

# HIGH-ENERGY VARIABILITY IN PWNE



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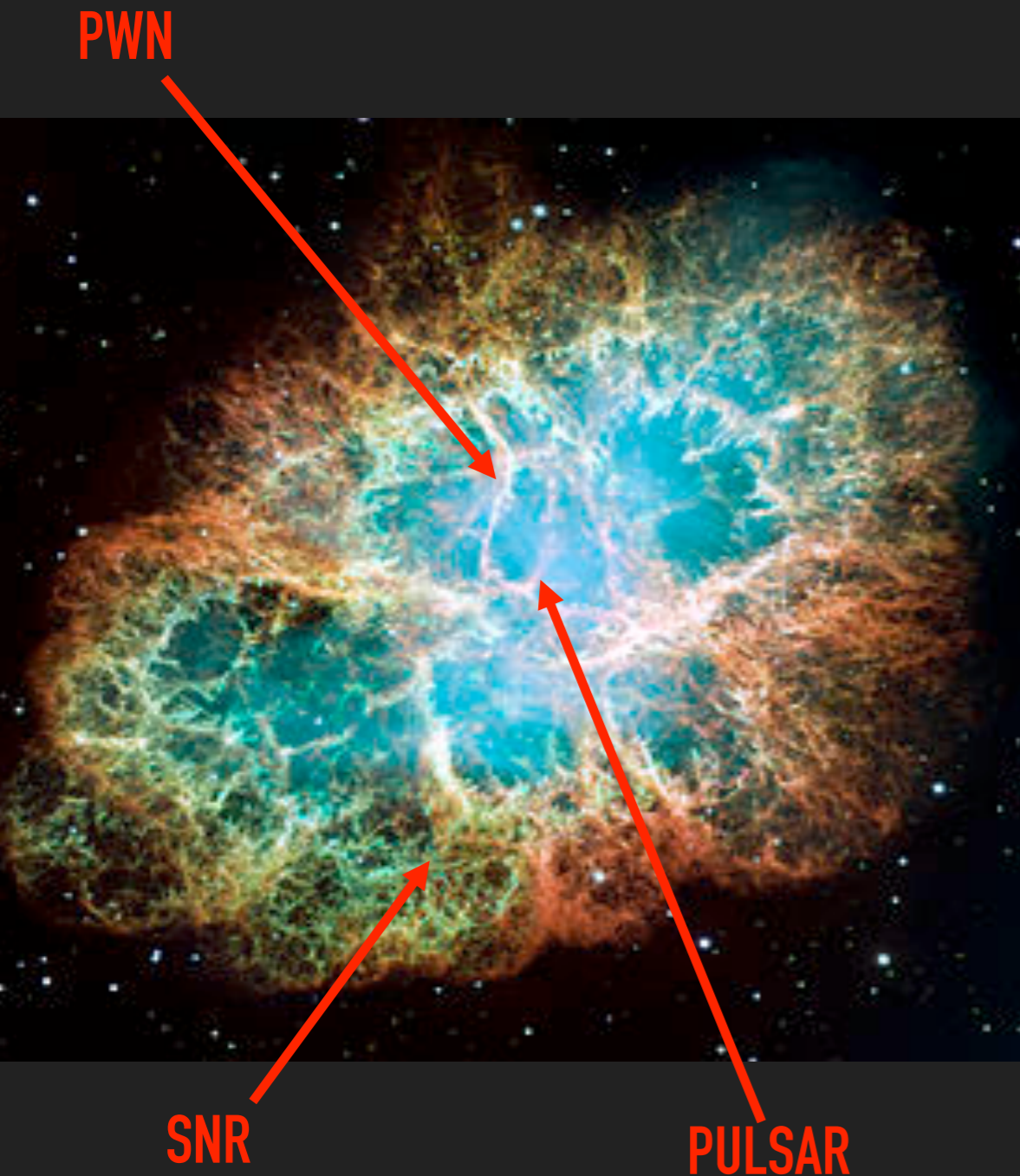


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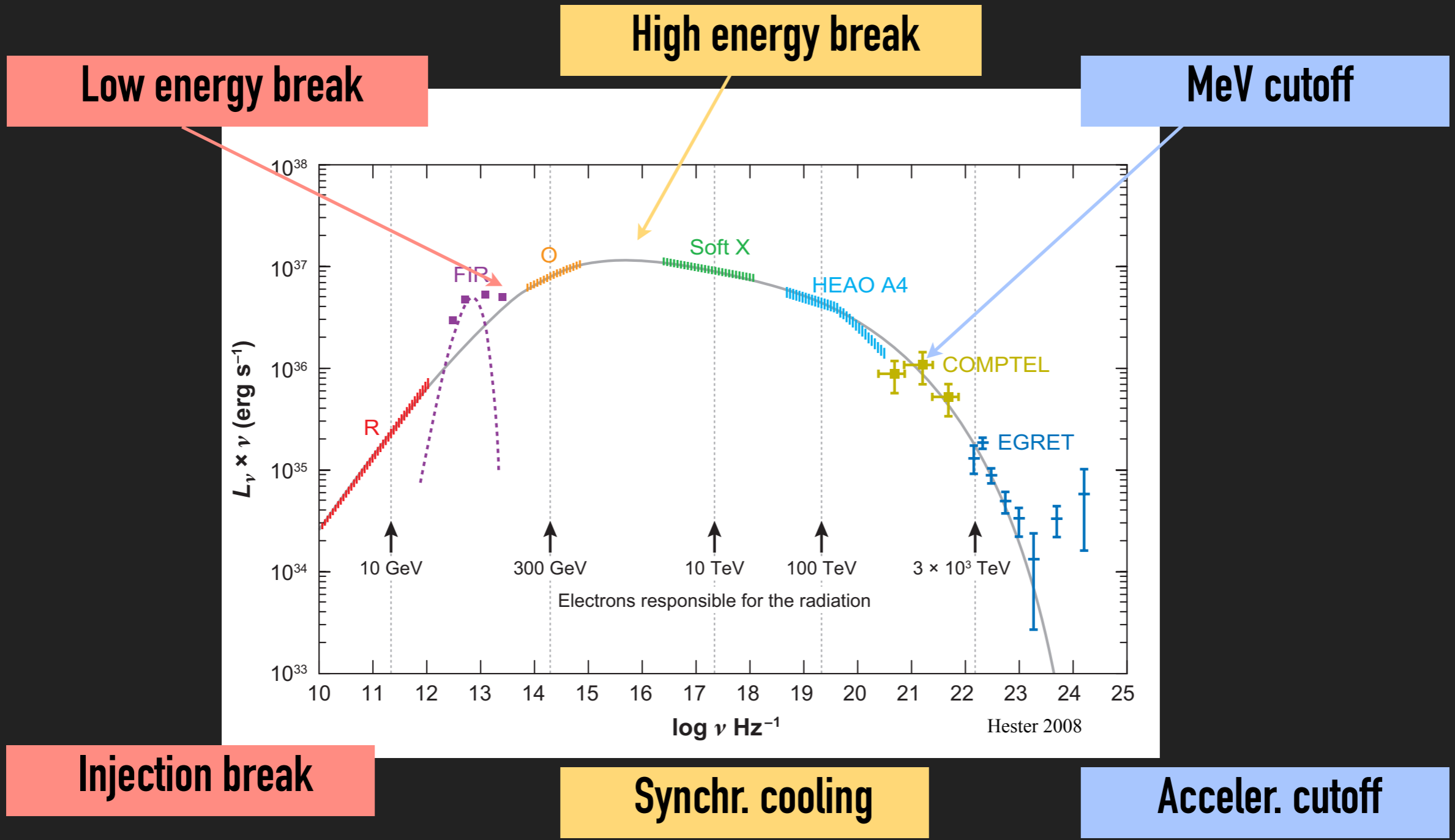
PWNe are hot bubbles of relativistic particles and magnetic field emitting non-thermal radiation.

Originated by the interaction of the ultra-relativistic magnetized pulsar wind with the expanding SNR (or with the ISM)

Galactic accelerators. The only place where we can study the properties of relativistic shocks (as in GRBs and AGNs)

Allow us to investigate the dynamics of relativistic outflows

# CRAB SYNCHROTRON SPECTRUM

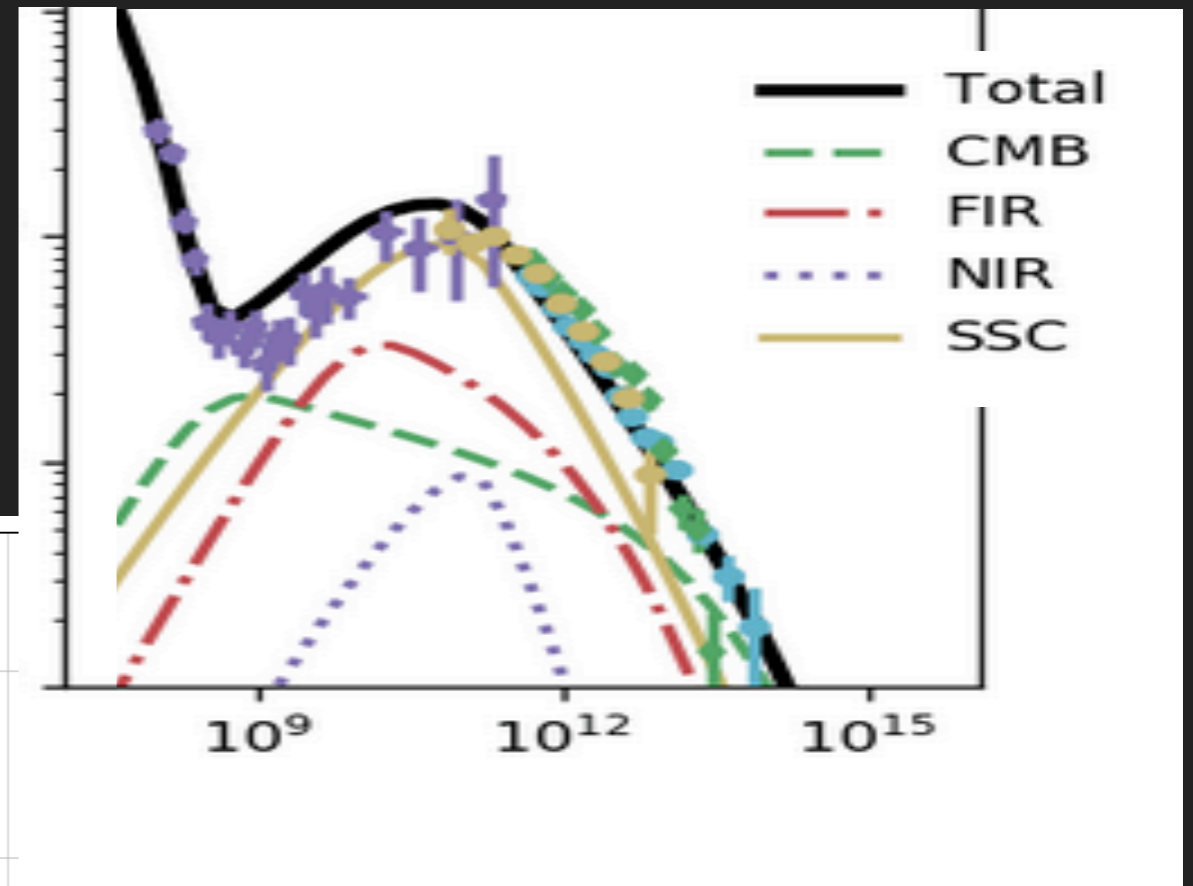
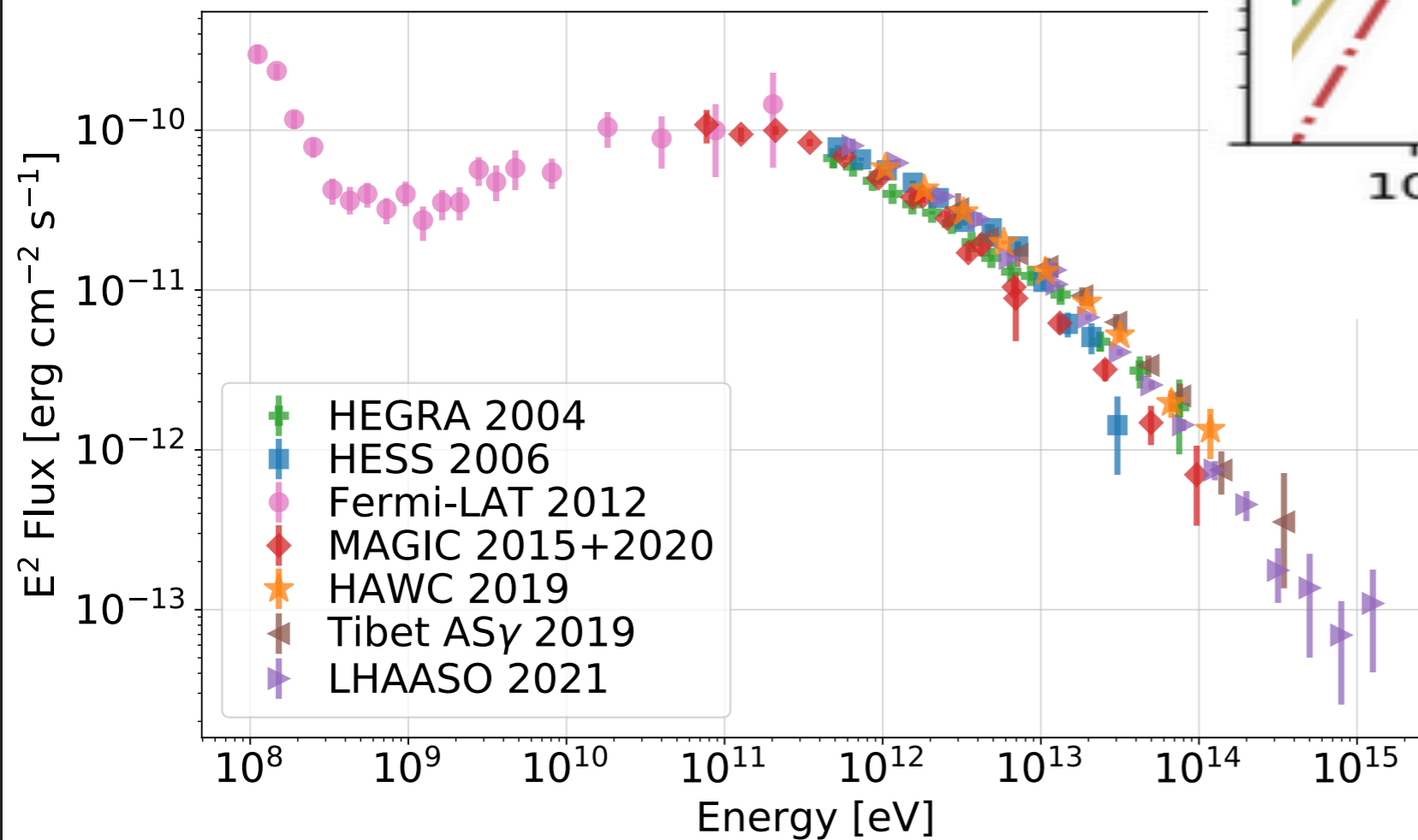


The most efficient non-thermal accelerator.

# IC GAMMA SPECTRUM

ONLY SYSTEM SSC DOMINATED

OTHER PWNE ARE NIR/FIR DOMINATED

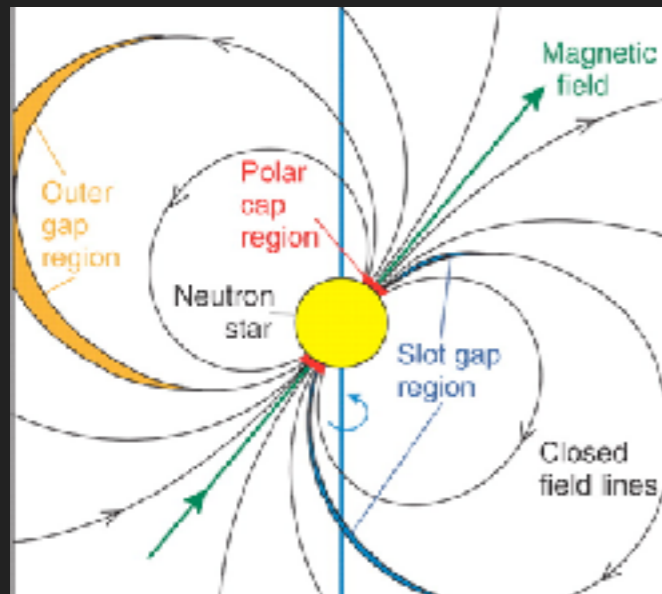


TREND SET BY RADIO-OPT  
PARTICLES

X-RAY PARTICLES IN KN

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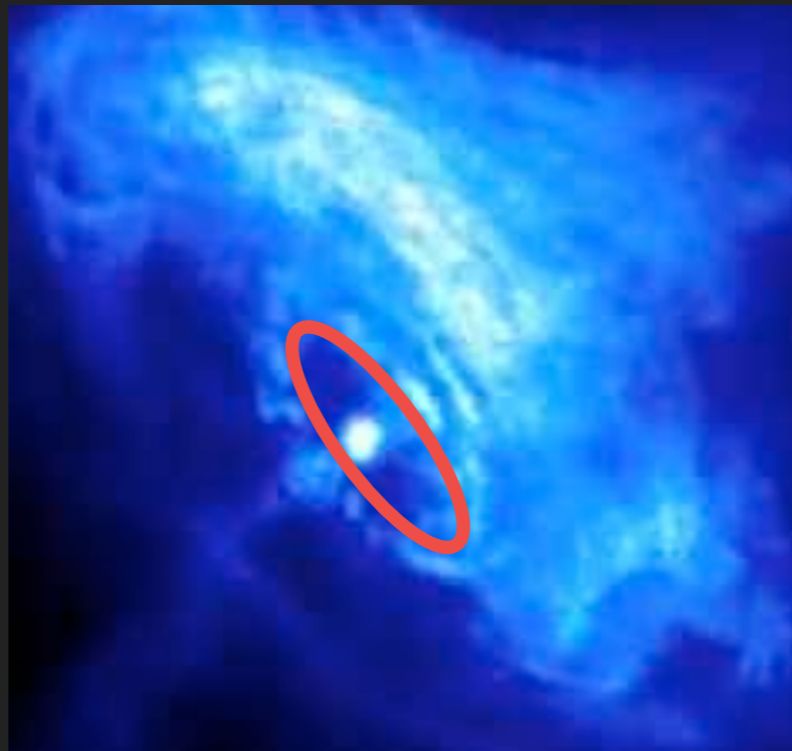
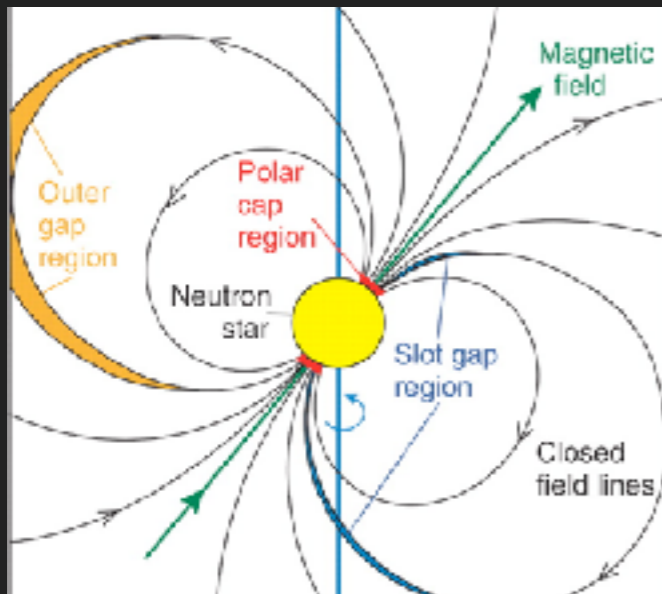
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## ACCELERATION LIMIT AT THE TS

