

# The search for Galactic pevatrons

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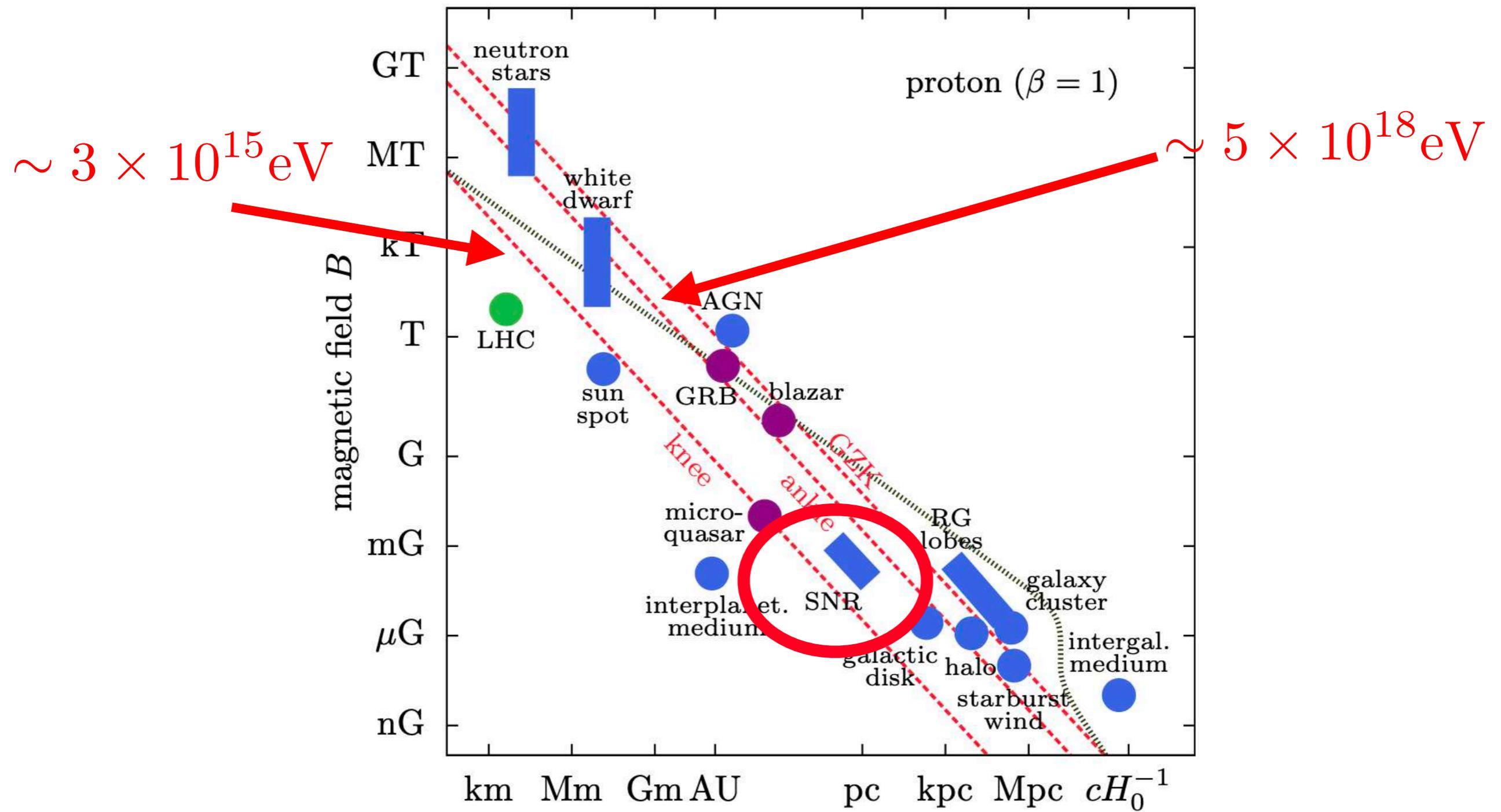
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2. Origin of CRs
3. Now is the time: we can find them!

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Hillas criterion

$$E_{\max} \approx \xi \left( \frac{R_{\text{sh}}}{\text{pc}} \right) \left( \frac{u_{\text{sh}}}{1000 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{\mu \text{ G}} \right) \text{ TeV}$$



## 2. Origin of CRs

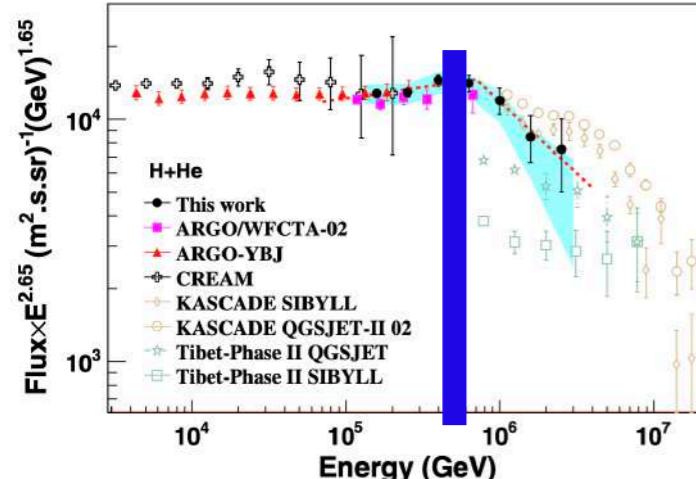
Blasi 2013, 2019 (reviews)

Gabici et al. 2019 (review)

Reaching the « knee »

What is the energy of the knee?

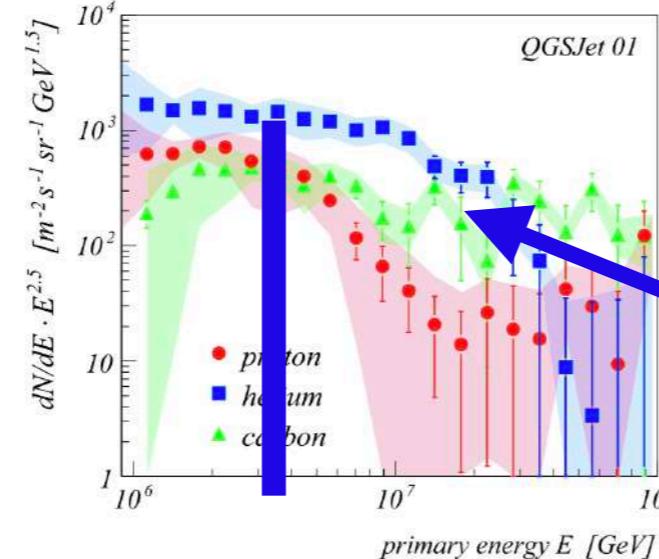
For protons:



ARGO-YBJ

~700 TeV

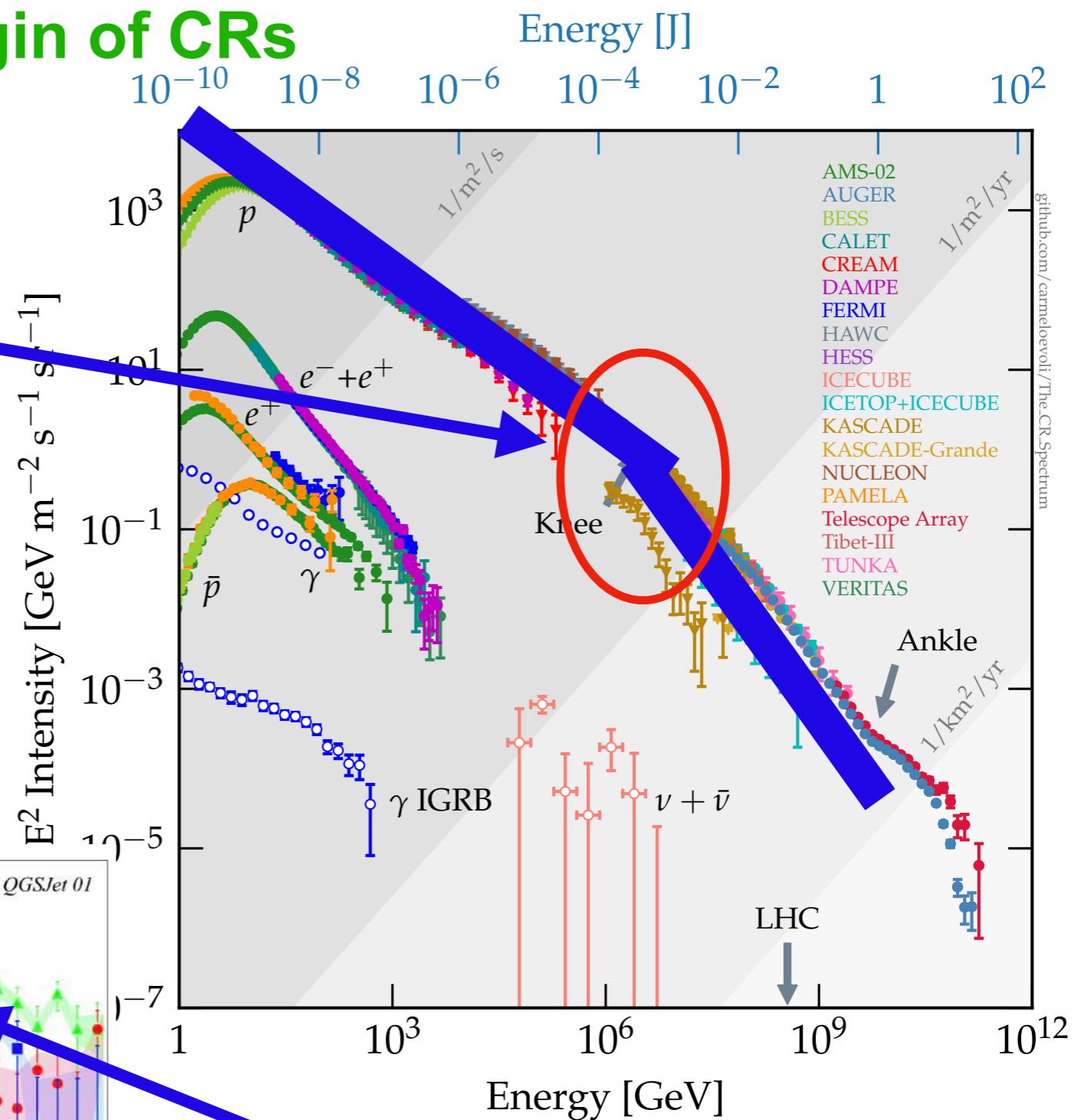
Bartoli et al. 2015



KASCADE

~3 PeV

Antoni et al. 2015



Evoli 2021

For heavier nuclei : Z dependent knees!

Source of Galactic CRs must accelerate protons up to the knee!

## 2. Origin of CRs

MORE PRECISELY

Source of Galactic CRs must accelerate up to AT LEAST the knee!

~100 PeV

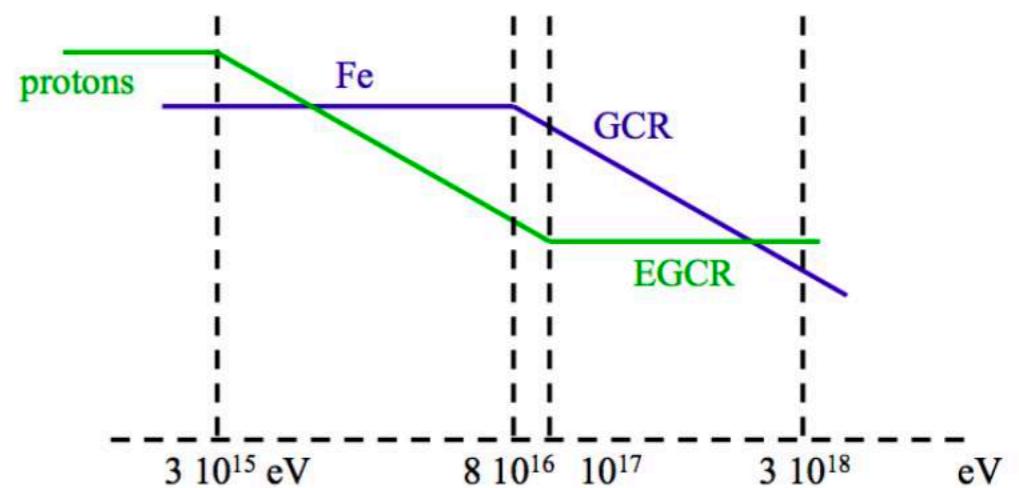
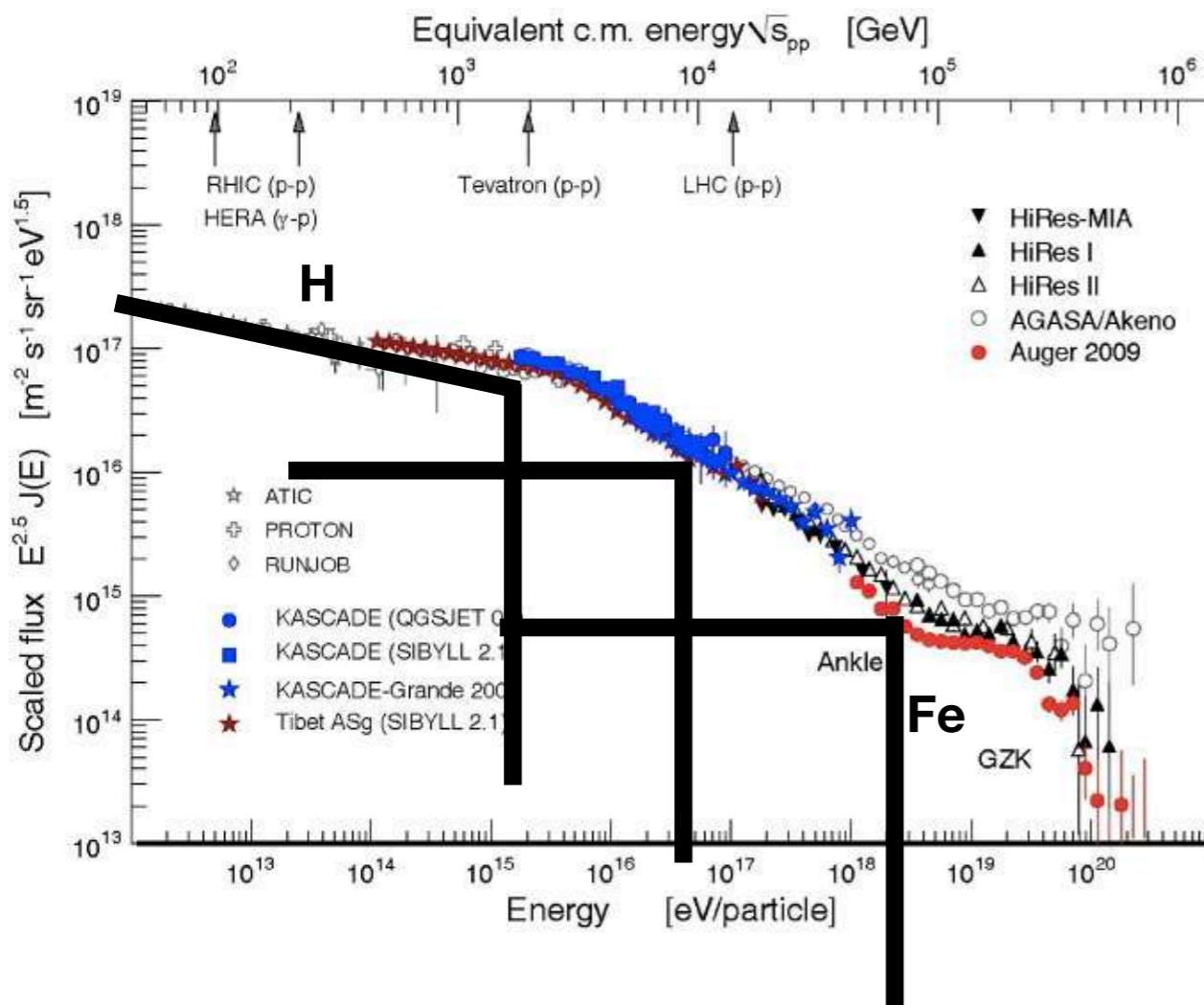


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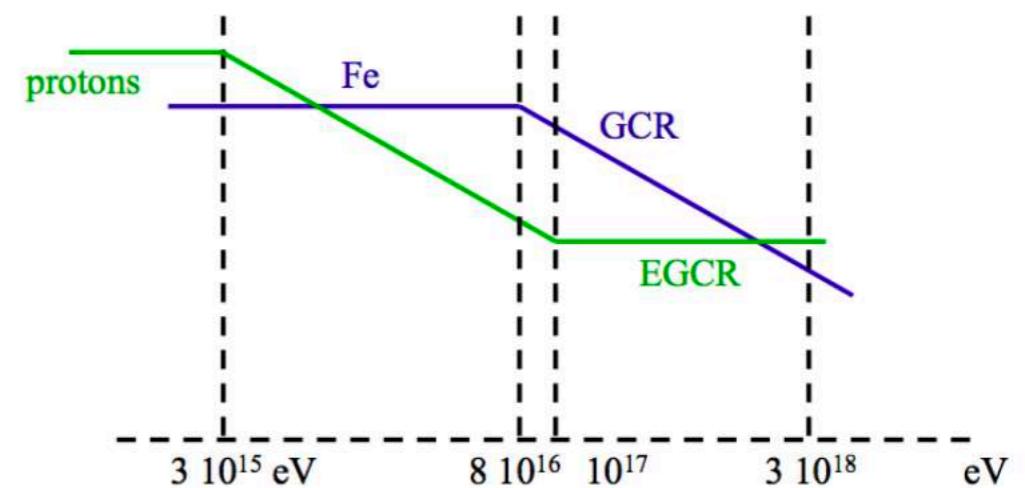
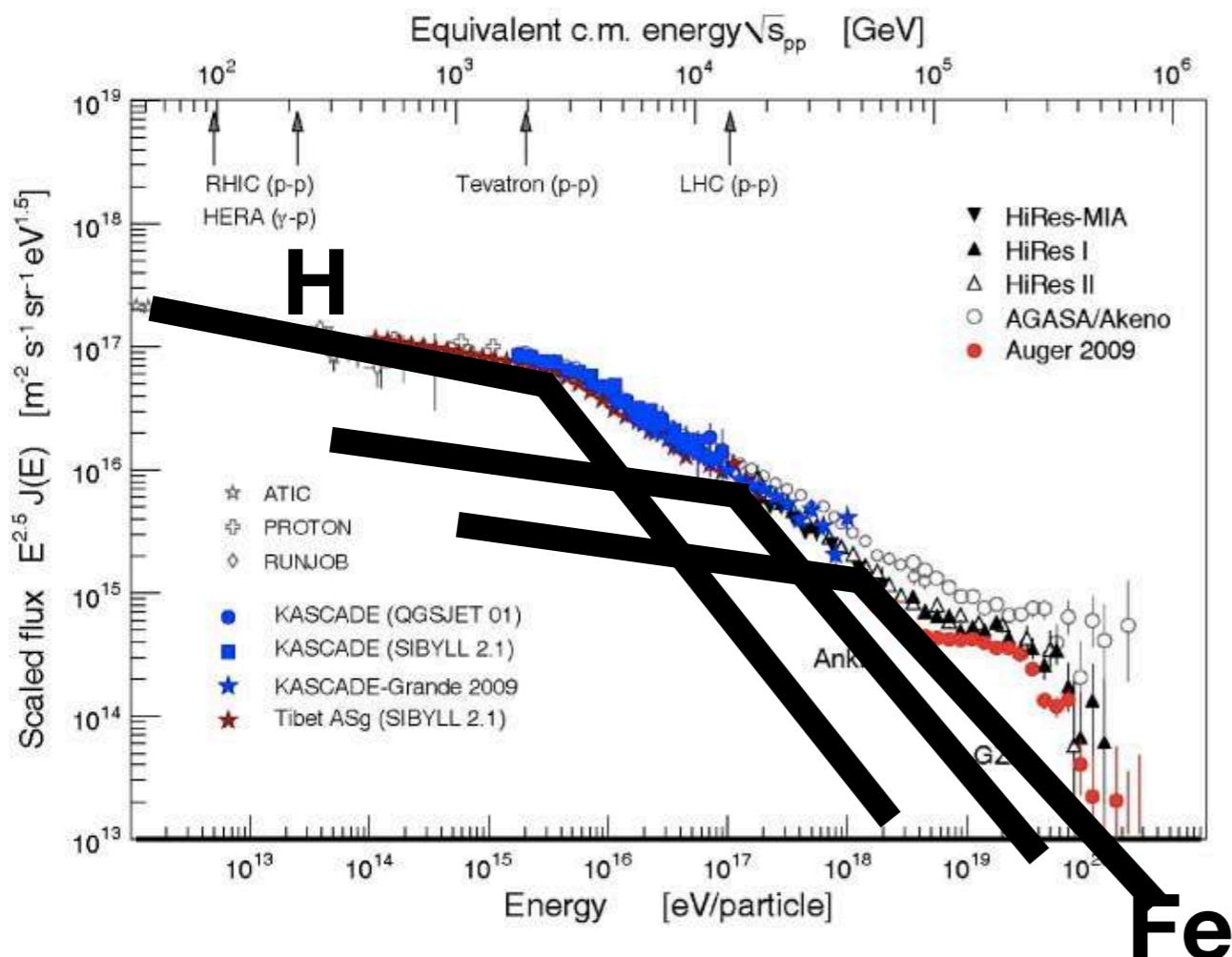


