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“TeV Halos” - Extended Sources Surrounding Pulsars



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Two Early Papers



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Very high energy gamma-ray astronomy and the origin of cosmic rays

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Whether or not the spectra of γ -ray pulsars continue to the VHE region is a question which remains one of the interesting issues of ground-based γ -ray observations. Besides the pulsed radiation produced in the magnetosphere, one may expect γ -rays from much more extended regions surrounding the pulsars. The pulsars are undisputed sources of relativistic electrons accelerating particles directly in the magnetospheres as well as through the pulsar wind termination shocks (see e.g. [45],[62]). The last mechanism seems likely to be responsible for the injection of electrons up to energies 10^{15} eV into the Crab Nebula [47]. The interaction of these electrons with the photon fields in the nebula results in the production of observable VHE γ -radiation (see Sec.6).

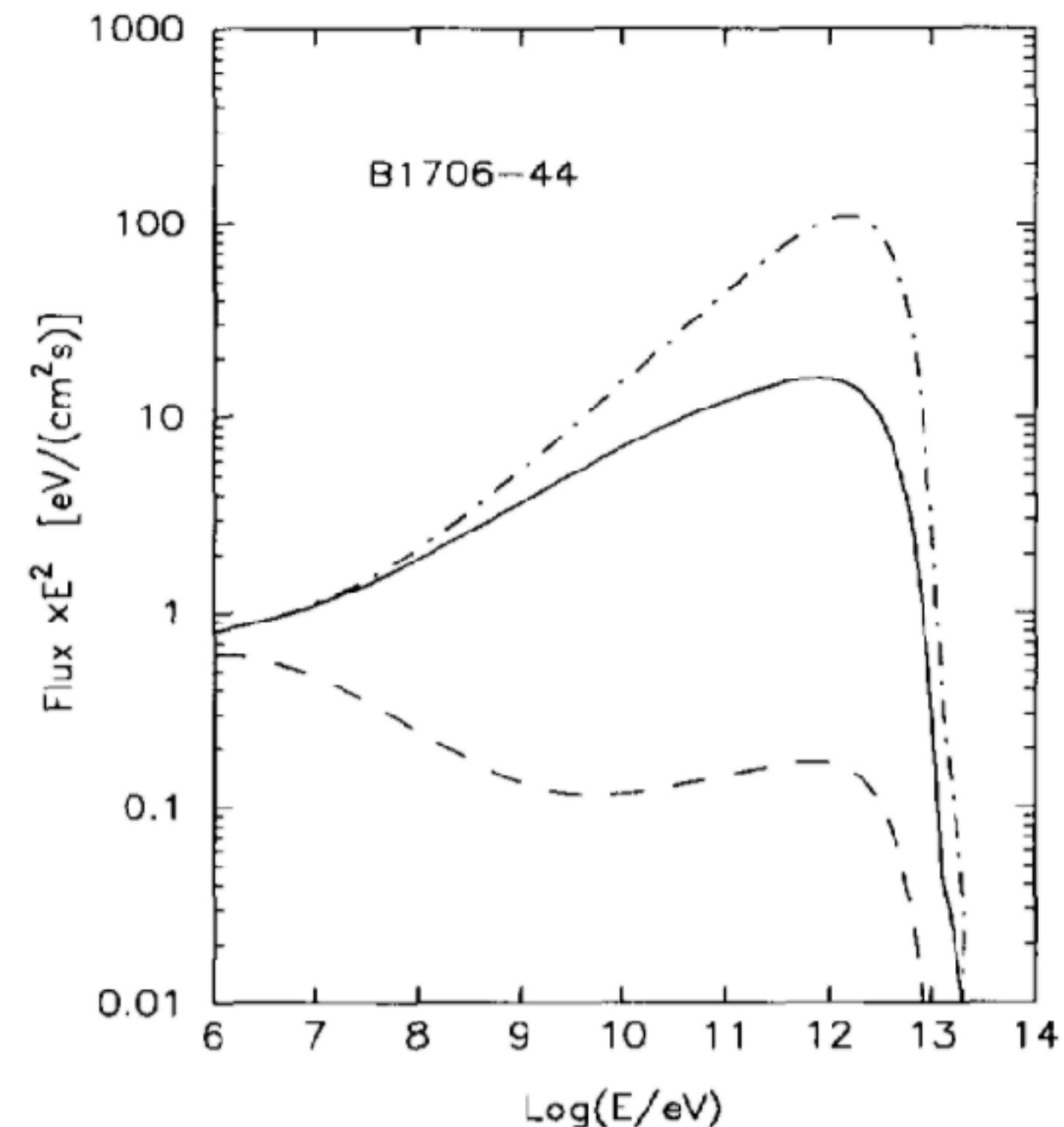
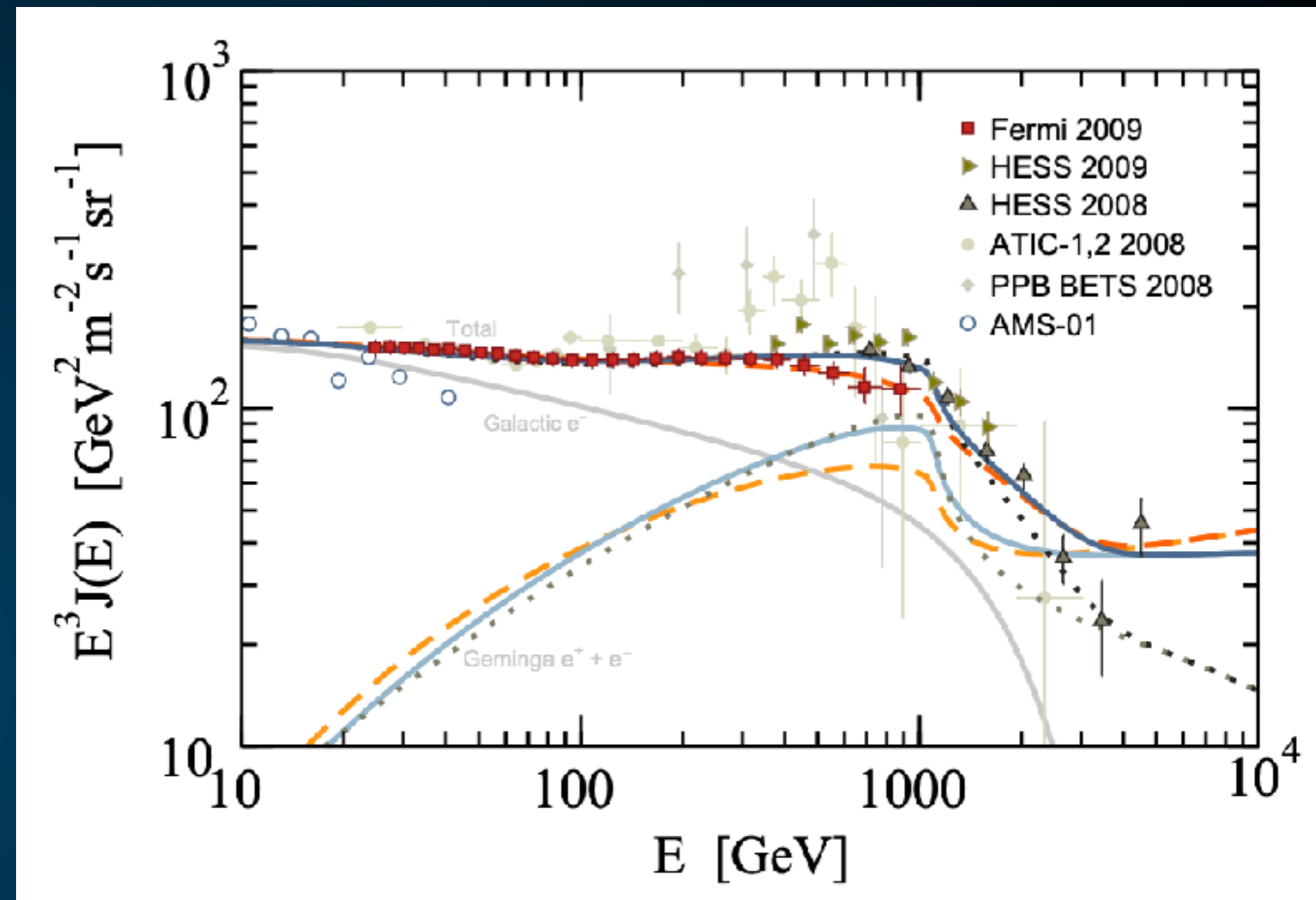
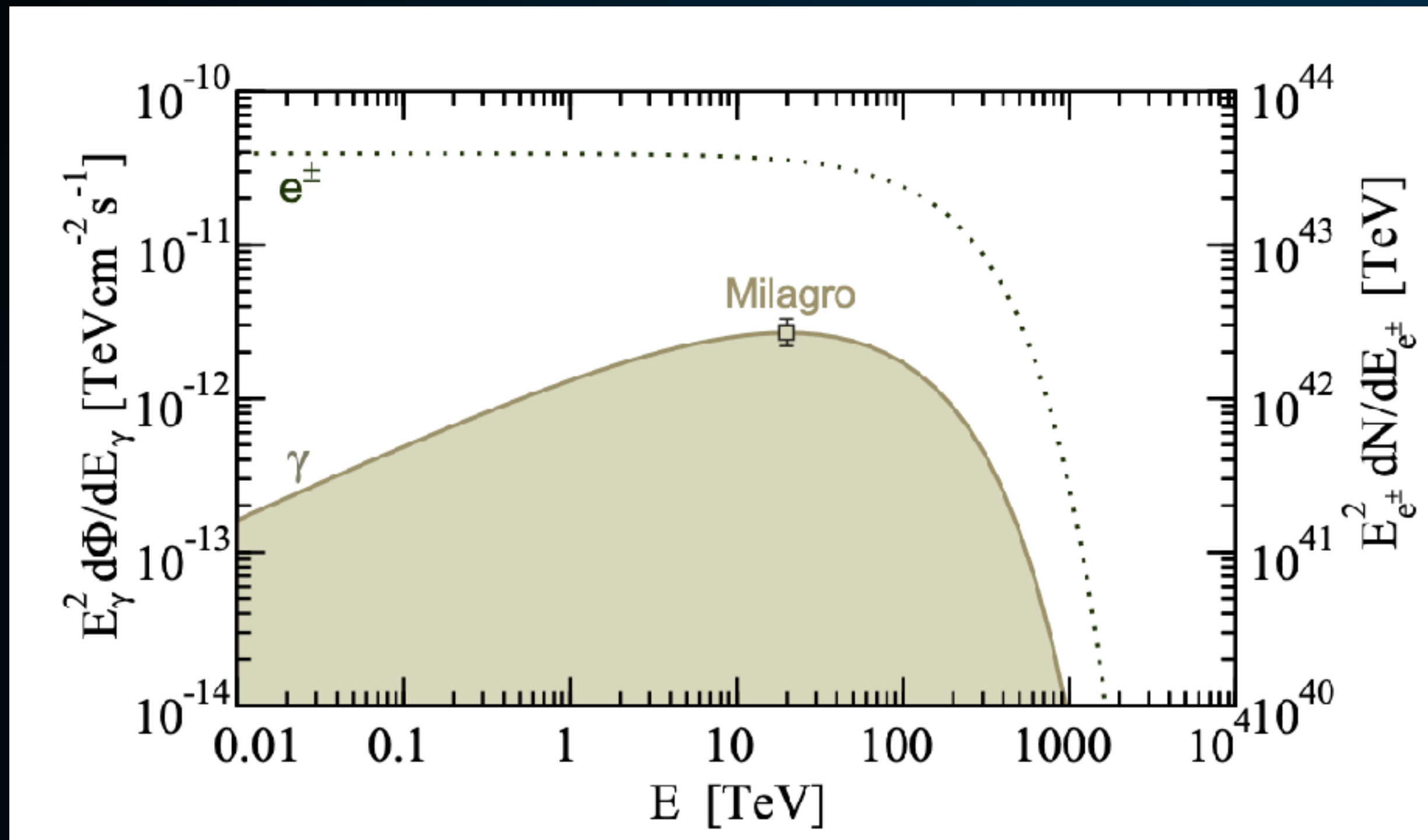


Figure 8. Gamma-ray fluxes expected within different angles from the pulsar PSR B1706-44: 0.1° (dashed line), 1° (solid line), 10° (dash-dotted line). It is assumed that total $W_e = 10^{49}$ erg energy has been released in the power-law distributed electrons with $\alpha = 2$ at the first stages of the pulsar; the distance to the source $d = 1.8$ kpc. The power-law diffusion coefficient and parameters characterizing the ISM are the same as those used in Figures 5 and 6.

Two Early Papers



Yüksel et al noted the importance of TeV gamma-ray observations (in particular Milagro observations of Geminga) for understanding the positron excess.

What's in a name? That which we
call a rose by any other name
would smell as sweet.

