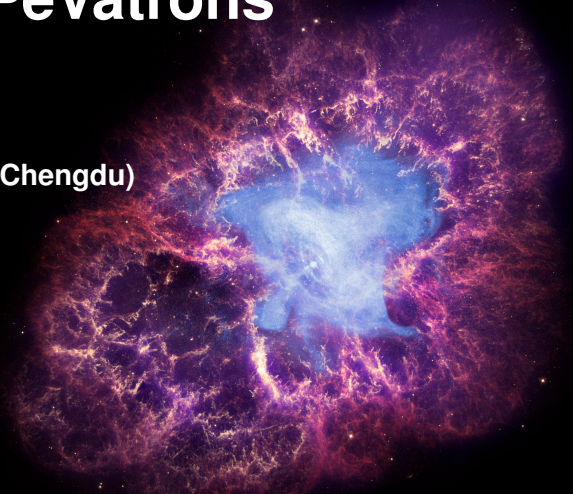


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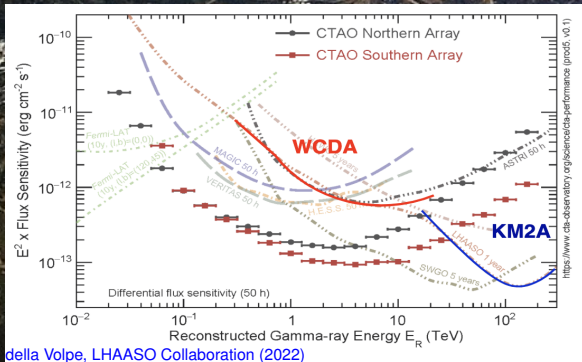
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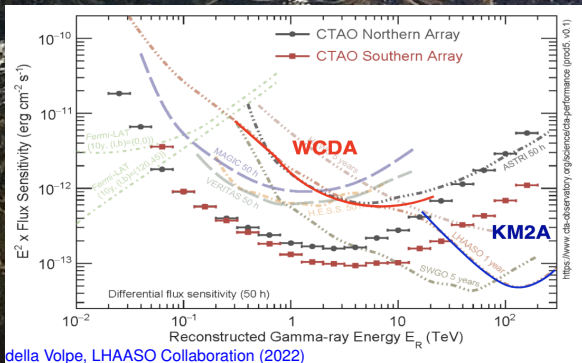


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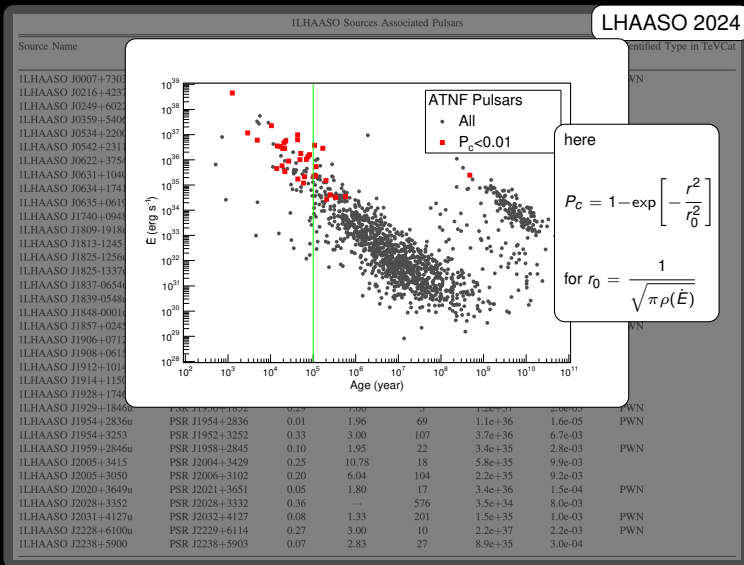
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Fundamental Constraints on Leptonic PeVatrons

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- This implies a limited propagation length (here $D = D_0 (E/1 \text{PeV})^\delta$)

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Inverse Compton scattering dominates the production of γ rays by electrons in VHE and UHE regimes

