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The Supernova Origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays

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Cosmic Rays: Spectrum

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Energy distribution: power-law type (N \propto E^{-2.7} below "knee")







Alien's view of our Galaxy

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NGC 891: edge-on spiral galaxy



Synchrotron radiation by CR e



In B~10 μG, GeV electrons emit radio PeV electrons emit hard X-rays



GCRs: probed by GeV γ-rays

Galactic CRs (p/e) produce γ-rays:

 π^0 -decay γ -rays (CR p + H $\rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$)

bremsstrahlung/inverse Compton scattering by CR e





Cosmic Rays: Energetics





Energy density (~ GeV protons):

 $u_{CR} \sim 1 \text{ eV}/\text{cm}^3$

Residence time of GeV protons in the Galaxy: $(^{10}Be/^{9}Be: \tau(^{10}Be)=1.6x10^{6} yr)$

$$\tau_{CR} \thicksim 10^7 \, yr$$

CR supply rate:

 $L_{CR} \thicksim u_{CR} \, V_{halo} / \tau_{CR} \thicksim 10^{41} \, erg/s$

Total mechanical power by SNe: $L_{SN} \sim 10^{51} \text{ erg} / 50 \text{ yr}$ $\sim 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$



NOTE: hadronic pp interactions: χ ~40 g/cm²



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> Expanding shock wave (currently ~4000 km/s) driven by SN into ISM

(i) TeV Gamma-ray Observations Direct evidence for >100 TeV particles. (emission mechanisms: unsettled)

H.E.S.S. arcmin image: Shell-like morphology (Aharonian+2004)

(ii) X-ray Observations

X-ray Synchrotron radiation (after ASCA satellite: Koyama+95): Evidence for >10 TeV electrons.

Chandra arcsec image: Indicates the operation of Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA).

Diffusive Shock Acceleration

Diffusive Shock Acceleration (DSA)

a.k.a. (1st order) Fermi Acceleration

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> "test particle" approximation: hydrodynamics is given

$$Q(E) = K E^{-s} \exp(-E/E_{\max})$$

(i) K (normalization) Unpredictable (ii) s (index) $s = (\sigma+2)/(\sigma-1)$ = 2.0 for $\sigma = 4$ strong shock (iii) E_{max} (maximum energy)

 $E_{max} \sim 10^{15} \, eV \, (V/1000 \ km/s)^2 \, (t/1000 \ yr) \, (B/100 \ \mu G)$

Non-Linear DSA

Cosmic-ray pressure → Affect gas dynamics → Change Q(E) Cosmic-ray streaming instability → Amplify turbulent B-field

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Test Particle (TS) vs Non-Linear (NL)

B-field Amplification in SNRs

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Uchiyama et al. (2007)

Most filaments (spatially extended) are variable in time!!

X-ray spectra: synchrotron radiation

Year-scale variability → B = 0.1-1 mG >> B_{ISM}

Synchrotron cooling timescale:

 $t \sim \left(\frac{B}{-}\right)^{-} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{-}\right)^{-}$

Chandra X-rays (color) H.E.S.S. TeV γ-rays (contours)

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Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope

Gamma-ray 20 MeV - 300 GeV

ACD

Si Tracker (18 planes)

LAT: 4x4 modular array 3000 kg, 650 W

Large Area Telescope (LAT)

GeV gamma-ray observations of SNRs

- Historical SNRs
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 - Cassiopeia A
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 - Cygnus Loop, (Puppis A)

Part I: *Historical SNRs*

- SN 1572
- SN type: la
- distance: ~3 kpc
- radius: ~3.7 pc

- ★ Cassiopeia A
- SN ~1680
- SN type: IIb
- distance: ~3.4 kpc
- radius: ~2.5 pc

X-ray Images (Chandra)

Most parameters are reasonably well known. → largely help us interpret gamma-ray results.

Tycho: Synchrotron & B-field

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Warren+05

Chandra

Cassam-Chenai+07

B₂ = 0.1-0.2 mG is inferred from the width of X-ray filaments

Tycho: Recent TeV Detection

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> Flux(>1 TeV) ~ 1% Crab 5.0σ detection (post-trial)

B-field constraint put by X-ray does *not* contradict IC origin.

Fermi-LAT can test "leptonic vs hadronic"

Tycho: New GeV Detection

(Naumann-Godo+)

E [eV]

Fermi-LAT Detection (5σ)

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energy range. The green contours are from XMM-Newton and the black line denotes the 95% confidence area for the FERMI position.

