

Observation of sub-TeV gamma-rays from RX J0852.0-4622 with CANGAROO-II 10m telescope



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1. Introduction

■ The shell type SNR along the line of sight to the Vela SNR.

■ Discovered by Rosat all-sky survey (Fig.1)⁽¹⁾.

■ Distance < 500pc⁽²⁾

■ Size ~2°(20pc)

■ On the galactic plane (l,b)=(266.2,-1.2)

■ Type II SNR⁽³⁾

■ Density within SNR $n < 2.9 \times 10^{-2} D_1^{-1/2} f^{-1/2}$ ⁽⁴⁾
low => stellar-wind cavity

■ Age ~ 1000yr⁽²⁾

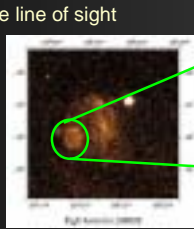


Fig. 1 ROSAT all-sky survey images of the Vela SNR taken for photon energies 1.4 < E < 2.0 keV.

The image size is 8° x 8° in equatorial coordinates.

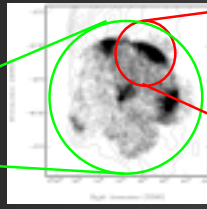


Fig. 2 ASCA images



Fig. 3 XMM-Newton images of NW rim

Observation with ASCA⁽⁴⁾ and XMM-Newton⁽⁵⁾.

■ NW rim, south rim (Fig.2)

■ The spectrum is featureless and well described by a power law (Fig.4).

■ => The presence of the accelerated particles is implied.

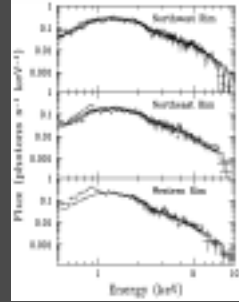


Fig. 4 X-ray spectrum by ASCA

CO survey

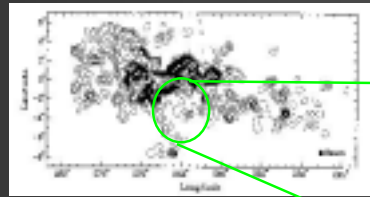


Fig. 6 CO integrated intensity map around Vela Molecular ridge taken by the Columbia University 1.2m millimeter-wave telescope.⁽⁷⁾

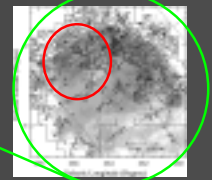


Fig. 7 CO integrated intensity map of the Vela SNR taken by NANTEN and soft X-ray image (gray scale) taken by ROSAT⁽⁸⁾. The red circle indicates the position of the RX J0852.0-4622.

Many molecular clouds are surrounding this SNR. However, it is not clear whether it is interacting with them.

The radio observation.

■ Weak emission

S at 1GHz = 47 ± 12 Jy
=> same as RXJ1713, SN1006.

■ Spectral index

$\alpha = 0.40 \pm 0.15$
=> > 0.5 is expected by shock acceleration.

■ Morphology

It seems shell-like but could be unrelated.

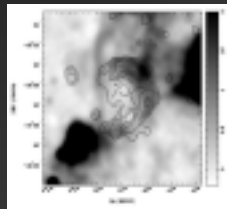


Fig. 5 The Parkes 2.42GHz survey image (gray scale) of RX J0852.0-4622 and the ROSAT X-ray image (contour)⁽⁶⁾.

2. CANGAROO observation

■ The point of the maximum X-ray intensity with ASCA (R.A., Dec.) = (132.25, -45.65)

■ Maximum elevation angle 75.45 degree

■ Observation term

From 2001 Dec to 2002 Feb

Total ON 40h45m OFF 36h12m

■ Stars

magnitude = 4.1

0.65° distant from the target position

=> Its effect must be removed by the analysis.

■ Further observation

This target is planned to be observed in January 2003.

After these pre-selection, we carried out a shower image analysis using the standard set of image parameters, distance, length, width (Fig.9), and α , combining length and width to assign likelihoods to each event. The following is the definition of the likelihood ratio and Fig.10 shows its distribution.

$$L \equiv \frac{\text{Prob}(\gamma)}{\text{Prob}(\gamma) + \text{Prob}(p)}$$

After these selection, the resulting α distribution is shown in Fig.11 (preliminary).

4. Discussion

Figure 12 is the multi-wavelength spectrum. The solid line is estimated by the model of the inverse Compton scattering of electrons. This leads to the expectation of the CANGAROO detection.

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3. Analysis

At first the data are calibrated using a LED source for the field flattening and the time-walk corrections. Then they are processed with "tna" logic, that is n-adjacent pixels over threshold to remove night sky background.

And we select the data taken at high elevation angles (>60°) in good weather conditions, a total of 35h23m. ON source and 33h26m. OFF source data remained for the further analysis (Fig.8). Then the hot pixels effected by the stars and electrical noise are removed.

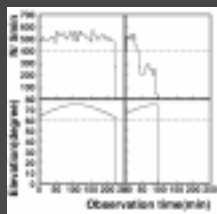


Fig. 8

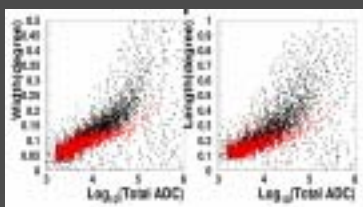


Fig. 9

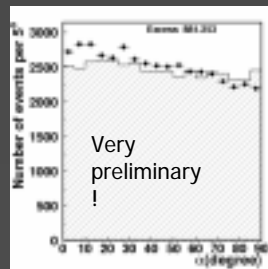


Fig. 11

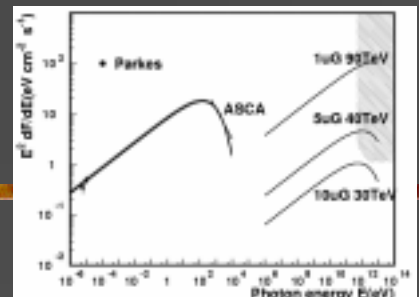


Fig. 12