### Gamma rays and the sources of galactic Cosmic Rays



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- highest energies released first (<< 100 yrs)</p>
- O lower energies released gradually as the shock speed decreases
- O the details of the escape mechanism are still largely unknown
- 🔿 we still don't know whether SNRs are PeVatrons or not

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O gamma-ray based tests for the SNR paradigm

O PeV particle acceleration at SNRs: the role of CTA

search for competing sources

Montmerle 1979

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**OB** associations

tentative spatial association between SNOBs and COS B hot spots



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- Minimal variation of the SNR paradigm? sum of the acceleration from many individual SNRs (Higdon, Lingenfelter, Ramaty...)
- Superbubbles -> radically different acceleration mechanisms (Bykov, Parizot...)

### The SNR paradigm for the origin of CRs: gamma-ray based tests



How many SNRs should we detect in the HESS galactic plane survey?



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## Future tests: the Cherenkov Telescope Array













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i.e. bright enough to be observable up to the multi-TeV domain)

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contours -> gas (CS)













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multi-source scenarios require excessive fine-tuning/unrealistic number of sources

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SNOBs, superbubbles, star forming regions...

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the acceleration mechanism might be completely different (Bykov&Fleishman92)
particle spectrum not universal, large E<sub>max</sub> (large size!)

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Selected non-gamma-ray observations -> ionisation rate of clouds -> Li Be B abundances

## The MeV domain: CR ionization

(see SG & Montmerle 2015, Padovani+ 2009 for recent reviews)



$$H_2 + CR \longrightarrow H_2^+ + e^-$$

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## **Isolated clouds**





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#### Conclusions

- the SNR paradigm for the origin of cosmic rays is not in contradiction with GeV and TeV gamma-ray observations, but:
  - where are SNR PeVatrons?
  - O isolated SNRs or SNRs in SNOBs, super bubbles, stellar clusters?
  - O is the acceleration mechanism "pure" diffusive shock acceleration?
- O evidence for the acceleration of PeV particles at the Galactic Centre
  - C competing sources?
- O multiwavelength/multimessenger...
- O look at low energies, also!

## Backup slides

# Gamma-ray emission from SNRs: hadronic or leptonic?









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\* very low level of thermal X-rays from RXJ1713 -> leptonic? (Ellison+ 2010)
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# Galactic to extragalactic transition in the CR spectrum































MeV	GeV	TeV	PeV	EeV	ZeV	

