

# NICER analysis and NICER updates on

EUTRON STAR  
INTERIOR  
COMPOSITION  
EXPLORE

# J0030 & J0740

# using X-PSI



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# OUTLINE



INTRODUCTION to  
PPM/X-PSI

MASS-RADIUS AND EOS  
PULSE PROFILE MODELLING  
X-PSI AND ITS MODELS

PUBLISHED RESULTS

J0030  
J0740

UPDATED ANALYSIS J0030

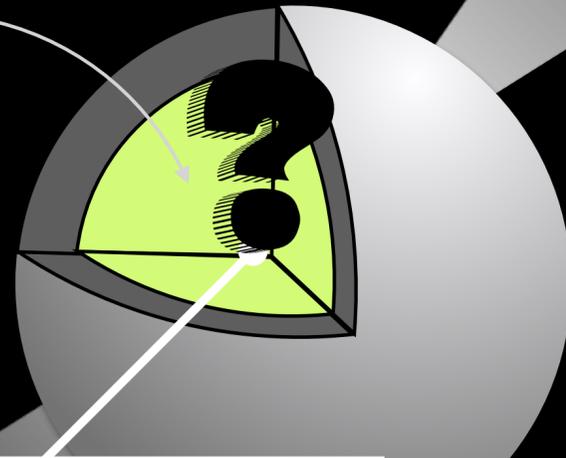
LATEST RESULTS

NEW DATA SETS  
PRELIMINARY ANALYSES J0030  
RESULTS J0740

CONCLUSIONS

# FROM MASS & RADIUS TO DENSE MATTER

HIGH DENSITIES  
 (~few times nuclear density)



quarks

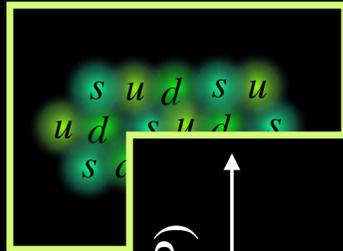
**Core composition**  
 (Not complete of all possibilities)

neutron	proton	e. g. $\Lambda$ hyperon
$d \ n \ u$	$u \ p \ u$	$u \ \Lambda \ d$
$d$	$d$	$s$
Nucleonic	Hyperonic	Quark
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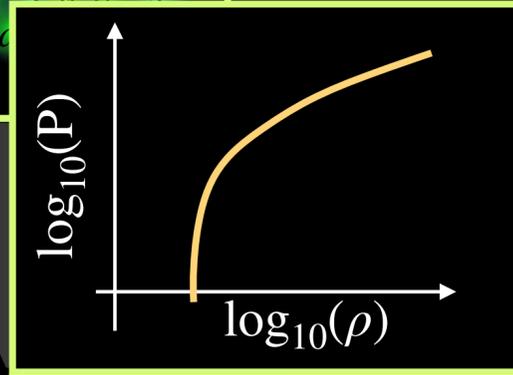


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PROPOSED  
COMPOSITION



PARTICLE  
INTERACTIONS



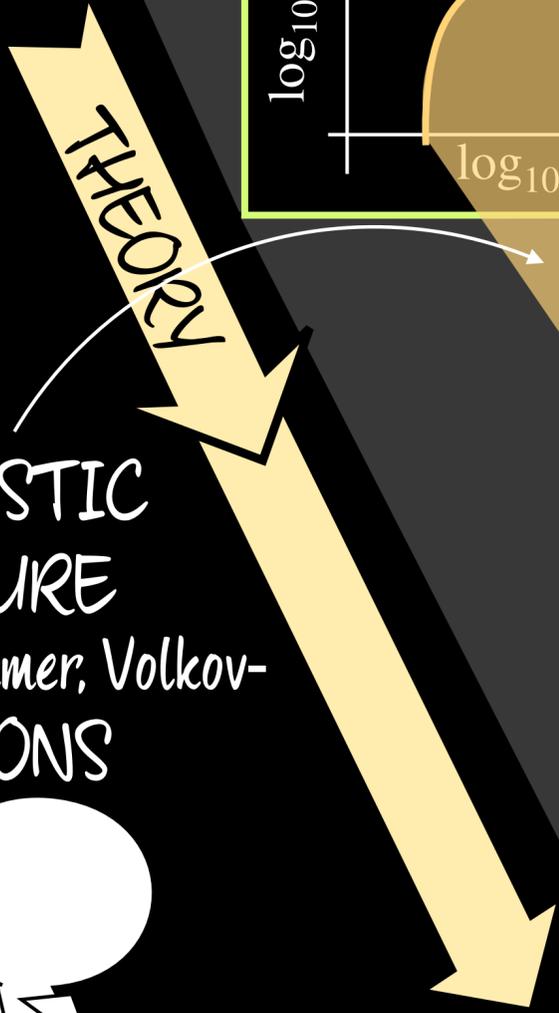
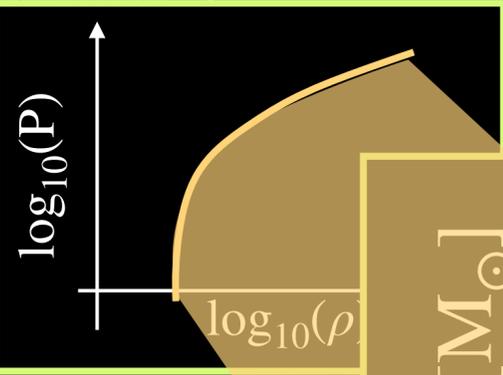
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EQUATION OF STATE  
(for cold, highly dense matter)

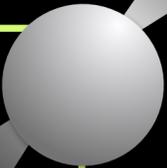
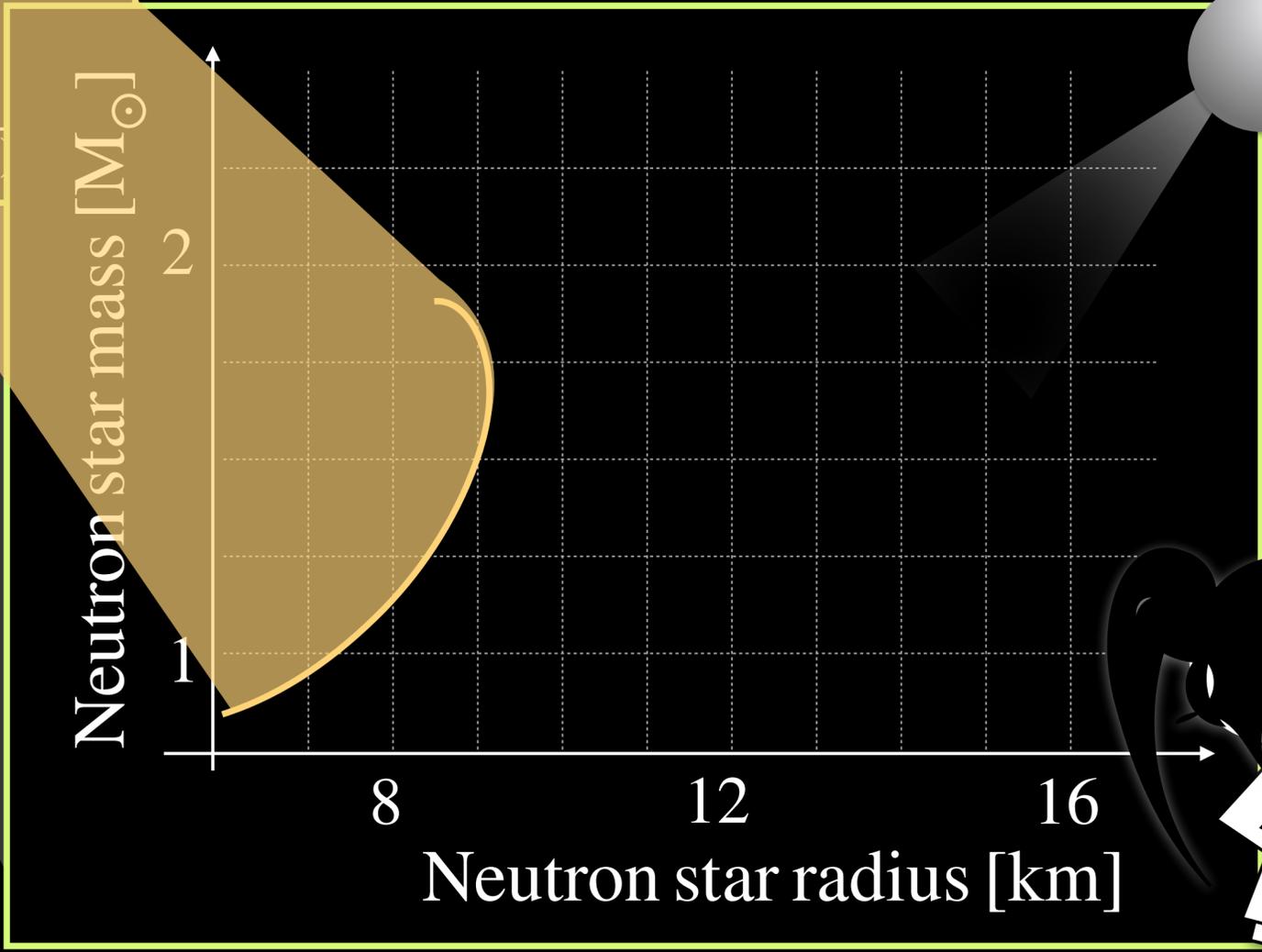


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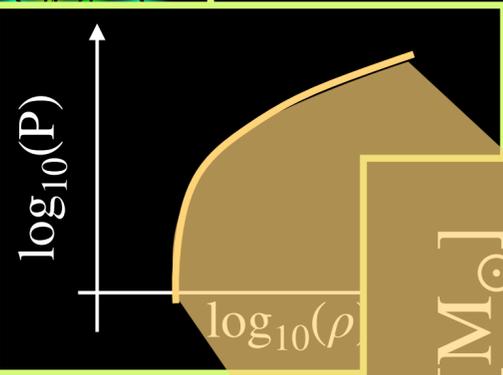


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STRUCTURE  
-Tolman, Oppenheimer, Volkov-  
EQUATIONS

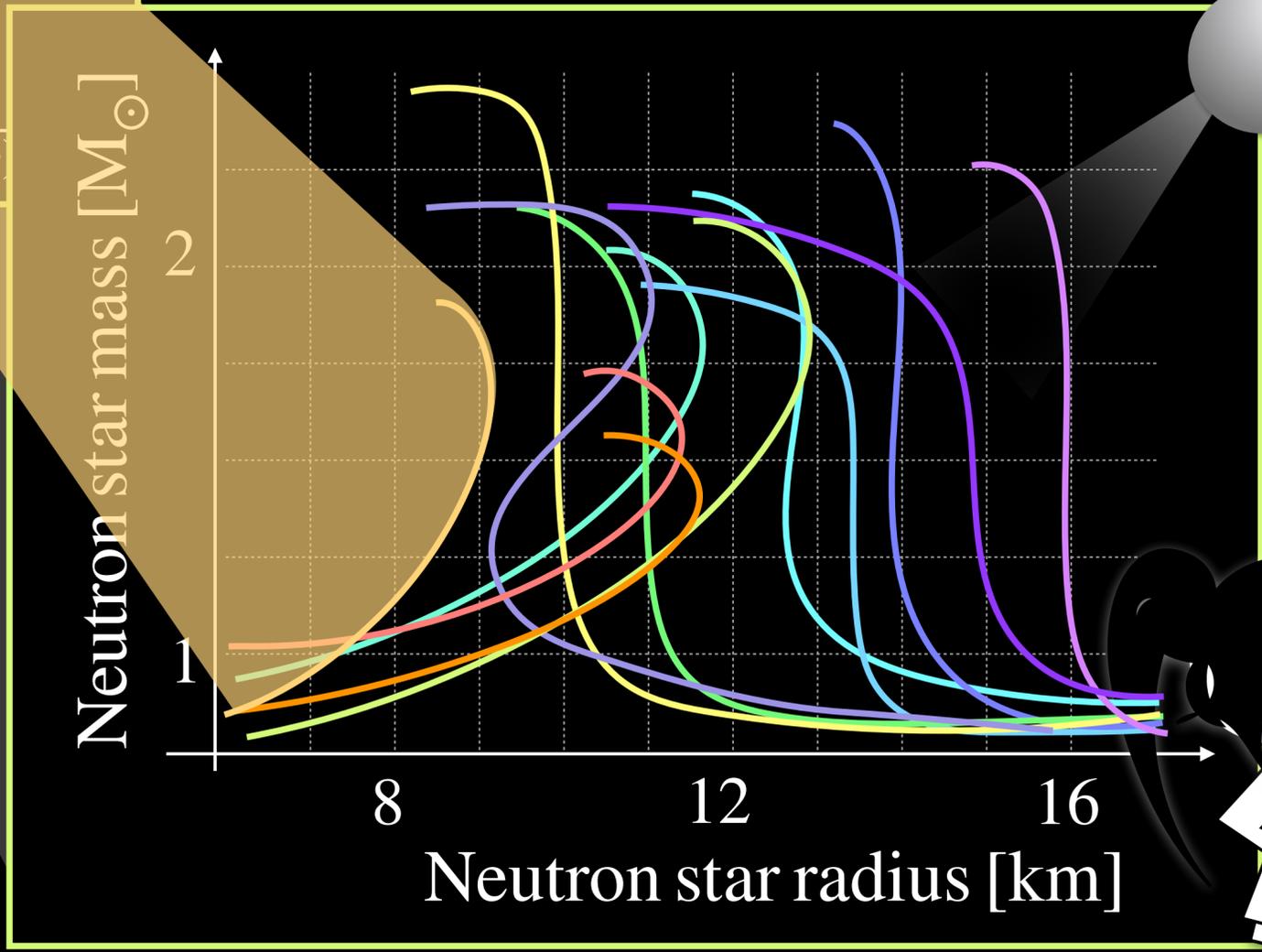


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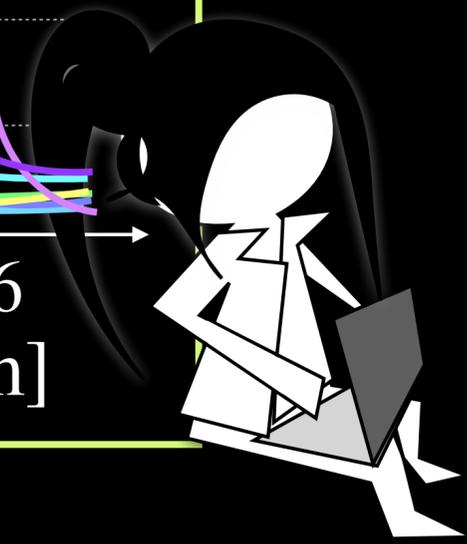
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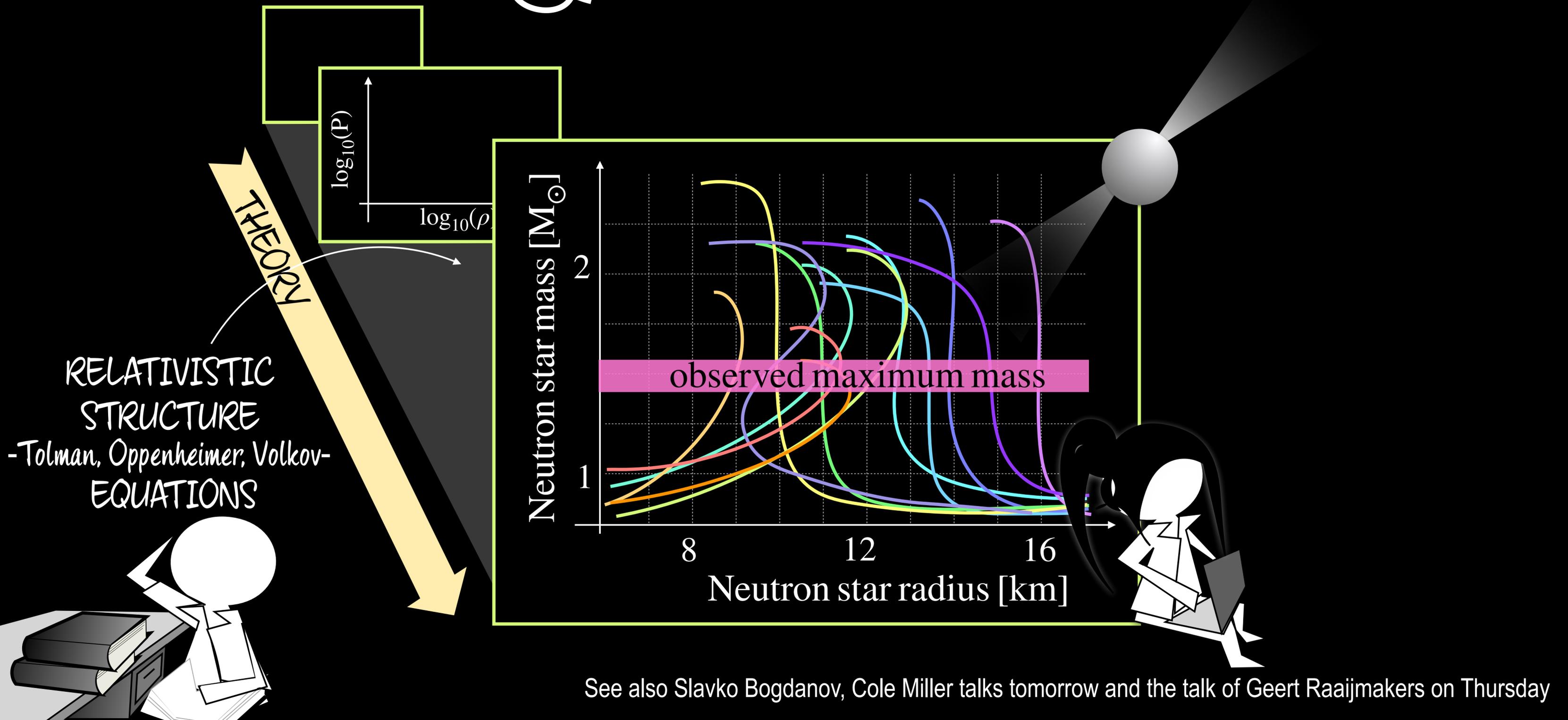
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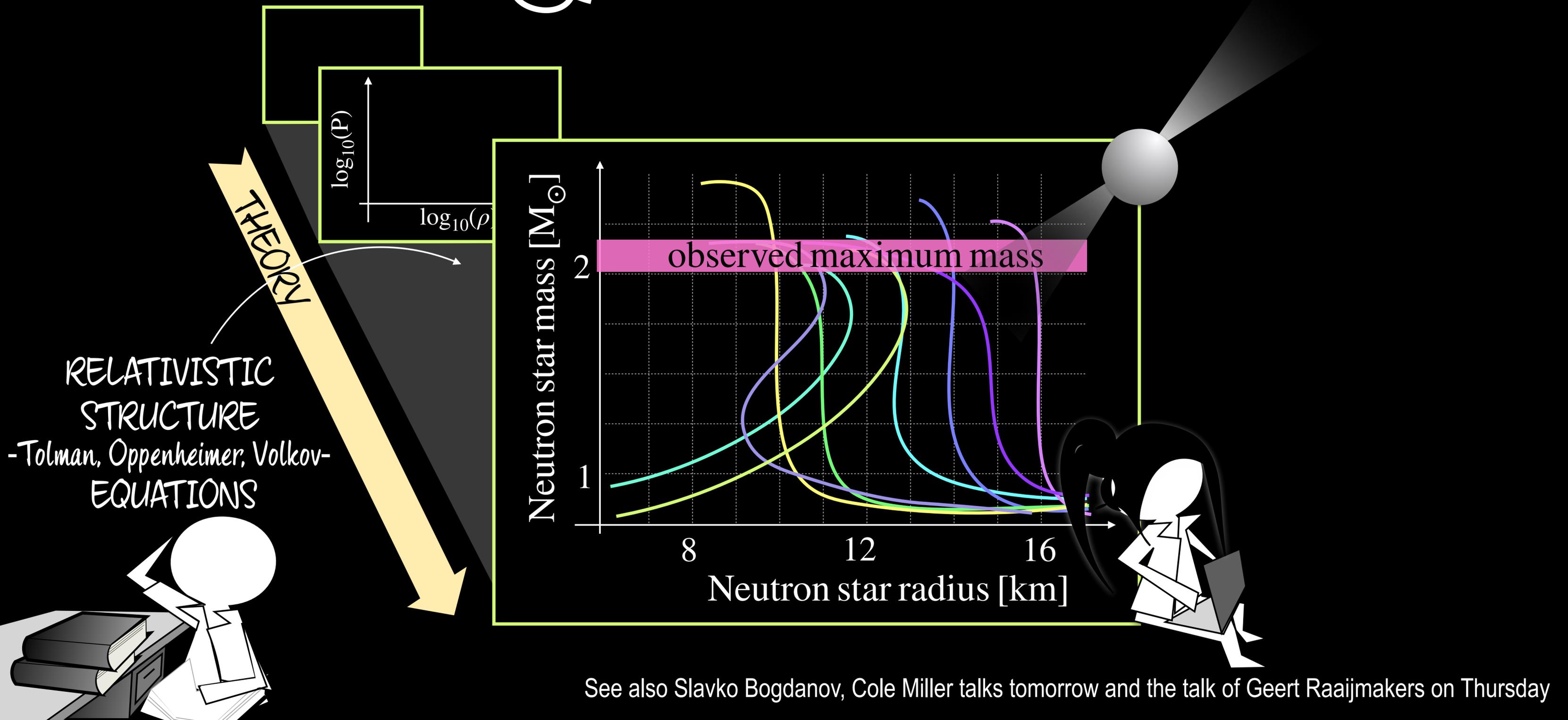
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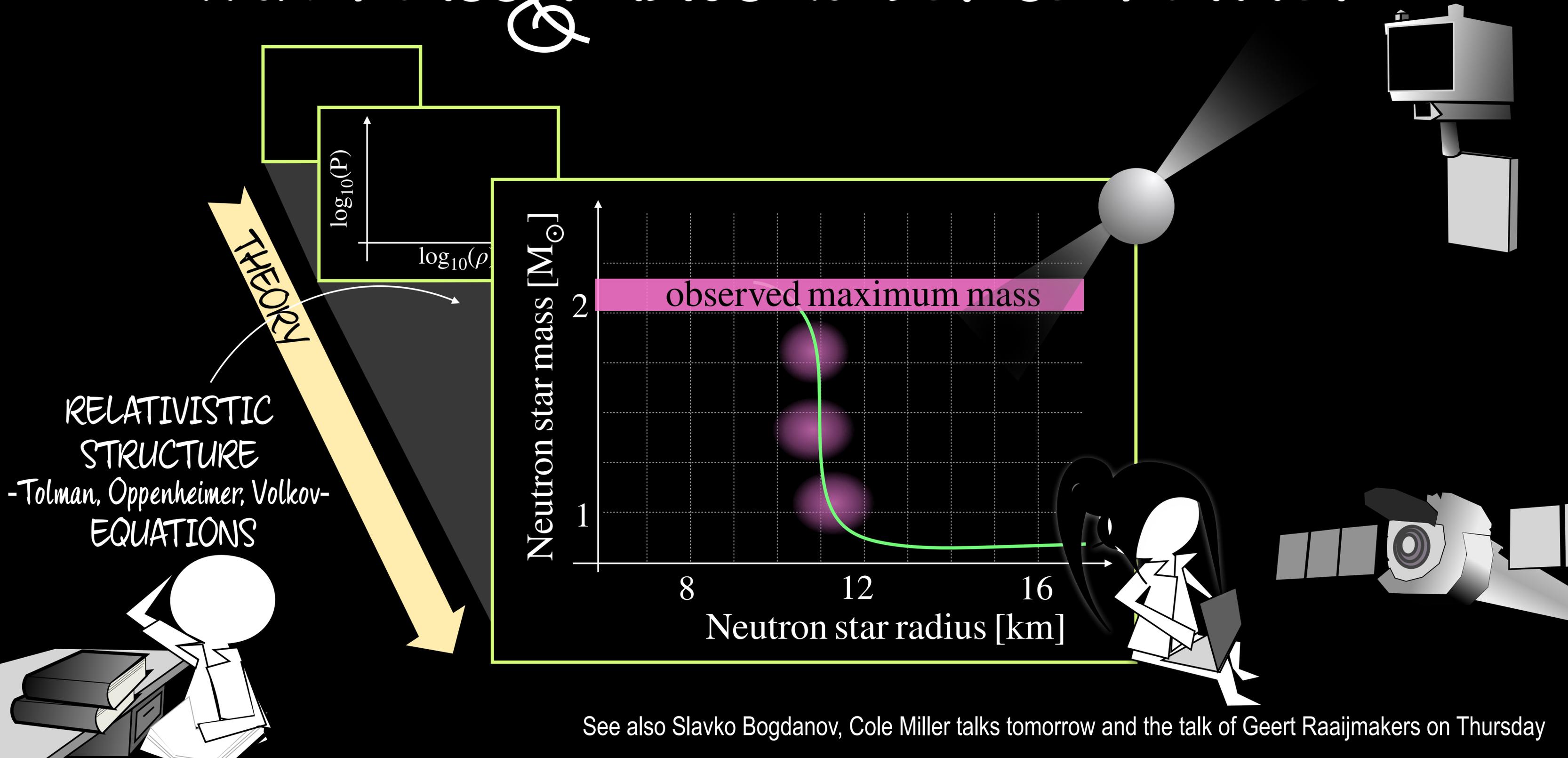
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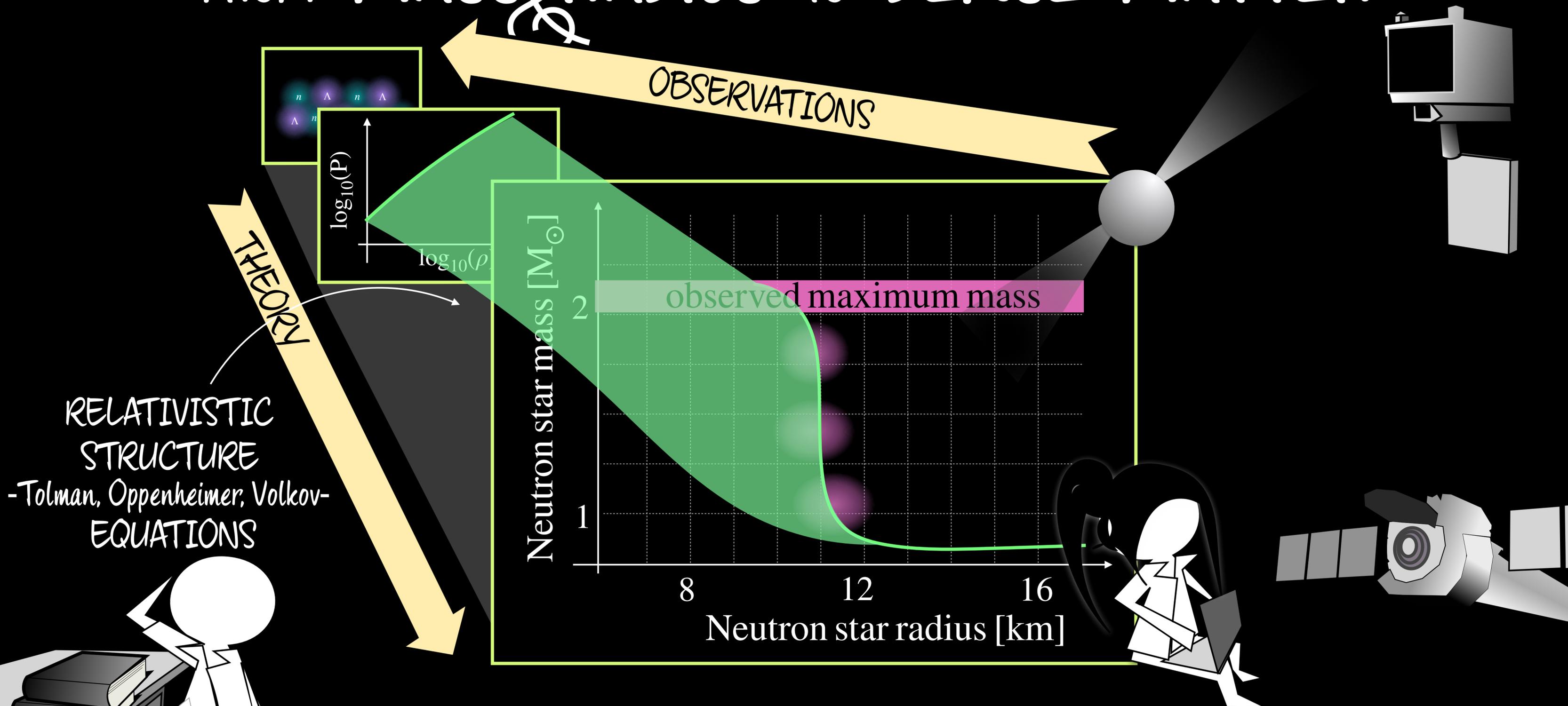


