Fermi acceleration under control: n Carinae

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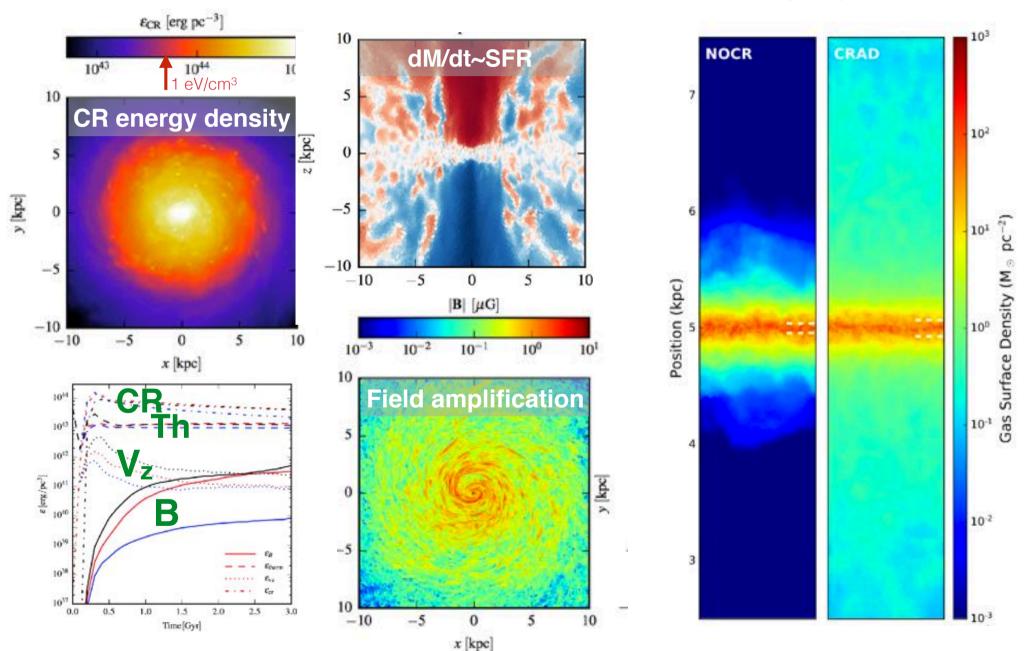




Particle acceleration shaping the galaxy \chi Fermi acceleration in η Carinae

Anisotropic CR diffusion

(Pfrommer & Springel groups, 2016)

