Observational Constraints on Cosmic-Ray Escape from Ultra-High Energy Accelerators



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Astrophysical picture of Auger data at UHE



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- Hard ejected spectra (quasi mono-elemental fluxes at UHE)
- ◆ Energy cutoff ~5Z EeV
- ♦ Steepening above ~50 EeV: combination of the maximum energy of acceleration of the heaviest nuclei at the sources and the GZK effect
- Steepening above ~10 EeV: interplay between the flux contributions of He and CNO injected at the source with their distinct cutoff energies, shaped by photodisintegration during the propagation
- ✦ Luminosity density $(E^2q_{\text{gen}}(E))$: 6 10⁴⁴ erg Mpc⁻³ yr⁻¹

Ankle feature?

[E. Guido (Auger Collab.), ICRC2021]



Predicted fluxes at Earth

Alternative: Acceleration vs emission spectral index

➡ The role of in-source interactions

- Accelerated particles
 confined in the environment surrounding the source;
- Presence of photon and gas density;
- High energy particles—> escape with no interaction;
- Low energy particles –>
 Pile-up of nucleons at lower energies.



Interactions at the source already discussed in:
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Ingredients of the combined fit



• Model:
$$J(E) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \sum_{A, A'} \iint dz \, dE' \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| S(z) q_{A'}(E') \frac{d\eta_{AA'}(E, E', z)}{dE}$$

• Standard combined fit above $10^{18.7}$ eV

< 10^{18.7}eV: protons alone as the low-energy counterpart of in-source interactions
 ++ No need to model the « high-energy Galactic component »

Proton flux



- *Define the Gumbel distribution of a set of four masses (H, He, N, Fe);
- *Including detector effects;
- *Find the best fit fractions with respect to the chosen set of Gumbel distributions;
- *Analysis independent bin to bin.

Proton flux



➡ Proton flux as total flux weighted by proton fraction

The generic model

- Emission of five representative masses: H, He, N, Si and Fe
- Ejected flux for each mass: exponentially-broken power law

$$q_{A_i}(E) = q_{0A_i} \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\gamma_A} f_{\text{supp}}(E, Z_{A_i}), \quad q_p(E) = q_{0p} \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\gamma_p} f_{\text{supp}}(E, Z_p), \quad f_{\text{supp}}(E, Z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E \leq E_{\text{max}}^Z, \\ \exp\left(1 - E/E_{\text{max}}^Z\right) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Ejected flux are propagated using SimProp
- Goodness-of-fit: sum of spectrum and X_{max} deviances
- UHECR luminosity density traced by the density of baryonic matter over cosmic time [Madau & Dickinson 2014], with local overdensity [McCall 2014] Correction factor inferred by Condon et al. 2019:

$$\frac{\delta\rho(r)}{\bar{\rho}} = 1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{-\alpha},$$

- xGal magnetic fields: $fG < B < nG \sim pG$ here, ie negligible
- EBL: Gilmore, TALYS cross sections, EPOS-LHC & Sibyll2.3

Results



- Emission spectra in $E^{+0.5}$ (nuclei) and $E^{-3.5}$ (protons): extreme values?
- NB: $E^{-3.5}$ (protons) obtained if all protons are ejected ($E_{\text{max}}/2$)
- Results stable against systematics in E, X_{max} , hadronic interaction models, EBL models, redshift evolution of UHECR luminosity

« B-component? » (Hillas)



→B-component as an old event in the Galaxy, similar to UHECR (transient) sources?

• Additional observable to probe transient scenarios of UHECRs: arrival directions

Steady state/Transient state



From transient to steady states

- → Transient scenario
 - UHECRS produced per burst lasting a time 8
 - Source bursting
 - UHECR burst
- → Magnetic field
 - Time spread of the burst induced by the magnetic field



Time delay from magnetic fields

- → Galactic magnetic field (JF12)
 - Strength $B_{G} = 1 \mu G$
 - Coherence length $\lambda_{c} = 0.1$ kpc
 - Size L_{max} = 10 kpc
- → Local Sheet magnetic field
 - Strength B_G = [10; 25] nG (at least few nG, consistent with MHD simulation, considering primordial origin)
 - Coherence length $\lambda_{c} = 10$ kpc
 - Size L_{max} = 1 Mpc
- → Extragalactic magnetic field
 - Strength B_G = 0.1 pG
 - Coherence length $\lambda_{c} = 1 \text{ Mpc}$
 - ♦ Size L_{max} = ∞



Testing the transient scenario for UHECRs

The probability to observe a source is given by a Poisson distribution of parameter:

N=k×Δτ×s_{Gal}

➔ Poisson parameter:

- Δt is the time spread (magnetic field)
- s_{Gal} is the SFR/stellar mass of the galaxy
- k is a new parameter
- $k \times s_{Gal}$ is the burst rate
- $[k] = M_{\odot}^{-1} (SFRD) | [k] = M_{\odot}^{-1} yr^{-1} (SMD)$



The term S_{Gal}



Catalog of 400,000 galaxies: Biteau, ApJS 256 (2021) a near-infrared flux-limited sample to map both stellar mass and star formation rate (SFR) over the full sky

- → Discrete: Compute the flux for each galaxy from the catalogue (~400 000) proportional to their SFR/Stellar mass
- → Continuous: Compute the flux as before, from z=0.08 to z=2.5 (isotropic background)
- → Arrival direction map: Sum the contributions of all galaxies and isotropic background within one pixel
- → Do a smoothing

- <*B*> in Coma from RM: 2 μG over 1 Mpc³ [Bonafede et al., A&A 513 (2010) A30]
- Scaling laws available
- $<\!B\!>$ + interactions in clusters: $t_{escape} > t_{loss}$ possible
- Some clusters may not contribute to the UHECR flux!



Horizon applied to local clusters (GZK sphere)



Random realizations governed by k



$\mathbf{Median}\,(\mathbf{SFR})\,\mathbf{map}-\mathbf{High}\,k$

- → Here, k=10⁻⁴ M_☉⁻¹
- → Median map
- → Council of Giants contributes
- → Nearby galaxies as Andromeda dominate the UHECR sky



$\mathbf{Median}\ (\mathbf{SFR})\ \mathbf{map}\ --\ \mathbf{Small}\ k$

- → Here, k=10⁻⁷ M_☉⁻¹
- → Median map
- → Council of Giants does not contribute !
- → Dominated by far-away clusters/superclusters

$\mathbf{Median}\ (\mathbf{SFR})\ \mathbf{map} - \mathbf{Best}\ k$

- → Here, k=10⁻⁵ M_☉⁻¹
- → Median map
- → Council of Giants contributes
- → No contribution from very close galaxies

The UHE landscape

Constraints on sources

- → SFRD scenario:
 - Core Collapse supernova (CC-SN)
 - CC-SN type lb/c
 - Low luminosity IGRB (LL-IGRB)
 - High luminosity IGRB(HL-IGRB)
- → SMD scenario:
 - Tidal Disruption Event (TDE)
- ➔ Two sources reach the two requirements:
 - LL-IGRB
 - TDE

Summary

• Source environments: key to understand UHECRs

