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ABSTRACT

The Large Area Telescope on board the *Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope* has revolutionized the detection and identification of gamma-ray emitting astrophysical objects since the launch of *Fermi* in 2008. Gamma-rays are the highest energy photons observed in the universe and our understanding of objects that emit gamma-rays is essential to our understanding of physics at its greatest limits. The 1FGL, 2FGL, and 3FGL *Fermi* catalogs outline the identification of over 2000 gamma-ray emitting objects such as blazars and pulsars, but there still remains many unassociated objects in the *Fermi* catalogs. In this thesis we attempt to statistically show associations of these *Fermi* unassociated objects in the 1FGL and 2FGL catalogs by utilizing data mining and machine learning techniques to find distinct separations in the properties of known blazars and pulsars. Our analysis is unique in that we will be utilizing known X-ray fluxes for the unassociated objects observed by the *Swift* X-ray Telescope in addition to the gamma-ray properties available in the *Fermi* catalogs. Our analysis shows distinct separations in the gamma-ray properties of known blazars and pulsars when compared to X-ray flux and we were able to suggest possible associations to 136 previously unassociated *Fermi* objects.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

With the launch of OSO 3 in 1967 the detection and identification of gamma-ray emitting objects (Kraushaar et al., 1972) has been at the forefront of high-energy astrophysical research. Gamma-rays constitute the highest energy band of the electromagnetic spectrum and typically have energy greater than approximately 100 keV. Gamma-ray emitting objects are particularly interesting because they push the limits of physics and therefore our understanding of how these objects emit such high-energy light is essential to our understanding of physics as a whole. Identification of these high-energy gamma-ray detections with real astrophysical sources has typically been difficult due the relatively small amount gamma-ray photons that reach orbiting or ground based detectors, which results in large positional errors in their measured locations. Early gamma-ray detectors, such as COS-B (Bignami et al., 1975) and EGRET, on board the *Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory* (Thompson et al., 1993), also had a large amount of spurious detections as was determined by follow-up observations.

The *Fermi* Gamma-ray Space Telescope (Atwood et al., 2009), launched on 2008 June 11 initially as the *Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope* (GLAST), revolutionized the detection and identification of these high-energy gamma-ray sources. The primary instrument on board *Fermi*, its Large Area Telescope (LAT; Atwood et al., 2009) is often considered a successor to EGRET. The *Fermi*-LAT is sensitive to photons with energies that range from 100 MeV to about

300 GeV, which is much more sensitive than EGRET or any of the other gamma-ray detectors were able to observe.

The *Fermi*-LAT has been surveying the entire sky since its launch in 2008 and due to its deep and uniform exposures, good angular resolution relative to other gamma-ray detectors, and stable response, it is the perfect tool for analyzing a large number of gamma-ray emitting sources. To date there have been three *Fermi* catalogs listing the gamma-ray sources detected and offering possible associations for the observed objects when possible. The *Fermi*-LAT First Source Catalog (1FGL; Abdo et al., 2010b) reports a detection of 1451 gamma-ray emitting objects during the first 11 months of the science phase of the mission. The *Fermi*-LAT Second Source Catalog (2FGL; Nolan et al., 2012) reports a detection of 1873 gamma-ray emitting objects during the first 24 months of the science phase of the mission. The most recently released *Fermi* catalog, the Third Source Catalog (3FGL; Acero et al., 2015) reports a detection of 3033 gamma-ray emitting objects during the first four years of the science phase of the mission.

Of the 1451 gamma-ray detections reported in the 1FGL catalog, 821 objects were shown to be associated with a possible counterparts based on correlated variability at other wavelengths, or on spin or orbital periodicity, while 630 objects remained unassociated. Of the 821 1FGL objects associated with a counterpart, 698 were extragalactic in origin and 123 were Galactic. For the 2FGL catalog 575 objects were unassociated and for the 3FGL catalog 992 objects were unassociated with similar percentages compared to the 1FGL catalog to objects being galactic versus extragalactic. The extragalactic objects observed in all the catalogs were typically associated with an Active Galactic Nucleus (AGN), in particular a blazar, whereas the Galactic objects were typically associated with pulsars. The physical processes for blazars and pulsars that result in the emission of gamma-rays are discussed in more detail below.

The purpose of this thesis is to investigate the parameter space of *Fermi* variables with an emphasis on observed X-ray flux to determine what variables are dominant in discriminating the known blazars and pulsars. This type of statistical analysis, sometimes referred to as data mining and machine learning, has been attempted in the past with the 1FGL and 2FGL data (Ackermann et al. 2012; Mirabal et al. 2012; Hassan et al. 2013; Doert & Errando 2014) and has shown success. In our data mining and machine learning analysis we further constrain the unassociated *Fermi* objects by utilizing X-ray data from the *Swift* X-ray Telescope (XRT; Burrows et al., 2005). This additional constraint of X-ray data has never been included in past attempts at associating the *Fermi* unassociated sources. By applying X-ray data to the observed gamma-ray *Fermi* properties, our data mining and machine learning techniques will be much stronger and provide greater confidence in calculated results.

Blazars are a class of AGNs that have their relativistic jet pointed in a direction that is close Earth's line of sight. The spectral energy distribution (SED) of blazars consists of two distinct components that result in large bumps in the SED with the first typically due to X-ray photons and the second due to the gamma-ray photons (Abdo et al., 2010a). This first bump in the SED due to X-ray flux is typically modeled as being from synchrotron emission as electrons are accelerated along the relativistic jet of the blazar. The gamma-ray bump is typically modeled as being from inverse Compton emission, with seed photons sometimes from synchrotron emission. An example of the blazar SED can be seen in Figure 1 below.

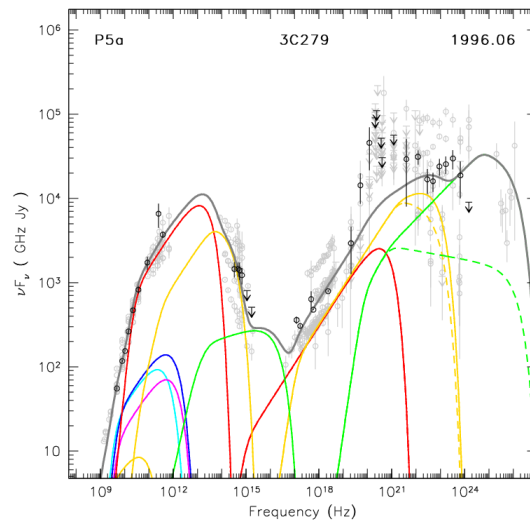


Figure 1: Spectral energy distribution of 3C279 (Türler & Björnsson 2011)

Pulsars are rapidly rotating neutron stars that can sometimes rotate faster than once every millisecond. As with the blazars, pulsars also show a distinct double hump in their SED with the X-rays typically modeled due to synchrotron radiation and gamma-rays are modeled by what is called “synchro –curvature radiation” (Zhang & Cheng 2003).

The emissions of X-ray and gamma-ray emission in blazars and pulsars has been shown to be correlated on multiple occasions (Catanese et al., 1997; Pian et al., 1998; Sambruna et al., 2000; Donnarumma et al., 2009). This correlation between X-rays and gamma-rays in astrophysical processes has motivated our introduction of X-ray data to the *Fermi* data because it would have a strong impact on finding separations in the sources.

For our analysis, we compare plots of the different observed variables provided in the *Fermi* catalog as well as our X-ray data in the search for distinctions between the known blazars and pulsars, which we refer to as our training sets. On each of our plots we over plot the unassociated objects, or the test set, in the search for possible associations. These plots can then be systematically compared through machine learning techniques such as principal component

analysis (PCA), classification trees (CT) techniques, and in our case k-nearest neighbor tests (KNN) to associate the unassociated objects whenever possible.

This thesis will help aid in the decision of future observations of unassociated *Fermi* objects in the search for counterparts by allowing observers to know what objects they are likely to find counterparts for. The *Fermi*-LAT is discussed in more detail in Chapter 2, the *Swift*-XRT is outlined in Chapter 3, our data set that includes the training sets and test set is outlined in Chapter 4, our methodology for association that includes the data mining techniques utilized is discussed in Chapter 5, the results from our data mining analysis which includes relevant plots is included in Chapter 6, and our conclusion that includes a discussion on the implication of the results is included in Chapter 7. We also provide relevant figures in Appendix A and Appendix B at the end of this thesis.

Chapter 2

The *Fermi* Large Area Telescope

The *Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope* (*Fermi*; Atwood et al., 2009, Figure 2) was a major technological advancement in the study of the highest energy band of the electromagnetic spectrum: gamma-rays. The main operator of *Fermi* is NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy with major contributions from the French National Center for Space Studies (CNES), the German Aerospace Center (DLR), the Italian Space Agency (ISA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), and the Swedish National Space Board (SNSB), thus making it an international and multi-agency collaboration. The *Fermi* science mission is controlled out of NASA Goddard and began its planned ten-year science mission in 2008.



Figure 2: This image shows an artist interpretation of *Fermi* in Earth orbit via NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Fermi consists of two science instruments: its primary instrument, the Large Area Telescope (LAT; Atwood et al., 2009), and the Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM; Meegan et al., 2009). Together these instruments have mapped the gamma-ray sky and significantly increased

our understanding of the physical processes behind the observed gamma-ray emitting objects such as AGNs, pulsars, pulsar wind nebulae (PWN), and gamma-ray bursts.

The primary focus of the GBM is the detection and analysis of gamma-ray bursts throughout the universe. The GBM is unique in that it can observe these gamma-ray bursts from part of the energy range observed by the LAT as well as collecting information all the way down to the hard X-ray range. The GBM performs this analysis through the use of a primary objective to extend the range that bursts are observed and a secondary objective to orient the spacecraft to the burst location.

The LAT (Figure 3) is a gamma-ray telescope with a wide field of view that can detect photons in the 20 MeV to 300 GeV range. This wide field of view, that is approximately 2.4 steradians in size or about 20% of the sky, allows the LAT to observe the entire sky every three hours. This constant observation of the gamma-ray sky allows astronomers to measure how many gamma-ray emitting objects evolve over time and thus get a greater understanding of the physical processes at work.

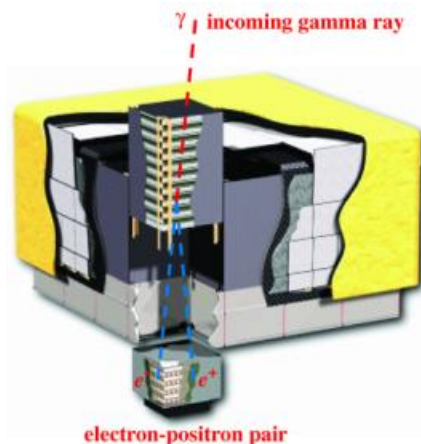


Figure 3: Fermi-LAT cutaway showing how the gamma-rays are detected. [Atwood et al., 2009]

The LAT is specifically a pair-conversion telescope, which means that it allows gamma-rays to impact its surface to create electron-positron pairs and then uses a detector to observe the

pair production rather than the gamma-ray itself. This aspect of the telescope and other gamma-ray detectors differs from the common perception of a telescope because gamma-rays cannot be simply reflected or refracted and thus must be measured in this manner. The LAT also has a precision tracker and calorimeter consisting of a 4×4 array of 16 modules, a segmented anticoincidence detector that covers the tracker array, and a programmable trigger and data acquisition system. The arrangement of the calorimeter modules as discussed in Atwood et al., 2009 provide longitudinal and transverse information about the energy pattern in the electron-positron pairs, which gives precise location detections of the gamma-ray emitting objects. The aspect ratio of the LAT tracker is 0.4, which allows for the large field of view and allows the highest detection of pair conversion events.

Fermi has been extremely successful since its launch and has significantly expanded our knowledge of the gamma-ray sky. As the *Fermi* team continues to observe deeper and deeper into the gamma-ray sky (Figure 4) and creates catalogs in addition to the 1FGL, 2FGL, and 3FGL catalogs our understanding of the physical processes behind these objects will become much more clear. Utilizing the *Fermi* data in multi-wavelength analyses such as the one we are doing in this thesis will become essential to gaining a complete understanding of the universe.

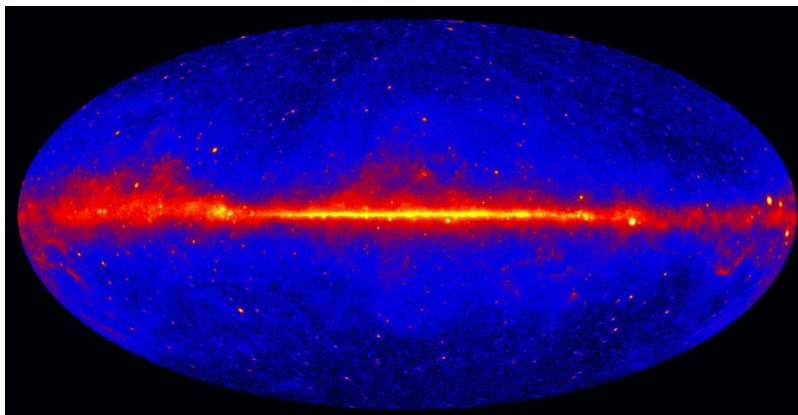


Figure 4: This image shows the distribution of gamma-ray emitting objects throughout space is known as the 3FGL all sky map, with the line through the center signifying the galactic plane. [Acero et al., 2015]

Chapter 3

The *Swift* X-ray Telescope

The *Swift* X-ray telescope (XRT; Burrows et al., 2005; Figure 5, right) is one of the three primary instruments on board the *Swift* Gamma-Ray Explorer (Gehrels et al., 2004; Figure 5). *Swift* was launched into orbit on 20 November 2004 and along with the XRT consists of the Burst Alert Telescope (BAT; Barthelmy et al., 2004) and the Ultraviolet/Optical Telescope (UVOT; Roming et al., 2005). NASA and its Goddard Space Flight Center in addition to agencies in the United States, Italy, and the United Kingdom developed the mission. The primary mission of *Swift* is the detection and quick multi-wavelength observation of gamma ray bursts to help explain the physical processes behind these high-energy processes. The mission control center is operated at the Pennsylvania State University, who was a major contributor to the launch of the spacecraft.

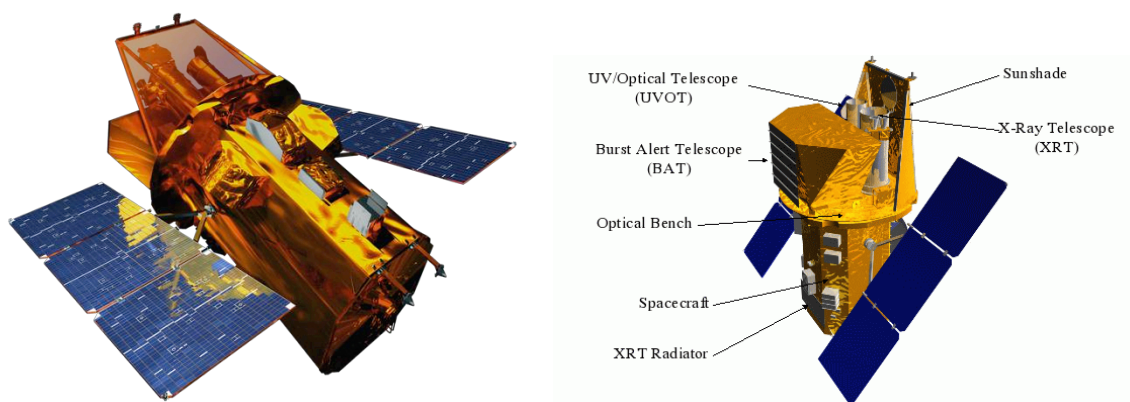


Figure 5: The *Swift* Gamma Ray Burst Explorer (left) with instruments labeled (right) [images via NASA]

In particular, the XRT is an X-ray imaging spectrometer sensitive to photons in the 0.2-10.0 keV energy range. The XRT is able to observe photons in this band through the use of a grazing incidence Wolter I telescope to focus X-rays onto a thermoelectrically cooled CCD as

discussed in Burrows et al., 2005. The set-up and diagram of the XRT and the path it takes to observe the X-rays is shown in Figure 6 below. The field of view of the XRT is 23.6×23.6 arc minutes and it has an angular resolution of 18 arc seconds. The XRT uses two timing modes to obtain light curves of the observed objects and resulting X-ray fluxes, window timing (WT) mode and photon counting (PC) mode. These modes are discussed in depth in Burrows et al. 2005.

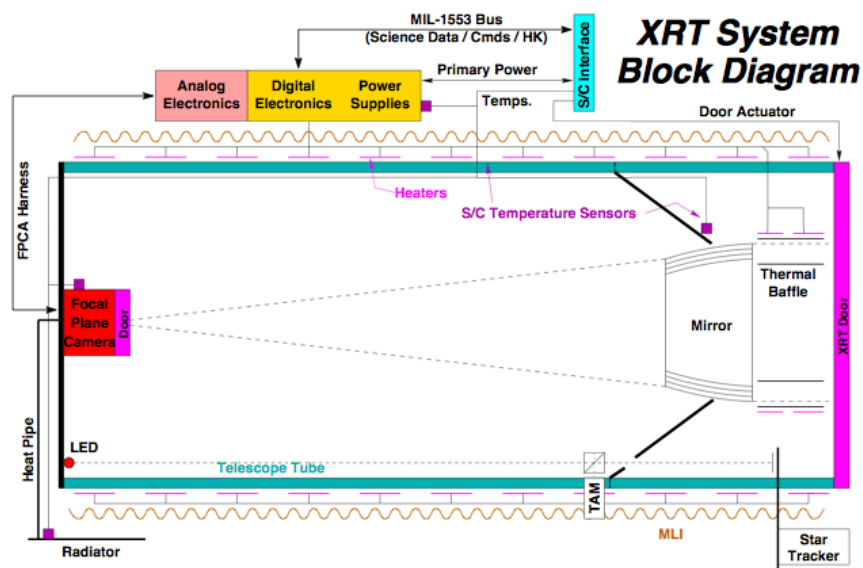


Figure 6: Block diagram of the XRT that shows the X-ray photon path to the detector (Burrows et al., 2005).

Since its launch the XRT has aided in the detection and identification of X-ray emitting objects throughout the universe. Due to its high sensitivity and the ability to monitor many of the *Fermi* objects throughout its mission, the *Swift*-XRT is the perfect instrument to utilize for our multi-wavelength X-ray analysis of the *Fermi* unassociated sources.

Chapter 4

The Data

The multivariate dataset was compiled using various public datasets and papers listing the X-ray and gamma-ray properties of the analyzed sources. The data were divided into three major categories: the known blazars and known pulsars that established the two training sets of data to be applied to our data mining methods and the list of unassociated 1FGL and 2FGL *Fermi* sources that established the test set of data. The blazar training set tested against the 1FGL excesses was compiled dependent on what sources in Third Catalog of Active Galactic Nuclei (3LAC; Ackermann et al., 2015) had a listed X-ray flux and additionally were listed in the 1FGL catalog. The blazar training set used to test against the 2FGL notable excesses was compiled dependent on what sources in the 3LAC catalog had a listed X-ray flux and additionally were listed in the 2FGL catalog. The pulsar training set was compiled by searching through the literature for follow up observations of known 1FGL or 2FGL pulsars that also had a determined X-ray flux. The *Fermi* unassociated test set was compiled by utilizing the *Swift*-XRT Survey of Unassociated *Fermi* Sources database (Stroh & Falcone 2013) available at <http://www.swift.psu.edu/unassociated/>. Our overall dataset that includes all the blazars, pulsars, and unassociated objects lists the observed X-ray flux dependent on the type of object as well as the following variables from the *Fermi* catalogs: Fermi name, gamma-ray flux greater than 1 GeV, spectral index, curvature index for 1FGL objects or curvature significance for 2FGL objects, and variability index. The tables that list all the properties can be found in Table 1 and Table 2. The specific data sets are discussed in more detail below.

The Blazar Training Set

The 3LAC catalog is a comprehensive dataset of 1591 AGN detected by the *Fermi*-LAT and listed in the 3FGL catalog. The 3LAC catalog lists many multi-wavelength properties, when known, of the 3FGL sources, including X-ray flux in the 0.1-2.4 keV band. Of the 1591 AGN listed in the 3LAC catalog, 98% are blazars, thus making this dataset perfect for our analysis.