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Smooth transition from Galactic to extraGalactic

# Why supernova remnants (=shock expanding in the ISM after SN) ?

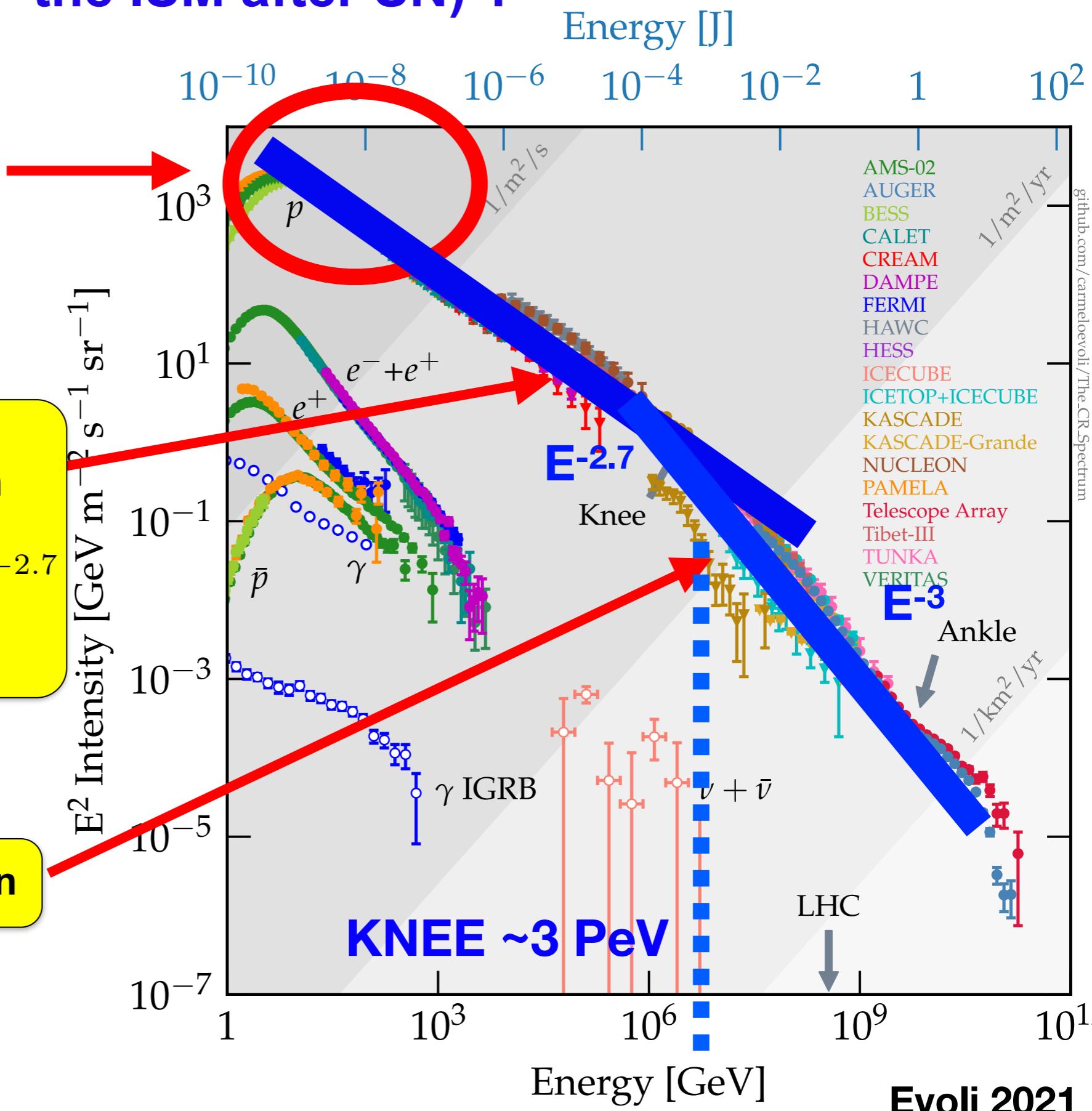
**1. Bulk of CRs**  
 Energy density  $\sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$   
 10% of SNR total explosion energy

**2. Slope  $E^{-2.7}$**   
 Diffusive shock acceleration  
 $E^{-(2.4..2.1)} \times E^{-(0.3..0.6)} = E^{-2.7}$

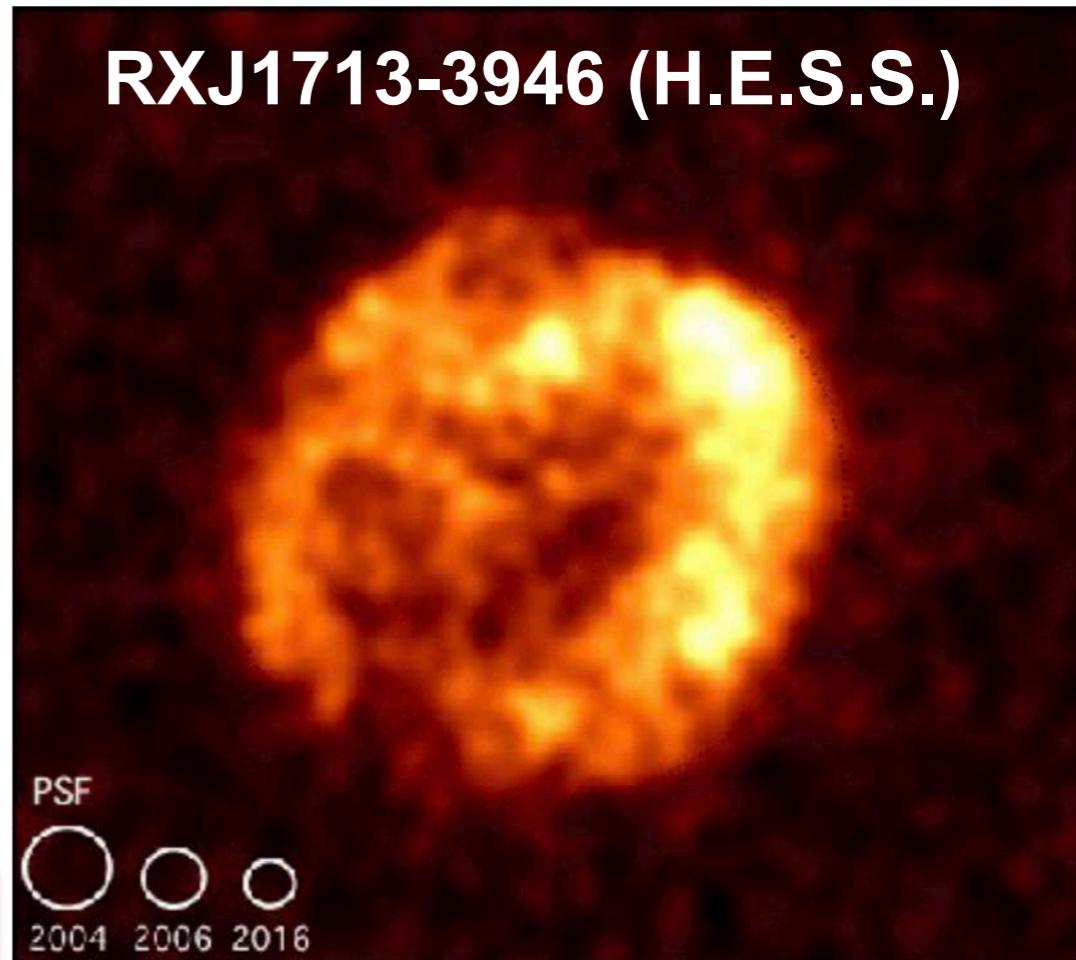
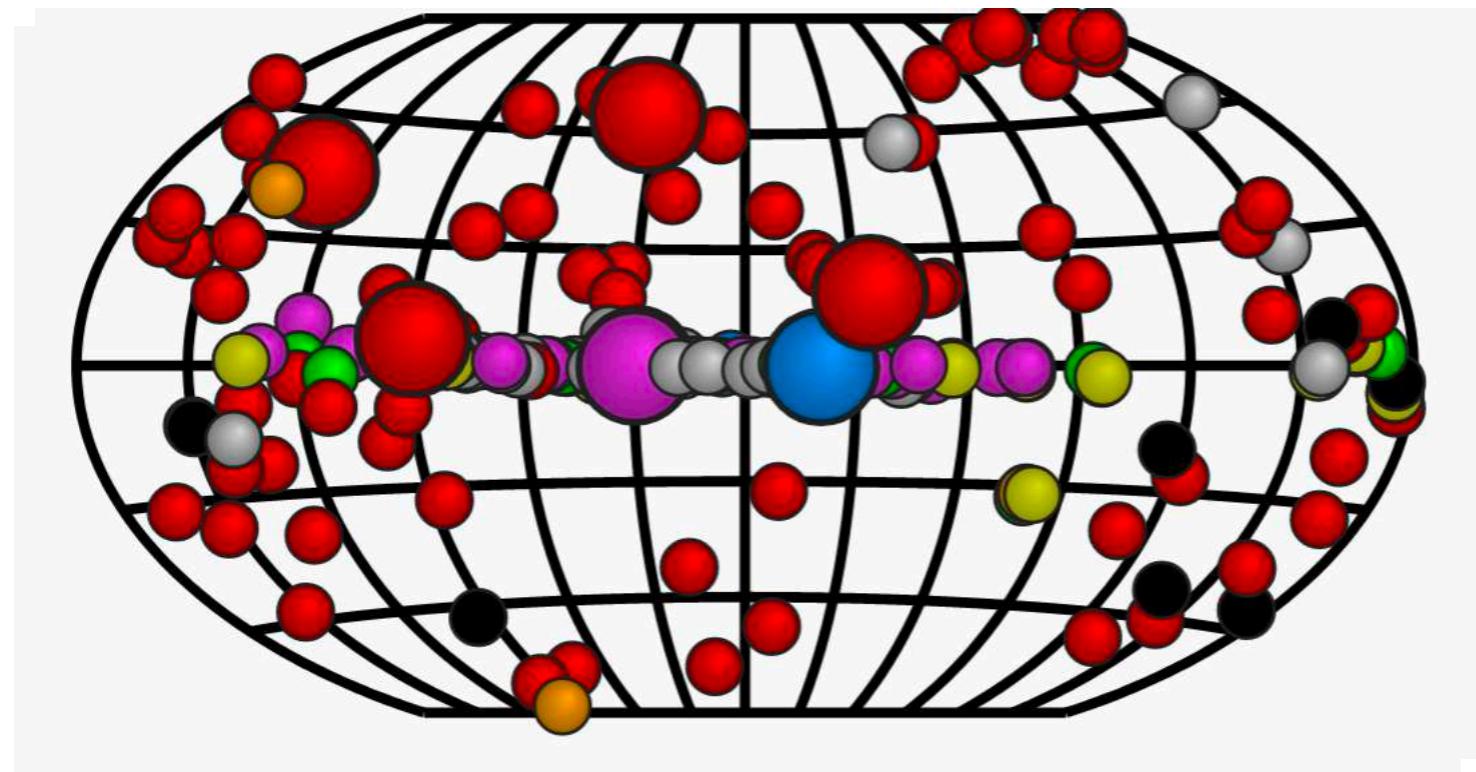
Injection      Propagation

**3. Magnetic field amplification**

Reviews: Blasi (2013,2019)  
 Tatischeff & Gabici (2018)  
 Gabici et al. (2019)



# Detection of SNRs in the gamma-ray domain



● PWN, PWN/TeV Halo, Composite SNR

● Shell, SNR/Molec. Cloud, Composite SNI

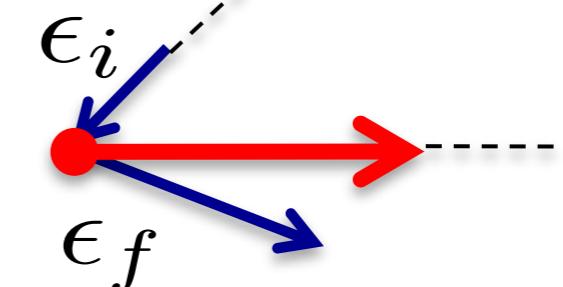
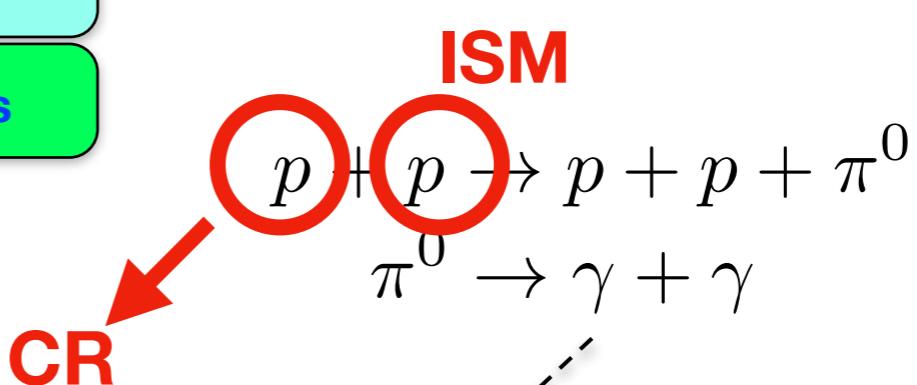
228 sources listed

58 « SNRs »

12 Shells

Hadronic interactions:  
Pion decay

Leptonic interactions:  
Inverse Compton scattering

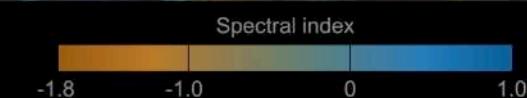


**SNR  
G0.9+0.1**

**SNR  
G359.1-0.5**

**SNR  
Sgr D**

SARAO, Heywood et al. (2022) / J. C. Muñoz-Mateos



**MeerKAT picture of the day Feb. 2nd 2022**

# **Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope Array to spectral signatures of hadronic PeVatrons**

**With application to searches for Galactic Supernova Remnant PeVatrons**

The CTA Consortium, E.O. Angüner, G. Spengler, H. Costantini, P. Cristofari, T. Armstrong, L. Giunti



**CTA paper: Extensive discussion on  
the detectability of SNR pevatrons**

**Started 2016-2017, under collaboration review**

Bruno Khelifi, Gaia Verna, Cyril Trichard (2017) + many more

# Tensions with the « Supernova remnants » hypothesis

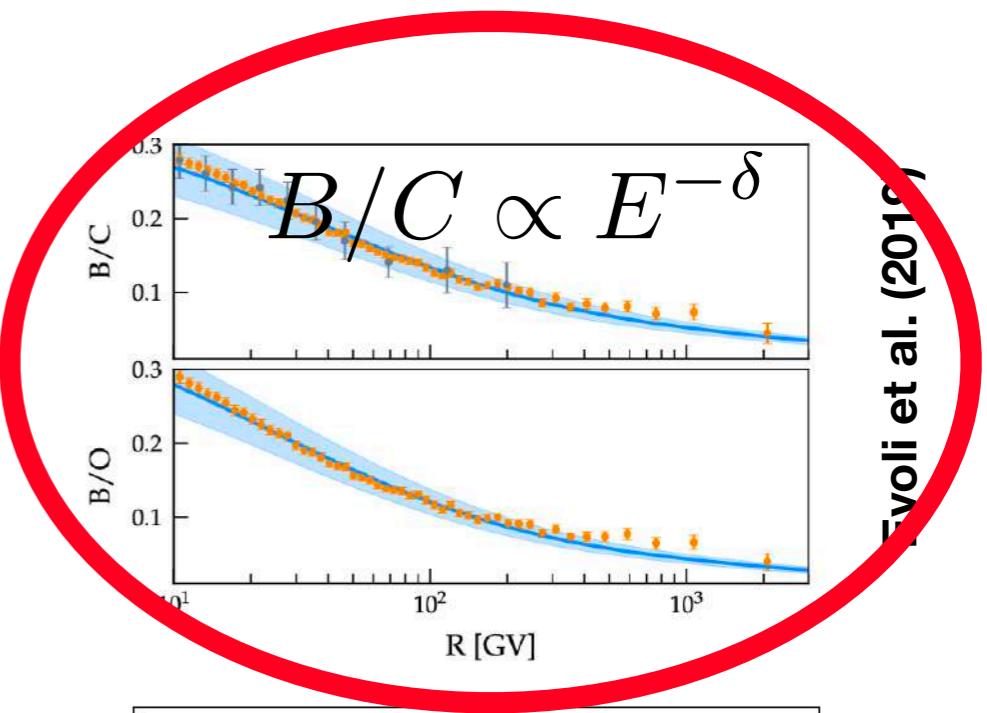
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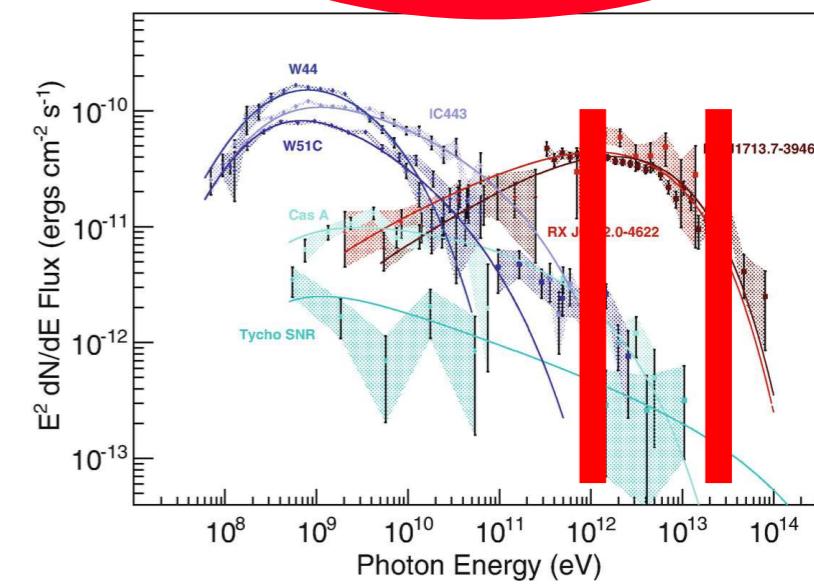
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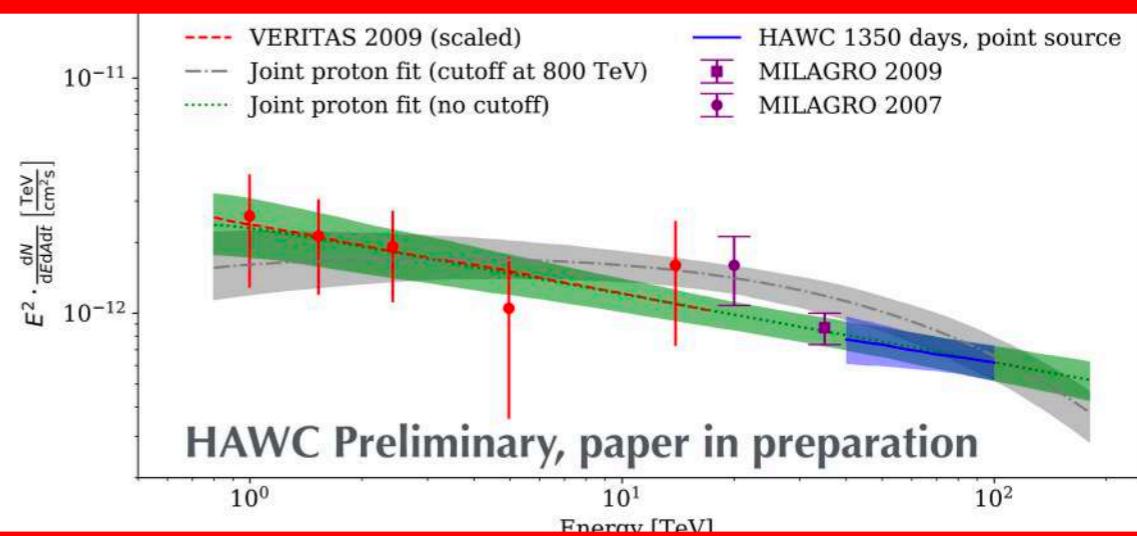


