

# Observation of CR acceleration in late-stage of massive stars evolution through gamma rays

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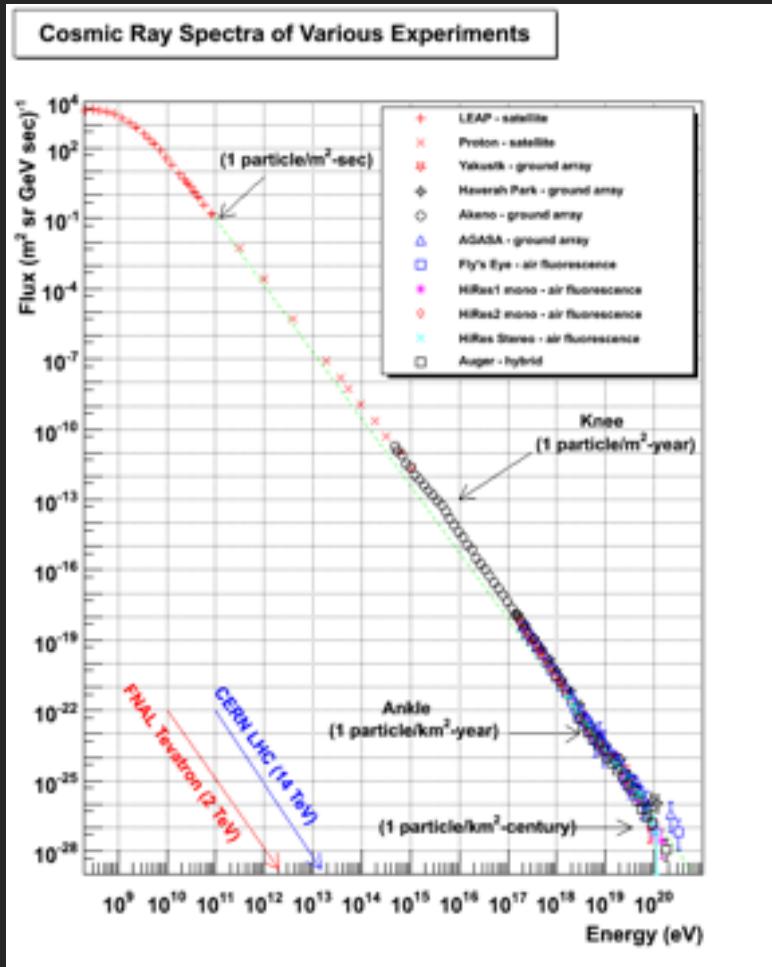
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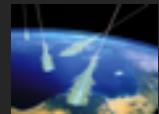


Question since 1912 :  
What is the origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays?

Ginzburg, S.I. Syrovatskii 64, Gaisser  
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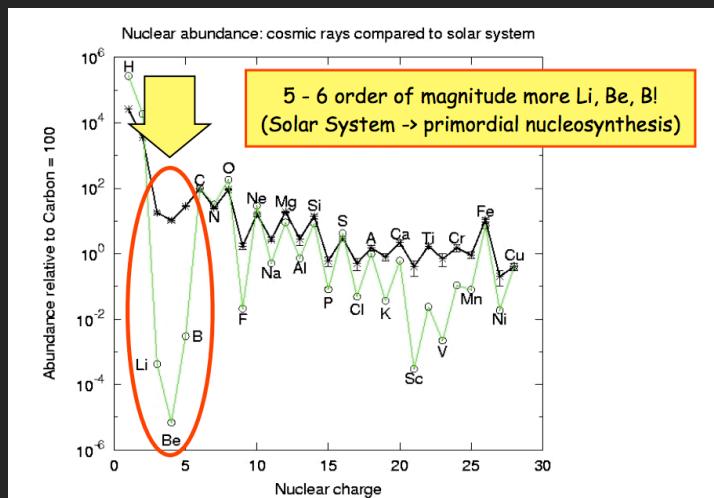
- Mostly protons  $e/p \sim 1/100$
- As they are charged, they are deflected by fields (only for  $E > 10^{19}$  eV we could trace back the arrival direction, but CMB)
- Extends over 32 orders of magnitude with spectral index  $\sim 2.7$
- Below  $\sim 3$  PeV CRs are believed to be of Galactic origin
- Where are PeV CRs accelerated?



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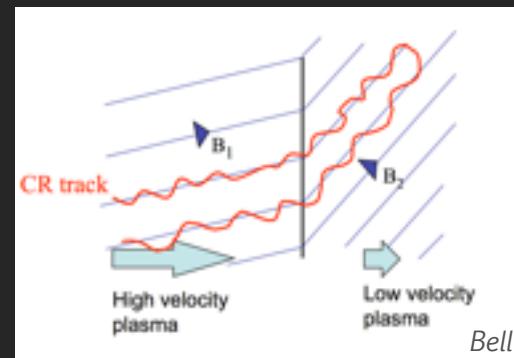
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## SNRs provide the right energy budget:

- SN power :  $L_{\text{SN}} = 10^{51} / t_{\text{SN}} = 6 \times 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$
- SNe rate is 2-3 century
- SN explosion energy  $E_{\text{kin}} = 10^{51} \text{ erg}$

DSA theory predicts the right spectral shape assuming magnetic amplification in shocks

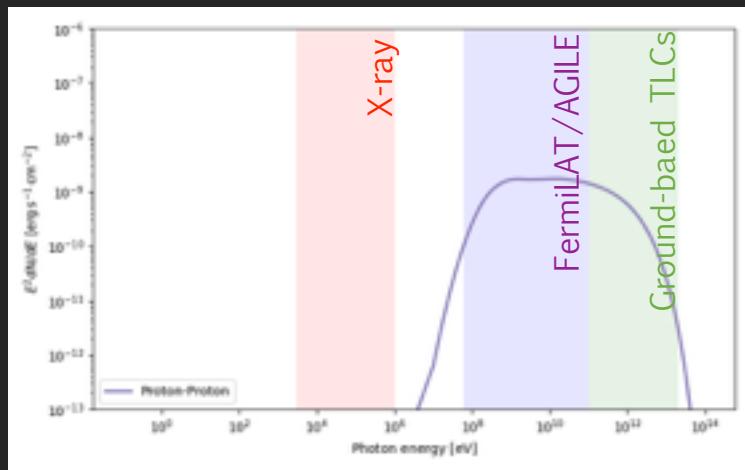
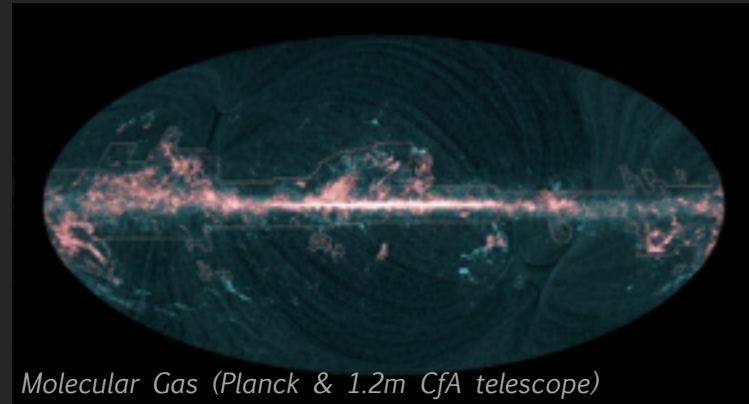
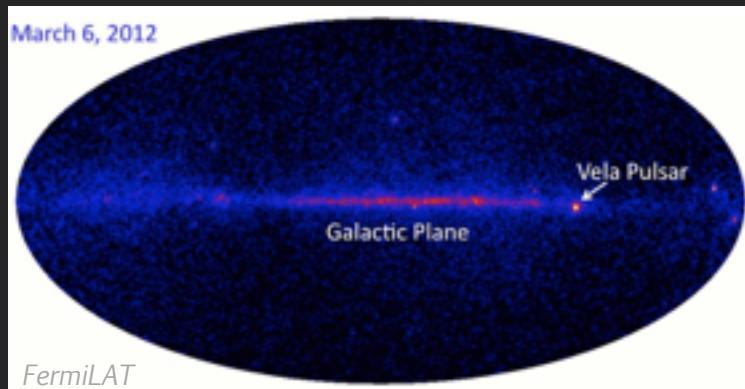


....seems like all fits nicely  
(with lots of caveats)

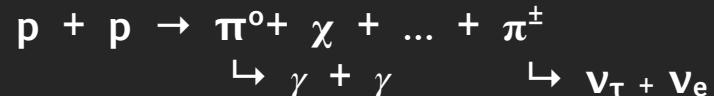
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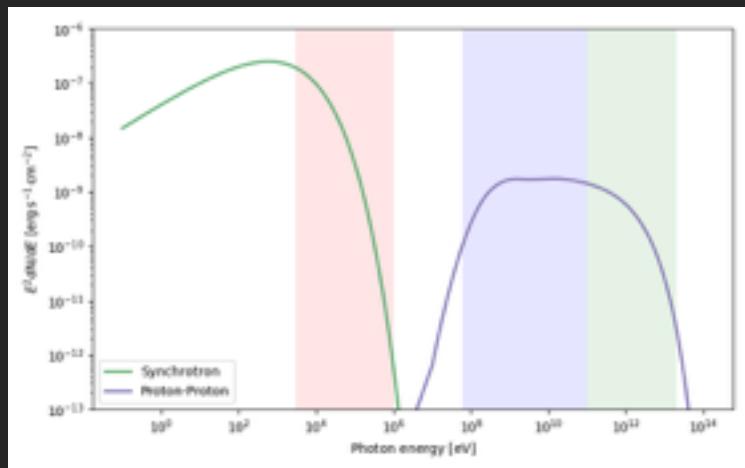
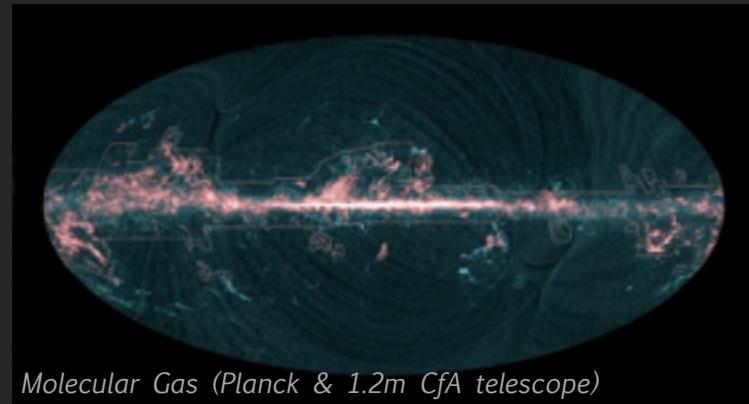
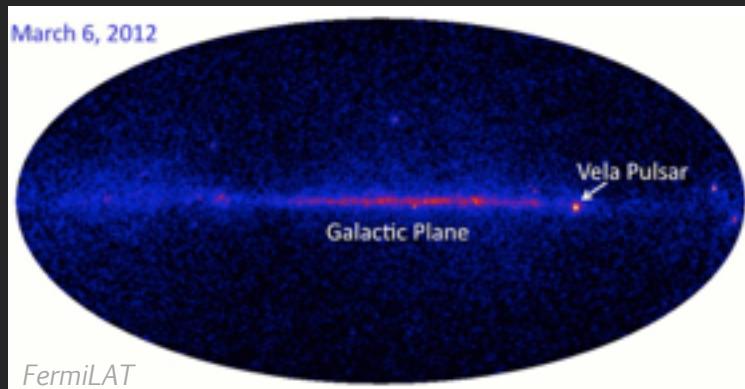


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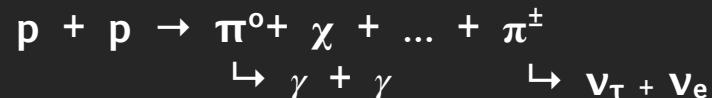




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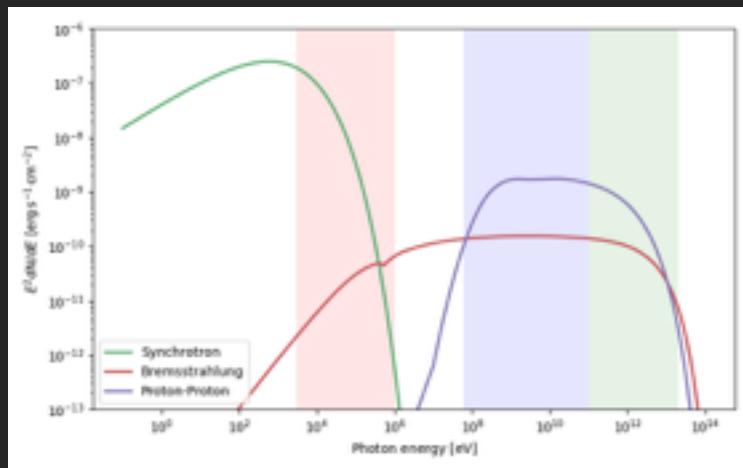
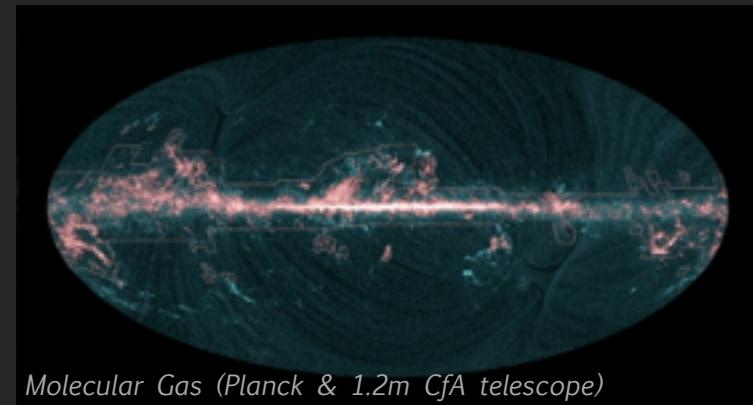
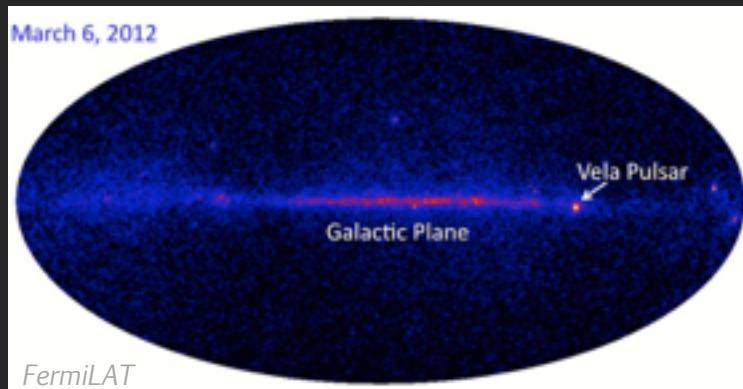


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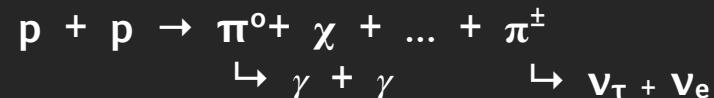




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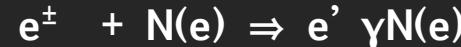
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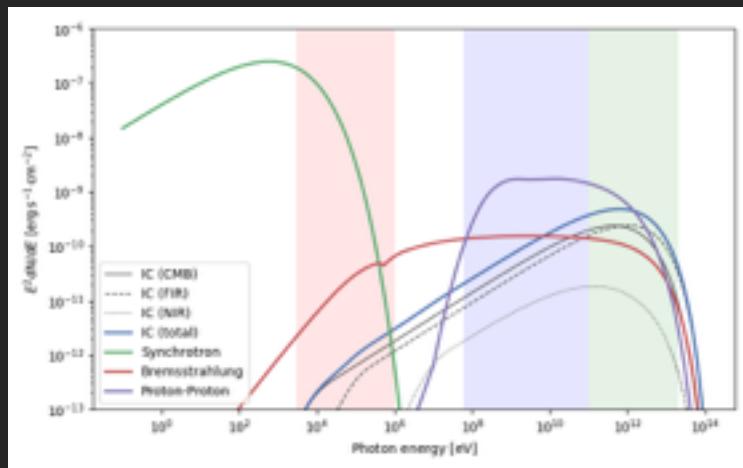
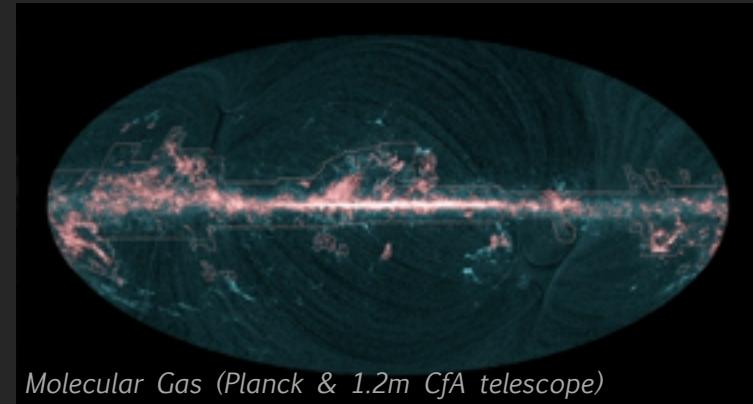
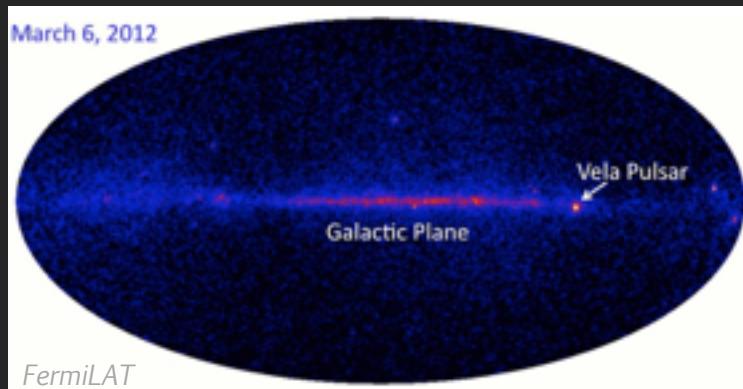


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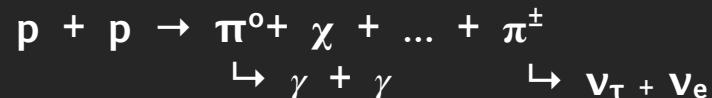




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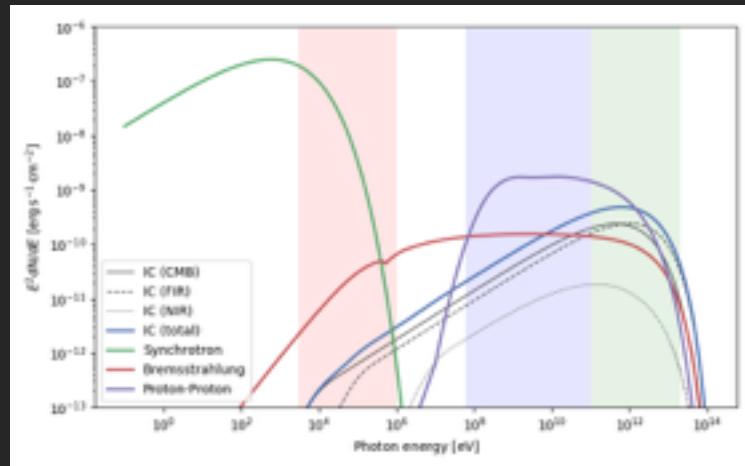




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**How can we probe protons or heavy nuclei in massive old stars shocks?**

- Spectral shape at high and very high energies: pion-peak feature
- Extension of a hard spectrum up to  $>>10$  TeV to probe PeV protons
- Morphological characteristics
- Hard X-ray emission of secondary electrons (?)



