



# GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY

A story of travelers

Part 1. Theory

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# Program

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What is a gamma ray?

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Cosmic rays and gamma-rays

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Acceleration of cosmic rays

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Generation of gamma rays

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Nice gamma-ray targets

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Pt 2. Instruments (Tuesday lecture)

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# COSMIC TRAVELER

- Many travellers
  - *Particles*
  - *Radiation*
- To try and fix concepts, we will try and get helped by **analogies to travel**...but our will be an truly cosmic travel

# Travellers (and a disclaimer)

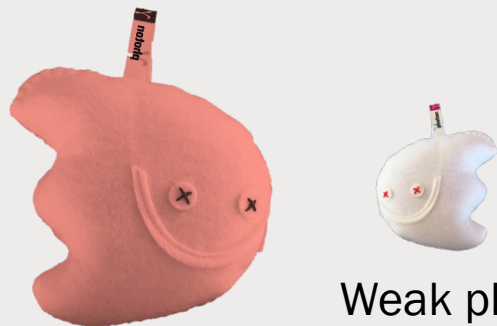


the electron and the positron



the PROTON

the neutrino



Weak photons

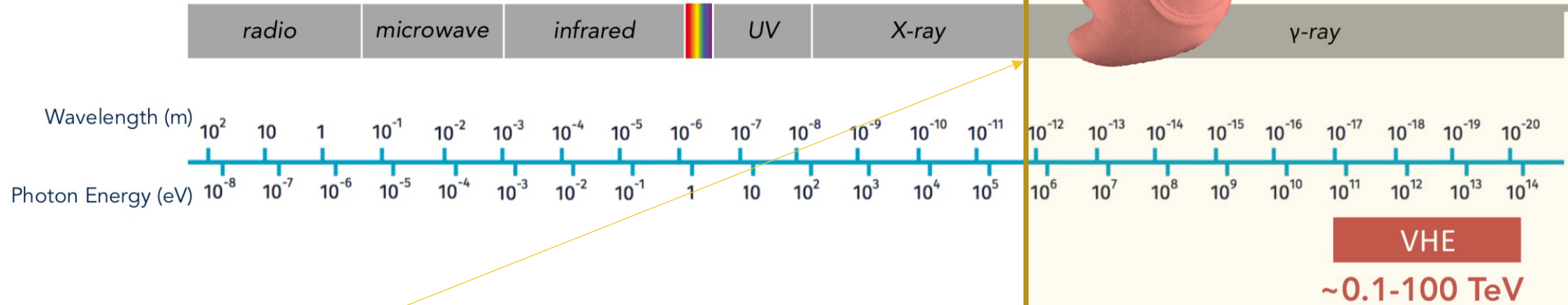
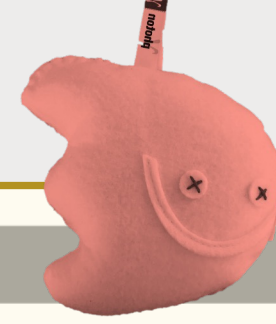
ze scary gamma ray



- **DISCLAIMER: wide topic!**
- *Structured as seminar, not lecture*
- *Some books recommended*



# What are gamma-rays



- Minimum energy is the pair production threshold  $E=0.511$  MeV (electron mass)
- A photon of **1 TeV** has
  - An **energy** of  $1.6 * 10^{-7}$  J = 1.6 erg
  - A **wavelength** of  $1.25 * 10^{-18}$  m
  - A **frequency** of  $2.4 * 10^{-26}$  Hz

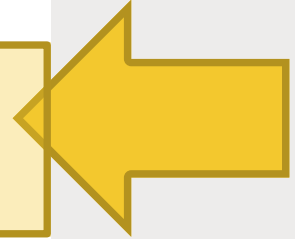
- Photon flux  $dN/dE$  in astrophysics best expressed energy flux (differential):

$$E^2 \frac{dN}{dE} = \nu F_\nu \text{ [erg cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{]}$$

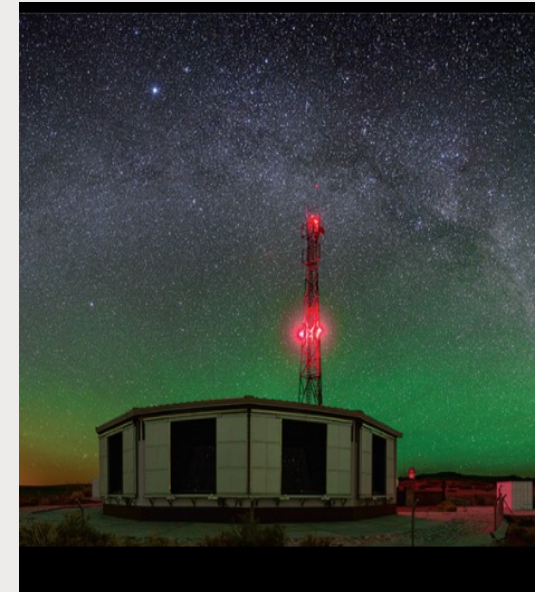
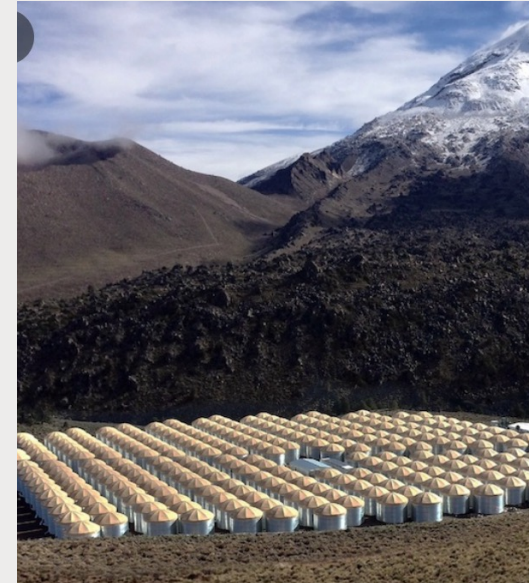
Spectral energy distribution (SED)

# Gamma Ray (Cosmic-ray) Nomenclature

	Range	Type	Detection mec.	Experiments
LE	< 30 MeV	Balloon	Compton Effect	
HE	30 MeV–30 GeV	Satellite	Calorimeter	EGRET, Fermi
VHE	100 GeV–30 TeV	Ground	Atm.–Cherenkov	Whipple, HEGRA (past) <b>MAGIC, HESS, Veritas</b>
UHE	30 TeV–30 PeV	Ground	Water–Cherenkov	Milagro
EHE	> 30 PeV	Ground	Atm. Fluorescence	Hires, Auger



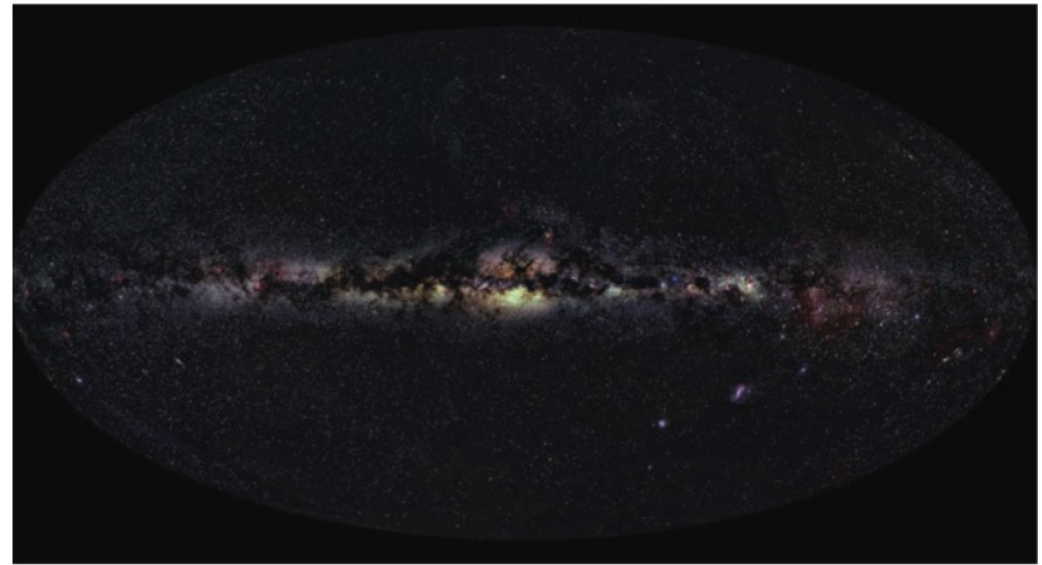
- Classification more related to experimental technique (see next lecture!)



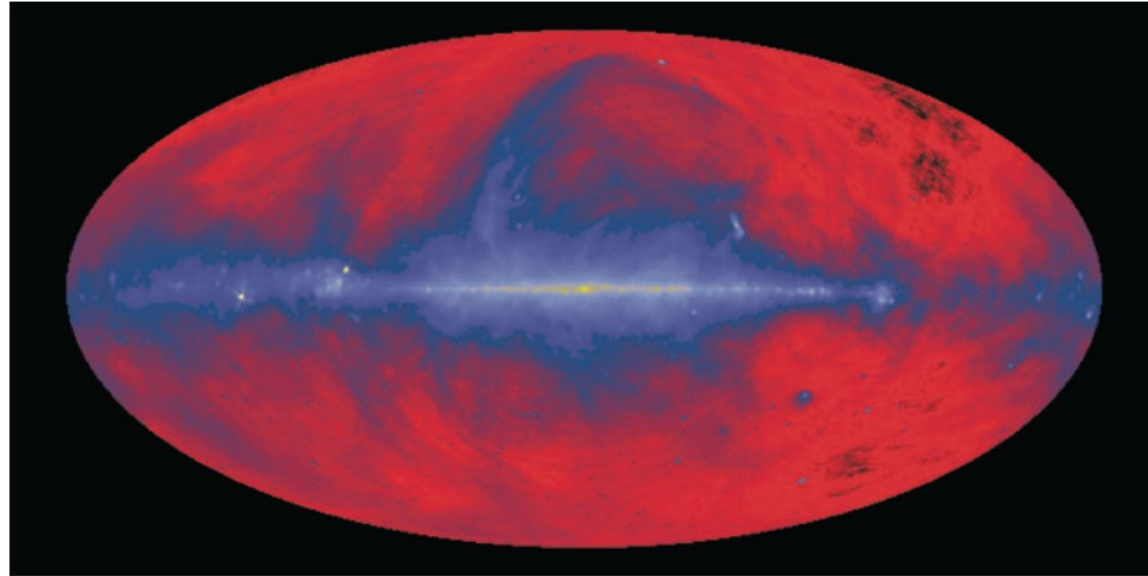


# High Energy Astrophysics

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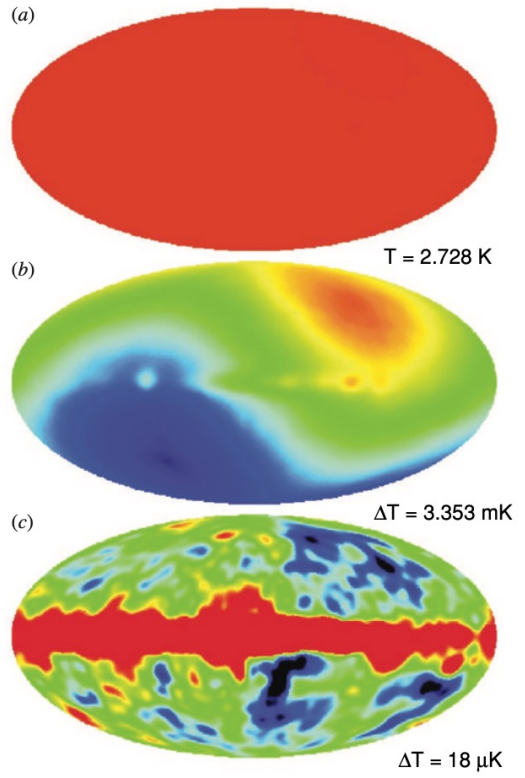
images of the celestial sphere in the optical waveband created by Dr. Axel Mellinger from 51 wide-angle photographs. The photographs were taken at observing sites in California, South Africa and Germany, image processed together digitally. How these images were created is explained in his web site at <http://home.arcor-online.de/~axel/mellinger/>. (a) The northern (left) and southern (right) celestial hemispheres are plotted in equidistant polar or zenith equidistant projections. The Milky Way is the broad band of emission seen in both images, but is much more prominent in the southern than in the northern skies. (b) The optical image of the whole sky in Galactic coordinates in a Hammer–Aitoff projection. The nearby dwarf companion galaxies to our own Galaxy, the Large and Small Magellanic Clouds, are seen in the southern Galactic hemisphere at about Galactic longitudes  $l \approx 270^\circ$  and  $l \approx 300^\circ$ , respectively. (Courtesy of Dr. Axel Mellinger.)



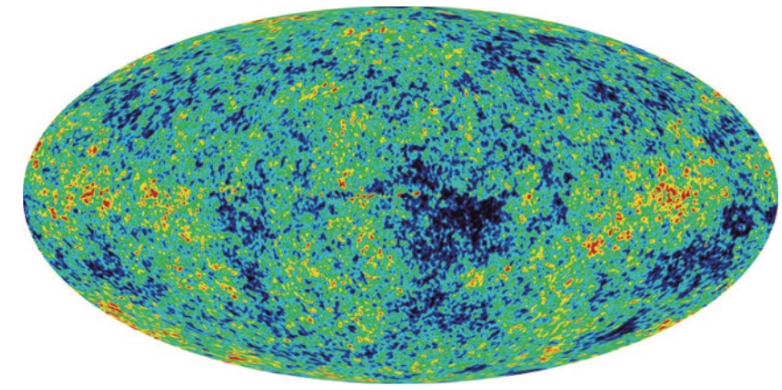
**Fig. 1.9**

Images of the celestial sphere at a radio frequency of 408 MHz in a Hammer–Aitoff projection. This image is dominated by the radio emission of relativistic electrons gyrating in the interstellar magnetic field, the process known as *synchrotron radiation*. The radiation is most intense in the plane of the Galaxy but it can be seen that there are extensive ‘loops’ and filaments of radio emission extending far out of the plane. (Courtesy of Max-Planck-Institut für Radioastronomie, Bonn.)

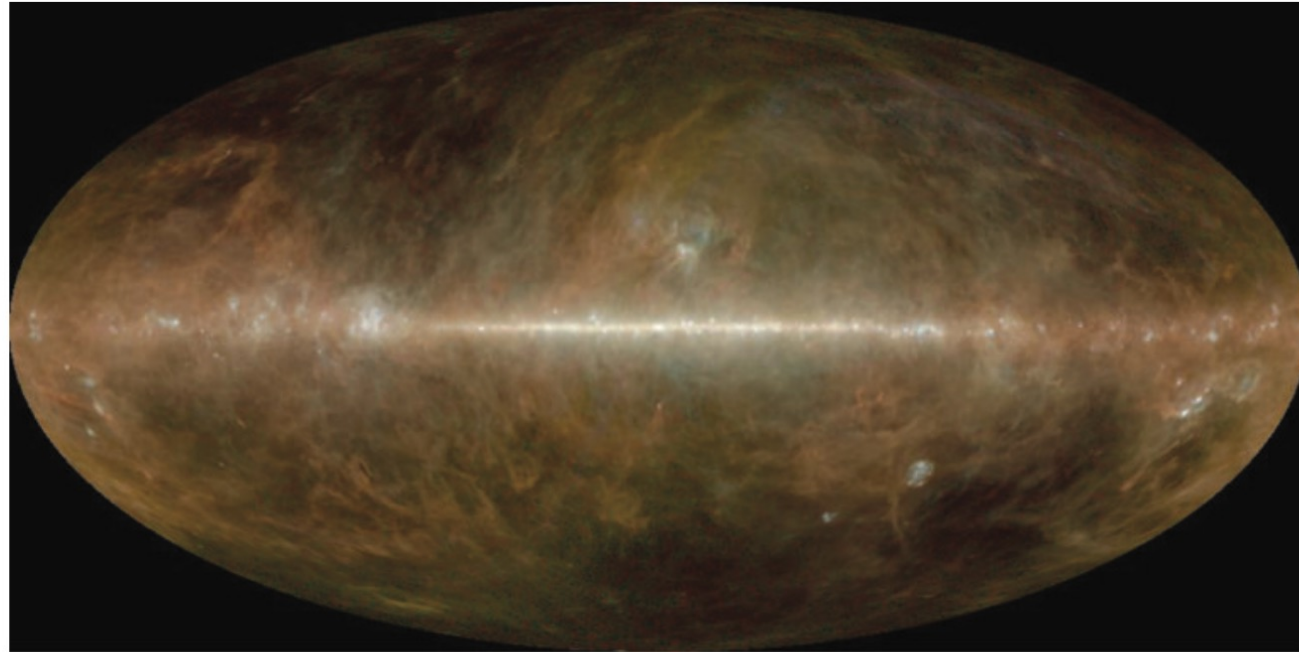




**Fig. 1.6** Maps of the whole sky in Hammer–Aitoff projections in Galactic coordinates as observed at a wavelength of 5.7 mm (53 GHz) by the COBE satellite at different sensitivity levels. (a) The distribution of total intensity over the sky. (b) Once the uniform component is removed, a dipole component associated with the motion of the Earth through the isotropic background radiation is observed, as well as a weak signal from the Galactic plane. (c) Once the dipole component is removed, radiation from the plane of the Galaxy is seen as a bright band across the centre of the picture. The fluctuations seen at high Galactic latitudes are a combination of noise from the telescope and the instruments and a genuine cosmological signal. At high latitudes, an excess sky noise signal of cosmological origin amounts to  $30 \pm 5 \mu\text{K}$  (Bennett *et al.*, 1996).



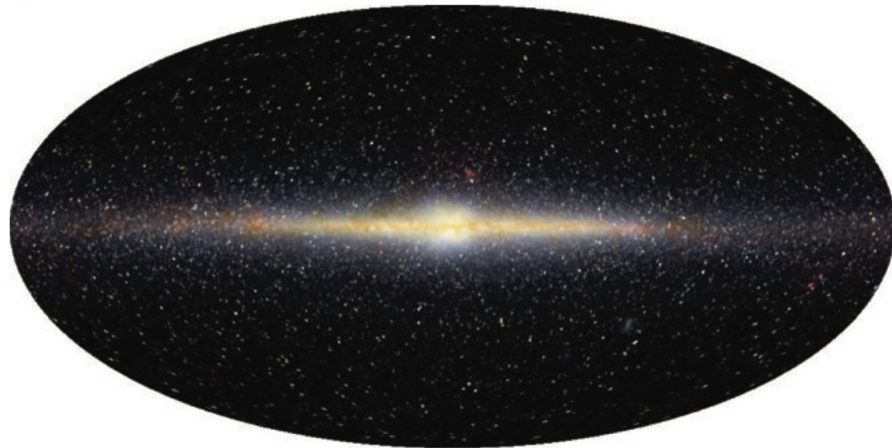
**Fig. 1.7** A map of the whole sky in Galactic coordinates as observed by the WMAP satellite at millimetre wavelengths (Bennett *et al.*, 2003). The angular resolution of the map is about 20 times higher than that of Fig. 1.6c. The emissions due to Galactic dust and synchrotron radiation have been subtracted from this map.



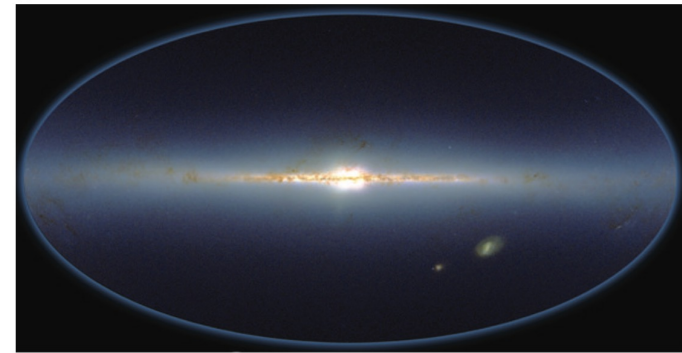
**Fig. 1.5**

A composite image of the celestial sphere in the far-infrared waveband in a Hammer–Aitoff projection. The observations were made with the DIRBE instrument of the COBE satellite and were made at  $60\ \mu\text{m}$  (blue),  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  (green) and  $240\ \mu\text{m}$  (red). Zodiacal light due to sunlight scattered by interplanetary dust has been removed from this image. (Courtesy of Edward Wright and the COBE Science Team.)

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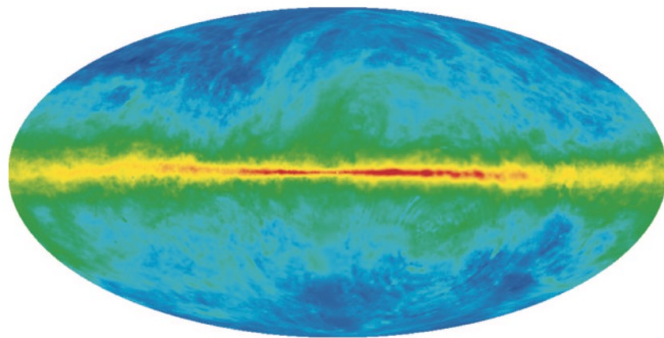


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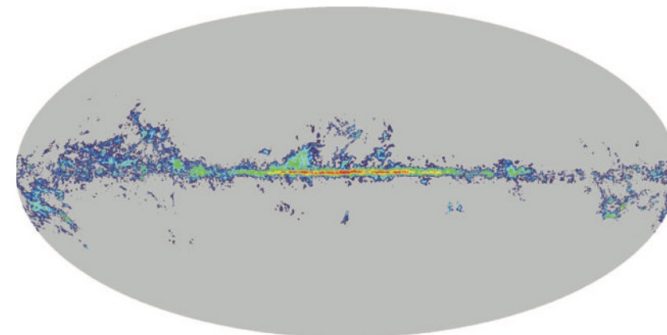


**Fig. 1.4**

Images of the celestial sphere in the near-infrared waveband. (a) A false-colour image of the near-infrared sky as observed by the DIRBE instrument of the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE). Data at 1.25, 2.2 and 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  are colour-coded blue, green and red, respectively, in a Hammer-Aitoff projection. (Courtesy of NASA and the COBE Science Team.) (b) The structure of the Galaxy determined by the distribution of almost 100 million stars detected in the 2MASS sky survey. (Courtesy of the 2MASS Science Team and IPAC.)

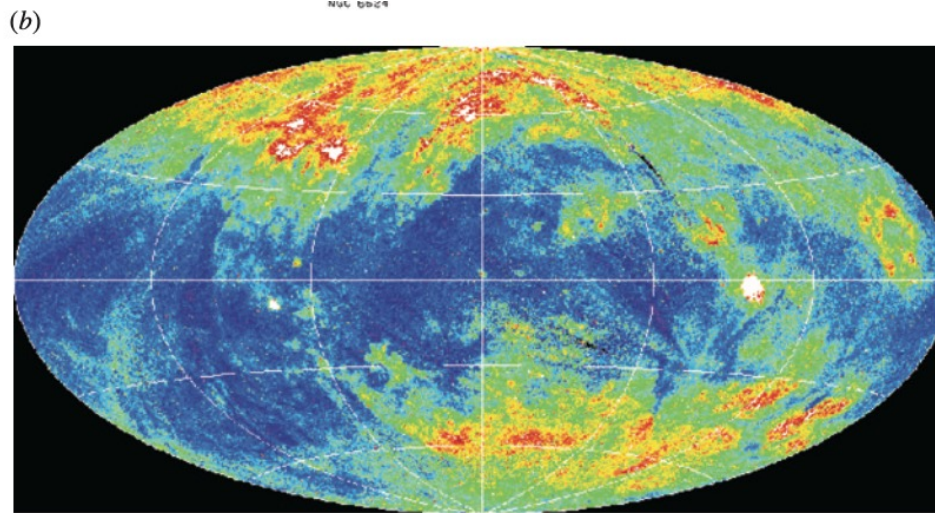


**Fig. 1.11** A map of the whole sky in Galactic coordinates in the 21-cm line of neutral hydrogen. (Courtesy of the LAMBDA programme of GSFC of NASA.)



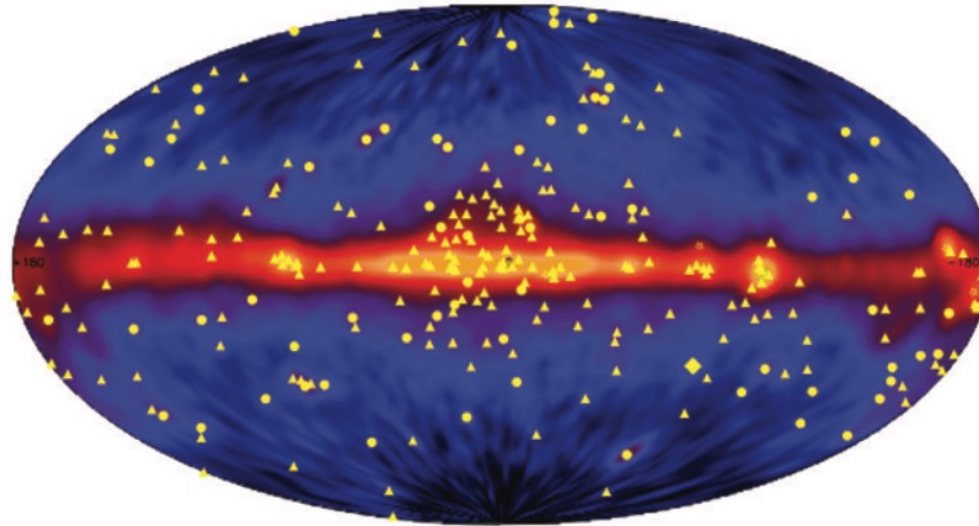
**Fig. 1.8** A map of the whole sky in Galactic coordinates in the carbon dioxide molecule CO. (Courtesy of the LAMBDA program of GSFC of NASA.)





**Fig. 1.13**

(a) The UHURU map of the brightest X-ray sources in the 2–6 keV energy band. The identifications of a number of the brightest sources are indicated (Forman *et al.*, 1978). These include the quasar 3C 273, the Coma, Perseus and Virgo Clusters of galaxies, the radio galaxy Cygnus A, the low mass X-ray binary Sco X-1, the high mass binaries Cyg X-1 and Cyg X-3 and the supernova remnant the Crab Nebula. (b) The image of the celestial sphere in the softest X-ray energy band 0.25 keV derived from the ROSAT survey with the point sources removed. The colour coding is such that white is the greatest intensity and blue the lowest. At these soft X-ray energies, the intensity is anti-correlated with the distribution of neutral hydrogen (Fig. 1.11) because of photoelectric absorption by the interstellar gas. (Courtesy of the ROSAT project and the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics, Garching.)

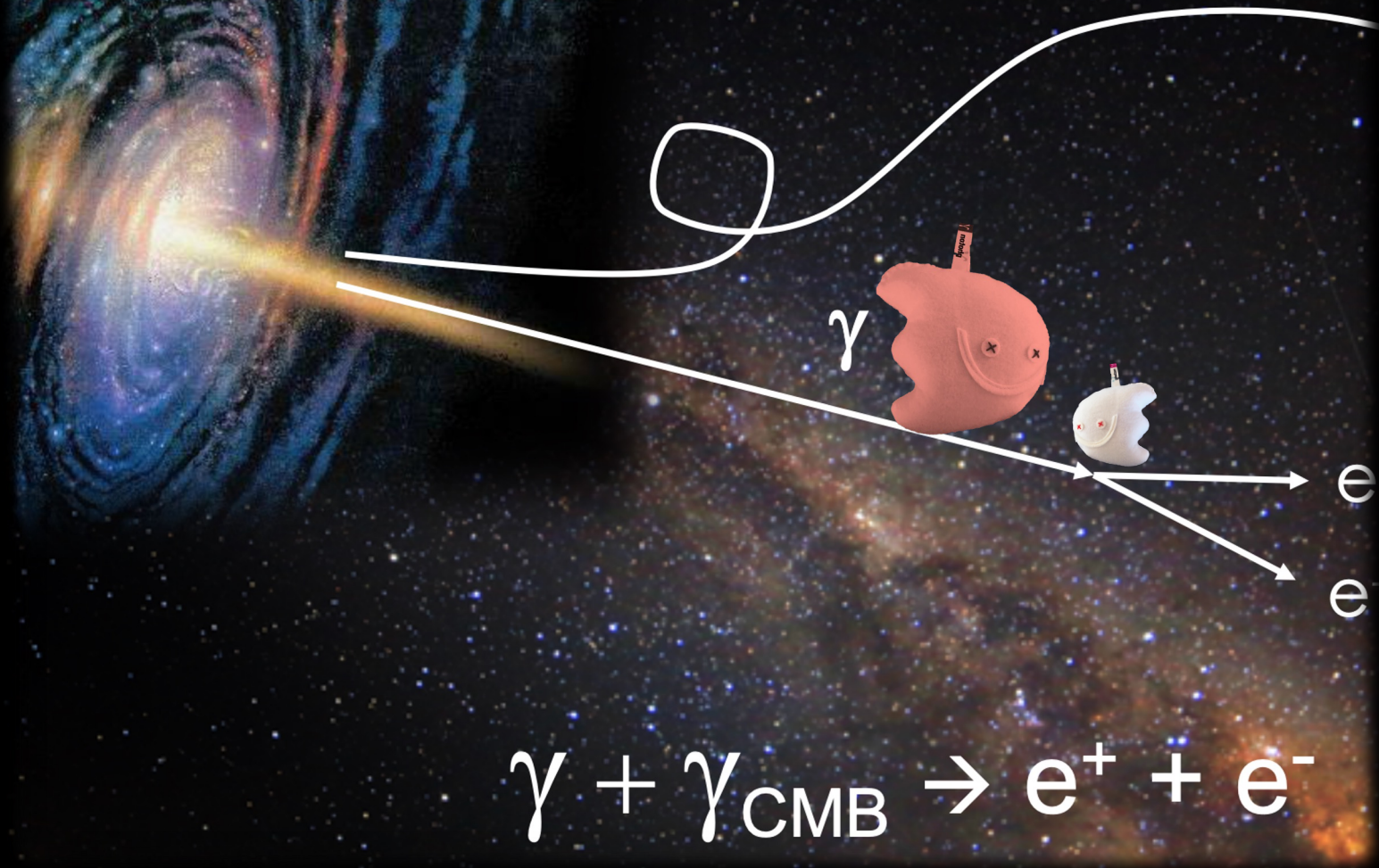


**Fig. 1.14**

An image of the celestial sphere at  $\gamma$ -ray energies  $\varepsilon \geq 100$  MeV in a Hammer–Aitoff projection from observations made by the EGRET instrument of the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory (CGRO). The emission from the plane of the Galaxy consists of diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray emission from the interstellar gas, most of it associated with  $\gamma$ -rays produced by the decay of neutral pions,  $\pi^0$ , generated in collisions between cosmic ray protons and nuclei and the interstellar gas. The yellow symbols show the distribution of discrete sources detected in the all-sky survey: circles are active galactic nuclei; five-point stars are pulsars; squares are solar flares; the diamond is the Large Magellanic Cloud; and the triangles are unidentified sources. (Courtesy of NASA and the EGRET science team.)