William Shakespeare

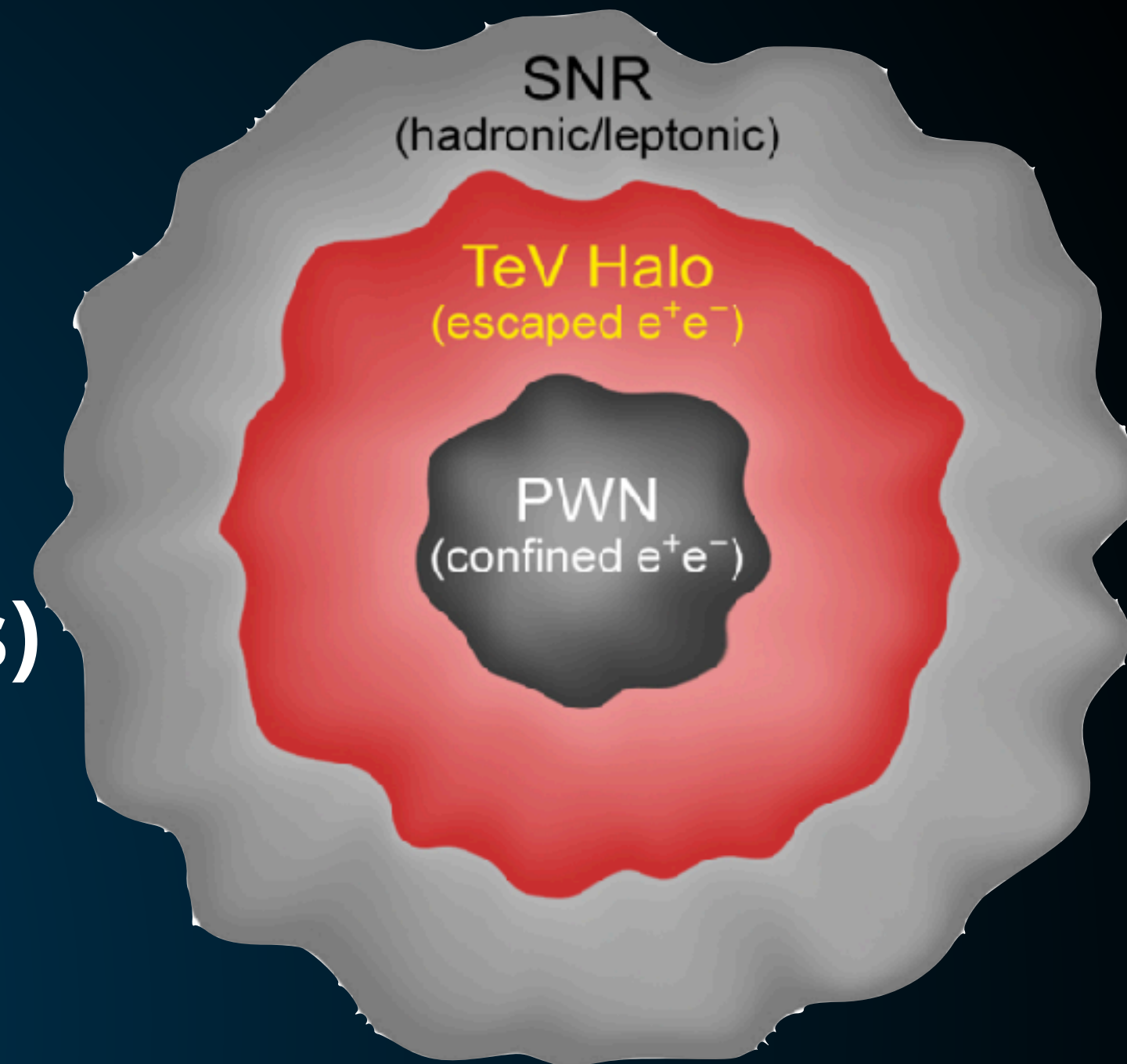
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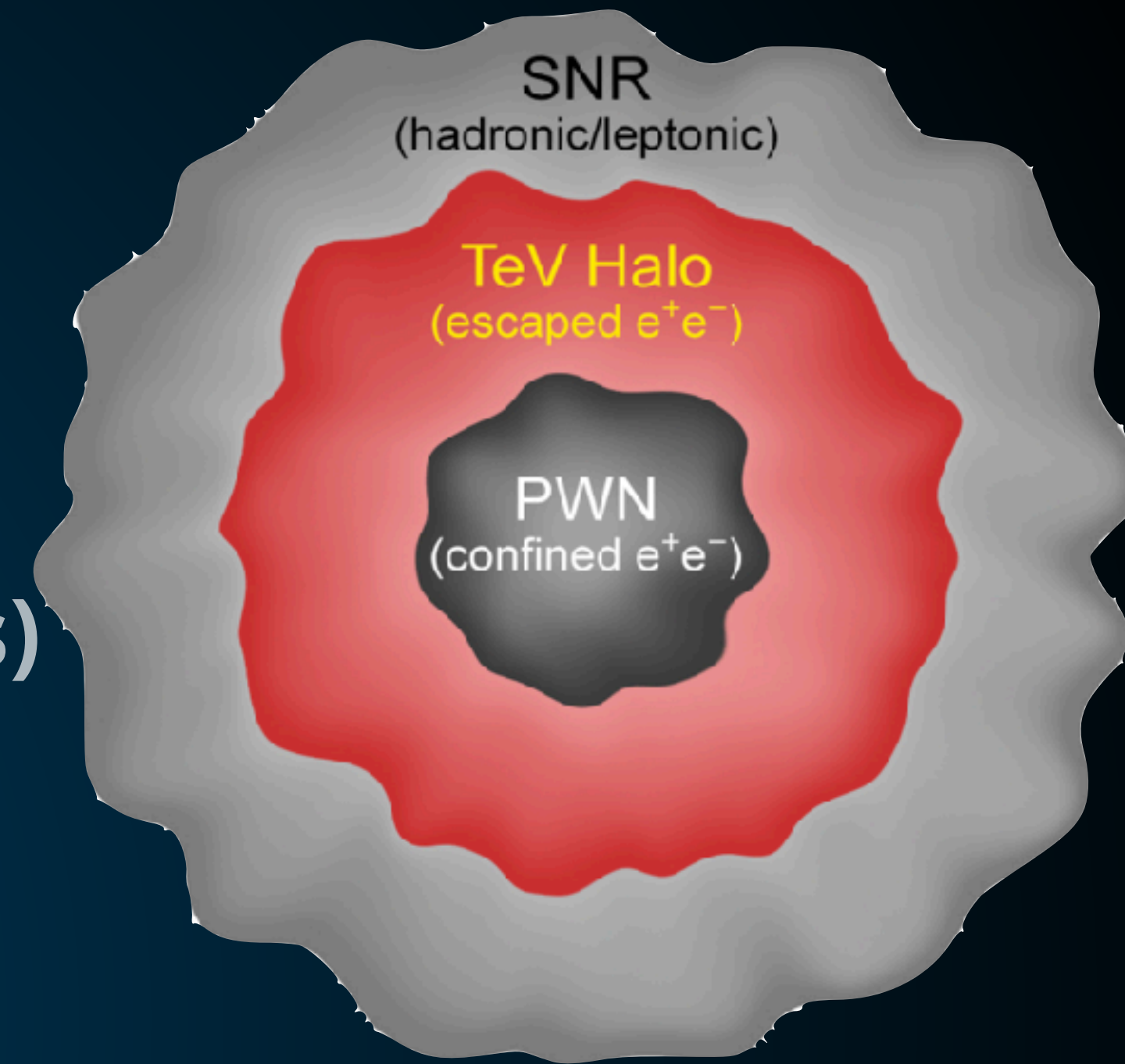
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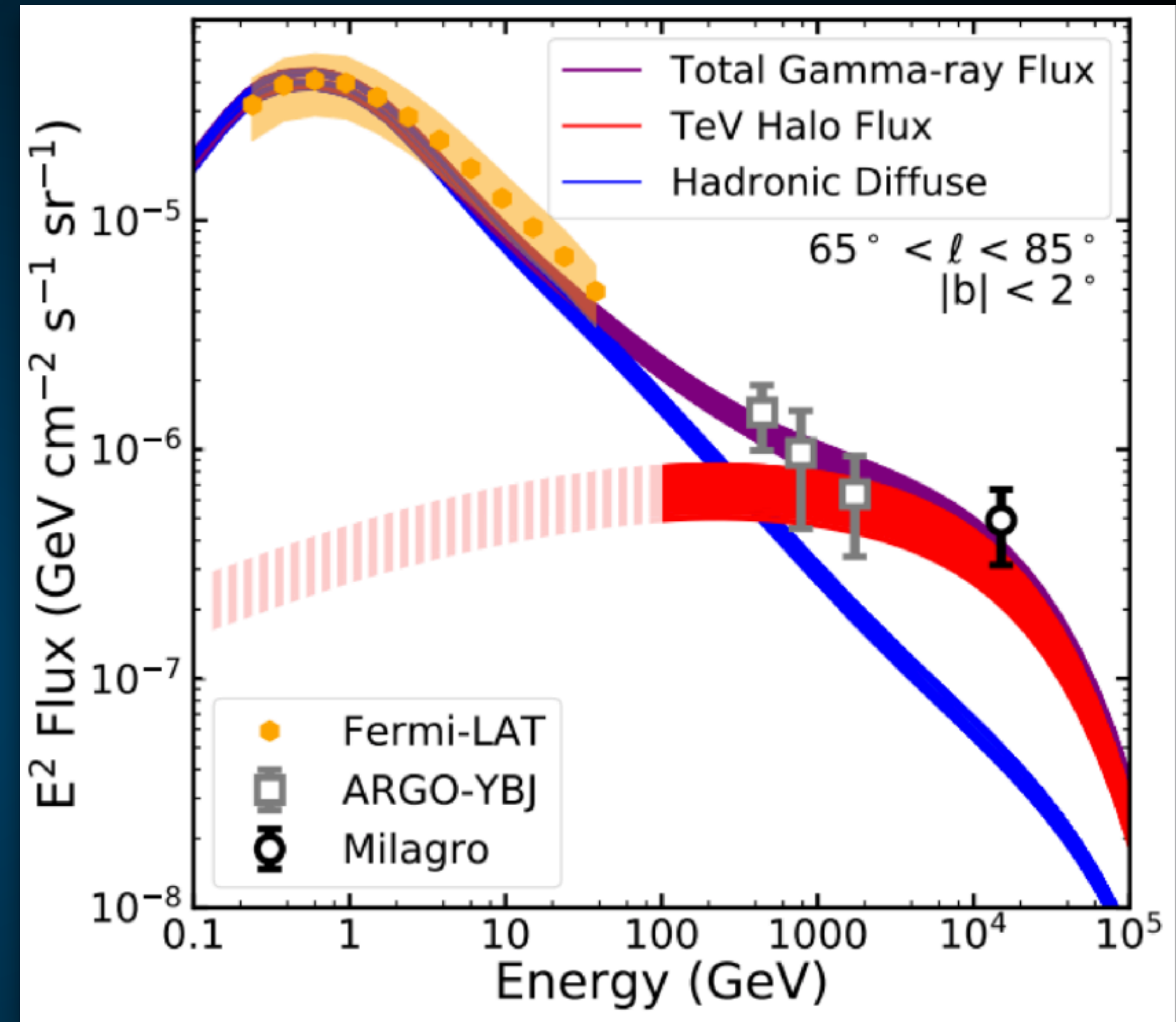
Why?

- 1.) Minimally distinct from PWN (convective), SNR (hadronic), Pulsar (PS).
- 2.) Maximally observational (energy range, morphology, ICS/synchrotron ratio).
 - + **Note: Ratio of Pulsar CR energy to interstellar electron density is derived.**
- 3.) Maximally encapsulates the novel advances of TeV observations.

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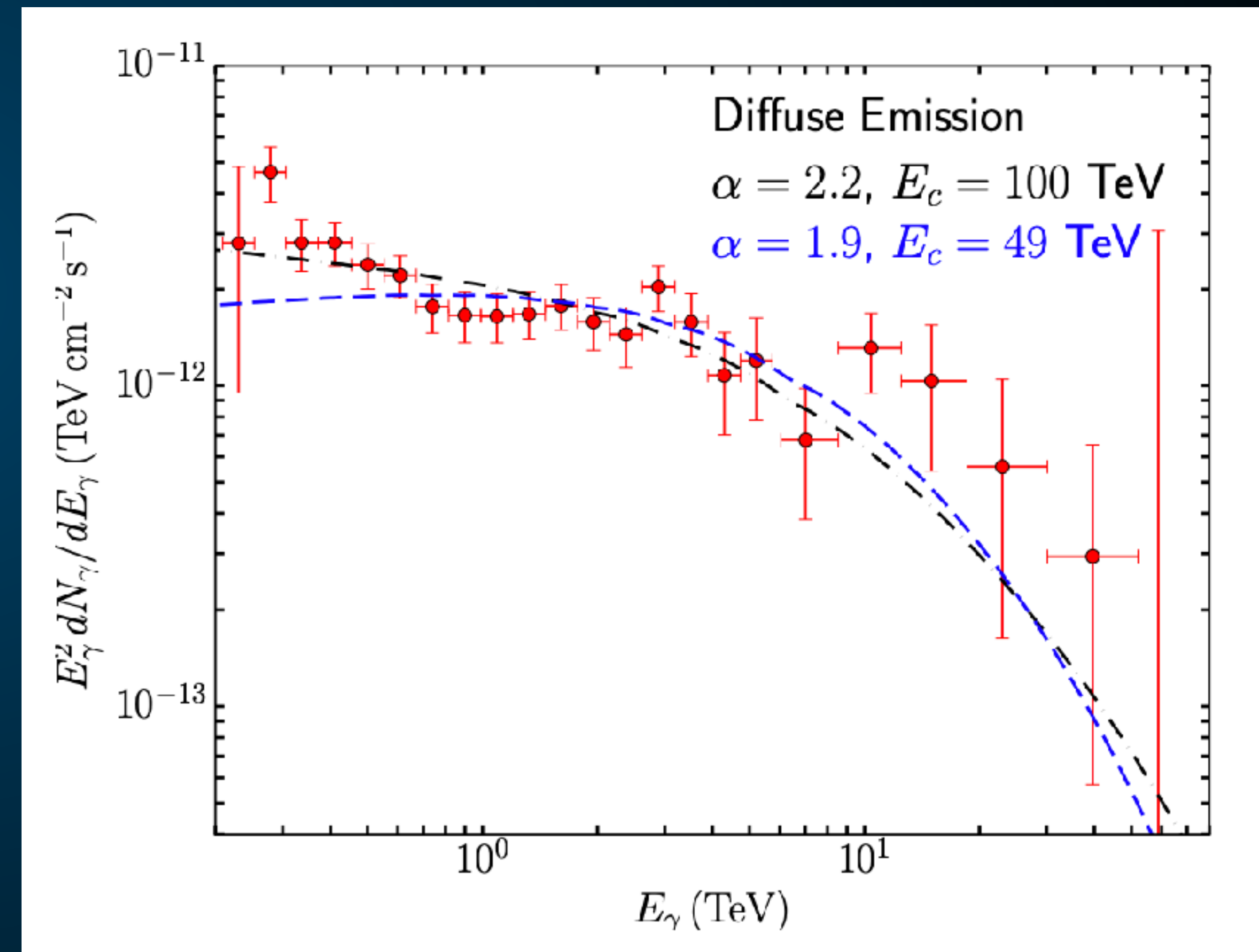
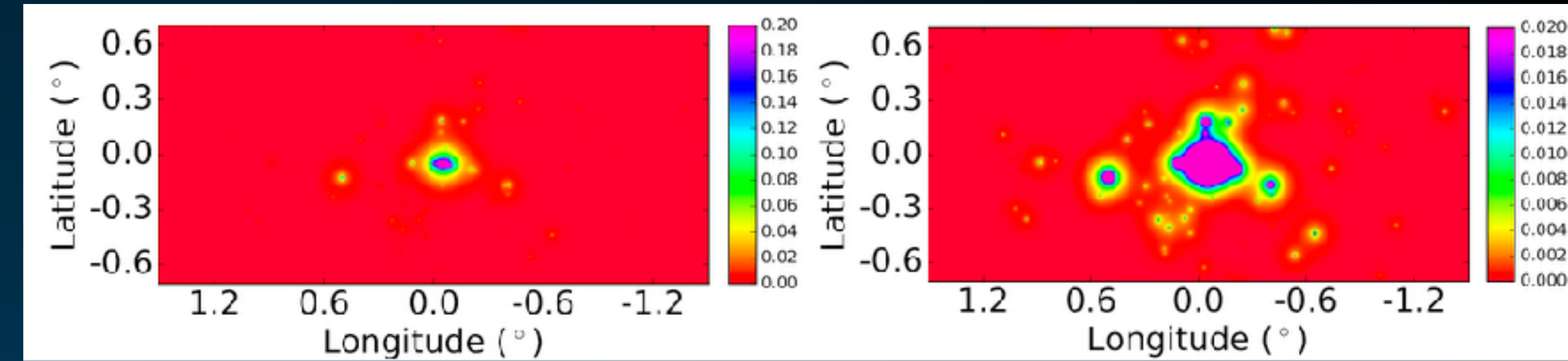
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d.) **The GC star-formation rate is a good proxy for pulsar formation**



