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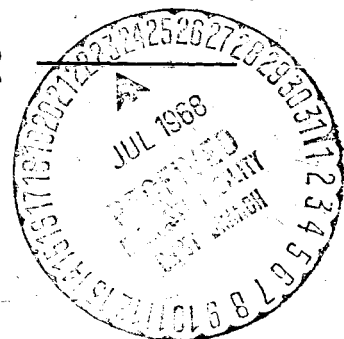
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to discuss the form and intensity of the spectrum of cosmic gamma-rays resulting from the production and decay of neutral pi-mesons produced in metagalactic cosmic-ray p-p collisions. It is assumed that intergalactic space contains ionized hydrogen gas at a density of  $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  as indicated by recent X-ray observations in the 1.5 - 8 keV region.

Using the Friedmann solution to the Einstein field equations of general relativity as a description of our expanding universe, a discussion is presented of the effects of red-shift and spatial curvature on the generation and distortion of the local gamma-ray spectrum from the decay of neutral pi-mesons. Numerical calculations are presented for the Einstein-de Sitter solution, which is found to be an adequate model for these calculations. Various models are presented to represent the possible flux of metagalactic cosmic-rays. In calculating metagalactic gamma-ray spectra, the effect of gamma-ray absorption at large redshifts is taken into account.

A discussion of the results is given. The results indicate that future gamma-ray experiments in the 1 - 100 MeV region may yield valuable information

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relating to cosmology, cosmogeny, and the metagalactic cosmic-ray flux. In particular, the metagalactic gamma-ray spectra predicted tend to peak near  $70 (1 + z_{\max})^{-1}$  MeV where  $z_{\max}$ , the maximum red-shift at which cosmic rays are produced, may correspond to the age of the universe at the epoch of galaxy formation.

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## INTRODUCTION

In recent investigations (Stecker, 1967; Stecker, Tsuruta and Fazio, 1968) the author made use of recent accelerator and cosmic-ray data to determine the details of the cosmic gamma-ray spectrum from the secondary particles produced by cosmic-ray collisions in the galaxy. The purpose of this paper is to determine the cosmic gamma-ray spectrum from secondary particles produced by cosmic-ray collisions in the metagalaxy. This spectrum will differ from the galactic (or local) gamma-ray spectrum because most of the generating collisions take place at large distances where we are looking back to a time when the universe was more compact and collisions were more frequent. These "early" gamma-rays will be of lower energy due to the progressive red-shift of the general cosmic expansion. Although various estimates of the flux of these metagalactic gamma-rays have been made (Ginzburg and Syrovatskii, 1964a, b; Gould and Burbidge, 1965; Garmire and Kraushaar, 1965), none of these workers have taken cosmological factors into account in order properly to calculate a spectrum.

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## THE COSMOLOGICAL EQUATIONS

For the purpose of these calculations, we may consider models of the universe which are both homogeneous and isotropic on a large scale. Such models can, in general, be described by the Robertson-Walker line element

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - d\ell^2 = c^2 dt^2 - R^2(t) du^2 \quad (1)$$

The time-separable form of the metric is a reflection of the postulated uniformity such that at every moment of world-time the three-space metric is the same at all points and in every direction. Such a three-space is a space of constant Riemannian curvature which may be positive, zero or negative. These three alternatives will be designated by  $k = +1, 0, -1$  respectively. If  $k = +1$ , the universe is closed and finite; if  $k = 0$  the universe is Euclidean, open and infinite; if  $k = -1$  the universe is open, infinite and increasingly divergent in time. More precisely,

$$du^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2), \quad (2)$$

so that  $du$  measured along the radial direction is given by

$$u = \int_0^r \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} = \begin{cases} \sin^{-1} r & \text{for } k = +1 \\ r & \text{for } k = 0 \\ \sinh^{-1} r & \text{for } k = -1 \end{cases}$$

Gamma-rays travel along geodesics such that  $ds = 0$ . Assuming a gamma-ray is emitted at a time  $t_e$  in an interval  $\Delta t_e$  and received at time  $t_r$  in an interval  $\Delta t_r$ , it can be shown that

$$u = c \int_{t_e}^{t_r} \frac{dt}{r(t)} = \text{constant} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\frac{c\Delta t_r}{c\Delta t_e} = \frac{R(t_r)}{R(t_e)}$$

