# Gamma-rays and the sources of galactic cosmic rays (with a focus on PeVatrons and galactic centre)



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#### Indirect detection of PeVatrons?





















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color scale -> γ-rays contours -> gas (CS)

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

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# BH activity, cosmic rays, neutrinos

the GC activity highly variable (Ponti+2013) -> what if the CR acceleration efficiency was larger in the past?



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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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### Conclusions

The SNR hypothesis for the origin of galactic CRs is widely accepted

...but it is not proven!

- tested against Fermi and HESS observations -> OK
- one crucial question is: where are PeVatrons?
- the only known proton PeVatron in the MW is the galactic centre!
- SNOBs/superbubbles are gainign some observational support
- needs to explore alternative scenarios to the standard SNR hypothesis

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## **Backup slides**

## Molecular Clouds: boosting y-ray emission

Blandford&Cowie 1982, Aharonian+ 1994, Bykov+ 2000, Uchiyama+ 2010





see L. Nava's talk

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Knee

(1 particle per m<sup>2</sup>-year)

10<sup>21</sup>

Energy (eV)









# Young/mid aged SNRs: hadronic or leptonic?



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weak B-field -> uncooled e<sup>-</sup> spectrum -> hard leptonic\*

\* very low level of thermal X-rays from RXJ1713 -> leptonic? (Ellison+ 2010)

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### 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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see e.g. McCall+, Indriolo+, Ceccarelli+, Vaupré+

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