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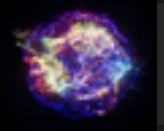


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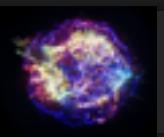


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- Rapid shocks  $\sim 1000$  km/s & young remnants
- Amplification of magnetic fields - Strong synchrotron emission  
 $E_p \sim B \cdot v_{\text{shock}} \cdot T$
- To see the SNRs in gamma-rays (and thus probe the CR content):  
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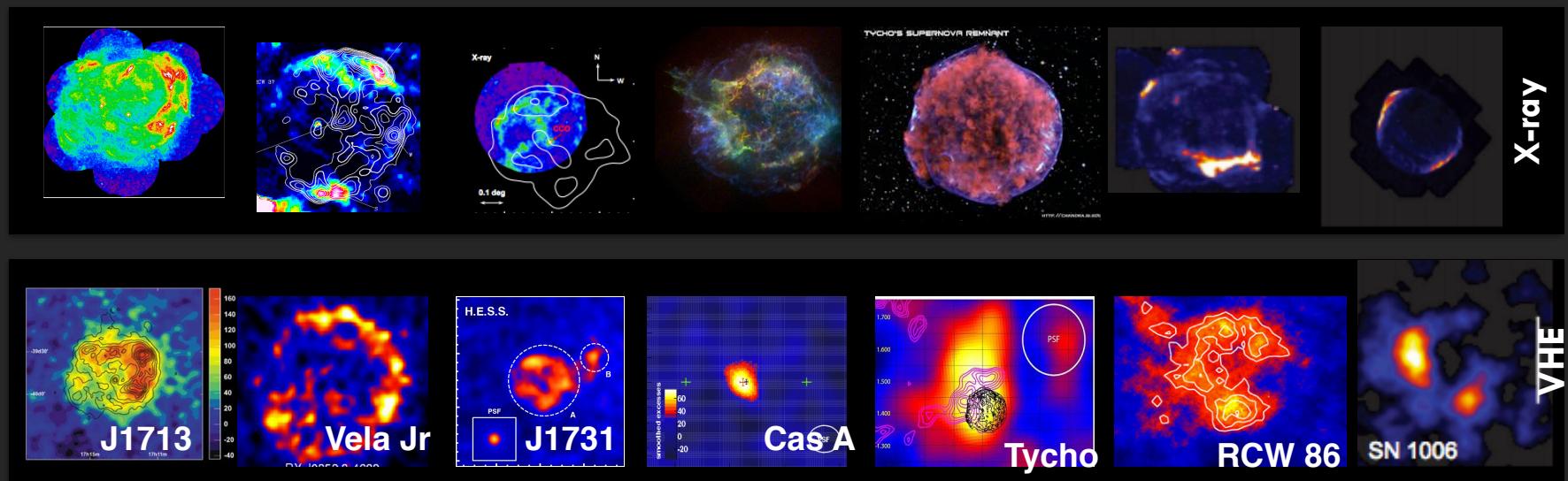
$$E_p^p \simeq 450 \left( \frac{B}{1 \text{ mG}} \right) \left( \frac{t_0}{100 \text{ yr}} \right) \left( \frac{u_s}{3000 \text{ km/s}} \right)^2 \eta^{-1} \text{ TeV},$$

Lagage & Cesarsky 1983



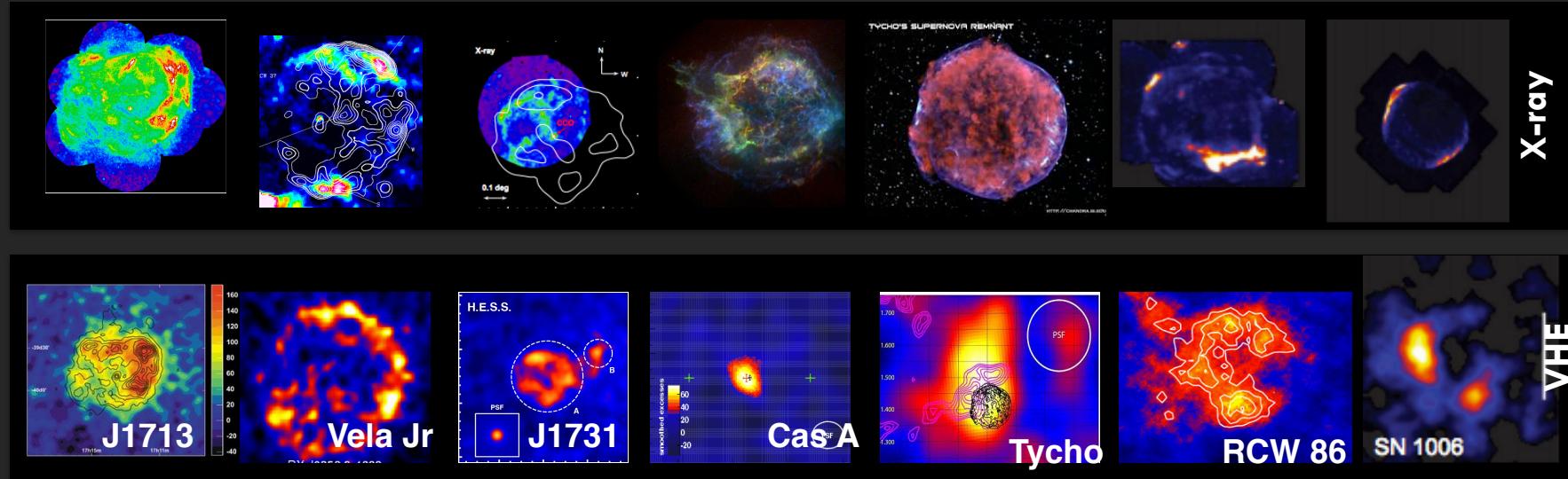
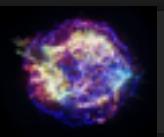
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## GeV counterpart / Spectral Index