(For a more detailed discussion of the cosmological relations, the reader is referred to the excellent articles by Sandage referred to in the text.) The time interval,  $\Delta t_e$ , is therefore dilated so that

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t_e} = \frac{R(t_r)}{R(t_e)} \frac{1}{\Delta t_r} \quad (4)$$

The gamma-ray is therefore shifted to lower energy by an amount

$$z = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{R(t_r)}{R(t_e)} - 1 \quad (5)$$

We thus obtain the important relation between red-shift and radius of the universe given by

$$\frac{R(t_r)}{R(t_e)} = 1 + z(t_e) \quad (6)$$

It follows from (6) that in a universe where most of the energy density is in the form of matter

$$\frac{n(t_e)}{n(t_r)} = (1 + z)^3 \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{T_\gamma(t_e)}{T_\gamma(t_r)} = (1 + z) \quad (8)$$

and

$$\frac{n_\gamma(t_e)}{n_\gamma(t_r)} = (1 + z)^3 \quad (9)$$

where  $n(t)$ ,  $T_\gamma(t)$  and  $n_\gamma(t)$  are the average particle density of matter and temperature and photon density of cosmic blackbody radiation in the universe.

We will hereafter designate local ( $z = 0$ ) quantities with a subscript zero. Let  $f(E_\gamma)$  be the gamma-ray spectrum generated by the galactic cosmic-ray spectrum,  $I_g(E_p)$  in traveling a unit particle length ( $1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) through the intergalactic medium. (This spectrum is the same as the quantity  $I(E_\gamma)/\langle nL \rangle$  calculated by Stecker (1967).)



We now assume that some ubiquitous generating mechanism causes cosmic-rays to be produced with the same power law throughout the universe as observed at the earth, so that the metagalactic cosmic-ray spectrum differs only in absolute intensity from the galactic cosmic-ray spectrum. It follows that the form of the cosmic gamma-ray spectrum anywhere in the metagalaxy, when observed in the co-moving frame at that point, will be the same as the form of  $f(E_\gamma)$ . We may then write down an expression for the integrated metagalactic gamma-ray flux in any direction as

$$I(E_\gamma) = \int_0^{\ell_{\max}} d\ell \, n(\ell) \cdot \frac{I(\ell)}{I_g} \frac{f(E_\gamma, \ell)}{(1+z(\ell))} e^{-\tau(E_\gamma, \ell)} \quad (10)$$

where the factor,  $(1+z)$ , takes into account the reduction in flux due to the time dilation factor and  $e^{-\tau}$  represents absorption of gamma-rays along the line of sight,  $I_g$  is the galactic cosmic-ray flux and  $I(\ell)$  is the cosmic-ray flux at a distance  $\ell$ . Equation (10) may be put into a much more convenient form by expressing it as an integral over  $z$ . We then obtain

$$I(E_\gamma) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} dz \, n(z) \frac{I(z)}{I_g} \frac{f(E_\gamma, z)}{1+z} e^{-\tau(E_\gamma, z)} \frac{d\ell}{dz} \quad (11)$$

Since the energy of a gamma-ray is directly proportional to its frequency, it follows that

$$f(E_\gamma, z) = f[(1+z)E_\gamma] \quad (12)$$

It also follows from (7) that

$$n(z) = n_0 (1+z)^3 \quad (13)$$

The quantity

$$\frac{d\ell}{dz} = R(z) \frac{du}{dz} \quad (14)$$

depends, in general, both upon the cosmological model involved and the epoch of world-time which defines the acceleration (or deceleration) of the expansion.