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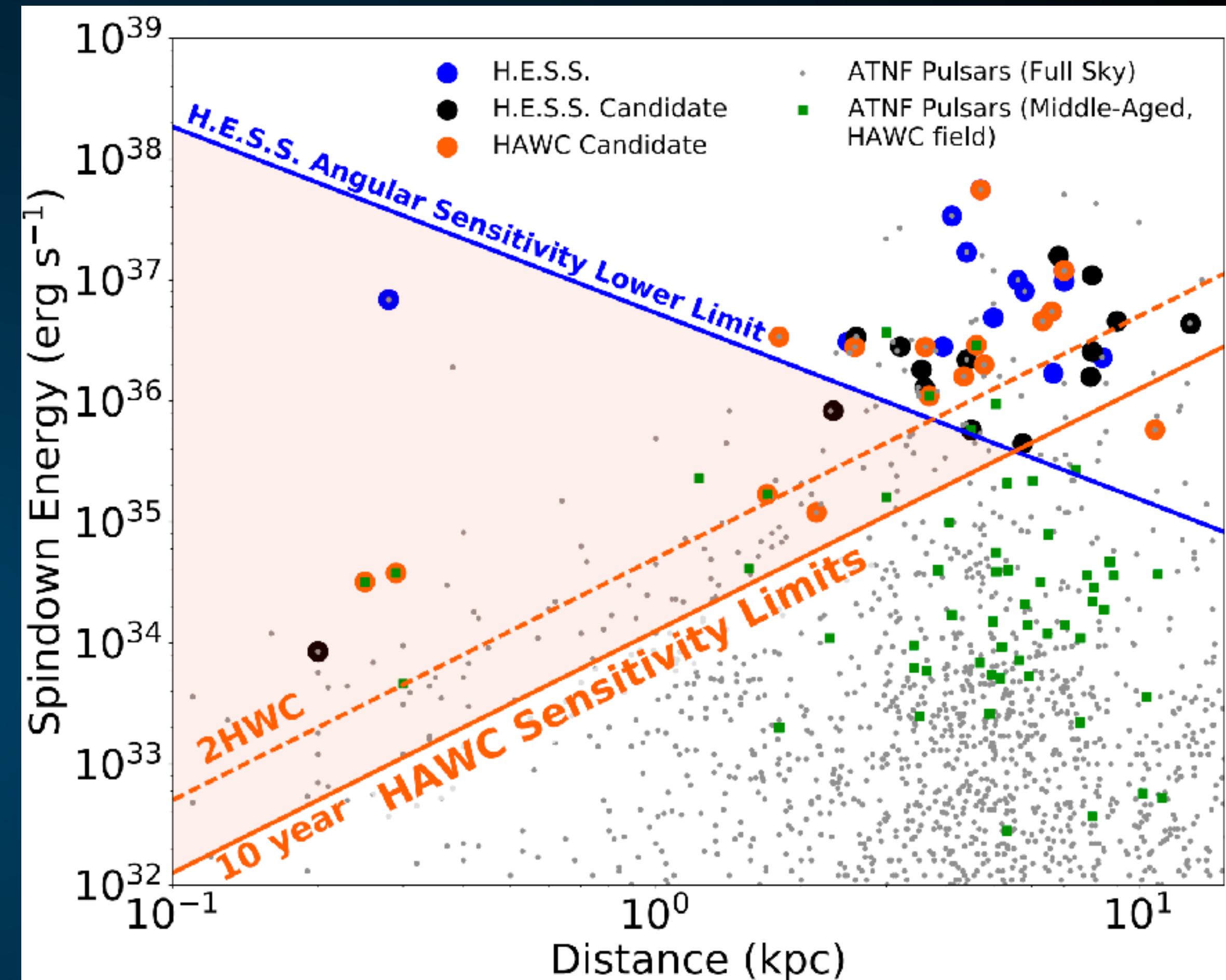
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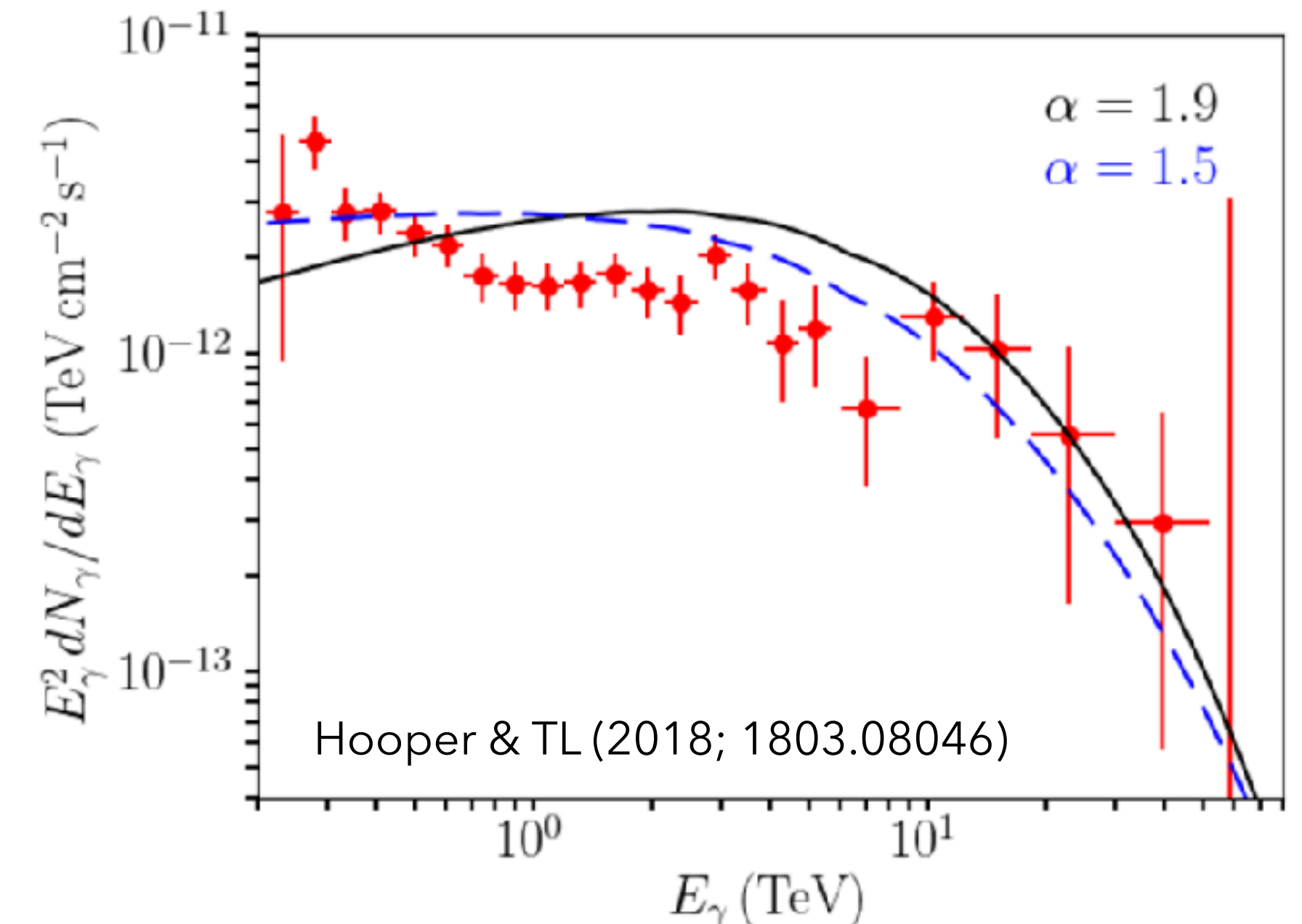
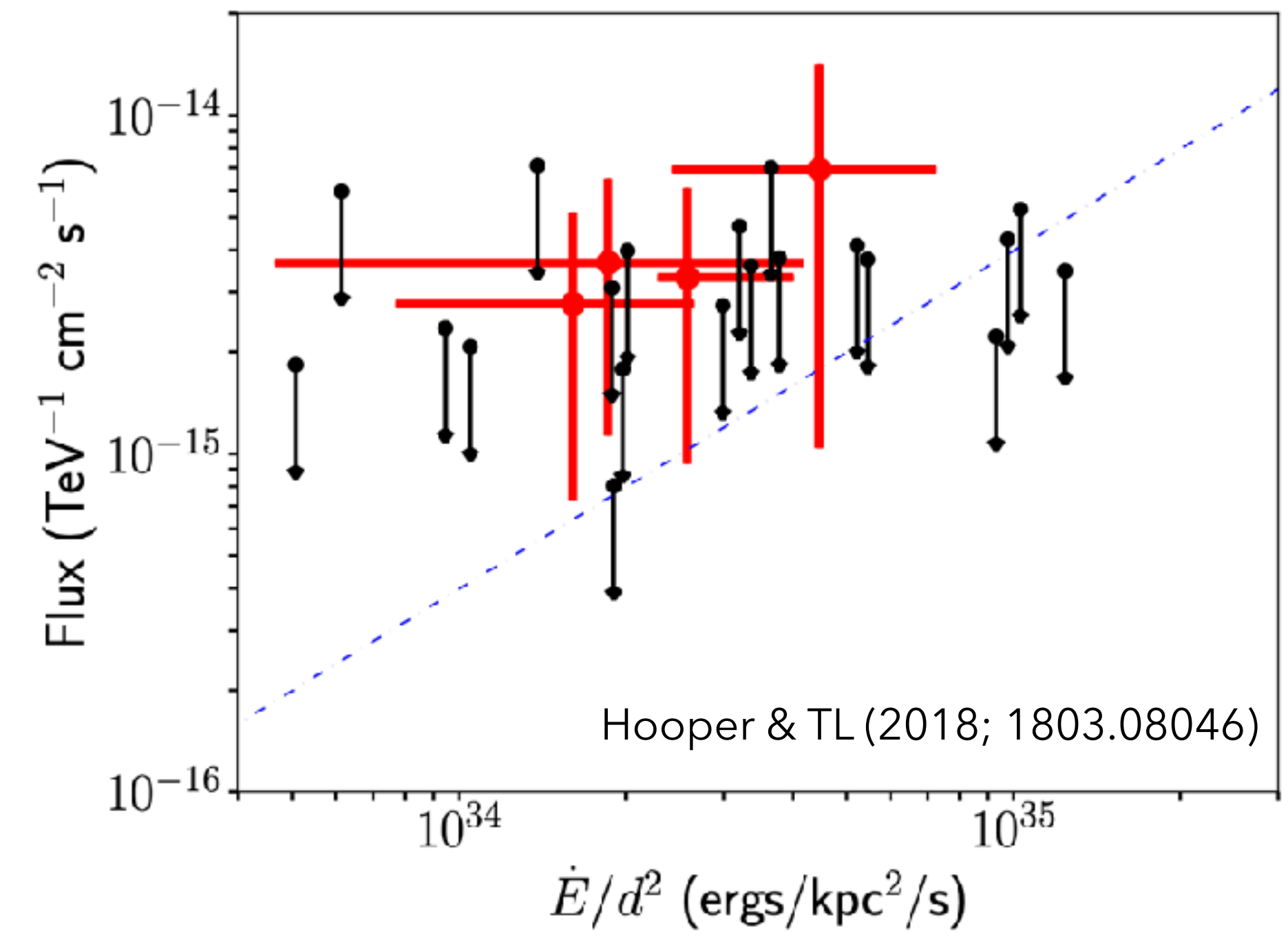
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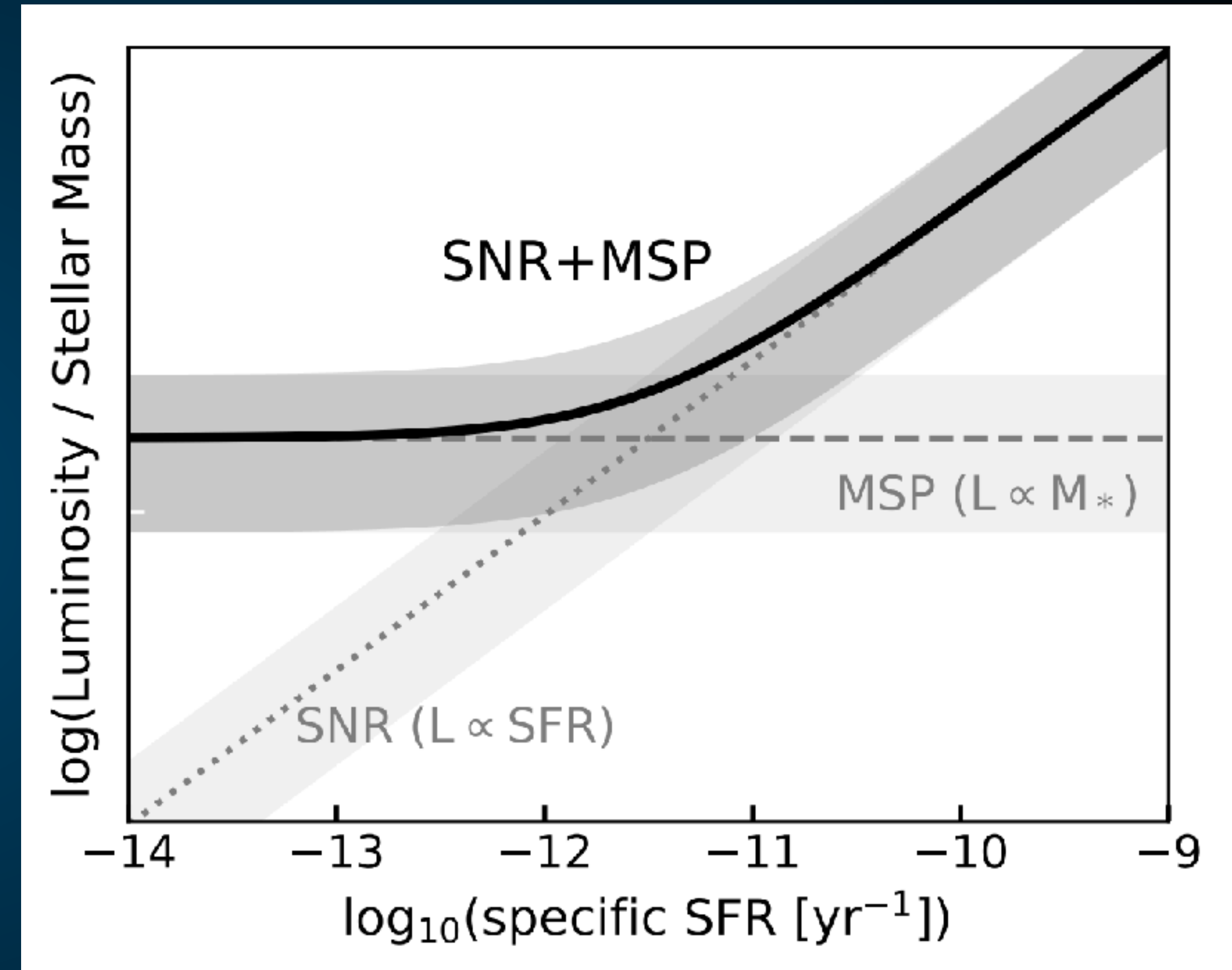
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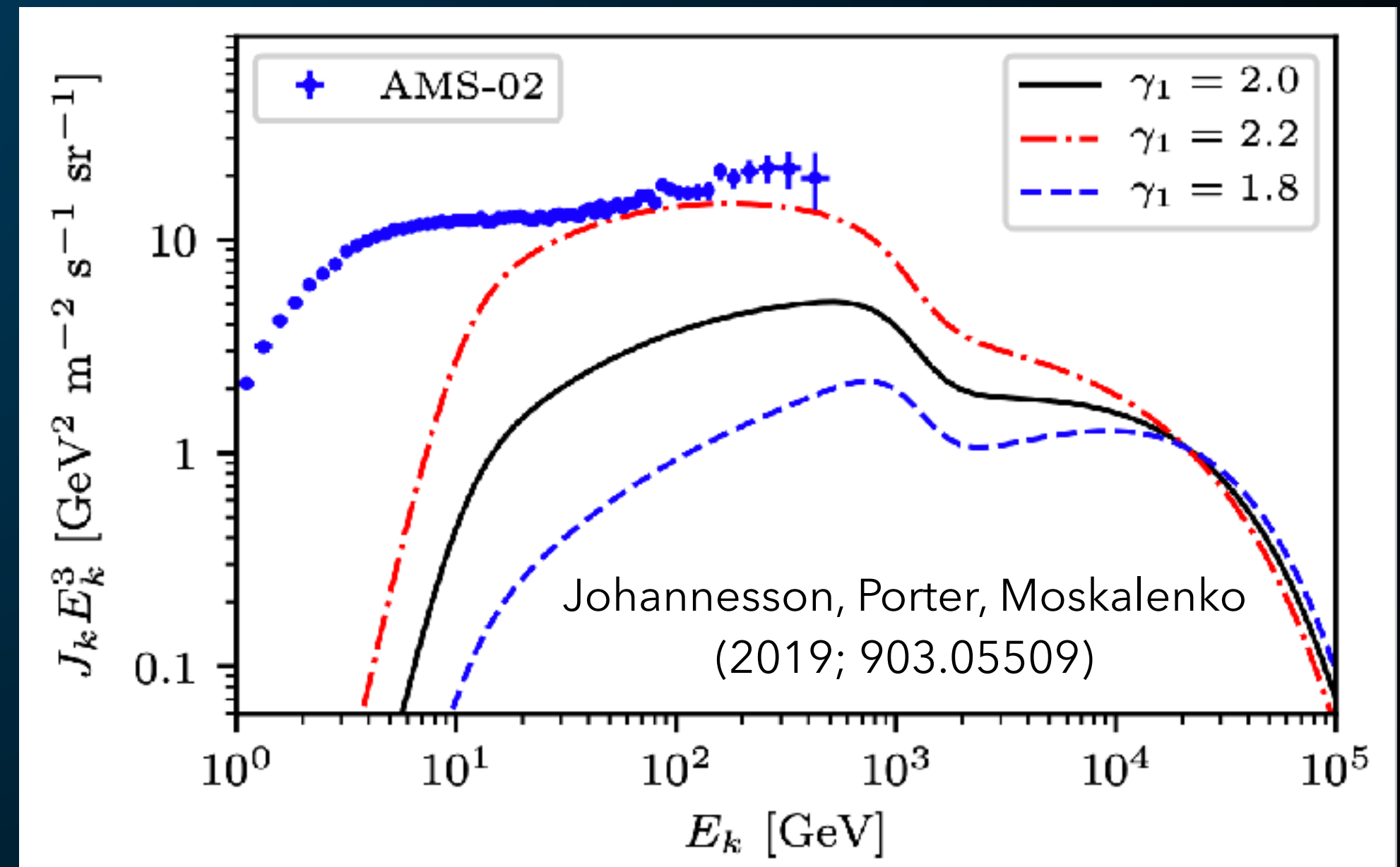
