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CHASING GALACTIC COSMIC-RAY SOURCES

WITH GAMMA RAYS

- I. Gamma-ray observations as a probe of cosmic-ray acceleration
- II. Identification of gamma-ray sources
 - 1. Methods
 - 2. Difficulties
- III. Identification and analysis of the gamma-ray emission from a composite supernova remnant
- **IV.** Searching for PeVatrons in the Galaxy

- Part I

Gamma-ray observations as a probe of

cosmic-ray acceleration

Gamma-ray astronomy: a recent field

Space-based gamma-ray astronomy

- First gamma-ray detection: 1958 (Peterson & Winckler)
- 22 events detected with *Explorer 11* (Kraushaark & Clark 1962)





(~ 50 MeV-500 GeV)

Ground-based gamma-ray astronomy

(~ 50 GeV-100 TeV)

1968: Whipple - first detection of the Crab pulsar at these enegies (Weekes et al 1989)

Southern sky

Northern sky



The GeV sky as seen with the Fermi-LAT



Count map for E > 1 GeV (5 years of Fermi-LAT data)

The Galactic TeV sky as seen with H.E.S.S





The gamma-ray sky

The GeV catalog (High energy, HE)

- 5065 sources
- 75 extended sources
- 1337 with no counterparts
- more than 3130 blazars
- 239 pulsars

(Fermi-LAT collaboration, 2019)

The TeV catalog (Very high energy, VHE)



- Majority are extragalactic
- 39 2HWC sources
- 78 HGPS sources





Gamma-ray emitting sources in the Galaxy

- Supernova remnants (SNRs)
- Pulsars and their nebulae (PSRs, PWNe)

Particular focus on these sources;
Best candidates to accelerate Galactic cosmic rays (up to ~ 3 x 10¹⁵ eV)

- Star forming regions and Superbubbles
- Binaries
- Diffuse emission









• Large amount of unidentified gamma-ray sources: new types of sources?

Supernova remnants



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Supernova remnants



- Free expansion phase/ejectadominated phase
- Sedov-Taylor phase

$$R_{s} = 1.15 \left(\frac{E}{\rho_{0}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} t^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

• Radiative phase

 $T \sim 10^4$ K, recombination of the ionized gas with electrons => Dense and cold shell Radio/GeV/Optical line emission

Evolutionary stage of a supernova remnant (SNR) depends on Mej, Esn and no

- Particle spectrum described by a power law with an exponential cut off

$$\frac{dN}{dE} \propto E^{-s} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_{\rm cut}}\right)$$

- Break in the electron spectrum due to synchrotron cooling ($s_{e,2} = s_{e,1} + 1$)

Broadband nonthermal emission from SNRs



Broadband nonthermal emission from SNRs



Gamma-ray emitting supernova remnants



~ 30 likely GeV SNRs + 14 candidates (Fermi-LAT SNR catalog, 2016)
~ 30 TeV SNRs (or composite SNRs, emission may arise from the PWN)

Origin of the emission (leptonic or hadronic) still under debate for most of them

SNRs as cosmic-ray accelerators



Young SNRs and SNRs/MC



Hard spectrum and brightest at TeV energies

Evidence for proton acceleration and brightest at GeV energies

Pulsars and their nebulae



- Electrons extracted from the neutron star
- Photon emission => e+/e- pair creation
- e-/e+ diffuse away from the PSR and are re-accelerated at the termination shock of the PWN

Gamma-ray emission from PSRs

PSR J1357-6429



- Pulsed emissions in radio/X-rays/gamma rays (not from the same region) 0
- Cut-off in gamma for E < 10 GeV0

magnetic axis

rotation axis

radio beam

outer accelera

Broadband nonthermal emission from PWNe



Gamma-ray emitting PWNe

Crab Nebula

(Fermi-LAT Collaboration 2009)



HESS J1825-137

Energy



PWN often extended (unless very far)

Energy

Extent shrinks close to the PSR

Composite supernova remnants



Composite supernova remnants

Relic PWN embedded in the SNR G327.1–1.1:



Youngest e- loose rapidly their energy close to the PSR

Oldest e- still undergo synchrotron and IC scattering far away from the PSR

G327.1-1.1

Composites SNRs seen with H.E.S.S.

