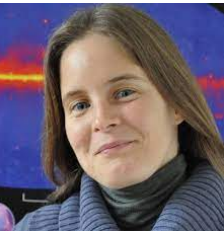




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Characterization of the GeV emission from the Kepler supernova remnant

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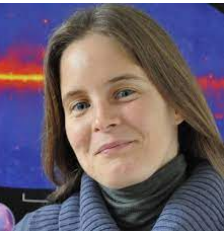
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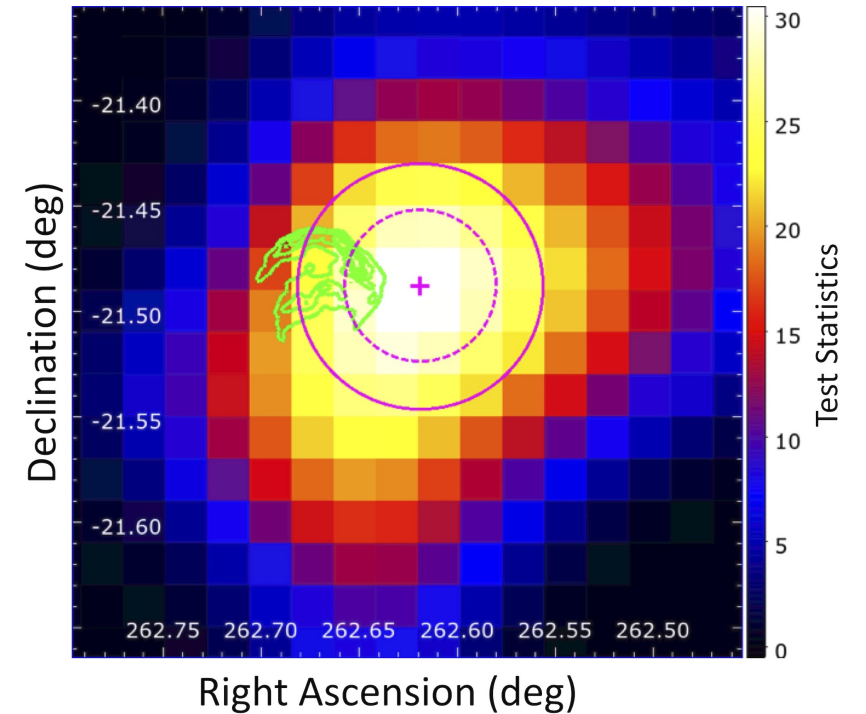
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Fermi
Gamma-ray Space Telescope

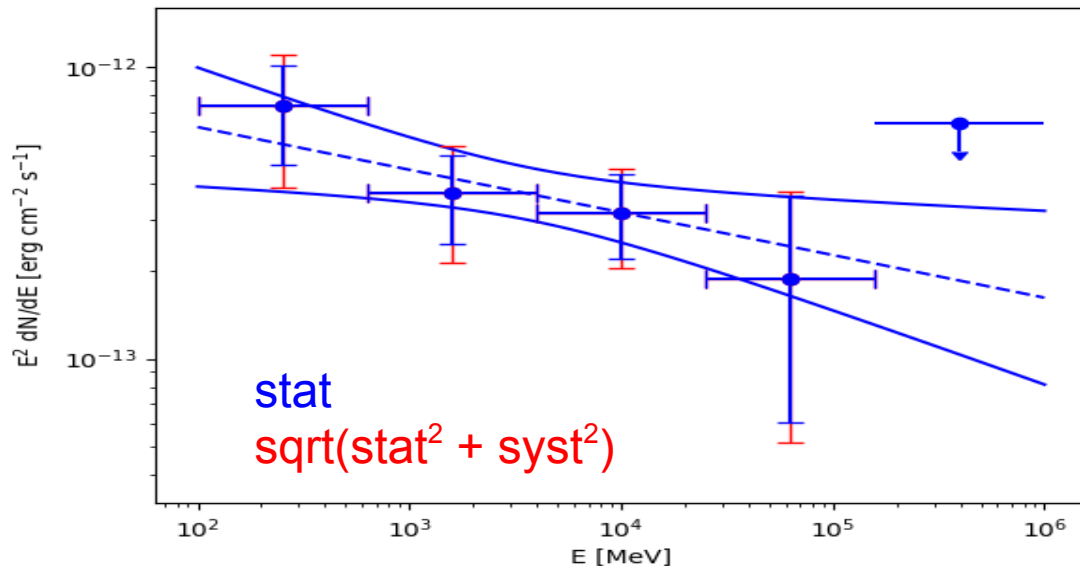
Fermi-LAT detection of the Kepler SNR



- Clear detection (TS=38.3 above 100 MeV)
- No significant differences between best-fit point-source and MWL templates
- Emission not significantly extended
- Hard power-law spectrum :
 - Index = $2.14 \pm 0.12_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.15_{\text{syst}}$