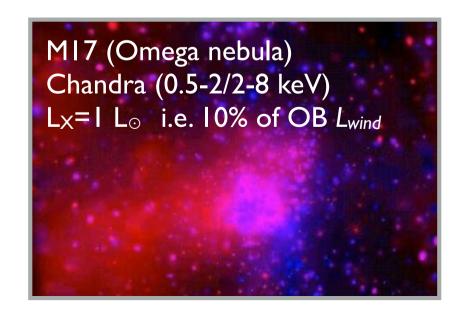


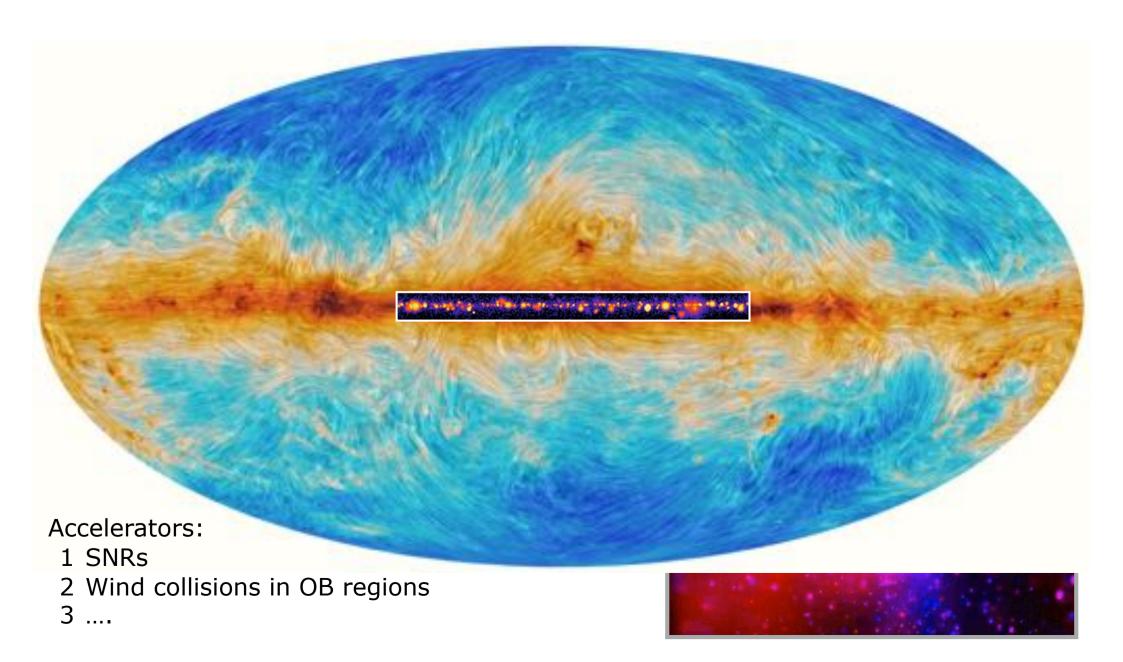


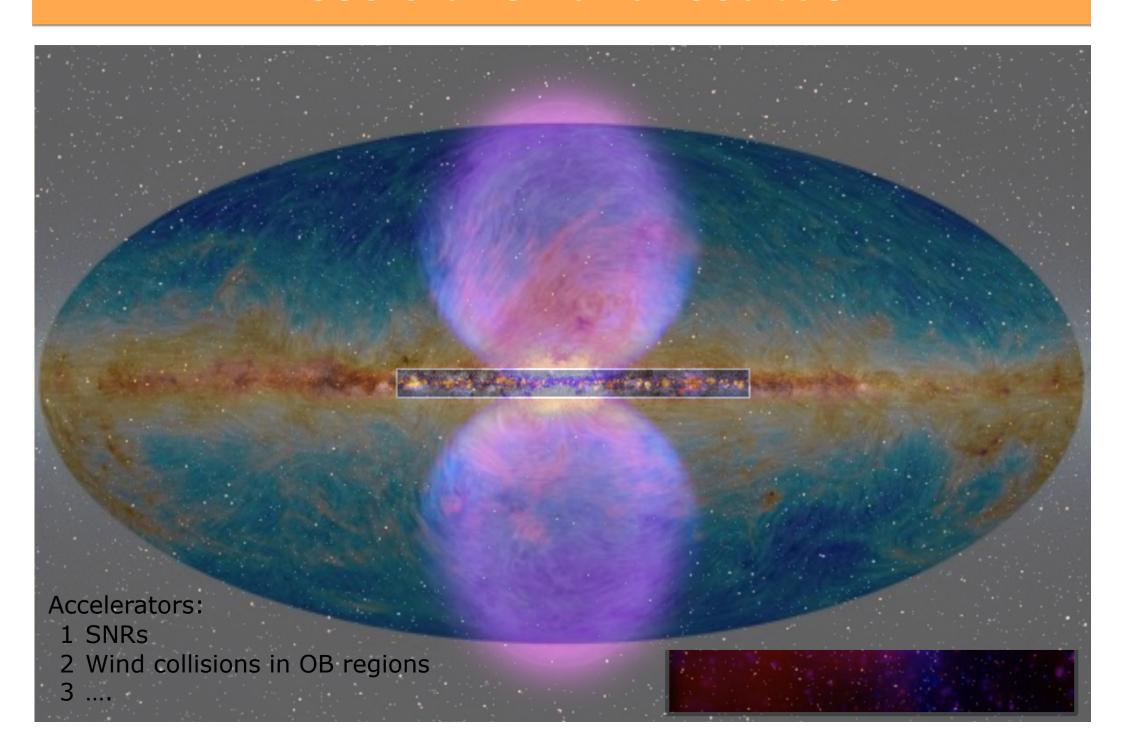
Accelerators:

- 1 SNRs
