



# **Gamma-rays and positrons from colliding wind binaries**

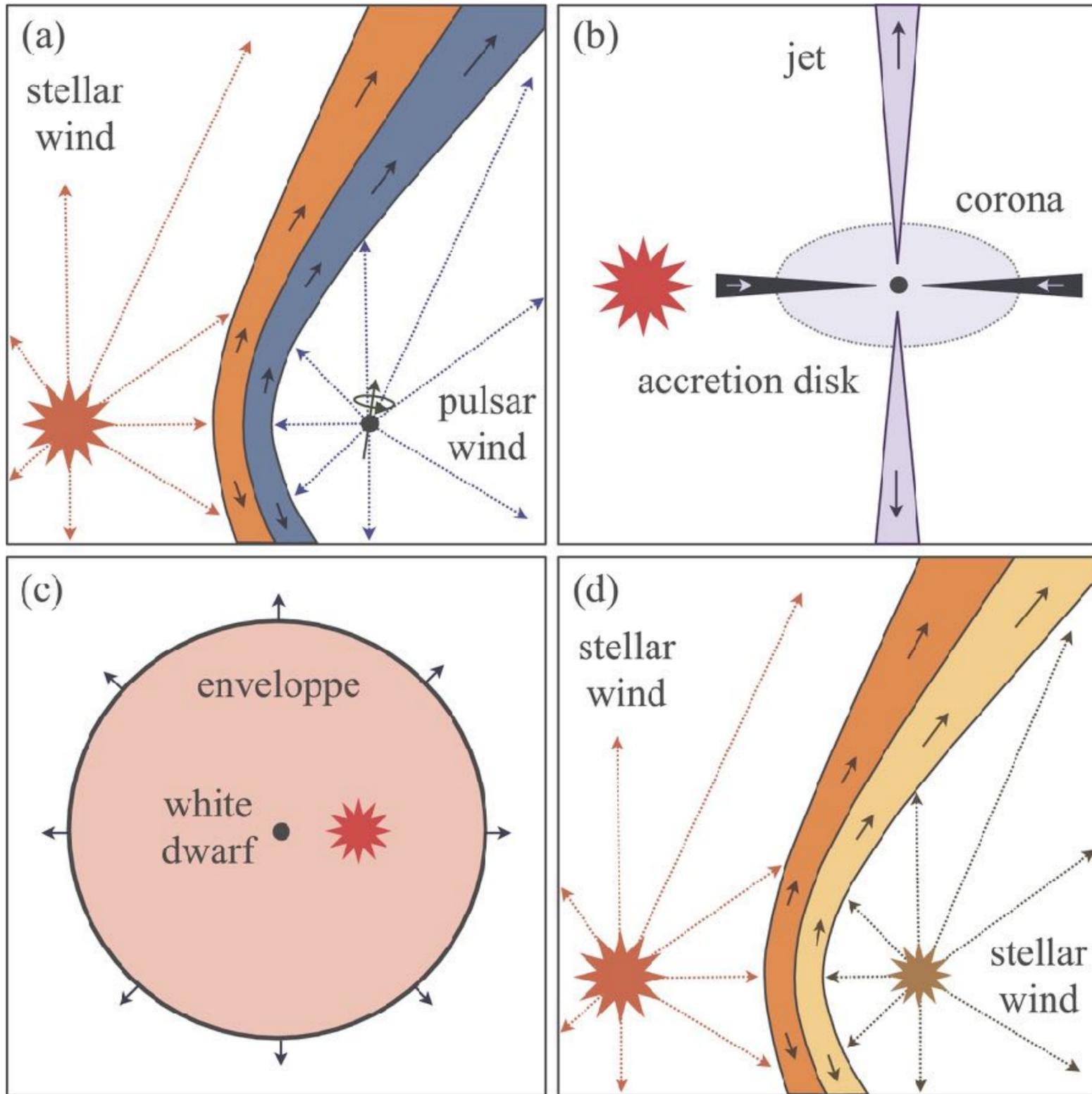
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# $\gamma$ -ray binaries



## Types of $\gamma$ -ray binaries:

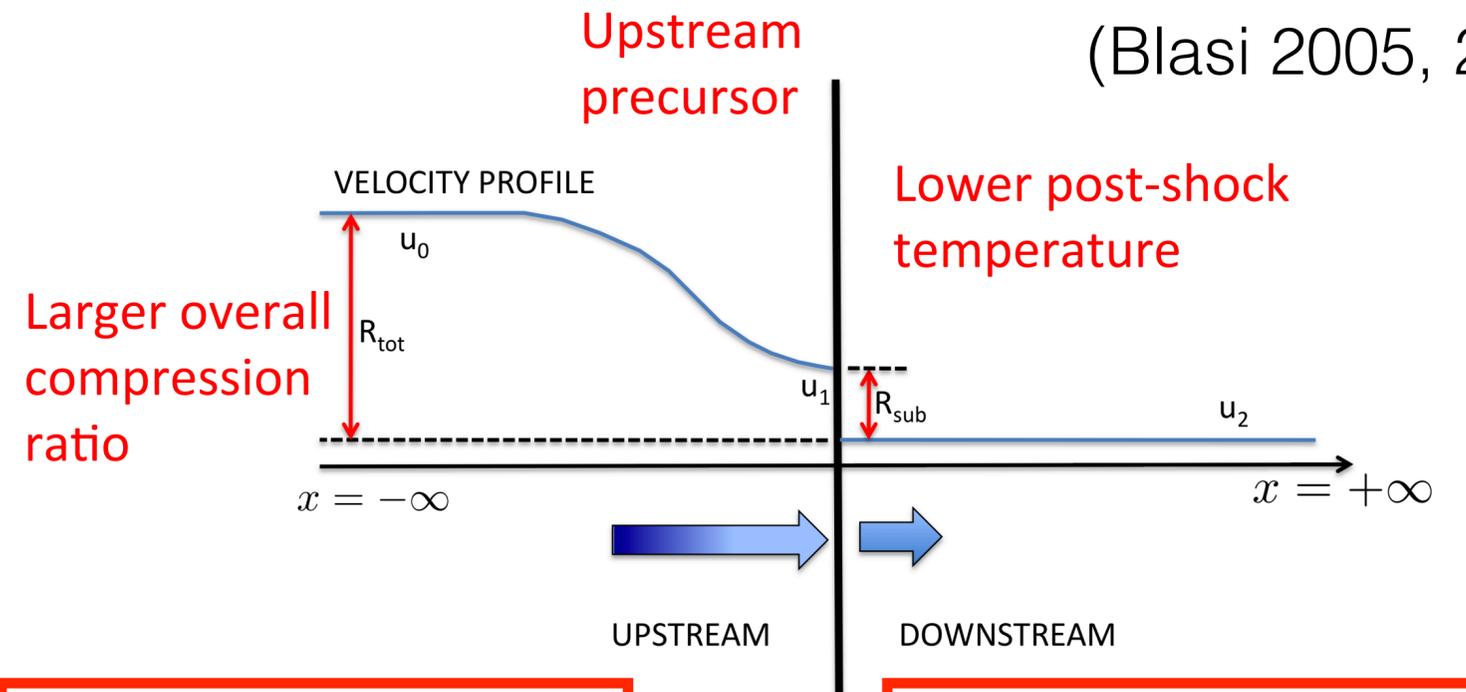
a) massive star + pulsar

b) micro quasar

c) Nova + WD

d) CWB

(Blasi 2005, 2013)



