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Insights into archetypical TeV blazars from combined X-ray polarisation and VHE measurements

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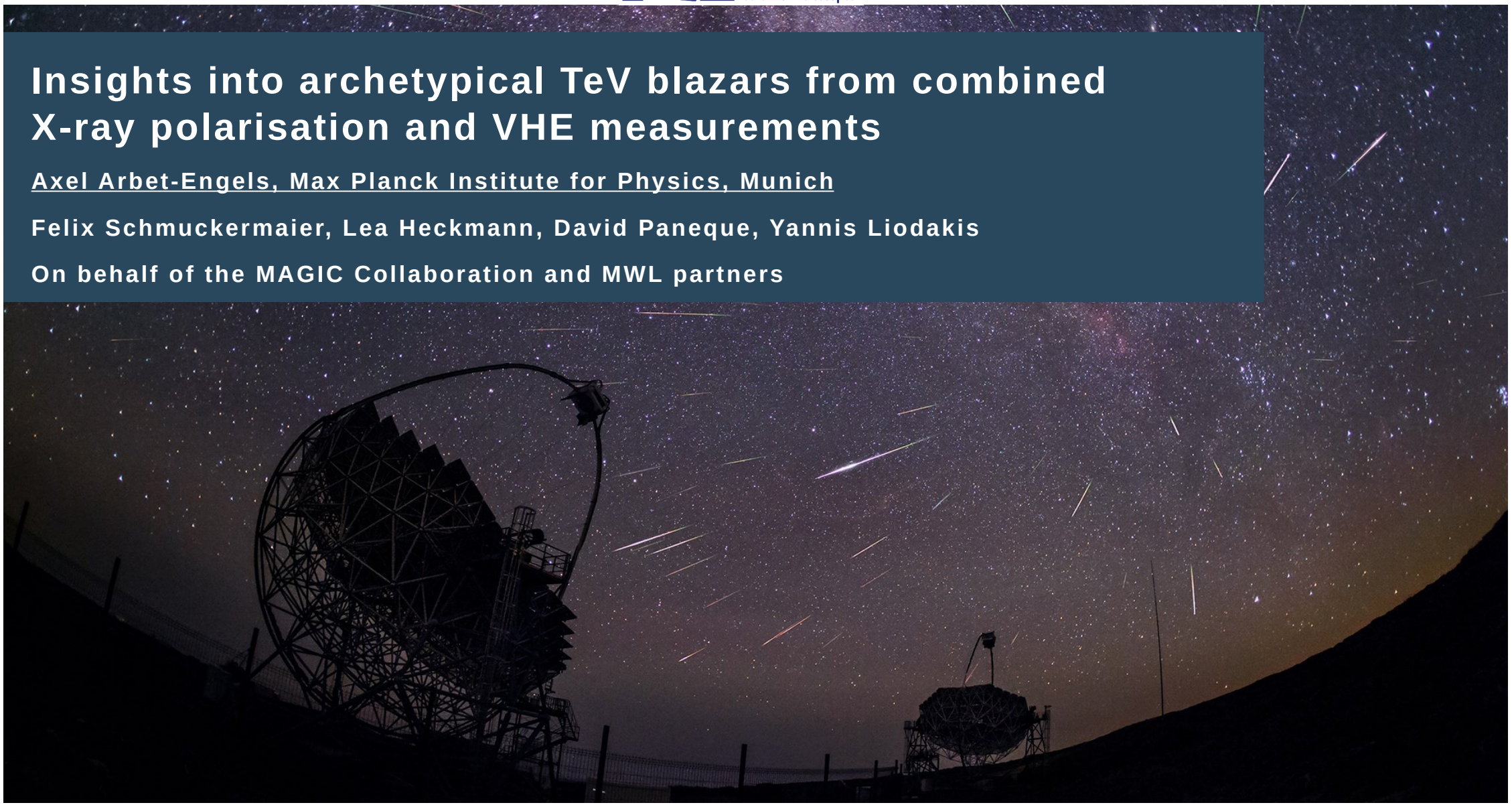

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A new view on blazar emission

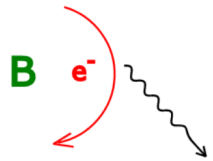
- ***IXPE :*** **first measurements of X-ray polarization (2-8keV)**

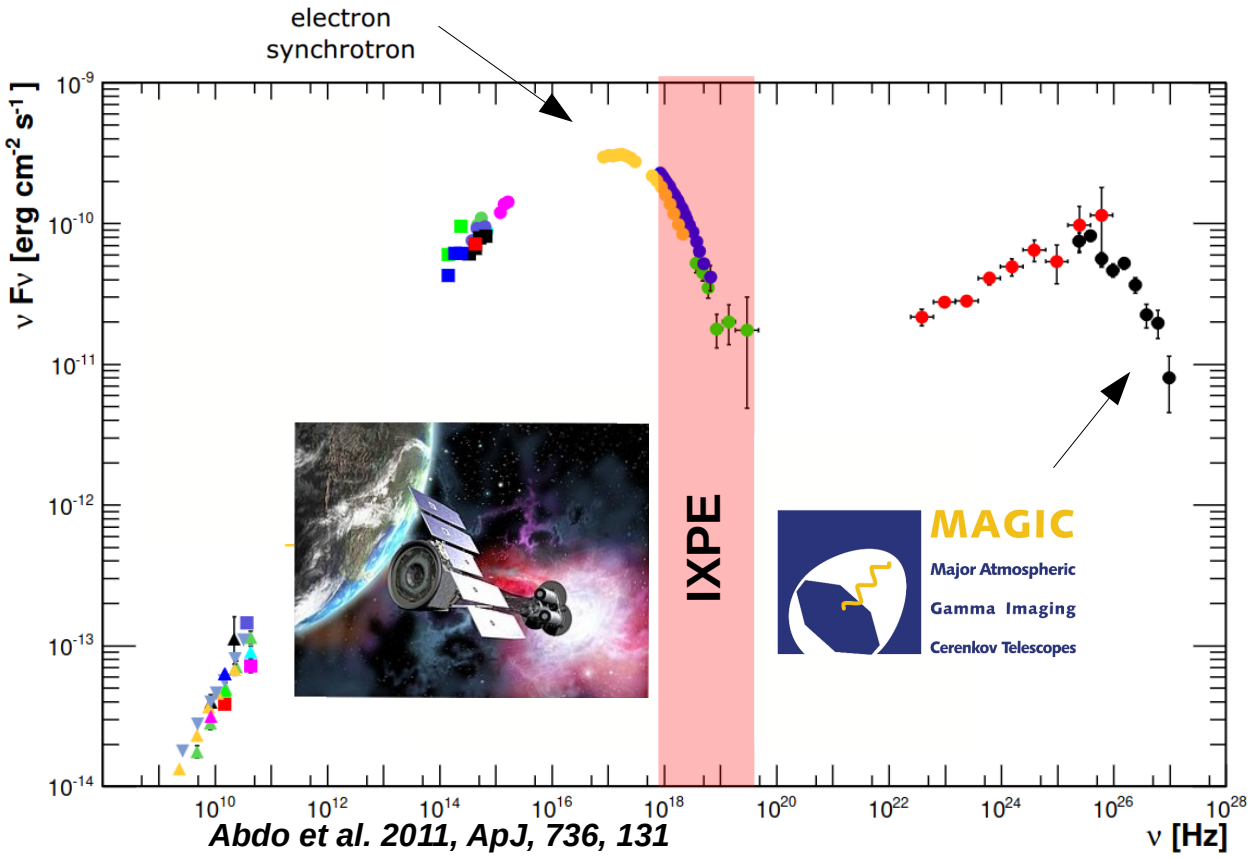
- **In HBLs, *IXPE* probes high-energy tail of synchrotron component**

  → *Emitted by the most energetic particles*
  → *Probe of acceleration mechanisms & B-field geometry*

- **Important synergie with MAGIC**
  → **X-ray flux correlates with VHE**

  (MAGIC Collab. A&A 655, A89 (2021),
  Acciari et al, 2021, MNRAS, 504, 1427
  Abe et al., 2023 ApJS 266 37)





Abdo et al. 2011, ApJ, 736, 131

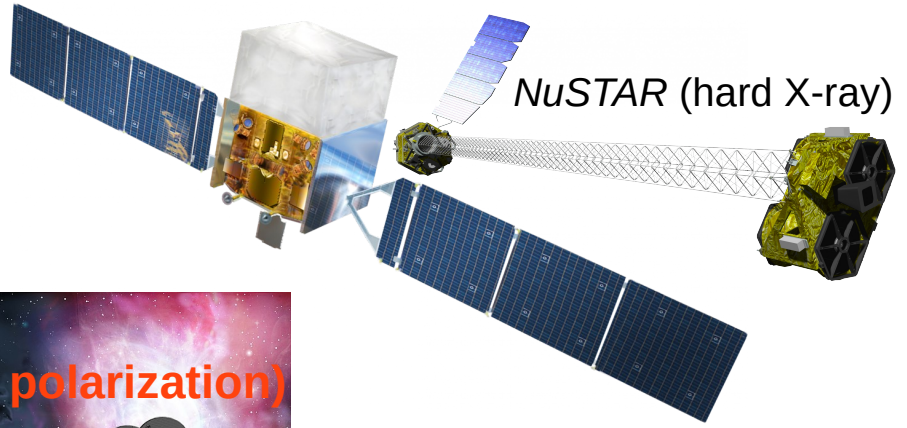
Extensive multi-wavelength campaigns on Mrk421 & Mrk501

- **Nearby & bright TeV HBLs (z~0.03):**
  → easy to detect

- **Yearly monitoring program running since ~2009**
  → MAGIC observes every 2/3 days; “Unbiased”
  → Simultaneous radio-to-VHE coverage

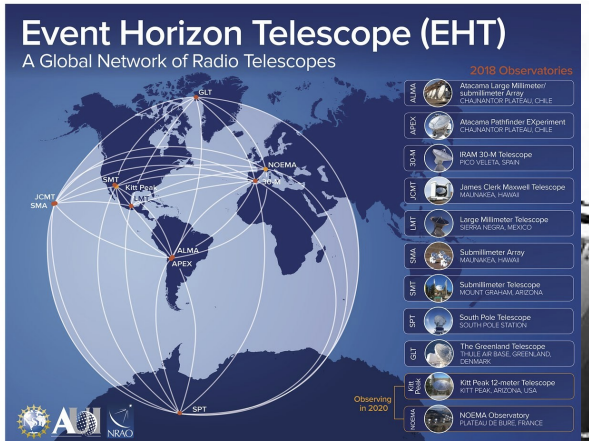
- **In 2022: Campaign with IXPE**

Fermi-LAT (MeV-GeV)



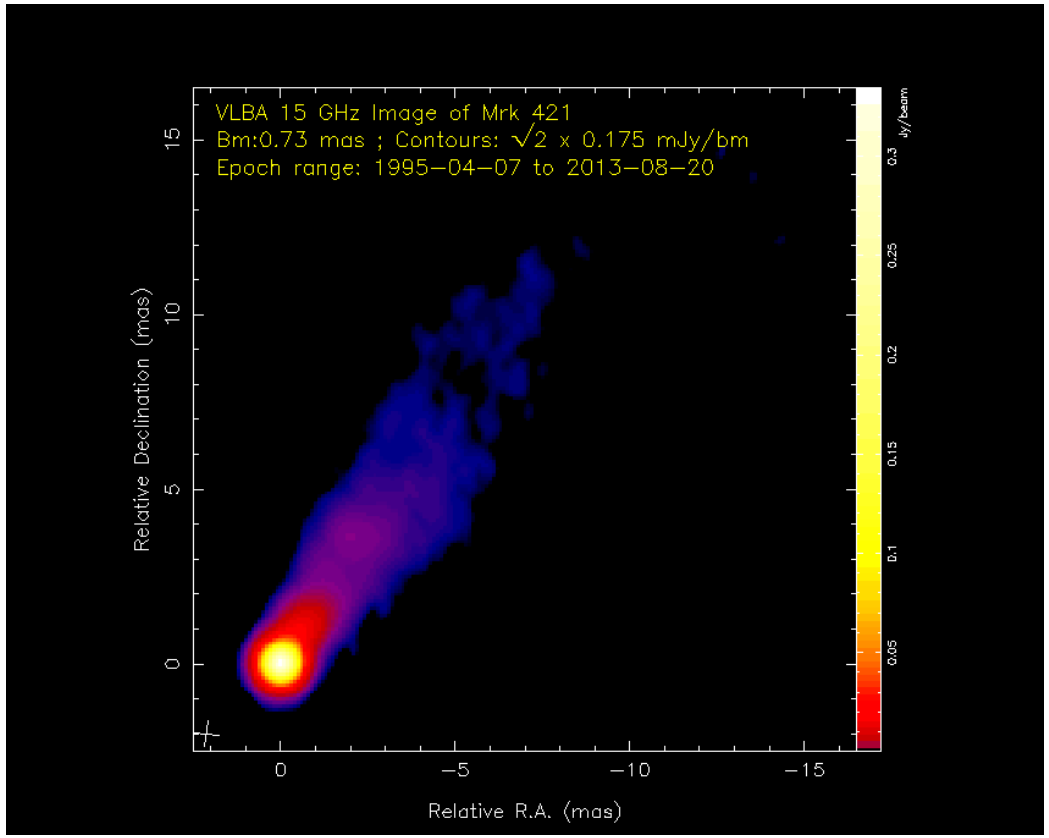
NuSTAR (hard X-ray)

Swift (UV/X-ray)



And many more...