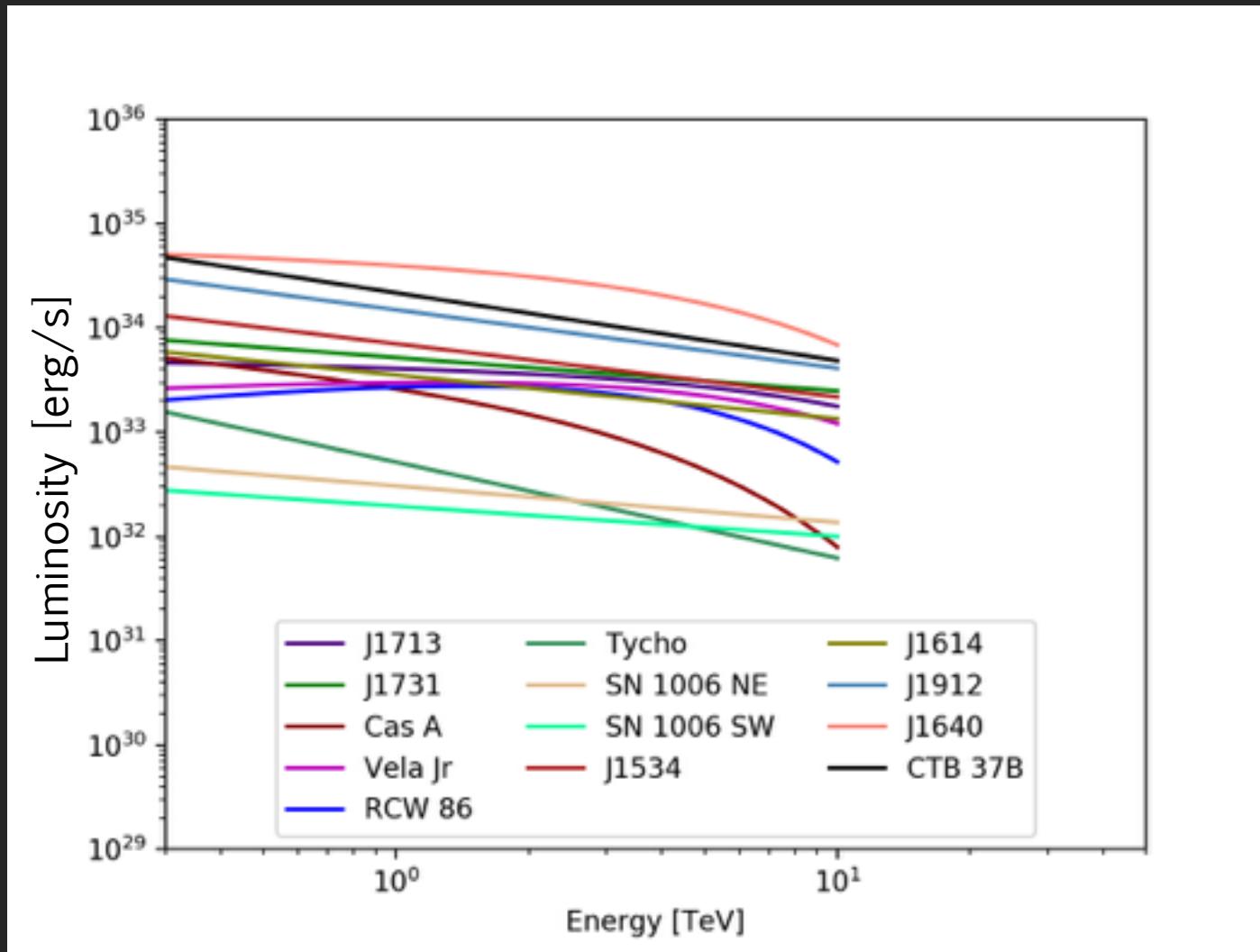
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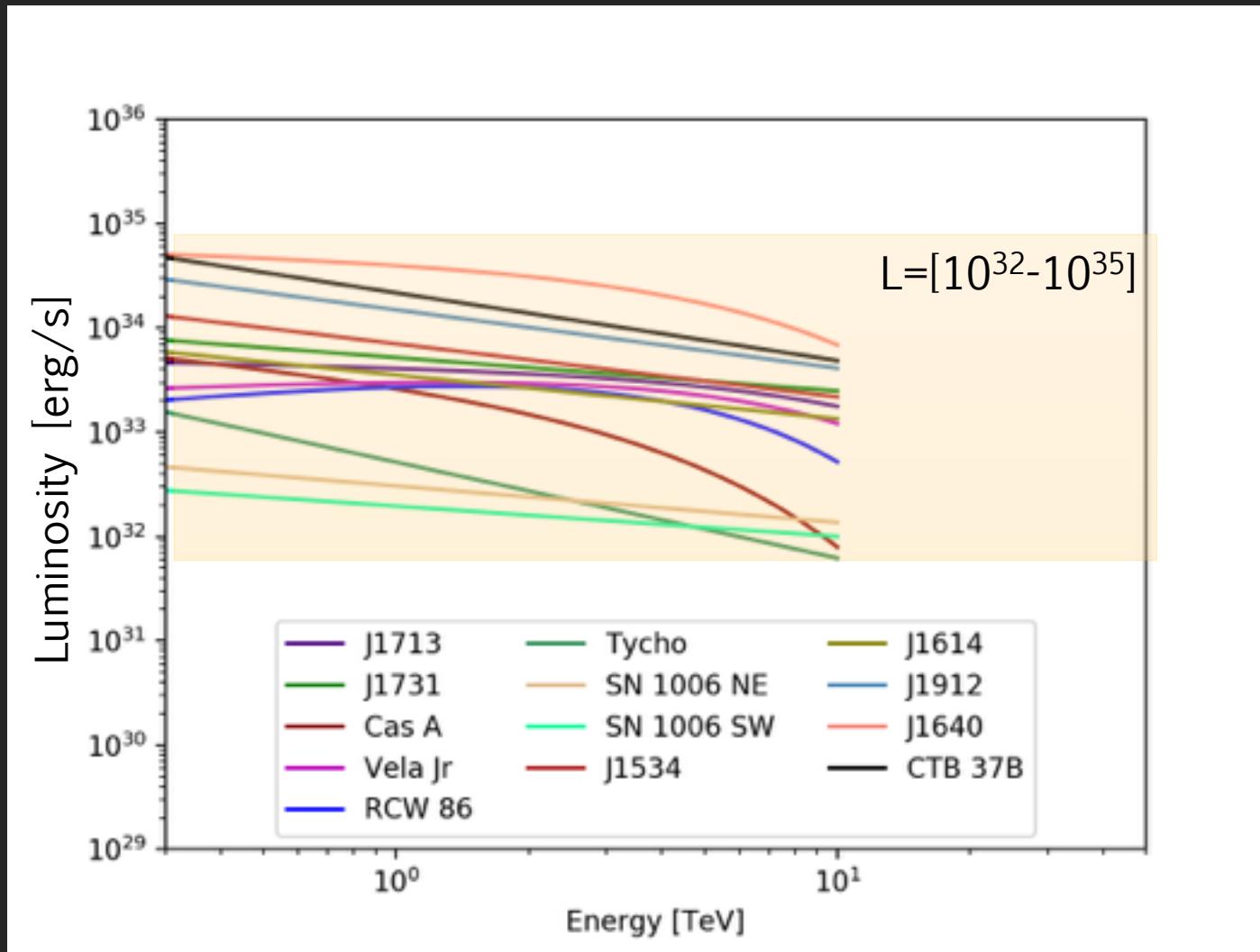
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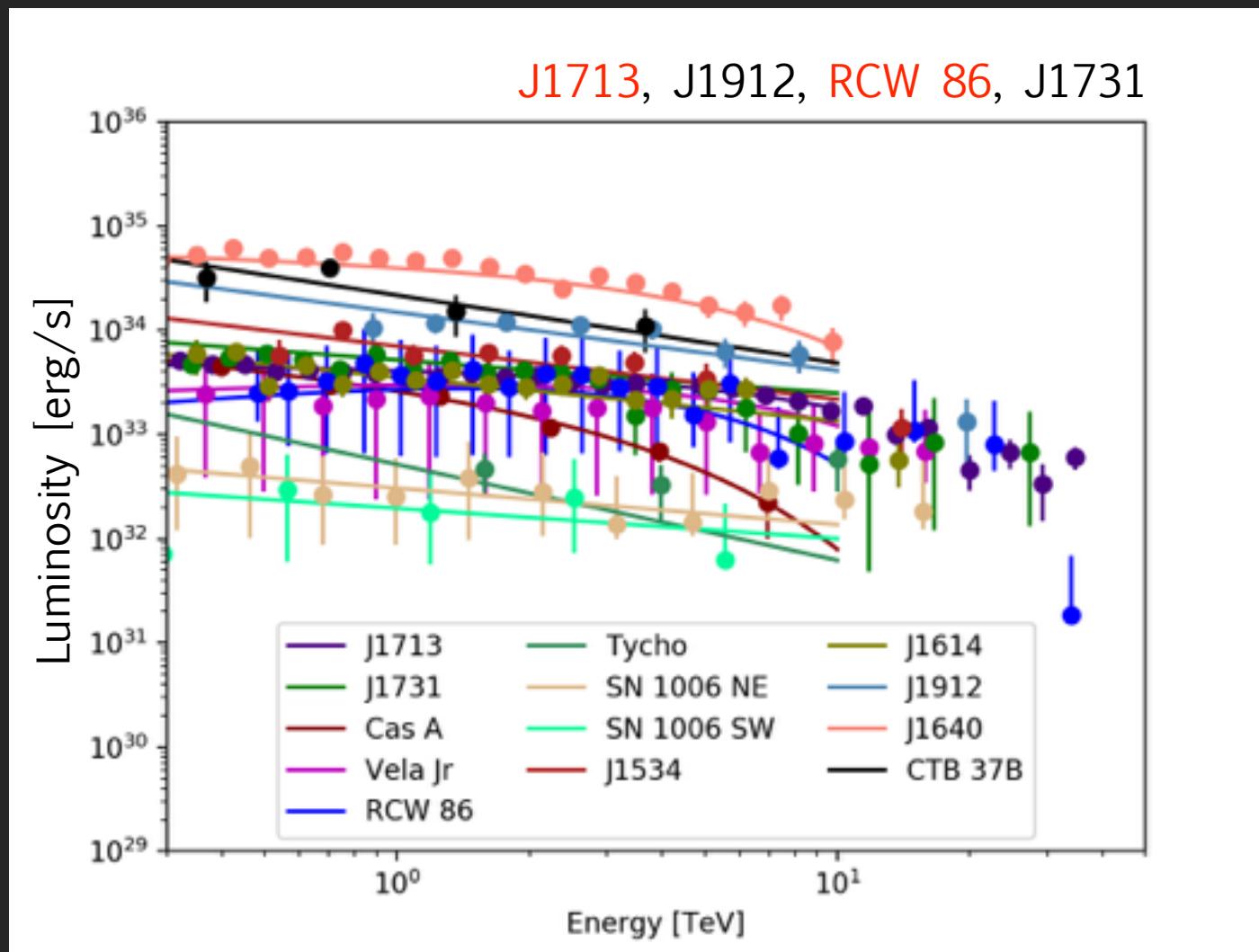
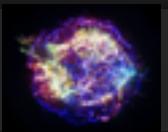
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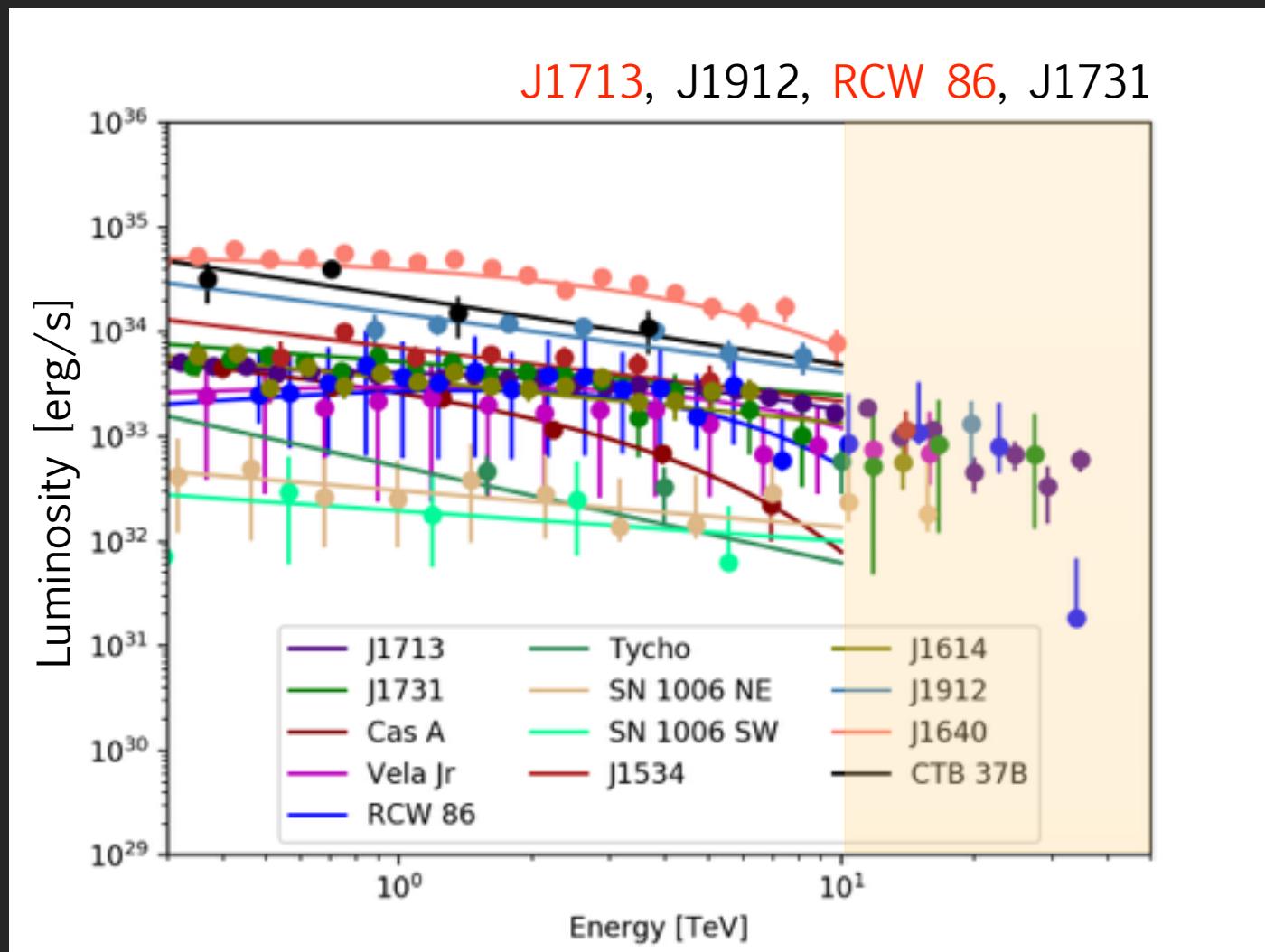
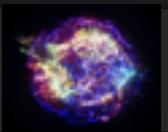
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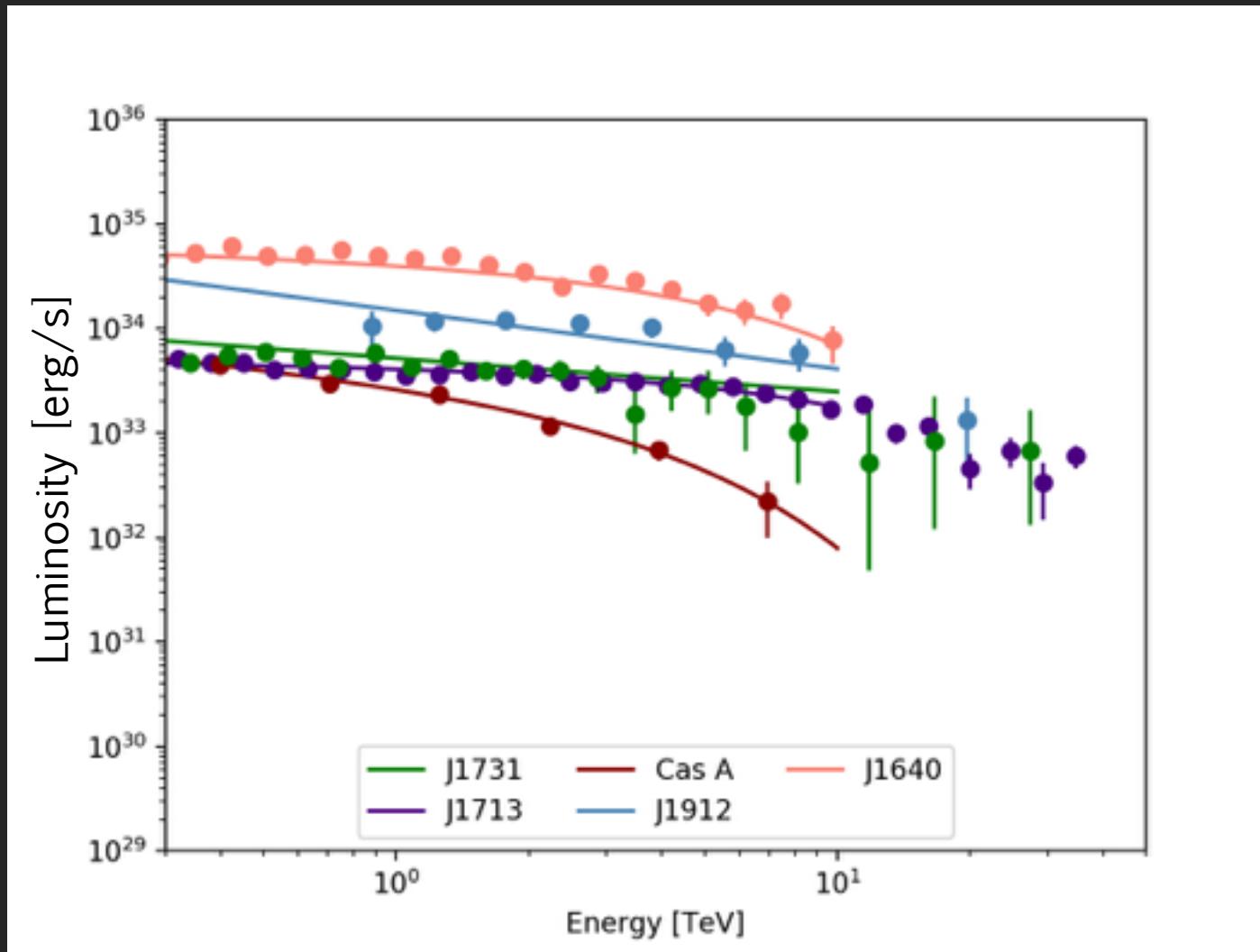
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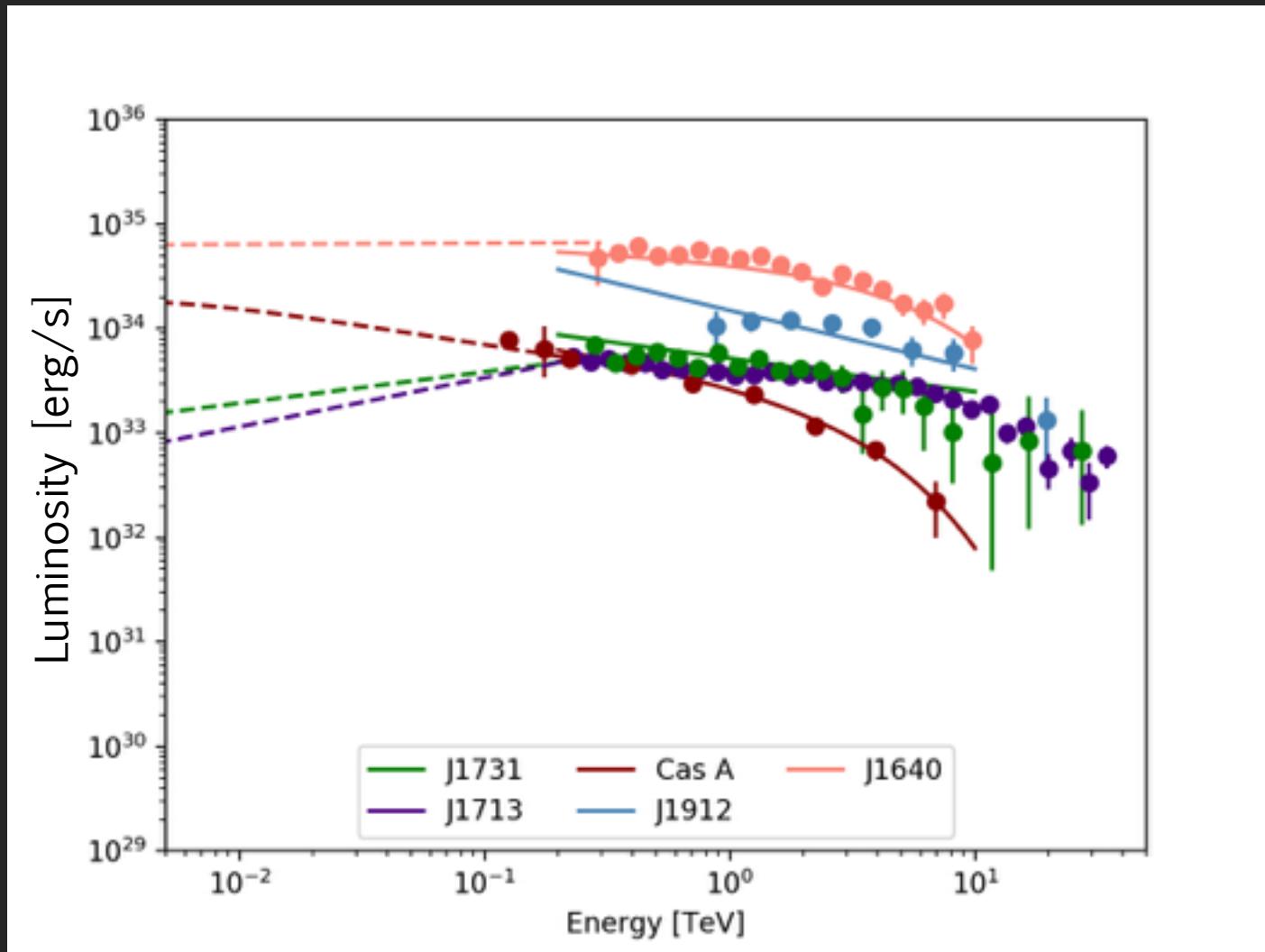
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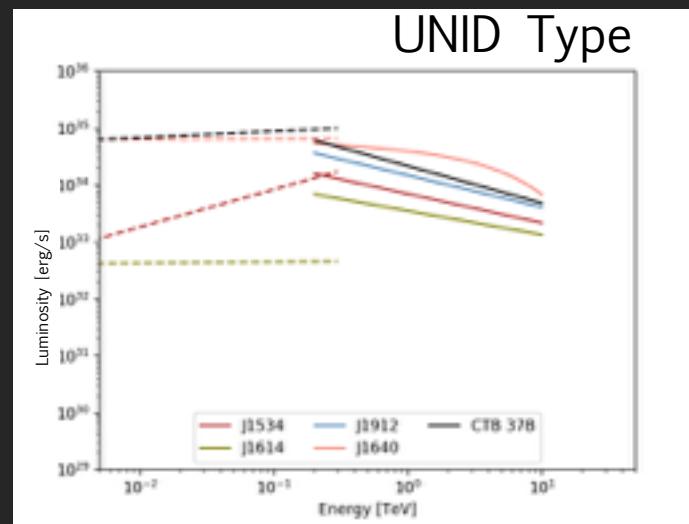
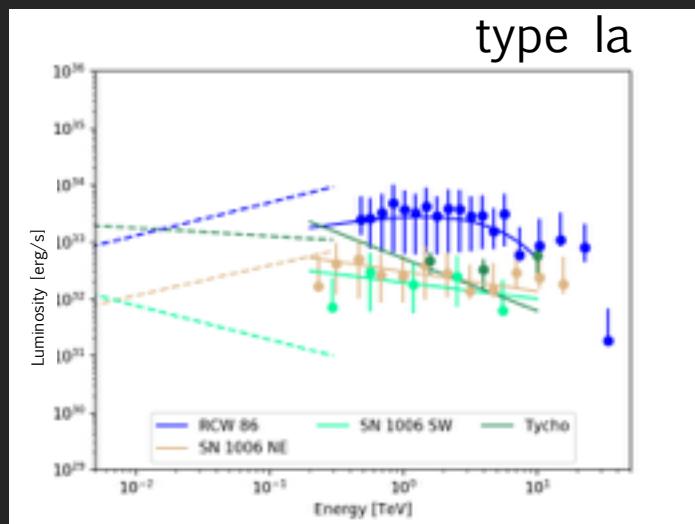
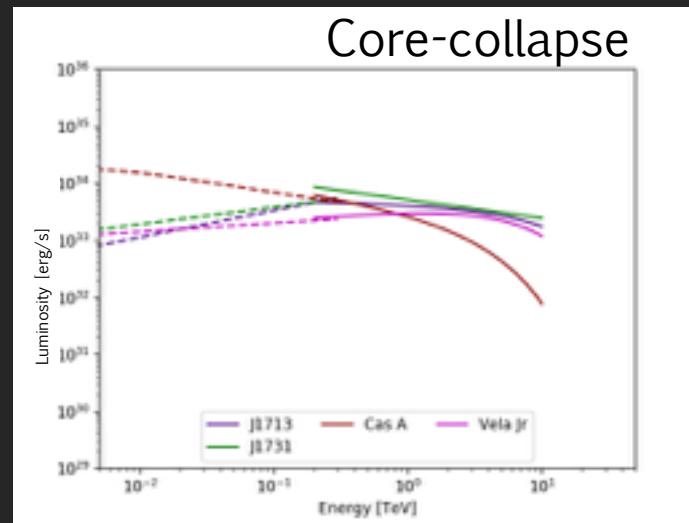
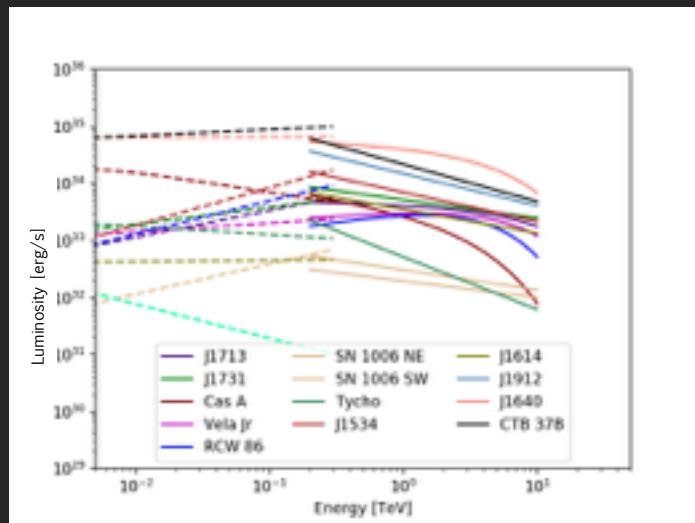
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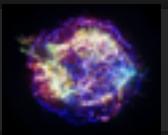


