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# Galactic Sources as Seen by Fermi-LAT

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# Outline of the Talk

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## One-year Fermi LAT observations of

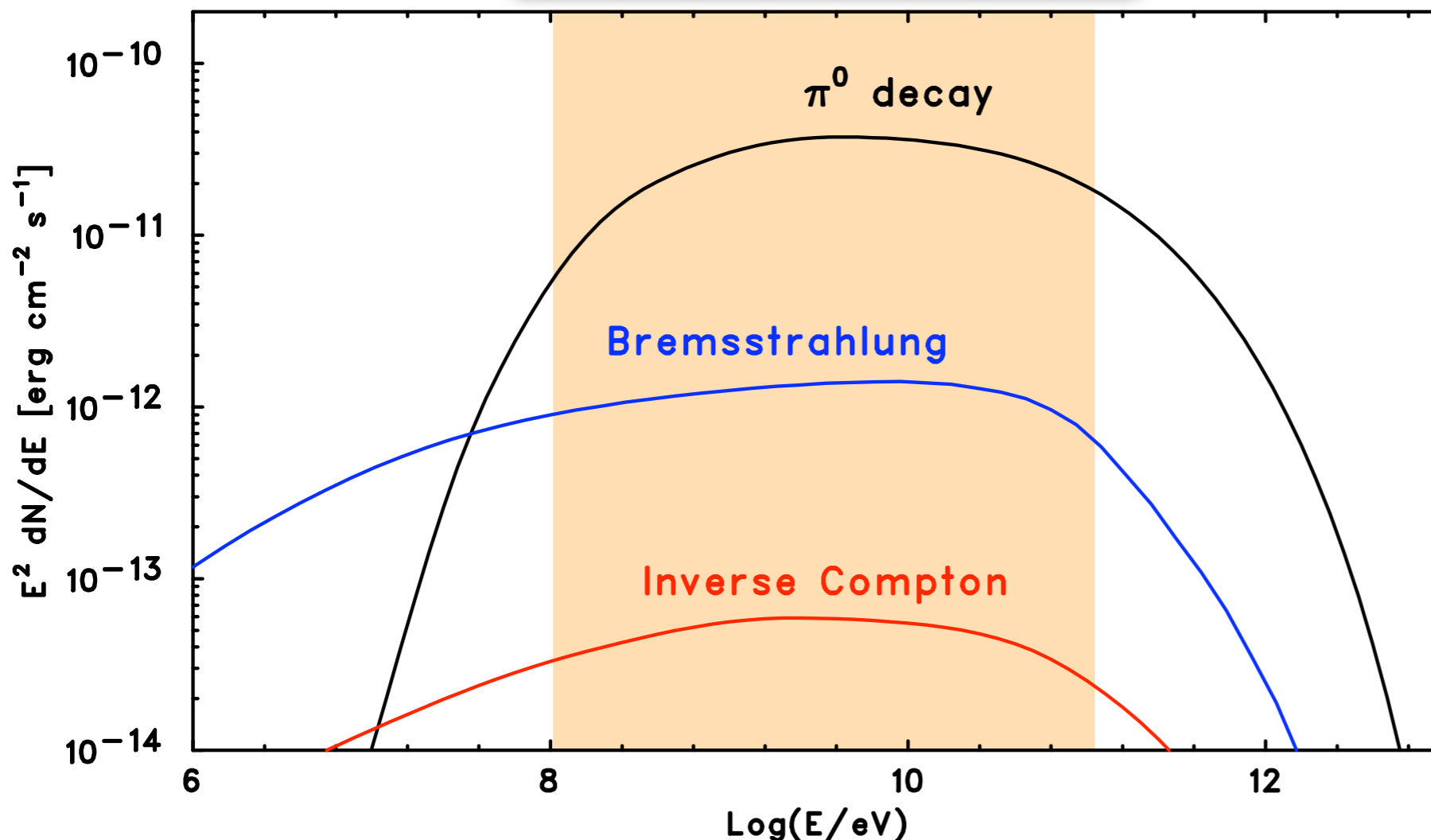
- Supernova remnants
  - W44
  - W51C
- Pulsar wind nebula
  - Crab nebula
  - Vela X
- Binaries
  - LS I +61° 303
  - LS 5039

# SNRs in GeV

► Key issues to be addressed by **Fermi LAT**:

- Searching for  **$\pi^0$ -decay** signatures,
- Measuring total **CR energy content** per SNR,
- Measuring **CR spectrum**,
- Learning how CRs are **released** into ISM.

Typical Gamma-ray Spectrum



- $D = 3$  kpc
- $n = 100$  cm<sup>-3</sup>
- $W_p = 10^{49}$  erg
- $W_e = 10^{47}$  erg
- $E_{p,\text{max}} = E_{e,\text{max}} = 2.0$  TeV
- Particle index = 2.0
- Constant injection over  $1.0 \times 10^4$  yr

**Interaction with  
molecular cloud  
enhances Pion-decay/  
Bremsstrahlung**

# Fermi-LAT SNRs

## **IC 443: (A. Rodriguez on behalf of Fermi LAT at 31st ICRC)**

- Middle Age, Mixed Morphology SNR, Distance 1.5 kpc
- Interactions with Molecular Cloud
- EGRET, AGILE, MAGIC, VERITUS
- **Fermi-LAT** (0FGL J0617.4+2234: **3 months** data yield **51 $\sigma$** )

## **W44: (T. Tanaka on behalf of Fermi LAT at 31st ICRC)**

- Middle Age (20000 yr), Mixed Morphology SNR, Distance 3 kpc
- Interactions with Molecular Cloud
- EGRET
- **Fermi-LAT** (0FGL J1855.9+0126: **3 months** data yield **39 $\sigma$** )

## **W51C: (Y. Uchiyama on behalf of Fermi LAT at 31st ICRC)**

- Middle Age (20000 yr), Distance 6 kpc
- Interactions with Molecular Cloud
- HESS (No spectrum)
- **Fermi-LAT** (0FGL J1923.0+1411: **3 months** data yield **23 $\sigma$** )

**+ W28: (H. Katagiri on behalf of Fermi LAT at this meeting)**

# SNR W44

Middle-aged ( $\sim 2.0 \times 10^4$  yr) & mixed-morphology SNR (radio: shell, thermal X-ray: centrally filled)

Distance:  $\sim 3$  kpc

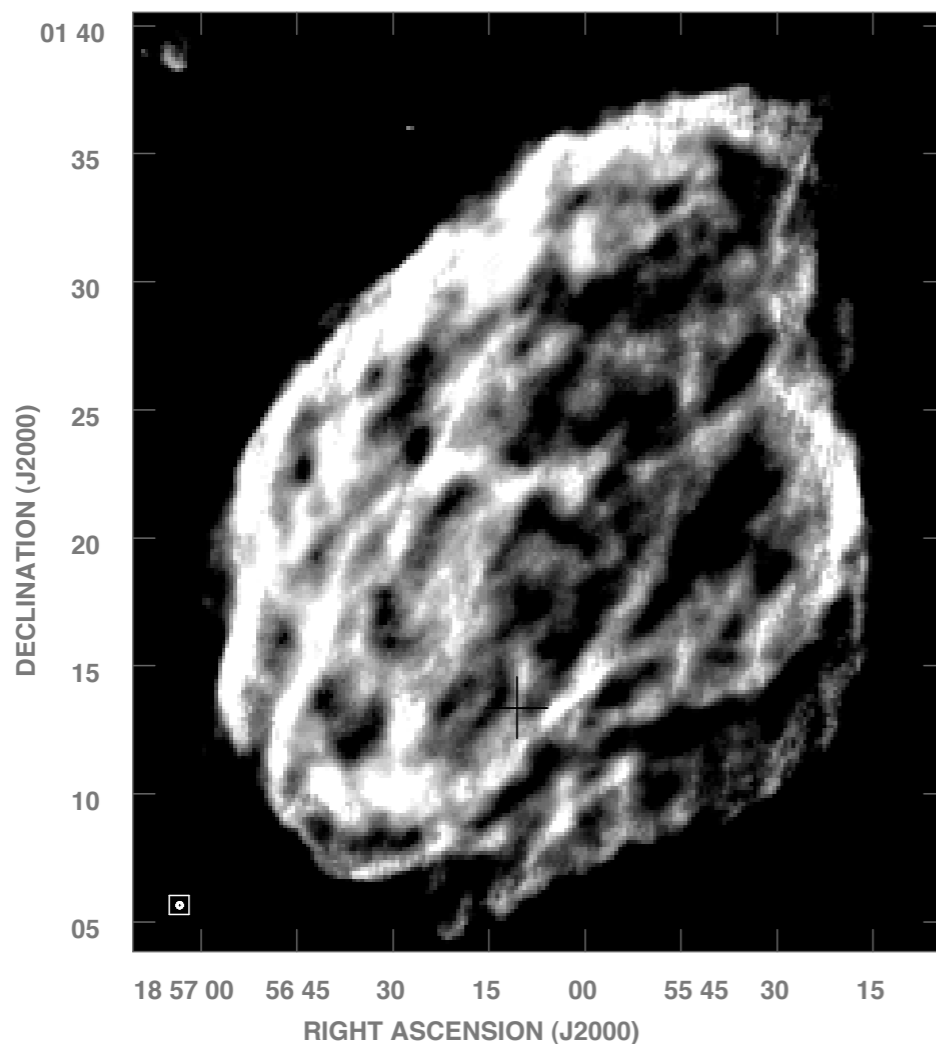
Spatial extent:  $\sim 35$  arcmin  $\times$   $26$  arcmin

Spatially coincident with 3EG J1856+0114

Cloud-shell interactions

CO (Seta et al. 2004), OH maser (1720 MHz: Hoffman et al. 2005), mid-IR (traces shocked  $H_2$ ; Reach et al. 2006)

Bright radio source ( $S_{1\text{GHz}} \sim 230$  Jy)  
Filamentary shell structures

