

GAMMA-RAY EMISSION OF THE KES 73/1E 1841-045 REGION OBSERVED WITH THE
FERMI LARGE AREA TELESCOPE

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ABSTRACT

The supernova remnant Kes 73 and/or the magnetar 1E 1841-045 at its center can deposit a large amount of energy to the surroundings and is potentially responsible for particle acceleration. Using the data taken with the *Fermi* Large Area Telescope (LAT), we confirmed the presence of an extended source whose centroid position is highly consistent with this magnetar/supernova-remnant pair. Its emission is intense from 100 MeV to >100 GeV. Its LAT spectrum can be decoupled into two components which are respectively governed by two different mechanisms. According to the young age of this system, the magnetar is seemingly a necessary and sufficient source for the downward-curved spectrum below 10 GeV, as the observed <10 GeV flux is too high for the supernova remnant to account for. On the other hand, the supernova remnant

is reasonably responsible for the hard spectrum above 10 GeV. Further studies of this region in the TeV regime is required, so that we can perform physically meaningful comparisons of the >10 GeV spectrum and the TeV spectrum.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Magnetars are neutron stars with typically longer periods of spinning ($\sim 2\text{--}12$ s) and stronger surface magnetic fields ($>6 \times 10^{12}$ G)¹ (Olausen & Kaspi 2014), compared to normal neutron stars. Their manifestations include soft gamma-ray repeaters (SGRs) and anomalous X-ray pulsars (AXPs), which are mostly located at low Galactic latitudes (Olausen & Kaspi 2014). Magnetars emit mainly by releasing magnetic energy rather than rotational energy (Duncan & Thompson 1992). Due to unusually high surface magnetic fields, frequent starquakes occur on magnetars (Duncan 1998), leading to recurrent X-ray outbursts of magnetars (cf. Collazzi et al. 2015, and references therein²). Whenever a magnetar outburst takes place, a substantial amount of energy spills, following the ejecta, to the surroundings and can affect the emission in that region at energies above 1 keV. Whether the gigaelectronvolt (GeV)-emissions from regions of magnetars react correspondingly to magnetar outbursts or not deserves to be a focus of our attention.

Pulsed GeV radiation from the magnetospheres of magnetars have been predicted by theoretical models (e.g., Cheng & Zhang 2001; Beloborodov & Thompson 2007; Takata et al. 2013). Nonetheless, it is arguable that the GeV pulsations of magnetars are likely to be buried due to their low flux levels

¹ McGill magnetar catalog: <http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/~pulsar/magnetar/main.html>

² GCN Circulars: http://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/gcn3_archive.html

(cf. [Li et al. 2017](#)). The difficulties in pulsation search of magnetars in γ -ray are further increased by the complicated γ -ray backgrounds in magnetars' neighbourhoods, because the Galactic diffuse emission is strong and the distributions of celestial objects are crowded at Galactic latitudes within $\pm 1^\circ$. Celestial objects in magnetars' neighbourhoods include, but are not limited to, magnetars' derivative products. While analyses of *Fermi* Large Area Telescope (LAT) data did not give convincing evidence for γ -rays from any magnetar (cf. [Abdo et al. 2010d](#); [Auchettl et al. 2014](#); [Yeung et al. 2016](#); [Li et al. 2017](#)), it is interesting to observe γ -rays from some derivative products of magnetars, as some of them are also magnetically powered and enable us to study physics of ultra-high magnetic field.

Supernova remnants (SNRs) are common derivative products of magnetars as well as other categories of neutron stars, and form through stellar collapse and subsequent supernova explosion. Thanks to LAT observations, plenty of GeV-bright SNR–molecular cloud (MC) association systems have been significantly detected (e.g., [Abdo et al. 2009, 2010a,b,c](#); [Castro et al. 2013](#); [Xing et al. 2014](#); [Liu et al. 2015](#); [Araya 2015](#)) and discovered to have broken-power-law or log-parabola spectra ([Acero et al. 2016](#)), suggesting an escape of over-energetic particles from the acceleration sites. Pulsar wind nebulae (PWNe) are another type of pulsars' derivative products, which form through pulsars' wind materials interacting with and shocked by ambient medium. They have been studied from the radio band (synchrotron radiation; e.g., [Ma et al. 2016](#)) to the γ -ray band. At least 27 pulsars have their PWNe identified as teraelectronvolt (TeV) sources (cf. [Halpern & Gotthelf 2010](#)) emitting through inverse-Compton (IC) scattering (reviewed by [Gaensler & Slane 2006](#)). Until now, Swift J1834.9-0846 is the only magnetar confirmed to produce an X-ray PWN ([Younes et al. 2016](#)), and CXOU J171405.7-381031 is the only magnetar argued as producing a TeV PWN ([Halpern & Gotthelf 2010](#)).

1E 1841-045 is an AXP discovered to be the central source of SNR Kes 73 ([Vasisht & Gotthelf](#)

1997). The Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system has a distance of $8.5_{-1.0}^{+1.3}$ kpc from us and an age of 750–2100 yr (Tian & Leahy 2008; Kumar et al. 2014). This system is potentially responsible for particle acceleration, as it shows intense TeV emission at the northern edge of HESS J1841-055 (Aharonian et al. 2008; Bochow 2011). This arouses our motivation to search for the GeV counterpart of the magnetar/SNR pair. 1E 1841-045 has a spin-down power of $\sim 1 \times 10^{33}$ erg s⁻¹ and a surface magnetic field of $\sim 7 \times 10^{14}$ G (Dib & Kaspi 2014). 1E 1841-045 experienced a series of 10 X-ray outbursts in 2011 February–July (Lin et al. 2011), and it is interesting to see how the GeV flux varies shortly after these outbursts. Tight interaction of Kes 73 with MCs is supported by detection of OH (1720 MHz) maser emission (Green et al. 1997), discovery of the methanol source IRAS 18379-0500 which is associated with an H II region (Helfand et al. 1992; Slysh et al. 1999), and revelation of broad-molecular-line (BML) regions by H I and CO observations (Tian & Leahy 2008; Kilpatrick et al. 2016). Nevertheless, the total solid angle subtended at Kes 73 by its adjacent compact H II regions is only $\sim 5\%$ of an entire sphere (cf. Figure 1(a) of Tian & Leahy 2008) and, to some degree, limits the γ -ray contribution from Kes 73.