- 2 Wind collisions in OB regions

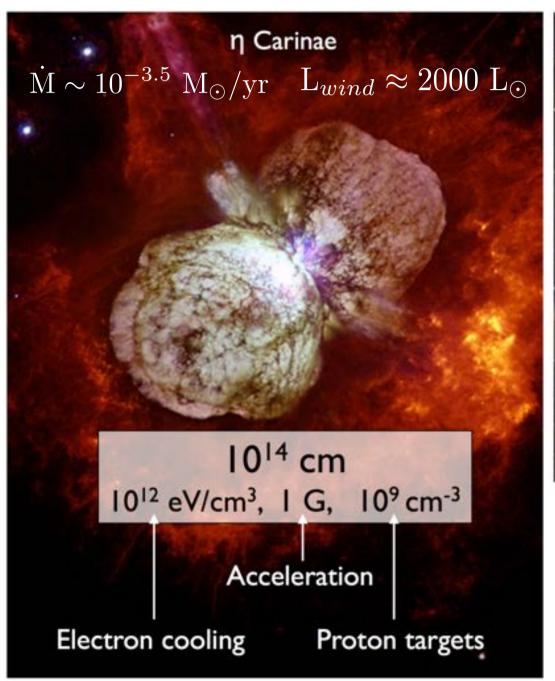
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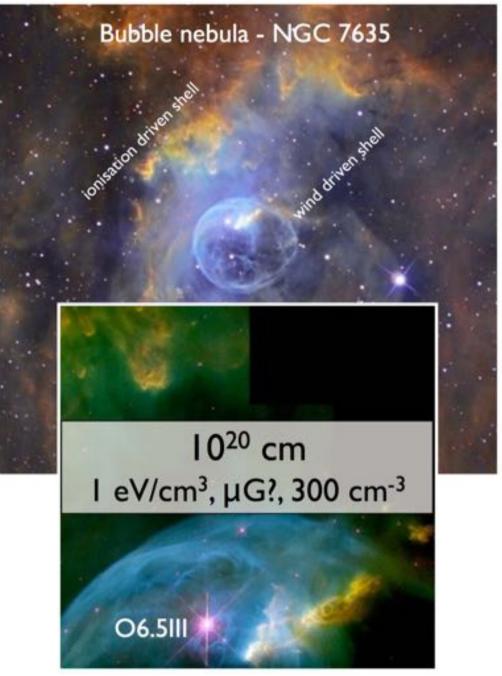




