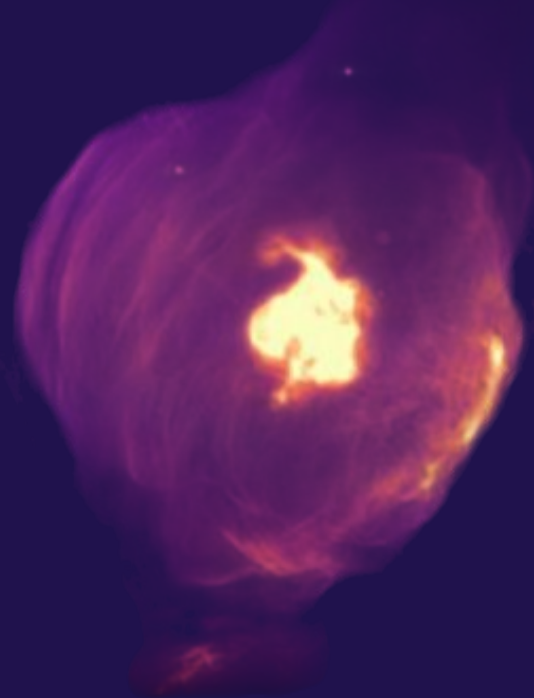




Multiwavelength modeling including the first hard X-ray observations of the PeVatron candidate PWN G0.9+0.1

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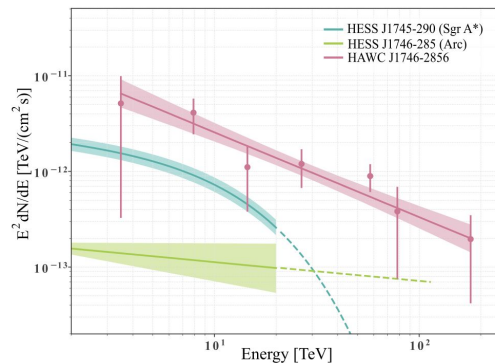
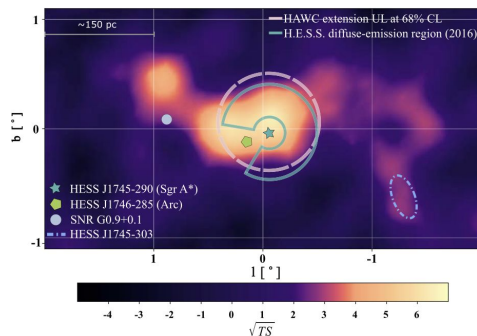
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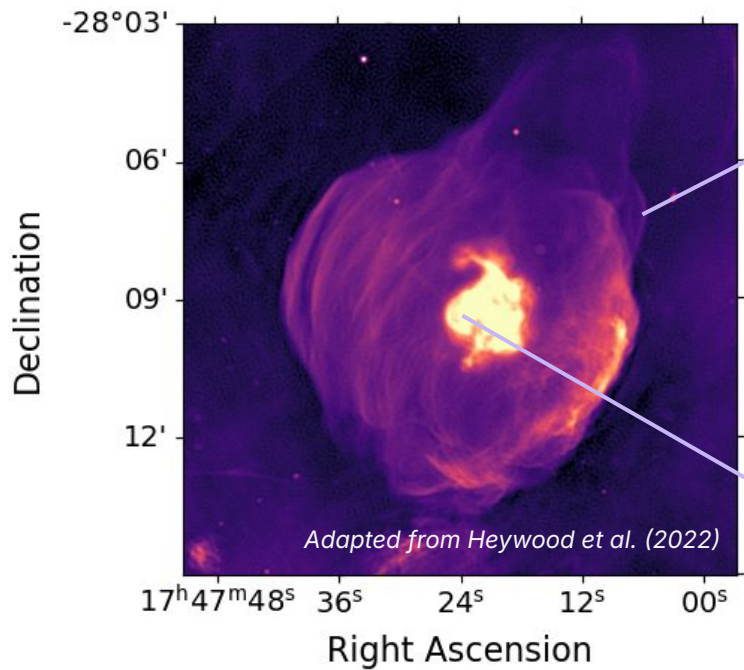
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resolve them!

G0.9+0.1: a young energetic PWN in the GC region



Composite supernova remnant

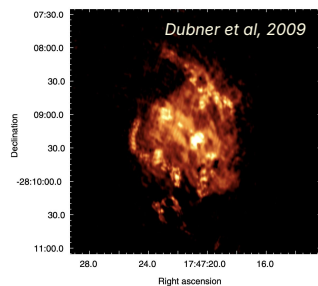
**Second brightest TeV
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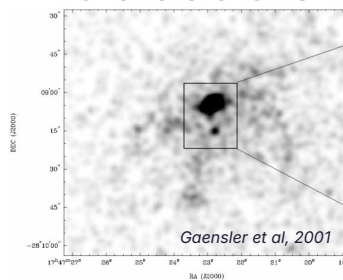
- $\tau_c \sim 5.3$ kyr
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PWN G0.9+0.1 has been observed from radio to TeV