In compiling the blazar training set that we would use for our analysis we had to systematically check that an X-ray flux was known for the listed 3FGL object in the 3LAC catalog and that the object was also observed in the 1FGL or 2FGL catalog so that we can apply the proper analysis to our list of unassociated sources, which is discussed in the Analysis chapter. After applying these systematic checks, our blazar training set consists of 401 known blazars observed in the 1FGL catalog and 518 known blazars observed in the 2FGL catalog.

The Pulsar Training Set

In compiling the pulsar training set we performed a literature search looking for known pulsars that are in the 1FGL or 2FGL catalog and also have a known X-ray flux. We found 20 pulsars in total that matched our criteria and compiled these sources as our pulsar training set. The specific pulsars that make up our training set include: 1FGL J0106.7+4853, 1FGL J1312.6+0048, 1FGL J2043.2+1709a, 1FGL J2043+1709b, and 1FGL J2302.8+4443 (Takahashi et al., 2012); 1FGL J0614.1-3328, 1FGL J1231.1-1410, and 1FGL J2214.8+3002 (Ransom et al., 2011); 1FGL J2017.3+0603 (Cognard et al., 2011); 1FGL J0622.2+3751, 1FGL J1620.8-4928c,

1FGL J1746.7–3233, 1FGL J1803.1–2147c, 1FGL J2030.9+4411, 1FGL J2111.3+4607, and 1FGL J2139.9+4715 (Pletsch et al., 2012); 1FGL J2030.0+3641 (Camilo et al., 2012); 1FGL J0101.0-6423 (Kerr et al., 2012); 1FGL J1311.7-3429 (Kataoka et al., 2012); 1FGL J1653.6-0158 (Romani et al., 2014).

The authors for each of the pulsar papers reported the determined X-ray fluxes of each of the pulsars in bands other than the 0.1-2.4 keV band used by the 3LAC catalog. The Ransom et al., Cognard et al., Camilo et al., Kerr et al., Kataoka et al., and Romani et al. papers all reported their X-ray fluxes in the 0.5-8.0 keV band. The Takahashi et al. paper reported the X-ray flux in the 2-10 keV band and the Pletsch et al. reported the X-ray flux in the 0.3-10.0 keV band. Therefore, in order to perform a proper comparison of the X-ray fluxes for our entire dataset we had to convert the fluxes from the reported bands to the 0.1-2.4 keV band.

The conversion of X-ray flux from the reported energy band to the 0.1-2.4 keV band was performed by utilizing PIMMS version 4.7d (Mukai 1993), which is available through NASA's HEASARC tools. PIMMS allows its users to convert known flux or count rates in many telescopes to source flux. In order to do the best possible conversion from the reported X-ray band to the 0.1-2.4 keV band we had to input a model parameter to PIMMS in addition to the neutral Hydrogen column density towards the observed pulsar. Some authors did not report a model parameter or an observed column density. When a model parameter was not reported, a power law model was assumed with a photon index of 2.0. If the galactic nH was also not reported we utilized the nH Column Density tool that was also available through NASA's HEASARC tools in order to approximate the galactic nH towards the observed pulsar. In our flux conversion we used the "Weighted average nH" reported by the LAB Survey of Galactic HI (Kalberla et al., 2005) of the nH Column Density HEASARC tool.

The Unassociated Test Set

The unassociated test set consists of unassociated 1FGL and 2FGL objects that were also observed with the *Swift*-XRT and made publically available on the *Swift*-XRT survey of *Fermi* unassociated sources (Stroh & Falcone, 2013). The unassociated sources were split into two separate datasets: 1FGL notable excesses and 2FGL notable excesses. A notable excess was defined as a source detected by *Swift* that was within the 95% *Fermi* position confidence region of an unassociated *Fermi* source and had a signal to noise (SNR) ratio greater than 4.0. For the 1FGL objects, there was also an additional constraint of excesses being at least 5° from the galactic plane. Our unassociated test set consists of 191 total objects with 125 1FGL notable excesses and 66 2FGL notable excesses. There are 83 unique 1FGL unassociated objects amongst the 1FGL notable excesses and 53 unique 2FGL unassociated objects amongst 2FGL notable excesses. The reason that not all of 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses are not unique *Fermi* unassociated sources is because there are sometimes multiple notable *Swift* excesses detected within a single *Fermi* field of view.

As with the pulsar data, the X-ray flux for the unassociated sources was not measured using the 0.1-2.4 keV band. The *Swift*-XRT instead measured a flux count rate in the 0.2-10.0 keV band. We therefore had to utilize the PIMMS tool again to obtain an approximated flux in the proper energy band. Neither spectral indices nor nH column density were known for the unassociated sources so we assumed a power law model with a spectral index of 2.0 and utilized the nH column density HEASARC tool to approximate the flux in the proper band. This approximation can obviously bring up some systematic errors within the analysis but we found that the errors with changing spectral index or column density to within reasonable amounts did not have a large impact on the approximated 0.1-2.4 keV X-ray flux. The 1FGL and 2FGL

notable excesses that comprised the test set of data, along with their properties are displayed

below in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: 1FGL unassociated notable Swift excesses. X-ray flux units are in erg/cm²/s in the 0.1-2.4 keV range. Gamma flux is flux greater than 1 GeV in units of photons/cm²/s. Spectral index, curvature index, and variability index is that specified by Fermi. The SNR is the SOSTA value observed by Swift and available on the Swift unassociated site.

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	X-ray Flux	Gamma Flux	Spectral Index	Curvature Index	Variability Index	SNR
J0001.9-4158	J000132.8-415522	2.17E-12	5.26E-10	1.9227	4.232092	8.765109	18.780
J0003.1+6227	J000340.2+622526	4.90E-13	2.14E-09	2.5273	19.4988	15.191000	5.927
J0009.1+5031	J000922.4+503031	4.52E-13	1.28E-09	2.4103	1.330319	12.629790	5.411
J0131.2+6121	J013106.8+612035	1.21E-11	3.58E-09	2.2681	4.012742	7.205684	19.120
J0137.8+5814	J013750.3+581411	1.39E-11	1.43E-09	2.3940	4.08378	5.172387	27.220
J0143.9-5845	J014347.4-584552	1.67E-11	1.15E-09	1.9502	3.03556	5.867749	43.730
J0212.3+5319	J021210.5+532136	1.02E-12	2.49E-09	2.3862	4.527422	14.915820	8.437
J0223.0-1118	J022314.3-111739	1.35E-12	8.68E-10	1.5143	0.3739	5.102208	12.160
J0316.3-6438	J031614.1-643730	5.77E-12	6.74E-10	2.0332	0.5256731	6.205753	32.720
J0335.5-4501	J033513.7-445943	4.22E-13	6.89E-10	2.1224	4.373764	7.863986	6.934
J0409.9-0357	J040946.6-040000	2.73E-13	7.32E-10	2.1886	1.238775	12.140630	5.132
J0430.3+3511c	J043041.1+351353	2.01E-12	1.28E-09	2.5166	7.365446	11.928750	10.790
J0430.3+3511c	J043000.9+351723	1.42E-12	1.28E-09	2.5166	7.365446	11.928750	8.899
J0430.3+3511c	J043019.3+351744	6.62E-13	1.28E-09	2.5166	7.365446	11.928750	5.954
J0430.3+3511c	J043013.7+351339	5.36E-13	1.28E-09	2.5166	7.365446	11.928750	4.469
J0430.3+3511c	J043103.5+350915	3.52E-13	1.28E-09	2.5166	7.365446	11.928750	4.272
J0521.6+0103	J052141.2+010251	9.53E-14	6.37E-10	2.1135	1.778347	7.543861	5.343
J0521.6+0103	J052153.10+005936	8.91E-14	6.37E-10	2.1135	1.778347	7.543861	5.182
J0521.6+0103	J052203.0+010552	8.22E-14	6.37E-10	2.1135	1.778347	7.543861	5.117
J0523.5-2529	J052316.5-252737	1.37E-13	2.61E-09	2.2121	12.06014	10.288270	6.006
J0523.5-2529	J052323.9-252731	8.78E-14	2.61E-09	2.2121	12.06014	10.288270	4.777
J0534.7-0531c	J053456.5-053136	1.86E-12	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	10.850
J0534.7-0531c	J053427.7-053154	9.29E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	7.852
J0534.7-0531c	J053434.0-052821	9.14E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	7.743
J0534.7-0531c	J053503.5-052952	6.70E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	6.372
J0534.7-0531c	J053440.1-052642	6.00E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	6.119
J0534.7-0531c	J053455.8-052916	5.11E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	5.333
J0534.7-0531c	J053435.2-053210	4.31E-13	2.98E-09	2.3671	12.99037	4.604013	5.074
J0536.2-0607c	J053631.4-060826	4.53E-13	2.32E-09	2.3409	6.082151	3.350236	4.641
J0536.2-0607c	J053622.3-060228	3.71E-13	2.32E-09	2.3409	6.082151	3.350236	4.209
J0605.3+3800	J060503.5+375738	3.64E-13	1.26E-09	1.9899	3.216397	4.518563	4.518

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J0648.8+1516	J064847.6+151623	2.00E-11	1.76E-09	1.8074	1.088437	7.142142	59.980
J0659.9+1303	J070014.3+130423	8.35E-13	6.00E-10	2.1063	2.183354	3.653571	7.631
J0734.7-1557	J073437.6-155612	1.06E-12	3.95E-09	2.3943	14.70003	6.582773	8.687
J0744.1-2523	J074346.6-252510	1.08E-13	3.01E-09	2.3123	10.97605	9.339464	4.031
J0746.5-0711	J074639.8-071716	2.78E-13	8.69E-10	2.1439	2.766893	7.819942	4.149
J0823.3-4248	J082324.7-425012	1.55E-11	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	21.450
J0823.3-4248	J082334.3-424631	7.80E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	12.040
J0823.3-4248	J082336.1-424717	5.97E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	9.604
J0823.3-4248	J082328.10-425136	4.69E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	7.954
J0823.3-4248	J082341.1-425050	4.82E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	7.705
J0823.3-4248	J082328.1-424354	3.36E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	7.531
J0823.3-4248	J082304.7-425214	3.58E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	7.332
J0823.3-4248	J082310.1-425001	3.81E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	7.330
J0823.3-4248	J082317.9-424933	3.63E-12	6.90E-09	1.9986	32.05555	12.345980	5.871
J0838.6-2828	J083843.4-282701	4.35E-12	1.22E-09	2.1213	8.053023	12.022430	36.310
J0841.4-3558	J084121.7-355507	9.41E-12	1.31E-09	1.7620	1.197991	10.546810	21.780
J0841.4-3558	J084121.3-355715	4.16E-12	1.31E-09	1.7620	1.197991	10.546810	13.190
J0848.6+0504	J084839.6+050620	1.85E-12	7.57E-10	1.2406	0.5186078	1.871207	13.350
J0849.4-2912	J084900.10-291149	3.59E-13	8.61E-10	2.0753	1.418967	7.611750	5.194
J0908.7-2119	J090858.6-211852	1.32E-12	8.30E-10	2.1991	12.73658	4.541736	9.329
J0922.0+2337	J092145.2+233547	2.20E-13	9.33E-10	1.6620	0.8194752	2.148683	4.606
J1033.5-5033	J103332.4-503526	1.77E-12	1.02E-09	1.5248	0.792316	4.889848	10.400
J1040.5+0616	J104031.7+061722	2.87E-13	1.32E-09	2.5618	2.921882	24.957610	9.050
J1040.5+0616	J104039.4+061523	1.67E-13	1.32E-09	2.5618	2.921882	24.957610	7.175
J1040.5+0616	J104048.4+061821	7.85E-14	1.32E-09	2.5618	2.921882	24.957610	4.691
J1040.9-1205	J104108.6-120330	4.79E-13	8.48E-10	2.1653	0.6950651	5.272589	6.461
J1040.9-1205	J104048.6-120618	2.14E-13	8.48E-10	2.1653	0.6950651	5.272589	4.346
J1110.3-1622	J111017.10-162401	2.75E-13	6.70E-10	1.9756	1.229654	3.115109	4.428
J1115.2-6124c	J111453.3-612421	4.35E-13	5.82E-09	2.2507	3.776485	9.343749	4.930
J1117.0-5339	J111715.2-533816	7.37E-13	9.05E-10	1.9453	0.7036873	6.679425	6.343
J1119.9-2205	J111959.1-220455	7.87E-14	3.04E-09	2.2400	16.85996	16.118970	8.688
J1119.9-2205	J111952.7-220637	5.99E-14	3.04E-09	2.2400	16.85996	16.118970	7.585
J1119.9-2205	J112010.2-220811	2.67E-14	3.04E-09	2.2400	16.85996	16.118970	4.707
J1119.9-2205	J112001.1-220130	2.53E-14	3.04E-09	2.2400	16.85996	16.118970	4.491
J1123.6-4555	J112355.5-455019	3.52E-13	8.88E-10	2.3650	1.708008	6.486578	5.013
J1141.8-1403	J114141.7-140755	2.54E-12	6.70E-10	2.0815	0.9335002	5.835430	19.660
J1221.4-0635	J122127.2-062847	2.64E-13	9.04E-10	2.6166	1.746582	11.876750	9.401

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J1223.4-3034	J122336.9-303250	2.93E-12	1.27E-09	2.2164	2.88252	2.992682	11.510
J1226.0+2954	J122608.3+295942	2.69E-13	1.18E-09	2.0544	4.342566	7.076197	4.910
J1227.9-4852	J122758.7-485342	8.00E-12	3.41E-09	2.4468	8.41156	3.753376	93.010
J1227.9-4852	J122724.8-485555	7.48E-14	3.41E-09	2.4468	8.41156	3.753376	7.979
J1227.9-4852	J122742.9-485225	3.95E-14	3.41E-09	2.4468	8.41156	3.753376	4.958
J1227.9-4852	J122823.1-485038	3.44E-14	3.41E-09	2.4468	8.41156	3.753376	4.809
J1240.3-7154	J124021.4-714858	1.42E-11	1.56E-09	2.2795	3.412898	8.134727	34.810
J1249.3-2812	J124919.4-280832	1.71E-12	7.88E-10	1.6434	0.5035008	3.491324	12.260
J1250.9-4940	J125058.8-494447	2.84E-13	1.05E-09	2.2454	3.955786	8.345318	4.558
J1256.1-5922	J125605.9-591941	3.59E-13	1.33E-09	2.2175	2.418205	3.898082	4.340
J1258.3+2125	J125821.5+212351	6.07E-13	6.50E-10	1.2970	0.4770743	1.136436	7.691
J1306.4-6038	J130601.9-603358	5.75E-13	4.22E-09	2.2532	13.23737	14.388900	5.658
J1322.1+0838	J132210.2+084231	4.31E-13	6.35E-10	2.0882	3.180147	14.238570	8.811
J1322.1+0838	J132222.9+084320	1.09E-13	6.35E-10	2.0882	3.180147	14.238570	4.028
J1340.5-0413	J134042.1-041008	7.45E-13	8.87E-10	1.8102	3.774195	10.481030	11.150
J1353.6-6640	J135339.10-664000	6.71E-12	1.52E-09	2.3373	2.657531	4.244449	16.530
J1412.6+7406	J141234.9+741158	2.03E-13	5.42E-10	2.7086	3.901942	10.419220	5.634
J1419.7+7731	J141901.2+773228	2.75E-12	5.03E-10	1.8785	0.6651357	6.101304	16.920
J1446.8-4702	J144719.8-470102	1.12E-13	1.72E-09	2.4204	5.033468	3.565653	4.082
J1511.8-0513	J151148.6-051347	1.79E-11	1.42E-09	2.3049	1.889656	10.224640	39.470
J1511.8-0513	J151200.1-051528	3.14E-13	1.42E-09	2.3049	1.889656	10.224640	4.885
J1511.9-2253	J151212.8-225506	1.03E-12	6.98E-10	2.1743	3.453869	2.638998	9.191
J1511.9-2253	J151137.1-225744	3.94E-13	6.98E-10	2.1743	3.453869	2.638998	5.283
J1539.0-3328	J153924.7-332839	6.51E-14	3.58E-09	1.8901	28.07603	10.547450	7.806
J1539.0-3328	J153900.6-332702	2.56E-14	3.58E-09	1.8901	28.07603	10.547450	4.312
J1549.7-0659	J154952.1-065908	4.69E-12	1.46E-09	2.2374	3.467695	3.727824	18.670
J1625.8-2429c	J162558.1-243029	6.41E-13	4.90E-09	2.2534	11.08445	4.213712	5.491
J1639.5-5152	J163926.3-514933	5.73E-13	3.95E-09	2.5392	9.040545	14.351910	6.392
J1650.3-5410	J165043.10-540508	3.79E-13	1.14E-09	2.2396	5.644106	9.675350	4.160
J1656.2-3257	J165616.9-330211	4.79E-12	2.06E-09	2.4374	2.936643	41.435230	25.320
J1656.2-3257	J165557.8-325946	4.28E-13	2.06E-09	2.4374	2.936643	41.435230	7.359
J1816.7+4509	J181652.5+450731	2.00E-13	1.58E-09	2.3309	1.358856	10.061160	4.524
J1823.5-3454	J182338.8-345412	2.85E-11	1.78E-09	1.7007	3.009613	9.277560	43.260
J1831.5-0200c	J183126.7-020518	1.91E-12	7.20E-09	2.5194	16.73256	17.535420	12.250
J1831.5-0200c	J183113.5-020350	2.26E-13	7.20E-09	2.5194	16.73256	17.535420	4.034
J1835.3+1345	J183539.5+135048	3.20E-13	7.90E-10	2.3444	2.996214	7.119668	4.190
J1842.3-5845	J184229.10-584158	1.13E-11	5.89E-10	1.7043	5.05528	6.831230	39.070

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J1844.1+1547	J184425.4+154643	4.06E-12	1.56E-09	2.3413	6.301886	11.416170	15.000
J1857.1+0212c	J185651.5+021023	2.35E-13	1.77E-08	2.3192	45.88687	8.791679	4.458
J1933.3+0723	J193320.2+072619	4.39E-12	9.87E-10	2.3183	3.152826	6.463311	15.380
J1942.7+1033	J194247.5+103327	9.38E-12	3.43E-09	1.7753	11.98504	8.322110	20.620
J2004.8+7004	J200505.5+700437	4.90E-12	1.88E-09	1.9417	3.879144	13.035120	20.900
J2014.4+0647	J201431.1+064850	1.85E-12	9.25E-10	1.7773	0.3476834	4.990013	25.090
J2014.4+0647	J201410.9+064354	1.22E-13	9.25E-10	1.7773	0.3476834	4.990013	5.778
J2034.6-4202	J203450.8-420038	1.44E-12	9.93E-10	1.9636	2.338899	5.708535	12.180
J2037.0-3329	J203649.6-332829	3.78E-12	9.09E-10	2.0153	2.70337	4.534122	22.860
J2043.2+1709	J204312.9+171019	1.53E-13	4.51E-09	2.1287	12.03429	12.221580	5.464
J2043.2+1709	J204318.7+170755	1.46E-13	4.51E-09	2.1287	12.03429	12.221580	5.083
J2056.7+4938	J205642.7+494008	2.89E-11	1.67E-09	1.8516	1.676268	4.354281	49.790
J2058.8-3903	J205902.5-385936	2.06E-13	1.00E-09	1.6708	0.6766586	3.665547	4.269
J2104.6+2119	J210415.9+211807	6.39E-13	9.81E-10	2.1994	1.673621	9.020142	6.549
J2107.5+5202c	J210720.4+520257	1.62E-12	3.24E-09	2.5356	25.69457	8.560507	6.900
J2129.8-0427	J213008.1-043452	3.03E-13	1.05E-09	2.3299	2.124532	9.928521	8.100
J2129.8-0427	J212945.4-042910	1.45E-13	1.05E-09	2.3299	2.124532	9.928521	5.589
J2216.1+5139	J221545.9+514454	1.26E-13	1.99E-09	2.2642	6.12102	9.148273	4.662
J2257.9-3643	J225756.10-364607	1.92E-13	8.91E-10	2.0706	5.410129	2.329847	4.105
J2257.9-3643	J225814.8-364430	1.81E-13	8.91E-10	2.0706	5.410129	2.329847	4.078

Table 2: 2FGL unassociated notable Swift excesses. X-ray flux units are in erg/cm²/s in the 0.1-2.4 keV range. Gamma flux is flux greater than 1 GeV in units of photons/cm²/s. Spectral index, curvature significance, and variability index is that specified by Fermi. The SNR is the SOSTA value observed by Swift and available on the Swift unassociated site.

