# Radio Galaxies as the Origin of Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Rays

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### **Observation of ultra-high energy cosmic rays (UHECRs)**









### Radio galaxies: possible astrophysical sources of UHECRs



#### **Confinement condition** ← Hillas criteria

Particles should be confined within accelerator in order to be accelerated.  $r_g \leq L$ 

 $F_{Hillas}(EeV) \leq \beta_a \cdot B_{\mu G} L_{kpc}$ for proton

 $E_{Z_i,Hillas} = Z_i E_{Hillas}$ 

$$Z_i$$
 charge  $\beta_a = V_a/c$   $B_{\mu G} = \frac{B}{1\mu G}$   $L_{kpc} = \frac{L}{1kpc}$ 

#### **Radio Galaxies (RGs):**

**FR-I : mildly relativistic jet**, two-sided, plume-like **FR-II : highly relativistic jet**, brighter lobed (hot spot), often one-sided (relativistic beaming)

Most promising candidate for UHECR sources ? (Blandford et al. 2019; Rieger 2019; Hardcastle & Croston 2020; Matthews et al. 2020, + many previous studies)

# Radio galaxy jets: Lorentz factor ~ 1-10 for 1~100kpc jets, B~10-100µG



Credit: NASA / Ann Field (STScl)





Radio jets emit strong radio due to synchrotron radiation from cosmic ray (non-thermal) electrons.

#### Morphological Dichotomy of Jets: Fanaroff-Riley Classification

#### FR-I: center bright







Radio galaxy Cygnus A at 5 GHz , d ~ 220 Mpc, (z=0.056), extension ~120 kpc (credits: NRAO/AUI, A. Bridle)



### Various shape of radio jets







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interaction with an intracluster medium? large precession angle?



#### Interaction between radio relic and radio jet



#### Previous study of the UHECRs acceleration in Radio galaxy jet

#### Matthews et al 2019

- Diffusive shock acceleration
- Performed RHD simulation (PLUTO code)
- Hillas energy of the backflow shocks is presented (~10<sup>19</sup>eV for proton)
- Figure : Shock surface they found, within the jet (cyan), within backflow (orange)

Kimura et al 2018 & Ostrowski et al 1998

- Discrete shear acceleration
- Performed Monte-Carlo simulations with simple cylindrical configuration
- Energy spectrum of accelerated particles is presented
- Figure : schematic picture of shear acceleration in a jet- cocoon system of an AGN.



Caprioli 2018 & Mbarek et al 2019, 2021

- ➤ "expresso" acceleration
- Performed Monte-Carlo simulations using simulated MHD jet configuration
- Energy spectrum of acceleration particle is presented
- Figure : Schematic trajectory of a galactic CR reaccelerated by a relativistic jet



### Flow chart of this study

#### Title of the study

topic

#### Development of a new code for Relativistic Hydrodynamics (RHD)

- Develop high order RHD code
- Main 5<sup>th</sup> order WENO + 4<sup>th</sup> order SSPRK
  - Adopt Realistic equation of state
    - Perform various code test

#### Simulations of jets: Structures and Dynamics

- Perform RHD jet simulation
- Study parameter dependency of the morphology and energetics of the jet
- Analyze non-linear structures

#### Monte Carlo Simulations for CR acceleration, using simulated jets

- Develop Cosmic ray transport code
- Analyze the acceleration process that occurred inside the jets
- Present UHECRs spectrum accelerated through jets



Developing Realistic and accurate RHD code







**Monte-Carlo simulation** 

#### Structures generated in the jet-induced flow



The jet is halted at the **termination shock**, while the backflow forms a **cocoon/lobe** that encompasses the **jet spine**.