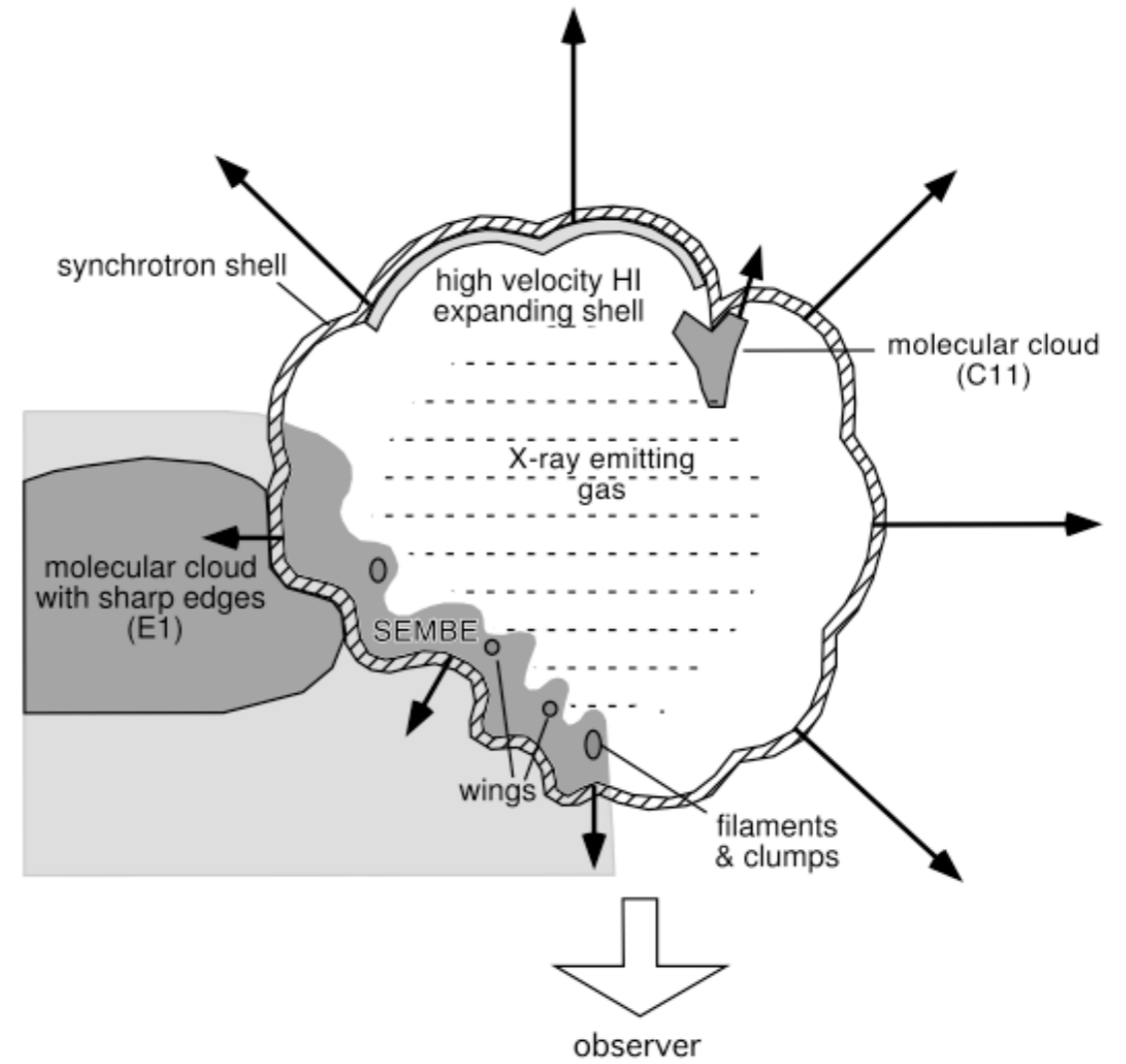
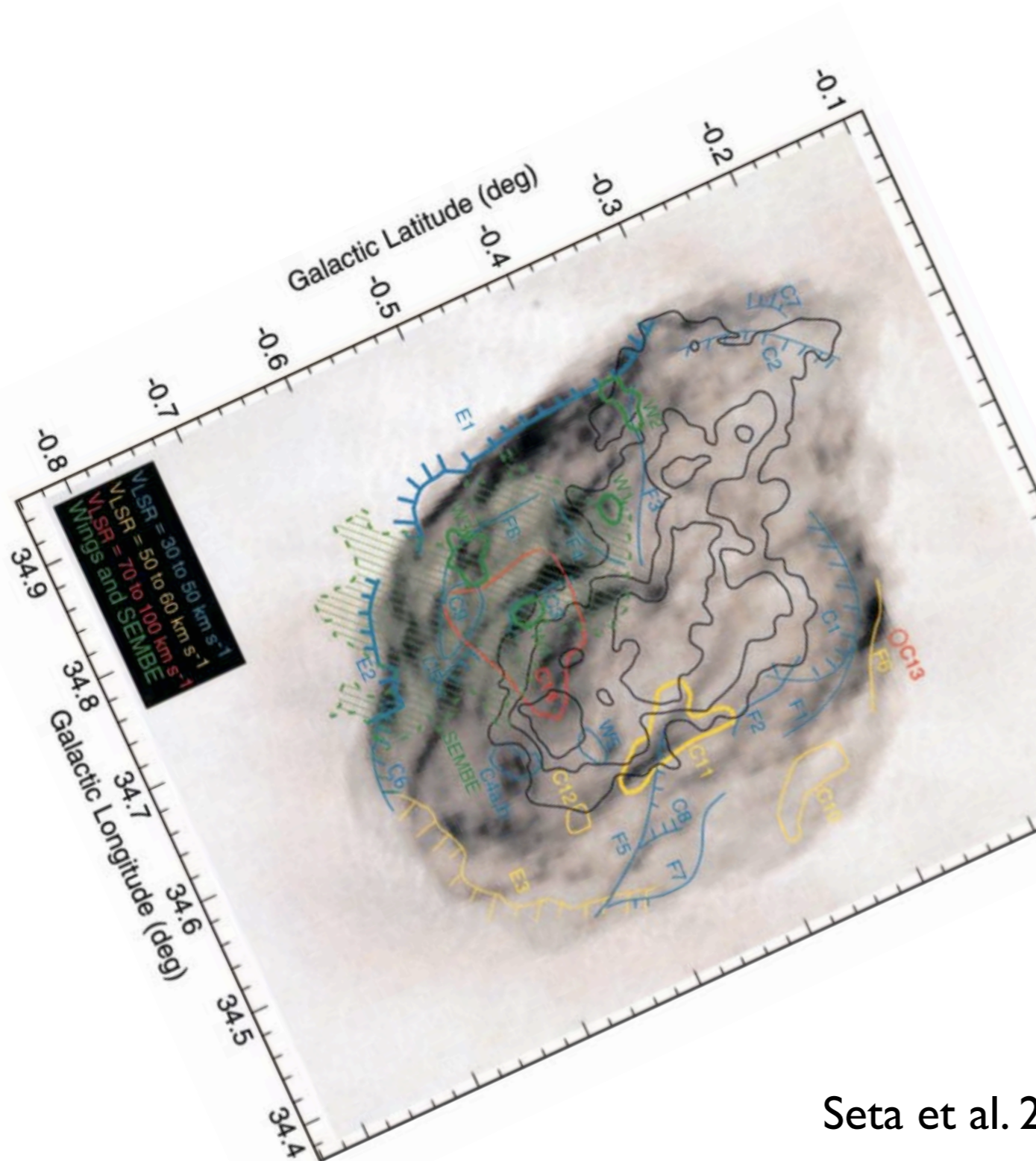


VLA 324 MHz  
Castelletti et al. (2007)



Green: Spitzer IRAC channel 2 ( $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ )  
Reach et al. (2006)

# SNR W44



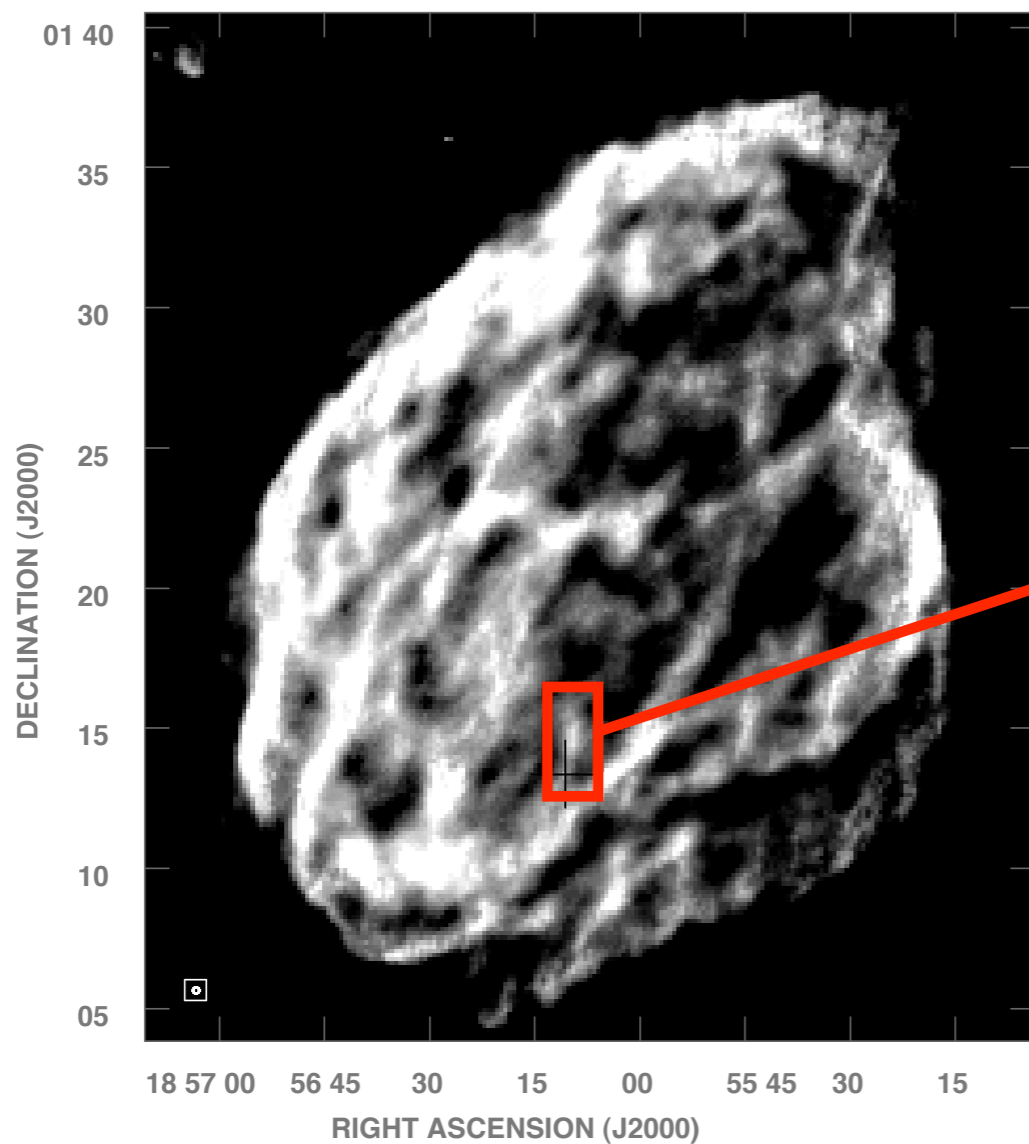
Seta et al. 2004

# Pulsar & PWN in W44

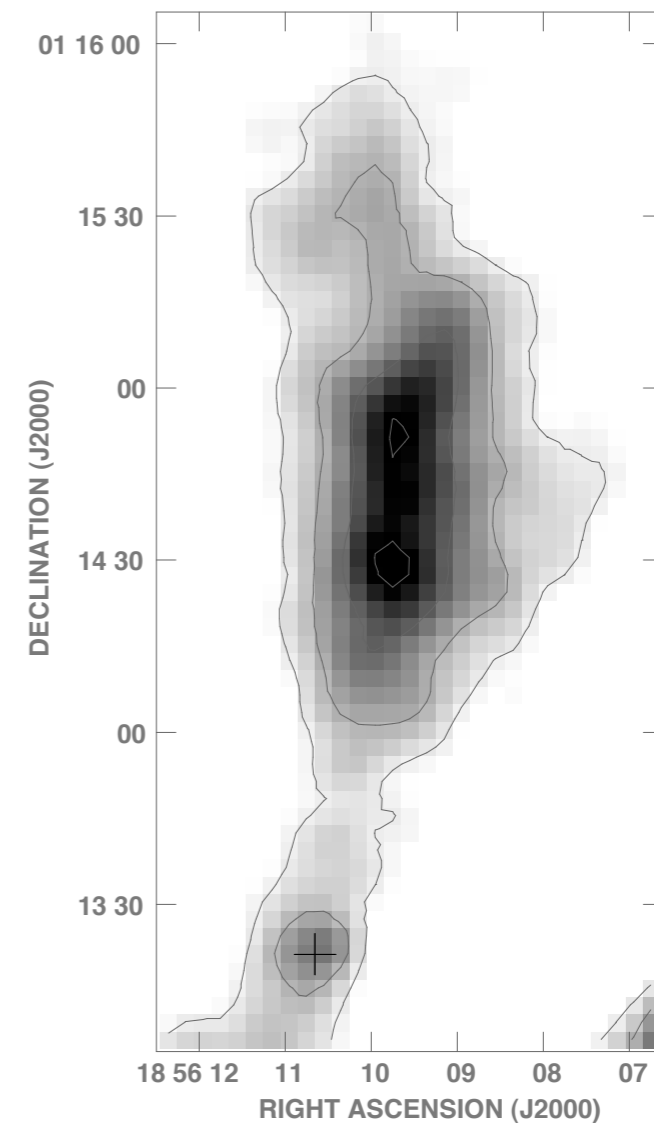
Associated pulsar: PSR B1853+01 (Wolszczan et al. 1991)

Characteristic age:  $\sim 2.0 \times 10^4$  yr

PWN: Observed in Radio & X-ray (extends  $\sim 2$  arcmin in radio)  
(Frail et al. 1996, Harrus et al. 1996, Petre et al. 2002)



Black cross: location of PSR B1853+01



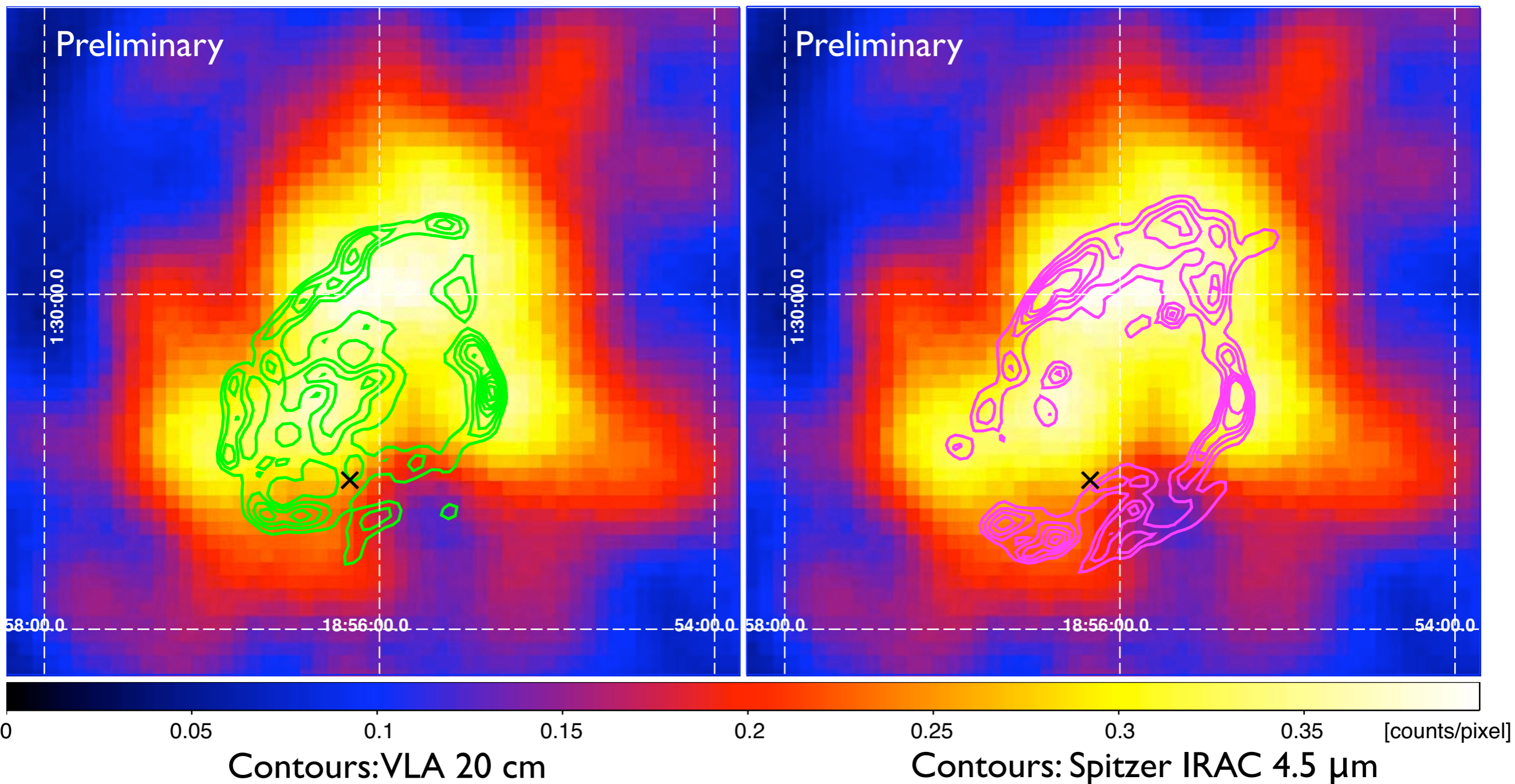
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# W44 Image