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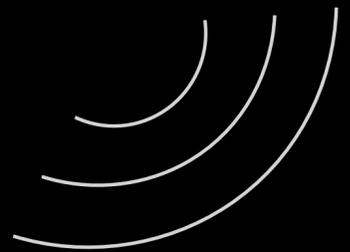
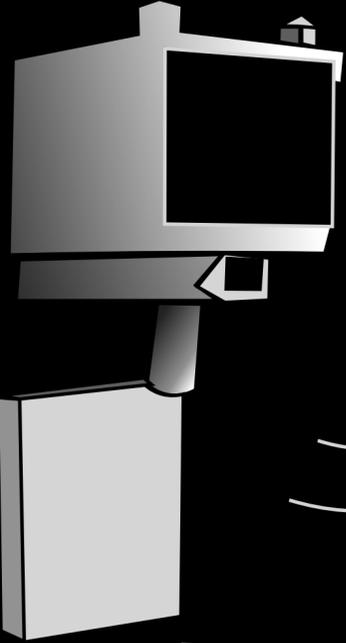


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# PULSE PROFILE MODELING

Non-accreting  
ms pulsar

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- masses
- radius
- hot spots configuration
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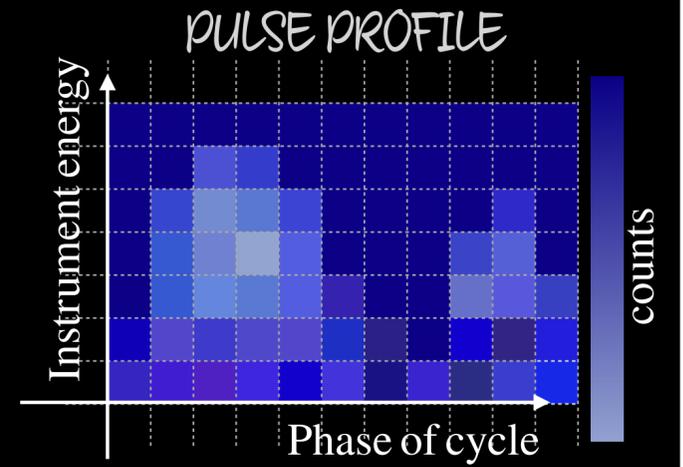
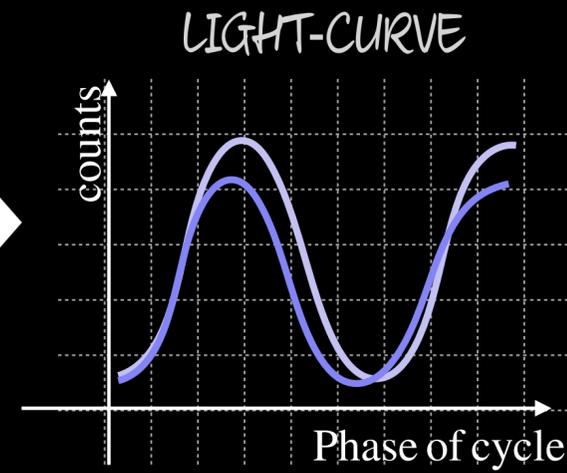
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NON-ACCRETING (rotation-powered)  
MILLISECOND PULSARS

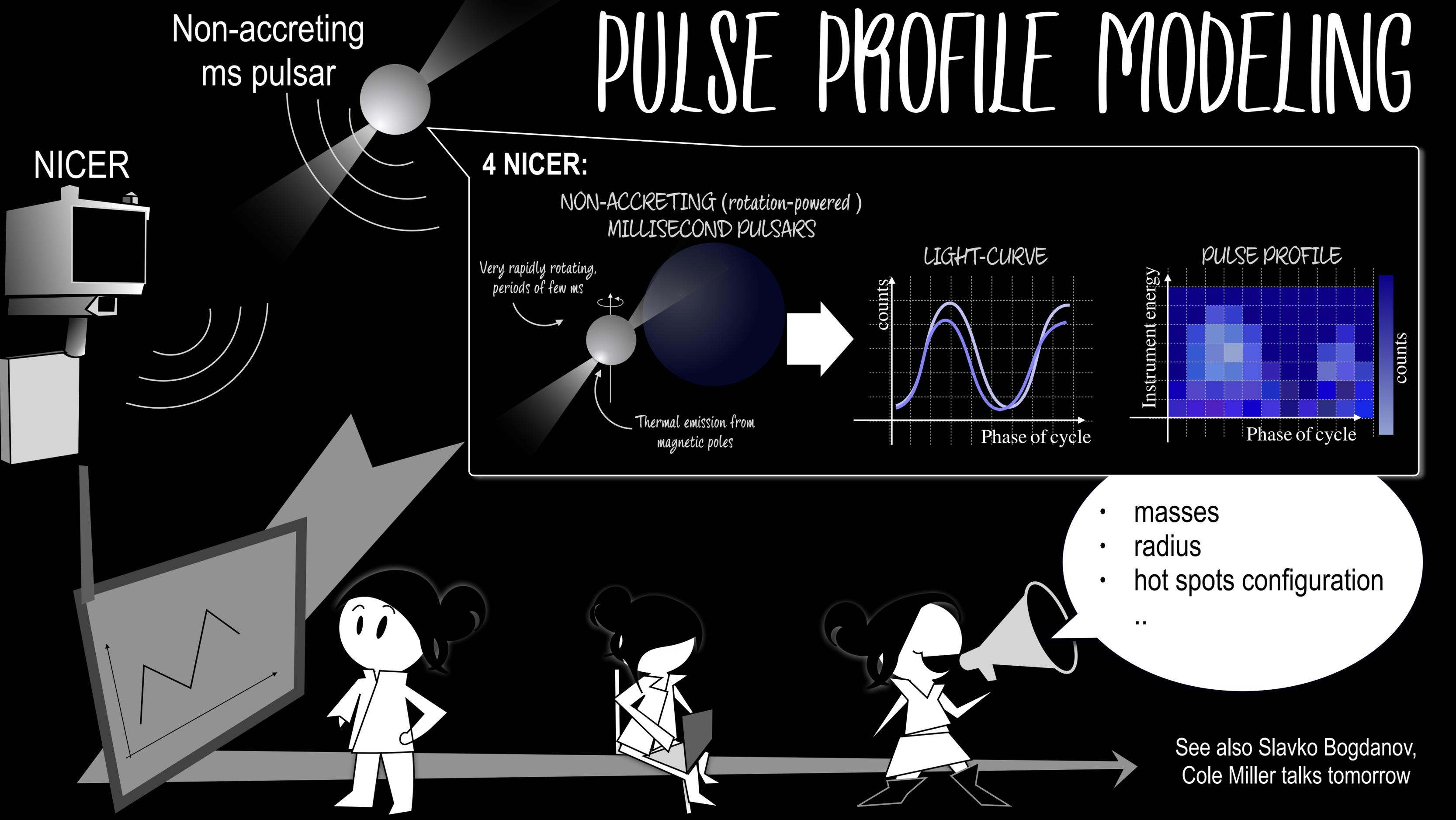
Very rapidly rotating,  
periods of few ms

Thermal emission from  
magnetic poles



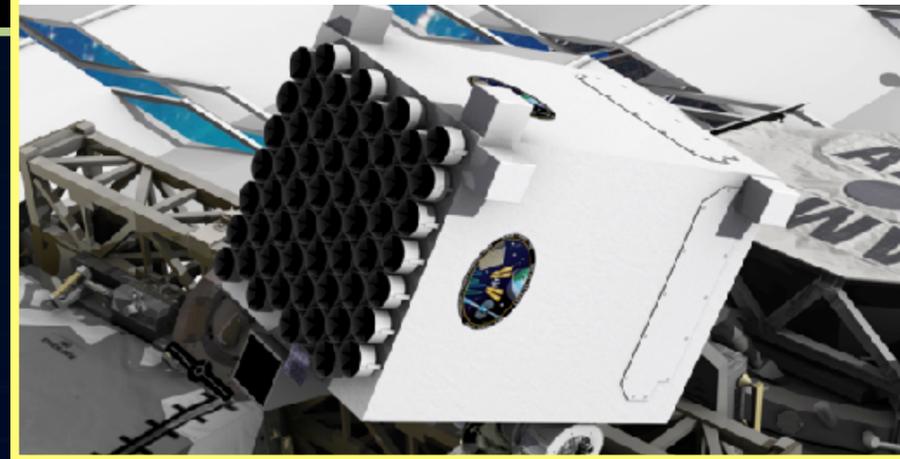
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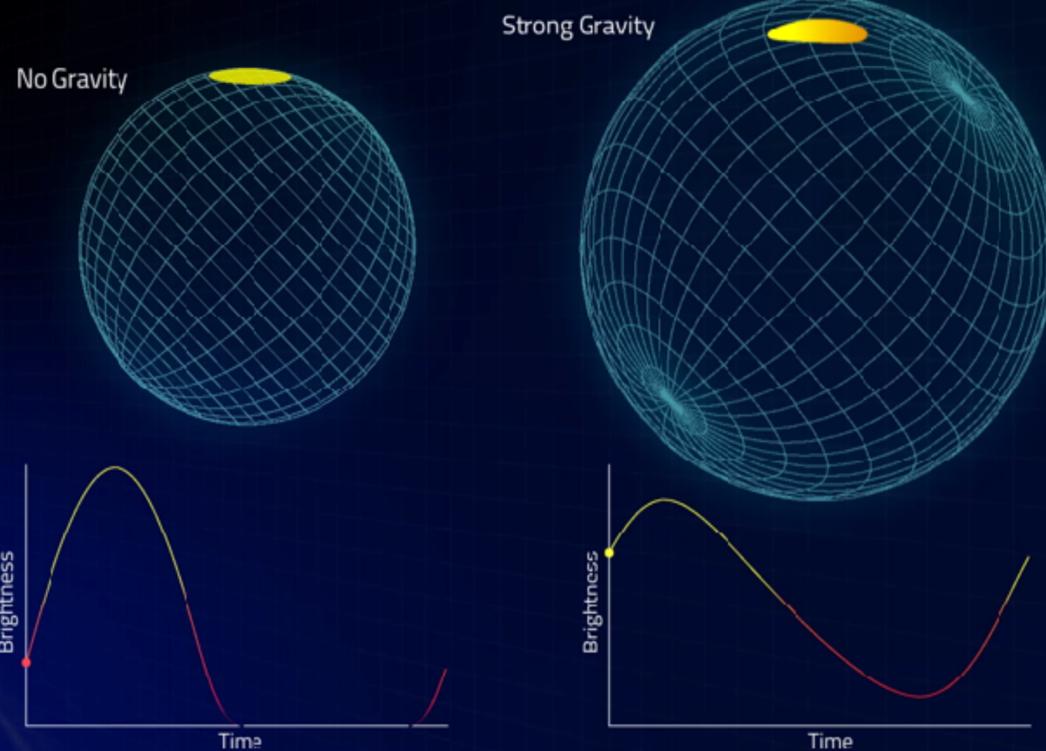


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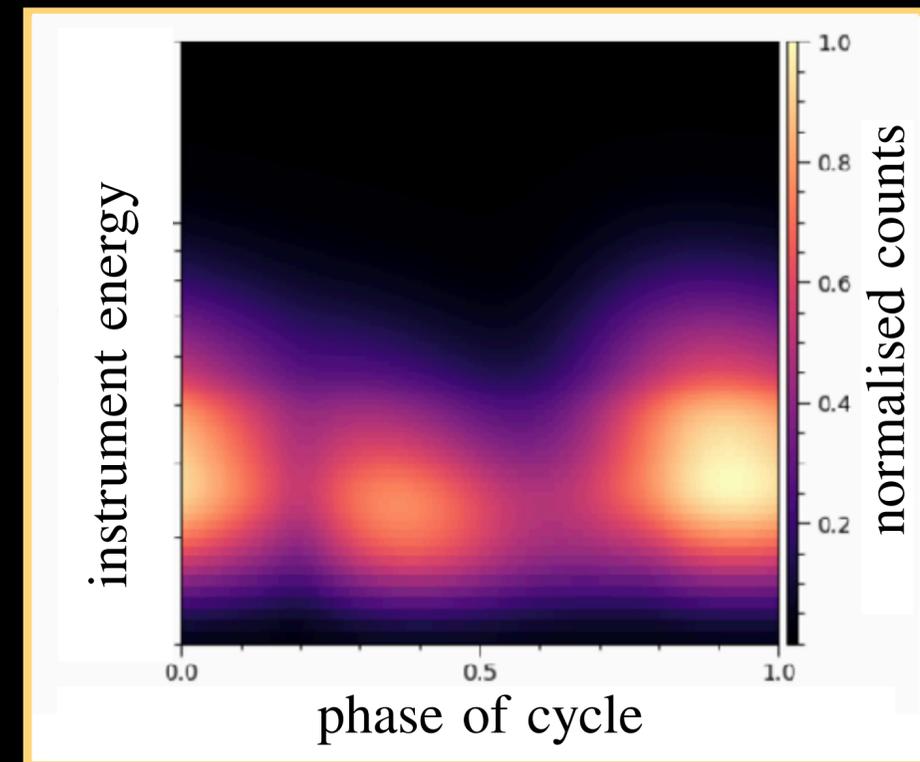
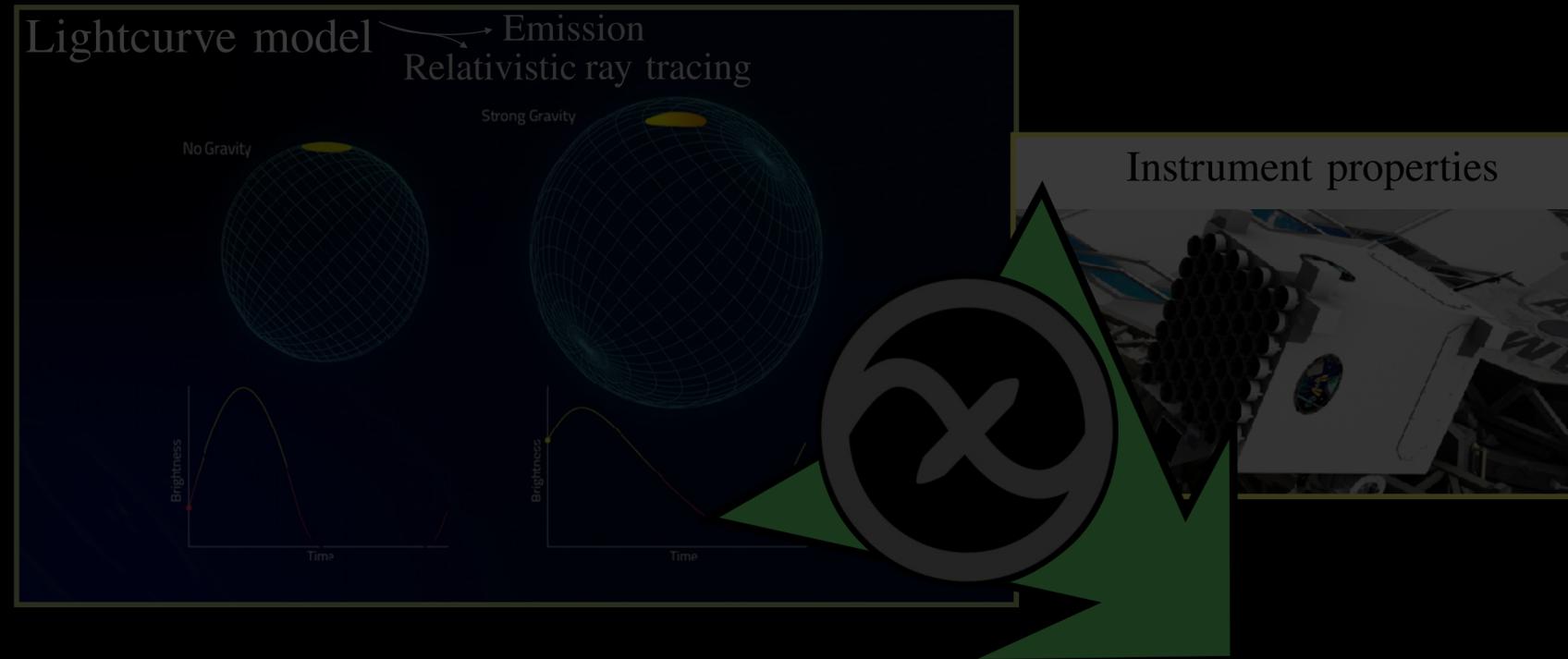
Instrument properties



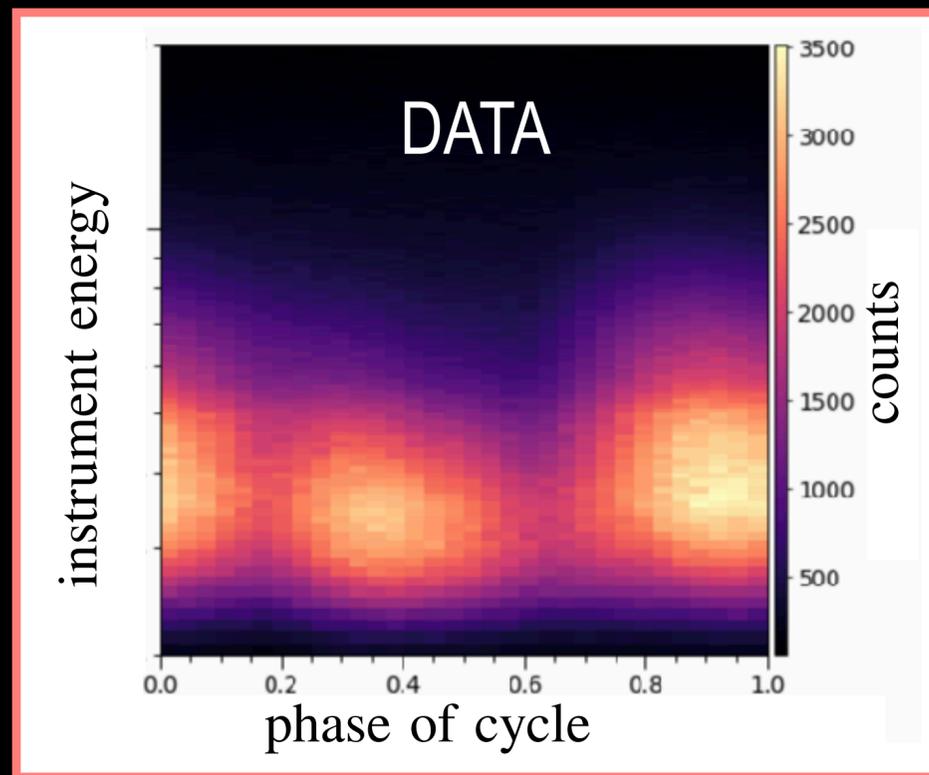
Lightcurve model  $\rightarrow$  Emission  
Relativistic ray tracing



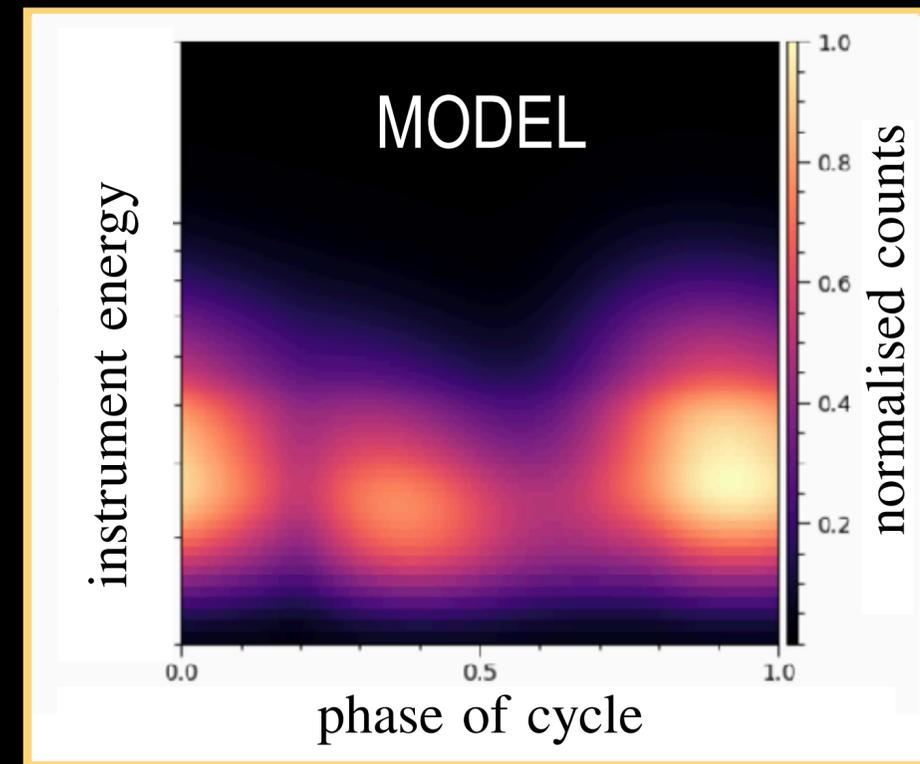
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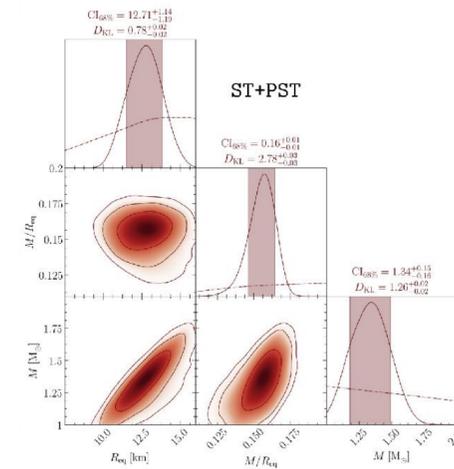
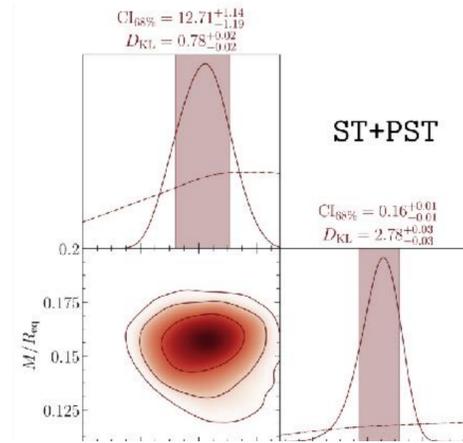
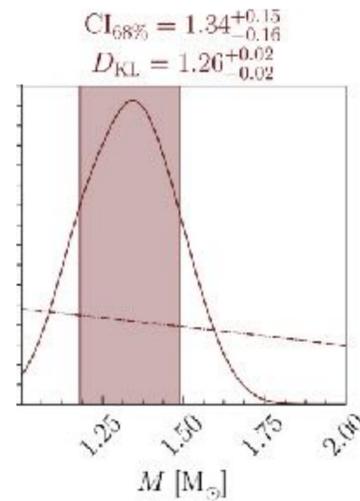