(H.E.S.S Collaboration 2018)



G327.1-1.1

0.0 HESS J1119-614 (60) 90-0.4 -1.2 292.8 292.4 292.0 291.6 Galactic Longitude (deg)

TeV emission from the PWN

- Spatial coincidence with the radio PWN
- VHE emission < SNR size

Not clear whether the emission comes from the PWN or the SNR (or both)

 VHE centroid compatible with the X-ray PWN

Difficult to disentangle emission from components nested within a small radius

Binaries

High/low-mass gamma-ray binaries

HE and VHE emission close to periastron

Novae

HE emitters - No VHE emission



Microquasars (X-ray binaries)

HE emission from the jet (VHE emitters? - 4.9 sigma with MAGIC)

Colliding winds

Vs = 1000 - 2000 km s⁻¹ Only Eta Car detected in **HE and VHE**

Lower CR efficency for other systems? Small wind shock fraction? Instable shock compared to SNR?

Nonthermal emission from the binary LS 5039



E⁻² electron scattering on photons from the star (isotropic approx. and no cooling)

- MeV / GeV / TeV spectra not simply connected
- Fluxes modulated on the orbital period with different phasing

Complex spectrum

=> different population of HE particles and/or emission mechanisms

Binaries: more than a dozen at HE, roughly 5 at VHE

Superbubbles and Star forming regions

 Supperbubbles: detection of 30 Dor C in the LMC with H.E.S.S. (largest X-ray synchrotron shell)



10⁶

 10^{4}

10¹⁰

<u>1</u>0¹²

Energy (eV)

10¹⁴10¹⁵

10⁸

S. Collaboration 2015)

10

 10^{2}

10⁻¹⁴

10⁻¹⁵

10

• Star forming regions

Among most massive young stellar clusters in the Milky Way



Westerlund 1

Could be diffusing protons accelerated by multiple SNRs and cluster winds

Origin of the emission unclear (large source confusion; and too high W_p or too low ${\cal D}$)

GeV versus TeV range

GeV

Pulsar studies Probing the signature of the pion bump

Fermi:

All-sky coverage Angular resolution (PSF) is energy-dependent

TeV

Cut-off energy investigation Search for PeVatron accelerators (photons with energy > 100 TeV)

H.E.S.S.:

Relatively small field of view (~ 3.5°) PSF slightly energy-dependent

Connection between GeV and TeV energies necessary to understand the origin of the emission



Take home messages - Part I

High diversity of gamma-ray sources in the Galaxy



• Where are the Galactic cosmic-ray accelerators?



High diversity of gamma-ray sources in the Galaxy



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Difficulties in gamma-ray analyses

• PSF larger than that of most radio and X-ray instruments!



(Reynolds et al., 2017)

Difficulties in gamma-ray analyses

Source confusion



Significance map from H.E.S.S Collaboration (2018)

Difficulties in gamma-ray analyses

Source confusion



Significance map from H.E.S.S Collaboration (2018)

- Part II -

Identification of gamma-ray sources

1. Methods

2. Difficulties

The H.E.S.S. Galactic Plane Survey



- ~ 2700 observation hours
- PSF ~ 0.08°
- Sensitivity <= 1.5% Crab

(H.E.S.S Collaboration 2018)







Deepest Galactic scan at VHE

250° < l < 65° lbı < 3.5°

280

Association process

Catalogs: PSRs, « SNRcat », Fermi-LAT (3FGL, 2FHL), 20 extern analyses





Note that VHE PWNe are often offset from its PSR and extended beyond its X-ray counterpart

Identification criterion

- 1. Correlated multi-wavelength (MWL) variability
- 2. Matching MWL morphology
- 3. Energy-dependent gamma-ray morphology due to the cooling of energetic electrons as they are transported away from the pulsar



Compact binary systems: Point-like sources + variability also seen at lower energies

SNRs: Extended sources (provided the SNR is sufficiently large and close) + nonvariable + possible shell morphology with MWL counterparts

PWNe: MWL counterparts and energy-dependent morphology

Population in the HGPS



- Contributions from multiple sources (in complex regions)
- Several possible scenarios

More than half of the HGPS sources are not firmly identified!
Multi-wavelength data exploitation





Multi-wavelength data exploitation



H.E.S.S. significance map



(Guo et al., 2018)

HESS J1427-608 - radio observations



Galactic longitude (°)





HESS J1427-608 - X-ray observations

32.0



No tight constrain on B

 $F_{2-10 \text{ keV}} = 8.9^{+3.6}_{-2.0} \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ $\Gamma_{\rm HGPS} = 2.85 \pm 0.22$ (Fujigana et al., 2013) $\Gamma_{\rm X} = \Gamma_{\rm HGPS} \qquad (\Gamma_{\rm X} = 3.1^{+0.6}_{-0.5})$ $B = 10.9 [7.7 - 15.4] \mu G$

Similar to that obtained for evolved PWNe

HESS J1427-608 - GeV observations



3FHL J1427.9-6054

HESS J1427–608: a strong PWN candidate

• Radio: extended source with $\alpha = -0.38 \pm 0.36$

=> Nonthermal emission



• Rayons X: extended source with $B \sim 10 \ \mu G$

=> Similar to that obtained for evolved PWNe



=> PSR + PWN-like spectrum

Need more observations in X-rays to detect the putative PSR!