- In the Thomson regime, electrons radiates away only a small fraction of its energy, $\epsilon\omega/(m_e^2 c^4) [\ll 1]$
- In the Klein-Nishina regime, the cross section decreases considerably, so the efficiency of the process drops

Hillas Criterion

Source Size, $R > R_G = 10^{18} \left(\frac{B}{5 \mu\text{G}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{E}{1 \text{PeV}} \right) \text{cm}$, and electric potential drop, $\epsilon_{\text{max}} < e\Delta\Phi$, limits the maximum energy of accelerated particles

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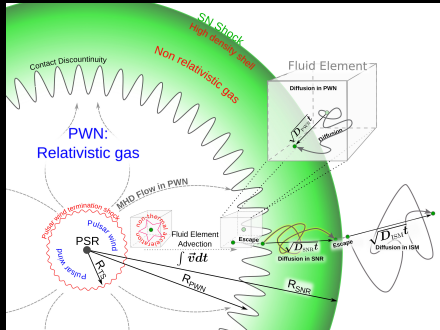
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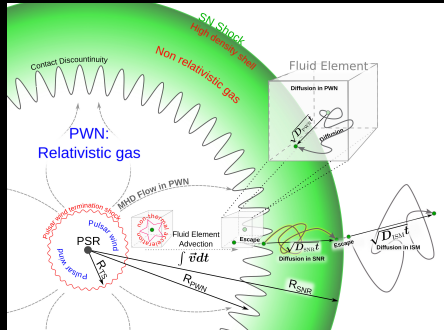
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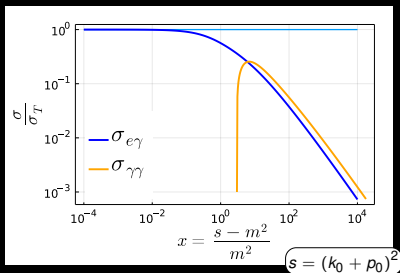
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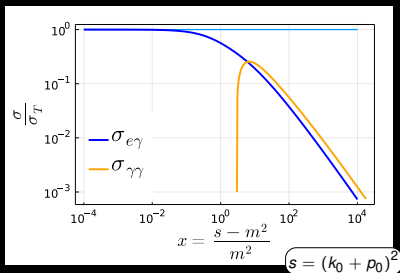
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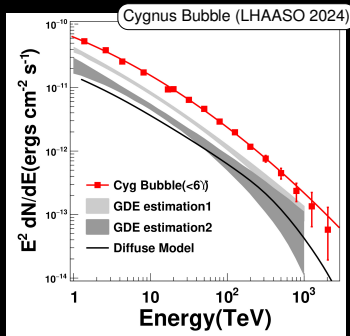
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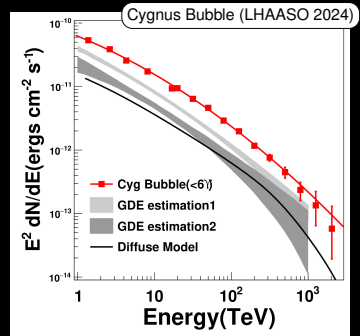
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There are two main components of the package: a set of nonthermal Radiative Models, and a set of utility functions that make it easier to fit a given model to observed spectral data (see Model fitting).

Nonthermal radiative models are available for Synchrotron, inverse Compton, Bremsstrahlung, and neutral pion decay processes. All of the models allow the use of an arbitrary shape of the particle energy distribution, and several functional models are also available to be used as particle distribution functions. See Radiative Models for a detailed explanation of these.