Fermi-LAT Smoothed Count Map (Front Events; 2–10 GeV)

The source corresponds to 0FGL J1855.9+0126 (BSL:Abdo et al. ApJS 2009)

Black cross: location of PSR B1853+01

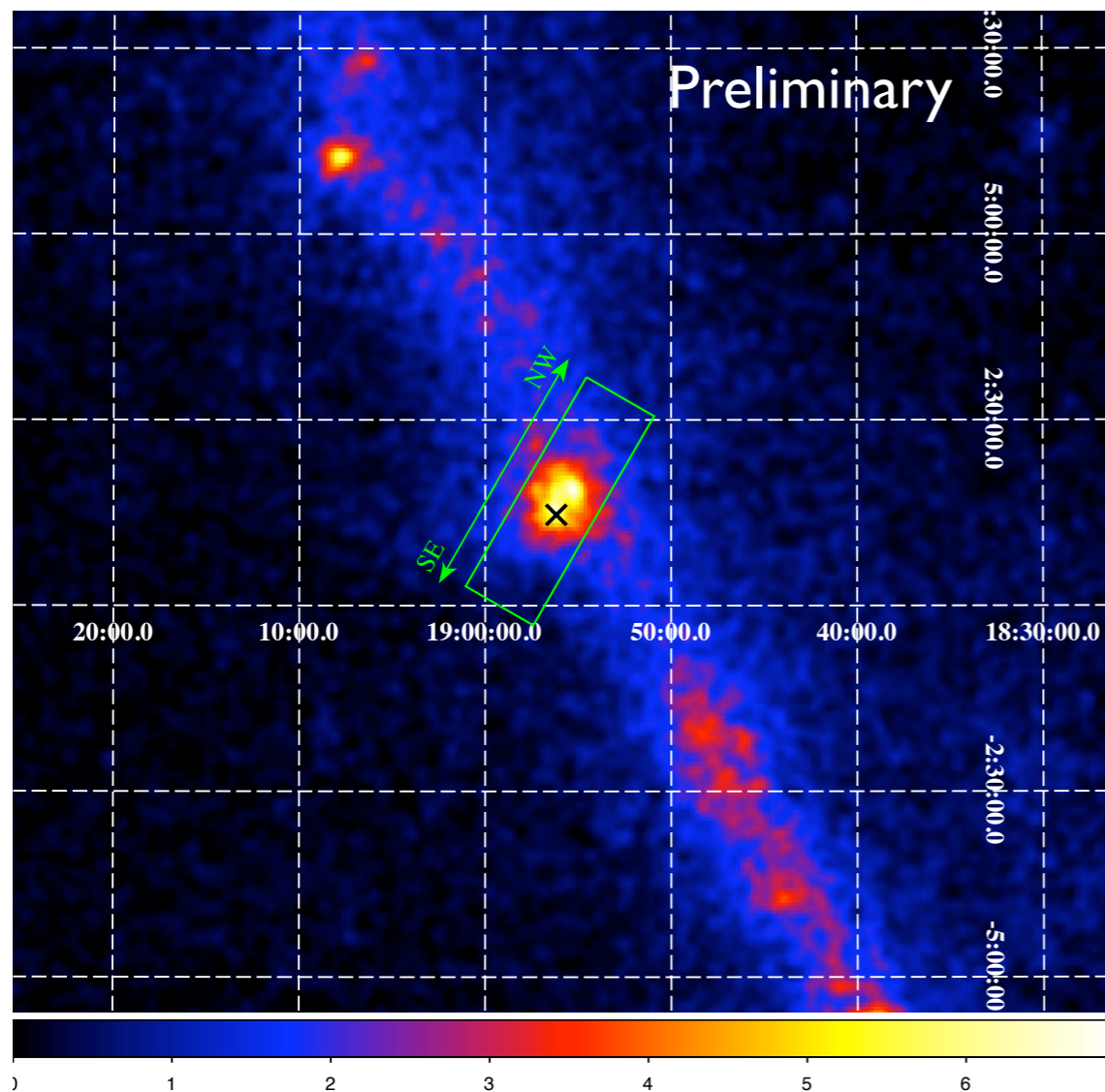


**Spatially Extended??**

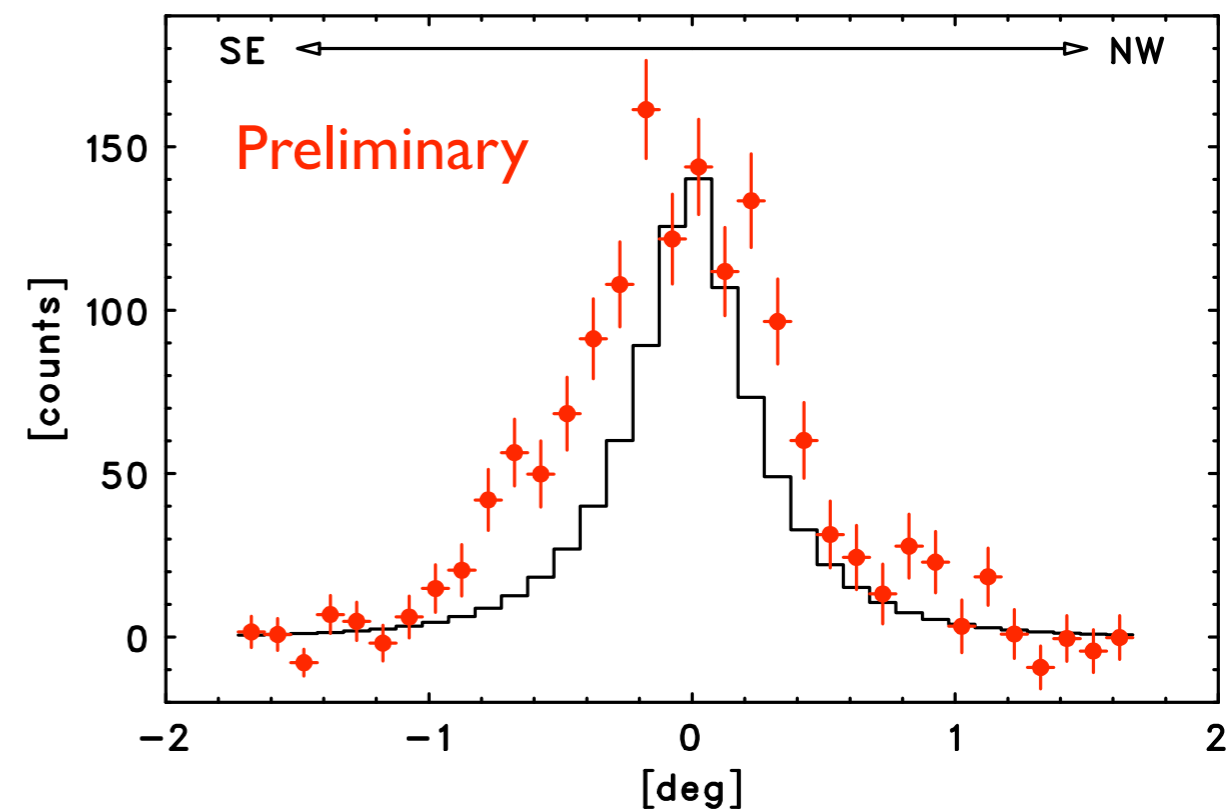


# Spatial Extent?

Smoothed Count Map ( $> 1$  GeV)



Profile along the rectangle  
Contributions from the diffuse backgrounds and nearby sources are subtracted



Red: Observed Counts

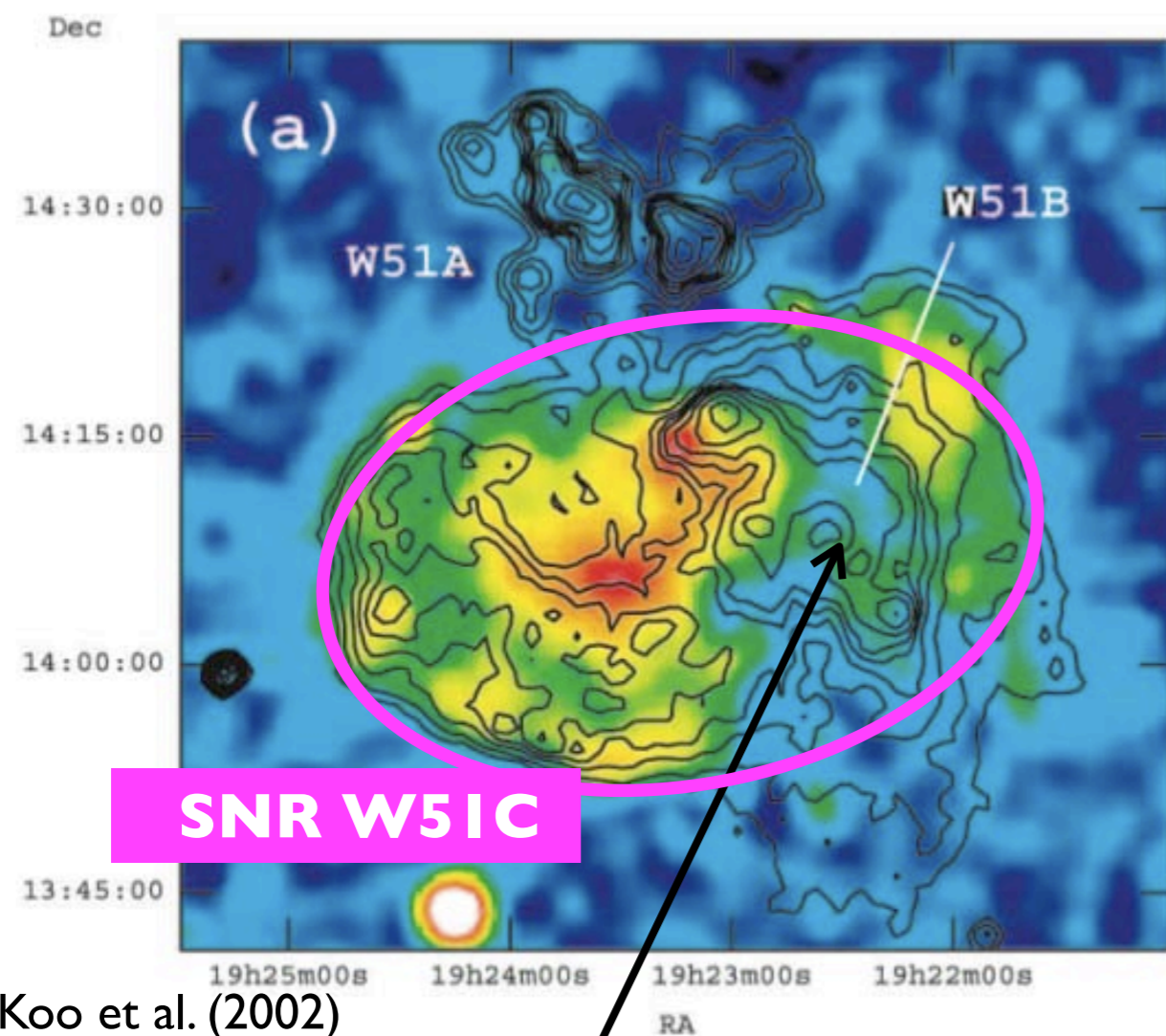
Black: Expected Profile for a Point Source

Black Cross: Pulsar (PSR B1853+01) location

**Spatially Extended!!**

# SNR W51C

► ROSAT X-ray (color), VLA (contours)



Star-forming region W51B overlaps with SNR W51C (W51B is likely interacting with SNR W51C)

Supernova exploded in the vicinity of star-forming regions (?)