In this paper, we explore the hundred-megaelectronvolt-to-GeV emission in the field of the Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system by using ~ 7.5 years of *Fermi* LAT data with the latest instrumental responses and background models. Then, we provide some insight into the possible origin(s) of the γ -rays, in terms of the spectral shapes, energy budgets and long-term temporal behaviors. Results of a nearby region consisting of 3XMM J185246.6+003317 will be published in a follow-up paper.

2. OBSERVATION & DATA REDUCTION

We performed a series of binned maximum-likelihood analyses for a $20^\circ \times 20^\circ$ region-of-interest (ROI) centered at RA= $18^h 47^m 04.963^s$, Dec= $-02^\circ 11' 37.66''$ (J2000), which is approximately the midpoint between 1E 1841-045 and 3XMM J185246.6+003317. We used the data obtained by LAT between

2008 August 4 and 2016 February 1. The data were reduced and analyzed with the aid of *Fermi* Science Tools v10r0p5 package. In view of the complicated environment of the Galactic plane regions, we adopted the events classified as Pass8 “Clean” class for the analysis so as to better suppress the background. The corresponding instrument response function (IRF) “P8R2_CLEAN_V6” is used throughout the investigation. We further filtered the data by accepting only the good time intervals where the ROI was observed at a zenith angle less than 90° so as to reduce the contamination from the albedo of Earth.

For subtracting the background contribution, we included the Galactic diffuse background (`gll_iem_v06.fits`), the isotropic background (`iso_P8R2_CLEAN_V6_PSF3_v06.txt` for “PSF3” data, `iso_P8R2_CLEAN_V6_FRONT` for “FRONT” data or `iso_P8R2_CLEAN_V6_v06.txt` for a full set of data) as well as all other point sources cataloged in the most updated Fermi/LAT catalog (3FGL; [Acero et al. 2015](#)) within 25° from the ROI center in the source model. In §3.1, we report discoveries of a few sources within 5° from the ROI center, which were also included in the source model. We set free the spectral parameters of the sources within 8° from the ROI center in the analysis. For the sources beyond 8° from the ROI center, their spectral parameters were fixed at the catalog values.

In spectral and temporal analysis, we required each energy-bin and time-segment to attain a signal-to-noise ratio $\gtrsim 3.0\sigma$ (equivalently, a TS value $\gtrsim 9$ and a chance probability $\lesssim 0.3\%$) for a robust result. For each energy-bin or time-segment *dissatisfying* this requirement, we placed a 3.0σ upper limit on its flux.

3. DATA ANALYSIS

3.1. Spatial Analysis

We investigate the morphology of the Kes 73/1E 1841-045 region in high-energy (HE; >1 GeV) and very-high-energy (VHE; >10 GeV) regimes respectively. We notice that the PSF at 10 GeV

for a full set of data is smaller than that at 1 GeV for “PSF3” data (cf. SLAC ³). Therefore, in order to achieve a compromise between good spatial resolution and adequate photon statistics, we independently analyze two sets of data for morphological studies: (1) “PSF3” data in 1–50 GeV, (2) and a full set of data in 10–200 GeV.

The test-statistic (TS) maps of the field around 1E 1841-045 are shown in Figure 1, where all 3FGL catalog sources including HESS J1841-055 are subtracted. The peak detection significance is $\sim 11.9\sigma$ in 1–50 GeV and $\sim 4.8\sigma$ in 10–200 GeV. On the TS map in 1–50 GeV, we determined the contour where the TS value is lower than the maximum by 9.488. Since this contour is very ellipse-like, we fit an ellipse to it. The center of this ellipse is determined to be the best-fit centroid, while its dimension is determined to be the 95% error region for 4 d.o.f. ⁴. We found that the 95% error region of the 1–50 GeV centroid covers the entire Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system, but is mutually exclusive with its two adjacent compact H II regions, G27.276+0.148 and G27.491+0.189. The best-fit 10–200 GeV centroid is offset from the magnetar/SNR pair by $\sim 9'$, but its 95% error region contains the pair. The spatial coincidence of the 1–50 GeV feature LAT observed and HESS J1841-055 is very marginal, but the 1–50 GeV centroid determined from LAT data still has a detection significance of $\sim 6.0\sigma$ in HESS (cf. Aharonian et al. 2008; Bochow 2011).