from <https://naima.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>



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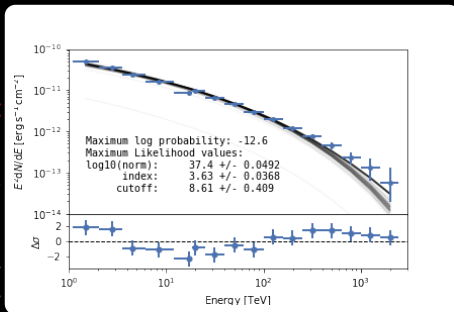
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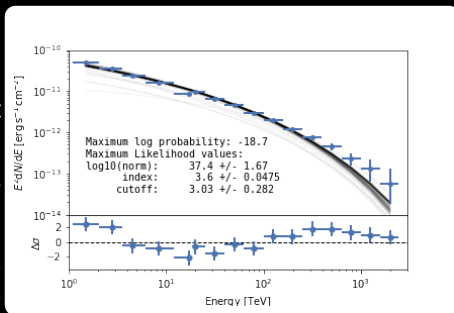
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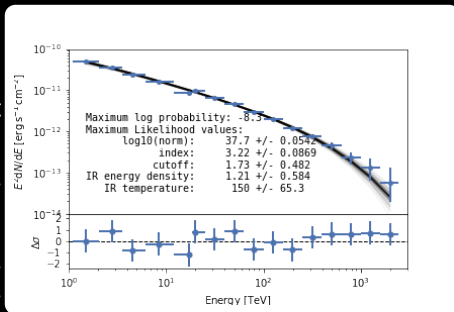
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 $\beta = 1, \sigma \sim 10^{-2}, \Delta\Omega \sim 1$ and $L \sim 10^{37} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}}$ (no protons!)
- ☞ μQs (DSA):
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Pulsar Magnetosphere

Two important length scales:

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$$R_{pc} = R_{psr} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega R_{psr}}{c}} \approx 0.1 \text{ km}$$

