to (resolved and unresolved) point sources are estimated in each energy bands
- fractional contributions to the total γ-ray background are deduced in each bands

Large fractions deduced

NB : these estimates are probably including blazar point sources and might not include the contributions of weak sources (but numerous) such as star-forming galaxies and misaligned AGNs

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