#### SPACE-BASED GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY: NEW RESULTS, NEW FRONTIERS, NEW HORIZONS

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#### Space-borne Y-ray telescopes



Addison-Wesley Longman

# Detecting Y rays in space



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# The Fermi Y-ray sky

> I GeV Fermi LAT 2008-2015 NASA/DoE/Fermi-LAT collaboration

### Resolving the $\gamma$ -ray sky: diffuse emission

diffuse component D3PO, pseudocolor Selig+ A&A 581 2015 A126

diffuse emission = no individual sources

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#### Resolving the $\gamma$ -ray sky: diffuse emission



unresolved sources isotropic γ-ray background = residual CR contamination +extragalactic diffuse emission

Galactic interstellar emission = nucleon-nucleon collisions Bremsstrahlung, inverse Compton

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# Resolving the Y-ray sky: sources

- general catalogs, e.g., 3FGL
  - 4 years, 100 MeV-300 GeV
  - 3033 sources (> 4.1 \sigma)



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# CR origin: testing the SNR paradigm

- SNR paradigm: 10% of SN energy into cosmic rays
- LAT SNR Catalog, I-100 GeV
  - 30 sources classified as SNRs
  - 14 marginal candidates
  - 245 upper limits on radio SNRs



# A cocoon of freshly accelerated CRs in Cygnus

- massive star-forming regions
  - CR isotopic abundances (<sup>22</sup>Ne, trans-iron)
  - 80% SN = gravitational collapse of massive star
  - superbubbles
- CR cocoon in Cygnus
  - single source or superbubble?
  - advection? confinement?



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# The Crab nebula flares

- variability < 8 h, 1%</li>
  pulsar spindown power
  - emitting region
    < 3 10<sup>4</sup> pc
- PeV electrons emitting
  γs up to I GeV
- magnetic reconnection?





Buehler+ ApJ 749 2012 26B

## Searches for DM

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# Extension to TeV energies

- segmented ACD/calorimeter: reduce back-splash self-veto
- Pass8 analysis
  - reliable energy estimate up to 2 TeV
  - 25% larger effective area > 10 GeV
- 2FHL Catalog
  - 80 months, 50 GeV-2 TeV
  - 360 sources → 75% previously unknown
- upcoming: 3FHL (1720 sources, 10 GeV-2 TeV)

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# The Fermi bubbles

Y rays (foreground subtracted) 10-500 GeV

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## Quasi-periodic flux modulation in a $\gamma$ -ray AGN

- blazar PG 1553+113
  - nearly-periodic oscillation 2.18 y period
  - LAT: c.l. 99% over 6.9 years
  - correlated with optical (> 9 y), radio, X rays
- pulsational accretion flow instabilities? jet precession? accretion-outflow coupling? SMBH binary system?

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- deep calorimeter (multi TeV, % energy resolution)
  - DAMPE (2015)
  - HERD (>2020)
- + TKR/imaging CAL
  separation (0.02° PSF)
  - Gamma-400 (2021?)

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- gas time projection chambers
  - 3 to > 100 MeV energy range
  - $PSF < I^{\circ}$
  - polarization
- R&D:AdePT, HARPO

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- Si tracker with no passive converter: Compton+pairs
  - 500 keV to > 100 MeV
  - I° PSF
  - polarization
- e-ASTROGAM (M5?),
  ComPair (MIDEX?)

## Summary

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# Backup

# Science with gamma rays

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- relatively easy to detect
- not deflected by magnetic fields

# The Fermi Large Area Telescope

Anticoincidence Detector (ACD) → segmented → 0.9997 MIP efficiency

#### Pair-tracking Telescope

1.8 m x 1.8 m x 0.72 m

![](_page_26_Picture_4.jpeg)

Precision Si-strip Tracker + W Converters (TKR): → 12 planes 3% r.l. (FRONT) → 4 planes 12% r.l. (BACK) → 2 planes with no converter →0.9 M channels → > 0.7 m<sup>2</sup> active Si

# Data challenge simple SNR models

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# The cosmic-ray gradient across the Milky Way

- emissivity spectrum in rings (H I line Doppler shift)
- intensity/spectral variations
- challenge simple propagation models

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## CRs in the halo of the Milky Way

- high- and intermediate velocity clouds
  → CR densities in the Galactic halo
- decrease with distance from disk at 97.5% c.l.
- agreement with propagation models
  - OK with B/C <sup>10</sup>Be/<sup>9</sup>Be (confinement region: 4-6 kpc)

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# The GeV Galactic center excess

- residual emission near the Galactic center peaking at few GeV
  - spherical or bipolar?
  - low/high-energy shape of spectrum uncertain
- origin
  - DM annihilation?
  - poorly modeled interstellar emission?
  - Fermi bubbles?
  - unresolved sources (ms pulsars)?

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#### Novae as Y-ray sources

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V407 Cyg 2010

- > 100 MeV detections for 1 symbiotic + 5 classical novae
- particle acceleration mechanism unclear

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# A state-change in a $\gamma$ -ray pulsar

- PSR J2021+4026: simultaneous flux/ spindown change
- reconfiguration of magnetosphere?
- new state change in 2015

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