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AGILE AND SNRs W44 & W28

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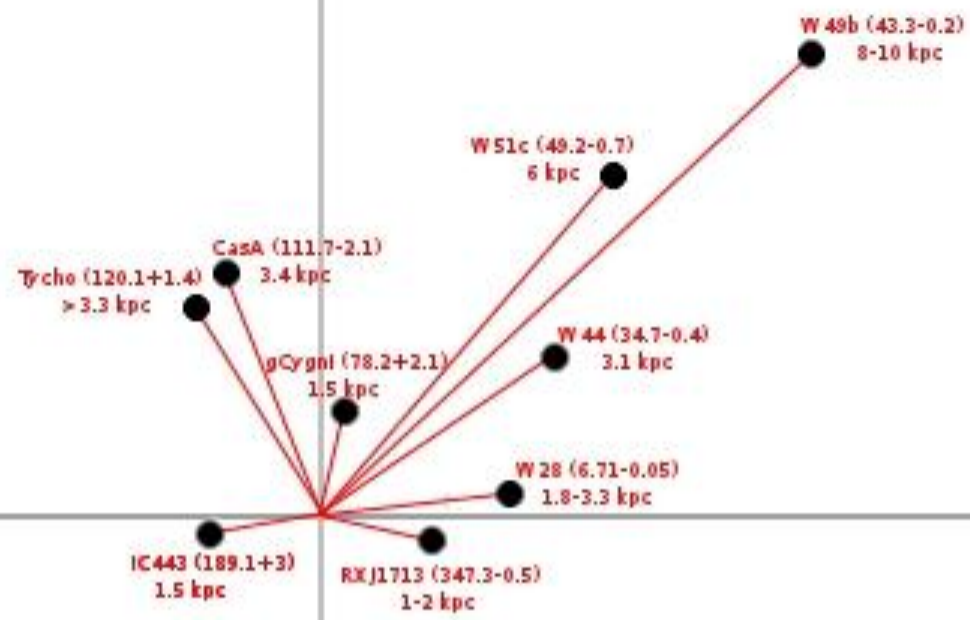
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SNRs

SNR (l,b)	distance	AGILE	Fermi-LAT	age[yr]	MC detect.	TeV
CAS A (111.7,-2.1)	3.4 kpc	no	yes	~ 300	yes	Veritas, MAGIC
Tycho (120.1,+1.4)	>3.3 kpc	no	yes	~ 440	yes	Veritas
SN 1006 (327.6,+14.6)	2.2	no	no	$\sim 1,000$	-	HESS
RXJ1713 (347.3,-0.5)	1-2 kpc	no	yes	$\sim 1,600$	yes	HESS
W49B (G43.3-0.2)	8-10 kpc	no (we see it)	yes	1,000-4,000	no (W49a yes)	HESS
γ -Cygni (78.2,+2.1)	1.5 kpc	in prep.	no	$\sim 7,000$	yes(?)	Veritas
W44 (34.7,-0.4)	3.1 kpc	yes	yes	$\sim 20,000$	yes	HESS
W51 (49.2,-0.7)	6 kpc	no (we see it)	yes	$>20,000$	yes	MAGIC, HESS
IC443 (189.1,+3)	1.5 kpc	yes	yes	20,000-30,000	yes	Veritas, MAGIC
W28 (6.71,-0.05)	1.8 - 3.3 kpc	yes	yes	35,000-45,000	yes	HESS

