## THE CRAB NEBULA

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#### "THE BEST STUDIED OBJECT IN THE UNIVERSE OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM"



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### THE CRAB NEBULA SPECTRUM

**BROAD BAND NON-THERMAL SPECTRUM** 



synchrotron radiation by relativistic particles in the nebular B field Inverse Compton scattering with local photon field

#### PARTICLES AND FIELD FROM ROTATIONAL ENERGY LOST BY PULSAR [Pacini 1967]

#### THE CRAB NEBULA AS A PROTOTYPE



Crab Nebula (composite) PSR B1509 (X-ray composite)

#### PULSAR WIND NEBULAE OR PLERIONS

SNRs WITH

CENTER FILLED MORPHOLOGY

- BROAD NON THERMAL SPECTRUM
- FLAT RADIO SPECTRUM

 $F_{\nu} \propto \nu^{-\alpha}, \quad \alpha < 0.5$ 

### THE CRAB NEBULA IN GAMMA-RAYS



THE ONLY **ESTABLISHED** GALACTIC **PEVATRON!!!** 

### THE CENTRAL ENGINE



$$\dot{E} = \kappa \dot{N}_{GJ} m_e \Gamma c^2 \left( 1 + \frac{m_i}{\kappa m_e} \right) (1 + \sigma)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{B^2}{4\pi \ n_{\pm} \ m_e \ c^2 \ \Gamma^2}$$

### BASIC PICTURE OF A PWN



[Del Zanna & Olmi 2017]



 $P_{PWN} = \frac{\dot{E} t}{4\pi R_N^3}$  $\frac{\dot{E}}{4\pi c R_{TS}^2}$ 

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### THE TERMINATION SHOCK



Adapted from Kennel & Coroniti 1984 [Del Zanna & Olmi 2017]



$$R_{TS} = \left(\frac{v_N}{c}\right)^{1/2} R_N$$

DISSIPATION AND PARTICLE ACCELERATION AT TS





(Pacini & Salvati 1973, EA+ 2000, Bucciantini+ 2011....) (also Fraschetti & Pohl 2017 for log-parabola injection)

**ACCELERATOR!** 

#### HOW ARE PARTICLES ACCELERATED ?????

★EFFICIENCY OF ACCELERATION >20% ★MAXIMUM ENERGY >PeV

#### COLLISIONLESS SHOCK (\*) POSSIBILITIES DEPEND ON





MAGNETIC INCLINATION



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### CONSTRAINING THE WIND MAGNETIZATION

### 1D/2D STATIC MODELS OF PWNE

[Rees & Gunn 1974, Kennel & Coroniti 1984, Emmering & Chevalier 1987, Begelman & Li 1992]



FROM DYNAMICS AND RADIATION MODELING OF OPTICAL /X-RAY EMISSION

#### THE O PROBLEM

# FROM PULSAR THEORIES: $\sigma \sim 10^4 \, @ \, R_L$

#### FROM 1D PWN MODELS: $\sigma \sim 10^{-3} @ R_{TS}$





 $R_{TS} \sim 10^9 R_L$ 

BUT ENERGY CONVERSION DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN

### CHANDRA'S VIEW OF PWNE



Pavlov et al. 2001

(Weisskopf+ 00)



#### Jet-torus morphology of inner nebula

Counter jet

Equatorial torus

Polar jet

B1509-58 (X-rays+radio)

(Slane et al., 2009)

### THE JET PUZZLE

Crab Nebula (Weisskopf+ 00)

Knots

JET FROM R<R<sub>TS</sub>



BUT NO MAGNETIC COLLIMATION IN RELATIVISTIC FLOWS [Lyubarsky & Eichler 01]

 $\Gamma \gg 1 \rightarrow \rho \vec{E} + \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \sim 0$ 

 $F\propto \sin^2( heta)$ [Bogovalov & Khangoulian 02, Lyubarsky 02]



Vela Nebula (Pavlov+ 01)

Arcs

### THE ANISOTROPIC PULSAR WIND



Komissarov & Lyubarsky 03, 04; Del Zanna+ 04, 06; Bogovalov+ 05 Camus+ 09; Volpi+ 08; Olmi+ 14, 15

