

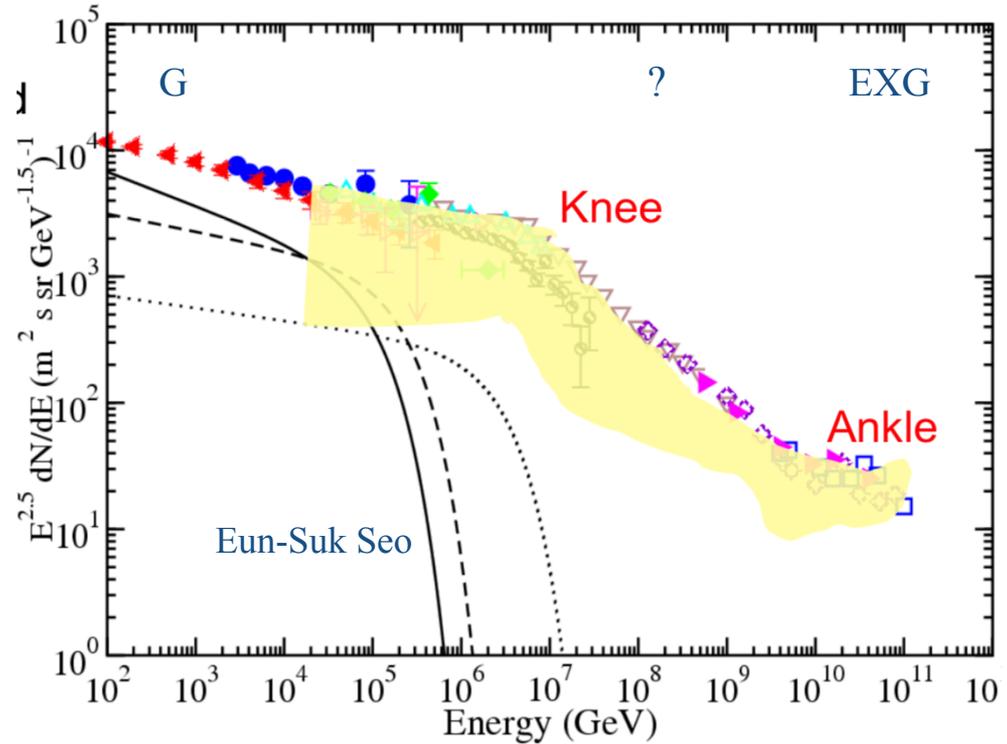
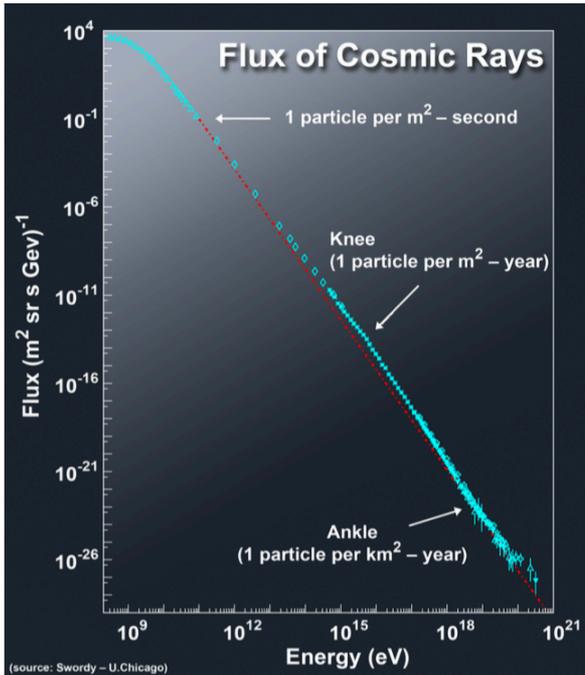
Galactic Cosmic Ray PeVatrons

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Cosmic Rays from sub-GeV to 100 EeV energies



below 10^{15} eV - Galactic; beyond 10^{18} eV - Extragalactic;
 10^{15} - 10^{18} eV ? Galactic rather Extragalactic

Origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays ?

what does mean “Origin of Cosmic Rays” ?

term “*Cosmic Rays*” itself has two meanings:

- *locally* detected relativistic particles - “local fog”
- nonthermal/relativistic particles produced throughout the Milky Way - they may/may-not contribute to the “local fog”

“origin of CRs” generally is reduced to the identification of the major contributors (SNRs, pulsars, GC, etc.) to the ‘local fog’

this question cannot be solved by observations of only charged CRs

CR accelerators can be identified only by neutral stable messengers:
photons and neutrinos

hundreds of GeV and/or TeV gamma-ray emitters have been discovered representing 10+ source populations:

- SNRs, Stellar Clusters, GMCs
- Pulsars, PWNe
- Binaries (Binary Pulsars, Microquasars)
- Galaxies, Starburst Galaxies,
- Radiogalaxies,
- AGN, GRBs

analogy with X-rays:

as cosmic plasmas are easily heated up to **keV temperatures** - almost everywhere, particles (electrons and protons/nuclei) can be easily accelerated to **TeV energies** - almost everywhere!

not all of them contribute to local CR flux but all are CR accelerators - *factories* of relativistic matter

many questions beyond the origin of local CRs,
for example the physics of **Extreme Accelerators**

machines where acceleration proceeds with efficiency close to 100%

(i) fraction of available energy converted to nonthermal particles

in PWNe and perhaps also in SNRs can be as large as 50 %

(ii) maximum possible energy achieved by individual particles

acceleration rate close to the maximum (theoretically) possible rate

Rescaling the Hillas Plot for Galactic PeVatrons

acceleration time:

$$t_{acc} = \eta \frac{E}{eBc} = \eta \frac{r_L}{c}$$

$\eta^{-1}B = \mathcal{E}_{eff}$ projection of electric field on particle trajectory averaged as particle moves along the trajectory

$\eta=1$ absolute minimum set by classical ED
 \Rightarrow absolute extreme accelerator

DSA in Bohm regime: $\eta = (1 - 10)(c/v)^2$

e.g. in young SNRs $\eta \approx 10^5$

still can be called extreme accelerator

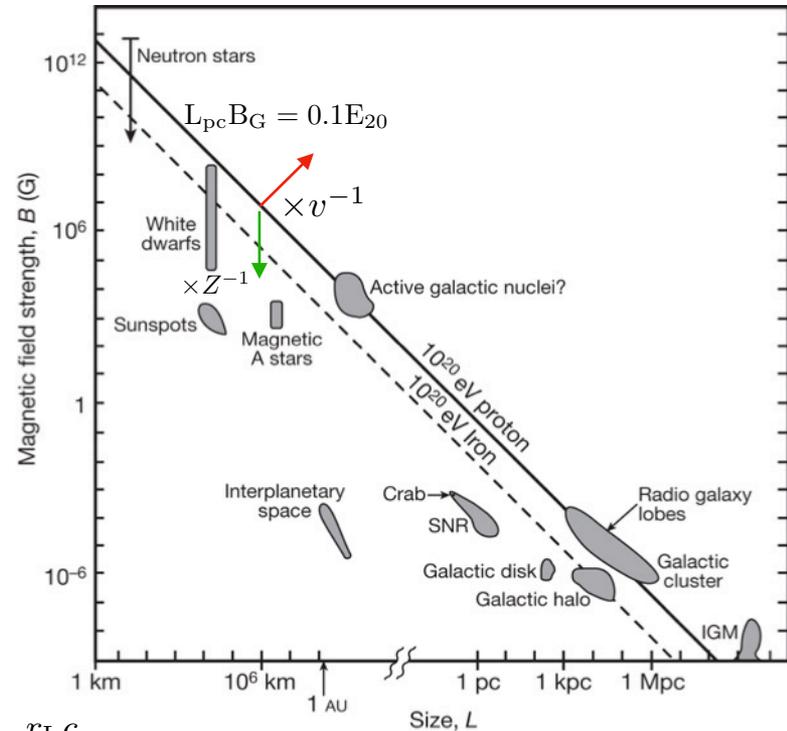
effective accelerator : $t_{conf} \geq t_{ac}$

best confinement – in Bohm Diffusion regime with $D = \frac{r_L c}{3}$

$$t_{conf} = \frac{L^2}{3D} = \frac{L^2}{r_L c} \Rightarrow L \geq \eta^{1/2} r_L \quad L=r_L \text{ condition implies an absolute extreme accelerator}$$

maximum energy of accelerated protons

$$E_{15} \leq 3 \times 10^{-3} L_{pc} B_{\mu G} (v/0.01c)$$



trivial condition - non-trivial solutions!

PeVatrons in our Galaxy?

Electron PeVatrons - *related to the pulsar winds in
PWNe (Crab Nebulae) or Pulsar Binaries*

Proton PeVatrons - in young individual SNRs and Stellar Winds
with $v > 0.01c$, and provided $B > 0.01 \text{ G}$

Large Scale structures - *Superbubbles, Fermi Bubbles, ...*

Galactic Center *magnetosphere of SMBH (Sgr A*)*
 $E_{15} \sim eBR \approx 10^3 (B/10^4 \text{ G})(M/3 \times 10^6 M_{\odot})$

relativistic (barionic) outflows

wind in GC or the jet in SS 433

Proton PeVatrons in the Milky Way are extreme accelerators

definition of the term “PeVatron”

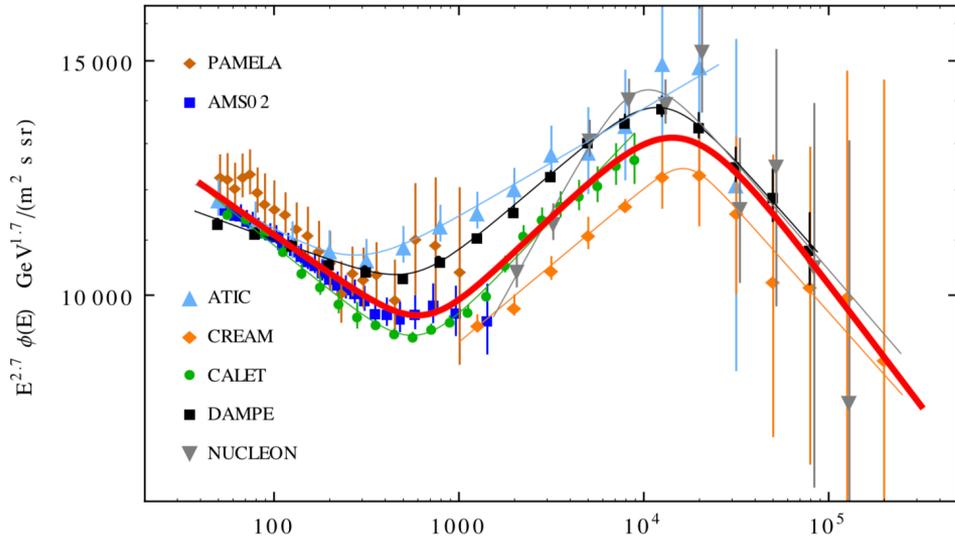
particle accelerators boosting energy of protons to the PeV domain without a sharp cutoff/break to 0.1 PeV

until recently:

- (i) featureless power-law spectrum up to the “knee” around 1 PeV has been interpreted as the dominance of a single CR component supported by a **single source population**
- (ii) SNRs as the major contributors to GCRs until the “knee” **should operate as “PeVatrons”** ... despite all theoretical challenges !

Do we need CR PeVatrons in our Galaxy?