MAGNETISATION IN THE CRAB IS JUST BELOW EQUIPARTITION

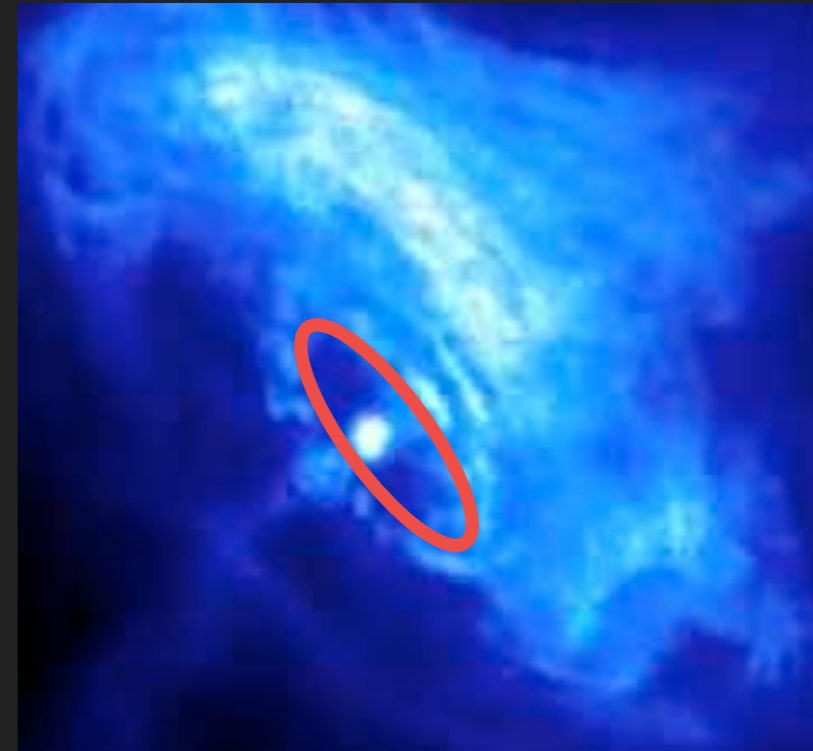
B ~ 150-120 UG

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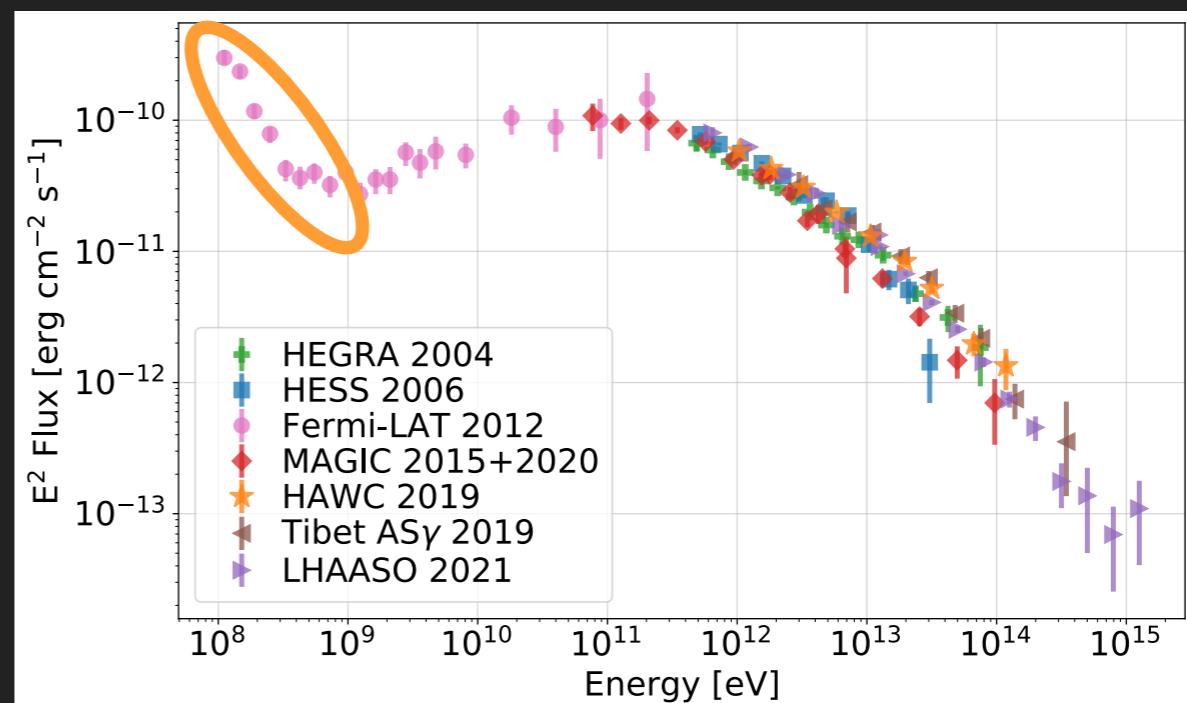
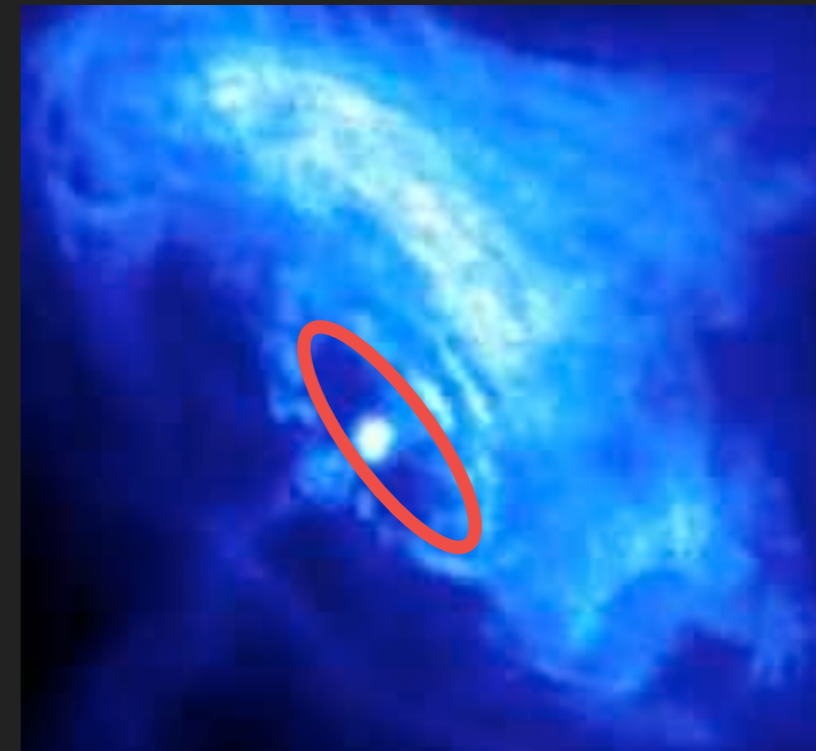
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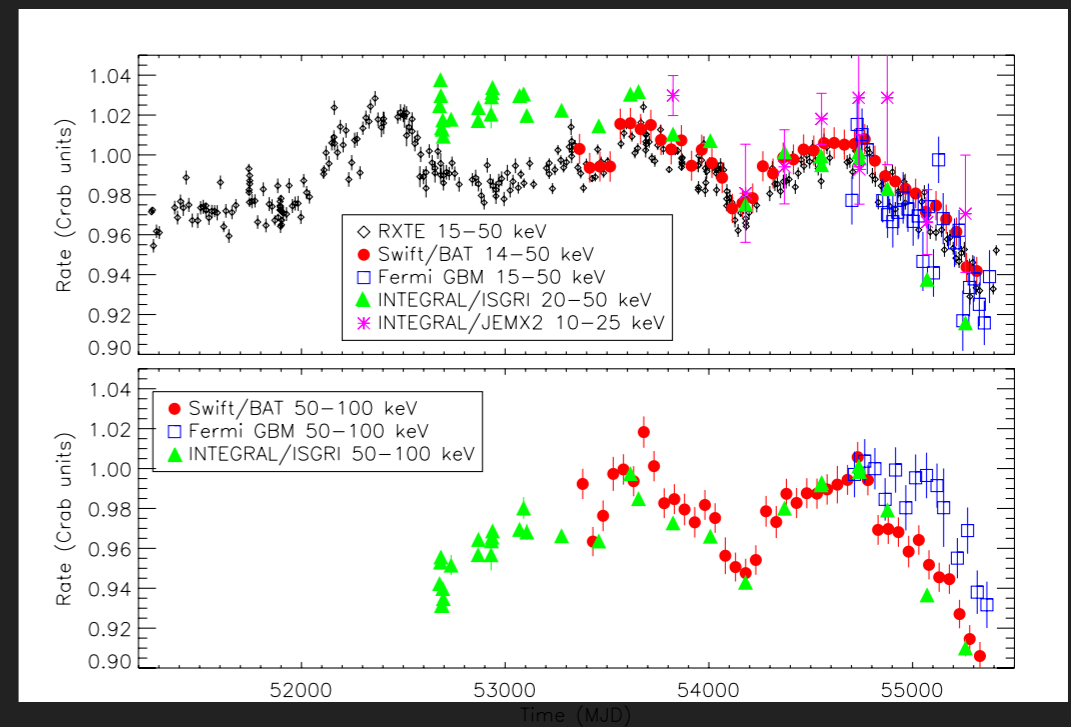
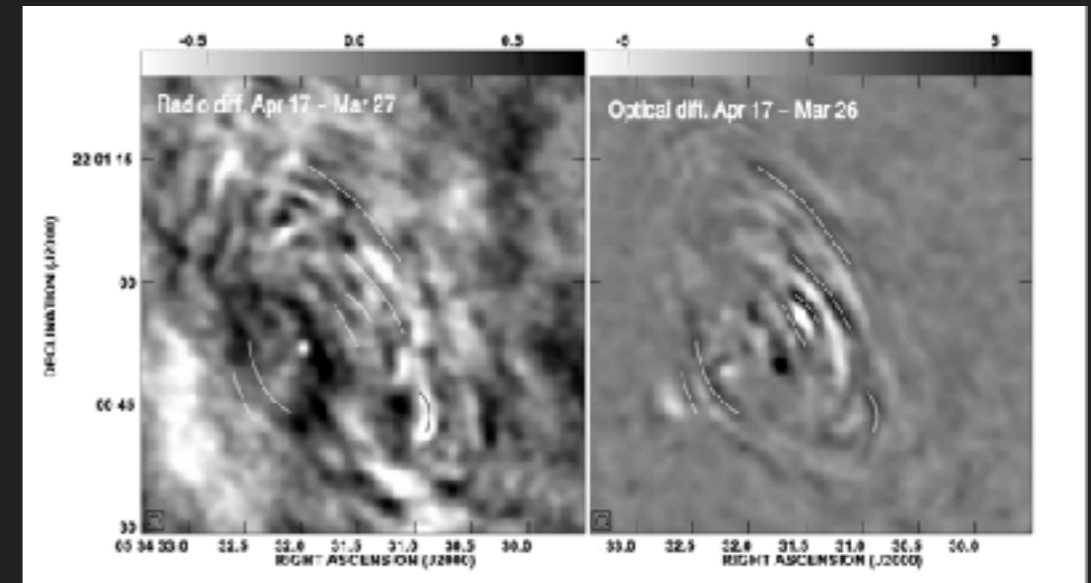
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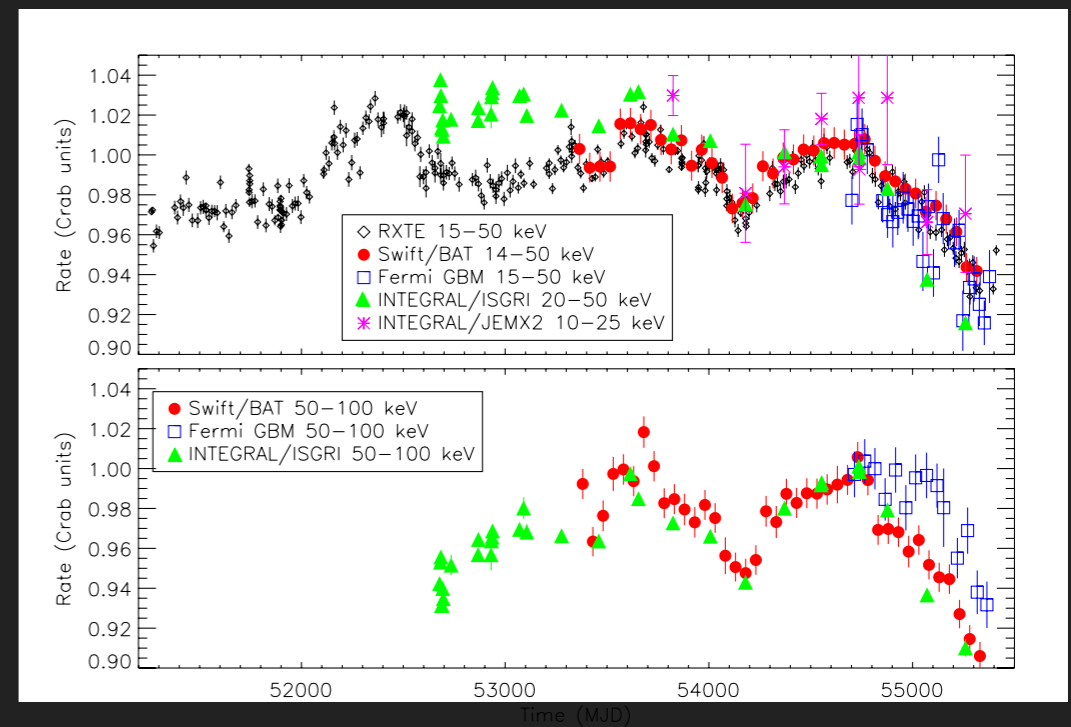
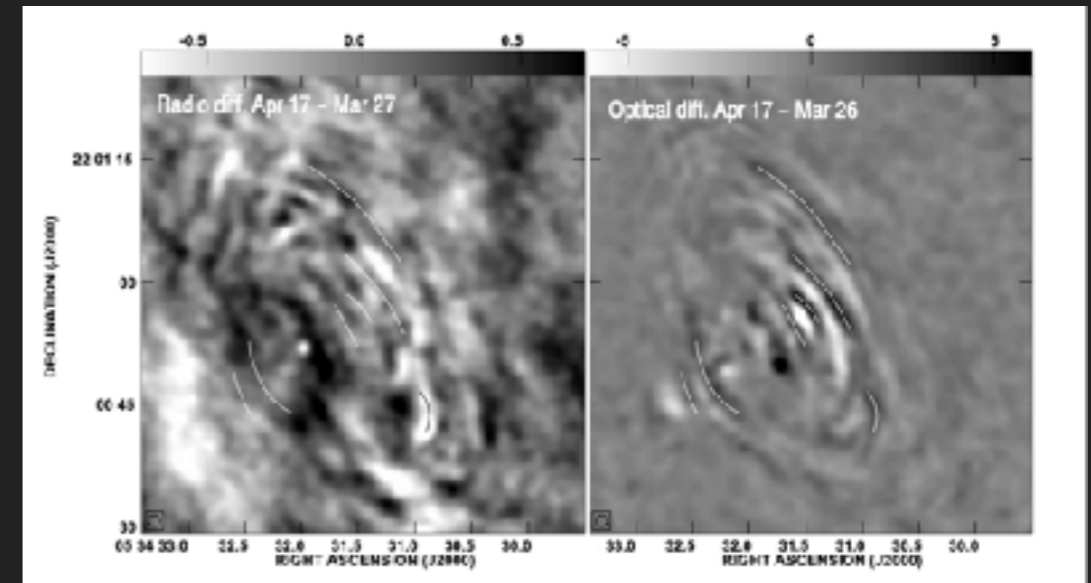
OTHERS ALL POTENTIAL LIMITED