- D ~ 6 kpc, Age ~ 20000 yrs
- **Molecular cloud interactions**
- SNR diameter ~ 30 arcmin  
... may be extended for LAT at high energies
- very large: 90 pc x 70 pc

► Very recent **HESS** detection

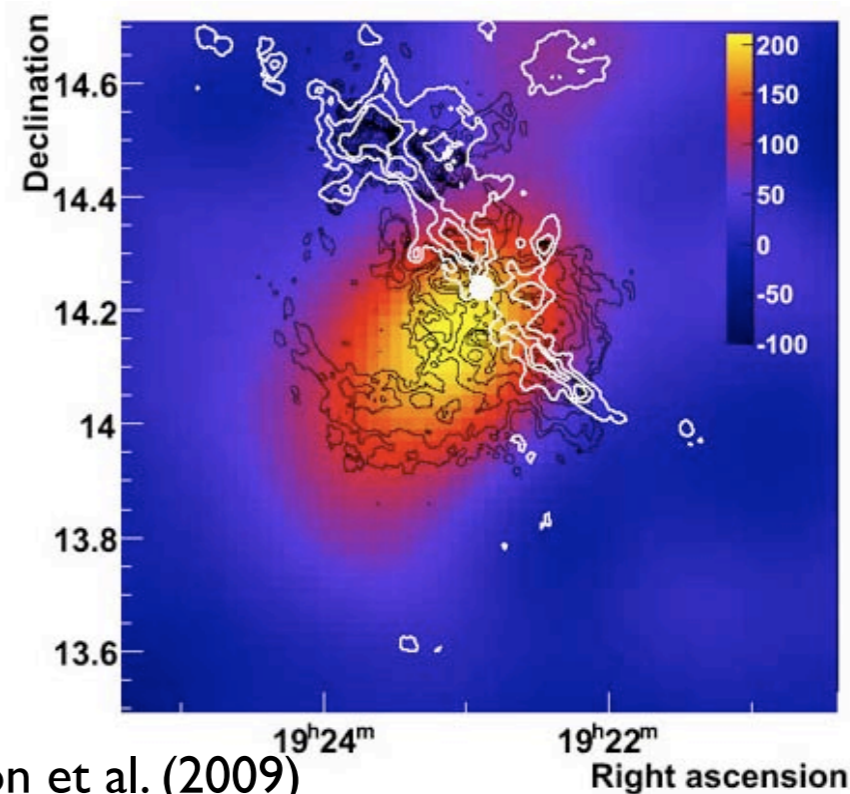


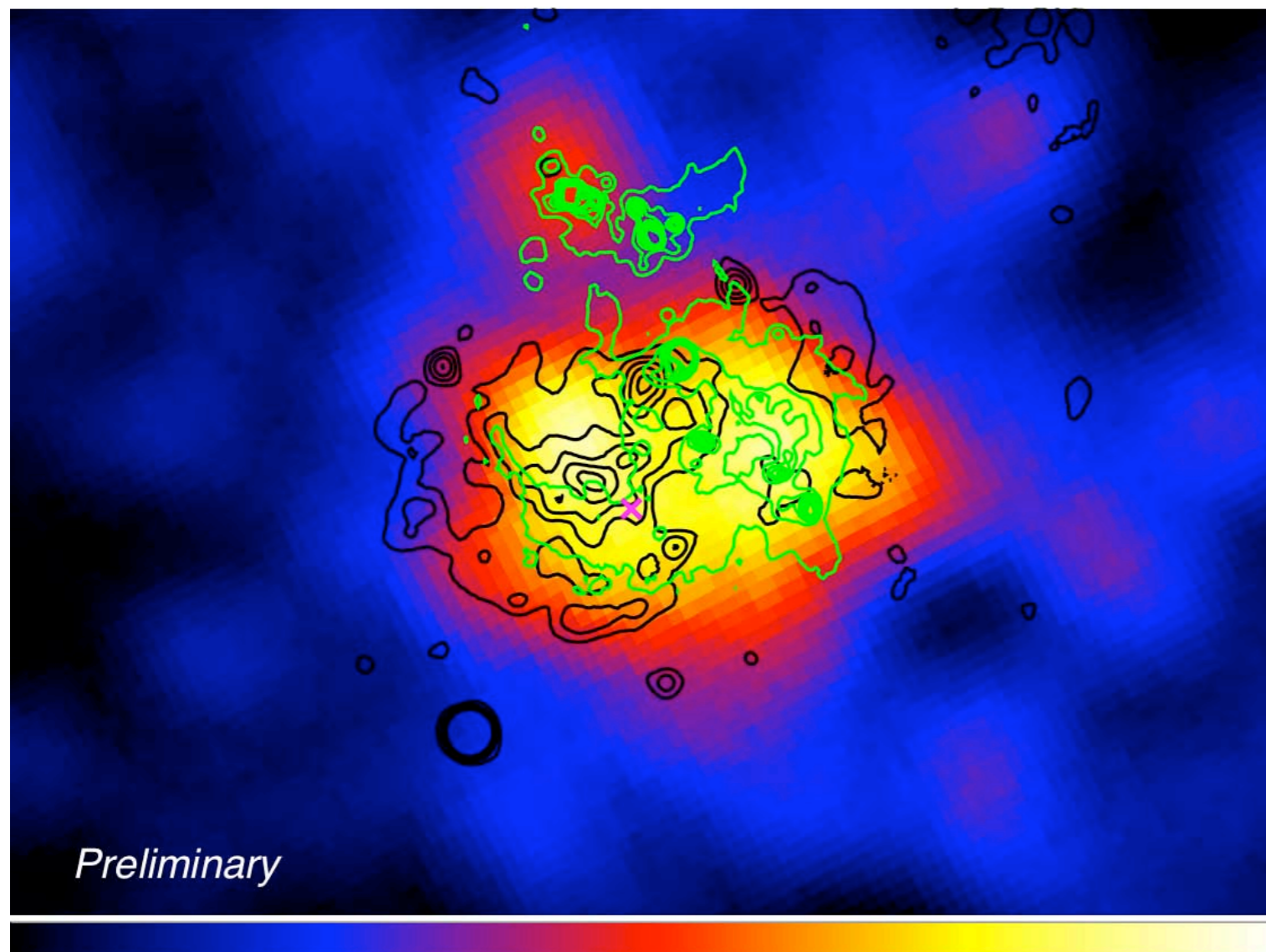
Fig. 2: VHE gamma ray image, with the 11 cm radio contours superimposed in black (from Moon & Koo 1994), and 13CO radio emission contours tracing molecular clouds superimposed in white (from Jackson et al. 2006). The filled white circle shows the location of OH maser emission (Green et al. 1997).

# W51C Image

Color: Fermi LAT counts map (2-8 GeV)

Black contours: ROSAT X-ray map (0.1-2.4 keV)

Green contours: VLA 1.4 GHz



Preliminary

0.05

0.1

0.15

0.2

**X** : CXOJ192318.5+140305 (a neutron star?)

## **X-ray:**

- Thermal emission by shock-heated plasma ( $kT=0.2$  keV)
- Central region due to cloud evaporation?

## **Radio:**

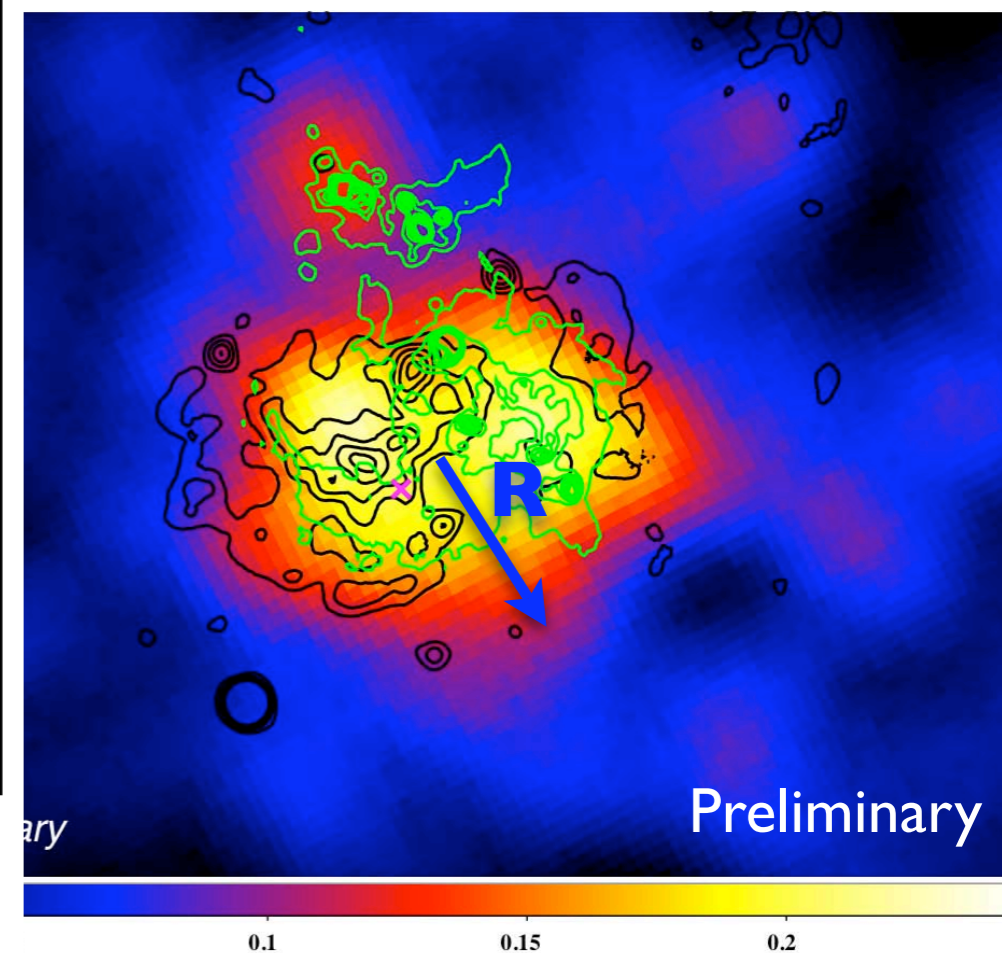
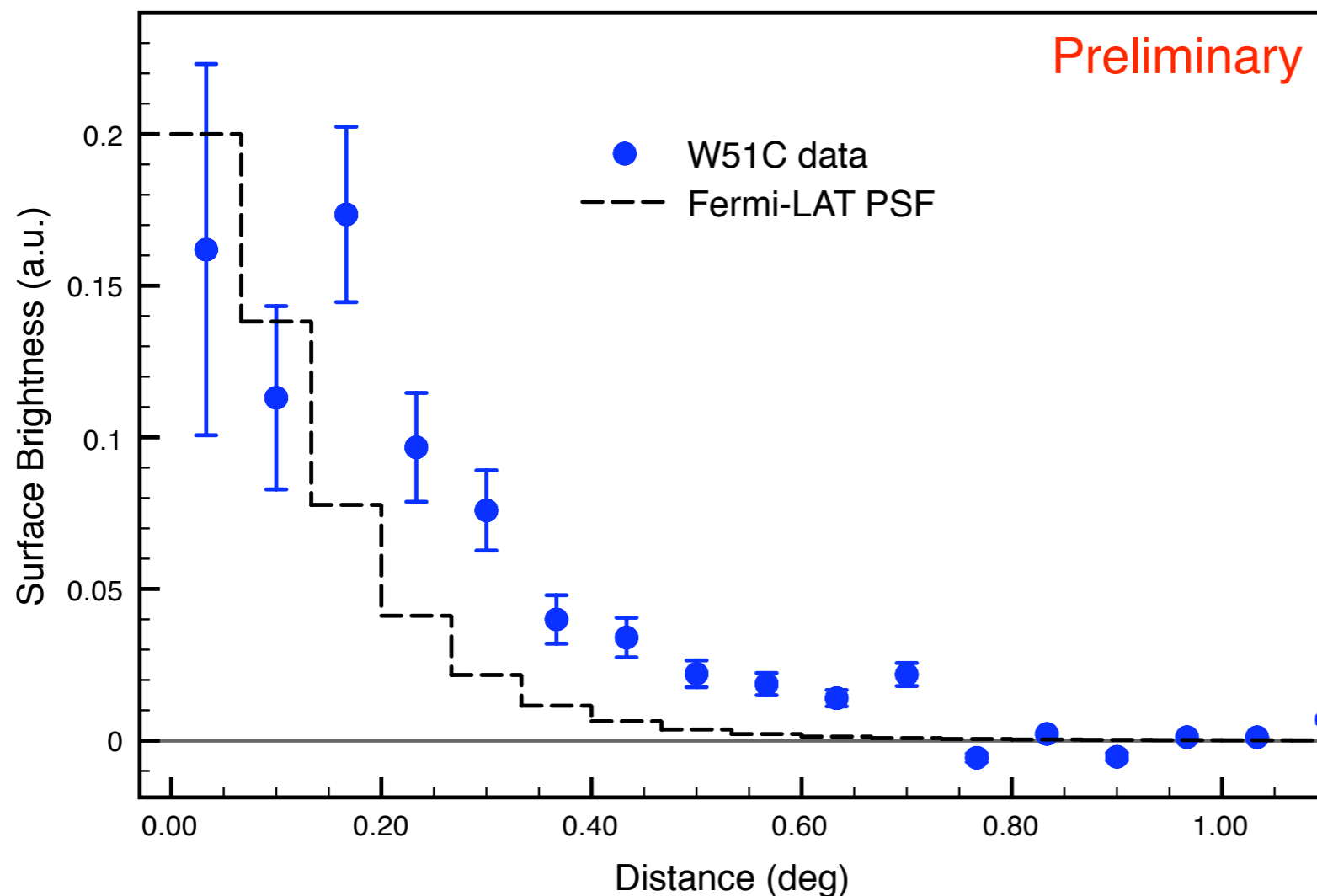
- Peaks are HII regions
- Synchrotron radiation of SNR W51C is well matched with thermal X-ray emission