# Step 1. Development of a new code for Relativistic Hydrodynamics (RHD)

### **Summary of HOW-RHD code**

To simulate **accurate** and **realistic** relativistic flow, we adopt the following schemes

- 5<sup>th</sup> order accurate WENO scheme (Jiang & Shu 1996, Jiang & Wu 1999) for spatial integration
- 2. Strong stability preserving Runge-Kutta (SSPRK) scheme (Spiteri & Ruuth 2002) for time integration
- 3. Realistic equation of state (RC, Ryu et al 2006) to treat the flow with  $\gamma = 4/3 5/3$
- 4. Transverse-flux averaging for multi-dimensional flows (Buchmüller et al. 2016)
- 5. Modification of eigenvalues for Suppression of Carbuncle Instability (Fleischmann et al. 2020)

### **RHD** equations

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (Dv_j) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial M_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (M_i v_j + p\delta_{ij}) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [(E+p)v_j] = 0$$

- (1) Mass conservation
- (2) Momentum conservation
- (3) Energy conservation

 $D = \rho \Gamma : \text{mass density}$   $M_i = \Gamma^2 h \rho v_i : \text{momentum density}$  $E = \Gamma^2 h \rho - p : \text{energy density}$ 

 $\rho$ : proper rest mass density  $\Gamma$ : Lorentz factor h: specific enthalpy  $v_i$ : fluid three vector p: isotropic gas pressure

### **Equation of state (EOS)**



For relativistic flows with thermal speed of particles ~ c, the following EOSs that approximate the EOS of singlecomponent perfect in relativistic regime (RP) is used:

RP: 
$$h(p, \rho) = \frac{K_3(1/\Theta)}{K_2(1/\Theta)}$$
, (K's – Bessel functions)

 $\Theta = p/\rho$  is a temperature-like variable.

(RP is too expensive to be implemented in numerical codes).

**RC:** 
$$h = 2 \frac{6\Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 1}{3\Theta + 2}$$
. (Ryu et al 2006)

### Weighted Essentially Non-Oscillatory (WENO) scheme

Calculating the physical flux using a 5<sup>th</sup> order accurate finite-difference (FD) WENO reconstruction.

Tests for three different WENO weight functions,

- 1. WENO JS (Jiang & Shu 1996),
- 2. WENO Z (Borges et al. 2008),
- 3. WENO ZA (Liu et al. 2018).

# WENO-Z is both accurate and robust. → Selected as the default scheme



Relativistic double-Mach reflection problem with an inclined shock

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_{i,j,k}' &= \mathbf{q}_{i,j,k} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left( \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j,k} \right) - \mathbf{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2},j,k} \right) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} \left( \mathbf{G}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2},k} - \mathbf{G}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2},k} \right) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z} \left( \mathbf{H}_{i,j,k+\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{H}_{i,j,k-\frac{1}{2}} \right), \\ \\ \text{eight} \\ \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{12} \left( -\mathbf{F}_{i-1} + 7\mathbf{F}_i + 7\mathbf{F}_{i+1} - \mathbf{F}_{i+2} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{s=1}^{5} \left[ -\varphi_N \left( \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i-\frac{3}{2}}^{s+}, \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{s+}, \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{s+} \right) \\ &+ \left( \varphi_N \left( \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{5}{2}}^{s-}, \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{3}{2}}^{s-}, \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{s-}, \Delta \mathbf{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{s-} \right) \right] \mathbf{R}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{s}, \\ \varphi_N(a, b, c, d) &= \frac{1}{3} \omega_0 (a - 2b + c) + \frac{1}{6} \left( \omega_2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) (b - 2c + d). \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_r^{JS} = \frac{C_r}{(\epsilon + IS_r)^2}, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \quad \text{WENO JS}$$
  
$$\delta_r^Z = C_r \left( 1 + \left(\frac{\tau_5}{\epsilon + IS_r}\right)^2 \right), \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \quad \text{WENO Z}$$
  
$$\delta_r^{ZA} = C_r \left( 1 + \frac{A \cdot \tau_6}{\epsilon + IS_r} \right), \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \quad \text{WENO ZA}$$

### **Strong stability preserving Runge–Kutta (SSPRK)**



Initial condition of this shock tube test

- Most of the code with WENO uses 4<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta (RK4) scheme for time integration.
  - In RHD simulation, shock with transverse flow is hard to simulate.
- In such cases, even shock positions cannot be followed properly. It is a well-known problem in RHD simulations.
- With the SSPRK method, the code can simulate harsh conditions with strong stability.