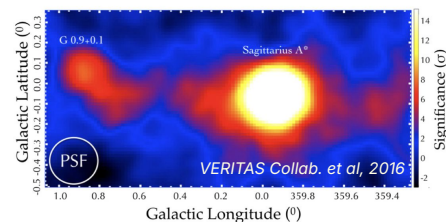
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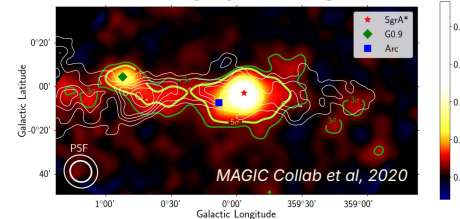
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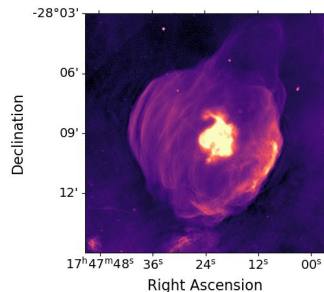
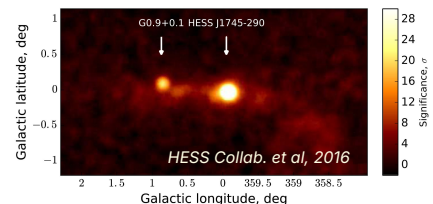
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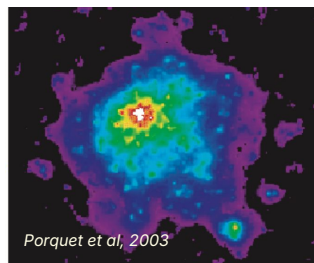
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HESS ~ TeV



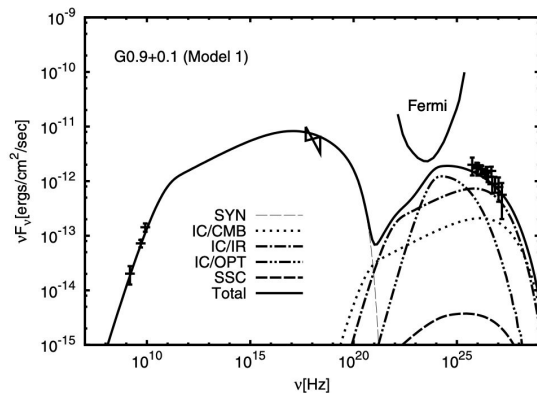
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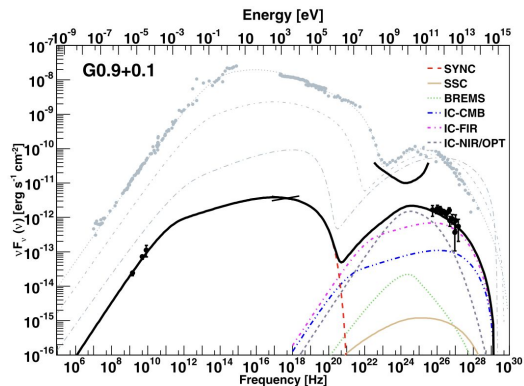
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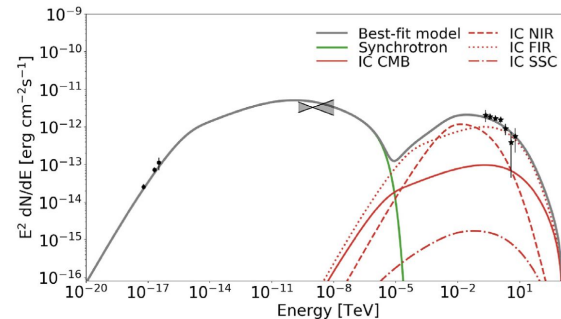
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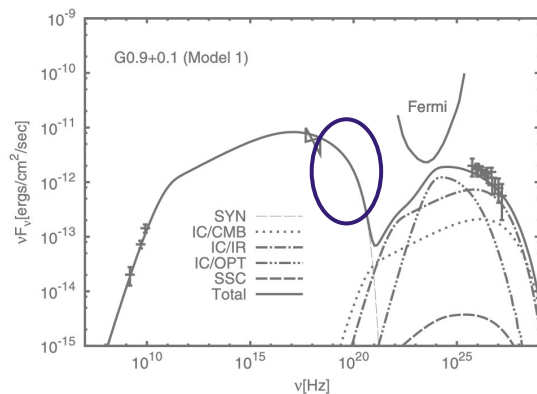
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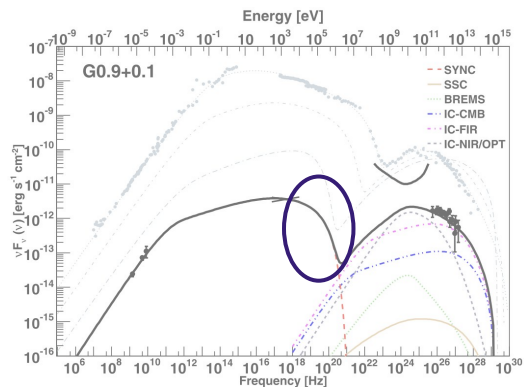
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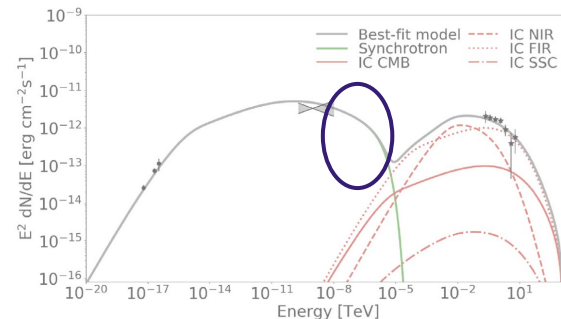
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What about hard X-rays?

