

Evidence for UHECR origin in starburst galaxies

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- overall production of winds collectively create expanding bubbles
- scenario for shock acceleration
- multiple shocks: hardening of the spectrum
[doi:10.1017/S1323358000019858]

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- ❖ our approach is to combine both at SBGs
- ❖ if acceleration lasts enough, the CMB becomes relevant

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- bounds on magnetic field for $L_{\text{IR}} \sim 10^{43.9}$ erg/s

$$15 \mu\text{G} \lesssim B \lesssim 150 \mu\text{G}$$

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- CMB photons excite giant dipole resonance producing nuclei photodisintegration

$$\tau_{\text{CMB}}(E) = \left[\frac{c}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{m}{\hbar c E} \right)^3 \int_0^\infty \frac{J(\varepsilon)}{e^{\varepsilon/kT'(E)} - 1} d\varepsilon \right]^{-1}$$

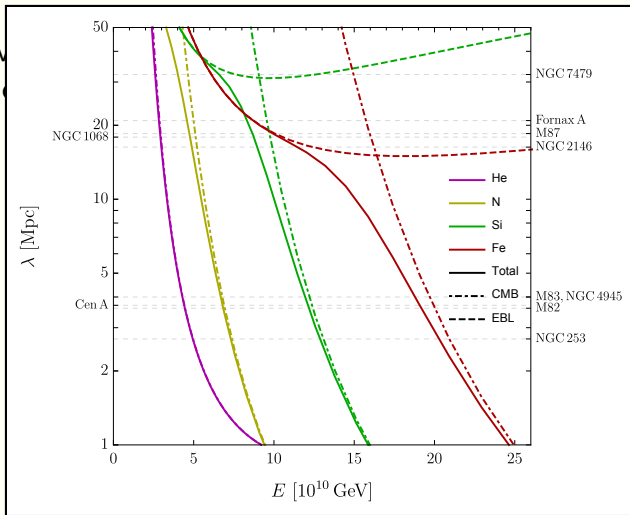
$$J(\varepsilon) = \int_0^\varepsilon \varepsilon' \sigma(\varepsilon') d\varepsilon'$$

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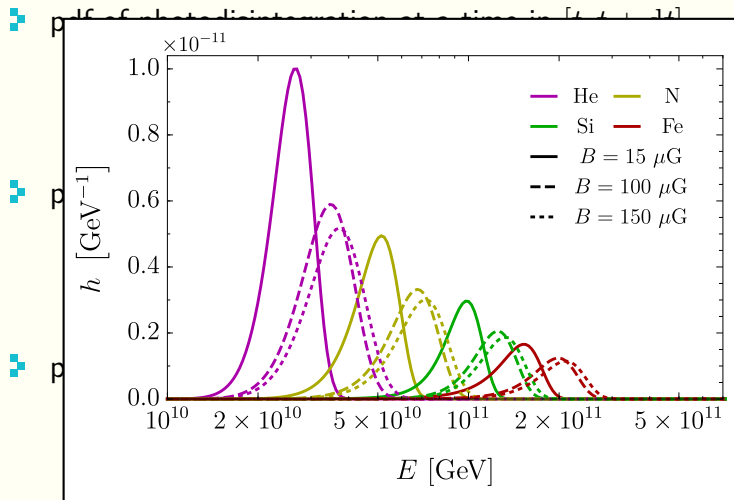
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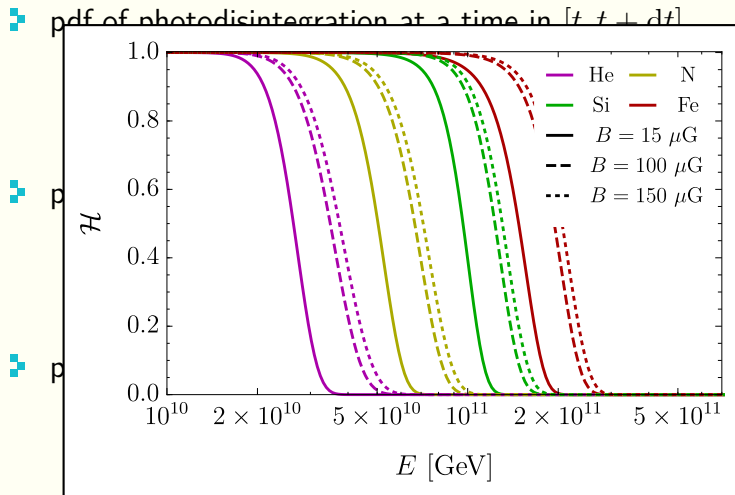
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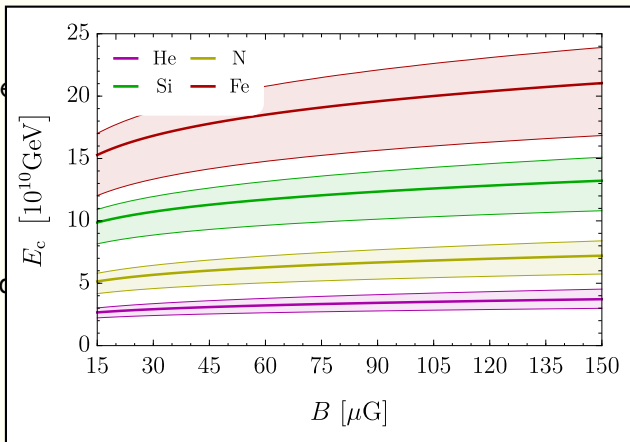
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- wide distribution \rightarrow dispersion in maximum energy

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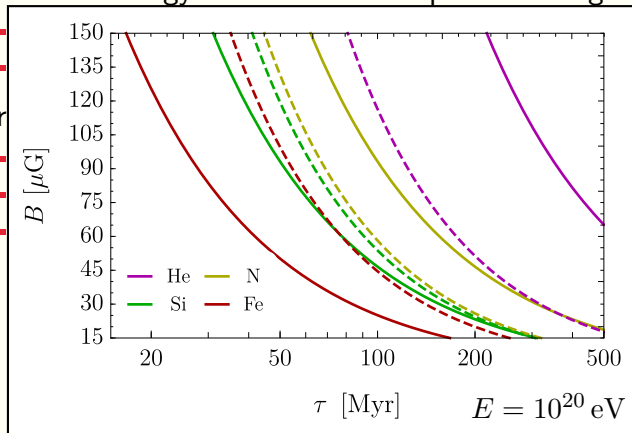
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Current work

- ❖ tune the composition ratios to find the all particle spectrum
- ❖ calculate the spectral index
- ❖ understand and solve the transport equation at the wave front with CMB absorption for a single species
- ❖ couple the equations for different species

Thank you