Markarian 421 (Mrk421)



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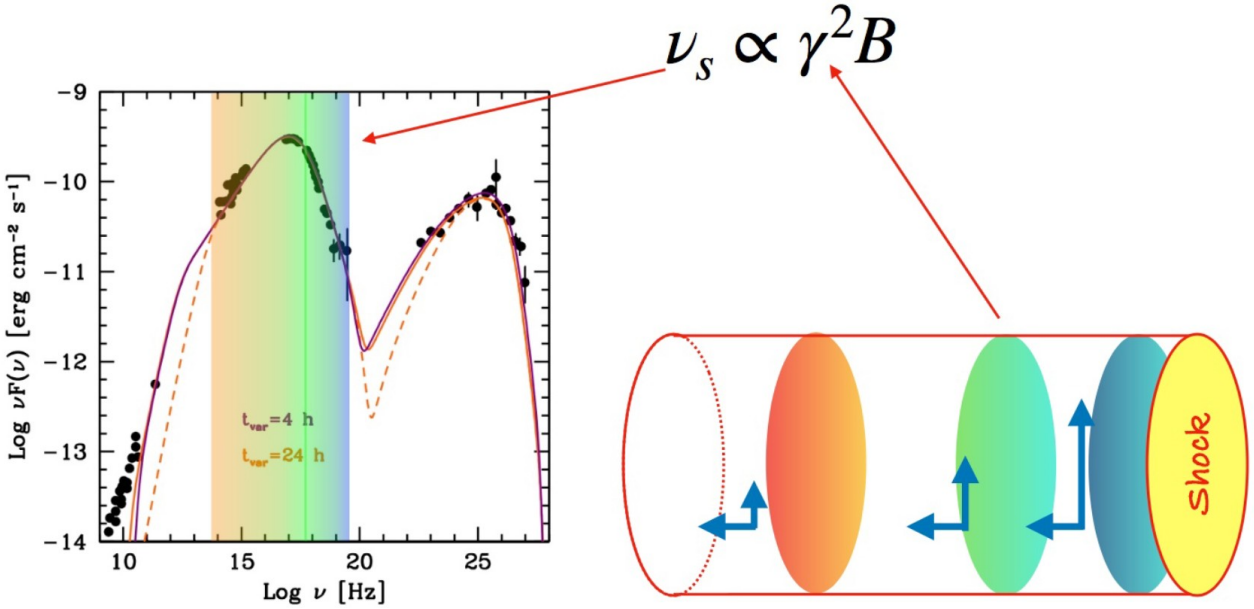
IXPE observations during 2022

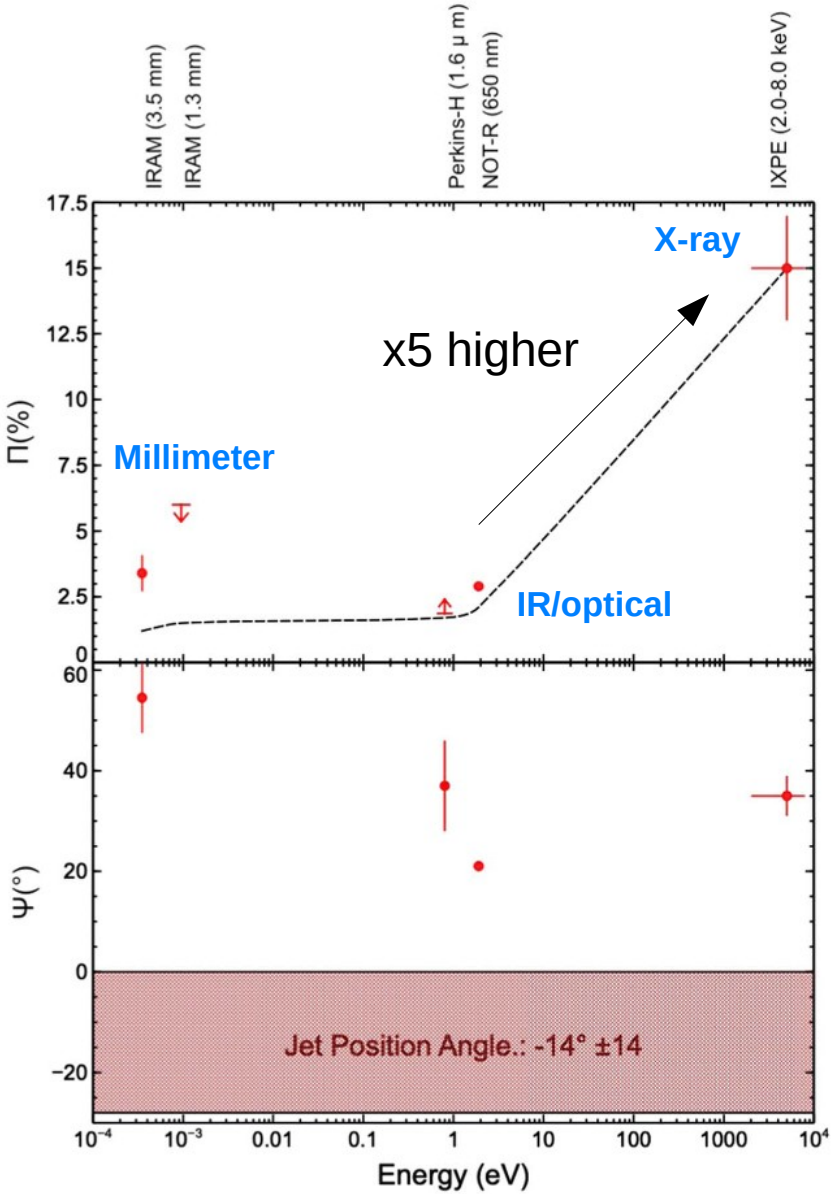
- **1st IXPE observation: 4th -6th May 2022**
  (Di Gesu et al. 2022)

  - *Polarization degree:* ~**15%**
  - *Polarization angle:* ~**35deg, aligned with optical/IR/millimeter**
  - **No significant variability**

  → **Shock acceleration in energy stratified jet**



Tavecchio, 2021



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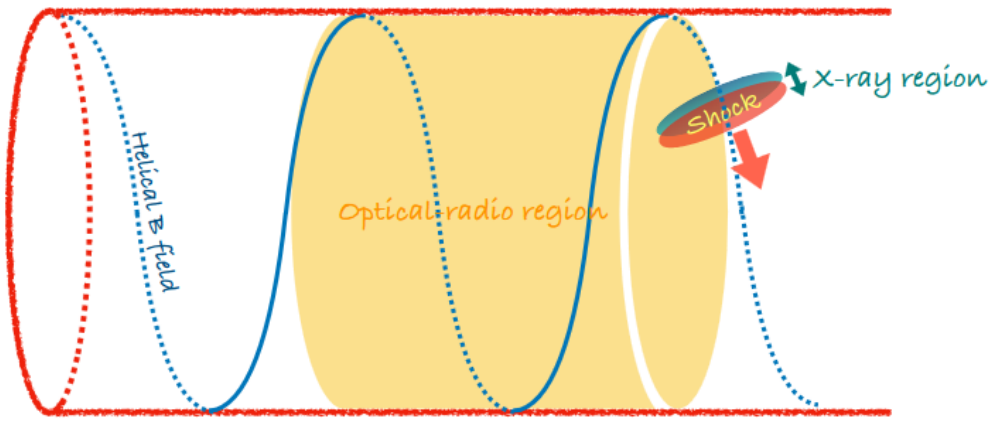
IXPE observations during 2022

- **2nd and 3rd IXPE observation: 4th -6th June 2022 and 7th -9th June 2022**
  (Di Gesu et al., Nature, 2023)

  - *Polarization degree:* **constant**, **~10%**
  - *Polarization angle:* **rotation, 80-90 deg/day**

  → Emission zone follow helical path, detached from optical/radio zone



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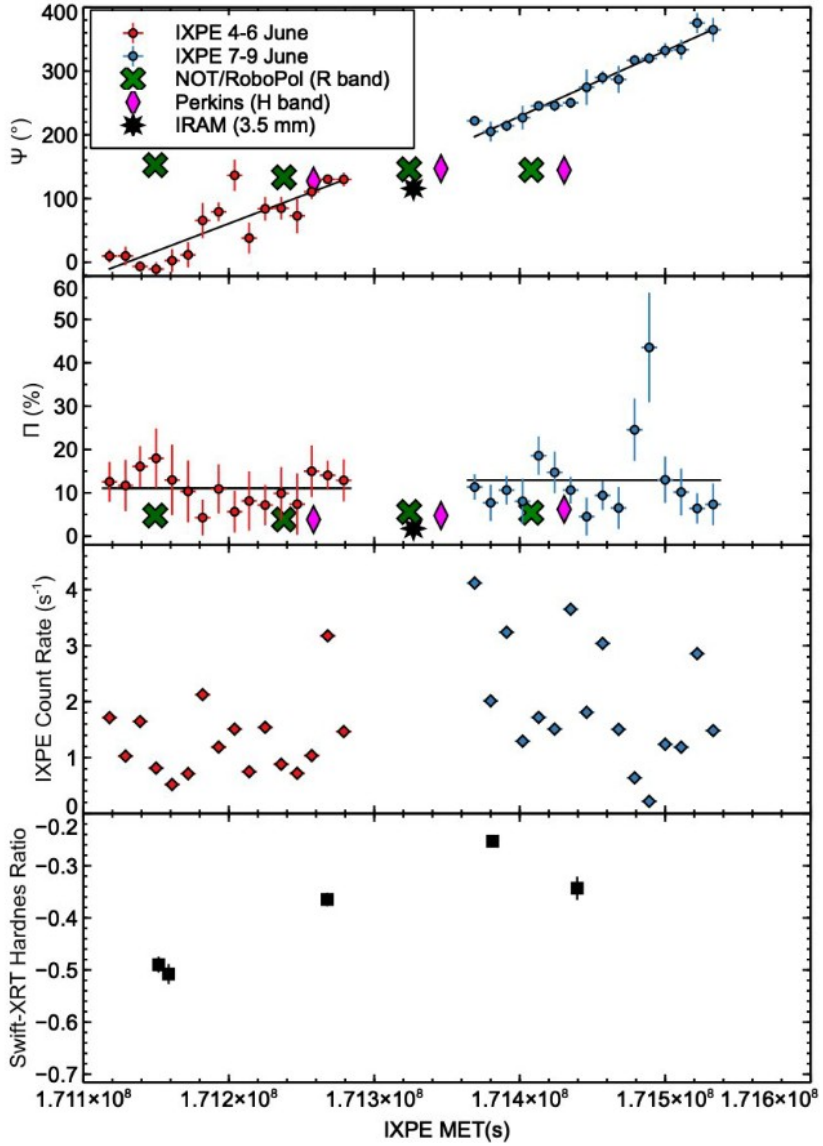