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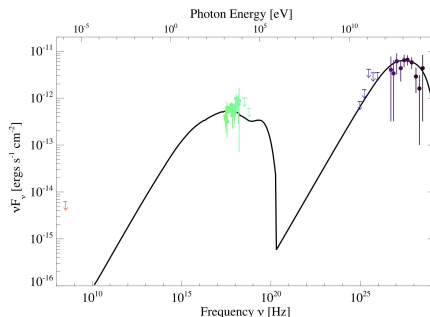
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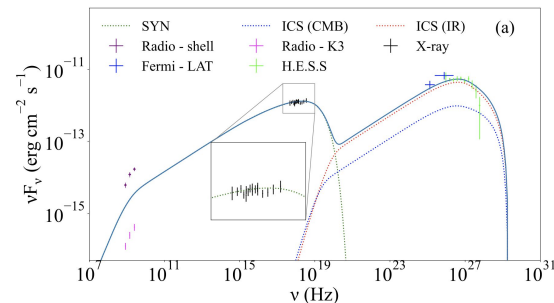
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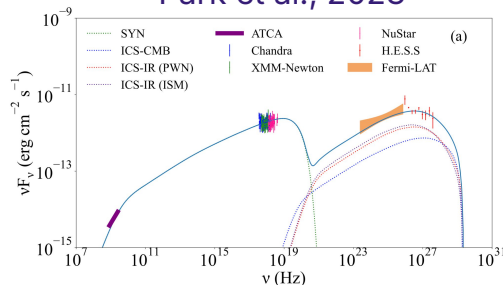
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Burgess et al., 2021



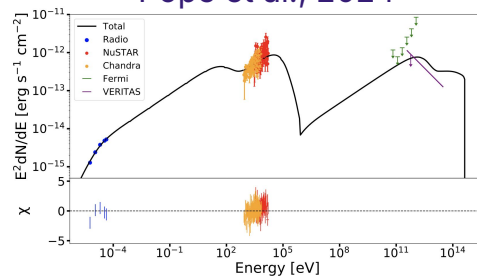
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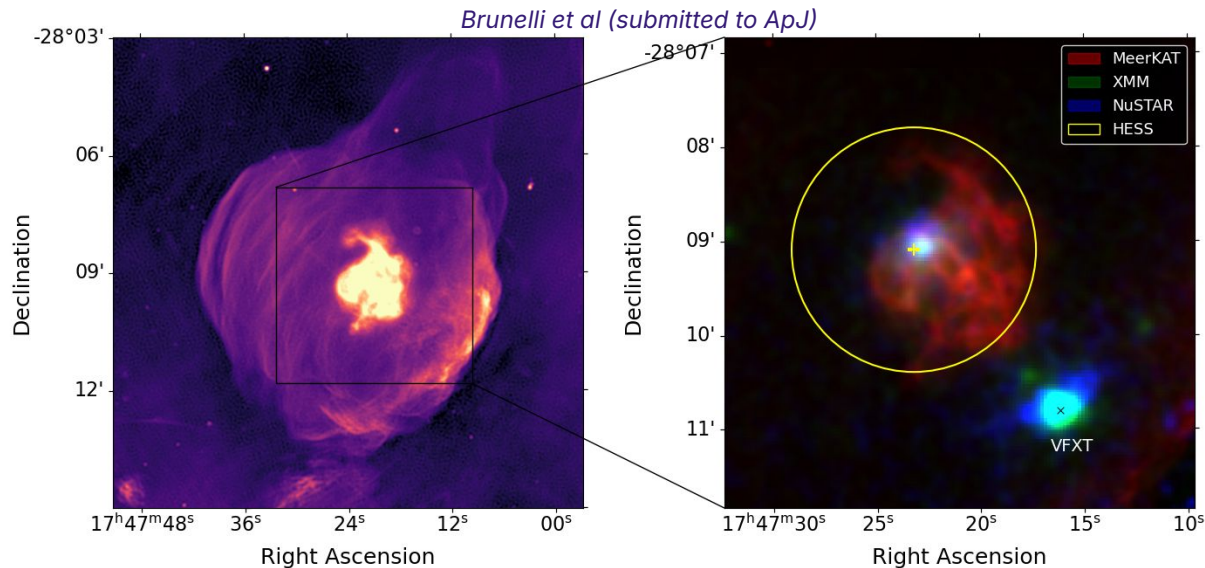
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"Boomerang" PWN
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The first SED of PWN G0.9+0.1 including NuSTAR

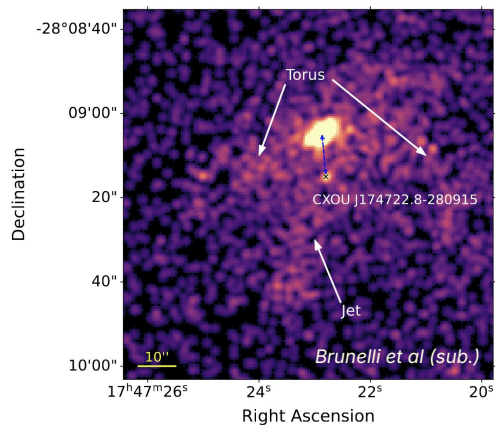


First broadband
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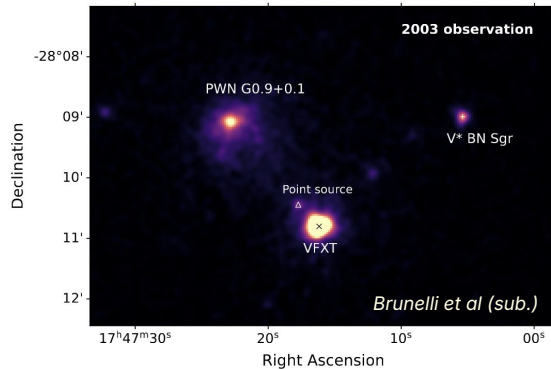
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Compare SED
models

