

galactic cosmic ray anisotropy origin, implications and the role of IceCube

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cosmic rays

- CR below the knee (~10⁶ GeV) believed to be galactic
- CR below ~10⁹ GeV believed to be predominantly galactic (transition to extra-galactic @ ~10⁹-10¹⁰ GeV)
- galactic CR believed to be accelerated in expanding shock waves initiated by supernova explosions
- galactic CR expected to be isotropic : scrambled by galactic magnetic field over very long time



cosmic rays

- SNe have enough power to sustain the CR population against escape from the Galaxy and energy losses, if there is a mechanism for channeling ~ O(1)% of the SN mechanical energy release into relativistic particles
- diffuse shock acceleration can accelerate CR up to 3.10¹⁵.Z eV



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- depends on declination : northsouth asymmetry
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Hall et al., Journ. Geophys. Res., Vol 103, No. A1, Pag. 367 (1998)



heliosphere

- solar system moves wrt IS medium at 26 km/s
- solar wind diverts interstellar plasma at 400-800 km/s
- termination shock @ solar pressure
 interstellar pressure : ~ 100 AU
- solar and interstellar medium (& magnetic field) separated by heliopause : ~ 150-200 AU



cosmic ray anisotropy in arrival direction

- Tail-in feature is directed towards the heliospheric tail
- peak located at RA ~ 6h (~ 90°)
- seasonal modulation due to Earth's location wrt heliosphere (< 10 TeV)
- larger effect at Dec solstice
- smaller effect at Jun solstice
- galactic anisotropy + heliosphere



Nagashima et al., J. Geophys. Res., Vol 103, No. A8, Pag. 17,429 (1998)

origin of anisotropy ? a long story

- Compton-Getting effect [Compton & Getting, Phys. Rev. 47, 817 (1935)]
 - apparent ~10⁻³ dipole anisotropy due to relative motion of solar system through ISM
 - motion around galactic center ~ 220 km/s
 - not consistent with observations : relative velocity much smaller ? co-rotation ?

- contribution from *local* environment depends on cosmic ray energy
 - heliospheric influence < 10 TeV & galactic influence > 10 TeV
 - diffusion and propagation of cosmic rays through local IS medium

anisotropy vs energy : probing different causes



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- data from 1996 to 2001
- ▶ 1662 days livetime
- $2.1 \cdot 10^8$ events
- angular resolution $< 2^{\circ}$
- median CR energy ~ 10 TeV



Super-Kamiokande

(normalized in each declination band)

Guillian et al., Phys Rev D, Vol 75, 063002 (2007)

Right Ascension

equatorial coordinates

(b)

Declination

σ

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Rel. intensity

1.001

0.999

0

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100

150



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Amenomori et al., Science Vol. 314, pp. 439 (2006) 11

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• relative motion of Earth's around the Sun detected in solar time



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2D skymap of relative intensity in arrival direction (normalized in each declination band)

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- data from 2000 to 2007
- ▶ 9.5 · 10¹⁰ events
- angular resolution $< 1^{\circ}$
- ▶ median CR energy ~ 6 TeV





IceCube









detection technique

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IceCube-22

Abdo et al., ApJ, Vol 698, Issue 2, pp 2121-2130 (2009)















 $E_{median} = 12 \text{ TeV}$

IceCube-22 : anisotropy persists at high energy



 $E_{median} = 12 \text{ TeV}$ $E_{median} = 126 \text{ TeV}$

IceCube-22 : significance

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origin of anisotropy ? a long story

- anisotropy might be connected to the local interstellar magnetic field
 - isotropy of $< 10^6$ GeV cosmic rays is broken within 0.1 1 pc
 - how much do we know about our galactic neighborhood ?
 - the more we know the more we can understand its influence
 - not clear if an already anisotropic flux is needed to explain the observations

- Sun moving through a tenuous 20-30% ionized interstellar cloud
- Energetic Neutral Atoms (ENA) and charged particles (e⁻ and ions) enters the heliosphere from ISM
- charge exchange between ENA and ions
- angle between H and He flow (~4°) due to distortion of heliosphere : Hydrogen Deflection Plane (HDP)
- ISMF deforms heliospheric shape

Lallement et al., Science, Vol 307, page 1447 (2005)



$$B_{IS} \sim (205^{\circ} \div 240^{\circ}, -38^{\circ} \div -60^{\circ})_{galactic}$$

off galactic plane (~ HDP)

- Sun moving through a tenuous 20-30% ionized interstellar cloud
- direction finding of heliospheric radio emissions with Voyager 1/2
- sun shock wave accelerated electrons interacting with heliopause produces radio emission (2-3 kHz) @ B · n = 0 ~ galactic plane
- B_{IS} almost perpendicular to galactic plane (~ HDP) : < 20° of previous determination



λ, Ecliptic Longitude (°)

