# COSMIC RAY PHYSICS IN THE CTA ERA



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# CHERENKOV ASTRONOMY



# VERY LOW FLUXES SPACE IS NOT AN OPTION NO ATMOSPHERIC PENETRATION ATMOSPHERIC SHOWERS



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# THE FIRST GAMMA-RAY SOURCE

- 1960, COCCONI; THE CRAB NEBULA SHOULD EMIT GAMMA-RAY PHOTONS
- 1989: CRAB NEBULA OBSERVED BYTHE 10 M TELESCOPE WHIPPLE (Weekes+ 89)
- FLUX FROM CRAB: 6 PHOTONS/ m<sup>2</sup>/yr







# PRESENT DAY ATMOSPHERIC CHERENKOV TELESCOPES













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- 4 LARGE (23 M) N/S
- 15/25 MEDIUM (12 M) N/S
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- 70 SMALL (2M) S









WHAT CTA WILL DO FOR COSMIC RAY PHYSICS

# COSMIC RAYS



- > 98% PROTONS AND NUCLEI
  - 87% PROTONS
  - 12% He
  - 1% HEAVIER NUCLEI
- > 2% ELECTRONS
- 10<sup>-3</sup> ANTIMATTER (POSITRONS AND ANTI-PROTONS)

n~10<sup>-9</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>

VERY FEW PARTICLES BUT WITH AN ESSENTIAL ROLE FOR THE WORKINGS OF THE ENTIRE COSMOS

# THE BIG QUESTIONS

- WHAT ARE THE MAIN SOURCES OF GALACTIC COSMIC RAYS?
  WHERE ARE THE GALACTIC PEVATRONS HIDING?
- WHAT IS THE END OF THE CR LEPTON SPECTRUM?
- CAN WE USE IT TO CONSTRAIN LOCAL TURBULENCE?
- PWNe?
- IS THE CR SPECTRUM UNIVERSAL THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY?
- GALACTIC CENTRE PEVATRON AND ITS NATURE
- WHAT IS THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN CRS AND STAR FORMATION AT ALL SCALES
- IS THERE A UNIVERSAL GAMMA-RAY/IR RELATION?
- CRS AND IN OTHER GALAXIES: THE LMC
- WHAT IS THE ROLE OF CRS IN TERMS OF COSMOLOGICAL FEEDBACK?
- CR CONTRIBUTION TO GALAXY CLUSTER PHYSICS





# GALACTIC COSMIC RAYS

ASSOCIATION WITH SNRS SUGGESTED SINCE THE '30S (Baade&Zwicky 34)

 $L_{CR} \sim 3 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \sim 10\% (10^{51} \text{erg}/100 \text{yr})$ 

- ACCELERATION MECHANISM SUGGESTED IN THE '70s (Krymski 77, Bell 78, based on Fermi 49)
- FIRST INDIRECT EVIDENCE: X-RAY **OBSERVATIONS OF THIN** SYNCHROTRON FILAMENTS IN YOUNG SNRs (e.g. Ballet 06, Vink 12 for a review): MULTI-TeV ELECTRONS, AMPLIFIED B-FIELD
- DIRECT EVIDENCE OF PROTON ACCELERATION IN MIDDLE-AGED SNRs: W44, IC443 (Agile, Fermi 09-10)







"PION BUMP" IN MIDDLE AGED SNRS INTERACTING WITH MOLECULAR

CLOUDS Fermi (Abdo+ 09,10; Ackerman+ 13) & Agile (Giuliani+ 10,11; Cardillo+ 14)



# W44:MOSTLY REACCELERATION



- OLD, SLOW SHOCK, LOW EFFICIENCY
- BRIGHT THANKS TO WEALTH OF TARGET

LOOK FOR EFFICIENT ACCELERATION ELSEWHERE, e.g. TYCHO (Morlino&Caprioli 12)



 $Log(v F_v)$  [Jy Hz]

■EMAX ≈500 TEV •ξ<sub>CR</sub> ≈10%

TeV GAMMA-RAYS DETECTED FROM >10 SNRs:

- MOST SHOW STEEP SPECTRA •
- CUTOFF/BREAK E<sub>v</sub><10 TEV ۲



## DETECTING PEVATRON SNRS WITH CTA



- 100s OF NEW DETECTIONS OF SNRS
- COMPETING WITH RADIO WAVELENGTH DETECTIONS

### MAXIMUM ENERGY IN SNRS MFA (Bell 04) DUE TO CURRENT OF ESCAPING PARTICLES GROWTH RATE PROPTO J<sub>CR</sub> WHICH DEPENDS ON SPECTRUM AT THE SHOCK, $P_{MAX}$ AND $V_{s}$ (Schure & Bell 13, Cardillo, EA, Blasi 15)