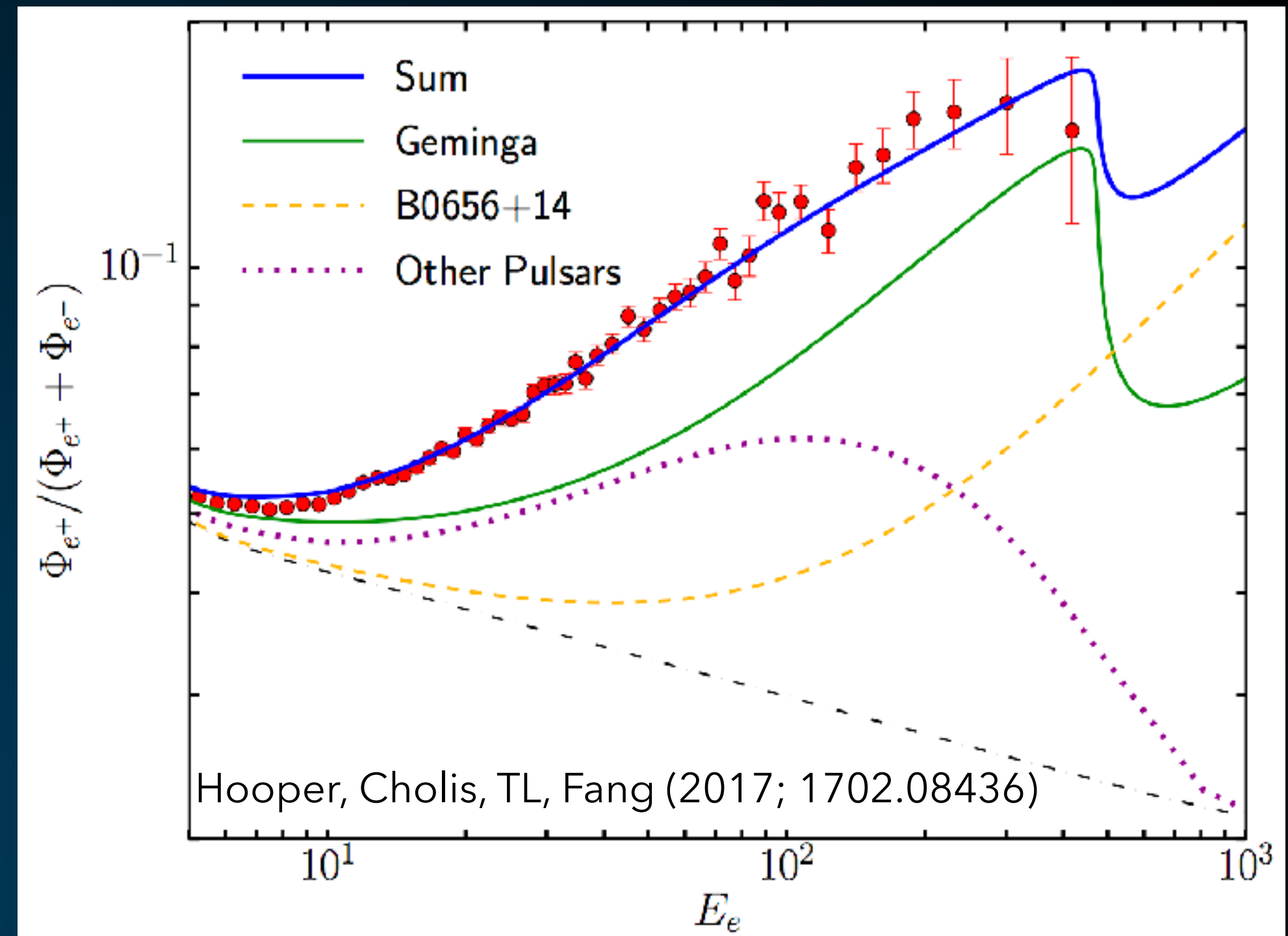
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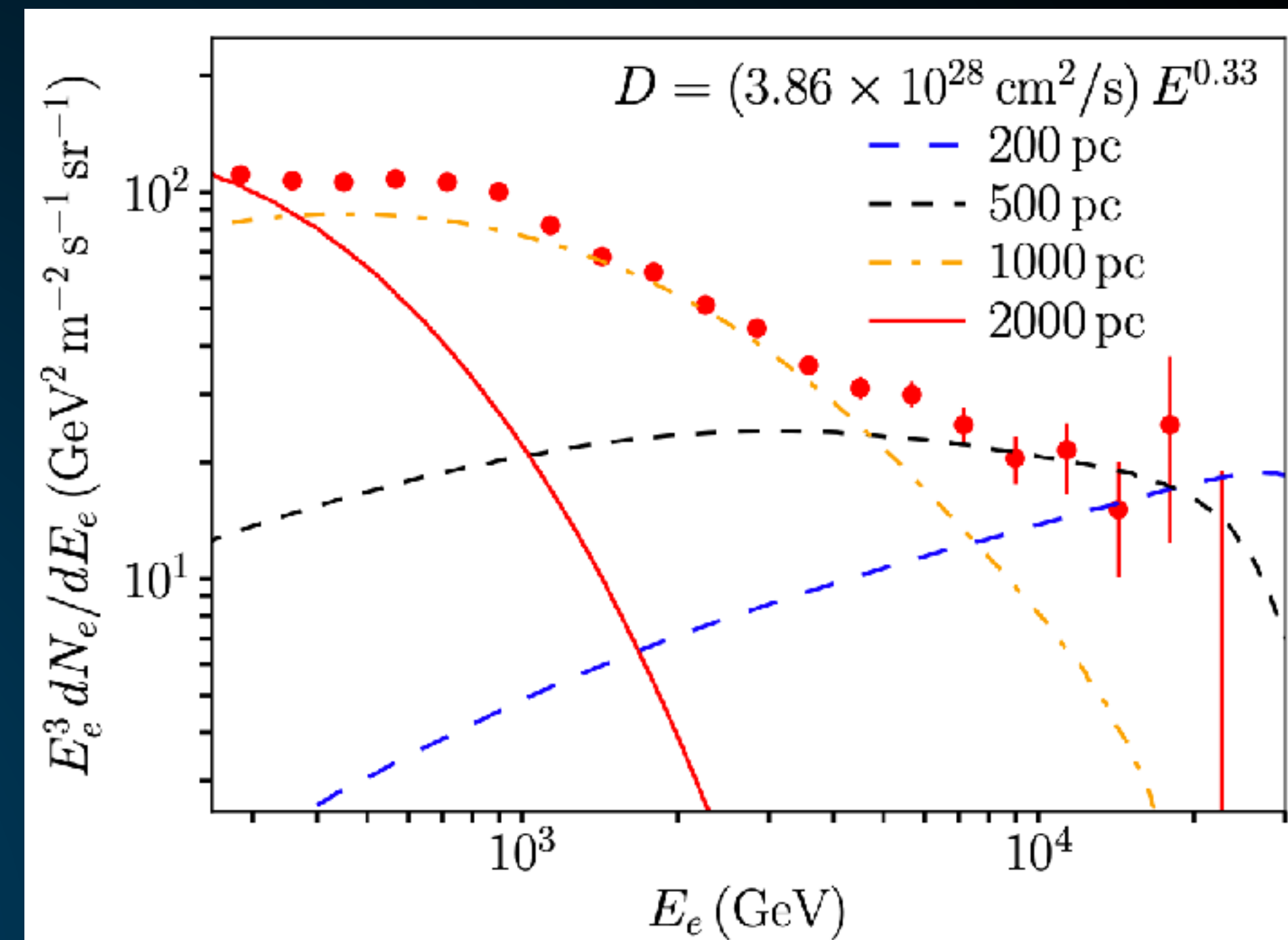
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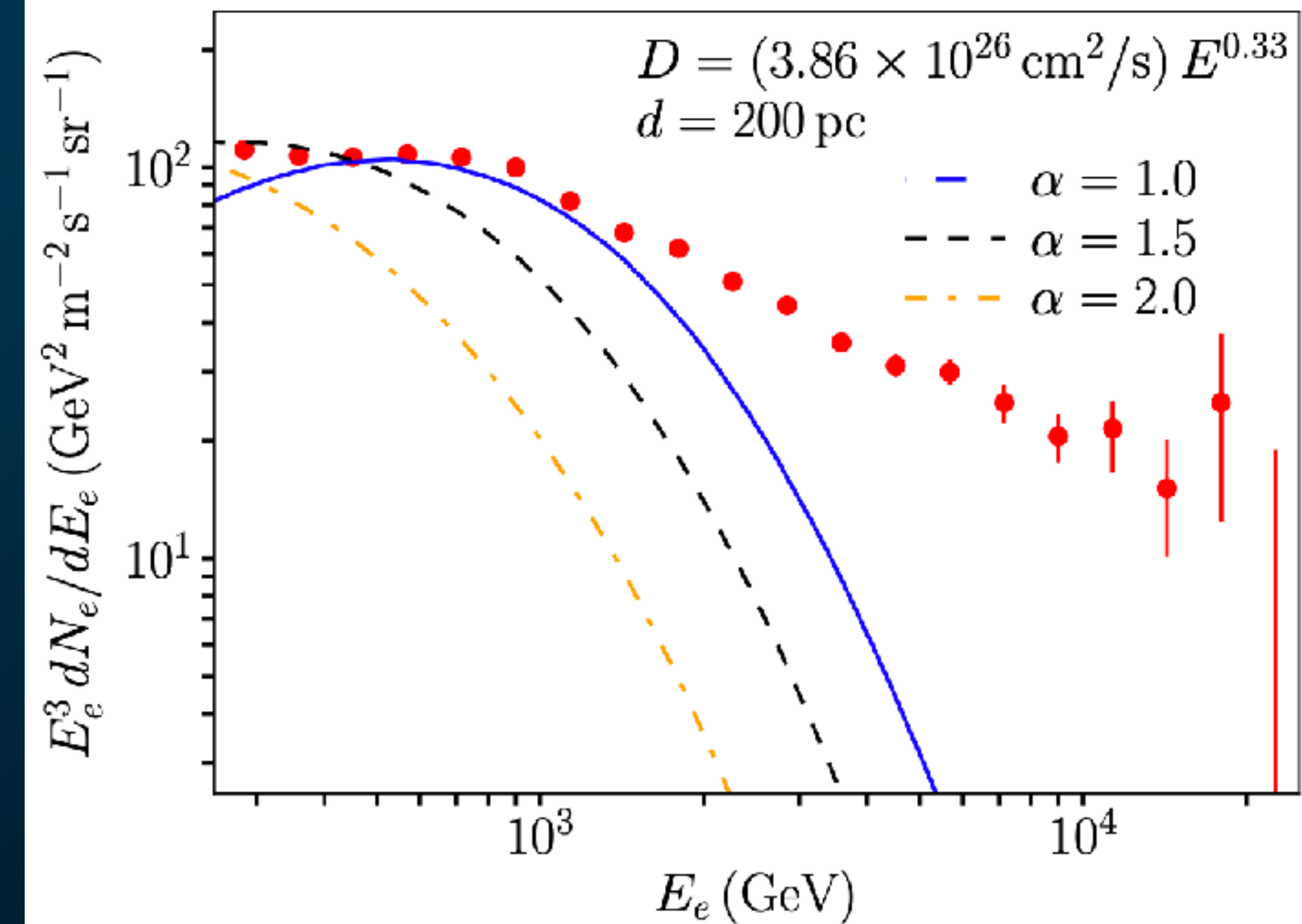
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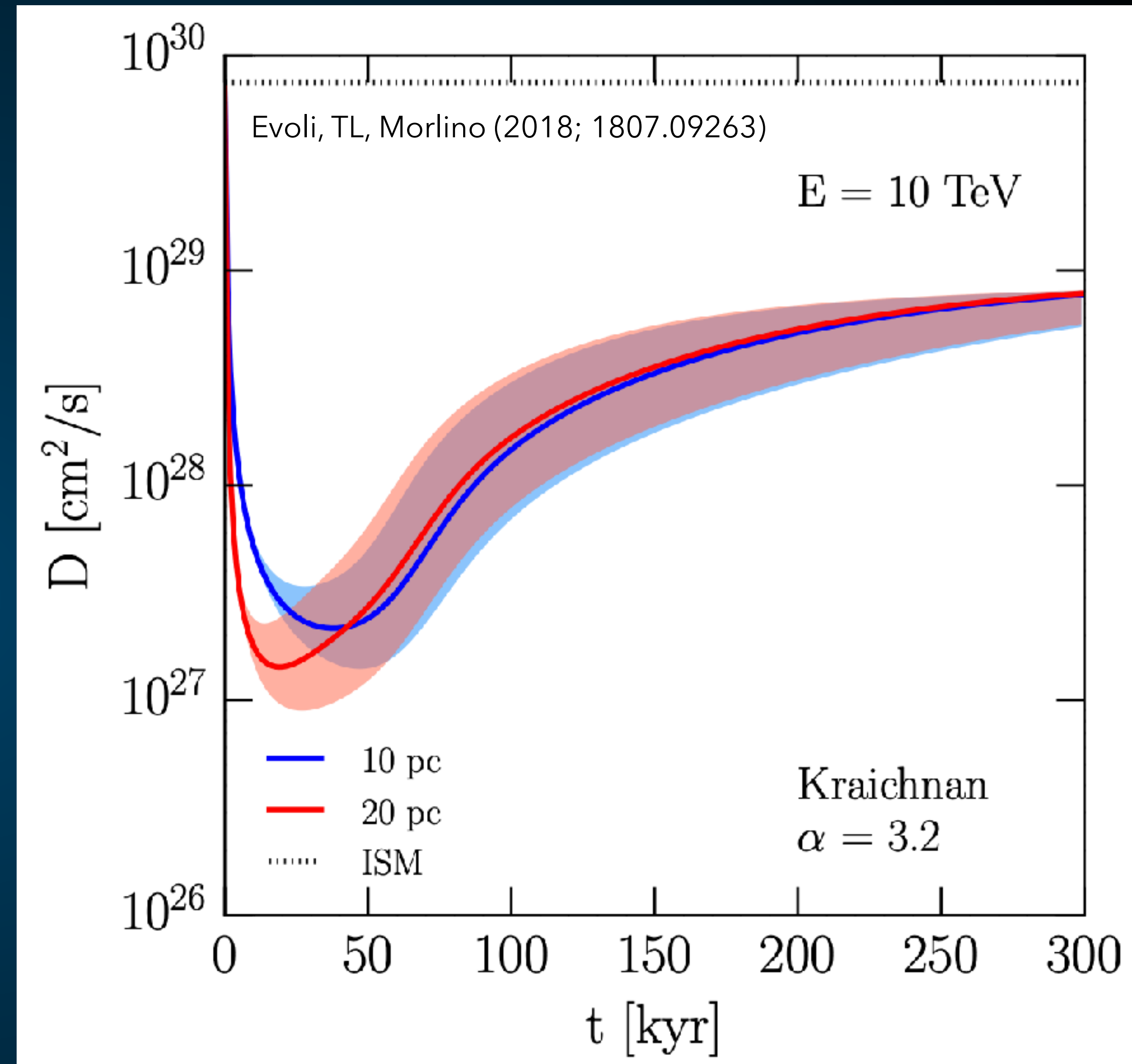
What does matter?

