

# Long-term gamma-ray observations of the binary HESS J0632+057 with H.E.S.S., MAGIC and VERITAS

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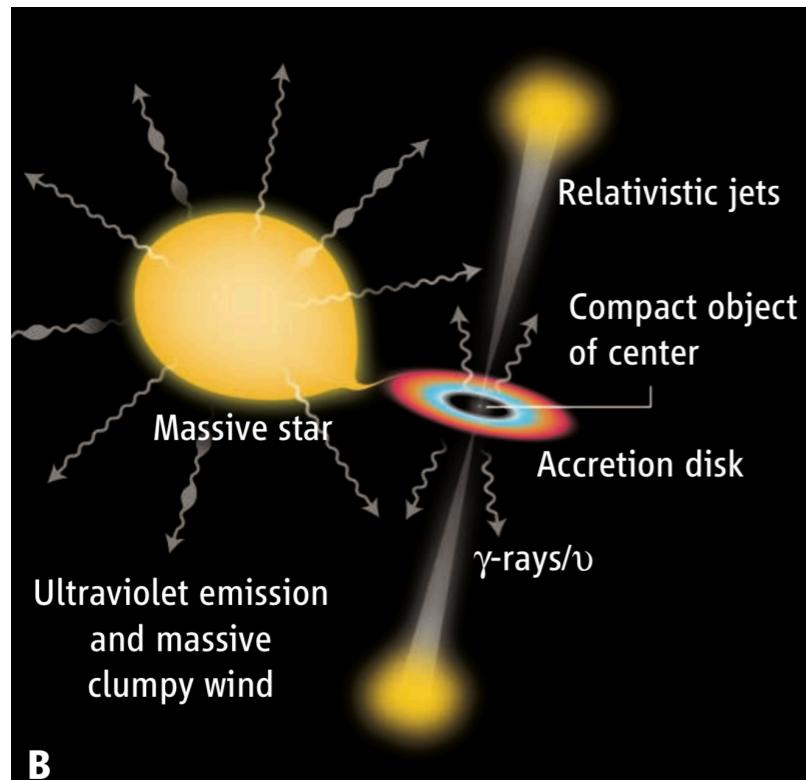


Major Atmospheric Gamma-Ray  
Imaging Cherenkov Telescopes



# Gamma-ray Binaries

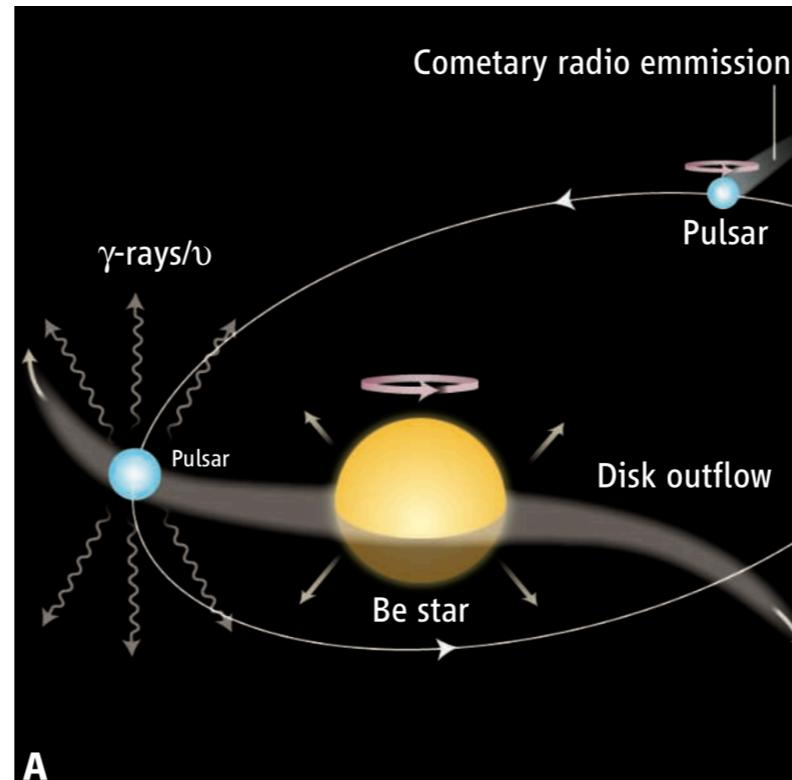
**Microquasar**



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Mirabel 2012

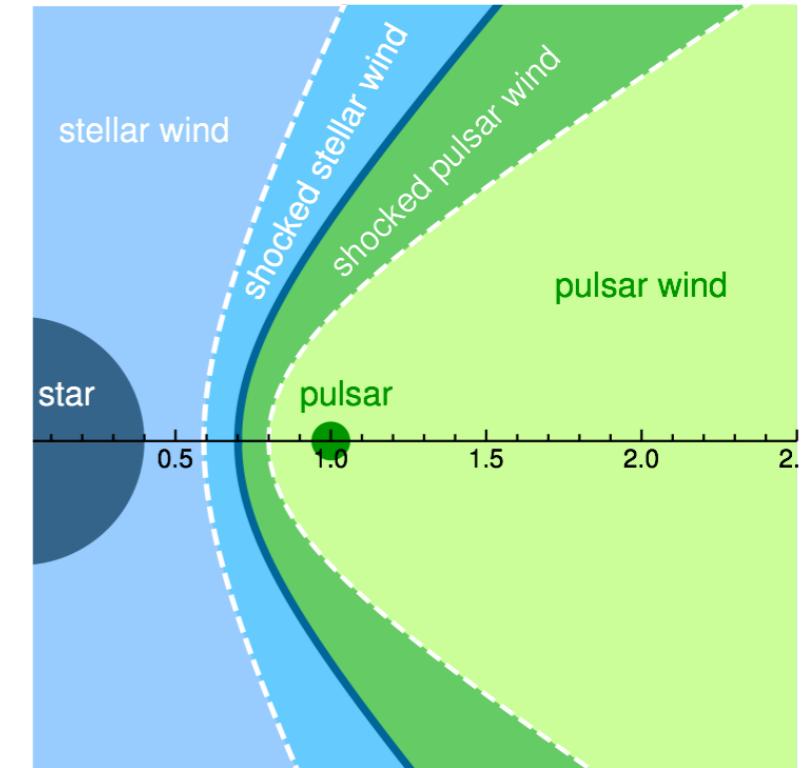
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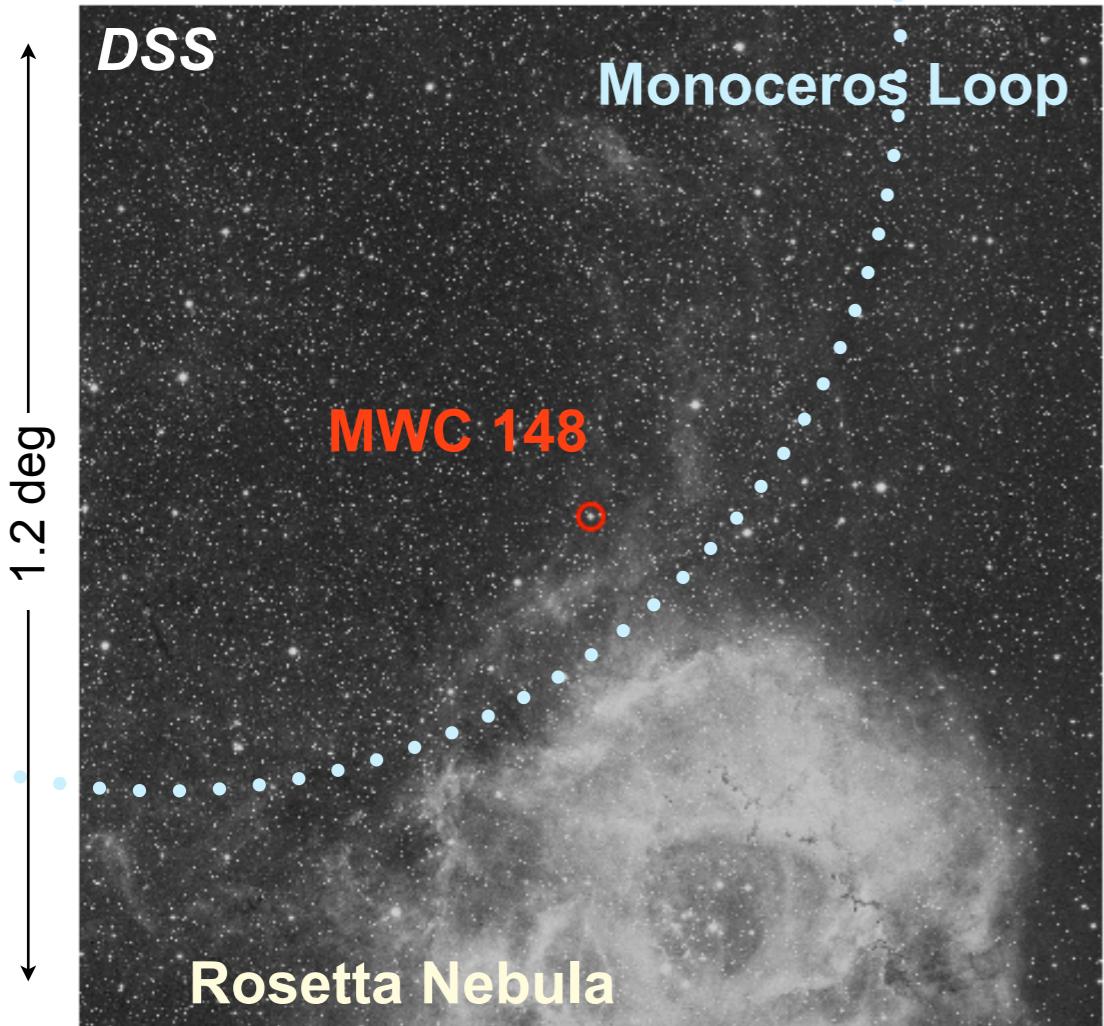
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Szostec & Dubus (2011)