For examining whether the morphology of the emission from this region is extended, we followed a scheme adopted by Yeung et al. (2016). We performed a likelihood ratio test to quantify the significance of extension. We adopted the position of the 1–50 GeV centroid, (18:41:07.723, $-04:58:07.44$ (J2000)), for the 1E 1841-045 region (namely *Fermi* J1841.1-0458). We assigned it a simple power law, and we attempted uniform-disk morphologies of different radii as well as a point-source model

³ Fermi LAT Performance: http://www.slac.stanford.edu/exp/glast/groups/canda/lat_Performance.htm

⁴ Ones can refer to the Chi-Square Distribution Table, which shows that $\chi^2_{0.050} = 9.488$ for 4 d.o.f.. There are 4 d.o.f., because of 4 variables: right ascension, declination, flux normalization and photon index.

on it. We took the “FRONT” data in 1–400 GeV, which thoroughly covers both HE and VHE bands. The $2\Delta\ln(\textit{likelihood})$ of different radii relative to the point-source model are tabulated in Table 1. The most likely radius is determined to be $0^\circ.32_{-0^\circ.01}^{+0^\circ.05}$ ⁵ and this morphology is preferred over a point-source model by $\sim 7.8\sigma$. We therefore adopted this morphology for *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 in subsequent analyses.

In the 3XMM J185246.6+003317 region, we identified another extended source (namely *Fermi* J1852.2+0037), which was modelled together with *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 and will be reported in our follow-up paper. Within 5° from the ROI center, we discovered two more sources at $(281.79408^\circ, -2.3781283^\circ)_{J2000}$ (TS>300) and $(281.41503^\circ, -3.0315034^\circ)_{J2000}$ (TS>50). In the same chain of analyses, we also modelled them as additional point sources, merely for the sake of better subtracting the γ -ray backgrounds.

3.2. Spectral Analysis

To construct the binned spectrum of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, we performed an independent fitting of each spectral bin. For each spectral bin, we assigned a PL model to *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. Considering that we include photons with energies below 1 GeV, and that we are investigating crowded regions in the Galactic plane, we find it *inappropriate* to adopt a full set of data whose large PSF (e.g., a 68% containment radius of $\sim 3.0^\circ$ at 0.2 GeV; cf. SLAC³) leads to severe source confusion. Meanwhile, adopting only “PSF3” data is also *discouraged* in spectral fittings because of large systematic uncertainties induced by severe energy dispersion. For “FRONT” data in 0.2–1 GeV, the FWHM of its PSF is <75% of that for a full set of data and its energy dispersion is greater than that for a full set of data by only $\lesssim 1\%$ of the photon energy (cf. SLAC³). Therefore, we adopted only “FRONT”

⁵ The 1σ uncertainties are determined at where the $2\Delta\ln(\textit{likelihood})$ is lower than the maximum by 1 according to the Chi-Square Distribution.

data in order to achieve a compromise between a small PSF and lessened energy dispersion.

The spectral energy distribution (SED) is shown in Figure 2. Noticeably, there appears to be a spectral disconnection at energies around 10 GeV, where the flux is lower. This suggests that the entire LAT spectrum may consist of two components, which are decoupled at energies around 10 GeV. With regards to this, we looked into the spectral shapes of two mutually exclusive energy bands respectively: 0.2–10 GeV and 10–200 GeV. We examined how well the spectrum in each band can be described by, respectively, a simple power-law (PL)

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = N_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\Gamma} \quad ,$$

an exponential cutoff power law (PLE)

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = N_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\Gamma} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_c}\right) \quad ,$$

and a broken power law (BKPL)

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \begin{cases} N_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_b}\right)^{-\Gamma_1} & \text{if } E < E_b \\ N_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_b}\right)^{-\Gamma_2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad .$$

The results of spectral fitting are tabulated in Table 2.

For the 0.2–10 GeV spectrum of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, the likelihood ratio test indicates that both PLE and BKPL are preferred over PL by $>3.5\sigma$. A PLE model yields a photon index of $\Gamma = 1.95 \pm 0.13$ and a cutoff energy of $E_c = 5092 \pm 2121$ MeV. A BKPL model yields a photon index $\Gamma_1 = 1.95 \pm 0.08$ below the spectral break $E_b = 1241 \pm 249$ MeV and a photon index $\Gamma_2 = 2.63 \pm 0.11$ above the break. Since the TS values yielded by PLE and BKPL models differ by <6 , these two models are similarly preferable.

In the 10–200 GeV spectrum of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, a PL model yields a photon index $\Gamma = 1.99 \pm 0.22$, which is consistent with a flat energy-spectrum within the tolerance of the 1σ uncertainty. The relatively low statistics do not allow distinguishing among the goodness of fit of PL, PLE and

BKPL models. In order to demonstrate whether this spectrum could be well connected to the 1–10 GeV spectrum by one single PL, we also performed a likelihood ratio test for the 1–200 GeV band. It turns out that a BKPL model with E_b fixed at 10 GeV ($\Gamma_1 = 2.65 \pm 0.10$ and $\Gamma_2 = 2.01 \pm 0.20$) is preferred over the best-fit PL ($\Gamma = 2.53 \pm 0.09$) by $\sim 2.8\sigma$ (i.e., the probability that the 1–200 GeV spectrum can be joined by a PL is $\sim 0.5\%$).

3.3. Temporal Analysis

In order to examine the long-term variability of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, we divided the first ~ 7.4 years of *Fermi* LAT observation into a number of 180-day segments. A binned maximum-likelihood analysis of “FRONT” data ⁶ in 0.7–400 GeV was performed for each individual segment. The choice of a minimum energy cut of 0.7 GeV in this analysis is motivated by the FWHM of the PSF at 0.7 GeV which is $< 40\%$ of that at 0.2 GeV (cf. SLAC ³). In other words, the source confusion of photons in this analysis is conspicuously *less* serious. We assumed a PL model for *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. We then repeated this procedure with 270 days as a segment. The temporal behaviors of the photon flux and photon index of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 are plotted with the X-ray outburst history of 1E 1841-045, taken from Lin et al. (2011), Collazzi et al. (2015) and references therein ², altogether in Figure 3.

