

# Status and open problems in Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays and High Energy Astrophysics

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# *Multi-Messenger Astrophysics*

and the study of:

## *“High Energy Universe”*

The ensemble of astrophysical objects, environments and mechanisms that generate and store high energy particles in the Milky Way and in the entire universe.

This field is one of the most significant and fascinating “Frontiers” in Science today.

1. Understanding the “*COSMOS*” where we live
2. The sources of the High Energy radiation are “laboratories” where we can test *(in conditions that are not achievable in “Earth based laboratories”)* the Fundamental Laws of Physics.

*Four Messengers  
for the study of the  
“High Energy  
Universe”*

Cosmic Rays,  
Photons, Neutrinos

Gravitational Waves

Three messengers are “*inextricably*” *tied together*  
[Cosmic Rays, Gamma Rays, High Energy Neutrinos]

three probes that study the same underlying  
physical phenomena (*giving complementary information*)

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Relativistic  
charged particles

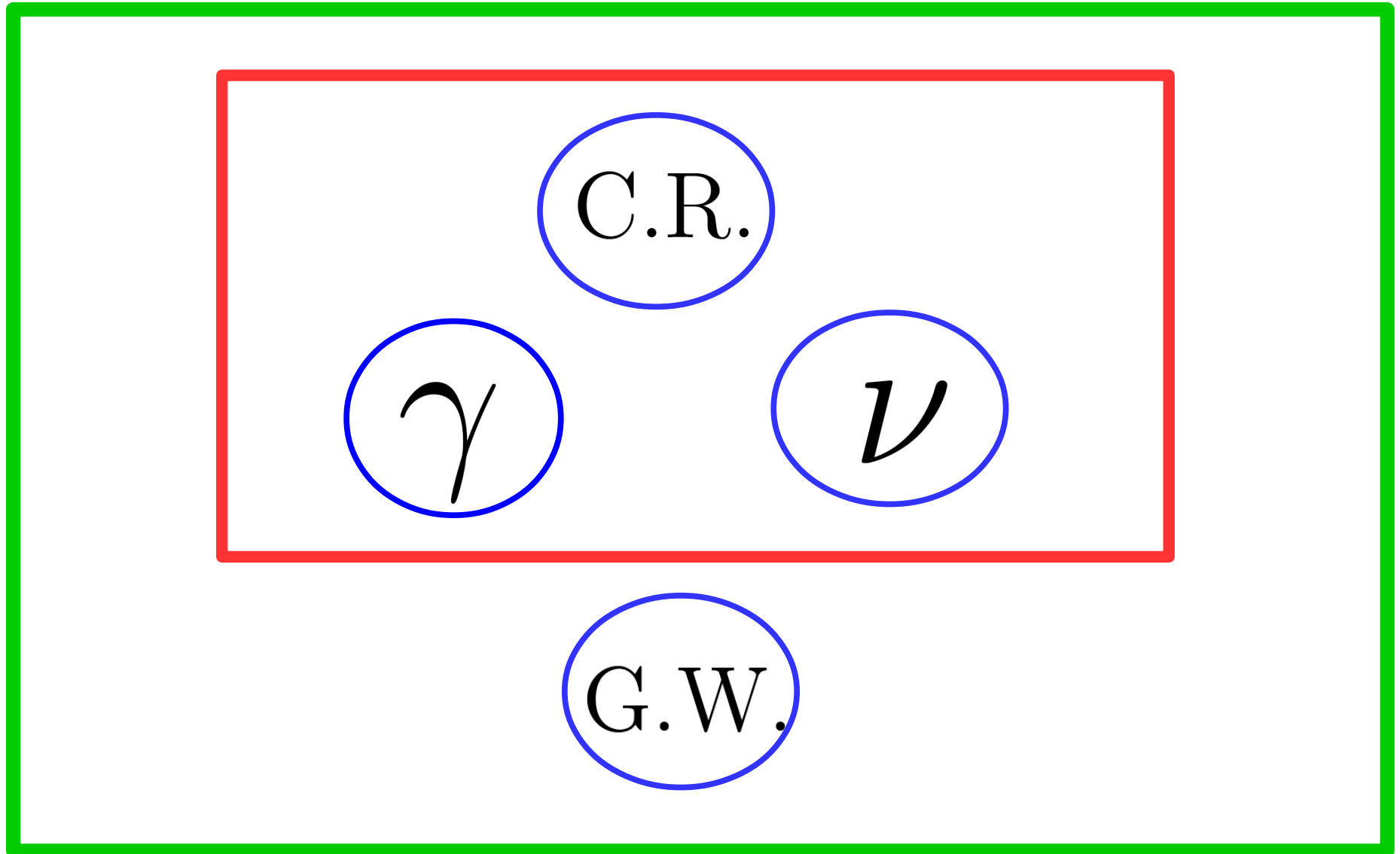
$\gamma$

$\nu$

# (Some) High Energy Sources can emit observable signals of Gravitational Waves (!!)

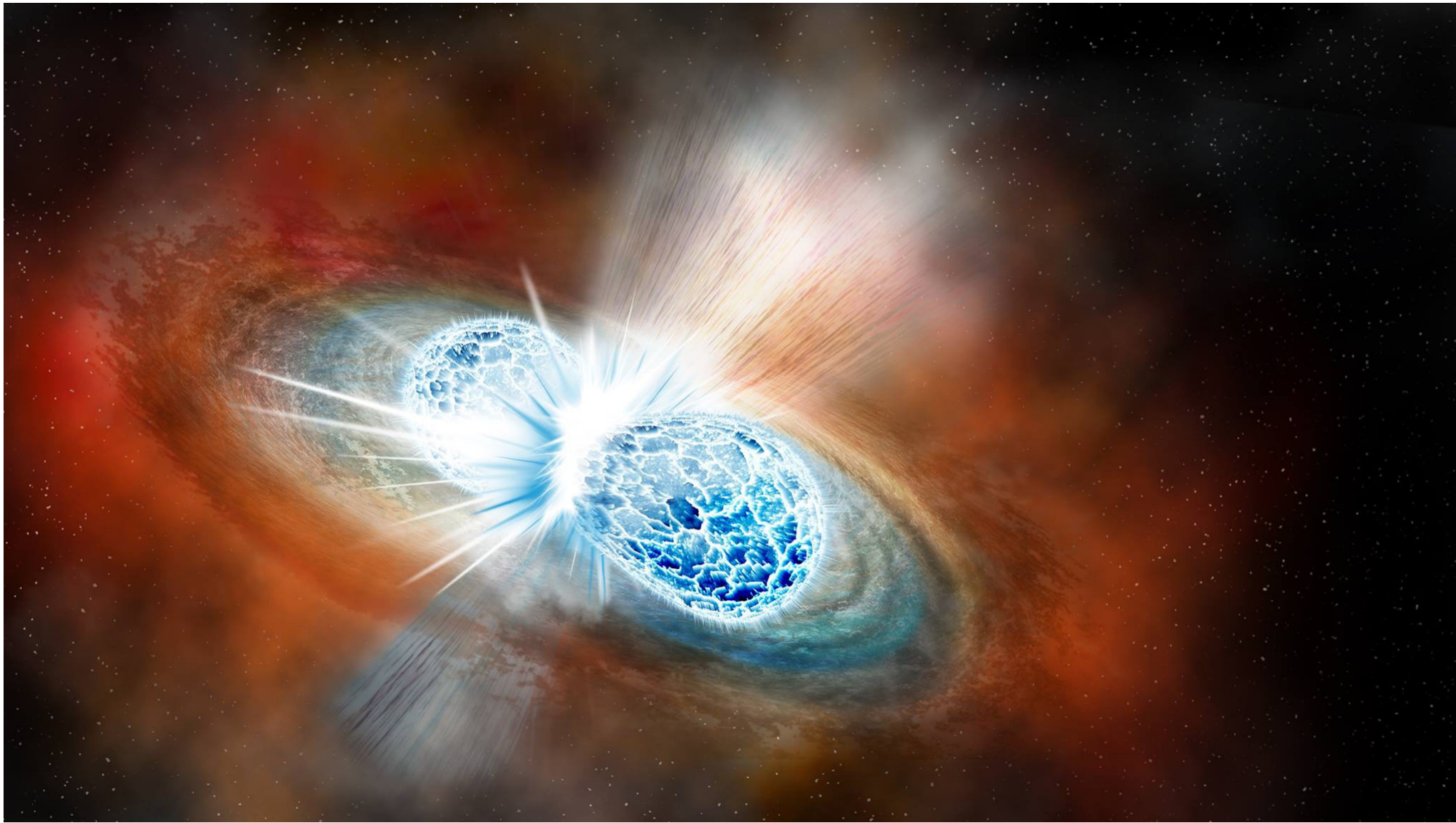
Transient sources associated with the formation of compact objects

*Entering a new exciting era with LIGO/VIRGO*

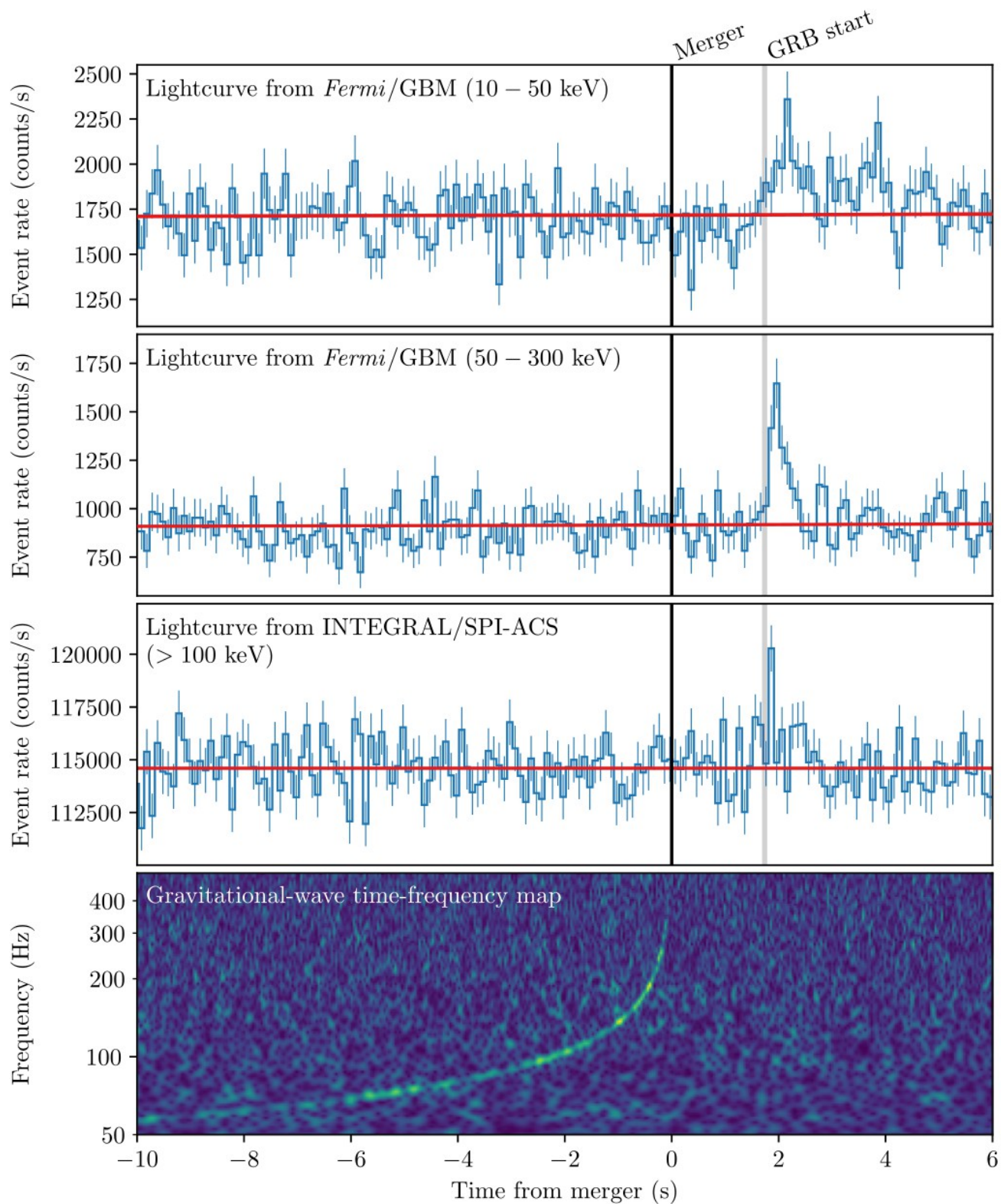


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GRB 170817A



(neutron-star)-(neutron-star) coalescence  
detected by LIGO/VIRGO [short Gamma Ray Burst]



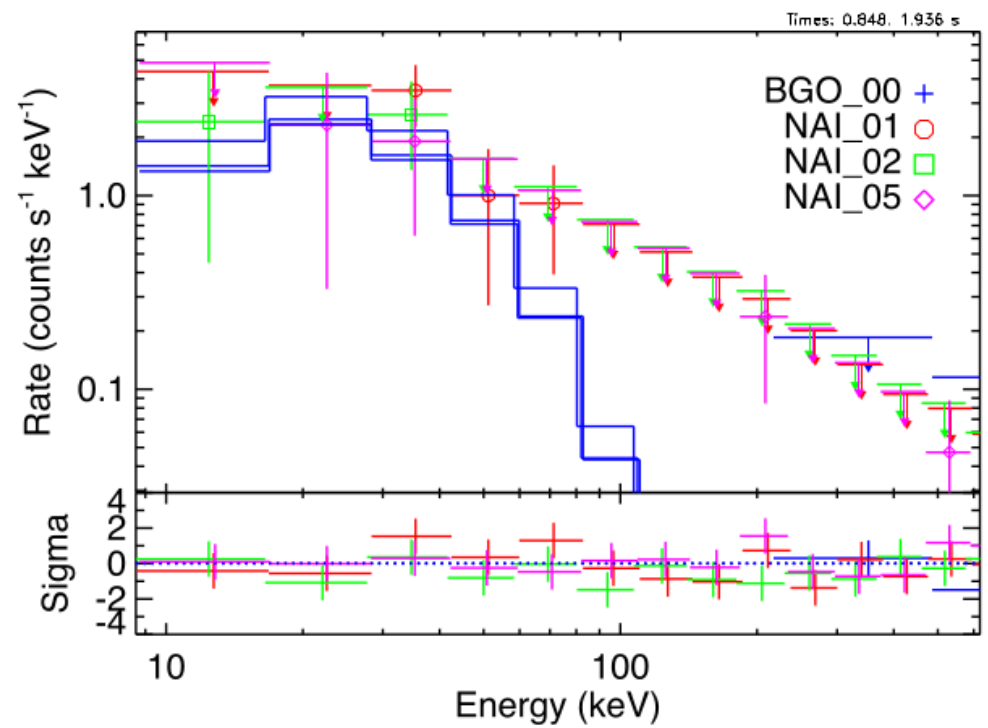
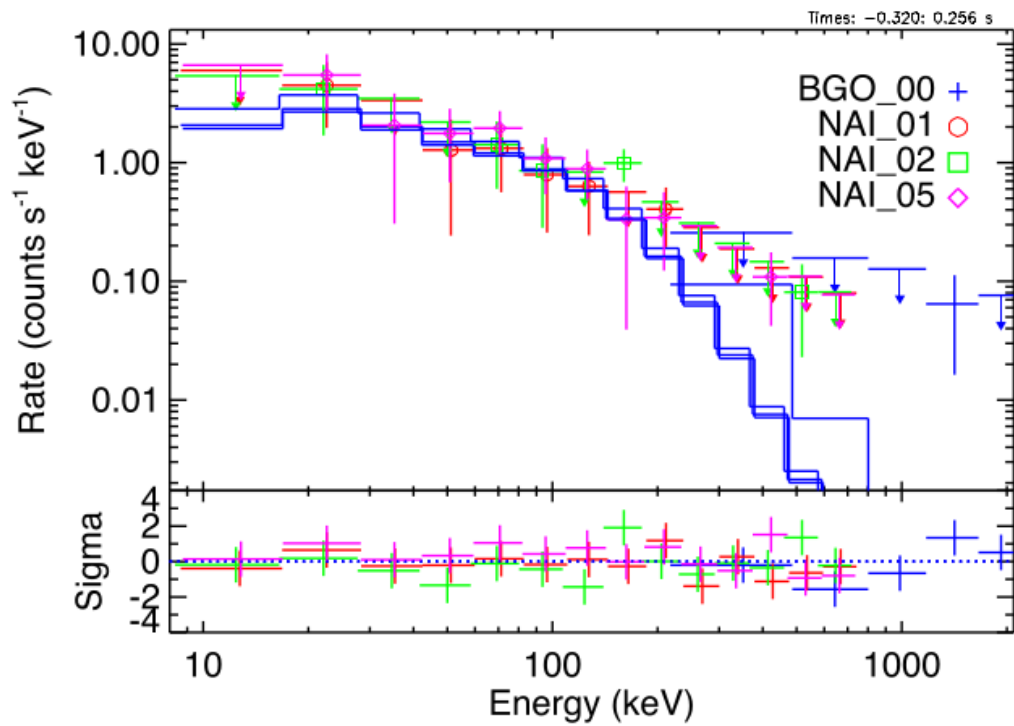
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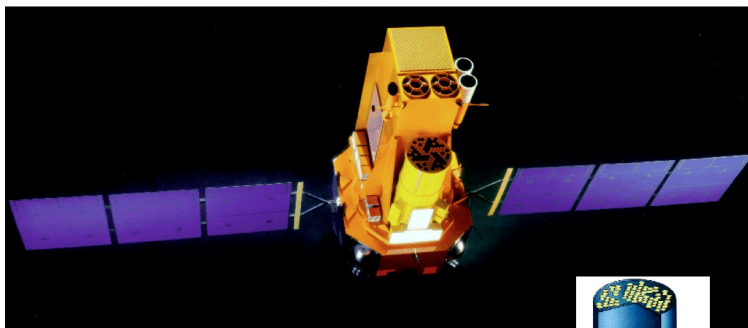
*Neutron stars  
merger*

Extraordinary  
event !

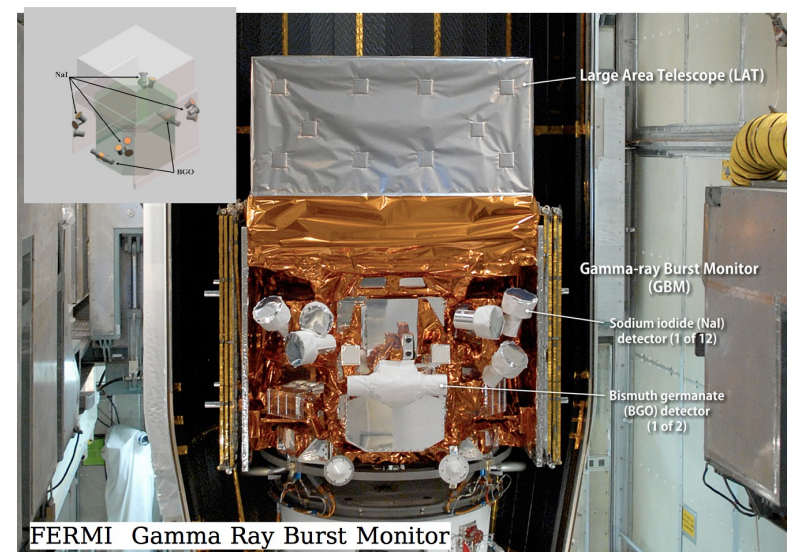
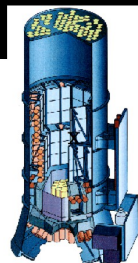
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**Figure 8.** Spectral fits of the count rate spectrum for the (left) main pulse (Comptonized) and (right) softer emission (blackbody). The blue bins are the forward-folded model fit to the count rate spectrum, the data points are colored based on the detector, and  $2\sigma$  upper limits estimated from the model variance are shown as downward-pointing arrows. The residuals are shown in the lower subpanels.



INTEGRAL  
SPI-ADC





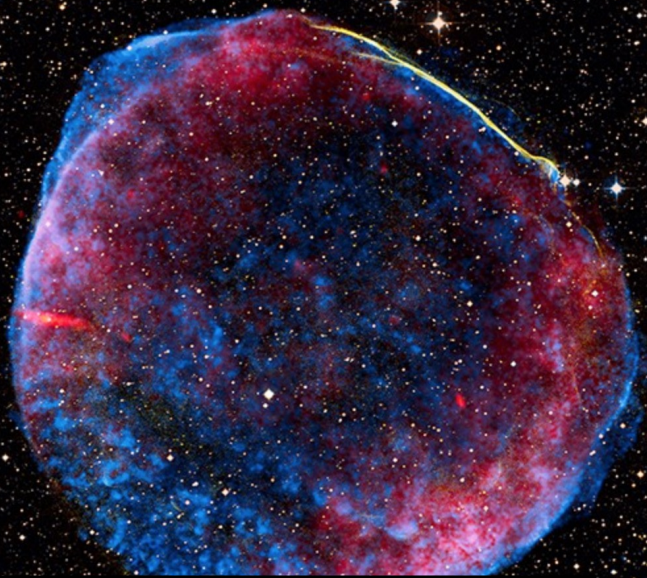
# “High Energy Sources”

Discovery of *several different classes* of astrophysical objects/events that are capable of accelerating particles to relativistic energies

Strange and wonderful beasts in the Sky]



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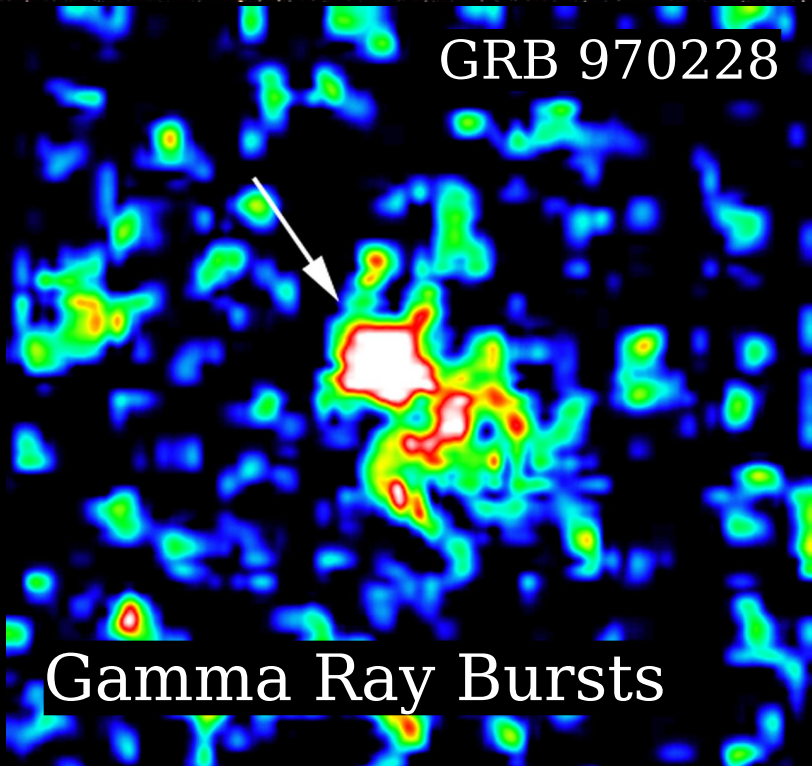
Super Nova Remnants

Crab Nebula



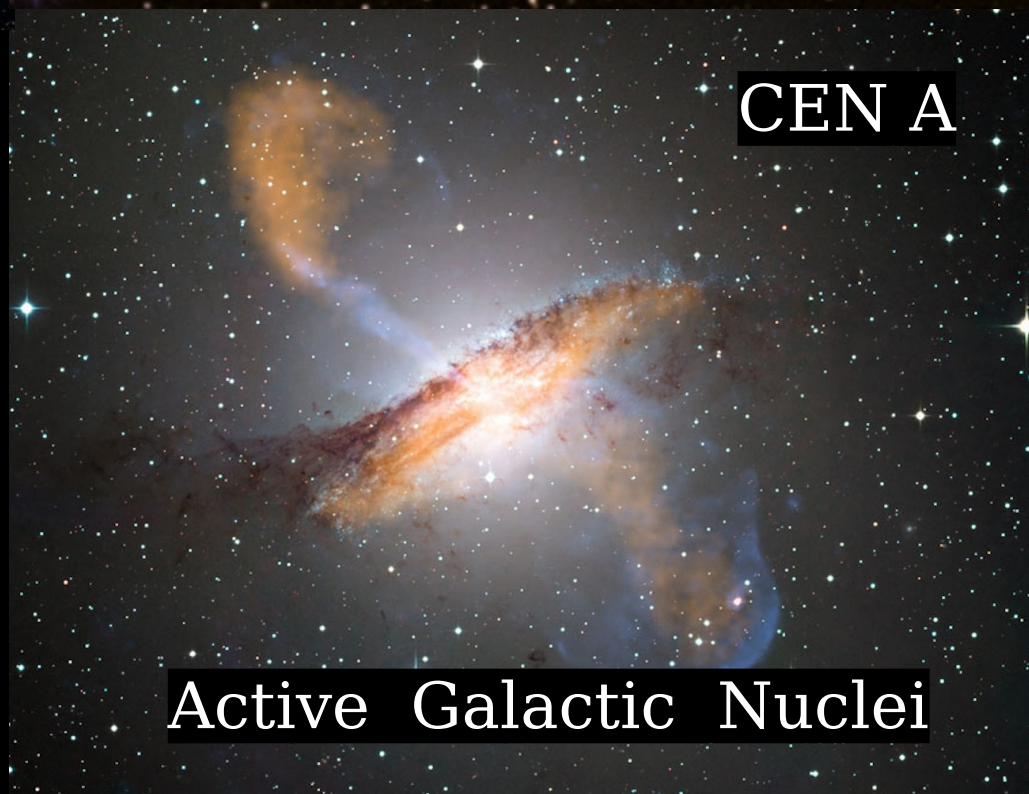
Pulsar Wind Nebulae

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Gamma Ray Bursts

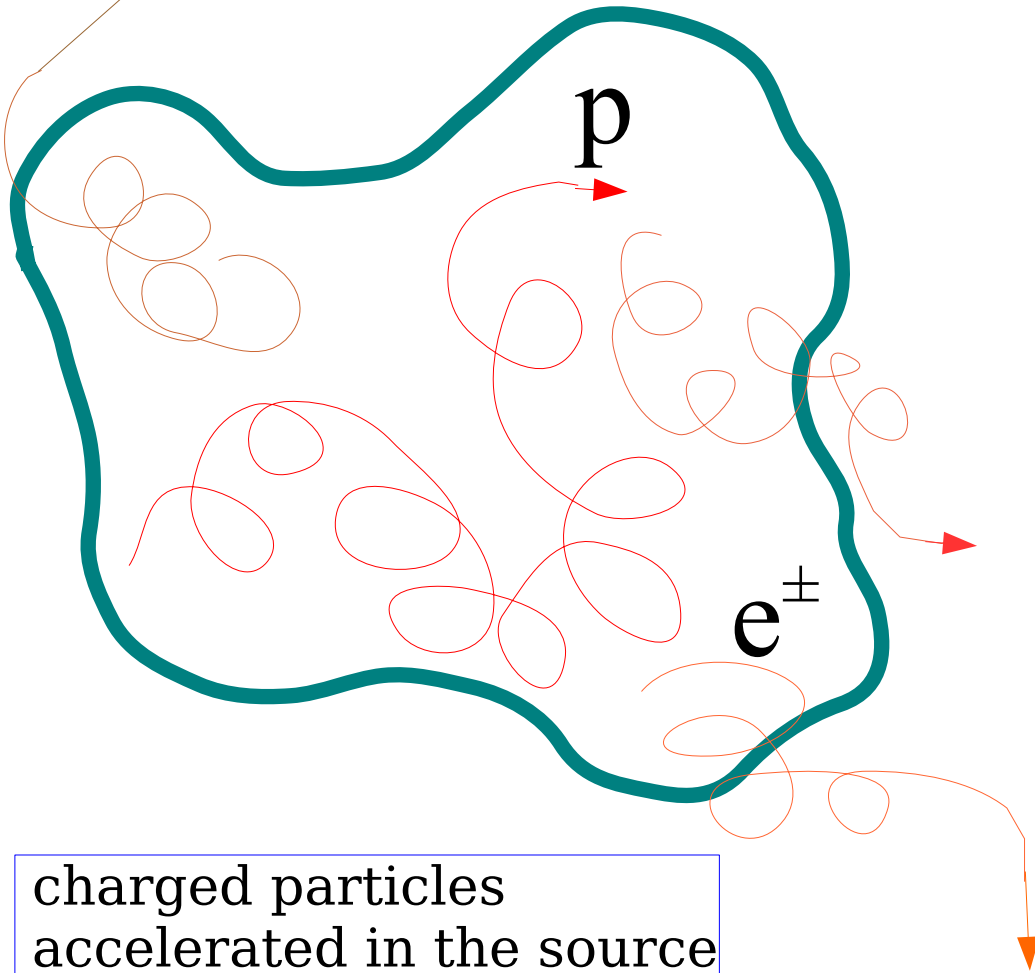
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Active Galactic Nuclei

# Cosmic Ray Source

particles escaping  
the source (*cosmic rays*)



charged particles  
accelerated in the source

Interactions with gas and  
radiation fields (*photons, neutrinos*)

## Hadronic emission

$$p + X \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \dots$$

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$$

$$\downarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

## Leptonic emission

$$e^\pm \gamma_{\text{soft}} \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$$

$$e^\pm Z \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma Z$$

$$e^\pm \vec{B} \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma_{\text{syn}}$$

# Emission of photons and Neutrinos

$$[p + \text{gas}] \rightarrow \pi^0 (\eta) \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$[p + \text{gas}] \rightarrow \pi^\pm (K) \rightarrow \nu$$

$$[p + \gamma_{\text{soft}}] \rightarrow \pi^0 (\eta) \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$[p + \gamma_{\text{soft}}] \rightarrow \pi^\pm (K) \rightarrow \nu$$

(p, He, ...A, ... )

*“hadronic emissions”*

versus

*“leptonic emissions”*

Simple clear  
connection  
between emissions

## Neutrino

and

## Gamma Ray

But:

*Gamma absorption in source*

*Gamma absorption in space*

*Leptonic mechanisms*

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$$[e + \gamma_{\text{soft}}] \rightarrow e + \gamma$$

$$[e + \text{gas}] \rightarrow e + \gamma$$

$$[e + \vec{B}] \rightarrow e + \gamma_{\text{syn}}$$

Understanding the “co-acceleration of protons and electrons a fundamental problem

## Relation between Cosmic Rays, Gamma-Rays and Neutrinos:

Electrically charged particles can acquire very large energies propagating in the electromagnetic fields of astrophysical objects/transients.

Neutrinos and Gamma-rays are *generated with approximately equal rate* in the decay of pions (and other particles) created in the interactions of protons and nuclei [*hadronic mechanism*].

Gamma-rays are also created by radiation processes of relativistic electrons/positrons [*leptonic mechanism*]

Gamma Rays and neutrinos trace the populations of relativistic charged particles (protons/nuclei/electrons/positrons) in the sources

The relation of the fluxes of neutrino and Gamma-rays:  
reflects:

[1.] The relative importance of the acceleration of  
*electrons/positrons* versus *protons/nuclei*  
[a problem of central importance]

[2.] The effects of absorption (of photons)  
inside the sources and during propagation  
[and neutrino flavor oscillations  
+ possibly other (new physics) phenomena]

The relation between the  
*Fluxes of Cosmic Rays observed at the Earth*  
and the gamma rays and neutrino fluxes is a  
*much more difficult and less understood problem*  
because it depends on  
(a) Escape of CR from the sources  
(b) Propagation (in the Milky Way or/and extra-galactic space)  
*[Very large uncertainties for both problems]*

# COSMIC RAYS

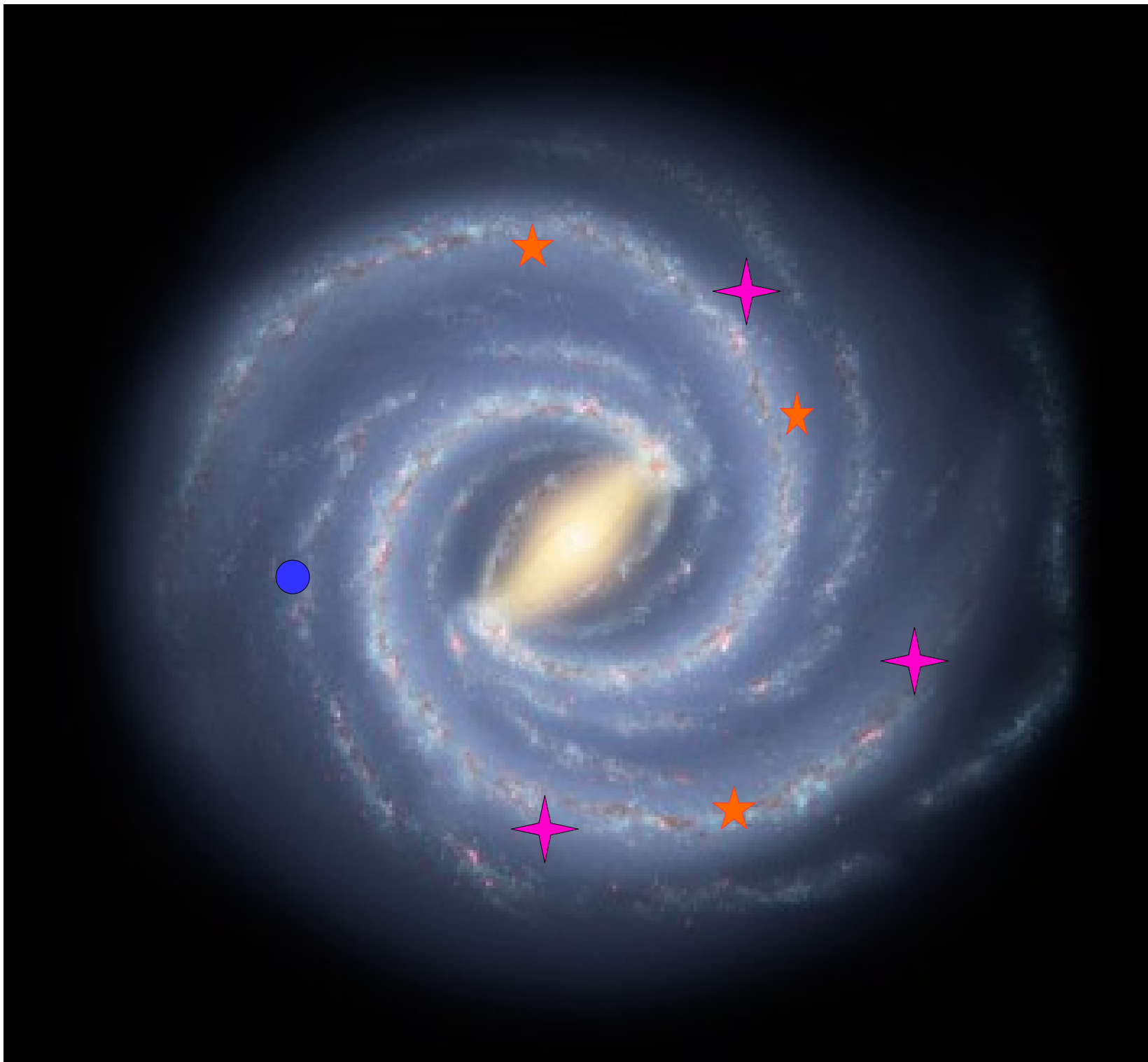
## *Measurements at the Earth*

*Space and time integrated average* of particles generated by many sources in the Galaxy and in the universe, *also shaped by propagation effects*.

Measurement at single point, and (effectively) single time.

[slow time variations,  
geological record carries some information]





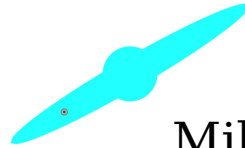
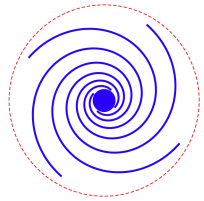
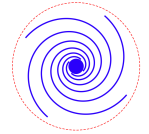
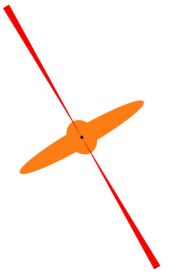
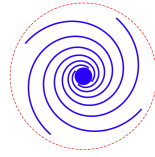
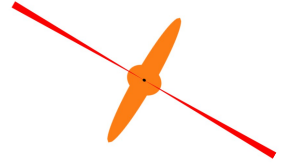
# MILKY WAY

*High  
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sources*

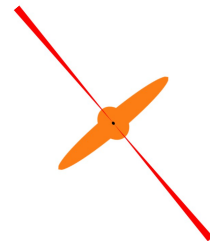
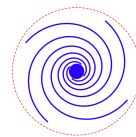
Solar  
system



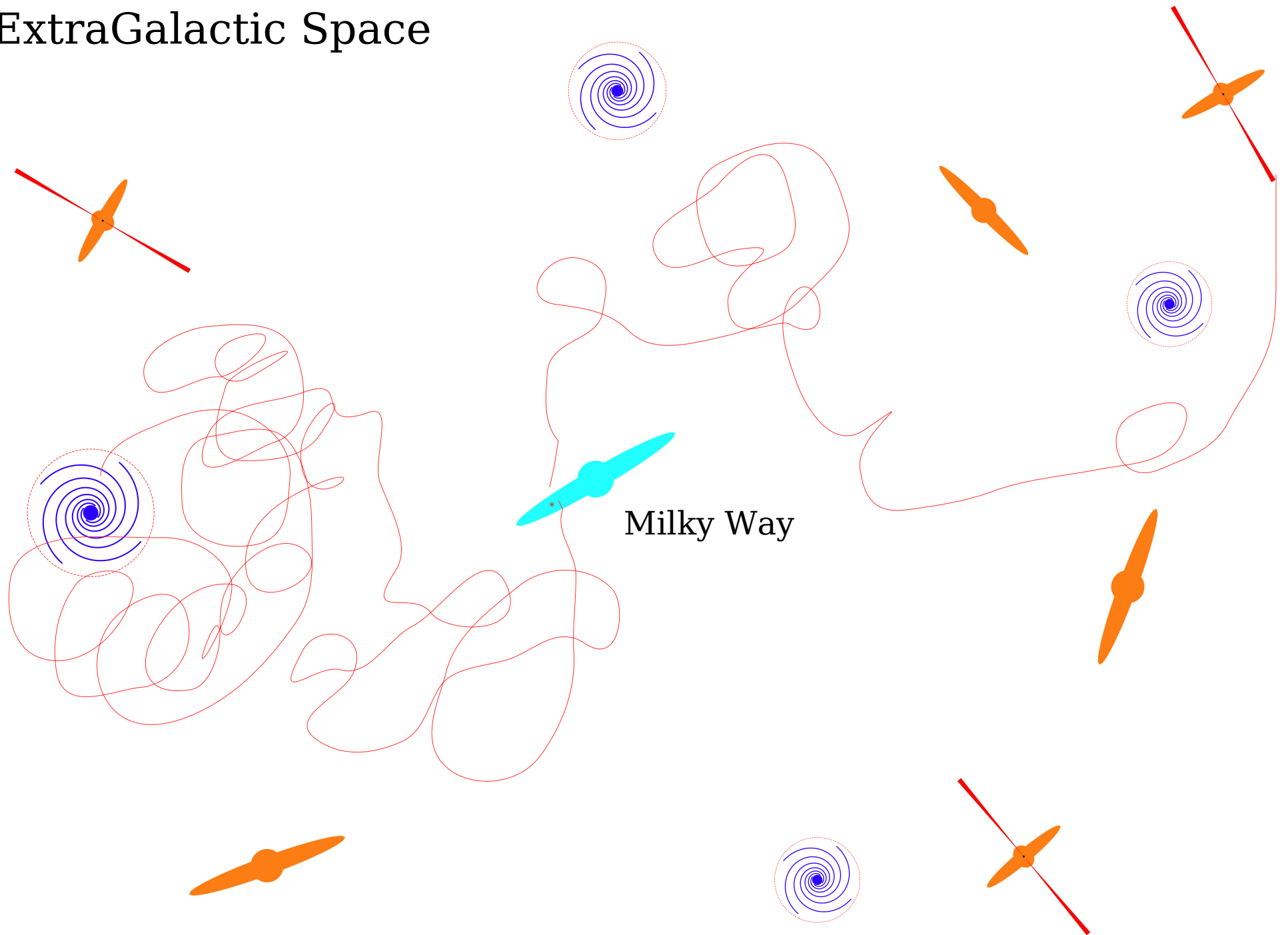
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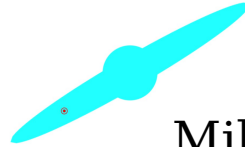
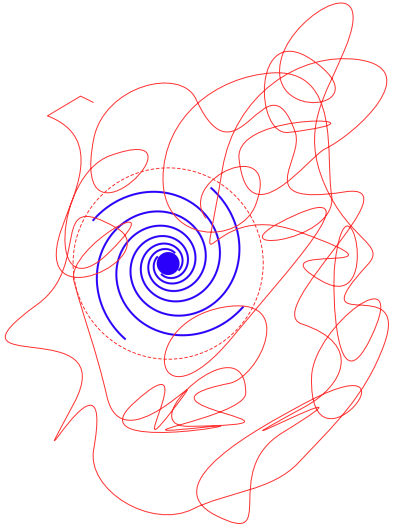
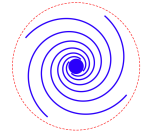
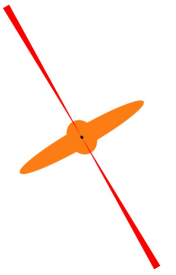
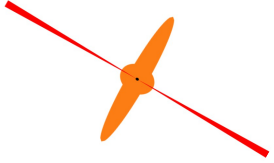
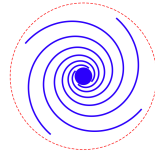
Milky Way



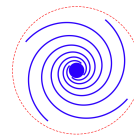
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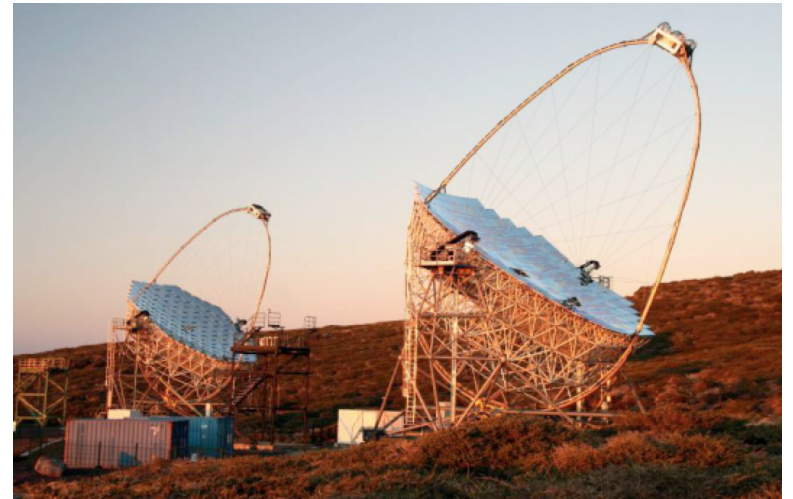


# Gamma Rays

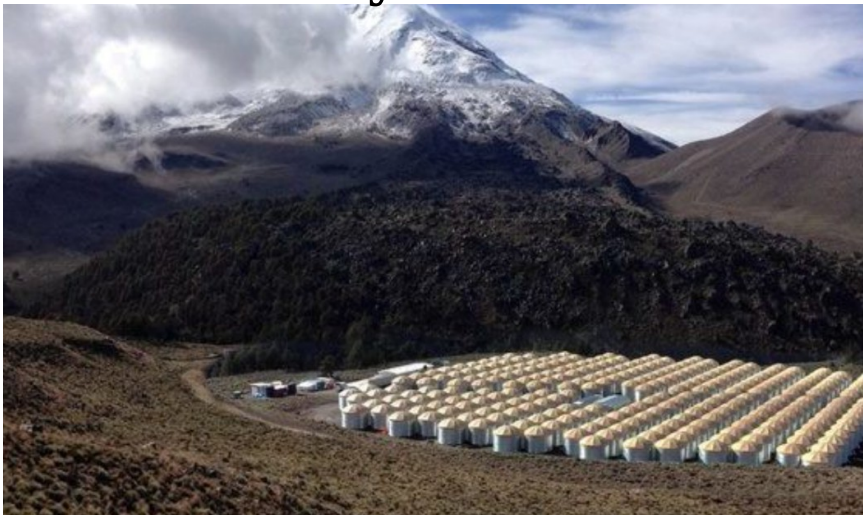
Space  $E_\gamma \simeq 0.1 \div 1000$  GeV



Cherenkov  $E_\gamma \simeq 0.1 \div 100$  TeV



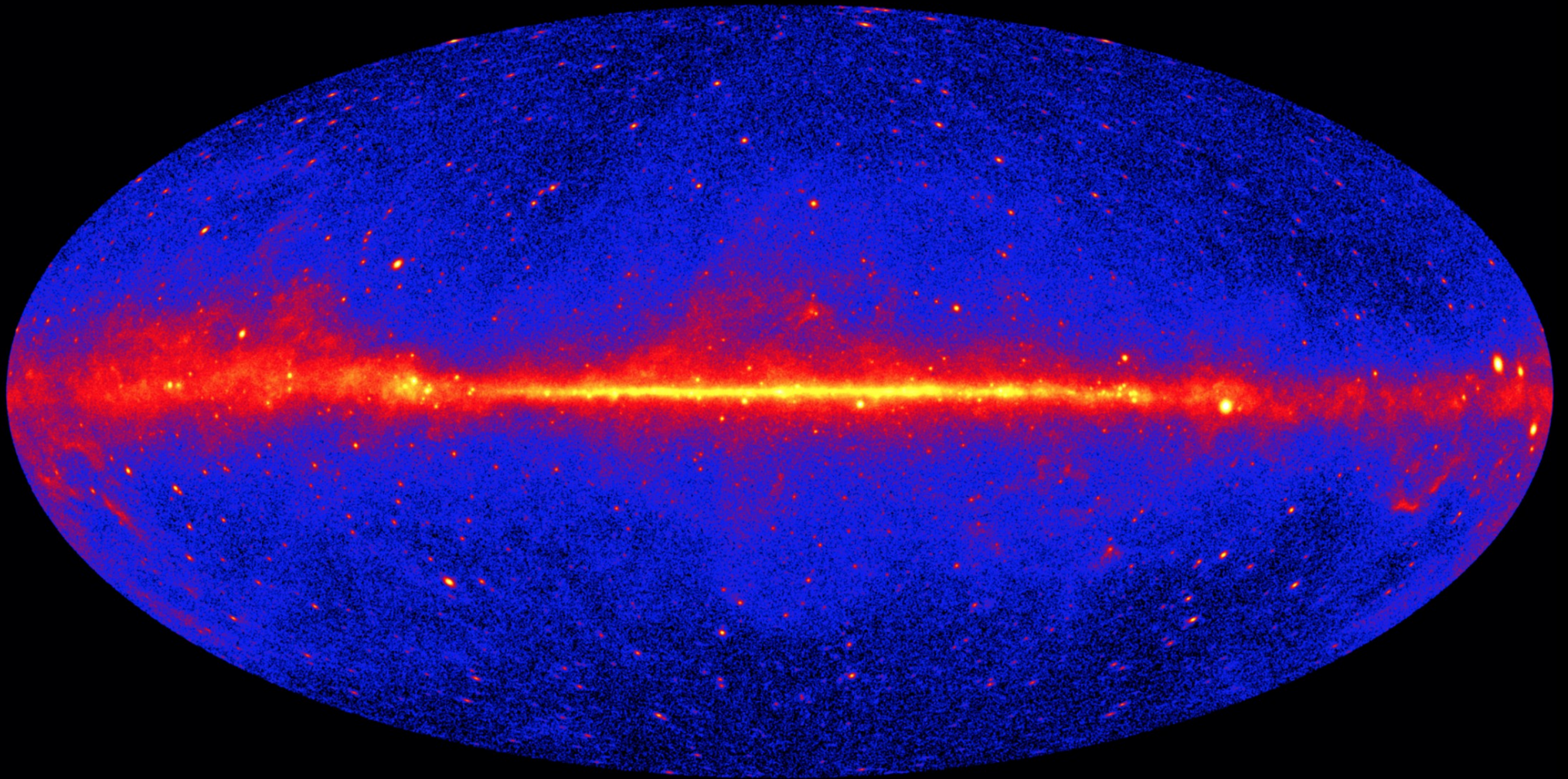
Ground Arrays



$E_\gamma \lesssim 30$  PeV LHAASO



# The “Richness” of the Gamma Ray Sky



FERMI-LAT sky map

# Components of the Gamma Ray flux (0.1 – 1000 GeV) Galactic/Extragalactic sources + “diffuse”

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\gamma}(E, \Omega) = & \sum_{j \in \{\text{Galactic}\}} \phi_j(E, \Omega_j) + \phi_{\text{diffuse}}^{\text{Galactic}}(E, \Omega) \\ & + \sum_{j \in \{\text{extragal.}\}} \phi_j(E, \Omega_j) + \phi_{\text{isotropic}}^{\text{extragal.}}(E, \Omega)\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{\text{isotropic}}^{\text{extragal.}}(E, \Omega) = \phi_{\text{unresolved sources}}^{\text{extragal.}}(E) + \phi_{\text{diffuse}}^{\text{extragal.}}(E, \Omega)$$

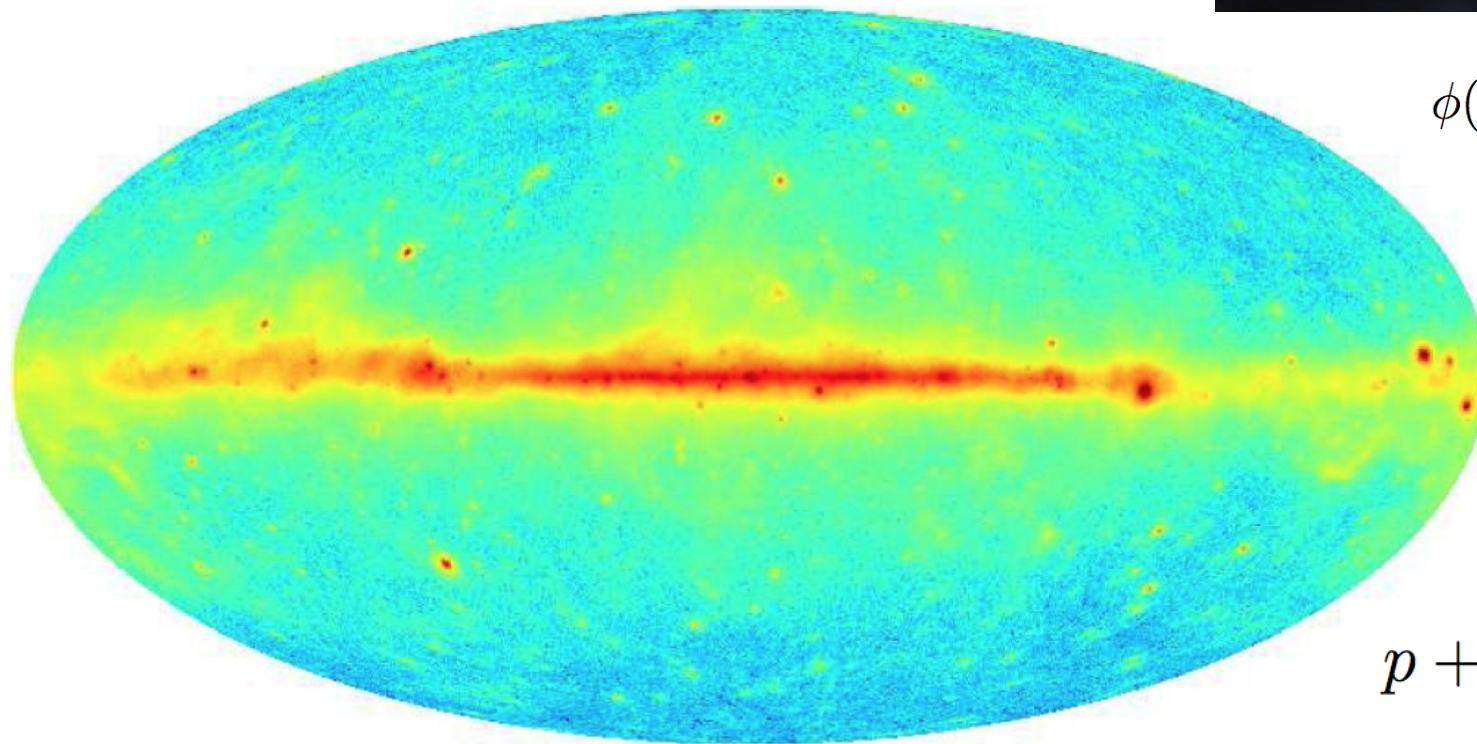
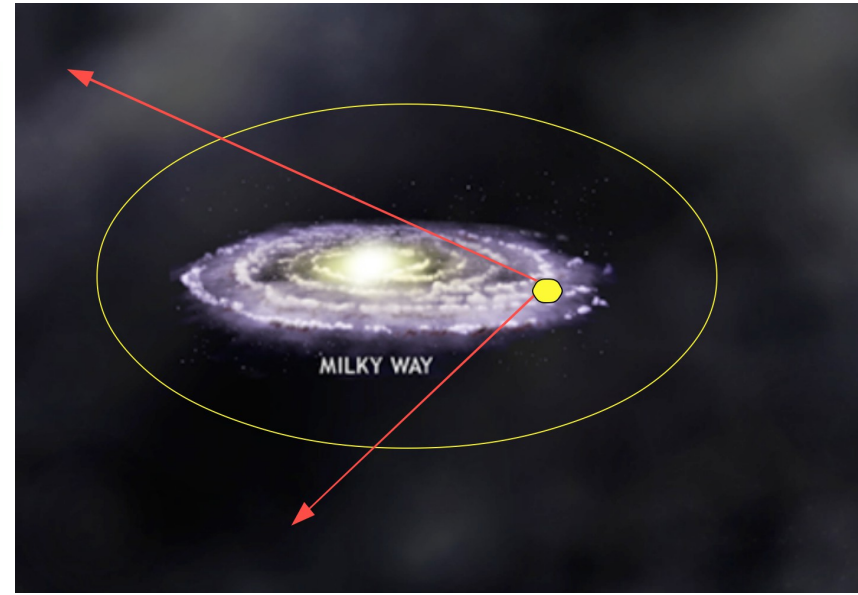
Note : The Neutrino sky will have the same 5 components (perhaps in different proportions)



# Diffuse Emission

*Fermi*-LAT counts

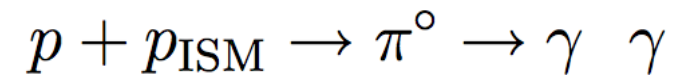
Galactic coordinates



$$\phi(\Omega) \propto \int dl n_{\text{cr}}(\vec{\ell}) n_{\text{ism}}(\vec{\ell})$$

Integral  
over line of sight

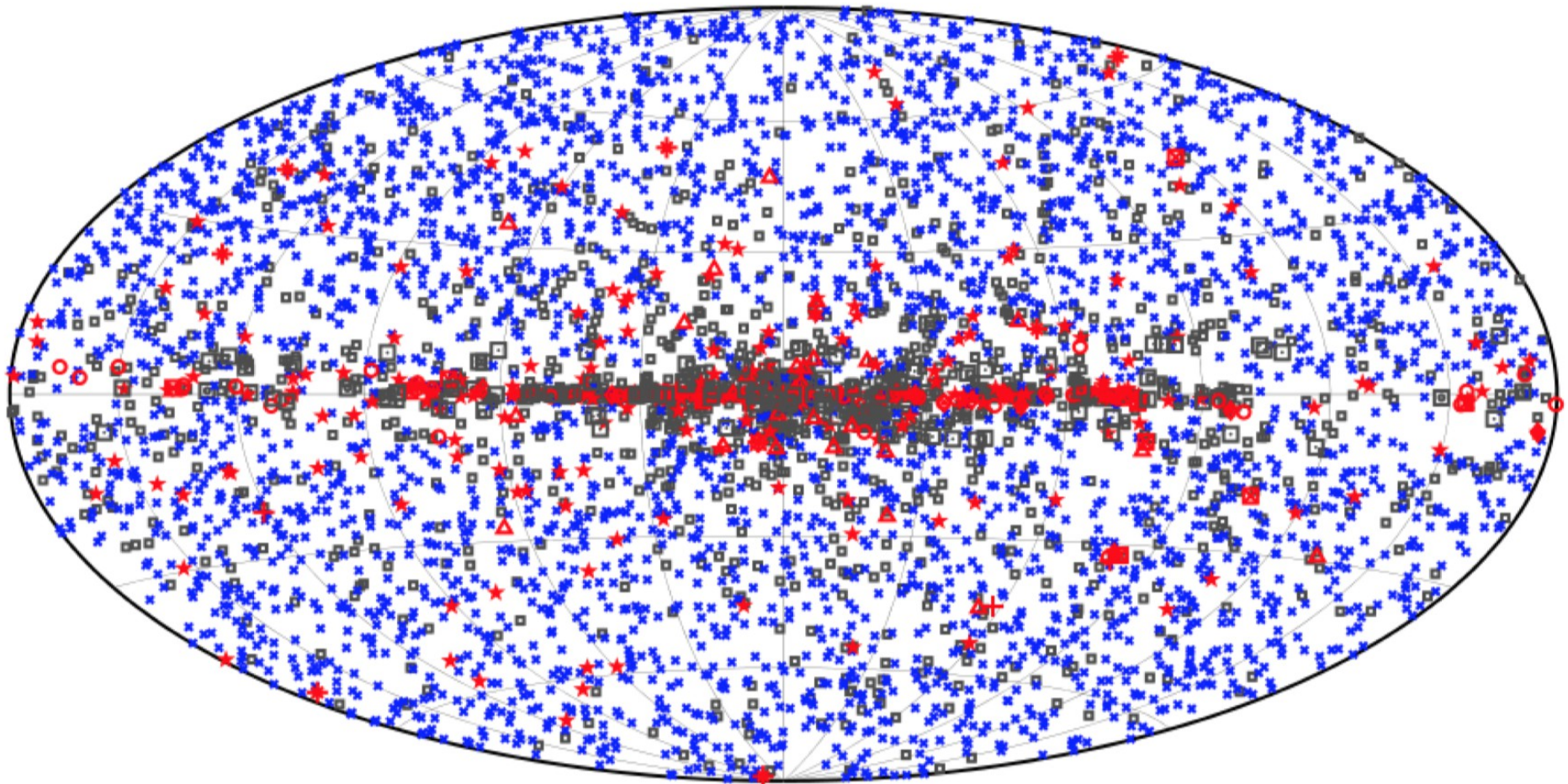
[(CR density) \*  
(gas density)]



energy range 200 MeV to 100 GeV

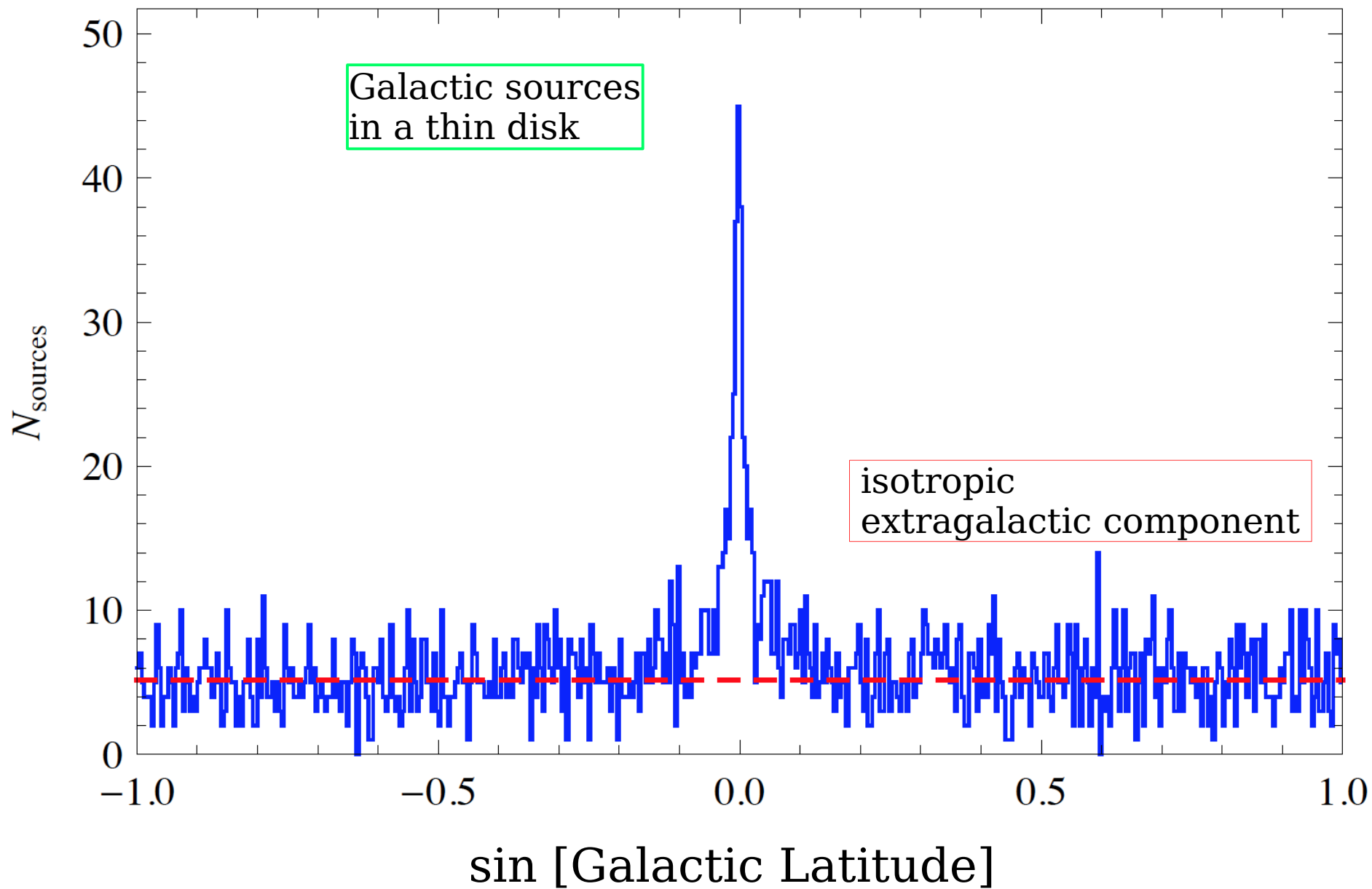
*Study distribution  
of Cosmic Rays  
in the Galaxy*

# FERMI 4<sup>th</sup> General Catalog 4FGL (5064 sources)



□ No association	▣ Possible association with SNR or PWN	★ AGN
★ Pulsar	▲ Globular cluster	★ Starburst Galaxy
▣ Binary	+ Galaxy	○ SNR
★ Star-forming region	□ Unclassified source	◆ PWN
		★ Nova

Sources are obviously in two main classes



**Table 7.** LAT 4FGL Source Classes

Description	Identified		Associated	
	Designator	Number	Designator	Number
Pulsar, identified by pulsations	PSR	232	...	...
Pulsar, no pulsations seen in LAT yet	...	...	psr	7
Pulsar wind nebula	PWN	11	pwn	6
Supernova remnant	SNR	24	snr	16
Supernova remnant / Pulsar wind nebula	SPP	0	spp	78
Globular cluster	GLC	0	glc	30
Star-forming region	SFR	3	sfr	0
High-mass binary	HMB	5	hmb	3
Low-mass binary	LMB	1	lmb	1
Binary	BIN	1	bin	0
Nova	NOV	1	nov	0
BL Lac type of blazar	BLL	22	bll	1109
FSRQ type of blazar	FSRQ	43	fsrq	651
Radio galaxy	RDG	6	rdg	36
Non-blazar active galaxy	AGN	1	agn	10
Steep spectrum radio quasar	SSRQ	0	ssrq	2
Compact Steep Spectrum radio source	CSS	0	css	5
Blazar candidate of uncertain type	BCU	2	bcu	1310
Narrow-line Seyfert 1	NLSY1	4	nlsy1	5
Seyfert galaxy	SEY	0	sey	1
Starburst galaxy	SBG	0	sbg	7
Normal galaxy (or part)	GAL	2	gal	1
Unknown	UNK	0	unk	92
Total	...	358	...	3370
Unassociated	...	...	...	1336

# Classes of Sources

*[Fermi sources  
associated with  
known objects ]*

72% of  
sources

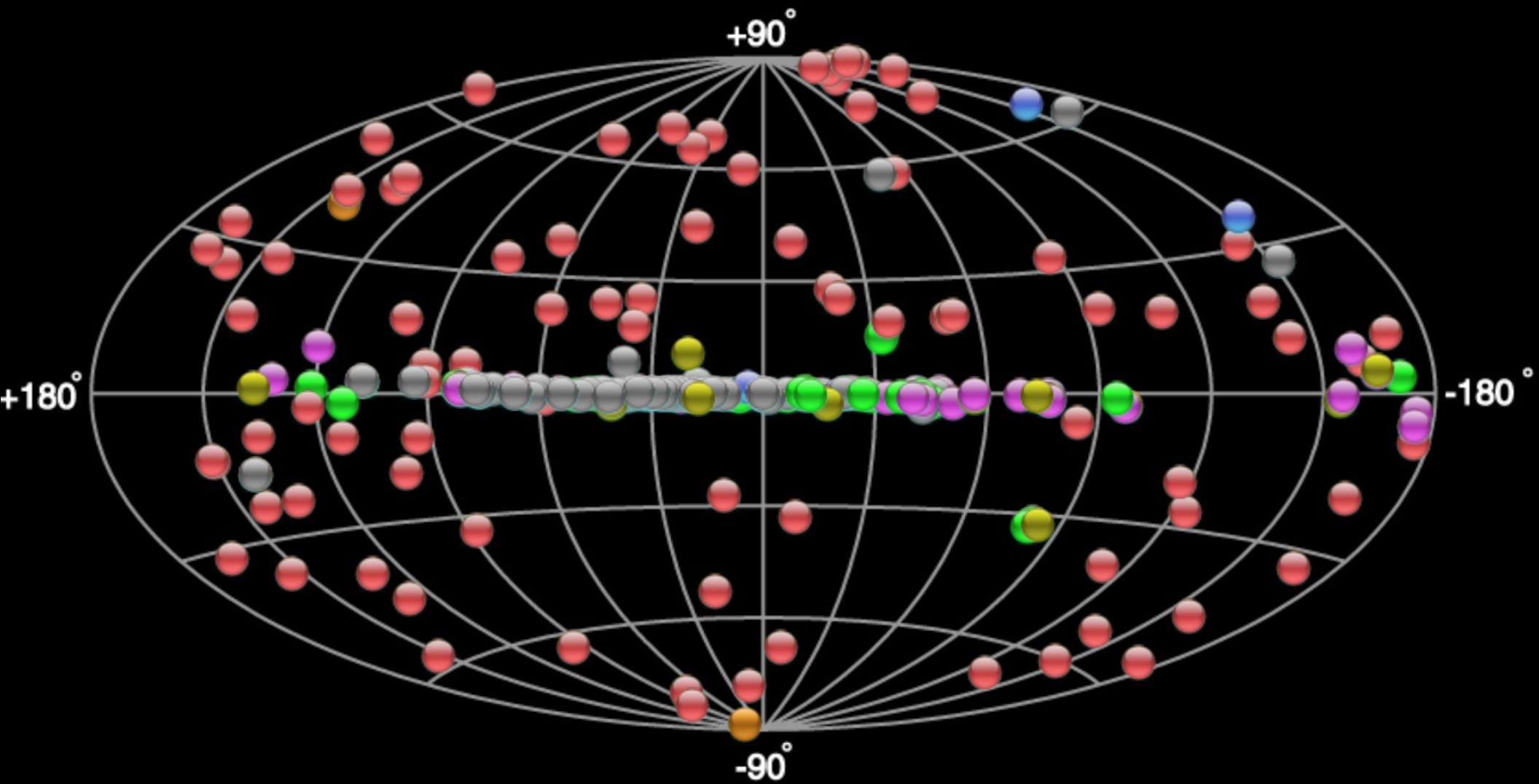
*extra-galactic*

Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)	3208	88%
[AGN of “Blazar” class	3137	86%]
Galaxies (Normal)	4	
Galaxies (Star Forming)	7	

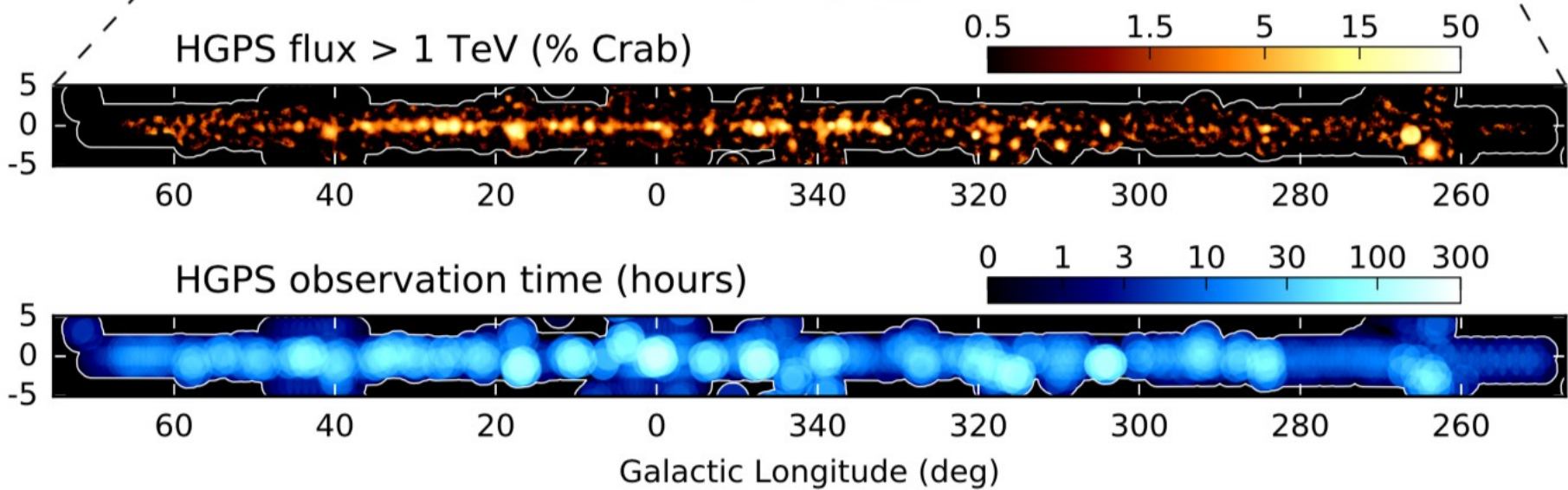
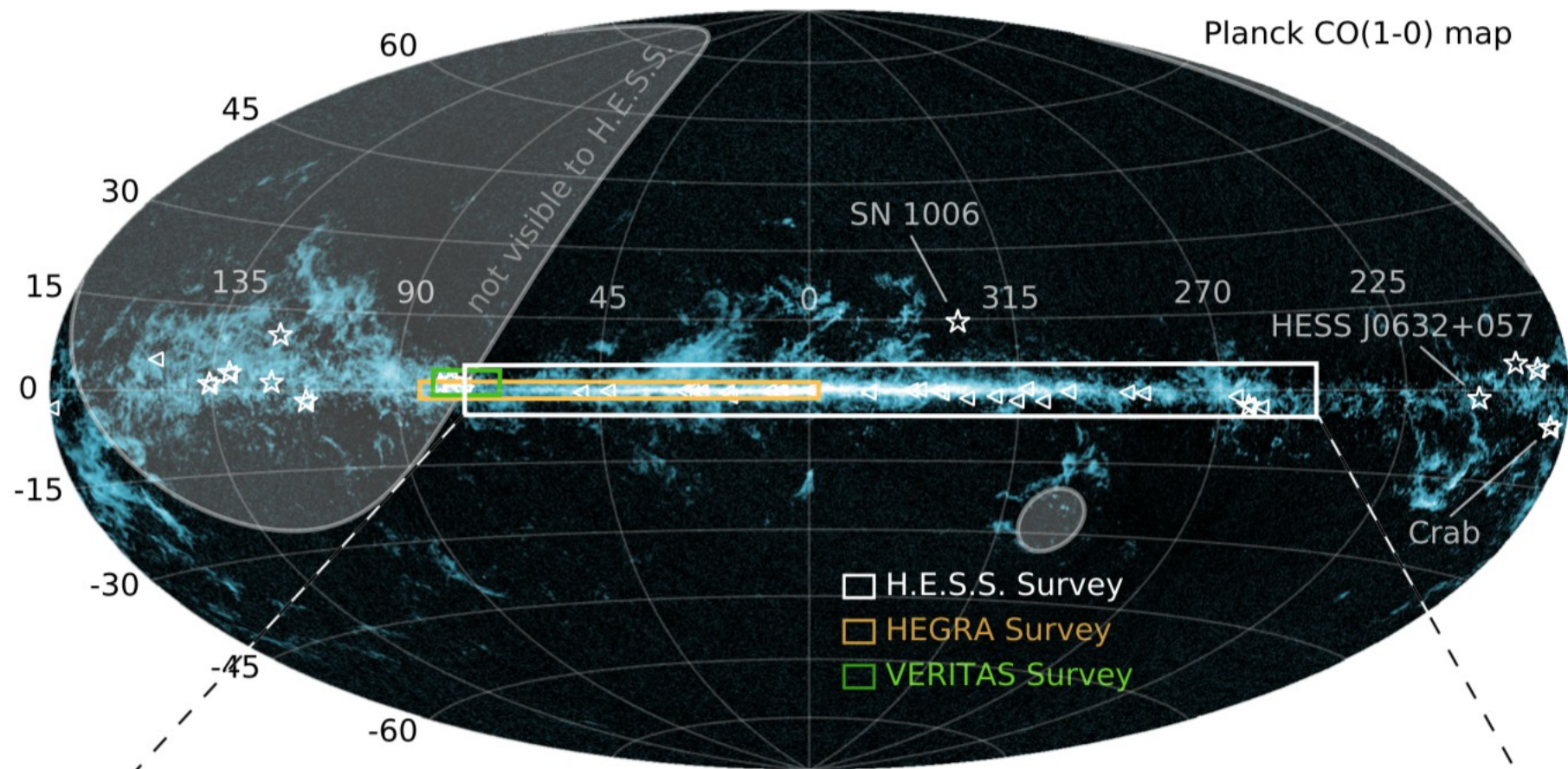
*Galactic*

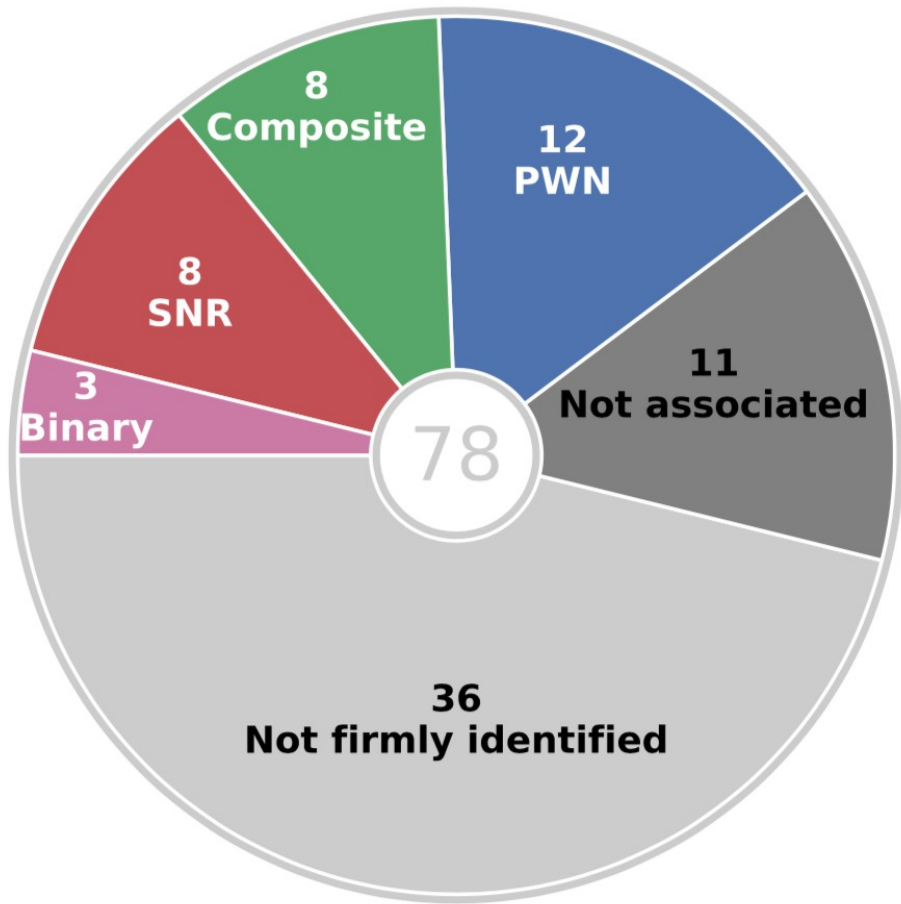
Pulsars	239	6.5%
SuperNova Remnants (SNR)	40	1.1%
SNR + Pulsar Wind Nebulae	108	3.0%
Globular Clusters (many ms Pulsars [?])	30	
Accreting Binary Stars	11	
Novae	1	

# TeVCAT catalogue of TeV sources



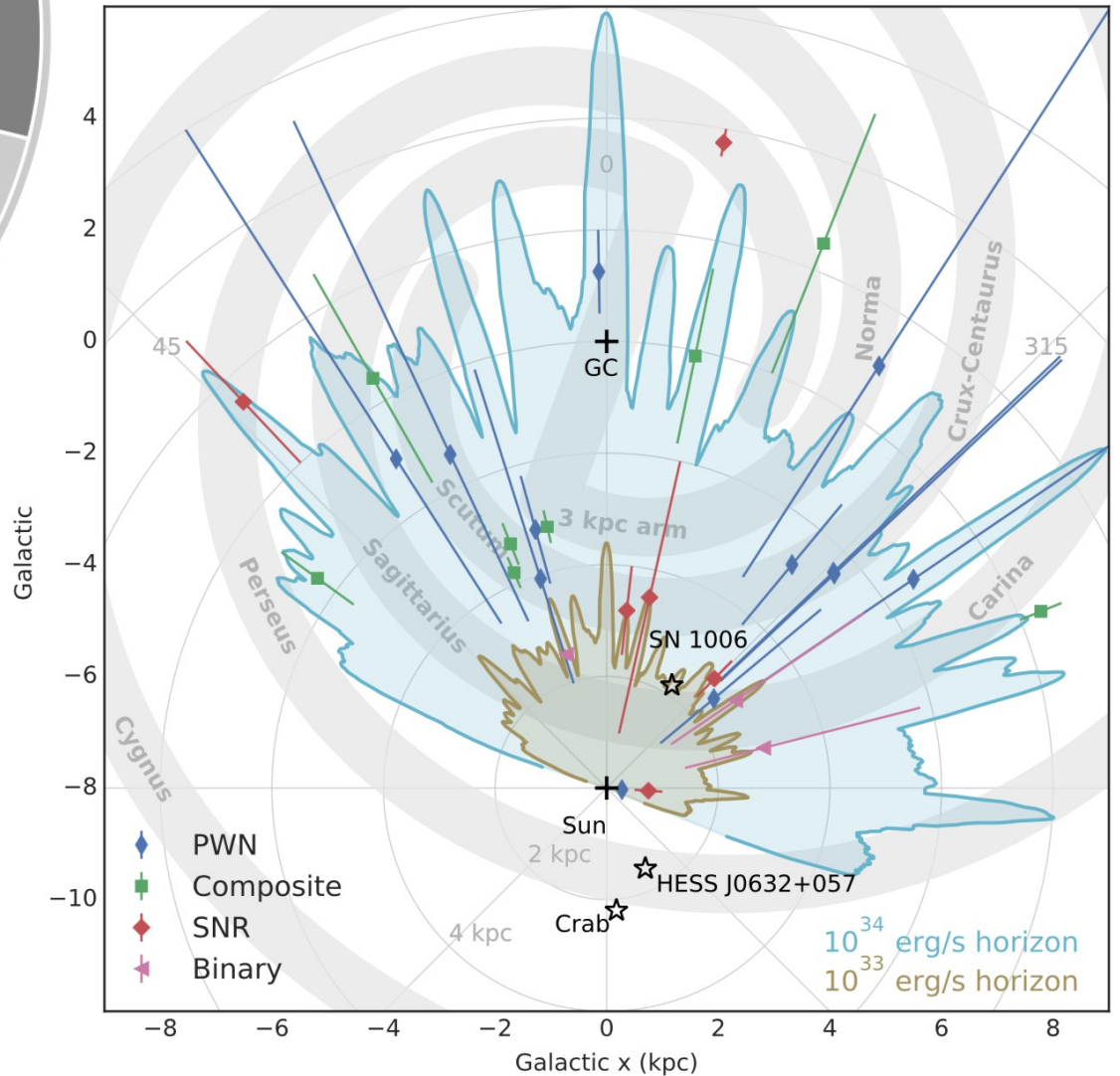
247 sources





## HESS Survey 78 Galactic sources

- PWN
- SNR
- Composite
- Binary systems



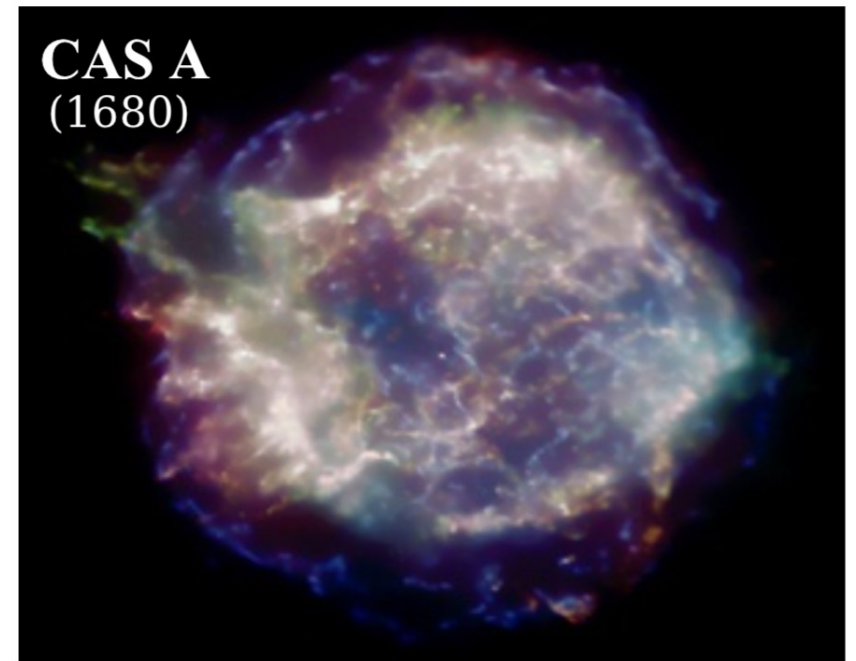
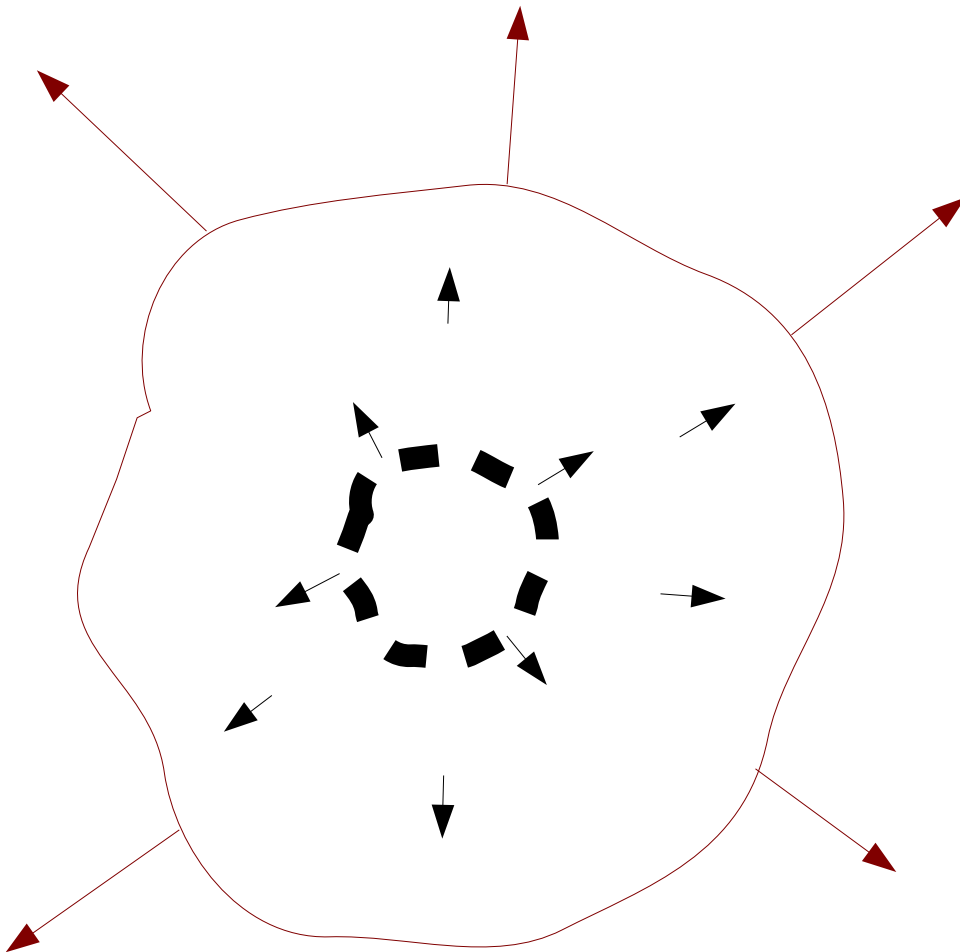


# The SuperNova “Paradigm”

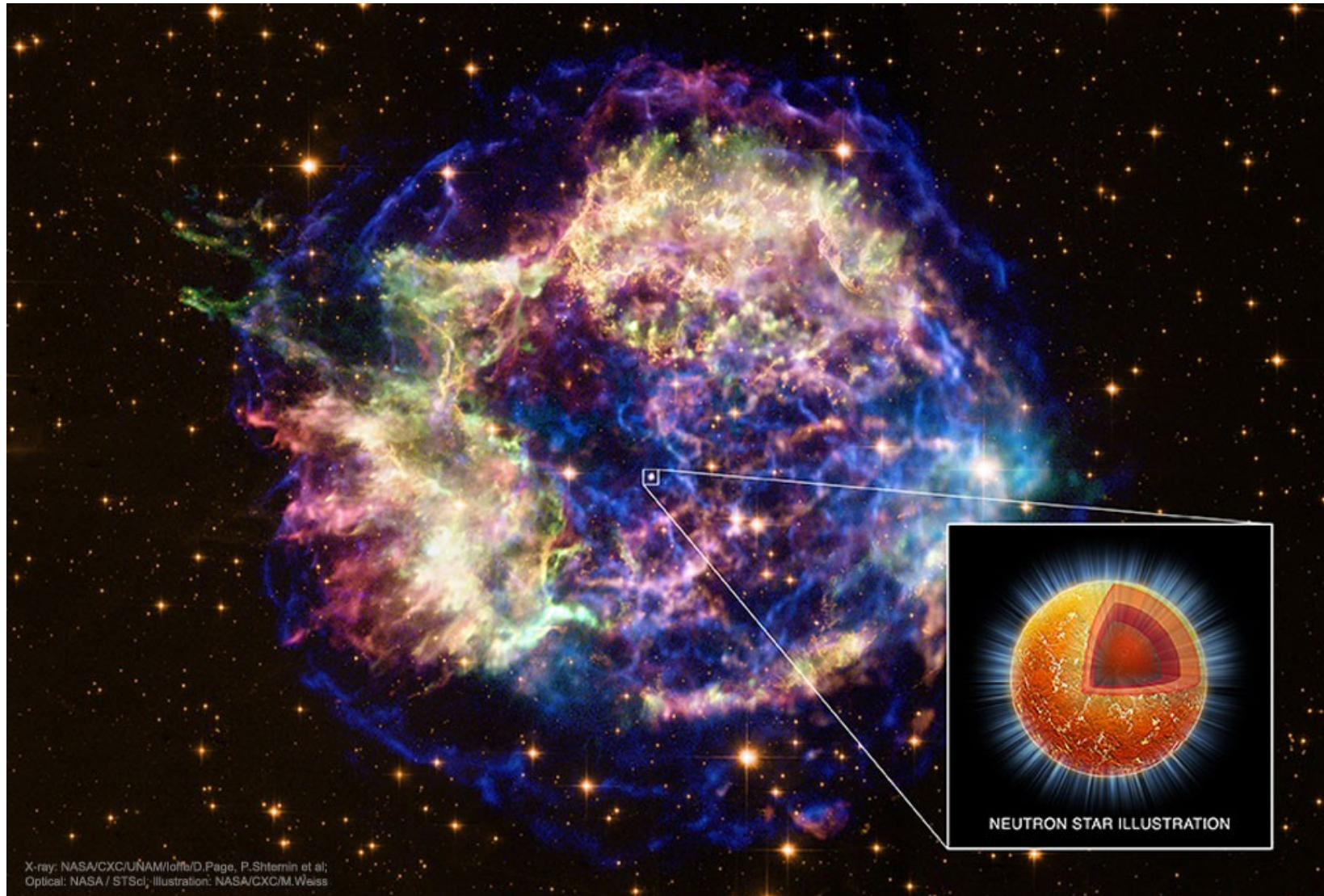
*Most of the Galactic Cosmic Rays are accelerated in the Shock Waves of SN explosions*

- Energy Balance
- Spectral shape

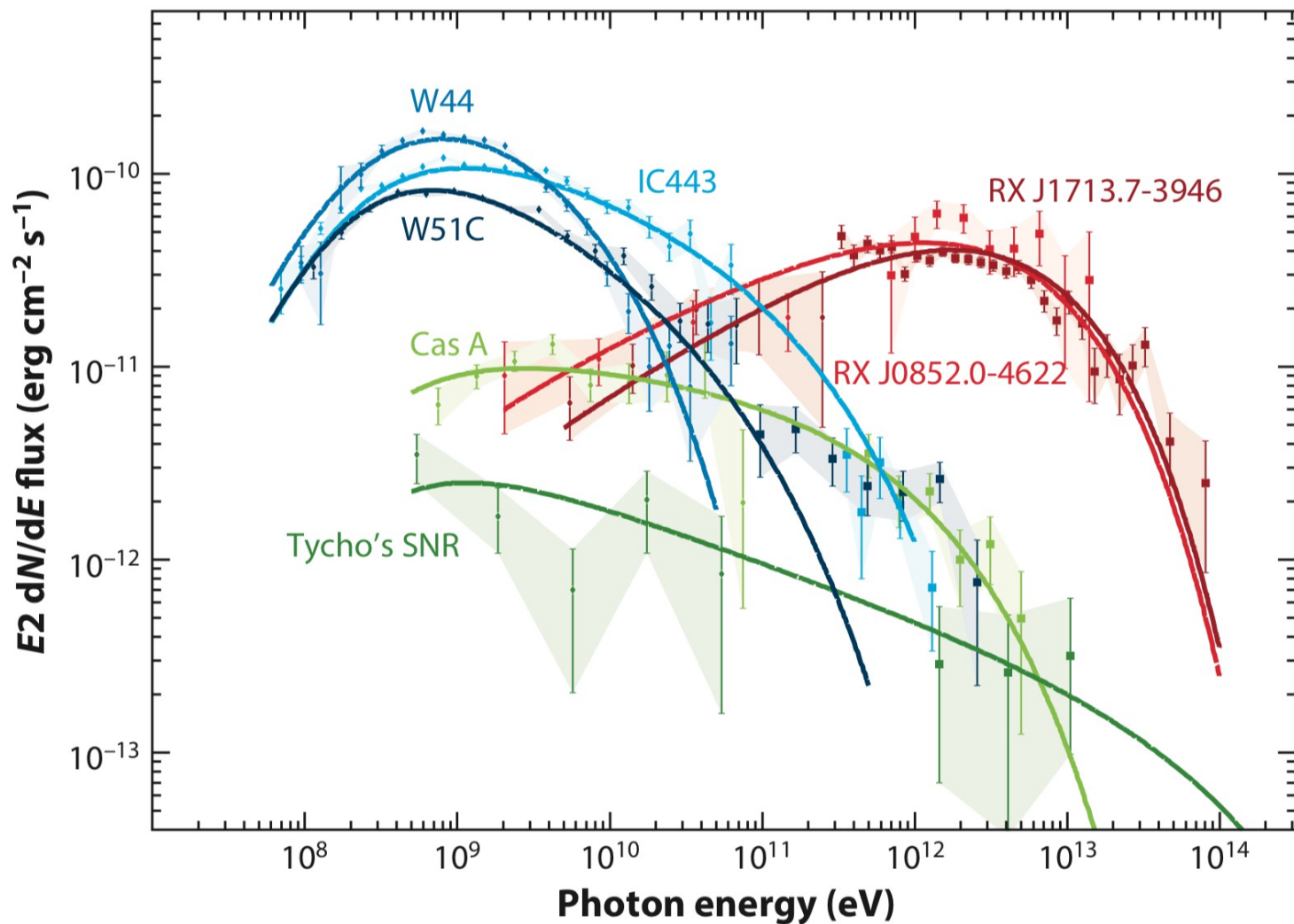
Maximum Energy [?]



