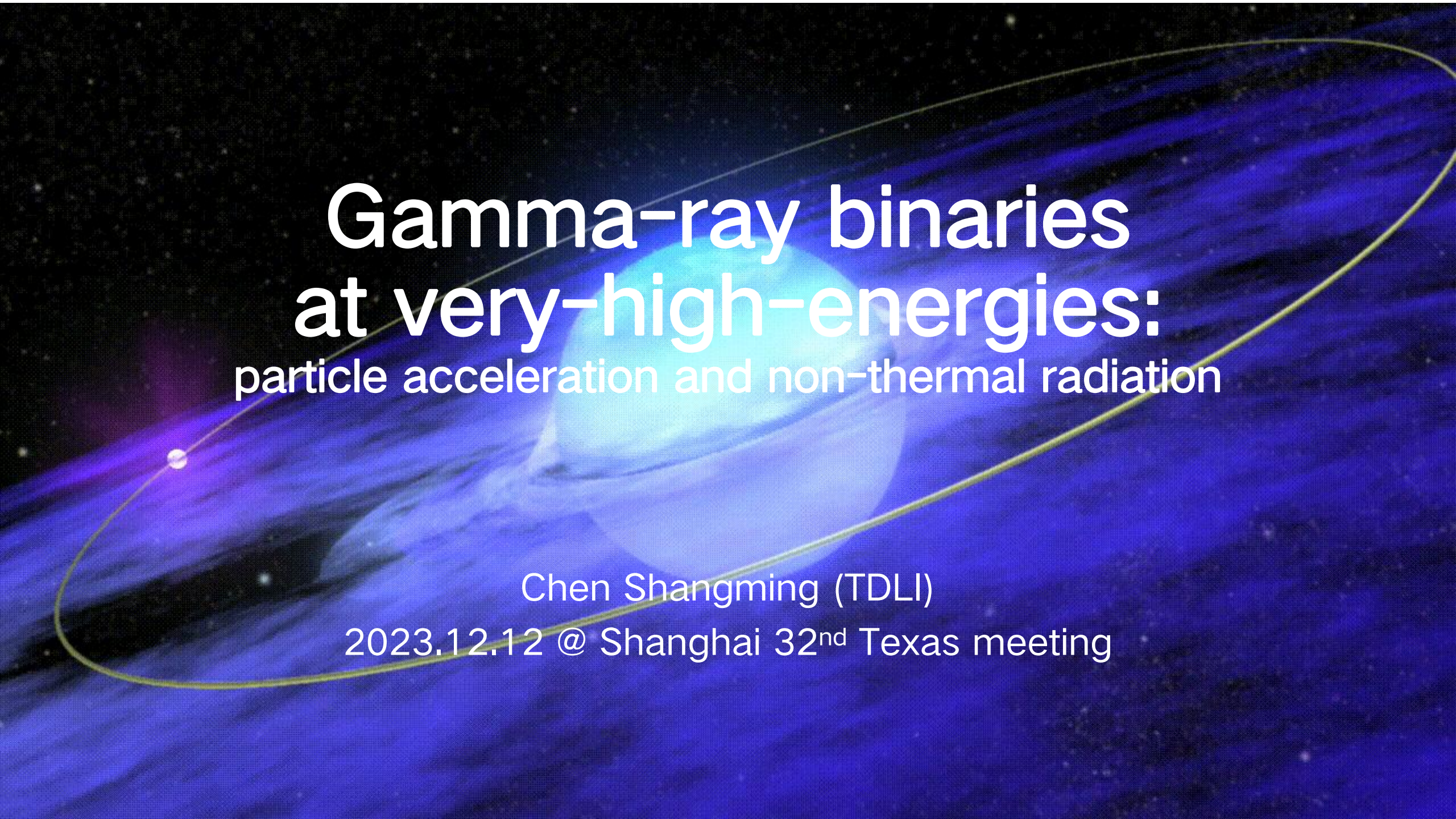




Gamma-ray binaries at very-high-energies:

particle acceleration and non-thermal radiation

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Gamma-ray binaries:

1. Introduction:

- TeV catalog → TeV Binaries
- X-ray binaries → γ -ray binaries

2. Binary systems:

- O -type γ Bs: PSR B1259-63, etc.
- Be-type γ Bs: LS 5039, etc.

3. γ Bs with LHAASO & CTA:

- Particle acceleration and radiation
- TeV binaries → PeV binaries ?



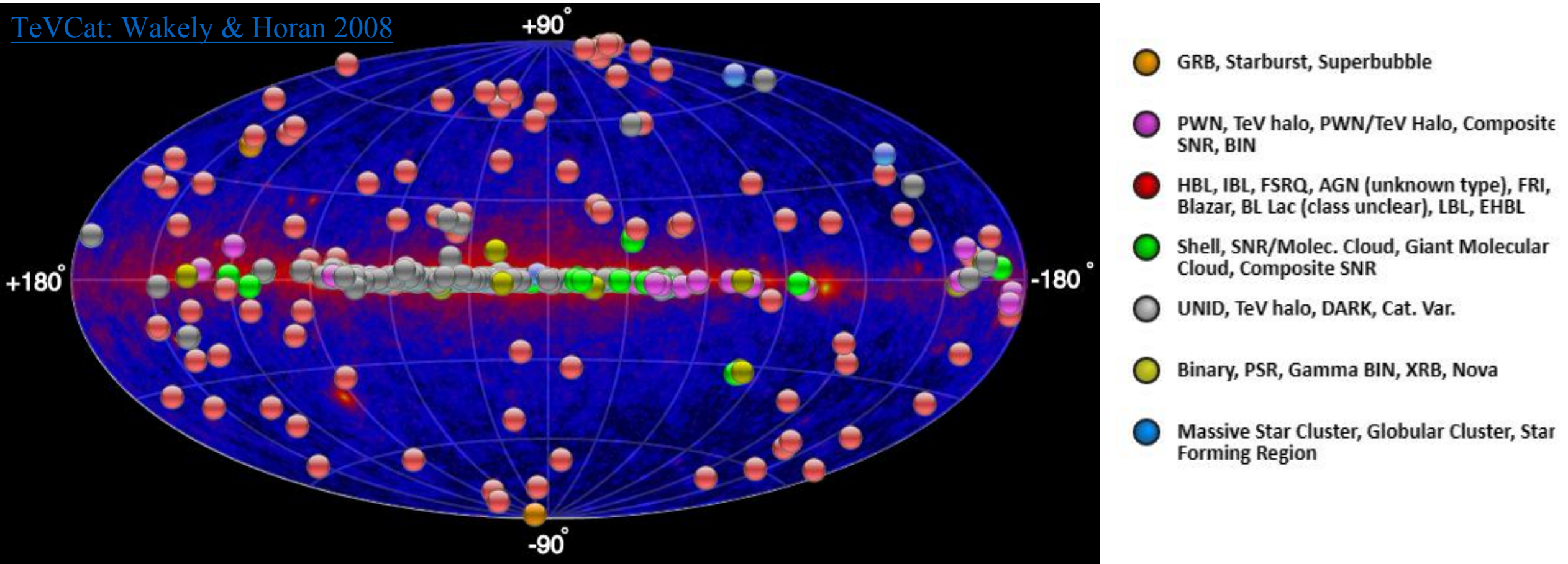
Figure: [techexplorist](https://www.techexplorist.com)

1.1 TeV Catalog: ~300

- a) **Extra-Galactic:** AGN, GRB, SBG, etc.
- b) **Galactic:** PSR, PWN, SNR, Binary, etc.

So far, more than 300 VHE ($>0.1\text{TeV}$) sources being discovered, with a few of them being detected at UHE ($>0.1\text{PeV}$) band.

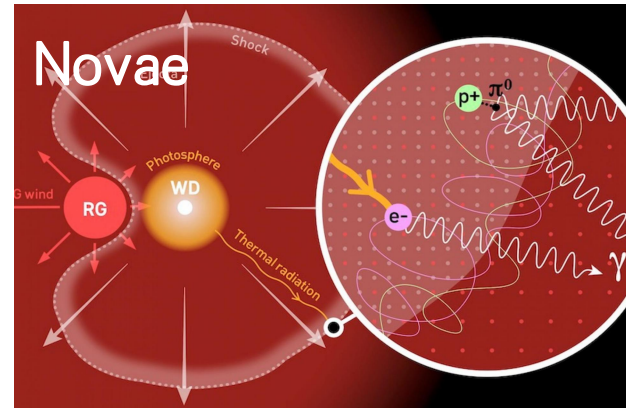
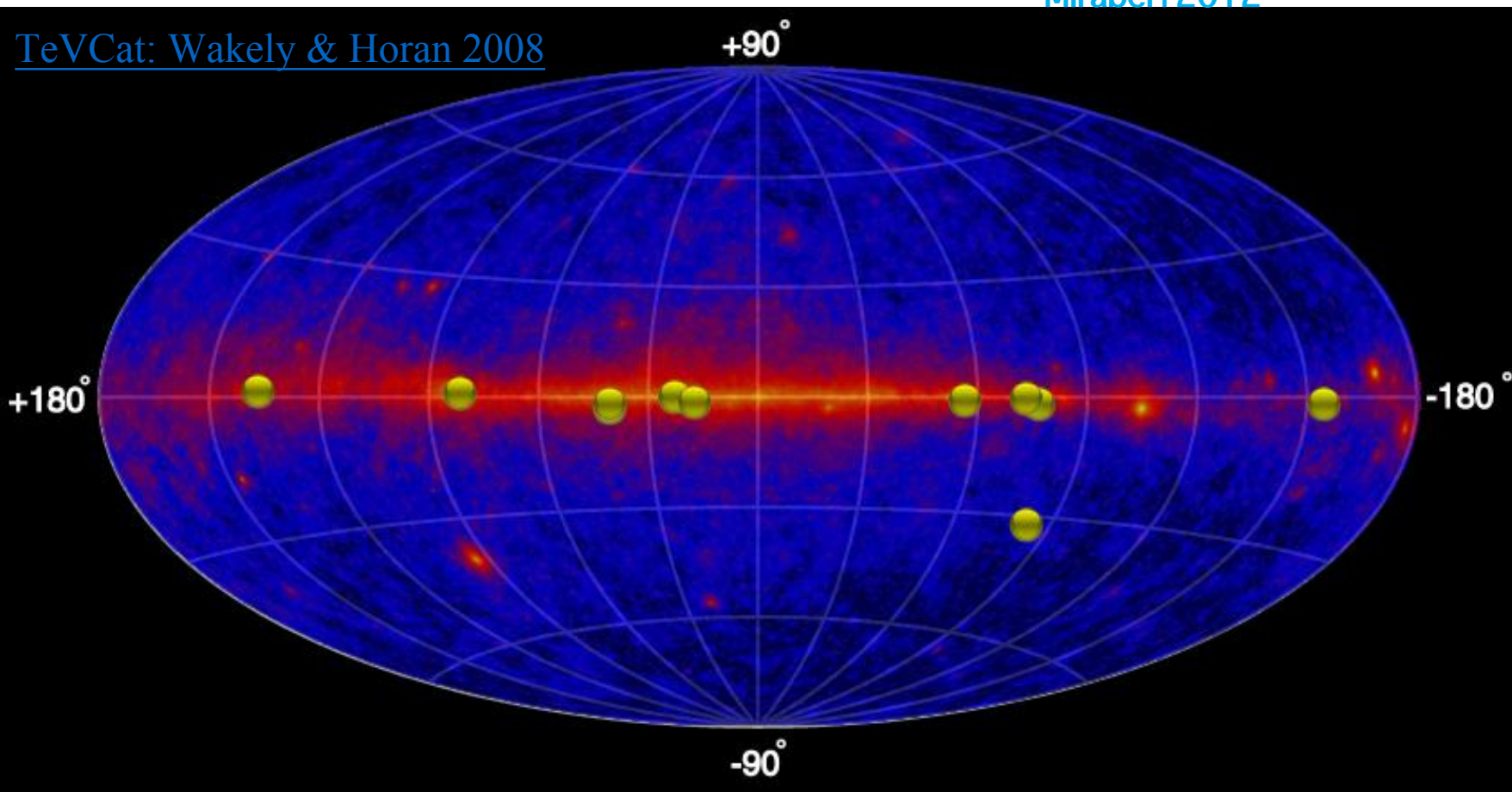
TeVCat: Wakely & Horan 2008



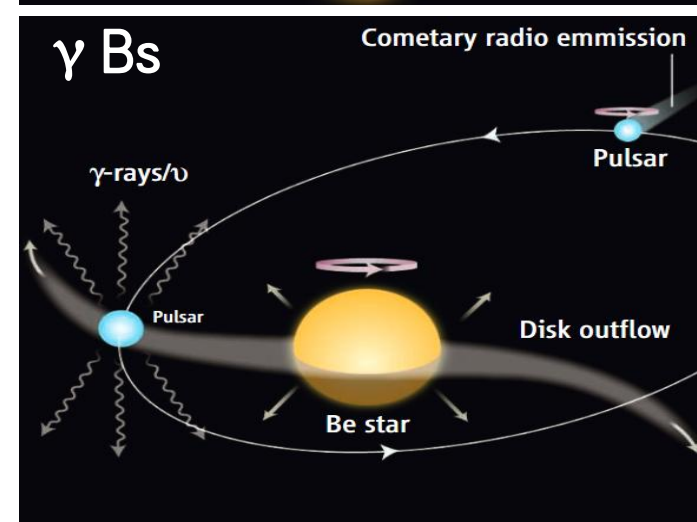
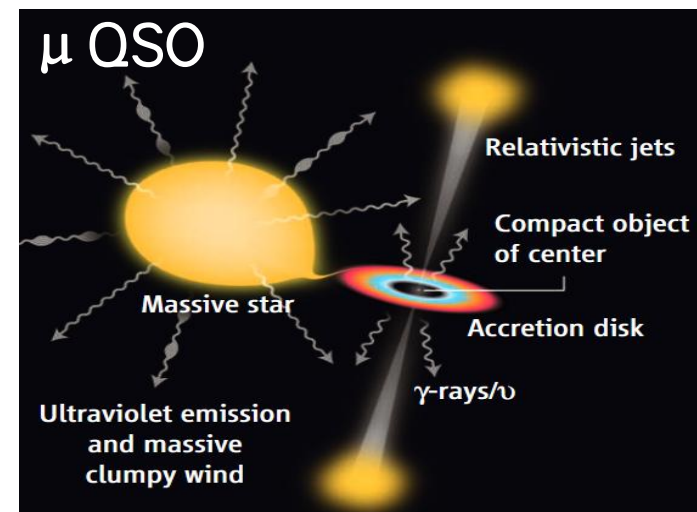
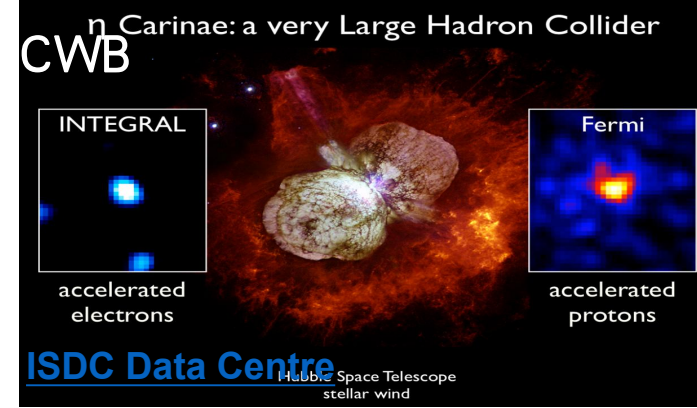
1.1 TeV Binaries: ~12

- a) Nova: only 1 (RS Ophiuchi)
- b) Colliding wind binaries: only 1 (η -Car)
- c) Micro-quasars: only 2 (SS 433, Cyg X-1)
- d) Gamma-ray binaries: ~8 (PSR B1259-63, etc)

[TeVCat: Wakely & Horan 2008](#)