Fermi-LAT TS map at the Kepler SNR position above 1 GeV. Green contours from the infrared 24 μm Spitzer map. The plus symbol and circles illustrate the best-fit position and the 68%/95% confidence contours



Fermi-LAT spectral energy distribution of the Kepler SNR using the IR spatial template.

Modeling of the Kepler SNR

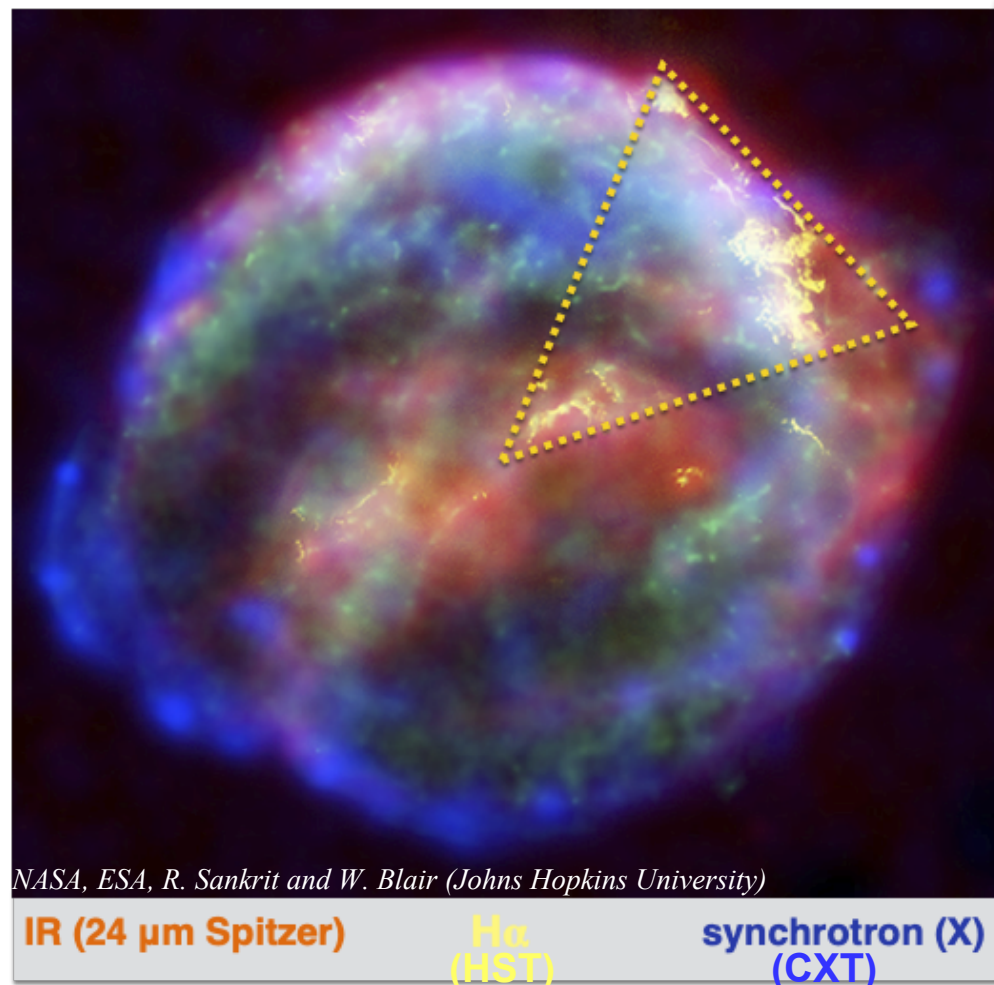


- Well measured distance: 5.1 ± 0.8 kpc (Sankrit et al. 2016)
- Rationale : Gamma-ray stems from the NW interaction region where density is high ($n_0 \sim 8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ from optical)

Synchrotron + IC

Electron emission coming from fast shocks (Southern hemisphere)

$V_{\text{shock}} \sim 5000 \text{ km/s}$
 $n_0 \sim 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