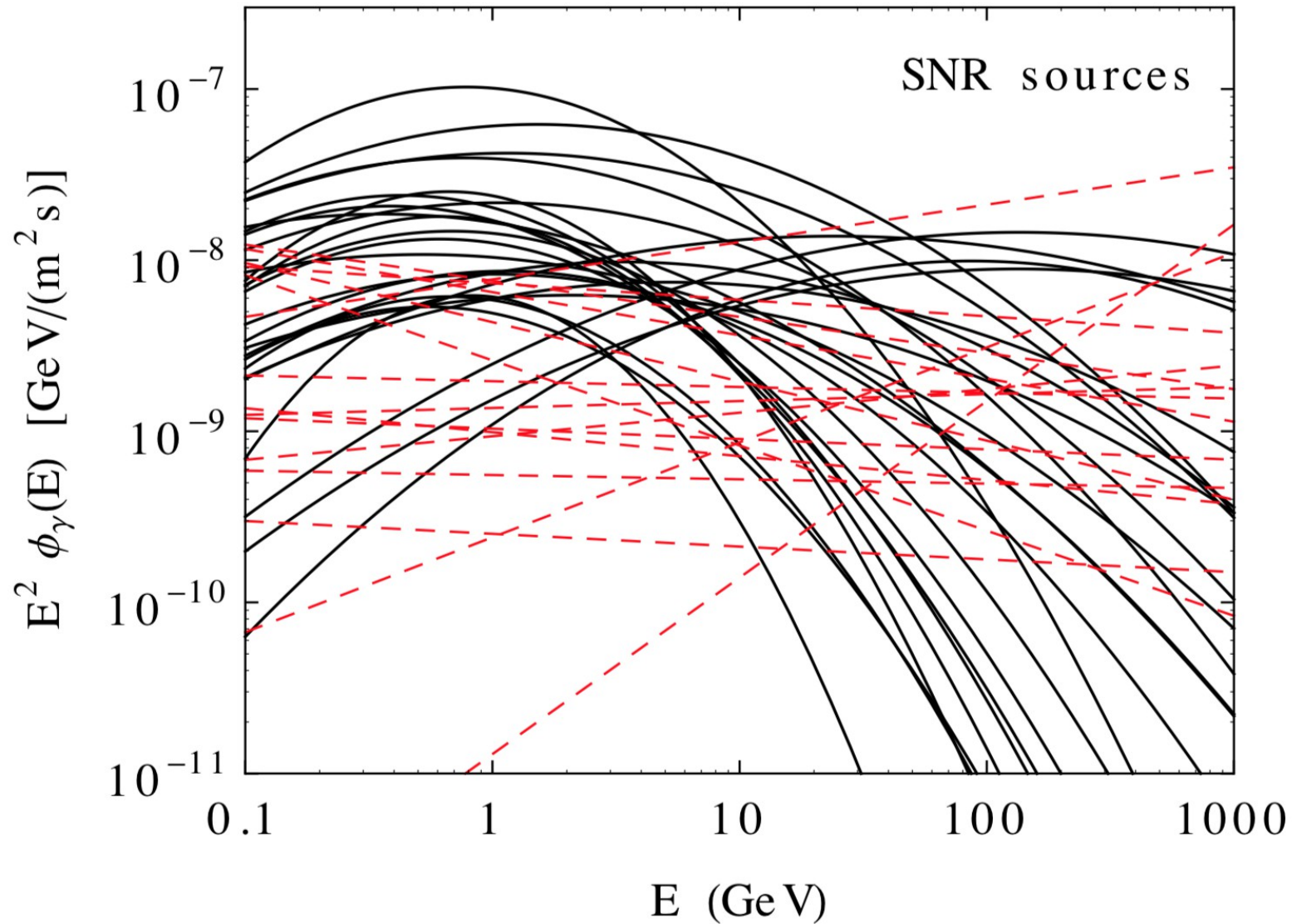
# Creation of a Neutron Star in a SuperNova explosion



Pulsar Formation [Pulsar Wind Nebulae]



Typical  $\gamma$ -ray energy spectra for several of the most prominent supernova remnants (SNRs). Young SNRs (<1,000 years) are shown in green. These typically show smaller  $\gamma$ -ray fluxes but rather hard spectra in the GeV and TeV bands. The older (but still referred to as young) shell-type SNRs RX J1713.7-3946 and RX J0852.0-4622 (Vela Junior) of ages  $\sim 2,000$  years are shown in shades of red. These show very hard spectra in the GeV band ( $\Gamma = 1.5$ ) and a peak in the TeV band with an exponential cutoff beyond 10 TeV. The middle-aged SNRs ( $\sim 20,000$  years) interacting with molecular clouds (W44, W51C, and IC443) are shown in blue. Also shown are hadronic fits to the data (*solid lines*).



[note all bright sources fitted with curved (logparabola) spectra]

# The CRAB Nebula



6 arcminutes

1 minute = 0.58 pc  
=  $1.8 * 10^{18}$  cm

A very interesting chapter:

# PULSARS

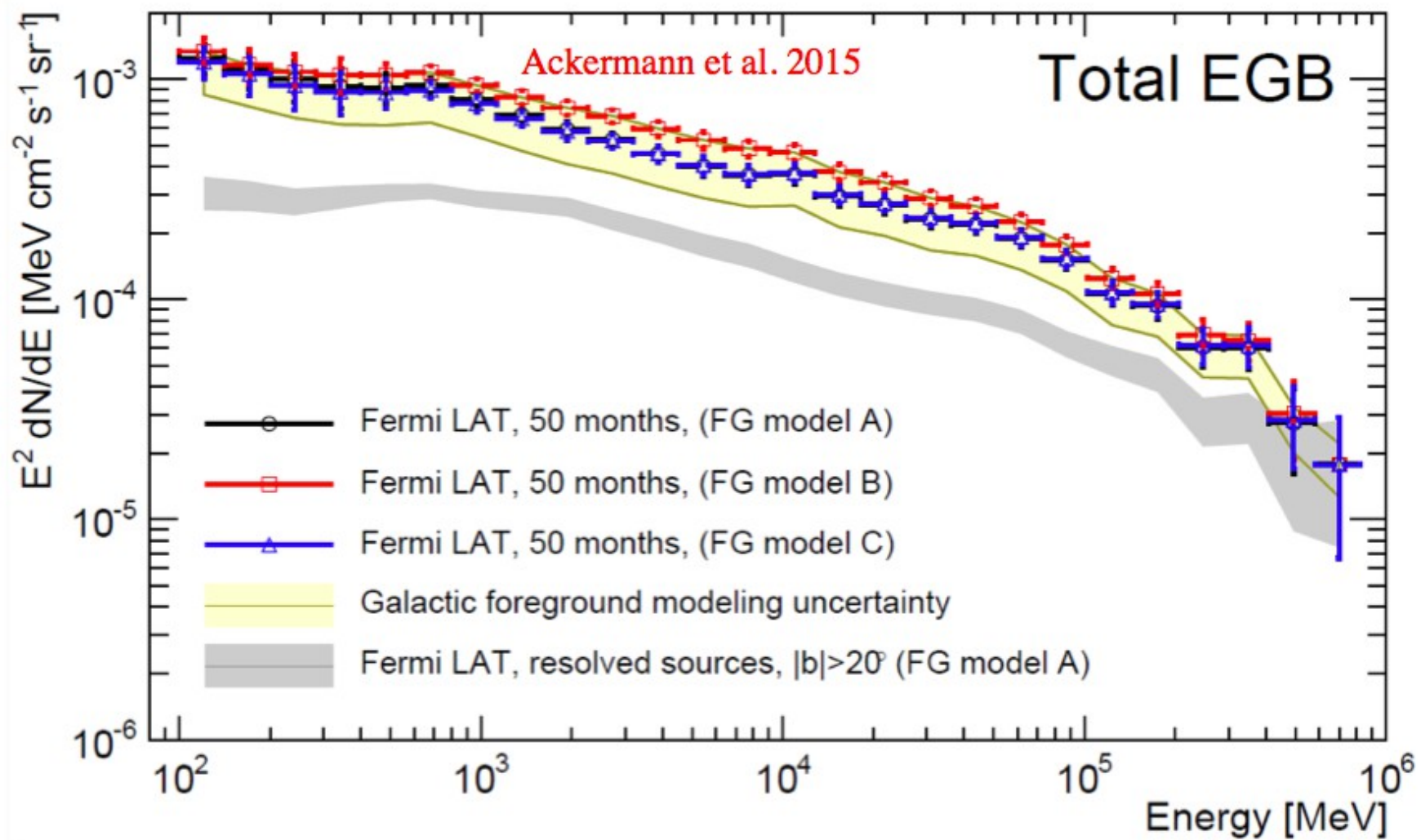
Different Mechanisms for particle acceleration

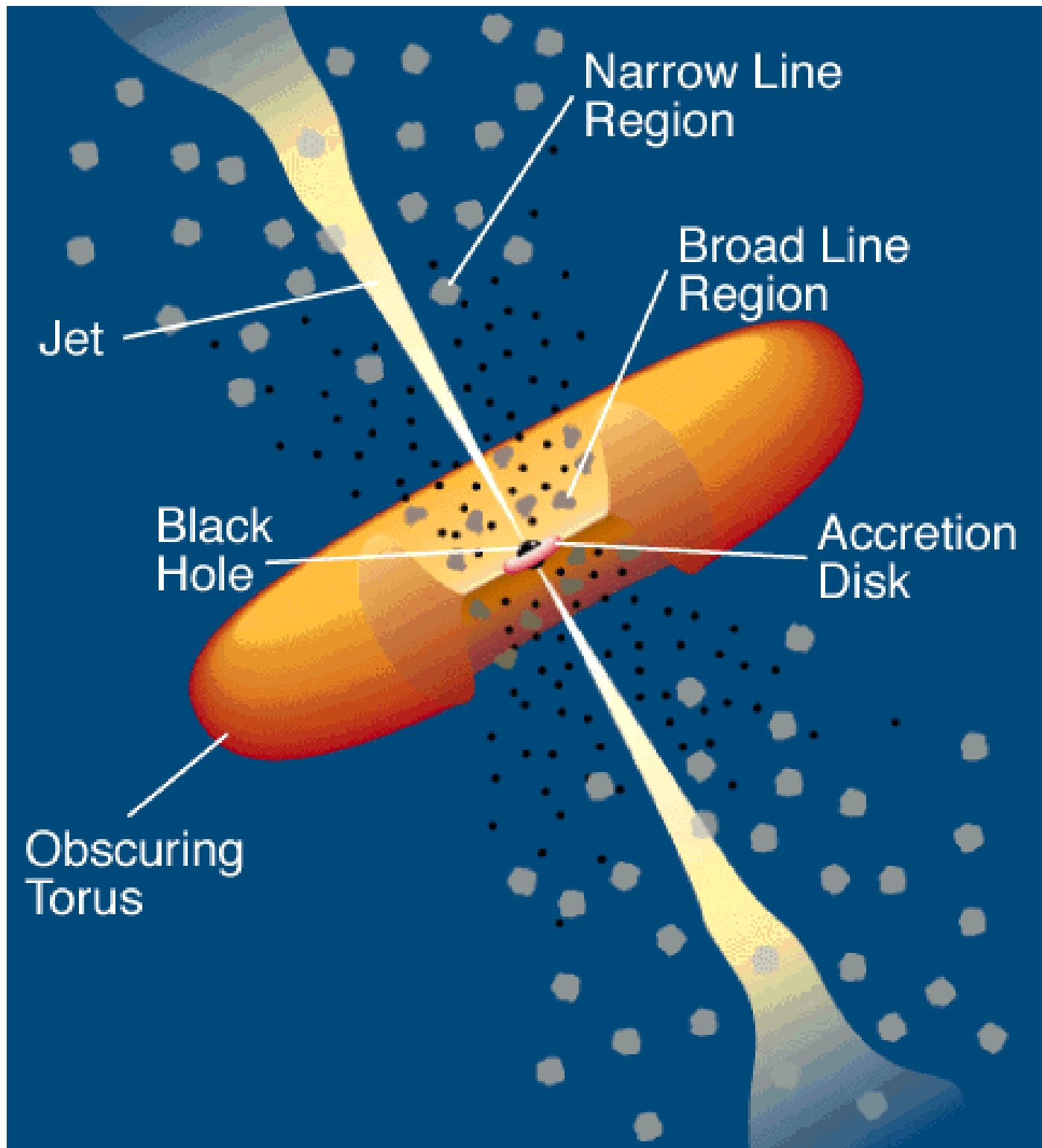
Pulsar Wind Nebulae

*Acceleration of positrons (and electrons) ?*

# Total Extragalactic Gamma-ray Background

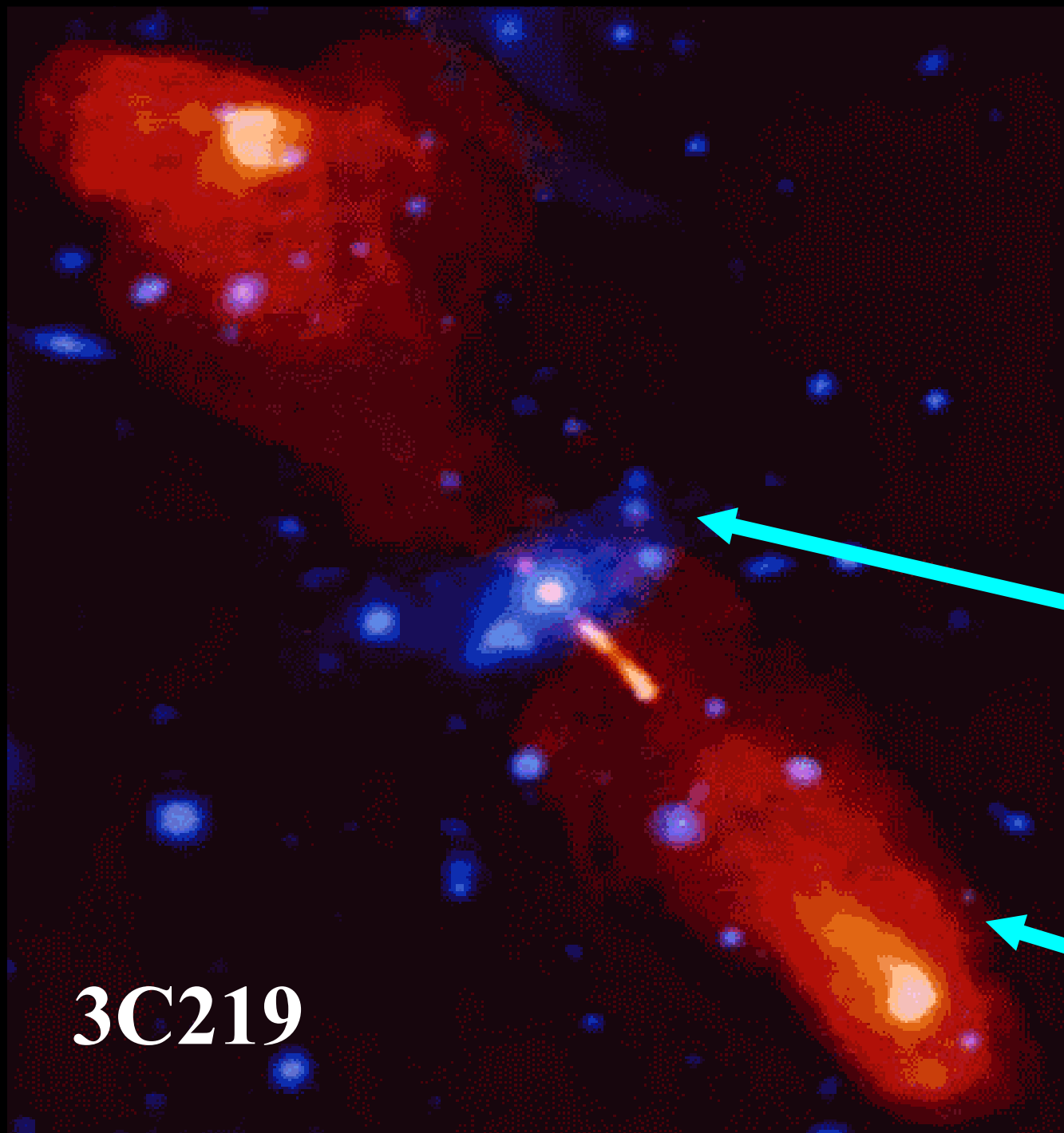
Systematic uncertainty from Galactic foreground represented by yellow band







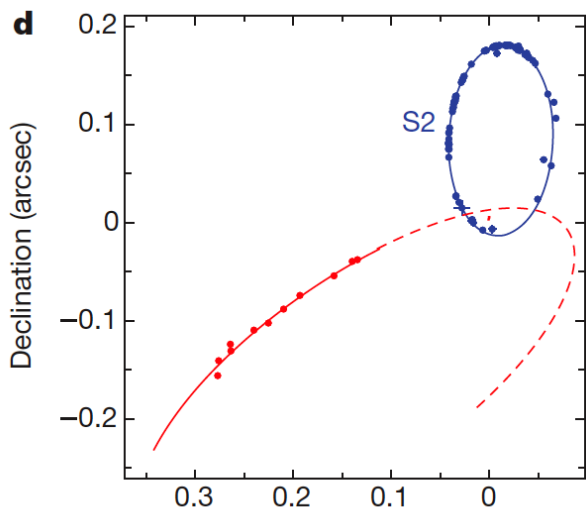
# ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI



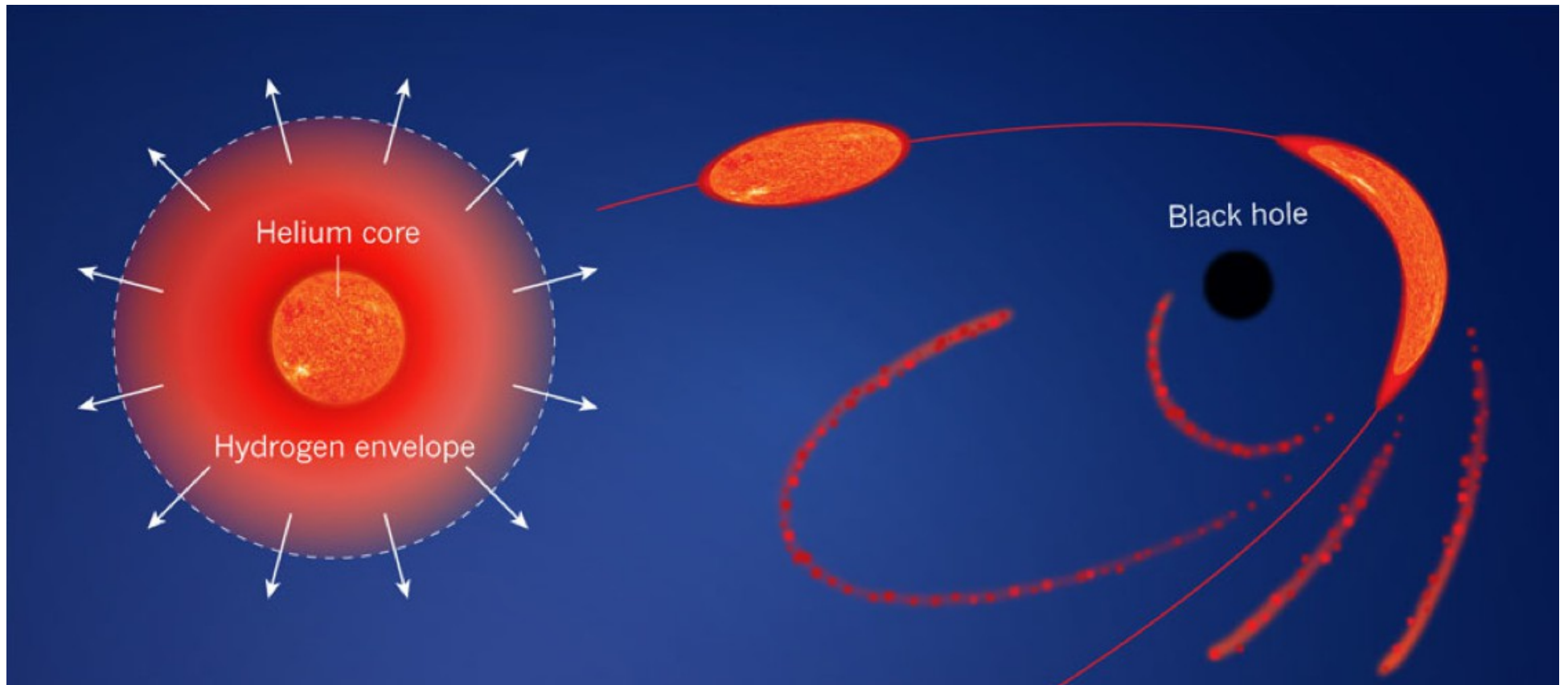
3C219

Optical

Radio

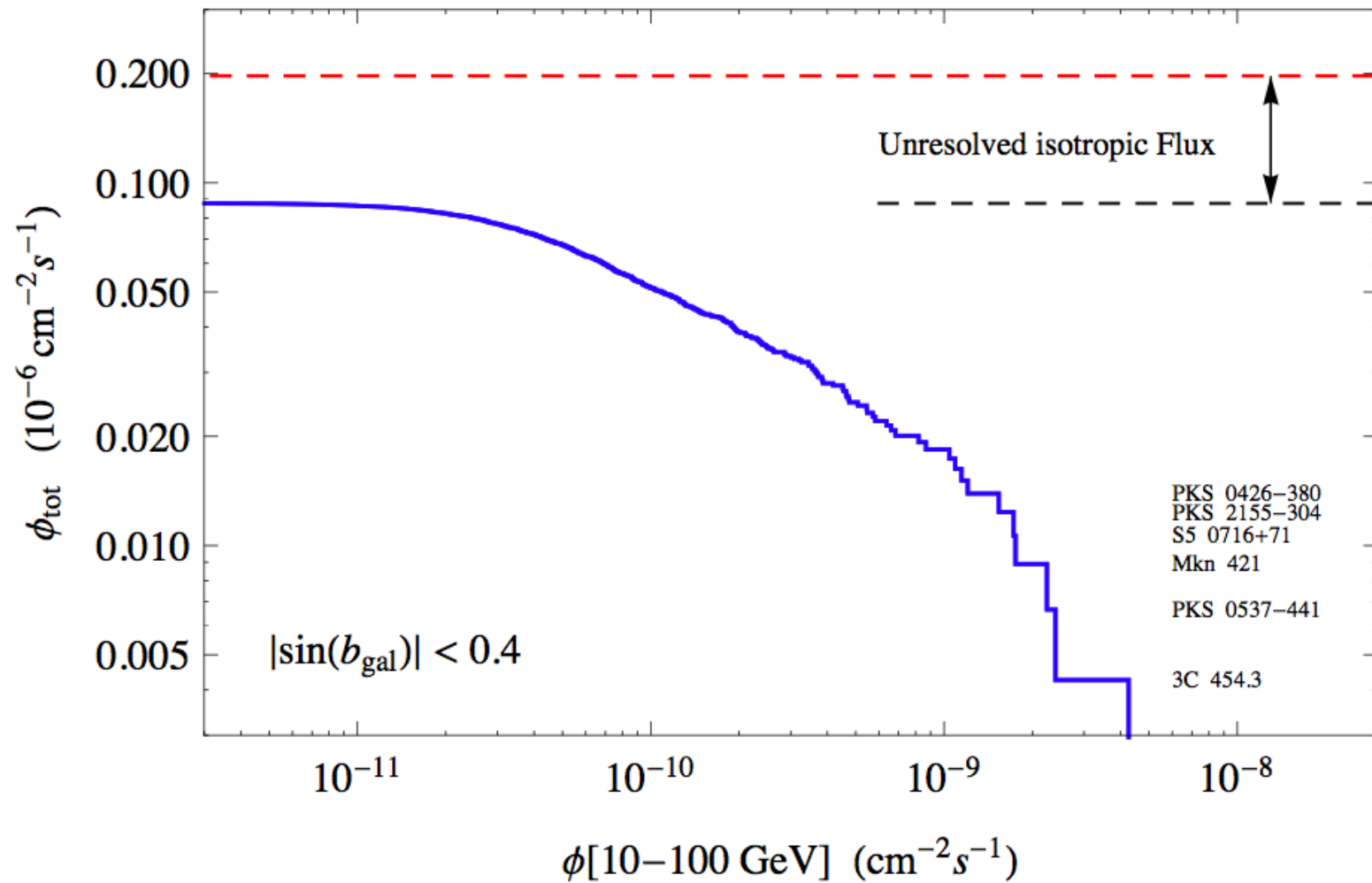
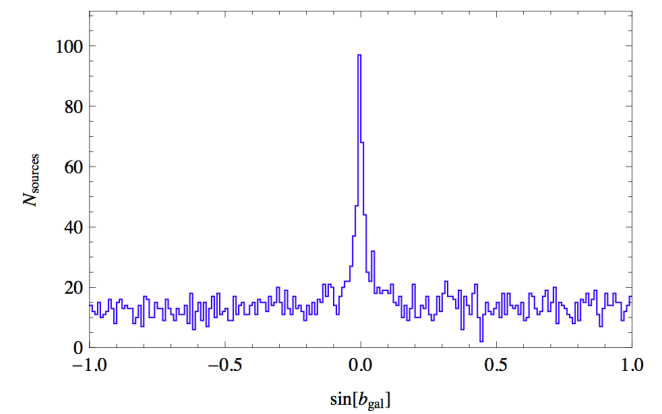


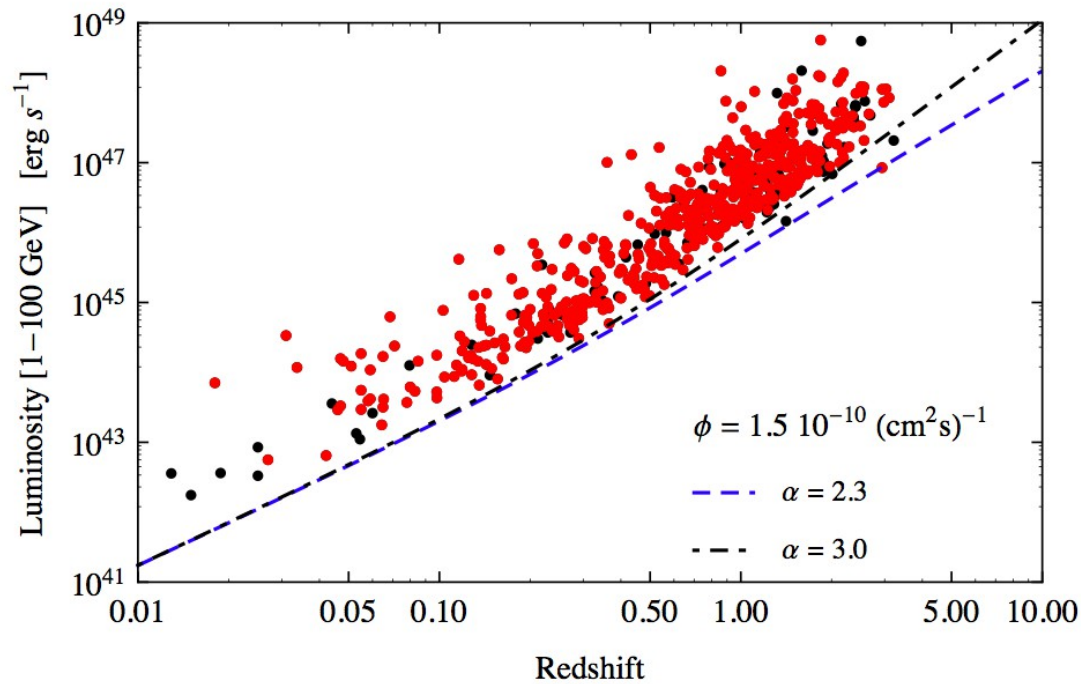
Infalling gas  
from the disruption of a star.



The helium-rich core of a red-giant star that had previously lost its hydrogen envelope moves on an almost parabolic orbit (red) towards a supermassive black hole. The sequence of blobs illustrates the progressive distortion of the star's core due to the tidal pull of the black hole. After the point of closest approach to the black hole, the core is completely disrupted, with part of the resulting debris being expelled from the system and part being launched into highly eccentric orbits, eventually falling onto the black hole. Accretion of this debris gives rise to the intense ultraviolet–optical flare that has been observed by Gezari and colleagues<sup>1</sup>.

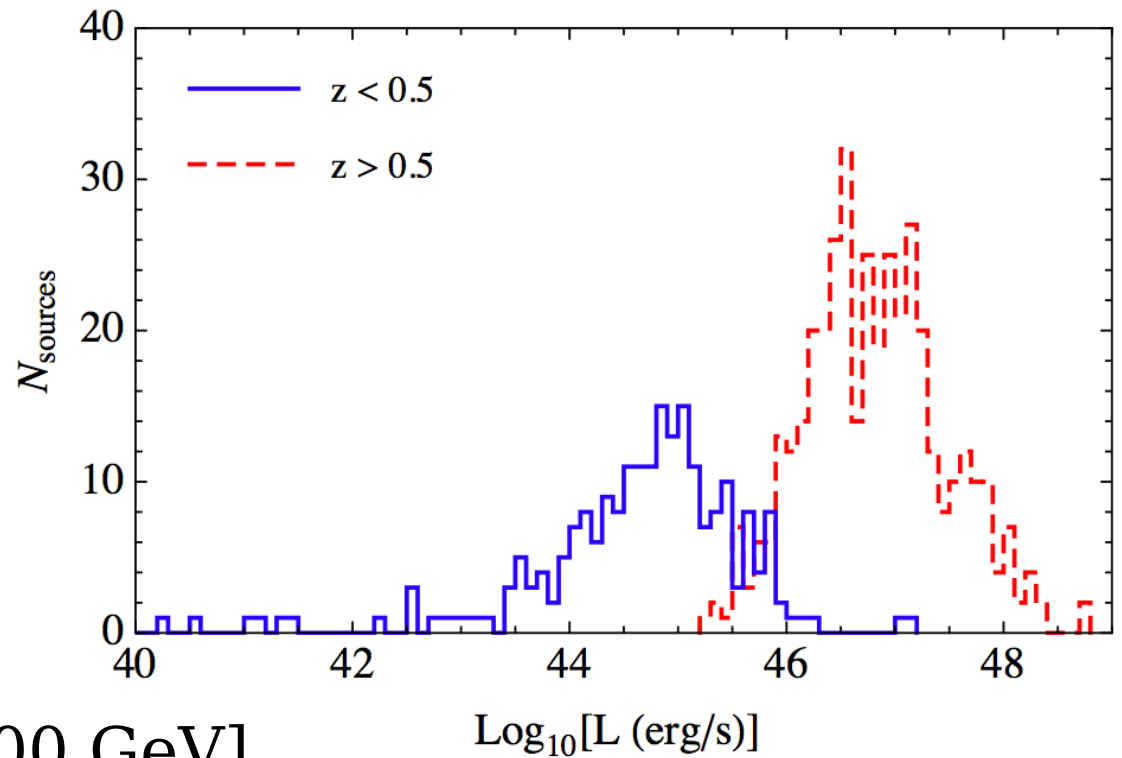
Fermi finds that the extragalactic sky is dominated by “Blazar” emission





Blazars in the 2LAC FERMI catalog  
 (1121 objects)  
 618 with redshift known

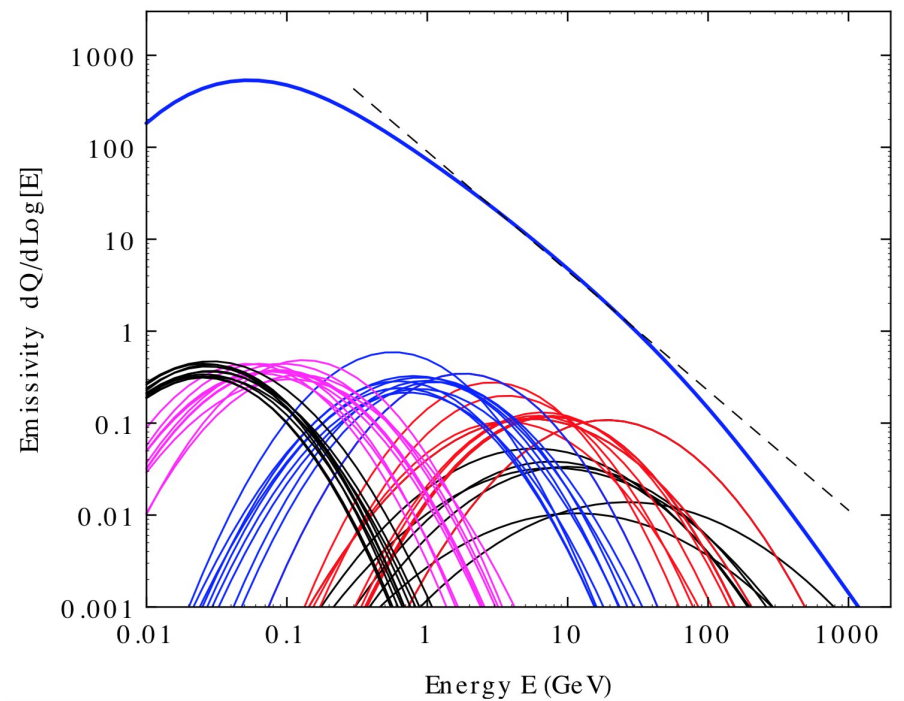
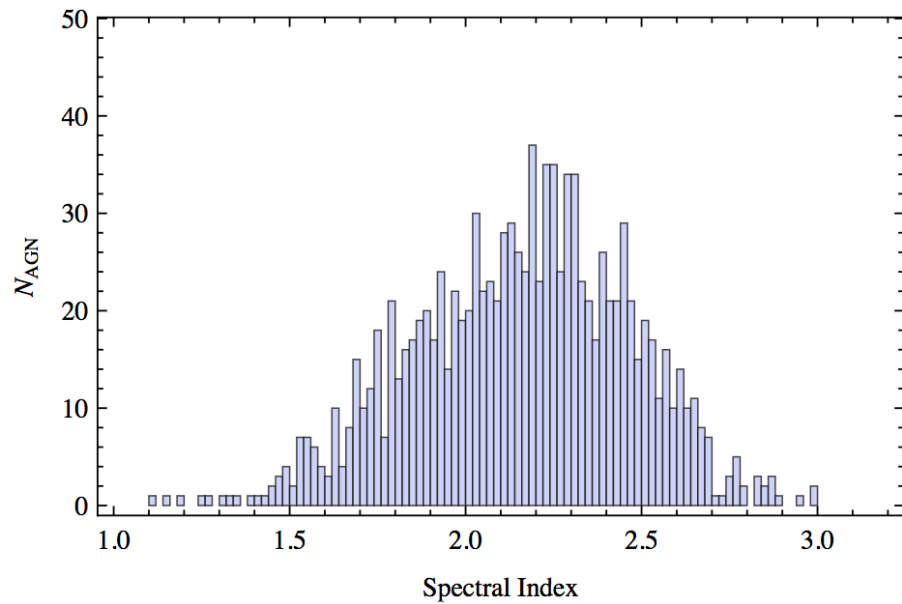
*Very broad distribution  
 luminosity distribution*



Luminosity [1-100 GeV]

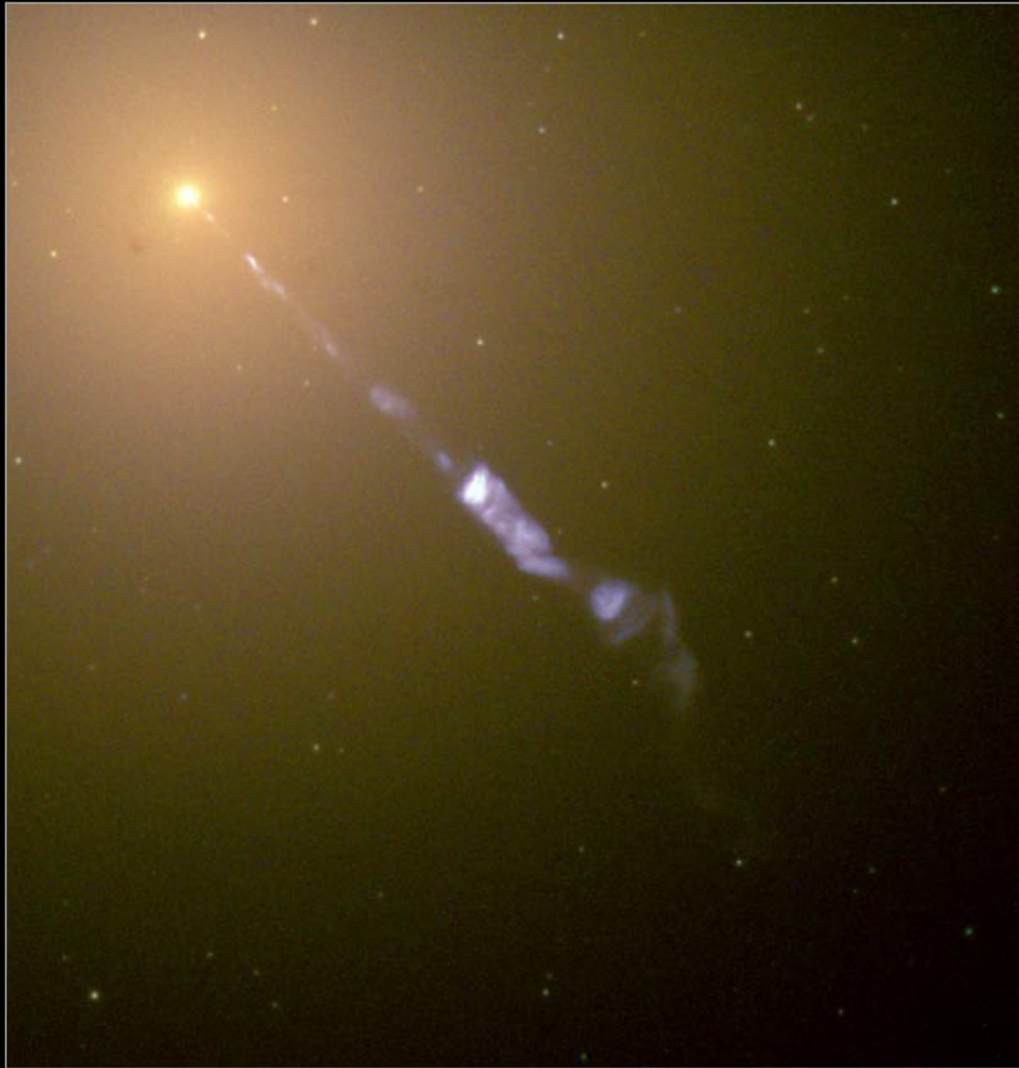
$\text{Log}_{10}[\text{L (erg/s)}]$

# Spectral Index of the Blazars in the FERMI 2LAC catalog.



P.L., “The origin of the power-law form of the extragalactic gamma-ray flux”  
Astropart. Phys. **125**, 102507 (2021)  
[arXiv:2001.00982 [astro-ph.HE]].

The M87 Jet



Hubble  
Heritage

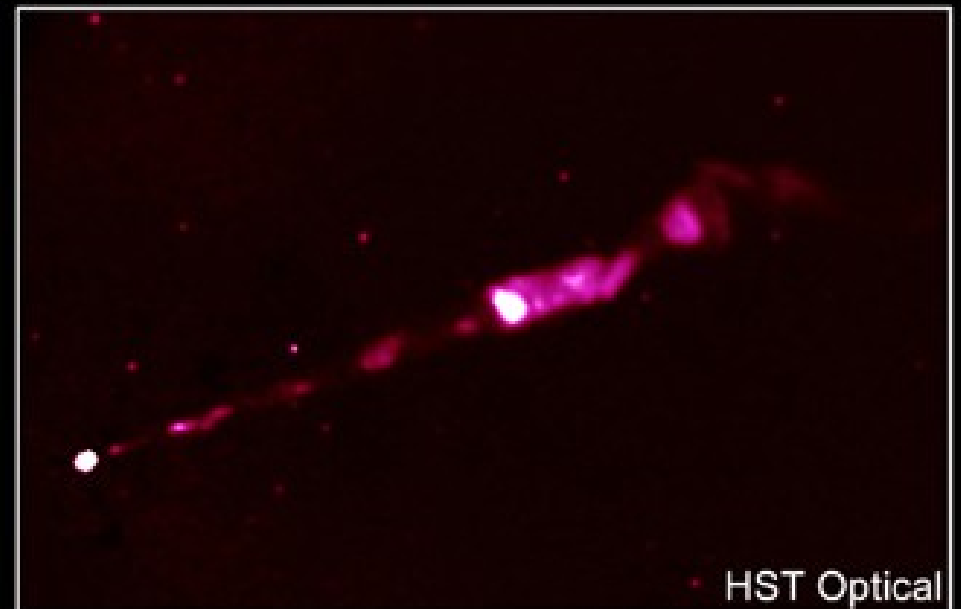
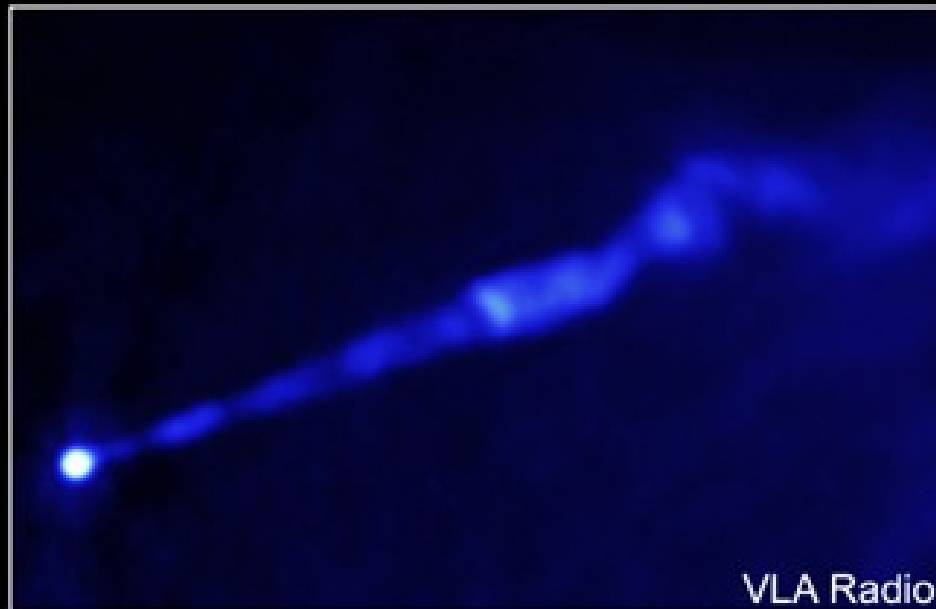
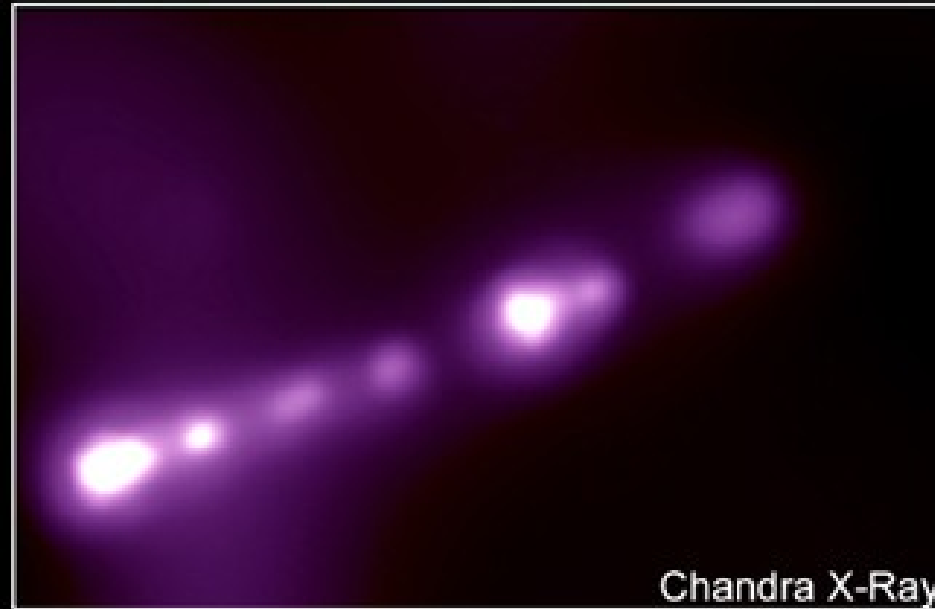
# M87 JET

Heber Curtis (1918)  
[Lick Observatory]

“Descriptions of 762  
Nebulae and Clusters ....”

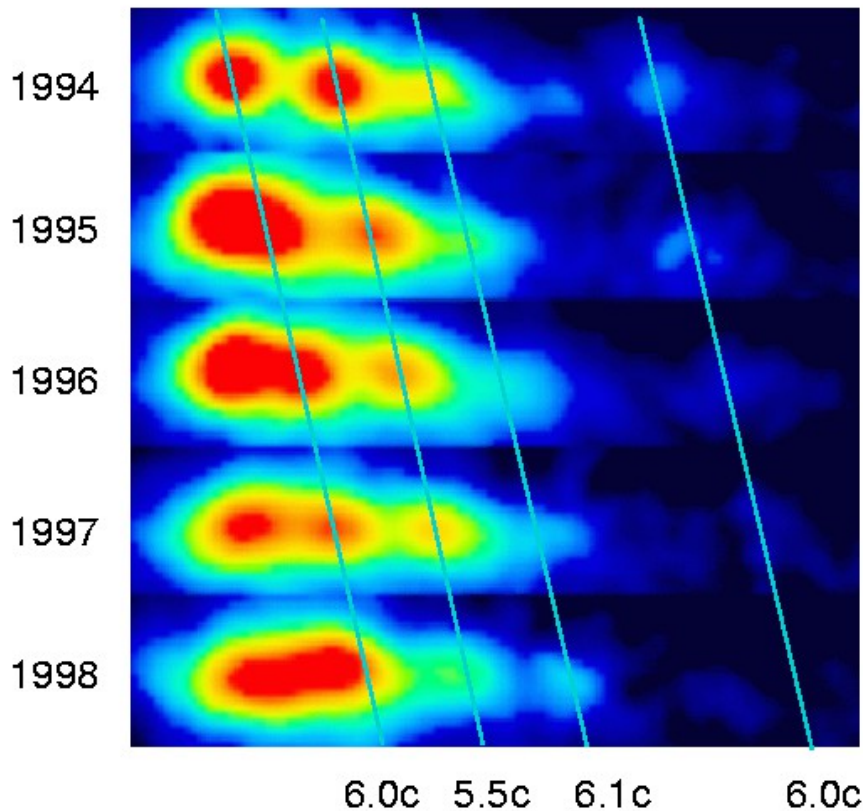
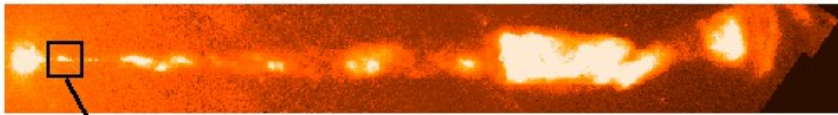
“...curious straight ray ...  
apparently connected  
with the nucleus by a  
thin line of matter.”

# M 87



# Superluminal Motions

Superluminal Motion in the M87 Jet



Source moving  
on the celestial sphere

$$c \beta_{\text{app}} = L \dot{\omega}$$

M87 :

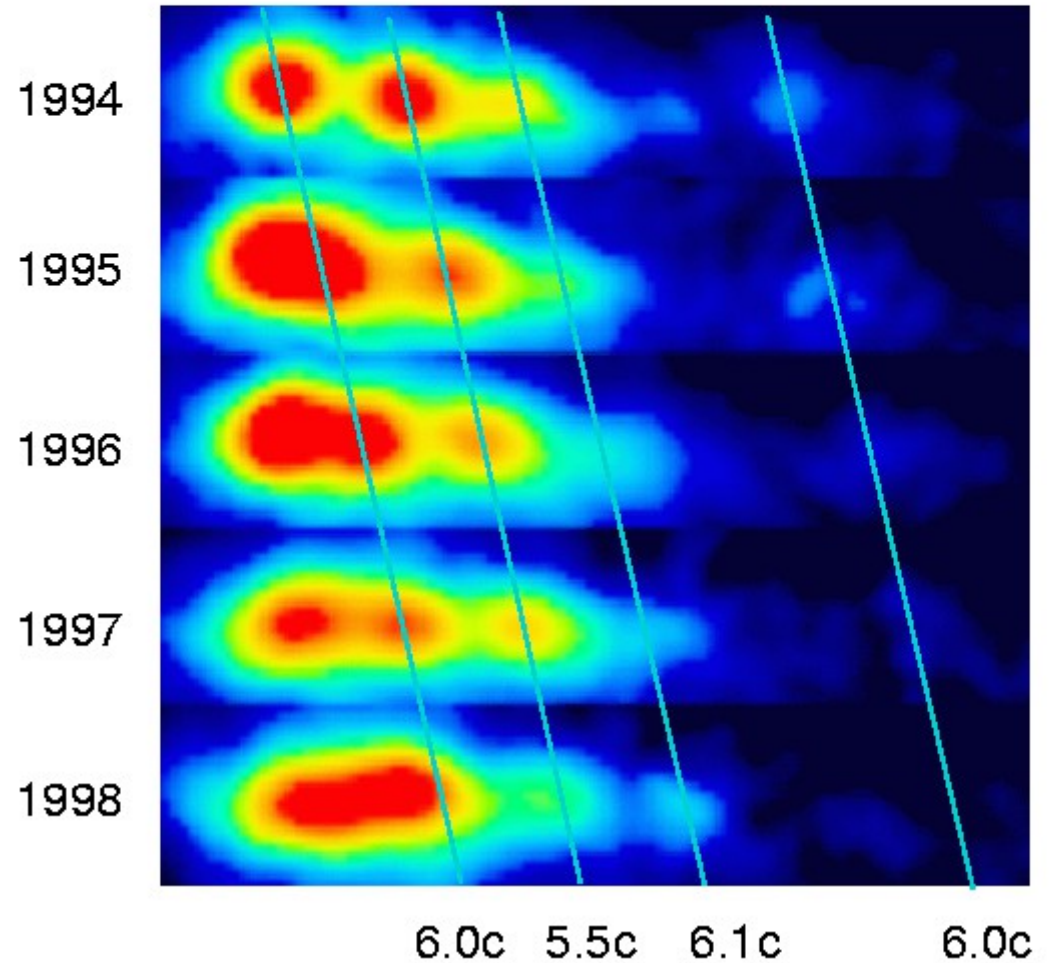
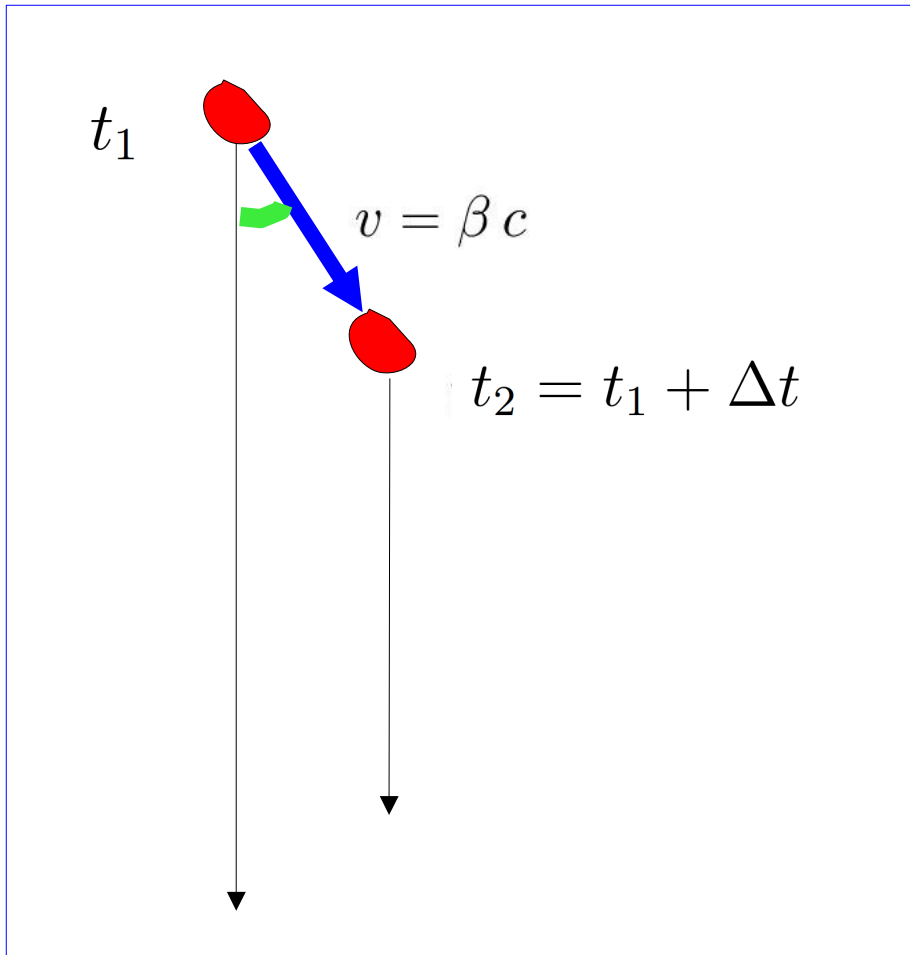
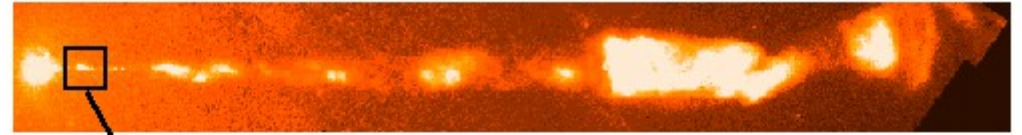
$$\beta_{\text{app}} \simeq 6$$



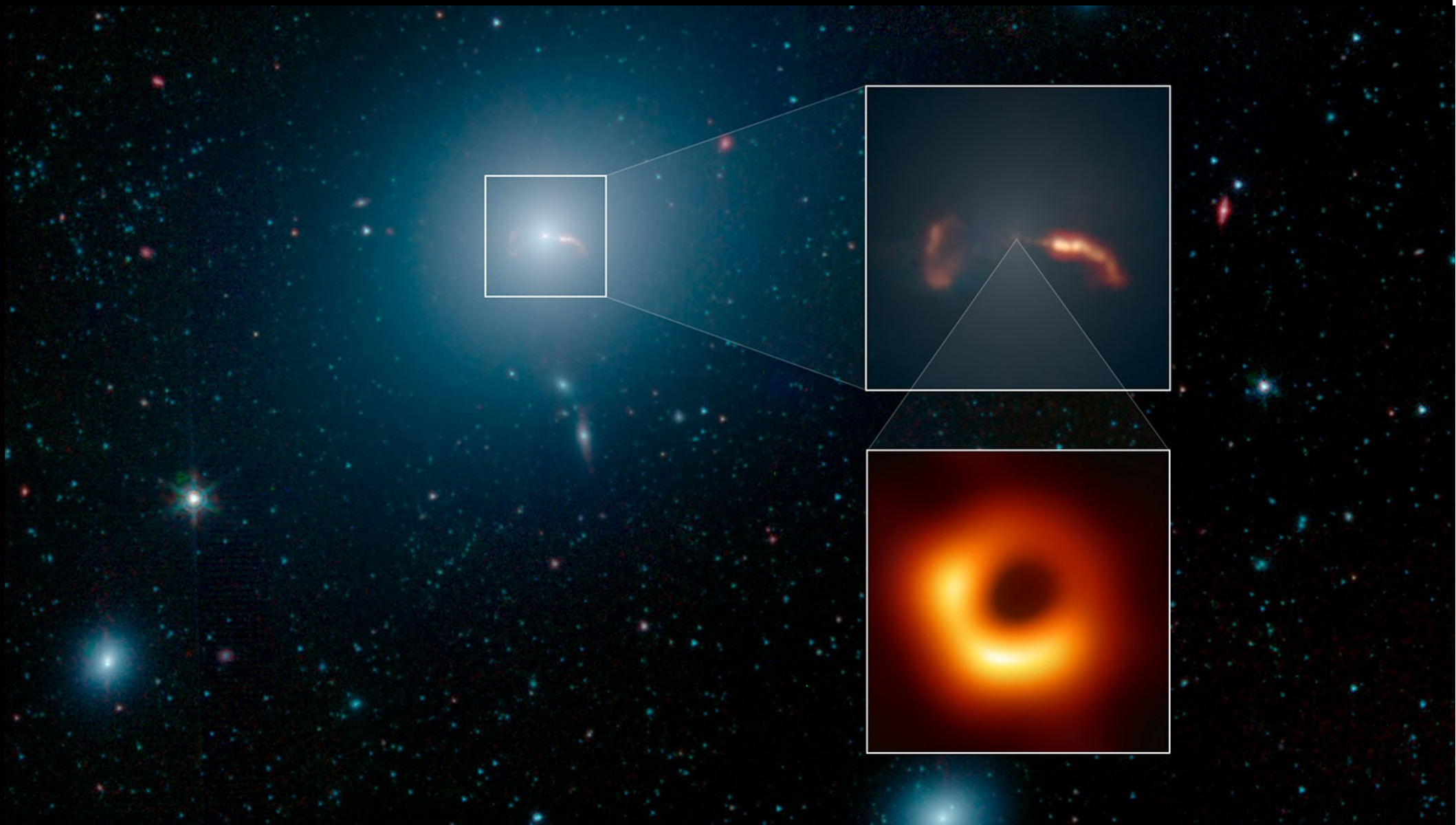
# Superluminal Motion

Superluminal Motion in the M87 Jet

$$v_{\perp, \text{app}} = \frac{L (\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)}{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}$$

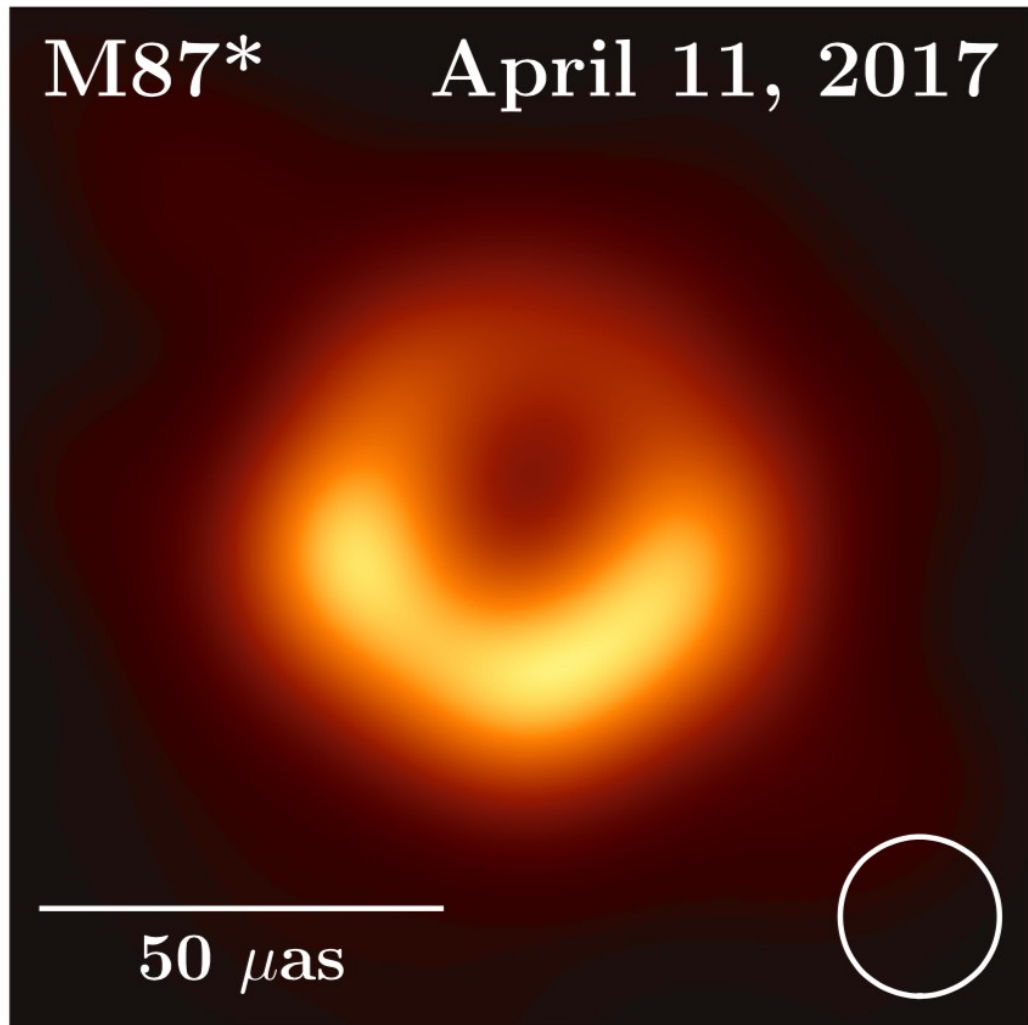


# M87 (d=17 Mpc)



M87\*

April 11, 2017



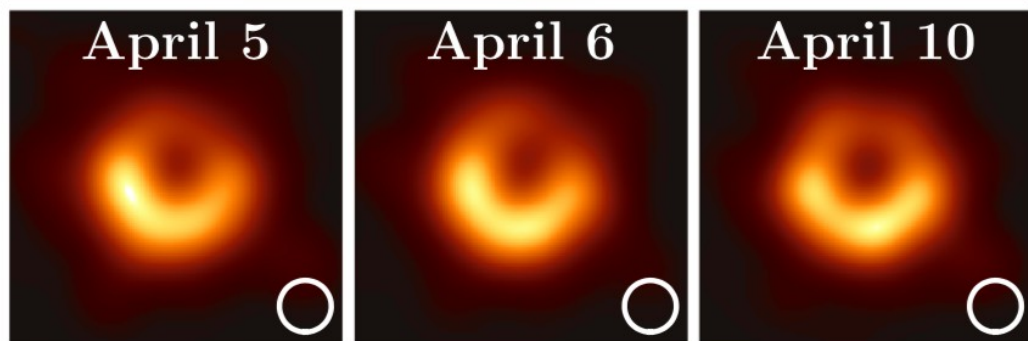
diameter =  $42 \pm 3 \mu\text{as}$

Schwarzschild radius

$$R_S = \frac{2G}{c^2} M$$

Photon capture radius

$$R_c = \sqrt{27} \frac{G}{c^2} M$$



$d = 16.8 \pm 0.8 \text{ Mpc}$

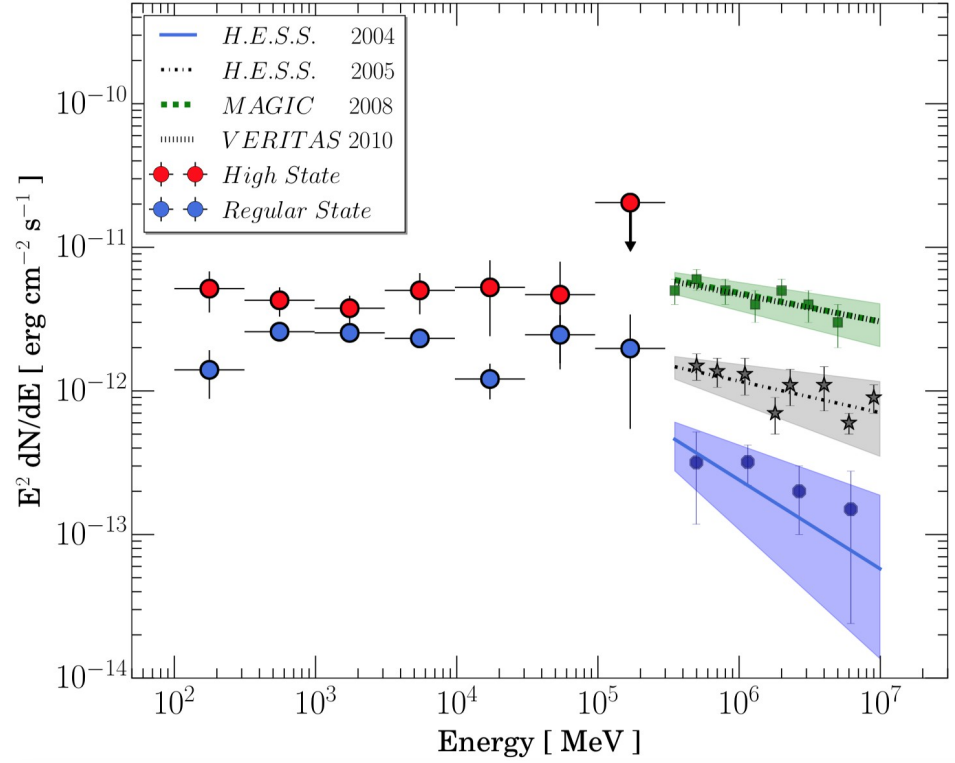
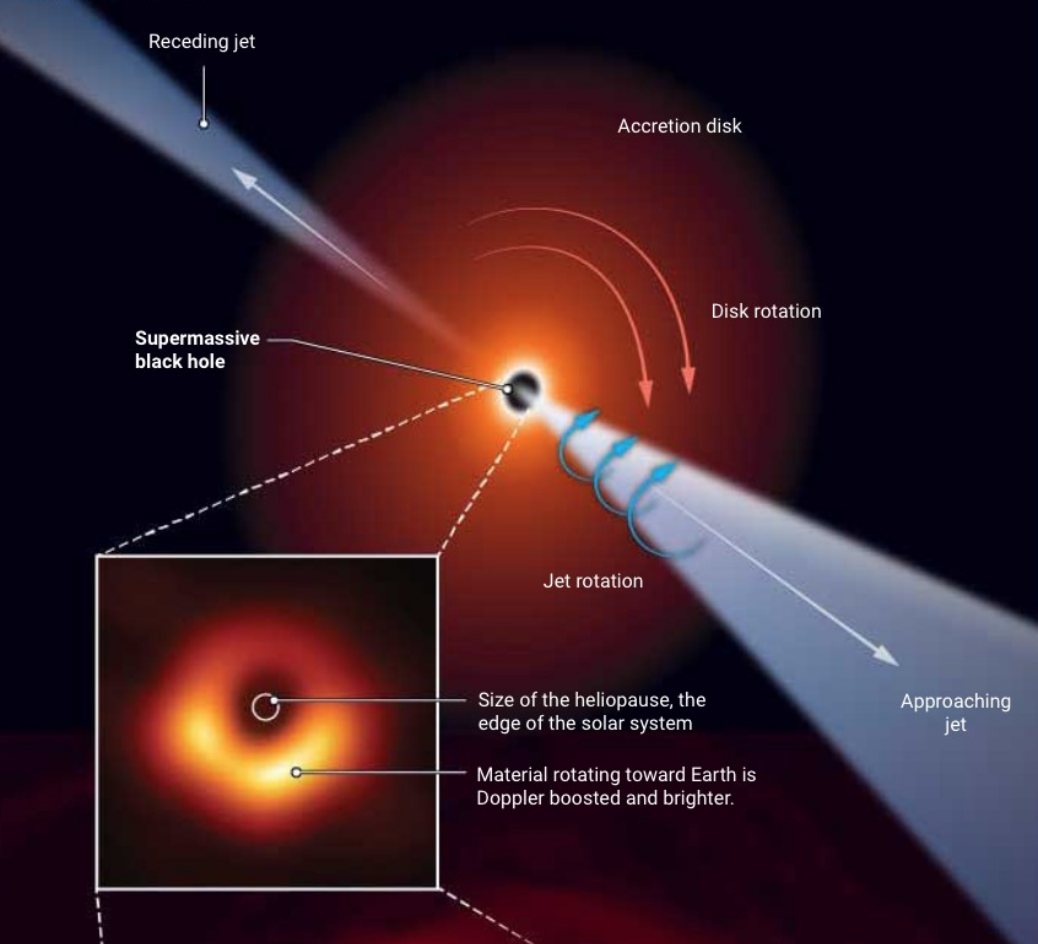


Brightness Temperature ( $10^9 \text{ K}$ )

$$M = (6.5 \pm 0.7) \times 10^9 M_\odot$$

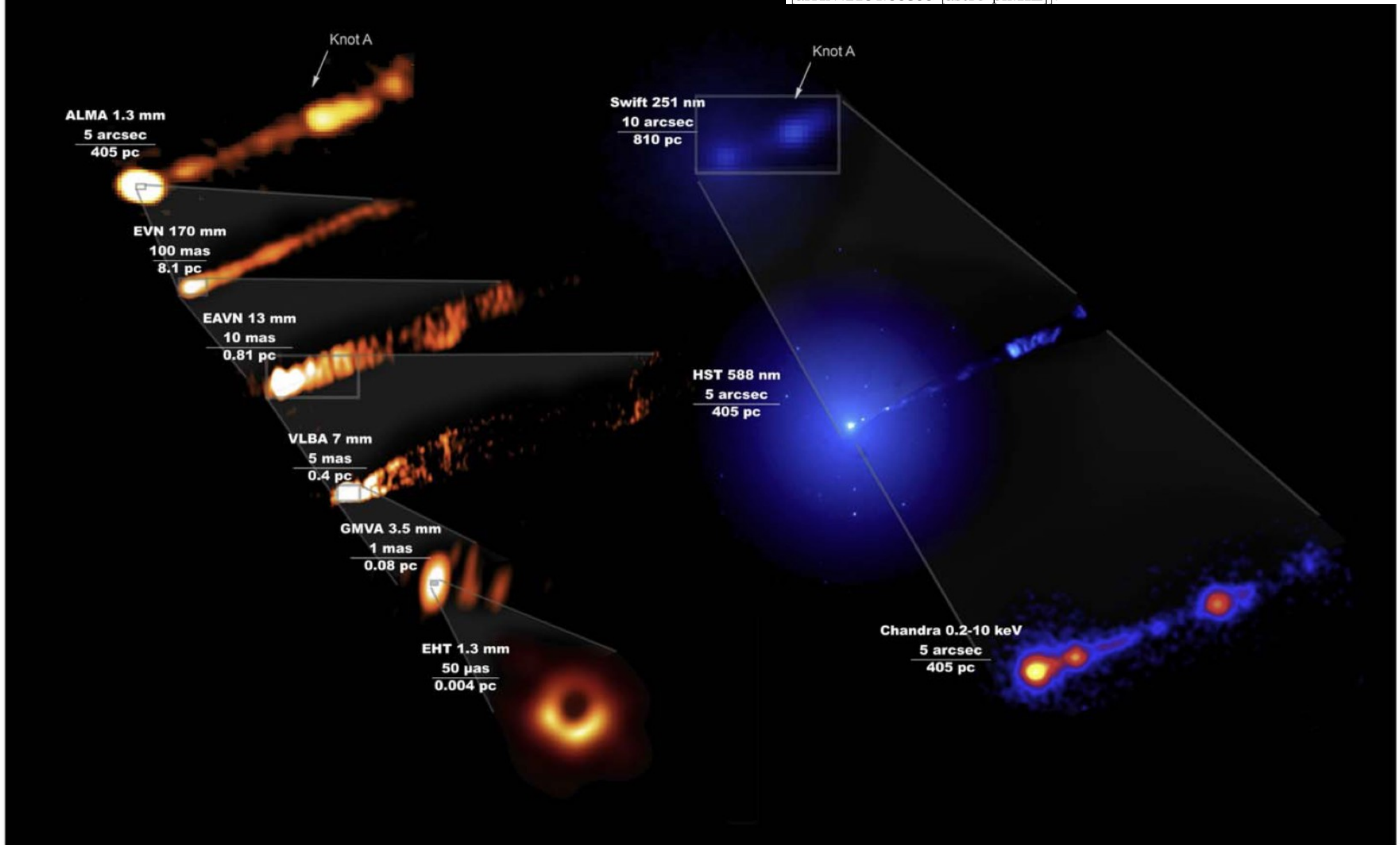
# Strange beast

The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) team took 2 years to produce an image of the black hole at the center of nearby galaxy Messier 87 (M87), which feeds on a swirling disk of bright matter. Its gravity is so strong that photons orbit it, creating a bright ring. Gravitational lensing magnifies the black hole's event horizon into a larger dark shadow, which may be partially filled by material in front of the hole.



# High energy gamma rays from M87

Continued campaign of observations of the "Event Horizon Telescope"



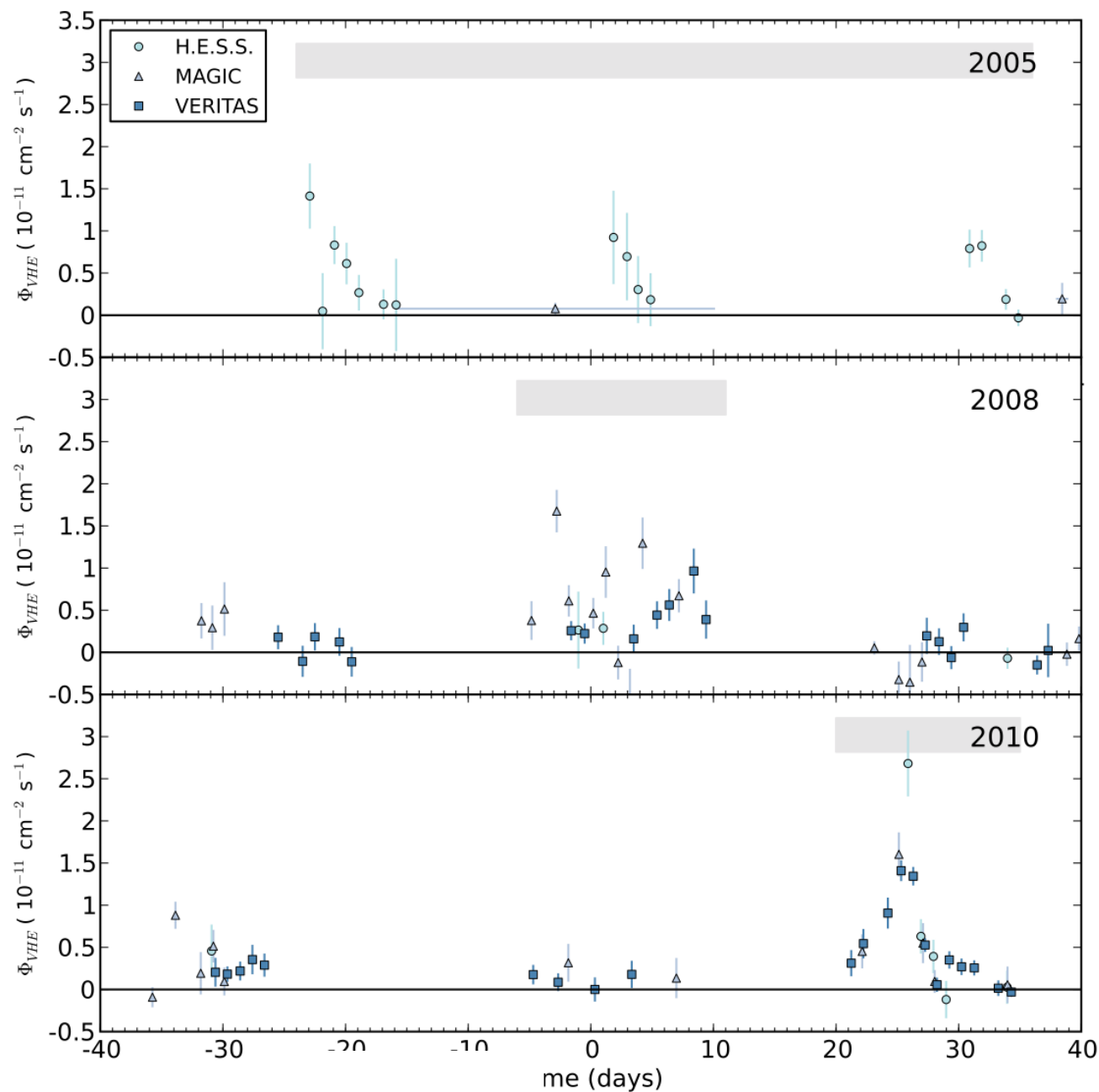
**Figure 13.** Compilation of the quasi-simultaneous M87 jet images at various scales during the 2017 campaign. The instrument, observing wavelength, and scale are shown on the top-left side of each image. Note that the color scale has been chosen to highlight the observed features for each scale, and should not be used for rms or flux density calculation purposes. Location of the Knot A (far beyond the core and HST-1) is shown in the top figures for visual aid.

# Observations of M87

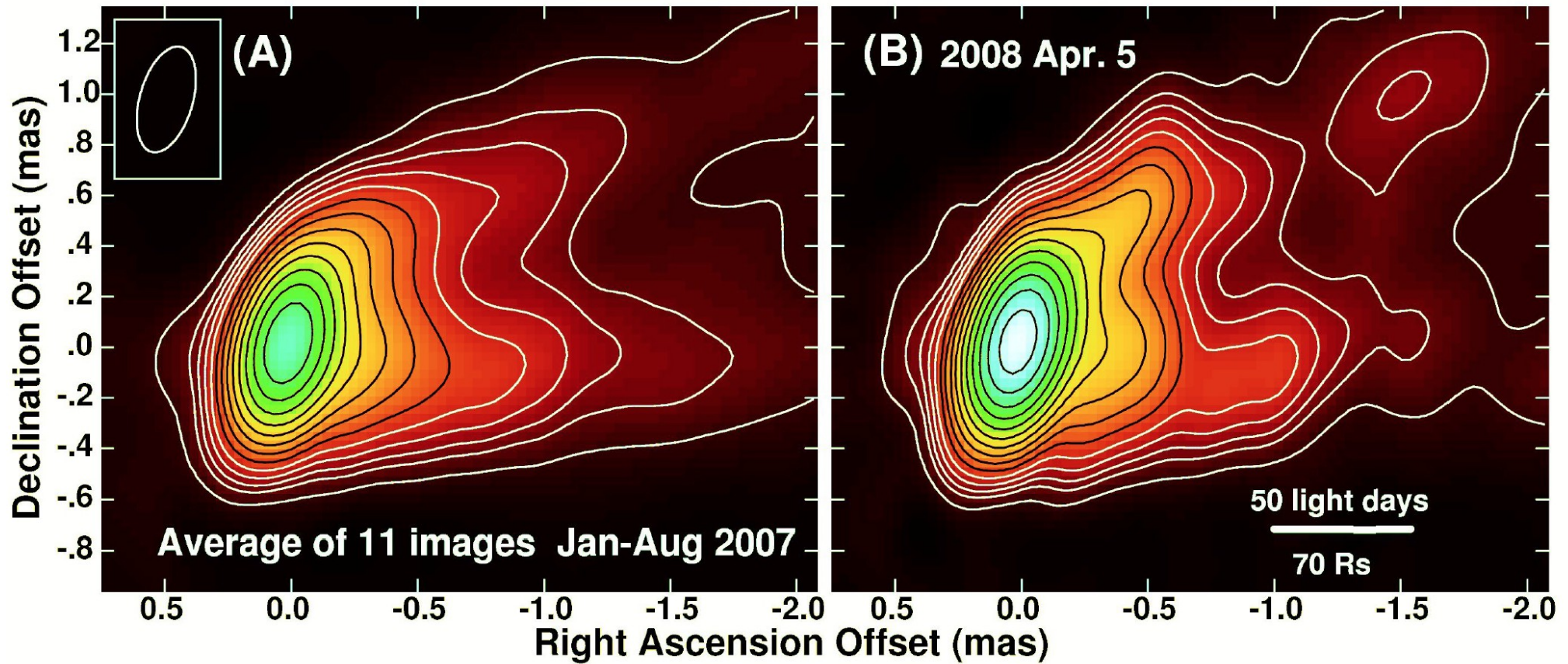
2005  
2008  
2010

HESS  
MAGIC  
VERITAS

$E \geq 350$  GeV



**Figure 2.** VHE light curve of M 87 of the flaring episodes in 2005 (top), 2008 (middle), and 2010 (bottom). Integral fluxes are given above an energy of 350 GeV. The lengths of the gray bars correspond to the length of the gray shaded areas in Figure 1. A time of 0 days corresponds to MJD 53460, MJD 54500, and MJD 55270 for 2005, 2008, and 2010, respectively. Flux error bars denote the 1 s.d. statistical error. Horizontal error bars denote the time span the flux has been averaged over. Note that in the case of time spans longer than one night the coverage is not continuous.

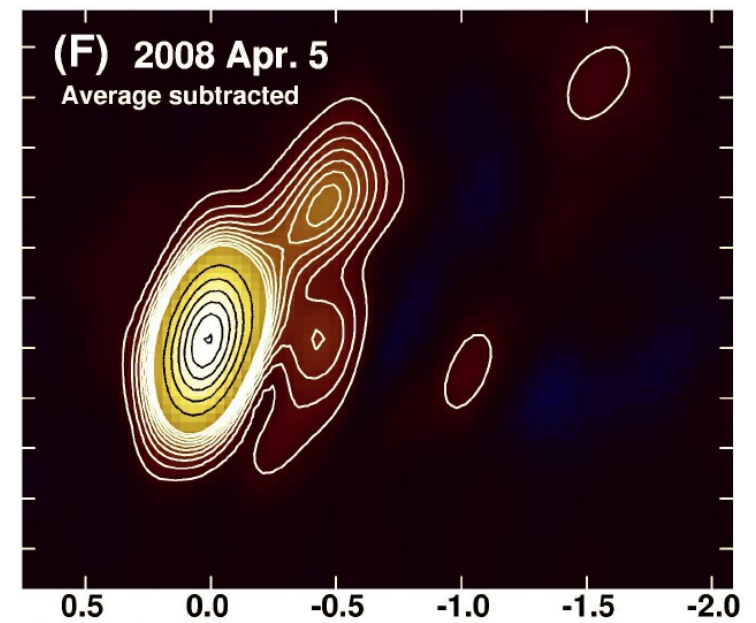


## VLBA radio images of M87 at 43 GHz

*Science* 24 Jul 2009:  
 Vol. 325, Issue 5939, pp. 444-448  
 DOI: 10.1126/science.1175406

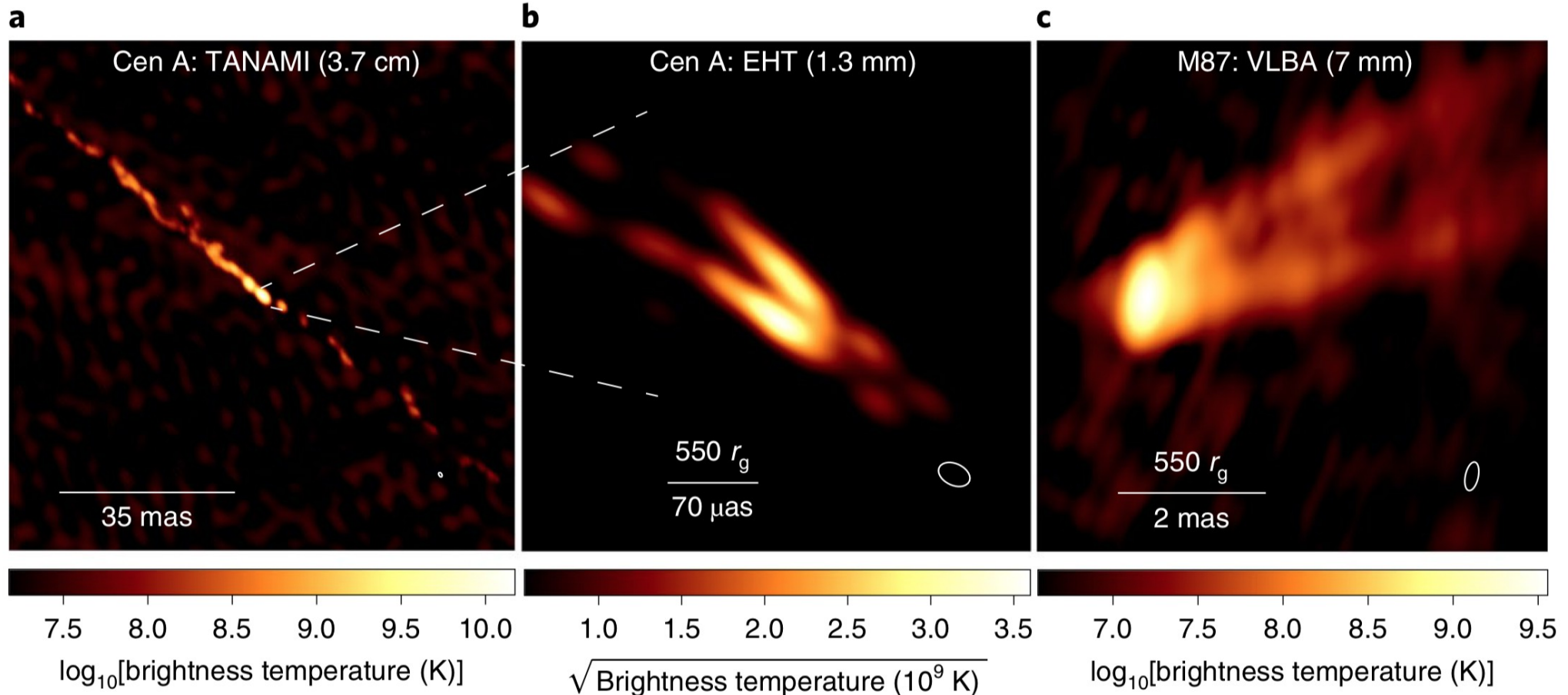
### Radio Imaging of the Very-High-Energy $\gamma$ -Ray Emission Region in the Central Engine of a Radio Galaxy

The VERITAS Collaboration, the VLBA 43 GHz M87 Monitoring Team, the H.E.S.S. Collaboration, the MAGIC Collaboration



# The jet of Centaurus A

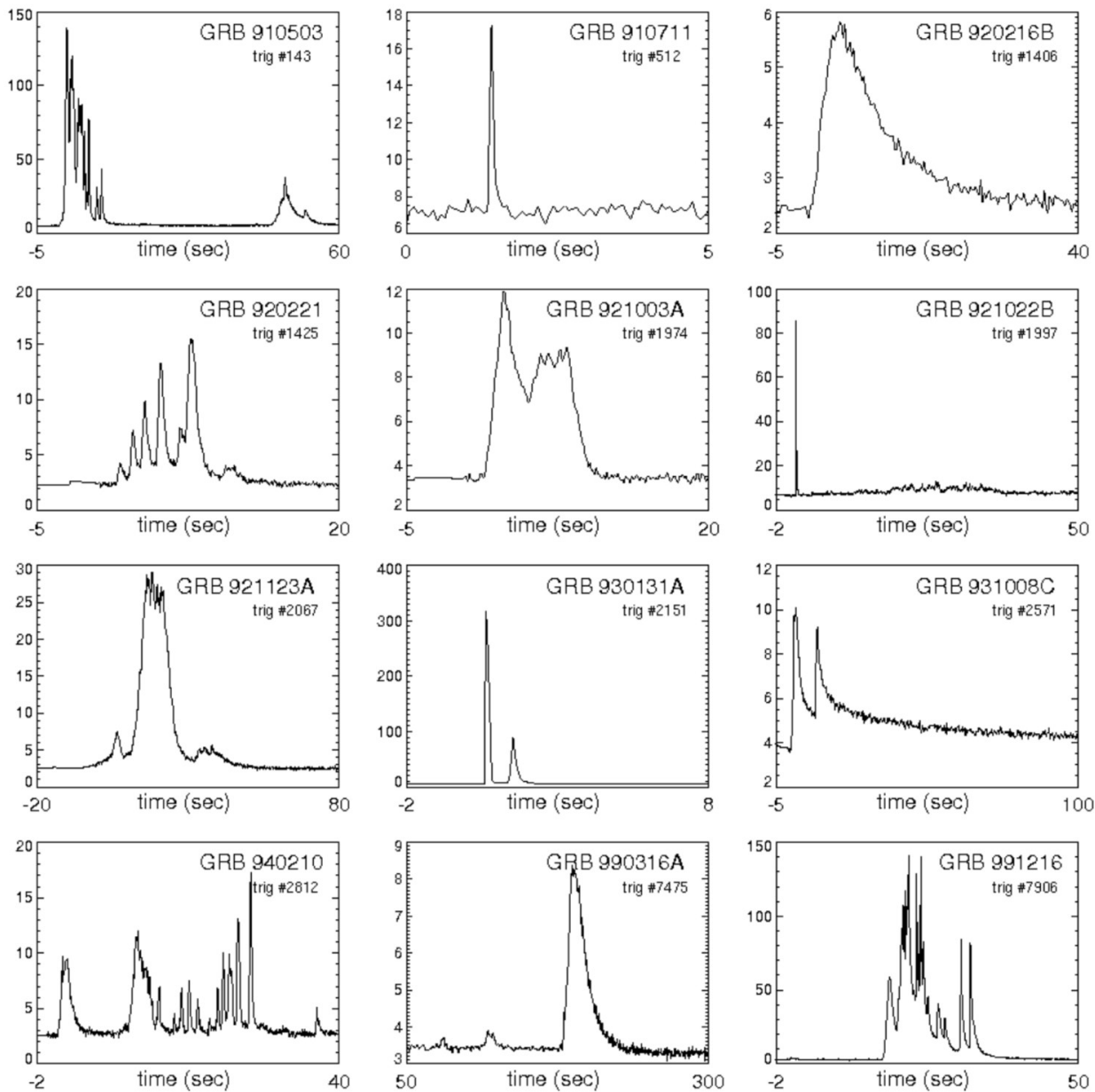
$$M_{\bullet} = (5.5 \pm 3) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$$



“Event Horizon Telescope observations of the jet launching and collimation in Centaurus A”  
Nature Astron. **5**, no.10, 1017-1028 (2021)

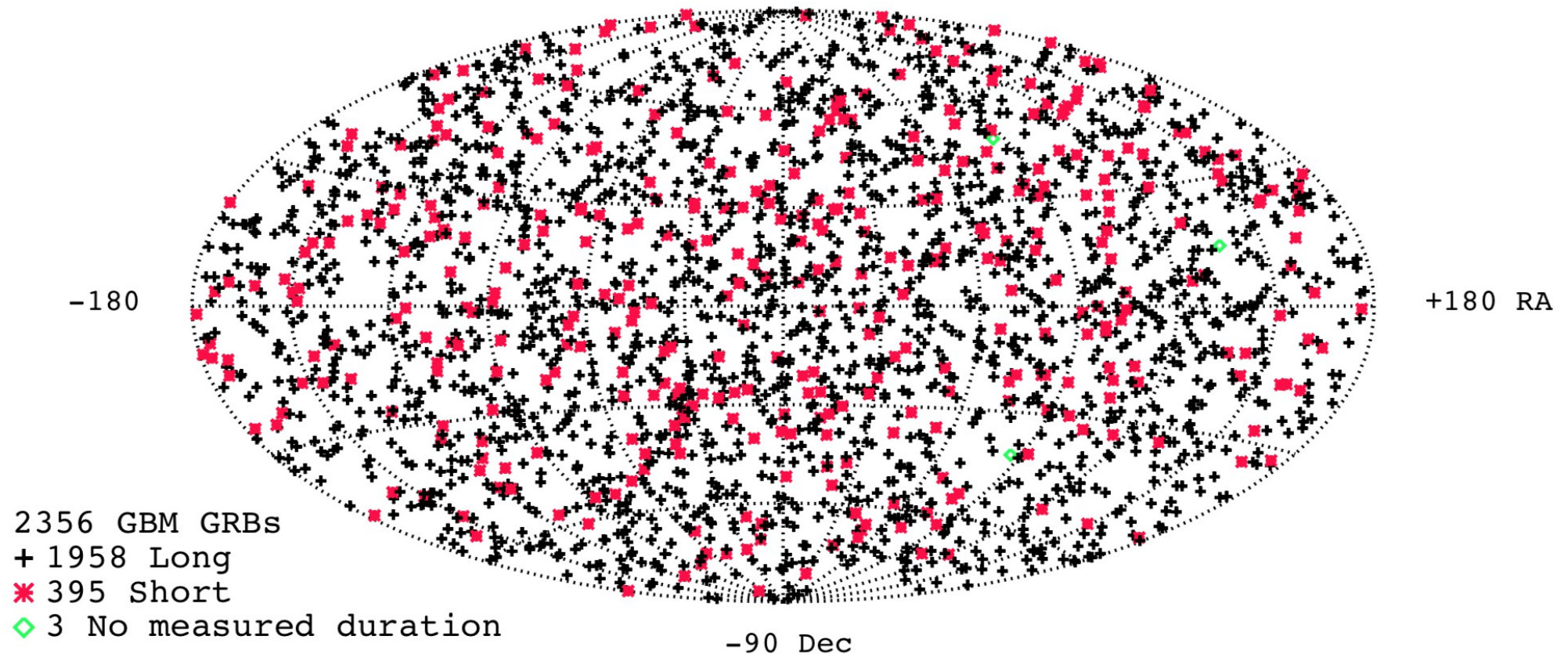


# Examples of GRB time profiles (from BATSE 1991-2000)



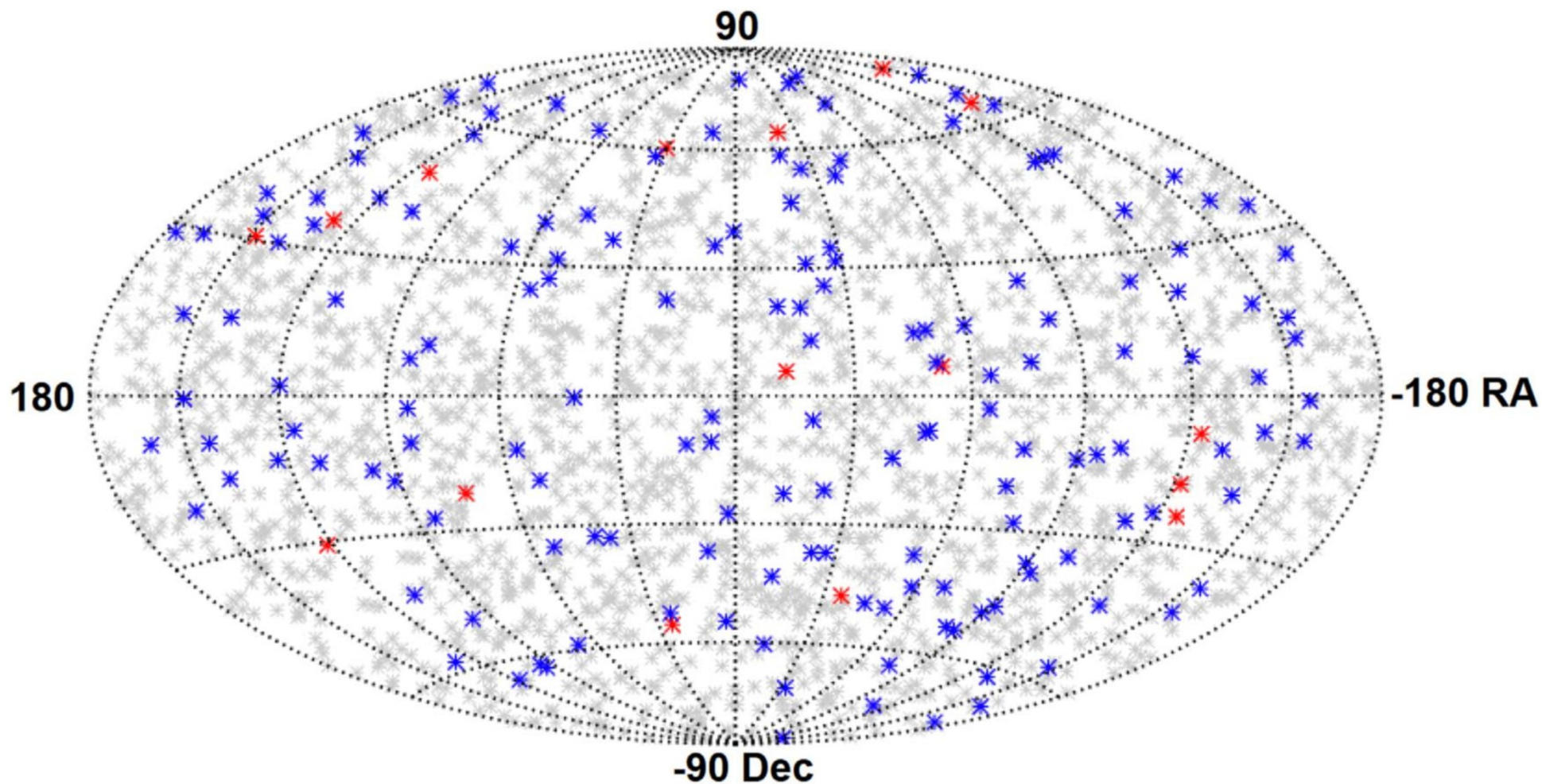
# FERMI satellite Gamma Ray Burst Monitor (GBM)

10 years catalog 1998-2008 [50-300 KeV]

