

# Acceleration of Galactic Cosmic Rays

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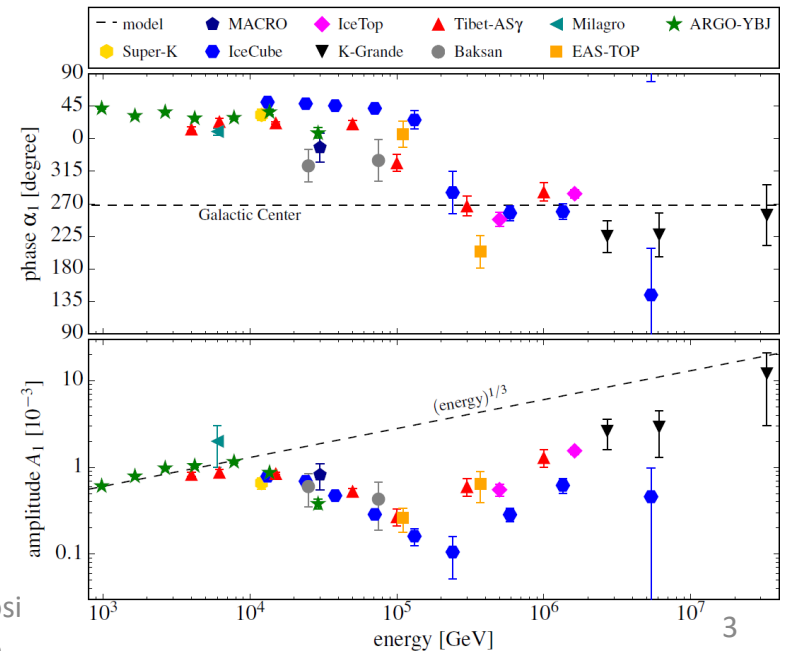
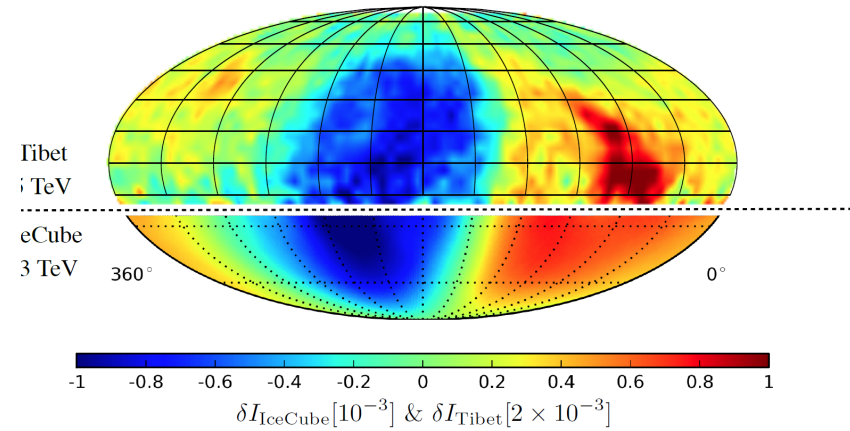
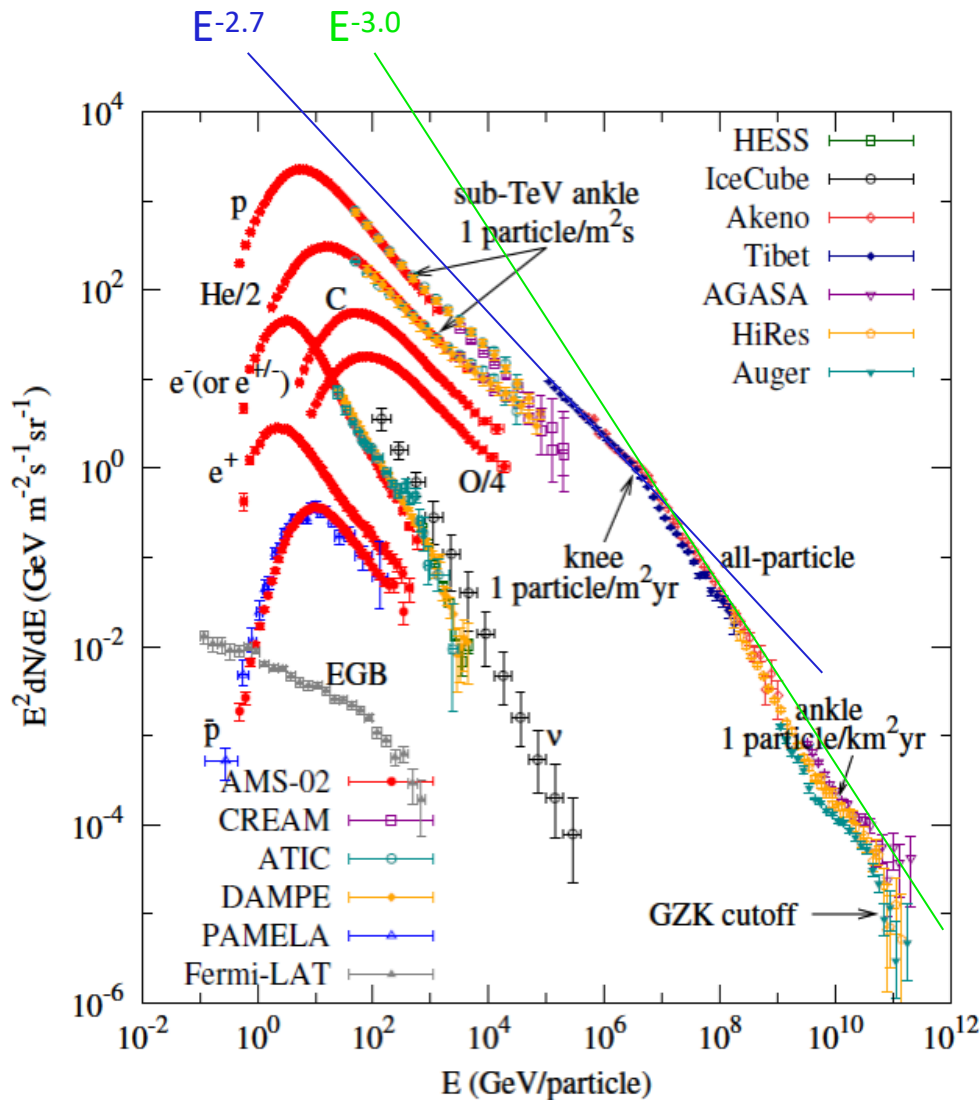
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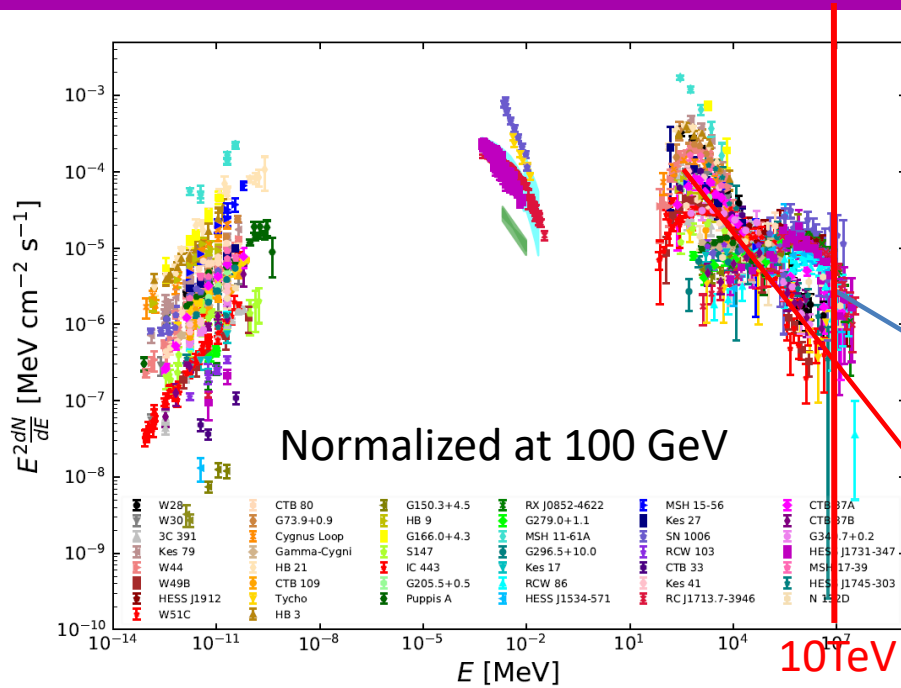
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2. Some Extreme Acceleration Processes
3. Evidence for Extreme Acceleration of PeV Cosmic Rays (CRs) from LHAASO
4. Conclusions

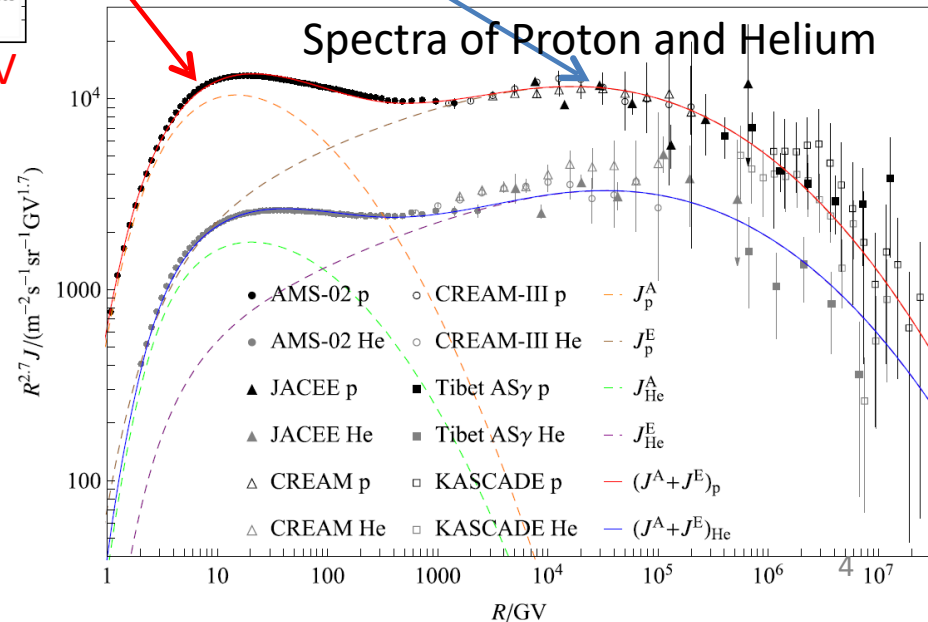
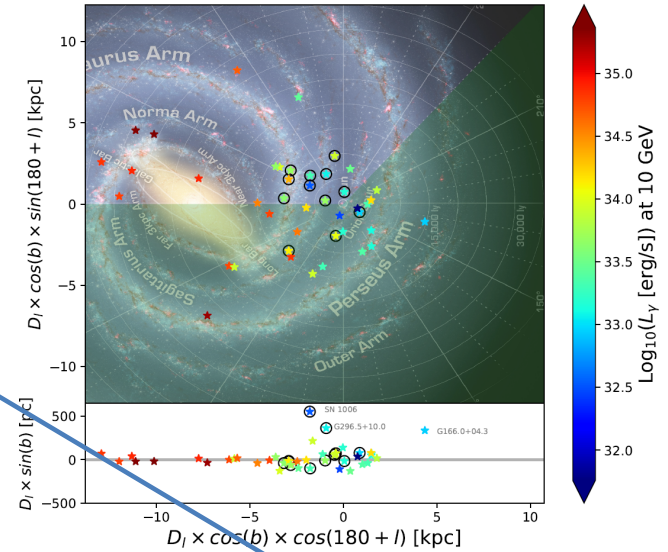
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# 1: Origin of Cosmic Rays



Multiwavelength spectra of 44 SNRs normalized at 100 GeV and their distribution in the Galaxy



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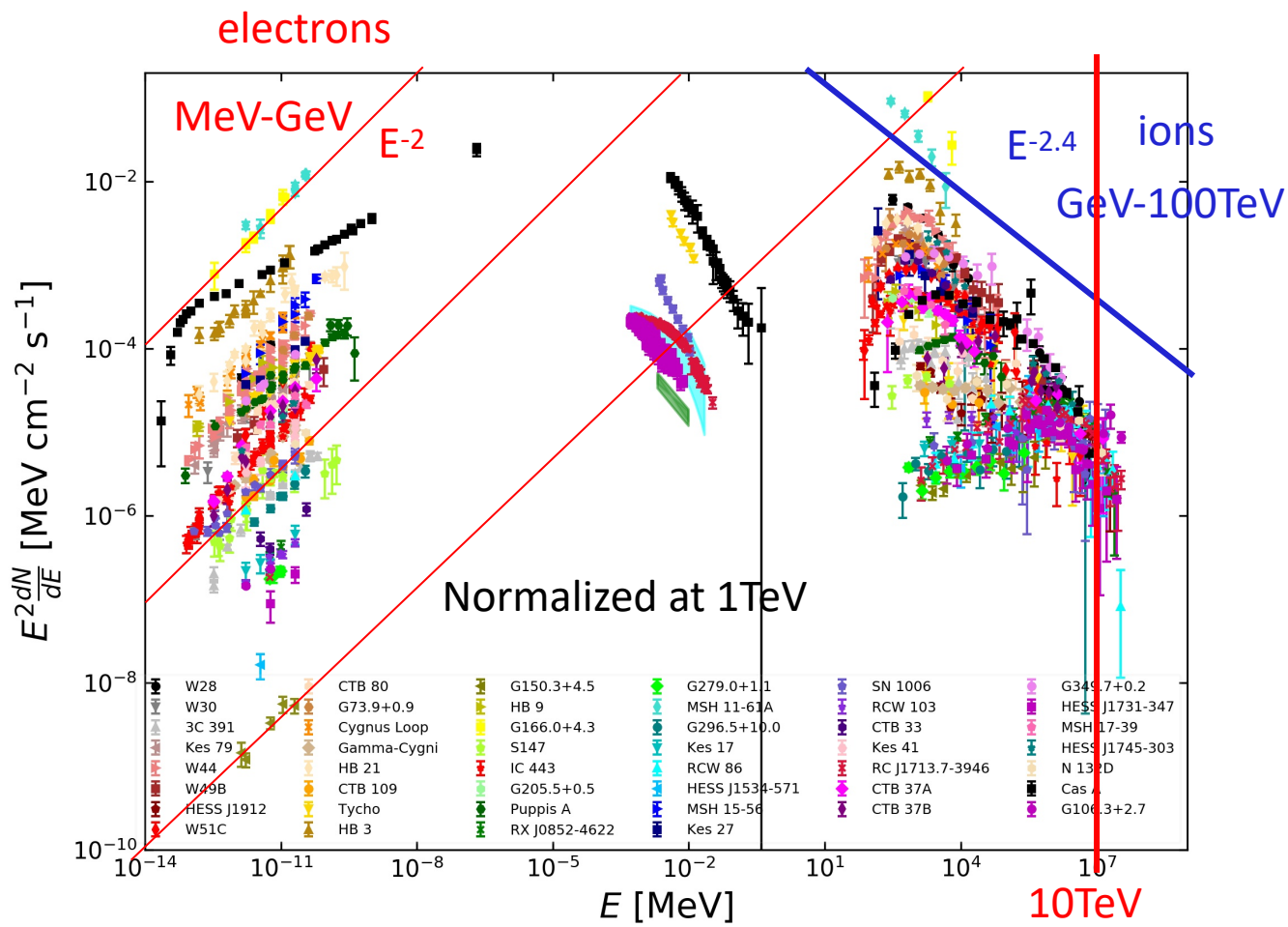
The origin of galactic cosmic rays

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# 1: Spectra of 46 SNRs before LHAASO



Multiwavelength spectra of 46 SNRs normalized at 1 TeV

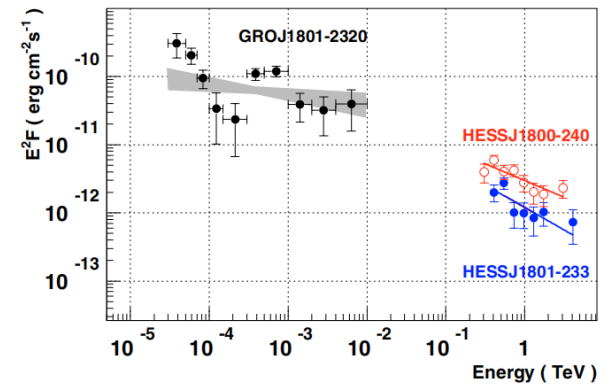
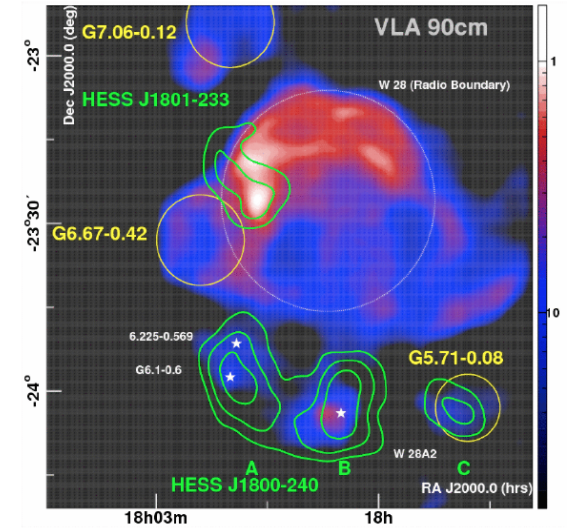
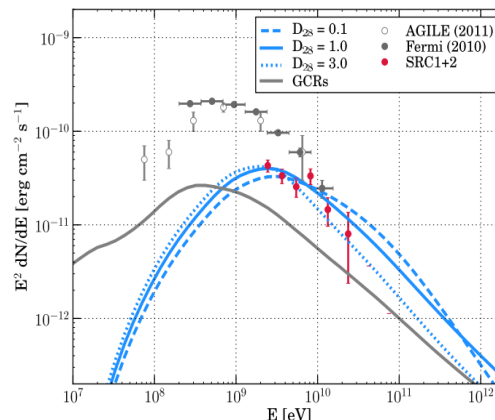
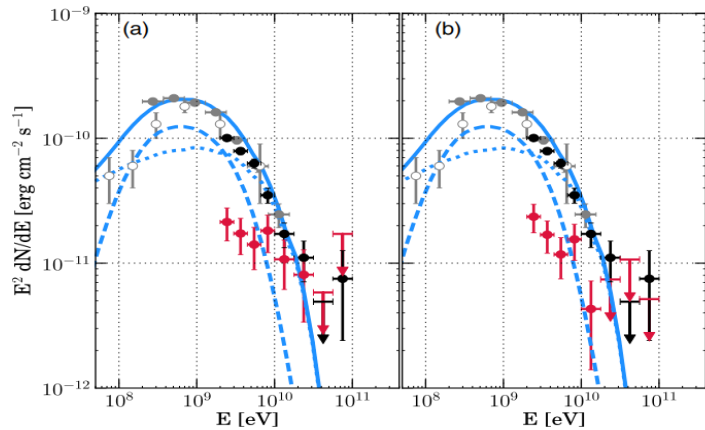
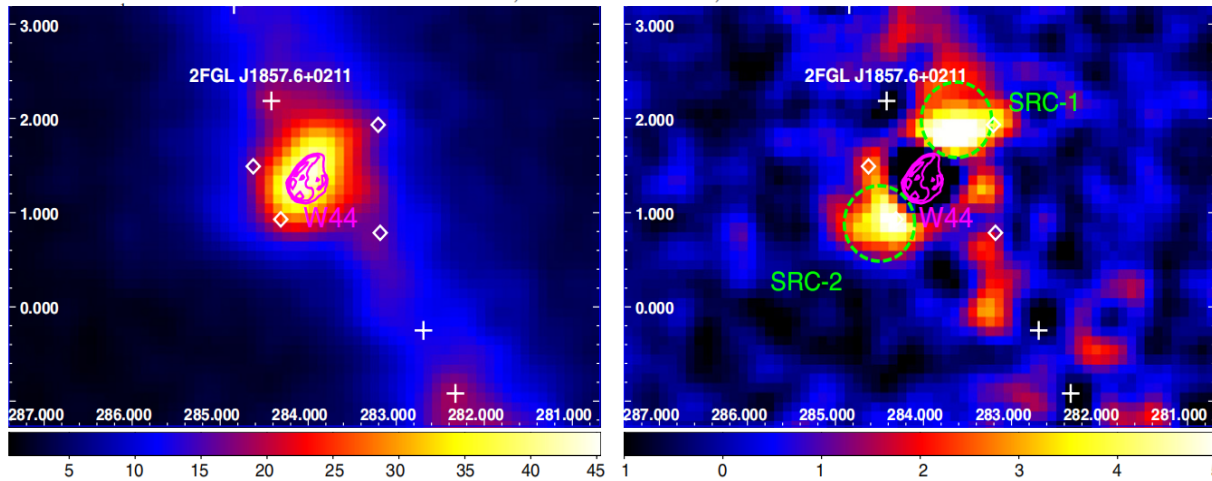
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## FERMI LARGE AREA TELESCOPE DISCOVERY OF GeV GAMMA-RAY EMISSION FROM THE VICINITY OF SNR W44

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Discovery of very high energy gamma-ray emission coincident with molecular clouds in the W 28 (G6.4–0.1) field\*

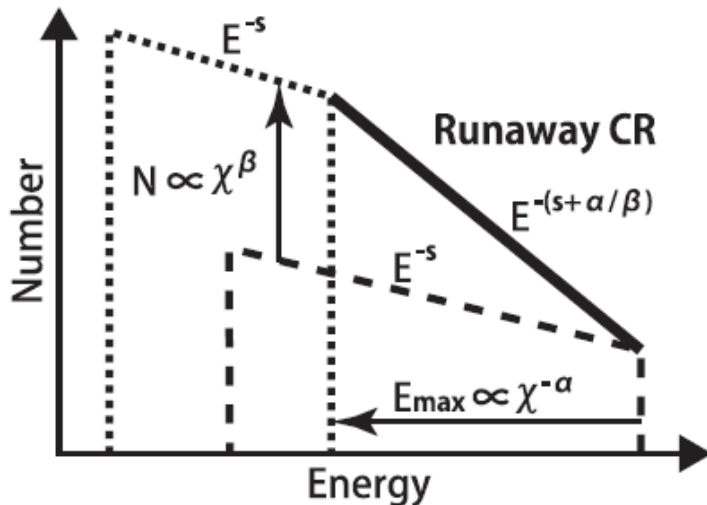
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# 1: Diffusive Shock Acceleration in SNRs

T: Age  
 U: shock speed  
 R: Radius  $\sim UT$   
 D: Diffusion coefficient  $\sim E^\delta$

Acceleration time:  $\sim D/U^2$   
 Escape time:  $\sim R^2/D$

$D/U^2 \leq R^2/D$  then  $D \leq UR \sim T(\text{free expansion})$   
 $\sim T^{-1/5}$  (Sedov)