# The opaque Universe



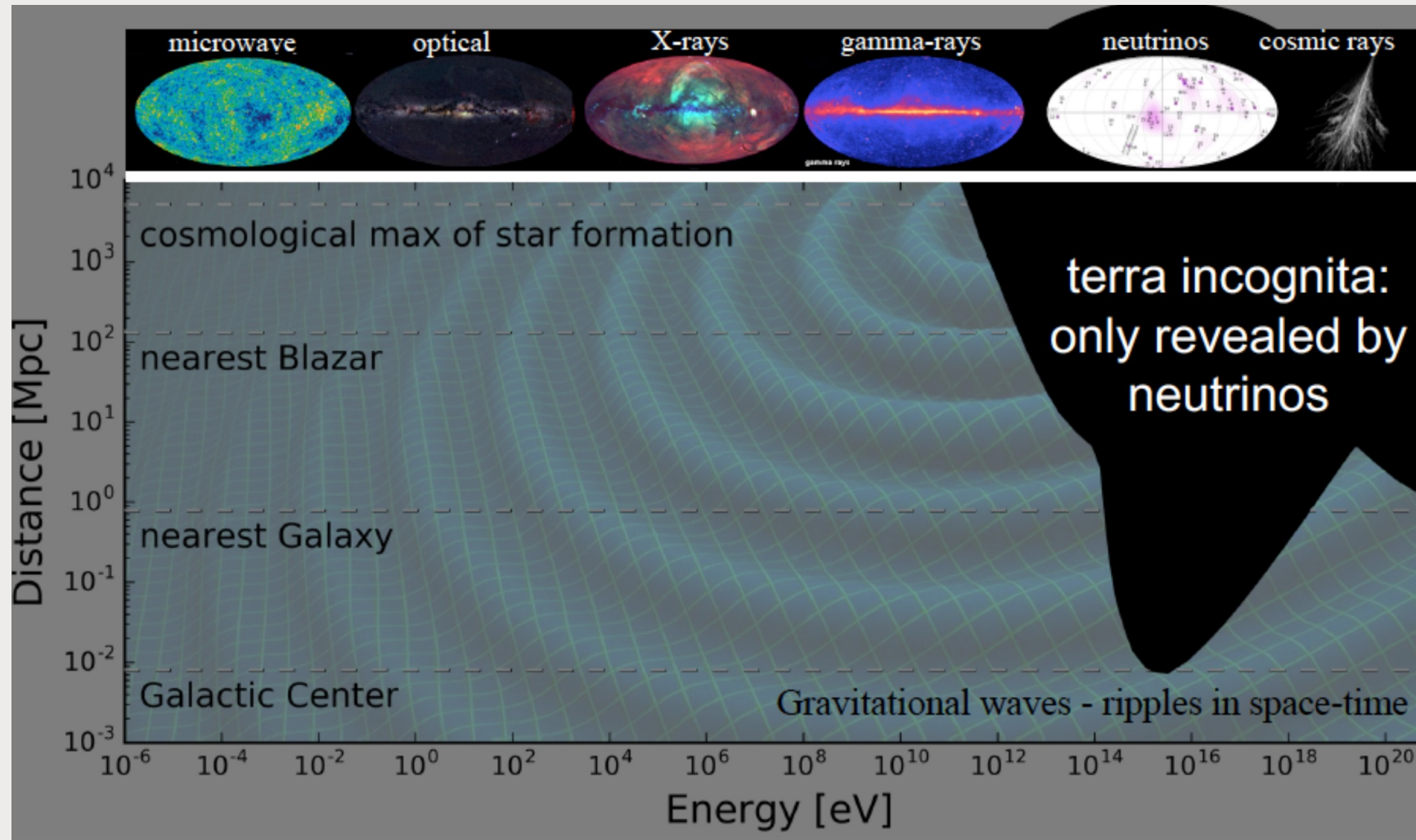
My Universe

[The high energy gamma]

# “I travelled where you’ll never do” [the neutrino]

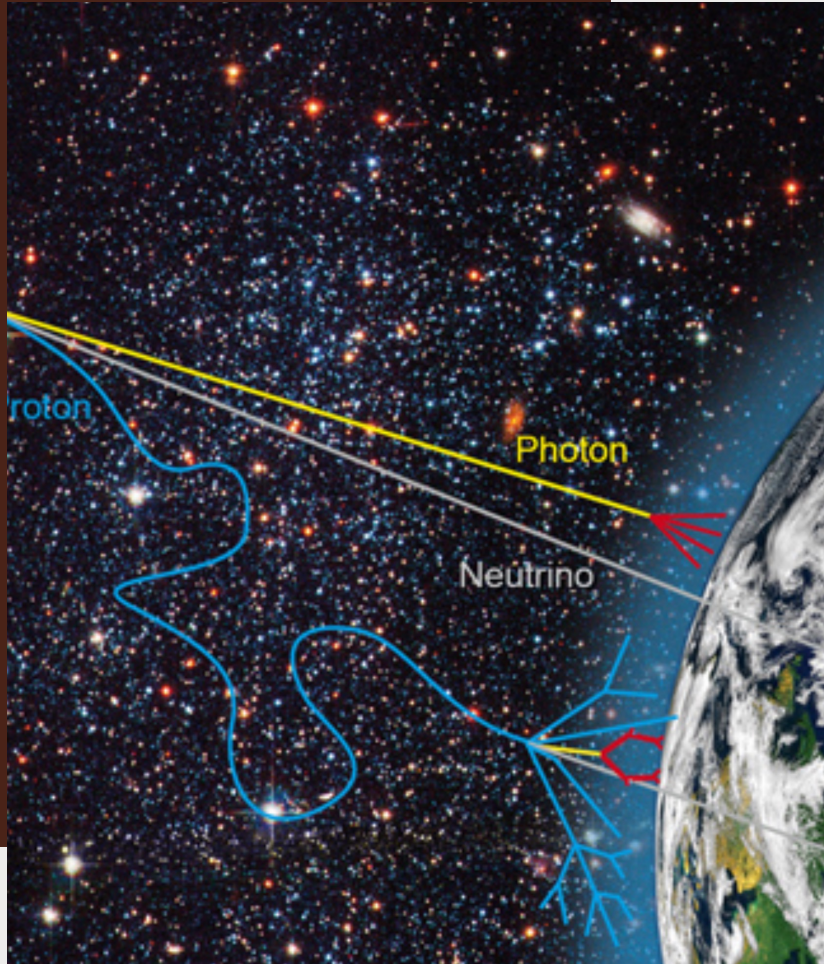


(the neutrino)



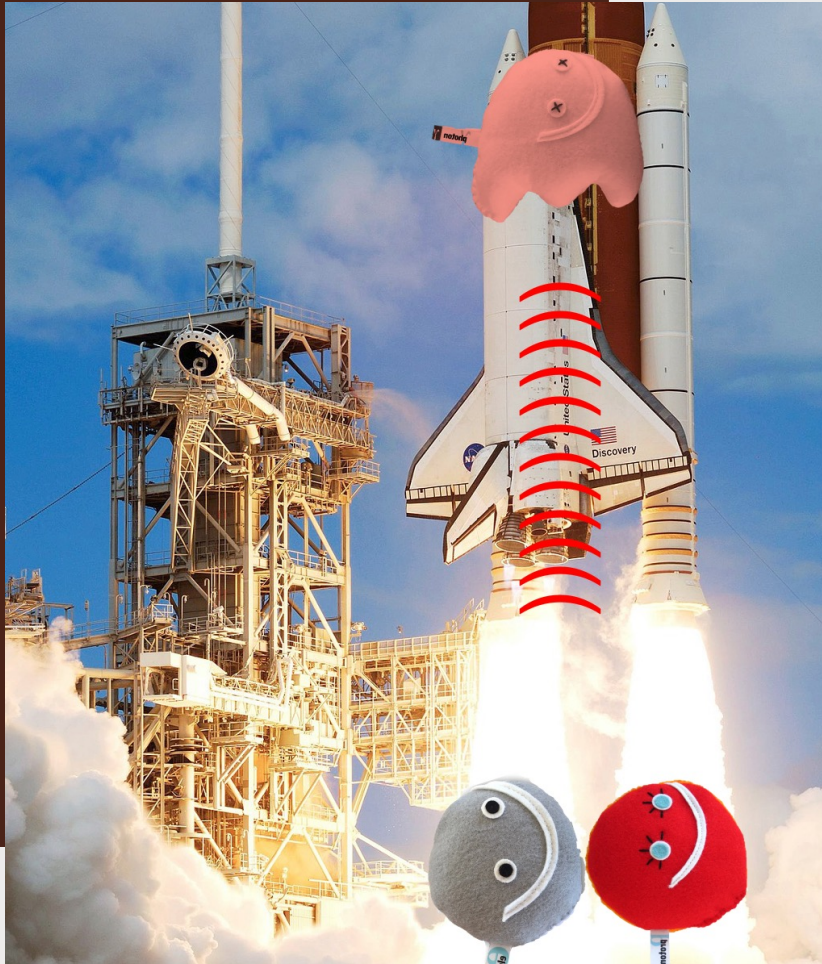
- “Just leave me alone, you’ll never catch me”





# THREE DIFFERENT TRAVELLERS

Only two are straight travellers, which ones?



# COSMIC RAYS

A gamma-rays started left home always with a cosmic ray companion

# The **amazing** Cosmic Ray Spectrum

Particle energy (eV)	Particle rate (m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
1 × 10 <sup>9</sup> (GeV)	1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
1 × 10 <sup>12</sup> (TeV)	1
1 × 10 <sup>16</sup> (10 PeV)	1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> (a few times a year)
1 × 10 <sup>20</sup> (100 EeV)	1 × 10 <sup>-15</sup> (once a century)

- 19 orders of magnitude in energy
- 32 orders of magnitude in flux

$$N(E) dE = \text{const} \cdot E^{-2.7} dE \quad E < E_{\text{knee}} = 10^{16} \text{ eV}$$

$$N(E) dE = \text{const} \cdot E^{-3.0} dE \quad E_{\text{ankle}} > E > E_{\text{knee}}$$

$$N(E) dE = \text{const} \cdot E^{-2.69} dE \quad E_{\text{GZK}} > E > E_{\text{ankle}}$$

$$N(E) dE = \text{const} \cdot E^{-4.2} dE \quad E > E_{\text{GZK}} = 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV}$$

# THE TAO OF PHYSICS

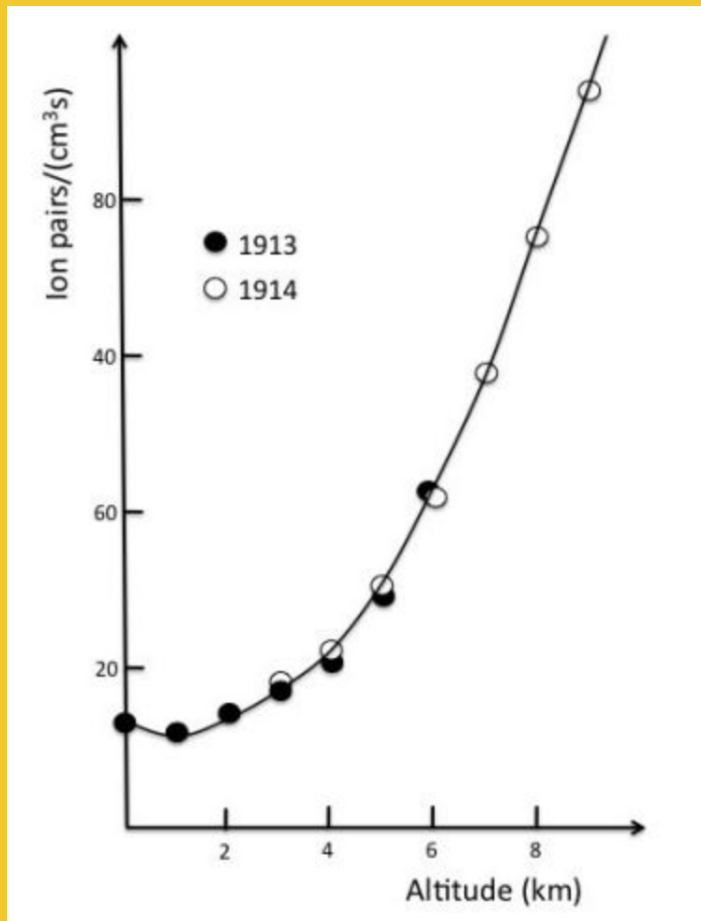
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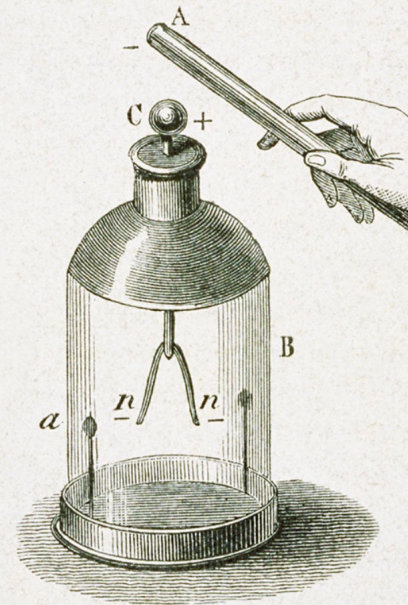
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# The *Cosmic Ray Spectrum*



Victor Hess (1913)



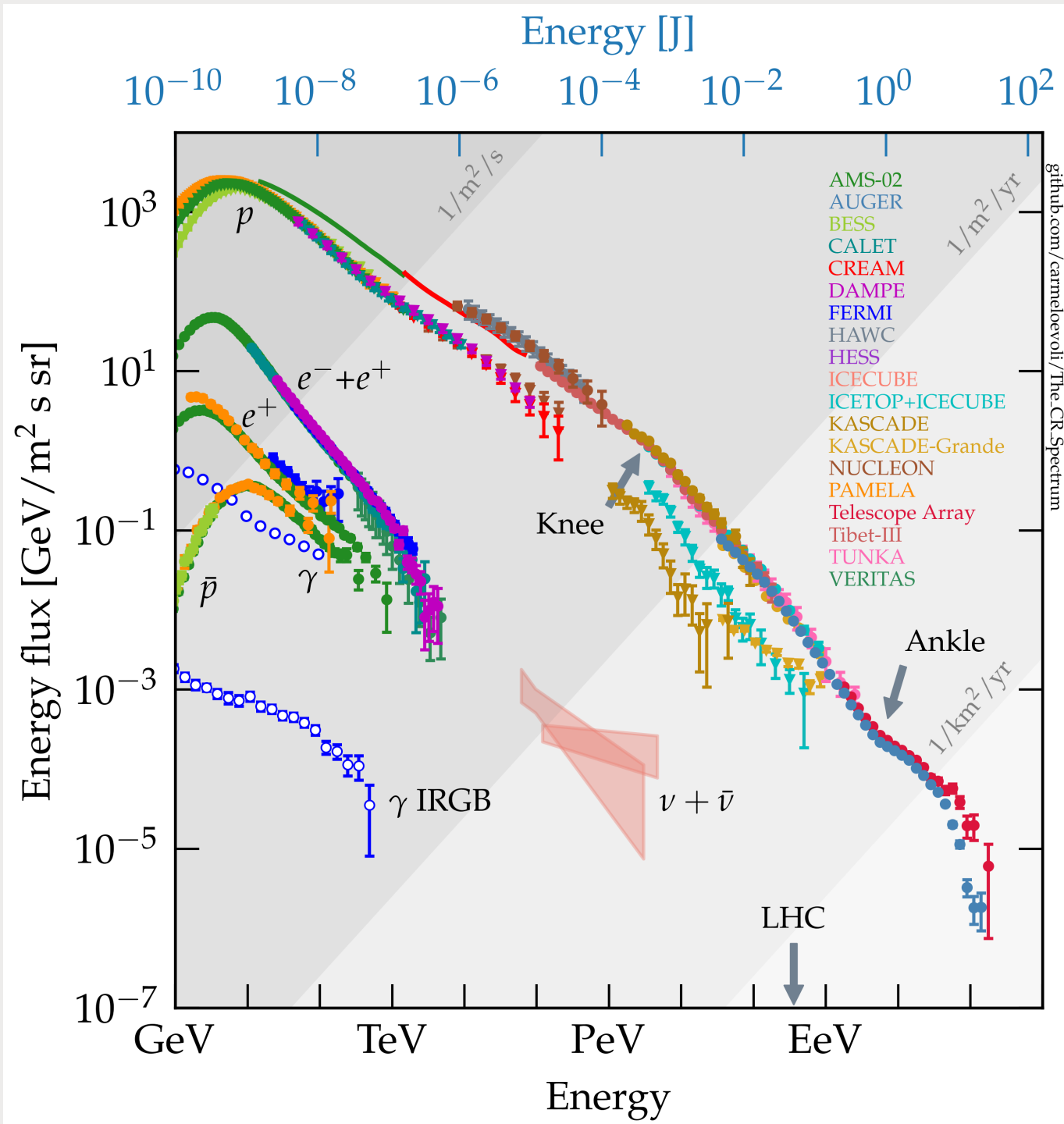
Electroscope's discharges

Hess's Students?



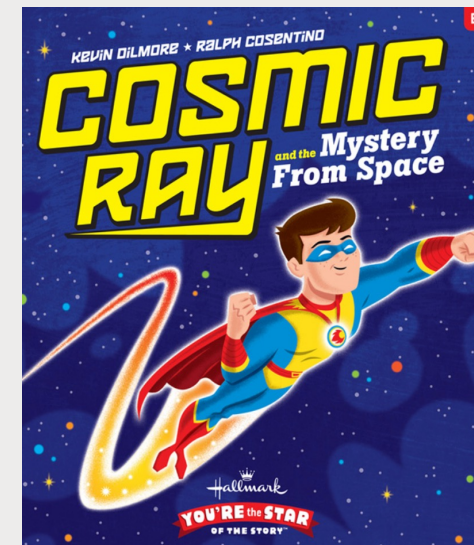
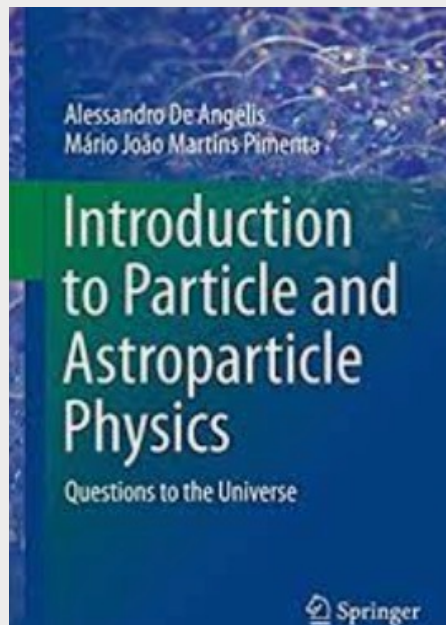
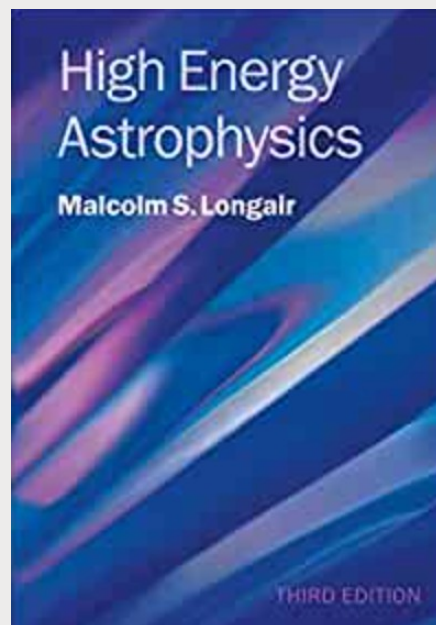
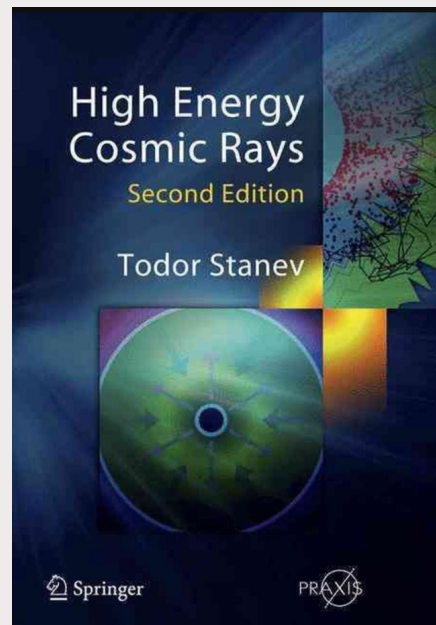


# A crowded space!

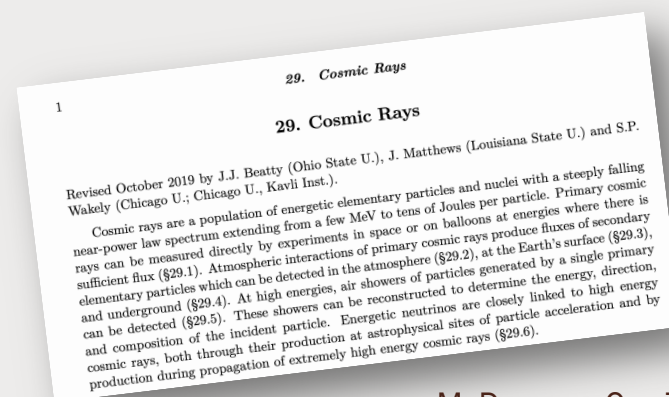
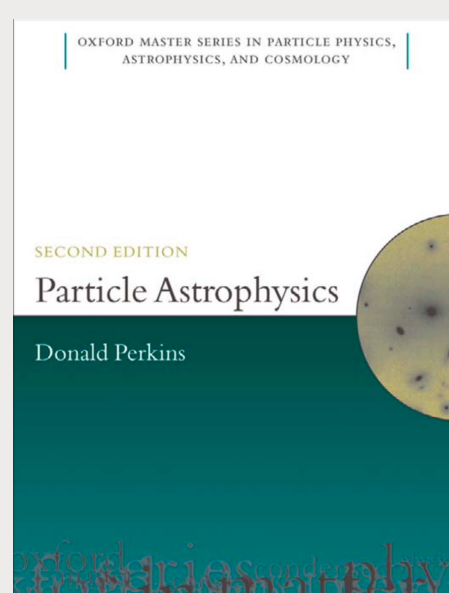
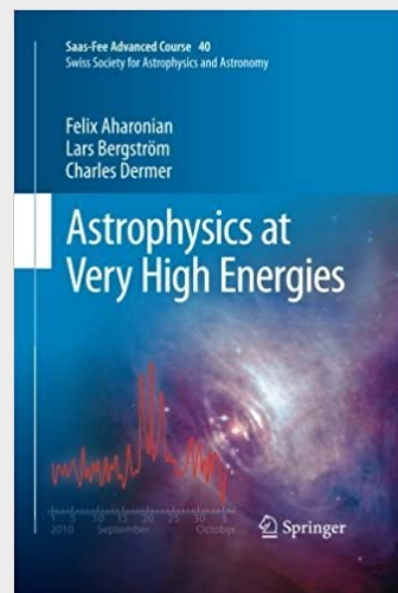


- Travellers:
  - *Protons and antiprotons*
  - *Heavier cosmic rays,*
  - *Electrons, positrons*
  - *Gammas*
  - *neutrinos*
- Experiments!
- Spectral features!

# References, e.g.

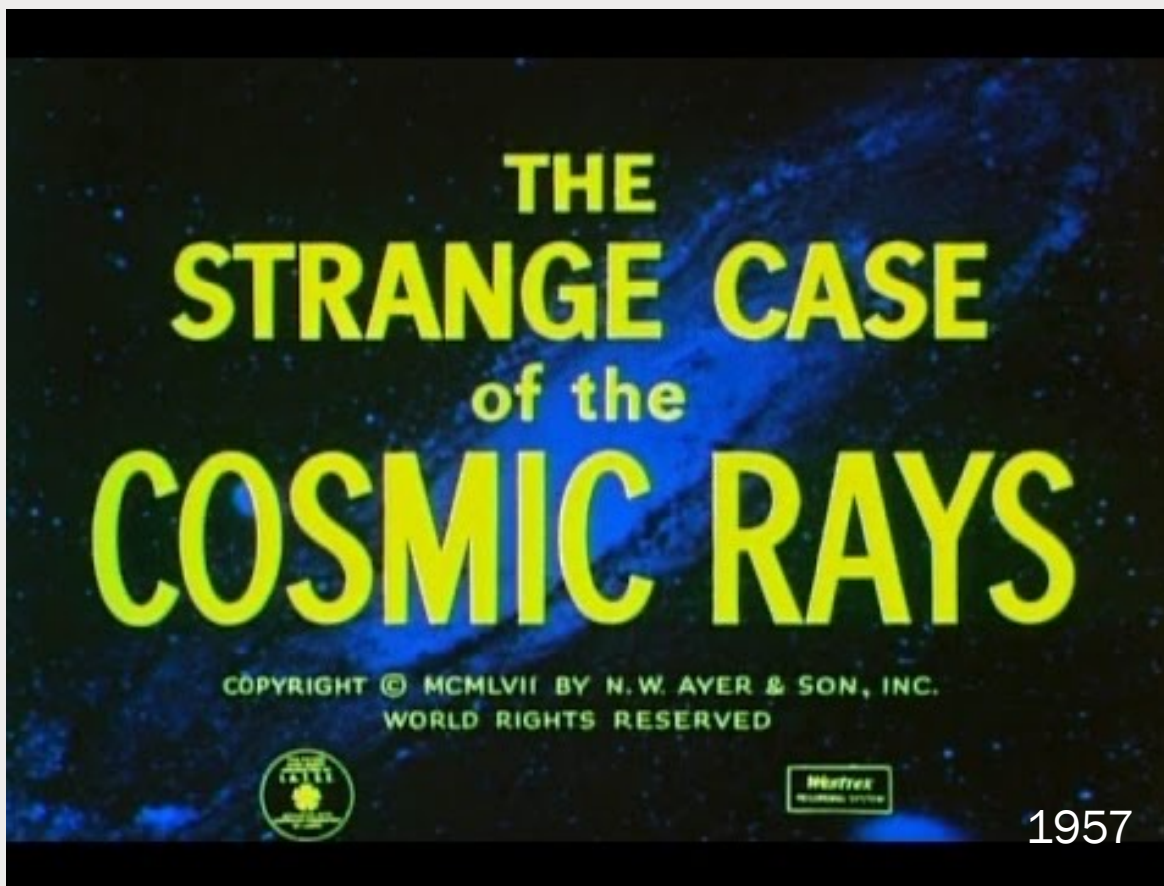


For family and friends



Particle Data Group (PDG)  
biannual reviews



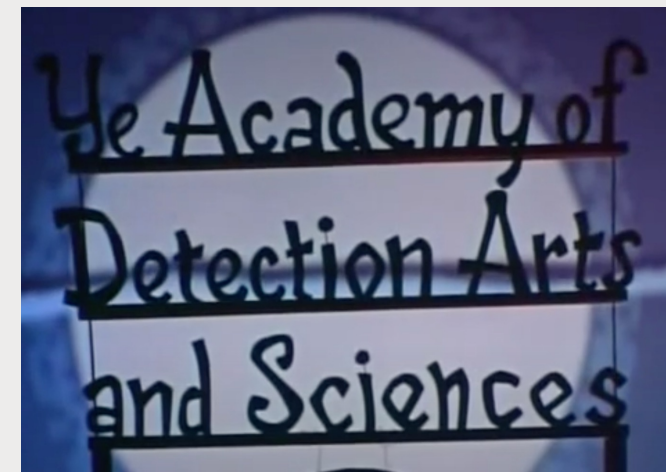


*“Wanna see an out-of-this-world true detective story?...”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPuvuRrJy7M>



The scientists

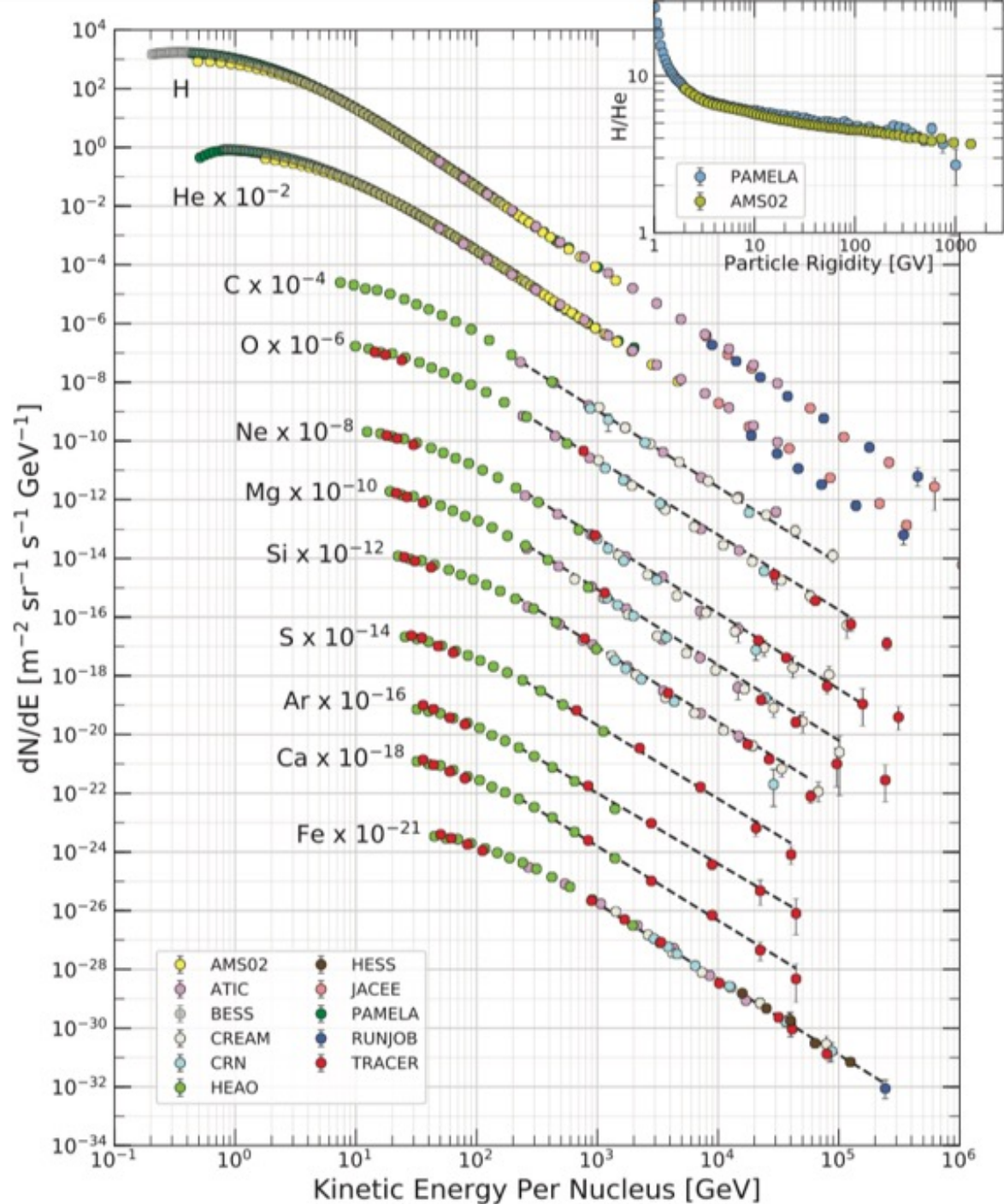


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E. Allan Poe

F. Dostoevsky



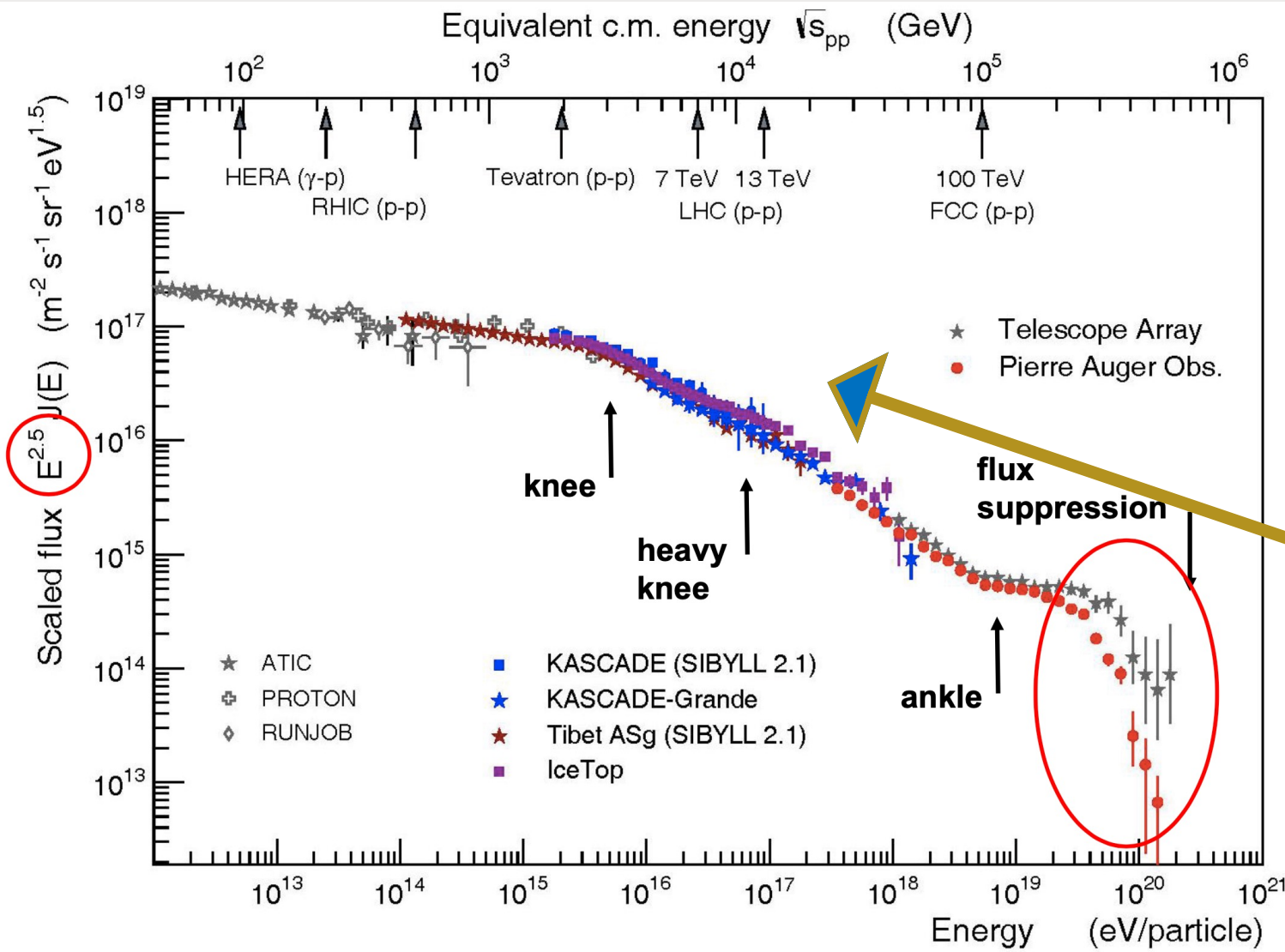


# Heavier nuclei



- Hydrogen and iron nuclei observed to the larger energies!

