



Radio galaxies as UHECR sources

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- **Dipole anisotropy** (colored) generally **agrees** with this source distribution
- Most hotpots (black dashed) show associated sources (except for the "TA-HS")
- the majority of sources is aligned with the supergalactic plane



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UHECRs from non-local radio sources



Including a diffuse contribution from the **bulk of non-local (***z***>0.02) radio galaxies**:

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UHECRs from local+non-local radio sources

The general approach:

= average enhancement factor due to diffusion and finite source lifetime (Harari+2021)

$$n(R, r, t_{\text{act}}) = \sum_{i} n_i(R, r, t_{\text{act}}) = n_0 \left(\frac{R}{\check{R}}\right)^{-\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{R}{\hat{R}}\right) \bar{\xi}(R, r, t_{\text{act}}) \bar{\eta}(R, r)$$

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$$= \frac{dN_{\text{cr}}}{dR \, dA \, dt \, d\Omega} = \frac{c}{4\pi} n(R, r_s, t_{\text{act}})$$

$$= \frac{S_i(R)}{\eta_i(R, r)} = \frac{S_i(R)}{\sigma_i(R, r)}$$

modification factor with
$$\eta_i(R,r) \equiv \frac{S_i(R,r)}{S_{0,i}(R)} \label{eq:gamma}$$

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 $> J_R = J_{csf} + \sum_s J_s$

in total

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Eichmann+2022 [arXiv:2202.11942]

non-local source

The general approach:

Using the observed compositional data to convert rigidity into (energy, mass):



- a priori agreement with the <lnA> data but not necessarily with Var(lnA)
 - no constraint on the initial elem. abund.
- substantial decrease of the parameter space

...still the energy spectrum and anisotropy data (quadrupole strength is not included in the parameter optimization) needs to be fitted

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Using the **five brightest local sources**:

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Using the eleven brightest local sources:

- > bulk of low-luminous (FR-I) radio galaxies dominants below the ankle
- just a few local sources (such as Fornax A, Virgo A) provide a significant contribution above the ankle

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The hard spectra of individual UHECR nuclei



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old and close-by (at most a few x 10 Mpc for 1nG rms EGMF strength) sources are needed!

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2 (qualitative) Examples

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$$t_{\rm act} \sim \langle t_{\rm del} \rangle \simeq 1.2 \left(\frac{B}{1 \, {\rm nG}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{d_{\rm src}}{10 \, {\rm Mpc}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{l_{\rm coh}}{1 \, {\rm Mpc}} \right) \, {\rm Myr}$$

...to obtain sufficient (but not too much) flux suppression at about Z EeV!

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Summing up

- Radio galaxies (especially of FR-I type) are the most promising sources of the UHECRs
- UHECR sources are:
 ... not standard candles
 ... predominantly just a few that are close-by
 ... having finite life-time (which may harden the spectra)
- ✤ A possible scenario:
 - \succ bulk of FR-Is dominates in the "shin region";
 - a few individual local sources (e.g. Fornax A, Virgo A, ...) dominate above the ankle.





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The UHECR – radio connection

Why radio instead of gamma-ray brightness?

• Gamma-ray flux:

- *depends* on the additional presence of *a sufficiently dense target* population that is not in a simple relation with the CR density;
- can also be produced by non-hadronic processes like inverse Compton scattering;
- is observed in the GeV-TeV regime, while UHECRs are above EeV

• Radio flux:

- radio luminosity is in a simple relation to the non-thermal power of an object, which in turn is a plausible scaling quantity for the power in CRs;
- is *related to the magnetic field strength*, so that it sets a limit to the highest energy attainable in electromagnetic acceleration

Details on the parameter space

The parameter space

Accounting for individuality:

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| $t_{\rm act}$ [Gyr] | [0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10] | no | low luminosity source lifetime |
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Details on the UHECR contribution by *individual local sources*

The general approach:



lifetime (Harari+2021)

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Using rigidity instead of energy:

• CR transport depends predominantly on the particle's rigidity



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using the "lensing approach" (Bretz+2014, Eichmann+2020)

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Details on the UHECR contribution by the large-scale population