### Leptonic

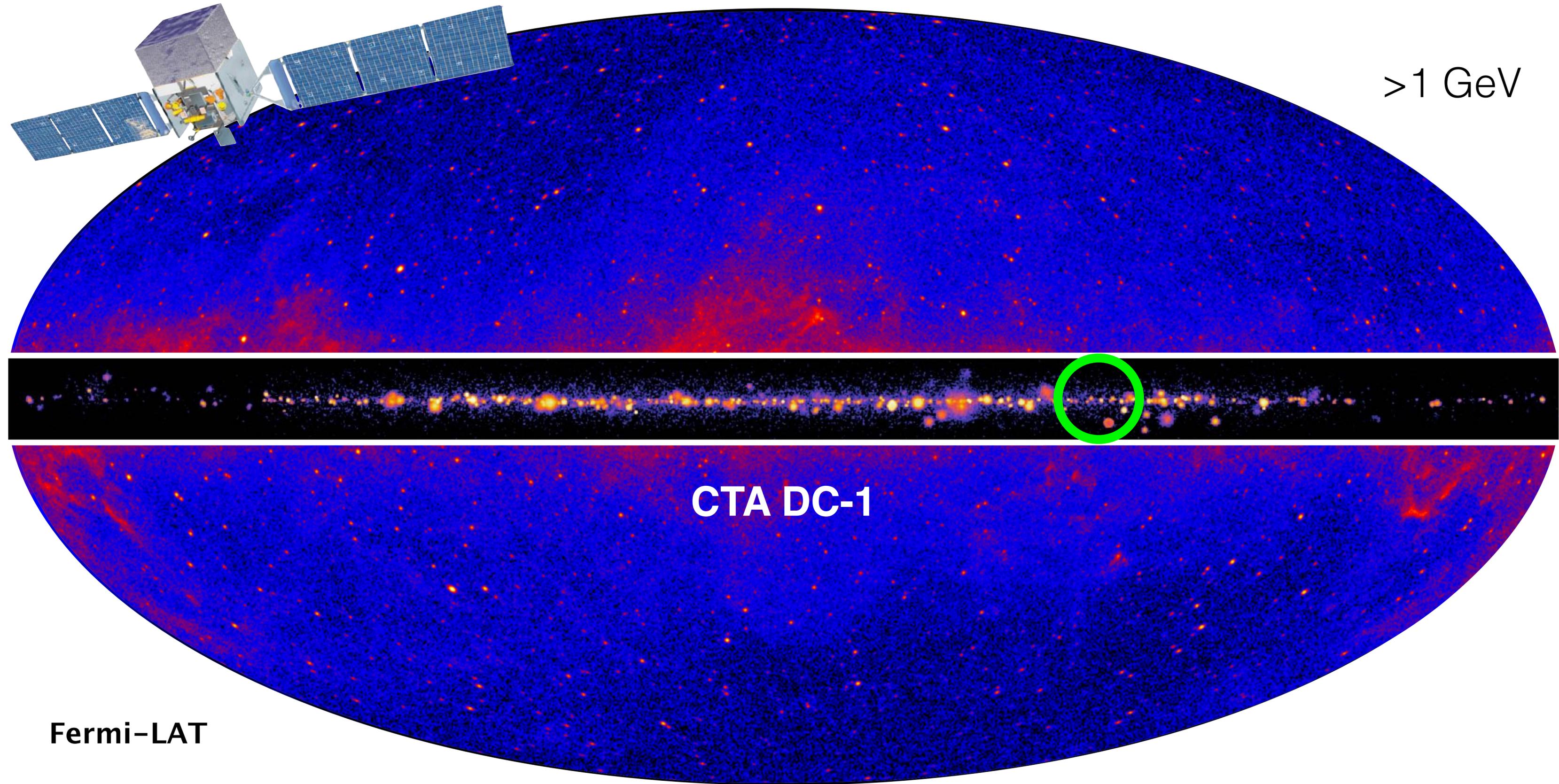
IC on UV/OPT  
up to  $\sim$ GeV

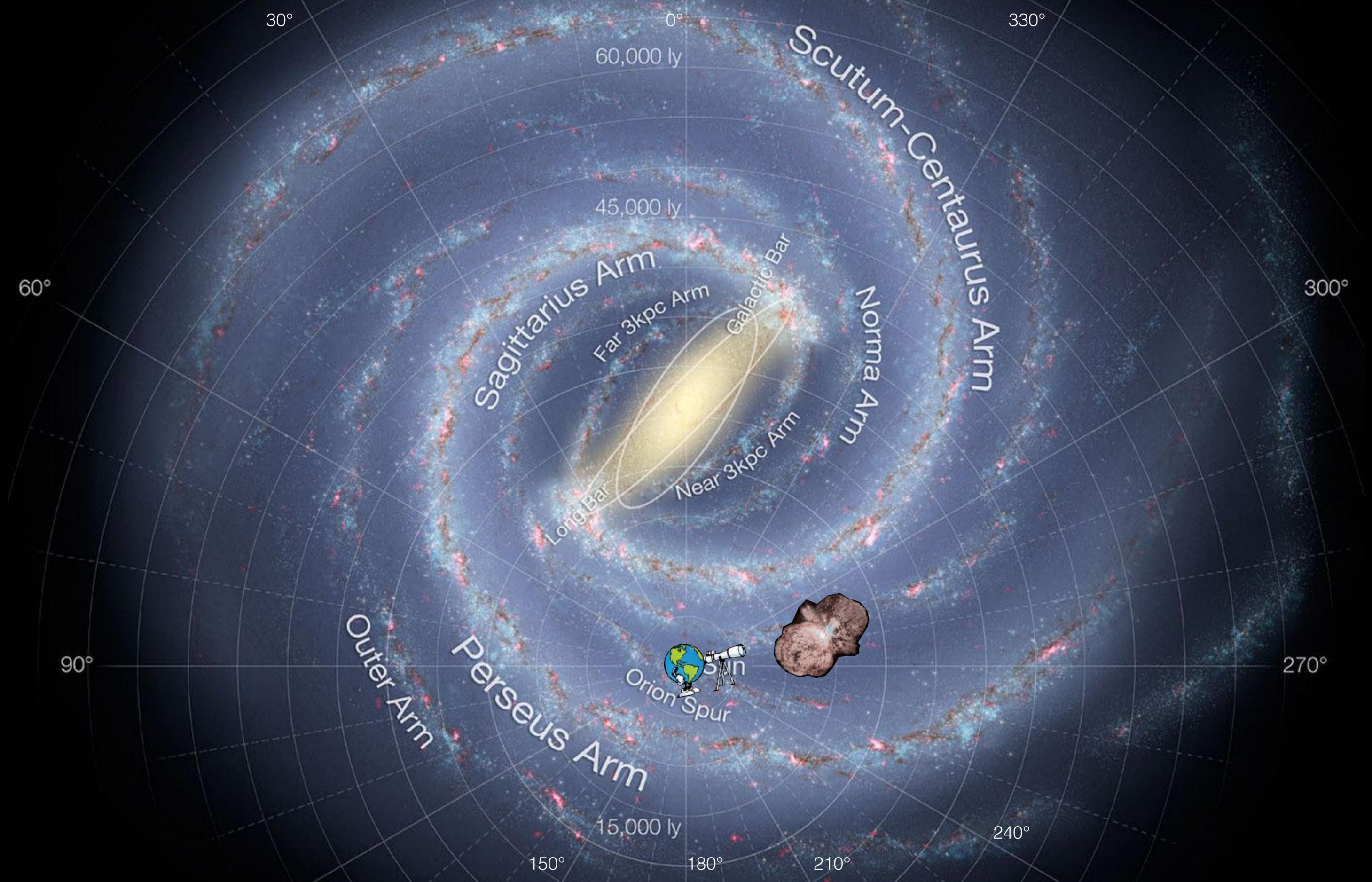
OR

### Hadronic

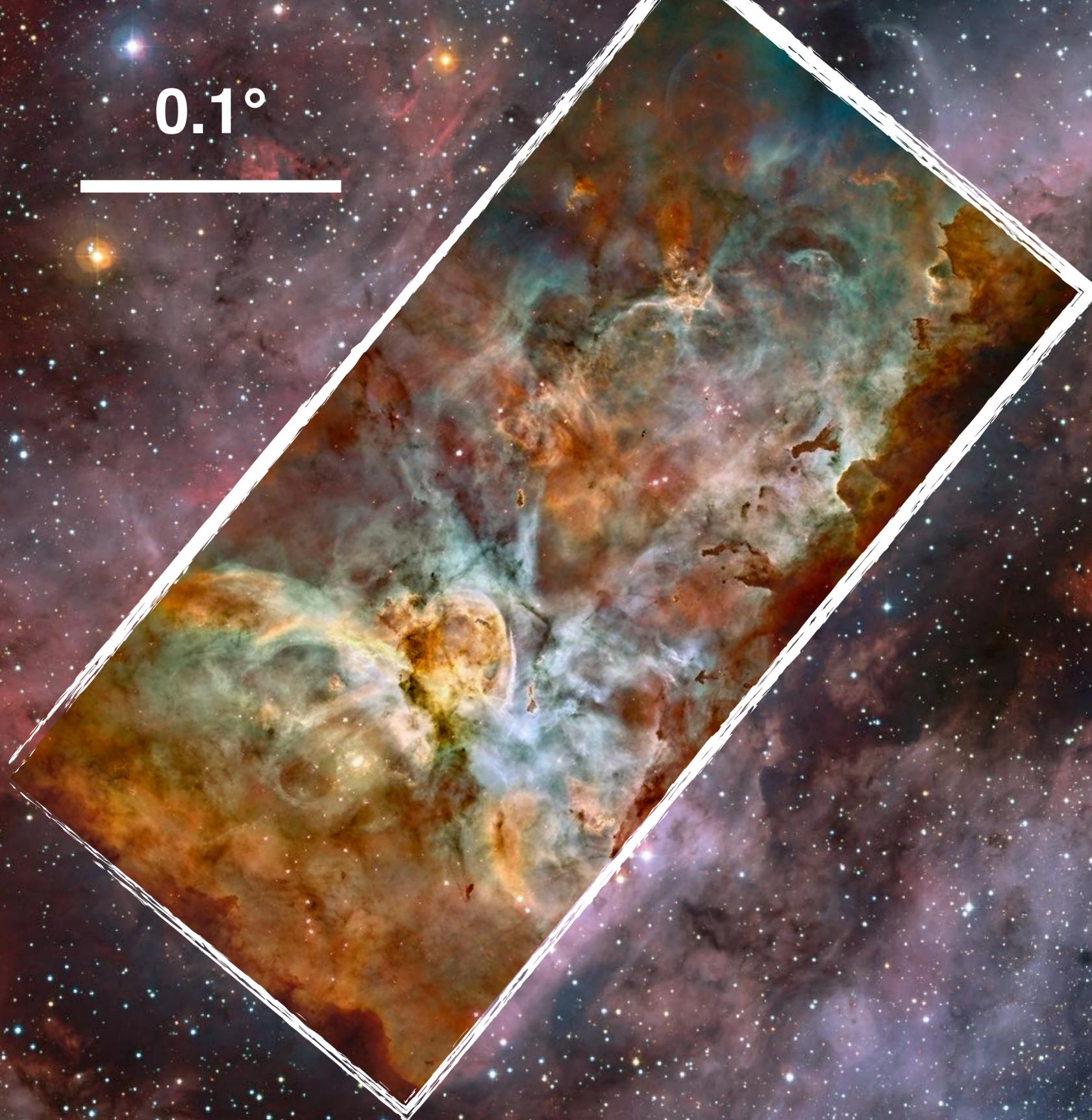
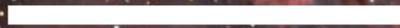
$pp \rightarrow \pi_0$   
higher energies

# Fermi-LAT countmap





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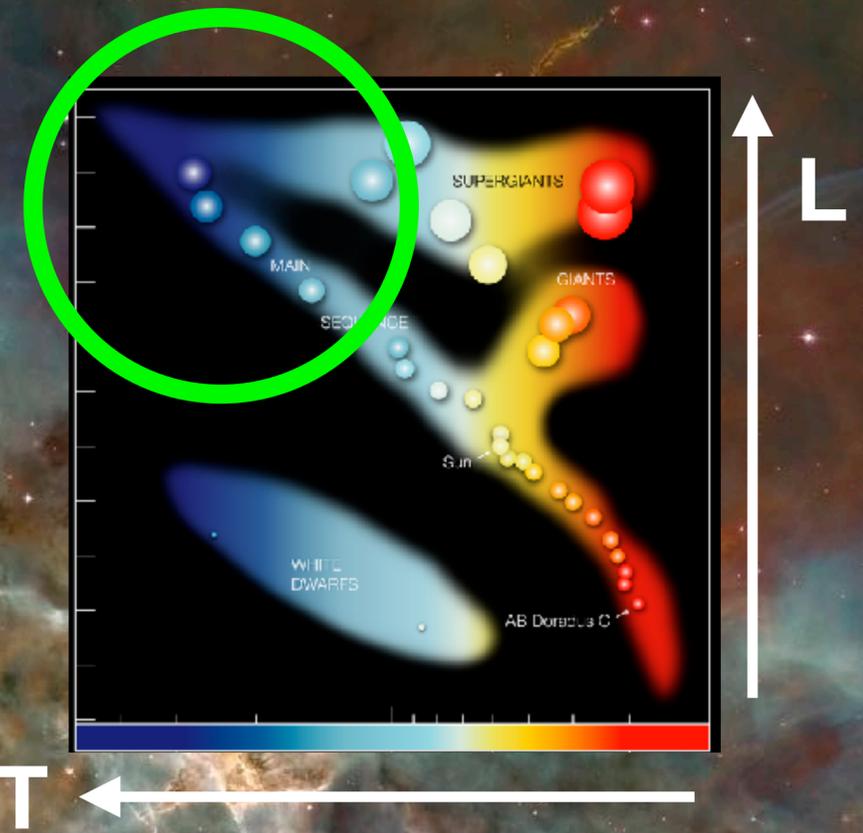
WR 22



