Cosmic-ray Reservoirs as Multi-Messenger Sources





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# **HE Neutrino Astrophysics Started**

## **Origins and mechanism of cosmic neutrinos?**

-pp or p $\gamma$ ? -connection to UHECRs? -connection to  $\gamma$  rays? – new physics?



### Motivation: Cosmic Rays – A Century Old Puzzle



$$\frac{dN_{\rm CR}}{dE} \propto E^{-s_{\rm CR}}$$

#### **Open problems**

How is the spectrum formed?
(ex. transition to extragalactic)
How are CRs accelerated?
(ex. Fermi mechanism: s<sub>CR</sub>~2)
How do CRs propagate?

The key question **"What is the origin?"** extreme energy (EeV-ZeV) → extreme sources



#### Astrophysical "Isotropic" Neutrino Background – Mean Diffuse Intensity

diffuse v intensity of extragalactic sources (cf. supernova v bkg.)  $\leftarrow$  consistent w. isotropic distribution



Most contributions come from unresolved distant sources, difficult to see each

### **Cosmic-Ray Connection: Hint or Conspiracy?**

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$$\varepsilon_{\nu}^{2}\Phi_{\nu} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int dz \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| \varepsilon_{\nu}^{2} q_{\nu}(\varepsilon_{\nu}) F(z) \qquad \Longrightarrow E_{\nu}^{2}\Phi_{\nu} \approx \frac{ct_{H}}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{f_{\text{mes}}}{4} \varepsilon_{p}^{2} q_{p}(\varepsilon_{p}) \right] f_{z}$$

 $f_{mes}$  (<1): meson production efficiency (ex.  $f_{p\gamma} \sim 0.2 n_{\gamma} \sigma_{p\gamma} \Delta$ )  $f_z$  (~0.6-5): source redshift evolution  $\epsilon_p^2 q(\epsilon_p)$ : CR energy generation rate per volume

### obs. UHECR flux: $\varepsilon_p^2 q(\varepsilon_p)=0.6 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} \& f_{mes} \rightarrow 1 \text{ limit}$

(Waxman & Bahcall 98 PRD) 10<sup>-5</sup> IceCube 2015 ⊢ + Attempts to make a v-CR connection 10<sup>-6</sup>  $E^2 \Phi$  [GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> have been made but may not be easy (Katz et al. 13, Kistler+ 14, 10<sup>-7</sup> Yoshida & Takami 14, KM & Waxman 16) Waxman-Bahcall (s=2.0) 10<sup>-8</sup> ucleus-Survival ← "nucleus-survival" bounds 10<sup>-9</sup> (KM & Beacom 10 PRD)  $\sigma_{p\gamma}^{\text{eff}} = \kappa_{p\gamma}\sigma_{p\gamma} \sim 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^2$ 10<sup>-10</sup>  $\sigma_{A\gamma}^{\text{eff}} = \kappa_{A\gamma} \sigma_{A\gamma} \sim 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2$ 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> 10<sup>6</sup> 10<sup>4</sup>  $10^{7}$  $\implies f_{p\gamma} \approx (\sigma_{p\gamma}^{\text{eff}} / \sigma_{A\gamma}^{\text{eff}}) f_{A\gamma} \lesssim 0.1$ E [GeV]

# Cosmic-ray Accelerators (ex. UHECR candidate sources)



### **Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**



#### - <u>γ-ray bursts</u>

ex. Waxman & Bahcall 97, KM et al. 06 after Neutrino 2012: Cholis & Hooper 13, Liu & Wang 13 KM & Ioka 13, Winter 13, Senno, KM & Meszaros 16

#### - Active galactic nuclei

ex. Stecker et al. 91, Mannheim 95 after Neutrino 2012: Kalashev, Kusenko & Essey 13, Stecker 13, KM, Inoue & Dermer 14, Dermer, KM & Inoue 14, Tavecchio et al. 14, Kimura, KM & Toma 15, Padvani et al. 15, Wang & Li 16  <u>Starburst galaxies (not Milky-Way-like)</u> ex. Loeb & Waxman 06, Thompson et al. 07 after Neutrino 2012: KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13, Katz et al. 13, Liu et al. 14, Tamborra, Ando & KM 14, Anchordoqui et al. 14, Senno et al. 15

