Multi-wavelength modeling of Pulsar

Wind Nebula Halo





X X



University of Amsterdam

Observational Motivation: TeV y-ray Halos Around Pulsars



 HAWC observed extended γray emission around Geminga pulsar and PSR B0656+14 (2016)

Energy: 4-50 TeV Size: ~10 pc

 Suggestion: Inverse-Compton (IC) emission from escaped electrons/positrons accelerated at the termination shock of pulsar wind nebula (PWN)



Open Questions

- What is the origin of TeV-halos?
- How often are pulsars/PWN associated with TeV halos?
- What can we learn about leptonic/hadronic particle acceleration in these systems?
 - Can PWN explain the cosmic ray positron excess?
 - Can PWN be hadronic PeVatron?

Pulsar Wind Nebula (PWN)



- The pulsar wind is driven by the pulsar spin-down power \dot{E}
- The pulsar wind forms termination shock at the contact with circumstellar medium
- PWN has been detected across the EM spectrum: from the lowest frequency v ≤ 100 MHz radio waves PeV energy γ-rays

TeVPA2023| 9/13/2023 4

Simulating TeV-halo of Monogem Pulsar with

GALPROP is a numerical code for calculating the propagation of relativistic charged particles in the Galactic scale and the diffuse emissions produced during their propagation



- Mid-aged pulsar associated with the Monogem ring (~65pc radius in X-ray)
- The power-law component of Xray from the PWN of PSR 0656+14 is observed by CHANDRA
- TeV-halo observed by HAWC have an extension of ~25pc across around the PWN

SDZ

Slow Diffusion Zone (SDZ) Model



$$\begin{split} r_{z}, \, r_{t} &\sim O\left(10^{1} - 10^{2} \text{ pc}\right) \\ D &= \beta \left(\frac{R}{R_{0}}\right)^{\delta} \, \begin{cases} D_{z} & , & r \leq r_{z} & 1 \\ D_{z} \left[\frac{D_{0}}{D_{z}}\right] \frac{r - r_{z}}{r_{t} - \gamma_{z}} & , & r_{z} \leq r \leq r_{t} & 2 \\ D_{0} & , & r \geq r_{t} & 3 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 $D_{z} = 1 \times 10^{26} cm^{2} s^{-1} \qquad @R_{0} = 4 \text{GV}$ Abeysekara et al. (2017) $D_{0} = 4.5 \times 10^{28} cm^{2} s^{-1} \qquad @R_{0} = 4 \text{GV}$

 $\delta = 0.35$ (Kolmogorov – like diffusion regime)

e⁻/ e⁺ injection by the source

• We inject e⁻ that follow a broken power-law energy spectrum:

Power-law index: 1.8, 2.0, 2.2

• A fraction of the pulsar spin-down power (\dot{E}) converts to total e⁻ luminosity L_{e^-} :

$$L_{e^{-}}(t) = \eta \dot{E}_{0} \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau_{0}}\right)^{-2}$$
Free Paramete



Inverse Compton Emission (8-40 TeV)



- A smaller SDZ yields a cuspier profile of the surface brightness
- A higher acceleration efficiency is required to describe the surface brightness for a softer injection spectrum
- A stronger magnetic field around the source also leads to cuspier surface brightness in the TeV range

Inverse Compton Emission (8-40 TeV)



 The SDZ size of ~50 pc radius leads to an agreement with the energy spectrum of the HAWC observation

Proper Motion of B0656+14

IC-Emission

We expect asymmetry in GeV gamma-ray halo, but not significantly in TeV halo

Synchrotron Emission

We also expect corresponding radio and X-ray halo w/ extension of ~10s pc





Radio (1GHz)

6.3e-21

Synchrotron Emission, SDZ=(30,50)



γ -ray(30TeV)



X-ray (4keV)

2.3e-26

Synchrotron Emission (Radio)



- The observed radio emission from B0656+14 could be from jet component of the pulsar or/and the PWN component or/and the halo component
- The flux of the synchrotron halo component in radio frequency from the simulation is well below the observation

Positron Flux at Earth



- The positron contribution from B0656+14 is NOT significant
- The higher the magnetic field around the source, the positron flux at Earth peaks at a lower energy

eVPA2023| 9/13/2023

Take-home Message

- TeV halo can be reproduced by introducing slow diffusion zone of O(10¹)pc size region around the PWN
- Observations of the extended emission in radio and X-ray are crucial to understand the origin of TeV-halos
- B0656+14 alone has no significant contribution to the positron flux at Earth
- Theoretical investigations in these regions are important e.g. magnetic field strength, magnetic turbulence, self-induced turbulence —> CR acceleration, CR diffusion



Thank You!

Questions?