Hadronic emission

Interaction with the CSM with $\sim 8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 Lower shock speed $\sim 1700 \text{ km/s}$

NASA, ESA, R. Sankrit and W. Blair (Johns Hopkins University)

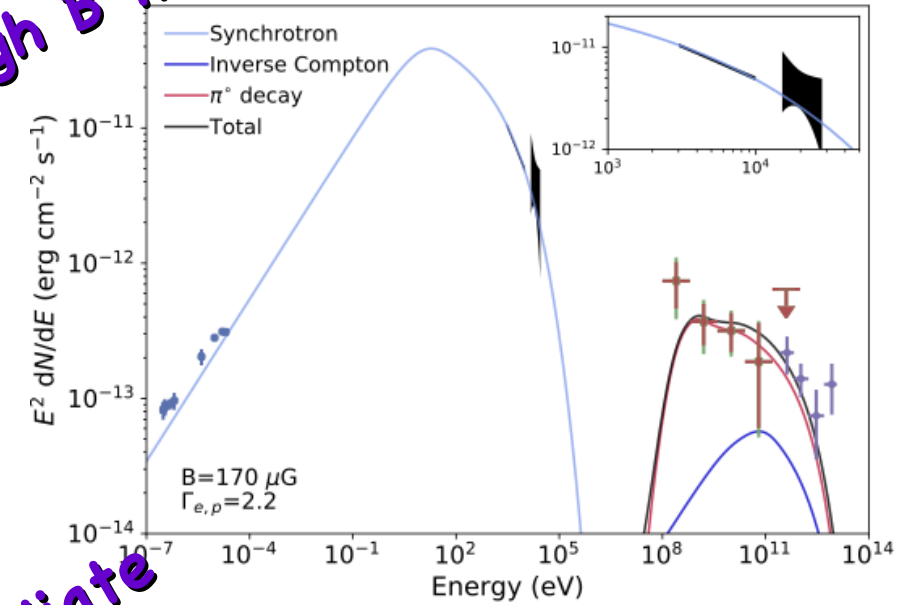
IR (24 μm Spitzer) H α (HST) synchrotron (X) (CXT)

Fermi-LAT spectrum & Kepler's modeling

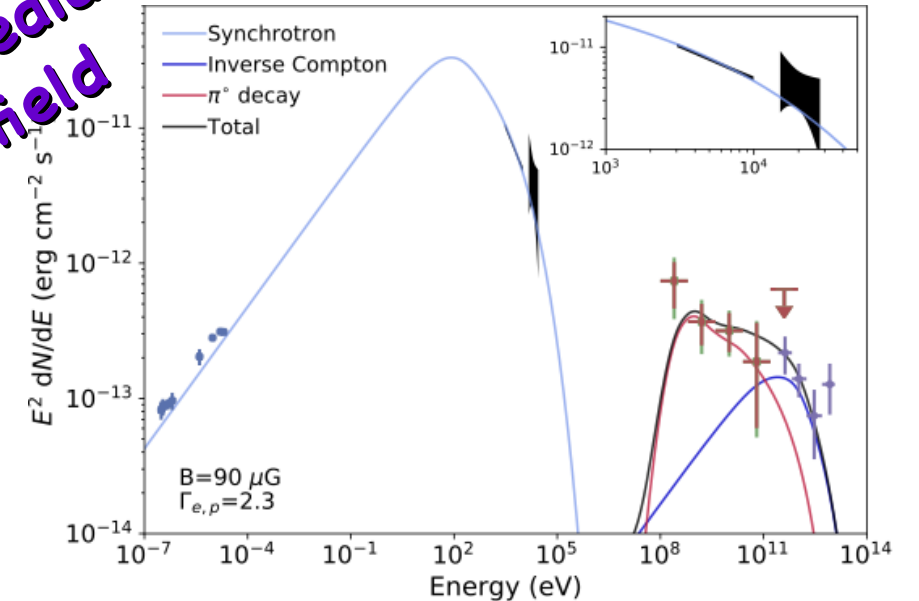


- Only 4 degrees of freedom: B field and injection
- Most parameters are fixed from theory or literature
- $V_{sh,e}$ from Chandra X-ray synchrotron rims motion
- $V_{sh,p}$ from Hubble H α motion
- Density from H α
- Electrons are cooling limited $\Rightarrow E_{max,p}$ & E_{break}
 - Exponentially Cutoff BrokenPowerLaw with a change of slope after E_{break} to $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1 + 1$
- Proton acceleration is age limited $\Rightarrow E_{max,p}$
- With an opening angle of 45° (filling factor 15%):
 - Local proton budget $\sim 4\%$ of E_{51}