#### - Galaxy groups/clusters

ex. Berezinsky et al. 97, KM et al. 08, Kotera et al. 09 after Neutrino 2012:

KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13, Fang & Olinto 16

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### **Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**





#### Cosmic-ray Accelerators (ex. UHECR candidate sources)



ν

PeV

0.1/TeV

 $E^2 \Phi$ 

obs. photon spectra

& source size

### **Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**



E<sub>v</sub> ~ 0.04 E<sub>p</sub>: PeV neutrino ⇔ 20-30 PeV CR nucleon energy

CR

S<sub>v</sub>≠S<sub>CR</sub>

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#### Cosmic-ray Accelerators (ex. UHECR candidate sources)



## $p + \gamma \rightarrow N\pi + X$

### $E^2 \Phi$ $ext{obs. photon spectra}$ a source size v $s_v \neq s_{CR}$ 0.1 TeV PeV $E_v$

### **Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**



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# **Cosmic-Ray Accelerators**



CRs may or may not escape

## **HE Neutrinos from Classical GRBs**

Standard jet models as the cosmic v origin: excluded by multimessenger obs. - Classical GRBs: constrained by stacking analyses <~  $10^{-9}$  GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>  $\therefore$  space- and time-coincidence (duration~30 s  $\rightarrow$  background free)



Bustamante, Baerwald, KM, & Winter 15 Nature Comm.

He+ KM 12 ApJ

## **HE Neutrinos from AGN Jets**

Standard jet models as the cosmic v origin: disfavored by multimessenger obs. - Blazars: 1. obs. SEDs (int. & ext.)  $\rightarrow$  hard spectral shape (KM, Inoue & Dermer 14) 2. no clustering (KM & Waxman 16) 3. no source association (IceCube Coll. 15)



- Very hard spectra: a general trend of one-zone models
- Many of them (including a leptonic-hadronic model) are excluded by IceCube

### **Controversy: Blazars as the Origin of IceCube's Neutrinos?**

#### IceCube 15



NO! (IceCube 15, Wang & Li 15, KM & Waxman 16)
Comparison w. FSRQs' γ-ray bkg. (Ajello+ 13 ApJ)
→ average ratio: L<sub>v</sub>/L<sub>γ</sub>~0.1 (for all-flavor L<sub>v</sub>)
Blazars are rare objects in the Universe L<sub>γ</sub>/L<sub>v</sub>~0.1 → nearby blazars should be seen but unobserved
Some model-dependence but quite reasonable

(e.g., power-law assumption,

γ-dim population of blazars)

- YES! (Padovani & Resconi 14, Krauss+ 15)
- Three PeV events may be associated with distant blazars
- Low significance
- (~ $2\sigma$  association of the 2 PeV event w. a FSRQ )
- Association w. a HESE event can be explained if  $L_{\gamma}{\sim}L_{\nu}$

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### $E^2 \Phi$ f obs. photon spectra & source size V $s_v \neq s_{CR}$ 0.1 TeV PeV $E_v$

### **Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**



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# **Cosmic-Ray Reservoirs**



# **Points of CR Reservoir Models**

- Some contributions must exist: very natural (galaxies contain CRs & gamma rays are detected)
- Predicted before IceCube's discovery (a multi-PeV break/cutoff has been expected)
   (Berezinsky et al. 97, Loeb & Waxman 06, KM et al. 08 ApJ, Kotera, Allard, KM et al. 09)
- "Unification" of multi-messengers is possible (KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13, Katz et al. 13, Dado & Dar 14, KM & Waxman 16)

## Issue: tension w. Fermi gamma-ray limits? relevance of "low-energy excess problem"

(KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13, Senno, Meszaros, KM+ 15 KM, Guetta & Ahlers 16, Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel 16, Bechtol+ 16)