 $F(\theta) \propto \sin^2(\theta)$ 

 $B(\theta) \propto \sqrt{\sigma} \sin \theta \ G(\theta)$ 



## 2D MHD NUMERICAL MODELING: RINGS AND TORII





A: ULTRARELATIVISTIC WIND B: SUBSONIC OUTFLOW C: <u>SUPERSONIC FUNNEL</u>



### 2D MHD NUMERICAL MODELING: JETS



#### EQUIPARTITION NEEDED FOR JET FORMATION

#### IN 2D JETS REQUIRE $\sigma$ >0.03





Del Zanna, EA, Bucciantini 04, 06

-2.0

-1.5

-1.0

-0.5

0.0

1.0

0.5

### MAKING A JET









Del Zanna, EA, Bucciantini 04, 06

### BEHIND PRETTY PICTURES





 $\overline{B}_{sim} \approx 10^{-5} G$ 

Volpi+ 08, Olmi+14





 $B_{obs} \approx 10^{-4} G$ 

### 3D RMHD SIMULATIONS

#### **GLOBAL DYNAMICS DIFFERENT**

**INNER DYNAMICS SIMILAR** 



EARLY SUGGESTION (Begelman 98): KINKS REDUCE HOOP STRESS WITH LITTLE DISSIPATION

### LONGER 3D RMHD SIMULATIONS



#### SELF SIMILAR PHASE FULLY REACHED





### ALL IS SOLVED?

- ✓ SHRINKAGE AND WISPS VARIABILITY OK
- NO BRIGHT X-RAY TORUS







AVERAGE FIELD STILL TOO LOW  ARTIFICIAL STEEPENING OF X-RAY PARTICLE SPECTRUM STILL NEEDED
 IC SPECTRUM STILL OVERESTIMATED

#### EVEN HIGHER $\sigma$ NEEDED <u>ON AVERAGE</u>

#### DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OF PARTICLE ACCELERATION?

### CONSTRAINING THE PULSAR MULTIPLICITY

### K IS CONSTRAINED BY RADIO EMITTING PARTICLES



RADIO EMITTING PARTICLES HAVE LONG LIFETIMES: DO NOT NEED TO BE PART OF THE FLOW

> IF PART OF THE FLOW  $\kappa \approx 10^6$   $\Gamma \approx 10^4$ OTHERWISE  $\kappa \approx 10^3 - 10^4$   $\Gamma \approx 10^6 - 10^7$

## RADIO EMISSION



#### CONSTRAINING THE LOCATIONS OF PARTICLE ACCELERATION

### VARIABILITY IN THE INNER NEBULA

#### RADIO VS OPTICAL WISPS







#### HINTS ON LOCATIONS OF PARTICLE ACCELERATION



### TAKE HOME MESSAGE

NEBULAR DYNAMICS AND HIGH ENERGY EMISSION PROPERTIES



MODELLING OF RADIO EMISSION  $\kappa \approx \text{few} \times 10^3$ AND  $\Gamma > \text{few} \times 10^6$ VIABLE

MODELLING OF MULTIFREQUENCY VARIABILITY OF INNER NEBULA



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# ACCELERATION MECHANISMS

#### PARTICLE ACCELERATION MECHANISMS (BEST STUDIED)

FERMI MECHANISM

FFICIENT AT UNMAGNETIZED e+-e- RELATIVISTIC SHOCKS [Spitkovsky 08]

- NO ACCELERATION AT σ>0.001 SUPERLUMINAL SHOCKS [Sironi & Spitkovsky 09, 11]

- TOO SLOW TO GUARANTEE MAXIMUM ENERGY OBSERVED IN CRAB [Pelletier+ 17]

POSSIBLY EFFICIENT AT HIGHLY TURBULENT MODERATELY MAGNETIZED

SHOCKS [Lemoine 17, Giacinti & Kirk 18, Cerutti & Giacinti 20]

✓ RIGHT SPECTRUM FOR X-RAYS

DRIVEN MAGNETIC RECONNECTION:

✓ BROAD AND HARD PARTICLE SPECTRA IF σ≥30 AND κ>10<sup>8</sup> [Sironi & Spitkovsky 11b]

- FOR THIS LARGE κ WIND LIKELY TO DISSIPATE BEFORE SHOCK [Kirk & Skjeraasen 03]

**RESONANT CYCLOTRON ABSORPTION:** 

SPECTRA AND ACCELERATION EFFICIENCY DEPEND ON ENERGY FRACTION IN IONS: U<sub>i</sub>/U<sub>TOT</sub>=0.8-0.6, γ=1.5-3, ε<sub>ACC</sub>=0.3-0.03 [Hoshino+ 92, EA & Arons 06; Stockem+ 12]