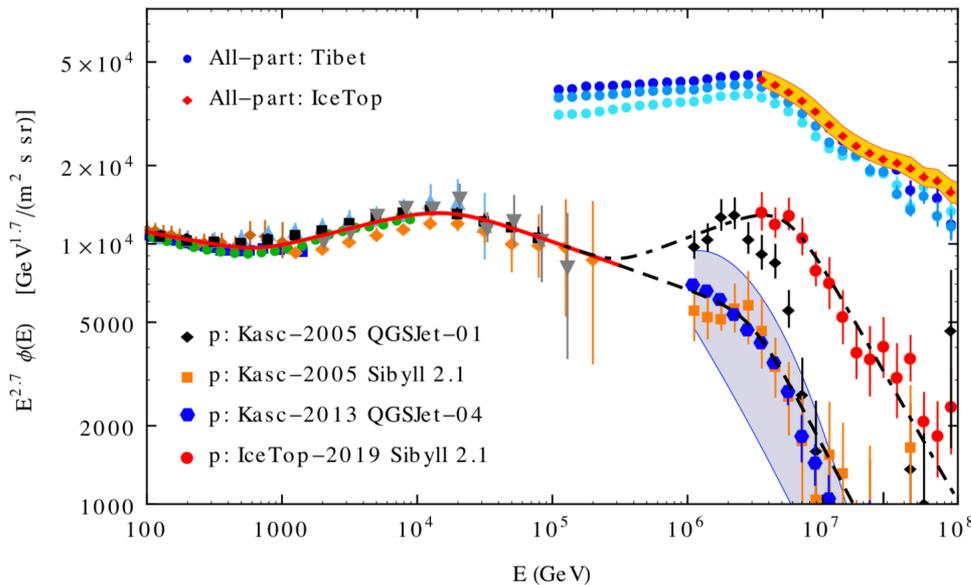
CR proton spectrum



the spectrum is not single power-law; it contains (at least) two spectral features:

- hardening above a few 100 GeV
- steepening above 10 TeV
- hardening above 100 TeV ?

we do need **PeVatrons**



- either **quasi-PeVatrons**
up to 0.1 PeV and more

- or **nominal -PeVatrons**
up to 1 PeV

- or **super-PeVatrons**
up to 10 PeV

Galactic Cosmic Rays: sources ?

SNRs as prime candidates - over decades the conviction has been based on phenomenological arguments and theoretical meditations

- as early as 1933 W. Baade and Zwicky recognized the comparable energetics characterizing SN explosions and CRs and envisaged a link between

$$E_{\text{SN}} \sim 10^{51} \text{ erg}, R \sim 0.03 \text{ yr}^{-1}, P_{\text{SN}} \sim 10^{42} \text{ erg/s} \Rightarrow 10 \% \text{ to CRs ?}$$

- DSA theory applied to SNRs - viable mechanism for acceleration of particles with hard proton spectrum in young SNRs. Up to 1 PeV ? Difficult but possible; requires amplification of the magnetic field in upstream is a critical issue
- direct prove - detection of gamma-rays, neutrinos

Probing SNRs with gamma-rays

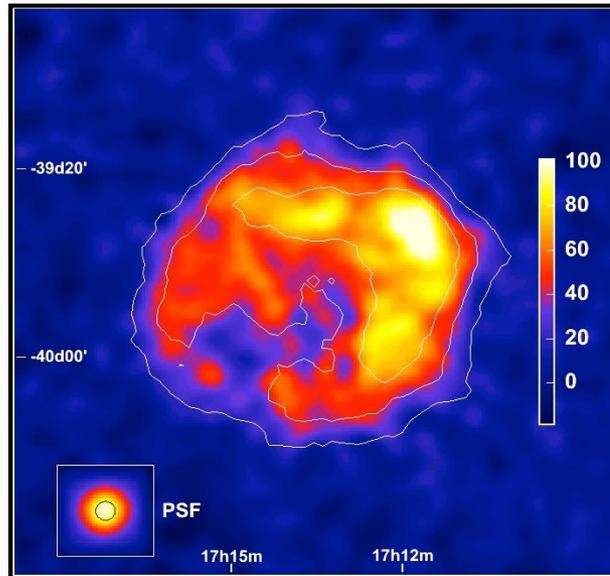
SNRs as the most likely sources

of galactic cosmic rays up to 1 PeV?

main hope is related to gamma-ray observations:

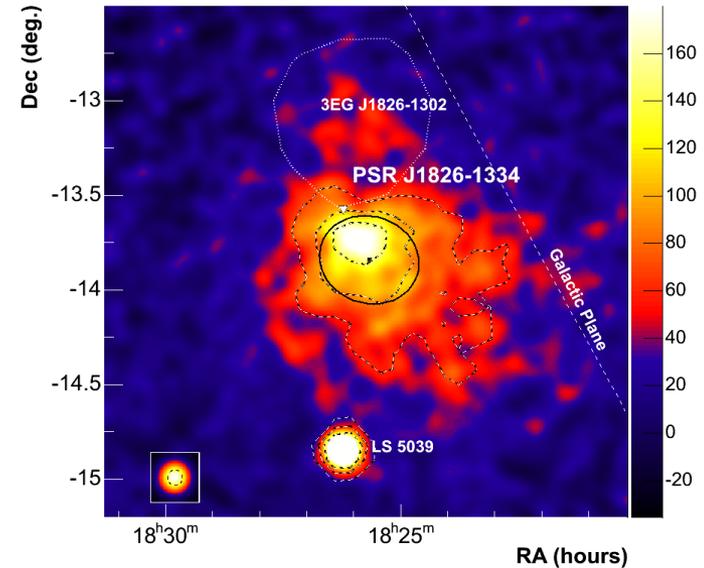
- ❑ detect VHE gamma-rays from SNRs
- ❑ demonstrate that they have hadronic origin
- ❑ demonstrate that proton spectra continue up to 1 PeV

Gamma Ray images of Galactic TeVatrons



Supernova Remnant

(the) major contributors
to galactic cosmic rays:



Pulsar Wind Nebula

contributors to cosmic ray
electrons and positrons

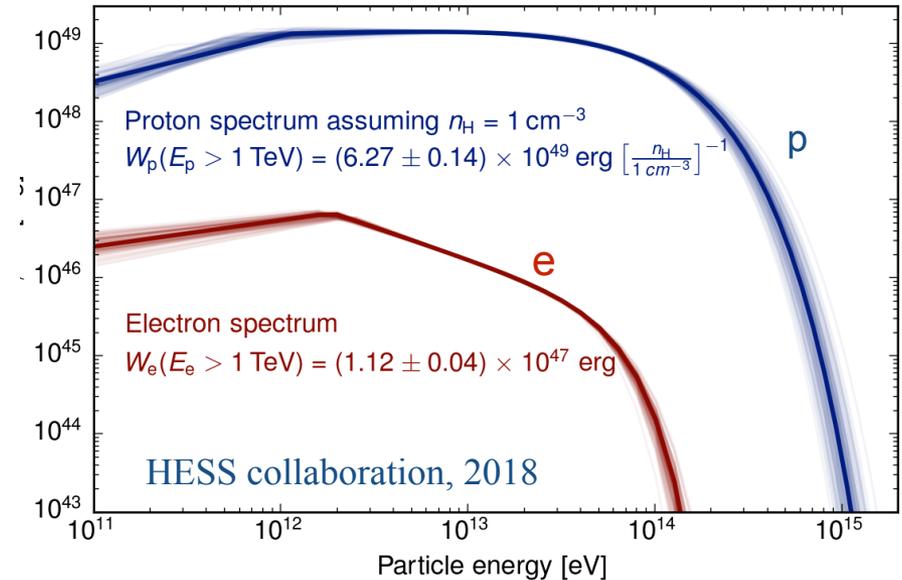
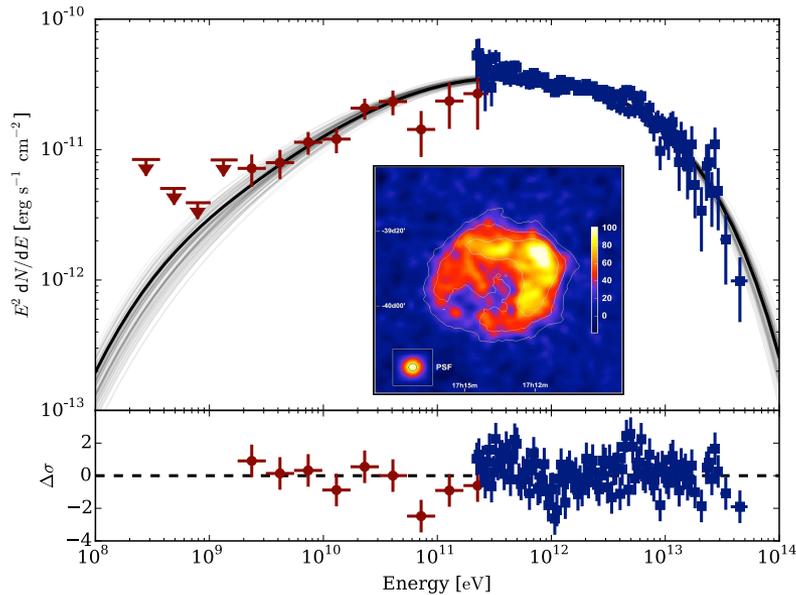
Probing the distributions of accelerated particles in SNRs

Fermi+HESS measurements

RXJ 1713

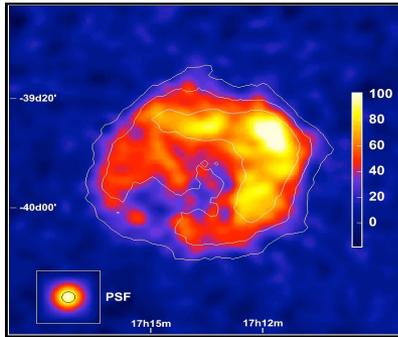
derived spectra of e and p

Region full - Model



cutoff /break in the proton spectrum at 100 TeV

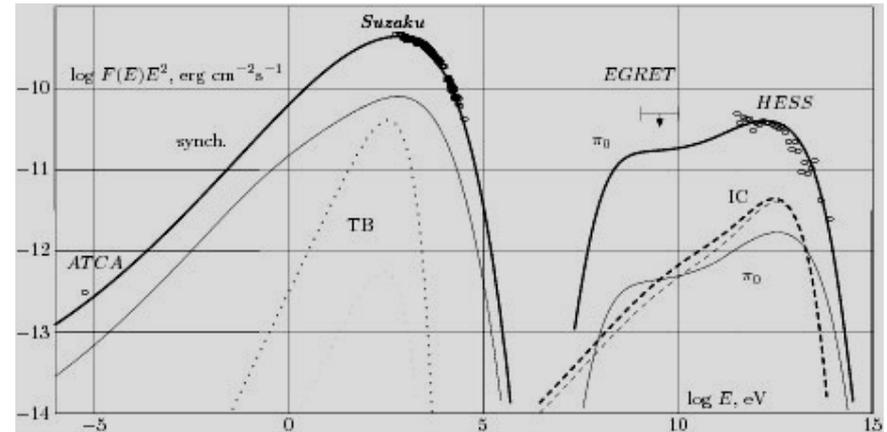
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modeling of broad-band SEDs:

hadronic model

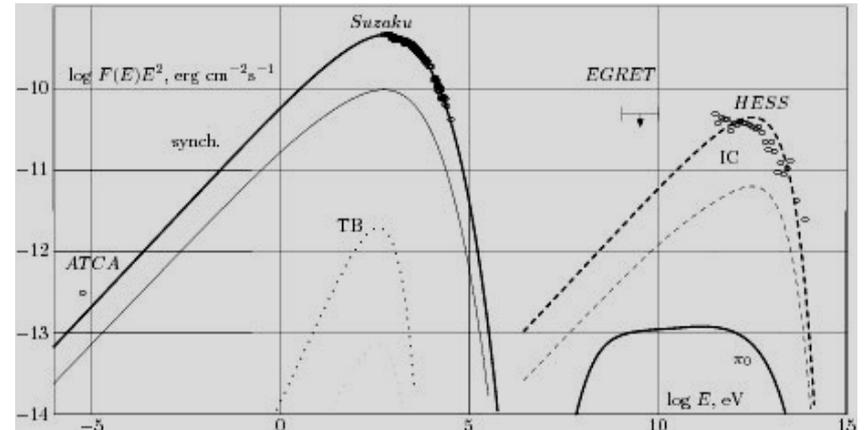
- good spectral fit, reasonable radial profile, but ...
- (1) lack of thermal emission - possible explanation?
>70% energy is released in acceleration of protons!
- (2) very high p/e ratio (10^4)



leptonic model

not perfect, but still acceptable, fits for spectral and spatial distributions of IC gamma-rays; suppressed thermal emission, comfortable p/e ratio ($\sim 10^2$); small large-scale B-field ($\sim 10 \mu\text{G}$)

