Multi-messenger constraints on cosmological magnetic fields

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Where to look for cosmological magnetic fields?

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Constraints on cosmological magnetic fields can be derived from magnetic fields in the voids (least affected by outflows from galaxies, turbulent dynamos etc).



What are cosmological magnetic field characteristics?

Magnetic field is characterised by energy and helicity power spectrum, with parameters strength, fractional felicity, correlation length, slope(s) of the power spectr(a). Not all of them are measurable from observational data.





Cosmological magnetic field measurements



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Gamma-ray measurements may be affected by the presence of magnetized bubbles produced by galactic outflows. Estimates from Illustris— TNG suggest that the effect is at 5-10% level for primary gamma-rays in the 1-10 TeV energy range, but can be more important at E>20 TeV.

talk by K.Bondarenko



Detection of even one UHECR source immediately implies a constraint on magnetic field between the source and the Earth. TA has reported evidence for an extended (20 degree) excess in the direction of Perseus-Pisces supercluster, at the distances ~ 70 Mpc, behind the Local Void. This imposes a constraint on magnetic field in the Local Void.

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This imposes constraint on the possible strength of magnetic field during recombination epoch, possibly an estimate of it strength and correlation length at recombination.

For a field with scale-invariant power spectrum ($n_B = -3$), the UHECR, LSS and CMB upper limits are comparable!

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Much smaller correlation lengths are observationally allowed. How would this affect CMB clumping and LSS bounds?



Constraints on initial configuration of cosmological magnetic?

It is possible to detect the stochastic gravitational wave background produced by plasma motions in the Early Universe, simultaneously with magnetic field generation. Gravitational wave detectors LISA and pulsar timing arrays (PTA) are sensitive to magnetic fields from the Electroweak and QCD phase transitions, respectively.



Sensitivity reach of CTA (+LHAASO?)

Void IGMF measurements will be improved by next-generation gamma-ray instruments, able to observe secondary signal in 0.1-1 TeV range: $E_{\gamma} \simeq 7 \left[\frac{E_{\gamma 0}}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right]^2$ TeV. The most promising is search for IGMF-dependent extended emission around relatively nearby extragalactic sources (Mrk 501?), for which reliable estimates of the primary source flux in 10-100 TeV range can be available (e.g. from LHAASO).



Sensitivity reach of TAx4 and Auger Prime





Auger Prime station

Deflection angle of UHECR proton from a source at the distance 70 Mpc is $\theta \simeq 0.4^{\circ}[B/10^{-11}G]$, in principle accessible for Auger Prime (that will be able to single out proton component of UHECR flux.



Sensitivity reach of CMB, LSS experiments

Tighter constraints on the baryon clumping factor b will be available with next-generation CMB experiments. However, this would not necessarily result in much better constraints on the magnetic field, because of $b \propto B^4$ scaling.

Sensitivity reach of 21cm, CMB optical depth, dwarf galaxy abundance measurements?



Current status of constraints of cosmological magnetic fields (dark grey), sensitivity reach of gamma-ray, UHECR techniques (light grey) for z = 0 field, sensitivity of gravitational wave detectors for the initial field configurations (blue).