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J0031.0+0724	J003119.7+072451	2.66E-13	3.48E-10	1.8948	0.83	20.88069	11.64
J0031.0+0724	J003054.7+072325	3.26E-14	3.48E-10	1.8948	0.83	20.88069	4.019
J0048.8-6347	J004935.8-634745	4.98E-13	3.51E-10	2.0452	2.12	23.32265	8.674
J0116.6-6153	J011619.2-615341	1.62E-13	3.10E-10	1.6335	0.48	23.92089	4.232
J0133.4-4408	J013321.6-441314	1.50E-13	4.47E-10	2.0699	0.53	22.42753	5.056
J0200.4-4105	J020020.8-410933	3.46E-13	3.33E-10	1.8179	0.08	30.03589	7.923
J0222.7+6820	J022302.8+682157	4.94E-13	7.54E-10	2.1342	0.02	18.95654	10.45
J0226.1+0943	J022613.6+093723	6.80E-14	6.84E-10	2.1024	0.47	49.67666	5.062
J0338.2+1306	J033829.3+130215	9.49E-13	5.86E-10	1.5354	1.9	35.91702	15.17
J0353.2+5653	J035309.5+565428	3.45E-13	8.42E-10	2.1126	0.98	29.73964	8.963
J0438.0-7331	J043836.9-732920	1.62E-13	3.99E-10	1.4446	0.71	30.11527	5.092
J0458.4+0654	J045802.6+065012	3.47E-13	6.11E-10	2.4376	0.27	39.74677	9.239

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J0529.3+3821	J052939.4+382323	1.12E-13	1.00E-09	2.0907	3.06	20.80639	5.195
J0644.6+6034	J064436.1+603852	3.68E-13	8.94E-10	2.1073	0.32	32.19475	6.184
J0658.4+0633	J065845.2+063711	1.52E-13	6.56E-10	2.3129	1.36	17.65983	5.518
J0725.8-0549	J072547.5-054830	7.22E-13	4.20E-10	1.7751	0.44	25.39904	10.99
J0737.1-3235	J073713.10-323627	1.01E-13	1.33E-09	2.3341	3.14	50.94962	5.397
J0737.1-3235	J073738.9-323257	5.66E-14	1.33E-09	2.3341	3.14	50.94962	4.064
J0737.5-8246	J073705.0-824842	3.91E-13	2.80E-10	1.3492	1.76	19.56135	11.48
J0737.5-8246	J073820.2-825042	2.06E-13	2.80E-10	1.3492	1.76	19.56135	8.021
J0745.5+7910	J074513.0+791315	1.07E-13	4.08E-10	2.2291	2.37	29.28214	5.61
J0802.6-0940	J080215.9-094214	3.49E-13	5.23E-10	1.9677	0.11	21.431	7.374
J0846.7-4053	J084722.5-404736	8.86E-13	1.39E-09	2.476	3.27	41.46843	14.85
J0846.7-4053	J084636.5-410300	1.06E-13	1.39E-09	2.476	3.27	41.46843	4.736
J0859.4-2532	J085929.8-253107	5.39E-13	5.89E-10	2.064	0.05	26.9303	7.324
J0900.9+6736	J090121.6+673956	1.26E-13	4.85E-10	2.4664	1.33	34.96169	7.55
J0900.9+6736	J090110.4+674203	1.05E-13	4.85E-10	2.4664	1.33	34.96169	7.069
J0900.9+6736	J090015.5+673809	4.46E-14	4.85E-10	2.4664	1.33	34.96169	4.549
J0937.9-1434	J093754.6-143349	1.73E-13	3.99E-10	1.8932	0.98	15.4904	5.053
J0937.9-1434	J093738.2-142930	1.61E-13	3.99E-10	1.8932	0.98	15.4904	4.792
J1013.6+3434	J101351.5+343418	1.24E-13	3.48E-10	2.0919	1.57	22.42701	4.252
J1016.4-4244	J101620.7-424722	3.65E-13	5.54E-10	1.8092	1.24	32.49113	9.36
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J1038.2-2423	J103748.3-242847	1.34E-13	5.95E-10	2.3093	0.84	19.32109	4.348
J1056.2-6021	J105645.1-601939	1.63E-14	6.10E-09	2.4691	5.36	34.51778	4.402
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J1105.4-7622	J110451.2-762542	4.04E-13	7.11E-10	2.4344	0.71	16.4861	7.872
J1105.4-7622	J110409.3-762723	3.03E-13	7.11E-10	2.4344	0.71	16.4861	6.728
J1105.4-7622	J110552.1-761830	2.90E-13	7.11E-10	2.4344	0.71	16.4861	6.425
J1105.6-6114	J110506.4-611602	3.25E-14	4.98E-09	2.7139	6.4	18.45534	4.704
J1105.6-6114	J110619.3-611419	2.62E-14	4.98E-09	2.7139	6.4	18.45534	4.27
J1259.8-3749	J125949.7-374856	1.76E-13	6.38E-10	1.9097	0.1	32.74953	4.961
J1317.2-6304	J131710.7-630211	4.23E-14	5.43E-09	2.4275	5.63	19.03477	4.394
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J1424.2-1752	J142412.5-175008	5.86E-13	7.18E-10	1.9737	0.47	23.35734	11.93
J1502.1+5548	J150217.7+554512	1.71E-13	4.33E-10	2.6451	0.87	46.61092	4.194
J1617.3-5336	J161646.7-534340	1.30E-13	1.41E-09	2.5362	3.63	19.33995	4.917
J1659.2-0142	J165922.2-014110	1.45E-13	9.63E-10	2.0464	0.92	27.81754	4.318

2FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	X-ray Flux	Gamma Flux	Spectral Index	Curvature Signif.	Variability Index	SNR
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J1704.6-0529	J170433.9-052840	1.33E-12	1.36E-09	2.3498	1.85	19.92329	19.05
J1726.6-3545	J172641.8-354053	3.16E-13	4.40E-09	2.4415	6.76	29.53417	9.534
J1813.6-2821	J181357.8-282043	1.32E-13	9.69E-10	2.4276	0.99	23.43587	4.433
J1828.7+3231	J182915.5+323432	2.60E-13	6.60E-10	2.2357	3.03	20.5236	6.918
J1842.3-5839	J184230.0-584158	5.16E-12	6.08E-10	1.7896	0.59	20.16694	39.89
J1904.8-0705	J190444.5-070743	1.76E-13	1.92E-09	2.4793	3.08	22.32177	5.138
J1908.8-0132	J190843.4-012954	8.42E-14	1.37E-09	2.5998	1.21	22.71176	5.14
J1924.9-1036	J192501.5-104317	1.83E-13	1.48E-09	2.2707	2.26	14.45801	5.154
J2115.4+1213	J211522.1+121801	1.59E-13	5.21E-10	2.3795	1.47	25.30516	4.742
J2133.5-6431	J213311.2-643819	2.65E-13	7.08E-10	2.2978	3.92	15.35901	9.061
J2237.2+6316	J223704.3+632336	8.06E-14	1.36E-09	2.3917	1.32	16.82248	9.225
J2237.2+6316	J223646.1+631605	2.73E-14	1.36E-09	2.3917	1.32	16.82248	4.982
J2249.1+5758	J224907.5+580304	1.20E-13	1.10E-09	1.9907	2.16	14.71786	4.947
J2351.6-7558	J235115.10-760016	4.29E-13	4.01E-10	1.9153	2.19	20.84251	7.906

Chapter 5 Analysis

The primary goal of the analysis was to see if there was any clear distinction between the measured variables in the blazar and pulsar training sets and then use the observed separations to systematically approximate associations for the unassociated test set of data. In particular, we were analyzing our data to show that the addition of X-ray flux to *Fermi* properties can provide much greater constraints on known training set variables to provide greater confidence in association of unassociated *Fermi* objects. The motivating plot behind this additional X-ray analysis can be seen in Figure 7.

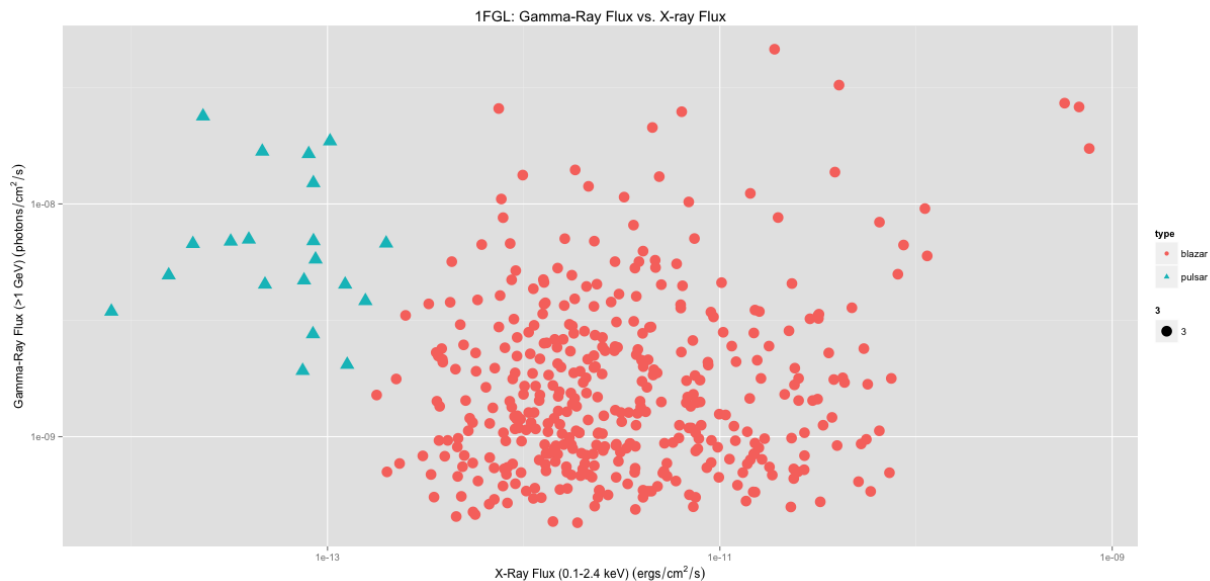


Figure 7: Plot of gamma-ray flux versus X-ray flux of known pulsars and blazars. Blazars are labeled by red circles, pulsars are labeled by blue triangles.

Figure 7, created through the use of the “ggplot2” package (Wickham, 2009) in R (R Core Team, 2014) as were similar plots in Appendix A and Appendix B, displays a clear separation in the X-ray flux versus gamma-ray properties for the training sets of the known

pulsars (blue triangles) and the known blazars (red circles). We used this information as motivation to compare the X-ray flux versus other gamma-ray properties, such as variability index, curvature index, and spectral index, made available by *Fermi* to systematically show distinctions in the pulsar and blazar training sets. This type of analysis has been done in the past with solely *Fermi* properties (Ackermann et al., 2012; Mirabal et al., 2012; Hassan et al., 2013; Doert et al., 2014) but it has never been attempted with additional X-ray properties added. From Figure 7 we can already see that our addition of X-ray flux will significantly aid in our distinction of the properties of known pulsars and blazars.

The next step of the analysis was to plot all the data in a similar fashion to Figure 7, while simultaneously over plotting the 1FGL and 2FGL test set properties to search for further separations. Once it was determined what properties created the most significant separations in the data we were able to utilize data mining techniques to approximate associations of the 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses. These plots, with 1FGL and 2FGL test set points included can be seen in Figure 8 and Figure 9, which were created with the “GGally” CRAN package (Schloerke et al., 2014). Individual plots, before the association of the 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses, of the pairs plots shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9 can be found in Appendix A. We attempted associations, in particular, through a k nearest neighbor (knn) test, performed using R. The variables that we utilized for our knn test include X-ray flux, gamma-ray flux, spectral index, and variability index for both 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses. We additionally used the curvature index for the 1FGL excesses and the curvature significance for the 2FGL excesses. All of these variables are defined in the 1FGL (Abdo et al., 2010a) and 2FGL (Nolan et al., 2012) catalogs.

A knn test is a useful and easy to understand data mining technique that finds clear separations in training sets, when present. In performing a knn test the user will plot all known

variables in scaled parameter space and then determine the distances between the training data points with the test points to associated objects. In a simple knn test, the user will define a k value that stands for the number of training set points, or nearest neighbors, to be considered. The program will then determine the association for the test set point, based on the highest type of training set points closest to the test set. For example, if I assigned a k value of 5 for my knn test and my program found that for a particular test set point in parameter space that 3 of its closest neighbors were pulsars and 2 were blazars, then my test set point would be identified as a pulsar. The program will then perform a similar analysis for the remaining test set points and find associations for each object. More accurate knn tests can be performed by weighting the nearest neighbors dependent on how close they are to the test set point in parameter space and what “nearest neighbor” rank the training set point is. We implemented this type of knn test to our analysis to obtain stronger confidence in the results.

In our analysis we specifically used the “kkn” function in R provided by the “kkn” CRAN package (Schliep & Hechenbichler, 2014). The kkn function puts weight on the training set points considered; dependent on their distance from the test set point and their rank in distance from the test set point. The kkn function also attempts to provide probabilities on the association of test set points based on these weighted results. In our analysis we considered a k value of 6 nearest neighbors and scaled the properties appropriately by utilizing the scale feature in the kkn CRAN package.

It should be noted that there are some unavoidable issues associated with knn tests when associating objects. One issue can result from a specific parameter that has much more significance in separating the objects in parameter space, thus incorrectly associating objects. This is alleviated to some extent through scaling the variables as we have in our analysis. Issues

can also arise when dealing with sparse data. If our training sets consisted of only 2 pulsars and 100 blazars, for example, all test set points would be identified as blazars because there would always be at least 4 closest neighbors that were blazars for our chosen k value of 6. These issues must be considered when discussing results and trusting reported probabilities.

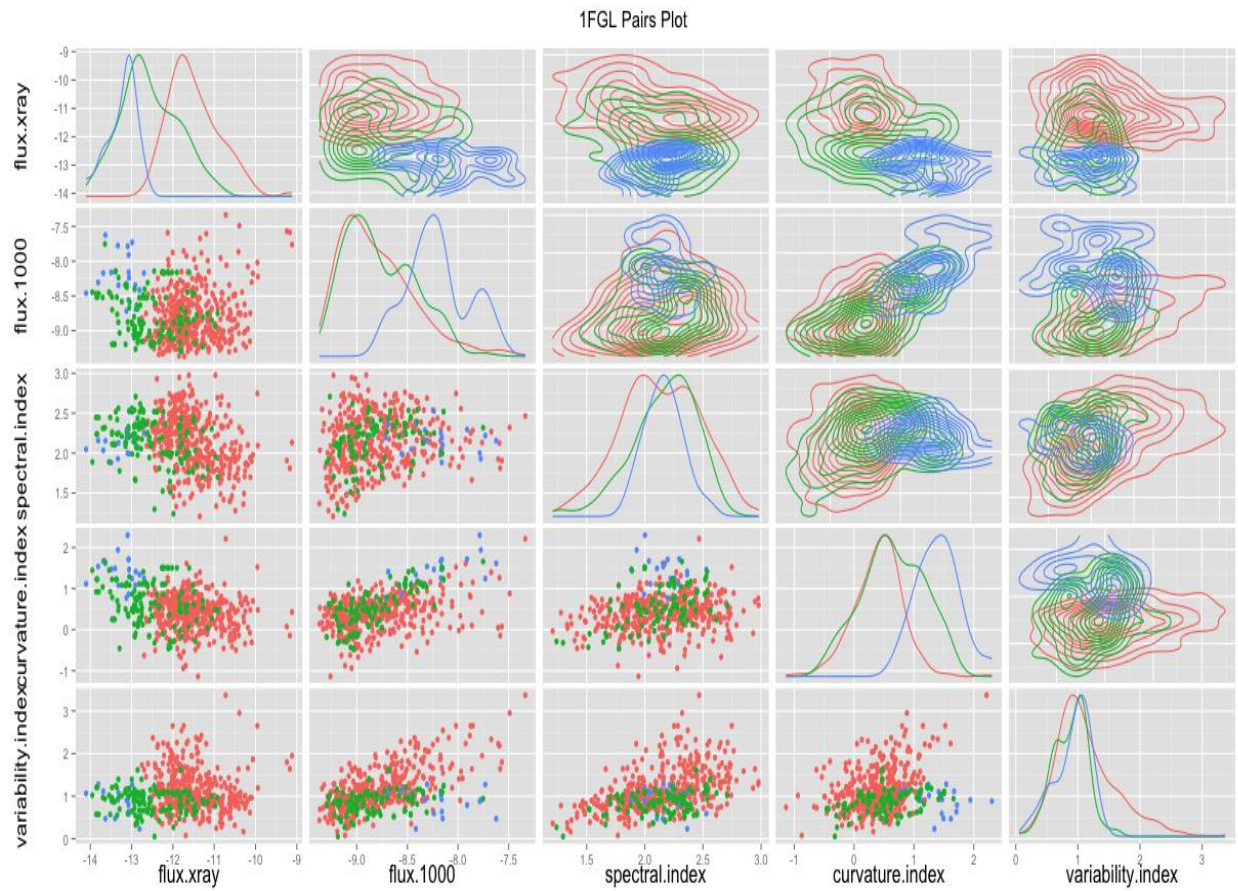


Figure 8: Density plot of 1FGL data. Red points are known blazars, blue points are known pulsars, and green points are unassociated objects.

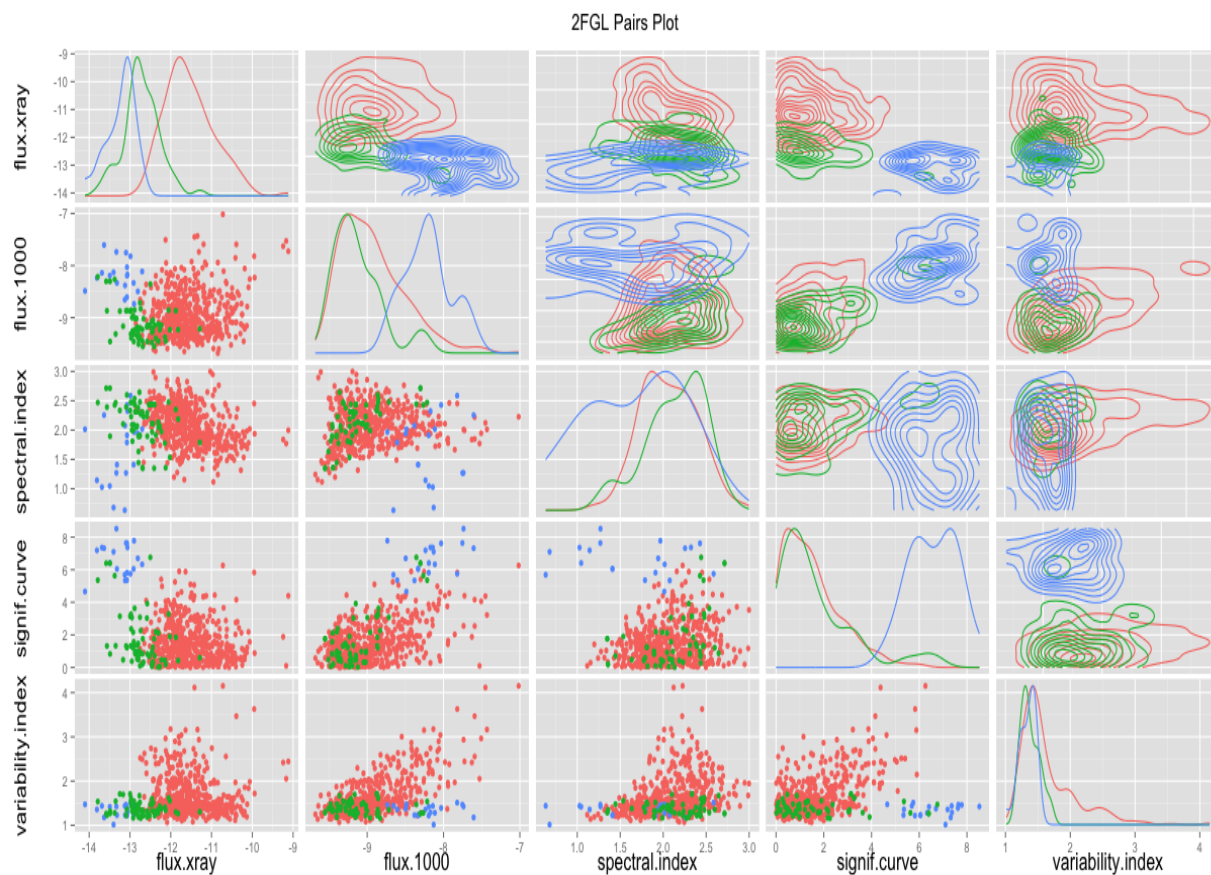


Figure 9: Density plot of 2FGL data. Red points are known blazars, blue points are known pulsars, and green points are unassociated objects.