Evoli et al. (2019)

Funk (2017)



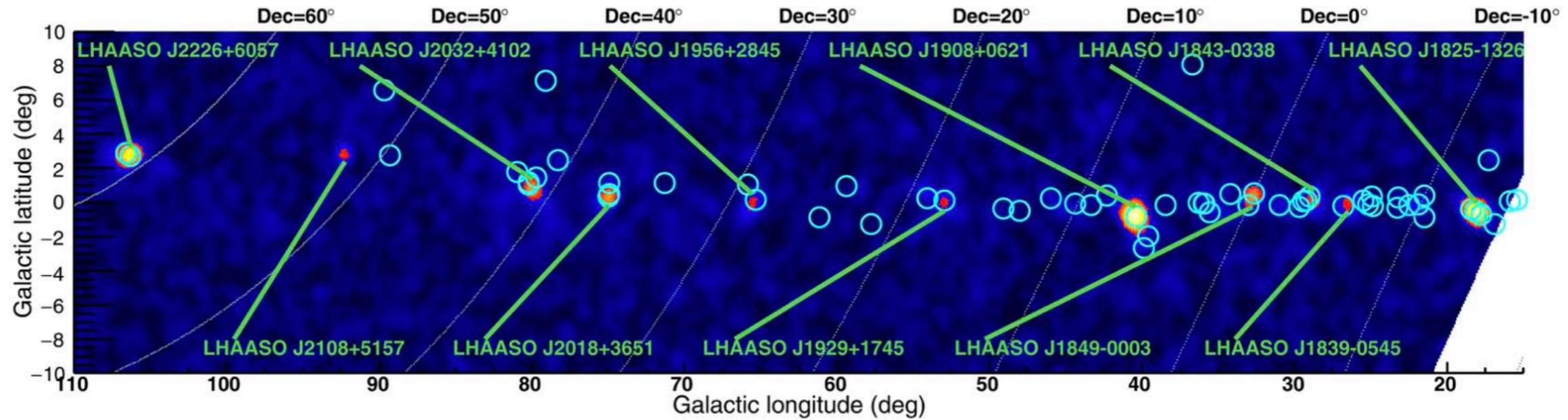
HAWC, Fleishhack Texas Symp (2019)



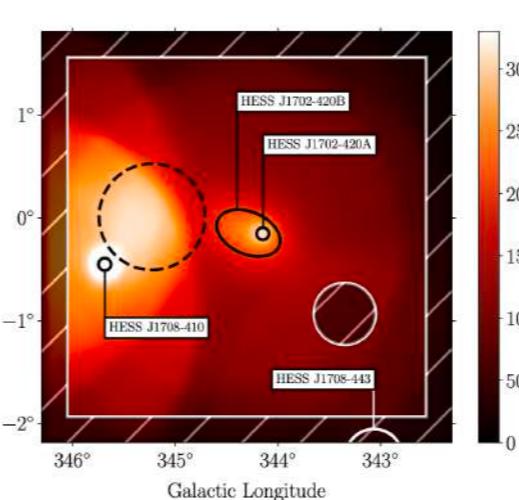
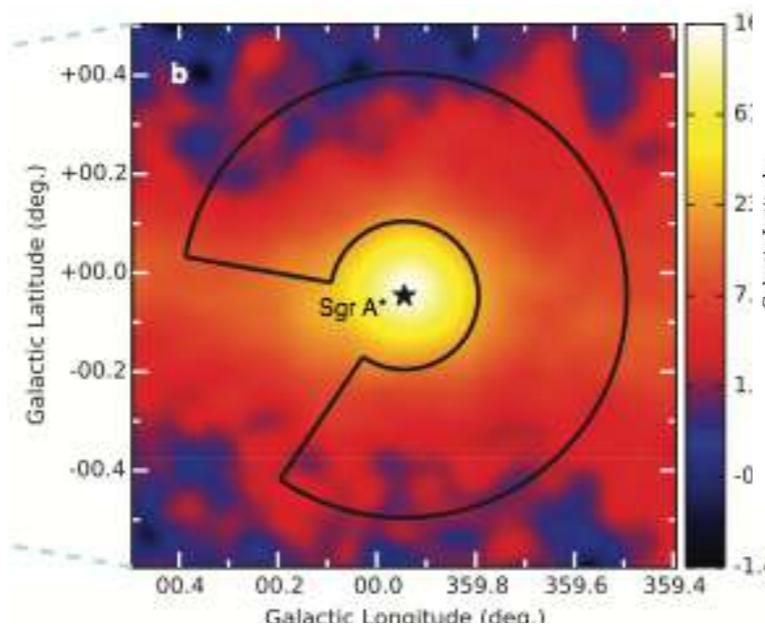
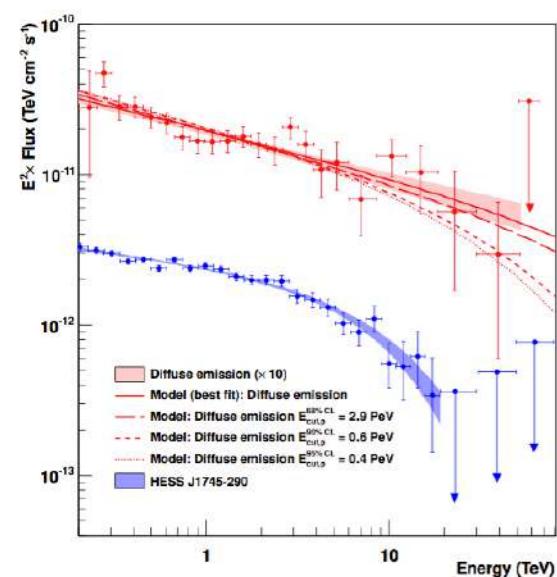
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## LHAASO 12 Galactic pevatrons

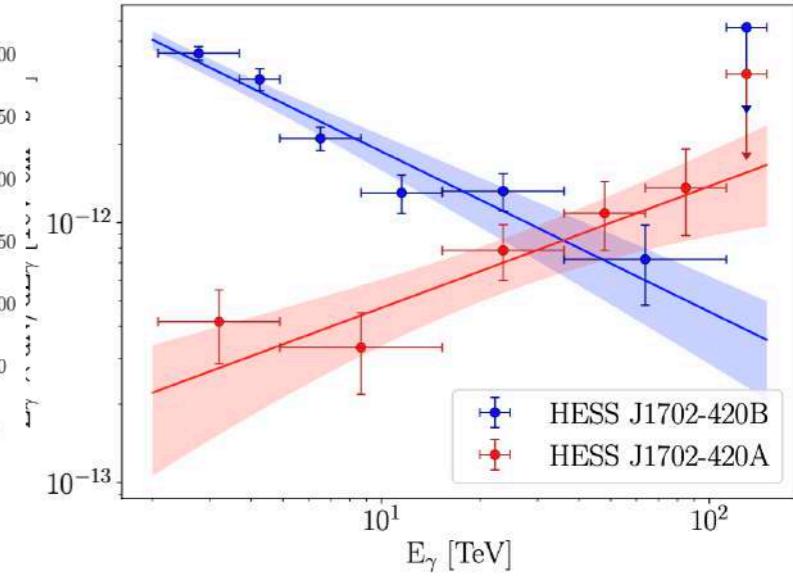
Cao et al. 2021



## HESS J1745-290



## HESS J1702-420



HESS collab. 2016

HESS collab. 2021

# And... other pevatrons!

## Crab: leptonic pevatron

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Twelve-hour spikes from the Crab Pevatron

M. Balbo<sup>1,2</sup>, R. Walter<sup>1,2</sup>, C. Ferrigno<sup>1,2</sup>, P. Bordas<sup>1,3</sup>

*Review*

### The Crab Pulsar and Nebula as seen in gamma-rays

## Reviews:

Elena Amato<sup>1,2</sup> , Barbara Olmi<sup>1,3</sup> 

The theory of Pulsar Wind Nebulae: recent progress

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Elena Amato<sup>†</sup>

## Numerous candidates (HAWC, TibetAsgamma)

### HAWC J2227+610: a potential PeVatron candidate for the CTA in the northern hemisphere

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Gaia Verna,<sup>a,\*</sup> Franca Cassol<sup>a</sup> and Heide Costantini<sup>a</sup> on behalf of the CTA Consortium

# So what's wrong then?

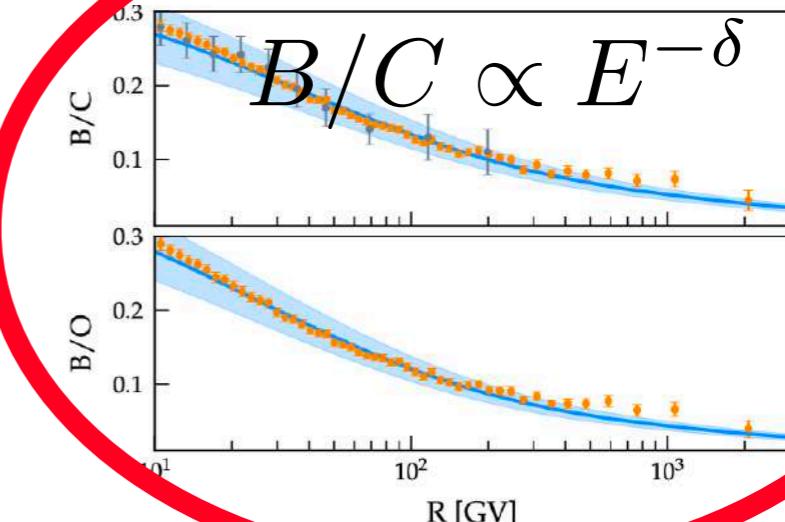
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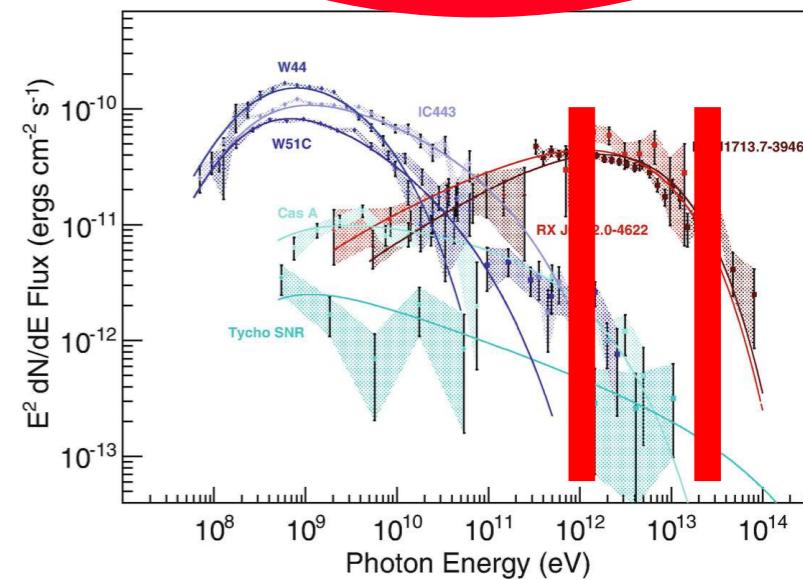
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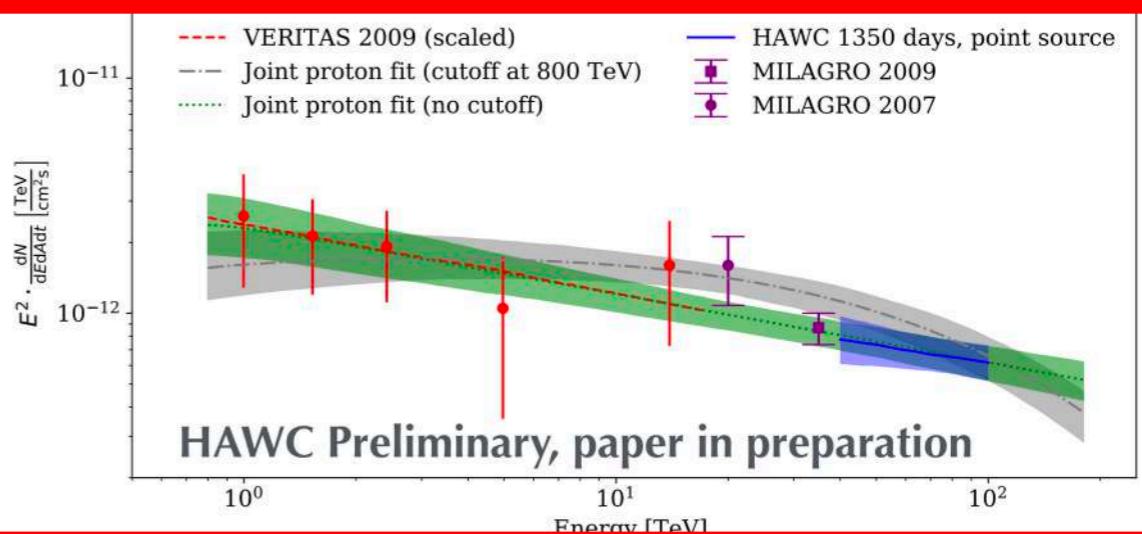
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Fyoli et al. (2019)



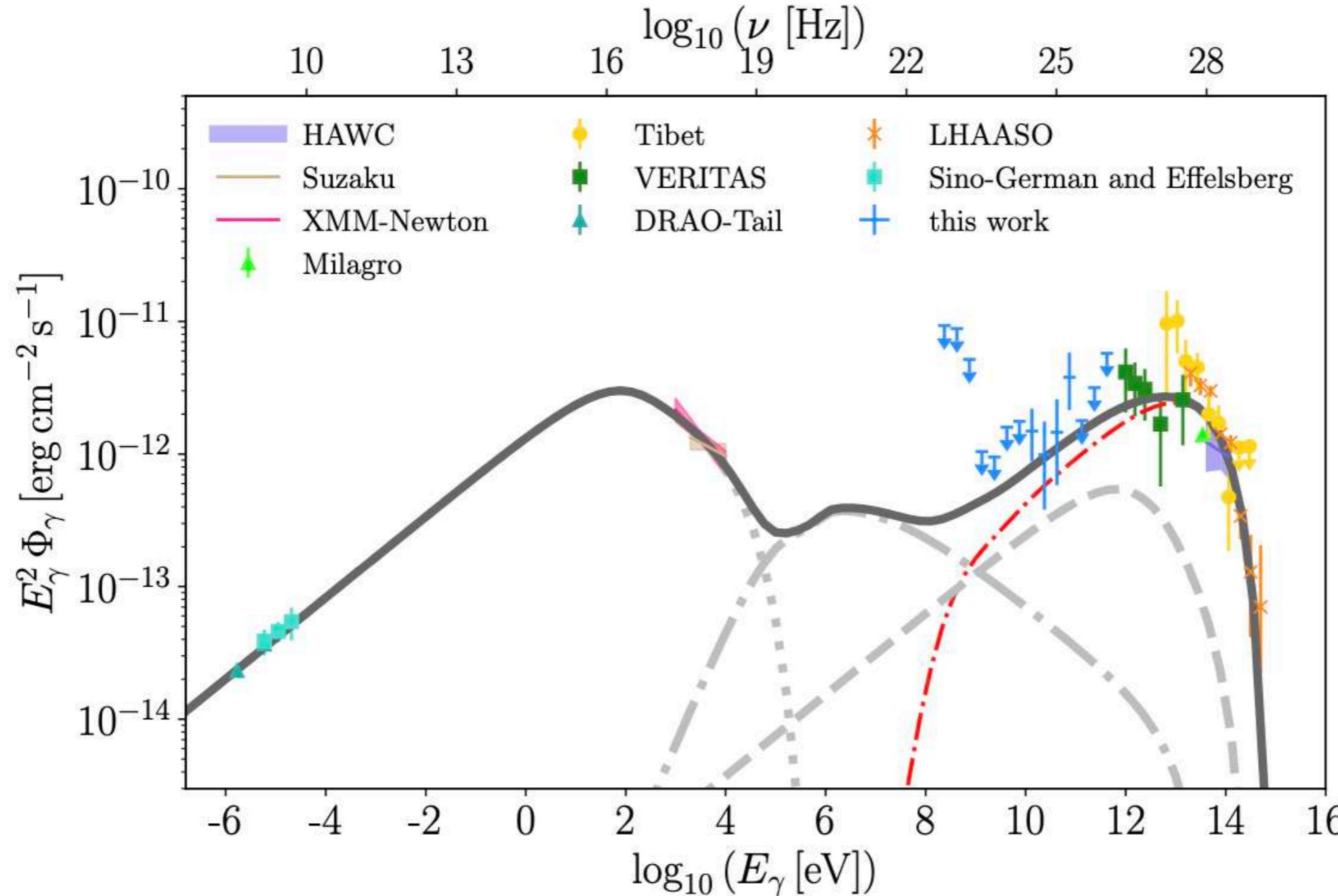
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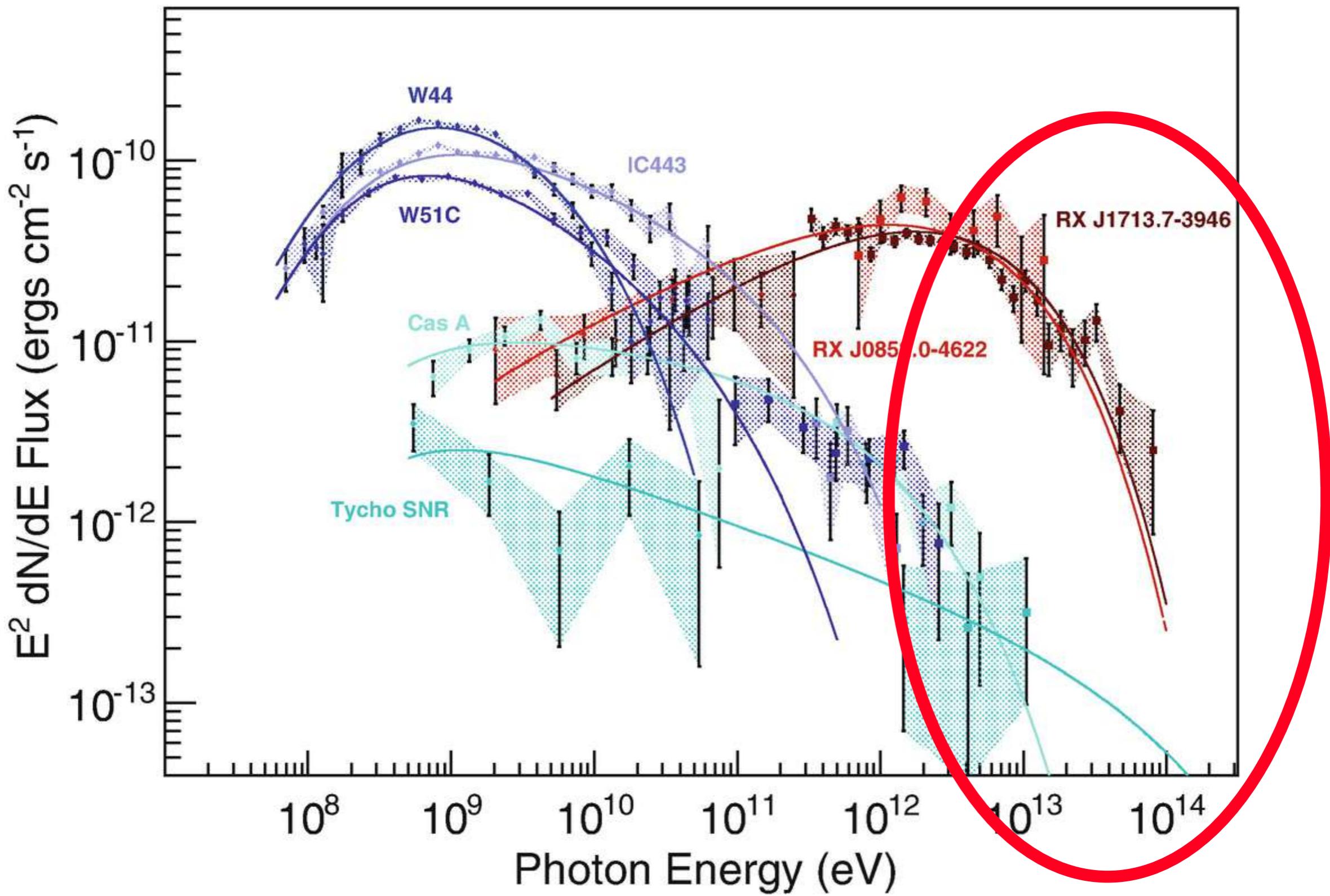
# Evidence for PeV Proton Acceleration from Fermi-LAT Observation of SNR G106.3+2.7