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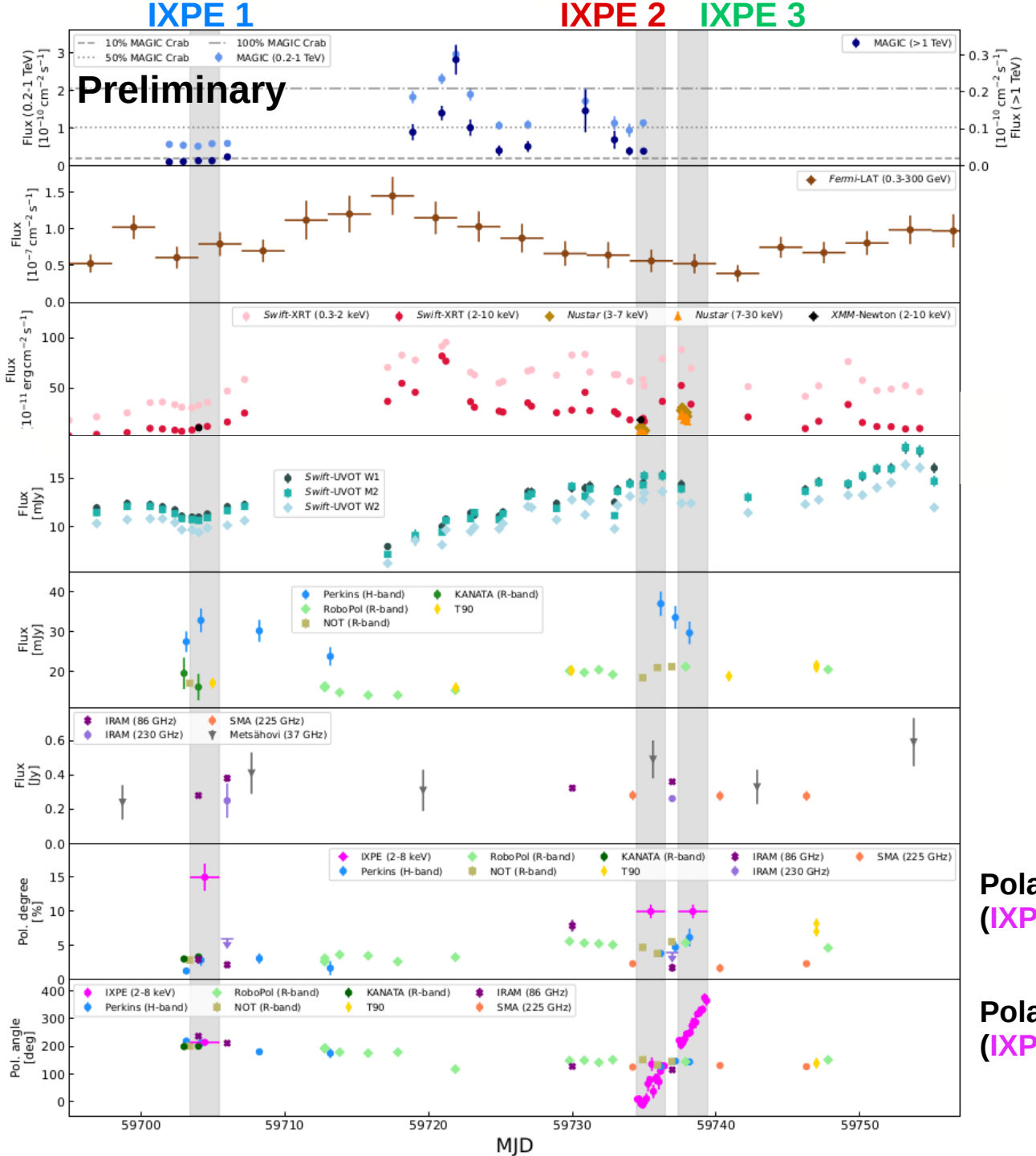

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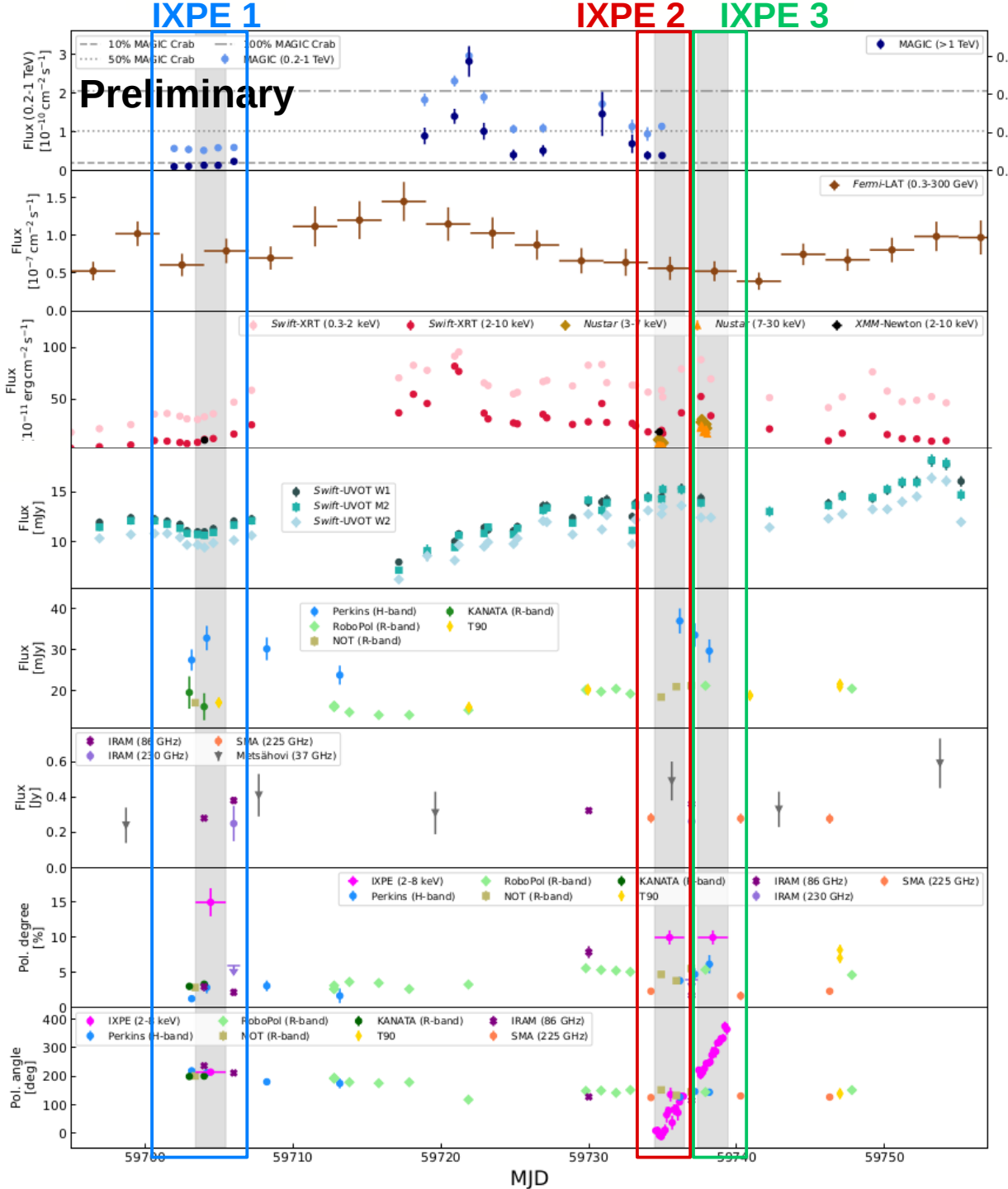

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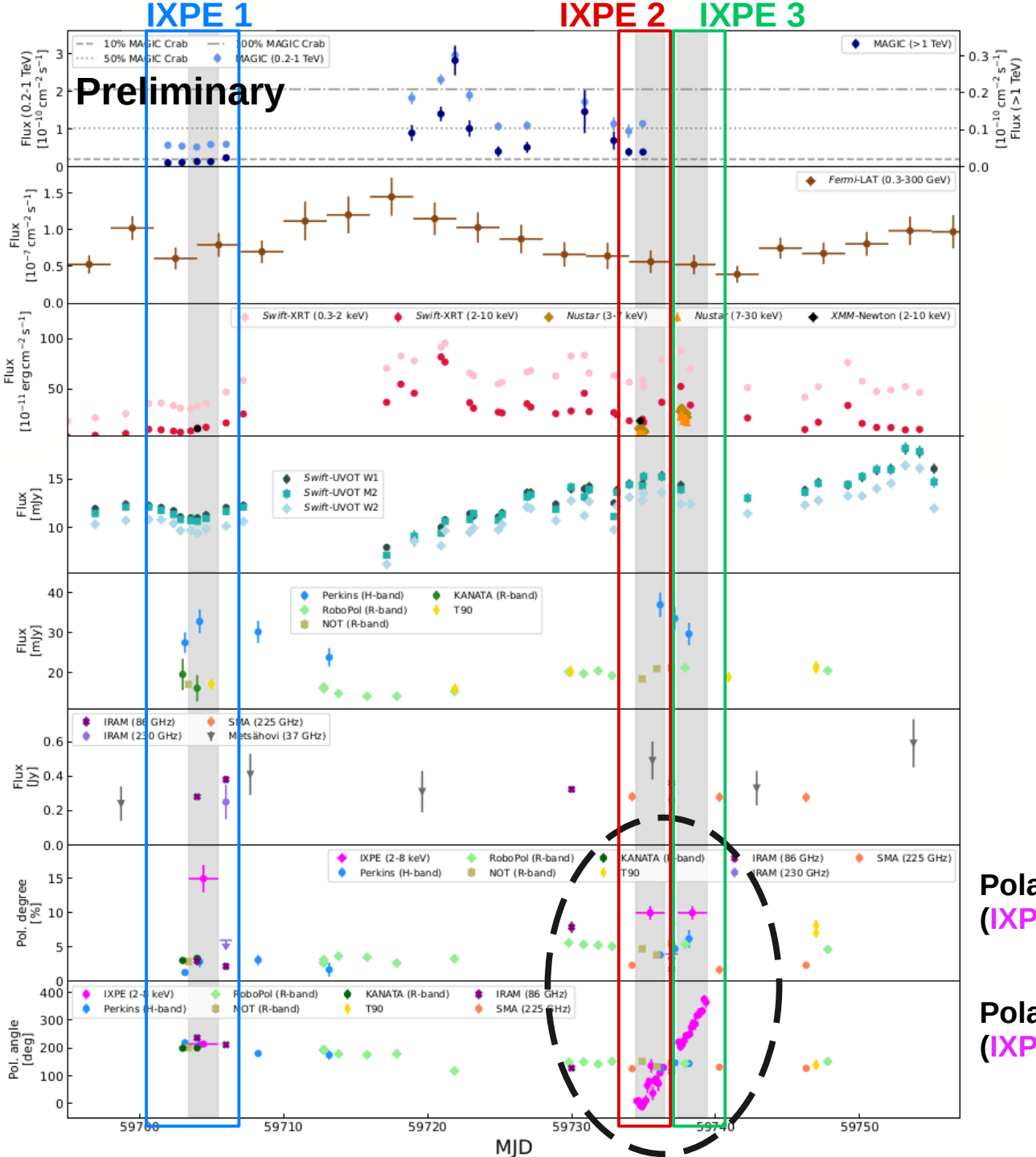
- *Good* **NuSTAR coverage during IXPE polarization angle rotation**