## Inelastic pp Neutrinos from CR Reservoirs

• Explain >0.1 PeV v data with a few PeV break (theoretically predicted)



Unification of neutrinos and gamma rays

## Inelastic pp Neutrinos from CR Reservoirs

- Explain >0.1 PeV v data with a few PeV break (theoretically predicted)
- Escaping CRs may contribute to the CR flux (theoretically predicted)



### Grand-unification of neutrinos, gamma rays & UHECRs

% cosmogenic v flux does not violate the latest EHE limit by IceCube

## **Neutrinos from Dark Reservoirs**

Quasi-isotropic emission from the Galactic halo (e.g., DM) can be constrained



- Galactic:  $\gamma \rightarrow$  direct (w. some attenuation),  $e^{\pm} \rightarrow$  sync. + inv. Compton
- Extragalactic  $\rightarrow$  EM cascades during cosmological propagation

## **Galaxy Groups and Clusters: Basics**



- intracluster gas density
   n~10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>, a fewx10<sup>-2</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> (center)
  - CR accelerators AGN (~a few), galaxy mergers, normal galaxies (~100-1000) UHECR acceleration possible in AGN
- accretion shocks  $\varepsilon_p^{\max} \approx (3/20)(V_s/c)eBr_{sh} \sim 1.2 \text{ EeV } B_{-6.5}V_{s,8.5}M_{15}^{1/3}$ CR injection occurs for ~1-10 Gyr over a cluster/group

AGN energetics cluster energetics

$$Q_{\rm cr} \sim 3.2 \times 10^{46} \ {\rm erg} \ {\rm Mpc}^{-3} \ {\rm yr}^{-1} \ \epsilon_{{\rm cr},-1} L_{j,45} \rho_{{\rm GC},-5}$$
  
 $Q_{\rm cr} \sim 1.0 \times 10^{47} \ {\rm erg} \ {\rm Mpc}^{-3} \ {\rm yr}^{-1} \ \epsilon_{{\rm cr},-1} L_{{\rm ac},45.5} \rho_{{\rm GC},-5}$ 

pp efficiency

$$f_{pp} \approx \kappa_p \sigma_{pp} nct_{\text{int}} \simeq 0.76 \times 10^{-2} \ g\bar{n}_{-4} (t_{\text{int}}/2 \text{ Gyr})$$

 $E_{\nu}^{2}\Phi_{\nu_{i}} \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{GeV \, cm^{-2} \, s^{-1} \, sr^{-1}}$ 

# **Diffusion Break & Second Knee**

- Maximum energy of CRs is expected to be high enough (which is not the case in normal/starburst galaxies)
- Big!  $\rightarrow$  confining CRs is easy (E<eBR~10<sup>21</sup> eV)

CR diffusion time  $t_{\rm diff} \approx (r_{\rm vir}^2/6D) \simeq 1.6 \ {\rm Gyr} \ \varepsilon_{p,17}^{-1/3} B_{-6.5}^{1/3} (l_{\rm coh}/30 \ {\rm kpc})^{-2/3} M_{15}^{2/3}$ 

$$t_{\rm diff} = t_{\rm inj} \implies \varepsilon_p^b \approx 51 \; {\rm PeV} \; B_{-6.5} (l_{\rm coh}/30 \; {\rm kpc})^{-2} M_{15}^2 (t_{\rm inj}/2 \; {\rm Gyr})^{-3}$$



 CR break compatible w. 2<sup>nd</sup> knee
 Escaping CRs naturally contribute to the observed CR flux above 2<sup>nd</sup> knee

$$\varepsilon_{\nu}^{b} \approx 0.04 \varepsilon_{p}^{b} \simeq 2.0 \text{ PeV } B_{-6.5} (l_{\text{coh}}/30 \text{ kpc})^{-2} M_{15}^{2} (t_{\text{inj}}/2 \text{ Gyr})^{-3}$$
KM. Inoue & Nagataki 08 ApJL