If we adopt 180 days as a bin, constant-value functions are sufficient to describe the temporal distributions of flux and spectral index, with $\chi^2 < 20$ for 14 d.o.f., and *no* bins deviate from the best-fit flat line by $\geq 2.7\sigma$. If we change the bin size to be 270 days, the temporal distributions of flux and spectral index are also uniform, with $\chi^2 < 13$ for 9 d.o.f., and there are *no* bins different from the best-fit horizontal line by $\geq 2.2\sigma$. More importantly, the errors considered in above fittings are purely statistical. If we take the systematic uncertainties of Galactic diffuse emission model and

⁶ Again, the reason for adopting only “FRONT” data is to achieve a compromise between a small PSF and lessened energy dispersion.

the effective area (cf. [Abdo et al. 2013](#)) into consideration, then the significance of variability will further be lowered. Thus, *no* γ -ray variability of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is significantly detected.

4. DISCUSSION

Our analysis of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 confirms what [Acero et al. \(2016\)](#) and [Li et al. \(2017\)](#) discovered with *Fermi* LAT data: the presence of a GeV-bright extended source which is positionally consistent with the Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system. [Li et al. \(2017\)](#) placed a 95% upper limit of 2.05×10^{-11} erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ on the 0.1–10 GeV flux of the magnetar 1E 1841-045, after their attempt to subtract the γ -ray contribution from SNR Kes 73 which is enclosing the magnetar at its center. This upper limit is approximately one-fifth of our observed flux for *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. Nevertheless, we take a different approach to discuss possible γ -ray origins.

Fermi J1841.1-0458 radiates strongly in both low-energy (LE; 0.1–1 GeV), HE (1–10 GeV) and VHE (>10 GeV) regimes. Comprehensively considering Figure 2 and Table 2, we found that the 0.1–10 GeV and 10–200 GeV emissions may be respectively dominated by two components of different mechanisms. We will therefore discuss the emission mechanisms of the source using these two energy bands.

We compared the LAT spectral shape of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 with those of other SNRs younger than or as young as Kes 73, which are tabulated in Table 3. The interpretations based on this comparison will be discussed in the following sub-sections.

4.1. Relations with SNR Kes 73

The best-fit 1–50 GeV centroid of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is almost at the center of Kes 73, while the 95% error region of this centroid is mutually exclusive with the two H II clouds G27.276+0.148 and G27.491+0.189. This contradicts the MC-interaction scenario where the actual γ -ray source is the proton collision sites (MCs) rather than the proton acceleration sites (SNR shocks). Whereas,

this is within our expectation, as only $\sim 5\%$ of cosmic rays accelerated in Kes 73 can reach these two H II clouds, according to the angular sizes of the clouds and their angular separations from Kes 73 (taken from Figure 1(a) of [Tian & Leahy 2008](#)). Also, Kes 73 is a shell-type SNR which shows *no* signs of being thermal composite, further confirming that the dense medium interacting with Kes 73 is *not* that abundant. Furthermore, a SNR is generally GeV-brightest at an age within $\sim 3\text{--}10$ kyr (cf. [Dermer & Powale 2013](#)), while Kes 73 is only $\lesssim 2.1$ kyr old ([Kumar et al. 2014](#)). Therefore, the γ -ray contribution from Kes 73 should be limited.

The *Fermi* LAT detection of the GeV counterparts of Cas A and Tycho ([Abdo et al. 2010e](#); [Zirakashvili et al. 2014](#); [Giordano et al. 2012](#); [Archambault et al. 2017](#)), respectively ~ 340 yr old and ~ 440 yr old SNRs in lack of dense medium in their neighborhoods ([Fesen et al. 2006](#); [Tian & Leahy 2011](#); [Kilpatrick et al. 2014, 2016](#)), makes it rather possible for Kes 73 to be a significant γ -ray source like Cas A and Tycho. However, if Kes 73 (at a distance of ~ 8.5 kpc; [Tian & Leahy 2008](#); [Kumar et al. 2014](#)) is the only source of energy injection for *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, then its 0.1–1 GeV luminosity would be a factor of >20 greater than those of Cas A and Tycho (at distances of ~ 3.3 kpc and <5 kpc respectively; [Alarie et al. 2014](#); [Hayato et al. 2010](#); [Tian & Leahy 2011](#)). Besides, the $\sim 1\text{--}10$ GeV spectrum of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is steeper than those of all other young-SNR associated sources in Table 3 by $>3\sigma$. Furthermore, $\lesssim 3000$ yr old SNRs should have γ -ray luminosities $\lesssim 10^{35}$ erg s $^{-1}$ (cf. [Dermer & Powale 2013](#)), while the 0.1–10 GeV luminosity of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is $\sim 8.7 \times 10^{35}$ erg s $^{-1}$, based on the BKPL model fit to the 0.2–10 GeV spectrum. If we adopt the simple model where the target material for cosmic-ray interaction at early SNR ages is only the shocked interstellar medium but *not* the SNR shell (cf. [Dermer & Powale 2013](#)), then it is *unusual* for Kes 73 to dominate the LE–HE (0.1–10 GeV) emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458.