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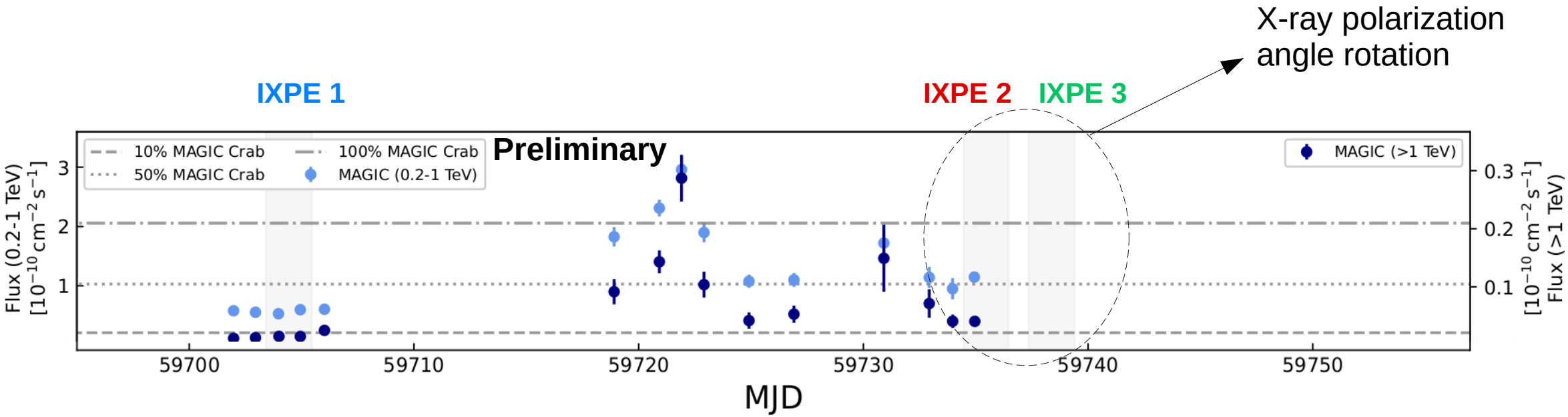
VHE observations results



IXPE 1 epoch:
~ 25% Crab in 0.2-1TeV band

No significant VHE variability (on daily and intranight timescales)

VHE spectrum best-fit log-parabola: **α ~ 2.6, β ~ 0.5**

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}E} = f_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\alpha-\beta\log_{10}(E/E_0)}$$

IXPE 2 epoch:
~ 50% Crab in 0.2-1TeV band

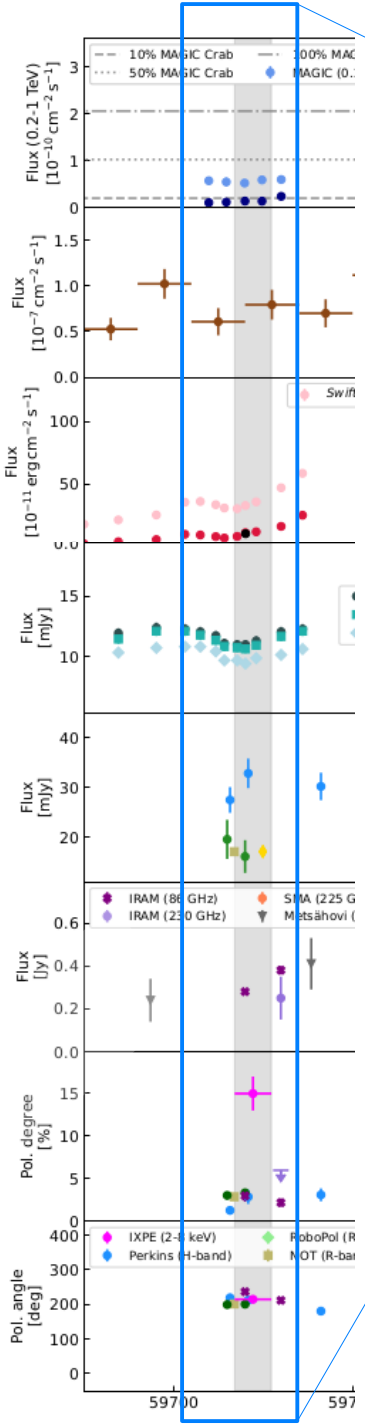
No significant VHE variability (intranight timescales)

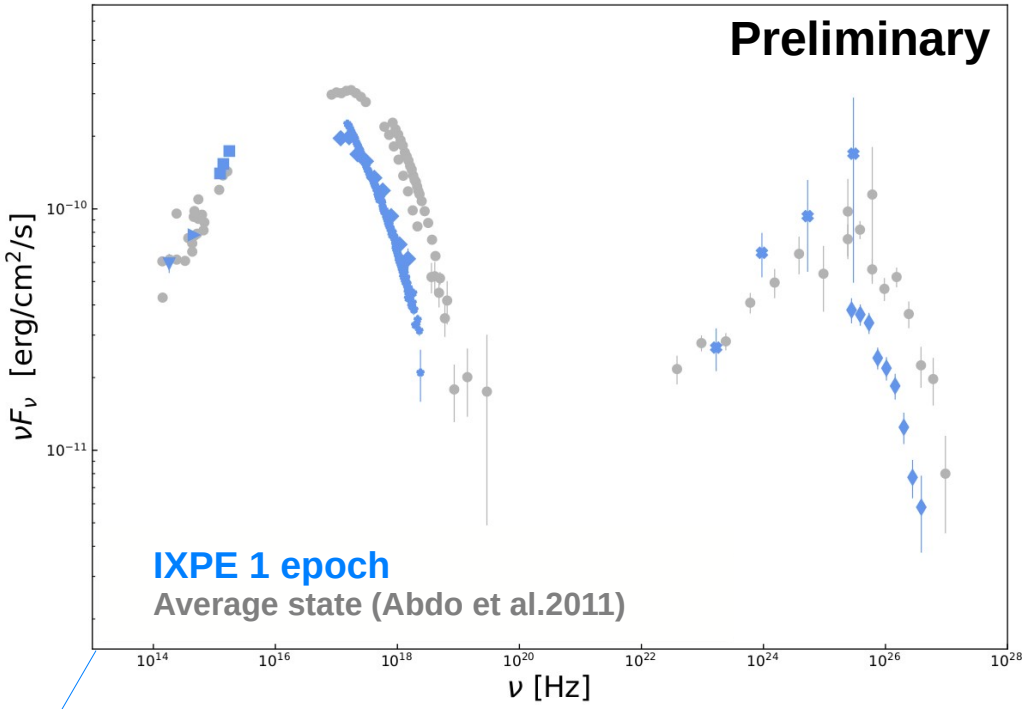
VHE spectrum best-fit log-parabola: **α ~ 2.3, β ~ 0.5**

Radio to VHE observations

- **IXPE 1 epoch**

  Source in **low state,** *SED shifted to lower energies*





Radio to VHE observations

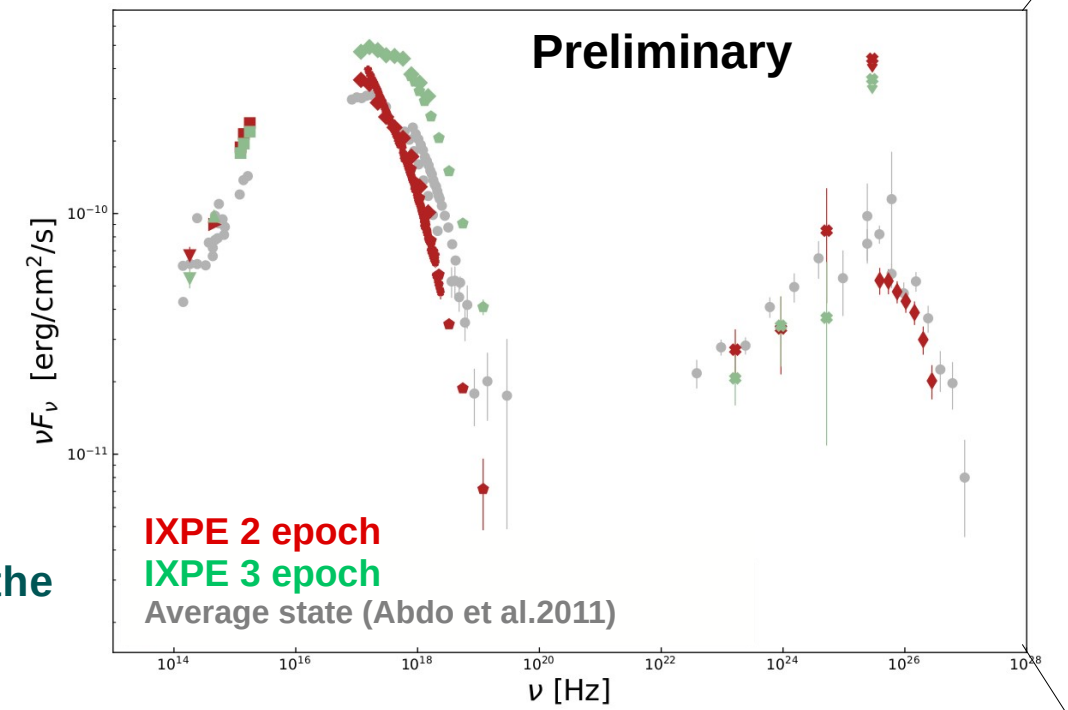
- **IXPE 2 epoch**:
  Source in **average state**

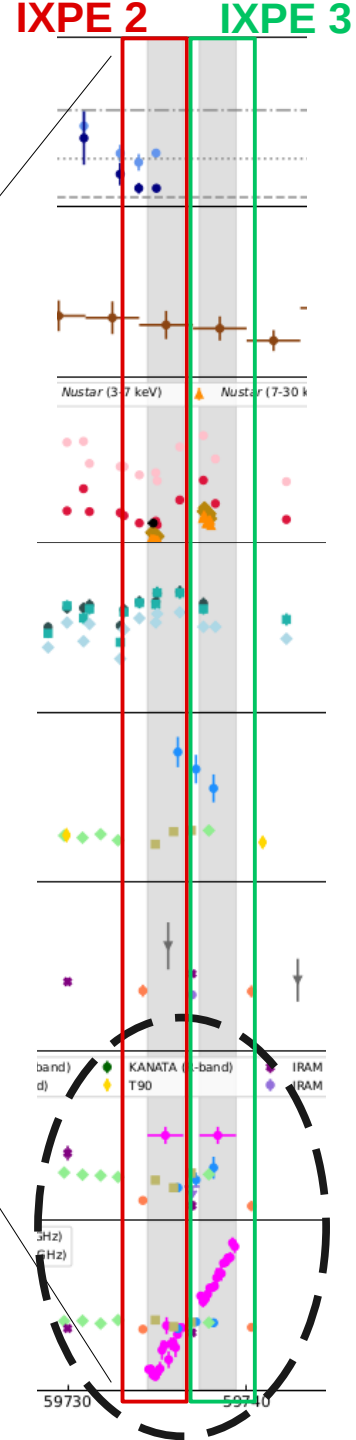
- **IXPE 3 epoch:**
  Source in **enhanced state**

  No VHE data available...