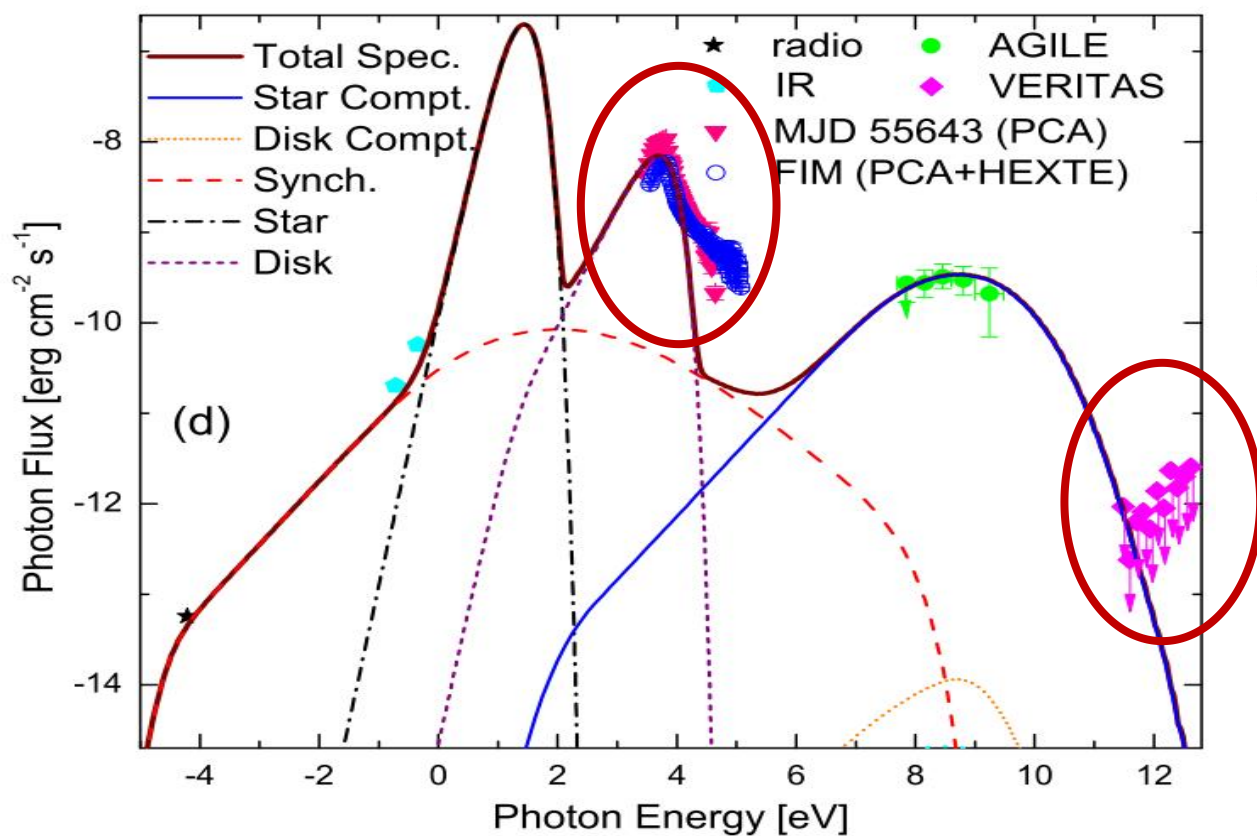


Credit: MAGIC+2022; ISDC;
Mirabel+2012



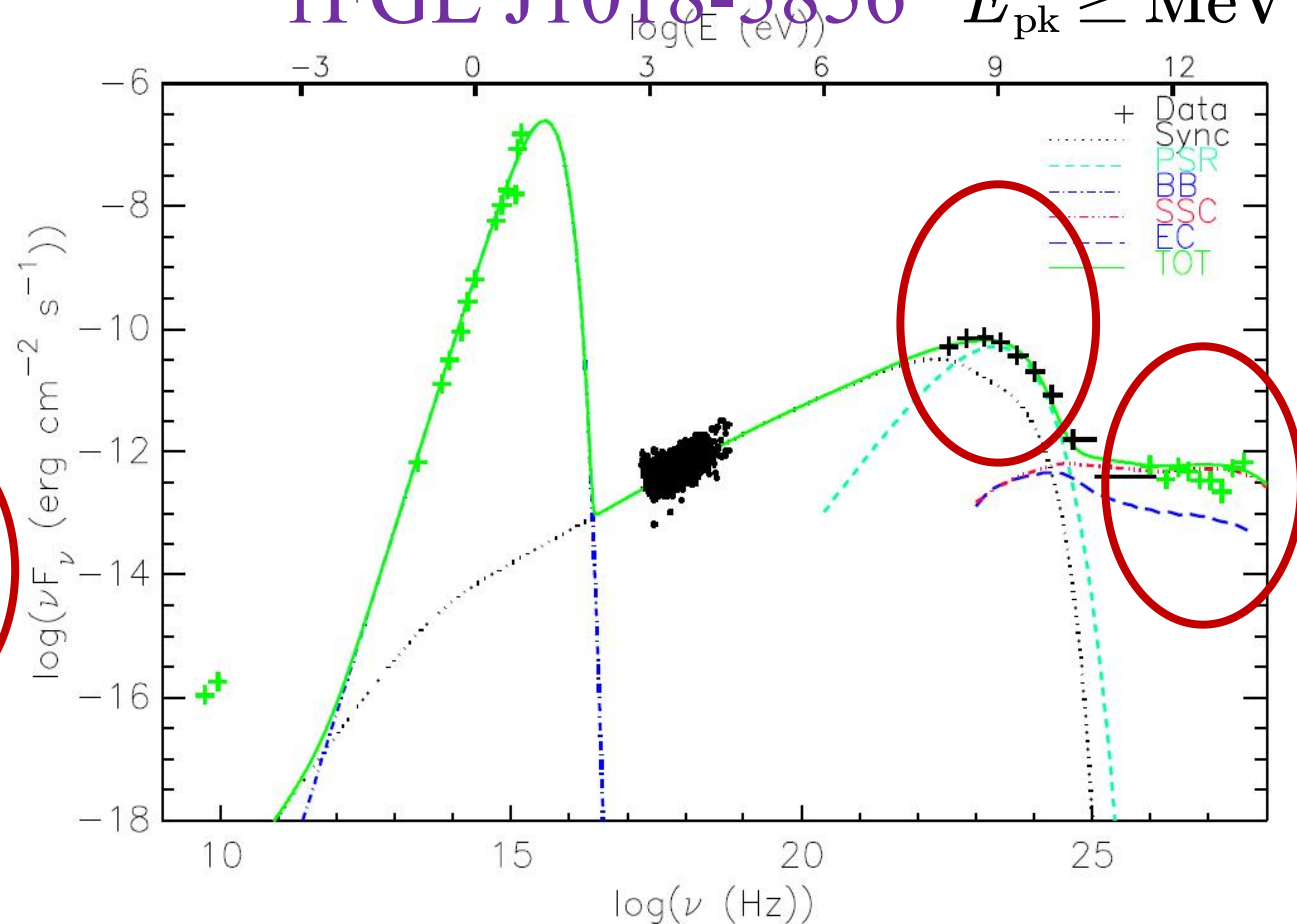
1.2 X-ray binaries V.S. γ -ray binaries

Cygnus X-3 $E_{\text{pk}} \sim \text{keV}$



Zhang & Lu 2015

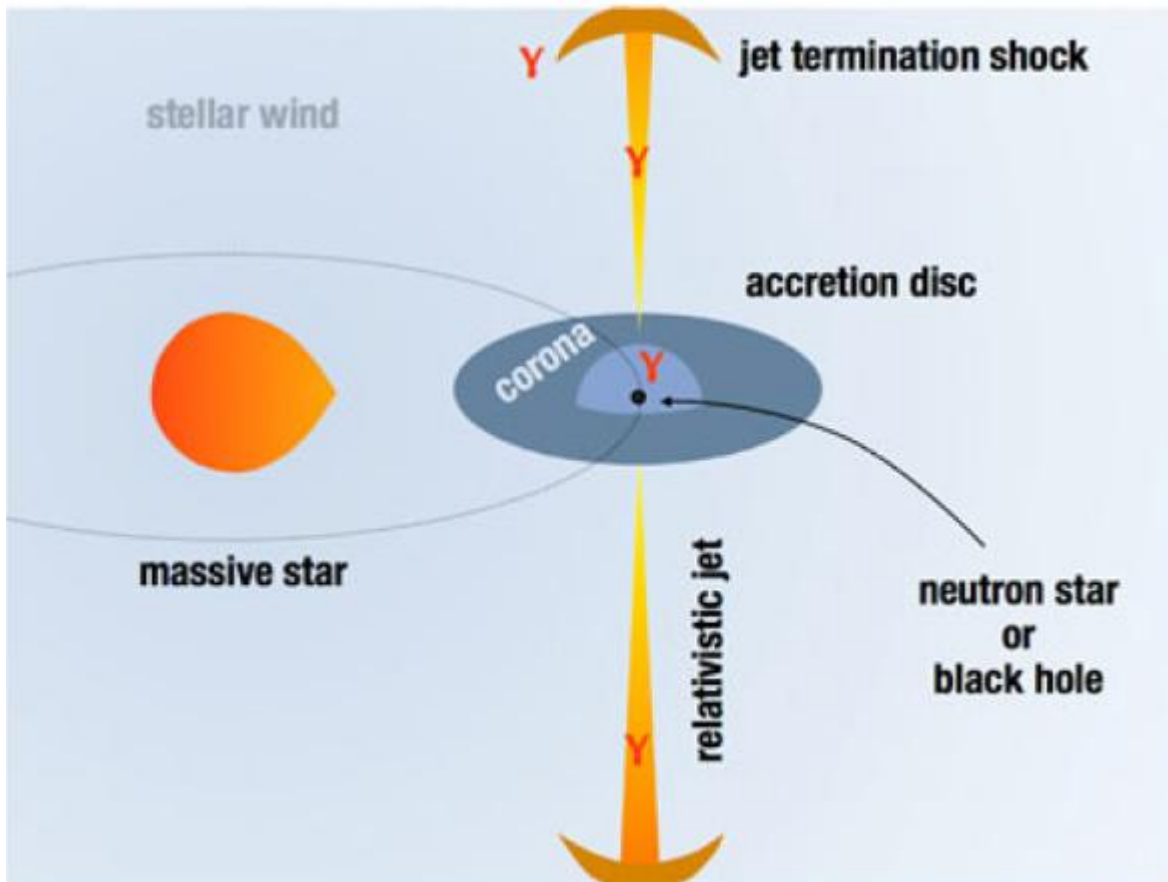
1FGL J1018-5856 $E_{\text{pk}} \geq \text{MeV}$



An & Romani 2017

1.2 X-ray binaries V.S. γ -ray binaries

Accretion-powered



Rotation-powered

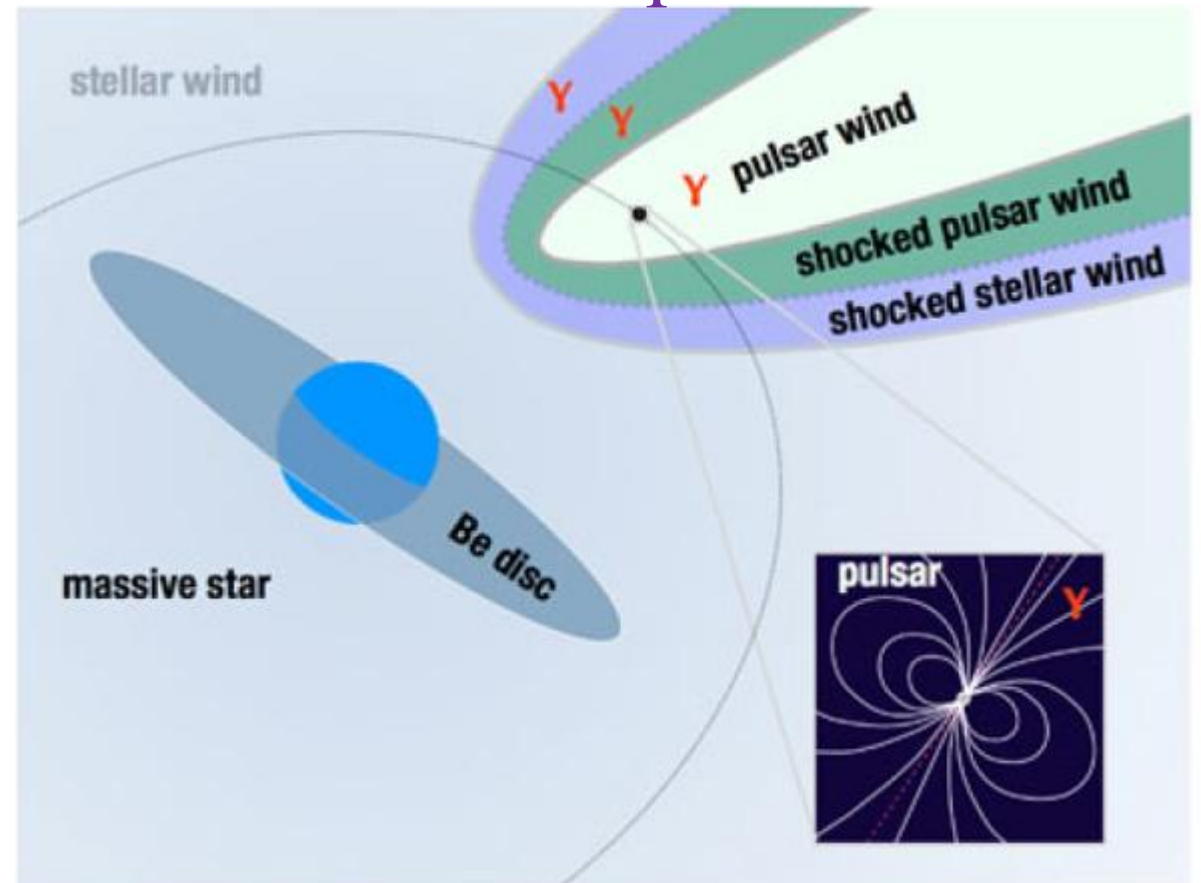


Figure: Dubus 2013, Astron Astrophys Rev

2. γ -ray binaries

Be-type γ Bs

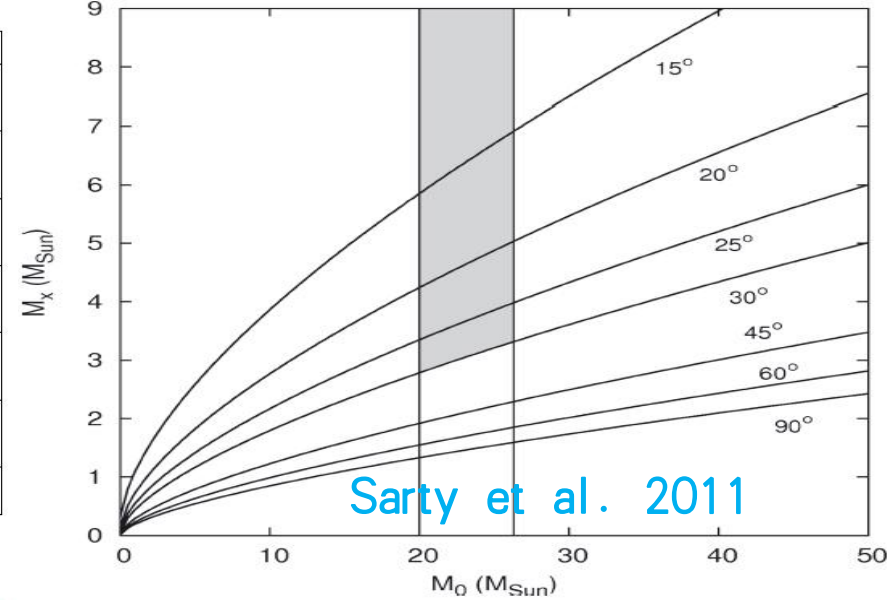
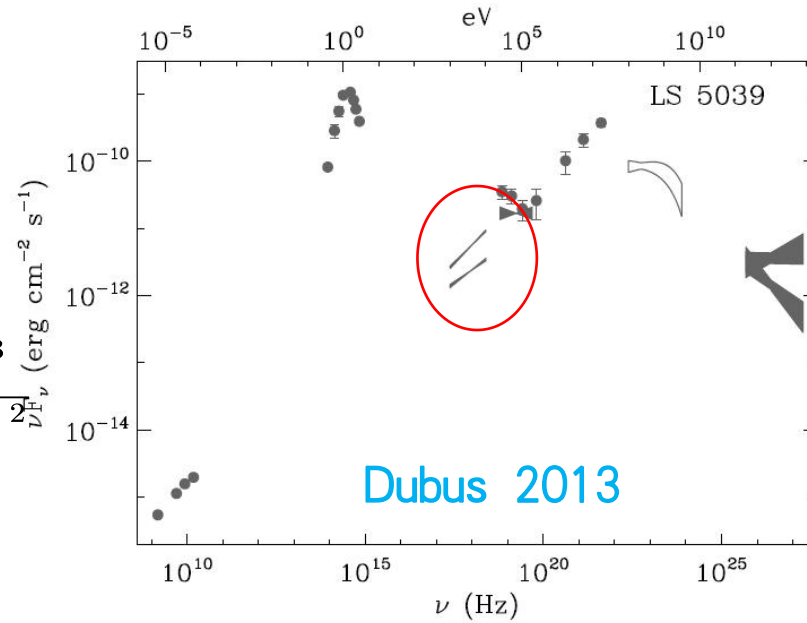
O-type

binaries	PSR B1259-63	PSR J2032+4127	HESS J0632+057	LS I +61 303	LS 5039 γ Bs	LMC P3	1FGL J1018.6-5856	HESS J1832-093
Compact object	Pulsar	Pulsar	?	Pulsar ?	Pulsar ?	?	?	?
Pulsation period	47.73 ms (Radio)	143 ms (Radio/ γ -ray)	?	269 ms ? (Radio)	~9 s ? (X-ray)	?	?	?
Companion star	O9.5Ve	B0Ve	B0Vpe	B0Ve	O6.5V	O5III	O6V	O?
Stellar disk	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x
Orbital eccentricity	0.87	0.96	0.64–0.83 ?	0.55–0.72 ?	0.35	0.40	0.31	?
Orbital period	1236.7d	~17000d	317.3d	26.496d	3.906d	10.314d	16.58d	~86d
Distance (kpc)	2.39	1.33	1.6	2.0	2.9	~50	5.4	4.4

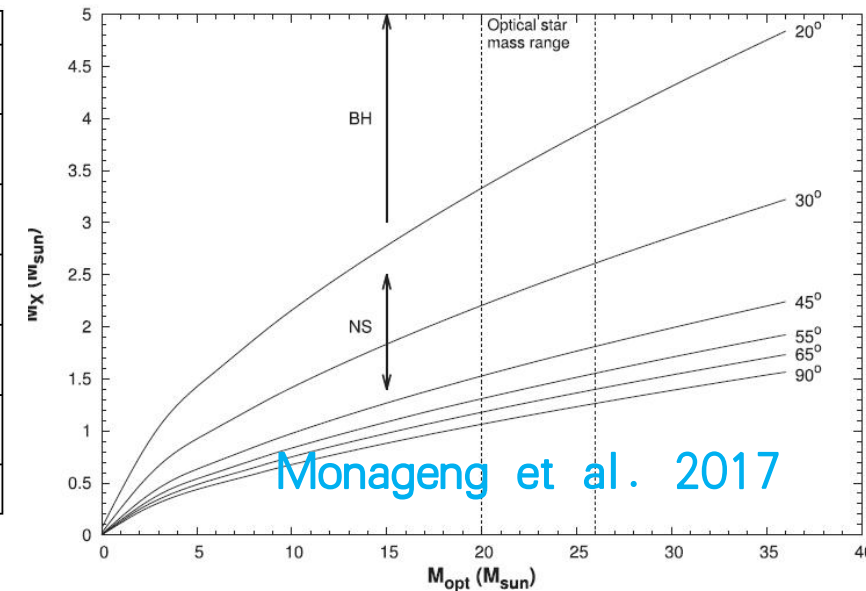
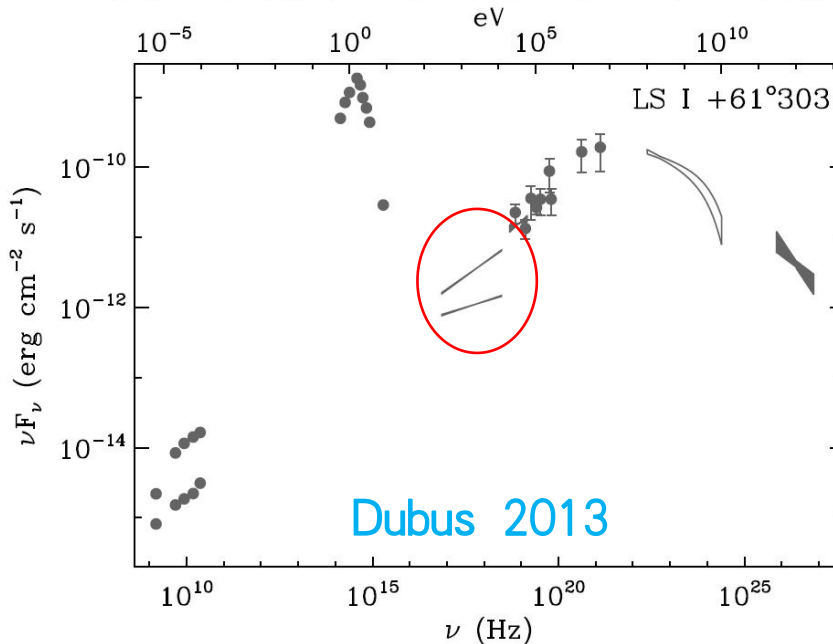
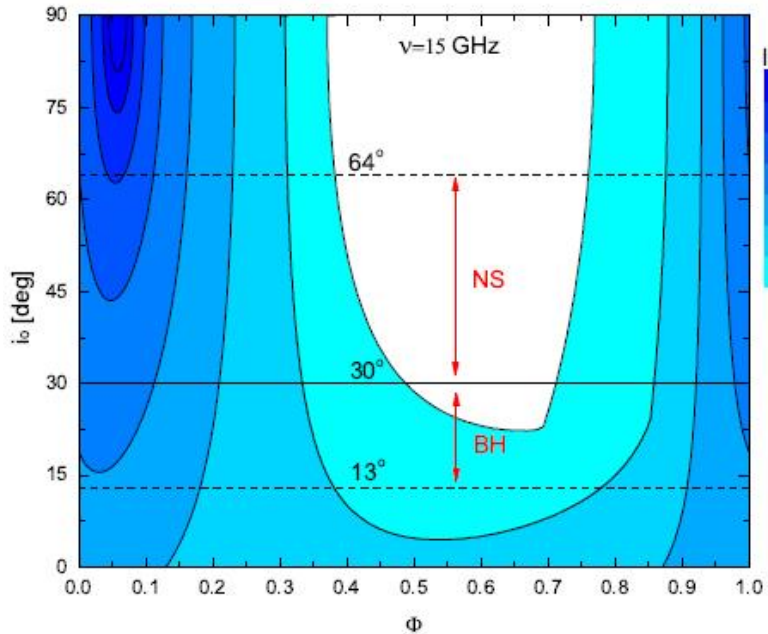
COs in rest γ Bs are believed to be non-accreting NSs:

- Similar spectral characteristics
- Lack of accretion signal
- Binary mass functions

$$f(M_x) = \frac{PK^3}{2\pi G} (1-e^2)^{3/2} = \frac{(M_x \sin i)^3}{(M_x + M_O)^2 \nu F_\nu}$$



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Emission model:

$$\eta = \frac{L_{\text{sd}}/c}{\dot{M}v_w}$$

Shock position



$$\frac{L_{\text{sd}}}{4\pi r_s^2 c} = \rho_w(R_s) |\mathbf{v}_w(R_s) - \mathbf{v}_p|^2$$

$$l_s = d \sin \theta_s \csc(\theta_s + \theta_p)$$

$$\theta_s \cot \theta_s = 1 + \eta(\theta_p \cot \theta_p - 1)$$



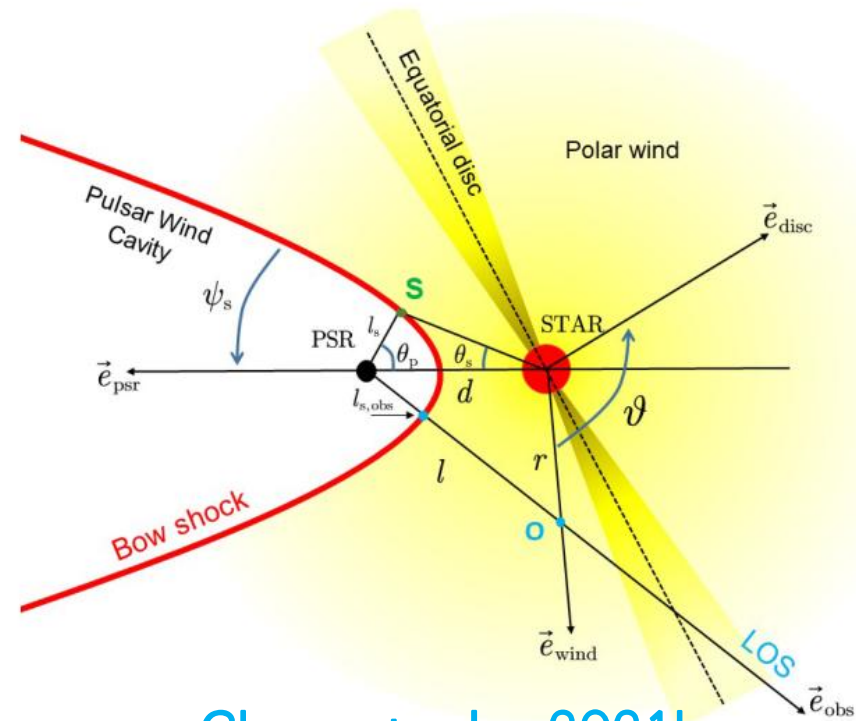
Energy densities

$$B = \sqrt{\frac{L_{\text{sd}} \sigma}{l_s^2 c (1 + \sigma)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{u^2}\right)}$$

Radiation mechanisms



$$u_B = \frac{B^2}{8\pi}, \quad u_{\text{ph}} = u_{\text{star}} + u_{\text{disc}}$$



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$$P_{\nu}^{\text{syn}}(\gamma) = \frac{\sqrt{3} q_e^3 B}{m_e c^2} \frac{\nu}{\nu_0} \int_{\nu/\nu_0}^{\infty} K_{5/3}(k) dk,$$

$$P_{\nu}^{\text{IC}}(\gamma) = 3\sigma_T \int_{\nu_{s,\text{min}}}^{\infty} \frac{\nu f_{\nu_s}}{4\gamma^2 \nu_s^2} h(\xi, b_{\theta}) d\nu_s.$$

$$j(\nu) = \int_{\gamma} n(\gamma) P_{\nu}(\gamma) d\gamma.$$

$$F(\nu) = \frac{1}{d_L^2} \int_{\theta_{\text{sh}}}^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_{l_s}^{l_s + \Delta_s} r^2 dr D^2 j(\nu/D) \exp(-\tau)$$

2.1: PSR B1259-63

PSRB1259-63 is the first variable galactic source of VHE γ -rays

- Pulsar :