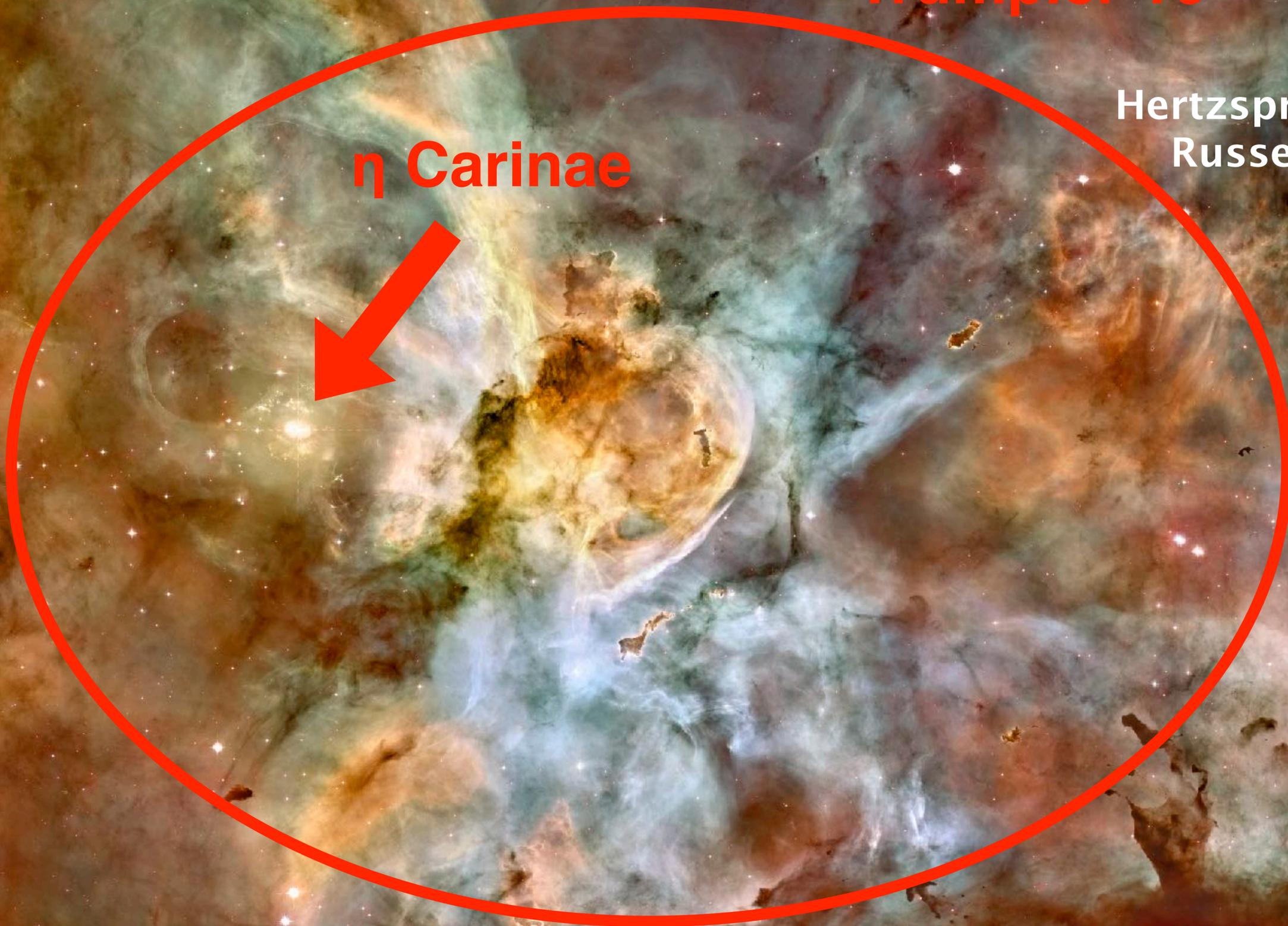
Trumpler 16

Hertzsprung  
Russell

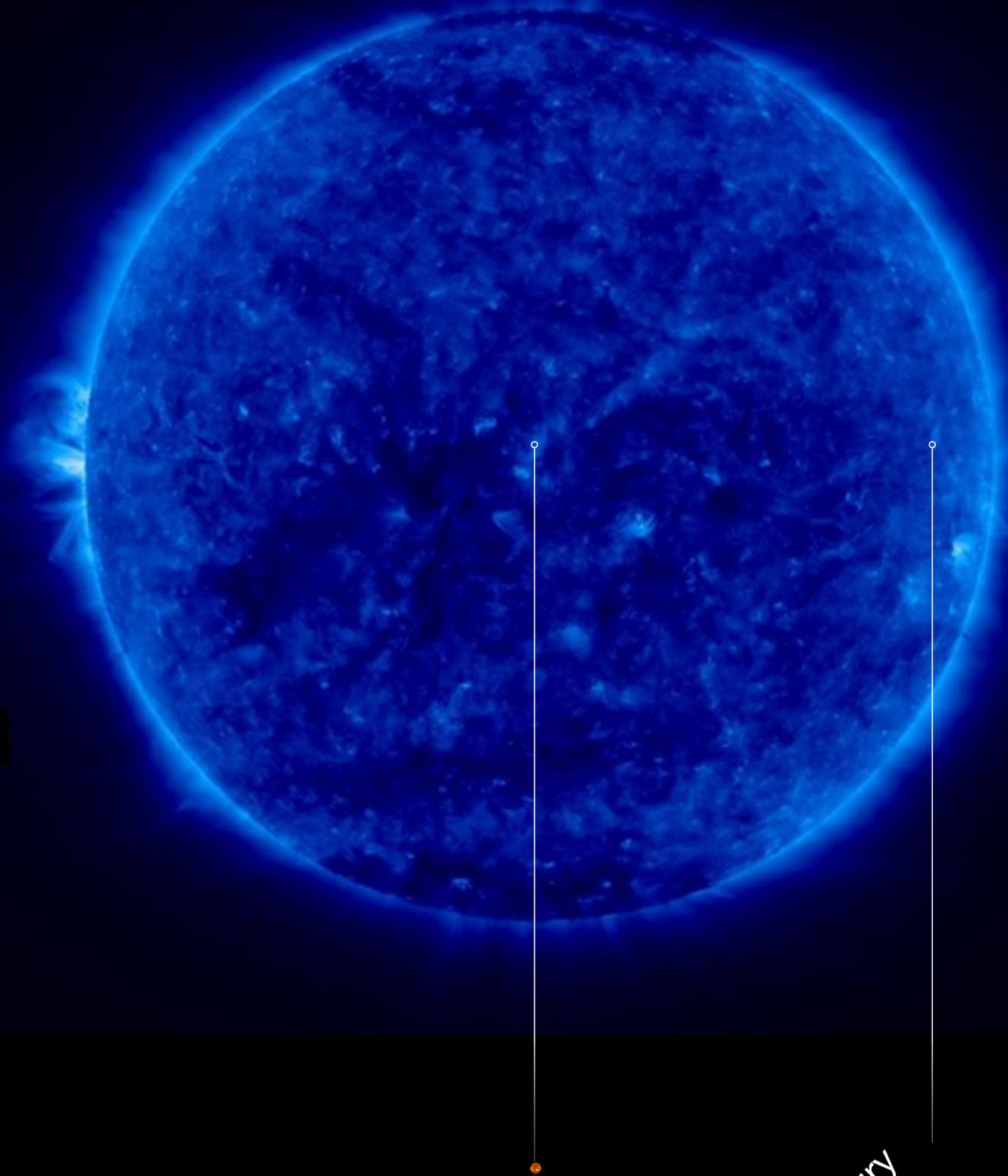
$\eta$  Carinae



Trumpler 14



$\eta$  Car A

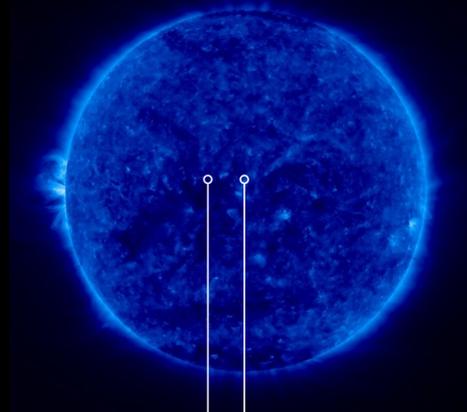


Sun

Mercury

# $\eta$ Carinae **vs.** Solar system

$\eta$  Car B

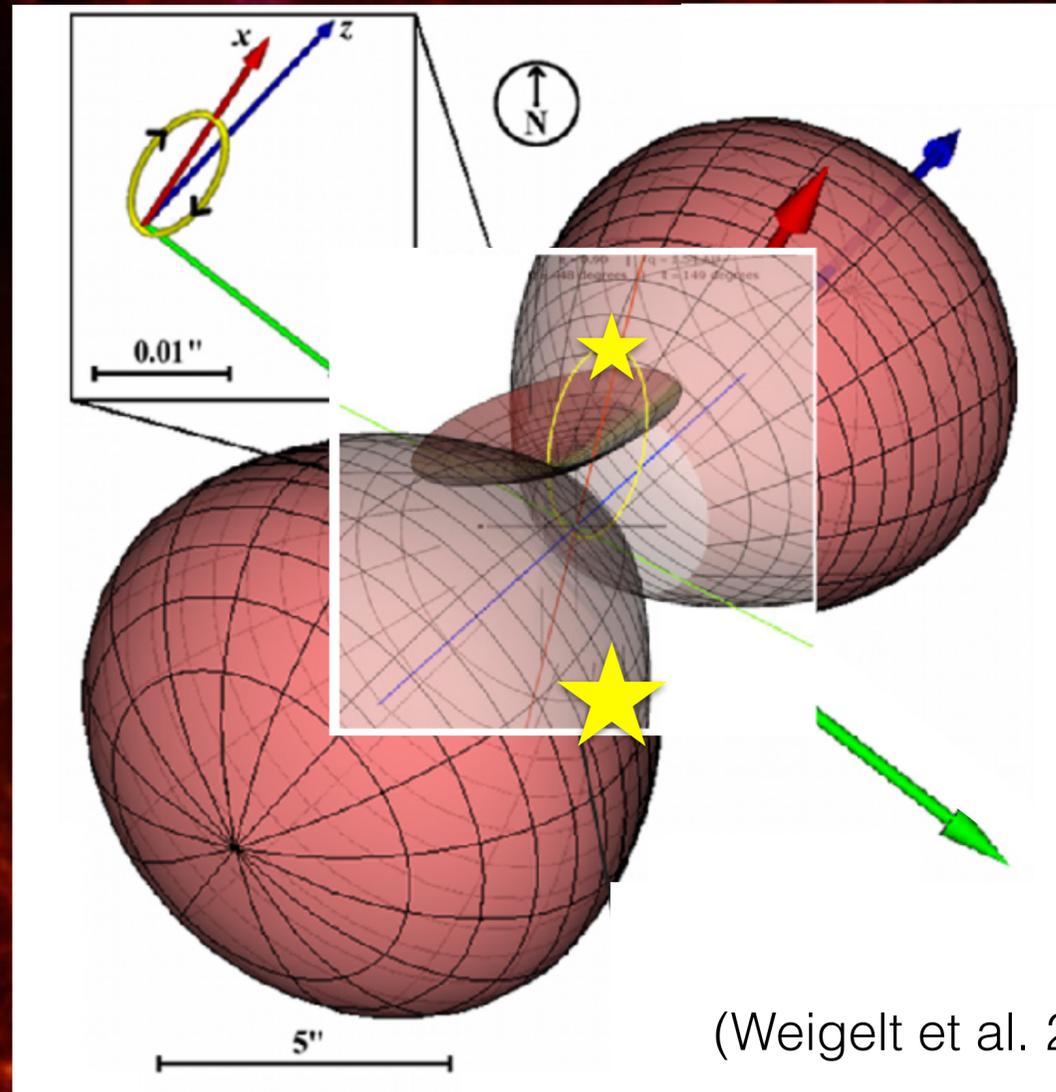


Mars

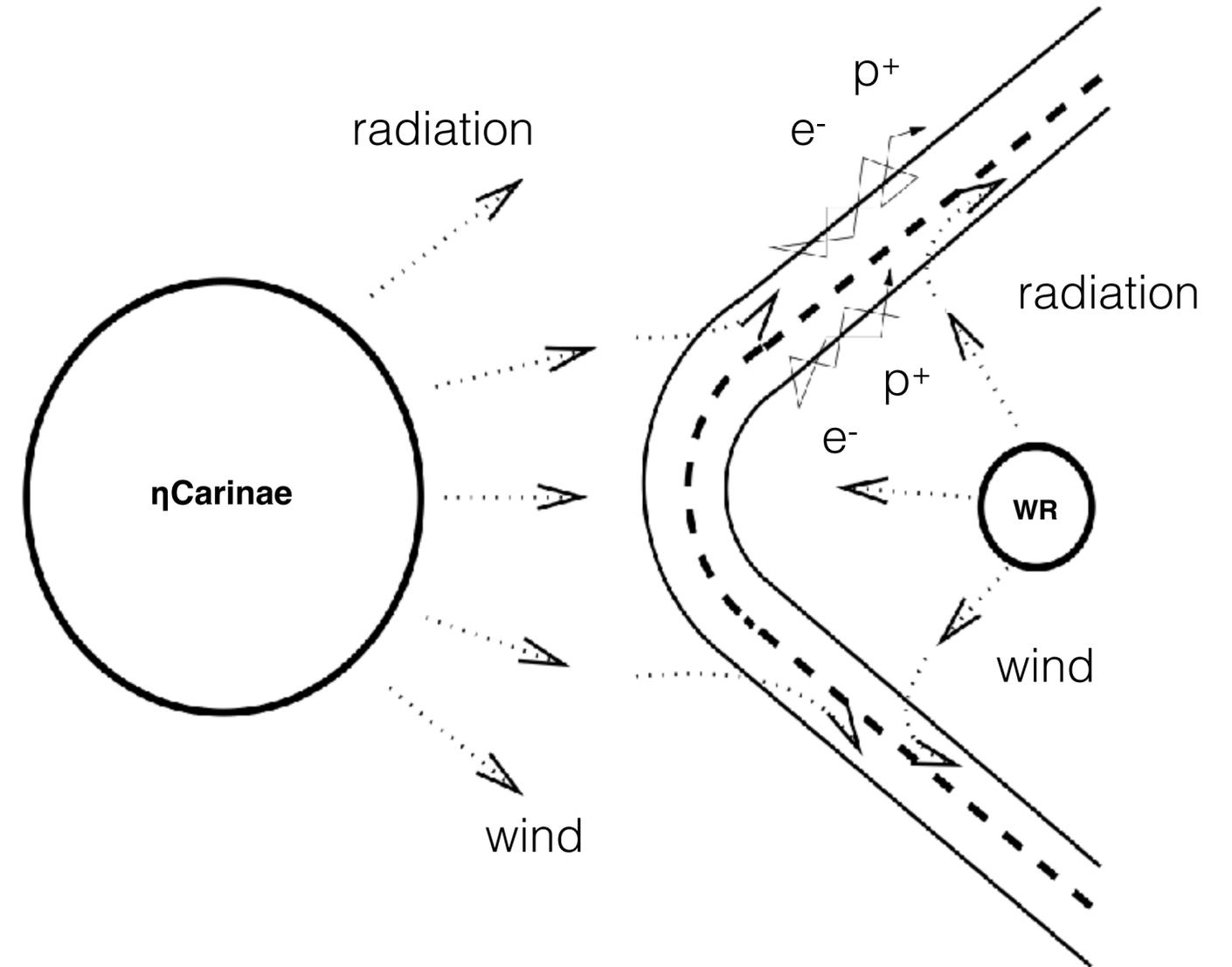
Venus

Earth

# Who is $\eta$ Carinae?



(Weigelt et al. 2016)