# Knees, iron knee



- Details show the imprint of different particle

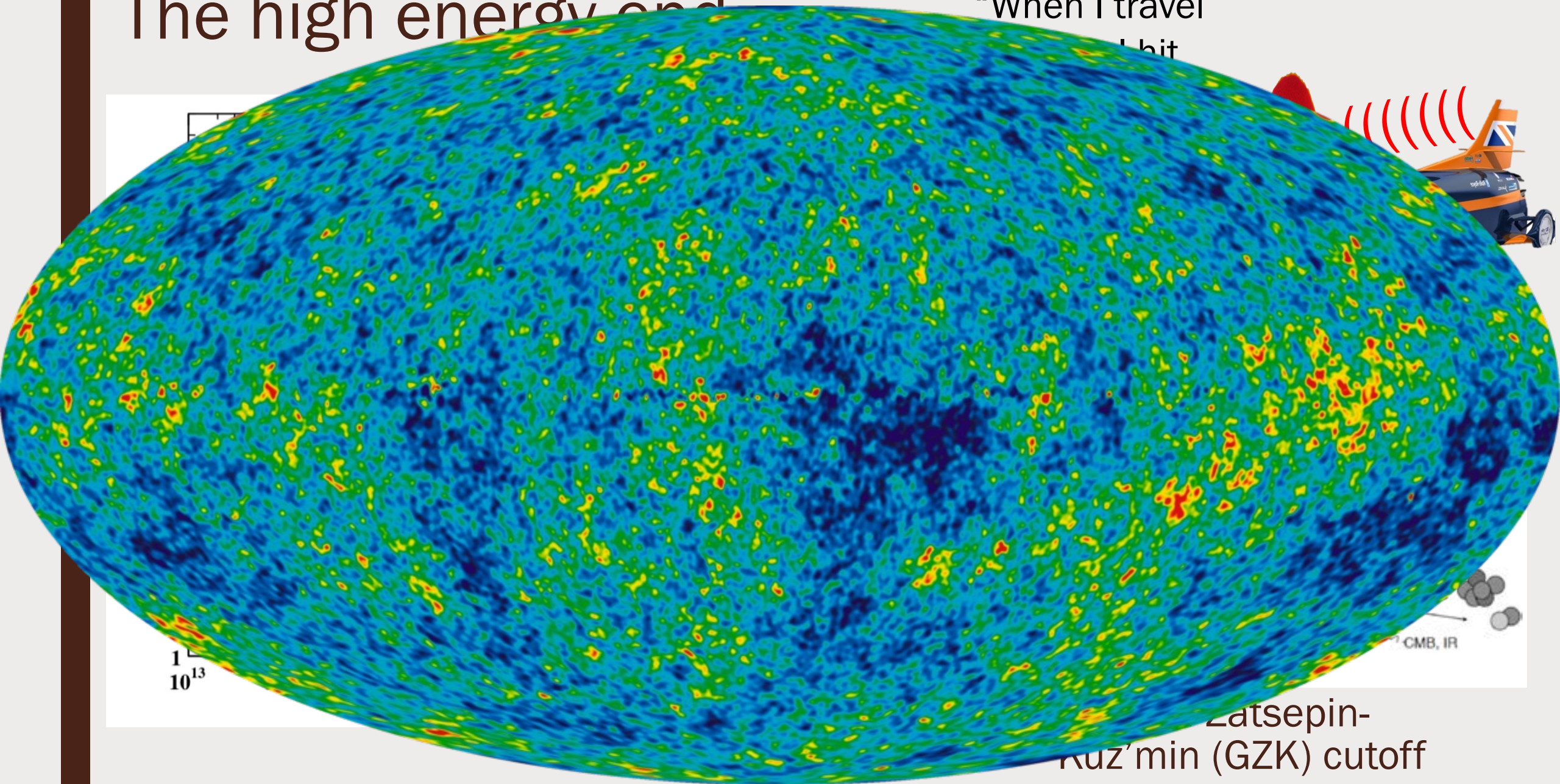
- Cosmic rays have a...





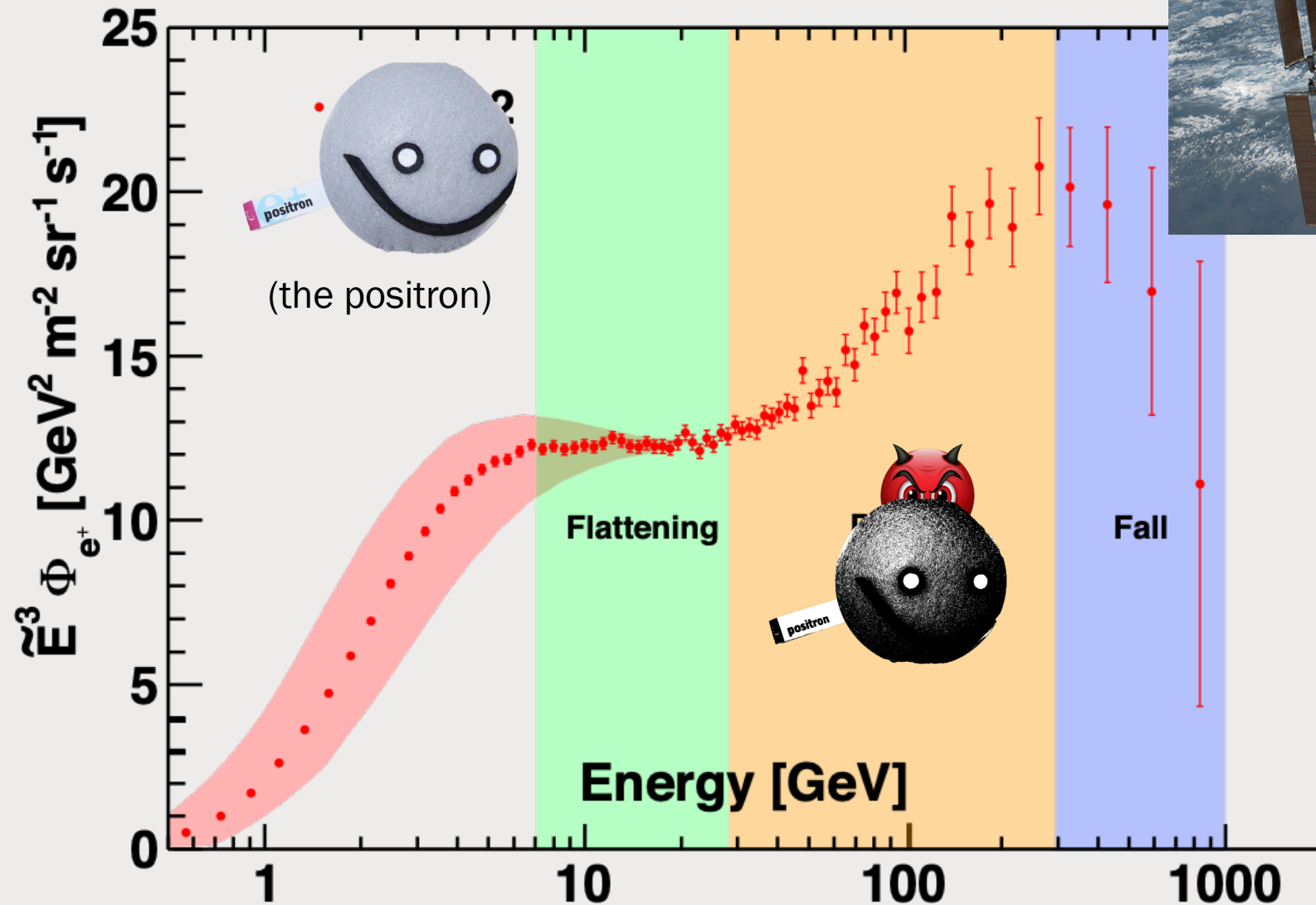
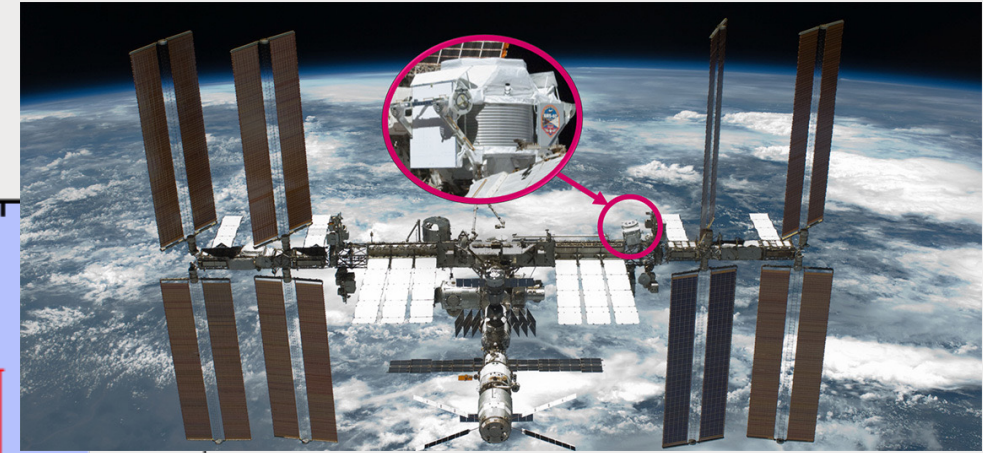
# The high energy end

“When I travel  
1 bit



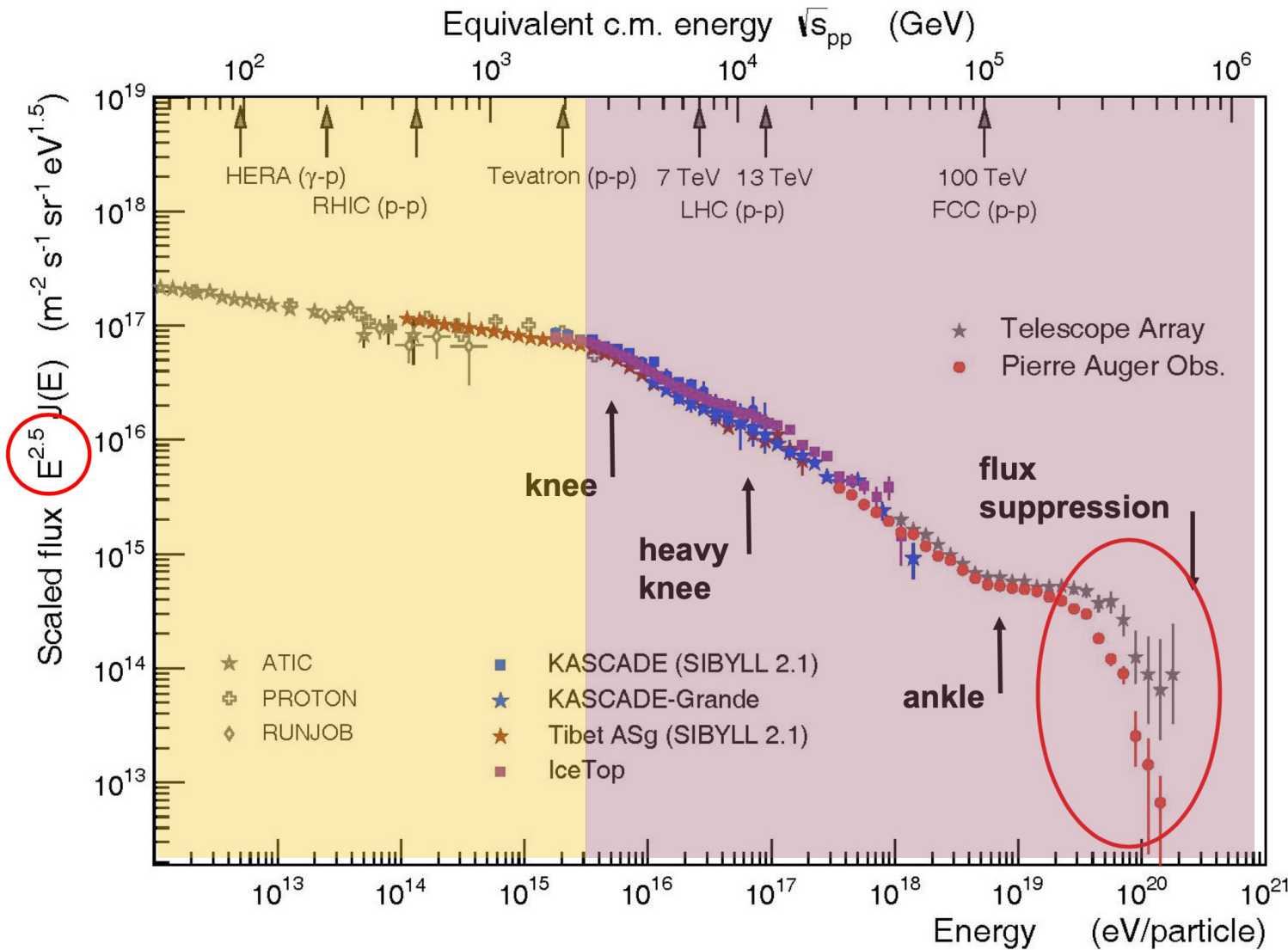


# Anomalies



Positrons are produced via cosmic ray spallation of carbon and oxygen

# Tell us where you're from



GALACTIC

EXTRAGALACTIC





# Cosmic Ray Transport

## A SIMPLE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSPORT OF NUCLEI

For nuclei of mass  $A$ , it is customary to introduce the flux as a function of the kinetic energy per nucleon  $E_k$ :  $I_\alpha(E_k) dE_k = p^2 F_\alpha(p) v(p) dp$  which implies:  $I_\alpha(E_k) = Ap^2 F_\alpha(p)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ D_\alpha \frac{\partial I_\alpha(E_k)}{\partial z} \right]}_{\text{DIFFUSION}} + \underbrace{2h_d n_d v(E_k) \sigma_\alpha \delta(z) I_\alpha(E_k)}_{\text{SPALLATION OF NUCLEI } \alpha} = \\
 & = \underbrace{2Ap^2 h_d q_{0,\alpha}(p) \delta(z)}_{\text{INJECTION OF NUCLEI } \alpha} + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha' > \alpha} 2h_d n_d v(E_k) \sigma_{\alpha' \rightarrow \alpha} \delta(z) I_{\alpha'}(E_k)}_{\text{CONTRIBUTION TO NUCLEI } \alpha \text{ FROM SPALLATION OF NUCLEI } \alpha' > \alpha}
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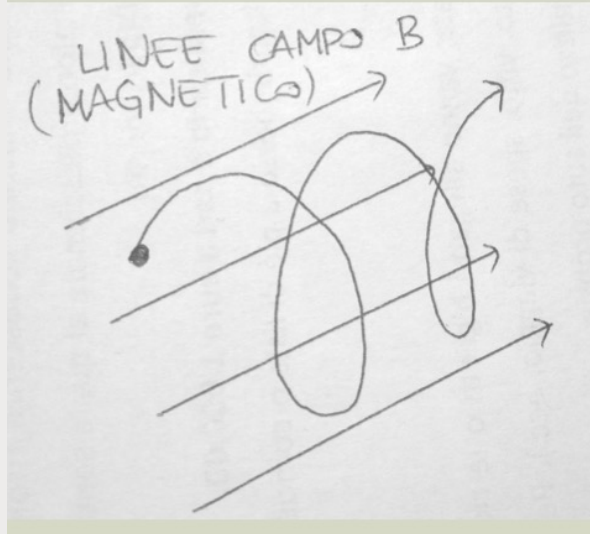
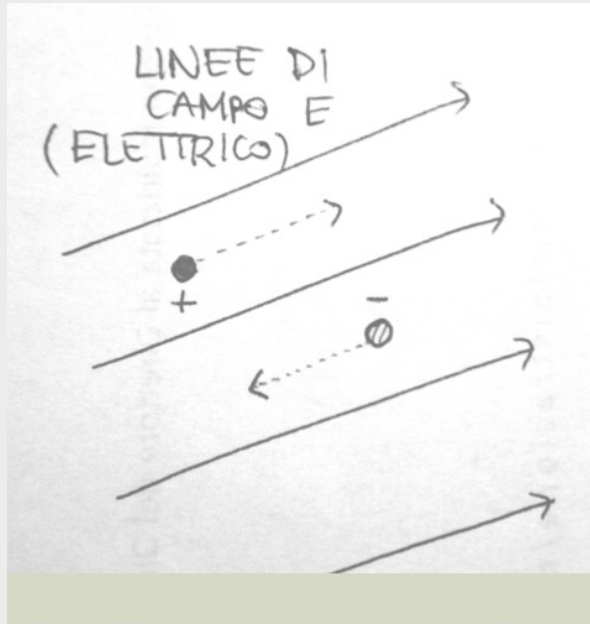


How to fuel up for  
a long interstellar  
travel?

# COSMIC RAY ACCELERATION



# How to accelerate a charged particle?



- **Electric field**

- *It is easy to accelerate, but E field quickly neutralized*
- *May work if few charges around*

- **Magnetic field**

- *Permanent magnetic field do not accelerate*
- *Variable or moving magnetic fields → variable electric fields → acceleration*

We need to find strong E and B in the Universe!



# ACCELERATION OF NONTHERMAL PARTICLES

The presence of non-thermal particles is ubiquitous in the Universe (solar wind, Active galaxies, supernova remnants, gamma ray bursts, Pulsars, micro-quasars)

**WHEREVER THERE ARE MAGNETIZED PLASMAS THERE ARE NON-THERMAL PARTICLES**



## **PARTICLE ACCELERATION**

**BUT THERMAL PARTICLES ARE USUALLY DOMINANT, SO WHAT DETERMINES THE DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN THERMAL AND ACCELERATED PARTICLES?**

## **INJECTION**



ALL ACCELERATION MECHANISMS ARE ELECTROMAGNETIC  
IN NATURE

MAGNETIC FIELD CANNOT MAKE WORK ON CHARGED  
PARTICLES THEREFORE ELECTRIC FIELDS ARE NEEDED  
FOR ACCELERATION TO OCCUR

**REGULAR ACCELERATION**  
THE ELECTRIC FIELD IS LARGE  
SCALE:

$$\langle \vec{E} \rangle \neq 0$$

**STOCHASTIC ACCELERATION**  
THE ELECTRIC FIELD IS SMALL  
SCALE:

$$\langle \vec{E} \rangle = 0 \quad \langle \vec{E}^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

# 1948 Fermi

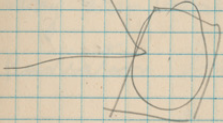
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Theory of cosmic rays

a) Energy acquired in collisions against cosmic magnetic fields

Non relativistic case



$MV^2$

(M = mass of particle V = velocity of moving field)

(Proof: Head on collision gives energy gain)

$$\frac{M}{2}(v+2v)^2 - \frac{Mv^2}{2} = \frac{M}{2}(4v^2 + 4v^2) =$$

$$= M(2v^2 + 2v^2) \quad \text{Proof} = \frac{v+v}{2v}$$

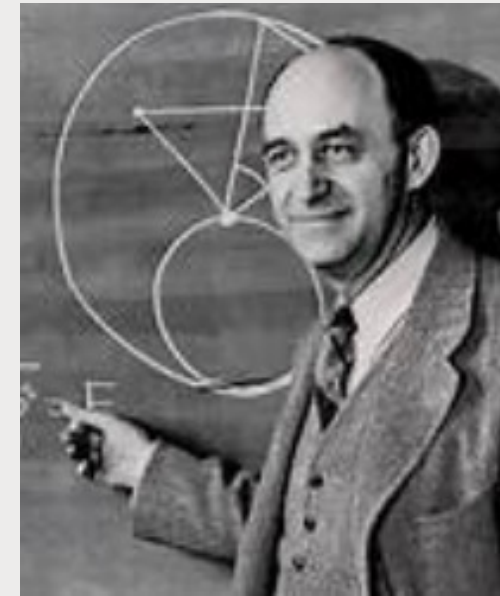
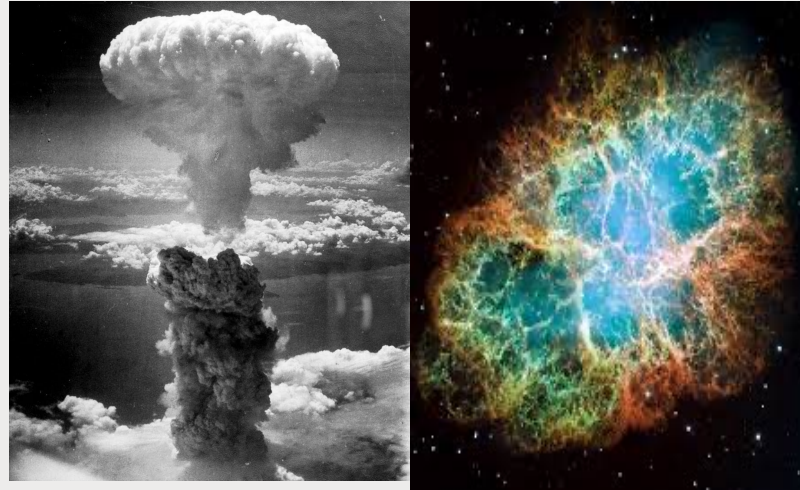
Running after collision (prob =  $\frac{v-v}{2v}$ ) gives energy gain

$$M(-2v^2 + 2v^2)$$

Average gain order

$$MV^2$$

Relativistic: order

$$w\beta^2$$


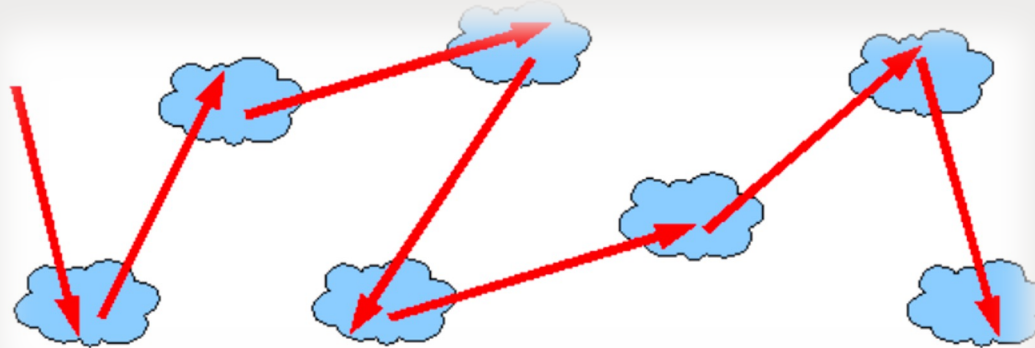
- There must be great atomic bombs in the sky
- Expanding shells of material with charged particle and magnetic fields
- Charged particle around get stochastic acceleration by bumping into those shells



# 2nd order Fermi acceleration



Relativistic: order  
 $w \beta^2$



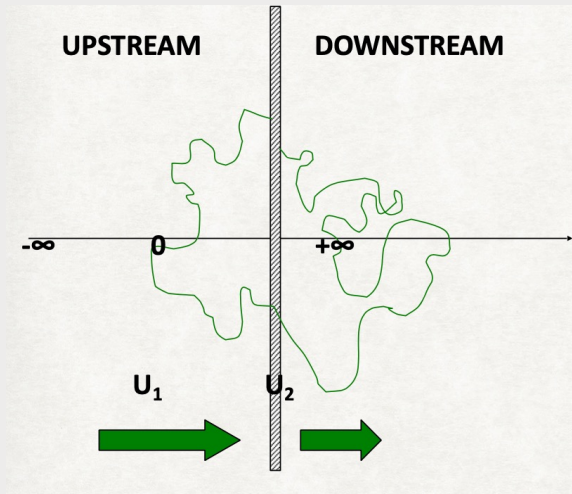
- Charged particle in a shock wave make stochastic collisions with a moving ionized blob of material (cloud) with magnetic fields embedded
- Cloud act as scatterer
- By computing probability, at each encounter:

$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle \approx \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2$$

Not efficient: since  $\beta = \frac{v}{c} \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$



# Fermi 1st order: diffusive shock acceleration



Wait: is the cloud that random?

Linear dependence! And considering particle velocity distribution:

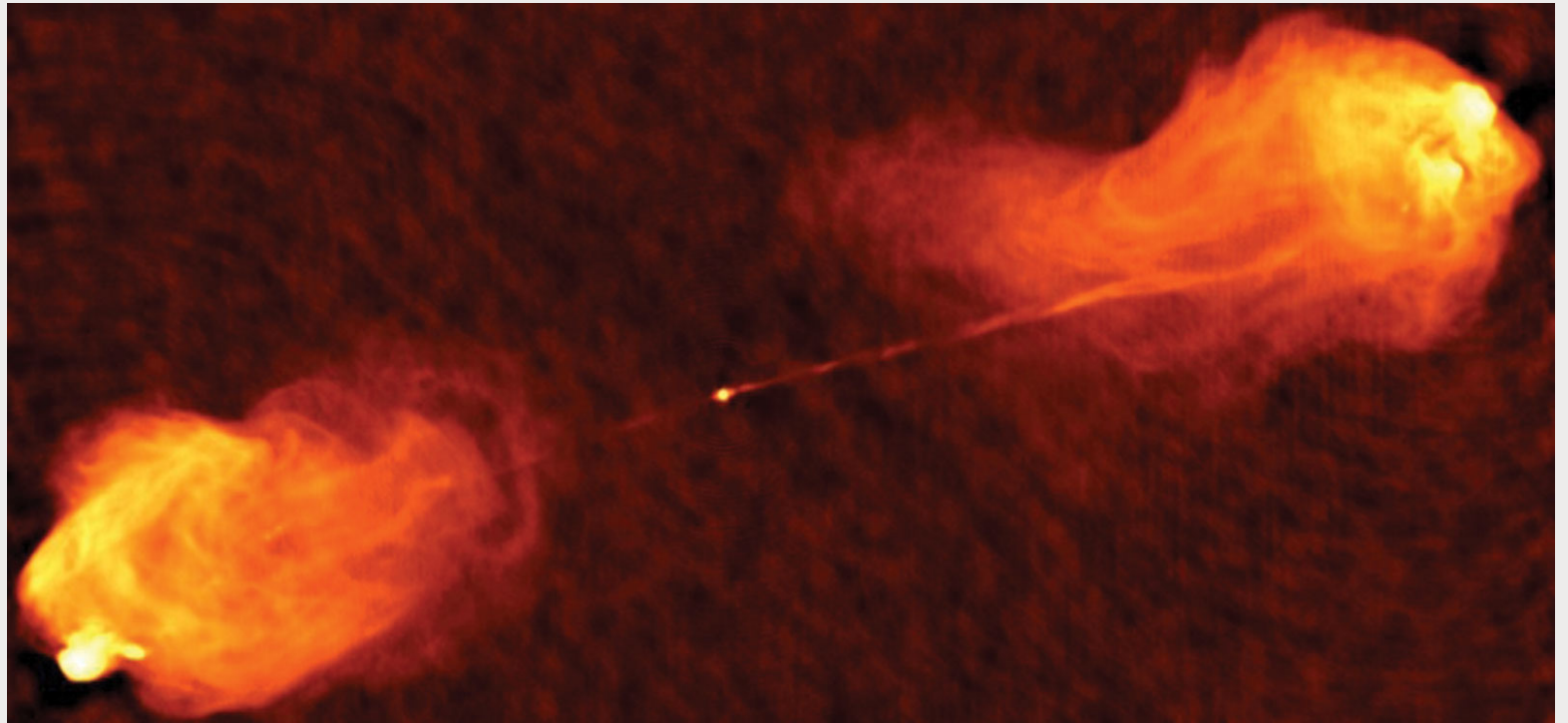
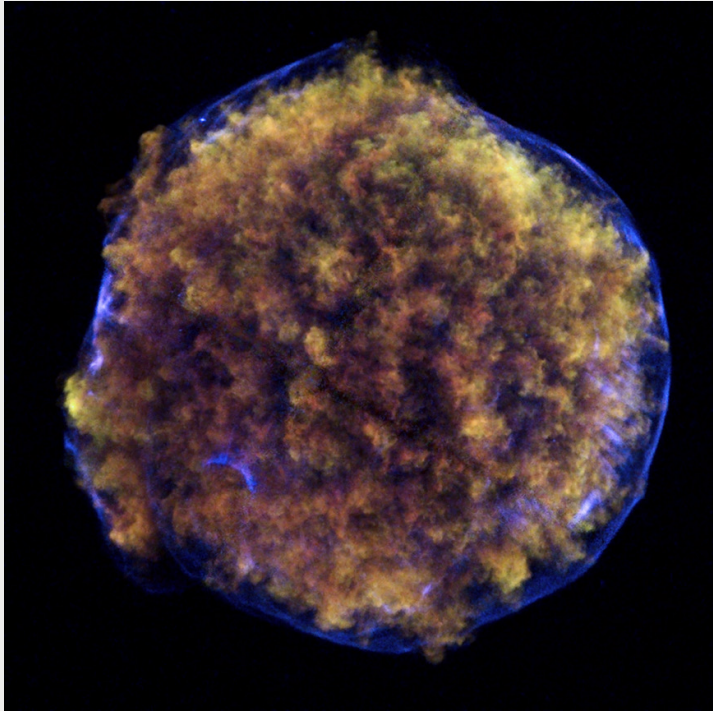
$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE} = \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\Gamma}$$

with  $\Gamma \sim -2.5$

- In the shock, a shock front is formed that expands faster than sound speed
- Upstream material is swept up by the (magnetized) shock front, when downstream, it can be randomly scattered back to the front
- *Particle trapped in magnetic mirrors upstream-downstream*
- By counting probability now

$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle \approx \frac{4v}{3c}$$

# Galactic and Extragalactic Diffusive Acceleration



- Universe displays great booms (stellar explosion, BH matter conversion)
  - *Shocks are formed that lasts k-M years*
- Diffusion of particles around the shocks generate slow-but-steady acceleration



# Energy conversion efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta mc^2}$$

Credit: Gabriele Ghisellini



$$\eta = \frac{mgh}{mc^2} = \frac{980 \times 10^4 (h/100 \text{ m})}{9 \times 10^{20} \text{ erg}} \sim 10^{-14}$$

Cells

Sugar saccharose  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$

$$\eta = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ erg}}{9 \times 10^{20} \text{ erg}} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10}$$


$$\eta = \frac{mv^2}{2 mc^2} = \frac{(v/c)^2}{2} = 4 \times 10^{-15}$$

Fission

$$\eta = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{0.2 \times 10^9 \text{ eV}}{235 \times 9.4 \times 10^8 \text{ eV}} \sim 9 \times 10^{-4}$$

Fusion

Hydrogen-burning shell, Nonburning envelope, Helium ash

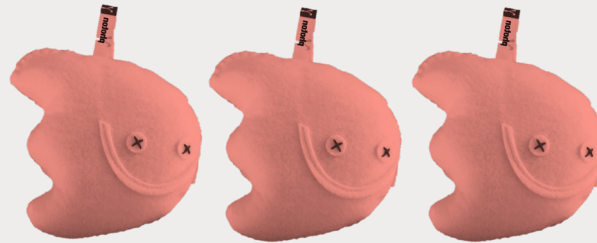
$$\eta = 0.008 \times 0.1 \sim 8 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{R} \frac{m}{mc^2} = \frac{R_g}{2R} \quad (\text{Newton})$$

$R_{\text{min}} = R_g$  for max spin

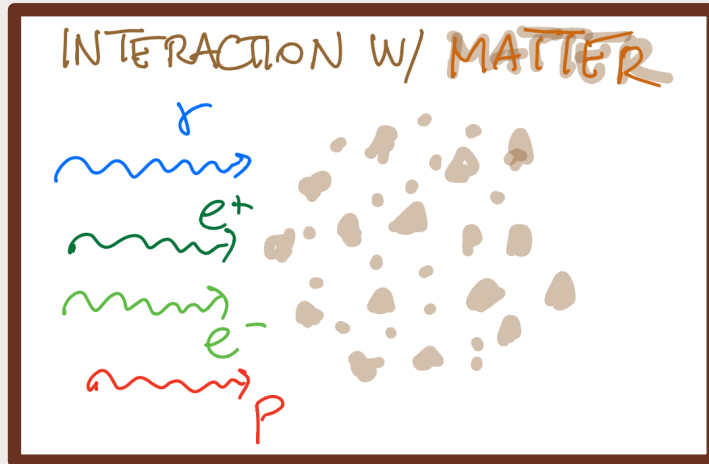
$\eta = 0.1$  up to  $0.3$  for accreting Kerr (Thorne 1974)