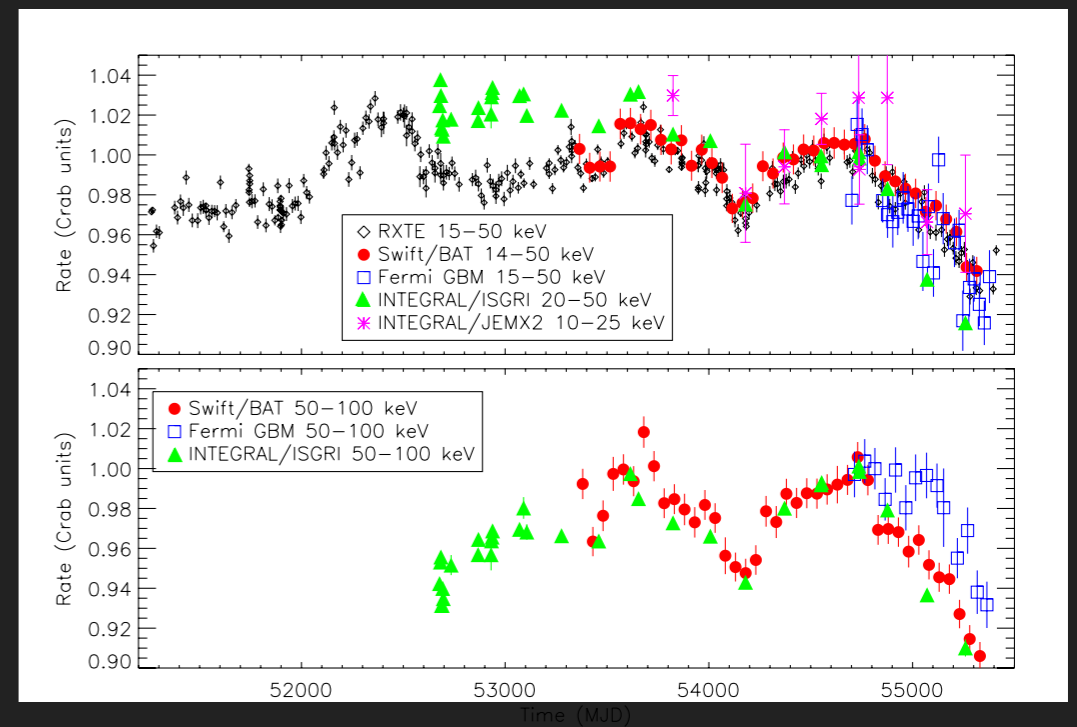
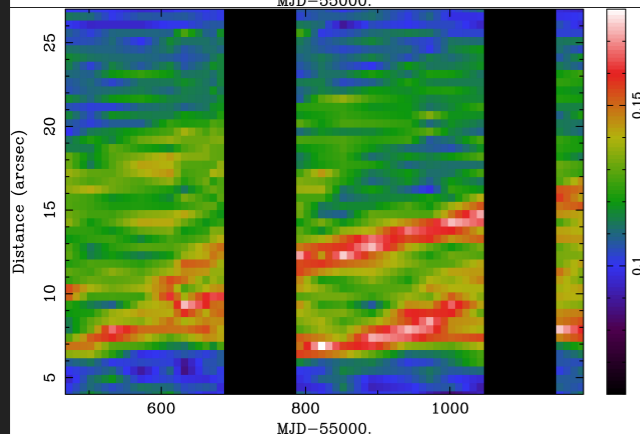
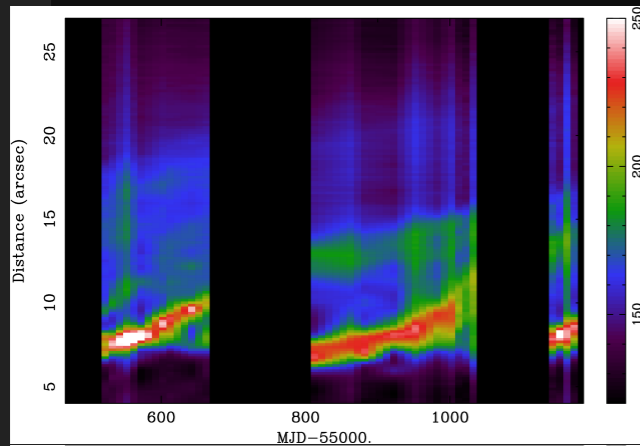
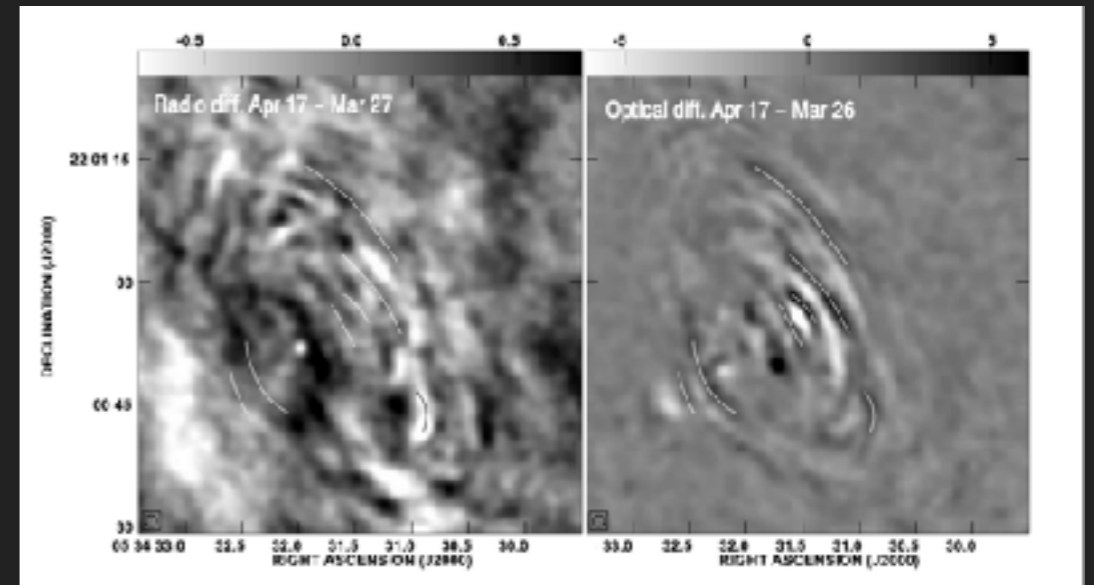
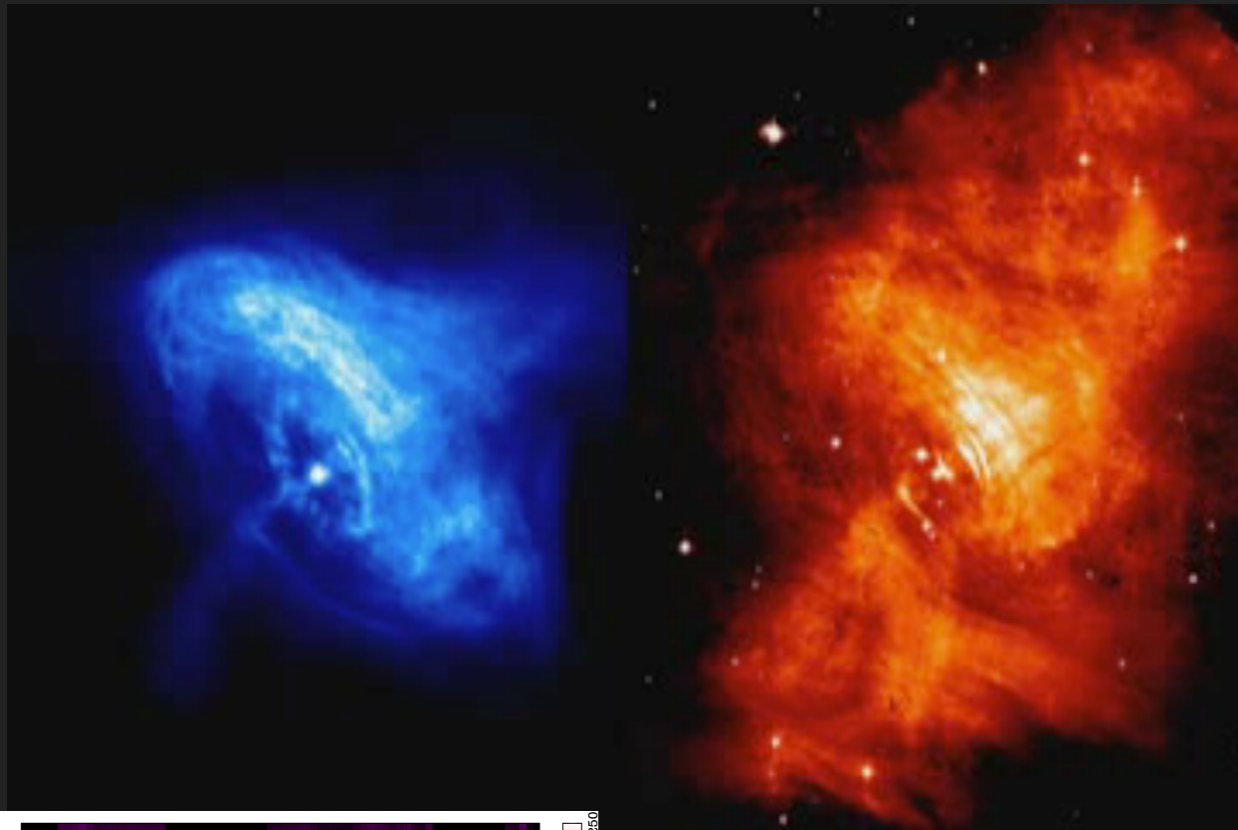
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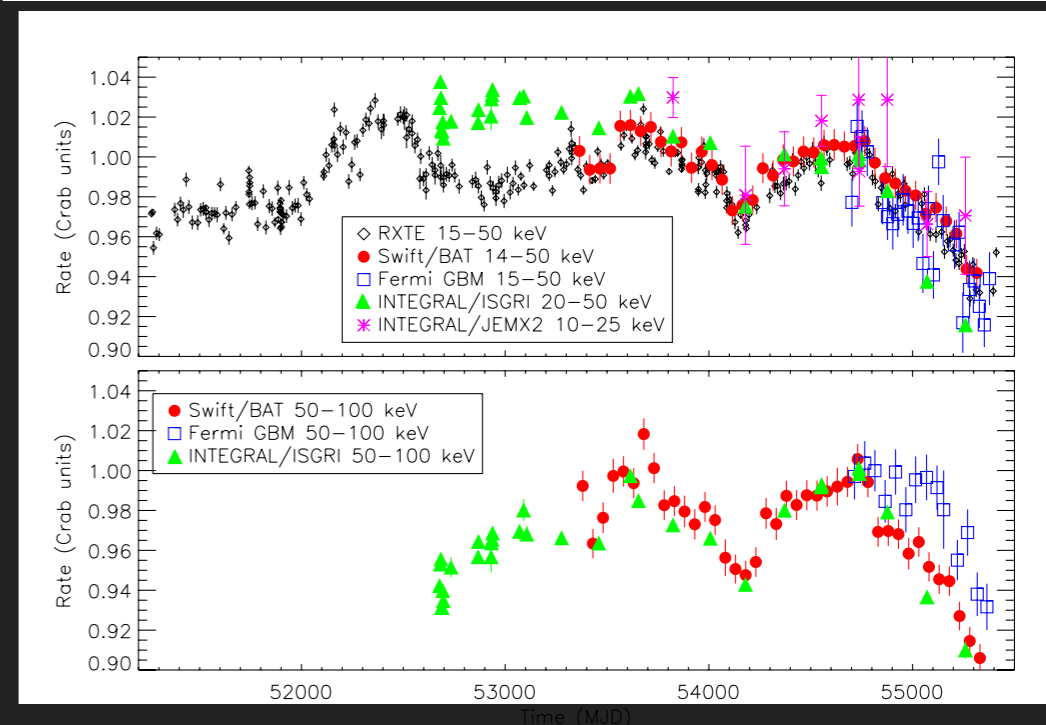
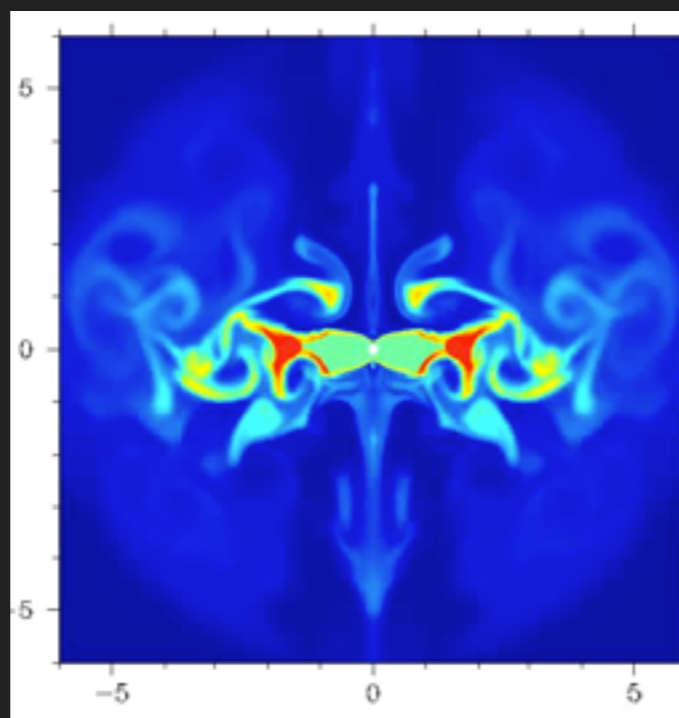
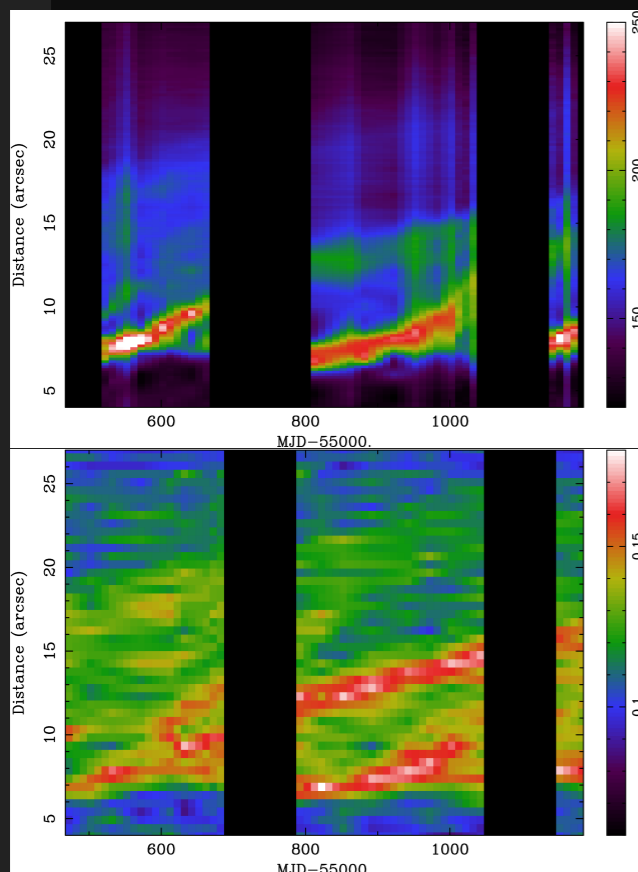
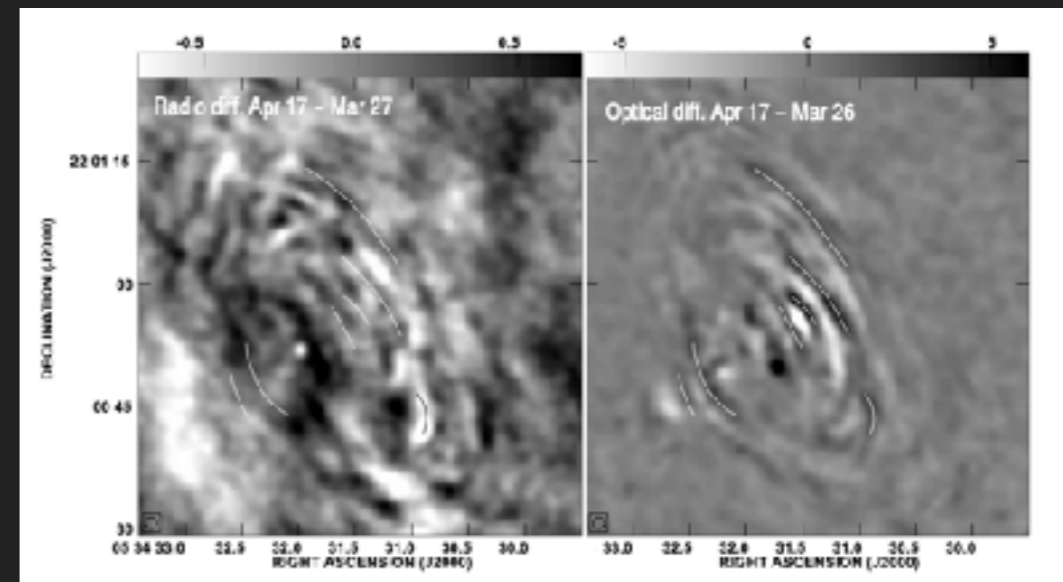
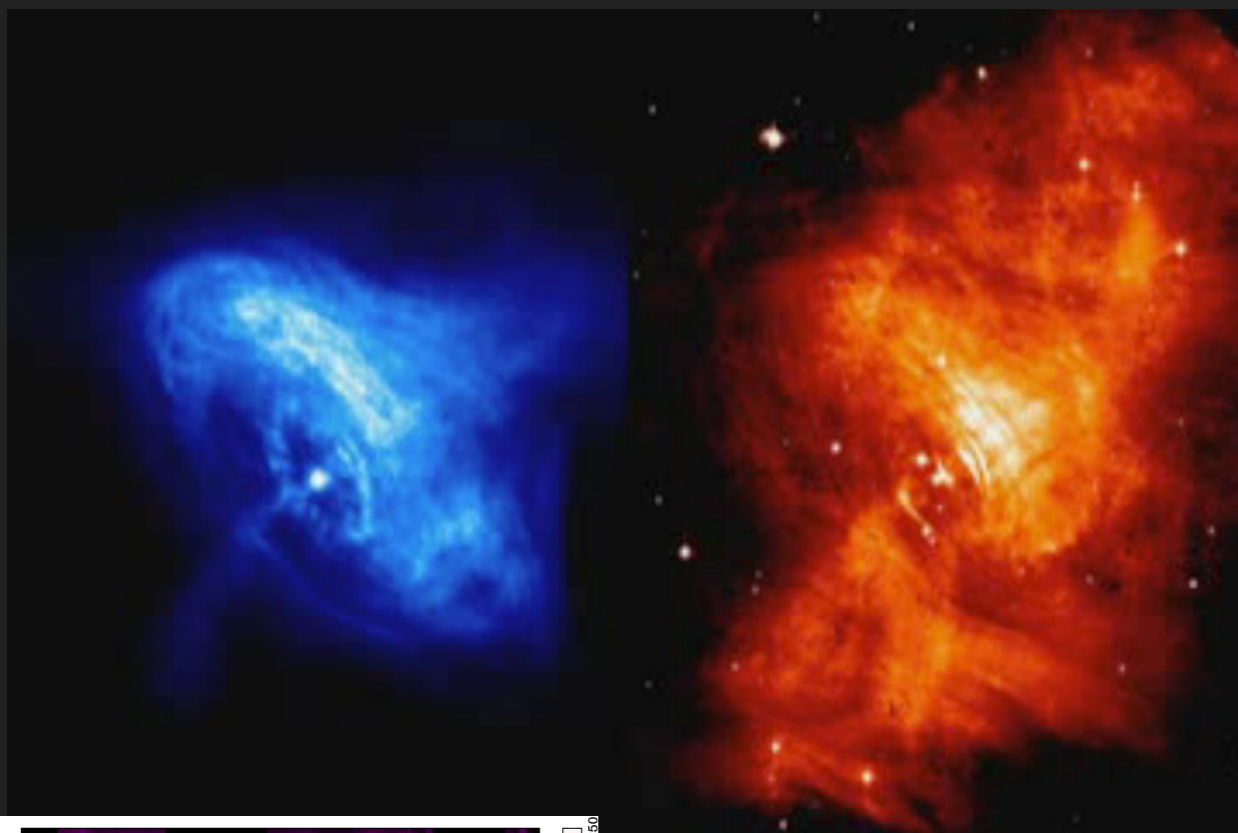
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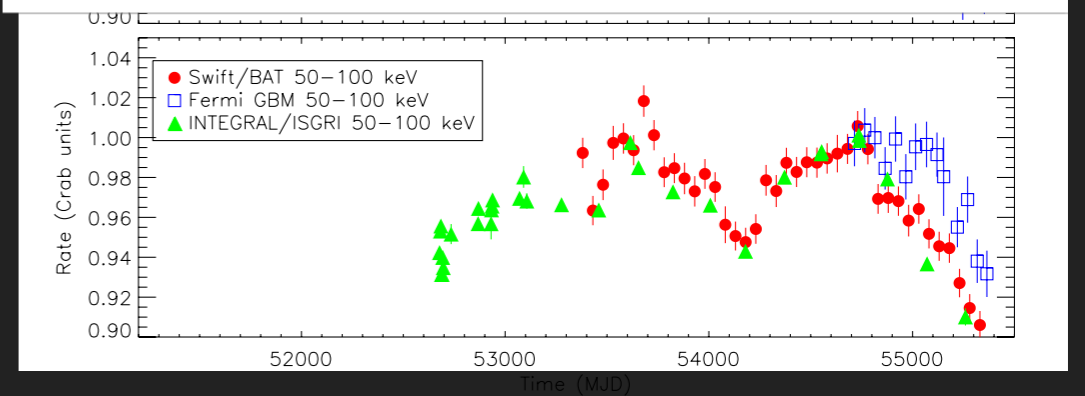
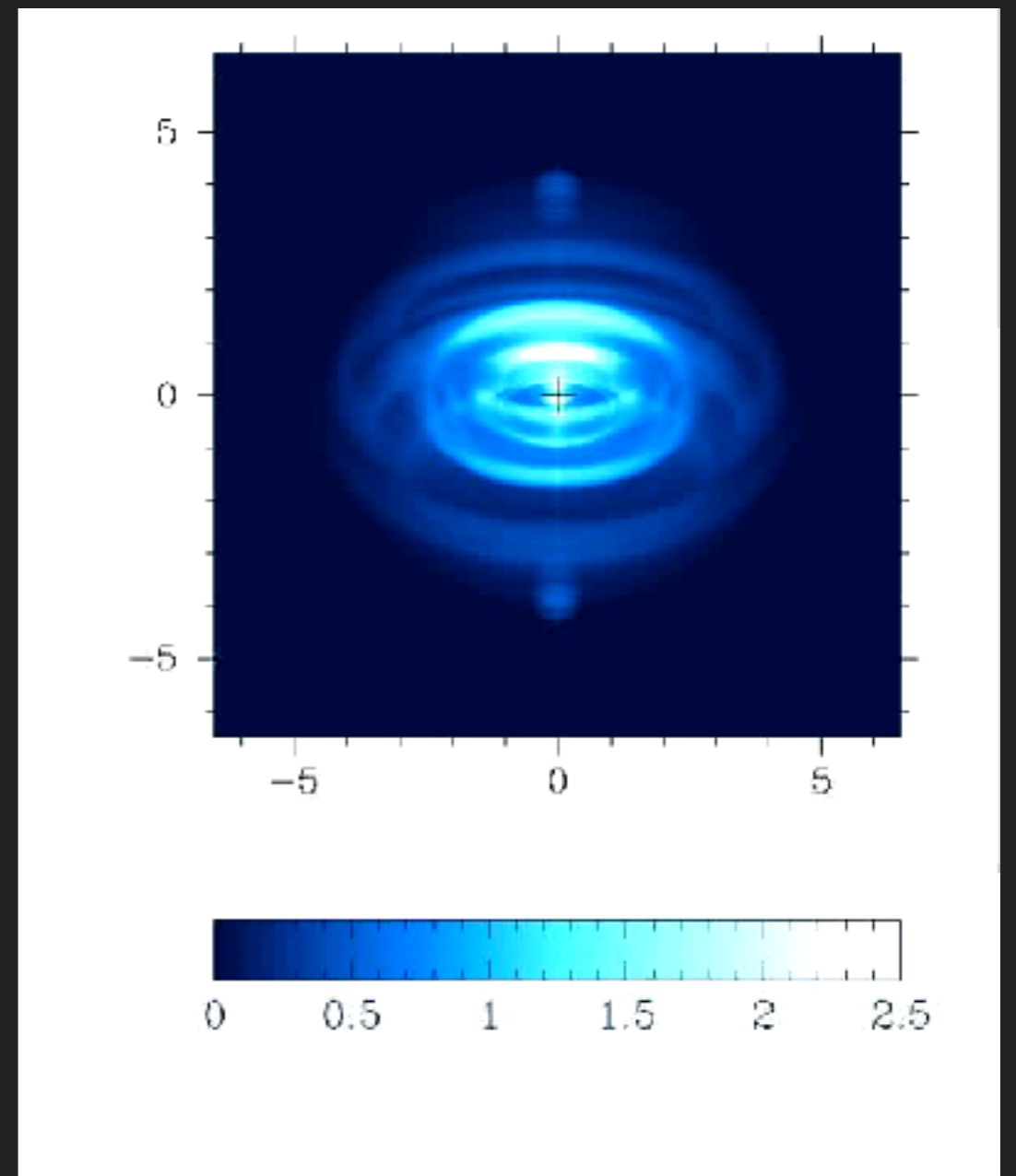
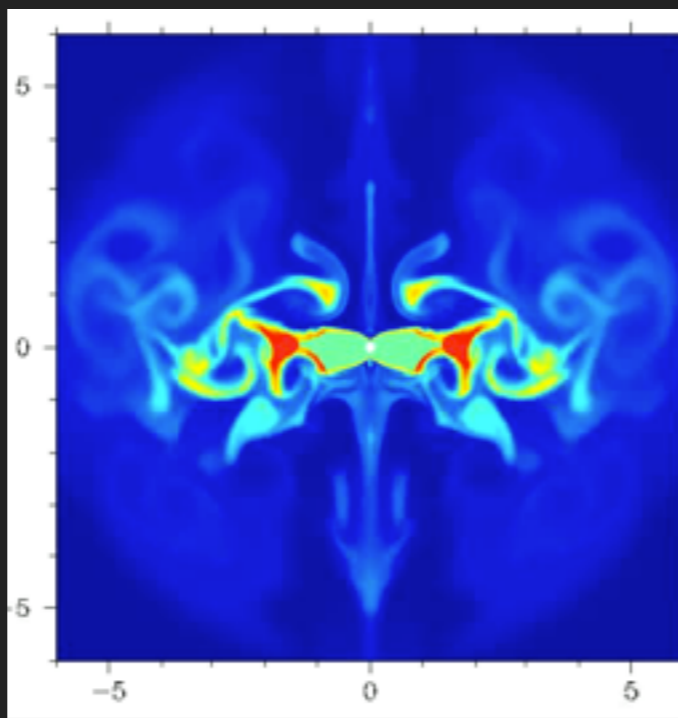
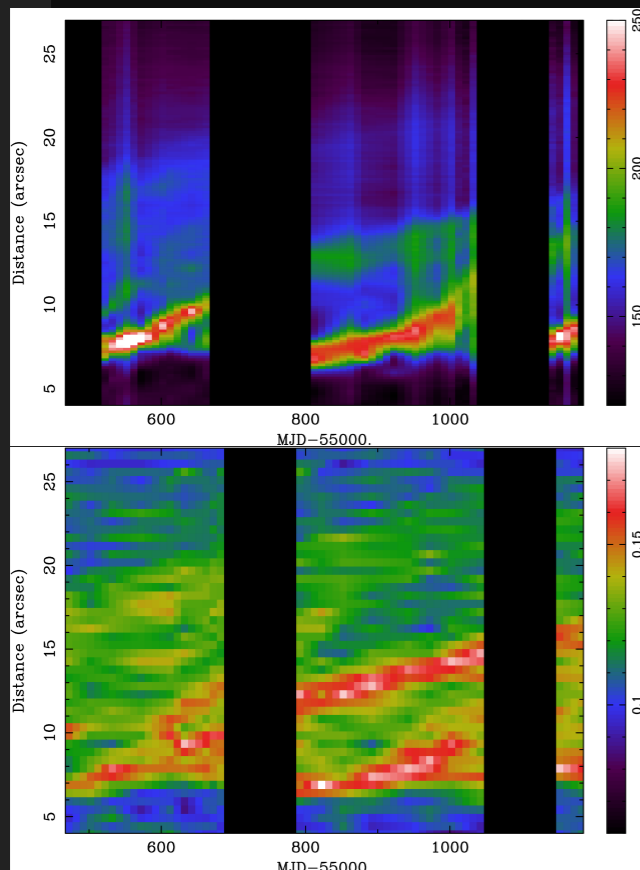
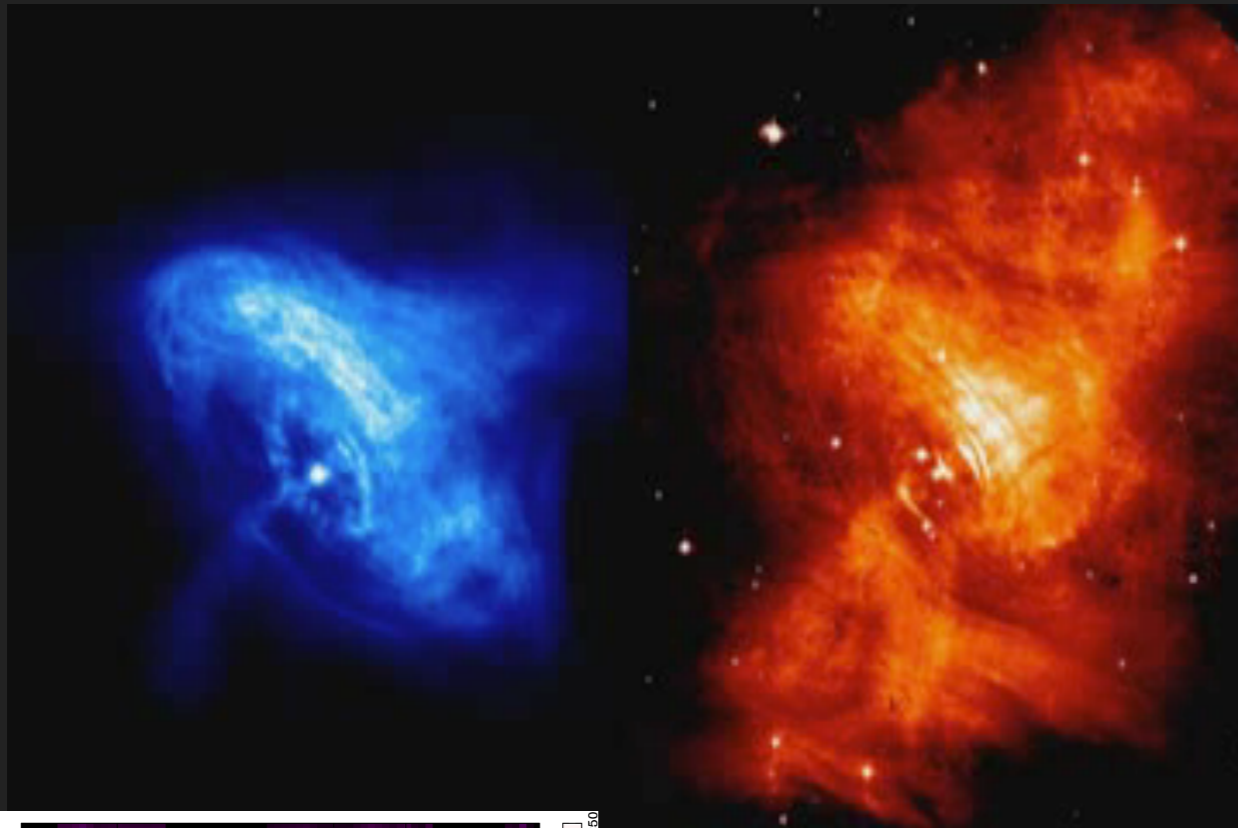
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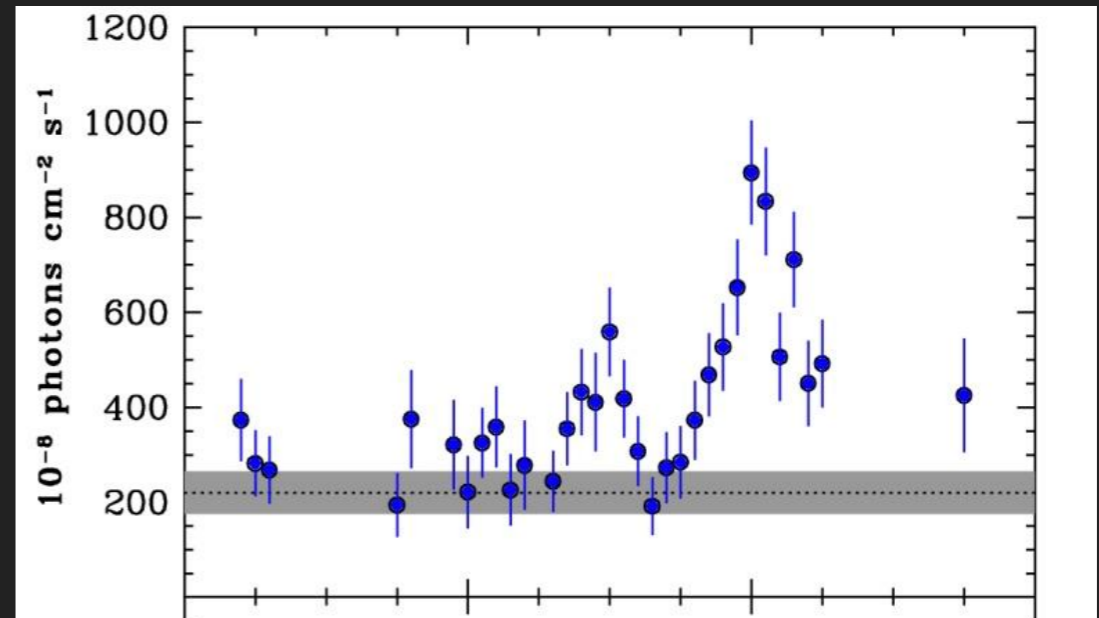


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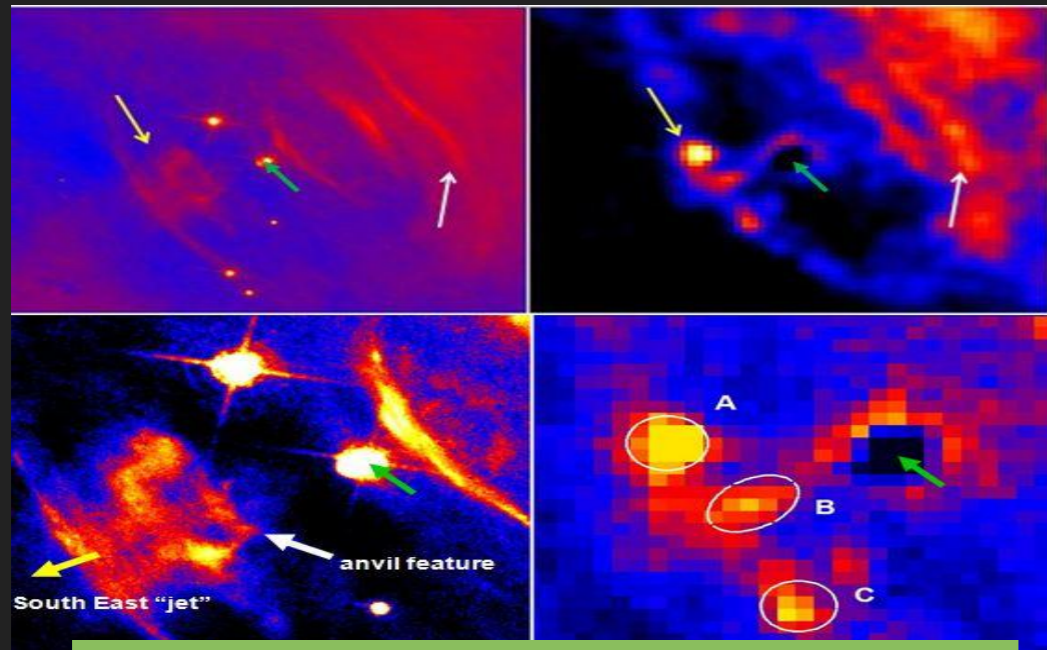
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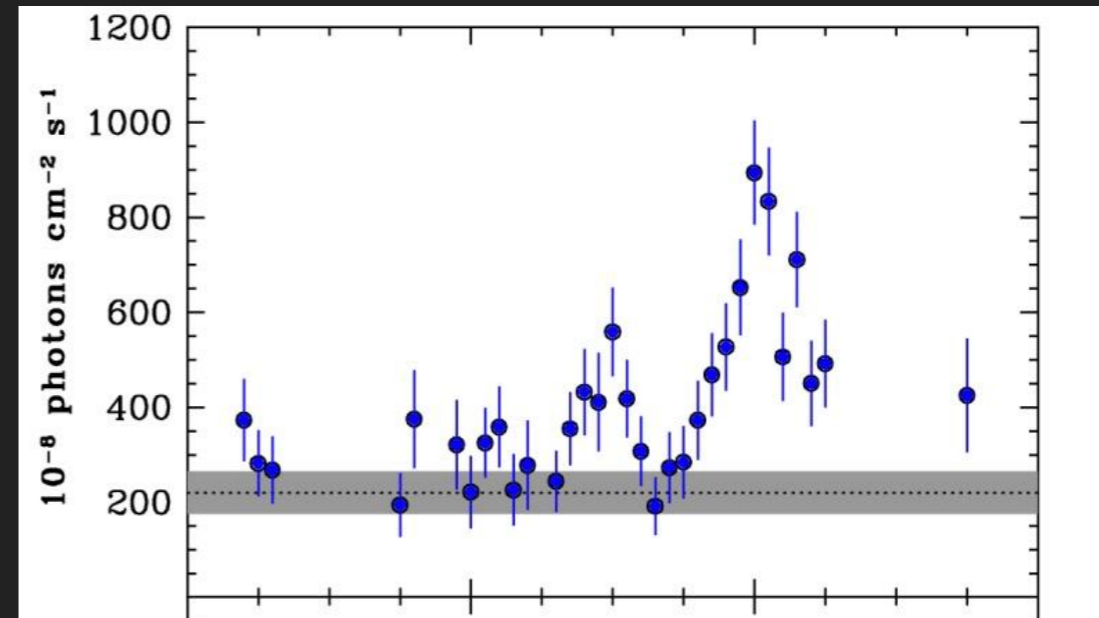


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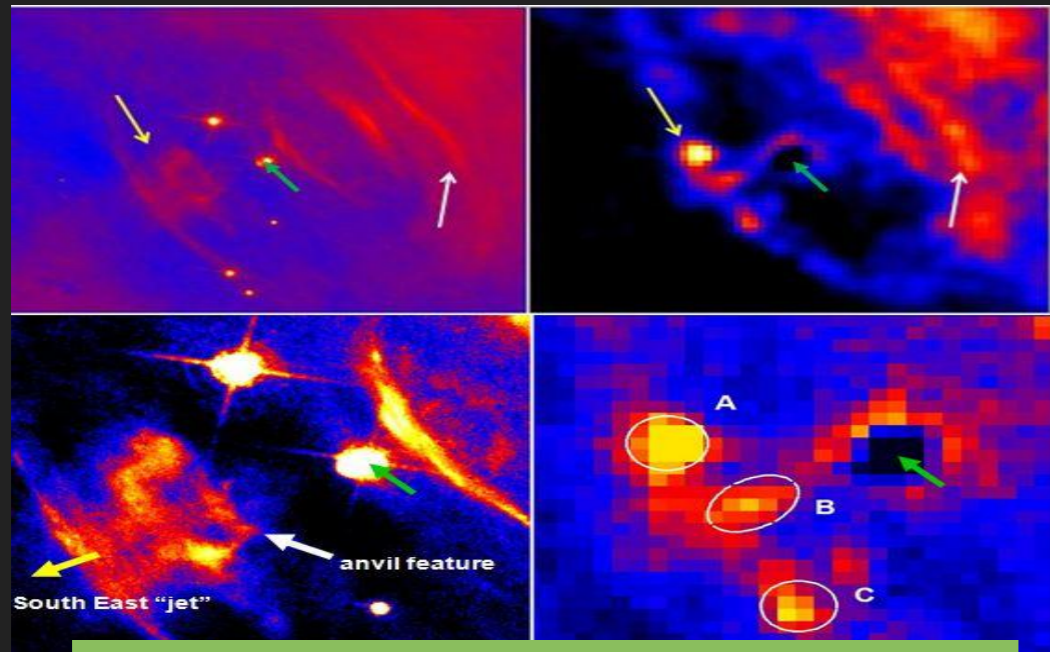
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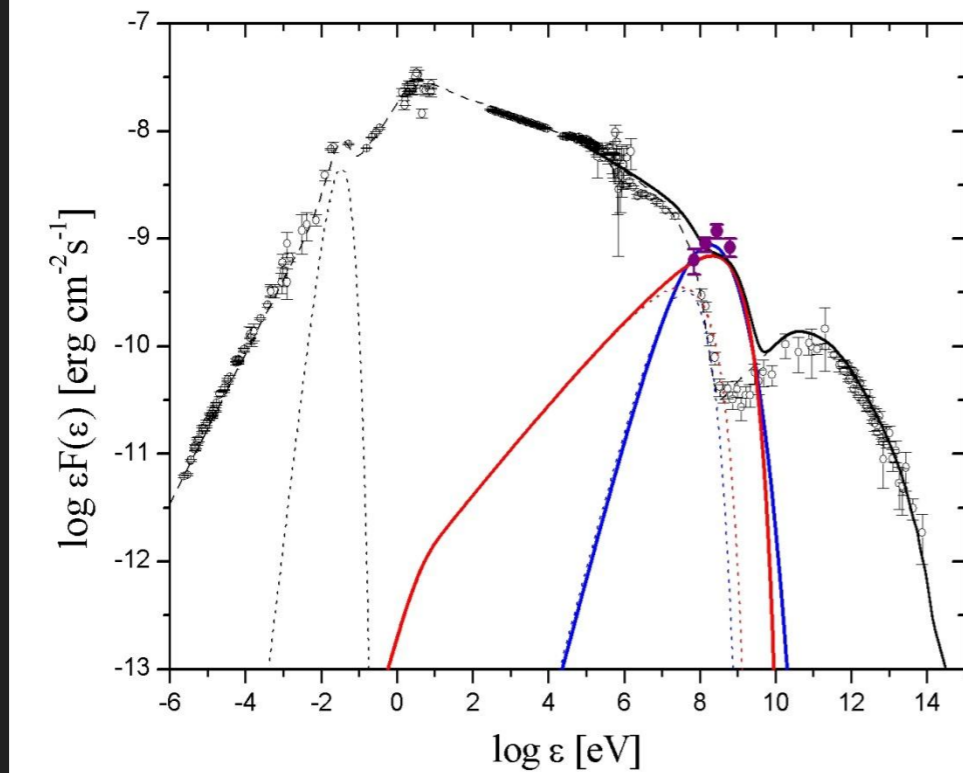
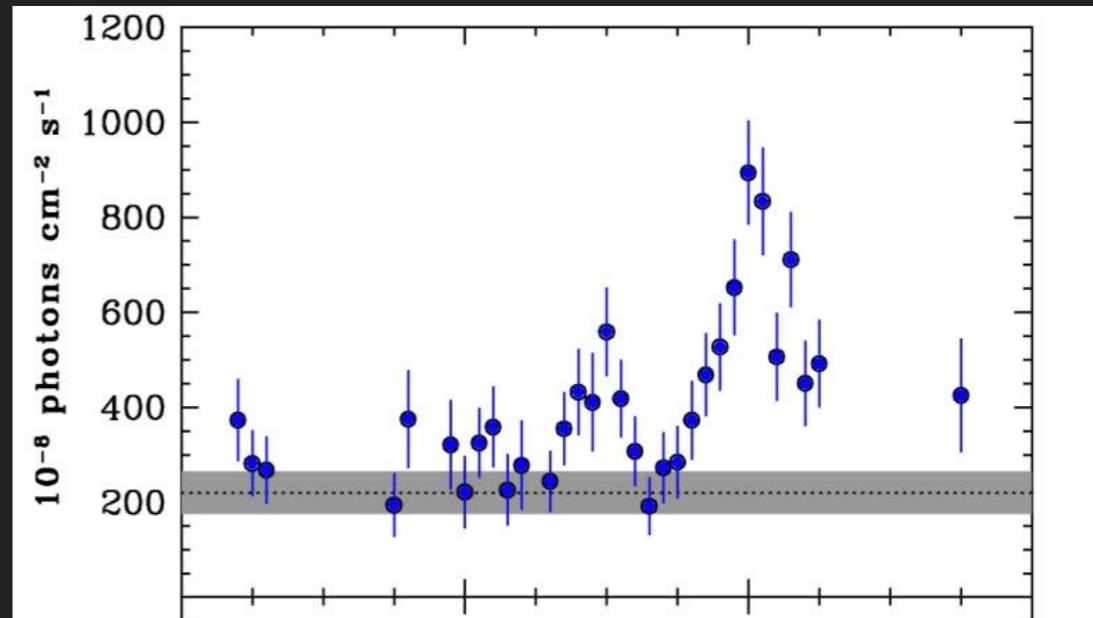