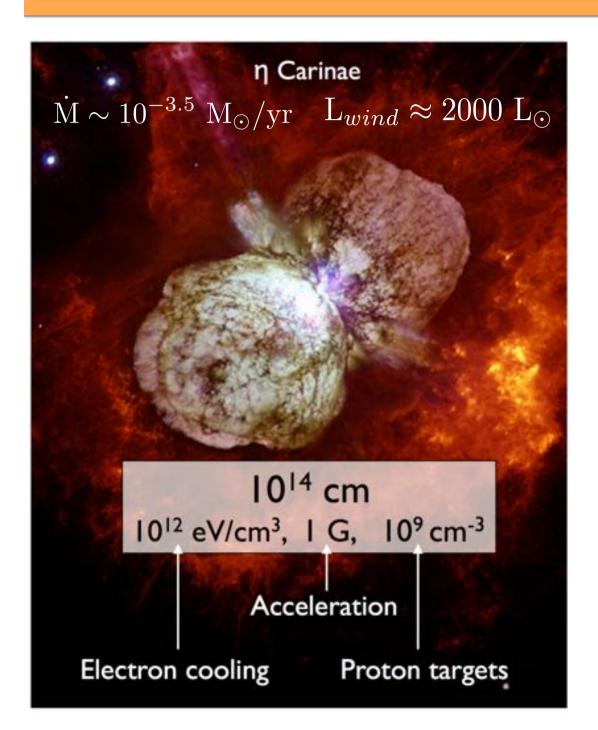


Acceleration in colliding winds





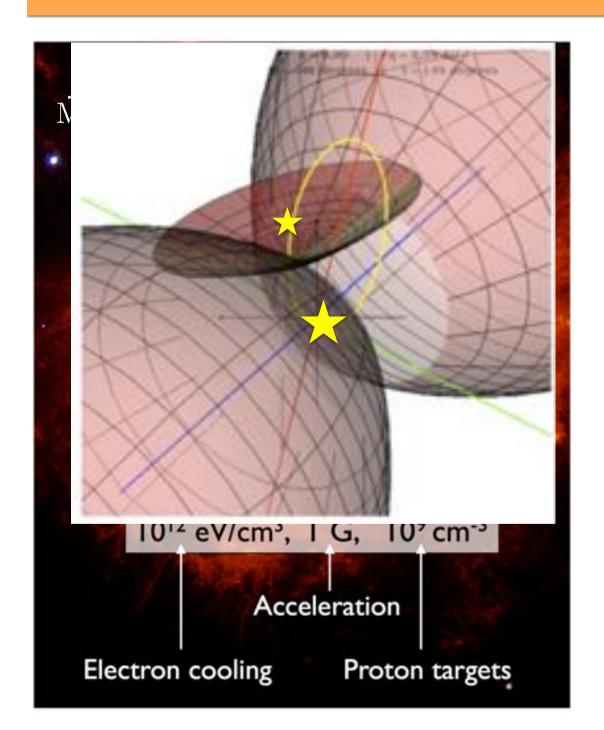
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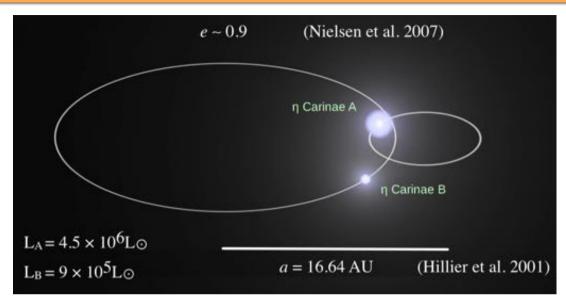
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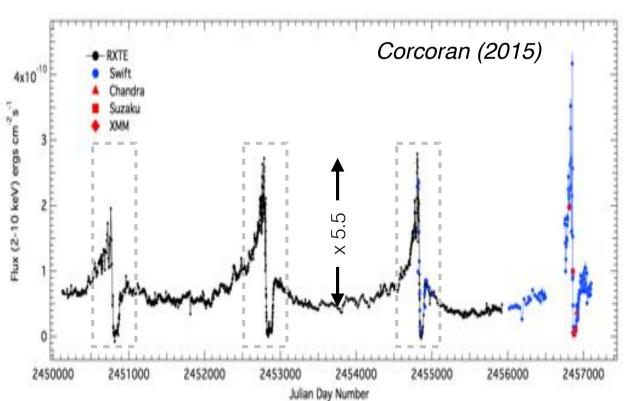


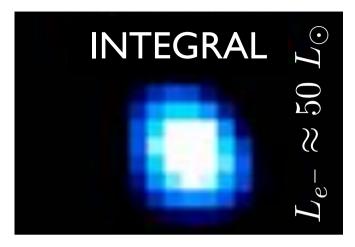
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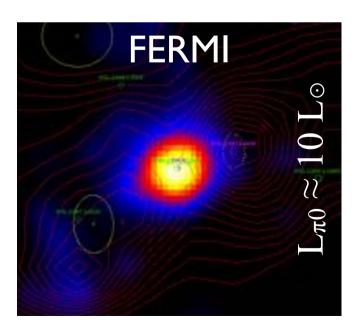
Who is η Car?