# HOW TO GENERATE THE GAMMA-RAYS

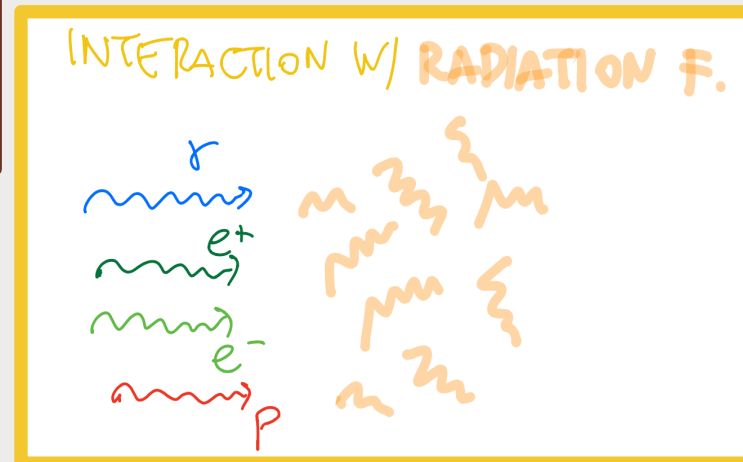




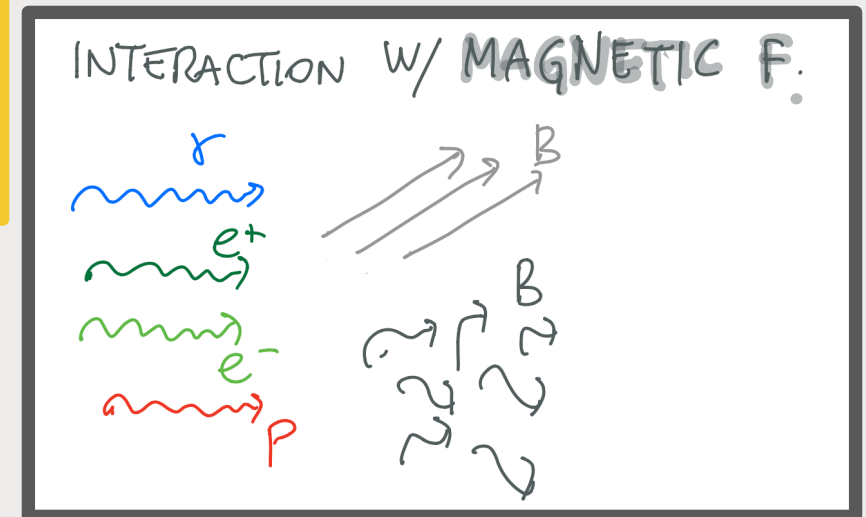
# Radiative and collisional processes



- Pion decays from
- Electron bremsstrahlung
- Positron annihilation

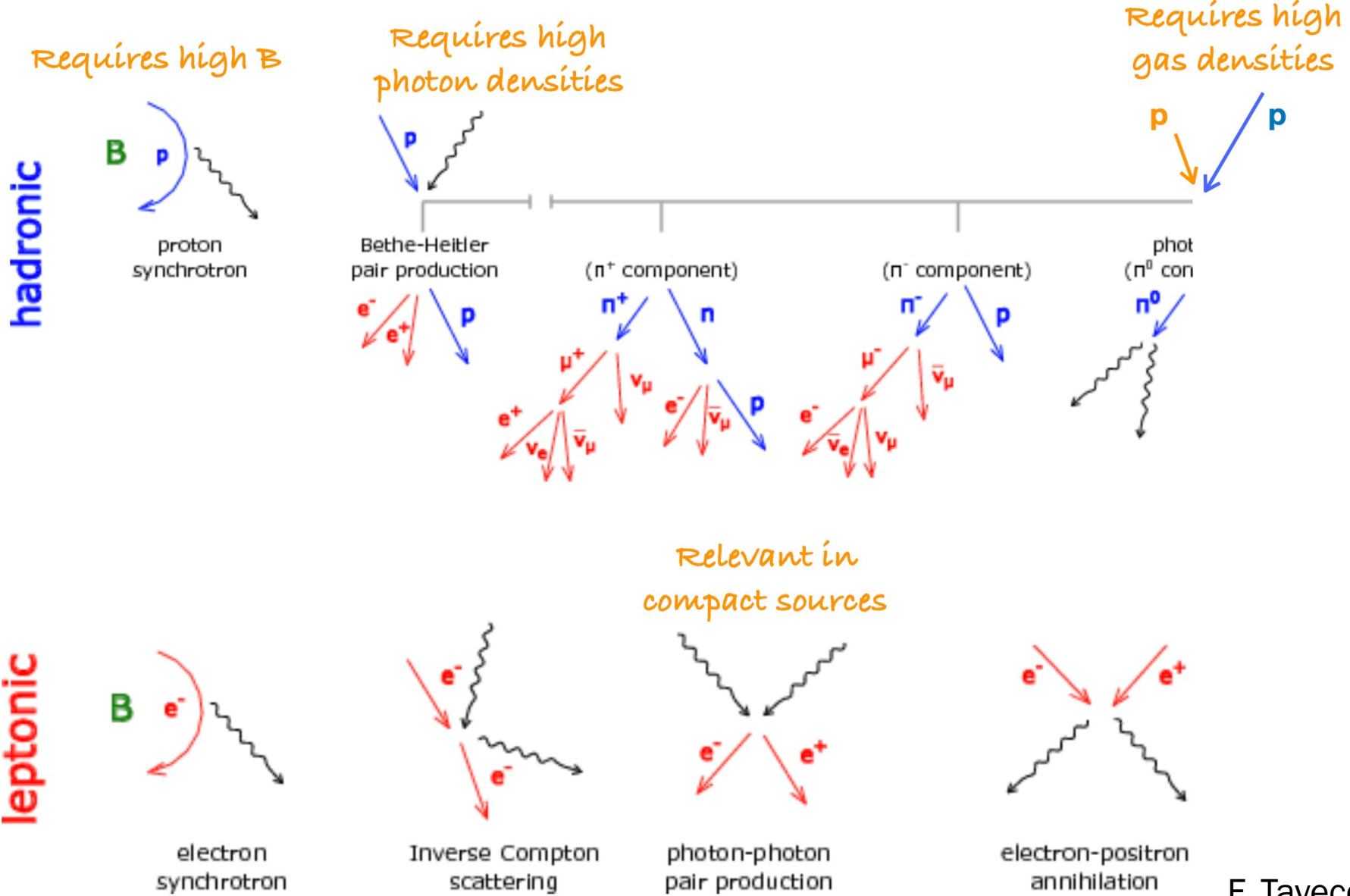


- Pair production
- Inverse Compton
- Photoproduction



- Synchrotron radiation

# Leptonic or hadronic?



F. Tavecchio



# The most common leptonic processes

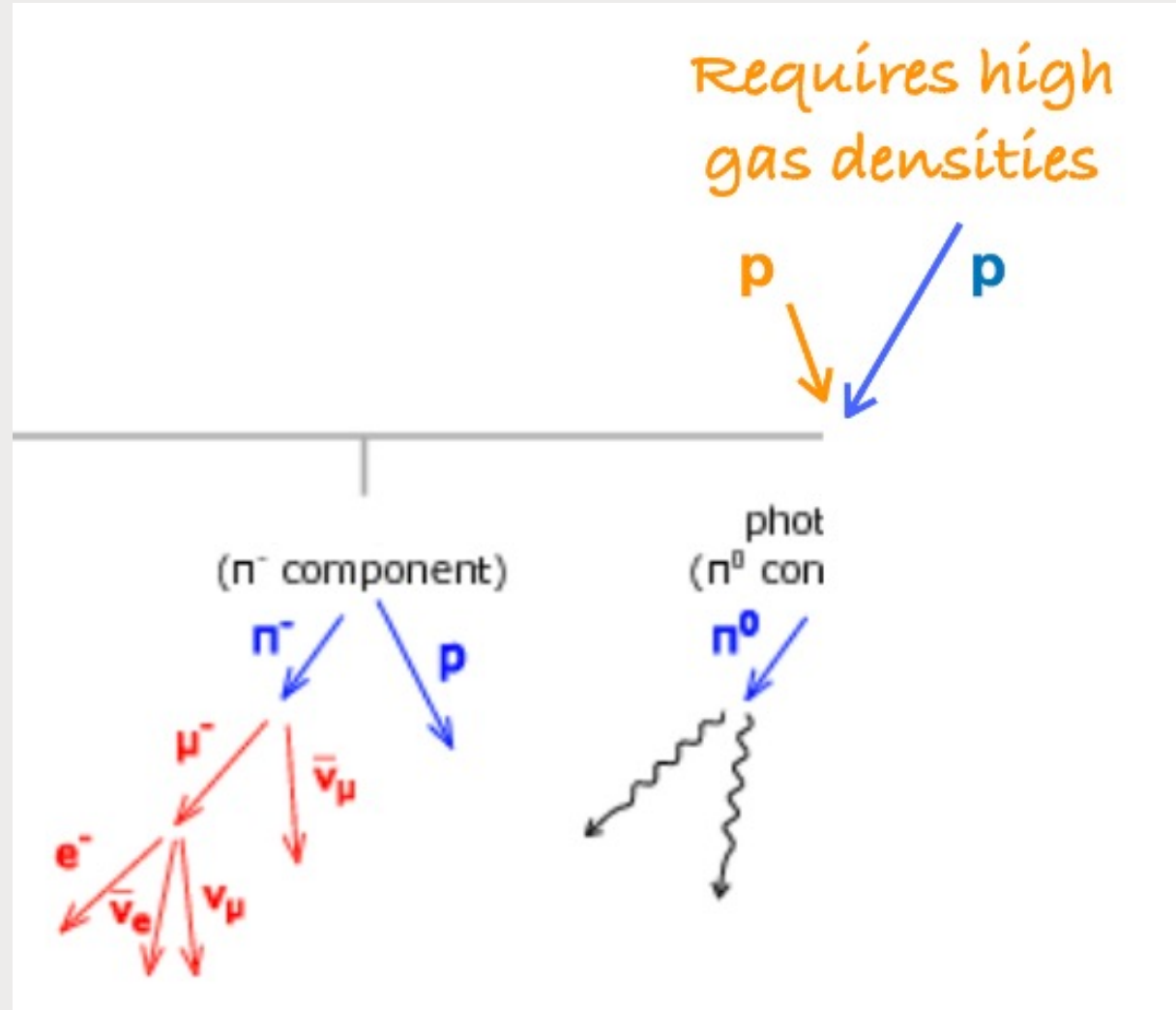


electron  
synchrotron



Inverse Compton  
scattering

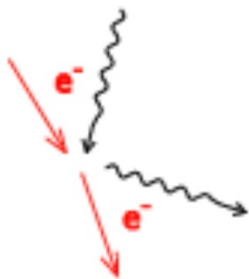
# The most common hadronic process



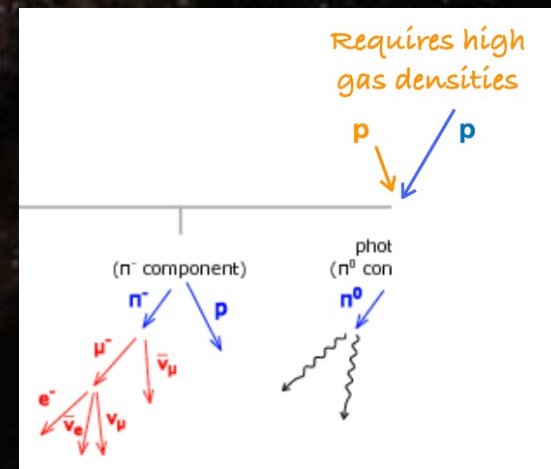
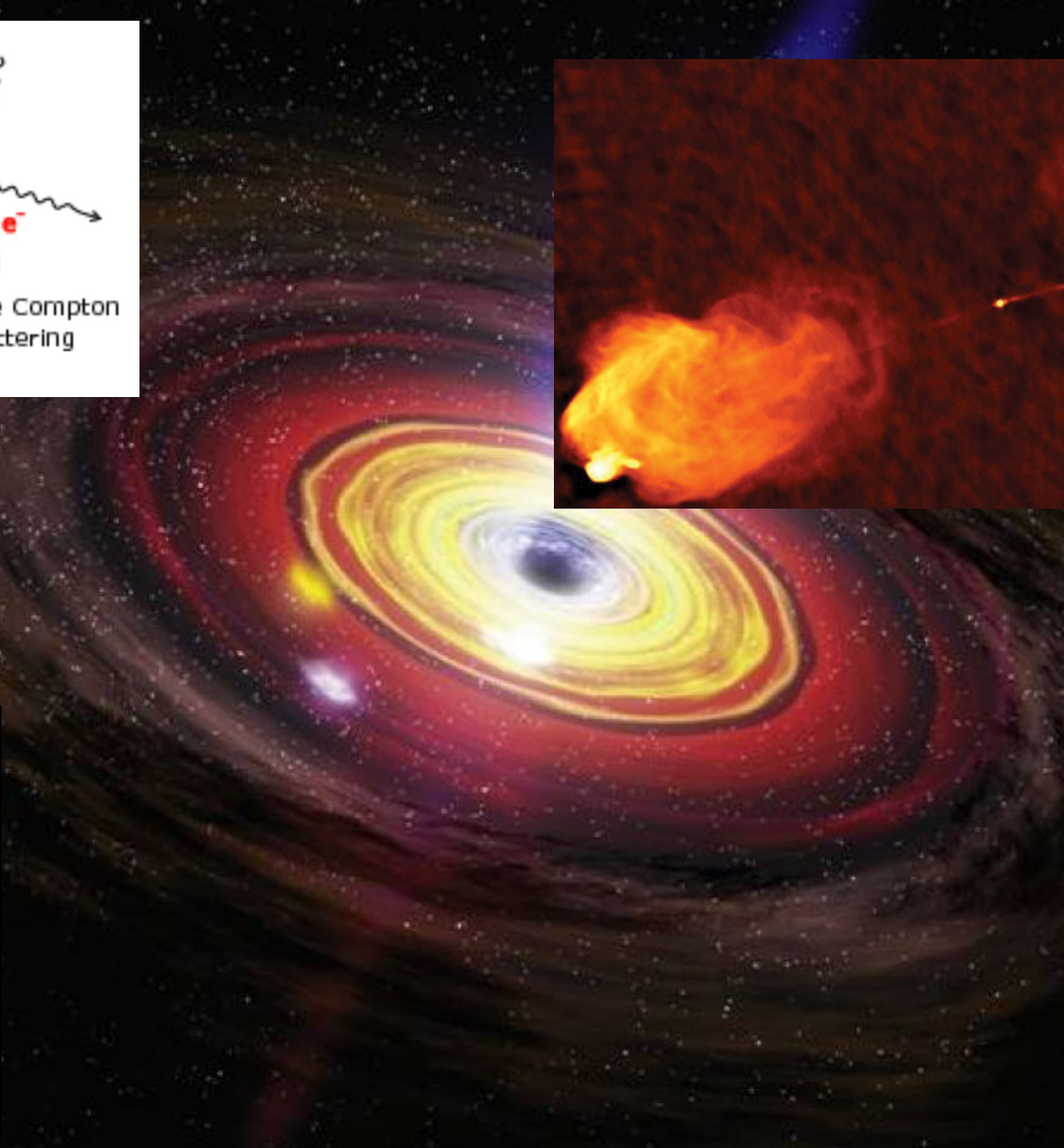
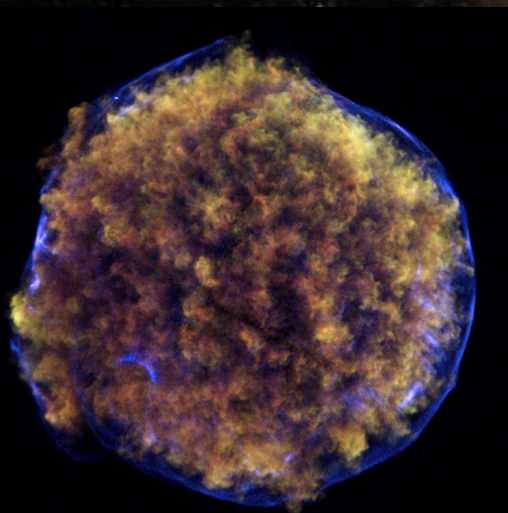
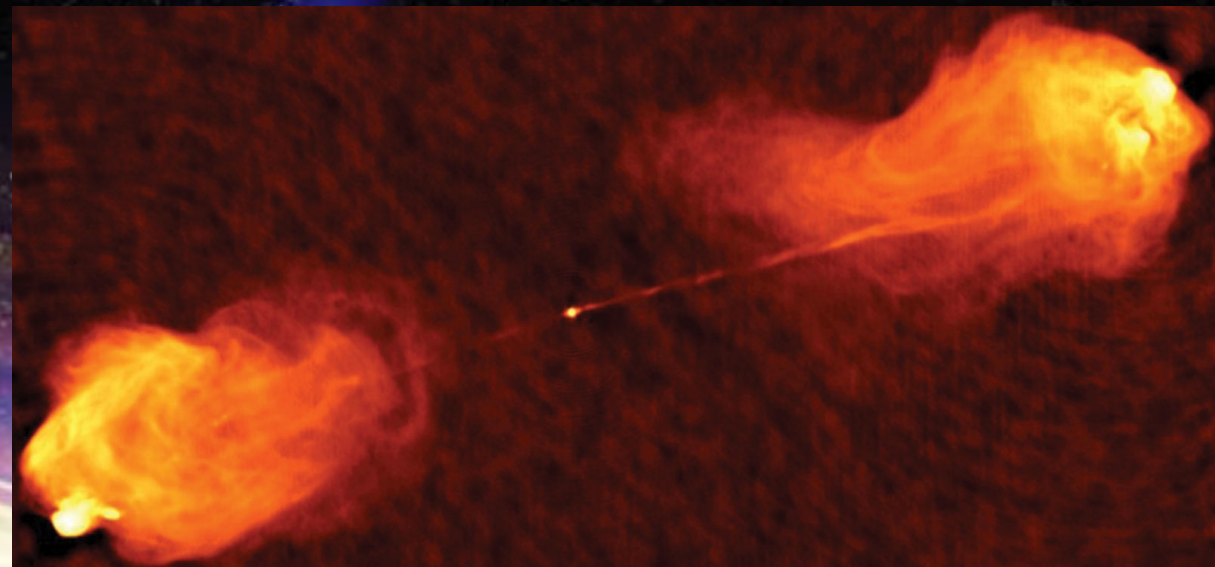




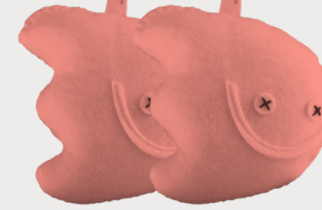
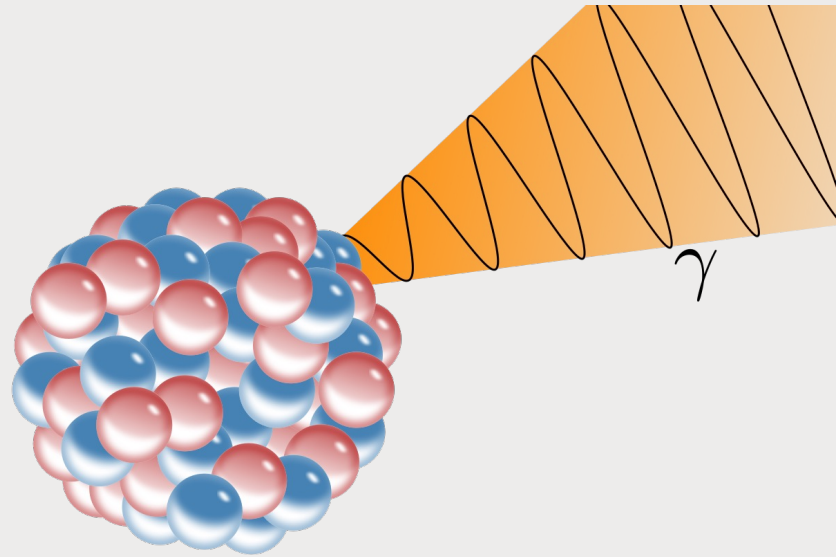
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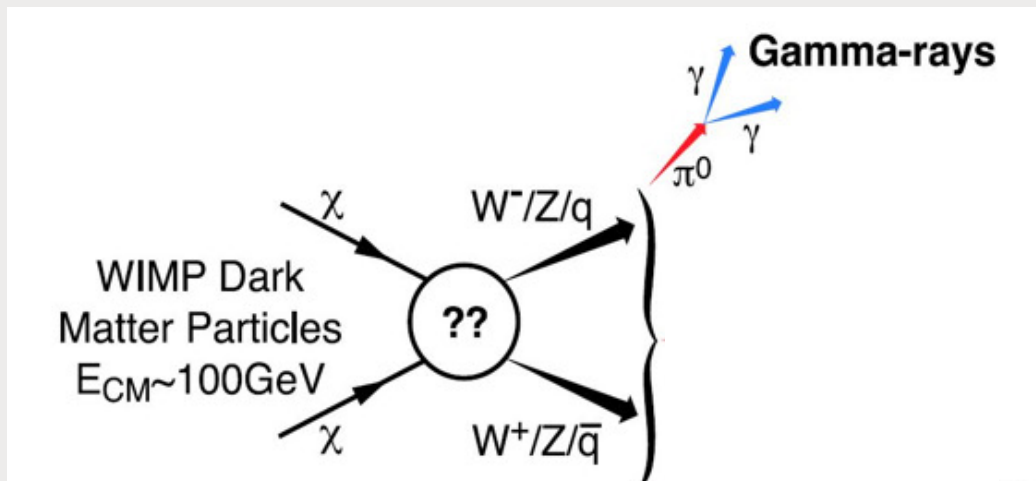
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# Other means to get

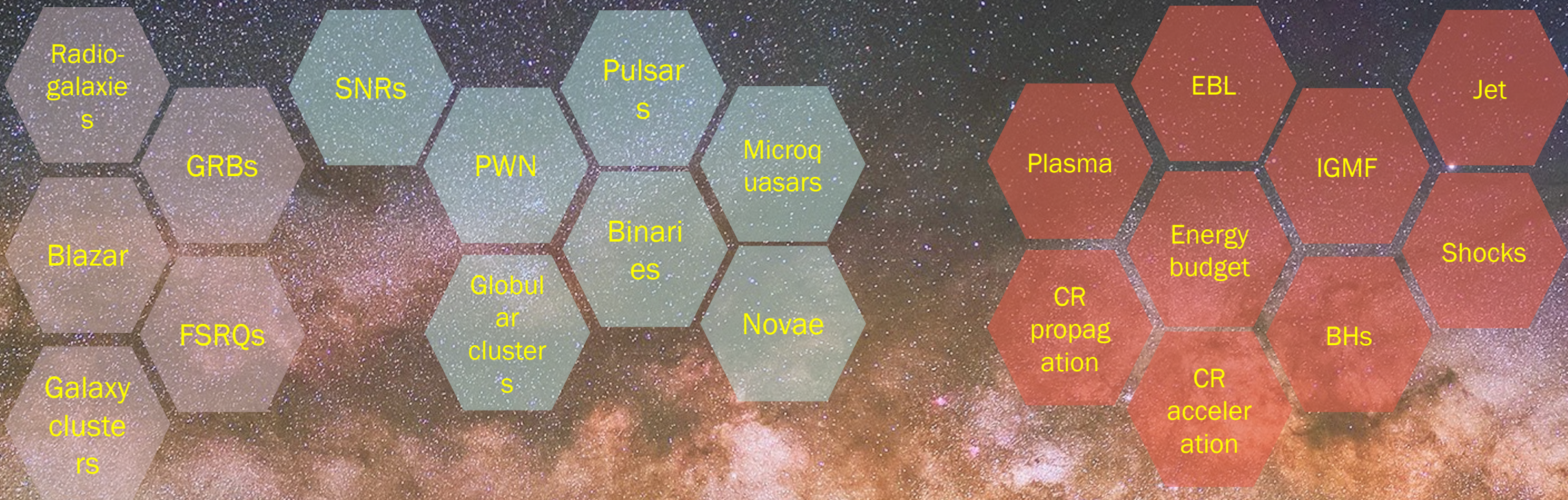


- Nuclear processes
  - *De-excitation of target nuclei leads to keV-MeV lines*
    - 4.4 MeV from  $^{12}\text{C}$
    - 6.1 MeV from  $^{16}\text{O}$
    - 0.85 MeV from  $^{56}\text{Fe}$



- Dark matter and other new physics fields

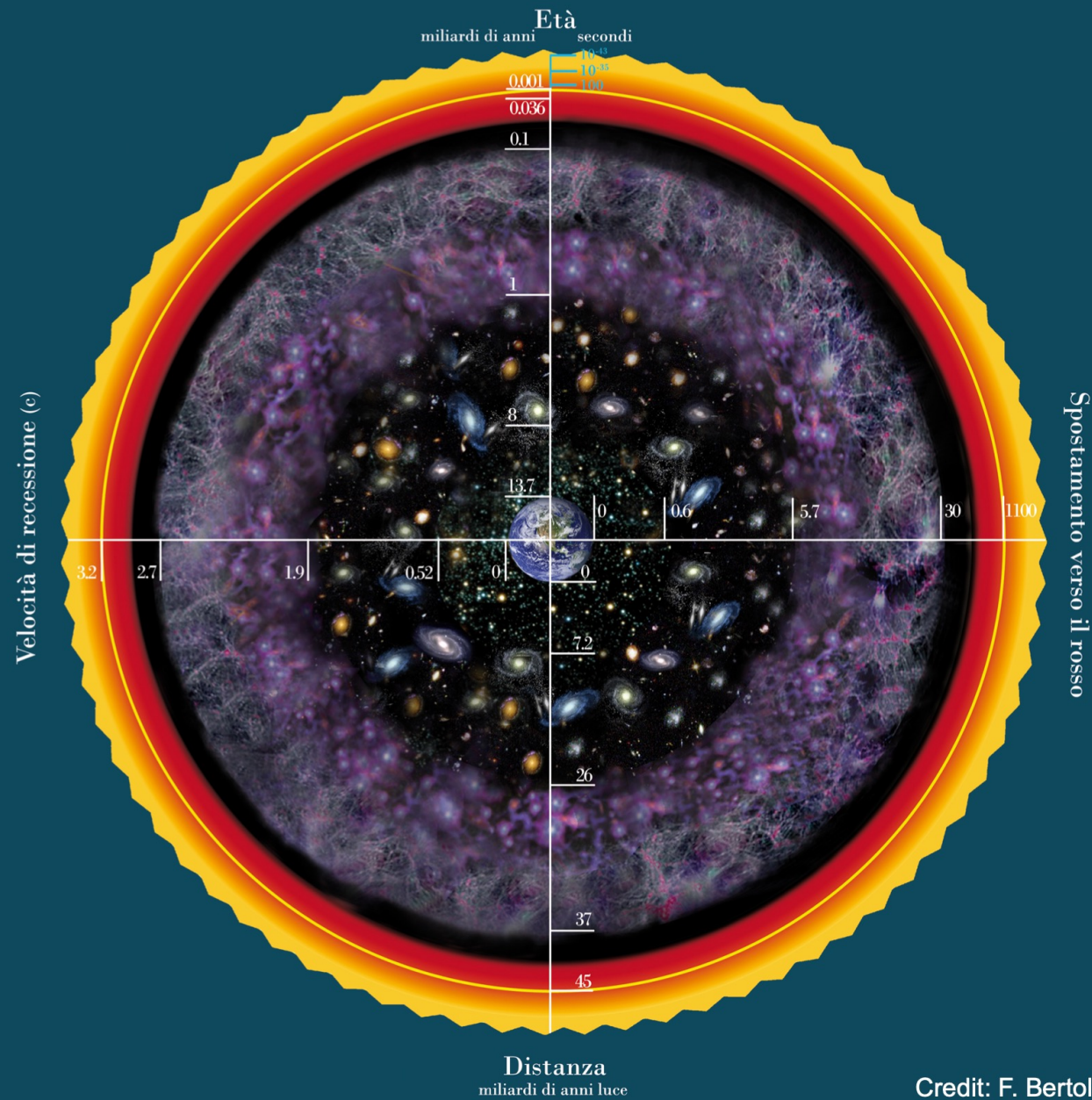




# «ASTRONOMY» WITH GAMMA RAYS



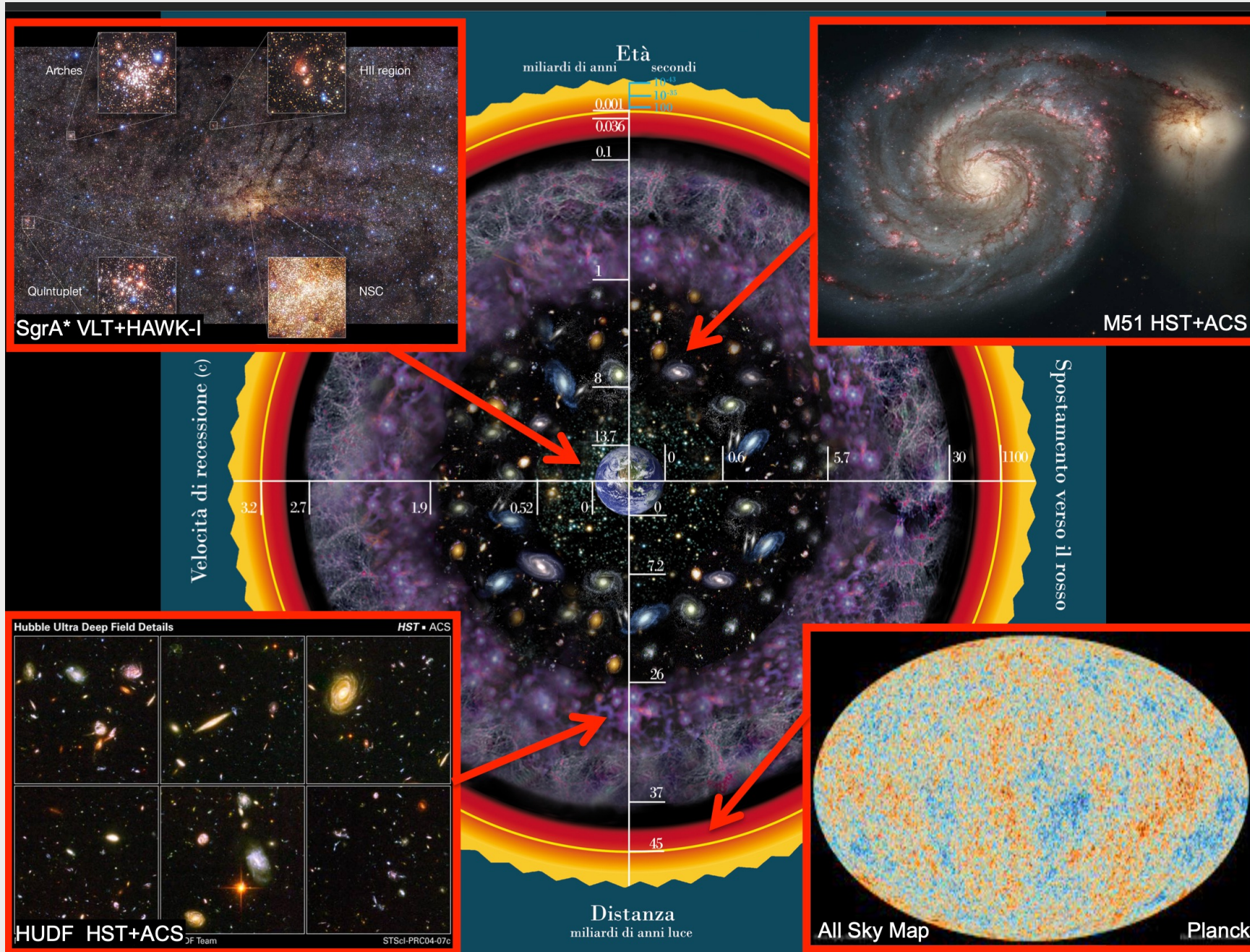
# Where are you?





# Where are you?

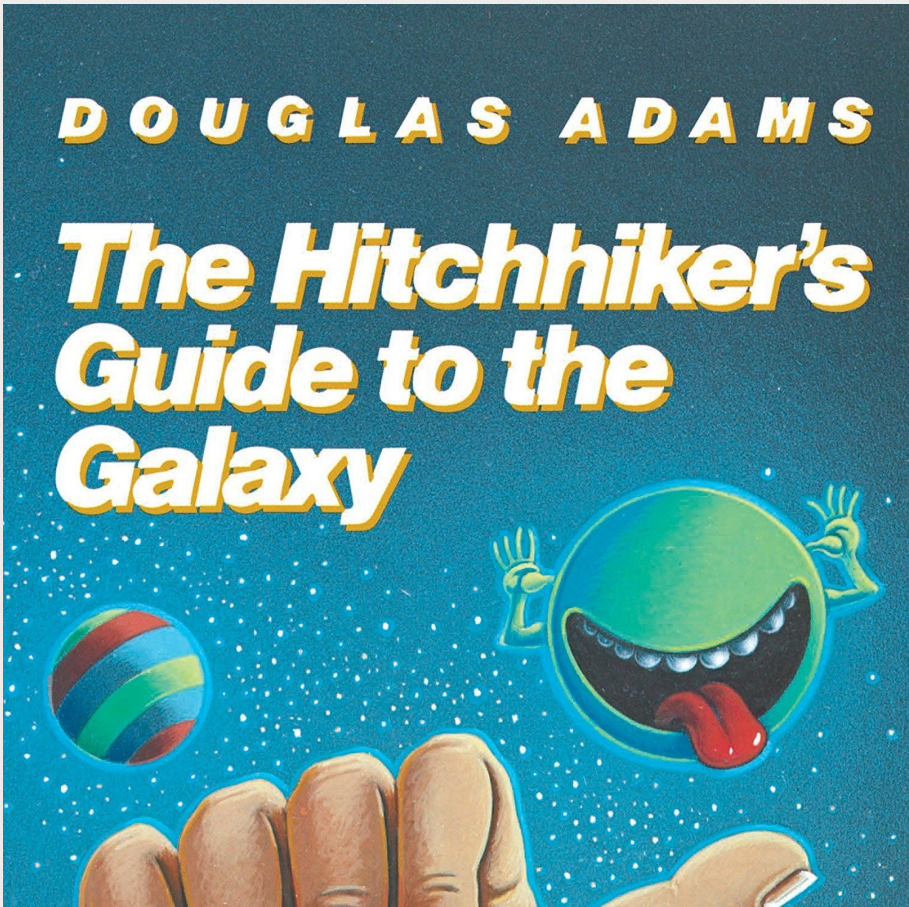
- In the extragalactic space?
- In the intergalactic space?
- Around a compact object?
- Close to a SMBH?
- Close to a binary system?
- Close to a Gamma-Ray Burst?





