

Understanding the high-energy emission of pulsars

with synchro-curvature radiation models

SYNCHRO-CURVATURE MODEL

We consider synchro-curvature radiation¹ as the mechanism in action in pulsars' magnetospheres producing the **high-energy emission** of these objects.

Our **effective radiative model** in a nutshell:

- **Dynamics** of an ensemble of charged particles in **peculiar regions** of the magnetosphere:

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = ZeE_{\parallel}\hat{b} - (P_{sc}/v)\vec{p}$$

- **Effective parametrization** of the acceleration region:

$$B = B_* \left(\frac{R_*}{x}\right)^b \quad r_c = R_{lc} \left(\frac{x}{R_{lc}}\right)^\eta$$

- Single-particle **power spectra**. Introduced in [1] and reformulated in [2]:

$$\frac{dP_{sc}}{dE} = \frac{\sqrt{3}(Ze)^2\Gamma y}{4\pi\hbar r_{eff}} [(1+z)F(y) - (1-z)K_{2/3}(y)]$$

- Complexity of the real scenario contained in an **effective particle distribution**:

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = N_0 \frac{e^{-(x-x_{min})/x_0}}{x_0(1 - e^{-(x_{max}-x_{min})/x_0})}$$

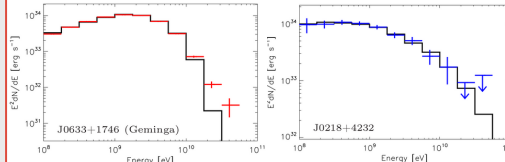
Total spectrum:
$$\frac{dP_{tot}}{dE} = \int_{x_{in}}^{x_{out}} \frac{dP_{sc}}{dE} \frac{dN}{dx} dx$$

Ultimately defined by three free model parameters ($E_{||}$, x_0 , b) and a normalization N_0 .

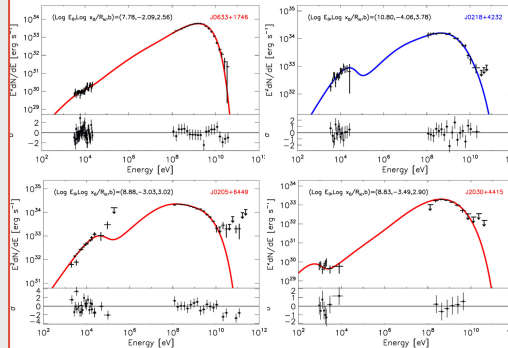
SPECTRAL FITTING

The **effective approach** considered allows to systematically **fit the Spectral Energy Distribution** of those populations of pulsars emitting high-energy radiation.

The entire γ -ray pulsar population is **successfully fitted** by our model [3]:



The model is able to **reproduce X-ray data** too [4]. A majority of high-energy pulsars² are well fitted by our model [5]:

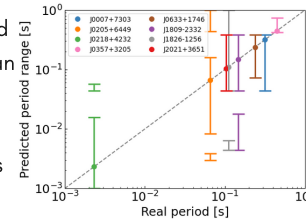


² High-energy pulsars are γ -ray pulsars which have been detected to emit non-thermal X-ray radiation. This population consist on about 40 objects.

SPIN PERIOD INFERENCE

Can we **infer the period** of a pulsar from its **Spectral Energy Distribution**?

We have developed a method which can **define a range of plausible periods** only from a pulsar's SED [6].



This methodology can **improve the blind searches** on Fermi **pulsar candidates** possessing X-ray counterparts.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Continue the study of γ -ray pulsars' light-curves started in [7].
- Relax some current assumptions of the model, in order to make it more realistic.

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¹ Synchro-curvature radiation is a mixture of synchrotron and curvature radiations, reducing to each one in specific conditions.