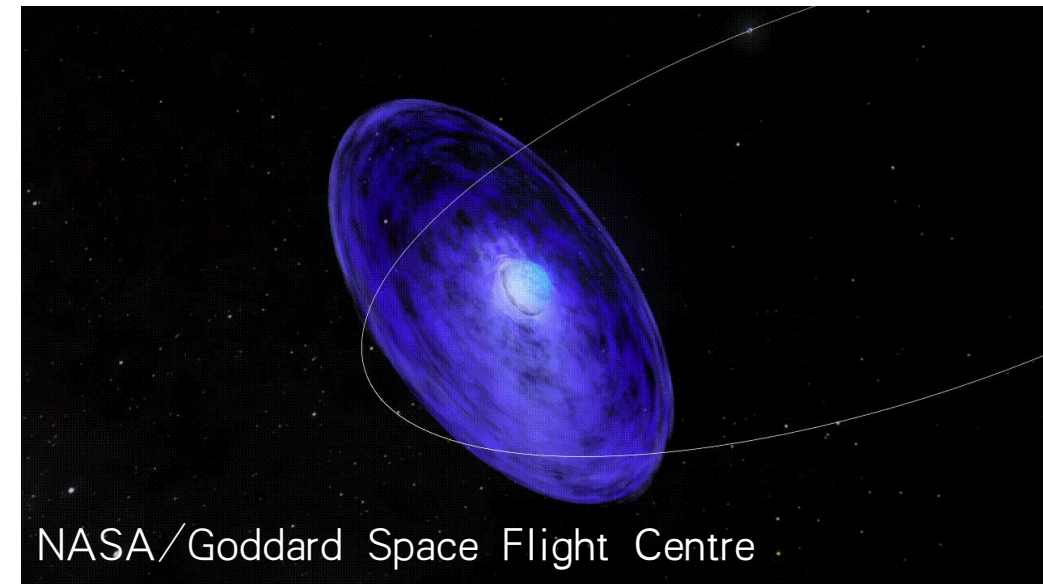
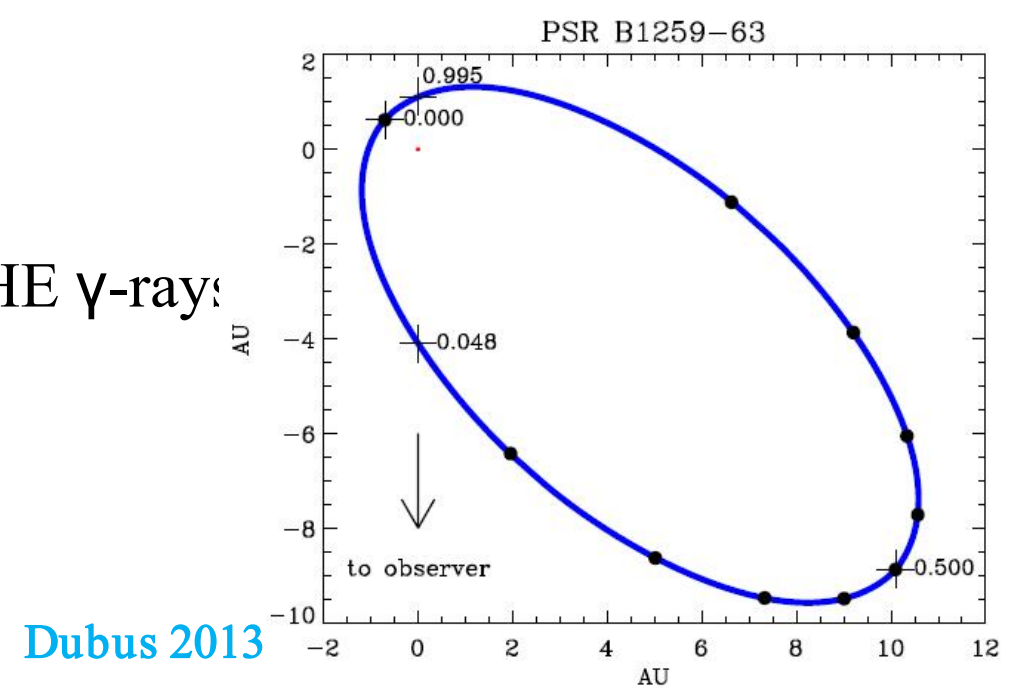
$$P = 47.76 \text{ ms}, \quad \dot{P} \simeq 2.28 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, \quad L_{\text{sd}} \simeq 8 \times 10^{35} \text{ erg/s}$$

- Star :

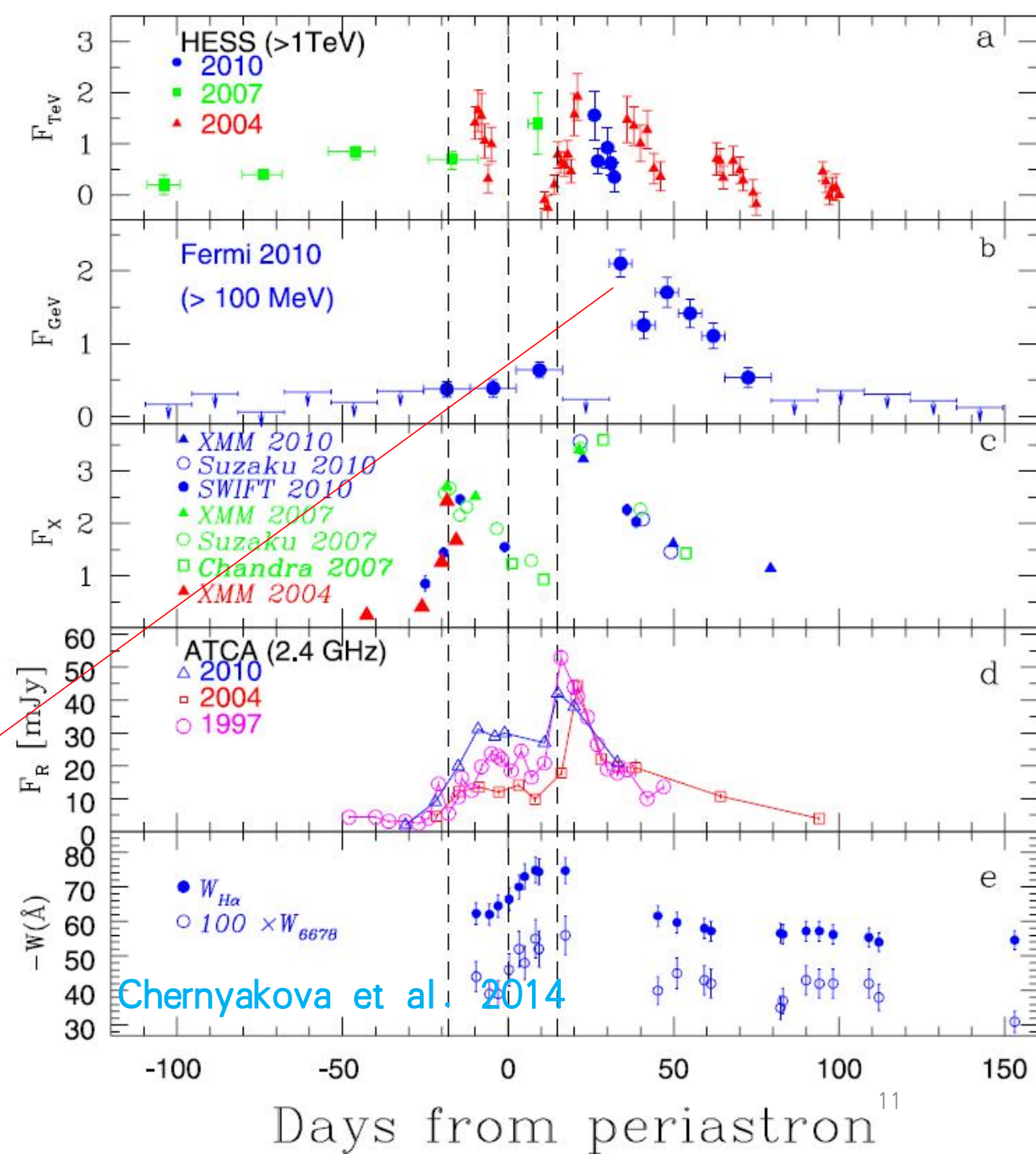
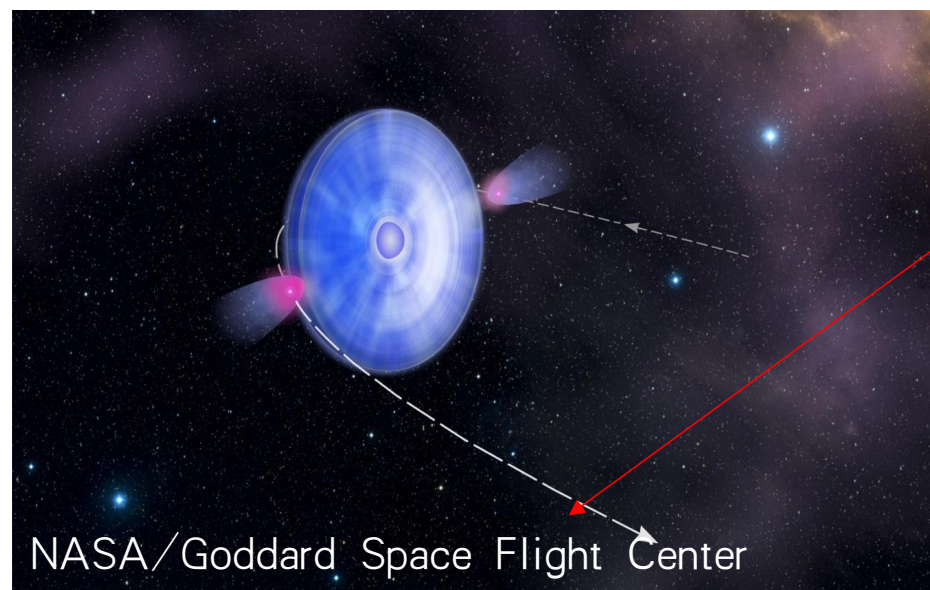
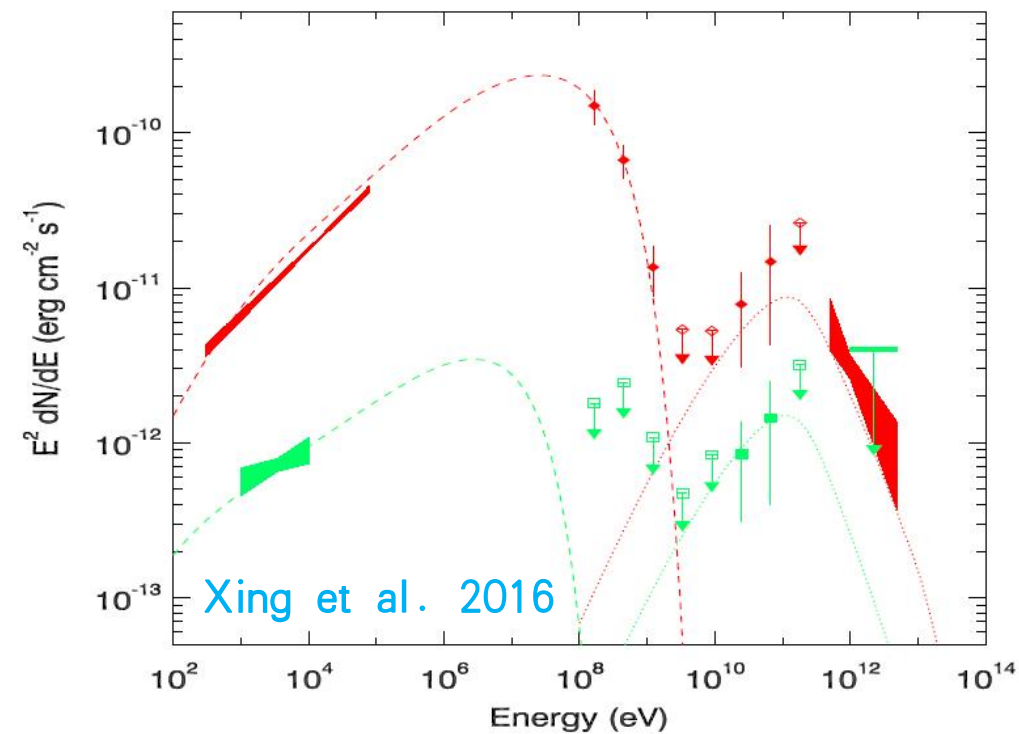
$$\text{O9.5Ve}, \quad M_{\star} \sim 30M_{\odot}, \quad R_{\star} \sim 9.5R_{\odot}, \quad T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 33500 \text{ K}$$

- Orbit :

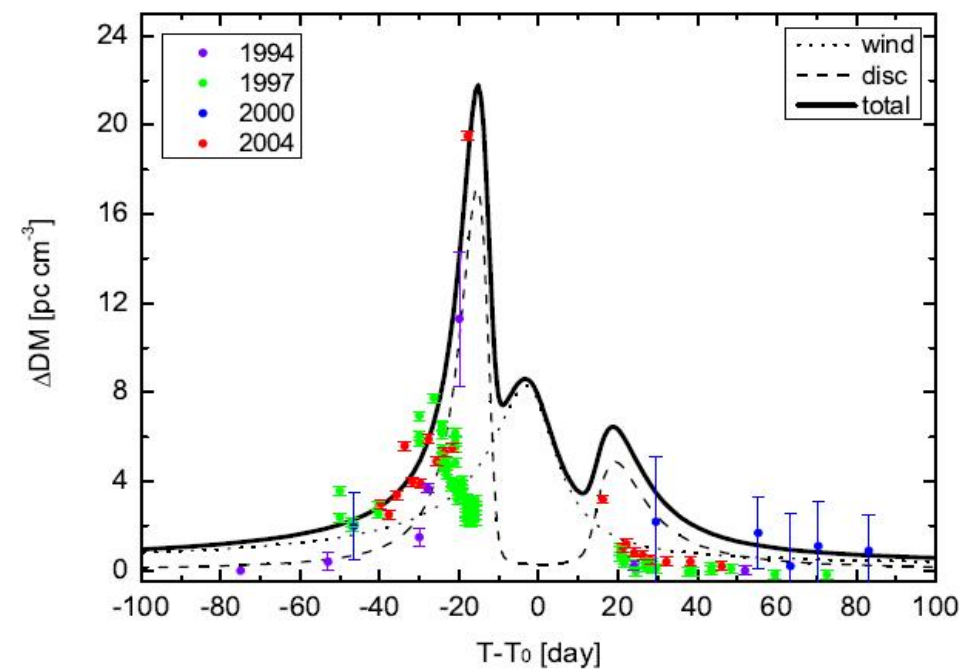
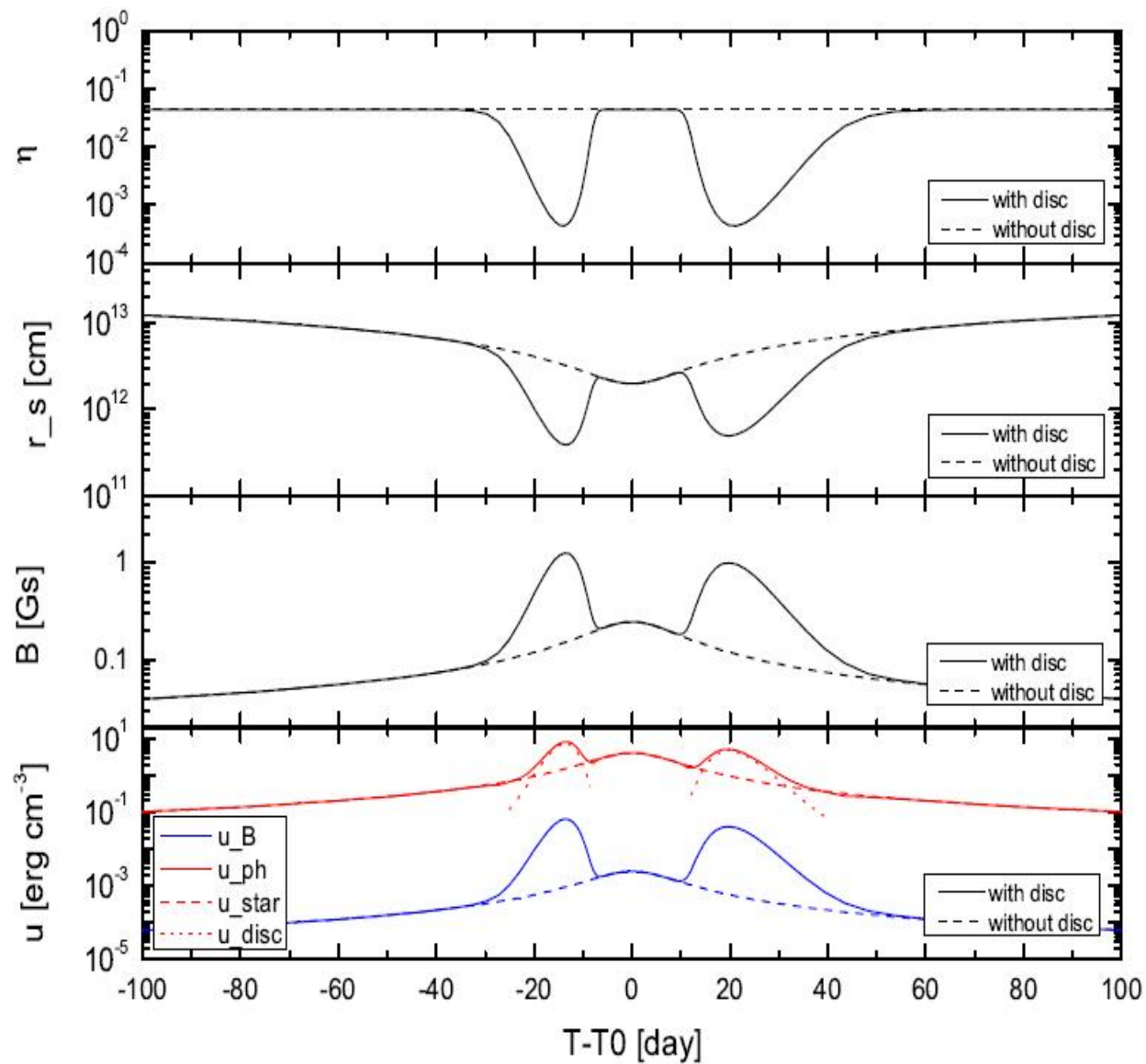
$$e \simeq 0.87, \quad a \sim 5 \text{ AU}, \quad P_{\text{orb}} \simeq 3.4 \text{ yr}, \quad d_{\text{L}} \sim 2.6 \text{ kpc}$$



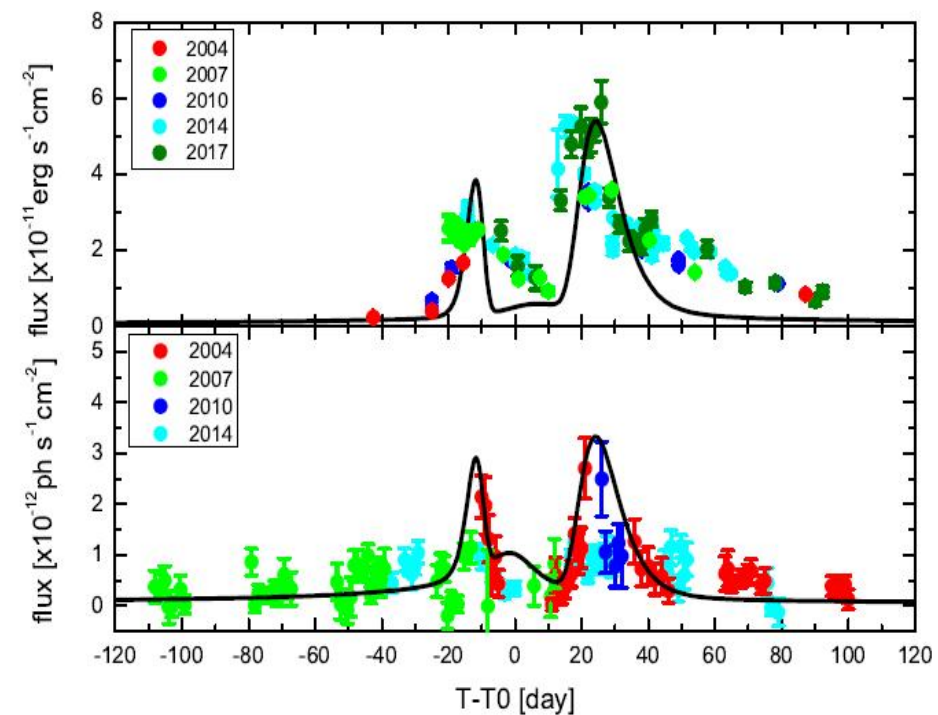
The companion star possesses an equatorial disc that is inclined to the orbital plane !