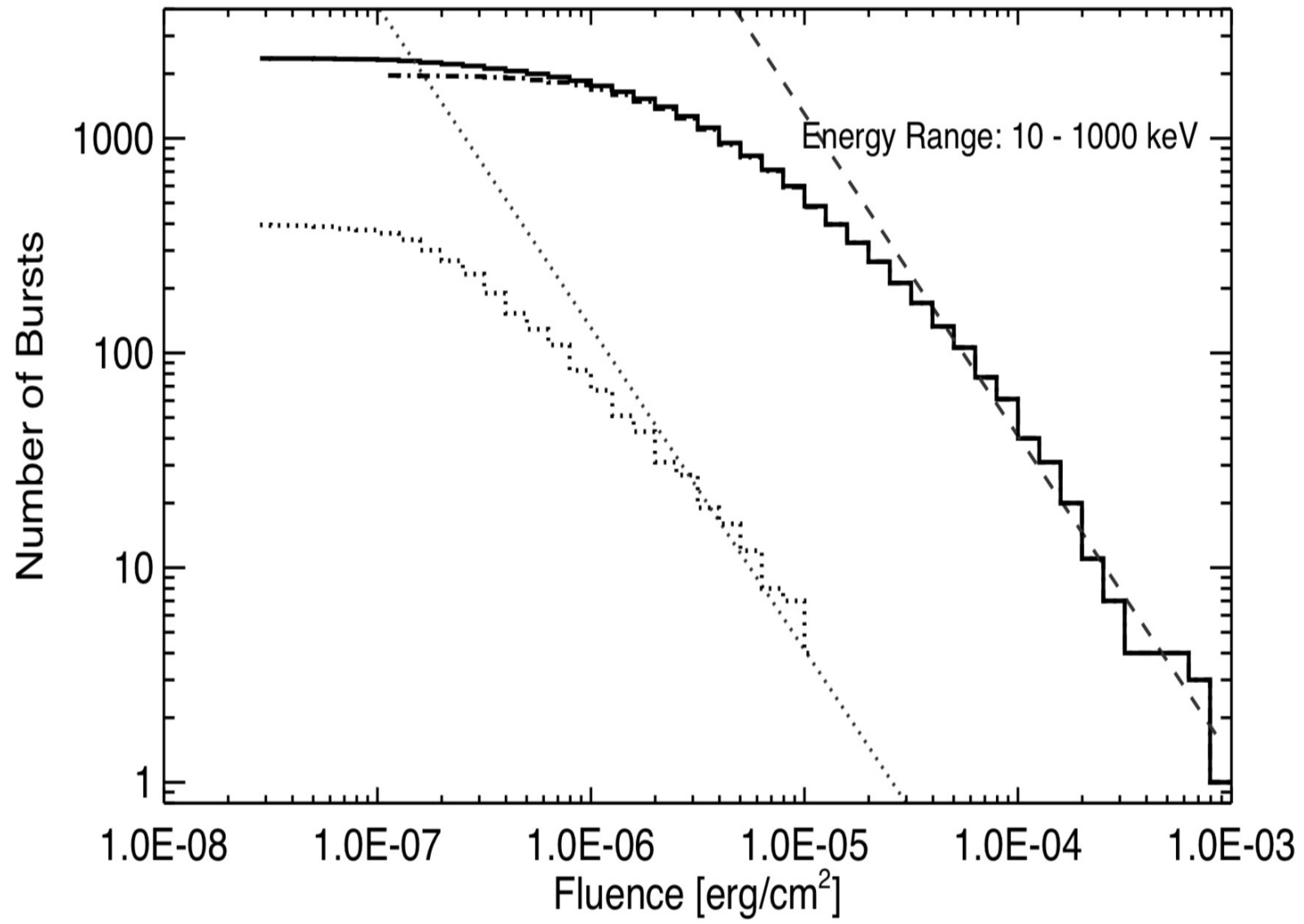


Isotropic distribution

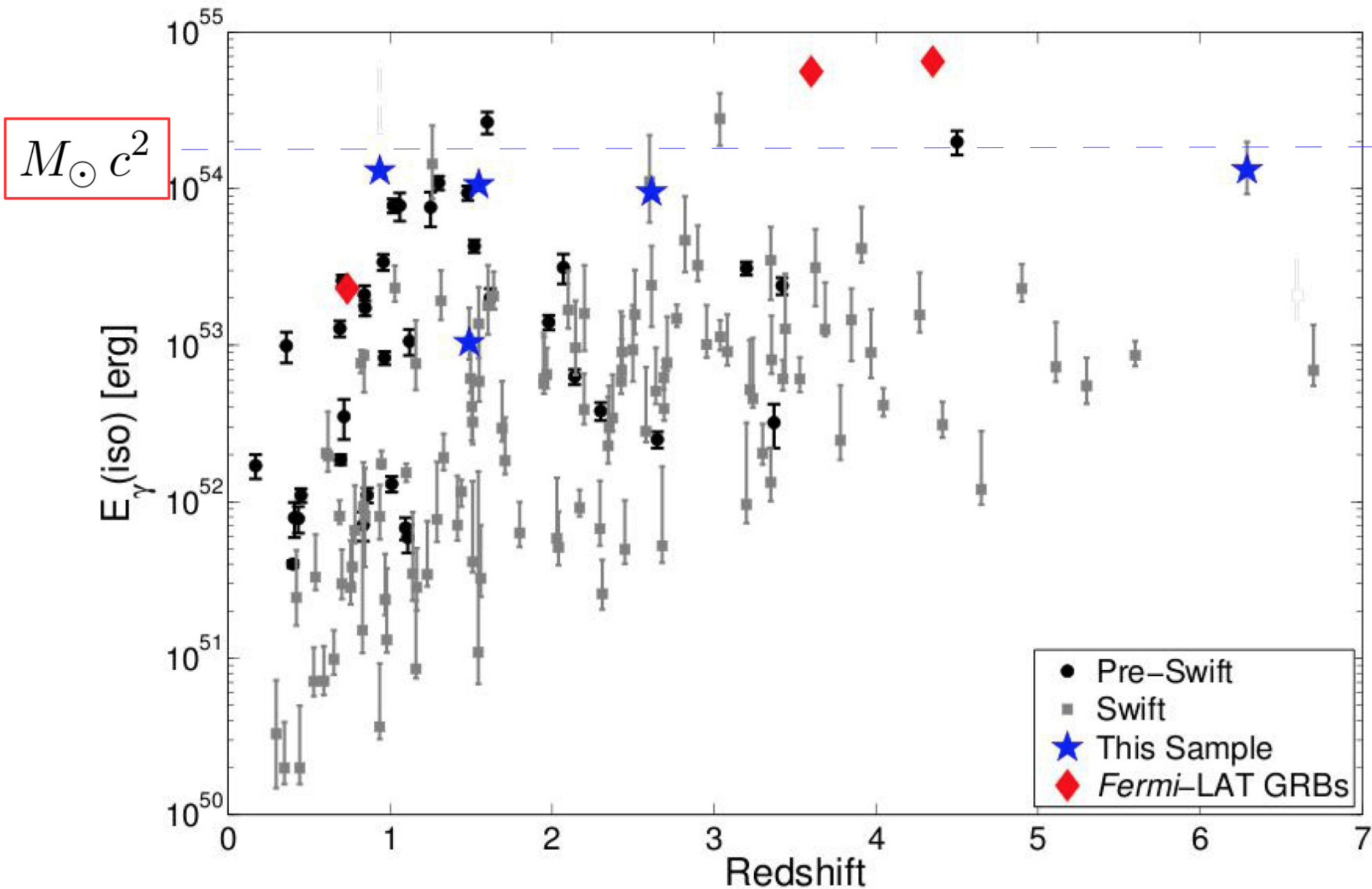
2<sup>nd</sup> FERMI-LAT GRB catalog (2008/ July/14 - 2018/July/31)  
[0.1 - 100 GeV]



2357 GBM GRBs (gray asterisks)  
(160 + 16) long (short) LAT-detected GRB



# Extraordinary Large (beamed) Energy Output



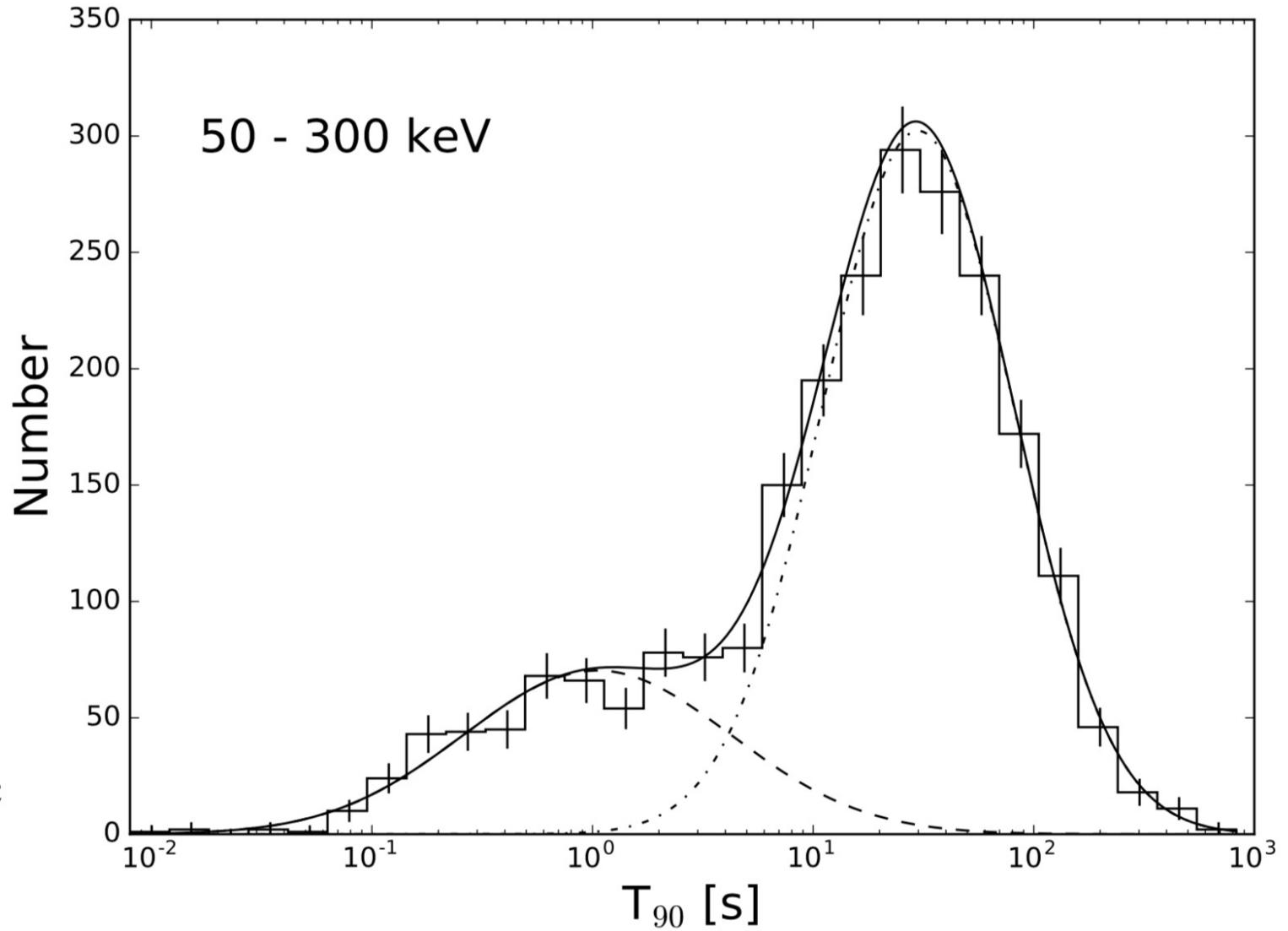
# GBM time-duration distribution

T[90% of fluence]

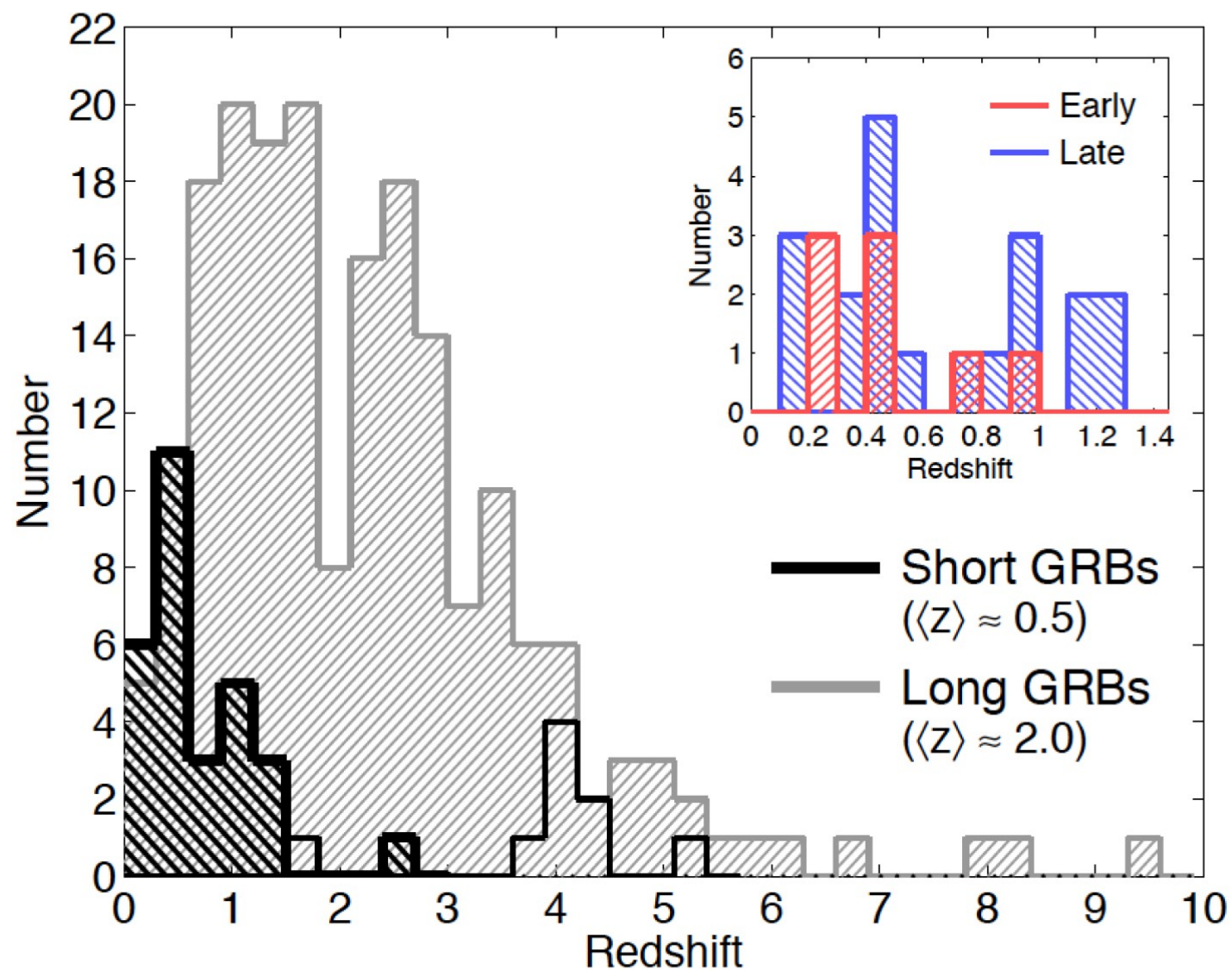
LogNormal  
distribution  
fits

$$10^{\langle \log T \rangle} = 1.05 \text{ sec}$$

$$10^{\langle \log T \rangle} = 29.9 \text{ sec}$$



# Short versus Long GRB's



# Association Long GRB's with SN explosions

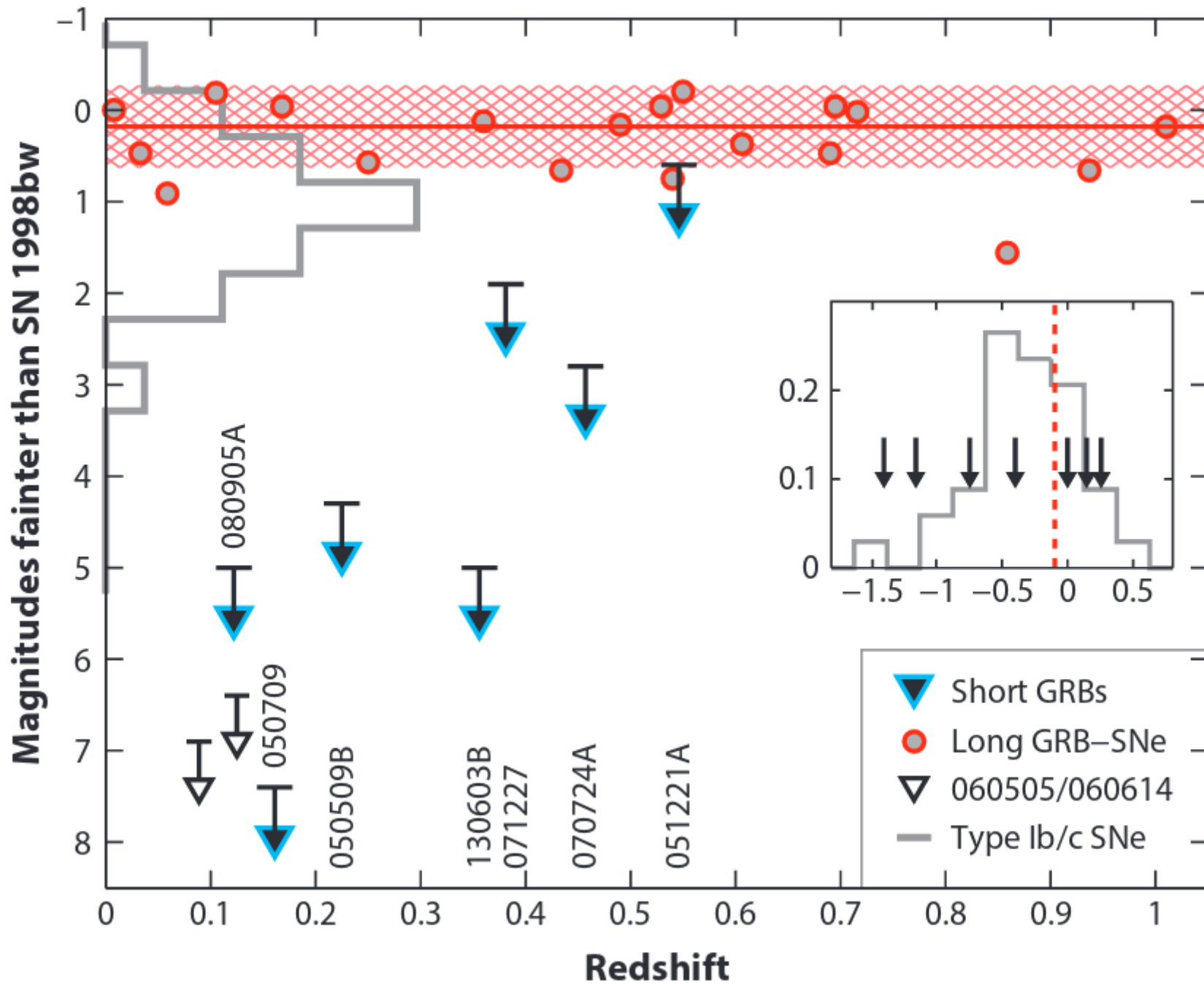


Images: A 1998 supernova (*SN 1998bw*, left) and the corresponding gamma-ray burst on April 25, 1998 (*GRB 980425*, right). Courtesy of Dr. Kulkarni.

**SN 1998bw**

**GRB 980425**







GRB 130427A

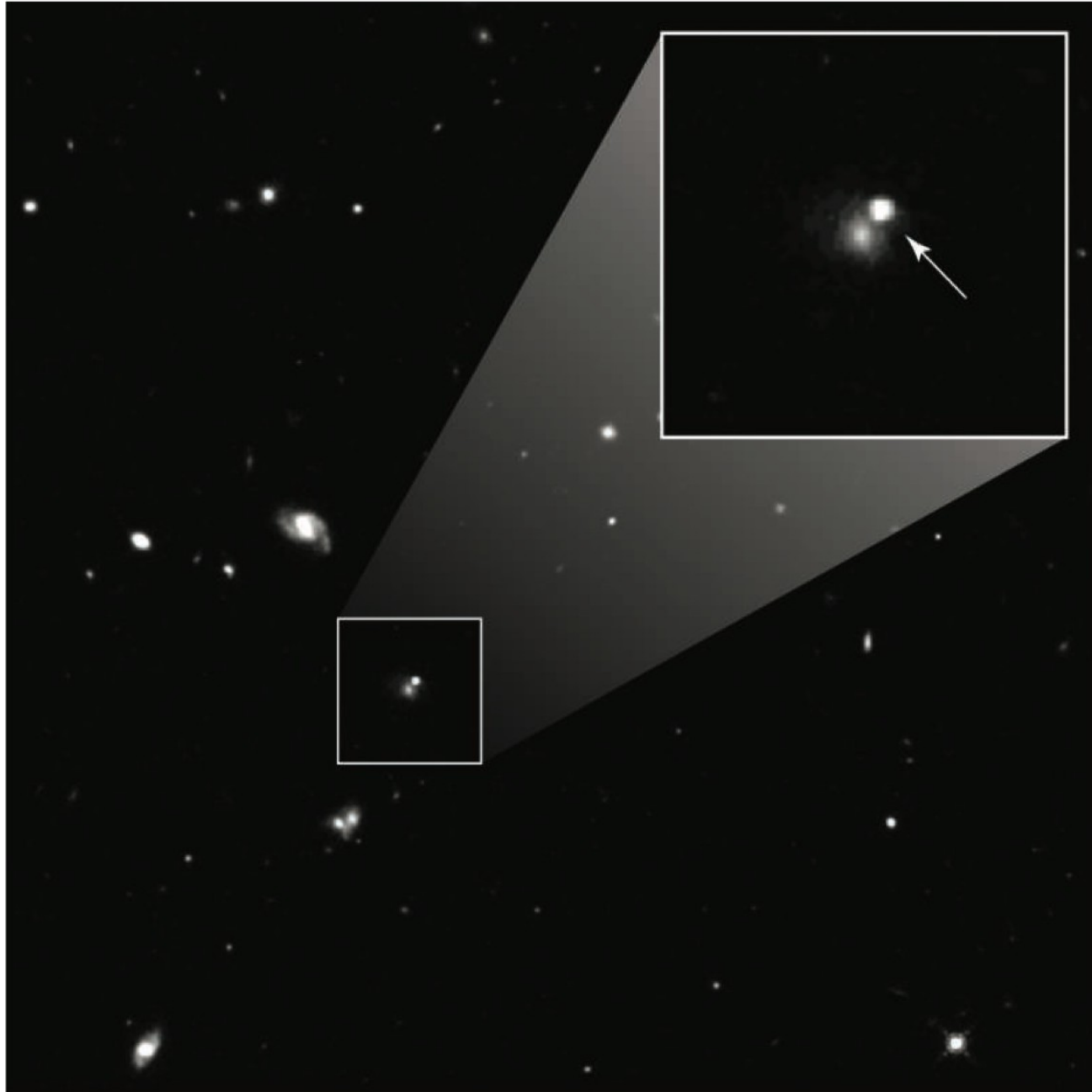
Science

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

## GRB 130427A: A Nearby Ordinary Monster

Fermi paper  
lower limit on  
Lorentz Factor  
of outflow

$$\Gamma_{\min} = 455^{+16}_{-13}$$

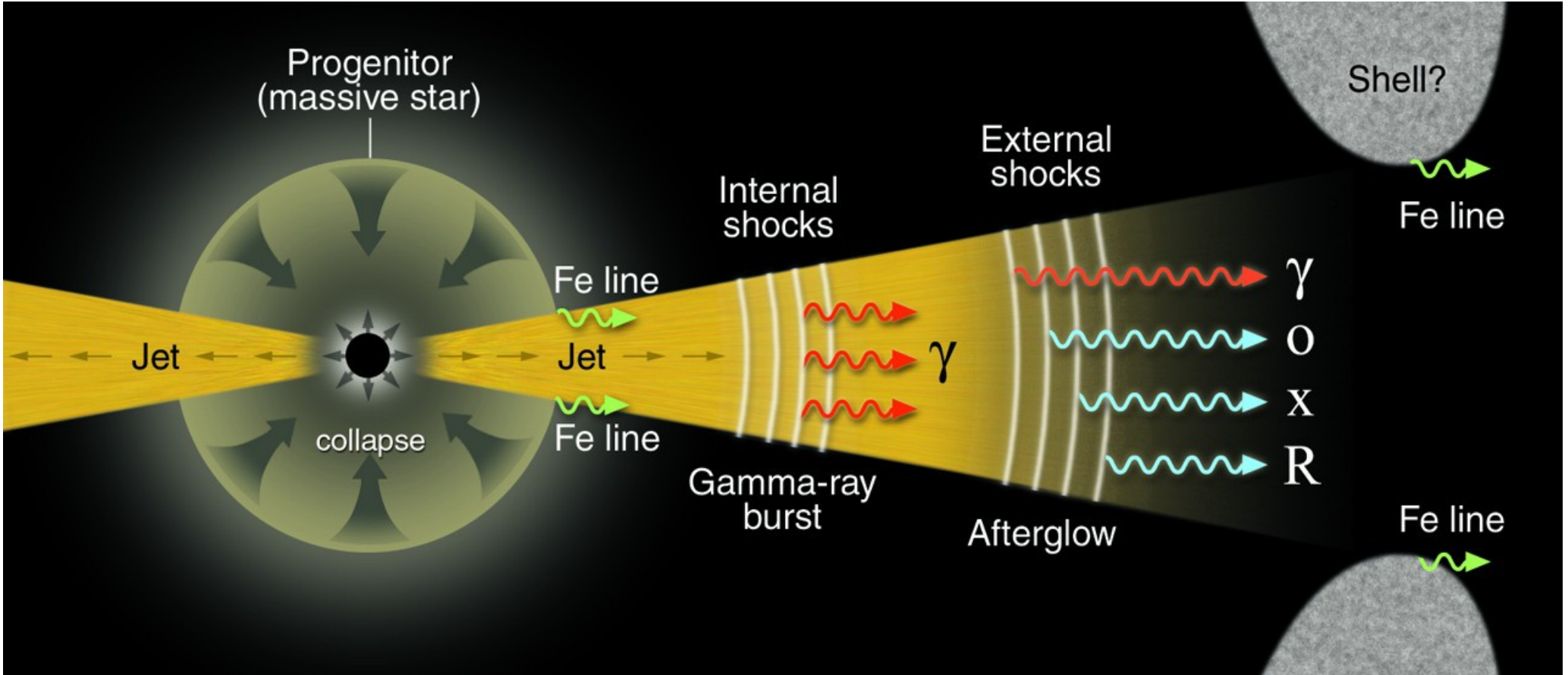
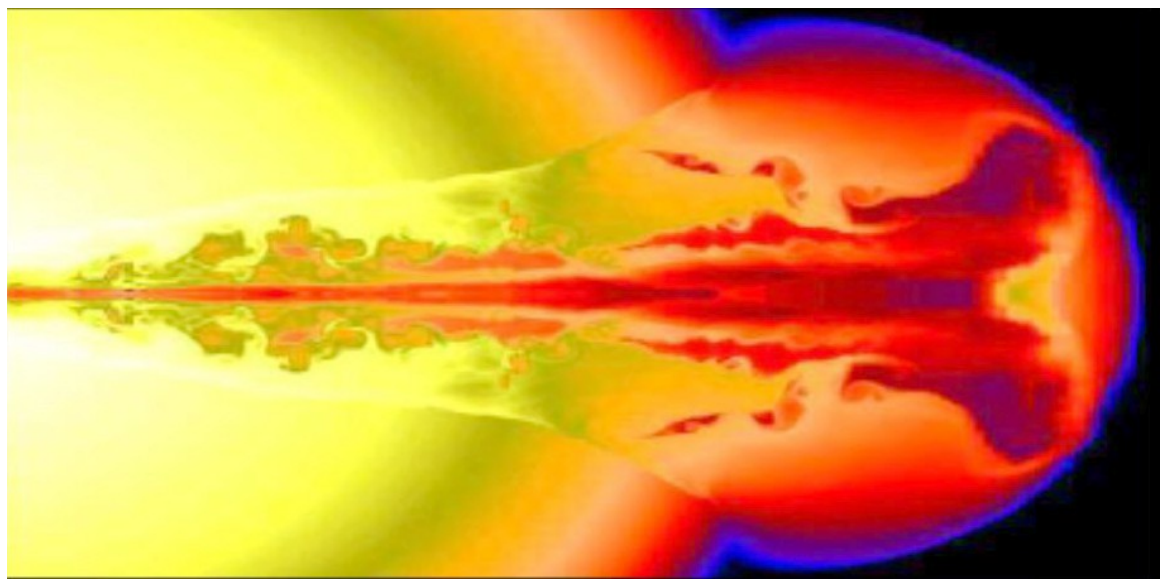
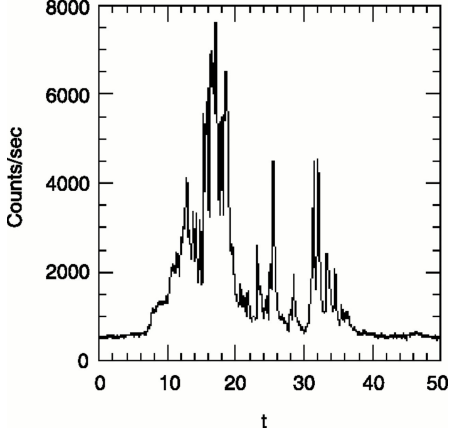


Hubble  
Space Telescope

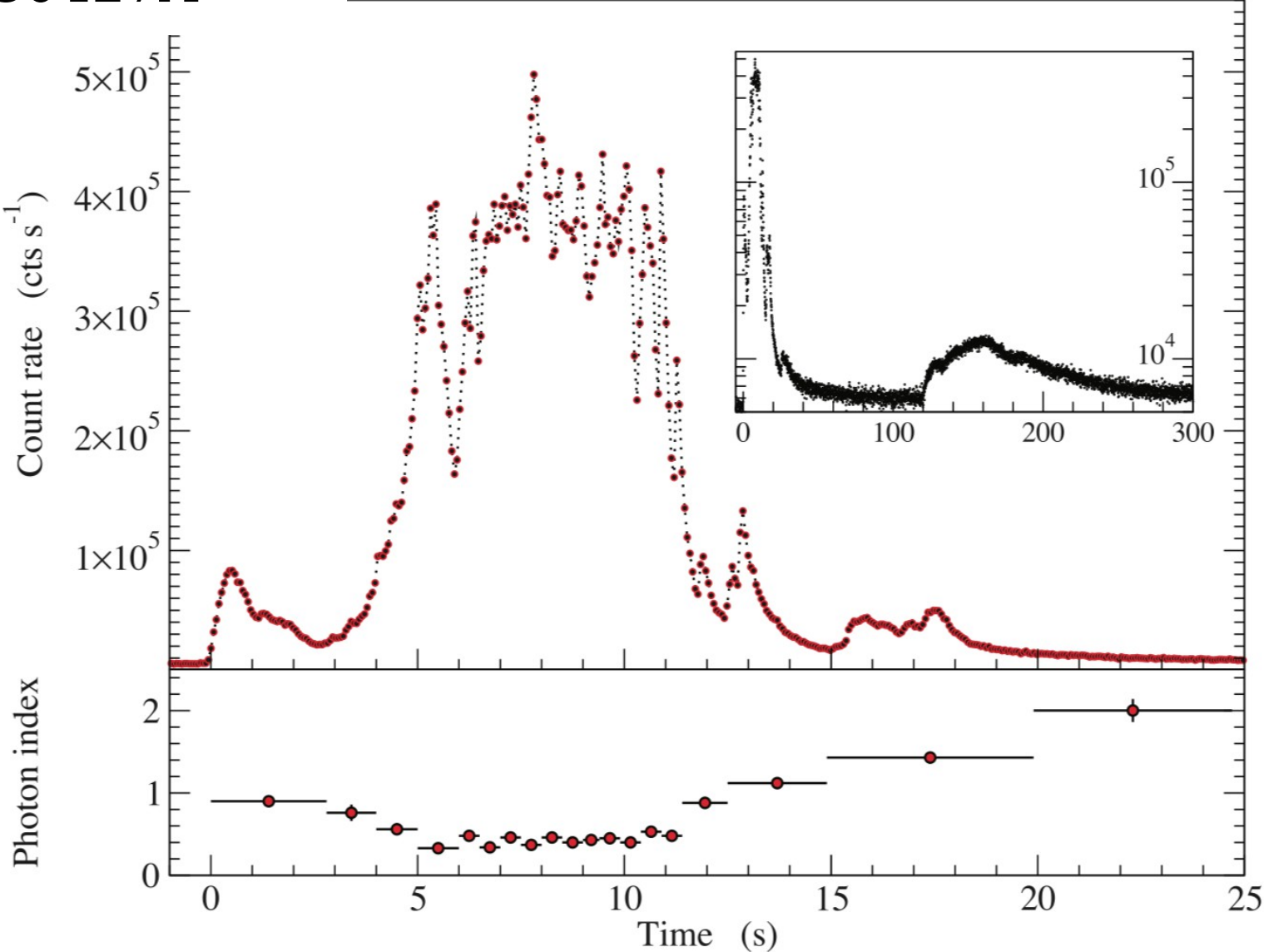
Detection  
of SN 2013 cq  
and its host galaxy

[at  $z = 0.3399$ ]

GRB 0.83"  
from center of Galaxy  
(4 kpc)

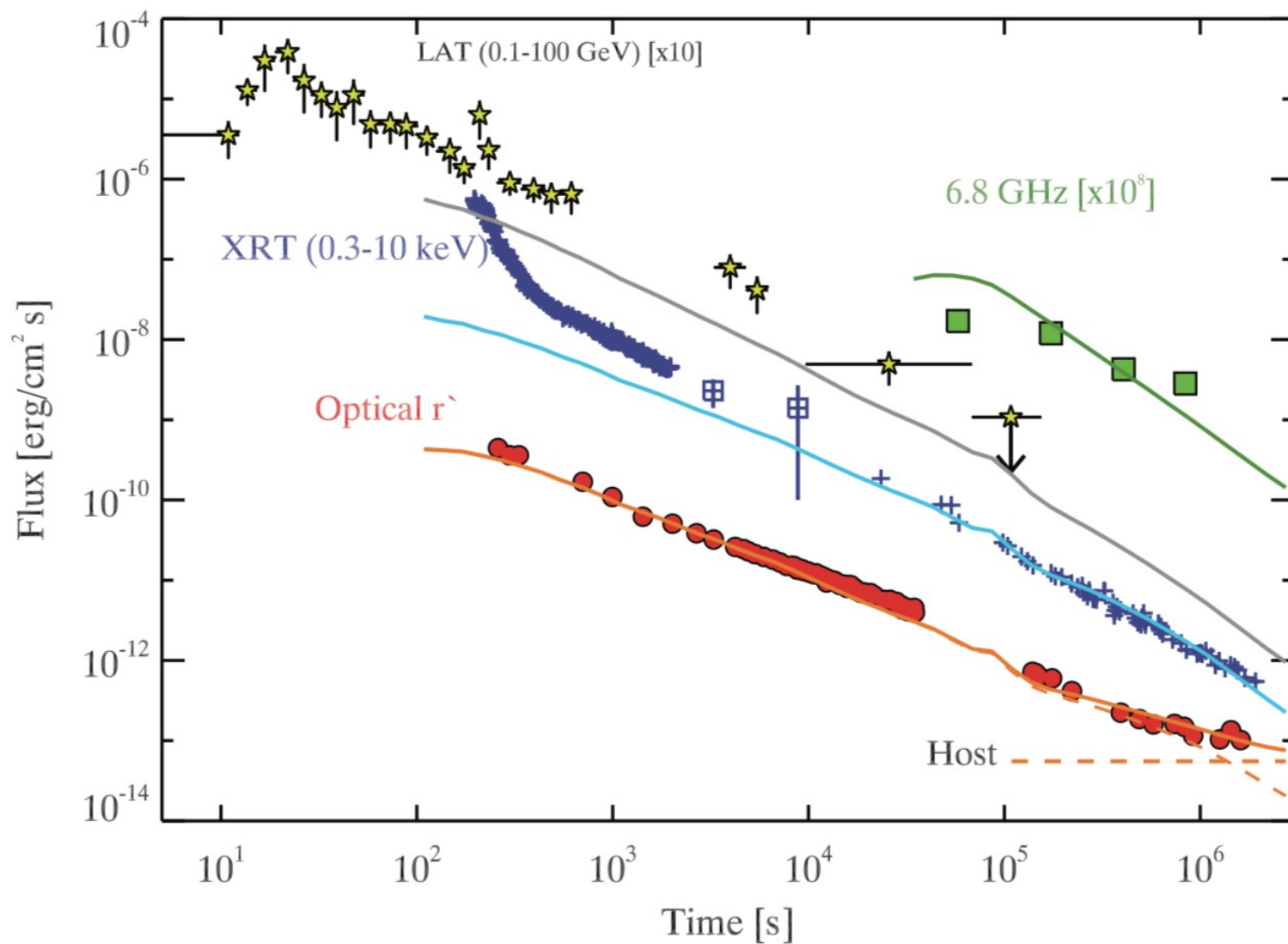


# GRB 130427A



Time profile [SWIFT (Bat)] [15-350 keV]

# Afterglow of GRB 130427A



Why do we think that GRB are “jet like” with a very large relativistic velocity ?

$\Delta t_{\text{obs}}$

Duration

$\mathcal{F}$

energy fluence

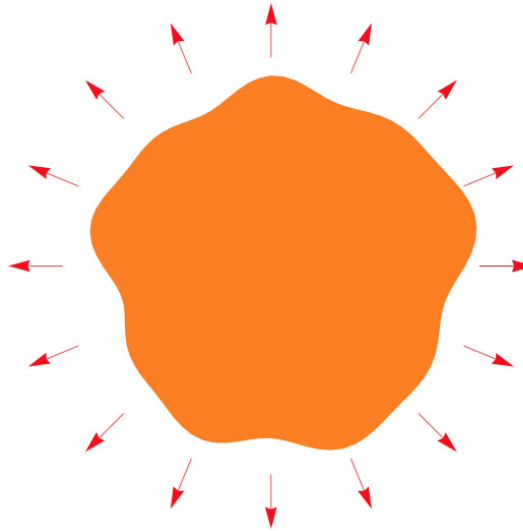
erg/(cm<sup>2</sup> s)

GRB event

(assume no beaming)

size of source

$$R \simeq \Delta t_{\text{obs}} c$$



At the “explosion” time enormous photons density in source

$$n_{\gamma} \approx \frac{4 \pi d^2 \mathcal{F}}{\langle \epsilon \rangle} \frac{1}{R^3}$$

The source is not transparent

Opacity  $\tau \approx R n_{\gamma} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \approx \frac{4 \pi d^2 \mathcal{F}}{\langle \epsilon \rangle (\Delta t_{\text{obs}} c)^2} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$

Parameters of GRB139427A  $\tau \approx 10^{12}$

enormous opacity system “thermalized” with Black body emission

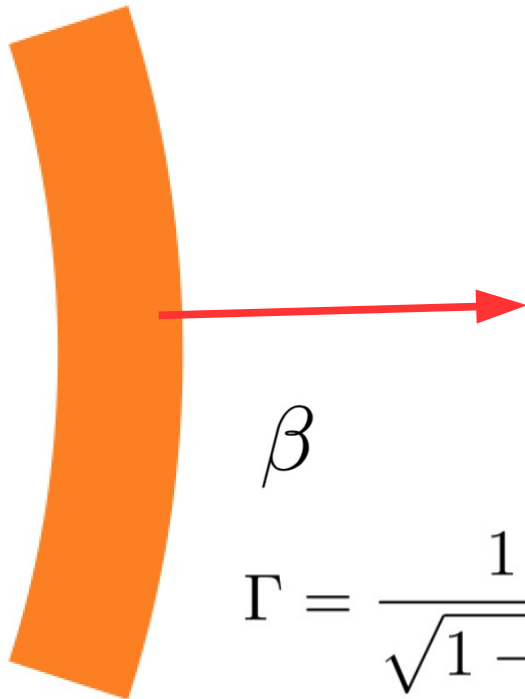
How can one reduce the opacity ?

$$\tau \lesssim 1$$

$$\tau \approx \frac{4 \pi d^2 \mathcal{F}}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle (\Delta t c)^2} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$$

Relativistic  
beaming

$$\Gamma \gtrsim 1200$$



$$(\Delta t)_{\text{obs}} \simeq \Delta t (1 - \beta) \approx \Delta t \frac{1}{2\Gamma^2}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{obs}} \simeq 10 \text{ sec}$$

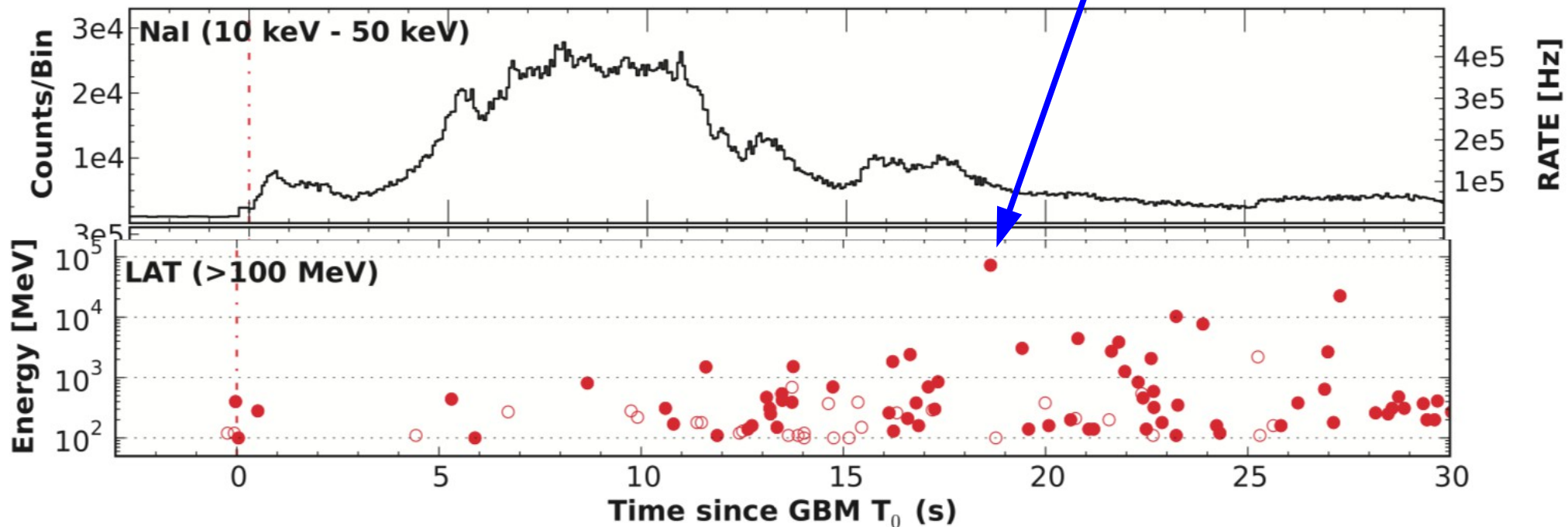
$$\Delta t \gtrsim 1 \text{ yr}$$

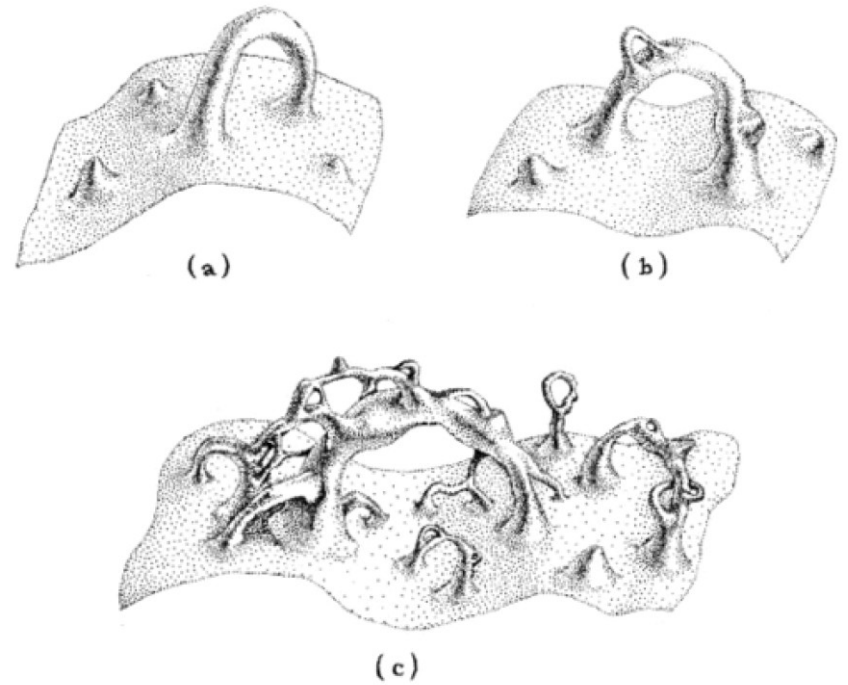
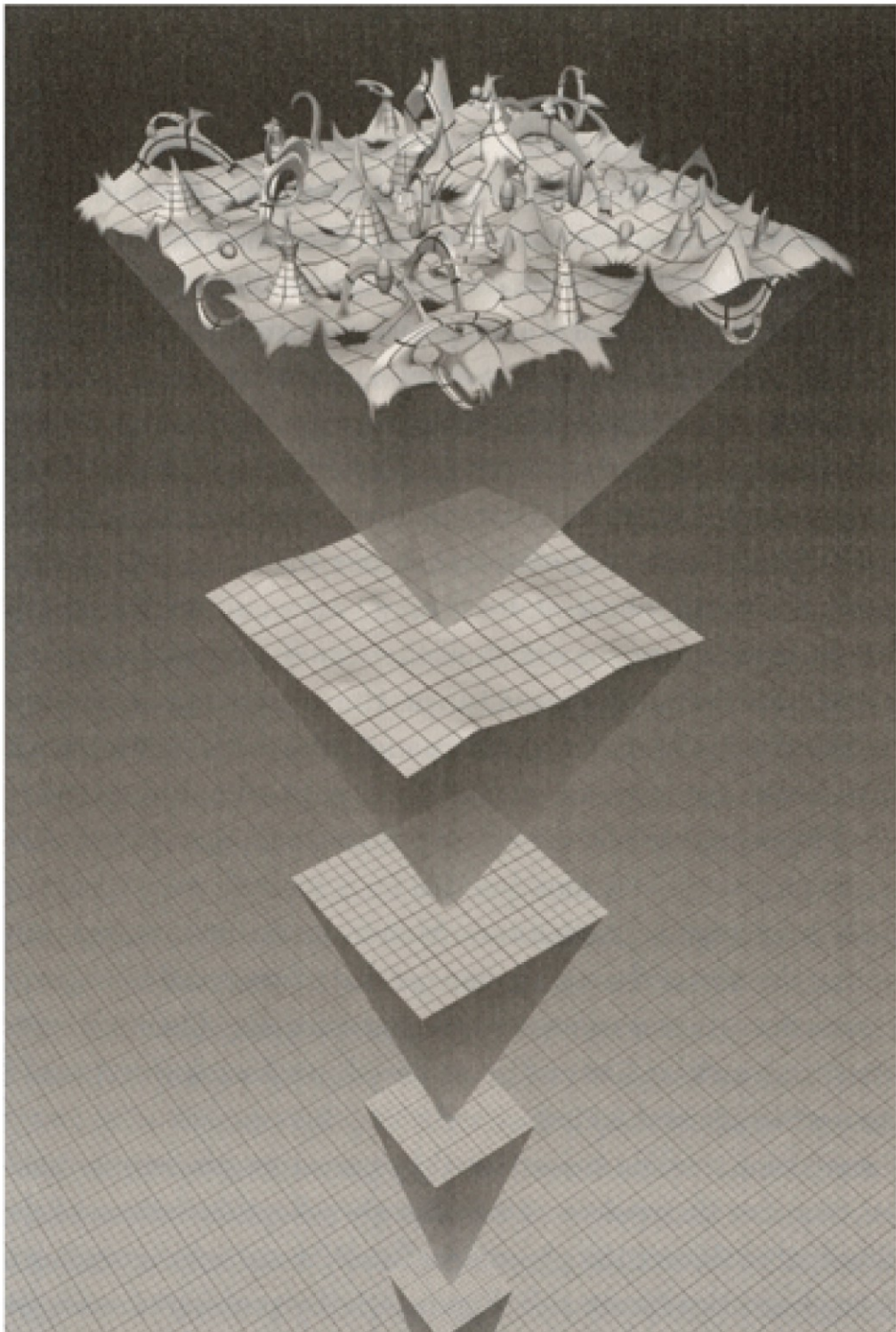
[all energies in source frame  
lower (fewer photons above threshold)]

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

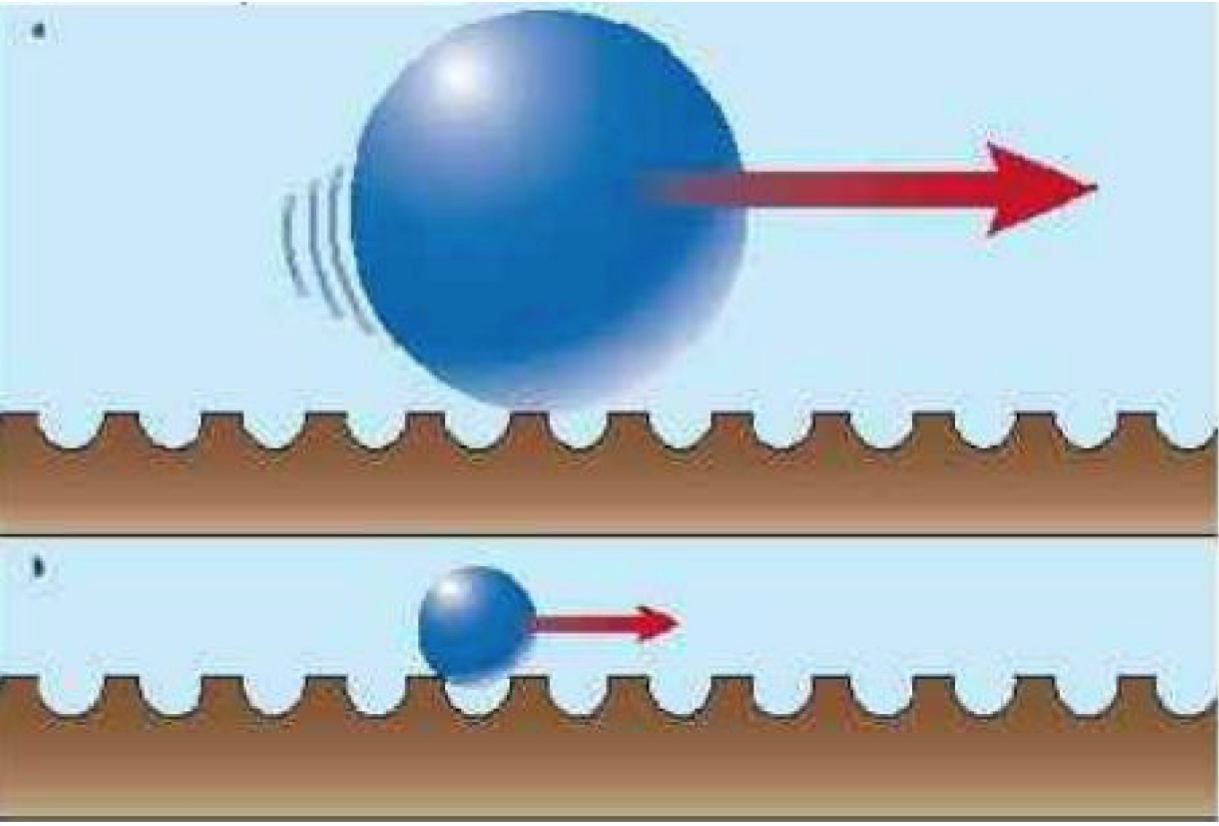


95 GeV photon  
(at observation.  
128 GeV at the source)





Quantum Gravity effects  
[space-time granularity]



$$E_{\text{Planck}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G_{\text{Newton}}}}$$

$$\simeq 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

$$L_{\text{Planck}} = \frac{\hbar c}{E_{\text{Planck}}}$$

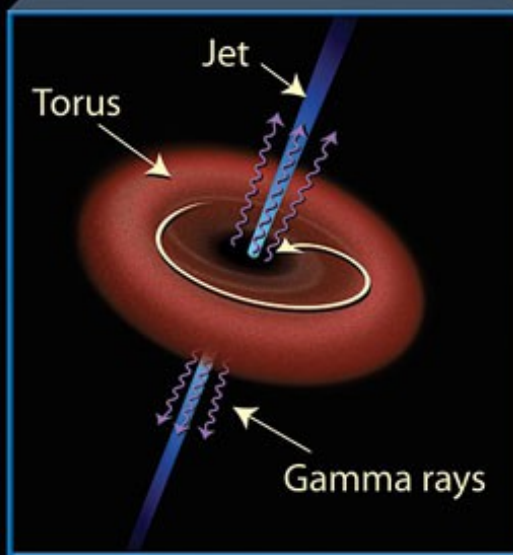
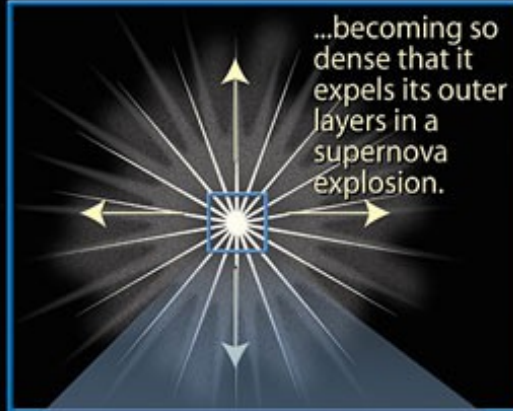
$$\simeq 1.62 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}$$

$$v_{\gamma} \simeq c \left( 1 - \xi \frac{E}{E_{\text{Planck}}} + \dots \right)$$

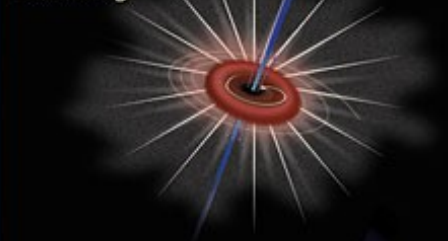
$$v_{\gamma} \simeq c \left( 1 - \frac{E}{E_{\text{QG}}} + \dots \right)$$

# Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs): The Long and Short of It

## Long gamma-ray burst ( $>2$ seconds' duration)



## Short gamma-ray burst ( $<2$ seconds' duration)



\*Possibly neutron stars.

## Binary Pulsars

(PSR 1913+16)

(discovery Hulse & Taylor (1978)

(Nobel prize 1993)

[Pulsar 17 rotation/second]

300 Myr

two neutron star coalesce

Orbit : 1.1 - 4.8 solar radii

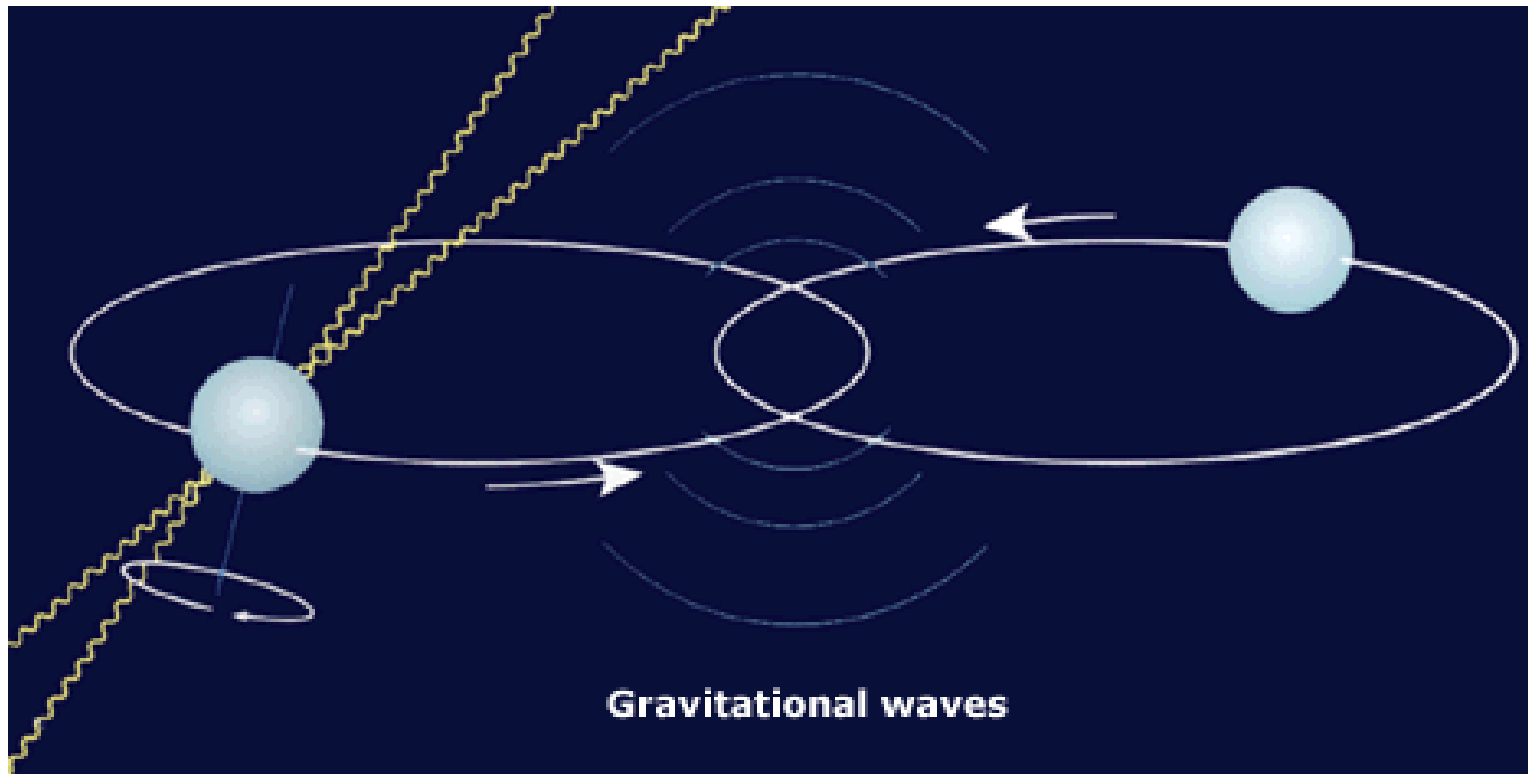
Rotation period 7.75 hours

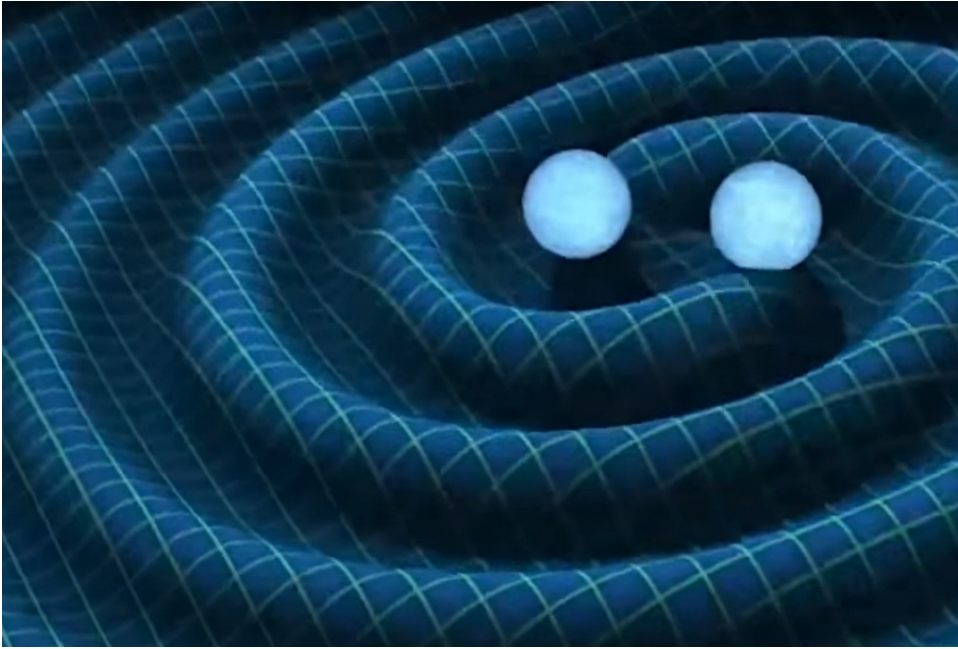
*Period shorter*

76.5 microsecond/year

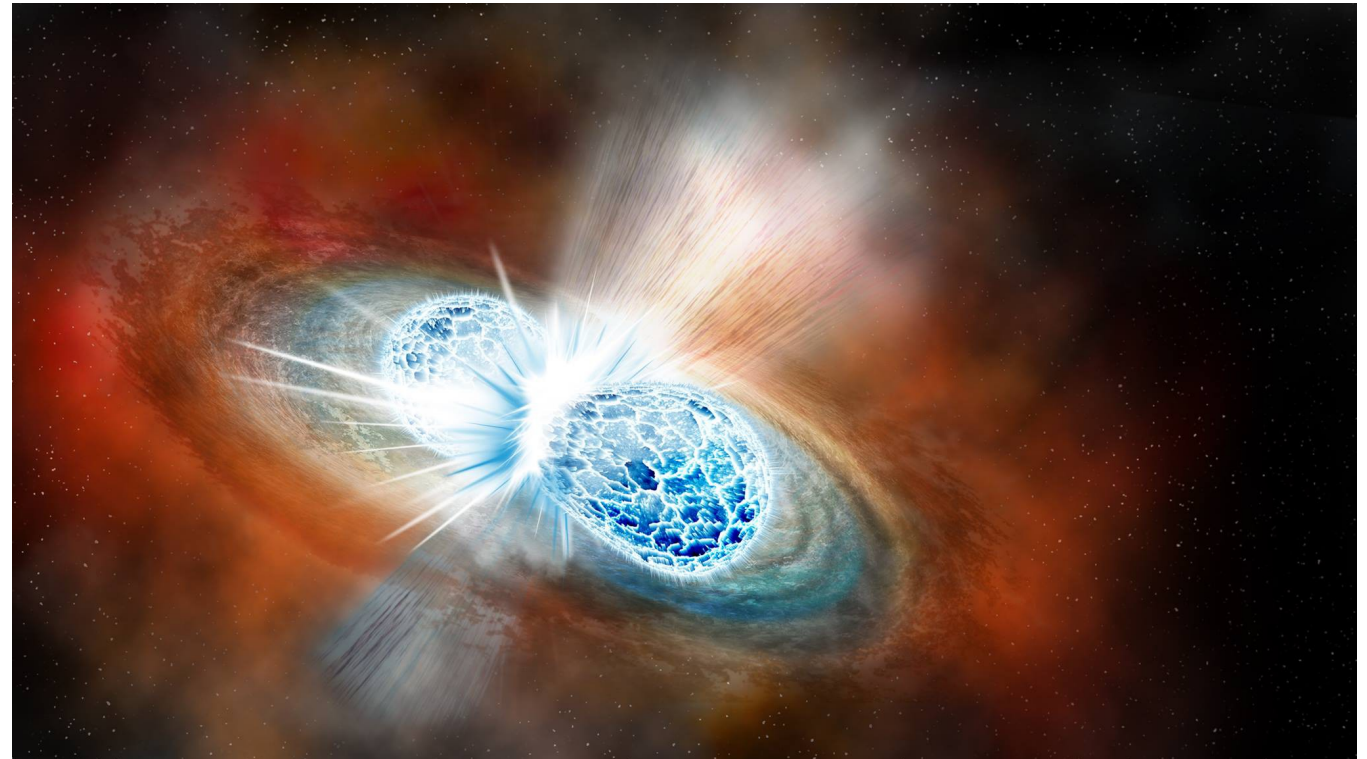
*Orbit smaller*

3.5 m/year

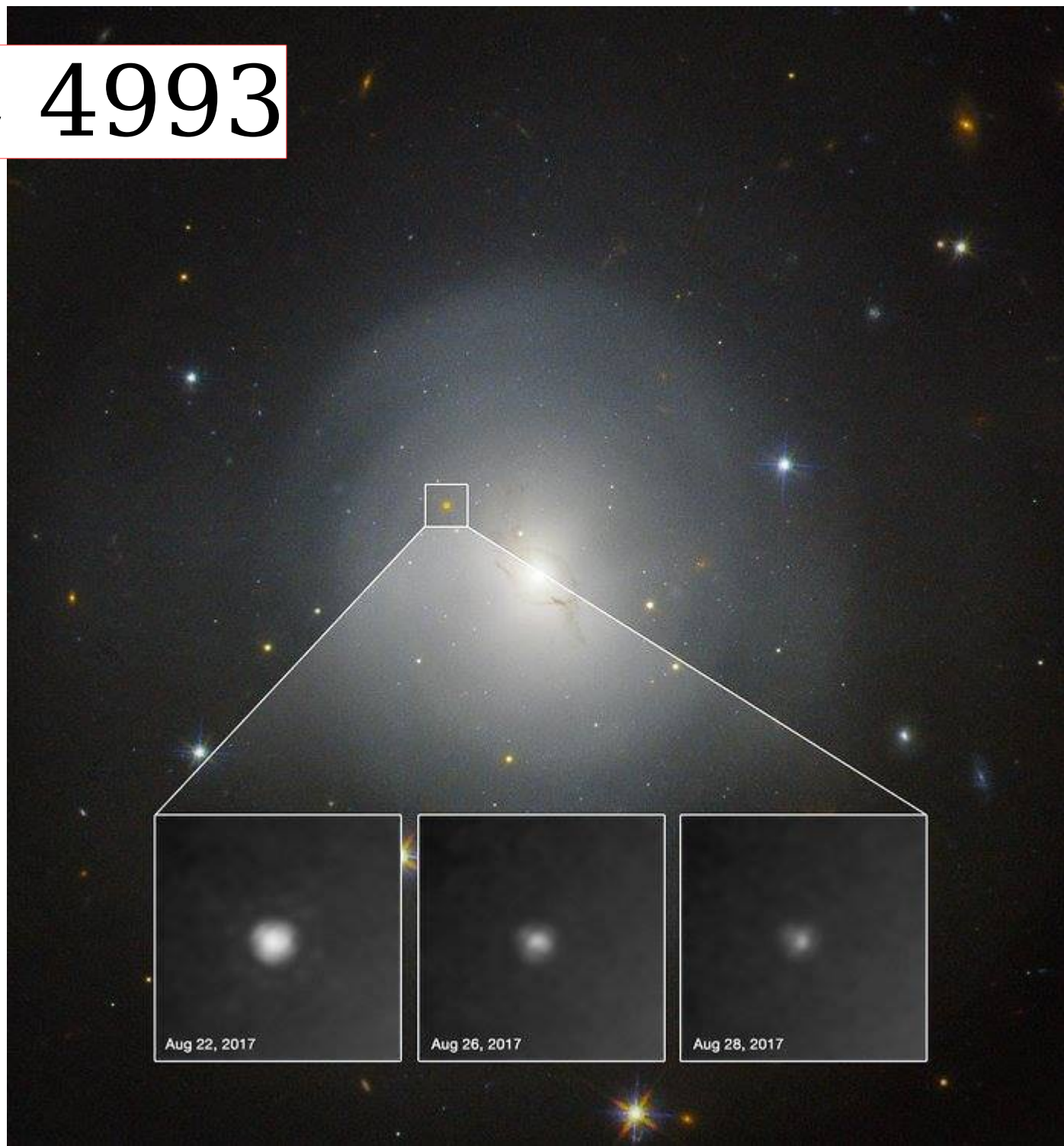




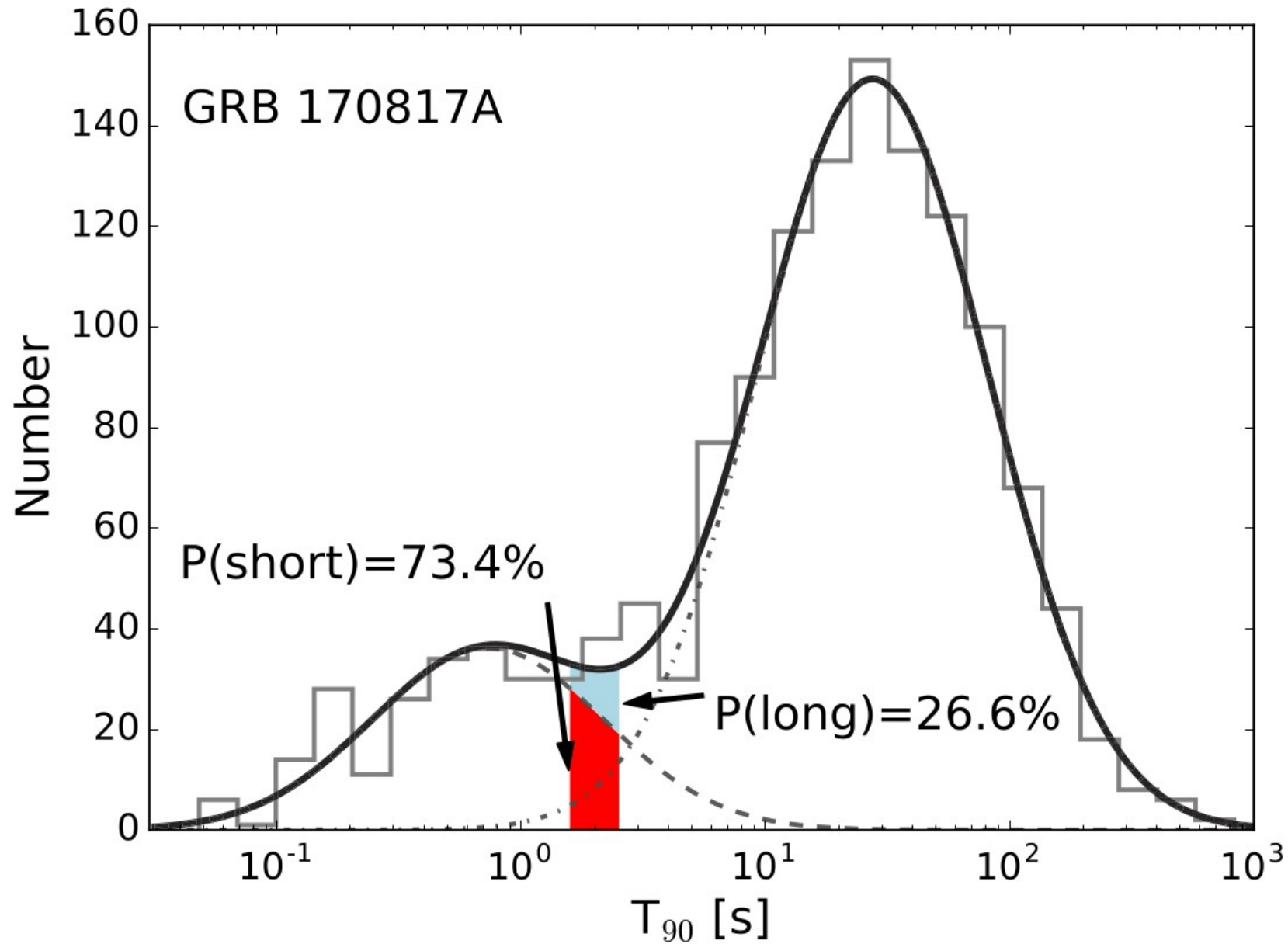
GW 170817



# NGC 4993



# Two Classes of Gamma Ray Bursts: “Short” and “Long”





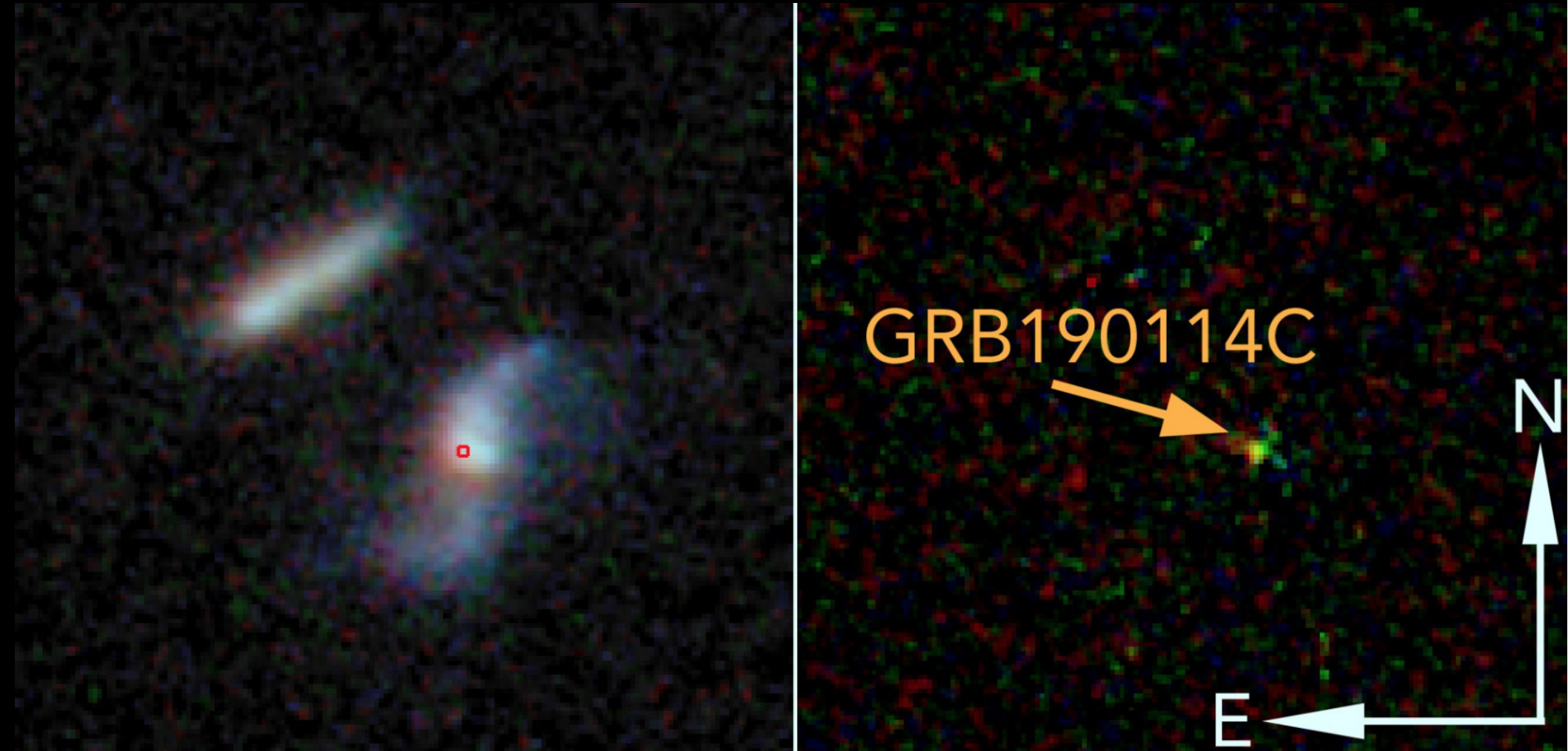
# Cherenkov Detection of GRB's



NASA/Swift/Mary Pat Hrybyk-Keith, John Jones

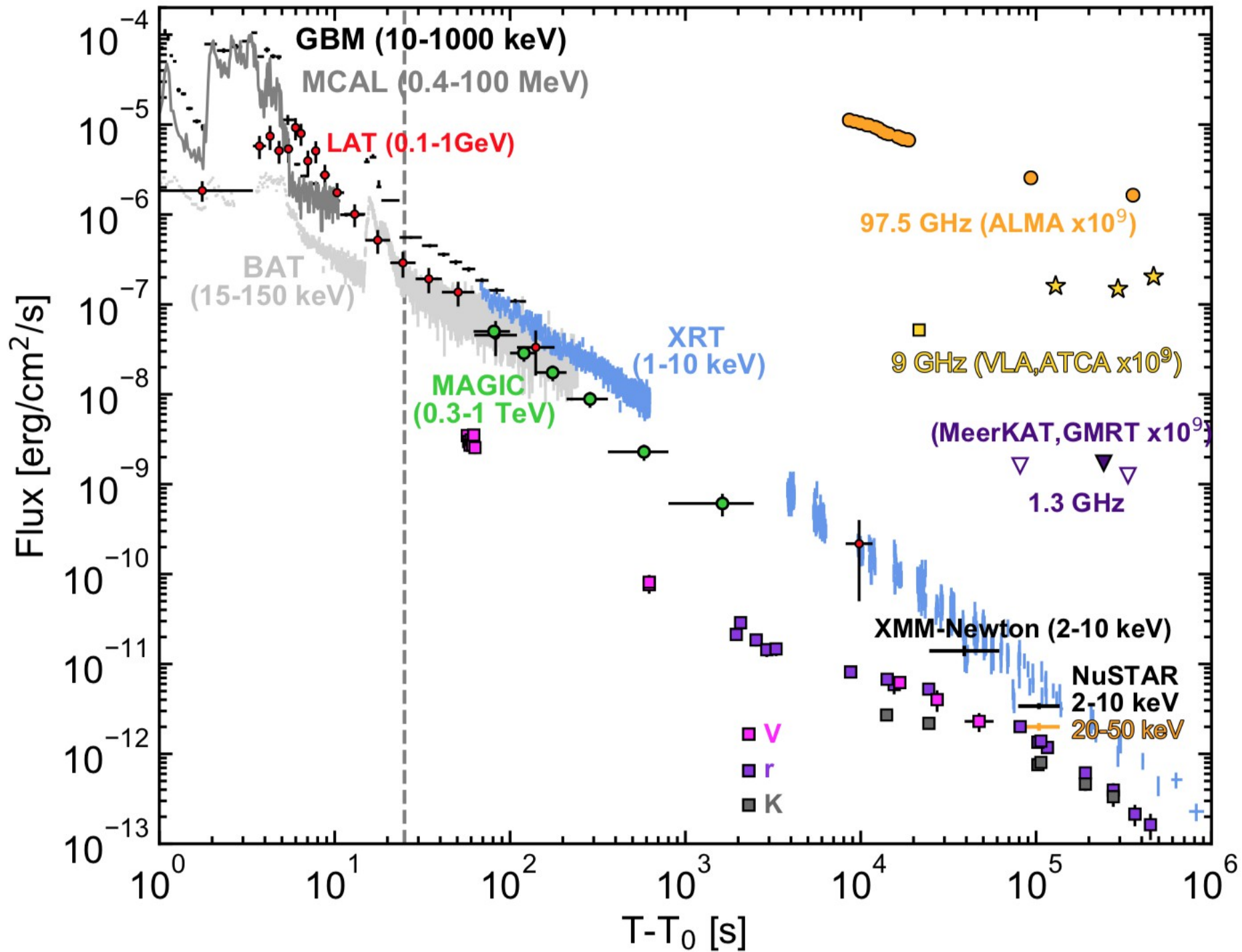
- **GRB 190114C** (*MAGIC Coll., Nature, 2020*)
  - long GRB
  - $z = 0.42$
  - for 40' after  $T_0 + 60$  s
  - 0.2 -1 TeV
- **GRB 180720B** (*H.E.S.S. Coll., Nature, 2020*)
  - long GRB
  - $z = 0.65$
  - after  $T_0 + 10$ h
- **GRB 190829A** (*H.E.S.S. Coll., Science*)
  - long GRB
  - $z = 0.078$
  - for 3 nights after  $T_0 + 4,3$ h
  - 0.18-3.3 TeV
- **GRB 160821B** (*MAGIC Coll. ApJL 2021*)
  - short GRB
  - $z = 0.162$
  - $3\sigma$  @  $E > 500$  GeV
  - for 4h after  $T_0 + 24$ s
- **GRB 201015A** (*PoS ID 305, Y.Suda*)
  - long GRB
  - $z = 0.42$
  - for 3,4 h after  $T_0 + 40$ s
  - $3.5\sigma$  above 50 GeV
- **GRB 201216C** (*PoS ID 395, S.Fukami*)
  - long GRB
  - $z = 1.1$
  - for 20' after  $T_0 + 56$ s
  - $6\sigma$   $E < 100$  GeV

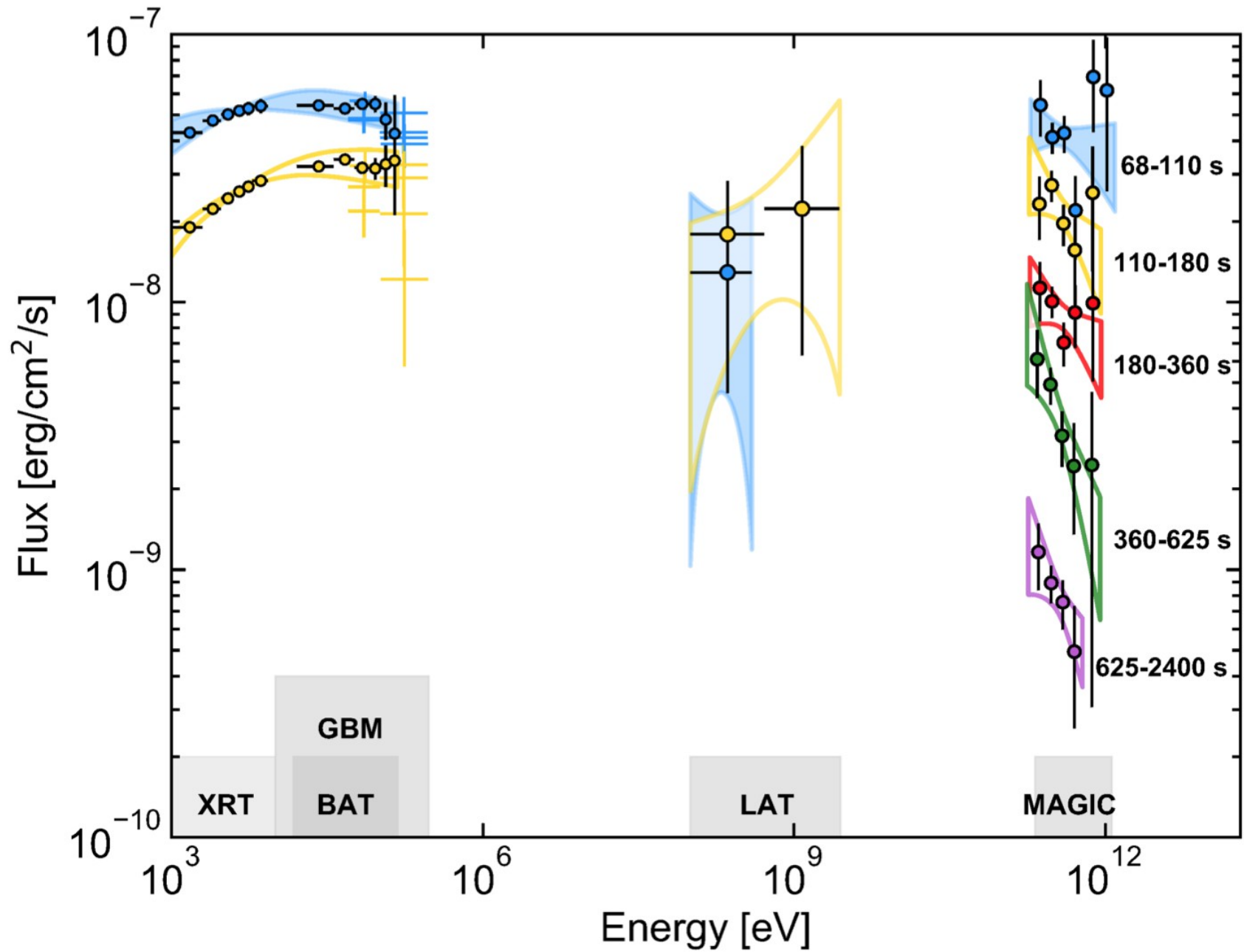
# Hubble Telescope image of the Afterglow of GRB 19114C



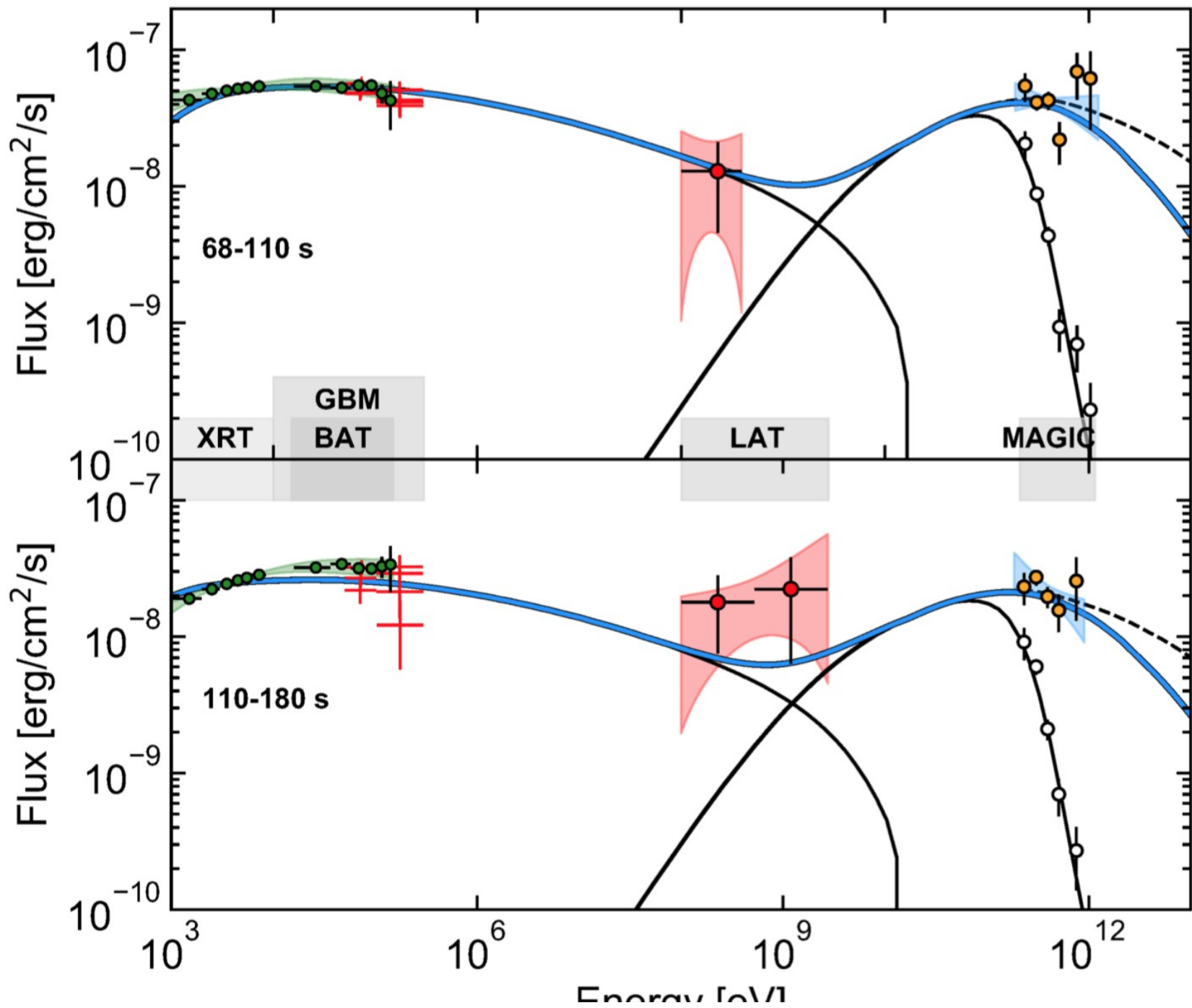
Galaxy at  $z=0.42$

Detected by MAGIC (0.3-10 TeV)



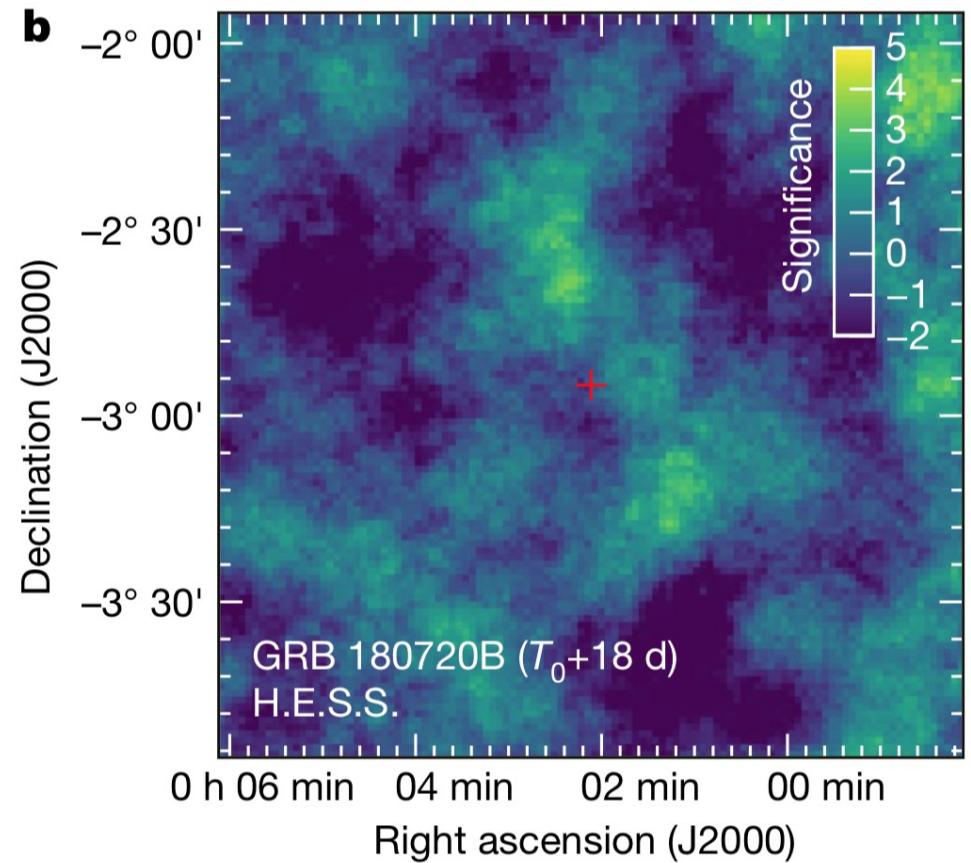
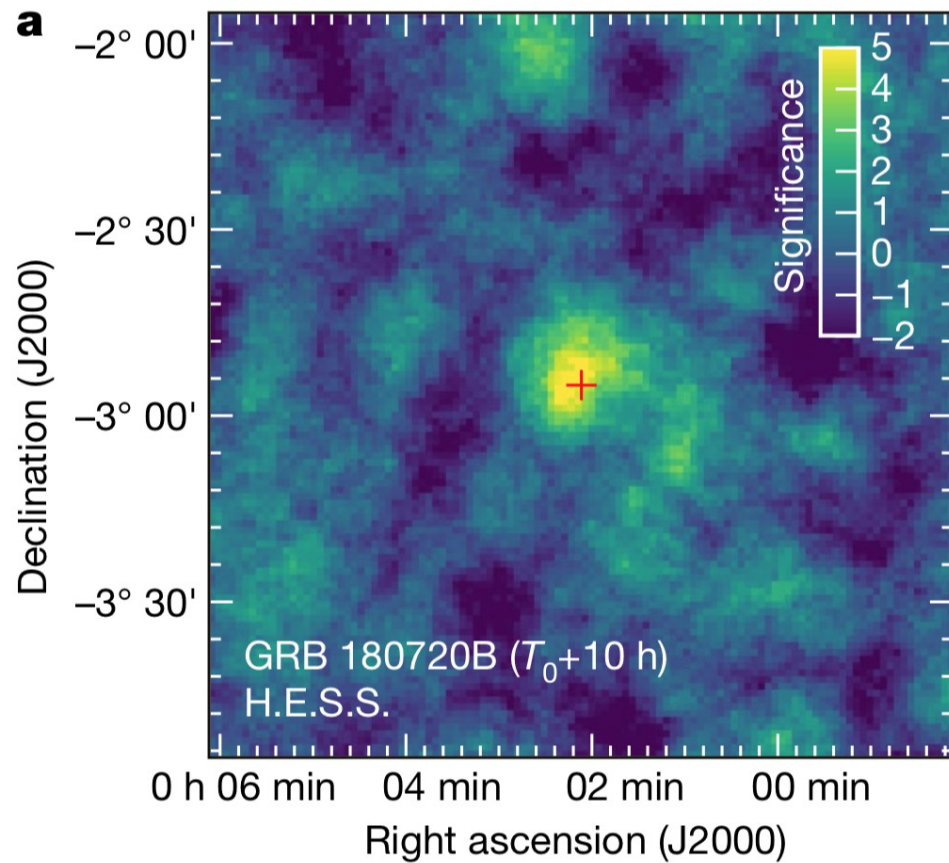


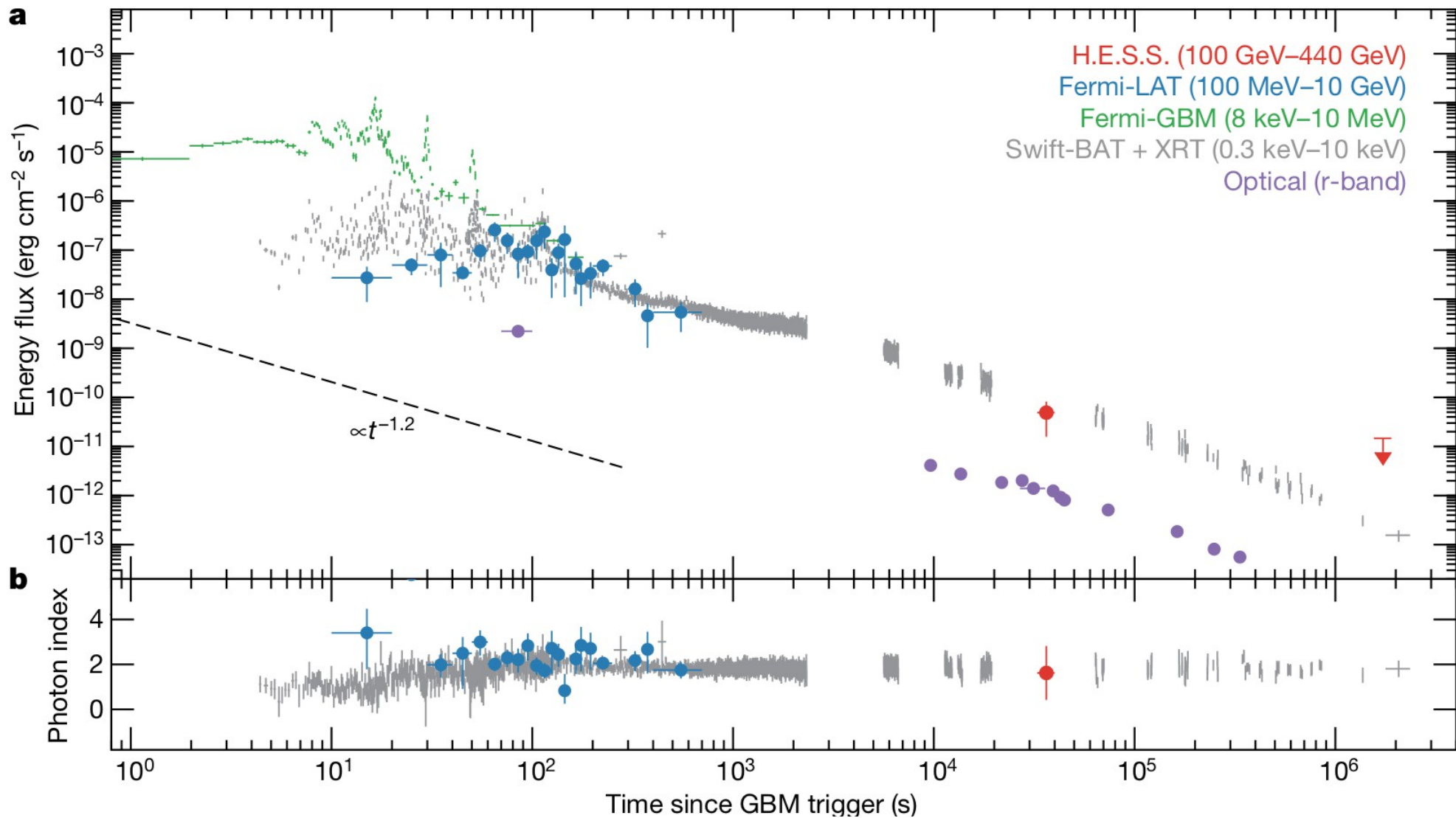
Multi-band spectra in different time intervals