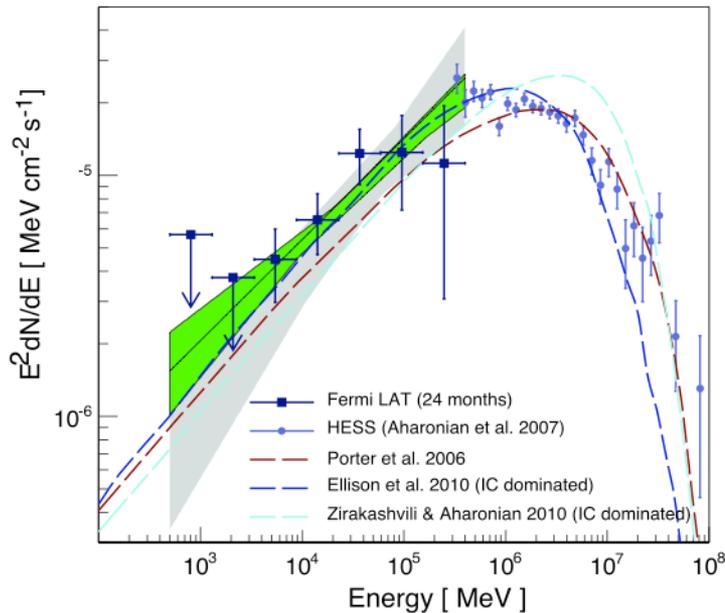
both forward and reverse shocks contribute to γ -rays



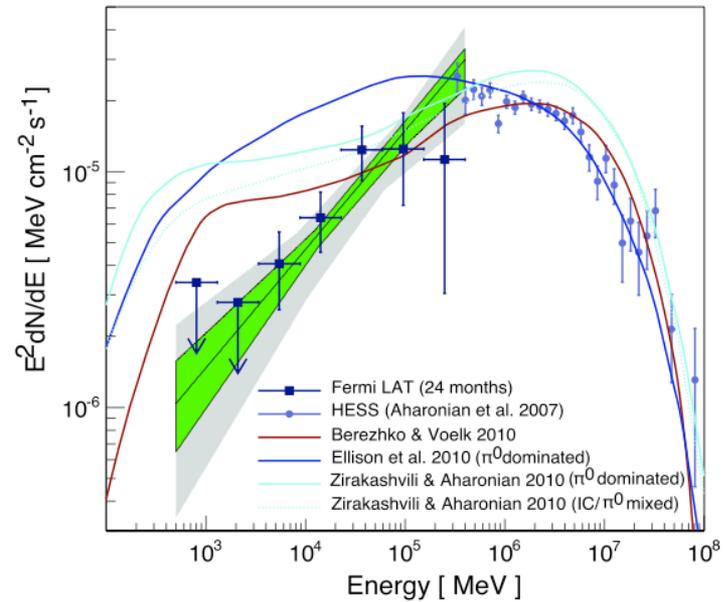
Zirakashvili, FA 2010

gamma-rays detected by Fermi? very important... but not decisive

Fermi: GeV data contradict hadronic origin of γ -rays (?)



leptonic models

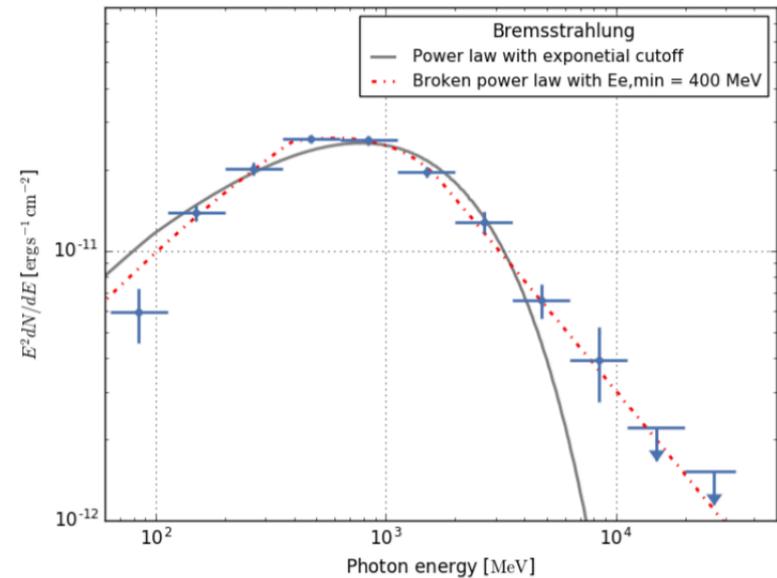
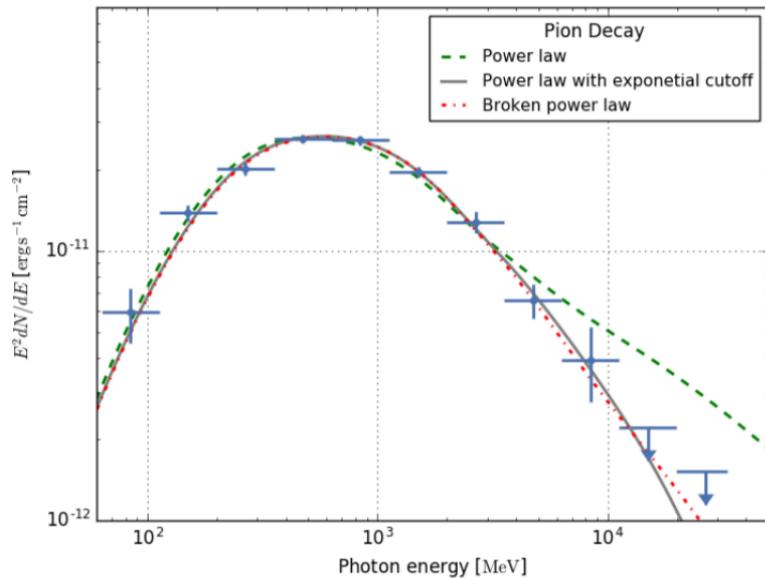


hadronic models

- questions: (i) can we compare GeV and TeV fluxes within one-zone models?
they could come from quite different regions
- (ii) cannot we assume hard proton spectra ?
nonlinear theories do predict very hard spectra with $\alpha \rightarrow 1.5$

detection of ‘ π^0 ’ bump in middle-aged SNRs?

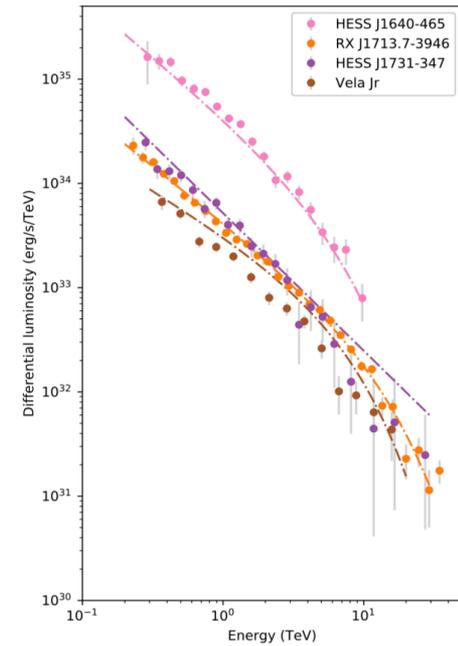
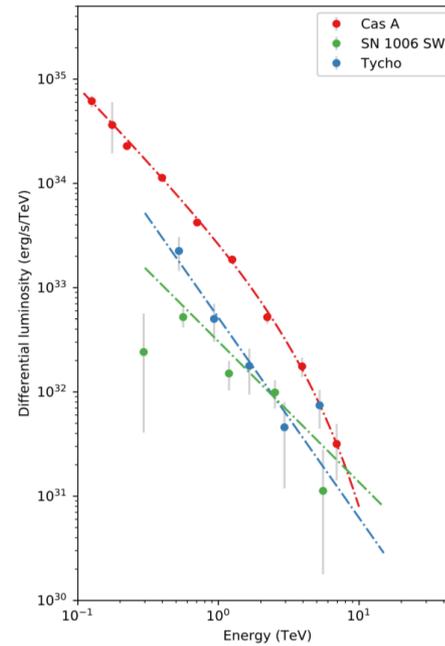
- ‘ π^0 ’ bump in SED can be reproduced also by bremsstrahlung of electrons with broken power-law spectrum close to the one observed in the interstellar medium, unless the differential spectrum below the bump is not flatter than $dN/dE \sim E^{-1}$
- π^0 origin of the bump is important for estimates of the content of low-energy CR protons and nuclei, but it is not a critical issue for the origin of Galactic CRs



detection of hard gamma-ray spectra above 10 TeV would
be a distinct signature of hadronic origin of radiation
as robust as the detection of neutrinos !

more importantly, it would be the indication of effective continuation
of the spectrum of the parent protons well beyond 100 TeV (0.1 PeV)

TeV gamma-rays from from >10 young SNRs:
support to the SNR origin of galactic CRs,
but it is not yet clear whether SNRs alone can
provide the CR flux up to the *knee* (~ 1 PeV)



steep spectra or ‘early’ cutoffs ?

spectra of young SNRs above 1 TeV - steep with $\Gamma = 2.3-2.6$

slope or intrinsic power-law index?

formally the spectra can be presented in the form:

$$dN/dE \propto E^{-\Gamma} \exp[-(E/E_0)^\beta]$$

with reasonable combination of E_0 and β , $\Gamma=2$ could be an option price?

$E_0 < 10 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow E_p < 100 \text{ TeV}$ is not a PeVatron

$E_0 > 10 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow E_p > 100 \text{ TeV}$ and $\Gamma > 2.3$ can be a PeVatron

two options

- large power-law indices

it is more realistic than $\Gamma=2$ of the “standard” DSA (M. Malkov, T. Bell, ...)

no constrains on the proton maximum energy from gamma-ray data

- “early cutoff”

standard DSA but low-energy cutoff

should we relax and accept that SNRs are main contributors to CRs but at TeV energies are overtaken by other source population (“PeVatrons”) responsible for the knee region? (Laggage and Cesarsky 1983) ?

or

relate it to the much early “PeVatron Phase” - first 10 to 100 years after the SN explosion (Bell+, Zirakashvili+) and the escape of highest energy (>100 TeV) particles from the remnant energy particles

