# Gamma-rays from young SNRs in dense circumstellar environments

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# Types of Supernovae

- Some CC supernovae are bright in radio, optical and X-rays (type IIn)
- Bright Radio and X-ray SNe often show signs of circumstellar interaction (Chevalier 1982)
- Nature of X-ray emission is usually unclear, thermal vs. non-thermal (Chevalier & Fransson, 2017)
- ► Radio emission is synchrotron → also expect gamma-ray emission
- Theoretical models predict highenergy radiation if particle acceleration is efficient (e.g., Murase+2011, Marcowith+2018)



X-ray luminosity of selected supernovae vs. time (Chevalier & Fransson 2017)

# Supernovae as sources of Galactic CRs



SNRs are observed with FERMI and IACTs such as HESS, up to few thousand years old.

- Analysis and modelling shows that SNRs can accelerate particles up to 100 TeV, but difficult to get to the Knee of the CR spectrum at 3 PeV (Parizot+2006)
- Suggestions that very young SNRs (<10-100 years) could be PeVatrons (Bell+2013, Marcowith+2018)
- Calculations of detectability at TeV energies, including  $\gamma\gamma$  absorption (Cristofari+2020)

VHE Luminosity of Galactic SNRs vs. age from H.E.S.S. Collaboration (2018)

### Attempts to detect $\gamma$ -rays from SNe

- H.E.S.S. Collaboration (2019) obtained upper limits on TeV emission from nearby CCSNe (see HESS AT2019krl contribution, N. Komin [436]).
- Xi+(2020) detected γ-rays from the location of SN 2004dj, a bright and nearby SN IIP, with FERMI-LAT
- A recent variability analysis of FERMI-LAT data found evidence in support of 2 further detections (Prokhorov+2021).
- Also suggestion of increasing flux from SN1987A with FERMI-LAT (Malyshev+2019)





# SNe expanding into steady wind medium

"Luminous Blue Variable (LBV)" model

- Dense and powerful wind from a massive star
- $\dot{M} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot} / yr$
- $\triangleright$   $v_{\infty} = 100 \ km/s$

Red Supergiant (RSG) Model

Slow dense wind from RSG progenitor, at upper end of mass range

$$\blacktriangleright \dot{M} = 8 \times 10^{-5} M_{\odot} / yr$$

- $\triangleright$   $v_{\infty} = 15 \ km/s$
- Model 1: a fixed 5µG magnetic field in the wind at all r upstream, 16µG downstream
- ▶ Model 2: 1G stellar field at  $1000R_{\odot}$  swept into Parker Spiral with  $B \propto r^{-1}$
- **b** Both cases: SN modelled following Chevalier (1982) with parameters:  $E = 10^{51} erg$ ,  $M_{ej} = 10 M_{\odot}$ , density power-law index n = 10 (LBV)  $E = 10^{51} erg$ ,  $M_{ej} = 3 M_{\odot}$ , density power-law index n = 9 (RSG)
- Initial conditions: inject SN at radius  $10^{14} cm$ , follow hydrodynamic evolution.

#### Thermal X-ray emission from model



- Relatively simple calculation of X-ray emissivity in post-shock medium.
- Unabsorbed X-ray luminosity far above observations
- Considering local absorption in stellar wind and shocked shell, obtain better agreement with observations
- Peak of lightcurve later in denser wind because of absorption
- L decreases approximately as 1/t (cf. Dwarkadas 2014)

### Time evolution of particle spectrum



- Resulting momentum spectrum fit with power-law plus exponential cutoff.
- Acceleration time is ~1month to get to quasi-steady state.
- Maximum energy for simulations with a constant (and weak) upstream B-field is 30-50 TeV.
- Simulations with  $B \propto r^{-1}$  have higher maximum energy, around 100-200 TeV
- No model assumptions give  $E_{max} \ge 1 PeV$ 
  - "stellar" field already quite strong

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- ▶ Type IIn approx. 100x more luminous then IIP
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# **Detectability with FERMI**



Lines: - 5-sigma in 1month - 5 sigma in 1 year Colour scale is flux as function of distance

and time.

- Optimal detection timescale is approx. 1 week post explosion for most assumptions.
- ► Type IIn detectable out to 10 Mpc at 5- $\sigma$  (depending on assumptions) Type IIP about 100x fainter  $\rightarrow$  must be 10x closer for detection.
- All cases have GeV emission fading strongly after <1 month.</p>

### **Conclusions and Future Work**

- Supernovae of type IIP and IIn suggested as transient gamma-ray sources
- Theoretical modelling suggests SN could be PeV accelerators in first months and years.
- ID time-dependent modelling of hydrodynamics, particle acceleration and high-energy radiation, from SN expanding into LBV and RSG winds.
- Verify that thermal X-ray emission consistent with observations of IIn/IIP SN
- Depending on assumptions about magnetic field, obtain ~100 TeV maximum particle energy from 0.1-10 year timescales.
- GeV emission peaks on days to week timescales, TeV on week to month timescale (without  $\gamma\gamma$  absorption).
- LBV progenitors about 100x more luminous in thermal X-rays and GeV/TeV gamma-rays.
- Circumstellar shells can produce late-time re-brightening at GeV and TeV.
- Predict that some SN should be detectable with FERMI over its mission lifetime