Chapter 6

Results

After performing the knn tests on the two test sets of data we found that 104 1FGL notable excess were associated with blazars, 21 1FGL notable excesses were associated with pulsars, and all 66 2FGL notable excesses were associated with blazars. Of the 104 blazar associated 1FGL notable excesses, 75 were unique. Of the 21 pulsar associated 1FGL notable excesses, 8 were unique. Of the 66 blazar associated 2FGL notable excesses, 53 were unique. Therefore of the 136 unique 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses that defined our test set of data, 128 were associated with blazars and 8 were associated with pulsars. These results, with association identification strengths obtained through the kkn analysis, are displayed in Table 3 and Table 4.

Table 3: 1FGL kkn results. The blazar factor and pulsar factors are the “probabilities” of blazar or pulsar likelihood as determined by the kkn package. These are not real probabilities but instead present how close the nearest neighbors are to the test set point.

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J0001.9-4158	J000132.8-415522	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0003.1+6227	J000340.2+622526	blazar	0.5772	0.4228
J0009.1+5031	J000922.4+503031	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0131.2+6121	J013106.8+612035	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0137.8+5814	J013750.3+581411	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0143.9-5845	J014347.4-584552	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0212.3+5319	J021210.5+532136	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0223.0-1118	J022314.3-111739	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0316.3-6438	J031614.1-643730	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0335.5-4501	J033513.7-445943	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0409.9-0357	J040946.6-040000	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0430.3+3511c	J043041.1+351353	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0430.3+3511c	J043000.9+351723	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0430.3+3511c	J043019.3+351744	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J0430.3+3511c	J043013.7+351339	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0430.3+3511c	J043103.5+350915	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0521.6+0103	J052141.2+010251	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0521.6+0103	J052153.10+005936	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0521.6+0103	J052203.0+010552	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0523.5-2529	J052316.5-252737	blazar	0.7502	0.2498
J0523.5-2529	J052323.9-252731	blazar	0.7502	0.2498
J0534.7-0531c	J053456.5-053136	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053427.7-053154	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053434.0-052821	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053503.5-052952	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053440.1-052642	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053455.8-052916	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0534.7-0531c	J053435.2-053210	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0536.2-0607c	J053631.4-060826	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0536.2-0607c	J053622.3-060228	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0605.3+3800	J060503.5+375738	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0648.8+1516	J064847.6+151623	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0659.9+1303	J070014.3+130423	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0734.7-1557	J073437.6-155612	blazar	0.6367	0.3633
J0744.1-2523	J074346.6-252510	blazar	0.9363	0.0637
J0746.5-0711	J074639.8-071716	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0823.3-4248	J082324.7-425012	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082334.3-424631	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082336.1-424717	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082328.10-425136	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082341.1-425050	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082328.1-424354	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082304.7-425214	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082310.1-425001	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0823.3-4248	J082317.9-424933	pulsar	0.0201	0.9799
J0838.6-2828	J083843.4-282701	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0841.4-3558	J084121.7-355507	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0841.4-3558	J084121.3-355715	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0848.6+0504	J084839.6+050620	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0849.4-2912	J084900.10-291149	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J0908.7-2119	J090858.6-211852	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0922.0+2337	J092145.2+233547	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1033.5-5033	J103332.4-503526	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1040.5+0616	J104031.7+061722	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1040.5+0616	J104039.4+061523	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1040.5+0616	J104048.4+061821	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1040.9-1205	J104108.6-120330	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1040.9-1205	J104048.6-120618	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1110.3-1622	J111017.10-162401	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1115.2-6124c	J111453.3-612421	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1117.0-5339	J111715.2-533816	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1119.9-2205	J111959.1-220455	pulsar	0.4228	0.5772
J1119.9-2205	J111952.7-220637	pulsar	0.4228	0.5772
J1119.9-2205	J112010.2-220811	pulsar	0.4228	0.5772
J1119.9-2205	J112001.1-220130	pulsar	0.4228	0.5772
J1123.6-4555	J112355.5-455019	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1141.8-1403	J114141.7-140755	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1221.4-0635	J122127.2-062847	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1223.4-3034	J122336.9-303250	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1226.0+2954	J122608.3+295942	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1227.9-4852	J122758.7-485342	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1227.9-4852	J122724.8-485555	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1227.9-4852	J122742.9-485225	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1227.9-4852	J122823.1-485038	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J1249.3-2812	J124919.4-280832	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1250.9-4940	J125058.8-494447	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1256.1-5922	J125605.9-591941	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1258.3+2125	J125821.5+212351	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1306.4-6038	J130601.9-603358	pulsar	0.4430	0.5570
J1322.1+0838	J132210.2+084231	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1322.1+0838	J132222.9+084320	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1340.5-0413	J134042.1-041008	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1353.6-6640	J135339.10-664000	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1412.6+7406	J141234.9+741158	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1419.7+7731	J141901.2+773228	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J1446.8-4702	J144719.8-470102	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1511.8-0513	J151148.6-051347	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1511.8-0513	J151200.1-051528	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1511.9-2253	J151212.8-225506	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1511.9-2253	J151137.1-225744	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1539.0-3328	J153924.7-332839	pulsar	0.1772	0.8228
J1539.0-3328	J153900.6-332702	pulsar	0.1772	0.8228
J1549.7-0659	J154952.1-065908	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1625.8-2429c	J162558.1-243029	pulsar	0.3336	0.6664
J1639.5-5152	J163926.3-514933	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1650.3-5410	J165043.10-540508	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1656.2-3257	J165616.9-330211	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1656.2-3257	J165557.8-325946	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1816.7+4509	J181652.5+450731	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1823.5-3454	J182338.8-345412	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1831.5-0200c	J183126.7-020518	blazar	0.5529	0.4471
J1831.5-0200c	J183113.5-020350	blazar	0.5529	0.4471
J1835.3+1345	J183539.5+135048	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1842.3-5845	J184229.10-584158	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1844.1+1547	J184425.4+154643	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1857.1+0212c	J185651.5+021023	pulsar	0.2367	0.7633
J1933.3+0723	J193320.2+072619	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1942.7+1033	J194247.5+103327	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2004.8+7004	J200505.5+700437	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2014.4+0647	J201431.1+064850	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2014.4+0647	J201410.9+064354	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2034.6-4202	J203450.8-420038	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2037.0-3329	J203649.6-332829	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2043.2+1709	J204312.9+171019	pulsar	0.2568	0.7432
J2043.2+1709	J204318.7+170755	pulsar	0.2568	0.7432
J2056.7+4938	J205642.7+494008	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2058.8-3903	J205902.5-385936	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2104.6+2119	J210415.9+211807	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2107.5+5202c	J210720.4+520257	pulsar	0.1973	0.8027
J2129.8-0427	J213008.1-043452	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2129.8-0427	J212945.4-042910	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

1FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J2216.1+5139	J221545.9+514454	blazar	0.7502	0.2498
J2257.9-3643	J225756.10-364607	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2257.9-3643	J225814.8-364430	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

Table 4: 2FGL kkn results. The blazar factor and pulsar factors are the “probabilities” of blazar or pulsar likelihood as determined by the kkn package. These are not real probabilities but instead present how close the nearest neighbors are to the test set point.

2FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J0031.0+0724	J003119.7+072451	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0031.0+0724	J003054.7+072325	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0048.8-6347	J004935.8-634745	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0116.6-6153	J011619.2-615341	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0133.4-4408	J013321.6-441314	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0200.4-4105	J020020.8-410933	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0222.7+6820	J022302.8+682157	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J0644.6+6034	J064436.1+603852	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J0846.7-4053	J084636.5-410300	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0859.4-2532	J085929.8-253107	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J0900.9+6736	J090110.4+674203	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0900.9+6736	J090015.5+673809	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J0937.9-1434	J093754.6-143349	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

2FGL Name	Swift Excess Name	KKNN Association	KKNN Blazar Factor	KKNN Pulsar Factor
J0937.9-1434	J093738.2-142930	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1013.6+3434	J101351.5+343418	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1016.4-4244	J101620.7-424722	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1016.4-4244	J101635.5-424322	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1029.5-2022	J102946.8-201813	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1038.2-2423	J103755.0-242545	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1038.2-2423	J103748.3-242847	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1056.2-6021	J105645.1-601939	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1058.7-6621	J105832.1-662603	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1105.4-7622	J110451.2-762542	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1105.4-7622	J110409.3-762723	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1105.4-7622	J110552.1-761830	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1105.6-6114	J110506.4-611602	blazar	0.6367	0.3633
J1105.6-6114	J110619.3-611419	blazar	0.6367	0.3633
J1259.8-3749	J125949.7-374856	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1317.2-6304	J131710.7-630211	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1347.0-2956	J134706.8-295842	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1347.0-2956	J134702.8-295216	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1424.2-1752	J142412.5-175008	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1502.1+5548	J150217.7+554512	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1617.3-5336	J161646.7-534340	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1659.2-0142	J165922.2-014110	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1704.3+1235	J170409.6+123423	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J1726.6-3545	J172641.8-354053	blazar	0.5066	0.4934
J1813.6-2821	J181357.8-282043	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1828.7+3231	J182915.5+323432	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1842.3-5839	J184230.0-584158	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J1908.8-0132	J190843.4-012954	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J1924.9-1036	J192501.5-104317	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2115.4+1213	J211522.1+121801	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J2237.2+6316	J223704.3+632336	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
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J2249.1+5758	J224907.5+580304	blazar	1.0000	0.0000
J2351.6-7558	J235115.10-760016	blazar	1.0000	0.0000

Once the associations for the notable excesses were determined as outlined by Table 3 and Table 4, we created new plots reminiscent of the pair plots in Figure 8 and Figure 9 to obtain confidence in our determined results. These pair plots differed from Figure 8 and Figure 9 in that we plotted the test set points with their assigned association to view the distribution of associations. It should be noted that since all the 2FGL notable excesses were classified as blazars, a new pairs plot would have been redundant. The pairs plot of the associated 1FGL data is shown in Figure 10 below, with individual zoomed in plots displayed in Appendix B.

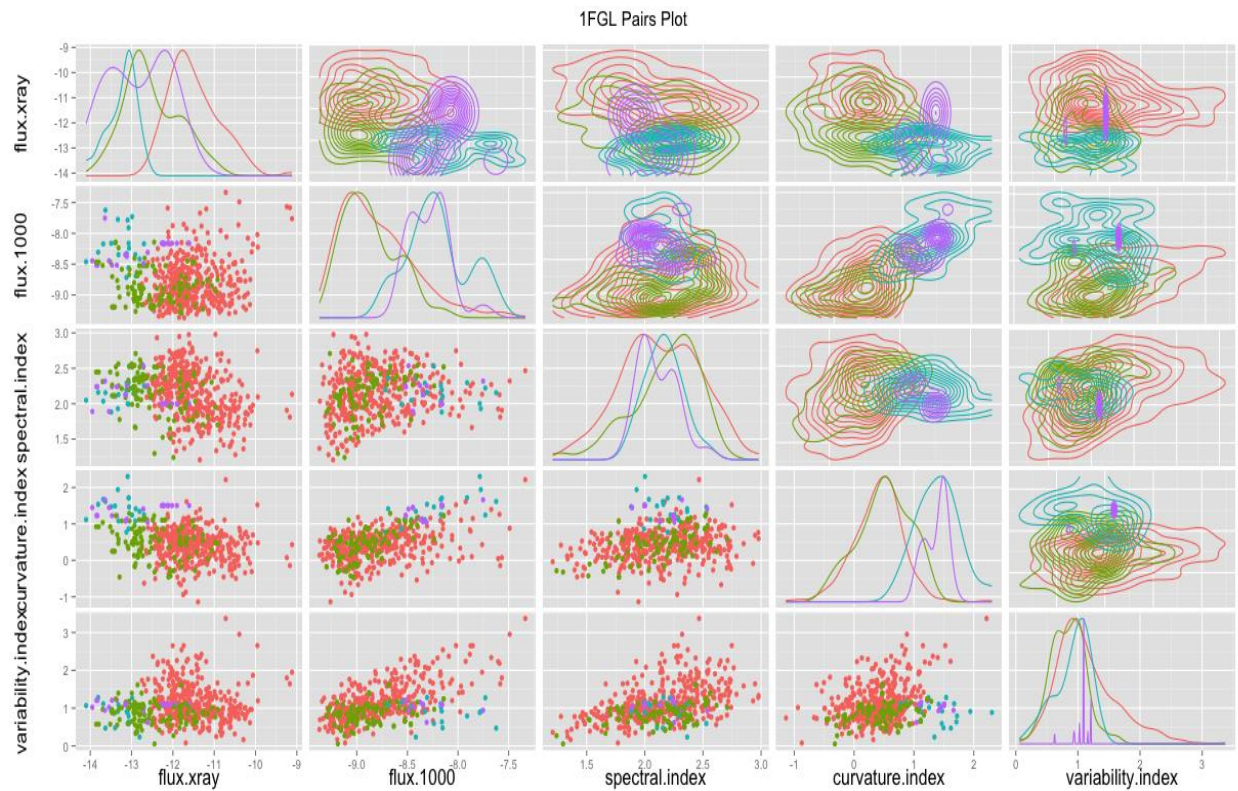


Figure 10: 1FGL pairs plot. The red points are known blazars, the blue points are known pulsars, the green points are unassociated objects identified through knn analysis as blazars, and the purple are unassociated objects identified as pulsars.

The pairs plot and relevant plots included in Appendix B visually show that the knn function performed a reliable association of the 1FGL notable excesses. Through visual analysis of the association for the 2FGL notable excesses we note that there appears to be some issues

with the kkn test, as objects that appear to clearly be associated with pulsars, are identified as blazars. These issues are discussed in more detail in the discussion but we note that these issues can be seen more significantly in the 2FGL plots displayed in Appendix A.

Chapter 7

Discussion

From the analysis that was performed for this thesis we have shown that by utilizing X-ray flux data we can significantly enhance the data mining and machine learning techniques that have been used on only *Fermi* data in the past (Ackermann et al., 2012; Mirabal et al., 2012; Hassan et al., 2013; Doert et al., 2014) to attempt to associate the still unassociated *Fermi* objects. From simply visually looking at the scatter plots created by plotting the X-ray flux versus observed *Fermi* variables such as gamma-ray flux, variability index, curvature index/curvature significance, and spectral index as shown in Appendix A, distinctions can be seen and crude associations can be made. This analysis certainly sets the stage for future attempts at associating objects in the 3FGL catalog and future catalogs and shows that multi-wavelength analysis rather than just gamma-ray analysis will result in the most precise associations.

From our knn test analysis we report 8 unique associations of pulsars and 128 unique associations of blazars from the 136 unique unassociated objects considered. While our knn test does provide nice simple results, the specific associations and reported probability factors obtained through the kkn function should be considered with some caution. There are issues associated with knn tests that can result in improper identifications and unrealistic probabilities. Performing multiple knn tests and visually interpreting the data can alleviate these issues to some extent. Through the use of the knn test in the “class” CRAN package (Venables & Ripley, 2002) we were able to confirm our associations through a separate knn analysis. Through visual analysis we obtained confidence in our results for the 1FGL identifications but discrepancies

arose when visually interpreting the 2FGL data. As has been stated previously, all 66 notable 2FGL excesses were identified as blazars. We expected the majority of associated objects to be identified as blazars but some pulsar identifications were also expected, especially for the 2FGL results due to the inclusion of galactic plane data points. Furthermore, in looking at the specific plots such as Figure 22 and Figure 30 in Appendix A it appears as if a handful of the test set points are associated with pulsars but our kkn analysis did not show this. We therefore report our results, with the caution that other analyses are required to trust these associations

The next step in this analysis would then be to attempt more significant data mining techniques, such as logistic regression, principle component analysis, or classification trees to obtain probabilities on potential associations. Once associations can be trusted to within certain significance, observers will be able to target specific unassociated objects in the *Fermi* catalogs with the idea of what they should be observing. This will allow for more efficient telescope time and our understanding of the different gamma-ray emitting objects in the universe will increase significantly. Data mining statistical analyses such as the one performed in this thesis will continue to be important for large astronomical datasets and push the field of astronomy forward as statistical approaches become better.

In addition to performing more statistical data mining analyses follow up observations of unassociated objects and multi-wavelength observations of known *Fermi* objects will significantly aid in the association and understanding of high-energy astrophysical phenomena. Through the comparison of variables at longer wavelengths than those examined in this thesis, such as radio and UV, further constraints can be placed on the training sets in parameter space, which will allow separations to become clear, and associations to be trusted more.

Our analysis shows that the identification and understanding of high-energy phenomena is becoming exponentially closer with each statistical and observational analysis and our picture of the universe is becoming much clearer. With the advancement in technology, computer power, and intellectual thinking, breakthroughs in the complete understanding in the physical processes of high-energy objects are on the horizon.

Appendix A

1FGL and 2FGL Individual Plots Before Associations

This appendix lists the individual plots as seen in the pairs plot of Figure 8 and Figure 9 for the 1FGL and 2FGL notable excesses. Here we show the various variables for the unassociated test set data and the training sets plotted against each other in the search for clear separations. In these plots the red circles signify known blazars, the blue squares signify known pulsars, and the green triangles signify the appropriate unassociated test set objects.