Ke Fang,<sup>1</sup> Matthew Kerr,<sup>2</sup> Roger Blandford,<sup>3, 4</sup> Henrike Fleischhack,<sup>5, 6, 7</sup> and Eric Charles<sup>4, 3</sup>

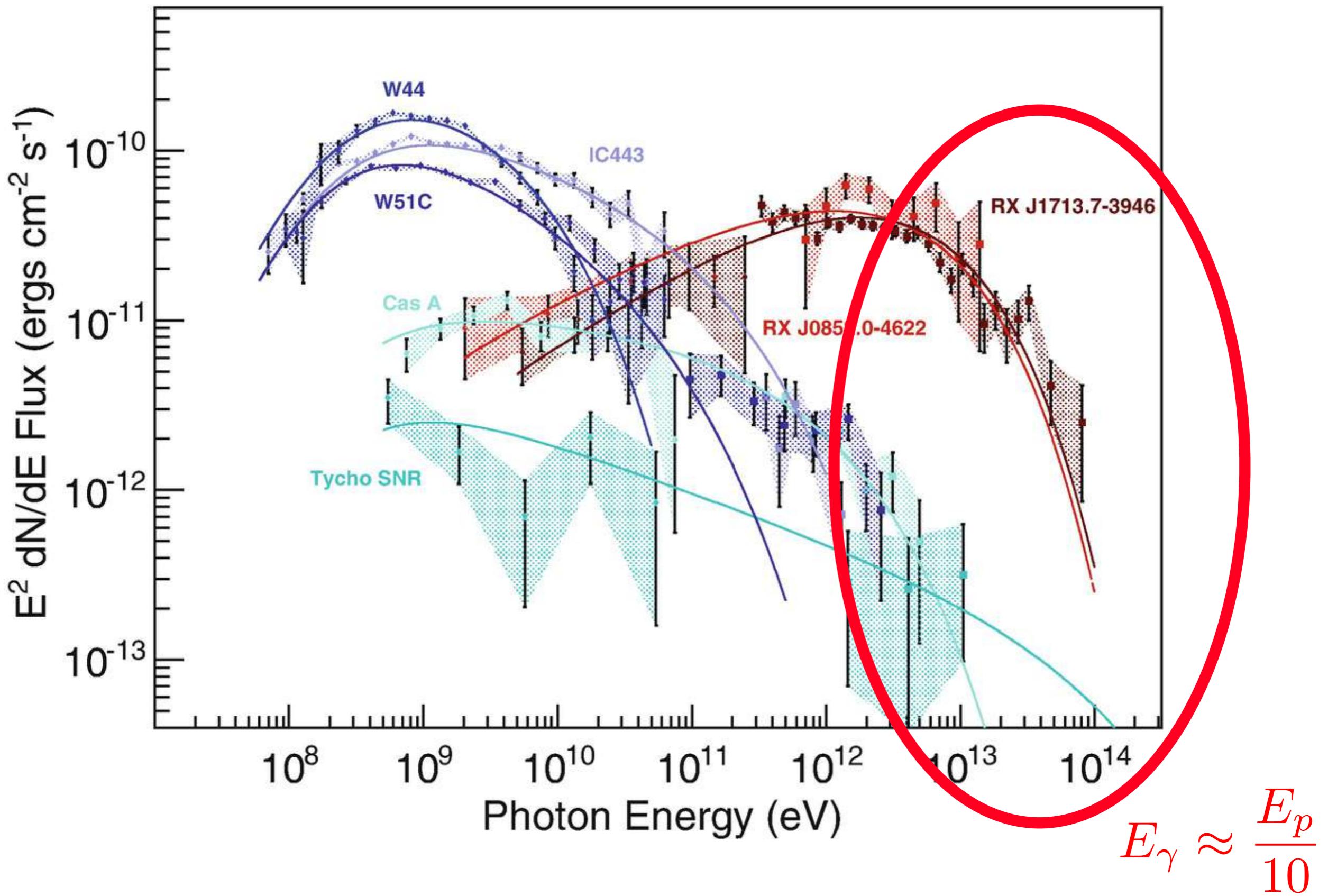


12 years data Fermi-LAT : Hard GeV-TeV spectrum : protons!

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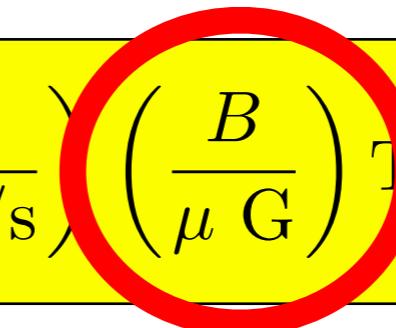


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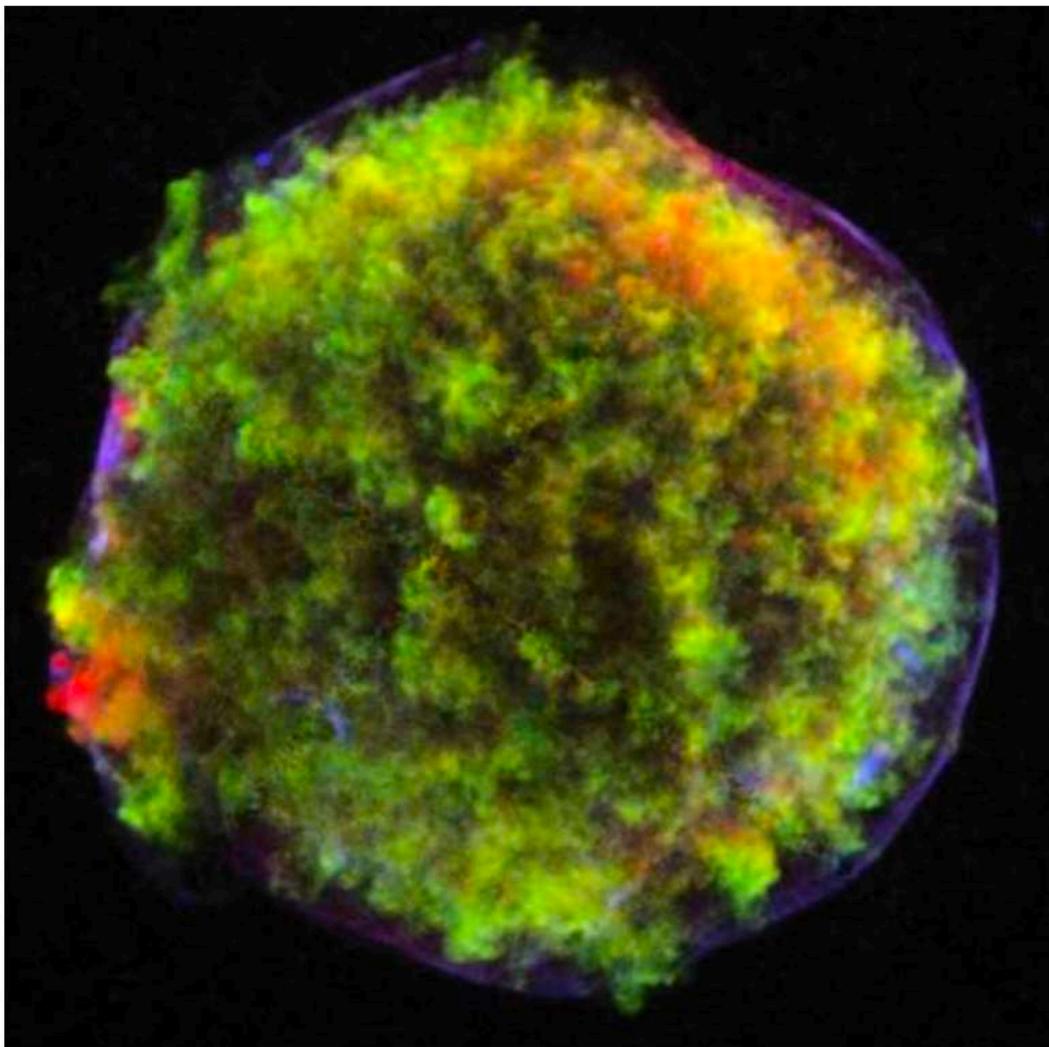


# How to reach PeV energies at a SNR?

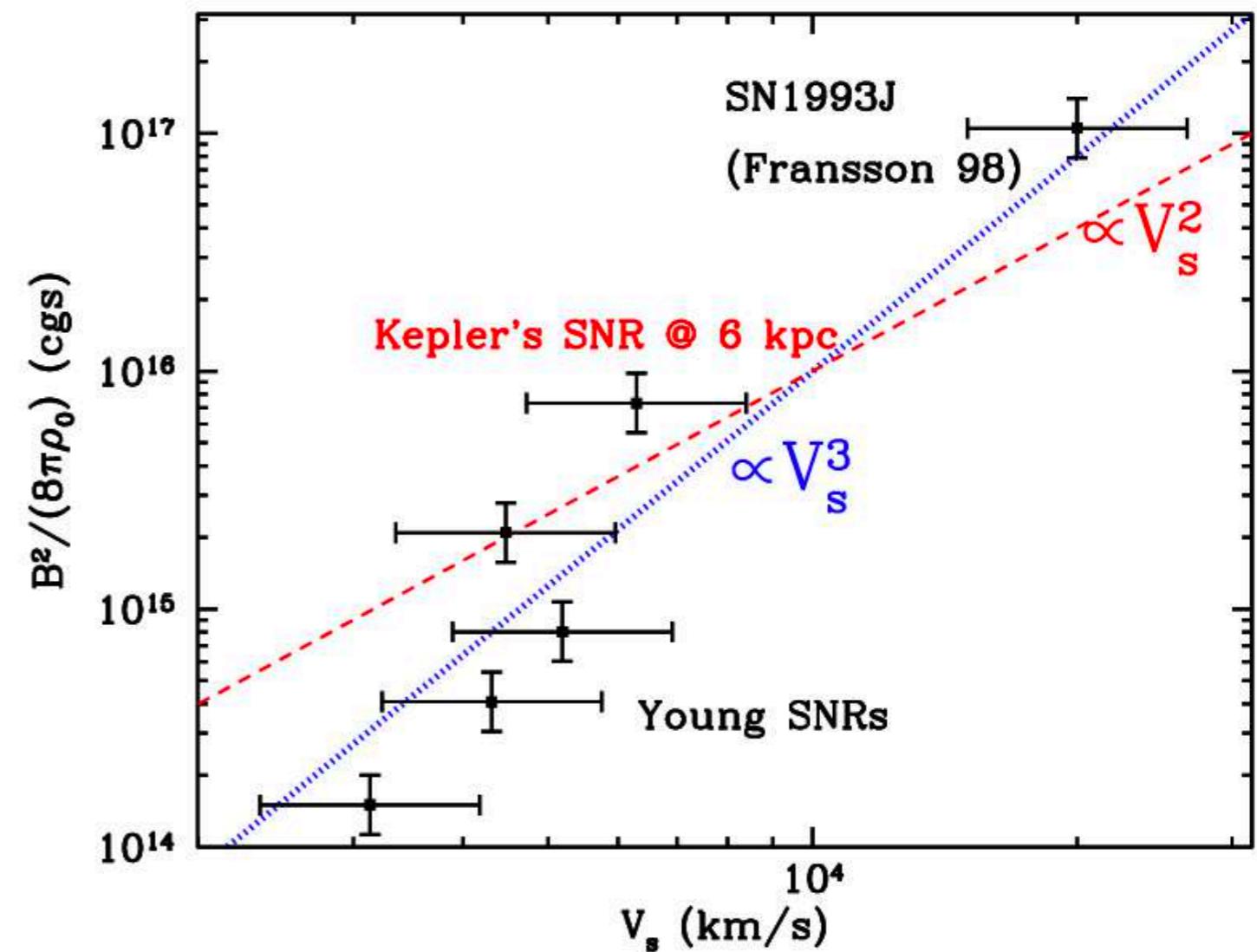
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**B >> B\_ISM**



Tycho with Chandra  
Warren et al. (2005)



Vink (2012)

Possible for young and « energetic » SNRs!

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**Resonant  
streaming of CRs**  
Skiling (1975)

**Instability  
density fluctuations**  
Giacalone & Jokipii (2007)

**Acoustic instability**  
Drury & Falle (1983)

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**Non-resonant streaming**  
Bell (2004)

**Reviews:** Drury (1994)  
Blasi (2013,2019)  
Gabici et al. (2019)

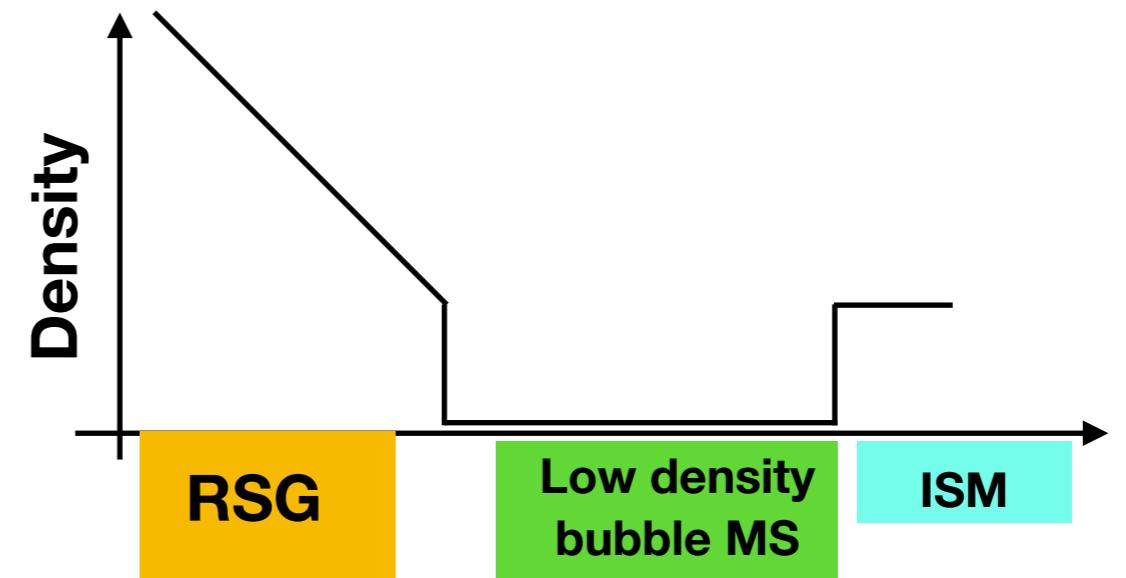
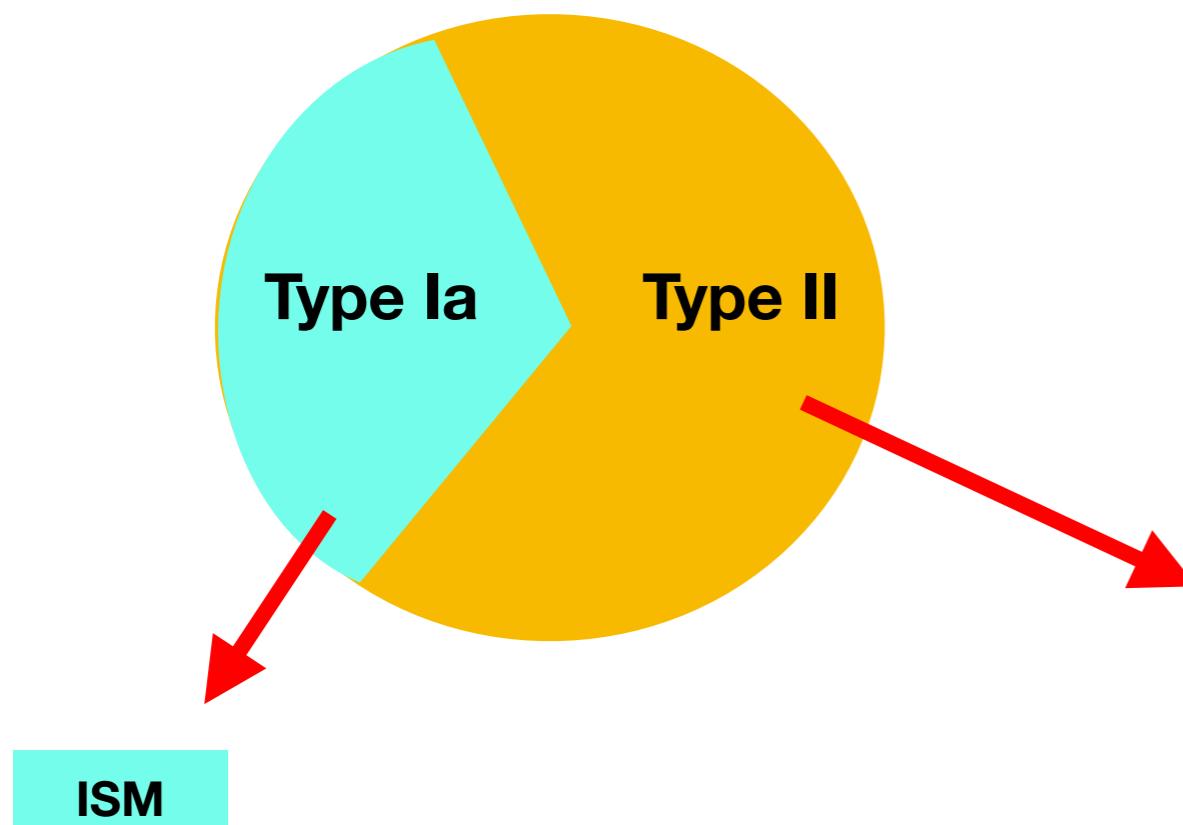
# Non-resonant streaming of CRs

