# Galactic cosmic rays



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List of critical ("unorthodox"?) reviews:

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### Plan of the talk

[1] What are cosmic rays and how to study them

[2] The "sizes" of cosmic rays —> from low to extreme energies

[3] The "orthodoxy" —> the supernova remnant paradigm

[4] Follow the energy -> supernova explosions

-> is there room left for other sources?

[5] Follow the physics —> where does acceleration end?

-> the Hillas criterion

[6] Follow the mass —> isotopic anomalies

-> the role of stellar winds: polluters or accelerators?

[7] Conclusions —> do we need mixed scenarios?

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#### Cosmic ray sources: why is it so difficult?



We cannot do CR Astronomy.

Need for indirect identification of CR sources.

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Energy (GeV)



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Luke Drury's brief (and very nice) review (2018)

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These are actually three different questions which require different solution methods and answers, and some of the confusion in the field has been due to people not carefully distinguishing these concepts.
## [2] The "sizes" of cosmic rays

#### The MeV domain



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\* in an interstellar B field, 10 times smaller at the Earth's locations

#### Solar modulation



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Gabici 2022 (adapted from Vos & Potgieter 2015)

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#### The GeV domain



# The PeV domain (100 TeV-10 PeV)



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same order of the size of Galactic objects —> difficult to reach PeV!

# The EeV domain ( $10^{16} \text{ eV} - 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ )



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# [3] The "orthodoxy"



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Cosmic rays are accelerated out of the (dusty) interstellar medium through diffusive shock acceleration in supernova remnants



CRs are accelerated out of the (dusty) ISM through DSA in SNRs

#### effective grammage

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## Stellar wind termination shocks



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Bonus: Wolf-Rayet wind material enriched in  $^{22}Ne - >$  composition (with dilution)



### Then nobody cared for few decades...



Cassé & Paul 1980, 1982 – Cesarsky & Montmerle 1983



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for the most massive stars:

$$\int \mathrm{d}t \ P_w \approx 10^{51} \mathrm{erg} \sim \mathrm{E_{SN}}$$

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[4] Follow the physicsWhere does acceleration end?The Hillas criterion























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relativistic momentum  $\vec{p} = \gamma m \vec{u}$ 

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#### Maximum energy

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time-varying B-field

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characteristic length  $\nabla \times \rightarrow \frac{1}{L}$  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{1}{T}$ 

characteristic time



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Let's go back to the results obtained for the electrostatic accelerator

$$E_t^{max} = qEL$$
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# Interstellar bubbles around star clusters

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possible for powerful clusters?

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Do WTSs accelerate CRs?

If so, how many of them?

Can star clusters (WTS plus SNR inside superbubbles) explain all CRs?

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accurate analysis of CR abundances (Tatischeff+ 2021) —> ~6%

### Conclusions: mixed origin fro CRs?

- Supernova remnants most likely provide most CRs —> follow the energy!
- Star clusters accelerate CRs (we see gamma rays!)
- YOUNG star clusters accelerate CRs —> WTSs!
- Stellar winds must play a role (<sup>22</sup>Ne) —> follow the mass!
- Passive (polluters) and/or active (accelerators) role?
- All CRs from star clusters? —> follow the physics!
  - Most of them from SNR inside super bubbles (abundance of CR volatiles)
  - Provided dust grains are present inside super bubbles (CR refractories)
  - Some of them from WTSs (<sup>22</sup>Ne)