### **Treatment for multi-dimensional problems**



- $$\begin{split} \bar{\boldsymbol{q}}_{i,j,k} &= \boldsymbol{q}_{i,j,k} & \bar{\boldsymbol{F}}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k} = \boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k} \\ &- \frac{1}{24} \left( \boldsymbol{q}_{i,j-1,k} 2\boldsymbol{q}_{i,j,k} + \boldsymbol{q}_{i,j+1,k} \right) &+ \frac{1}{24} \left( \boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j-1,k} 2\boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k} + \boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j+1,k} \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{24} \left( \boldsymbol{q}_{i,j,k-1} 2\boldsymbol{q}_{i,j,k} + \boldsymbol{q}_{i,j,k+1} \right), &+ \frac{1}{24} \left( \boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k-1} 2\boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k} + \boldsymbol{F}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2},j,k+1} \right). \end{split}$$
- Transverse flux averaging scheme is proposed as a modified dimension-bydimension method for FV WENO schemes, which leads to high order accuracies for smooth solutions (Buchmüller et al. 2016).
- By bringing this scheme to our FD WENO scheme, we improve the accuracies for multi-dimensional flows.



 Carbuncle instability arises at slow-moving grid-aligned shocks, e.g., bow shock of the jet.

modified eigenvalues for RHD  $\begin{aligned} c'_s &= \min(\phi | v_x |, c_s), \\ \text{(Fleischmann et al. 2020)} \end{aligned}$   $\lambda'_{1,5} &= \frac{(1 - c'_s^2)v_x \mp c'_s / \Gamma \sqrt{\mathcal{Q}}}{1 - c'_s^2 v^2}, \\\lambda'_{2,3,4} &= v_x, \\ \mathcal{Q} &= 1 - v_x^2 - c'_s^2 (v_y^2 + v_z^2) \end{aligned}$ 

 $\phi$  is a tunable parameter

→ This can effectively suppress Carbuncle instability

### **Unphysical structures due to carbuncle instability**

## Step 2. Simulations of jets: Structures and Dynamics

### Relativistic hydrodynamic simulations of relativistic jets



Seo, Ryu, & Kang 2021b Seo, Ryu, & Kang 2023a, b

- Relativistic HD simulations using a new state-of-art RHD code (HOW-RHD)
- Range of the jet power :  $10^{42} 10^{47}$  erg/s
- Range of the jet length : 0.5-200 kpc
- Dynamical timescale : 1kyr~100 Myr
- Background profile (Intergalactic medium/Intracluster medium)

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{r}{r_c}\right)^2 \right]^{-3\beta/2}$$

r: distance from the center of the cluster  $r_c$ : core radius, 1.2-50kpc  $\beta$ : 0.5-0.73

### Flow structures of radio galaxy jets

#### Seo, Ryu, & Kang 2023a, b

High-power jet → small deceleration of the jet flow

well-maintained jet-spine, large boosting due to the relativistic beaming of the jet flow



Low-power jet → significant deceleration of the jet flow

well developed cocoon, mildly relativistic jet



### **Properties of Shear and Turbulence**



#### Shear

$$\Omega_{\rm shear} \equiv |\partial v_z / \partial r|$$

**Relativistic** shear coefficient

 $\mathcal{S}_r = \frac{\Gamma_v^4}{15} (\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r})^2$ , (Rieger 2019)

Shear is strongest at jetcocoon boundary and inside the jet flow *S<sub>r</sub>* is largest in the jet flow.