## **GeV Gamma-ray:**

- Origin?
- Very large luminosity ( $\sim 4 \times 10^{35}$  erg/s) using 6 kpc

# Spatial Extent?

- Mean surface brightness (2-8 GeV) as a function of distance from the SNR center vs Fermi-LAT PSF (using the energy spectrum obtained with maximum likelihood technique)



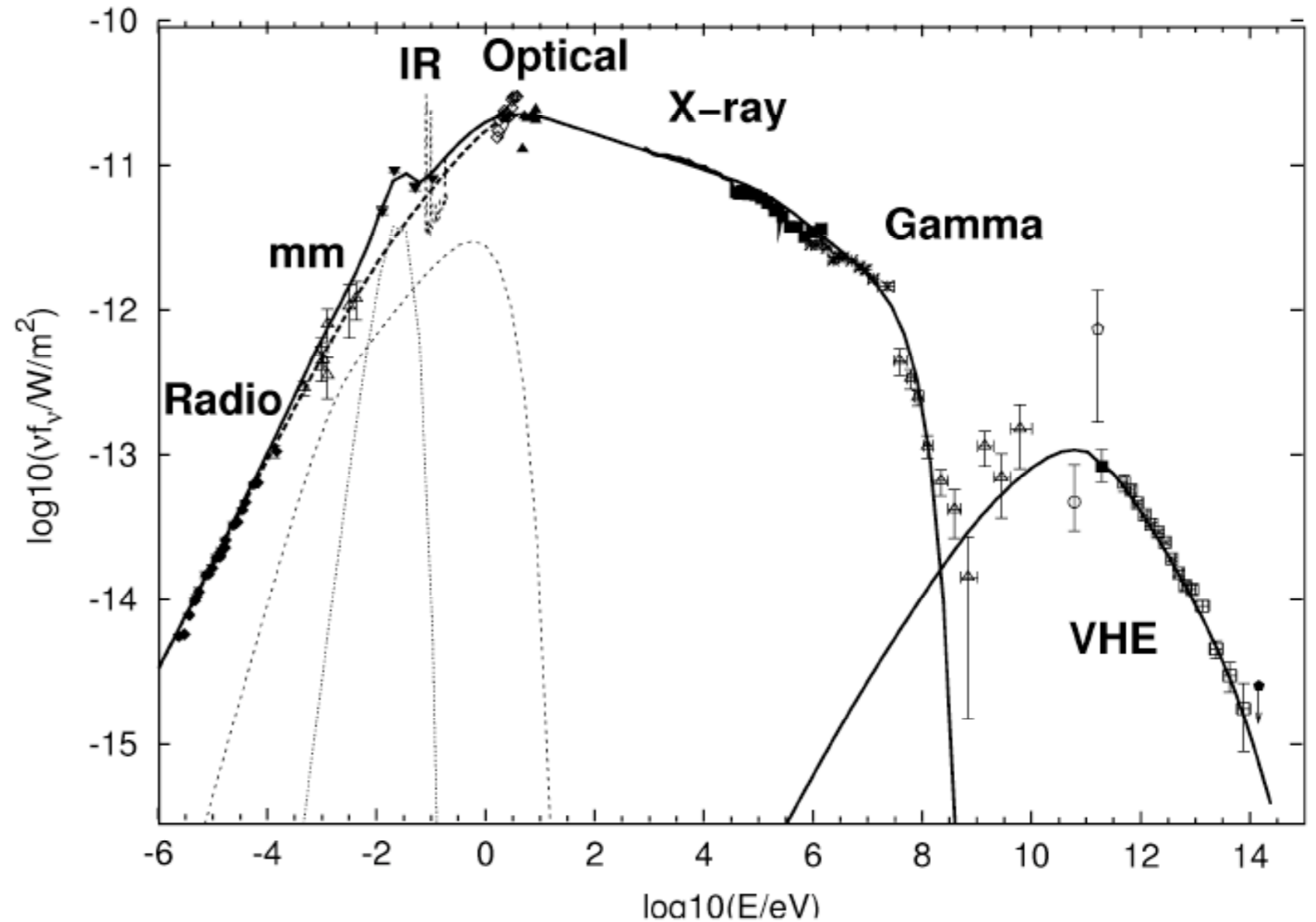
(NOTE) PSF of Fermi LAT depends heavily on energy. The PSF shape is obtained by taking account of energy distribution.

**Spatially Extended!!**

# Crab Nebula

## EGRET observations of synchrotron/ inverse Compton spectrum in the 70 MeV–30 GeV energy band

Large uncertainties on the  
spectral shape for both  
components



Spectral energy distribution of the Crab nebula  
Horns & Aharonian (2004)

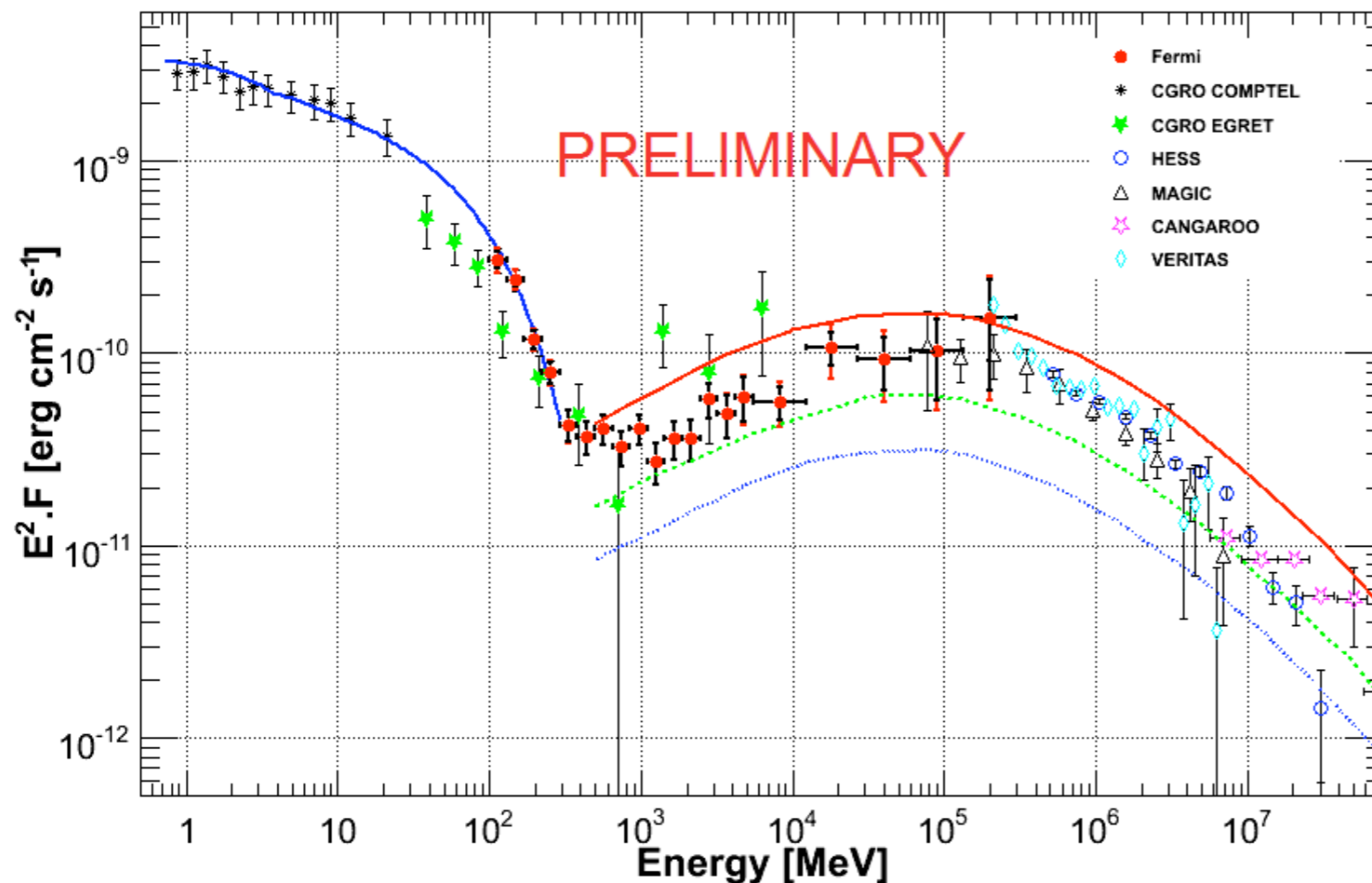
# Crab Nebula

No cut-off seen with LAT data only for the IC component

LAT high energy and Cherenkov spectra link up naturally

Overlaying predictions of Atoyan & Aharonian (1996) for different nebular mean magnetic fields, the results obtained by the LAT and ground based telescopes are consistent with  $100 \mu\text{G} < B < 200 \mu\text{G}$

Joint fit (using LAT and Cherenkov results) could be performed with more data



Prediction  
by Atoyan & Aharonian (1996)

100  $\mu\text{G}$

200  $\mu\text{G}$

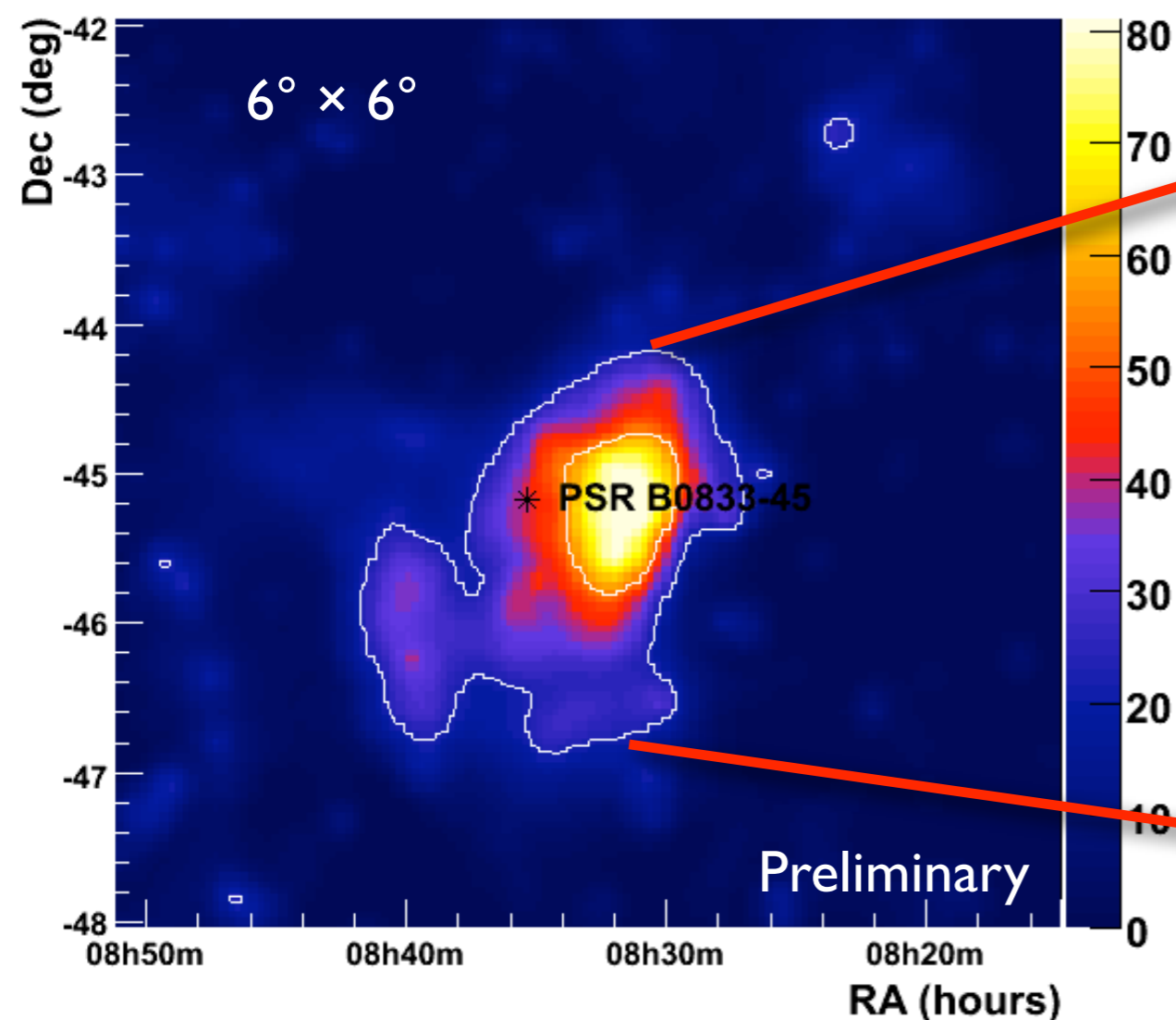
300  $\mu\text{G}$

# Vela X Region

Using 9 months of survey data with Fermi-LAT and the off-pulse events:  
TS  $\sim 80$  (i.e.  $\sim 9$  sigma) for  $E > 800$  MeV: significant detection  
Good positional agreement with Vela X as seen with 8.4 GHz Parkes radio data