$$\eta = \frac{L_{\text{sd}}/c}{\dot{M}v_w}$$



DM



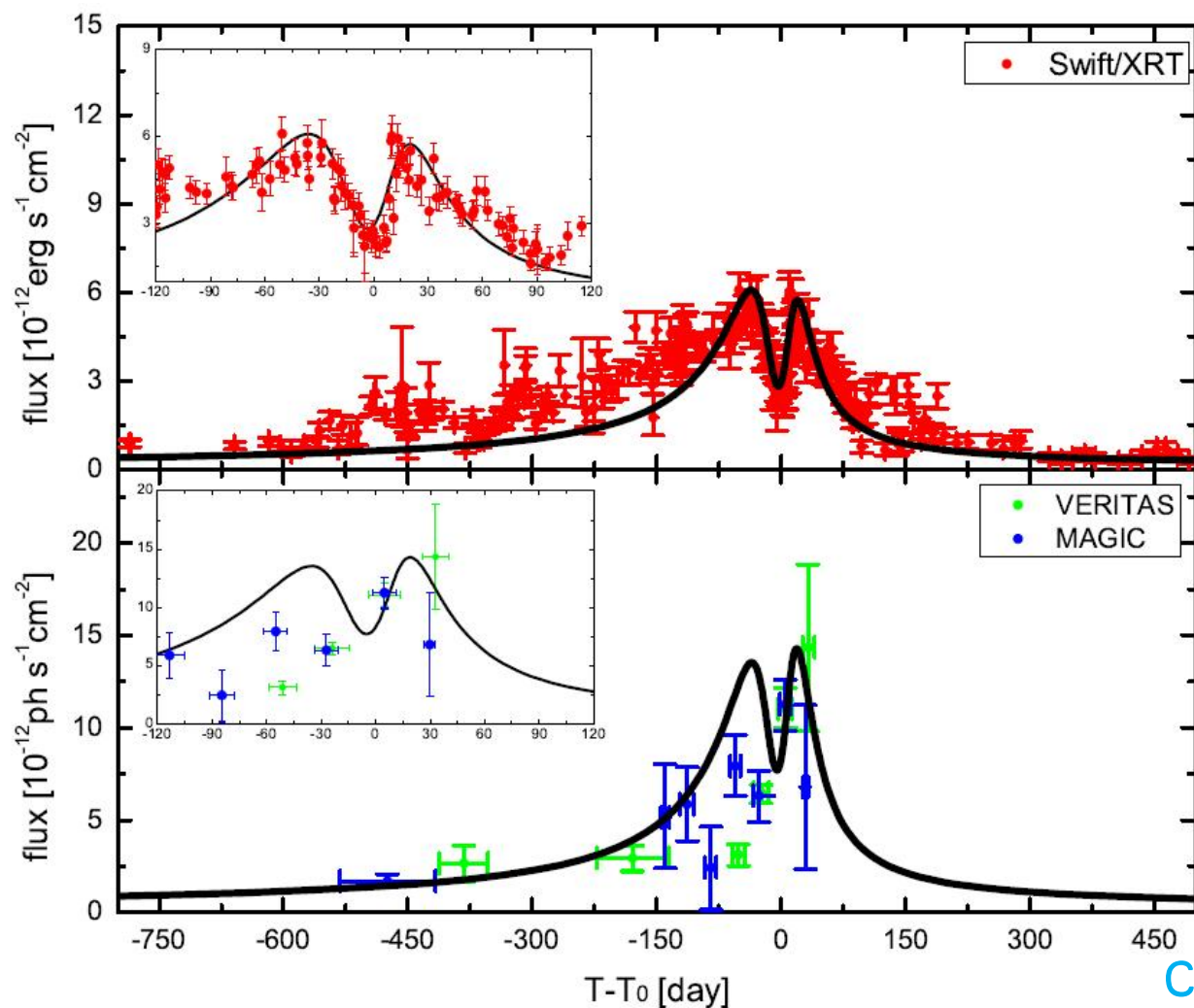
keV

TeV

2.2: PSR J2032+4127

$$P_o \sim 45 - 50 \text{ yr !!!}$$

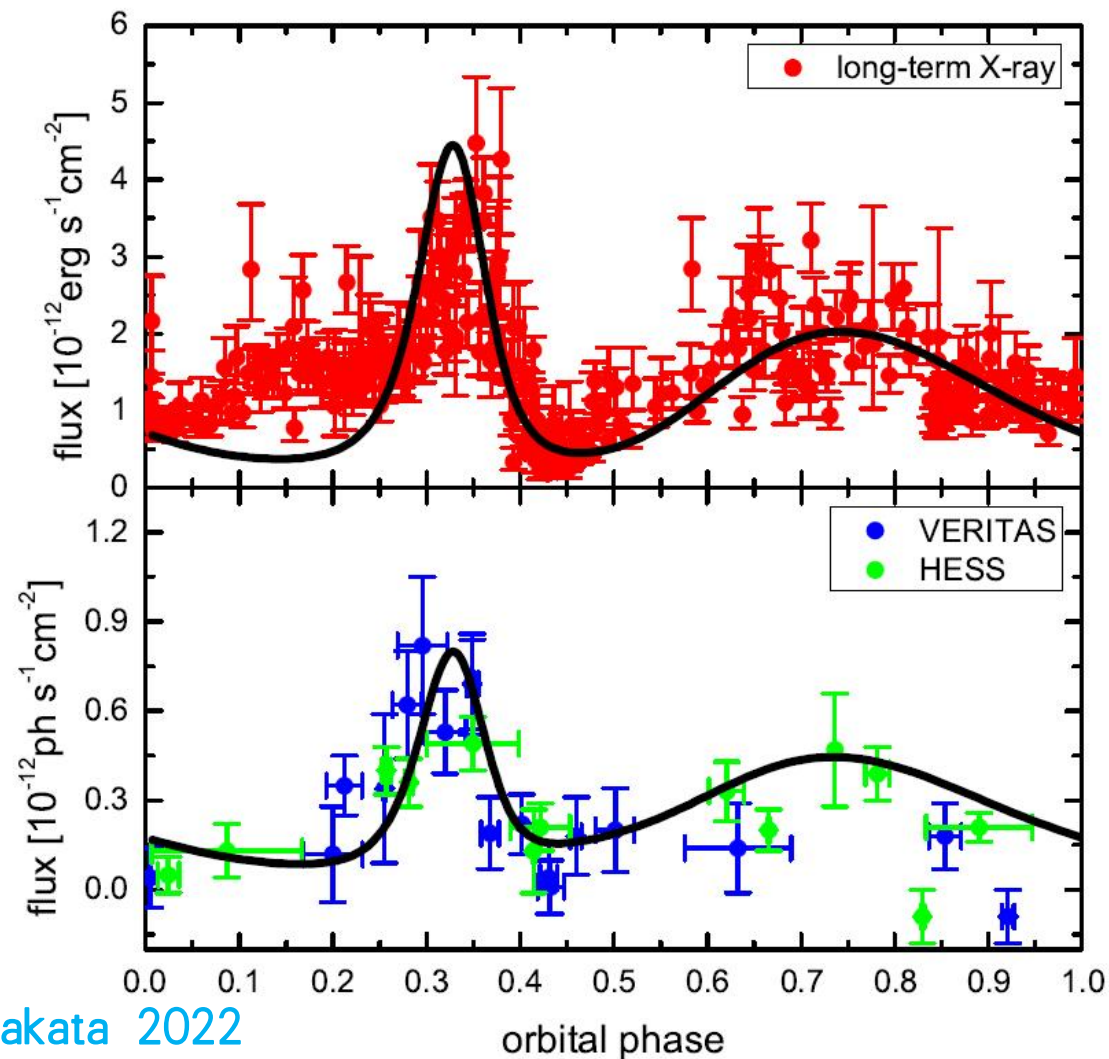
$$e = 0.93 - 0.99$$



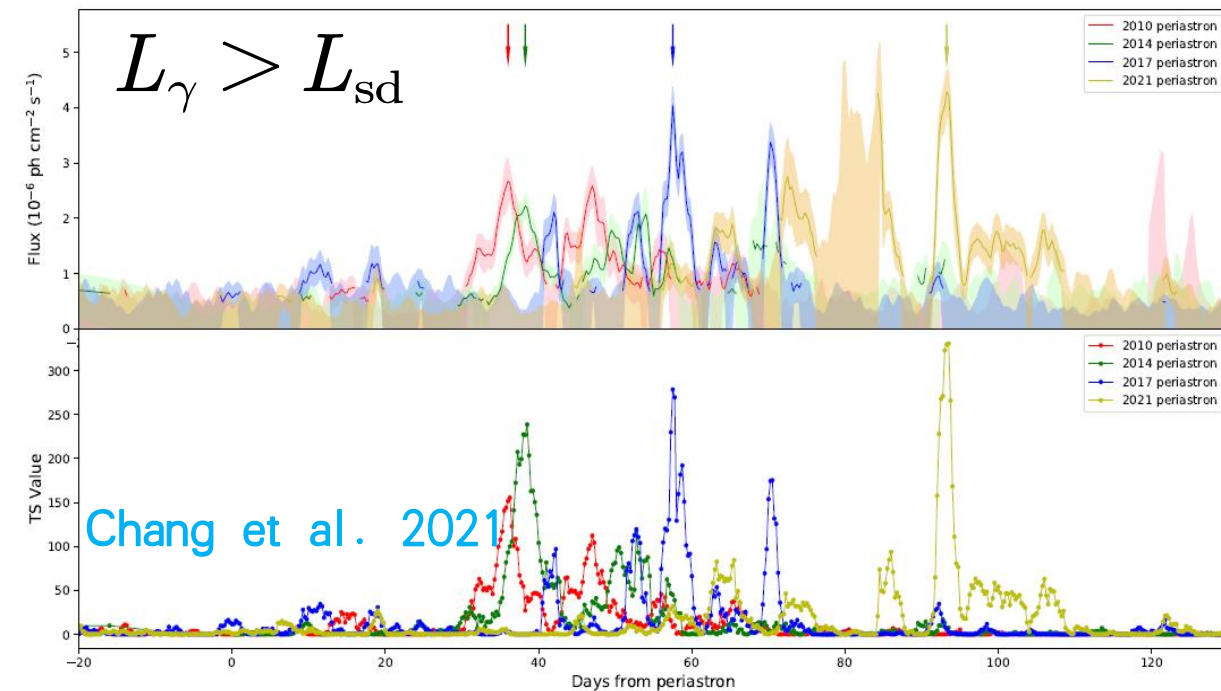
2.3: HESS J0632+057

$$P_o \sim 308 - 321 \text{ d}$$

$$e \sim 0.64 - 0.83$$



Mysterious GeV flares of PSR B1259-63 ?

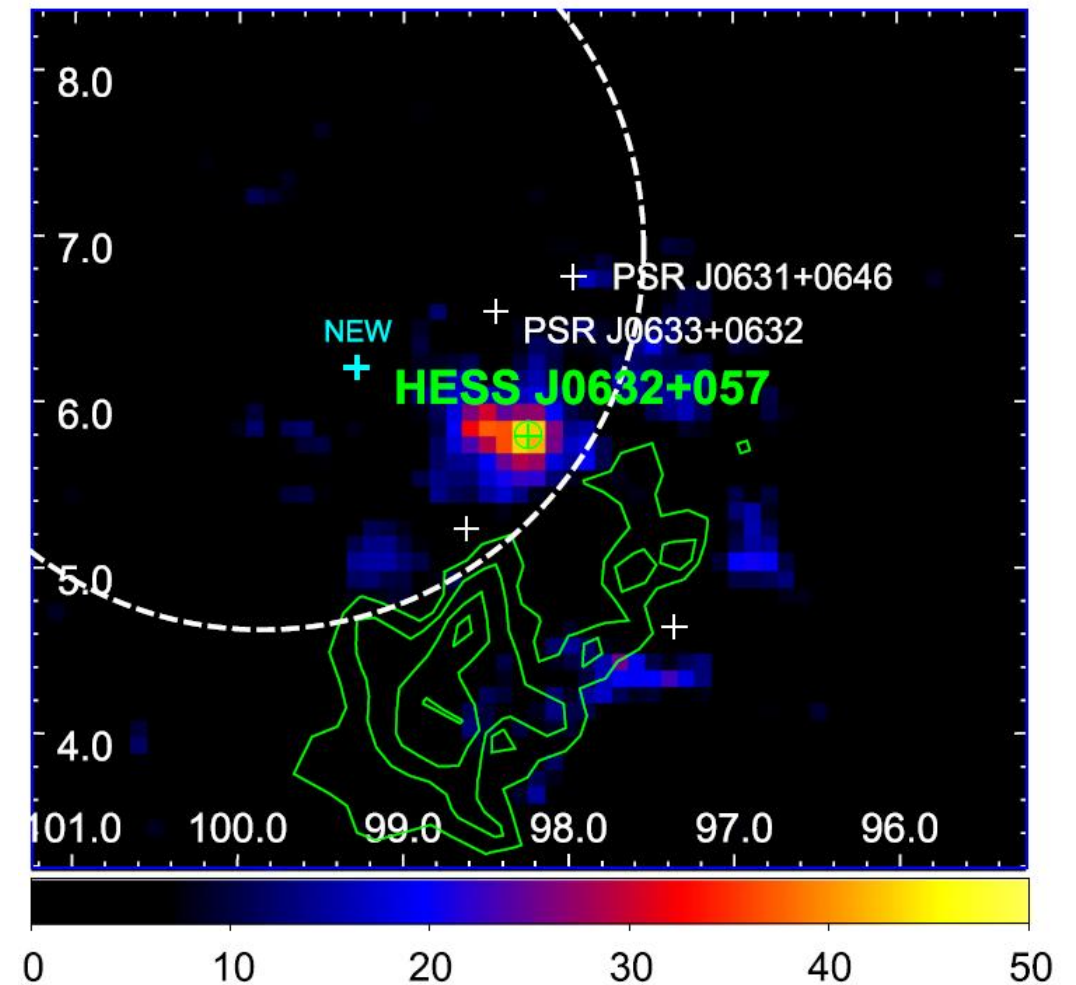


No counterpart in other bands during GeV flares
 Indicating distinctive emitting particles or regions?

IC in PWZ, with seed photons from:

- ① The companion star (Kirk+2000): ✗
- ② The stellar disc (van Soelen+2012): ✗
- ③ Synchrotron X-ray (Dubus+2010): ✗
- ④ Transient accretion disc (Yi +2017,2018): ✗

Missing GeV emission from HESS J0632+057 ?



Li et al. 2017

Comparing to other very luminous γ Bs, why J0632's GeV emission is so weak?

2.4: LS 5039

- Compact object:

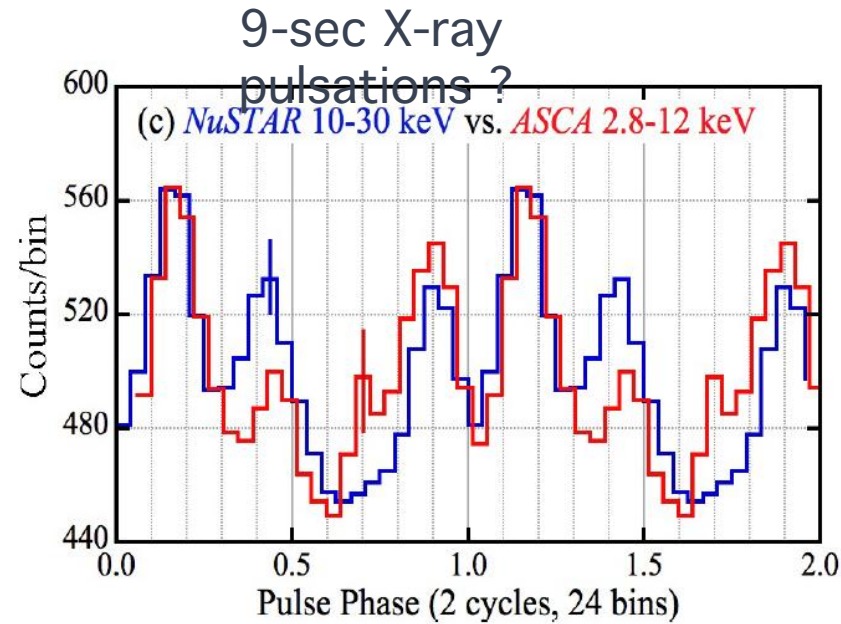
➤ BH or NS ?

- Companion star:

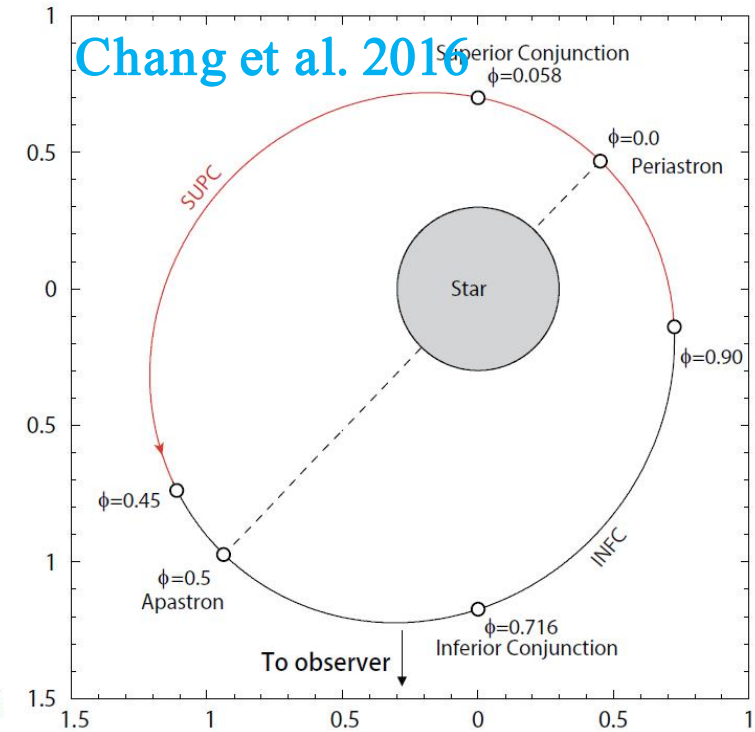
O6.5 V((f)) $T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 39000\text{K}$

- Binary system:

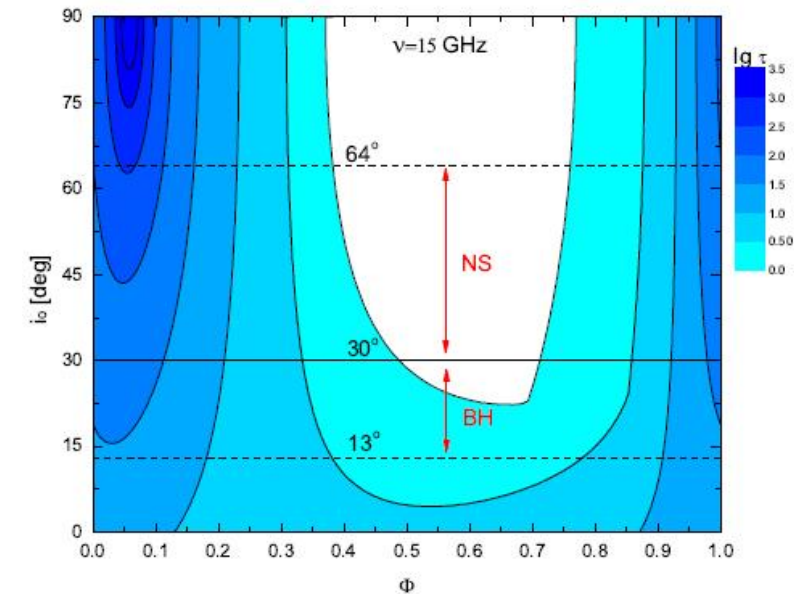
$P_{\text{orb}} = 3.9\text{d}$, $e = 0.35$, $d_L \sim 2.9\text{kpc}$



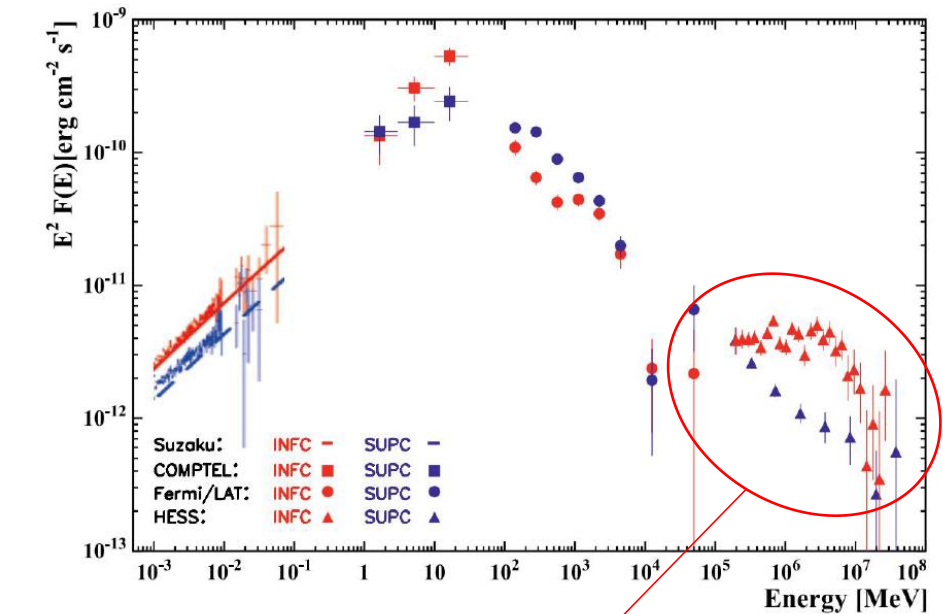
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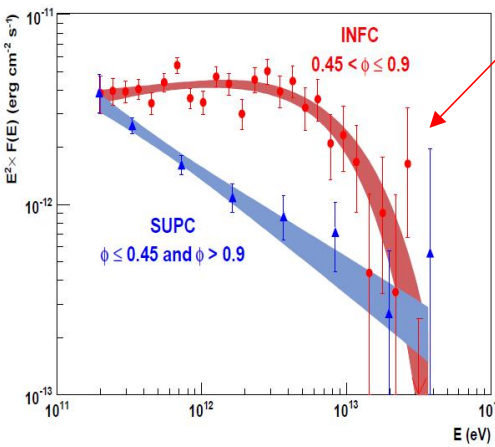
Chen et al. 2021a