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Growth rate of the non-resonant streaming instability

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Different for different SNRs/SNe



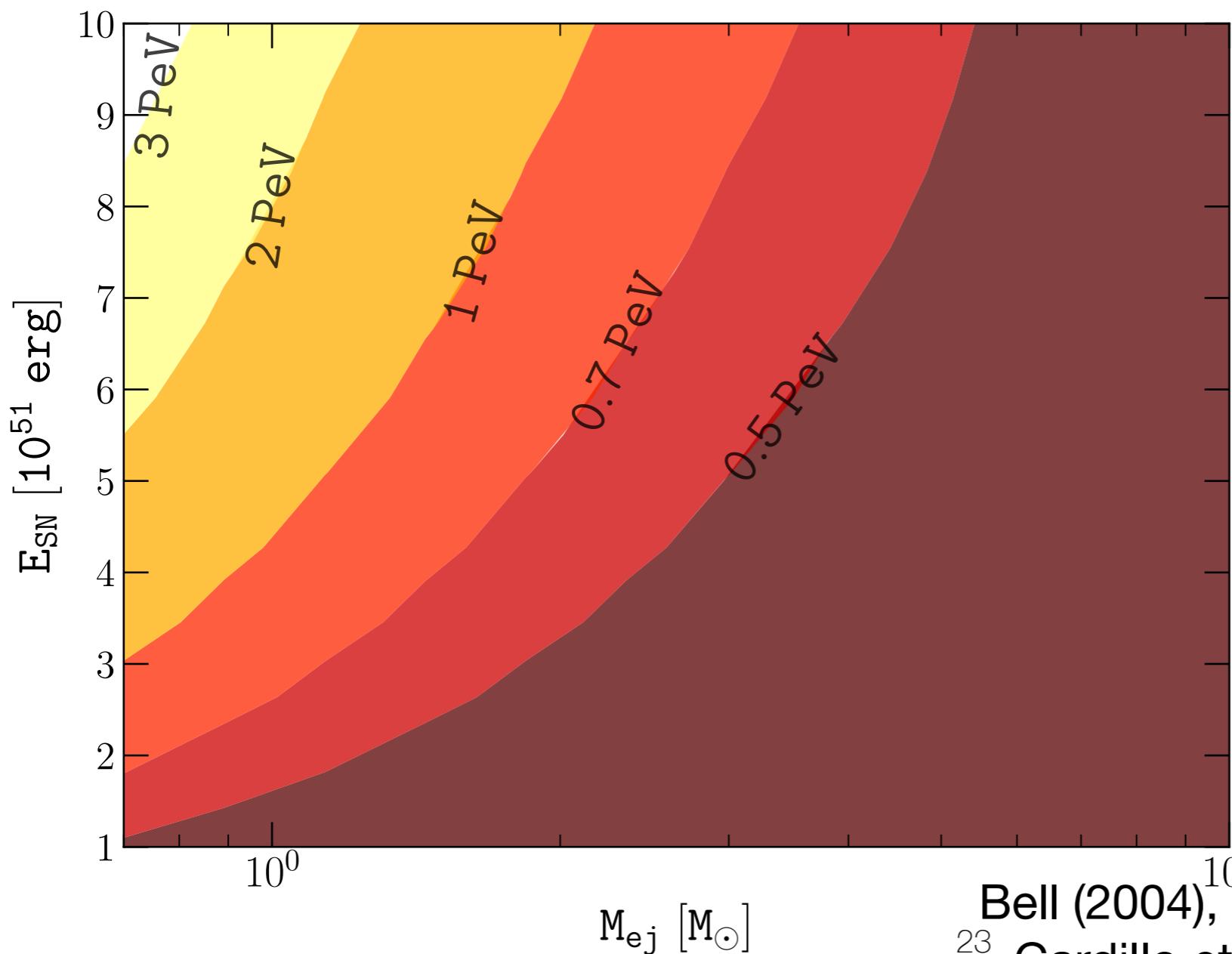
Bell (2004), Bell et al. (2013), Schure et al. (2014)

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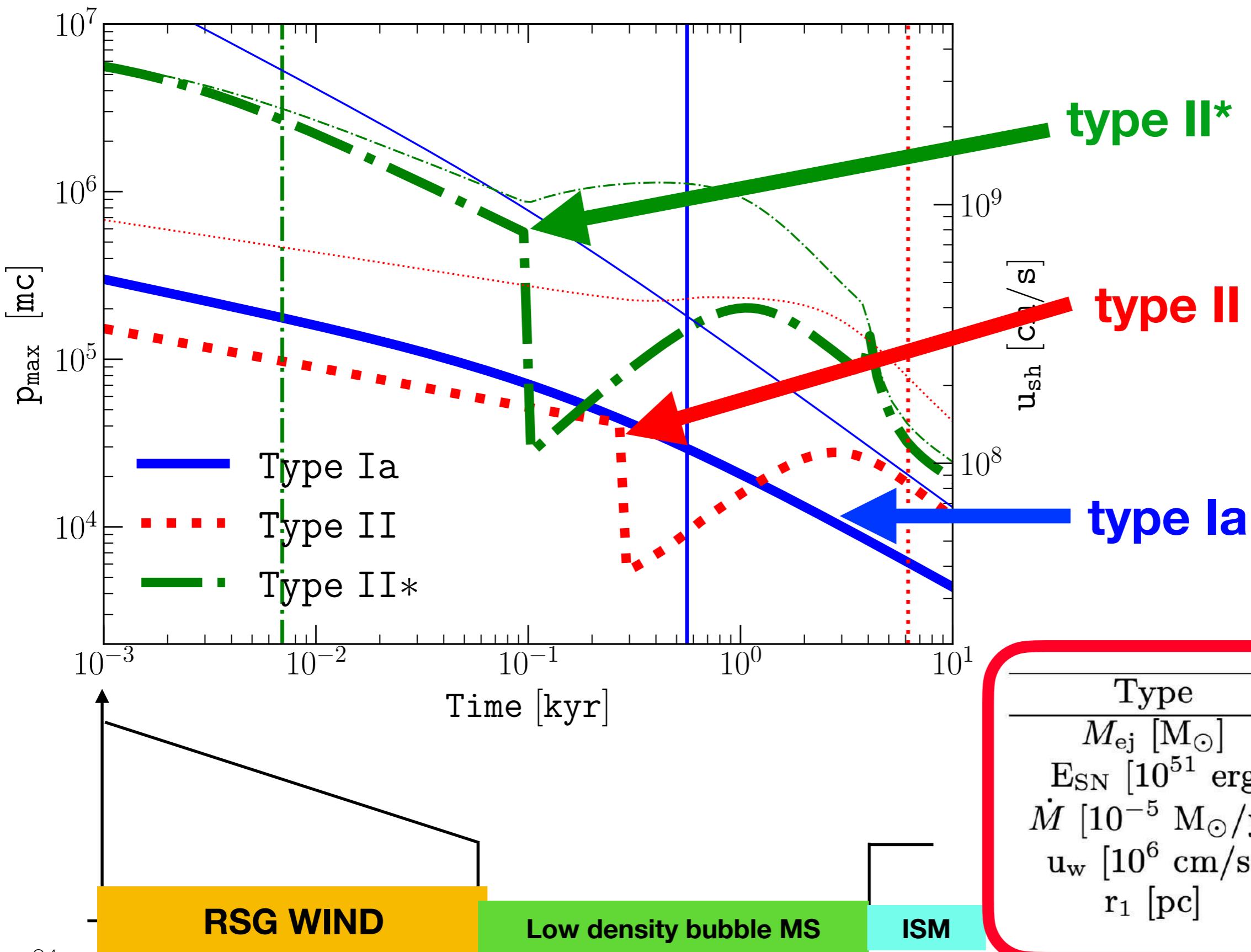
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$$\dot{M}_{\text{RSG}} = 10^{-4} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$$

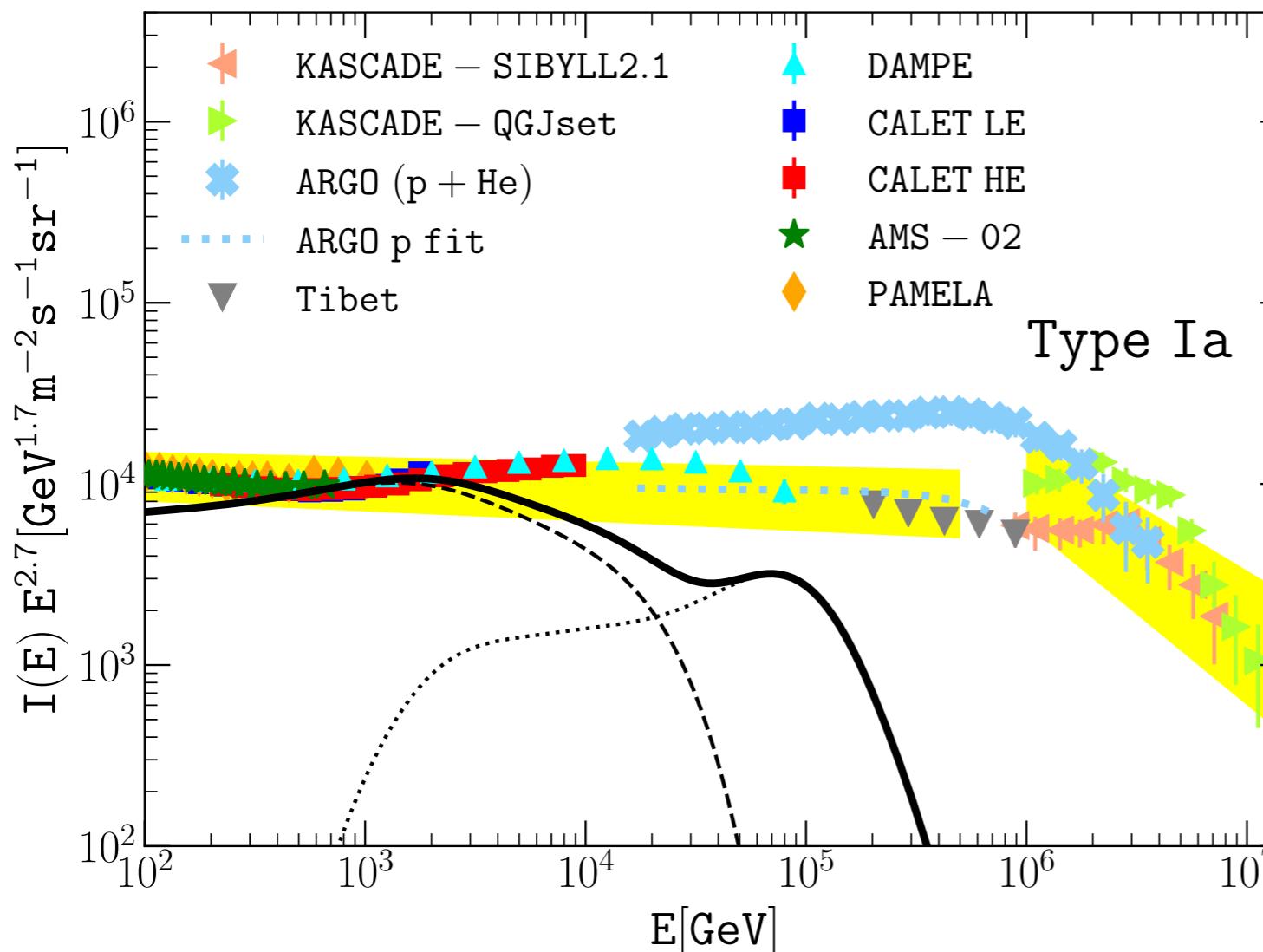
$$\xi = 0.1$$

# Type Ia, type II, type II\*



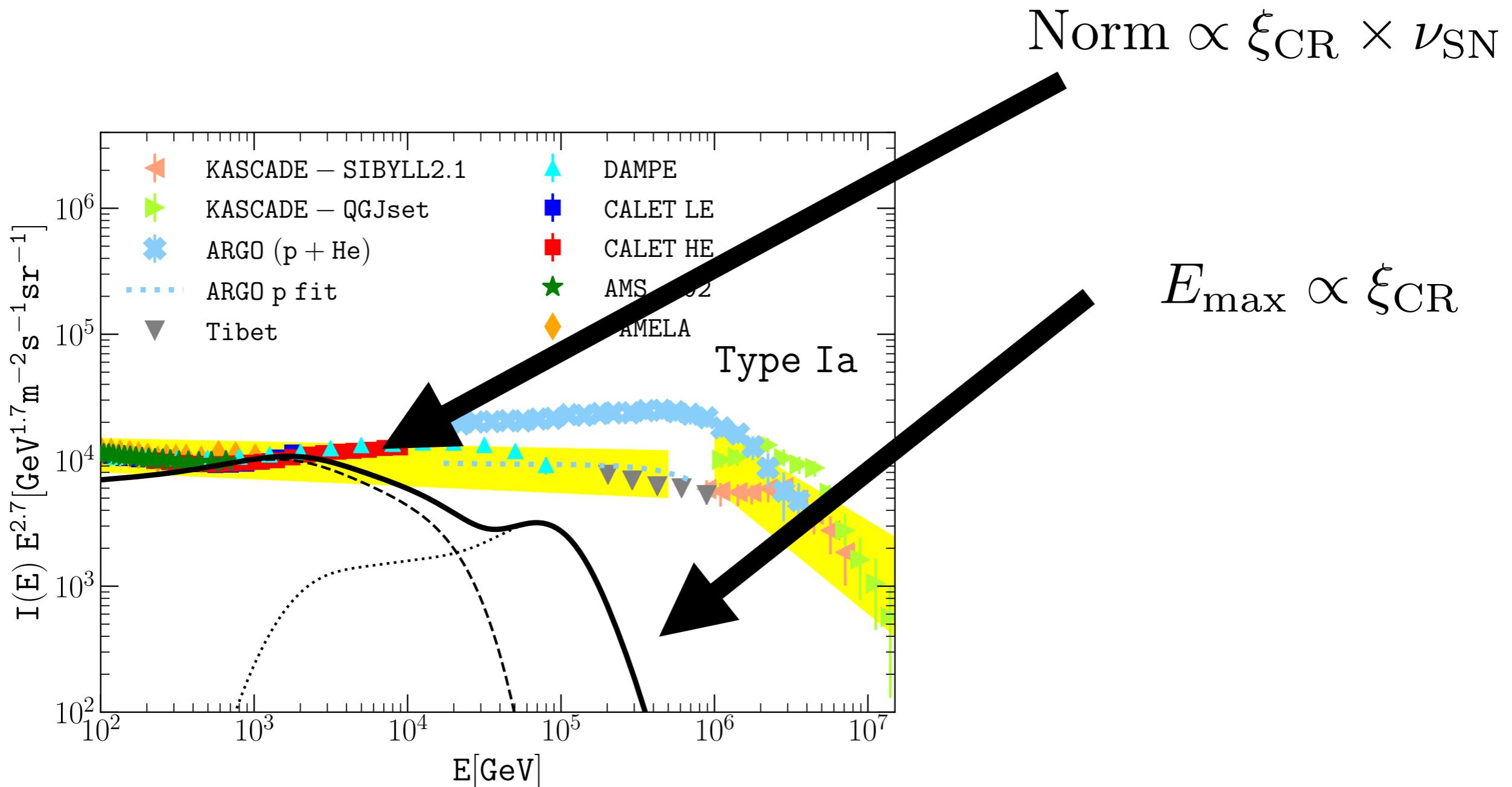
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Using 1D semi-analytical model for transport