In Friedmann-type solutions to the Einstein equations, it is found that the expansion of the universe is decelerating. The magnitude of this deceleration is usually denoted by the deceleration parameter  $q$ . In the usual notation, the Hubble expansion parameter,  $H$ , and the quantity  $q$  are defined by the relations

$$H \equiv \frac{\dot{R}(t)}{R(t)} \quad (15)$$

and

$$q \equiv - \frac{\ddot{R}(t)}{R(t) H^2}$$

In a decelerating universe, therefore,  $q > 0$ . Solutions to the Einstein equation with zero pressure and a cosmological constant of zero may be expressed in

parametric form in terms of a development angle,  $\theta$  (Sandage 1961b) as

$$\begin{aligned} R &= a(1 - \cos \theta), \\ t &= \frac{a}{c} (\theta - \sin \theta). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

for  $k = +1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= a(\cosh \theta - 1), \\ t &= \frac{a}{c} (\sinh \theta - \theta), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

for  $k = -1$ , where  $a = 4\pi G\rho R^3/3c^2$  and  $\rho$  is the density of matter in the universe (so that  $\rho R^3 = \text{constant}$ ).

For the Euclidean case of  $k = 0$ ,  $R(t)$  can be expressed explicitly in terms of  $t$  by the relation

$$R(t) = (6\pi G\rho R^3)^{1/3} t^{2/3} \quad (18)$$

From (15) and (18) it then follows that for  $k = 0$  that

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for all } t. \quad (19)$$

For  $k = +1$ , it follows from (15) from (16) that

$$q = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \quad (20)$$

For  $k = -1$ , it follows from (15) and (17) that  $q$  is given by

$$q = \frac{1 - \cosh \theta}{\sinh^2 \theta} \quad (21)$$

For  $\theta \ll 1$ , corresponding to an early epoch of the expansion, (20) and (21) both reduce to the Euclidean case of  $q = 1/2$ . The Euclidean (Einstein-de Sitter) model is therefore a good approximation to the universe if it has not yet reached a highly evolved state. It is also compatible with the most probable values of  $q$  as discussed by Sandage (1961a, 1962), based on the observed magnitude-red shift relation, and with the recent determination by Henry, Fritz, Meekins, Friedman and Byram (1968) of a mean metagalactic gas density of the order of  $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

Under the assumption of a Euclidean model, we will now determine the cosmological effects on the metagalactic gamma-ray spectrum. It can be shown (Sandage 1961b) that

$$\frac{d\ell}{dz} = \frac{cH_0^{-1}}{(1+z)^2 (1+2q_0 z)^{1/2}} \quad (22)$$

where  $cH_0^{-1} = 10^{28} \text{ cm}$ . In the Euclidean case,  $q_0 = 1/2$  and we may take in equation (11)

$$\frac{d\ell}{dz} = \frac{10^{28}}{(1+z)^{5/2}} \quad (23)$$

## ABSORPTION OF METAGALACTIC GAMMA-RAYS

An excellent discussion of the absorption processes affecting cosmic gamma-rays has been given by Fazio (1967). The principal absorption process to be considered is that of electron-positron pair production through interaction with the universal black-body radiation field, i.e., the reaction

$$\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^- \quad (24)$$

Detailed calculations of the energy-dependent absorption probability for this process have been performed by Gould and Schréder (1967). They have shown that for a gamma-ray of energy  $E_\gamma$  interacting with a black-body radiation field of temperature  $T_\gamma$

$$\frac{d\tau}{d\ell} \simeq \frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi\Lambda} \left( \frac{kT_\gamma}{mc^2} \right)^3 \sqrt{\xi} e^{-\xi} \quad (25)$$

where

$$\xi \equiv \frac{(mc^2)^2}{kT_\gamma E_\gamma} \gg 1$$

where  $\alpha \simeq 1/137$  is the fine-structure constant,  $\Lambda = \hbar/mc = 3.86 \times 10^{-11}$  cm, and  $k$  here is Boltzmann's constant. The local black-body temperature has been found by Stokes, Partridge and Wilkinson (1967) to be

$$T_0 \simeq 2.7^\circ\text{K} \quad (26)$$

so that the condition  $\xi \gg 1$  corresponds to the condition

$$E_\gamma \ll \frac{1.12 \times 10^6 \text{ GeV}}{(1+z)^2} \quad (27)$$

(see equation (8) and (12)).