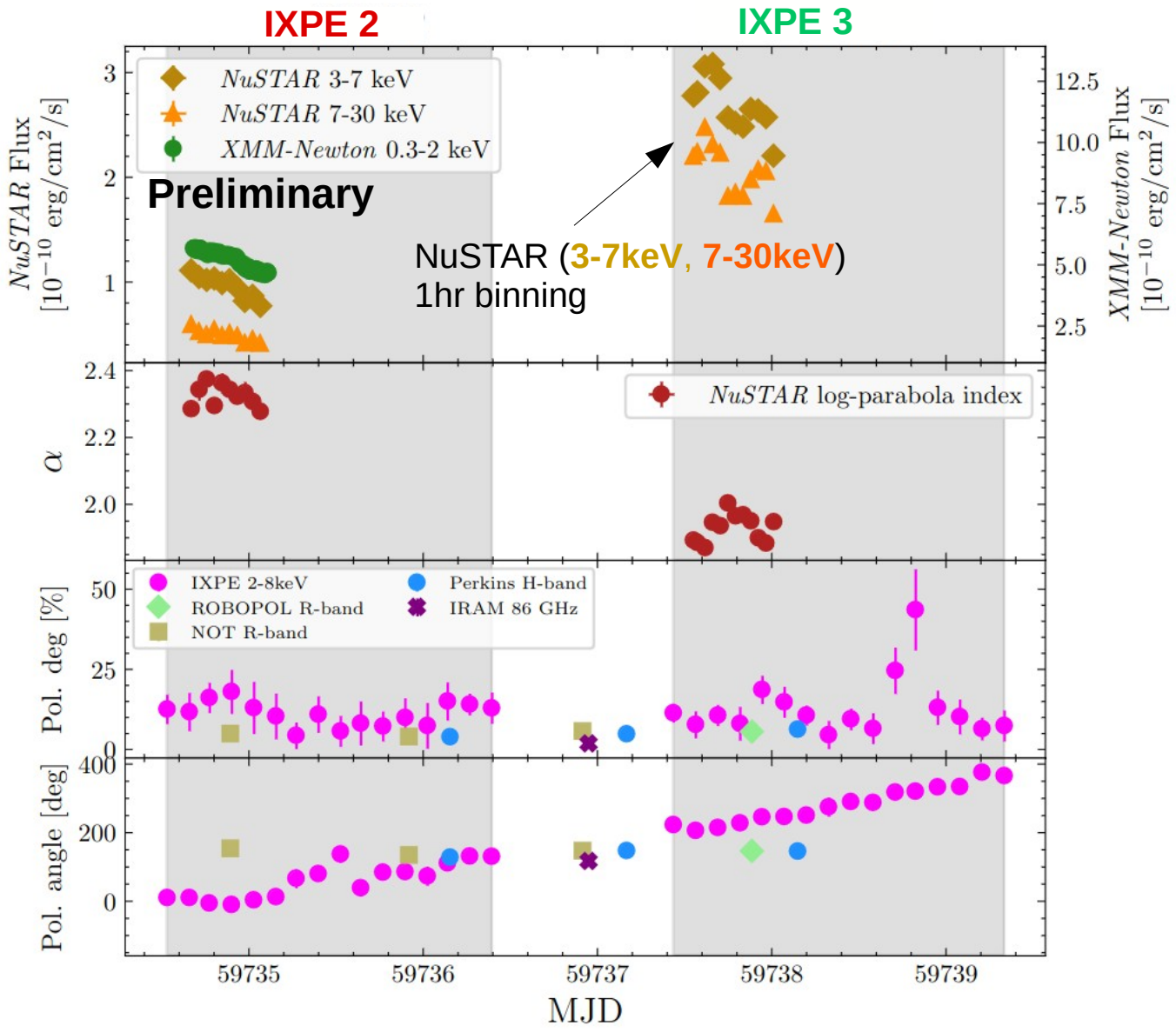
  X-rays show harder and brighter flux

  → X-ray variability during the polarization angle swing



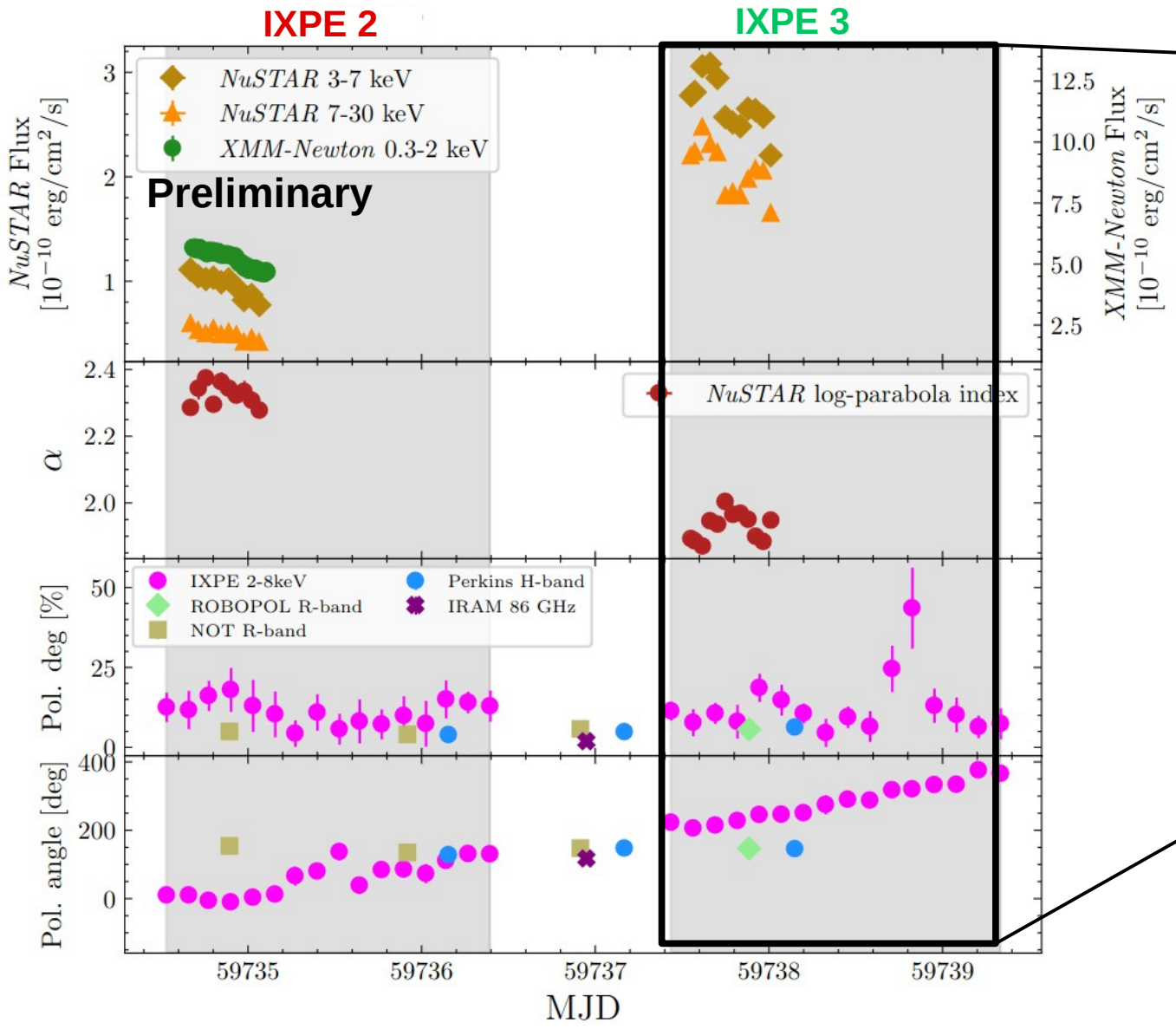


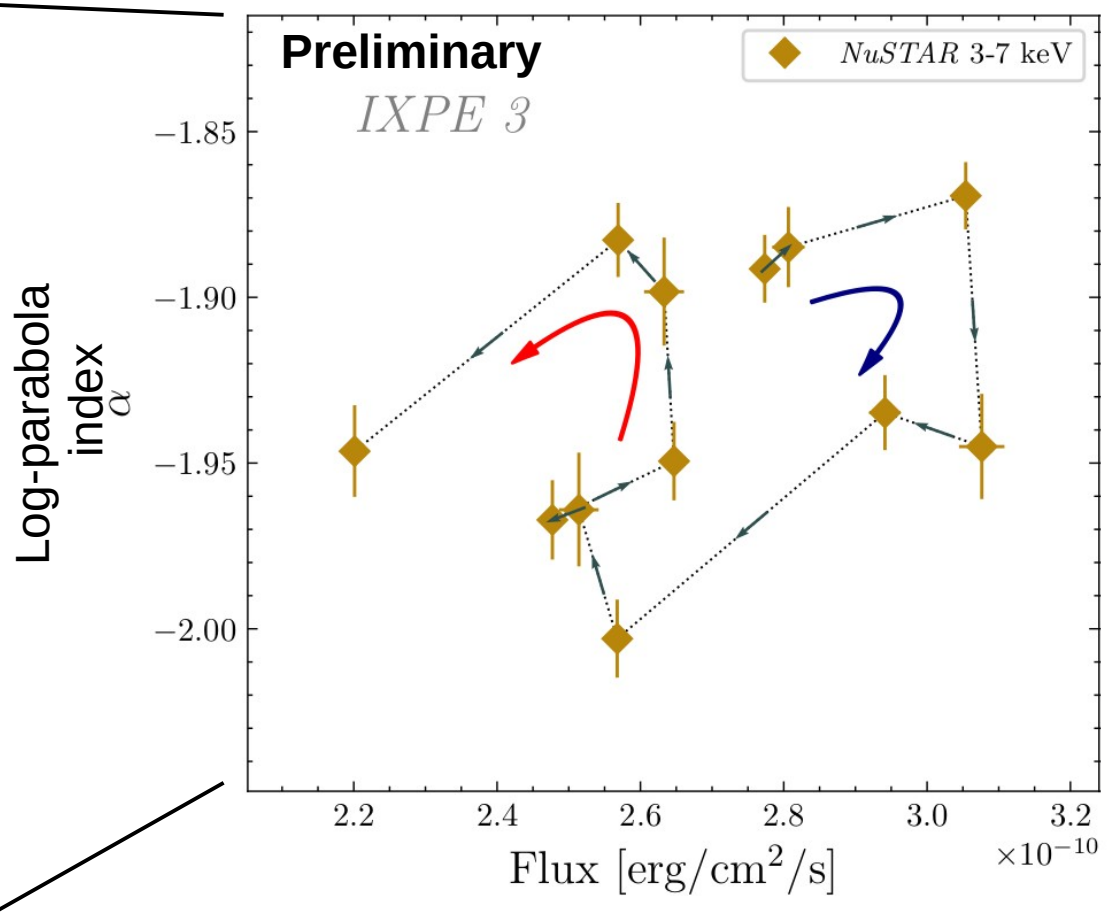
X-ray variability during polarization angle rotation



- *Use NuSTAR to investigate variability patterns during polarization angle rotation*
- **Flux variability on ~1hr timescales in 3-7keV and 7-30keV during rotation**
- **… log-parabola index also variable**

X-ray variability during polarization angle rotation





→ Hysteresis loops
clock-wise and **counter clock-wise** direction

X-ray variability during polarization angle rotation

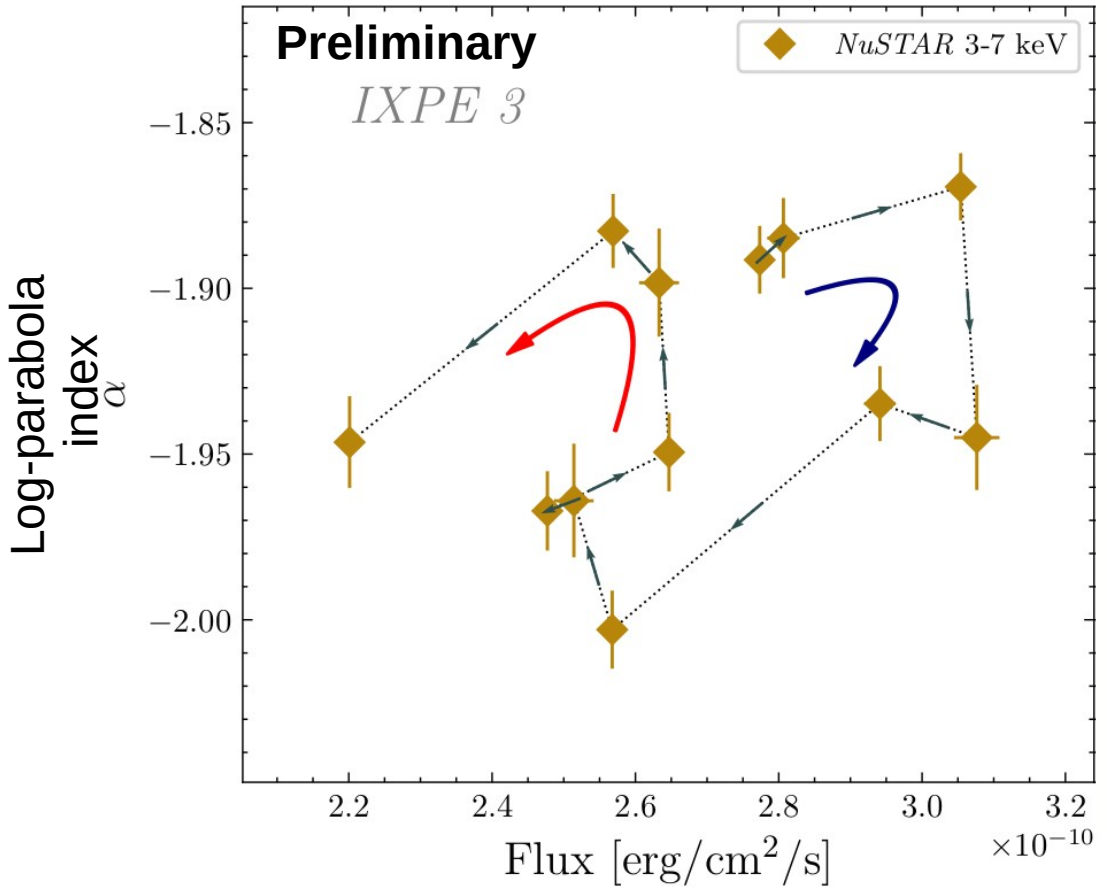
- **Clock-wise loop** *: low-energy lags behind high-energy*
  Suggests variability driven by synchrotron cooling
  (Kirk, et al. 1998):