The electron acceleration efficiency as a function of time.

The location of the electron acceleration (PWN termination shock vs. pulsar magnetosphere).

The magnetic field strength in the region where electrons cool.

The physical propagation process (diffusion vs. convection).



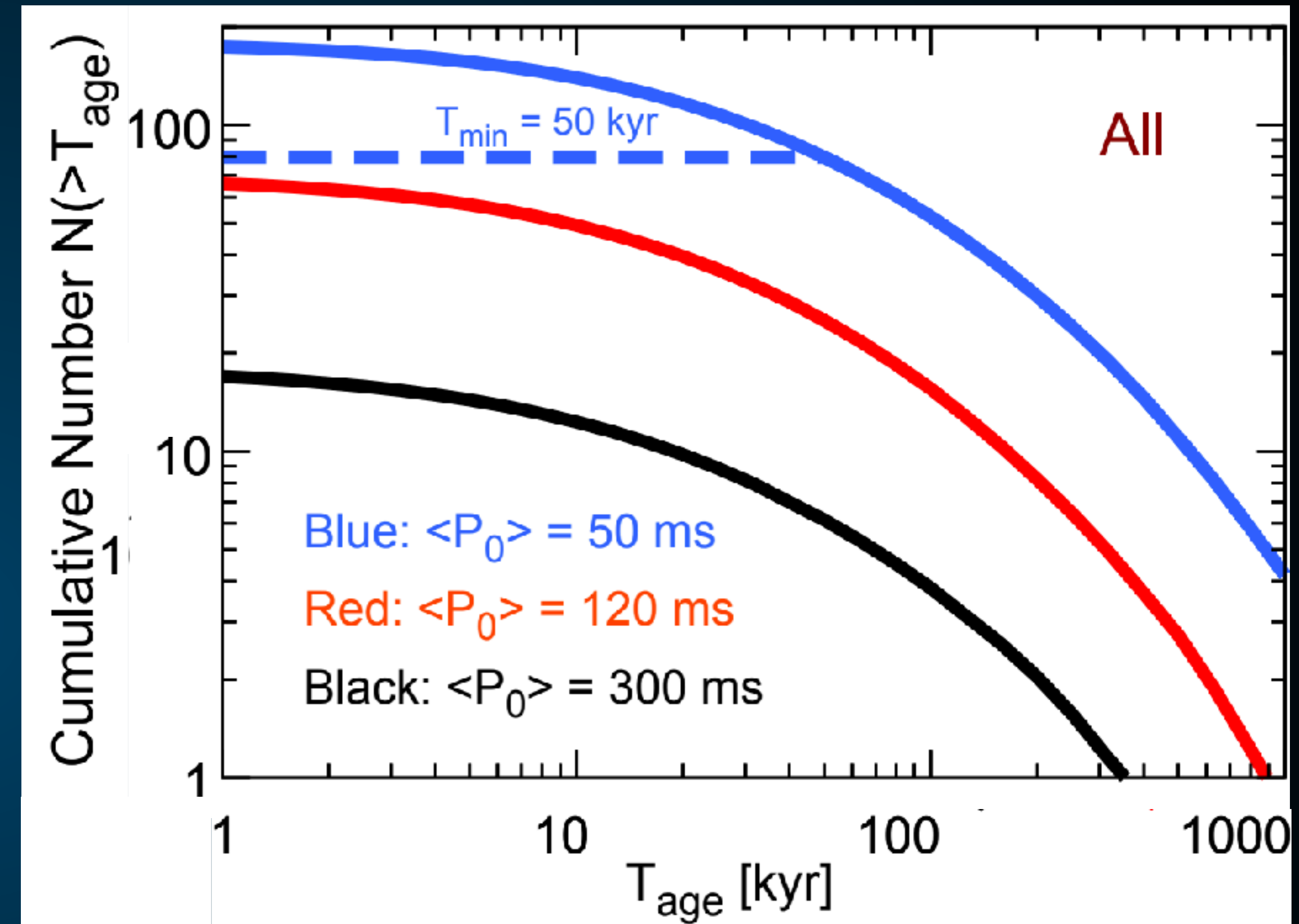
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Does particle propagation “return to normal” at the same location that our observations end? (Seems unlikely?)

Are pulsars efficient e^+e^- accelerators over their full lifetimes?

What fraction of young electrons are lost to PWN magnetic fields?