X-PSI  
Riley 2021

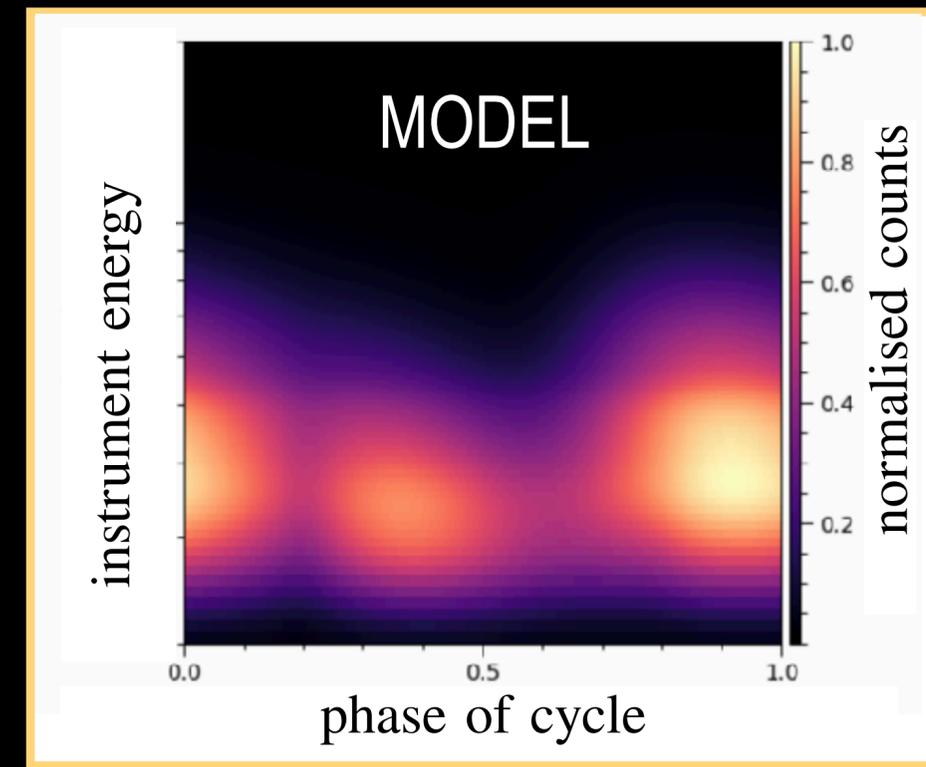
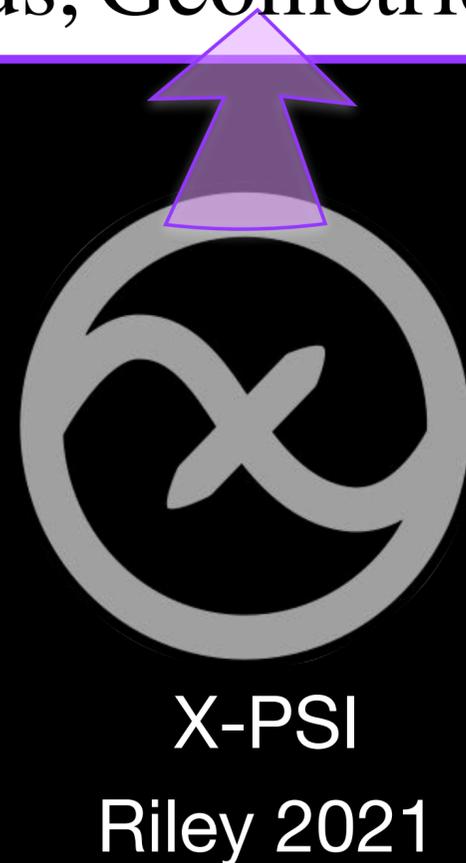
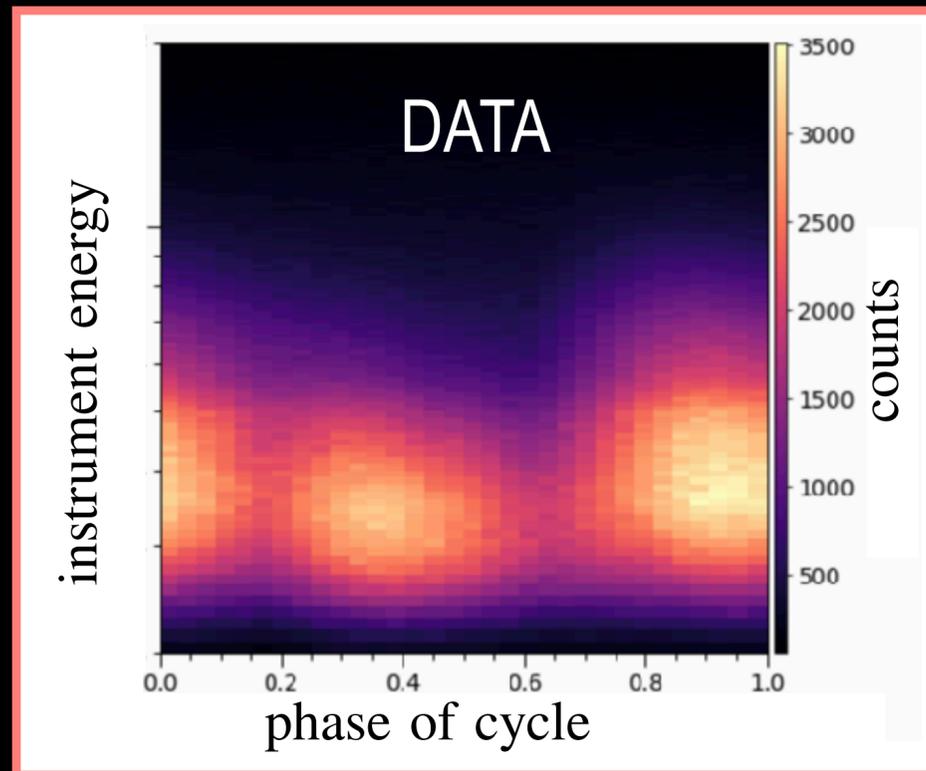


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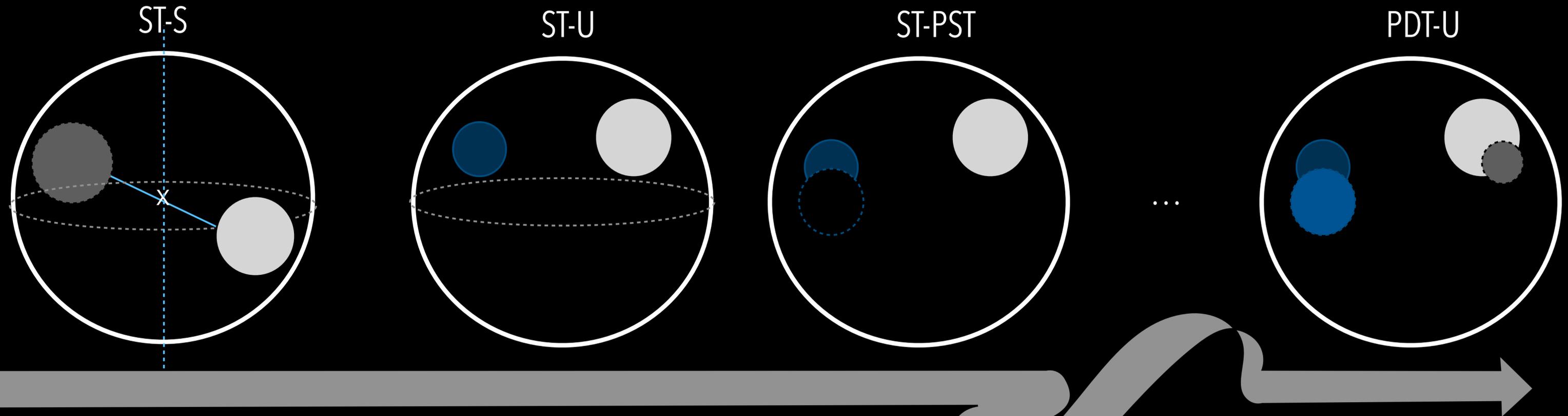
Probability distributions of :



Mass, Radius, Geometrical parameters . . .



# MODEL GENERATION XPSI



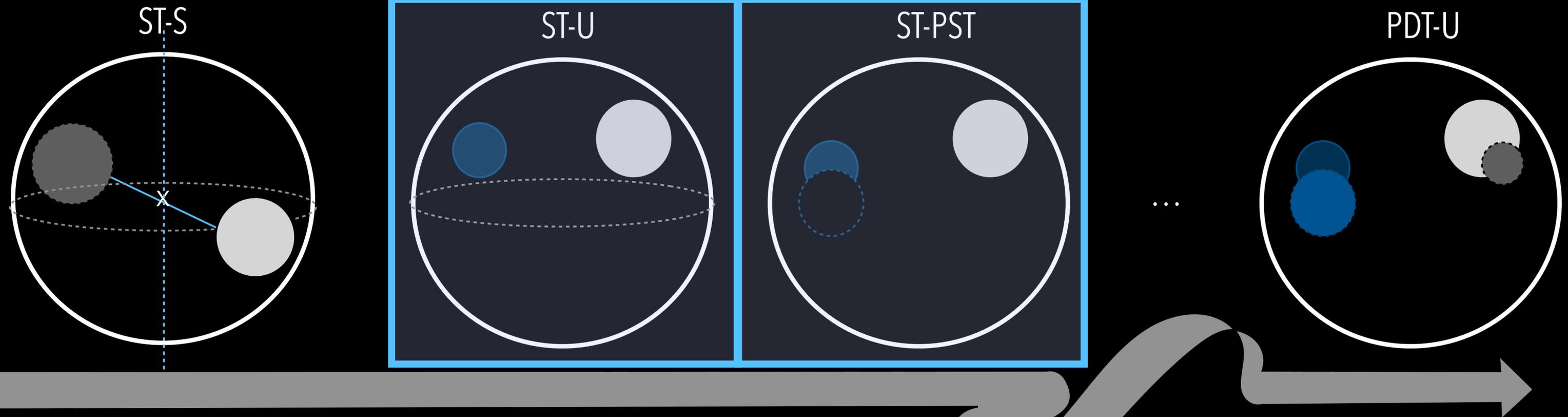
COMPLEXITY

Breaking symmetry

Adding components

<b>ST</b>	Single Temperature
<b>DT</b>	Double Temperature
<b>C</b>	Concentric
<b>E</b>	Eccentric
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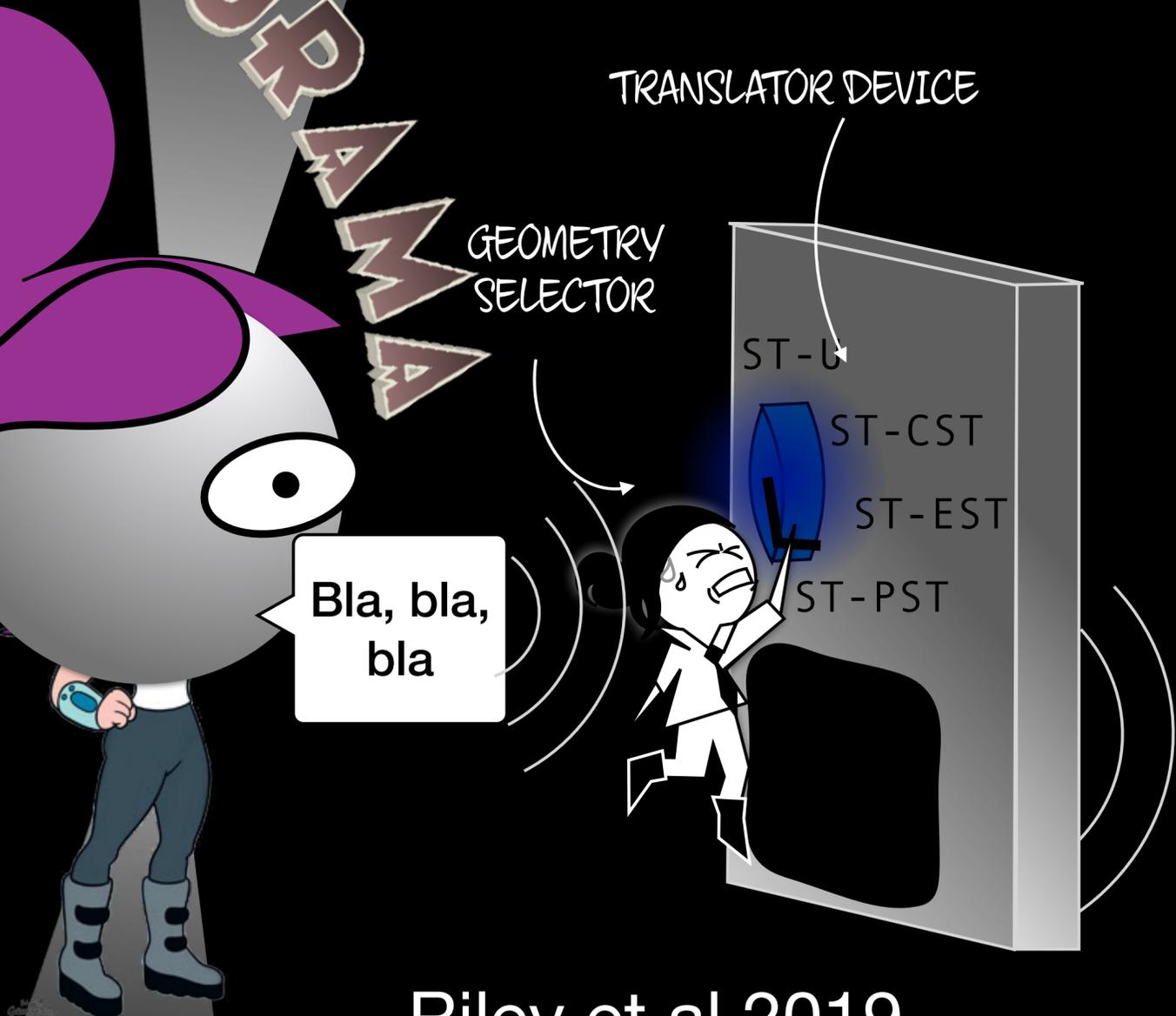
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# EXAMPLE J0030+0451

FUTURAZA



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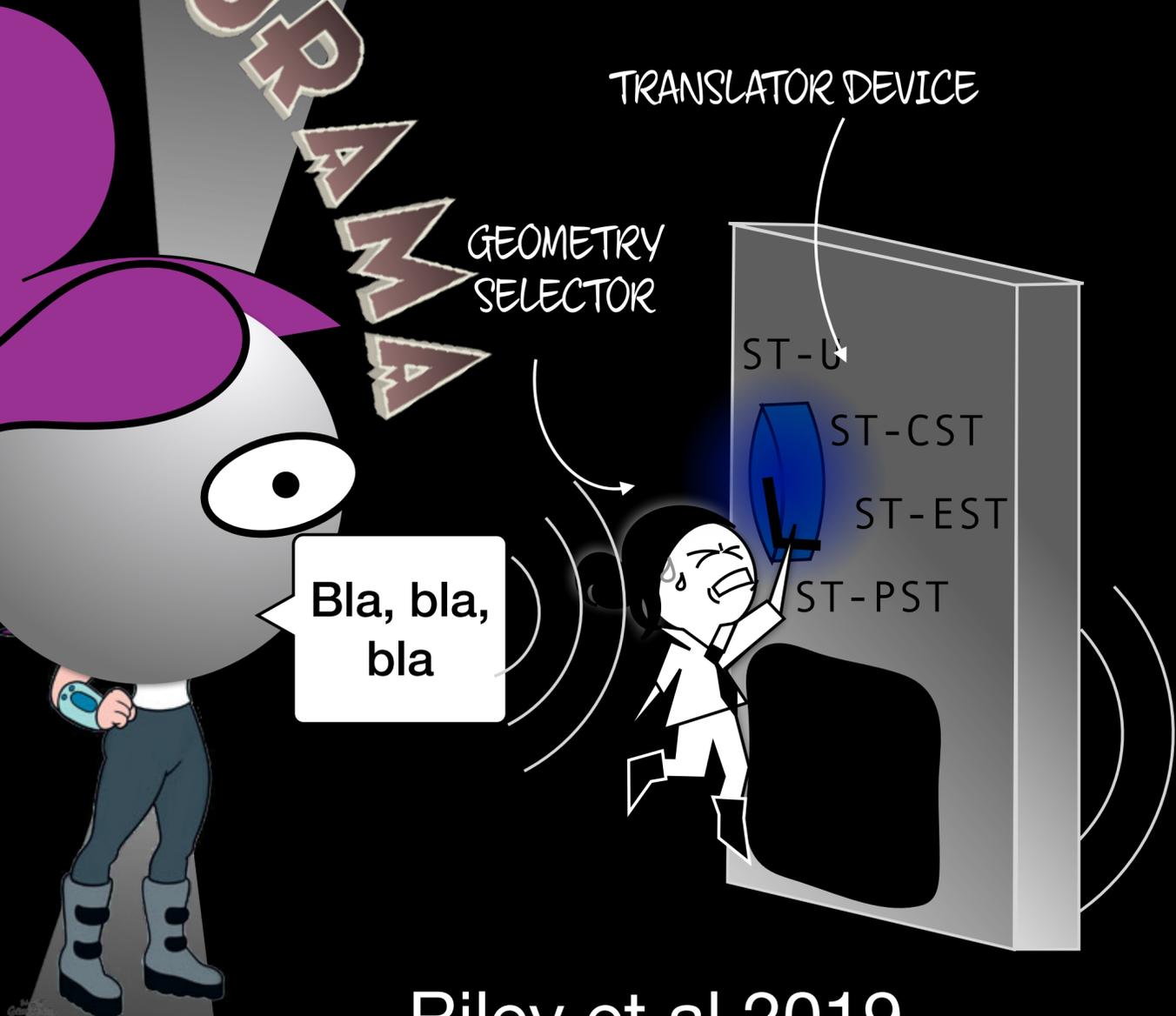
Channels

Phase [cycle]

Riley et al 2019

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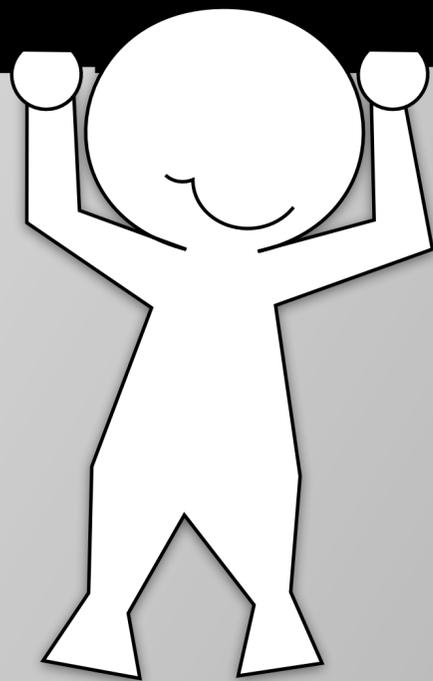
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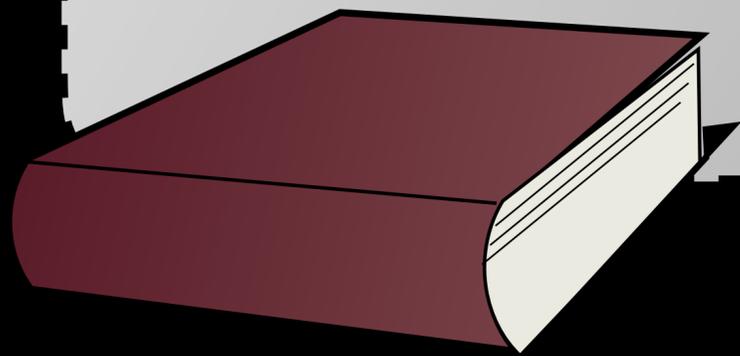
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# PUBLISHED RESULTS



QUICK OVERVIEW



# J0030+0451

# J0740+6620

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Constraints on MASS  
& INCLINATION from  
NANOGrav and CHIME  
Pulsar collaborations

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IN BINARY

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[IOP Focus on NICER webpage](#)

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The first map—fully accounting for relativistic light deflection—of an NS's surface "hot spots," serving as a guidepost to the star's magnetic field configuration.

The first detection of X-ray pulsations from PSR J0740 (Wolff et al. 2021).

The first precise ( $\pm 10\%$ , 1 sigma) mass and radius measurements for the same star

[IOP Focus on NICER webpage](#)

A fairly stiff EoS is implied when PSR J0740's radius is included with other astrophysical constraints.

The first mass measurement for an isolated (i.e., non-binary) NS

Bogdanov et al 2019a, Bogdanov et al 2019b, Miller et al 2019, Riley et al 2019, Wolff et al 2021, Miller et al 2021, Riley et al 2021, ...

# LATEST RESULTS

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1) NEW DATA SETS

2) PRELIMINARY ANALYSES J0030

3) RESULTS J0740



# NEW DATA SETS

PUBLISHED	J0030	J0740
CLASSIC [exposure time] {Obs. period}	Bogdanov et al 2019a [~1.94 Ms] {up to 9 December 2018}	ALPHA (Wolff et al 2021) [~1.60 Ms] {up to 17 April 2020}

NEW	J0030	J0740
CLASSIC [exposure time] {Obs. period}	CHARLIE [~2.98Ms] {up to 22 July 2021}	-
3C50 [exposure time] {Obs. period}	X [~2.07Ms] {up to 24 December 2021}	X [~1.56 Ms] {up to 28 December 2021}

## BKG LOWER LIMITS

(Space weather SW)  
Gendreau 2020

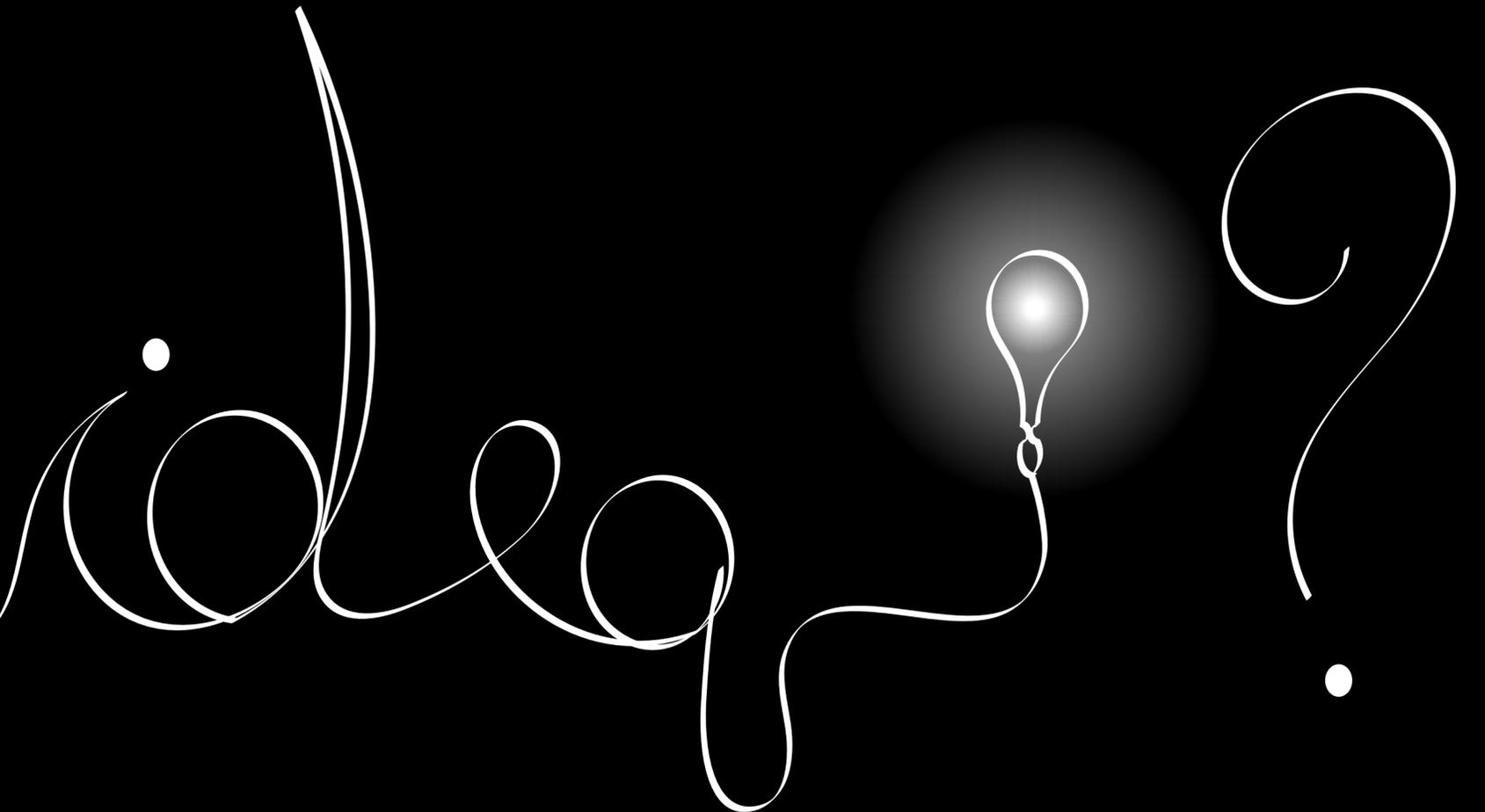
SO MANY NEW THINGS!!!

## BKG ESTIMATES

(All but other sources in the FoV)  
Remillard et al 2022



# What is the



## **BKG MODEL:**

With #of parameters = # of (considered)  
energy bands of the instrument.  
Independent from phase.