# Galaxy Clusters/Groups, CRs, vs

### **Pre-IceCube predictions motivated by the explanation of observed CRs**



- Consistent w. obs. & a multi-PeV break was predicted
- No firm gamma-ray detection, low-mass clusters needed

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# **Neutrino Limits**

### Cosmic-ray confined in one cluster

$$\mathcal{E}_{\rm cr} \sim L_{\rm cr} \times \min[t_{\rm inj}, t_{\rm diff}]$$
  
$$\simeq 10^{61.5} \ \mathrm{erg} \ \left(\frac{L_{\rm cr}}{10^{45} \ \mathrm{erg \ s^{-1}}}\right) \left(\frac{\min[t_{\rm inj}, t_{\rm diff}]}{\mathrm{Gyr}}\right)$$

## ~10<sup>61</sup>-10<sup>62</sup> erg needed to explain CRs or vs

KM & Beacom 13 JCAP



## **Gamma-Ray Limits?**



# **Application to Dark Matter**

Clusters are also storage rooms of dark matter (DM)



KM, Laha, Ando & Ahlers 15 PRL

### What's Next?: Need to Identify the Sources



### **Multiplet Searches are Independently Powerful**

Non-detection of point sources give "upper" limits on the number density For early (quasi-ignored) papers, Lipari 08, Silvestri & Barwick 10, KM, Beacom & Takami 12

$$N_{s} = b_{m,L} \left(\frac{\Delta\Omega}{3}\right) n_{0}^{\text{eff}} d_{\lim}^{3} < 1 \quad d_{\lim} \approx \left(\frac{E_{\nu} L_{E_{\nu\mu}}^{\text{eff}}}{4\pi F_{\lim}}\right)^{1/2} \simeq 72 \text{ Mpc} \left(\frac{E_{\nu} L_{E_{\nu\mu}}^{\text{eff}}}{10^{42} \text{erg s}^{-1}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{F_{\lim}}{10^{-9} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}\right)^{-1/2}$$
$$\square N_{0}^{\text{eff}} \lesssim 2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \left(\frac{E_{\nu} L_{E_{\nu\mu}}^{\text{eff}}}{10^{42} \text{erg s}^{-1}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{F_{\lim}}{10^{-9} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}\right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{b_{m,L}}{5}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Delta\Omega}{2\pi}\right)^{-1}$$

#### IceCube measurements fix the normalization

cluster accretion shock model: weak (even negative) evolution, n<sub>0</sub><sup>eff</sup>~10<sup>-6</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup> cluster/group internal accelerator model: positive evolution, n<sub>0</sub><sup>eff</sup>~10<sup>-5</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup>

For discussion after IceCube's discovery, Ahlers & Halzen 14, Kowarski 15, KM & Waxman 16

# **Starburst/Star-Forming Galaxies**



- High-surface density
  - M82, NGC253:  $\Sigma_g \sim 0.1 \text{ gcm}^{-3} \rightarrow n \sim 200 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ high-z MSG:  $\Sigma_g \sim 0.1 \text{ g cm}^{-3} \rightarrow n \sim 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ submm gal.  $\Sigma_q \sim 1 \text{ gcm}^{-3} \rightarrow n \sim 200 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Supernovae, hypernovae, GRBs, AGN etc.
   SNR shock

 $\varepsilon_p^{\text{max}} \approx (3/20) (V_{\text{ej}}/c) e B R_{\text{Sed}} \simeq 3.1 \text{ PeV } B_{-3.5} \mathcal{E}_{\text{ej},51}^{1/3} V_{\text{ej},9}^{1/3} n^{-1/3}$ 



SFG CR energy budget ~ Milky Way CR budget

 $Q_{\rm cr} \sim 8.5 \times 10^{45} \ {\rm erg} \ {\rm Mpc}^{-3} \ {\rm yr}^{-1} \ \epsilon_{{\rm cr},-1} \varrho_{\rm SFR,-2}$ 