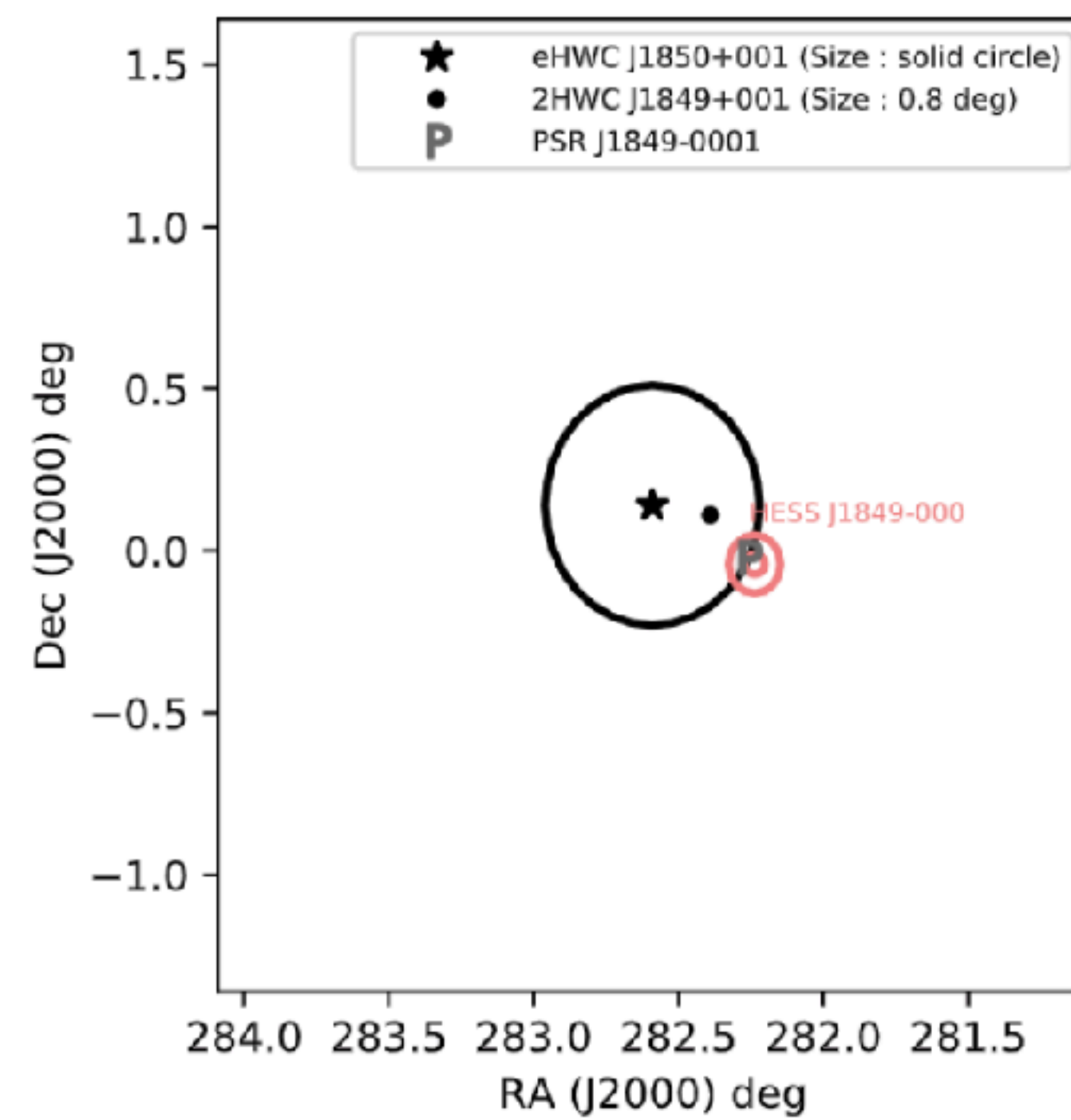
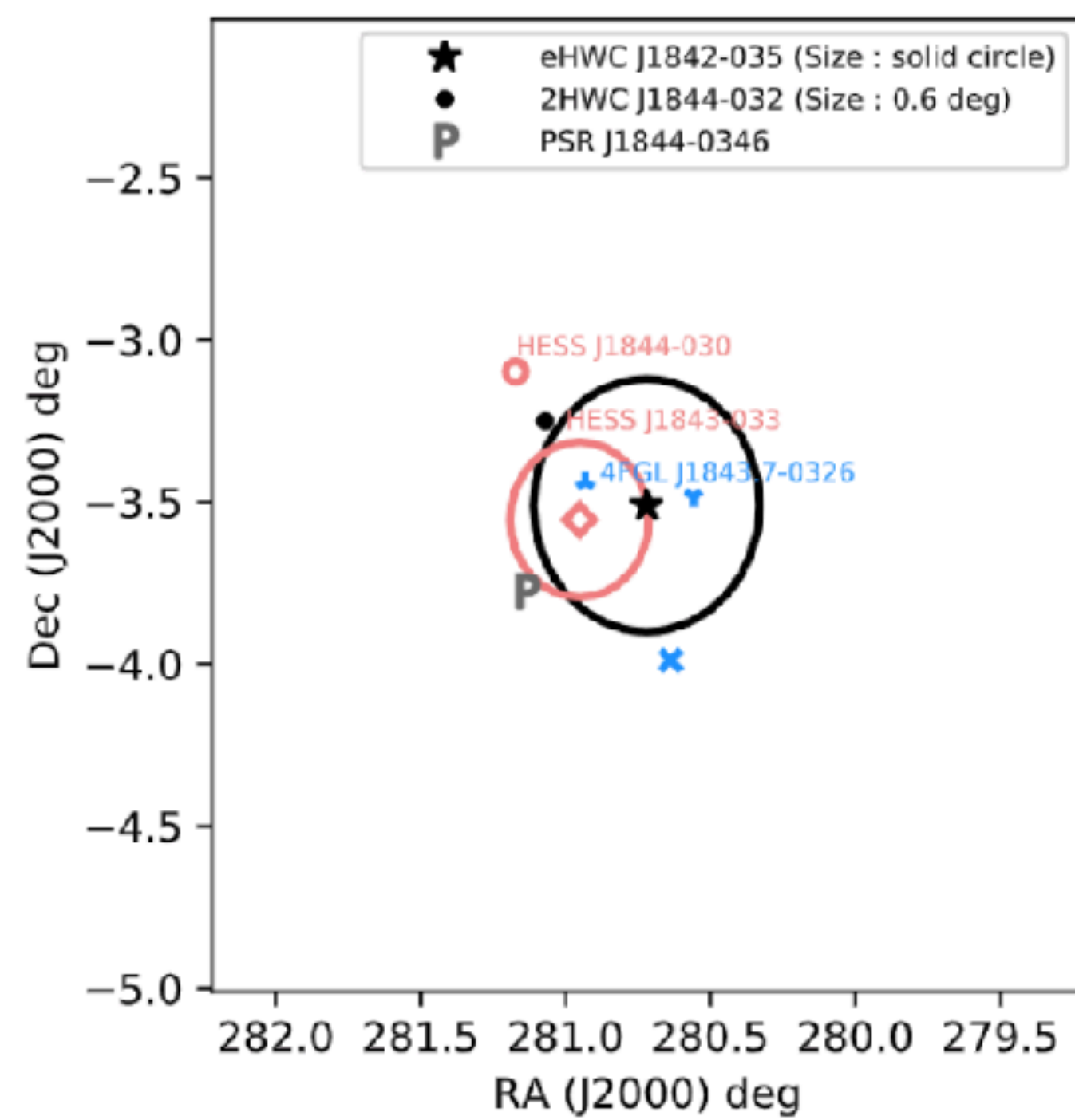
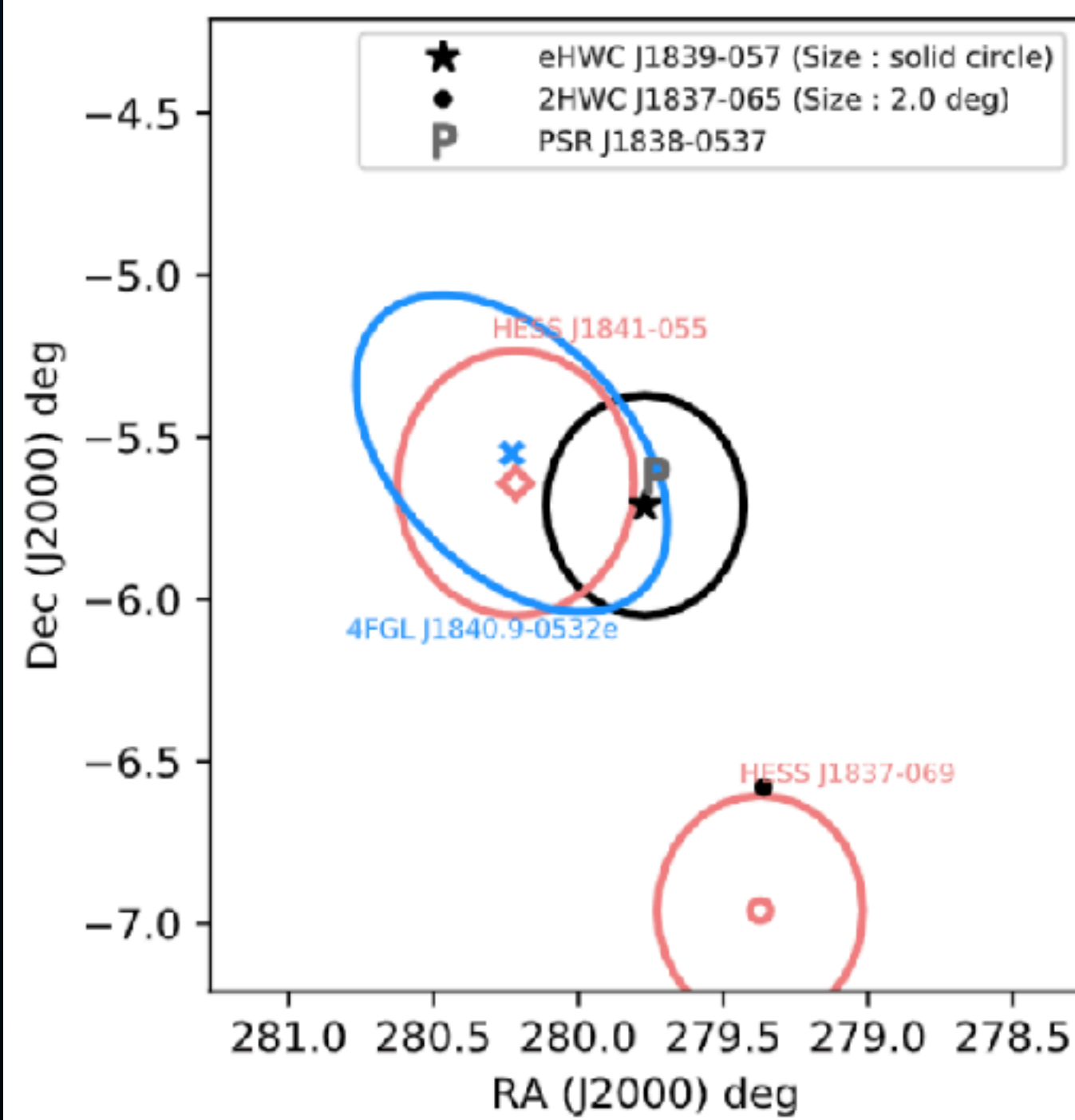
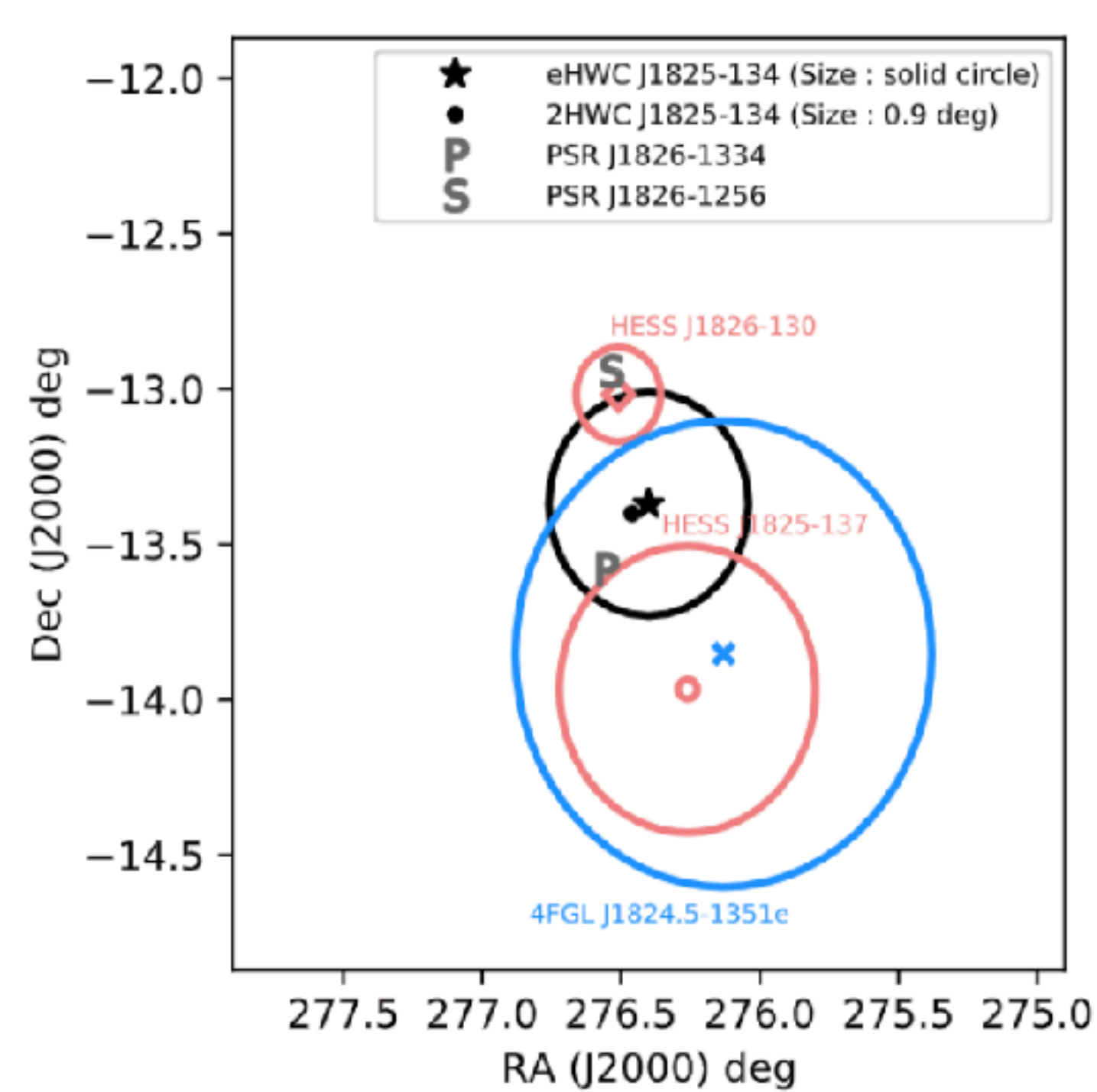
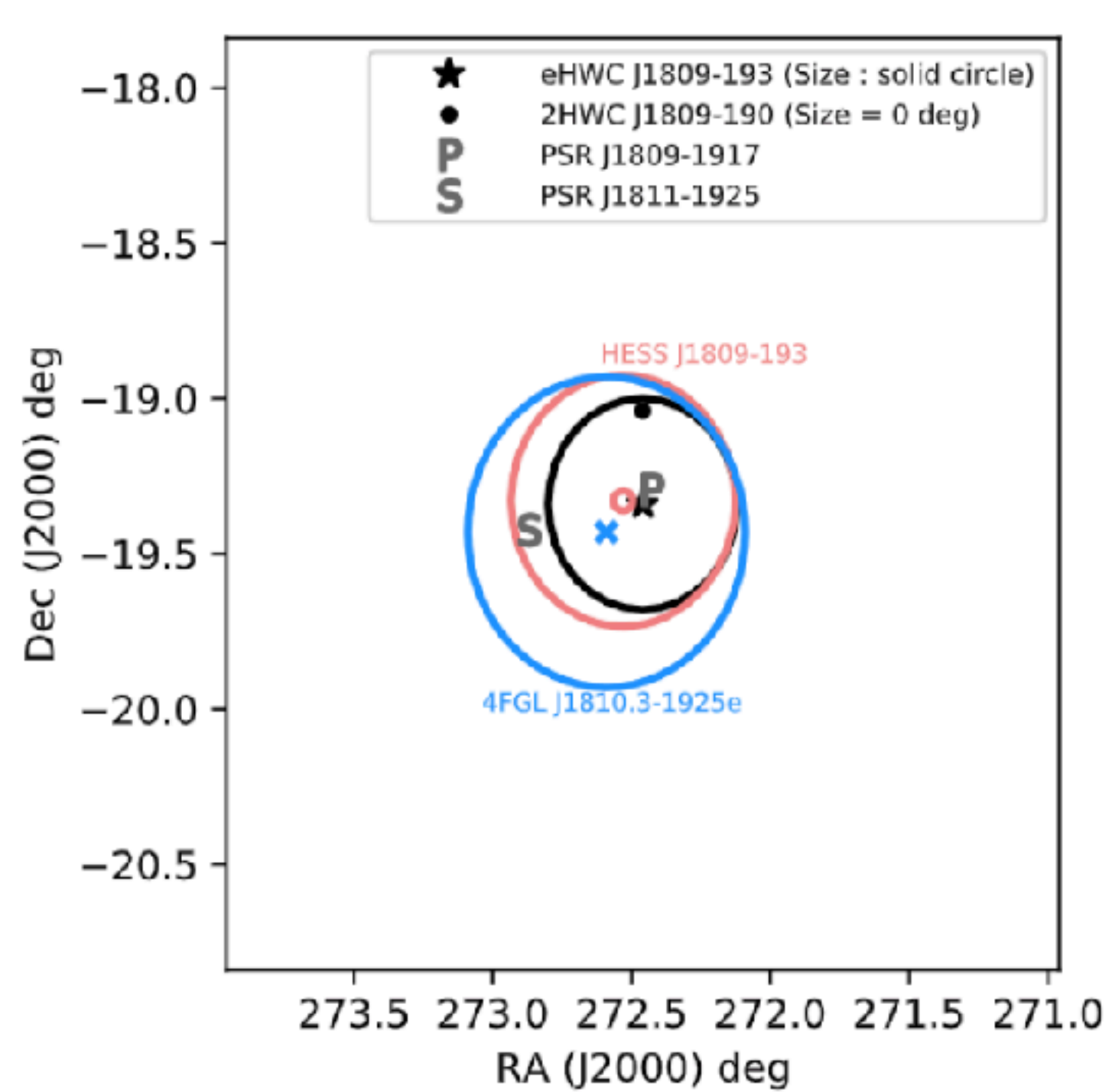
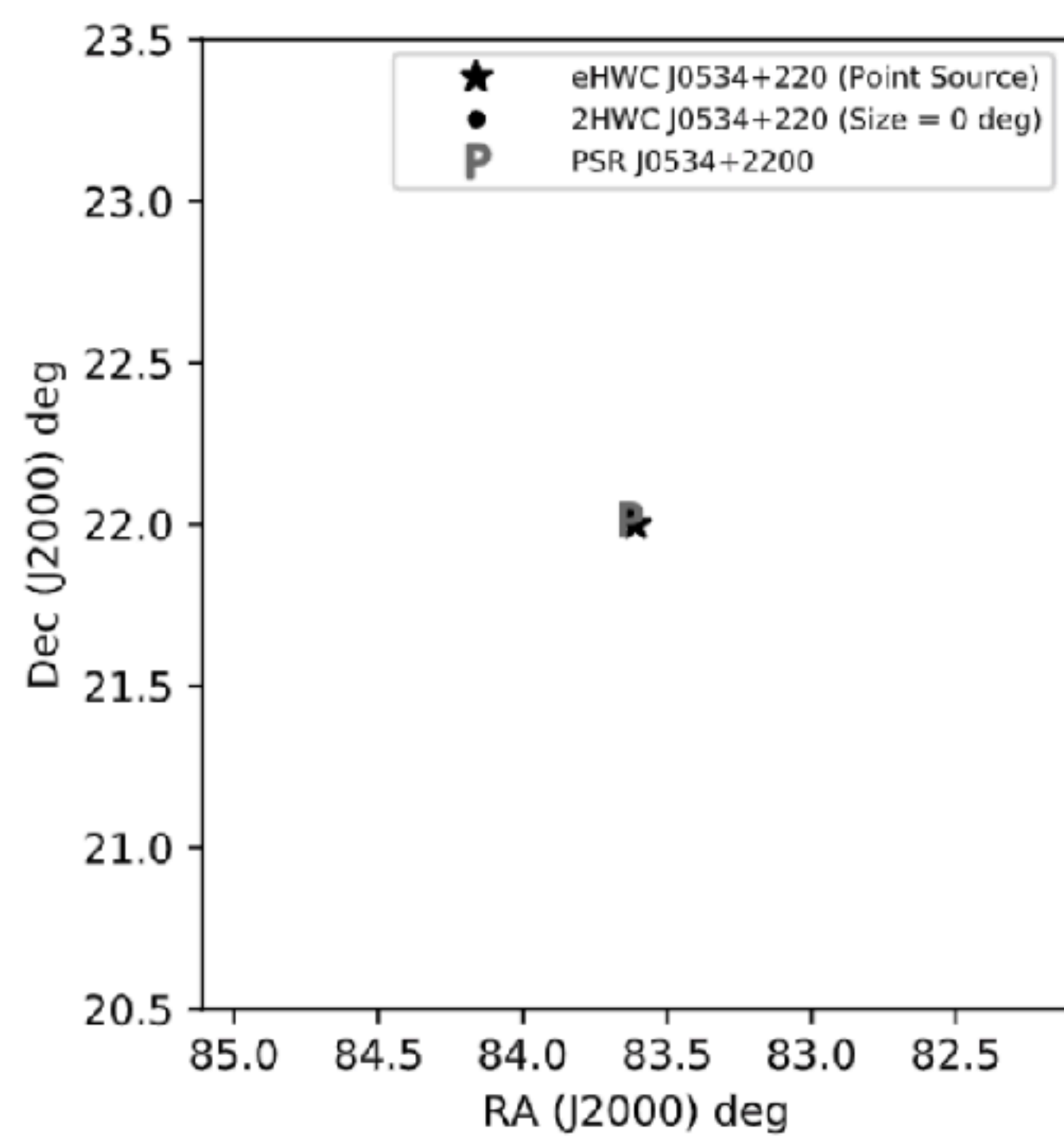
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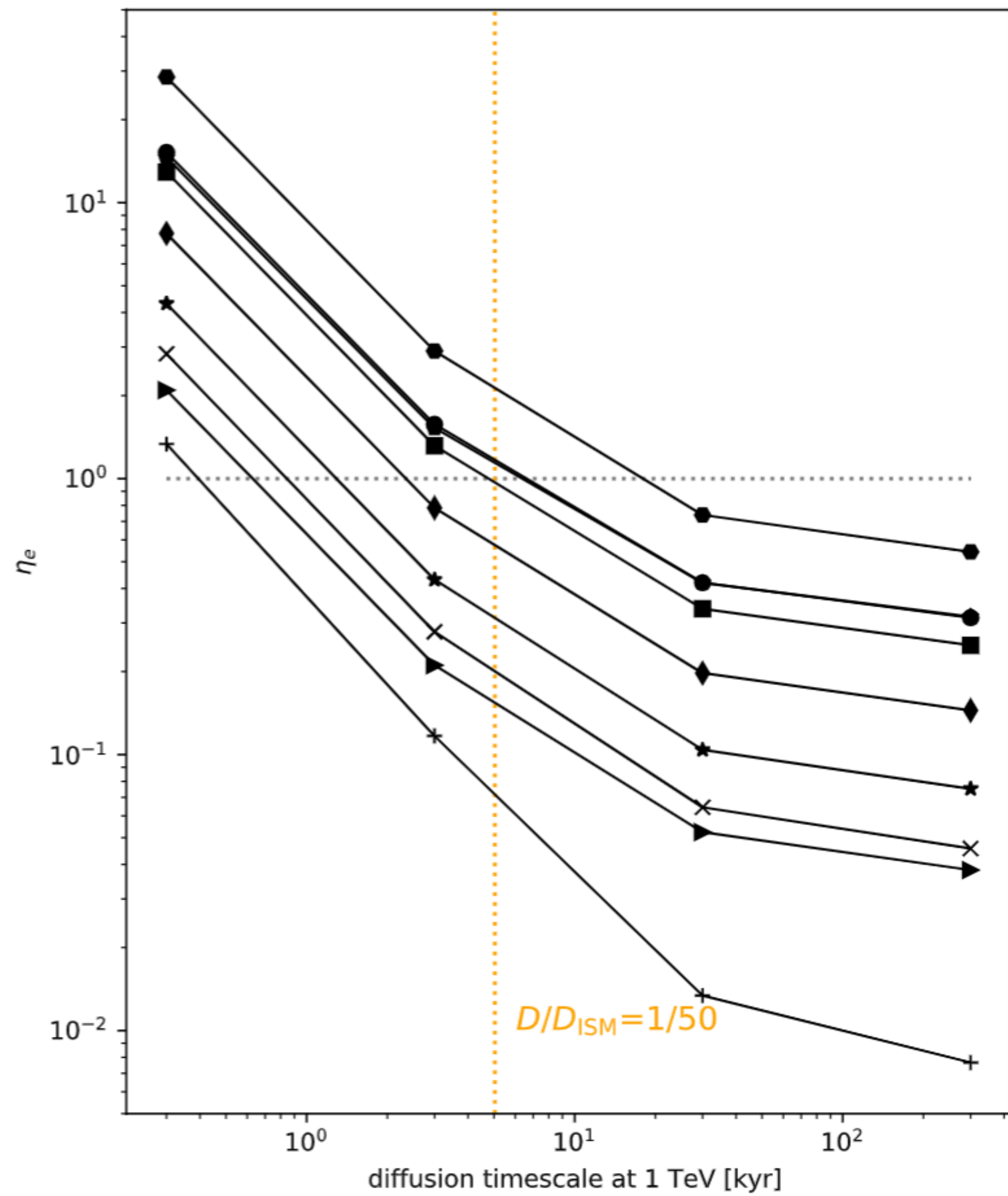
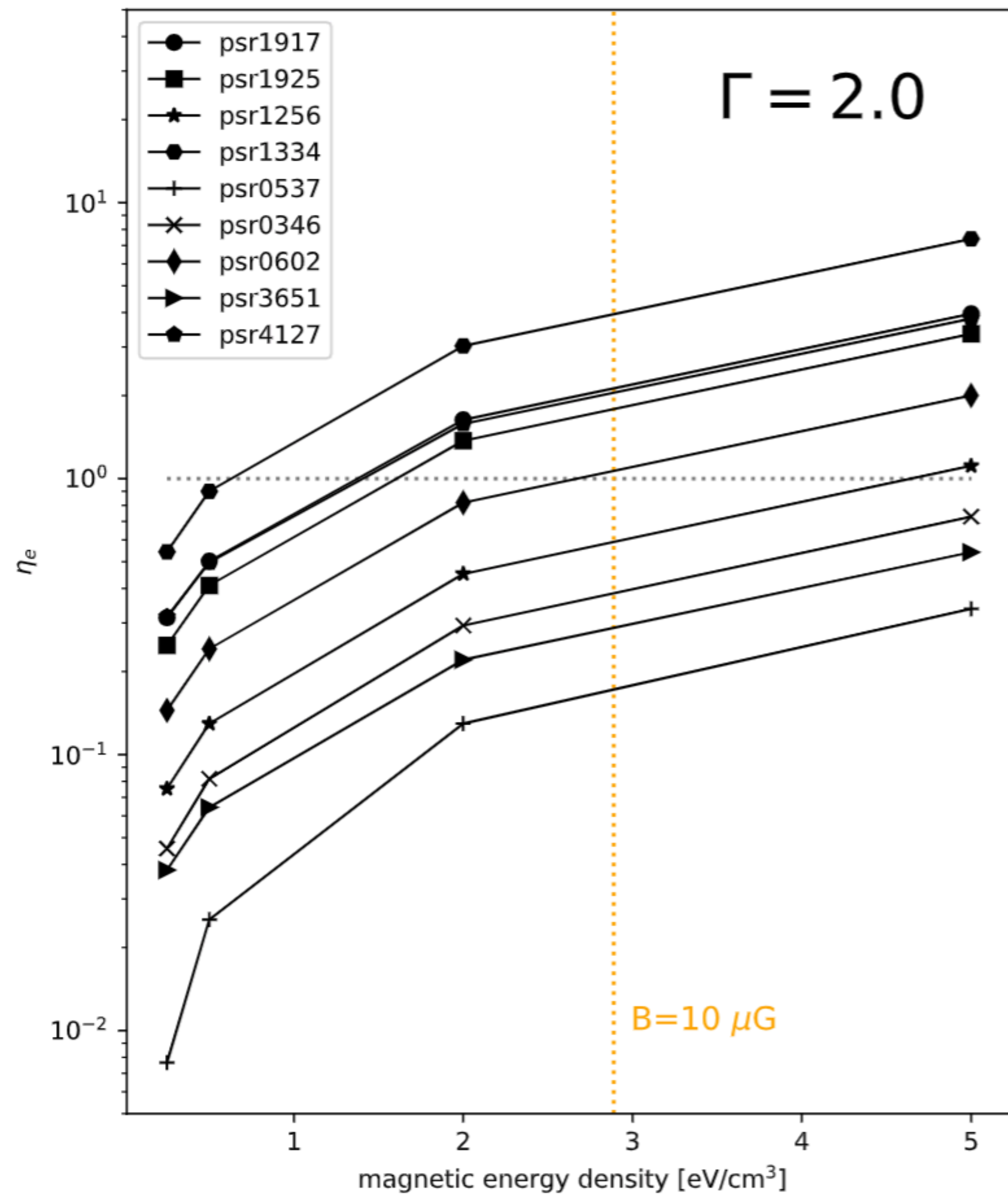
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HAWC Source	Pulsar Candidate	Distance (kpc)	\dot{E} (erg/s)	$\dot{E}/4\pi d^2$ (TeV/cm ² /s)	F_γ (TeV/cm ² /s)	P (s)	\dot{P} $\times 10^{14}$	$t_c \equiv P/2\dot{P}$ (kyr)	Radio
eHWC J0534+220	PSR J0534+2200	2.00	4.5×10^{38}	5.9×10^{-7}	1.8×10^{-10}	0.033	42.1	1.26	Yes
eHWC J1809-193	PSR J1809-1917	3.27	1.8×10^{36}	8.8×10^{-10}	8.5×10^{-11}	0.083	2.55	51.4	Yes