Total vorticity

 $oldsymbol{\Omega}_t = oldsymbol{
abla} imes oldsymbol{v}$ 

Vorticity excluding shear

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{-} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{t} + \frac{\partial v_{z}}{\partial r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}},$$

**Backflow** has large vorticity due to Turbulence

### Distribution of non-linear structures in FR-I jet





z(kpc)

most important in energy dissipation









#### Synchrotron radiation modeling

 $\mathcal{N}_{e}^{'}(\gamma^{'}) = \mathcal{N}_{0}^{'}\gamma^{'-\mathcal{P}}.$  Cosmic ray electron distribution

 $j_{\nu^{'}}^{'} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathcal{N}_{e}^{'}(\gamma^{'}) \mathcal{P}_{\nu^{'}}^{'}(\gamma^{'}) d\gamma^{'}. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Synchrotron} \\ \text{emissivity} \end{array}$ 

$$j_{\nu} = rac{j_{\nu'}'}{(\Gamma[1 - \beta\mu])^2},$$
 Doppler boosting

 $\frac{dI_{\nu}}{ds} = j_{\nu} - \alpha_{\nu}I_{\nu}.$  Radiative transfer (optically thin,  $j_{\nu} \gg \alpha_{\nu}$ )

Bhattacharjee, Seo, Ryu and Kang, in prep





# Step 3. Monte Carlo Simulations for CR acceleration, using simulated jets

### Monte Carlo simulations for CR transport



#### **Assumptions**:

- 1. MHD waves are frozen into the background flow (in computational frame,  $v_{fluid} = v_{MHD waves}$ ).
- 2. Particle scattering is isotropic and elastic in the rest frame of local fluid.
- 3. CRs gain/lose energy through scattering off MHD waves co-moving with the background plasma (obtained via Lorentz transformation of the field)



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Vs = 500km/s (non-relativistic shock)
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 $E_i$ : injection energy  $E_{\Delta v} = (\Gamma_{\Delta v} - 1)m_0c^2$ 

- Non-relativistic shock
- Non-relativistic particle ( $\propto E^{-1.5}$ )
- Initial Delta function distribution
- Relativistic terms are negligible

-2D shock velocity  $V_{sx} = V_s/sqrt(2)$   $V_{sy} = V_s/sqrt(2)$  $V_{sz} = 0$ 

-3D shock velocity  $V_{sx} = V_s/sqrt(3)$   $V_{sy} = V_s/sqrt(3)$  $V_{sz} = V_s/sqrt(3)$ 



# **Discrete shear acceleration**

- Same setting of Ostrowski 1998
- $v_j = 0.5c$
- r (shock compression ratio) = 4

•  $v_c = 0$ 

 2 ways to accelerate particles
 > Particles accelerated at termination shock
 > Particles accelerated at jetcocon boundary

#### Cylindrical jet model



Fig. 1. A schematic representation of the terminal shock neighbourhood. The velocities and distances used in the text are indicated.

#### **Discrete shear acceleration** Particles accelerated at jetcocoon boundary • $\tau(p) = \tau_0(\frac{p}{p_0})^{\delta}$ mean scattering time <sup>3.0</sup> $U_1 = 0.5$ $\checkmark \delta = 1$ (Bohm diffusion) $\infty$ F(p) 2.0 • Shear acc log $\checkmark f(p) \propto p^{-(3-\delta)} \propto p^{-2}$ $\checkmark F(p) = \frac{dN(p)}{d\log p} \propto p^1$ for shear acc 1.0 **Particles accelereated** at termination shock 0.0 + -4.0-3.0 -2.0 -1.0 Shock acc 0.0 log p

✓  $f(p) \propto p^{-(3r/(r-1))}$ ✓  $F(p) \propto p^{-(\frac{3r}{r-1})+3}$  for shock acc

Fig. 5. The particle spectra formed with and without the jet boundary acceleration for D = 0.97. Spectra formed due to acceleration both at the jet boundary and at the terminal shock are presented with full lines, while the spectra for the neglected boundary acceleration are given with dashed lines. The results are presented for  $R_{esc} = 2.0$ ,  $L_{esc} = 1.0$  and a.)  $z_{inj} = 0.0$  or b.)  $z_{inj} = -1000.0$ .

# **Discrete shear acceleration**

### **Our result**



### Non-relativistic gradual shear acceleration

For impulsive injection with  $p_0$  at t = 0  $Q\delta(p - p_0)\delta(t)$ .