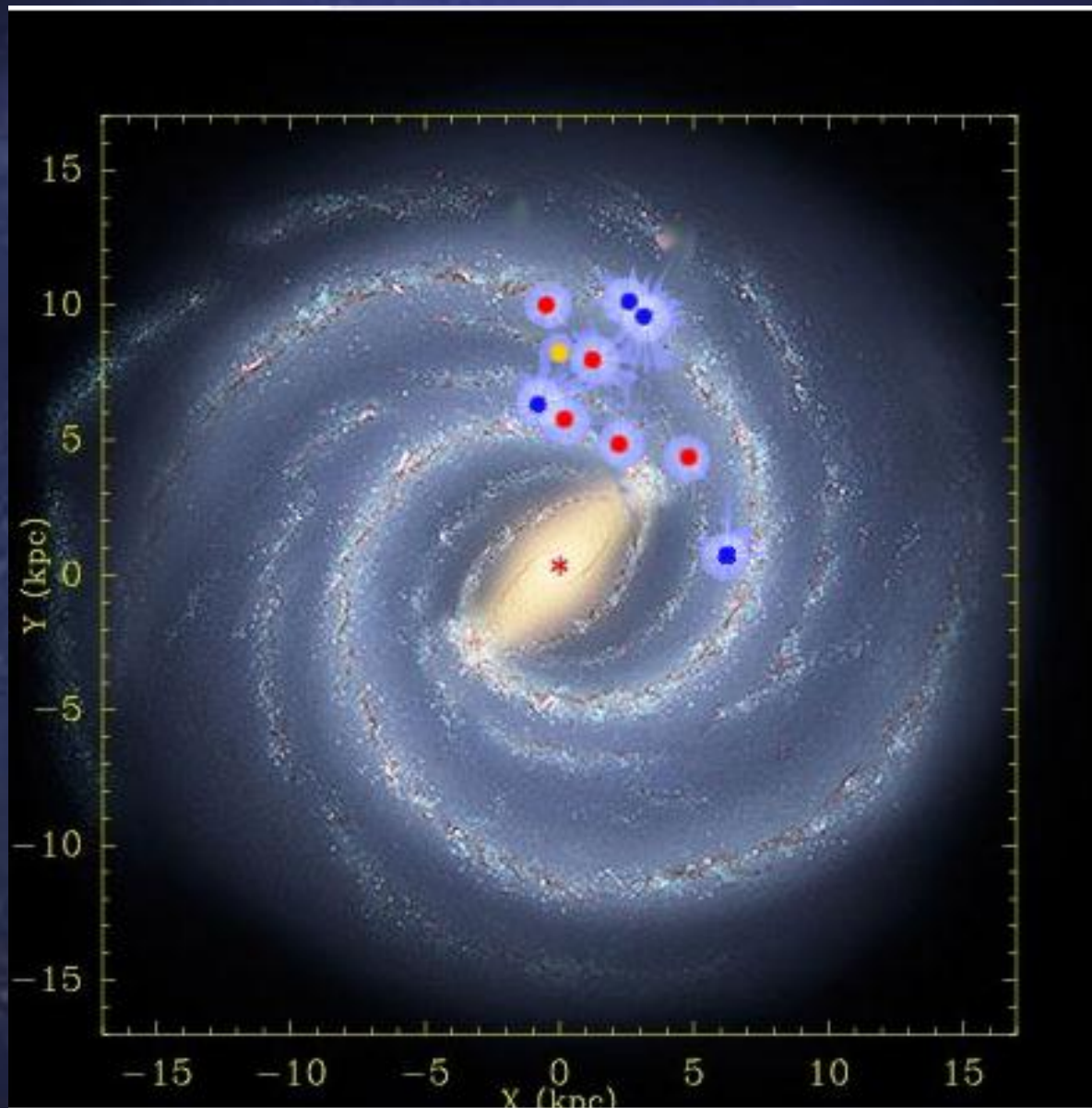
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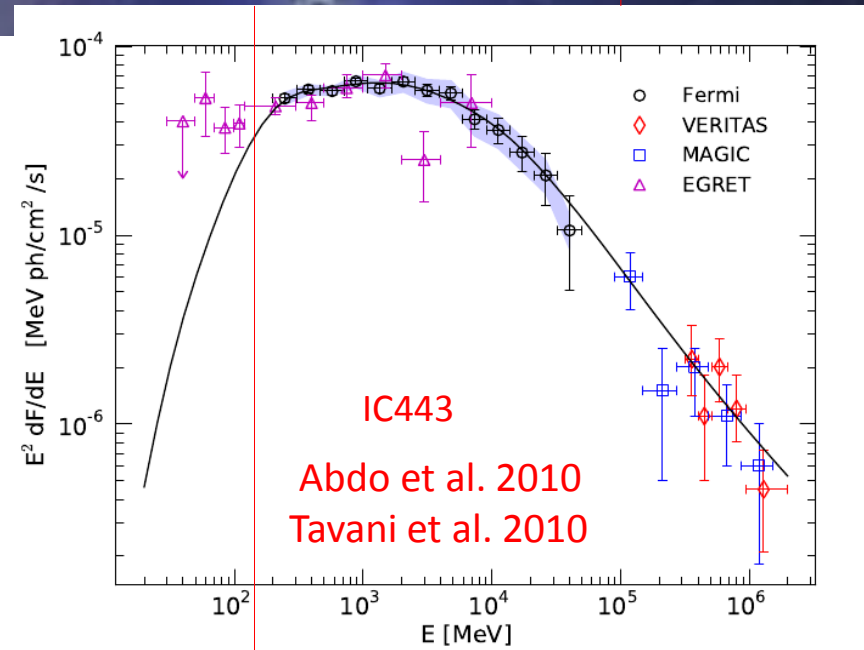
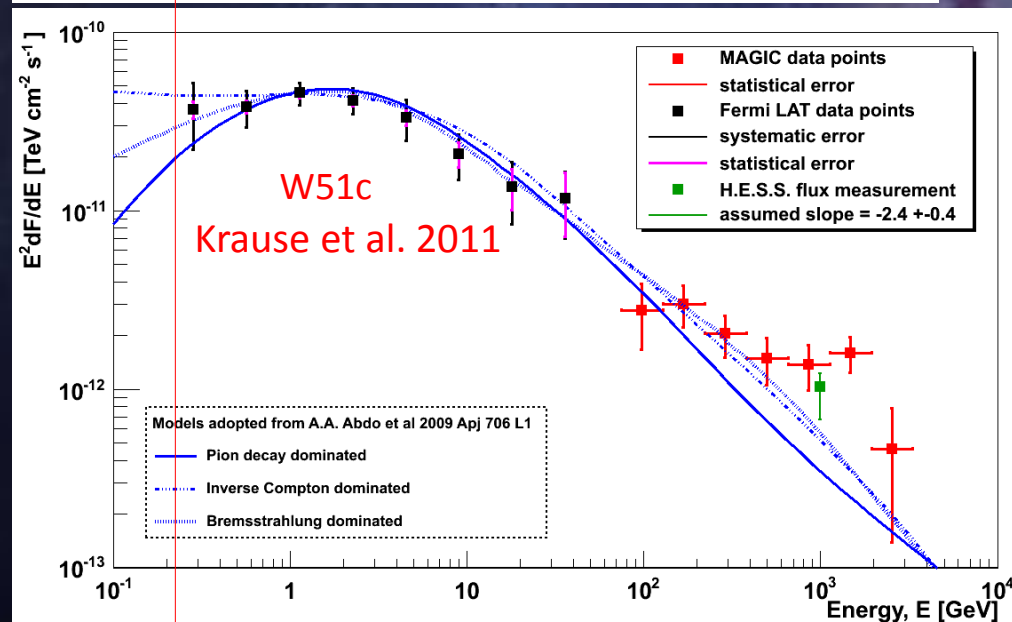
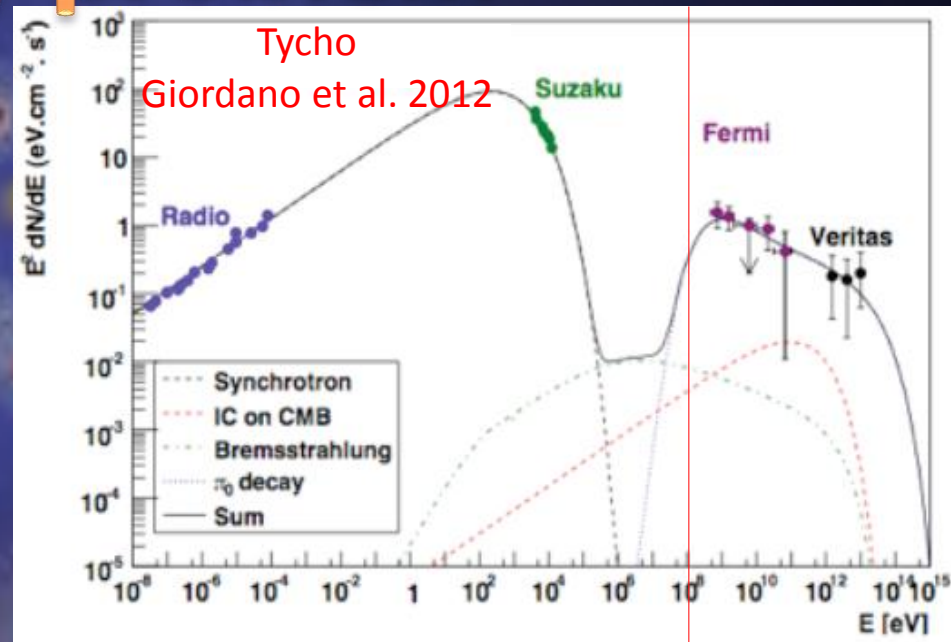
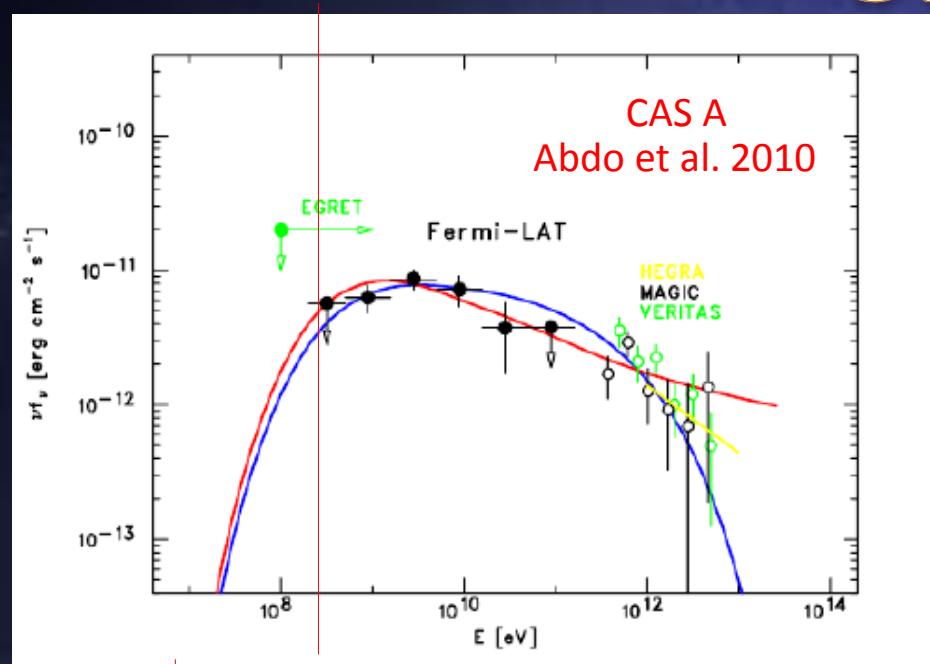
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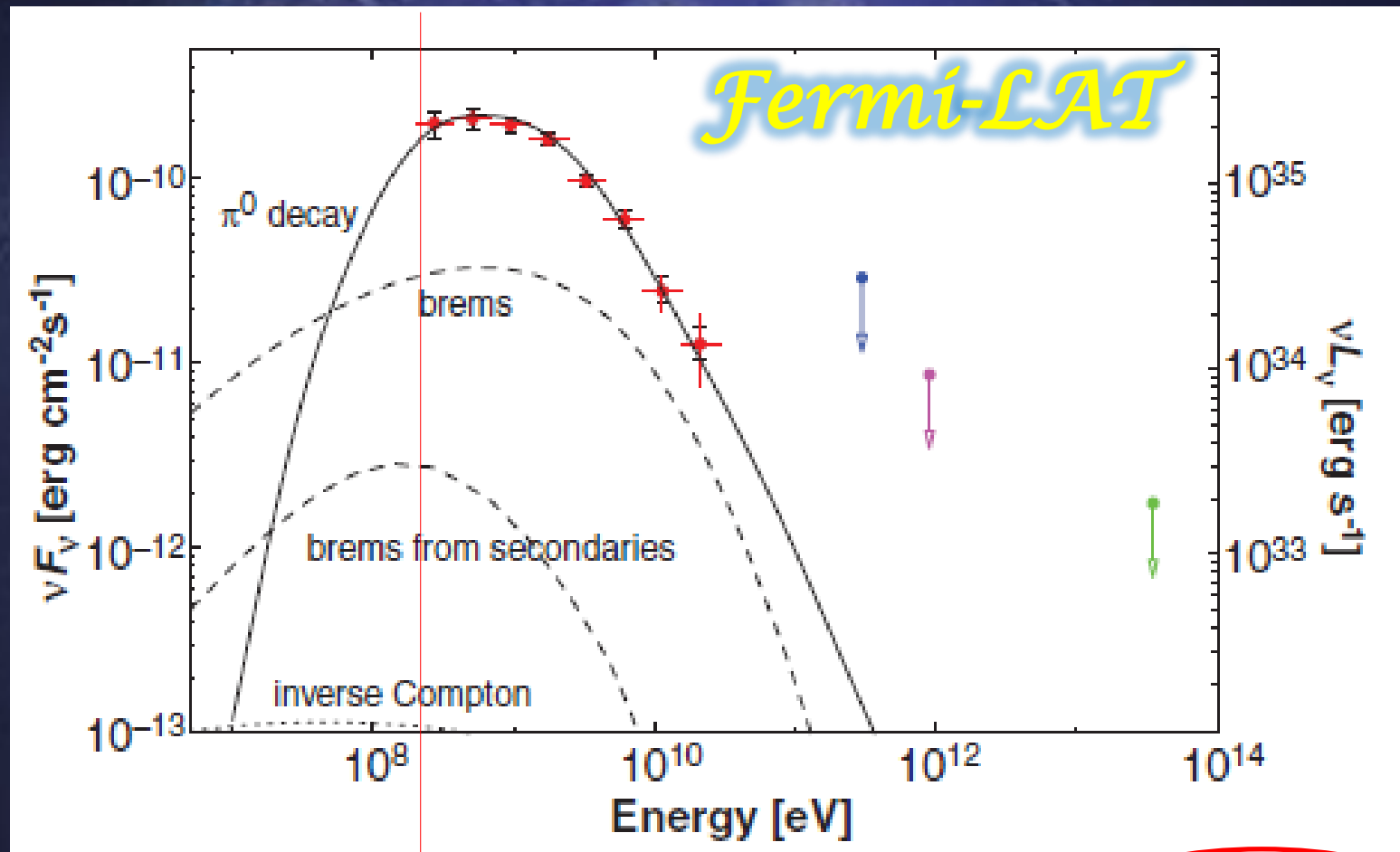
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SNRs: low-energy problem