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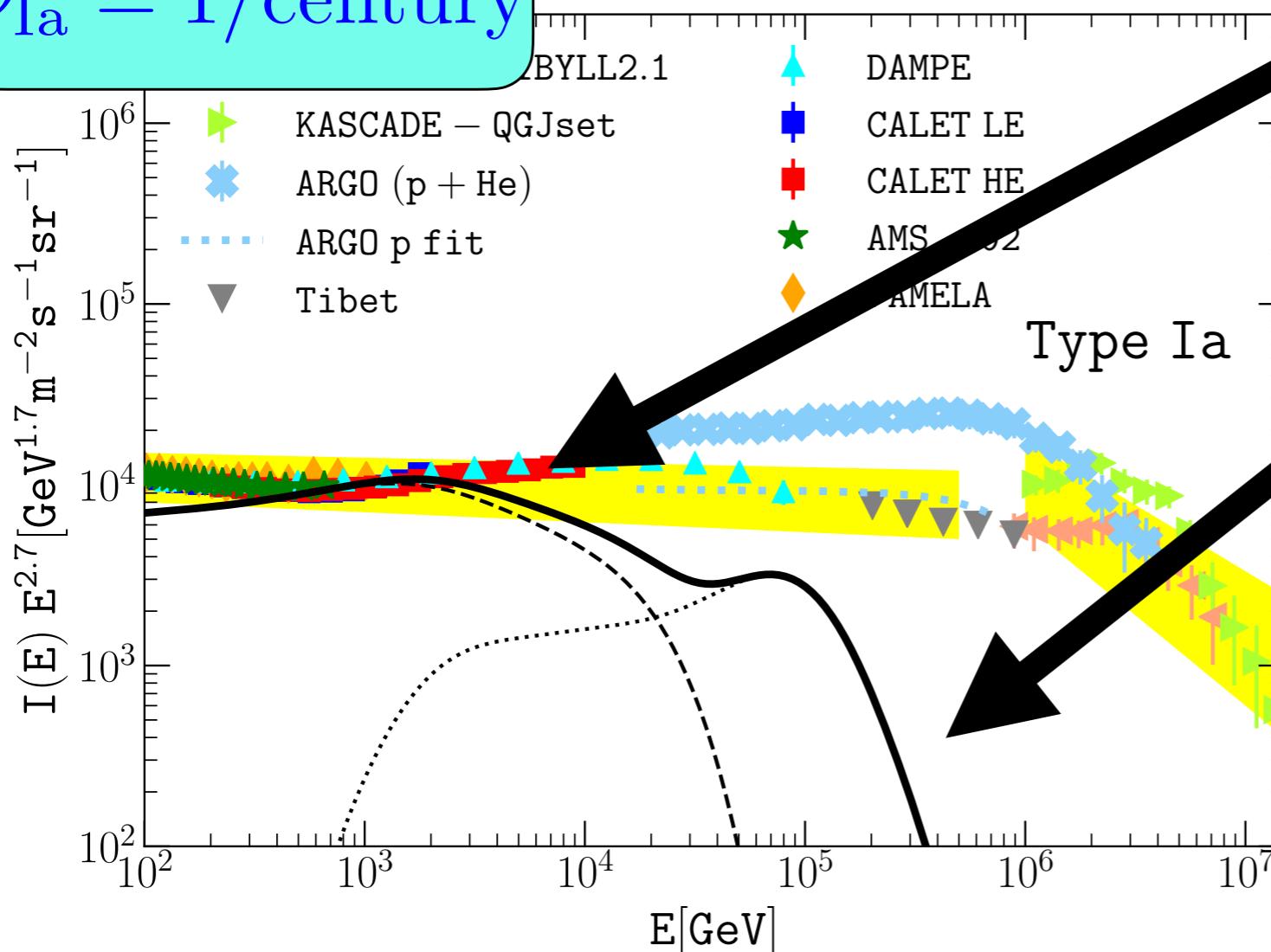
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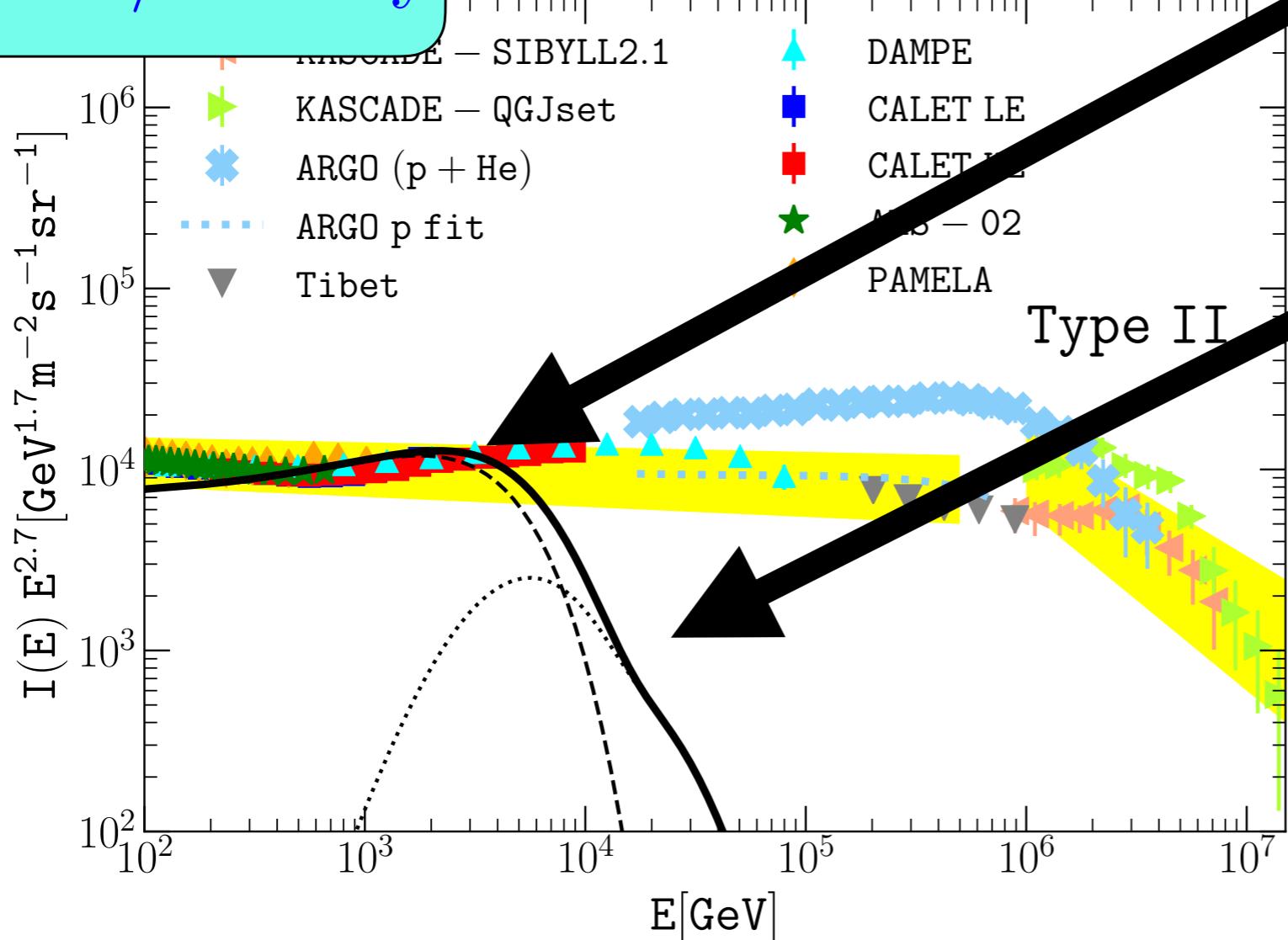
$$\nu_{\text{Ia}} = 1/\text{century}$$



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$$\nu_{II} = 2/\text{century}$$



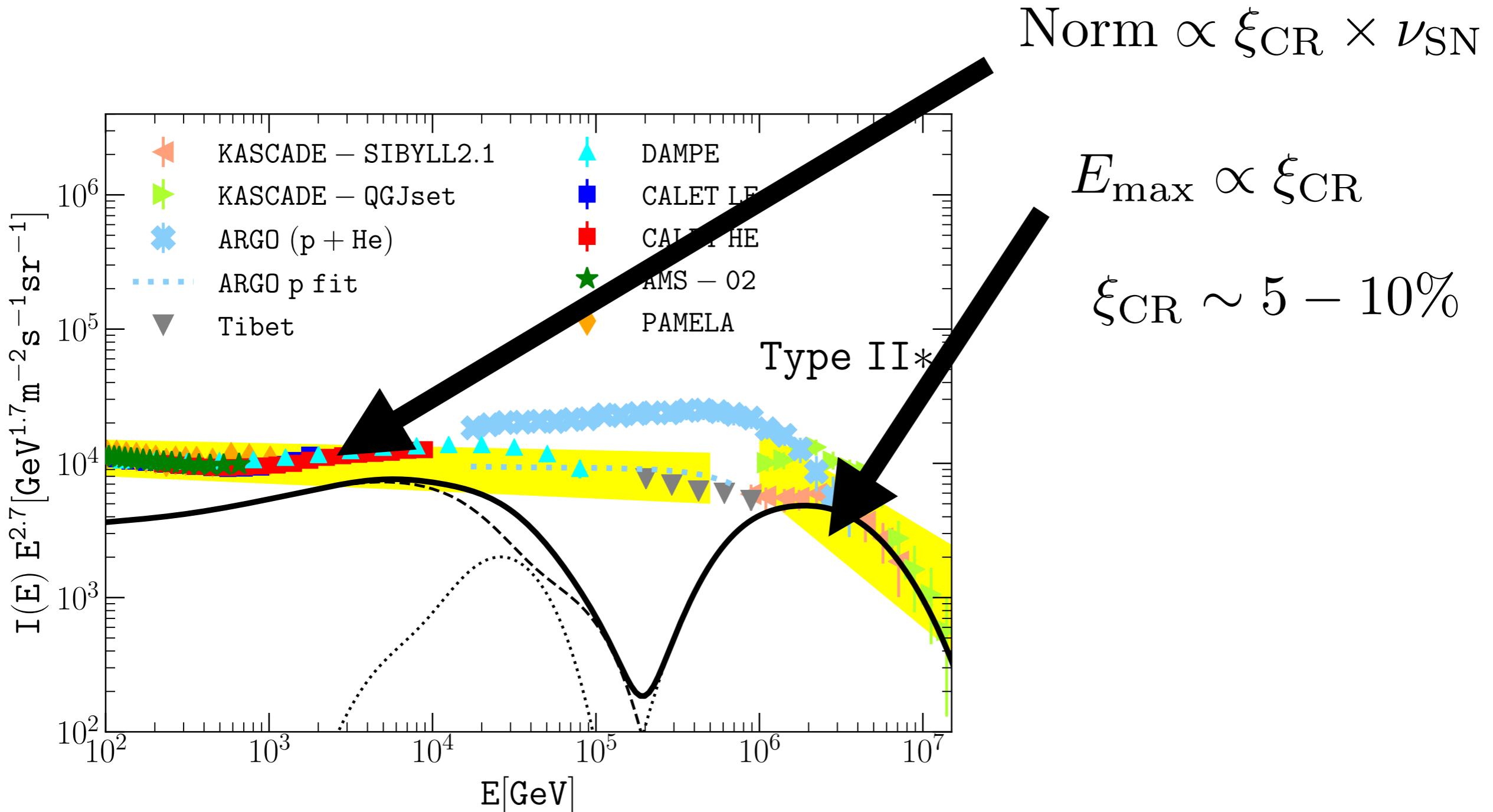
$$\text{Norm} \propto \xi_{\text{CR}} \times \nu_{\text{SN}}$$

$$E_{\text{max}} \propto \xi_{\text{CR}}$$

$$\xi_{\text{SN}} = 0.06$$

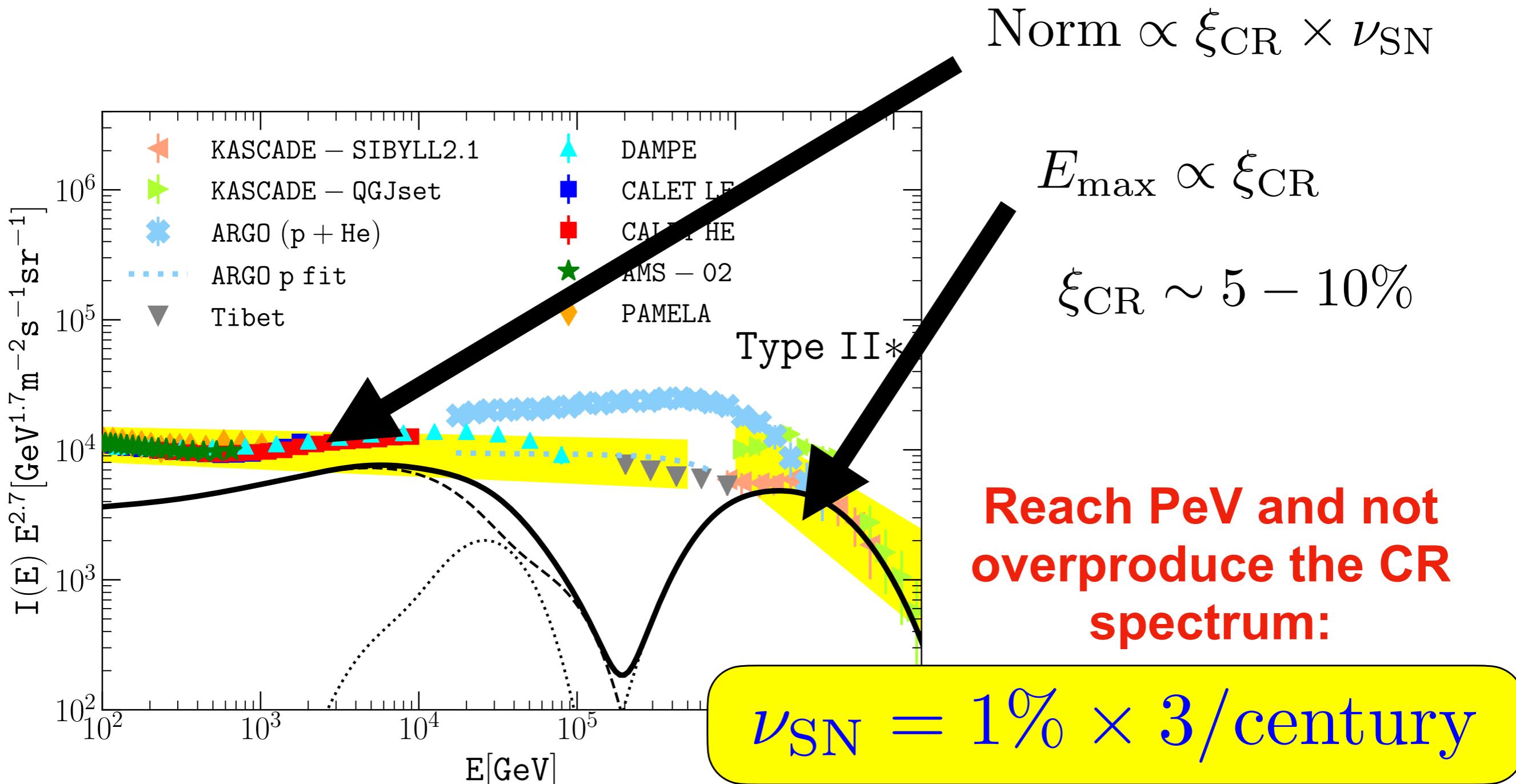
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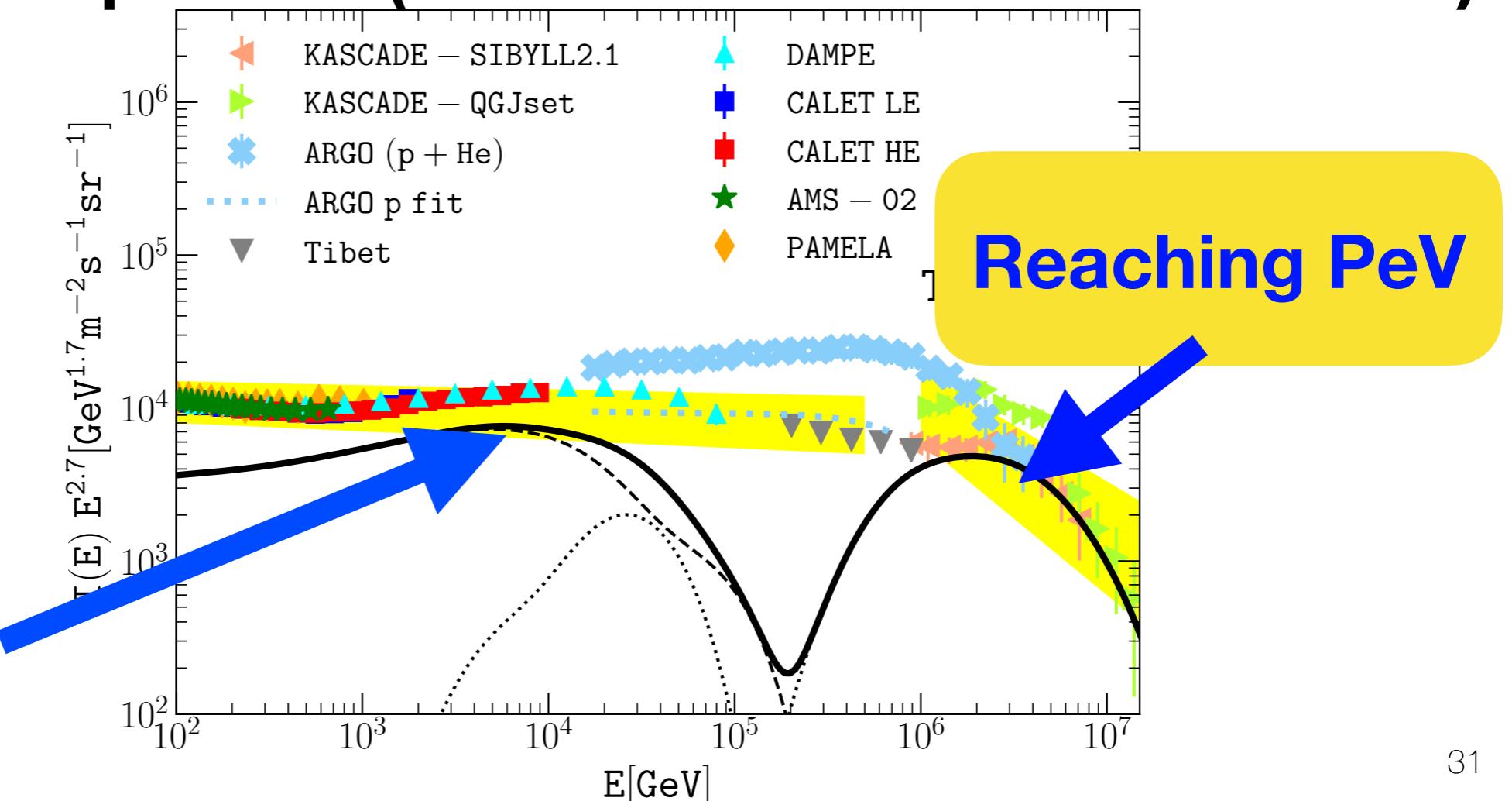


# What does this mean?

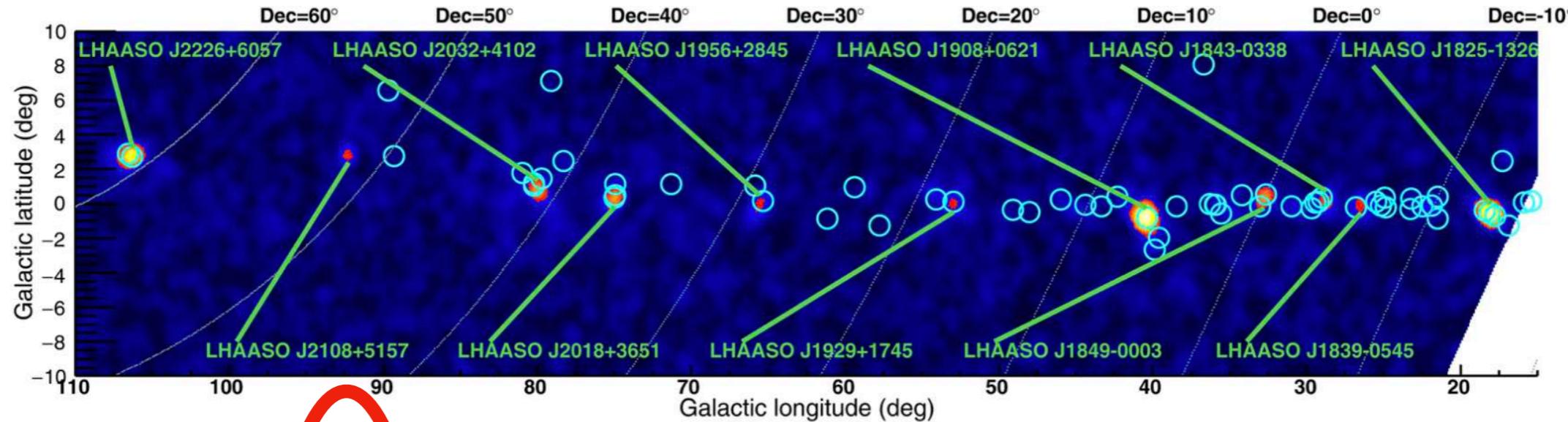
**MAYBE:**

1. SNRs are OK but we won't see any PeVatrons with CTA
2. Another instability (not Bell) comes into play
3. Strong temporal dependance on one/several parameters
4. SNRs are not dominant sources of CRs up to the knee  
(role of other objects/stellar clusters/ massive stars/?)
5. If PeV range with II\* -> not much room for others!