 $\checkmark$ HIGHER  $\sigma$  IMPLIES FASTER ACCELERATION

- NO ACCELERATION IF  $\kappa > m_i/m_e$ 

#### PARTICLE ACCELERATION MECHANISMS (MORE RECENTLY PROPOSED)

SHOCK CORRUGATION

FORMULATED TOGETHER WITH B DISSIPATION [Lemoine 17, Lyutikov+12]
 INTERESTING SCENARIO FOR SPEEDING UP FERMI PROCESS

TURBULENT ACCELERATION AT THE SHOCK

- ASSUMES DIFFERENT TURBULENCE LEVELS AT DIFFERENT SHOCK LATITUDES [Giacinti & Kirk 18]

- PRODUCES HARD (STEEP) SPECTRA FOR LOW (HIGH) TURBULENCE LEVEL

- INTERESTING LATITUDE DEPENDENCE OF SPECTRAL INDEX

- ACCELERATES ONE SIGN OF CHARGES PREFERENTIALLY

- ANISOTROPIC FIELD HELPS PROVIDING THE TURBULENCE [Cerutti & Giacinti 20] - SPECTRUM HARDENS WITH INCREASING MAGNETIZATION

ACCELERATION BY HIGH  $\sigma$  TURBULENCE

- ENERGY DEPENDENT ANISOTROPY OF PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION MIMICS FLAT PARTICLE SPECTRA AT LOW ENERGY [Comisso+ 18,19,20, Luo+21]

- WHERE? ON WHAT SCALES? MAXIMUM ENERGY?

- IMPORTANT BROAD IMPLICATIONS!

#### PARTICLE ACCELERATION MECHANISMS: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS





HOWEVER SEE VARIANTS

#### DRIVEN MAGNETIC RECONNECTION

#### MAGNETIZATION: REQUIRES HIGH

#### PLASMA MULTIPLICITY: REQUIRES HIGH

#### ION CYCLOTRON ABSORPTION IN ION DOPED PLASMA

#### PLASMA MULTIPLICITY: REQUIRES LOW

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MODELLING OF MULTIFREQUENCY VARIABILITY OF INNER NEBULA



ACCELERATION OF LOW AND HIGH ENERGY PARTICLES IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

#### IMPLICATIONS ON ACCELERATION MECHANISMS

NEBULAR DYNAMICS AND HIGH ENERGY EMISSION PROPERTIES



TOO LARGE FOR FERMI ACCELERATION BUT TURBULENCE MIGHT HELP

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ION CYCLOTRON VIABLE

MODELLING OF MULTIFREQUENCY VARIABILITY OF INNER NEBULA



ACCELERATION OF LOW AND HIGH ENERGY PARTICLES IN DIFFERENT REGIONS LOW ENERGY FROM TURBULENT ACCELERATION IN THE NEBULA?

## NEWS FROM THE >100TeV (UHE/EHE?) GAMMA-RAYS

THE CRAB @>100 Tev

 $1 \text{ TeV} \leq \epsilon_{\gamma} \leq 1 \text{PeV}$ 





THIS ALREADY CONSTRAINS B-FIELD!!!

$$\frac{dN}{d\epsilon_{\gamma}} = 8.2 \times 10^{-14} \left(\frac{\epsilon_{\gamma}}{10 \text{ TeV}}\right)^{-\Gamma} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ T}$$

 $\Gamma = 2.9 + 0.19 \log_{10}(\epsilon_{\gamma}/10 \ TeV)$ 



#### IN YOUNG ENERGETIC SYSTEMS ACCELERATION IS LIKELY LOSS LIMITED

| E   | $6\pi(mc^2)^2$                          |
|---|---|
| $t_{acc} = \frac{1}{e\xi_e Bc} < t_{los}$ | $\sigma_s = \frac{1}{\sigma_T c B^2 E}$ |
|   |   |



THE CRAB @>100 Tev



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$$1 \text{ TeV} \le \epsilon_{\gamma} \le 1 \text{ PeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 2.9 + 0.19 \log_{10}(\epsilon_{\gamma}/10 \text{ TeV})$$

 $\epsilon_{\gamma}^* = 1.1 \text{ PeV}$ IC ON CMB  $E_e \approx 2.15 \left( \epsilon_{\gamma} / \text{PeV} \right)^{0.77} \text{PeV}$  $E_{\rho}^{*} \approx 2.4 \text{ PeV}$  $E_{max} \approx 6 \ PeV \ \xi_e^{1/2} \ B_{-4}^{-1/2}$  $B_{\rm max} \approx 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \xi_e^{1/2} {
m G}$ 