# The gamma-ray binary HESS J0632+057

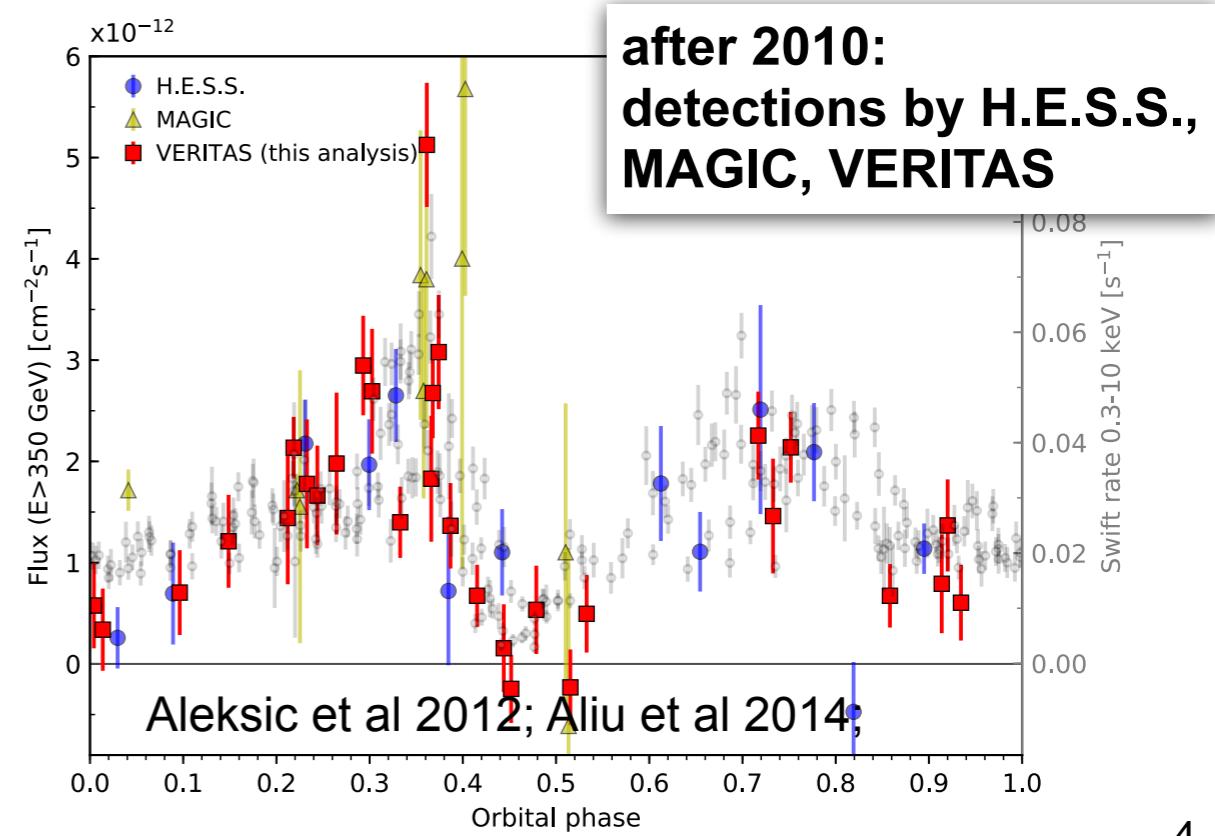
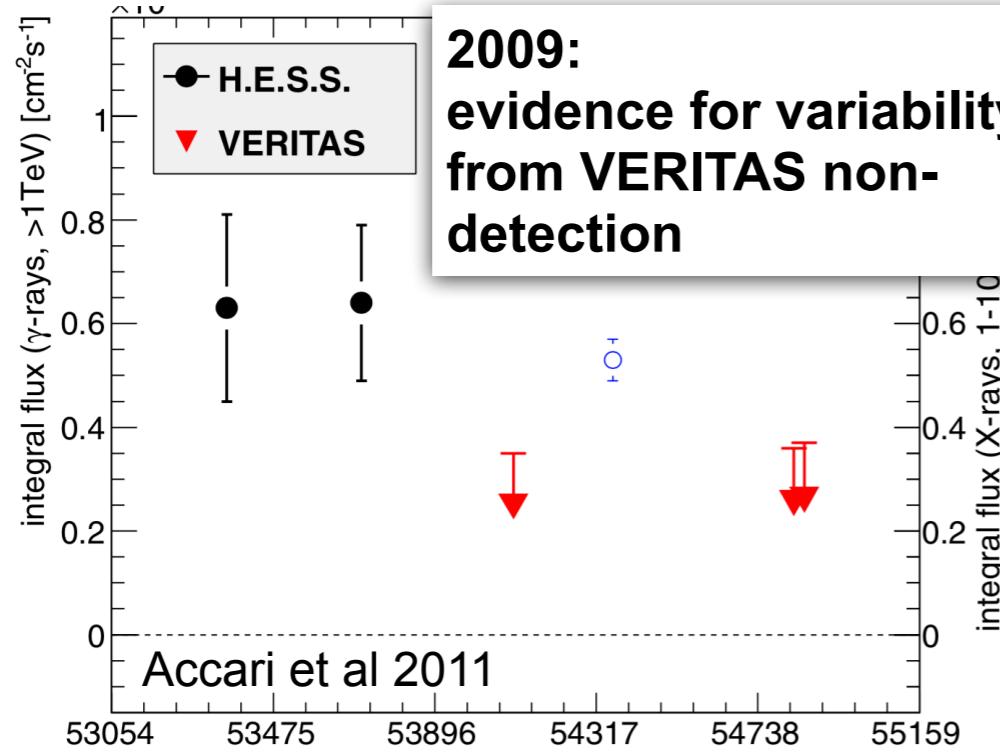
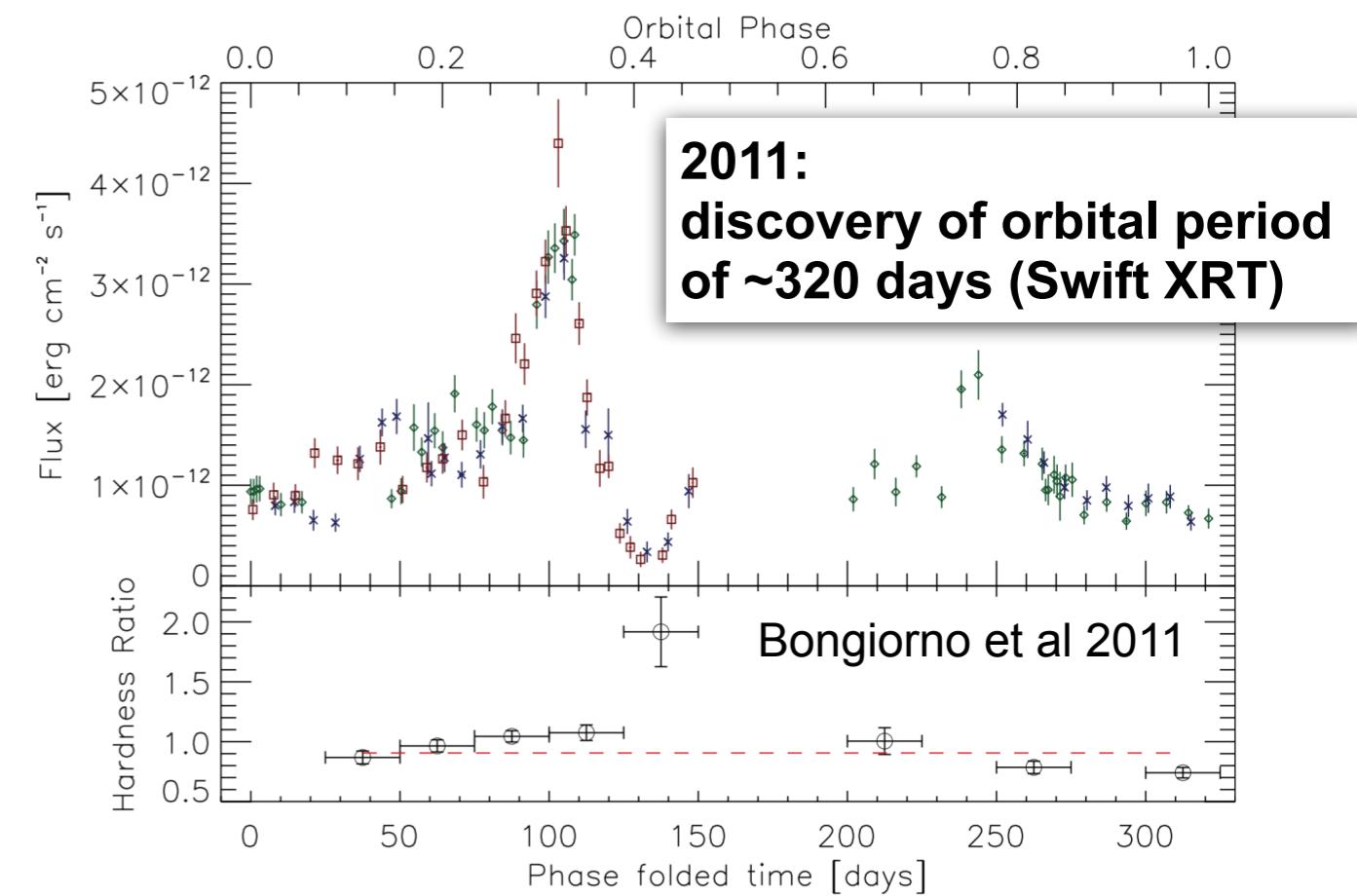
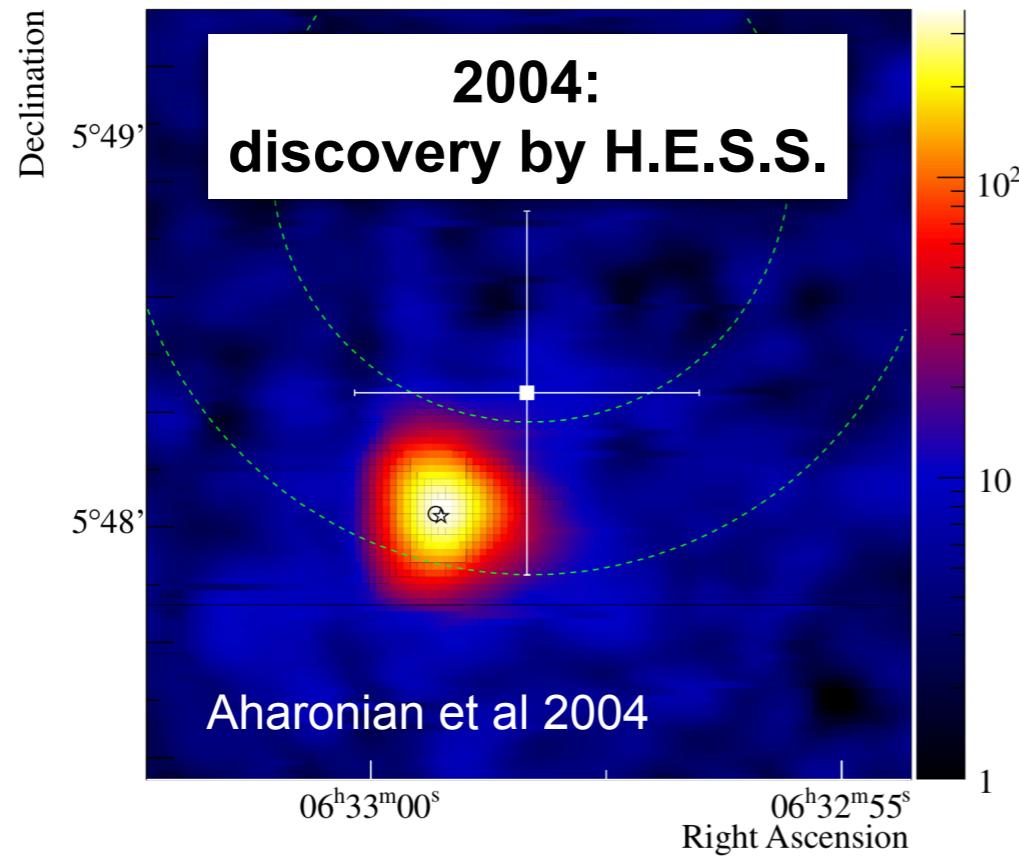


- MWC 148: B0pe star  
( $M = 16 M_\odot$ ,  $R = 6.6 R_\odot$ ,  $T = 30 \times 10^5$  K)
- neutron star or black hole  
(no pulsation found in deep Chandra/GBT searches)
- peak of SED in gamma rays
- variable in X-rays/gamma rays
- weak MeV-GeV Fermi LAT detection

- orbital period from Swift XRT data ~315-320 days
- distance 1.1-1.7 kpc

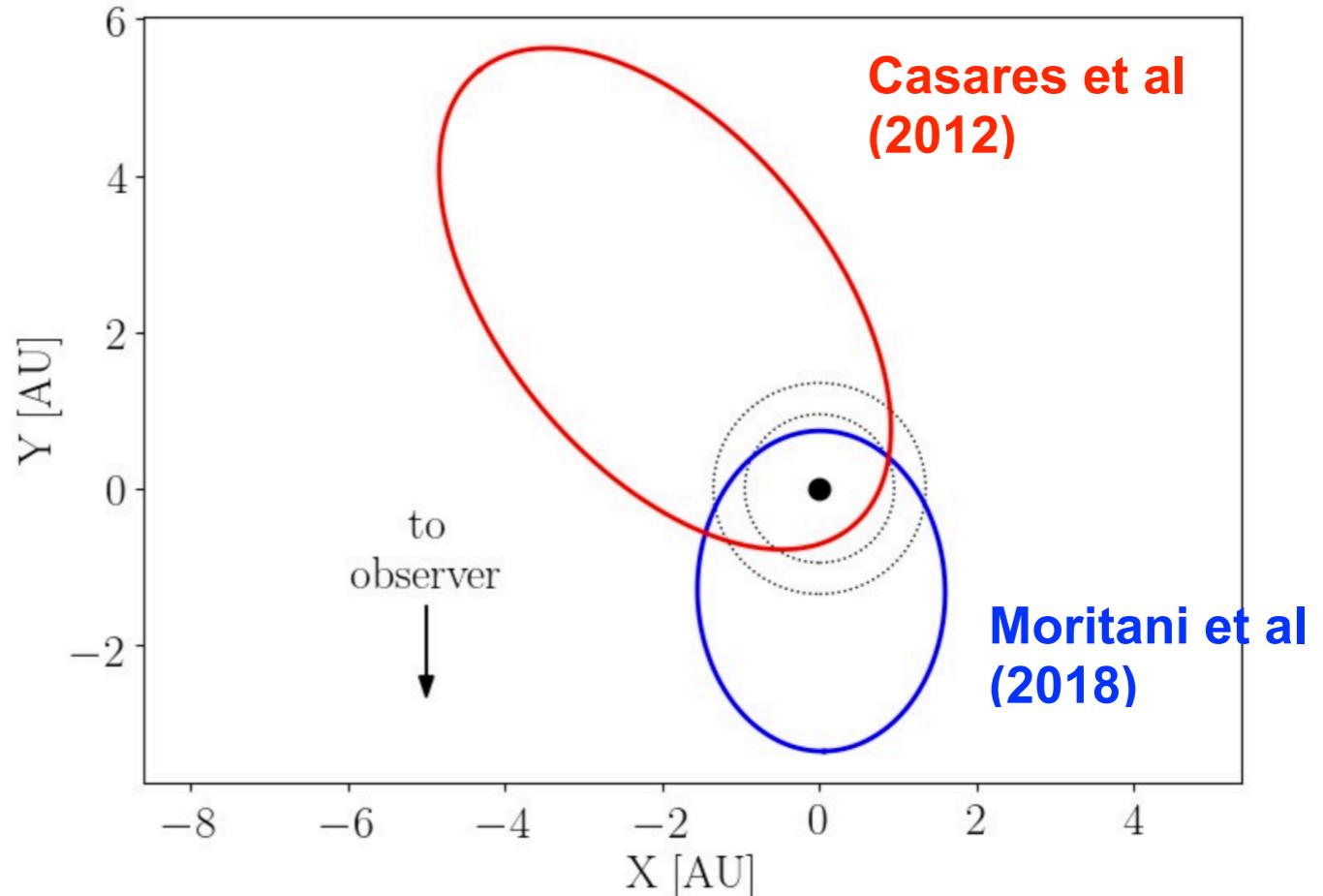
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# High-energy history