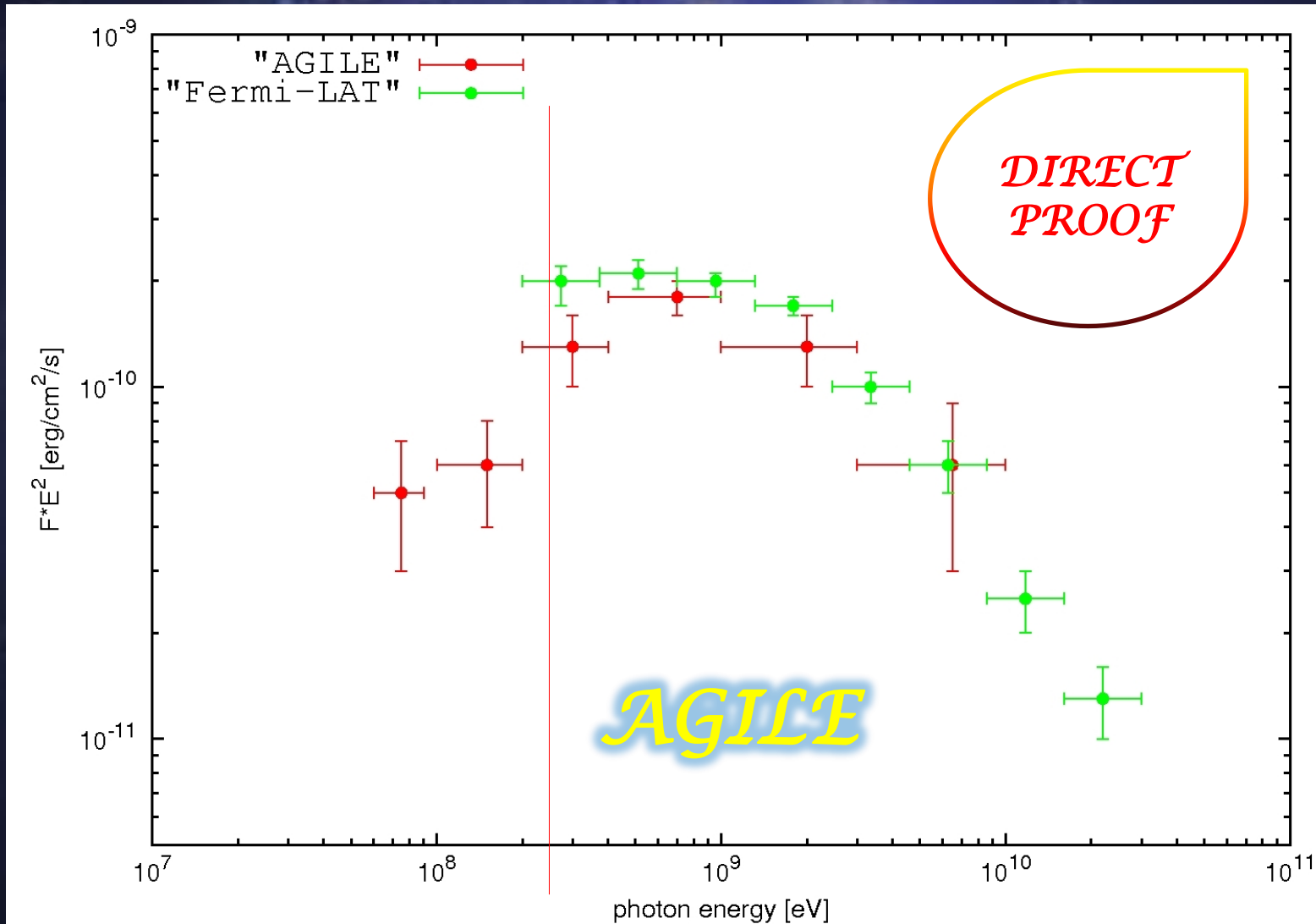
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In Abdo et al (2010)
Bremsstrahlung is excluded as dominant
contribution assuming $n \sim 10^2$ and
 $K_{ep} \sim 10^{-2} \rightarrow B \sim 70 \mu\text{G}$

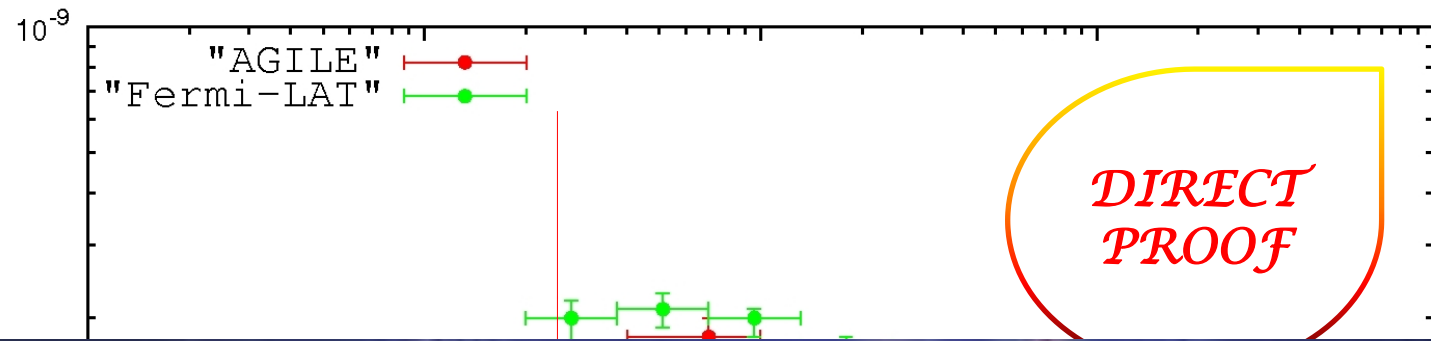
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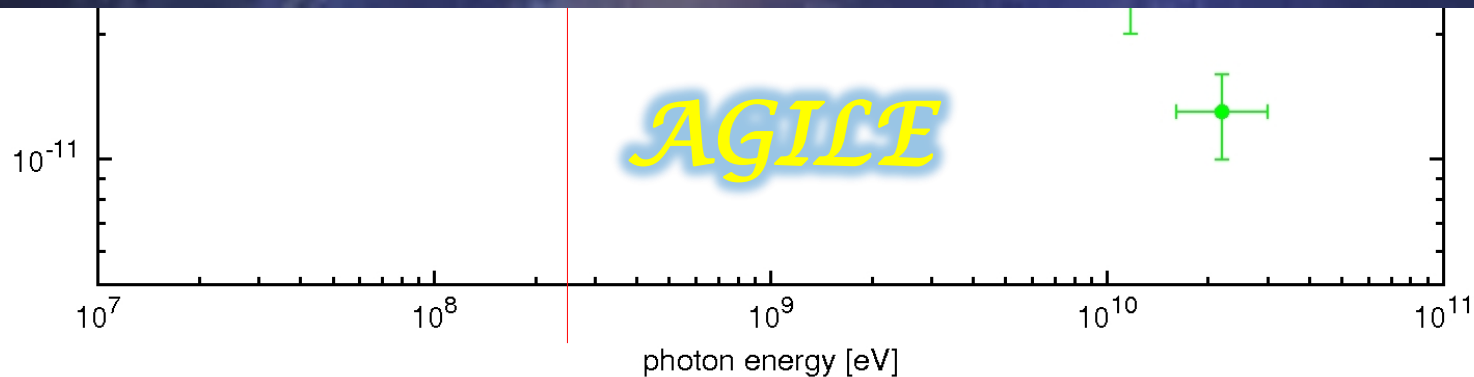