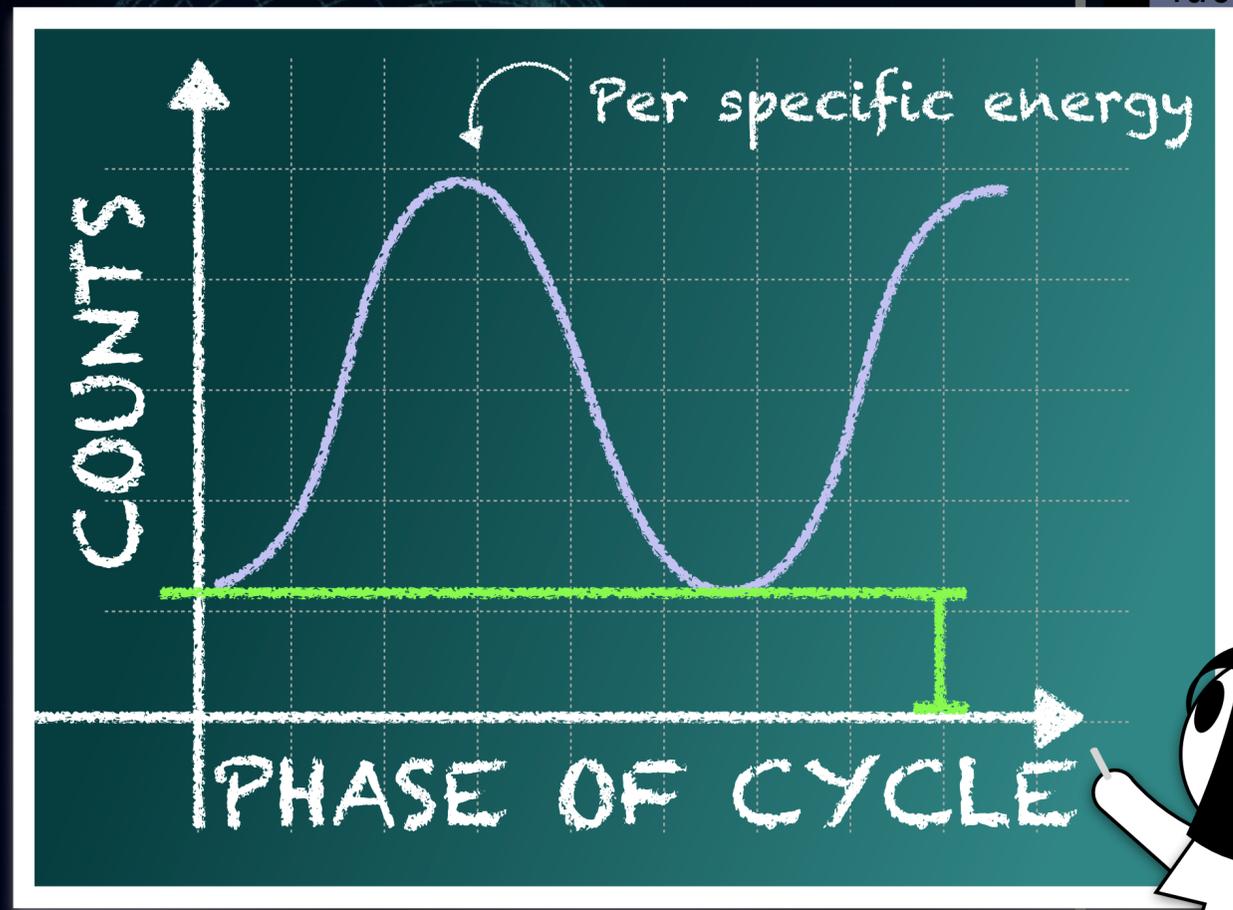
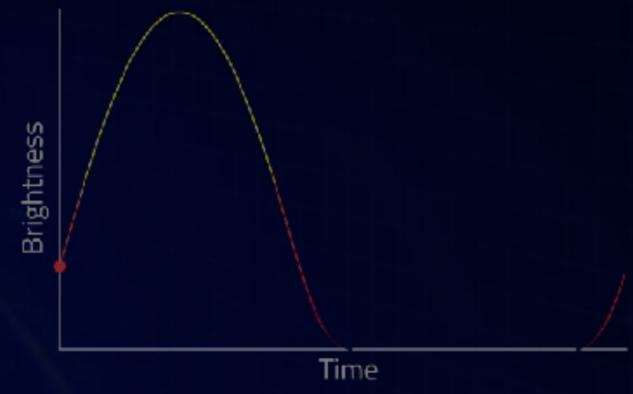
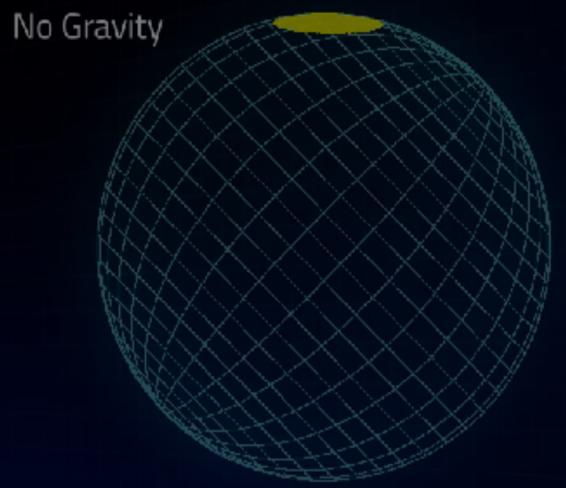
$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{\text{BKG}} L d\text{BKG}$$

WITH BACKGROUND (BKG) here we really mean everything which is  
not the thermal emission from the hot spot on the NS surface



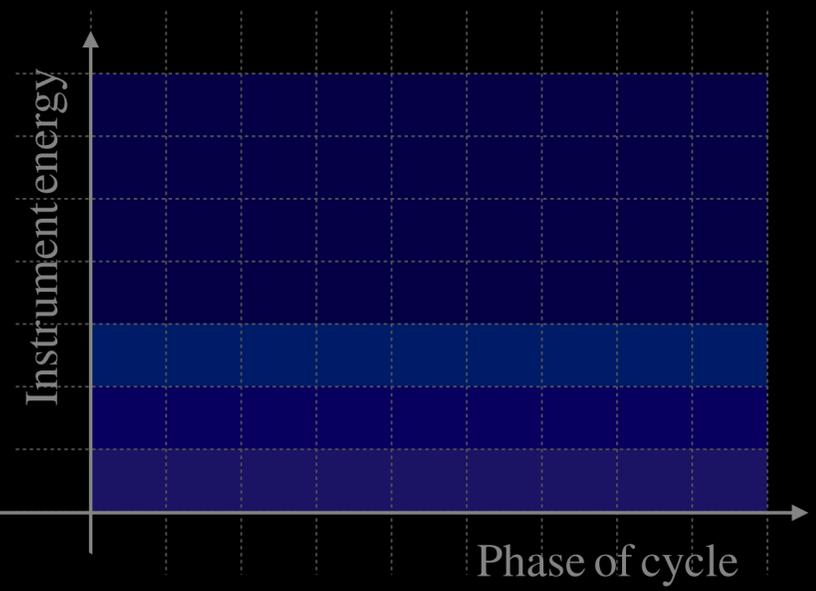
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COMPACTNESS  $C = \frac{G M}{c^2 R}$



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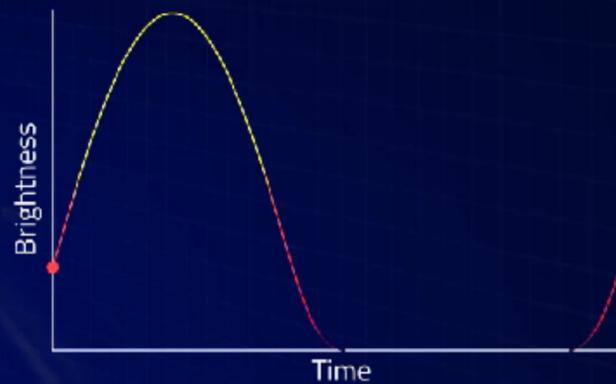
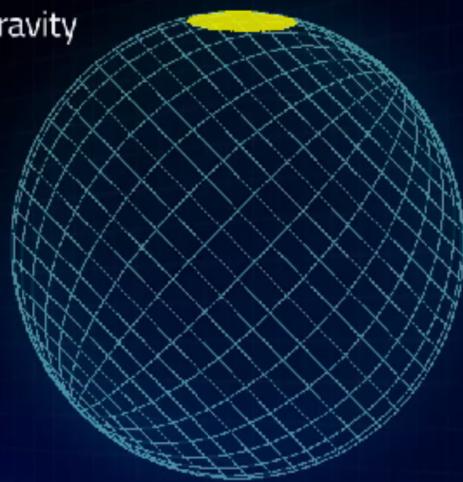
Sources of background can be: cosmic X-ray background, additional sources in the FoV, non-ideality of real instruments, space-weather, optical loading (the Sun), etc



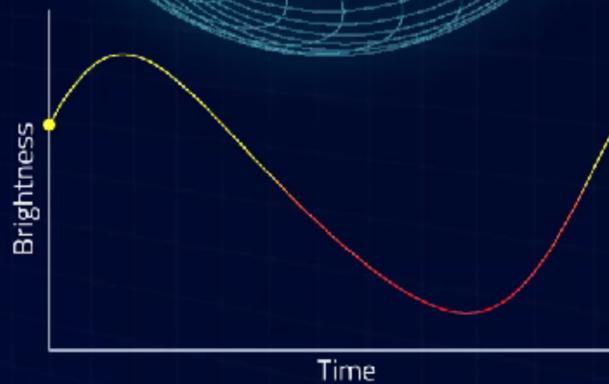
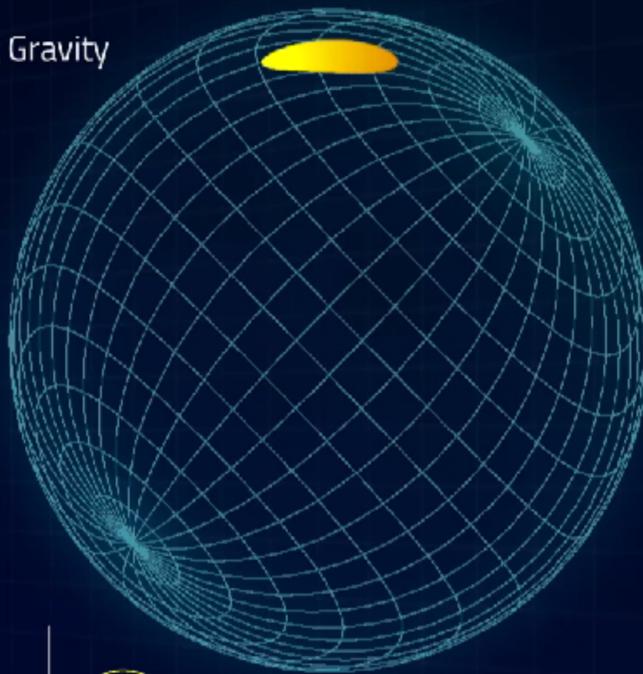
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No Gravity



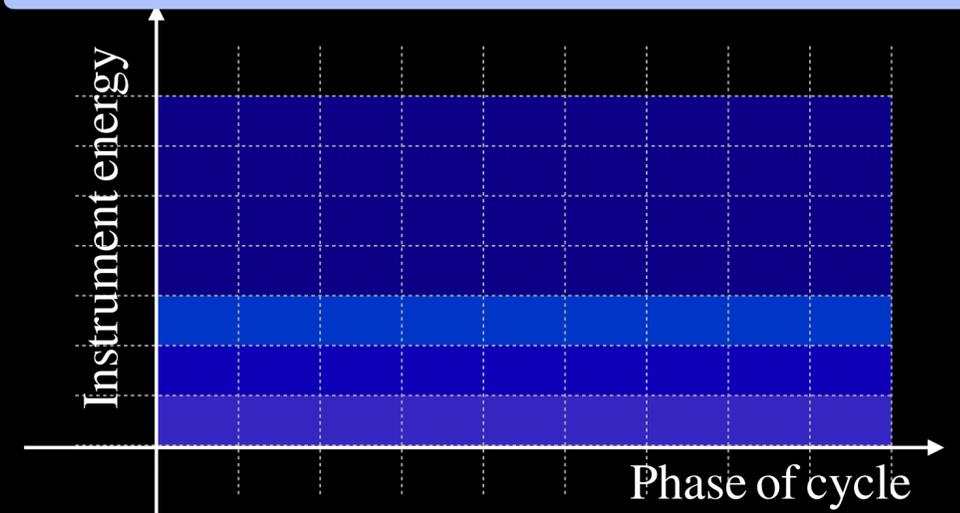
Strong Gravity



## HOT-SPOTS

## BACKGROUND (BKG)

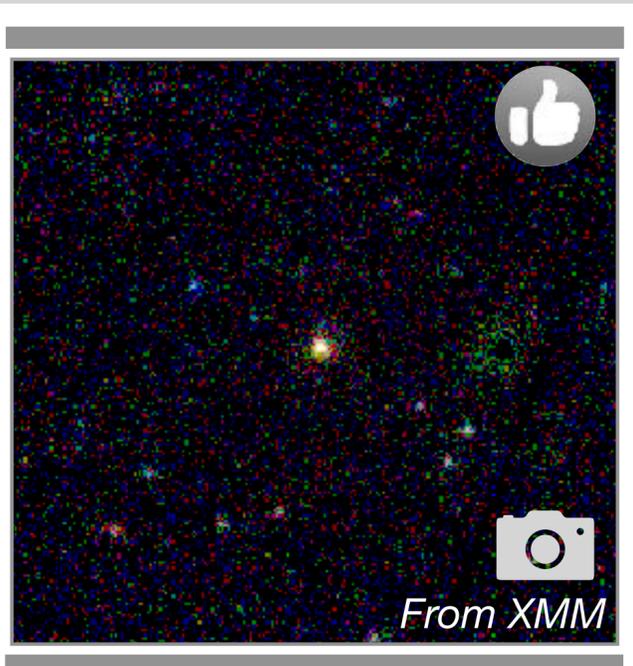
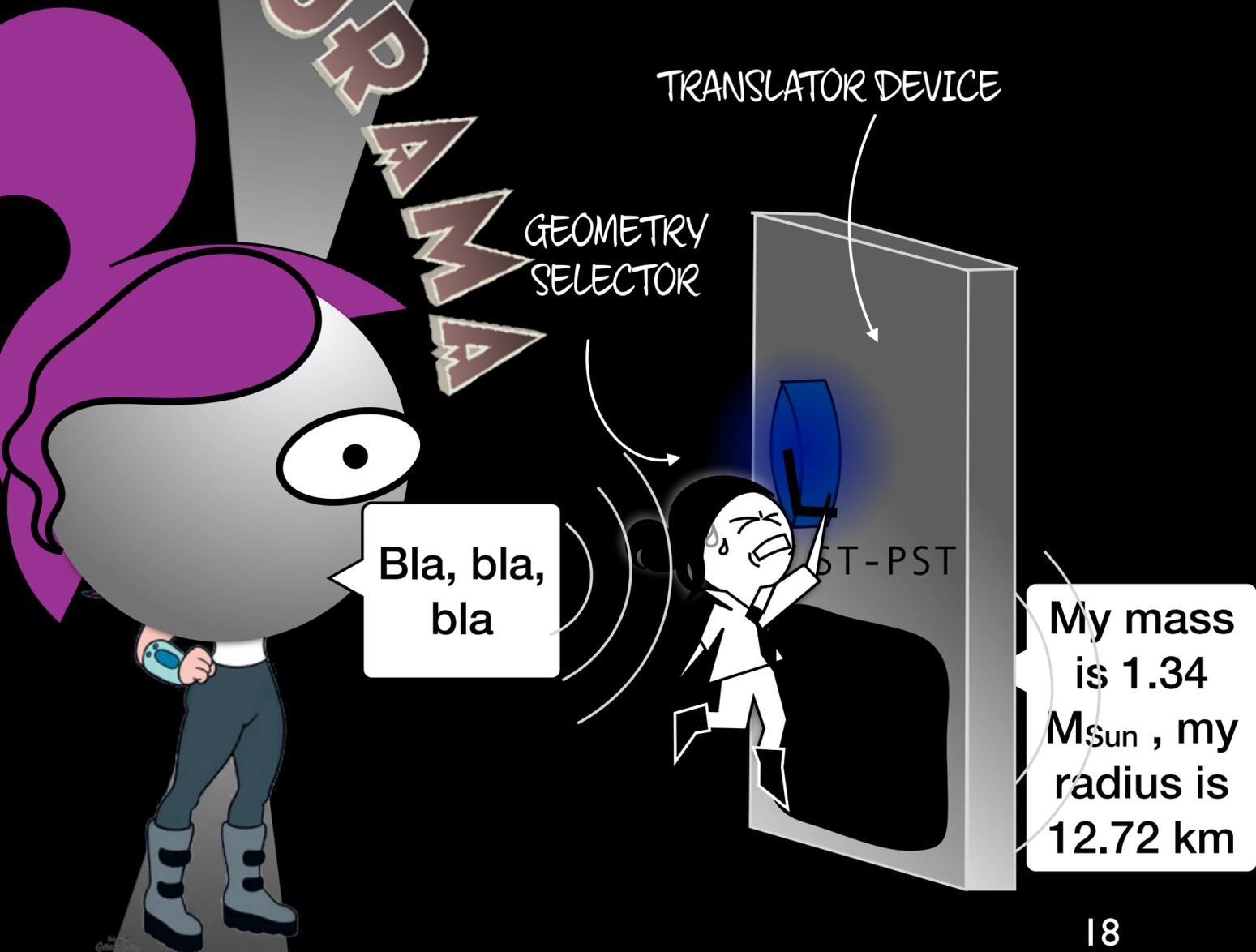
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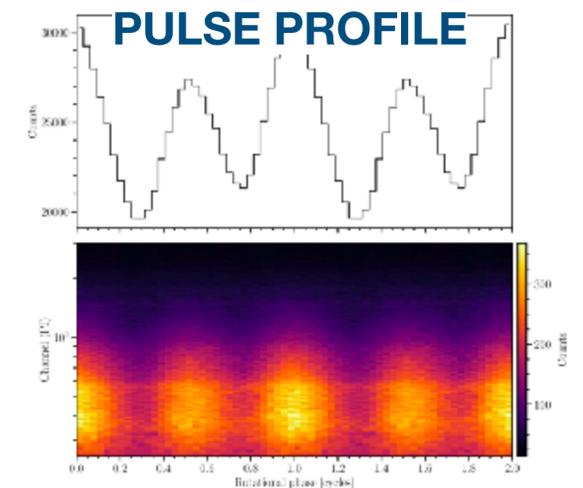
## NON HOT-SPOTS

# THE CASE OF J0030+0451

FUTURAMA



<b>STATUS</b>	ISOLATED
<b>REFERENC</b>	Riley et al 2019
<b>INSTRUME</b>	NICER



See also independent analysis: Miller et al 2019

## J0030+0451

About

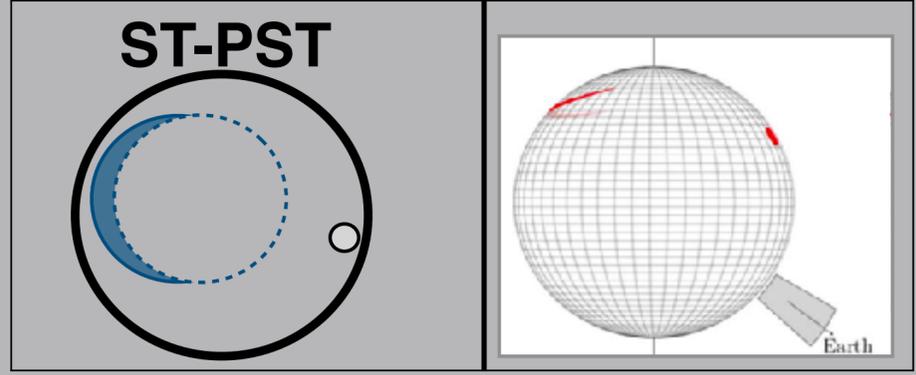
Photos

History

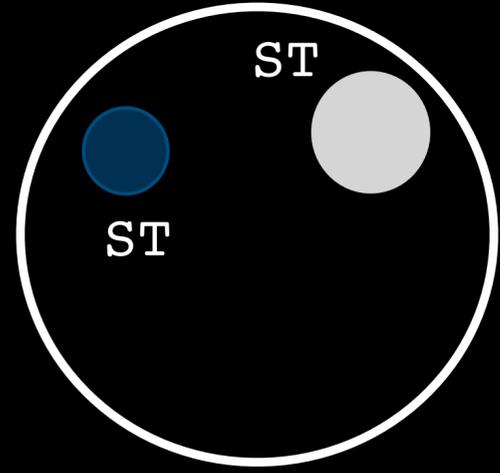
### Its details

<b>Mass [M<sub>Sun</sub>]</b>	1.34
<b>Radius [km]</b>	12.71
<b>Compactness</b>	0.16

### MODEL



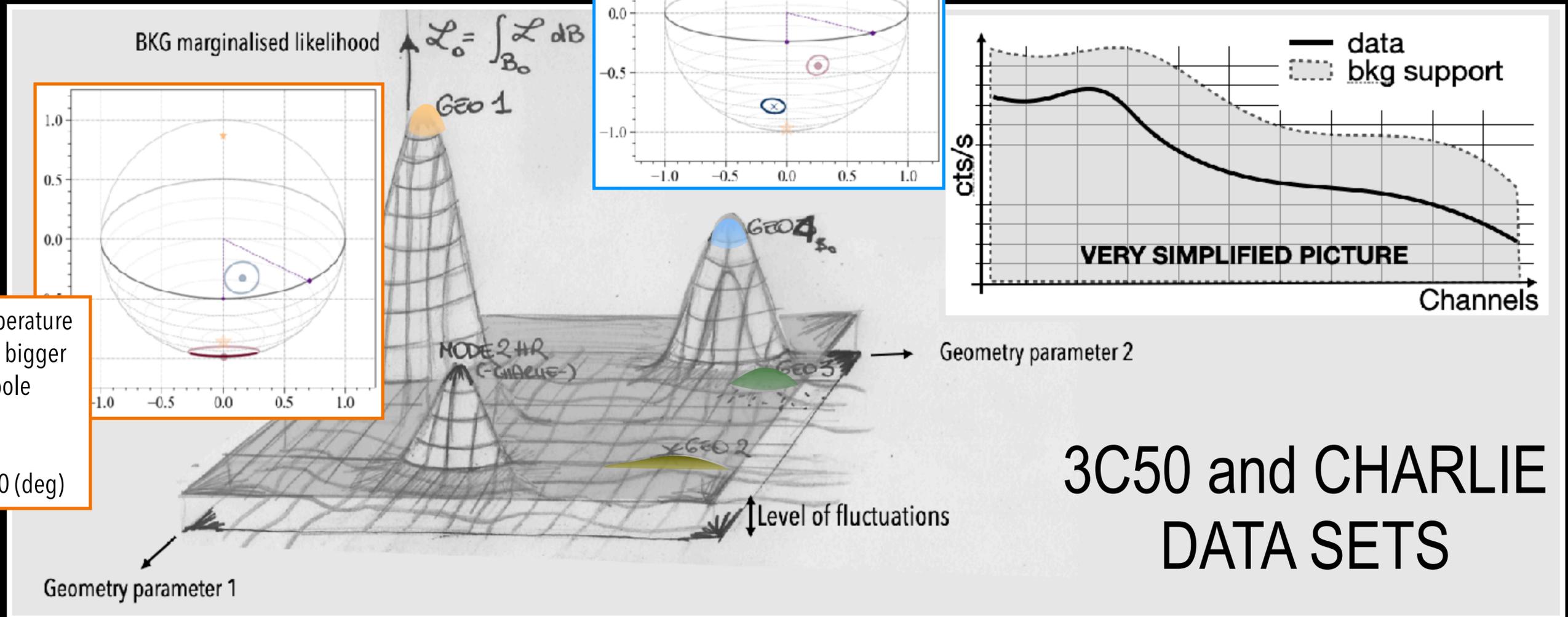
# BKG CONSTRAINTS FOR J0030



ST-U ONLY  
(NOT PREFERRED MODEL)

- Quite similar temperature for both hot spots, bigger one closer to the pole
- $R \sim 10/11$  km
- $M \sim 1 M_{\text{Sun}}$
- Inclination  $\sim 60-70$  (deg)

- Similar temperature and size for both hot spots
- $R \sim 11.5$  km or  $> 14$  km ( $> 14$ . when no BKG used) (the peak is higher when lower R is reported)
- $M \sim 1.4-1.6 M_{\text{Sun}}$
- Inclination  $\sim 70-80$  (deg)



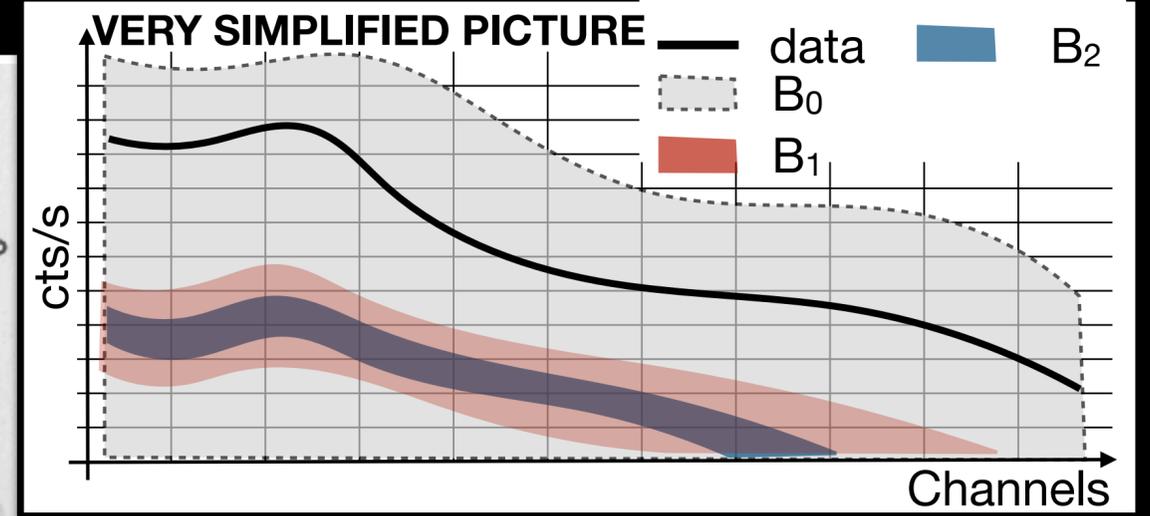
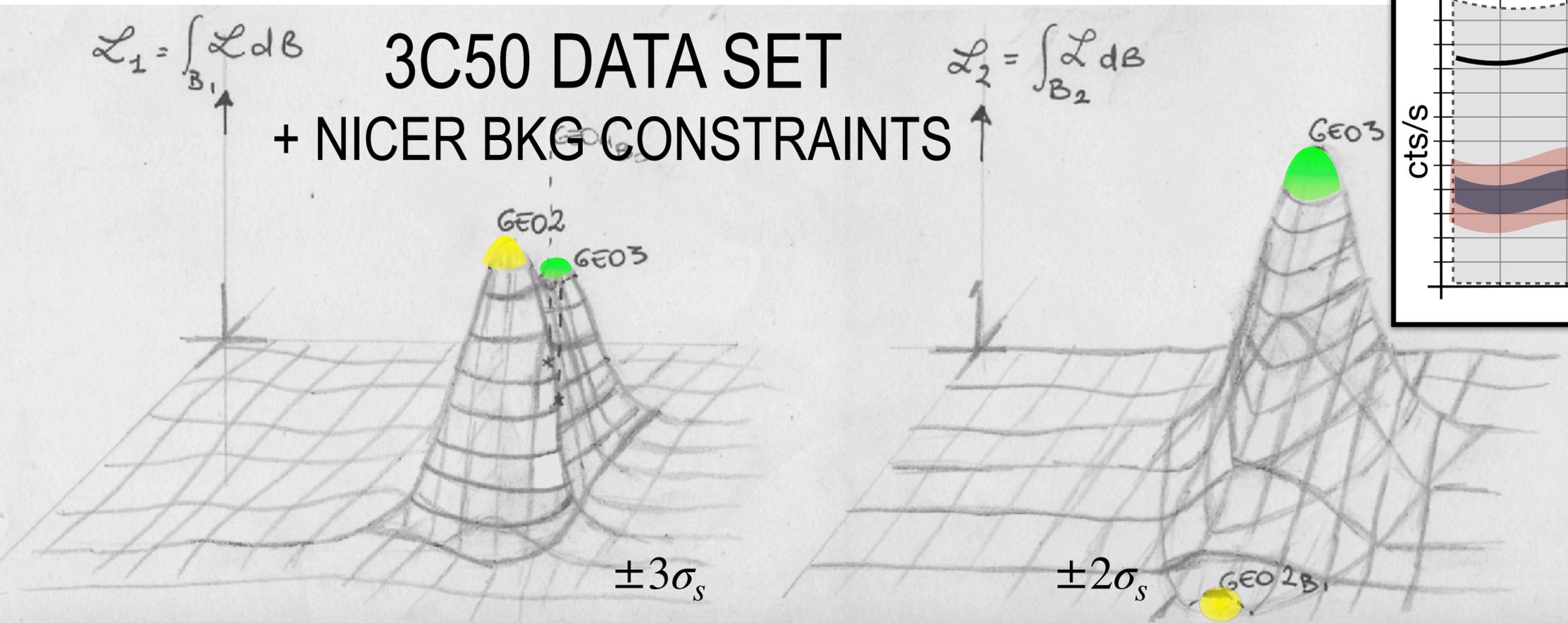
3C50 and CHARLIE  
DATA SETS