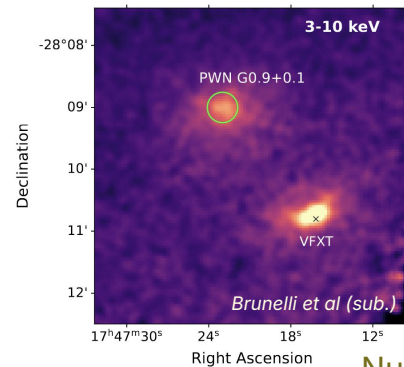
PWN G0.9+0.1 under different X-ray eyes



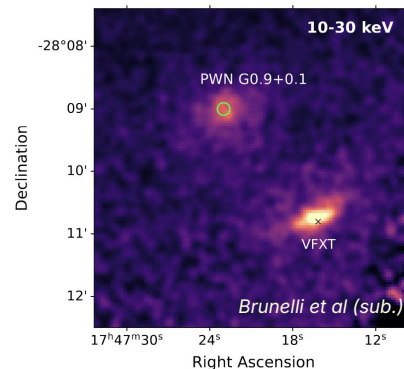
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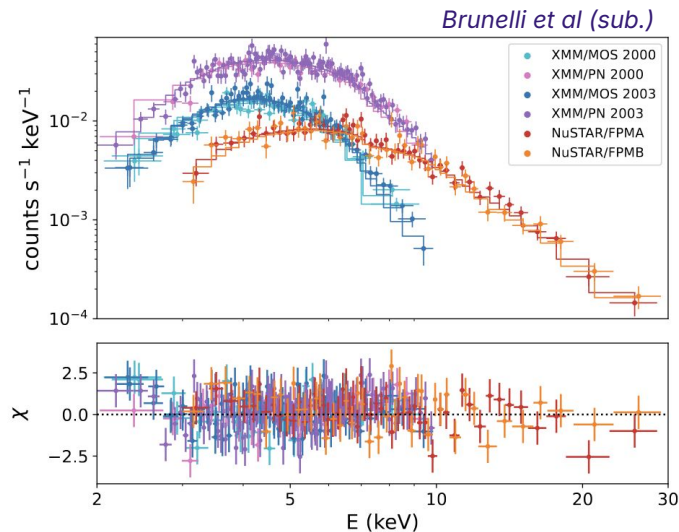
The first 2–30 keV spectrum of PWN G0.9+0.1

Well fitted by a **single power law**

Data set	Energy (keV)	N_H (10^{23} cm^{-2})	Γ	F_{3-10} ($10^{-12} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)	χ^2/dof	Constant
XMM	2–10	$1.96^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$	1.83 ± 0.11	$3.4^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	472.3/545	0.96 ± 0.04 (M03) 0.92 ± 0.04 (P00) 0.88 ± 0.04 (M00)
NuSTAR	3–30	1.9 ± 0.4	$2.20^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	$3.2^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	256.5/303	1.06 ± 0.06 (B)
XMM + NuSTAR	2–30	2.19 ± 0.09	2.12 ± 0.07	$3.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	762.0/851	0.96 ± 0.04 (M03) 0.92 ± 0.05 (P00) 0.88 ± 0.04 (M00) 0.92 ± 0.04 (N)

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High column density



Compatible with Porquet et al., 2003

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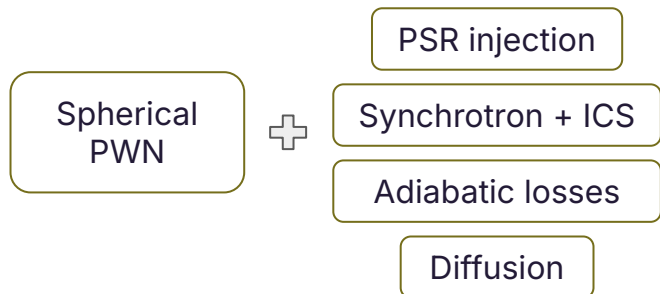
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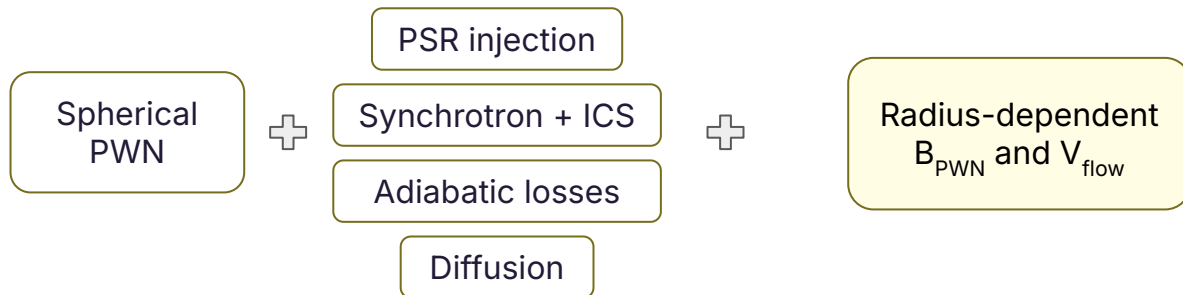


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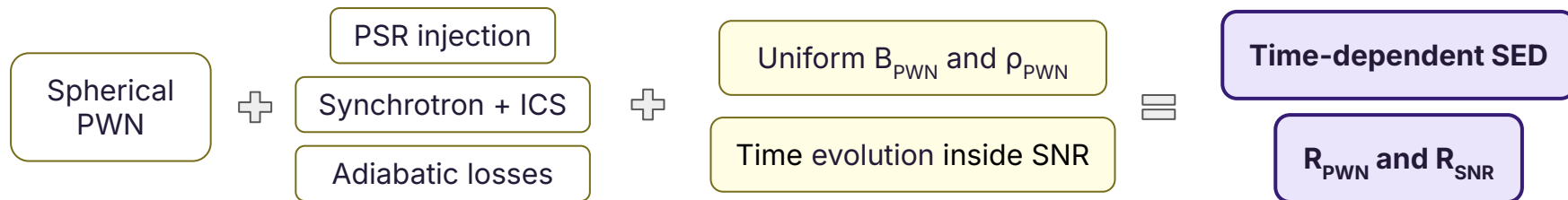