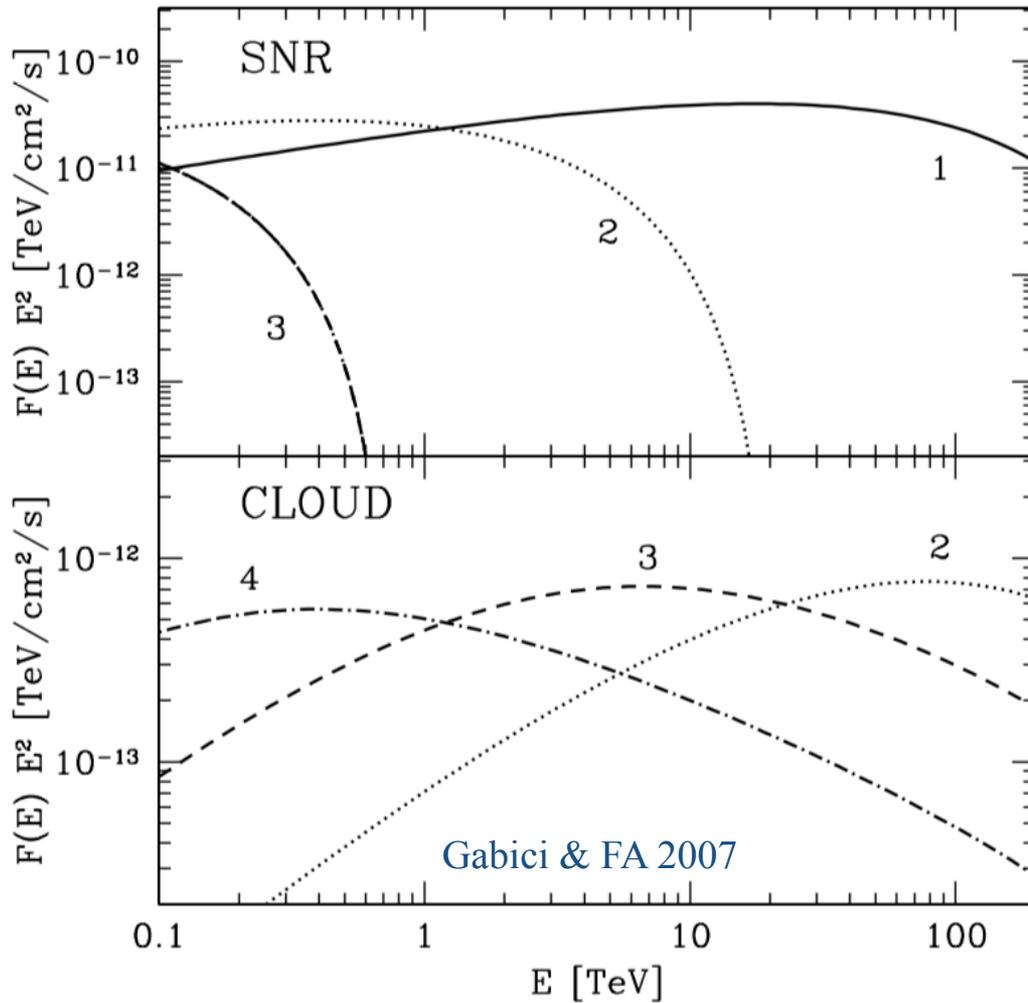
“large Γ or small E_0 ?” - extension of observations to 10 TeV

searching for proton PeVatrons through their “echos”:

multi-TeV radiation from dense clouds located outside the accelerator

- protons of energy exceeding 100 TeV are accelerated and leave the shell at $T < 1000$ yr or, more likely, < 100 year, epochs
- γ -rays extending to energies beyond 10 TeV expected only from very young SNRs - the chance of their detection is small
- if by a chance a massive gas cloud appears in the 100 pc vicinity of the remnant, “delayed” multi-TeV γ -rays signals arise when run-away particles reach the cloud
- detection of such delayed emission of multi-TeV γ -rays allows indirect but robust identification of the SNR as a proton PeVatron

gamma-rays from SNR and nearby molecular cloud



d=1 kpc

SNR:

$W=10^{51}$ erg

$n=1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$f(p)\sim p^{-4}$

$p_{\text{max}}=5 \text{ PeV}$

$p_{\text{max}}\sim t^{-2.4}$

Cloud:

$R=100 \text{ pc}$

$M=10^4 M_{\odot}$

$D(E)=3\times 10^{29}(E/1\text{PeV})^{0.5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

1 - 400 yr; 2 - 2000 yr; 3 - 8000 yr; 4 - 32000 yr after the explosion

warning: don't be tricked by propagation effects!

transition from rectilinear to diffusive regime of propagation

$$f(r, \mu) = \frac{Q}{4\pi c} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{c}{rD} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi Z} \exp \left(-\frac{3D(1-\mu)}{rc} \right)$$

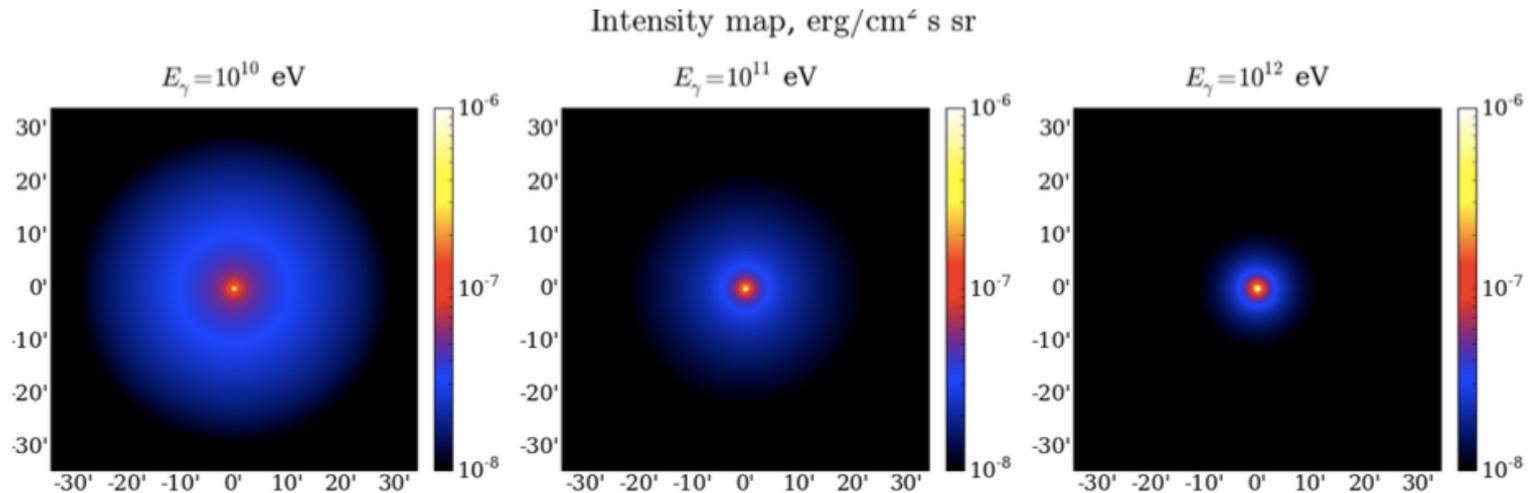
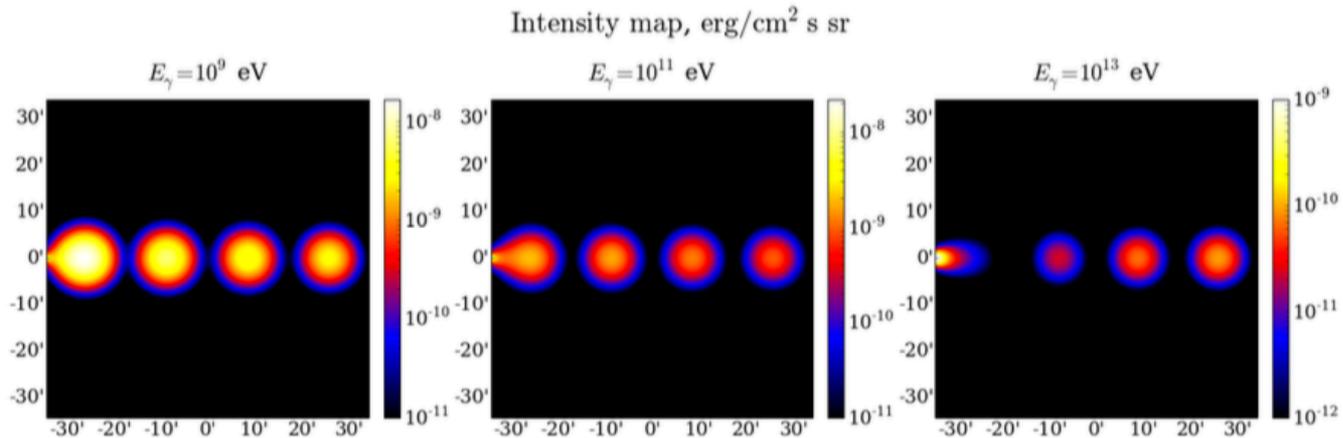


Figure 2: The intensity maps of gamma-ray emission at different energies. The spherical cloud with homogeneous density distribution is irradiated by the cosmic-ray source located in its centre. The gas density inside the accelerator is assumed very low, so the contribution of the accelerator to the gamma-ray emission is negligible. The maps are produced for the case of small diffusion coefficient (for details, see the text). For the distance to the source $d = 1$ kpc, the region of $\sim 1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ corresponds to the area $\sim 20 \times 20$ pc².

warning:

transition from rectilinear to diffusive regime of propagation



$d=1 \text{ kpc}$

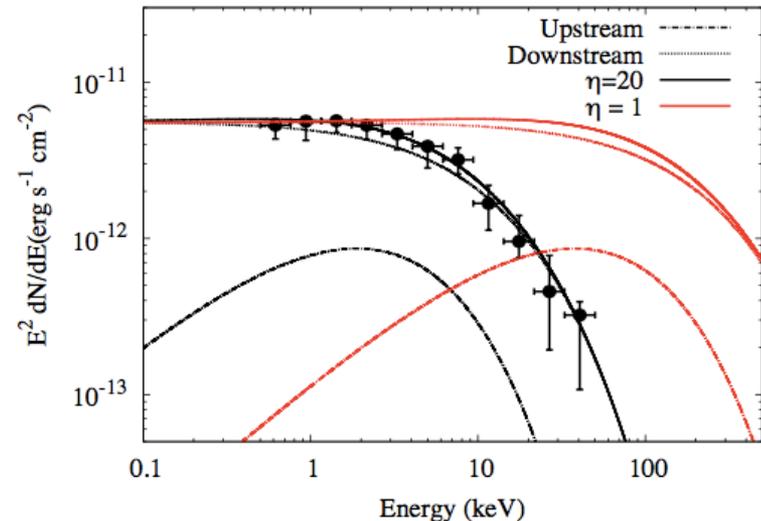
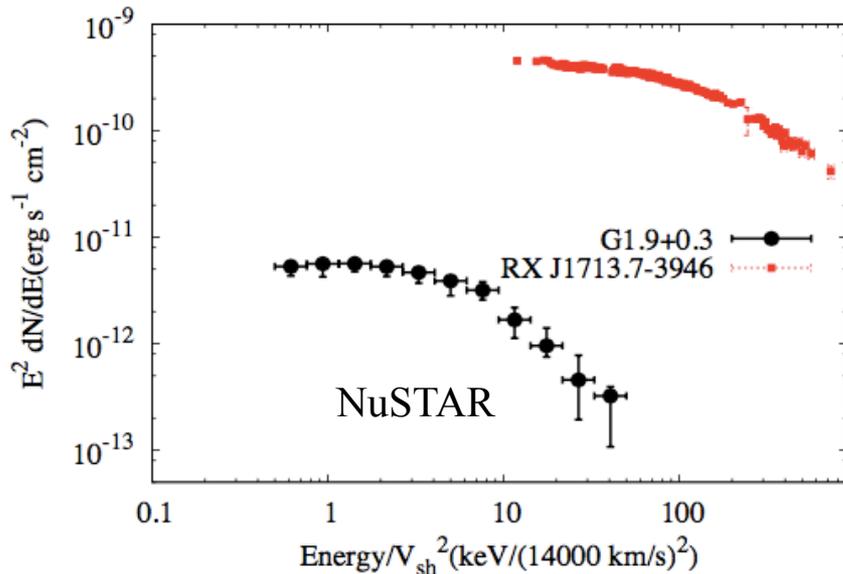
intensity map of gamma-rays at different energies from a group of clouds located at different distances from the accelerator

Very young SNRs as PeVatrons?

