Star forming Regions

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Potential sources

Detection of gamma-ray emission from SFRs

Cygnus Cocoon Ackermann et al, Sci, 334, 2011 1. 2. Westerlund 1 Abramowski et al, A&A, 537, 2012, Ohm et al, MNRAS, 434, 2013 3. Westerlund 2 Yang et al, A&A, 611, 2018 NGC 3603 4. Saha, L. et al, ApJ, 897, 2020, Yang et al, A&A, 611, 2018 5. W 43 R. Yang and Y. Wang, A&A, 640, 2020 G25.0+0.0 Region 6. Katsuta et al, ApJ, 839, 2017 7 BDS 2003 Albert et al 2021 ApJL 907 W 40 8 Sun et al 2020, A&A, 639 9. RSGC 1 Sun et al 2020, MNRAS, 494 MC 20 Abdalla et al. 2018, A&A, 612, Sun et al 2021, A&A, 659 10 NGC 6618 Liu et al, MNRAS, 513, 2022 11. 12. 30 Dor (LMC)/NGC 2070/RCM HESS coll et al, Science, 347, 406

Recently several massive star clusters have been associated with gamma-ray sources

Name	$\log M/M_{\text{sun}}$	r _c /pc	D/kpc	age/Myr	L _w / 10 ³⁸ erg s ⁻¹	Reference	
Westerlund 1	4.6 ± 0.045	1.5	4	4-6	10	Abramowski A., et al., 2012, A&A, 537, A114	
Westerlund 2	4.56 ± 0.035	1.1	2.8 ± 0.4	1.5 - 2.5	2	Yang, de Oña Wilhelmi, Aharonian, 2018, A&A, 611, A77	
Cyg. OB2	4.7±0.3	5.2	1.4	3 - 6	2	Ackermann M., et al. 2011, Science, 334, 1103	
NGC 3603	4.1 ± 0.10	1.1	6.9	2 - 3	?	Saha, L. et al 2020, ApJ, 897, 131	
BDS 2003	4.39	0.2	4	1	?	Albert A., et al., 2020, arXiv:2012.15275	
W40	2.5	0.44	0.44	1.5	?	Sun, XN. et al. 2020, A&A 639	
RSGC 1	4.48	1.5	6.6	10 - 14	?	Sun et al. 2020, MNRAS 494	
MC 20	~3	1.3	3.8 - 5.1	3 - 8	~4	Sun et al. 2021, A&A 659	
NGC 6618		3.3	~2	< 3	?	Liu et al. 2022, MNRAS 513	
30 Dor (LMC) NGC 2070/RCM	4.8-5.7 4.34-5	multip le sub-	50	1 5	?	H. E. S. S. Collaboration et al., 2015, Science, 347, 406	

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Source	Mass (10⁴ M _☉)	Age (Myr)	Diameter (pc)	Stellar wind power (10 ³⁸ erg s ⁻¹)	Distance (kpc)
Cygnus cocoon	~3	1-7	100	2-3	1.4
Westerlund 1	10	4-6	160	10	4
Westerlund 2	3.6	2.5-3.5	210	2	2.8
NGC 3603	1.2	2-3	130	8.5	~ 7
G25.0+0.0	~1	<3	180	1	3-6
W 43	-	0.1	60	0.3	6
W 40	0.03	1.5	3.5	-	0.44
BDS 2003	2.4	1	13	-	4
RSGC 1	3.0	10-14	3.4	-	6.6
MC 20	0.1	3-8	100	~4	3.8-5.1
NGC 6618	3	<3	25	-	~2
30 Dor C	6.3-50	1-5	47	-	50

Needs further update

Some details on these sources

Westerlund 1: The origin of observer gamma rays and their possible association with counterparts at other wavelengths remain poorly understood. A recent study of Westerlund 1 shows a resemblance of the source's characteristics to those of the Cygnus cocoon indication CR acceleration by the compact stellar clusters (Aharonian et al, 2019).

Westerlund 2: Diffuse extended gamma-ray emission at MeV-GeV energies was found from the direction of the young massive cluster Westerlund 2 (Yang et al 2018), although its association with the stellar cluster is not conclusive.

NGC 3603: Both diffuse and point-like gamma-ray emission at MeV--GeV energies were found from the direction of young massive cluster NGC 3603 (Saha et al 2020, Yang et al 2018). No firm evidence of association with other classes of gamma-ray emitters is found. The gamma-ray luminosity of the source is ~0.2% of the total mechanical power of the winds. Hence it appears to be a potential case of gamma-ray emitting SFR.

G25.0+0.0 region: A detailed study of this region likewise shows many similarities of the gamma-ray emission between G25.0+0.0 and Cygnus cocoon. However, OB associations are firmly established.

W 43: Diffuse extended gamma rays at MeV-GeV energies are detected from the direction of of young star forming region W43. However, its association with the stellar cluster is not conclusive.

Some details on these sources

BDS 2003: Very high energy gamma-ray emission above 200 TeV detected from a source HWC J1825-134 close proximity of young star cluster BDS 2003 (Albert et al 2021 ApJL 907). A definitive association to the young star cluster is still to be clarified.

W 40: Diffuse extended gamma rays at MeV-GeV energies are detected from the direction of of young star forming region W 40 (Sun et al 2020, A&A, 639). However, its association with the stellar cluster is not conclusive.

RSGC 1: Diffuse extended gamma rays at MeV-GeV energies are detected from the direction of of young star forming region RSGC 1 (Sun et al 2020, MNRAS, 494). However, its association with the stellar cluster is not conclusive.

MC 20: Observed gamma-ray emission at GeV–TeV energies from HESS J1912+101 (Abdalla et al. 2018, A&A, 612). More likely associated with supernova remnant. Although association with MC 20 argued, it is not conclusive.

NGC 6618: Gamma-ray observed towards the young massive star cluster NGC 6618 (Liu et al, MNRAS, 513, 2022). No conclusive evidence for association with the SFR.

30 Dor C (LMC)/NGC 2070: Observed GeV–TeV emission from the direction of 30 Dor C. Although some associations are argued, no conclusive evidence is not present yet.

Compelling cases & OB associations

The only compelling cases of emission from the SFR are **Cygnus X** and **Westerlund 1**.

The others are simply detections of gamma-ray emission from a SFR. No firm OB associations are made for all other case.

Proposal

 \rightarrow Add simulations for Cygnus cocoon and Westerlund 1 as representatives of this class.

 \rightarrow Add 2/3 more sources like NGC 3603, Westerlund 2 and W 43 or G25.0+0.0 Region as prospects for CTA.