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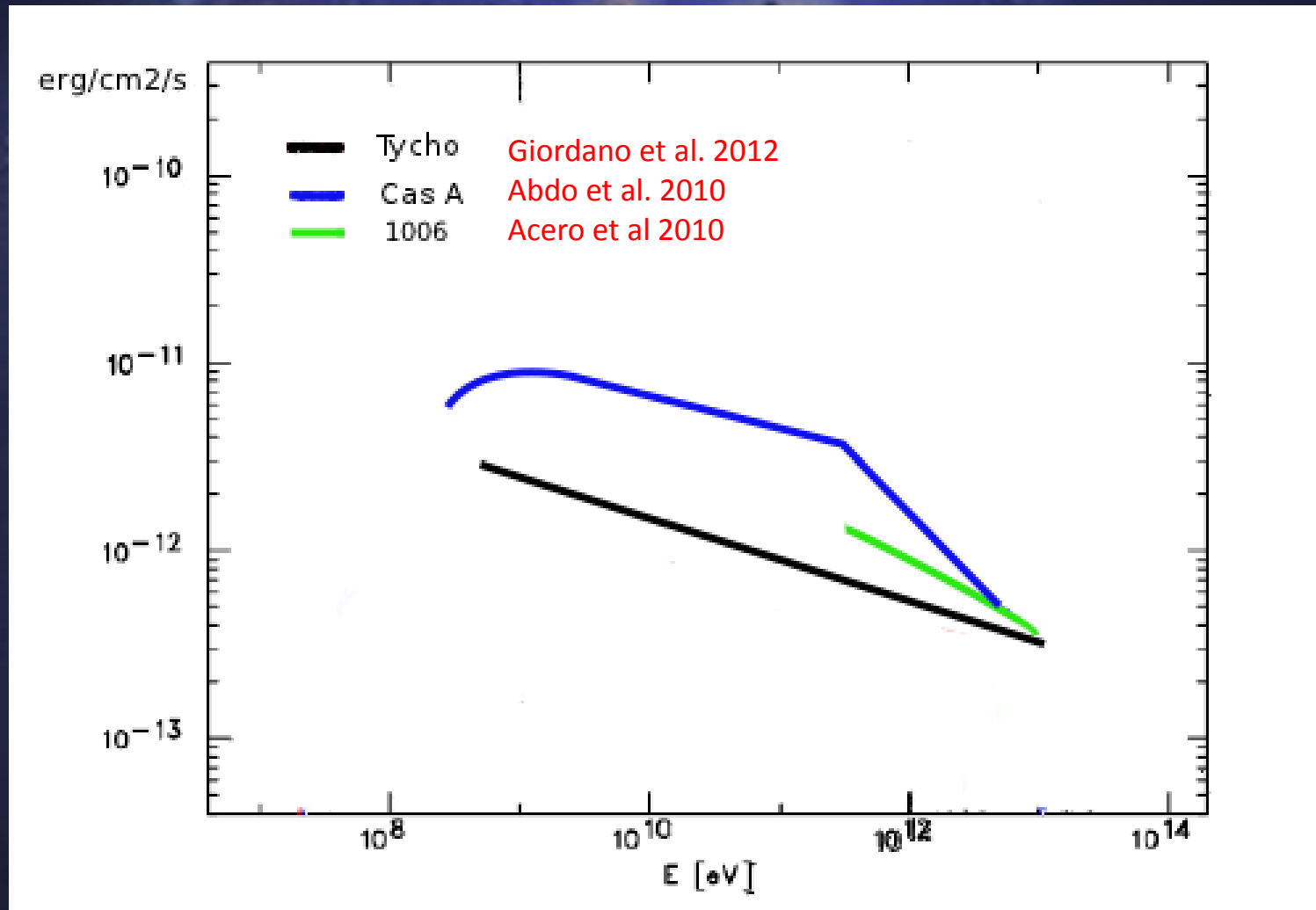


The clearest low-energy decay excludes all possible leptonic contributions

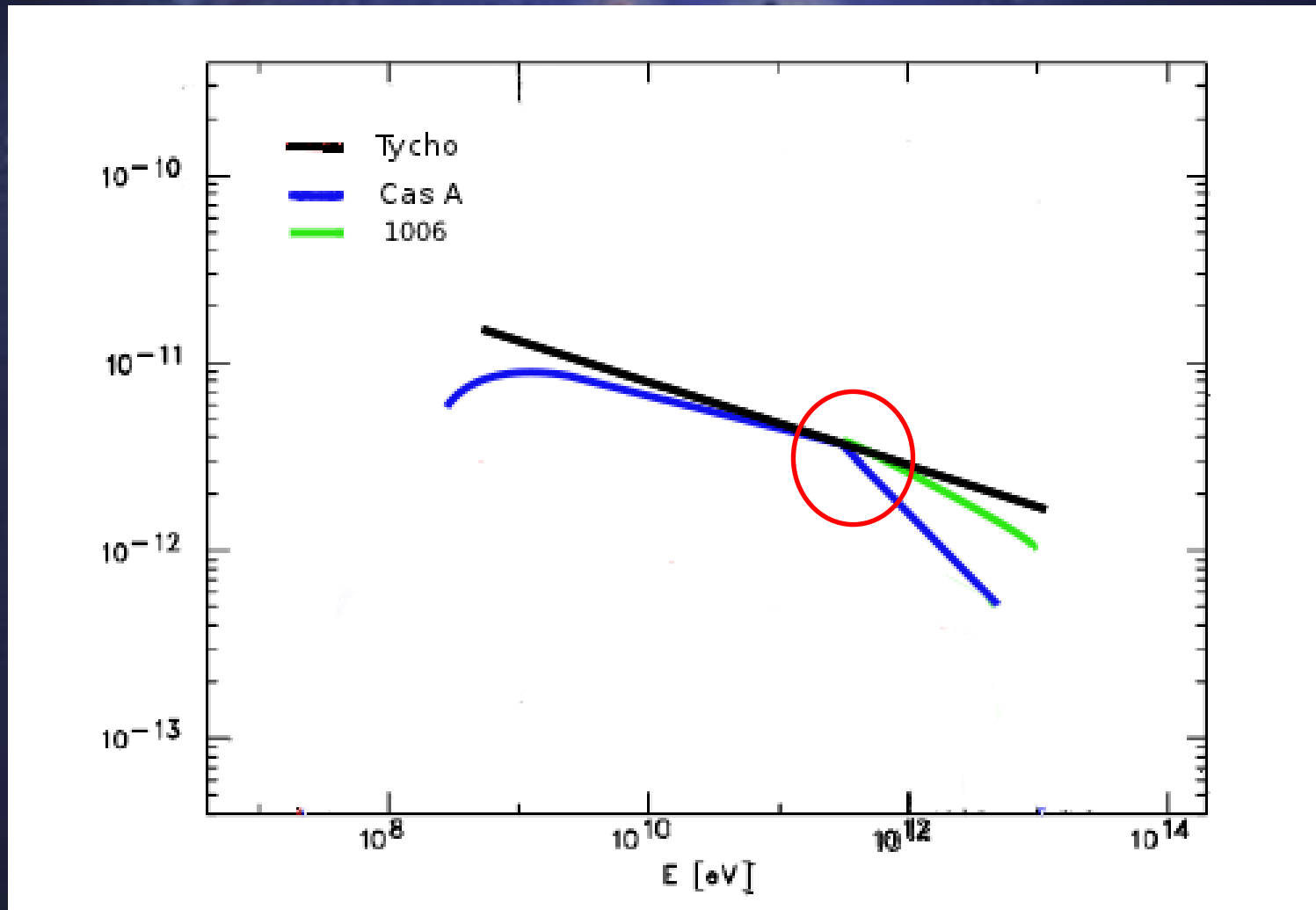


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Spectral Steepening

All young SNRs have an index steeper than 2:

$$\alpha \sim 2.3$$

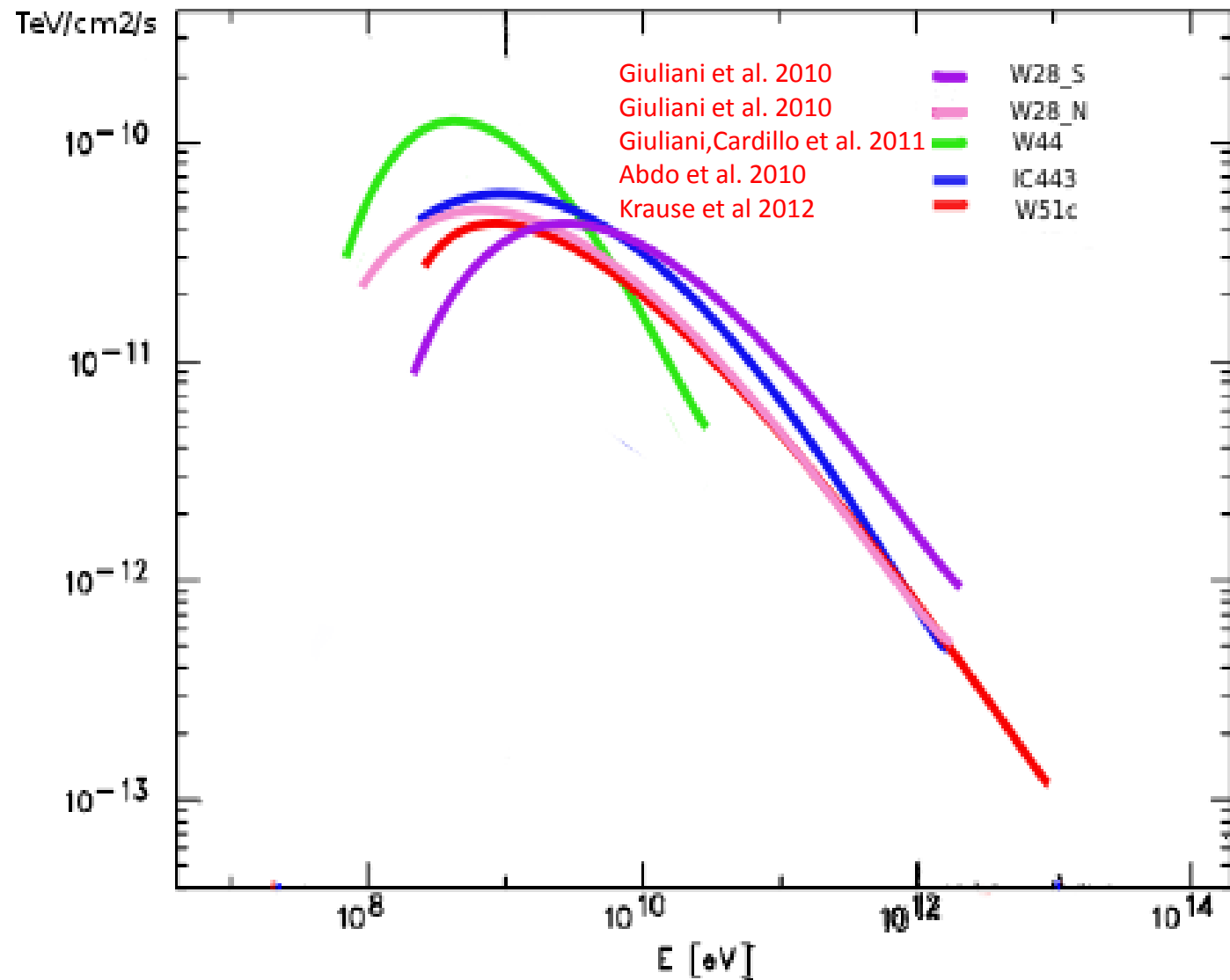
Neutrals leakage from downstream to upstream and lower compression ratio (Blasi et al., 2012; Ohira et al., 2012) ?

CasA problem

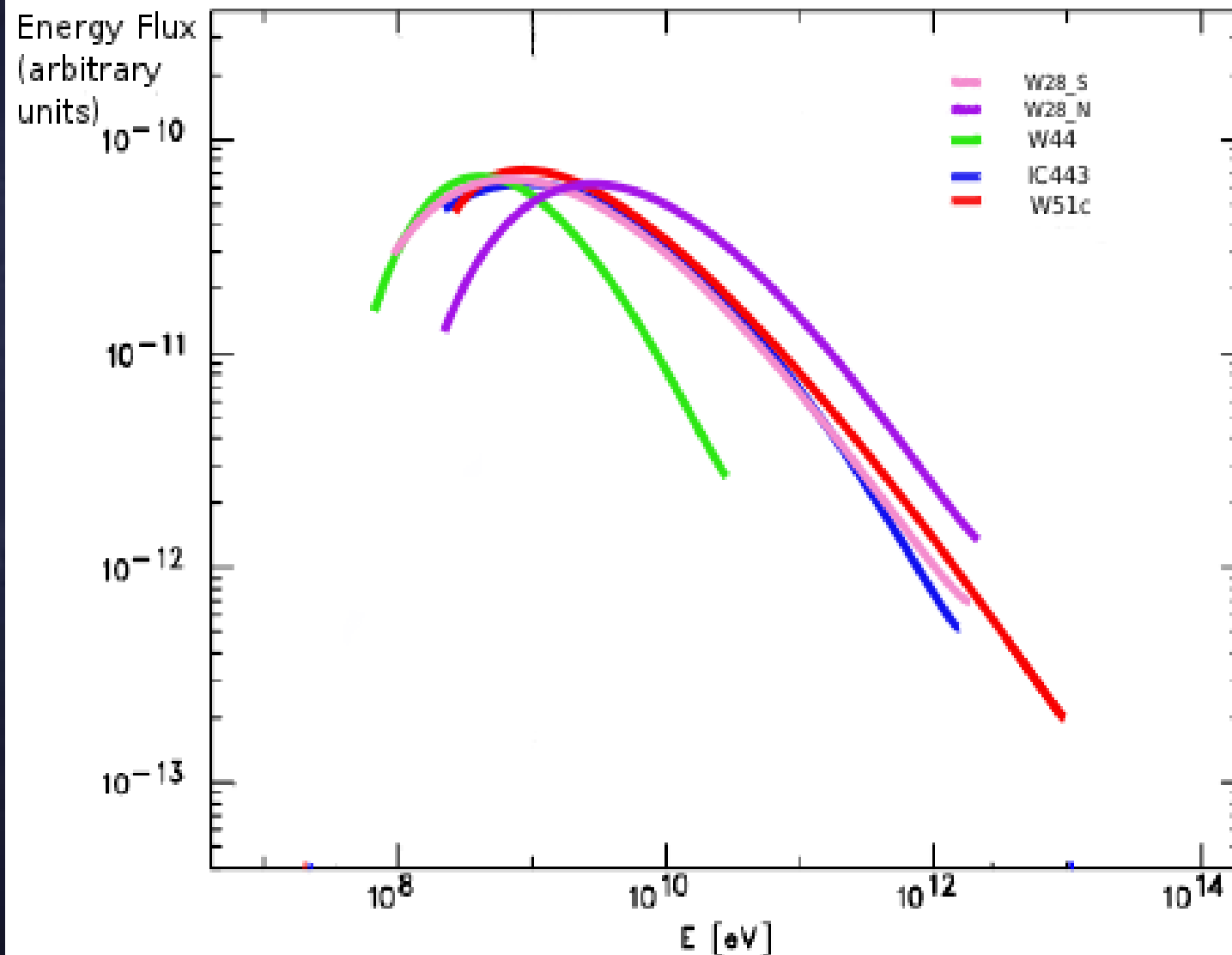
“A priori” models for young SNRs provide a hard photon spectrum from CR acceleration mechanisms → why does CasA seem to have a cut-off at high energies?

Maybe did it evolve in its progenitor wind ?
(Vink 2012)