In 10–200 GeV, the luminosity of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is $\sim 1.6 \times 10^{35}$ erg s $^{-1}$, with a hard photon index of 1.99 ± 0.22 . Interestingly, the 1–300 GeV spectrum of the SNR RX J0852.0-4622 (2400–5100

yr old; [Allen et al. 2015](#)) is well described by a PL model with a similar photon index of 1.85 ± 0.06 ([Tanaka et al. 2011](#)), and the 0.5–300 GeV spectrum of the SNR RX J1713.7-3946 (~ 1600 yr old; cf. [Fesen et al. 2012](#); [Katsuda et al. 2015](#)) is well described by a PL model with an even slightly harder photon index of 1.53 ± 0.07 ([Federici et al. 2015](#)). For these two SNRs, any simple one-zone model for particle acceleration does not favor a strong hadronic pion-decay component ([Federici et al. 2015](#)), as more-energetic particles are more inclined to lose their energy or to escape from the acceleration sites. Such hard GeV spectra of SNRs can possibly be explained by leptonic cosmic-rays up-scattering soft photons (cf. [Tanaka et al. 2011](#); [Dermer & Powale 2013](#)), and/or more complicated hadronic emission (beyond one-zone models) from a shell of dense gas that is transferred from progenitor stellar winds and is located a short distance upstream of the forward shock (cf. [Federici et al. 2015](#)).

Since Kes 73 is as young as RX J1713.7-3946 and is just slightly younger than RX J0852.0-4622, it is likely that Kes 73 dominates the VHE emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, whose VHE spectrum is as hard as those of RX J0852.0-4622 and RX J1713.7-3946. Both the GeV–TeV spectra of RX J0852.0-4622 and RX J1713.7-3946 are well described by BKPL models with spectral turnovers and peaks at ~ 300 GeV ([Tanaka et al. 2011](#); [Federici et al. 2015](#)). HESS observation in the TeV band shows that Kes 73 has a detection significance of $\sim 6.0\sigma$ at the northern edge of HESS J1841-055 (cf. [Aharonian et al. 2008](#); [Bochow 2011](#)). Unfortunately, it is *inappropriate* to examine the spectral connection for *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 and HESS J1841-055, since HESS J1841-055 has an extended feature composed of Kes 73 as well as several stronger high-energy sources ([Aharonian et al. 2008](#); [Bochow 2011](#)). It is unclear whether the VHE spectrum of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 can be connected to the TeV spectrum of Kes 73 (after subtracting other components of HESS J1841-055) with a turnover and peak at ~ 300 GeV, like what is observed in the spectra of RX J0852.0-4622 and RX J1713.7-3946. It is still dubious whether the scenarios explaining the GeV spectra of RX J0852.0-4622 and RX J1713.7-3946 can be applied to Kes 73 or not.

4.2. Relations with the magnetar 1E 1841-045

1E 1841-045 is highly consistent with the 1–50 GeV centroid of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. One of the most preferable spectral models in 0.2–10 GeV, PLE, yields a spectral index within the range of typical values of about 1-2 in the 2nd catalog of pulsars detected by the *Fermi* LAT, and a cutoff energy consistent with the range of typical values of about 1-4 GeV (Abdo et al. 2013). While the spin-down power of 1E 1841-045 of $\sim 1.0 \times 10^{33}$ erg s⁻¹ (Dib & Kaspi 2014) is only $\sim 0.11\%$ of the 0.1–10 GeV luminosity of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458, its surface magnetic field of $\sim 1.4 \times 10^{15}$ G at the pole (cf. Dib & Kaspi 2014) makes it appropriate to estimate the power of magnetic field decay to be $\gtrsim 10^{36}$ erg s⁻¹ (cf. Zhang 2003), which is marginally greater than the 0.1–10 GeV luminosity of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. Therefore, one possible scenario is that the LE–HE emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is dominated by energy released from the very-intense magnetic field of 1E 1841-045.

The >0.7 GeV emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is essentially steady. Both Figure 3 in this work and Figure 5 in Yeung et al. (2016) (a long-term light-curve of the SGR 1806-20 region) suggest that, regardless of cosmic-ray origins, γ -ray emissions from magnetars’ regions may *not* vary in response to magnetar outbursts, although the enormous energy ejected from these outbursts triggers abrupt yet dramatic enhancements in X-ray and *soft* γ -ray emissions.

The 10–200 GeV luminosity of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is 2 orders of magnitude higher than the spin-down power of 1E 1841-045, but is about an order of magnitude lower than its power of magnetic field decay. Although synchrotron cooling generally makes leptonic cosmic-rays difficult to produce γ -ray photons of a few GeV or above via synchrotron radiation, PWNe can, with the reduced synchrotron losses for high-energy IC-emitting electrons, maintain their high GeV–TeV γ -ray fluxes for timescales exceeding the lifetime of their progenitor pulsars (Tibolla et al. 2011). Remarkably, in 10–200 GeV, the luminosity and spectral shape of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 are both highly consistent with those of

Crab Nebula’s IC component (see Table 3, and compare Figure 2 in this work with Figure 2 of Buehler et al. 2012). Crab Nebula is a PWN powered by a ~ 1 kyr old pulsar (as young as the Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system; Rudie et al. 2008), prompting us to speculate that Kes 73 also contains an IC-radiating PWN. On the other hand, a stark contrast between the 0.2–10 GeV spectra of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 and Crab Nebula (cf. Table 3) makes it *unreasonable* to apply the synchrotron component of Crab Nebula (for detail, see Buehler et al. 2012) to explain the LE–HE emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458.

TeV-detected PWNe should be associated with pulsars releasing power of $>10^{36}$ erg s $^{-1}$ (Halpern & Gotthelf 2010). Such required power is greater than the rotational power of 1E 1841-045 by three orders of magnitude, but can be afforded by magnetic field decay of 1E 1841-045. Swift J1834.9-0846, the first magnetar confirmed to produce a PWN (Younes et al. 2016), is under a similar circumstance (cf. Kargaltsev et al. 2012), and hence the wind nebula around it has been argued to be magnetically powered (Tong 2016). Conceivably, magnetar’s relativistic outflows, which are accumulated over all outbursts in its history and confined by SNR shell, can supply even larger fluxes of wind particles than those supplied in quiescence (Granot et al. 2017). Therefore, 1E 1841-045 is sufficient to generate an IC-radiating PWN which may account for a significant portion of the LAT flux in the VHE band and/or the HESS flux in the TeV band. However, a major uncertainty of this scenario is that there is *no* firmly identified PWN inside the SNR shell of Kes 73.