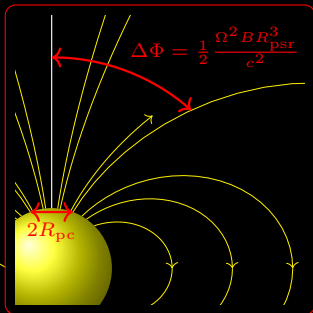
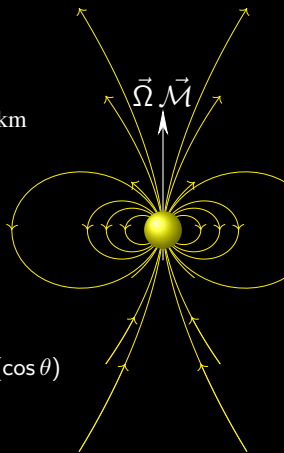
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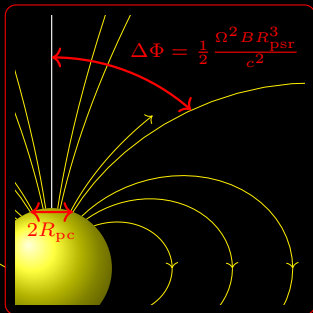
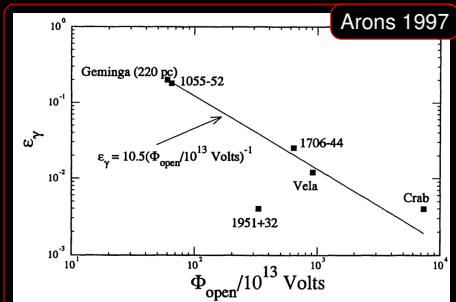
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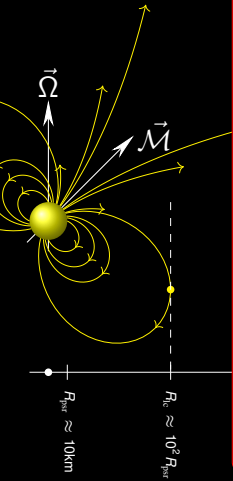
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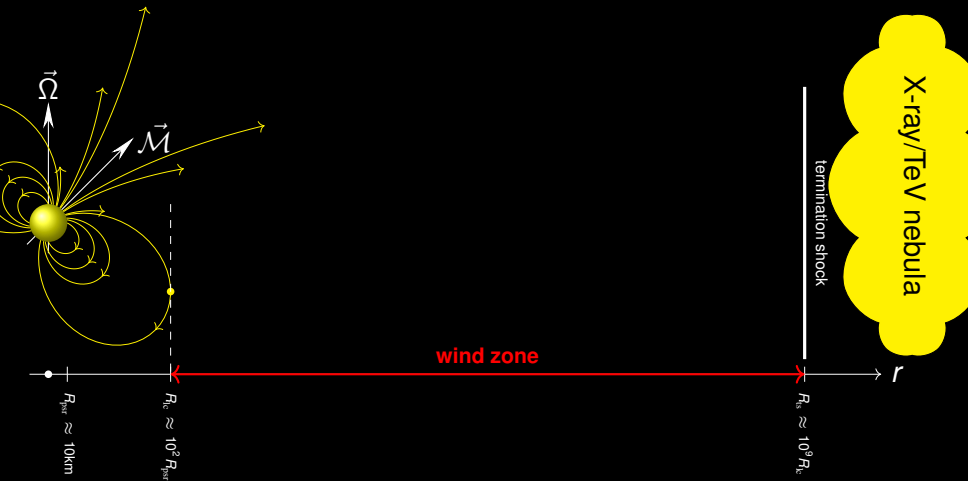
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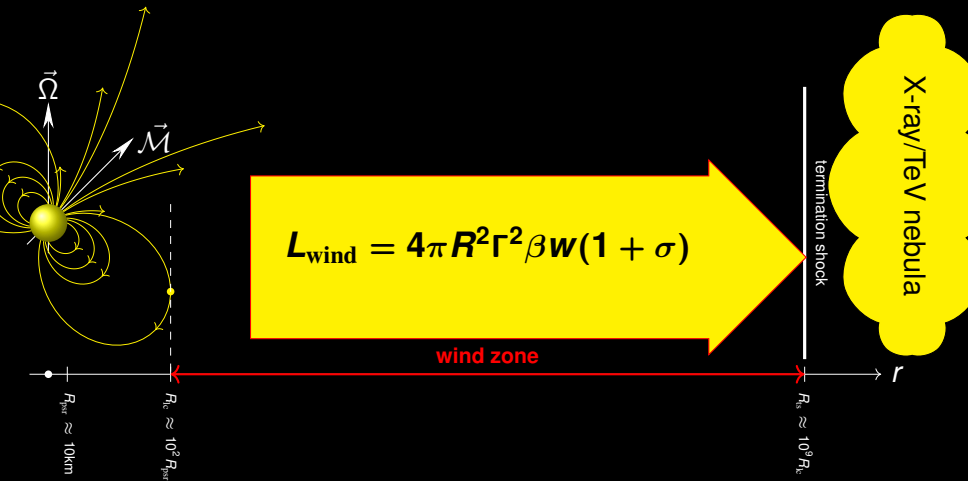
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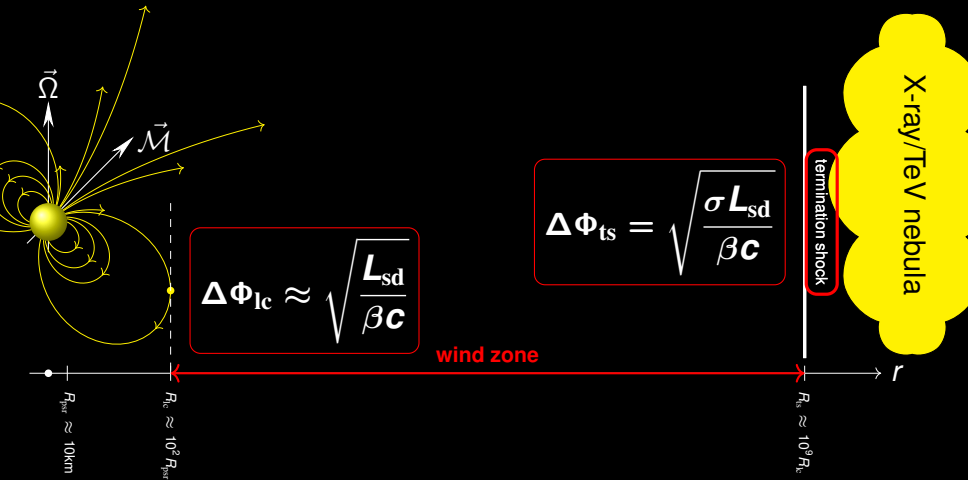
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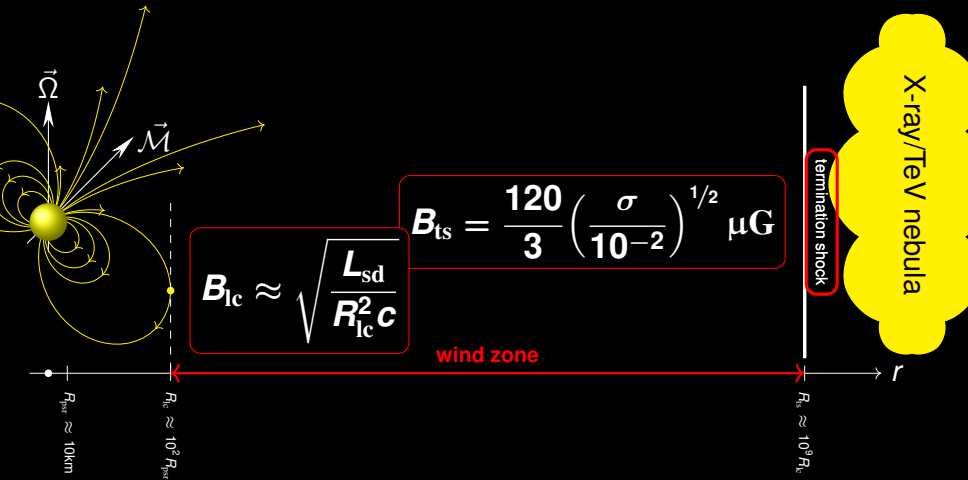
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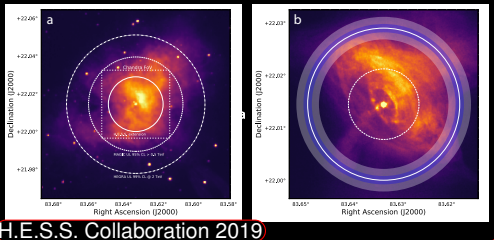
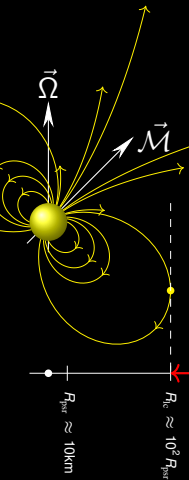
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σ is low: Kennel&Coroniti(1984), Aharonian&Atoyan(1995)