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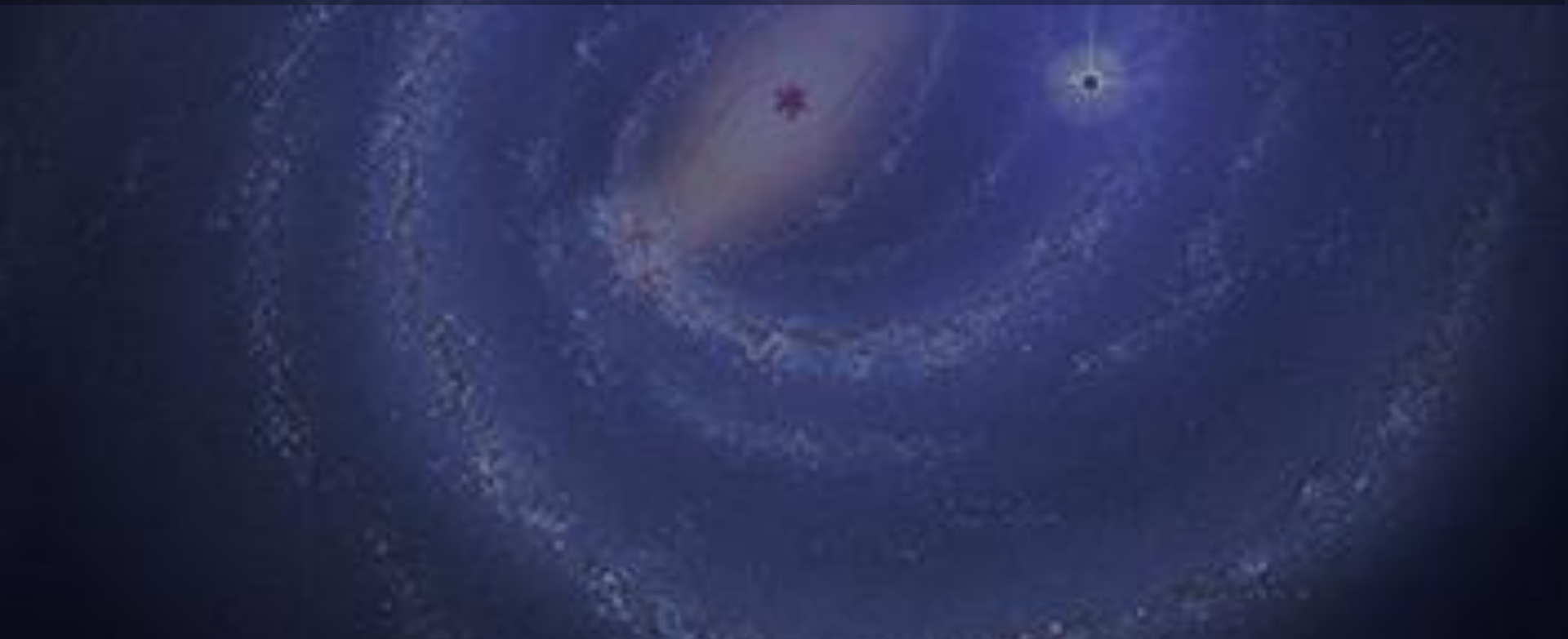


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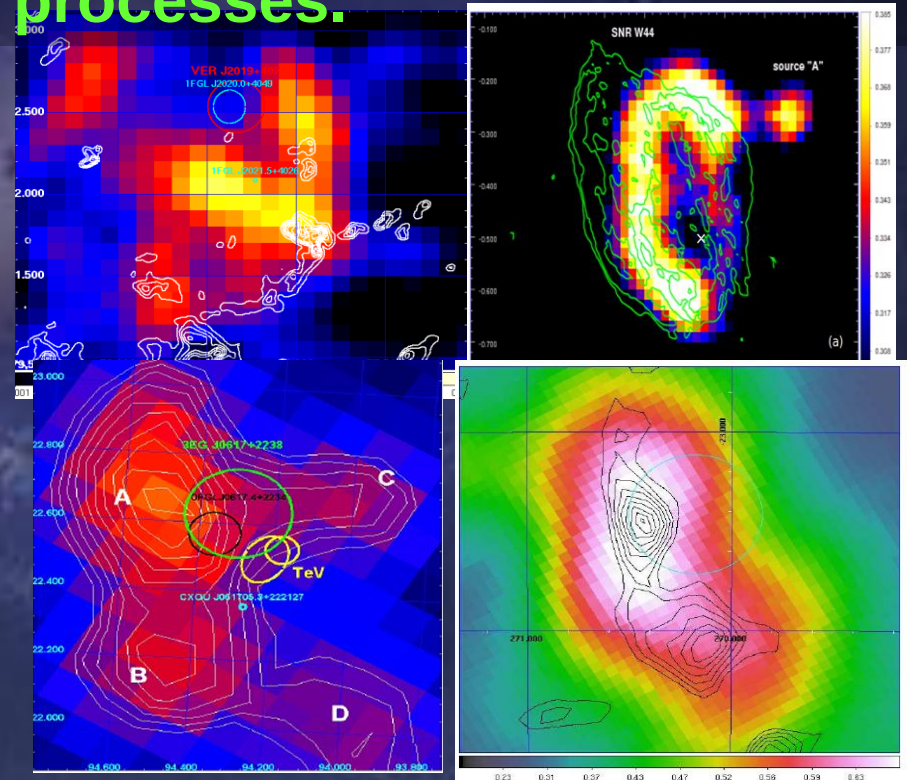
A comparison of all
SNR multiwavelength
emissions.

Gamma Cygni
(Piano et al.
in preparation)

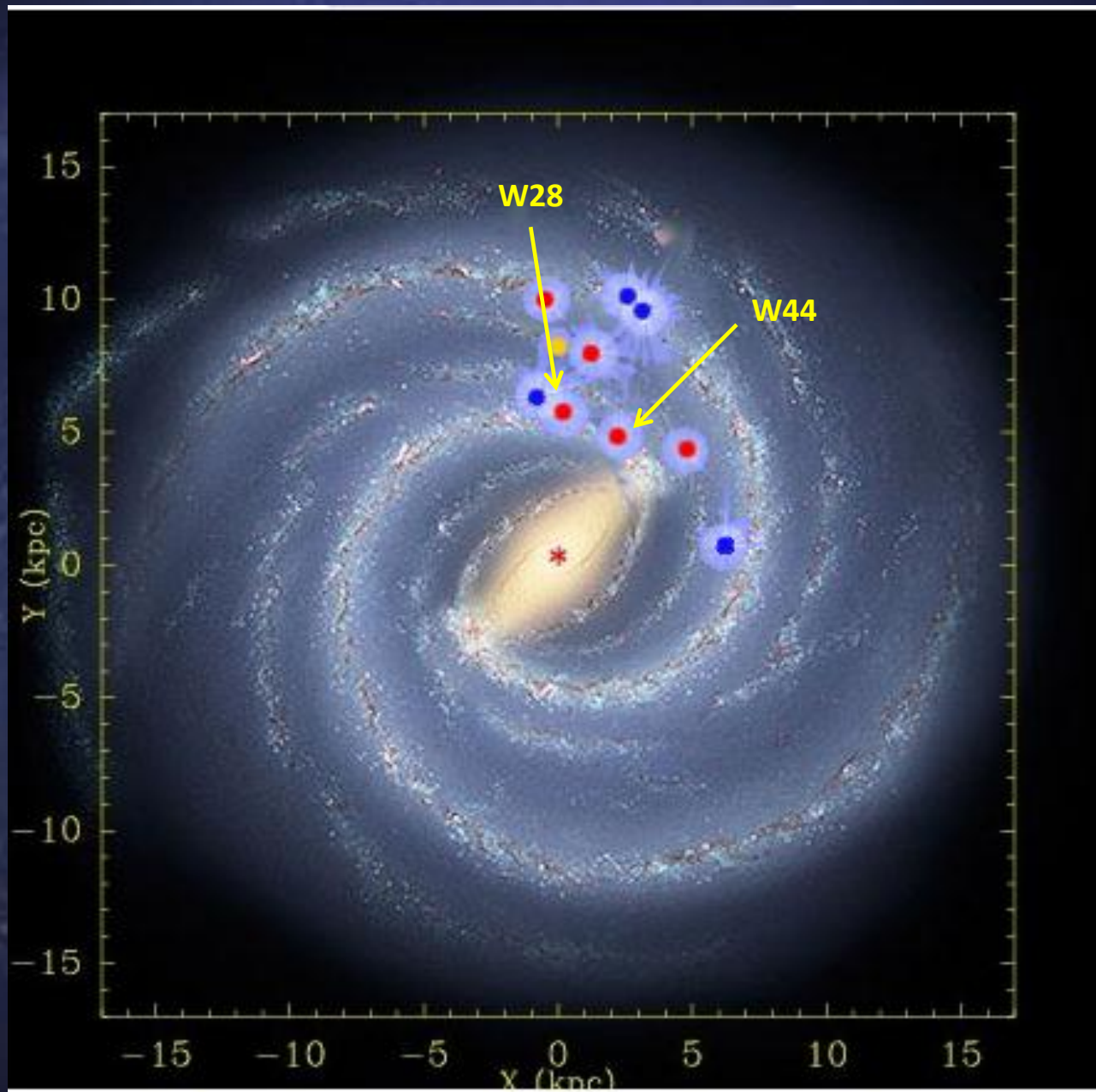
IC443
(Tavani et al., 2010)

W44
(Giuliani, Cardillo,
Tavani et al. 2011)

