

Inter Galactic Magnetic field constraints through the gamma ray observations of the Extreme High-frequency-peaked BL Lac candidate HESS 1943+213

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Why the IGMF?

Contribute to solve the long-standing problem of the origin of galactic MFs



Two-fold mechanism

Seed fields

- Small strength
- Small coherence length

Amplification

- Increase strength
- Create coherent
 structure

A. Fletcher (2011)

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HESS J1943+213: a particularly good blazar

HESS J1943+213 characteristics

- Higher VHE flux than archetypal source
- Intermediate redshift (0.21)
- PL index 1.83



Determination of the IGMF from the spectrum



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Conservative hypotheses for the IGMF

Exclude all effects that can mimick an IGMF

- Expected GeV flux depends on measured TeV flux (with large errors)
- Systematically underestimate the VHE flux to exclude the risk of overestimating it

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = N_{300} \left(\frac{E}{300 GeV}\right)^{-\gamma} e^{-E/E_{\rm cut}}$$

Minimize the "cascade power"

$$P = \int_{300GeV}^{\infty} E \frac{dN}{dE} dE$$



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Simulation of the IGMF effects on the cascade emission

Effects of an increasingly stronger IGMF on the flux



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Comparison with other studies

| Author (date) | Source | Г | $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{cut}}[\mathrm{GeV}](\mathrm{type})$ | z | Stability [yr] | B _{RMS} limit [G] |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dermer et al. (2011) | 1ES 0229+200 | 1.2 | 5000 (exp/sharp) | 0.14 | ∞ (3) | $3 \cdot 10^{-16} (10^{-18})$ |
| Dolag et al. (2011) | 1ES 0229+200 | 1.66 | 20000 (sharp) | 0.14 | 10^{4} | $5 \cdot 10^{-15}$ |
| | RGB J0710+591 | 1.6 | 1000 (exp) | 0.13 | $\infty(2)$ | |
| Taylor et al. (2011) | 1ES 0229+200 | 1.2 | 5000 (exp) | 0.14 | $\infty(2)$ | $10^{-15} (10^{-18})$ |
| | 1ES 1218+304 | 1.7 | 2500 (exp) | 0.18 | $\infty(2)$ | |
| | 1ES 0347-121 | 1.5 | 800 (exp) | 0.188 | ∞ | $2 \cdot 10^{-17}$ |
| Neronov & Vovk (2010) | 1ES 0229+200 | 1.5 | 3800 (exp) | 0.14 | ∞ | $3 \cdot 10^{-16}$ |
| | 1ES 1101-232 | 1.5 | 1000 (exp) | 0.186 | ∞ | |
| Tavecchio et al. (2011) | RGB 0152-017 | - | - | 0.08 | ∞ | $3 \cdot 10^{-15}$ |
| | 1ES 0229+200 | - | - | 0.14 | ∞ | $2 \cdot 10^{-15}$ |
| | 1ES 0229+200(B) | - | - | 0.14 | ∞ | $7 \cdot 10^{-14}$ |
| | 1ES 0347-121 | - | - | 0.188 | ∞ | 10^{-14} |
| | PKS 0584-322 | - | - | 0.069 | ∞ | $5 \cdot 10^{-15}$ |
| This work | HESSJ1943+213 | 1.5 | 2080 | 0.21 | $\infty(8)$ 6 | $\cdot 10^{-14} (6.5 \cdot 10^{-15})$ |

Further improvements and open questions

HESS J1943+213 looks promising, but

- Can we find more sources?
- Can we find better sources? Spectrum? Stability? Distance?
- Better modeling of the source?
- Better IGMF structure simulation (is it worth it?)