## Escape of cosmic-ray electrons from supernova remnants

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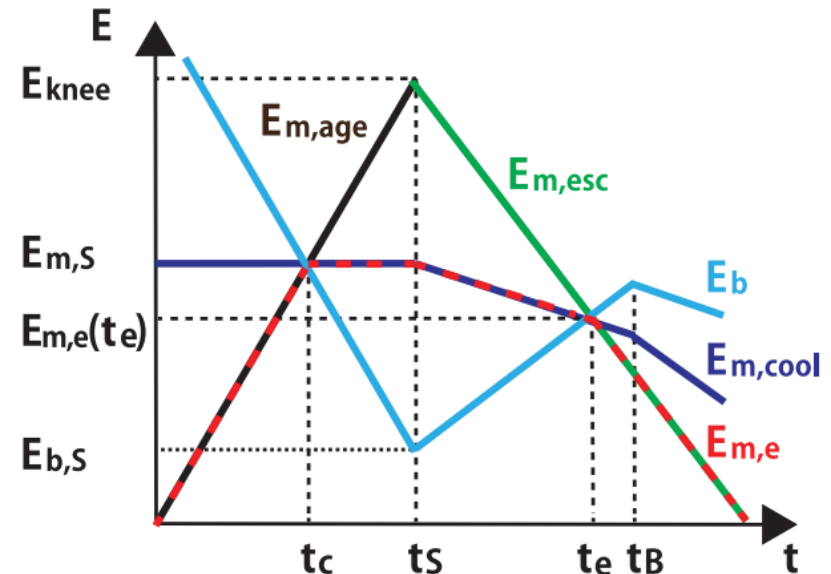
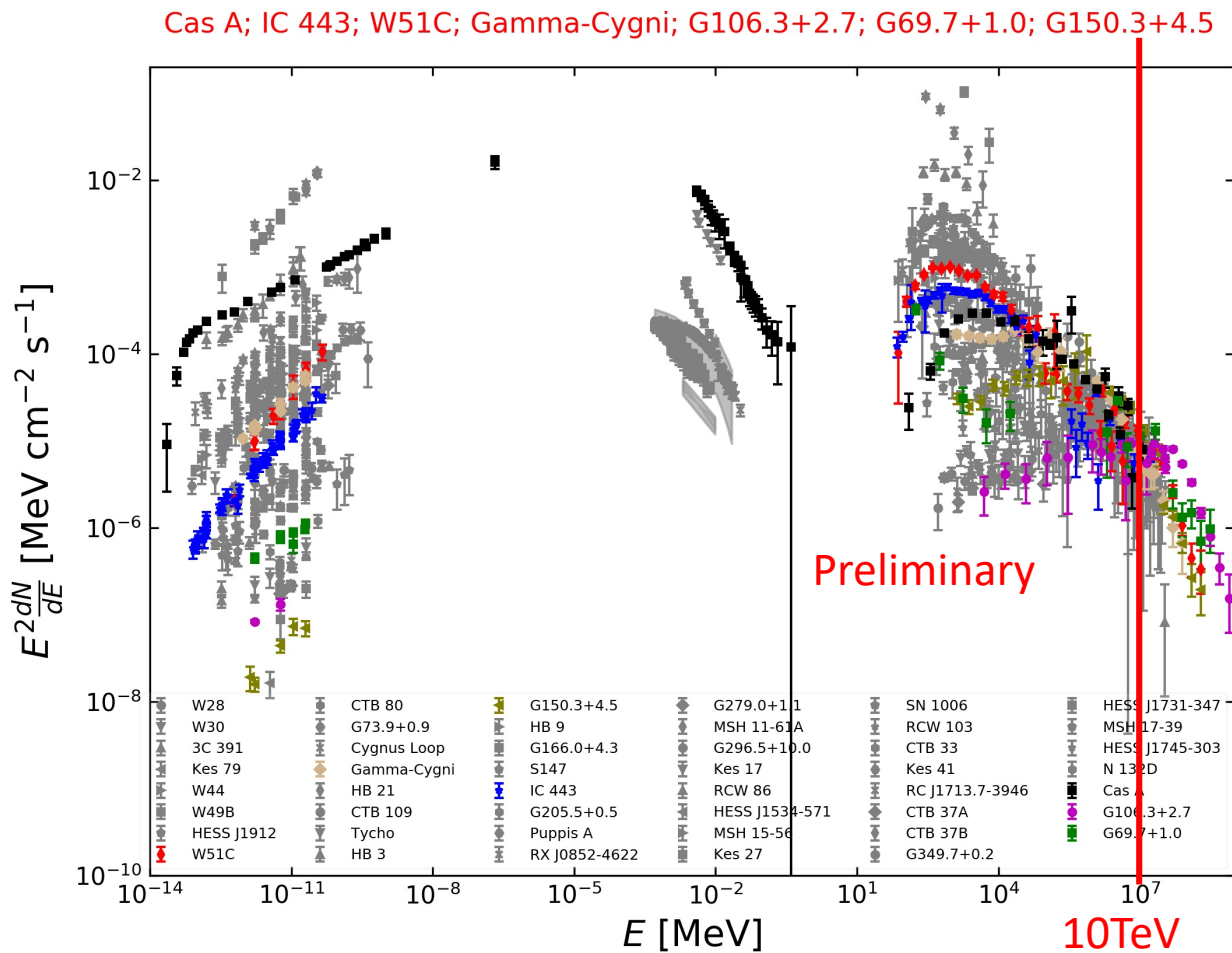


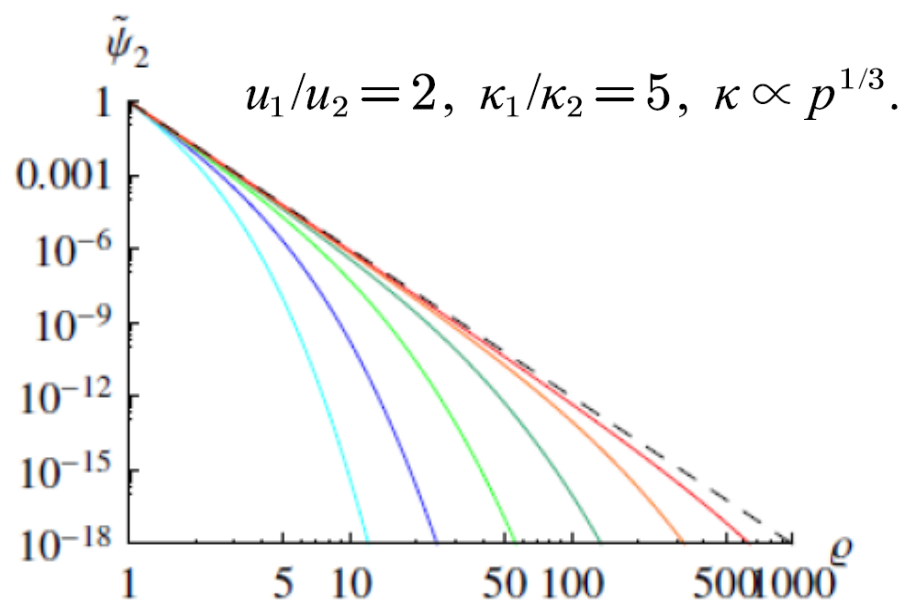
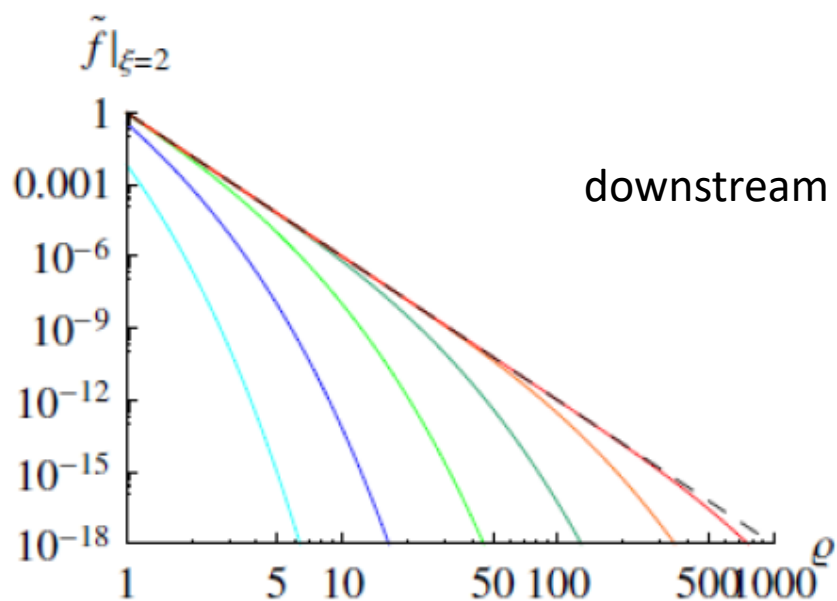
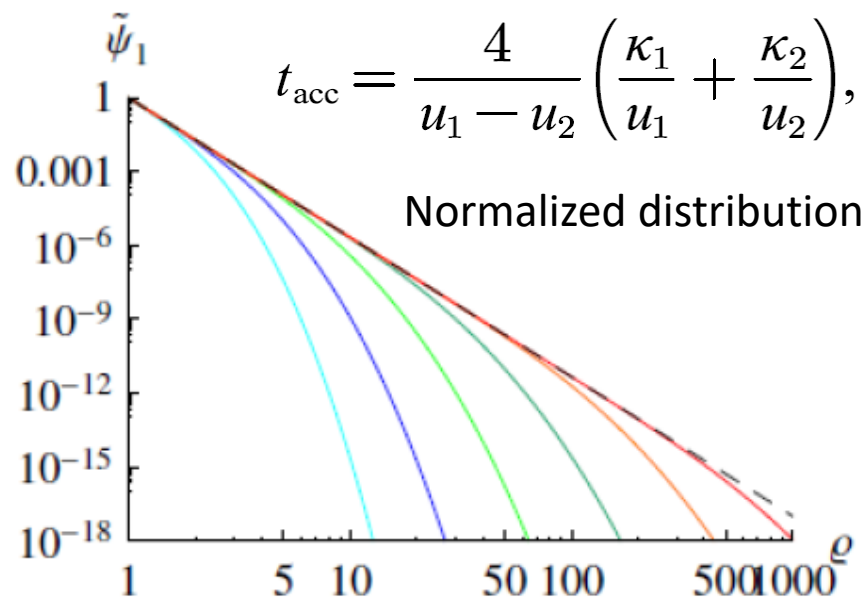
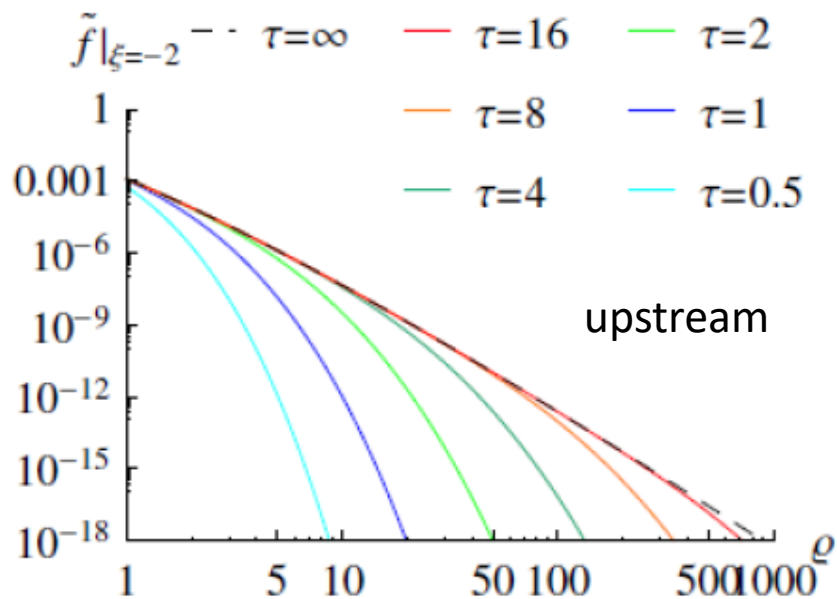
Figure 2. The same as Fig. 1, but for  $B^2 \propto u_{sh}^2$  or  $u_{sh}^3$ .

# 1: 7 SNRs Detected by LHAASO



The higher energy spectra are softer (but harder than an exponential cutoff)

# 1: An example of time-dependent DSA





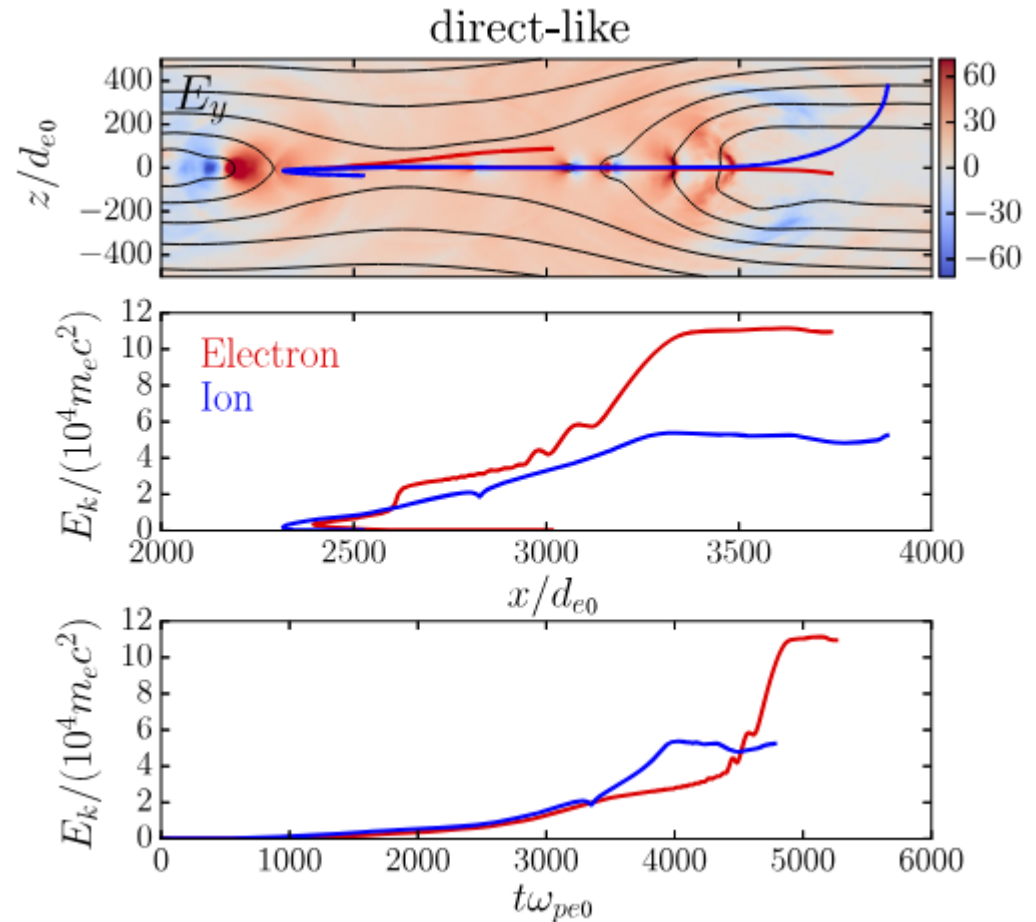
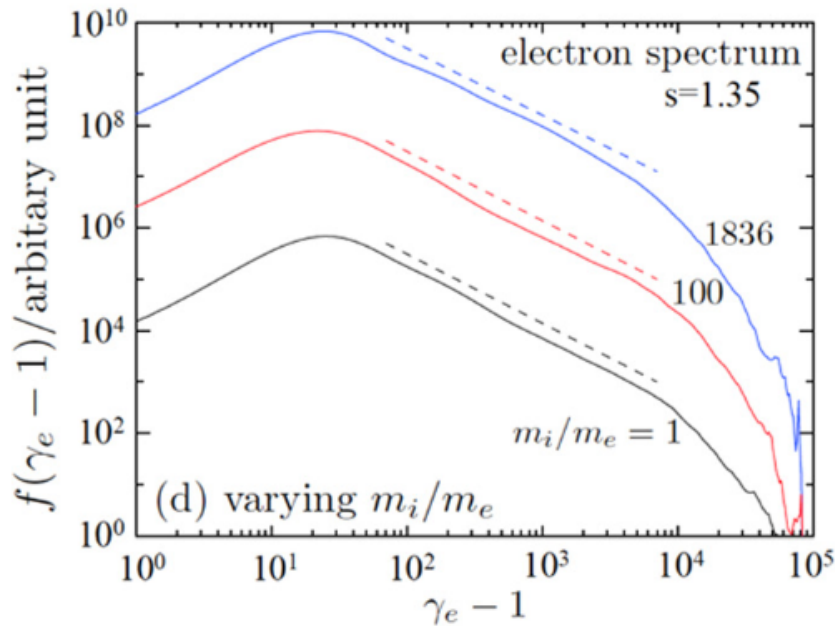


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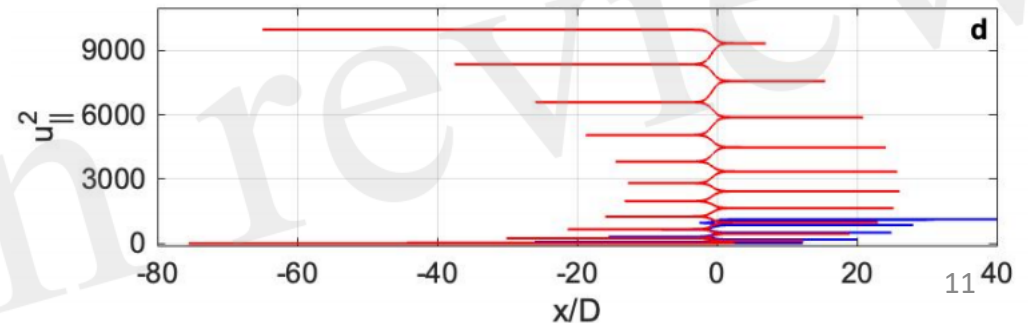
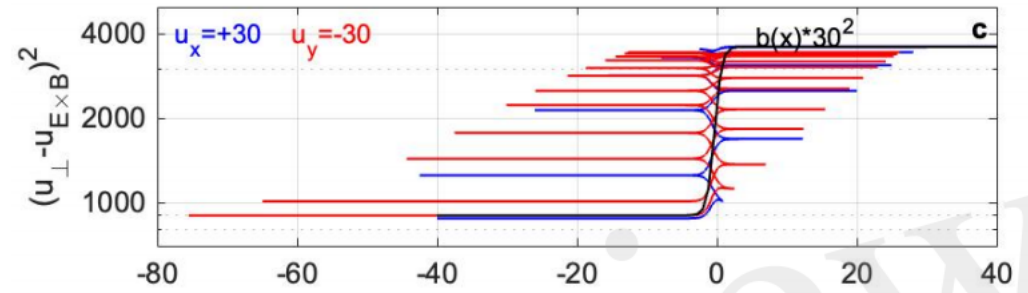
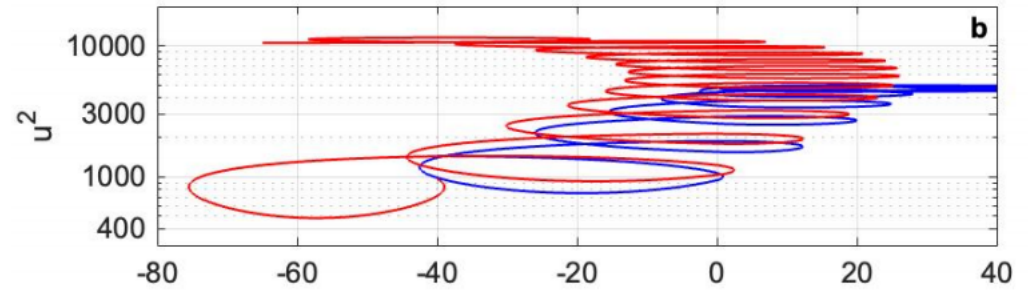
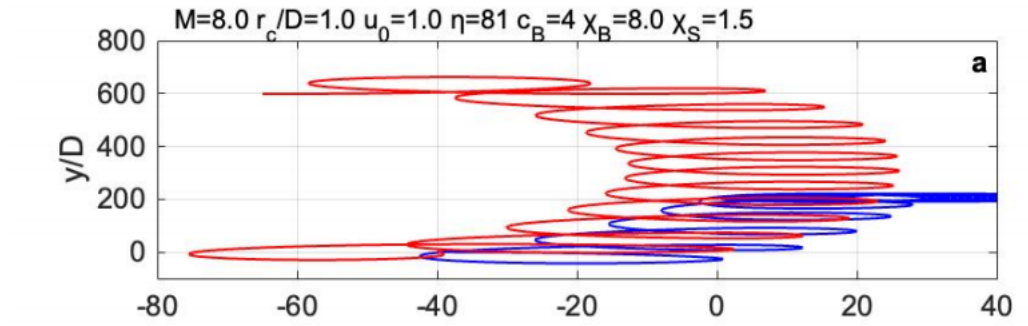
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## 2: Acceleration by parallel electric field



# 2: Shock Drift Acceleration



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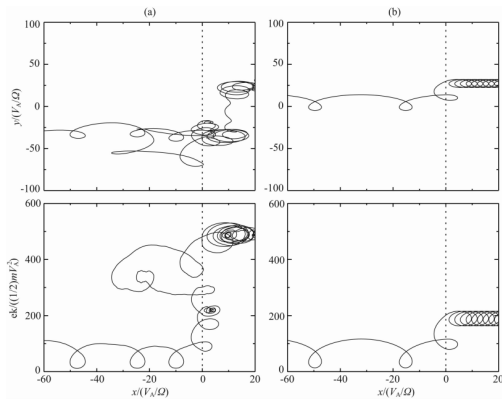


图1 激波中加湍动与未加湍动的粒子轨迹和能量变化



# 2: PeV Particle Acceleration in PWNS

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## Pulsar Wind Nebulae inside Supernova Remnants as Cosmic-Ray PeVatrons

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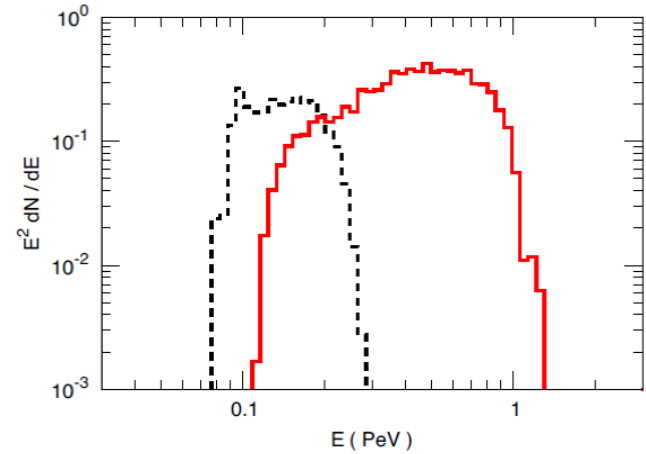
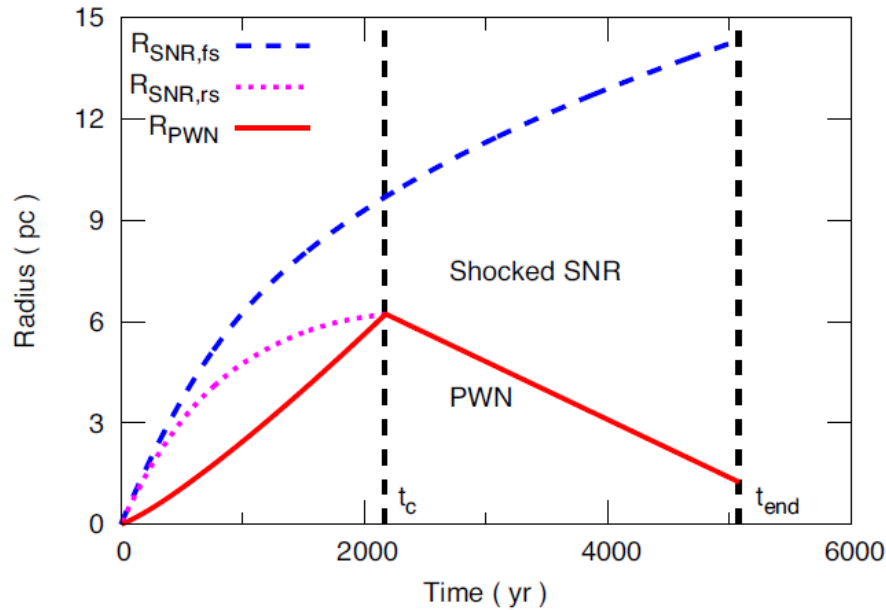
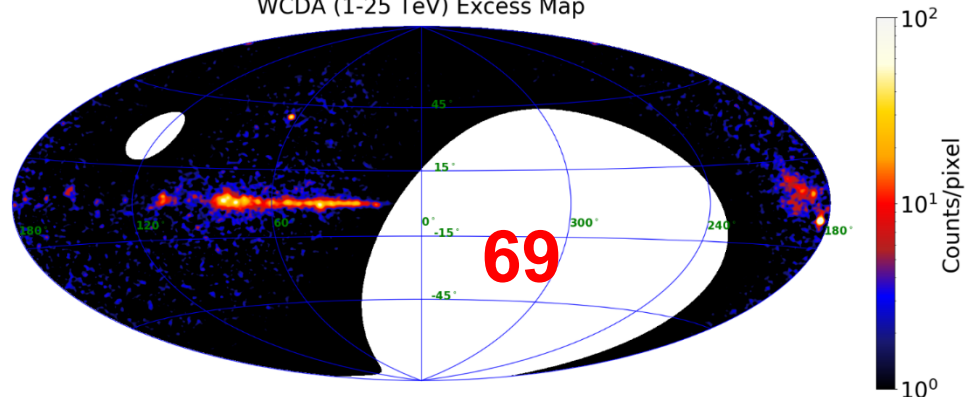


Figure 2. Energy spectra of reaccelerated particles for Model A. The black-dashed and the red solid histograms are energy spectra at  $t = t_c$  and  $t_{\text{end}}$ , respectively. The initial energy is 0.1 PeV.