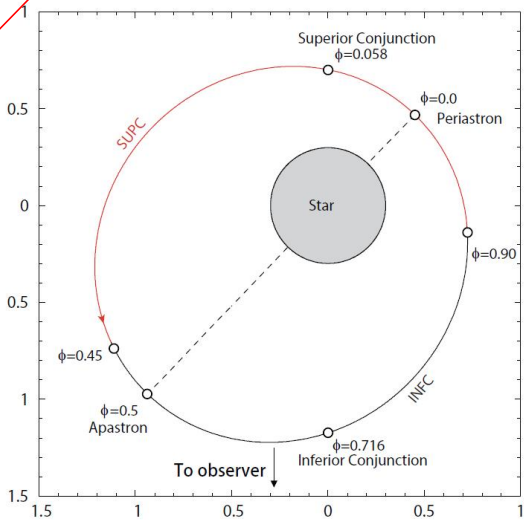
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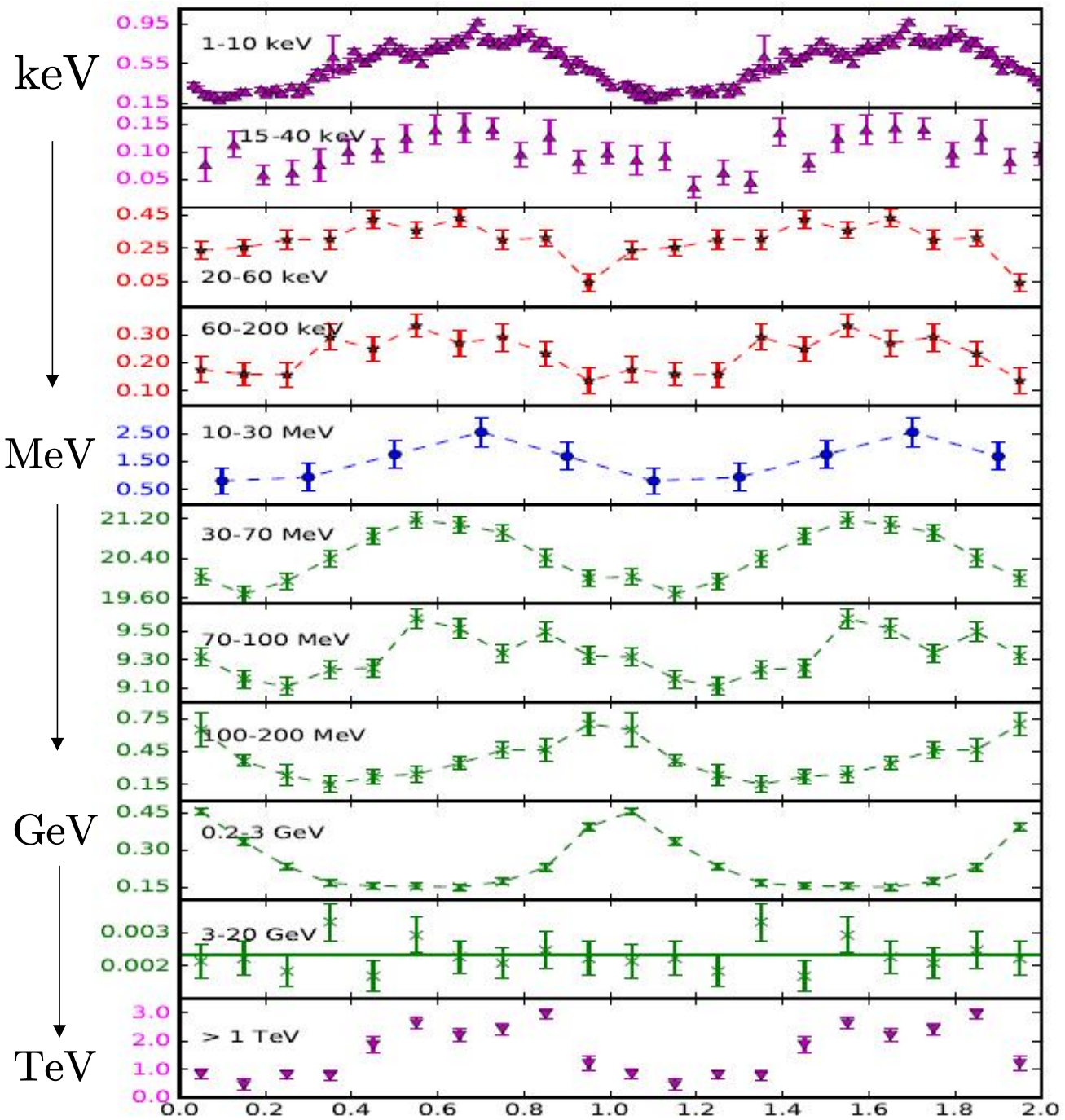
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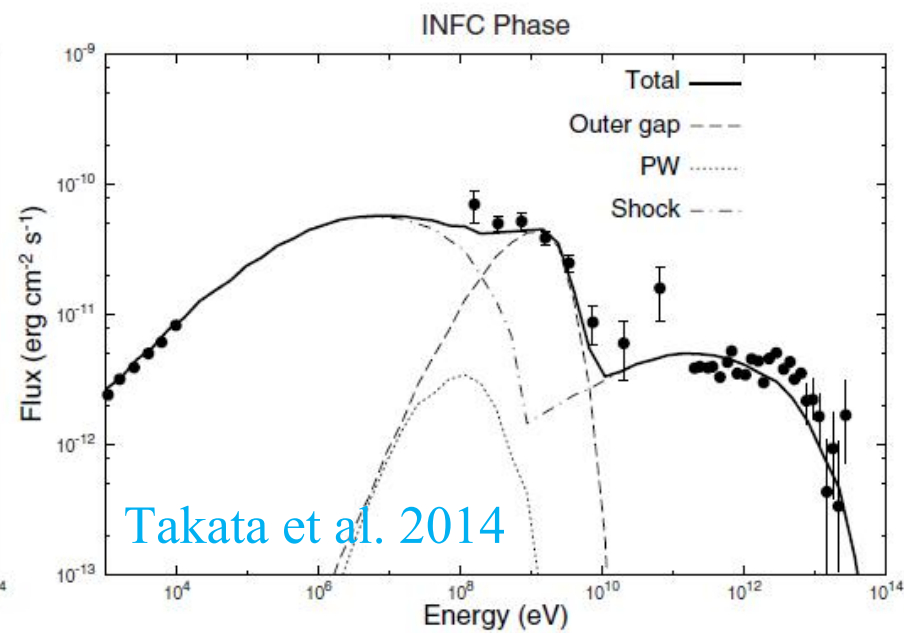
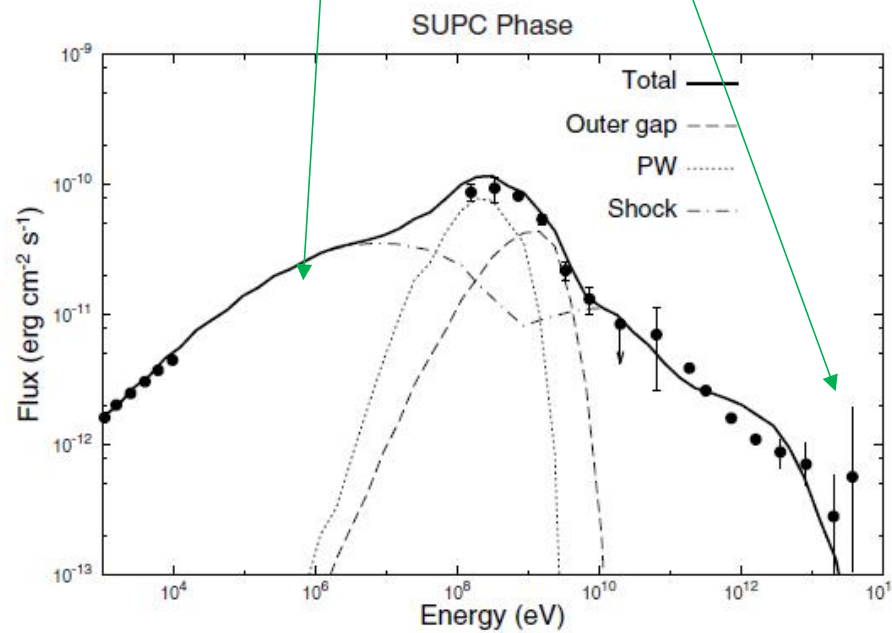
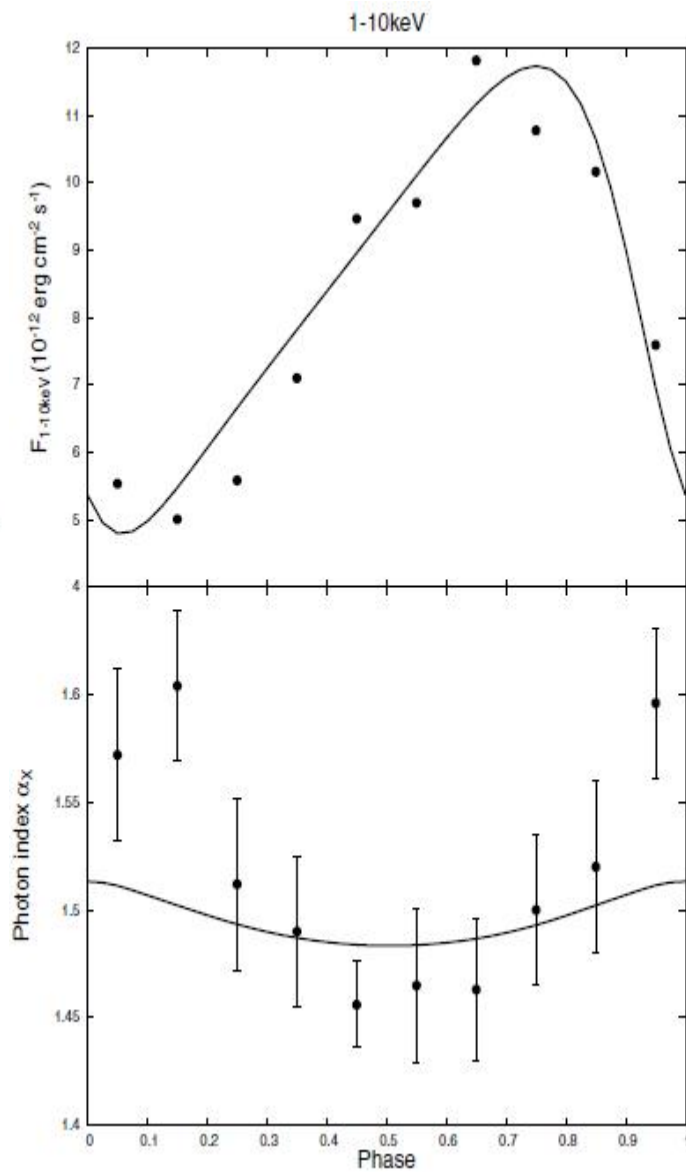
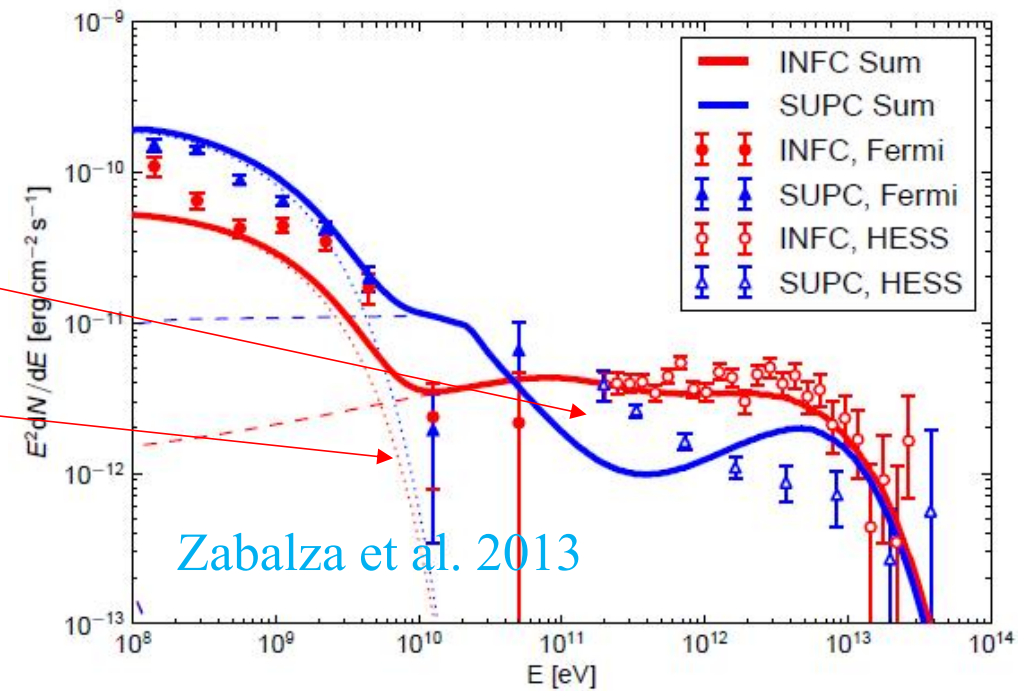
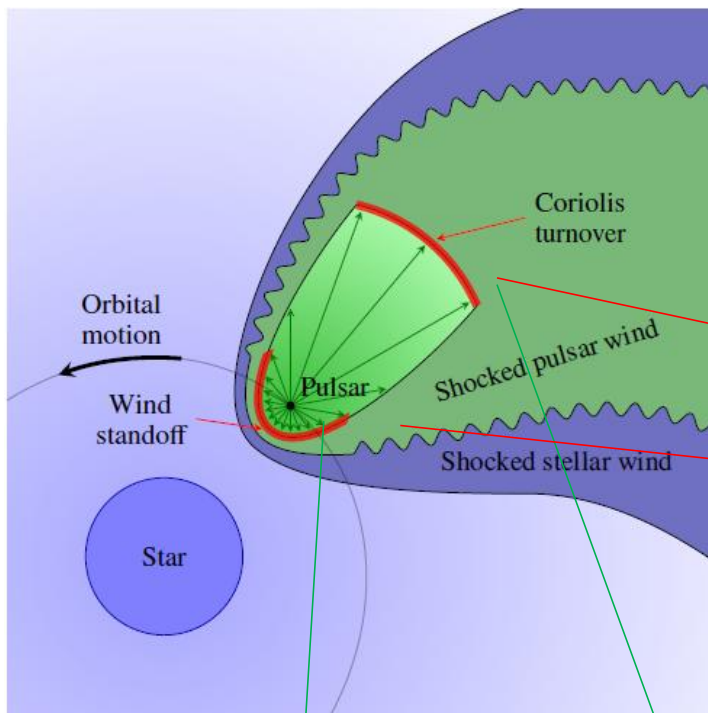


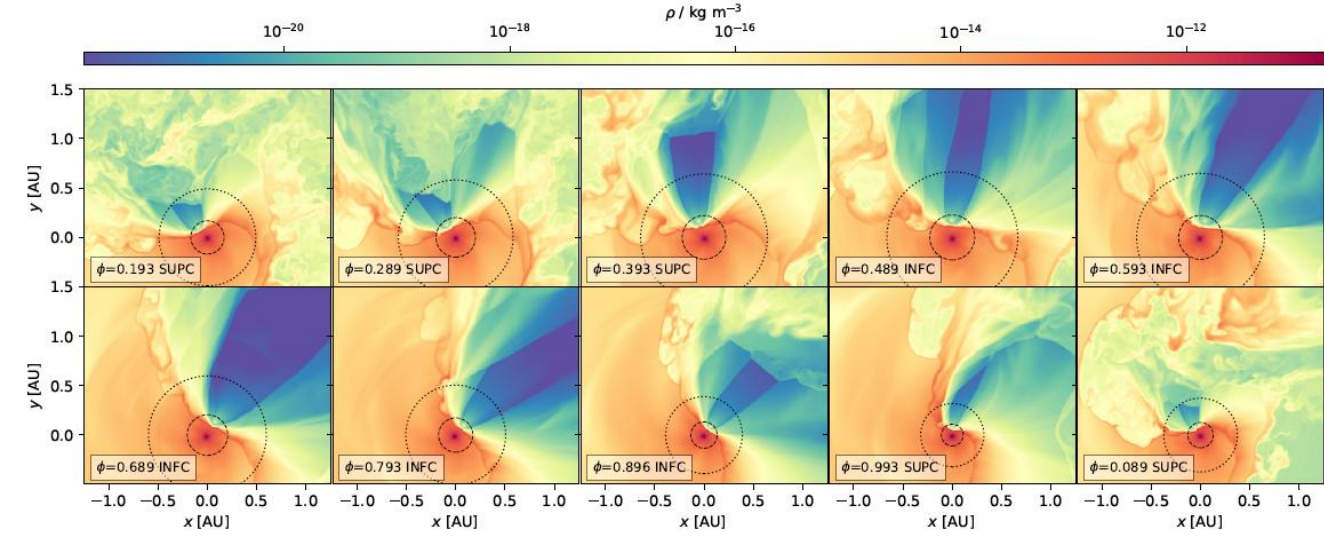
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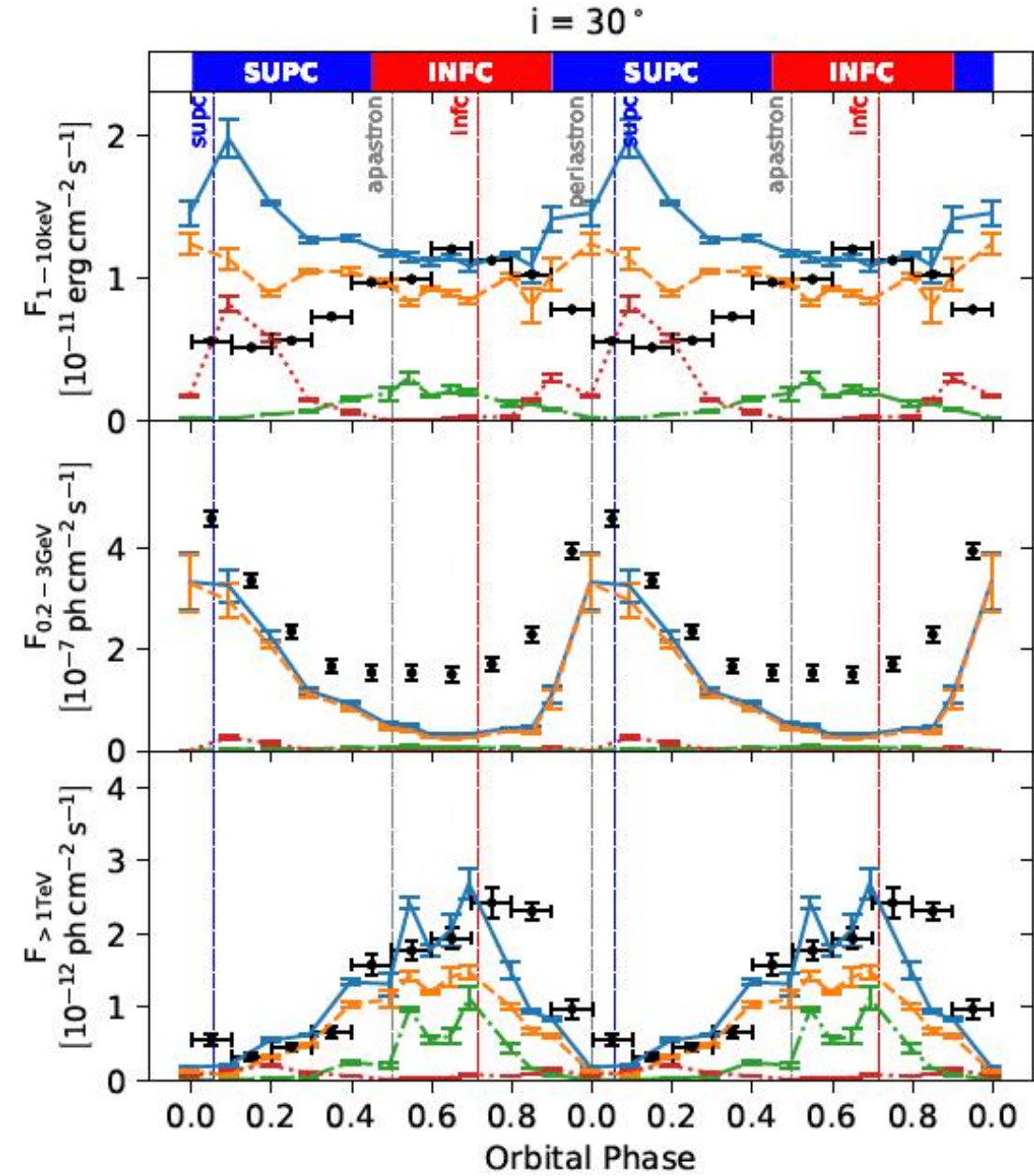
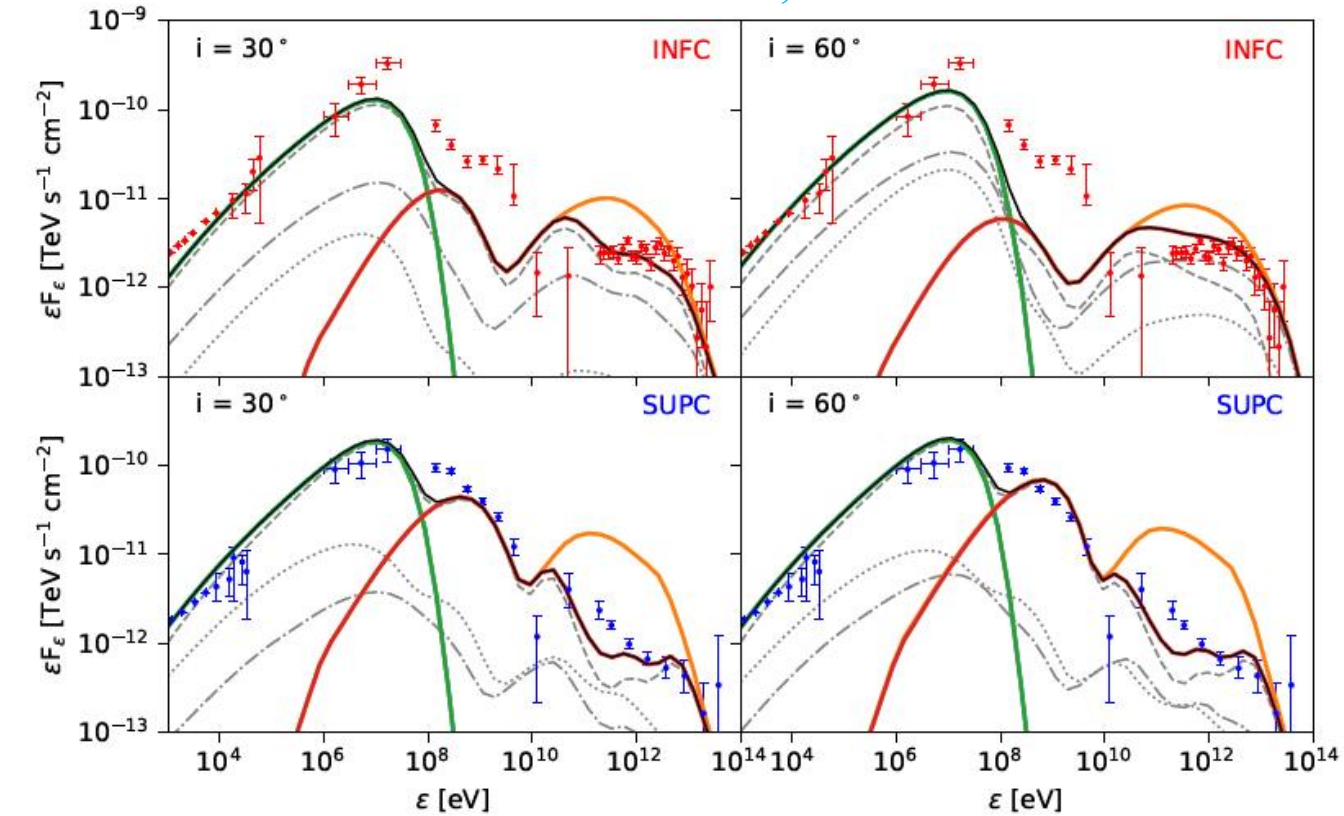
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Huber et al. 2021a,b



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3. Can γ Bs be PeVatrons?

