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# Gamma-ray Observations of Supernova Remnants with Fermi

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#### Fermi sky above 10 GeV







## **Recent Highlights of Fermi Observations**



# **Dark Matter Indirect Searches**



## **Dark Matter Searches with Fermi**







Point sources



# **Diffusive Shock Acceleration**

#### Shock wave (V~3000 km/s)

#### therma

E = 1 GeV

Problem 1: **"injection"** How thermal (Maxwellian) particles can be injected into Fermi acceleration? → Energy transferred to CRs Shock crossing  $\rightarrow$  energy gain Energy gain per one round trip:  $\Delta E/E \sim V/c \sim 1\%$  for young

SNRs. After 1000 round trips: e.g. 1 GeV → 20 TeV

Energy distribution (test particle approximation): N(E)dE  $\propto$  E<sup>-2</sup> dE

NB:

- Non-linear effects
- Magnetic field amplification

Problem 2: "escape"
How highest energy particles
escape from a shock?
→ Maximum attainable energy

Escaping

# **Diffusive Shock Acceleration**



# How to determine normalization (1)?



$$\xi = n_{CR}/n_{th} = \frac{CR \text{ particles}}{\text{thermal particles}}$$

 $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  is assumed to be constant

From the gamma-ray data, the amount of CRs in Tycho's SNR at its age of t = 439 yr is:

 $W_{CR} \sim 7\%$  of  $E_{SN}$ 

WCR will reach 14% of ESN

Supporting SNR origin of Galactic CRs

## How to determine normalization (2)?

the rate at which kinetic energy is swept up from the ISM

$$\boxed{mc^2 \int d\gamma \gamma Q(\gamma, t)} = \underbrace{\xi} 4\pi R^2 n_{\rm H} v_{\rm sh} \left(\frac{1}{2}m_{\rm H} v_{\rm sh}^2\right)$$
CR power

 $\xi < 1$  is assumed to be constant

Finke & Dermer (2012)



# **E**<sub>max</sub> limited by CR escaping due to wave damping



# CR Content and Maximum Energy as Function of SNR Age



## **Time Evolution of Particle Distribution behind Shock**



### $\pi^0$ -decay $\gamma$ -rays: Direct Probe of Accelerated Protons





Updated from Thompson, Baldini, Uchiyama (2012)

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## **Gamma-ray Spectra of Fermi-Detected SNRs**

Dermi







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# Young SNR: Tycho's SNR



#### **Fermi-LAT Detection (5σ)**

Gamma-ray Space Telescope



Figure 2: Fermi TS map of Tycho in the 1 GeV – 100 GeV 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)

transferred to CRs.

6-8% of E<sub>SN</sub>

Case	D <sub>kpc</sub>	n <sub>H</sub> [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	E <sub>SN</sub> [10 <sup>51</sup> erg]	E <sub>p,tot</sub> [10 <sup>51</sup> erg]	K <sub>ep</sub>
Far	3.50	0.24	2.0	0.150	4.5x10 <sup>-4</sup>
Nearby	2.78	0.30	1.0	0.061	7.0X10-4





Figure 1: Infrared emission from dust heated by the expanding " shock-wave of Puppis A (courtesy WISE). Yellow circle indicates where the shock has encountered a small cloud. Cyan contours . highlight the adjacent molecular cloud, just beyond the SNR.

Hewitt+2012

Diameter: 30 pc Age: ~40,000 yr (Sedov phase) ISM Density: 1 cm<sup>-3</sup> LAT Detection at ~13 $\sigma$  level

 $\Gamma_{LAT} = 2.10 \pm 0.07$ (sta) **± 0.10(**sys)



The gamma-ray emission can be modeled either by bremsstrahlung with  $W_e = 1 \times 10^{49}$  erg or by hadronic ( $\pi^0$ -decay) with  $W_p = 4 \times 10^{49}$  erg

# **Old SNR: S147**



#### Hα image (radiative shock)

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Katsuta, Uchiyama+2012

Diameter: 76 pc (d=1.3 kpc) Age: ~30,000 yr ISM Density (2 phases): 4 cm<sup>-3</sup> / 0.1 cm<sup>-3</sup> → compression → 400 cm<sup>-3</sup> / 0.4 cm<sup>-3</sup>

Fermi vs Hα



The gamma-ray emission can be explained by re-acceleration of Galactic CRs in optical filaments (Uchiyama+2010).

# **SNR-MC System**



**★** Shocked MC mass of 5000 M<sub>☉</sub>

**\*** Synchrotron radiation correlated

with shocked H<sub>2</sub> gas (infrared lines)

(synch. radio)

**V** Crushed Cloud model:  $\pi^0$ -decay  $\gamma$ -rays come from shocked Blandford & Cowie (1982), Uchiyama et al. (2010) molecular clouds

- **\*** Radiative shock  $\rightarrow$  high compression  $\rightarrow$  high CR & gas density
- **\*** Shock: slow (~100 km/s), partially ionized **→** Maximum energy < TeV
- **\Rightarrow** Thin filaments or sheets **\Rightarrow** Hard to confine CRs at high energies
- **\*** Reacceleration of pre-existing CRs may be important



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### Fermi Telescope Revealed Cosmic-ray Protons