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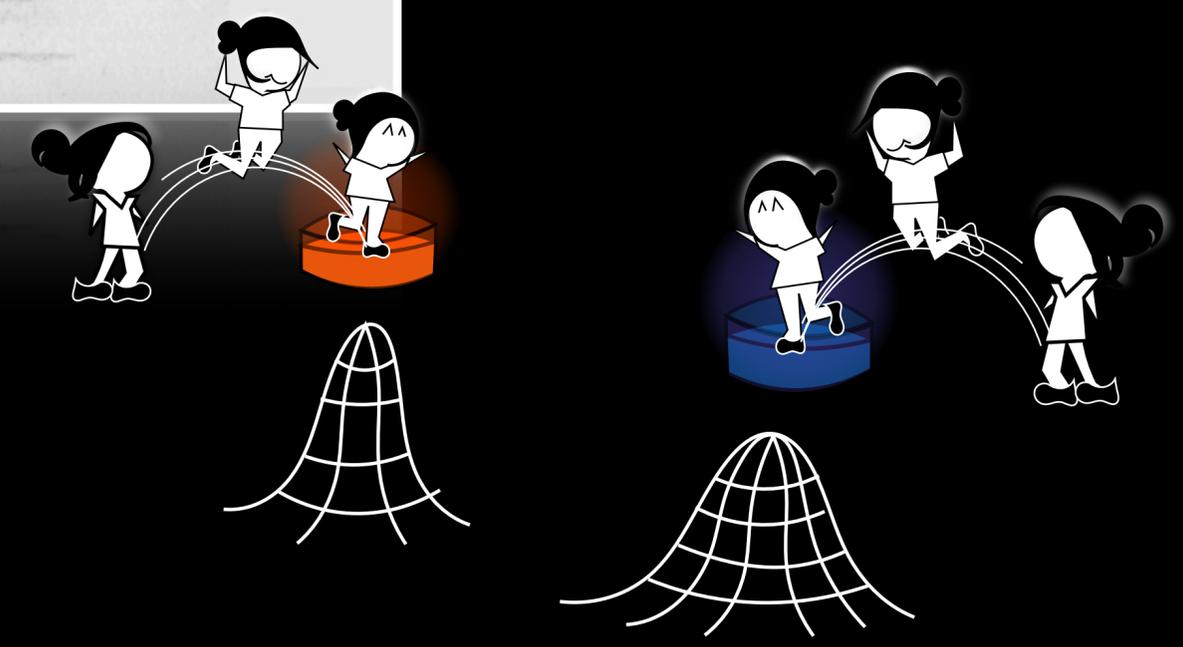
$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \int_{B_1} \mathcal{L} dB$$

3C50 DATA SET  
+ NICER BKG CONSTRAINTS

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \int_{B_2} \mathcal{L} dB$$



Integrated over different BKG ranges, some of the geometry parameter can slightly change

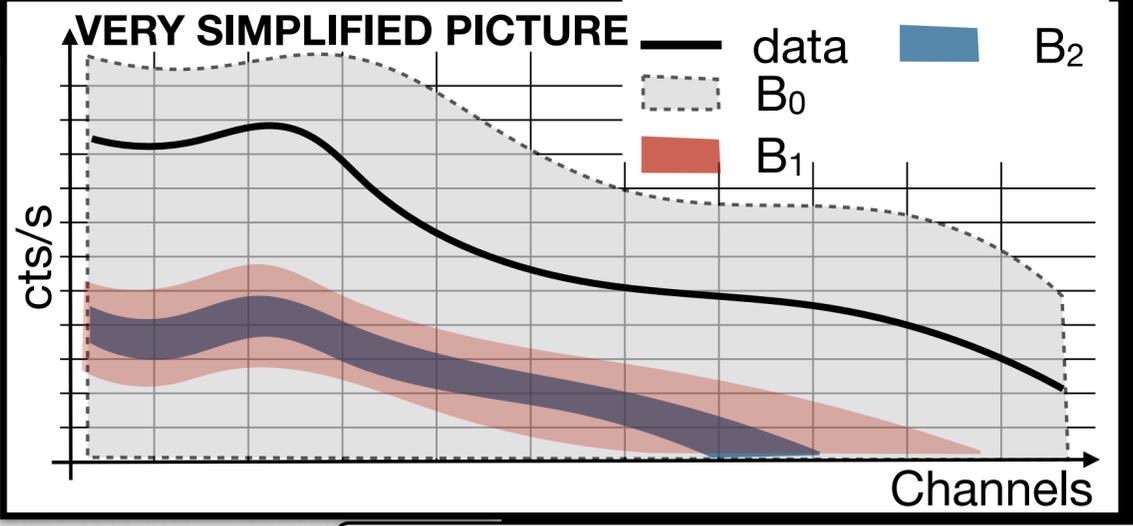
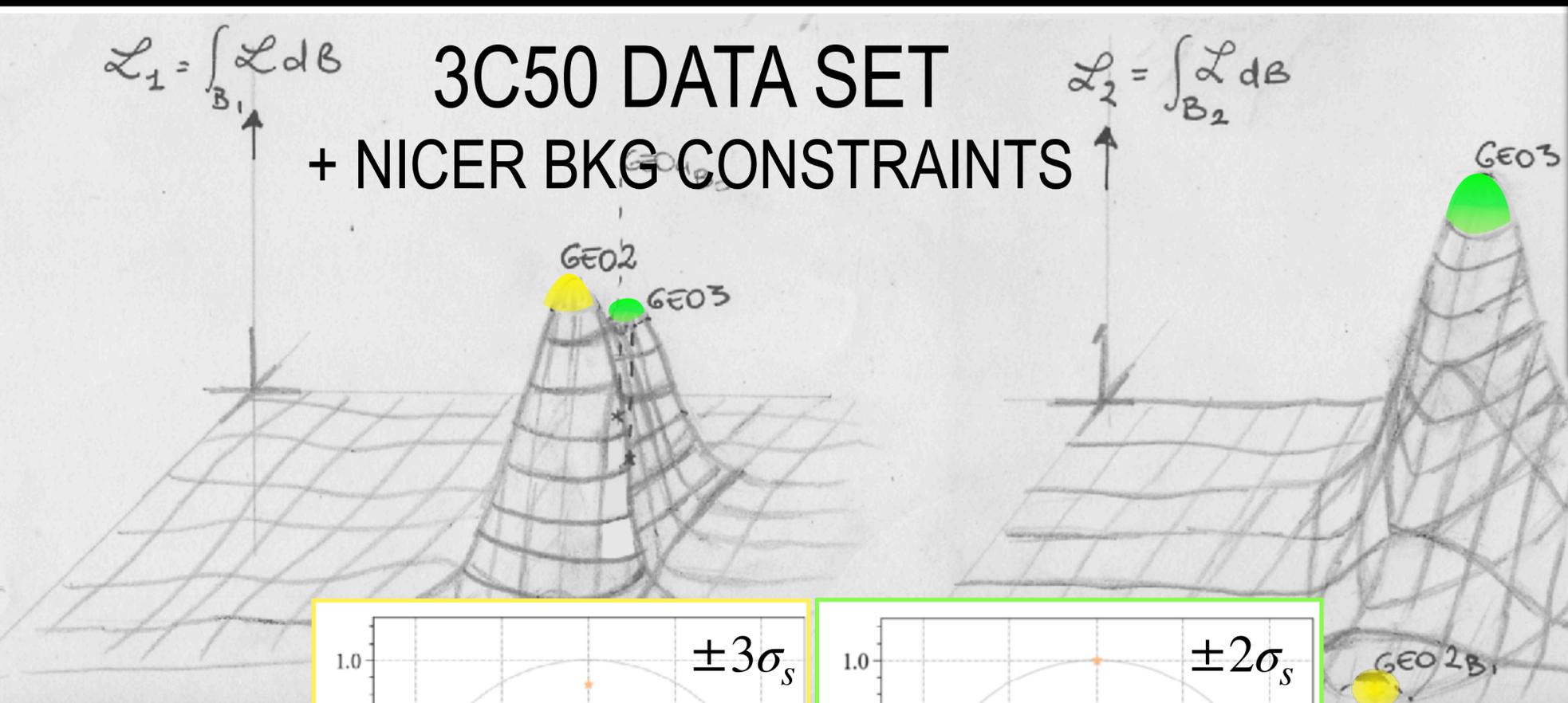


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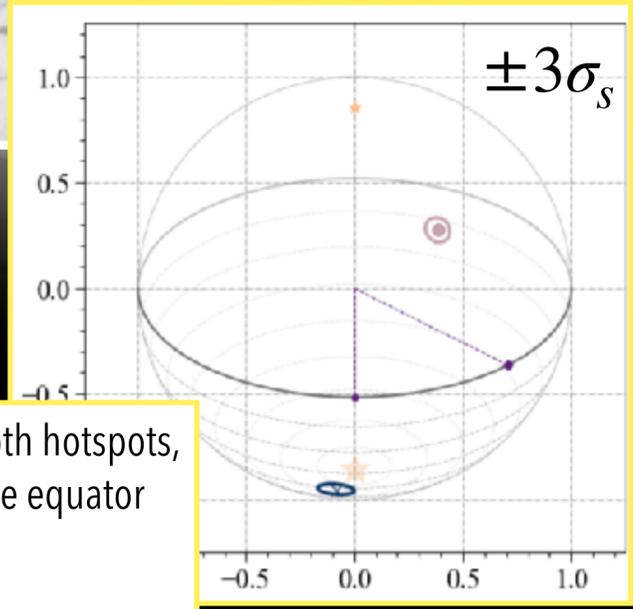
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3C50 DATA SET  
+ NICER BKG CONSTRAINTS

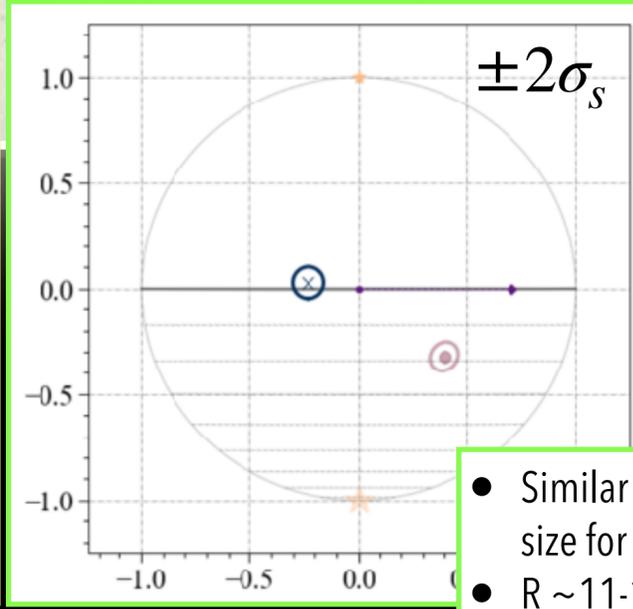
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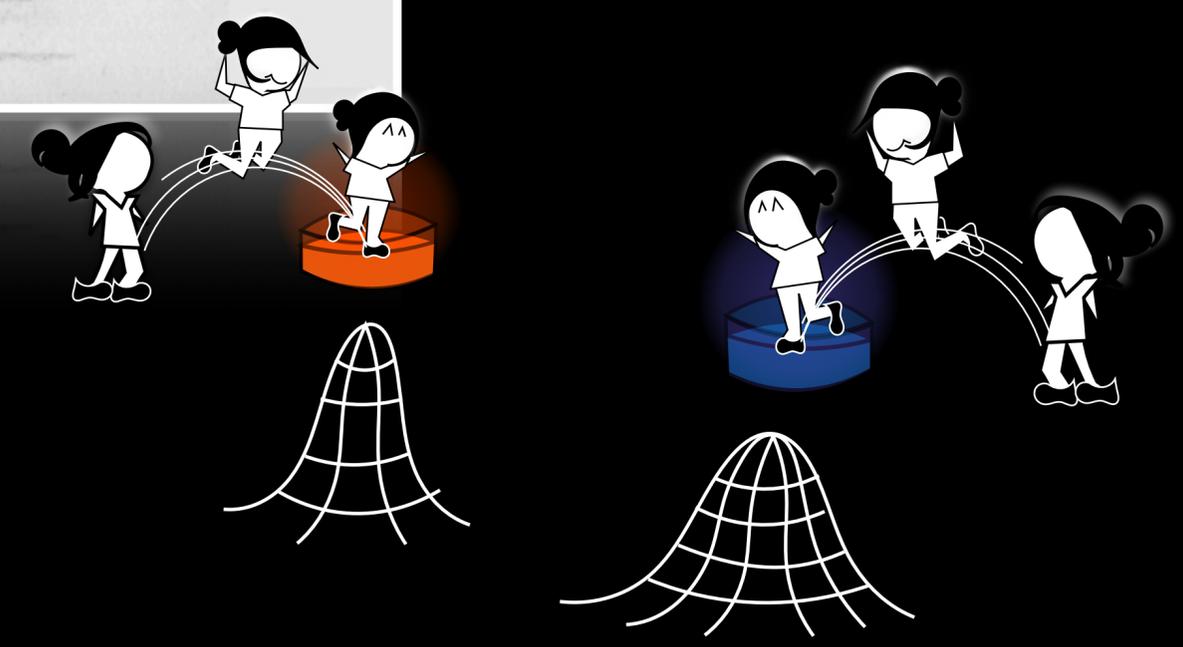
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- Similar size for both hotspots, colder closer to the equator
- $R \sim 14-16$  km
- $M \sim 2$  Msun
- Inclination 50-60 (deg)



- Similar temperature and size for both hot spots
- $R \sim 11-13$  km
- $M \sim 1.4-1.6$  Msun
- Inclination 80-90



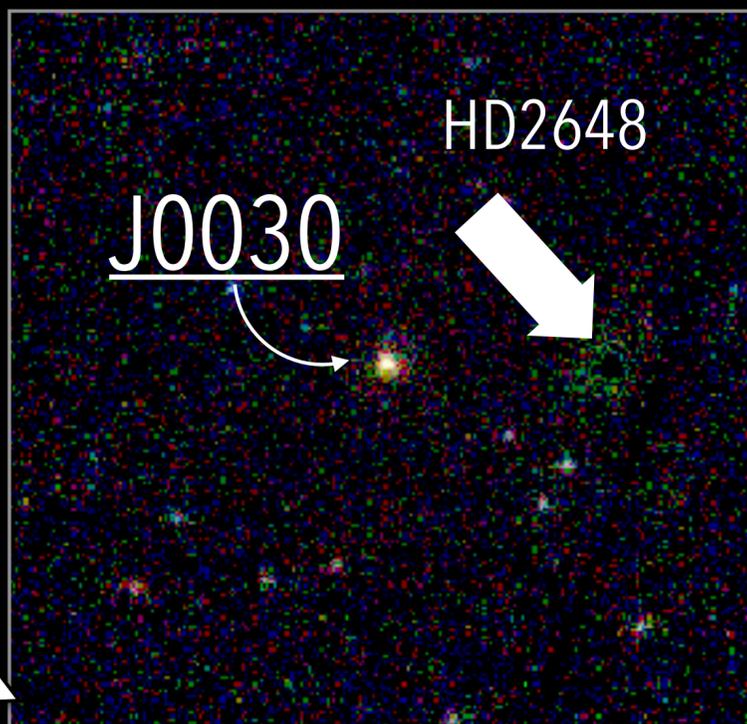
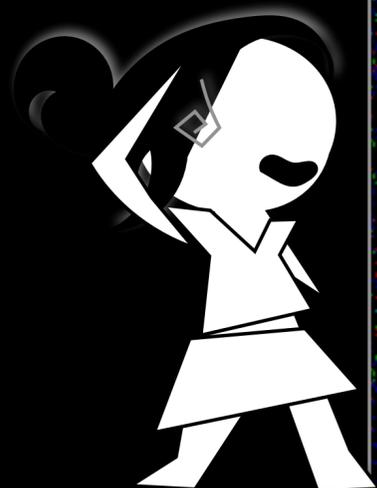
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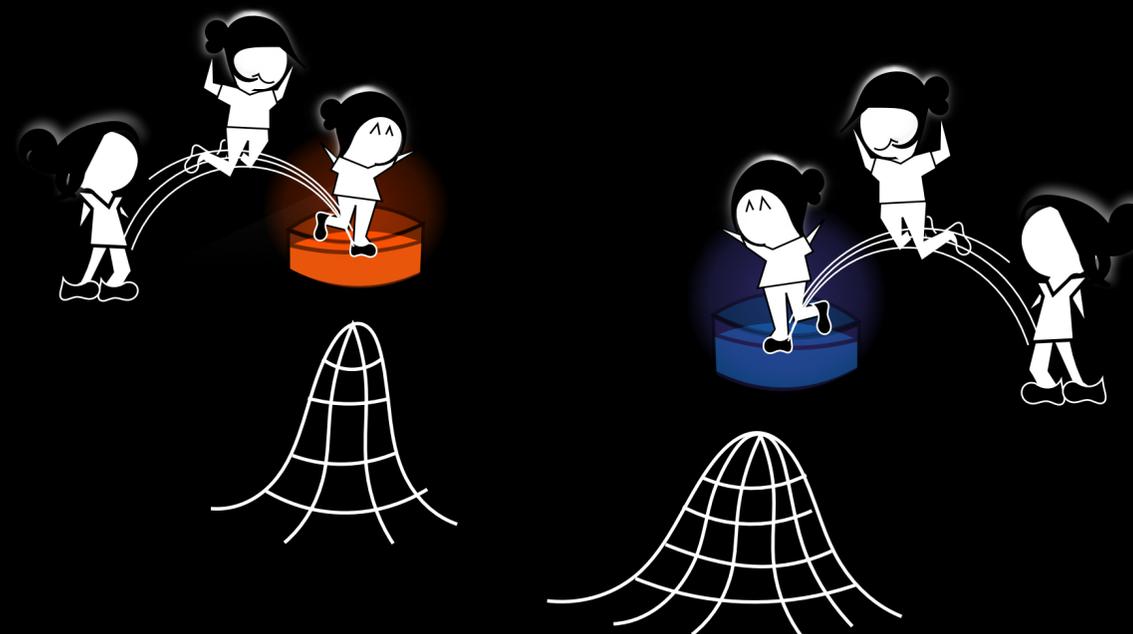
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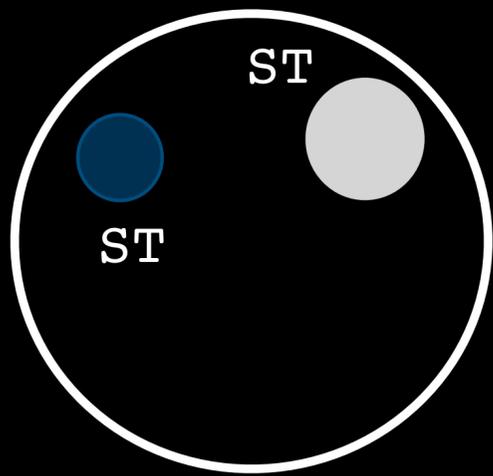
WE DID NOT CONSIDER THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE HD2648 STAR  
(i.e. our analysis applied upper limits too stringent as the contribution of the star was not accounted for)

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \int_{B_1} \mathcal{L} dB$$



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# RESULTS

# J0030+0451

So curious to see what we will find in the end!!!

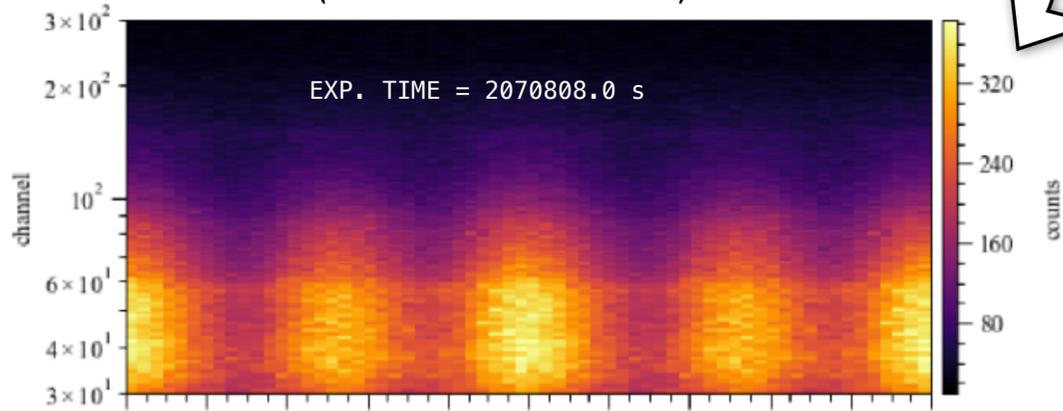


ST-U ONLY  
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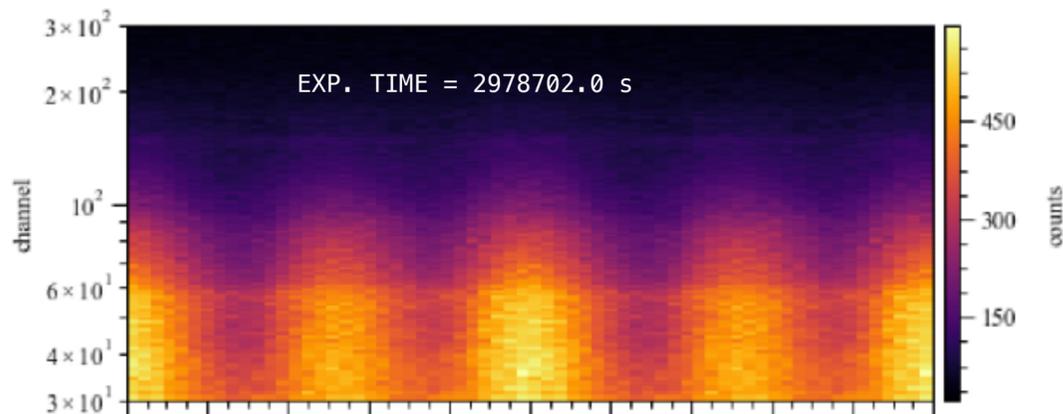
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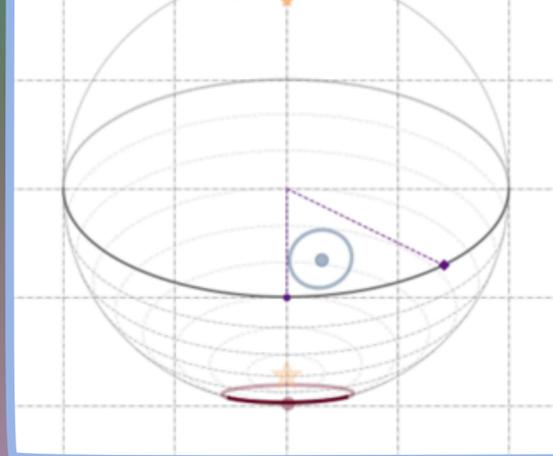
3C50 (Remillard et al. '22) DATA SET



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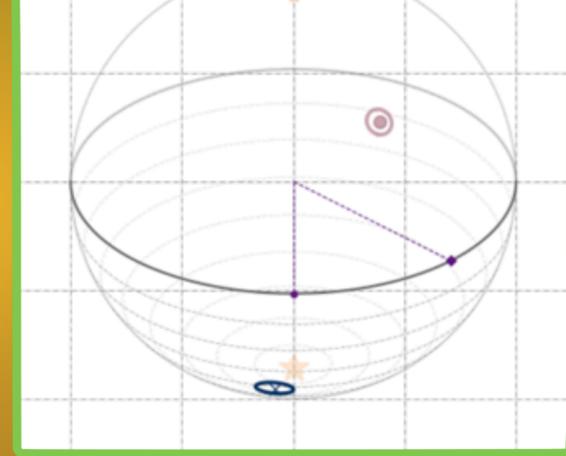


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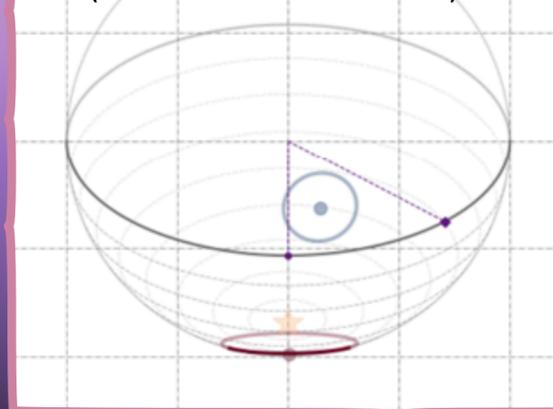
$R \sim 10 \text{ km}$   
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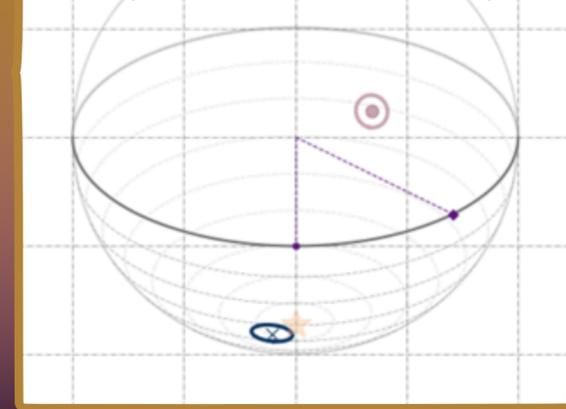
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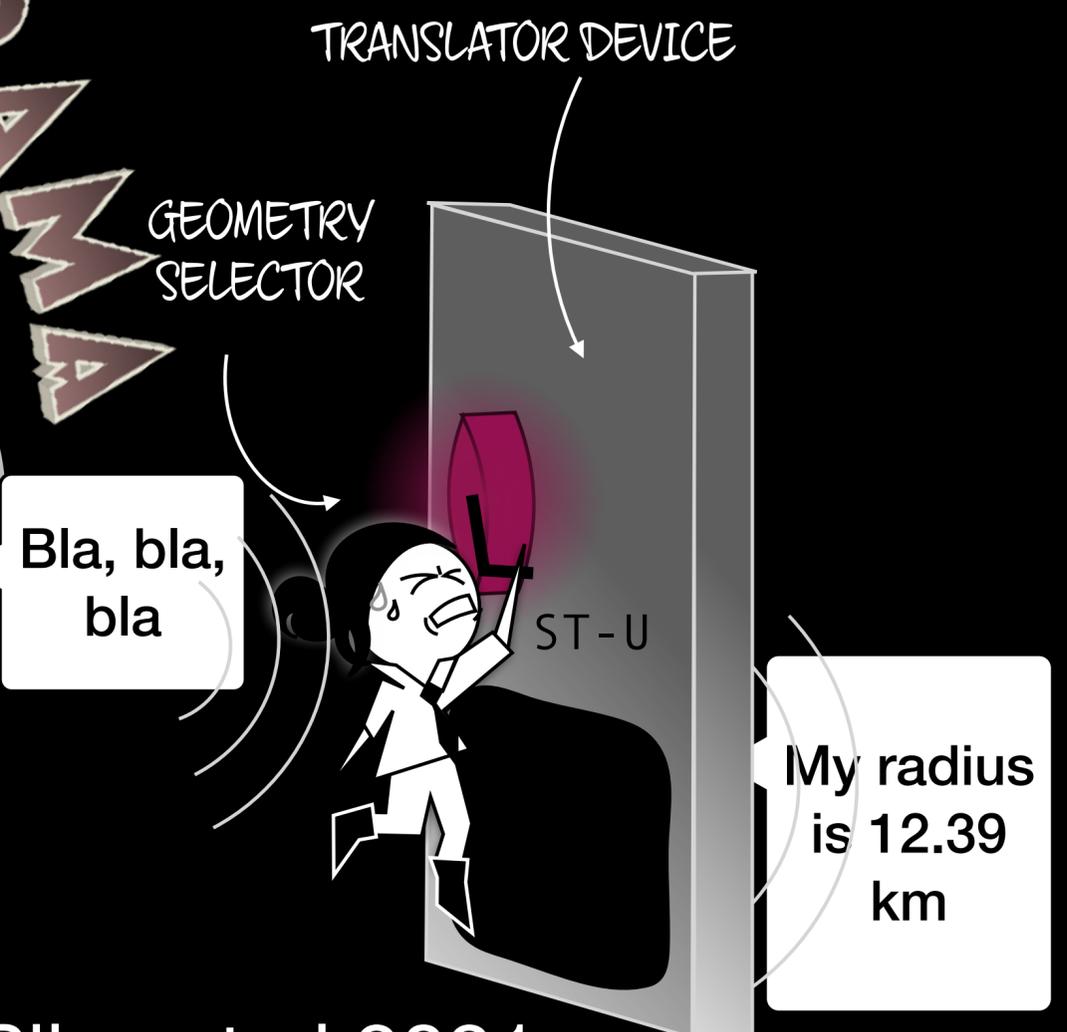
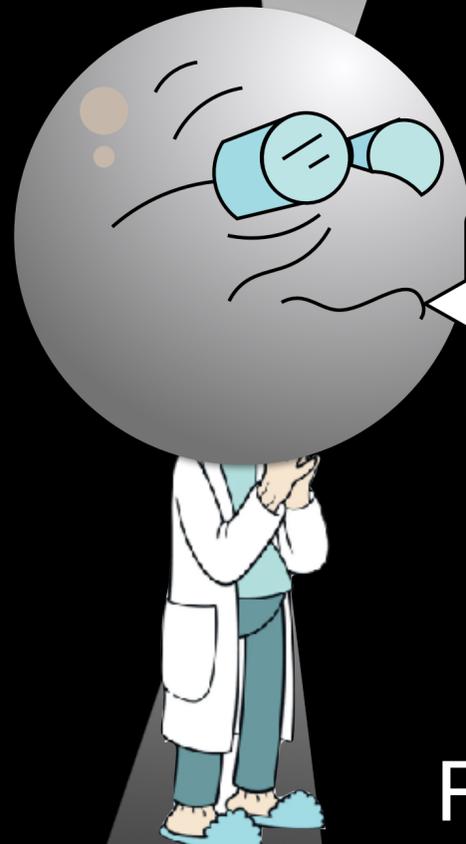
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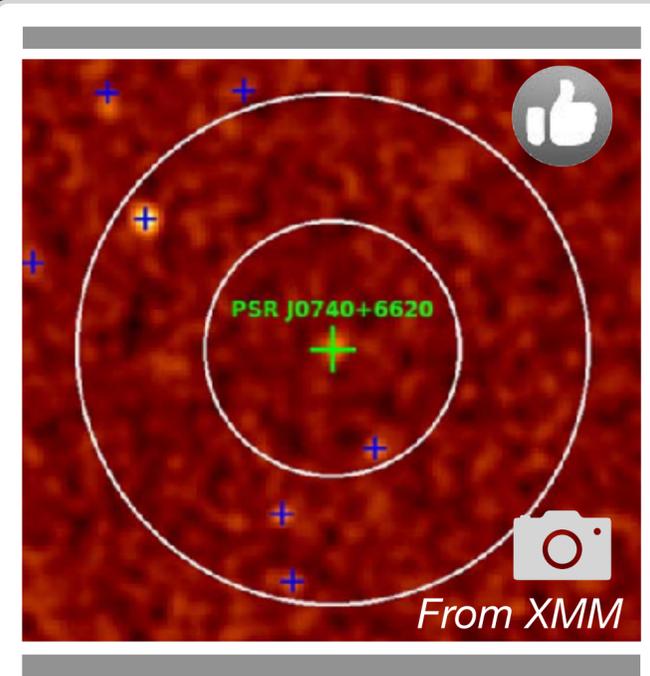
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# THE CASE OF J0740+6620