$$\eta = \frac{\dot{M}_{OB} V_{OB}^{\infty}}{\dot{M}_{WR} V_{WR}^{\infty}}$$

$$r_{WR} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\eta}} D$$

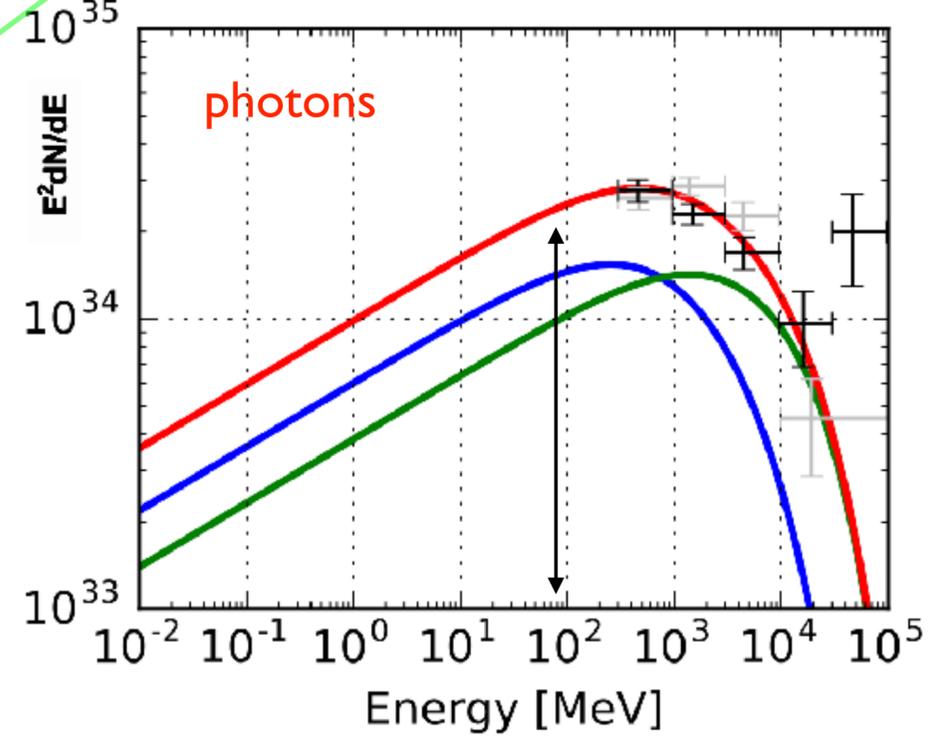
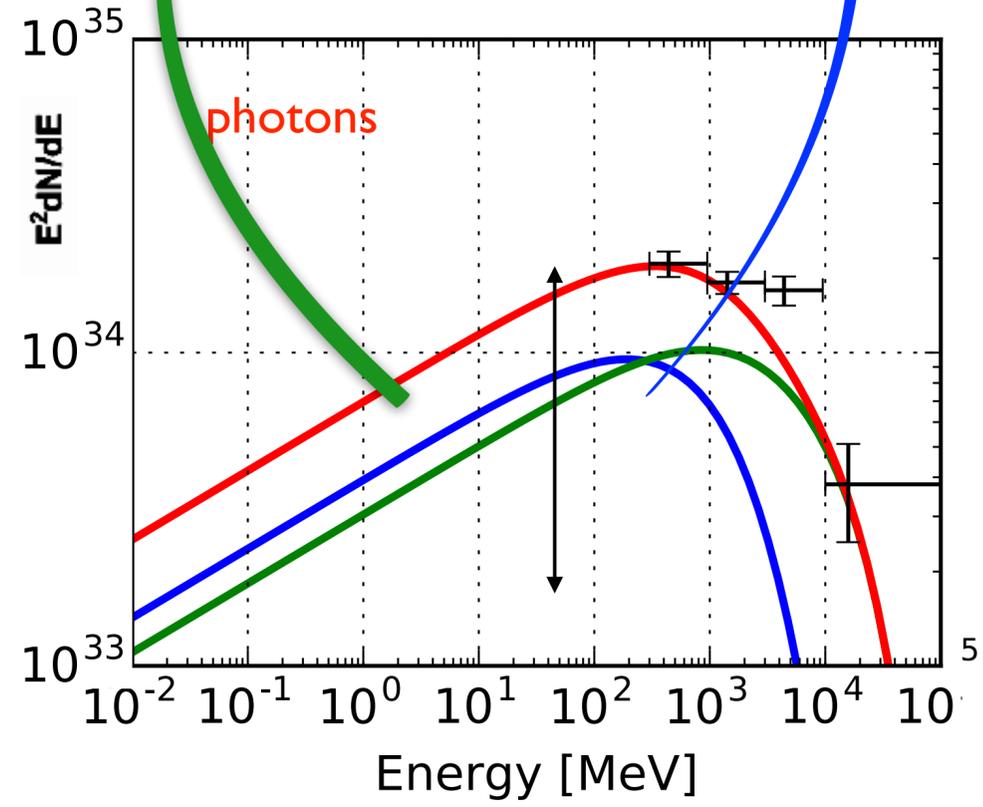
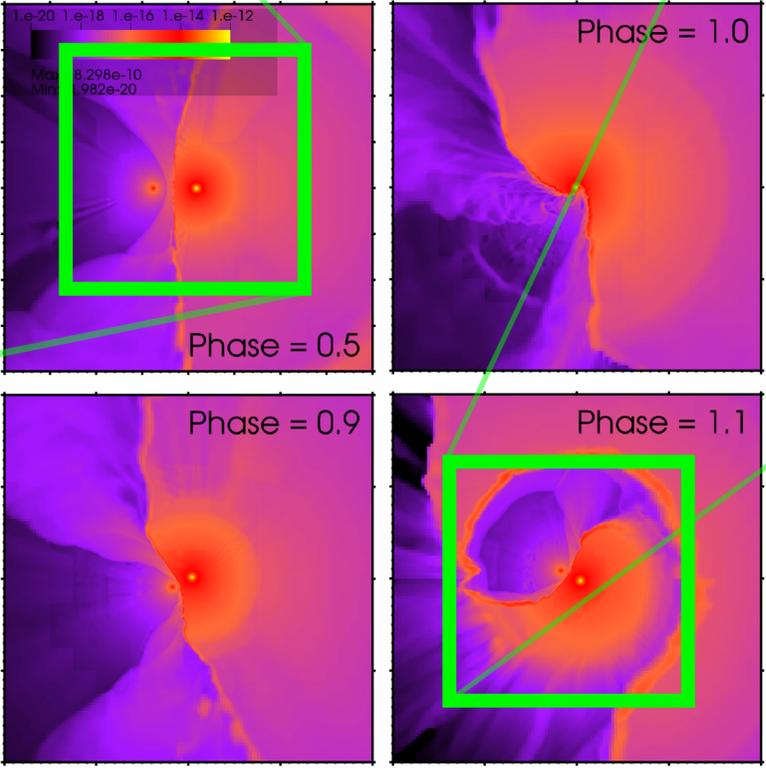
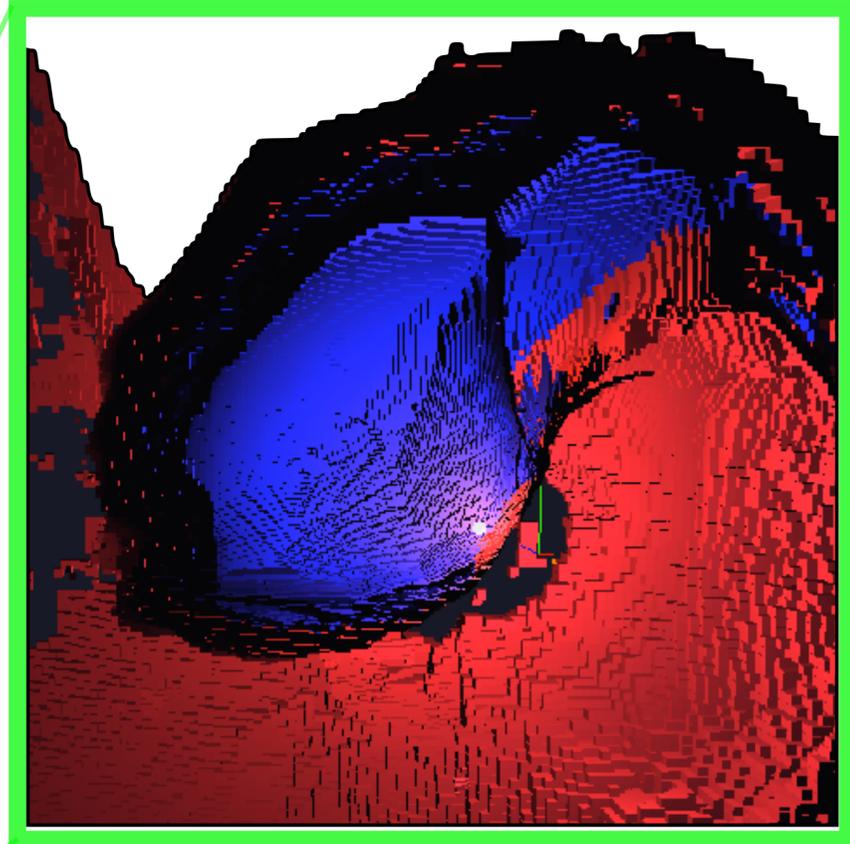
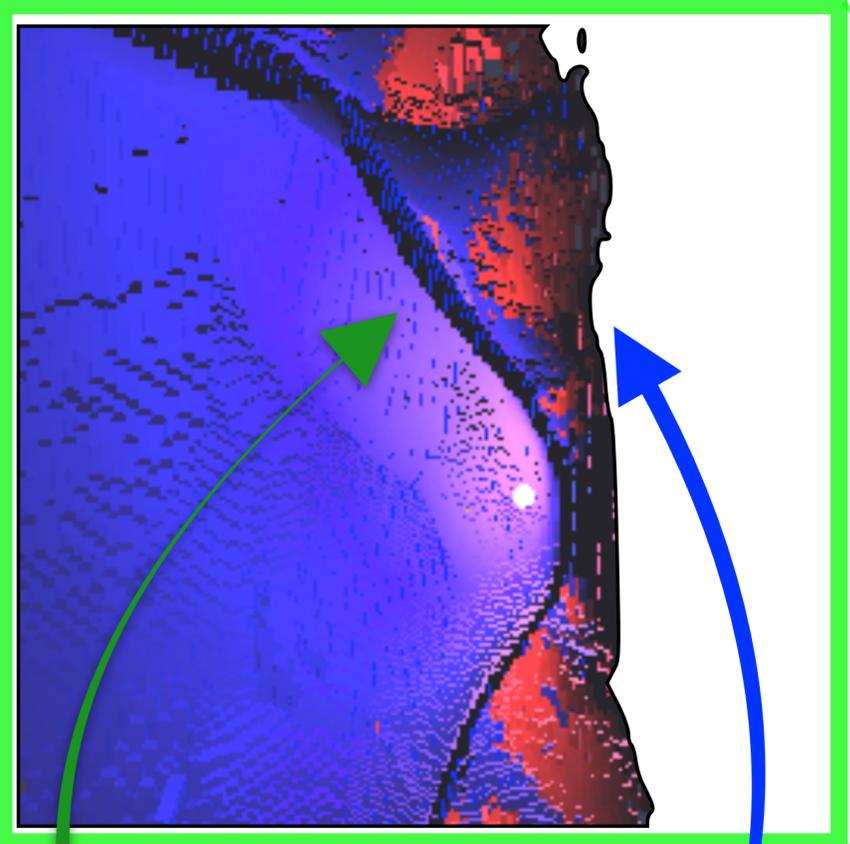
$$r_{OB} = \frac{\sqrt{\eta}}{1 + \sqrt{\eta}} D$$