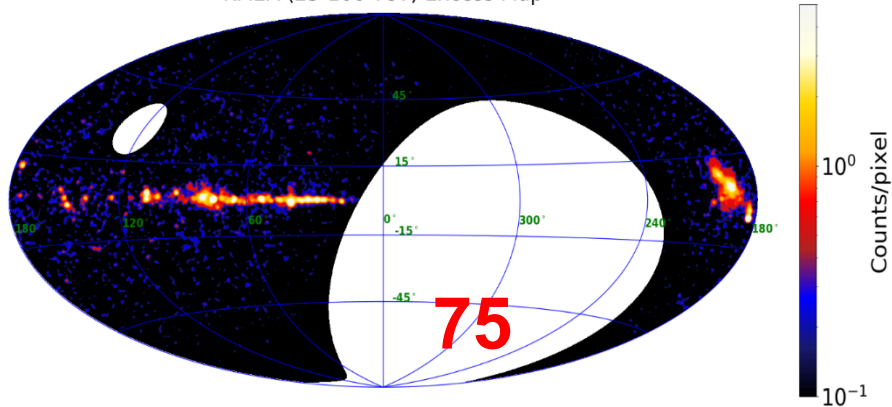
# 3: LHAASO catalog

- **90** in 1<sup>st</sup> LHAASO sources.
- **32** new discoveries
- **43** UHE

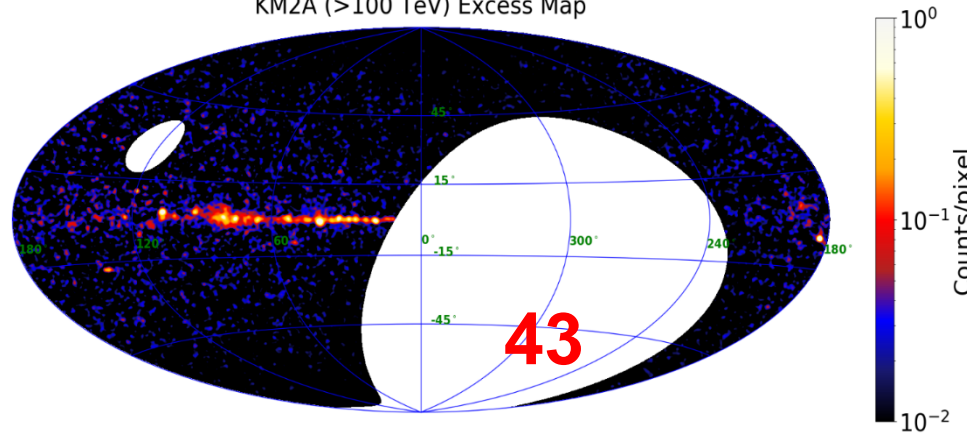
WCDA (1-25 TeV) Excess Map



KM2A (25-100 TeV) Excess Map



KM2A (>100 TeV) Excess Map



# 3: Diffuse Gamma-ray Emission with KM2A

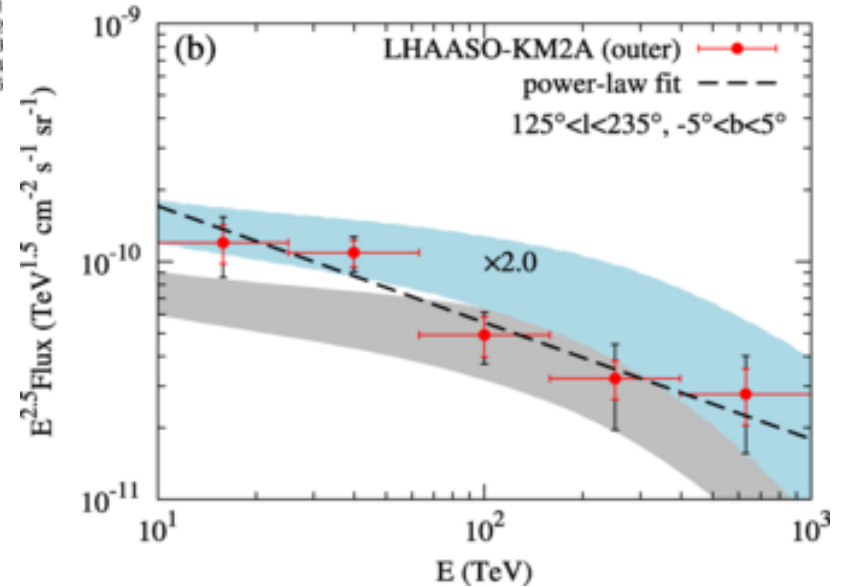
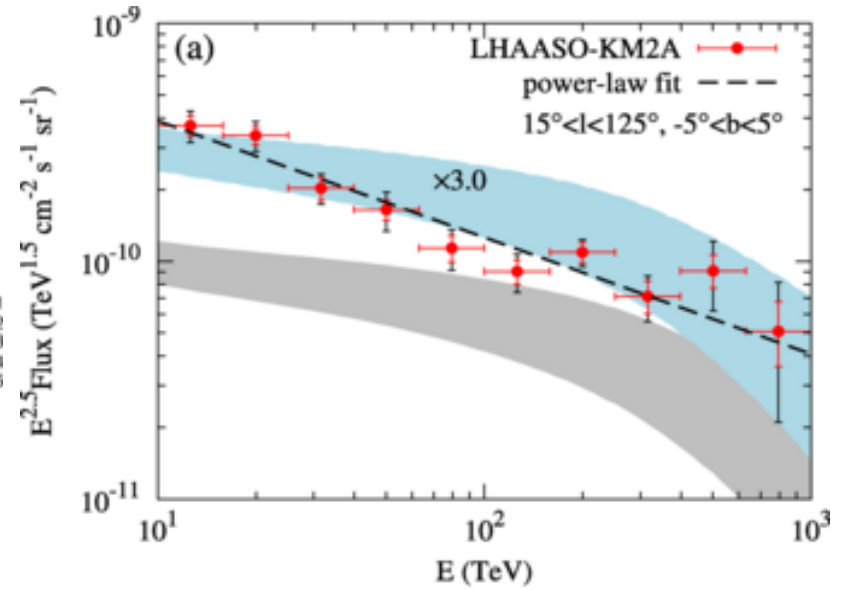
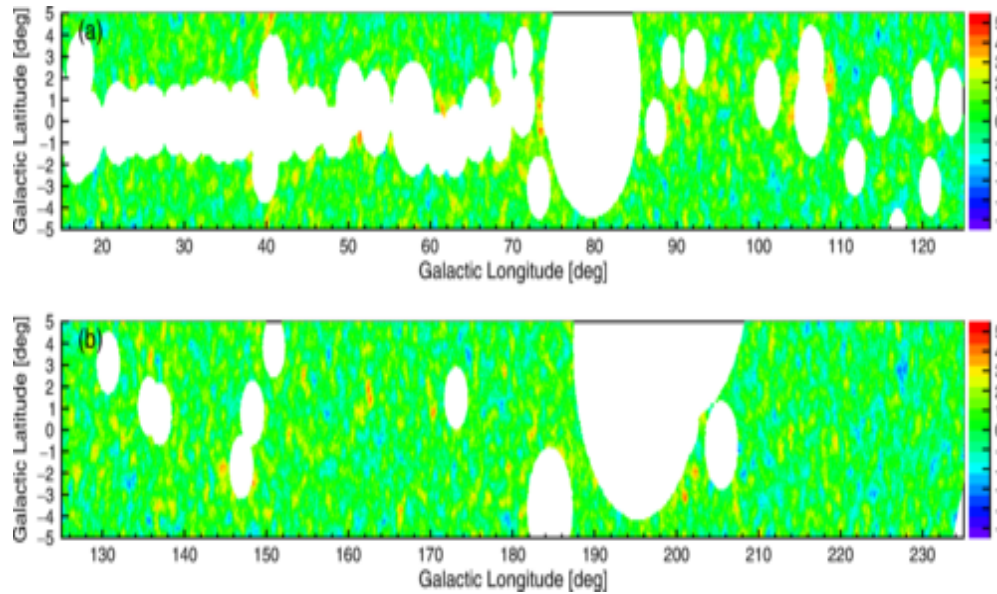


TABLE I. Fitting parameters of the LHAASO-KM2A diffuse spectra.

	$\phi_0$ ( $10^{-14}$ $\text{TeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ )	$\alpha$
Inner Galaxy	$1.00 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.09_{\text{sys}}$	$-2.99 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.07_{\text{sys}}$
Outer Galaxy	$0.44 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{sys}}$	$-2.99 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.12_{\text{sys}}$

# 3: Diffuse Gamma-ray Emission with WCDA

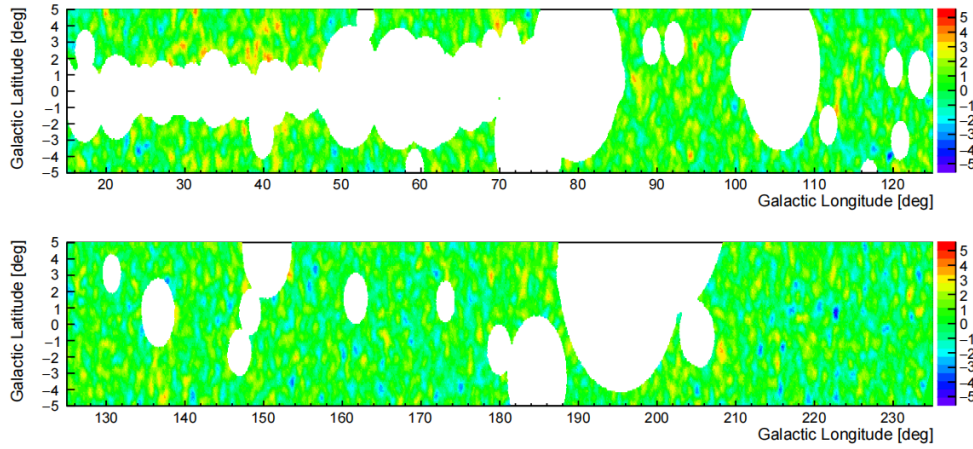
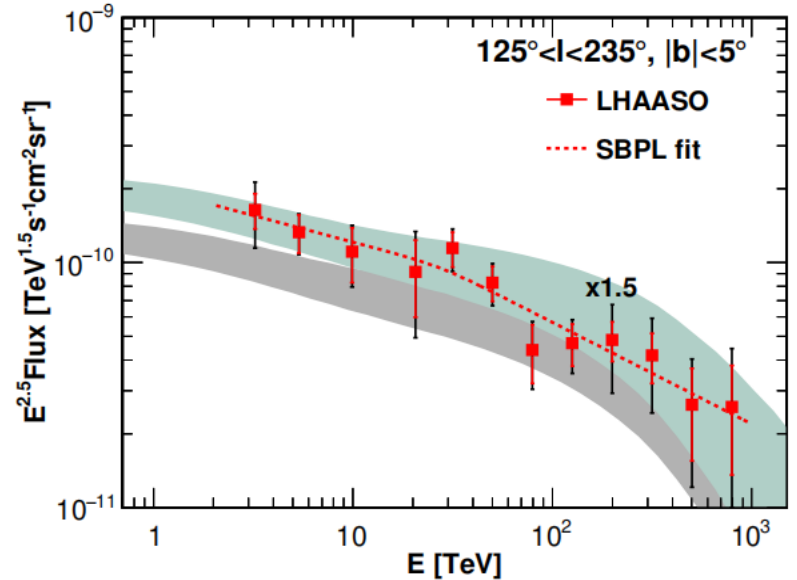
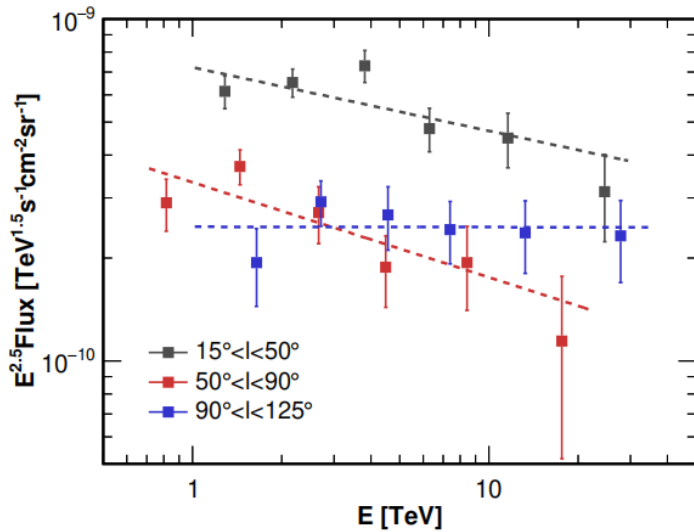
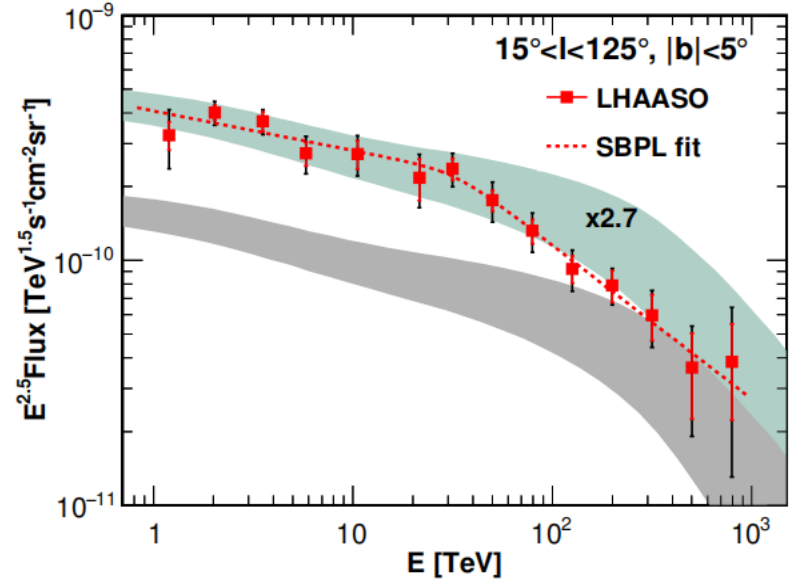
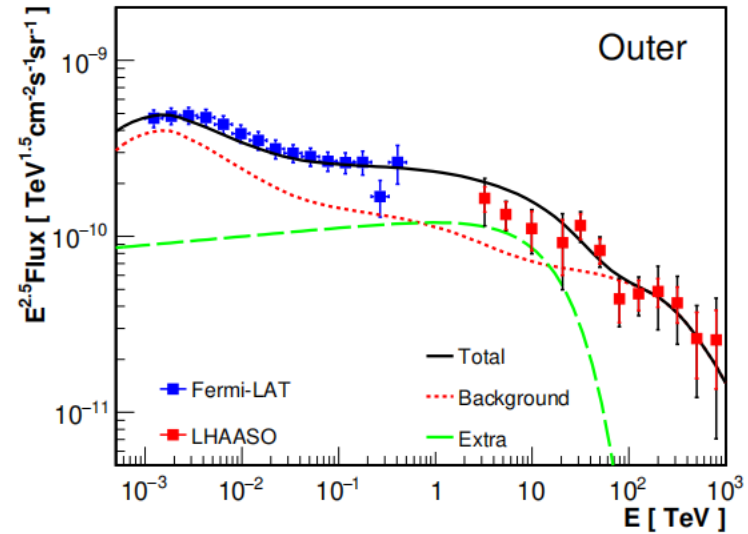
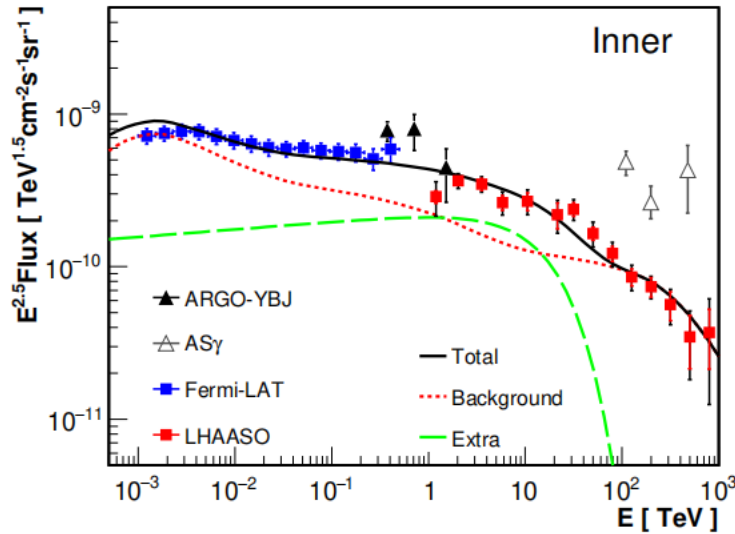


TABLE I. SBPL fitting parameters of the wide-band diffuse emission measured by WCDA and KM2A.

Region	$\phi_0$ at 10 TeV ( $10^{-13} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ )	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$E_{\text{br}}$ (TeV)
$15^\circ < l < 125^\circ$ (inner)	$8.88 \pm 0.53_{\text{stat}}$	$-2.66 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}}$	$-3.13 \pm 0.08_{\text{stat}}$	$32.84 \pm 11.16_{\text{stat}}$
$125^\circ < l < 235^\circ$ (outer)	$3.84 \pm 0.37_{\text{stat}}$	$-2.72 \pm 0.10_{\text{stat}}$	$-2.92 \pm 0.10_{\text{stat}}$	$27.86 \pm 22.49_{\text{stat}}$



# 3: Possible explanation of the diffuse emission



Cas A; IC 443; W51C; Gamma-Cygni; G106.3+2.7; G69.7+1.0; G150.3+4.5

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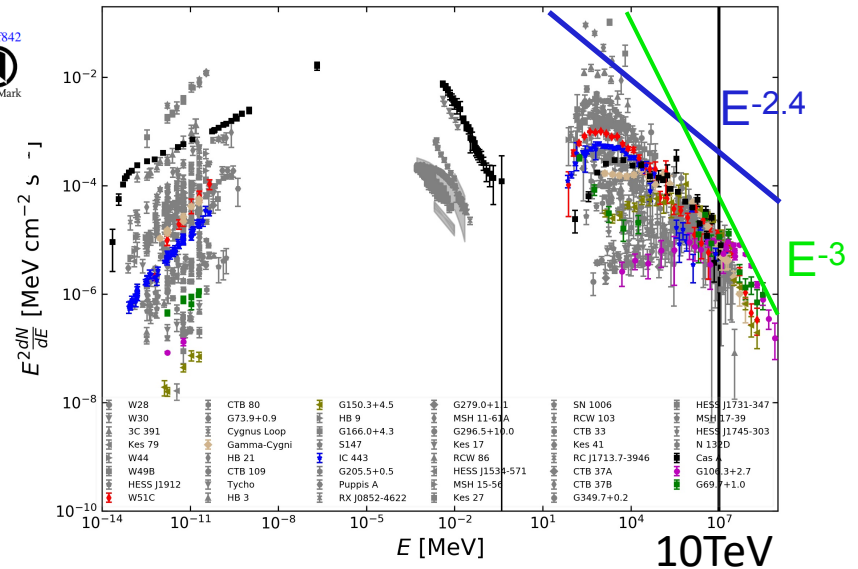
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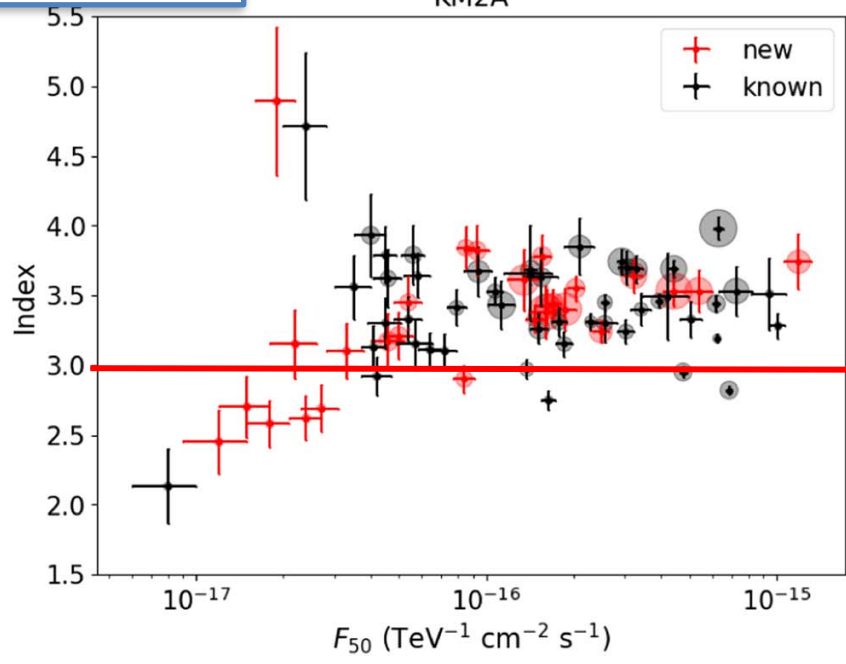
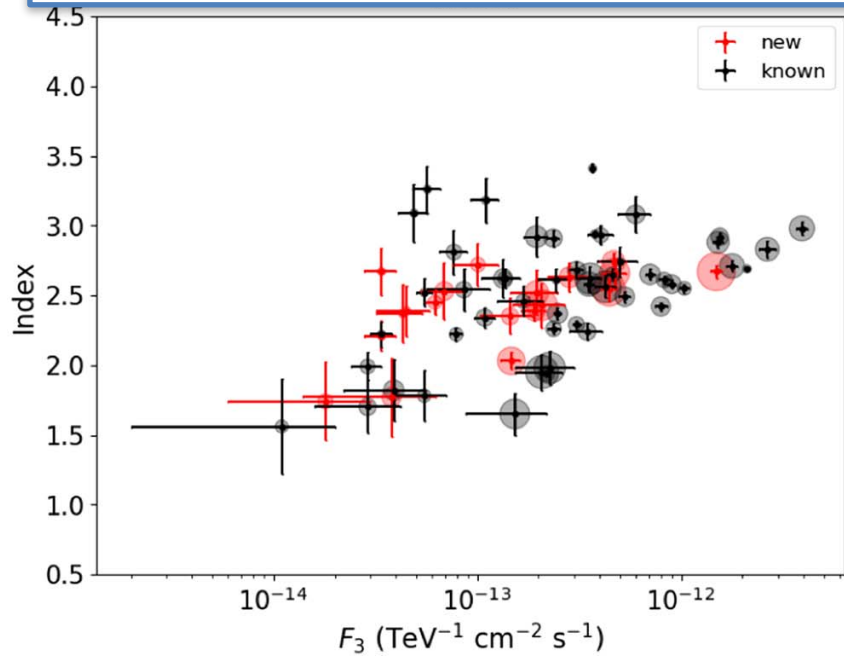
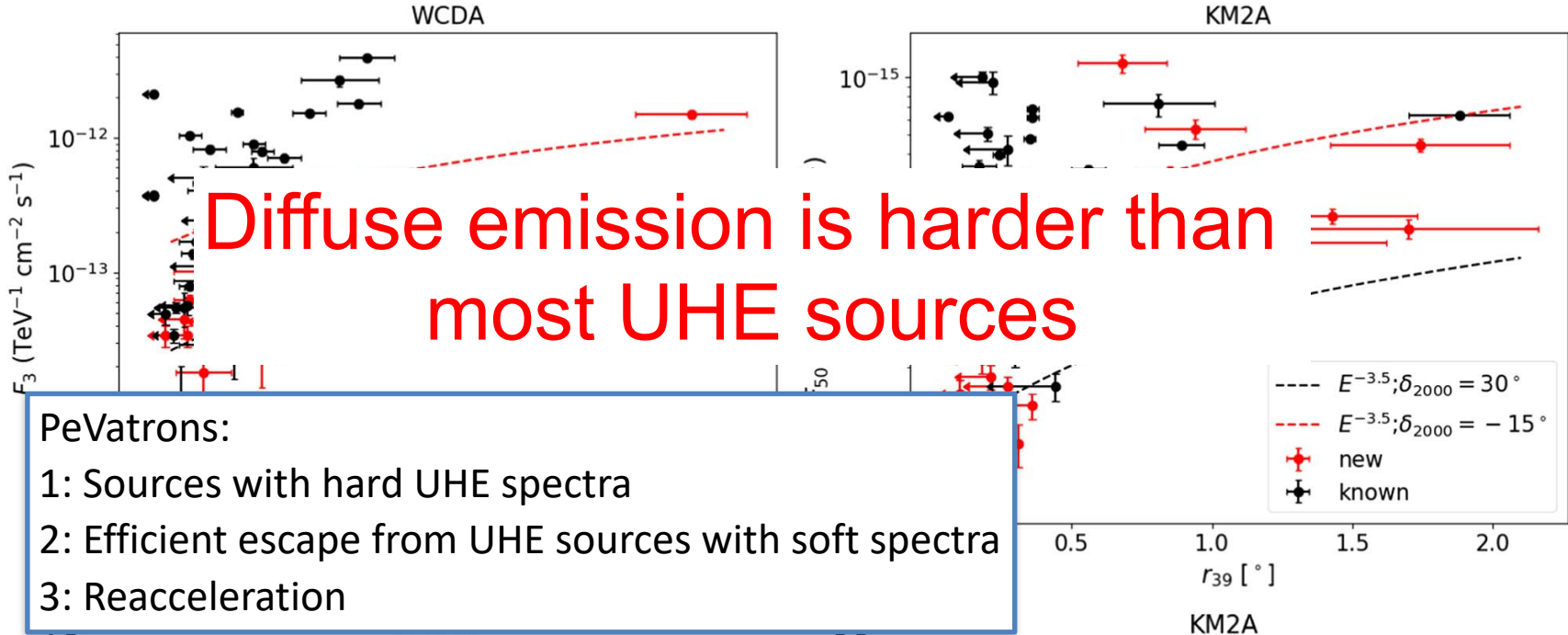