  $t_{acceleration} << t_{synch,cool}$

- **Counter clock-wise loop** *: high-energy lags behind low-energy*
  Suggests cooling and acceleration timescales ~similar
  (Kirk, et al. 1998):

  $t_{acceleration} \sim t_{synch,cool}$

- *Contiguous clock-wise and counter clock-wise loops*
  imply **significant decrease in particle acceleration efficiency during rotation**



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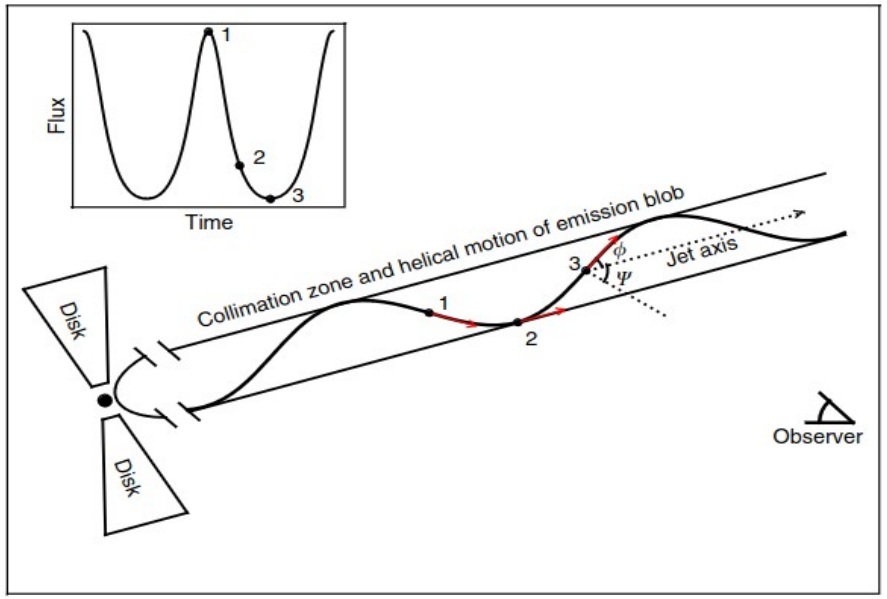
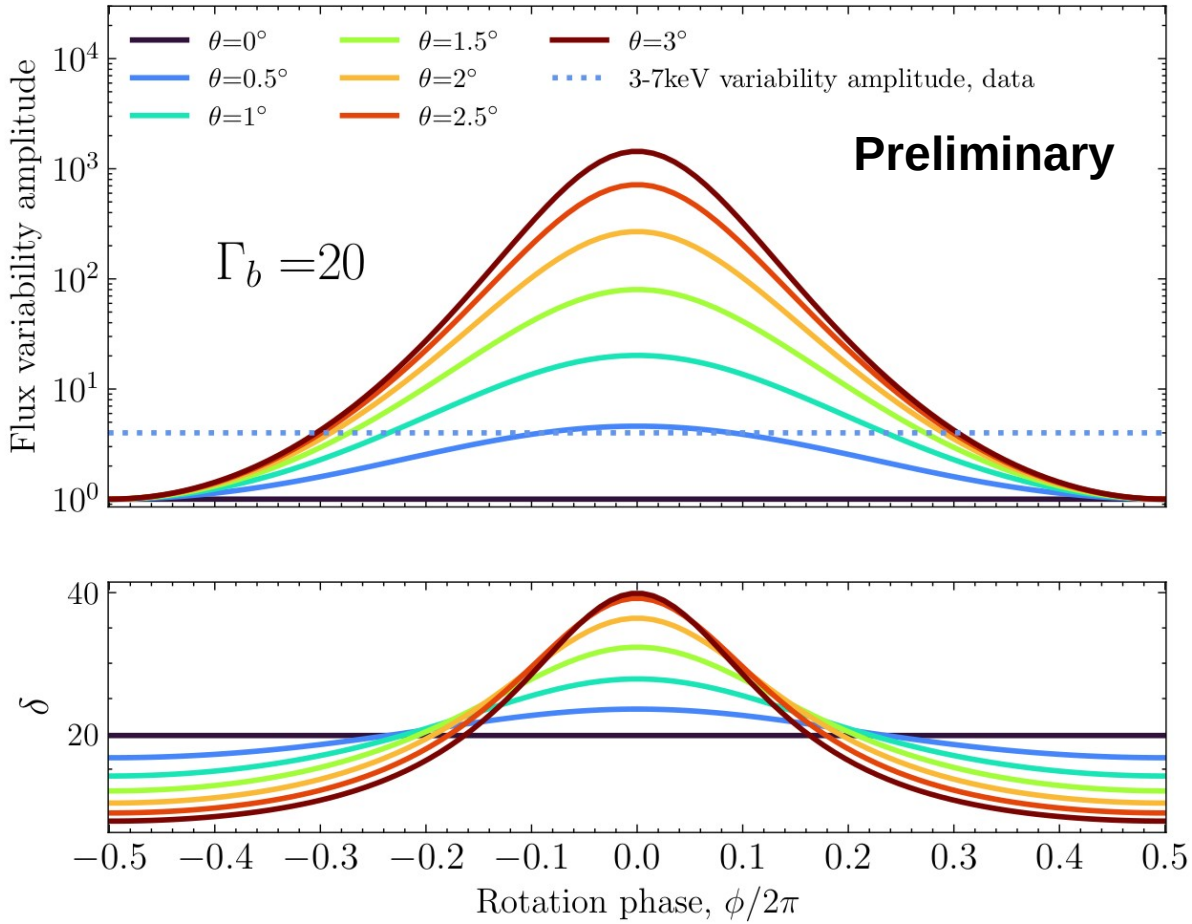
X-ray variability during polarization angle rotation

- *Pol. angle rotation due to blob moving in a helical path?*
  → Change of doppler factor δ
  → Expect strong flux modulation, F_obs ∝δ ³ F_intrinsic
  does that contradicts observations?
- *Assuming* **bulk Lorentz factor ~ 20** *&*
  jet viewing angle of ~0.5deg
  → Expected variability solely caused by δ evolution in agreement with NuSTAR variability

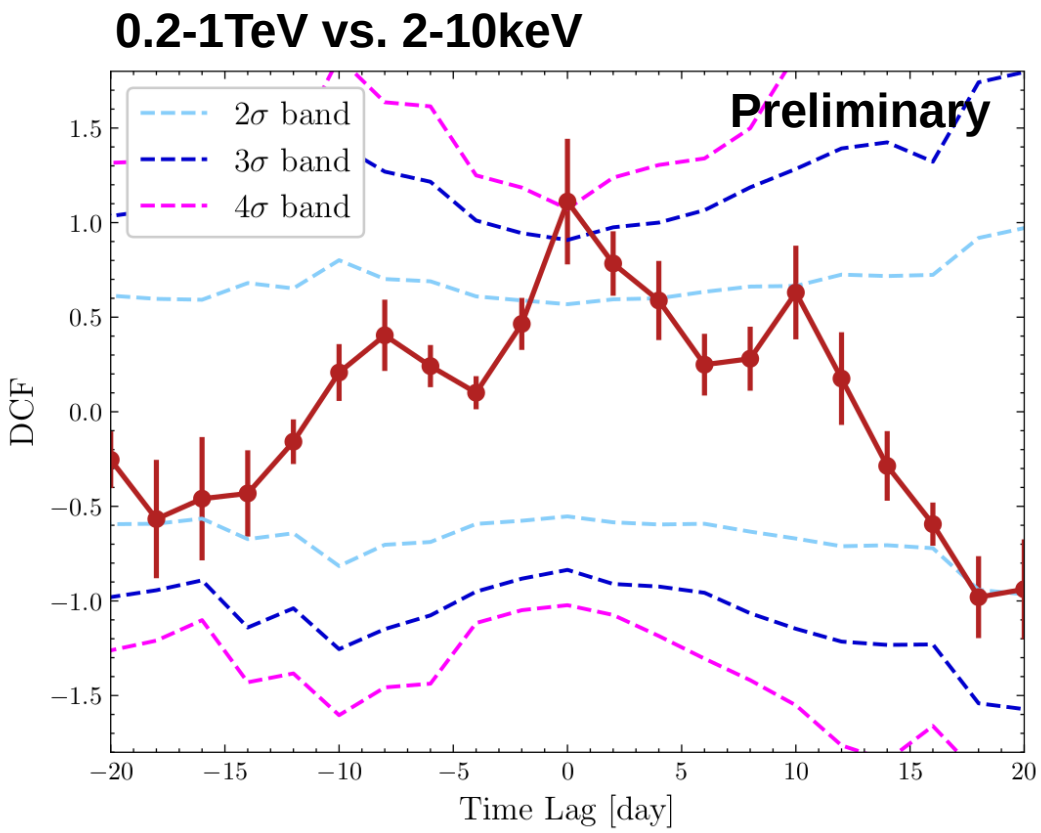


Sketch credits: Zhou et al. 2018

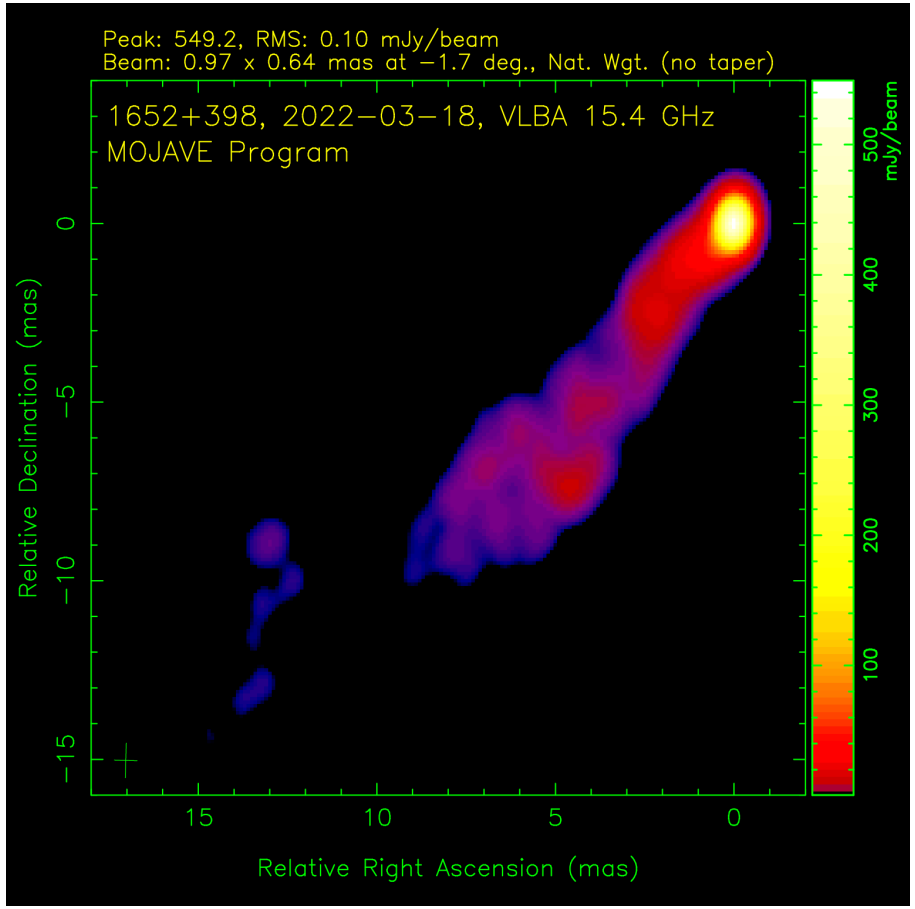


VHE versus X-ray Correlation

- *VHE / X-ray correlation using* **April to June 2022 data**
- **~ 4σ significance**, *no time lag*
- **VHE emission likely co-spatial to X-ray, close to the shock front**