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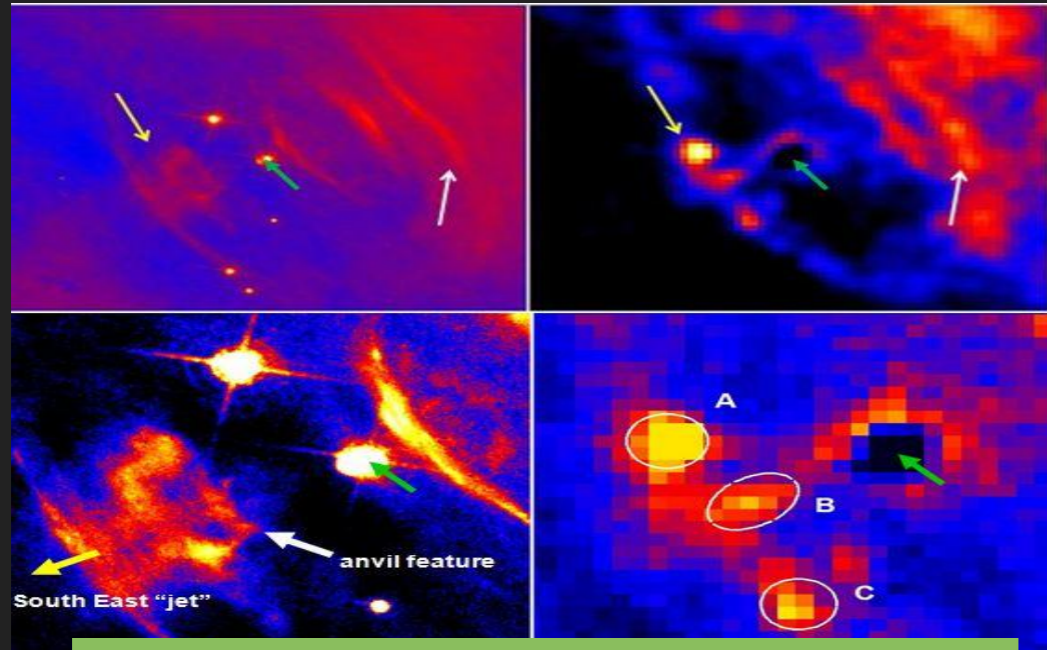


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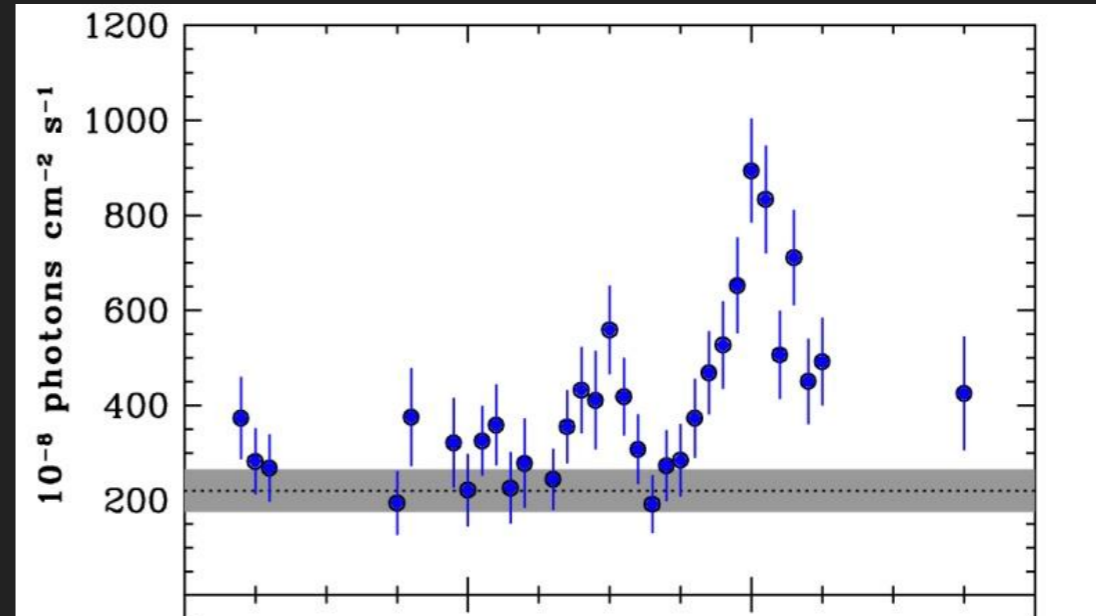


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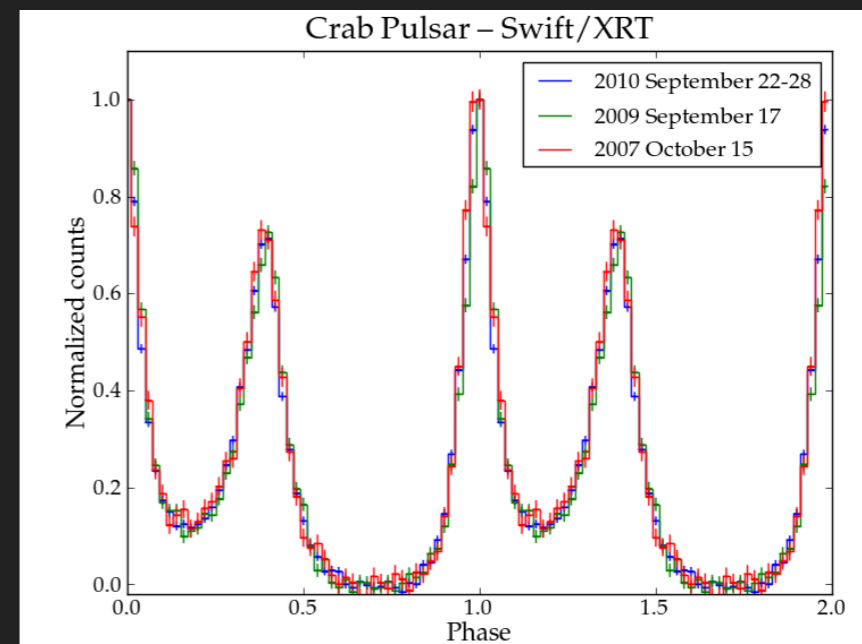
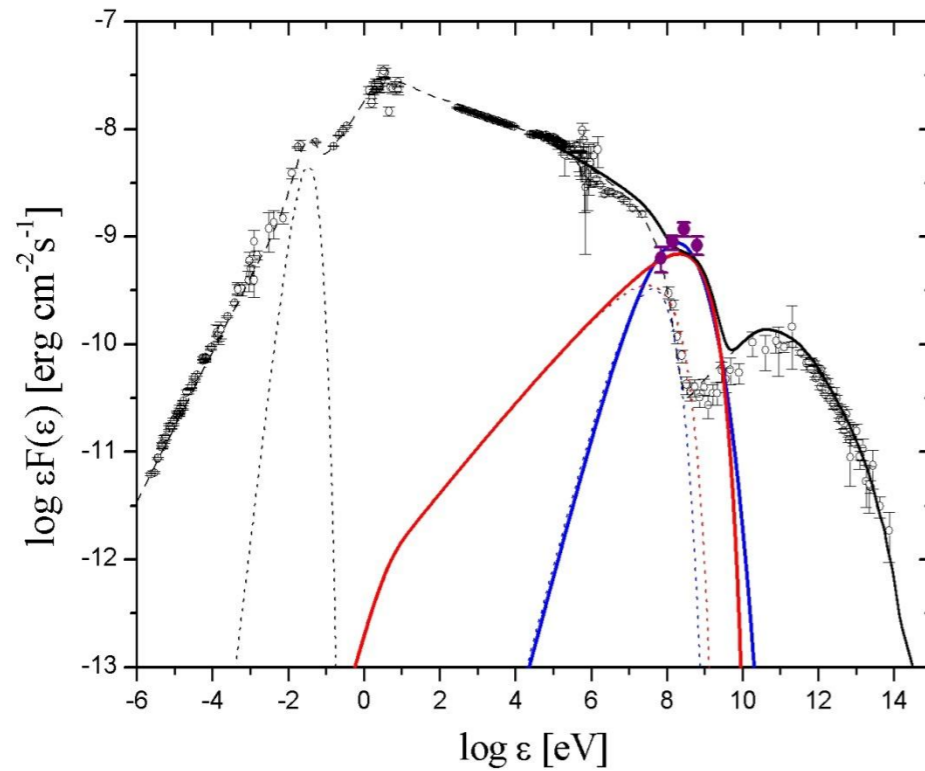
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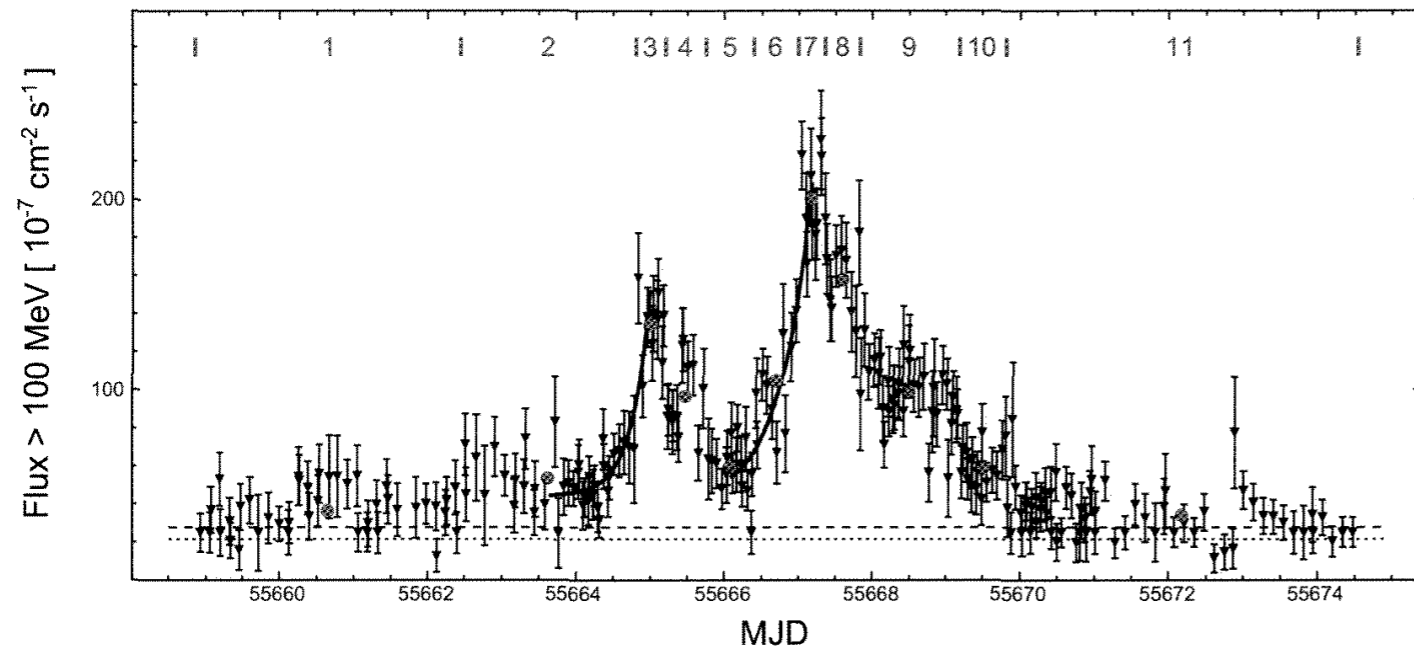
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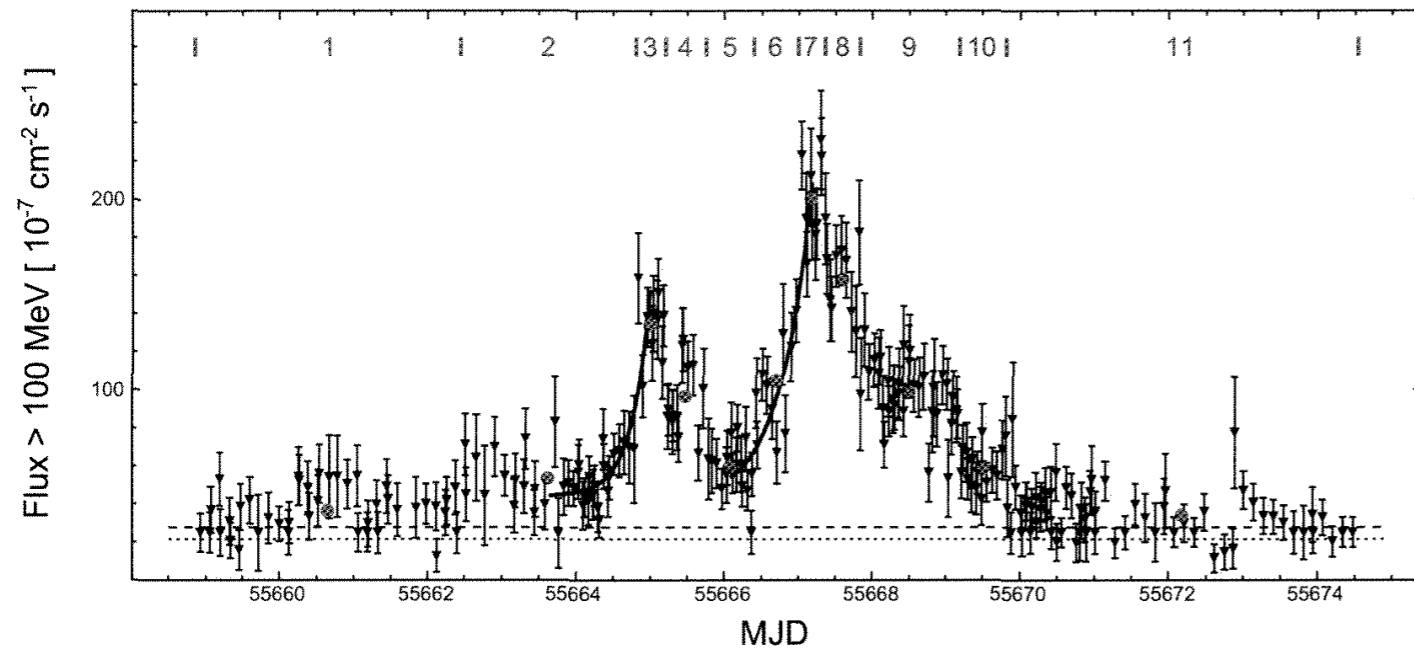


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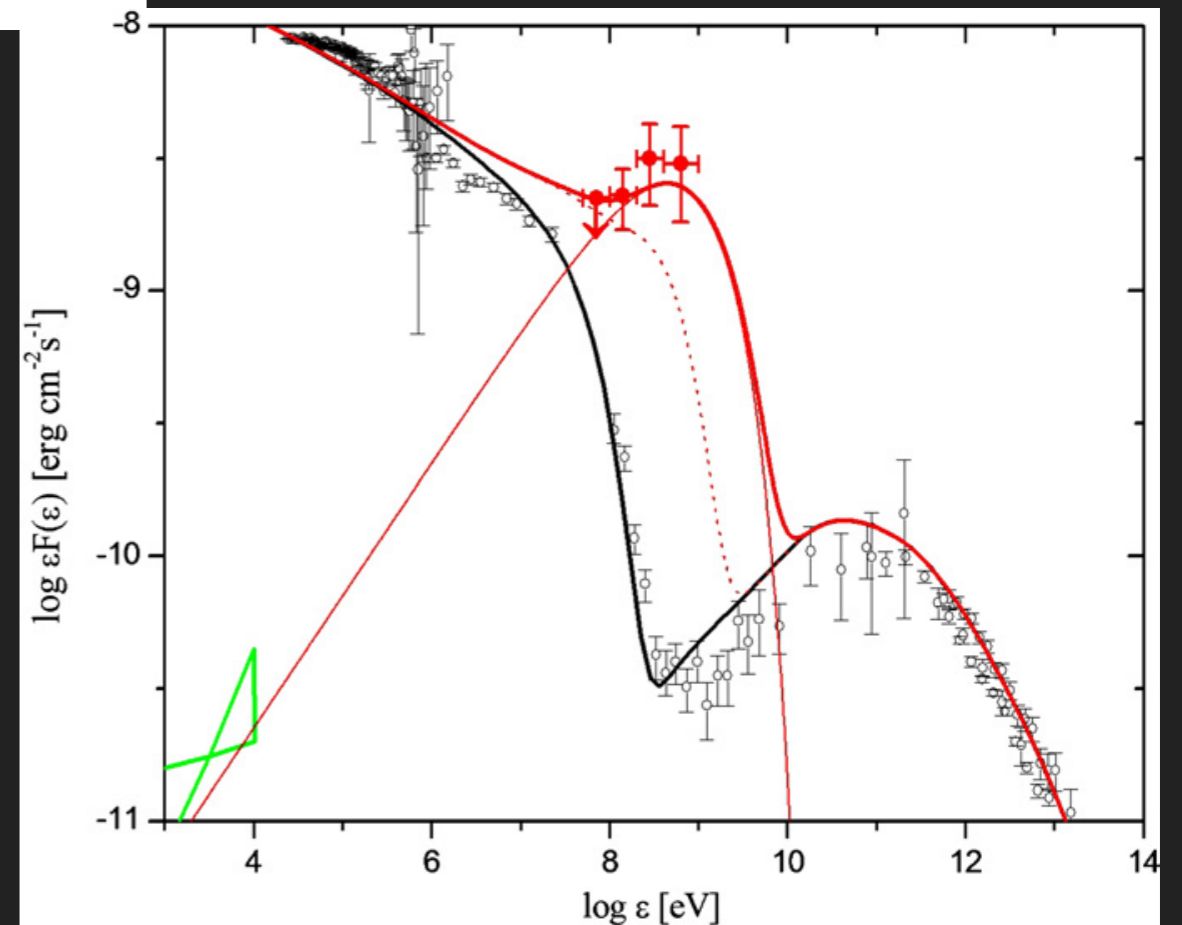
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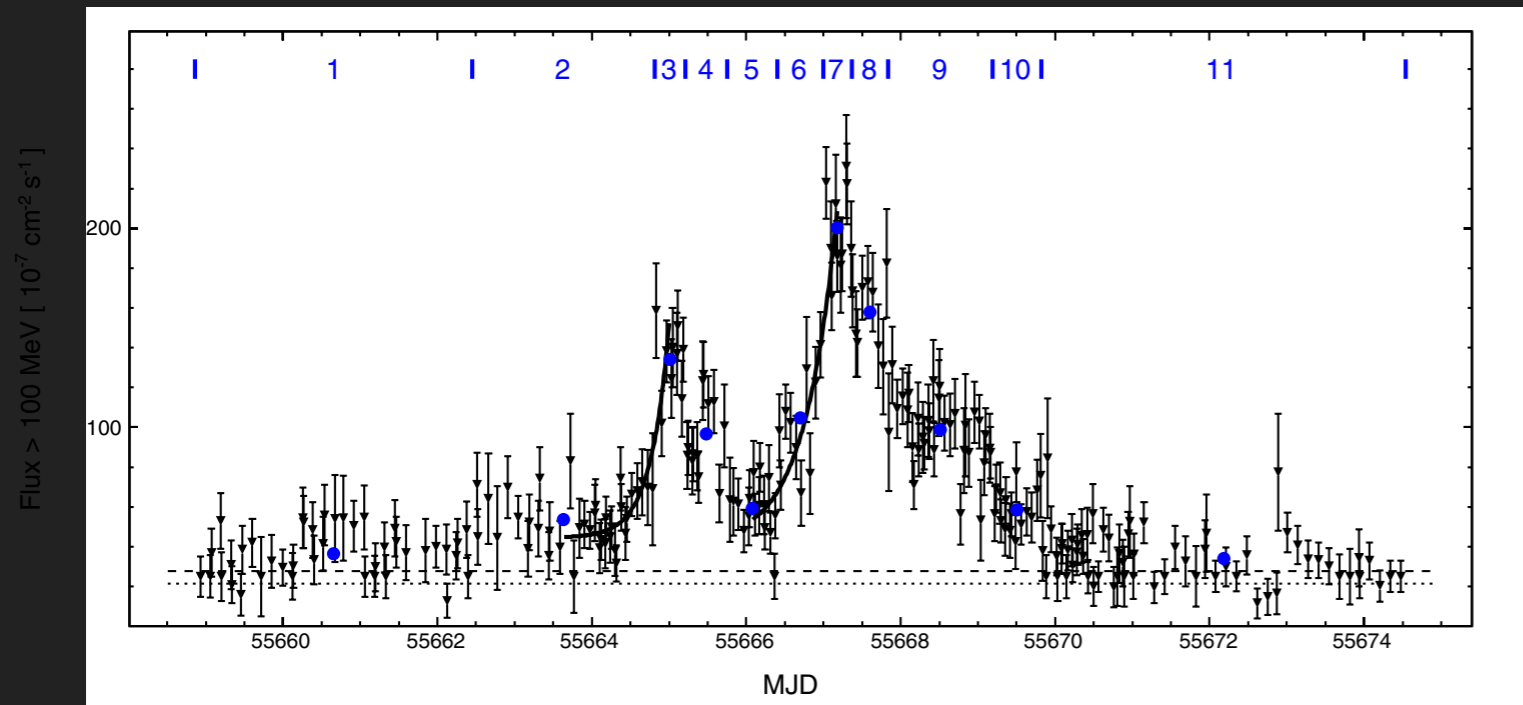
COMPATIBLE WITH ALMOST  
MONOCHROMATIC

REQUIRES DOPPLER BOOSTING

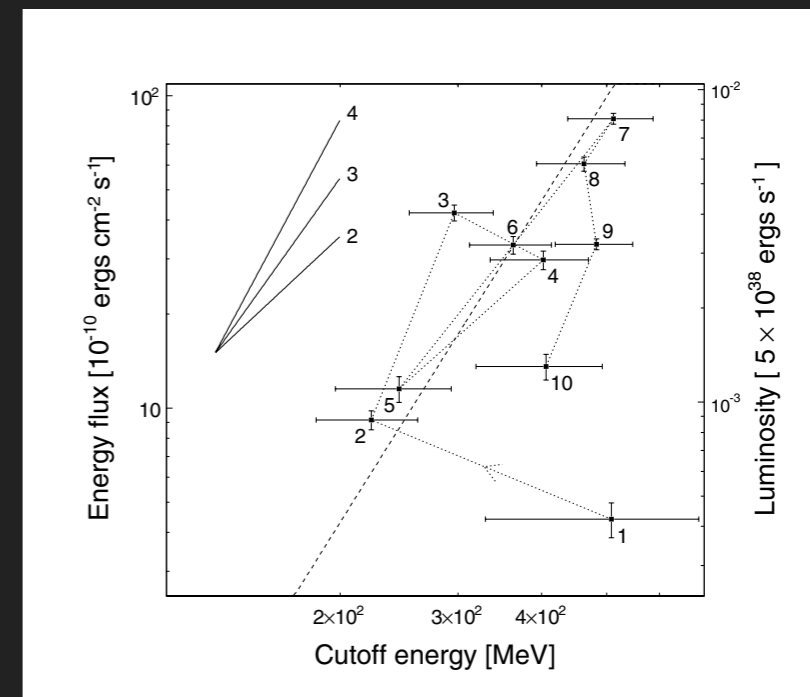
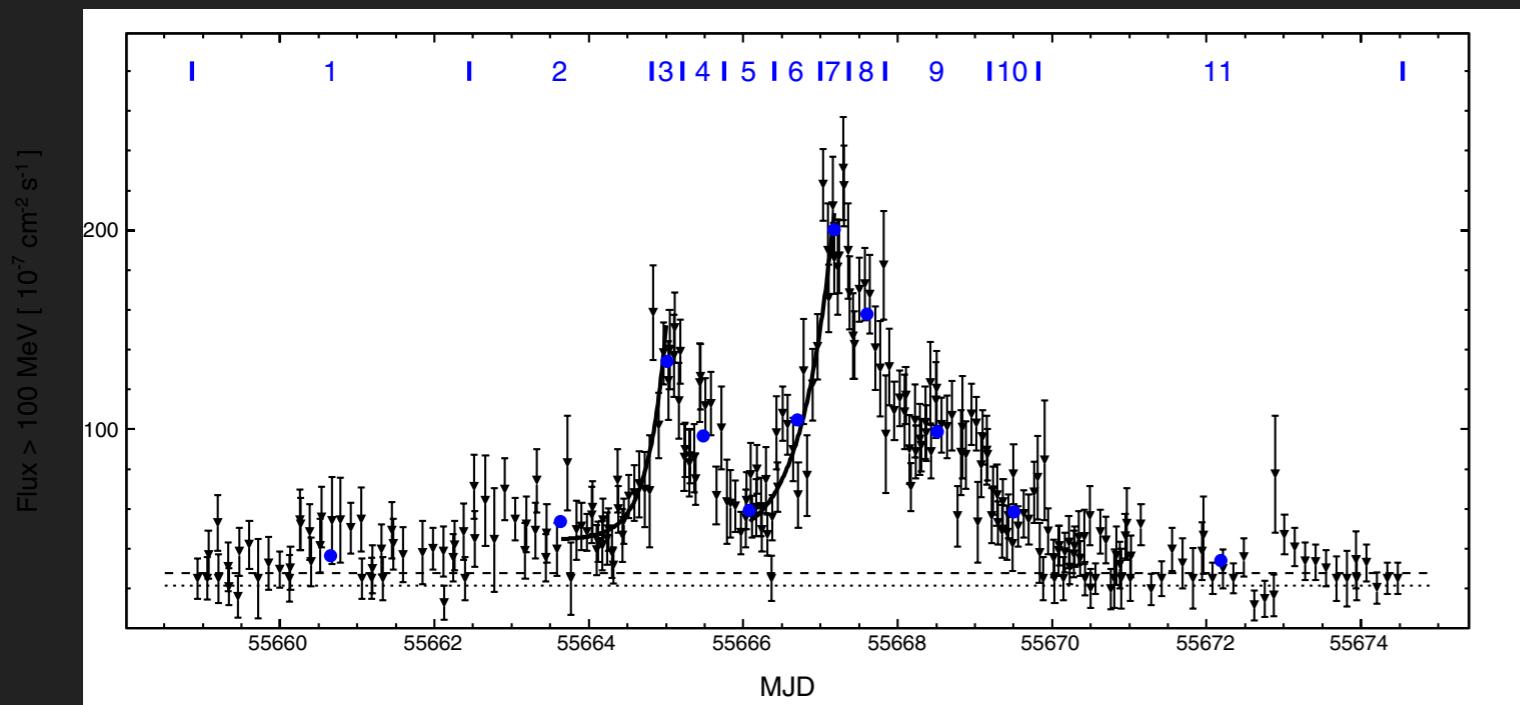
LOCATION - KNOT?