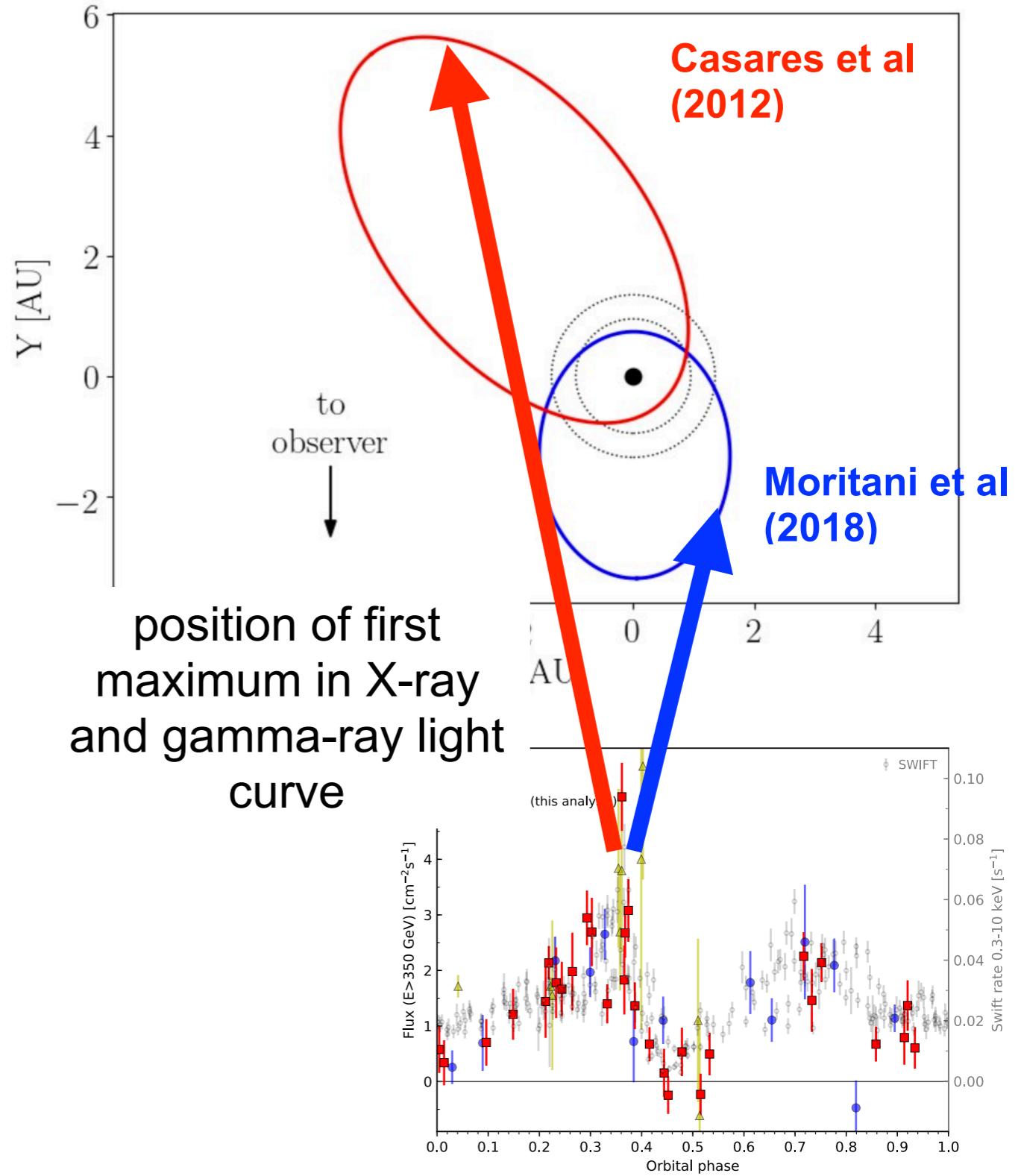
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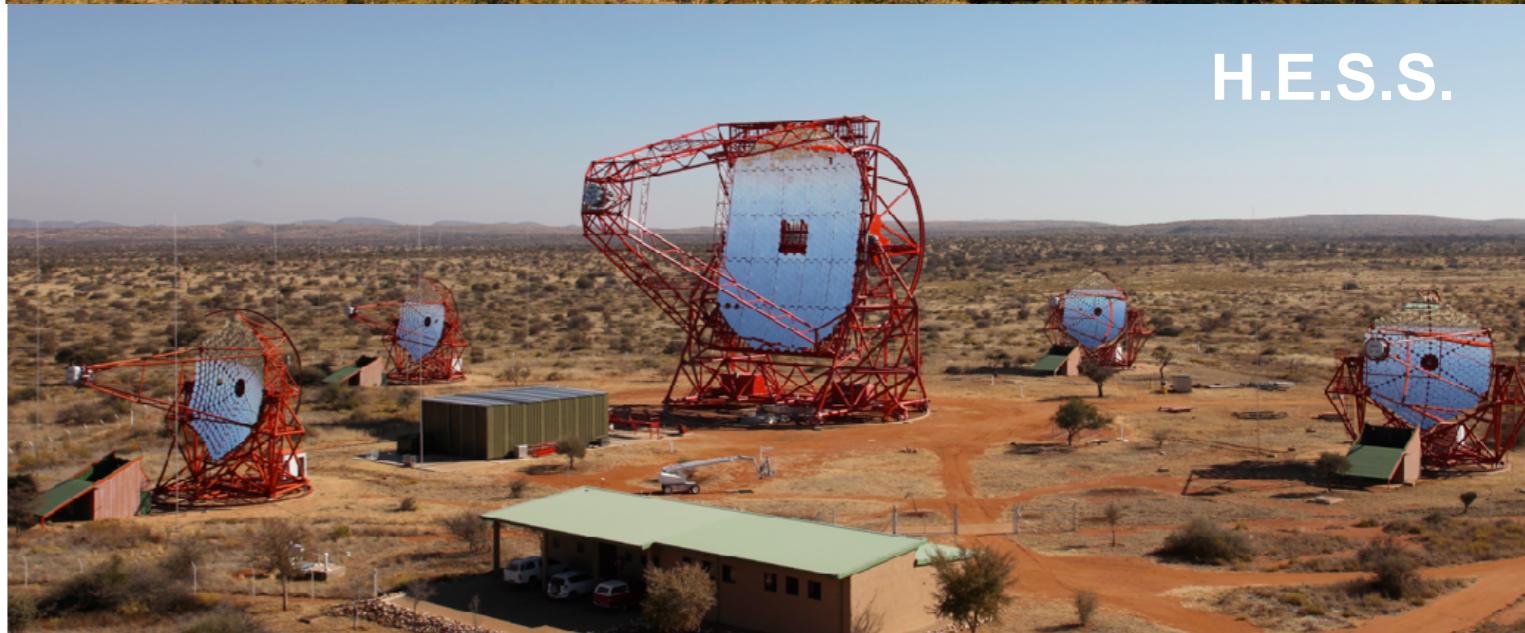
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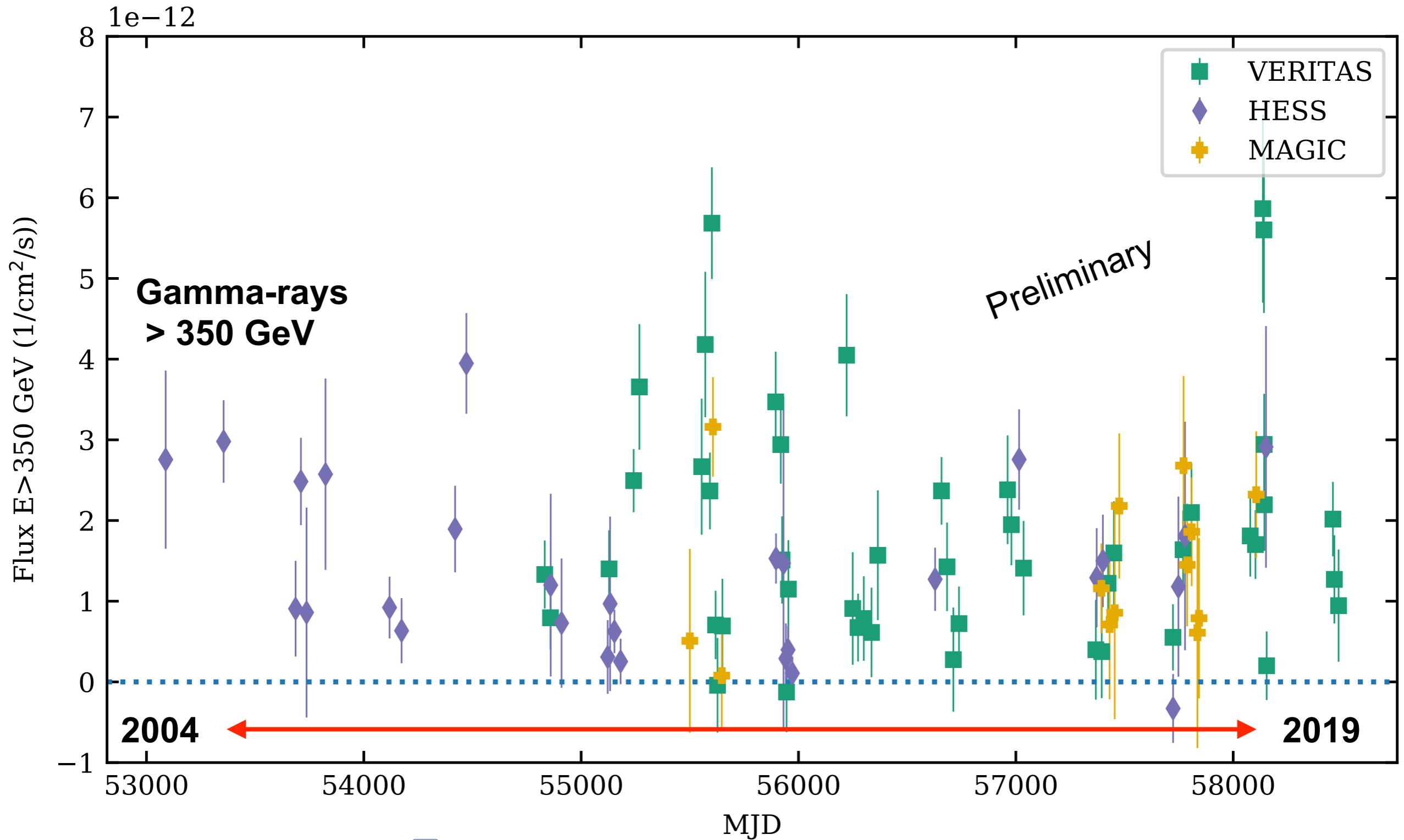


# Observations

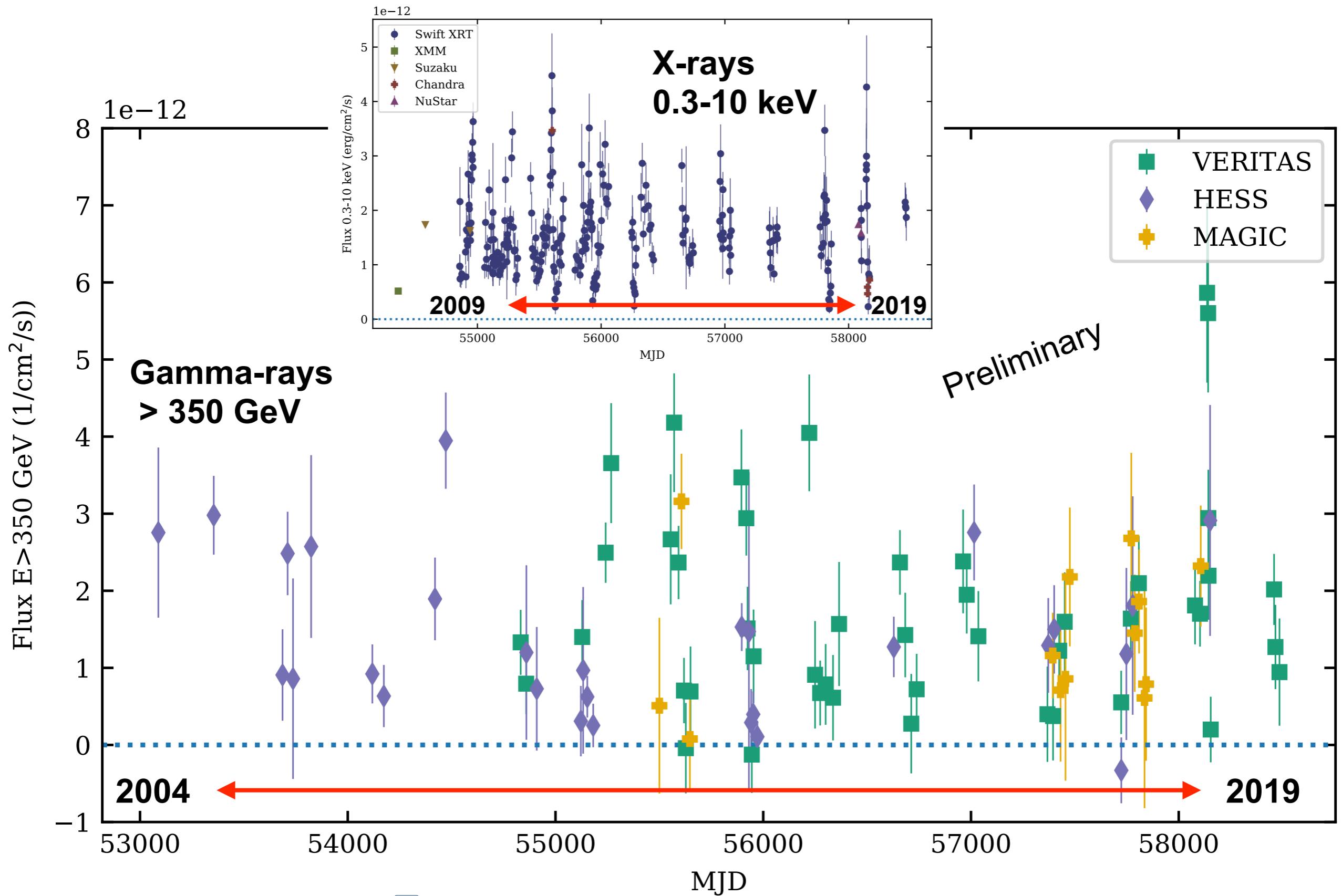
- Large data set of 440 h obtained from 2004-2019
- VERITAS
  - pre-T1 move: 20 h
  - post-T1 move: 117 h
  - post-camera upgrade: 112 h
  - bright moon (red. HV): 11 h
- MAGIC:
  - stereo: 48 h
- H.E.S.S.:
  - CT 1-4: 99 h
  - CT 1-5: 15 h
  - CT 5: 18 h
- large Swift XRT data set (+some XMM, Chandra, Suzaku, NuStar observations)



# Long-term light curve: 15 years!

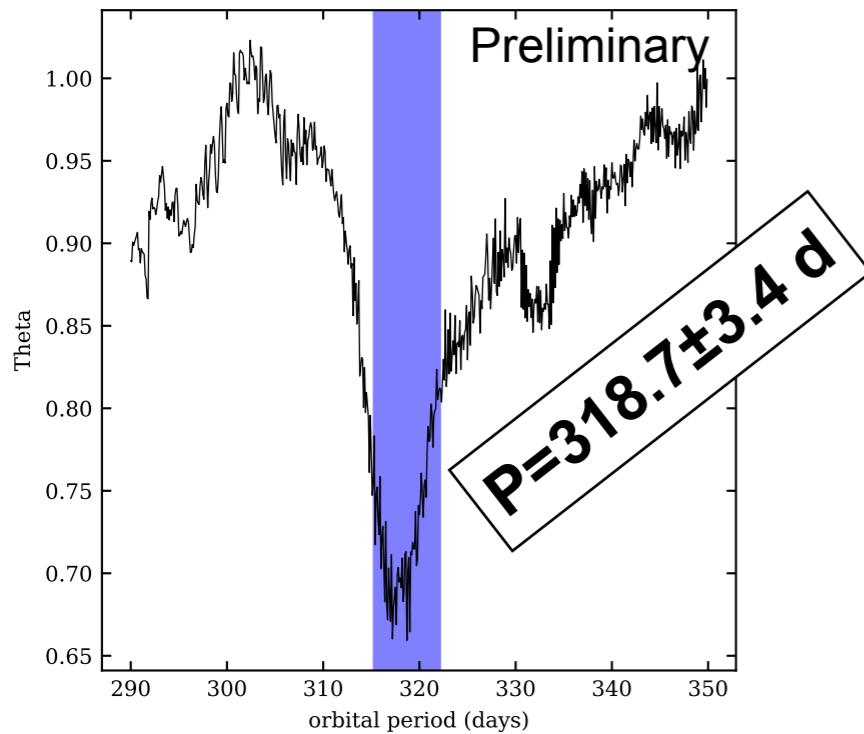


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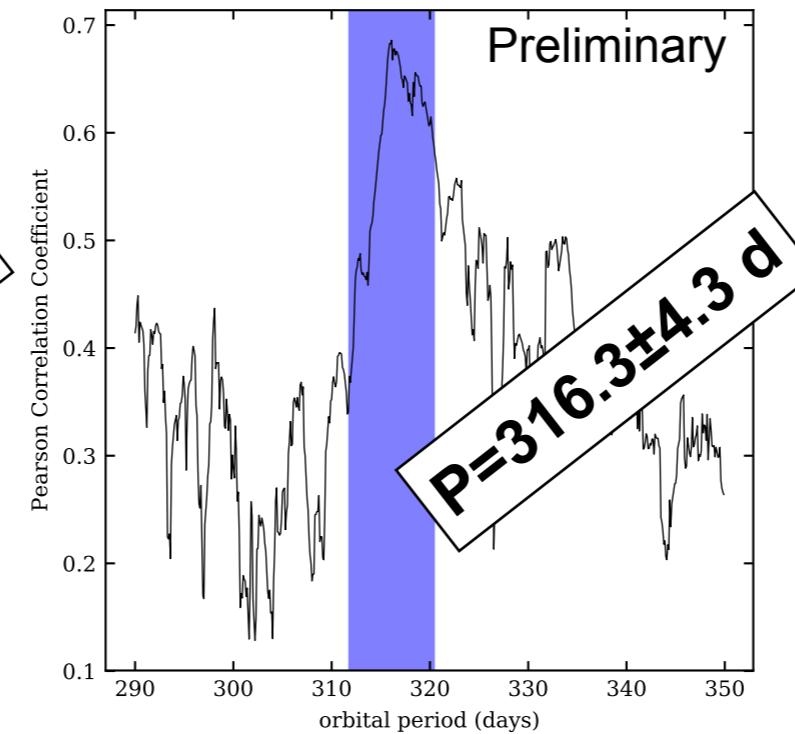