# Neighborhood and definitely not

10 <sup>-4</sup> pc	1 -10 kpc	10 -100 kpc	1 Mpc	50 Mpc	1 Gpc
Sun	Nearby stars Binary Systems MW center	MW Satellite Galaxies	Closest galaxies Andromeda	Closest Cluster Virgo	Farthest TeV emitter

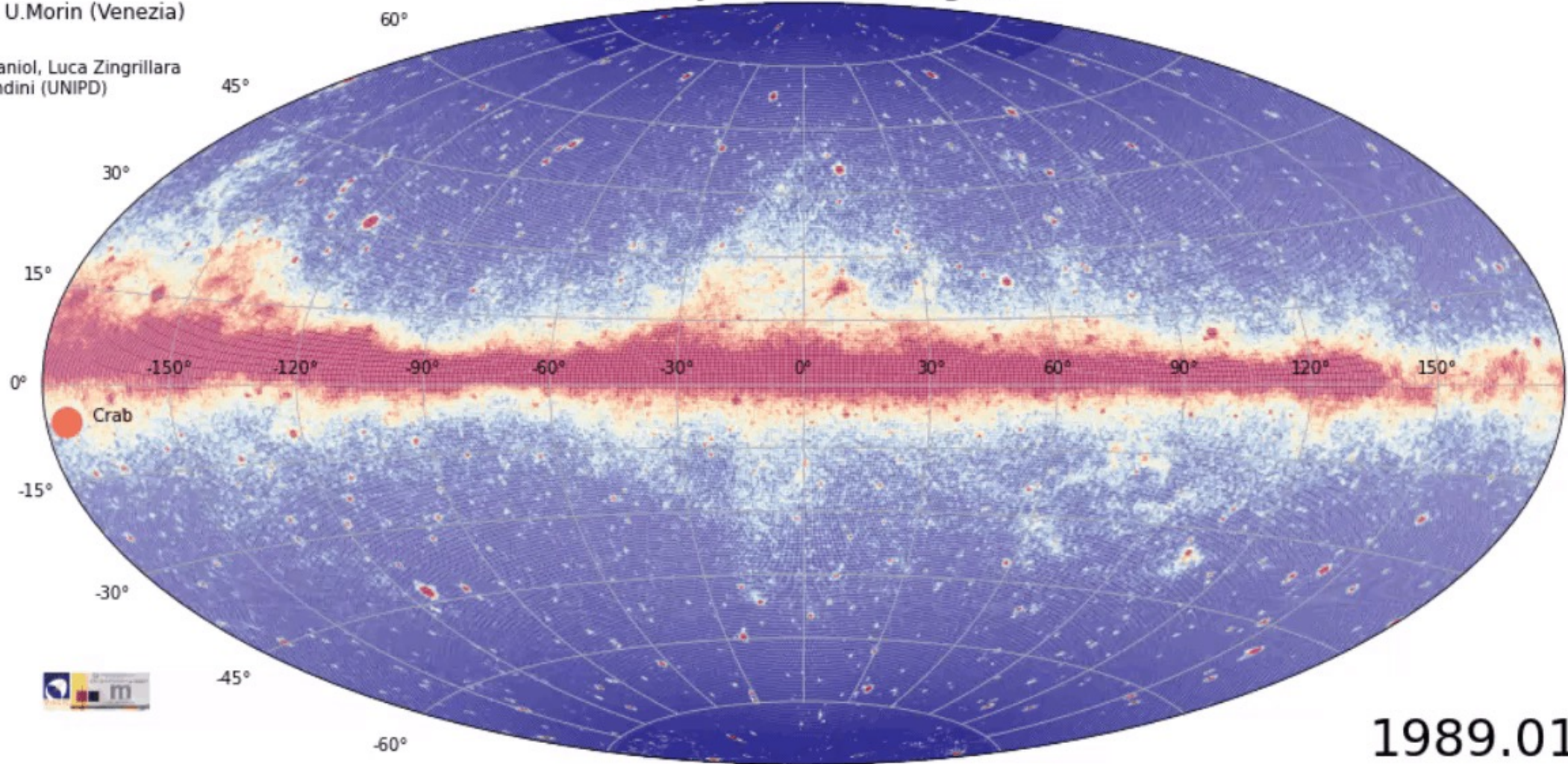




# 75° History of MAGIC targets

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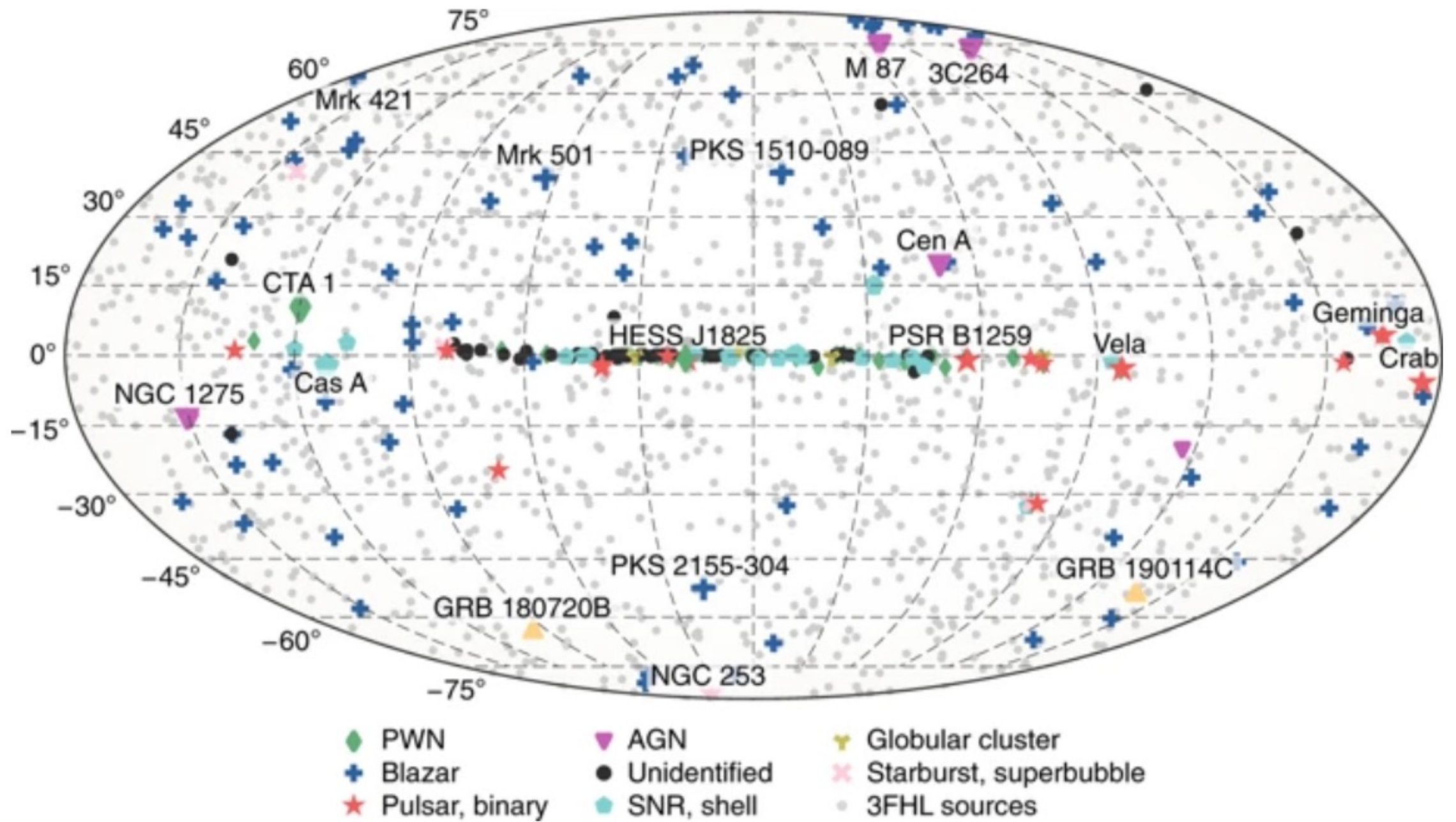
Students: Giacomo Zaniol, Luca Zingrillara  
Tutors: M.Doro, E.Prandini (UNIPD)



- Blazar
- Shell
- Binary
- UNID
- XRB
- PSR
- PWN
- FRI
- GRB
- Gal





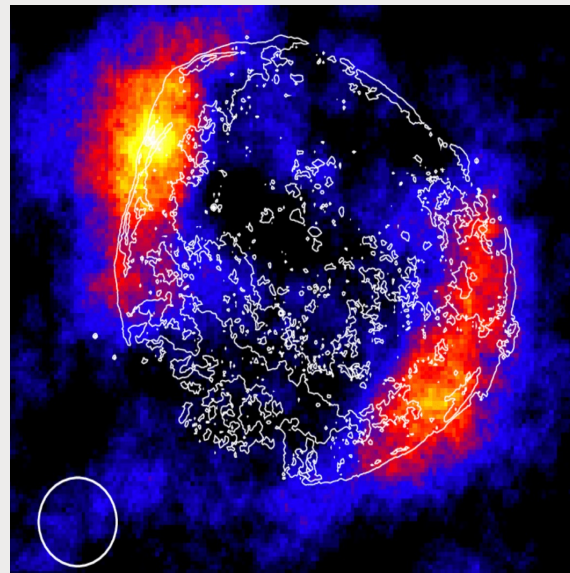


# 1/ Galactic GeV-TeV emitters

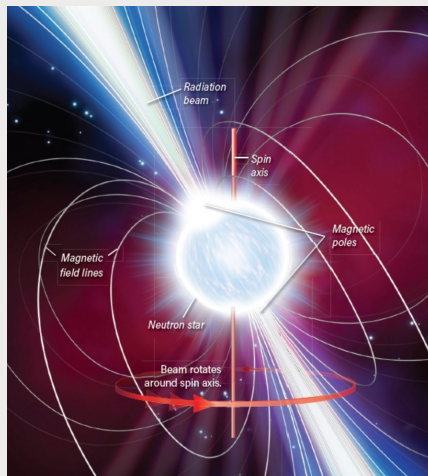
● Connected to the death of a star



Supernova Remnant

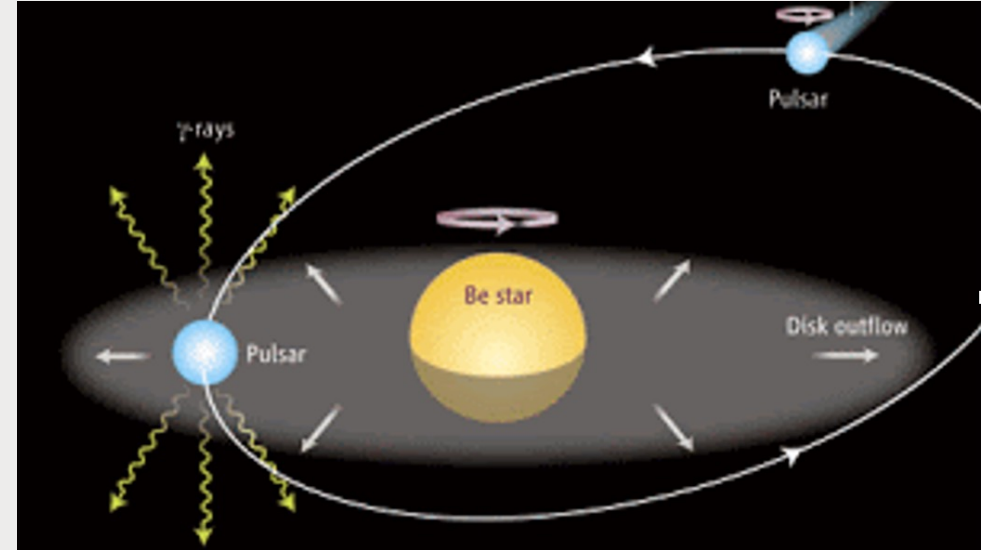


Pulsar  
Wind  
Nebula

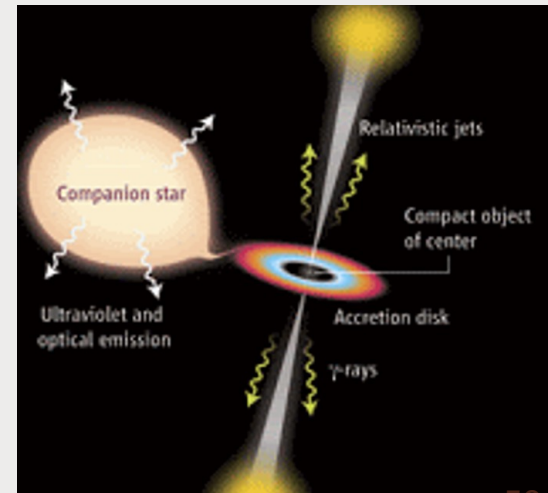


Pulsar

● When stars are too alive



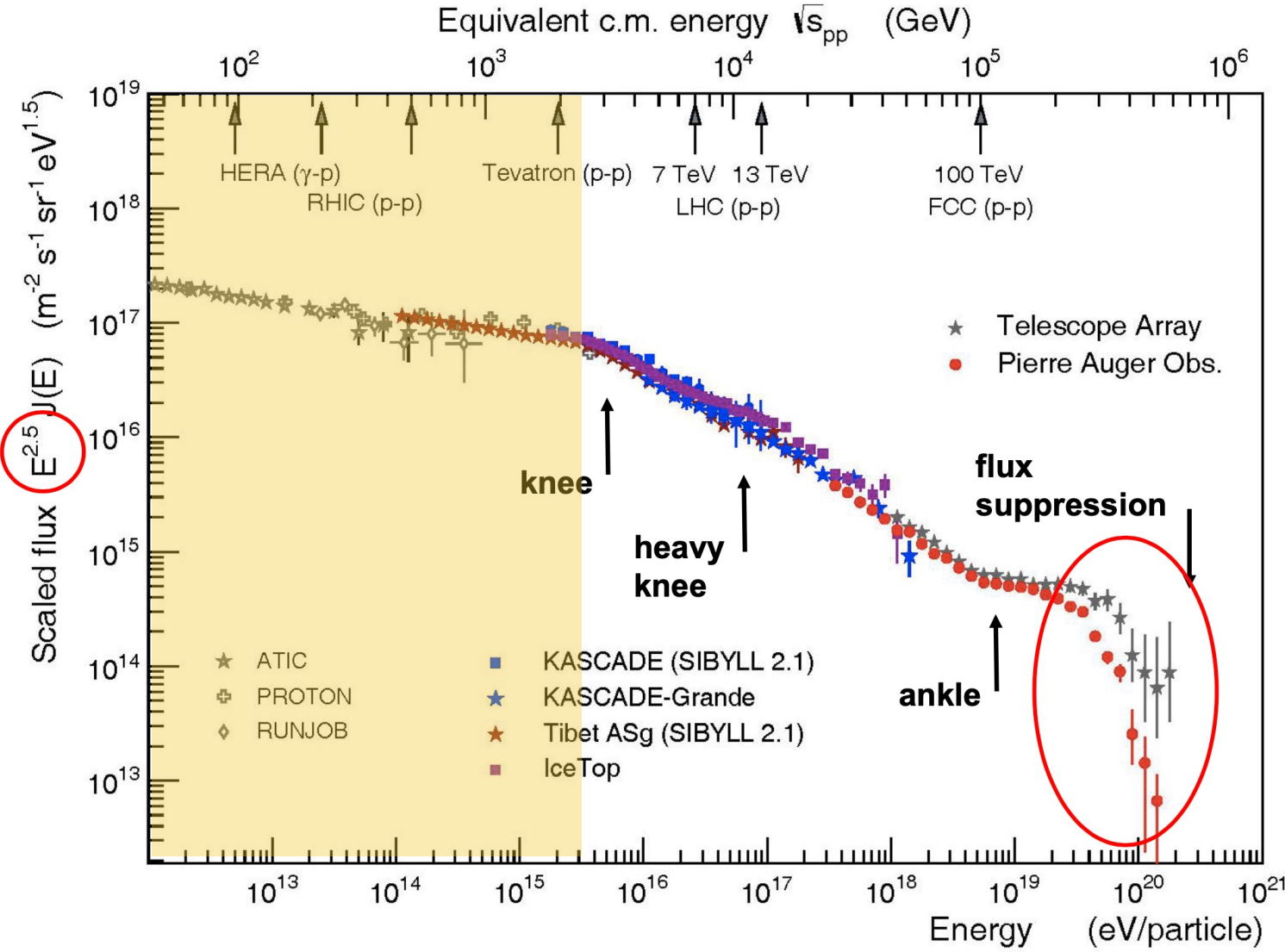
Binary Pulsar



Microquasar



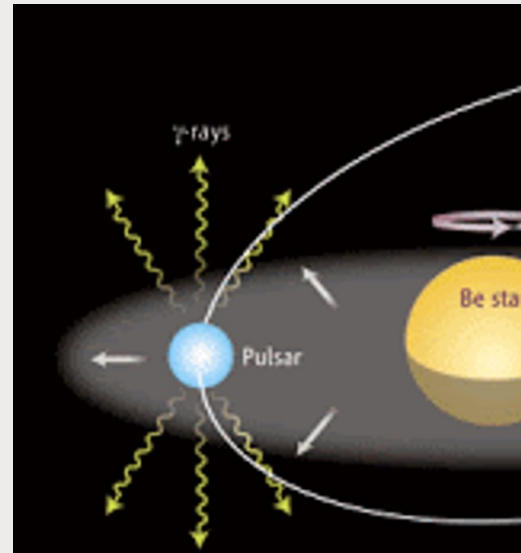
# Here comes the galactic CR



## GALACTIC

- In 1000 years of expansion, considering time to accelerate, SNR can give CR protons Maximum energy  $E_{max} \sim 300 Z TeV$
- Explain
  - Knee (proton)
  - Heavy knee (nuclei)

# Stellar endproducts



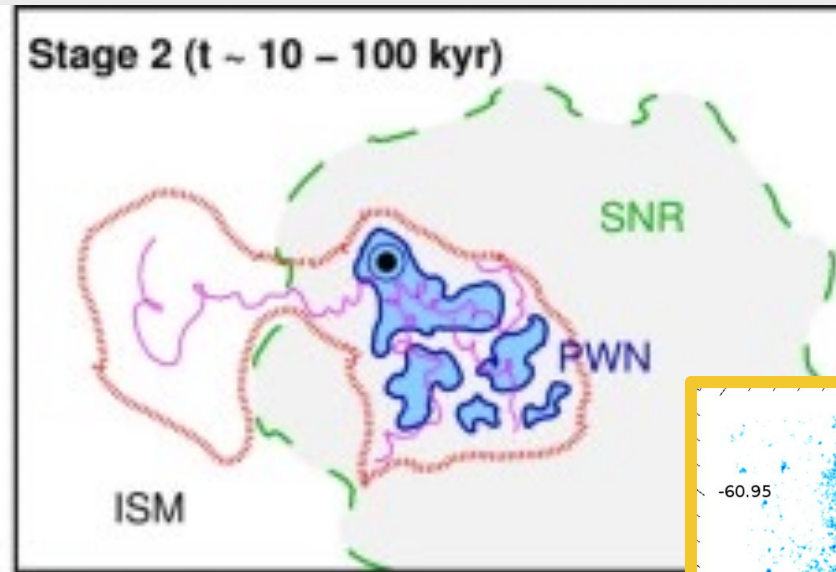
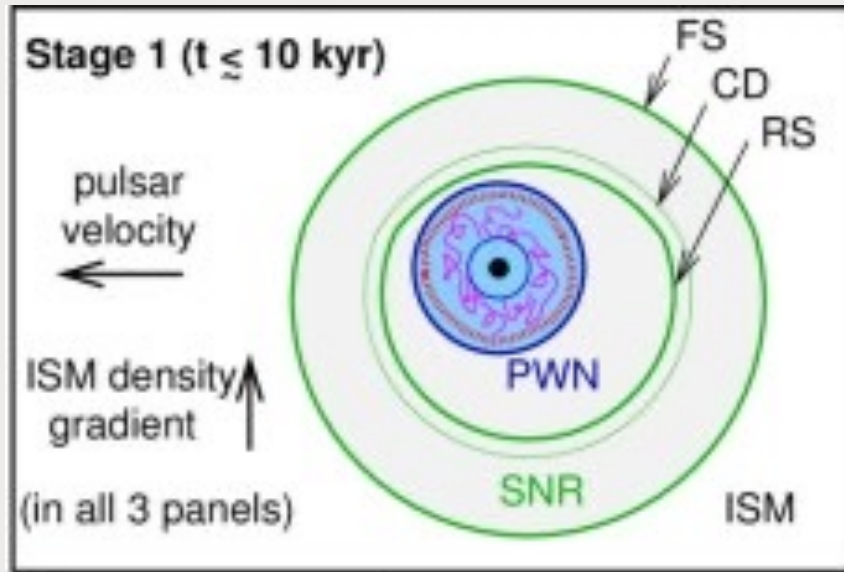
- End of some stars life: **supernova boom**
  - *Core-Collapse (Type Ib,Ic,II): lack of hydrogen, contraction, rebound and explosion*
  - *Type Ia: accretion on white dwarf in companion system above a critical mass (standard candles, see Zavala's talk at this school)*
- Neutron stars
  - *Rotation of the order of 1 ms*
  - *Magnetic fields of the order of  $10^{12}$  G*
- Ejecta
  - *Magnetic fields of the order of 0.01 – 1 mG*
  - *3-10k km/s ejecta*
- In all cases, winds of accelerated particles
- Surely leptonic gammas, but also hadronic gammas



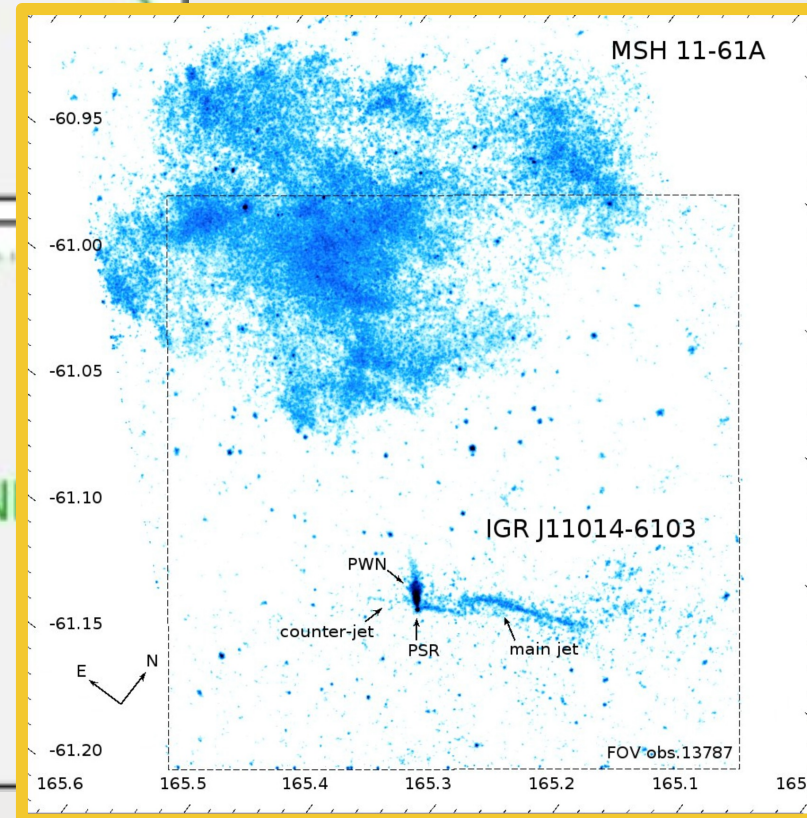
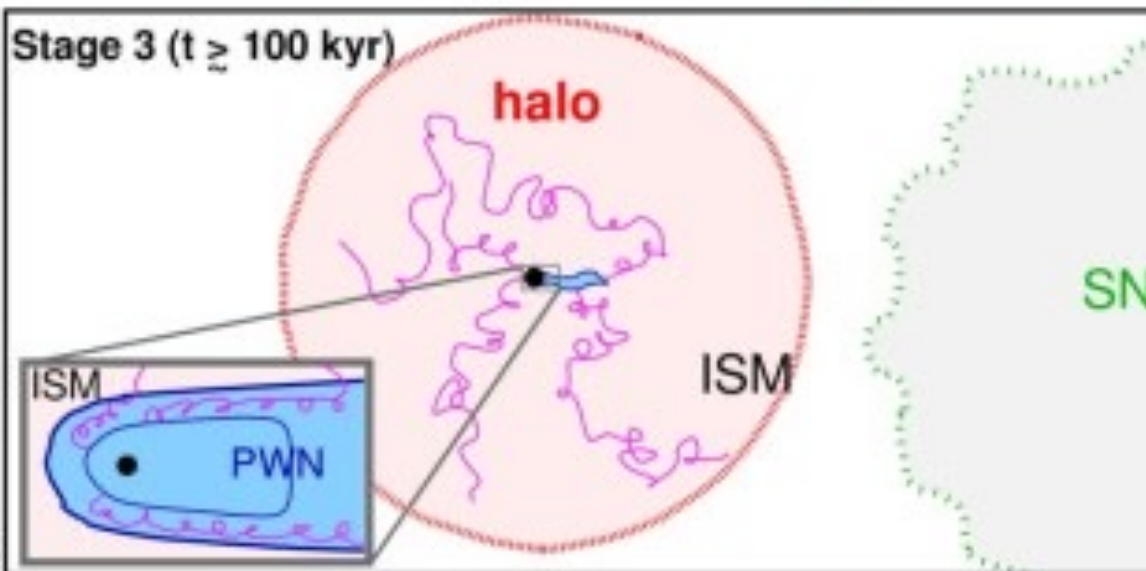
# SNR and PWN

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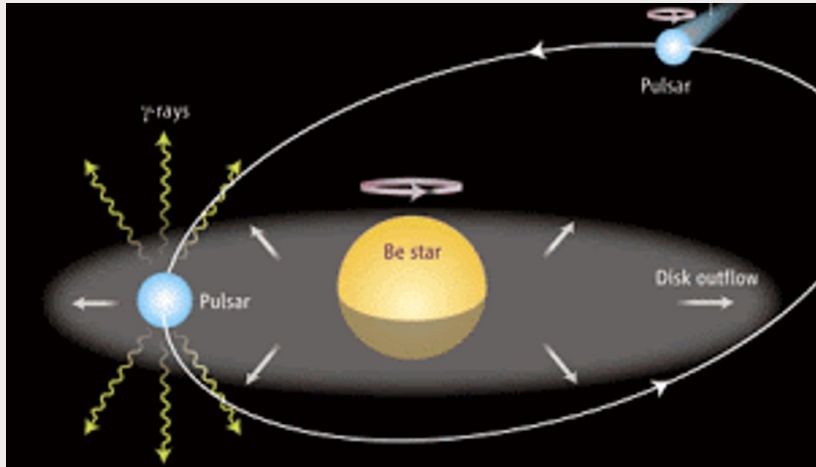
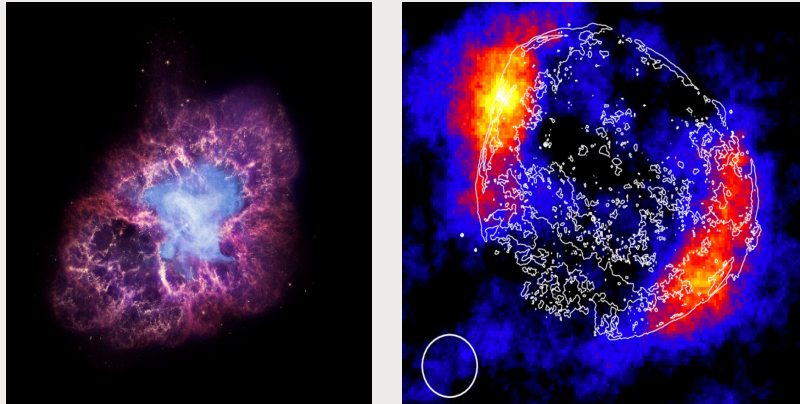
- Winds
- SNR
- PWN
- Composite
- Pulsar can leave its remnants



- supernova remnant
- pulsar
- pulsar wind term. shock
- pulsar wind nebula
- $> 10$  TeV  $e^{\pm}$  trajectory
- $> 1$  TeV gamma-rays

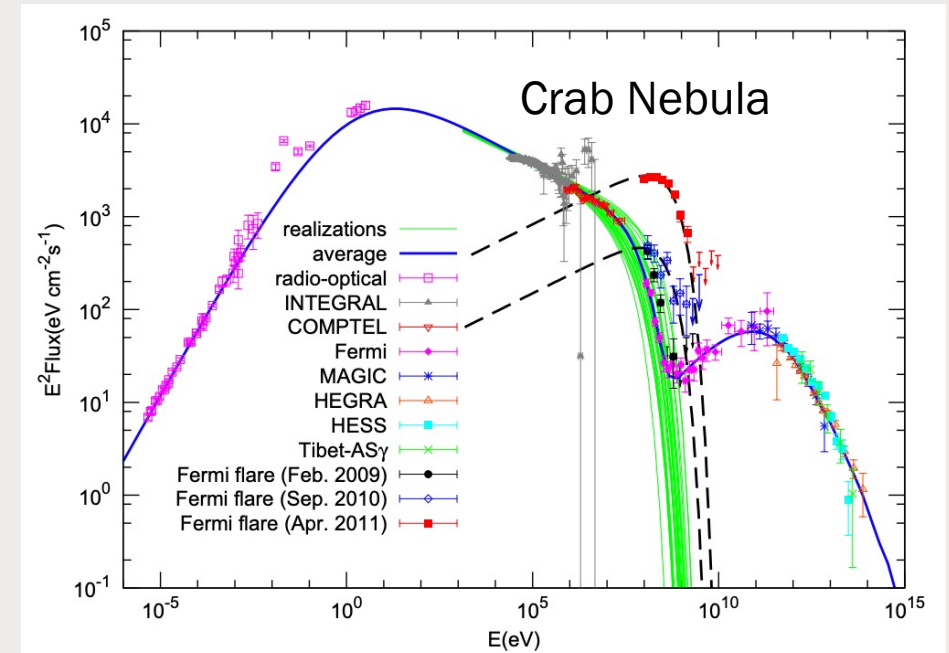


# Strong particle winds generate shocks



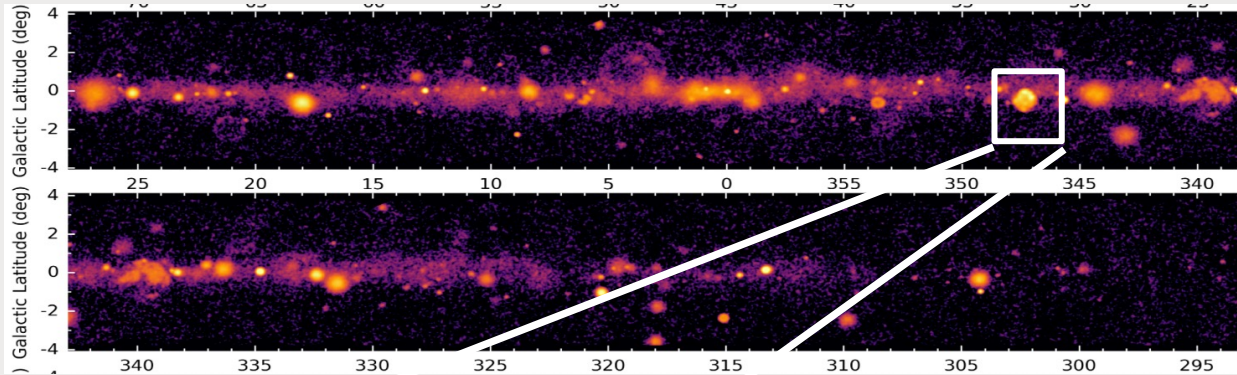
Maximum energy  $E_{max} \sim 300 Z TeV$

1. Kinetic energy of ejecta (winds) create shocks
2. Shock front embed turbulent magnetic field
3. Shock accelerate upstream cosmic rays (Fermi mechanism)
4. Gamma-rays through inverse compton (leptons) with external photons (EIC) or synchrotron-generated photons (SSC) or pion decay (protons)