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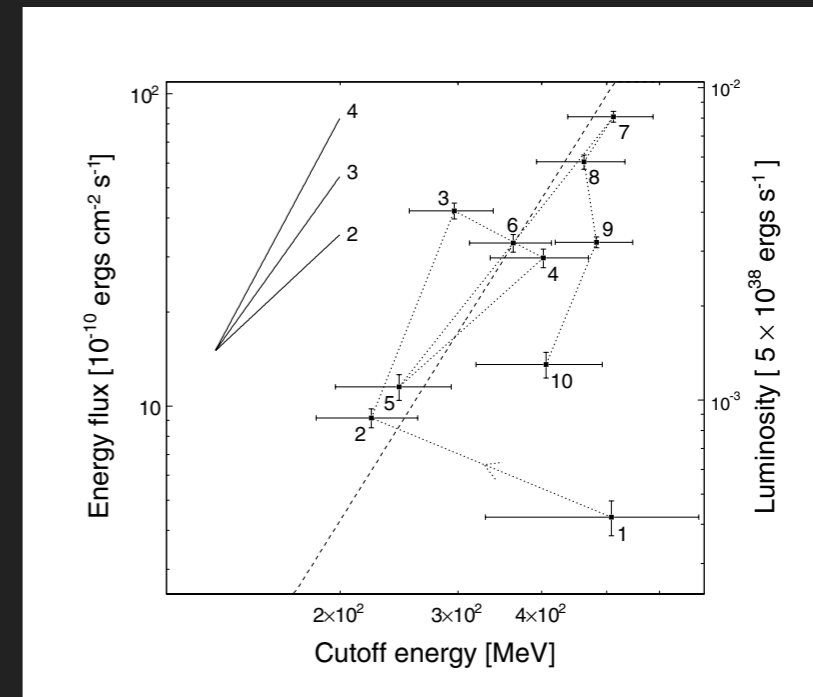
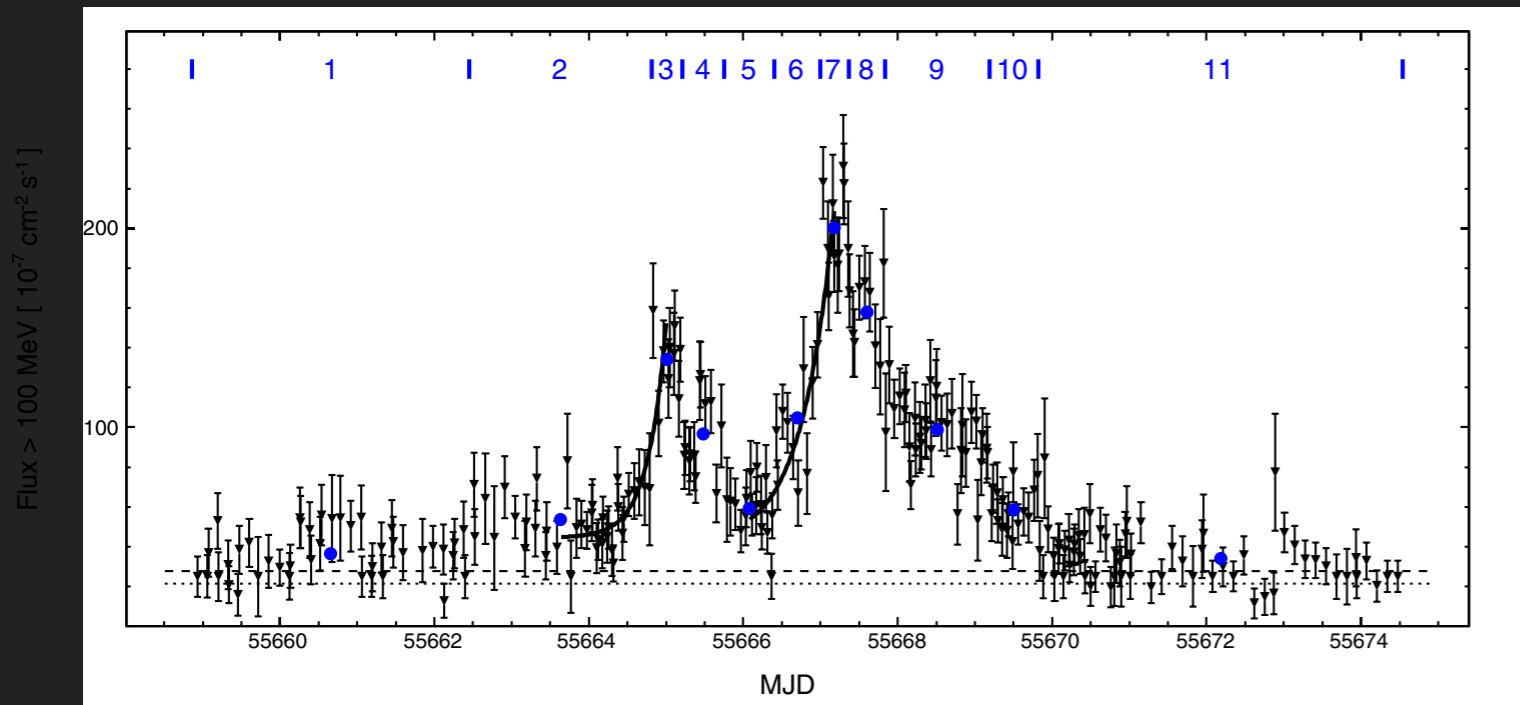


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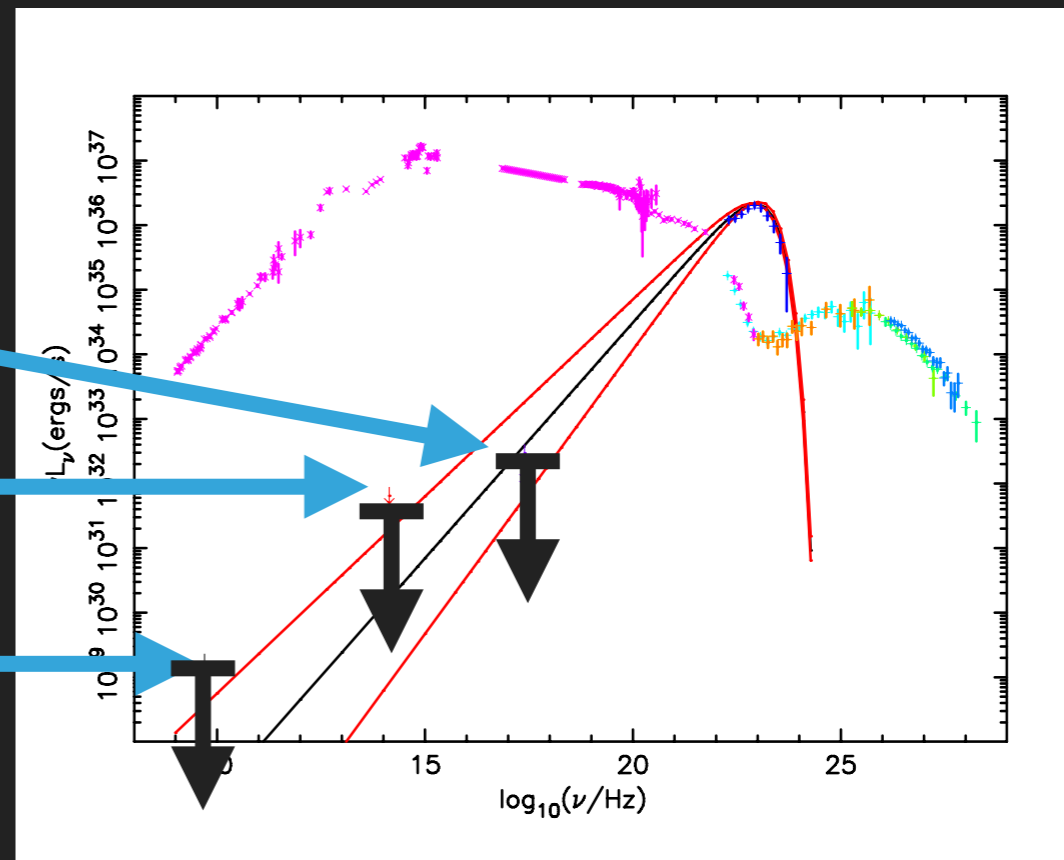


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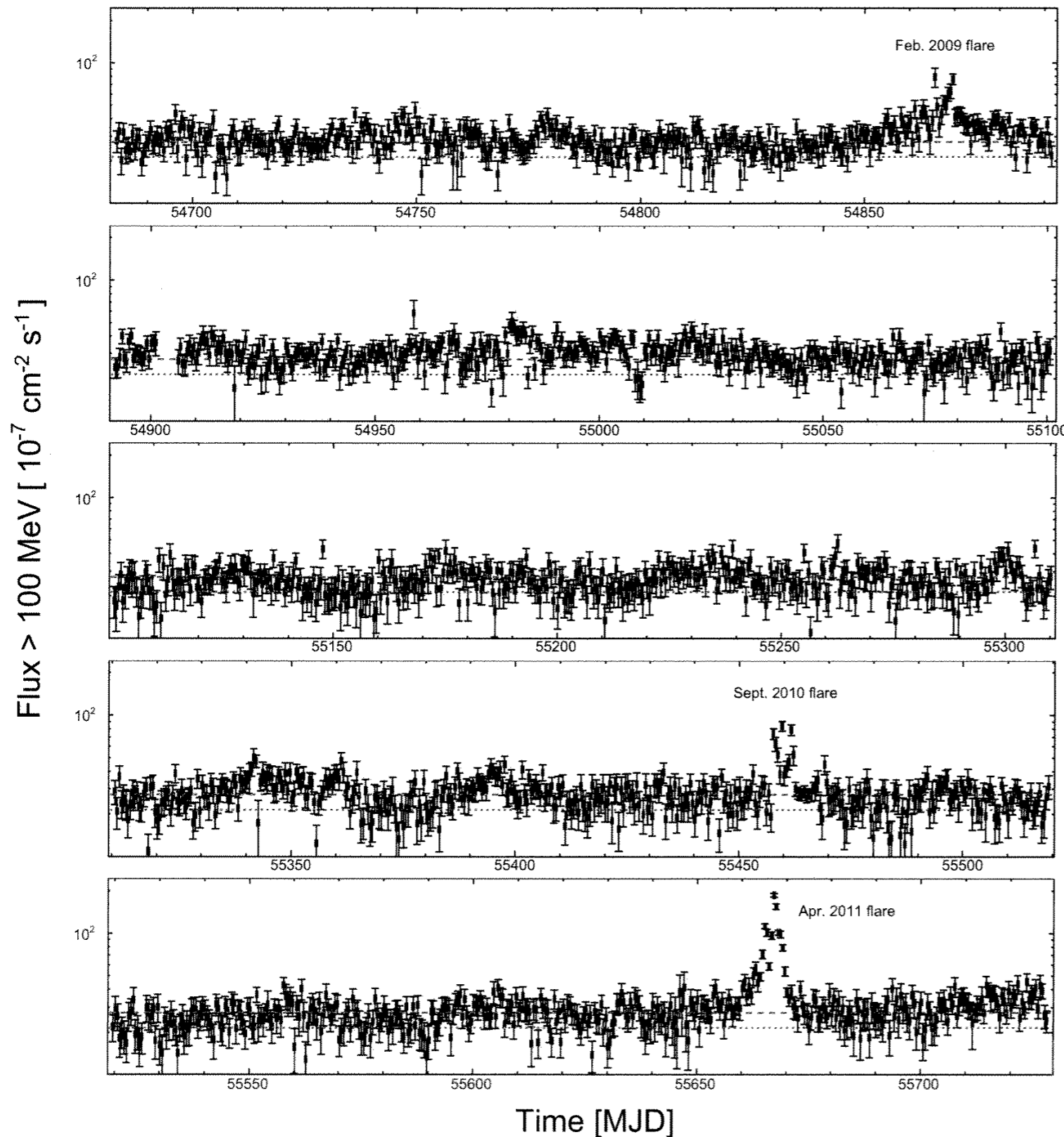
CHANDRA UPPER LIMIT

KNOT IR UPPER LIMIT

1GHZ VLA UPPER LIMIT



# GAMMA-RAY VARIABILITY

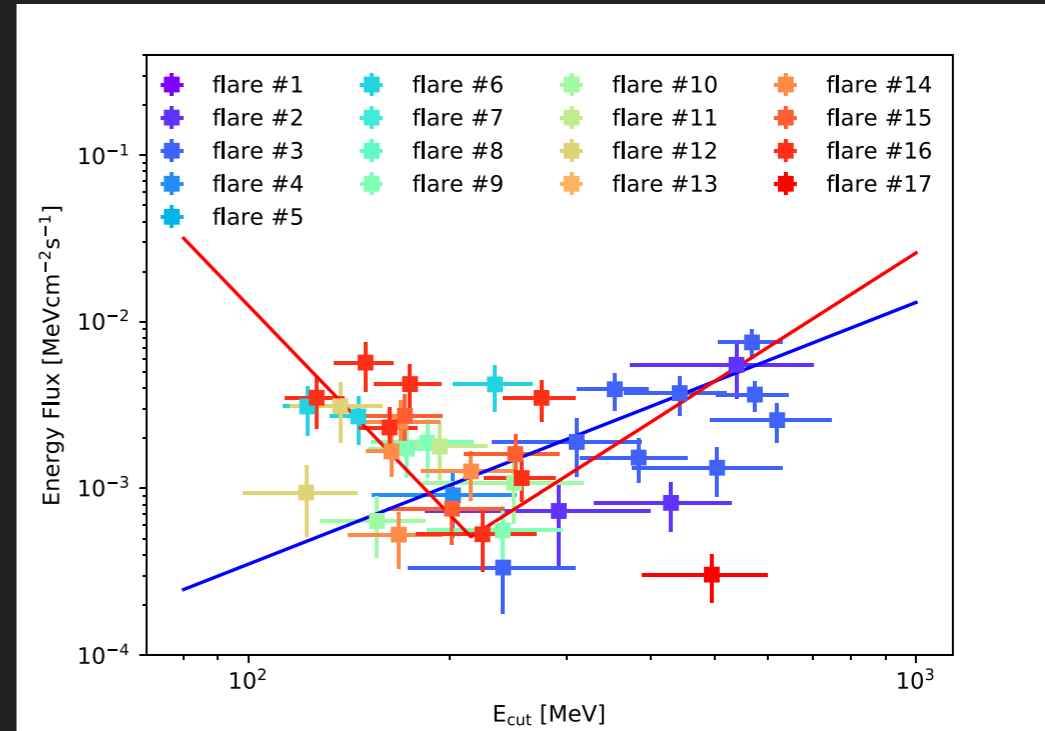
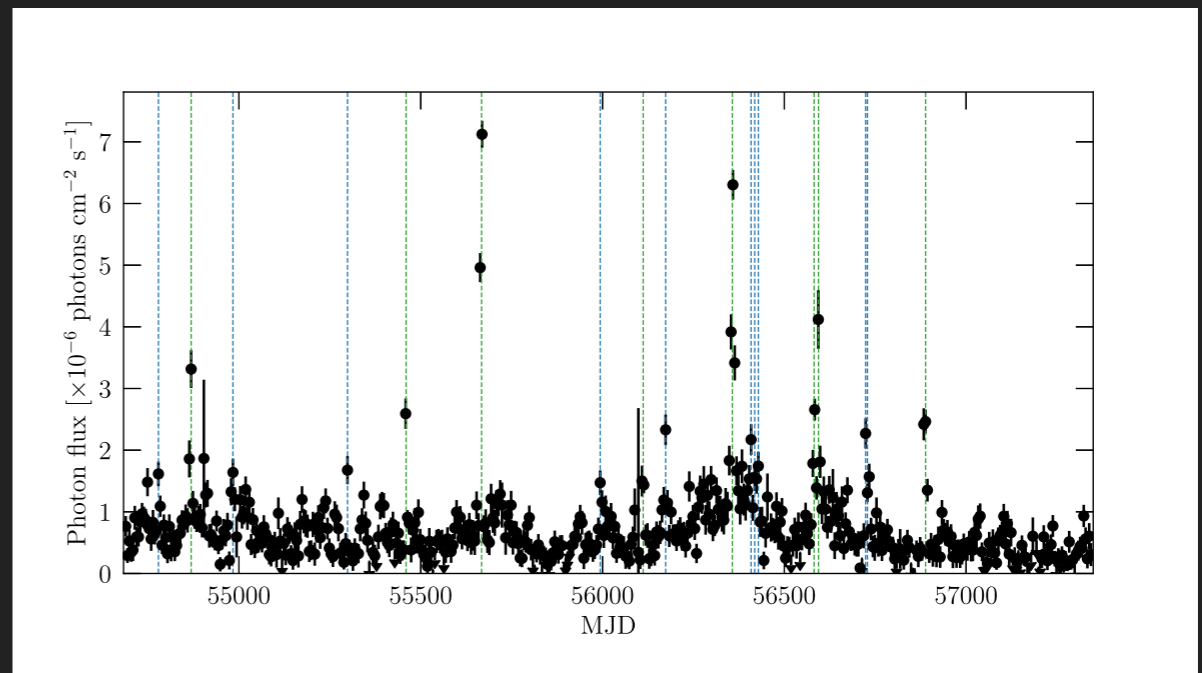
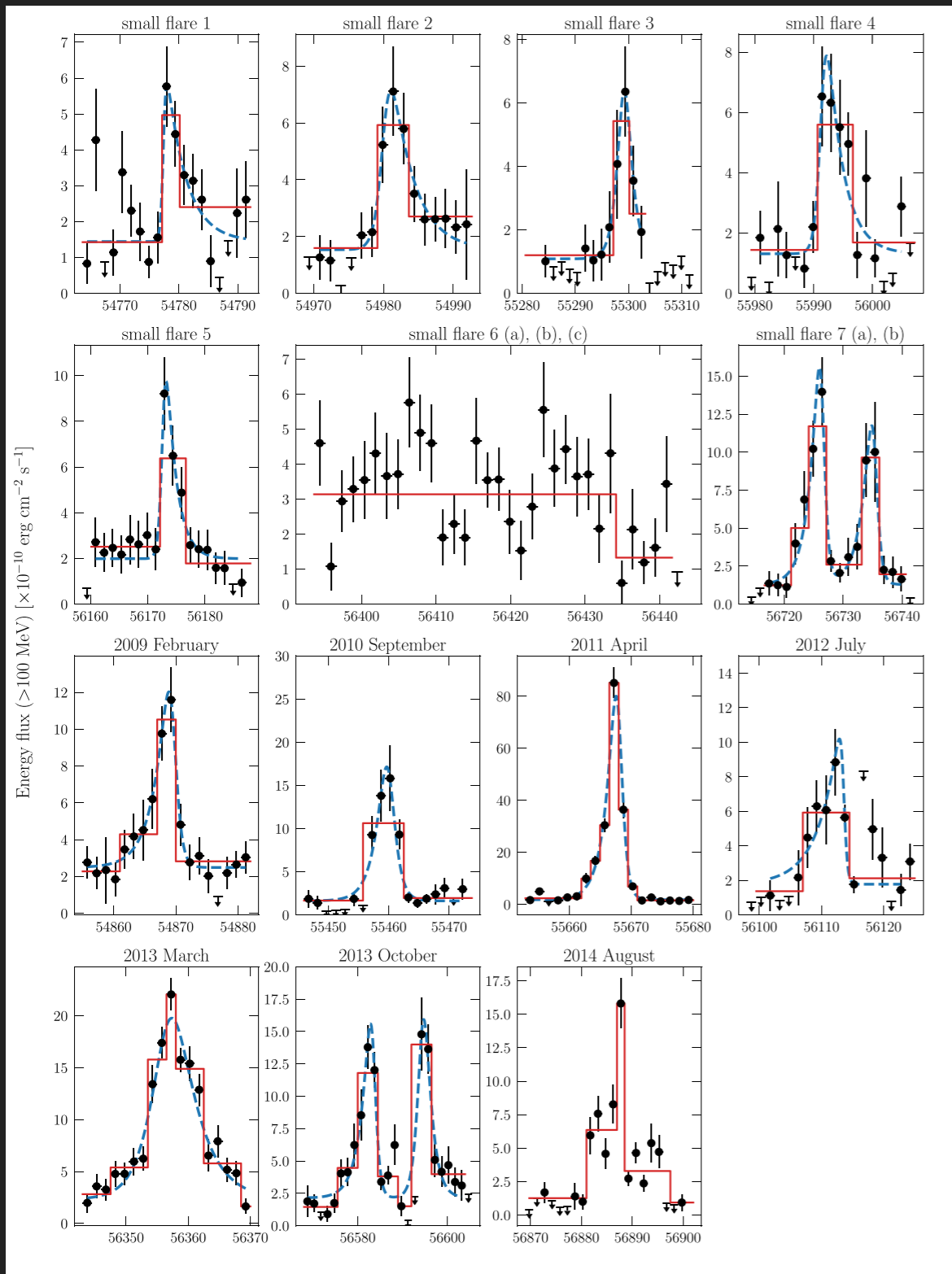


