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# **preface**

*Two things fill the mind with ever-increasing wonder and awe, the more often and the more intensely the mind of thought is drawn to them: the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me.” – Immanuel Kant*

The launch of the *Fermi* Gamma-ray space telescope in 2008 offered an unprecedented view into the  $\gamma$ -ray sky.

All the things we can learn with the LAT

Observations of PWNe with the LAT

Using the population of PWNe to understand the radiation mechanism of PWNe.

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