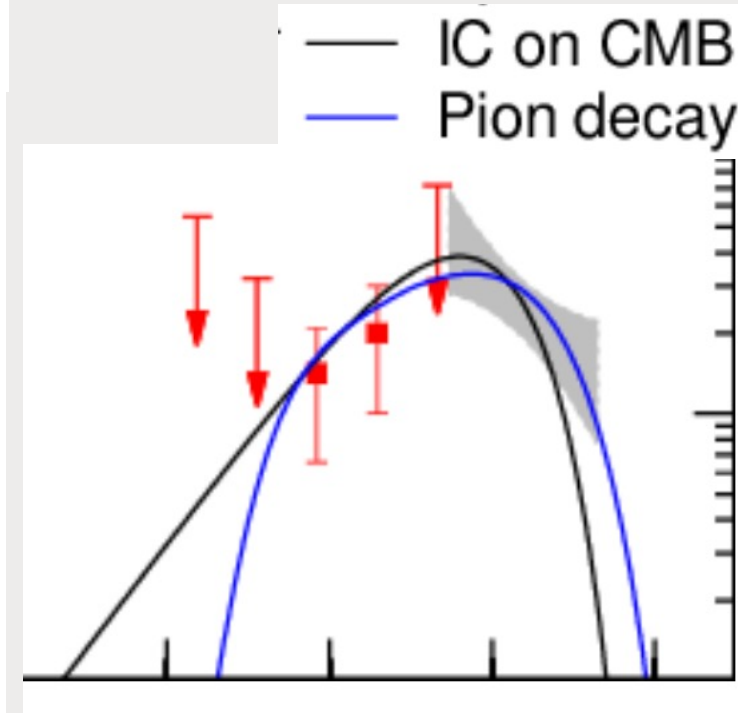
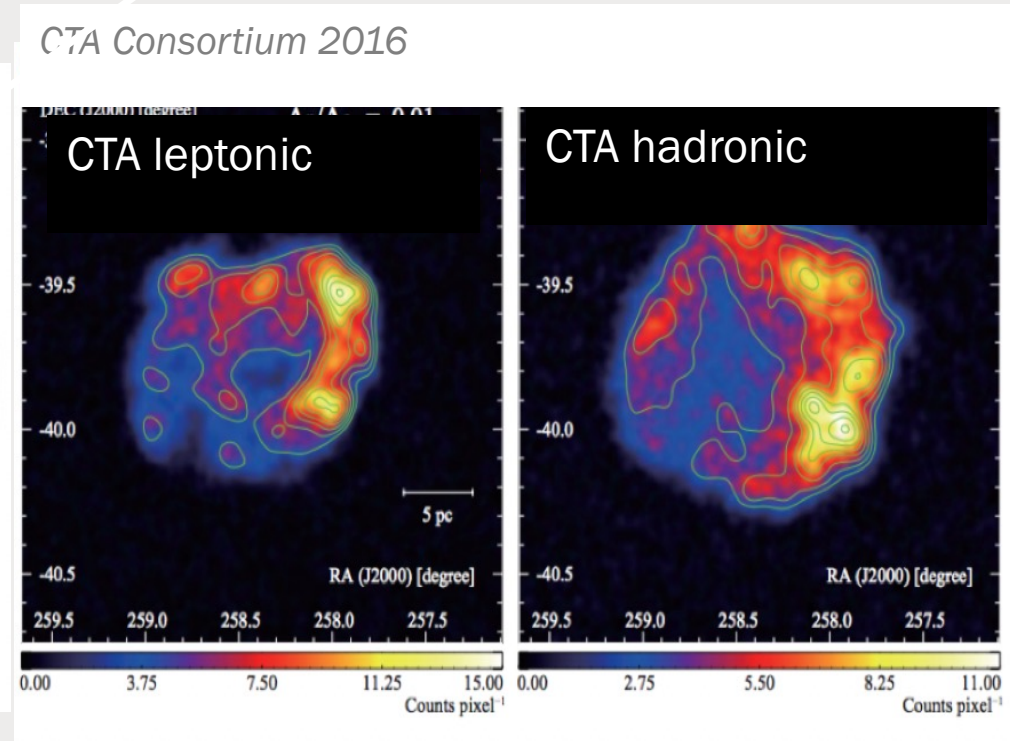
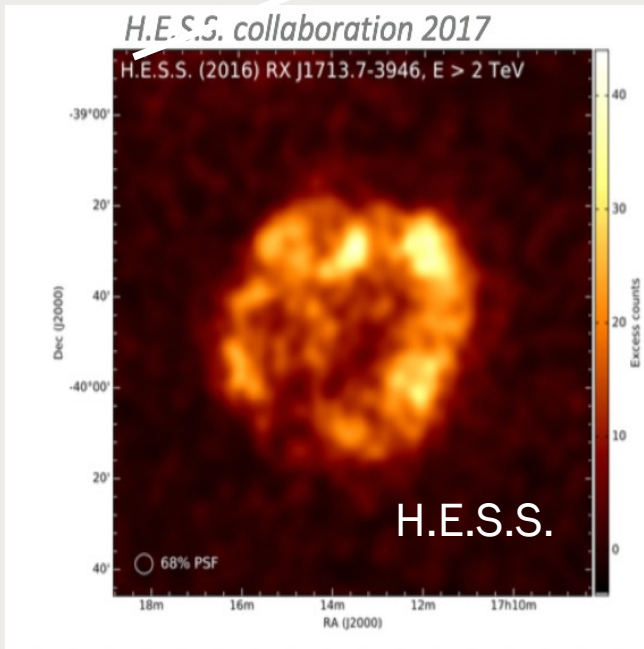




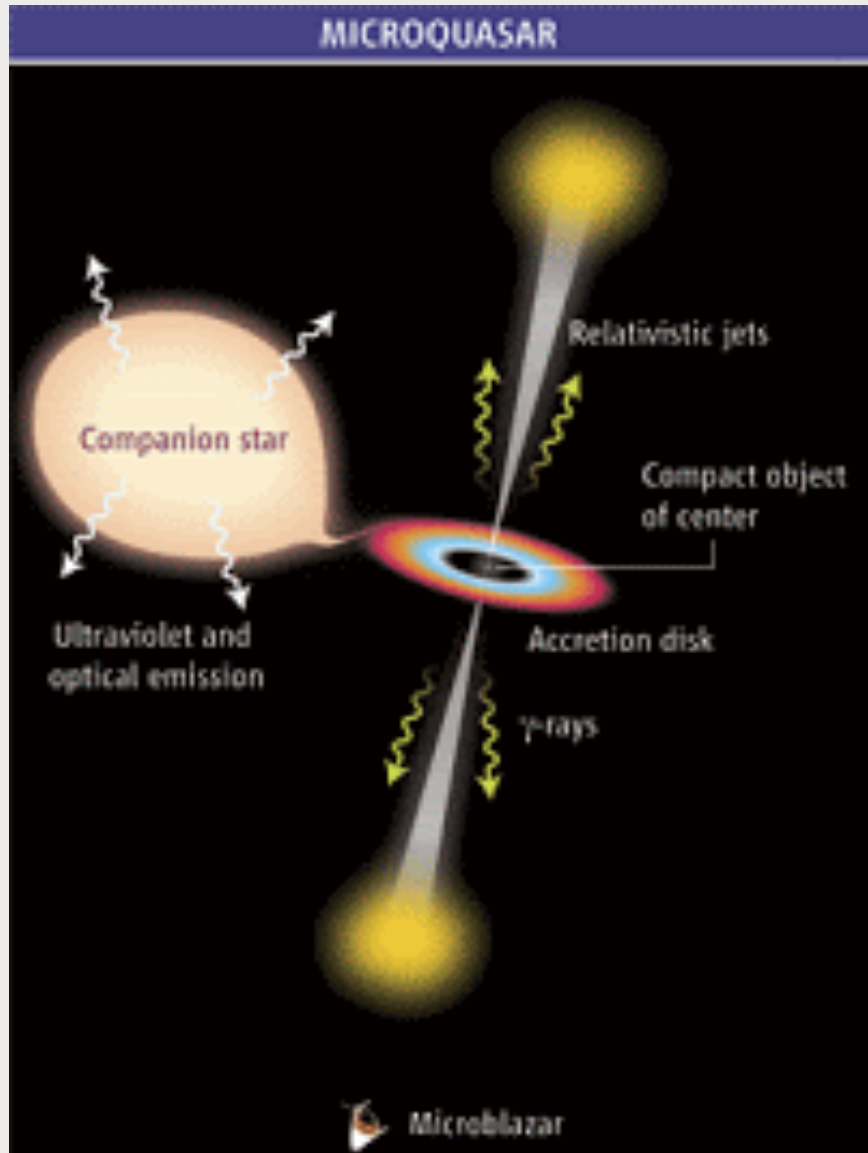
# SNR RXJ1713



- Parent particles determines morphology and spectrum



# Ultrarelativistic galactic jets

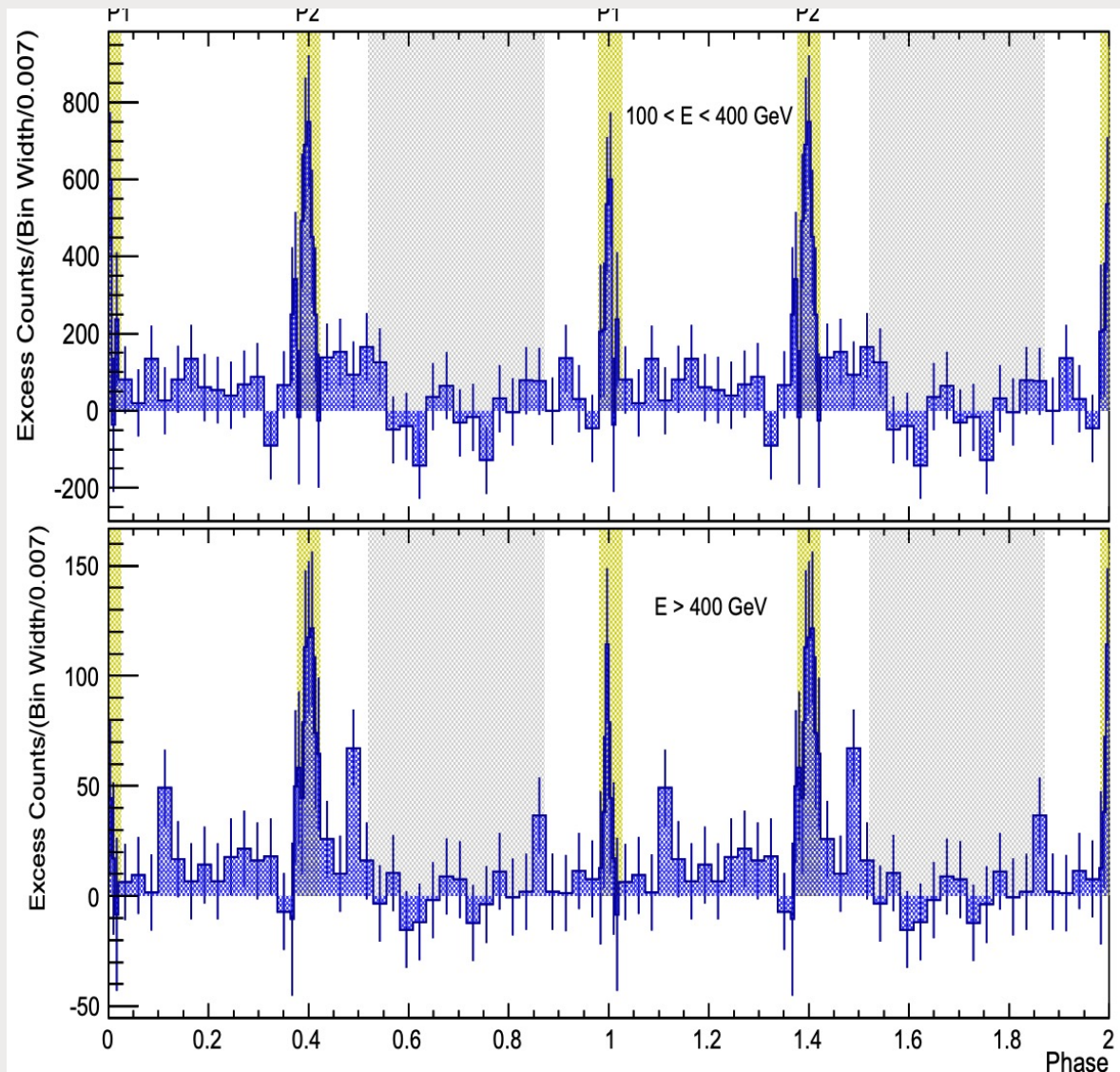


1. Kinetic energy of infall material & rotating BH spin power generate ultrarelativistic jet
2. Particle acceleration within jets (shocks, encounter with clouds (knots))
3. Gamma-ray emission through Inverse Compton with external photons (EIC) or synchrotron-generated photons (SSC)

Beautiful jets that can be switched ON and OFF

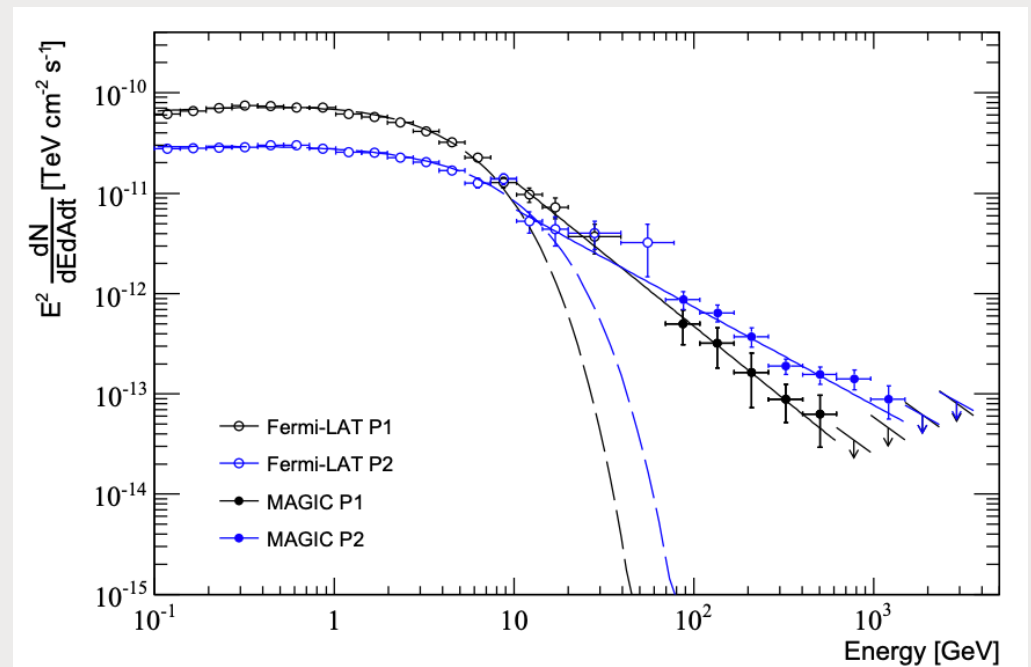
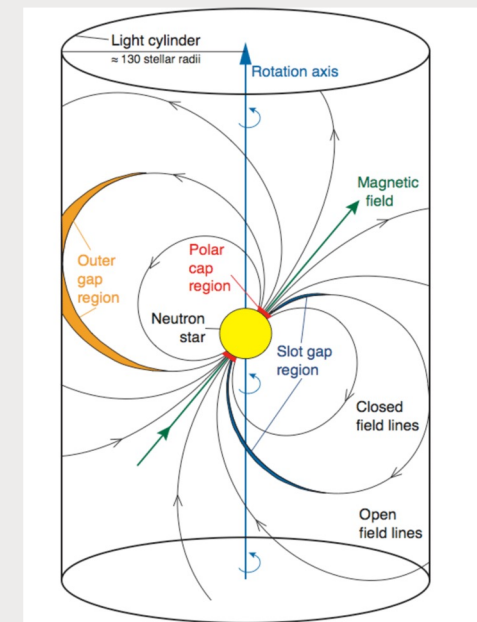


# Pulsars



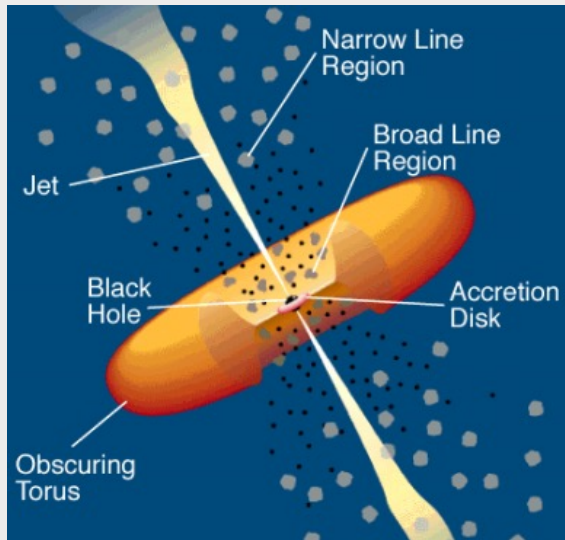
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## Pulsed emission



# 2/ Extragalactic GeV-TeV emitters

- Connected to the ultrarelativist jets & BHS



ACTIVE GALACTIC  
NUCLEI



RADIO  
GALAXIES



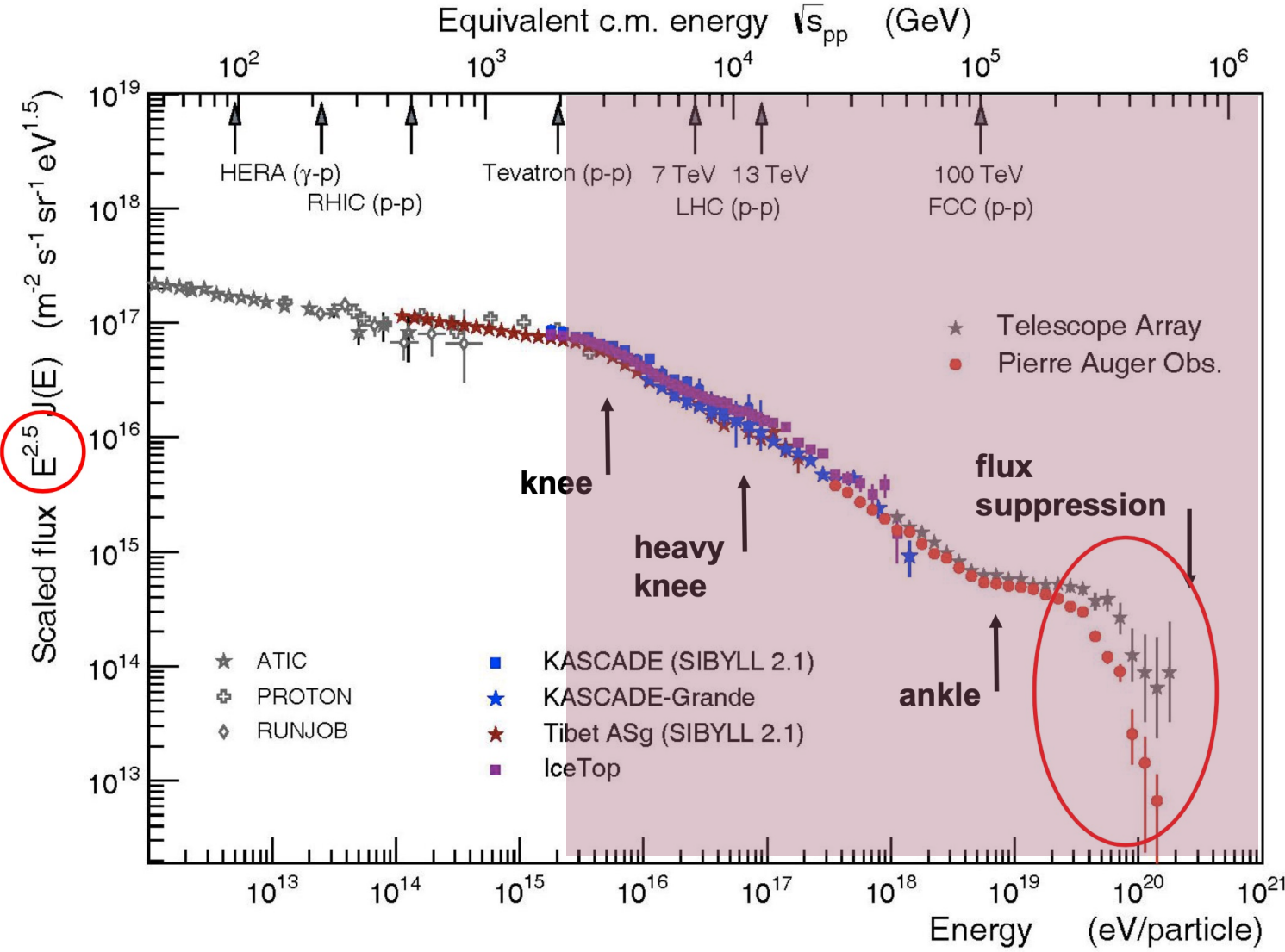
- Intense activities (winds)



STAR-BURST GALAXIES

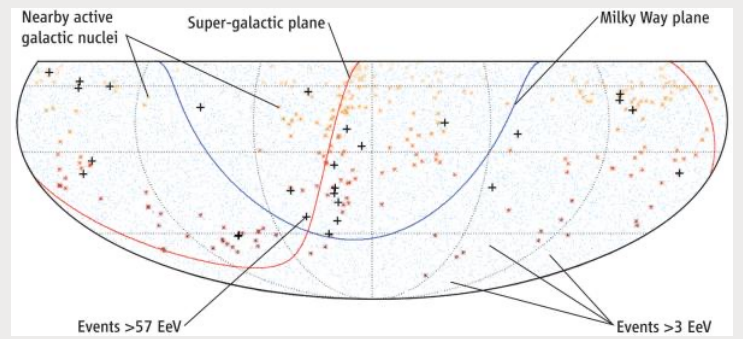


# Here comes the galactic CR

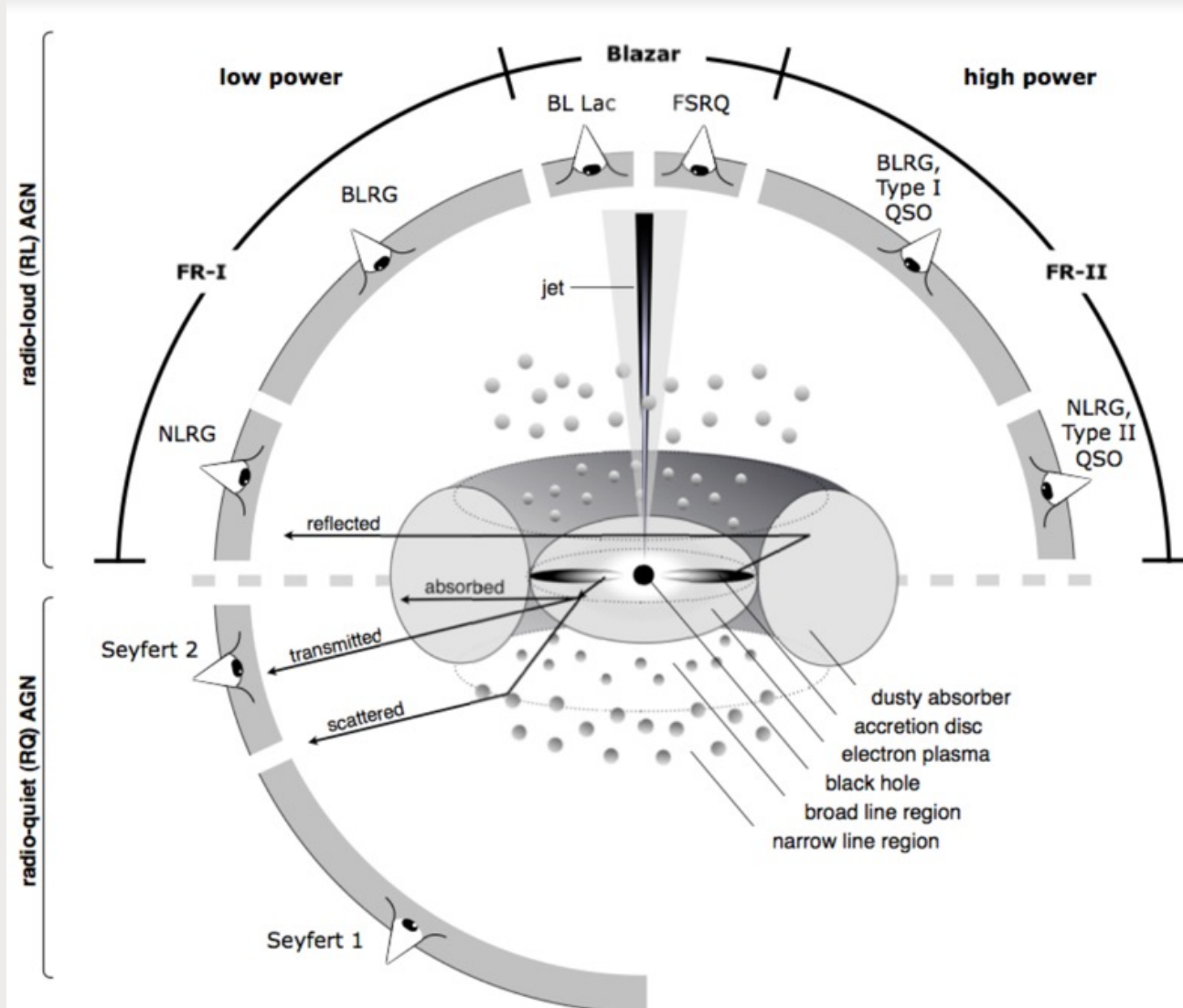


## EXTRAGALACTIC

- AGN are valid booster
- Only recently validated experimentally (Auger)

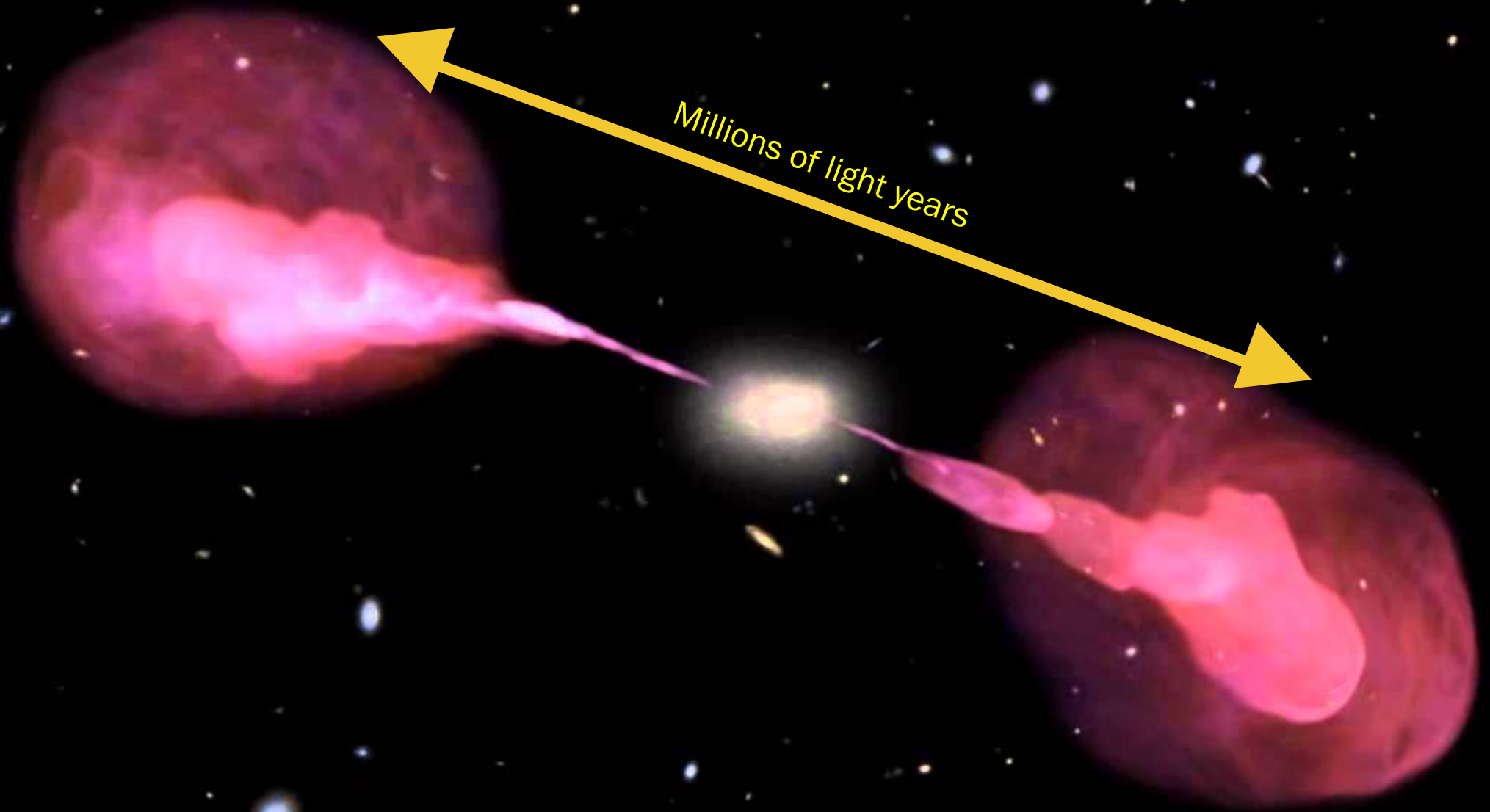


# Model of Active Galactic Nuclei



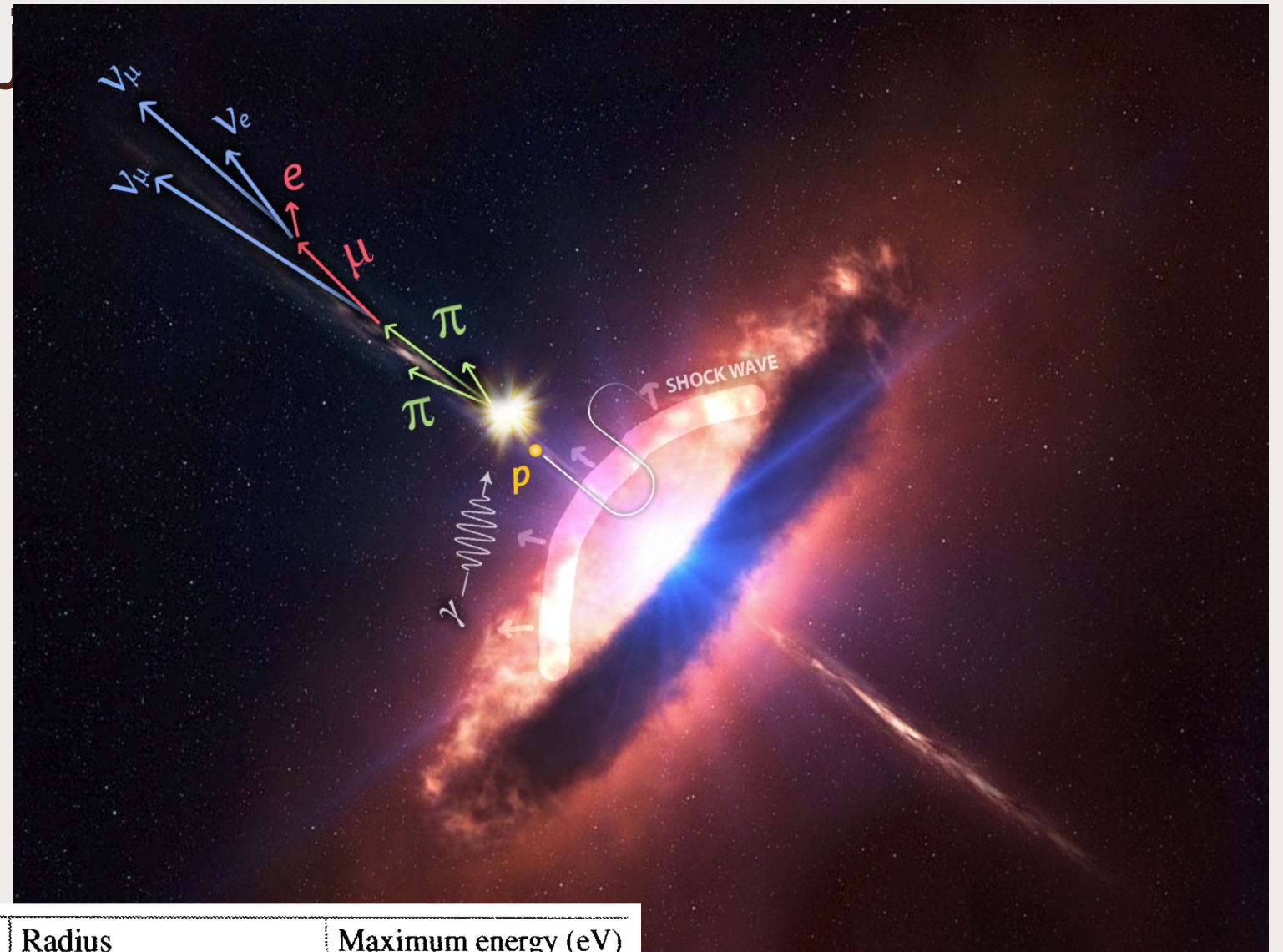
- A supermassive BH  $10^6 - 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- In 1% of cases AGN
  - Strong (rotating) accretion disk
  - A dusty torus
- (10% of AGN) Ultrarelativistic jets
  - 0.01 pc width
  - Mpc length
- According to the view angle: different spectra
  - **Blazar**: If eye is aligned to jet, you can see very faraway AGN because of strong Doppler boost
  - **Quasar**: one can see BH and the torus
  - **Radio galaxy**: BH is hidden, observed the jets