VARIABILITY PRESENT ALSO FOR QUIESCENT EMISSION IN THE FORM OF MONTH-LONG MODULATION

LIKELY ORIGINATING IN THE VARIABILITY OF THE WISPS KNOT REGION



# FLARES IN TIME



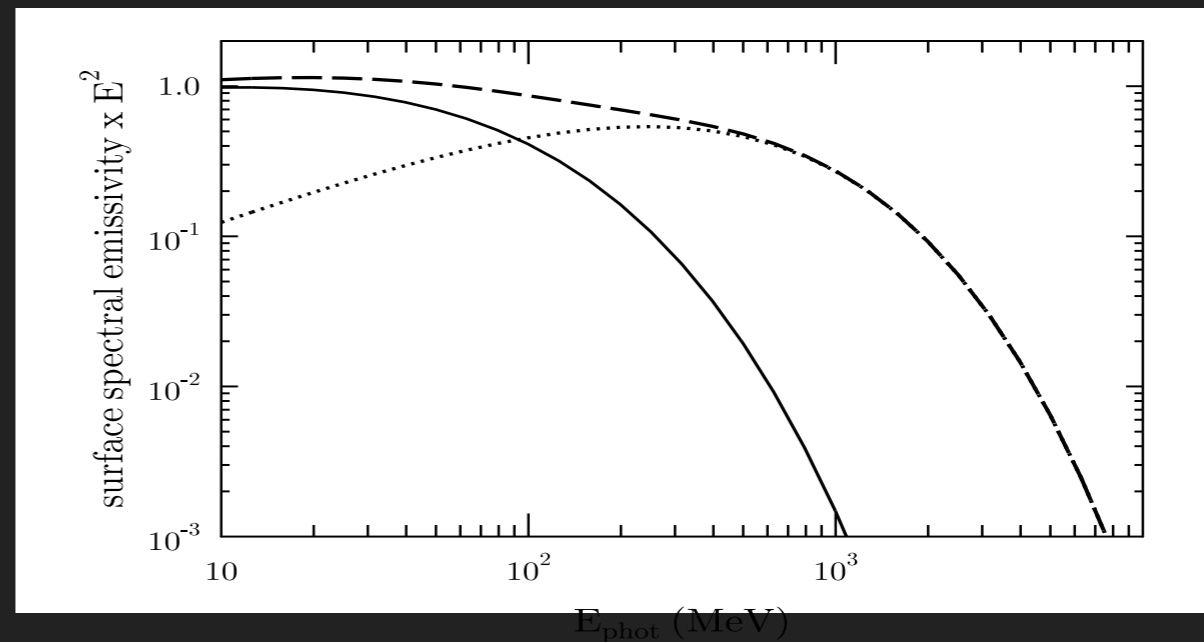
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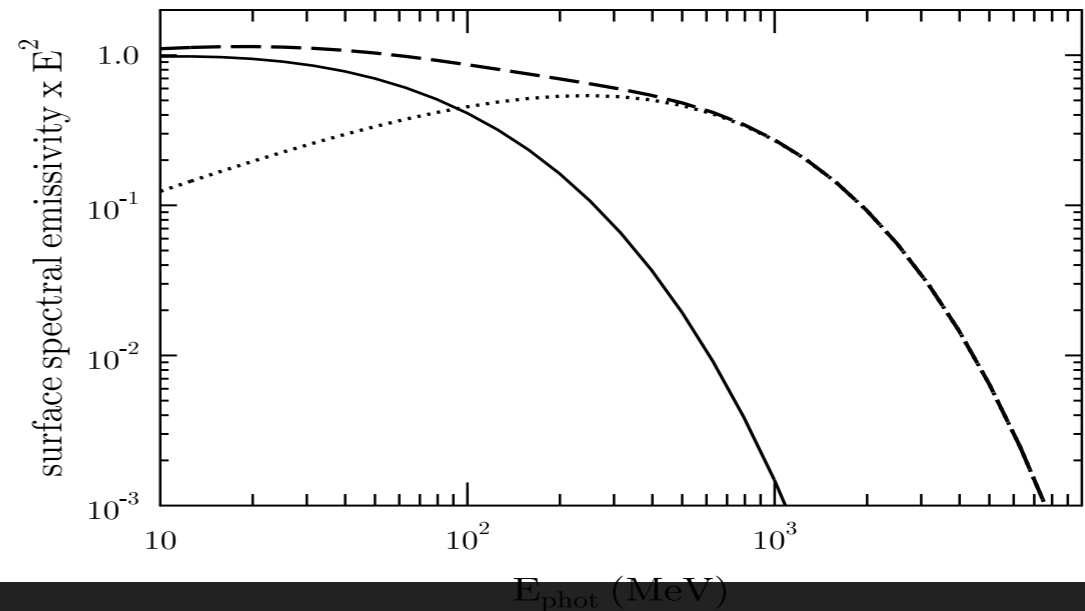
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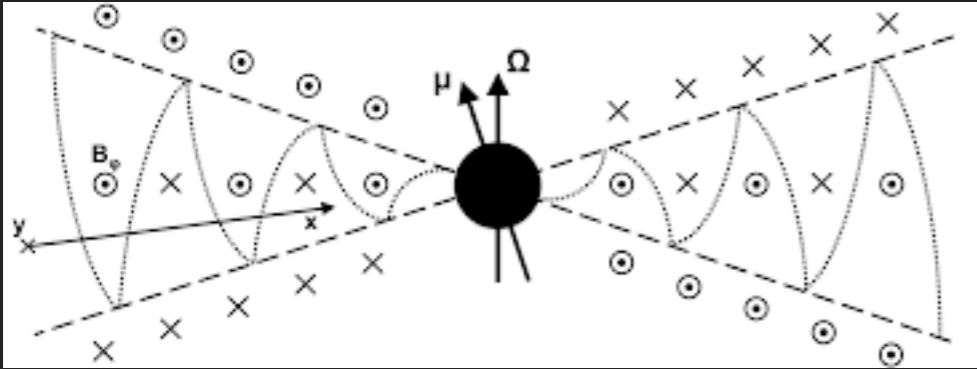
REQUIRE VERY LOCALISED REGIONS  
(FEW DAY LIGHT) WITH MAGNETIC  
FIELD UP TO MILLI-G

REQUIRE EMISSION TO COME TO  
REGIONS VERY CLOSE TO THE TS

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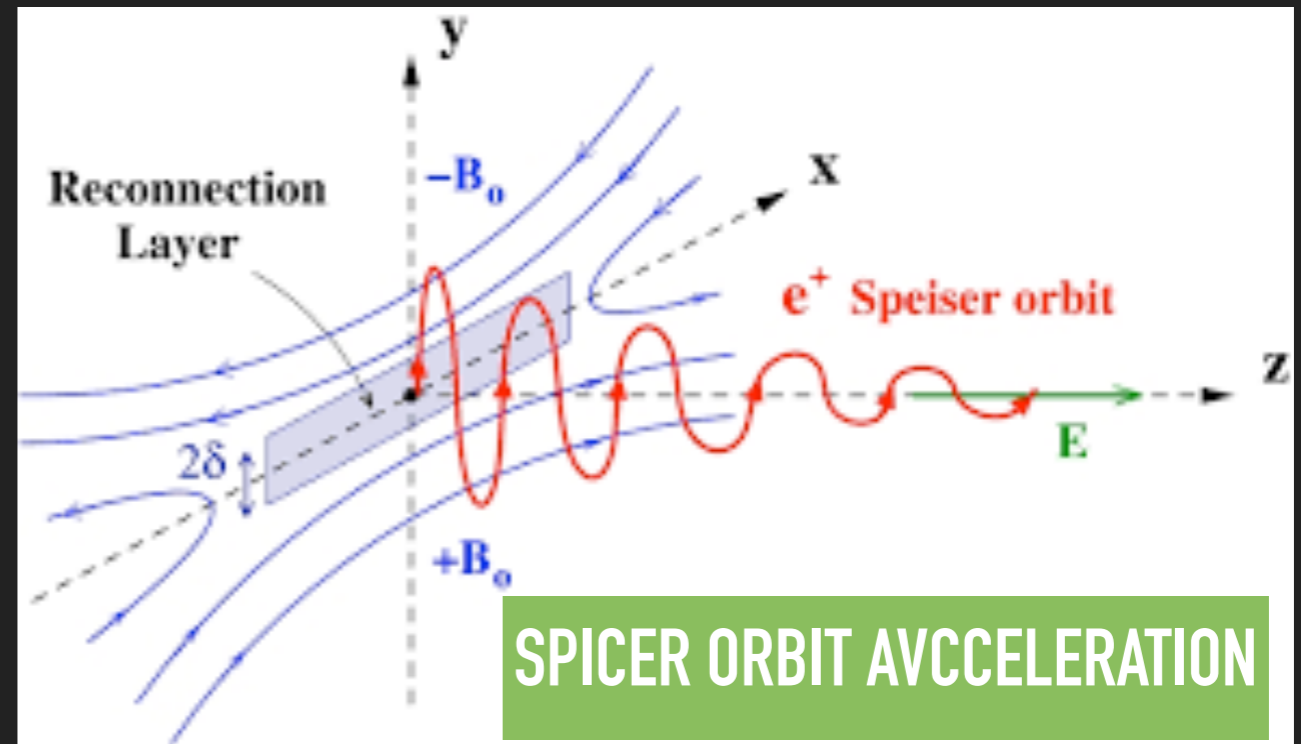
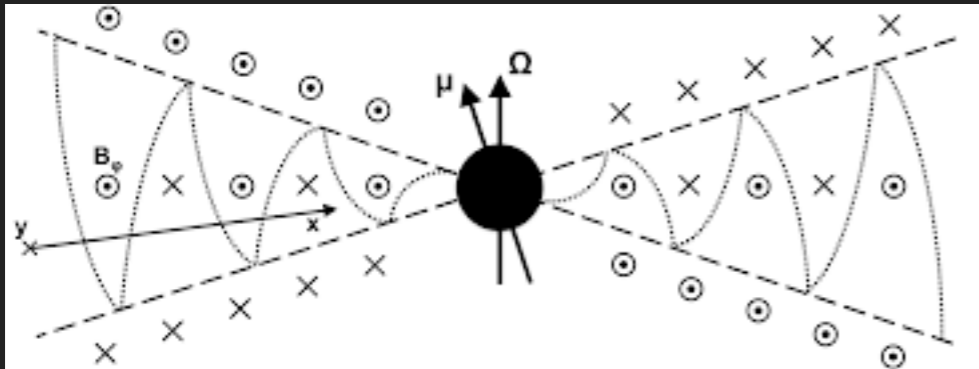
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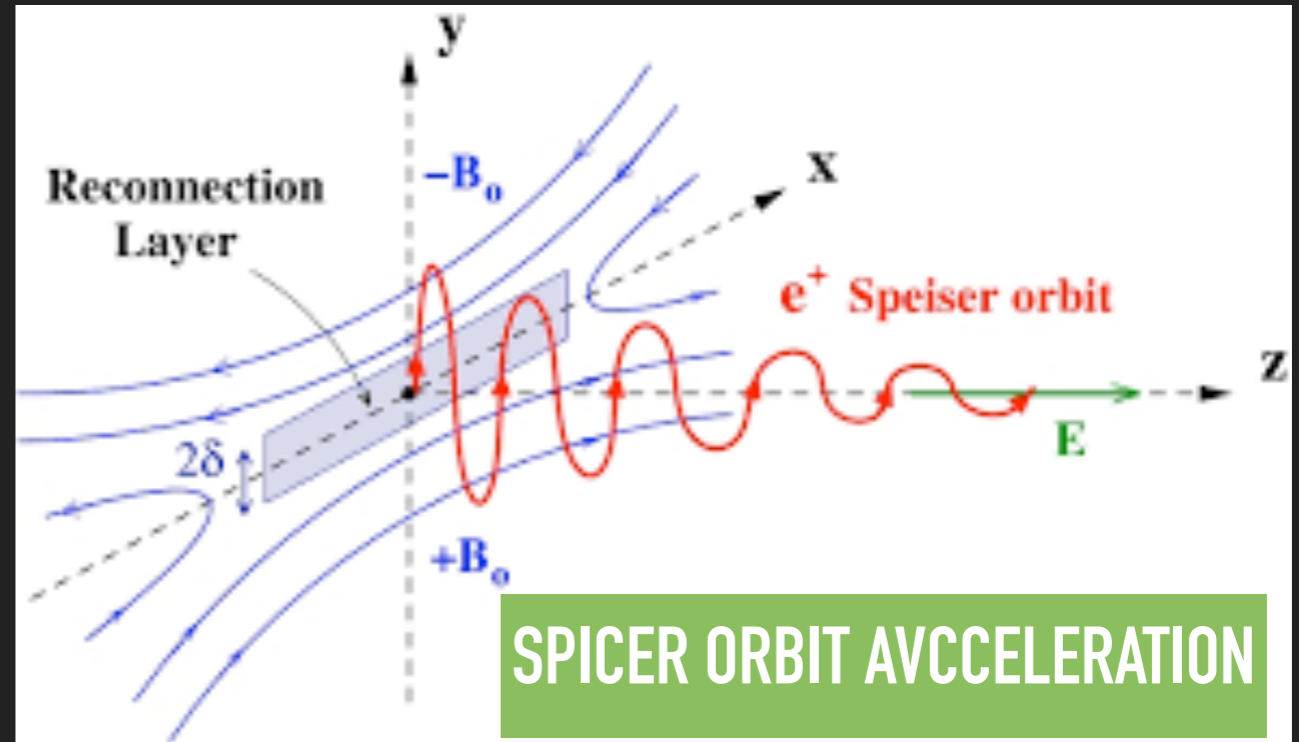
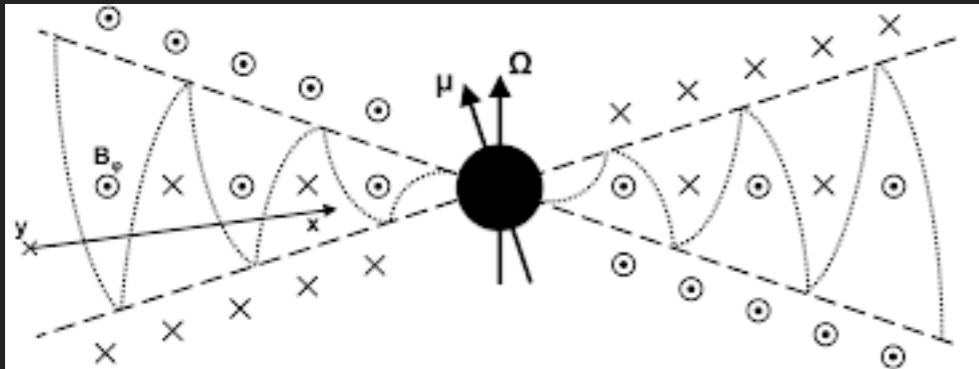
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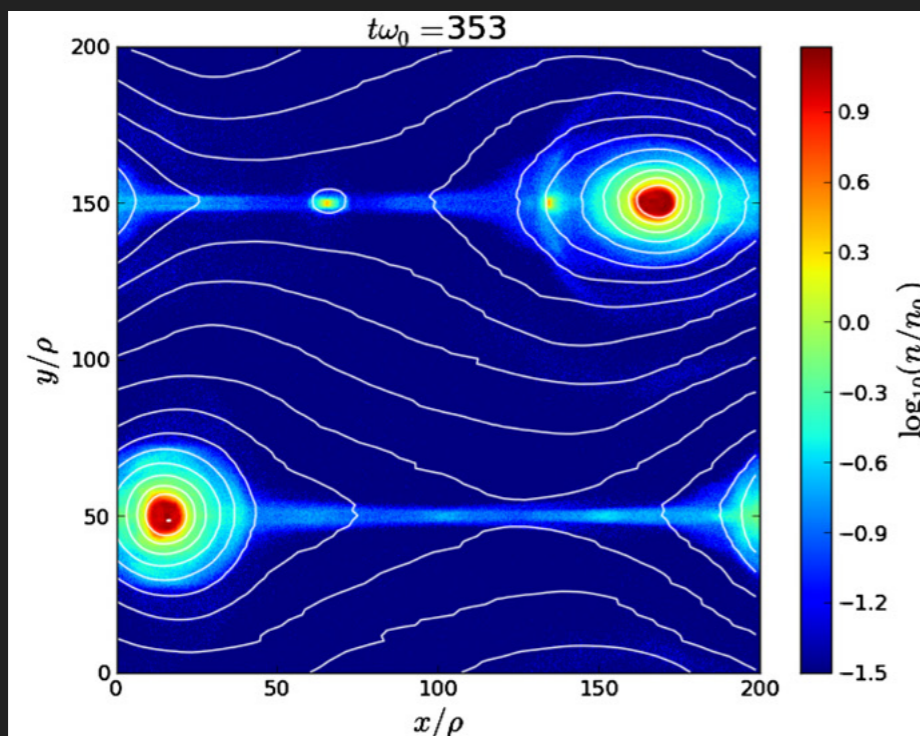


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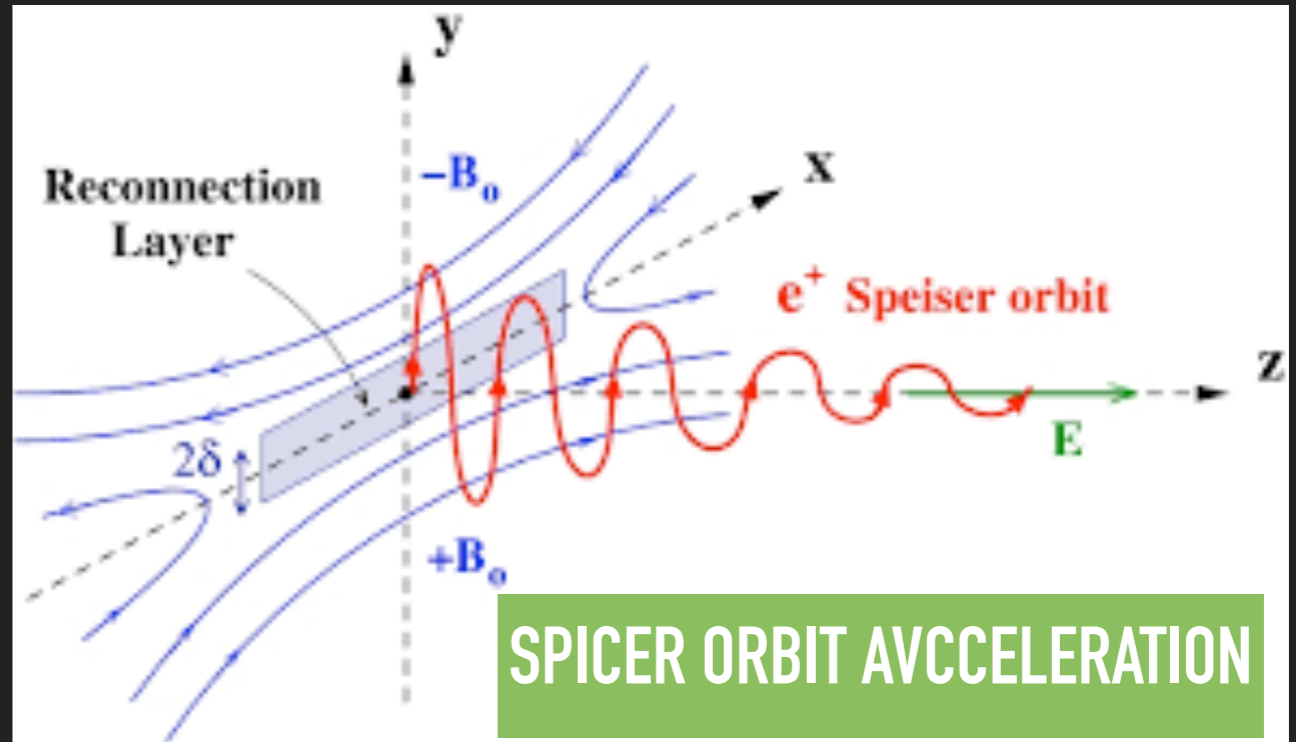
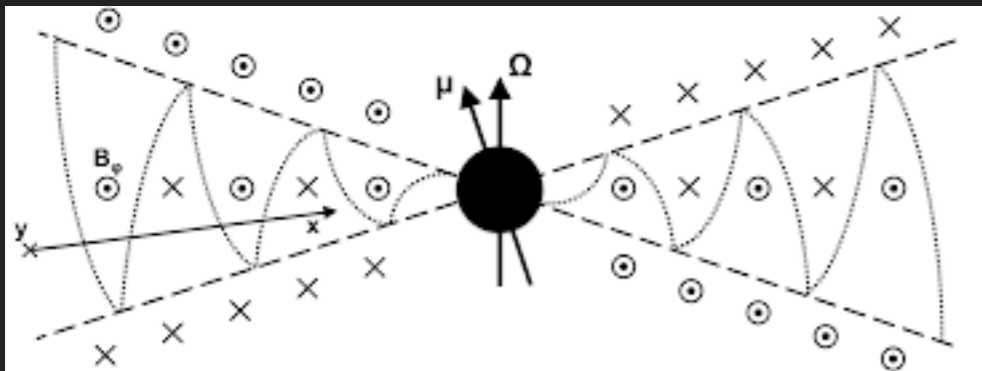


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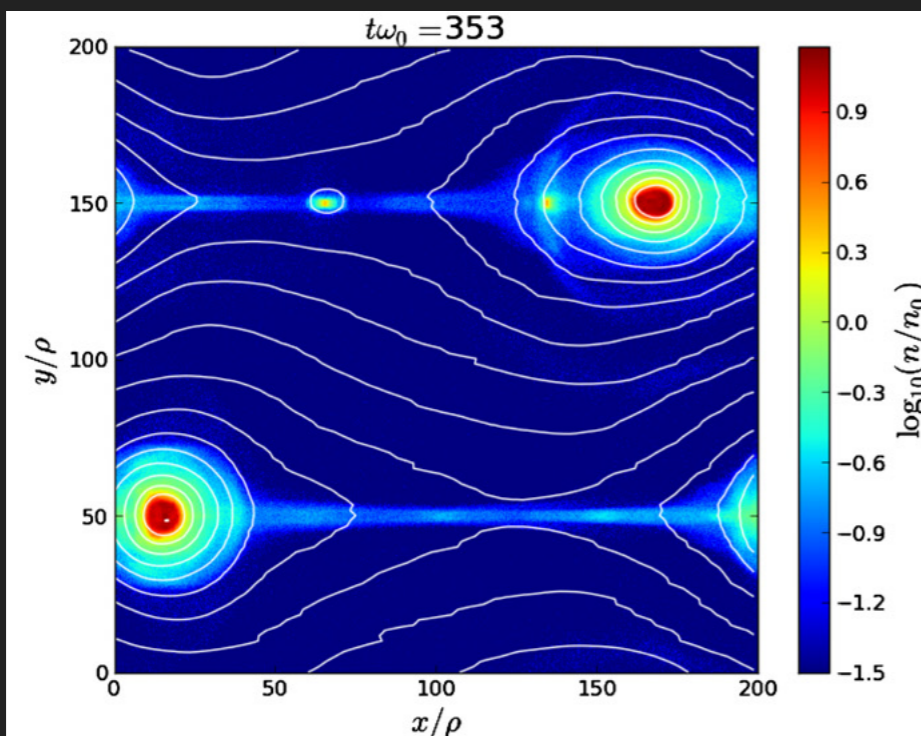
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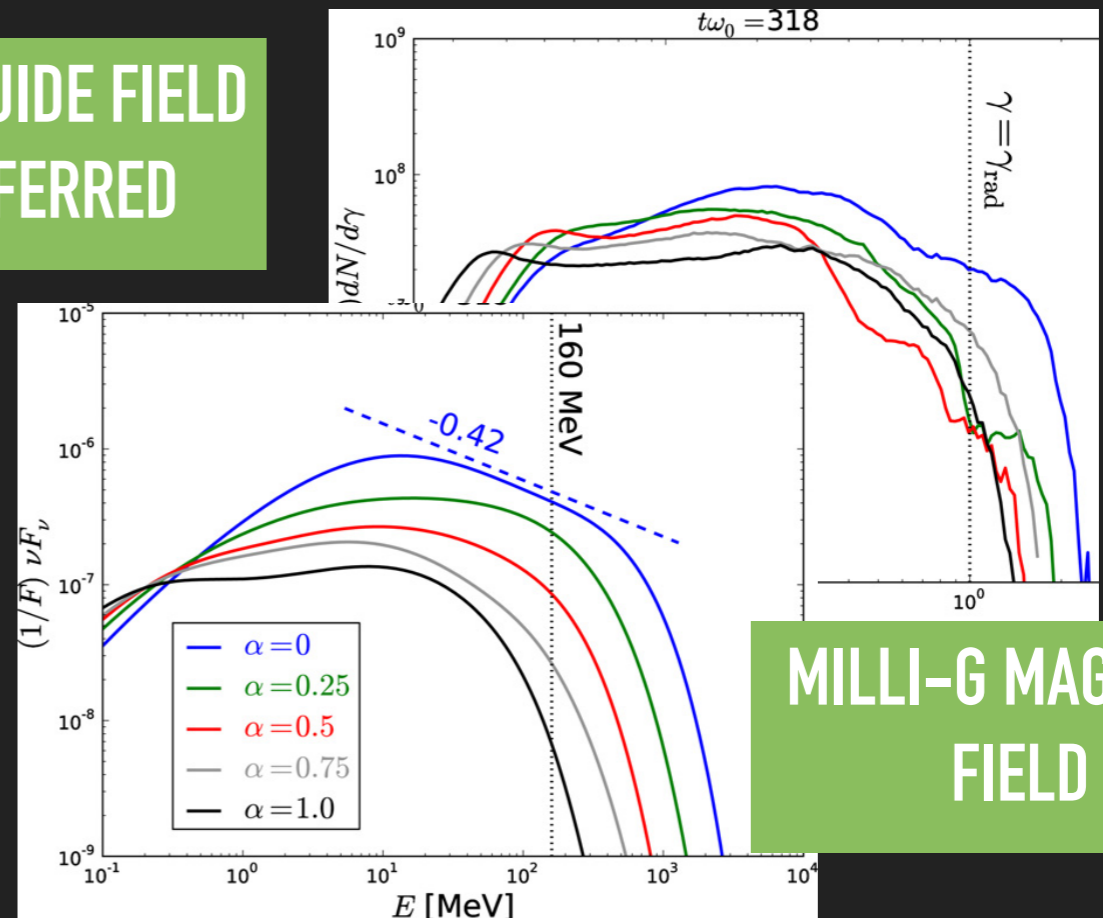