We will restrict ourselves here to a determination of the gamma-ray spectrum below 1 GeV and  $z \leq 10^3$  (as will be discussed later) so that the approximation given by equation (25) will be generally valid. Therefore, from (23) and (25), we find

$$\tau(E_\gamma, z) = 3.9 \times 10^8 E_\gamma^{-1/2} \int_0^z dy \frac{\exp \left[ -\frac{1.12 \times 10^6 E}{(1+y)^2 E_\gamma} \right]}{(1+y)^{1/2}} \quad (28)$$

(See appendix for further discussion.)

## THE METAGALACTIC COSMIC-RAY SPECTRUM

It now remains only to specify a suitable model for the metagalactic cosmic ray flux. We will assume that at some early epoch, corresponding to  $z \geq z_{\max}$  conditions were unsuitable for the acceleration of cosmic-rays. We will consider  $z_{\max}$  to correspond to the epoch of galaxy formation and consider two possible models for the origin of a metagalactic cosmic-ray flux. For model I, we will assume that the metagalactic flux arises through a constant leakage rate from the halos of galaxies from  $z = z_{\max}$  to  $z = 0$ . For model II, we will assume

that this flux was created primarily in a burst at the time of galaxy formation. Thus, model I and model II correspond to the two extreme cases which may be expected.\* For  $z_{\max}$ , we will also consider two extremes. One extreme is  $z_{\max} = 10^3$ , which corresponds to the earliest epoch when galaxy formation could probably occur. At  $z = 10^3$ , the black-body temperature of the universe was of the order of  $10^3 - 10^4$ °K, cool enough for ionized hydrogen to combine to form a neutral gas. According to Peebles (1965),  $z = 10^3$  also corresponds to the epoch when gas clouds may begin to form gravitationally bound systems.

The other extreme for  $z_{\max}$  which we may consider corresponds to the highest red-shift yet observed for a quasar, viz., 2.2. This is, of course, an extreme which is technique-limited rather than being limited by any physical criteria, and it is included mainly for purposes of discussion. We will also consider various intermediate values for  $z_{\max}$  of 4, 9, and  $10^2$ . (Doroshkevich, et. al. (1967) suggest that galaxy formation took place at  $z = 10 - 20$  whereas Weymann (1967) suggests  $z = 10^2$ .)

It is important to note here that the upper limit,  $z_{\max}$ , may be effectively restricted, not by the epoch of galaxy formation, but by attenuation of the metagalactic cosmic-ray flux due to the collisions themselves. The cross-section for inelastic cosmic-ray p-p collisions is of the order of 30 mb. Therefore, the lifetime of the metagalactic cosmic-rays against collisional losses is given

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\*Models allowing for the possibility of increased cosmic-ray production by galaxies in the past, as well as other possibilities, will be considered in a future paper. In particular, it may be of interest to examine the possibility that the isotropic X-ray spectrum may be a red-shifted  $\pi^0$ -gamma-ray spectrum, a hypothesis which may explain both the intensity and power-law form of the spectrum.

by

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_c &= \frac{1}{n\sigma c} = \frac{1}{n_0 \sigma c (1+z)^3} \\ &\simeq 10^{20} (1+z)^{-3} \text{ sec}\end{aligned}\tag{29}$$

for  $n_0 = 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

The lifetime of the universe at a red-shift  $z$  is given by

$$\tau_u \simeq 10^{17} (1+z)^{-3/2} \text{ sec}\tag{30}$$

Cosmic-rays cannot accumulate in the metagalaxy if the ratio,  $\tau_c/\tau_u < 1$ .

The condition  $\tau_c/\tau_u = 1$  therefore defines a critical value of  $z_{\text{max}} = 10^2$  beyond which a further buildup of metagalactic cosmic-rays cannot occur. With these limitations on  $z$  in mind, we will now consider the various ideal models for describing the metagalactic cosmic-ray flux.