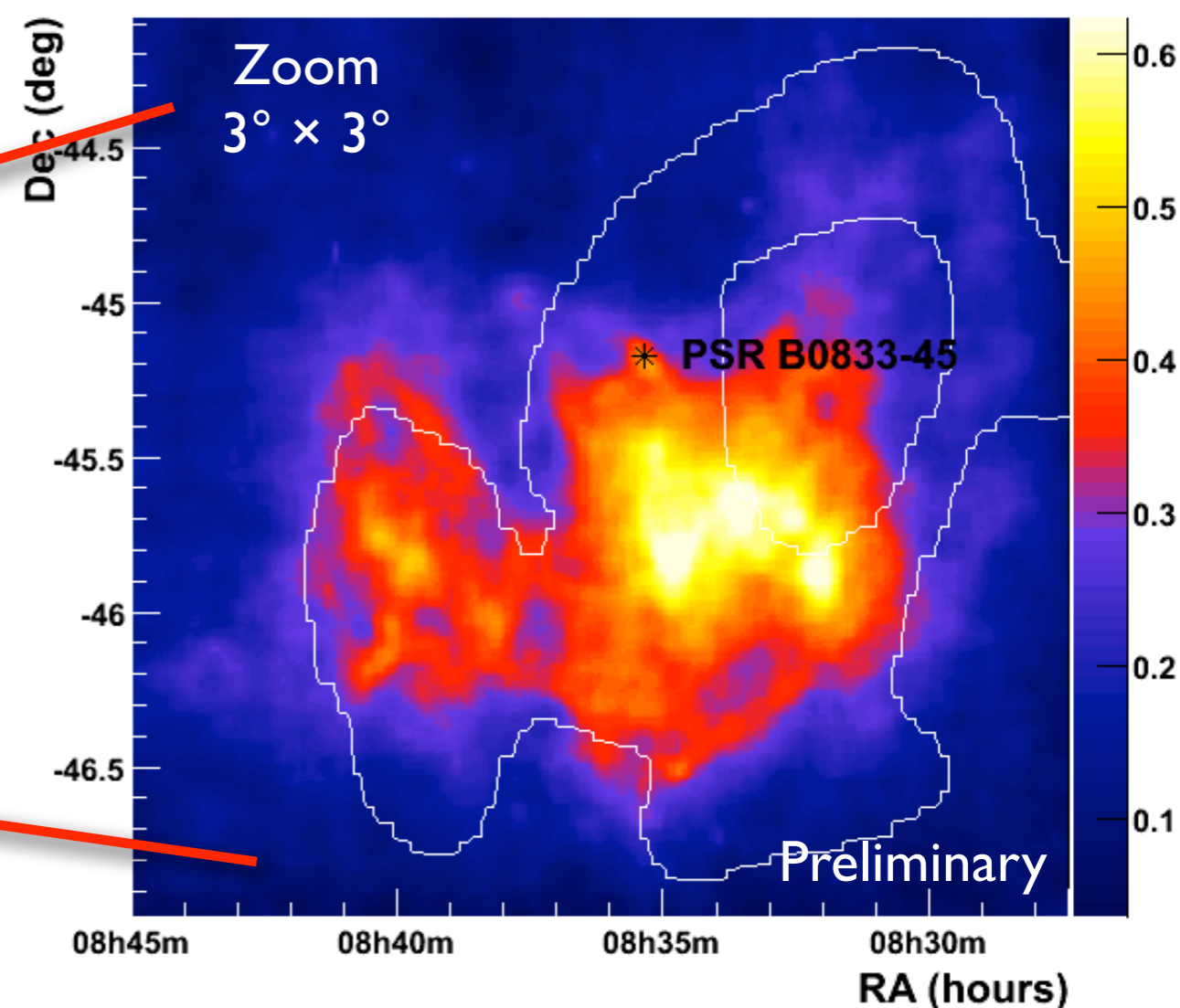
Fermi-LAT TS map ( $E > 800$  MeV)

TS map



Parkes radio map at 8.4 GHz  
Fermi-LAT contours superimposed (white)

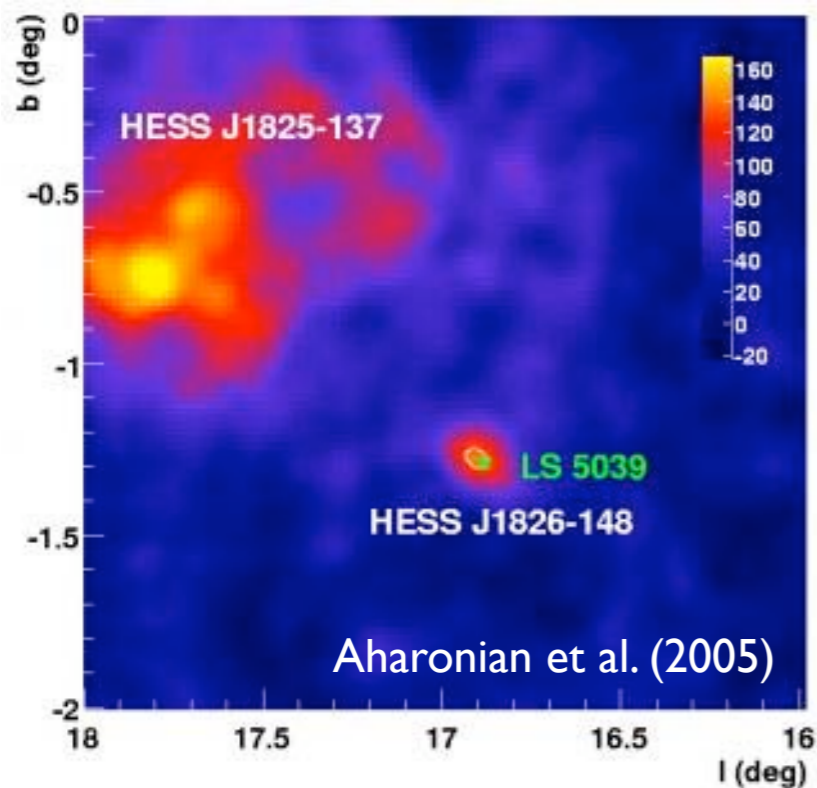
Parkes radio map



# Gamma-ray Binaries

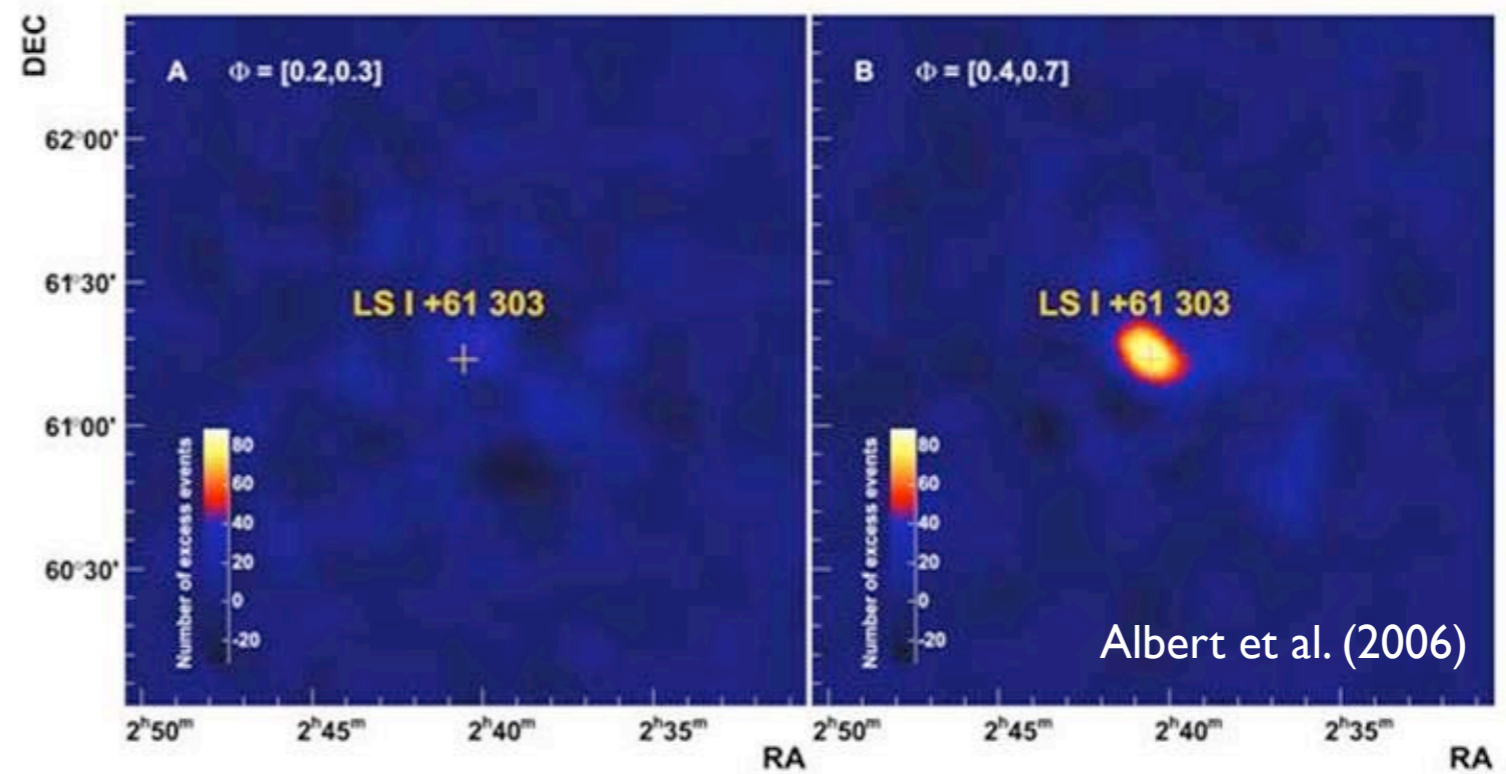
Four X-ray binaries are claimed as TeV emitters  
(LS 5039, LS I +61° 303, PSR B1259–63, Cyg X-1)  
+ HESS J0632+057?