1FGL Plots

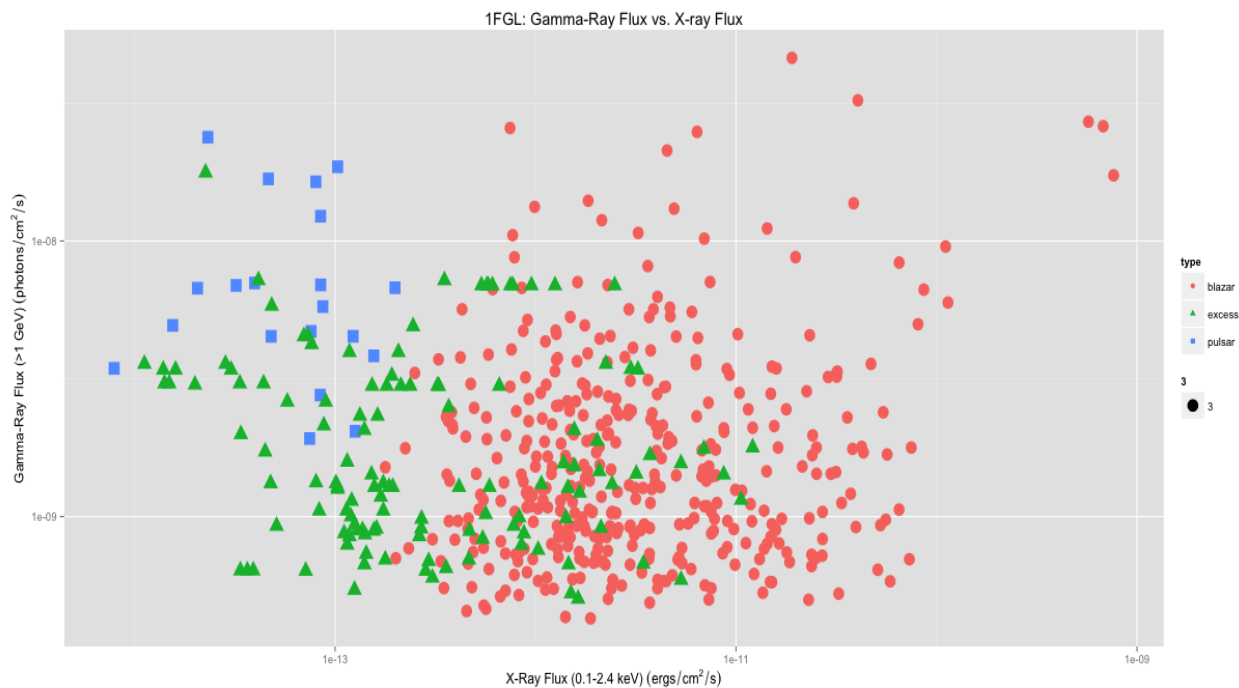


Figure 11: 1FGL - Gamma Ray Flux vs. X-ray Flux

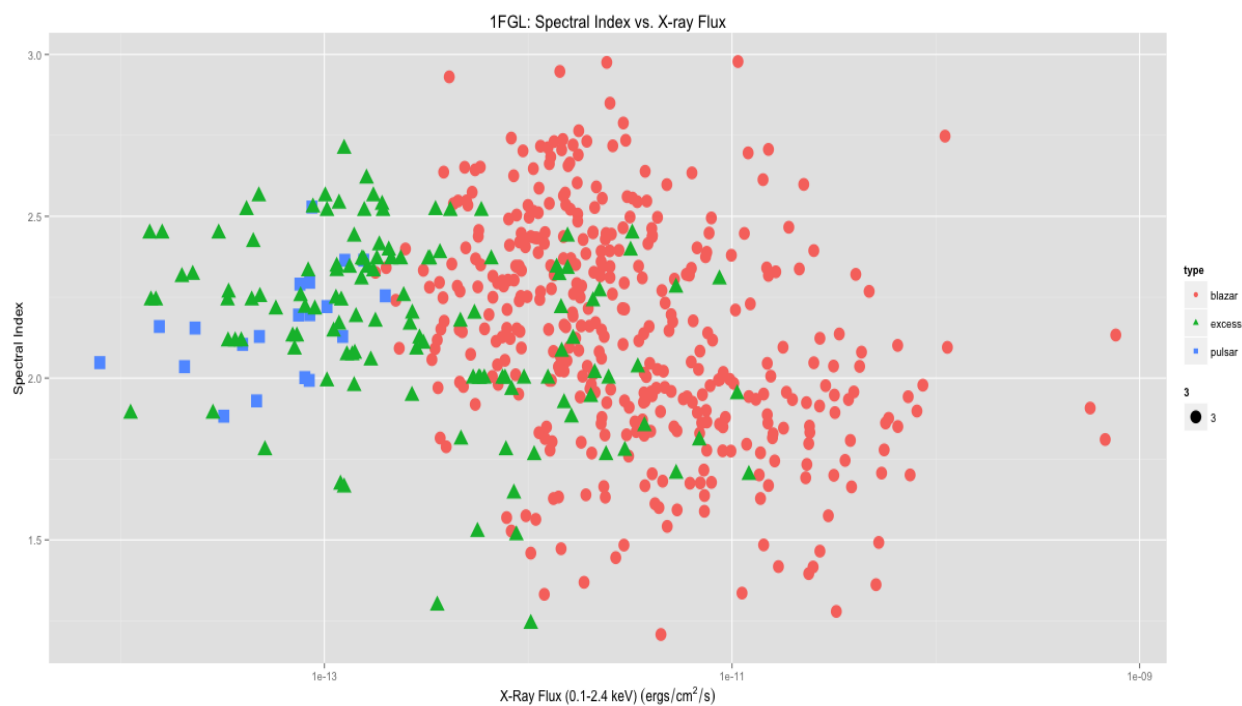


Figure 12: 1FGL - Spectral Index vs. X-ray Flux

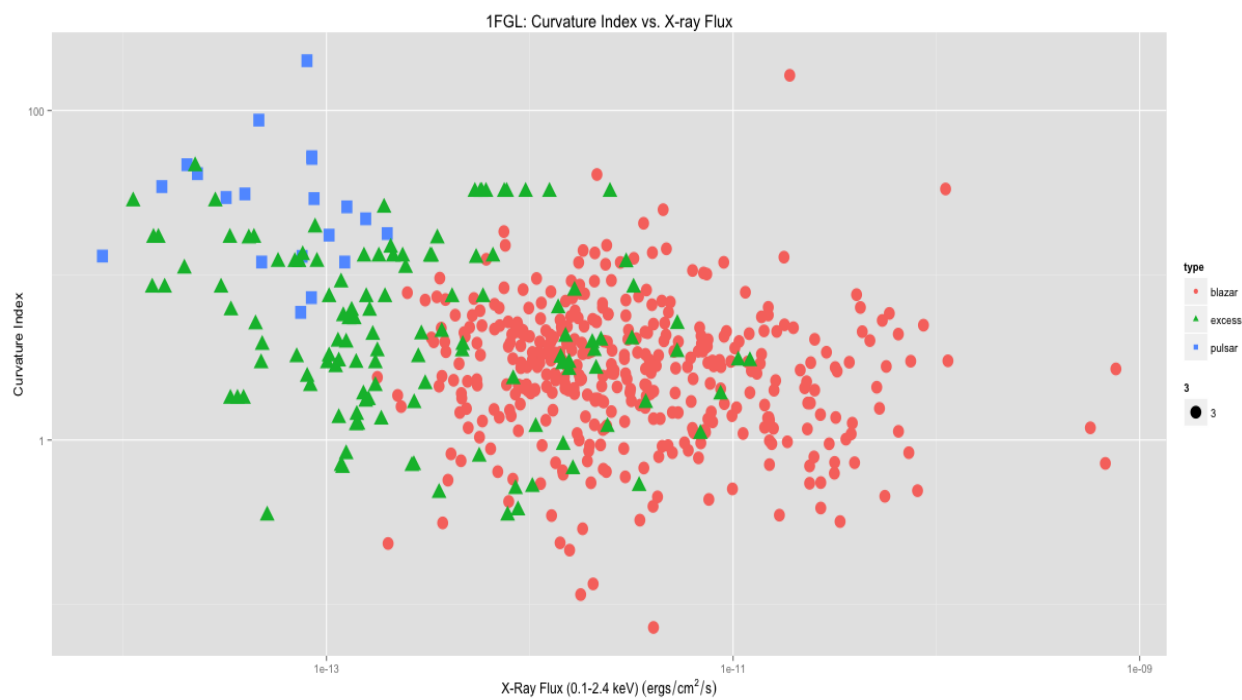


Figure 13: 1FGL - Curvature Index vs. X-ray Flux

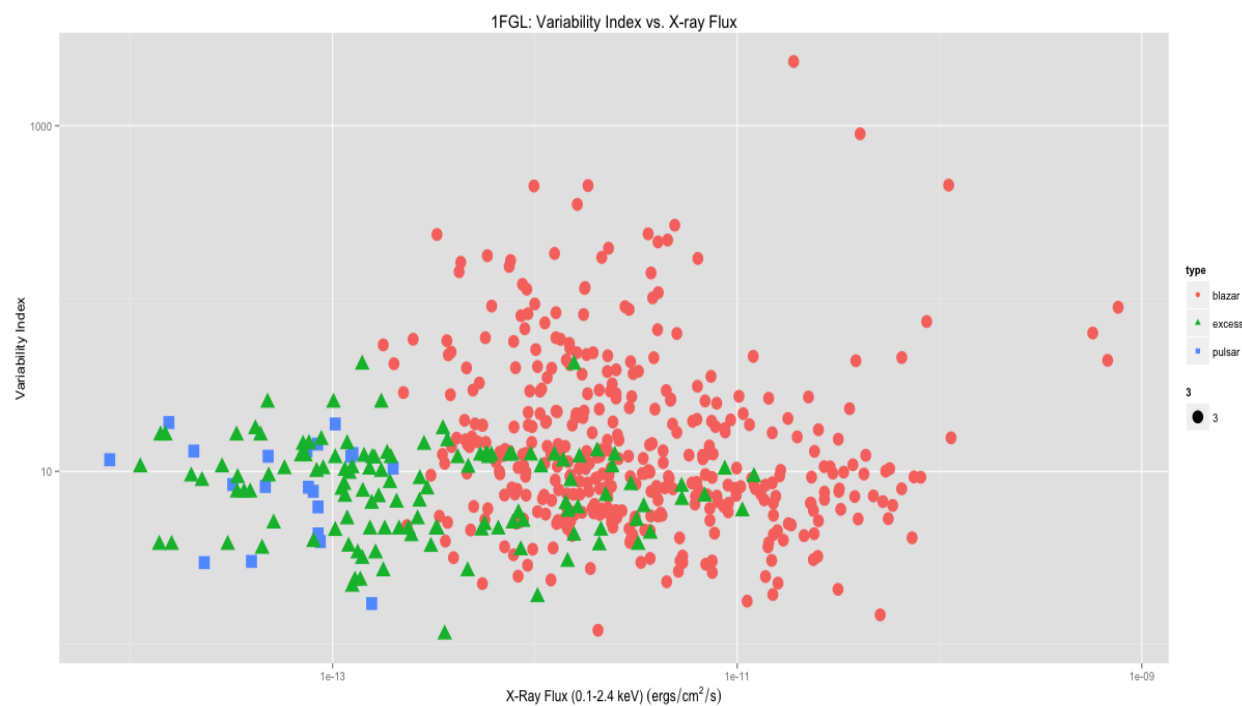


Figure 14: 1FGL – Variability Index vs. X-ray Flux

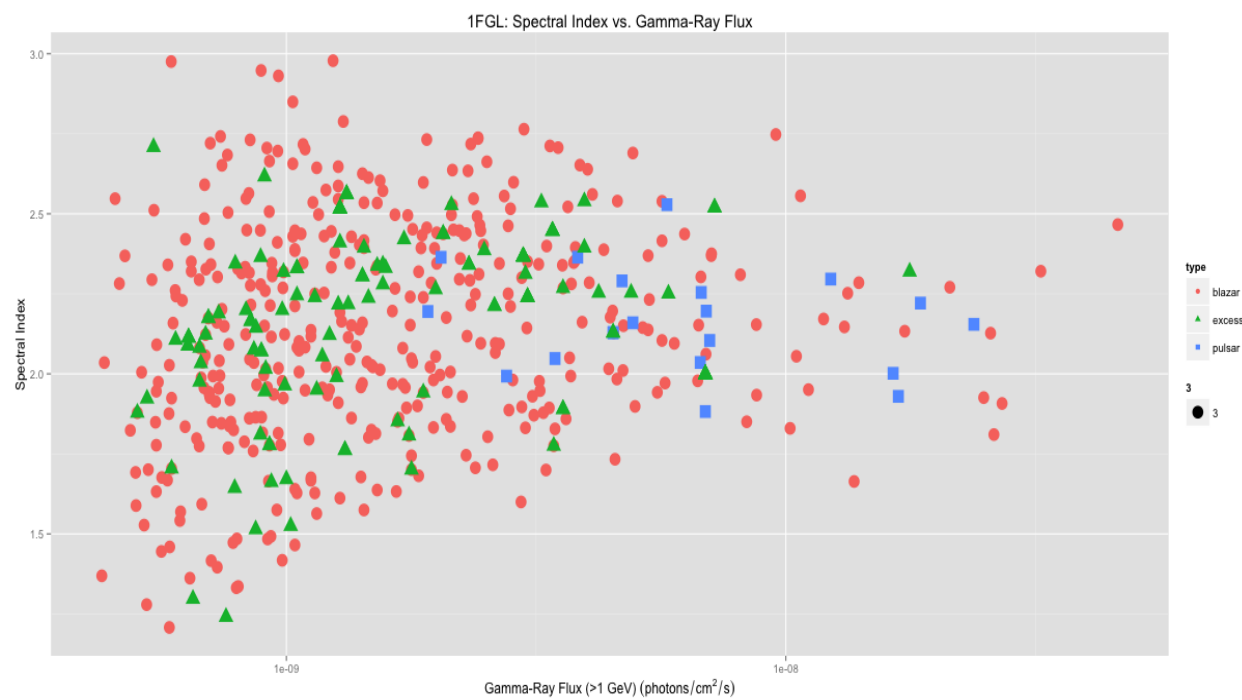


Figure 15: 1FGL - Spectral Index vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

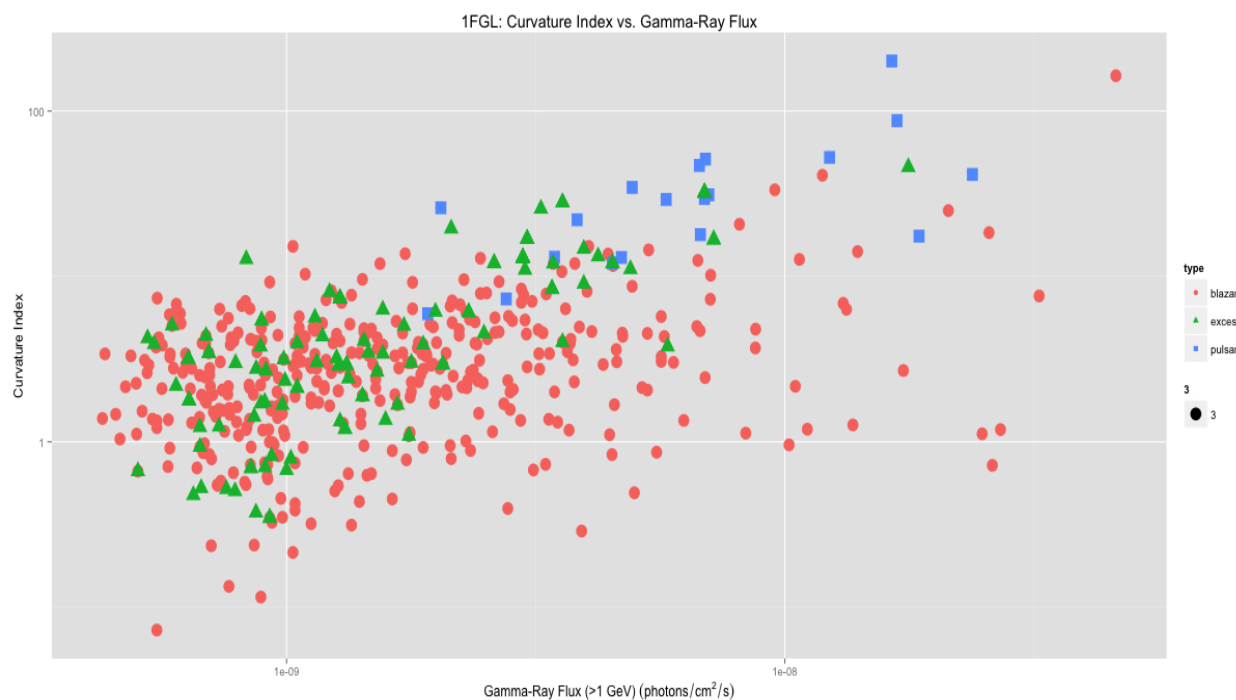


Figure 16: 1FGL – Curvature Index vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

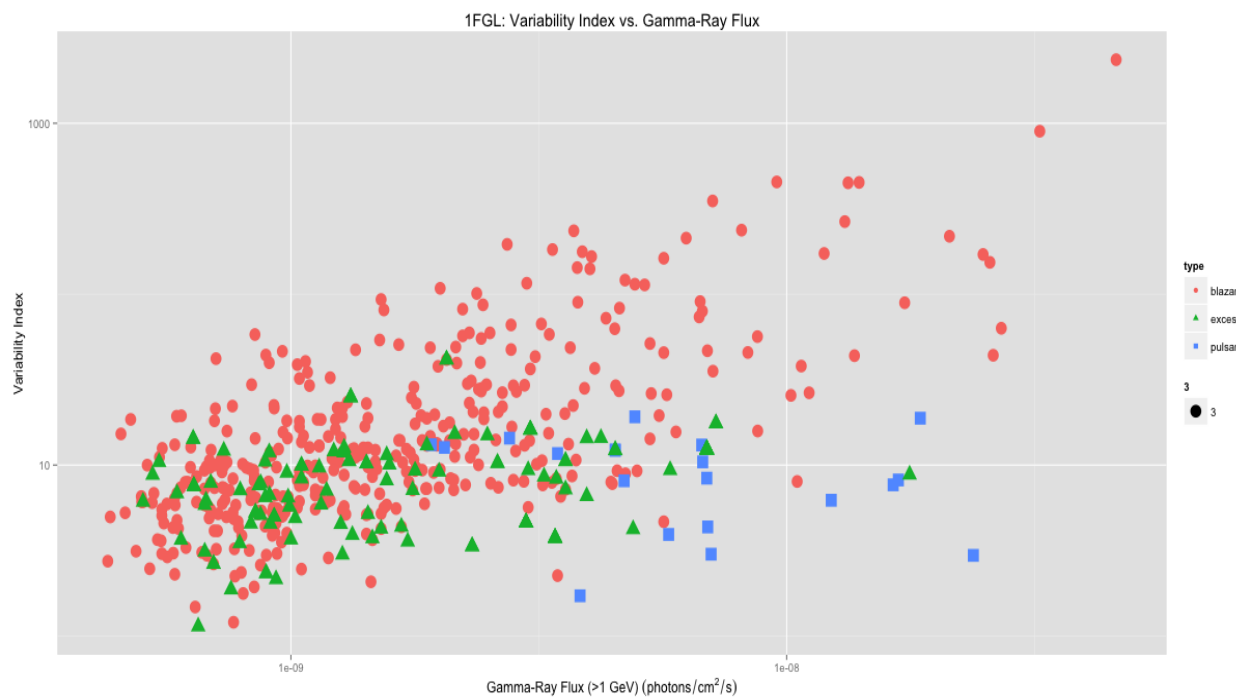


Figure 17: 1FGL – Variability Index vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