LHAASO coll. 2021, Nature

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

3. Can γ Bs be PeVatrons?

(1) Leptonic processes: electrons

- With the magnetic field: Synchrotron

$$e^{\pm} + B \rightarrow \gamma$$

- With the photon field: IC scattering

$$e^{\pm} + \gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$$

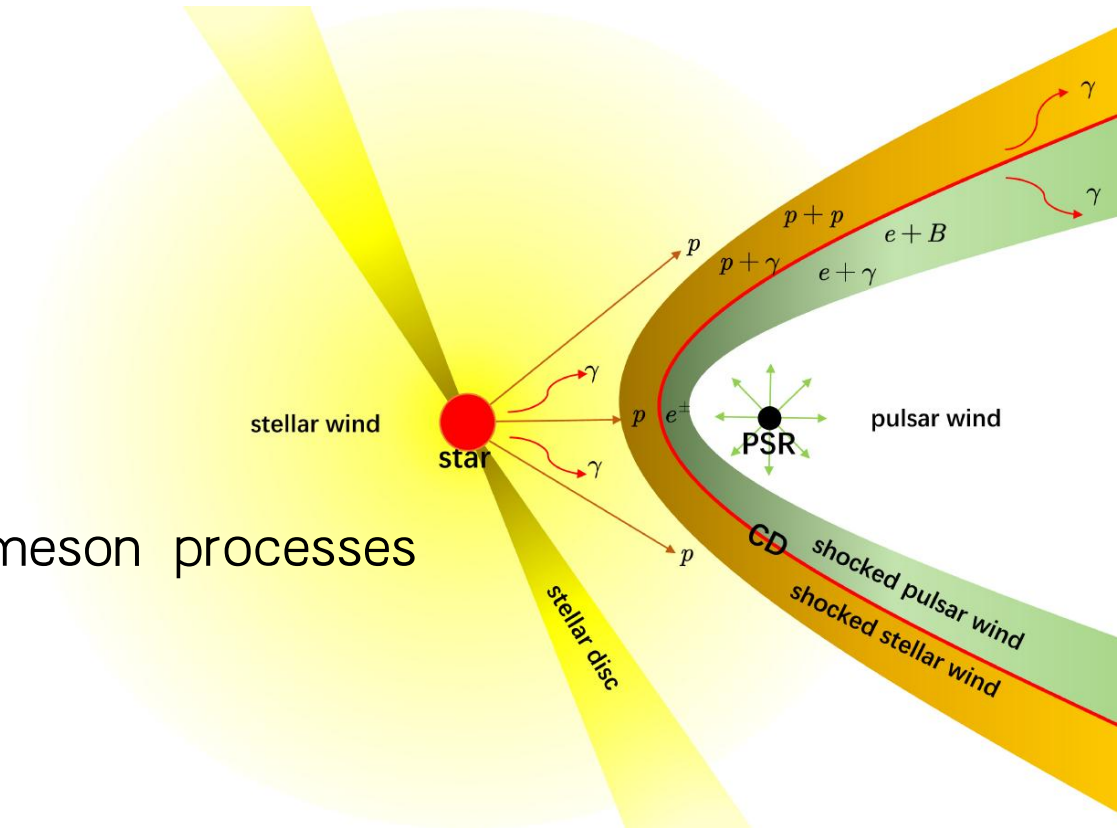
(2) Hadronic processes: protons

- With photon field: p-IC, Bethe-Heitler & Photomeson processes

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \begin{cases} p + \gamma' \\ p + e^+ + e^- \\ p/n + n_0 \pi^0 + n_+ \pi^+ + n_- \pi^- \end{cases}$$

- With stellar outflows: proton-proton interaction

$$p + p \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma \\ \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_{\mu}, \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \\ \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}, \mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_{\mu} \end{cases}$$



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(1) Leptonic processes: electrons $E_{e,\max}$?

➤ Potential drop:

$$E_{e,\max} = q_e (L_{\text{sd}}/c)^{1/2} \approx 2 \times 10^{15} L_{\text{sd},36}^{1/2} \text{ eV}$$

➤ Hillas criterion:

$$E_{e,\max} = q_e BR \approx 3 \times 10^{14} B_1 R_{11} \text{ eV}$$

➤ Energy losses: Adiabatic or Radiative cooling

$$E_{e,\max} = 3\eta_e q_e BR \approx 1 \times 10^{14} \eta_{-1} B_1 R_{11} \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{e,\max} = (6\pi\eta_e q_e / \sigma_T B)^{1/2} m_e c^2 \approx 6 \times 10^{12} \eta_{-1}^{1/2} B_1^{-1/2} \text{ eV}$$

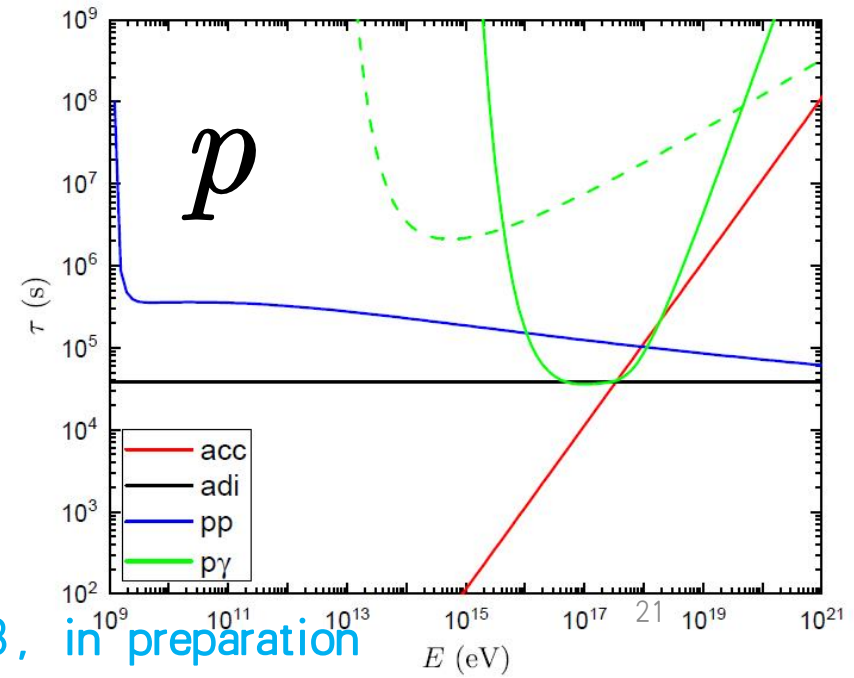
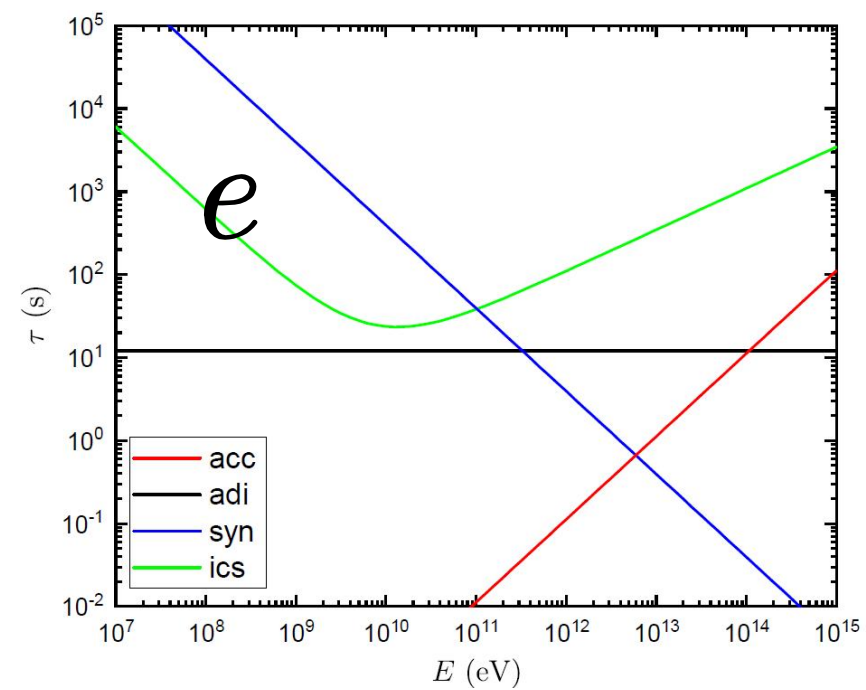
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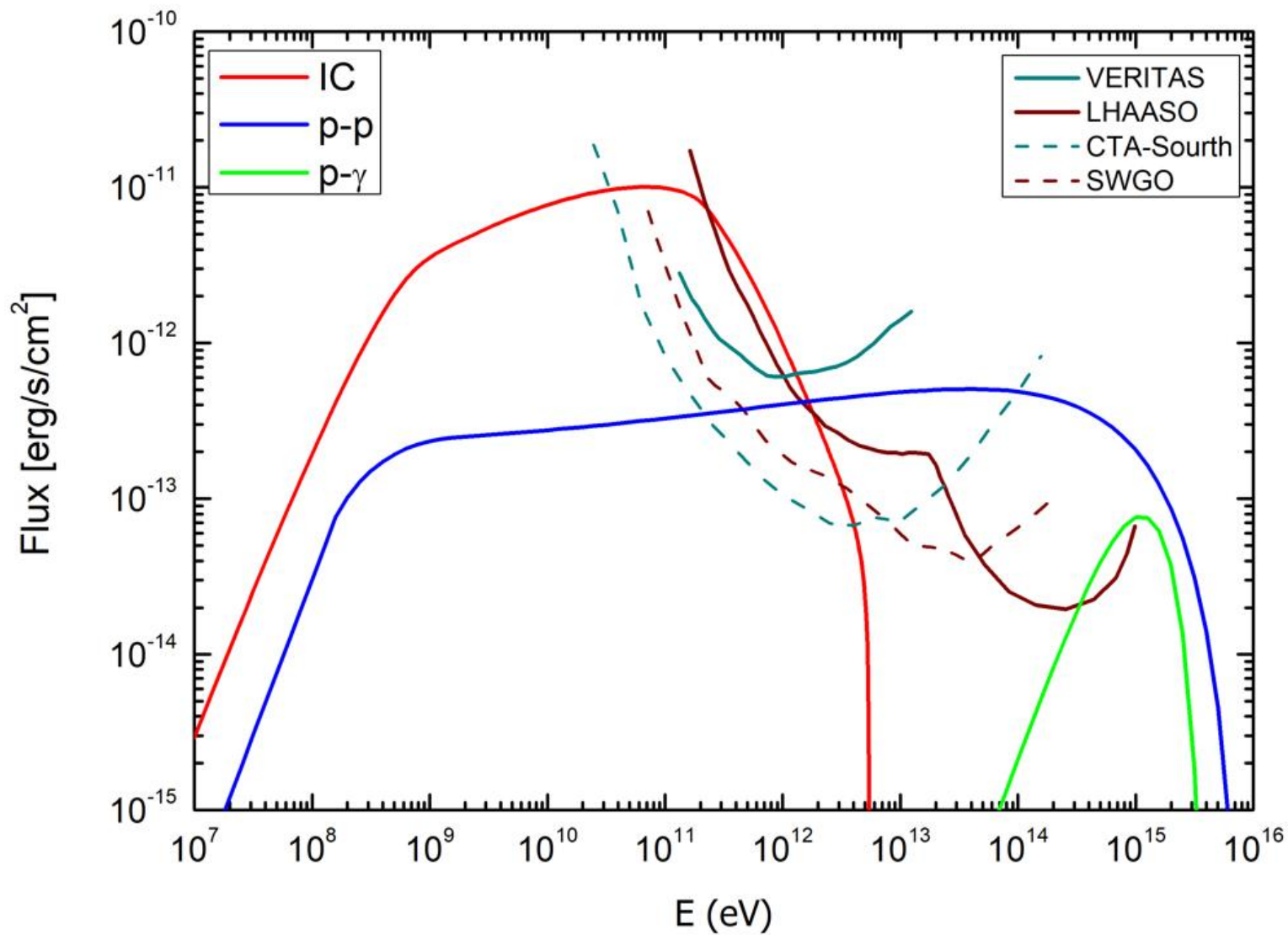
$$E_{p,\max} = q_e BL \approx 3 \times 10^{15} B_1 L_{12} \text{ eV}$$

➤ Energy losses: Adiabatic cooling

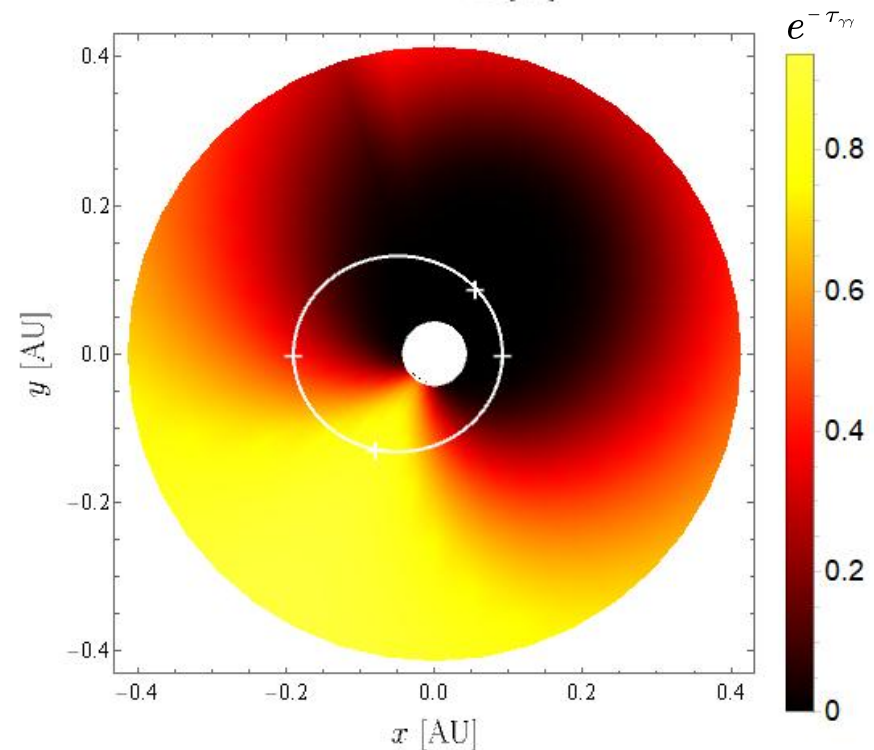
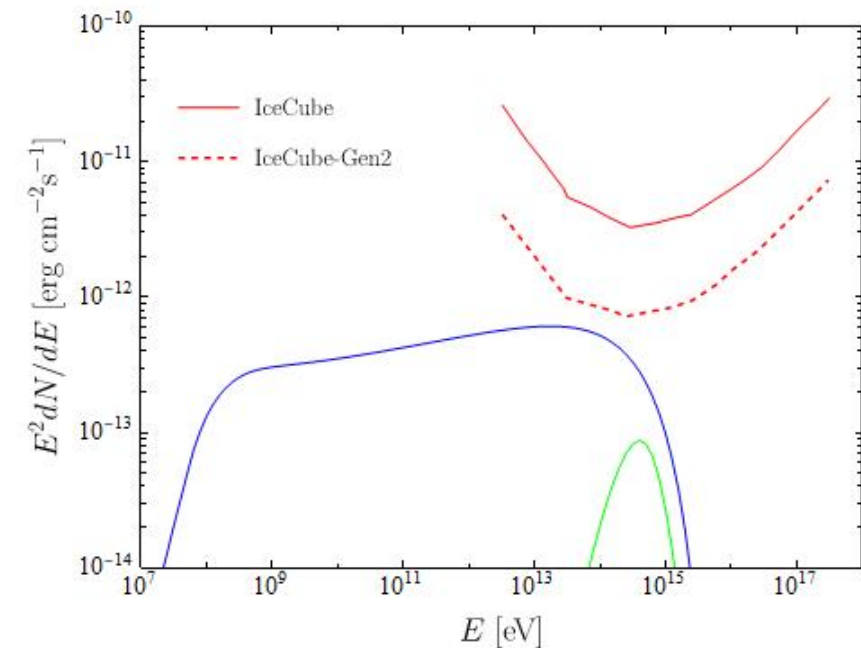
$$E_{p,\max} = 4R_{\text{sh}} \eta q_e cB/v_w \approx 3 \times 10^{17} B_1 R_{12} \eta_{-1} v_{w,8} \text{ eV}$$



3. Can γ Bs be PeVatrons?

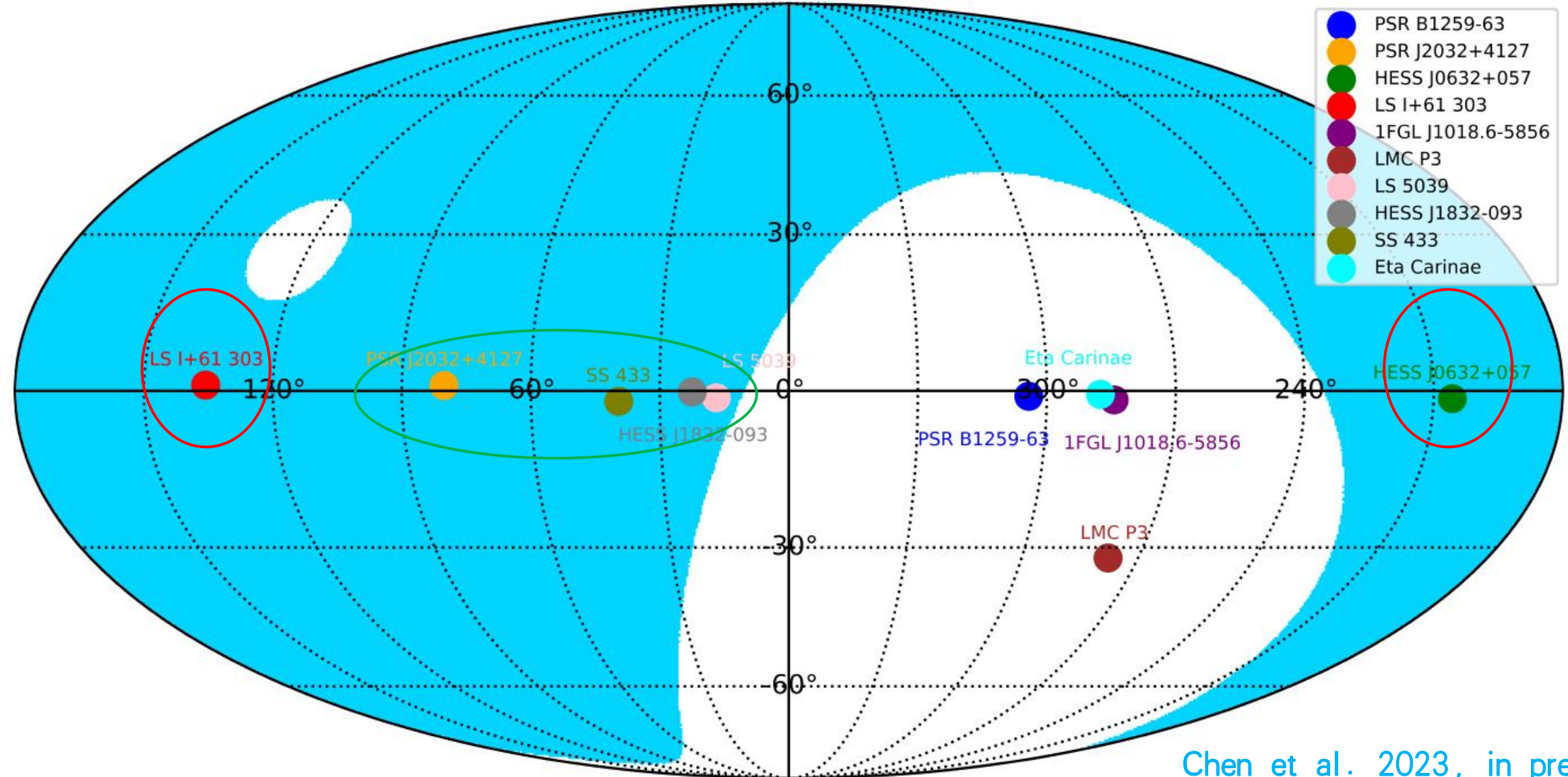


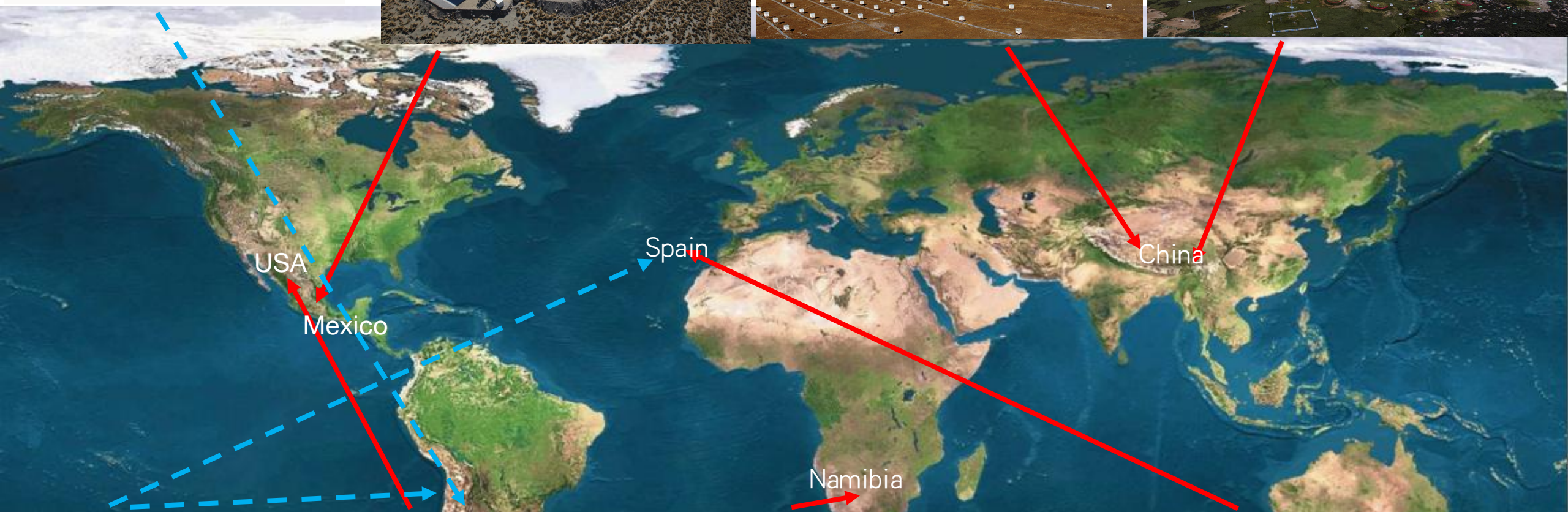
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γ Bs with LHAASO

TeV Binaries





- VHE γ -ray sources

- Production: Leptonic or Hadronic
- Annihilation: pair creation

- Particle acceleration:

- Magnetic reconnection
- Fermi 1th acceleration

What can we learn from HMGBs ?