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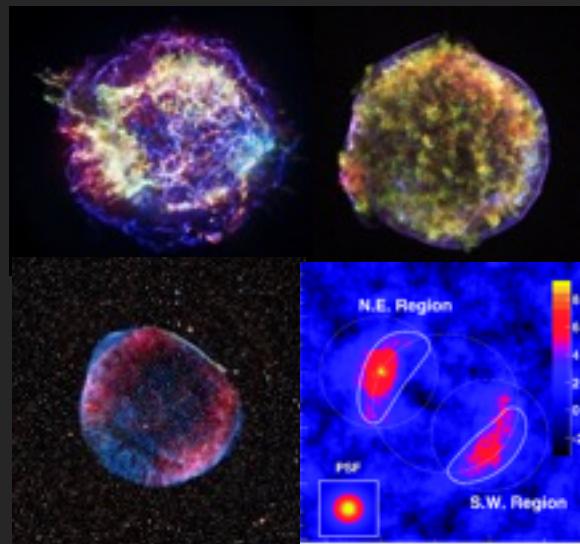
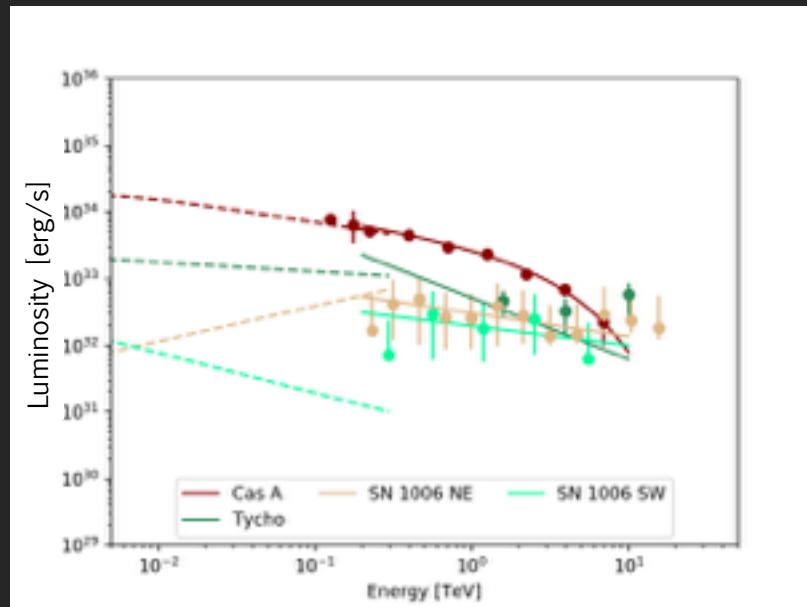




## Best Candidates:

$B = 0.3\text{-}0.5 \text{ mG}$  as inferred from the width of X-ray filaments and X-ray time-variability

If hadronic origin  $E_{\text{CR}} \sim 10\text{-}20\%$  of SNR energy



# Cassiopeia A the Remnant

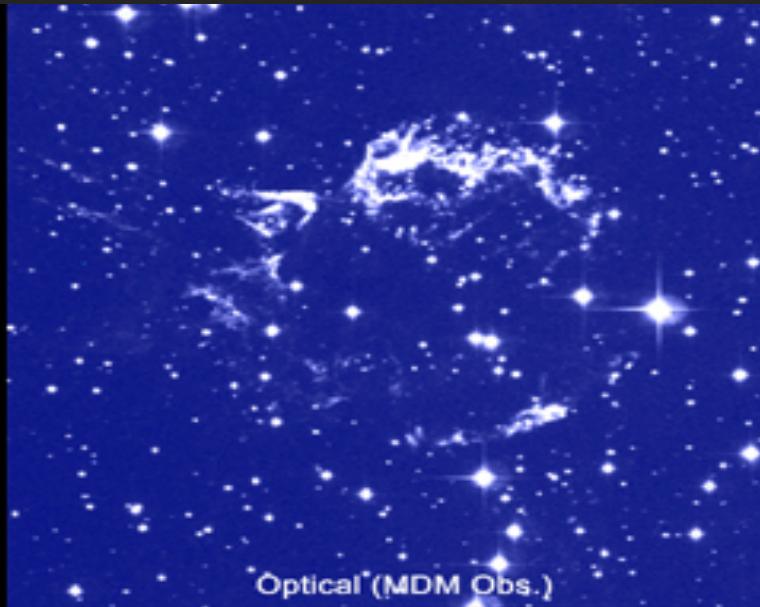
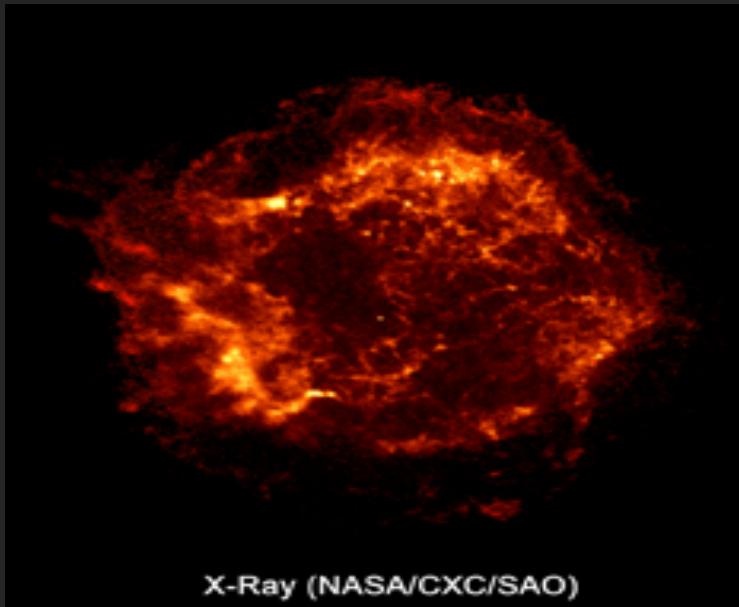
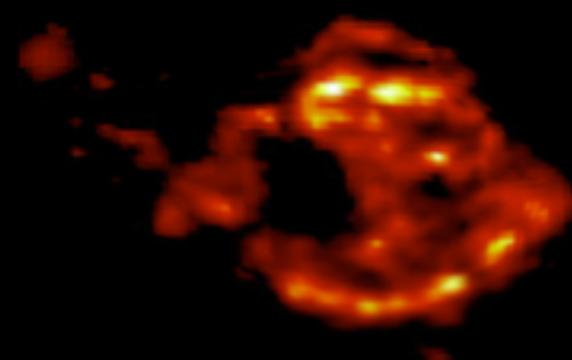
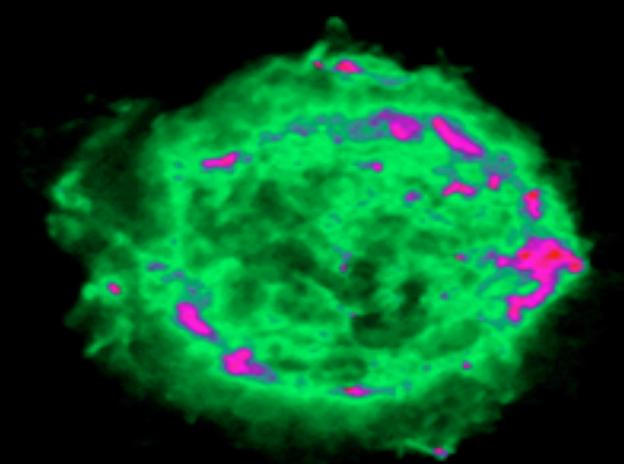
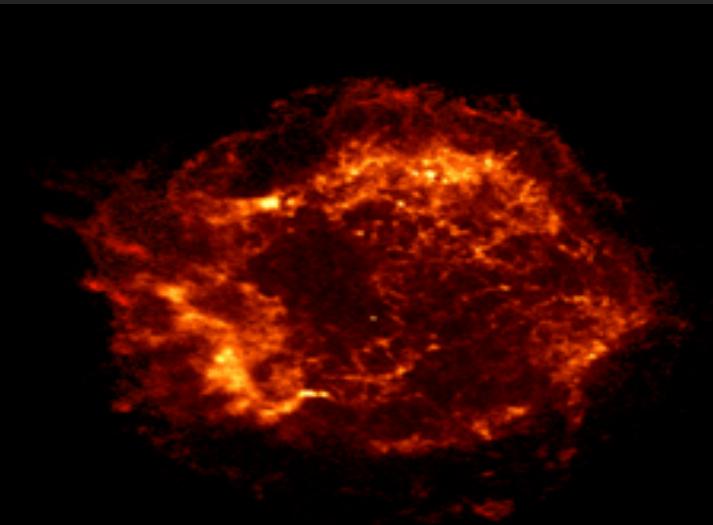


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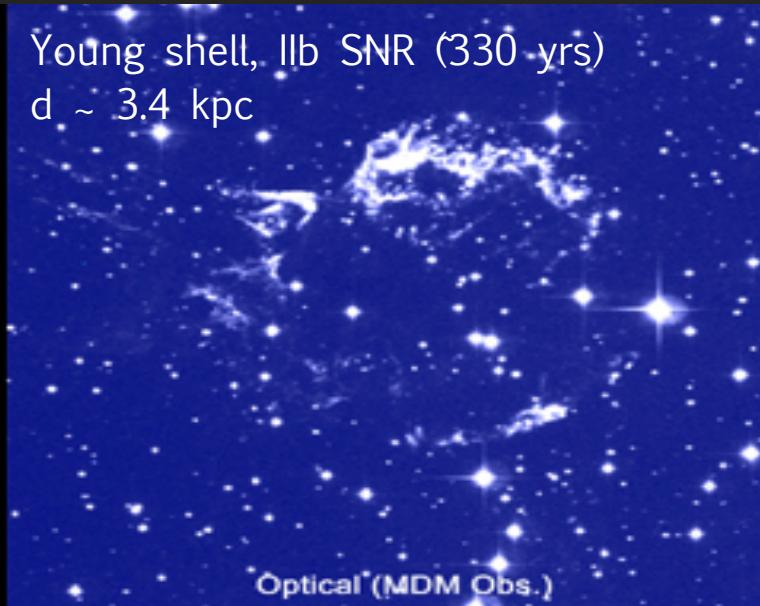


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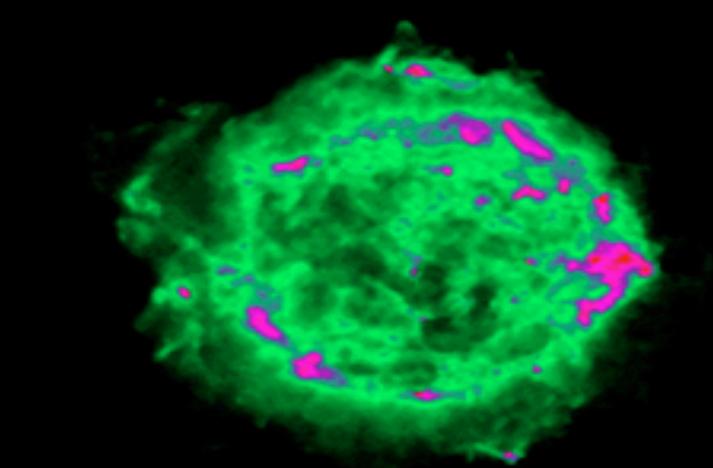
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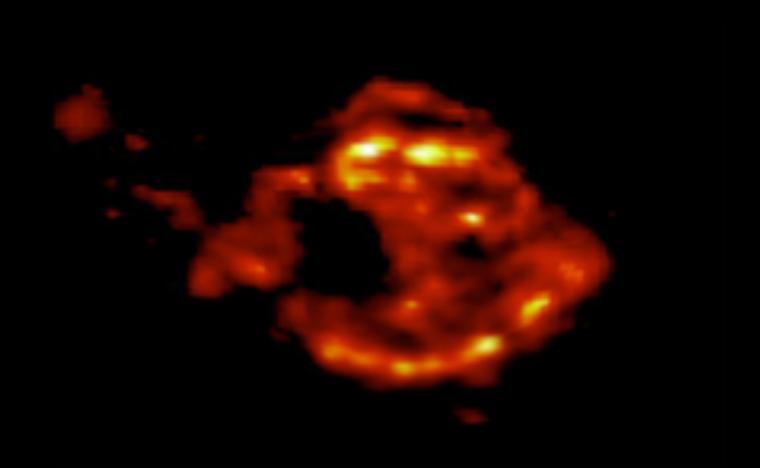
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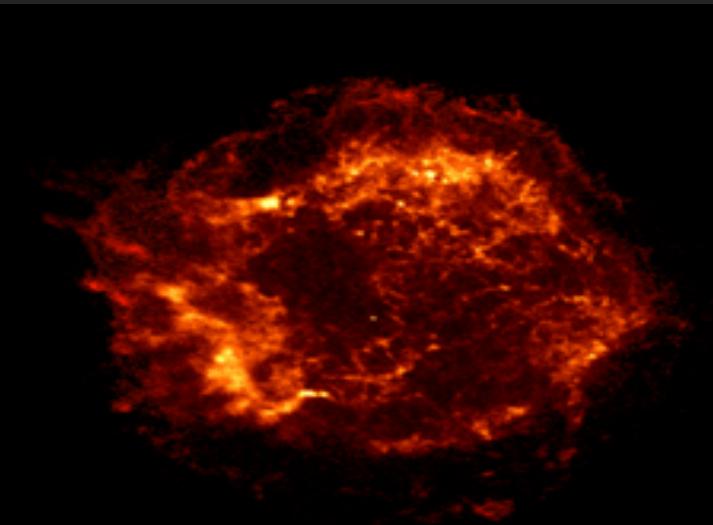


Infrared (ESA/ISO, CAM, P. Lagage et al.)

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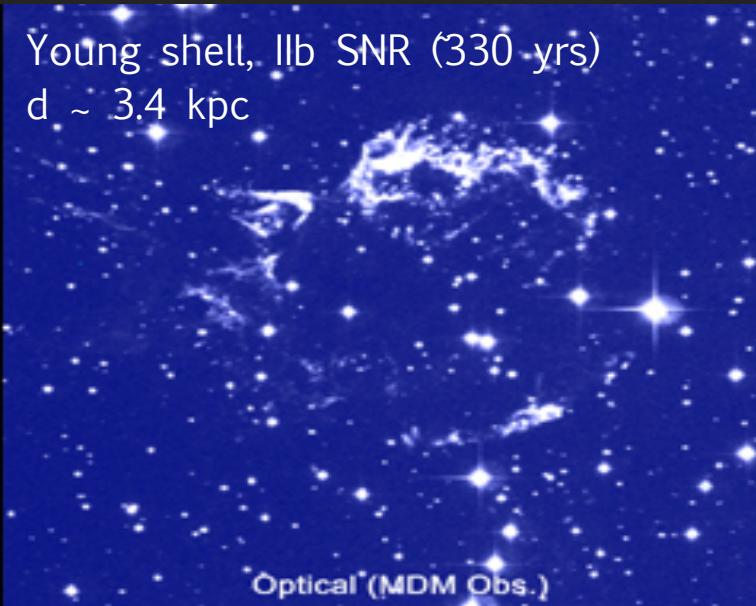
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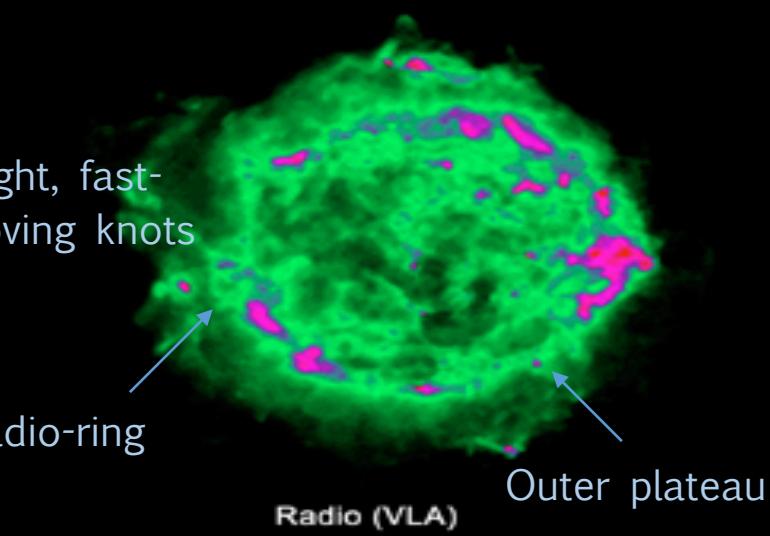


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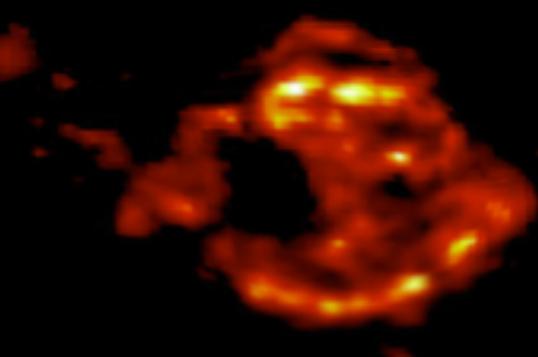
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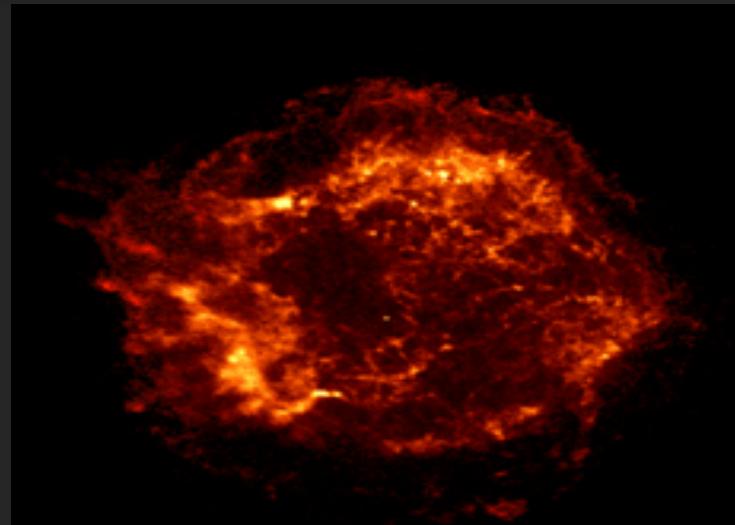
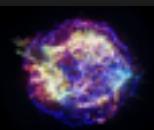