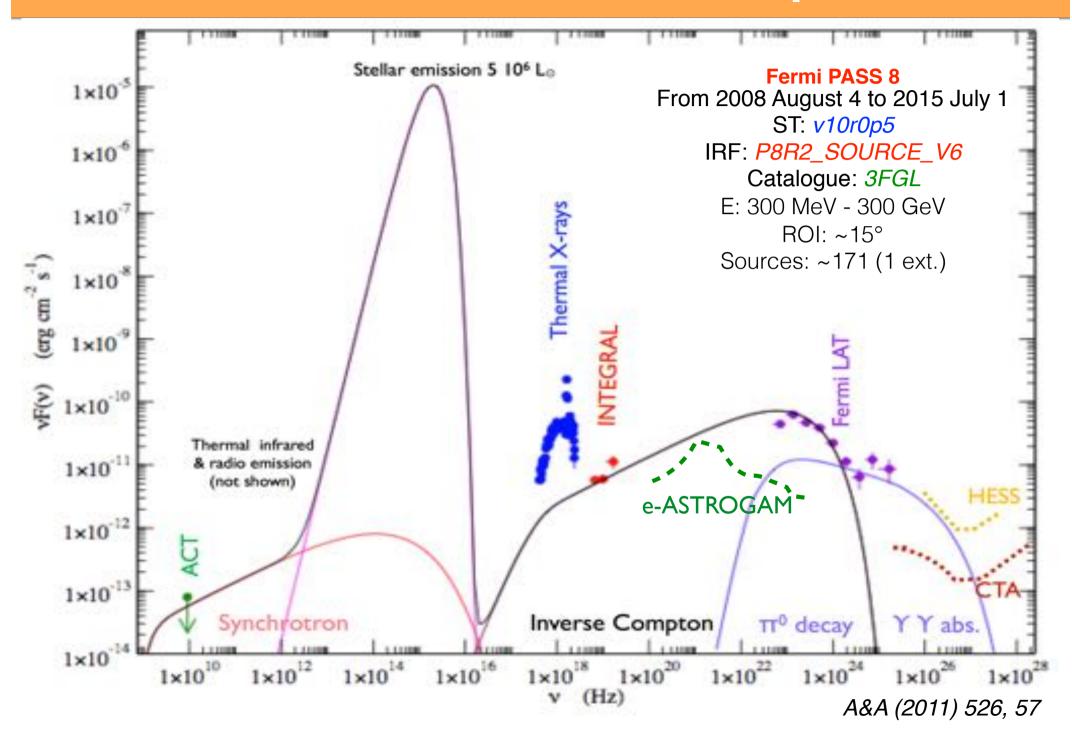


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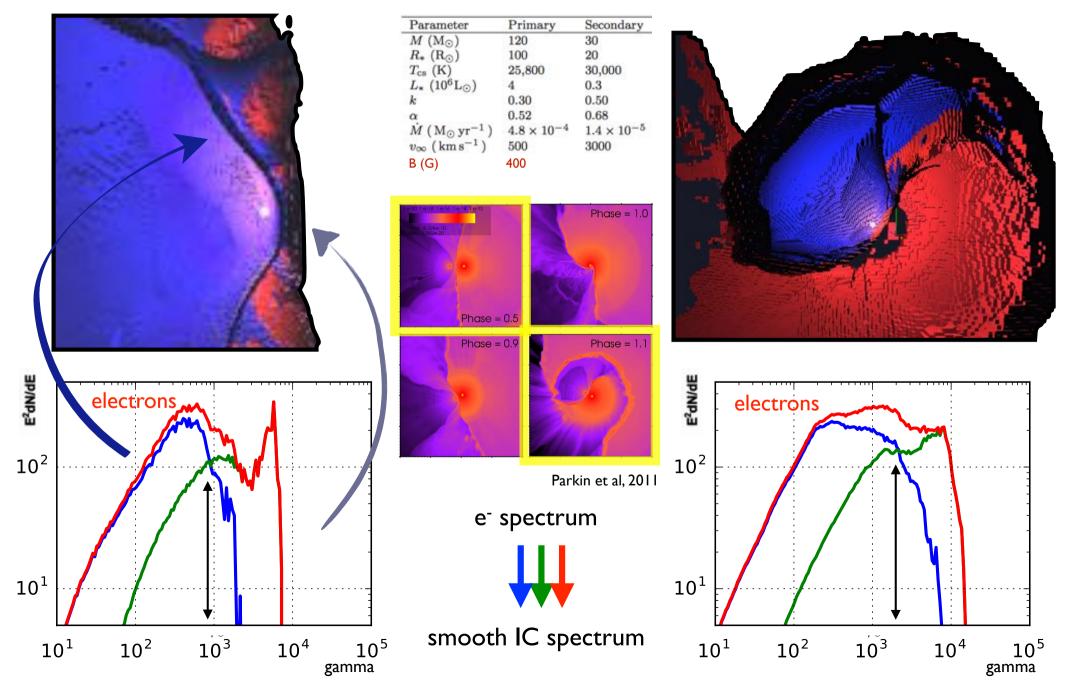
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Non thermal emission of η Car