SNR IC443 as seen by WISE (Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer)

(Atomic) shock with v~100 km/s

(Molecular) shock with v~30 km/s

0.5 deg

#### Detection of the Characteristic Pion-Decay Signature in Supernova Remnants CA: Funk, Tanal

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Cosmic rays are particles (mostly protons) accelerated to relativistic speeds. Despite wide agreement that supernova remnants (SNRs) are the sources of galactic cosmic rays, unequivocal evidence for the acceleration of protons in these objects is still lacking. When accelerated protons encounter interstellar material, they produce neutral pions, which in turn decay into gamma rays. This offers a compelling way to detect the acceleration sites of protons. The identification of pion-decay gamma rays has been difficult because high-energy electrons also produce gamma rays via bremsstrahlung and inverse Compton scattering. We detected the characteristic pion-decay feature in the gamma-ray spectra of two SNRs, IC 443 and W44, with the Fermi Large Area Telescope. This detection provides direct evidence that cosmic-ray

ejecta and is then transferred to kinetic and thermal energies of shocked interstellar gas and relativistic particles. The shocked gas and relativistic

# CA: Funk, Tanaka, Uchiyama (). The (DSA)

can explain the production of relativistic particles in SNRs (1). DSA generally predicts that a substantial fraction of the shock energy is transferred to relativistic protons. Indeed, if SNRs are the main sites of acceleration of the galactic cosmic rays, then 3 to 30% of the supernova kinetic energy must end up transferred to relativistic protons. However, the presence of relativistic protons in SNRs has been mostly inferred from indirect arguments (2–5).

A direct signature of high-energy protons is provided by gamma rays generated in the decay of neutral pions ( $\pi^0$ ); proton-proton (more generally nuclear-nuclear) collisions create  $\pi^0$ mesons, which usually quickly decay into two gamma rays (6-8) (schematically written as p + $p \rightarrow \pi^0$  + other products, followed by  $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ ), each having an energy of  $m_{c0}c^2/2 = 67.5$  MeV in the rest frame of the neutral pion (where m\_o is the rest mass of the neutral pion and c is the speed of light). The gamma-ray number spectrum,  $F(\varepsilon)$ , is thus symmetric about 67.5 MeV in a log-log representation (9). The  $\pi^0$ -decay spectrum in the usual  $\varepsilon^2 F(\varepsilon)$  representation rises steeply below ~200 MeV and approximately traces the energy distribution of parent protons at energies greater than a few GeV. This characteristic spectral feature (often referred to as the "pion-decay bump") uniquely identifies  $\pi^0$ -decay gamma rays and thereby high-energy protons, allowing a measurement of the source spectrum of cosmic rays.

Massive stars are short-lived and end their lives with core-collapse supernova explosions. These explosions typically occur in the vicinity of molecular clouds with which they in-

### Fermi Telescope Revealed Cosmic-ray Protons



Gamma-ray map measured with Fermi Large Area Telescope

Gamma-ray spectrum measured with Fermi → consistent with π<sup>0</sup> decay



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The presence of large-scale GeV emission was found in the vicinity of SNR W44

Uchiyama et al. (2012)

#### count map 2-100 GeV

Gamma-ray

residual map (W44 subtracted)





Gamma-ray

0.15 33 -0.05 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.25 0.3 0.35 0 0.4



After leaving SNR W44, CRs diffuse along the external B-field direction → bipolar morphology

## **Amount of CRs Escaped from W44**

✓ Molecular clouds illuminated by escaping
 CRs (assumed to be uniform within r<L)</li>
 ★ L ~100 pc, Mass = 0.5×10<sup>5</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>

Diffusion coefficient of the ISM (isotropic)
D(p) = D<sub>28</sub> (cp/10 GeV)<sup>0.6</sup> 10<sup>28</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/s



Solving the diffusion equation in the vicinity of W44, we can estimate the energy spectrum of escaping CRs.

**\*** Case 1:

Slow diffusion (D<sub>28</sub> = 0.1) N<sub>esc</sub> (E) = k E<sup>-2.6</sup> W<sub>esc</sub> = 0.3×10<sup>50</sup> erg \* Case 2: D<sub>28</sub> = 1 N<sub>esc</sub> (E) = k E<sup>-2.0</sup> W<sub>esc</sub> = 1.1×10<sup>50</sup> erg \* Case 3: Fast diffusion (D<sub>28</sub> = 3)

 $N_{esc} (E) = k E^{-2.0}$  $W_{esc} = 2.7 \times 10^{50} erg$ 







- Historical SNRs
  - Tycho & Cassiopeia A
  - Hadronic origin, Magnetic field amplification, CR energy content
- Young TeV-bright SNRs
  - RX J1713.7-3946 & Vela Jr.
  - Leptonic origin? (B-field too low?)
- SNRs interacting with molecular clouds
  - W51C, W44, IC443, W28, W49B, W30, CTB37A, ...
  - Direct evidence for hadronic origin (IC443, W44)
  - Evidence for Runaway CRs
- Evolved SNRs without molecular cloud interactions
  - Cygnus Loop, Pup A, S147
  - Hadronic origin?
  - Blast wave region? (X-ray) or Radiative shock? (Hα)