# 3D hydro simulations

APASTRON

PERIASTRON

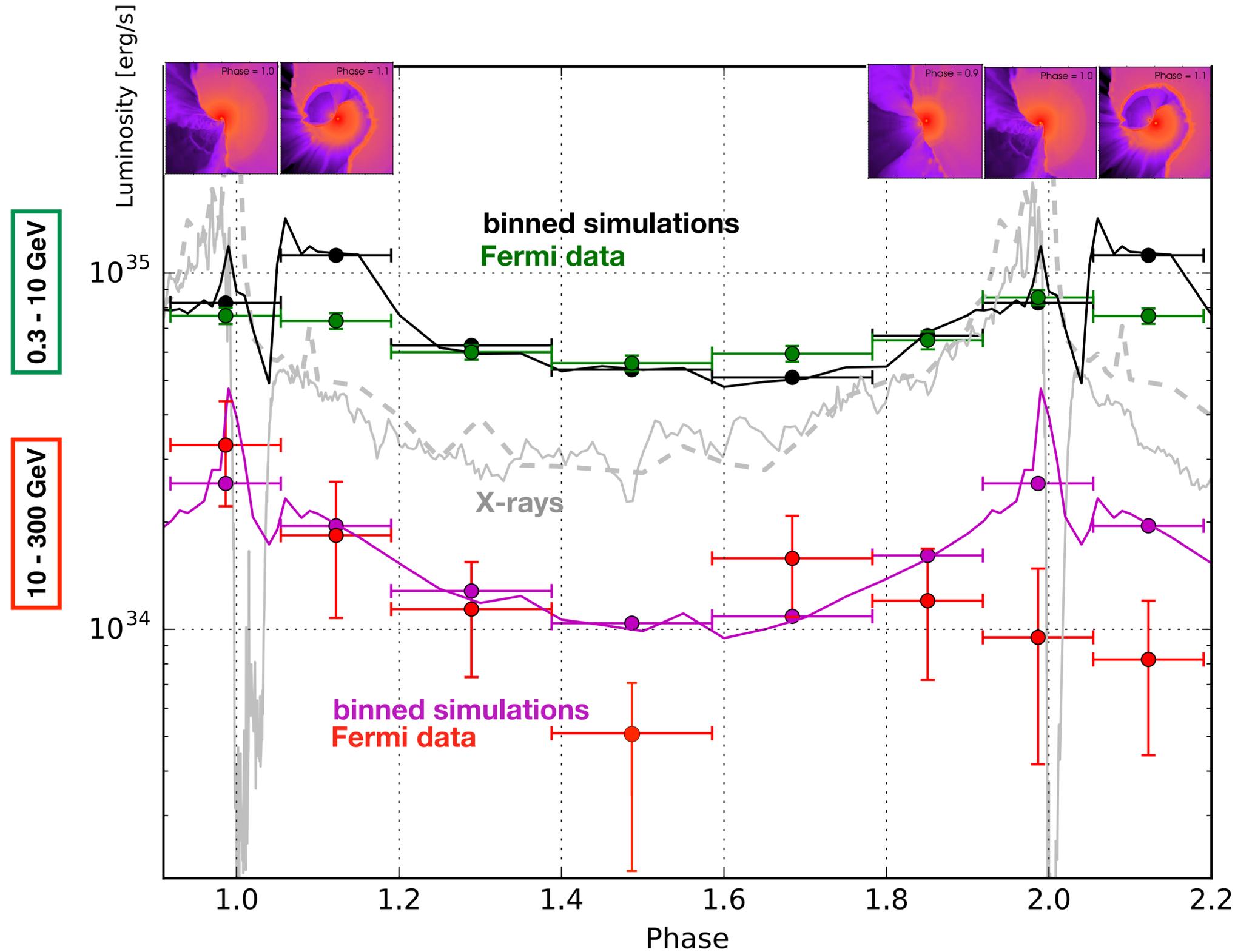
Parameter	Primary	Secondary
$M (M_{\odot})$	120	30
$R_{*} (R_{\odot})$	100	20
$T_{cs} (K)$	25,800	30,000
$L_{*} (10^6 L_{\odot})$	4	0.3
$k$	0.30	0.50
$\alpha$	0.52	0.68
$\dot{M} (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1})$	$4.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$
$v_{\infty} (\text{km s}^{-1})$	500	3000
$B (G)$	500	(Parkin et al, 2011)



e<sup>-</sup> spectrum  
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 smooth IC spectrum  
 (MB and R. Walter, 2017 A&A)

# $\eta$ Carinae $\gamma$ -ray light curve

(MB and Walter, 2017 A&A)



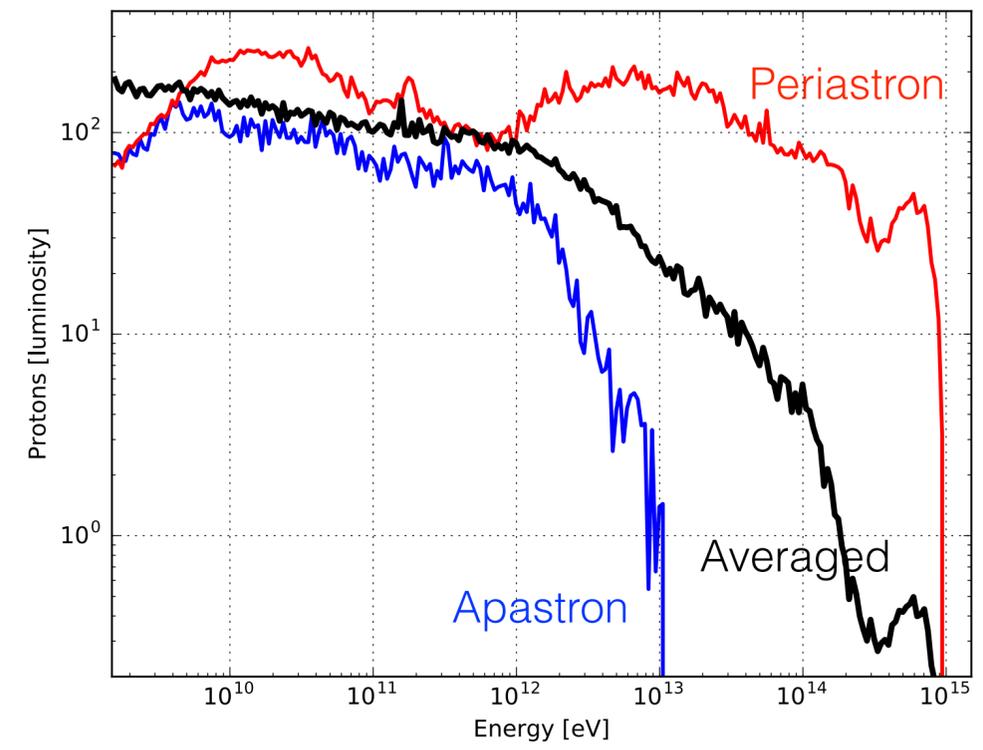
$L(\text{therm}) \sim \rho^2$

$L(\pi^0) \sim \rho^2$   
i.e. hadrons

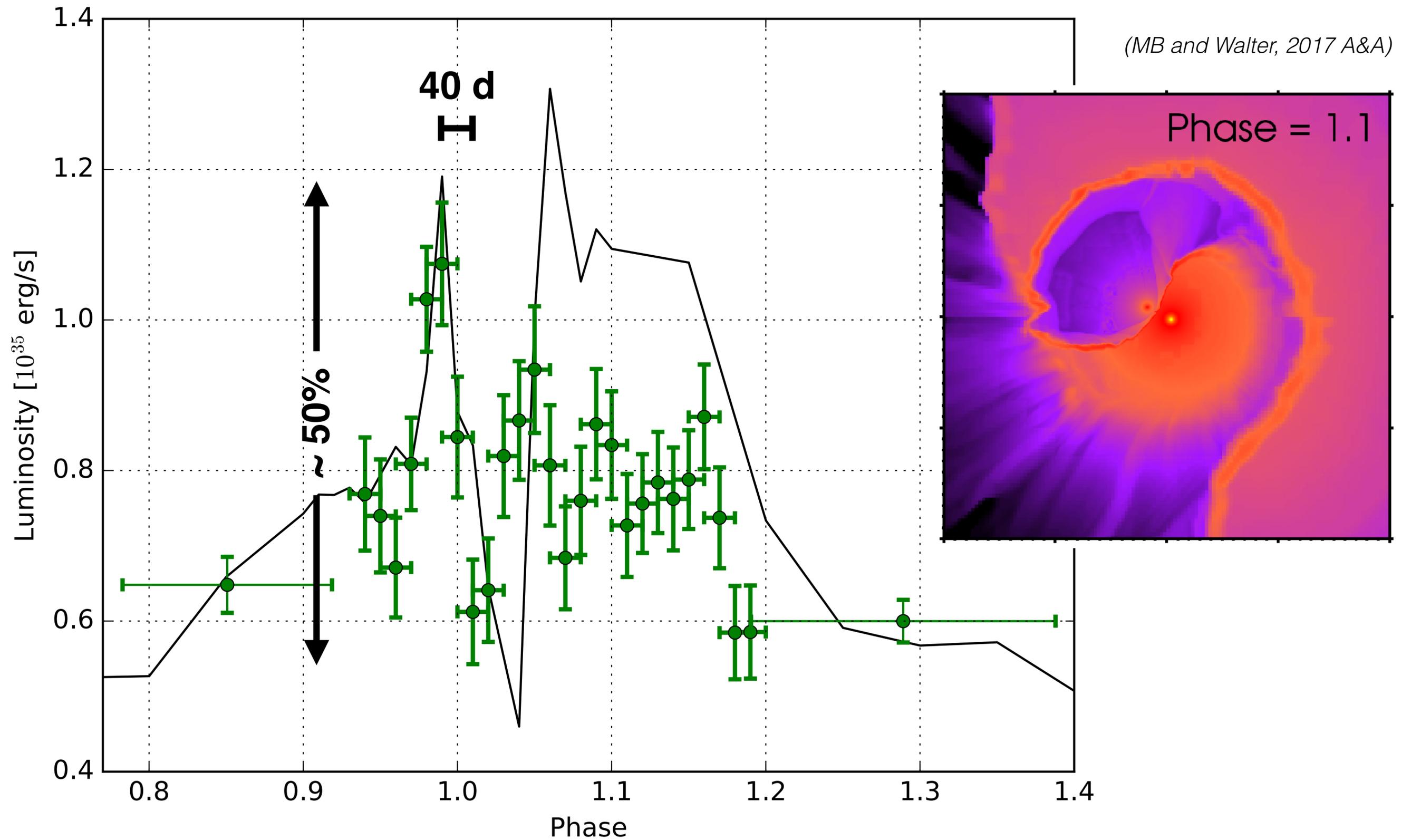
$L(\text{IC}) \sim \rho$   
i.e. electrons

$$\gamma_{\text{max},e} \approx \sqrt{\frac{B_{1\text{G}} R_{10^{14}\text{cm}}^2 V_{10^3\text{ km s}^{-1}} \times 3 \times 10^4}{L_{5 \times 10^6 L_{\odot}}}}$$