Photon index = 2.3 ± 0.1 (favors hadronic origin)

6-8% of E_{SN}

Case	D _{kpc}	n _H [cm ⁻³]	E _{sN} [10 ⁵¹ erg]	E _{p,tot} [10 ⁵¹ erg]	K _{ep}	
Far	3.50	0.24	2.0	0.150	4.5x10-4	
Nearby	2.78	0.30	1.0	0.061	7.0x10 ⁻⁴	

transferred to CRs.

Tycho: CR Content

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Input Parameters in Edmon+11

CR spectral index = 2.3

Cas A: GeV & TeV Detections

B₂ = 0.3-0.5 mG is inferred from the width of X-ray filaments (Vink & Laming 03; Parizot+06) and X-ray time-variability (Uchiyama & Aharonian 08)

Part II: Young TeV-bright SNRs

RX J1713.7-3946 & Vela Jr.

RX J1713.7-3946 TeV gamma-ray map (H.E.S.S.)

- age: ~1600 yr
- distance: ~1 kpc

Synchrotron X-ray variability:

~ 0.1-1 mG (Uchiyama+07) Synchrotron cutoff (Tanaka+08): "Bohm limit"

RX J0852.0-4622 (Vela Jr) TeV gamma-ray map (H.E.S.S.)

- age: 2000-4000 yr
- distance: ~0.75 kpc

Synchrotron X-ray filament: ≥ 0.1 mG (Berezhko+09)

RX J1713.7-3946: LAT Results

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Energy [MeV]

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Vela Jr.: LAT Results

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Again, $B_2 = 0.01 \text{ mG}$ in leptonic model would be difficult to be reconciled with X-ray measurements. Hadronic model would require a large CR content (5×10⁵⁰ erg for n=0.1 cm⁻³)

Part III: SNRs Interacting with Molecular Clouds

LAT Discoveries of MC-SNRs

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Fermi-LAT Collaboration (Uchiyama+) 2011

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2.5 yr count maps (>2 GeV, front-converted)

Extended GeV emission has been discovered from several SNRs, with molecular cloud (MC) interactions.

GeV extension is consistent with the size of a radio remnant (except for W28).

The dominant class of LAT SNRs.

GeV Spectra of MC-SNRs

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Growing Examples: MC-SNRs

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Radio Connection

MC-SNRs: LAT flux seems to correlate with radio flux

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Figure 3: (Left) Radio flux (synchrotron) vs GeV γ -ray flux for MC-interacting SNRs. The γ -ray energy flux integrated over 0.1–100 GeV and the radio flux, $v f_v$ at 1 GHz, are shown. (Right) Mean surface brightness of the synchrotron radio emission and GeV γ -ray emission. The flux-flux plot is converted into this form using the solid angles of the radio remnants.

Radio & γ-ray emissions from radiatively-compressed filaments Crushed Cloud Model (Uchiyama+2010)

SNR W44

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Re-acceleration of pre-existing CRs in MC at cloud radiative shock. π^{0} -decay gamma-rays in a radiatively-compressed layer.

Naturally accounts for a gamma-ray luminosity of ~10³⁵ erg/s A slow (~100 km/s) shock explains spectral steepening in GeV range

 radio & γ-ray fluxes can be explained by re-acceleration of the pre-existing GCRs

- flat radio index (α=0.37) is naturally explained

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(GeV electrons)

Σ-D Relation

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Radio Surface Brightness (Σ) - Diameter (D) Relation

V~1000 km/s shock : CR acceleration > 10 TeV V~100 km/s shock : CR (re-)acceleration < TeV

Part IV: Evolved SNR without MC

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Middle-age ~ 2×10⁴ yr Large angular size (3 deg) No clear MC interaction

Cygnus Loop: LAT Results

Katagiri+ (submitted)

Gamma-ray Gamma-ray Space Telescope

> Correlation with X-ray and Hα emissions → Gamma-ray-emitting particles distribute near shock waves

NOTE: southern radio emission would be another SNR.

Spectral steepening above ~ 2 GeV. (simple power-law disfavored at 3.5σ level) Gamma-ray Luminosity ~ 1×10³³ erg/s (< other LAT SNRs)

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Unlike other middle-aged remnants, gamma-ray emission is not due to interactions with molecular cloud.

Gamma-ray emission comes from either (1) main blast wave regions (X-ray) or (2) radiative shock region (Hα). ions

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