Markarian 501 (Mrk501)



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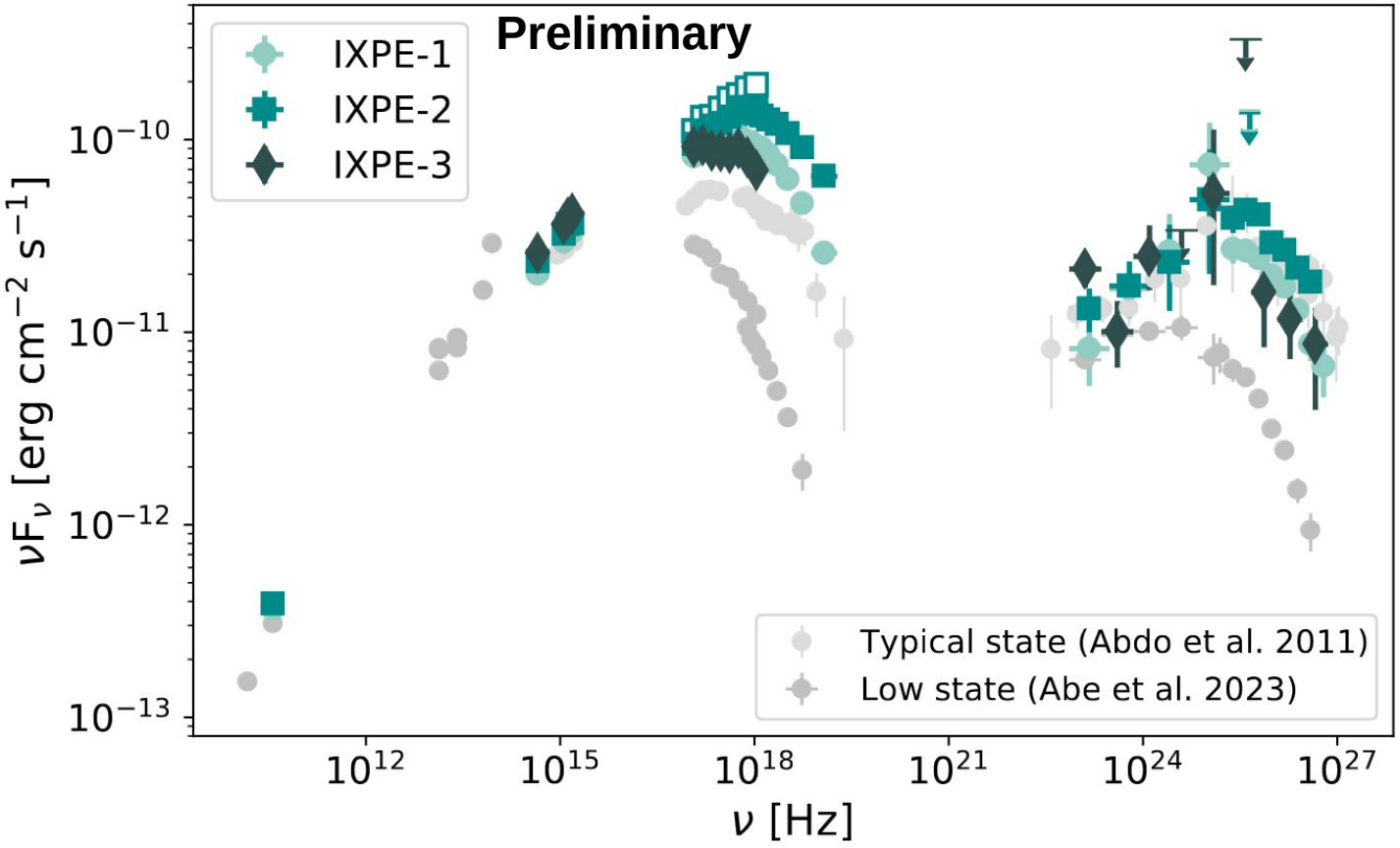
IXPE observations during 2022

- **3 observations, from March to July 2022:**
  - **IXPE 1**: 8th -10th March 2022
  - **IXPE 2**: 27th -29th March 2022
  - **IXPE 3**: 9th -12th July 2022

- Moderate variability
  - **VHE state close to "average"**
  - **X-ray state higher**

→ **Atypically low Compton-dominance**



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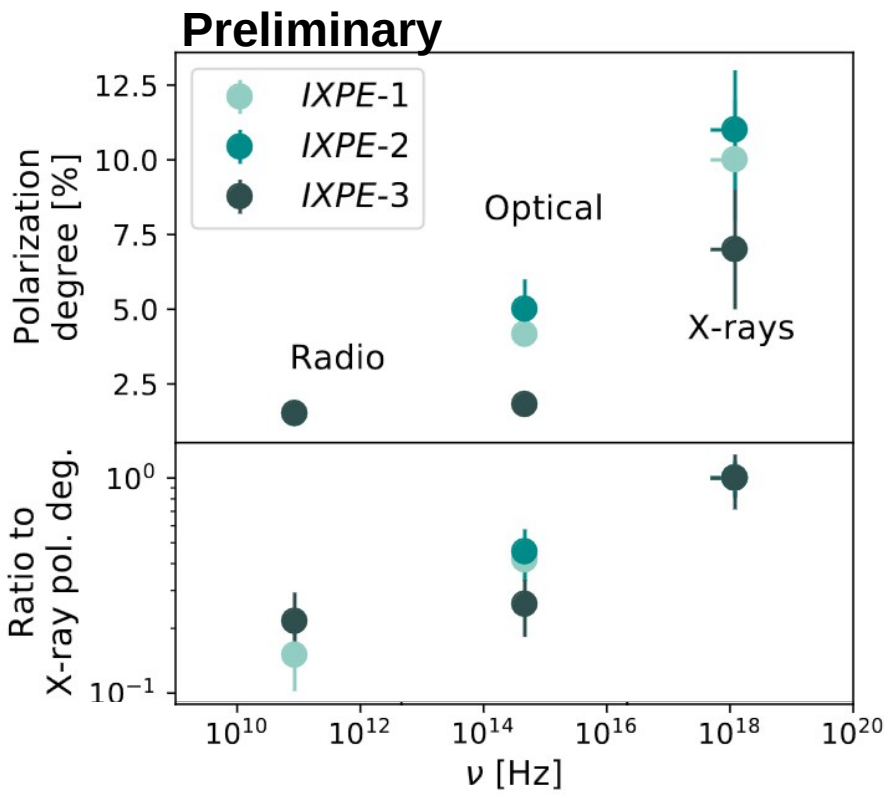
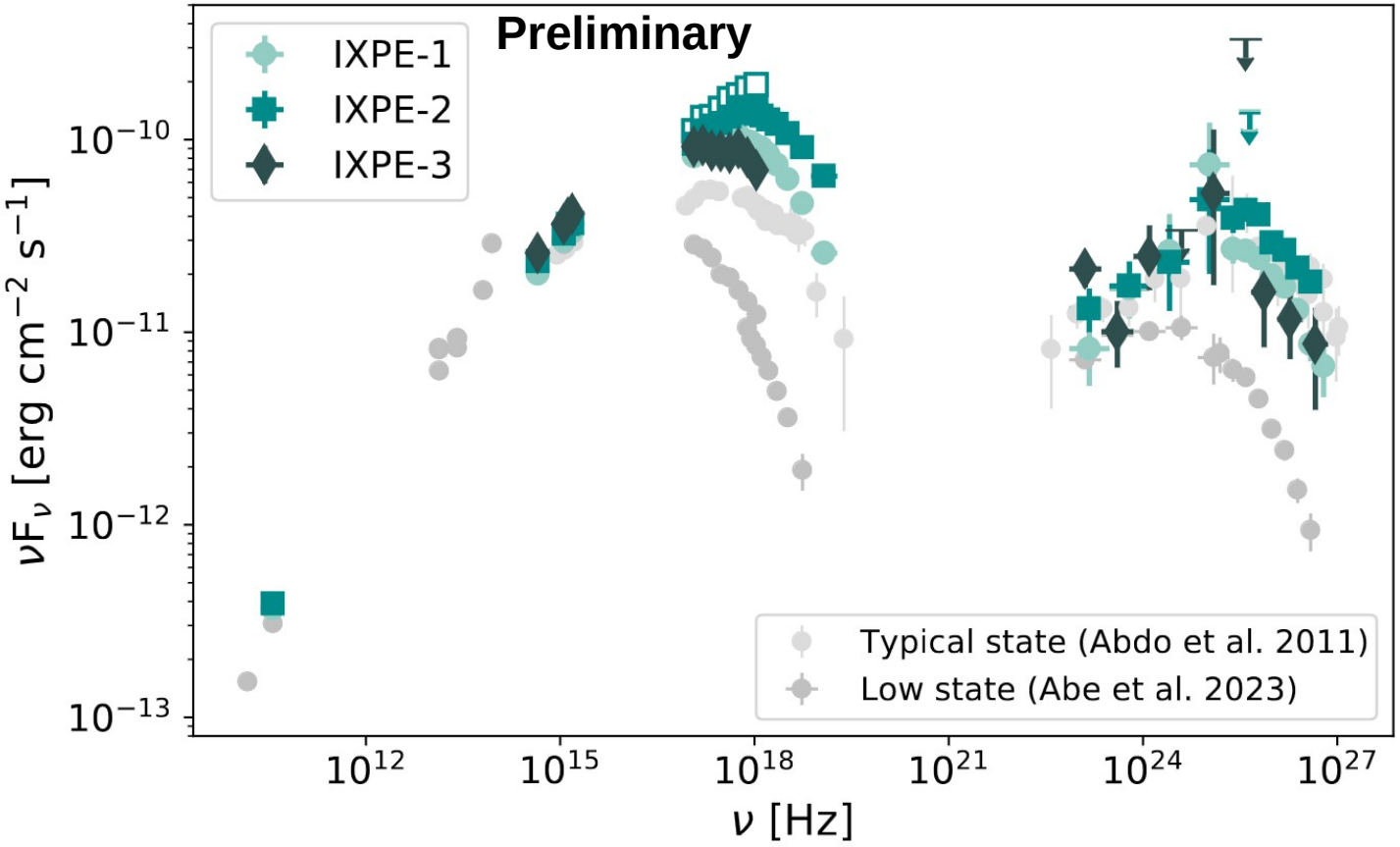
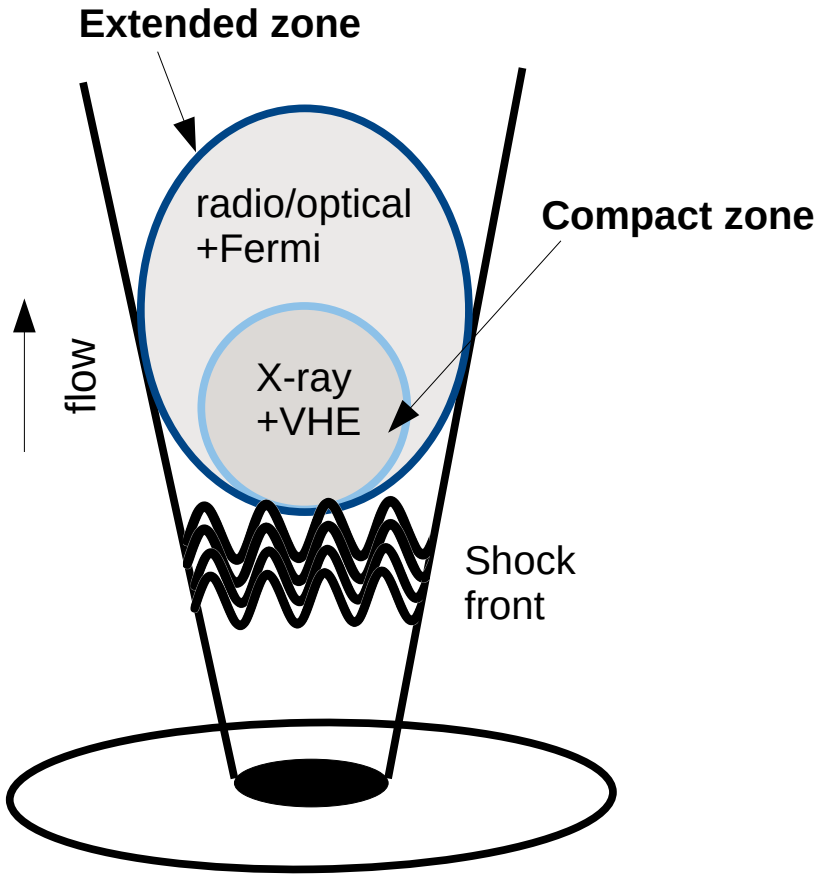
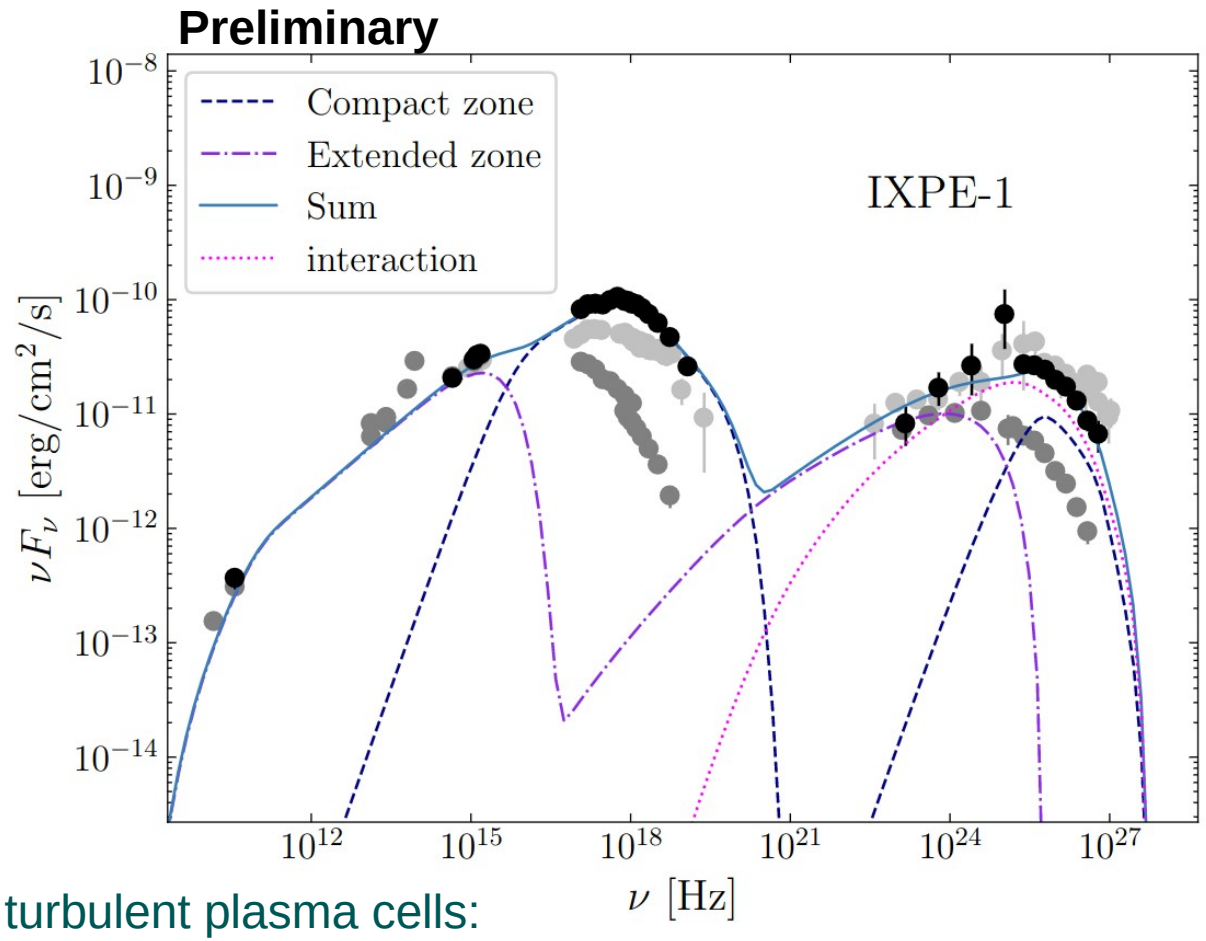