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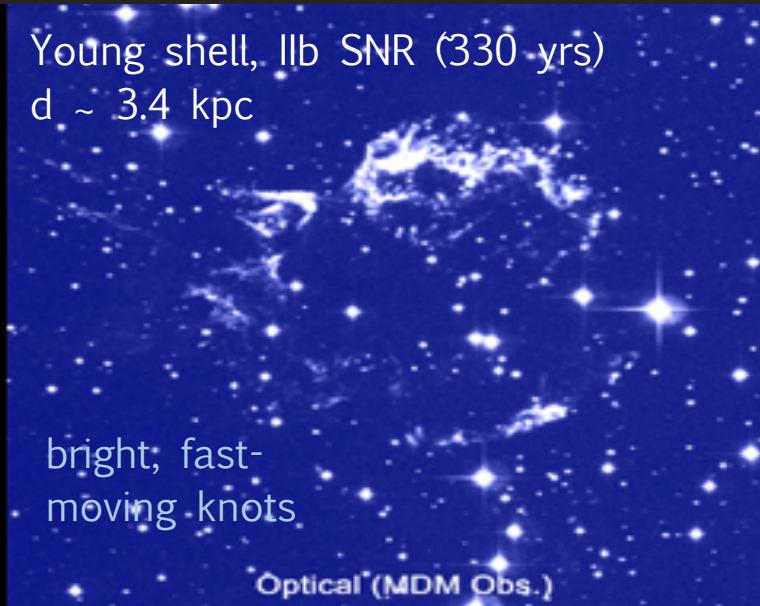
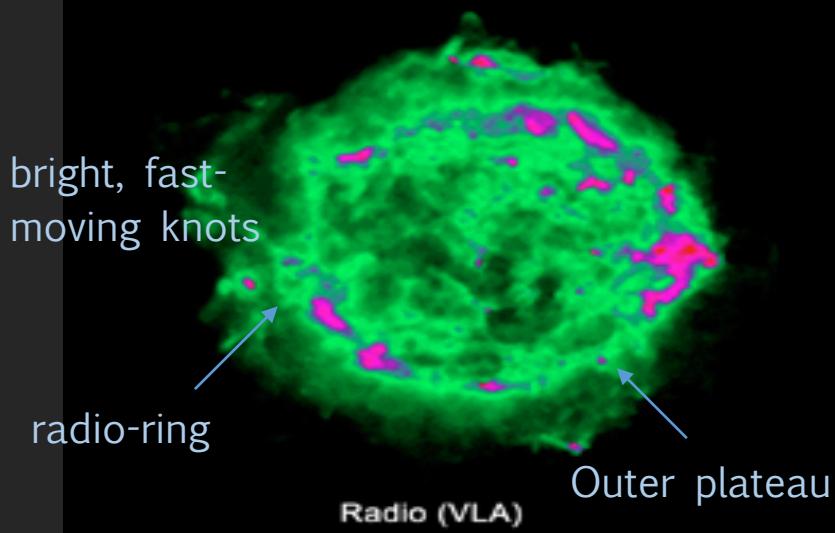
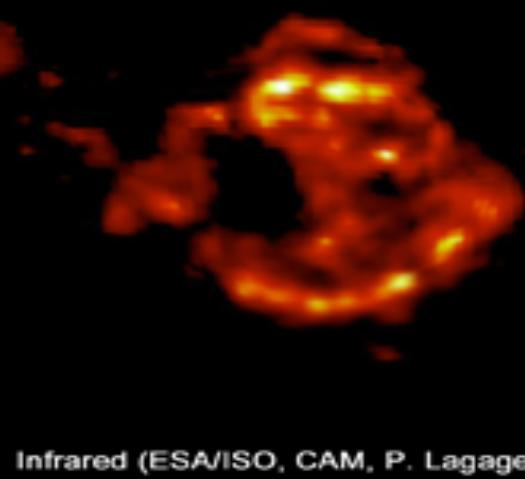
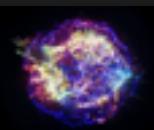


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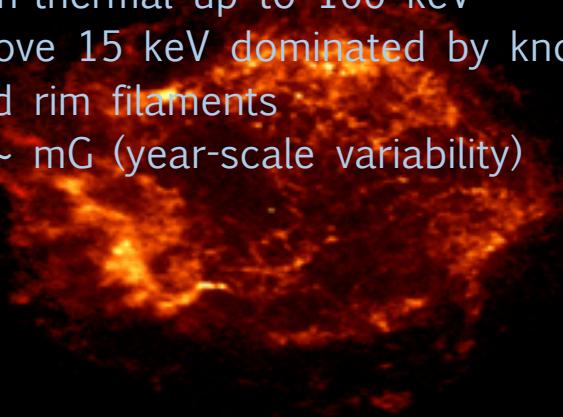


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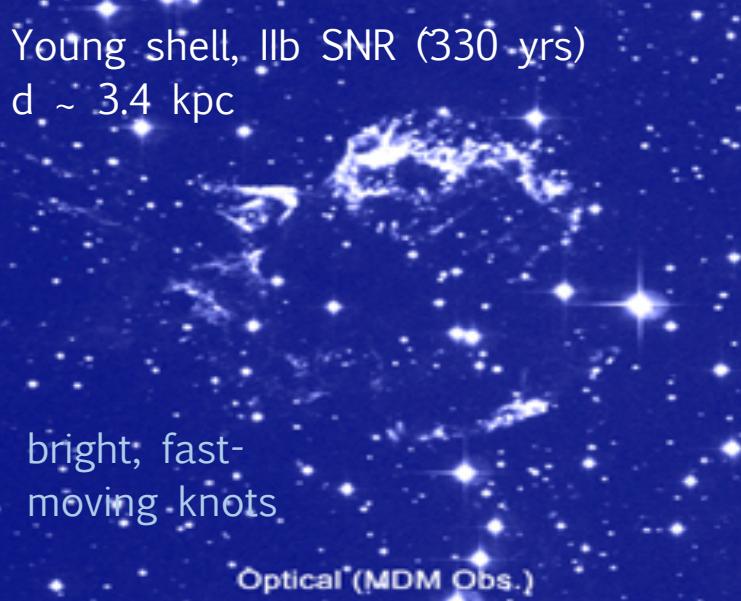
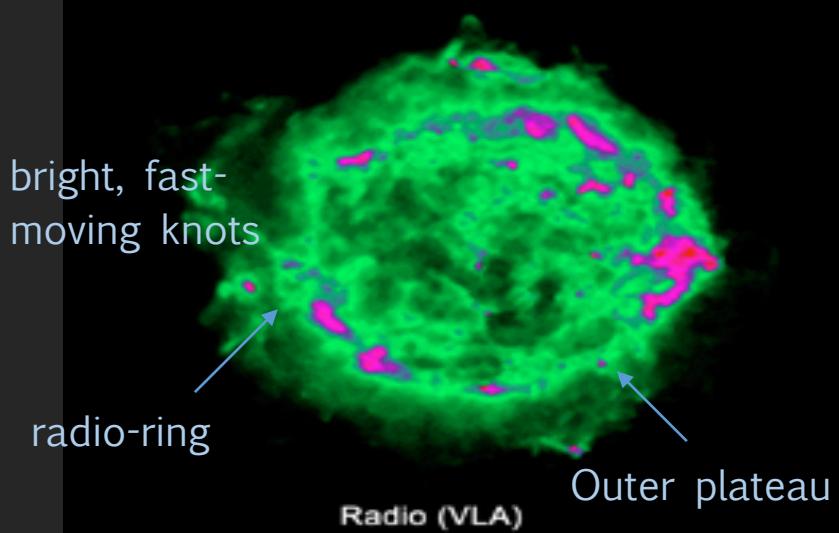
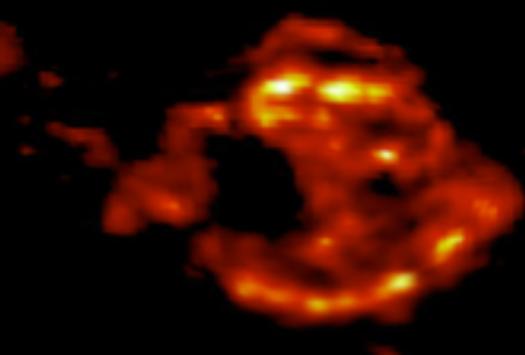


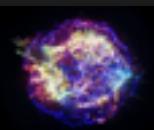
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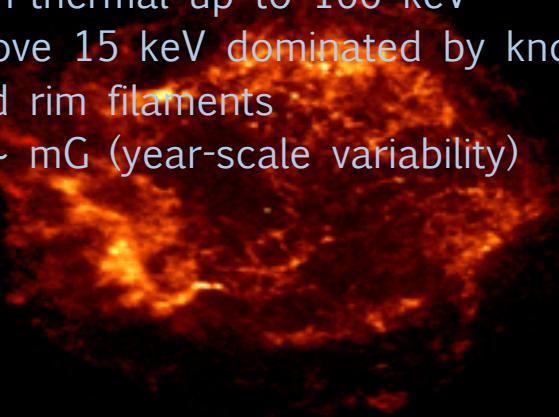
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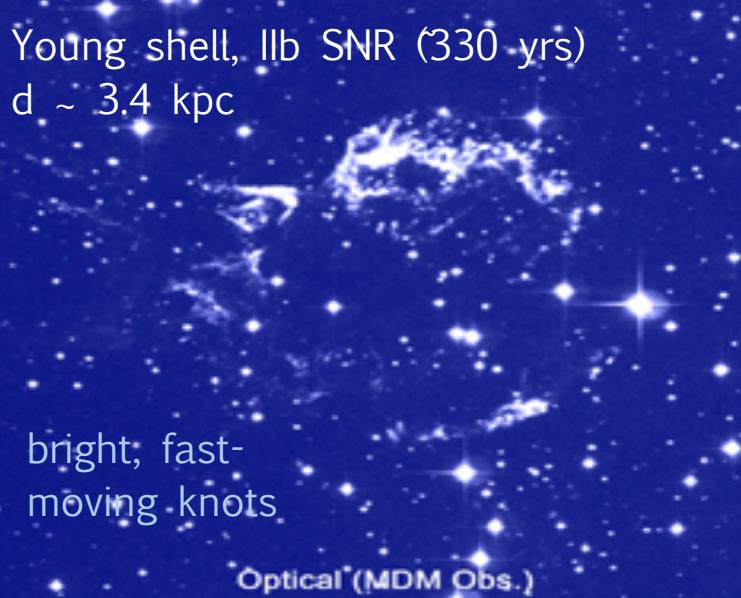
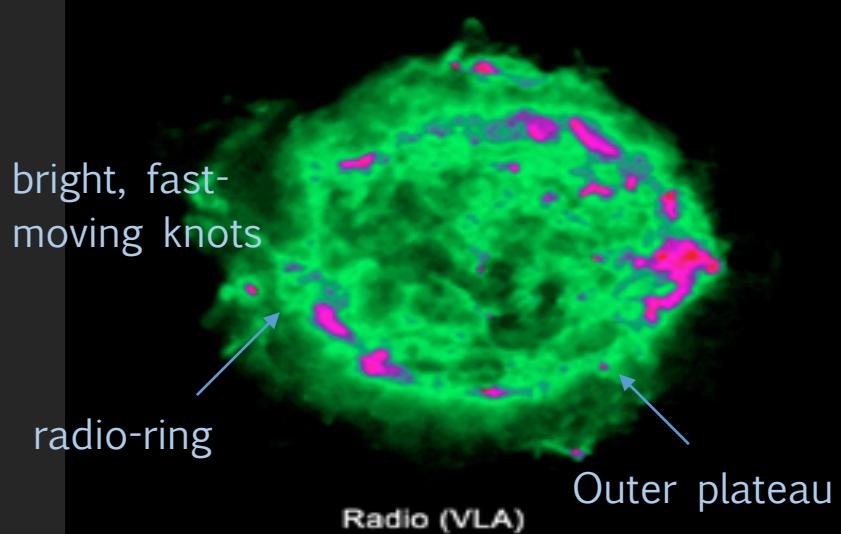


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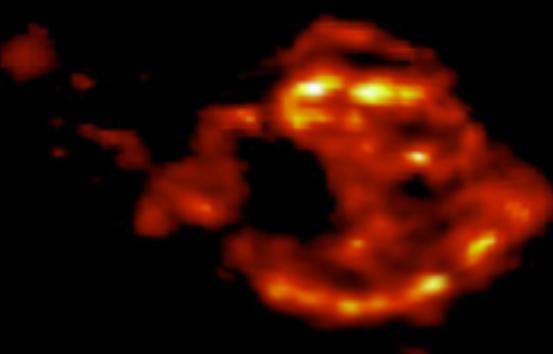


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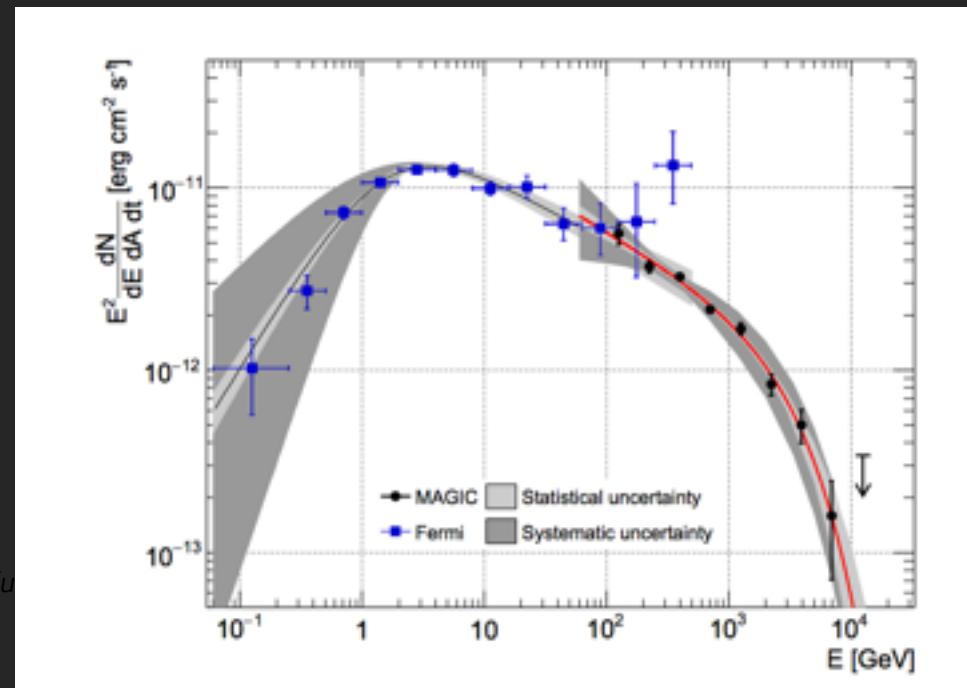
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At high energies:

- point-like emission (angular size  $\sim 5'$ )
- we observed with MAGIC for a total of 160h (2014-2016)
- energy turn-off at  $\sim 1.7$  GeV, evidence of change of slope among GeV/TeV data

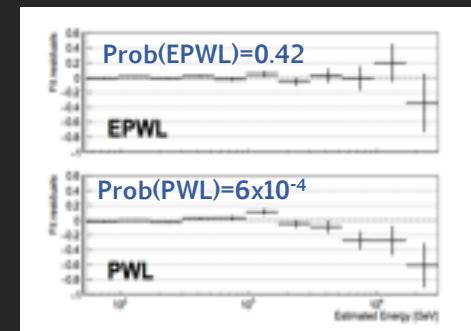


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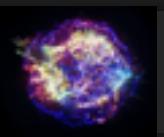
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**EPWL preferred over PWL with  $4.6\sigma$  significance.**

**Ecut = 3.5 TeV**



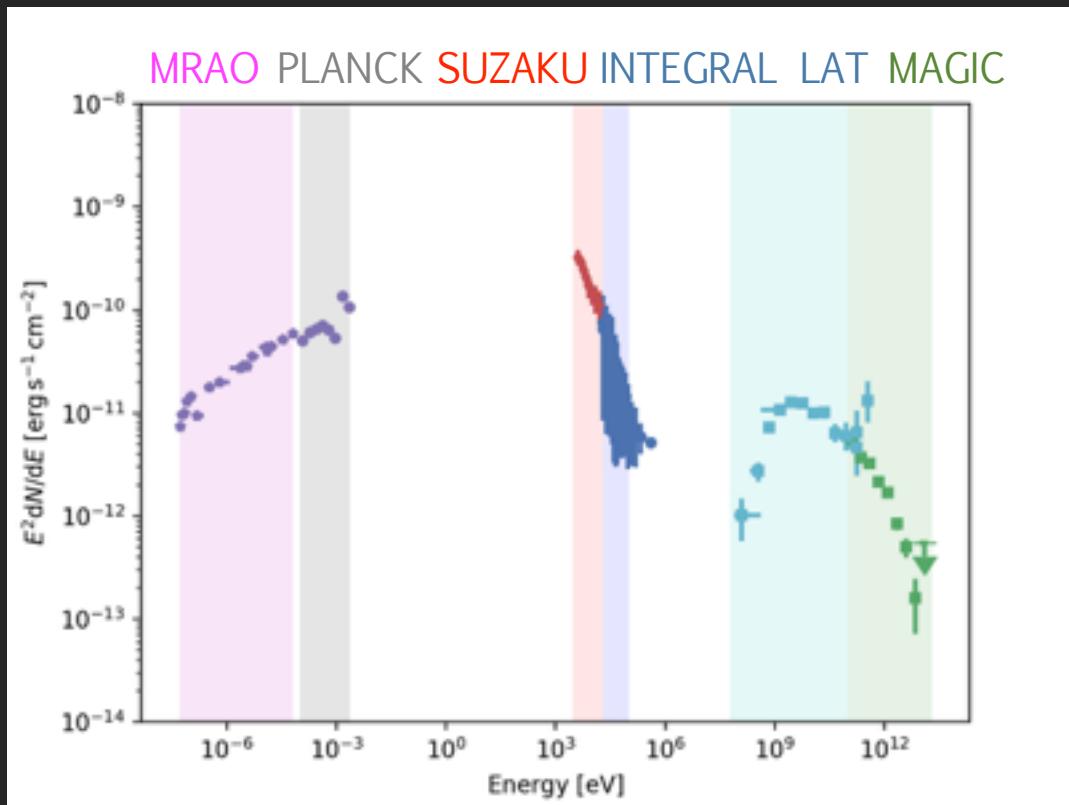
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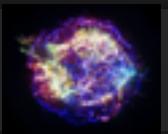
Multi-Wavelength SED fit using Naima\*