LS 5039



O star + ?  
H.E.S.S. detected  
Periodicity

LS I +61° 303



Be star + ?  
MAGIC & VERITAS detected  
Periodicity

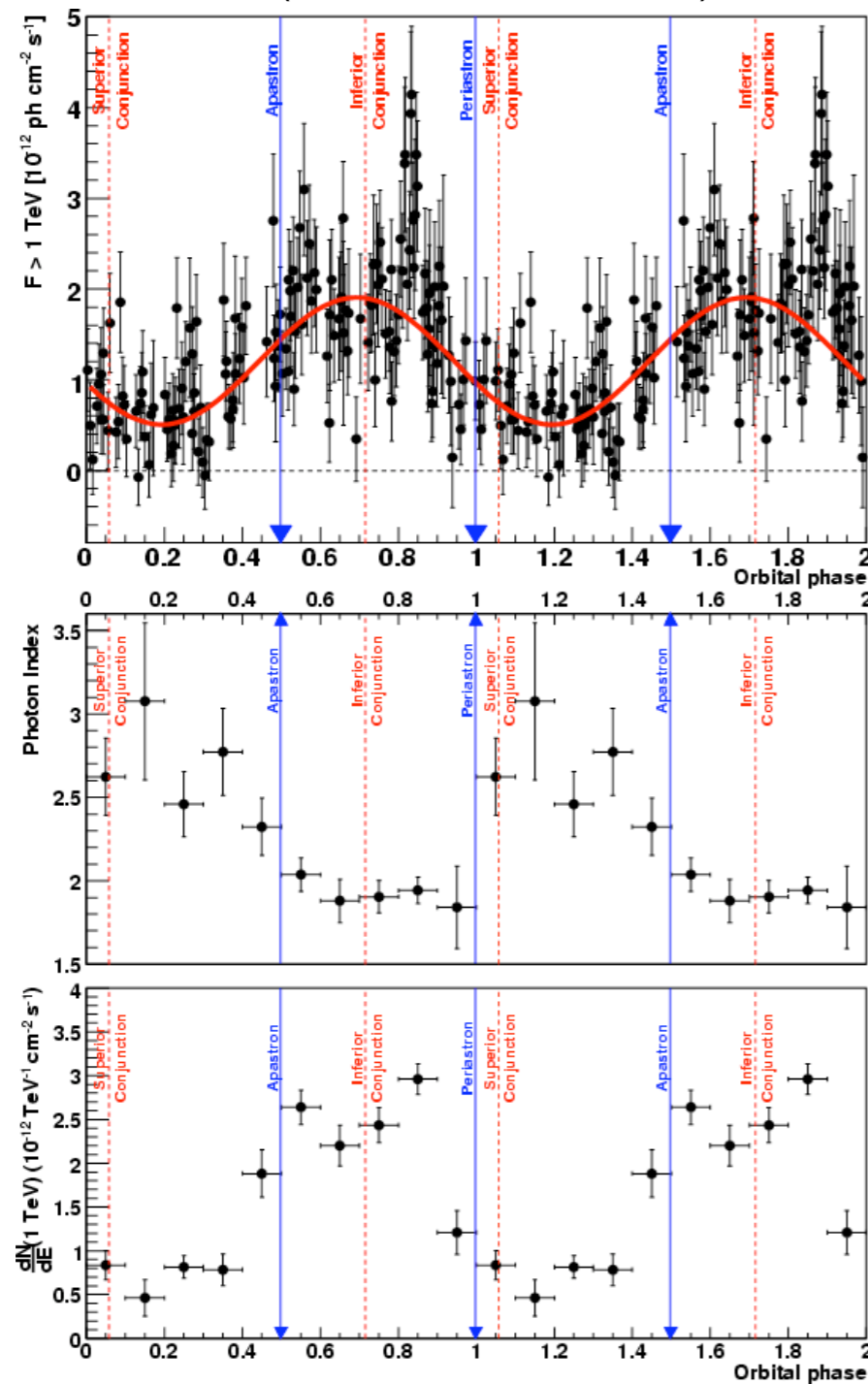


# Periodic Behavior in TeV

LS 5039

P = 3.9 days

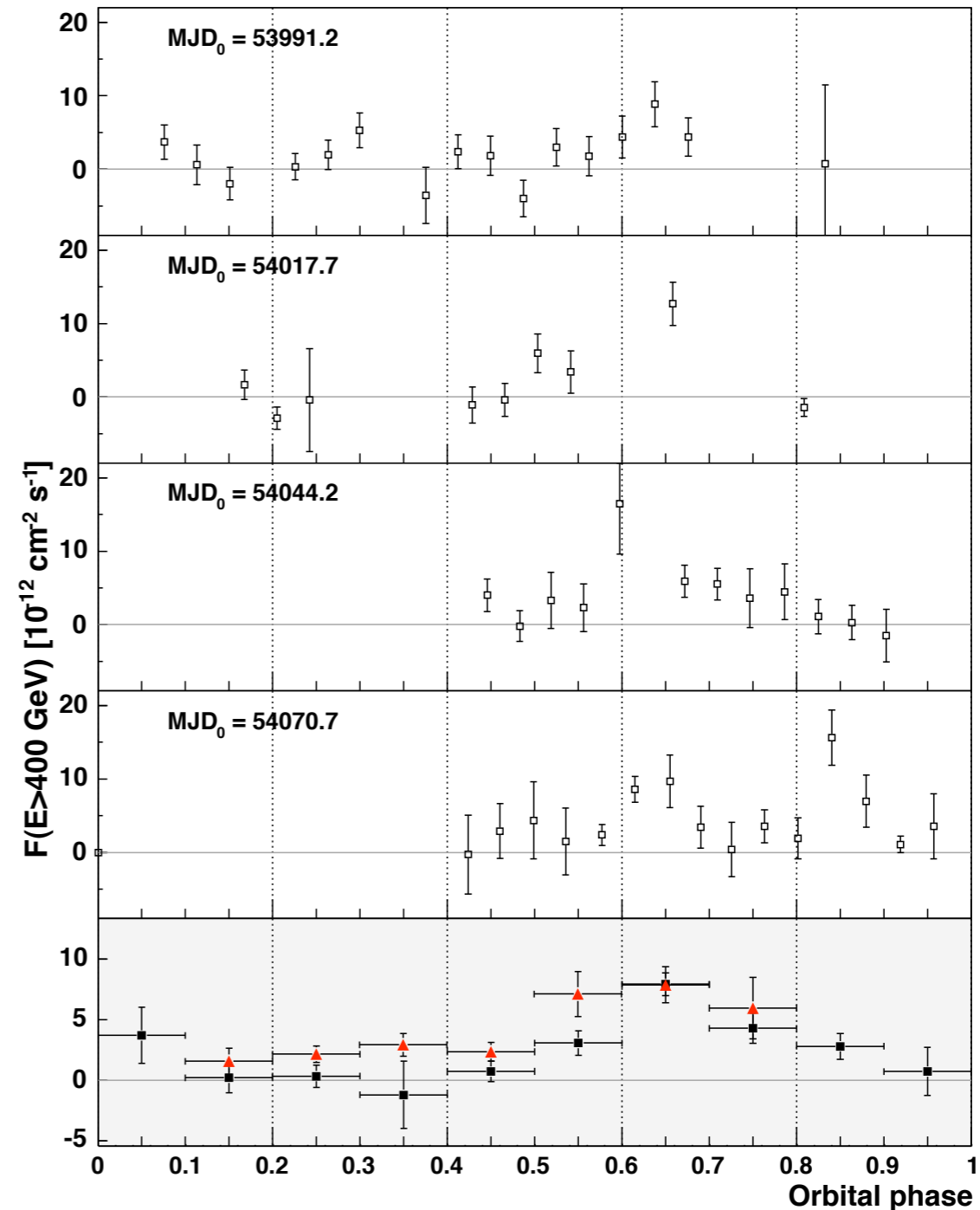
H.E.S.S. (Aharonian et al., 2006)



LS I +61° 303

P = 26.5 days

MAGIC (Albert et al., 2008)

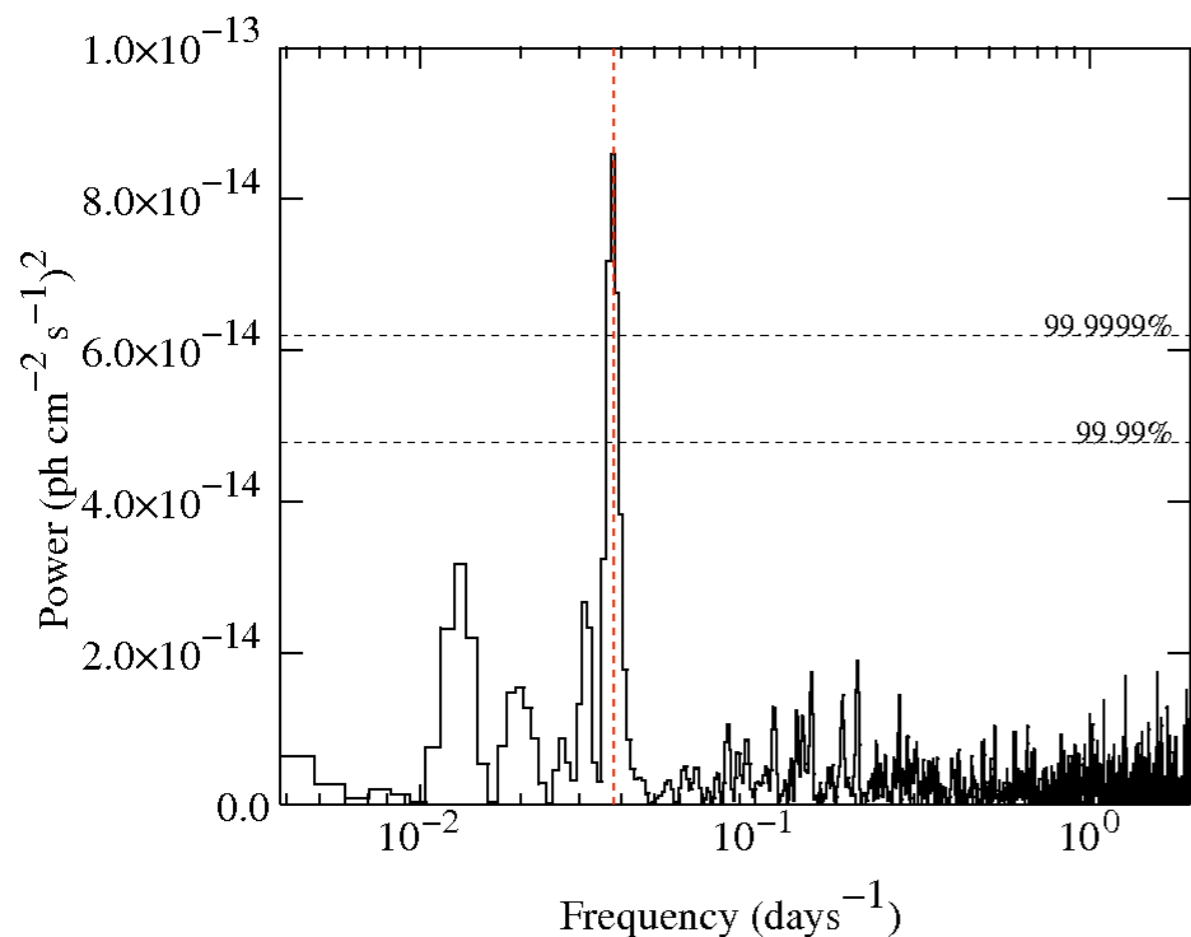


Periodic behaviors reflect geometry & physical processes in the binary systems

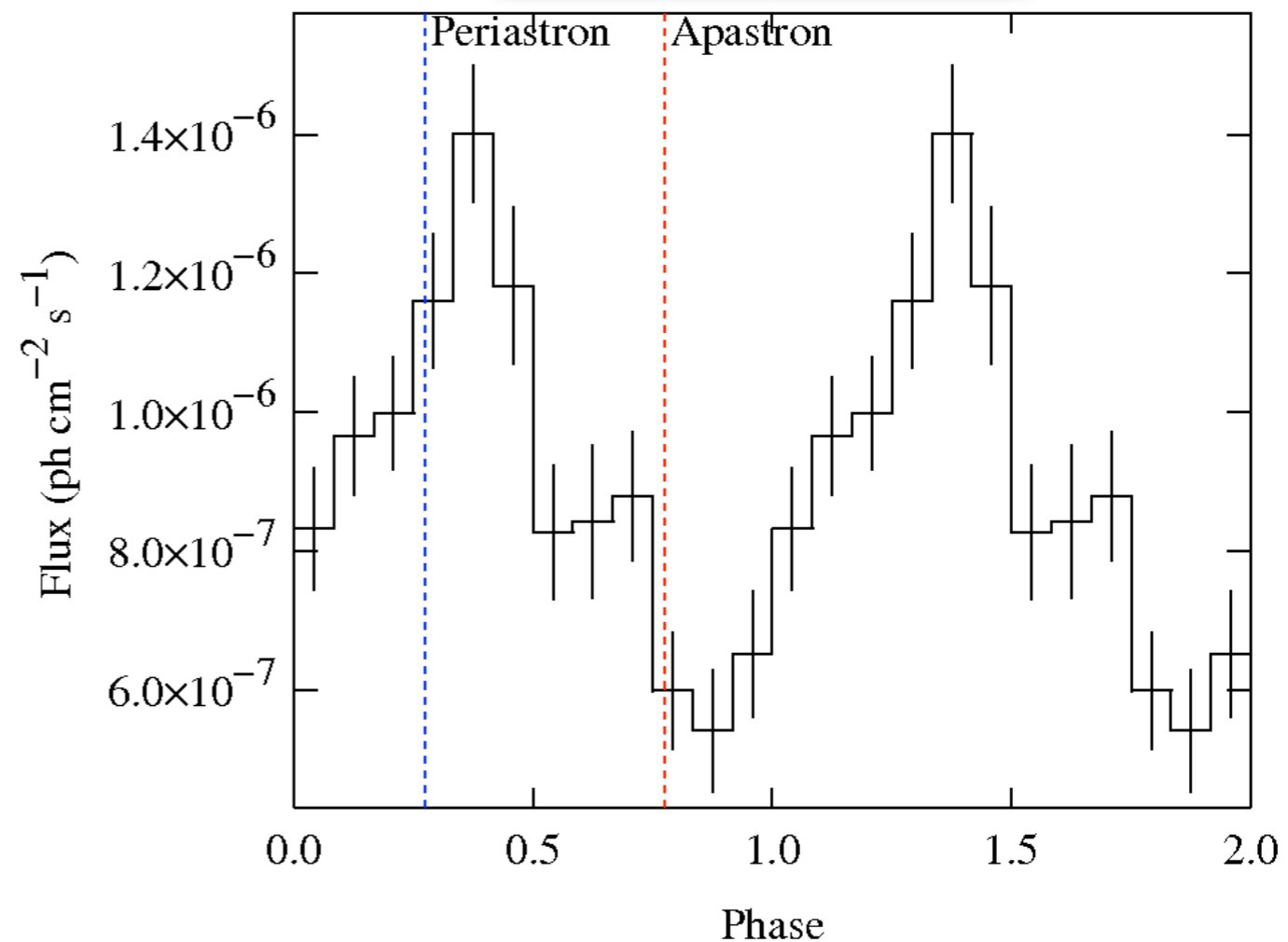
# LS I +61° 303

- First detection of orbital periodicity in GeV
- Period =  $26.6 \pm 0.5$  days (consistent with known period; Gregory et al. 2002)
- Highest flux around periastron
- Spectral shape does not significantly change across the orbit