–	PSR J1811-1925	5.00	6.4×10^{36}	1.3×10^{-9}	–	0.065	4.40	23.3	No
eHWC J1825-134	PSR J1826-1334	3.61	2.8×10^{36}	1.1×10^{-9}	2.3×10^{-10}	0.110	7.53	21.4	Yes
–	PSR J1826-1256	1.55	3.6×10^{36}	7.8×10^{-9}	–	0.101	12.1	14.4	No
eHWC J1839-057	PSR J1838-0537	2.0	6.0×10^{36}	7.8×10^{-9}	4.1×10^{-10}	0.146	47.2	4.89	No
eHWC J1842-035	PSR J1844-0346	2.4	4.2×10^{36}	3.8×10^{-9}	7.6×10^{-11}	0.113	1.55	11.6	No
eHWC J1850+001	PSR J1849-0001	7.00	9.8×10^{36}	1.0×10^{-9}	4.5×10^{-11}	0.039	1.42	43.1	No
eHWC J1907+063	PSR J1907+0602	2.37	2.8×10^{36}	2.6×10^{-9}	4.6×10^{-11}	0.107	8.68	19.5	Yes
eHWC J2019+368	PSR J2021+3651	1.80	3.4×10^{36}	5.5×10^{-9}	2.7×10^{-11}	0.104	9.57	17.2	Yes
eHWC J2030+412	PSR J2032+4127	1.33	1.5×10^{35}	4.4×10^{-10}	5.1×10^{-11}	0.143	1.13	201	Yes