# Ultrarelativistic

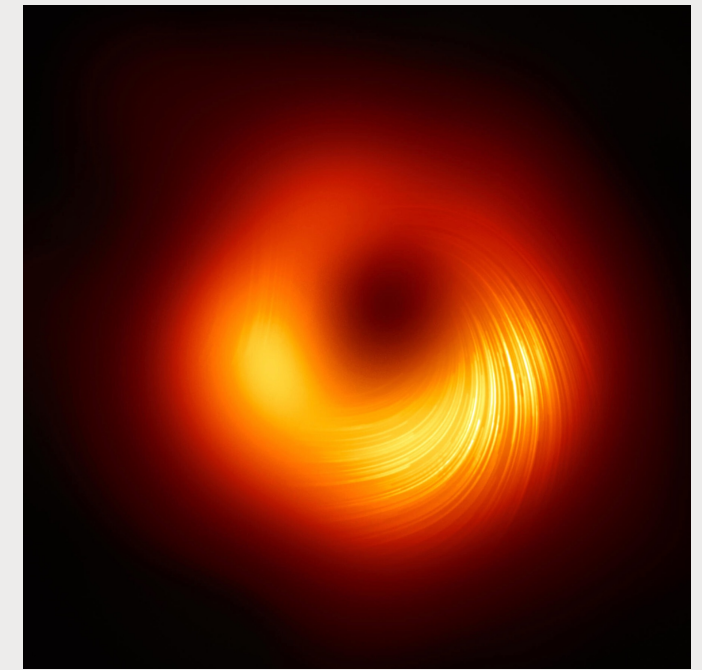
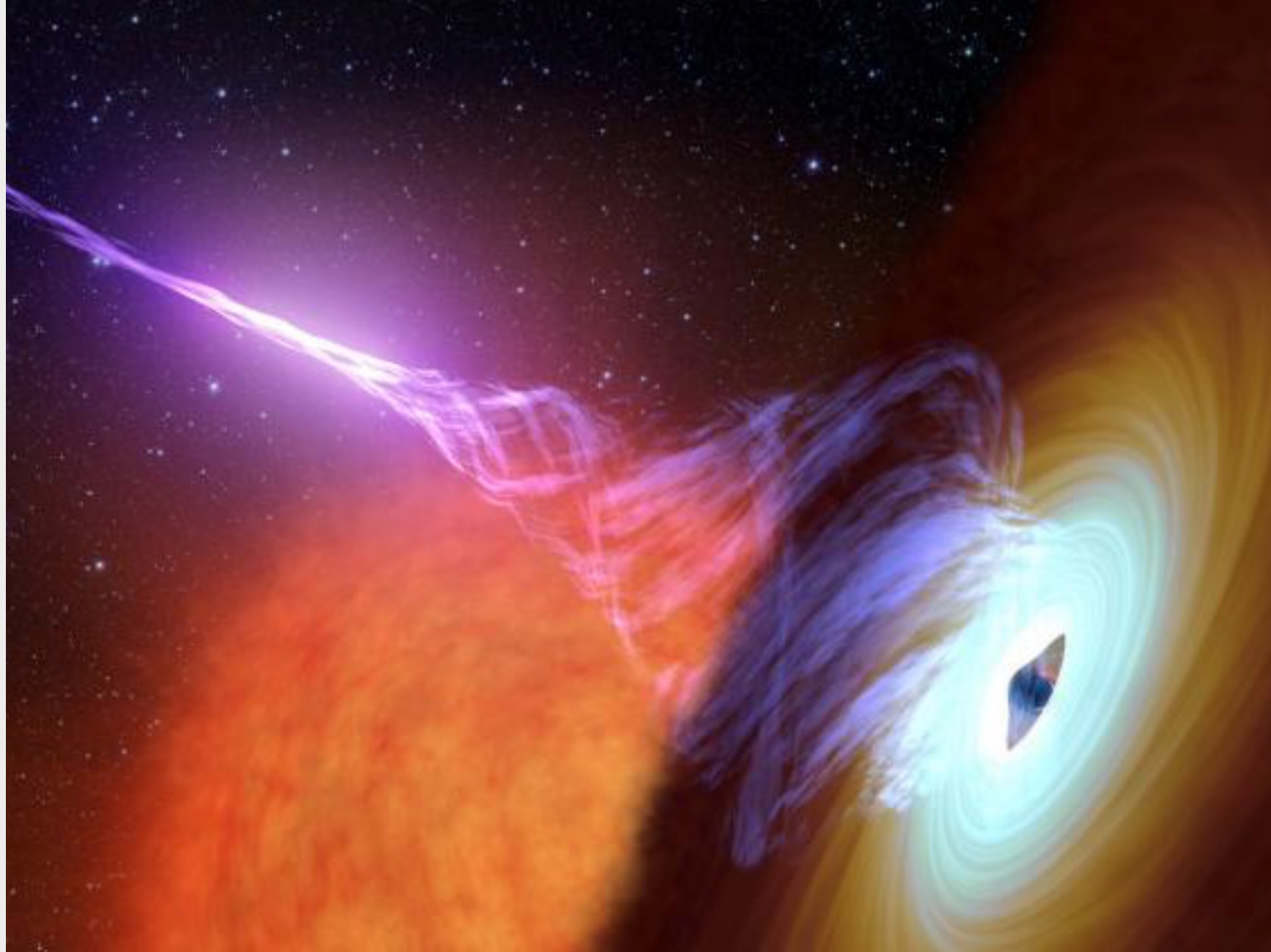
- AGNs can accelerate particle via diffuse stochastic acceleration up to  $10^{21}$  eV



Source	Magnetic field	Radius	Maximum energy (eV)
SNR	$30 \mu\text{G}$	1 pc	$3 \times 10^{16}$
AGN	$300 \mu\text{G}$	$10^4$ pc	$>10^{21}$
GRB	$10^9$ G	$10^{-3}$ AU	$0.2 \times 10^{21}$

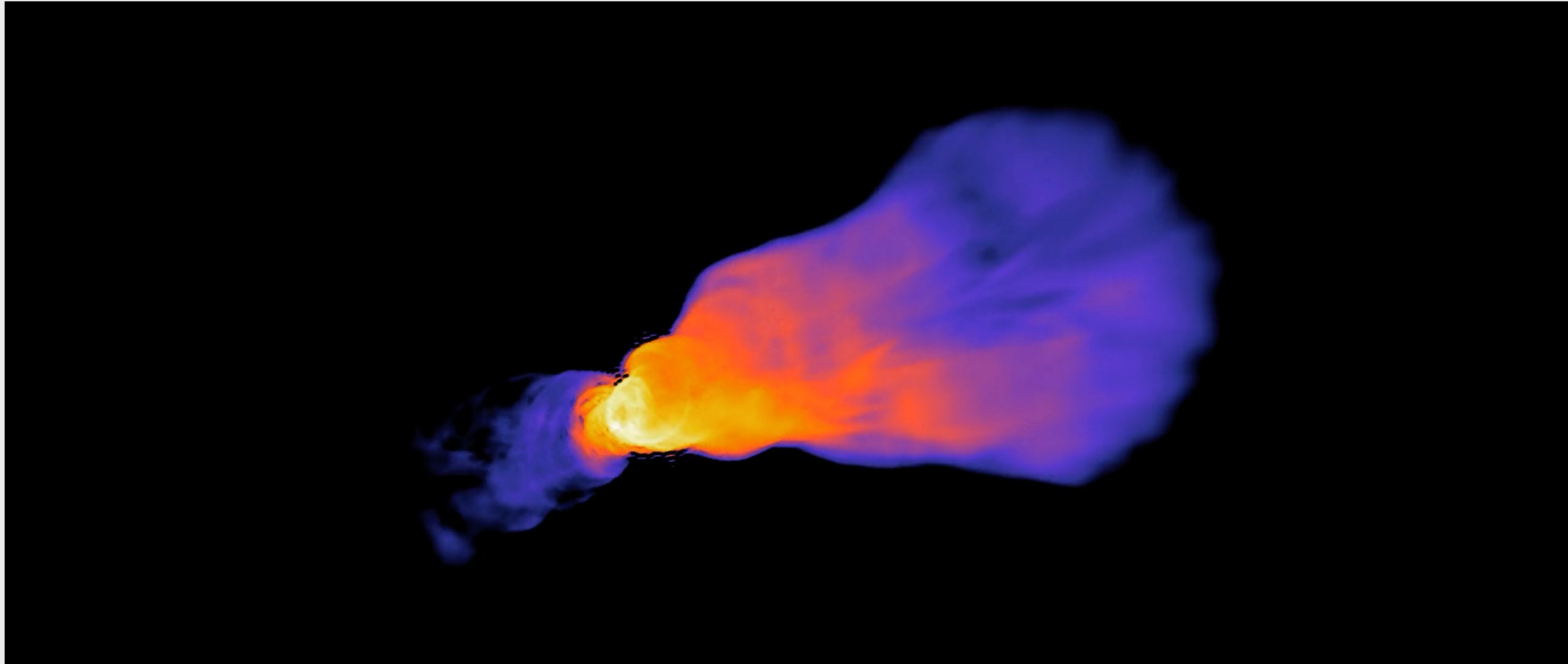


# Ultrarelativistic jets mechanism



- Very recently released second (polarized!) image of M87 BH
- <https://eventhorizontelescope.org/blog/astronomers-image-magnetic-fields-edge-m87s-black-hole>

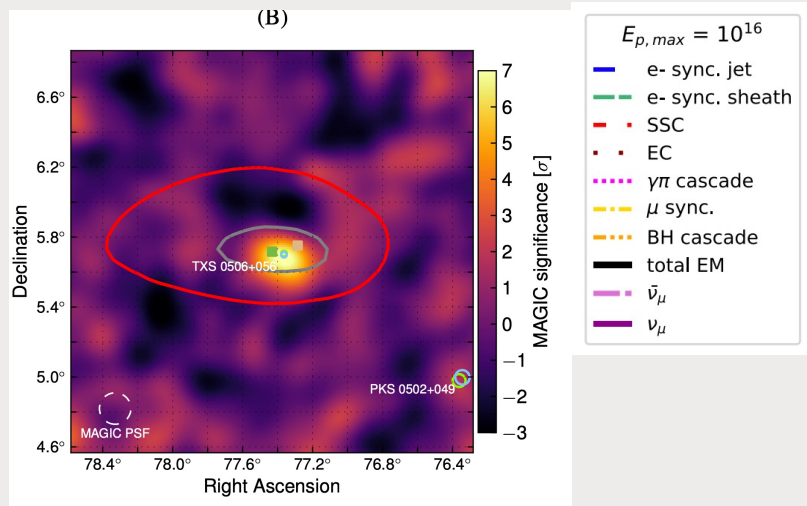
# Engine Powering Black Hole Energy Beams



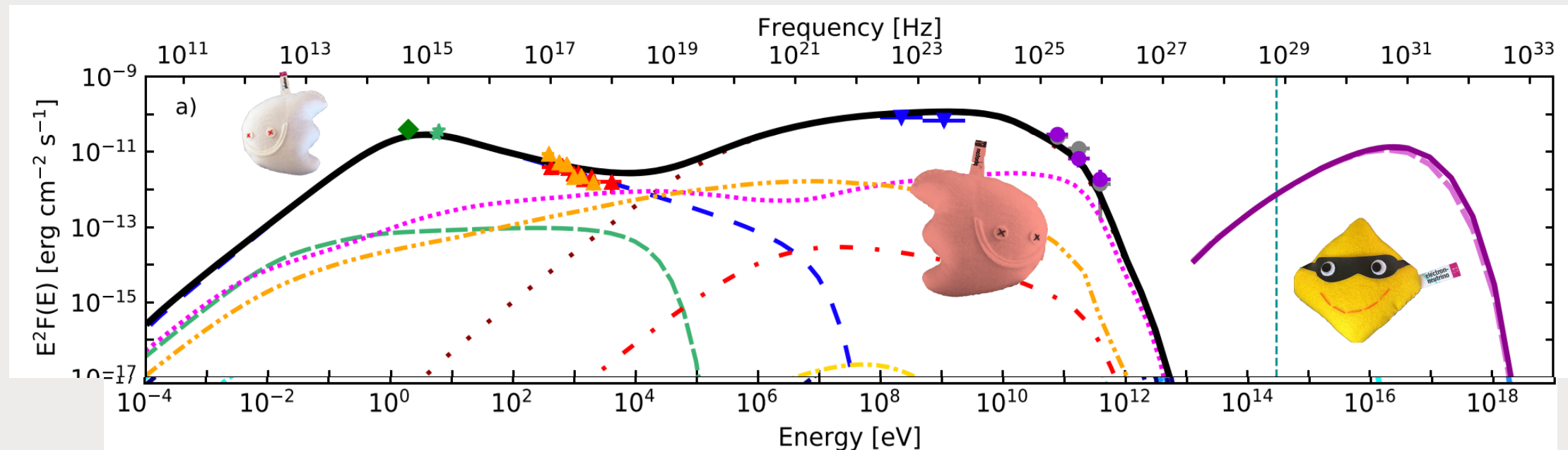
Simulations are catching up with physics, expect results soon!



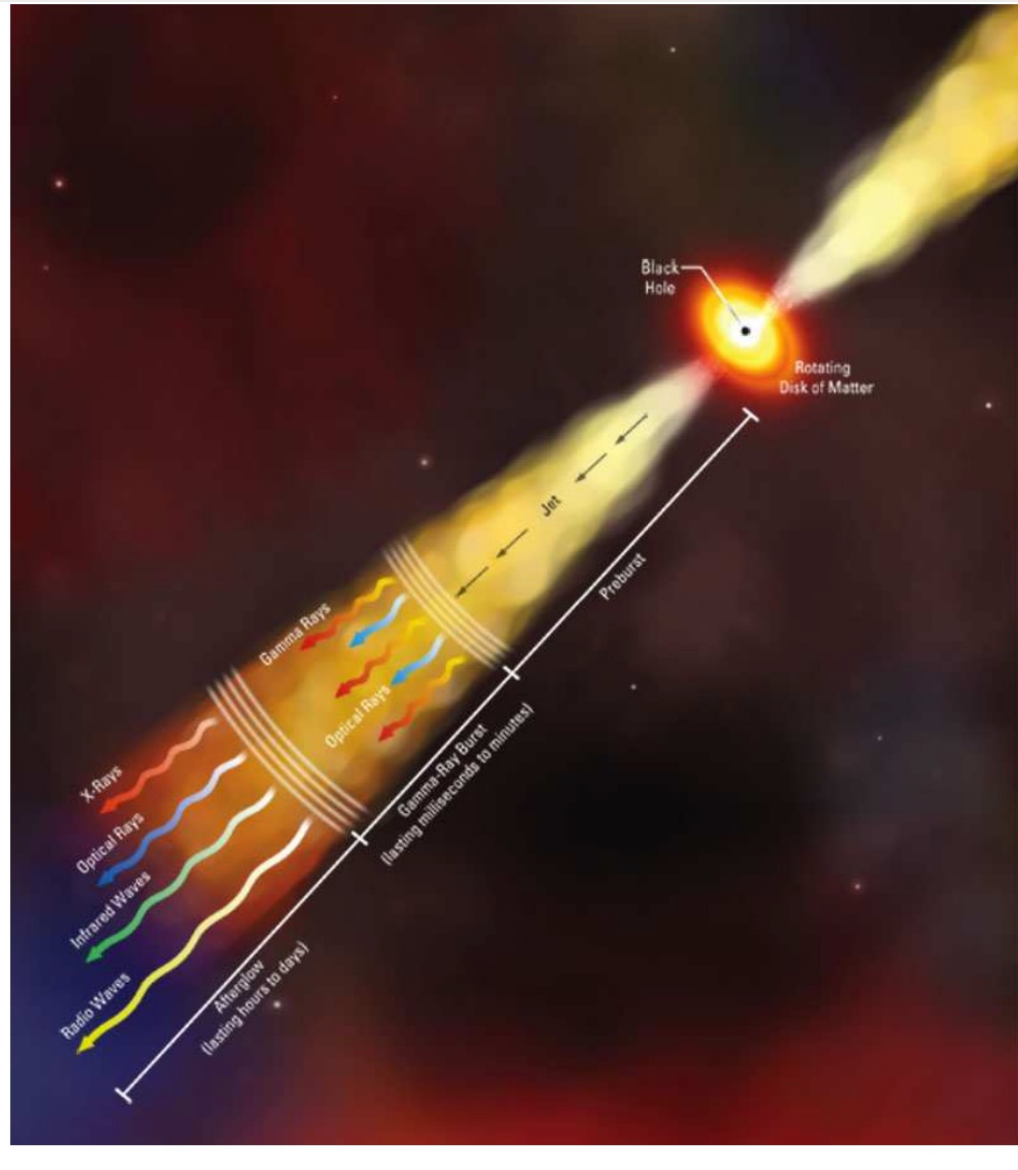
# TXS 0506: multimessenger astronomy!



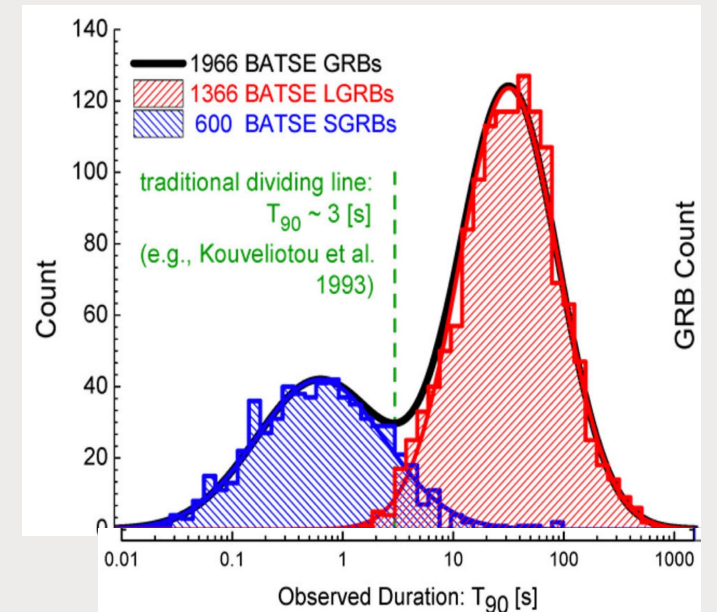
- On 2018, a neutrino with energy  $\sim 290$  TeV was detected in coincidence with the BL Lac object TXS 0506+056 during enhanced gamma-ray activity
- A new messenger!



# Gamma Ray Bursts



- Sudden outburst of radiation at all wavelengths
- Up to  $10^{53}$  erg  $s^{-1}$  (Sun is  $10^{26}$  erg  $s^{-1}$ )
- Convert into energy a mass of  $10^{-3} M_{\odot}$  in matter of seconds
- Two populations
  - *Long duration*
  - *Short duration*

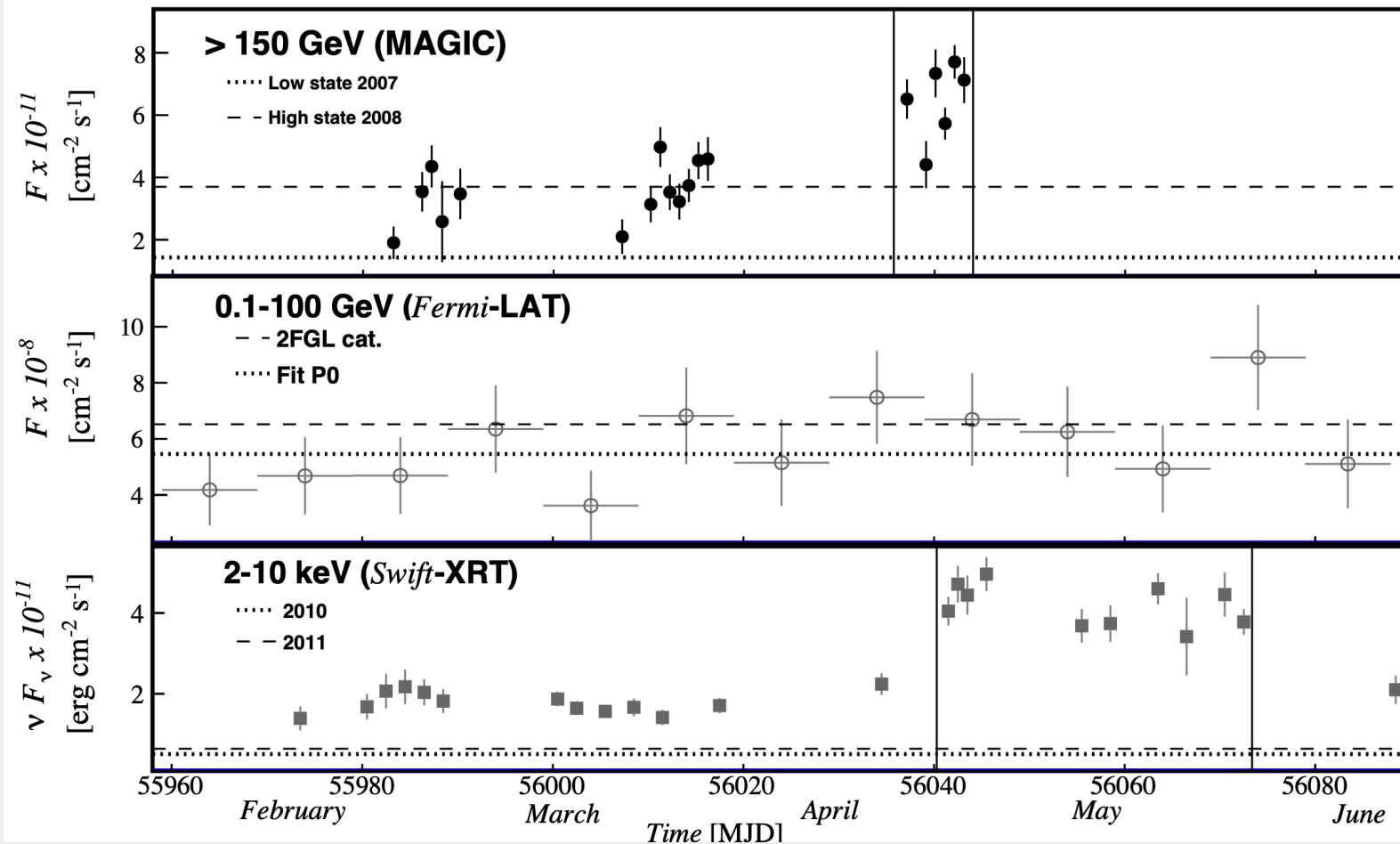




Postcards  
facts from  
gamma-ray  
Universe  
(if time allows)



# 1/ Strong variability

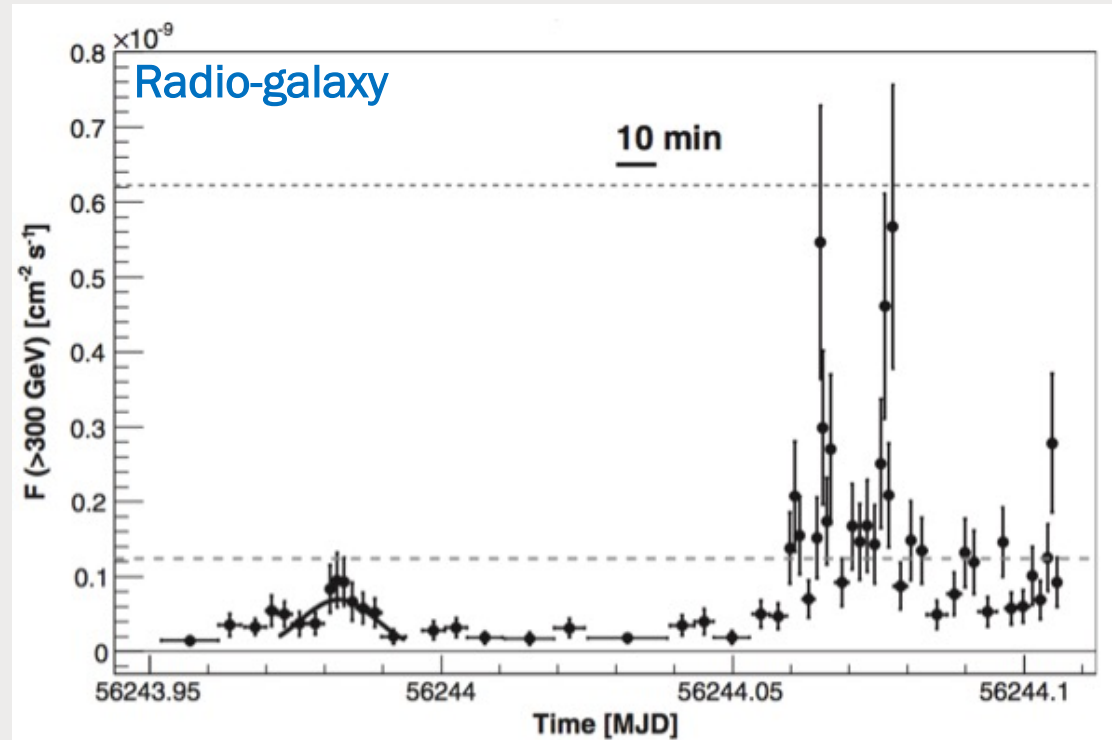


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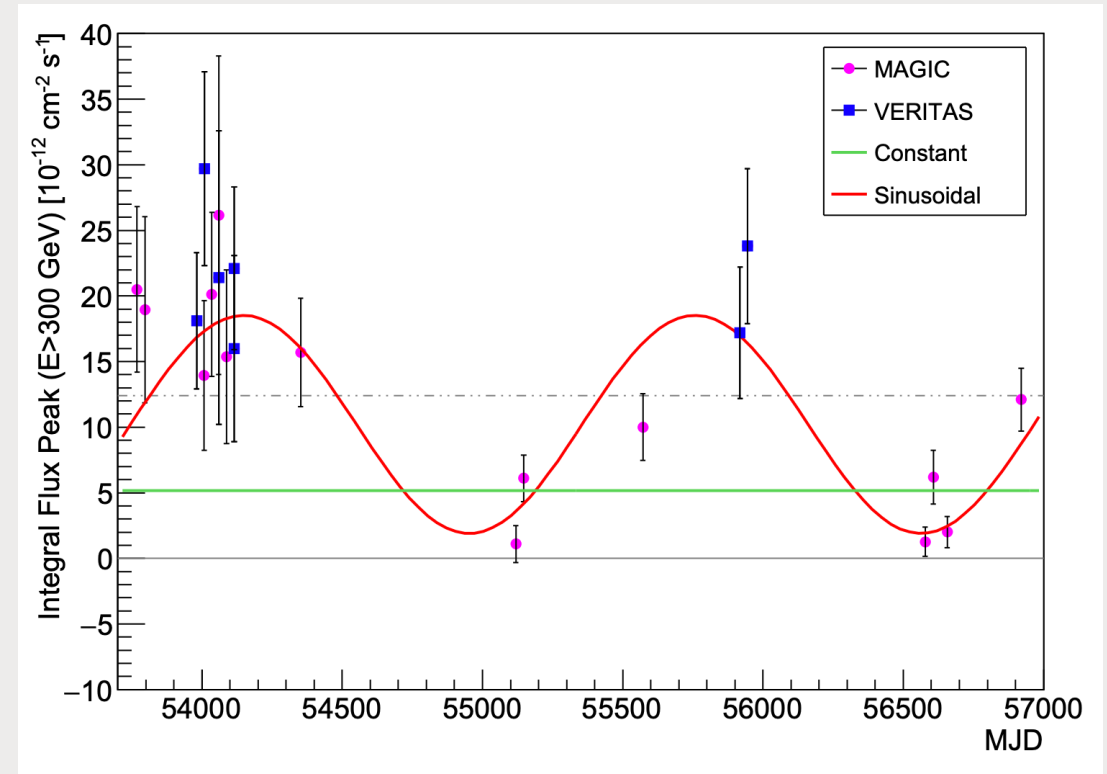
- Most non-thermal signatures are **EXTREMELY** variable
- *Hint of acceleration region size*
- *Sharp probe of physics (even new)*
- Wind crossing, molecular clouds encounters...



# Fast and slow variability



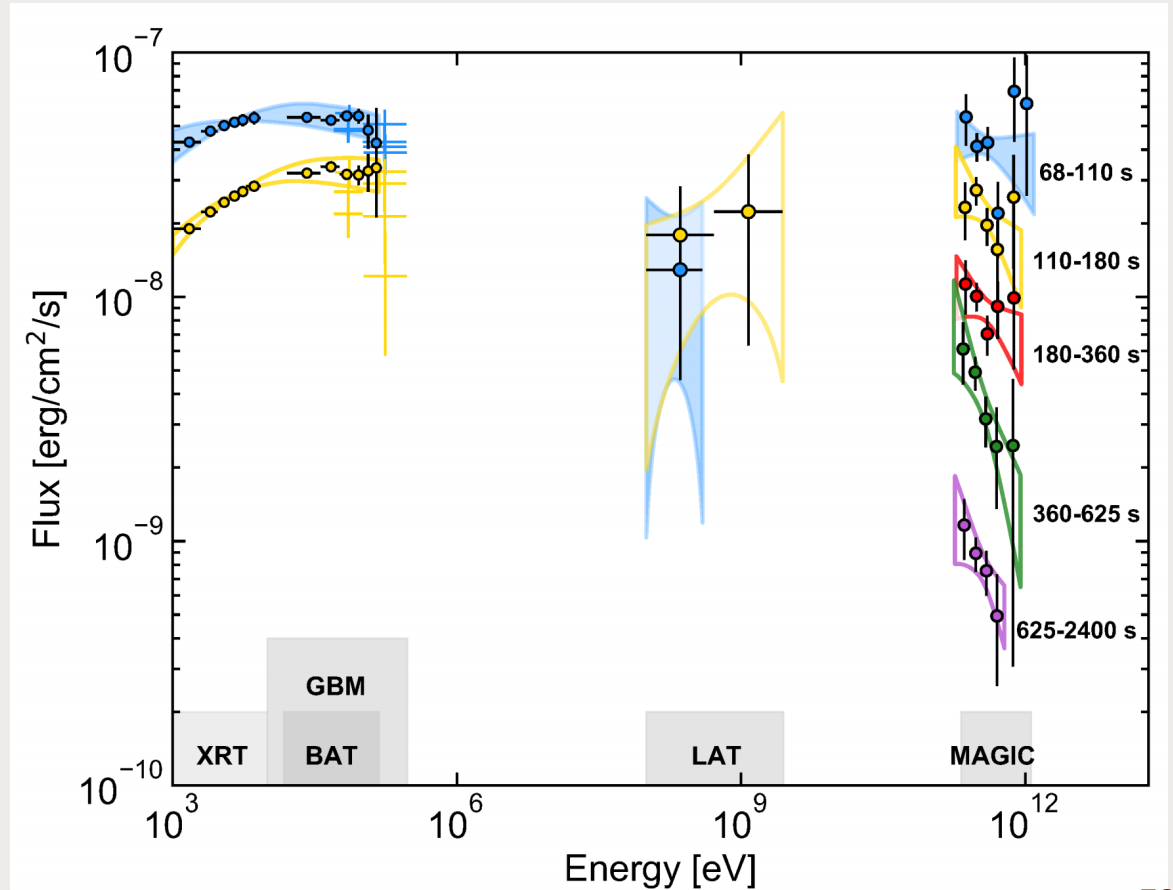
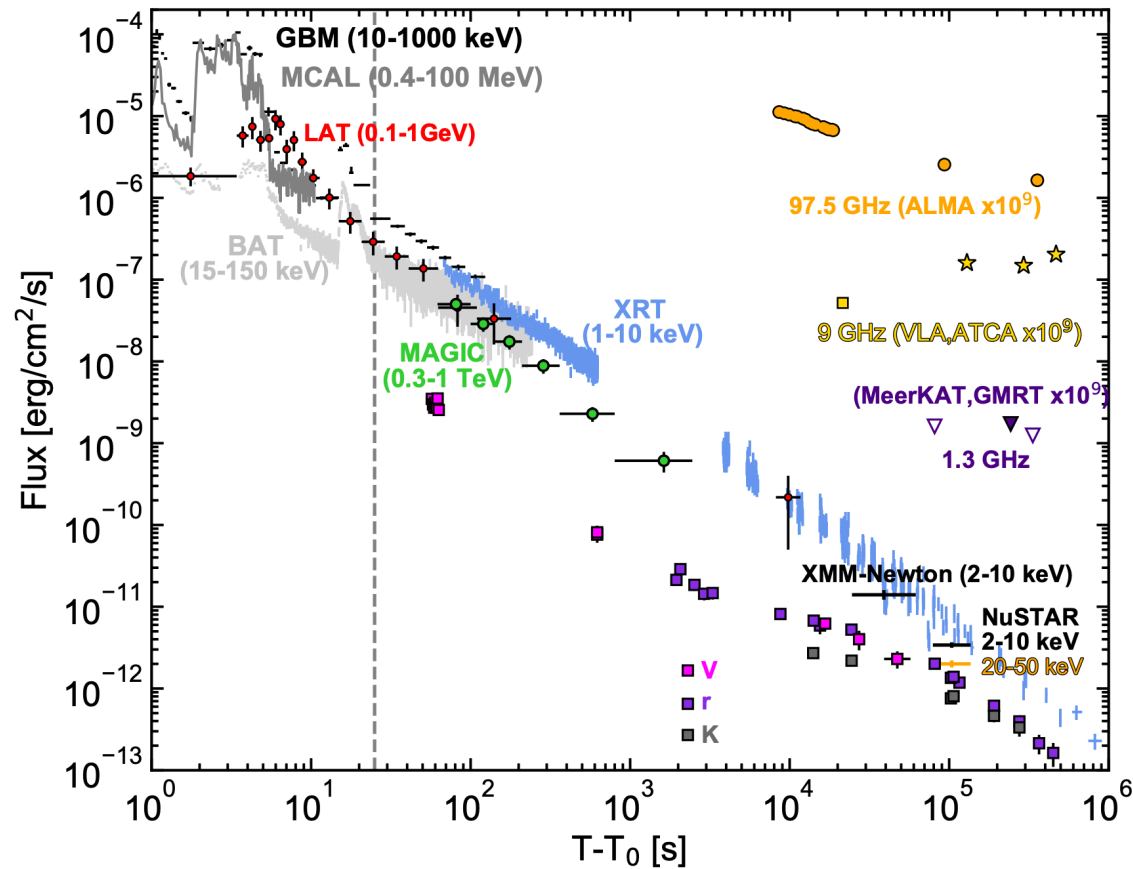
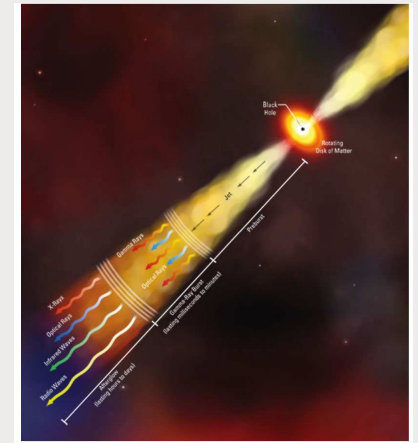
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- Fast variability: shocks, sudden status change
- Slow: binary encounters, variation over cosmic times