Efficiency < few percent (not 10-15% sim. /observations)



# Ultrahigh-energy photons up to 1.4 petaelectronvolts from 12 $\gamma$ -ray Galactic sources



LHAASO Source	Possible Origin	Type	Distance (kpc)	Age (kyr) <sup>a</sup>	$L_s$ (erg/s) <sup>b</sup>	Potential TeV Counterpart <sup>c</sup>
LHAASO J0534+2202	PSR J0534+2200	PSR	2.0	1.26	$4.5 \times 10^{38}$	Crab, Crab Nebula
LHAASO J1825-1326	PSR J1826-1334	PSR	$3.1 \pm 0.2^d$	21.4	$2.8 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1825-137, HESS J1826-130,
	PSR J1826-1256	PSR	1.6	14.4	$3.6 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1825-134
LHAASO J1839-0545	PSR J1837-0604	PSR	4.8	33.8	$2.0 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1837-065, HESS J1837-069,
	PSR J1838-0537	PSR	$1.3^e$	4.9	$6.0 \times 10^{36}$	HESS J1841-055
LHAASO J1843-0338	SNR G28.6-0.1	SNR	$9.6 \pm 0.3^f$	< 2 <sup>f</sup>	—	HESS J1843-033, HESS J1844-030, 2HWC J1844-032
LHAASO J1849-0003	PSR J1849-0001 W43	PSR YMC	7 <sup>g</sup> $5.5^h$	43.1 —	$9.8 \times 10^{36}$ —	HESS J1849-000, 2HWC J1849+001
LHAASO J1908+0621	SNR G40.5-0.5	SNR	$3.4^i$	$\sim 10 - 20^j$	—	MGRO J1908+06, HESS J1908+063,
	PSR 1907+0602	PSR	2.4	19.5	$2.8 \times 10^{36}$	ARGO J1907+0627, VER J1907+062,
	PSR 1907+0631	PSR	3.4	11.3	$5.3 \times 10^{35}$	2HWC 1908+063
LHAASO J1929+1745	PSR J1928+1746	PSR	4.6	82.6	$1.6 \times 10^{36}$	2HWC J1928+177, 2HWC J1930+188,
	PSR J1930+1852	PSR	6.2	2.9	$1.2 \times 10^{37}$	HESS J1930+188, VER J1930+188
	SNR G54.1+0.3	SNR	$6.3^{+0.8}_{-0.7} d$	$1.8 - 3.3^k$	—	
LHAASO J1956+2845	PSR J1958+2846	PSR	2.0	21.7	$3.4 \times 10^{35}$	2HWC J1955+285
	SNR G66.0-0.0	SNR	$2.3 \pm 0.2^d$	—	—	
LHAASO J2018+3651	PSR J2021+3651 Sh 2-104	PSR H II/YMC	$1.8^{+1.7}_{-1.4} l$ $3.3 \pm 0.3^m / 4.0 \pm 0.5^n$	17.2 —	$3.4 \times 10^{36}$ —	MGRO J2019+37, VER J2019+368, VER J2016+371
LHAASO J2032+4102	Cygnus OB2	YMC	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	—	—	TeV J2032+4130, ARGO J2031+4157,
	PSR 2032+4127	PSR	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	201	$1.5 \times 10^{35}$	MGRO J2031+41, 2HWC J2031+415,
	SNR G79.8+1.2	SNR candidate	—	—	—	VER J2032+414
LHAASO J2108+5157	—	—	—	—	—	—
LHAASO J2226+6057	SNR G106.3+2.7	SNR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	—	VER J2227+608, Boomerang Nebula
	PSR J2229+6114	PSR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	$2.2 \times 10^{37}$	

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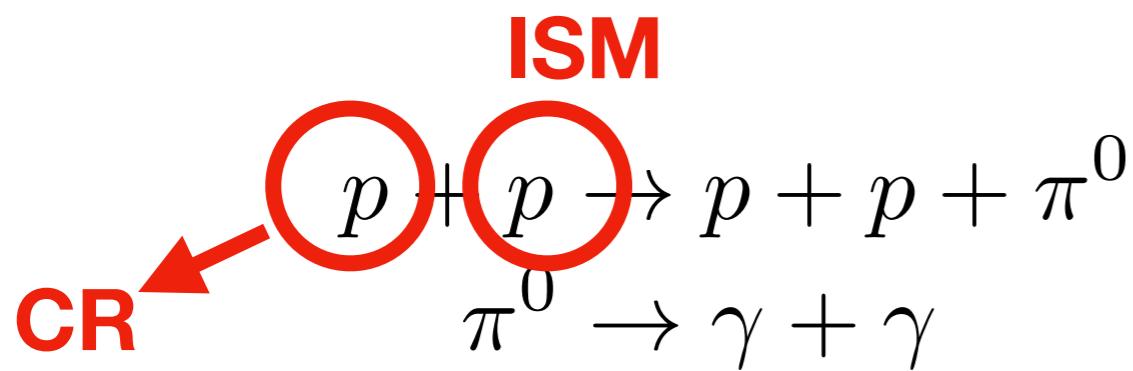
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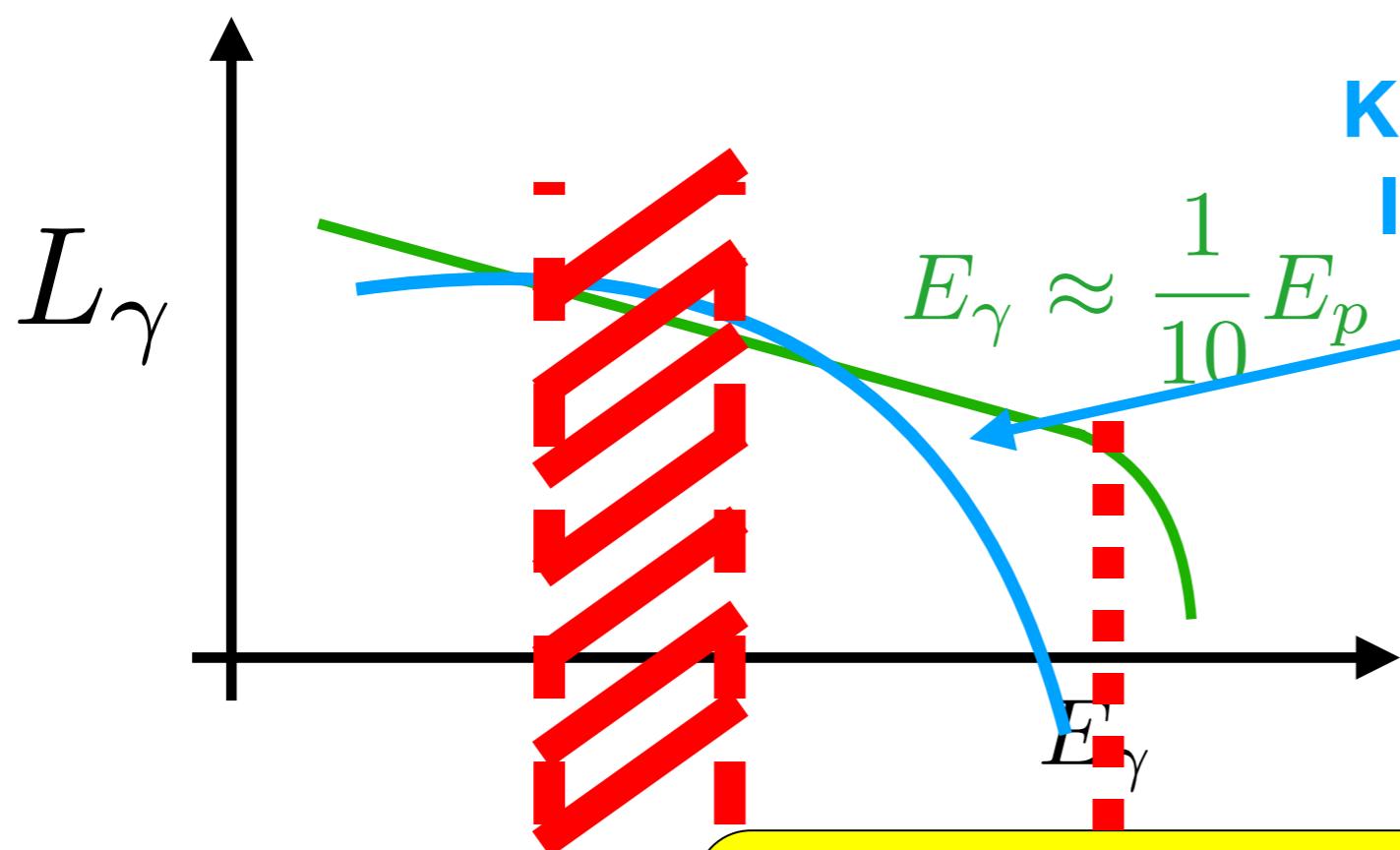
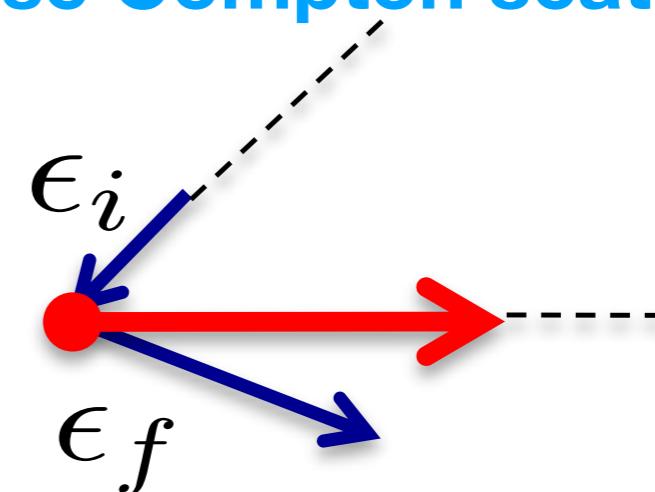
**When instruments were optimized in the 1-10 TeV range**

**Hadronic interactions :**

**Pion decay**

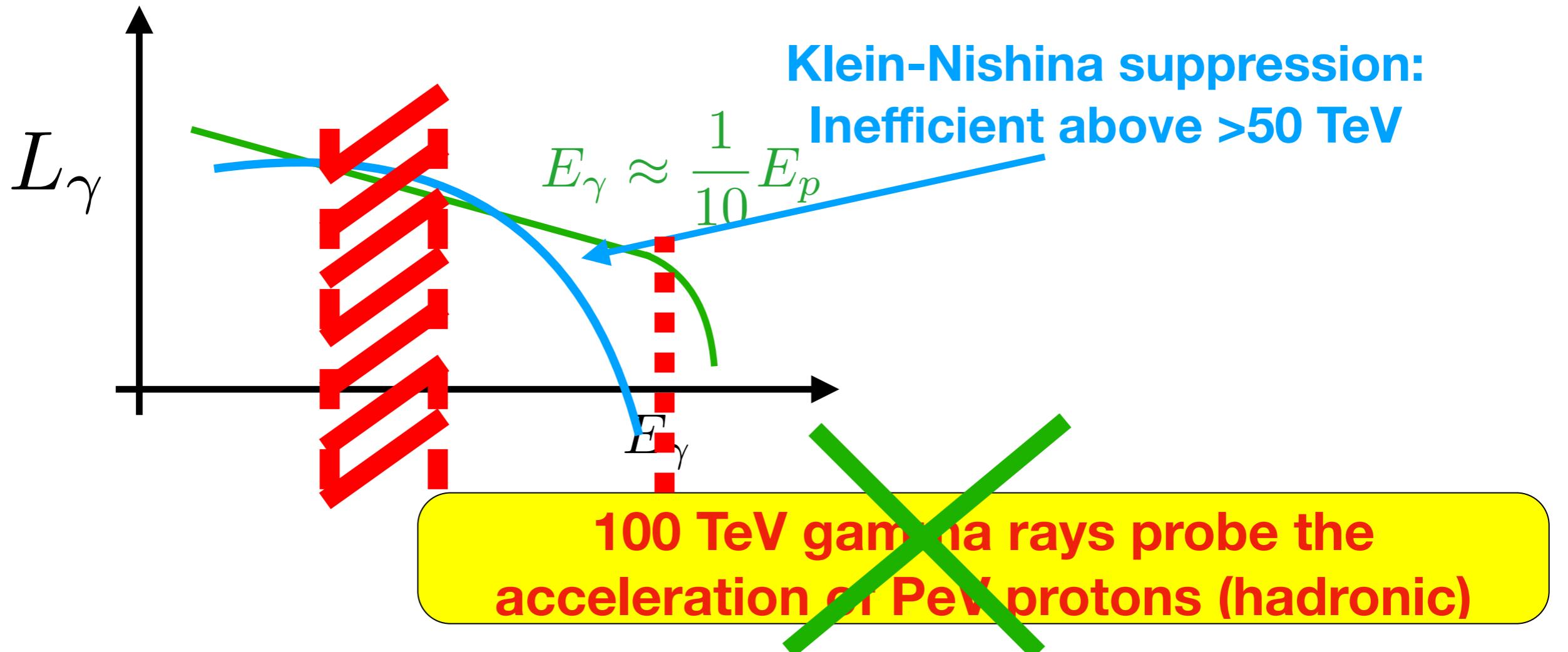


**Leptonic interactions :**  
**Inverse Compton scattering**



**Klein-Nishina suppression:**  
**Inefficient above >50 TeV**

**100 TeV gamma rays probe the acceleration  
of PeV protons (hadronic)**



LHAASO J2018+3651	PSR J2021+3651	PSR H II/YMC	$1.8^{+1.7\ell}_{-1.4}$	17.2	$3.4 \times 10^{36}$	MGRO J2019+37, VER J2019+368, VER J2016+371
LHAASO J2032+4102	Cygnus OB2	YMC	$3.3 \pm 0.3^m/4.0 \pm 0.5^n$	—	—	TeV J2032+4130, ARGO J2031+4157,
	PSR 2032+4127	PSR	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	201	$1.5 \times 10^{35}$	MGRO J2031+41, 2HWC J2031+415,
	SNR G79.8+1.2	SNR candidate	$1.40 \pm 0.08^o$	—	—	VER J2032+414
LHAASO J2108+5157	—	—	—	—	—	—
LHAASO J2226+6057	SNR G106.3+2.7	SNR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	—	VER J2227+608, Boomerang Nebula
	PSR J2229+6114	PSR	$0.8^p$	$\sim 10^p$	$2.2 \times 10^{37}$	

Very uncertain nature of these sources?  
 Proton acceleration? Electron acceleration?  
 Not many SNRs in this list!

# Hadronic vs. Leptonic

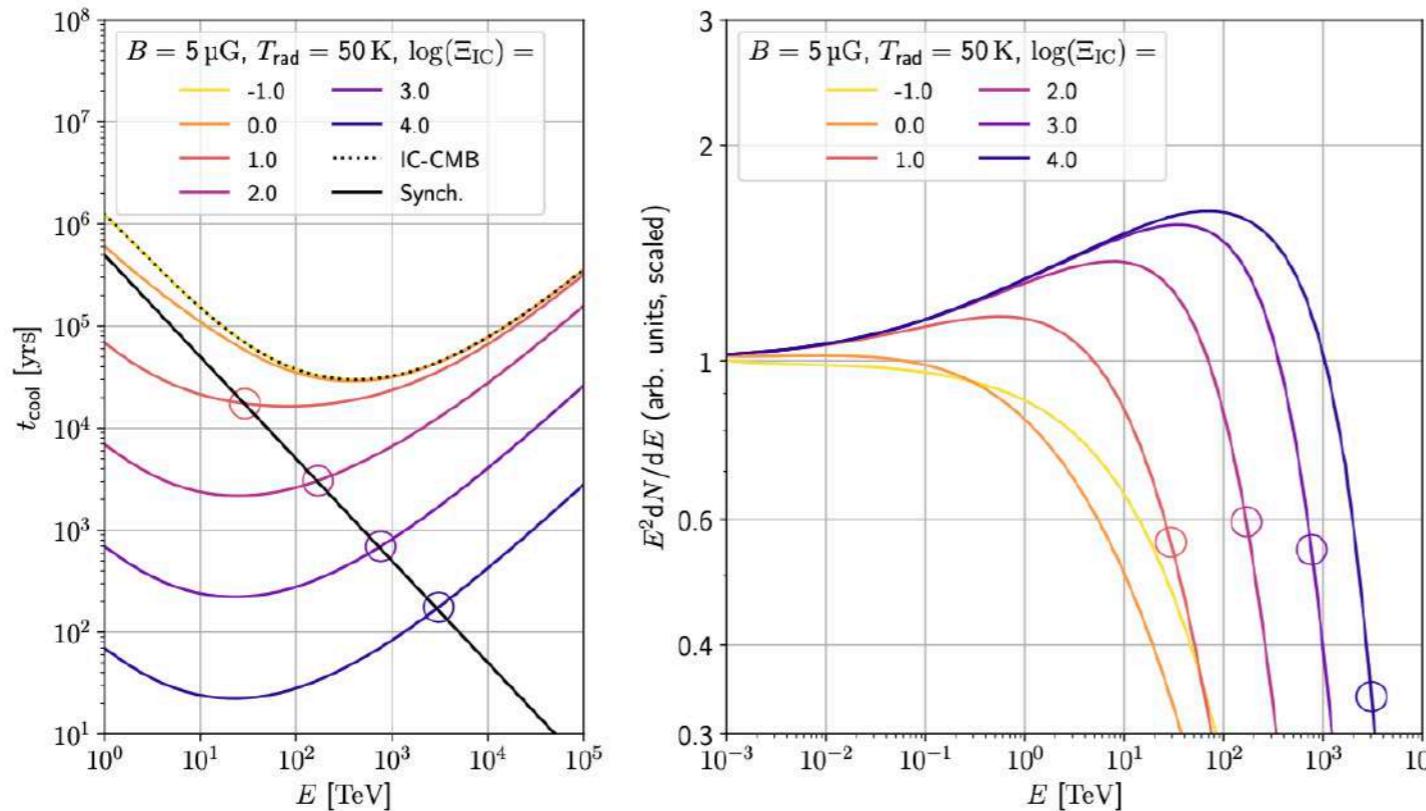
## Ultra-high energy Inverse Compton emission from Galactic electron accelerators

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It is generally held that >100 TeV emission from astrophysical objects unambiguously demonstrates the presence of PeV protons or nuclei, due to the unavoidable Klein-Nishina suppression of inverse Compton emission from electrons. However, in the presence of inverse Compton dominated cooling, hard high-energy electron spectra are possible. We show that the environmental requirements for such spectra can naturally be met in spiral arms, and in particular in regions of enhanced star formation activity, the natural locations for the most promising electron accelerators: powerful young pulsars. Our scenario suggests a population of hard ultra-high energy sources is likely to be revealed in future searches, and may also provide a natural explanation for the 100 TeV sources recently reported by HAWC.