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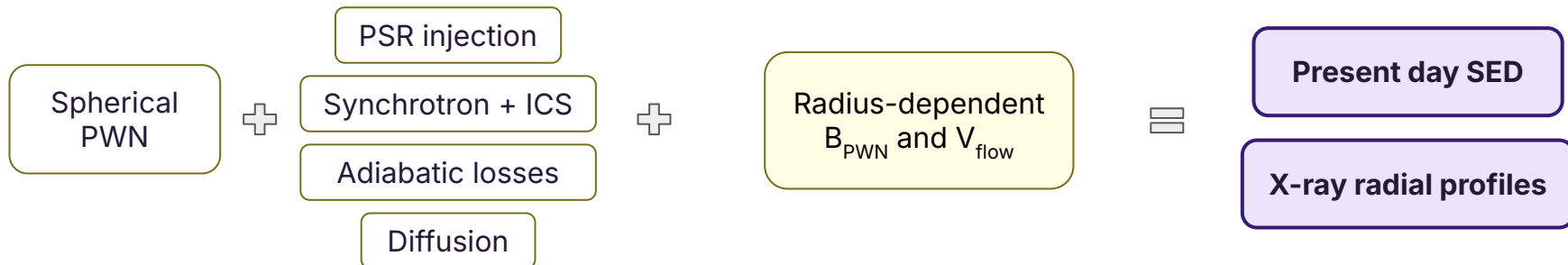


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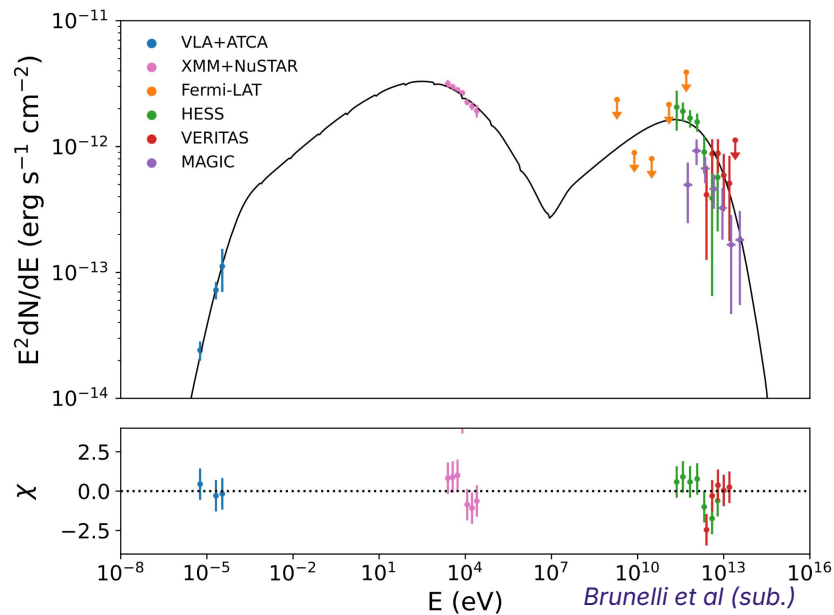


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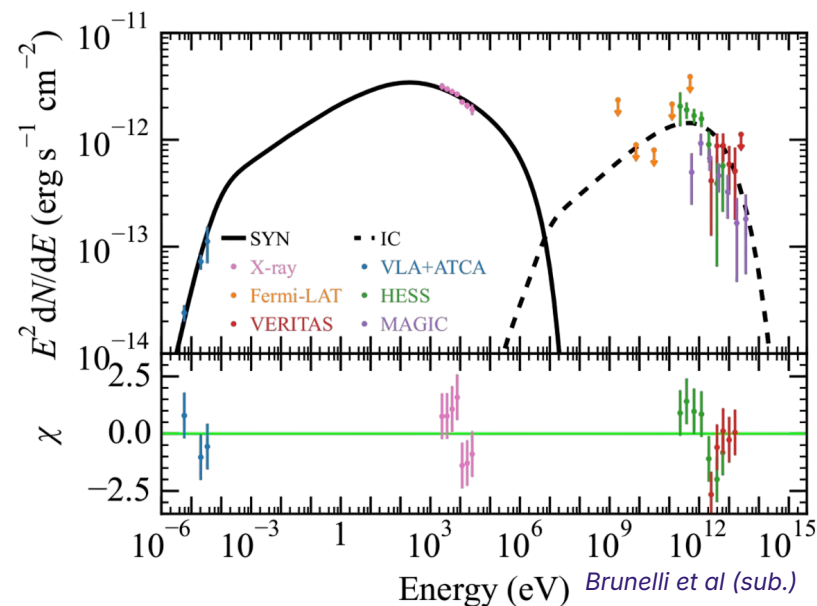


Both models can reproduce the radio–TeV SED

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PSR	J1747-2809	J1825-1256	J2021+3651	J2220+6114	J1420-6048	J1418-6058	J1640-4631
τ_c (kyr)	5.3	14.4	17	10	13	10.4	3.4
$\dot{E}$ (erg s ⁻¹)	4.3×10^{37}	3.6×10^{36}	3.4×10^{36}	2.2×10^{37}	1×10^{37}	5×10^{36}	4.4×10^{36}
d^g (kpc)	8-16 (8)	3.5	0.4-12 (3.5)	0.8-7.5 (7.5)	5.6-7.7 (5.6)	3.5	12
$E_{\max}$ (PeV)	2.0-2.2	2	1.4	1.2	0.9	1	1.2
B_{PWN} (μG)	20	1	2.7	2.5	5.1	12.3	4.1
t_{age} (kyr)	2.2	5.7	16	2.1	9	7	3.1
Interaction with RS?	No	Possible	Yes	Yes	Possible	Possible	Yes
SED model	One-zone Multi-zone	One-zone	One-zone	One-zone	Multi-zone	Multi-zone	One-zone

NOTE—^aD. A. Burgess et al. (2022); ^bJ. Woo et al. (2023); ^cI. Pope et al. (2024); ^dJ. Park et al. (2023a); ^eJ. Park et al. (2023b);

^fM. Abdelmaguid et al. (2023); ^g Range of estimated distances, and assumed distance in the SED modeling in parentheses.