G1.9+0.3 - youngest (100yr-old) known SNR in Galaxy with the current shock speed $v=14,000$ km/s

$$h\nu_{\max} \approx 1(v_{\text{sh}}/3000 \text{ km/s})^2 \text{ keV}$$

in the Bohm diffusion limit the peak should be around 20 keV but is detected at at 1 keV



Presently G1.9+0.3 does not operate as a PeVatron!

PeV protons have been accelerated at earlier epochs, but, because of the particle escape, the remnant is already emptied =>

early acceleration and escape reduce the chances of finding PeVatrons ?

in very young (SN 1987a and G1.9+0.3) SNRs, multi-TeV particles cannot run far away, thus the current upper limits can be applied to the “escape regions”

G1.9+0.3 in GC region:

propagation of **$R > 10$ TeV** protons cannot exceed 30 pc (for **$D \sim 10^{30}$ cm²/s**)

for **$d=8.5$ kpc** the angular sized less than **10 arcmin**

HESS upper limit on the γ -ray luminosity $L_{\gamma}(\geq 1 \text{ TeV}) \leq 2 \times 10^{32}$ erg/s

can be applied to the content of >10 TeV protons within $R=30$ pc region

for $n \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $W_p(\geq 10E) = L_{\gamma}(\geq E)t_{\pi}$ or **$W_p < 10^{45}$ erg**

=> G1.9+0.3 was not an effective PeVatron also in the past !

Realization of PeVatrons

by SNRs in magnetized bubbles produced by winds of SN progenitors?

one of the key condition for acceleration of protons to PeV energies :
large magnetic field exceeding $100 \mu\text{G}$

“preprepared” B-field in cavities produced by winds of O or WR stars?
[Voelk&Bierman 1988](#), [Berezhko&Voelk 2000](#)

recently [Zirakashvili&Ptuskin 2018](#) :

acceleration takes place in a highly magnetised and turbulent environment with gas density as small as 0.01cm^{-3}

E_{max} well beyond 1 PeV in for Ib/c SN in WR wind cavity

E_{max} slightly below 1 PeV in Type IIP SN in O star wind cavity

Several Galactic SNRs/PeVatrons of age $\sim 1,000$ yr

low γ -ray flux: $F_E \sim 10^{-13} (n/0.01 \text{cm}^{-3}) (W_p/10^{50} \text{erg}) (d/10 \text{kpc})^{-2} \text{erg/cm}^2$

alternative CR factories?

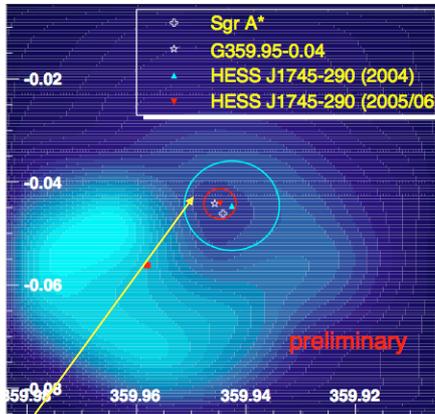
- ✓ collective stellar winds and SNR shocks in clusters and of massive stars, superbubbles speeds off stellar winds - several 1000 km/s - comparable to young SNR shock speeds 10^{41} erg/s (comparable or a factor of 2 less than mechanical power of SN) acceleration efficiency should be at least 10 % - much less is needed for the knee region
- ✓ Galactic Center - significant contribution could come only from the Supermassive Black Hole (Sgr A*). 5×10^6 solar masses can formally provide a power as large as 10^{43} erg/s (assuming 10 % acceleration efficiency). But presently the accretion rate does not exceed 10^{39} erg/s (bolometric luminosity of Sgr A* is less than 10^{36} erg/s)
- ✓ pulsars/pulsar wind nebulae? prolific accelerators of electrons and positrons; potential, but, most likely, not the major contributors to CR electrons

one cannot exclude that the observed (local) CR flux up to 10^{15} eV is contributed essentially by a single (or a few) local sources. This is the case of TeV electrons

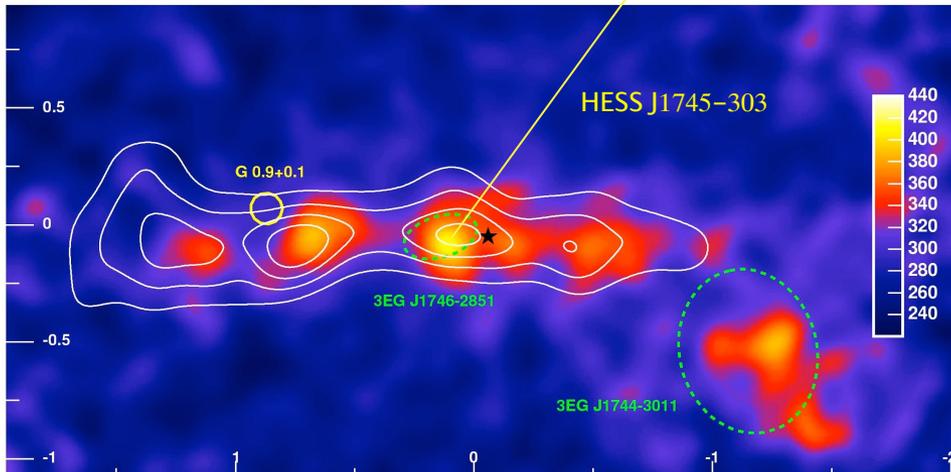
PeVatron(s) in the Galactic Center!

TeV gamma-rays from GC

90 cm VLA radio image

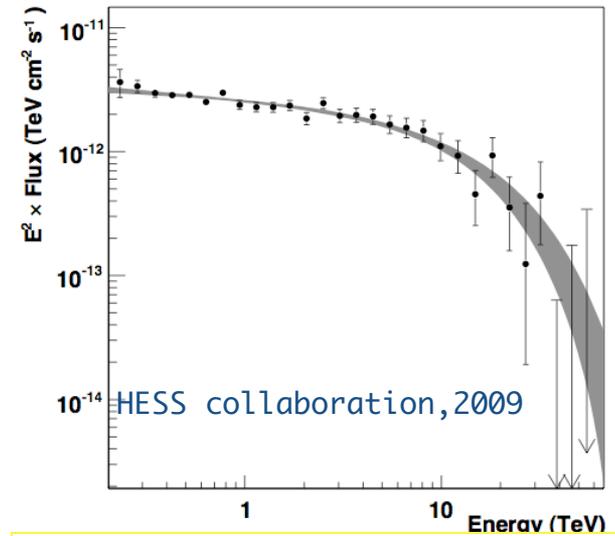


γ -ray emitting clouds



HESS collaboration, 2006

Sgr A* or the central diffuse < 10pc region or a plerion?



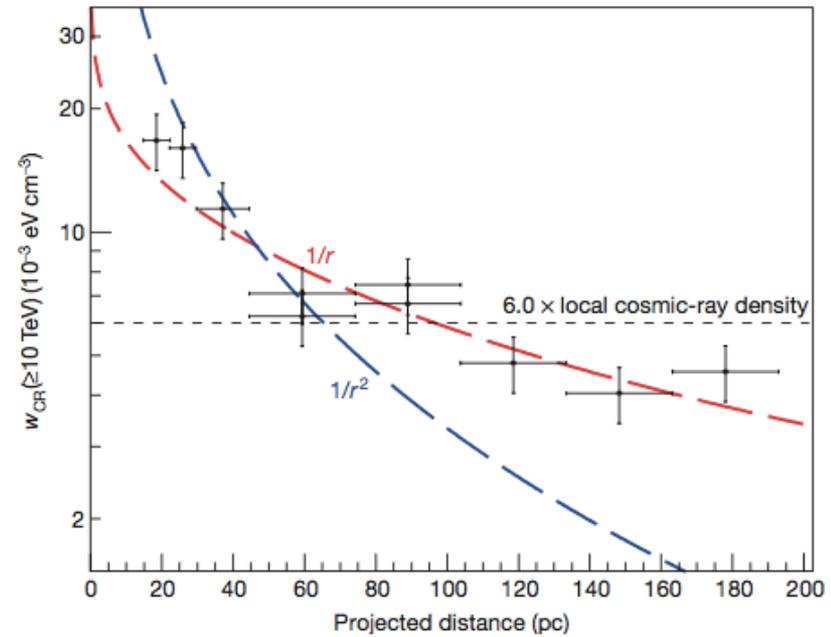
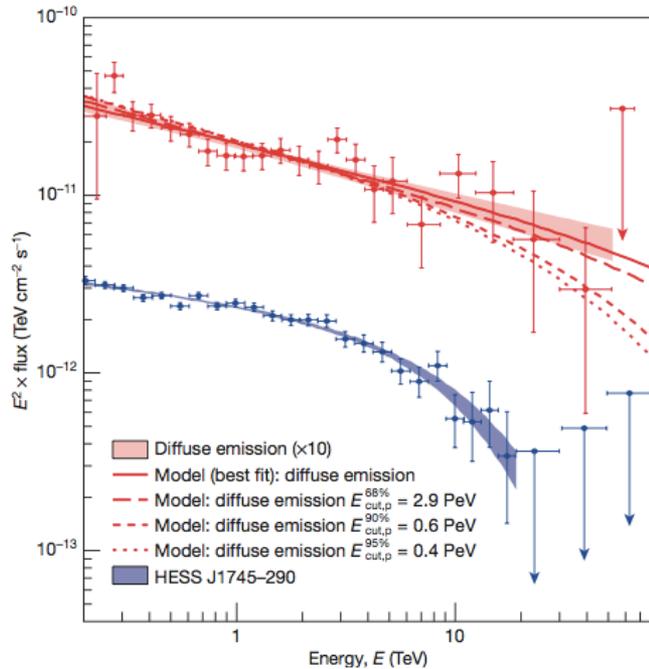
Energy spectrum:

$$dN/dE = AE^{-\Gamma} \exp[(-E/E_0)^\beta]$$

$$\beta=1 \quad \Gamma=2.1; E_0=15.7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\beta=1/2 \quad \Gamma=1.9 \quad E_0=4.0 \text{ TeV}$$

PeVatron located within $R < 10$ pc and operating continuously over $> 10^3$ yr



no-cutoff in the **gamma-ray** spectrum up to **25 TeV**
 \Rightarrow *no-cutoff* in the **proton** spectrum up to \sim **1 PeV**

what do we expect?