W28
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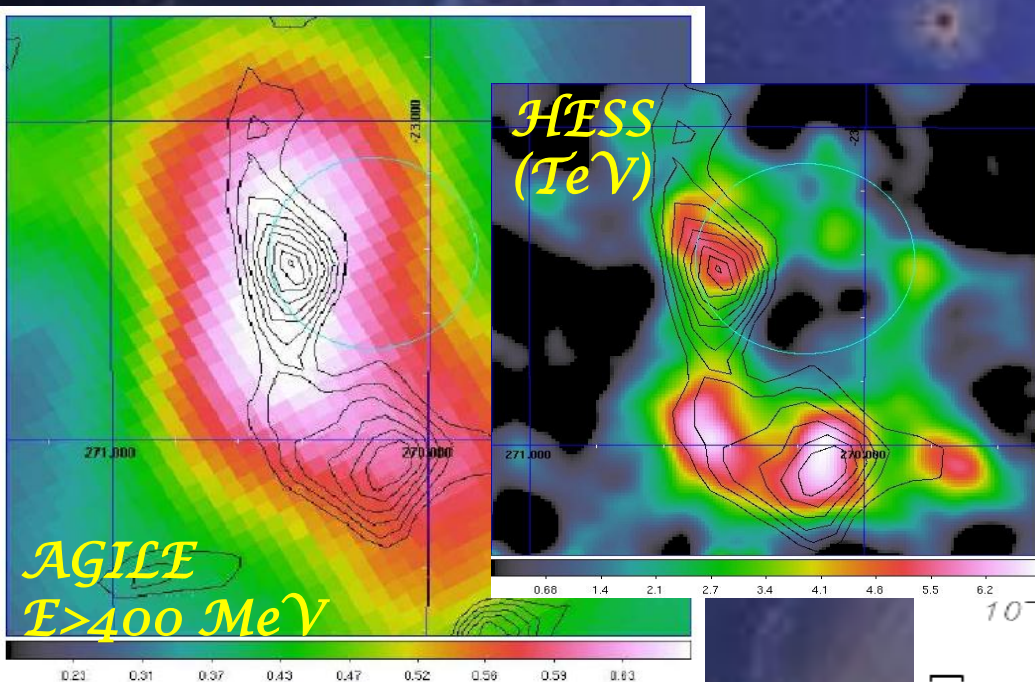


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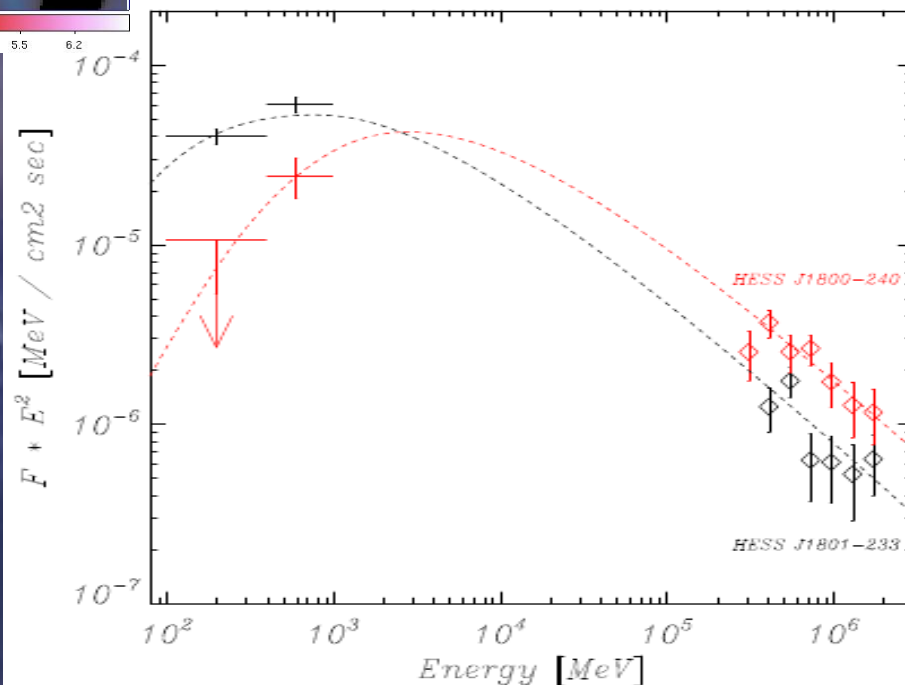
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Giuliani et al. 2010



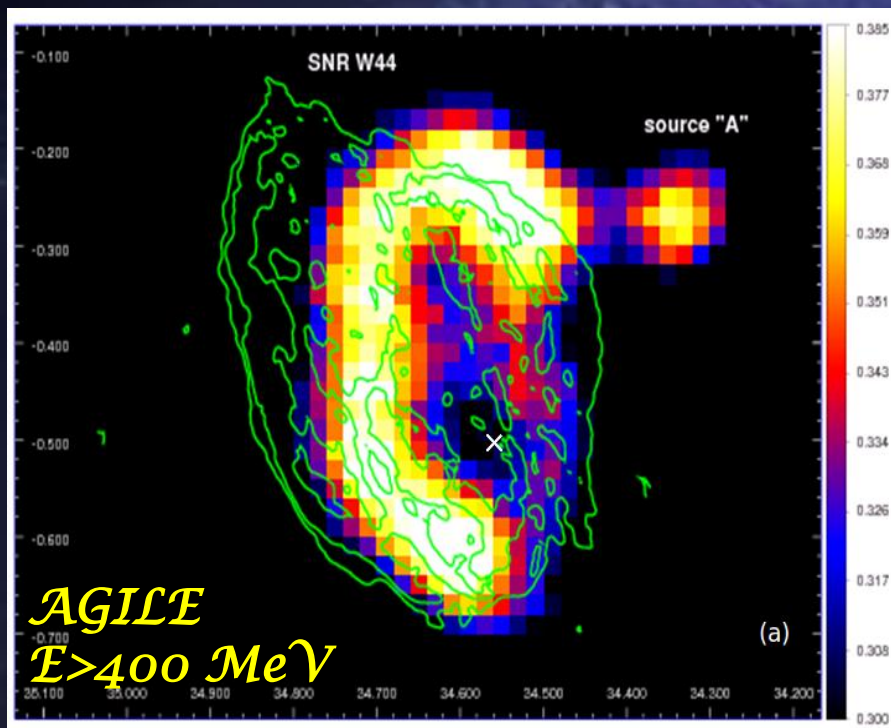
- Galactic Plane
- 1.8-3.3 kpc
- 3.5×10^4 yrs
- Mixed morphology

- Spectral index for $E > 1$ GeV $\rightarrow \alpha = 2.7$
- Linear DSA model



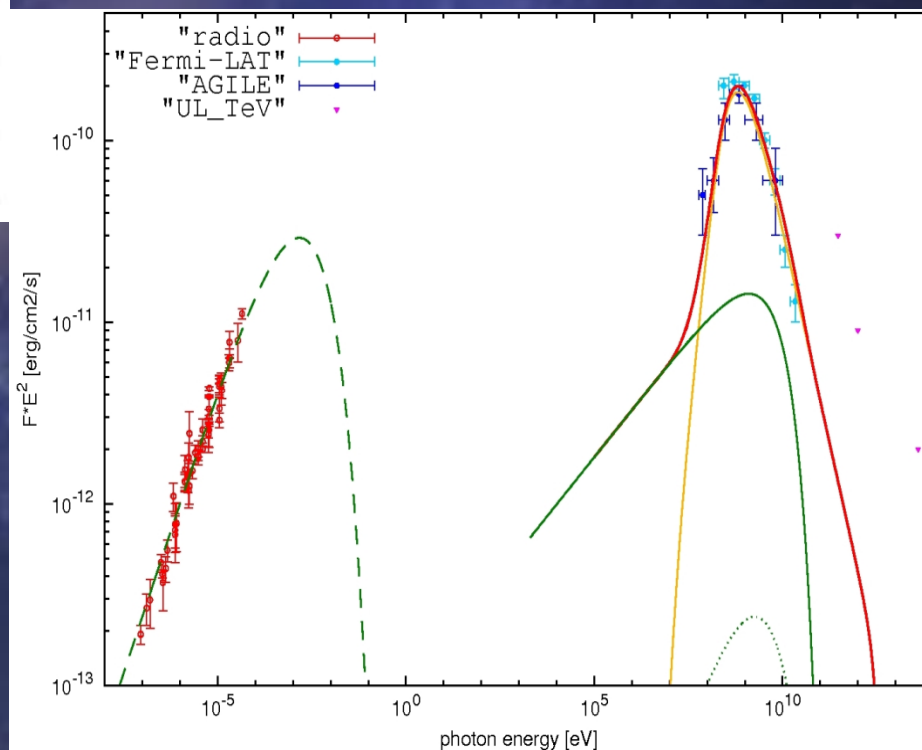
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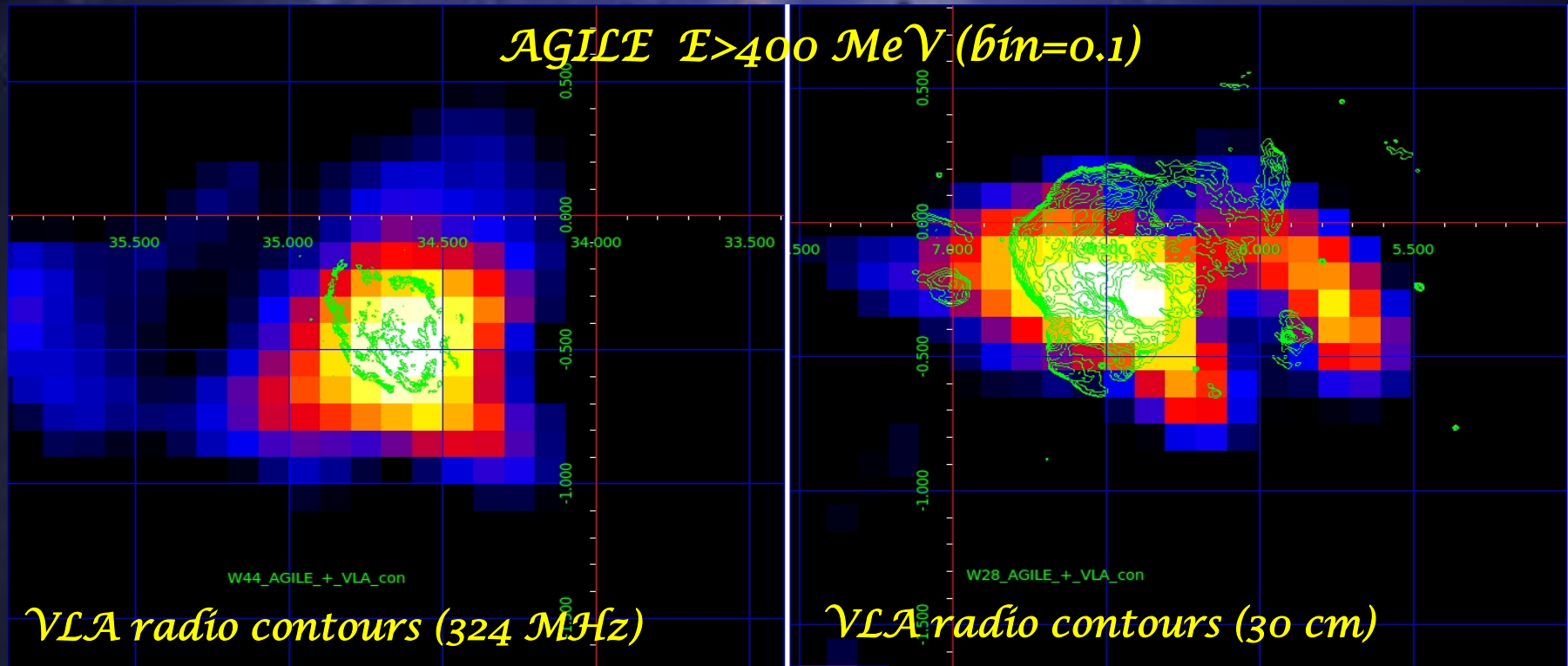