**Modeling of the broadband spectra in the time intervals 68-110 s and 110-180 s.**

# HESS detection of GRB 180720B





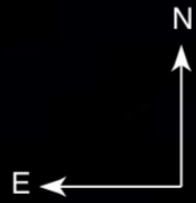
**HESS observation:**

$T_0 + 10.1$  hours  
 $+ (2 \text{ hours})$

**Observed and intrinsic spectral shape  
 ( $z=0.653$ )**

$$\gamma_{\text{obs}} = 3.7 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \begin{matrix} +0.2 \\ -0.1 \end{matrix}(\text{sys})$$

$$\gamma_{\text{int}} = 1.6 \pm 1.2(\text{stat}) \begin{matrix} +0.4 \\ -0.4 \end{matrix}(\text{sys})$$



GRB 160821B



5''



Hubble Space telescope image of  
afterglow/Kilonova  
of short GRB 160821B

$z = 0.1613$   
distance from  
galaxy center = 16 Kpc

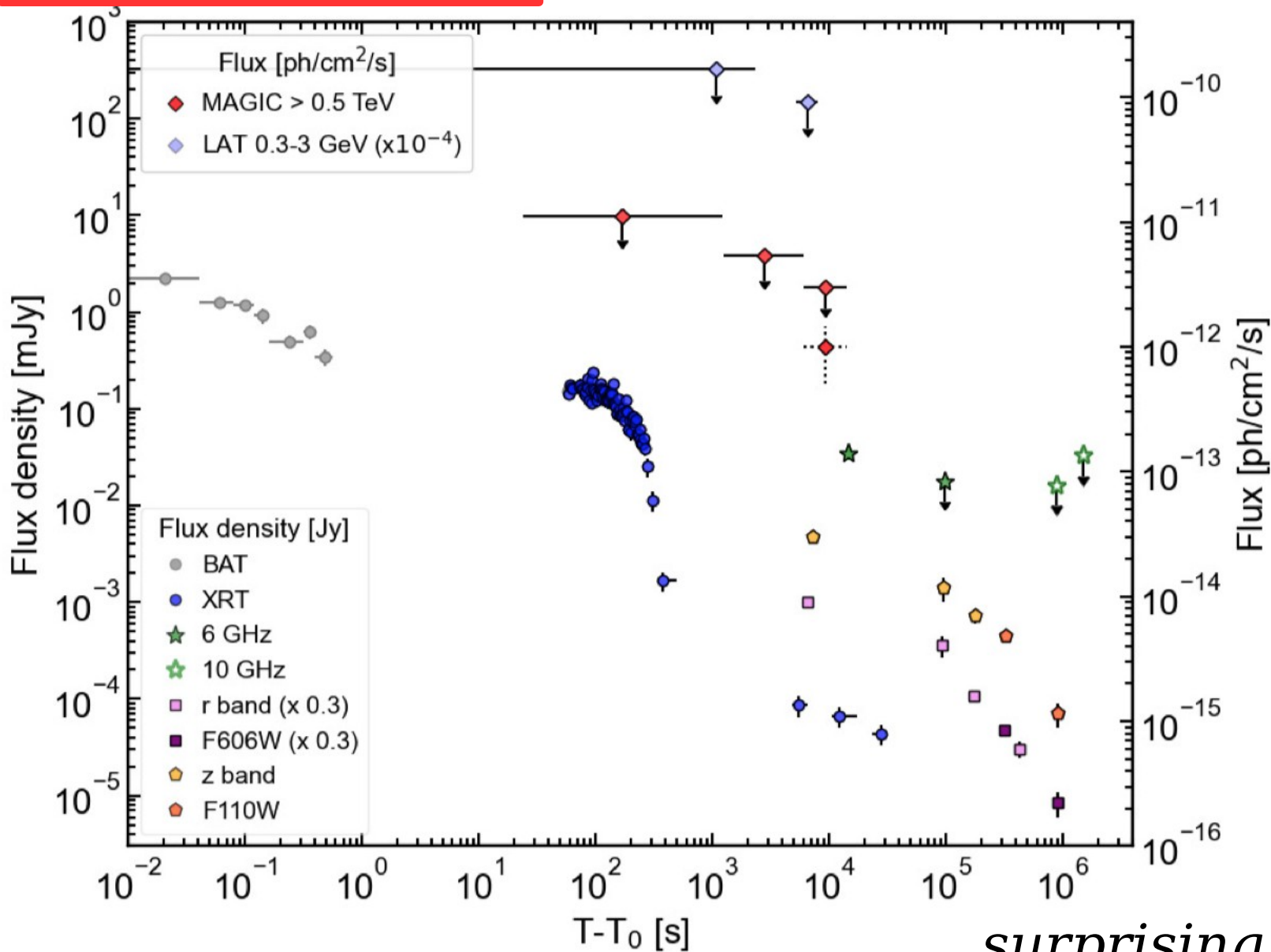


# Short GRB 160821B

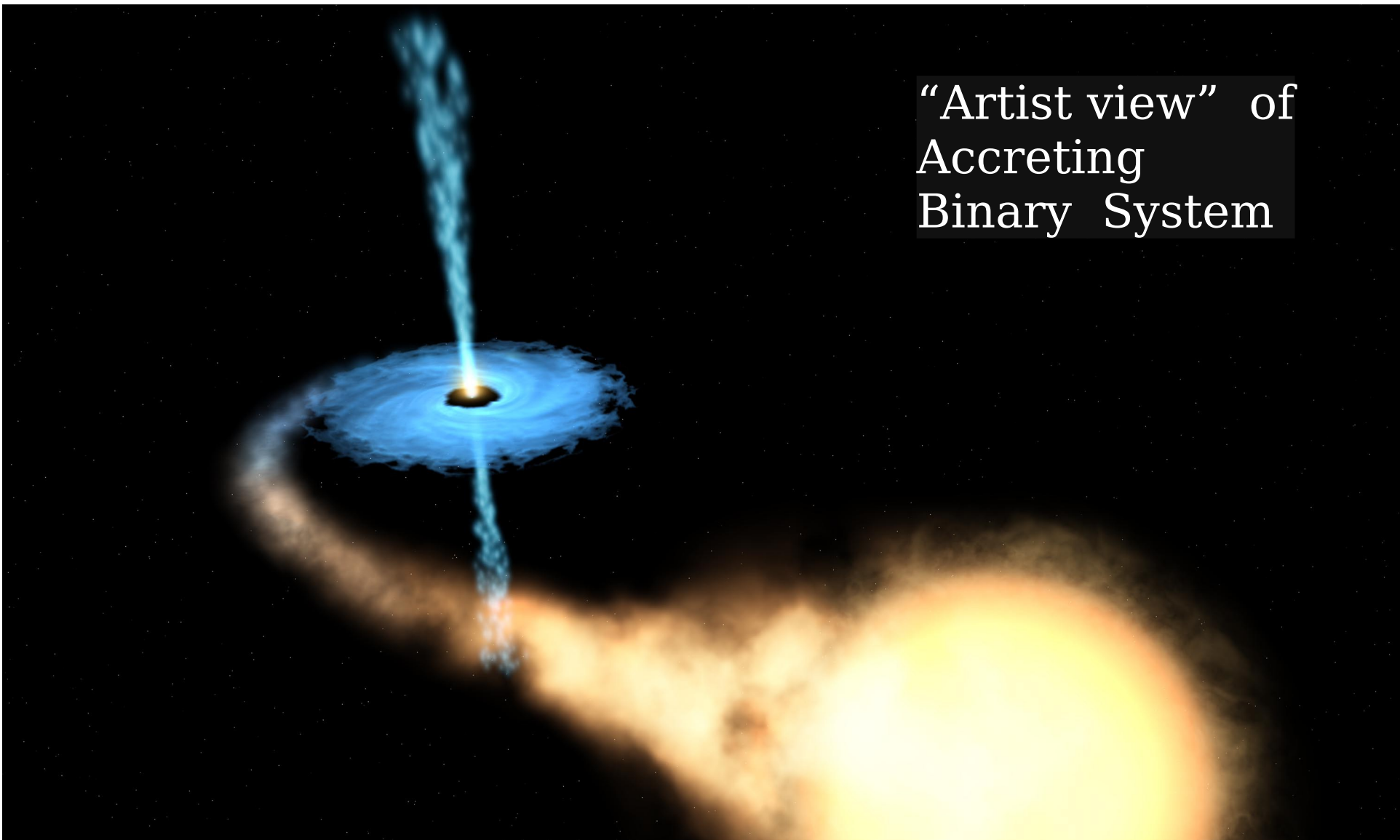
*clear evidence  
of "Kilonova"*

(possible 3 sigma) MAGIC detection

[Published ApJ 908, 20 (2021) ]



“Artist view” of  
Accreting  
Binary System



*Galactic*

Pulsars	239	6.5%
SuperNova Remnants (SNR)	40	1.1%
SNR + Pulsar Wind Nebulae	108	3.0%
Globular Clusters (many ms Pulsars [?])	30	
Accreting Binary Stars	11	
Novae	1	

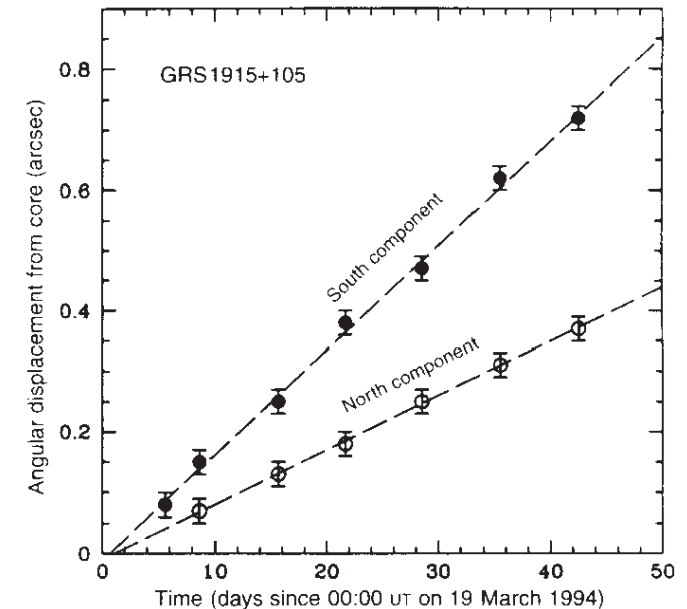
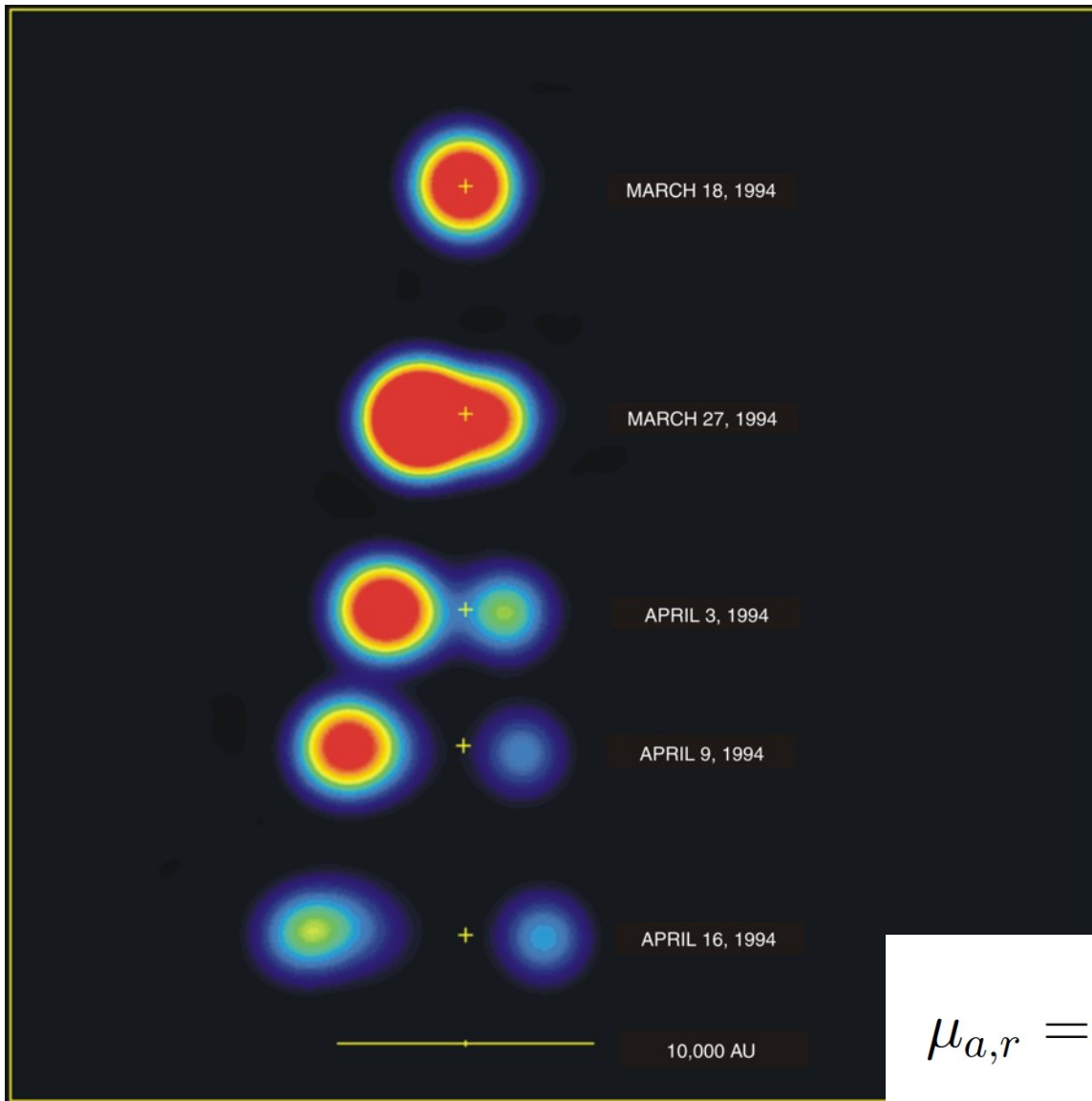
# Superluminal Motions in microQuasars in our Galaxy

GRS1915+105

Observations in radio

$$\lambda = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

“Two pairs of bright  
radio condensations”



$$\mu_{a,r} = \frac{\beta \sin \theta}{1 \pm \beta \cos \theta} \frac{c}{D} \quad \beta = 0.92 \pm 0.08$$

$$\theta = (70 \pm 2)^\circ$$

Understanding the *formation of the “relativistic jet”* in

- Active Galactic Nuclei
- MicroQuasars
- Gamma Ray Bursts (short and long)

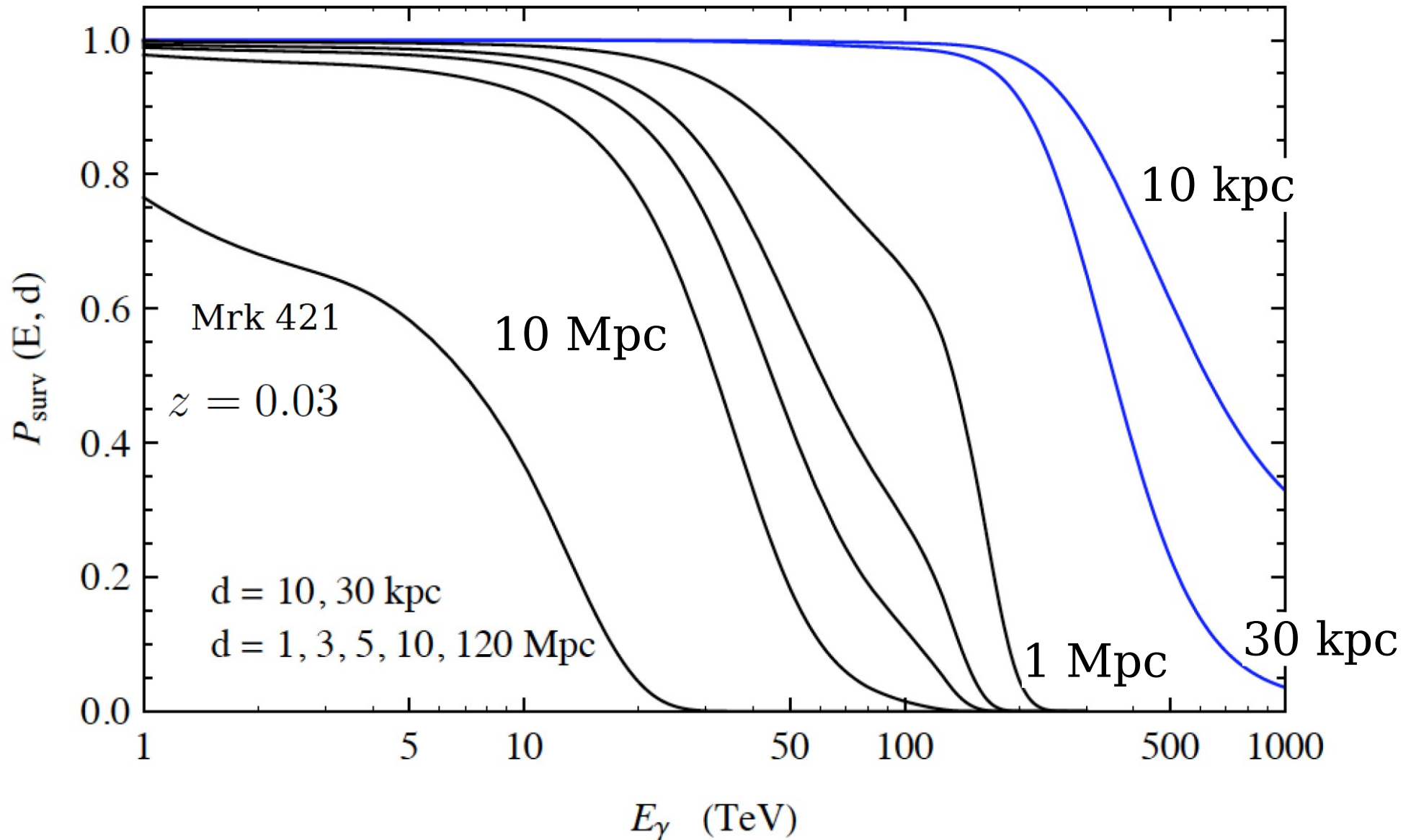
and the acceleration of particles associated to the phenomenon

are problems that are intimately related to each other, and a full understanding will require putting together information obtained with all messengers.

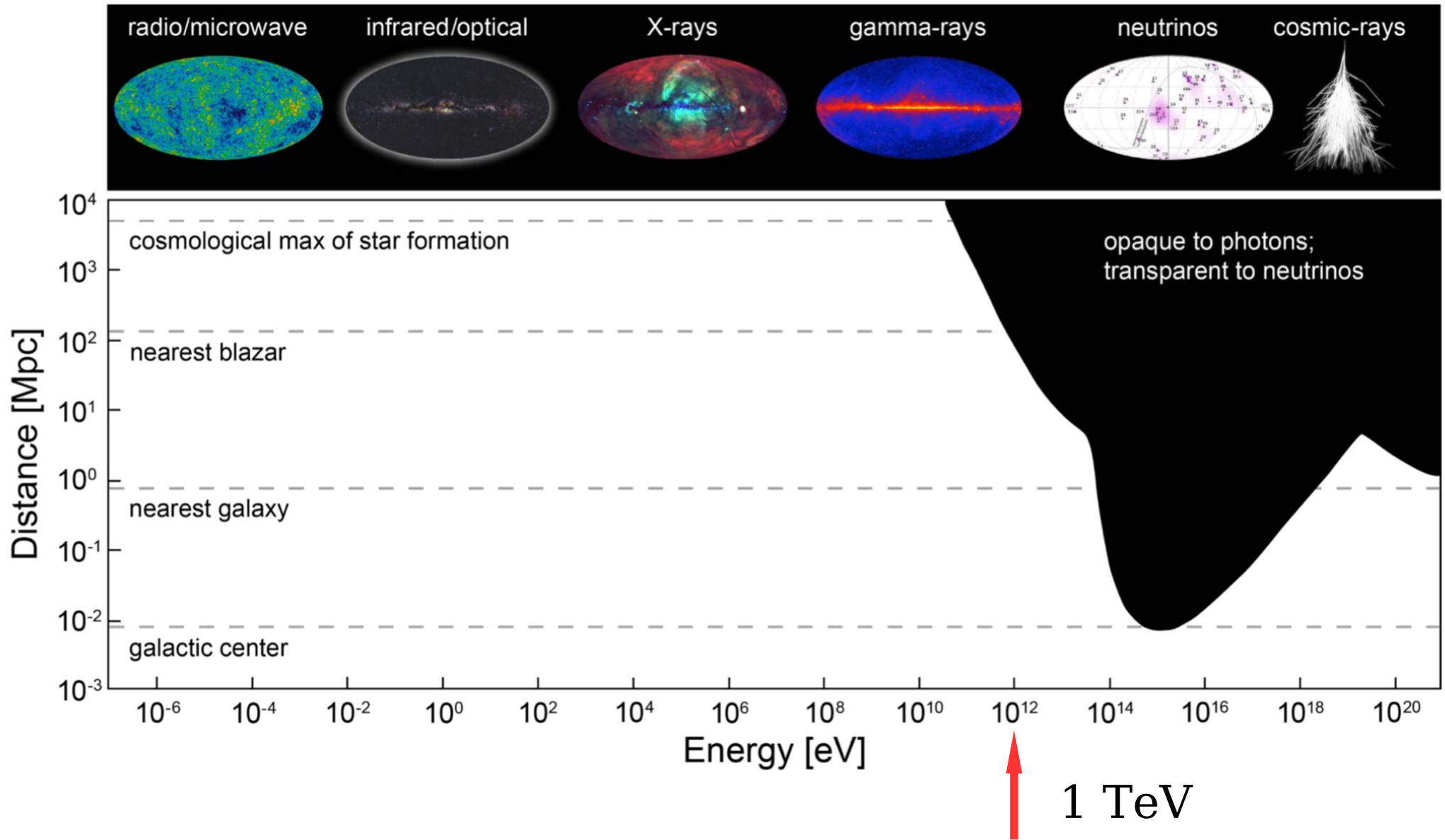
# Neutrinos

Extragalactic Gamma rays  
absorbed for  $E > 1\text{TeV}$

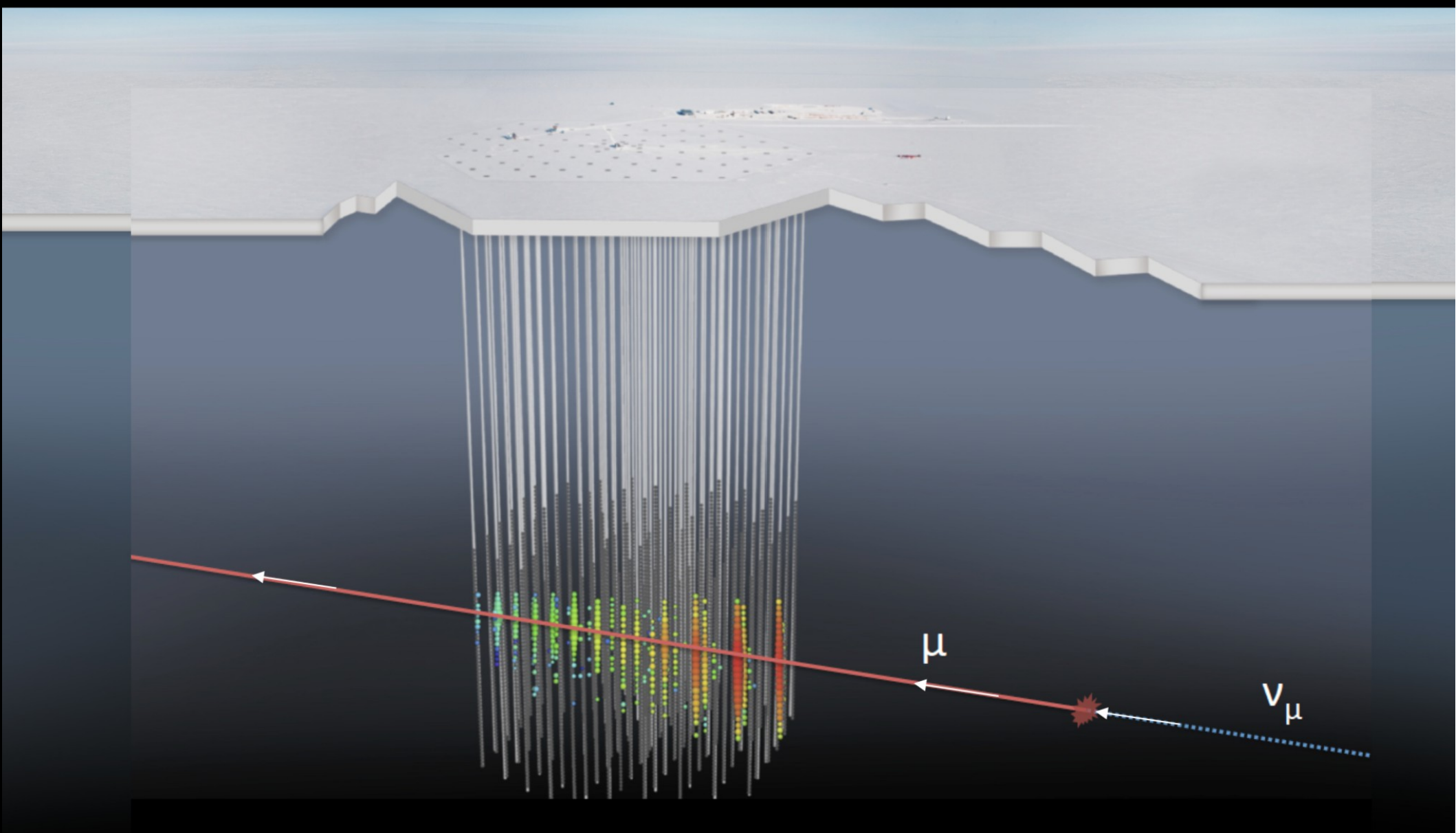
Gamma Ray Astronomy above 10-100 TeV  
possible only for near (Galactic) sources *[Absorption]*



“Horizon” for gamma rays shrinks for  $E \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$

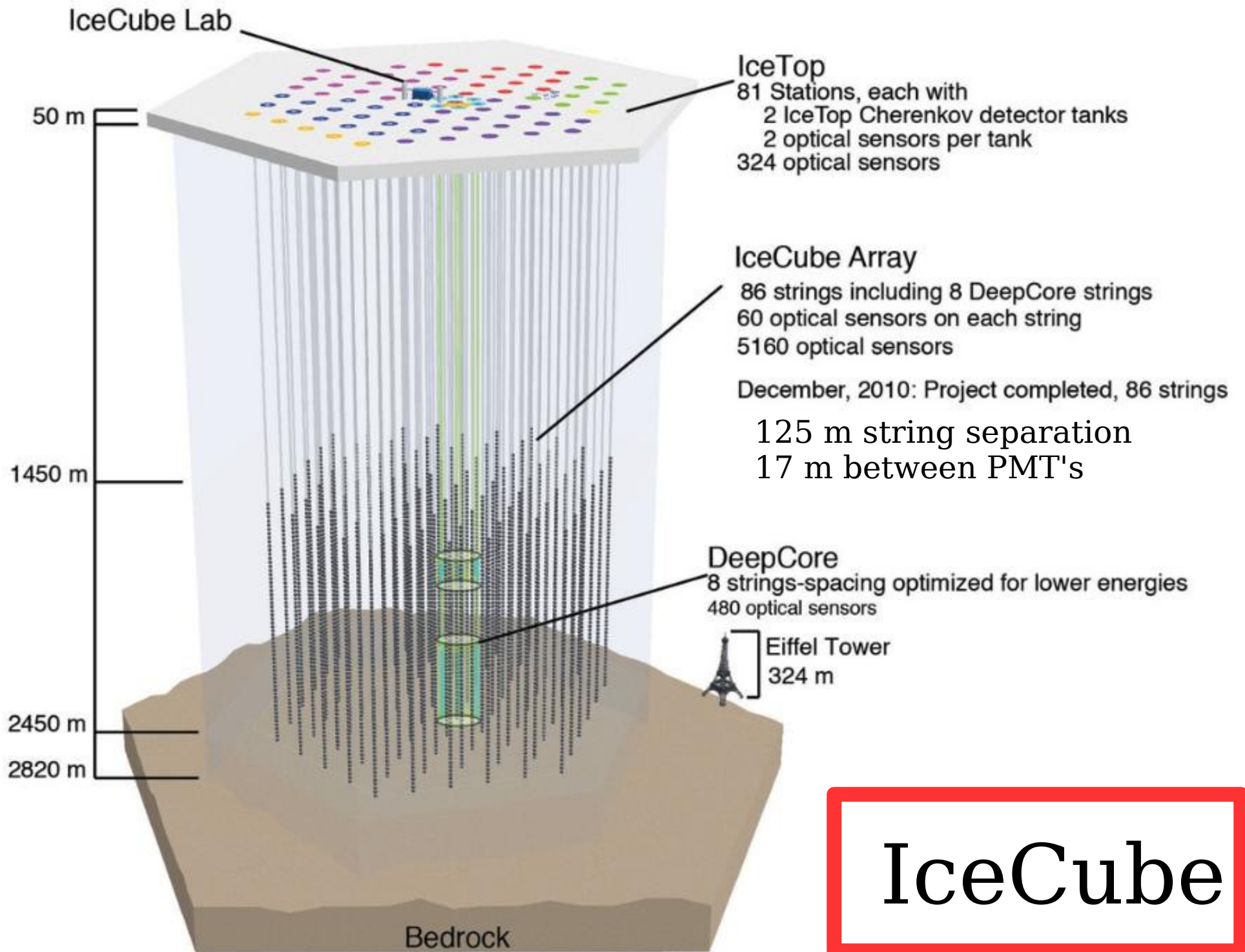


*Neutrinos can be the messengers from extragalactic high energy sources*



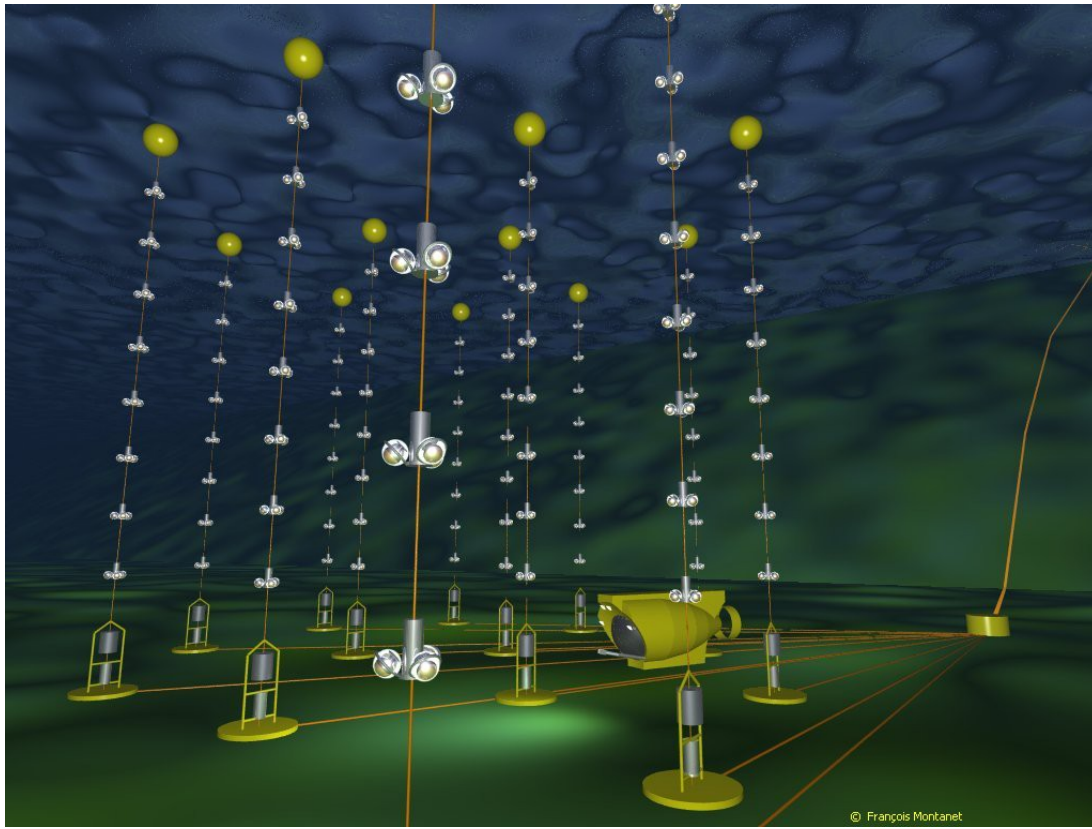
IceCube Detector at the South Pole (1 Km<sup>3</sup> of ice instrumented)





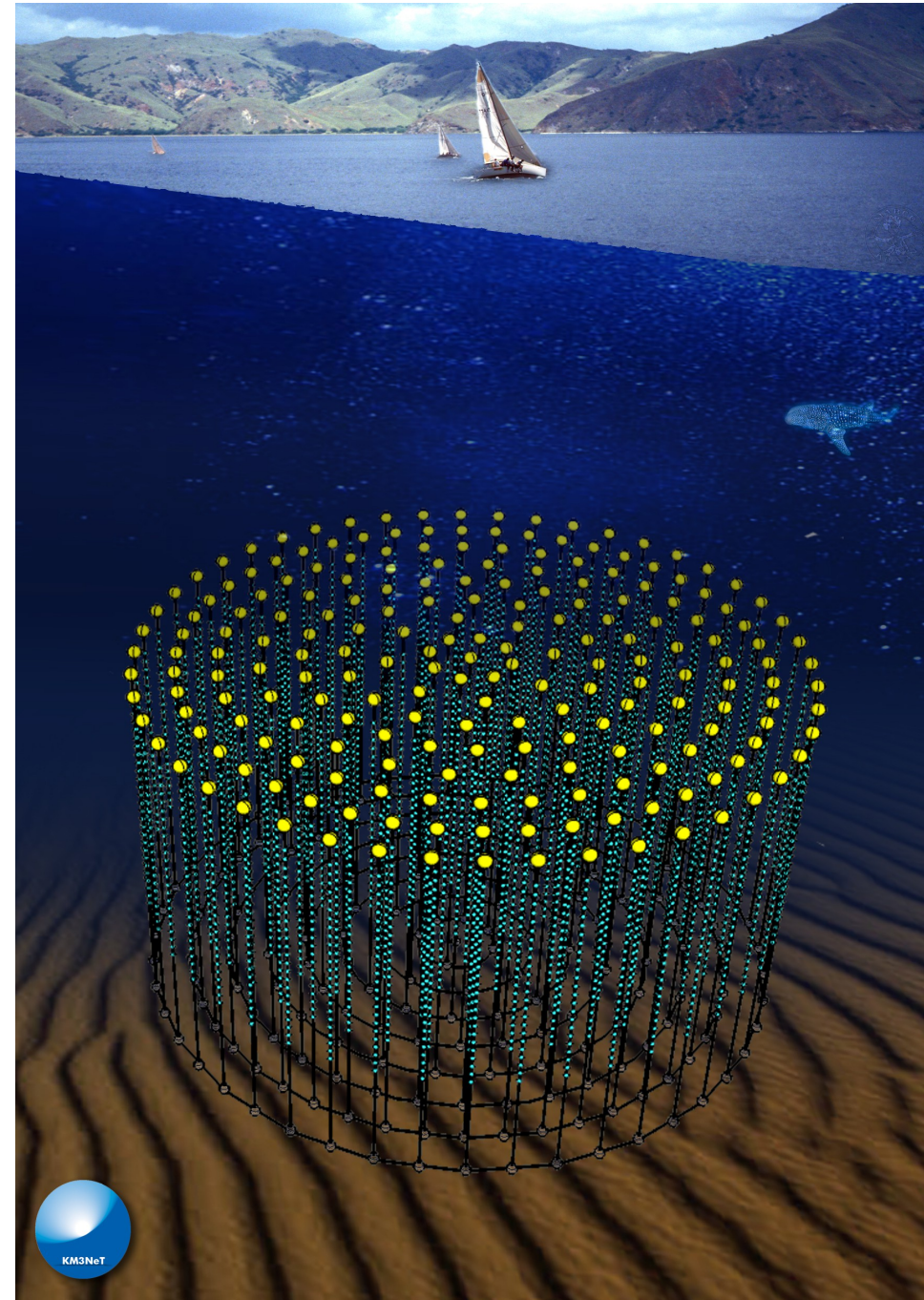
**IceCube**

# Detectors in the Mediterranean Sea

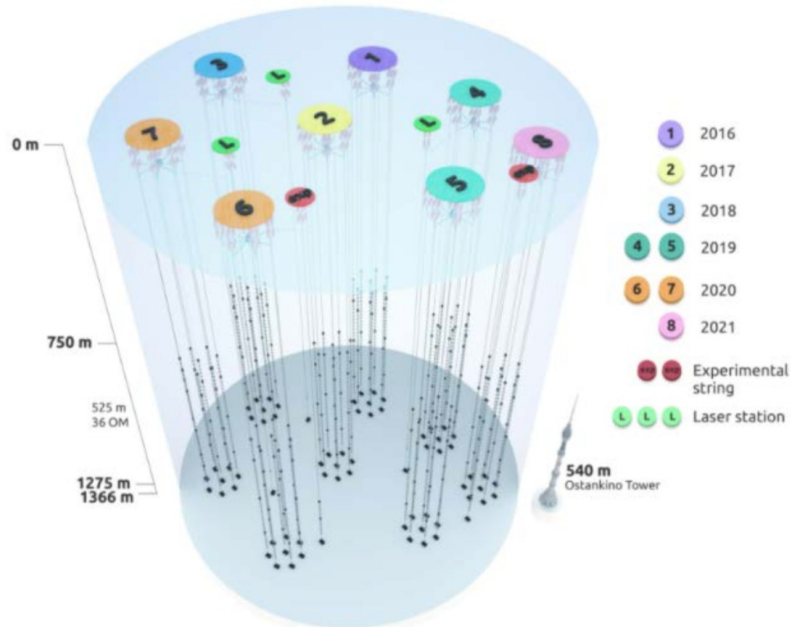
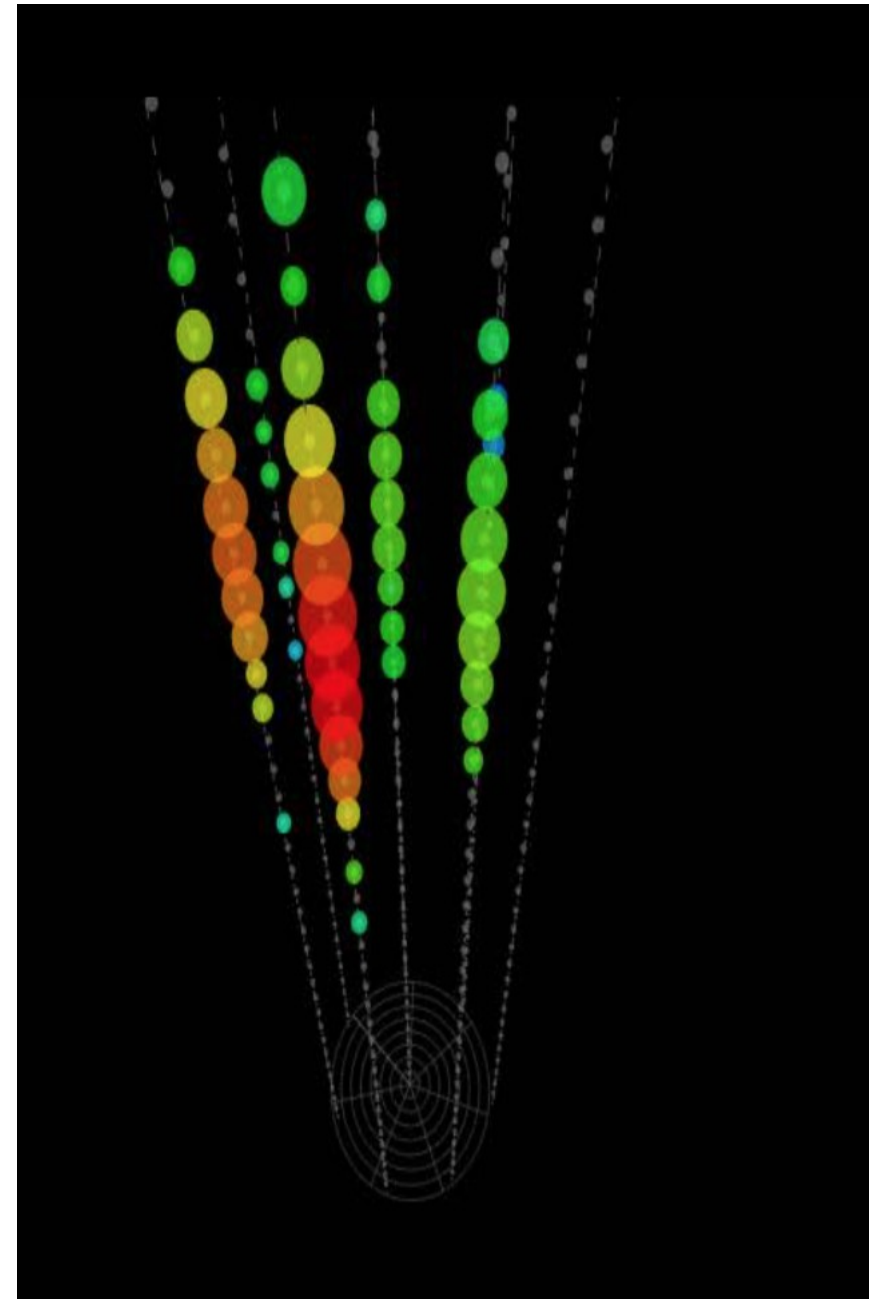
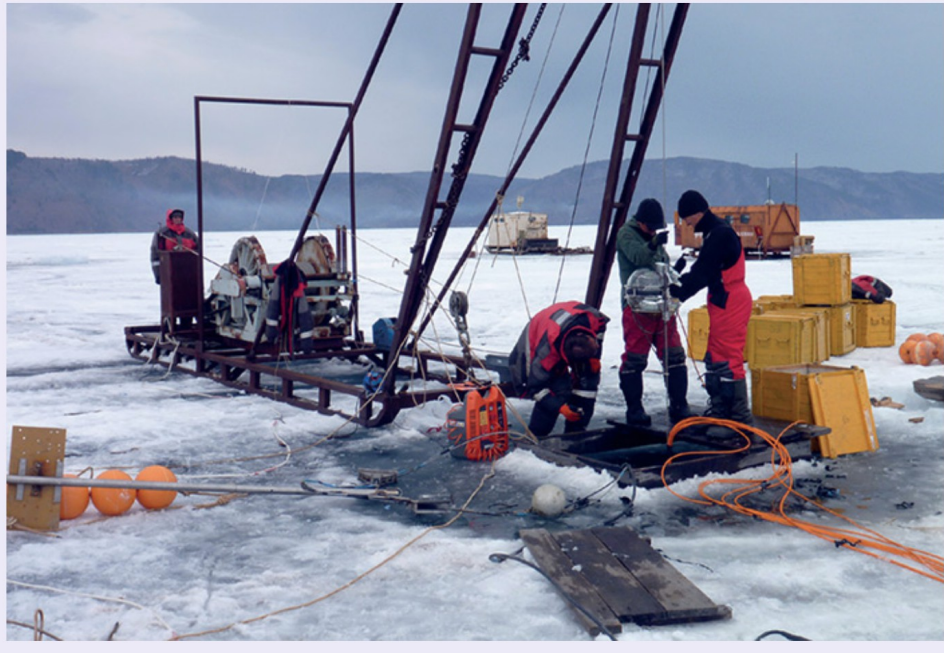


ANTARES (0.1 Km<sup>3</sup>)

# Km<sup>3</sup>Net (project)



# Baikal lake detector (1360 m depth)



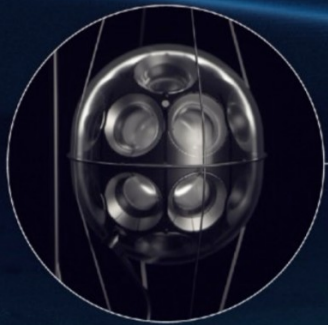
Effective volume 2021:  $0.40 \text{ km}^3$  (cascade mode)

$E = 1.2 \text{ PeV}$  neutrino event  
(30 % uncertainty )

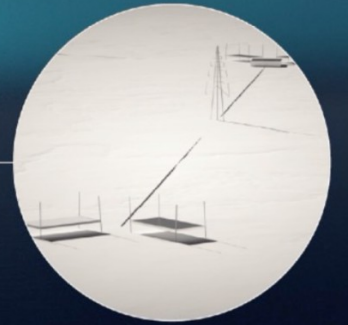
# ICECUBE GEN2



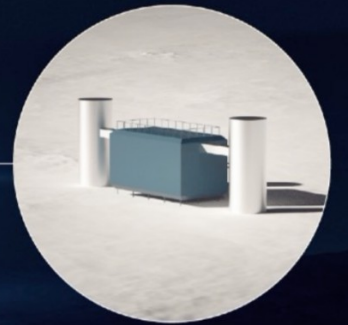
Radio Array | Station



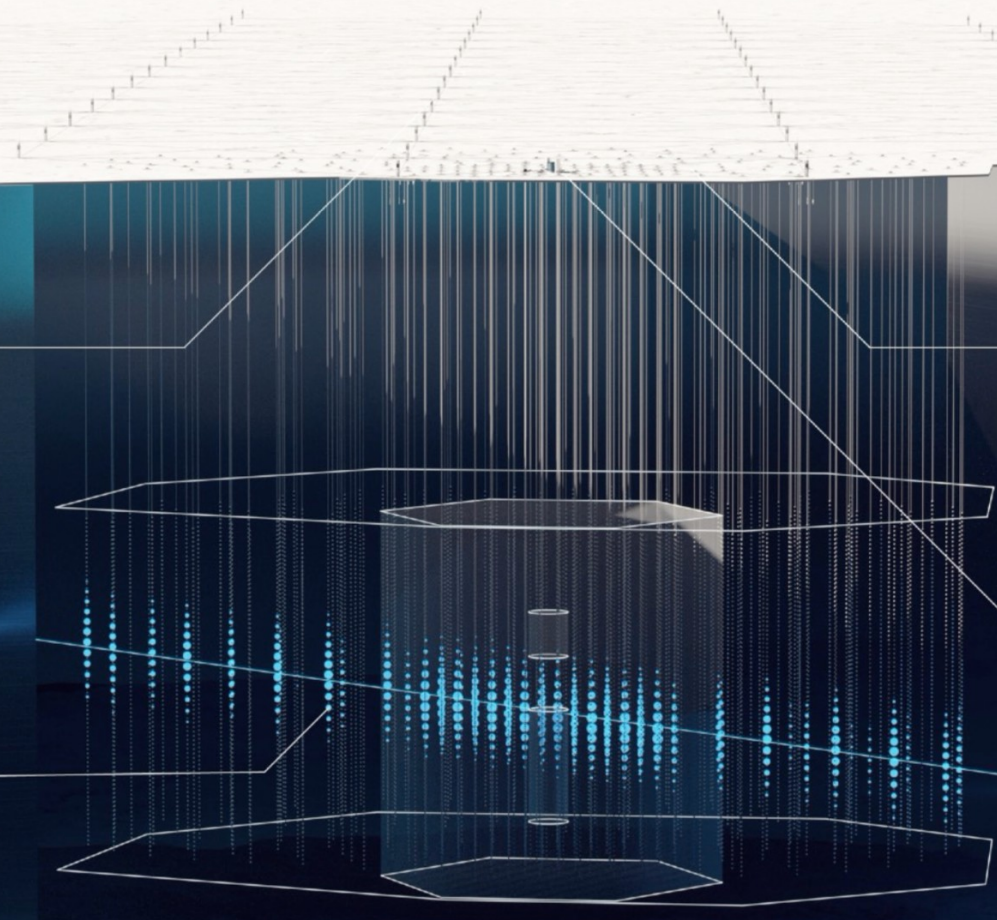
Optical Array | Sensor



Surface Array | Station



IceCube | Laboratory

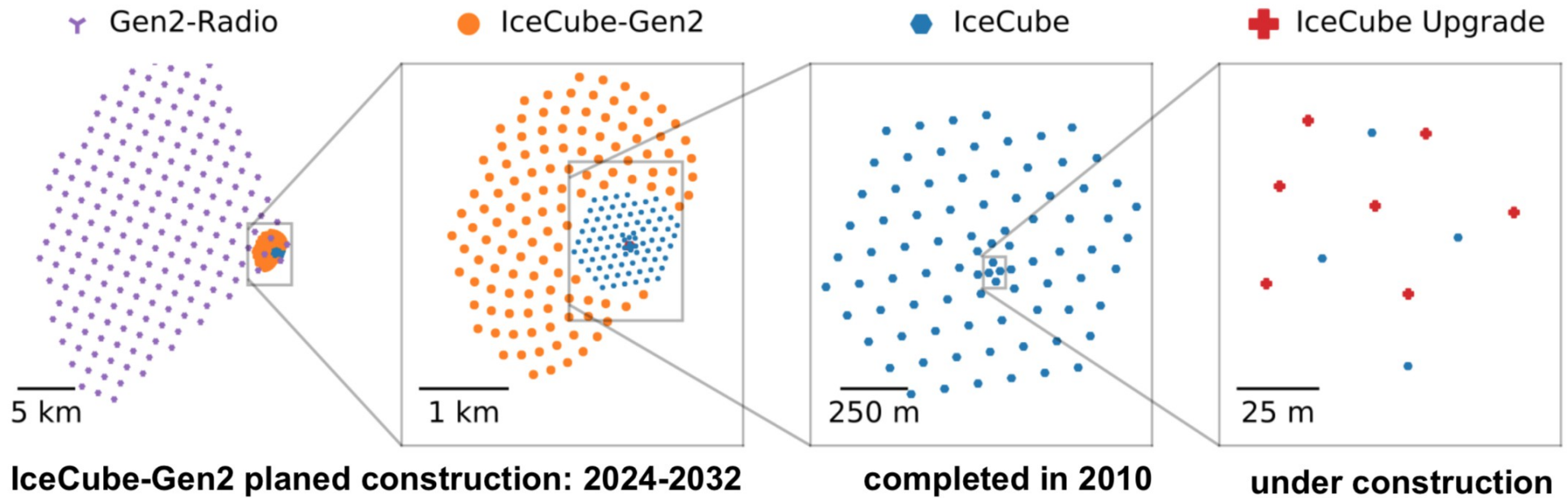


Credit: DESY & SciComLab

Planned extension: IceCube Gen2 Optical + Radio sensors

# The IceCube Gen2 facility at the South Pole

Wide-band observatory: Optimizing scales for leading sensitivity from  $10^9$  to  $10^{20}$  eV



[Gen2 white paper: 2008.04323](#)

$$\phi_{\nu_\alpha}(E, \Omega) = \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{atm. standard}}(E, \Omega)$$

Foreground  
of atmospheric  
neutrinos

$$+ \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{atm. charm}}(E, \Omega)$$

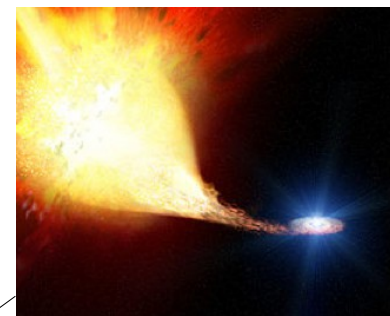
Astrophysical  
neutrinos  
signal

$$+ \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{astro. extragalactic}}(E, \Omega)$$

$$+ \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{astro. Galactic}}(E, \Omega)$$

$$\phi_{\gamma}^{\text{leptonic}}(E) + \phi_{\gamma}^{\text{hadronic}}(E)$$

Possible absorption in the source  
(and in propagation from the source)



Astrophysical source

Flavor oscillations  
(good theoretical control)

$$\phi_{\gamma}(E)$$

Predictions of nu fluxes

Leptonic/Hadronic emission

Possible gamma-ray absorption in source

ENERGY  
EXTRAPOLATION



Earth

$$\phi_{\nu_{\alpha}}(E)$$

# Search for Neutrino Point Sources

*At present only limits  
but this is not unexpected  
given the sensitivity  
of the existing instruments*

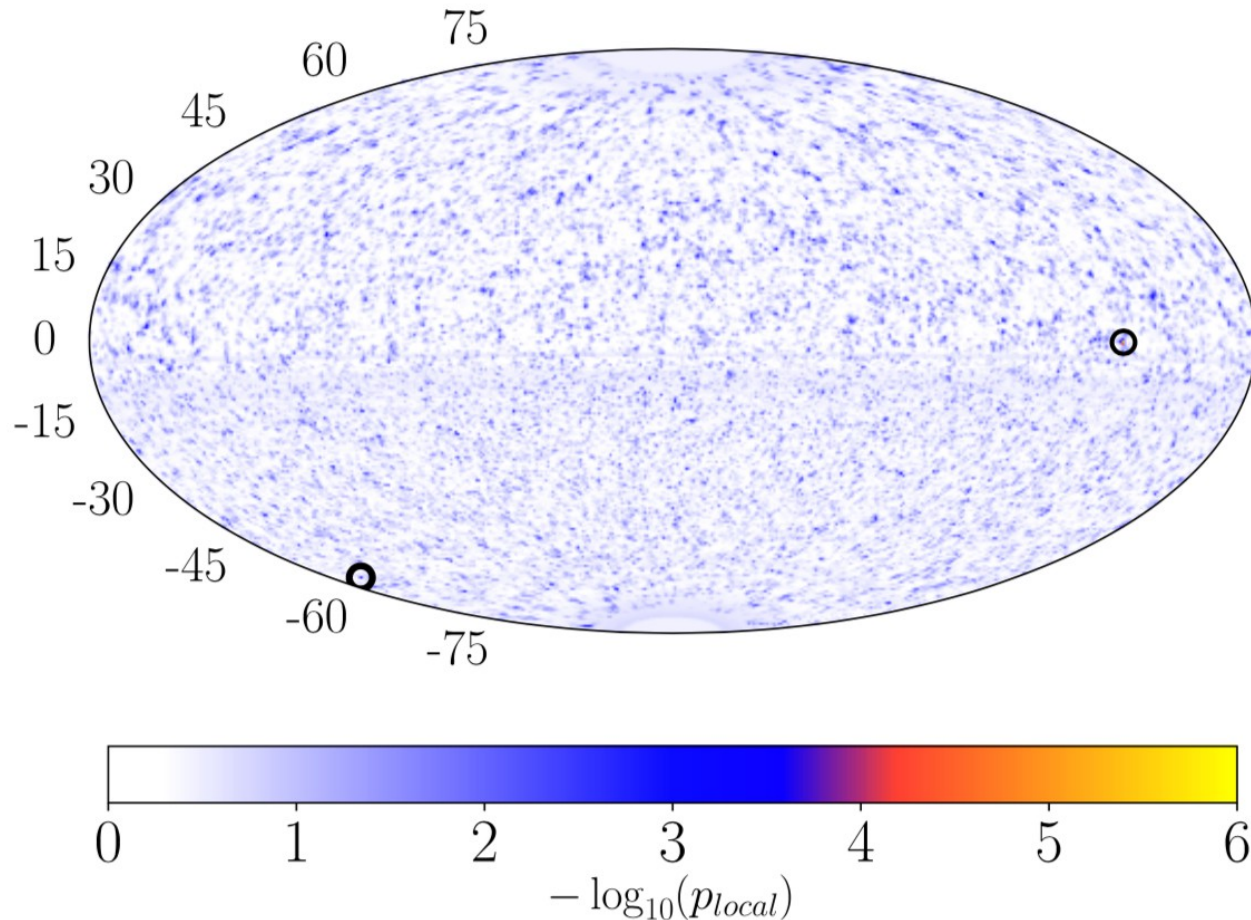
IceCube 10 years search

Two most  
significant excesses

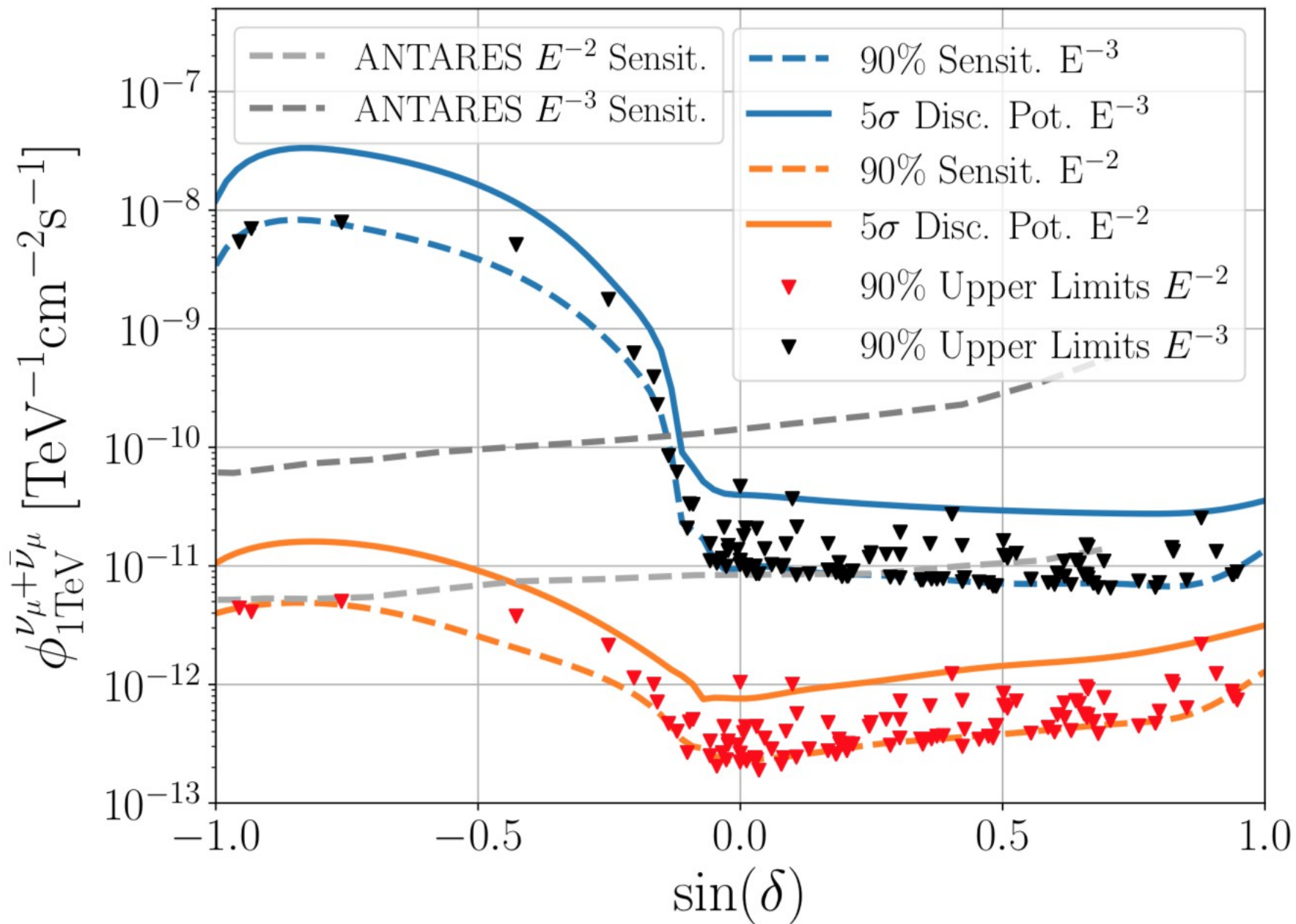
2 AGN

NGC 1068  
(2.9 sigma)

TXS 0506+056  
(3.3 sigma)







IceCube 10 years data  
[from Catalog of potential sources]

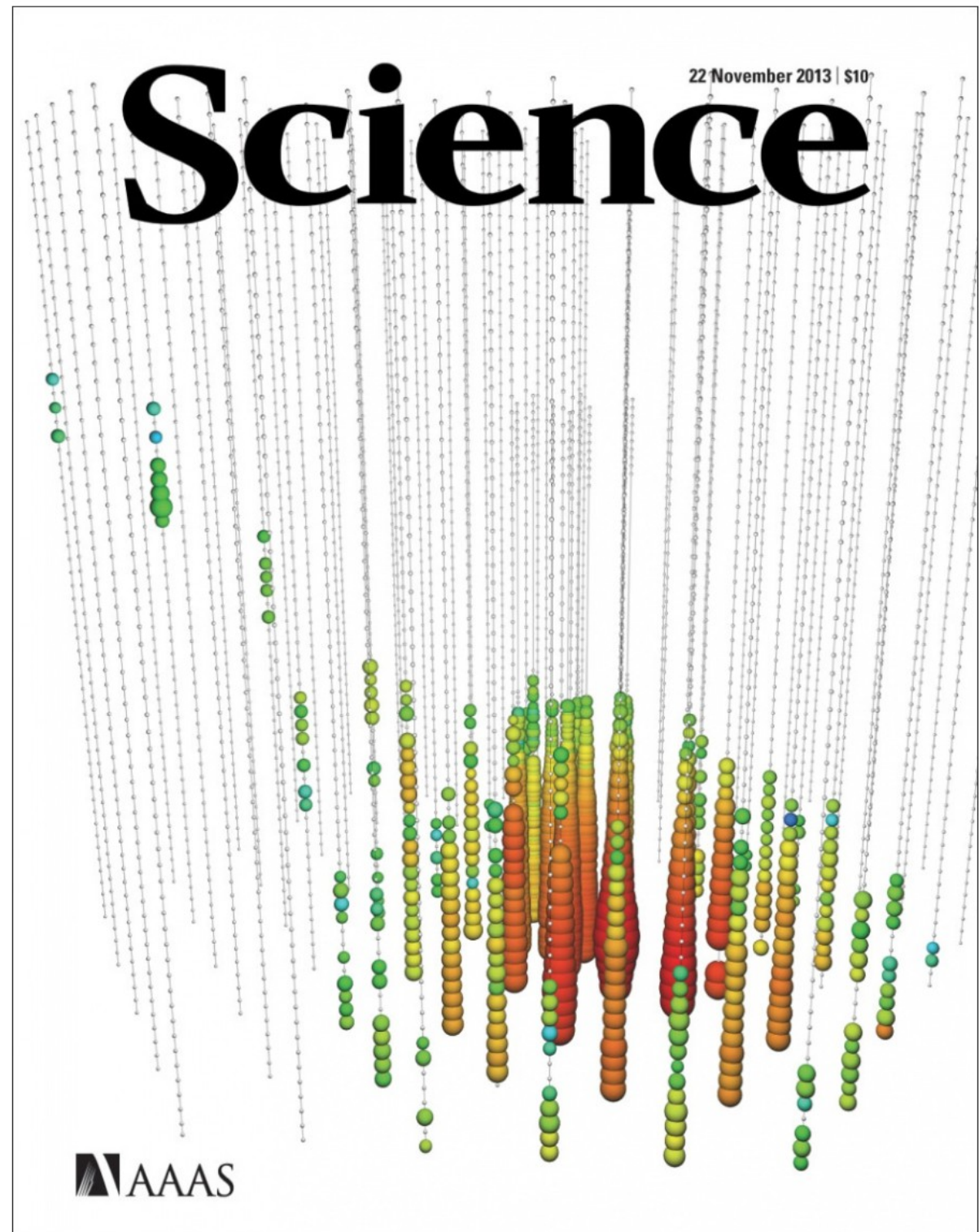
$E_\nu \gtrsim 1$  TeV

IceCube 2013

[Science Journal  
“breakthrough  
of the year” 2013]

*Evidence for  
an astrophysical  
neutrino signal*

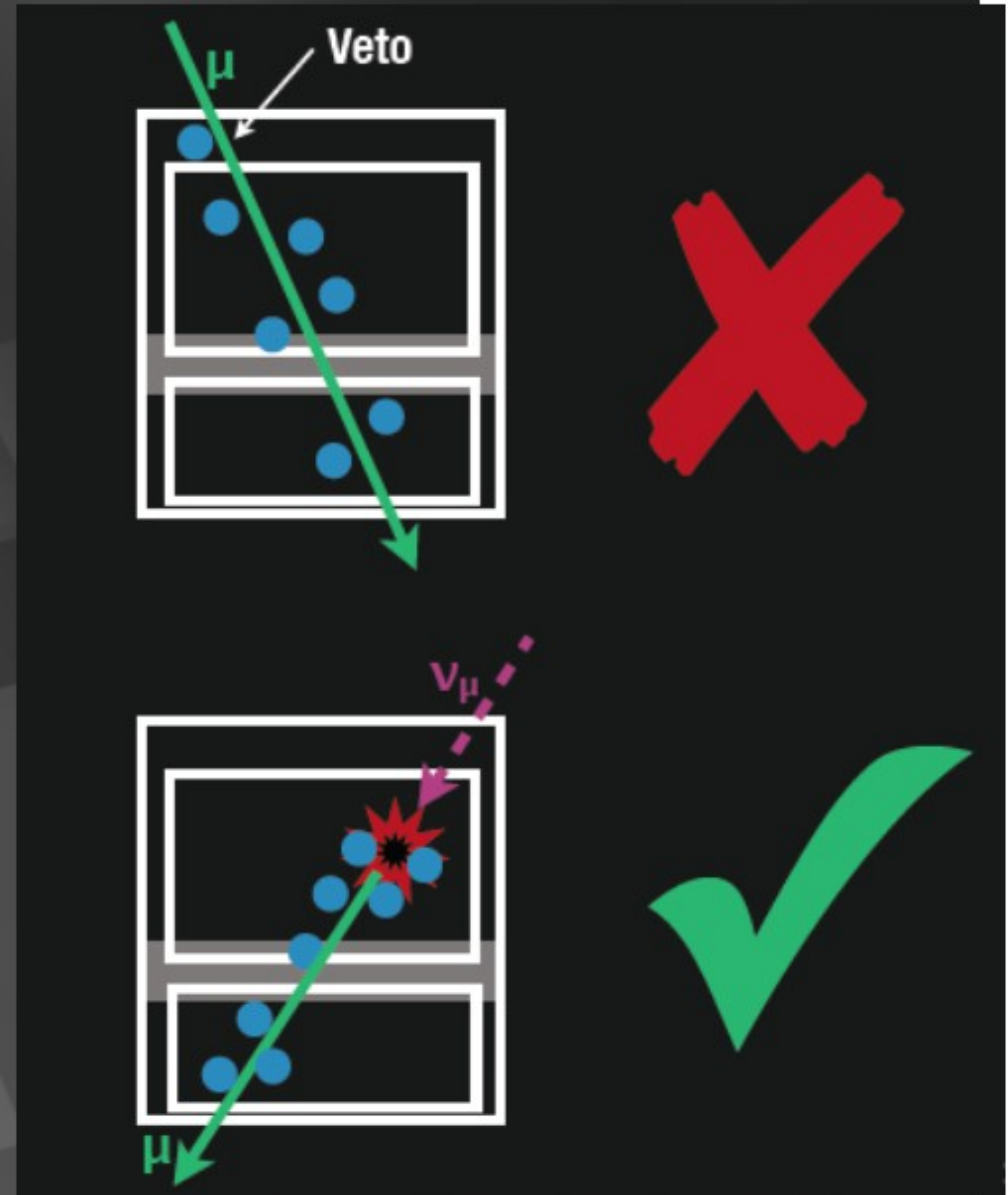
$E > 30 \text{ TeV}$



# High Energy Starting Events (HESE)

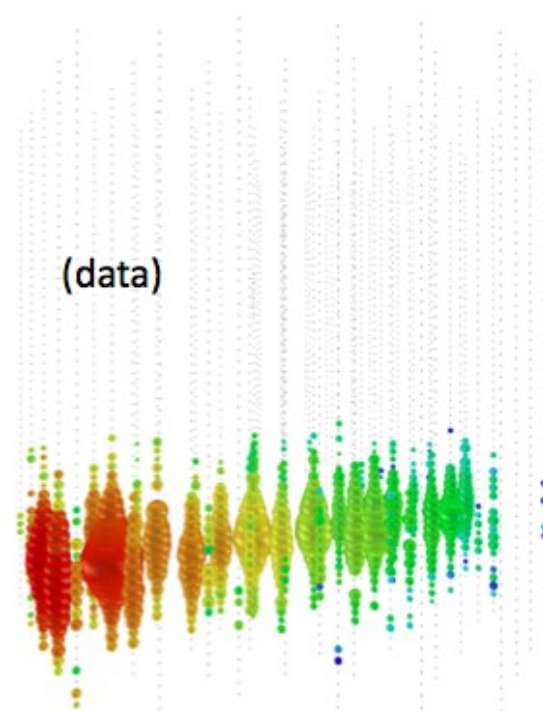
- complete sky coverage
- flavor determined
- some will be muon neutrinos with good angular resolution

loss in statistics is compensated by event definition



# Types of events and interactions

Charged-current  $\nu_\mu$

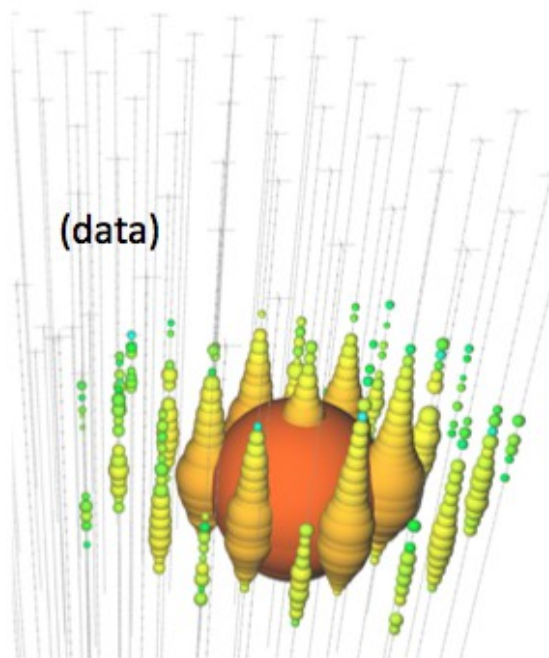


Up-going (throughgoing) track

Factor of  $\sim 2$  energy resolution  
 $\sim 0.5^\circ$  angular resolution

**0.3° above 100 TeV**

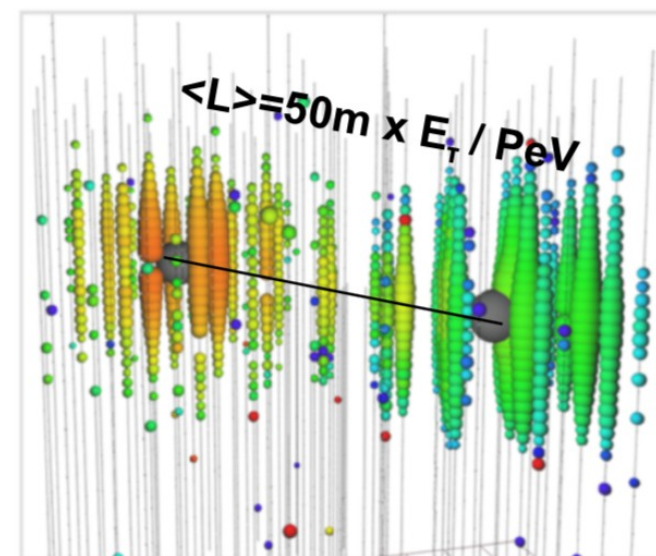
Neutral-current /  $\nu_e$



Isolated energy deposition  
 (cascade) with no track

15% deposited energy resolution  
 10-15° angular resolution (above 100 TeV)  
 Working on improving that.

Charged-current  $\nu_\tau$



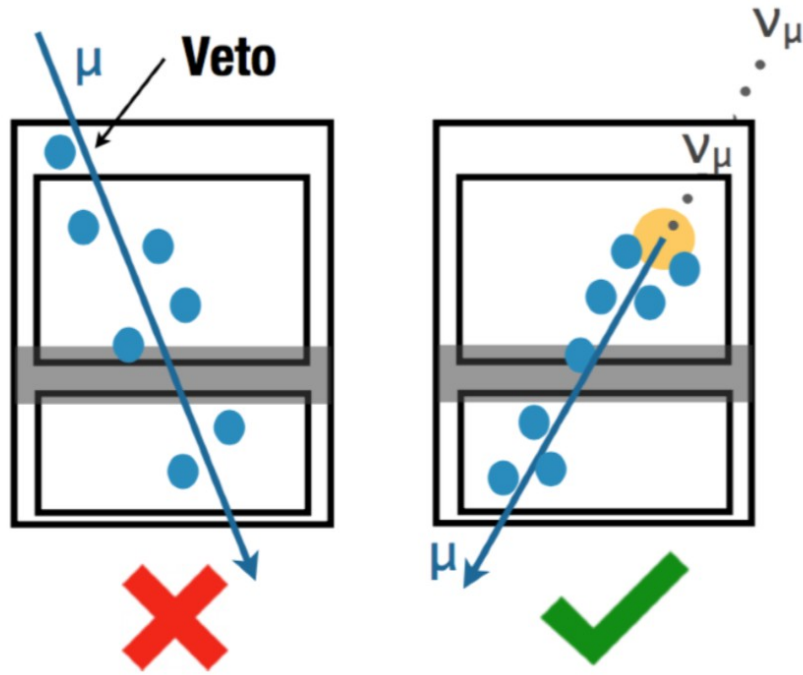
“Double-bang”

Early

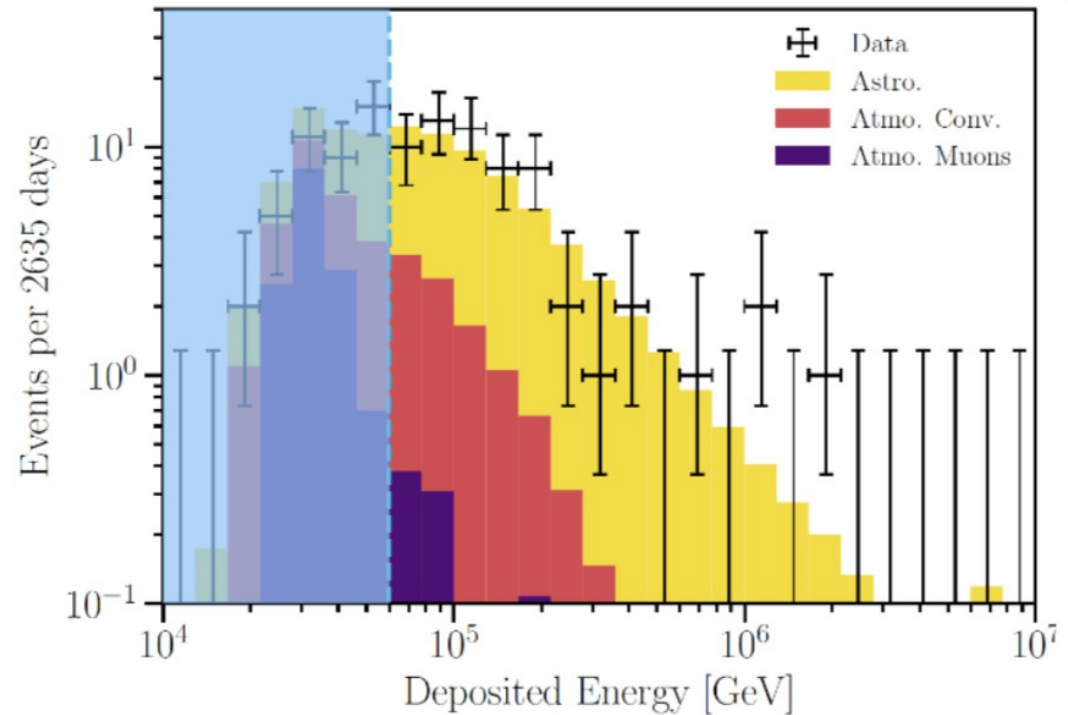
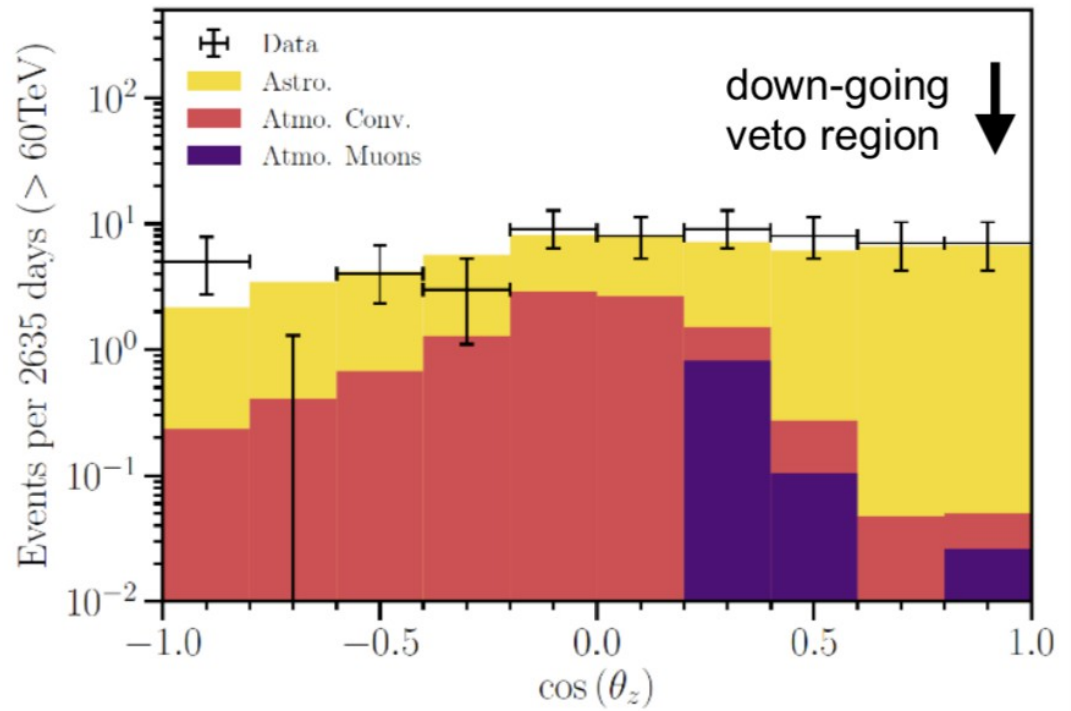


Late

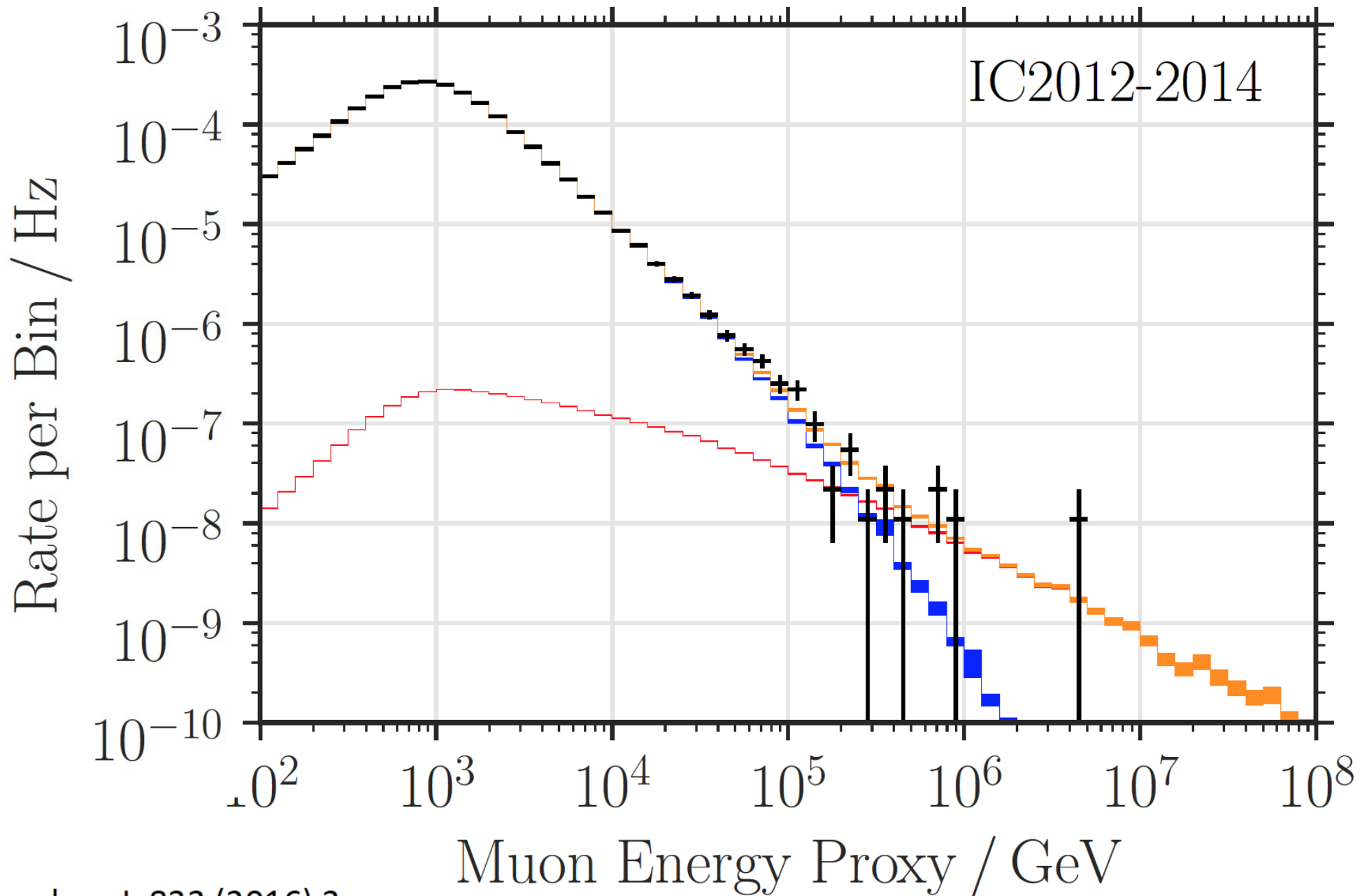
7.5 years  
of HESE events



Angular distribution  
consistent with  
ISOTROPY  
(+ absorption in the Earth)  
[extragalactic origin]

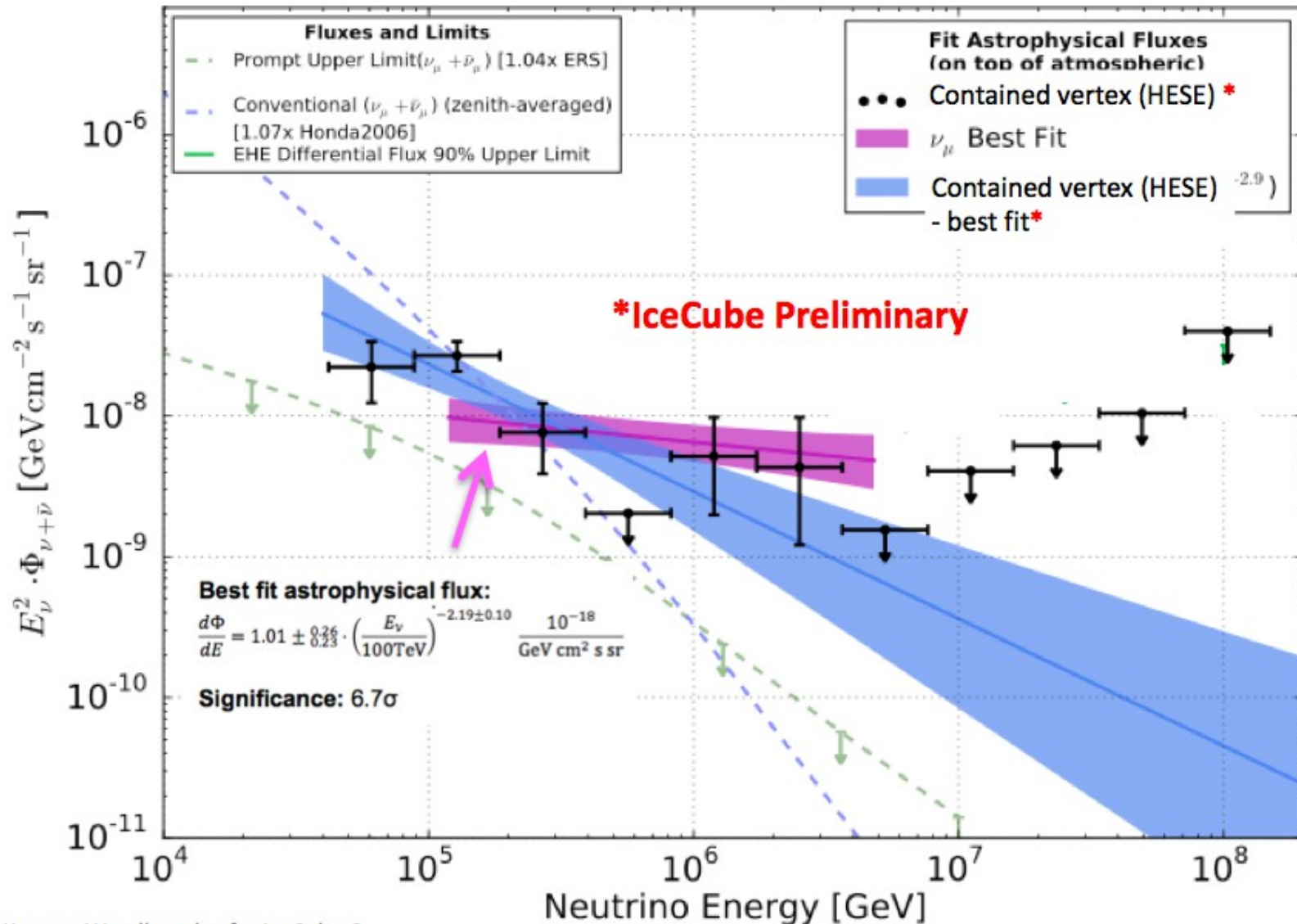


# Upgoing (neutrino induced) Muons



# Energy spectrum with these event samples:

- 1.) upgoing muon neutrinos
- 2.) contained vertex events

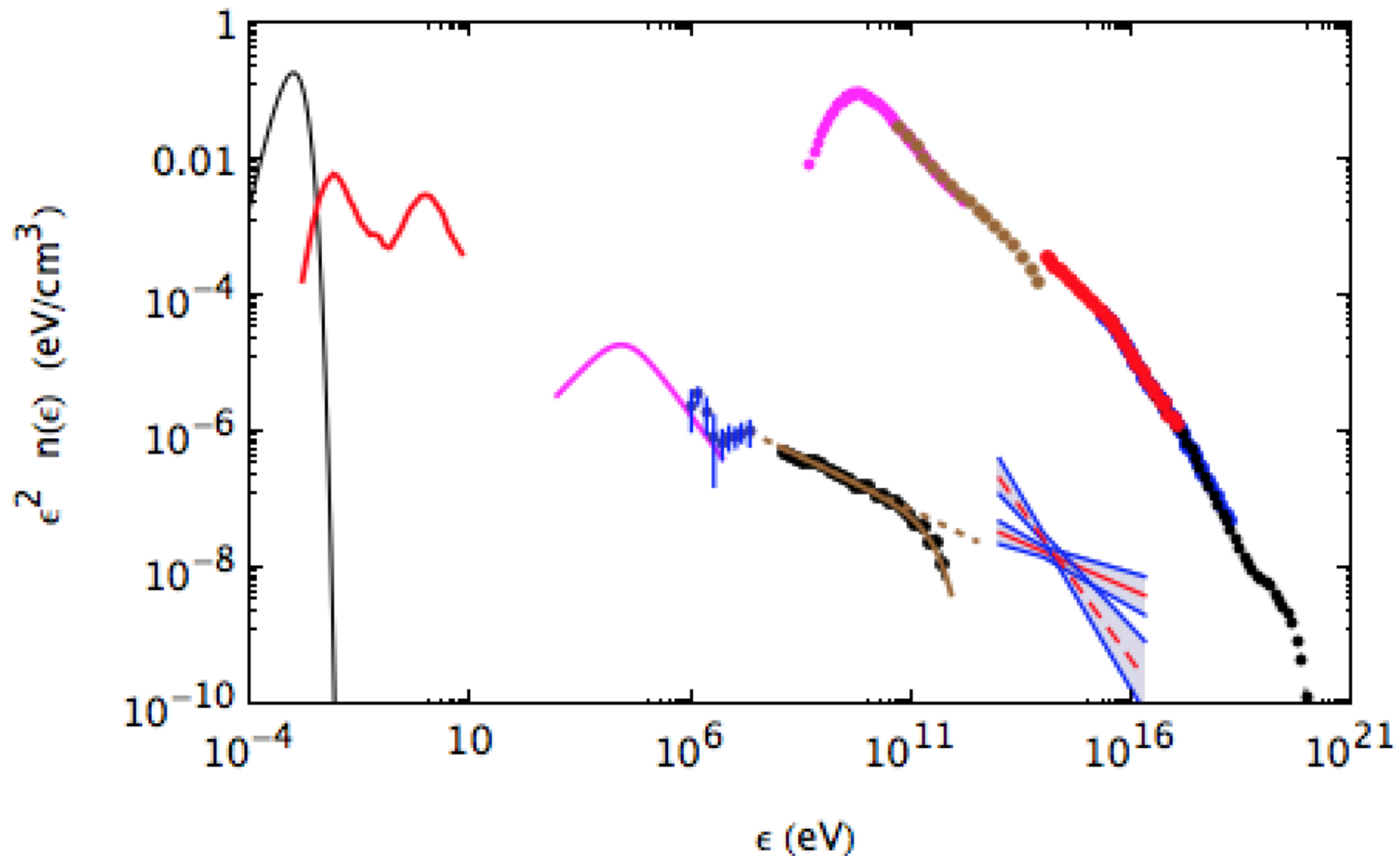


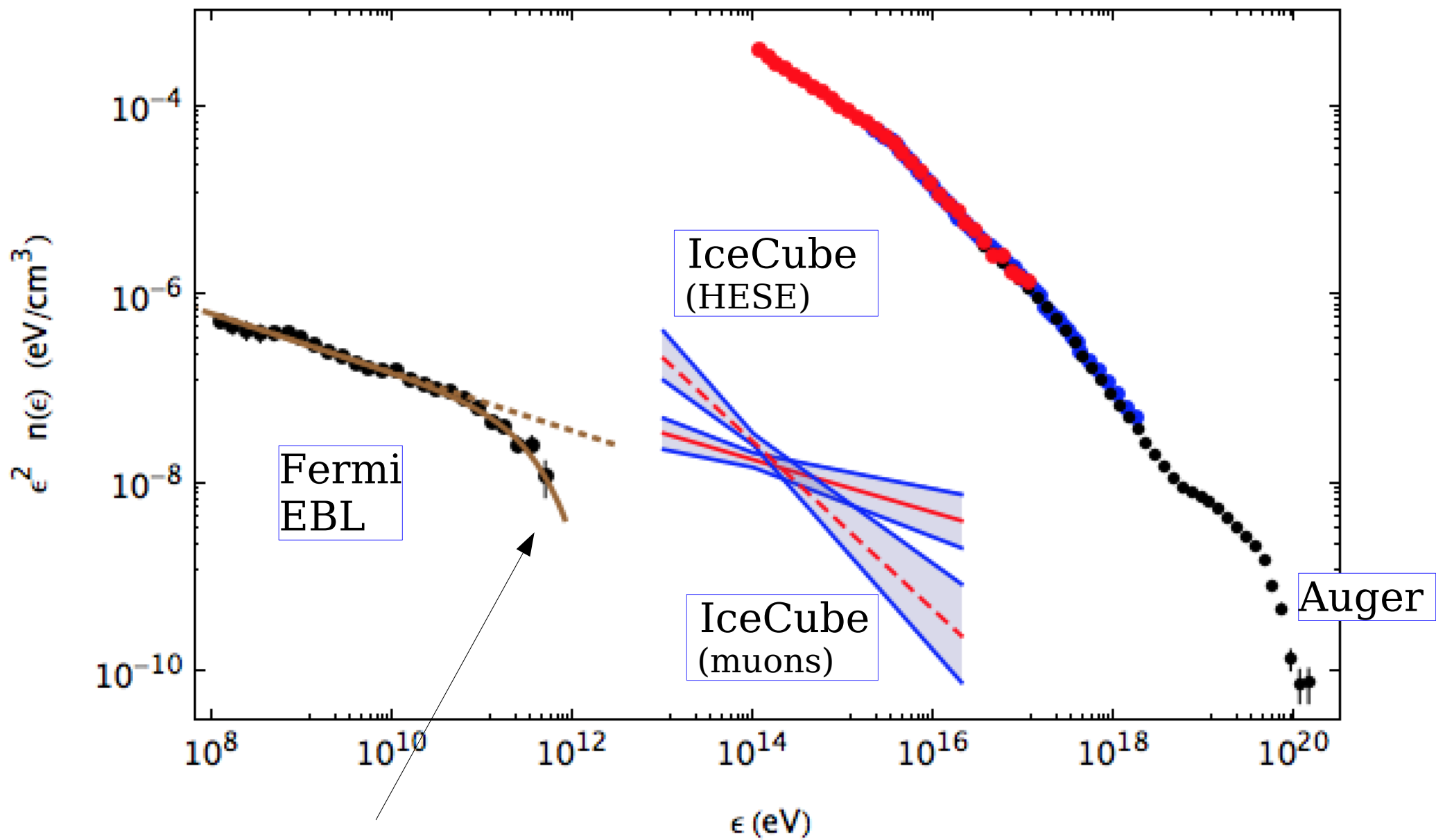
## Questions on the IceCube signal:

1. Is the signal of astrophysical neutrinos real ?  
(or is the background/foreground poorly estimated) ?
  - 1a. Could the signal be contaminated by a non negligible contribution of atmospheric neutrinos ?
2. Is the signal entirely extragalactic ?  
or does it contains a non negligible Galactic component ?
3. If most of the signal is extragalactic,  
what can we say about the sources ?
  - 3a. If there is a Galactic (perhaps subdominant)  
component what is its nature ?