- direction finding of heliospheric radio emissions with Voyager 1/2
- streaming of ENA's
- heliopause deformed by B_{IS} : MHD simulations
- consistent with other observations



- in the meantime V1/V2 both passed the termination shock (2004, 2007)
 @ (95 AU, 85 AU)
- B_{IS} ~ 4 µG compatible with such an asymmetry
- IBEX measures streaming of ENA
- H ENA from charge exchange in solar wind ions and interstellar pickup ions (~ keV)
- H, He & O from local IS medium

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Pogorelov et al., ApJ Vol 695, L31-L34 (2009)





IBEX Collaboration, Science online, October 15, 2009

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▶ our neighborhood is highly nonhomogeneous and the B_{IS} is a perturbation of the galactic magnetic field

► the solar system is in transition between the Local Interstellar Cloud and the Cloud G



- Local Bubble (~300 pc) : cavity of the Orion arm with low density (~1/10 of ISM) of hot neutral H gas that emits X-rays. Produced by ancient SN (perhaps Geminga)
- Local Interstellar Cloud (~10 pc) : thin cloud (~1/5 of ISM) is flowing from the Scorpius-Centaurus Association, a star forming region

our galactic neighborhood



Distance from the Sun: X (kpc)

origin of anisotropy ? a long story

- anisotropy might be connected to the origin of galactic cosmic rays
 - major features due to *local* environment (< 1 kpc) and its history : SN & magnetic field</p>
 - local IS medium (< 1 kpc) is non-uniform, nearby SN might give a significant contribution
 - ➡ is angular scale of the anisotropy related to the distance where it originates ?
 - ➡ is it the nearby medium that determines small angular scale ?
 - diffusion of galactic cosmic rays is the key
 - if cosmic ray knee generated by a single nearby source [Erlykin & Wolfendale, ICRC 2009] this source might induce an anisotropy
 - our observations might be accidental







arXiv:0801.3827









- small structure suggests a nearby origin
- region A associated to Geminga ?

MILAGRO arXiv:0801.3827

possible explanations : neutrons, heliosphere

- neutrons [Drury & Aharonian, arXiv:0802.4403]
 - decay length ~ 0.1 pc (~ 20,000 AU) @ 10 TeV
 - secondary n production in gravitationally focused heliotail
 - In the density too small to explain the fractional excess in region A



- gyro-radius @ 10 TeV, 1µG ~ 0.01 pc (~ 2,000 AU ~ 20x size of heliopause)
 - acceleration @ heliosphere does not explain observation [Salvati & Sacco, arXiv:0802.2181]

possible explanations : nearby source

- galactic cosmic ray accelerator (Salvati & Sacco)
 - Geminga (~155 pc) was closer 340,000 yr ago : ~90 pc
 - Bohm diffusion of 10 TeV ~ 65 pc
 - fractional excess compatible with ~1.5 · 10⁴⁹ erg
 - energy passband (cutoff HE, delays LE) ~ hard spectrum

- slow diffusion + magnetic nozzle
 - to avoid large angular scale of excess
 - CR freely propagating through magnetic nozzle





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conclusions or starting points

- anisotropy in arrival direction of galactic cosmic rays exists
 - below 10 TeV likely heliospheric / heliosphere tail contribution
 - above 10 TeV some sort of galactic contribution
- need to understand IS medium structure and magnetic field
- possible connection to nearby sources of cosmic rays
 - might contribute to large angular scale anisotropy
 - small angular scale modulated by *nearby* environment
- cosmic ray measurement can give us precious information on magnetic field and origin of cosmic rays

extra slides





polar coordinates

equatorial coordinates





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energy bands



Pogorelov et al., ApJ, arXiv:0801.4167



Pogorelov et al., ApJ Vol 695, L31-L34 (2009)

Andreyev et al., arXiv:0804.4381



Fig. 9. The original dipole anisotropy (ideal) used for demonstration in the Monte Carlo analysis. Its distribution has maximum at point $\alpha_0 = 14$ h RA, $\delta_0 = 60^\circ$. The degree of anisotropy is $\xi = 0.2\%$.



Fig. 10. The real dipole anisotropy (statistics is taken into account) detected without terrestrial effects. Simulation is made according to the normal law in each cell with dimensions 2°x2° with a mean value of 10⁶ and variance 10³.



Fig. 11. The map of events detected by an EAS array on the Earth's surface. Anisotropy is included, but is not seen due to a large range of the modulating factor (see Fig. 4). The celestial region unobservable by the array is shown in gray color.



Fig. 12. The difference map after averaging in narrow declination bands and subtraction of the averaged value in every cell (this procedure reproduces the method used by Super-K and Tibet ASγ collaborations). One can see that both maximum and minimum on this map lie near the equator (though original anisotropy was quite different, see Figs. 9 and 10).