## Galactic Diffuse $\gamma$ -Ray Emission from GeV to PeV Energies in Light of Up-to-date Cosmic-Ray Measurements

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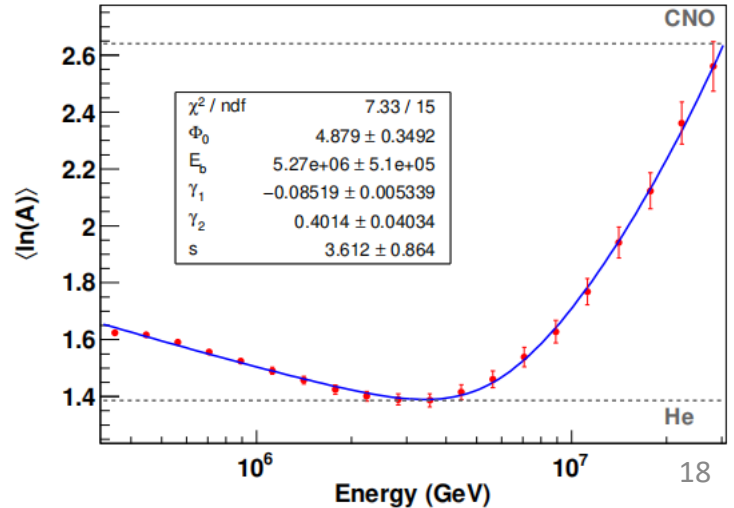
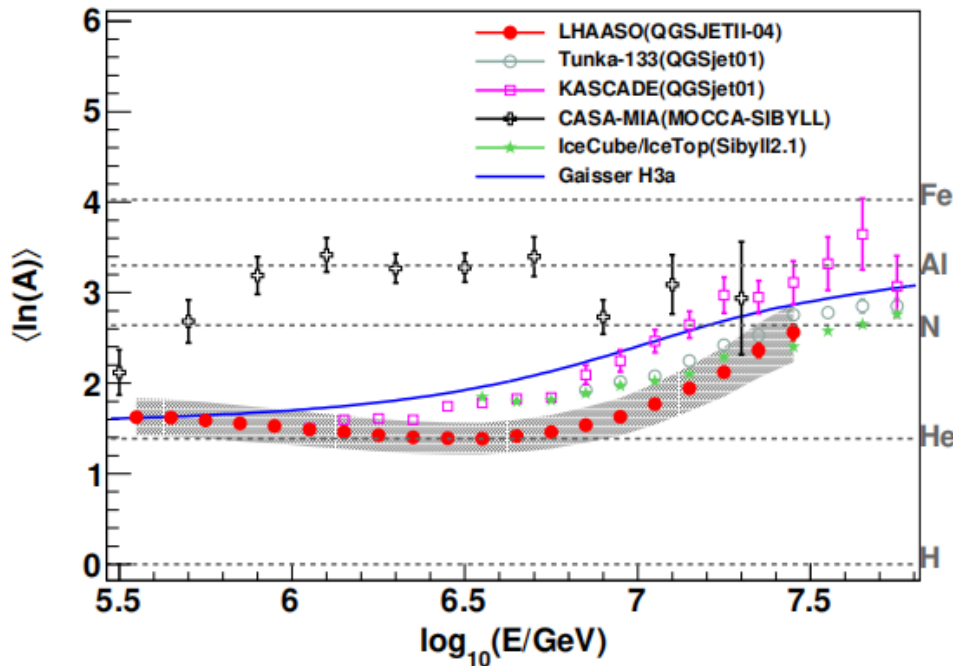
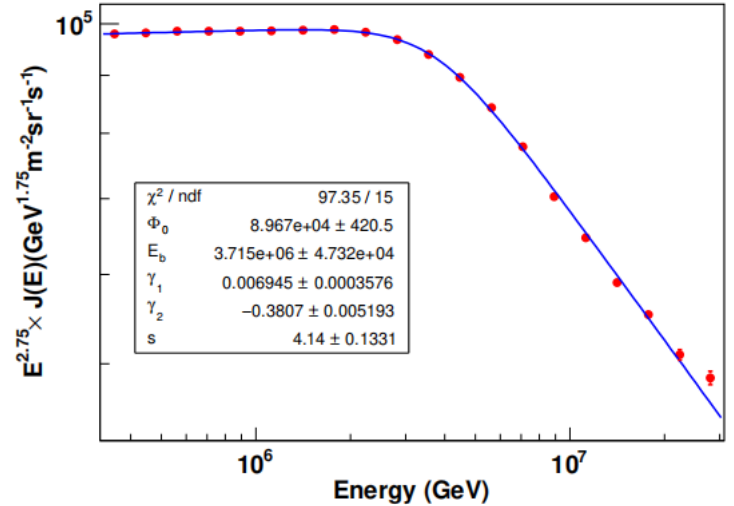
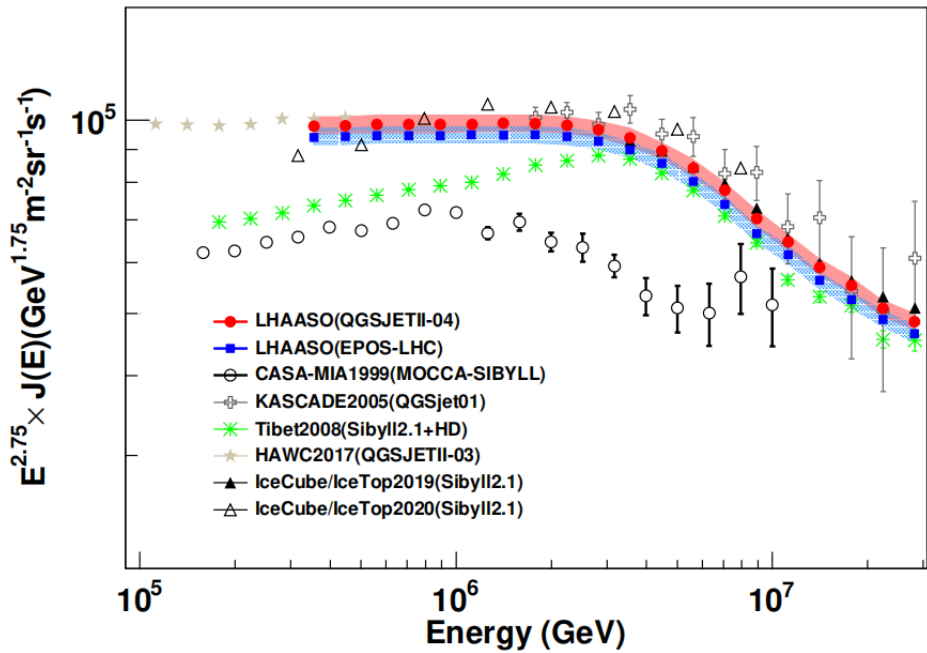
$$q_{inj} = q_0 R^{-\nu_0} \exp\left(-\frac{R}{R_c}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \left[1 + \left(\frac{R}{R_i}\right)^\zeta\right]^{\frac{\nu_i - 1 - \nu_i}{\zeta}}$$







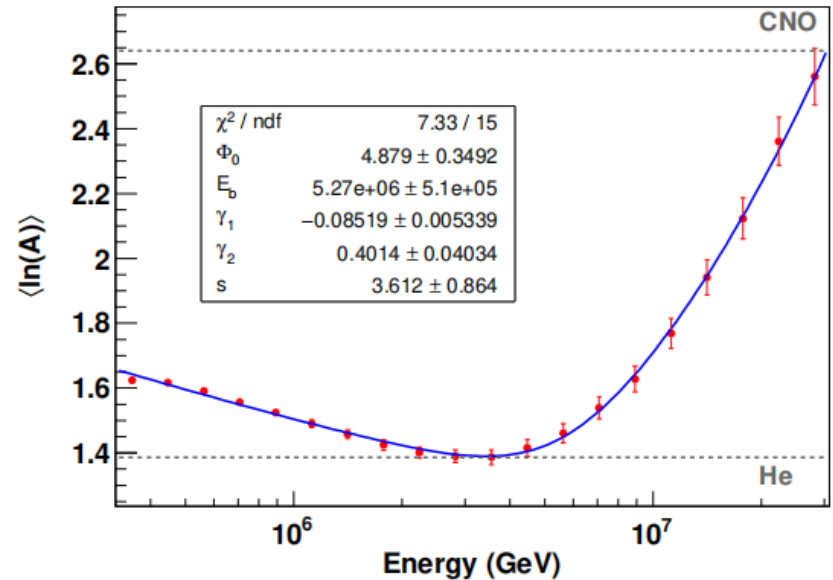
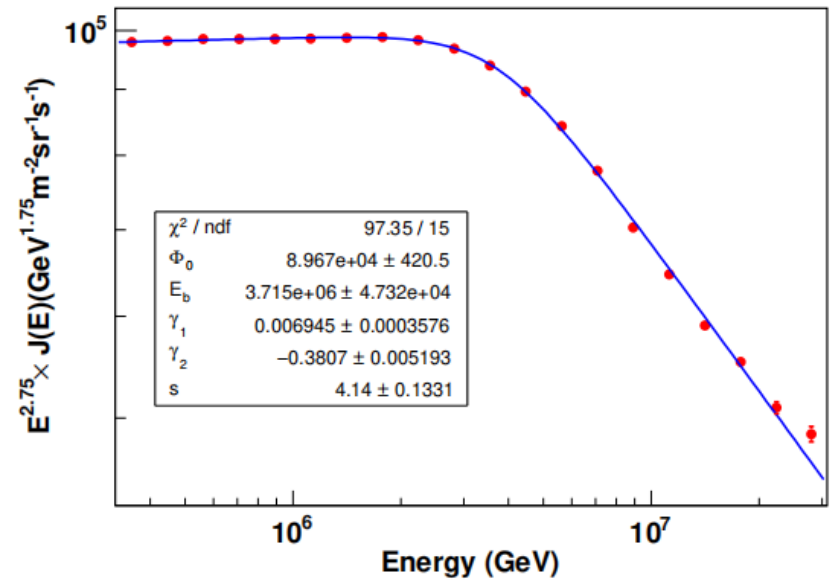
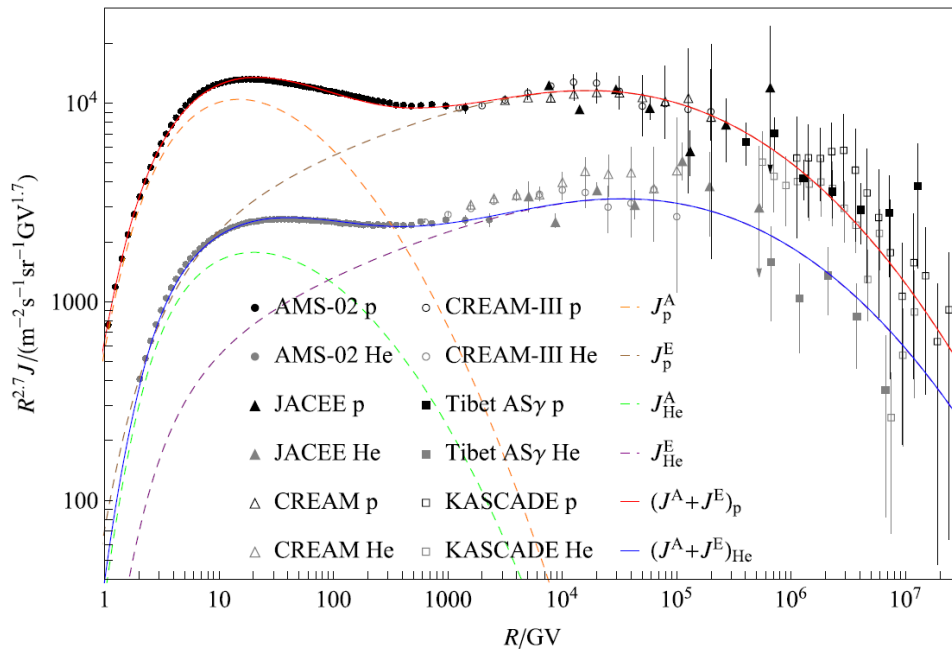
# 3: Cosmic Ray Spectrum and Mean Logarithmic Mass





There appears to be three components:  
 GeV dominated by acceleration of slow shocks  
 TeV dominated by fast shocks  
 PeV shock drift acceleration?

PWNs, Young Massive Star Clusters, micro quasars?

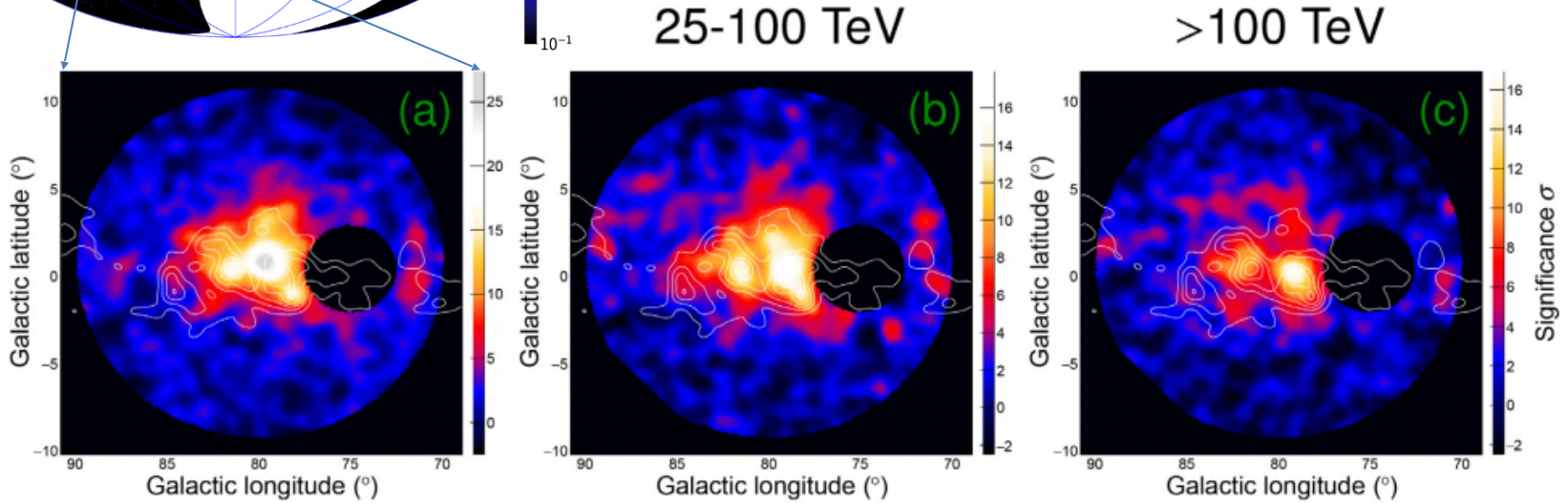
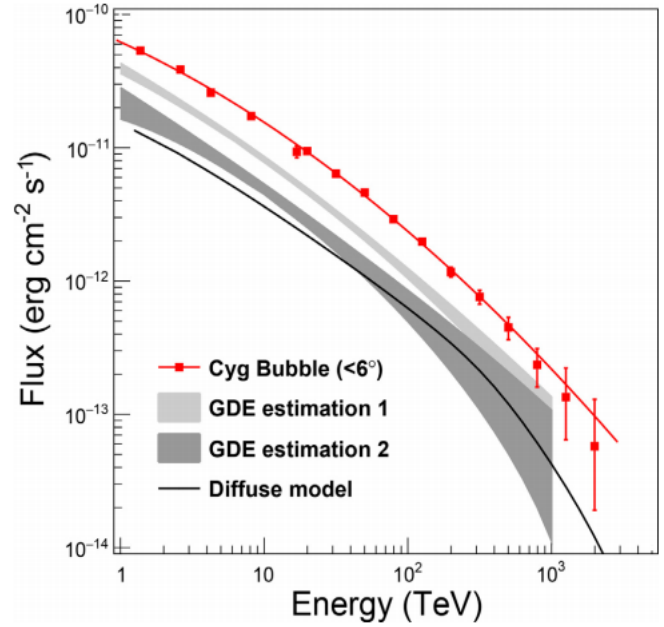
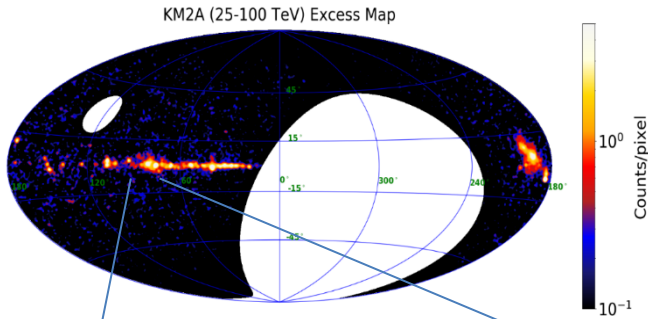




Article

# An ultrahigh-energy $\gamma$ -ray bubble powered by a super PeVatron

LHAASO Collaboration <sup>\*,1</sup>



# Conclusions

**Extreme acceleration processes dominate the acceleration of the highest energy particles in galactic ultra-high-energy sources**

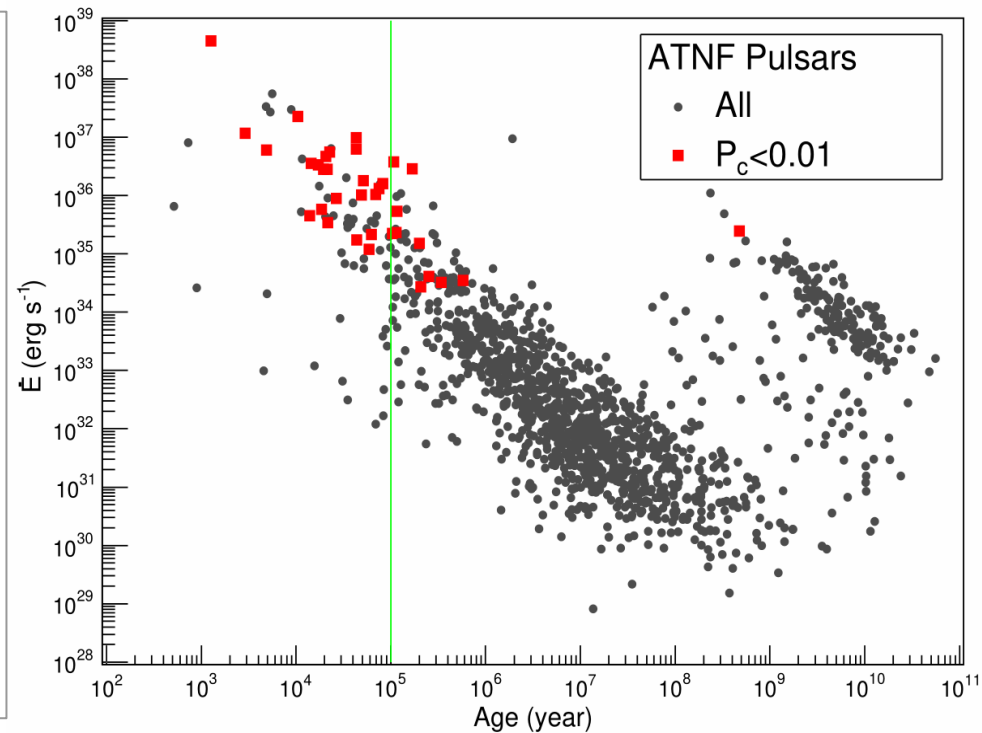
**Shock drift acceleration may play an important role in the acceleration of PeV cosmic rays**

**Parallel electric fields may dominate the PeV particle acceleration in PWNe and Jets**

**Thanks**

# Association with ATNF pulsars

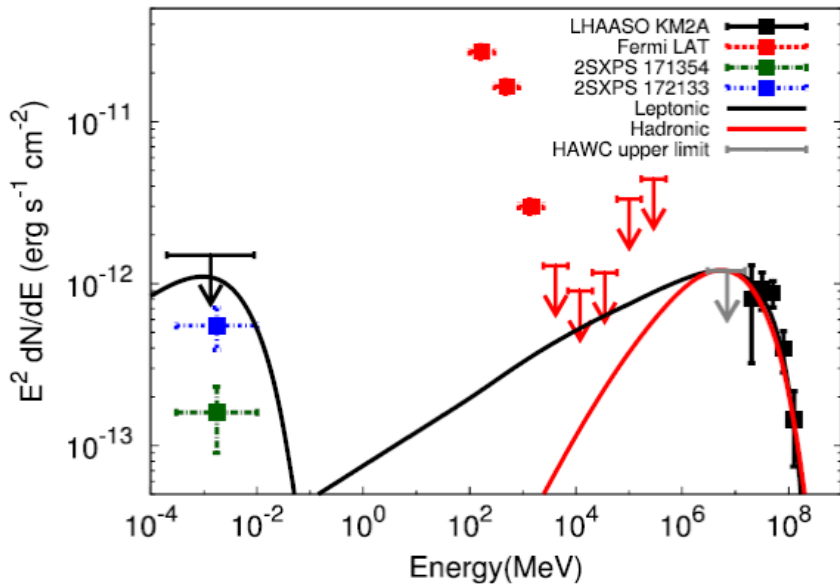
- **65** 1LHAASO sources with pulsar nearby  $<0.5^\circ$ .
- **35** associations with chance coincide probability  $<1\%$ . (13 labeled as PWN or Halo in TeVCat)
- **22** new possible PWN/TeV Halo



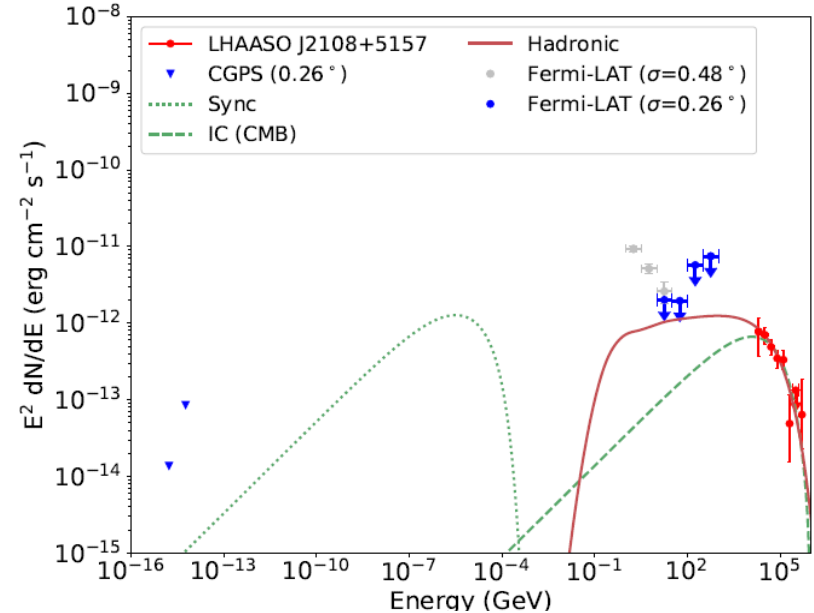
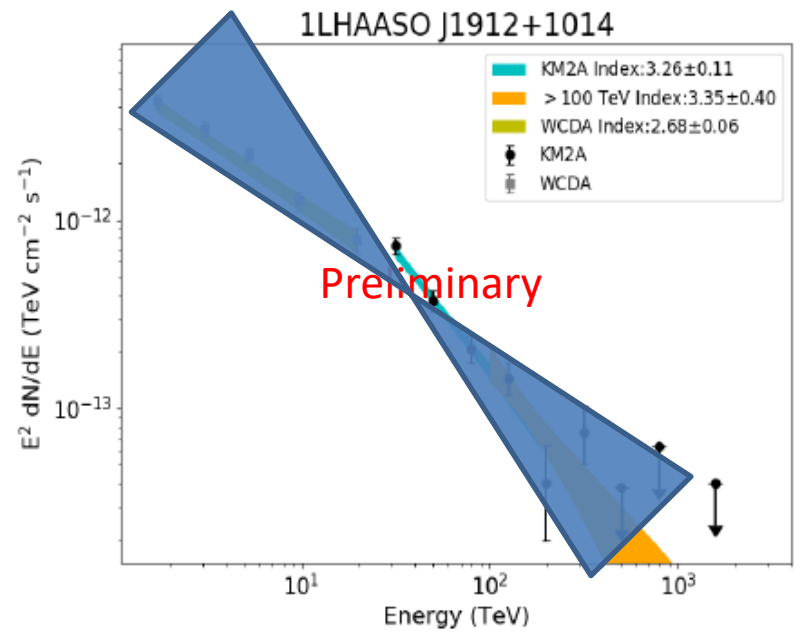
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# Are Supernova Remnants PeVatrons?