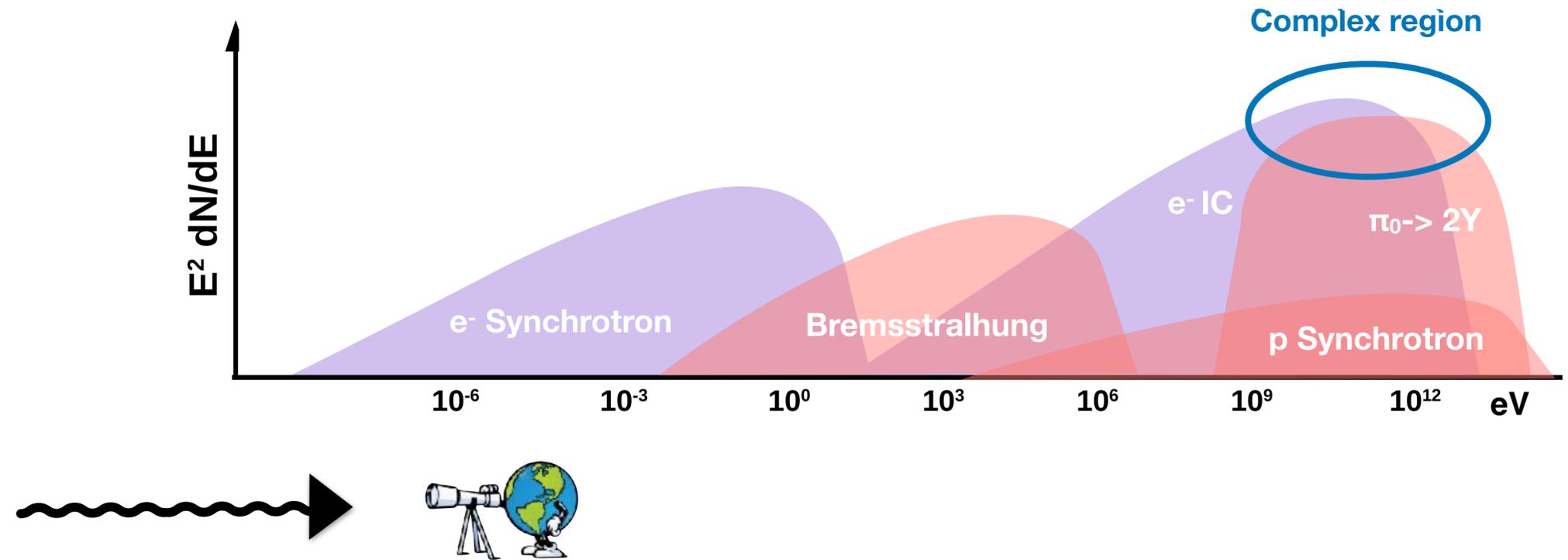
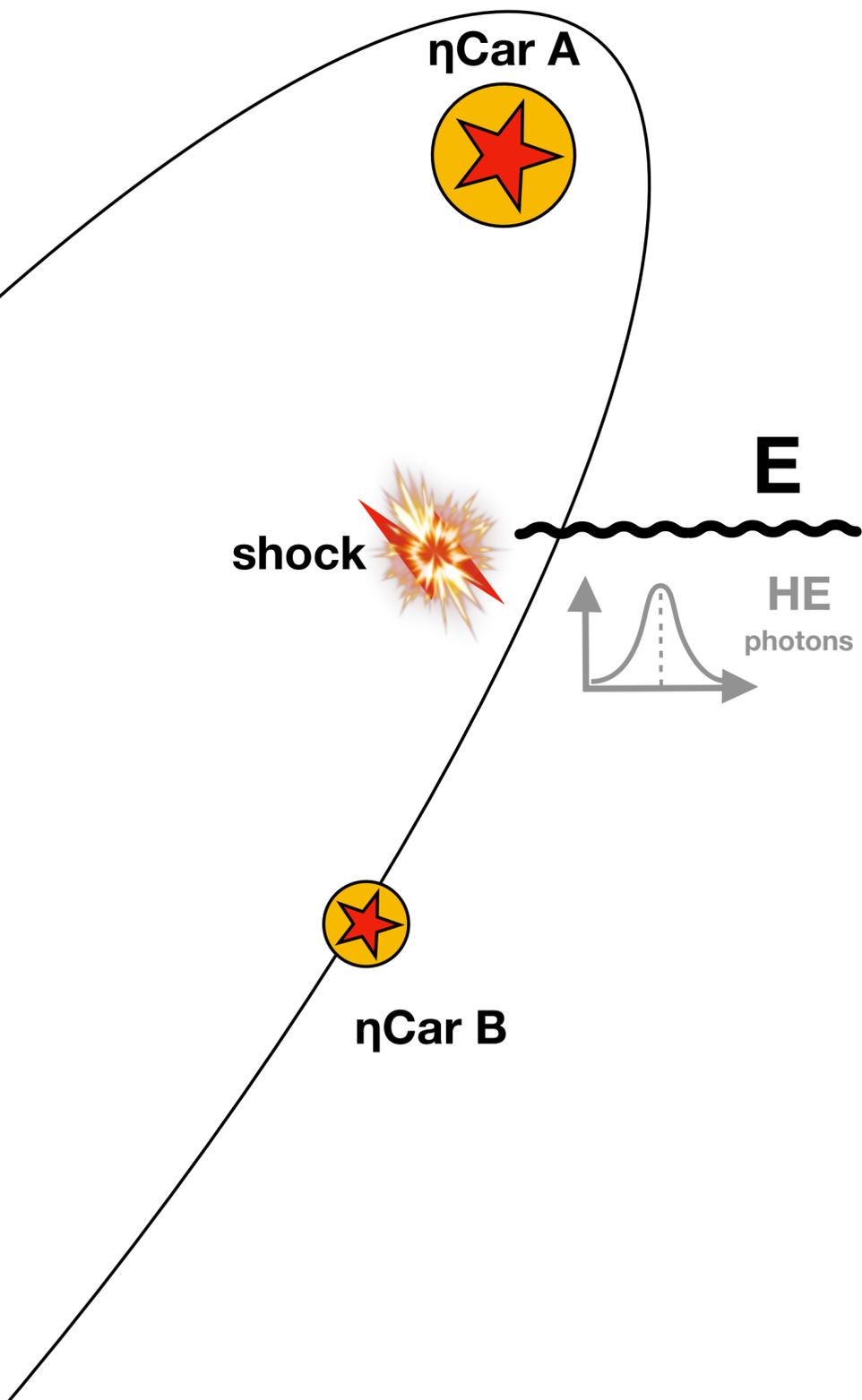
$$\gamma_{\text{max},p} = \frac{4\pi R^2 e B V^3}{\sigma_{pp} \dot{M} c^3} \propto \frac{1}{R}$$



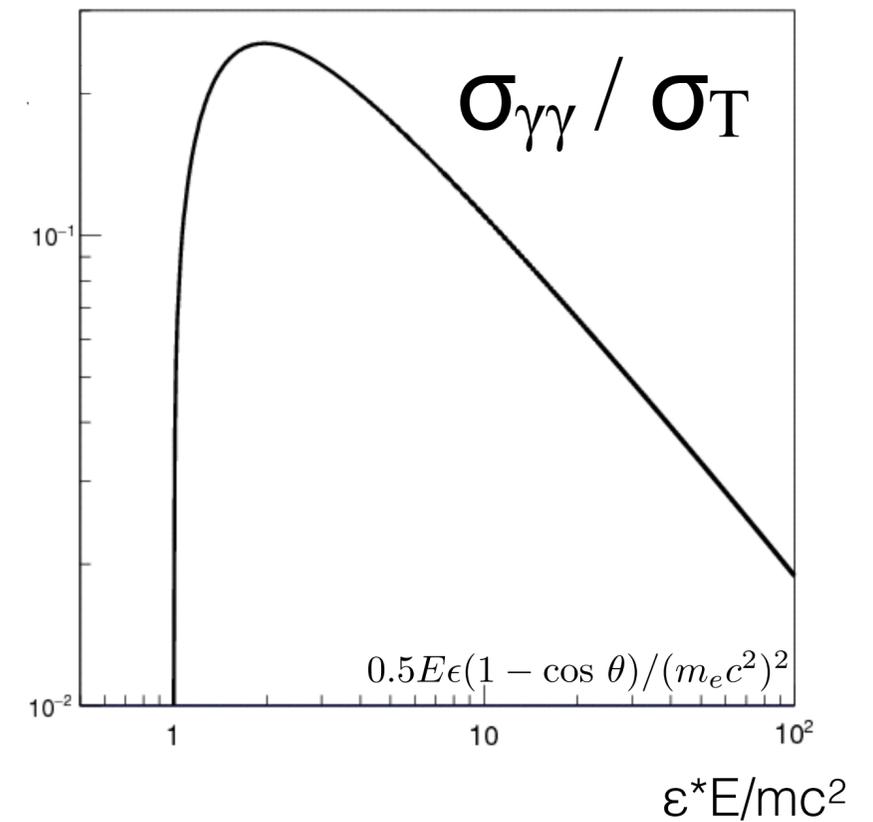
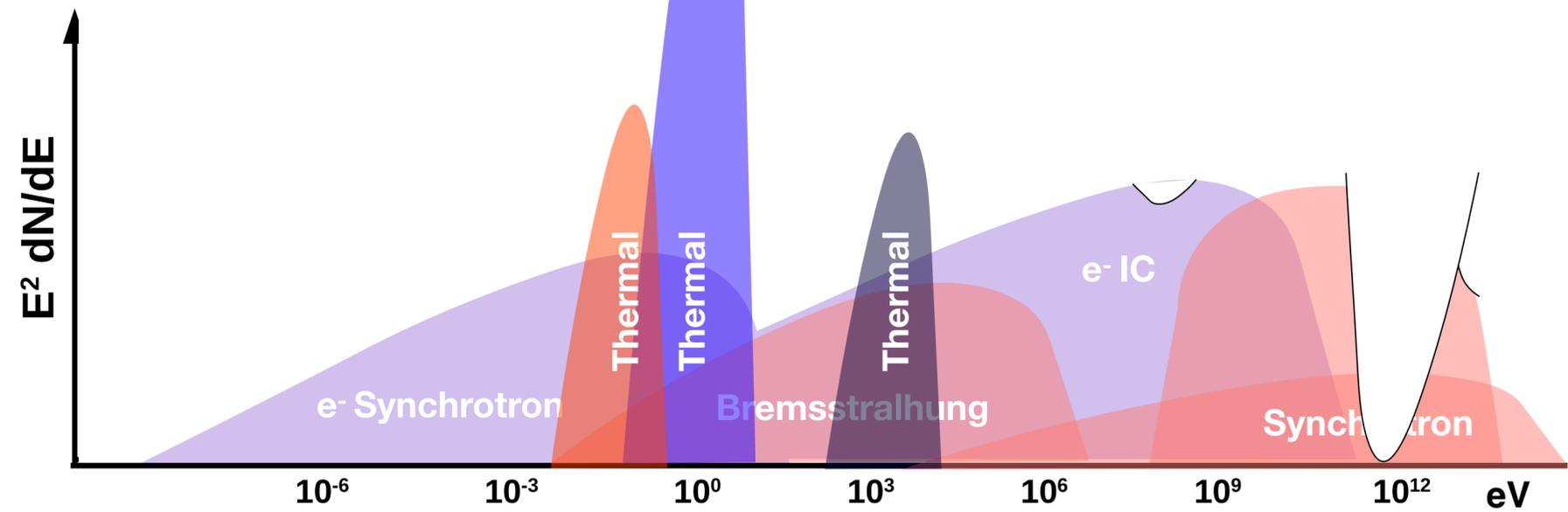
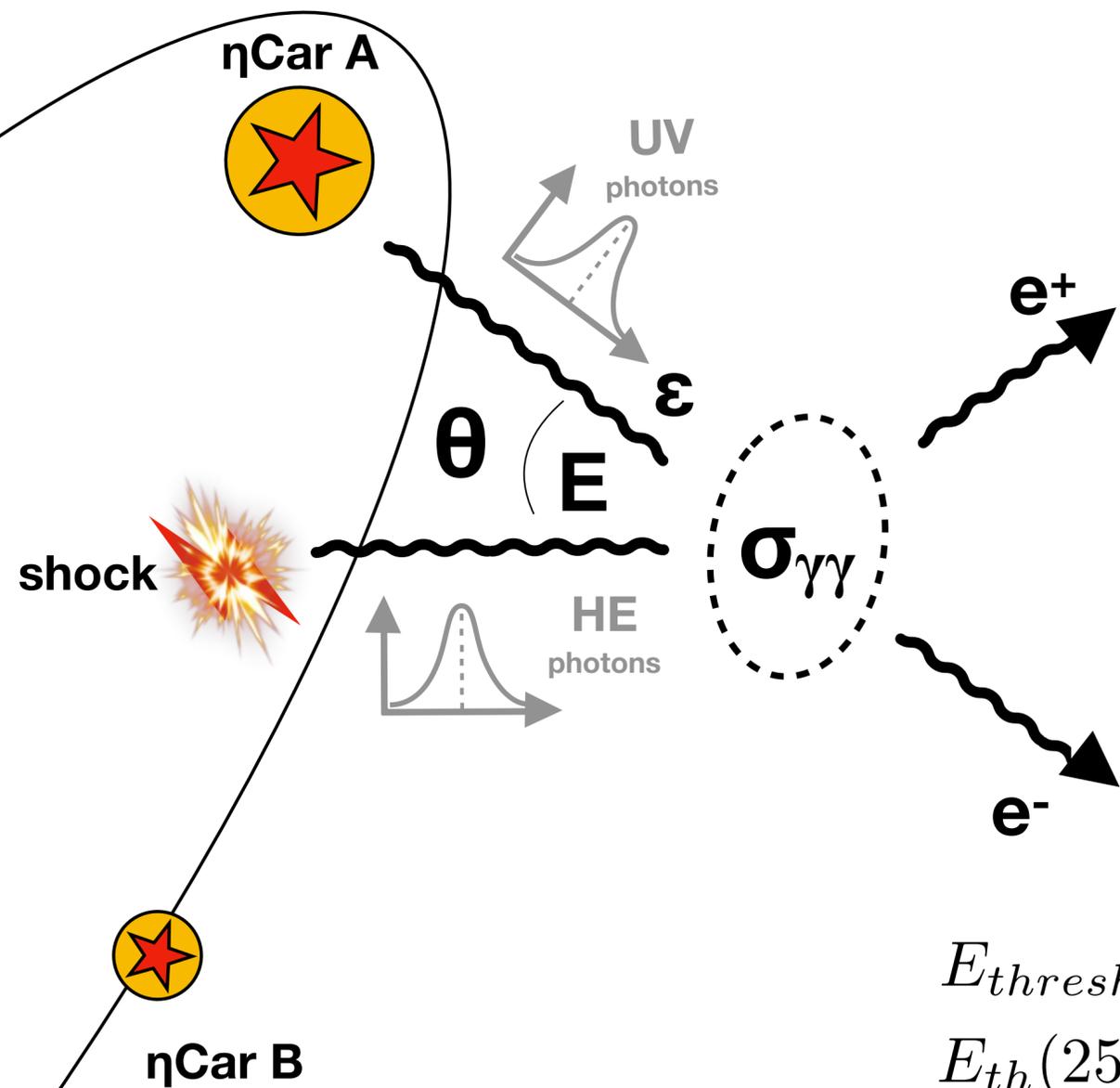
# Low Energy light curve