Vannoni, Gabici & Aharonian 2007

# And... other candidates!

## Massive stars as sources of cosmic rays

### Massive Stars as Major Factories of Galactic Cosmic Rays

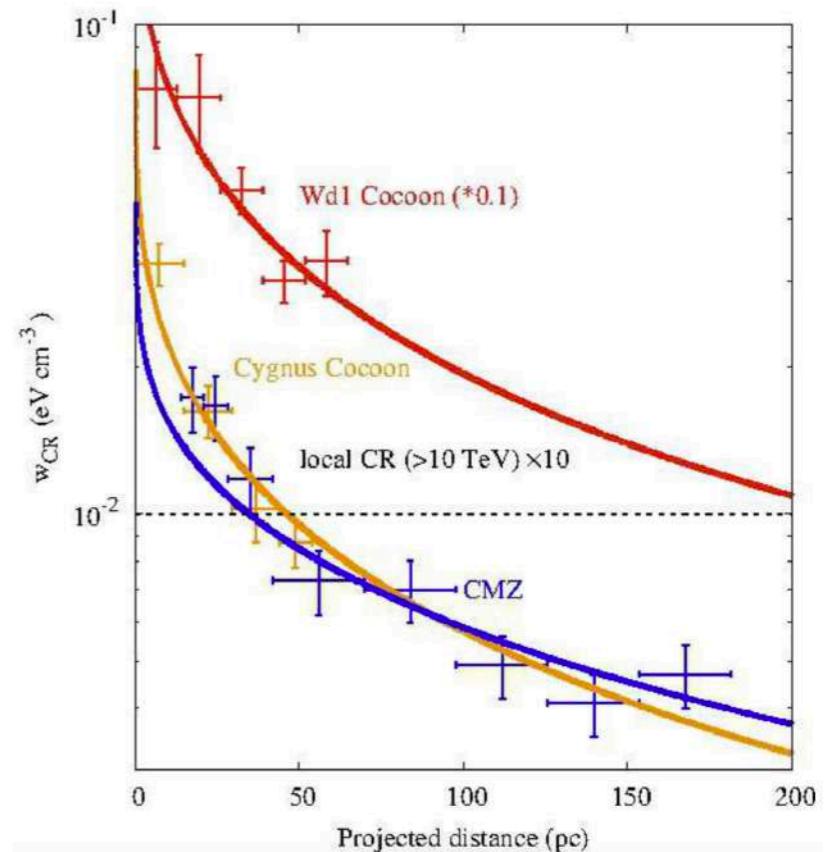
Felix Aharonian<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Ruizhi Yang<sup>2</sup>, Emma de Oña Wilhelmi<sup>4,5,6</sup> **2019**

### Particle acceleration in winds of star clusters

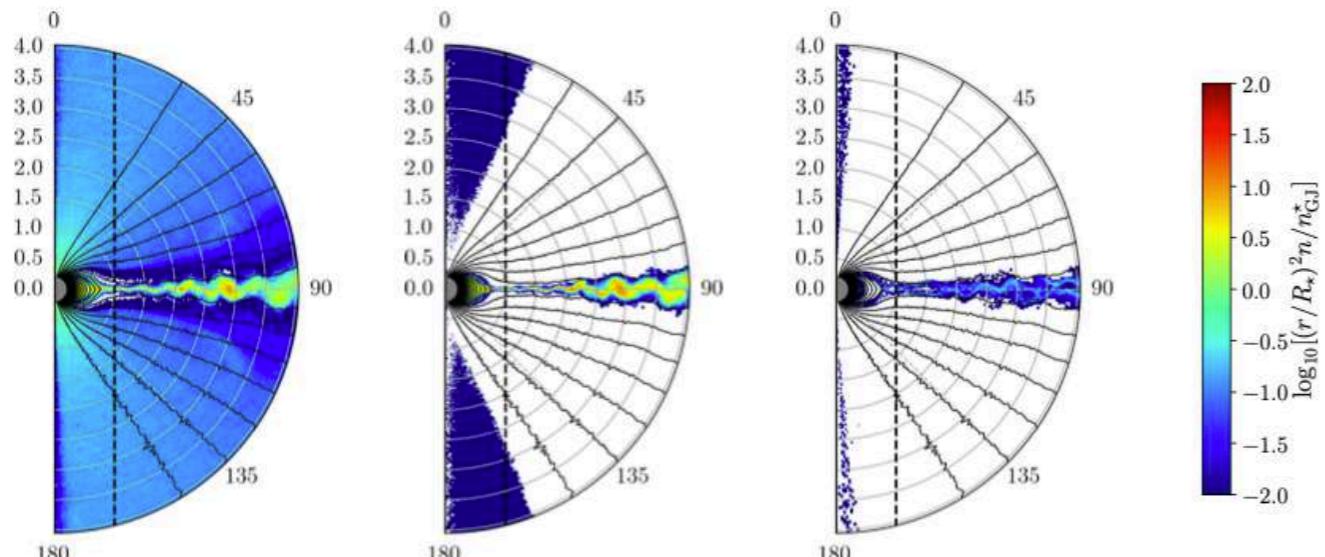
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G. Morlino<sup>1\*</sup>, P. Blasi<sup>2,3†</sup>, E. Peretti<sup>4,2‡</sup> & P. Cristofari<sup>2,3§</sup>

- + Gupta et al. (2020)
- + Menchiari et al. (2022)



## 'Leptonic' pevatrons also 'hadronic' sources?



### Proton acceleration in pulsar magnetospheres

Claire Guépin<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Benoît Cerutti<sup>4</sup>, and Kumiko Kotera<sup>1</sup>

**2020**

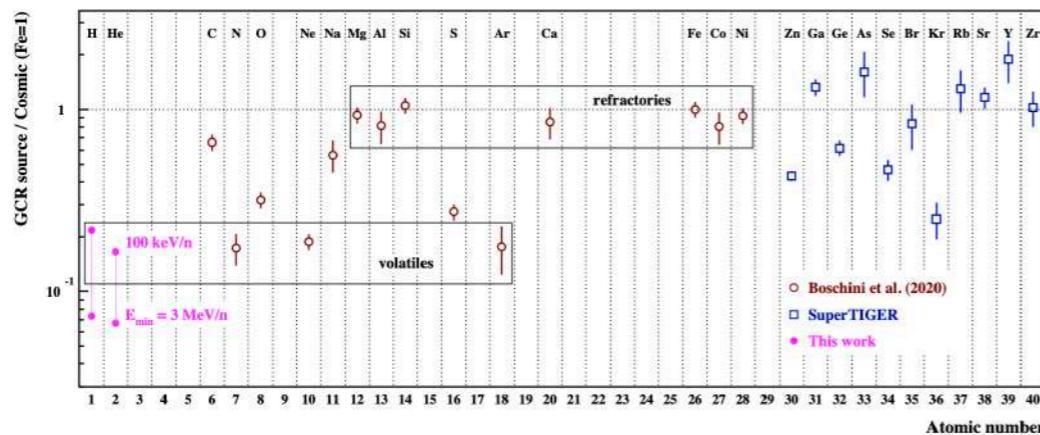
# And... other candidates!

## Superbubbles

### The Origin of Galactic Cosmic Rays as Revealed by their Composition

Vincent Tatischeff,<sup>1</sup>\* John C. Raymond,<sup>2</sup> Jean Duprat<sup>3</sup> Stefano Gabici<sup>4</sup> and Sarah Recchia<sup>1,5</sup>

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Parizot et al. 2004

Ferrand & Marcowith 2010

Vieu, Gabici, Tatischeff 2021,2022

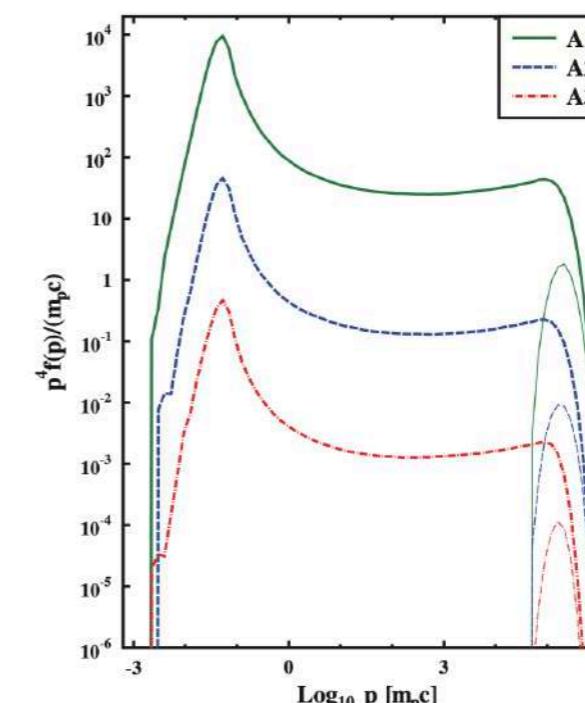
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### Particle Acceleration in Mildly Relativistic Outflows of Fast Energetic Transient Sources

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2022



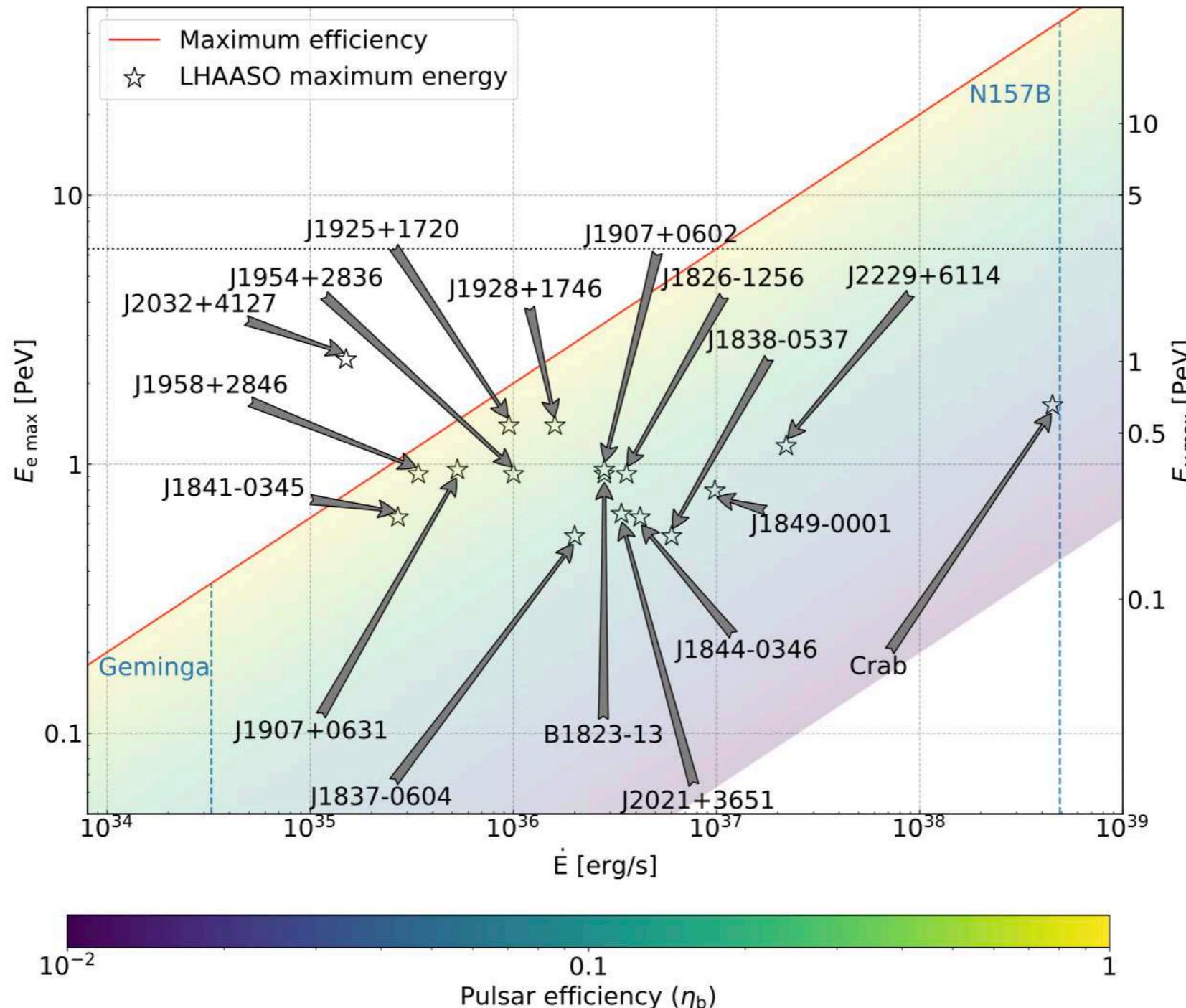
# And... other candidates!

## On the potential of bright, young pulsars to power ultra-high gamma-ray sources

EMMA DE OÑA WILHELMI ,<sup>1</sup> RUBÉN LÓPEZ-COTO ,<sup>2,3</sup> ELENA AMATO ,<sup>4,5</sup> AND FELIX AHARONIAN ,<sup>6,7</sup>

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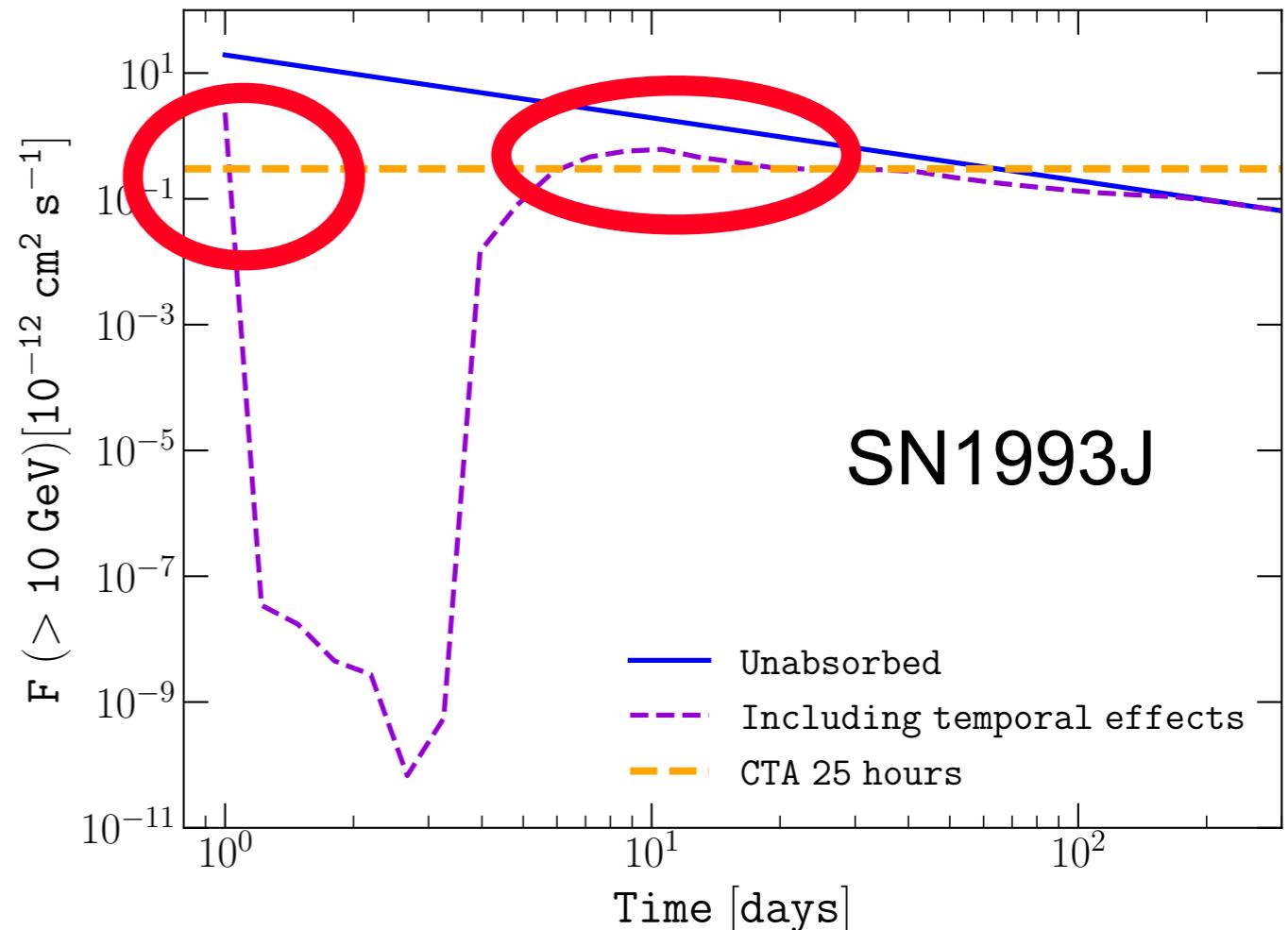
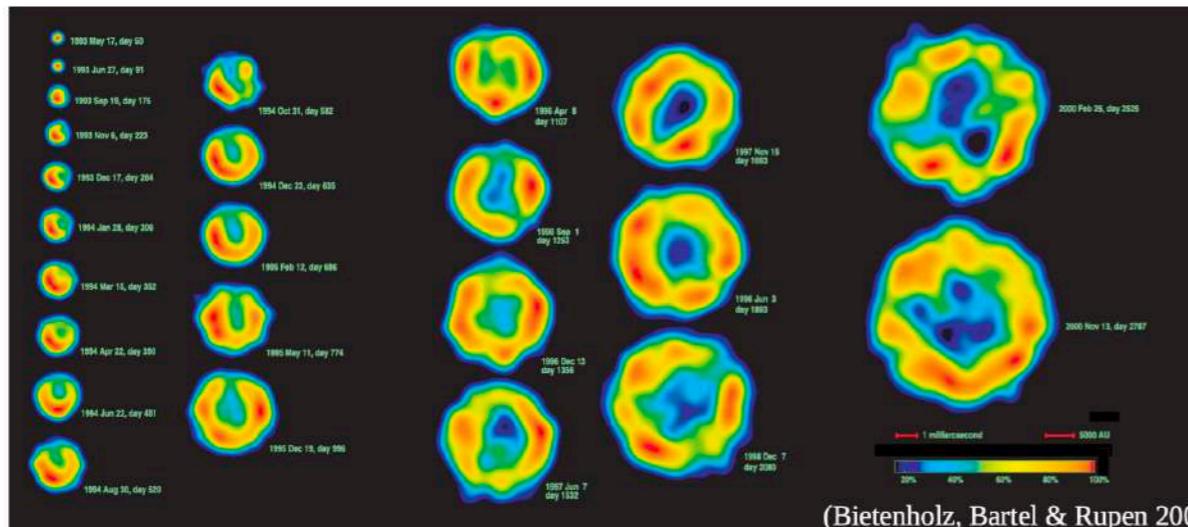


# And... other candidates!

## Core collapse supernovae

Gamma rays in the first days after the SN explosion

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$$



The potential for detection with CTA (Consortium paper in preparation)

F. Acero, C. Boisson, J. Devin, V. Dwarkadas, G. Giacinti, N. Komin, A. Marcowith, M. Renaud, S. Ohm, J. Vink, H. Sol, T. Stolarczyk, V. Tatischeff

Brose, Pohl, Sushch (2021)

Brose, Sushch, Mackey (2022)

PC et al. (2020,2022)

## Summary

For a long time.

- 1.'detecting pevatrons' ~ 'finding supernova remnant pevatrons'
2. Detection in the 100 TeV gamma-ray range (relatively hard spectra)= hadronic pevatrons

Now:

1. many pevtron candidates (superbubbles, stellar clusters, leptonic sources, supernovae, SNRs)
2. 'Interpretation of 100 TeV gamma rays' is tricky Improved angular/ spectral studies + multi-wavelength studies
3. CTA paper on pevatrons: useful tools and discussion on how to identify pevatrons (on the example of SNR populations)

**'Theory and phenomenology of pevatrons' (lecture/seminar CDY, Stefano Gabici)**

**'The hunt for pevatrons: the role played by supernova remnants' (short review, PC)**