5. SUMMARY

Subject to assured authenticity of the model prediction for young ($\lesssim 3$ kyr old) SNRs done by Dermer & Powale (2013), the LE–HE (0.1–10 GeV) emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 *cannot* be dominated by SNR Kes 73, and is more likely to be dominated by the magnetar 1E 1841-045. Whereas, unless more and more young SNRs are found to have low 0.1–10 GeV luminosities (like

those of Cas A, Tycho, RX J0852.0-4622 and RX J1713.7-3946), the credibility of their model for SNR evolution may still be challenged. Once it is challenged, we *cannot* robustly eliminate the possibility of the Kes 73 origin for this band. The VHE (>10 GeV) emission of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 is evidently dominated by Kes 73, while a PWN generated by 1E 1841-045, if it exists, is a sufficient yet unnecessary source in this energy band.

We suggest modelling the Kes 73/1E 1841-045 system as a single source independent from HESS J1841-055 in the TeV regime, so that we can perform physically meaningful comparisons between GeV and TeV spectra. In turn, we can compare its GeV–TeV spectrum to those of RX J0852.0-4622, RX J1713.7-3946 and Crab Nebula. How will the GeV and TeV analyses of this magnetar/SNR pair be affected if we assign a different morphology to HESS J1841-055? What should be the refined position and dimension of HESS J1841-055 so that it excludes the magnetar/SNR pair more precisely while retaining all other high-energy components? To address such crucial issues, ones can start with analyzing TeV data collected by HESS, MAGIC and/or CTA, each of which has a higher sensitivity than the GeV-observing *Fermi* LAT.

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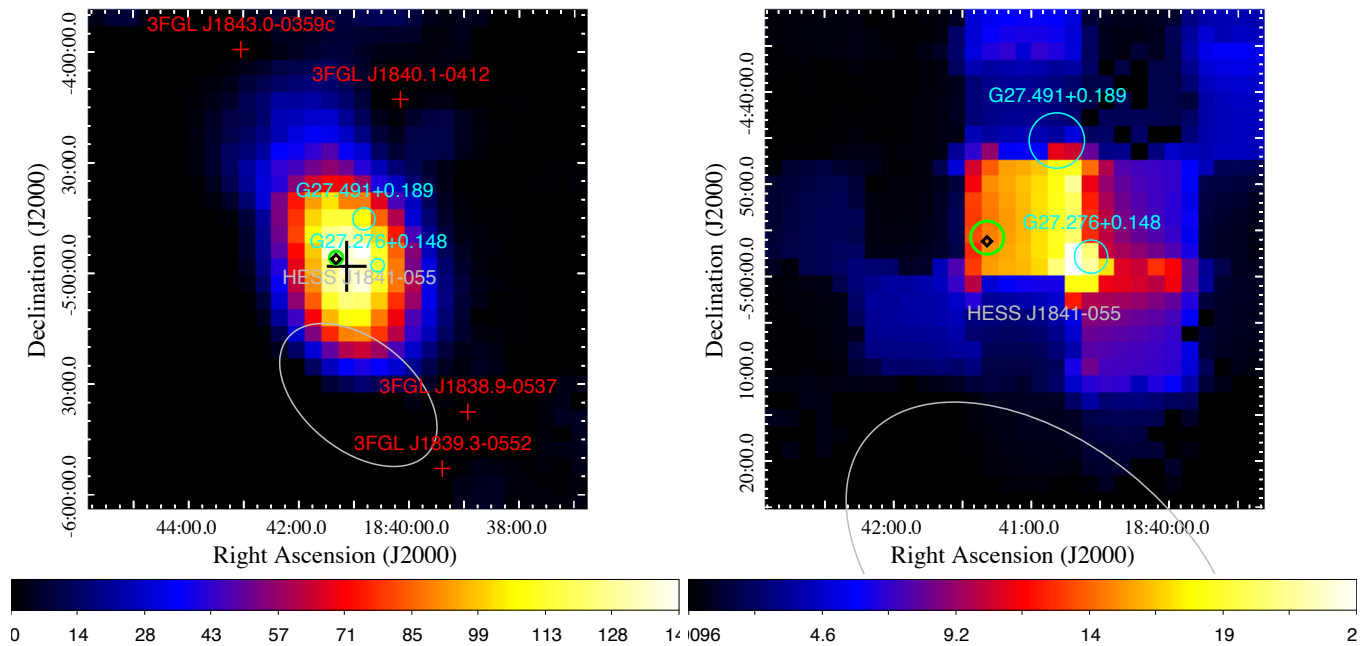


Figure 1. TS maps of the field around 1E 1841-045 in 1–50 GeV (for “PSF3” data; left) and 10–200 GeV (for a full set of data; right), respectively, where all neighboring 3FGL catalog sources are subtracted. The green thick circles indicate the position and dimension of Kes 73, which are taken from [Acero et al. \(2016\)](#). The black diamonds indicate the position of 1E 1841-045, which is taken from [Wachter et al. \(2004\)](#). The position and dimension of the two H II clouds G27.276+0.148 and G27.491+0.189, indicated as cyan circles, are taken from [Tian & Leahy \(2008\)](#). The position and dimension of HESS J1841-055, indicated as a gray ellipse, are taken from [Aharonian et al. \(2008\)](#). The positions of nearby 3FGL sources are marked by red crosses. On the left map, the centroid is indicated as a black thick cross, whose size illustrates the 95% error region.

