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# **Non-thermal X-ray Astronomy**

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of X-ray Astronomy

# **Supernova Remnants**

The best laboratory to test DSA theory



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#### Nonthermal X-ray (synchrotron):

- Shock-accelerated CR electrons with energies of 10-100 TeV emit synchrotron X-rays in B=10-100 µG.
- Synchrotron cut-off frequency indicates acceleration at the Bohm limit.
- Chandra images (sharp filaments and their variability) tell us about magnetic field amplification.

Thermal X-ray (lines, bremsstrahlung):

- Shock-heated ISM, ejecta
- Dynamics (velocity, temperature etc)
- Environment (density etc)

# **Recent Results (1): Stripes in Tycho's SNR**



Non-linear DSA theory with magnetic field amplification due to CR current driven instability can explain the stripes (Bykov+11):

• magnetic turbulence wave spectrum may have a peak, if turbulence cascading along the mean field is suppressed (Vladimirov+09)

# **Pulsar Wind Nebulae**



#### Nonthermal X-ray (synchrotron):

- CR electrons/positrons with energies of 10-100 TeV emit synchrotron X-rays in B=1-100 μG.
- Chandra images suggest particle acceleration at termination shock.
- Synchrotron spectrum extends to 100 MeV during Crab's flares, which challenges models of e-/e+ acceleration.
- **Polarization** has been detected from the Crab Nebula:
  - π=20% PA=156° (2.6/5.2 keV)
    OSO-8 (Weisskopf+78)
  - π=50% PA=124° (>100 keV)
    INTEGRAL-SPI (Dean+08)

## Recent Results (2): HESS J1825-137

- PWN powered by PSR B1823-13 (spindown age of 21 kyr)
- HESS revealed energy-dependent TeV morphology, likely due to synchrotron cooling (Aharonian+2006)

#### Suzaku XIS (1-8 keV)

#### **HESS**



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## Recent Results (2): HESS J1825-137



- spin period 13 ms, age = 40 kyr
- velocity profile:  $v(r) \propto r^{-0.5}$
- B(r, t)  $\propto$  r<sup>-0.7</sup> L<sub>sd</sub>(t)<sup>0.5</sup>

12µG (zone 1) → 1.7µG (zone 12)

• fast diffusion:

 $\tau \approx 90 \ (R/10 pc)^2 \ (E/100 \ TeV)^{-1} \ yr$ 

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X-ray-Gamma-ray SED as a function of distance



# **Gamma-ray Binaries**

- GeV/TeV emission was detected from a few high mass X-ray binaries
- Now, some unID GeV/TeV sources are being identified as X-ray (γ-ray) binaries.
  - PSR B1259-63 (pulsar's spin-down) T<sub>orb</sub> = 3.4 years
    O TeV (HESS) & GeV (Fermi-LAT)
  - LS 5039 (unknown source of power) T<sub>orb</sub> = 3.9 days
    O TeV (HESS) & GeV (Fermi-LAT)
  - LS I +61° 303 (unknown source of power) T<sub>orb</sub> = 26 days
    TeV (MAGIC/VERITAS) & GeV (Fermi-LAT)
  - HESS J0632+057 Junknown source of power) T<sub>orb</sub> = 320 days • TeV (HESS/MAGIC/VERITAS)
  - FGL J1018.6-5856 (unknown source of power)  $T_{orb} = 16.6$  days O GeV (Fermi-LAT)

Cyg X-3 (accretion onto BH/NS) T<sub>orb</sub> = 4.8 hours
 O GeV (Fermi-LAT/AGILE) : transient

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# Recent Results (3): PSR B1259-63

• Orbital period of 3.4 yr (e~0.87), spindown power of 8x10<sup>35</sup> erg/s



## **New X-ray Satellites**

#### ASTRO-H (2014-)

"Observatory" micro-calorimeter, hard X-ray mirror, large CCD, soft-gamma-ray detector









#### NuSTAR (2012-) Hard X-ray mirror



eROSITA & ART-XC onboard SRG (2013-)

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eROSITA: - all sky survey 30 times deeper than ROSAT - will find >10,000 clusters of galaxies

# **Micro-Calorimeter (SXS onboard ASTRO-H)**





### Hard X-ray Mirror (NuSTAR, ASTRO-H)





Hard X-ray Mirror (< 80 keV)

- "Depth-graded multilayers"
  - ASTRO-H: Pt/C
  - NuSTAR: Pt/SiC, W/Si
- Focal plane detector:
  - Si/CdTe (AH), CZT (NuS)
- Imaging spectroscopy at Hard X-rays
- 100 times better sensitivity than Suzaku

Some examples of "Nonthermal X-ray Astronomy" to be made with micro-calorimeter and hard X-ray mirror (SNRs are highlighted)

## Precise Measurement of Synchrotron X-ray Spectra in SNRs

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# Search for thermal emission in synchrotron-dominated SNRs

#### **Possible targets:**

RX J1713.7-3946, Vela Jr, HESS J1731-347

Vela Jr.: Suzaku (sync) vs HESS



Non-detections of thermal X-rays have been used to argue against hadronic origin of gamma-rays.

#### SXS will shed new light.



# HXI Observations of RX J1713.7-3946

# Synchrotron X-ray variability (year-scale) found in this SNR → Probe of DSA (acceleration) and MFA (B-field amplification)



Chandra X-rays (color) H.E.S.S. TeV γ-rays (contours) Year-scale variability:

• Acceleration/cooling of TeV electrons within a year

• B-field flickering

Variability in the hard X-ray band should be more significant.



# Non-thermal Bremsstrahlung and Associated Fe lines in SNRs

Nonthermal Bremsstrahlung is not efficient (only ~10<sup>-5</sup> of the kinetic energy can be converted to X-rays, and the rest goes to Coulomb heating / ionization). Yet, it would be detectable with HXI in some GeV-bright SNRs.



#### **IC Hard X-rays from Galaxy Clusters**

## Abell 3667



Particle acceleration at accretion shocks or merger shocks: a major merger : ~10<sup>64</sup> erg → CRs and B-field

So far, only radio emission has been firmly detected.

Hard X-ray observations of clusters have been controversial....

Suzaku UL of A3667 (Nakazawa+): → B > 2.2 μG Pressure around NW relic ICM: 1.2 eV/cm<sup>3</sup> B-field: >0.1 eV/cm<sup>3</sup> CR e (GeV): <0.1 eV/cm<sup>3</sup>

#### Hard X-rays as "Hadronic" Messengers cf Aharonian (2004)

Synchrotron radiation by secondary e-/e+ produced at interactions of **PeV-EeV protons** with ambient gas or photons.

$$p + p(\gamma) \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e \rightarrow \gamma$$
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B  
 $p + \gamma \rightarrow e - e + \rightarrow \gamma$  (hard X-ray)  
B

Sensitive hard X-ray observations with HXI can probe the highest energy CR protons in SNRs and galaxy clusters.

A better probe than VHE  $\gamma$ -rays and neutrinos.



# PeV protons in SNRs & >EeV protons in Galaxy Clusters

#### Young SNRs with 3 PeV protons:

#### **Radiation from secondaries**



#### $\log E$ (eV)

NOTE: synchrotron by primary electrons has a cutoff of  $hv_0 \sim 1$  keV.

# Galaxy Clusters with strong accretion shocks



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#### Hard X-ray mirror

