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Topical Overview on Star Cluster Astrophysics







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few anomalies w.r.t. Solar







SNR-CR connection: an historical overview

- 1934 Baade & Zwicky were the first to mention SNRs as sources of CRs, but arguing against them because CRs where thought to be extragalactic.
- 1942 Alfvén theorised the existence of MHD waves
- * 1949 E. Fermi proposed stochastic acceleration for CRs (II order acceleration)
- 1964 Ginzburg & Sirovatskii made the argument for SNRs as sources of Galactic CR in the 60's in a more quantitative form (10% kinetic energy needed to be converted in CRs).
- '70 Many authors apply Fermi's idea to SNR shocks (I order acceleration) [Axford et al. 1977; Bell 1978; Blandford & Ostriker 1978; Krymskii 1977; Skilling 1975]
- Observational evidences:
 - 1949: First radio observation of SNR (~300 sources known today)
 - 1995: First non-thermal X-ray emission detected from SN1006 by ASCA (Since 2000: Chandra and XMM-Newton)
 - 2001: first detection of shell type SNR in γ-rays by HEGRA

Baade & Zwicky



V. L. Ginzburg



Why SNRs are so popular?

- Enough power to supply CR energy density (~10% of the explosion energy) *
- Spatial distribution of SNRs compatible with the CR distribution *
- Presence of non-thermal emission in SNRs *
- A solid theory applicable to SNR shocks (DSA = *diffusive shock acceleration*) *



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Prediction from test particle theory

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Proton and He spectra requires different injection slope

"Bumps" in the proton spectrum suggests the existence of different source types

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Incorrect/incomplete models for SNRs?

Looking for additional sources?

The role of star clusters

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Recently several massive star clusters have been associated with gamma-ray sources

Cygnus Cocoon HAWC coll. Nat. Astr. (2020)

Westerlund 1; HESS coll. A&A (2022)

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What power Stellar Clusters?

Phase	Source	Time-sca
$t \lesssim 3 \mathrm{Myr}$	MS stellar winds	$t \gtrsim My$
$3 \mathrm{Myr} \lesssim t \lesssim 7 \mathrm{Myr}$	WR stellar winds	$t \sim 10^5$
$3 \text{ Myr} \lesssim t \lesssim 30 \text{ Myr}$	SNe	$t \sim 10^3 - 1$

Stellar cluster kinetic luminosity

$t \lesssim 3$ Myr: only stellar winds

$3 \text{ Myr} \leq t \leq 30 \text{ Myr}$: stellar winds + SNe

Size: Cluster core $\sim 1 \text{ pc}$ Termination shock $\sim 5 - 10 \text{ pc}$ Bubble $\sim 50 - 100 \text{ pc}$

Where does the acceleration occurs?

Possible acceleration mechanisms

- 1. Wind termination shock (I order)
- 2. SNR shocks (I order)
- 3. Magnetic turbulence (II order)

Propagation

Irrespective of the acceleration mechanism, particles escape from the bubble after being accelerated. A correct description of escape requires the knowledge of:

- Bubble size
- Magnetic turbulence
- Gas and radiation distribution (need for energy losses) *

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Questions we need to answer

- How many SCs there are in the Galaxy? Which is their mass distribution?
- Which is the stellar mass distribution for each cluster (especially at higher mass)?
 - How powerful are stellar winds? How much turbulence they drive?
 - How does the wind-blown bubble evolve in time?
 - How do SNRs evolve in the SC environment?
 - How efficient is the particle acceleration?
 - Which is the chemical composition inside the bubble?

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