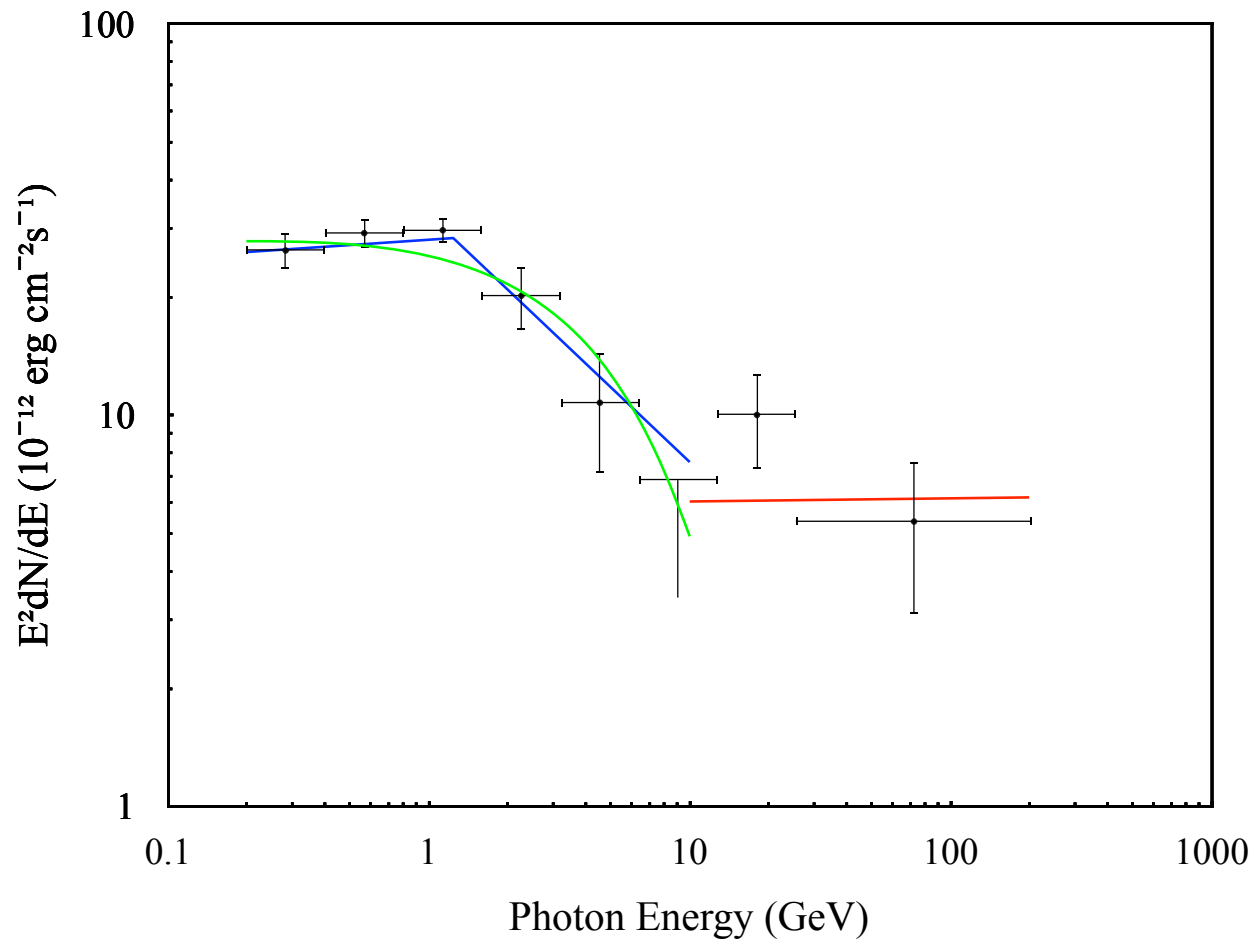


Figure 2. SED of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. The upper limit is at the 3.0σ confidence level. The green and blue curves respectively illustrate the best-fit PLE and BKPL models in 0.2–10 GeV, and the red line illustrates the best-fit PL model in 10–200 GeV.

