Fermi-LAT observations of young Supernova remnants

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TeV gamma-ray observations

- 4 shell-like objects, detected in TeV gamma-rays
- Young historical SNRs
 - **RX J1713.7-3946**
 - Vela Junior
 - **RCW 86**
 - **SN 1006**
- All show rather clear correlation with non-thermal X-ray emission
- Also detection of Cas A, upper limits for Tycho, Kepler, ...

VHE γ-rays



Protons or Electrons?



Magnetic fields in SNR shells

- Mounting evidence that
 - B-fields amplified in SNR shocks
 - 1. X-ray Filaments
 - 2. X-ray Variability
 - Cosmic ray pressure is significant
 - 1. position of CD
 - 2. post-shock temperature
 - 3. high B-fields





General comments

- Any positional coincidence with an SNR must be tested vs pulsars
- Clear detection of bright GeV gamma-ray sources coinciding with mid-aged SNRs interacting with molecular clouds
 - W51C, W44, W28 (see talk by T. Tanaka)
 - IC443 (poster by H. Lee)
- This talk: young SNRs



Cassiopeia A

- Last SNR witnessed by humans (AD 1680)
- Temporal X-ray brightness fluctuations (Uchiyama +2008, Patnaude+2009)
- Detected in TeV gammarays by HEGRA, MAGIC, VERITAS (~3% Crab flux)
 - Large synchrotron to γray power implies large B-fields (~1 mG)



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ASCA 1-3 keV Koyama et al. '97

Slane et al. '99 Uchiyama et al. '02

XMM Acero et al. 2009

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 Hard spectrum in the Fermi-LAT band.



Summary



- Fermi-LAT detects emission from Cas A
 - Solid detection (TS = 148), spectrum suggests 10⁴⁹ ergs in accelerated hadrons or leptons
 - Spectral shape suggests hadronic emission
- Fermi-LAT detection emission from RX J1713.7-3946
 - Very preliminary (faint source in a complicated region)