Parent population: electron/positrons described by a power-law function plus exponential cutoff

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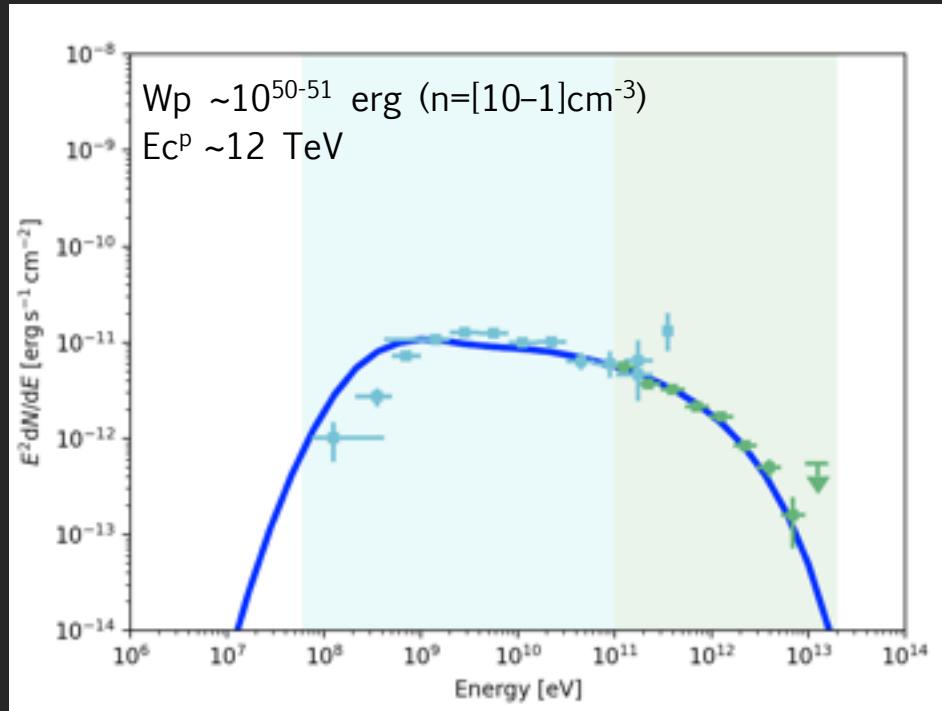


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### Proton-proton Interactions

$$N_p \sim 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}, \alpha \sim 2.21$$

$$E_c \sim 12 \text{ TeV}$$

$$W_p(>1 \text{ TeV}) \sim 5.1 \times 10^{48} (1/n/10\text{cm}^{-3}) \text{ erg}$$

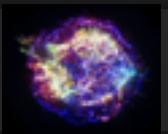
$$(0.2\% \text{ of } E_{sn} (=2 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg}))$$

$$W_p(>100 \text{ MeV}) \sim 9.9 \times 10^{49} (1/n/10\text{cm}^{-3}) \text{ erg}$$

If hadronic: Extremely inefficient accelerator to very high energies!  
escape?

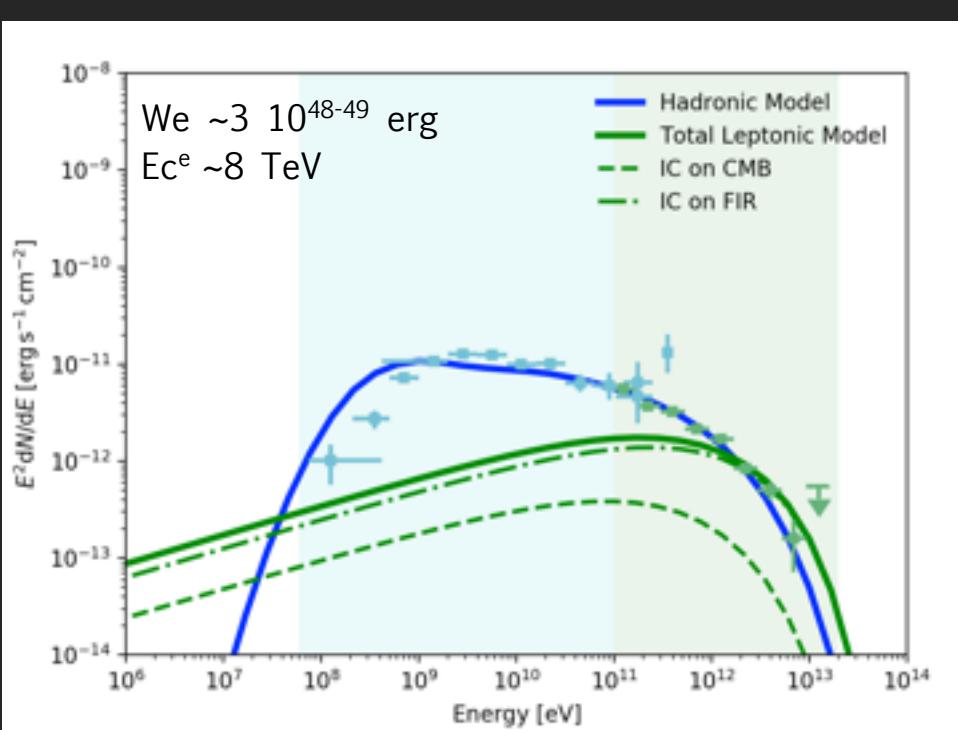
$$E_c^p \simeq 450 \left( \frac{B}{1 \text{ mG}} \right) \left( \frac{t_0}{100 \text{ yr}} \right) \left( \frac{u_s}{3000 \text{ km/s}} \right)^2 \eta^{-1} \text{ TeV},$$

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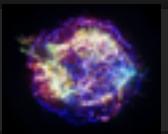
E<sub>c</sub> ~ 8 TeV

N<sub>e</sub> (1 TeV) ~  $2 \times 10^{34}$  eV<sup>-1</sup>

Photon Fields:

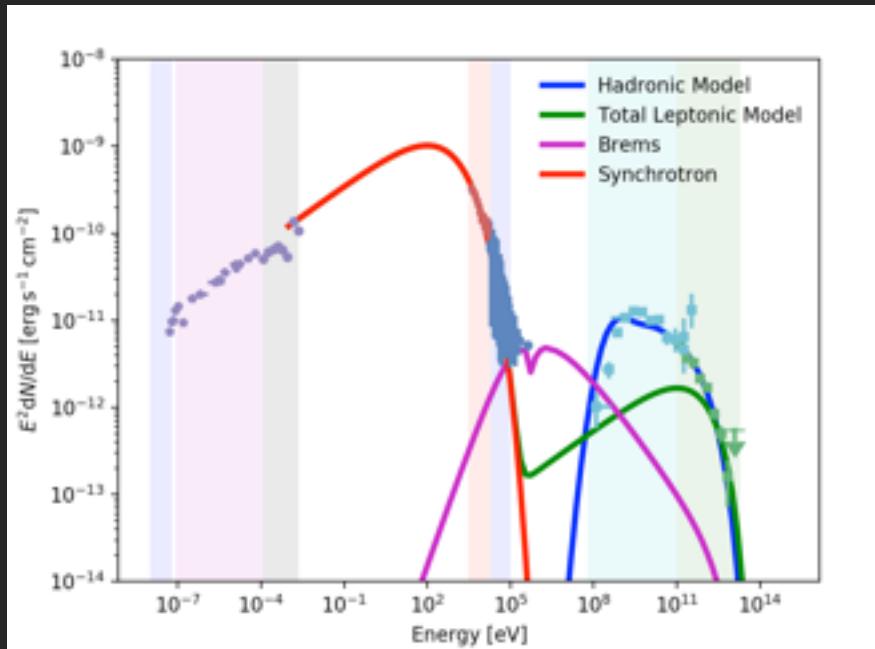
CMB & FIR (2.0 eV/cm<sup>3</sup> at 100 keV)

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### Inverse Compton & Synchrotron

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$B \sim 180$  uG (80-160 uG - Vink&Lamming)

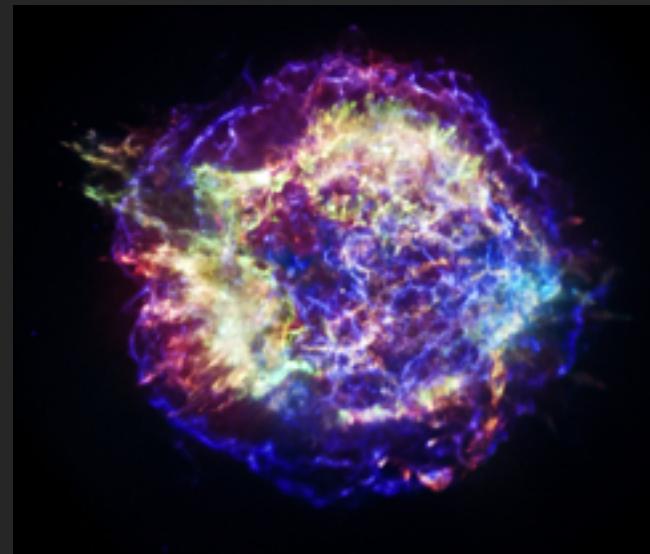
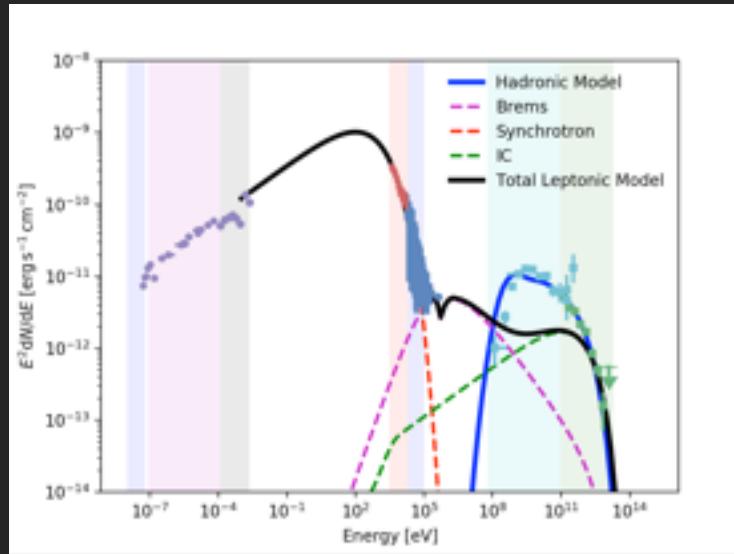
### Bremsstrahlung

(with completely ionised target gas with ISM abundances)

$$n_o < 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

( $n_o = 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  for the shock circumstellar medium)

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### If leptonic:

Relative low magnetic field in large photon field, possible in a thin, clumpy ejecta medium

### If hadronic:

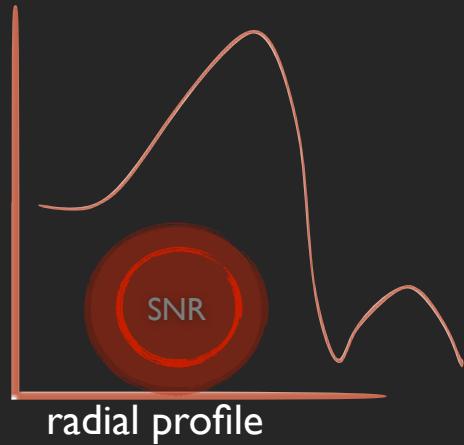
Moderate CR efficiency but very low maximum energy!  $E_{\max}^p$  only 1.5 times larger than  $E_{\max}^e$  (of course, higher  $B_{\text{field}}$  ( $\sim 1 \text{ mG}$ ) would imply lower - undetectable - IC)

We/Wp  $\sim 1/[100-1000]$   $\rightarrow$  Compatible with the e/p ratio content

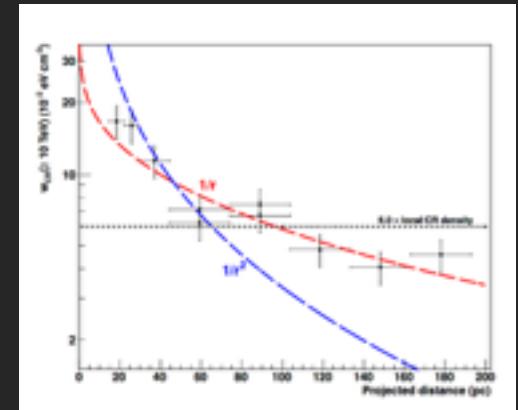


Hypothesis: PeV particles are accelerated at the beginning of Sedov phase (~200yrs), when the shock speed is high but the SNR is faint, then they escape  
Look at the surroundings, or somewhere else?

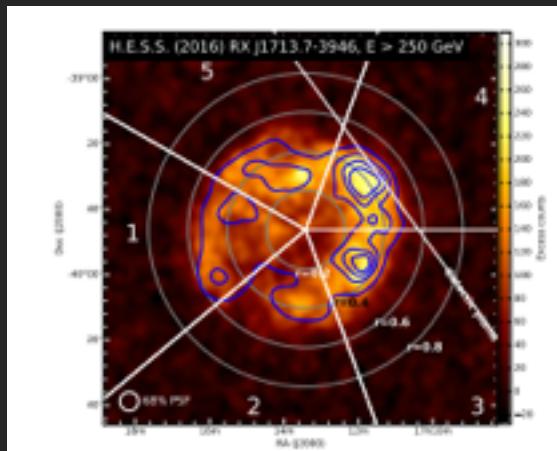
GeV/TeV morphology: a good diagnosis tool to identify the origin of gamma-rays



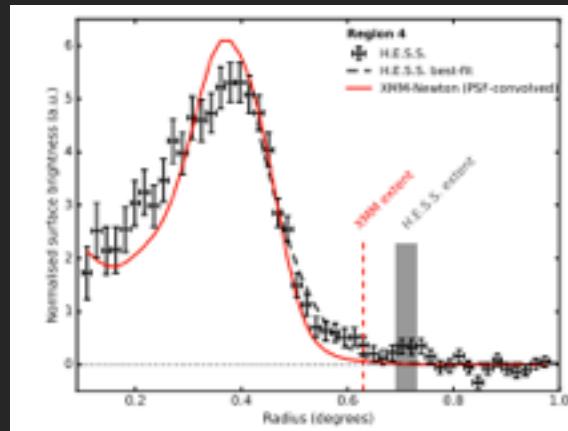
1/r profile is characteristic of a continuous injection spectrum + diffusive propagation of particles interacting with gas.



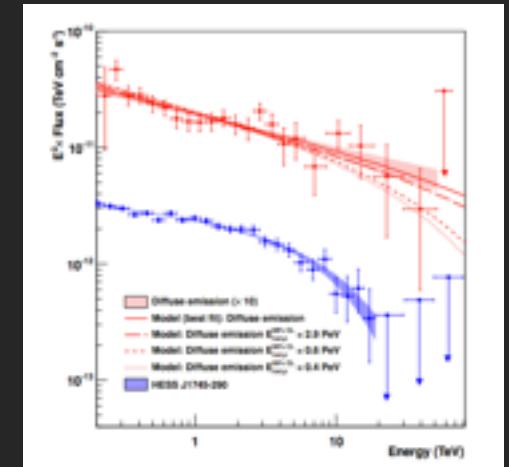
Galactic Center



HESS Col. 2016



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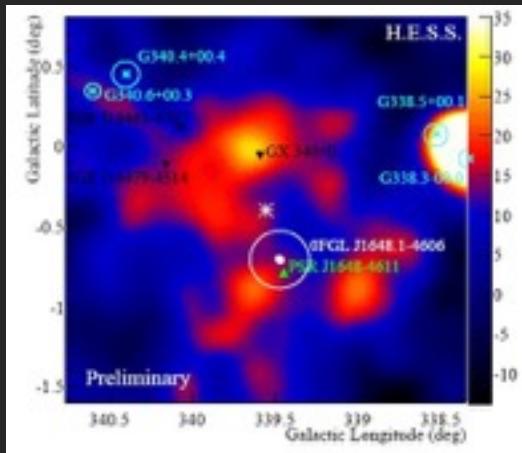
Other accelerators - Old massive Stars (wind-wind, clusters, collective effects)  
 Energy reservoir  $\sim 10^{38-39}$  erg over ages of  $T \geq 10^6$  years