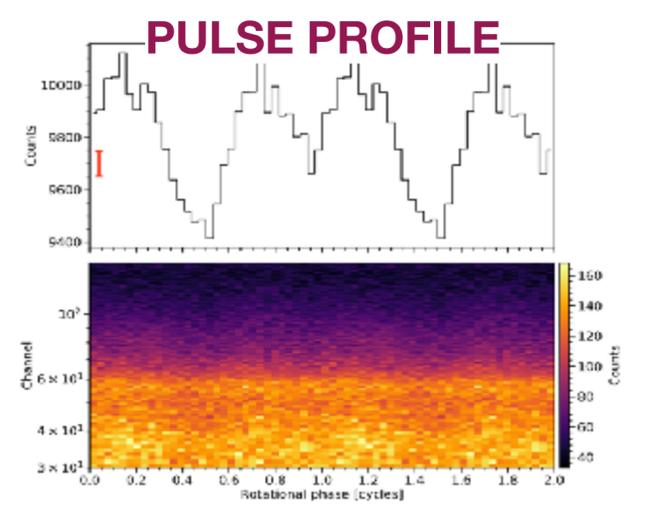
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Riley et al 2021



<b>STATUS</b>	BINARY
<b>REFERENC</b>	Riley et al 2021
<b>INSTRUME</b>	NICER



See also independent analysis: Miller et al 2021

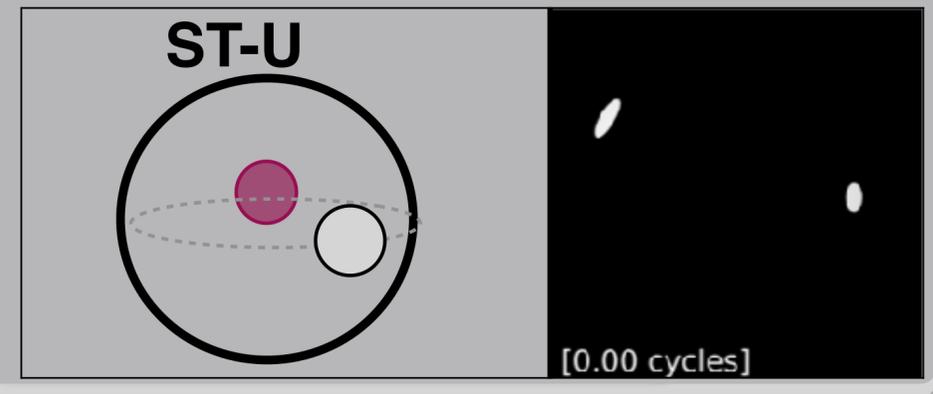
## J0740+6620

About Photos History

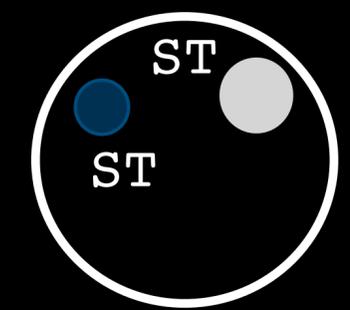
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### MODEL

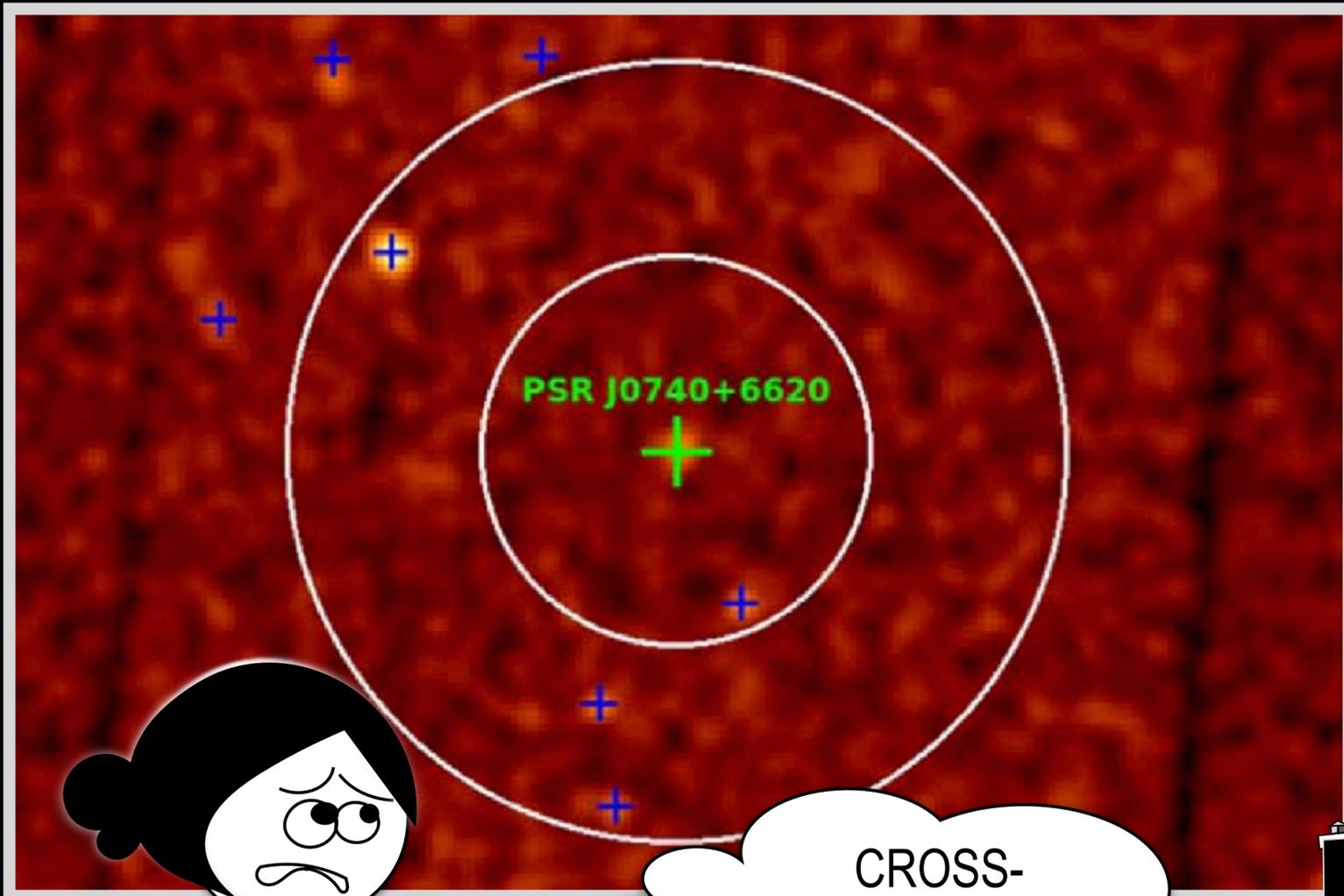


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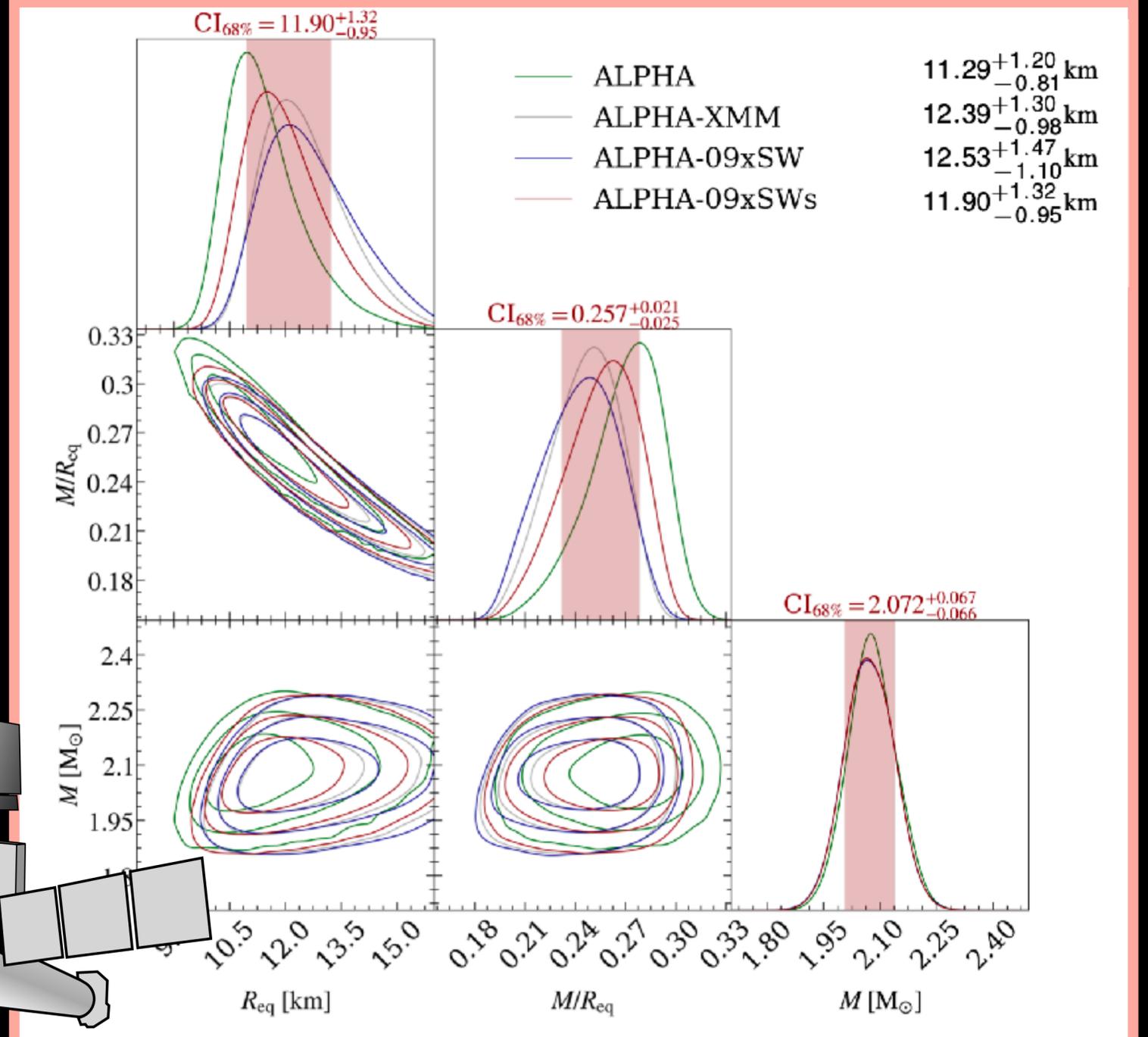
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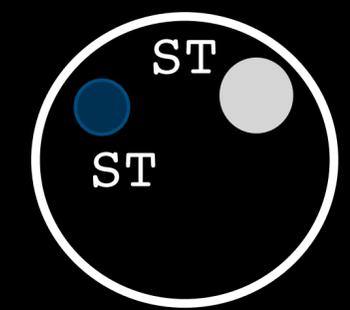


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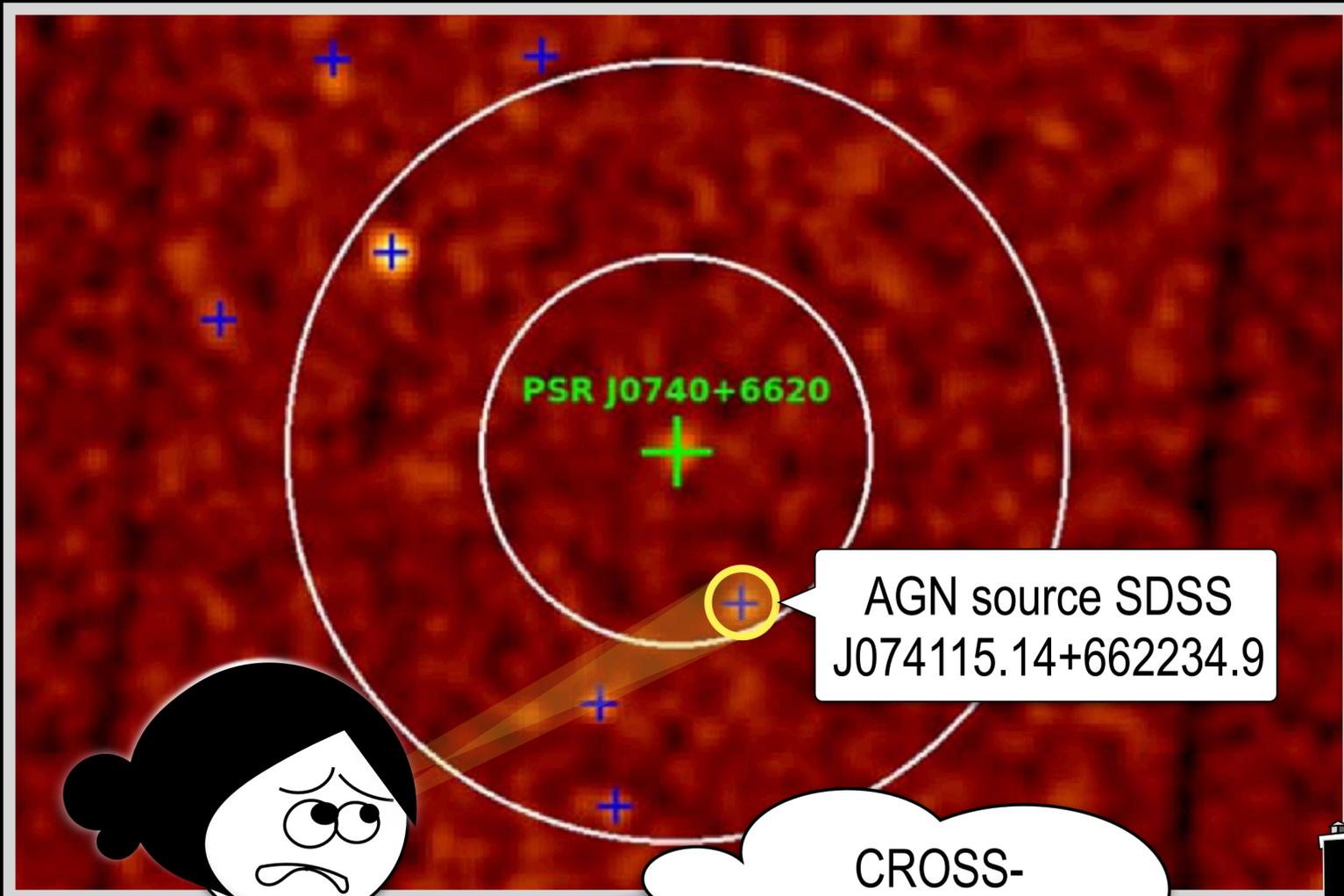


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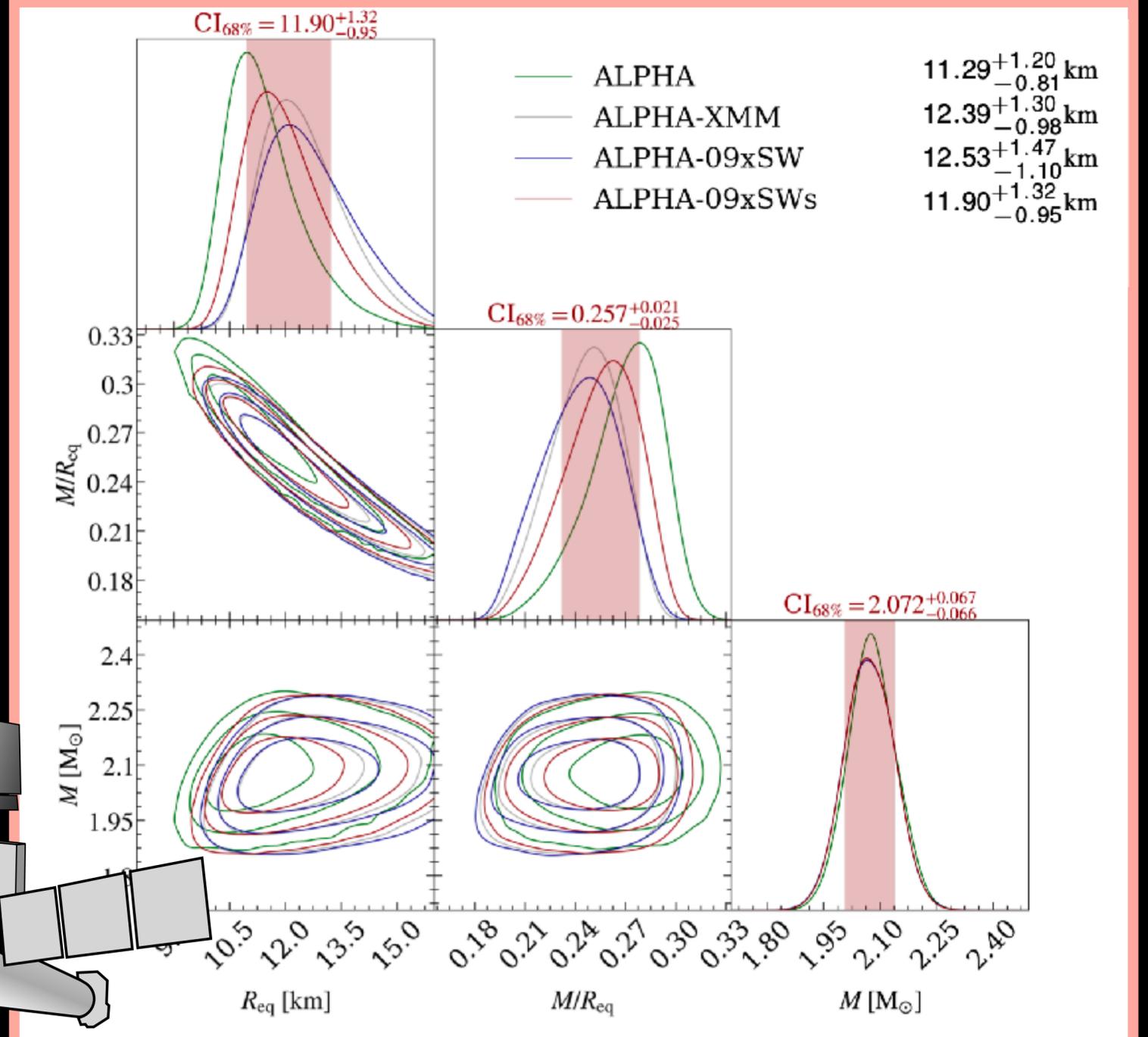
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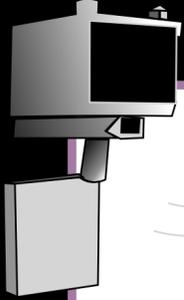