Model I: In this model, we assume that the galaxies were created on the order of  $10^{10}$  years ago, as indicated by stellar evolution studies in our own galaxy. We will assume that ours is a typical galaxy for which the leakage time of cosmic rays from the halo is on the order of  $10^8$  years. Therefore each galaxy has emitted about  $10^2$  halo-volumes of cosmic-rays since the time of galaxy formation. The ratio of the volume of one galactic halo to the volume of



the universe is

$$\frac{V_g}{V_u} \simeq \left( \frac{5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm.}}{10^{28} \text{ cm.}} \right)^3 \simeq 10^{-16} \quad (31)$$

Taking the cosmic-ray flux in our galaxy as an average for all galaxies and taking the number of galaxies in the universe to be  $3 \times 10^9$  (Allen, 1963), we find that

$$I_0 \simeq 10^{-16} \times 3 \times 10^9 \times 10^2 I_g = 3 \times 10^{-5} I_g \quad (32)$$

We assume a constant leakage rate so that the total number of cosmic-rays in the metagalaxy is proportional to the time elapsed since galaxy formation. It follows from (18) that this time is given by

$$\tau_g \simeq 10^{10} \left[ (1+z)^{-3/2} - (1+z_{\max})^{-3/2} \right] \text{ yrs.} \quad (33)$$

The cosmic-ray density will then increase with red-shift according to the relation

$$\frac{I'(g)}{I_g} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-5} (1+z)^3 \left[ (1+z)^{-3/2} - (1+z_{\max})^{-3/2} \right] \quad (34)$$

However, the cosmic-rays which produce the neutral pi-mesons necessary for gamma-ray production are only those above a threshold energy,  $E_{th}$ , of about

300 MeV (Stecker, 1966). We must therefore determine

$$I(z) = I'(E > E_{th}; z) \quad (35)$$

For a power law cosmic-ray spectrum of the form

$$I(>E) \sim E^{-3/2} \quad (36)$$

it follows from the red-shift relation that

$$\begin{aligned} I(E > E_{th}; z) &= I' \left( E > \frac{E_{th}}{(1+z)} \right) \\ &= I'(z) \left[ \frac{1+z}{1+z_{max}} \right]^{3/2} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

so that we must use an effective flux of

$$\frac{I(z)}{I_g} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-5} (1+z)^3 \left[ \frac{1+z}{1+z_{max}} \right]^{3/2} \left[ (1+z)^{-3/2} - (1+z_{max})^{-3/2} \right] \quad (38)$$

Model II: In this model we assume that the metagalactic cosmic-rays were created in a burst at the time of galaxy formation. Assuming that the total number of cosmic-rays released in the initial burst is equal to the total number released over  $10^{10}$  years in model I, we find

$$\frac{I(z)}{I_g} = 3 \times 10^{-5} (1+z)^3 \left[ \frac{1+z}{1+z_{max}} \right]^{3/2} \quad (39)$$

Model III: For a final comparison, we compute the integrated gamma-ray flux generated in the galaxies themselves and determine their contribution to the metagalactic-gamma-ray flux. We take the average amount of matter in galaxies to be about 1% of the total matter in metagalactic space and assume that on the average, a fraction of  $5 \times 10^{-2}$  of this matter is in the form of gas (Allen, 1963; Roberts, 1963). Then taking  $I(z) \simeq I_g$ , we find that in this case

$$\frac{\langle I(z) n(z) \rangle}{I_g n_0} = 5 \times 10^{-4} (1+z)^3 \quad (40)$$

Using the models defined by equations (34), (38), (39) and (40), together with equations (11), (12), (13), (23) and (28), we have calculated the metagalactic gamma-ray spectra produced by models I, II and III. These fluxes are given in Figures 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Figures 1 - 3 also show the gamma ray flux expected from the galactic halo in the direction of the pole, taking  $\langle nL \rangle = 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and based on previous calculations (Stecker, 1967).<sup>\*</sup> It can be seen that the local gamma-ray spectrum from the galactic halo can be distinguished from the metagalactic gamma-ray spectra because the latter are red-shifted and peak at lower energies. The metagalactic gamma-ray spectra tend to peak near  $7 \times 10^{-2} / (1 + z_{\text{max}})$  GeV, being weighted toward higher red-shifts by the effect of greater densities at earlier epochs. Because of the density effect, a cosmic-ray burst

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<sup>\*</sup>Thus  $I_{\text{pole}}(E_\gamma) = 3 \times 10^{20} f(E_\gamma)$ .

at large red-shifts is much more effective in producing gamma-rays than a continuous production of the same number of cosmic-rays. In Figures 1 - 3, we have also indicated the experimental upper limit on the gamma-ray flux from the Explorer XI data (Kraushaar, Clark, Garmire, Helmkin, Highbie and Agogino, 1965), assuming an integral flux above 0.1 GeV of  $3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ .

## CONCLUSIONS

Present evidence about the flux of cosmic-rays between the galaxies is quite meager. The most promising way to study the flux is by a satellite experiment measuring the isotropic gamma-ray flux in the region between 1 and 100 MeV. Such gamma-rays can supply us with direct information on metagalactic cosmic-rays, because they travel to us in straight lines and suffer little absorption. Theoretical metagalactic gamma-ray fluxes from  $\pi^0$  decay are presented here under various assumptions as to the metagalactic cosmic-ray flux. These predictions indicate that an experimental determination of the isotropic gamma-ray spectrum at high galactic latitudes and in the energy range 1 - 100 MeV, could supply valuable information, not only about metagalactic cosmic-rays, but also about such fundamental questions as when the galaxies were formed, since the metagalactic gamma-ray spectrum will peak near  $70 (1 + z_{\text{max}})^{-1} \text{ MeV}$ .

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## APPENDIX

### GAMMA-RAY OPACITY IN AN EINSTEIN-DE SITTER UNIVERSE

It has been shown in the text that the gamma-ray absorption from pair production through interaction with the universal radiation field is given by the factor  $e^{-\tau}$  where

$$\tau(E_\gamma, z) = 3.9 \times 10^8 E_\gamma^{-1/2} \int_0^z dy (1+y)^{-1/2} \exp \left[ - \frac{1.12 \times 10^6}{(1+y)^2 E_\gamma} \right] \quad (\text{A-1})$$

with  $E_\gamma$  expressed in GeV. As an intermediate solution to the problem considered in the text, numerical solutions were obtained for the implicit relation

$$\tau(E_\gamma, z_\gamma) \equiv 1 \quad (\text{A-2})$$

which defines the red-shift,  $z_\gamma$ , beyond which the universe becomes opaque to gamma-rays of local energy  $E_\gamma$ . It was found that the numerical solution to equation (A-2) may be quite well approximated by the relation

$$1 + z_\gamma \simeq 2.30 \times 10^2 E_\gamma^{-0.484} . \quad (\text{A-3})$$

Since the age of the universe corresponding to a red-shift  $z_\gamma$ , is given by

$$t_\gamma \simeq 10^{10} (1 + z_\gamma)^{-3/2} \text{ years} , \quad (\text{A-4})$$

the earliest epoch from which gamma-rays of energy  $E_\gamma$  can supply us with information is found from (A-3) and (A-4) to be

$$t_\gamma = 2.9 \times 10^6 E_\gamma^{3/4} \text{ years} . \quad (\text{A-5})$$



## FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Figure 1: Metagalactic gamma-ray spectra from cosmic-ray p-p interactions based on a cosmic-ray flux produced by constant leakage from other galaxies (Model I) and shown for various maximum red-shifts as discussed in the text. Also shown are the local gamma-ray spectrum from the galactic halo in the direction of the pole and the upper limit implied by the Explorer XI gamma-ray experiment.
- Figure 2: Metagalactic gamma-ray spectra from cosmic-ray p-p interactions based on a cosmic-ray flux produced by a burst of cosmic rays at  $z_{\text{max}}$  (Model II) as discussed in the text. Also shown are the local gamma-ray spectrum from the galactic halo in the direction of the pole and the upper limit implied by the Explorer XI gamma-ray experiment.
- Figure 3: Metagalactic gamma-ray spectra from the superposition of gamma-ray spectra produced in all the galaxies taking red-shift, density and curvature effects into account as explained in the text (Model III). Also shown are the local gamma-ray spectrum from the galactic halo in the direction of the pole and the upper limit implied by the Explorer XI gamma-ray experiment.