**Table 1.** Properties of massive clusters in the Galaxy<sup>a</sup>

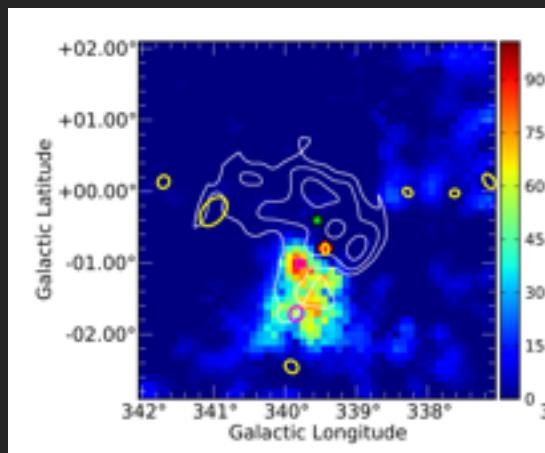
Cluster	Log(M) $M_{\odot}$	Radius pc	Log( $\rho$ ) $M_{\odot}$ pc <sup>-3</sup>	Age Myr	Log(L) $L_{\odot}$	Log(Q) s <sup>-1</sup>	OB	YSG	RSG	LBV	WN	WC
Westerlund 1 <sup>b</sup>	4.7	1.0	4.1	4–6	...	...	...	6	4	2	16	8
RSGC2 <sup>c</sup>	4.6	2.7	2.7	14–21	...	...	0	0	26	0	0	0
RSGC1 <sup>d</sup>	4.5	1.3	3.5	10–14	...	...	1	1	14	0	0	0
Quintuplet <sup>e</sup>	4.3	1.0	3.2	4–6	7.5	50.9	100	0	1	2	6	13
Arches <sup>f</sup>	4.3	0.19	5.6	2–2.5	8.0	51.0	160	0	0	0	6	0
Center <sup>g</sup>	4.3	0.23	5.6	4–7	7.3	50.5	100	0	4	1	18	12
NGC 3603 <sup>h</sup>	4.1	0.3	5.0	2–2.5	...	...	60	0	0	0	3	0
Trumpler 14 <sup>i</sup>	4.0	0.5	4.3	<2	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...
Westerlund 2 <sup>j</sup>	4.0	0.8	3.7	1.5–2.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Cl 1806-20 <sup>k</sup>	3.8	0.8	3.5	4–6	...	...	5	0	...	1	2	2



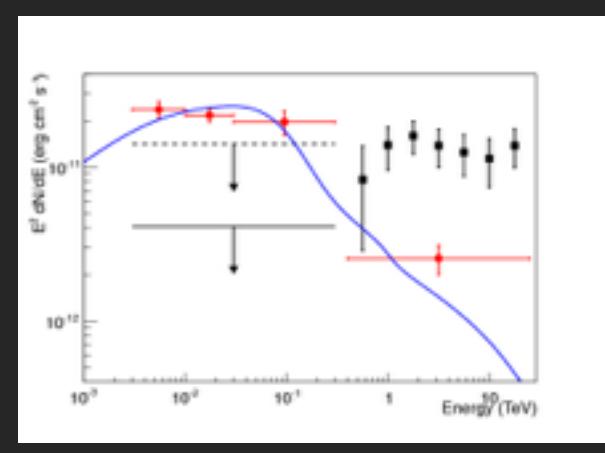
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HESS Col. 2011

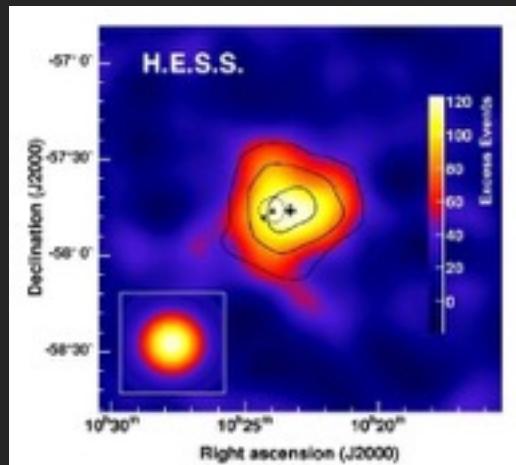


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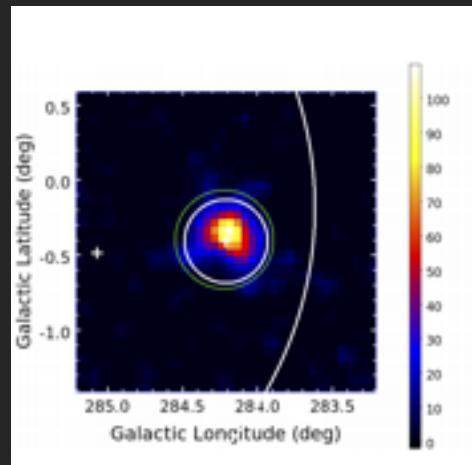


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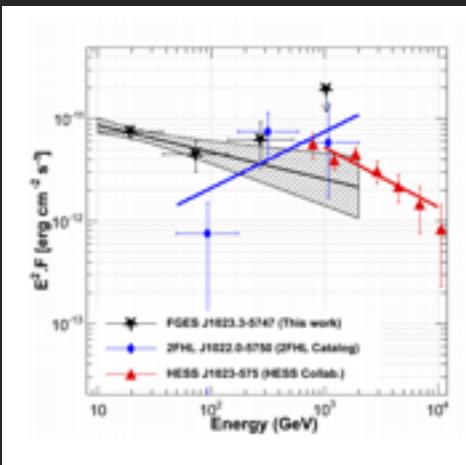
## Westerlund 2:



HESS Col. 2010



LAT Col. 2016



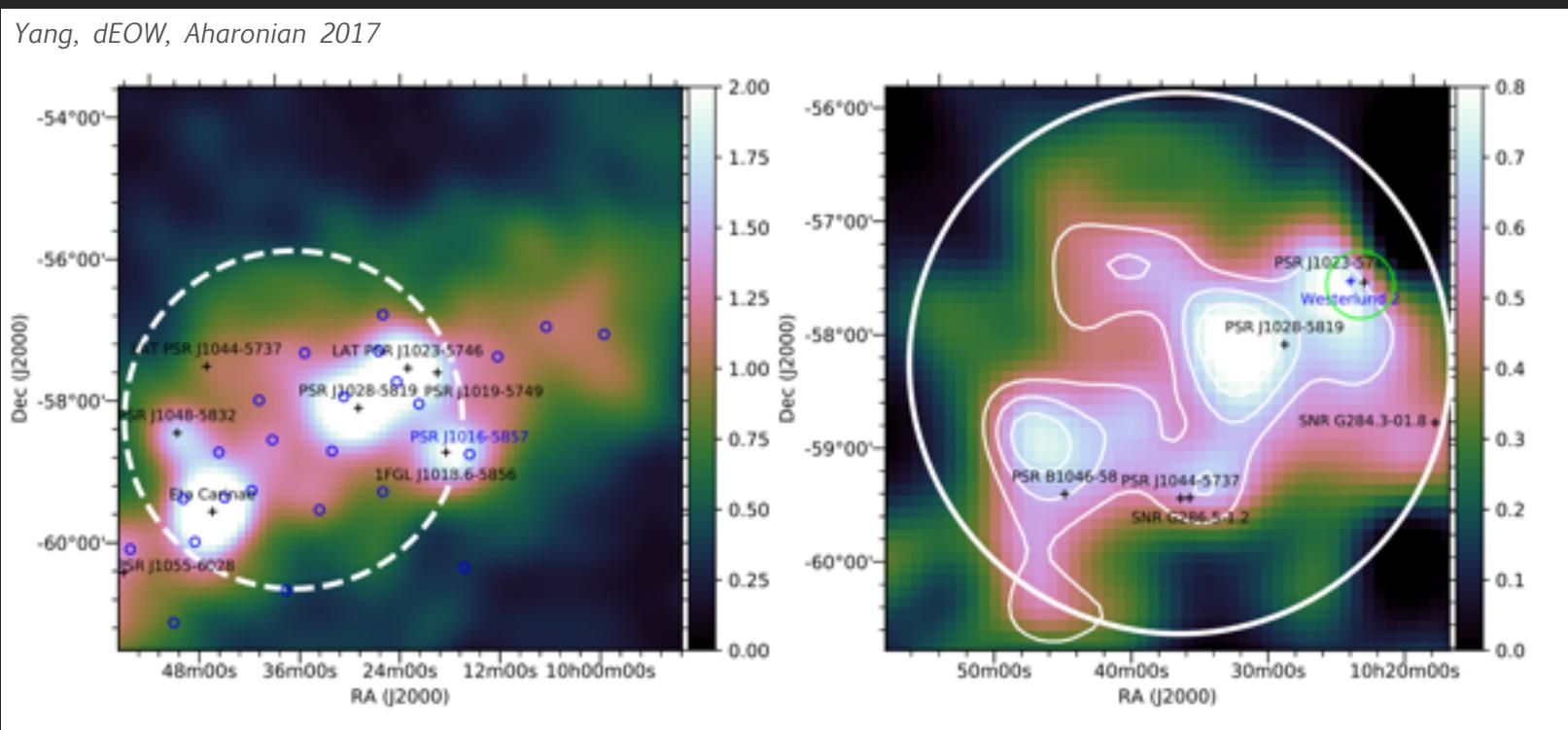
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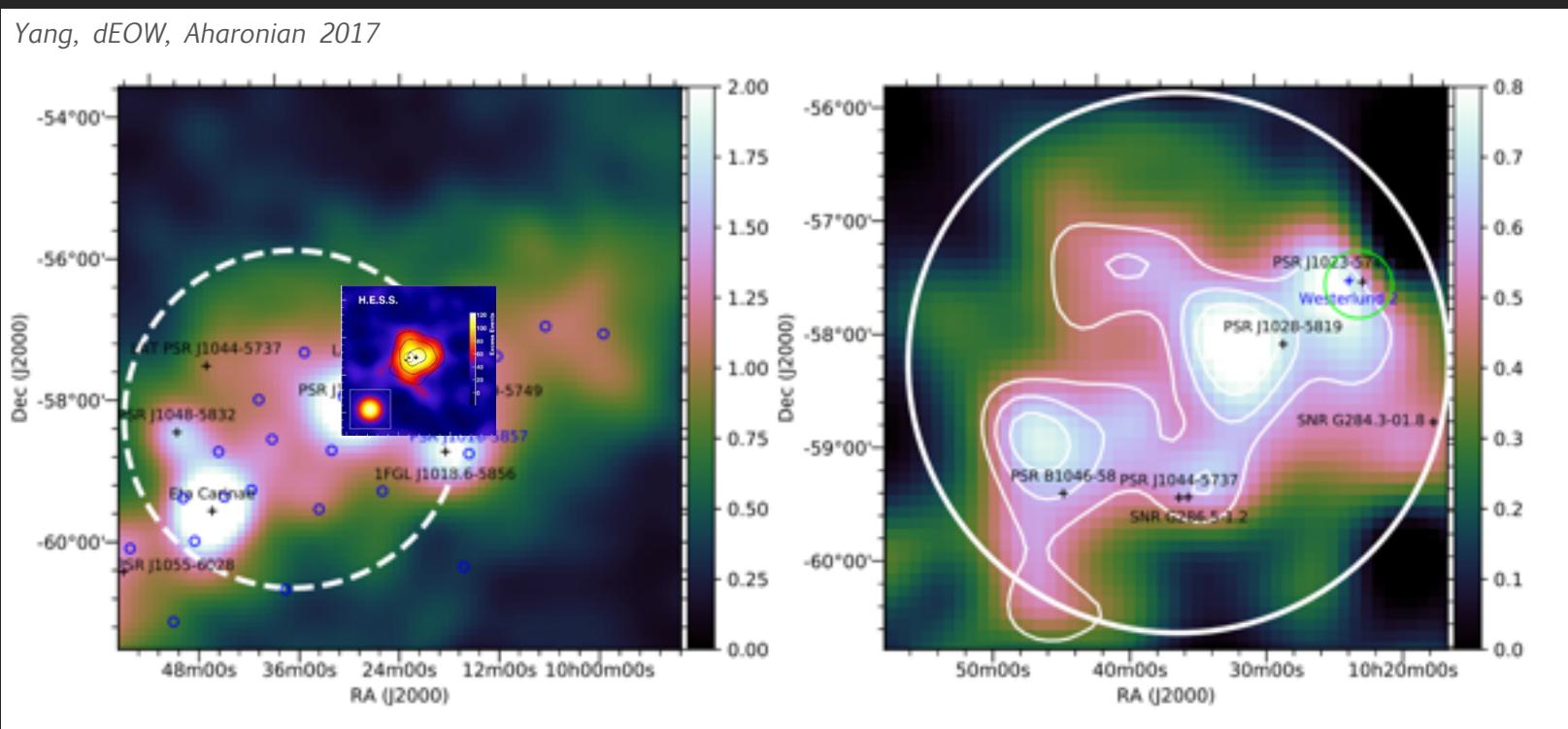
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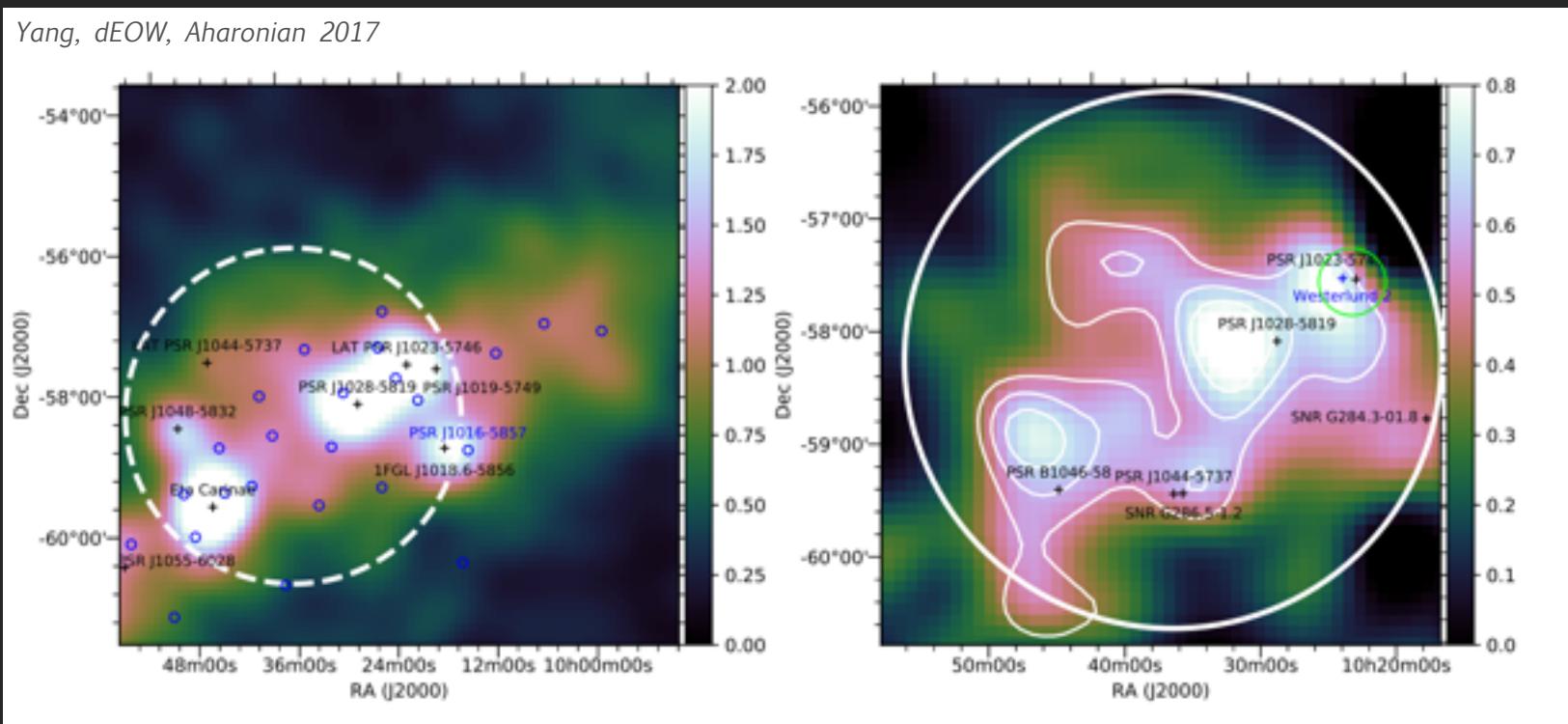


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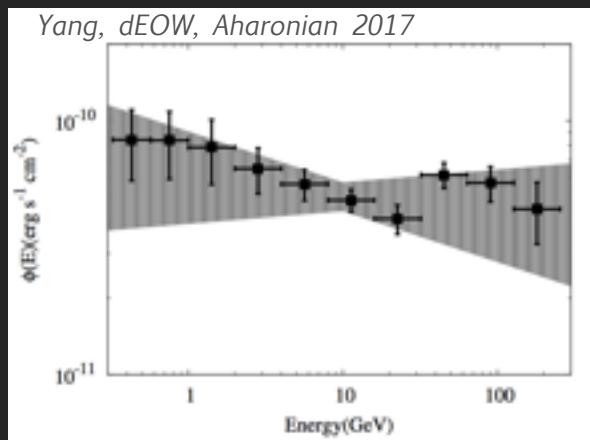


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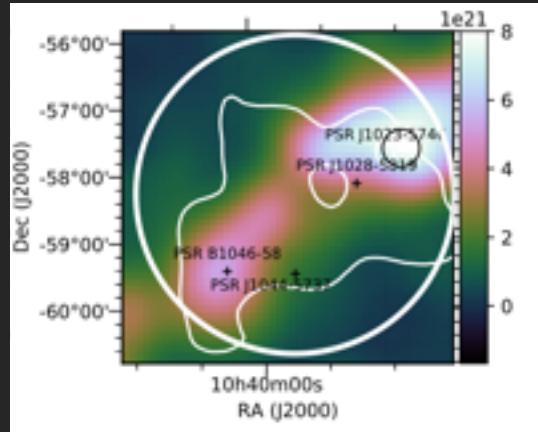


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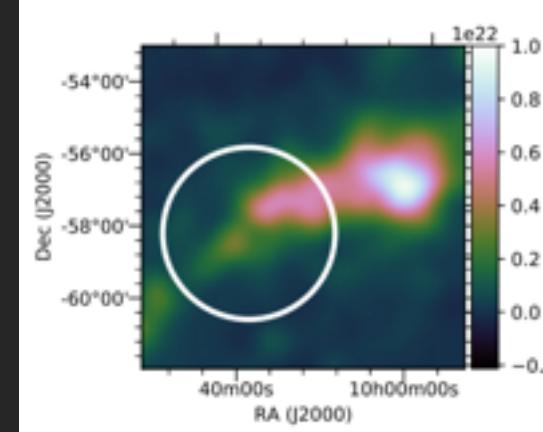
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- $F(>100 \text{ MeV}) = (4.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  Index =  $2.02 \pm 0.11_{\text{sta}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}$ .
- $L = 10^{36} \text{ erg/s}$  ( $d = 5 \text{ kpc}$ )
- We evaluate the gas using Planck free-free (HII) and CfA (CO) maps in the  $[-11, 21] \text{ km/s}$ . Gas density:  $7 \text{ cm}^{-3} < n_{\text{gas}} < 25 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



Total gas column derived from  
CO + HII



Total gas column  
derived from CO



Tracer	Gas Phase	Mass (\$10^6 M_\odot\$)
2.6 mm line	H <sub>2</sub>	1.8
free-free intensity (\$n_e = 2 \text{ cm}^{-3}\$)	HII	1.0 / 5.5
free-free intensity (\$n_e = 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}\$)	HII	0.2 / 1.1



Possible scenarios:

- CRs continuously injected from Westerlund 2 stellar cluster

CR energy confined in the  $\gamma$ -ray production area  $(4\text{--}13) \times 10^{49}$  erg.