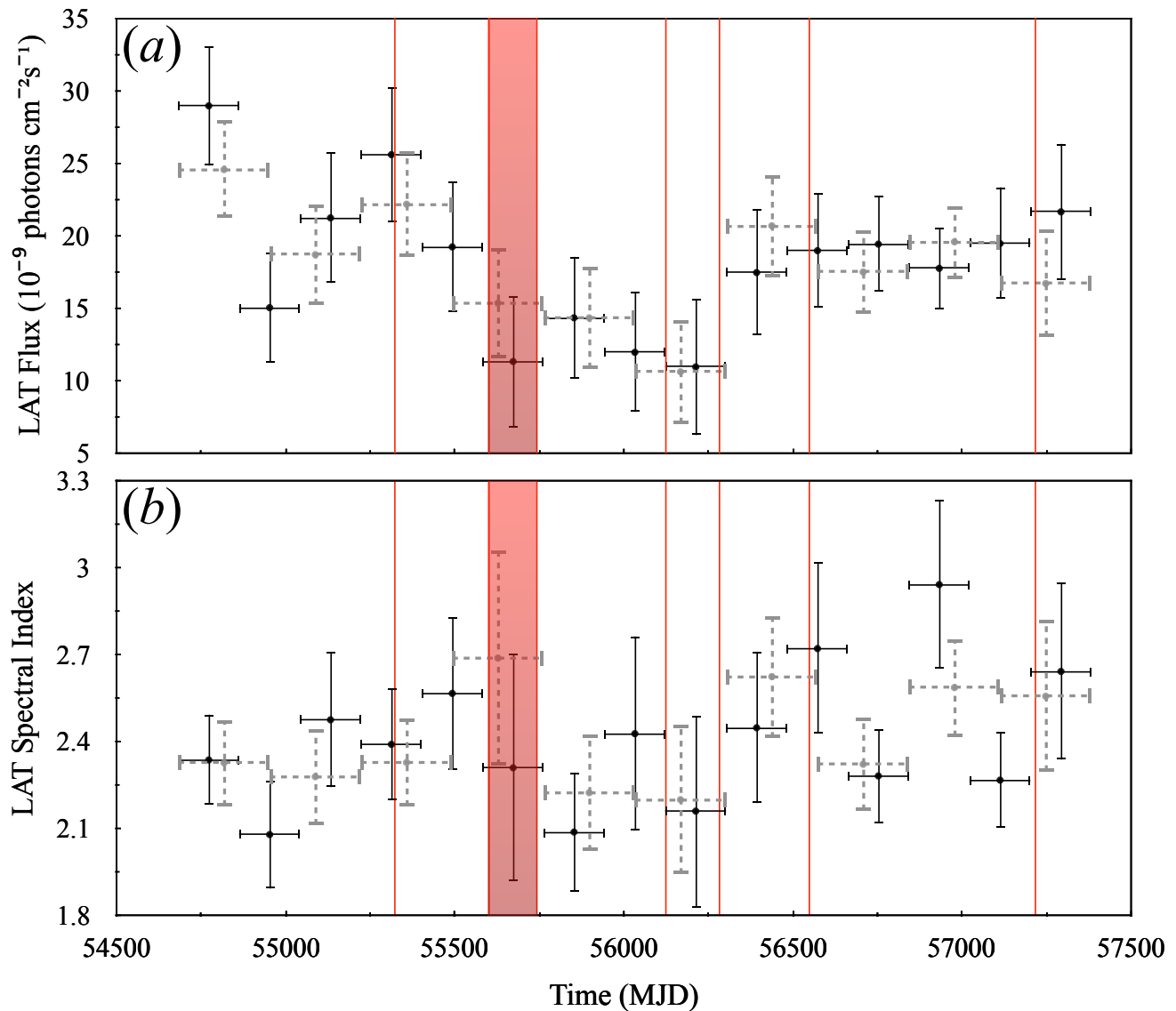


Figure 3. (a) 0.7–400 GeV light-curve of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458. The size of each black solid bin is 180 days, and the size of each gray dashed bin is 270 days. The red vertical lines indicate the dates of X-ray outbursts of 1E 1841-045, and the shaded time-range contains a series of 10 X-ray outbursts (for detail, see [Lin et al. 2011](#); [Collazzi et al. 2015](#), and references therein ²). (b) Temporal behavior of the 0.7–400 GeV spectral index of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 with the same binning methods as those applied in (a).

Table 1. The $2\Delta\ln(\textit{likelihood})$ in 1–400 GeV for “FRONT” data, when uniform disks of different radii replace the point-source model to be the morphology of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458.

Radius of extension (deg)	$2\Delta\ln(\textit{likelihood})$
0.1	16.2026
0.2	42.6688
0.3	59.6818
0.31	59.8536
0.32	60.9114
0.325	60.8942
0.33	60.8948
0.34	60.8702
0.35	60.6538
0.36	60.7046
0.37	59.9428
0.4	56.9028

Table 2. γ -ray spectral properties of *Fermi* J1841.1-0458 as observed by *Fermi* LAT.

	0.2–10 GeV	10–200 GeV
PL		
Γ	2.247 ± 0.039	1.992 ± 0.223
Flux (10^{-9} photons cm^{-2} s^{-1})	84.68 ± 4.28	0.362 ± 0.091
TS	678.8	21.7
PLE		
Γ	1.952 ± 0.132	1.832 ± 0.616
E_c (MeV)	5092.0 ± 2121.2	244638.0 ± 992998.0
Flux (10^{-9} photons cm^{-2} s^{-1})	80.93 ± 5.0	0.362 ± 0.091
TS	691.4	21.7
BKPL		
Γ_1	1.955 ± 0.082	1.16 ± 0.551
Γ_2	2.631 ± 0.109	58.896 ± 410.359
E_b (MeV)	1241.3 ± 248.8	40480.9 ± 28812.3
Flux (10^{-9} photons cm^{-2} s^{-1})	79.47 ± 9.52	0.337 ± 0.152
TS	696.9	24.3

Table 3. Spectral comparison among young-SNR associated sources detected by *Fermi* LAT.

Source	SNR age (kyr)	Energy band (GeV)	Photon index	References
<i>Fermi</i> J1841.1-0458	0.75–2.1	0.2–1.24	1.95 ± 0.08	(1), (2)
		1.24–10	2.63 ± 0.11	
		10–200	1.99 ± 0.22	
Cas A	~0.34	0.5–50	2.0 ± 0.1	(3), (4)
RX J0852.0-4622	2.4–5.1	1–300	1.85 ± 0.06	(5), (6)
RX J1713.7-3946	~1.6	0.5–300	1.53 ± 0.07	(7), (8), (9)
Crab Nebula	~1.0	0.1–~1	3.59 ± 0.07	(10), (11)
		~1–13.9	1.48 ± 0.07	
		13.9–300	2.19 ± 0.17	
RCW 103	~2.0	1–300	2.0 ± 0.1	(12), (13)
Tycho	~0.44	0.3–~500	2.14 ± 0.09	(14)

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