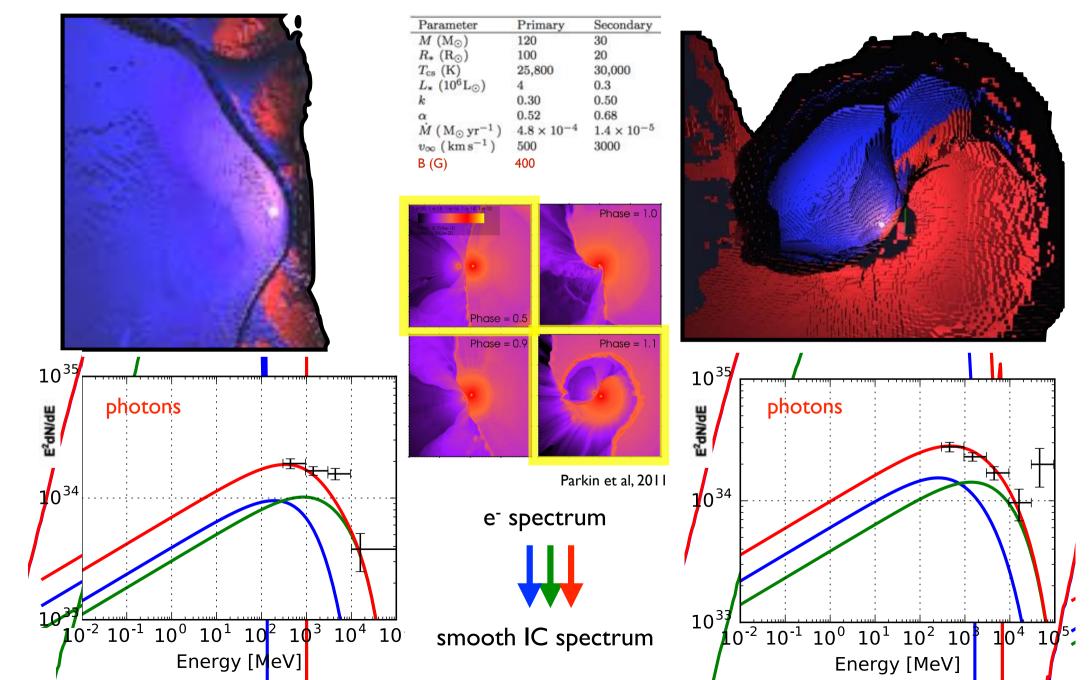
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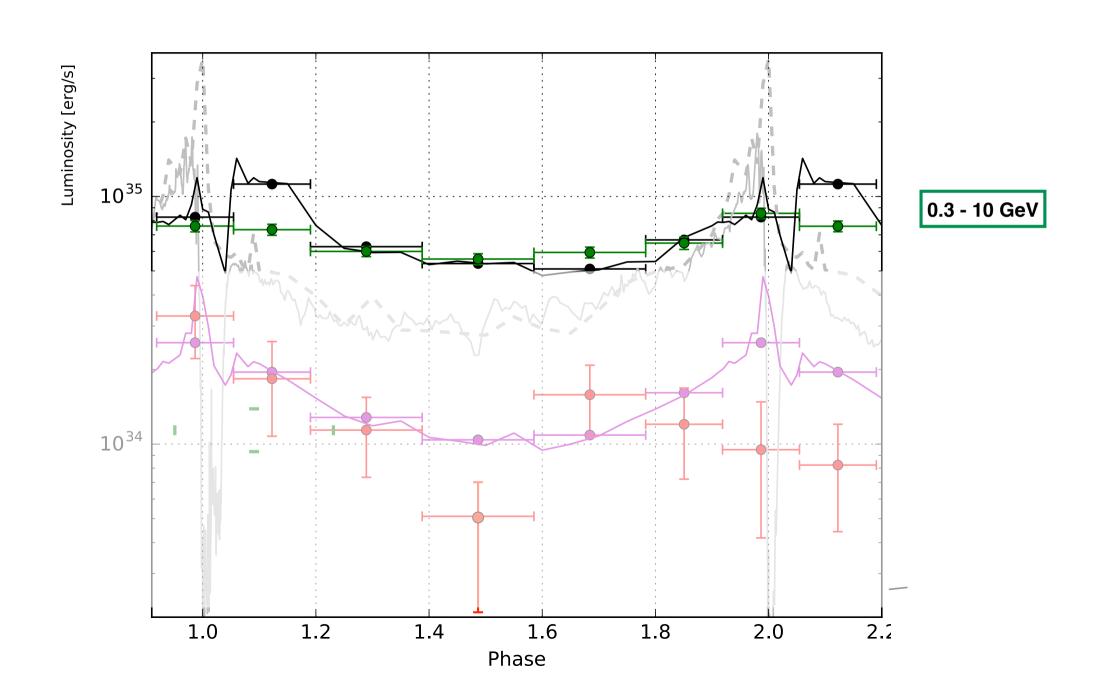
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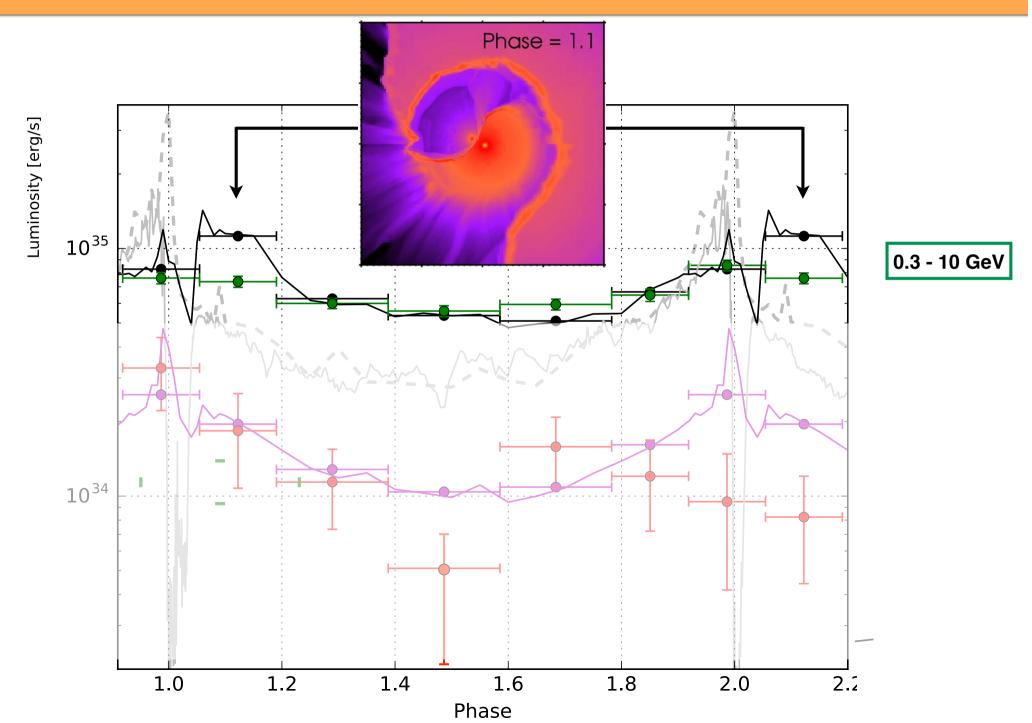