#### EXTENDED SED AND ITS IMPLICATIONS



 $B_{\rm SED} \approx 112 \ \mu {
m G}$ 

#### EMITTING PARTICLES:

$$\frac{dN_e}{dE_e} \propto E^{-3.42} \exp[-(E/2.15 \text{ PeV})^2] \qquad E \ge 0.76 \text{ TeV}$$

#### OTHER ESTIMATES $E_0 \approx 0.3 - 0.5 \text{ TeV}$

[Bucciantini, Arons, EA 2011, Torres+ 2013]

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CRAB FLARES



## CRAB FLARES AND DIPS

 $\xi_e \approx 1$  required in any case

MAGNETIC RECONNECTION? [Cerutti+ 12,13,+++; Sironi & Cerutti 17]

RATE POSSIBLY TOO LOW... MAYBE EXPLOSIVE RECONNECTION? [Yuan+ 2016]

#### FLUX IN THE 100-300 MeV RANGE ALSO SHOWS DIPS [Pshirkov + 20]



MAGNETIC FIELD VARIATIONS IN THE INNER NEBULA? [Bykov + 12]

B-FIELD ENHANCEMENT BY A FEW IMPLIES BIG CHANGES IN CUT-OFF REGION
IN ADDITION DOPPLER BOOSTING AVAILABLE IN OBLIQUE REGIONS OF TS

MULTI-WAVELENGTH SIGNATURES?
ACCELERATION MECHANISM?

## MULTIPLE POPULATIONS?



$$\frac{dN_e}{dE_e} \propto E^{-2.4} \exp[-(E/0.8 \text{ PeV})^2]$$
$$W_{e,1} \approx 8 \times 10^{48} \text{ erg}$$
$$B_1 \approx 110 \ \mu\text{G}$$

## PROTONS?



$$t_{\rm esc} = R_N^2 / D_B \approx 300 \text{ yr } B_{-4} E_{16}^{-1}$$

$$L_{\gamma} = W_p / t_{pp} = \dot{E}_p \ t_{\rm esc} / t_{pp}$$

 $\dot{E}_p \sim 3 \times 10^{36} \text{erg/s} \approx \text{few \%} \dot{E}$ 

FOR DIRAC DELTA CASE AND BOHM DIFFUSION

### ACCOUNT FOR TIME-EVOLUTION



FOR DIRAC DELTA AND BOHM DIFFUSION

 $Q_p(E) \propto \delta(E-m_pc^2\Gamma)$ [EA & Arons 06; EA, Guetta, Blasi 03] IONS AT THIS LEVEL IRRELEVANT FOR ACCELERATION UNLESS TINY SHOCK SECTOR

### PROTONS?



$$\frac{dN_p}{dE_p} \propto E_p^{-2} \exp(-E_p/30 \text{ PeV})$$

$$\frac{dN_p}{dE_p} \propto \delta(E_p - 10 \text{ PeV})$$

$$_{\rm pp} = 1.5 \times 10^7 \ (n/10 \ {\rm cm}^{-3})^{-1} \ {
m y}$$
  
 $L_\gamma pprox W_p / t_{pp}$   
 $W_p pprox 3 \times 10^{46} \ {
m erg}$ 



DIFFERENT ENERGY DISTRIBUTION AND PRESCRIPTION FOR ESCAPE [Liu & Wang 21]:

 $\dot{E}_p \le (10 - 50) \% \dot{E}$ 

CAN ONE STILL REPRODUCE THE OVERALL SED?

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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- NEBULAR DYNAMICS AND PLASMA PROPERTIES:
- 3D MHD SIMULATIONS NEEDED TO FULLY ACCOUNT FOR MORPHOLOGY AND SPECTRUM
- $\sigma$ > A FEW REQUIRED AT TS
- TURBULENCE AND DISSIPATION IN THE BULK OF THE NEBULA
- BUT SED IMPOSES AVERAGE FIELD  $\,\sim\,100\mu G$

#### PARTICLE ACCELERATION MECHANISMS:

- FERMI MECHANISM HELPED BY CORRUGATION IN EQUATORIAL REGION?
- TURBULENCE ALSO HELPS WITH RECONNECTION AT TS?
- RADIO PARTICLES DO NOT NEED TO BE PART OF THE FLOW AND SPECTRUM CAN RESULT FROM ACCELERATION IN HIGH  $\sigma$  TURBULENCE
- MULTIPLICITY CAN BE SMALL ENOUGH FOR ION CYCLOTRON... BUT ENOUGH IONS?

- CRAB IS A LEPTONIC PEVATRON, BUT ALSO HADRONIC AND TO WHAT LEVEL? 48