SPIKER ORBIT ACCELERATION

TEARING INSTAB



LOW GUIDE FIELD PREFERRED

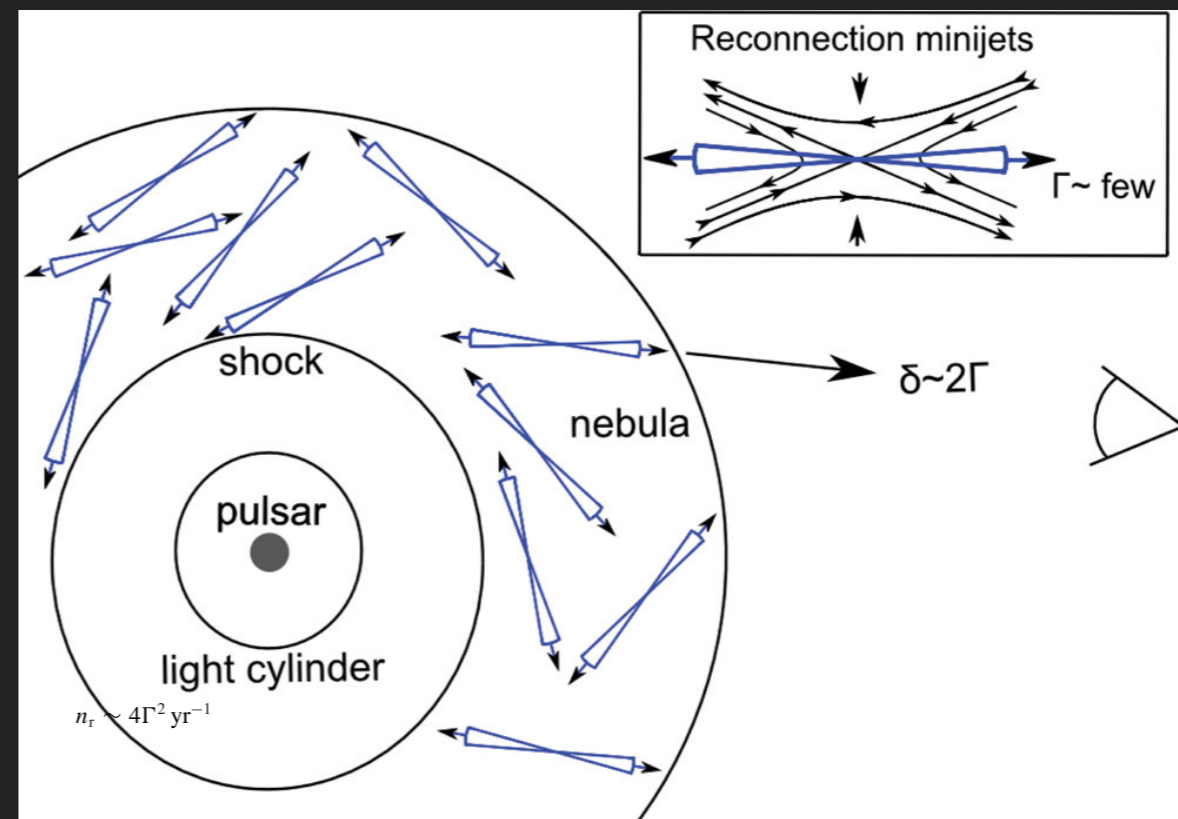


MILLI-G MAGNETIC FIELD



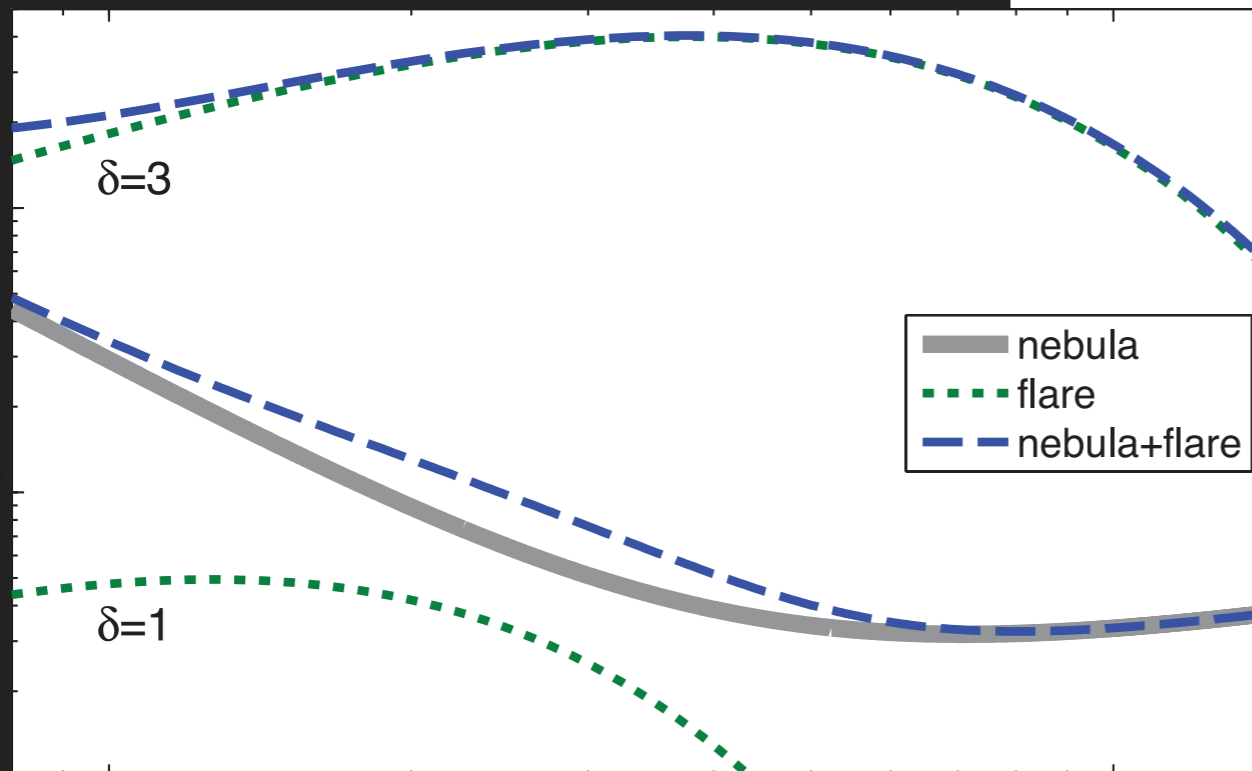
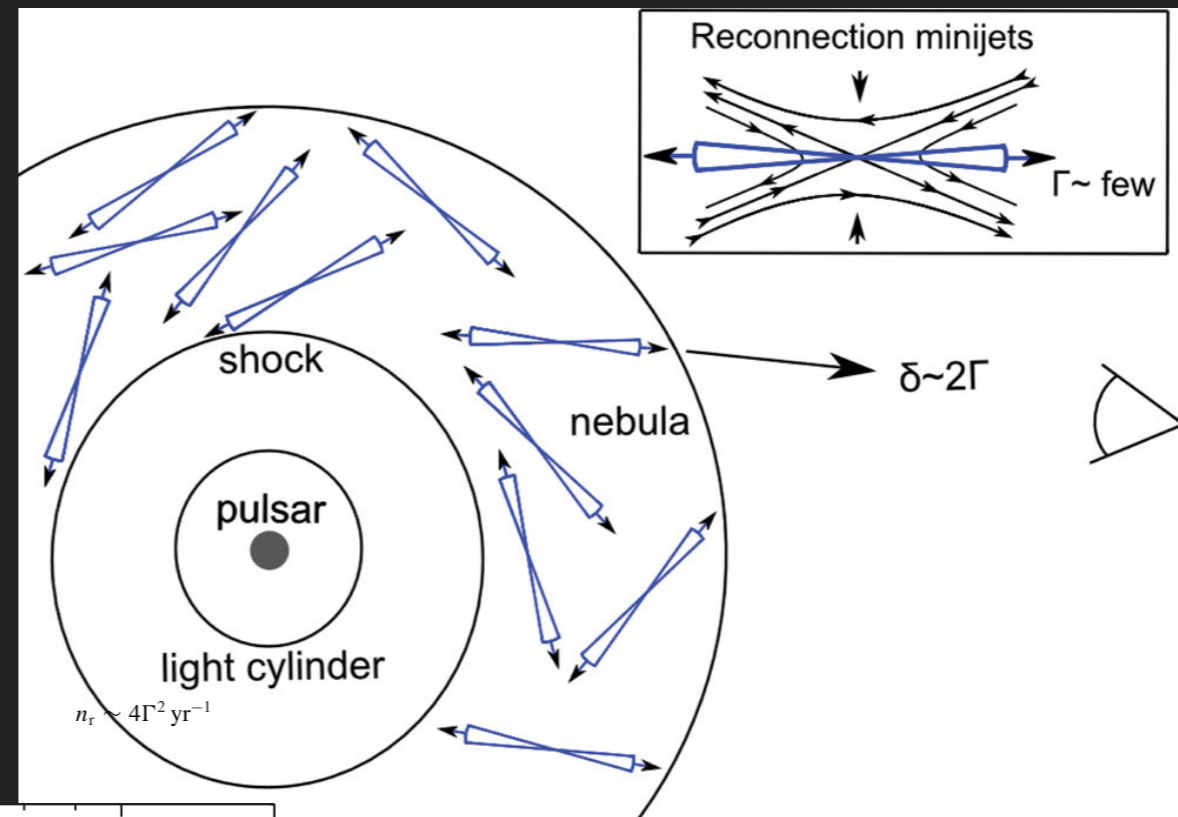
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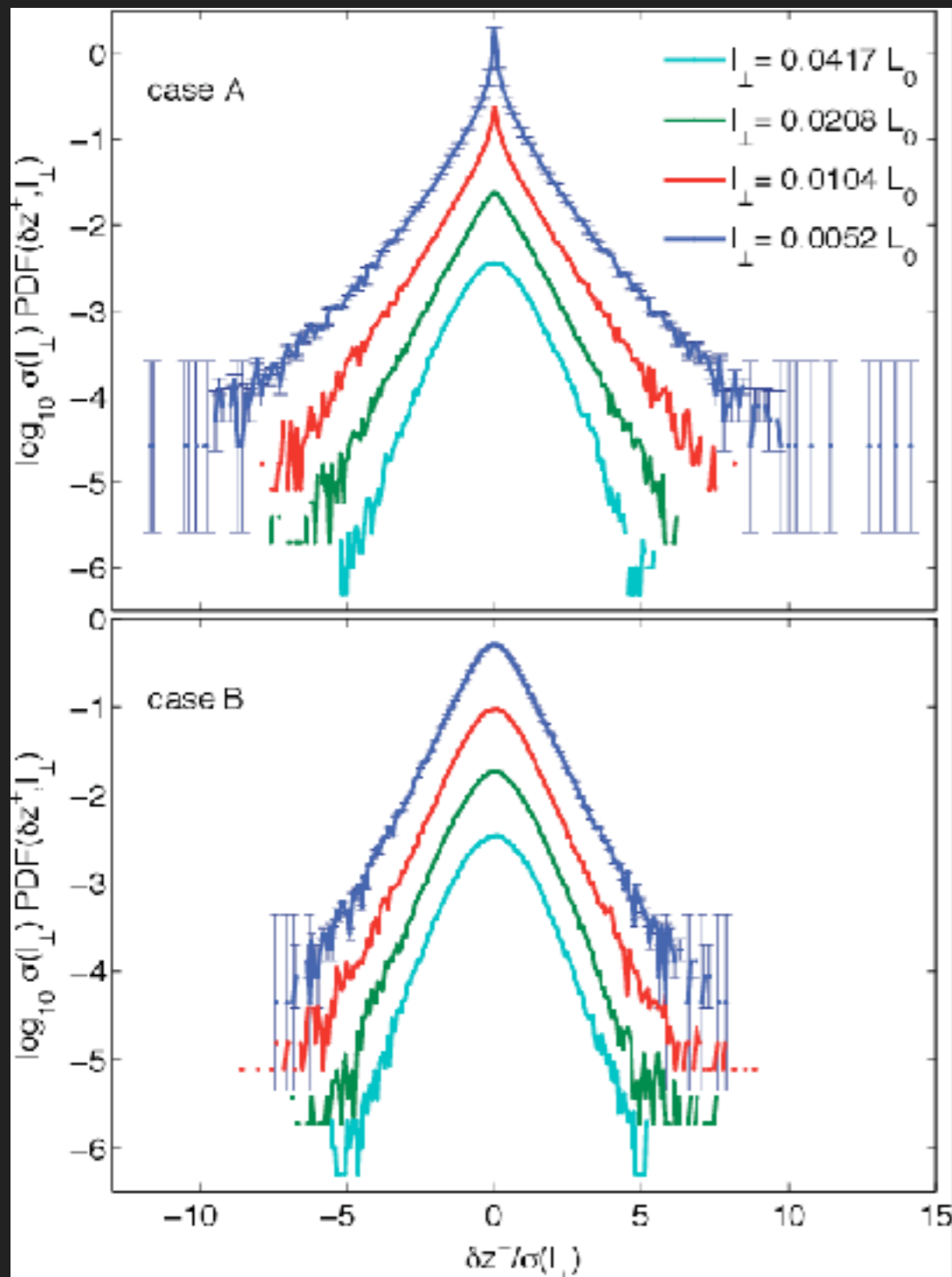