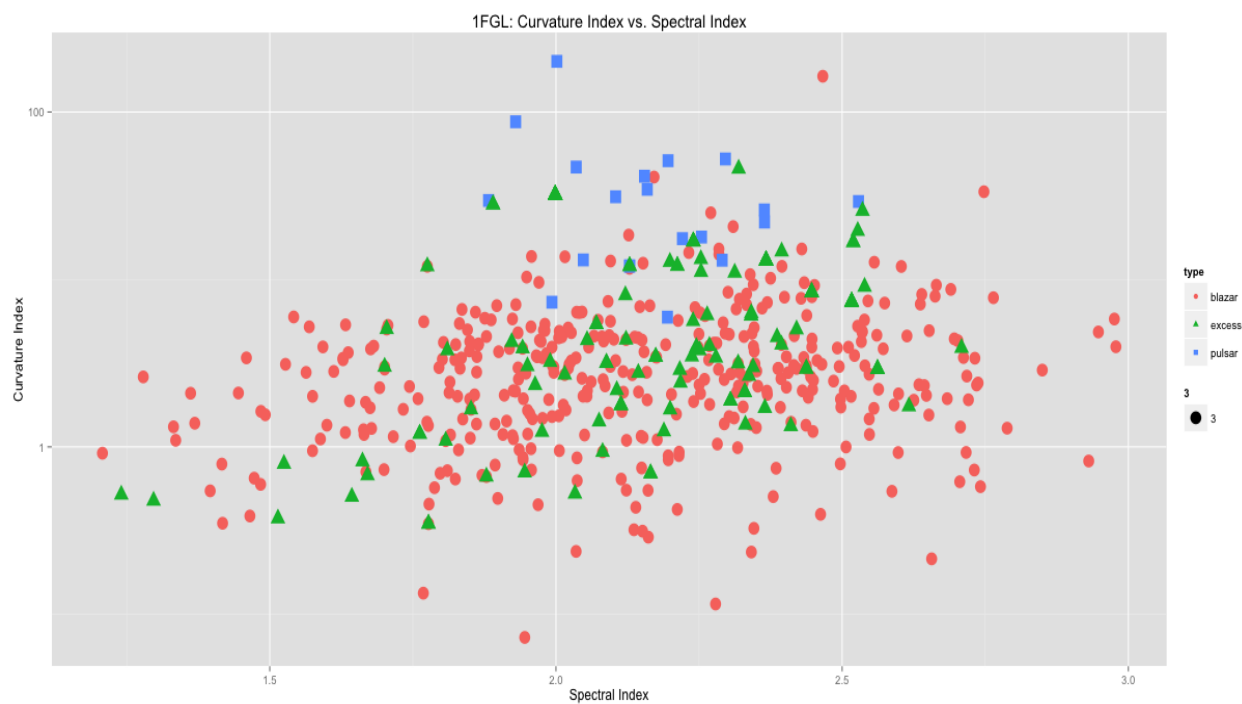


Figure 18: 1FGL – Curvature Index vs. Spectral Index

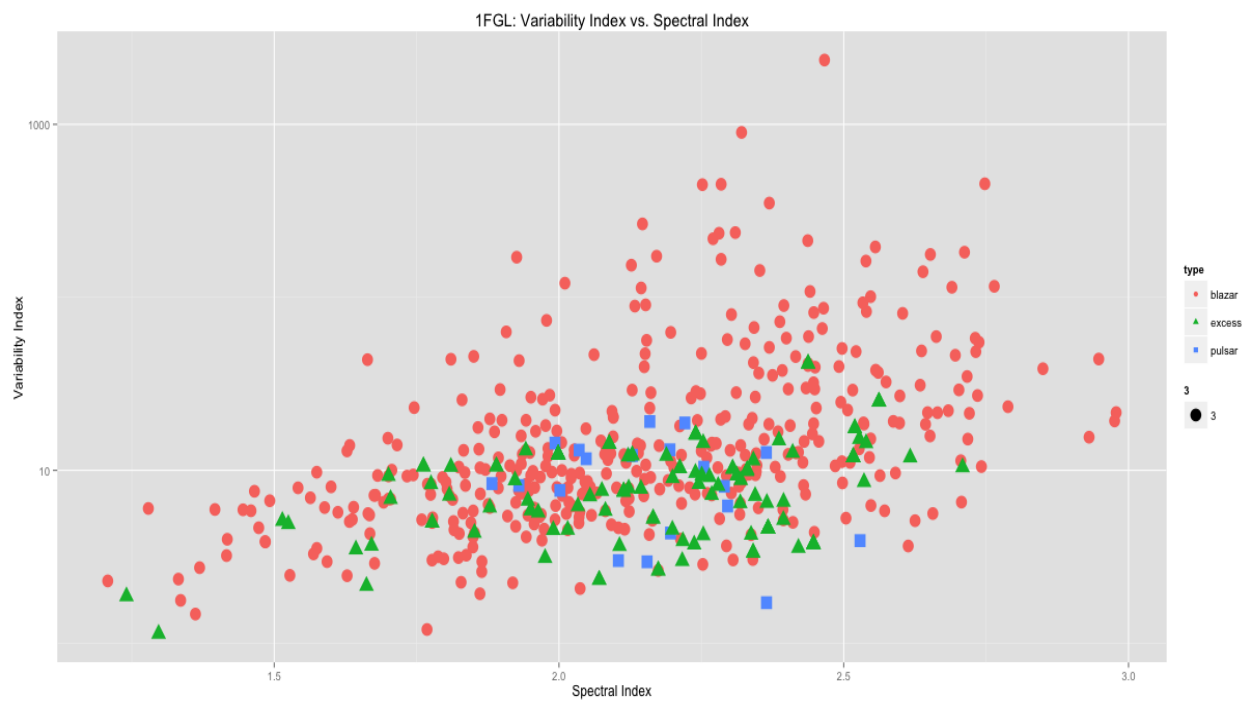


Figure 19: 1FGL – Variability Index vs. Spectral Index

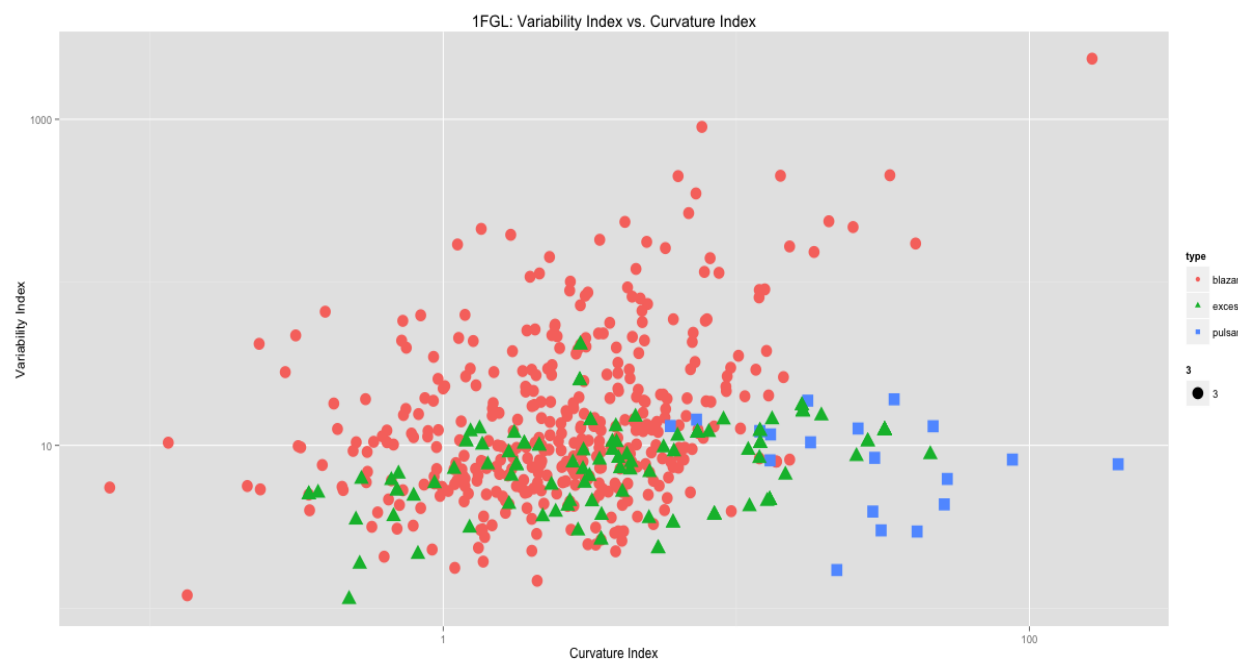


Figure 20: 1FGL – Variability Index vs. Curvature Index

2FGL Plots

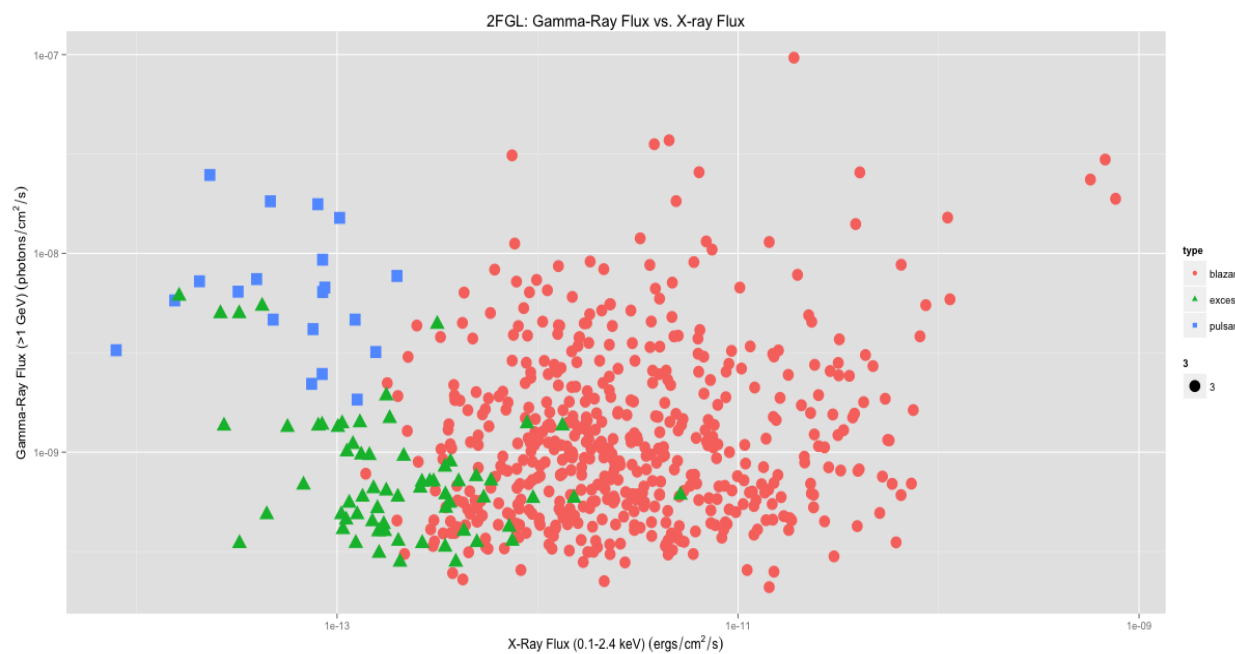


Figure 21: 2FGL – Gamma-Ray Flux vs. X-ray Flux

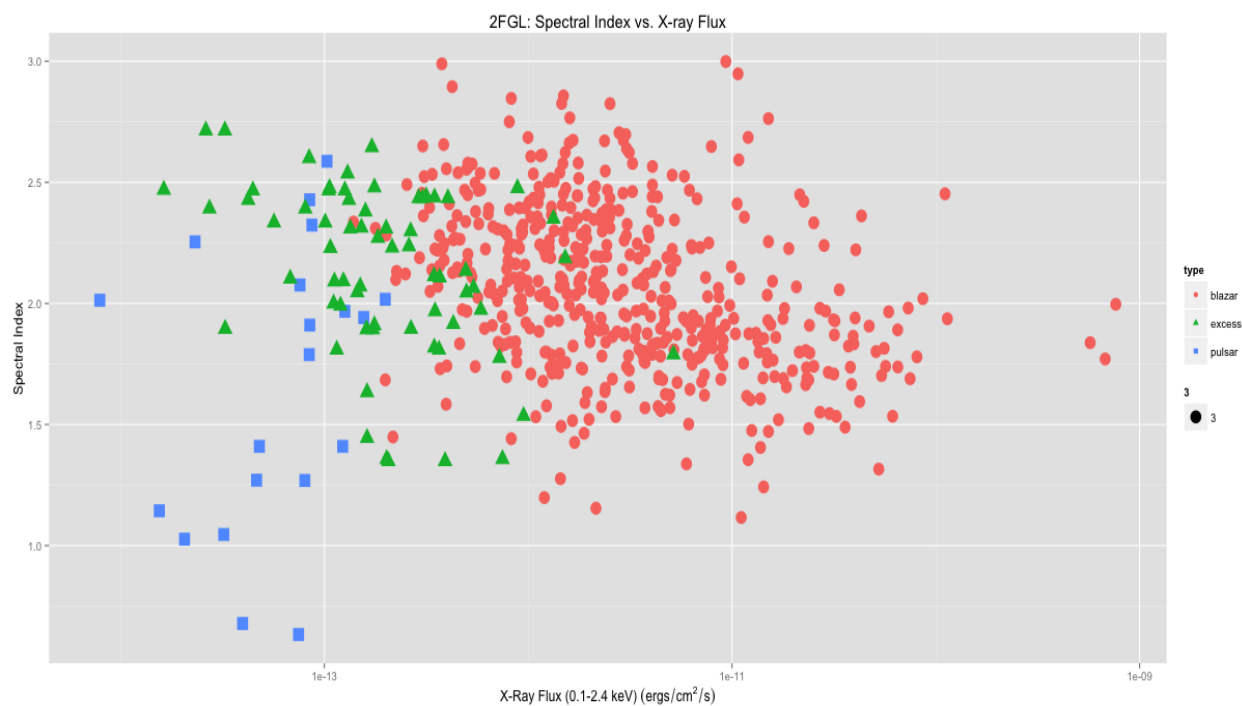


Figure 22: 2FGL – Spectral Index vs. X-ray Flux

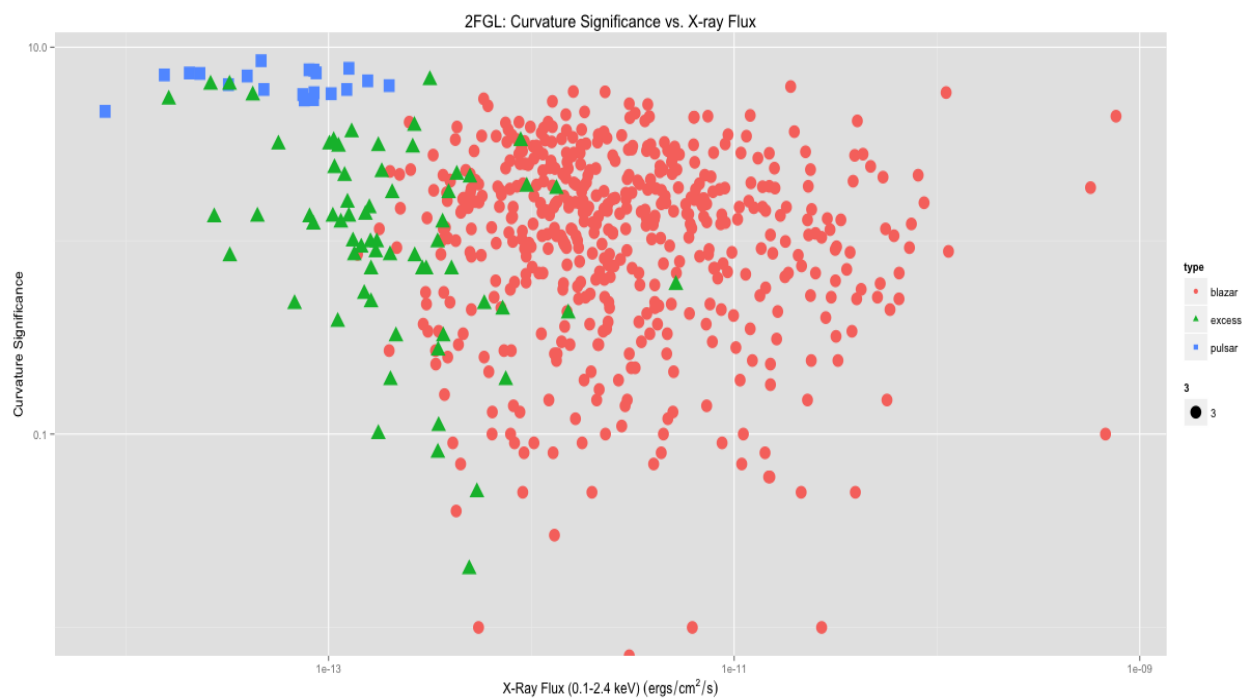


Figure 23: 2FGL – Curvature Significance vs. X-ray Flux

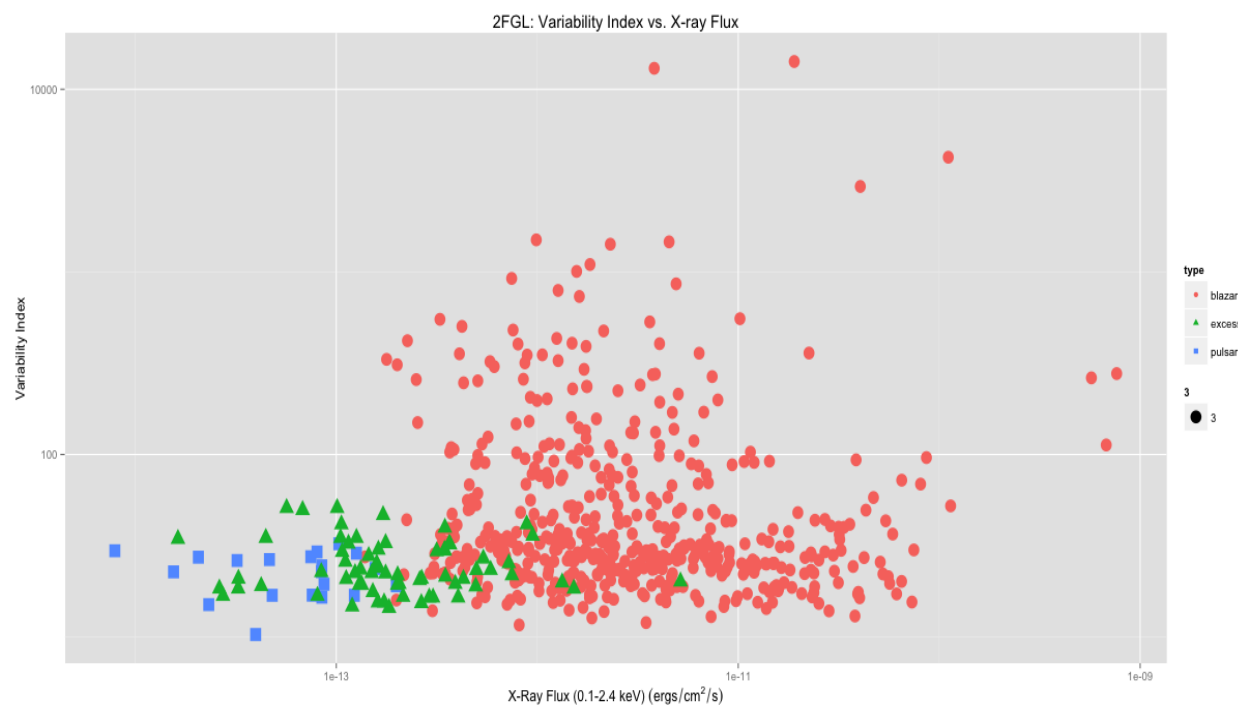


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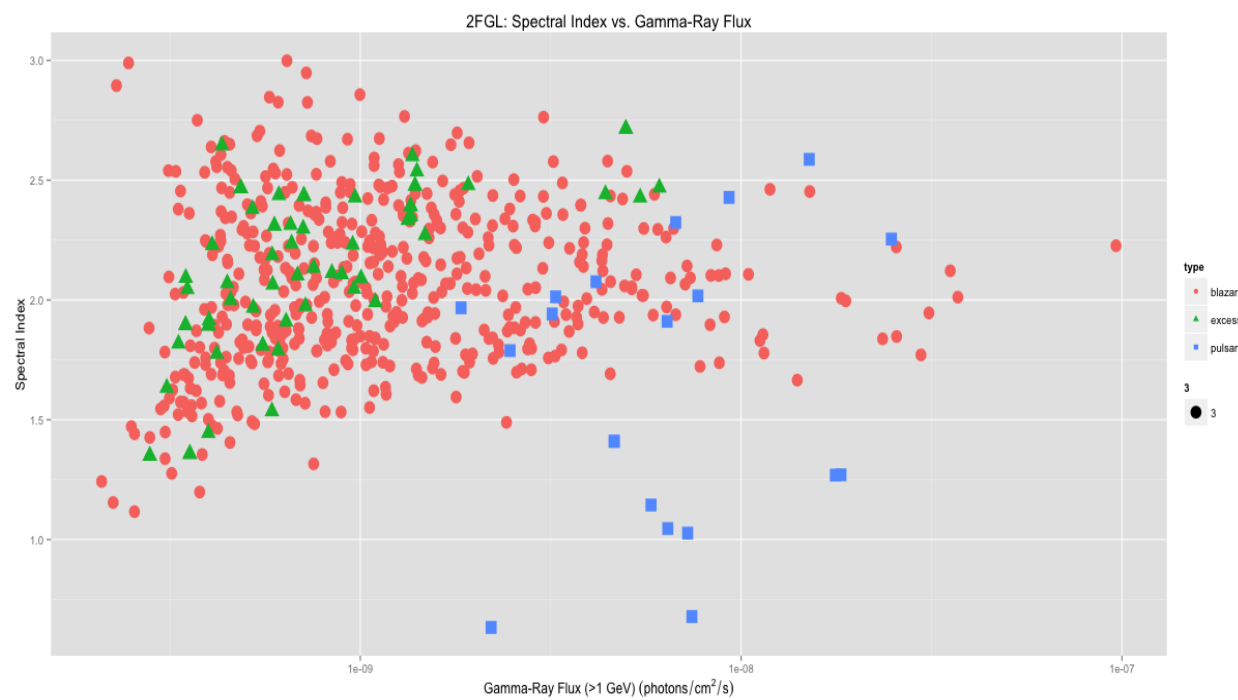


Figure 25: 2FGL – Spectral Index vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