Constraining the non-local source contribution

 10^{-2} Using the *radio luminosity* FRI 10^{-5} FRII $\Phi / Mpc^{-3} (dlogP_{151})^{-1}$ function (RLF) Φ_{RG} from W01 10^{-6} MS07 Willott+2001 to obtain 10^{-7} $\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}V\,\mathrm{d}Q_{\mathrm{cr}}} = \frac{\Phi_{\mathrm{RG}}(L_{151},\,z)}{2.3\,\beta_L\,Q_{\mathrm{cr}}}$ 10^{-8} 10^{-9} 10^{-10} Continuous CR source function 10^{-11} 22 25 27 28 23 24 26 29 of radio galaxies (Eichmann 2019): $\log(P_{151} / W Hz^{-1} sr^{-1})$ $\Psi_i(R, z) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{cr}}(Z_i)}{\mathrm{d}V\mathrm{d}R\,\mathrm{d}t} = \int_{\check{O}}^{Q_{\mathrm{cr}}} S_i(R, \hat{R}(Q_{\mathrm{cr}})) \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}V\,\mathrm{d}Q_{\mathrm{cr}}} \,\mathrm{d}Q_{\mathrm{cr}}$ $\Psi_{i}(R,z) \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_{\rm lo} f_{i} \nu_{a} c}{2.3 e \bar{Z}} \left[g_{\rm acc}^{2} \left(\frac{1}{g_{\rm m}} - 1 \right) (1+k) \right]^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}} \right)^{-a} \frac{f_{I}(z)}{z+1} \\ \times \left[\Gamma \left(\xi_{a}^{I}, \left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}} \right)^{2/\beta_{L}} \right) - \Gamma \left(\xi_{a}^{I}, \left(\frac{\hat{Q}_{\rm cr}(k+1)}{g_{\rm m} Q_{\star}} \right)^{1/\beta_{L}} \right) \right] \right], \\ \frac{\rho_{\rm ho} f_{i} \nu_{a} c}{2.3 e \bar{Z}} \left[g_{\rm acc}^{2} \left(\frac{1}{g_{\rm m}} - 1 \right) (1+k) \right]^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}} \right)^{-a} \frac{f_{II}(z)}{z+1} \\ \times \left[\Gamma \left(\xi_{a}^{II}, \left(\frac{g_{\rm m} Q_{\star}}{\hat{Q}_{\rm cr}(k+1)} \right)^{1/\beta_{L}} \right) - \Gamma \left(\xi_{a}^{II}, \left(\frac{R_{\star}}{R} \right)^{2/\beta_{L}} \right) \right], \end{cases}$ for FR-I,

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Constraining the non-local source contribution

- Using the radio luminosity function (RLF) Φ_{RG} from Willott+2001 to obtain $\frac{dN}{dV dQ_{cr}} = \frac{\Phi_{RG}(L_{151}, z)}{2.3 \beta_L Q_{cr}}$
- Continuous CR source function of radio galaxies (Eichmann 2019):

 $\Psi_i(R, z) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\mathrm{cr}}(Z_i)}{\mathrm{d}V\mathrm{d}R\,\mathrm{d}t} = \int_{\check{Q}_{\mathrm{cr}}}^{\hat{Q}_{\mathrm{cr}}} S_i\big(R, \hat{R}(Q_{\mathrm{cr}})\big) \,\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}V\,\mathrm{d}Q_{\mathrm{cr}}} \,\mathrm{d}Q_{\mathrm{cr}}$



$$\Psi_{i}(R \ll R_{\star}, z) \propto \left\{ \frac{R}{R_{\star}} \right\}^{-a},$$

$$\Psi_{i}(R \gg R_{\star}, z) \propto \left\{ \frac{\left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}}\right)^{-a+2\xi_{a}^{I}/\beta_{L}-2/\beta_{L}}}{\left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}}\right)^{-a-2\xi_{a}^{II}/\beta_{L}}} \exp \left(-\left(\frac{R}{R_{\star}}\right)^{2/\beta_{L}}\right) \quad \text{for FR-II}, \quad \text{for F$$

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Spectral behaviour constraints

Bulk of FR-I and FR-II sources have a different critical rigidity:

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Details on possible UHECR sources

Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs) are the most likely (steady) sources of UHECRs



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Observational constraints:

Minimal CR emissivity: $L_{CR}n_{src} \approx 6x10^{44} \text{ erg}/(Mpc^{3} \text{ yr}) \text{ for } E>5EeV$ $L_{CR}n_{src} \approx 10^{46} \text{ erg}/(Mpc^{3} \text{ yr}) \text{ for } E>0.3EeV$



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➤ Absence of small-scale clustering: Large source density or magnetic field defl. $n_{src}^{>} \ge 10^{-5} Mpc^{-3}$





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- Theoretical constraints:
 - ➤ Hillas condition:

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 CR Power/Luminosity L = UI=U²/R;
 using a (vacuum) impedance R≈1000Ω
 & including bulk motion (Γ) effects:

$$L \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{42} \,\mathrm{erg/s} \,\frac{\Gamma^2}{\beta} \left(\frac{E/Z}{5 \times 10^{18} \mathrm{eV}}\right)^2$$



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Large scale population or individual (local) sources? Possible sub-contribution from other populations?



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