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- 3.1 kpc
- $2 \times 10^4 \text{ yrs}$
- Mixed morphology

- Spectral index for $E > 1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \alpha = 3$
- Linear DSA fails



W44 & W28: gamma-ray vs radio

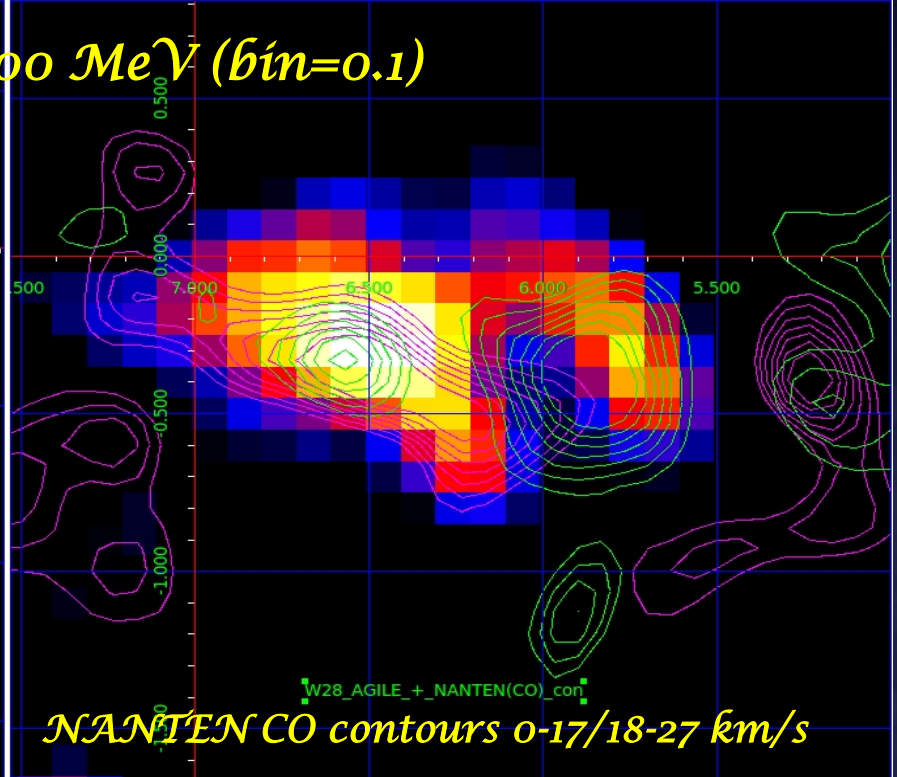
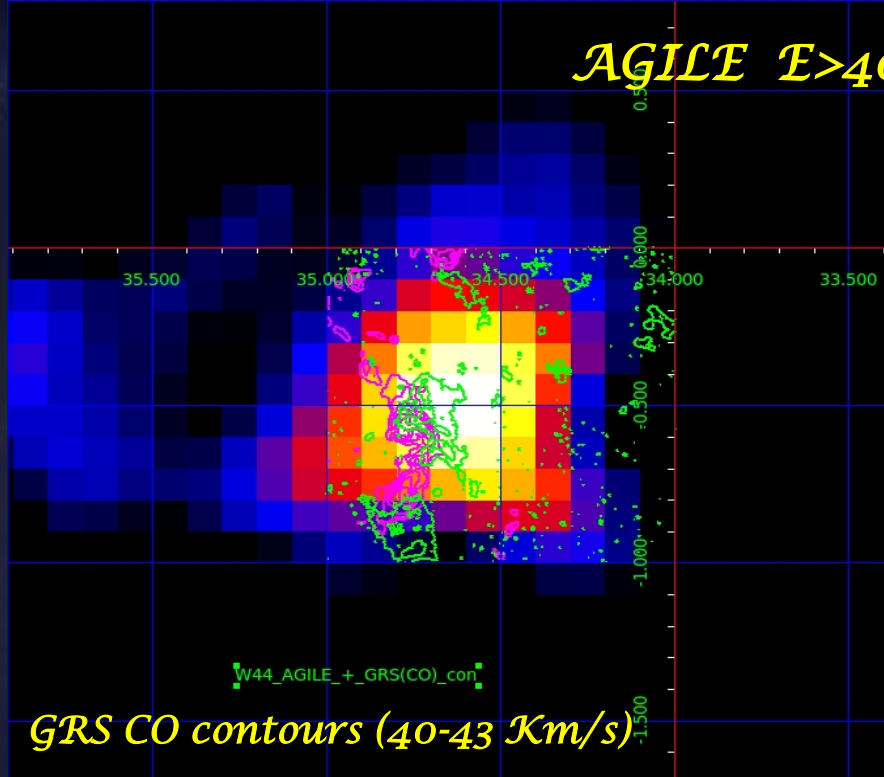


W44: radio contours are embedded in gamma-ray emission
→ inner shell?

W28: correlation with radio emission is no evident

W44 & W28: gamma-ray vs CO

AGILE $E > 400$ MeV (bin=0.1)



W44: MC complex (40-43 km/s) is in the SE part of the remnant
W28: good correlation with CO emission (3-27 km/s), in anti-correlation with the TeV one

W44 & W28

Linear DSA

$$D(E) = D_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^\delta$$

Diffusion → shell or cloud?

Non linear mechanisms

Alfvén damping
(ion/neutrals collisions)
(Malkov et al. 2011 and therein)

Better understanding of SNR environment differences:

- MC structure → density behaviour and clumpiness
- X-ray filaments → shock nature

Conclusions

Two main problems in CR/SNRs context:

low-energy spectrum and spectral steepening

- AGILE find that W44 has the clearest low-energy decay →

Gamma-ray satellites with a substantial improvement of AGILE and Fermi-LAT PSF and sensitivities at low-energies are the only way to have confirmation of CR acceleration by other SNRs (Gamma Ligth, G400)

- Challenges for all theoretical mechanisms:

importance of SNR environment → deeper multiwavelength analysis

- W44 and W28:

Possibility for understanding mutual effects between linear and non linear mechanisms → extension to other SNRs, IC443, Gamma-Cygni and W51c



THANKS TO ALL!