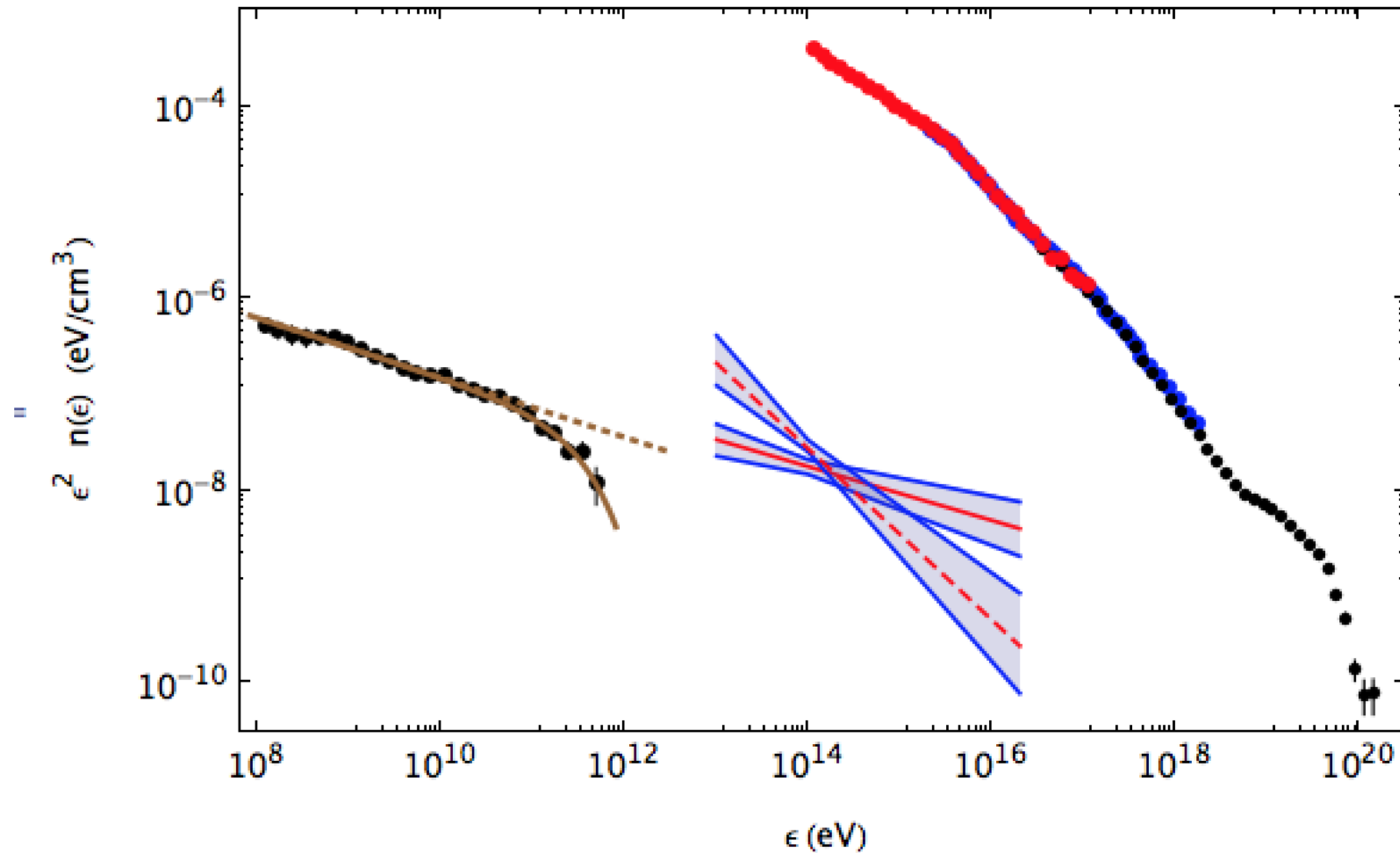


# Local Energy density





Absorption effect



Comparison of the gamma-ray and neutrino spectra:

Two questions emerge naturally :

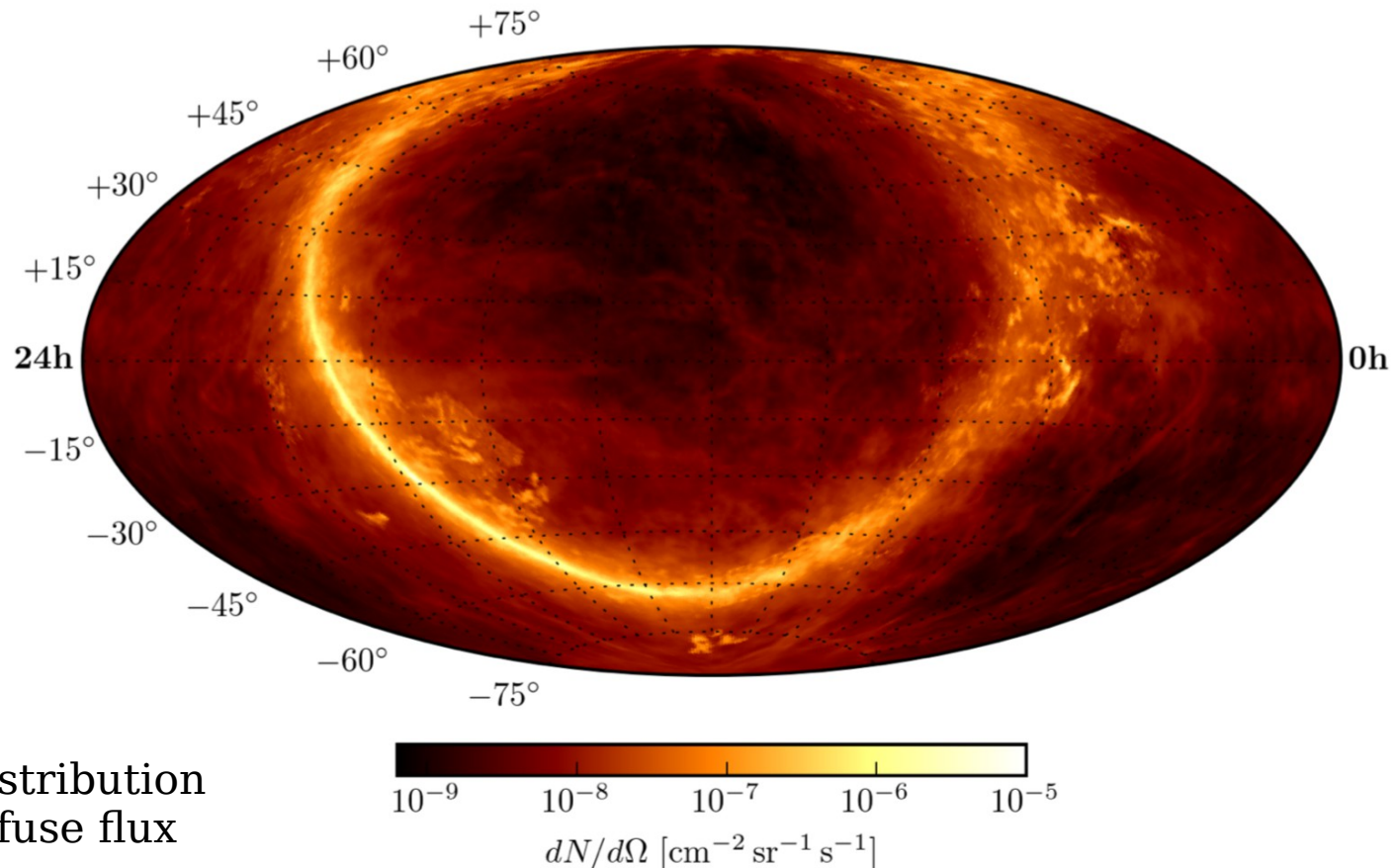
1. Is there an “excess of neutrinos” [Do neutrino only sources exist?]
2. Are there distinct classes of sources for photons and neutrinos ?  
[or rephrasing: can Blazars be the dominant neutrino source]

# What fraction of the IceCube neutrino signal comes from the Milky Way ?

Joint paper of the ANTARES and IceCube Collaborations

ANTARES and IceCube Collaborations,  
“Joint Constraints on Galactic Diffuse Neutrino Emission  
from the ANTARES and IceCube Neutrino Telescopes,”  
Astrophys. J. Lett. **868**, no.2, L20 (2018)  
[arXiv:1808.03531 [astro-ph.HE]].

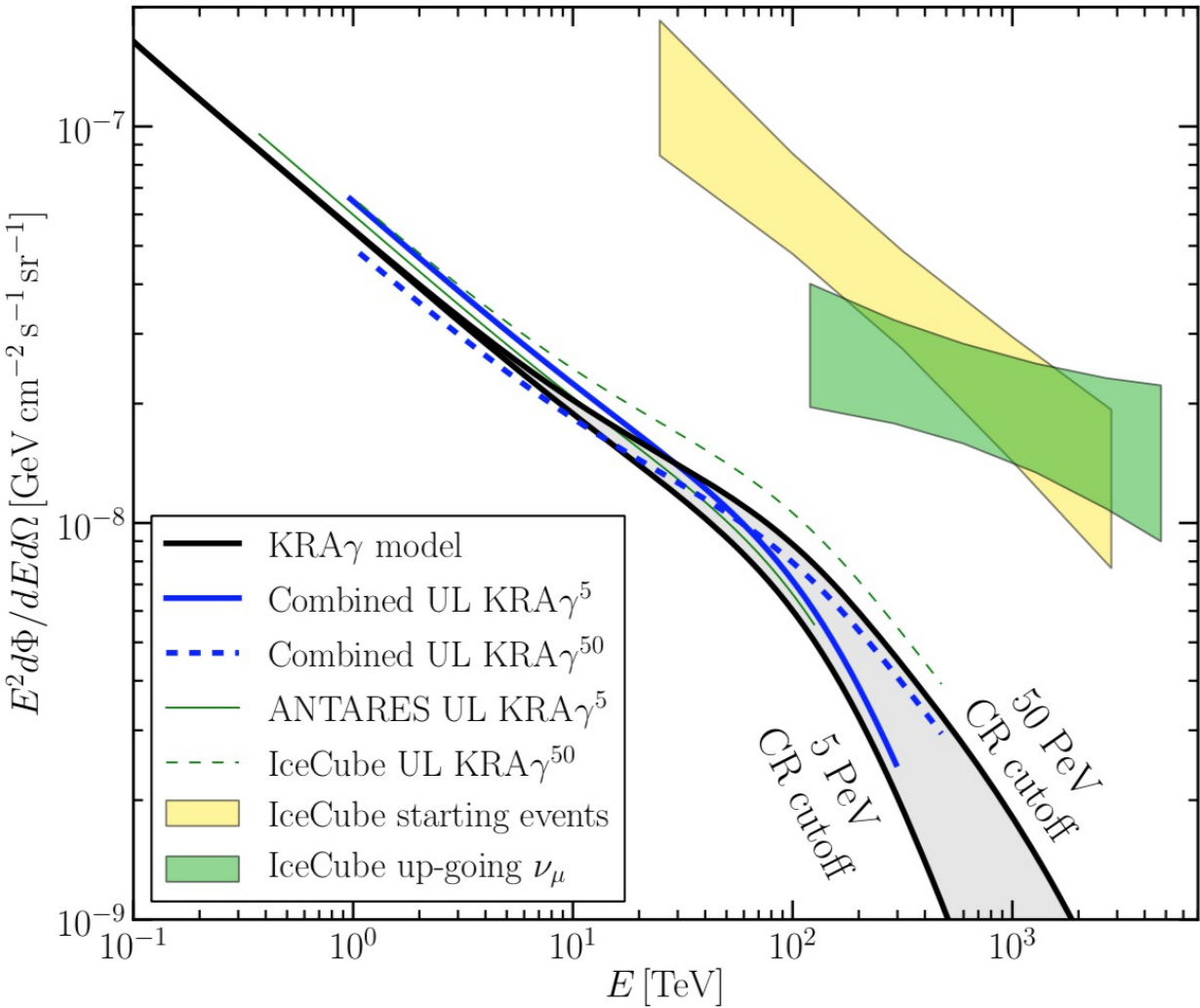
No excess  
(based on template)



## Template

for the Angular distribution  
of the Galactic diffuse flux

The upper limit on the Galactic diffuse component is close to the predictions (that are however model dependent)



Does the IceCube signal have a Galactic component ?

There are models where the signal is *entirely* of Galactic origin.

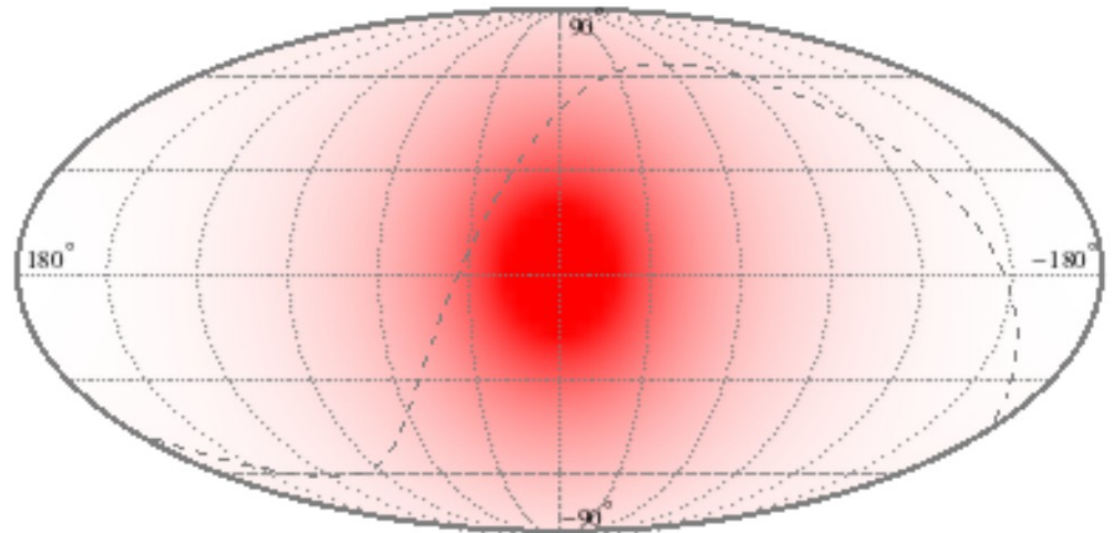
A. Esmaili and P. D. Serpico,

“Are IceCube neutrinos unveiling PeV-scale decaying dark matter?,”

JCAP **1311**, 054 (2013)

[arXiv:1308.1105 [hep-ph]].

Expected  
angular distribution  
distribution

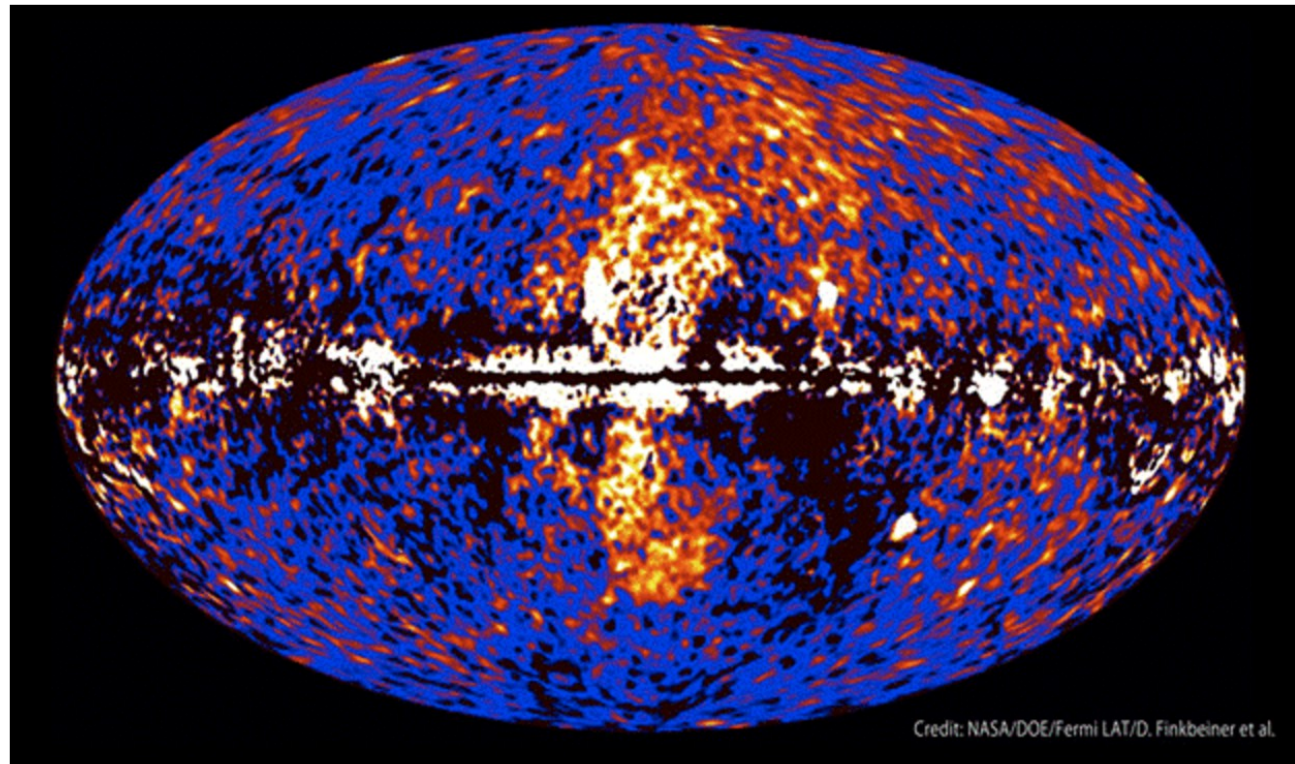


(a) PDF of DM decay

A. M. Taylor, S. Gabici and F. Aharonian,  
“Galactic halo origin of the neutrinos detected by IceCube,”  
Phys. Rev. D **89**, no. 10, 103003 (2014)  
doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.89.103003 [arXiv:1403.3206 [astro-ph.HE]].

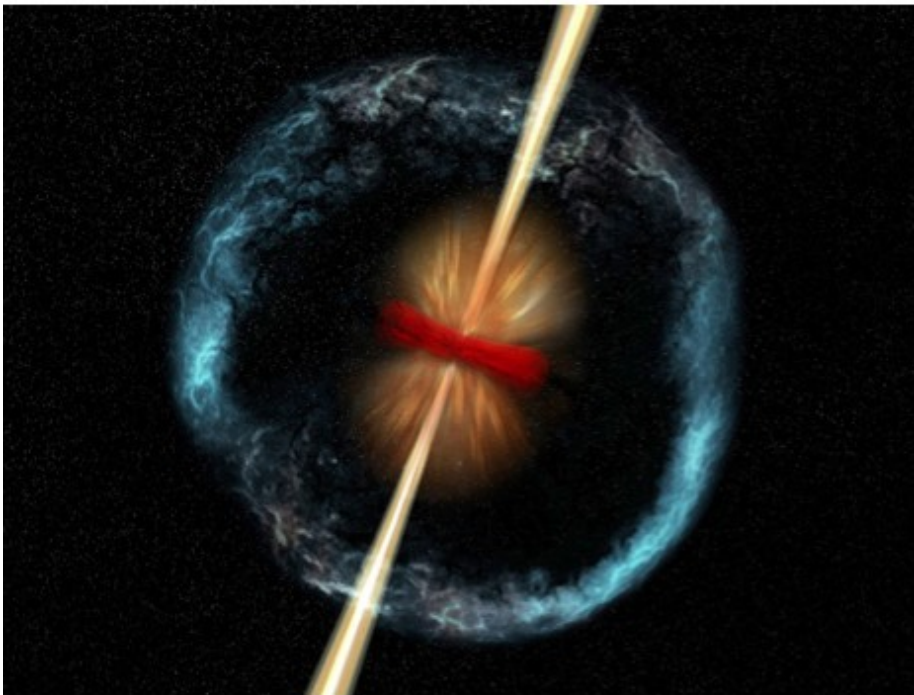
Very large (100 kpc) halo of cosmic rays

[Inspired (to a large extent) by the observations  
of the “Fermi Bubbles”]



What fraction of the cosmic neutrino flux comes from prompt GRB?

## Gamma Ray Bursts



807 GRB's monitored for prompt neutrino emission at TeV to PeV energy range.

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Illustration credit: NASA/CXC/M.Weiss

**Answer: < 1%**

Ref: arxiv: 1702.06868

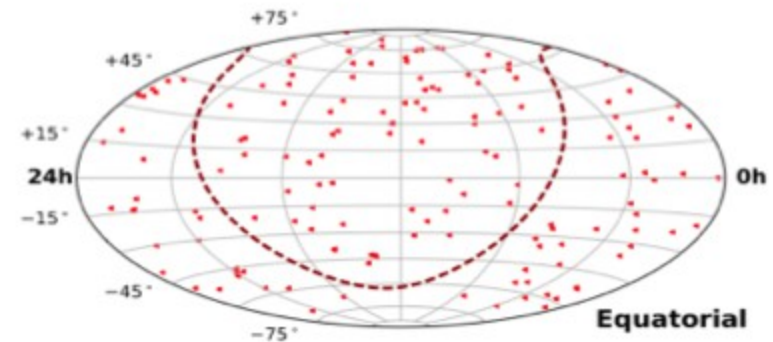


# What fraction of the cosmic neutrino flux comes from Fermi blazars?

## Active Galaxies - Blazars



AGN with supermassive black hole, with Jet pointing at us.



Fermi reports that ~85% of the gamma rays from the “diffuse” gamma ray flux originate from blazars.

**Answer: only a small fraction (< 6% to 27%) of events from Fermi blazar catalogues.**

(Some assumptions, eg assume energy spectrum, apply.)

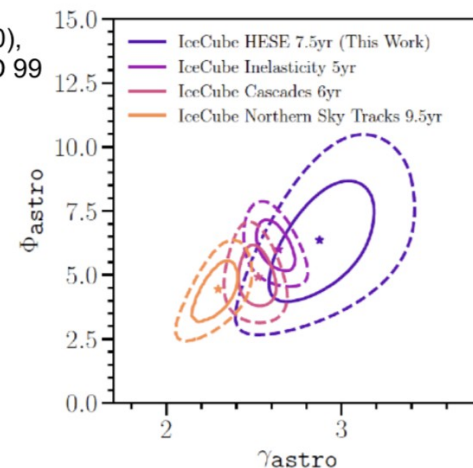
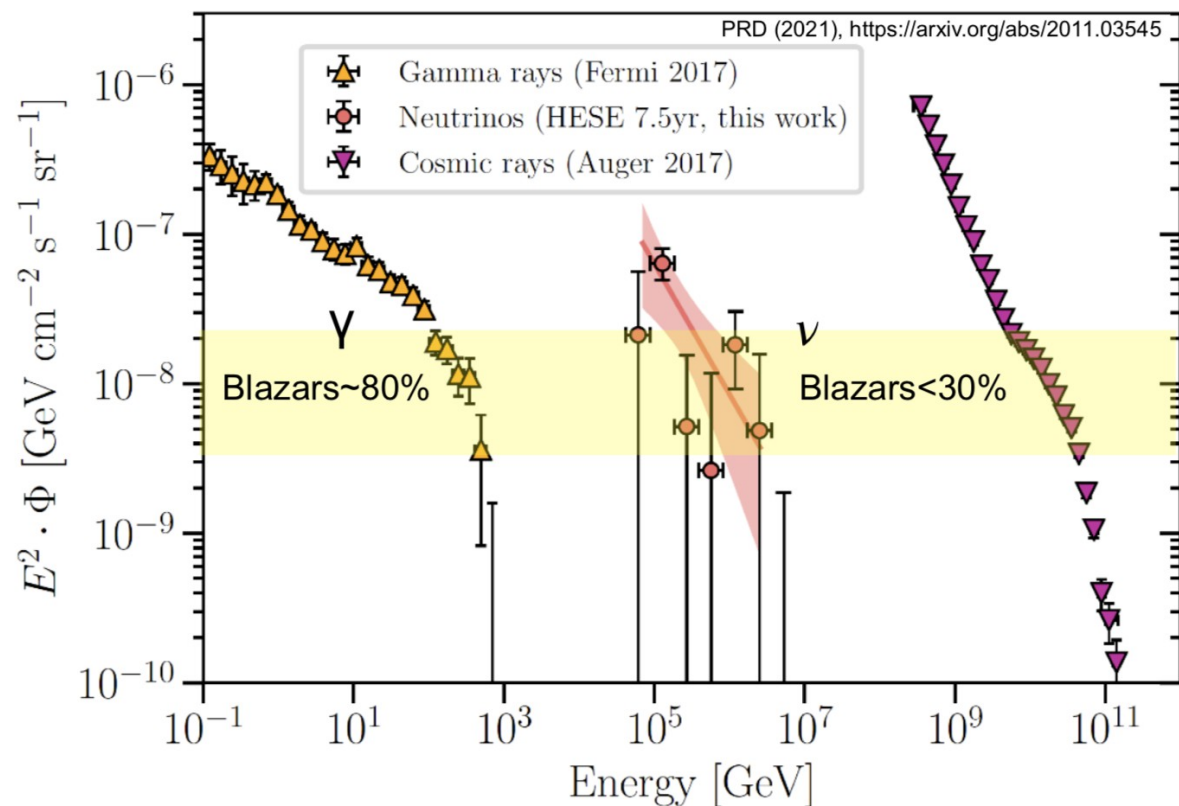
Ref: - *Astrophys. J* **835**, 45 (2017)

- ICRC 2017, Huber for IceCube C.

# Multimessenger spectroscopy

with 7.5 years of High-Energy Starting Events

Other channels: Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020),  
PoS ICRC2019, 1017 (2020), Phys.Rev.D 99  
(2019) 3, 032004

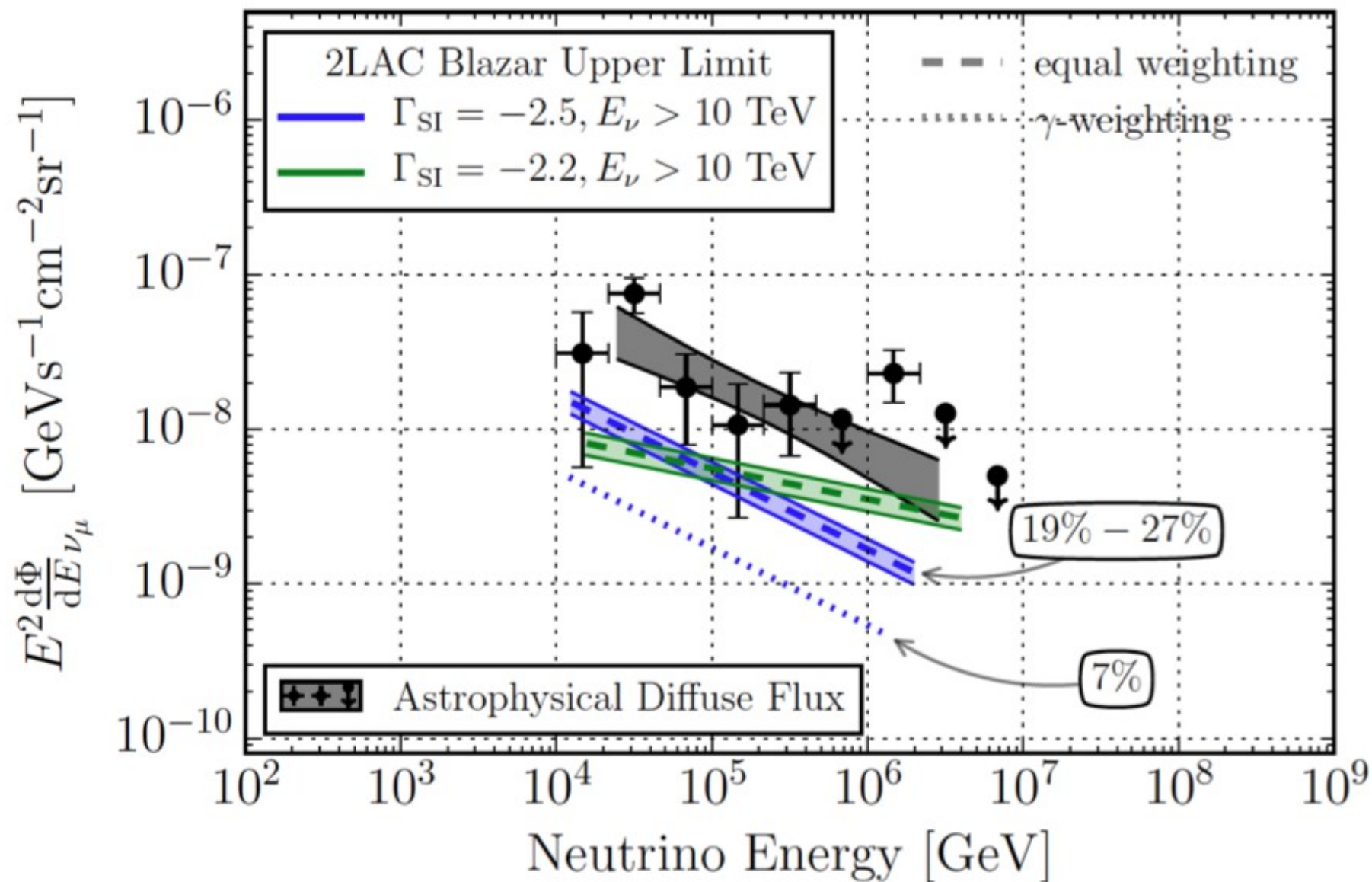


- Spectral index of astro. flux:  $\gamma=2.3-2.9$  depends on analysis / energy range
- Similar energies among messengers ...
- ... but also evidence for different origin!
- Gamma-obscured sources?



The first decade of discoveries

# IceCube study of correlations with the FERMI 2LAC



Chasing the ammonia  
economy p. 120

Time invested matters for mice,  
rats, and humans pp. 124 & 178

Two spindles are better  
than one pp. 128 & 189

# Science

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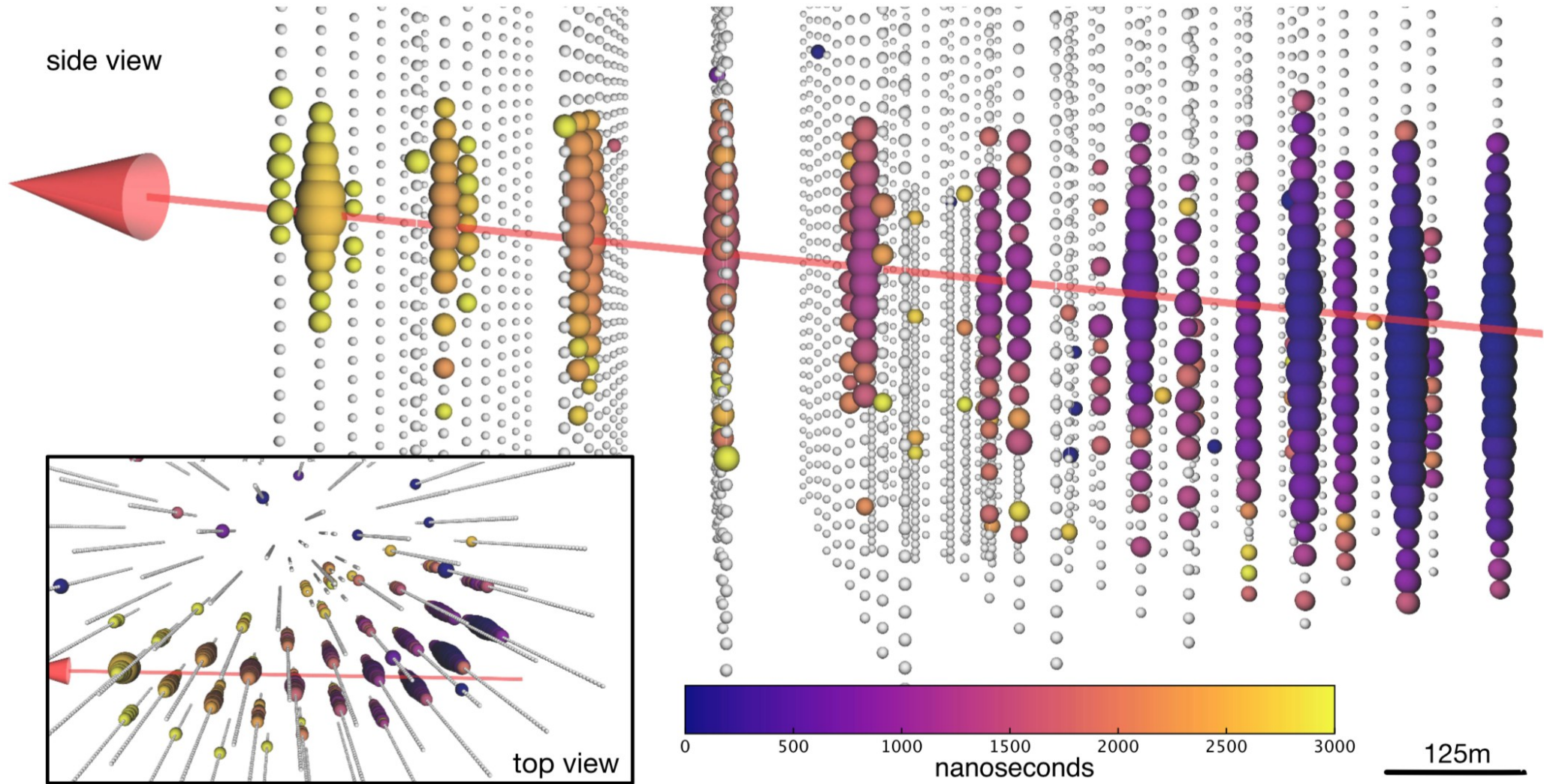
Neutrinos  
from  
Blazars

## NEUTRINOS FROM A BLAZAR

Multimessenger observations  
of an astrophysical neutrino

source pp. 115, 146, & 147

22 /sept/ 2017



Icecube event  
(Muon entering the detector)

$$E_{\text{vis}} = 23.7 \pm 2.8 \text{ TeV}$$

# IceCube GCN 21916 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR  
NUMBER: 21916  
SUBJECT: IceCube-170922A - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino candidate event  
DATE: 17/09/23 01:09:26 GMT  
FROM: Erik Blaufuss at U. Maryland/IceCube <blaufuss@icecube.umd.edu>

Claudio Kopper (University of Alberta) and Erik Blaufuss (University of Maryland) report on behalf of the IceCube Collaboration (<http://icecube.wisc.edu/>).

On 22 Sep, 2017 IceCube detected a track-like, very-high-energy event with a high probability of being of astrophysical origin. The event was identified by the Extremely High Energy (EHE) track event selection. The IceCube detector was in a normal operating state. EHE events typically have a neutrino interaction vertex that is outside the detector, produce a muon that traverses the detector volume, and have a high light level (a proxy for energy).

After the initial automated alert ([https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices\\_amon/50579430\\_130033.amon](https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices_amon/50579430_130033.amon)), more sophisticated reconstruction algorithms have been applied offline, with the direction refined to:

Date: 22 Sep, 2017  
Time: 20:54:30.43 UTC  
RA: 77.43 deg (-0.80 deg/+1.30 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000  
Dec: 5.72 deg (-0.40 deg/+0.70 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000

We encourage follow-up by ground and space-based instruments to help identify a possible astrophysical source for the candidate neutrino.

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory is a cubic-kilometer neutrino detector operating at the geographic South Pole, Antarctica. The IceCube realtime alert point of contact can be reached at [roc@icecube.wisc.edu](mailto:roc@icecube.wisc.edu)

## IceCube Automated alert 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

*28<sup>th</sup> September Fermi-LAT GCN*

**Fermi-LAT detection of increased gamma-ray activity of TXS 0506+056, located inside the IceCube-170922A error region.**

ATel #10791; *Yasuyuki T. Tanaka (Hiroshima University), Sara Buson (NASA/GSFC), Daniel Kocevski (NASA/MSFC) on behalf of the Fermi-LAT collaboration*  
*on 28 Sep 2017; 10:10 UT*

*Credential Certification: David J. Thompson (David.J.Thompson@nasa.gov)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, Neutrinos, AGN

Referred to by ATel #: [10792](#), [10794](#), [10799](#), [10801](#), [10817](#), [10830](#), [10831](#), [10833](#), [10838](#), [10840](#), [10844](#), [10845](#), [10861](#), [10890](#), [10942](#), [11419](#), [11430](#)

.... Great source of excitement .....

Texas Survey of Radio Sources [365 Mhz, (1974-1983)]  
66841 sources [TXS .....

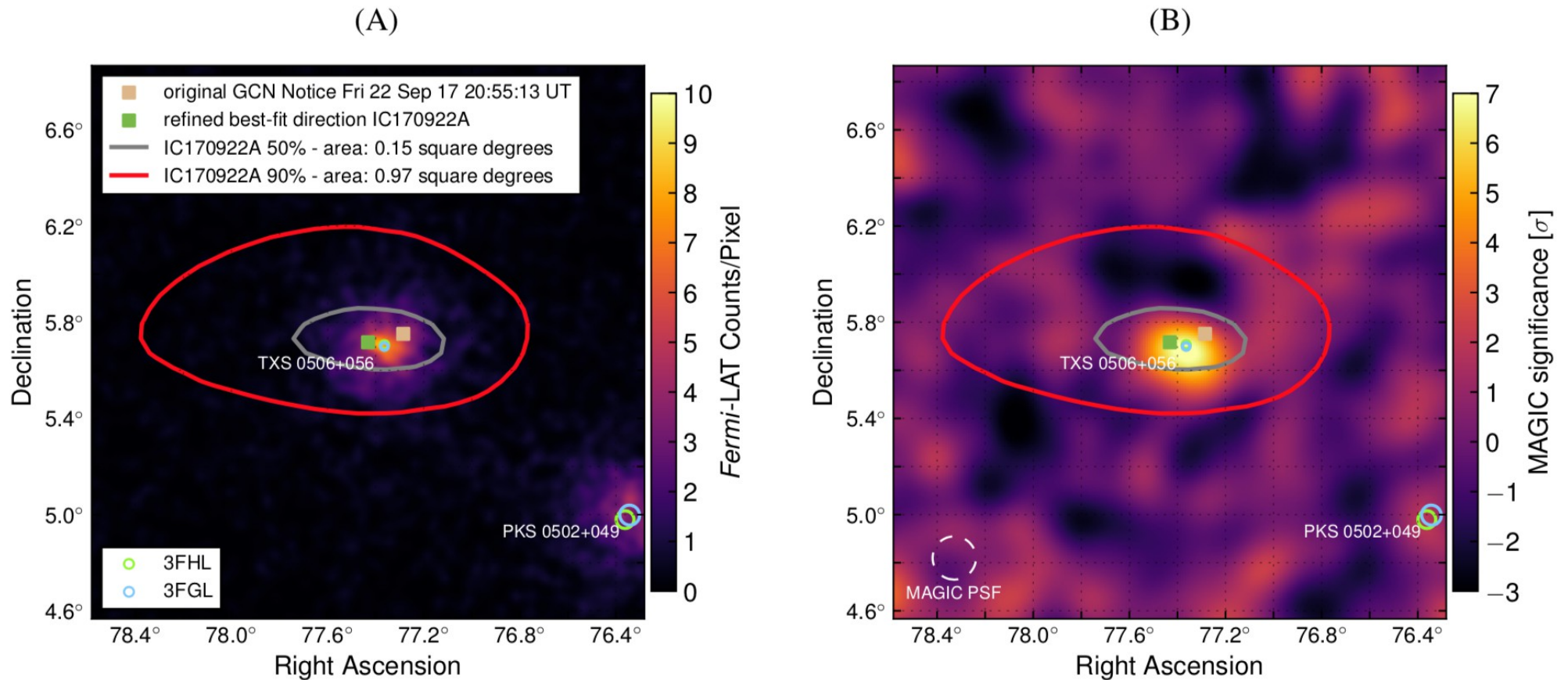
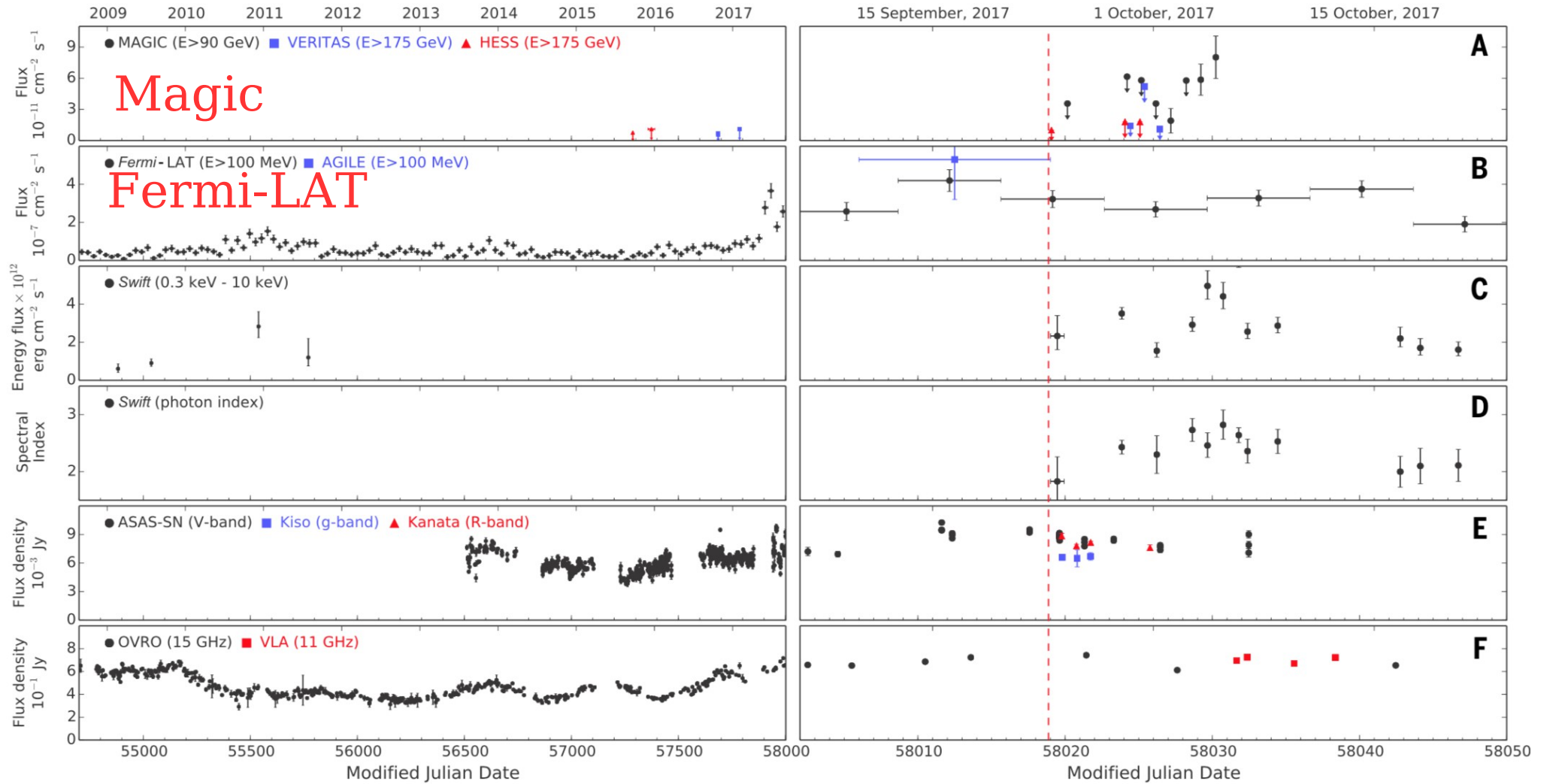
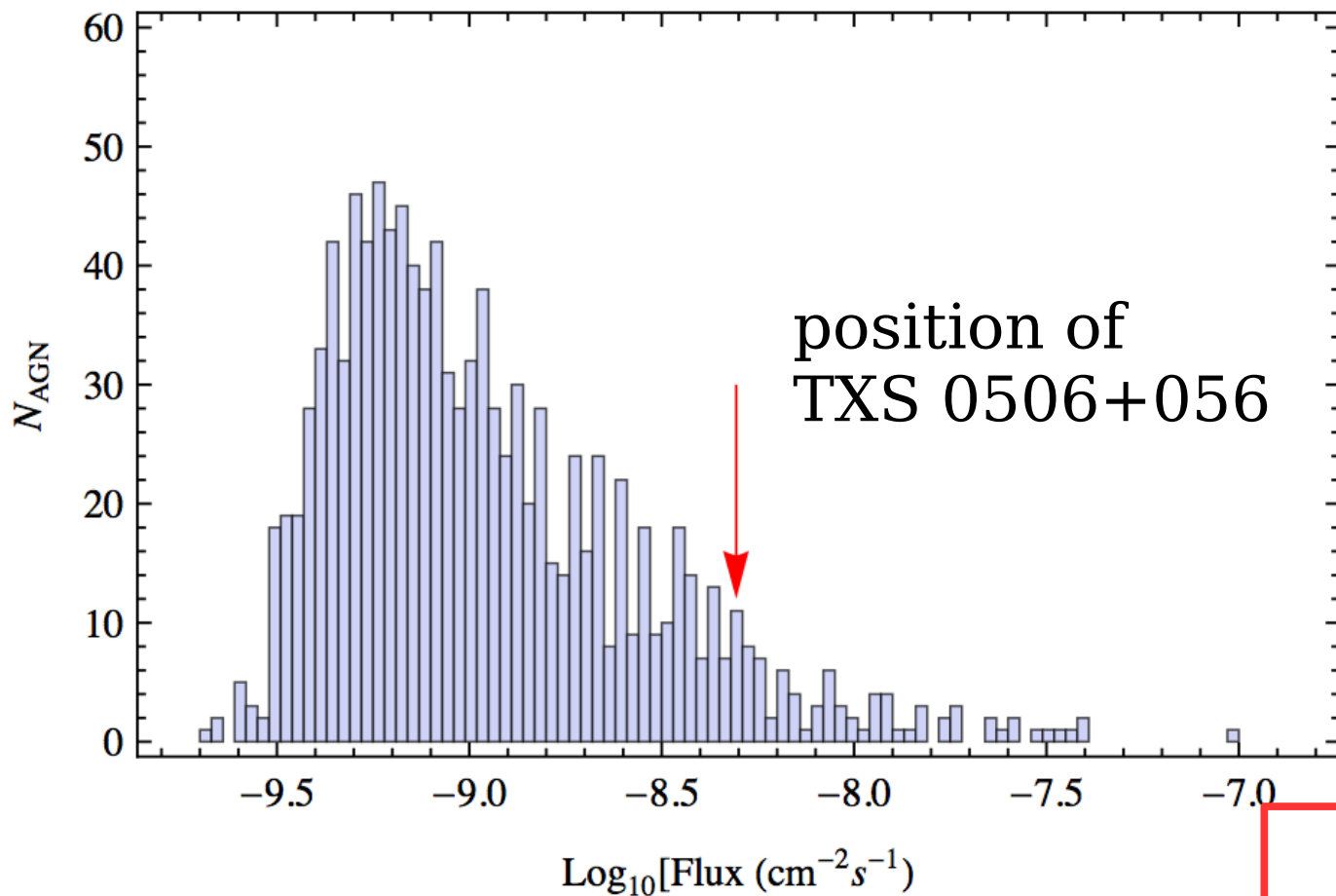


Figure 2: ***Fermi*-LAT and MAGIC observations of IceCube-170922A's location.** Sky position of IceCube-170922A in J2000 equatorial coordinates overlaying the  $\gamma$ -ray counts from *Fermi*-LAT above 1 GeV (A) and the signal significance as observed by MAGIC (B) in this region. The tan square indicates the position reported in the initial alert and the green square indicates the final best-fitting position from follow-up reconstructions (18). Gray and red curves show the 50% and 90% neutrino containment regions, respectively, including statistical and systematic errors. *Fermi*-LAT data are shown as a photon counts map in 9.5 years of data in units of counts per pixel, using detected photons with energy of 1 to 300 GeV in a  $2^\circ$  by  $2^\circ$  region around TXS0506+056. The map has a pixel size of  $0.02^\circ$  and was smoothed with a  $0.02$  degree-wide Gaussian kernel. MAGIC data are shown as signal significance for  $\gamma$ -rays above 90 GeV. Also shown are the locations of a  $\gamma$ -ray source observed by *Fermi*-LAT as given in the *Fermi*-LAT Third Source Catalog (3FGL) (23) and the Third Catalog of Hard *Fermi*-LAT Sources (3FHL) (24) source catalogs, including the identified positionally coincident 3FGL object TXS 0506+056. For *Fermi*-LAT catalog objects, marker sizes indicate the 95% C.L. positional uncertainty of the source.



# Multi-wavelength Observations





Bright Blazar  
in the Fermi  
Catalog

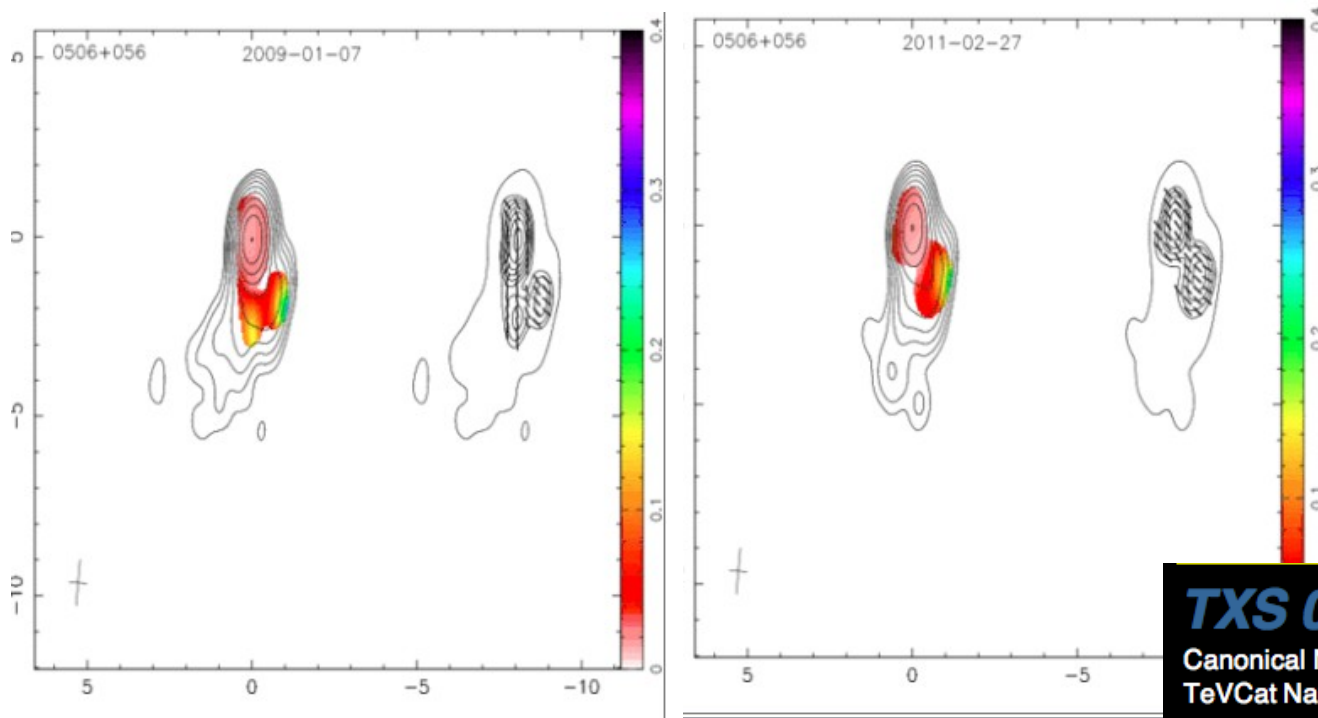
$$\alpha = 2.059 \pm 0.042$$

$$\Phi_{\gamma}[1 \div 100 \text{ GeV}] = 4.94 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$L(E) = \phi_{\gamma}(E) \times E^2 \simeq 4.5 \times 10^{45} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}}$$

# TXS 0506+056

## VLBI radio observations



$$z = 0.3365 \pm 0.0010$$

$$d = 706 \text{ Mpc}$$

$$\dot{\Omega} = 332 \pm 82 \mu\text{as}/\text{year}$$

$$\beta_{\text{app}} = \frac{\dot{\Omega} d}{c} = 3.7 \pm 0.9$$

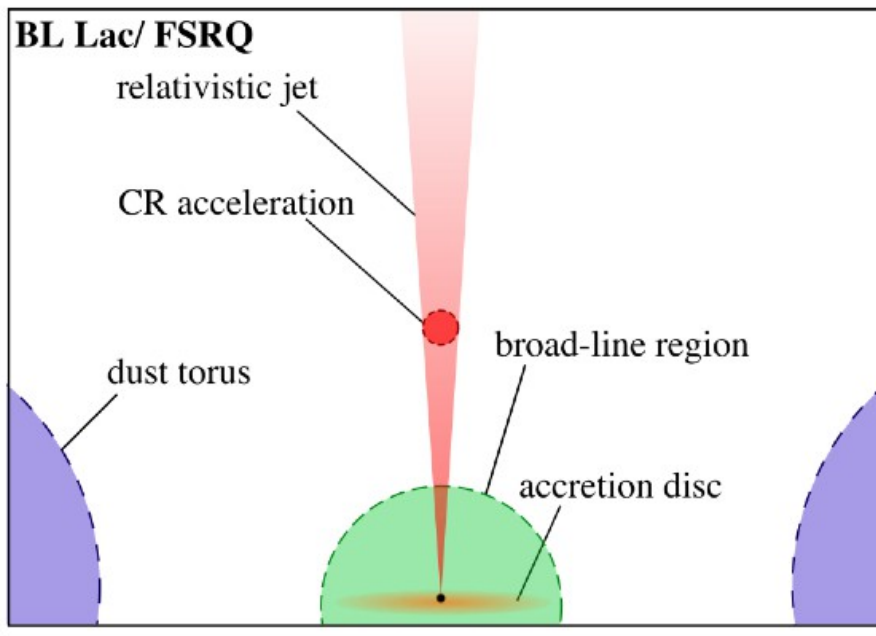
### TXS 0506+056

Canonical Name:	TXS 0506+056
TeVCat Name:	TeV J0509+056 EHE 170922A
Other Names:	3FGL J0509.4+0541 3FHL J0509.4+0542
Source Type:	Blazar
R.A.:	05 09 25.96370 (hh mm ss)
Dec.:	+05 41 35.3279 (dd mm ss)
Gal Long:	195.41 (deg)
Gal Lat:	-19.64 (deg)
Distance:	z=0.3365
Flux:	(Crab Units)
Energy Threshold:	100 GeV
Spectral Index:	
Extended:	No
Discovery Date:	2017-10
Discovered By:	MAGIC
TeVCat SubCat:	Newly Announced
Source Notes:	

The blazar TXS 0506+056 lies within the error circle of IceCube-170922A, the IceCube high-energy neutrino candidate event whose detection was reported in [GCN circular #21916](#).

Follow-up observations were performed by a number of GeV-TeV instruments with both Fermi-LAT and MAGIC reporting evidence for gamma-ray emission from positions consistent with the IceCube neutrino error circle which they thus associate with the blazar TXS 0506+056.

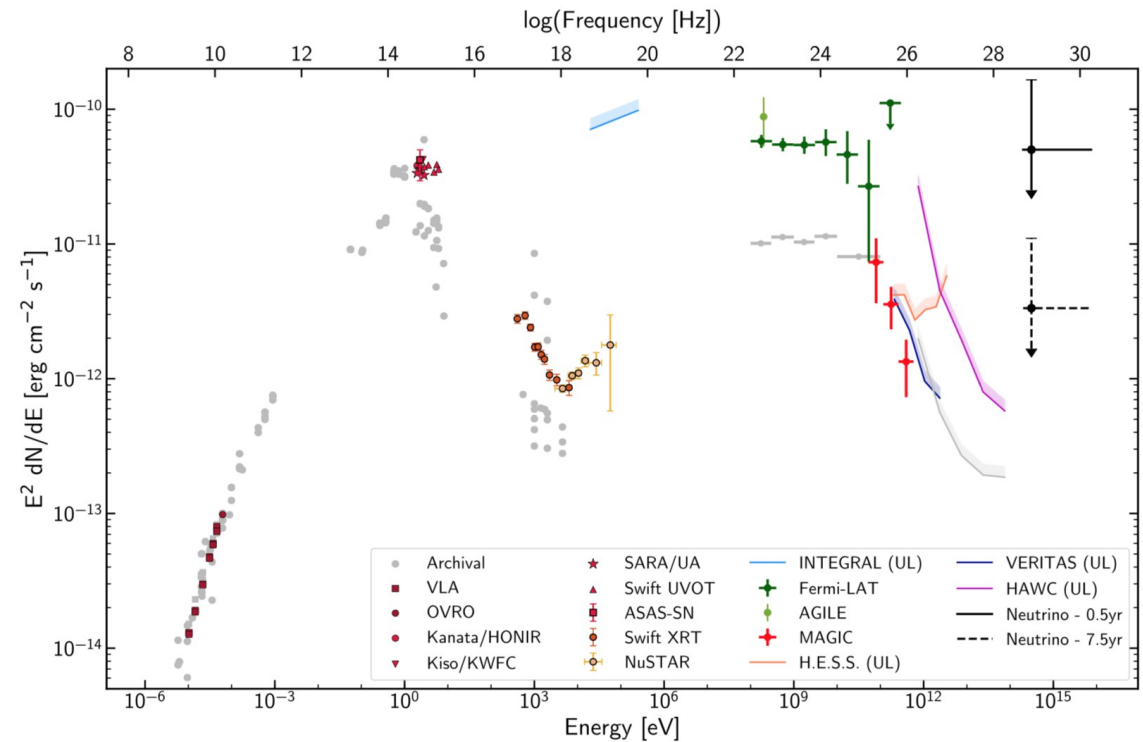
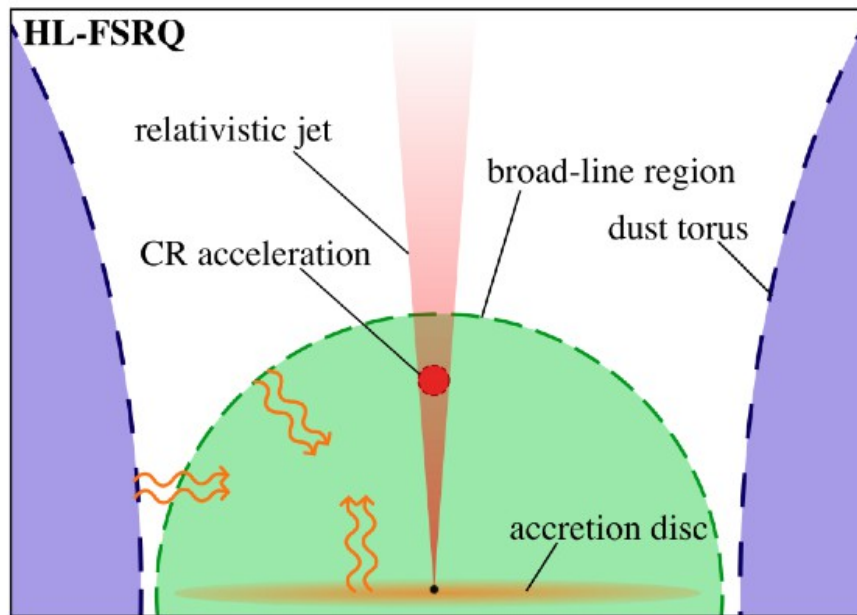
Upper limits on the gamma-ray emission from the region were reported by H.E.S.S., HAWC and VERITAS.



# Modeling of the flare

Electron + proton acceleration

[Several papers]



# Oscillations of Astrophysical Neutrinos

## Expected flavor composition

[Standard mechanism of production]

$$\nu_e \simeq \nu_\mu \simeq \nu_\tau$$

Oscillation lengths:

$$L_{\text{osc}}^{(12)} \simeq 108 \left( \frac{E}{10^{20} \text{ eV}} \right) \text{ pc}$$

short for astrophysical  
distances

$$L_{\text{osc}}^{(23)} \simeq L_{\text{osc}}^{(13)} \simeq 3.2 \left( \frac{E}{10^{20} \text{ eV}} \right) \text{ pc}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(E_\nu, L) &= \left| \sum_j U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha j}^* e^{-i m_j^2 \frac{L}{2E_\nu}} \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{j=1,3} |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha j}|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

~~$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \sum_{j < k} 2 \operatorname{Re}[U_{\beta j} U_{\beta k}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k}] \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m_{jk}^2 L}{2E}\right) \\
 &+ \sum_{j < k} 2 \operatorname{Im}[U_{\beta j} U_{\beta k}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k}] \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{jk}^2 L}{2E}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$~~

Space averaged  
flavor transition probability

Neutrinos created in volume  
of sufficiently large linear size

$$X_{\text{source}} \gg E / |\Delta m_{jk}^2|$$

Oscillating terms average to zero

$$\langle P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) \rangle = \sum_j |U_{\alpha j}|^2 |U_{\beta j}|^2$$

$$\simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1-2v & v & v \\ v & (1-v)/2 & (1-v)/2 \\ v & (1-v)/2 & (1-v)/2 \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{13} \simeq 0$$

$$\theta_{23} \simeq 45^\circ$$

$$v = \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \simeq 0.2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \\ \quad \quad \quad \searrow \\ \quad \quad \quad e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \end{array}$$

“Standard  
mechanism”

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

*much more  
“astrophysically  
plausible”*

“Muon  
absorption”

*Very high  
magnetic field*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ (1 - \nu)/2 \\ (1 - \nu)/2 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.4 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

“Neutron  
decay”

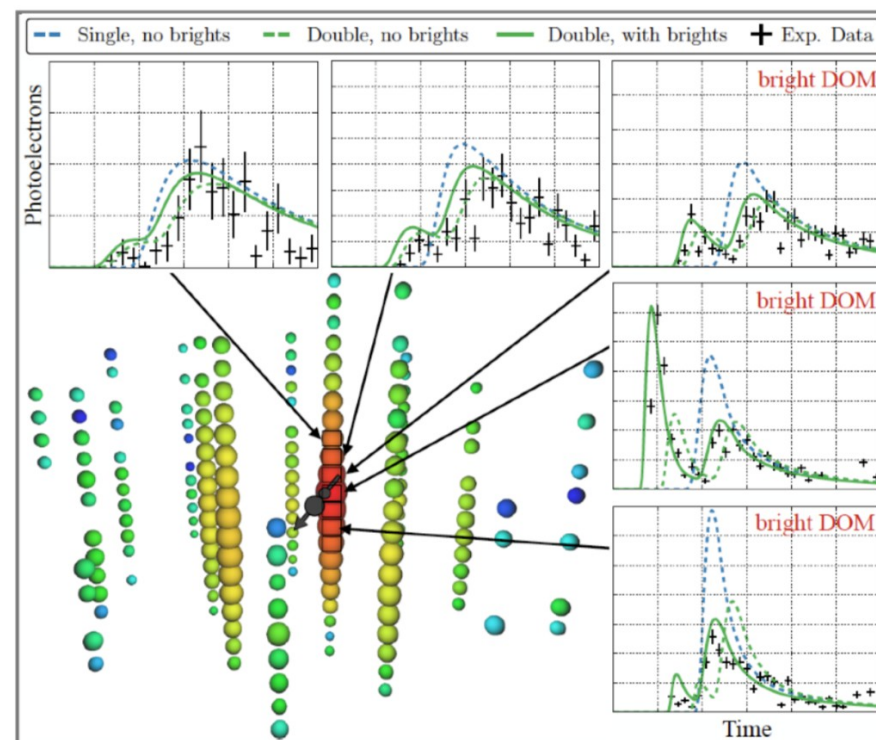
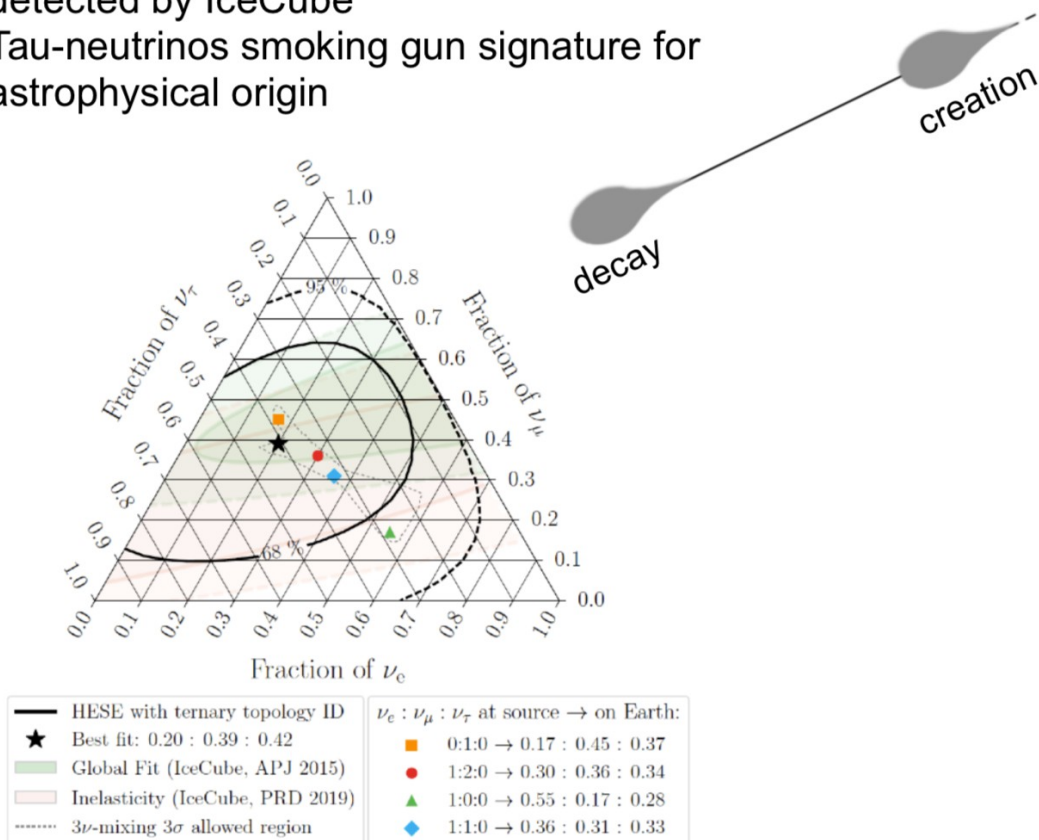
*Nuclear  
fragmentation*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\nu \\ \nu \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$



# First cosmic tau-neutrino event(s) candidate in IceCube

- First convincing “Double-Bang” event signature detected by IceCube
- Tau-neutrinos smoking gun signature for astrophysical origin



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03561>  
Also @ ICRC 2021: PoS ID 1146

Best Fit :  
{e,mu,tau} = {0.20, 0.39, 0.42}

ICRC 2021

# Studies of *PARTICLE PHYSICS* with very high energy Neutrinos

Very High Energy

$$\sim \text{PeV}$$
$$10^6 \text{ GeV}$$

Very Long Path-length  
(extragalactic)

$$\sim \text{Gpc}$$
$$10^{27} \text{ cm}$$

Very large (astrophysical) uncertainties about  
source spectra

Possibility of  
“Modifications” of the neutrino flux  
during propagation.

Investigate :  
Flavor Oscillations  
(with very long path-lengths)

[Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos  
mass doublets with tiny  
mass splitting]

$$z \simeq 1 \quad \Delta m^2 \approx 10^{-18} \left( \frac{E}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right) \text{ eV}^2$$

Neutrino Decay

[with very long lifetimes]

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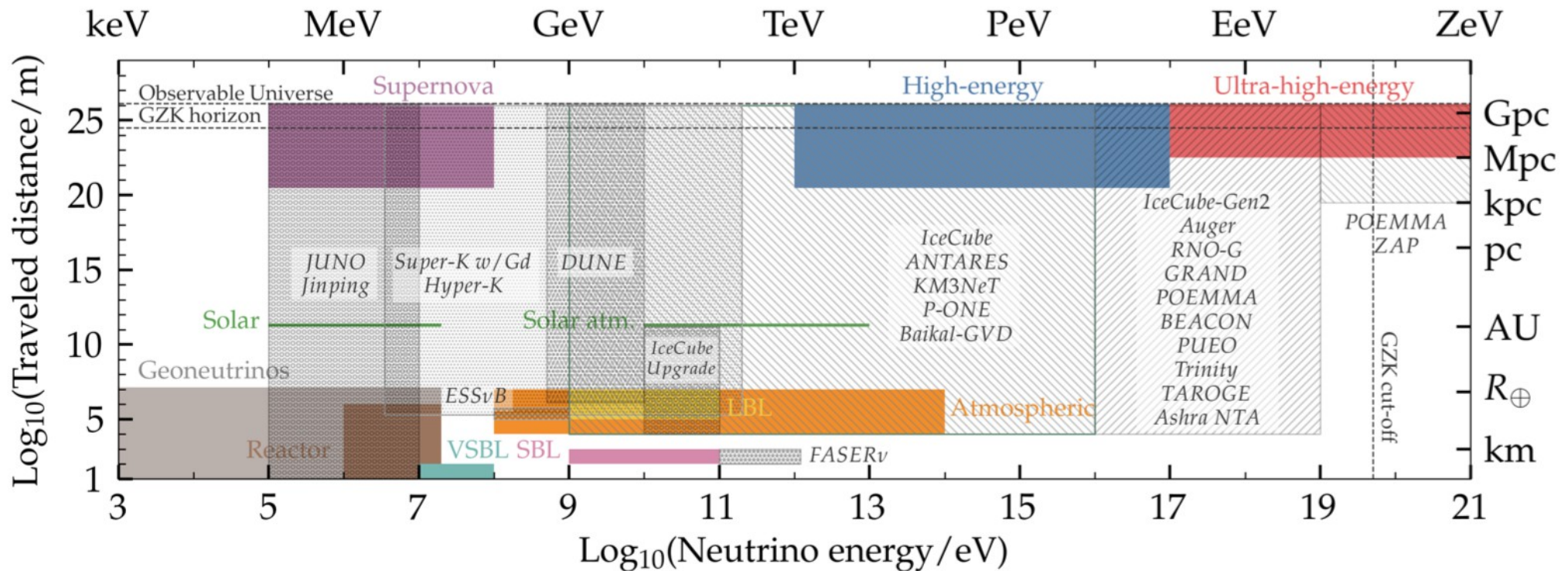
(9 orders of magnitude improvement)

Important difficulty:  
Properties of the neutrinos at the source  
must be sufficiently well understood.

New Physics effects

$$\propto k E^n L$$

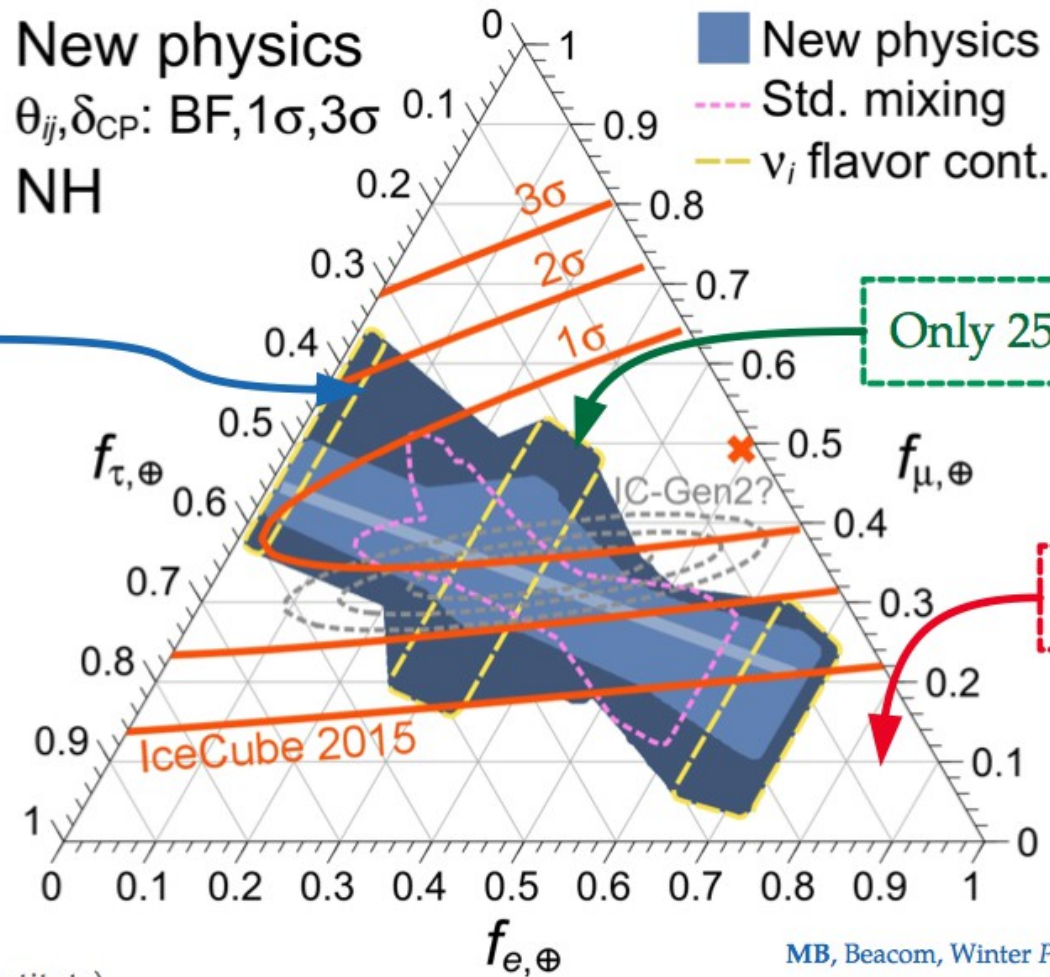
*Study very favorable with Astrophysical Neutrinos*



*Cosmic Neutrino Probes of Fundamental Physics*

LoI Snowmass 2021

# Flavor ratios accessible with decay-like physics

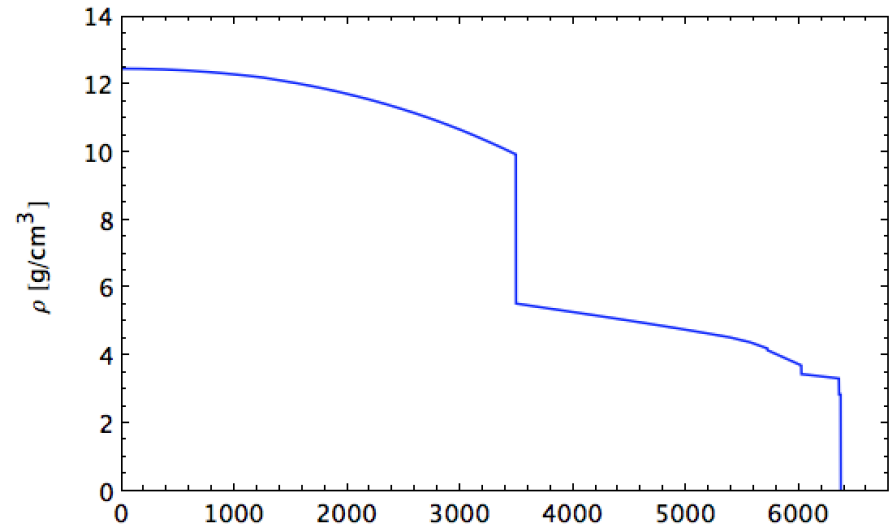
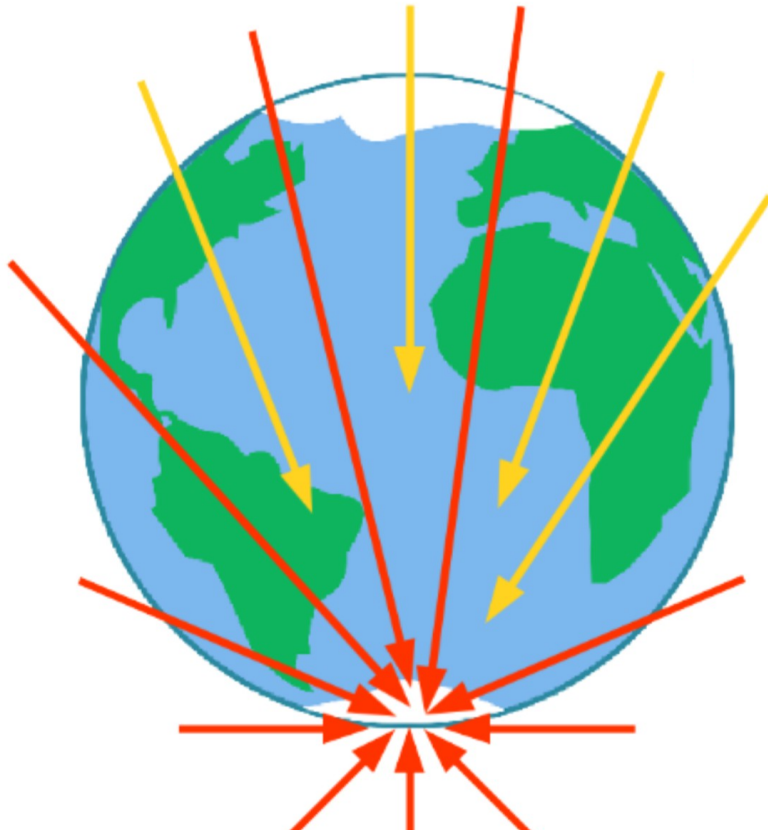


Region of all linear combinations of  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$

Only 25% of parameter space

What lives outside?

# Measure Neutrino Cross section

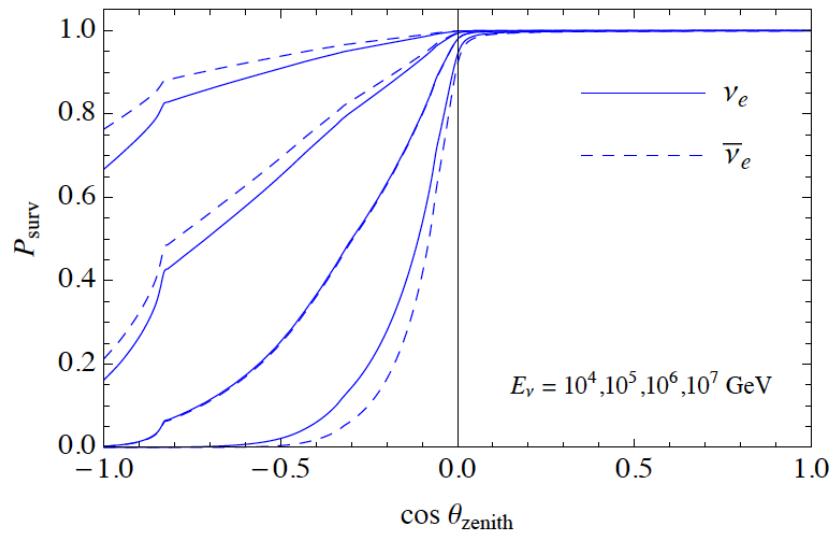


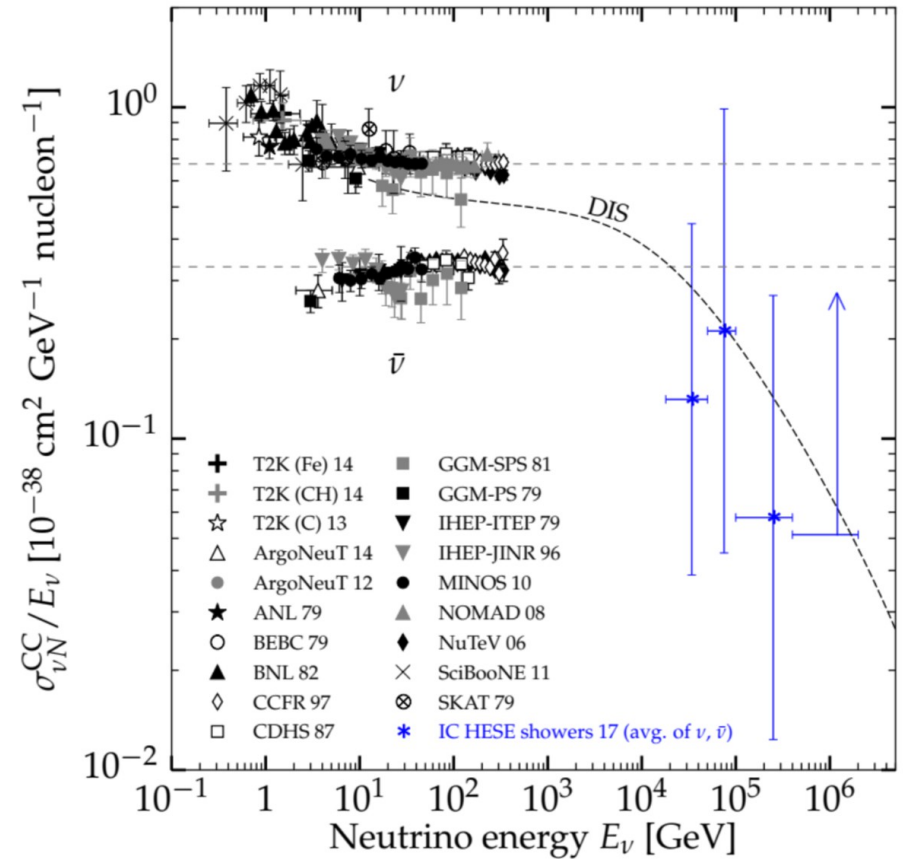
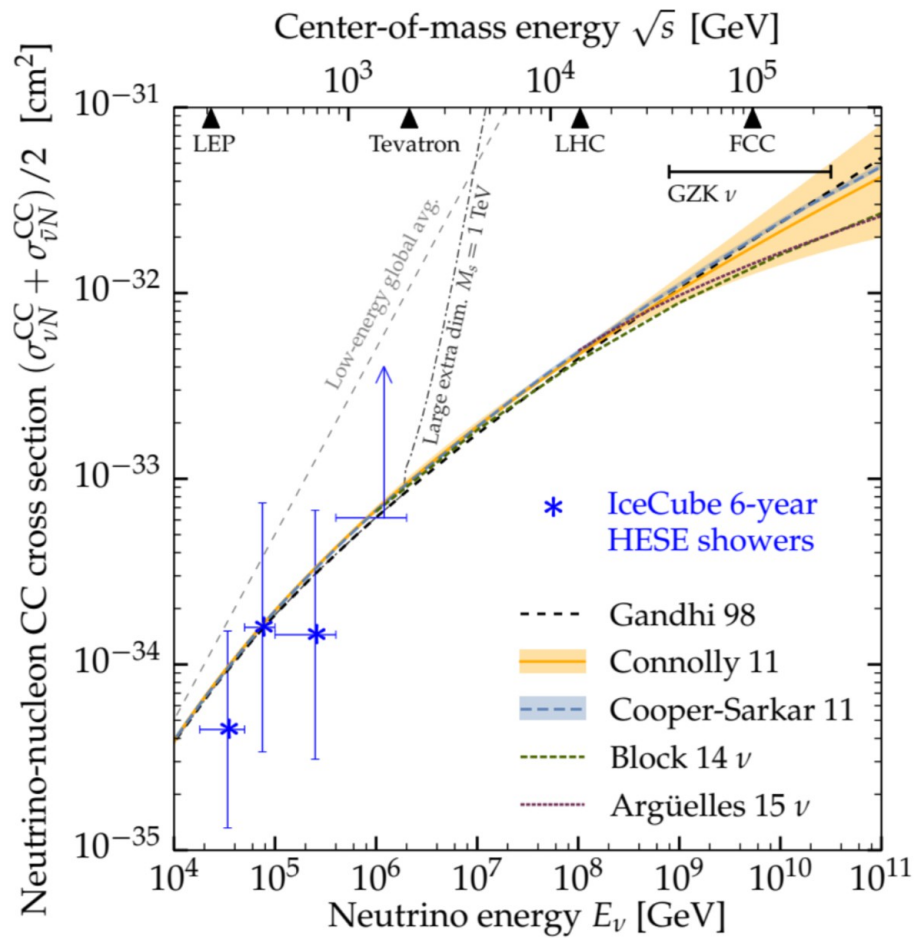
$$P_{\text{surv}} = e^{-\tau(E, \Omega)}$$

$$\tau = \frac{X}{m_p} \sigma_\nu$$

$$\frac{X_\oplus}{m_n} \simeq 6.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$$

$$\tau = 1 \iff E \simeq 40 \text{ TeV}$$





Neutrino Cross section  
as a function of energy

$$\frac{\sigma(E_\nu)}{E_\nu}$$

# COSMOGENIC NEUTRINOS

Intimately related to UHECR

Study the Redshift dependence  
(and the composition)  
of the source of UHECR



# COSMIC RAYS

*Space and time integrated average* of particles generated by many sources in the Galaxy and in the universe, *also shaped by propagation effects*.

Measurement at single point, and (effectively) single time.

[slow time variations,  
geological record carries some information]

Spectra nearly (but not exactly !)  
perfectly isotropic

$$\phi(E, \Omega) \simeq \phi(E)$$

# Measurements of Cosmic Rays *as Messengers at the Earth:*

$$\phi_p(E, \Omega) , \quad \phi_{\text{He}}(E, \Omega) , \quad \dots , \quad \phi_{\{A,Z\}}(E, \Omega)$$

protons+ nuclei

$$\phi_{e^-}(E, \Omega)$$

electrons

$$\phi_{e^+}(E, \Omega)$$

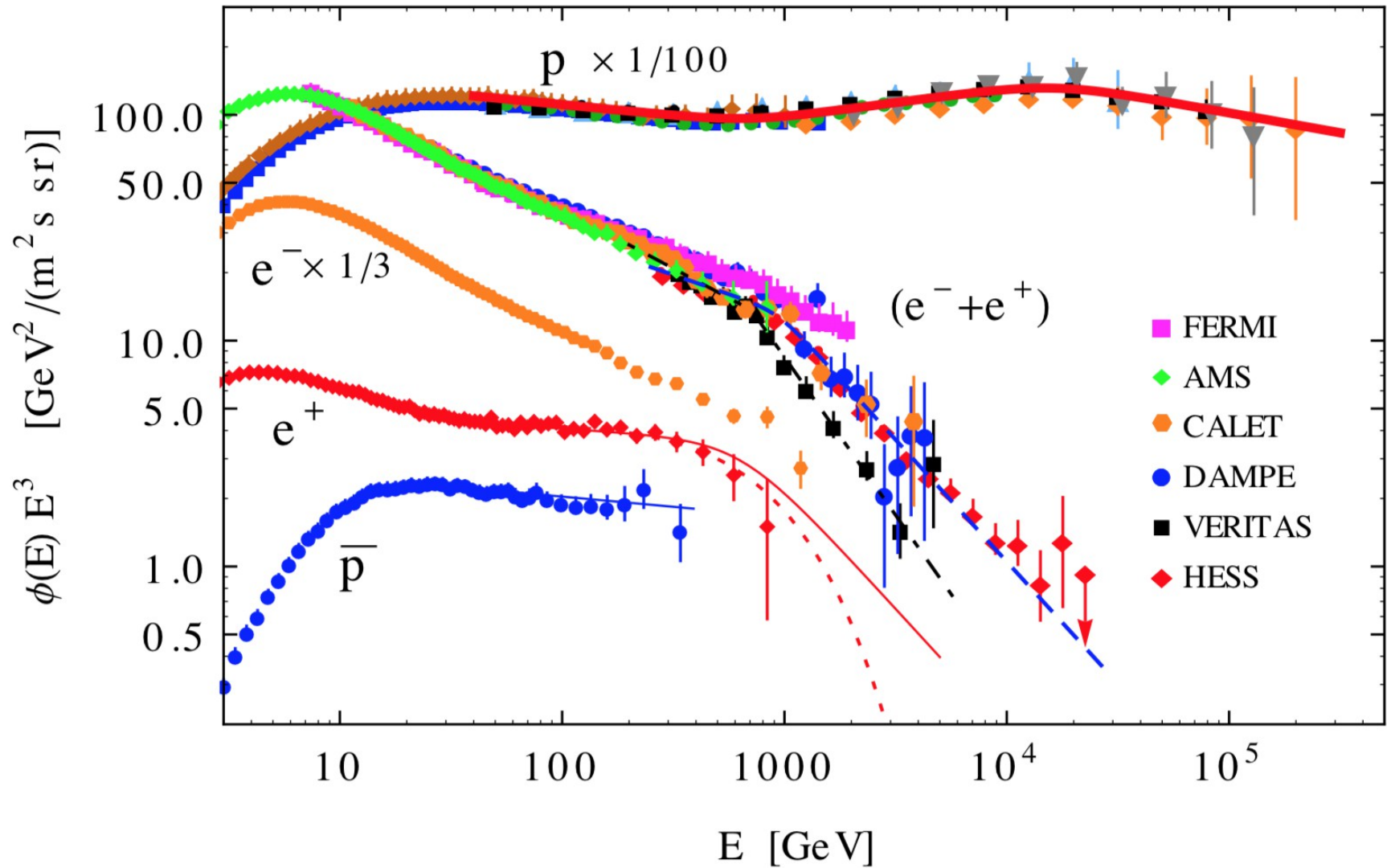
$$\phi_{\bar{p}}(E, \Omega)$$

anti-particles

# Precision measurements of the Cosmic Ray Spectra [ *at the Earth!* ]

$p$   $e^-$   
 $\bar{p}$   $e^+$

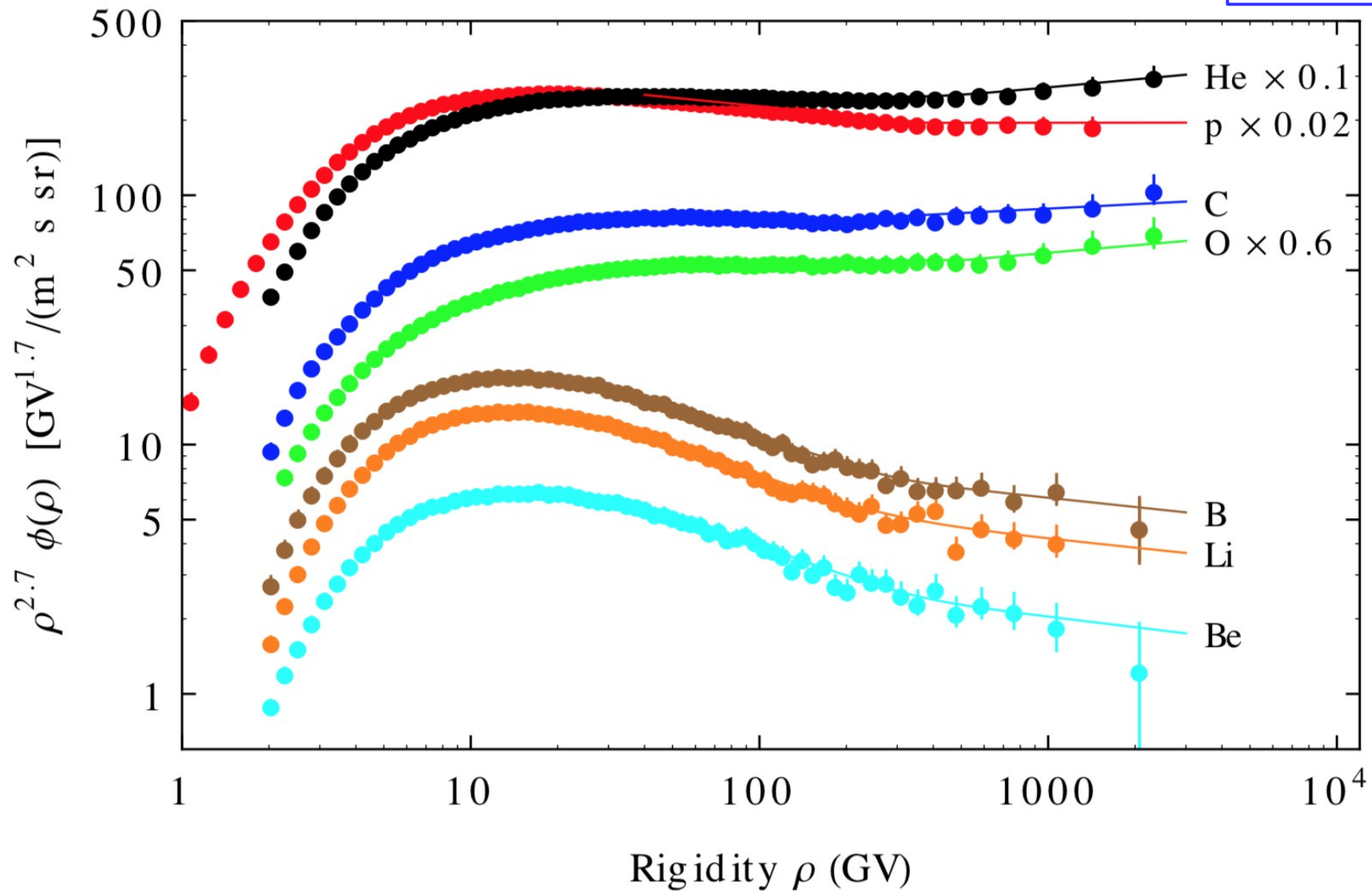
*Why these spectral shapes ?*



# Precision measurements of the Cosmic Ray Spectra [*at the Earth!*]

Nuclei (AMS02)

p  
He  
C, O  
Li, Be, B



Observable fluxes:      Source Spectra + Propagation

$$\phi_j(E, \vec{x}, t) \quad q_j(E, \vec{x}, t)$$

Flux of particles  
of type  $j$

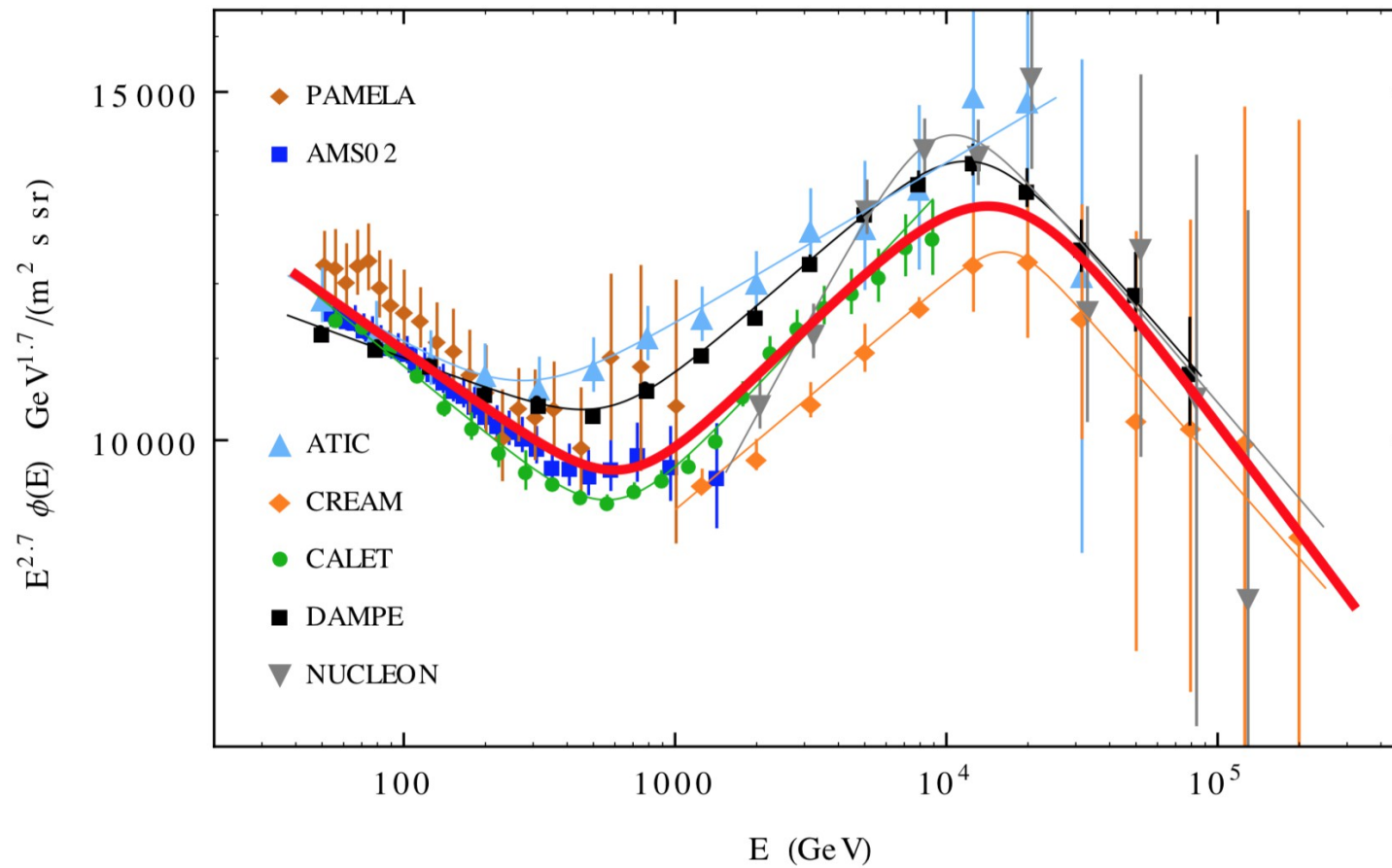
Source spectrum  
of particles of type  $j$

$$j \in \{p, e^-, e^+, \bar{p}, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, {}^6\text{Li}, \dots\}$$

$$\phi_j = q_j \otimes \mathcal{P}_j$$

$$[\text{Flux}]_j = [\text{Source spectrum}]_j \otimes [\text{Propagation}]_j$$

# The origin of the Power-Law Spectra of Cosmic Rays (and its deviations)



Global fit to to the CR proton flux [PL + Silvia Vernetto  
astro-ph/1911.01311]

In my opinion:

Understanding the shapes of the CR spectra in the 1-GeV 10-TeV range is a fundamental problem and there are several important questions open.