#### SBG CR energy budget

 $Q_{\rm cr} \sim 8.5 \times 10^{44} \ {\rm erg} \ {\rm Mpc}^{-3} \ {\rm yr}^{-1} \ \epsilon_{{\rm cr},-1} \varrho_{\rm SFR,-3}$ 

UHECR energy budget integrated over UHE

$$Q_{\rm uhecr} \sim a \ {\rm few} \times 10^{44} \ {\rm erg} \ {\rm Mpc}^{-3} \ {\rm yr}^{-1}$$

## **CR Confinement and Escape**

- Low-energy CRs are advected by starburst-driven winds advection time  $t_{\rm esc} \approx t_{\rm adv} \approx h/V_w \simeq 3.1 \text{ Myr} (h/\text{kpc})V_{w.7.5}^{-1}$ 

pp efficiency  $f_{pp} \approx \kappa_p \sigma_{pp} nct_{esc} \simeq 1.1 \ \Sigma_{g,-1} V_{w,7.5}^{-1}(t_{esc}/t_{adv})$ 

f<sub>pp</sub>>~1 ↔ "calorimetric": almost all CR energy is used for v & γ  $E_{\nu}^{2} \Phi_{\nu_{i}} \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-7} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ 

(Loeb & Waxman 06 JCAP)

- Diffusive escape is more important for high-energy CRs (a)  $f_{pp} > 1 \rightarrow a$  break is determined by  $t_{diff} = t_{pp}$ (b)  $f_{pp} < 1 \rightarrow a$  break is determined by  $t_{diff} = t_{adv}$ (KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13 PRDR) In case (a)  $\varepsilon_p^b \approx 21 \text{ PeV } D_{0,26}^{-3} \Sigma_{g,-1}^3 (h/\text{kpc})^3$ 

**X** diffusion coefficient  $D_0$  must be smaller than the Galactic one ( $D_0 \sim 10^{28}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)

## **Luminosity Function & Calorimetry**

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## Star-Forming/Starburst Galaxies, vs, ys



Tamborra, KM & Ando 14 JCAP

- Consistent w. obs. & a multi-PeV break is possible
- How can CRs get accelerated above 100 PeV?

# **Necessity of Super-Pevatrons**

Our Galaxy's CR spectrum Knee at 3 PeV → neutrino knee at ~ 100 TeV

So ordinary supernovae (SNe) are not sufficient to explain >0.1 PeV data

#### Possible solutions

- 1. Hypernovae (HNe) KM+ 13, Liu+ 14, Senno+ 15
- 2. Gamma-ray bursts Dado & Dar 14, Wang+ 15
- 3. Low-luminosity gamma-ray bursts/ Trans-relativistic supernovae
- 4. Type IIn supernovae Zirakashvilli & Ptuskin 16
- 5. AGN jets/disk outflows KM+ 14, Tamborra+ 14
- 6. B fields amplified to ~mG км+ 13



# **How about Radio Galaxies?**

Detected by Fermi & possible origin of the diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray bkg. Q. Can they explain the IceCube flux like starbursts?



 $f_{pp}$  in elliptical galaxies:  $f_{pp} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-3} n_{-1} D_{0,27.5}^{-1} \varepsilon_{p,17}^{-1/3} (R/3 \text{ kpc})^2$  non-calorimetric!

Many of radio galaxies show time variablity  $\rightarrow$  more compact Efficient pp inside jets leads to the energetics crisis (Atoyan & Dermer 01) But AGN core emission is possible (Kimura, KM & Toma 15, Tjus et al. 14)

### What's Next?: Need to Identify the Sources

Starbursts and radio galaxies are already detected by Fermi For pp scenarios, we have strong predictions for IceCube-Gen2



V=10 km3 & best ang. res.=0.1 deg & 5 yr obs. assumed

KM & Waxman 16

### Wrap up: Predictions of CR Reservoir Models

- Explain >0.1 PeV v data with a few PeV break (theoretically predicted)
- Must largely contribute to diffuse γ-ray bkg. (perhaps "common" origins?)