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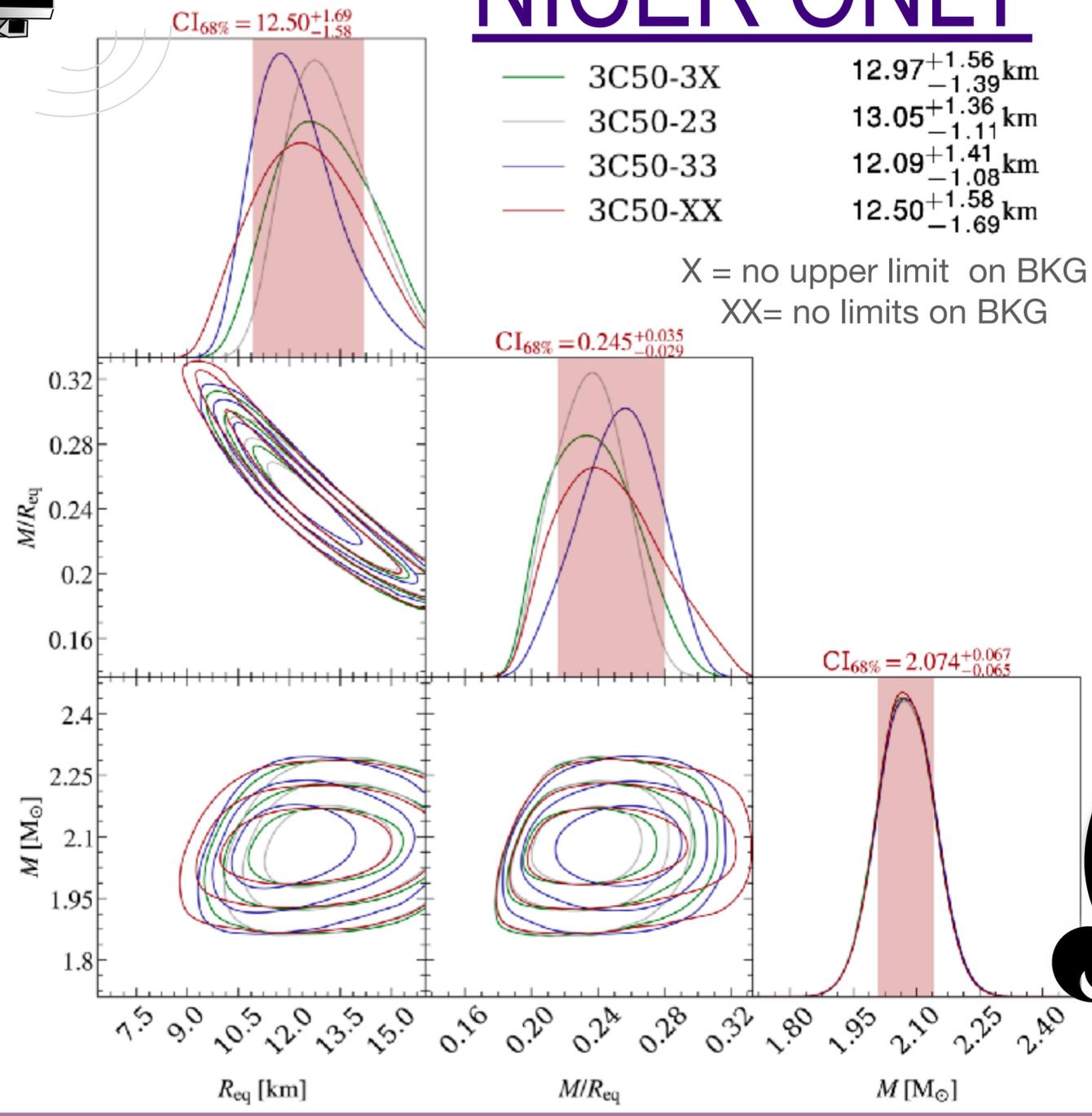
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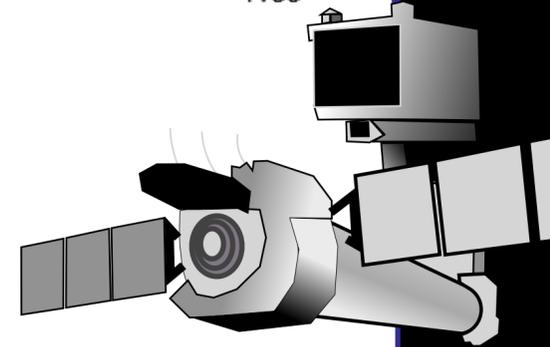
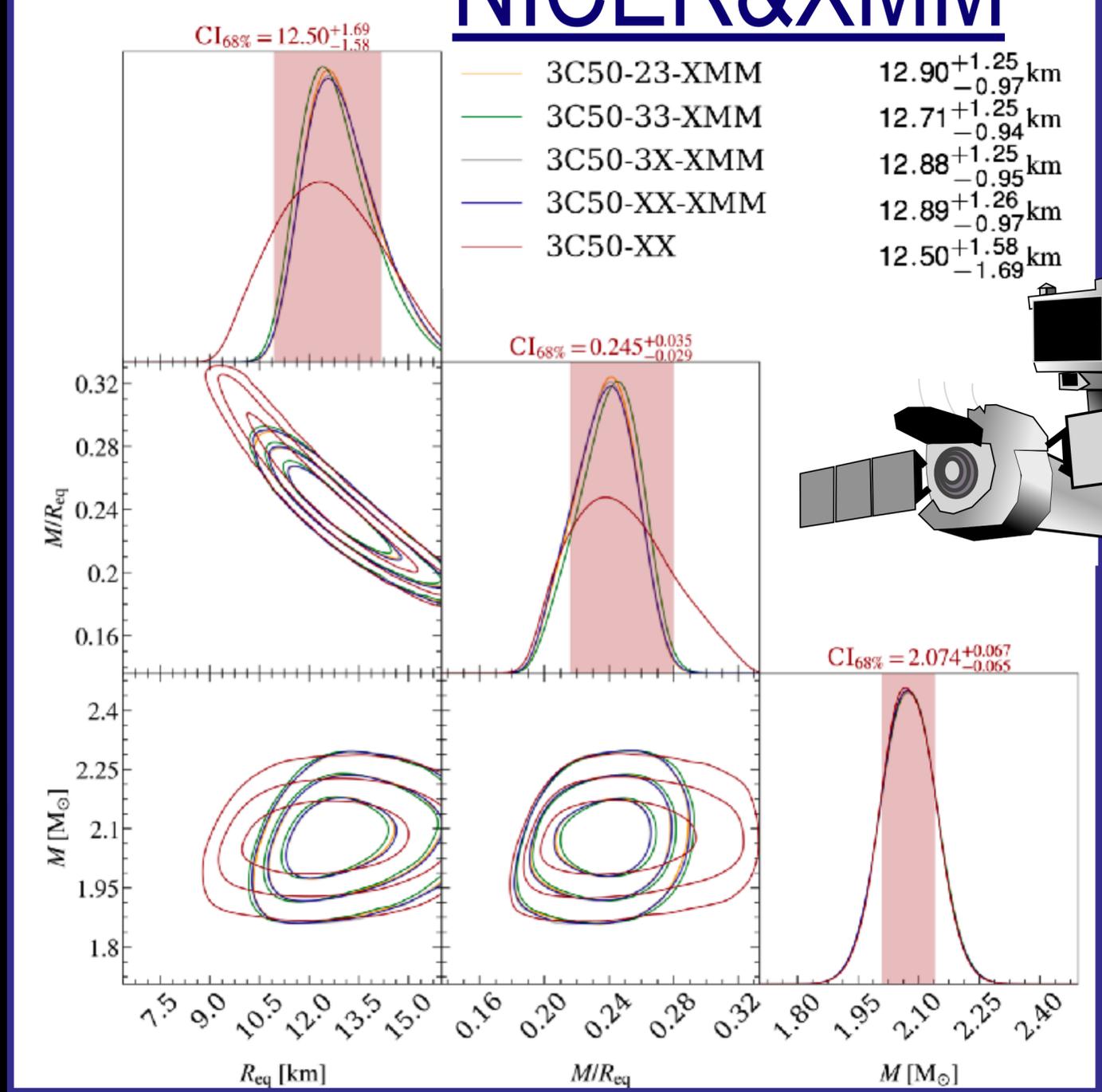
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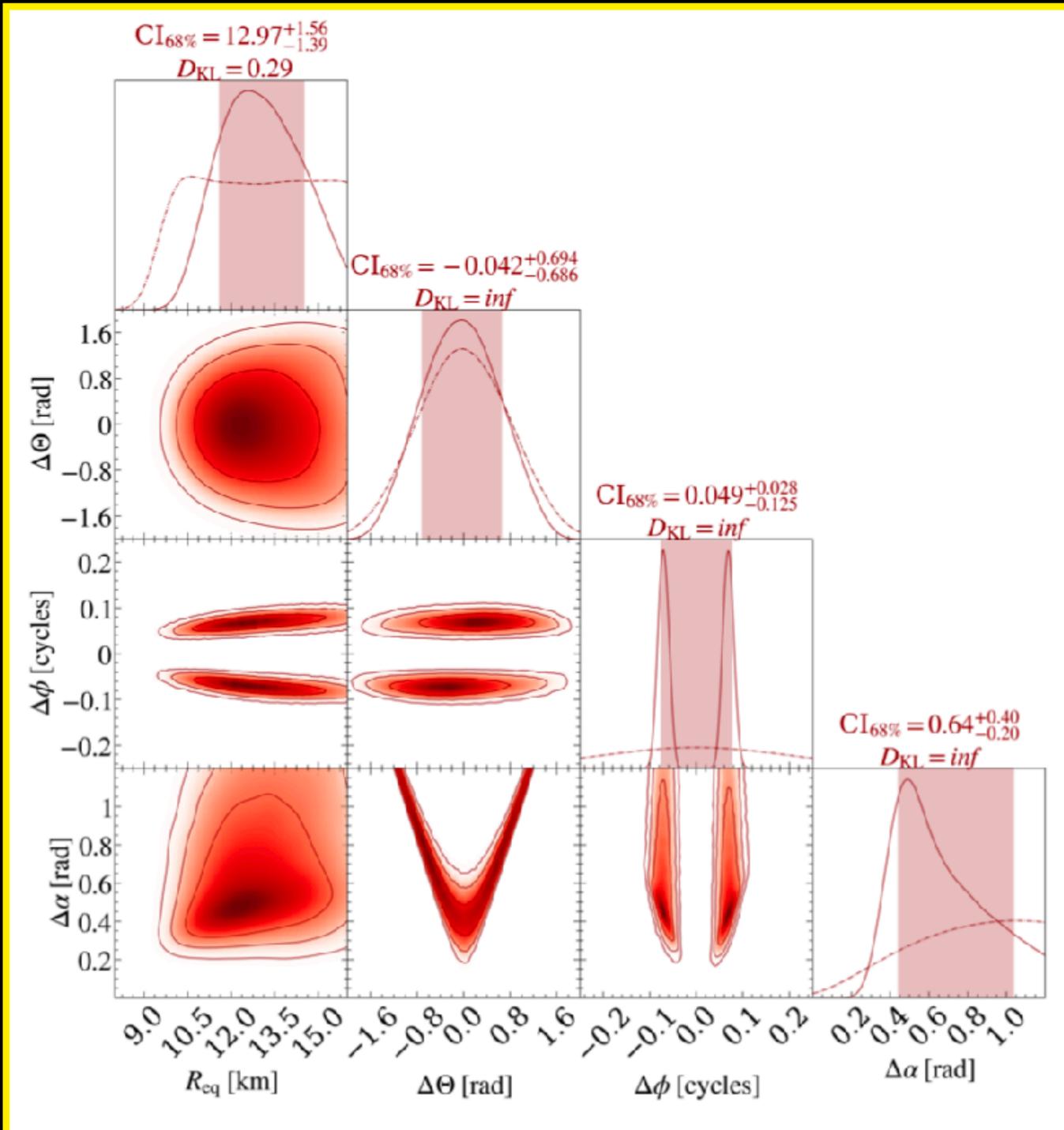
## NICER ONLY



## NICER&XMM



# ANTIPODALITY



For all our analyses, most of the parameters are found to be consistent with Riley et al 2021 (few differences for 3C50 can be explained by different data )

R is consistent with the inferred value in Riley et al 2021

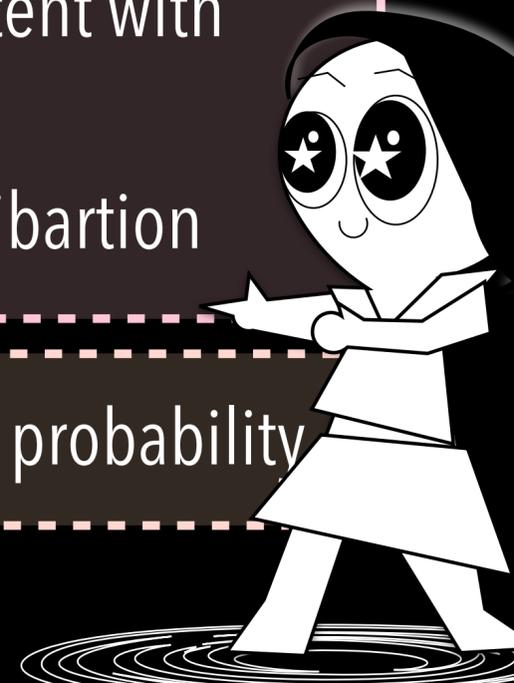
No need to revise analyses for EoS

Constraints on BKG are helpful to lower the credible interval

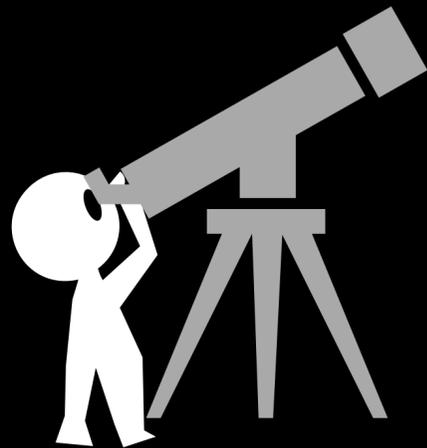
The NICER-BKG constraints seem consistent with constraints from XMM  
=> No evidence for problems with cross calibration

Offset from antipode > 25 deg with ~84% probability

Salmi et al in prep



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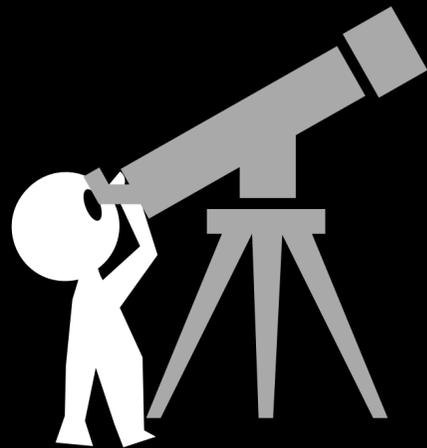
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We want to do more **simulation** tests

We are testing **scaling relations** with exposure time and background

We are **testing** the sensitivity of our analysis to assumptions and **improving** it.



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# CONCLUSIONS



J0030 results: analyses of new calibration and new data (ST-U model) without BKG constraints, are consistent with results published in Riley et al 2019

BACKGROUND ESTIMATES ARE CRUCIAL (for reliability -particularly for J0030-like SOURCES- and for tightening constraints )

FOR J0030 THE RADIUS HAS A "SECONDARY" ROLE COMPARED TO THE EMITTING GEOMETRY, SO THAT IT CAN RELATIVELY EASILY BE CHANGED

J0740 results: analyses with NICER-only + NICER-BKG CONSTRAINTS are CONSISTENT with previous NICERxXMM analyses. -NO NEED for EOS RE-ANALYSIS-

For J0740: compactness compensates the changes in the BKG

OBSERVATIONAL CONSTRAINTS (mass, distance, inclination and background measurements) PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN BREAKING THE DEGENERACIES OF OUR INFERENCE ANALYSES

THEORETICAL CONSTRAINTS COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN REDUCING THE PARAMETERS/MODELS/PARAMETER SPACE THAT WE NEED TO EXPLORE IN OUR INFERENCE RUNS



# Thank you



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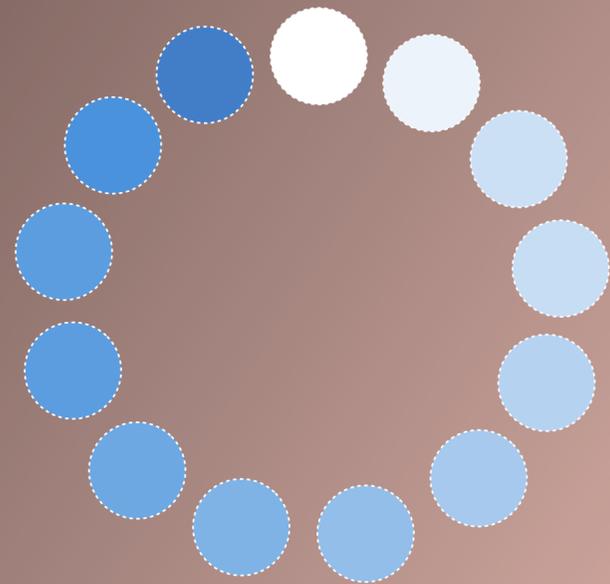


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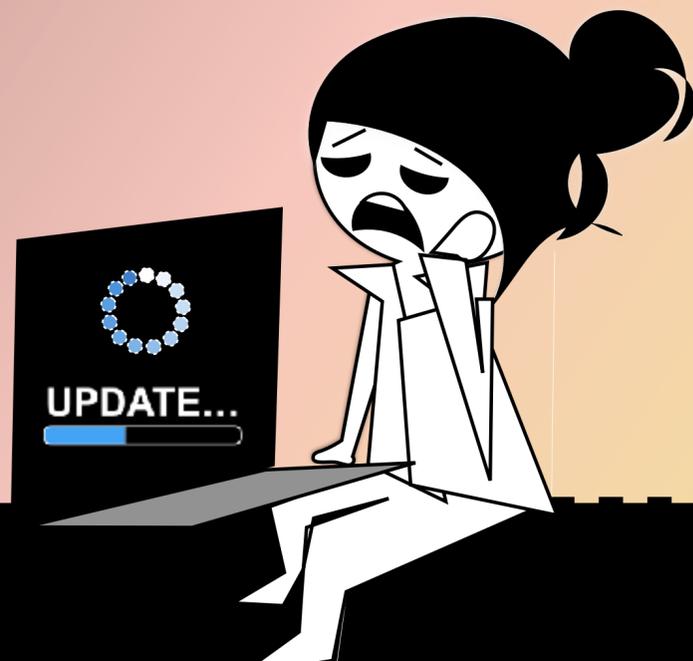
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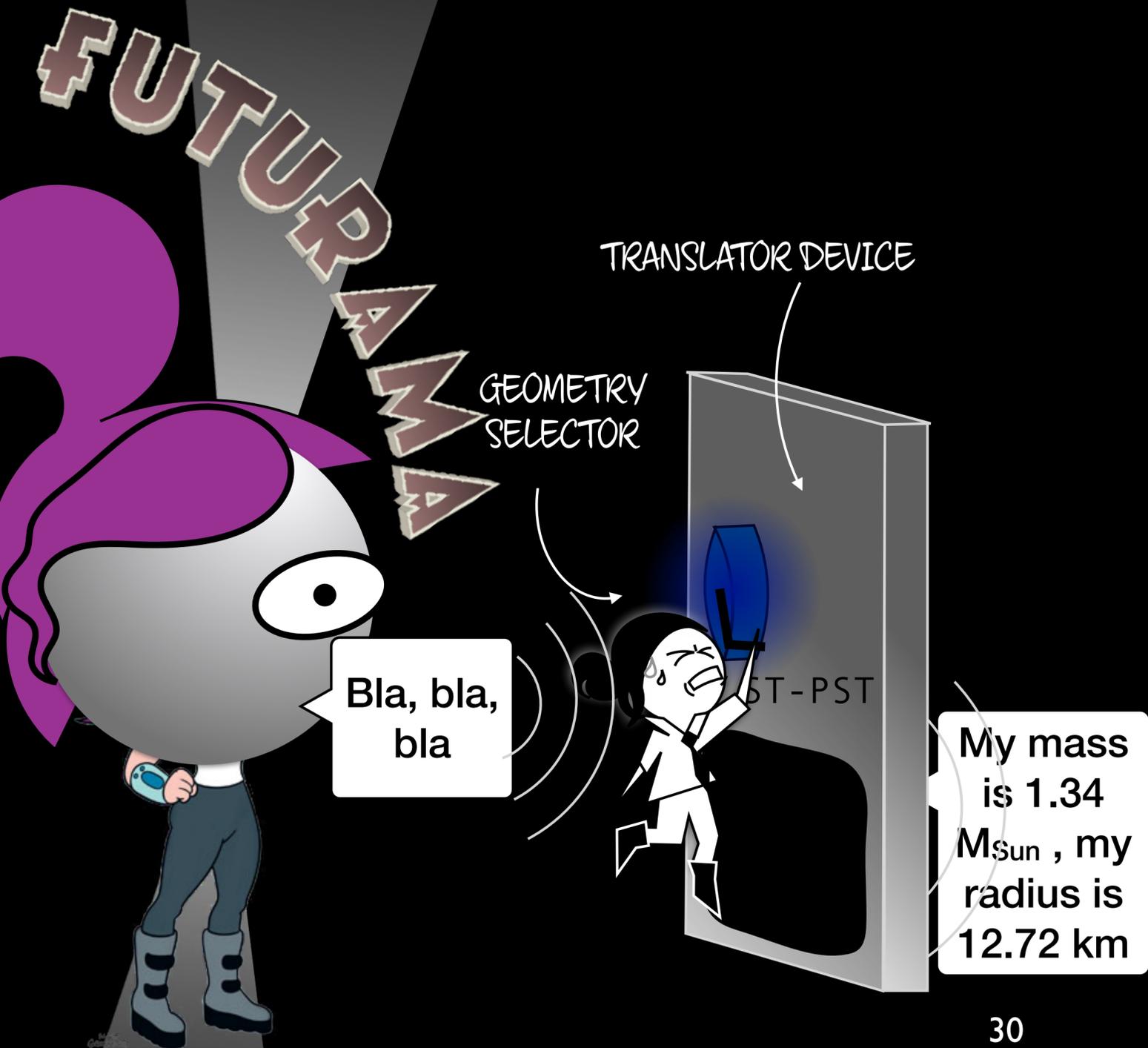
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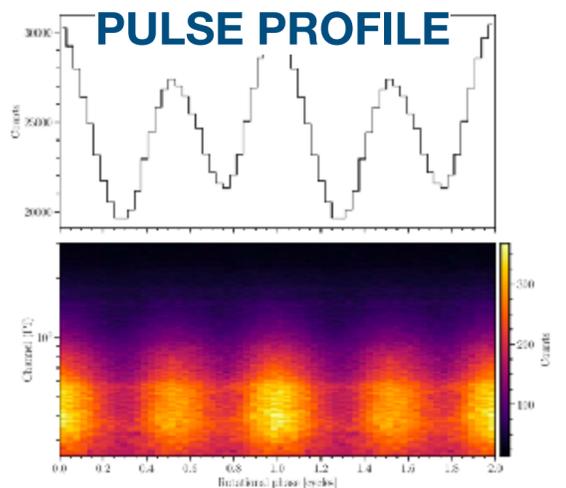
UPDATE...



# THE CASE OF J0030+0451



<b>STATUS</b>	ISOLATED
<b>REFERENC</b>	Riley et al 2019
<b>INSTRUME</b>	NICER



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## J0030+0451

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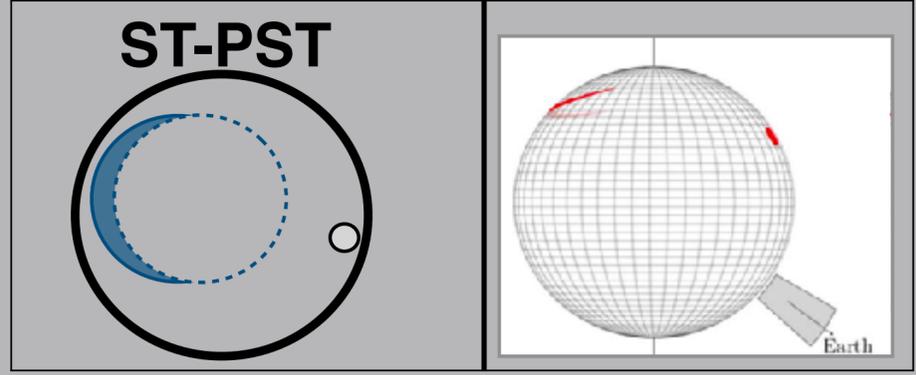
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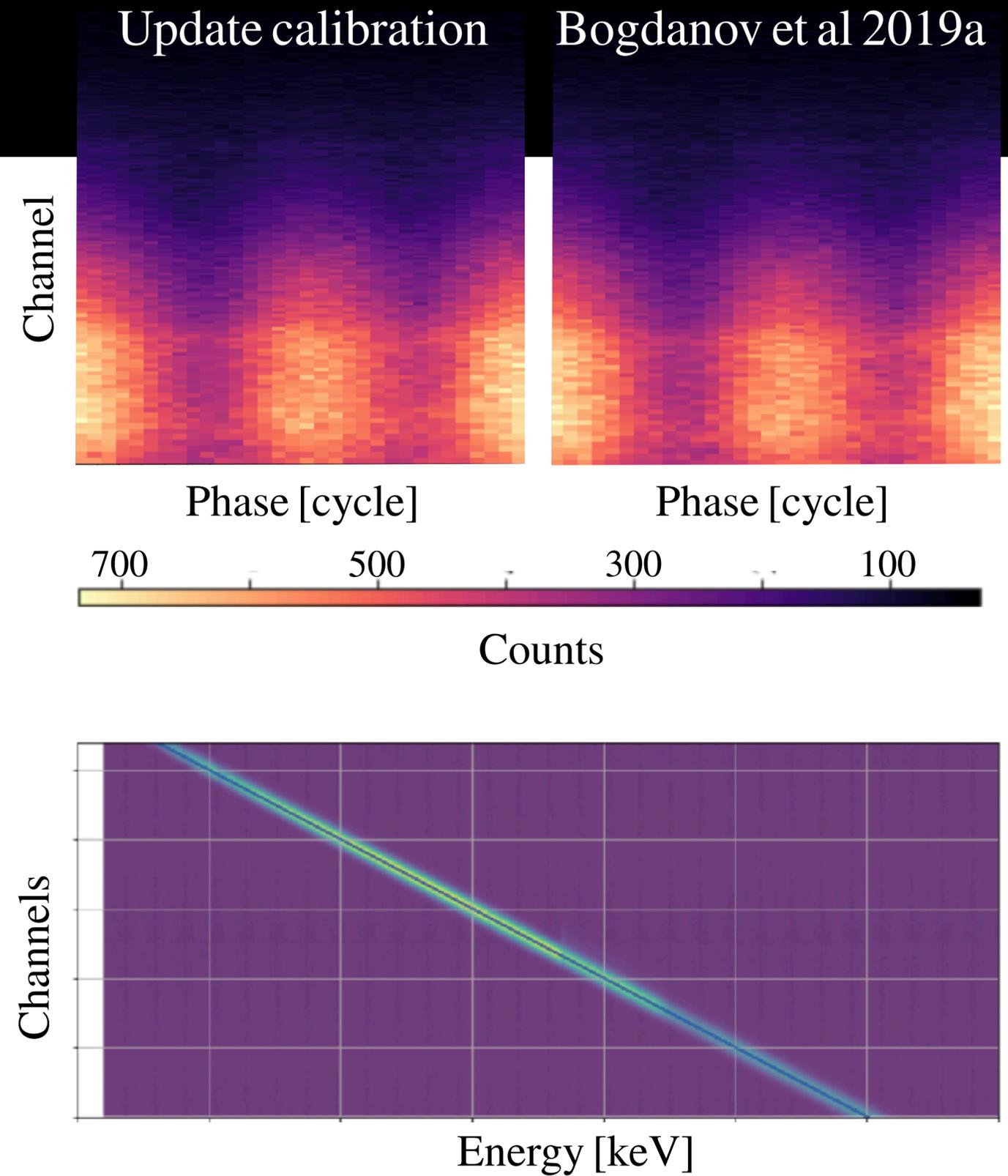
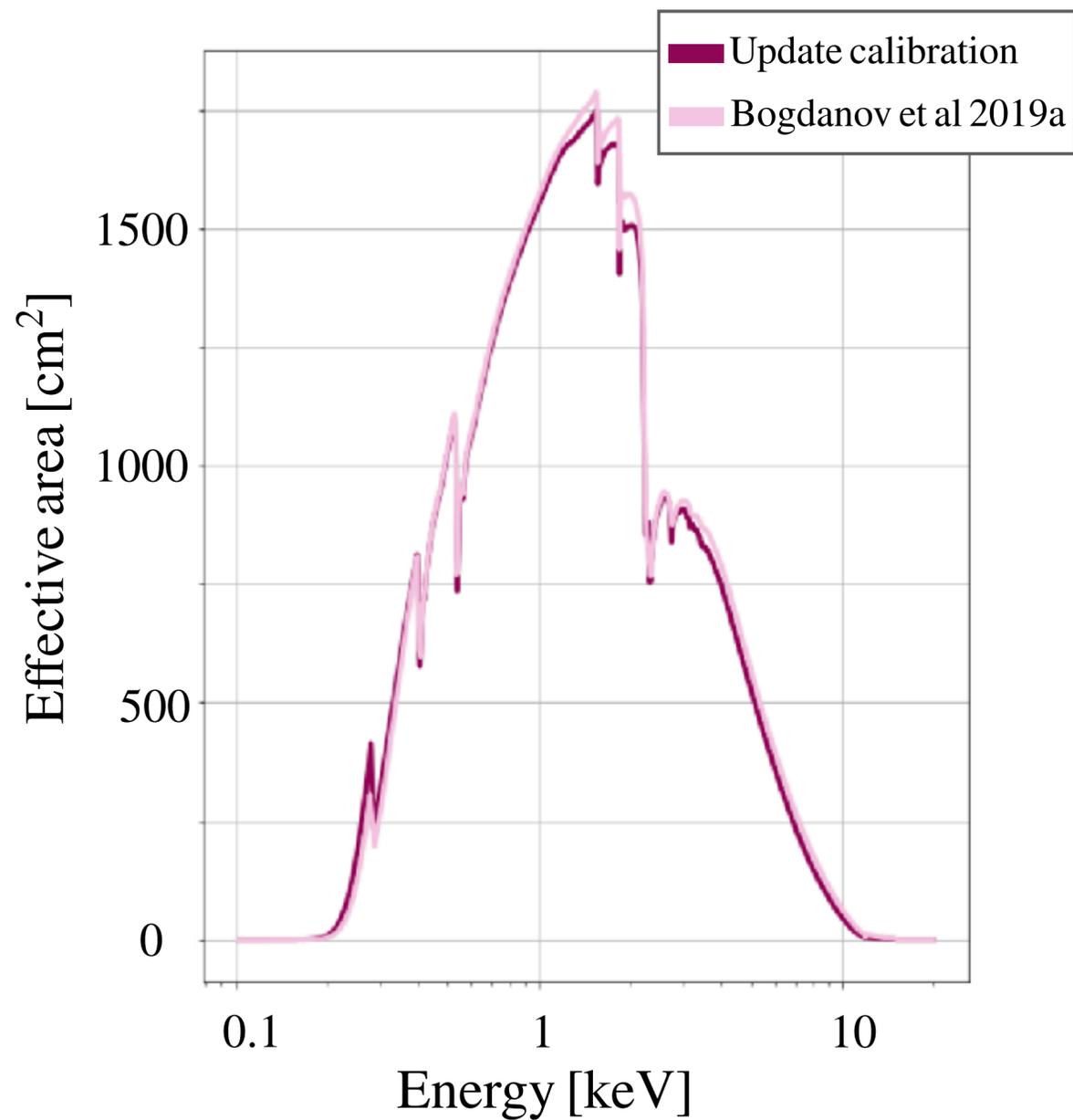
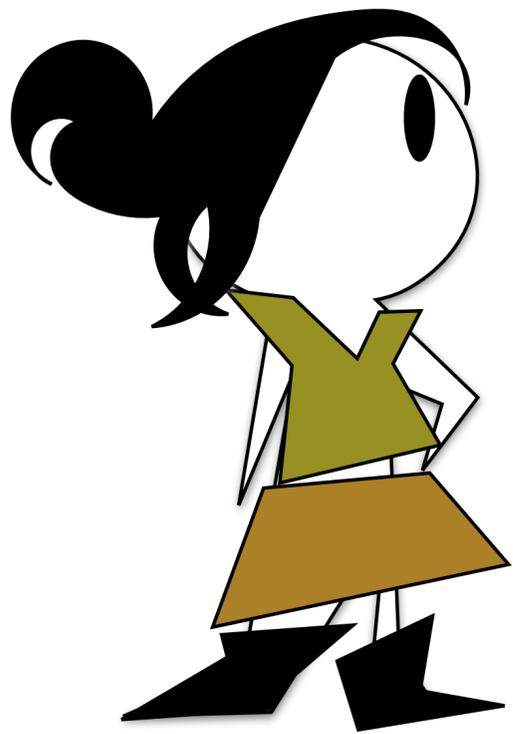
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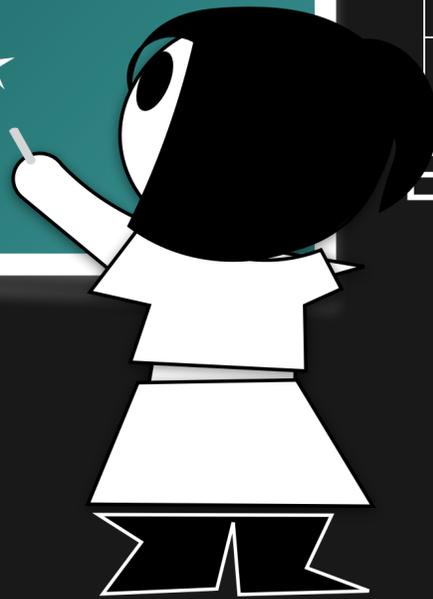
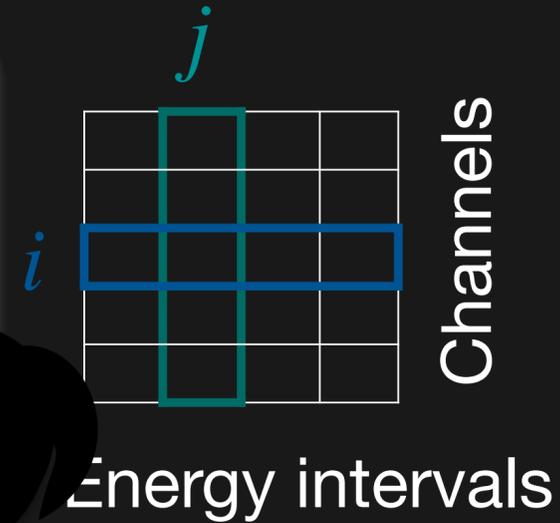
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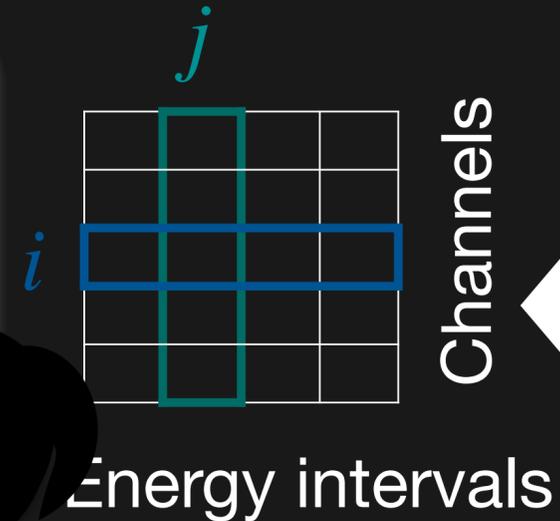
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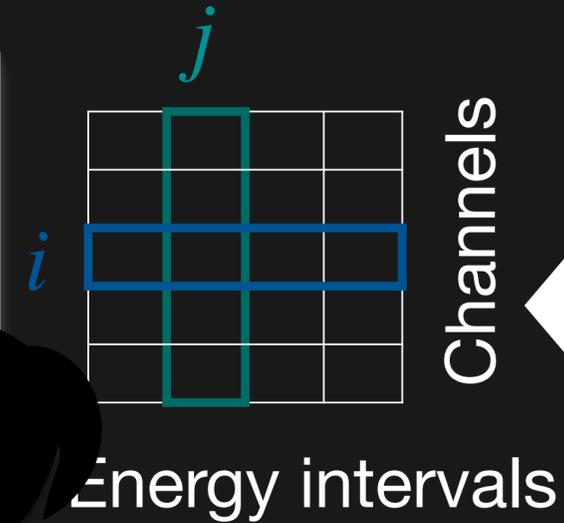
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## 3. DIFFERENT SETTINGS