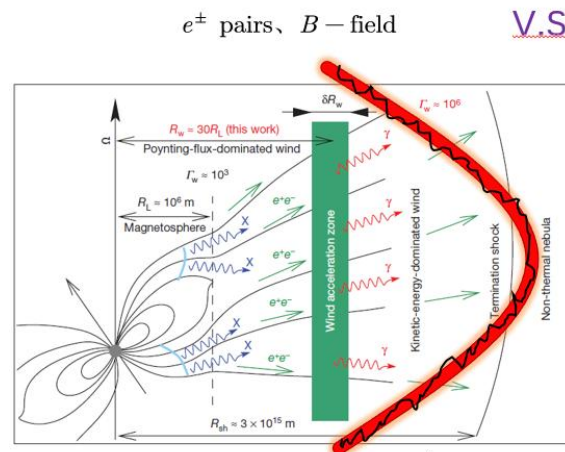


Figure: [Aharonian et al. 2010](#)

stellar outflows, photon field

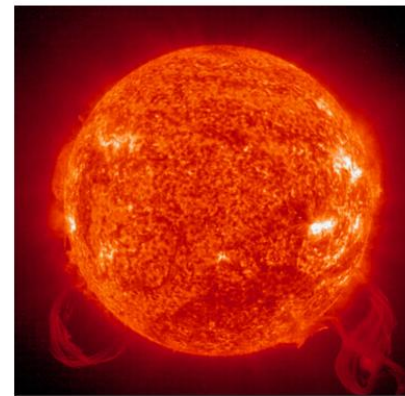


Figure: [Wikipedia](#)

- Pulsar wind physics:

- σ -problem
- B-field structure

- Evolution of binary system:

- Pulsar spin-down
- O/B star and its outflows

Thank you very much
for your attention.

Extra slides

Unsolved questions in gamma-ray binaries:

1. The unknown nature of compact objects in other binaries?
2. The origin of GeV flares from PSR B1259–63?
3. The missing GeV emission from HESS J0632+057?
4. The super-orbital modulations as seen in LS I+61 303?
5. The observed HMGBs are much less than predictions

Unsolved questions:

binaries	PSR B1259-63	PSR J2032+4127	HESS J0632+057	LS I +61 303	LS 5039	LMC P3	1FGL J1018.6-5856	HESS J1832-093
Compact object	Pulsar	Pulsar	?	Pulsar ?	Pulsar ?	?	?	?
Pulsation period	47.73 ms (Radio)	143 ms (Radio/ γ -ray)	?	269 ms ? (Radio)	~9 s ? (X-ray)	?	?	?
Companion star	O9.5Ve	B0Ve	B0Vpe	B0Ve	O6.5V	O5III	O6V	O?
Stellar disk	$\sqrt{\quad}$	$\sqrt{\quad}$	$\sqrt{\quad}$	$\sqrt{\quad}$	x	x	x	x
Orbital eccentricity	0.87	0.96	0.64–0.83 ?	0.55–0.72 ?	0.35	0.40	0.31	?
Orbital period	1236.7d	~17000d	317.3d	26.496d	3.906d	10.314d	16.58d	~86d
Distance (kpc)	2.39	1.33	1.6	2.0	2.9	~50	5.4	4.4

2.2: PSR J2032+4127

PSR J2032+4127 is the longest-period gamma-ray binaries with largest orbital eccentricity.

- **Pulsar:**

$$P = 143\text{ms}, \quad L_{\text{sd}} \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{35}\text{erg/s}, \quad \tau \sim 115.8\text{kyr}$$

- **Be star:**

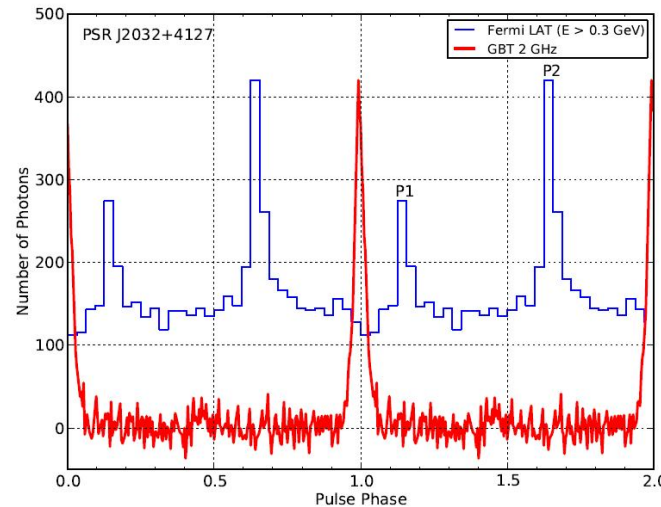
$$\text{B0Ve } T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 30000\text{K}$$

- **Binary system:**

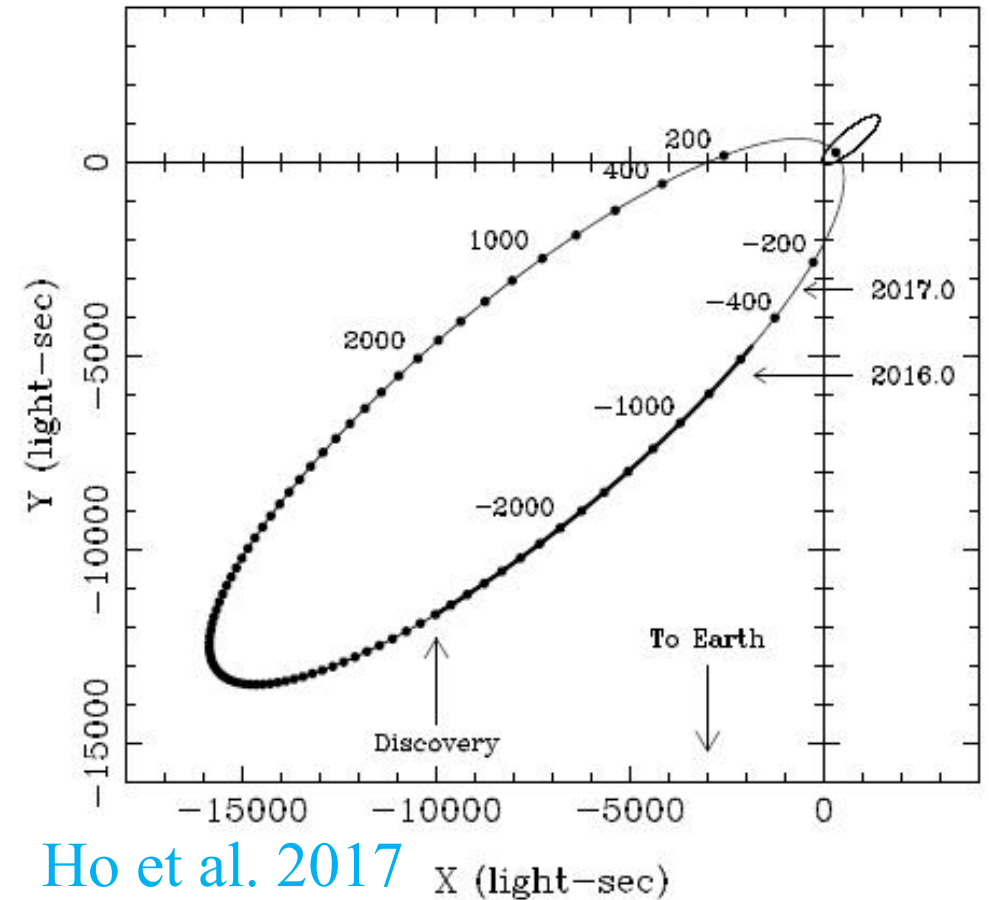
$$P_{\text{orb}} \sim 45 - 50 \text{ yr !!!}$$

$$e = 0.93 - 0.99$$

$$d_{\text{L}} \sim 1.33\text{kpc}$$



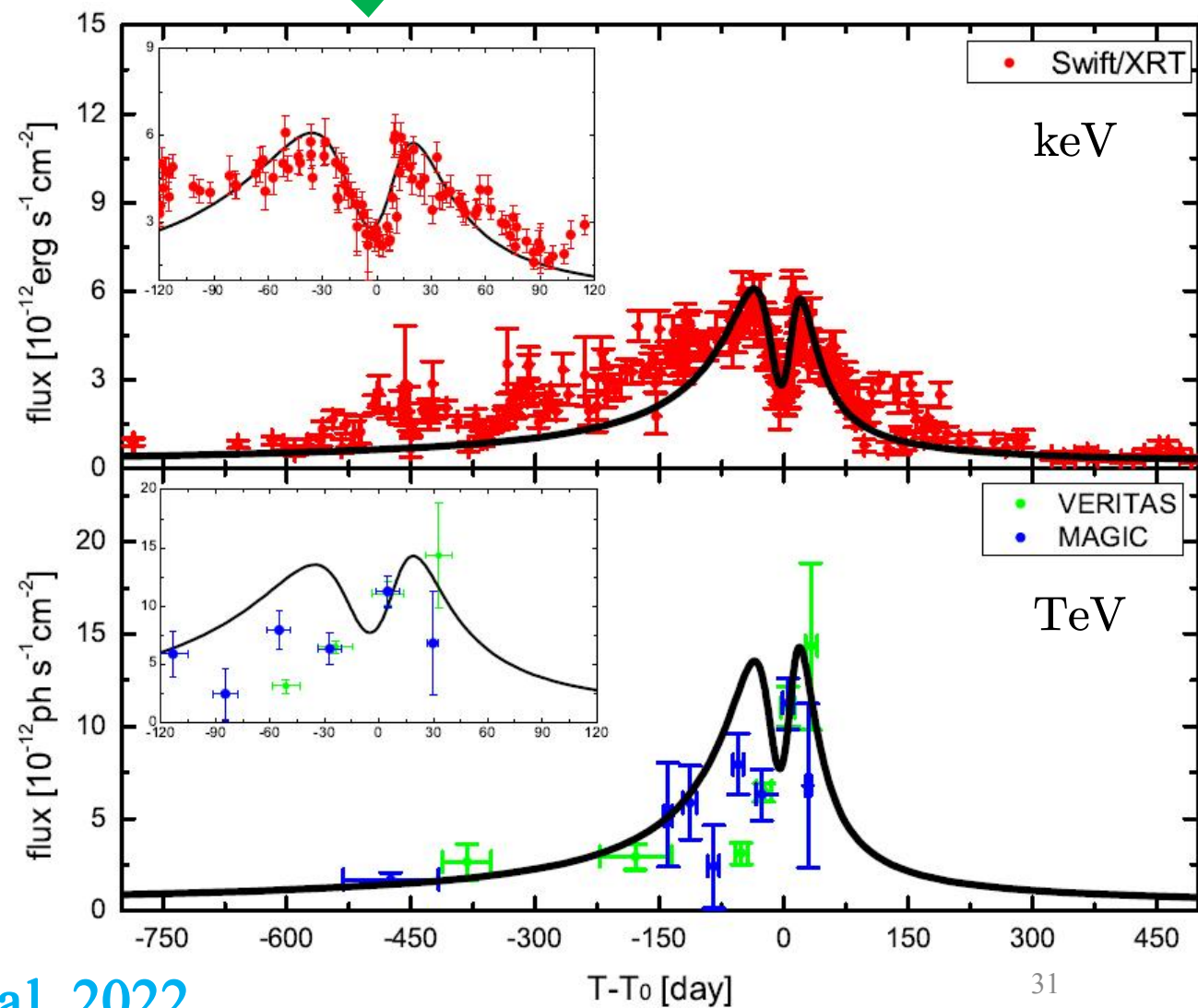
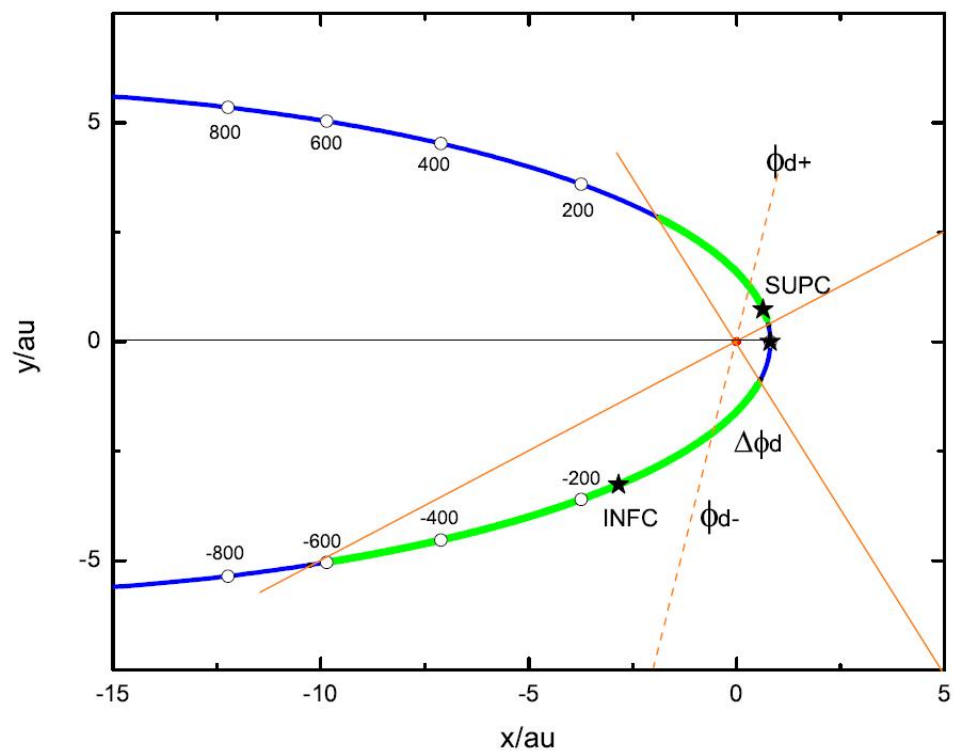
Camilo et al. 2009



Ho et al. 2017

- The recent periastron passage occurred in 2017 November

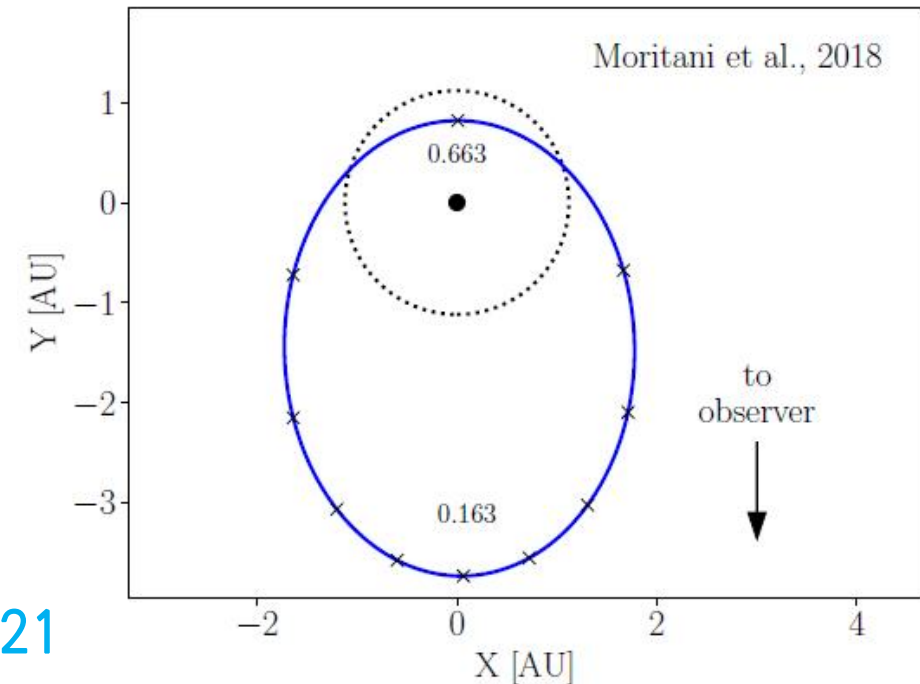
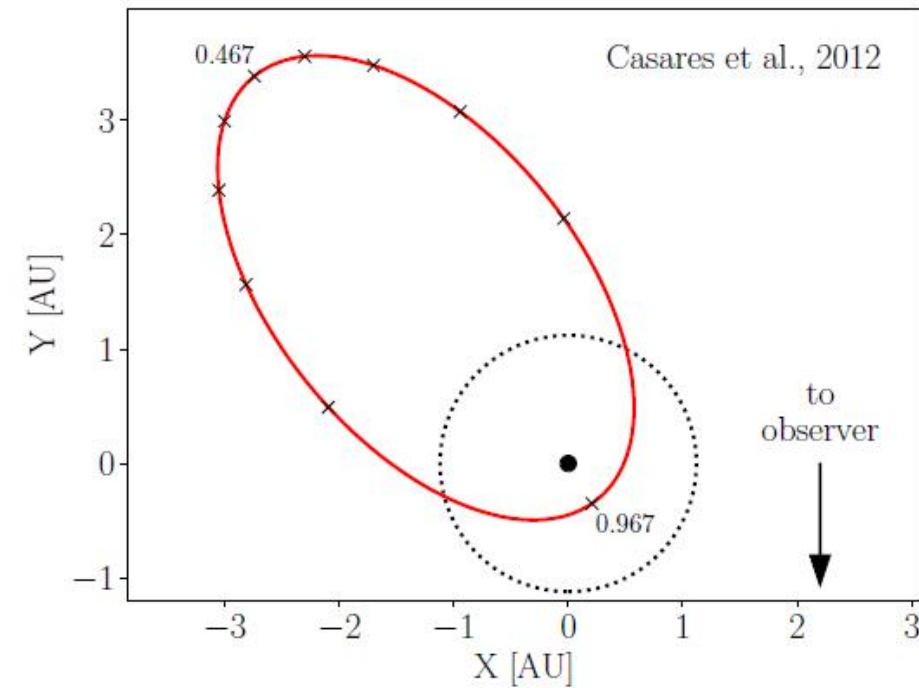
Parameters	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
e	0.936	0.961	0.989
$P_o(\text{d})$	16000	17000	17670
$T_0(\text{MJD})$	58053	58069	58068
$\omega_p(^{\circ})$	52	40	21
$a \sin i \text{ (lt-s)}$	7138	9022	16335



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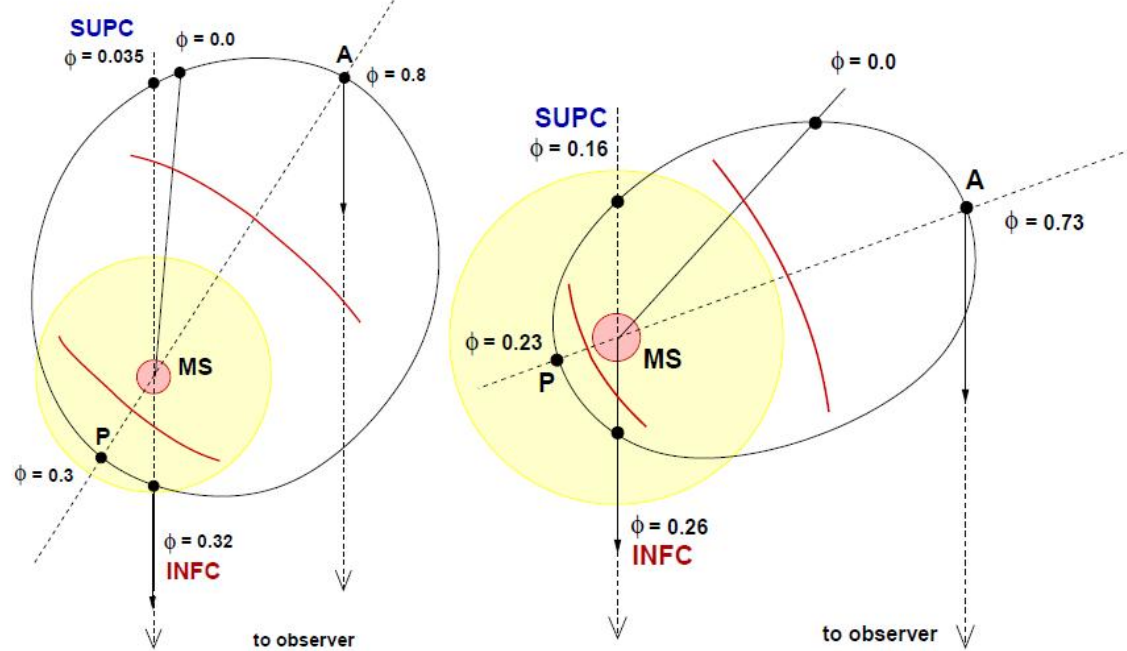
2.3: HESS J0632+057

- Compact object:
NS or BH ?
- Massive star:
MWC 148: B0Vpe
- Binary orbit:
 $e \sim 0.64 - 0.83$
 $P_o \sim 308 - 321$ d
 $d_L \sim 1.1 - 1.7$ kpc