# A Few Likely Associated with SNRs



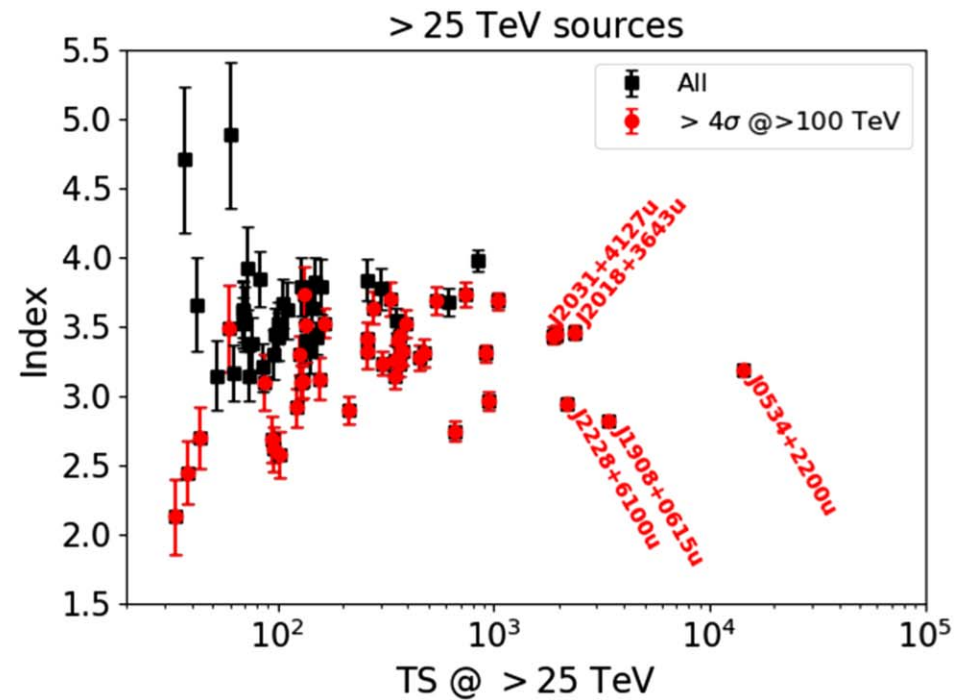
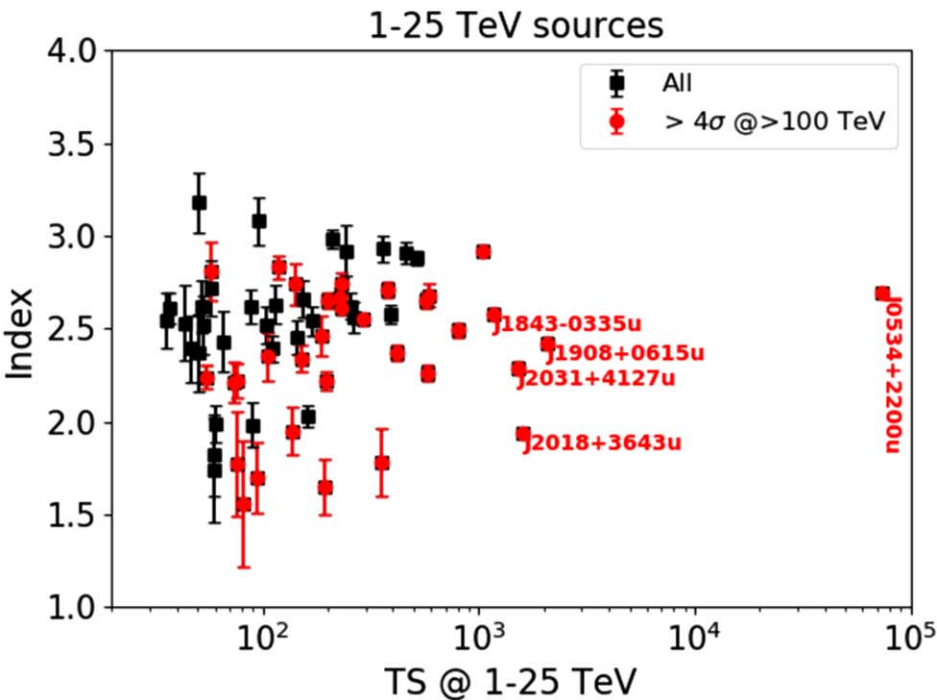
Discovery of a New Gamma-Ray Source, LHAASO J0341+5258, with Emission up to 200 TeV



Discovery of the Ultra-high energy gamma-ray source LHAASO J2108+5157

# PeVatrons

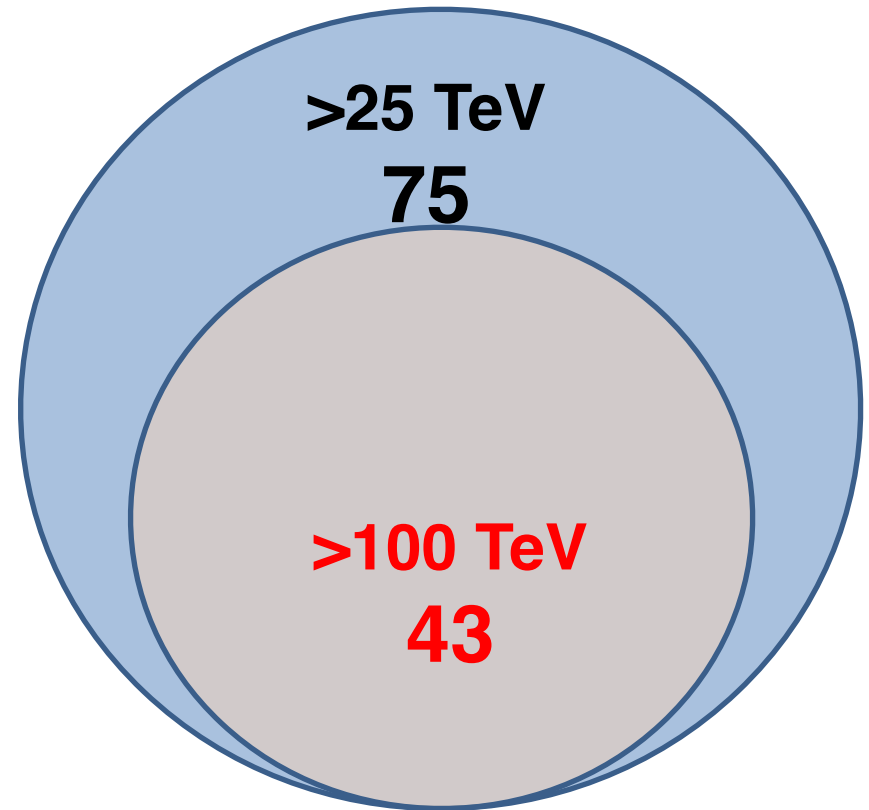
- 51% (35/69) 1-25TeV sources are UHE sources.
- 57% (43/75) >25TeV sources are UHE sources.
- 19% (8/43) UHE sources are not detected at 1-25TeV (new class?).





# UHE gamma-ray sources

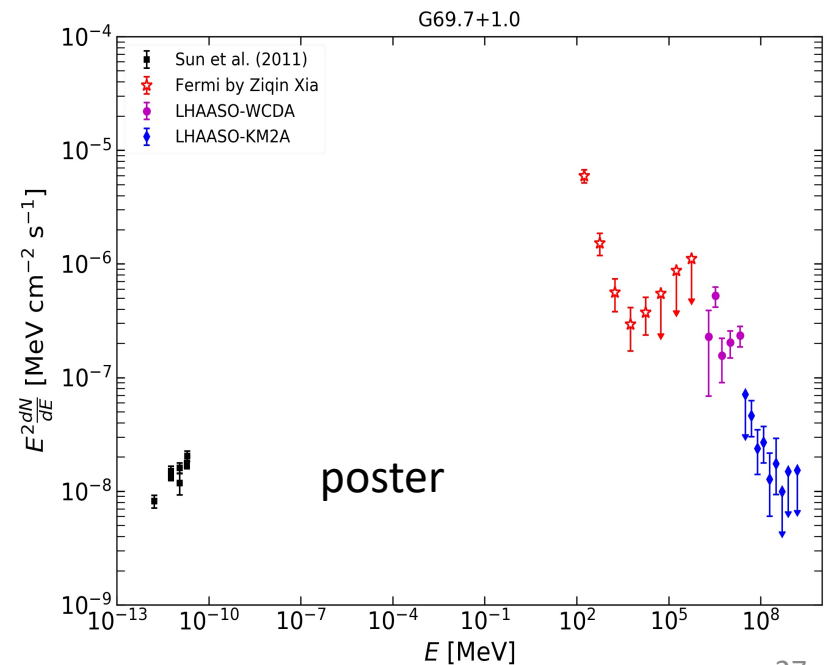
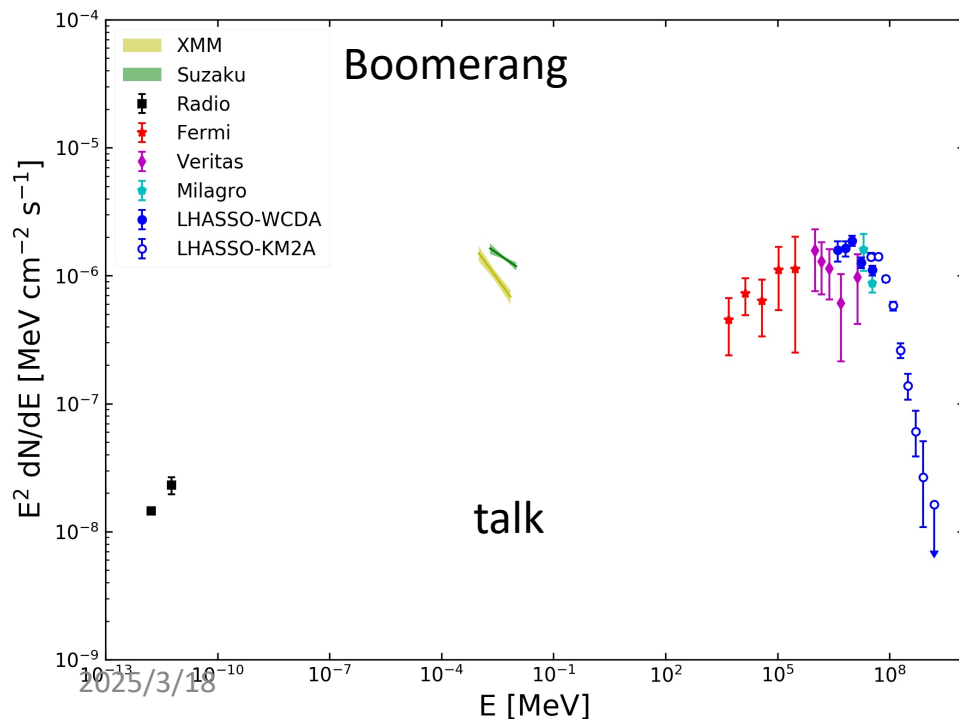
- The position and extension achieved by KM2A at  $>25$  TeV are used.
- Sources with significance  $>4\sigma$  at  $>100$  TeV are labeled as UHE sources



# >2 Detected above 100 TeV

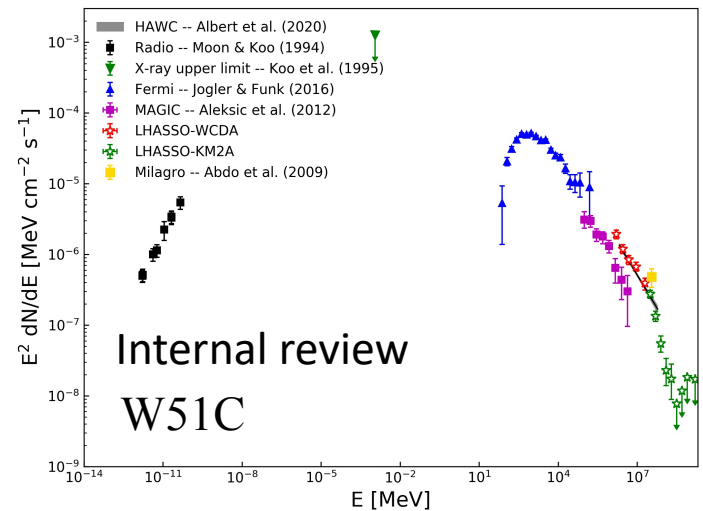
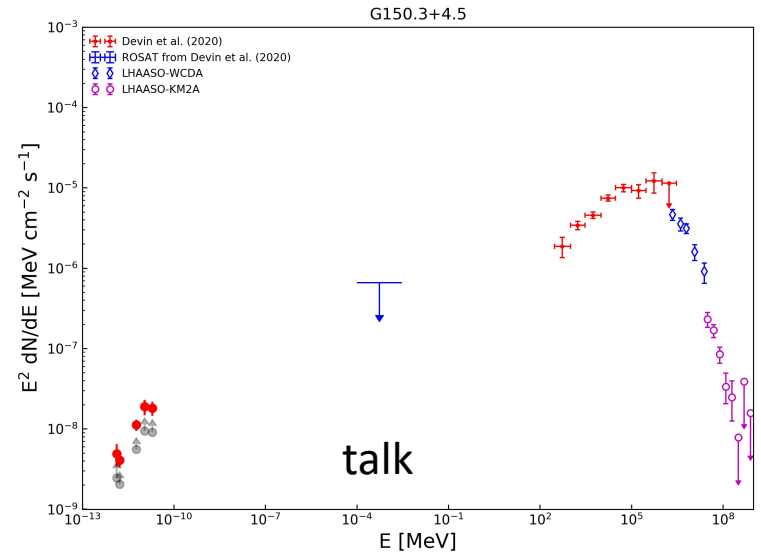
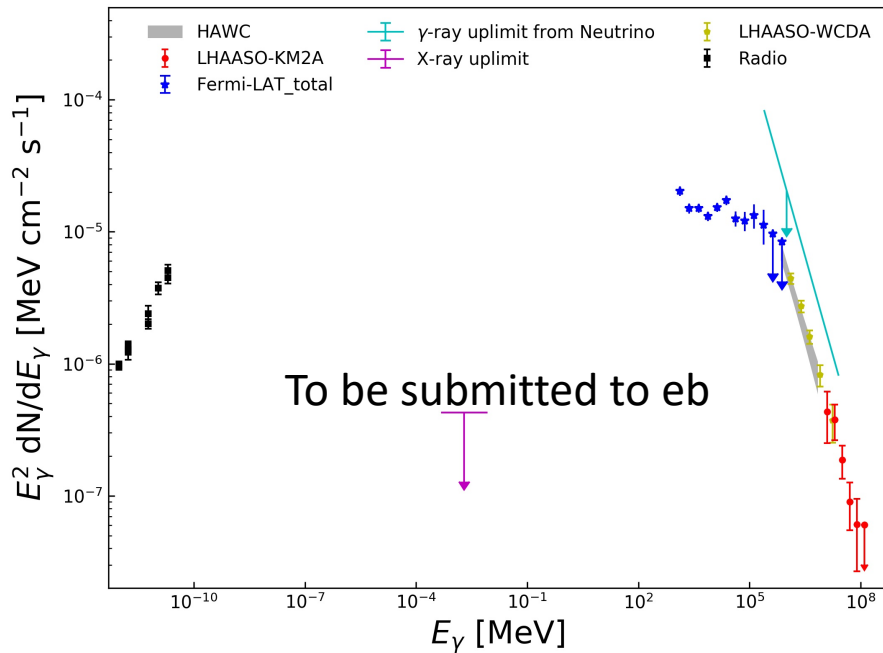
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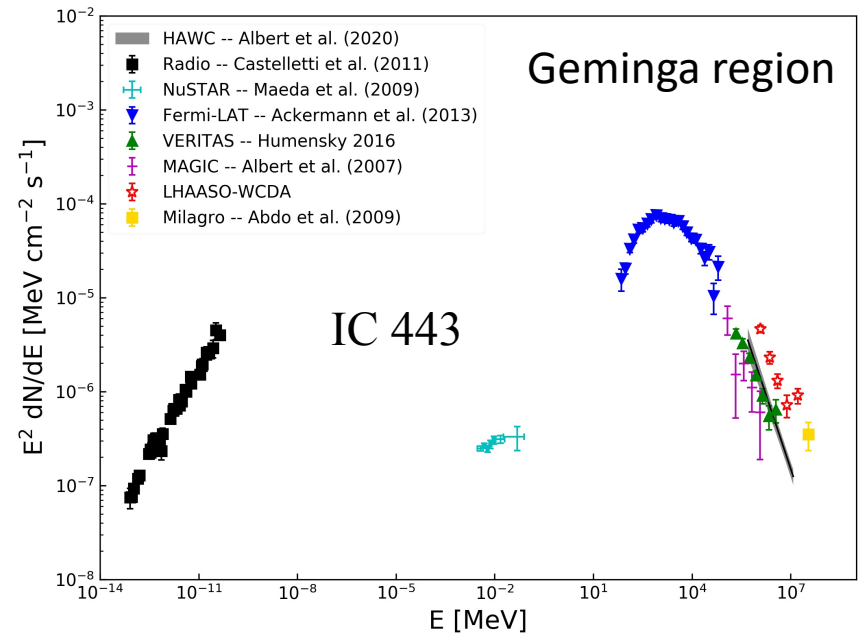
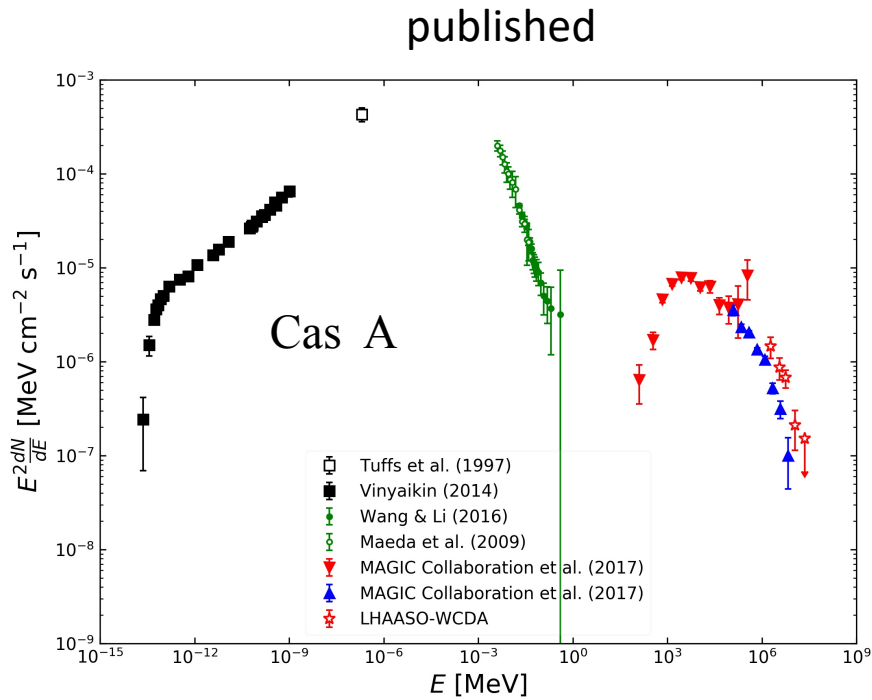


# 3 Detected up to 100 TeV

## Gamma Cygni SNR



# 2 Detected up to 10 TeV

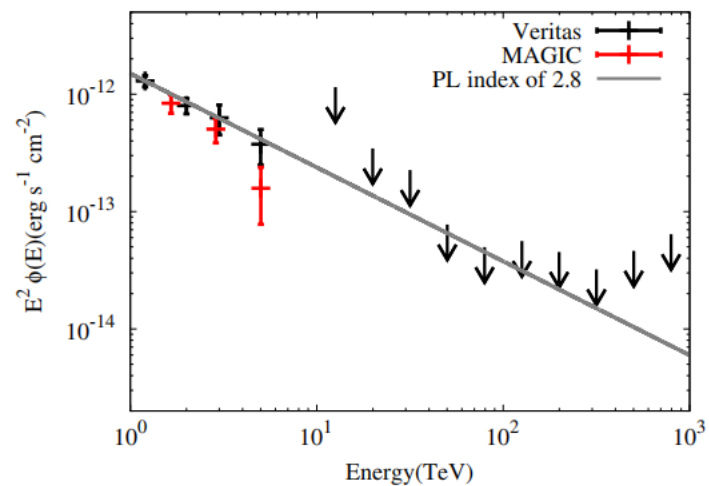
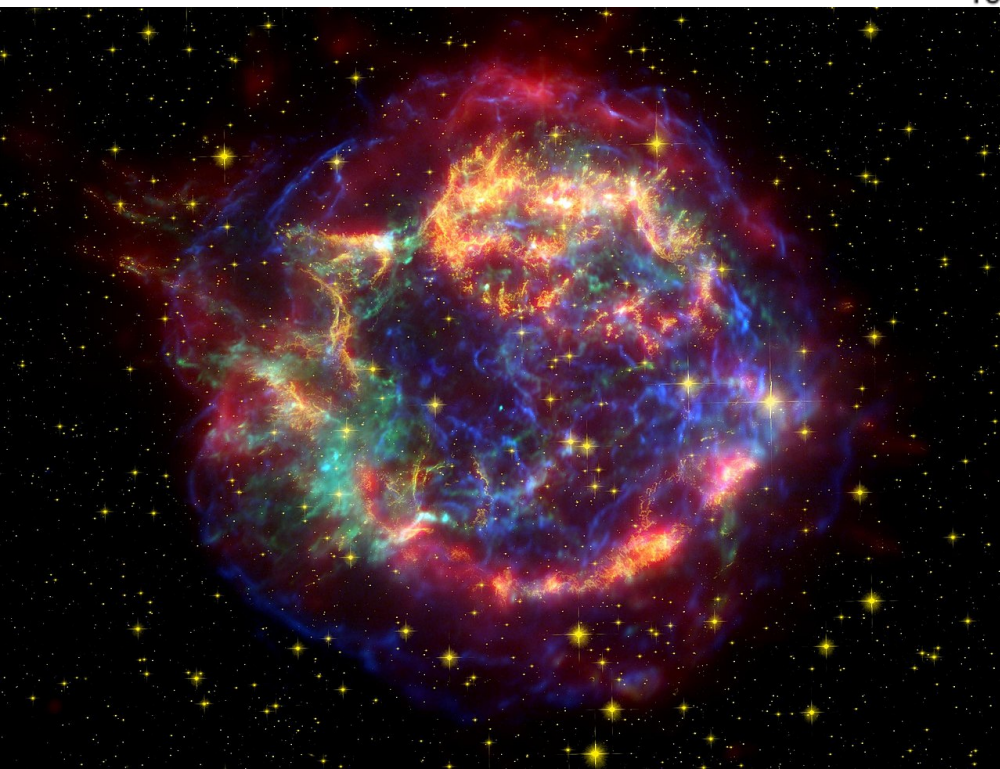
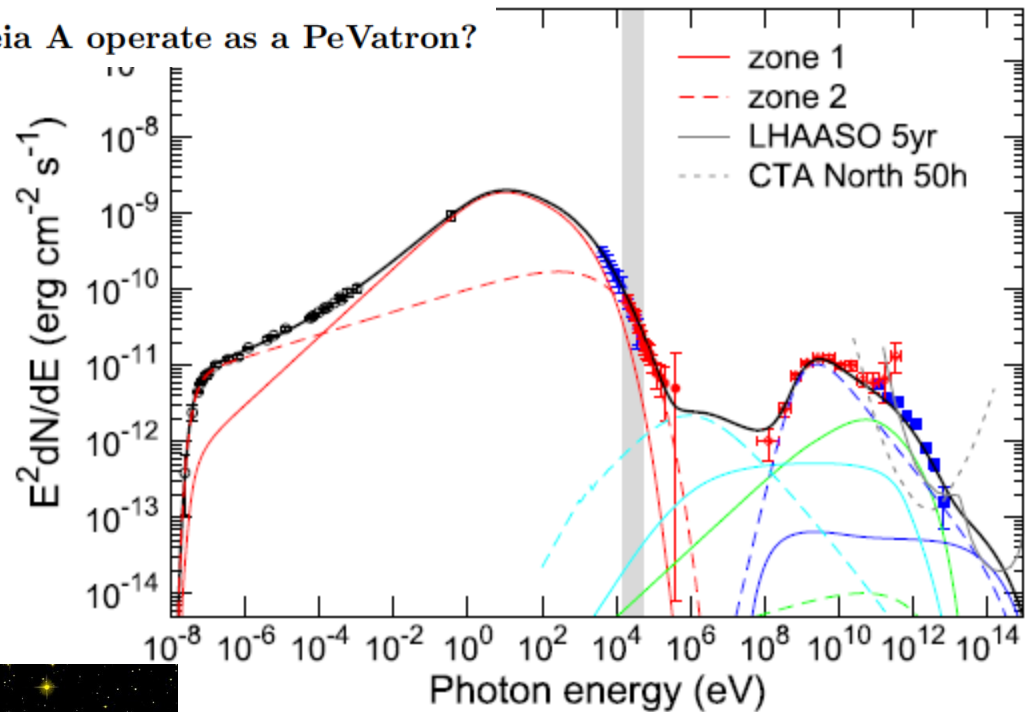


Does or did the supernova remnant Cassiopeia A operate as a PeVatron?

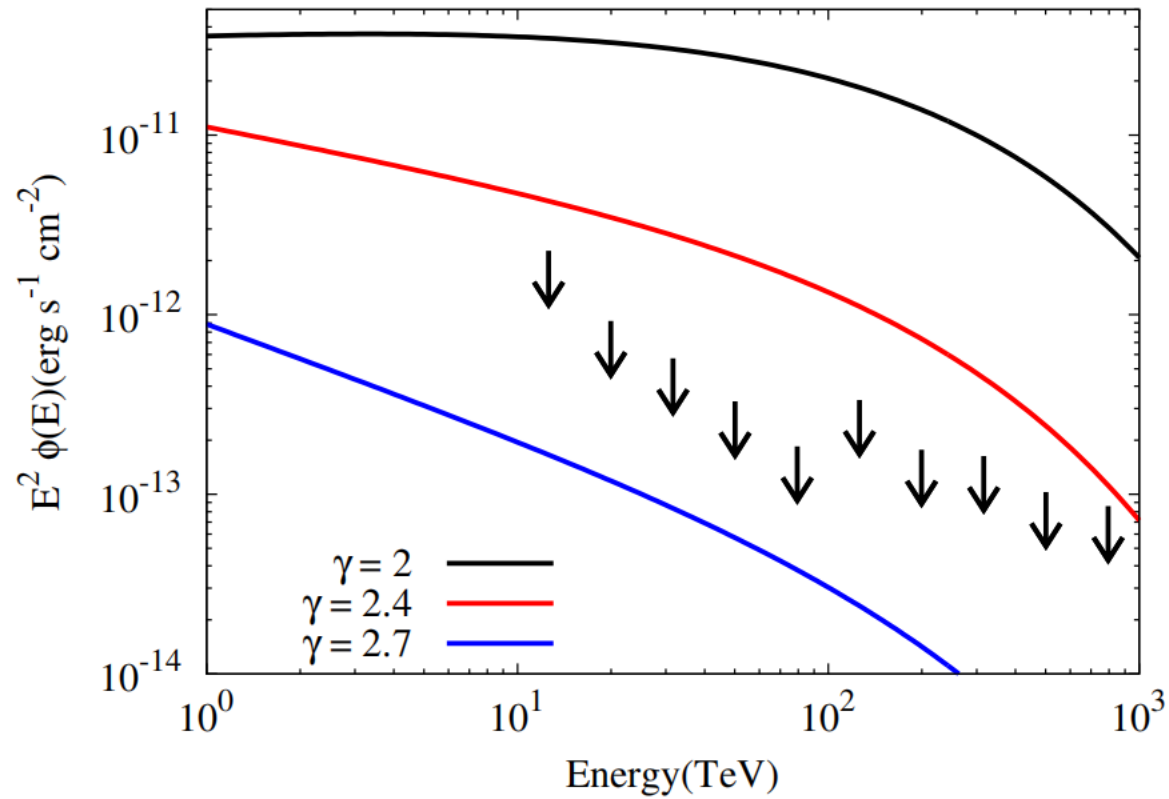
2: Cas A

340years

Still in the free expansion phase?