*Is there a “non-standard” positron source*

*How are electrons accelerated ?*

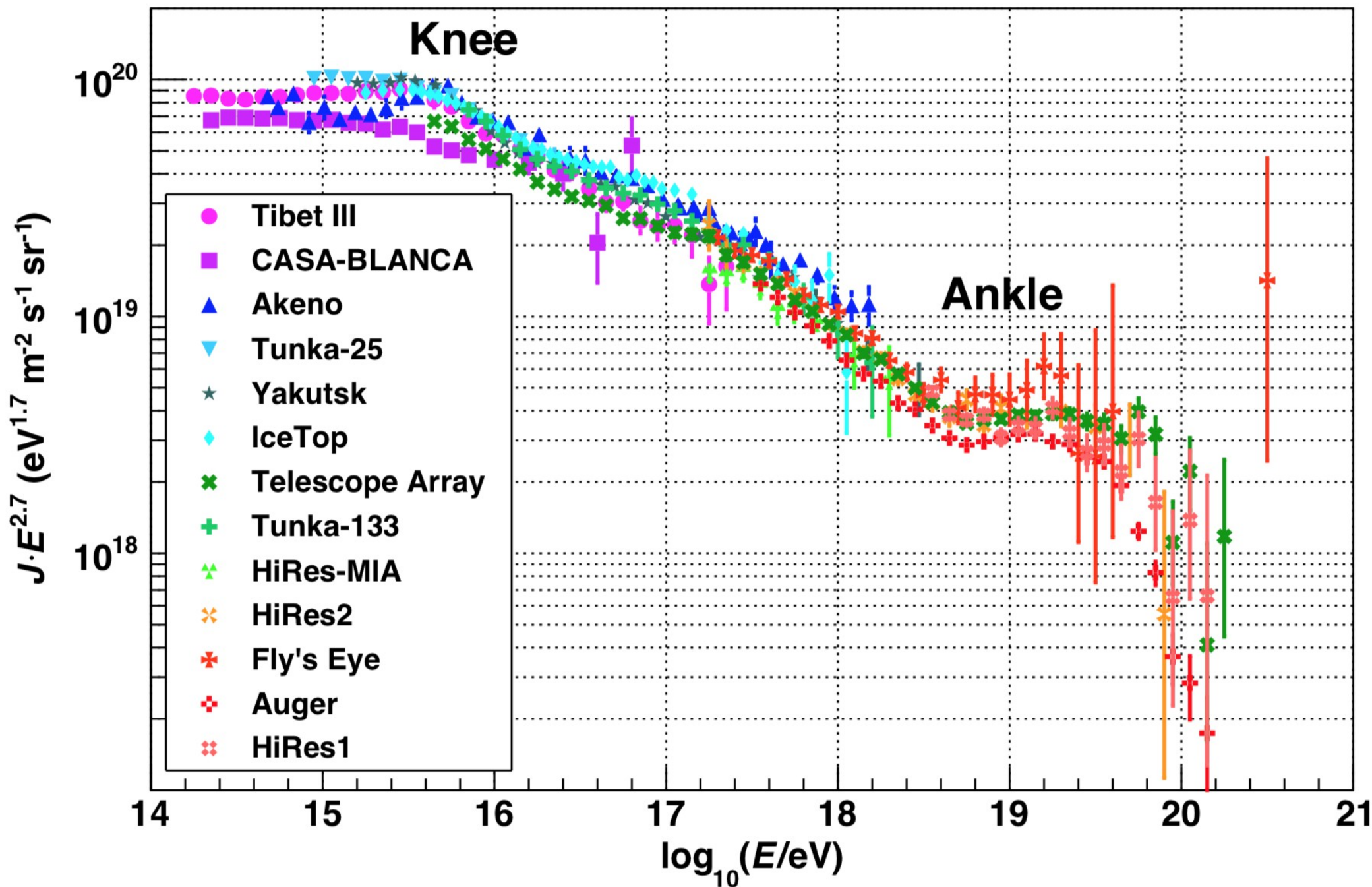
*How CR propagate in the Galaxy ?*

Connection between energy ranges

“Low energy” [GeV-TeV]

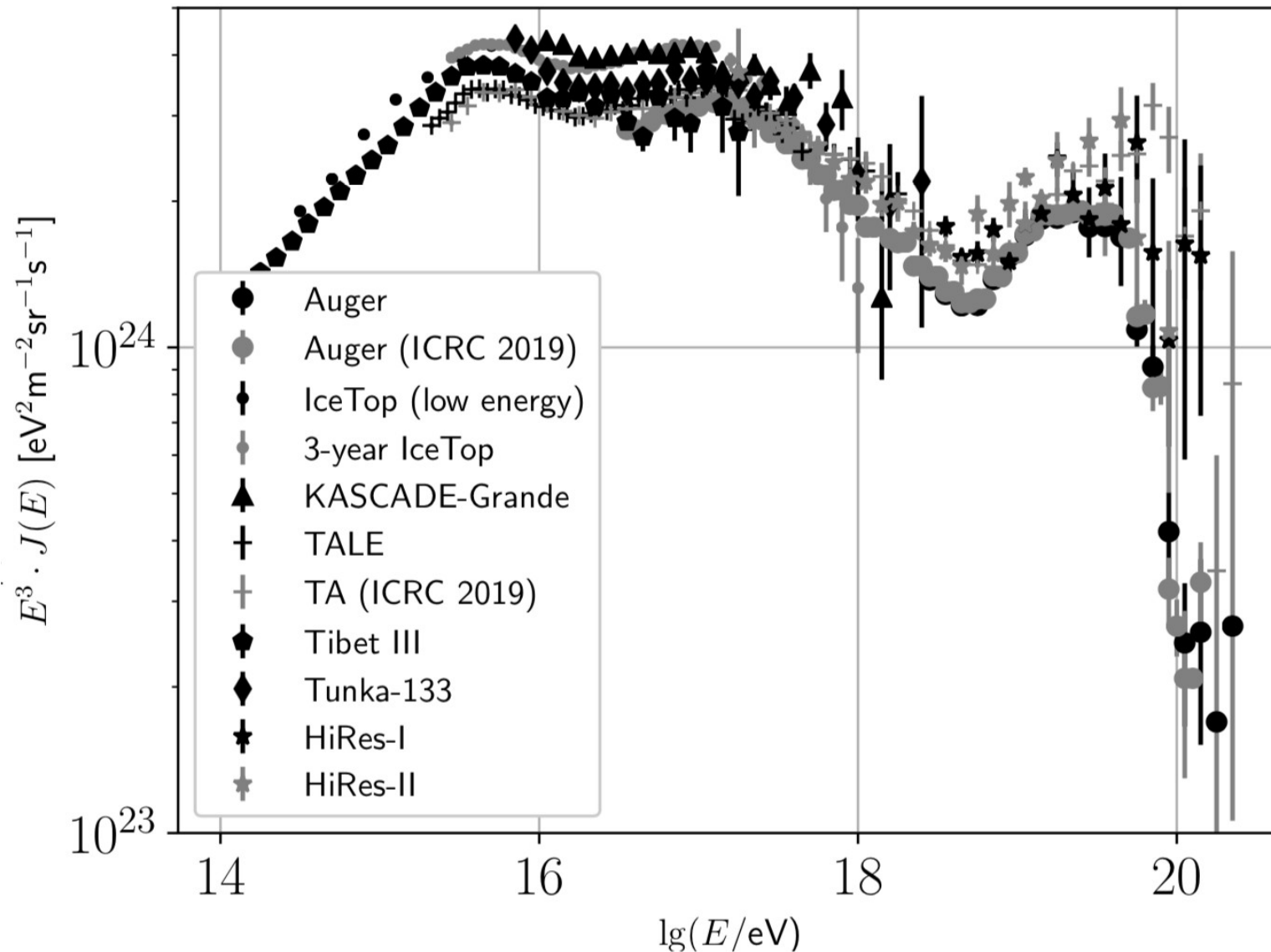
“High Energy” [PeV]

“Ultra High Energy” [EeV]

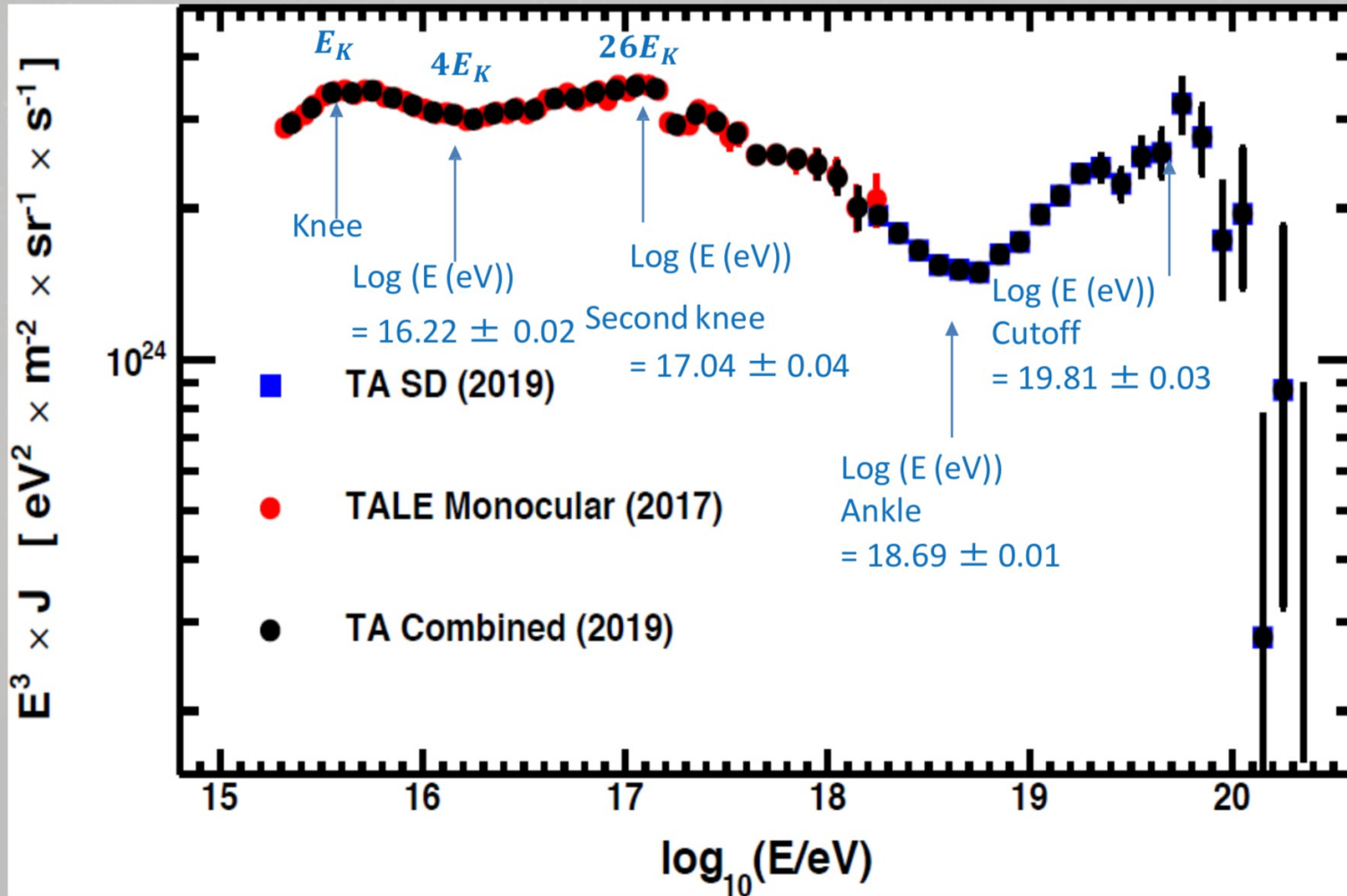




# Cosmic Ray Spectra at High Energy ( $E > 100$ TeV) measured by Air Shower Experiments



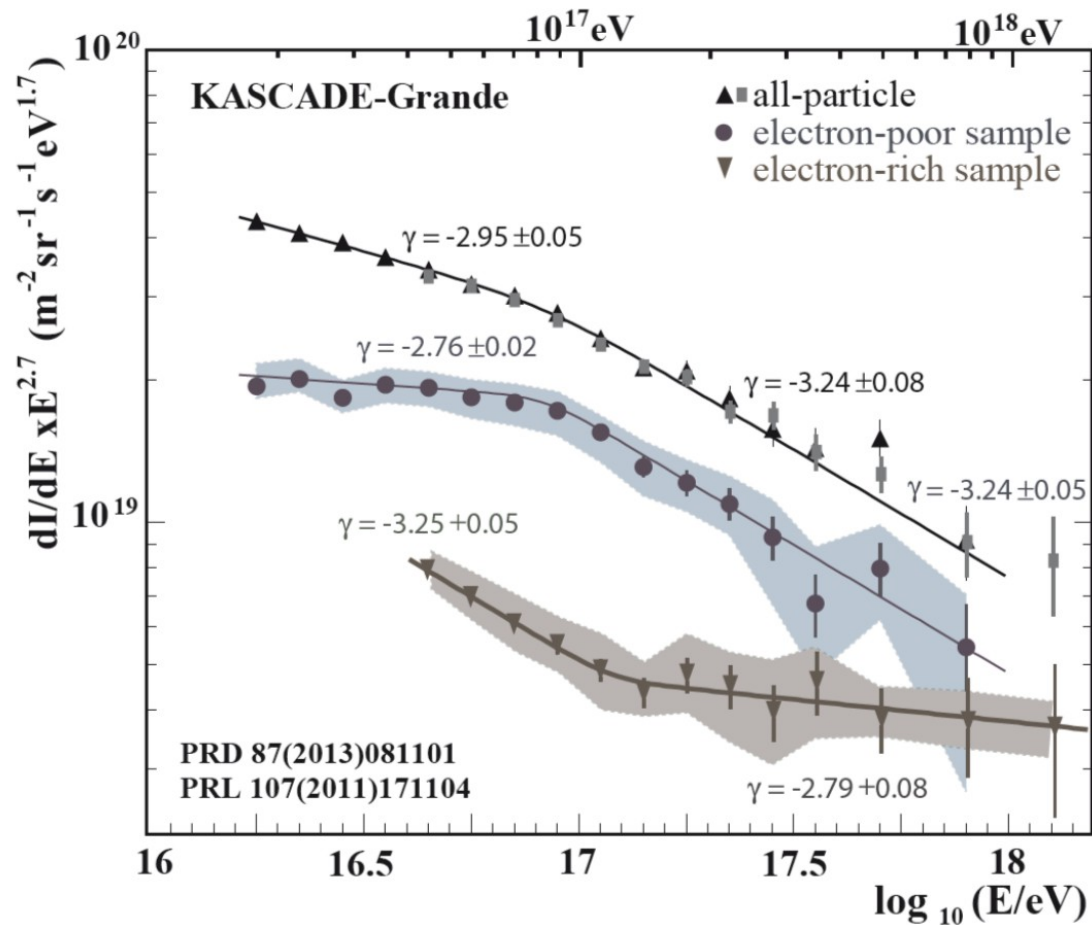
# Combined Energy Spectrum



Combined TA spectrum using 22 months TALE FD monocular data + 11 years TA SD data

# KASCADE-Grande

## energy spectra of mass groups

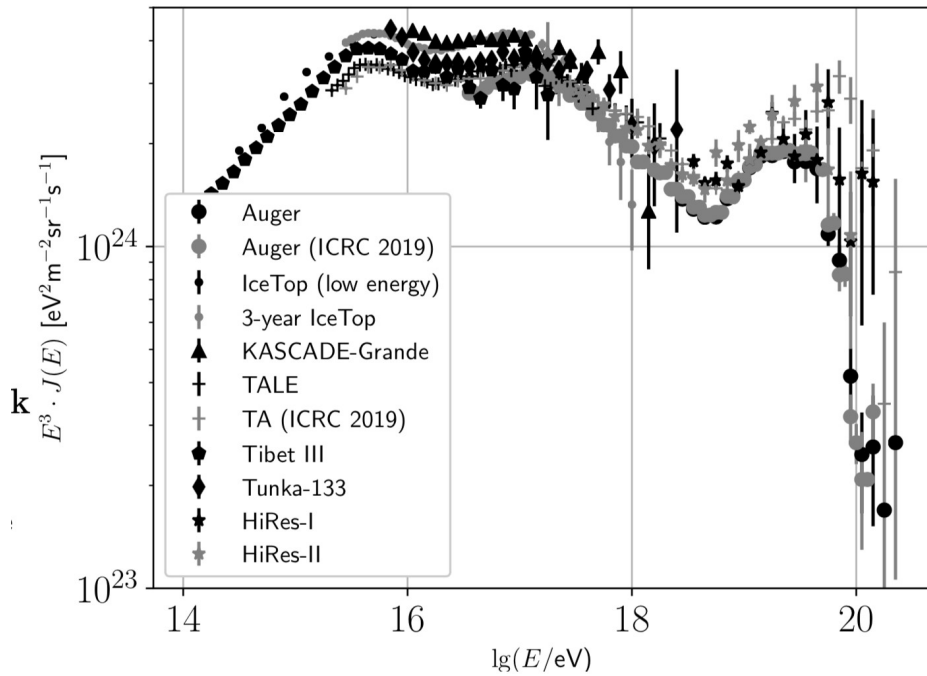


- steepening due to heavy primaries ( $3.5\sigma$ )
- hardening at  $10^{17.08} \text{ eV}$  ( $5.8\sigma$ ) in light spectrum
- slope change from  $\gamma = -3.25$  to  $\gamma = -2.79$ !

Phys.Rev.Lett. 107 (2011) 171104  
 Phys.Rev.D (R) 87 (2013) 081101

# Structures in the High Energy CR Spectrum

1. The “KNEE”	$\log_{10}[E(\text{eV})] \simeq 15.5$
2. “Low energy Ankle”	$\approx 16.3$
2a. The “Iron Knee” of Cascade Grande	$16.92 \pm 0.08$
2b. The “proton (+Helium) Ankle”	$17.08 \pm 0.05$
3. The “Second Knee”	$17.6 \pm 0.2$
4. The “ANKLE”	$18.6$
5. The UHECR suppression	$19.4\text{--}19.8$



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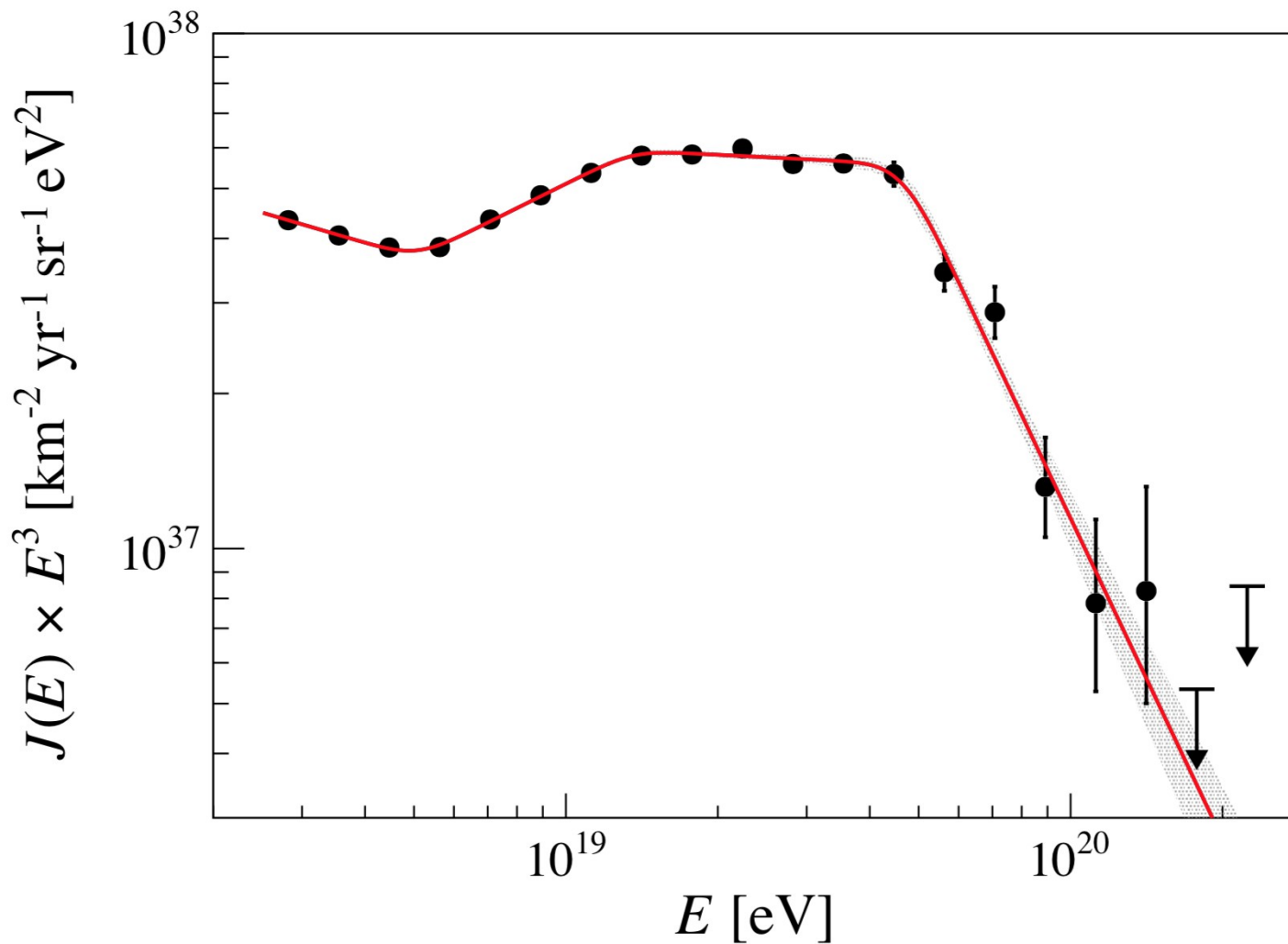
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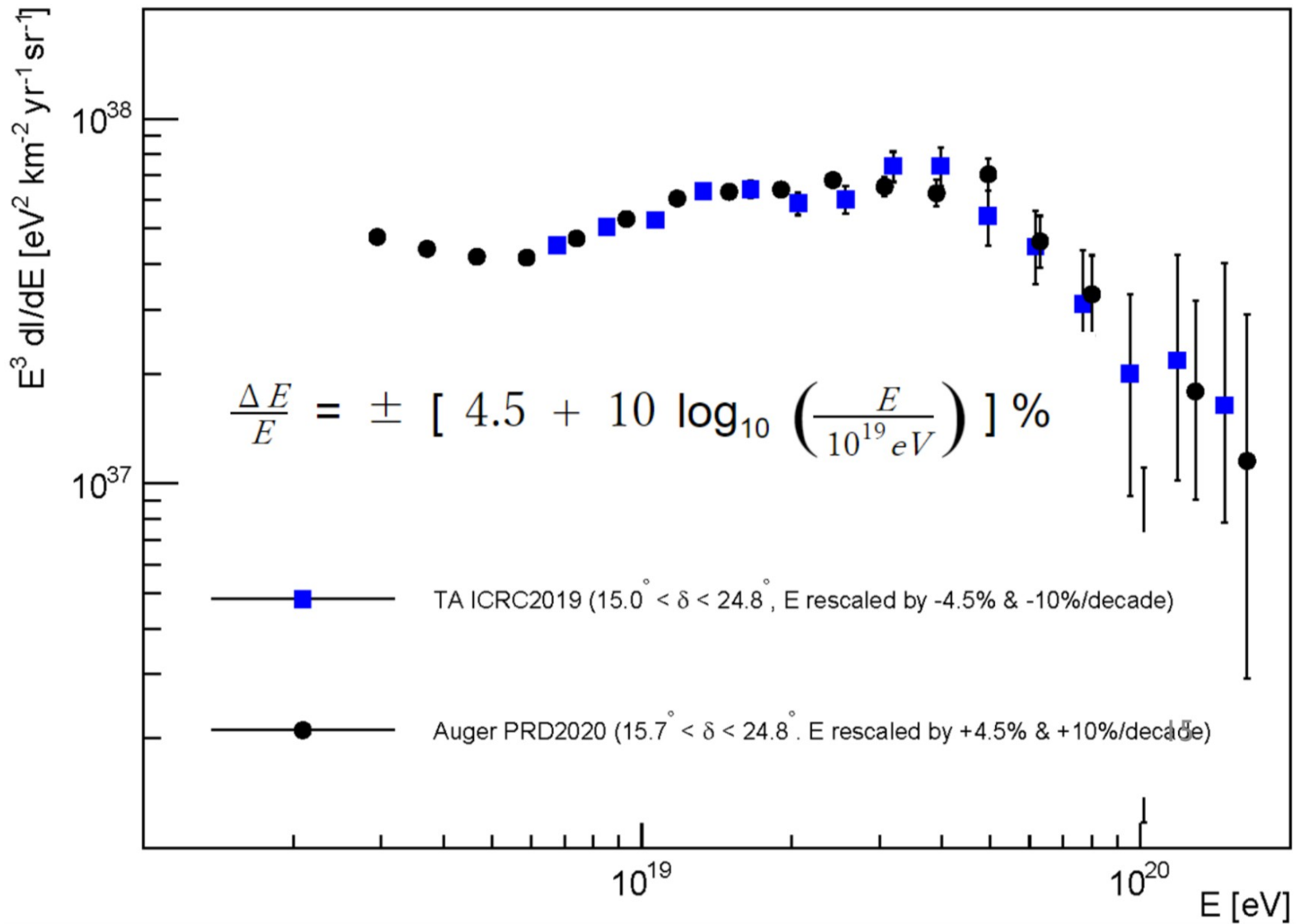
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Auger PRD 2020

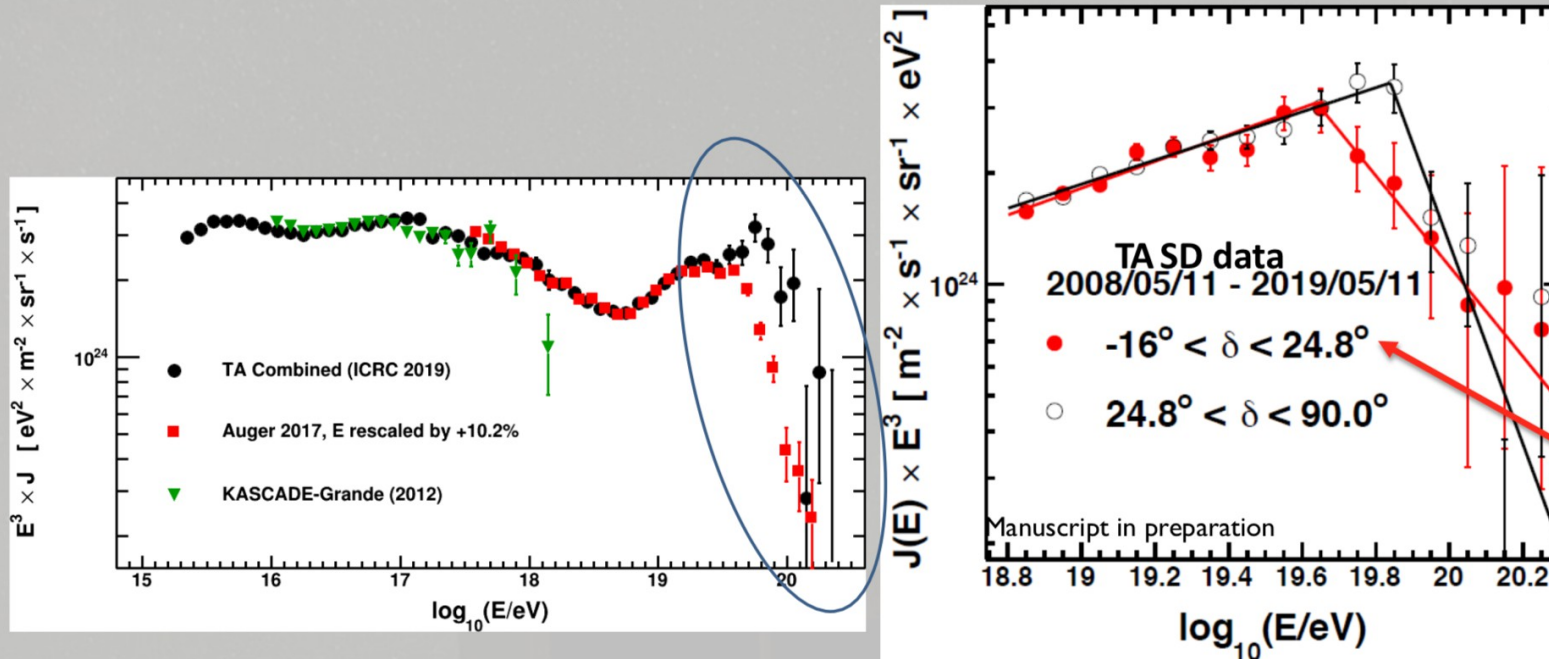
$$J(E) = J_0 \left( \frac{E}{10^{16} \text{ eV}} \right)^{-\gamma_0} \prod_{i=0}^4 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{E}{E_{ij}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\omega_{ij}}} \right]^{(\gamma_i - \gamma_j) \omega_{ij}}, \quad j = i + 1$$

parameter	value $\pm \sigma_{\text{stat.}} \pm \sigma_{\text{sys.}}$
$J_0$ [ $\text{km}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{eV}^{-1}$ ]	$(1.315 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.400) \times 10^{-18}$
$\gamma_1$	$3.29 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.10$
$\gamma_2$	$2.51 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$
$\gamma_3$	$3.05 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.10$
$\gamma_4$	$5.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.1$
$E_{12}$ [eV] (ankle)	$(5.0 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{18}$
$E_{23}$ [eV]	$(13 \pm 1 \pm 2) \times 10^{18}$
$E_{34}$ [eV] (suppression)	$(46 \pm 3 \pm 6) \times 10^{18}$
$D/n_{\text{dof}}$	17.0/12



Energy Spectra of Auger and Telescope Array  
 after rescaling *(in the common sky region)*  
 Very good agreement

# Declination Dependence of Spectrum



- Difference of the cutoff energies of energy spectra
  - $\log(E/eV) = 19.64 \pm 0.04$  for lower dec. band ( $-16^\circ - 24.8^\circ$ )
  - $\log(E/eV) = 19.84 \pm 0.02$  for higher dec. band ( $24.8^\circ - 90^\circ$ )
- The global significance of the difference is estimated to be  $4.3\sigma$

Telescope Array    Possible Anisotropy effect [...?...]



# The Nature of the “KNEE” in the Cosmic Ray Spectrum

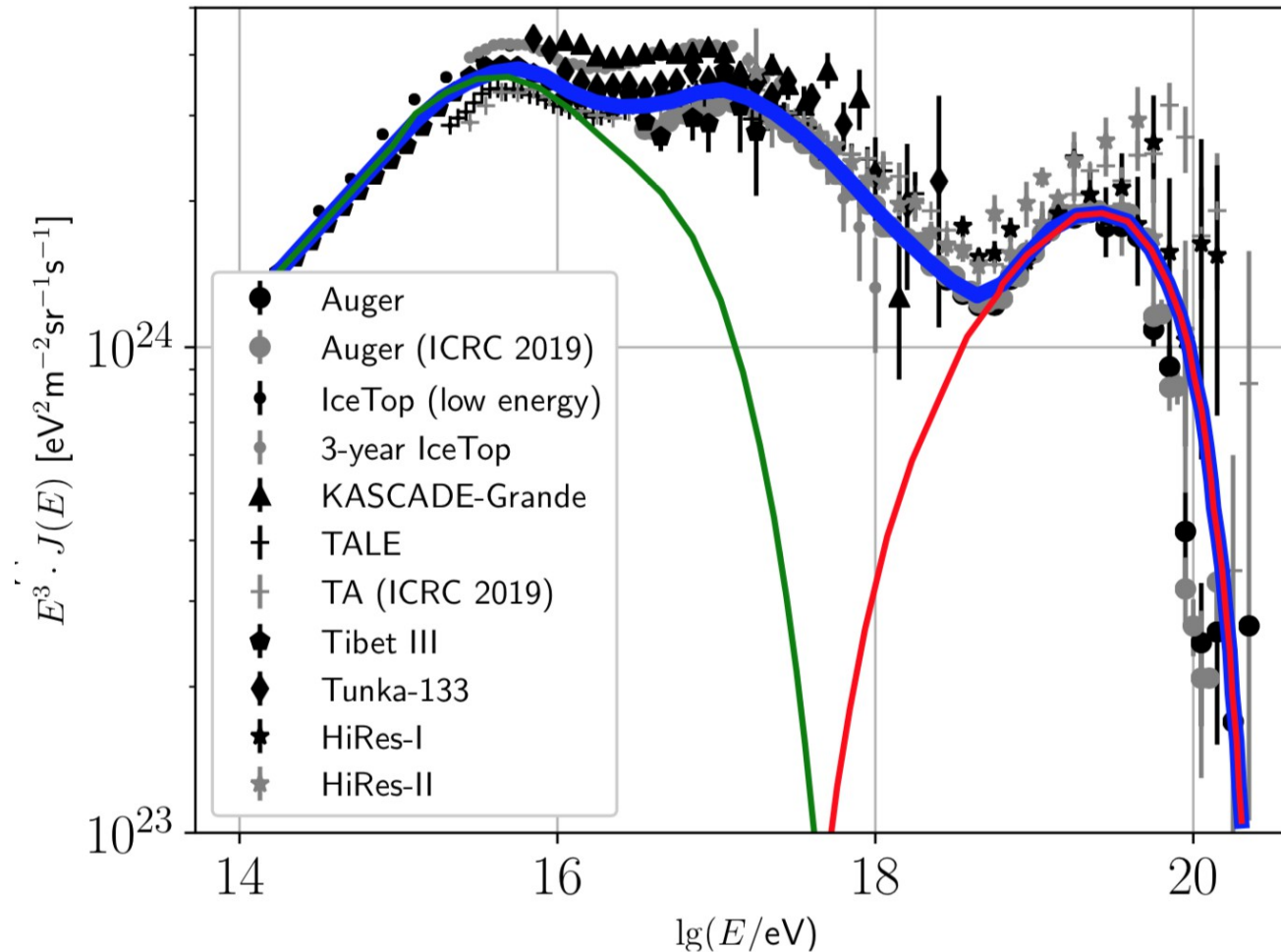
## Accelerator feature

[Maximum energy of acceleration.

*implies that all accelerators are similar]*

## Structure generated by propagation

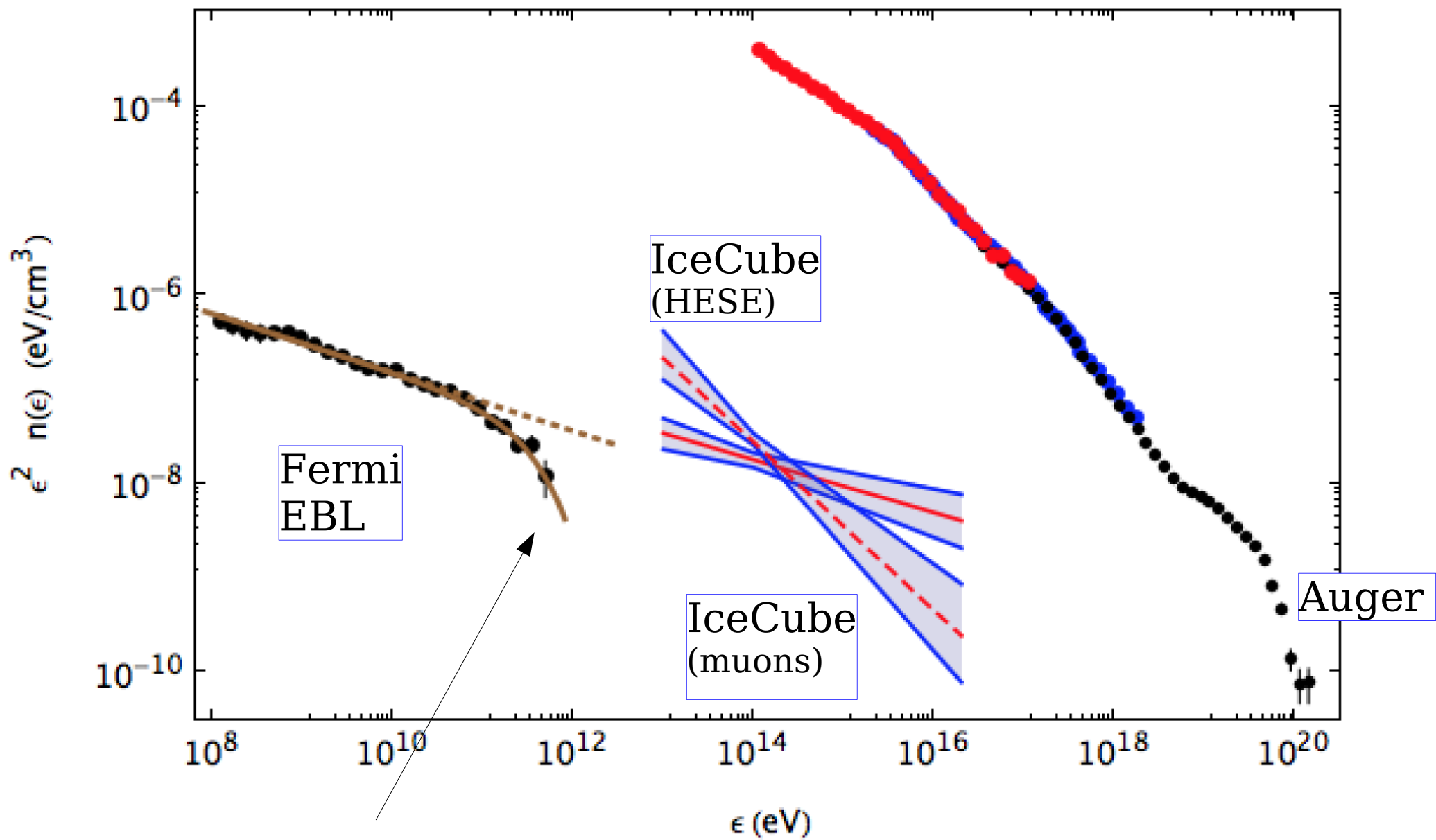
[implies that the (main) Galactic CR accelerators  
must be capable to accelerate to much higher energy]



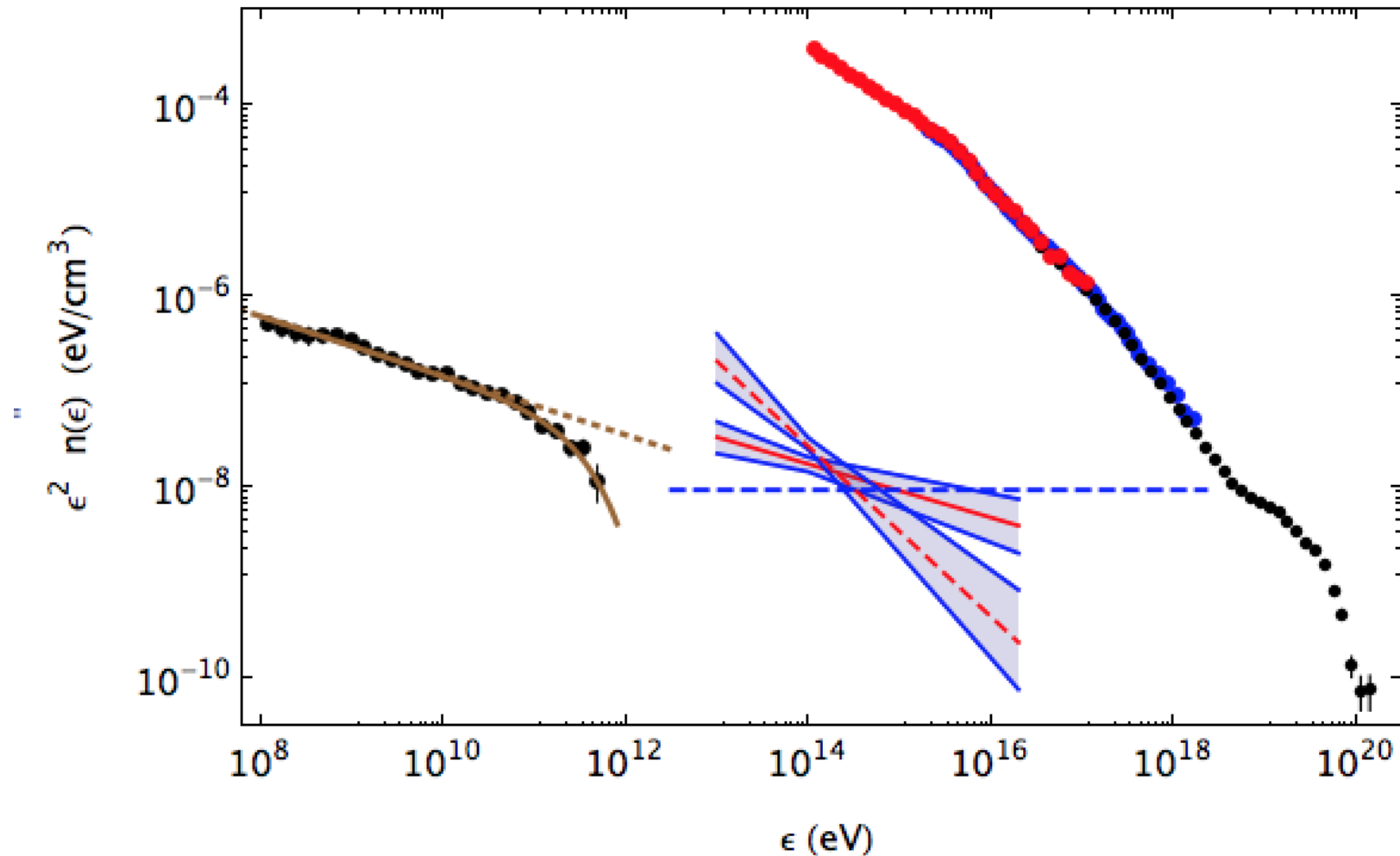
Galactic

*unexplained*

extragalactic

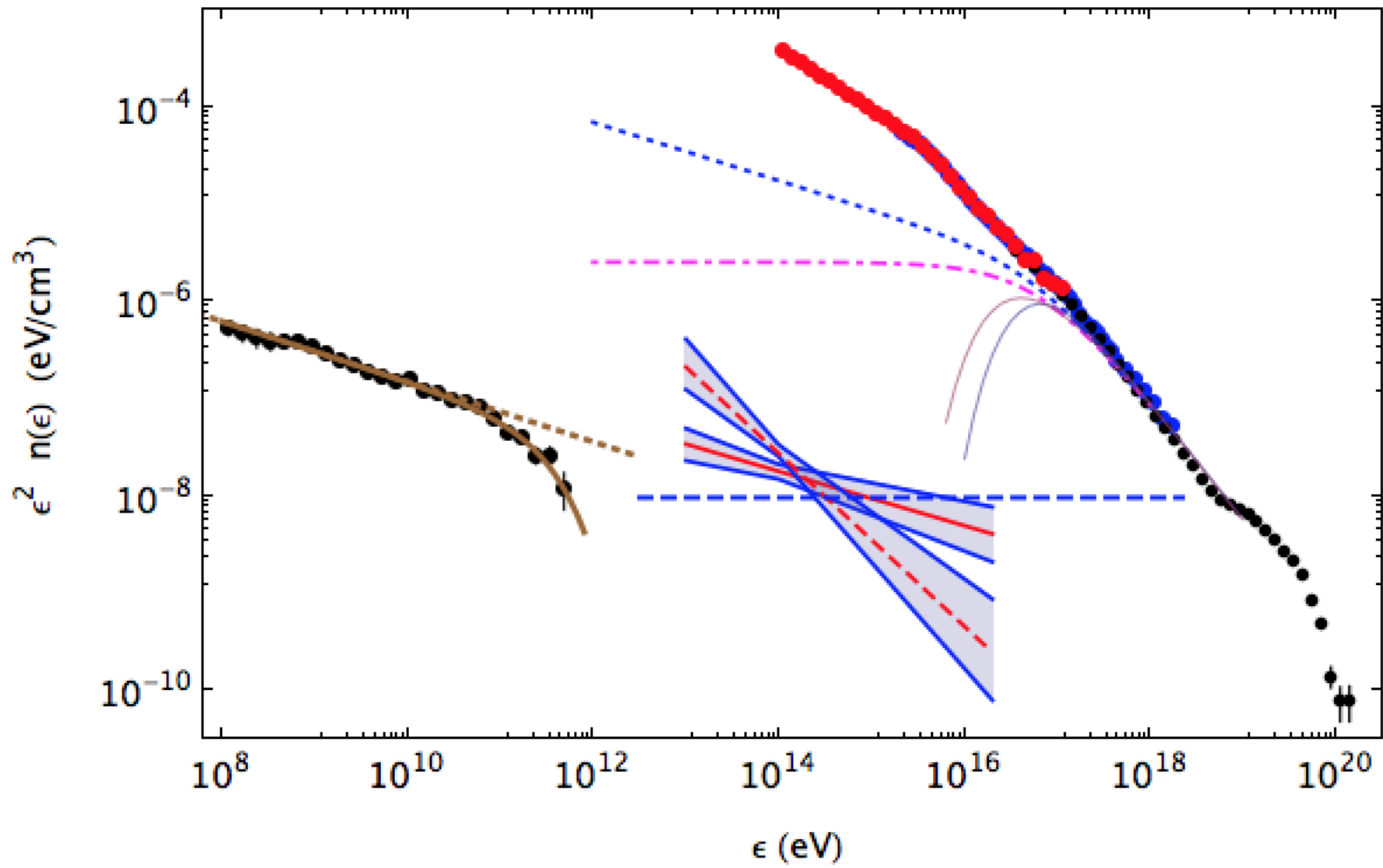


Absorption effect



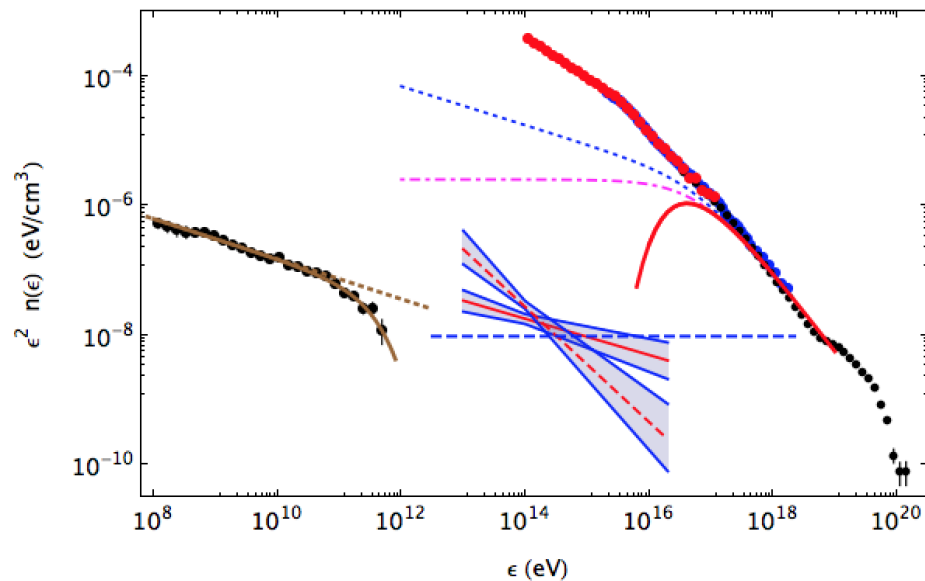
Line: Waxman-Bahcall (1998) extragalactic proton flux  
 [+ “bound” on extragalactic neutrinos]

Assumptions: 1. Transition Galactic/extra-galactic at the Ankle  
 2. Spectrum  $\propto E^{-2}$

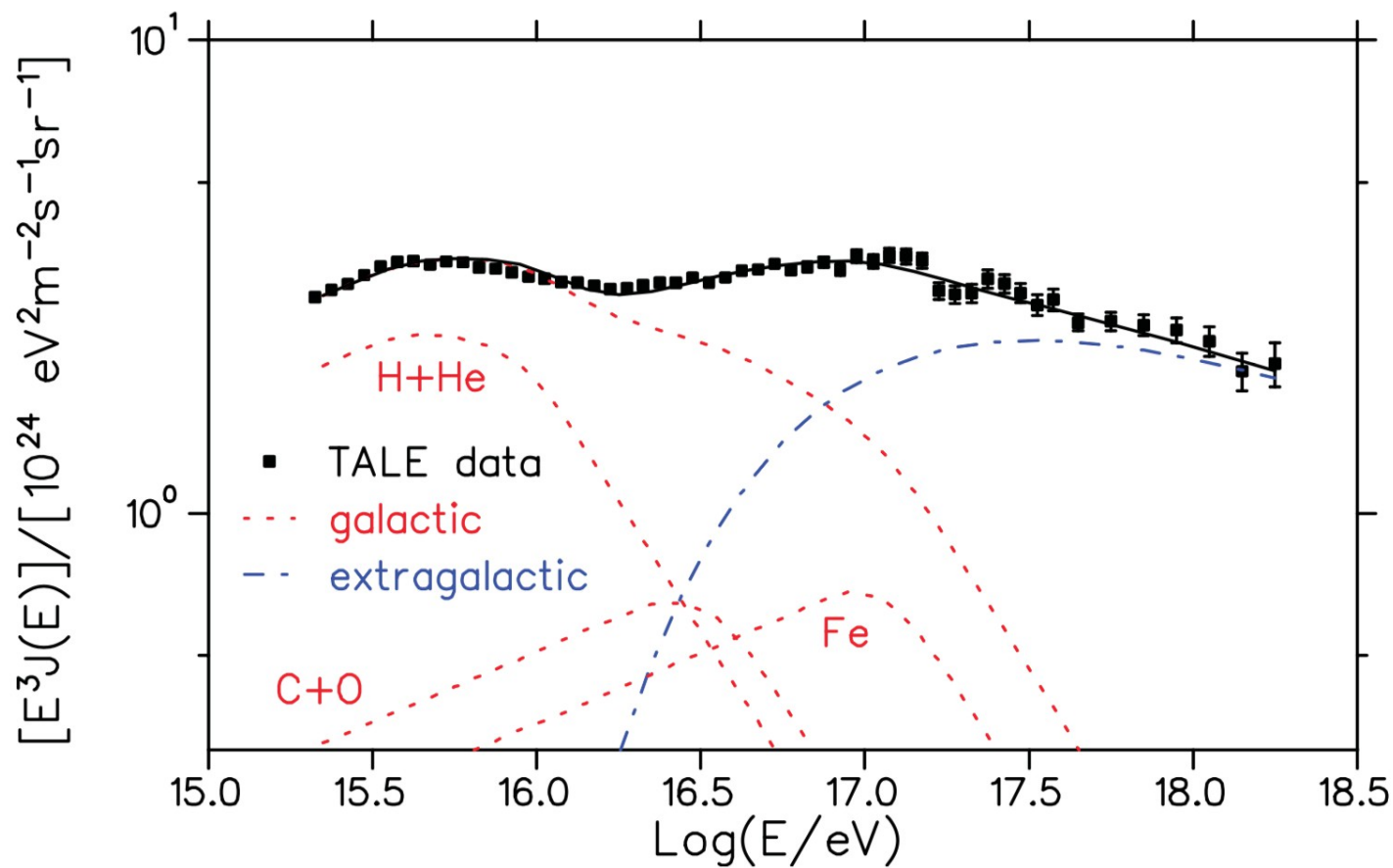


Models of the extra-galactic cosmic ray spectrum where the transitions is below the ankle (associated to the “second Knee”)

Abu-Zayad et al.  
arXiv:1803.07052

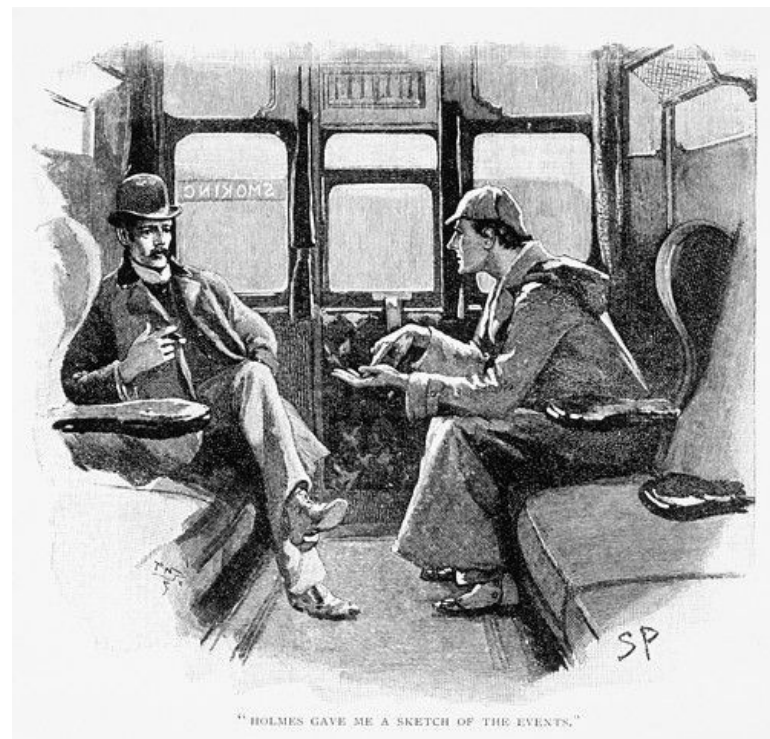


Mollerach, Roulet  
arXiv:1812.04026  
(very similar model)



# The dogs that did not bark: at the *Galactic/extragalactic* *Transition*:

- [1] The “hardening”
- [2] The anisotropy



Energy Spectra

Mass Composition

Anisotropies





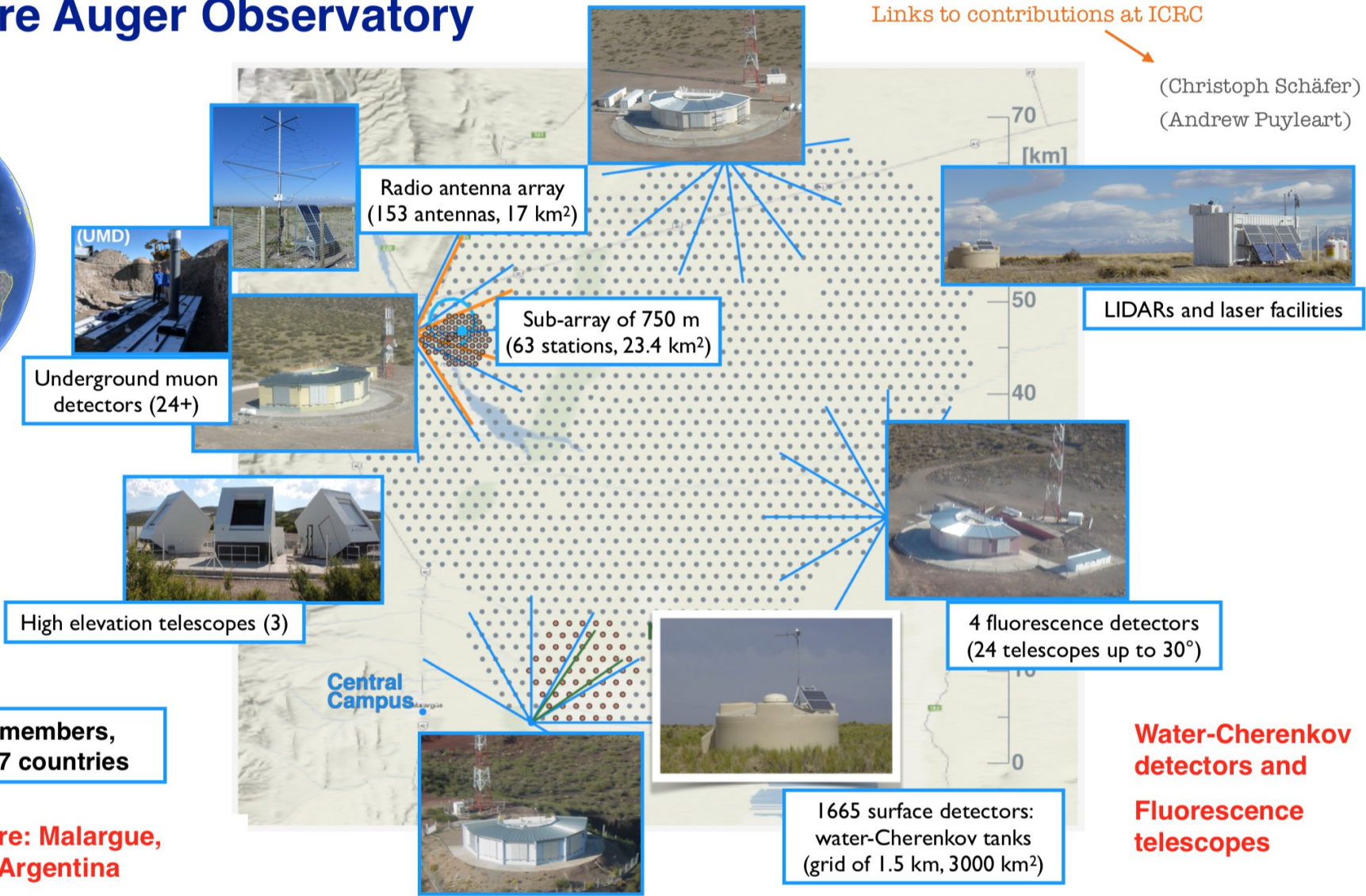
# The Pierre Auger Observatory

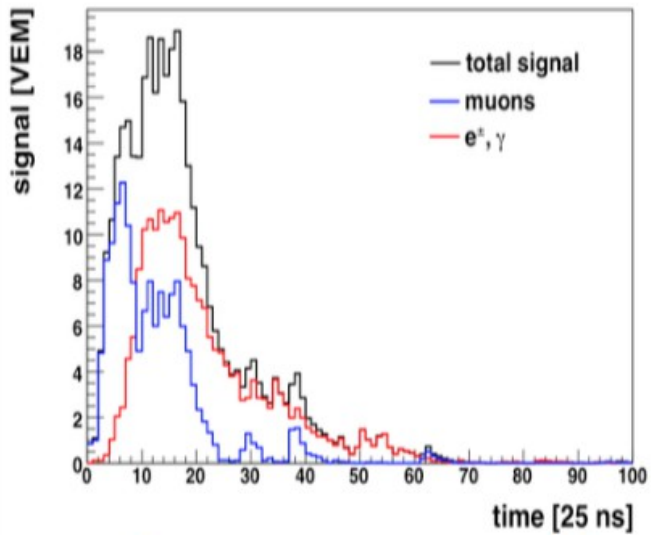


Pierre Auger Observatory  
Province Mendoza, Argentina

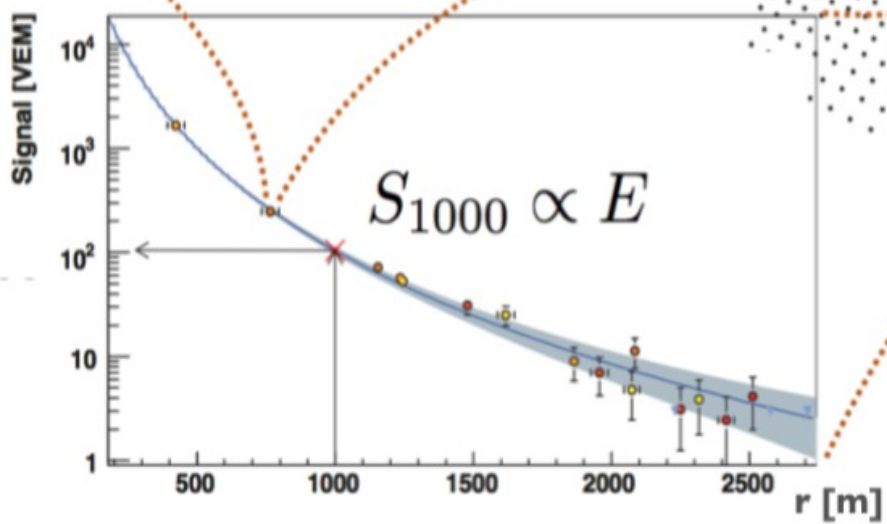
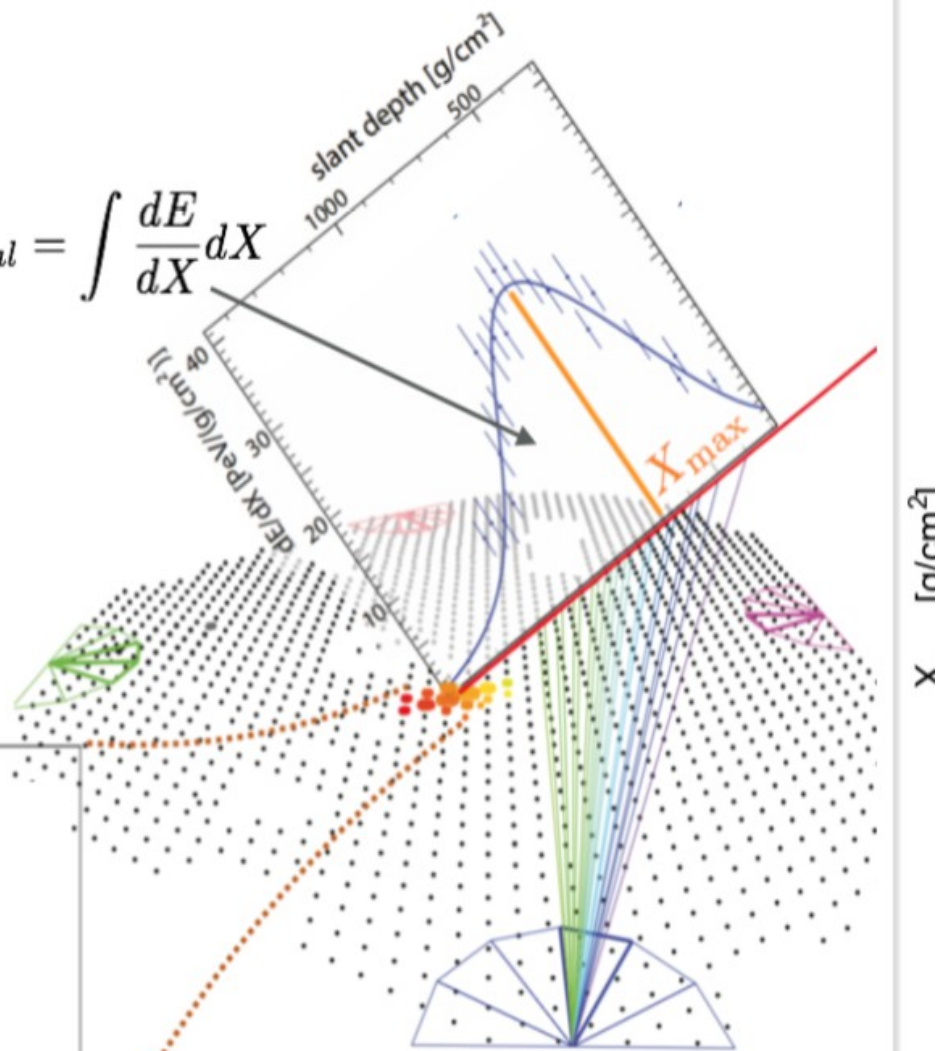
**Southern hemisphere: Malargue,  
Province Mendoza, Argentina**

**More than 400 members,  
98 institutes, 17 countries**

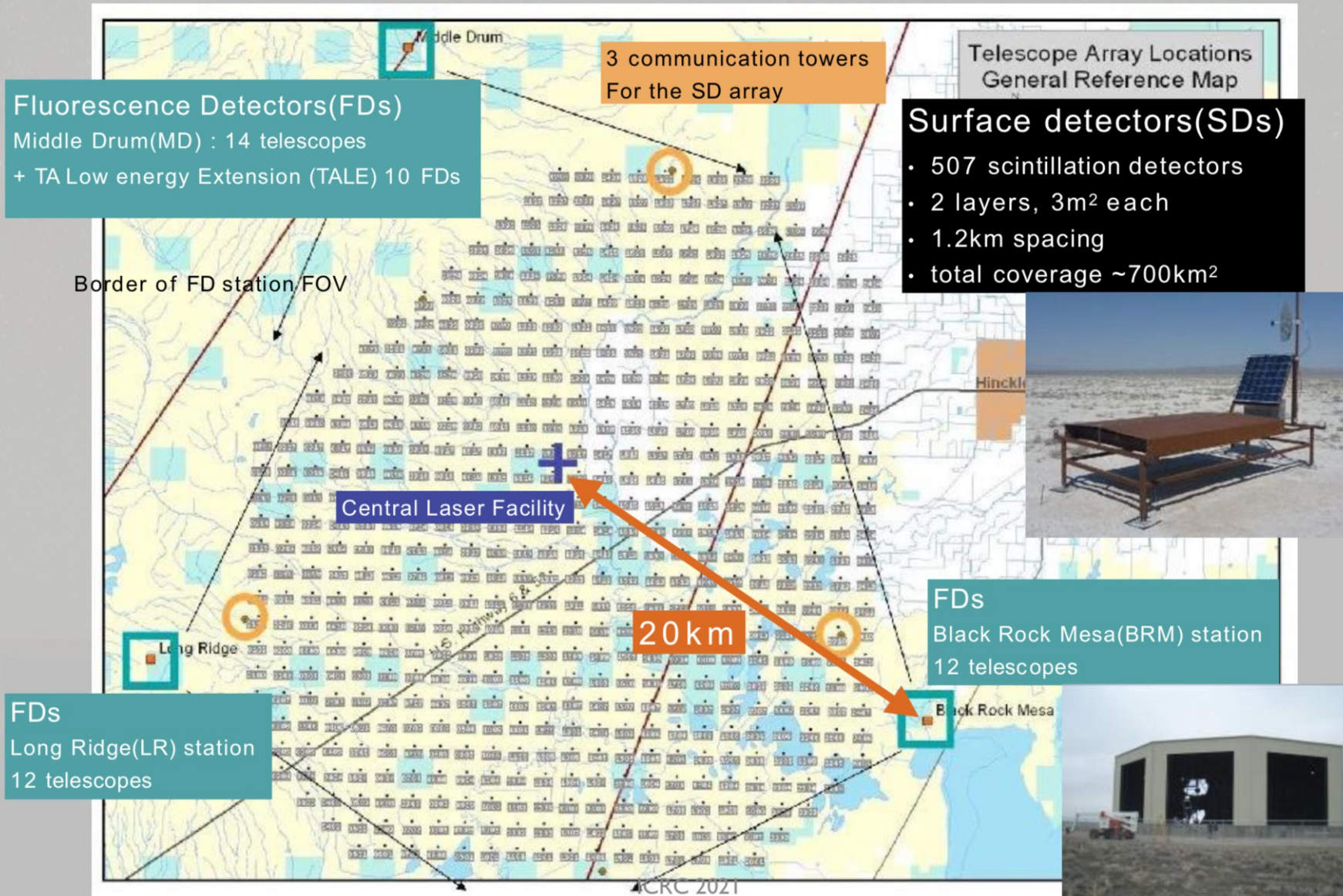




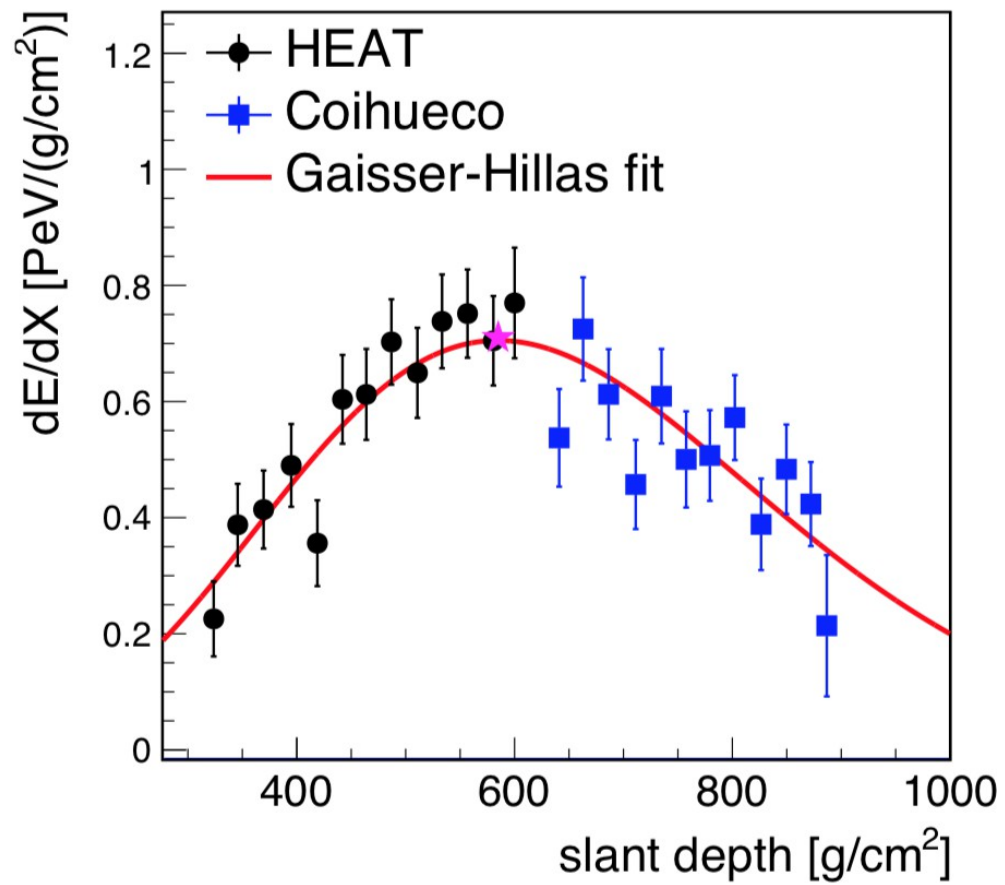
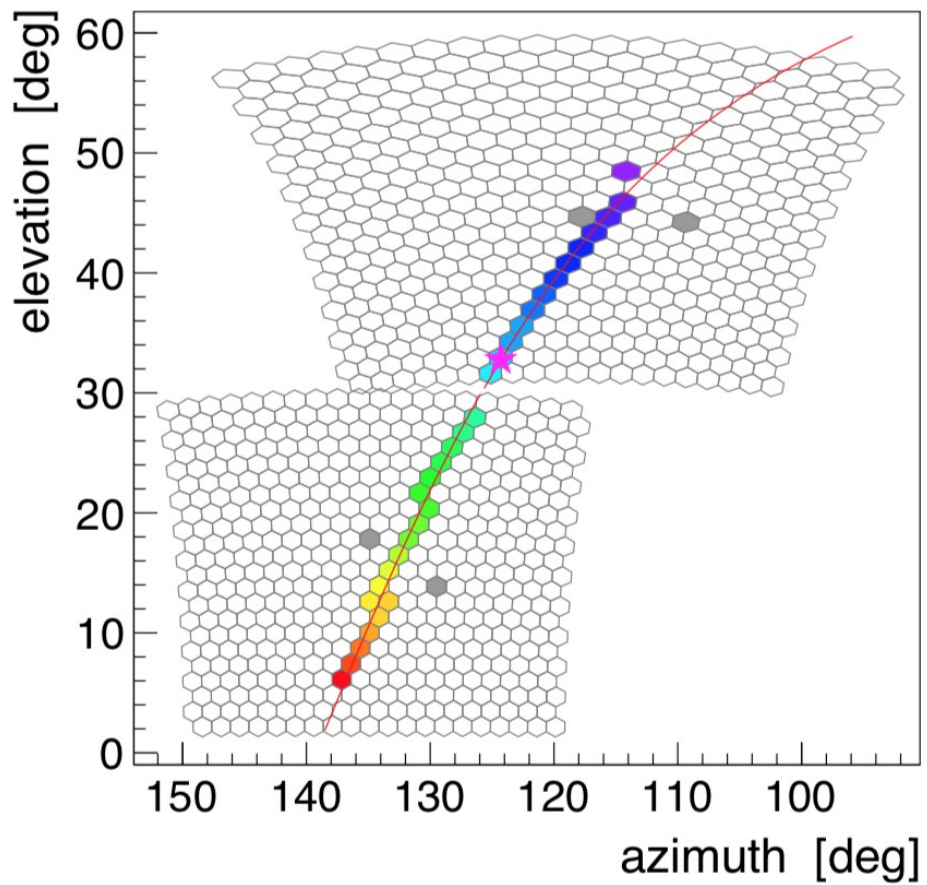
$$E_{cal} = \int \frac{dE}{dX} dX$$

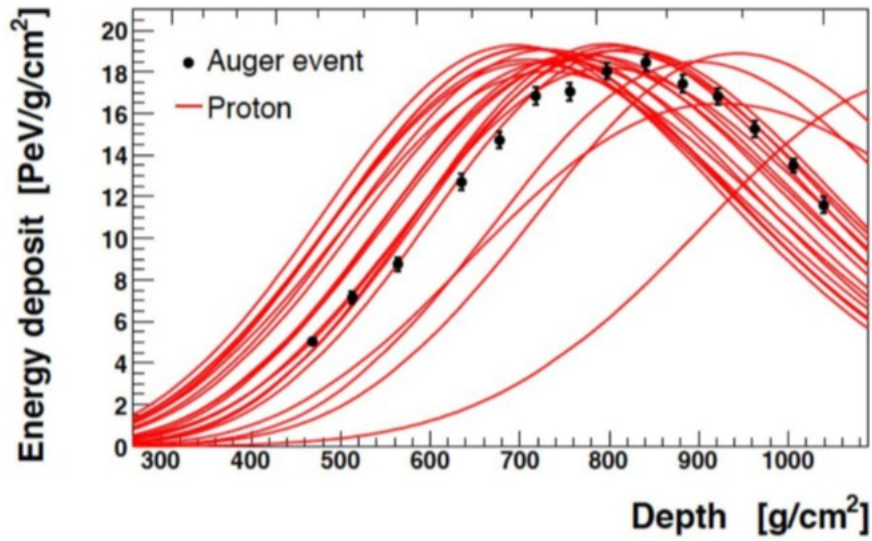


# Map of the TA site

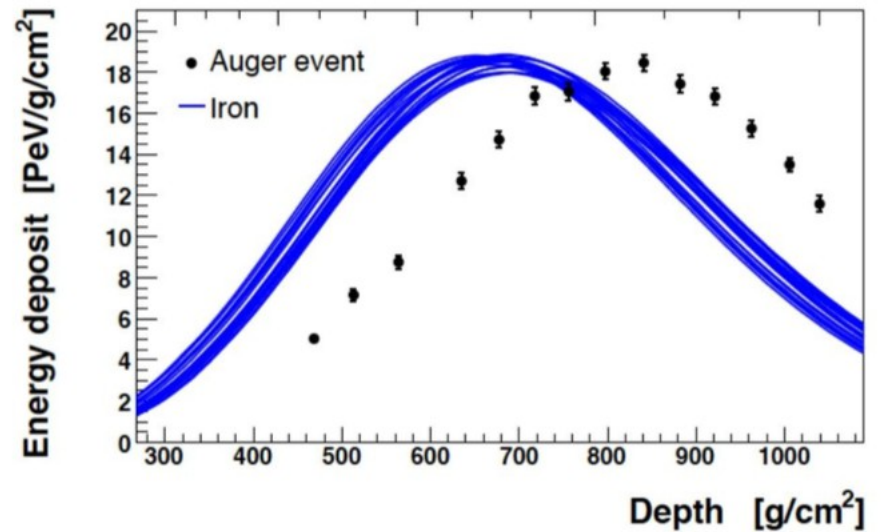
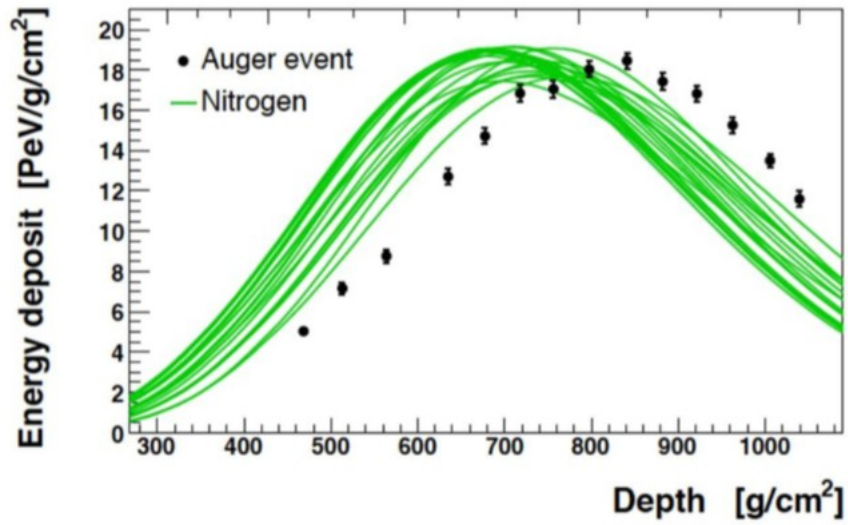


Telescope Array Detector (hybrid with 3 Cherenkov Telescopes)

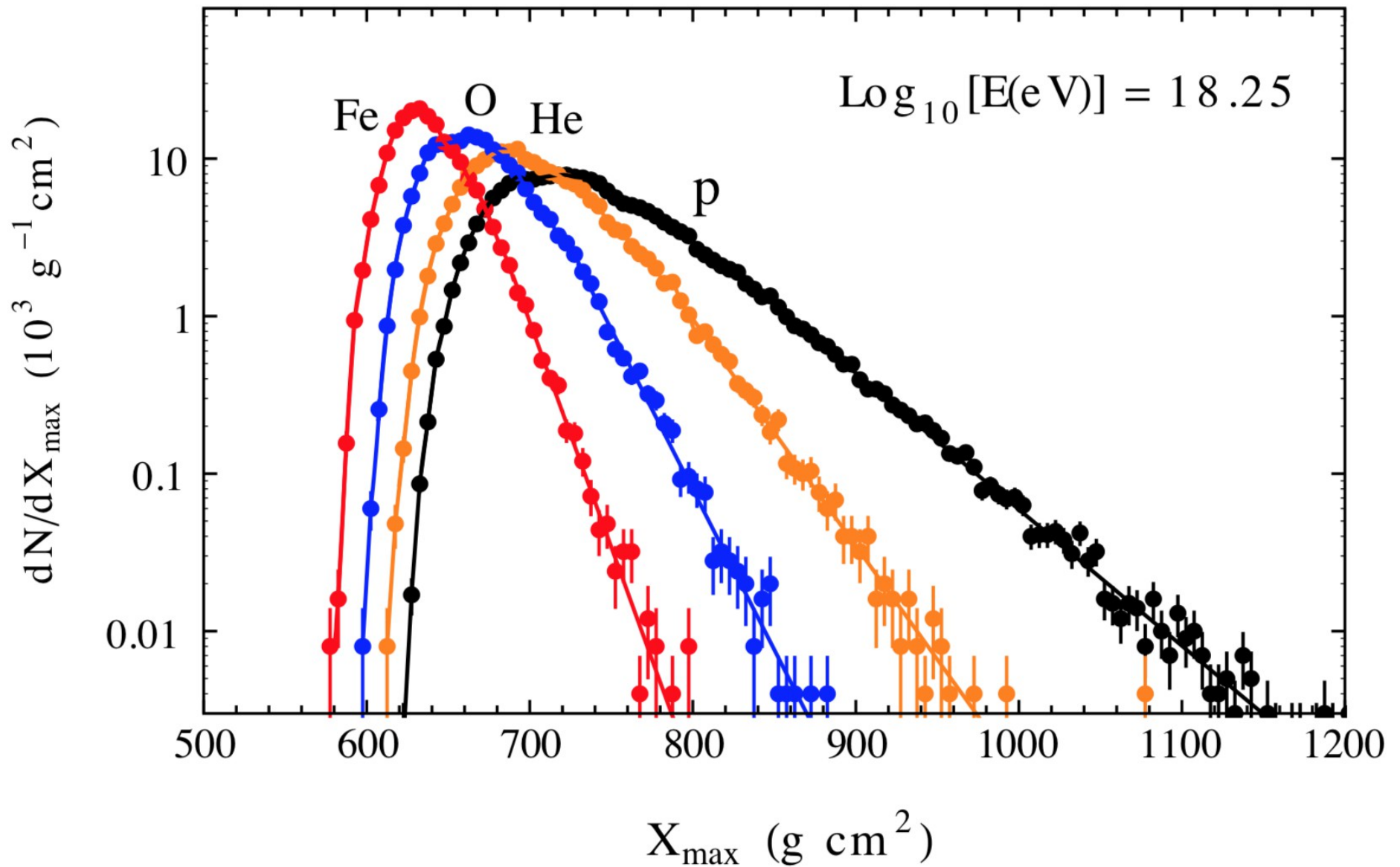




$$E \simeq 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

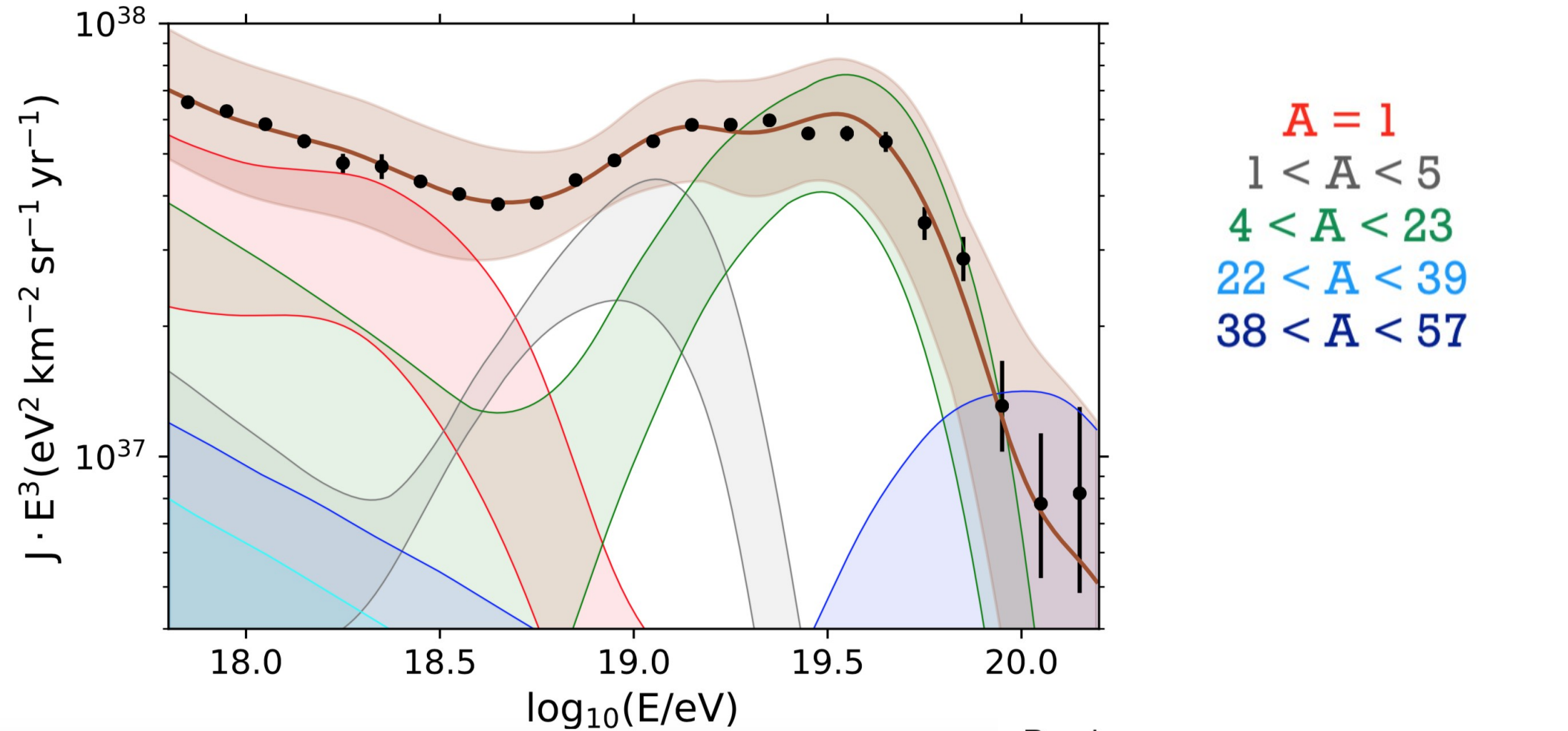


# Monte Carlo calculation of the $X_{\max}$ distributions (different elements)



# The “extraordinary” Mass Composition of Auger

*[A result of potentially profound significance]*



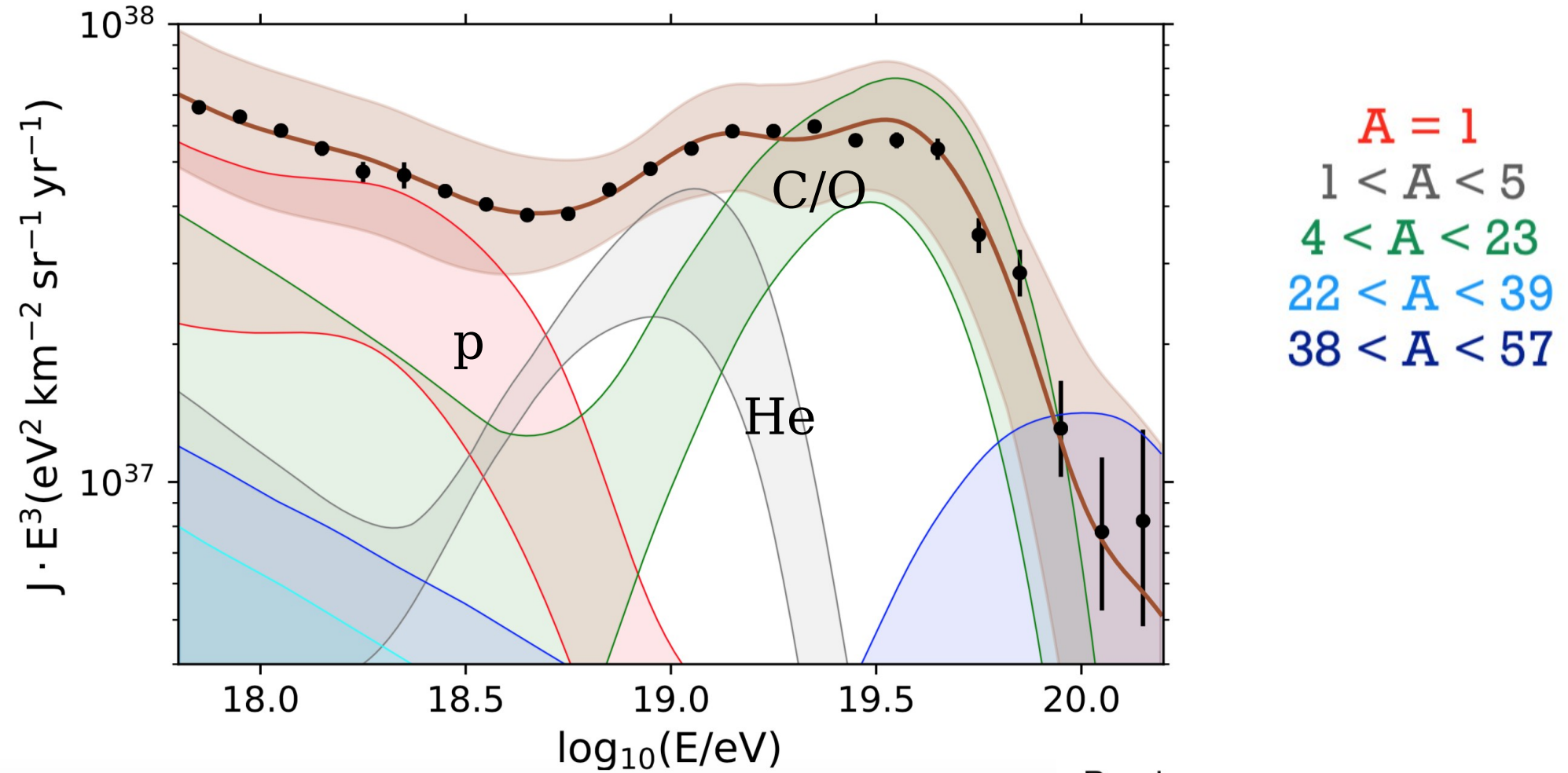
Bands:  
Experimental uncertainties  
(model uncertainties smaller)

Energy scale:  $\sigma_{\text{sys}}(E)/E = 14\%$

$X_{\text{max}}$  scale:  $\sigma_{\text{sys}}(X_{\text{max}}) = 6 \div 9 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$

# The “extraordinary” Mass Composition of Auger

*[A result of potentially profound significance]*



Bands:  
 Experimental uncertainties  
 (model uncertainties smaller)

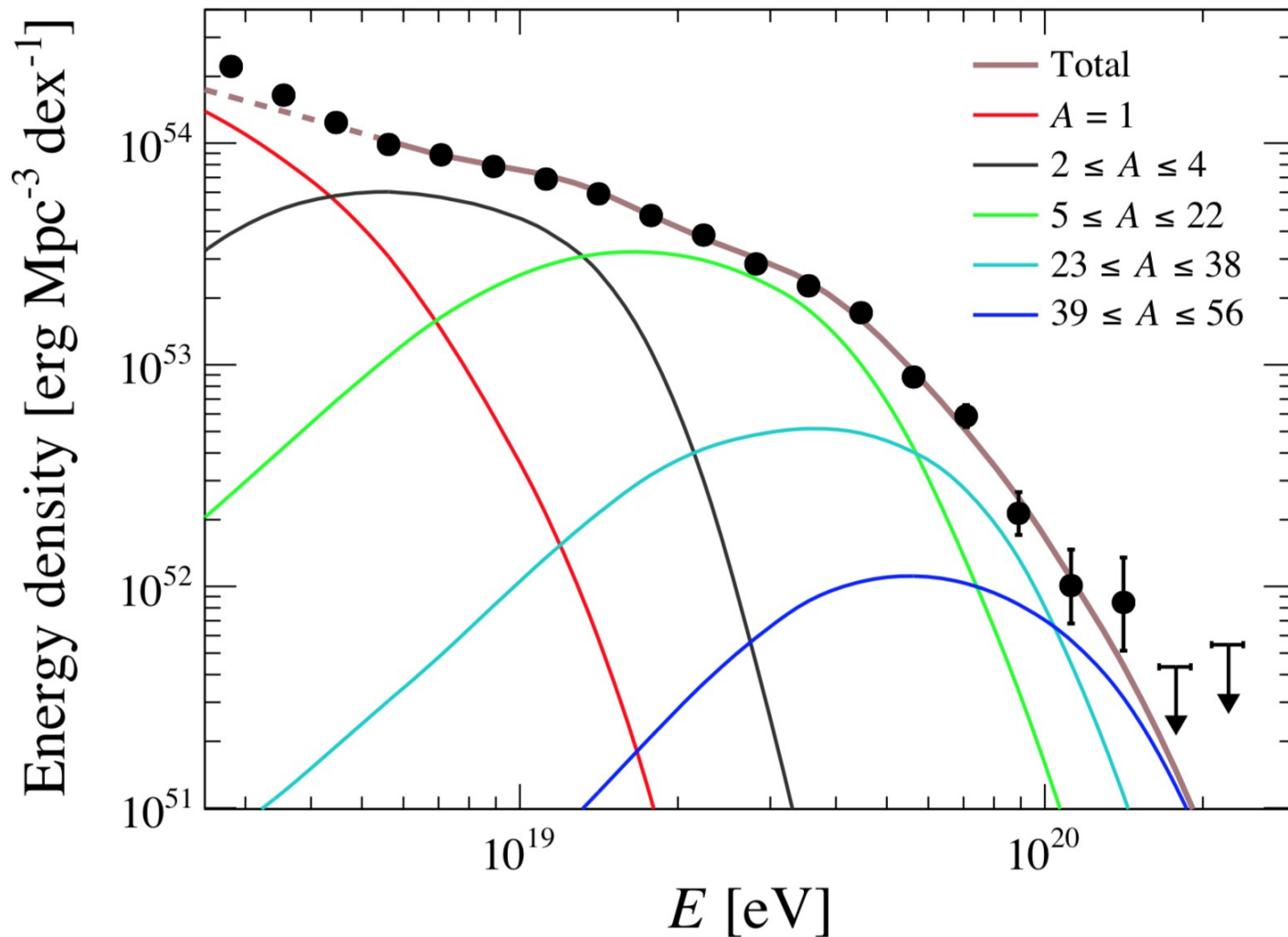
“Spectacular” structure

Hard spectra with sharp cutoffs

Energy scale:  $\sigma_{\text{sys}}(E)/E = 14\%$

$X_{\text{max}}$  scale:  $\sigma_{\text{sys}}(X_{\text{max}}) = 6 \div 9 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$