# Orbital period determination from gamma rays

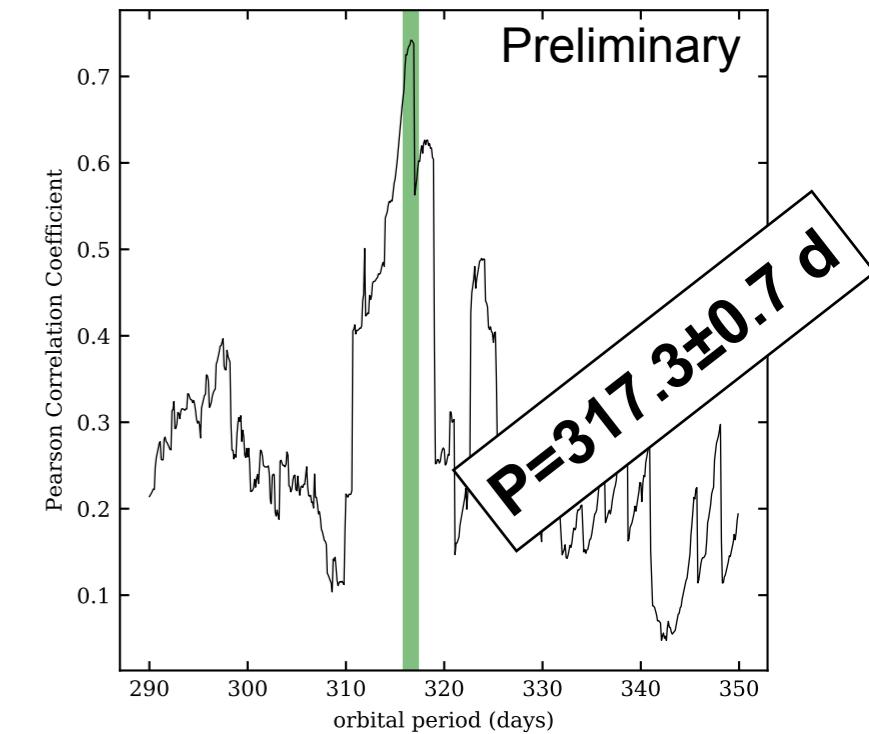
Phase Dispersion  
Minimisation  
Gamma-rays > 350 GeV



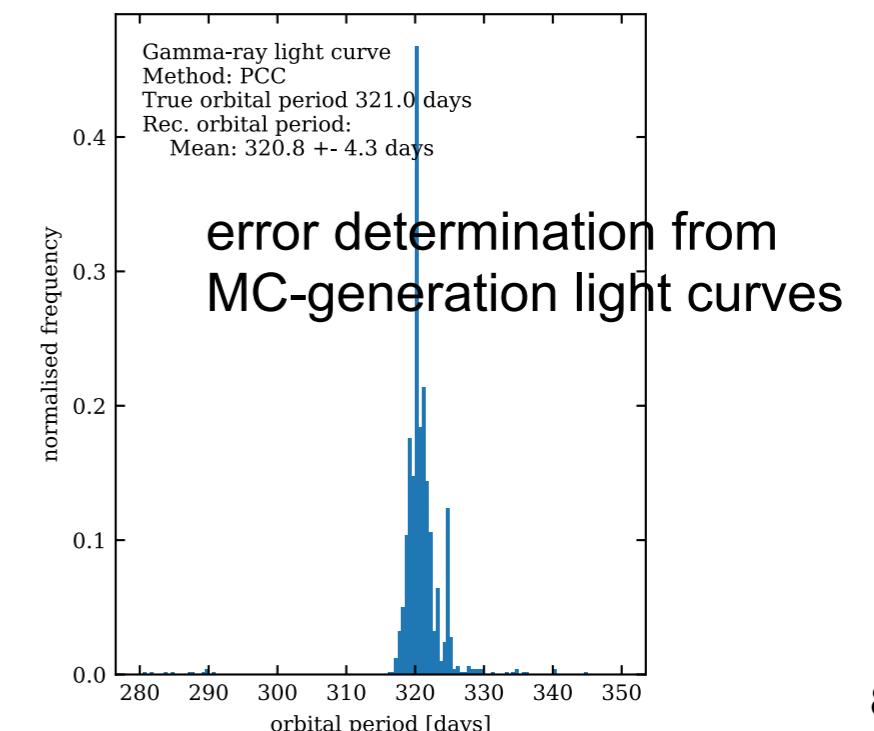
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Coefficient  
Swift XRT 0.3-10 keV

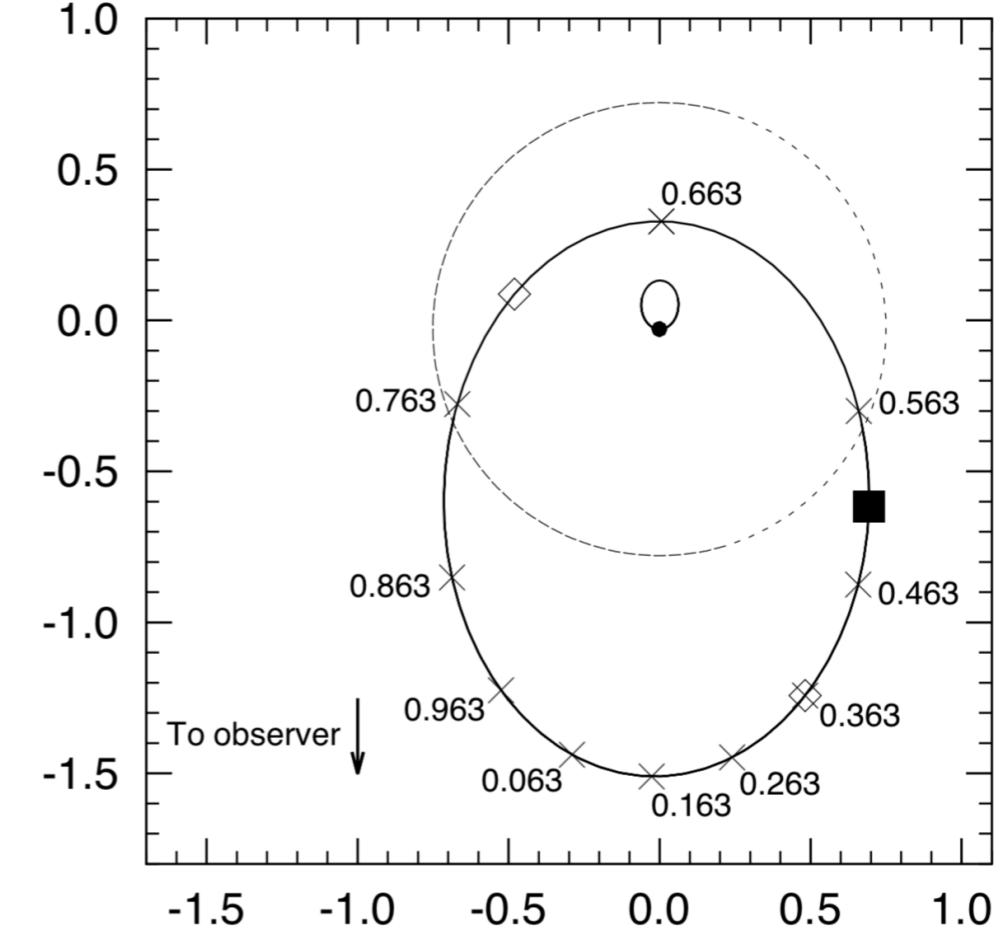
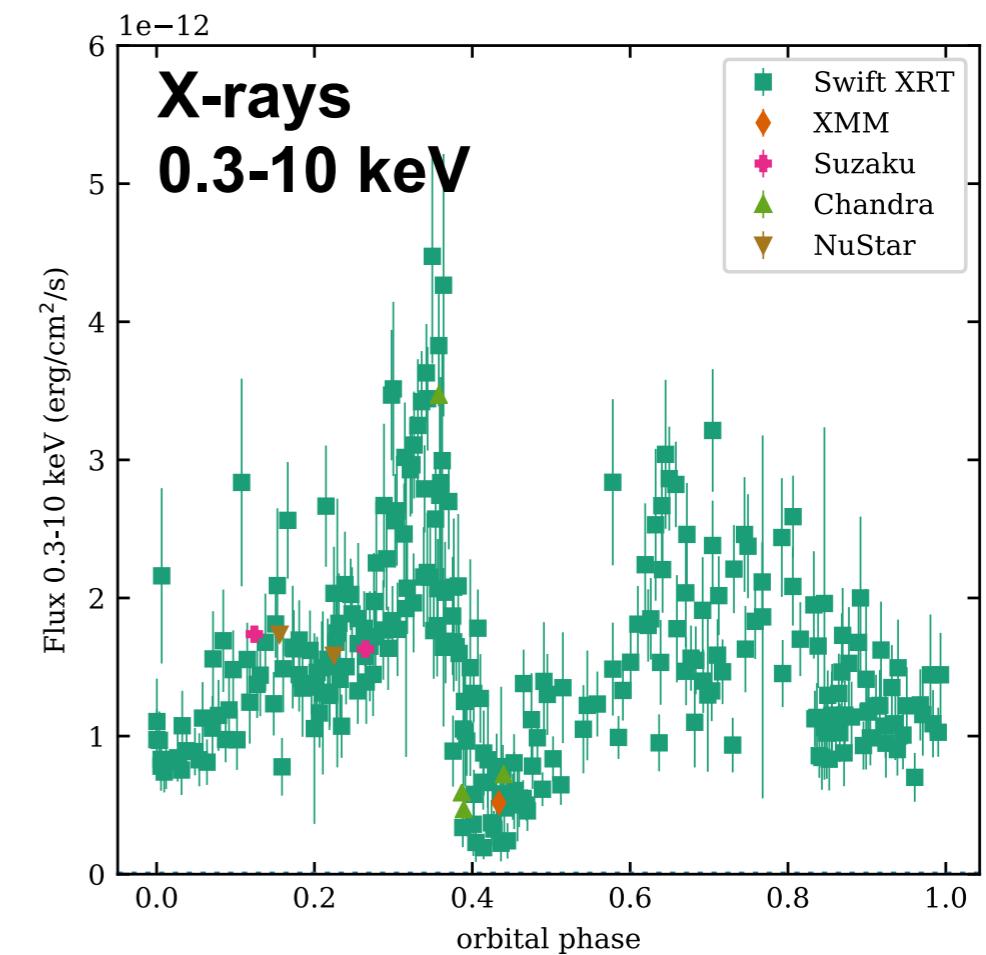
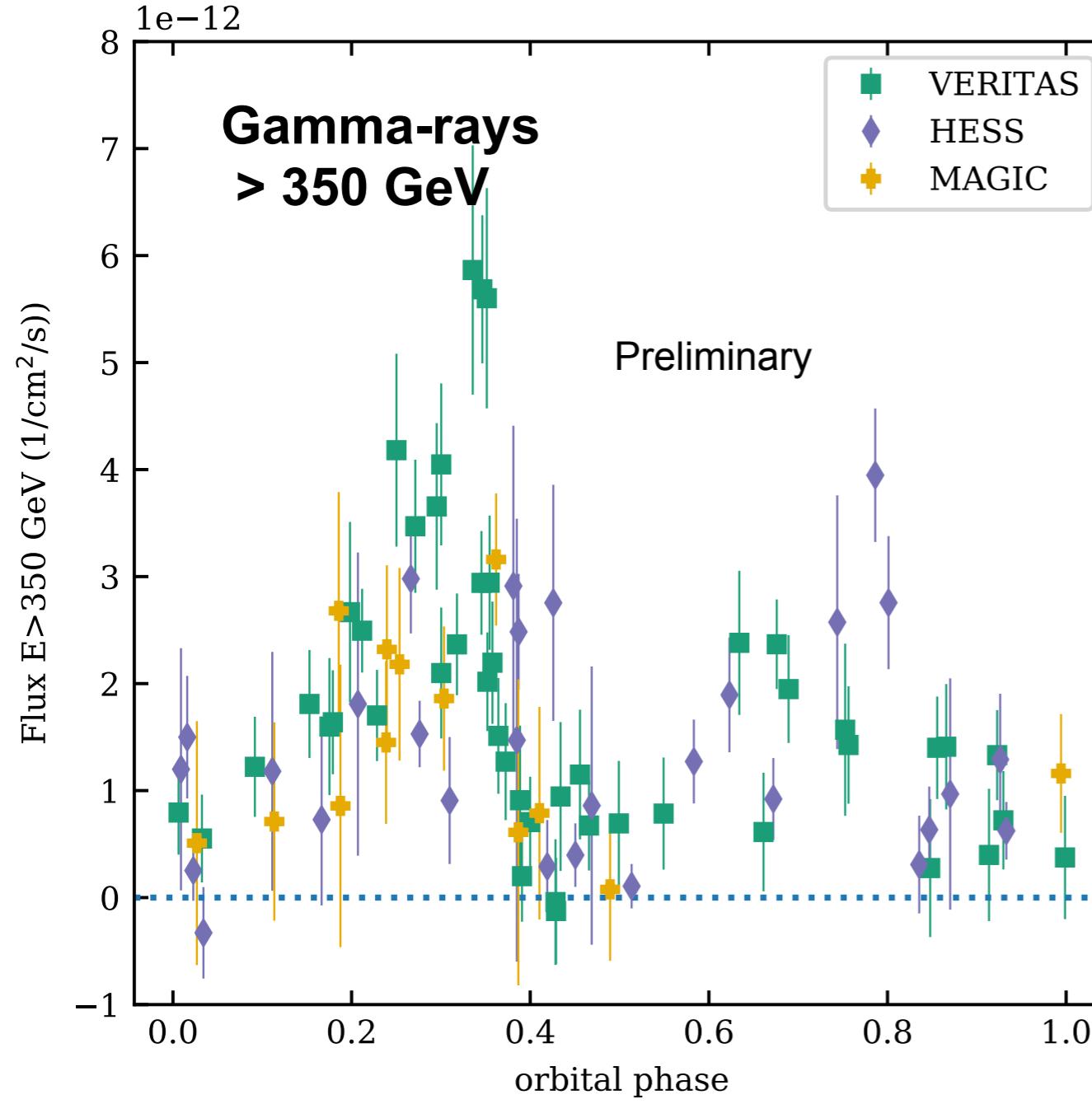


- orbital period determined for the first time from gamma-ray data
- updated X-ray analysis using all available XRT data  
(MJD 54857–58168)