**For  $n=10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , rule out an injection index  $<2.5$**



# Escape of cosmic-ray electrons from supernova remnants

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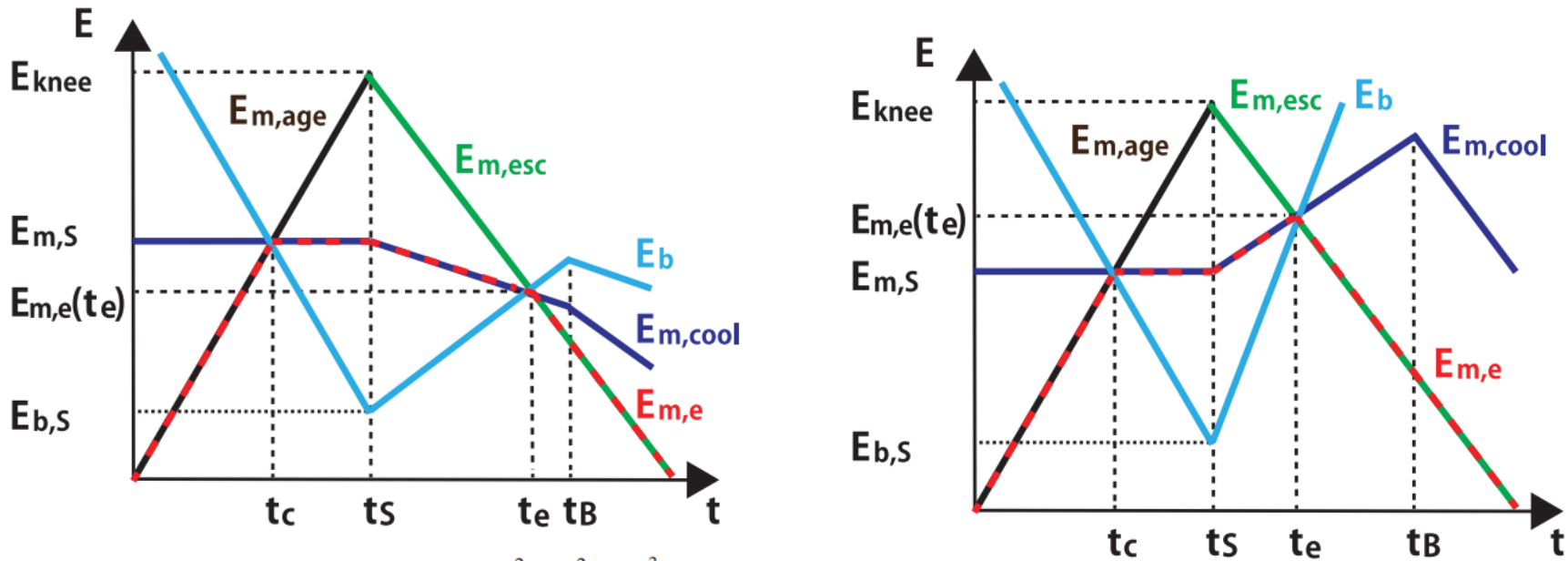
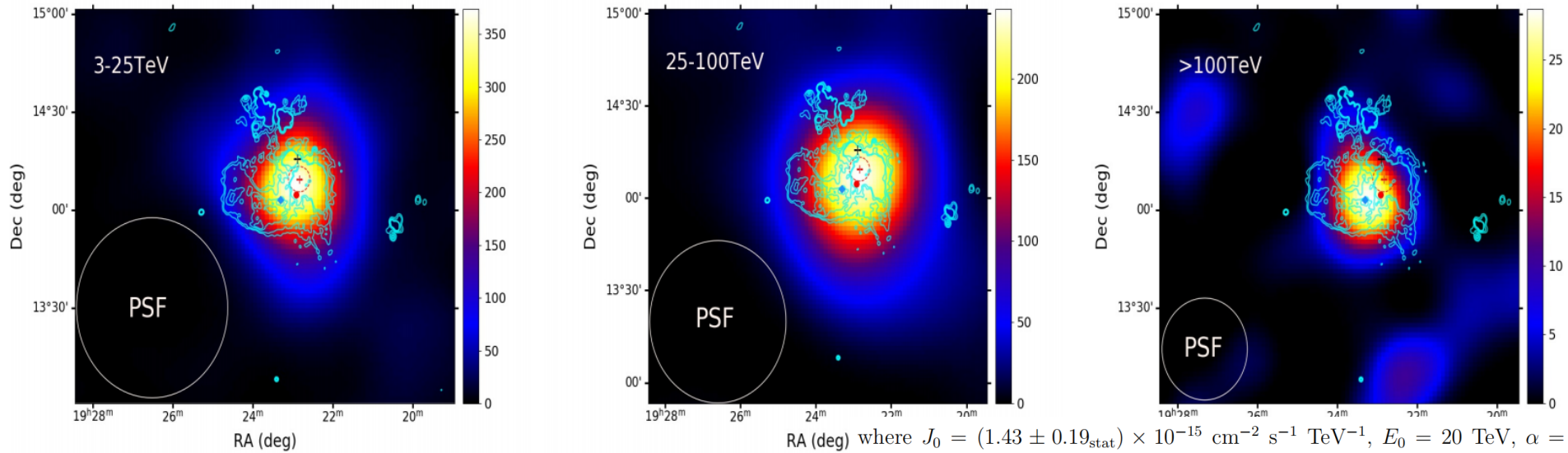


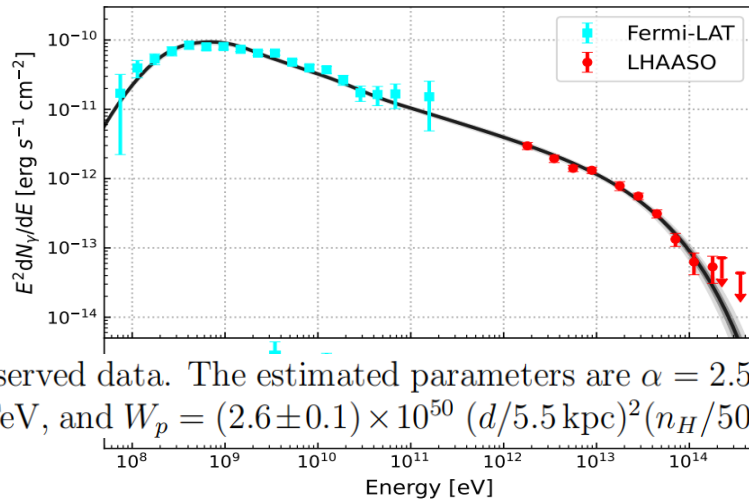
Figure 2. The same as Fig. 1, but for  $B^2 \propto u_{sh}^2$  or  $u_{sh}^3$ .



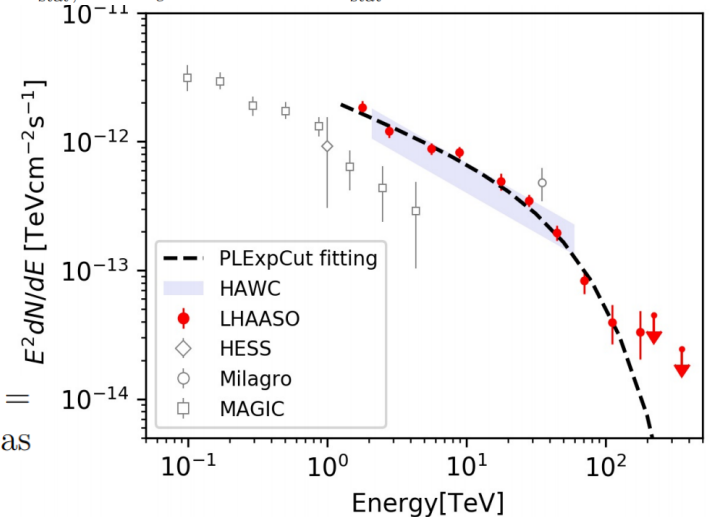
# Evidence of Supernova Remnant W51C Accelerating Cosmic Rays to Sub-PeV Energies Unveiled by LHAASO



where  $J_0 = (1.43 \pm 0.19_{\text{stat}}) \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ ,  $E_0 = 20 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\alpha = 2.45 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}}$ , and  $E_c = 60.34 \pm 13.07_{\text{stat}} \text{ TeV}$ .

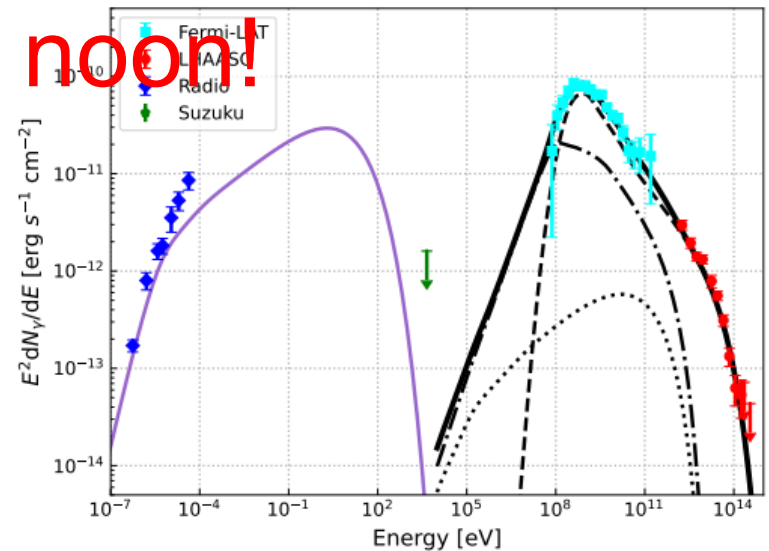
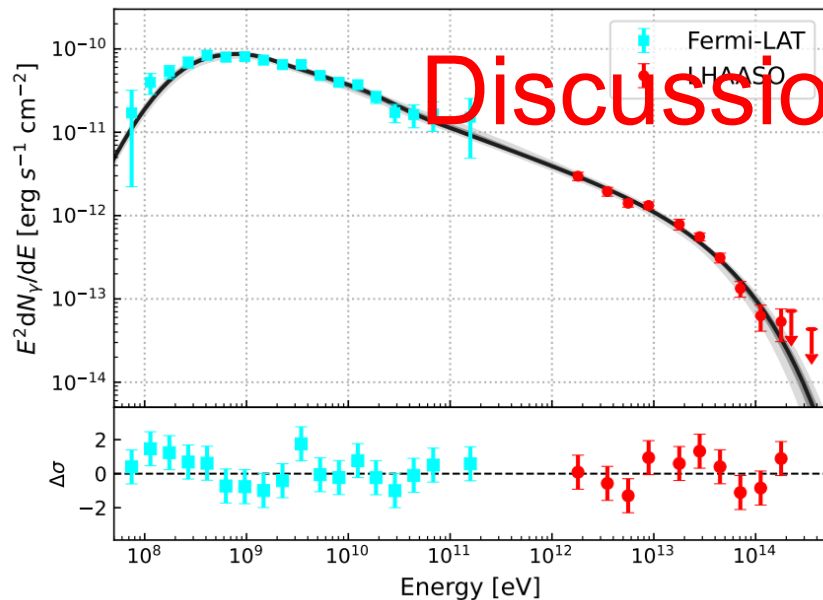


for the observed data. The estimated parameters are  $\alpha = 2.51 \pm 0.01$ ,  $E_{\text{cut}} = 330 \pm 44 \text{ TeV}$ , and  $W_p = (2.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{50} (d/5.5 \text{ kpc})^2 (n_H/50 \text{ cm}^{-3})^{-1} \text{ erg}$ , as



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	$\alpha$		$E_{\text{cut}}$ [TeV]		$\Delta\alpha$		$E_{\text{br}}$ [GeV]		BIC
	Best	Mean	Best	Mean	Best	Mean	Best	Mean	
Model 0	2.51	$2.51^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	332	$330^{+47}_{-41}$	-	-	-	-	40.53
Model 1	2.53	$2.53^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	400	$400^{+68}_{-56}$	-	-	-	-	39.41
Model 2	2.55	$2.56^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	393	$412^{+89}_{-63}$	0.15	$0.18^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	87	$104^{+548}_{-74}$	37.25
Model 3	2.51	$2.51^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	413	$419^{+85}_{-65}$	0.29	$0.45^{+0.27}_{-0.18}$	6.6	$3.8^{+3.0}_{-1.7}$	38.18
Model 4	2.51	$2.52^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	263	$262^{+39}_{-34}$	-	-	-	-	43.36



# 2: Radio/X-ray obs $\Upsilon$ Cygni SNR

Distance=1.7kpc

Age =7kyr

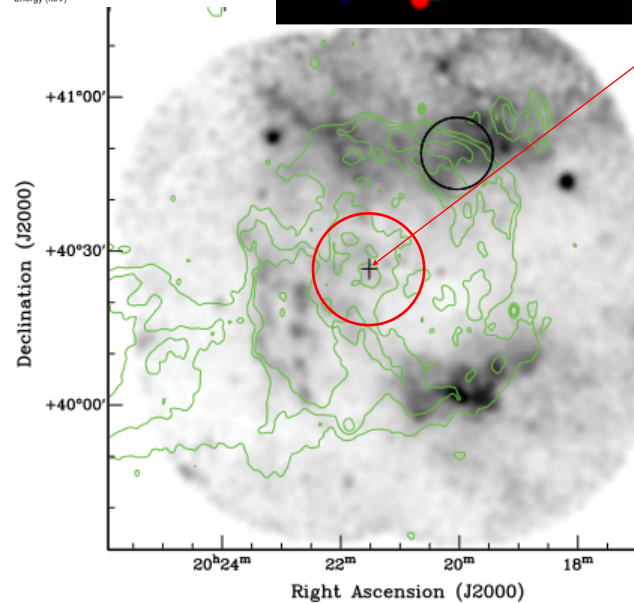
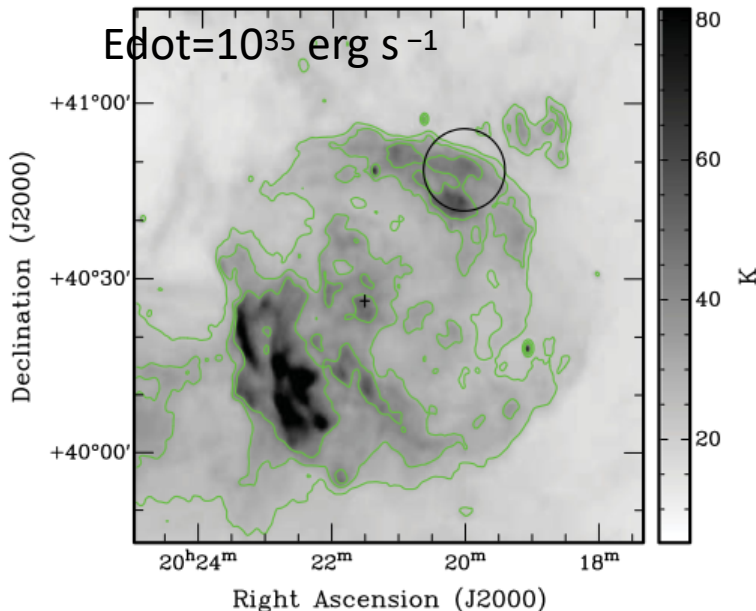
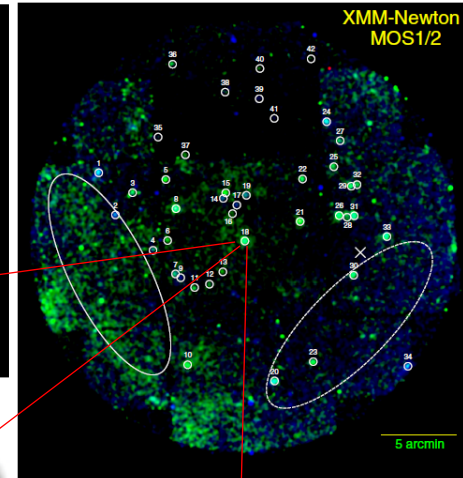
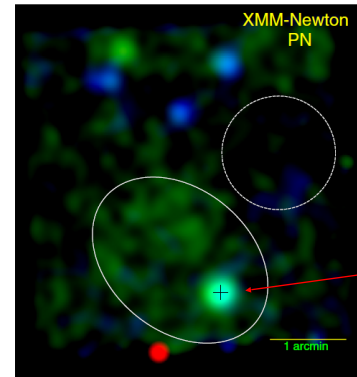
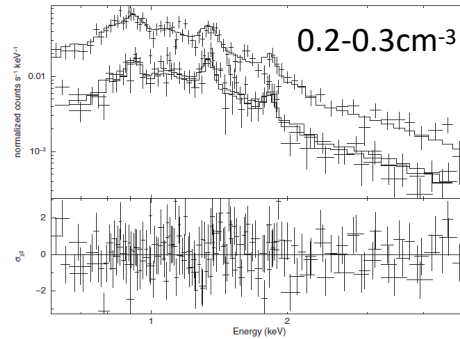
PSR J2021+4026

Distance=2.15kpc

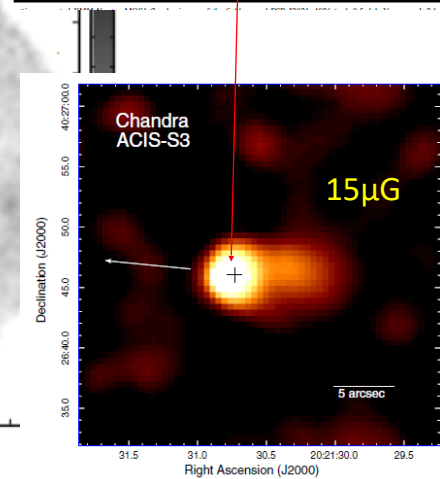
$\tau$  =77kyr(First  
variable  $\Upsilon$ -ray  
pulsar)

Period P=26.5ms

$\dot{E}$ = $10^{35}$  erg s $^{-1}$

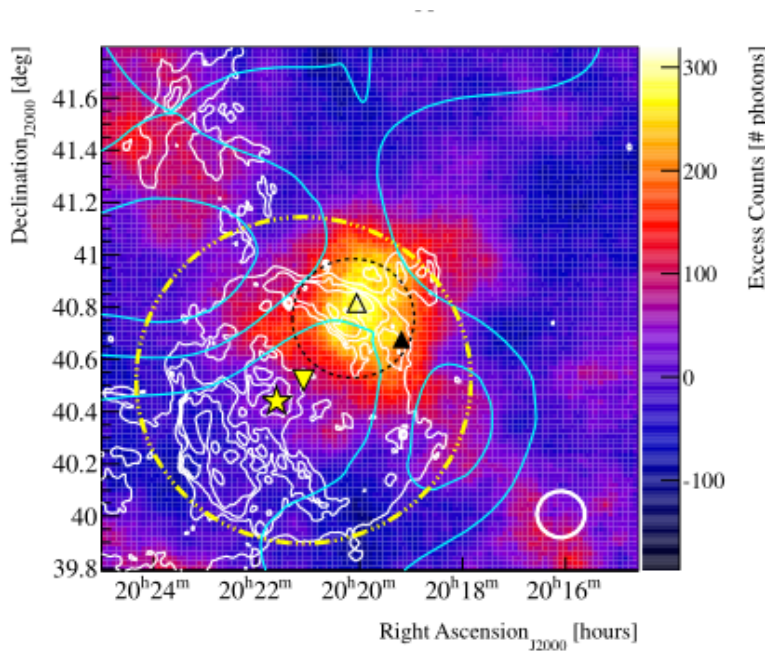


ROSAT PSPC 0.5–2.0keV X-ray image

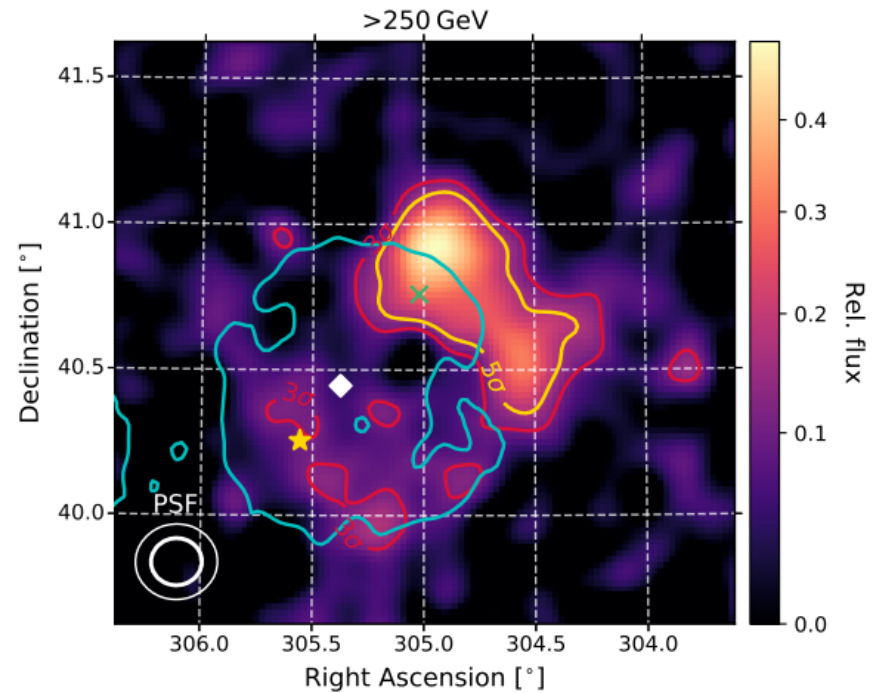


The 1420-MHz image

# 2: High Energy Observations



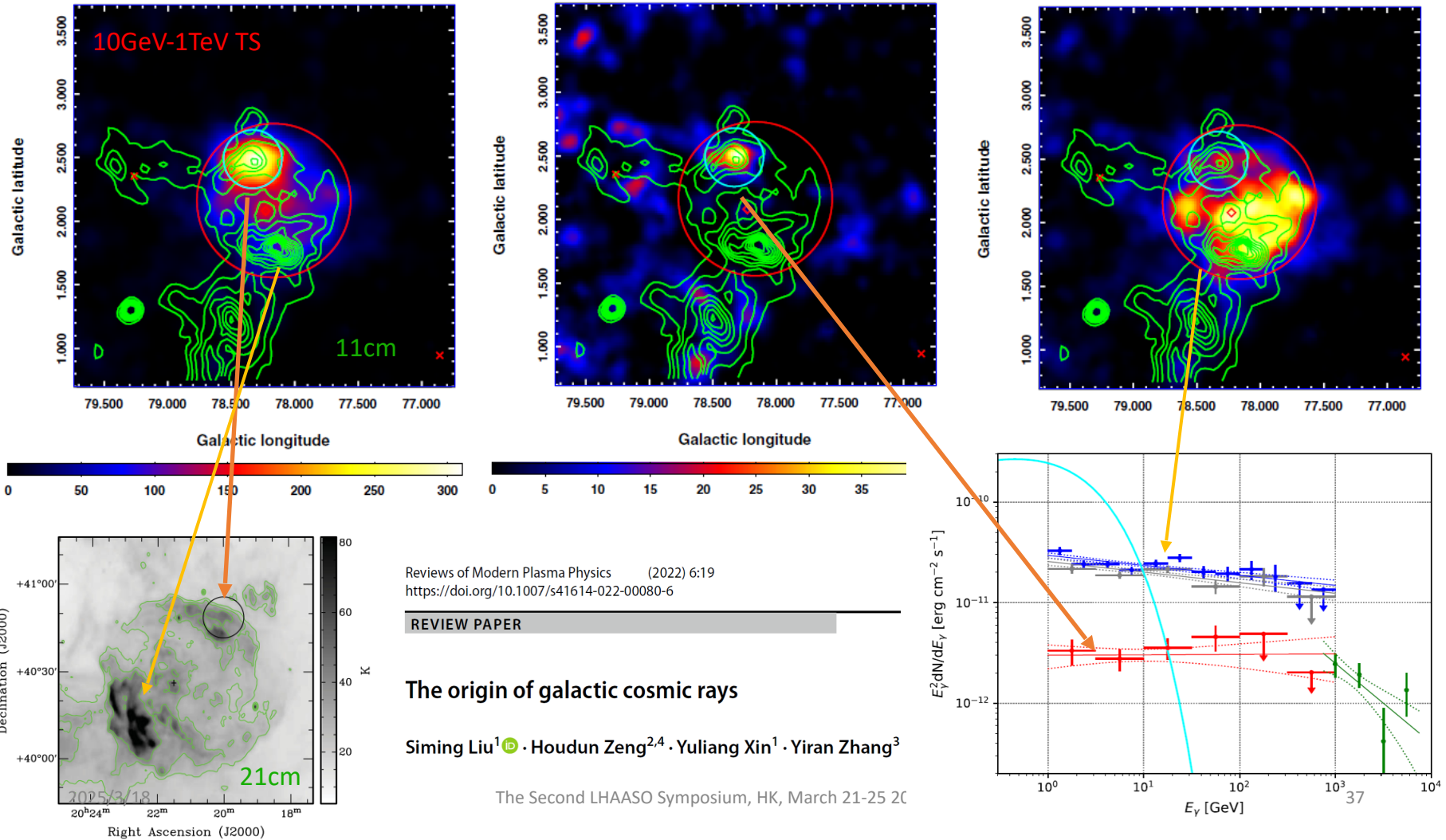
**VERITAS >320GeV**  
**Ra=305°.02, Dec= 40°.76;**  
**Extension=0.23°**