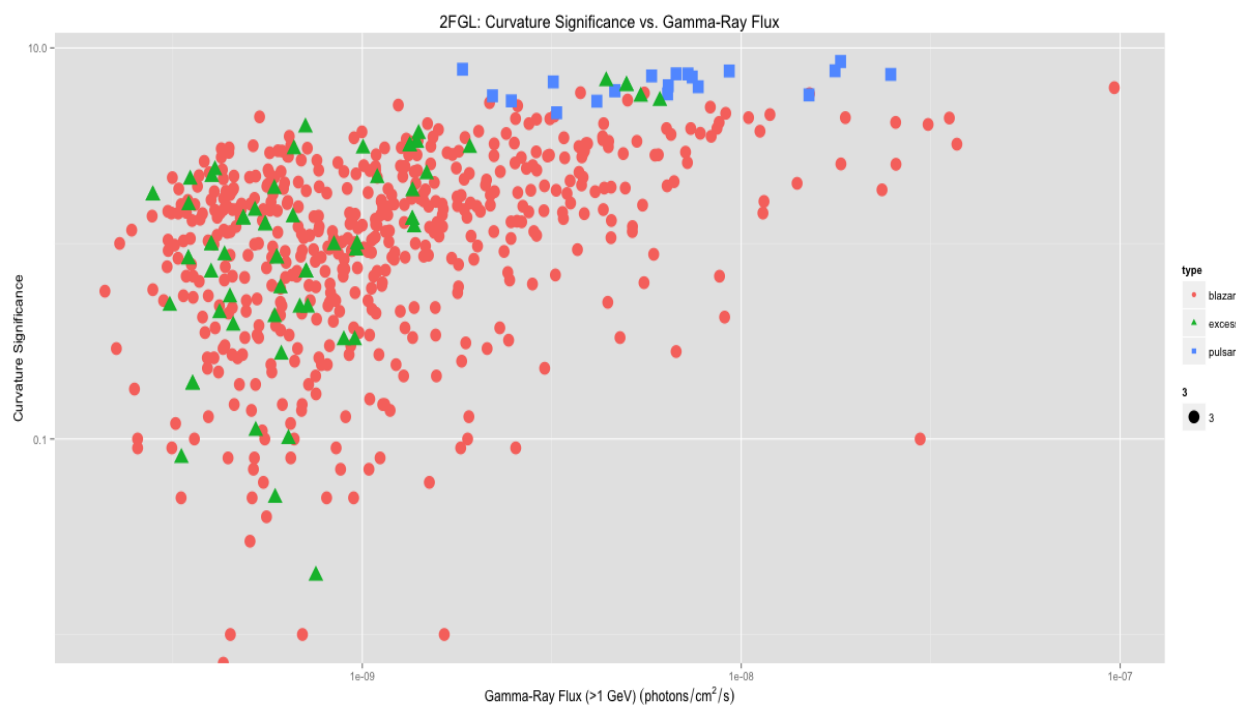


Figure 26: 2FGL – Curvature Significance vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

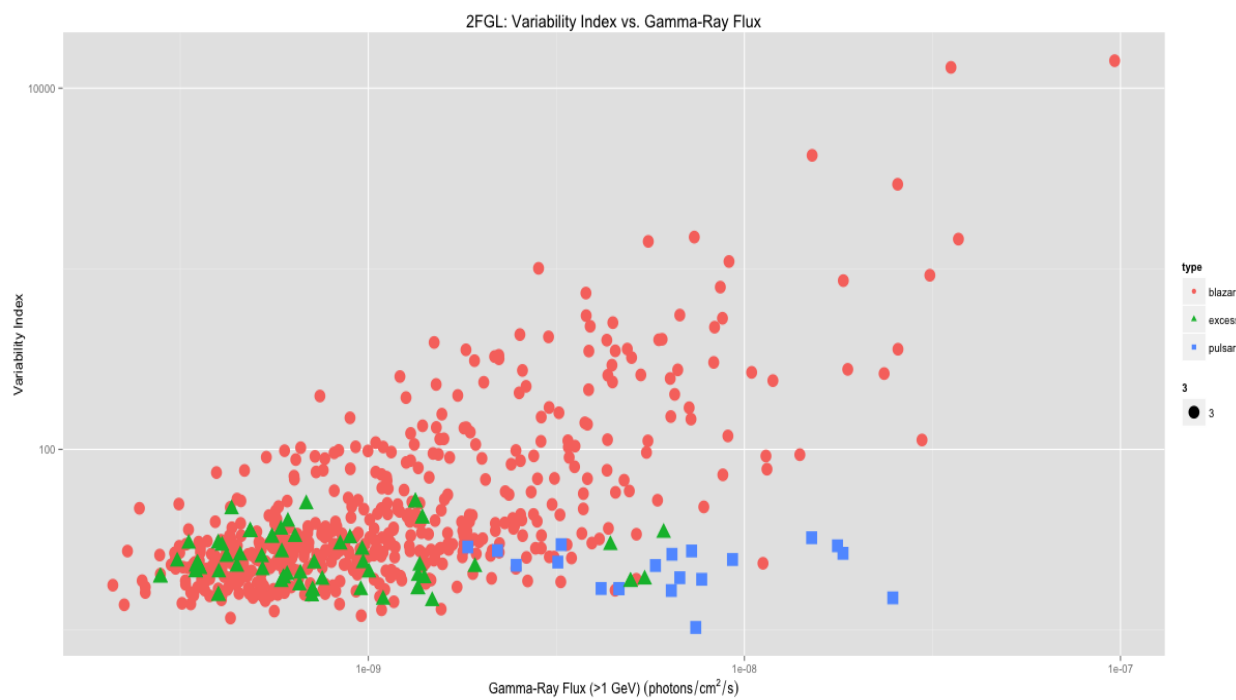


Figure 27: 2FGL – Variability Index vs. Gamma-Ray Flux

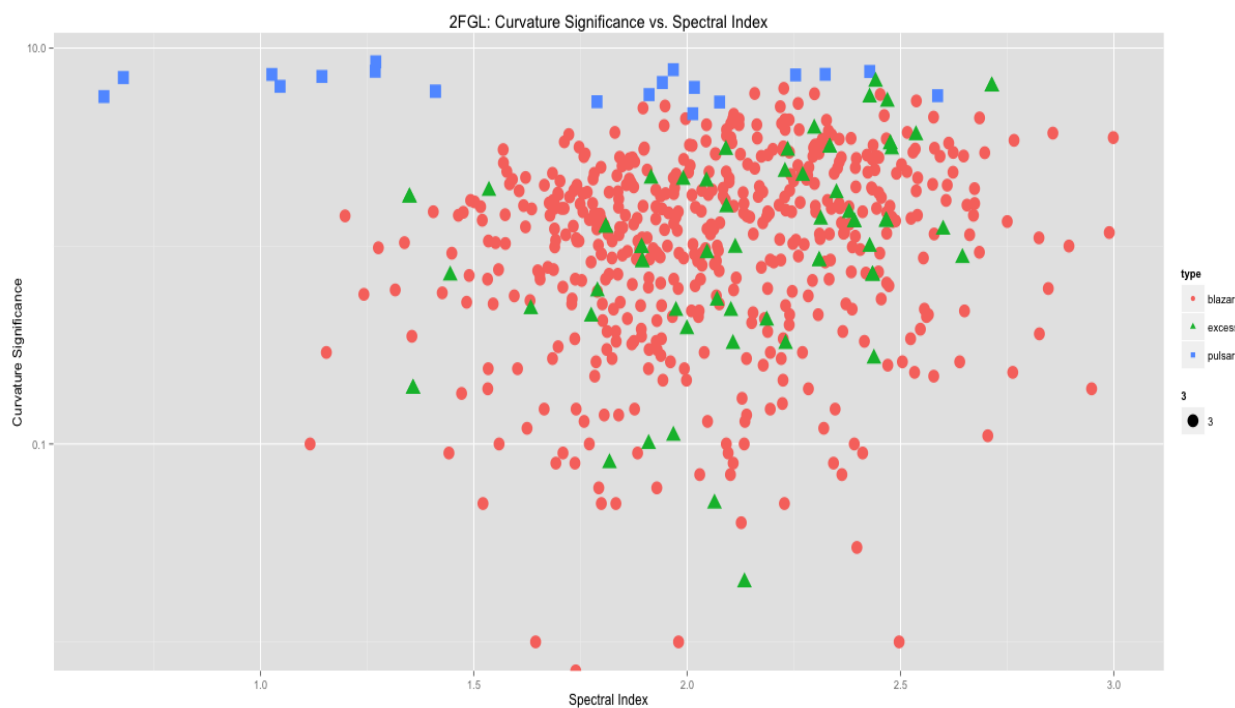


Figure 28: 2FGL – Curvature Significance vs. Spectral Index



Figure 29: 2FGL – Variability Index vs. Spectral Index

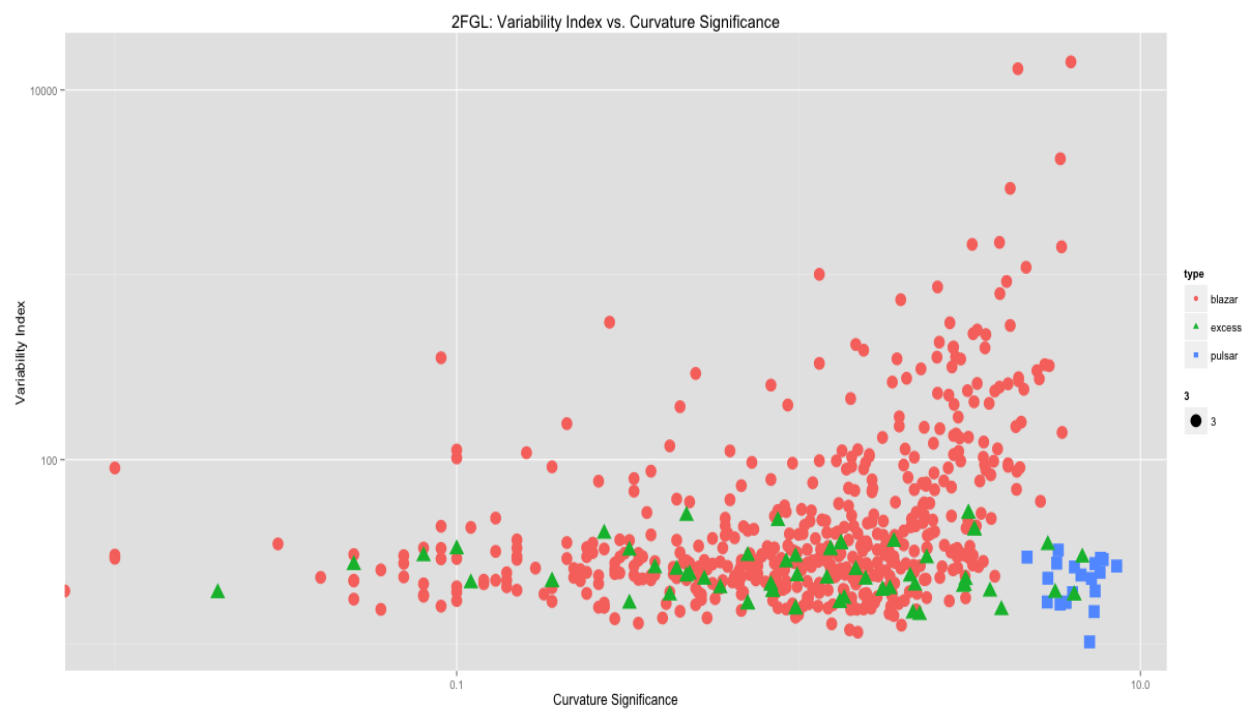


Figure 30: 2FGL – Variability Index vs. Curvature Significance

Appendix B

1FGL Individual Plots After Association

This appendix is similar to Appendix A in that it displays the individual plots shown in the pairs plot of Figure 10. These plots are useful in that we can check that our kkn analysis was reliable in properly separating the data. In these plots the red circles signify known blazars, the blue squares signify known pulsars, the green triangles signify unassociated objects identified through kkn analysis as blazars, and the purple crosses signify unassociated objects identified through kkn analysis as pulsars.

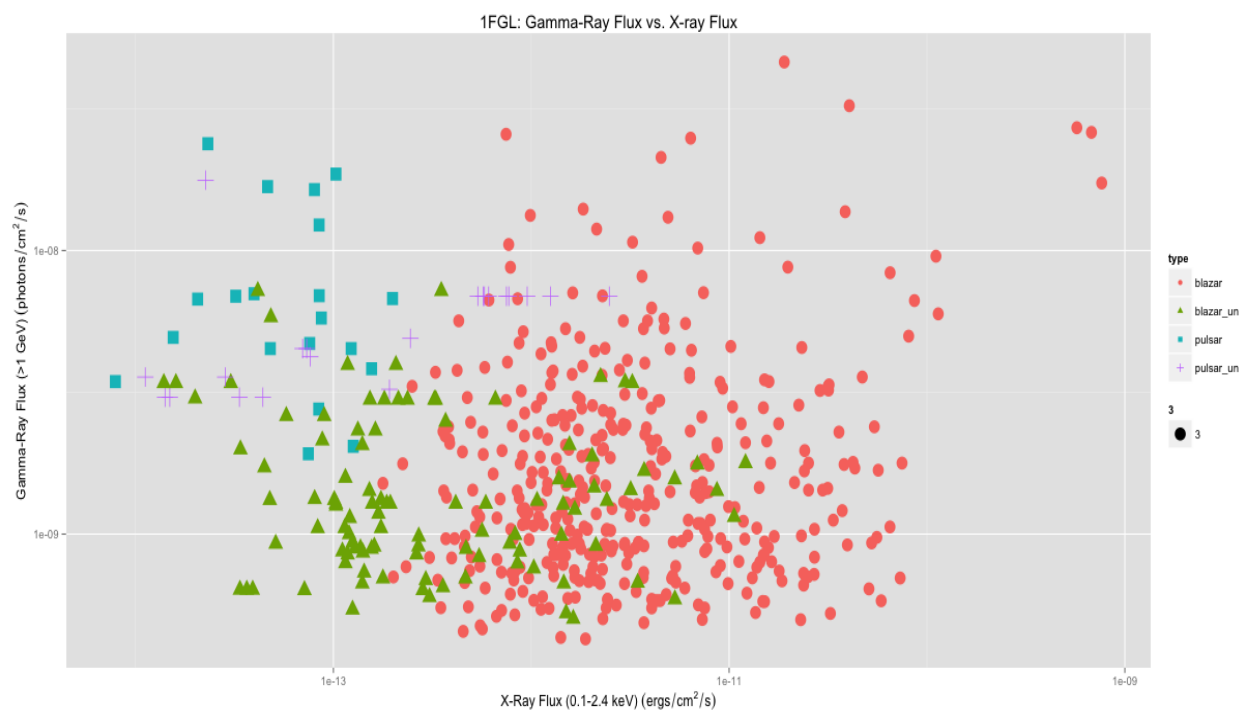


Figure 31: 1FGL associations – Gamma-Ray Flux vs. X-ray Flux

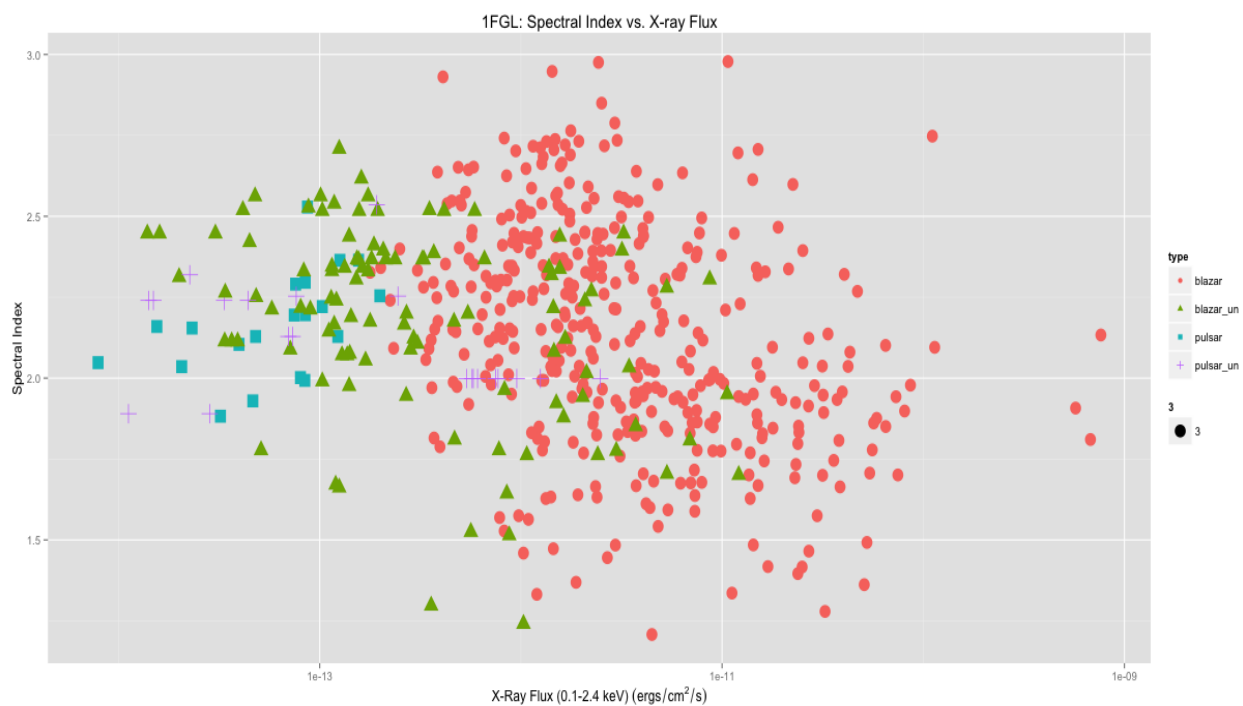


Figure 32: 1FGL associations – Spectral Index vs. X-ray Flux

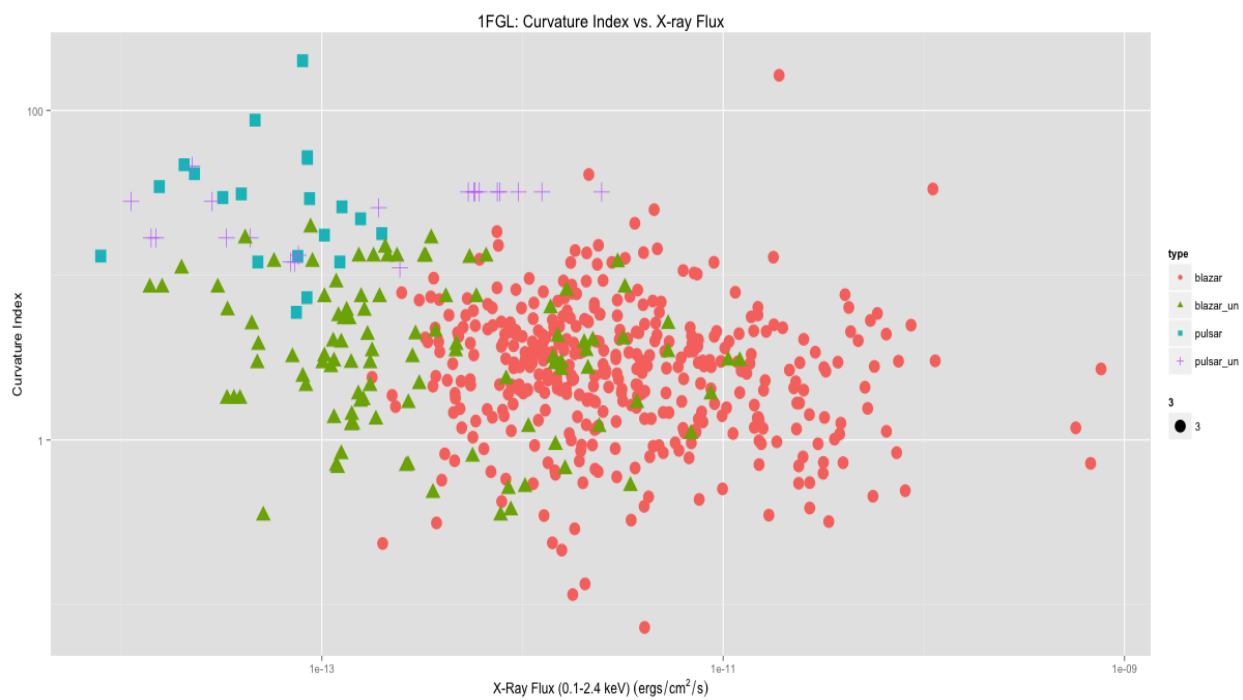


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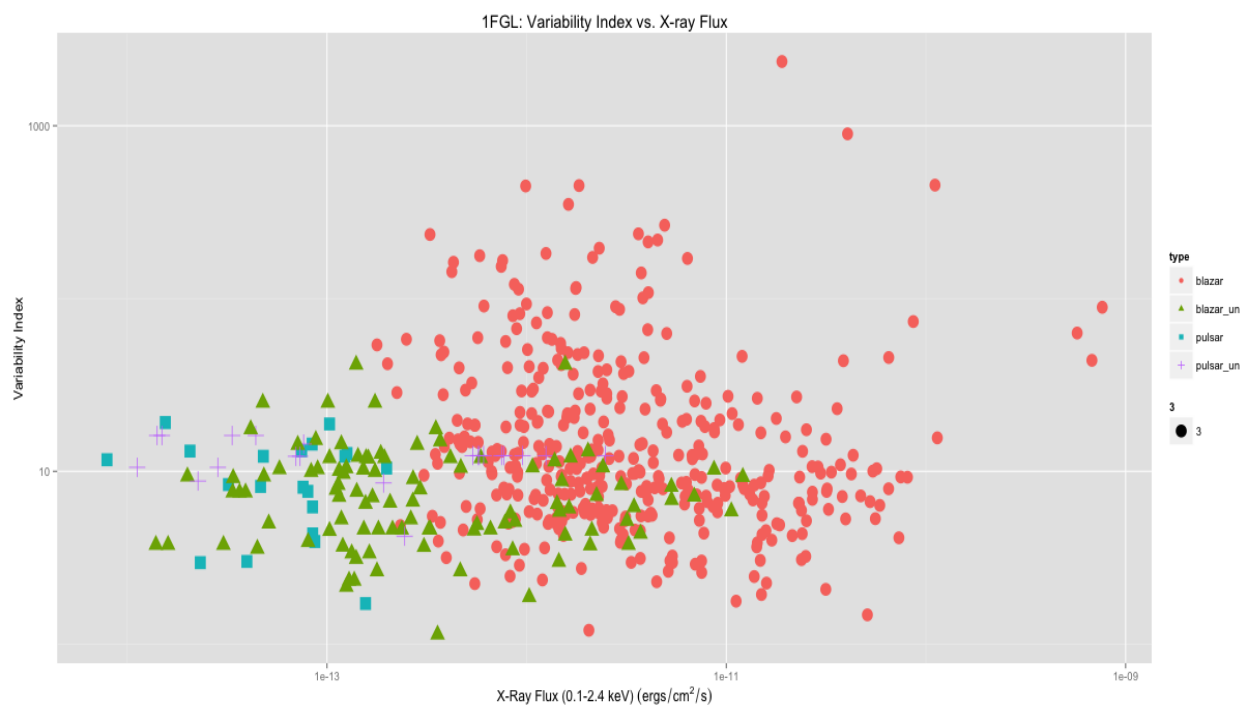