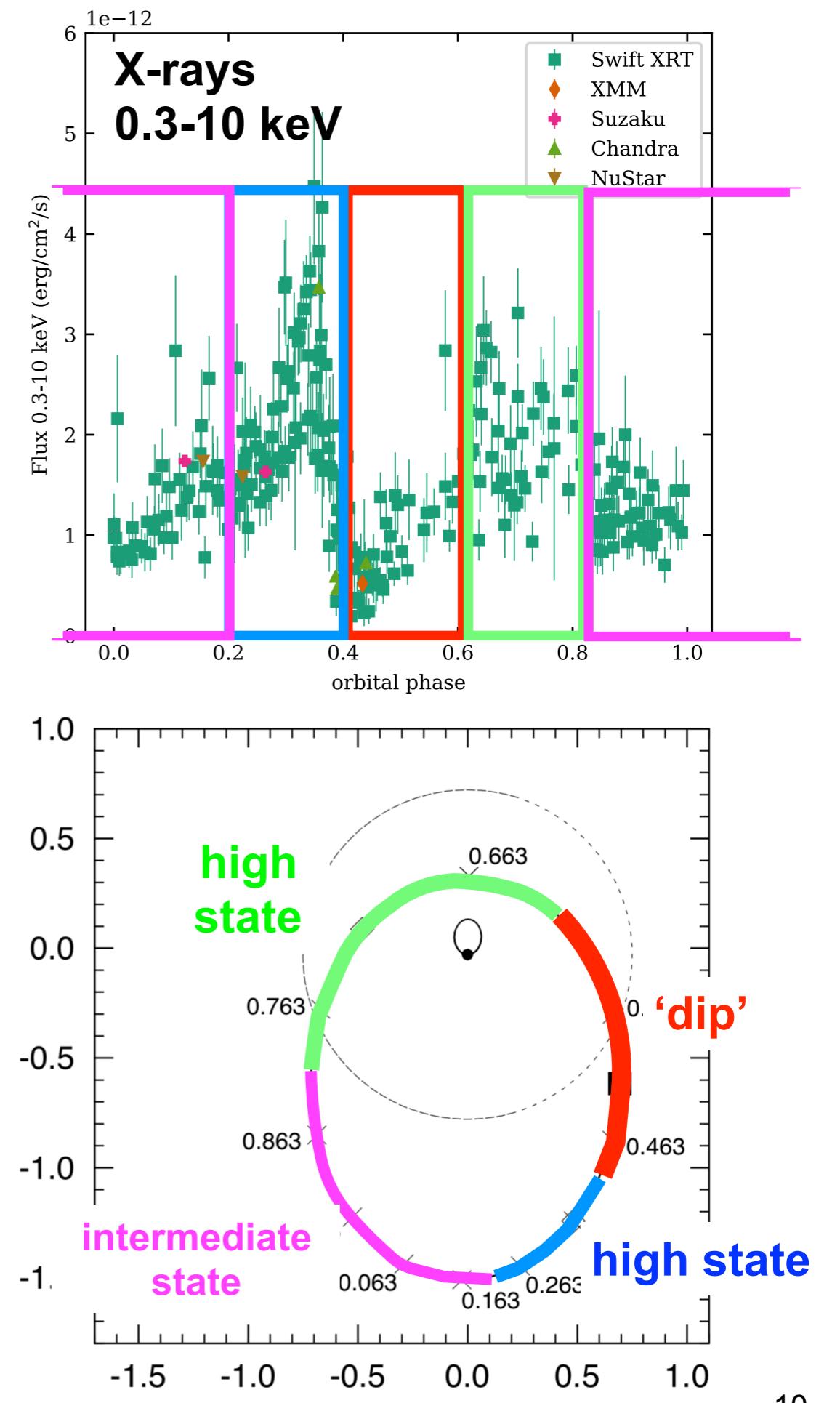
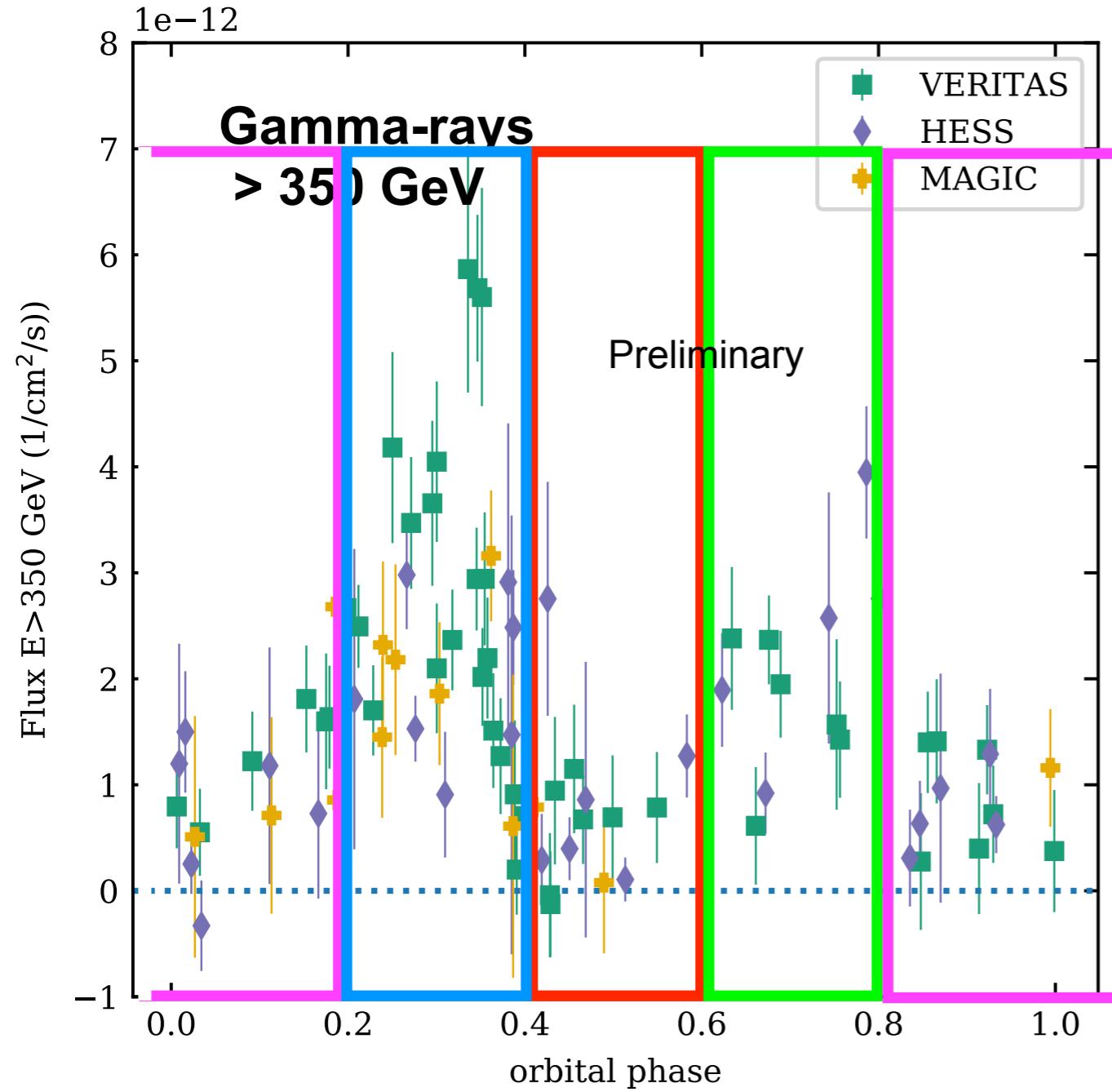
# Phase-folded light curves

assuming an orbital period of 317.3 days

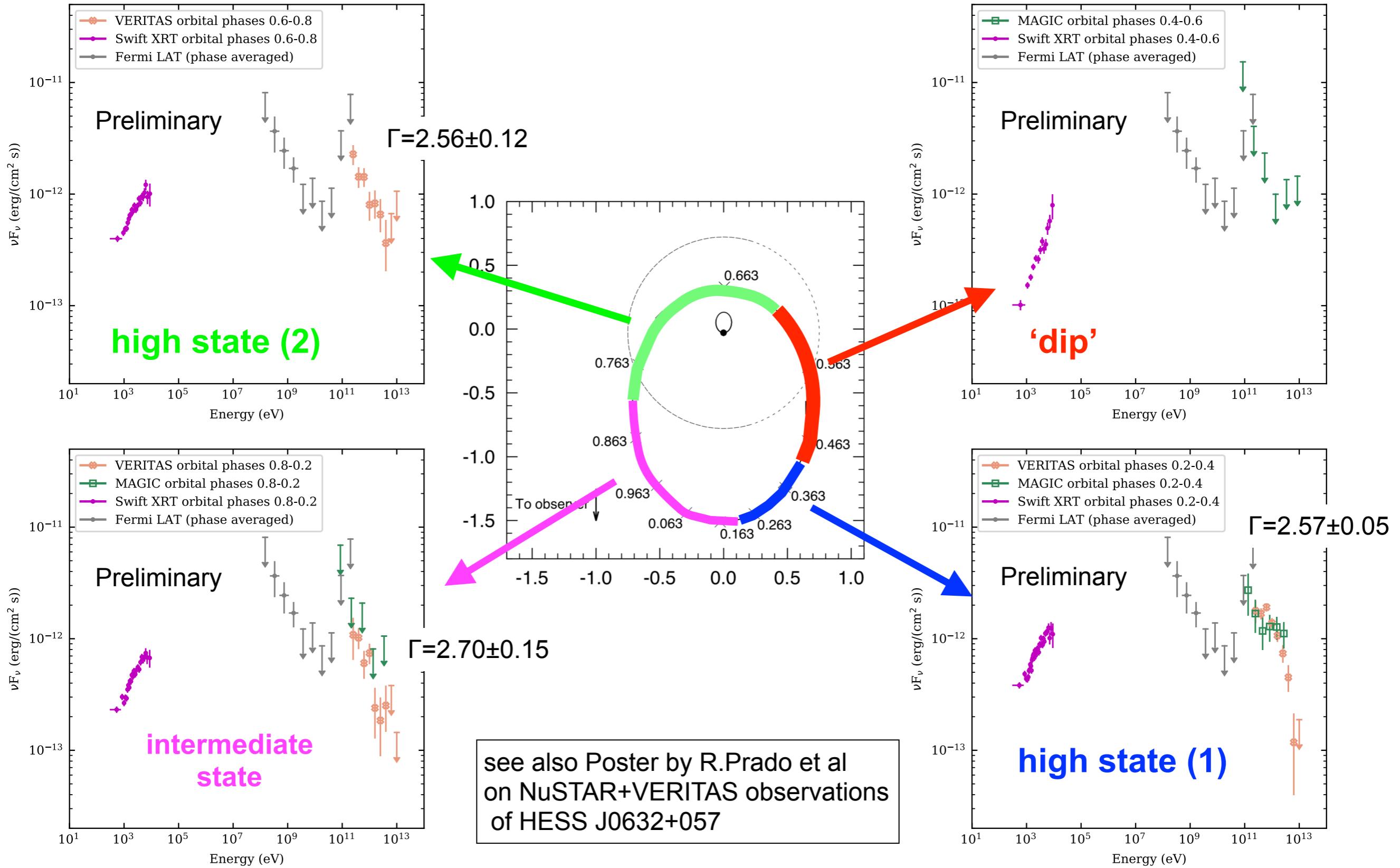


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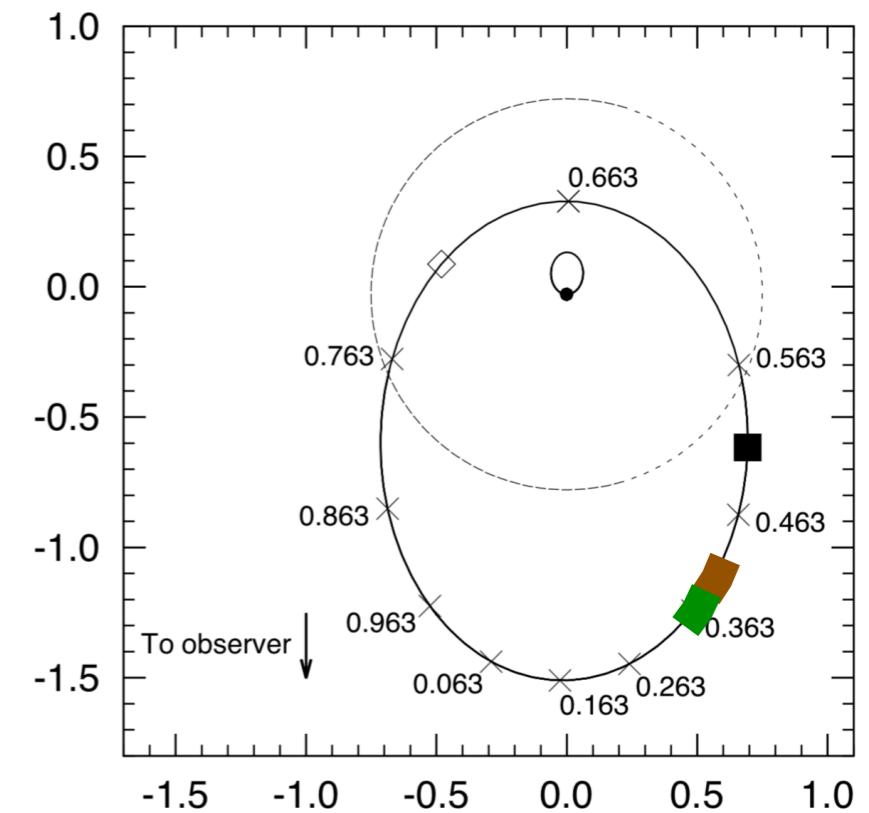
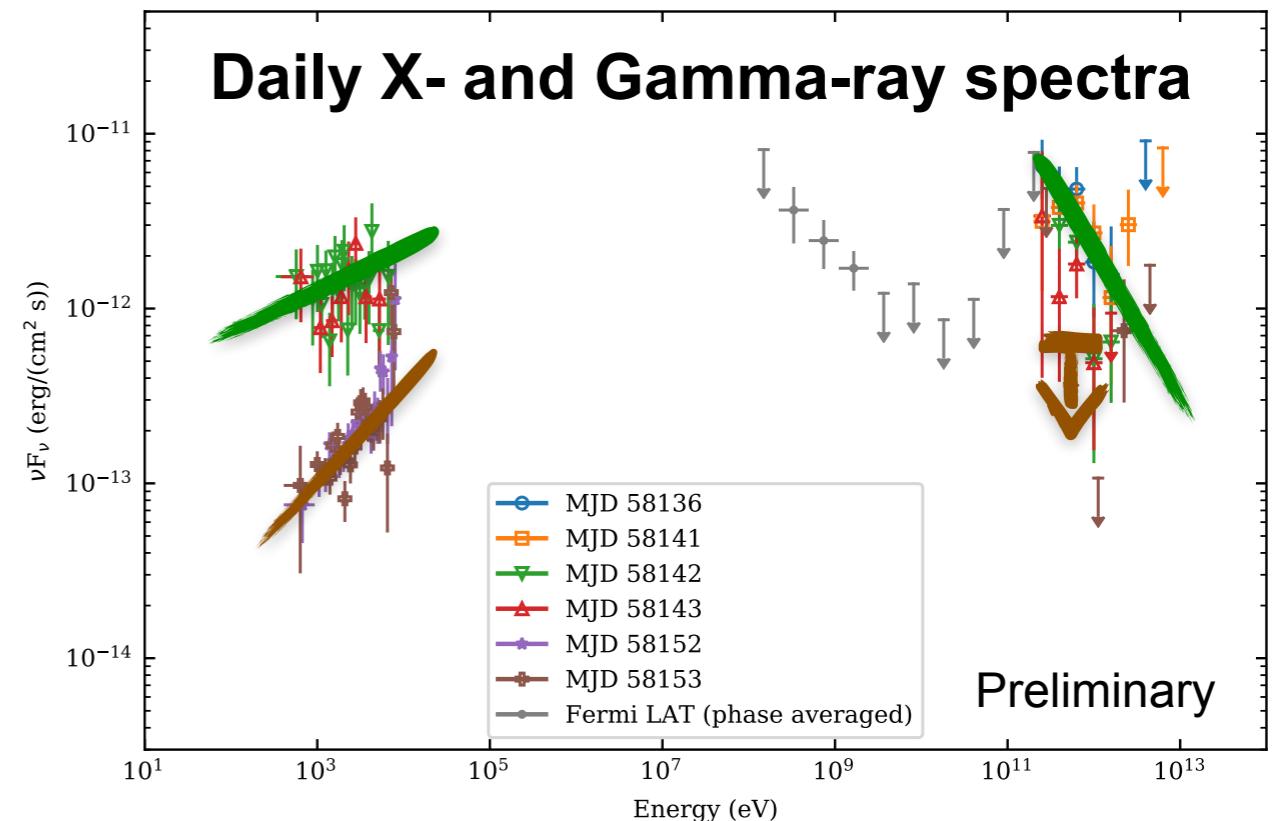
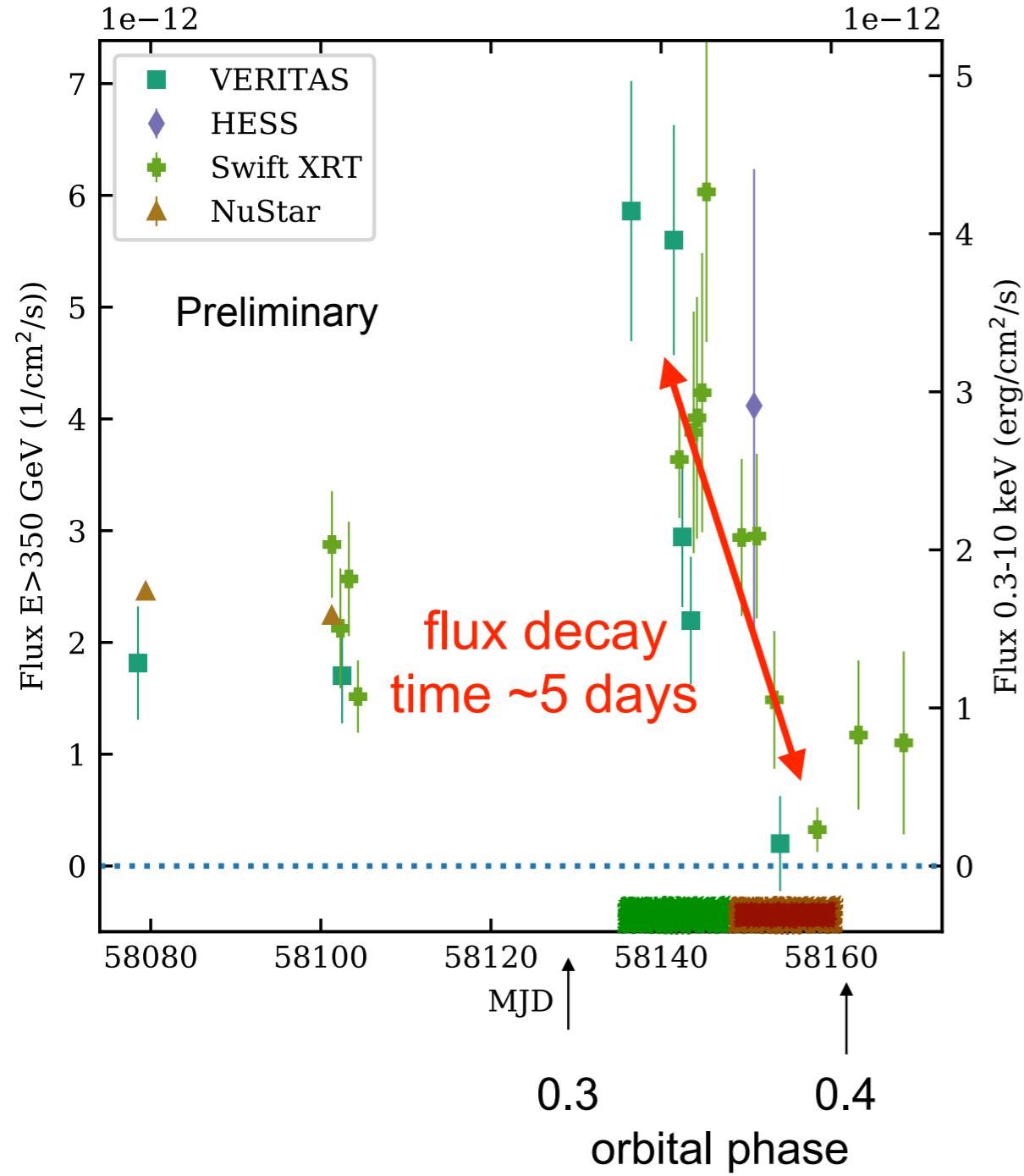
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# Phase-averaged spectra