Time dependence solution

$$f(p,t) = \frac{Qp_0^{-(\alpha+1)}}{|\alpha|\Gamma\tau_0 t} \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{(3+\alpha)/2} \exp\left(-\frac{p^{-\alpha} + p_0^{-\alpha}}{\alpha^2\Gamma\tau_0 t}\right)$$
$$\times I_{|1+3/\alpha|} \left[\frac{2}{\alpha^2\Gamma\tau_0 p_0^{\alpha} t} \left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right)^{-\alpha/2}\right], \quad (14)$$
where  $\tau_c(p) = \tau_0 p^{\alpha} \quad \Gamma = \frac{1}{15} \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}\right)^2$ 
$$\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{u}_z(x)\boldsymbol{e}_z$$

normalized time,  $t' = \frac{t}{t_c}$  where  $t_c = \frac{1}{\Gamma \tau_0 p_0}$ 

- **linear shear** with a constant  $\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} = 0.001(c/L_0)$
- no. of particles:  $N_p = 50000$
- Injection momentum:  $p_0/mc=0.9$
- In this time range, relativistic effect is not important



p<sup>2</sup>f(p,t) w

### **Relativistic Gradual Shear Acceleration**



### **Simulation Result**



### Monte Carlo simulations for CR transport & acceleration



Seo, Ryu, & Kang 2023a, b

- seed CRs are injected from the host galaxy through the jet nozzle with  $r_j$
- Initially, seed CRs : 10TeV-PeV(10<sup>13-15</sup>eV) with a power-law spectrum

 $dN/dE \propto E^{-2.7}$ .

 Particles are continuously advected and energized in the time-evolving jet flows

Galactic cosmic rays are advected with jet flow



### **Model Prescriptions for Particle Scattering**

mean free path:  $\lambda_{mf} \propto E^{\delta}$ 

 $E < E_{coh}$ :  $E_{coh} = eZ_iBL_0$  ( $L_0$ : characteristic scale of the turbulence) Kolmogorov scattering

scattered with MHD waves (with Kolmogorov spectrum)

 $\lambda_{mf} \propto E^{\frac{1}{3}}$ 

#### Bohm scattering at shocks

scattered with self-generated waves near shocks.

 $\rightarrow \lambda_{mf} \propto E$ 

 $E > E_{coh}$ : Bohm scattering

#### **Comparison model**

 $E > E_{coh}$ : Non-resonant scattering Mean free path is larger than the scale of turbulence.



#### Restricted random walk model

#### Motivation

In a realist jet flow, **magnetic fluctuations** may not be **strong enough** to scatter in a random walk manner for **high energy particles** 

$$\delta \theta_{max} = \pi \min[1, \psi \frac{L_0}{\lambda_c}]$$

Isotropic  $\delta \theta_{\text{max}} = \pi$ 



Sample trajectory of the isotopically ejected particles in a restricted random walk model

### Model Prescriptions for magnetic field

Internal energy model

$$\frac{B_p^2}{8\pi} = \frac{p}{\beta}.$$

- Turbulence kinetic energy model
  - $\frac{B_{turb}^2}{8\pi} \approx K E_{turb}$
- Shock amplification model

$$\frac{B_{Bell}^2}{8\pi} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_s}{c} P_{CR} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_s}{c} (0.1 \rho_1 v_s^2)$$

$$B_{\text{comov}} = \max(B_p, B_{\text{turb}}, B_{\text{Bell}})$$

 $B_{\rm obs} \approx \Gamma B_{\rm comov}$  in the computational frame



### **Three Main Particle Acceleration Mechanisms**



 $\log |\Omega_{-}|$ 

# Contribution of acceleration process (AP): acceleration time scales



 $\xi_{\rm AP} = t_{\rm AP}^{-1} / \sum_{\rm AP} t_{\rm AP}^{-1}$  : weight function of acceleration time scale

### **Relative importance of three acceleration processes**



- Shear acceleration is the primary mechanism to generate UHECRs of *E* > ~EeV;
   regardless of whether relativistic or mildly relativistic jet flows.
- Shock acceleration is the main process for the acceleration of particles with *E* < ~EeV.
- Turbulence acceleration plays a secondary role.