# $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ absorption



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$$E_{threshold} = 0.52/\epsilon_{eV}(1 - \cos\theta) \text{ TeV}$$

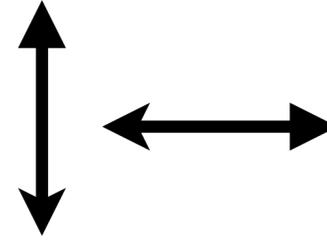
$$E_{th}(25^\circ) \sim 10 \times E_{th}(\text{head-on})$$

$$\tau = \int_{R_{shock}}^{R_{observer}} \int_{\epsilon=0}^{\epsilon=\infty} \int_{E=0}^{E=\infty} n(\epsilon) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(\epsilon E, \theta) dR d\epsilon dE$$

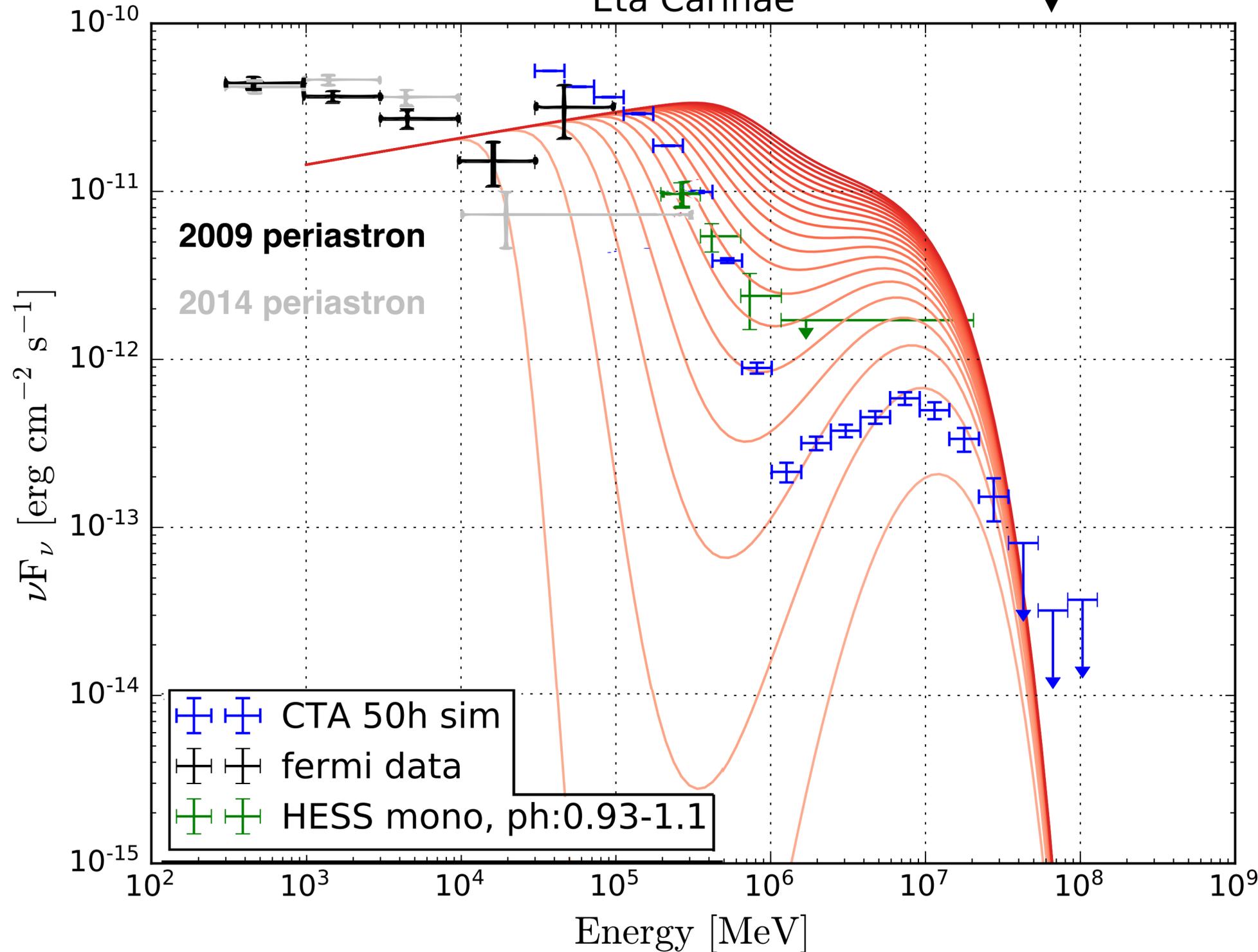
# $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ absorption

(MB and Walter, in preparation)

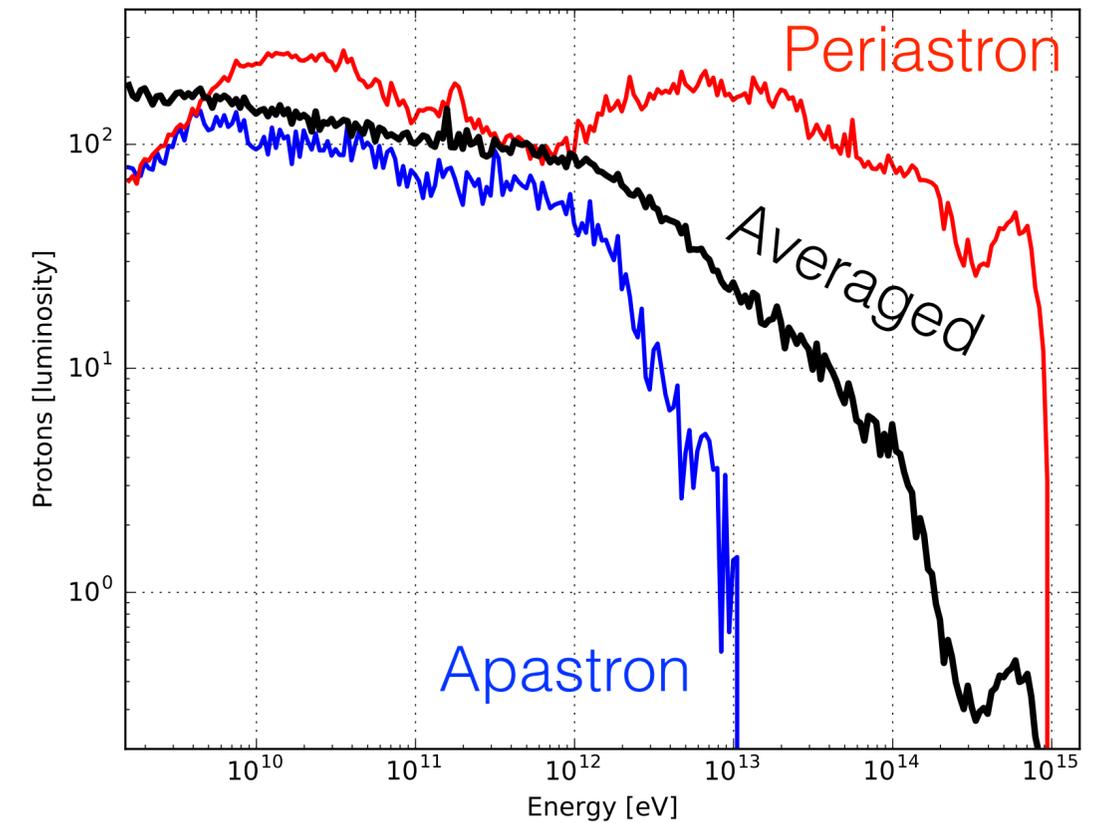
absorption peak energies  
varies with orbital phases