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Energetic
pulsars

$E_{\max} \sim 1\text{-}2 \text{ PeV}$

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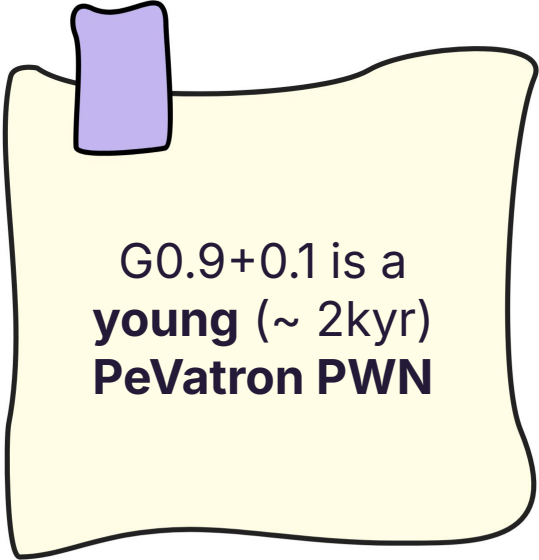
**The only one
without RS
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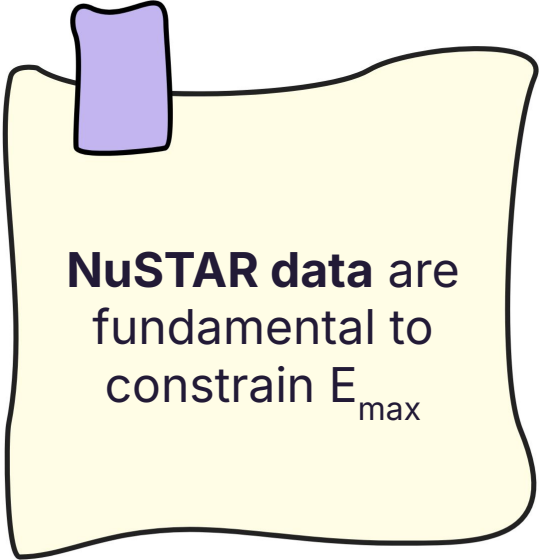
**Higher
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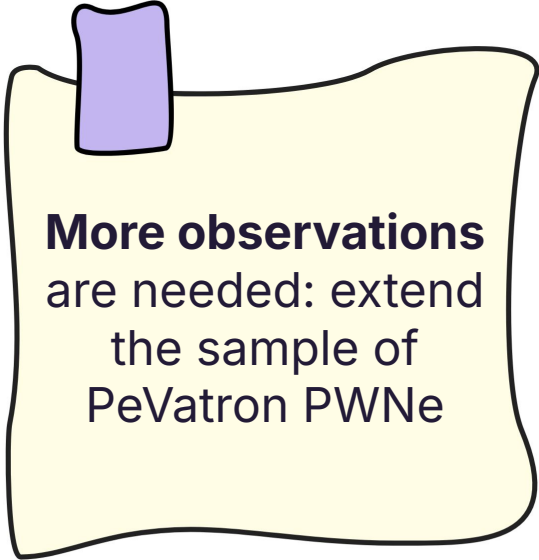
Take-home messages



G0.9+0.1 is a
young ($\sim 2\text{kyr}$)
PeVatron PWN



NuSTAR data are
fundamental to
constrain E_{max}



More observations
are needed: extend
the sample of
PeVatron PWNe

Thank you for the attention!

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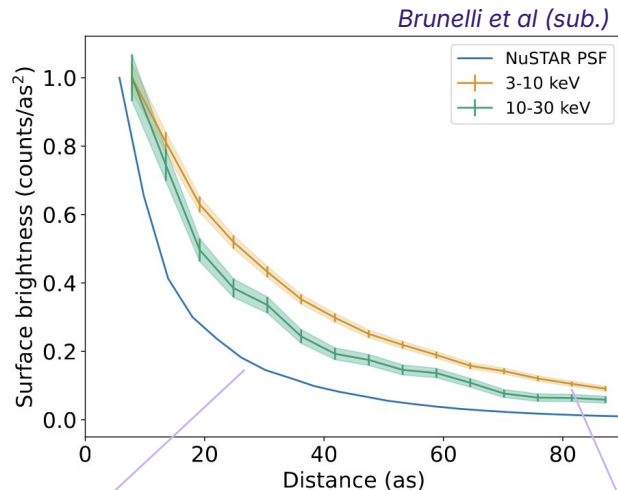


Stay tuned for
the paper

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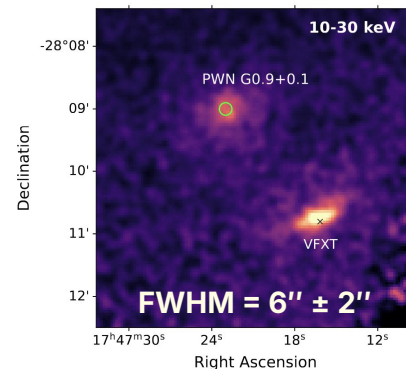
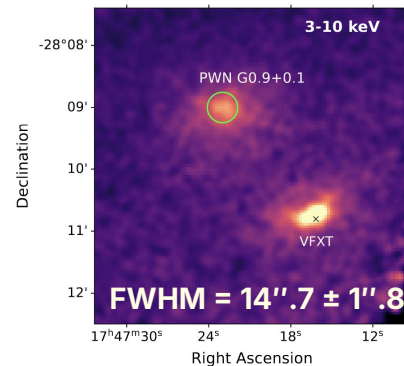
BACKUP