LIVE POINTS

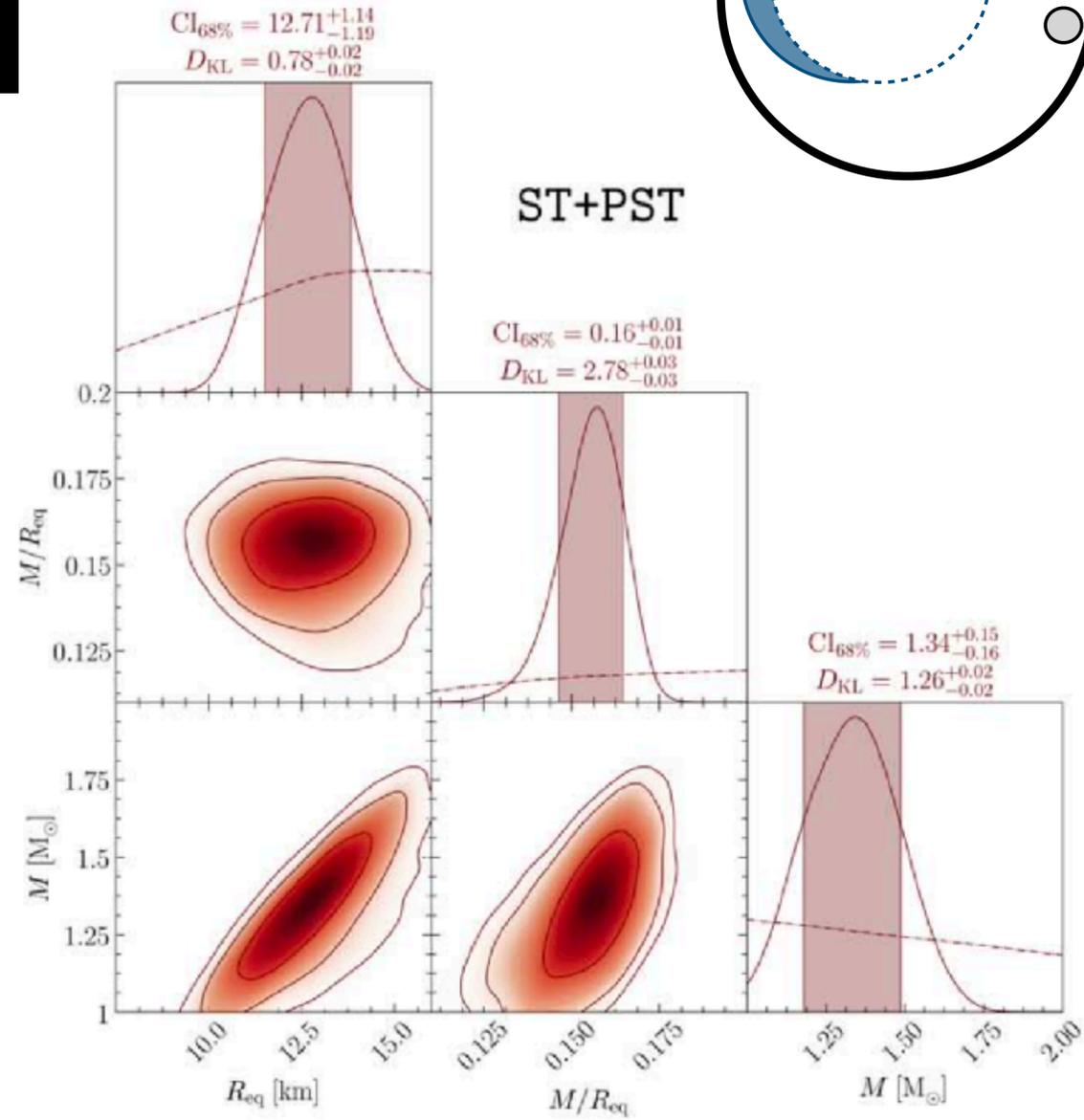
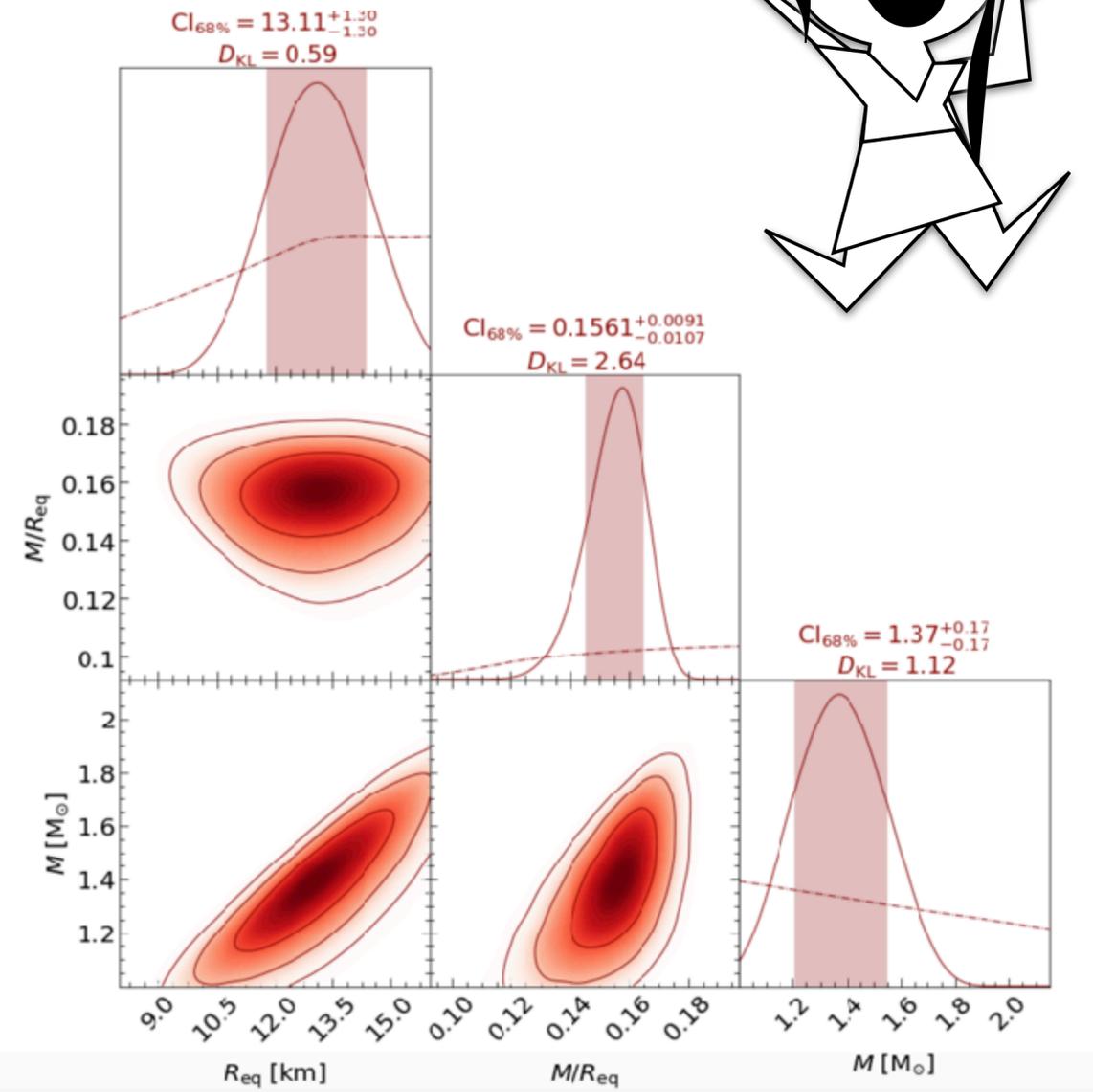
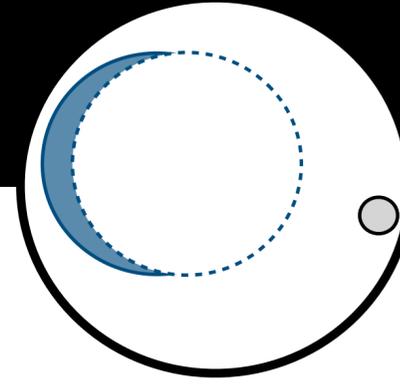
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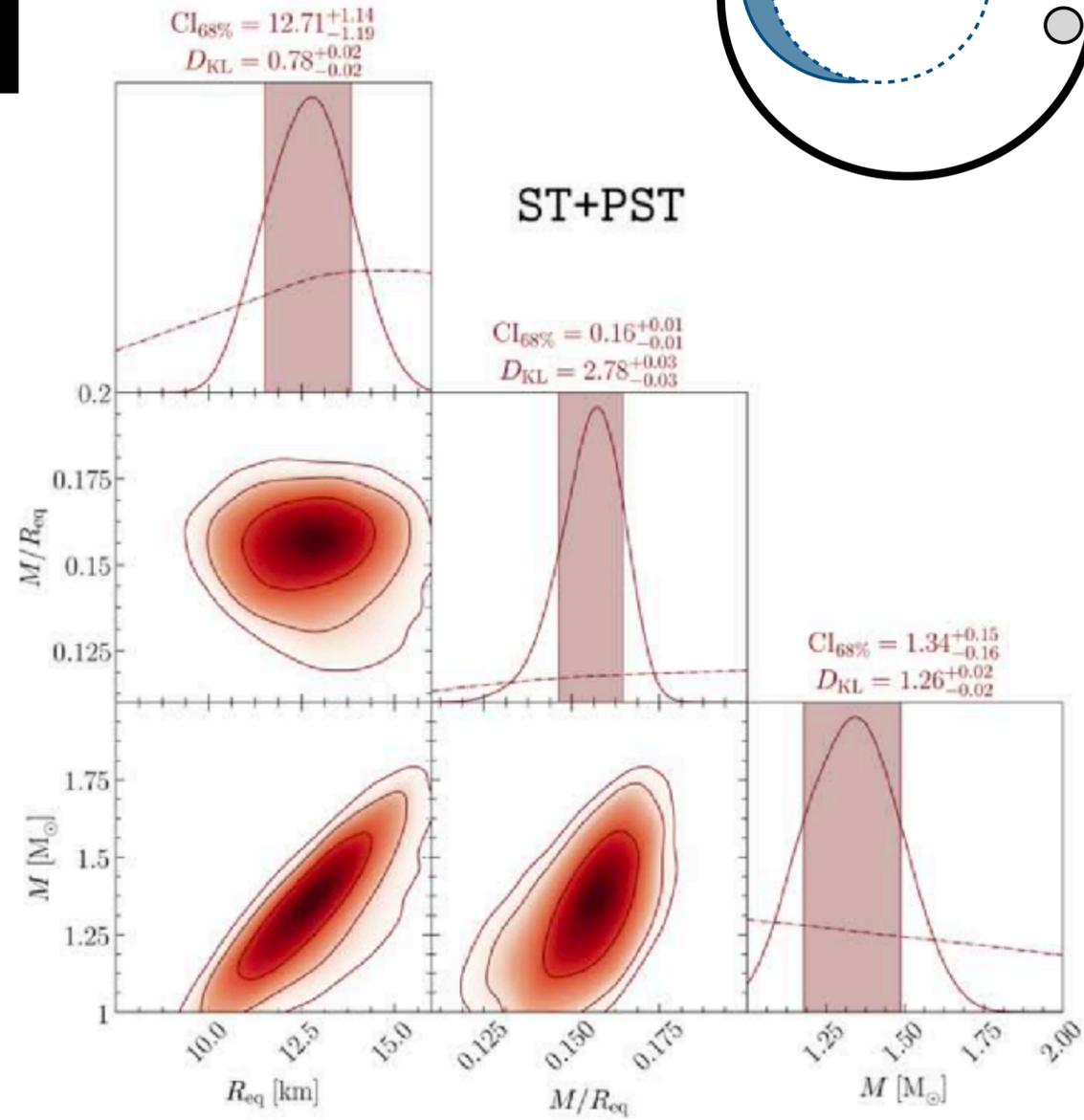
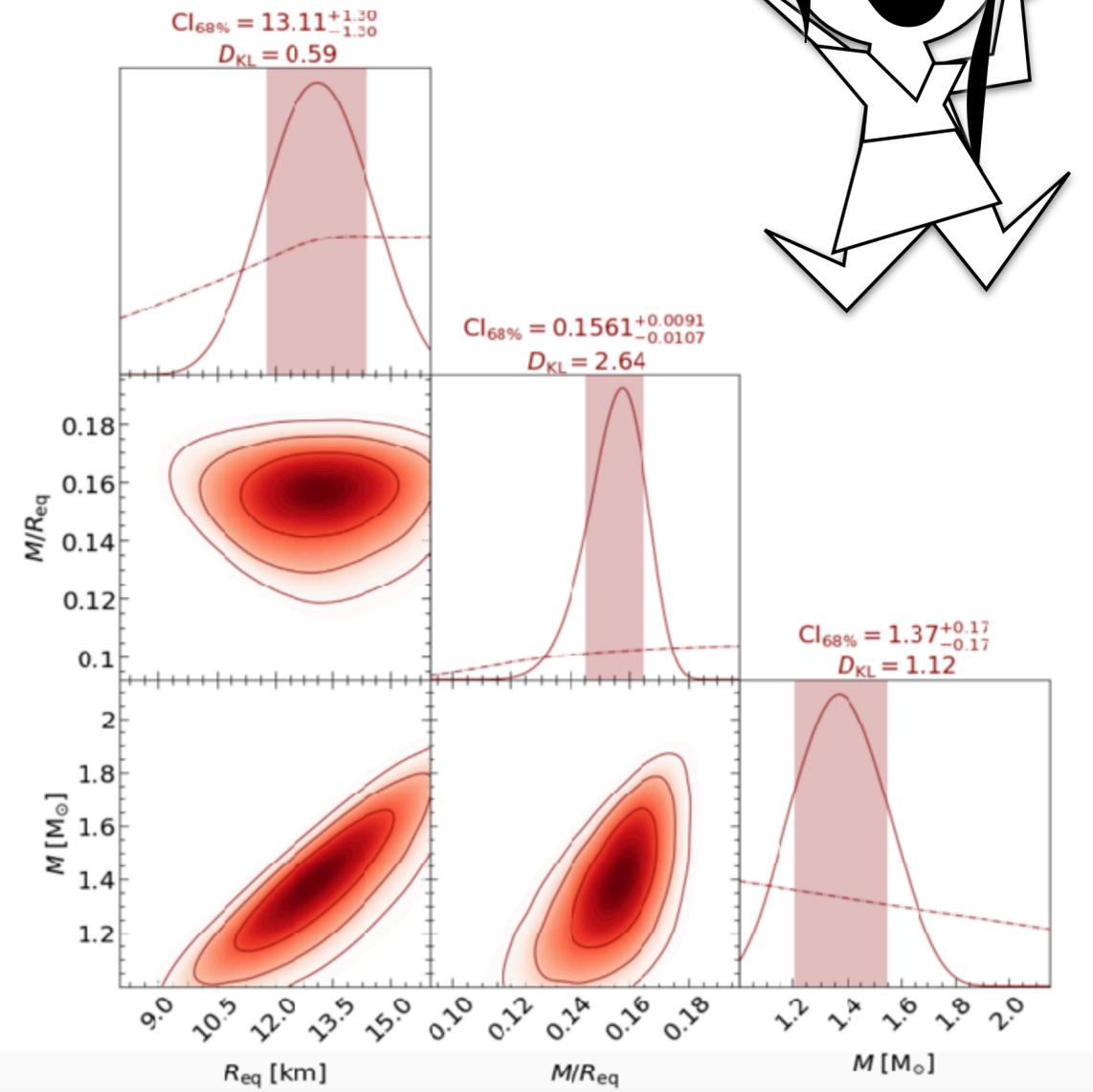
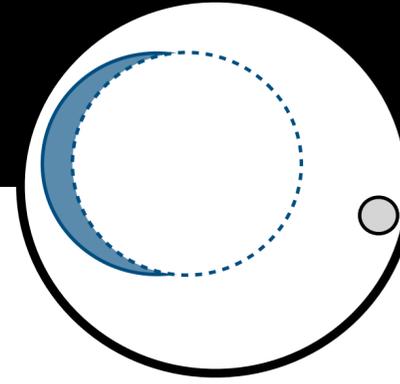
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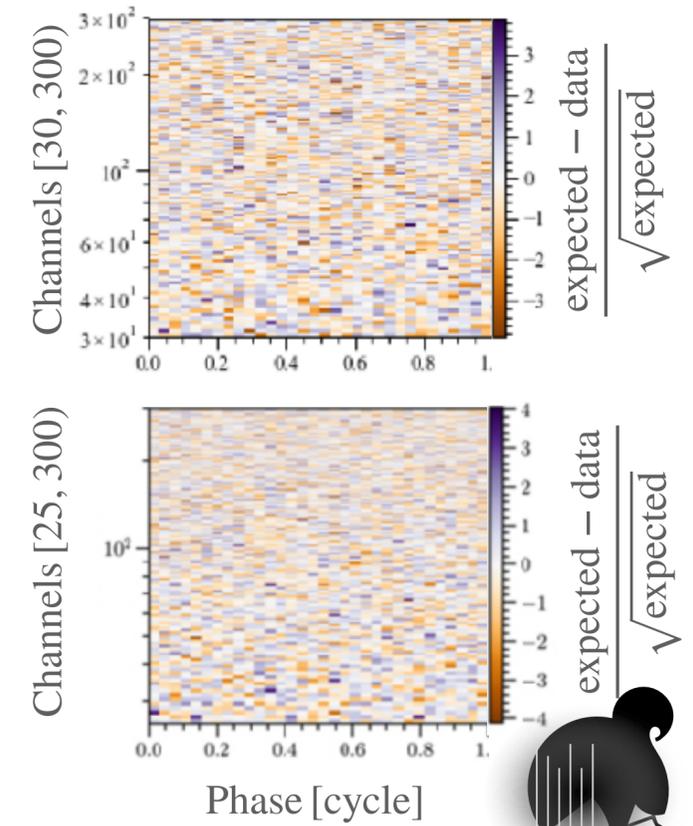


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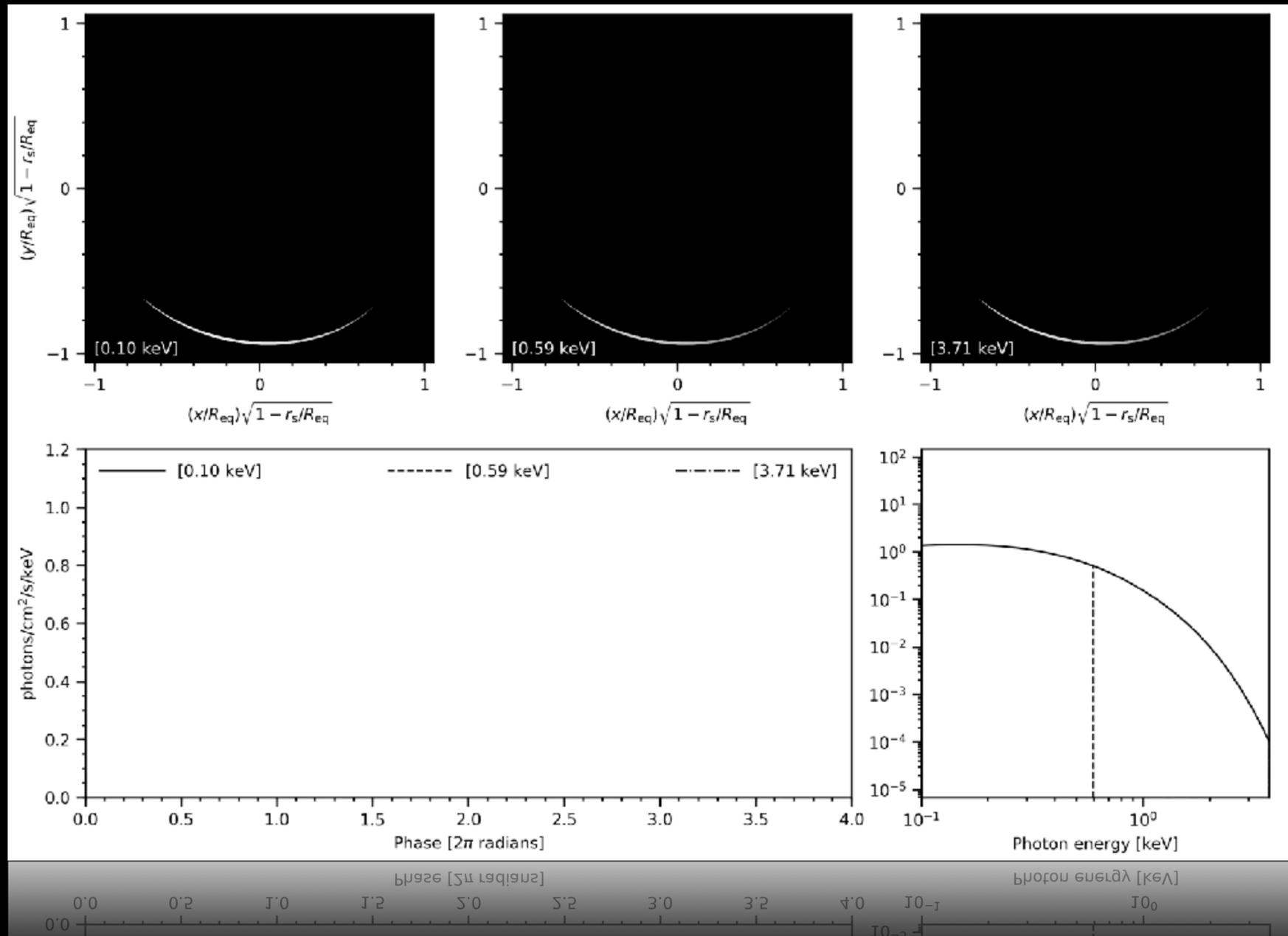


RESIDUALS



# RESULTS UPDATES

J0030 results of updated data and response matrix are consistent with what was found in Riley et al 2019, despite the many differences ..



- NEW GAIN
- INSTRUMENT RESPONSES
- CHANNELS (30:300) vs (25:300)
- MODEL INSTRUMENT UNCERTAINTIES
- PRIORS (now flat in  $\cos(i)$ ; also flat in  $\cos$  for colatitude of hotspots)
- UPDATED XPSI SOFTWARE
- RESOLUTION (10k live points vs 1k live points)
- MULTIMODE: ON vs OFF
- SETTINGS (number of cells to describe hot regions; number of frequencies; number of leaves)