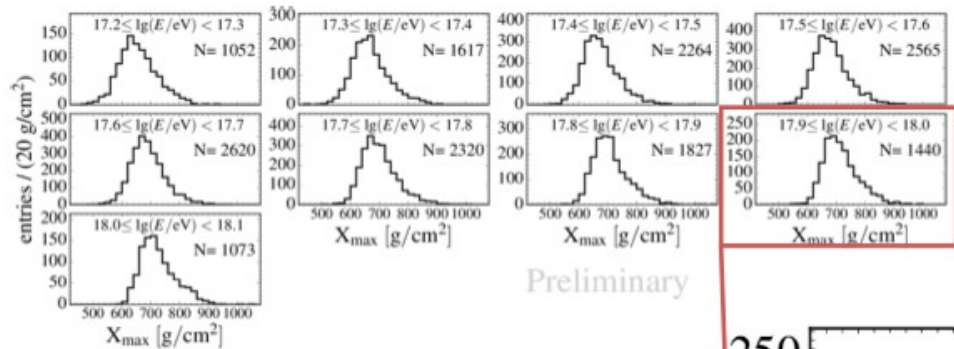


1. Very hard spectra

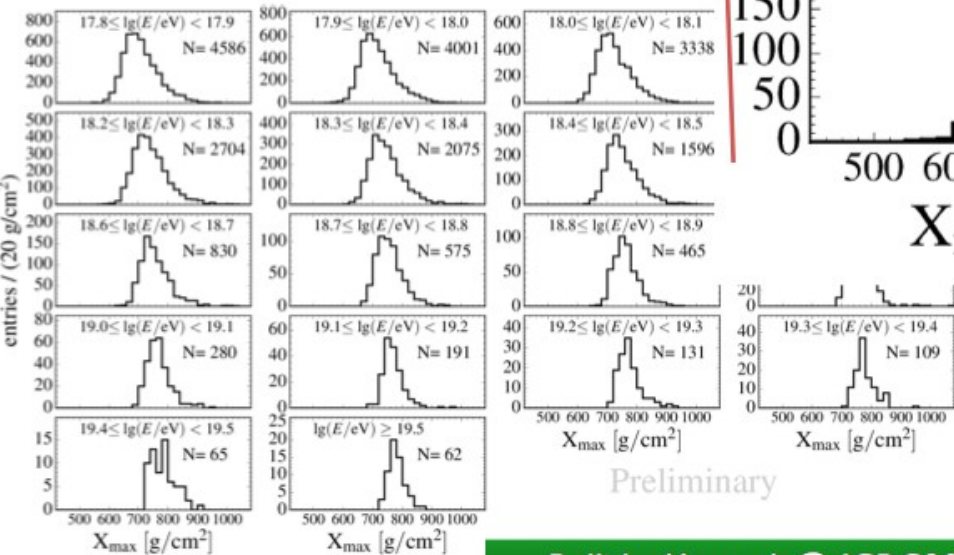
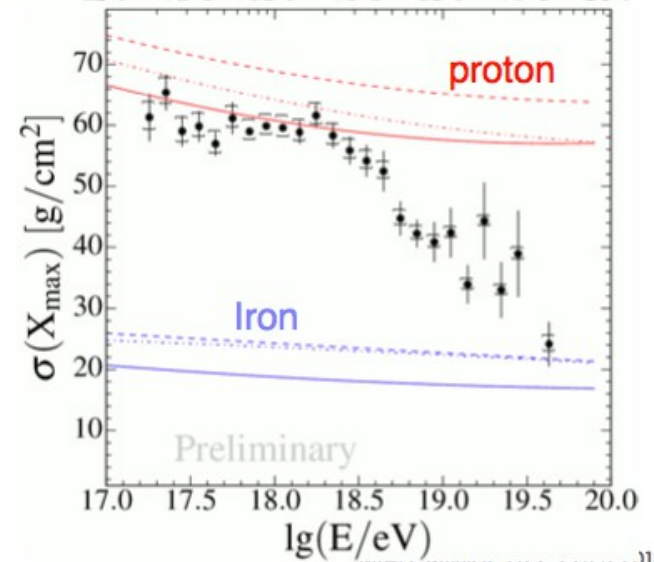
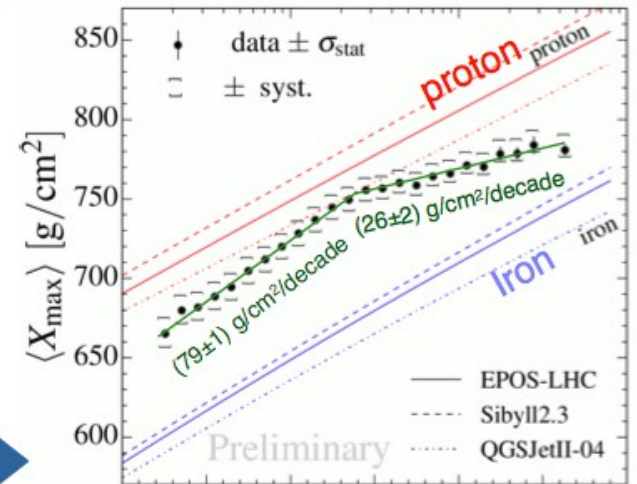
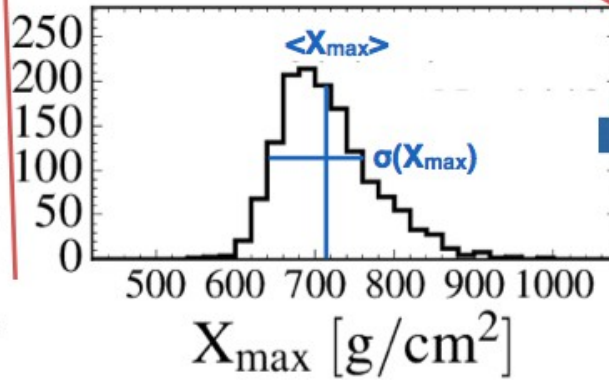
2. Cutoff is the maximum energy of acceleration in the sources

$$E_{\max}(Z) = Z E_p$$

# X<sub>max</sub> Distributions



Preliminary



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Bellido (Auger) @ ICRC2017 ; arXiv:1708.06592

# Elongation Rate

$$D(E) = \frac{d\langle X_{\max} \rangle}{d \log_{10} E}$$

Predictions for a constant composition

$$D_p = 54.0 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \quad \text{QGSJet II-04}$$

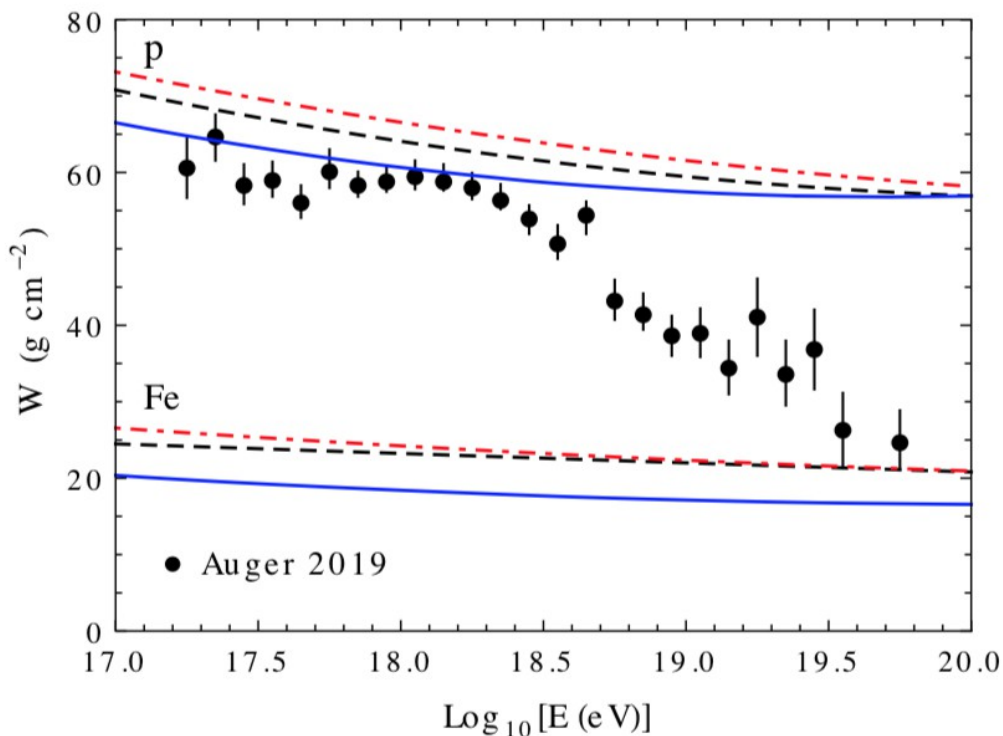
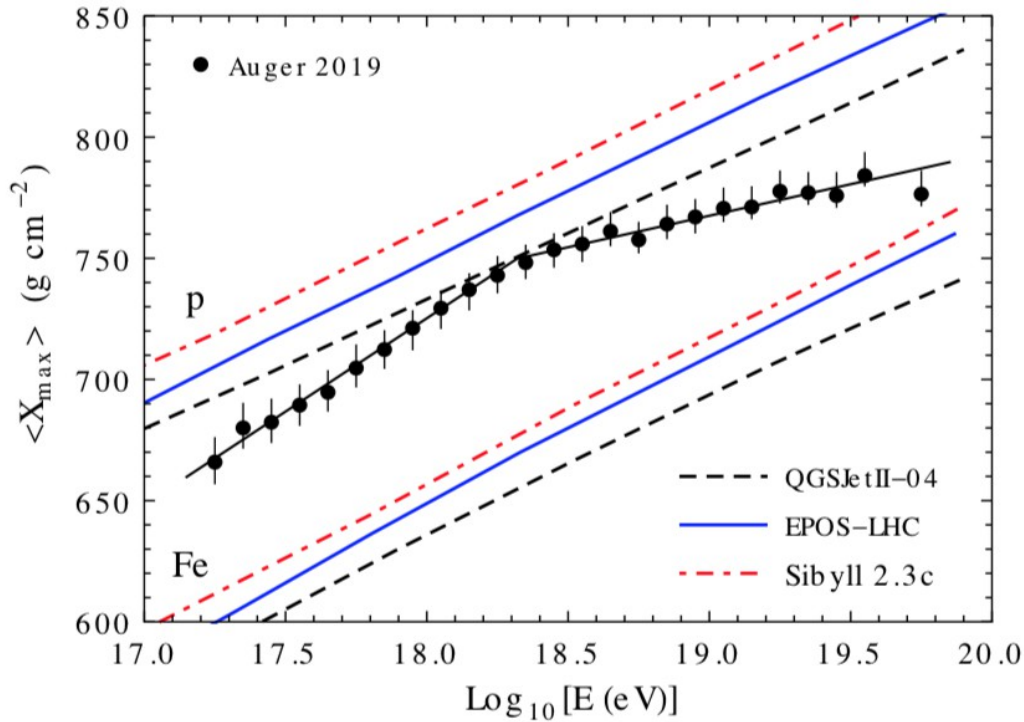
$$D_p = 56.7 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \quad \text{EPOS-LHC}$$

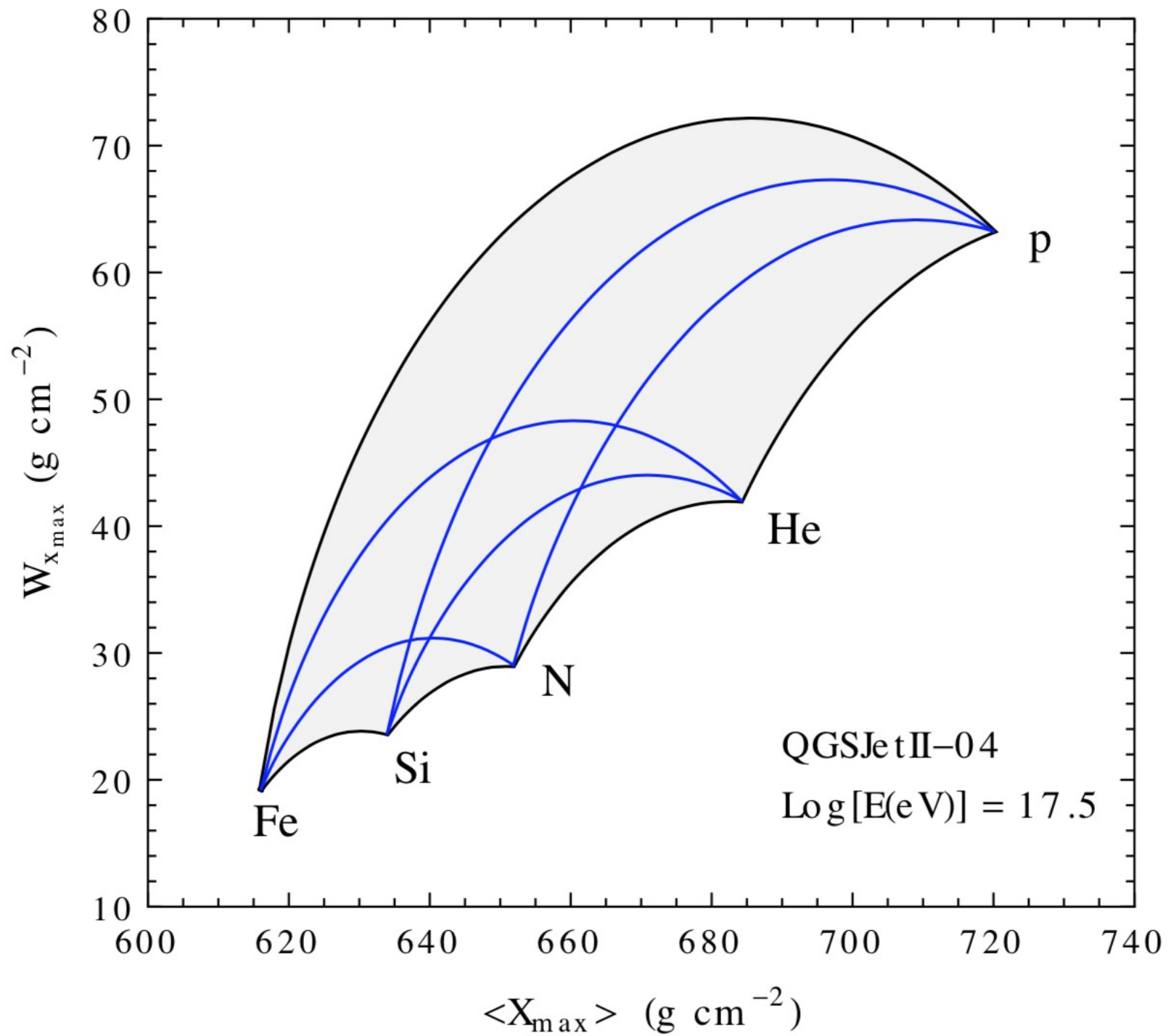
$$D_p = 57.2 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \quad \text{Sibyll 2.3c}$$

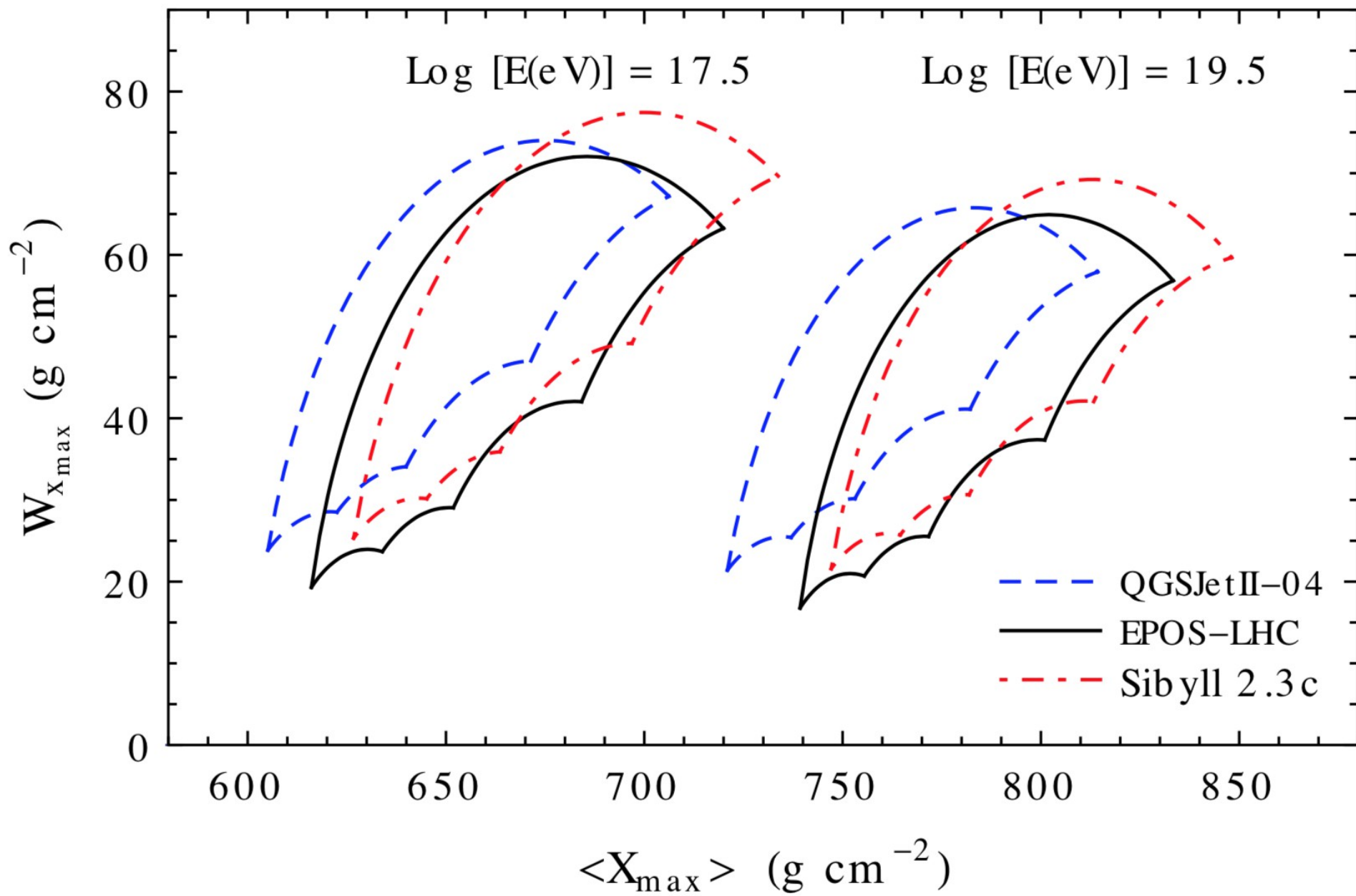
$$D_{\text{data}} = 77 \pm 2 \quad E < E^*$$

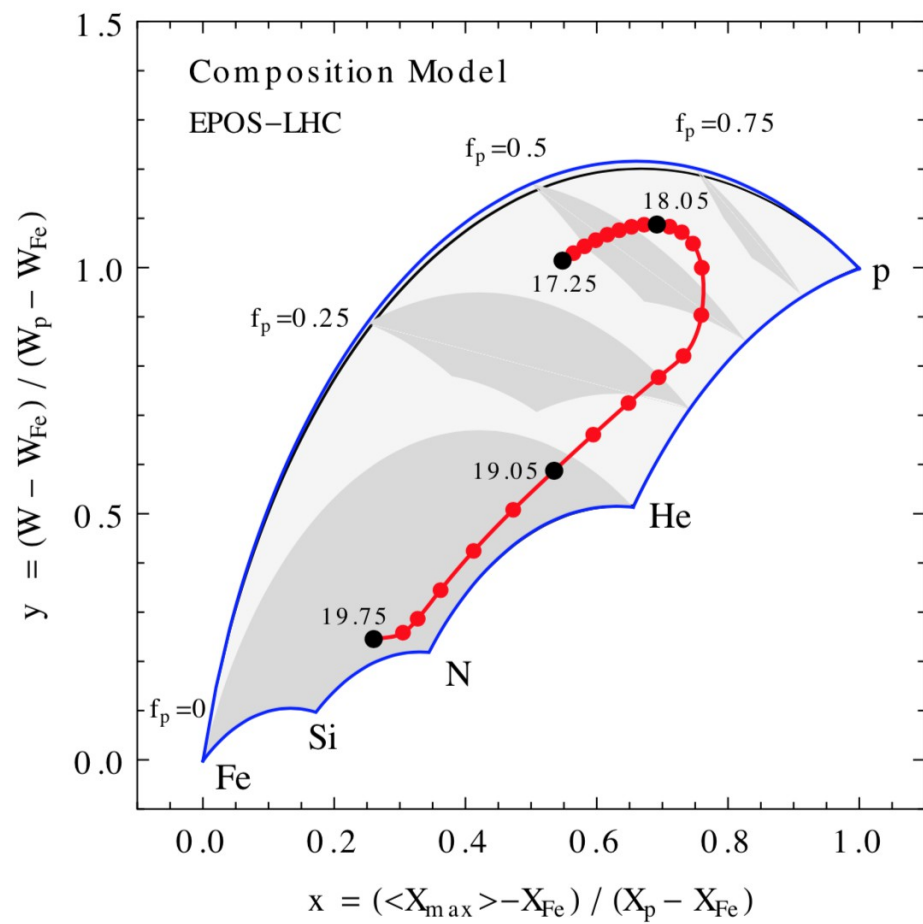
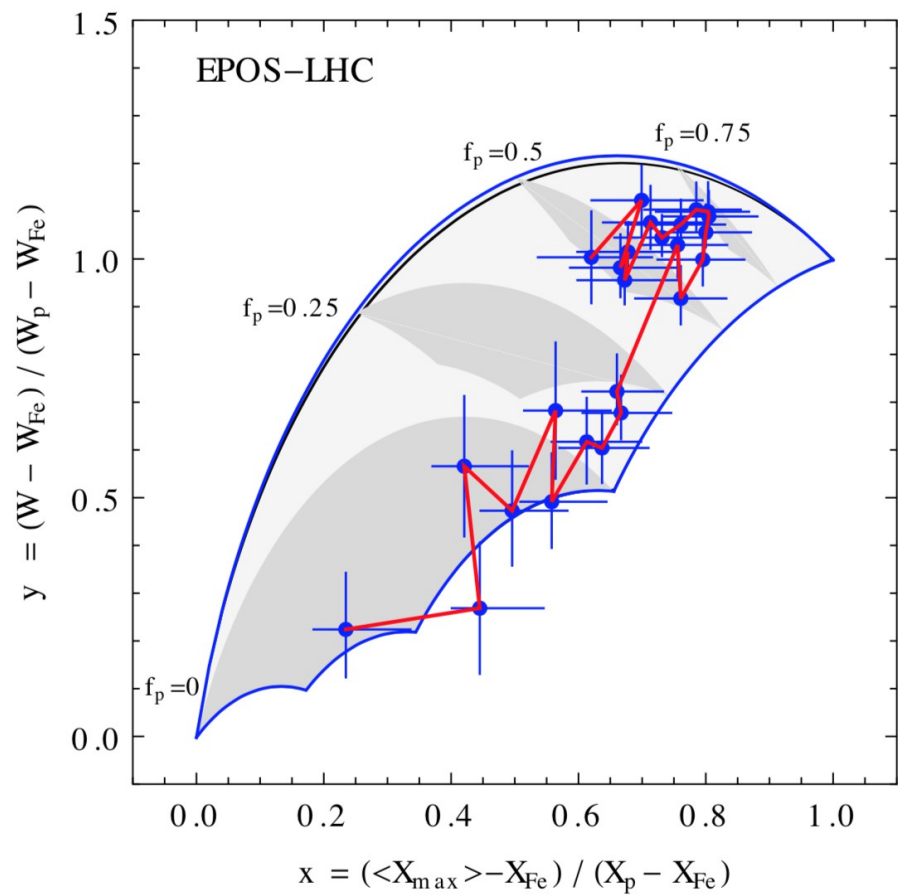
$$D_{\text{data}} = 26 \pm 2 \quad E > E^*$$

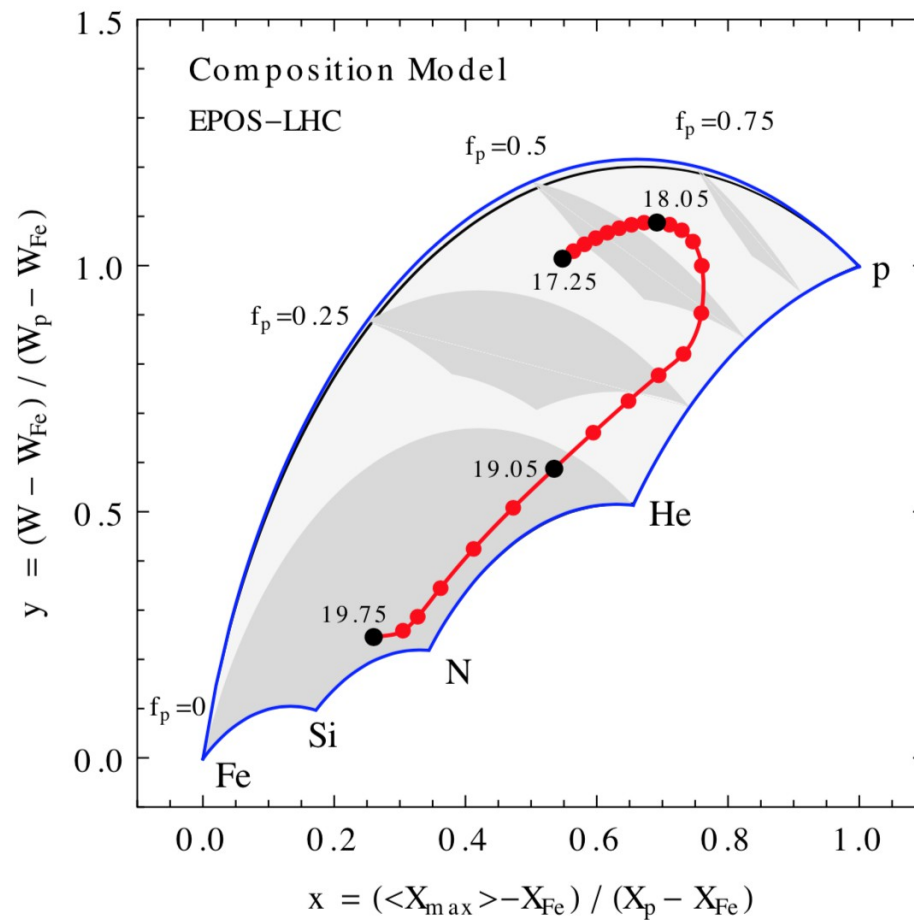
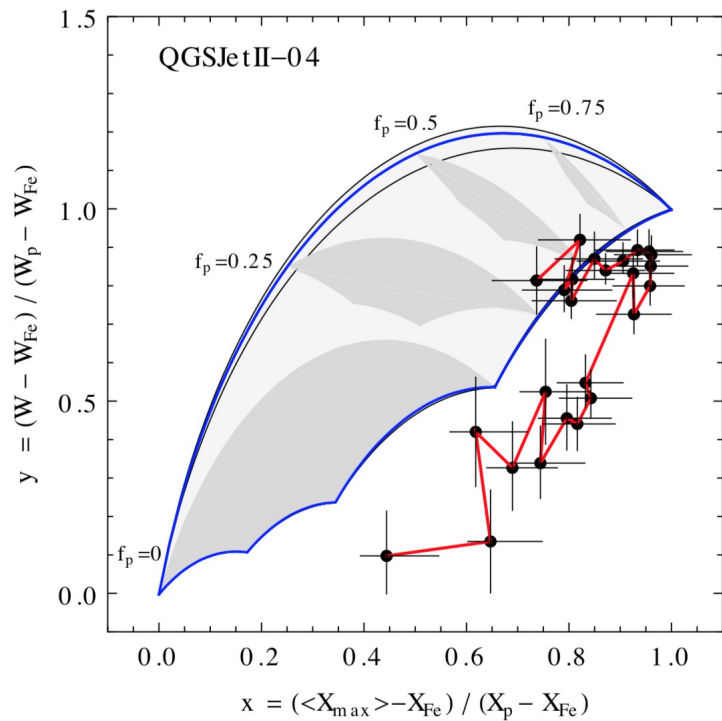
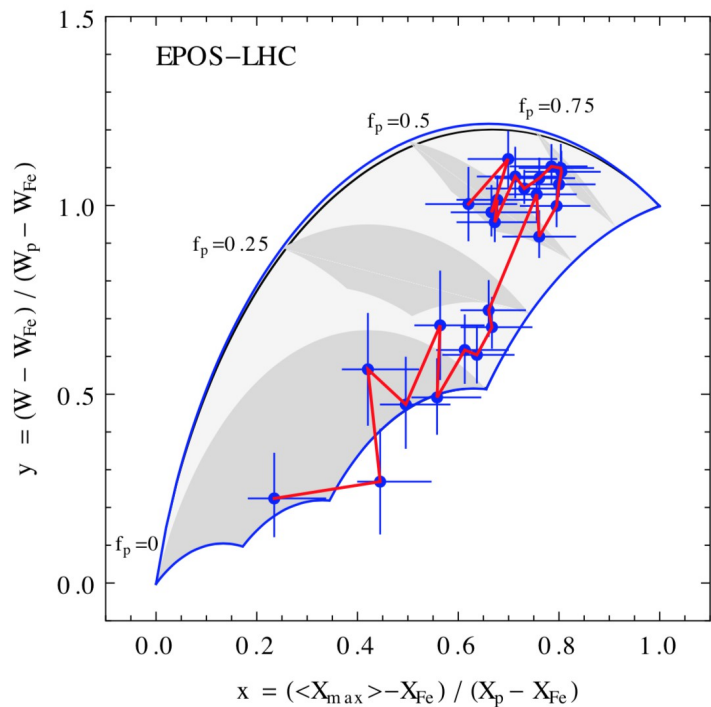
$$E^* = 10^{18.3} \text{ eV}$$





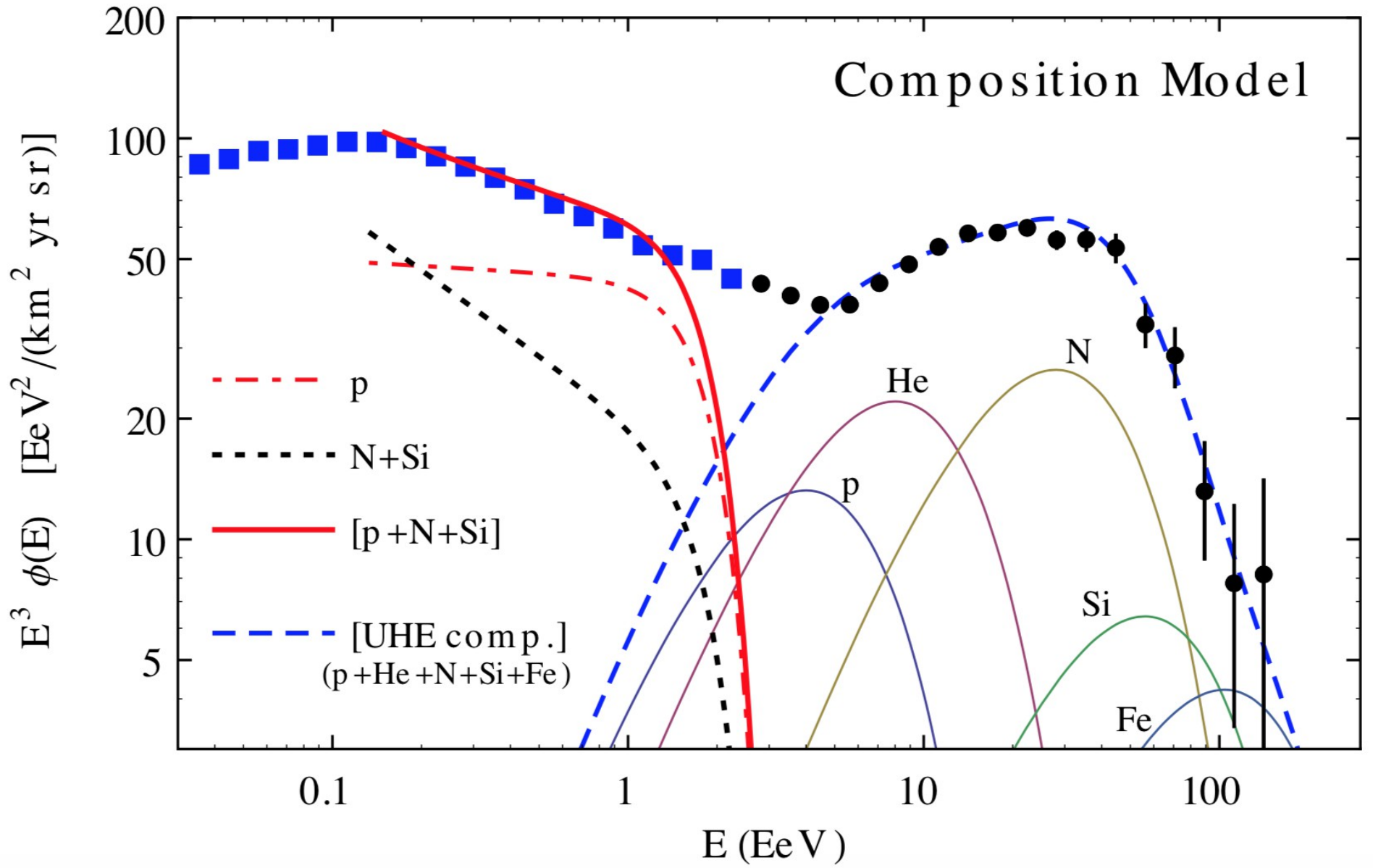






Possibility to exclude models

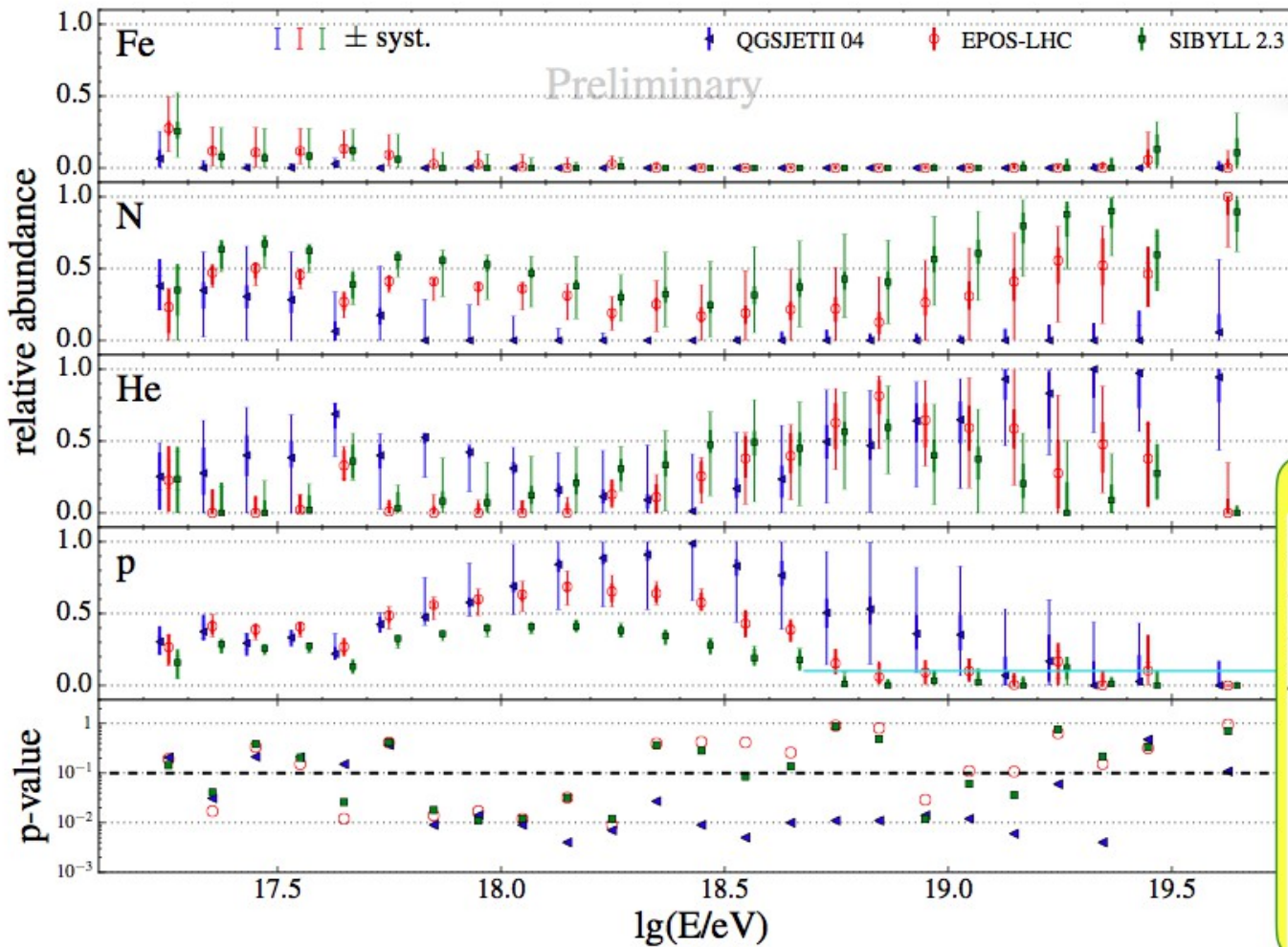
# Composition Model





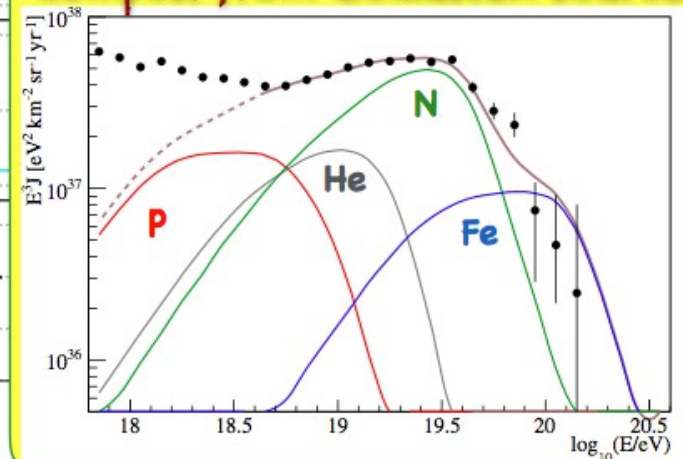
# Mass Fractions from Auger

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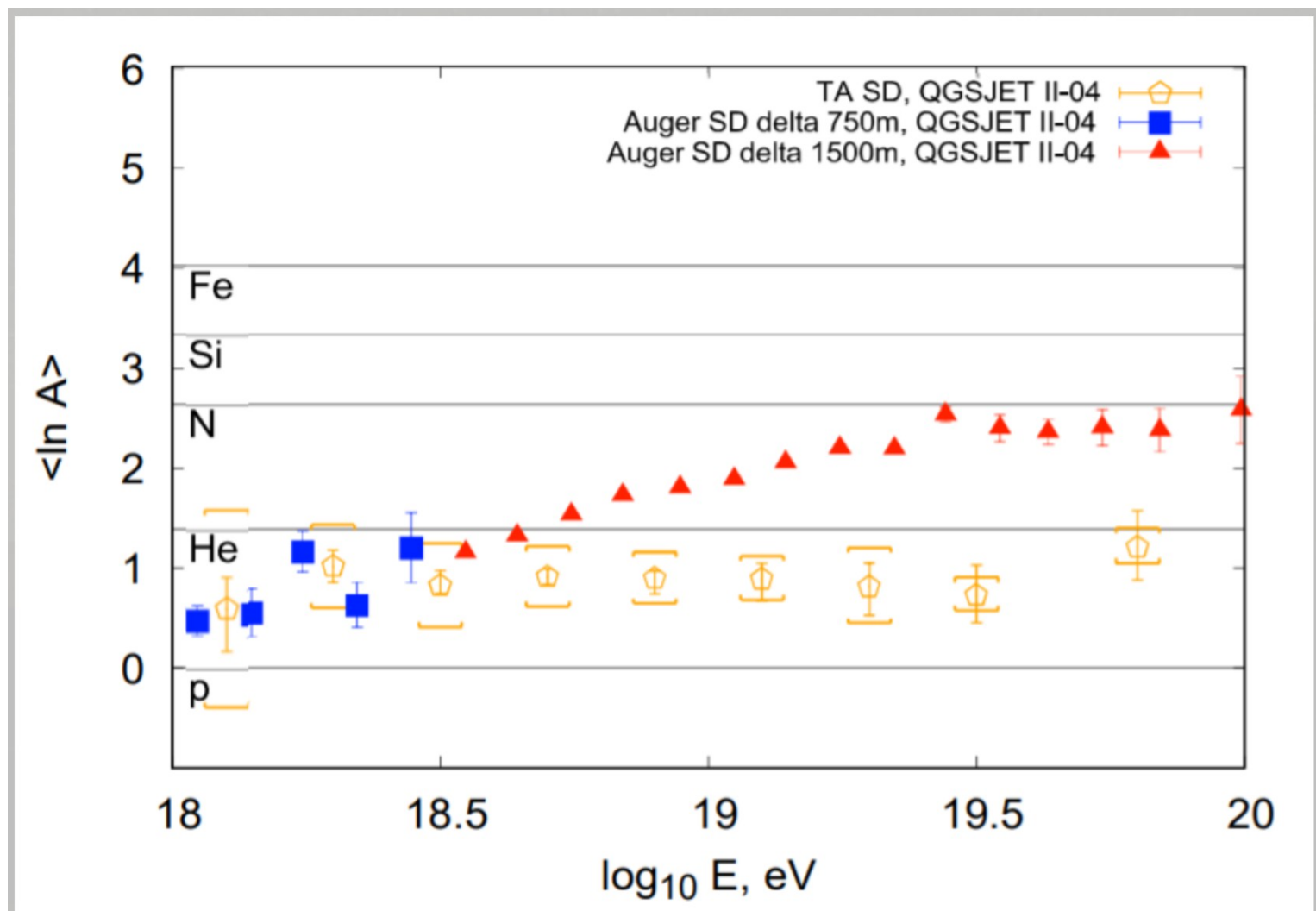
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compos. from exhausted sources ?



Are the Auger results on composition confirmed by other detectors ?

Is there a discrepancy with Telescope Array



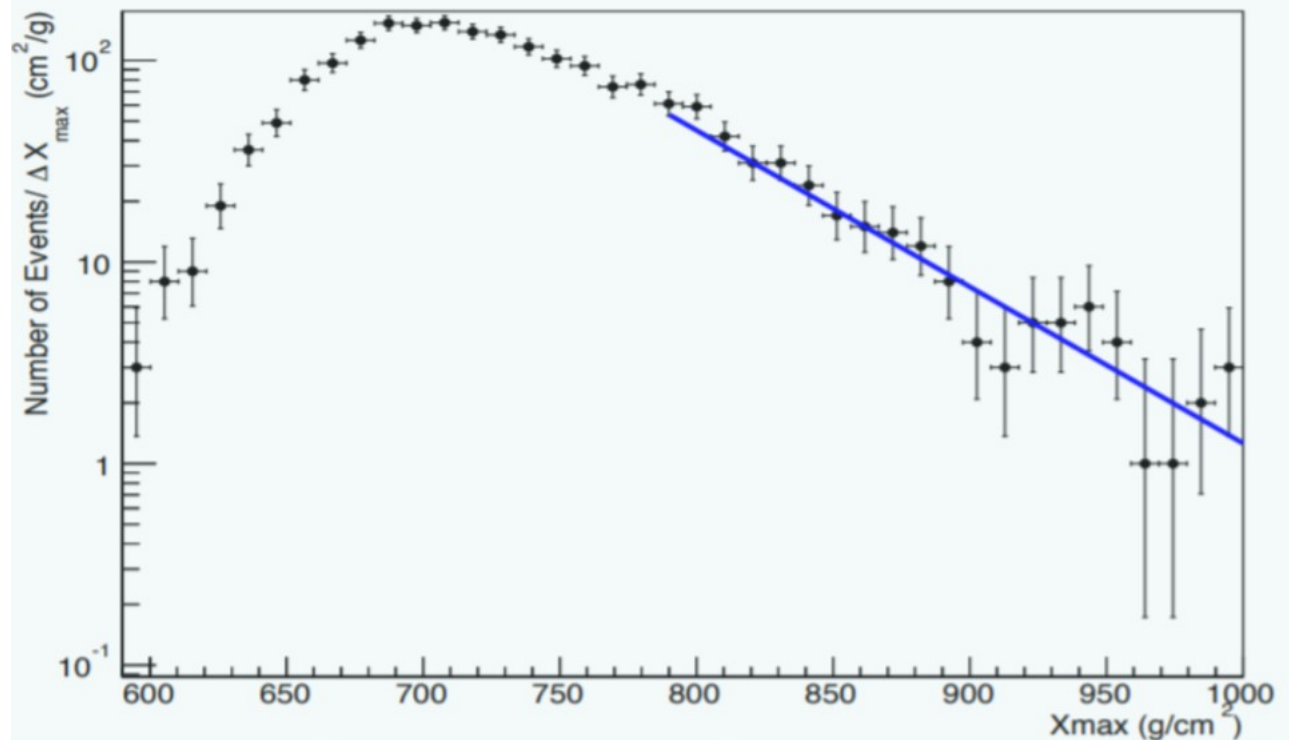
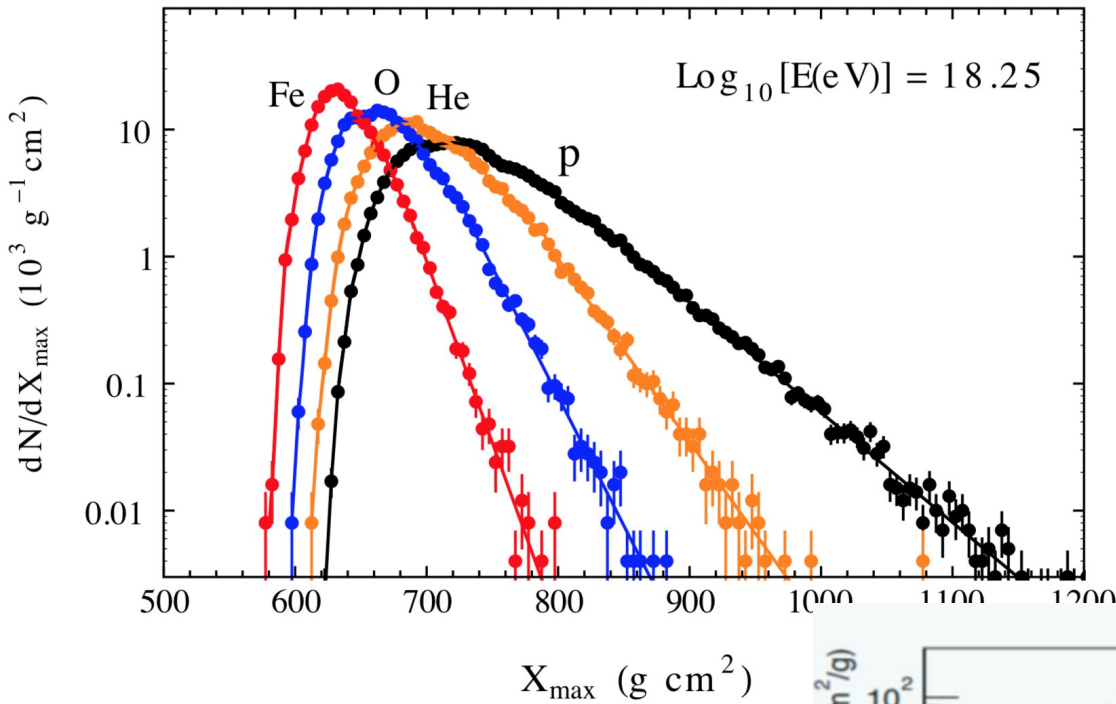
# Results presented at the 35th ICRC

[V. de Souza, PoS (ICRC2017) 522]

## Comparison of $X_{\max}$ distributions measured by Auger and TA

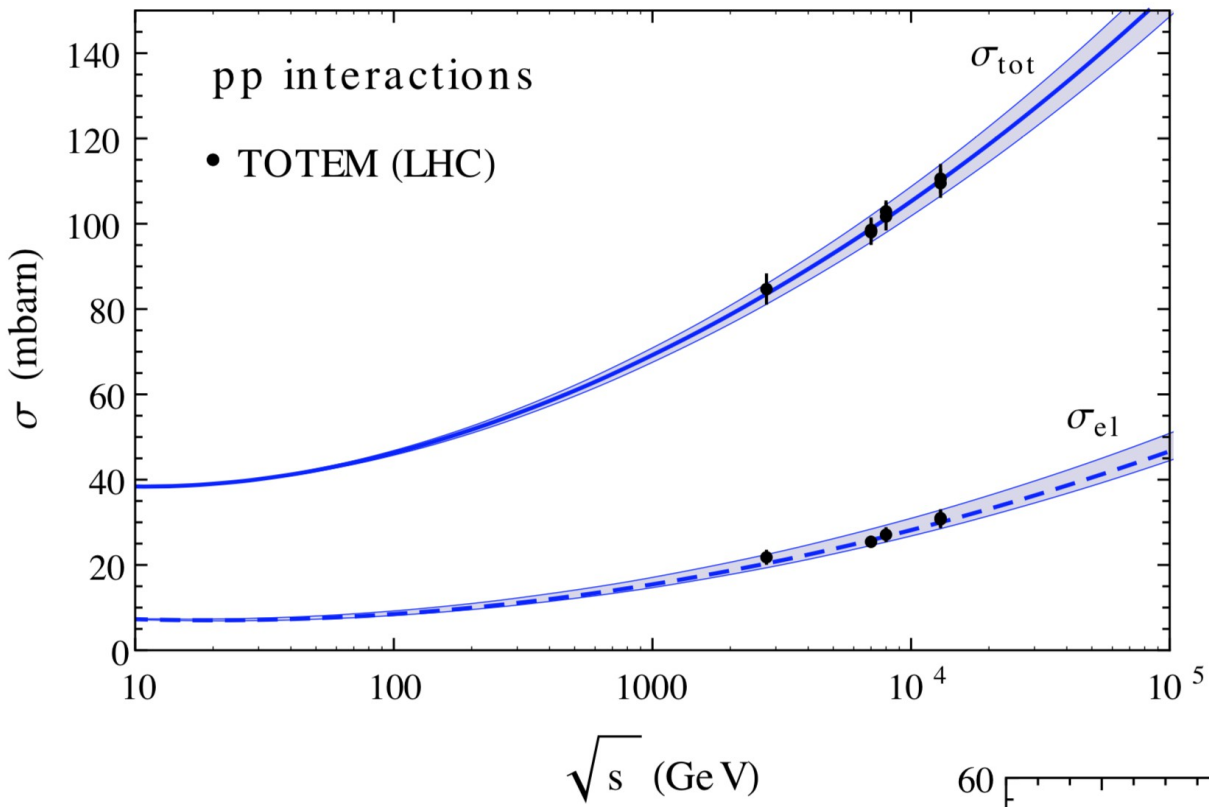
“At the current level of statistics and understanding of systematics, the TA data is consistent with the proton models used in this paper for energies less than  $10^{19}$  eV and it is also consistent with the AugerMix composition”

# Monte Carlo calculation of the $X_{\max}$ distributions (different elements)



Telescope Array  
measurement of the  
p-air cross section

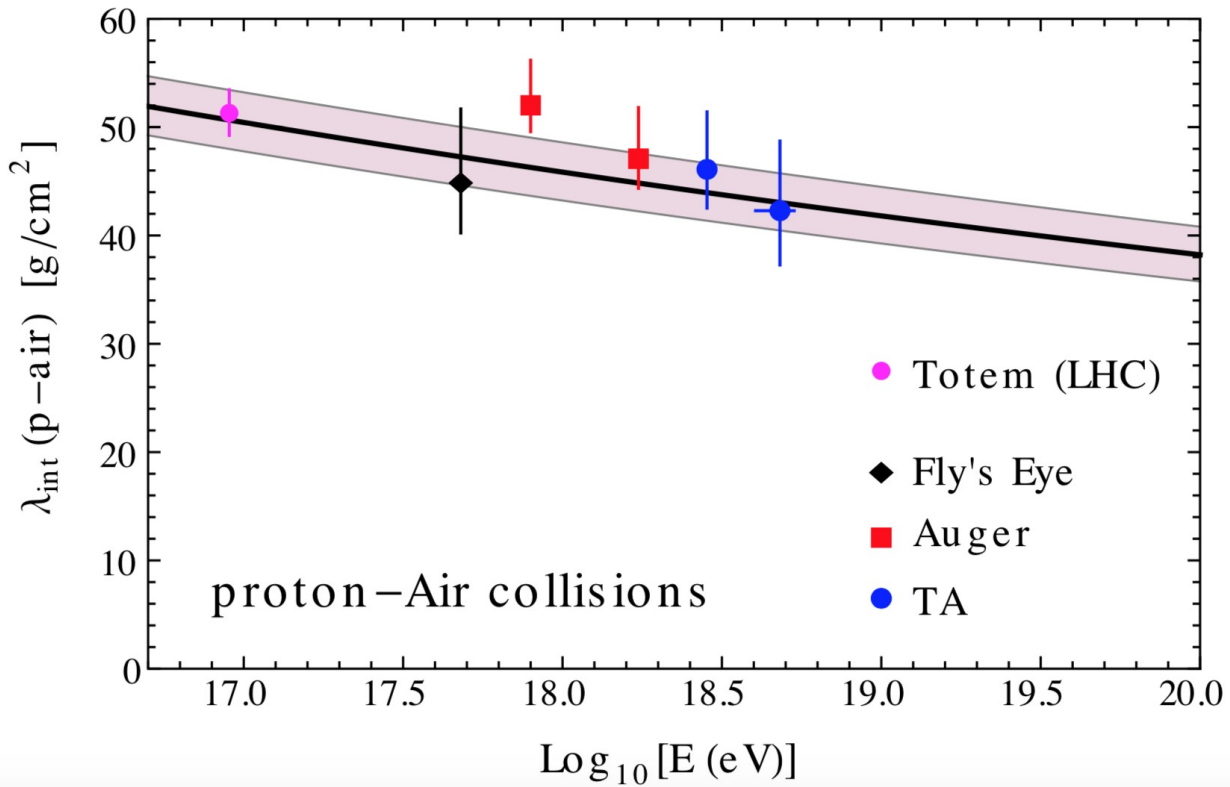
pp total/elastic cross sections at LHC

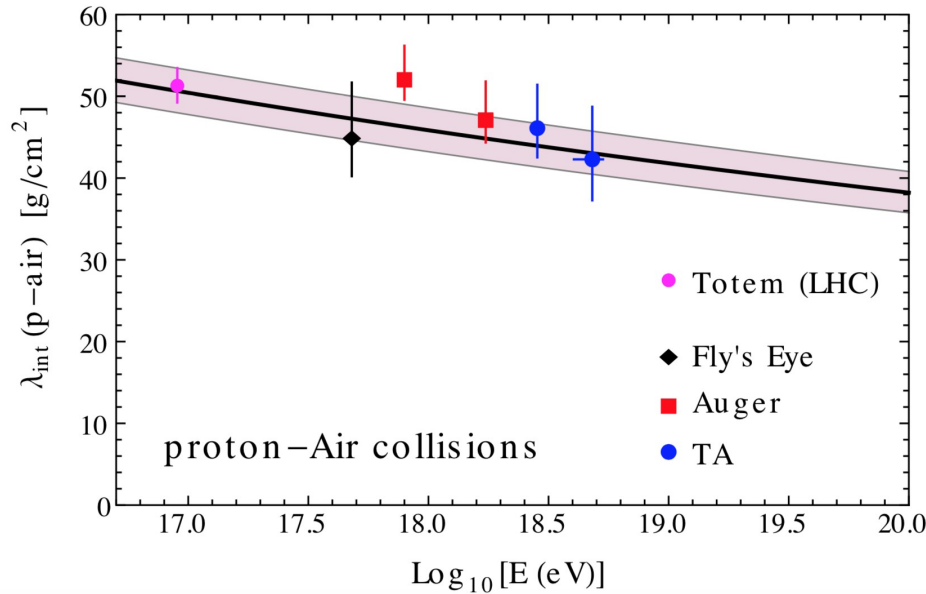


Glauber calculation of the **p-Air** cross section

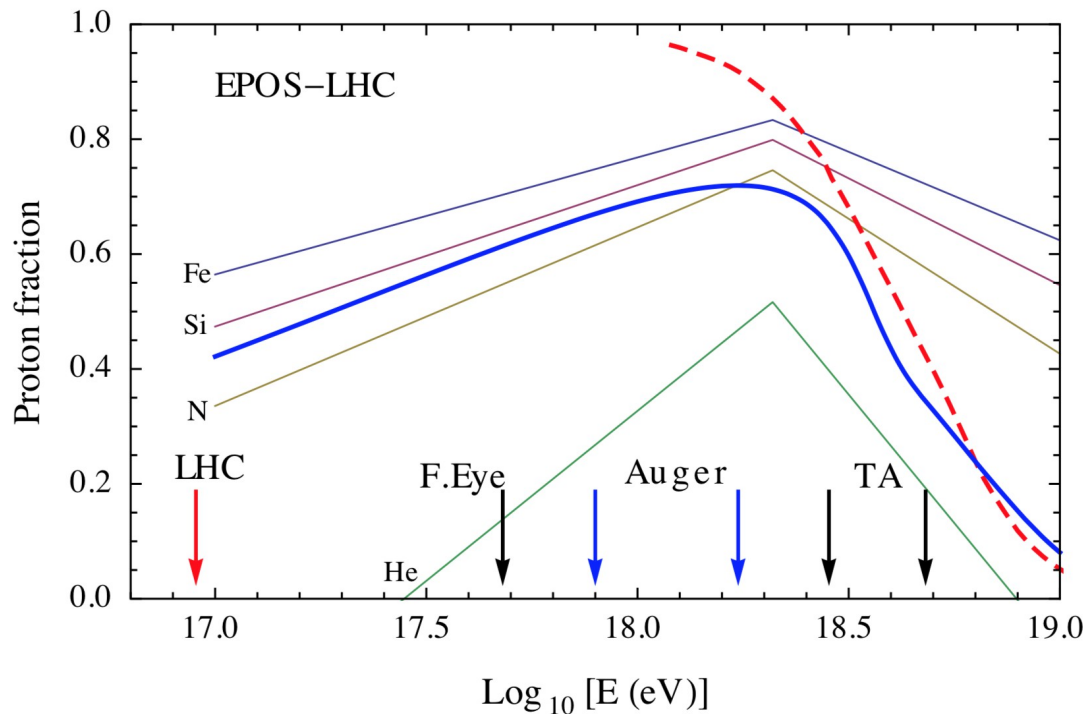
Measurements of Air Shower experiments

(Auger, Telescope Array)





Measurements of the *proton-air interaction length* from air-shower observations.



Significant tension between the Auger results that estimate a small proton fraction at high energy and the two Telescope Array measurements of the proton-air cross section.

# Anisotropies

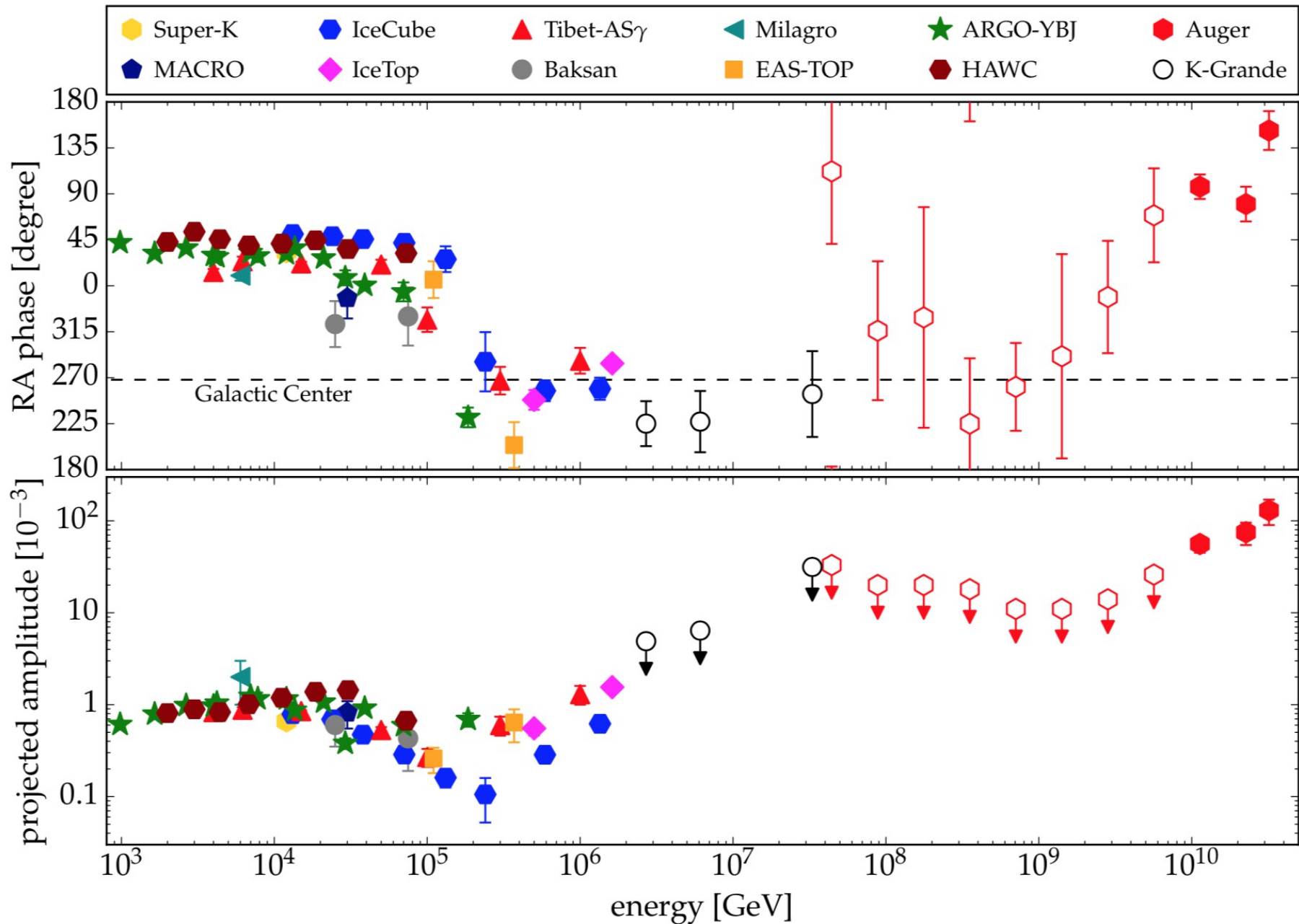
Large scale

Intermediate scale

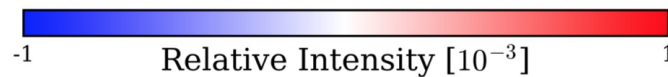
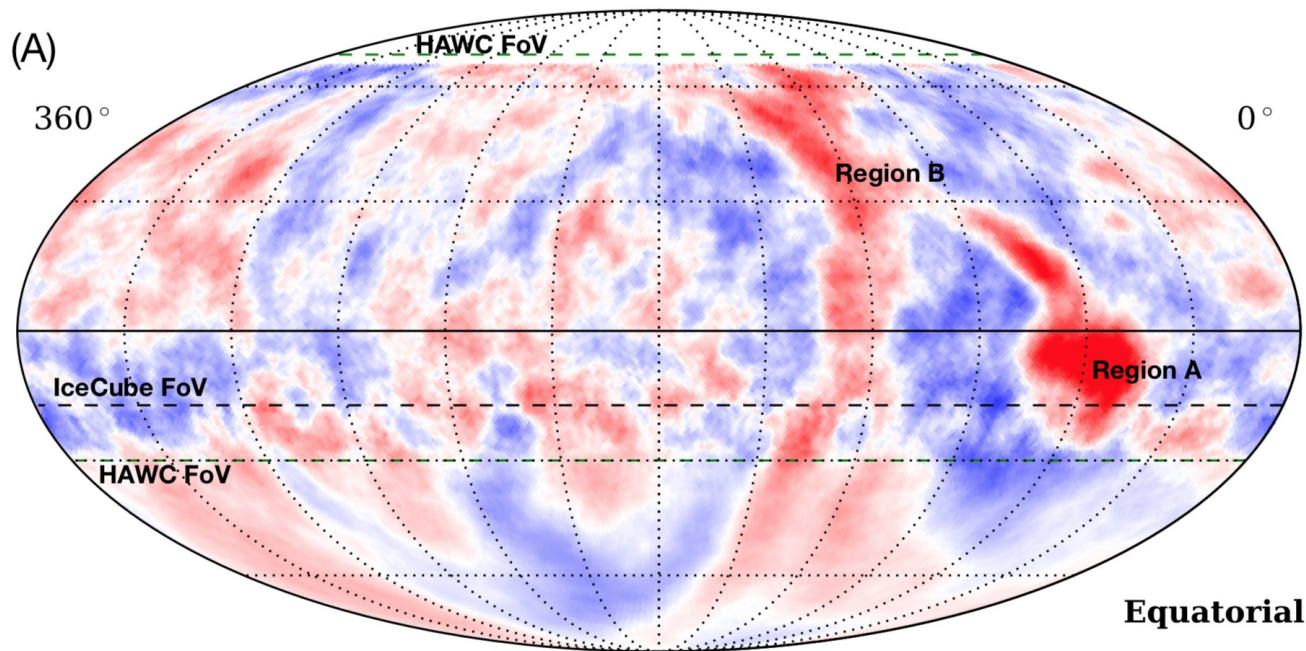
Point sources

# Large Scale Anisotropy

# Amplitude, Phase of dipole



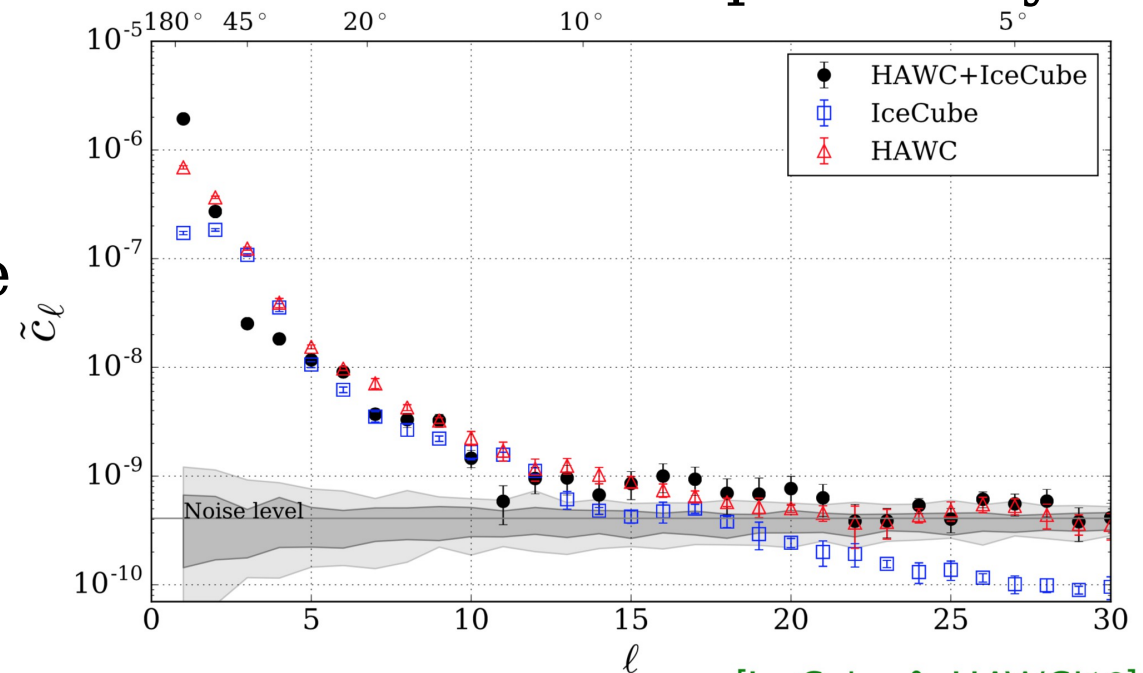




10 TeV energy scale

Anisotropy at angular scale  
of 10 degrees

multipole analysis



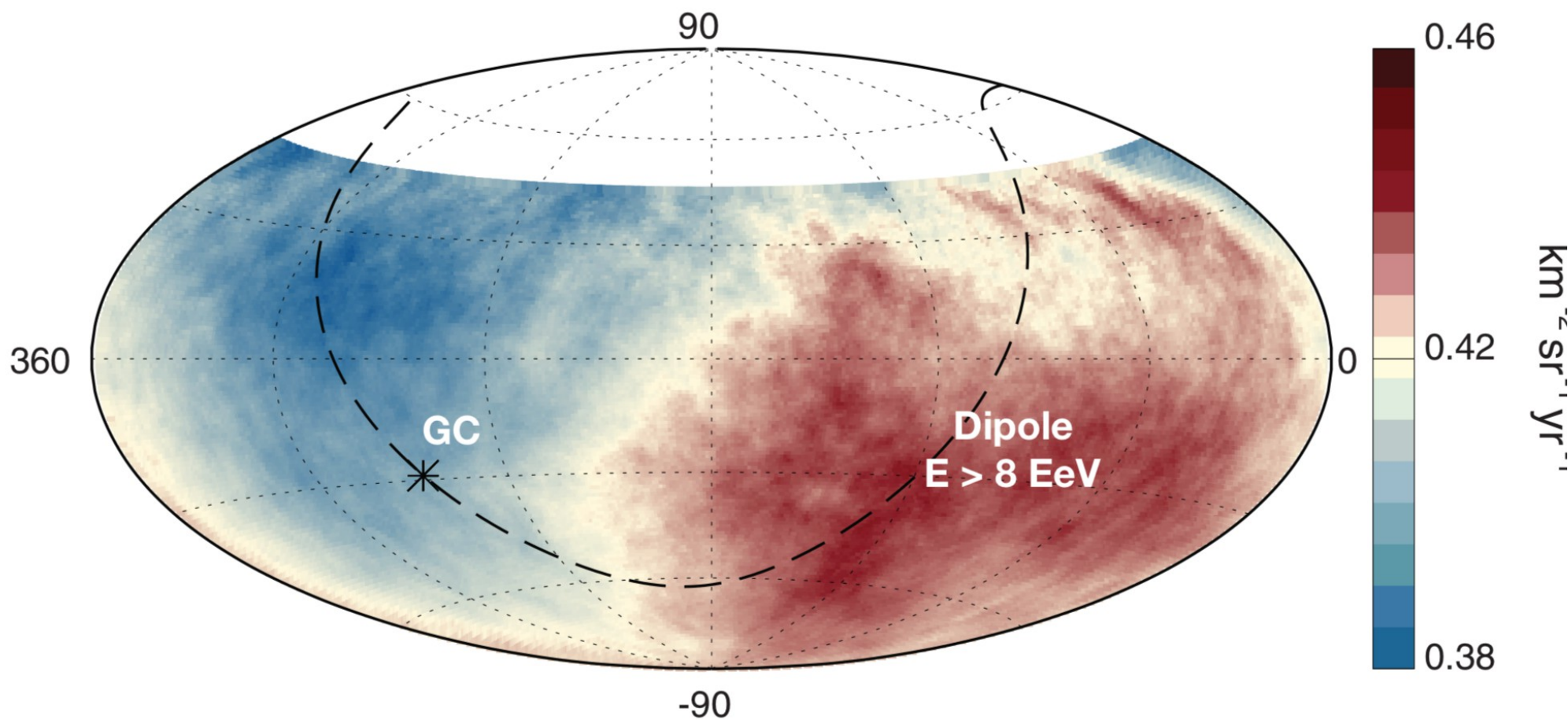
Markus Ahlers (Paris-Saclay 2021)

[IceCube & HAWC'18]

# Large-scale analysis: reconstruction of the dipole

**Amplitude:  $6.5^{+1.3}_{-0.9}\%$**

**Right ascension:  $100^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ , Declination:  $-24^\circ \pm 13^\circ$**



The direction of the dipole lies  $\approx 125^\circ$  from the Galactic Center  
**Origin hard to explain with a Galactic origin**

# Large-scale analysis: other studies

## Study of a possible evolution of the first harmonic in RA vs energy

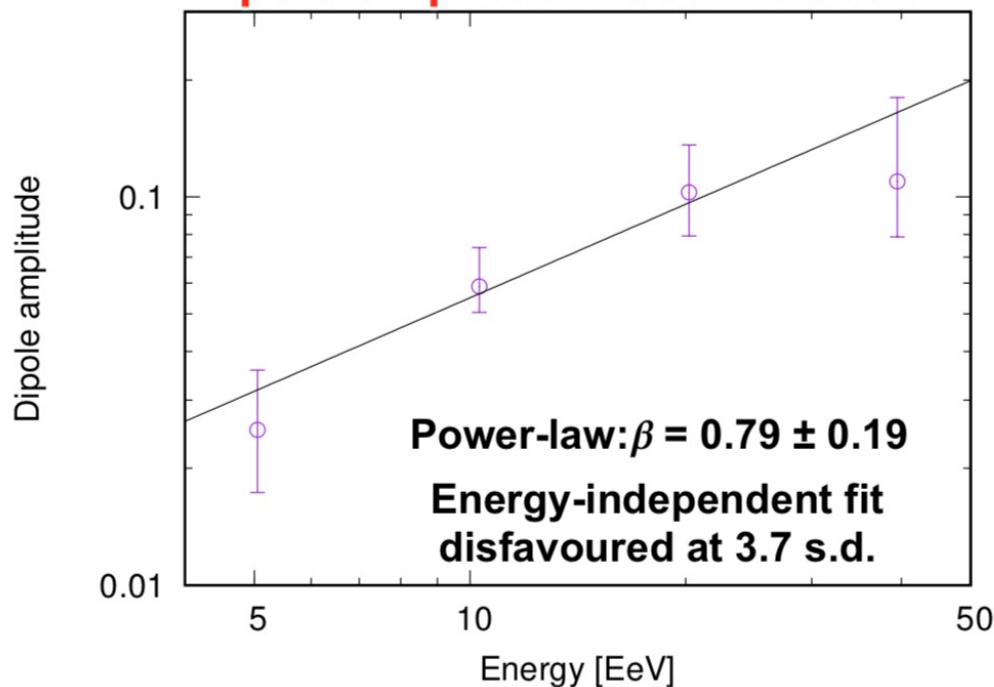
[Auger Coll. arXiv 1808.03579, just accepted by ApJ]

### Dividing the $E > 8$ EeV bin into three

Energy [EeV]	events	$a_1^\alpha$	$b_1^\alpha$	$r_1^\alpha$	$\varphi_1^\alpha$ [°]	$P(\geq r_1^\alpha)$
8 - 16	24,070	$-0.011 \pm 0.009$	$0.044 \pm 0.009$	0.046	$104 \pm 11$	$3.7 \times 10^{-6}$
16 - 32	6,604	$0.007 \pm 0.017$	$0.050 \pm 0.017$	0.051	$82 \pm 20$	0.014
$\geq 32$	1,513	$-0.03 \pm 0.04$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$	0.06	$115 \pm 35$	0.26

Constant phase in spite of a (naturally) more limited significance of the amplitude

### Dipole amplitude reconstruction



Indication of an increase of the dipole amplitude vs energy

Constant direction

# Large-scale analysis: other studies

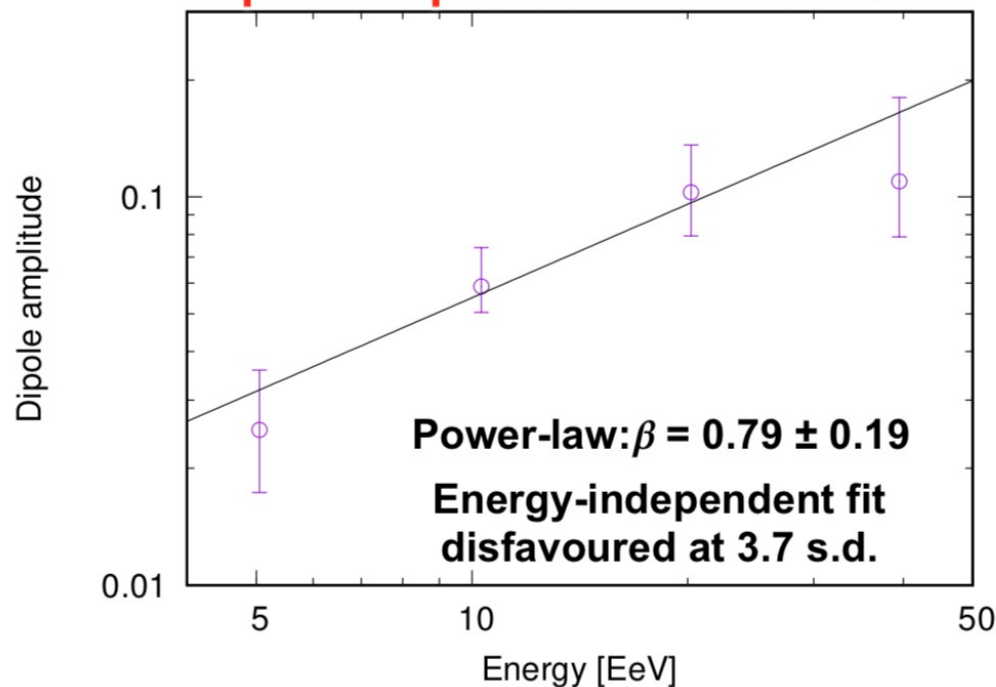
Obviously  
Very Important !

But: *What does it mean ?*

Is this evidence for extragalactic origin ?

$\geq r_1^\alpha)$   
 $10^{-6}$   
014  
26  
amplitude

## Dipole amplitude reconstruction



Indication of an increase of the  
dipole amplitude vs energy

Constant direction

# INDICATION OF ANISOTROPY IN ARRIVAL DIRECTIONS OF ULTRA-HIGH-ENERGY COSMIC RAYS THROUGH COMPARISON TO THE FLUX PATTERN OF EXTRAGALACTIC GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

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## ABSTRACT

A new analysis of the dataset from the Pierre Auger Observatory provides evidence for anisotropy in the arrival directions of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays on an intermediate angular scale, which is indicative of excess arrivals from strong, nearby sources. The data consist of 5514 events above 20 EeV with zenith angles up to  $80^\circ$  recorded before 2017 April 30. Sky models have been created for two distinct populations of extragalactic gamma-ray emitters: active galactic nuclei from the second catalog of hard *Fermi*-LAT sources (2FHL) and starburst galaxies from a sample that was examined with *Fermi*-LAT. Flux-limited samples, which include all types of galaxies from the *Swift*-BAT and 2MASS surveys, have been investigated for comparison. The sky model of cosmic-ray density constructed using each catalog has two free parameters, the fraction of events correlating with astrophysical objects and an angular scale characterizing the clustering of cosmic rays around extragalactic sources. A maximum-likelihood ratio test is used to evaluate the best values of these parameters and to quantify the strength of each model by contrast with isotropy. It is found that the starburst model fits the data better than the hypothesis of isotropy with a statistical significance of  $4.0\sigma$ , the highest value of the test statistic being for energies above 39 EeV. The three alternative models are favored against isotropy with  $2.7\text{--}3.2\sigma$  significance. The origin of the indicated deviation from isotropy is examined and prospects for more sensitive future studies are discussed.

$\approx 5500$  UHECRs exploited ( $\approx 90000 \text{ km}^2 \text{ sr y}$ )  
[Auger Coll. ApJL 853 (2018) L29]

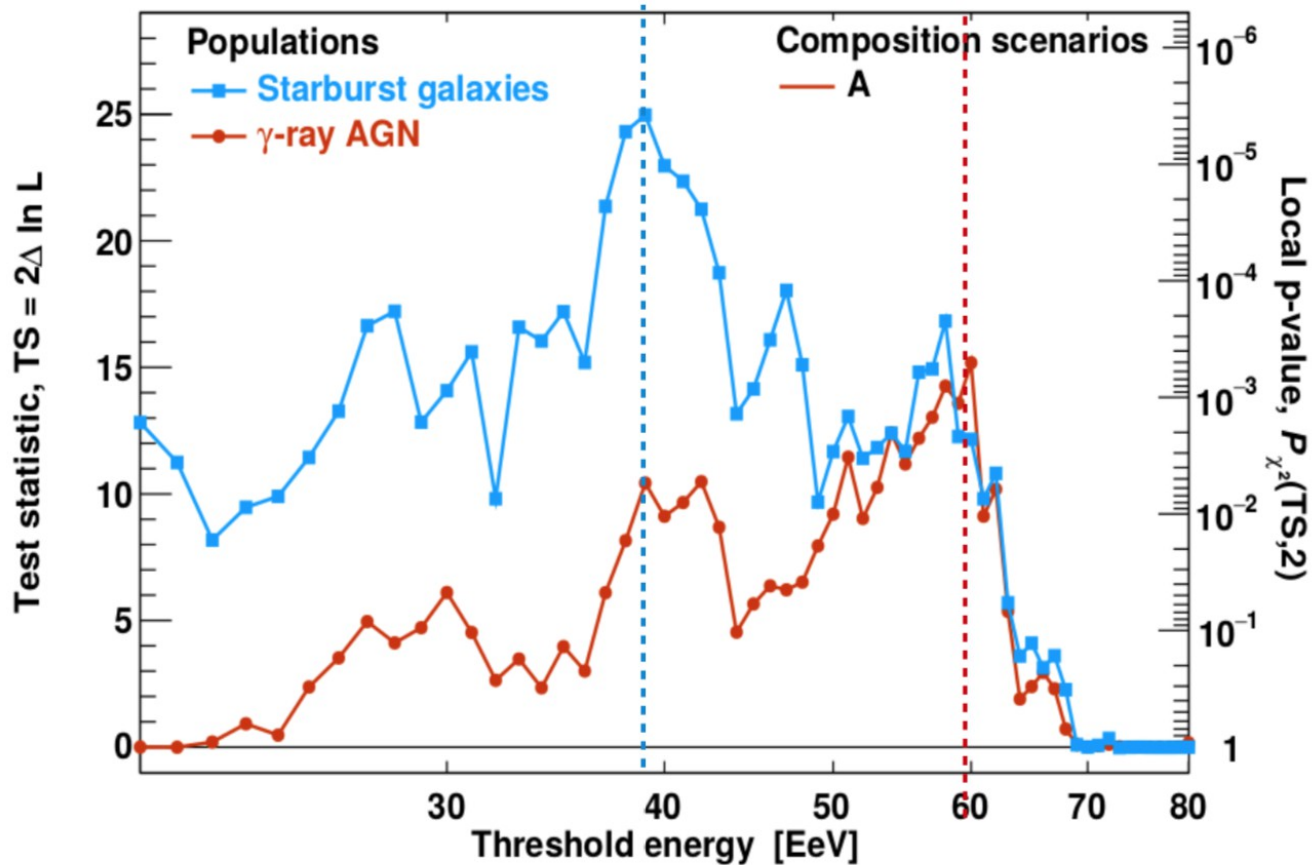
**AGNs**

**SBGs**

TS is maximum for  $E > 60 \text{ EeV}$  (177 events)

TS is maximum for  $E > 39 \text{ EeV}$  (894 events)

**TS as a function of energy threshold**

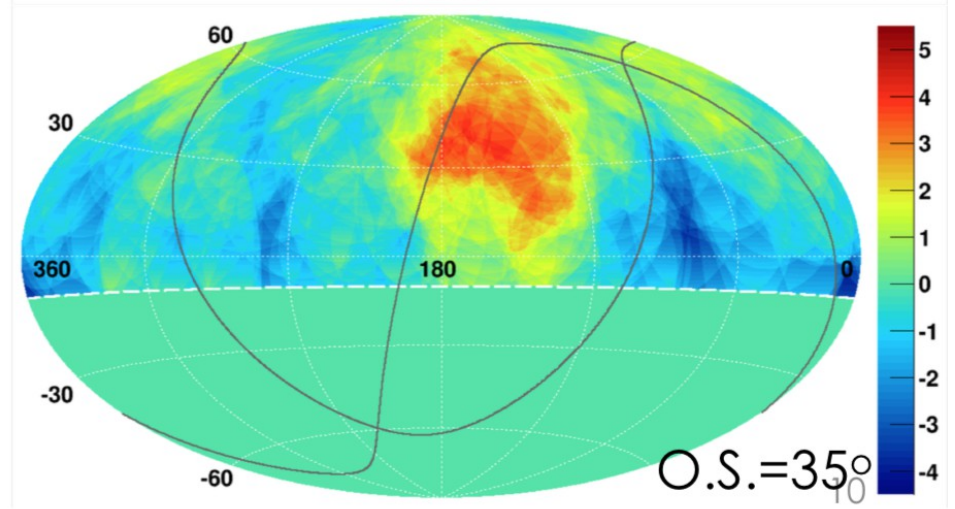
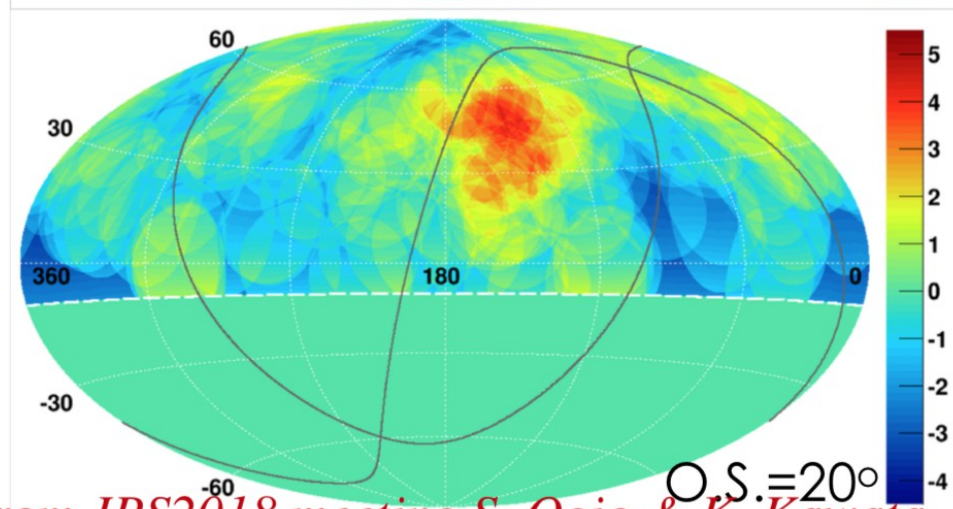
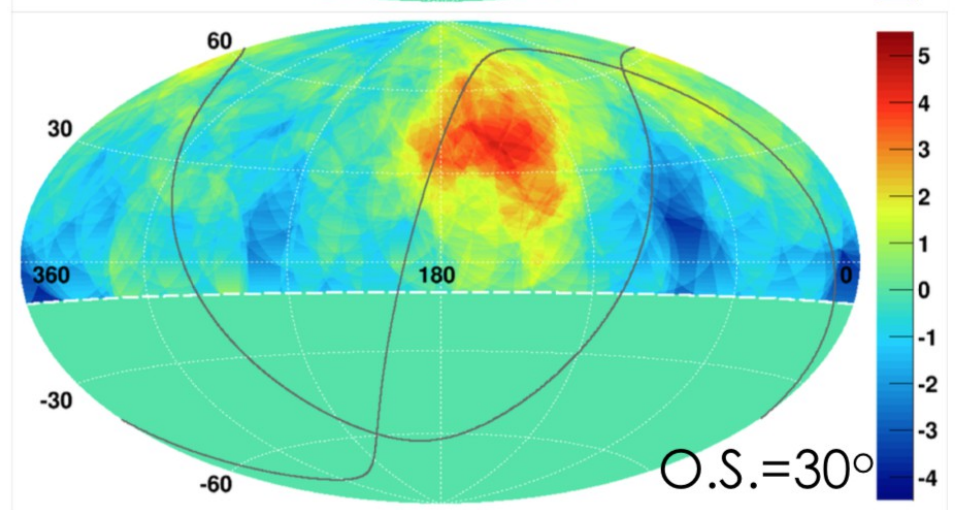
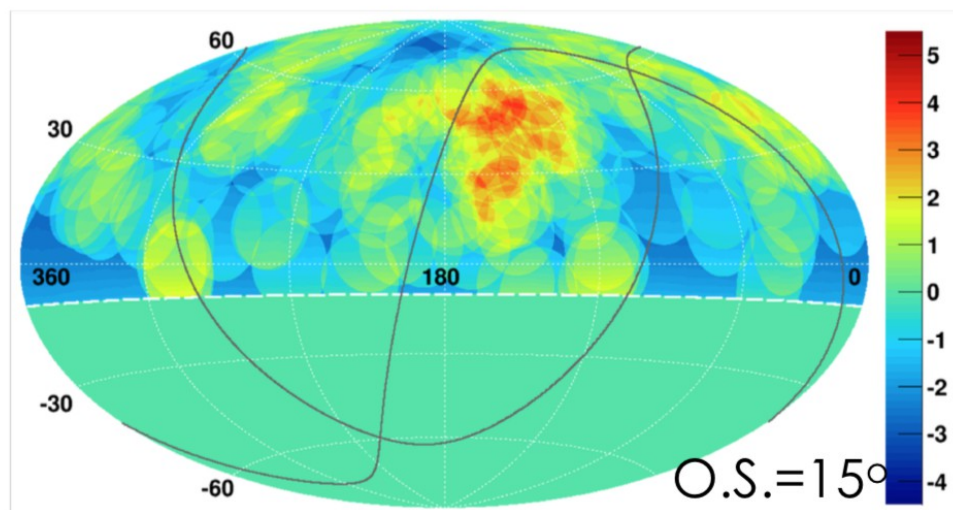
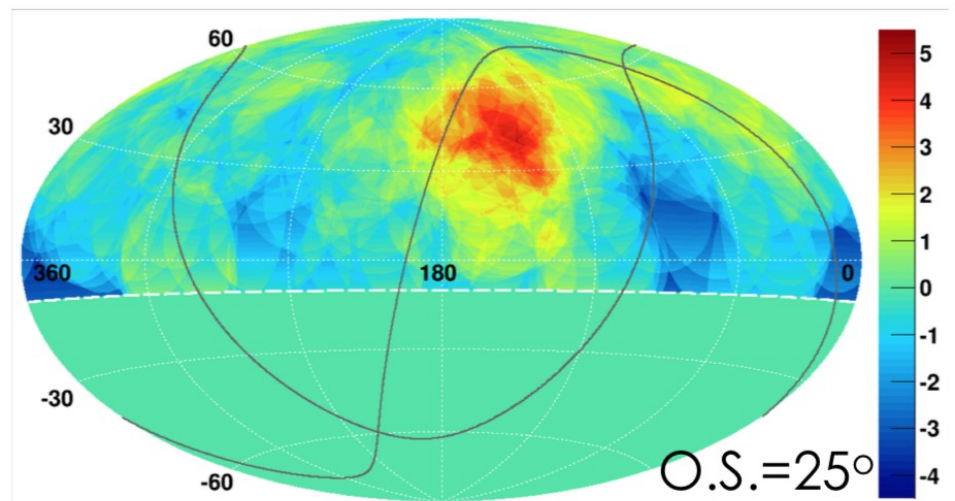




# Angular Scan ( $>57\text{EeV}$ , 10 years)

## Preliminary

O.S. : oversampling radius



Star Burst Galaxies (?!)

Final Stages of stellar evolution ?

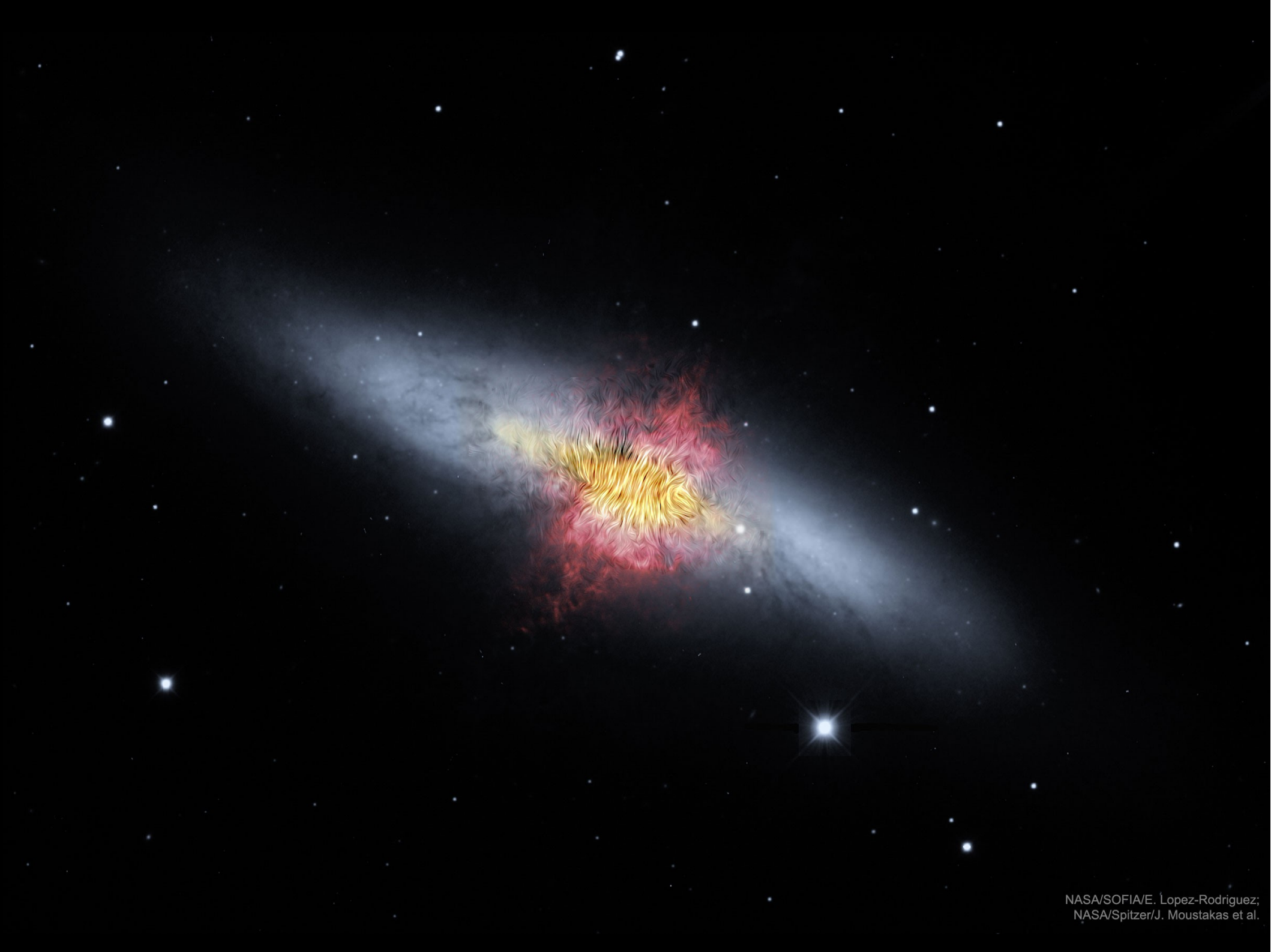
Collective effect due to  
Galactic Wind generated by the ensemble  
of SN explosions ?