PWN G0.9+0.1 is affected by synchrotron burnoff

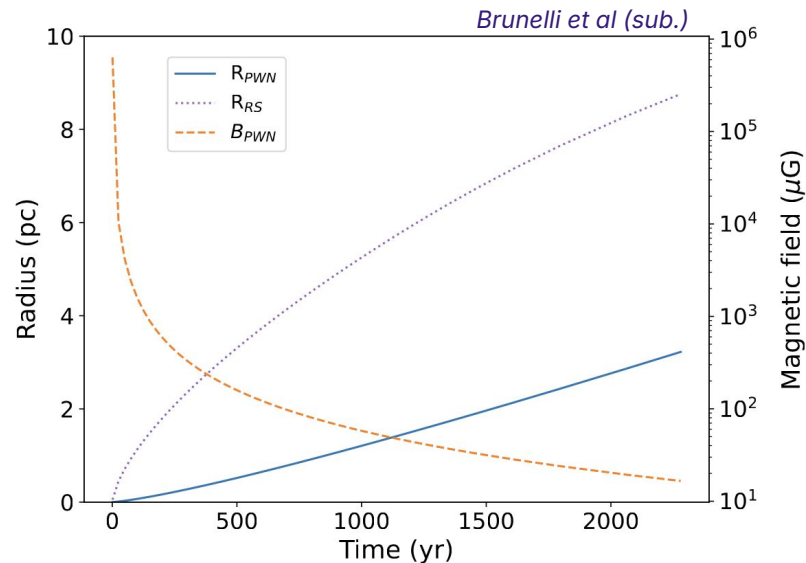
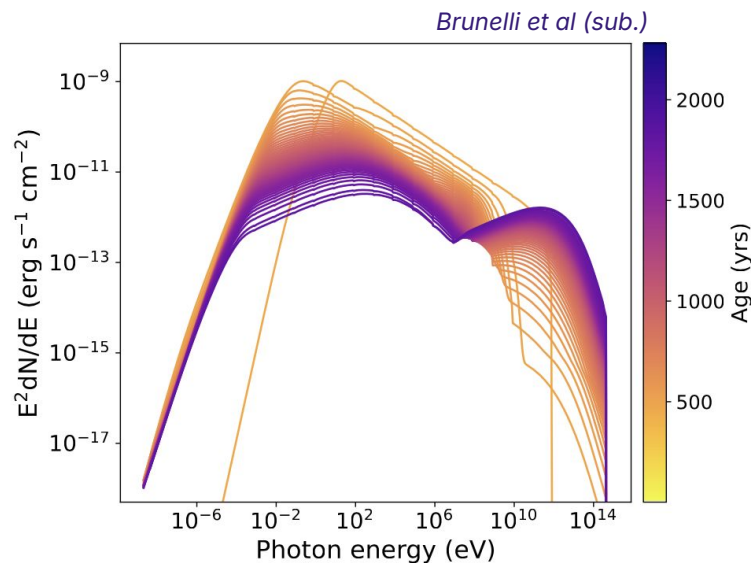


Extended source

More extended at
3-10 keV

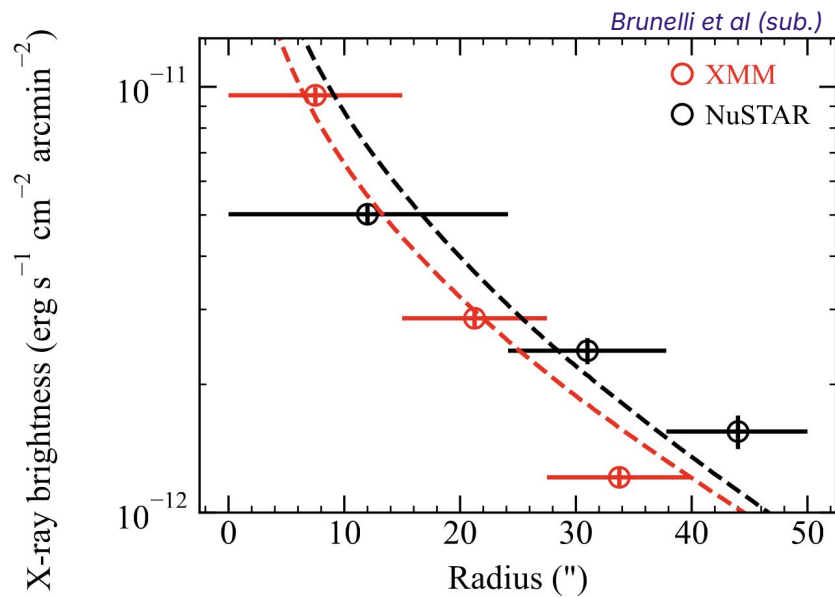
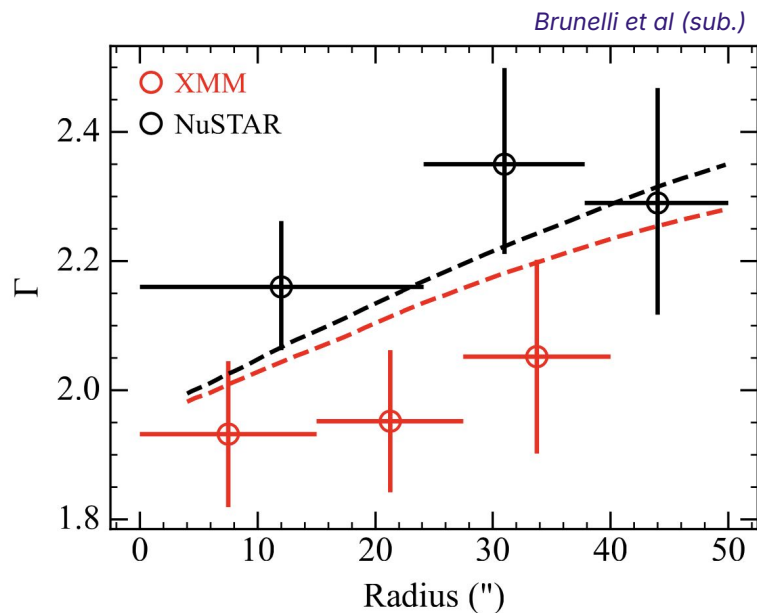