- Part II -

Identification of gamma-ray sources

Methods Difficulties

The puzzling case of the PWN Vela X



• PSR B033-45: $\tau_c = 11 \text{ kyr}$ $\dot{E} = 6.9 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (d = 290 pc)

VHE morphology:

- 35% X-ray like: difference can be explained by cooling times
- 65% radio-like: another electron population?

The puzzling case of the PWN Vela X

Fermi-LAT steepening of the spectrum cannot be explained by cooling given the condition in the nebula (for $E_e < 10$ TeV, t > 30 kyr and $t_{age} = 10$ kyr)

=> Could be escaping particles

No cooling in cocoon ($s_e = 2$, $E_{cut} = 70$ TeV, B = 4.5 muG)



The puzzling case of the PWN Vela X

Best-fit disk (E < 100 GeV) => high correlation with radio Best-fit disk (E > 100 GeV) => overlapping cocoon

2 different components in the Fermi-LAT band 10^{-10} E^2 dN/dE (erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ 10^{-11} H.E.S.S. 2012 3FHL Grondin 2013 this work LE this work HE 10-12 (Tibaldo et al. 2018) 10² 10^{1} 10³ 10⁰ 104 10⁵ Energy (GeV)

Multi-wavelength data interpretation puzzling for nearby and complex sources!

Ancient PWNe

Evolution of the SED with time:

(Tanaka & Takahara, 2010)



Ancient PWNe dark at other wavelengths (B decreases with time)

• Molecular clouds illuminated by cosmic rays

(Gabici et al, 2009)



CR spectrum at the location of the cloud:

Highest energy CRs leave the SNR first and diffuse faster than lower energy CRs => Sharp low-energy cut-off moving to lower and lower energies with time 50 • Molecular clouds illuminated by cosmic rays

(Gabici et al, 2009)

Broadband spectrum of the cloud:

3: Neutral pion decay

2 and 4: Synchrotron and Bremsstrahlung from background CR electrons

1 and 5: Synchrotron and Bremsstrahlung from secondary electrons



Depends on d, t and n_{cl}

Concave gamma-ray spectrum and faint emission at other wavelengths

=> Physics itself limits the identification of these so-called « dark TeV sources »

Take home messages - Part II

 Identification of gamma-ray sources relies on MWL counterparts (or constrain), variability studies and energy-dependent morphology



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- Part III -

Identification and analysis of the

gamma-ray emission from a composite

supernova remnant

The composite SNR G326.3-1.8



Sedov-Taylor phase (Temim et al., 2013):

d = 4.1 kpc, age = 16 500 yr, V_{shock} = 500 km s⁻¹, n_0 = 0.1 cm⁻³

The composite SNR G326.3-1.8



- Interaction of the shock with dense material
- => NE and SW parts of the SNR have already entered the radiative phase

=> The origin of the gamma-ray emission was uncertain (PWN or SNR?)

Modeling the region of interest

- Starting with the latest Fermi-LAT source catalog, diffuse emissions and IRFs
- Likelihood fit of the spectral parameters of the sources in the model simultaneously with those of the Galactic and isotropic diffuse emissions

XML model definition file to fit:

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<source name="3FGL J1510.2-5754" type="PointSource">
    <spectrum type="PowerLaw">
        <parameter free="0" max="10000" min="0.0001" name="Prefactor" scale="1e-12" value="3.489012031" />
        <parameter free="0" max="10" min="0" name="Index" scale="-1" value="2.51926" />
        <parameter free="0" max="500000" min="30" name="Scale" scale="1" value="1095.514771" />
        </spectrum>
        <spatialModel type="SkyDirFunction">
            <parameter free="0" max="360" min="-360" name="RA" scale="1" value="227.57" />
            <parameter free="0" max="90" min="-90" name="DEC" scale="1" value="-57.9156" />
            </spatialModel>
```

Test of a presence of a source in each pixel with a generic spectrum:

Test Statistic: $TS = 2 \times (logL_1 - logL_0)$ Likelihood with the source Likelihood without the source $\frac{dN}{dE} = A \times E^{-2}$

Add sources in the model where TS > 25

Modeling the region of interest

- 6.5 years of Fermi-LAT data from 300 MeV to 300 GeV
- Selected events with the best angular reconstruction quality
- 11 sources added in the model with TS > 25

Count map and residual TS map (300 MeV - 300 GeV):



Emission from G326.3-1.8 described with 2 Fermi-LAT cataloged sources

Morphological analysis

Residual TS maps (without the Fermi-LAT sources in the model):



Energy-dependent morphology shrinking towards the PWN at higher energy

Morphological fit using a 2D symmetric Gaussian in different energy bands



$$TS_{ext} = 2 \times (logL_{ext} - logL_{point-source})$$
 Extension significance = $\sqrt{TS_{ext}}$

Gamma-ray emission significantly extended from 1 GeV to 30 GeV

Emission comes from the PWN at high energy

Morphological analysis

Galactic Latitude



Templates

-1°39' Galactic Latitude 42' 45'

radio PWN

09'



326°30' 15' Galactic Longitude

(Devin et al., 2018)

TS	N_{dof}	TS _{PWN}
593.4	2	
503.3	4	
661.4	6	158.1
681.8	5	
694.8	7	13.0
667.3	2	
683.0	4	15.7
670.3	2	
696.4	4	26.1
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48'

51'

326°18'

15'

12'

Galactic Longitude

Best-fit one-component model

Best-fit two-component model







(1 GeV - 300 GeV)

Morphological analysis

Residual TS maps (1 GeV - 300 GeV)

Only the **radio PWN** included:

Only the **SNR mask** included:



Showing the minimal contribution of the other component

Spectral separation bewteen the two components (SNR + PWN):
 Soft spectrum for the SNR and hard spectrum for the PWN



SNR dominates the gamma-ray emission

Particle spectrum

Power law with an exponential cut off (+ break for the electrons)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\rm sync} &= (1.25 \times 10^3) \times E_{\rm TeV}^{-1} B_{100}^{-2} \text{ yr} \\ \tau_{\rm acc} &= 30.6 \times \frac{3r^2}{16(r-1)} \times k_0 \times E_{\rm TeV} B_{100}^{-1} u_{\rm sh,3}^{-2} \text{ yr} \\ t_{\rm age} &= \tau_{\rm sync} \qquad E_{\rm b} \propto B^{-2} \times t_{\rm age}^{-1} \\ \text{e-:} \ t_{\rm acc} &= \min(\tau_{\rm sync}, t_{\rm age}) \qquad E_{\rm max} \propto \min(B^{-1/2} V_s, B V_s^2 \times t_{\rm age}) \quad (\text{age-limited}) \\ \text{p:} \ t_{\rm acc} &= t_{\rm age} \qquad E_{\rm max} \propto B V_s^2 \times t_{\rm age} \\ \end{aligned}$$
With d = 4.1 kpc, age = 16 500 yr, V_{\rm shock} = 500 km s^{-1}, n_0 = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3} (\text{Temim et al., 2013}) \\ R_s &= 1.15 \left(\frac{E}{\rho_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} t^{\frac{2}{5}} \qquad E_{\rm SN} = 5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg} \end{aligned}

 $E_{\rm SN} = 5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$

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Broadband nonthermal modeling of the SNR emission

SNR - Leptonic scenario

Break and maximum energy are calculated:



=> Energetic in electrons too high + Cut-off IC at too high energy

SNR - Hadronic scenario

 $H\alpha =>$ evidence of the interaction of the shock with dense material (facilitating protonproton interactions)

Parts of the shock in two different phases:

- Sedov-Taylor phase (main shock: $v_s = 500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$)
- Radiative phase (radiative shock: $v_s = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$)

Broadband nonthermal modeling of the SNR emission

• SNR - Hadronic scenario

(following Uchiyama et al., 2010)

$$u_{\rm sh,cl} = k \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{n_{0,cl}}} \times u_{\rm sh}, \qquad u_{\rm sh} = 500 \text{ km s}^{-1} \qquad \text{Upstream in the clouds}$$

$$u_{\rm sh,cl} = k \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{n_{0,cl}}} \times u_{\rm sh}, \qquad n_0 = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3} \qquad n_{0,cl} = 1.88 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$B_{0,cl} = b \sqrt{\frac{n_{0,cl}}{\text{cm}^{-3}}} \mu\text{G}, \qquad u_{\rm sh,cl} = 150 \text{ km s}^{-1} \qquad B_{0,cl} = 4.11 \mu\text{G}$$