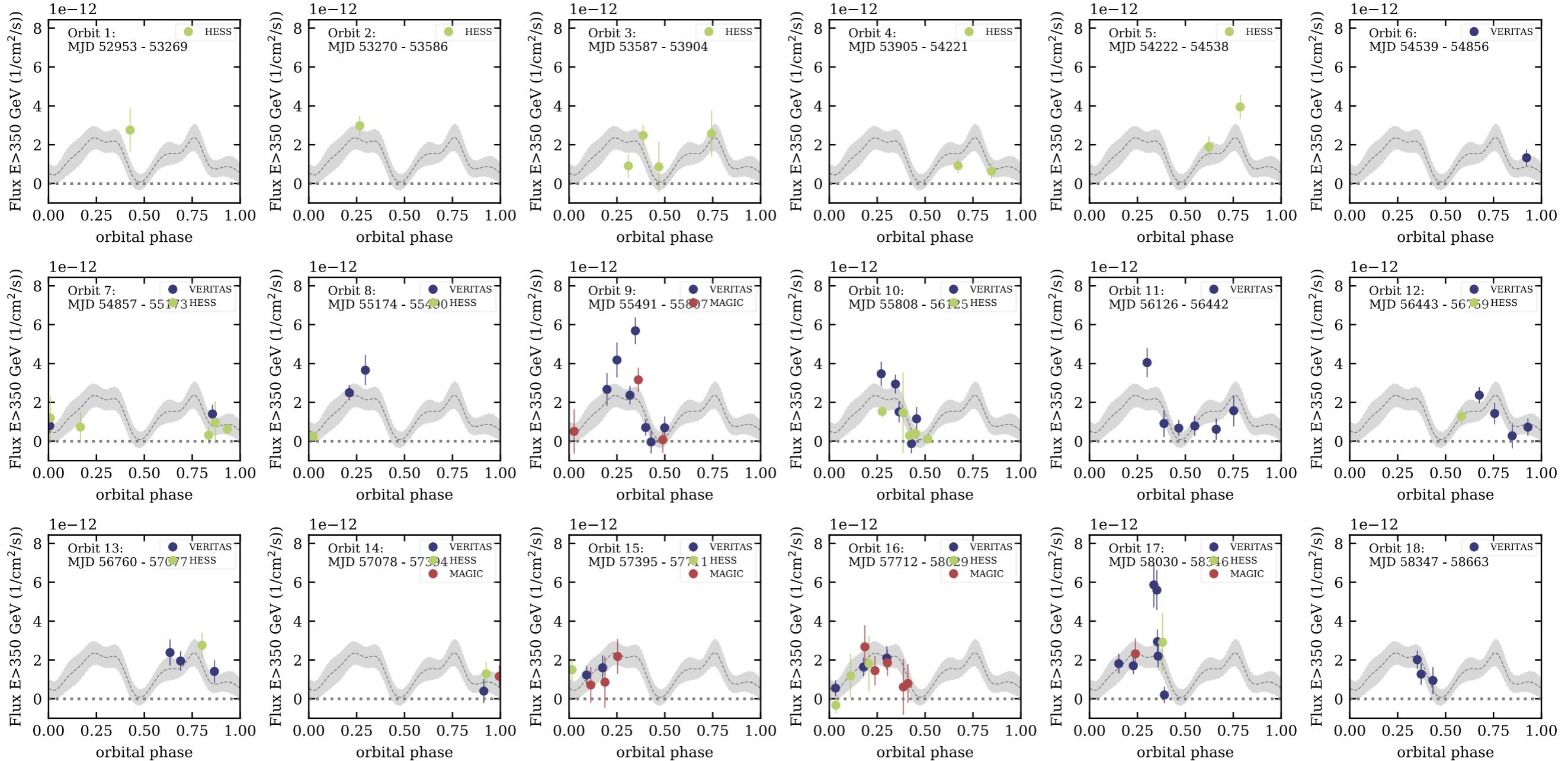


# Bright state in Jan 2018



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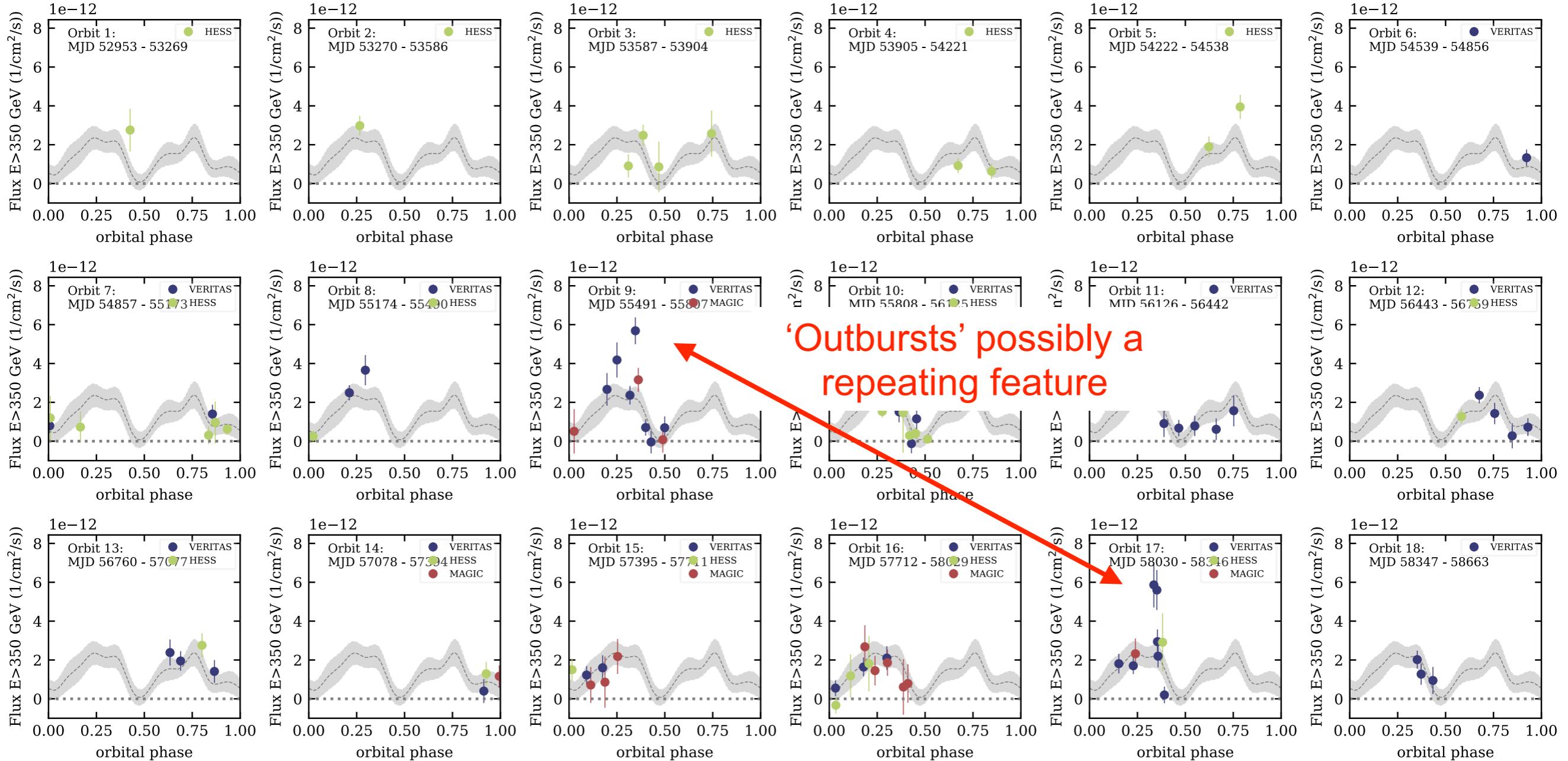
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 (68% uncertainty band)

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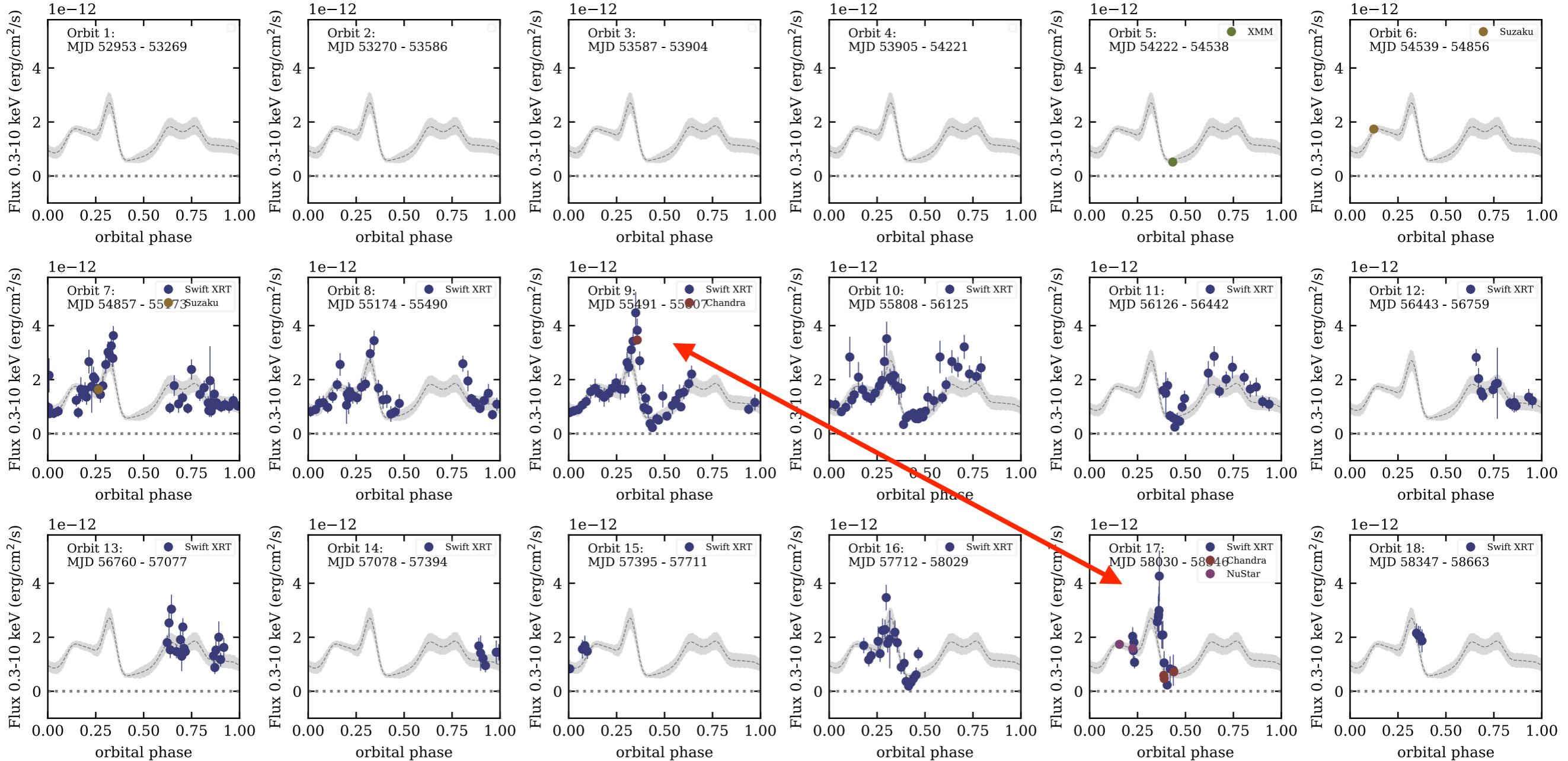
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# Bright states - X-rays