SED evolution for the one-zone model



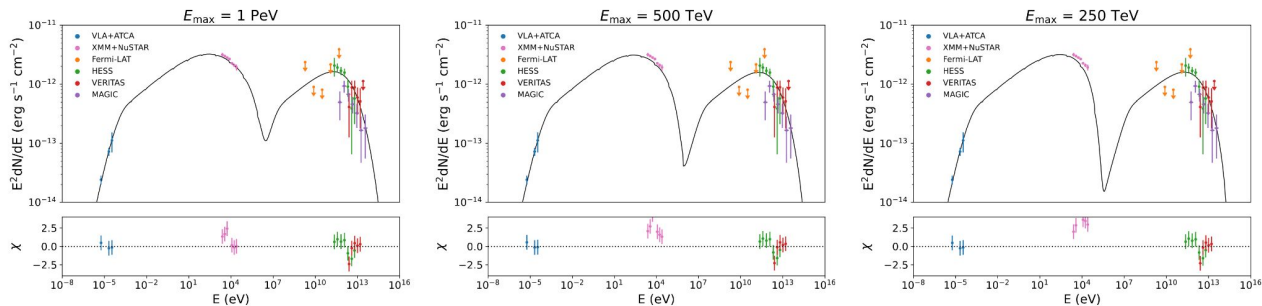
$R_{\text{RS}} > R_{\text{PWN}}$: no interaction with SNR

X-ray radial profiles for the multi-zone model

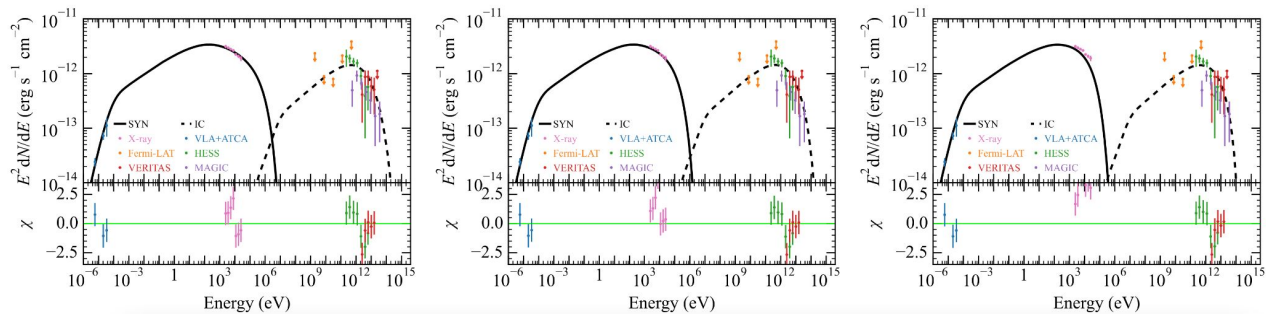


Decreasing $E_{\max}$ in the model

One-zone model

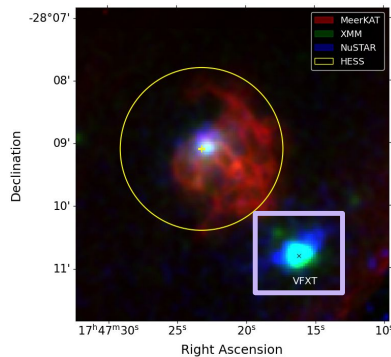


Multi-zone model



Progressively worse residuals

Renewed activity from XMMU J174716.1-281048

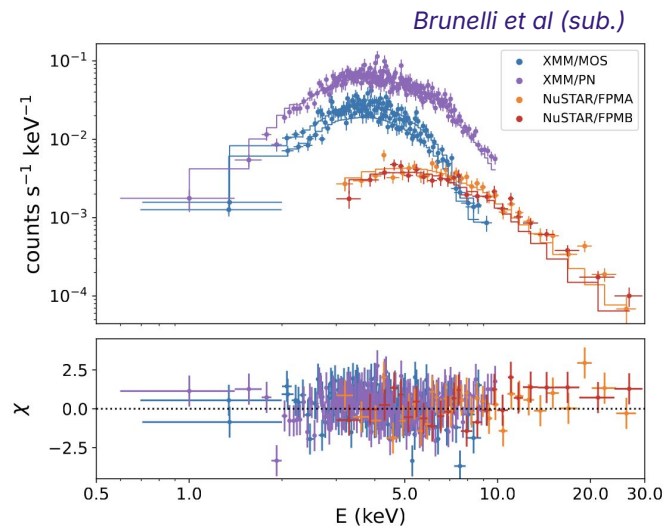


Quiescent state:
 $L_{2-10 \text{ keV}} (2015) \leq 4.6 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$

- 1) First detection in 10–30 keV
- 2) $L_{3-10 \text{ keV}} (\text{NuSTAR}) = (3.2 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{34} \text{ erg/s}$
→ XMM 2003: $L_{3-10 \text{ keV}} = (3.4 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{34} \text{ erg/s}$



The source is possibly back in outburst



Joint XMM+NuSTAR spectrum:
 $\Gamma = 2.07 \pm 0.07 (0.5-30 \text{ keV})$