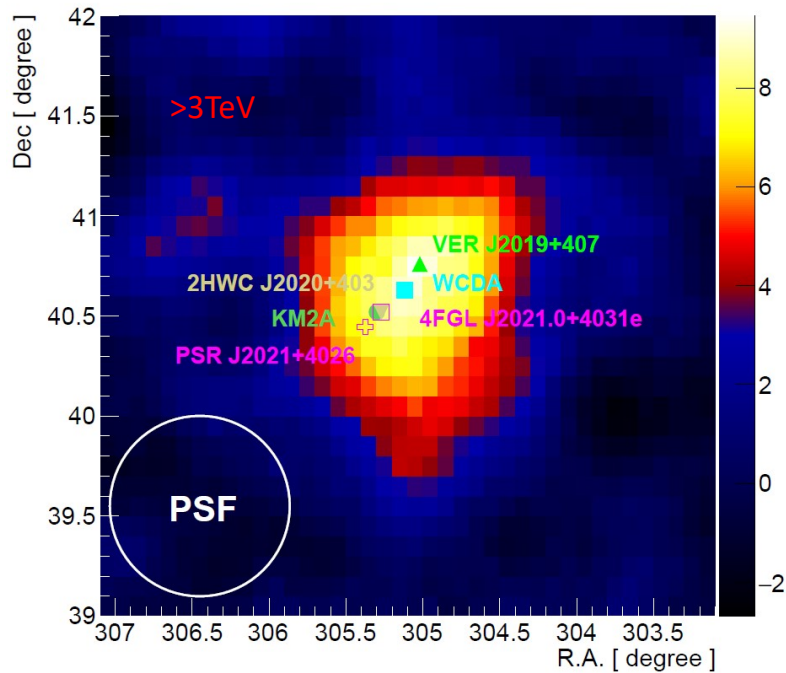
**MAGIC >250GeV**  
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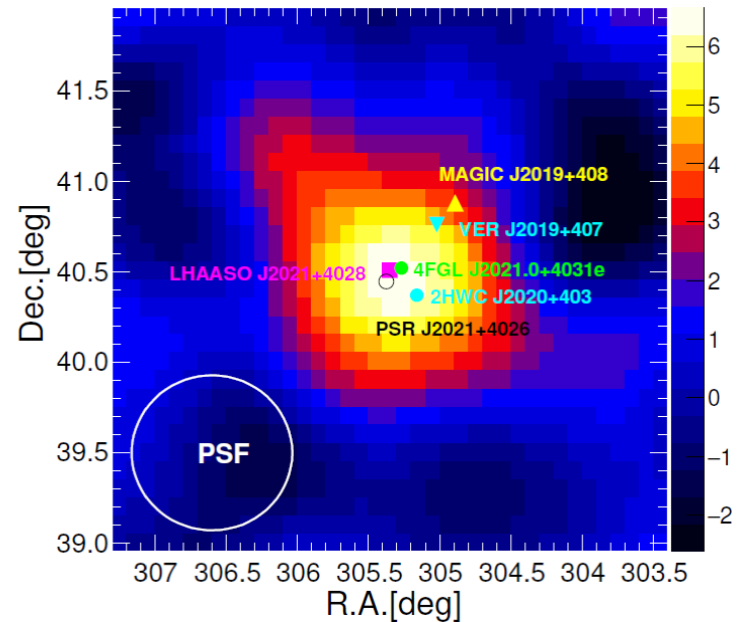
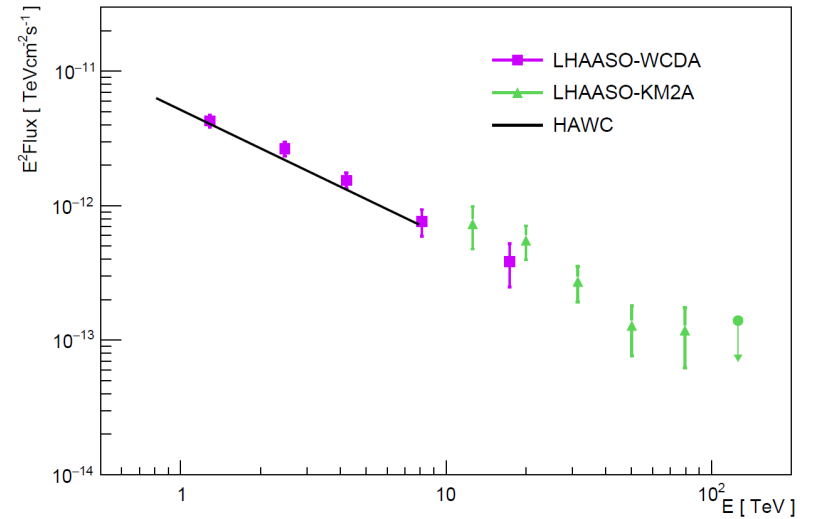
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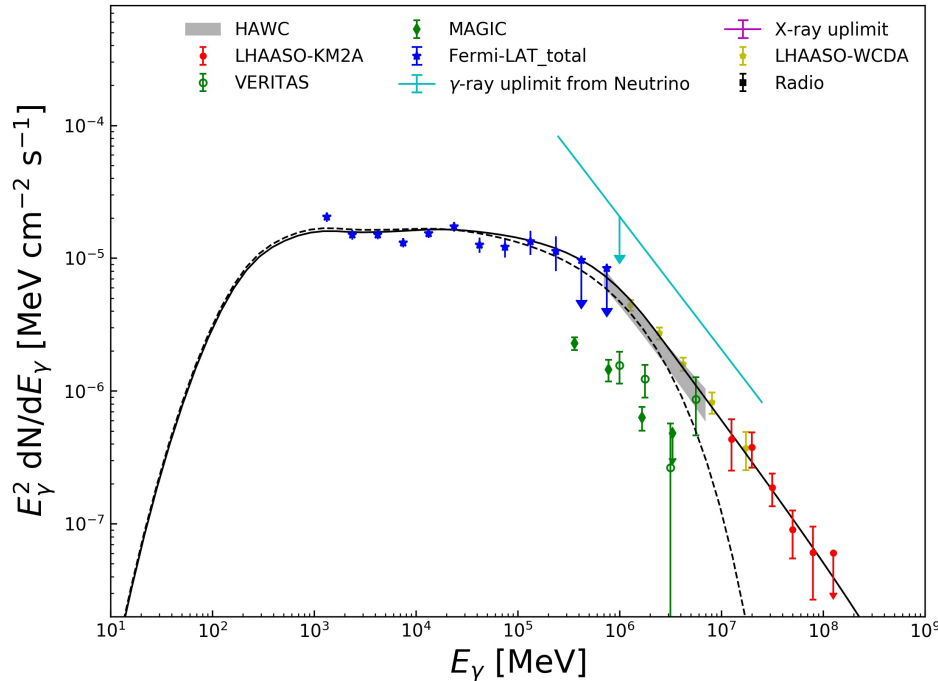
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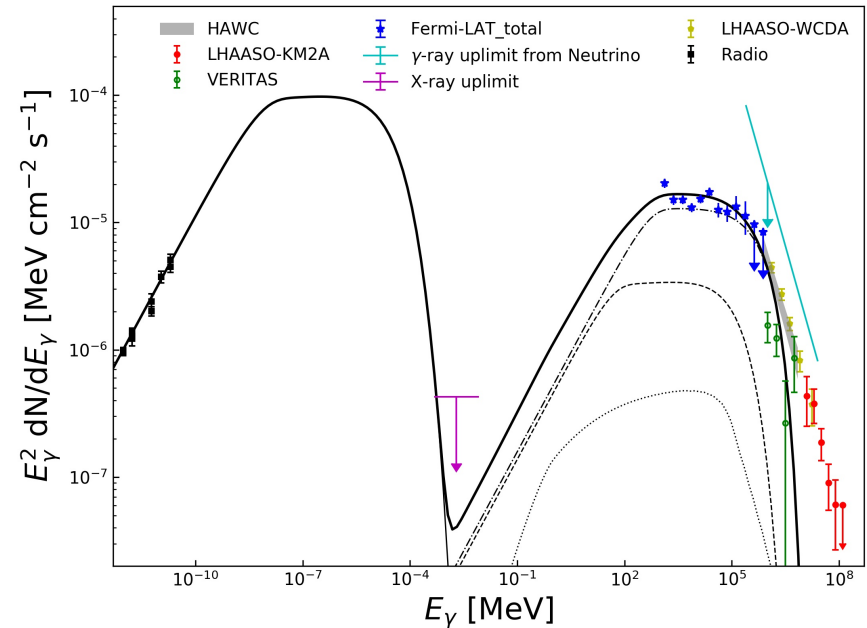
- gaussian:  $\sigma = 0.374 \pm 0.040$
- disk:  $r = 0.592 \pm 0.056$



# 2: Hadronic vs Leptonic Models



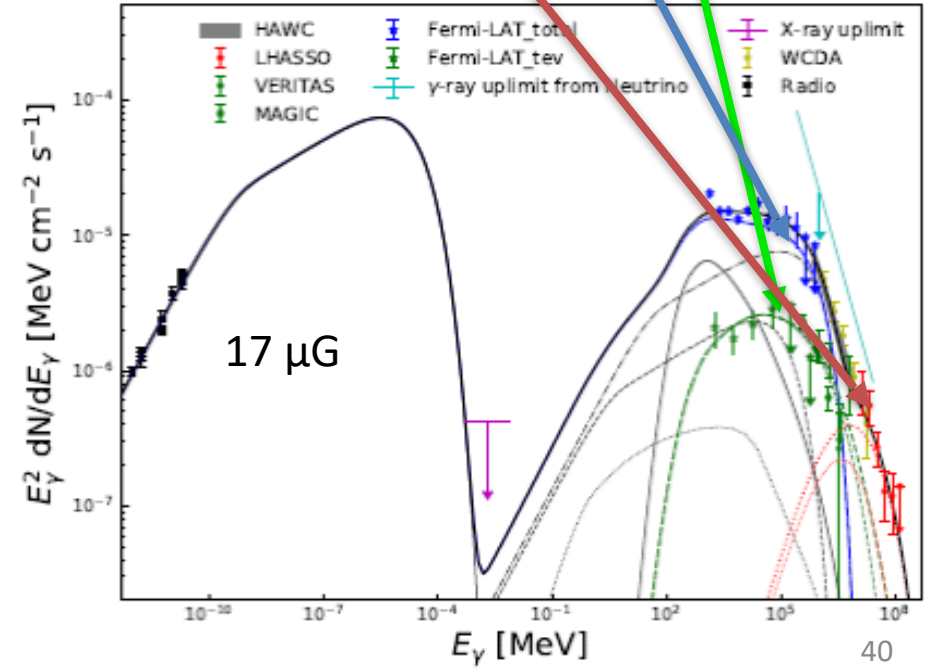
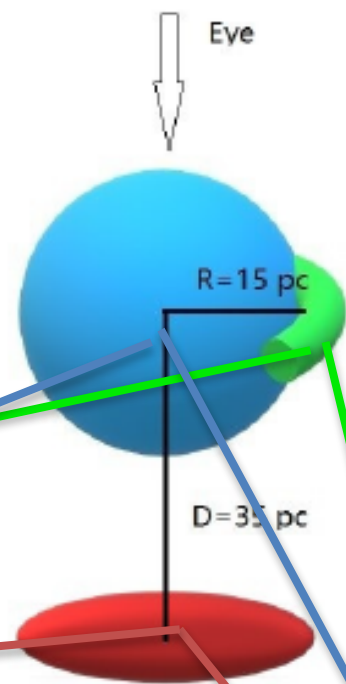
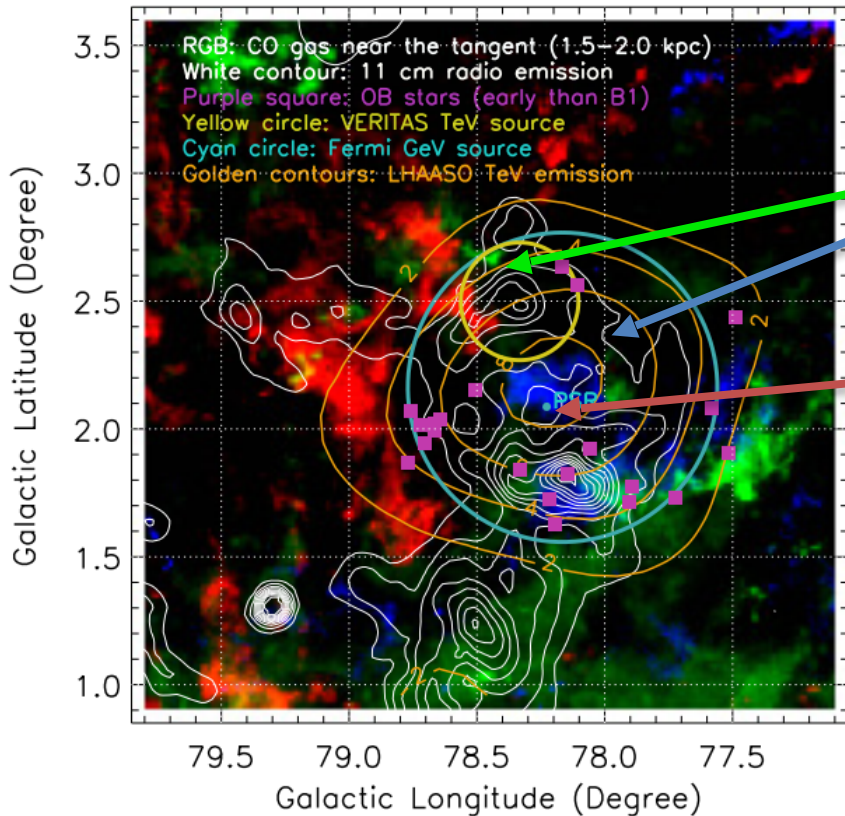
Hadronic with  
 an exponential cutoff of 10TeV (dotted)  
 a break at 4TeV (solid)  
 Index 2.1- $\rightarrow$ 3.1



Leptonic with a  $\sim 17 \mu\text{G}$  B



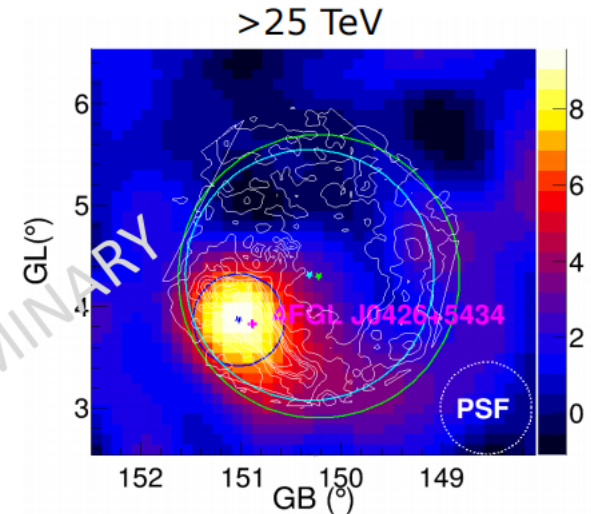
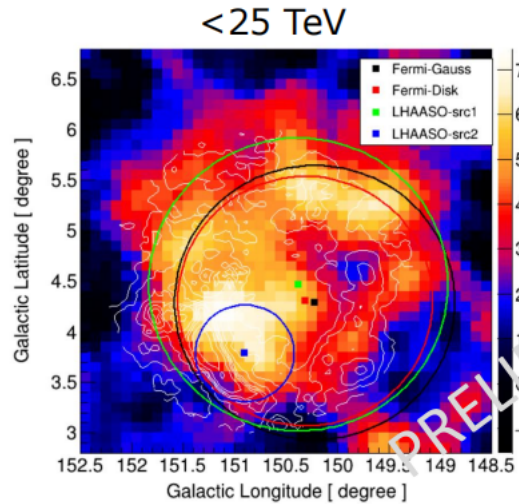
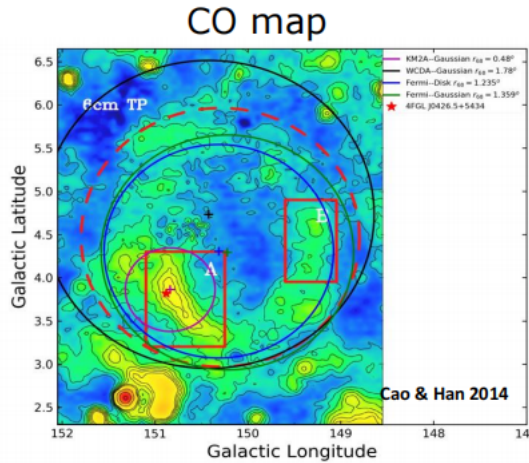
# 2: A Possible Model



Considering the low density inferred from X-ray observations of 0.2-0.3 cm<sup>-3</sup> and a high magnetic field

# 3: SNR G150

## G150.3+4.5



Fitted with two Gaussians: One is spatially coincident with the radio and Fermi-LAT observation (G150.3+4.5); another is very close to the unidentified source 4FGL J0426.5+5434.

(150.38, 4.47), extension = 1.45; (150.9, 3.79), extension = 0.26

The distance of CO emission (MWISP): 0.8 kpc, and a uniform density:  $\sim 1.0 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , with an age:  $\leq 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ yr}$ .

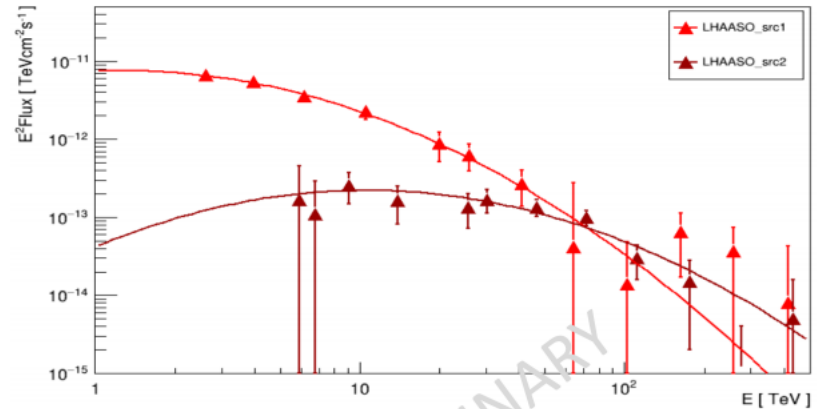
# 3: SNR G150

## G150.3+4.5

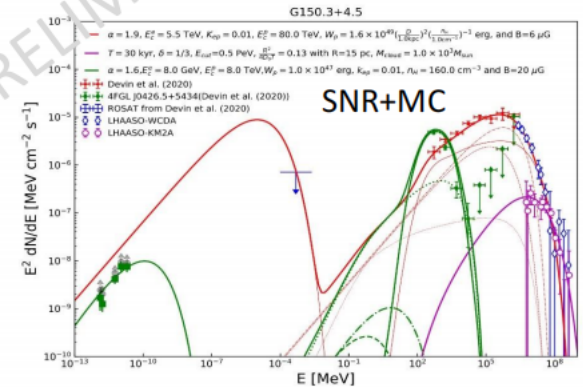
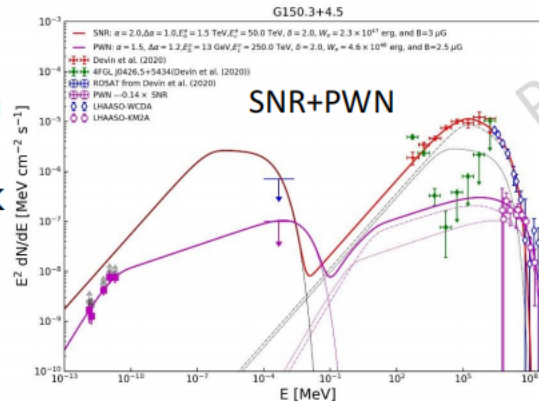
The SEDs at 1–400 TeV can be fitted with log-parabola models.

$$dN/dE = J_0 (E/E_0)^{-\alpha-\beta \log(E/E_0)}$$

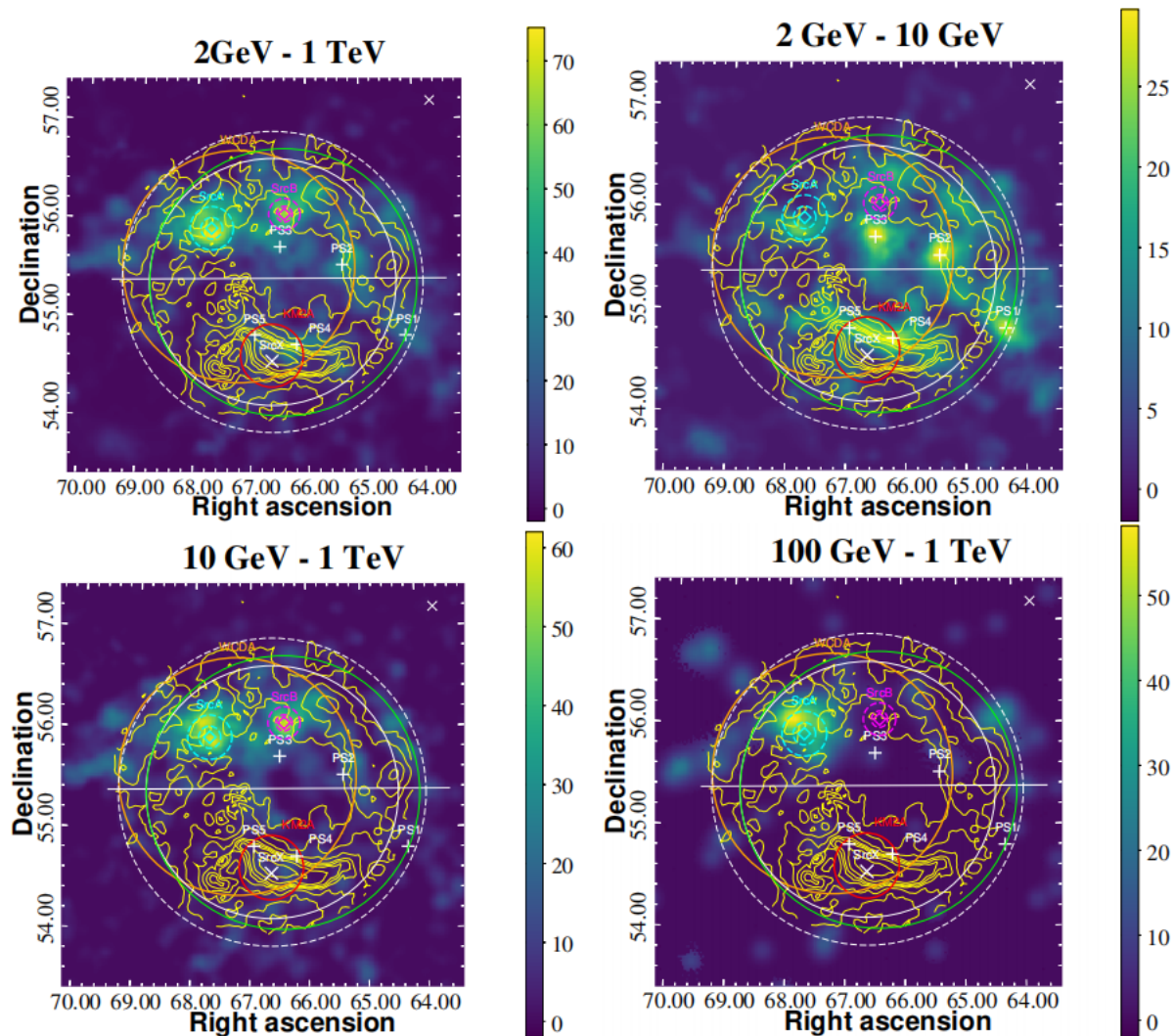
Scenario A: sync.+ SSC from SNR G150.3+4.5 and PWN, respectively.