- $1/r$ continuous source
- $1/r^2$ wind or ballistic motion
- constant burst like source

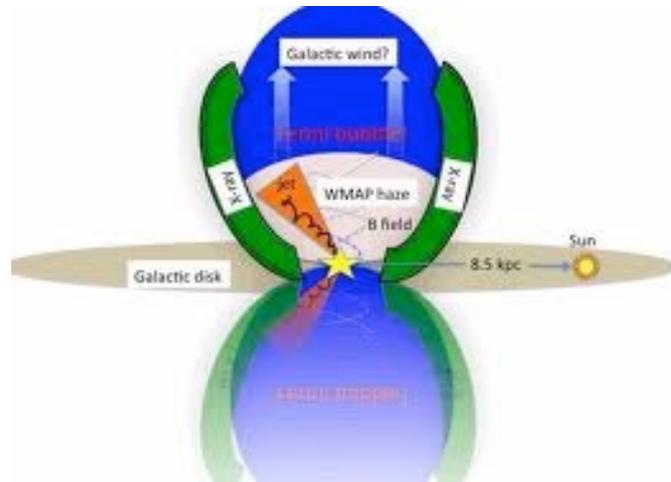
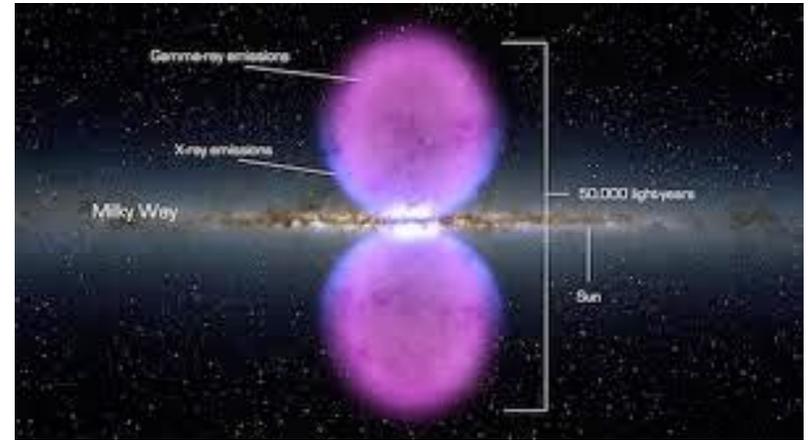
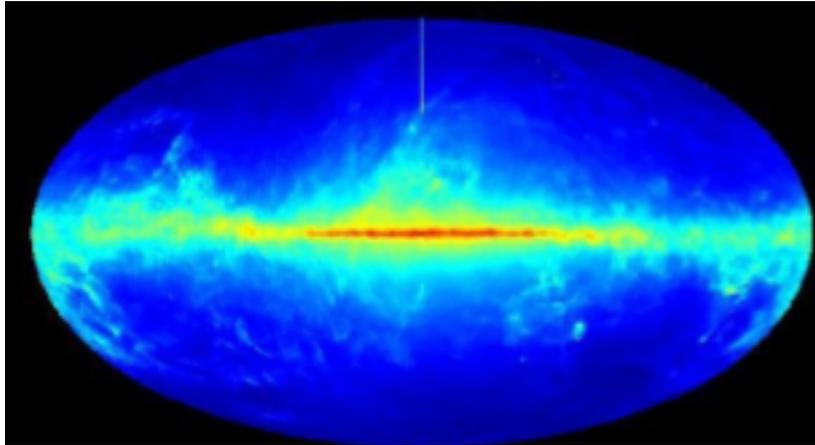
derived: **$1/r$** distribution
 \Rightarrow **continuous acceleration !**

implications?

- ❑ Galactic Center (GC) harbors a hadronic PeVatron within a few pc region around Sgr A* (a SMBH in GC)
- ❑ $1/r$ type distribution of the CR density implies (quasi)continuous regime of operation of the accelerator with a power 10^{38} erg/s (on timescales 1 to 10 kyr) - a non negligible fraction of the current accretion power
- ❑ this accelerator alone can account for most of the flux of Galactic CRs around the “knee” if its power over the last 10^6 years or so, has been maintained at average level of 10^{39} erg/s
- ❑ escape of particles into the Galactic halo and their subsequent interactions with the surrounding gas, can be responsible for the sub-PeV neutrinos recently reported by the IceCube collaboration

SMBH or young massive-star clusters?

CRs from GC responsible for Fermi Bubbles?



and "IceCube Neutrinos" from a larger $\gg 10$ kpc halo ?

Fermi Bubbles - result of **pp interactions** of CRs produced in the GC and accumulated in $R \sim 10$ kpc regions over 10Gyr comparable to the age of the Galaxy? (Crocker&FA 2011)

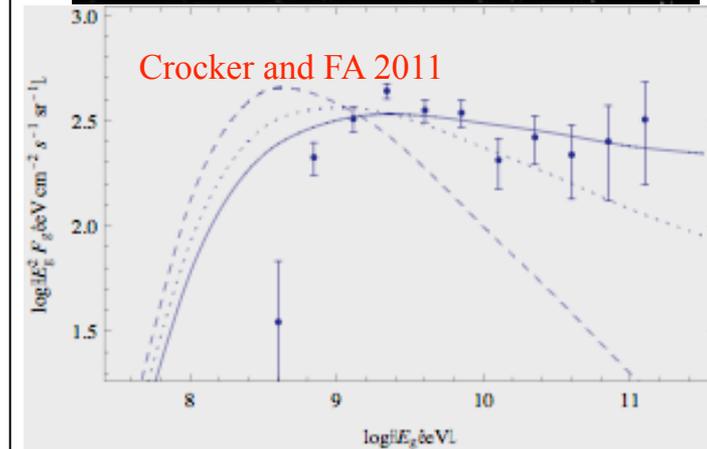
Size - because of slow diffusion in turbulent environment (10 times slower than in the Galactic Disk)

plasma density: $n \sim 0.01 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ timescale: $t_{pp} \sim 5 \text{ Gyr} < t_{\text{Galaxy}}$

saturation (calorimetric) regime can explain:

generally homogeneous distribution of gamma-rays (local γ -ray production rate does not depend on density), unless possible gradients in the CR spatial distribution, e.g. due to propagation effects ; if the sharp edges tentatively found in the Fermi images is a real effect, they can be naturally explained by higher turbulence introduced by shocks => slower diffusion => accumulation of CRs close to the edges

modest requirements to CR rate : $L_p \sim 10^{39-40} \text{ erg/s}$



Fermi Bubbles
as a VHE neutrino source?

Clusters of Young Massive Stars as major sources of CRs?

Extended Regions surrounding Clusters of Young Massive Stars sources of GeV and TeV gamma-rays

Westerlund 1, Westerlund 2, 30 Dor C (in LMC)

Cygnus OB2, Westerlund 2, NGC3603

Arches, Quintuplet and Nuclear ultracompact clusters in GC

- collective power in stellar wind $10^{38} - 10^{39}$ erg/s
- typical speeds of stellar winds several 1000 km/s

continuous injections of CRs into ISM over $(2-5) \times 10^6$ yrs formation of $\sim 1/r$ radial distribution of CRs up to 200 pc; diffuse (typically irregular) gamma-ray morphology

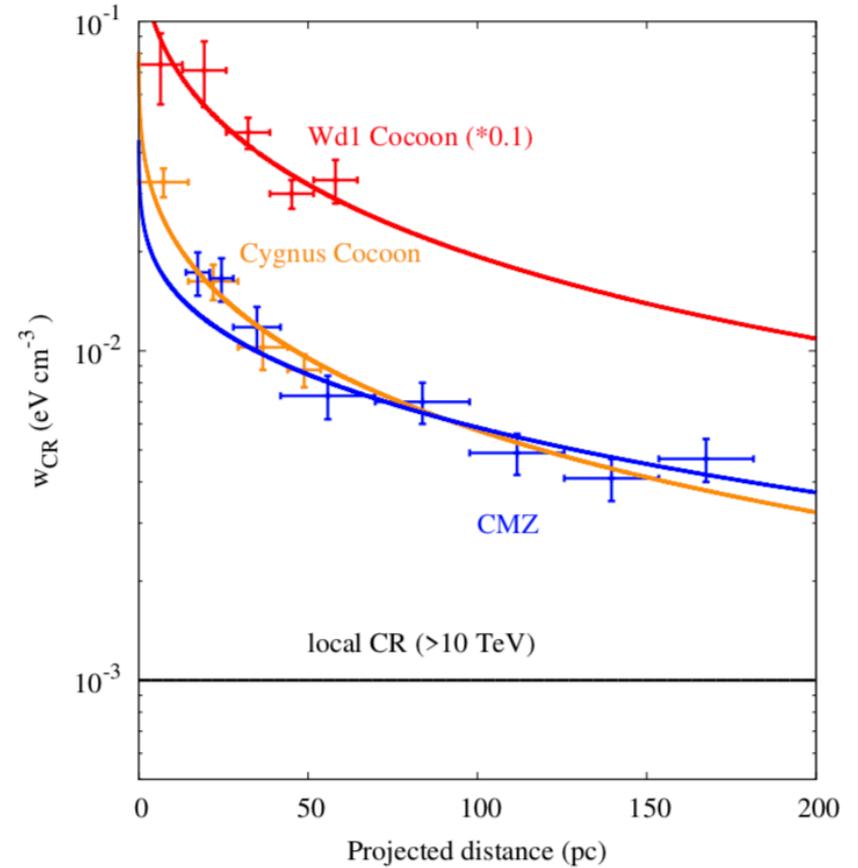
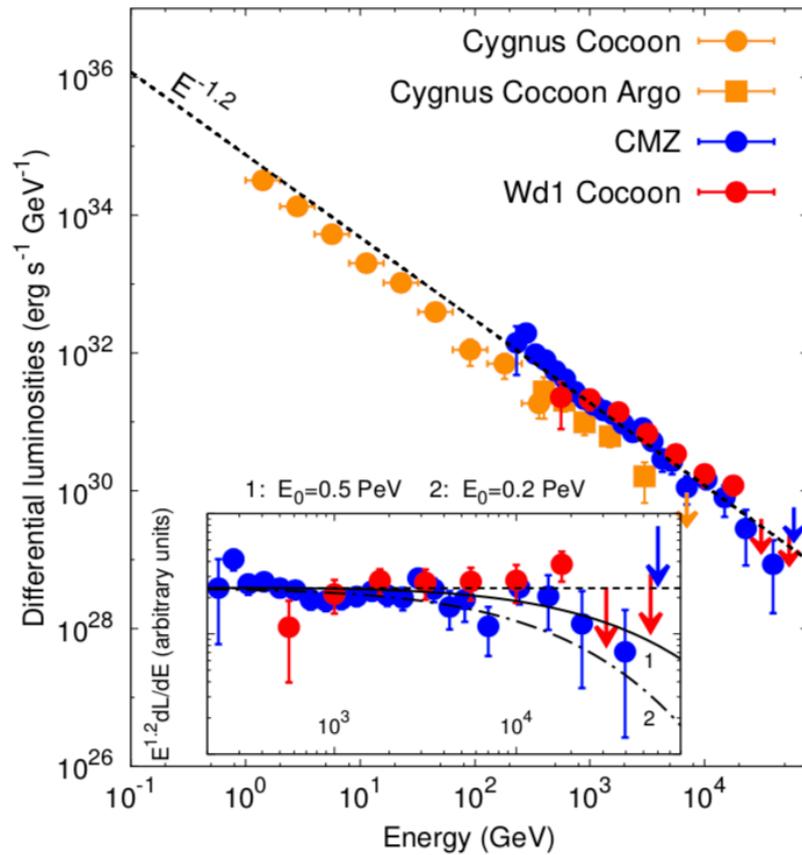


Figure 1: Gamma-ray luminosities and CR proton radial distributions in extended regions around the star clusters Cyg OB2 (Cygnus Cocoon) and Westerlund 1 (Wd 1 Cocoon), as well as in the Central Molecular Zone (CMZ) of the Galactic Centre assuming that CMZ is powered by CRs accelerated in *Arches*, *Quintuplet* and *Nuclear* clusters.