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X-ray/TeV nebula

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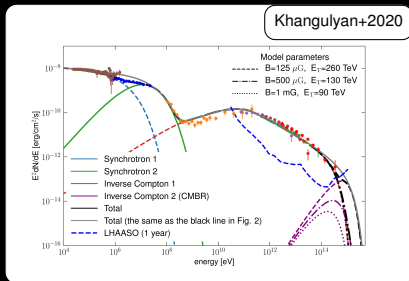
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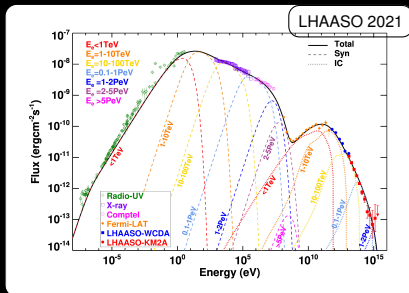
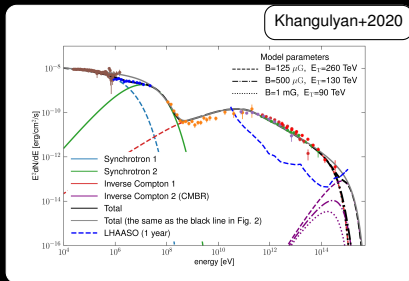
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Summary

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- In the first LHAASO Catalogue, at least one third of the sources is associated with pulsars
- The size of diffuse sources is determined by the source age for protons and cooling time for electrons (i.e., it might be easier to see lepton sources in the data)
- On the other hand, pulsar wind termination shocks seem to feature the best conditions for particle acceleration, with all constraints implying a multi PeV limits, thus it could be that PWN are indeed very efficient PeVatrons
- LHAASO data allow determining the strength of the magnetic field at the termination shock in the Crab Nebula with impressive accuracy (will we have to reconsider the “strength” of the constraints?)