$$\frac{B_m^2}{8\pi} = k^2 n_0 \mu_{\rm H} u_{\rm sh}^2, \qquad B_m = 158 \mu\text{G}$$

$$B_m = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \times \left(\frac{n_m}{n_{0,cl}}\right) \times B_{0,cl}, \qquad n_m = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi\mu_{\rm H}}} \times \frac{B_m^2}{4b \times u_{\rm sh,cl}} \qquad n_m = 88.3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Downstream in the cooled regions

Broadband nonthermal modeling of the SNR emission

SNR - Hadronic scenario

Emission from the radiative shock dominates the broadband emission

Evidence of a two-component contribution (PWN + SNR)

- First morphological and spectral separation between two nested gamma-ray components (here in a composite system)
- Broadband spectrum of the SNR explained by the emission from the radiative shock
- => New indication for proton acceleration in SNR

=> G326.3–1.8 = perfect example of Galactic CR accelerators: accelerating the two components (leptonic and hadronic) of the cosmic-ray spectrum

- Part IV -

Searching for Galactic PeVatrons

Proton acceleration in SNRs

Looking at young SNRs

The SNR Cassiopeia A (350 yr) - One of the youngest Galactic SNR propagating into a dense circumstellar wind (and $n_{H} = 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ in the post-shock region)

Pion bump detected but E_{max} = 12 TeV: Have PeV particles already escaped?

Search for emission from escaped CRs interacting with the surrounding material (fainter than the one from CR accelerated in the SNR but last longer)

Escaping cosmic rays from the SNR W44?

 $D = 100 \text{ pc}, M = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ solar masses}$

Solving the diffusion equation:

 $W_{esc} = (0.3-3) \times 10^{50} \text{ erg}$

<= Background-subtracted count map

Strenghtens SNRs as main sources of Galactic CRs
Simulated SNRs in the Galaxy with $E_{max} = 1$ PeV at the transition between the free expansion and Sedov-Taylor phase

Number of PeVatrons with integrated flux above 1 TeV > 1% Crab Nebula (HESS sensitivity):



Compatible with no detection

Depends on the particule spectra, and large fluctuations between different realizations in the Galaxy

More optimistic situation if $E_{max} = 3 \text{ PeV}$

Detection of PeV particles in SNRs challenging

Detection of a PeVatron in the Galactic center

Diffuse emission around Galactic Latitude (deg.) Sgr A*

PeV particles produced in the accretion flow or further away have been proposed (accretion rate not sufficent to explained the flux of CR up to the knee => more activity in the past?)

+00.

+00.4

+00.2

+00.0

-00.2

-00.4

-00.6

01.0



160.0

PeVatron candidates

• HESS J1641-463



Another PeVatron?

Other candidates: HESS J1826-130, HESS J1741-302 (unidentified sources)

19 telescopes (North) + 99 (South)



 One order of magnitude more sensitive than current Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs like H.E.S.S., VERITAS, MAGIC)

PSF: 5 times better than current IACT instruments

Simulation of the Galactic Plane Survey with CTA:



Renaud, 2009: 300 - 500 sources (1 - 3 mCrab sensitivity) Dubus et al 2013: 20 - 70 SNRs and 300 - 600 PWNe

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Simulation of the emission from the SNR RX J1713-3946 in case of a leptonic and hadronic scenario:



Detailed morphological studies to separate lepton/hadron

components

CTA will be able to differenciate between these scenarios for large and bright TeV sources (like also Vela Junior)

Synergy with other instruments

Radio : SKA



MeerKAT image of the Galactic Center region (2° x 1°) revealing new filamentary structures

- Optical (LSST)
- X-rays (eROSITA: large-field-of-view instrument, SVOM, Athena)
- Gamma rays (eASTROGAM: 0.3 100 MeV, LHASSO, HAWC)

General conclusions

• The recent gamma-ray field has offered new insights on the Galactic sky

High diversity of sources accelerating CRs!

Population studies will help understand CR acceleration in these objects

Search for PeVatrons is of primary concern

No PeV particles detected in SNRs!

Better sensitivy and PSF to probe photons > 100 TeV and detect potential PeV halos around SNRs

- Studies of molecular clouds illuminated by cosmic rays are promising to
 - => identify a large amount of gamma-ray sources
 - => constrain the particles' diffusion coefficient

Synergy with advanced radio and X-ray instruments may detect secondary electrons Large amount of questions still open:

- Which sources are the Galactic PeVatrons?
- When does the SNR shock become most efficient? (Non detection of gamma rays from SN 1987A implies W_{CR} < 1% E_{SN})
- New type of sources still unrevealed?
- What is the electron-to-proton ratio close to Galactic sources?
- Etc ...

Future instruments will help answer these questions:

so much exciting science to be done!