Total energy in CRs within the size of radius R_0

$$W_p = 4\pi \int_0^{R_0} w(r)r^2 dr \approx 2.7 \times 10^{47} (w_0/1 \text{ eV/cm}^3)(R_0/10 \text{ pc})^2 \text{ erg}$$

Size of emission region - depends on D and T_0

$$R_D = 2\sqrt{T_0 D(E)} \approx 3.6 \times 10^3 (D_{30} T_6)^{1/2} \text{ pc}$$

Efficiency of conversion of the wind kinetic energy to CRs

$$f(\geq 10 \text{ TeV}) \approx 1 w_0 D_{30} L_{39}^{-1}$$

for $E^{-2.3}$ proton spectrum, $f(>10\text{TeV})$ does not significantly exceed 1%
the diffusion coefficient D_{30} cannot be larger than 0.01; $R_D \sim 300 \text{ pc}$

γ -rays from individual clouds - unique information about $D(E)$

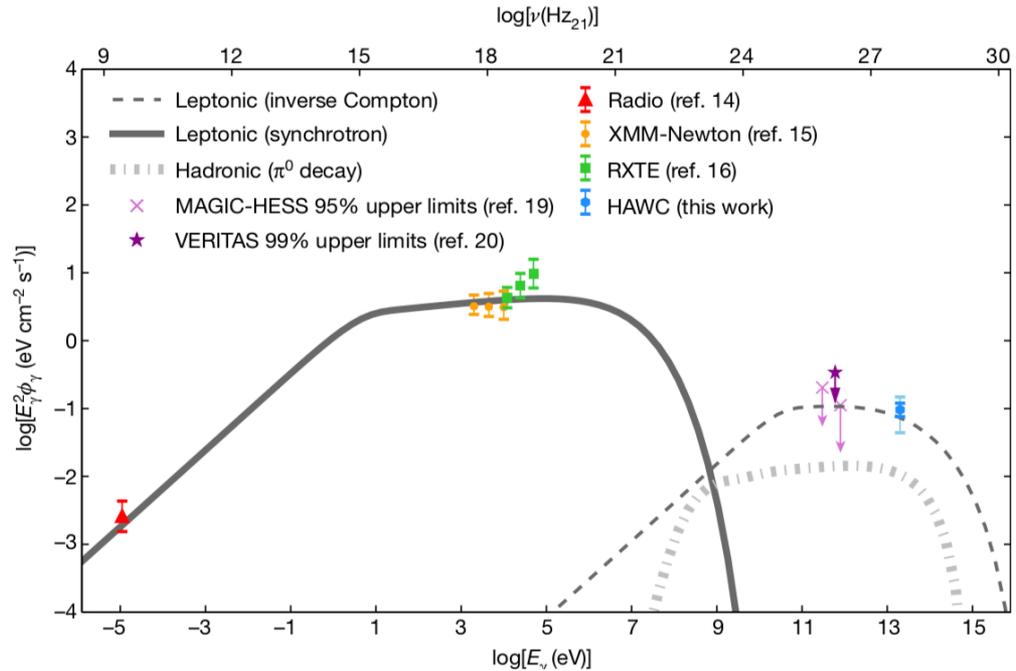
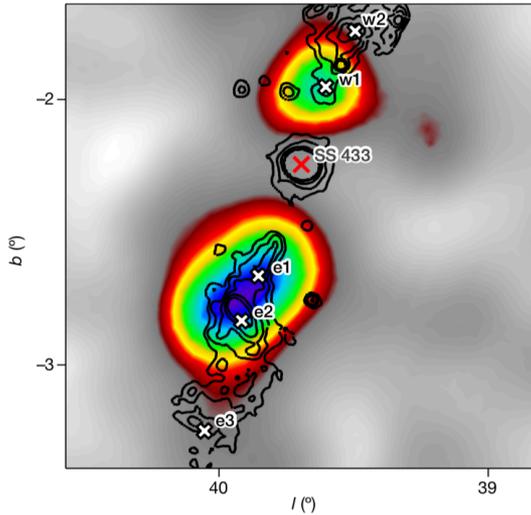
effective acceleration of particles by fast stellar winds was predicted by Cesarsky and Montmerle as early as 1983; for recent developments regarding particle acceleration in SCs - see A. Bykov and collaborators

Other PeVatron candidates

detection of >10 TeV hard spectrum gamma-rays from SS 433

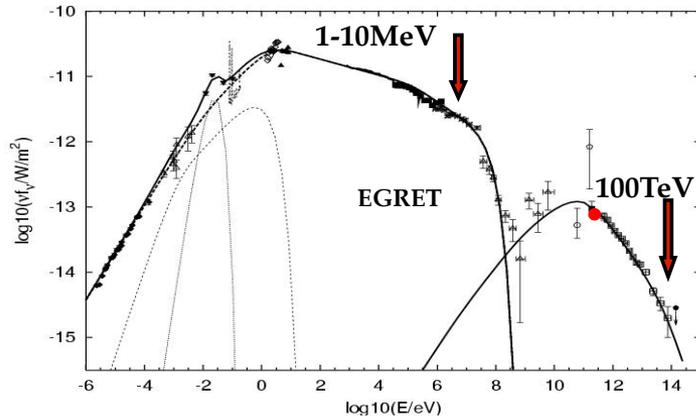
HAWC - HESS/MAGIC upper limits

spectrum as flat as E^{-2} extending 20 TeV



- E^{-2} electron spectrum with $E_0=2$ PeV
- gas density - not sufficient?

Crab Nebula – a perfect electron PeVatron



standard MHD theory (Kennel&Coroniti)
 cold ultrarelativistic pulsar wind terminates by reverse
 shock resulting in acceleration of multi-TeV electrons
 synchrotron radiation => **nonthermal optical/X nebula**
 Inverse Compton => **high energy gamma-ray nebula**

Crab Nebula – a powerful $L_e = 1/5 L_{\text{rot}} \sim 10^{38}$ erg/s
 and extreme accelerator: $E_e \gg 100$ TeV

$$E_{\text{max}} = 60 (B/1\text{G})^{-1/2} \eta^{-1/2} \text{ TeV} \text{ and } h\nu_{\text{cut}} \sim 150\eta^{-1} \text{ MeV}$$

Cutoff at $h\nu_{\text{cut}} > 10 \Rightarrow \eta < 10$ - acceleration at 10 % of the maximum rate

γ -rays: $E_\gamma \sim 50$ TeV (HEGRA, HESS) $\Rightarrow E_e > 200$ TeV

B-field ~ 100 mG $\Rightarrow \eta \sim 10$ - independent and more robust estimate

1 mG $\Rightarrow \eta \sim 1$?



Detecting Pevatrons at other wavelengths?

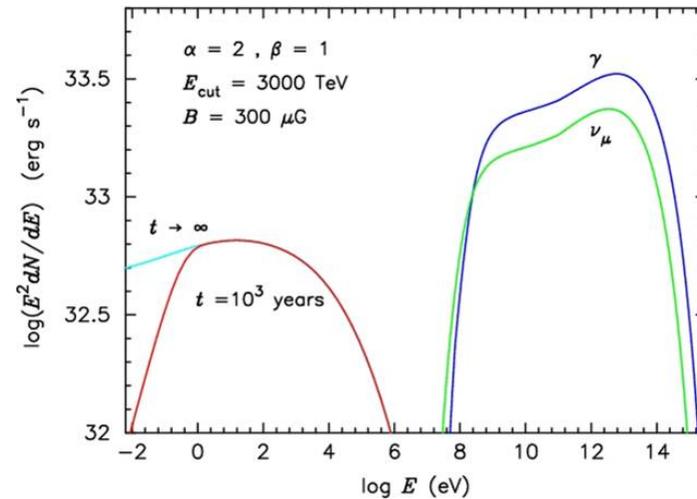
a Galactic PeVatron: $E \sim 10^{15}$ eV

*three channels of information
about cosmic PeVatrons:*

10-1000 TeV gamma-rays

10-1000 TeV neutrinos

10 -100 keV hard X-rays



➤ **γ-rays:** difficult, but possible with future “10km²” area multi-TeV IACT arrays

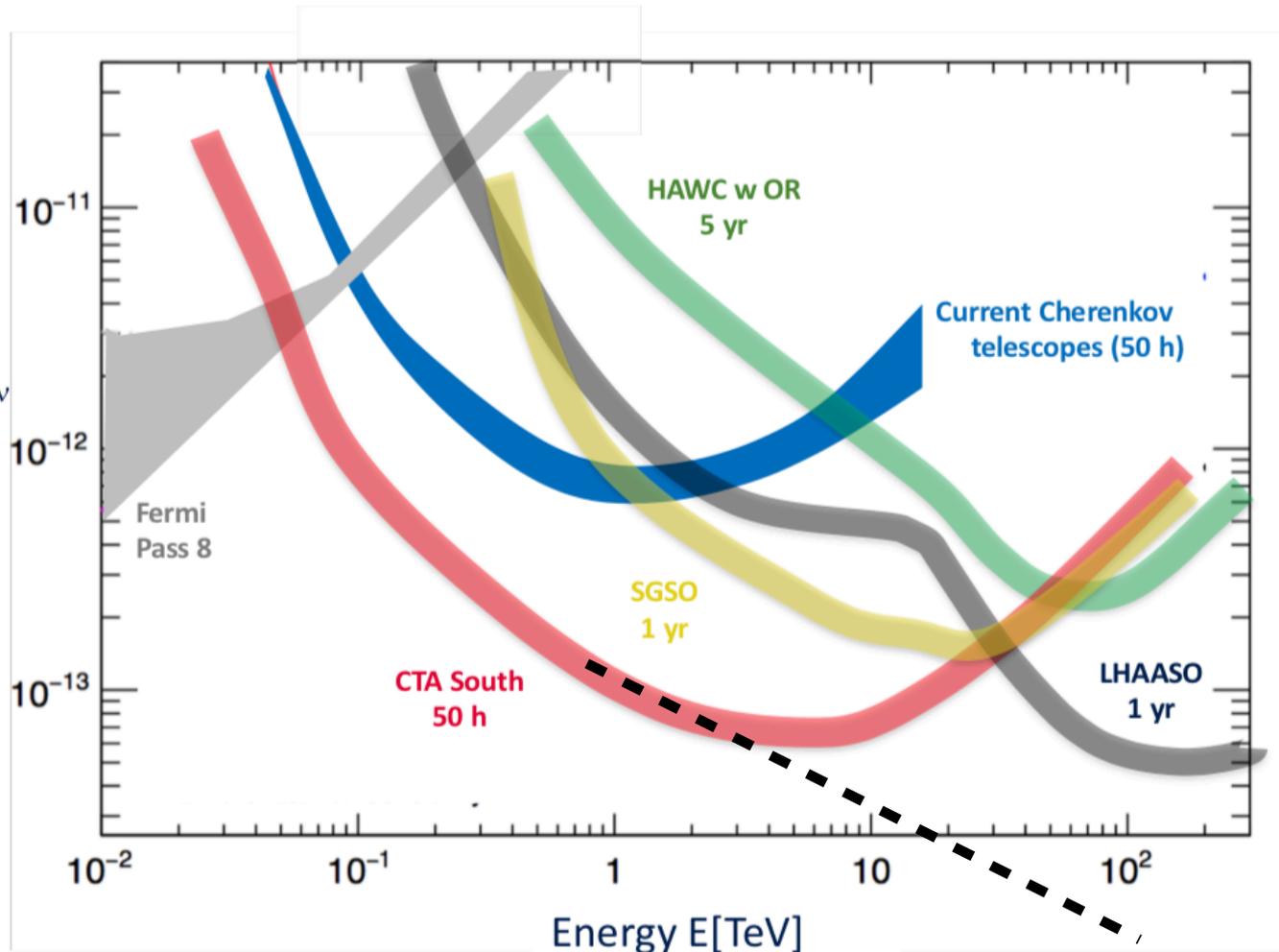
➤ **neutrinos:** marginally detectable by IceCube, Km3NeT - don’t expect spectrometry, morphology; uniqueness - unambiguous signature!

