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Amongst the population of TeV gamma-ray sources detected with the High Energy Stereoscopic System (H.E.S.S.) in the Galactic plane, clearly identified supernova remnant (SNR) shells constitute a small but precious source class. TeV-selected SNRs are prime candidates for efficient cosmic-ray acceleration. In this work, we present new SNR candidates that have been identified in the entire H.E.S.S.-I data of the Galactic plane recorded over the past ten years. Identification with known SNR shells from other wavebands are rare but were successful at least in one case. In a few other cases, TeV-only shell candidates are a major challenge for identification as SNR objects due to their lack of detected non-thermal emission in lower frequency bands. We will discuss how these objects may present an important link between young and evolved SNRs, since their shell emission may be dominated by hadronic processes.

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