Introduction to

Galactic Cosmic Rays

... in the era of AMS-02

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Definition here:

Cosmic charged particles with energies up to the PeV.

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- II Sources
- III Transport
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A - Charged cosmic-ray observables at Earth:

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D.V. Skobeltsyn near his cloud chamber (1924)

Sensitive to sub-products of interactions of CR with the atmosphere !



B – Direct detection experiments : Some satelites ... (~500km)





- CR nuclei 1 GeV - 1.2 TeV



DAMPE (2015) - CR nuclei 50 GeV - 500 TeV



NUCLEON (2014) - CR nuclei 100 GeV - 1 PeV

Some detectors onboard ISS ... (~400km)





AMS-02 (2011)

- Spectrometer !
- CR nuclei 1 GeV 1.9 TeV

CALET (2015) - CR nuclei 10 GeV - 1 PeV

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64 Gd

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C – Main features in cosmic-ray observables at Earth:





Protons: 85 % / Helium 12.5 % / Heavier nuclei 1 %

Group → 1 Period ↓ 1 1 H

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M A Velasco et al. TAUP 2019









M. Ahlers & P. Mertsch (PPNP, 2016)





-> CRs arrival direction is quasi-isotrope.



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$$\mathcal{P}_{CR} \approx \frac{U_{CR} V_{CR}}{\tau_{res}} \approx 10^{40} \, \mathrm{erg \, s^{-1}}$$

$$10\% \, \mathrm{of}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{SNR}$$
A conversion



F. Zwicky W. Baade were the first to postulate that SNR could be possible sources of CRs.

W. Baade and F. Zwicky Phys. Rev. 46, 76 (1934)

$$\mathcal{P}_{SNR} = \nu_{SNR} \, \mathcal{E}_{SNR} \approx 10^{41} \, \mathrm{erg \, s^{-1}}$$

A conversion of about 10% of the SNR energy into particle acceleration is sufficient to accomodate CR energetics

Argument worked out in: V. L. Ginzburg, S. I. Syrovatskii, The origin of cosmic rays, (1969).

B – Observation of SNRs

X-rays



Chandra observation of Tycho SNIa

Non thermal emissions

Gamma rays



Collaboration, H. E. S. S., A&A 612, A6 (2018).

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A – Diffusion

Some observations supporting diffusion:

1- Isotropy of arrival directions



Perseus Double Cluster, visible light.

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Size of the box given by long-lived radioisotopes:

 $\tau_{1/2}(^{10}\text{Be}) = 1.4 \text{ Myr} \longrightarrow \lambda_{1/2} = \sqrt{K\tau_{1/2}\gamma}$

Data on radioactive Be give:

- $L \approx 5 \, {
m kpc}$ Evoli et al. PRD 101, 023013 (2020) Weinrich et al. A&A 639, A74 (2020)

 $\psi_{10}{}_{\text{Be}} = f(L/\lambda_{1/2})$



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Not to scale!

0.2 kpc

20 KPC

Cosmic rays follow a random motion in a large volume around the Galaxy!

20 Kpc

-10 kpc

Galactic diffusive halo: Consistent with the observation of other galaxies..



Max Planck Institute for radio astronomy. (taken from M Krause arxiv 0806.2060 and 0810.2923)

..extended synchrotron emission over kpc distances!

The escape time is a function of the energy.



B – Transport equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi_{\alpha}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ K(E) \, \vec{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}} \psi_{\alpha} - \vec{V}_{c} \psi_{\alpha} \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left\{ b_{\text{tot}}(E) \, \psi_{\alpha} - \beta^{2} \, K_{pp} \, \frac{\partial \psi_{\alpha}}{\partial E} \right\} - \sigma_{\alpha} \, v_{\alpha} \, n_{\text{ism}} \, \psi_{\alpha} + \Gamma_{\alpha} \, \psi_{\alpha} = q_{\alpha} + \sum_{\beta} \left\{ \sigma_{\beta \to \alpha} v_{\beta} n_{\text{ism}} + \Gamma_{\beta \to \alpha} \right\} \, \psi_{\beta} \, .$$

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DiffusionConvectionEnergy lossesReaccelerationDestructionDecaySourceSpallationDecay

Can be solved numerically (e.g. GALPROP or DRAGON codes) or semi-analytically (USINE code)

 Predict the CR density in the Galaxy and compare with observations in order to understand the sources and the transport.

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-Fixed by "Laboratory" experiments or simulations
-Fixed by cosmic ray fluxes, depends on the phenomenology

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Collaboration ACE., Nuclear Physics A, Vol. 758 (2005)

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Solving this equation in a 1D geometry for a two nuclei system (B and C) leads to



We solve semi-analytically the famous propagation equation in a 1D geometry:

 $-\vec{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}}\left\{K(E)\vec{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}}\psi_{\alpha}-\vec{V}_{c}\psi_{\alpha}\right\}+\frac{\partial}{\partial E}\left\{b_{tot}(E)\psi_{\alpha}-\beta^{2}K_{pp}\frac{\partial\psi_{\alpha}}{\partial E}\right\}$ $+\sigma_{\alpha} v_{\alpha} n_{\rm ism} \psi_{\alpha} + \Gamma_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} = q_{\alpha} + \sum \left\{ \sigma_{\beta \to \alpha} v_{\beta} n_{\rm ism} + \Gamma_{\beta \to \alpha} \right\} \psi_{\beta}$ Intermediate-rigidity Low-rigidity **High-rigidity** $\sigma_{\beta \to \alpha}$ K(E) σ_{α} V_{c} K_{pp} $b_{\rm tot}(E)$ $\approx 5\,\mathrm{GV}$ $\approx 300 \, \mathrm{GV}$



YG et al. Phys. Rev. D 99, 123028 (2019)





YG et al. Phys. Rev. D 99, 123028 (2019), Derome et al. A&A 627, A158 (2019), Weinrich et al. A&A 639, A74 (2020), Weinrich, YG et al. A&A 639, A131 (2020).

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Learn about the physics of the Galaxy:

- \rightarrow Galactic Halo Turbulence properties.
- \rightarrow Dynamic of the CRs and the gas.

 \rightarrow To be compared with other observables.

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→ Compute predictions of secondaries antiparticles!

→ Precise estimation is needed, one of the limitation comes from nuclear cross-sections.

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The case of the B/C..



AMS-02 data precision is close to the % level.

Secondary cosmic rays: the boron

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

30 % + 70 %



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NA61 is already taking data!

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Take home messages!

 \rightarrow Galactic cosmic rays are mesured with unprecedented precision.

→ New physics may arise from a detailed interpretation of these observables.

Keys ingredients to further improve the analyses:

- \rightarrow Experimental covariance from the collaborations.
- \rightarrow Reduce the uncertainties on spallation cross sections.