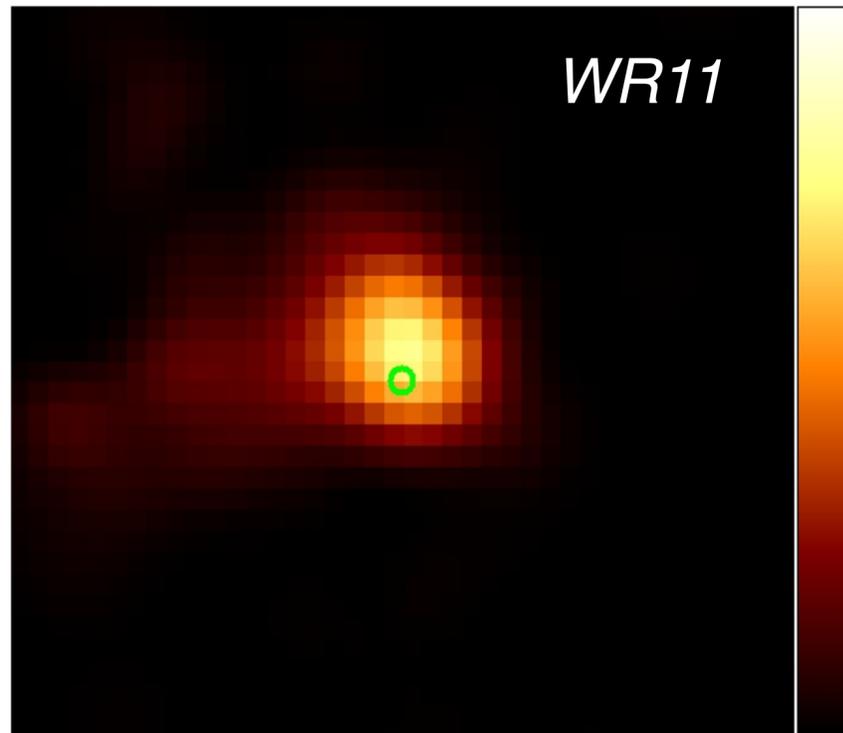
Eta Carinae



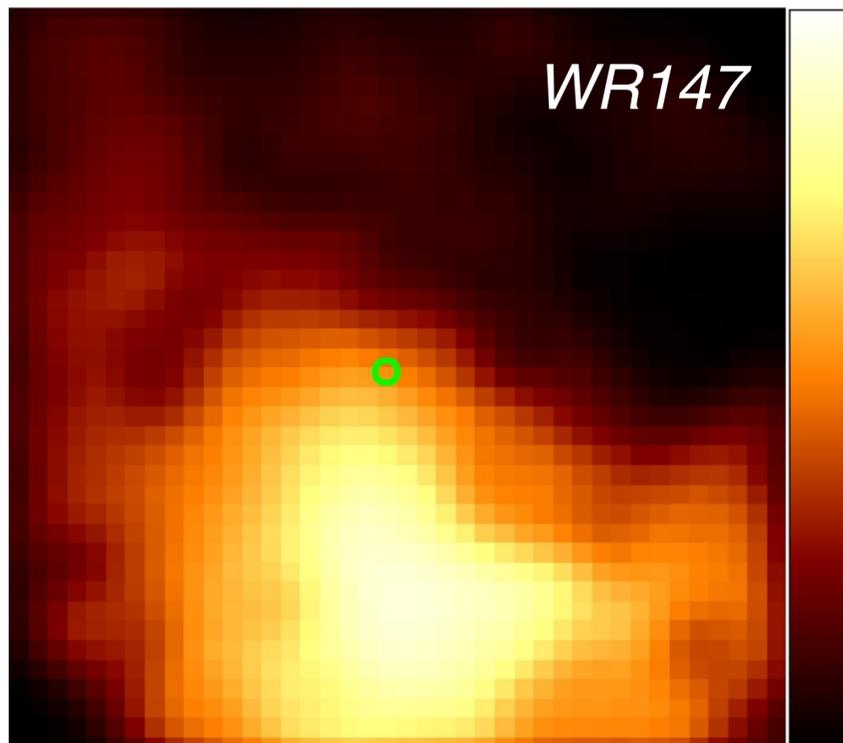
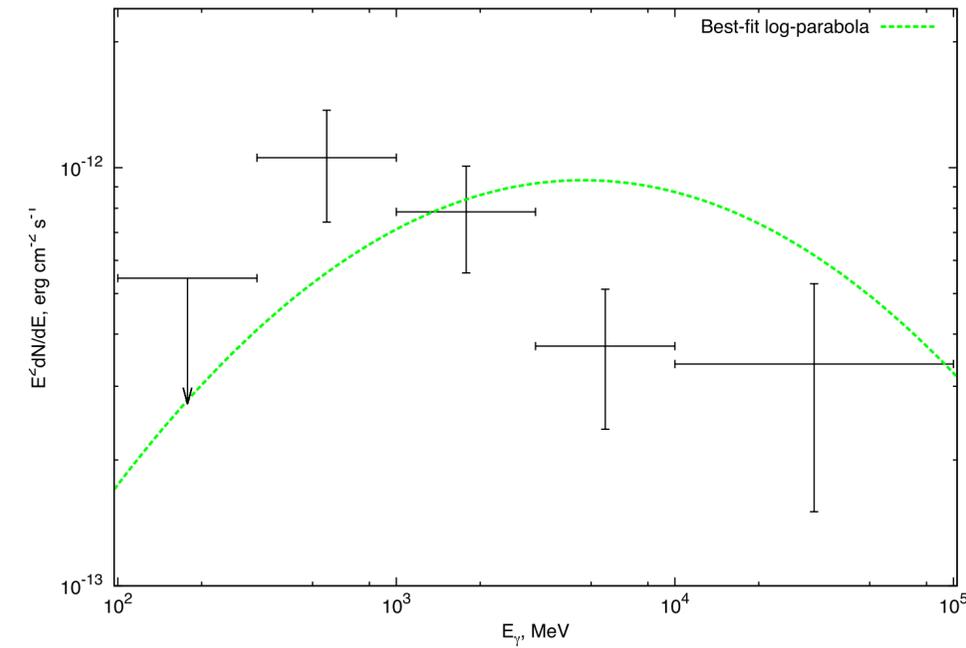
the  $\gamma$ -**UV** obscuration is a convolution of **UV spectrum** with spatial dependent **HE  $\gamma$ -ray** one, **cross section**, and geometrical **orientation**



# $\eta$ Carinae is unique... but not alone



Name	$l(^{\circ})$	$b(^{\circ})$	Distance (kpc)	$TS$
WR 11	262.80	-07.69	0.34	37.7
WR 70	322.34	-1.81	1.9	1.2
WR 125	54.44	+1.06	3.1	41.0
WR 137	74.33	+1.10	2.4	23.3
WR 140	80.93	+4.18	1.7	0.1
WR 146	80.56	+0.44	1.2	15.0
WR 147	79.85	-0.31	0.65	54.9

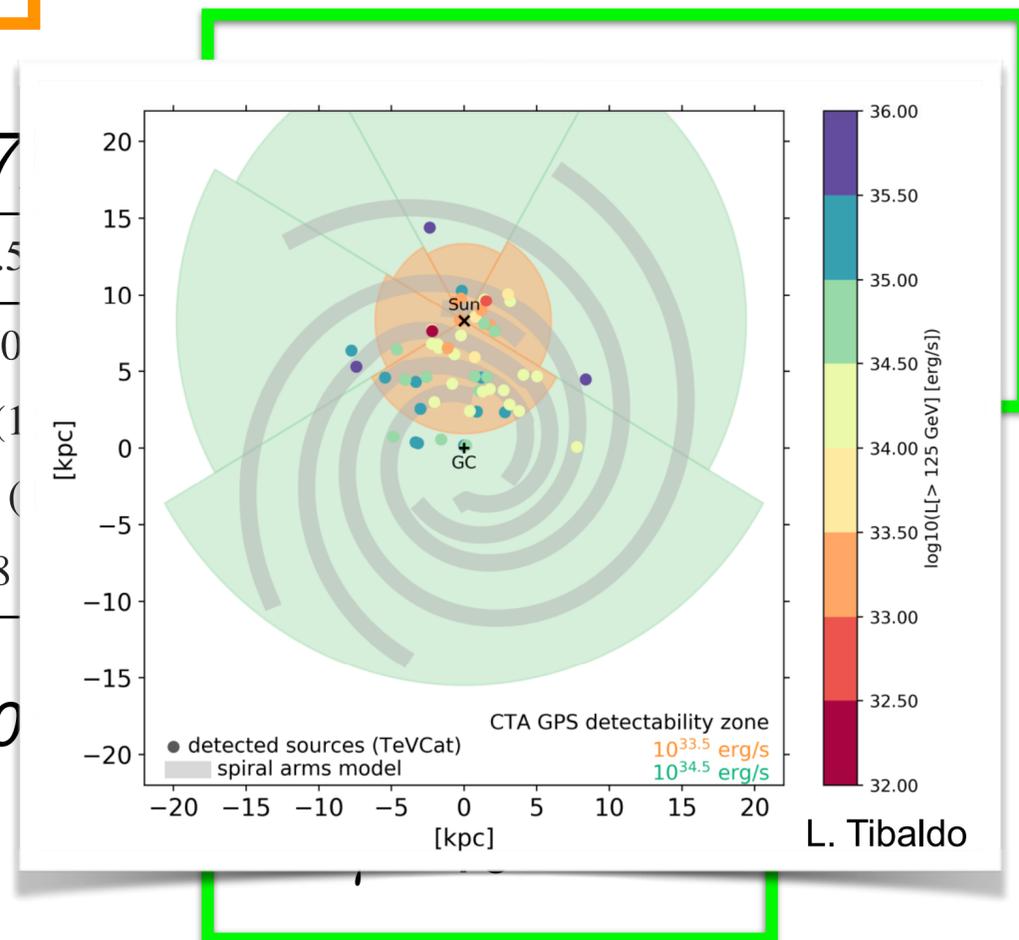


(De Marco et al., 1999) (North et al., 2007)

Parameter	Unit	WC8	O7.5
Mass, $M$	$M_{\odot}$	9.0	29.0
Mass-loss rate, $\dot{M}$	$10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	80	1.8 (1)
Terminal wind velocity, $v^{\infty}$	$\text{km s}^{-1}$	1450	2500 (1)
Luminosity, $L$	$10^5 L_{\odot}$	1.7	2.8

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{M}_{\odot} v_{\infty}^{\odot}}{\dot{M}_{\text{WR}} v_{\text{WR}}^{\infty}} = 0.04 \quad (\text{De Becker \& Raucaq, 2007})$$

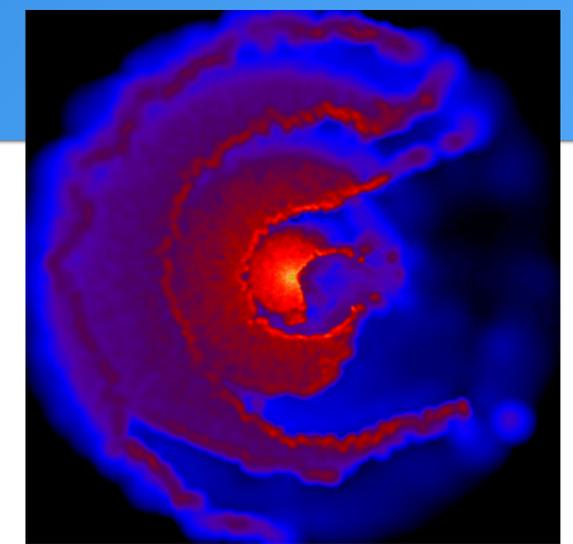
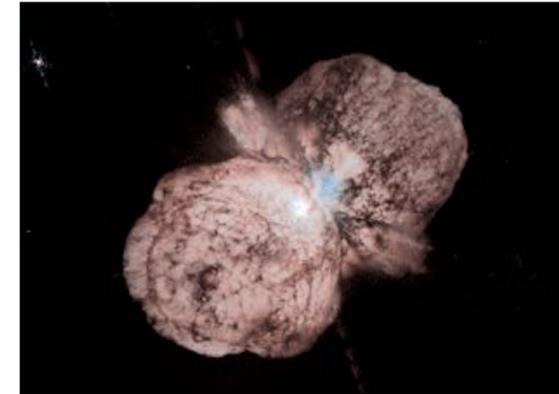
$$L_{\text{CWZ}} = \eta L_{\text{W}} = 2.3 \times 10^{35} \text{ ergs}^{-1}$$



(Pshirkov, 2016)

# Energetics & Conclusion

- Thermal X-rays:  $25 L_{\odot}$
- Synchrotron:  $< 0.1 L_{\odot}$
- Electron acceleration:  $50 L_{\odot}$
- $\pi_0$  emission:  $10 L_{\odot}$
- neutrino:  $\sim 10^{-9} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  ( $> 10 \text{ TeV}$ )



## Electrons: ( $\gamma \sim 10^4$ )

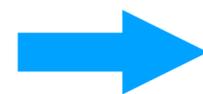
- \* Max  $e^-$  energy match the expectation
- \*  $e^-$  spectral index  $\sim 2.25$
- \* IC emission is unlikely at TeVs

## Hadrons: ( $\gamma \sim 10^3$ ; $\gamma \sim 10^6$ @ peri ?)

- \*  $\pi \rightarrow \gamma$  emission matches amplitude variability
- \* cutoff energy  $\geq 10^{13} \text{ eV}$  ( $>$  middle aged SNR)
- \* Efficiency of particle acceleration  $\sim 1\%$  (Spitkovsky's sim: 10%)
- \* Peri 2009  $\neq$  peri 2014 (system changed? instabilities?)

**Variability** is essential to deconvolve spectral energy distributions (spectral analysis @ different orbital-phases)

**Few zones models**  
are too simplistic



**Zillion-cells model** necessary  
(MHD, Fermi acceleration, photon propagation, ...)

**CTA will probe:**

$\eta$  Carinae could accelerate  
as much cosmic-rays as an  
average SNR

$\eta$  Carinae could accelerate positrons  
at the same energy of the one  
observed by PAMELA

- hadronic acceleration
- $\gamma\gamma$  absorption
- $\tau$  variation along the orbit