Galactic sources of VHE gamma rays

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Outline

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Apologies for many omissions ...





VHE gamma rays from secondary interactions:
p: π^o production and decay
e: Inverse Compton scattering and Bremsstrahlung
Trace beam density x target density

Issues Pulsars: GR & Electrodynamics



from J. Dyks et al.

Issues Microquasars: Mini-AGNs / GRBs

Mirabel



Galactic TeV sources

| Source | Туре | Distance (kpc) | Year | Flux (CU) | Grade | Group |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Crab Nebula | Plerion | ~ 1.7 | 1989 | 1 | Α | Whipple, |
| PSR 1706-44 | Plerion | ~ 1.8 | 1995 | ~ 0.5 | Α | CANG., Durh. |
| Vela | Plerion | ~ 0.5 | 1997 | ~ 0.5 | В | CANG. |
| SN 1006 | Shell SNR | ~ 1.8 | 1997 | ~ 0.5 | B ? | CANG., HE |
| RXJ 1713.7-3946 | Shell SNR | 1 – 6 | 1999 | ~ 0.7 | В | CANG. |
| Cassiopeia A | Shell SNR | ~ 3.5 | 1999 | ~ 0.03 | С | HEGRA |
| RCW 86 | Shell SNR | ~ 2.5 ? | 2003 | ~ 0.2 | С | CANG. prel |
| RXJ 0852.0-4622 | Shell SNR | < 0.5 | 2003 | ? | С | CANG. prel |
| Centaurus X-3 | Binary | > 5 | 1999 | ~ 0.4 | С | Durham |
| TeV J2032+4130 | ? | ? | 2002 | ~ 0.03 | В | HEGRA, Whi. |
| Galactic center | ? | ~ 8 | 2003 | 0.1-0.4 | B+ | CANG.,Whi. |

New instruments coming online



















Sky surveys





Wide-angle instruments surveying ~ $2-3\pi$

"Threshold"Sens. (1 y)Milagro $\sim 2 \text{ TeV}$ $\sim 0.5 \text{ Crab}$ Tibet III shower array $\sim 3 \text{ TeV}$ $\sim 1 \text{ Crab}$ ARGO YBJ0.5 - 1 TeV $\sim 0.5 \text{ Crab}$

Milagro





ARGO





Survey capability

Small-angle instruments



H.E.S.S.: ~ 300 deg.² in 100 h @ 0.03 Crab 2π in 7 years

HEGRA Galactic Plane survey



Crab Nebula: The standard candle



New kids on the block











Other pulsars & nebulae









Chandra

- P=102 ms
- Spindown lum. about 1% of Crab
- X-ray lum. about 0.01% of Crab
- TeV emission detected with Durham and CANGAROO-I Kifune et al. 1995 Chadwick et al. 1998
- Observed with CANGAROO-II in 2000 and 2001
 Kushida et al., ICRC 2003



PSR 1706 interpretation



Sefako & de Jager 2003, 2004 Chandra data → expect ~ 0.001 Crab !

Bednarek, Bartosik 2003 Amato et al. 2003, ... VHE proton or Fe component ?







Pointing: stars & pixel currents; good to 20"

Energy & flux determination: Crab spectrum





Imaging & calibration: muon rings





- CANGAROO signal very solid
- Time dependence of gamma rays from pulsar nebula ? Size ~ 0.1 pc
- Time-dependent background source ?



Days from the periastron

Complex structure depending on alignment of pulsar and stellar wind





Gamma emission by SNR





CANGAROO SN 1006 CANGAROO RXJ1713.7-3946





Kifune ICRC 2003

and HEGRA Cas A, CANGAROO RXJ0852, CANGAROO RCW 86



Key issue: magnetic field



Chandra SN 1006

Short electron lifetimes!

Large post-shock magnetic fields

Cas A Berezhko & Völk, 2004 ~ 500 μG Vink, Laming, 2002 ~ 80-160 μG

SN 1006 Berezhko, Ksenofontov, Völk, 2003 ~ 100 μ G Bamba et al. 2003 ~ 14-85 μ G



Why X-ray lobes ... and what do they mean for TeV gammas ?



Berezhko, Völk, 2003 Inefficient injection if B || shock front no gammas from these regions

Reynolds, 1998
Compressed field
▶ enhanced synch.
radiation
▶ softer gamma

spectrum

SN 1006: HEGRA CT1 Data



Preliminary

SN 1006: Problem with H.E.S.S. data







Fit electron spectrum assuming B field

Predict IC spectrum

Gammas from proton interactions

Problems? EGRET Limit (Reimer & Pohl 2002, Butt et al. 2002)

Alternative explanations



SNR RX J0852.0-4622 "Vela junior"



62^m

 64^{m}

60^m

46^m

44^m

 48^{m}

8h58"

 56^{m}

CANGAROO, Katagiri et al., ICRC 2003 Mori, ICRC 2003

RCW 86

CANGAROO, Watanabe et al., ICRC 2003 79 h on source 2001/2002 ~4 σ each year





Flux ~ 20% Crab

consistent with IC for B \sim 10 μ G

Conclusion on SNR

- Even if original 1006 results are questioned by H.E.S.S. data, SNR are clearly sources of O(100) TeV electrons
- High VHE gamma-ray flux (\approx X-ray flux) must be of hadronic origin, if B fields are >> B_{ISM}
- High B fields are naturally expected due to shock compression and nonlinear feedback, and indicated by short electron scale lengths
- Need better TeV data to understand details, morphology

(Still) Unidentified Cygnus TeV source







Flux (> 1 TeV) ~5% of Crab

Hard spectrum Index 1.9±0.1±0.3

Extended 6.2'±1.2'±0.9'

No obvious radio, X-ray counterpart Butt et al. 2003 Mukherjee et al. 2003

Near Cygnus OB2



Aharonian et al. 2004



Whipple 1988-90 archival data





Galactic center



TeV gamma rays from GC





Source location, source size Time variability Energy spectrum



CANGAROO: $2001/2 = 1.60 \pm 0.34$ Consistent within systematics



Spectrum: could it be DM ?



Could it be DM ?

Need spiky profile and large annihilation cross-section

- ♦ Moore profile
- adiabatic accretion
- baryon cooling
- NFW profile
- hierarchical mergers
- stellar encounters
- baryon heating







Fun & exotics



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Milagro:

searching for neutralino annihilation near the sun



Atkins et al. 2004

Progress



Detection of TeV gamma rays from the Crab Nebula Whipple 1989: 50 h observation time



HEGRA 1997: 15 min

> HESS 2004: 30 sec