- Strong predictions: spectral index s<2.1-2.2, >30-40% to diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray bkg.

- Proposed tests: 1. (Stacking) searches for neutrinos &  $\gamma$  rays from nearby reservoirs
  - 2. Decomposing the diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray bkg.
  - 3. Measurements of neutrino data below 100 TeV

### Beyond Waxman-Bahcall?: Low-Energy "Excess" Problem

- Best-fit spectral indices tend to be as soft as s~2.5
- 10-100 TeV data: large fluxes of ~10<sup>-7</sup> GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>



If γ-ray transparent → strong tensions w. diffuse γ-ray bkg. for both pp & pγ pp → ~100% of diffuse γ-ray bkg. even w. s~2.0 contrary to standard minimal pγ → >50% diffuse γ-ray bkg. (via EM cascades) AGN interpretation!

## **Implications of Detailed Gamma-Ray Studies**



Photon fluctuation analyses (Poisson term of angular power spectra)  $C_P = \int_0^{S_{\text{max}}} (1 - \omega(S')) S'^2 \frac{dN}{dS'} dS' [(\text{ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})^2 \text{sr}^{-1}] \text{ Non-blazar contribution < 14±14\%}$ 

## **Implications of Detailed Gamma-Ray Studies**

### Our conclusion has been confirmed by subsequent papers



shot-noise in diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray bkg.

cross corr. between galaxy catalogues

Given that IceCube's data above 100 TeV are explained... Decomposition of extragalactic γ-ray bkg. gives tighter limits: s<2.0-2.1 Insufficient room for pp scenarios to explain the 10-100 TeV neutrino data

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- This conclusion is driven by the interpretation of 10-100 TeV data could be alleviated by possible high-z only contributions
- The model (s=2.0) in MAL2013 does not contradict the Fermi data (non-blazar EGB is well-explained by combination w. cosmogenic γ!)
- But galactic CR production should be dominated by super-Pevatrons

## py/yy Optical Depth Correspondence

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ : unavoidable in py sources (ex. GRBs, AGN)
- Same target photons prevent γ-ray escape



30 TeV-3 PeV  $\nu$  constrains 1-100 GeV  $\gamma$ 

- Neutrino production efficiency f<sub>py</sub> cannot be too small
  - 1.  $f_{p\gamma} << 1$  unnatural (requiring fine tuning), Do not overshoot the observed CR flux (Yoshida & Takami 14 PRD)
  - Comparison w. non-thermal energy budgets of known objects (galaxies, AGN, cluster shocks etc.)



### Indication of Gamma-Ray Dark Cosmic-Ray Accelerators



• Bounds on  $\tau_{\gamma\gamma}$  hold for both thermal and nonthermal photon targets

• pγ mechanism: v sources should naturally be obscured in GeV-TeV γ rays

### **GRBs and AGN as Hidden Neutrino Factories?**

Supermassive blackhole cores

#### Low-power GRBs (choked jets)



# Summary

### **CR** reservoirs are promising multi-messenger sources

Nice features: theoretical predictions including a multi-PeV break UHECRs may be explained simultaneously Even the diffuse γ-ray bkg. can be explained (grand-unification) Strong predictions that can be tested (KM, Ahlers & Lacki 13)

1. s<2.1-2.2

- 2. >30% to the diffuse sub-TeV  $\gamma$ -ray bkg.
- 3. IACTs should observe them as hard  $\gamma$ -ray sources

Source identification is possible w. IceCube-Gen2 (stacking, event clustering)

### **Understanding the 10-100 TeV data is important**

LE excess: fluctuation? magical combination w. Gal. comp.? or new physics? pp scenarios: most models suffer from tensions w. the diffuse γ-ray bkg. pγ scenarios: hidden CR accelerators needed & tensions are naturally avoided X-ray/MeV γ-ray counterparts (ex. low-power GRBs/AGN) Are cosmic-ray connections just coincident?