Eight of the nine highest-energy HAWC sources are coincident with known pulsars.

The highest luminosities seem to be provided by systems with ages < 50 kyr.





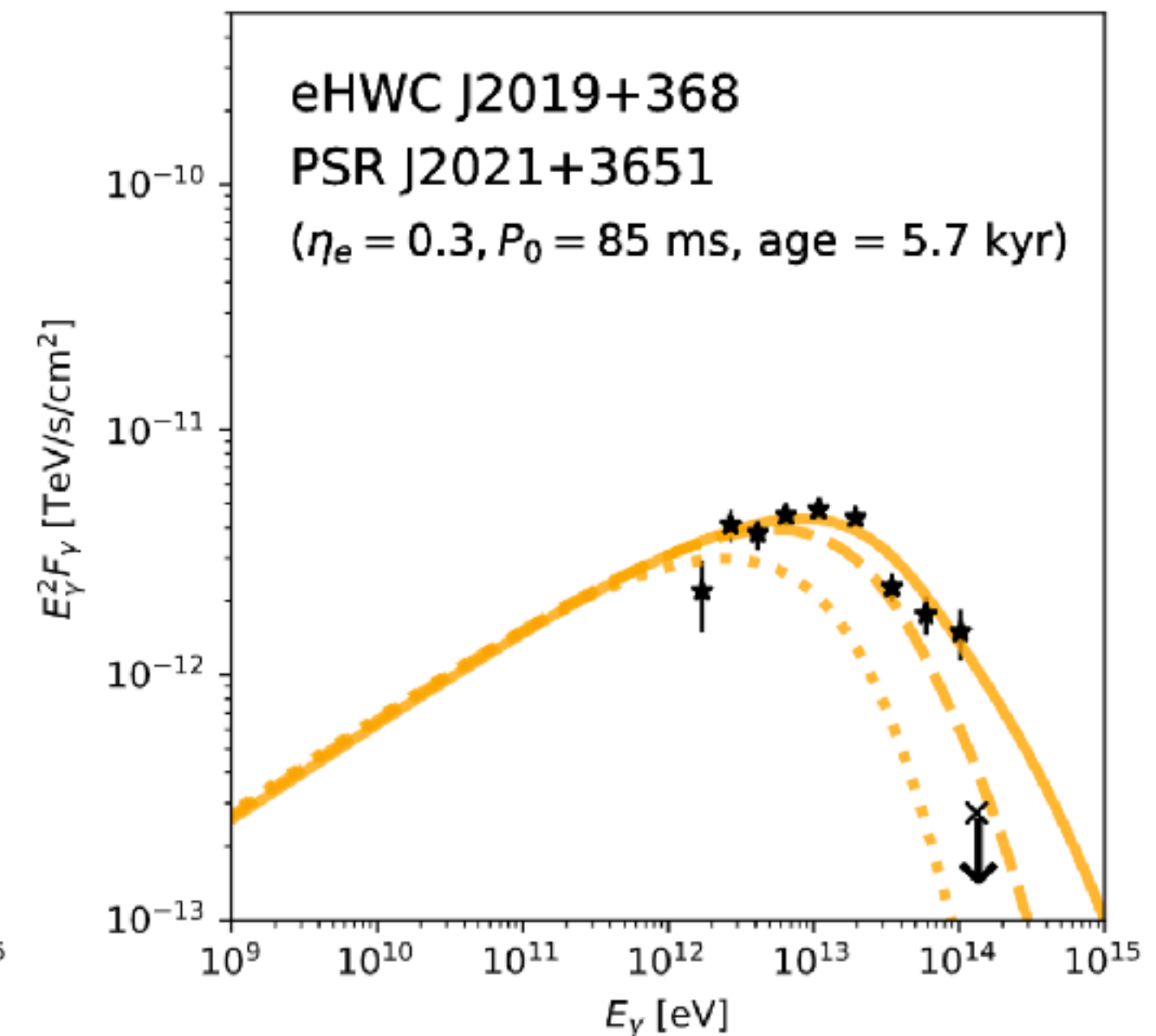
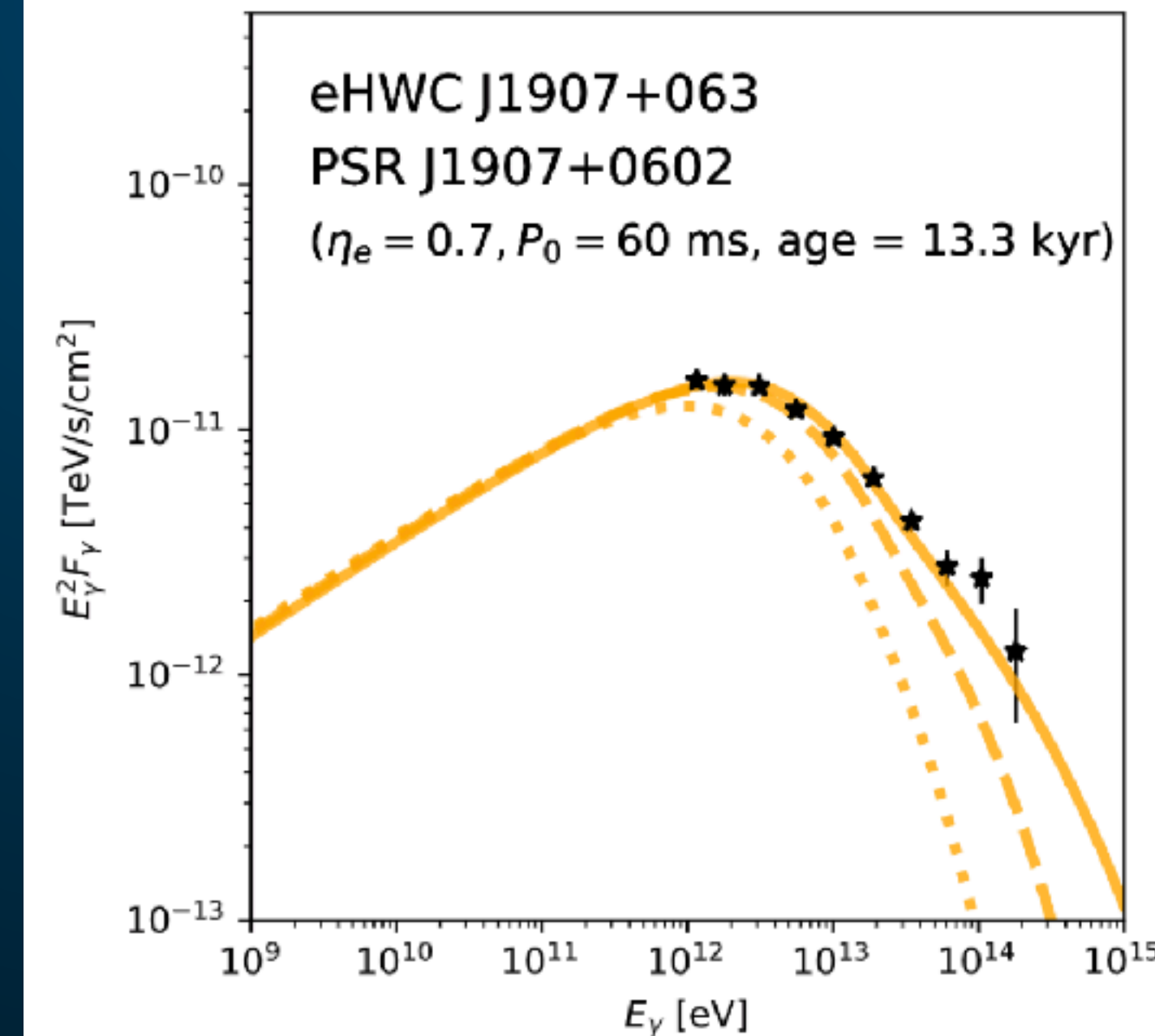
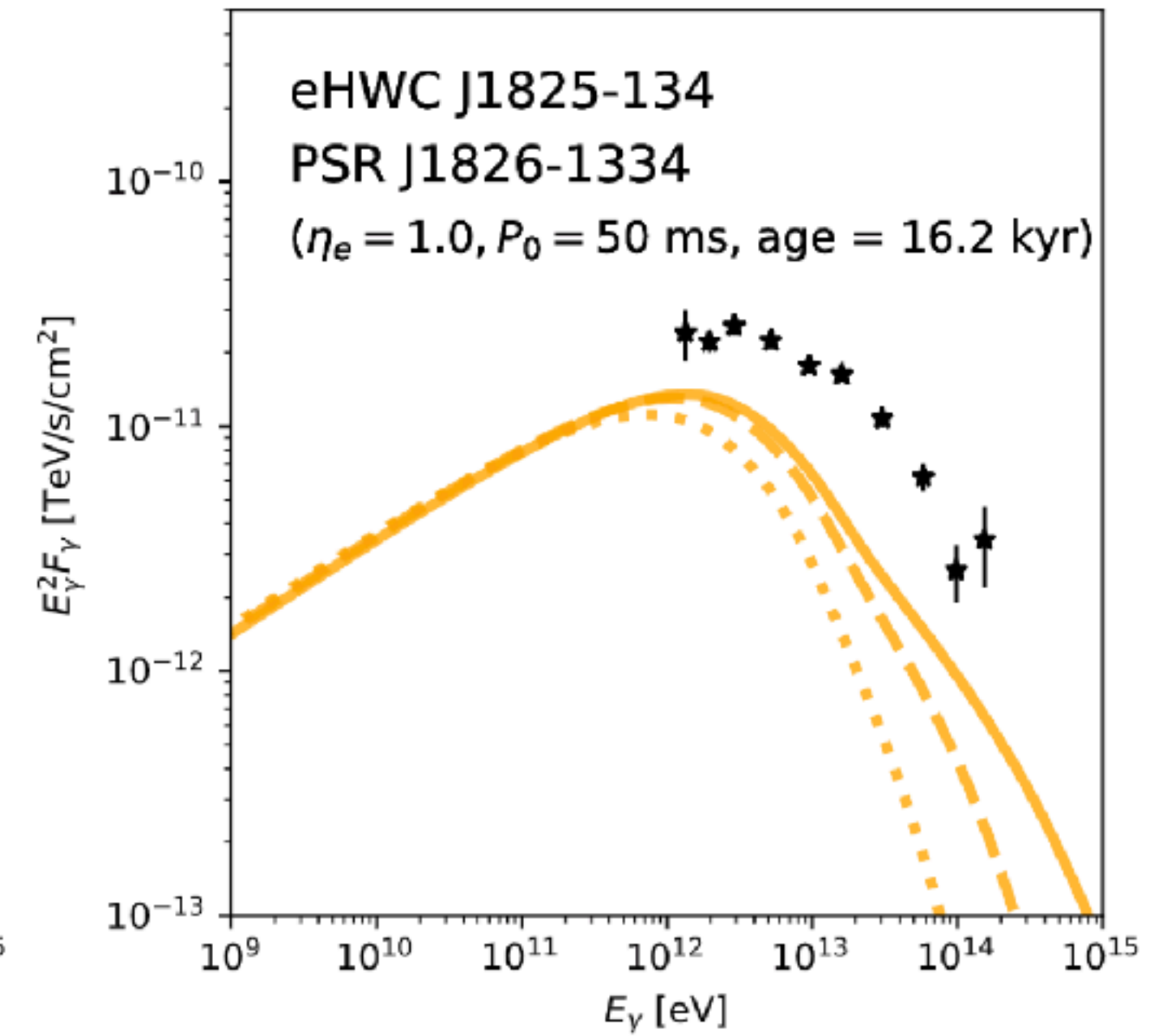
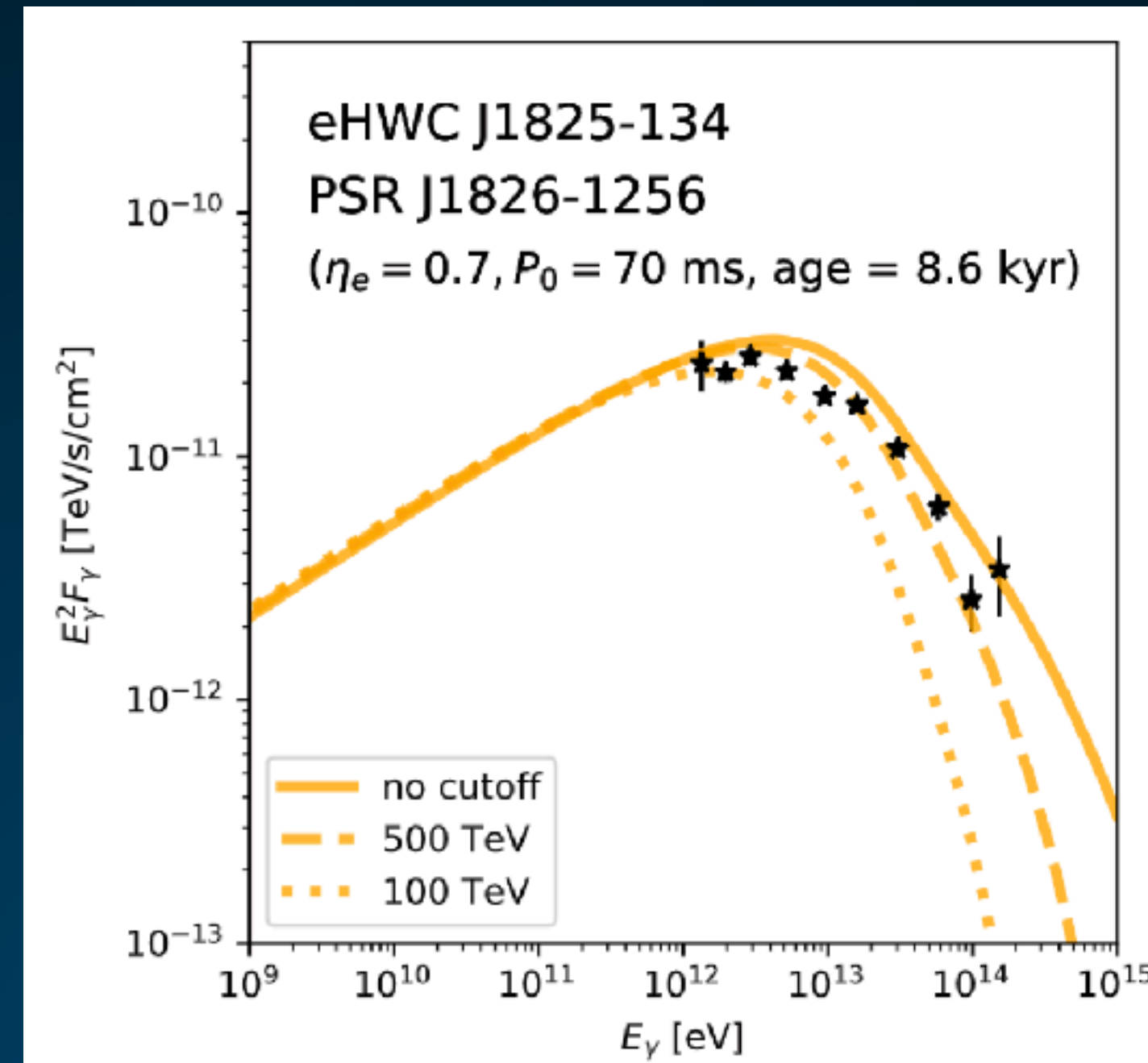
Pulsars Fit!

Can also fit the TeV gamma-ray emission spectrum with pulsars.

Pulsar fits are more constrained

- 1.) Spectral cut from Klein-Nishina
- 2.) Spindown power sets luminosity

While hadronic emission can fit the data, the spectral cuts must be added by hand.



Hidden Pulsars

At present - we are focusing on whether individual systems (with known pulsars) are TeV halos, PWNs, or SNRs

However, we already know that many of these sources must exist without known pulsars.

Models where the majority of HAWC sources are not TeV halos are inconsistent with data.

On the evolution of pulsar beams

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$$f = \left[1.1 \left(\log_{10} \left(\frac{\tau}{100 \text{ Myr}} \right) \right)^2 + 15 \right] \% \quad (5)$$

For middle-aged pulsars (100-400 kyr) this corresponds to beaming fractions between 21–25%. We note that these re-

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ABSTRACT

We have analysed polarization data for a large number of isolated pulsars to investigate the evolution of pulsar radio beams. Assuming that a circular beam is directed along the axis of a dipolar magnetic field, we demonstrate that the distribution of magnetic inclination angles for the parent population of all pulsars is not flat but highly concentrated towards small inclination angles and that, consequently, the average beaming fraction is only ~ 10 per cent. Furthermore, we find that there is a tendency for the beam axis to align with the rotational axis on a time-scale of $\sim 10^7$ yr. This has interesting consequences for statistical studies of the pulsar population. Finally, the luminosity of pulsars is shown to be independent of the impact parameter, which indicates that pulsar beams are sharp-edged and have a relatively flat integrated intensity distribution.

Key words: methods: statistical – stars: neutron – pulsars: general.

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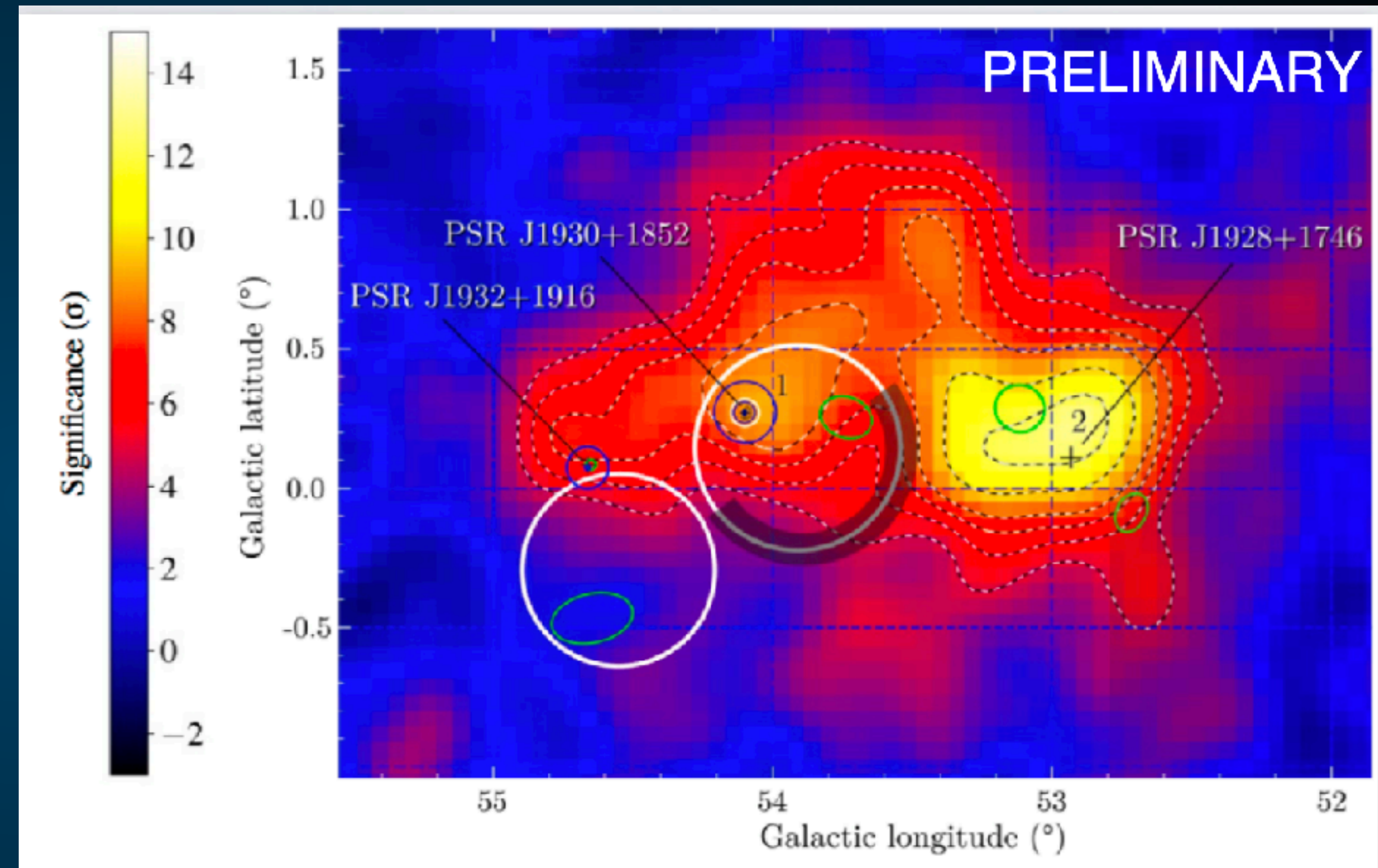
How do we deal with this in the case of individual systems?

Angular Resolution will be key:

HESS/VERITAS/CTA

Correlation with Gas Density

Synchrotron Polarization



Plot from Kelly Malone's talk (yesterday)

What are the key questions to answer for individual systems?

Want to know leptonic/hadronic acceleration and escape

Neutrino production?



Conclusions

The state of TeV halo studies has progressed rapidly since 2017

More than a half dozen systems

Starting to understand the variety of the source class

Science Results have already been spectacular

Pulsars are essentially verified as the source of the positron excess

First evidence of inhomogeneous diffusion outside of “standard sources”

Future is extremely promising.