$$n_r \sim 4\Gamma^2 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

BOOSTING OF ORDER 3 ARE REQUIRED

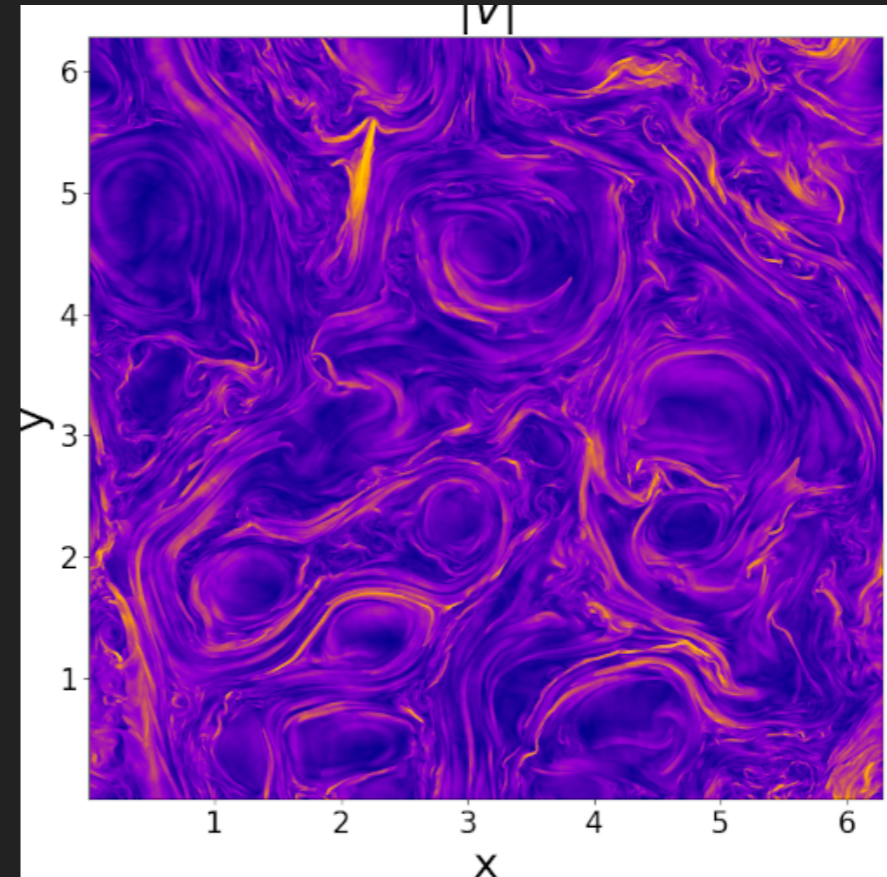
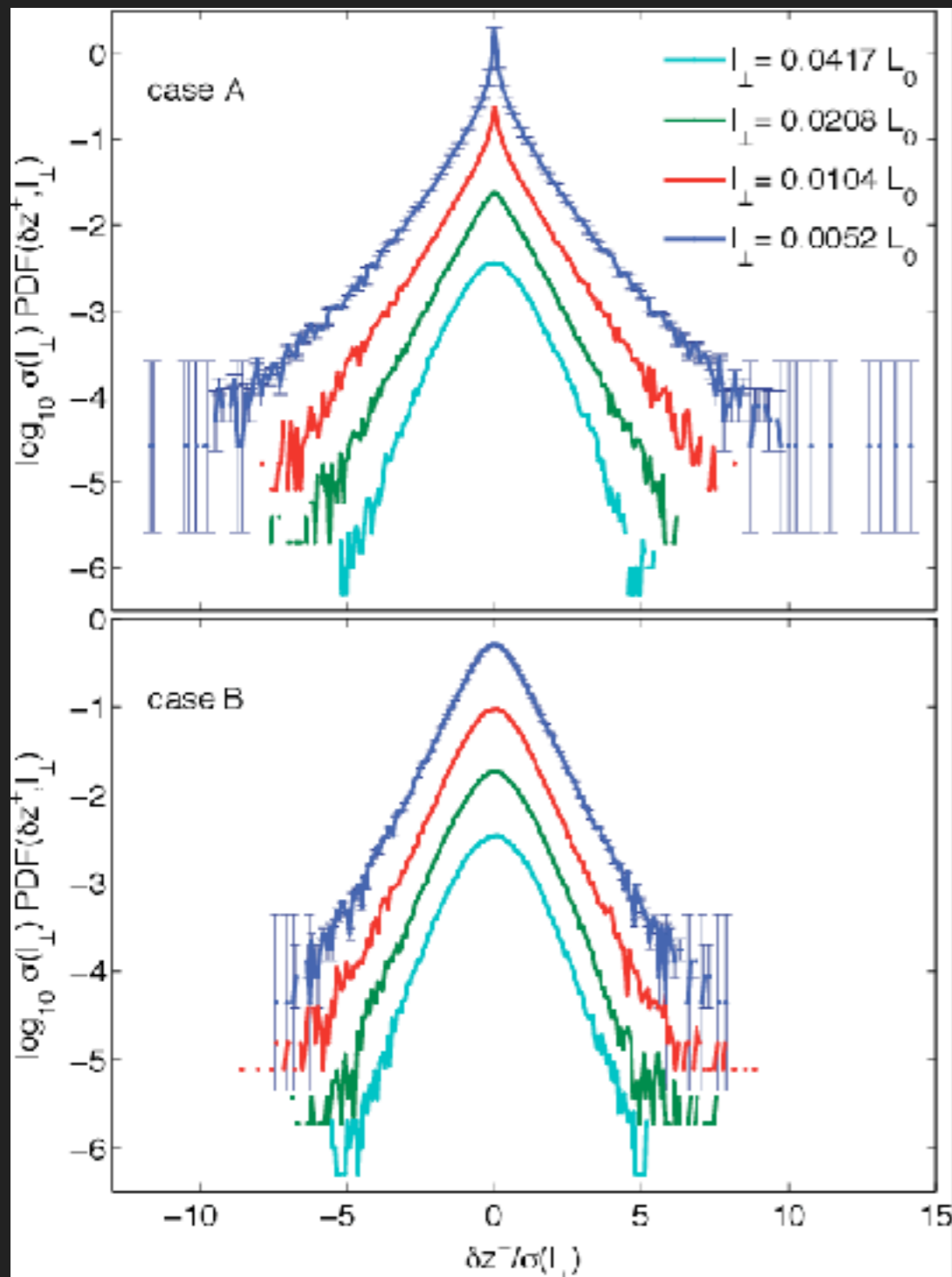
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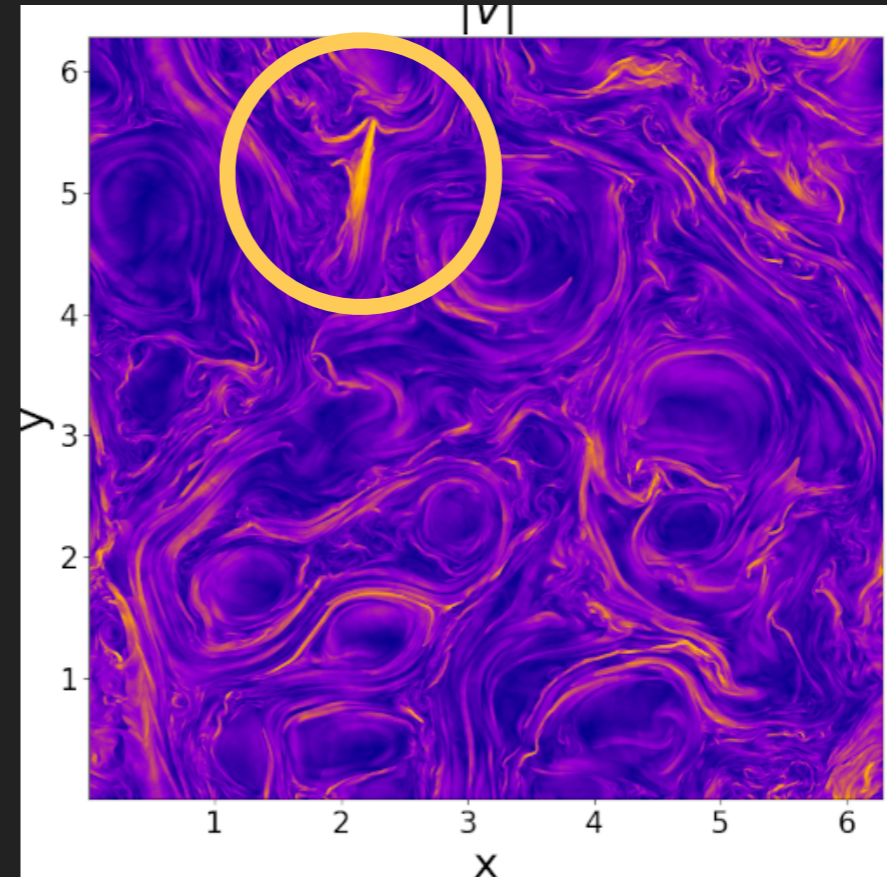
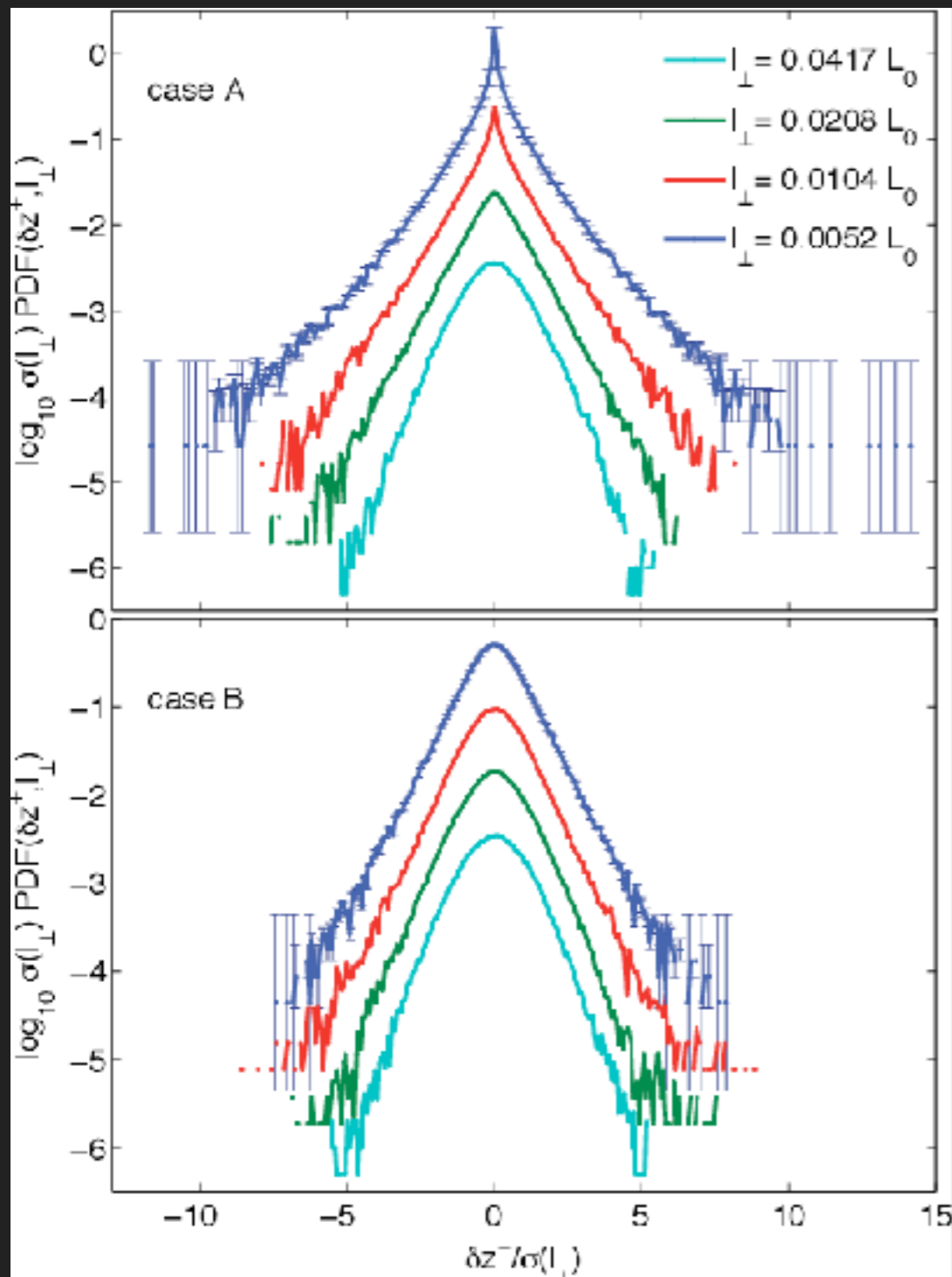
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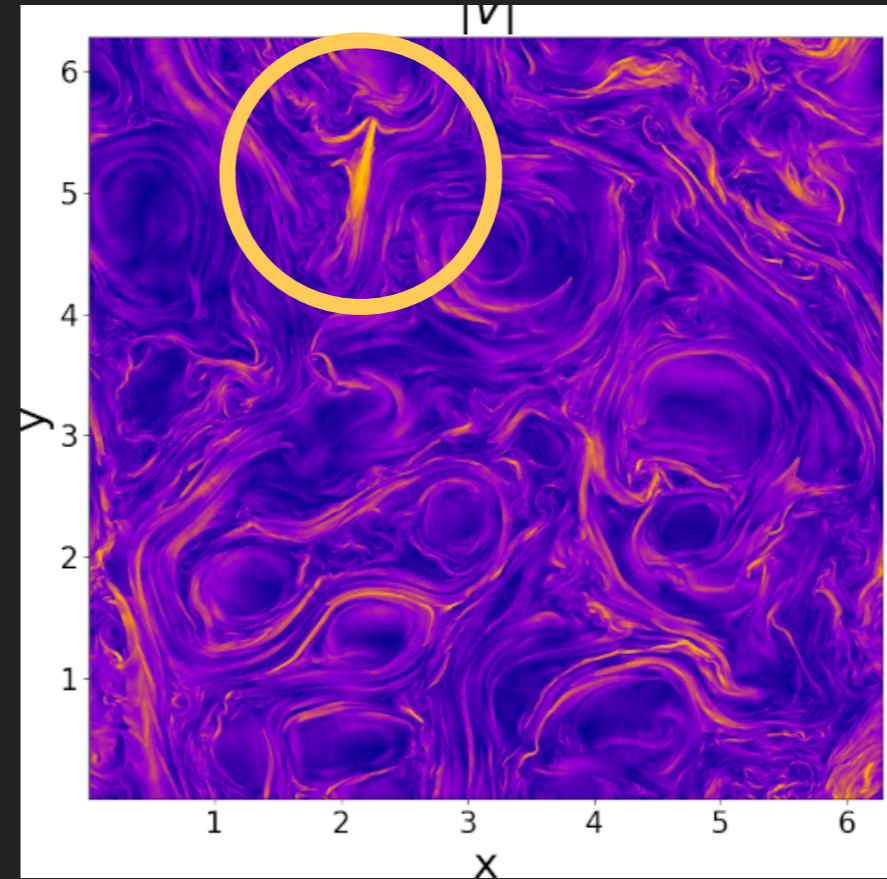
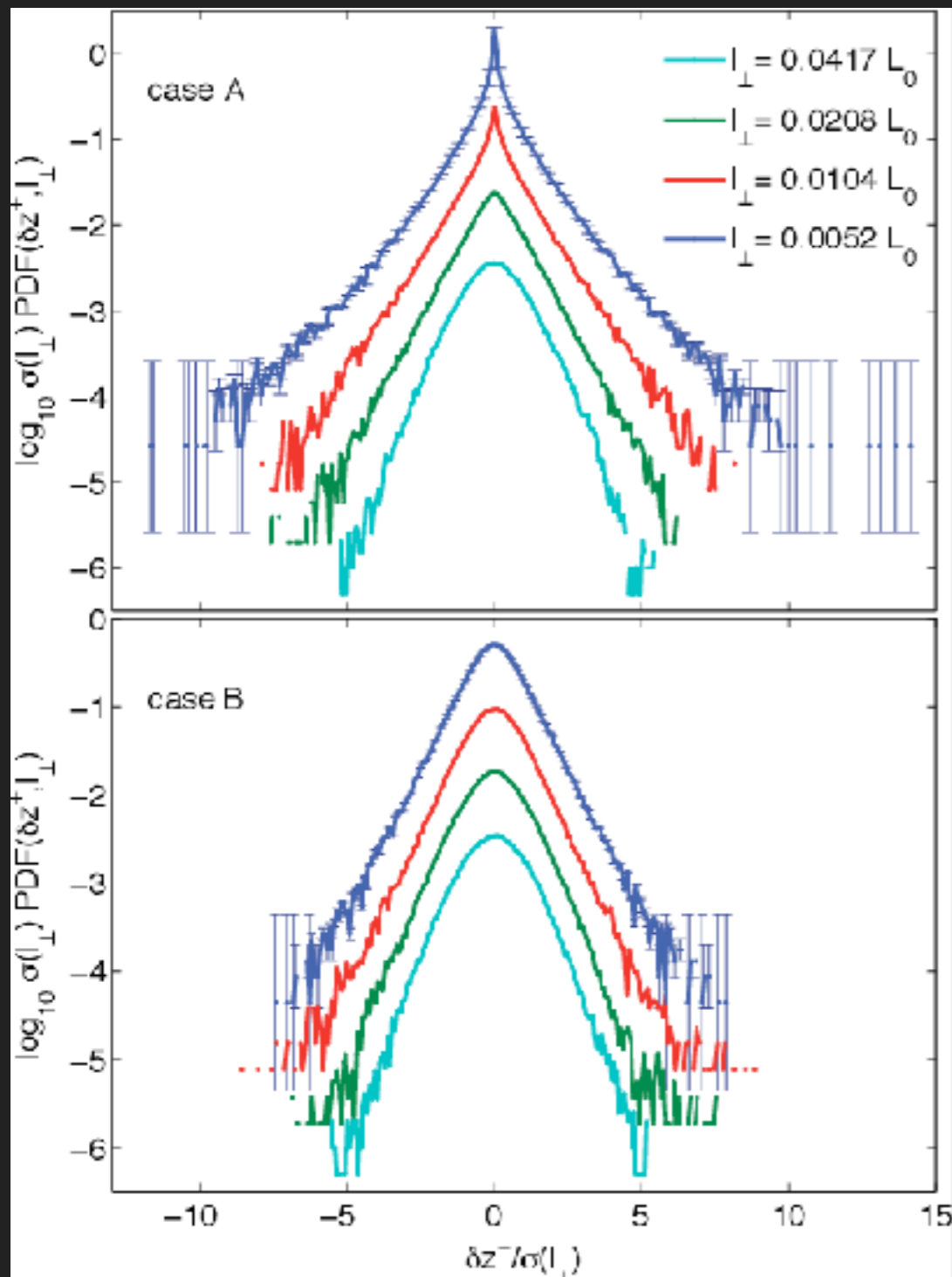
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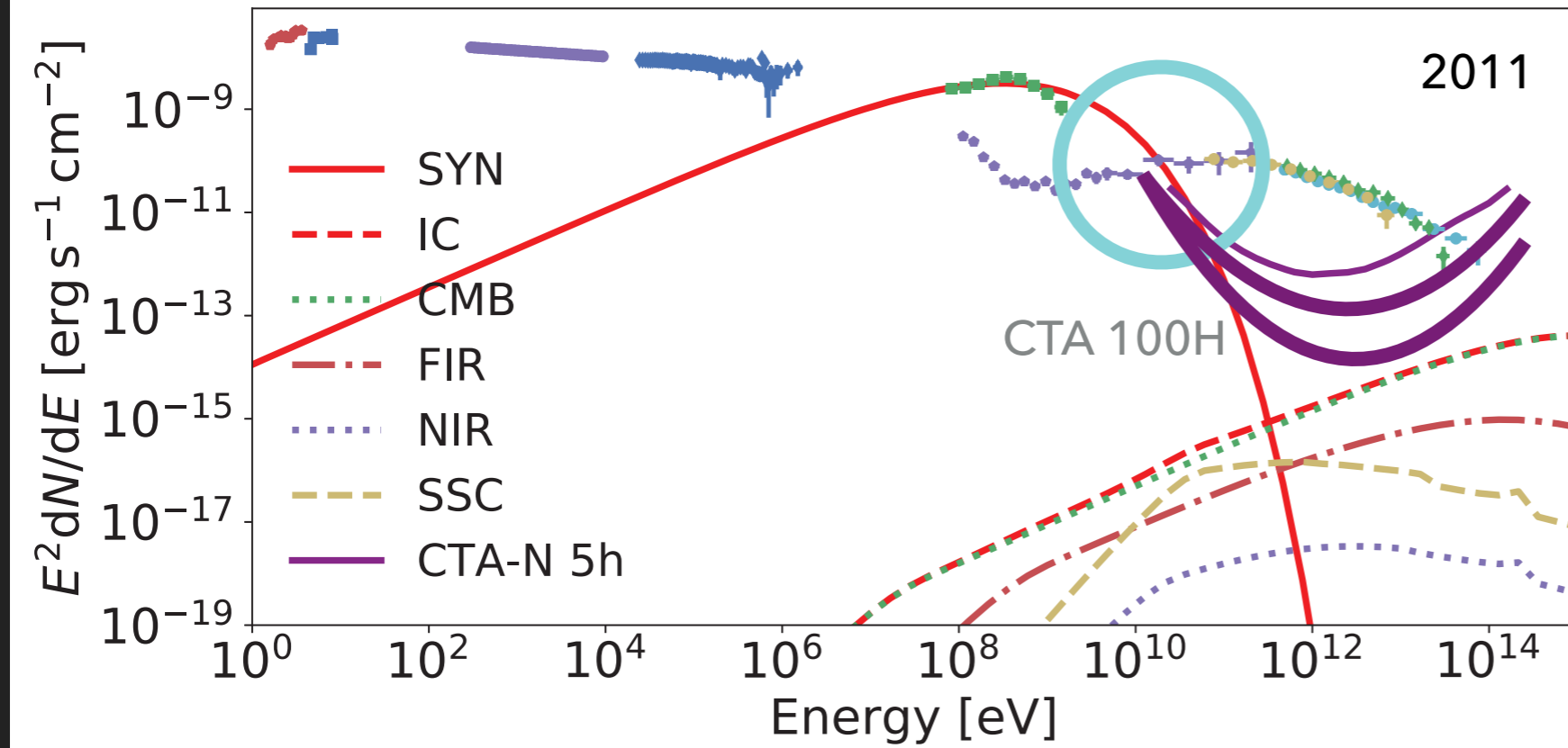
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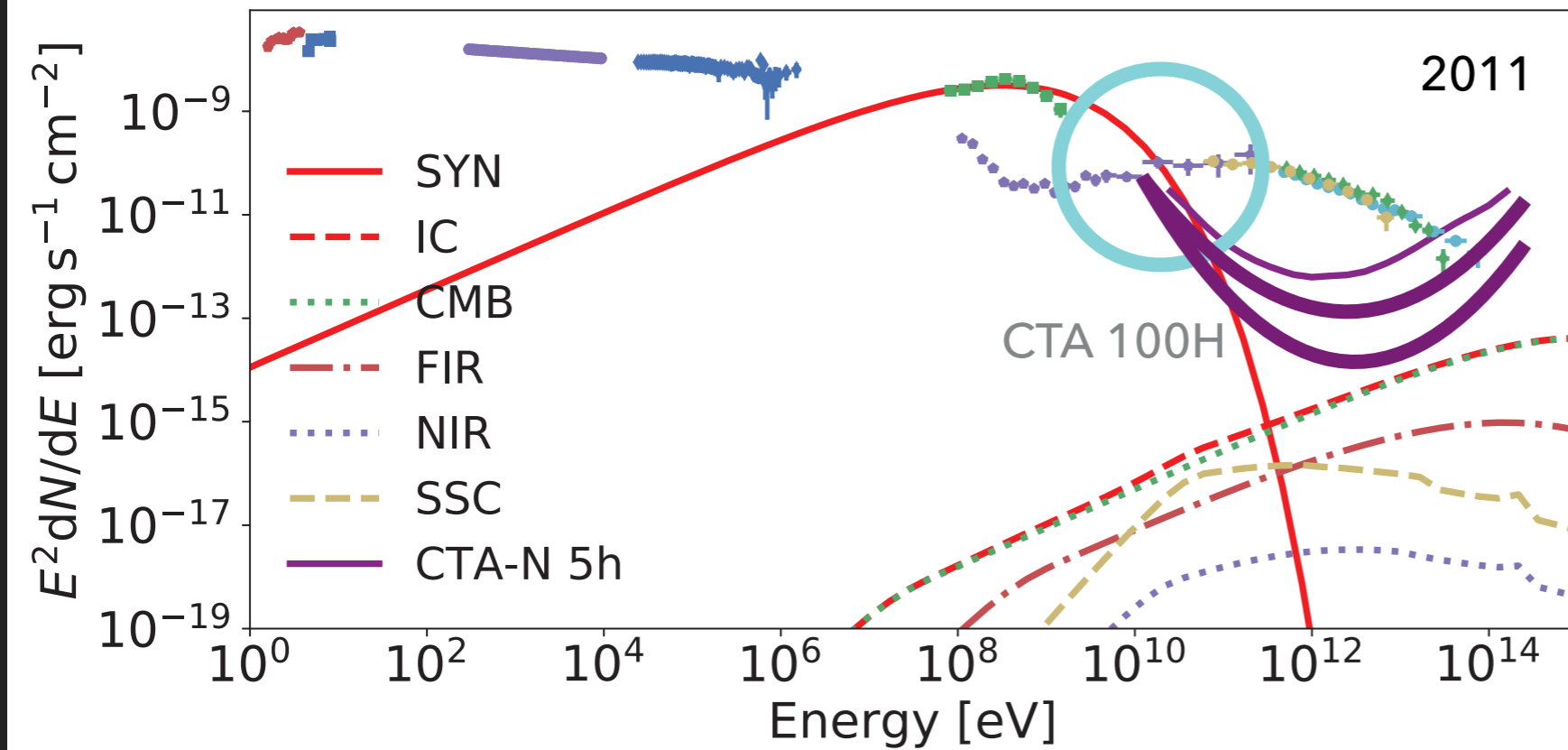
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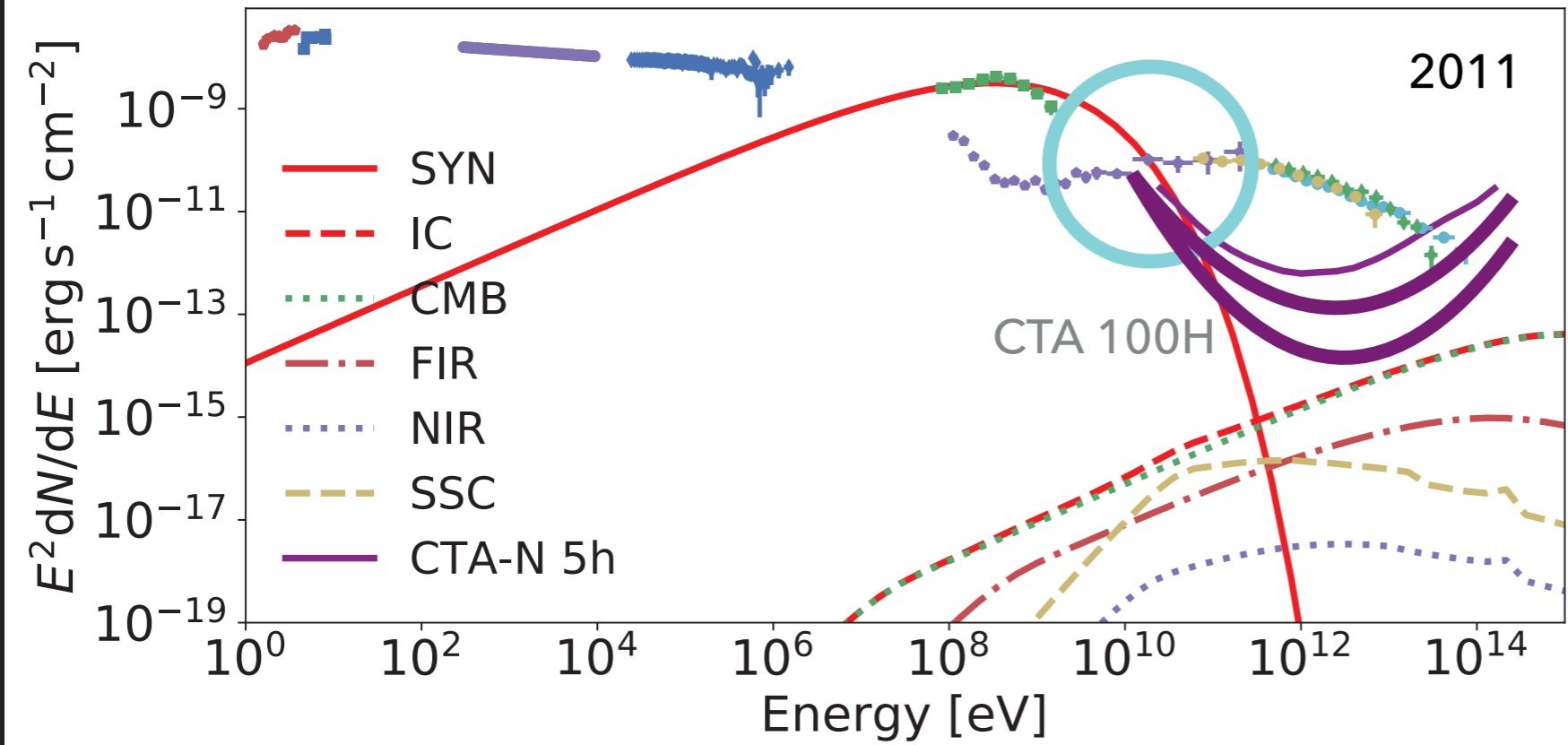
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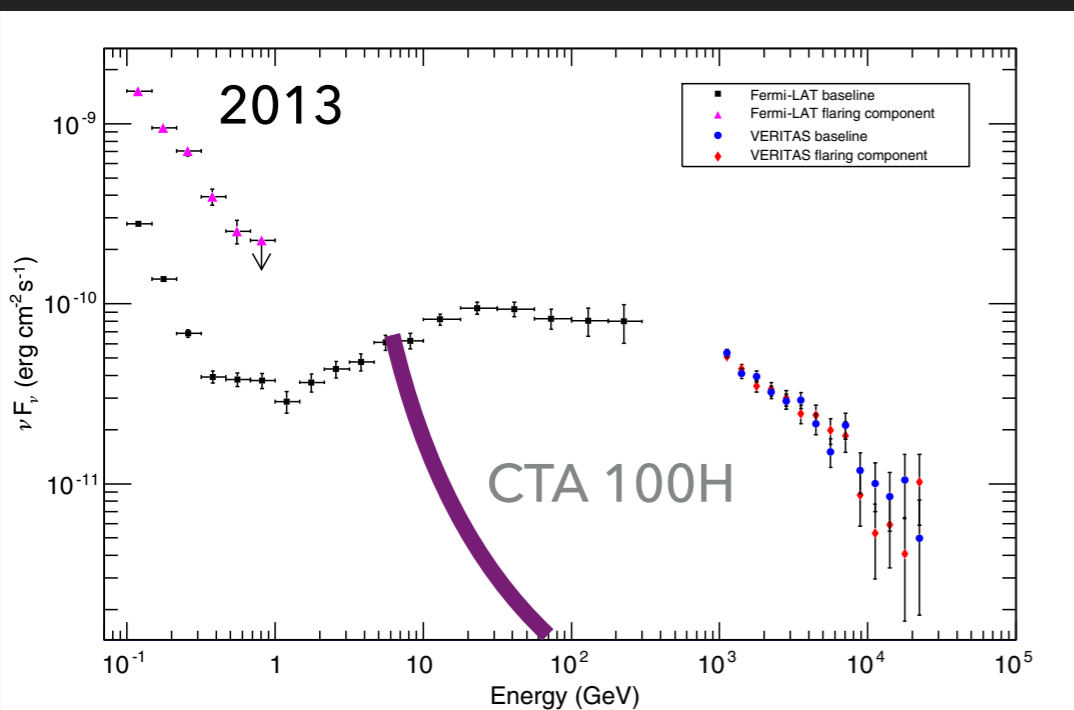


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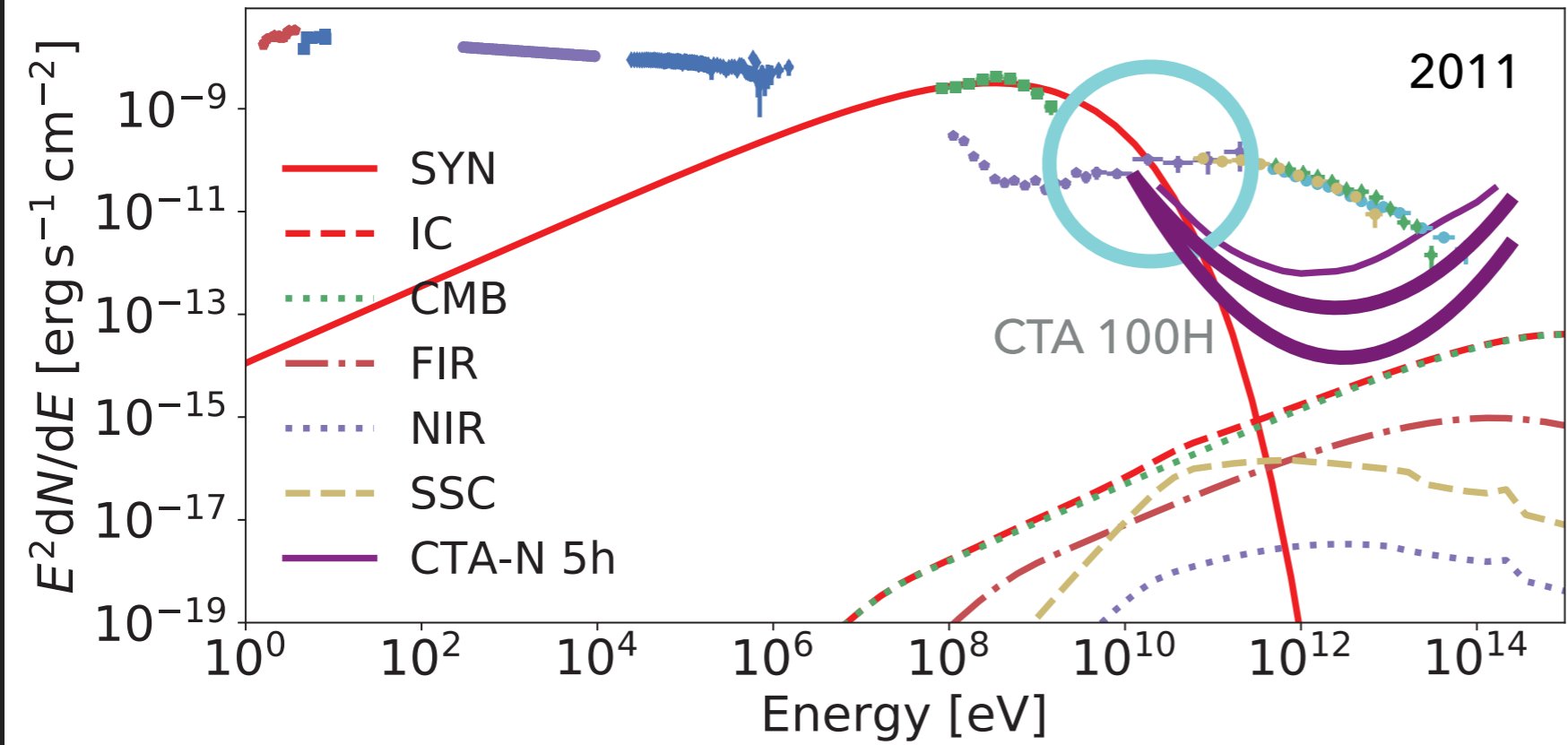


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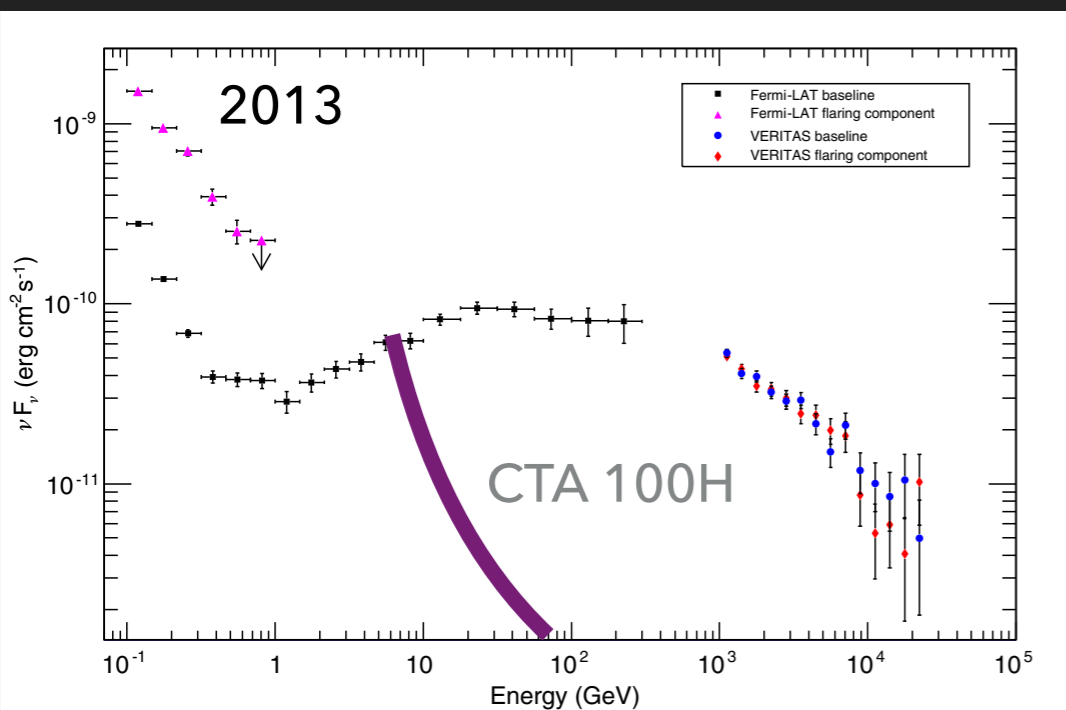


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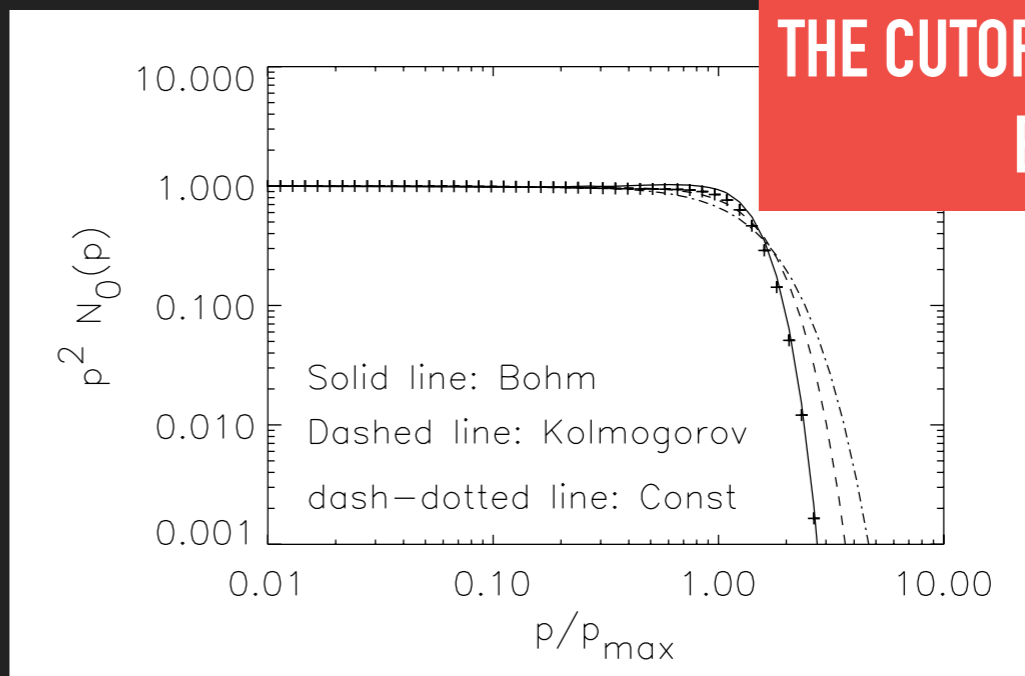


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