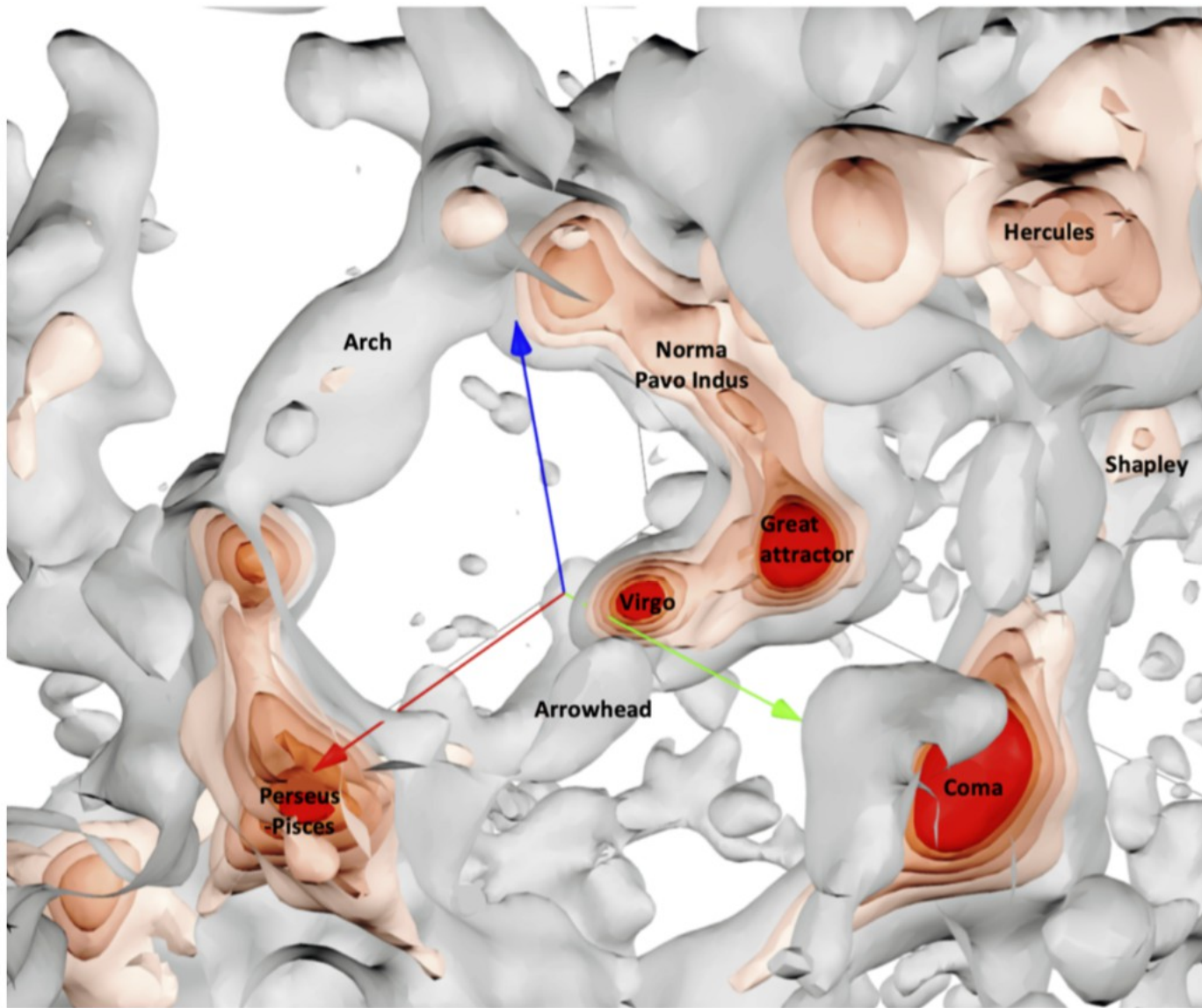






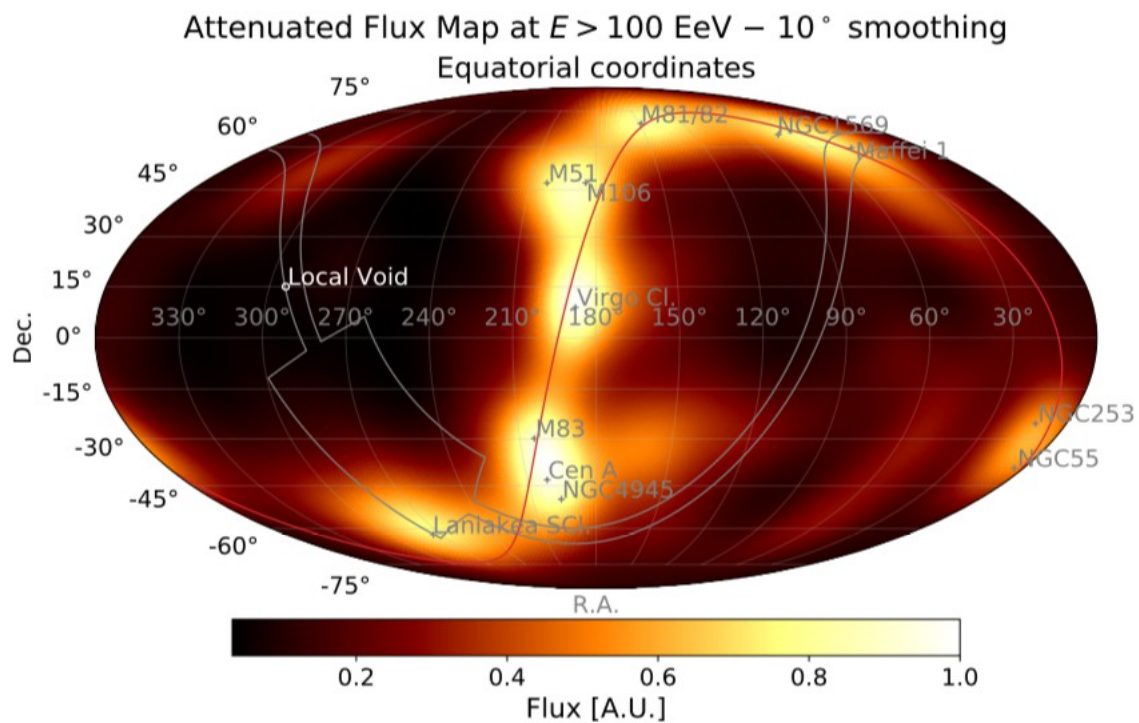
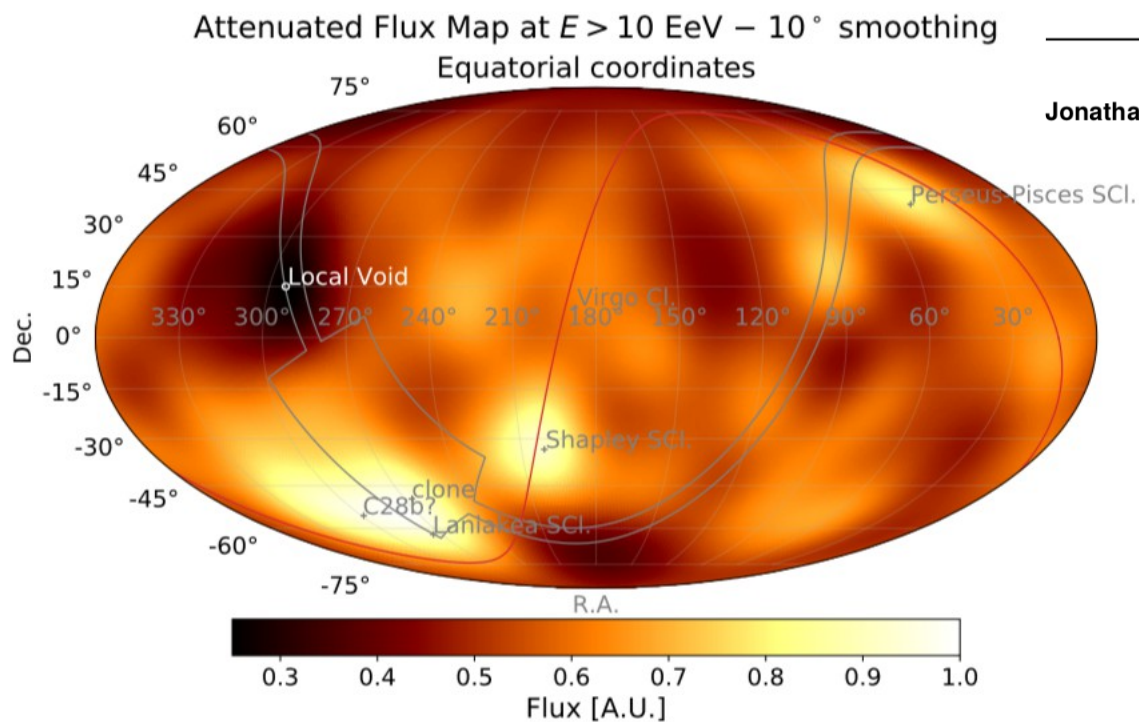
2019 - Hubble



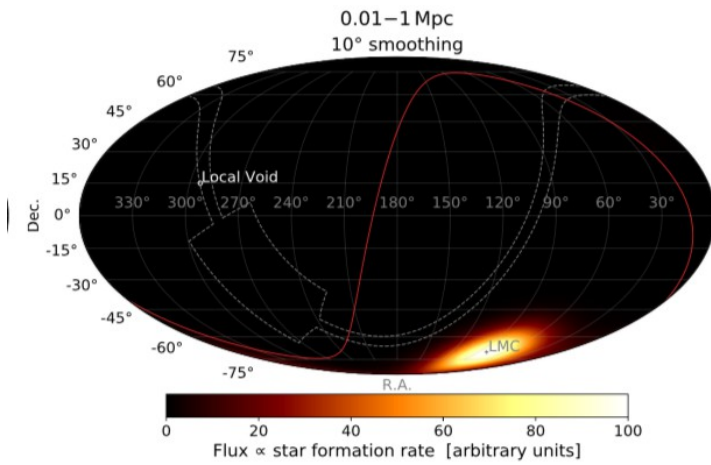


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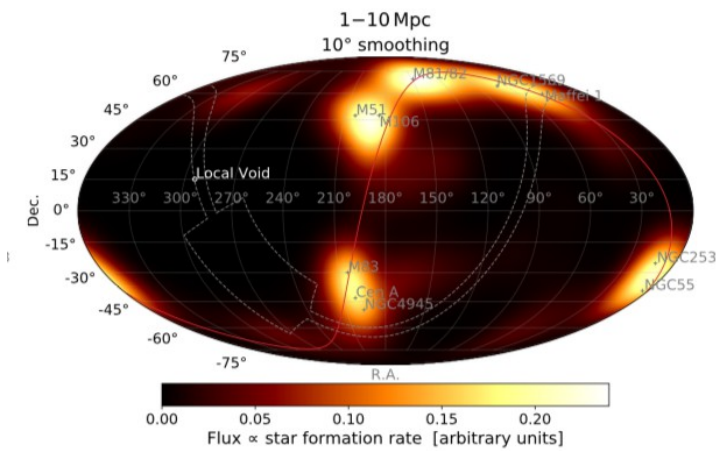
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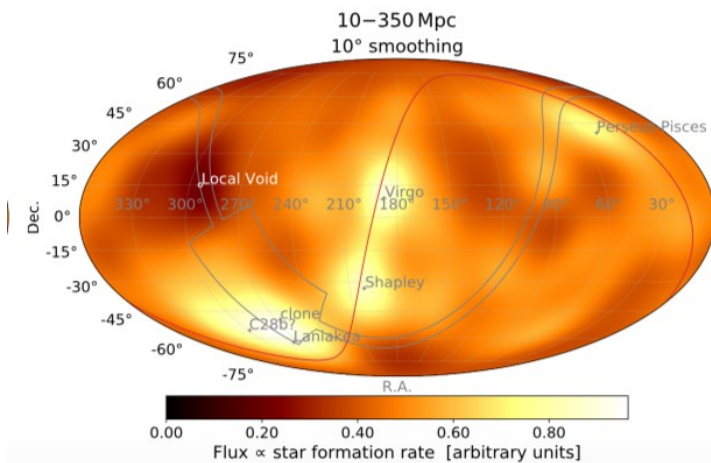
# J. Biteau: Stellar formation rate map



(b)

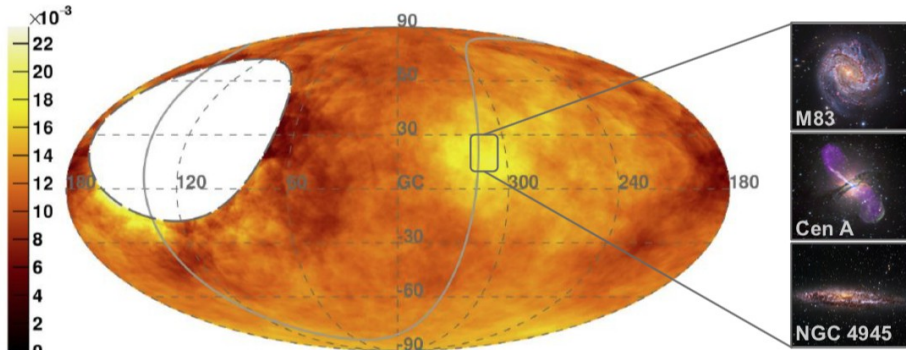


(d)



# Anisotropy searches at highest energies – catalogs

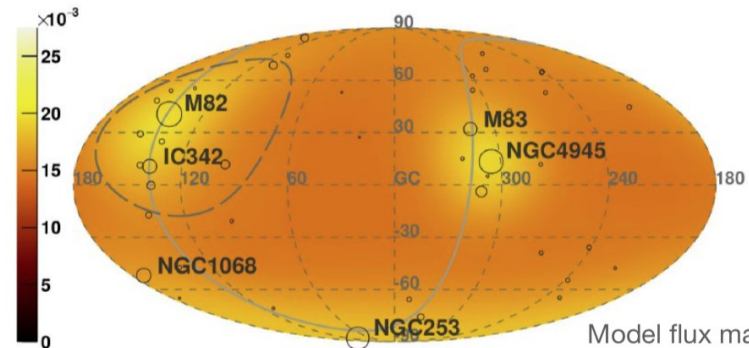
$\Phi(E_{\text{Auger}} > 41 \text{ EeV}) [\text{km}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}]$  - Galactic coordinates -  $\Psi = 24^\circ$



Direction fixed to that of Cen A, free  $E_{\text{th}}$  and  $\Psi$

$E_{\text{th}} > 41 \text{ EeV}$ ,  $\Psi = 27^\circ$ : **3.9 $\sigma$  post-trial** deviation from isotropy (5% excess)

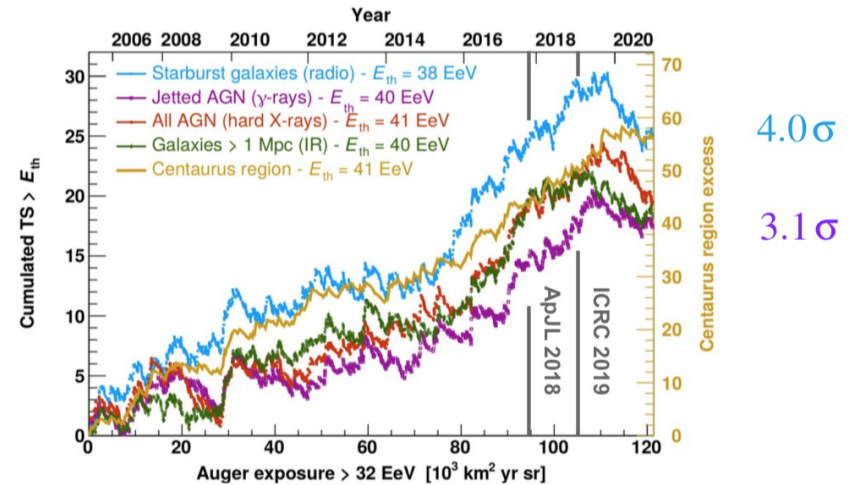
Starburst galaxies (radio) - expected  $\Phi(E_{\text{Auger}} > 38 \text{ EeV}) [\text{km}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}]$



(Jonathan Biteau)

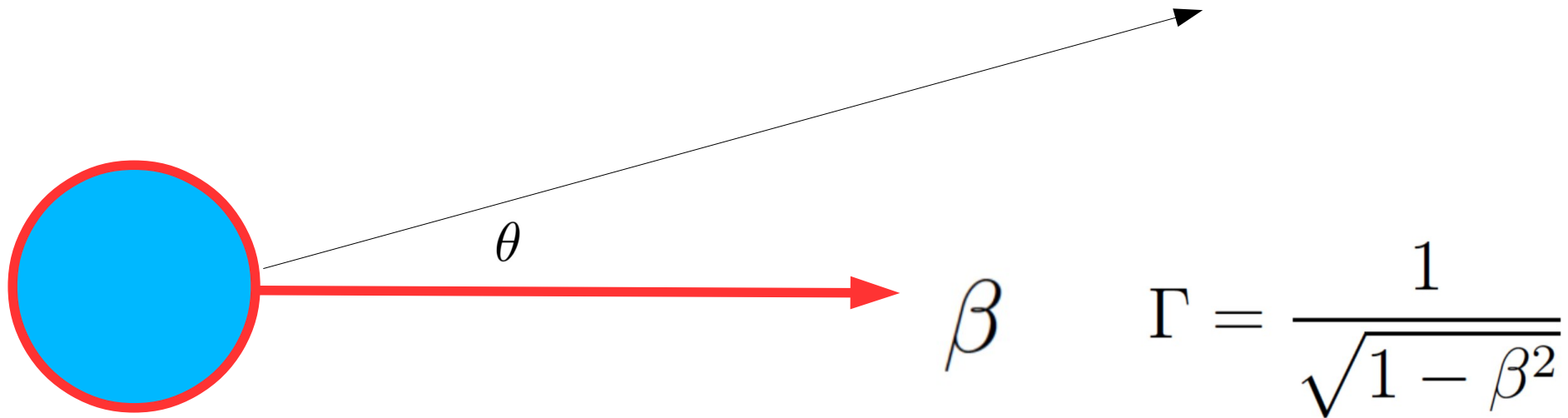
All data until end of 2020, optimized quality cuts: 120,000 km<sup>2</sup> sr yr

Catalog	$E_{\text{th}}$ [EeV]	$\Psi$ [deg]	$\alpha$ [%]	TS	Post-trial $p$ -value
All galaxies (IR)	40	$24^{+16}_{-8}$	$15^{+10}_{-6}$	18.2	$6.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Starbursts (radio)	38	$25^{+11}_{-7}$	$9^{+6}_{-4}$	24.8	$3.1 \times 10^{-5}$
All AGNs (X-rays)	41	$27^{+14}_{-9}$	$8^{+5}_{-4}$	19.3	$4.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Jetted AGNs ( $\gamma$ -rays)	40	$23^{+9}_{-8}$	$6^{+4}_{-3}$	17.3	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$



Growth of test statistic (TS) compatible with linear increase  
 Discovery threshold of 5 $\sigma$  expected in 2025 – 2030 (Phase II)  
 Other means to increase sensitivity (Auger 85% sky coverage)

# Effects of Relativistic Beaming



Simplest modeling of a source as a plasma “blob” moving relativistically and emitting particles *isotropically in the “blob frame”*

Lorentz factor

Emission strongly peaked forward in “lab frame”

[Doppler Factor]

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\Gamma (1 - \beta \cos \theta)} \simeq \frac{2\Gamma}{1 + (\Gamma \theta)^2}$$

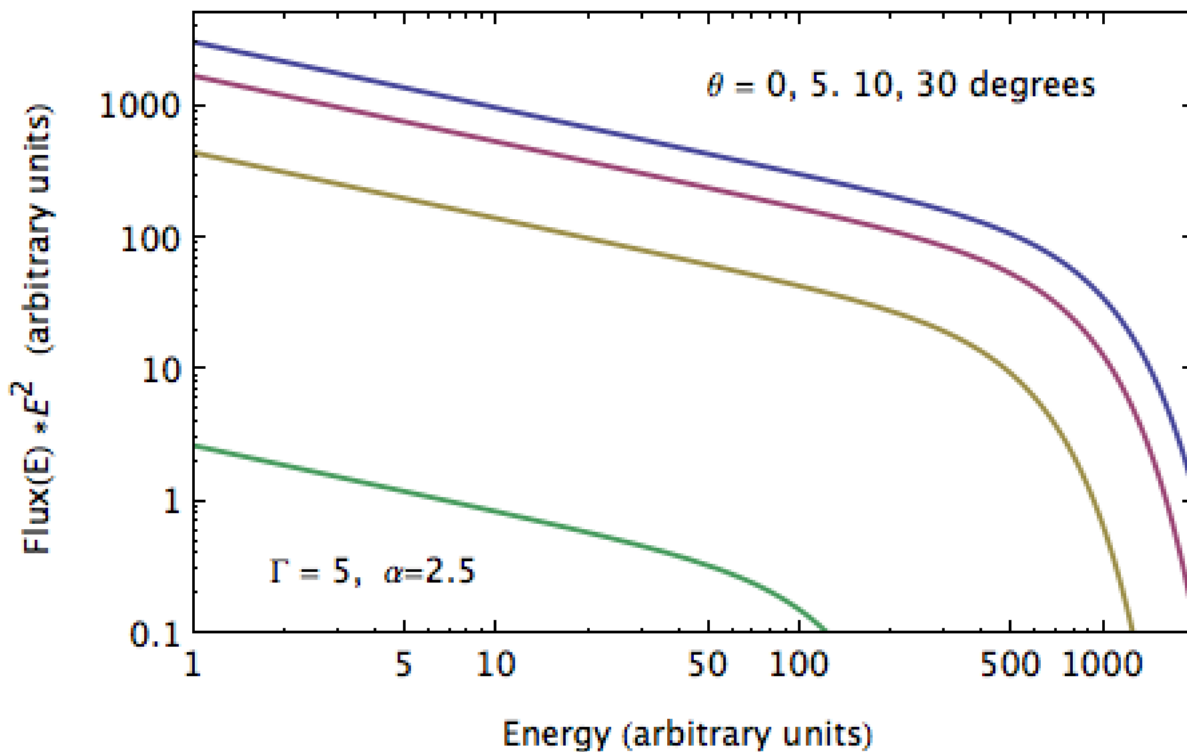


$$\frac{dN}{dE^* d \cos \theta^*} = q(E^*)$$

Isotropic emission  
in “blob frame”

$$\frac{dN}{dE d \cos \theta} = q\left(\frac{E}{\delta}\right) \delta$$

Relativistic  
Beaming:  
(in lab frame)

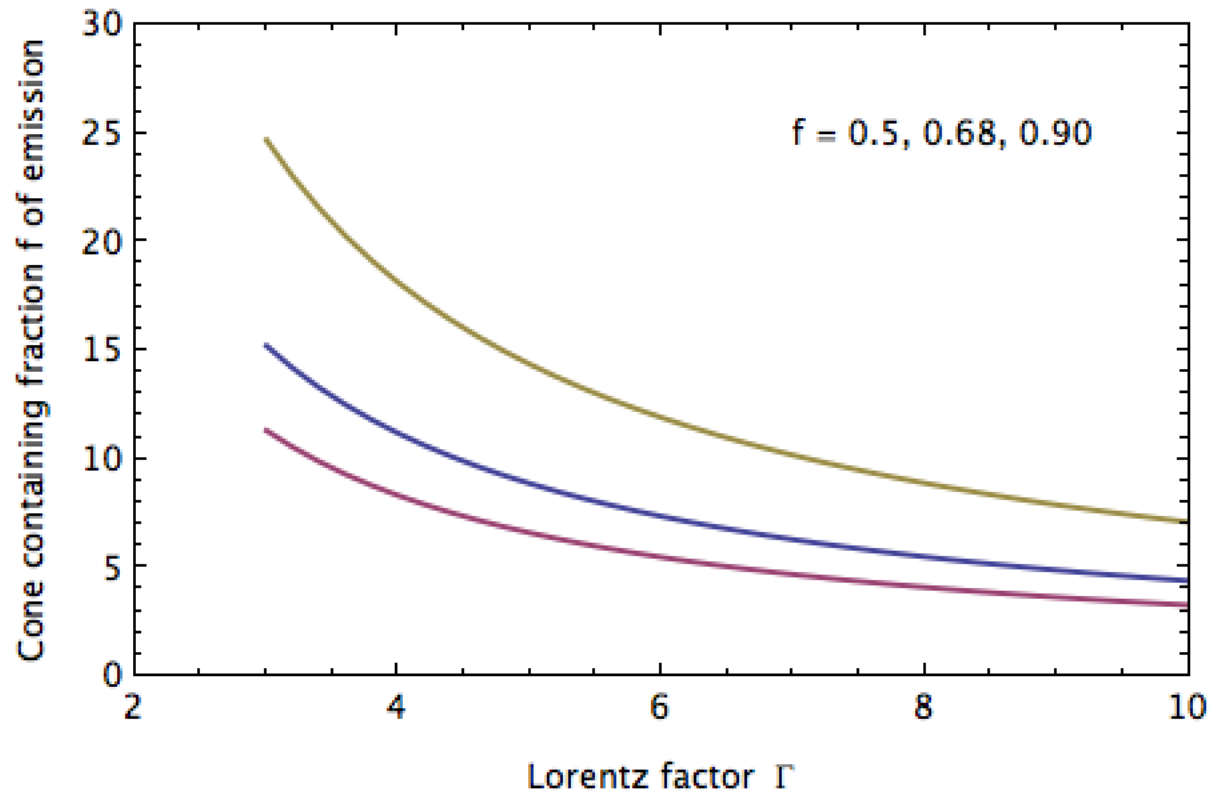
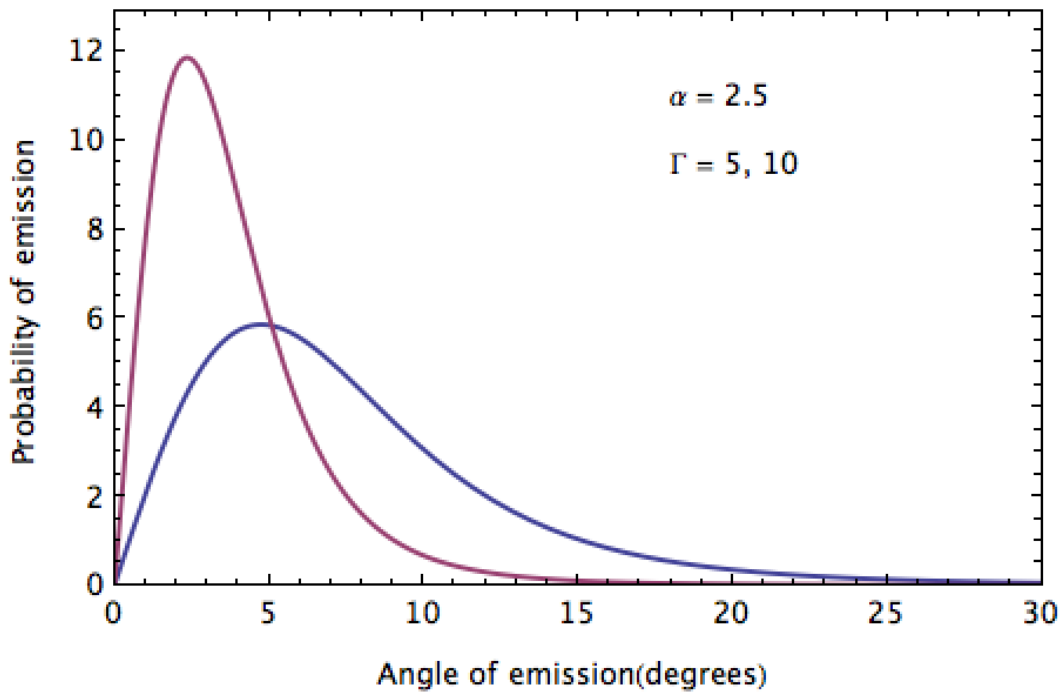


$$N(\theta) \propto \delta^{1+\alpha}$$

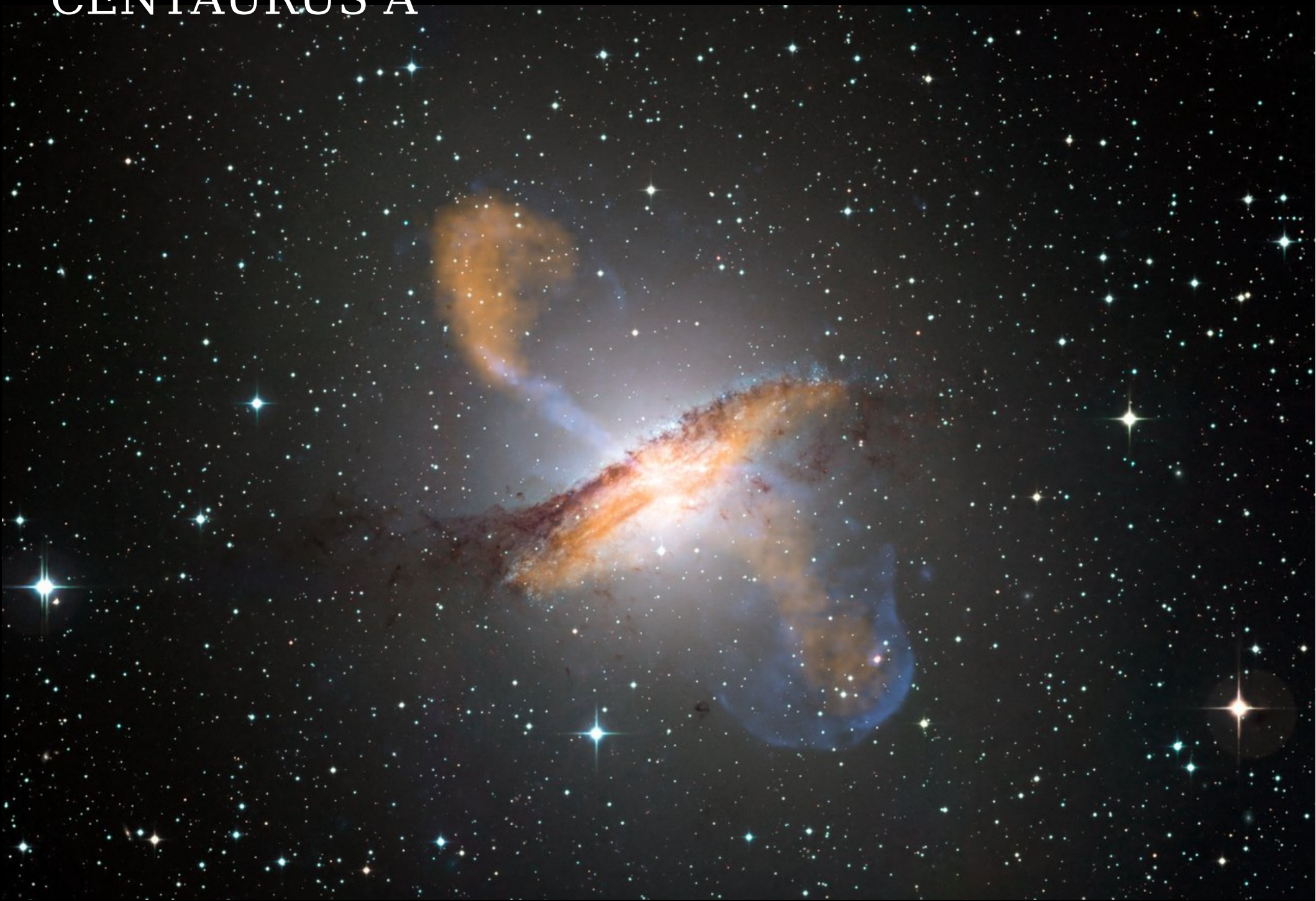
$$\propto [1 + (\Gamma \theta)^2]^{-(1+\alpha)}$$

Ensemble of sources  
with the same Lorentz factor

Distribution of emission  
angle, forward peaked



# CENTAURUS A

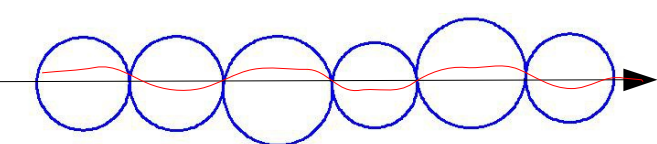
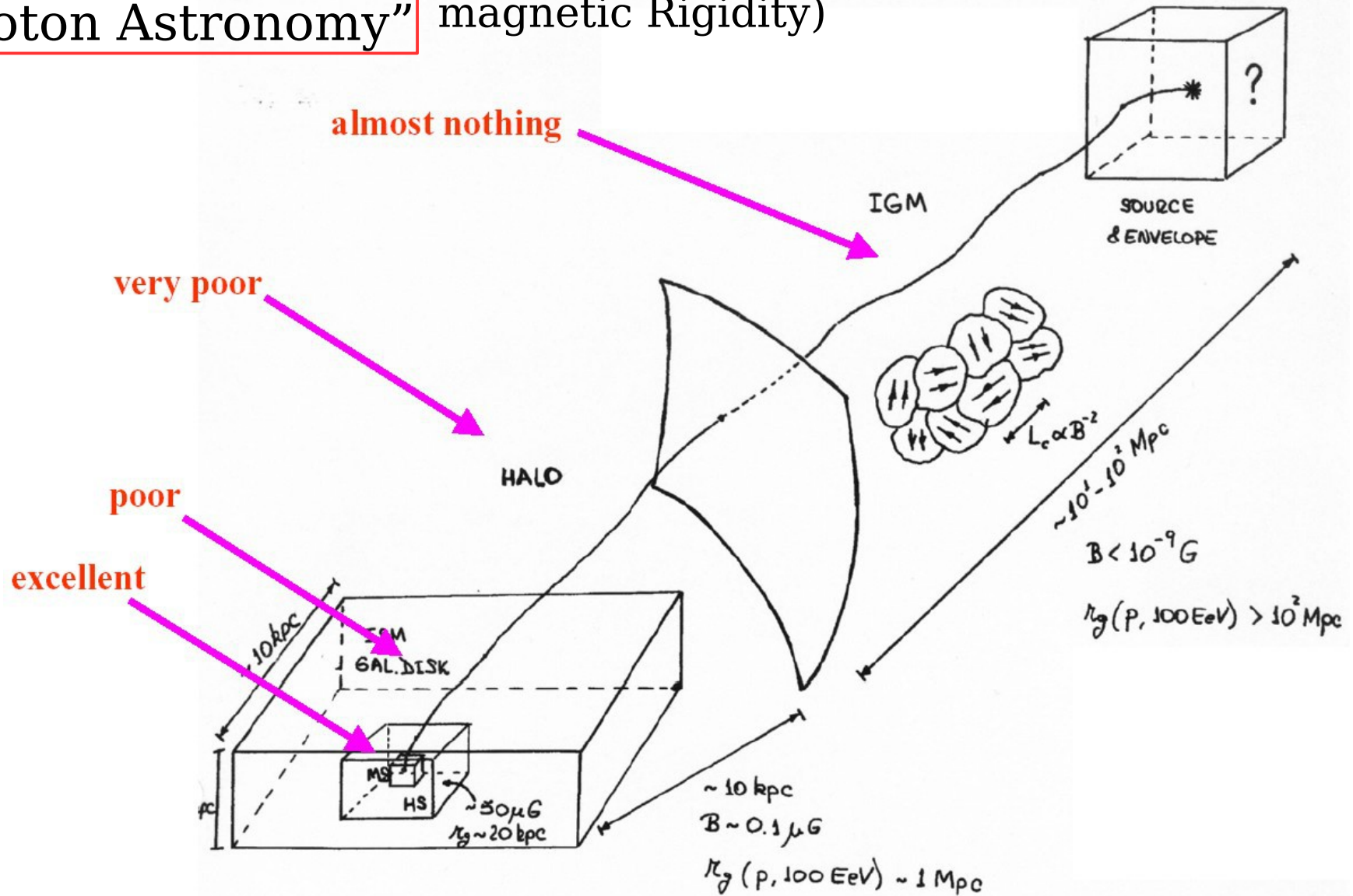


# MAGNETIC FIELDS

Galactic and extragalactic

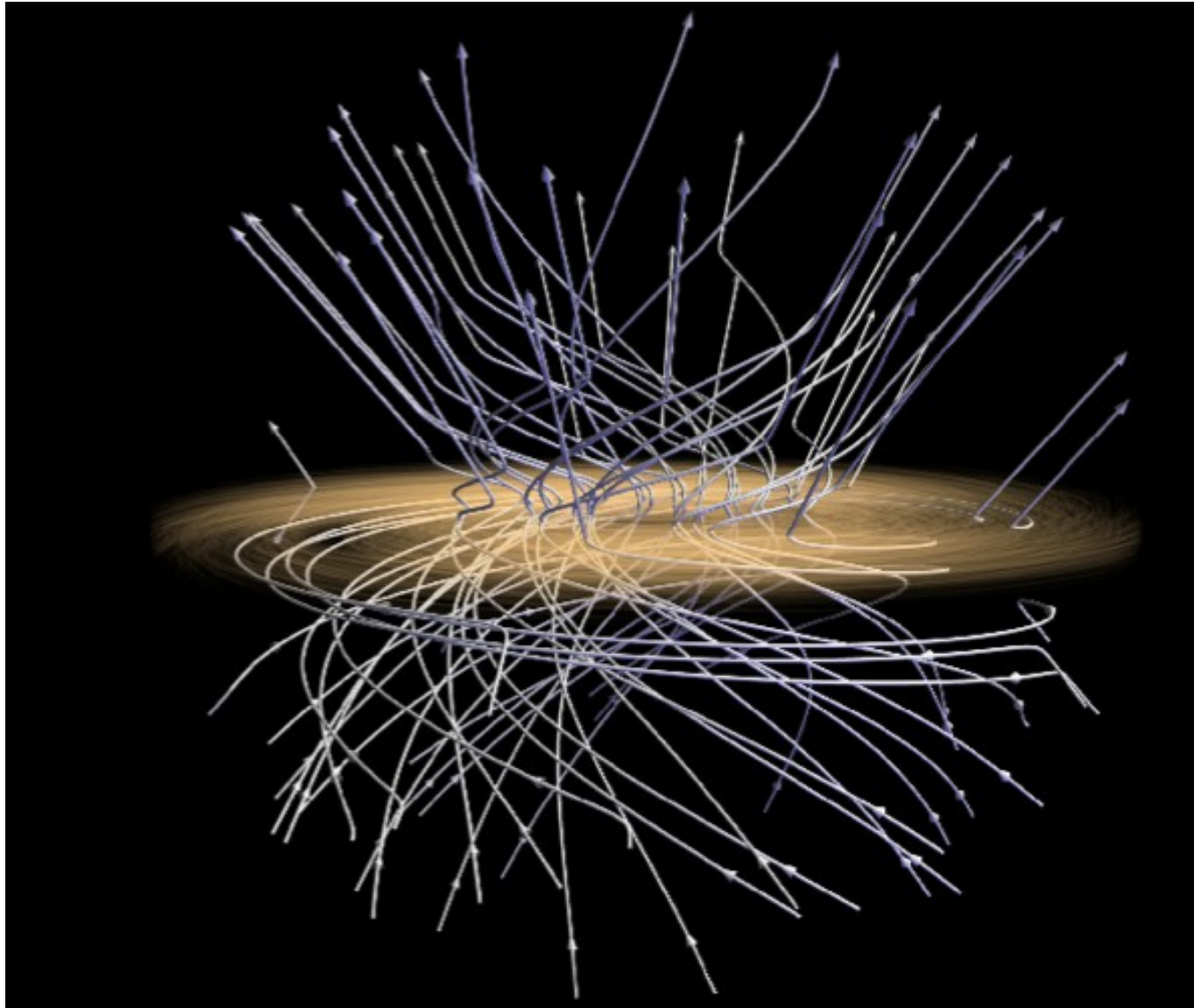
# The possibility "proton Astronomy"

(at sufficient high magnetic Rigidity)

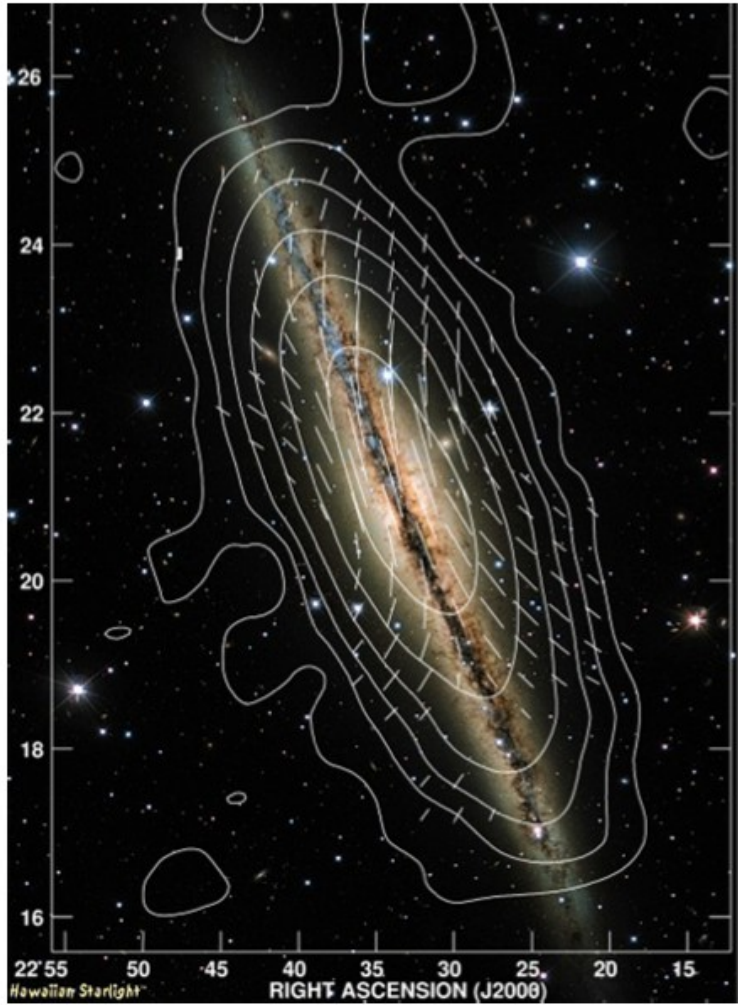


$$\Delta\theta \simeq 0.53^\circ Z \left( \frac{10^{20} \text{ eV}}{E} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{Dd}}{\text{Mpc}} \right) \left( \frac{\langle B \rangle}{nG} \right)$$

# Structure of the Milky Way Magnetic Field

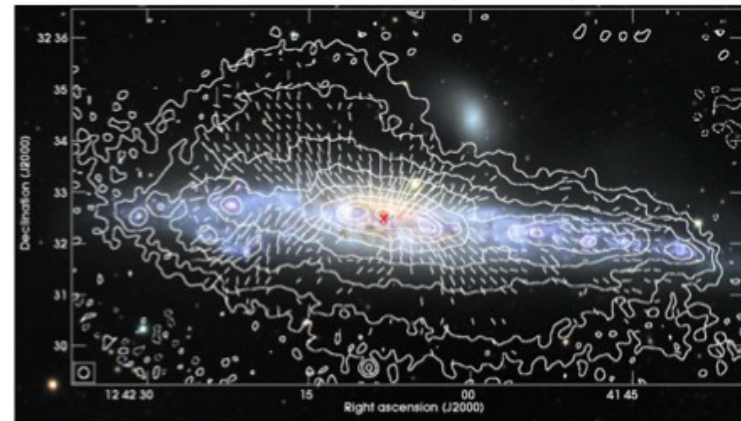


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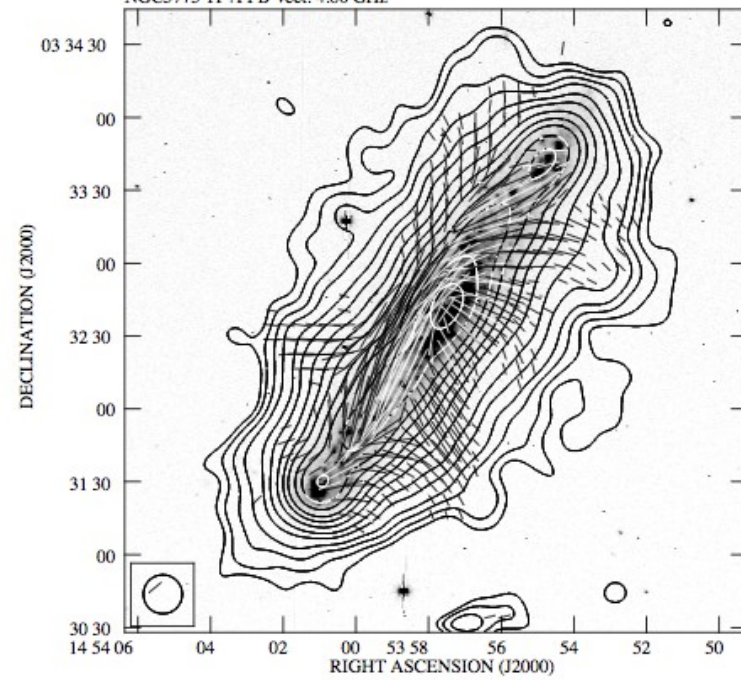


NGC891, M. Krause MPIfR

NGC 4631, M. Krause, arXiv:1401.1317



NGC5775 TP+PI B-vect. 4.86 GHz

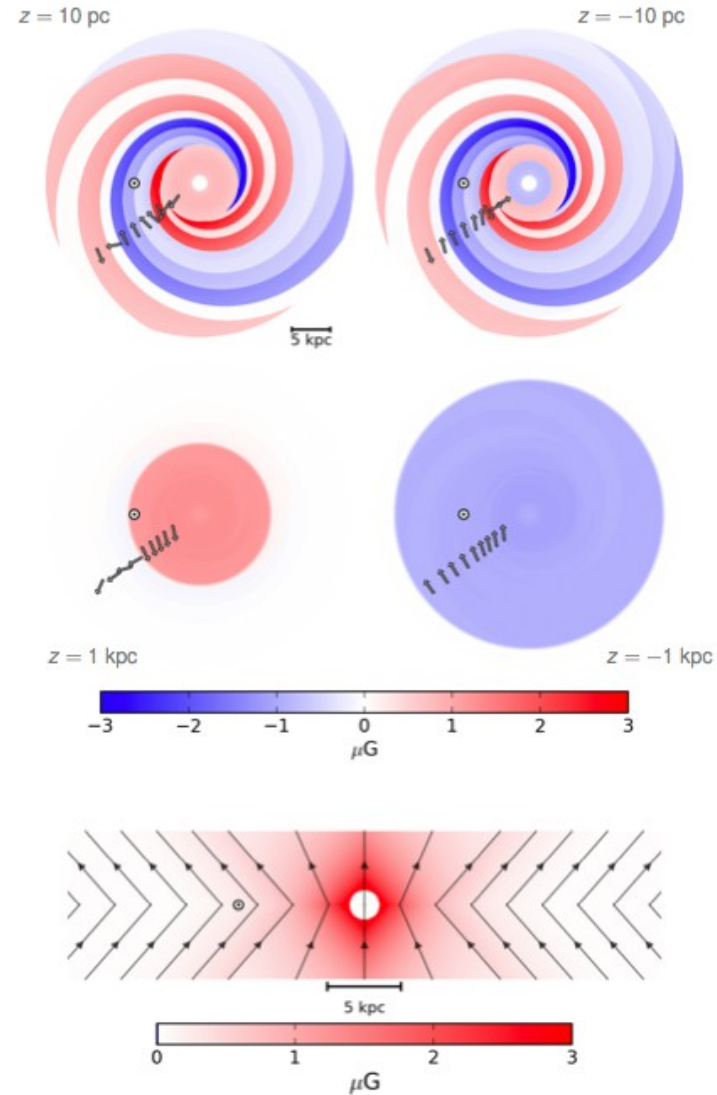


NGC 5775, M. Krause, arXiv:1401.1257 of 37

# Jansson&Farrar Global Magnetic Field Model (JF12)

three (divergence-free!) components:

- ▶ disk field, ( $h \lesssim 0.4$  kpc)
- ▶ toroidal halo field ( $h_{\text{scale}} \sim 5.3$  kpc)
- ▶ “X-field” (halo) **NEW**
- ▶ regular field<sup>a</sup>: 21 parameters
- ▶ random field<sup>b</sup>: 13 parameters
- ▶ striation: 1 parameter
- ▶ CR electron norm.: 1 parameter



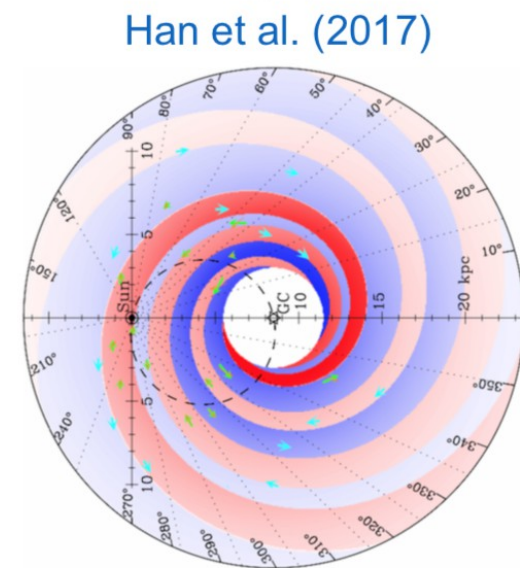
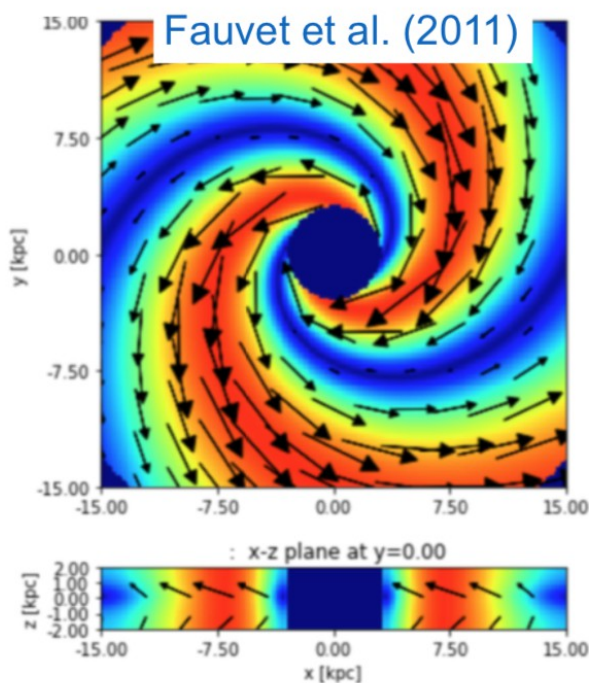
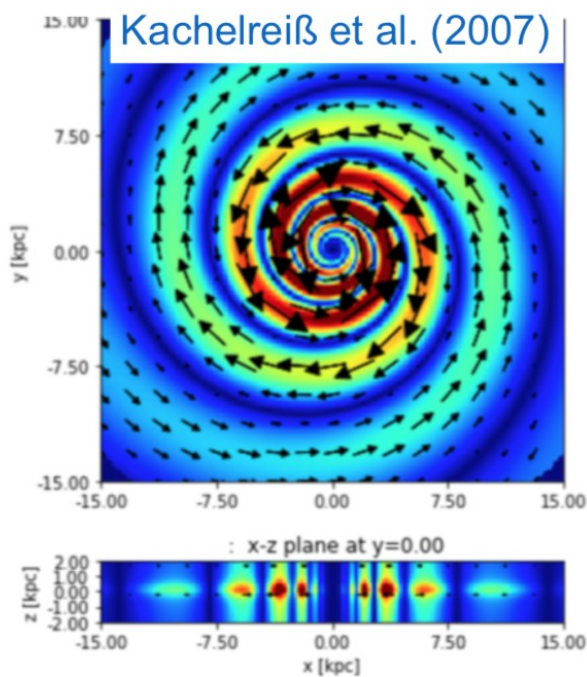
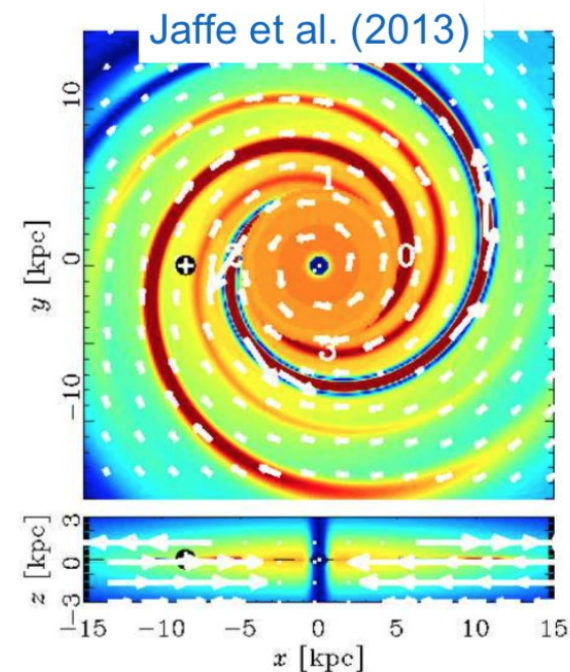
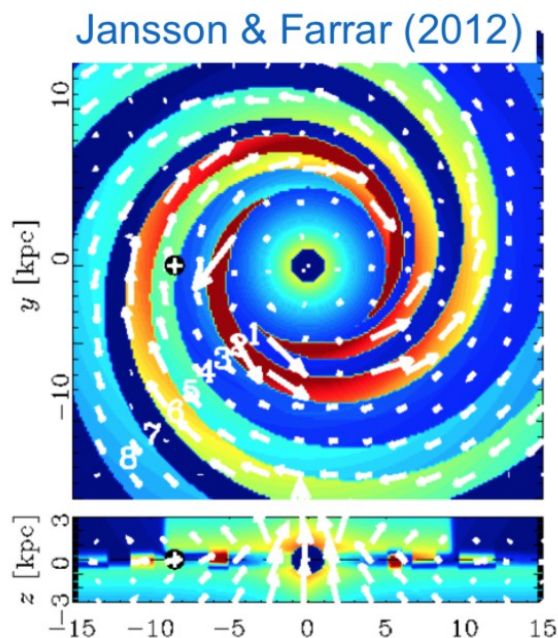
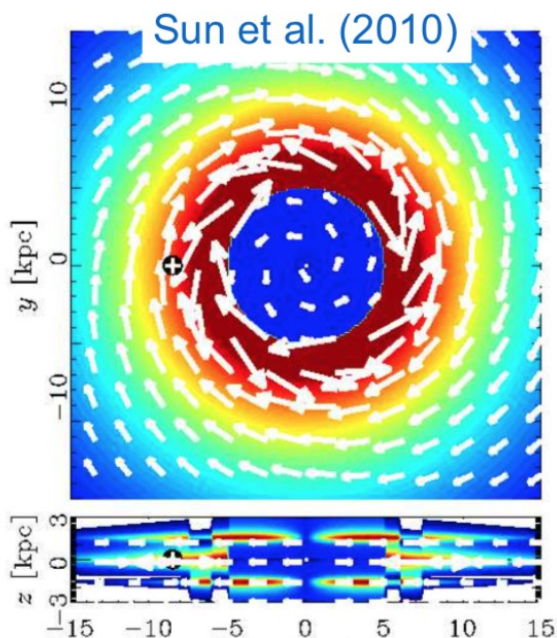
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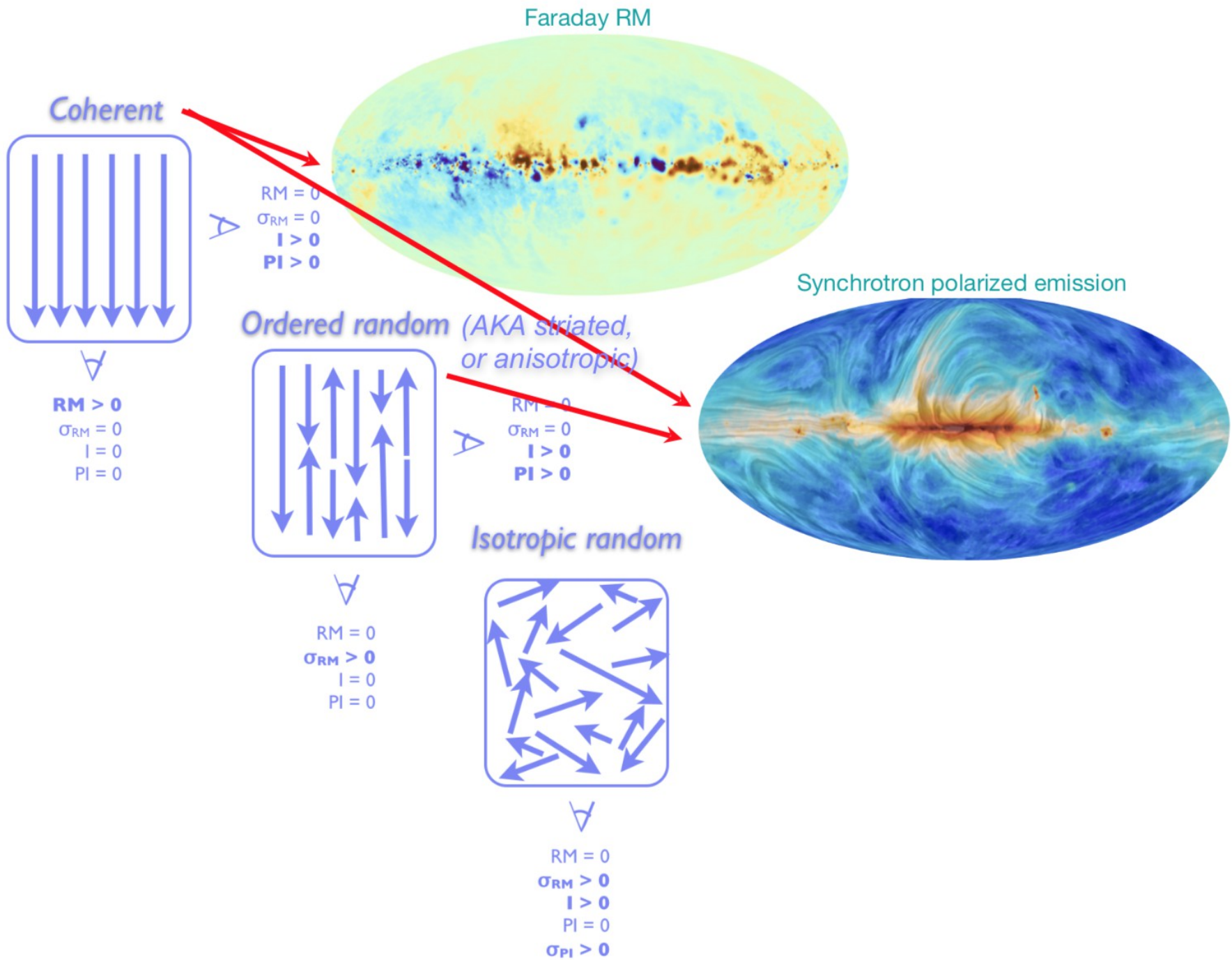
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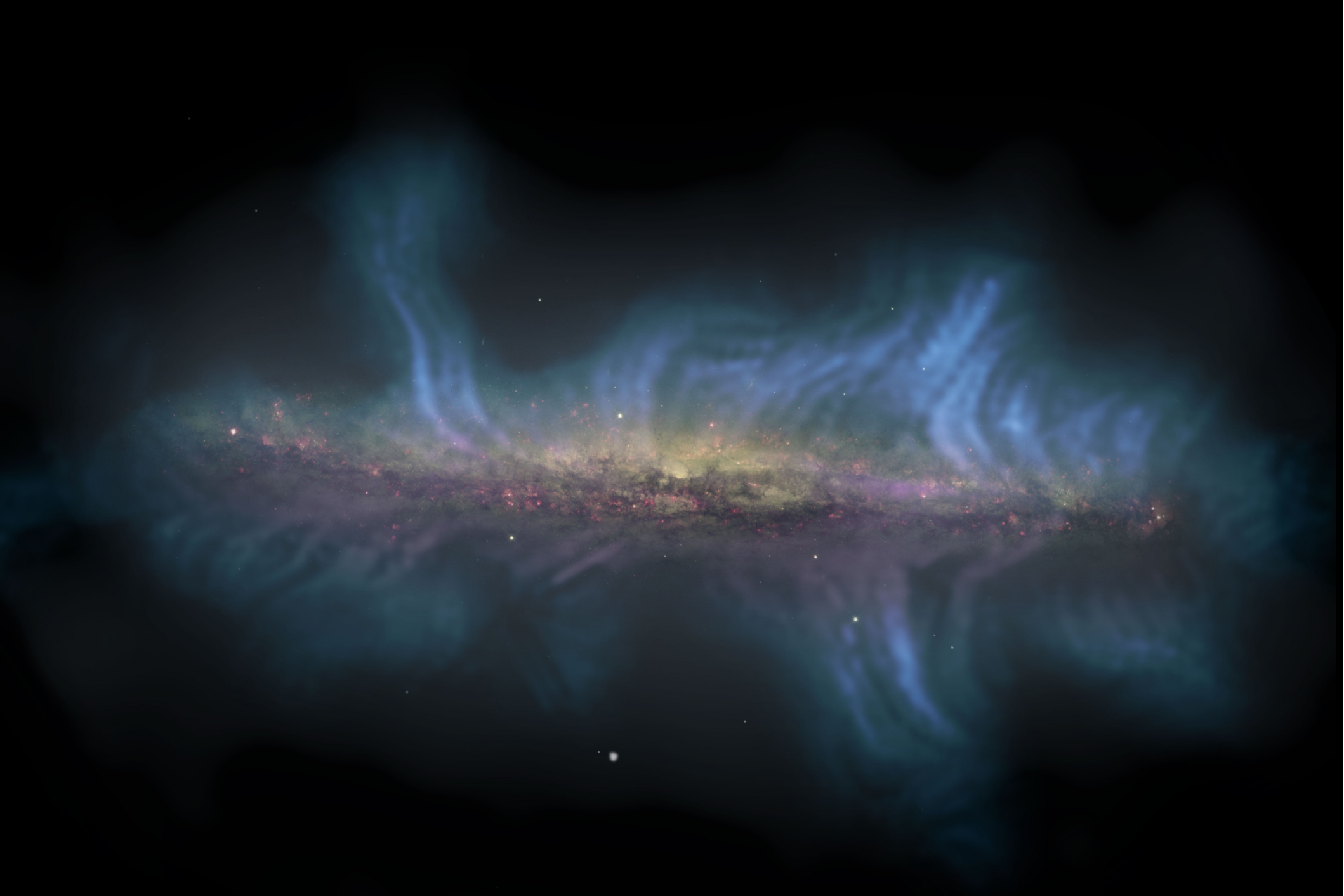


# The state of the art

- Very different morphologies can roughly match the same(ish) observables.



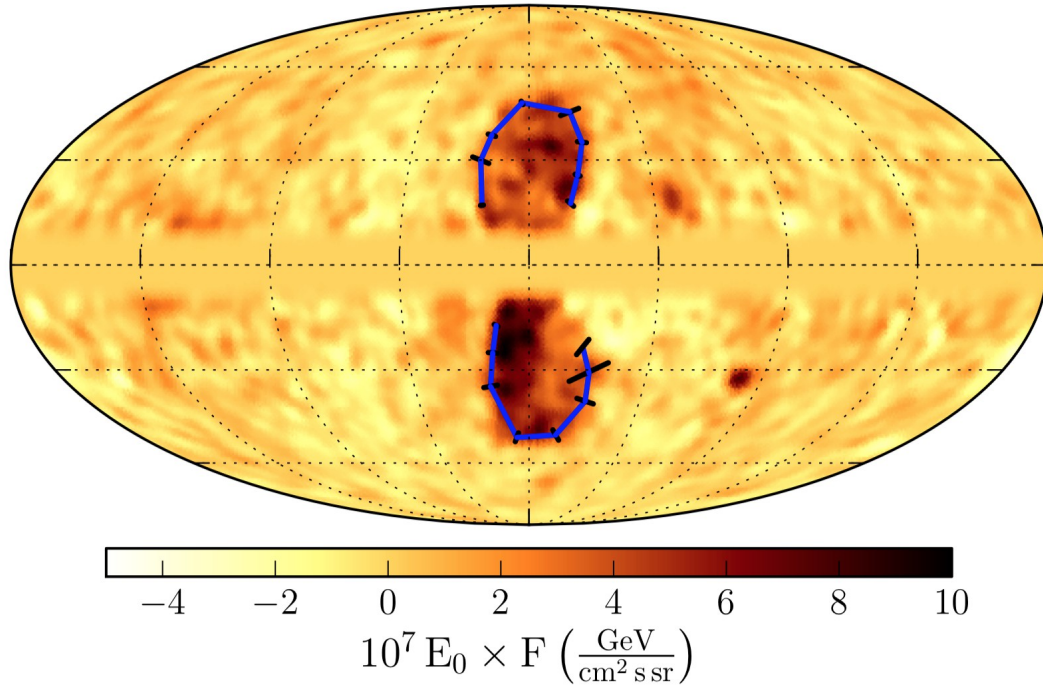




Importance of the “vertical field”

Data: NRAO, NASA, ESA  
Composiion: Jayanne English (U. Manitoba)

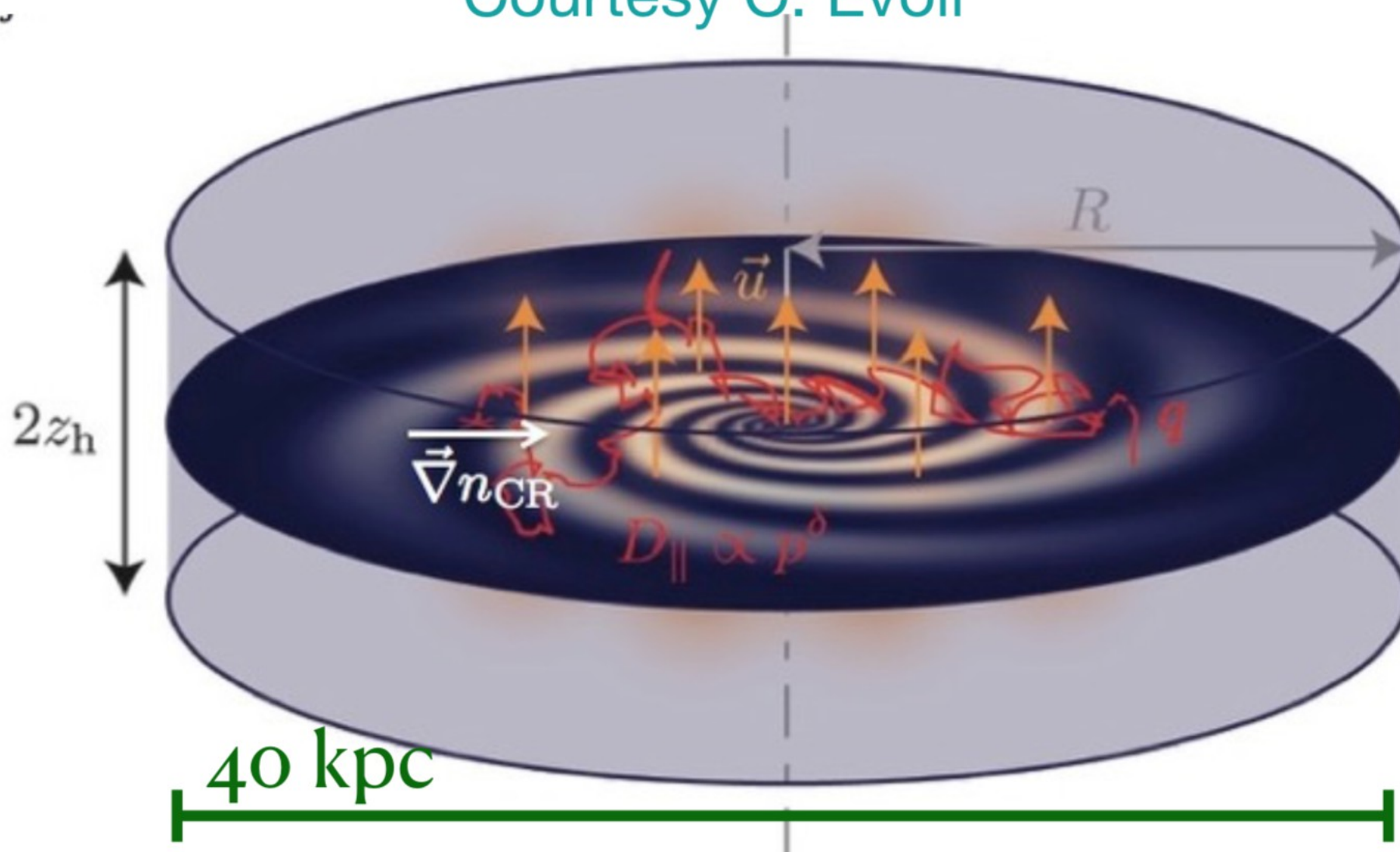
Residual intensity,  $E = 10 - 500 \text{ GeV}$



The “FERMI bubbles”

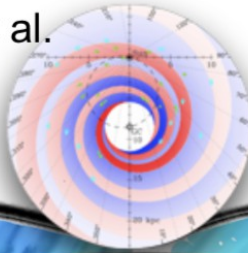


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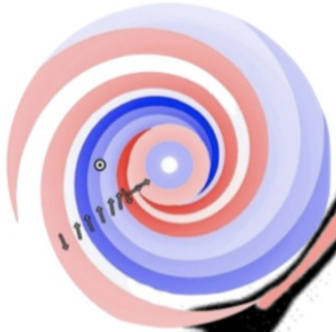


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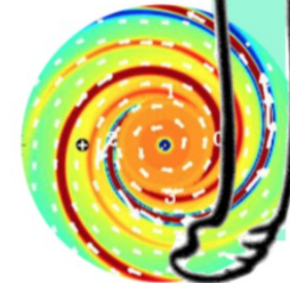
Han et al.  
(2017)



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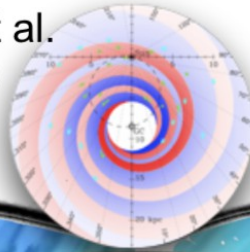
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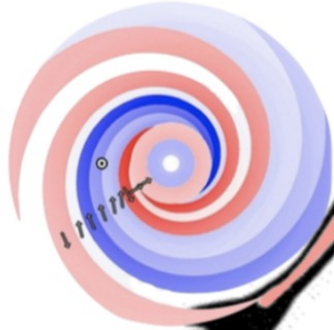
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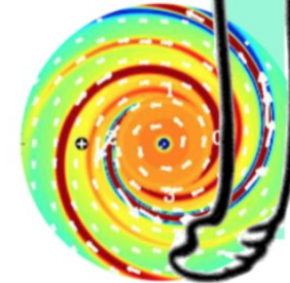


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At the risk of sounding new-age, this will have to be tackled holistically.

Jaffe13



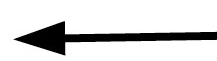
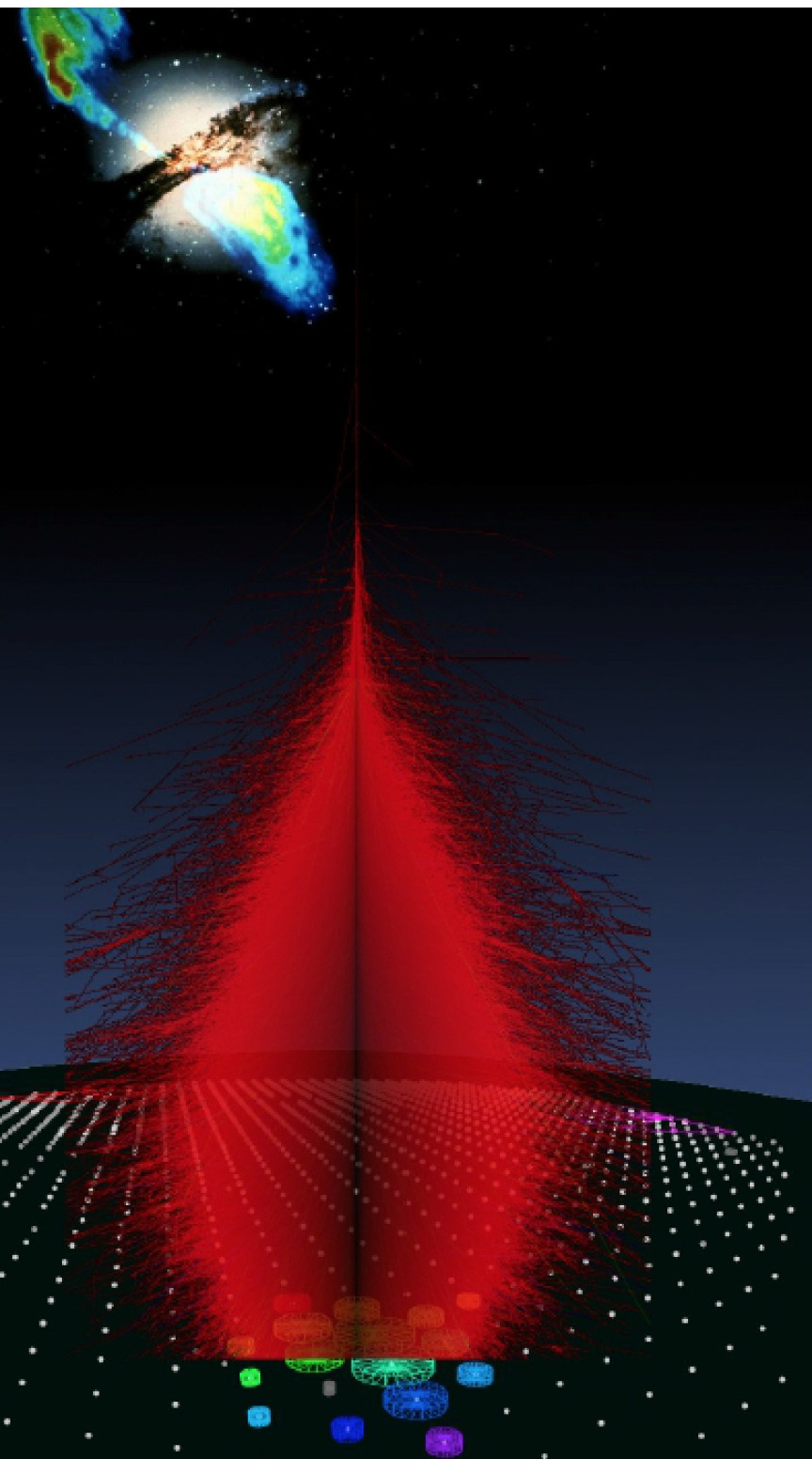
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# Cosmic Ray Physics [Astroparticle Physics]

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## HADRONIC INTERACTIONS





the Source

$$E_{\text{lab}} \simeq 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} \simeq 430 \text{ TeV}$$



the Shower

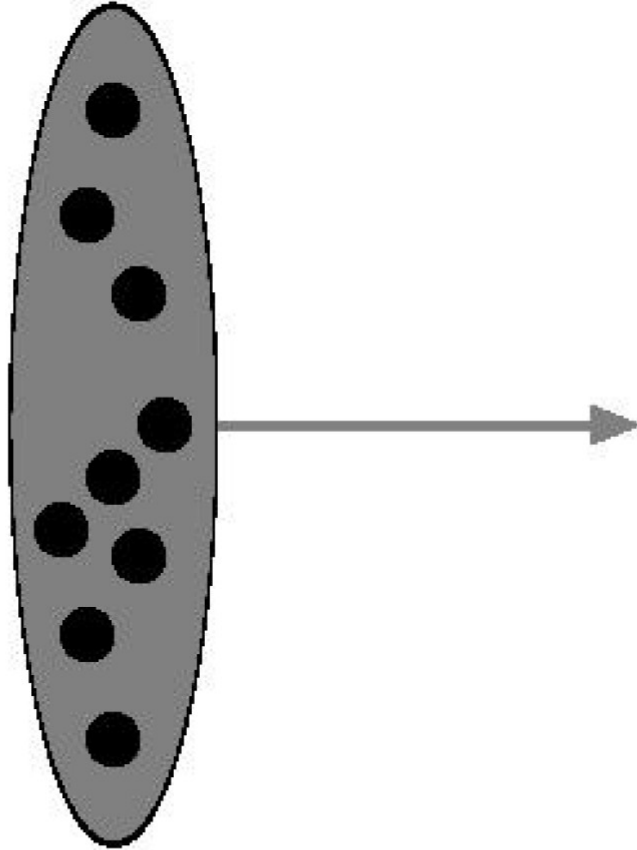
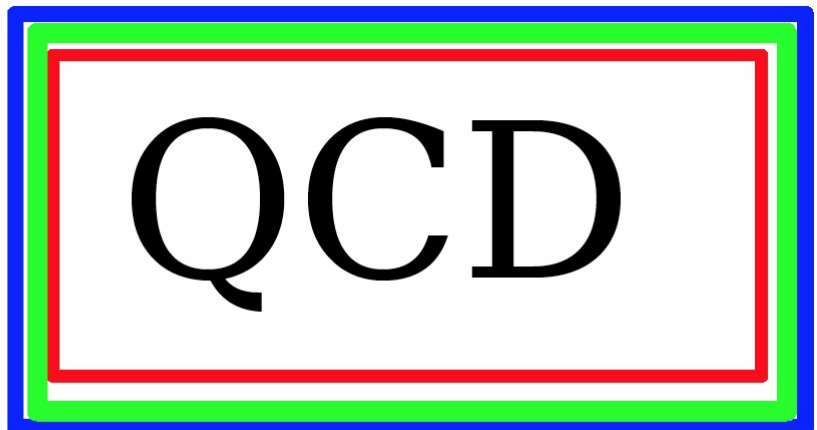
[The estimate of the Energy and Mass of the shower requires the detailed modeling of shower development]



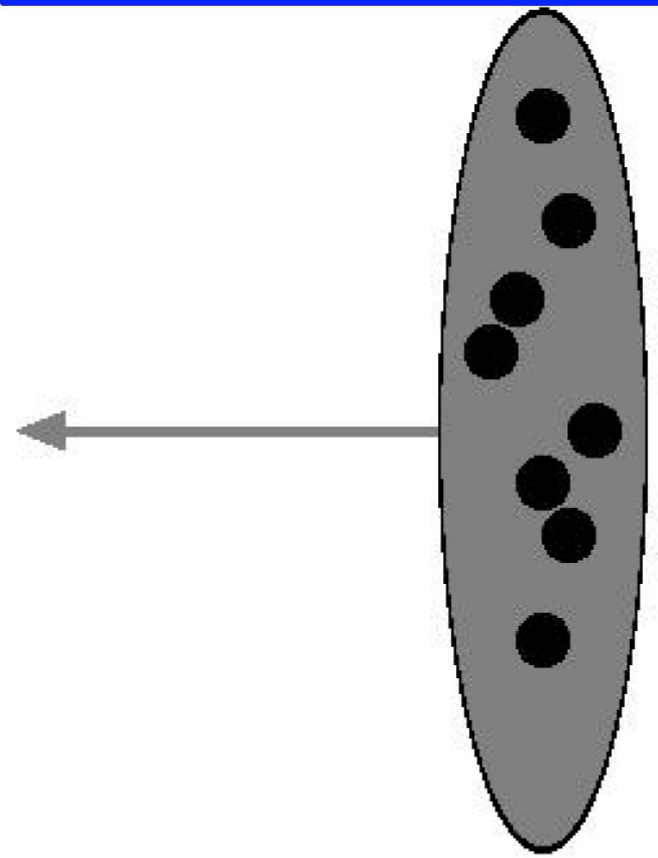
the Data

# Hadronic Interactions

Composite (complex) Objects  
Multiple interaction structure



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Multiple parton interactions  
in the same collision

# Great importance of the LHC data

Total, elastic, inelastic cross sections

“Minimum bias” events

Diffraction events

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[Need all phase space, including the very forward]

Also potentially important measurements at  
much lower energy (Fixed Target)

Where are we with the modeling  
of Hadronic Interactions ?

How large are the uncertainties ?

What are the perspectives to make them  
smaller ?

What is the impact  
for present and future studies ?

my opinion:

Uncertainties on hadronic interactions are still large  
(and possibly/probably underestimated).

Dedicated efforts (experimental and theoretical)  
can significantly reduce these uncertainties.

This a very important and valuable program for

*High energy astrophysics*

and

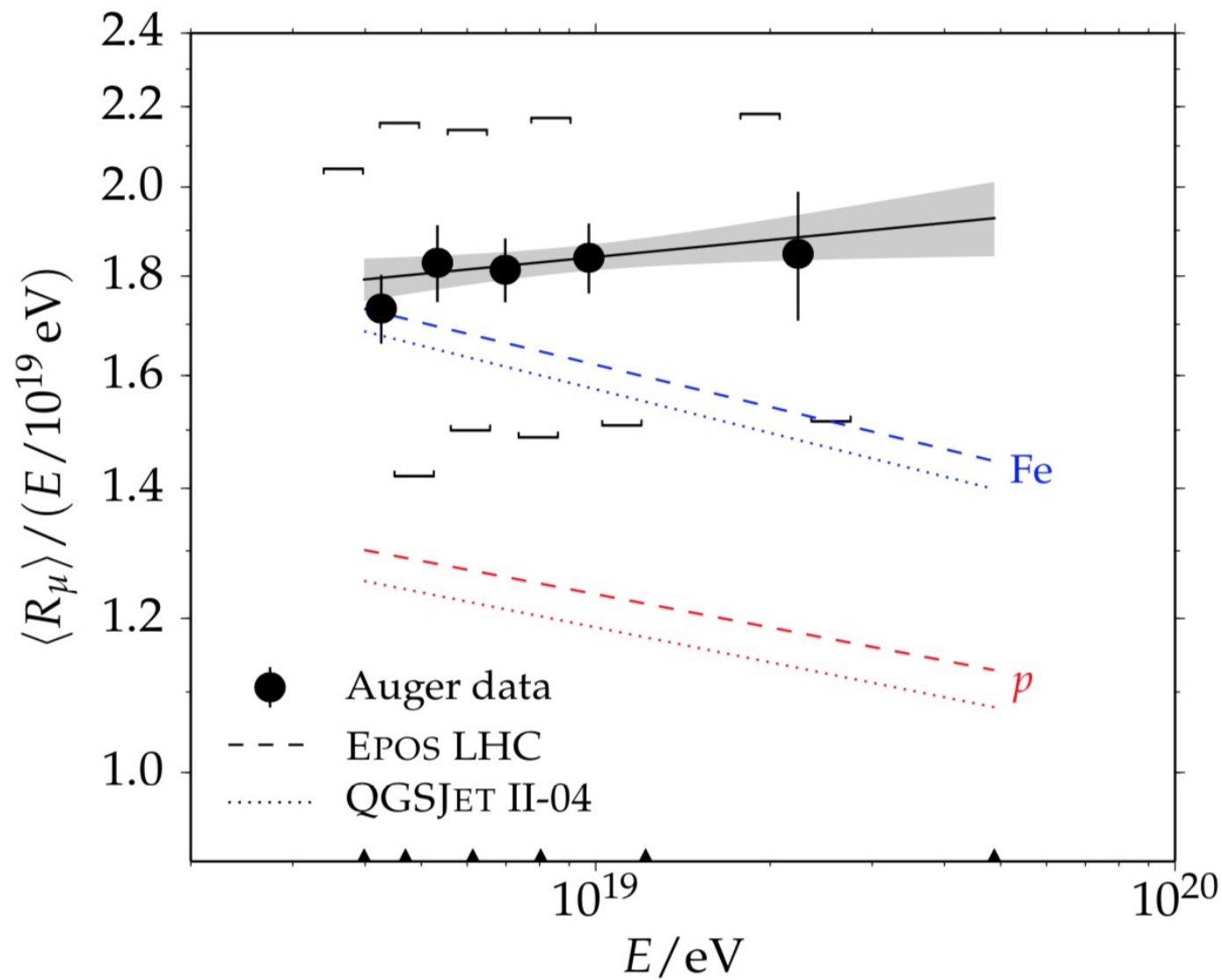
*Particle Physics*

However: necessary to construct

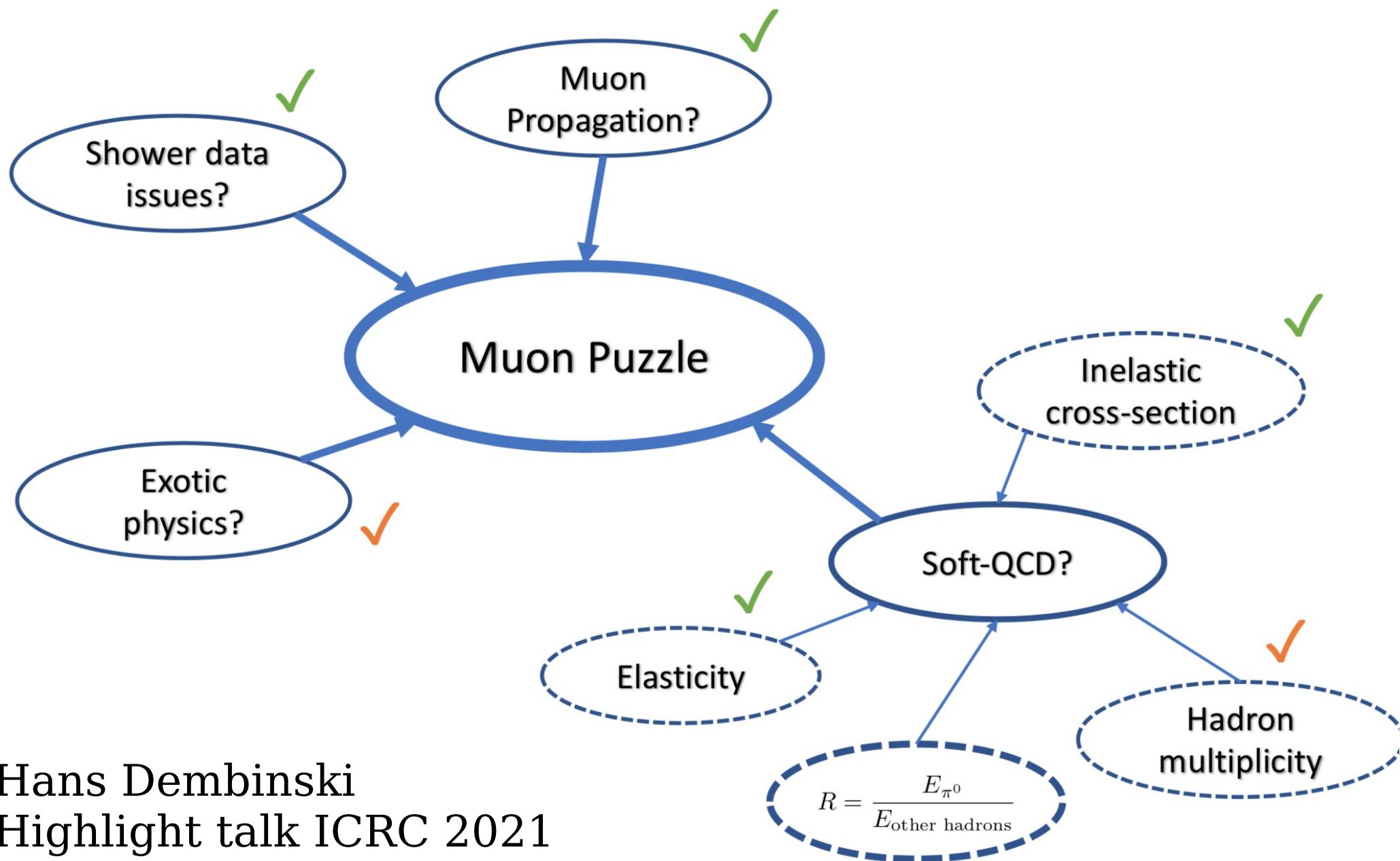
Observational programs that

“*minimize*” the dependence on hadronic interactions  
[multiple variables, self consistency, ...]

# The “Muon problem” in Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays



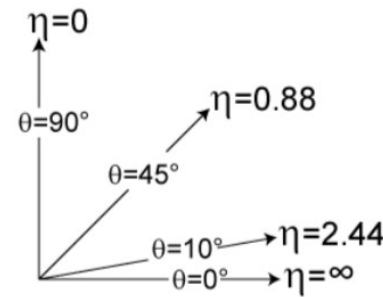
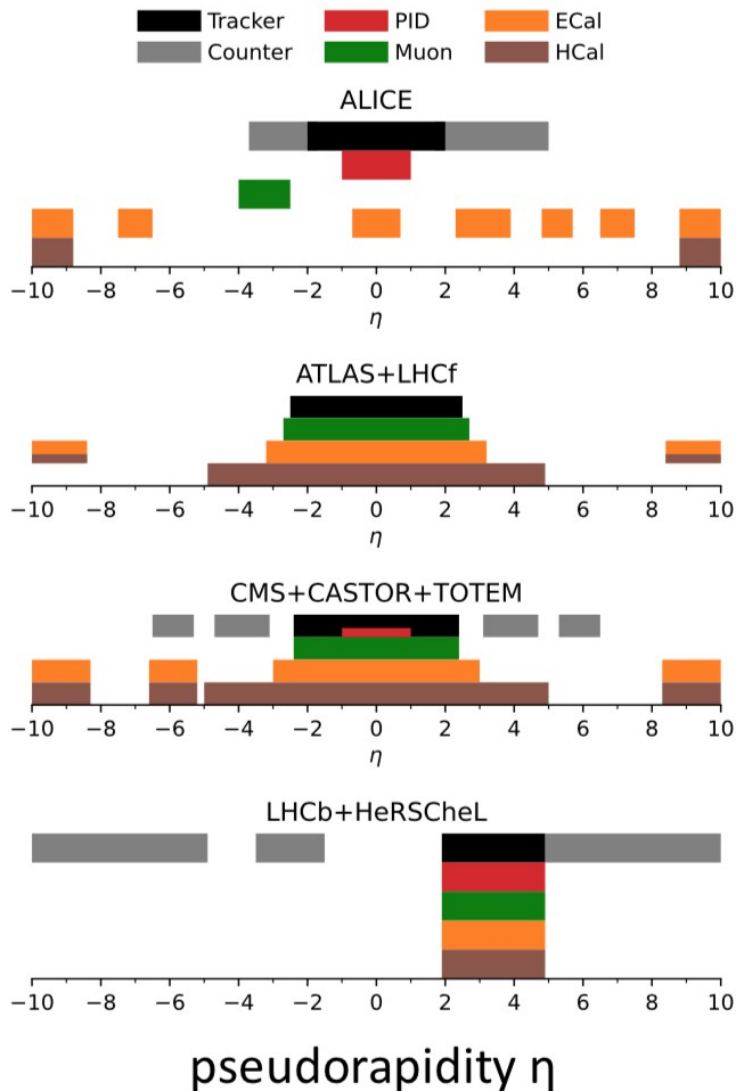
# Attempts to explain muon puzzle



Hans Dembinski  
Highlight talk ICRC 2021

# LHC experiments and Muon Puzzle

arXiv:2105.06148



$\eta$  related to emission angle

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- Most LHC experiments focus on  $|\eta| < 2$  region
  - Detectors well instrumented here
- Forward capabilities  $|\eta| > 2$ 
  - ALICE, TOTEM: counters
  - CMS-CASTOR: Calorimeters for  $e\gamma$  and hadrons
  - LHCb: full tracking and PID at  $2 < \eta < 5$
  - LHCf: neutral particles  $\eta > 8$



# Summary & outlook

- Muon Puzzle in air showers
  - Excess in mean muon number observed with  $8\sigma$  over simulation
  - Early onset around 40 PeV ( $\sqrt{s} \sim 8$  TeV) in reach of LHC
  - Muon number fluctuations consistent with model predictions; constrains exotic explanations
- Origin of muon discrepancy
  - Most likely an issue in forward **soft-QCD**
  - Very sensitive to energy ratio  $R$  in forward region  $\eta \gg 2$ 
    - Constrained only by few LHC experiments: CMS-CASTOR, LHCb, LHCf
    - Key to Muon Puzzle: statistical hadronization in high-density collisions?
  - Sensitive to charged particle spectra
    - Well constrained by LHC p-p data now, still large model spread for p-O
    - Important also for  $X_{\max}$  prediction
- LHC measurements with p-O collisions in 2023/24
  - Will resolve large model spread in charged particle density
  - Need to study hadron composition & strangeness production over wide  $\eta$  range
- More precise muon data from enhanced and new air shower experiments
  - AugerPrime [PoS\(ICRC2021\)270](#)
  - IceCube surface extension and Gen2 [PoS\(ICRC2021\)314](#)
  - TAx4 [PoS\(ICRC2021\)203](#)
  - NEVOD-DECOR extension
  - GRAND [PoS\(ICRC2021\)1181](#)
  - GCOS [PoS\(ICRC2021\)027](#)

$$R = \frac{E_{\pi^0}}{E_{\text{other hadrons}}}$$

Muons and radio: great match

Muon energy spectrum: additional information

Pierre Auger Collaboration

“Measurement of the Fluctuations in the Number of Muons in Extensive Air Showers with the Pierre Auger Observatory,”

Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, no.15, 152002 (2021)

[arXiv:2102.07797 [hep-ex]].

We present the first measurement of the fluctuations in the number of muons in extensive air showers produced by ultrahigh energy cosmic rays.

We find that the measured fluctuations are in good agreement with predictions from air shower simulations.

This observation provides new insights into the origin of the previously reported deficit of muons in air shower simulations and constrains models of hadronic interactions at ultrahigh energies.

Our measurement is compatible with the muon deficit originating from small deviations in the predictions from hadronic interaction models of particle production that accumulate as the showers develop.

# Fundamental Open Problems:

1. Galactic / extragalactic transition
2. Spectrum + Composition  
from the Knee to the “end of the spectrum”
3. Measure and understand Anisotropies
4. Hadronic Interactions

# Open Problems for Cosmic Ray Astrophysics

## *Ensemble of Galactic sources:*

- [\*] What is the shape of the source spectrum
- [\*] What is the source spectrum for *electrons*
- [\*] Do positron accelerator exist ?
- [\*] What is the maximum energy of Galactic sources
- [\*] What generates the “Knee”
- [\*] Do different classes of object contribute to the flux
- [\*] What classes of objects ?

## *Ensemble of extragalactic sources:*

- [\*] What is the shape of the extragalactic source spectrum
- [\*] What is the maximum energy
- [\*] More than one class of events ?
- [\*] Source identification [CR astronomy]

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# Strategies for future CR studies

Two main directions:

[1.] Highest Energies, Very large Exposures

pursue the dream of Cosmic Ray Astronomy  
[look for surprises, exotic, ...]

[2.] Lower energies [TeV - EeV]

Higher statistics

Better control of systematics

Redundant measurements.

Clarify open problems

Knee, Ankle, Galactic/extragalactic, ....