# Energy spectrum of accelerated particles: $\frac{dN(t)}{dE}$



Late time: Size limited stage Particles escape before they fully accelerated within the jet age.

- > Escaped particles have a **power-law** spectrum with a cutoff,  $E_{max}$
- > For  $E < E_{max}$ , the power-law is  $\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^0 E^{-1}$ , depending on time.
- In the early stage, maximum energy is determined by the age of the jet, while in the late stage the particle confinement by the cocoon width becomes important, the spectrum approaches to a time-asymptotic form.

### Particle escape: Hillas condition





Particles gradually gain energy, and when their mean free path is larger than cocoon radius,  $\lambda_f > W/2$ , they can escape the cocoon.

This process determine the **maximum energy** of the energy spectrum.



Particle escape : acceleration of particles re-entering the jet-spine flow



#### Energy spectrum of escaping particles: double power-law



### **Energy spectrum of escaping particles**



→ double power-law with

differences between Auger & TA observations?

# Step 4. Estimation of observed flux and mass composition through UHECRs propagation simulation.

### Simulations for energy spectrum of UHECRs arriving at Earth



Seo et al. 2023 in preparation

In **CRPropa3** simulations, we include the following modules:

- photo-pion Production
- photodisintegration
- electron pair production
   by CMB and extragalactic background light (Gilmore et al. 2012)
- redshift (adiabatic energy loss)

Modeling the contribution from radio galaxies (RGs)

• The total energy of escaped CR particles is proportional to the luminosity of galaxies.

#### Comparison of UHECRs coming from relativistic and mildly relativistic jet



#### **UHECR** source spectrum

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto \left( \left( \frac{E}{Z_i E_{break}} \right)^{-s_1} + \left( \frac{E}{Z_i E_{break}} \right)^{-s_2} \right)^{-1} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \text{Relativistic jet general} \xrightarrow{E>10 \text{EeV}} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \text{UHECRs from relativistic} \xrightarrow{E>10 \text{EeV}} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \text{UHECRs from relativistic} \xrightarrow{K} \exp\left( -\frac{E}{Z_i E_{break} \Gamma^2} \right) \qquad Q_{\text{jet}} = 2.5 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg/s}, \quad E_{\text{break}} = 5.0 \text{EeV} \xrightarrow{s_1} = -0.6, \quad s_2 = -2.6$$

→ Relativistic jet generates more UHECRs flux at the high energy, E>10EeV
→ UHECRs from relativistic jets have a smaller mass composition

#### Can the differences of Auger and TA observations be explained with our UHECR source model?



 $(\Gamma_{jet} \sim 1.2 - 2 \text{ e.g., Wykes et al. 2019; Snioset al. 2019b1999})$ 

### Modeling of Auger and TA observations with our UHECR source model

jet-power

distribution



### Flux and mass composition of UHECRs from radio galaxy jets

- Assuming that Virgo A is a relativistic jet with Γ~ several, it could contribute a substantial fraction of the UHECRs observed at TA.
- UHECRs from Virgo A reduce the mass composition observed at TA.
- Whether the jet of major sources is relativistic or mildly relativistic is the key to explaining the discrepancy.



### Summary

- The energy spectrum of the UHECRs produced at radio galaxies (RGs) could be modeled as a double power-law with an extended exponential cutoff.
- Relativistic jets generate a higher flux of UHECRs and a lower mass composition at high energy.
- Assuming that Virgo A is a relativistic jet with Γ~ several, it could contribute a substantial fraction
  of the UHECRs observed at TA.



# Backup slide

### Comparison of double and single power law models for a source at 4 Mpc

Single power-law with exponential cutoff Double power-law with extended exponential cutoff



### **Comparison of UHECRs coming from Fornax A and Virgo A**



### Modeling of observed UHECRs from radio galaxy jets

