

High Energy Phenomena at the Galactic Center: Fermi Bubbles and Sgr A Lobes

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The center of our Milky Way galaxy hosts a series of energetic outbursts, including the well-known Fermi and eROSITA bubbles, Galactic center chimneys, the inner 15-pc Sgr A lobes. Are they long-lasting or fast evolving explosive events? What causes these structures? Are they PeVatrons related to ultra high energy gamma ray emissions from the central molecular zone and the Galactic center? The Fermi and eROSITA bubbles may correspond to typical galactic feedback processes occurring in our own Galaxy in the near past. Galactic feedback is one central unsolved problem in contemporary astronomy, and the Fermi and eROSITA bubbles are also galactic-scale accelerators of cosmic rays, whose origin remains a century-long mystery. In this talk, I will describe our AGN jet-shock model of the Fermi bubbles, which could explain the X-ray, gamma-ray, and microwave observations of the Fermi bubbles, suggesting that they were produced by a pair of powerful jets emanating from the supermassive black hole at the Galactic center about 5 million years ago. I will also present our new TDE jet model for the origin of the Sgr A lobes, which is expected to contribute significantly to the ultra high energy gamma ray emissions from the Galactic center.

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