How cosmic rays shape galaxies and clusters

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- the solution of all problems in galaxy formation



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Feedback by galactic winds



supernova Cassiopeia A

X-ray: NASA/CXC/SAO; Optical: NASA/STScl; Infrared: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Steward/O.Krause et al. • galactic supernova remnants drive shock waves, turbulence, accelerate electrons + protons, amplify magnetic fields



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- star formation and supernovae drive gas out of galaxies by galactic super winds
- critical for understanding the physics of galaxy formation

 → may explain puzzle of low star conversion efficiency in dwarf galaxies



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Mean free path \gg observed shock width!

 \rightarrow shocks must be mediated without collisions, but through interactions with collective fields \rightarrow collisionless shocks



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Particle acceleration at relativistic shock, $B_0 = 0$

- self-generated magnetic turbulence scatters particles across the shock
- each crossing results in energy gain Fermi process
- movie below shows magnetic filaments in the shock frame (top), particle energy is measured the downstream frame (bottom): particle gains energy upon scattering in the upstream (Spitkovsky 2008)



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Ion spectrum Non-relativistic parallel shock in long-term hybrid simulation



quasi-parallel shocks accelerate ions

- particles gain energy in each crossing and have probability of leaving the Fermi cycle by being swept downstream → power-law spectrum
- maximum energy increases with time



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Astrophysical shocks



solar system shocks $\sim R_{\odot}$ coronal mass ejection (SOHO)



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collisionless shocks \iff energetic particles \iff electro-magnetic waves



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data compiled by Swordy

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- energy density of cosmic rays, magnetic fields, and turbulence in the interstellar gas all similar



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Cosmic ray feedback: an extreme multi-scale problem





Milky Way-like galaxy:

gyro-orbit of GeV cosmic ray:

$$r_{
m gal} \sim 10^4 \
m pc$$
 $r_{
m cr} = rac{p_\perp}{e \, B_{
m uC}} \sim 10^{-6} \
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\Rightarrow need to develop a fluid theory for a collisionless, non-Maxwellian component!

Zweibel (2017), Jiang & Oh (2018), Thomas & CP (2018)

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Interactions of CRs and magnetic fields

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• CRs scatter on magnetic fields \rightarrow isotropization of CR momenta



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weak wave damping: strong coupling \rightarrow CR stream with waves strong wave damping: less waves to scatter \rightarrow CR diffusion prevails



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Non-equilibrium CR streaming and diffusion

Coupling the evolution of CR and Alfvén wave energy densities



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Varying damping rate of Alfvén waves modulates the diffusivity of solution



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Anisotropic CR streaming and diffusion – AREPO CR transport mediated by Alfvén waves and coupled to magneto-hydrodynamics

- CR streaming and diffusion along magnetic field lines in the self-confinement picture
- moment expansion similar to radiation hydrodynamics
- accounts for kinetic physics: non-linear Landau damping, gyro-resonant instability, ...
- Galilean invariant and causal transport
- energy and momentum conserving



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Cosmological moving-mesh code AREPO (Springel 2010)



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Simulations – flowchart

observables:

physical processes:







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CP+ (2017a)

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Hadronic cosmic ray proton interaction





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Gamma-ray emission of the Milky Way



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Galactic wind in the Milky Way? Fermi gamma-ray bubbles



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Galactic wind in the Milky Way? Diffuse X-ray emission in our Galaxy



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super wind in M82

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observed energy equipartition between cosmic rays, thermal gas and magnetic fields

 \rightarrow suggests self-regulated feedback loop with CR driven winds



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Sedov explosion

density

1.0 4.0 3.5 0.8 3.0 0.6 2.5 2.0 ~ 0.4 1.5 1.0 0.2 0.5 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 CP+ (2017a)

specific thermal energy



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Sedov explosion with CR acceleration

density

specific cosmic ray energy



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adiabatic index

shock evolution



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Caprioli & Spitkovsky (2014)

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TeV γ rays from shell-type SNRs: SNR 1006

AREPO simulation



Pais, CP, Ehlert (2018)

H.E.S.S. observation



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TeV γ rays from shell-type supernova remnants Varying magnetic coherence scale in simulations of SN1006 and Vela Junior





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Galaxy simulation setup: 1. cosmic ray advection



CP, Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017a) Simulating cosmic ray physics on a moving mesh MHD + cosmic ray advection: $\{10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}\} M_{\odot}$

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Time evolution of SFR and energy densities



CP+ (2017a)

- CR pressure feedback suppresses SFR more in smaller galaxies
- energy budget in disks is dominated by CR pressure
- magnetic dynamo faster in Milky Way galaxies than in dwarfs