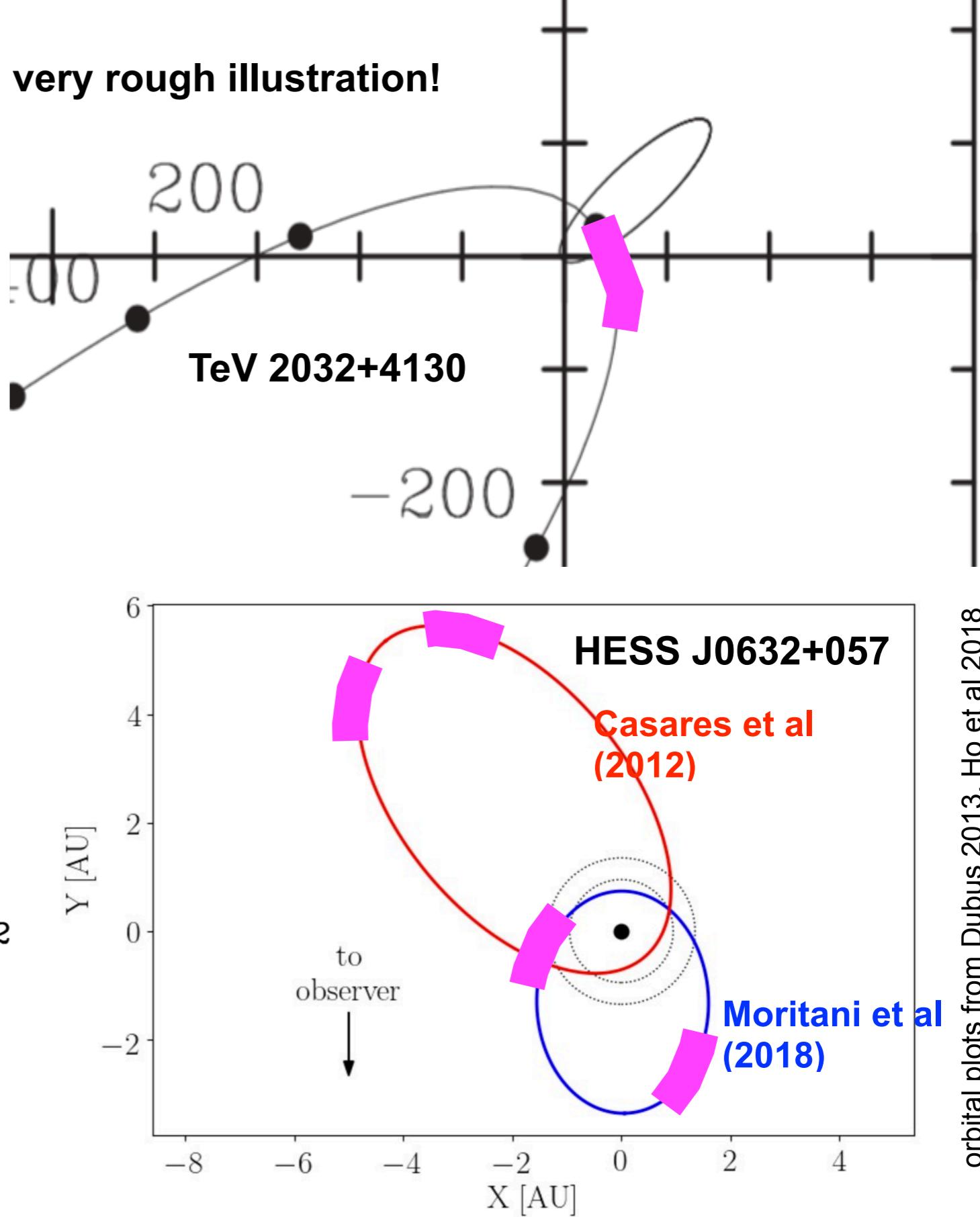
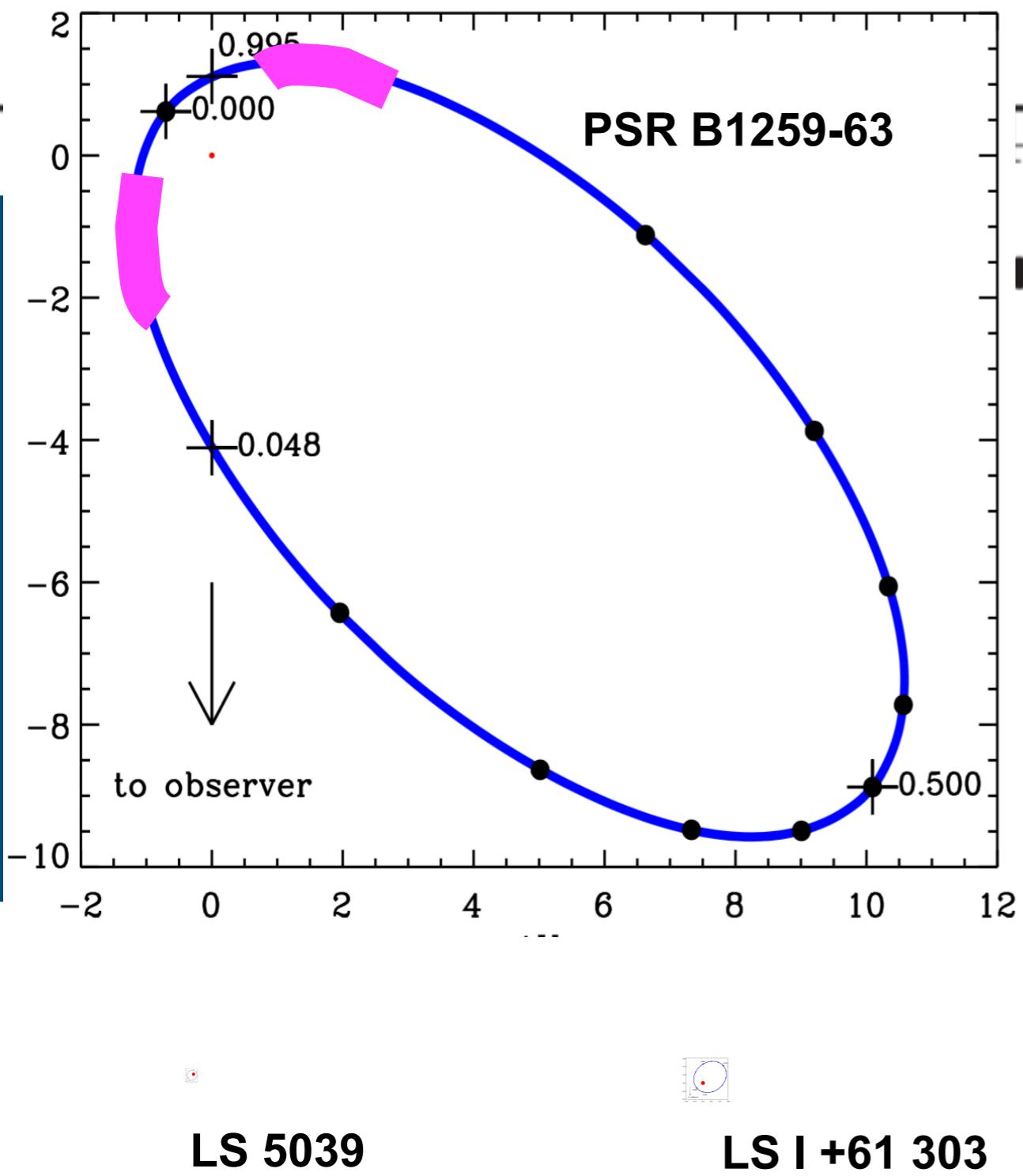
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# Common picture?