Scenario B: sync. + SSC from SNR G150.3+4.5; Escaped CR interacting with MC, and shock colliding with MC.



# 3: G150.3+4.5

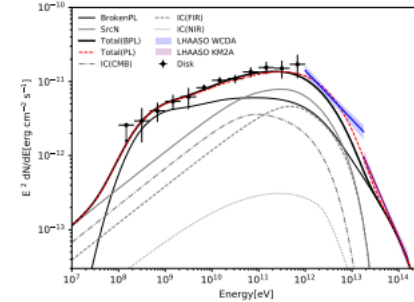
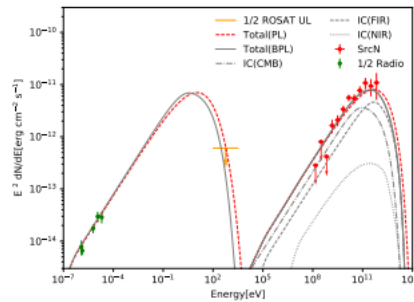
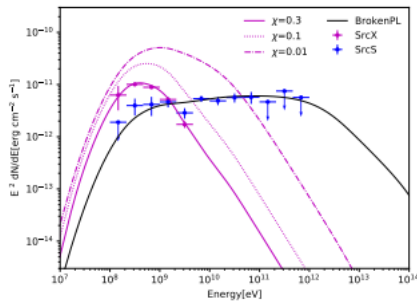
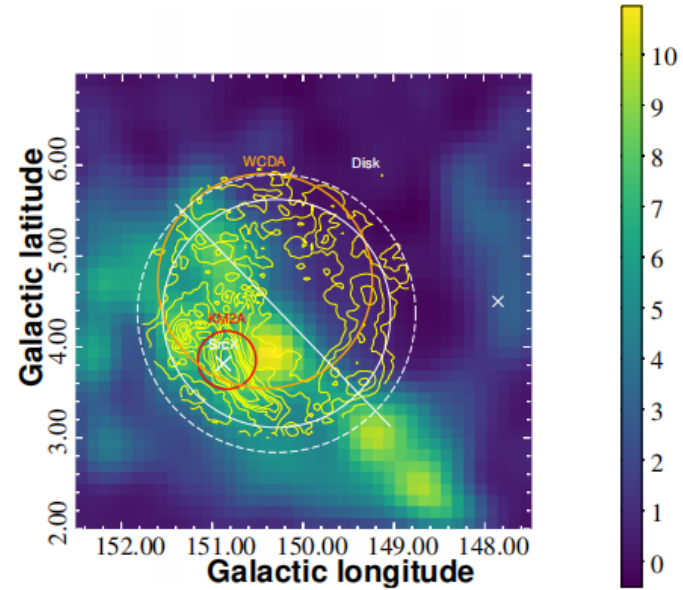




# 3: G150.3+4.5

Is SNR G150.3+4.5 a PeVatron?

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# 3: Boomerang SNR

## J2229+6114(G106.3+2.7)

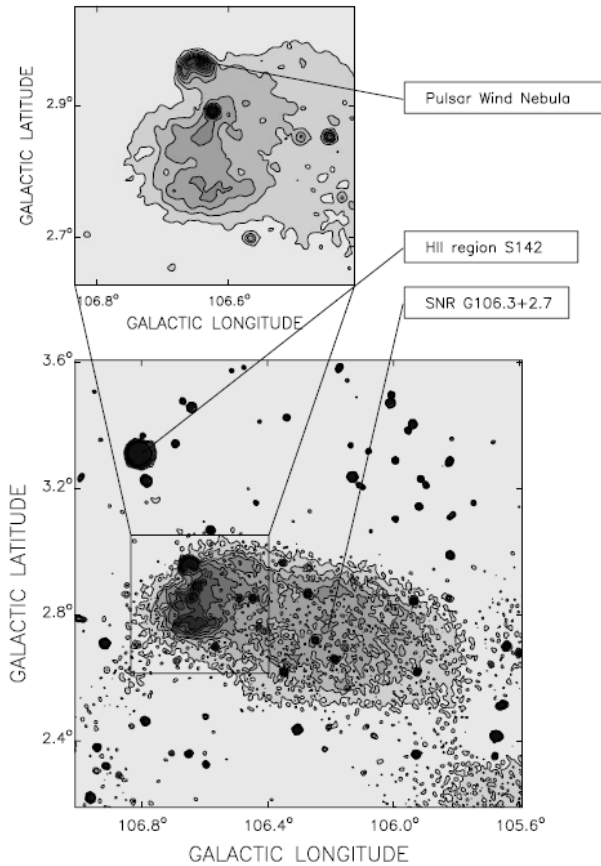
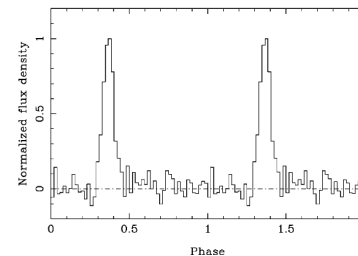


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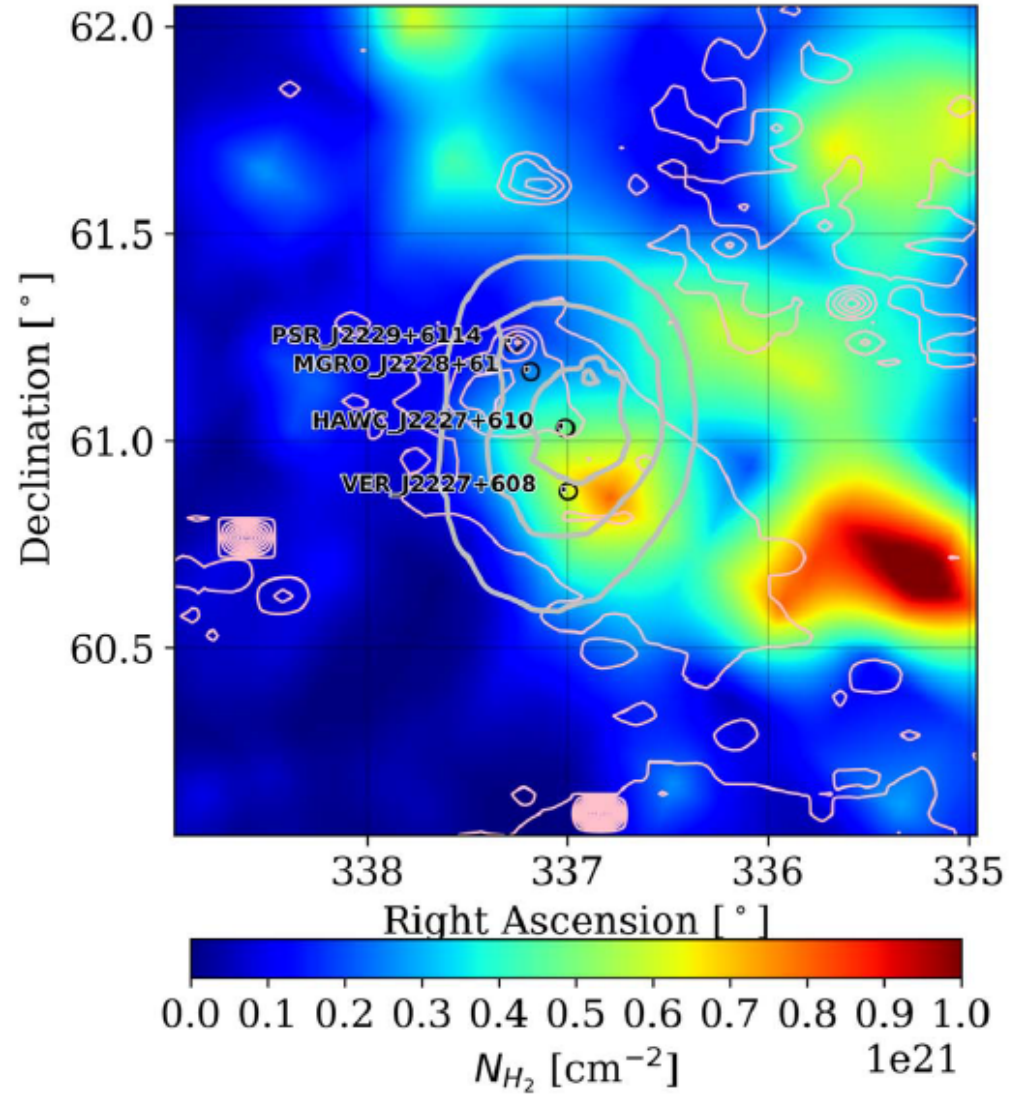
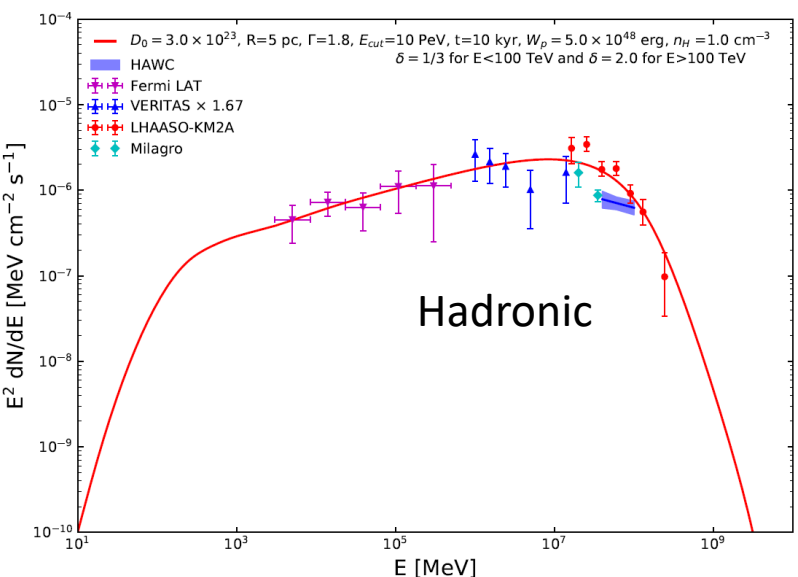
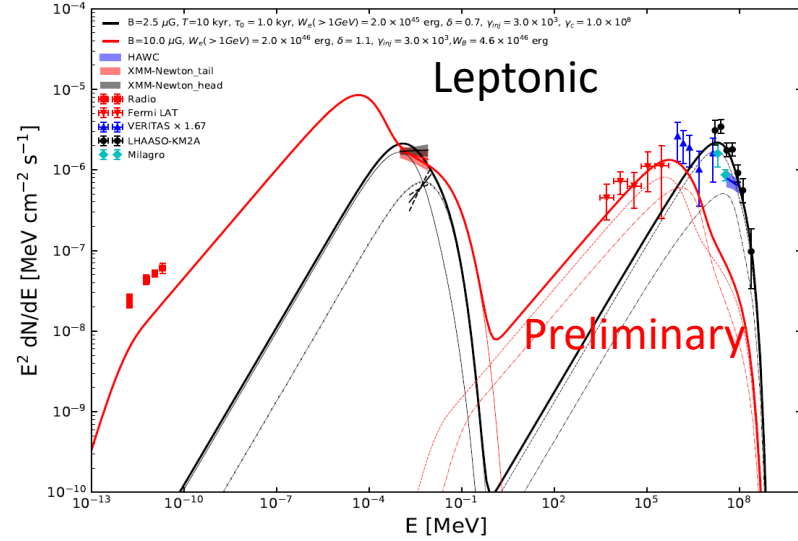
Parameter	Value
R.A. (J2000) .....	22 <sup>h</sup> 29 <sup>m</sup> 05 <sup>s</sup> .28(7)
Decl. (J2000) .....	+61°14'09".3(5)
Galactic longitude (deg) .....	106.65
Galactic latitude (deg) .....	2.95
Period (s) .....	0.05162357393(6)
Period derivative (s s <sup>-1</sup> ) .....	7.827(2) × 10 <sup>-14</sup>
Epoch (MJD) .....	51980.0
Dispersion measure (cm <sup>-3</sup> pc) .....	200(10)
Distance <sup>a</sup> (kpc) .....	~3
Spin-down luminosity (ergs s <sup>-1</sup> ) .....	2.2 × 10 <sup>37</sup>
Characteristic age (yr) .....	10460
Magnetic field (G) .....	2.0 × 10 <sup>12</sup>



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# 3: SNR G106.3+2.7, G35.6-0.4



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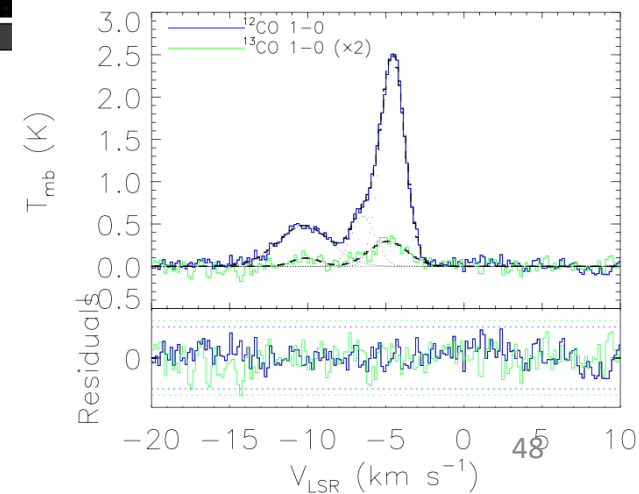
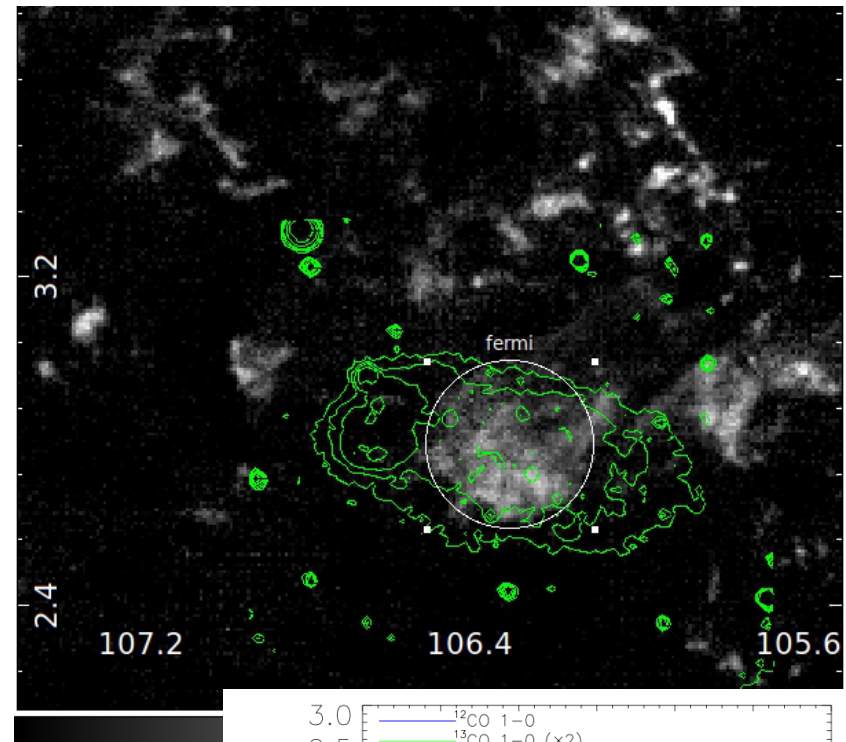
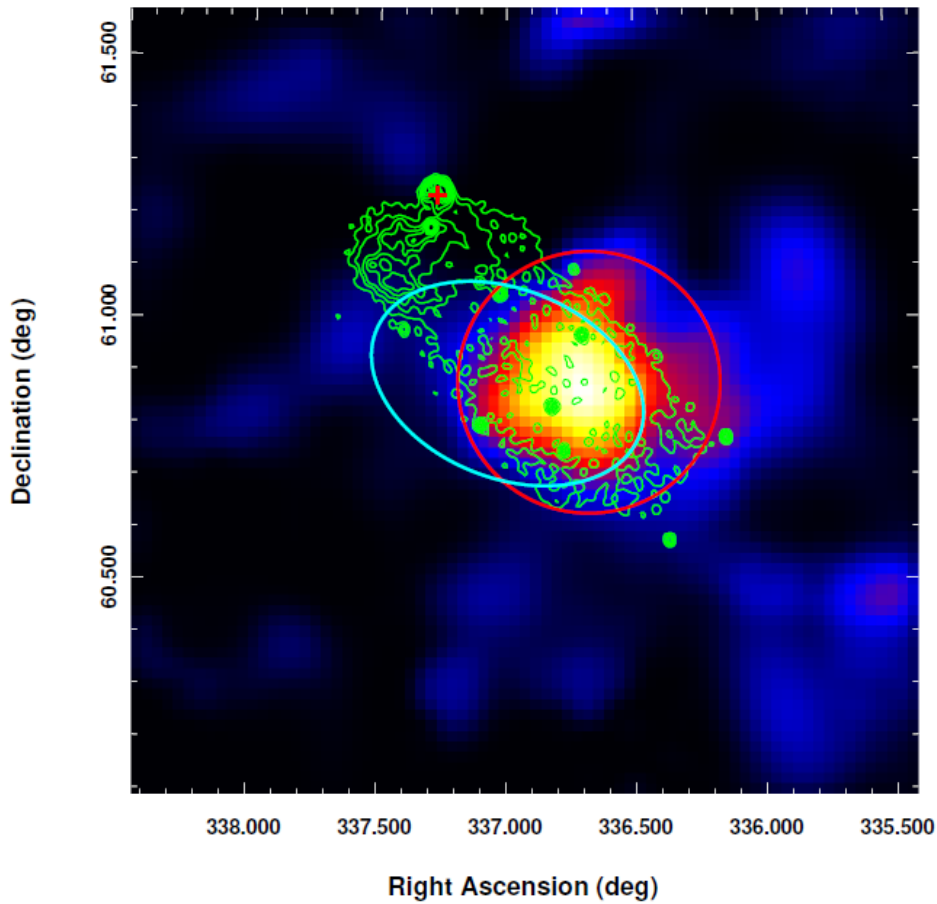


# Conclusions

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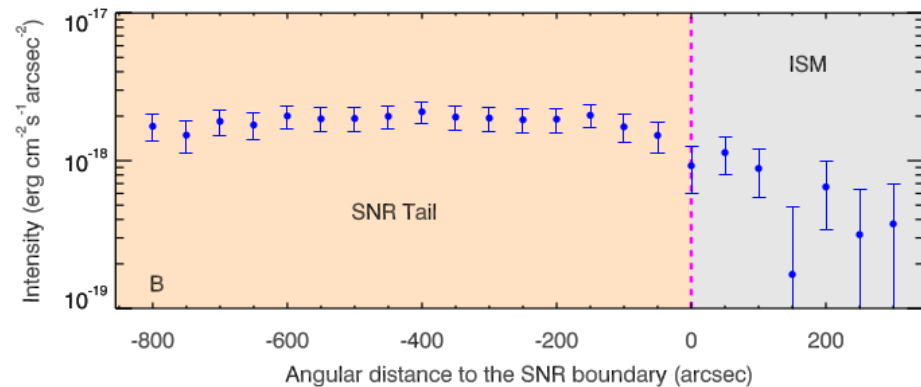
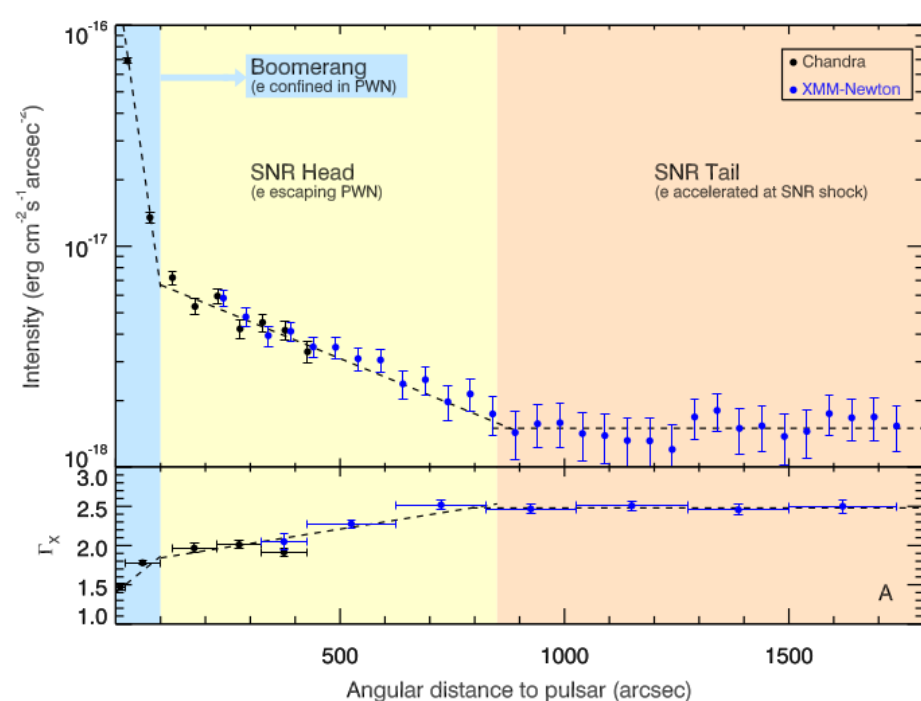
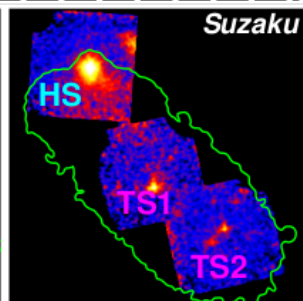
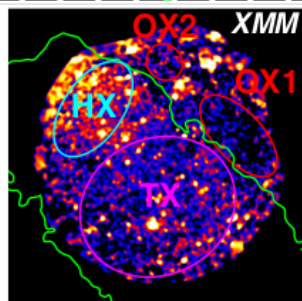
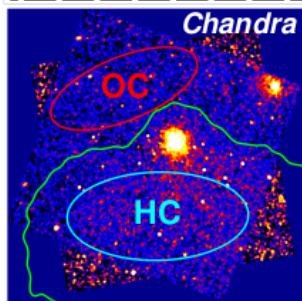
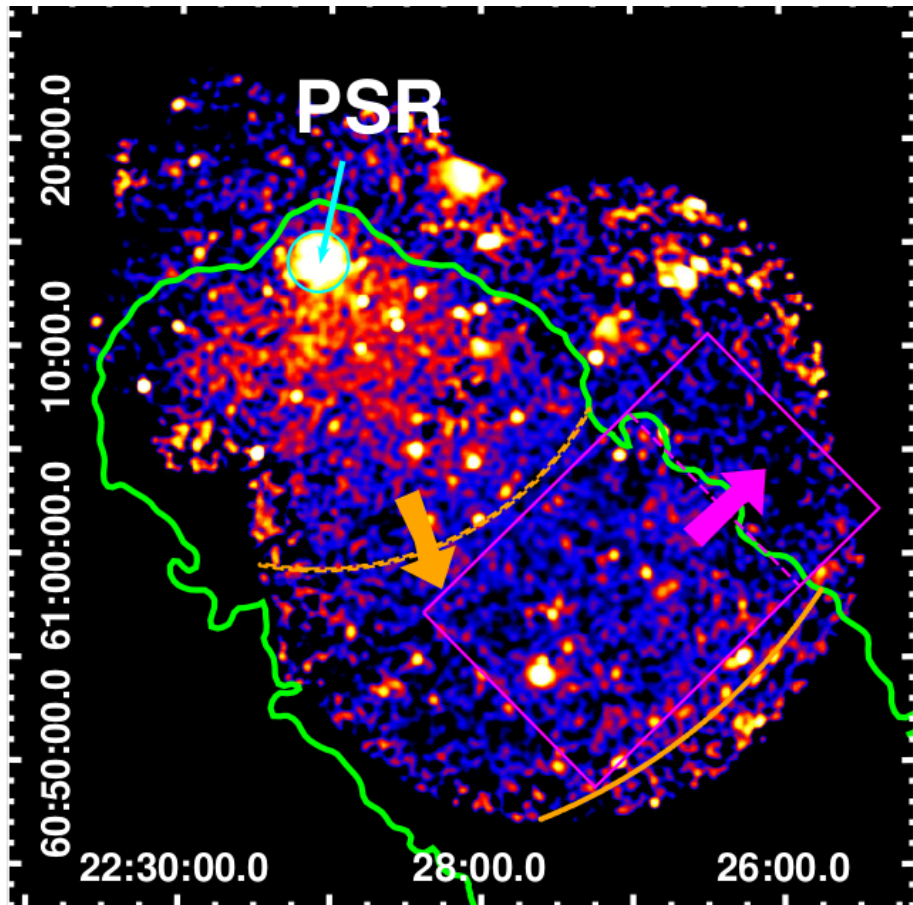
- Observation of Cas A has been published
- Manuscripts on W51C and gamma cygni are to be submitted
- Manuscripts on G150, G106, G35.6 should be submitted by the next collaboration meeting
- **G69.7**, HESS J1912, LHAASO J2108, J0341, **G57.2**, **G65.1**, **G205** should also be analyzed

# 3: Fermi and CO



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# 3: X-ray Observations



Nonthermal X-ray emission is detected both from the head close to the PWN and the tail region