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# The SNR RX J1713-3946



- HESS preliminary observation of this SNR proves imaging capabilities in TeV range
- EGRET saw a signal in this direction (more later)
- Extensive literature on this SNR, with the central question:

Can we prove this SNR accelerates nuclei (protons)?

- Obviously, a very interesting target for GLAST!
  - Detecting  $\pi$  photons?
  - Resolving the SNR in GeV?



## **Classification of Supernovae**





# **Types of Supernova Remnants**

- Shell-type remnants:
  - Vast majority
  - shock wave ploughs through space, heats and stirs up ISM, producing a big shell of hot material in space.
  - Limb brightening => ring structure
- Crab-like remnants: also "plerions" (Crab like)
  - Like shell-type, but a pulsar blows out jets of very fast moving material. These remnants look more like a "blob" than a "ring."
- Composite Remnants:
  - shell-like, crab-like depending what part of spectrum
  - 2 kinds : thermal and plerionic.
    - Thermal : shell-type in the radio (synchrotron radiation). Crab-like in X-ray (but with spectral lines)
    - Plerionic : crab-like in both radio and X-ray, but with shells. No X-ray lines in shell but not in center
- Fourth type? Mixed Morphology (Rho & Petre 1998)
  - shell-type in radio, but the X-ray morphology centrally peaked.
  - X-ray emission from ISM, not the ejecta making up the SNR.
  - no prominent, central, compact source in radio or X-ray bands.



# "Canonical" Evolution of SNR

- Free Expansion :
  - Velocity very large with respect to ambient medium
  - Swipe up large fraction of the medium
- Sedov Phase :
  - Expansion driven by conversion of of internal energy into kinetic energy
- Radiative Phase :
  - Energy loss due to radiative cooling
  - Shock becomes isothermal
  - Shell moves with constant radial momentum
- Merging Phase :
  - Speed of expansion < speed of sound</p>
  - SNR dissolves into ISM

All this assumes isotropic, homogeneous, plus plenty other caveats...

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- Plasma (ISM or stellar wind) heated by the shock: E ~ NkT = M/m<sub>p</sub>\*kT with E~10<sup>51</sup> ergs with N~ M/m<sub>p</sub> and M~a few M<sub>sol</sub> -> kT~10 keV X-ray
- Ionized medium : emission lines (in X as well)
- If diffusive shock acceleration correct :
  - Synchrotron emission from accelerated electrons in the shell:

$$E_e \approx \frac{300 \text{ TeV}}{B_{\mu G}^{1/2}} \left(\frac{E_{\rm X}}{1 \text{ keV}}\right)^{1/2}$$

- Nuclei (protons) as well!

CR spectrum up to the knee.... or almost

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# SN1006 (Koyama et al. 1995, ASCA)



# **RXJ1713**

**Discovered by ROSAT all sky survey (Pfeffermann & Aschenbach 1996)** 



About the CCO : Lazendic et al.(2003), Cassam-Chenai et al.(2004)

- no pulsation and no long term flux variability
- XMM spectral fit studies show global agreement with other data
- N<sub>h</sub> compatible with the SNR. So, Type II/Type Ib-c very likely

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# **CO Observations**

- CO molecule strongly polarized, contrary to H<sub>2</sub>
  - mm-wave rotational transitions observable
  - H<sub>2</sub> tracer (condition for one = condition for the other)
- Mapping of the radial velocity (via Doppler shift)
  - Correlation with galactic curve : estimation of distance
  - Correlation with CO/H2 conversion factor : Constraint on N(H2)
     Slane et al. 1999



Total molecular column density, contours are logarithmically Galactic Longitude spaced at 34, 60, 107, 190, 224, and 600 × 10<sup>20</sup> molecules cm<sup>2</sup>

- How to prove that the SNR is in the vicinity of the cloud?
  - Morphology
  - Compatibility with N(H2) from X ray spectral fit
  - CO(2->1)/CO(1->0) enhancement



**CO observation : Distance Estimation** 

- First estimate (Slane et al. 1999, Butt et al. 2001) : D~6 kpc
- Refined CO survey + XMM reanalysis : D~1 kpc



Cassam-Chenai et al. 2003

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V <sub>LSR</sub>	D	$N_{\rm H}$	$(10^{22} \text{ cm})$	cm <sup>-2</sup> )		
$({\rm km}~{\rm s}^{-1})$	(kpc)	NW	SW	CE		
-0.4	0.14	0.43	0.50	0.38		
-3.0	0.58	0.52	0.60	0.48		
-5.6	0.98	0.62	0.71	0.56		
-8.2	1.33	0.74	0.83	0.65		
-10.9	1.67	0.89	0.97	0.76		
-13.5	1.97	1.03	1.12	0.85		
-16.0	2.24	1.14	1.22	0.92		
-18.6	2.50	1.21	1.28	0.97		
-21.2	2.74	1.27	1.33	1.01		
-23.8	2.96	1.35	1.37	1.05		
-26.5	3.17	1.44	1.42	1.08		

- Global coincidence of a CO hole at a degree scale with the X-ray SNR obtained by ASCA (Koyama et al. 1997; Slane et al. 1999) and ROSAT (Pfeffermann, Aschenbach 1996)
- Detailed correspondence of the CO peaks on an arc-min scale with the Xray data of XMM (J. Hiraga et al. 2005)
- Existence of a velocity-shifted CO component apparently associated with one of the X-ray peaks.

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### Some more XMM-Newton (Hiraga et al. 2005)





# A Historical Remnant? AD 393 (Wang et al. 1997)

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"A guest star appeared within the asterism Wei during the 2nd lunar month of the 18th year of the Tai-Yuan reign period (February 27 - March 28, AD393), and disappeared during the 9th lunar month (October 22 -November 19, AD393)."

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# **EGRET Detection (3<sup>rd</sup> Catalog)**

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# **TeV Detection with CANGAROO**

#### Muraishi et al. 2000 & Enomoto *et* al. 2002:

$$dF/dE = (1.63 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-11} E^{-2.84 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.20}$$
 cm-2 s-1 TeV-2



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### **Proton Acceleration... or not**

**Reimer & Pohl (2002) :** "3EG J1714-3857 is either associated with the SNR or an upper limit to the gamma-ray emission of the SNR."



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### **HESS Observation**



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# A shot at simulating the SNR



- HESS countmap (bck subtracted) from Berrie
- Ad Hoc Prescription : total flux and photon index from EGRET
- EGRET diffuse model with photon index=2.2, in the neighborhood of the SNR (total flux in the map 0.66 m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>)

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### A shot at simulating the SNR





- Improving EGRET signal
- Detecting gamma rays from the SNR
- Constraining hadronic photon emission processes
- A gamma-ray pulsar? Who knows.....

### For another GLAST lunch:

- Image resolution with GLAST
- Shock acceleration in SNR for dummies
- More on the simulated source detection
- "The SNR RX J1713.73946 is perhaps the best natural laboratory available today for studying the acceleration and diffusion of cosmic-rays. The unique combination of a relatively close SNR and a group of well defined molecular clouds in its surroundings, none of them in front of the remnant itself, makes this source a priority target for the forthcoming generation of high-energy instruments such as HESS, AGILE, INTEGRAL, and GLAST, as well as for infrared, radio, mm and sub-mm observatories." (Torres et al. 2003)