Periodogram



Folded Light Curve



## Phase-averaged Spectrum

Simple power law rejected

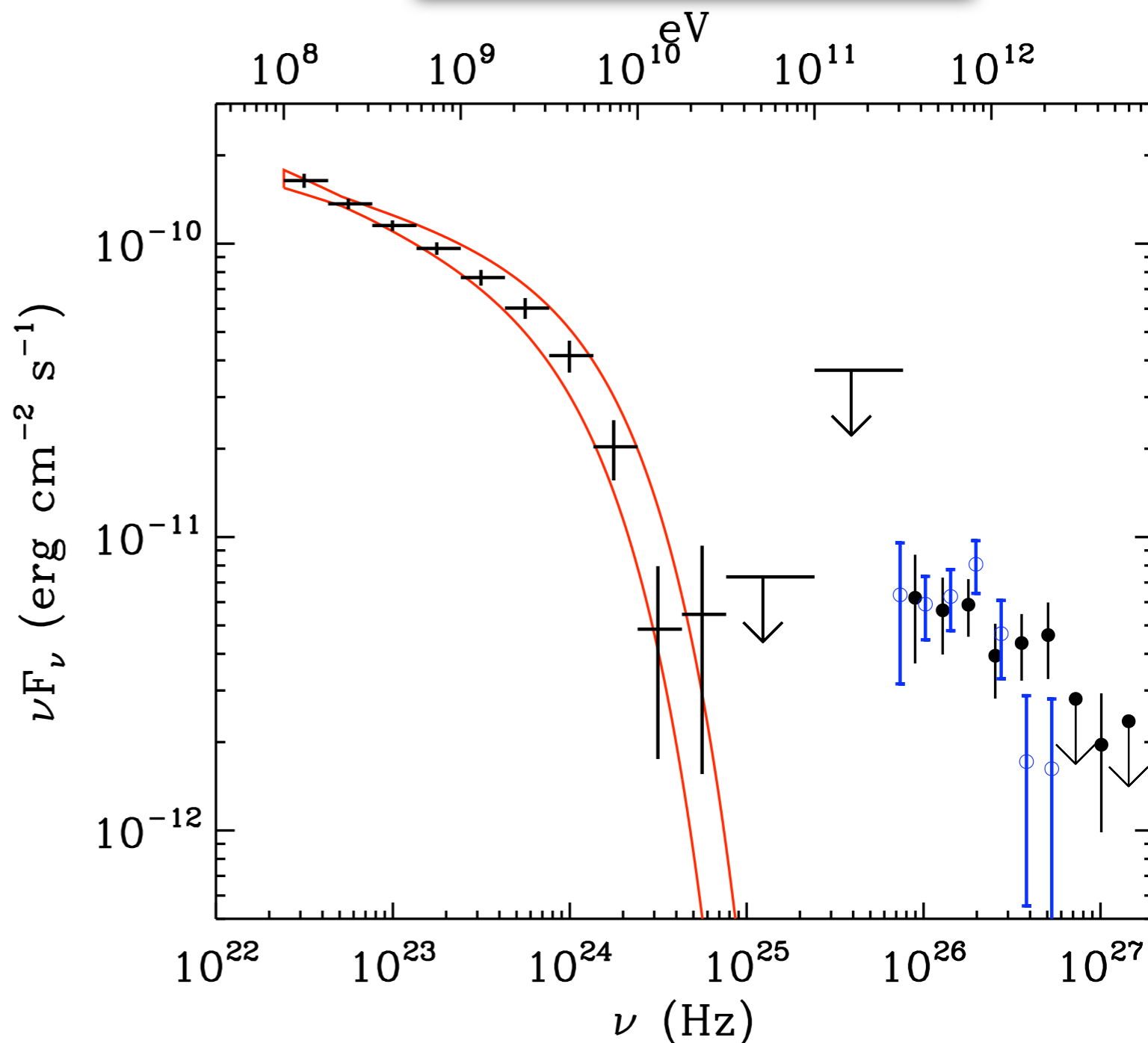
**Results of fit with  
exponential cutoff  
PL fit:**

$$dN/dE = A E^{-\Gamma} \exp(-E/E_c)$$

$$\text{Flux (> 100 MeV)} = (0.82 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat)} \\ \pm 0.07 \text{ (sys)}) \\ \times 10^{-6} \text{ [ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2}]$$

$$\Gamma = 2.21 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (sys)}$$

$$E_c = 6.3 \pm 1.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (sys) [GeV]}$$



**TeV data points:**

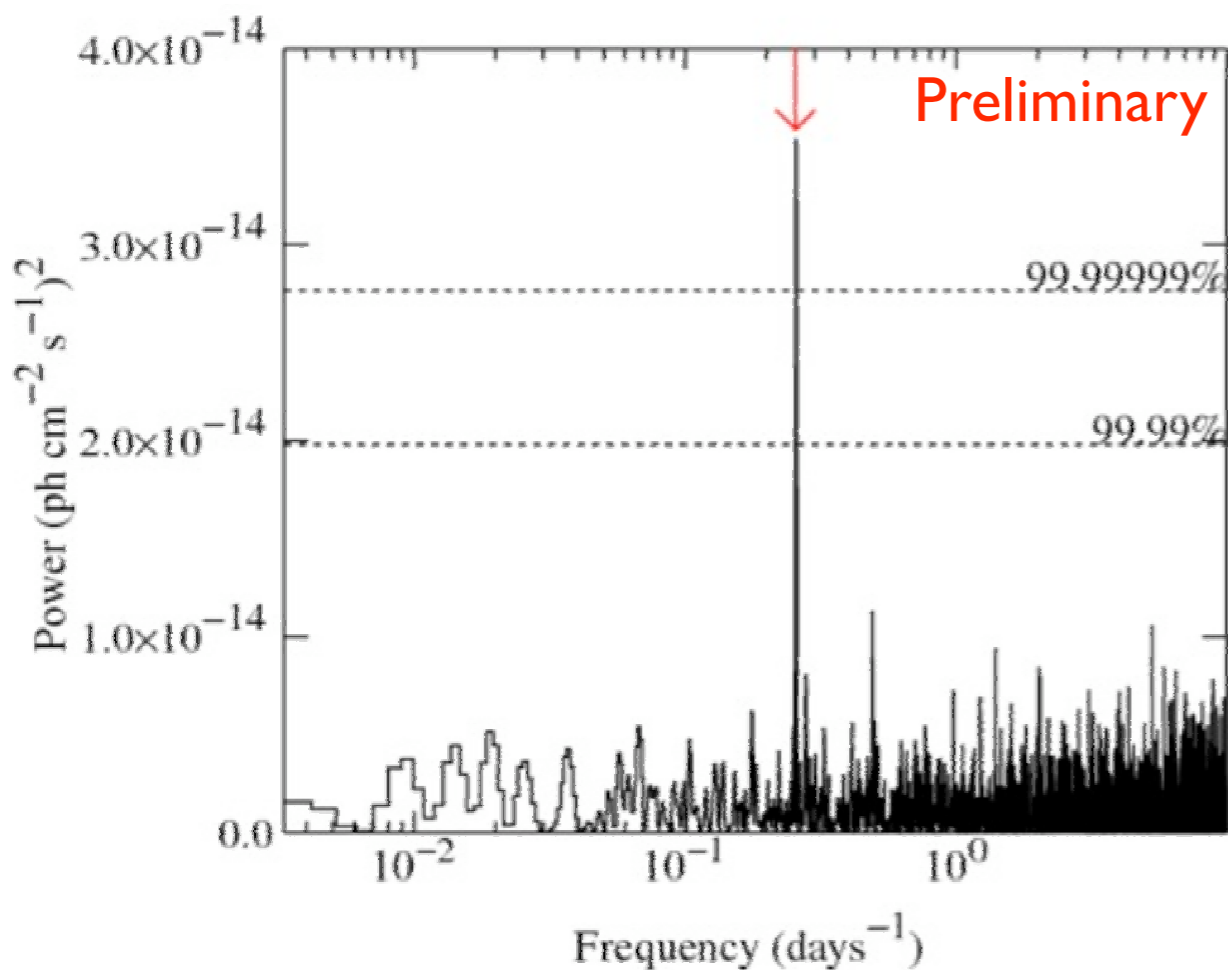
VERITAS (black circle; phase 0.5–0.8)

MAGIC (blue; phase 0.5–0.7)

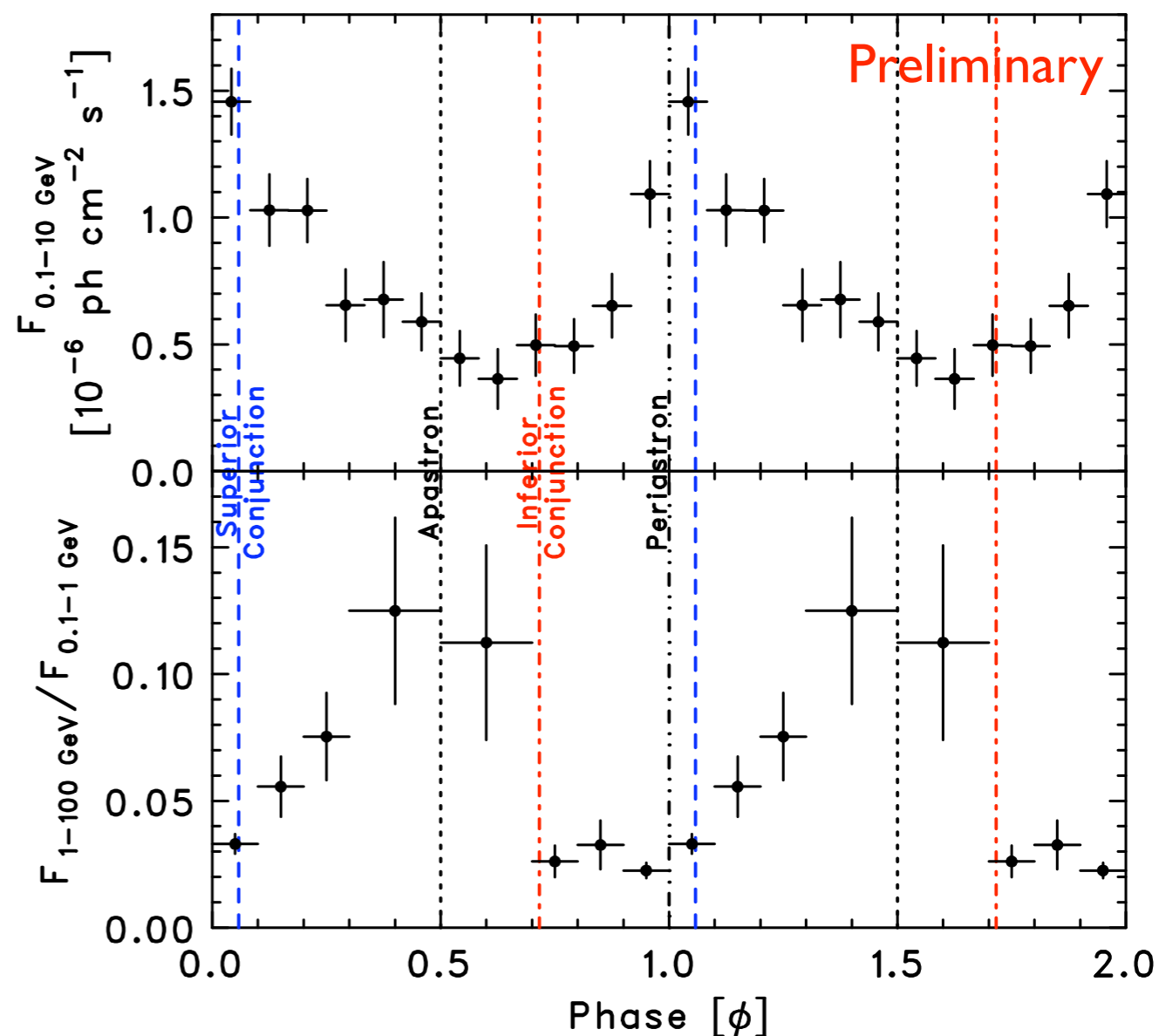
# LS 5039

- Detection of orbital periodicity
- Period =  $3.903 \pm 0.005$  days (consistent with know period; Casares et al. 2005)
- Highest flux around periastron
- Spectral shape changes across the orbit

Periodogram



Folded Light Curve



# Summary

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- Fermi-LAT detected spatially extended emission from SNRs (W44, W51C, & IC 443)
- Detailed spectral study of Crab nebula between 100 MeV and 300 GeV, covering both synchrotron and inverse Compton components
- Spatially extended emission from the Vela X region
- Detection of periodicity from two gamma-ray binaries
- Many papers have been or will soon be submitted