Abstract of thesis entitled

GAMMA-RAY SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF THREE ENERGETIC MILLISECOND PULSARS

Submitted by

Wenchao Wang

for the degree of Master of Philosophy at the University of Hong Kong in August 2018

PSRs J0218+4232, B1821-24 and B1937+21 are among the most energetic and fastest-spinning millisecond pulsars (MSPs). They have been studied in radio, X-rays and gamma-rays, and show aligned pulse profiles in all the bands. The *Fermi* LAT Pass 8 data was published in 2015 and has lots of advantages over the old Pass 7 data, such as increased effective area, wider energy range, and improved event reconstruction. Since the recent gamma-ray spectral analyses of the three MSPs are relatively old, I redo the gamma-ray spectral analyses of the three MSPs with four-year more *Fermi* LAT observational data and

newly published Fermi LAT Pass 8 data. I obtain better fit results for the

gamma-ray spectra of the three MSPs with smaller error bars and larger test

statistic values. I also do numerical simulations to test the two-layer model

using the new Fermi LAT data. By minimizing the differences between the

predictions of the two-layer model and the observational data, I obtain the

best-fit values of the three independent parameters of the two-layer model. It

is discovered that the simplified two-layer model can predict the broadband

spectra of the three MSPs which are very close to the observational data in

gamma-rays (Fermi LAT) and X-rays (NuSTAR).

Word-count: 207

2