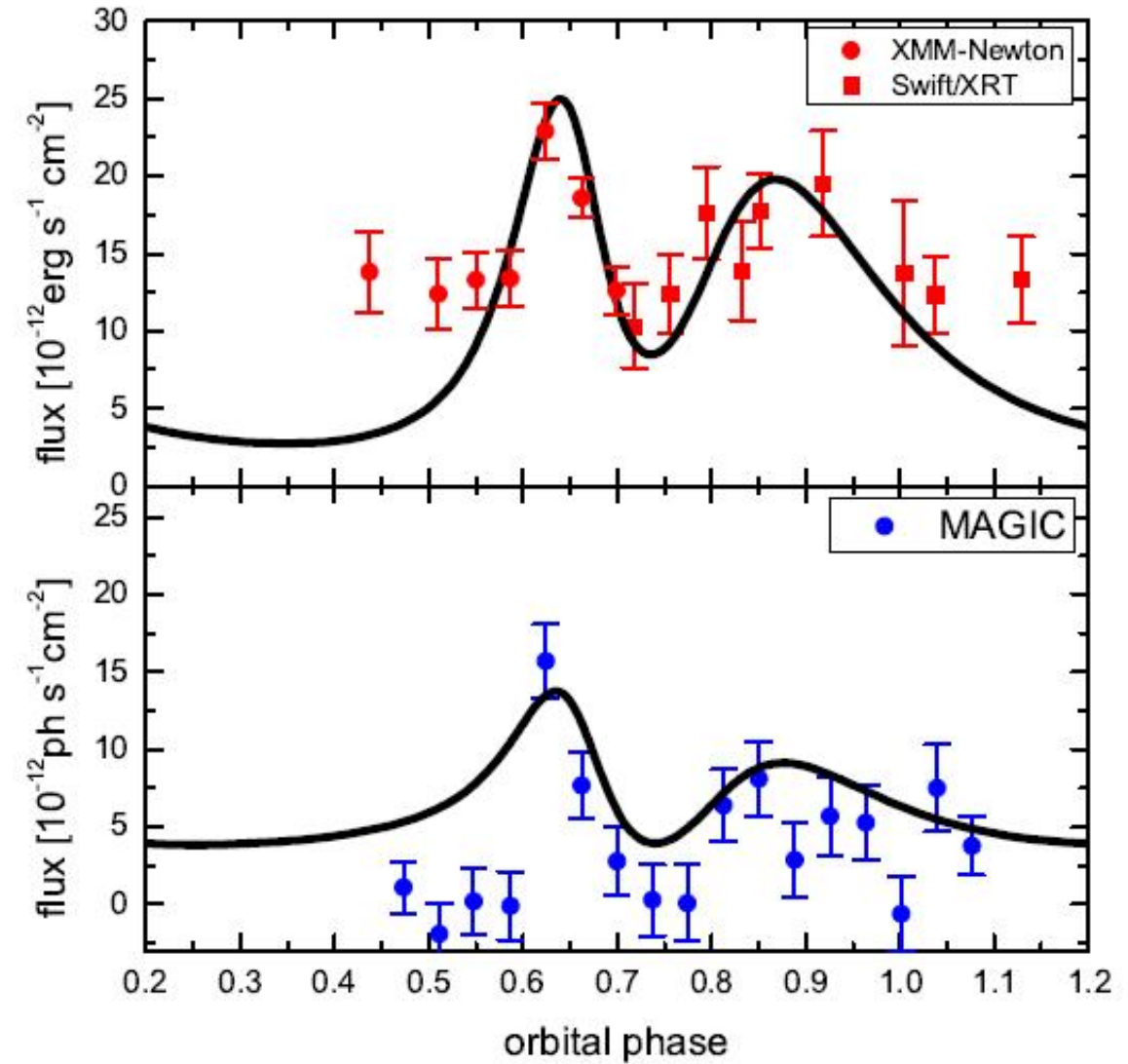


2.4: LS I+61° 303

Grundstrom+2007;
Casares+2005;



Sierpowska-Bartosik & Torres 2009

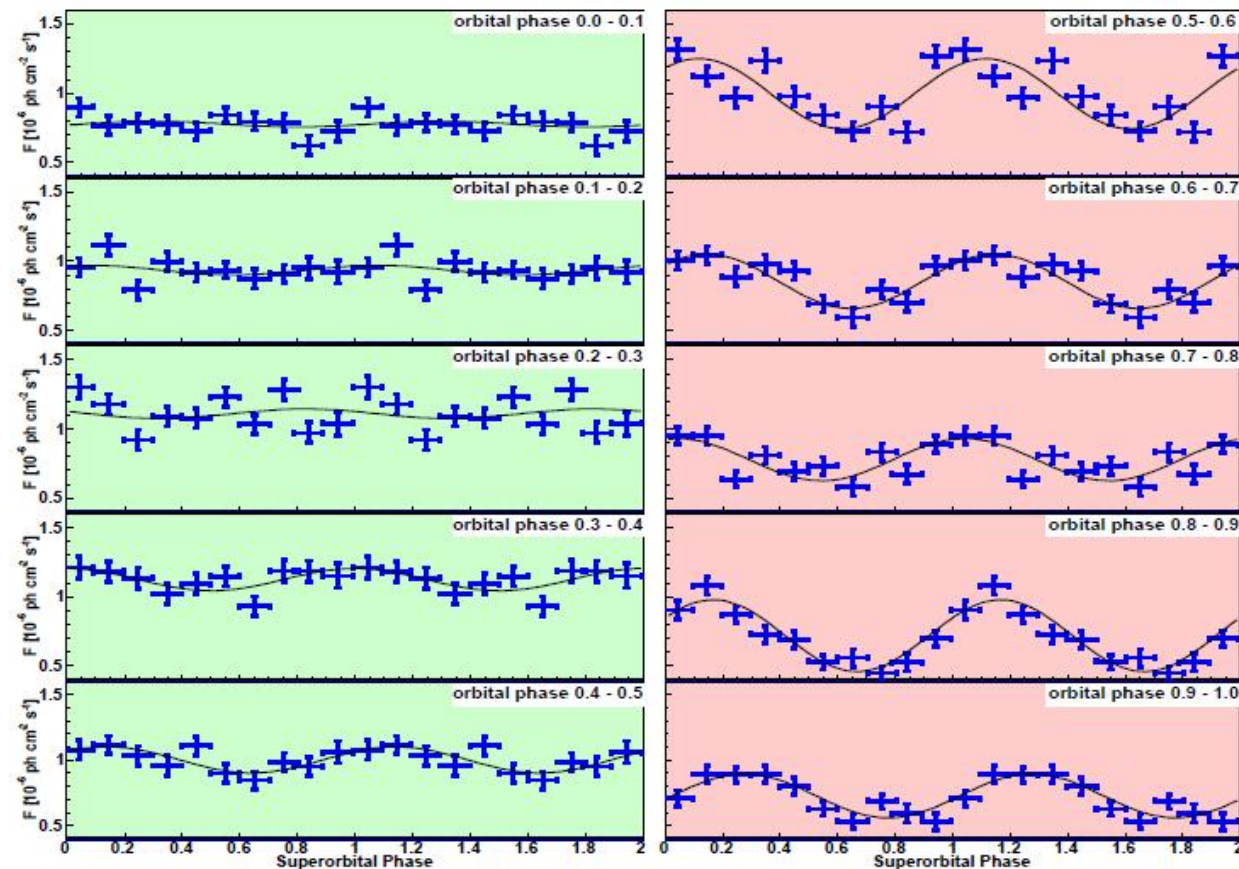
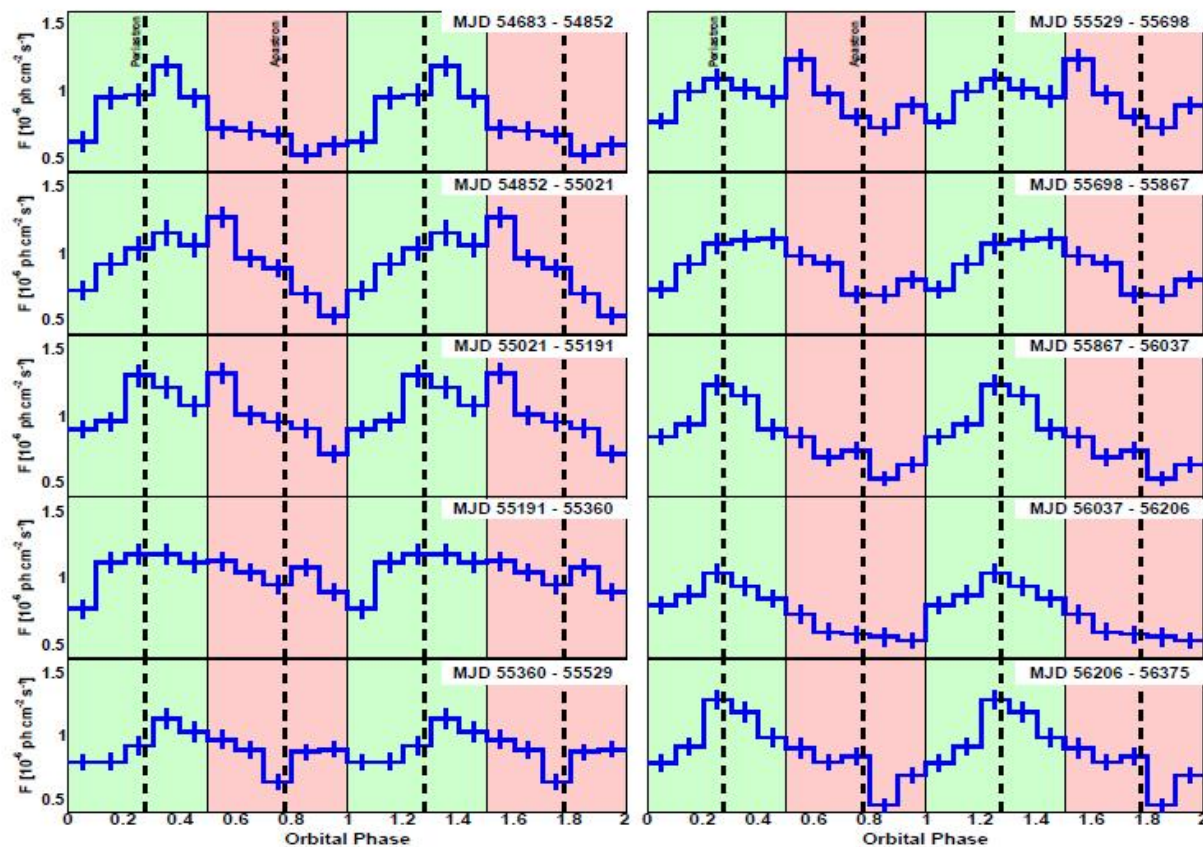


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Precession of the stellar disc?

$$P_{\text{orb}} \simeq 26.5 \text{ days}$$

$$P_{\text{sup}} \simeq 1667 \text{ days}$$



2.6: 1FGL J1018.6-5856

- **Compact object:** unknown yet, however

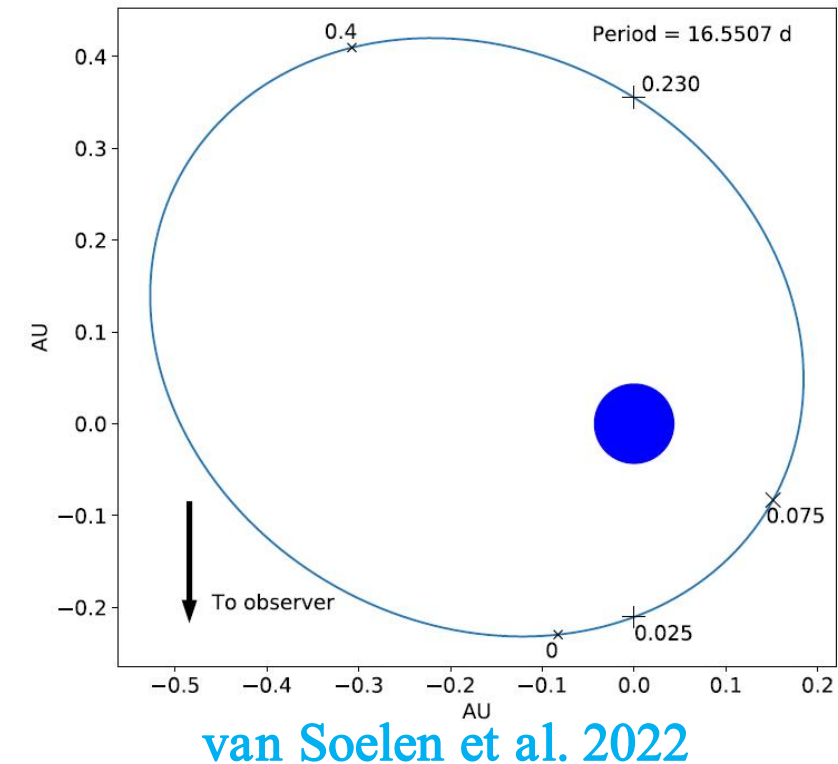
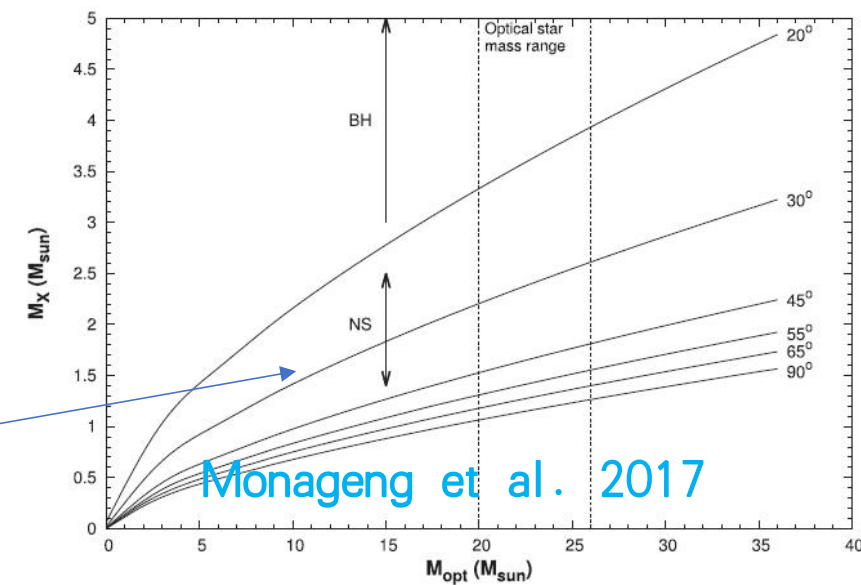
$$f(M_x) = \frac{PK^3}{2\pi G} (1 - e^2)^{3/2} = \frac{(M_x \sin i)^3}{(M_x + M_O)^2}$$

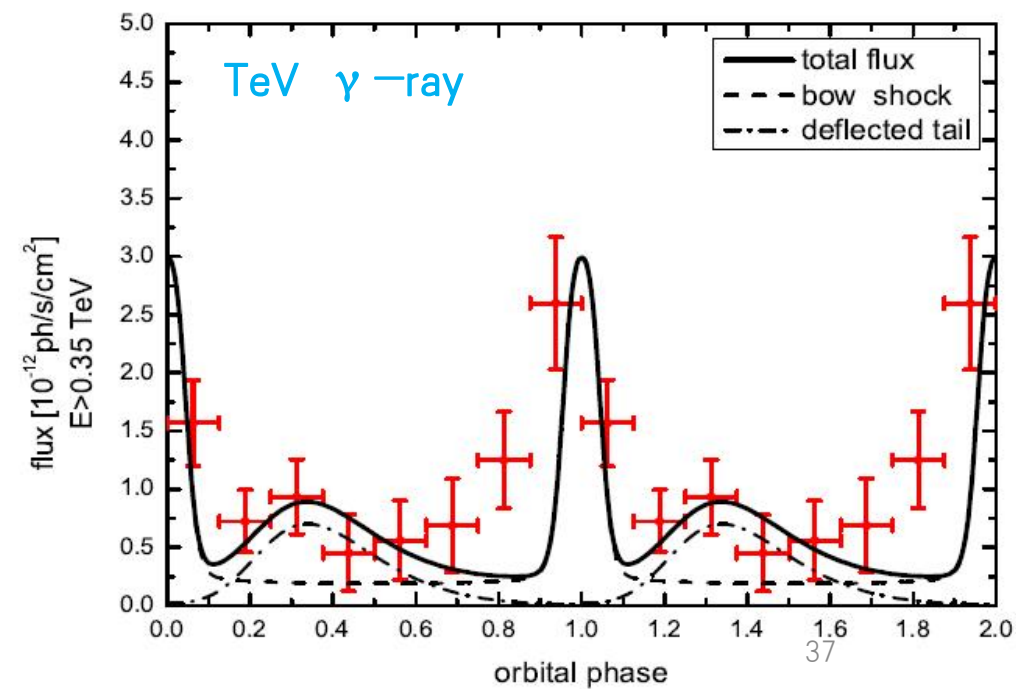
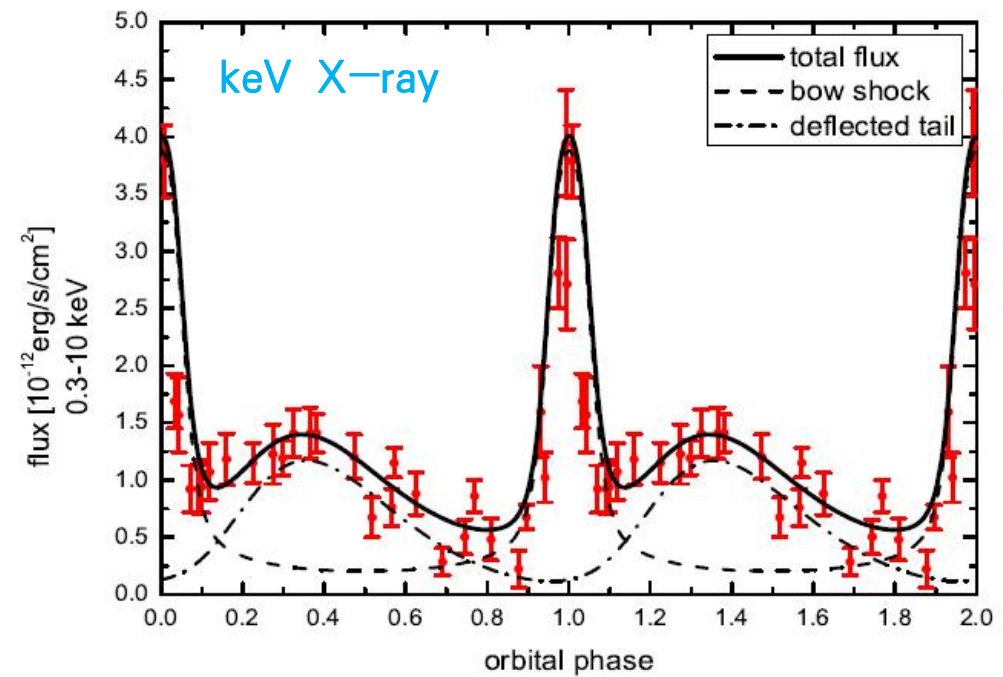
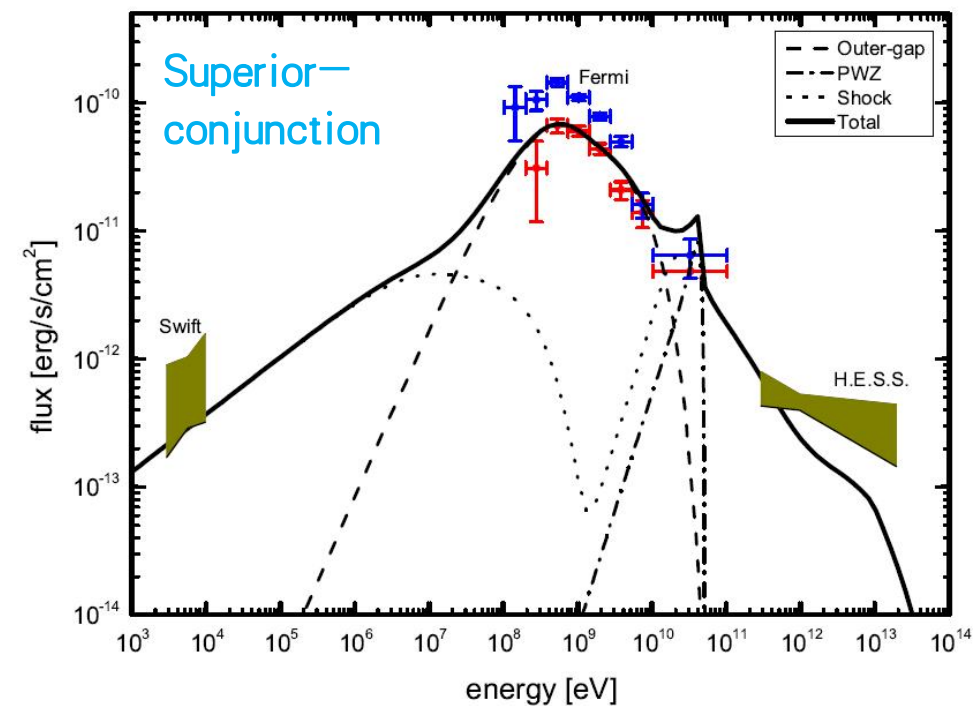
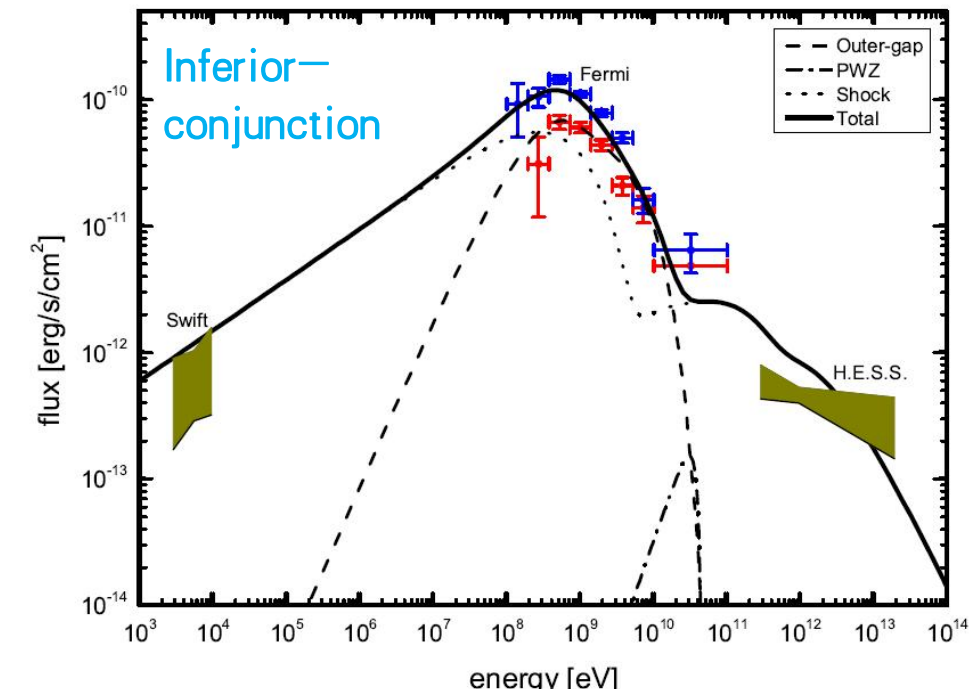
- **Companion star:**

O6 V((f)) $T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 38900 \text{ K}$

- **Binary system:**

$$P_{\text{orb}} = 16.5507 \text{ d}, \quad e = 0.531, \quad d_L \sim 4.4 \text{ kpc}$$





Chen et al. 2021b