Gas towards Gamma-ray-Emitting Supernova Remnants

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Image: HESS J1731-347 HESS gamma-ray XMM-Newton Xray Mopra CS(1-0)

[see Maxted et al., 2015, Maxted et al., in prep.]



Gamma-rays travel in straight lines

Gamma-ray emitting Supernova Remnants

W28

HESS J1731-347



Young (~10^3 yr) SNRs

Young SNRs, such as RX J1713.7-3946 and HESS J1731-347 have spectra which suggest leptonic gamma-ray emission (e.g. Acero et al 2015).

But some argue that the existence of dense clumps might lead the a lack of a distinct 'pion bump' in gammaray spectra (e.g. Gabici & Aharonian 2014/2015).



Acero et al 2015

RX J1713.7-3946 Diffusion into clumps?





HESS J1731-347 & RXJ1713.7-3946





W28 Gamma-ray emission (and CO)



Good correlation between CO(1-0) emission and gamma-rays.

Suggestive of high energy protons (cosmic rays) interacting with gas.

Great evidence that W28 is a source of Cosmic rays!

Fukui et al 2008

Mopra surveys of W28



Mopra 7 mm survey of the northern cloud W28 interaction region.

Targeted transitions include:

CS(1-0) 13CS(1-0) CH3OH

ons include: C34(1-0) SiO(1-0) HC3N 7mm

12mm

~1' angular resolution ~0.2 km/s velocity resolution

Nicholas et al., 2012



A new Mopra 12mm survey of the northern cloud W28 interaction region.

Transitions targeted: NH3(1,1) NH3(2,2) NH3(3,3) NH3(4,4)

NH3(6,6) NH3(9,9)

~2' angular resolution ~0.4 km/s velocity resolution



are from high energy plasma

CO(1-0) shown in green T~6 K

CO(3-2) shown in red T~30 K

White crosses: OH masers

SiO - A shock tracer

Yellow contours are SiO(1-0) emission





Nicholas et al 2012

12mm

W28 NH3 study



Unprecedented spectral detail



W28 NH3 study

12mm



Transition Energies

NH3(1,1) : 22.7 K NH3(3,3) : 123 K



W28 NH3 study

12mm

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Ortho-para-NH3 ratio can be calculated in the region exhibiting NH3(3,3), (4,4) and (6,6) emission lines



Variation of ortho/para ratio: $\sim 1.5 - 3$

o-NH3 p-NH3 ratio 12mm

*OPR ~ 1 : suggestive of gas-phase NH3 formation (Faure et al. 2013),

*OPR > 1 : suggestive that NH3 is released from dust grains (Umemoto et al. 1999)

In W28, OPR \sim 1.5-3, suggesting that NH3 molecules are being released from dust grains. Is the W28 shock responsible?

If so, this technique is yet another method of tying a SNR to a gas cloud.



Suppressed Diffusion away from CR sources

W28

HESS J1731-347



Abramowski et al 2011 Bamba et al 2012 Maxted et al 2015 Maxted et al *in prep*

Dubner etl al. 2000, Brogan et al. 2006, Fukui 2008, Abdo et al 2010, Nakamura et al. 2014 Nicholas et al 2011, Nicholas et al 2012 Maxted et al *Submitted*(2015)

HESS J1731-347 CS(1-0) emission



Thank you



Back-up Slides



CO vs SiO

• <u>CO</u>

- Low electric dipole moment
- Critical density for emission ~1.10³ cm⁻³
- High abundance everywhere except cold, starless cores.
- Good general H2 tracer

• <u>SiO</u>

- High electric dipole moment
- Critical density for emission ~6.10⁴ cm⁻³
- Si and SiO released from dust grains in energetic environments
- Si is manufactured into SiO at high (~100K) temperatures

Good shock-tracer





Since the shared electrons 'spend more time' with the atom with the highest electronegativity, there is a charge difference between atoms, hence a molecular dipole moment, $\mu = \delta d$ (half the charge difference * distance between bonds)

Ie, ionic species ----> highest dipole moment, Molecular Nitrogen, N2----> Zero dipole moment



Cold, quiescent (star-less?) core Total SiO freeze-out CO freeze-out (eg. TMC-1, L1551, (eg. L1544, L1498, L34N, B335) L1517B) (Ziurys, 1989) (Caselli et al., 1999, Tafalla et al., 2002, 2004) Remember that SiO is heavier... Usually just a drop CO_2 COSiO₂ CO SiC by a factor of few SiO CO Si, Fe, Mg, though.. Grain composition not well O, C, S...? SiO₂ CO₂ constrained... SiC CC contains: CO₂ Fayalite (Fe₂SiO₄) Fosterite (Mg₂SiO₄) Olivine Olivine (MgFeSiO₄) mineral (Schilke et al., 1997)

Slightly warmer gas (say... 20-40 K)

- CO abundant in gasphase.
- Prominent CO(1-0,2-1) emission (T~5.5,16.6 K, respectively)

 SiO not very abundant in gasphase, still heavily depleted.



Hot Core (~100K)

- Higher-J CO transitions
- Increased (~10⁻⁸-10⁻⁷) SiO abundance observed in starformation regions (~90K) Orion and NGC 7538 (Ziurys, 1989)
- Consistent with Si-release from grains and endothermic reactions:

 $Si + O2 \ge SiO + \sim$

 $Si + OH \ge SiO + \sim$

with energy barrier of 111K (Langer & Glassgold, 1990)

Shocked Core

- SiO released from grainsurface or Si released.
- Dust-dust and dust-gas collisions may release Si from grains (Gusdorf et al., 2008a/b, May et al., 2000)
- Dust-gas collisions may release whole SiO molecules from the outer mantle of dust grains (Schilke et al., 1997)
- Dust grains destroyed by Xray emission (Martin-Pintado et al., 1999)

OH masers

- Shocks drive dissociation of H₂O molecules into OH
- And collisionally excite OH

 Seen towards SNRs: w28, IC443, CTB37A, W51, Sag A east, + more..



Fig. 1. Schematic of an expanding supernova remnant (SNR) interacting with an adjacent molecular cloud. Black arrows indicate velocity.



OH

The former case of a non-dissociative shock propagating through high density material $(10^4-10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3})$ is considered to be particularly promising (Frail et al., 1998). This involves a high-temperature (~1000 K) post-shock region that produces a significant column density of OH (Draine et al., 1983). As the gas cools (to ~400 K) OH is converted into H₂O, but the high OH column density can be maintained if conditions are right for the simultaneous destruction of H₂O molecules, possibly caused by X-ray emission from the inner SNR region (Wardle et al., 1998, 1999). This would allow for a population of OH molecules to be kept at a temperature of 100-200 K in the post-shock region.

1720 MHz OH masers are expected to be most intense perpendicular to the direction of the shock-motion because the column density of the shock-excited, population-inverted OH molecules is largest here, while the velocity-dispersion of the emitters is smallest. It follows that the line-of-sight velocity of these masers generally represent the systemic velocity of gas associated with the object that injected the shock.

Maxted et al 2013



The W28 (north) & HESS J1731-347 Spectra



Abdo et al (Fermi collab.), 2010

Difficult to distinguish gamma-ray mechanism in some older remnants.

Other old remnants exhibit hadronic interactions (e.g. Ackermann et al 2011)



Abramowski et al (HESS collab.), 2011

Difficult to distinguish gamma-ray mechanism in some newer remnants, but a leptonic mechanism is often favoured

A new NH3 survey of W28



Cosmic ray origin

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Protons are scattered by B-fields

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Electrons lose energy via synchrotron quickly

Gamma-rays travel in straight lines