High B field



Intermediate B field



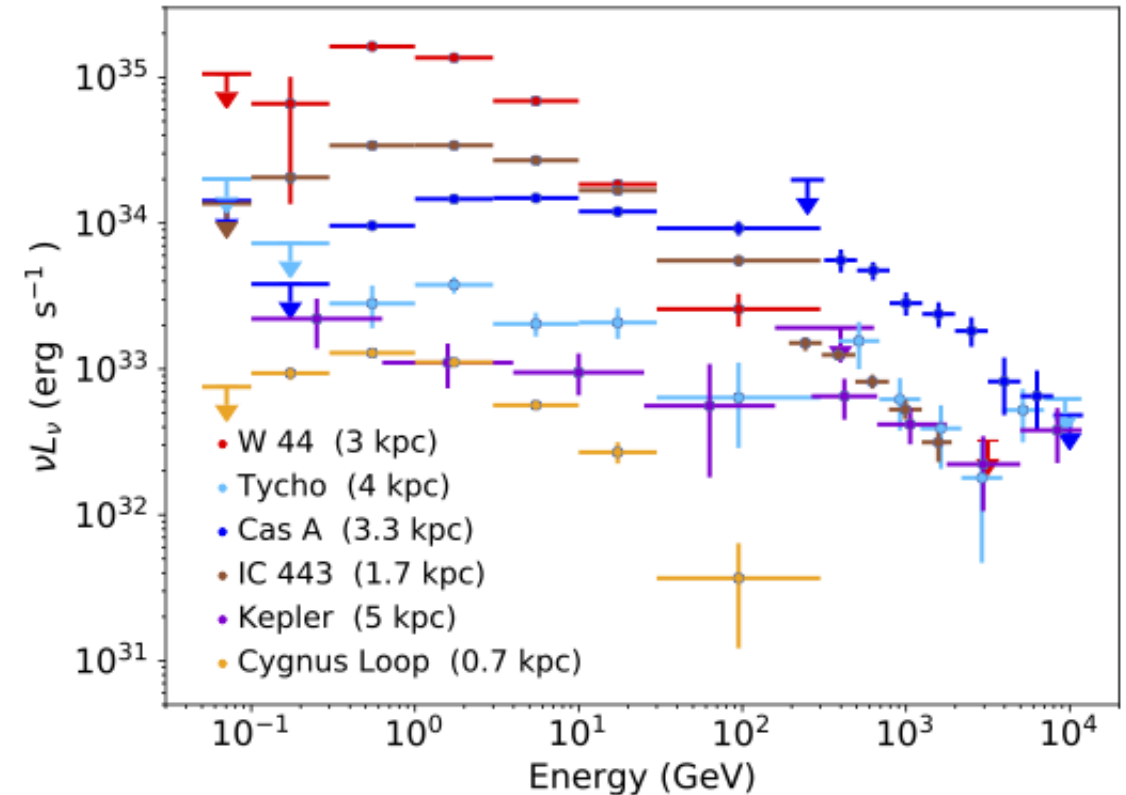
MWL observations used : radio fluxes from Castelletti et al. (2021), X-ray data from the Suzaku XIS + HXD instruments (Nagayoshi et al. 2021), H.E.S.S. flux points from Prokhorov et al. (2021, H.E.S.S. Collaboration) + our Fermi points

Conclusions on our Fermi-LAT results



- Significant detection
- SED modeling assuming pp interaction from NW for Fermi
 - Requires a steep injection of 2.2-2.3
 - Compatible with new H.E.S.S. Data
- Depending on magnetic field, TeV are located :
 - $\sim 100 \mu\text{G}$: IC dominated and TeV should arise from Southern fast shocks
 - $> 150 \mu\text{G}$: pp interaction and TeV should arise from NW region
- Tycho, Kepler, and Cassiopeia A exhibit a nearly flat spectrum (TeV/GeV=0.2-0.4) while the curvature is stronger for IC 443 (TeV/GeV=0.015) and W 44 (TeV/GeV $< 2 \times 10^{-3}$)

Different acceleration and emission mechanisms between young and middle-aged SNRs



Luminosity spectral energy distributions of a selection of SNRs for which the distance is well constrained and the γ -ray emission is likely dominated by hadronic emission. References for the distances and data used are given in Acero et al. (2022)