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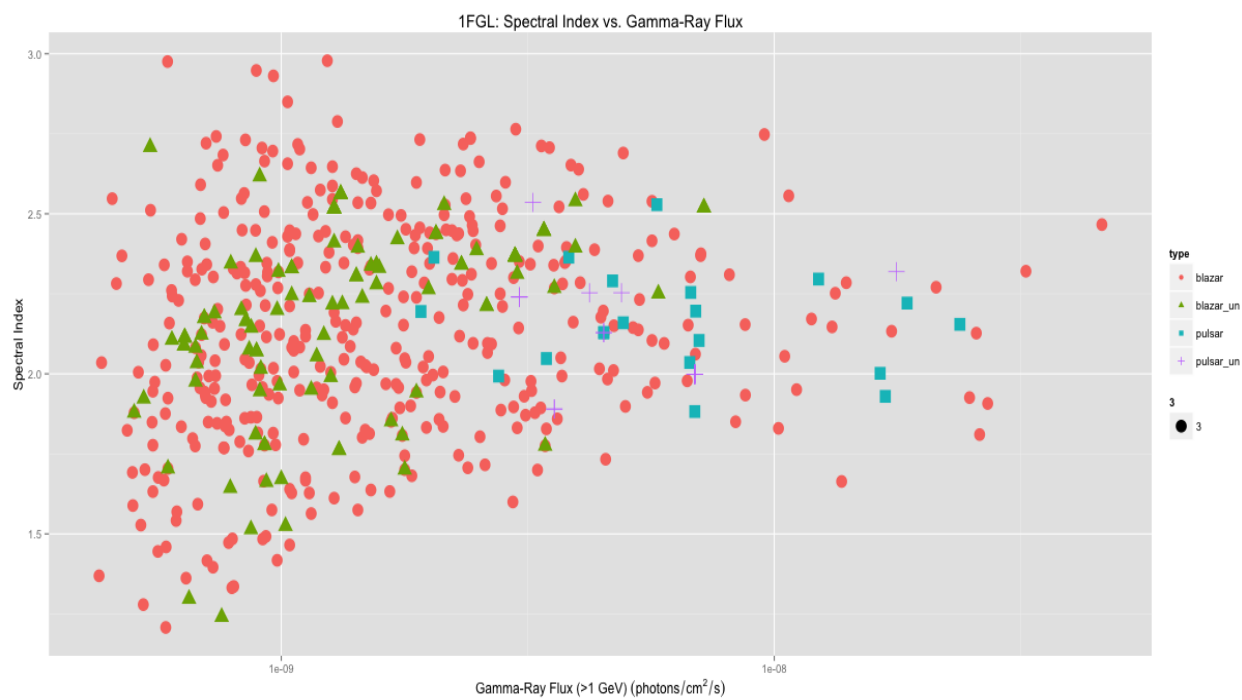


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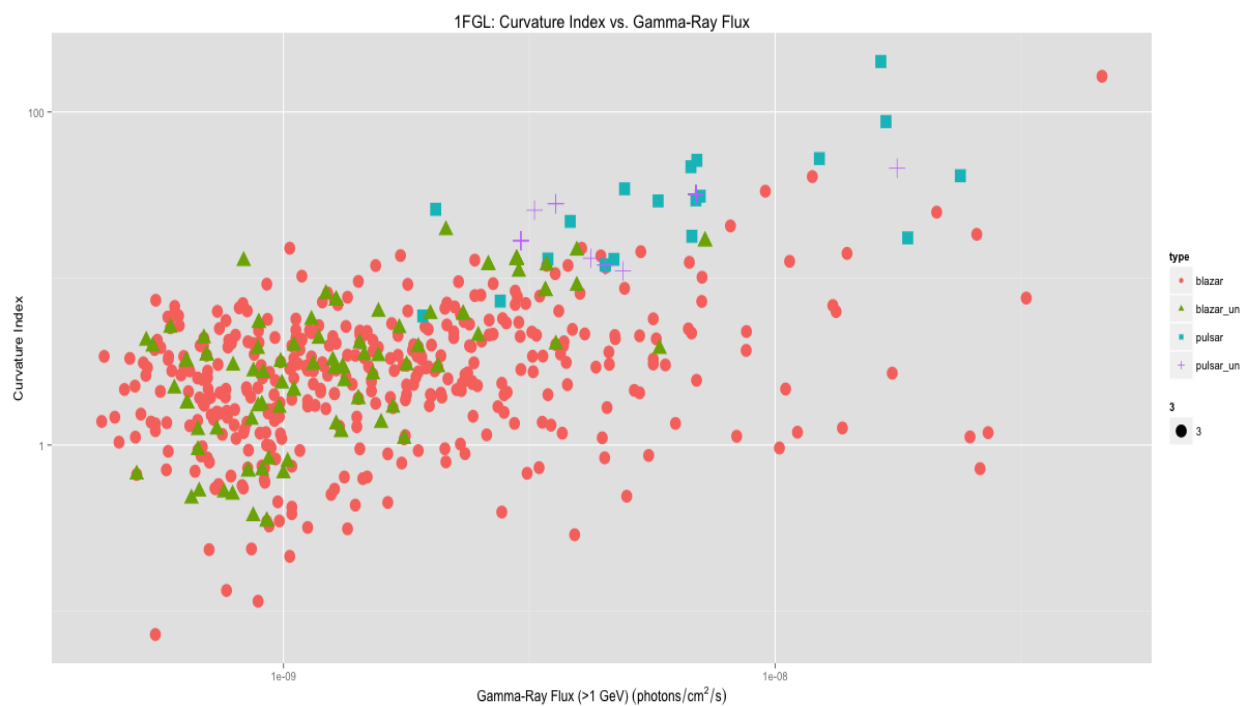


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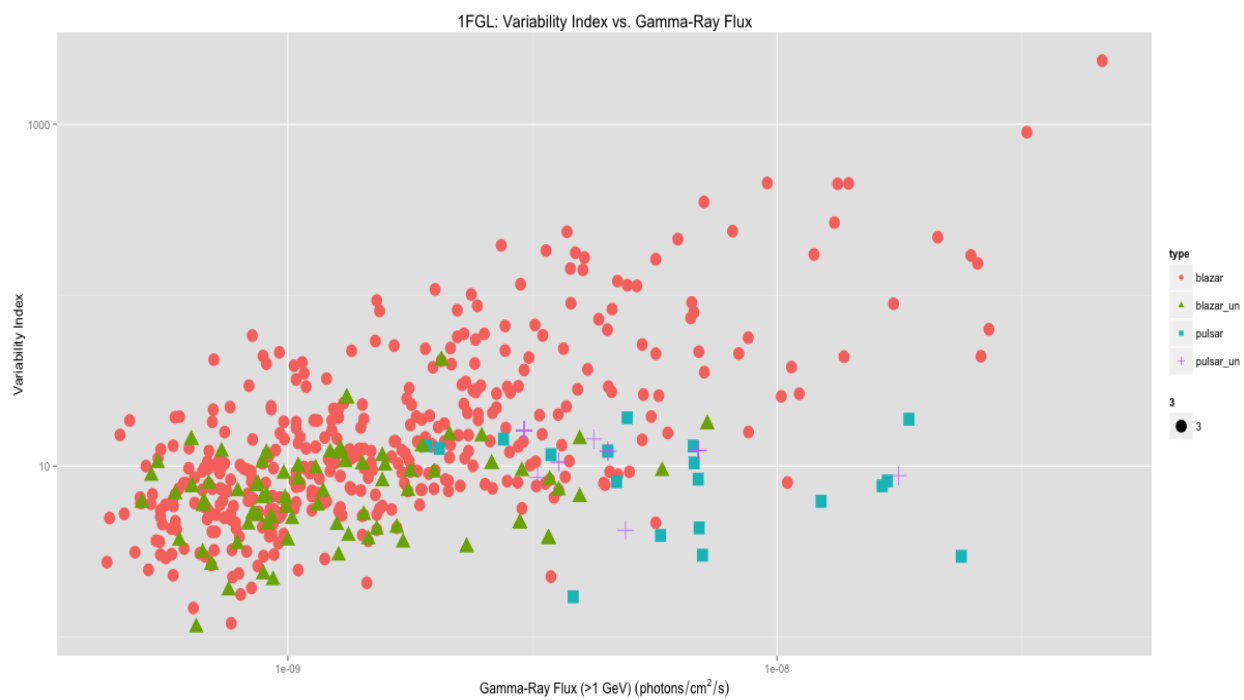


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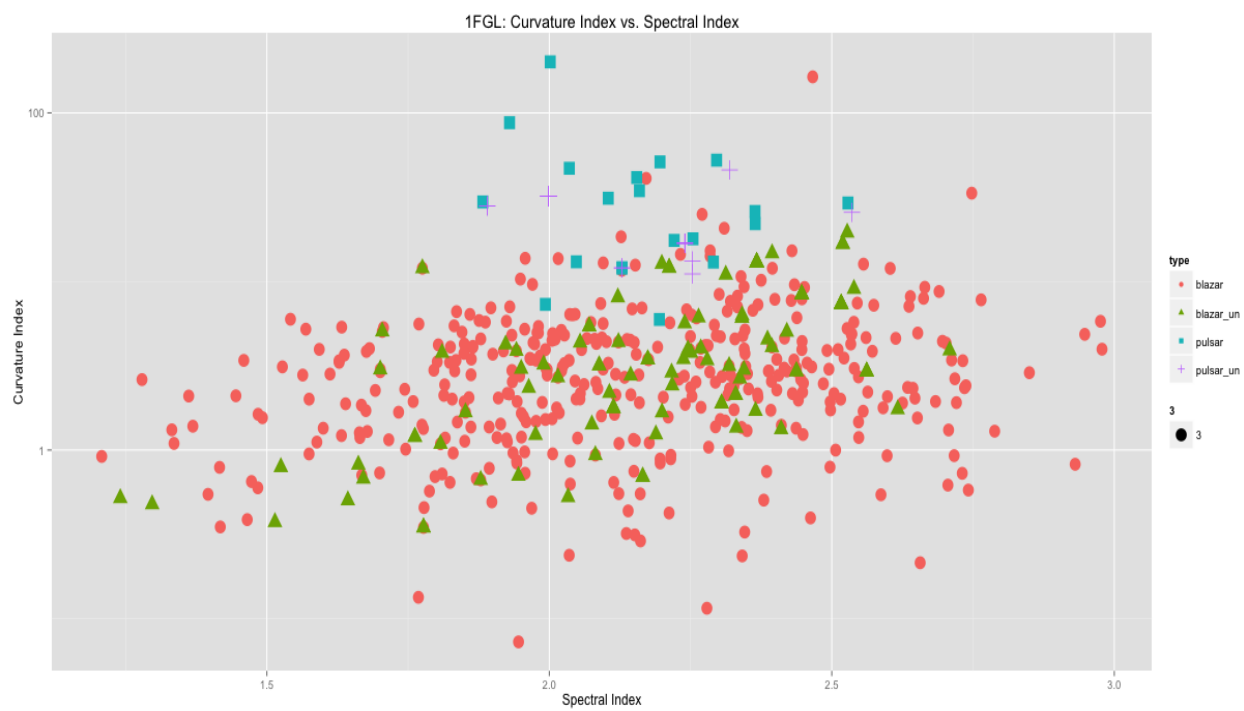


Figure 38: 1FGL associations – Curvature Index vs. Spectral Index

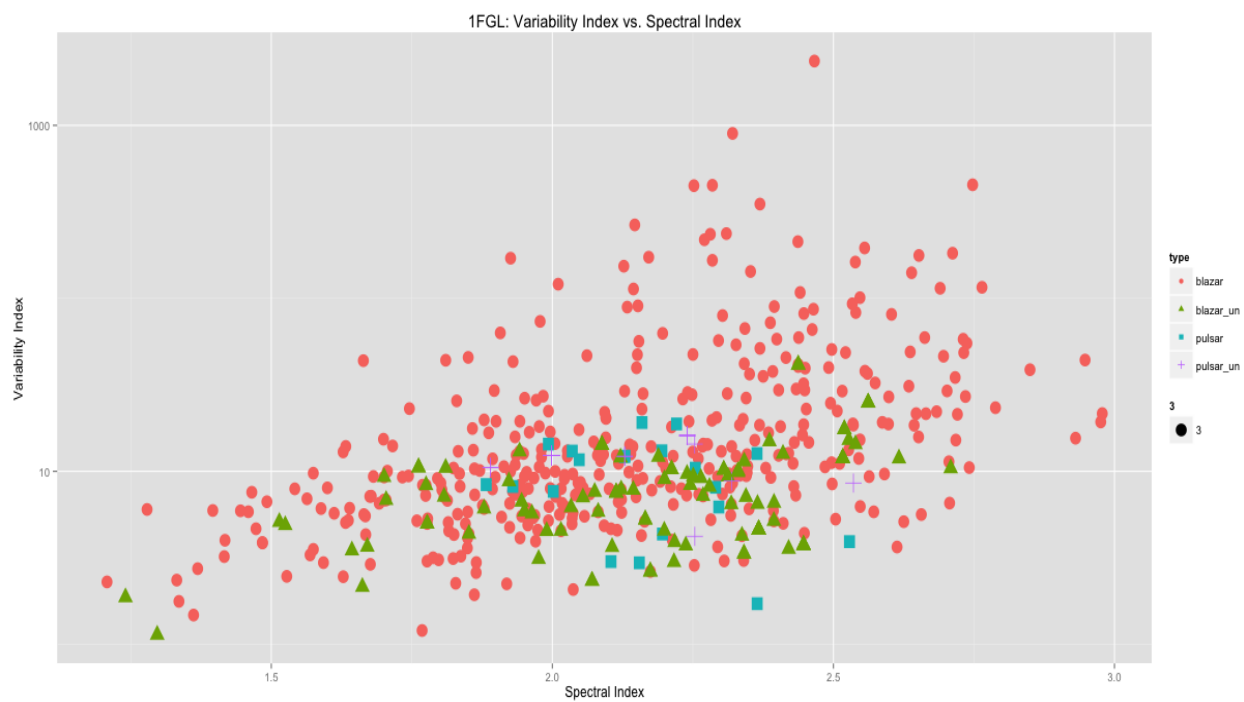


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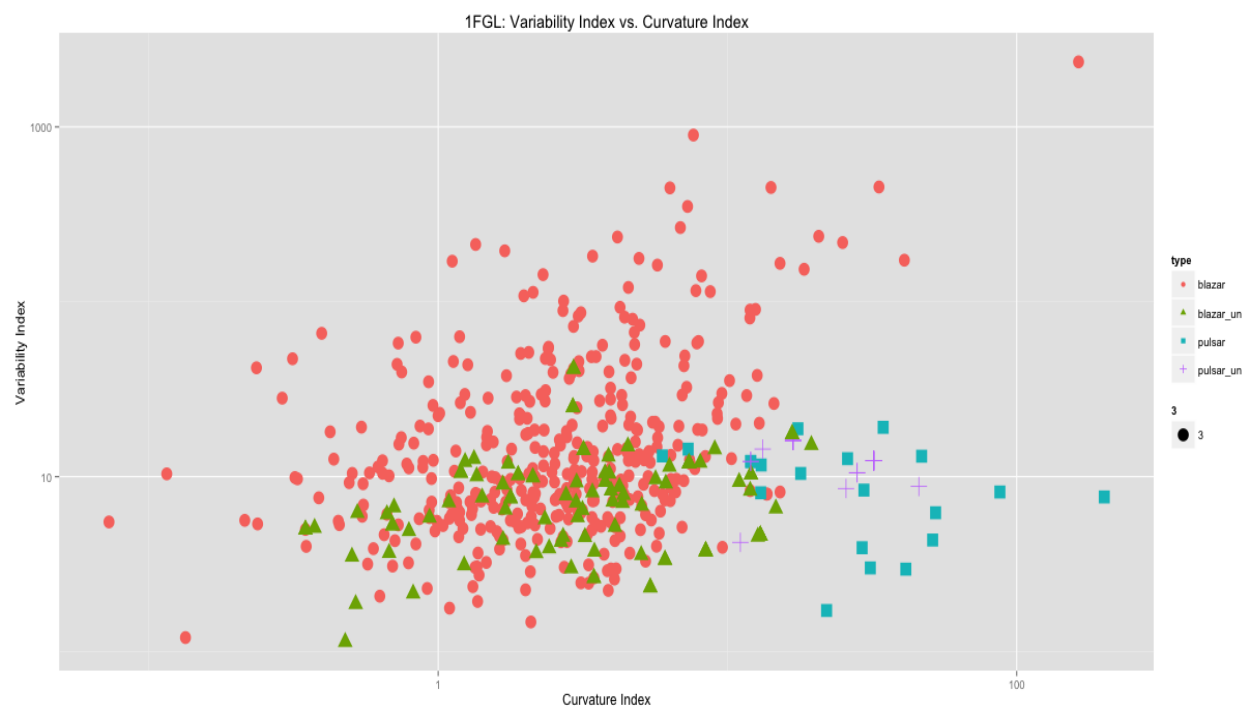


Figure 40: 1FGL associations – Variability Index vs. Curvature Index

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- Penn State Schreyer's Honors College Gateway Scholar
- Awarded \$1,000 Science Travel Grant – Penn State Eberly College of Science
- Awarded Kadtko Family Endowed Scholarship (2013, 2014) – Penn State Eberly College of Science

EXTRACURRICULARS

- Volunteer Work

- Astrofest with PSU Astronomy Department (2012, 2013, 2014)
 - Led kids activities, performed 3D Mars shows, helped with rooftop observing, helped with all other demonstrations
- Exploration U with PSU Astronomy Department (2012, 2013, 2014)
 - Ran multiple astronomy demonstrations for the public including scale of the solar system, crater demonstrations, and comet making
- Run Stargazing Open House at PSU with Astronomy Club (2012-present)
 - Set up and monitor telescopes, educate public on objects observed
- Haunted U run by Penn State's Science U (2013, 2014)
 - Led group of about 10 students in grades K-2 through science demonstrations that highlight "magical" science
- Think Outside the Beaker run by Penn State's Science U (2013, 2014)
 - Prepared and led demonstrations for middle school students highlighting the fundamental forces of nature as well as astronomy observing techniques
- Mars 3D shows for the public (June 2014-present)
 - Present shows for the public outlining a 3D tour of the planet Mars. Shows are presented for groups such as scout troops, classes on field trips, Penn State students, and others that request shows.
- Altar Server at home church (2004-2011)
 - Helped throughout the community in events such as: church picnics, Feed-A-Friend, food drives, clothes drives, etc.

- Vice President – Penn State Astronomy Club (Aug 2013-present)

- Create fun and interactive bi-weekly meetings for club members
- Perform public outreach in and around the Penn State community

- Penn State Intramural Sports

- Racquetball, Golf, Softball, Volleyball, Mushball, Kickball, Bocce Ball
- IM Racquetball Champion – Spring 2015