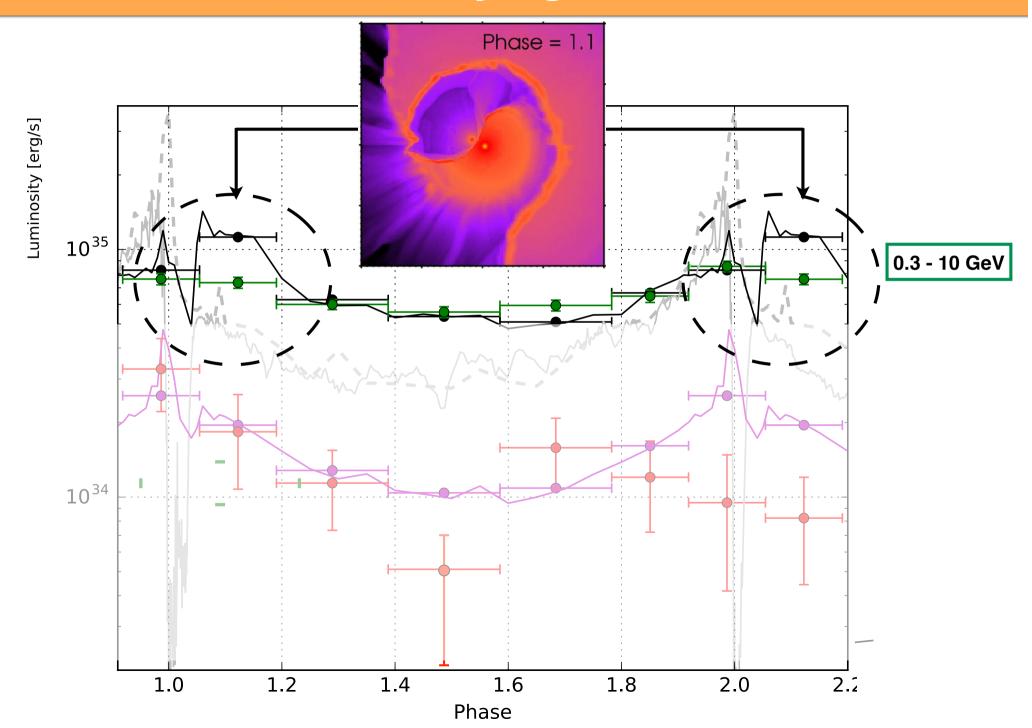
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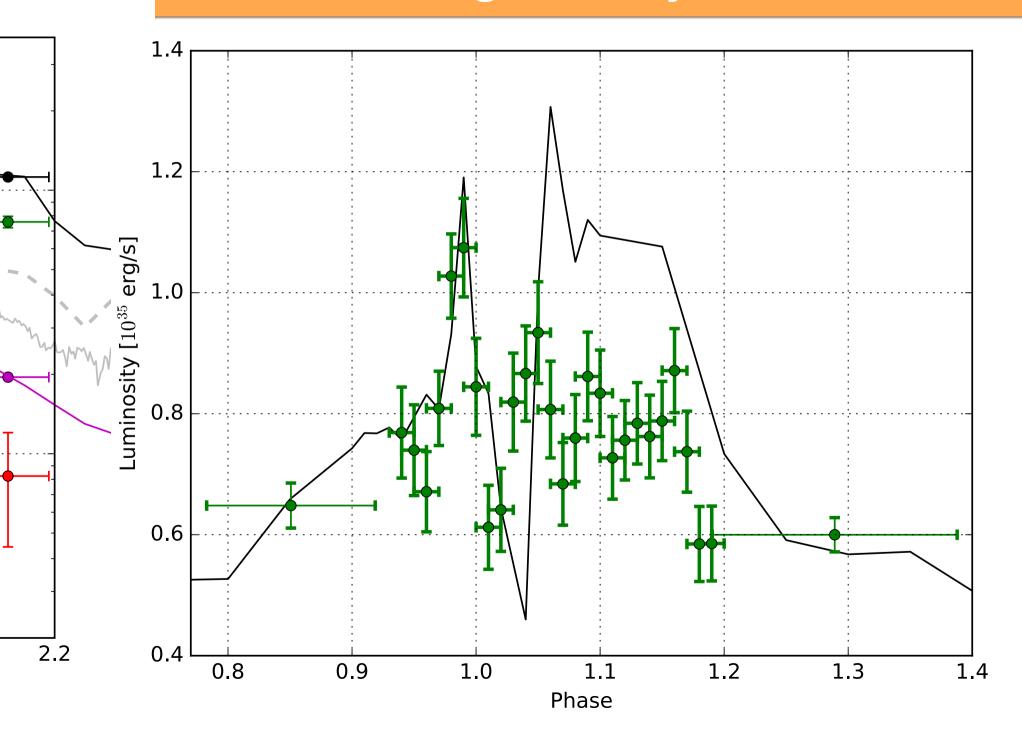