#### SELF-REGULATION MECHANISM







## MAXIMUM ENERGY AND SOURCE SPECTRUM



WITH  $\Gamma_{CR} > 2$ ,  $P_{max}$ =PeV REQUIRES: •RARE (<1/1000 yr<sup>-1</sup>) •EXTREME EVENTS (E<sub>SN</sub>>10<sup>52</sup>erg) •EXTREME EFFICIENCY ( $\xi_{CR}$ >30%)  $E_{\rm MAX} \propto \xi_{\rm CR} E_{\rm SN}$ 

 $Flux \propto \xi_{\rm CR} E_{\rm SN} \mathcal{R}$ 



## MASSIVE STAR WINDS?



#### CR SPECTRUM AND ENERGETICS OK WITH CONTINUOUS INJECTION OVER FEW X 10<sup>6</sup> YR

STRIKING SIMILARITY WITH GALACTIC CENTRE

LOOK FOR CUTOFF

WITH CTA:

CONSTRAIN SIZE OF EMITTING REGION (ENERGETICS)

## THE GALACTIC CENTRE

- CLOSEST SUPERMASSIVE BH
- DENSE MOLECULAR CLOUDS
- > MANY SNRs AND PWNe
- > STAR FORMING ACTIVITY
- BASE OF LARGE-SCALE OUFLOW



#### WITH CTA

- NATURE OF POINT-LIKE CENTRAL GAMMA-RAY SOURCE
  - HIGH SPATIAL RESOLUTION, SENSITIVITY TO VARIABILITY
- PARTICLE ACCELERATION HISTORY
  - DISTINGUISH CLOUDS FROM INDIVIDUAL POINT SOURCES, LOOK FOR CUT-OFF
- NATURE OF LARGE-SCALE OUTFLOWS
  - DETECT FBs AT 3 SIGMA IN 50 HR
- STUDY SNRs, PWNe, MCs

## INDIVIDUAL SOURCES AND DIFFUSE EMISSION





- CENTRAL SOURCE EXTENSION
- CENTRAL SOURCE VARIABILITY
- SPECTRAL VARIABILITY WITH T<30 MIN



**CTA CAN DETERMINE:** 

- J1741-302 CUTOFF (CURRENTLY UNDETECTED TO 10 TeV)
- NATURE OF EMISSION (LEPTONIC VS HADRONIC)



FLARE SENSI

10<sup>2</sup>

0.4

σ/ F<sub>0</sub>

0.2

#### **CTA CAN UNCOVER:**



• MORPHOLOGY

#### • SPECTRAL CUT-OFF UP TO 100 TeV (200 h observation)



# COSMIC RAY ELECTRONS

- CR ELECTRONS AT E>10 TeV PROBE THE LOCAL CR ACCELERATION ENVIRONMENT (LOSS LENGTH ~100 pc)
- IACT SUITABLE FOR MEASUREMENTS (SEE H.E.S.S.)
- BROKEN POWER-LAW [SLOPE -3(-3.8) BELOW (ABOVE) 1TeV]
   DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET



# ELECTRONS WITH CTA

#### **3-SIGMA MEASUREMENT**





LARGEST GRAVITATIONAL STRUCTURES IN THE UNIVERSE:

30-300 GALAXIES, R ~FEW Mpc, M~10^{14}-10^{15} M\_{\odot}

30% BARYONS (10% STARS, 15-20% HOT DIFFUSE GAS)

70% DARK MATTER

ENERGY INPUT (MERGERS): 10<sup>64</sup> erg/Gyr

CLUSTER SCALE RADIO EMISSION

#### **OPEN QUESTIONS FOR CTA**

- DETECT GAMMA-RAY EMISSION FOR FIRST TIME
- DETERMINE CR PROTON CONTENT AND DYNAMICAL IMPACT
- CR ACCELERATION, PROPAGATION, CONFINEMENT
- ELECTRON ACCELERATION
- MAGNETIC FIELD DISTRIBUTION





# CTA KSP ON PERSEUS

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#### Hitomi Coll, 16

Flux (counts s<sup>-1</sup> keV<sup>-1</sup>)



## LIMITS ON CRS IN PERSEUS



# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- $\checkmark$  MANY OPEN QUESTIONS IN CR PHYSICS
- ✓ CTA WILL GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO CLARIFY SOME OF THEM
  - THE NATURE OF GALACTIC PEVATRONS
  - □PHYSICS IN THE GALACTIC CENTRE REGION
  - HELP CONSTRAIN GALACTIC PROPAGATION IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD THROUGH MEASUREMENYS OF MUTI-TEV ELECTRONS
    - AT THE SAME TIME CLARIFY ORIGIN OF POSITRON EXCESS
  - □CR CONTENT OF GALAXY CLUSTERS
    - COSMOLOGICAL IMPACT OF CRs
- ✓ EXCITING TIMES AHEAD