Total mechanical energy in the form of stellar wind  $10^{51}$  erg (in  $10^6$  yrs)

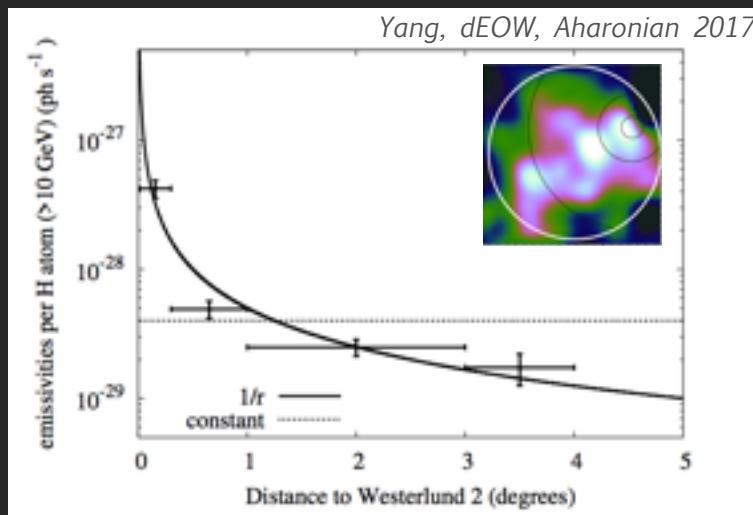
If CRs diffusing away from Westerlund 2:

Aharonian & Atoyan 1996

$$\frac{n_{\text{emis}}}{n_{\text{tot}}} = \left(\frac{R}{r_{\text{diff}}}\right)^2 = 0.1 \times \left(\frac{2 \times 10^6 \text{ years}}{T}\right) \left(\frac{10^{28} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}}{D}\right),$$

x10 more!!

$(1/r)$ :  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}=1.3$   
 $(\text{cte})$ :  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}=15.6$



**But** we do not see a good correlation between gas and gamma-rays! different distances? missing gas?

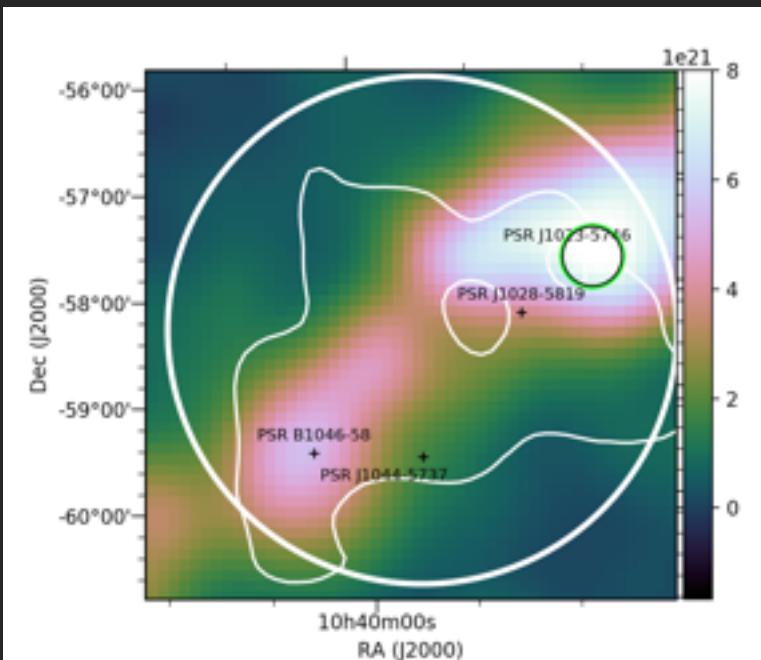
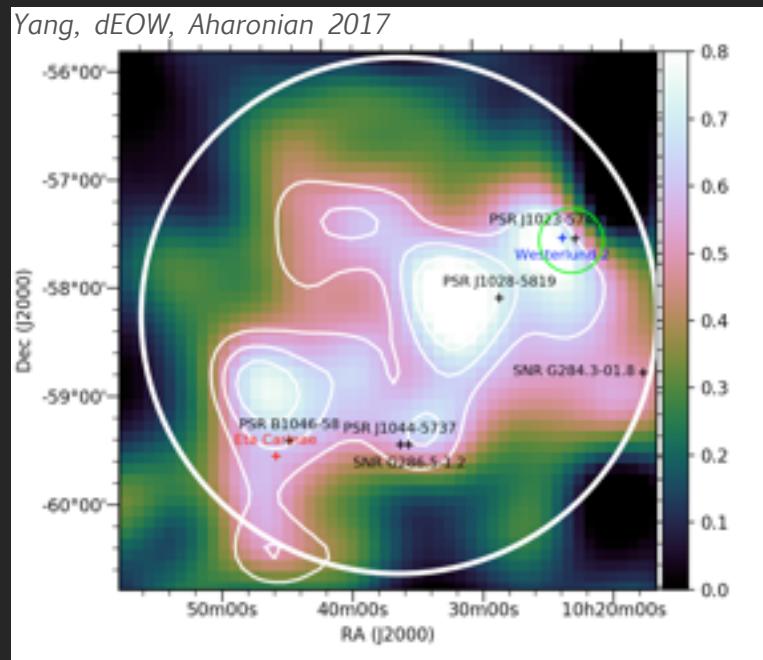


Possible scenarios:

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The colliding binary Eta-Carina with similar radiation process ( $10^{37}$  erg/s in  $10^6$  yrs)

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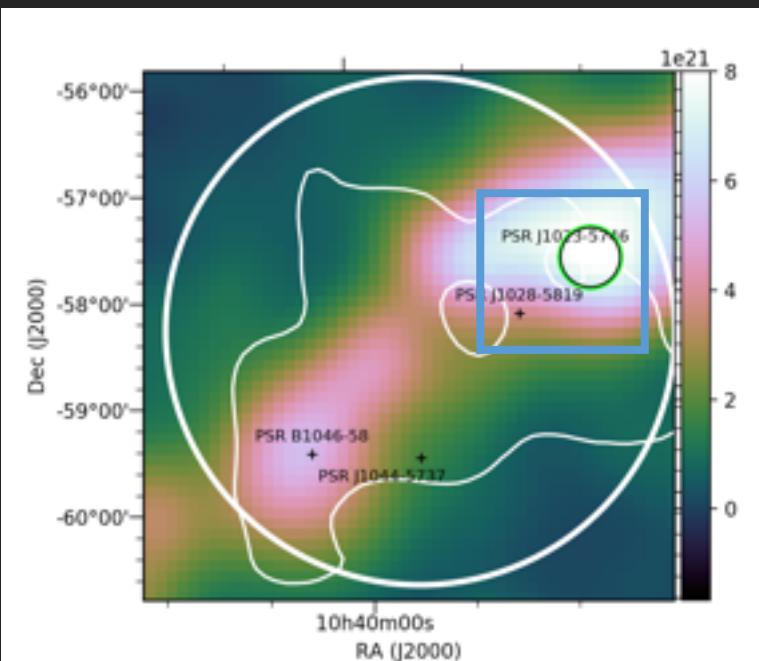
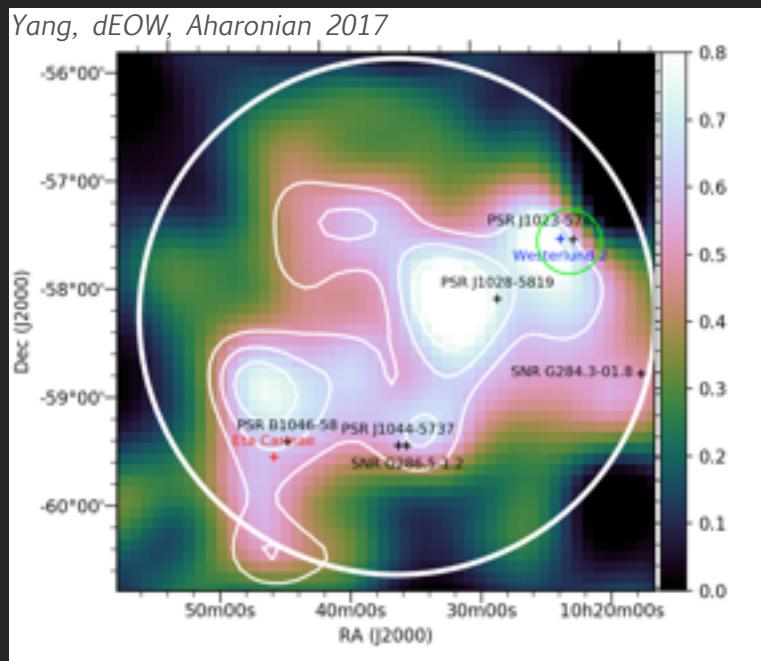


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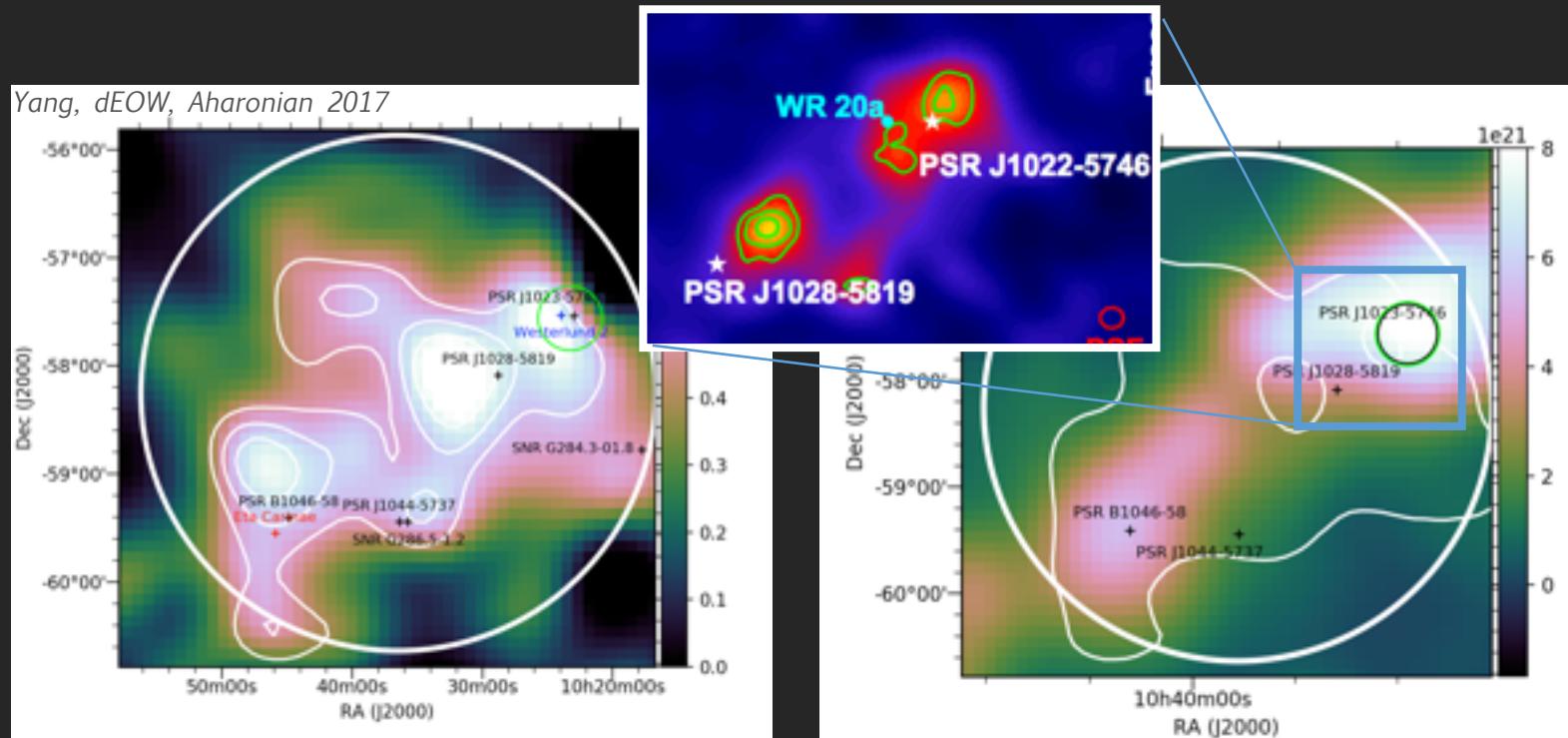
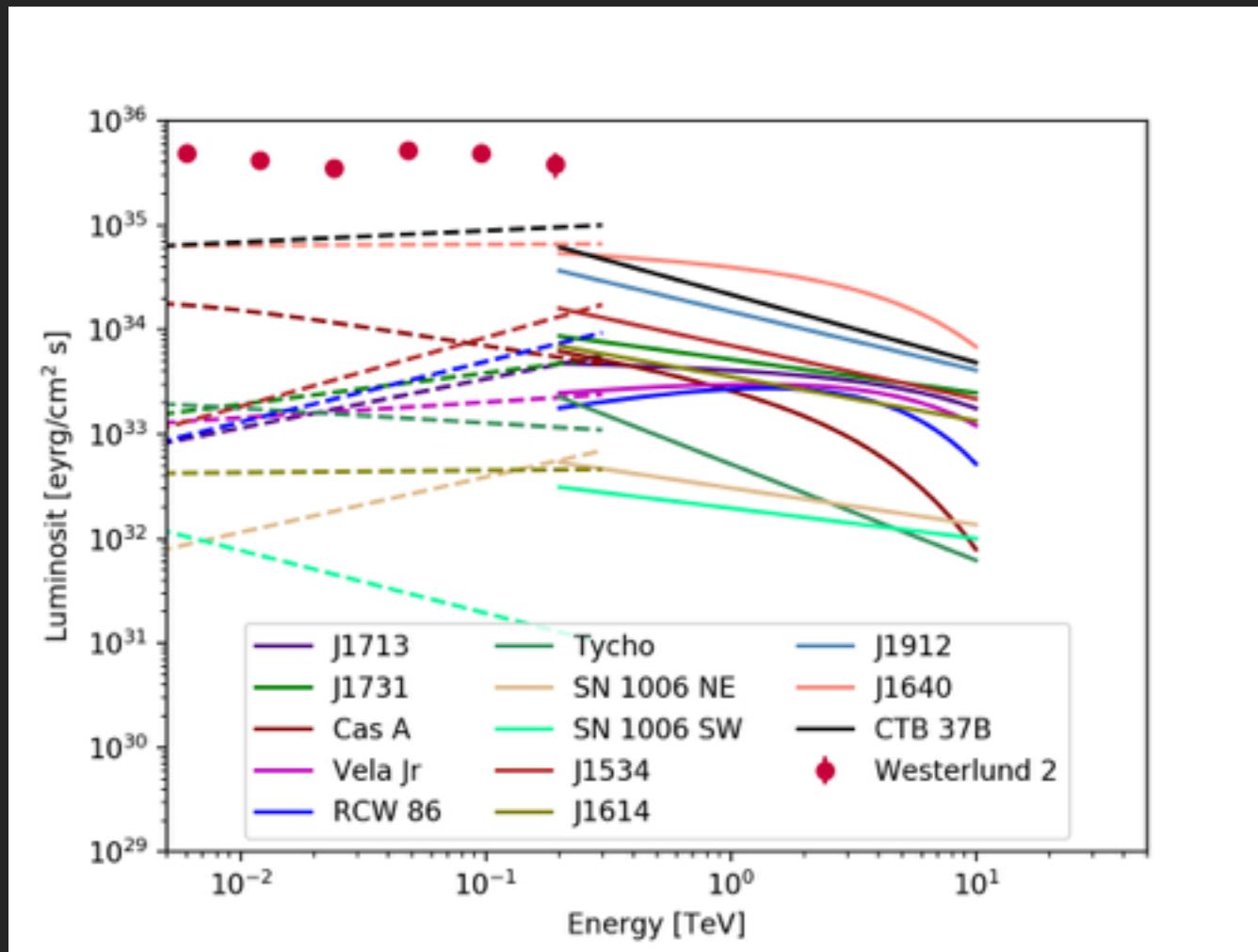




Fig. Westerlund 2 compared with young TeV SNRs



# Summary

We obtain a good sample of SNRs at low and high energy, sampling the spectral energy distribution from a few  $\sim$ 100 MeV to a few~tens of TeV

The brightest TeV SNRs show an exponential cutoff at high energies

Observations of the best candidates (or the one with the more ‘hadron-like’ spectrum and higher magnetic field) also have resulted in measuring a energy turnover at a few TeV

Deep observations of Cassiopeia A provide evidences of a likely hadronic origin, but the acceleration energy reached does not exceed  $\sim$ 10 TeV - Escape?

We might be facing more than one type of accelerator - stellar clusters seems also to be contributing to the bulk of CRs - also at PeV energies?

# Backups

Backups Moon-light observations



Backups Likelihood