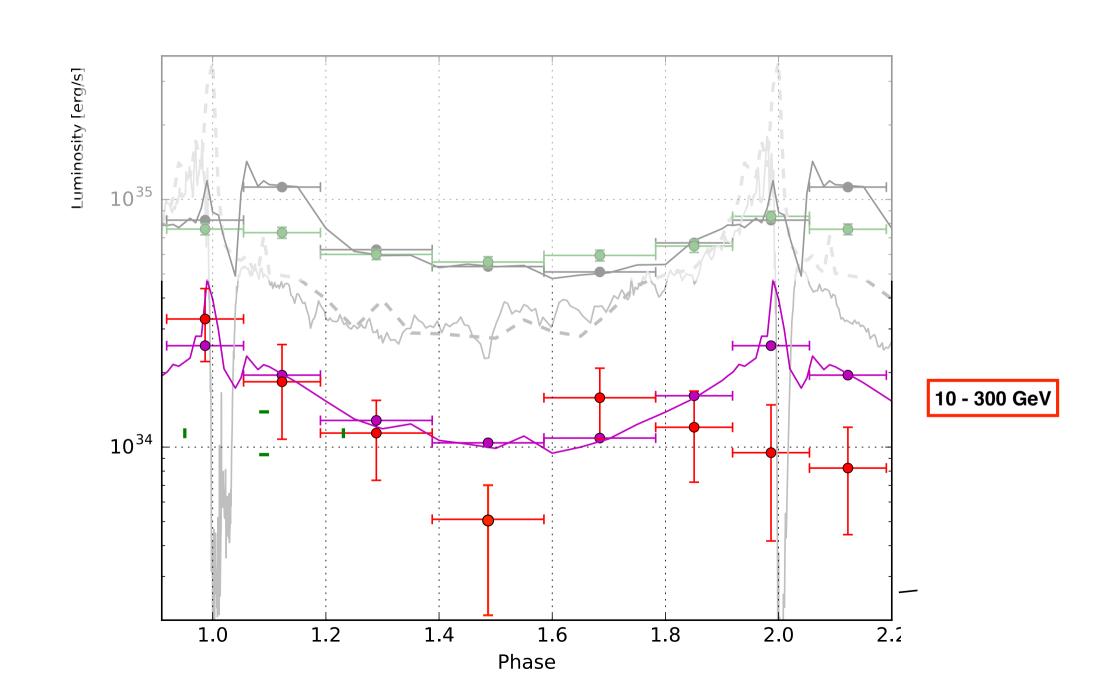


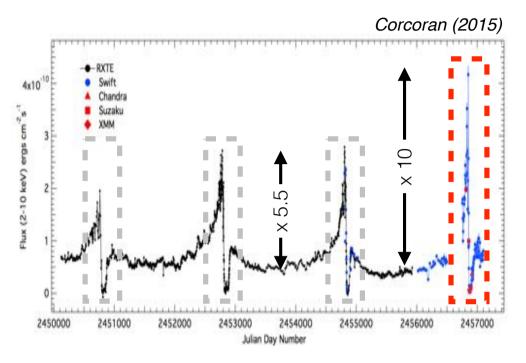




Merged analysis



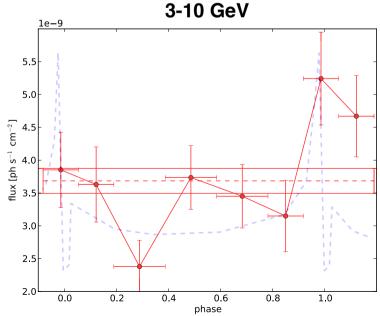




Possible interpretation

Larger wind clumpiness or dM/dt

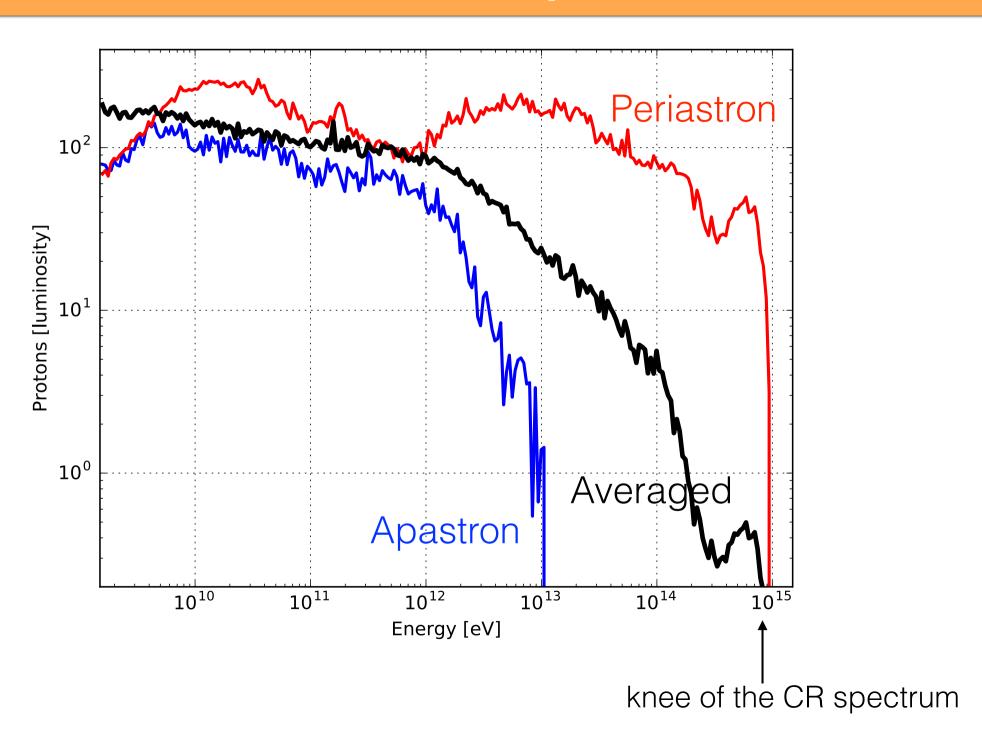
→ Stronger thermal emission (~ n²)



$$\gamma_{max,p} = \frac{4\pi R^2 eB}{\sigma_{pp} \delta \dot{M}} \left(\frac{V}{c}\right)^3$$

- \rightarrow lower $Y_{max,p}$
- → higher Y-Y opacity

Protons spectrum



Energetics

★ Thermal X-rays: 25 L_⊙

*** Synchrotron:** < 0.1 L_⊙

★ Electron acceleration: 50 L_☉

* π⁰ emission: 10 L_☉

* neutrino: $\sim 10^{-9} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ (above 10 TeV)}$

- * η Carinae shows evidences for electronic and hadronic acceleration
- * Electron **spectral index** is compatible with 2.25
- **Proton cutoff energy** ≥10¹³ eV, *higher than measured in middle aged SNR*
- **Efficiency** of particle **acceleration** ~ **1%** (Spitkovsky's simulations: 10%)

With this efficiency, a massive star could accelerate $5\% \cdot \dot{M} \cdot t_{WR} \cdot V_w^2 \approx 10^{50} \ \mathrm{erg}$

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M17 (Omega nebula)
Chandra (0.5-2/2-8 keV)
L×=1 L₀
10% of OB stellar wind luminosity
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(Townsley et al., 2005)