Preliminary modelling of Mrk501





→ Each component made of “N” turbulent plasma cells:
$\langle P_{deg} \rangle \sim 70\% * N^{-0.5}$ (see e.g. Marscher et al. 2014)

→ Relative size tuned to match observed optical/X-ray polarization

Conclusion

- *For both Mrk421 & Mrk501, polarisation degree increases with energy*

  → *suggests* **shock acceleration, in energy stratified jet**
  → **X-ray emission close to the shock front**

- *4σ positive X-ray/VHE correlation*
  → **VHE photons emitted close to shock front**

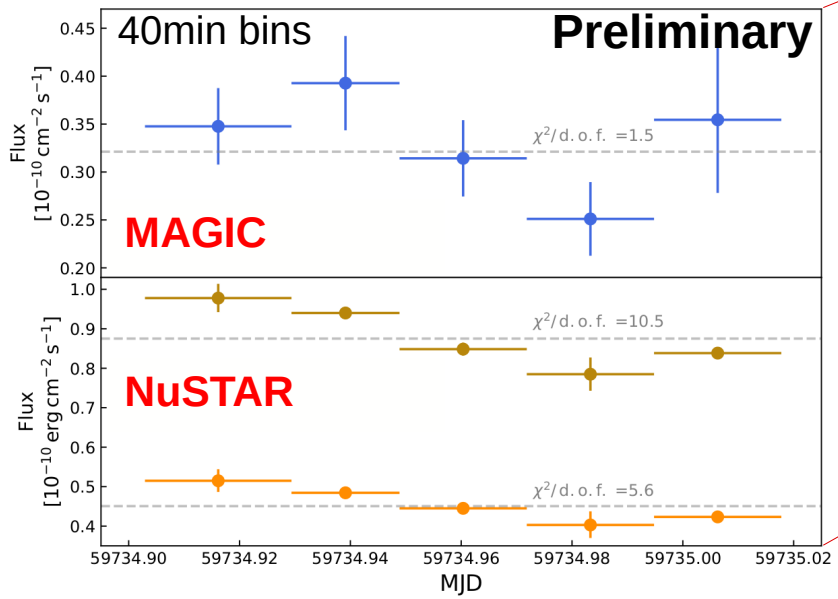
- **X-ray polarization angle rotation in Mrk421**
  → *Accompanied by* **X-ray spectral hysteresis on hour timescale**
  → *Indicate significant evolution of particle acceleration evolution*

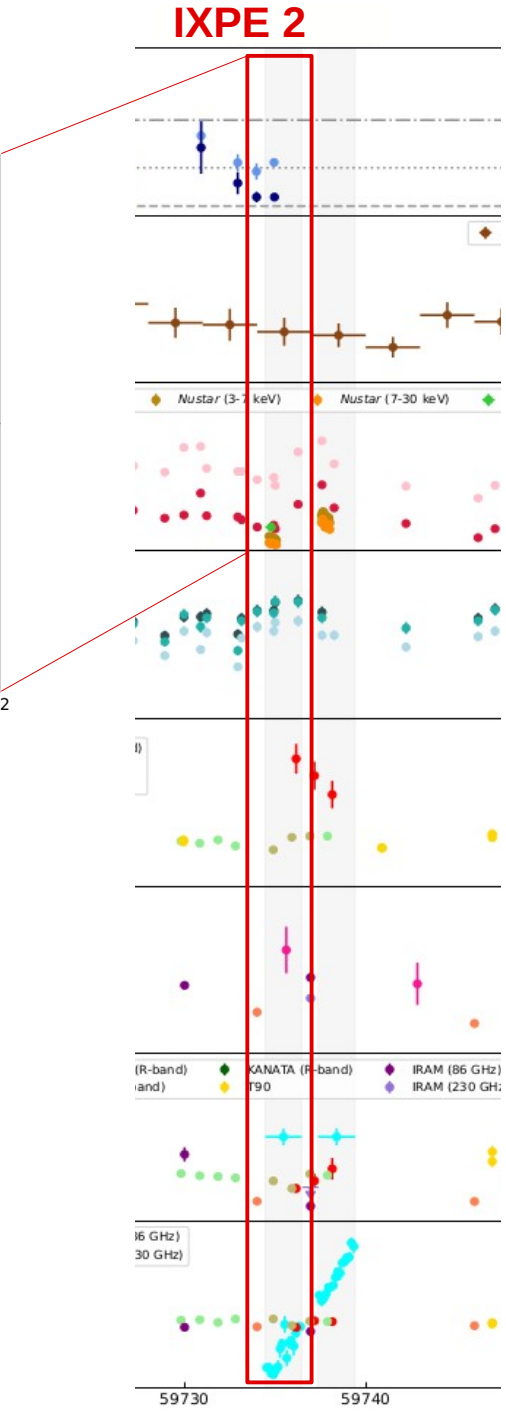
- **SED well modelled in a two-zone scenario**

Backup

VHE versus X-ray Correlation

In **IXPE 2 epoch**, *start of rotation,*
→ ~ 2σ VHE/X-ray correlation
using MAGIC/NuSTAR





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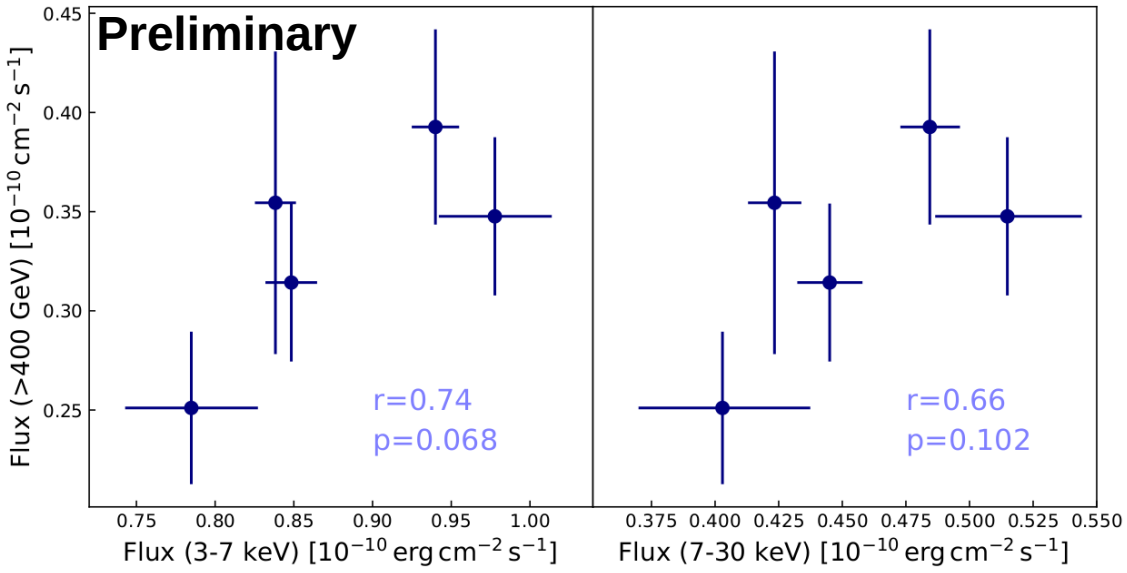

NuSTAR 3-7keV **NuSTAR 7-30keV**

Modelling parameters

Parameters	"compact zone"	"extended zone"
B' [10^{-2}G]	5.0	3.5
R' [10^{16}cm]	2.9	5.0
δ	11	11
U'_e [10^{-3} erg cm^{-3}]	0.8	2.8
n_1	2.37	2.2
n_2	4.00	–
γ'_{min}	5×10^4	2×10^2
γ'_{br}	6.0×10^5	–
γ'_{max}	5.5×10^6	5.7×10^4
U'_e/U'_B	8	57