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MHD galaxy simulation without CRs



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MHD galaxy simulation with CRs



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Galaxy simulation setup: 2. cosmic ray diffusion



Pakmor, CP, Simpson, Springel (2016) Galactic winds driven by isotropic and anisotropic cosmic ray diffusion in isolated disk galaxies

MHD + CR advection + diffusion: 10¹¹ M_☉



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MHD galaxy simulation with CR diffusion



Pakmor, CP, Simpson, Springel (2016)

- CR diffusion launches powerful winds
- simulation without CR diffusion exhibits only weak fountain flows



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Cosmic ray driven wind: mechanism



CR streaming in 3D simulations: Uhlig, CP+ (2012), Ruszkowski+ (2017) CR diffusion in 3D simulations: Jubelgas+ (2008), Booth+ (2013), Hanasz+ (2013), Salem & Bryan (2014), Pakmor, CP+ (2016), Simpson+ (2016), Girichidis+ (2016), Dubois+ (2016), CP+ (2017b), Jacob+ (2018)



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CR-driven winds: dependence on halo mass



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CR-driven winds: suppression of star formation





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Galaxy simulation setup: 3. non-thermal emission



CP, Pakmor, Simpson, Springel (2017b, in prep.) Simulating radio synchrotron and gamma-ray emission in galaxies MHD + CR advection + diffusion: $\{10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}\} M_{\odot}$

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Simulation of Milky Way-like galaxy, t = 0.5 Gyr



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Simulation of Milky Way-like galaxy, t = 1.0 Gyr



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γ -ray and radio emission of Milky Way-like galaxy



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Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation Universal conversion: star formation \rightarrow cosmic rays \rightarrow gamma rays



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γ -ray and radio emission of Milky Way-like galaxy



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Far infra-red – radio correlation

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- jet interaction with magnetized cluster medium → turbulence
- jet accelerates cosmic rays

 → release from bubbles provides
 source of heat



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Feedback by active galactic nuclei

- Jacob & CP (2017a,b): study large sample of 40 cool core clusters
- spherically symmetric steady-state solutions where cosmic ray heating balances radiative cooling



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Case study A1795: heating and cooling



Jacob & CP (2016a)

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- CR heating dominates in the center
- conductive heating takes over at larger radii, $\kappa = 0.42\kappa_{Sp}$

• $\mathcal{H}_{cr} + \mathcal{H}_{cond} \approx C_{rad}$: modest mass deposition rate of 1 M_{\odot} yr⁻¹



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Gallery of solutions: density profiles



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Gallery of solutions: temperature profiles



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Hadronically induced radio emission



Jacob & CP (2017b)



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Hadronically induced radio emission: NVSS limits



• continuous sequence in $F_{\nu,\text{pred}}/F_{\nu,\text{NVSS}}$

Jacob & CP (2017b)

- CR heating viable solution for non-RMH clusters
- CR heating solution ruled out in radio mini halos (RMHs)



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radio mini halo

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- AGN injects CRs

cluster cools and triggers AGN activity

CR heating balances cooling

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Self-regulated heating/cooling cycle in cool cores



Jacob & CP (2017b)

possibly CR-heated cool cores vs. radio mini halo clusters:

- simmering SF: CR heating is effectively balancing cooling
- abundant SF: heating/cooling out of balance



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MHD jet simulations



AREPO: unstructured-mesh

- MHD moving-mesh code AREPO
- NFW cluster potential



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initial magnetic field

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AREPO: jet injection region

(Weinberger+ 2017)

- MHD moving-mesh code AREPO
- NFW cluster potential
- external turbulent magnetic field (Kolmogorov)
- jet module
 - prepare low-density state in pressure equilibrium
 - inject kinetic energy, **B**, and CRs

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• refine to sustain density contrast



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Cosmic ray modelling



- AREPO: jet injection region
 - (Weinberger+ 2017)

- subgrid CR acceleration:
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- CR transport:
 - CRs are advected
 - emulate CR streaming ≈ anisotropic CR diffusion & Alfvén cooling

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Jet simulation: gas density, CR energy density, B field

 $60 \mathrm{Myr}$



Ehlert, Weinberger, CP+ (2018)

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Perseus cluster – heating vs. cooling: theory



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- simulated CR heating rate matches 1D steady state model



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Magnetic field structure



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Jet morphology



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CR distribution





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outlook: improved modeling of plasma physics, follow CR spectra, cosmological settings **need:** comparison to resolved radio/ γ -ray observations \rightarrow **SKA/CTA**



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