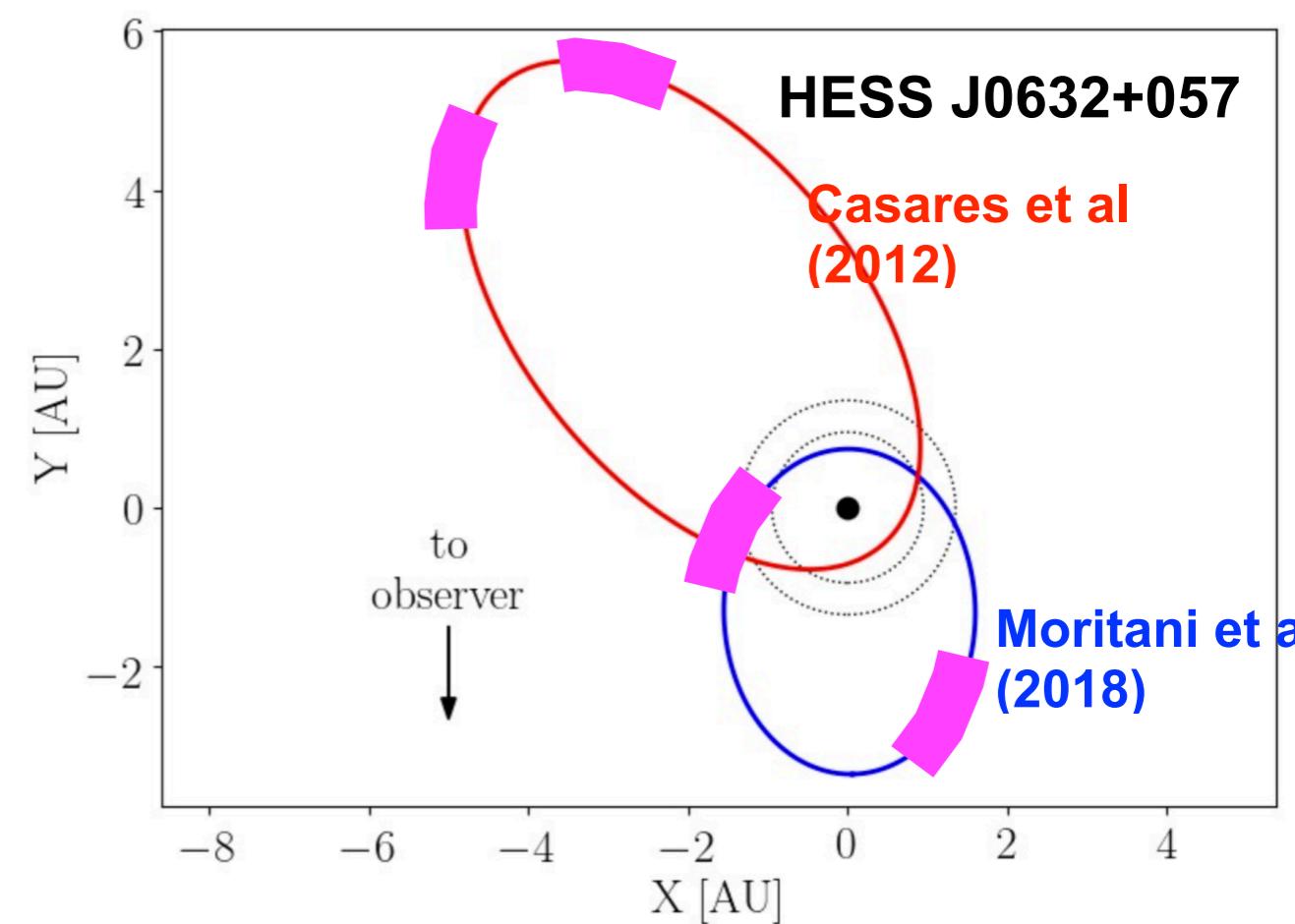
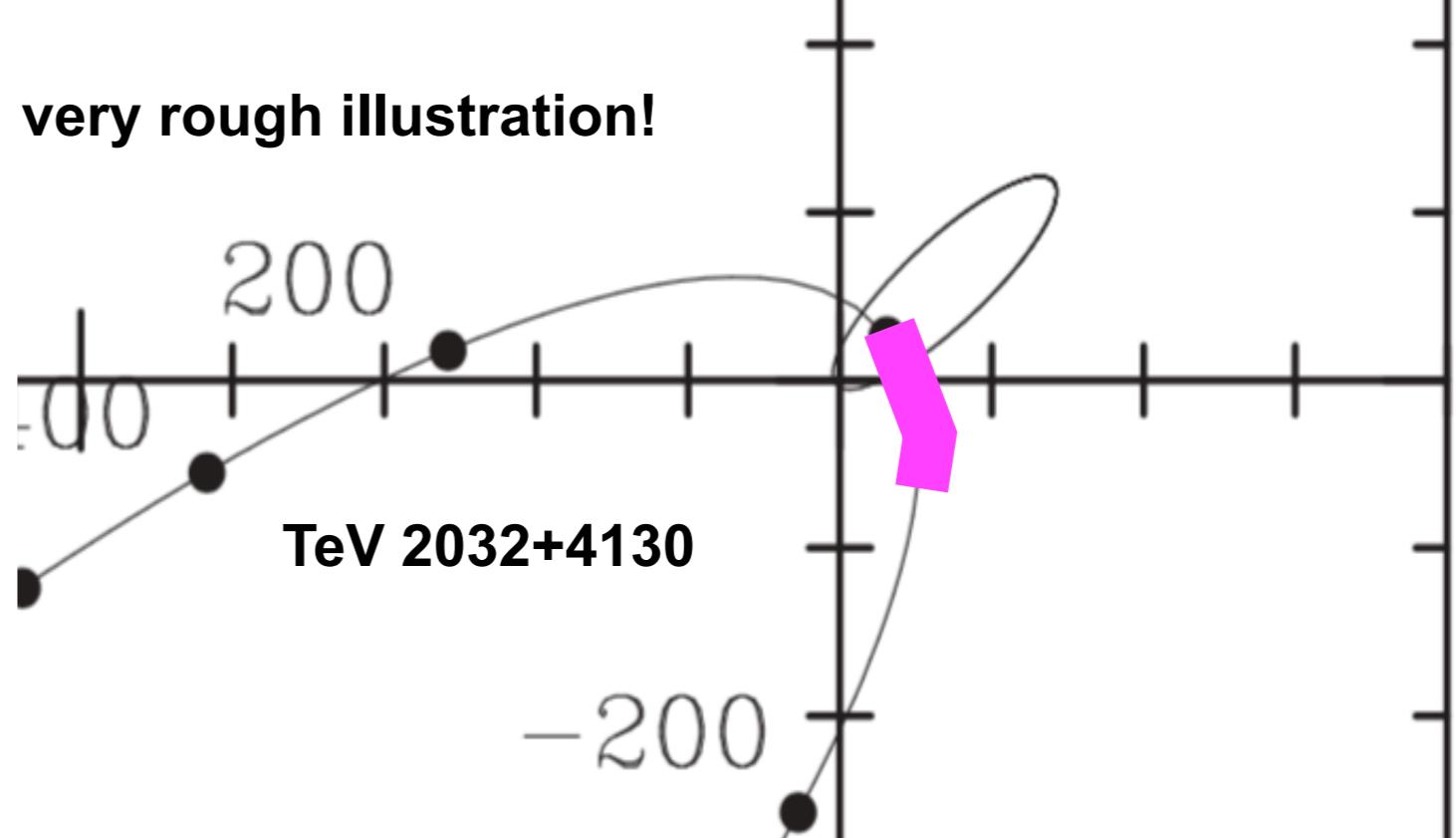
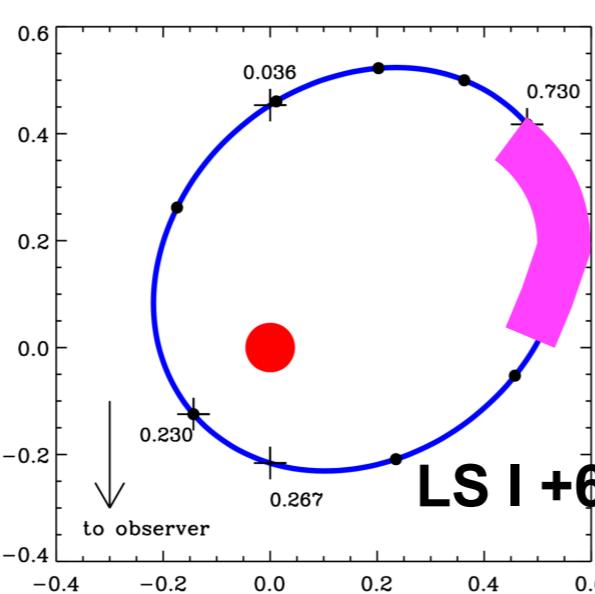
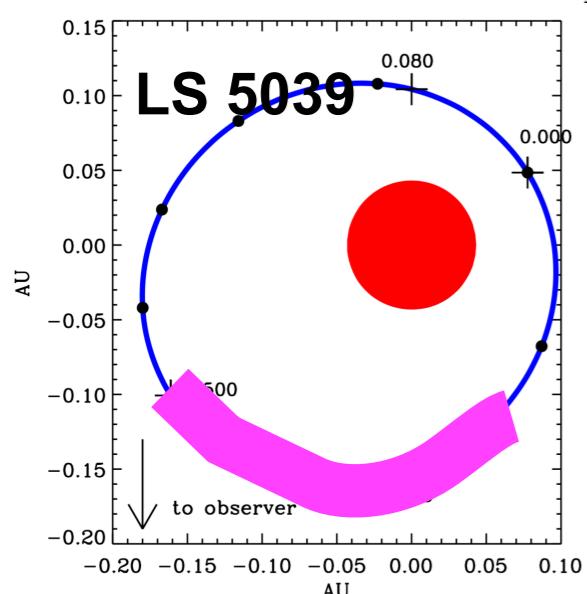
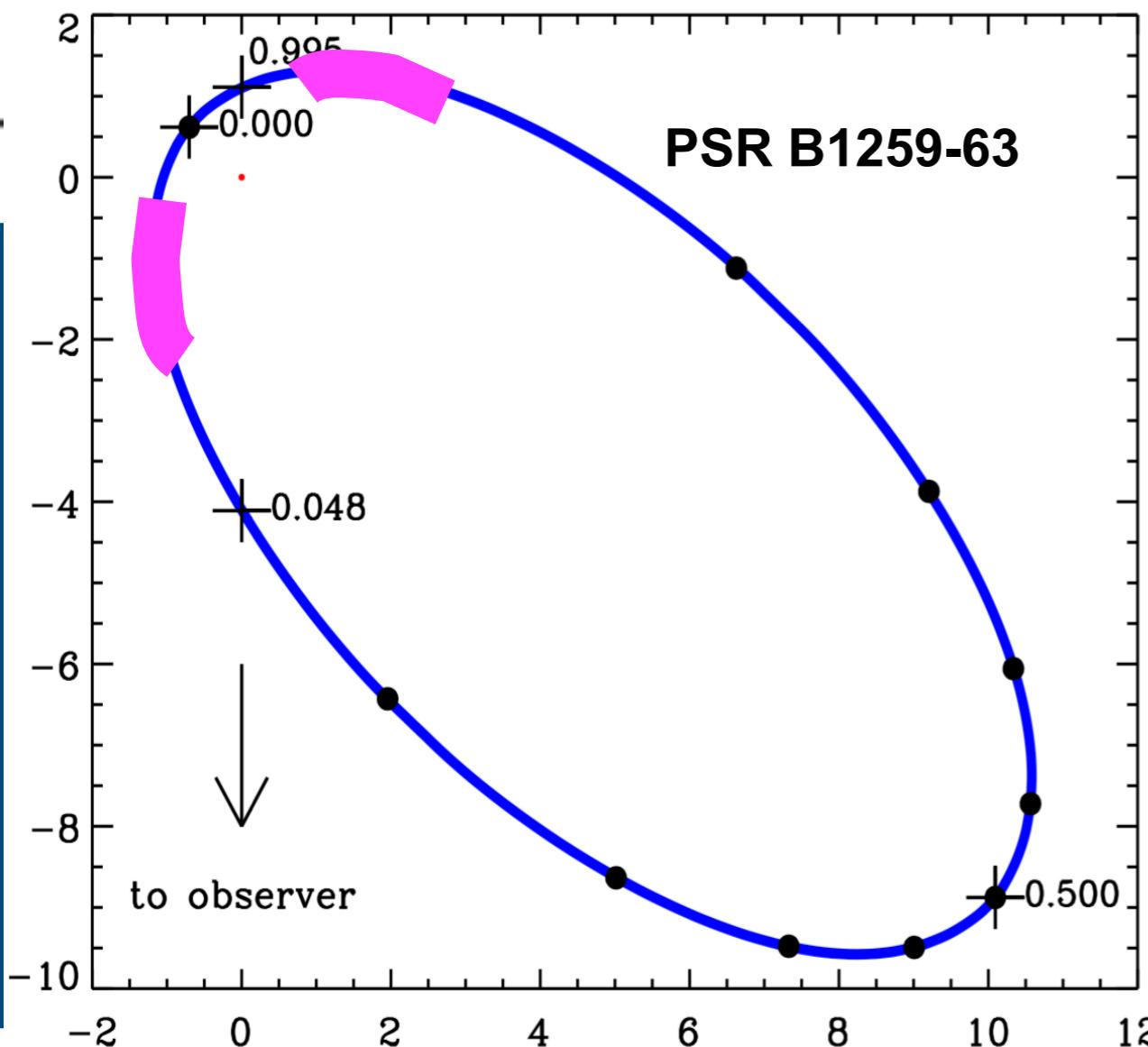
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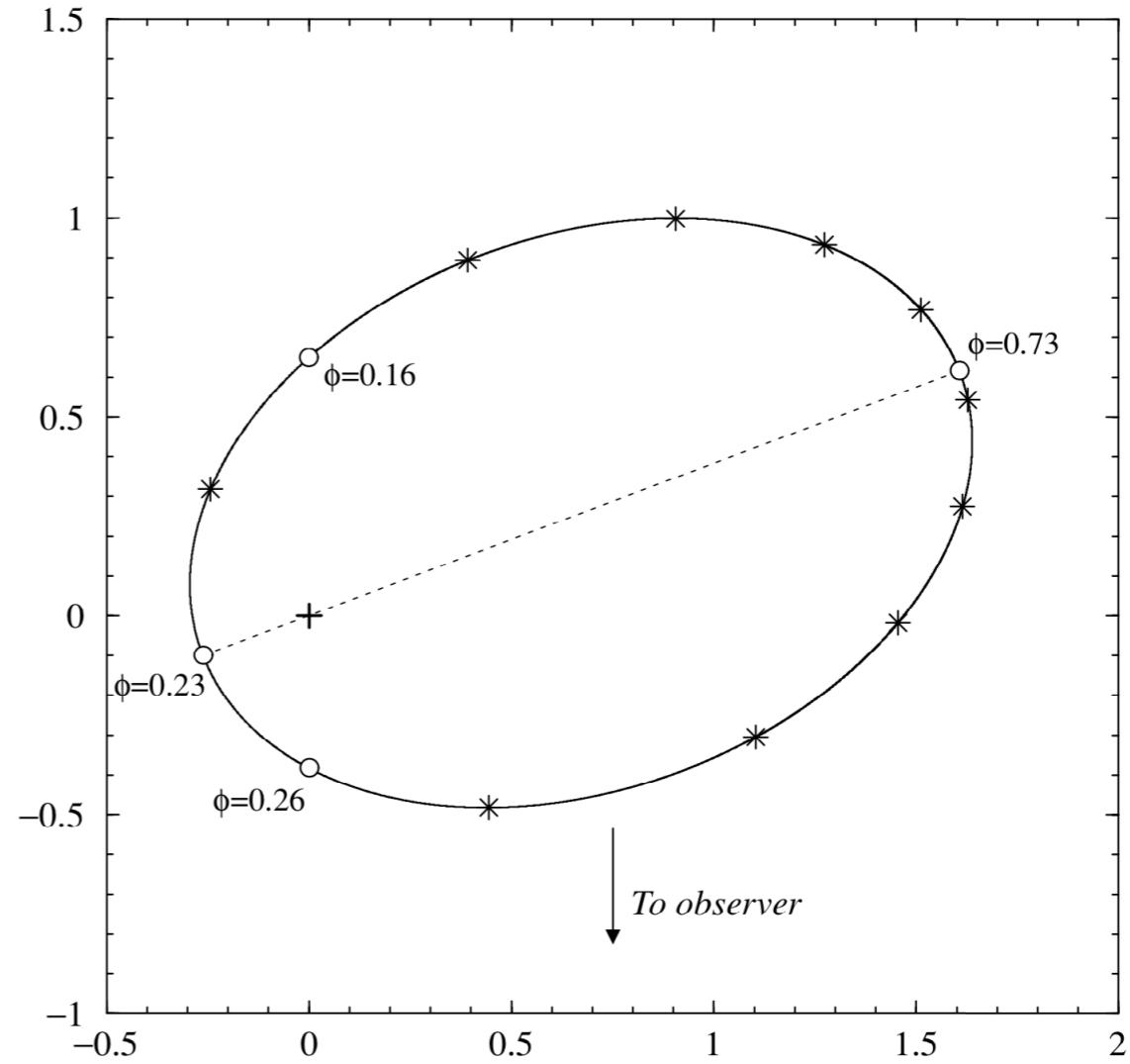
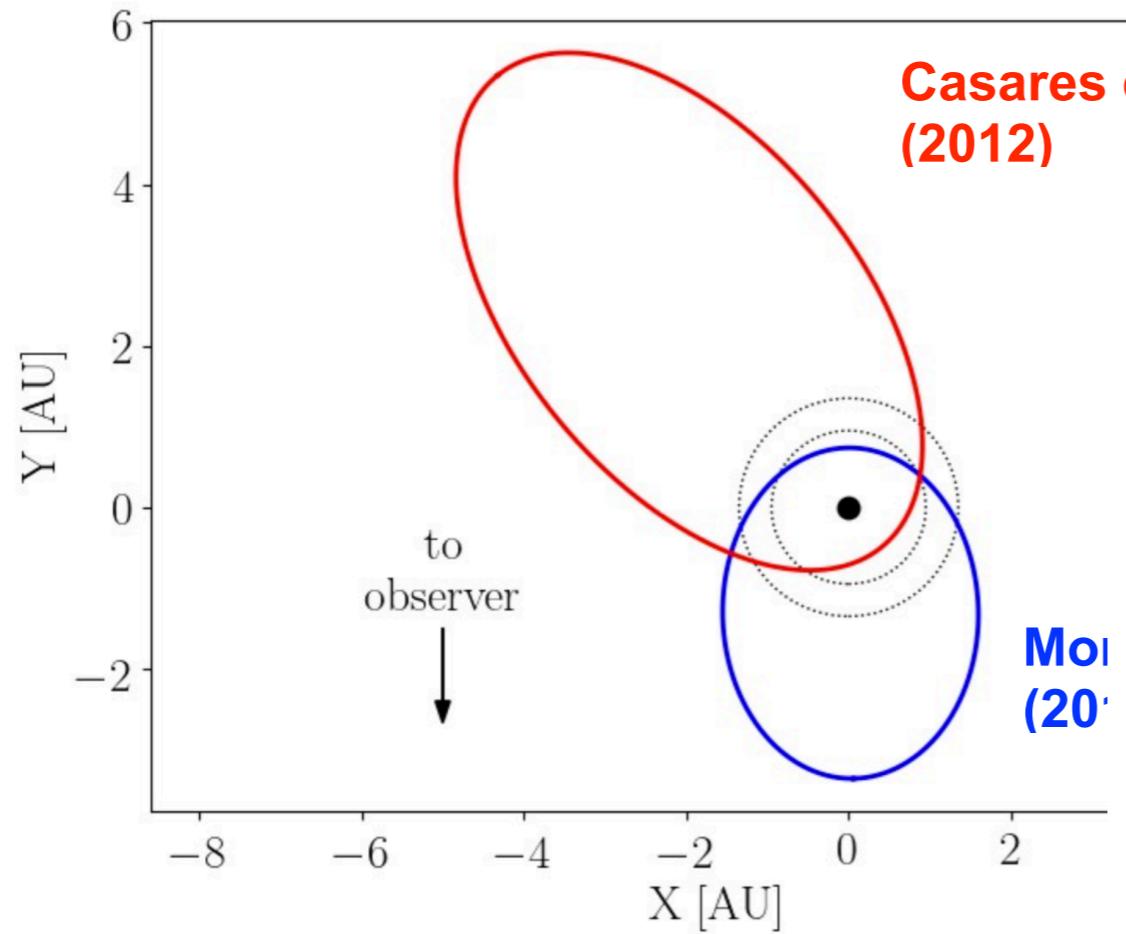
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# Conclusions

- 15 years of observations of HESS J0632+057 with H.E.S.S., MAGIC, and VERITAS
- orbital period and light curve well established at X- and gamma-ray energies
- optical observations required to pin down the orbital geometry and the properties of the massive star
- publication with detailed spectral analysis (phase averaged and in short time bins) in preparation

# Additions

# Common picture?



# Orbital periods

Publication	Instrument/ Wavelength	MJD Range	Method	Orbital period (days)
This work	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–58168	PDM	$316.7 \pm 1.5$
This work	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–58168	DCF	$318.9 \pm 2.2$
This work	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–58168	PCC	$317.3 \pm 0.7$
This work	Gamma ray	53087–58490	PDM	$318.7 \pm 3.4$
This work	Gamma ray	53087–58490	PCC	$316.3 \pm 4.3$
Bongiorno et al. (2011)	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–55647	Peak fitting	$321 \pm 5$
Aliu et al. (2014)	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–55972	Z-DCF	$315^{+6}_{-4}$
Moritani et al. (2018)	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–57052	Fourier Analysis	$308^{+26}_{-23}$
Moritani et al. (2018)	H $\alpha$	56566–58118 <sup>a</sup>	Z-DCF	$313^{+11}_{-8}$
Malyshев et al. (2017)	<i>Swift</i> -XRT	54857–57860	PCC	$316.2^{+1.8}_{-2.0}$

Outcome of the orbital period derivation from this work and from the literature. The applied methods are: Peak fitting (Bongiorno et al. 2011), Z-transformed discrete correlation functions (Alexander 1997, ZDCF), phase dispersion minimisation method (Stellingwerf 1978, PDM), discrete correlation functions (Edelson & Krolik 1988, DCF), and correlation analysis comparing the light curves with a binned-average light curve (Malyshев et al. 2017, PCC).

# Malyshev et al 2017: X-ray orbital profile