➤ “prompt” **synchrotron X-rays:** smooth spectrum
a very promising channel - quality!

$$\sim \epsilon^{-(\alpha/2+1)} \exp[-(\epsilon/\epsilon_0)^{1/5}]$$

$$E^2 dN/dE = \nu F_\nu$$

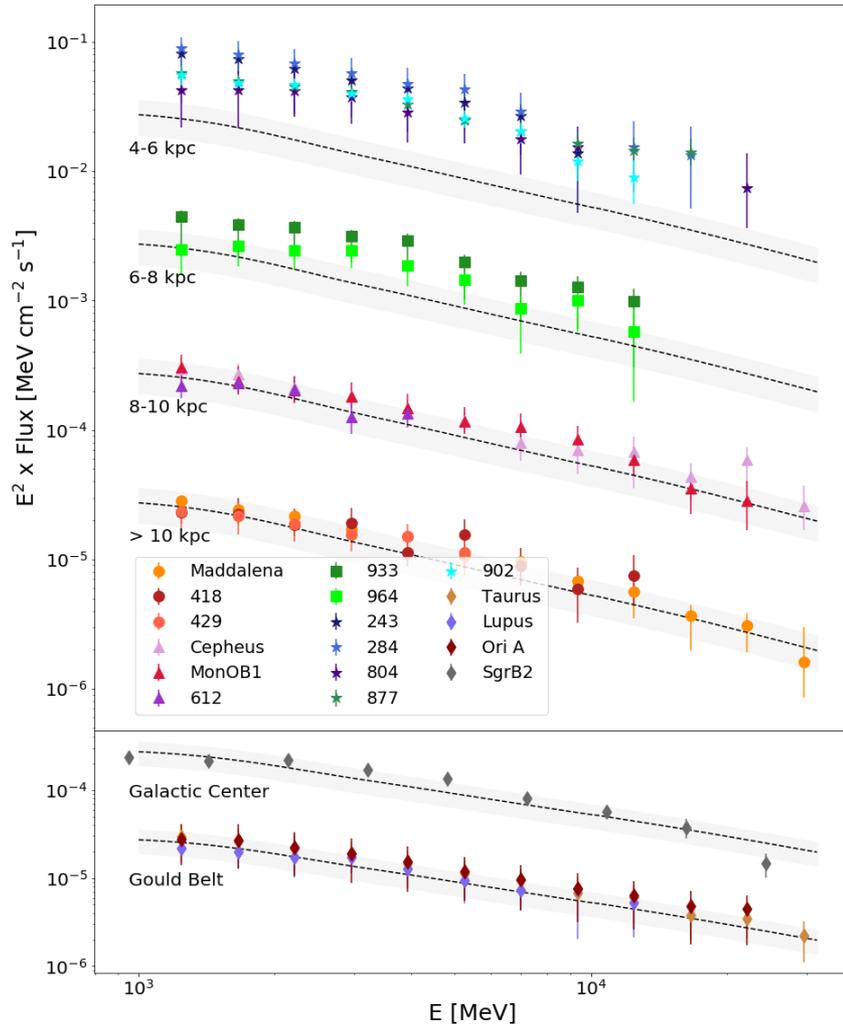
[erg/cm²s]



adapted from
www.cta-observatory.org;
J. Goodman, COSPAR 2018;
Z. Cao, La Palma 2018

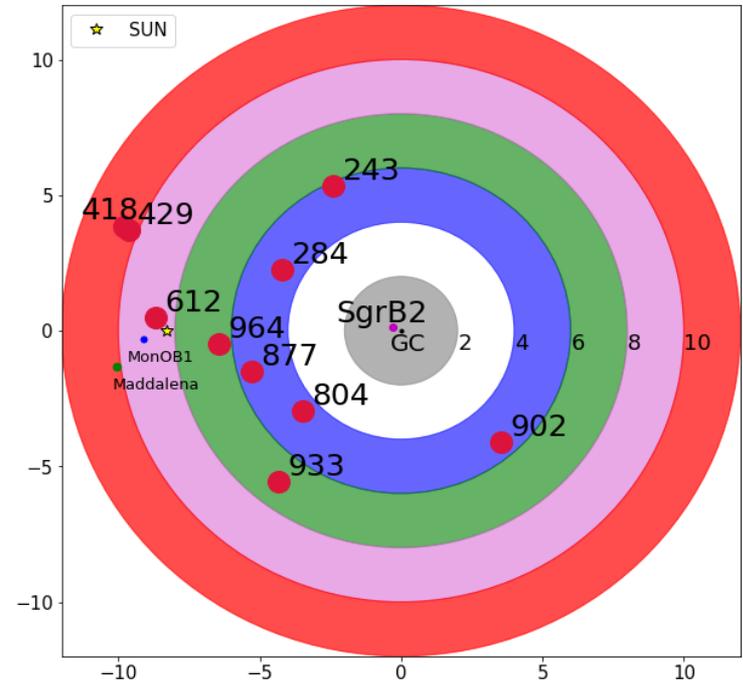
$E^{-2.5}$

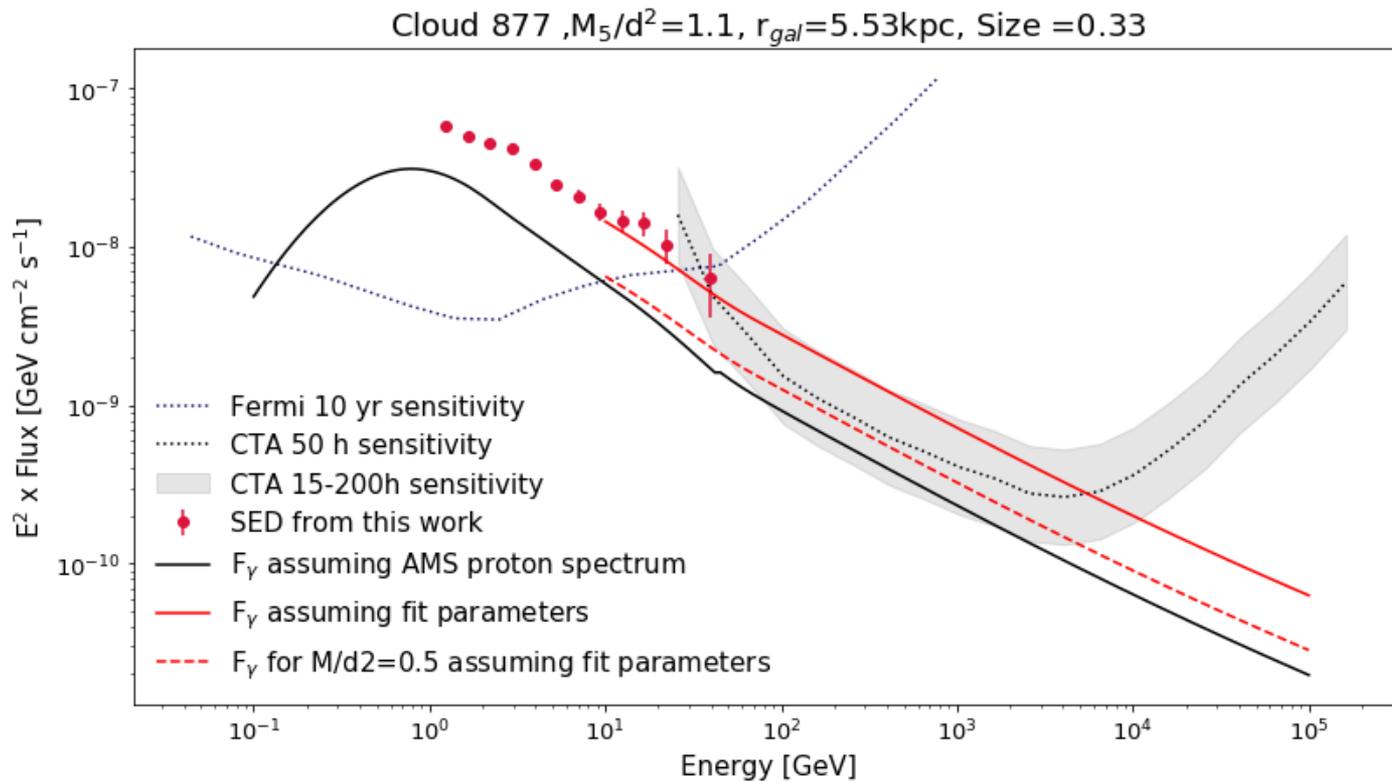
The CR sea is resolved; everywhere is the same and coincides with the AMS 02 spectrum except perhaps the 4-6 ring (?)



clouds detectable by Fermi

$$\frac{M_5}{d^2} > 0.4; \quad M_5 = M/10^5 M_\odot; \quad d_{\text{kpc}} = d/1\text{kpc}$$



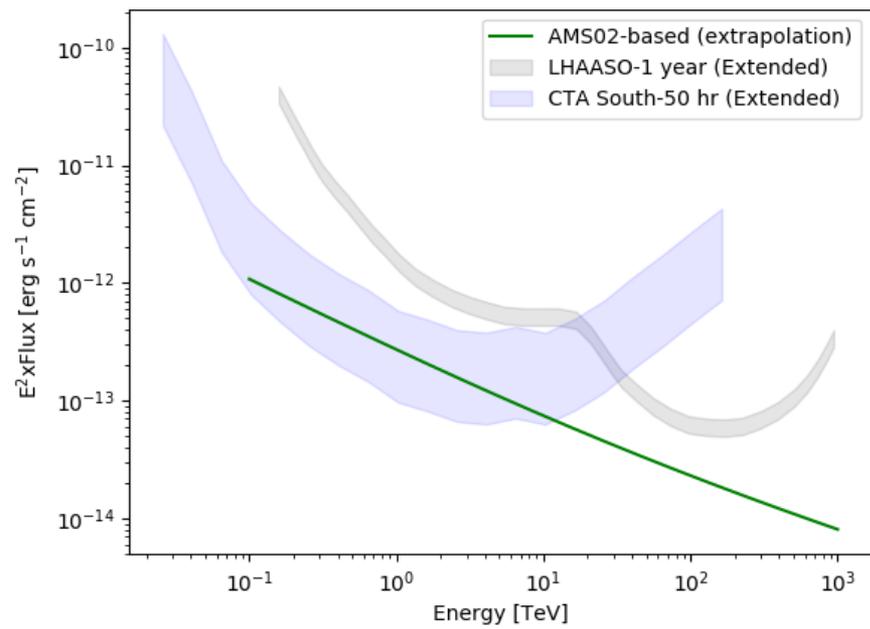
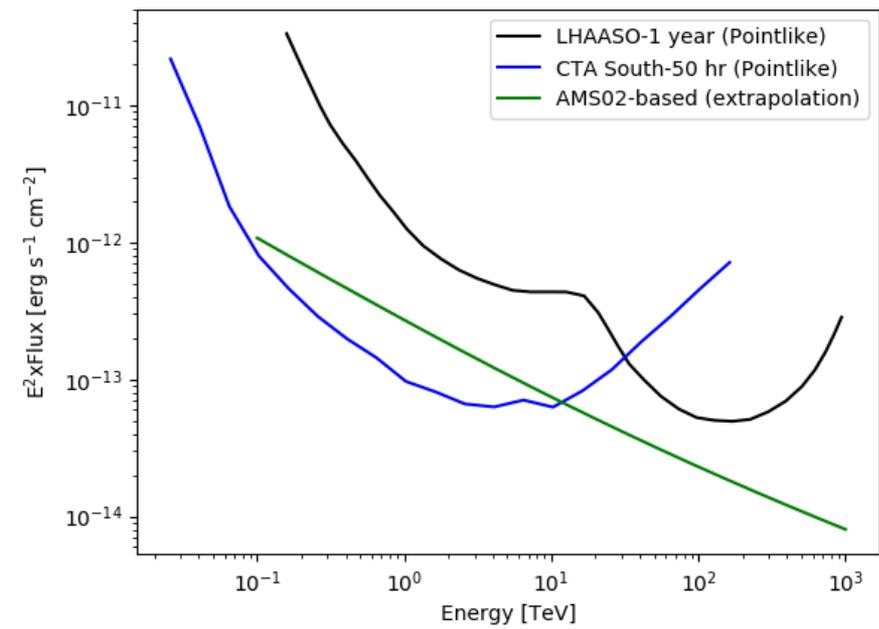


future ?

would be great to have a gamma-ray space telescope:
more sensitive than Fermi LAT by an order of magnitude:

measurements of CR pressure in hundreds locations of the
Galactic Disk - a real barometer

CTA - can marginally detect the CR sea at TeV energies !



Summary:

Recent CR and γ -ray measurements

=> GCRs consists of (at least) two major components

- First component dominates until 1 TeV or so SNRs (!?)
- Second component has harder spectrum and dominates above 1 TeV - production rate $\sim 10^{39}$ erg/s. ‘Proton PeVatrons’ ?

sources? Central BH - Sgr A* or young stellar clusters?

prospects for “Pevatron studies”

CTA , multi-km-cube scale neutrino detectors, hard X-ray imagers,

and especially LHAASO