## Connection between Astrophysics and Collider physics

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### KMI topics...

- My main topics is LHCf
- It is motivated by astrophysics, but technique is fully high-energy physics
- Audience are
  - experts of astrophysics and high-energy physics, but not both
  - how I can satisfy them...
- Let's try to introduce both astrophysical side and highenergy side!!
- reducing about LHCf...
- This style is 'for the first time in forever'



### But LHCf



LHCf detectors were successfully installed into the LHC tunnel in November

Commissioning was also successful

Waiting dedicated 13TeV run in May 2015



### **Cosmic-ray observation**



Energy spectrum of CRs (plot from KMI web page; spot light of Sakurai-san)

Limitation in direct (primary) observation in space

How can we observe higher energy CRs? => Come back later

#### CR spectrum and structures

(D'Enterria et al., APP, 35,98-113, 2011)



## Possible sources (Hillas diagram)

Hillas Diagram



Constraints from the "confinement" in

Acceleration by electro-magnetic interaction is assumed, but mechanism

Other exotic possibilities like decay of relic heavy particles is not considered

confinement limit of known

### Possible sources (Hillas diagram)

Hillas Diagram β=1/300; v=6=1000km/s **Neutron Stars** 10<sup>12</sup>G White Dwarfs Magnetic Field Strength D Sunspots Radio Galaxy Lobes **Galactic Clusters** SNR 1μG Interplanetary Space Galactic Disc IGM A Galactic Halo 10<sup>6</sup>km 1AU 1pc 1Mpc 1kpc 1km Object Size

Knee at 1 PeV =  $10^{15}$  eV

Supernova Remnants (SNRs) are good candidates of CR source up to knee

SNRs are classic candidates of galactic cosmic rays since their discovery based on the energy budget

- 1 SN/30ys in a galaxy
- 10% of SN energy

## Standard Scenario of the Cosmic-Ray Spectrum



 Cosmic-ray accelerators = PeVatrons have finite size and B field => Acceleration limit same in rigidity for different nuclei

## Standard Scenario of the Cosmic-Ray Spectrum



 In term of 'Energy,' heavier particles have Z times higher energy than protons



• Over GCR max energy, Extra-galactic CRs appear



Cutoff (acc. Limit, proton GZK, ion GZK)

### Highest energy -complicated...

- Without GZK effect,
  - $-10^{20}$ eV can be a limit of acceleration
  - analogous to galactic SNR scenario, highest energy particles can be heavy nuclei
  - can heavy nuclei be accelerated up to such high energy??
- And then, GZK effect
  - high-energy (>10<sup>19.5</sup>eV) protons interact with CMB to lose its energy
  - high-energy nuclei also interact with CMB to dissociate into lighter (lower energy) nuclei

#### Cutoff at 10<sup>20</sup>eV is established in the last 10 years Origin of the cutoff is still under discussion





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## Standard Scenario of the Cosmic-Ray Spectrum



- Light below knee
- Light to heavy over knee
- Heavy to light around ankle
- Light or light to heavy around cutoff





Interpretation is not unique. WHY??? ... Hadronic interaction.

HE CRs interact with atmosphere producing particle cascade called atmospheric air shower

Particles excite molecules and emit fluorescence lights

Some particles arrive at the ground level

# Surface Detectors (SD) to sample particles on ground

**Telescopes to image the fluorescence light (FD)** 

### Our observables (Energy, Mass, Direction)

- FD
  - ENERGY: intensity of Fluorescence light
  - MASS: longitudinal shape of showers
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### How can we estimate energy and mass?

ex) 10<sup>17</sup> eV proton

14x10<sup>17</sup> eV proton

14x10<sup>17</sup> eV Nitrogen = 14 superposition of 10<sup>17</sup>eV proton (nucleon)



### Measurements



- N<sub>e</sub> => E ; helped by air shower simulation
- I<sub>fluor.</sub> => E ; calorimetric, no air shower simulation, but emissivity calibration
- $N_{\mu}$ - $N_{e}$ , E-<Xmax> => Mass ; helped by air shower simulation

### Air shower MC crisis?



Among MC samples of proton and iron primaries, best fit events to an observed FD data were selected [top figure]

Same events were compared between data and MC but for SD results [bottom figure]

Data always show more muon than simulated proton/ Fe showers in SD comparison

FD and SD data are not consistently described => Muon excess problem

We know that <u>something wrong</u> So far no hint is found

- more detailed observation of air shower particles
- more comparisons between accelerator data and model predictions

are necessary

### Why MC predictions differ and difficult?

- Higher energy than the accelerator energy
- Essentially soft (small Q<sup>2</sup>) interactions dominate
  - particles from soft interaction carry a large fraction of collision energy => important for air shower
  - soft particles are emitted very forward, difficult to measure even at the accelerator energy
  - while cross sections of hard interactions can be calculated by pQCD, it is difficult for soft processes

hard interaction : parton-parton interaction as asymptotic free particles soft interaction : pion exchange, meson exchange, Reggeon exchange, Pomeron exchange, multi-Pomerons exchange





### How forward are they emitted?





- Most of the particles are emitted in the center
- Most of the energy is carried forward
  - $\eta = 8 \Rightarrow \theta = 6.7 \times 10^{-4}$  rad ... almost parallel to the beam pipe!! <sup>25</sup>

### Forward experiments at LHC



ZDCs were (are) available also at ISR and RHIC

#### **Colliders to test interaction models**

(D'Enterria et al., APP, 35,98-113, 2011)





D.D'Enterria et al., Astropart. Phys., 35 (2011) 98-113



### CMS HF (Hadronic Forward Calorimeter)







### General conclusions from LHC results

- Models, especially QGSJET-II and EPOS, reasonably explain the measurements at LHC
- Are CR physicists happy? Do we just need fine tuning of models?
- No! How can we solve the muon problem?
- Is accelerator data enough?
- Can CR observations constrain more about muon problem?

### Neutron energy flow by LHCf (preliminary)



- Black solid circles : LHCf data
- Dotted line : neutron energy flow distribution of each model (E > 500GeV)
- Latest models (EPOS-LHC and QGSJET II-04) included

# $\pi^0$ energy flow

- ✓ Post-LHC models (EPOS-LHC and QGSJET II-04) well explain the LHCf results
- ✓ Difference of models can be tested with 13 TeV p-p data



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## Summary

- Cosmic-ray part
  - Cutoff at 10<sup>20</sup>eV is established
  - Origin is still unknown (GZK is an idea)
  - CR mass of 10<sup>15</sup>-10<sup>18</sup> is important to test the CR standard model
  - Uncertainty in hadronic interaction causes uncertainty in interpretation
  - Muon excess indicates we are missing something
- Collider part
  - LHC data show reasonable agreements with CR model predictions => It does not solve the muon problem
  - LHCf neutron data can be a smoking gun?
  - Still large unexplored phase-space at LHC
  - Wider √s coverage is important (LHC 13-14TeV, RHIC, FCC)
  - Light nuclei (atmosphere) collision is completely missing

### Agitation to KMI members

- Can soft hadronic interaction be described by Latice-QCD technique?
- Good application of latice to astrophysics?

## backup

### Neutron at 7TeV p-p



- ✓ Sys-error to be updated
- ✓ Energy resolution 40%, position resolution 0.1-1 mm are unfolded
- $\checkmark\,$  Detection efficiency, PID efficiency, purity are corrected

 $\checkmark\,$  Hard spectrum around zero degree similar to the QGS prediction

 $\checkmark\,$  Still large yield at lower rapidity