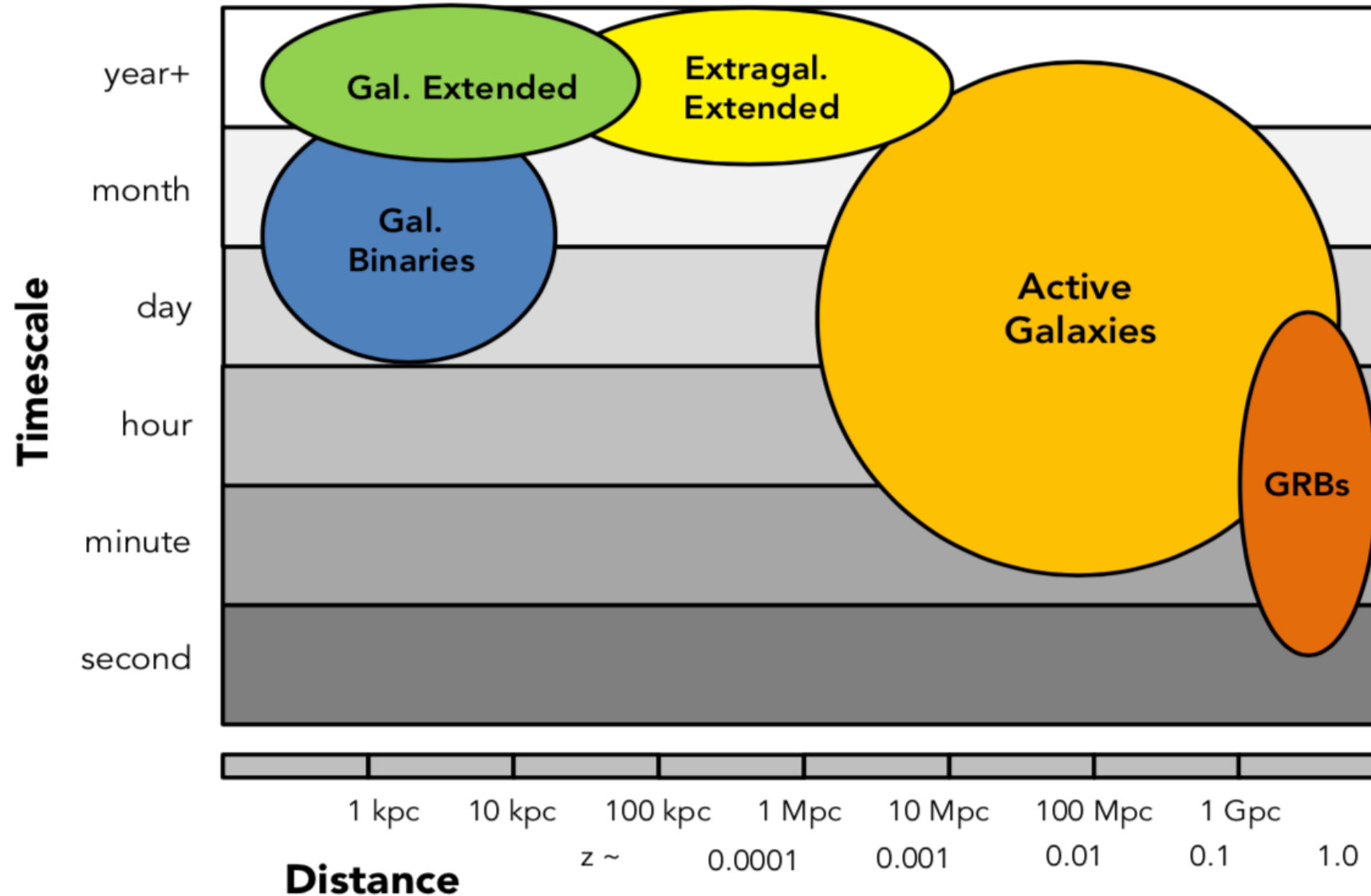
# Temporal Evolution at High Energies



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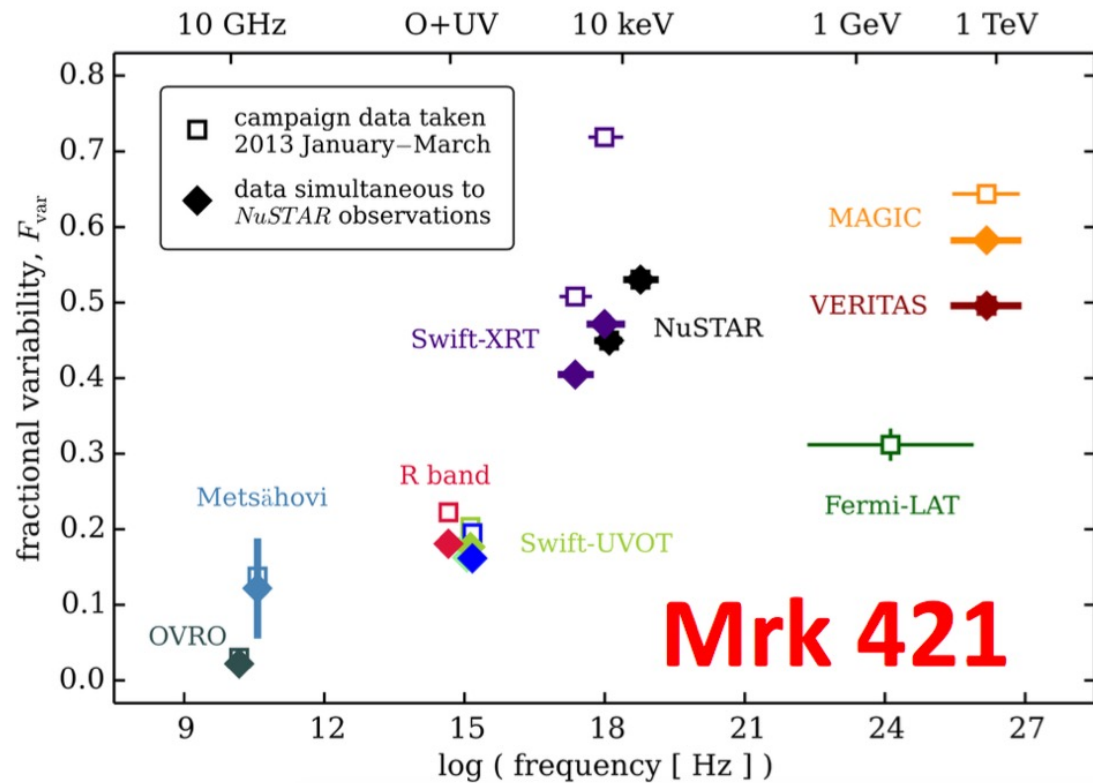


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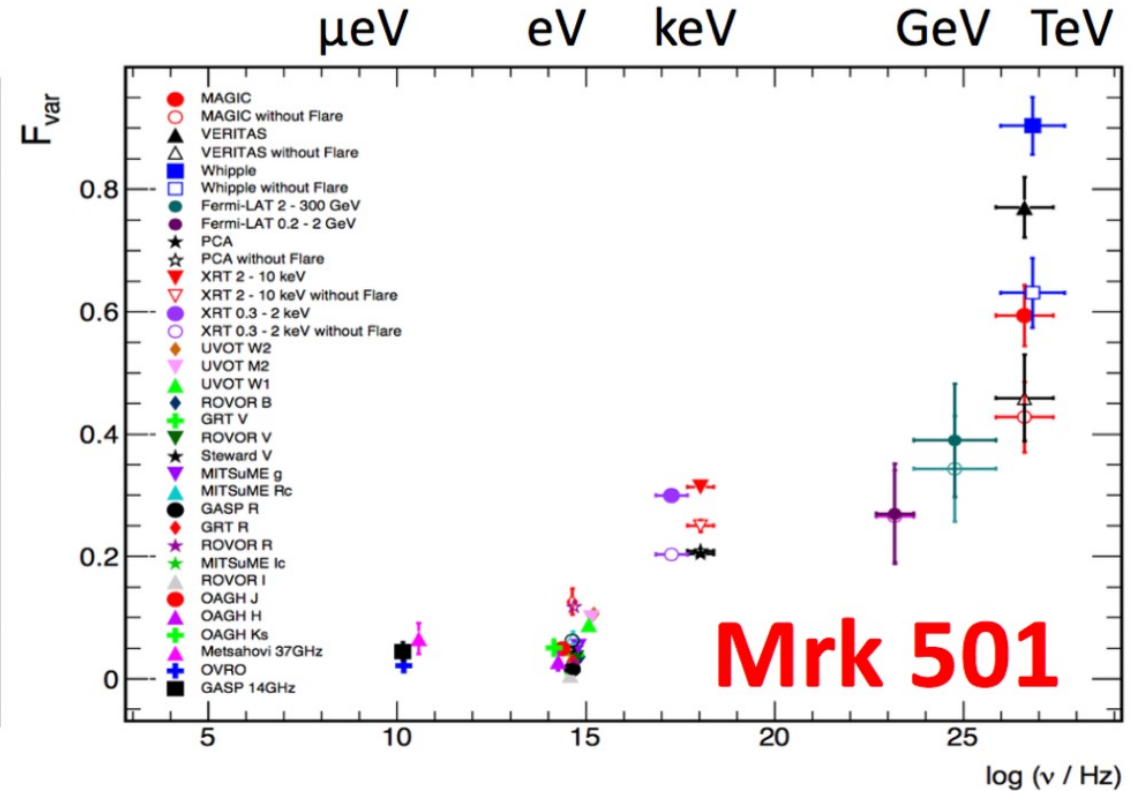


# Fractional variability

Balokovic et al., 2016 *ApJ* 819, 156



Ahnen et al. Submitted to A&A

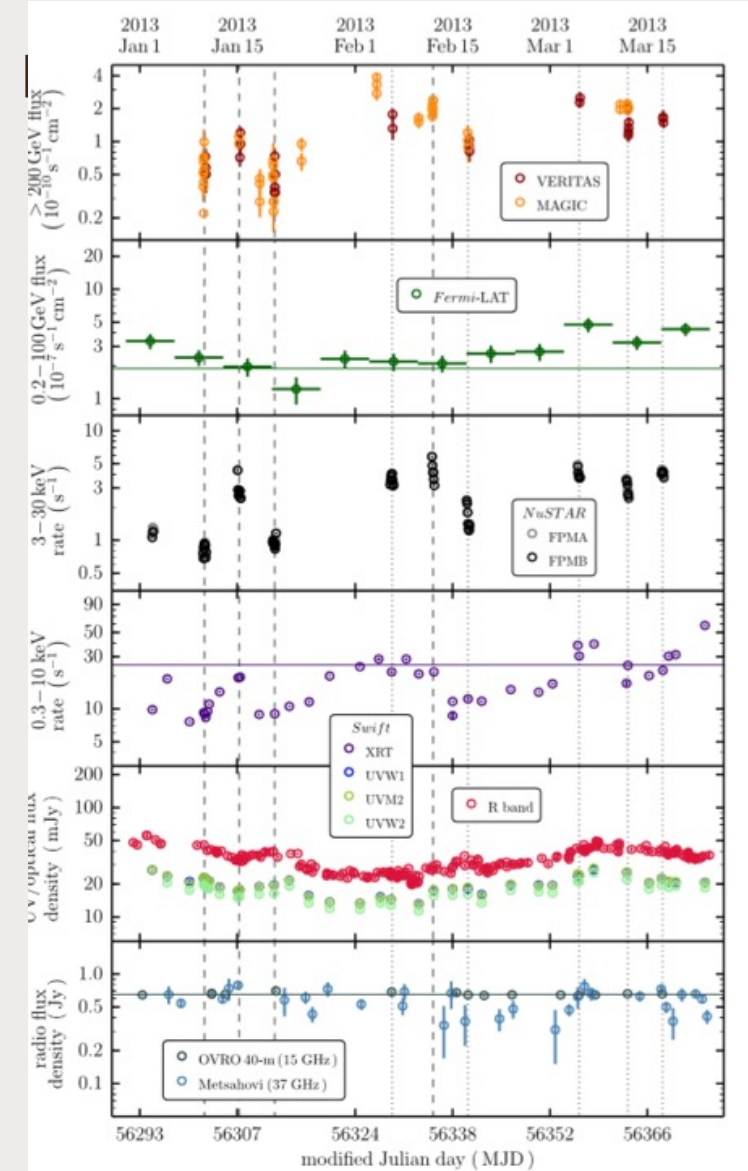
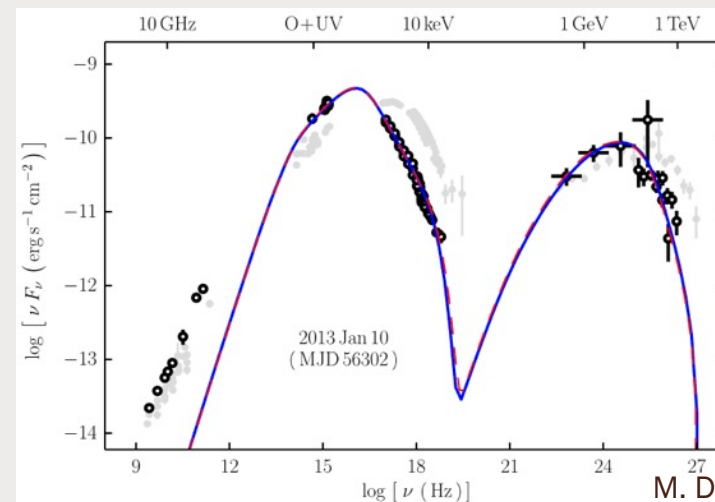
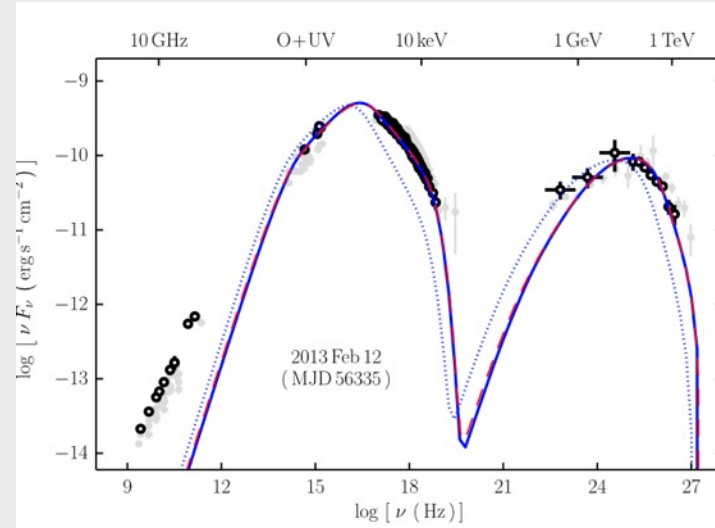
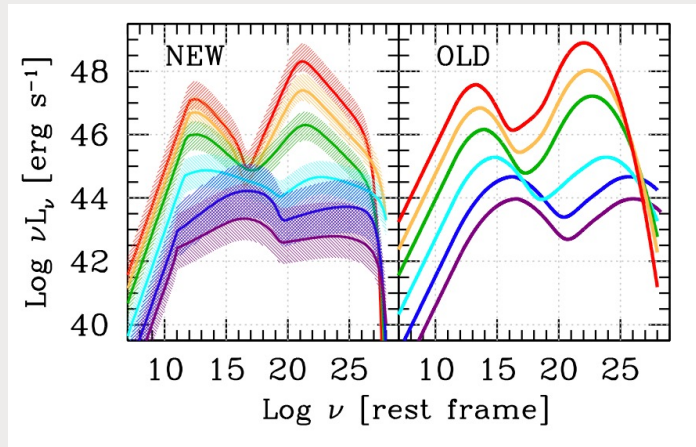


- Fractional variability requires large coverage, but guarantees connection between two bumps:
  - *Information on particle populations, acceleration efficiency...*



# 2/ Large projects: Multi-wavelength/multi-year

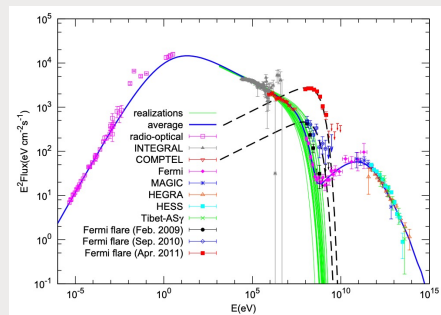
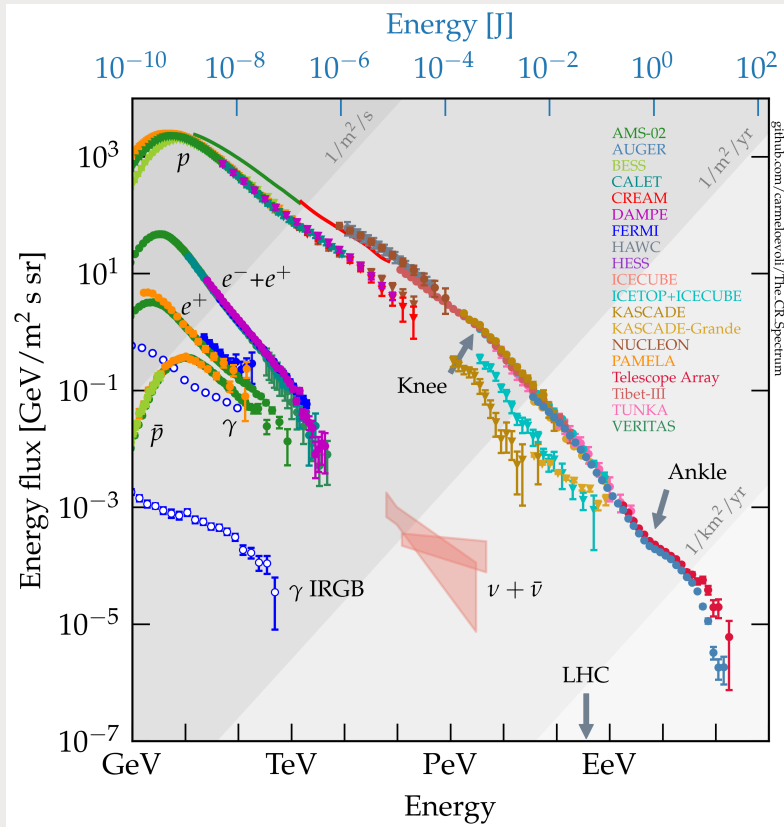
- The importance of multi-w campaign has become utter, several monitoring campaigns + ToO.



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# CONCLUSIONS TAKE HOME MESSAGES

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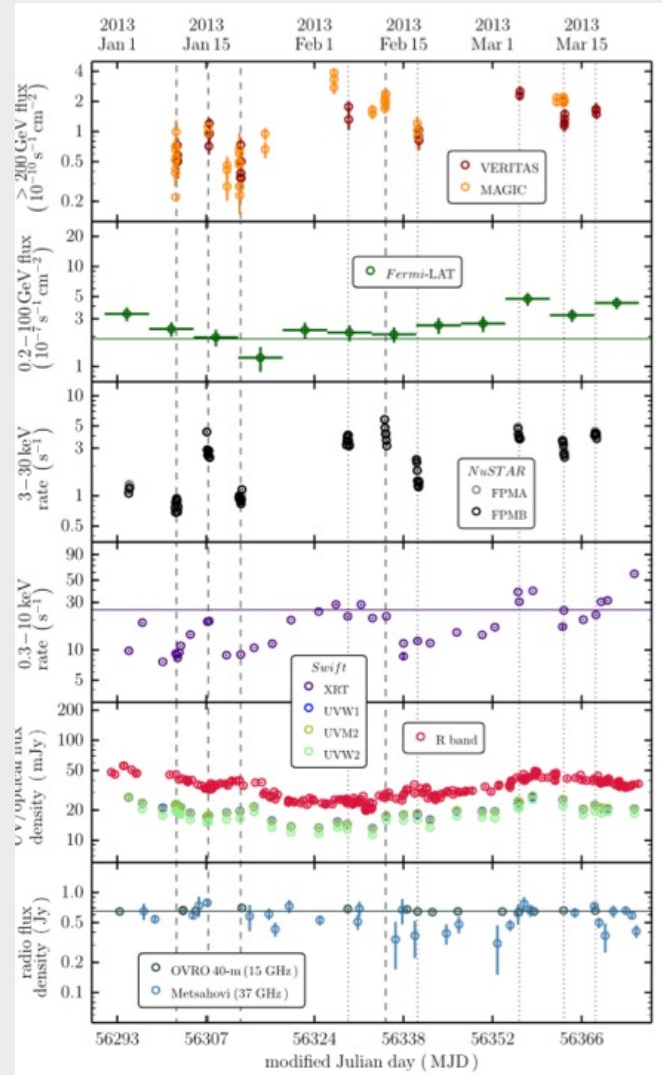
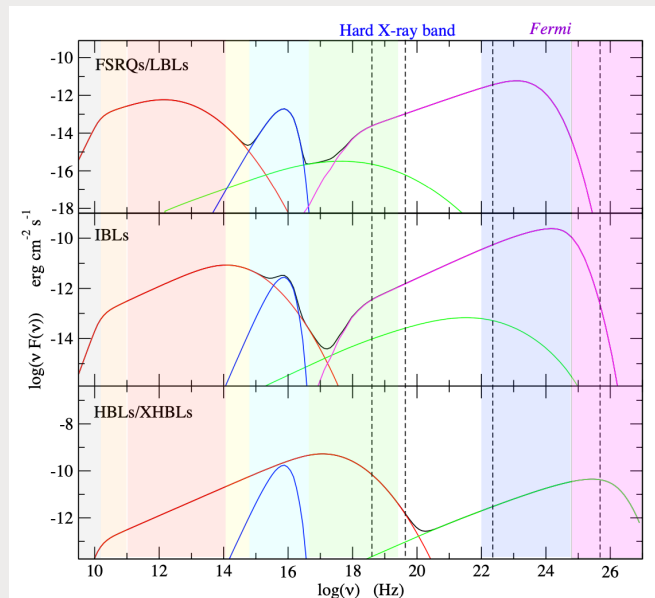
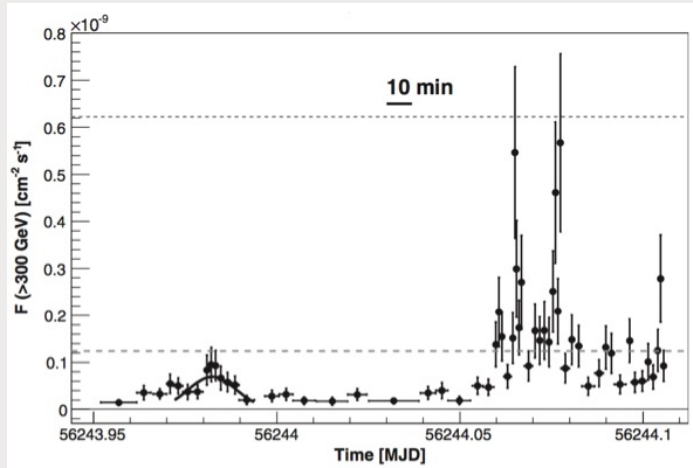


The amazing cosmic ray spectrum entails a world of physics phenomena

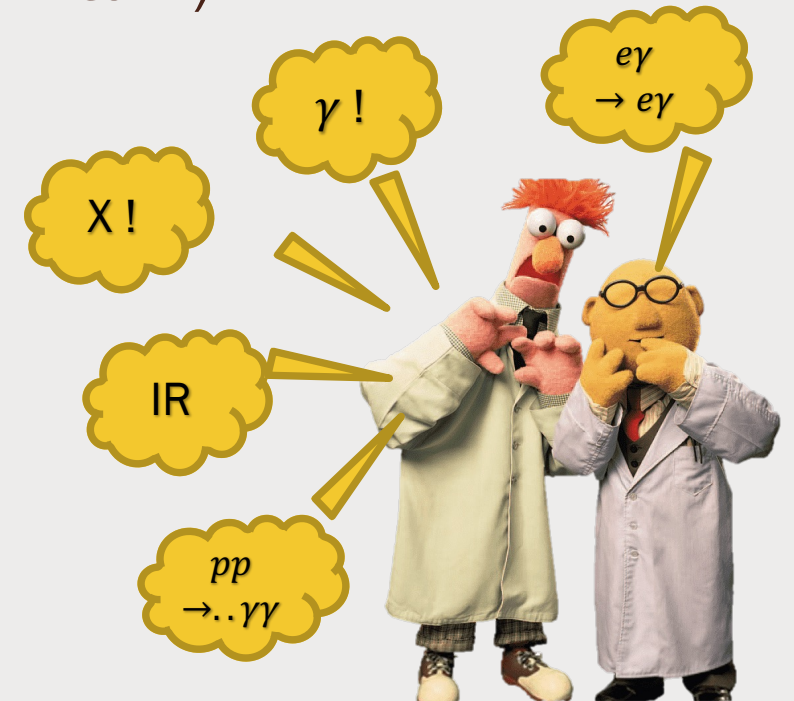
- From galactic to extragalactic
  - *Galactic: SNR?!*
  - *Extragalactic: AGN?!*
- Electron, positrons, proton, antiprotons, cosmic ray nuclei
- Accelerations mechanism requires mostly varying magnetic fields
- Charged particle radiate gammas
  - *Leptonic IC*
  - *Hadronic Pion decay*
- Energy density of diffuse neutrinos, hadrons and gammas very similar



# Gamma-ray physics/astrophysics/astroparticle



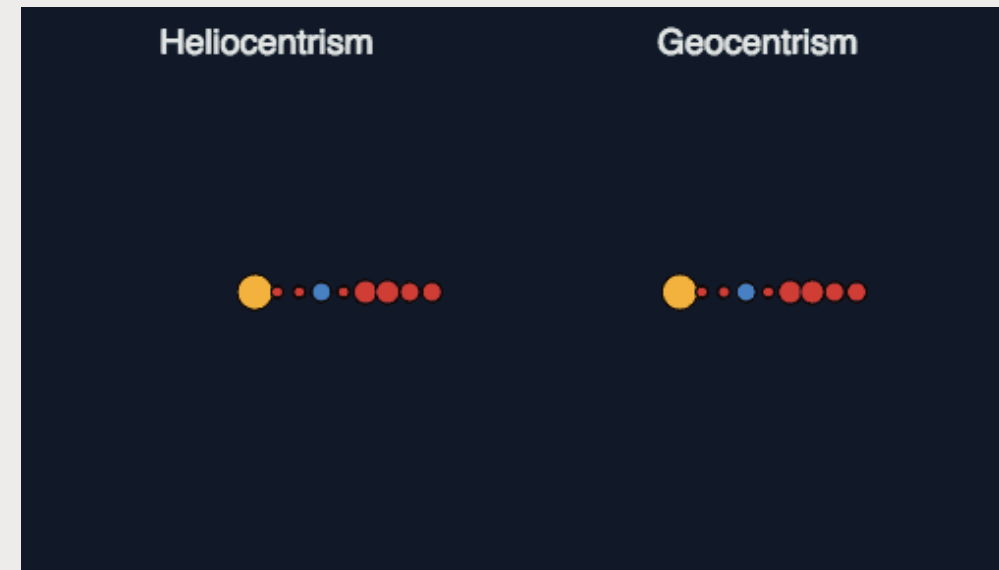
- It is a transient sky!
- A physical knowledge of the target require a **strong astronomical knowledge** (from radio to X)

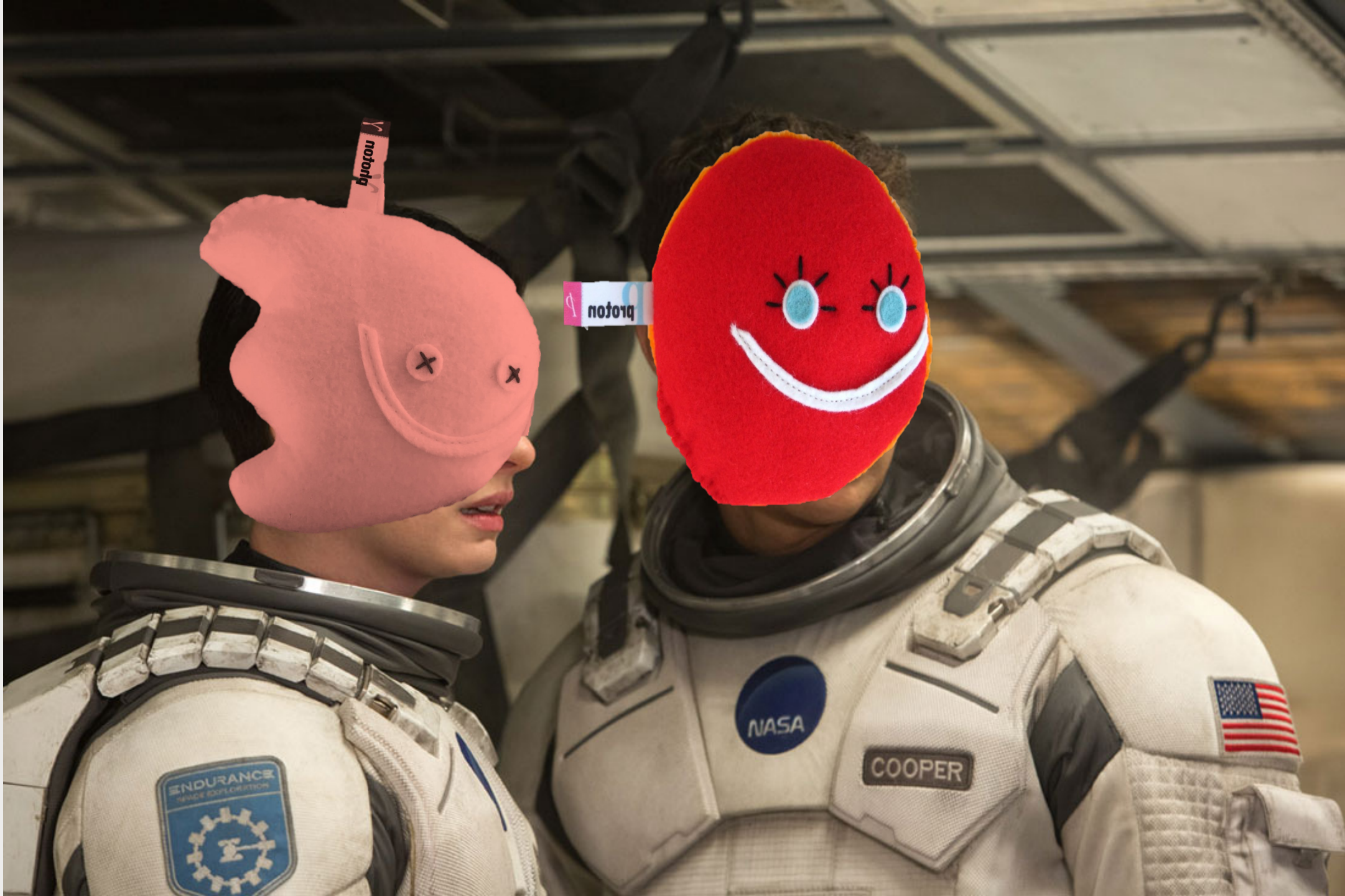


# Gamma-ray revolutions

- Revolution every 10 years (cf. Aharonian)
  - *TeV sky 2000* (MAGIC, HESS, VERITAS)
  - *GeV sky 2010* (AGILE, FERMI-LAT)
  - *PeV Sky 2002* (LHAASO, HAWC)
- More revolutions
  - *GW+gamma (2017)*
  - *Neutrino+gamma (2018)*
- More on Monday lecture!

Are they close to solving the CR puzzle?







# BACKUPS



# 1/ Leptonic gamma ray generation

- **Electrons** are easily found in all astrophysical environments, and easy to accelerate (although they also cool rapidly or get absorbed)
- **Magnetic fields** are also everywhere (see Hillas plot)



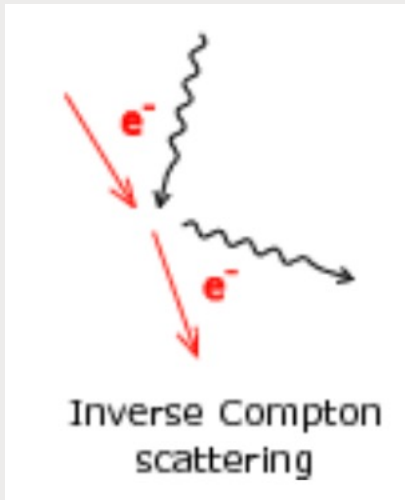
## Synchrotron radiation

- The acceleration (centripetal) around magnetic field lines allows radiation of photons with

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} \sim 2.6 \frac{\text{keV}}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{Zm_e}{M} \right)^4 \left( \frac{E}{1\text{keV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B}{1\text{G}} \right)^2$$

- Proton synchrotron only in very strong B

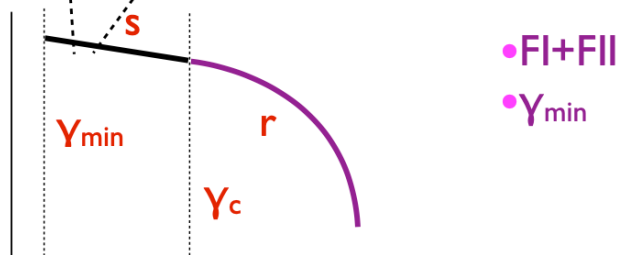
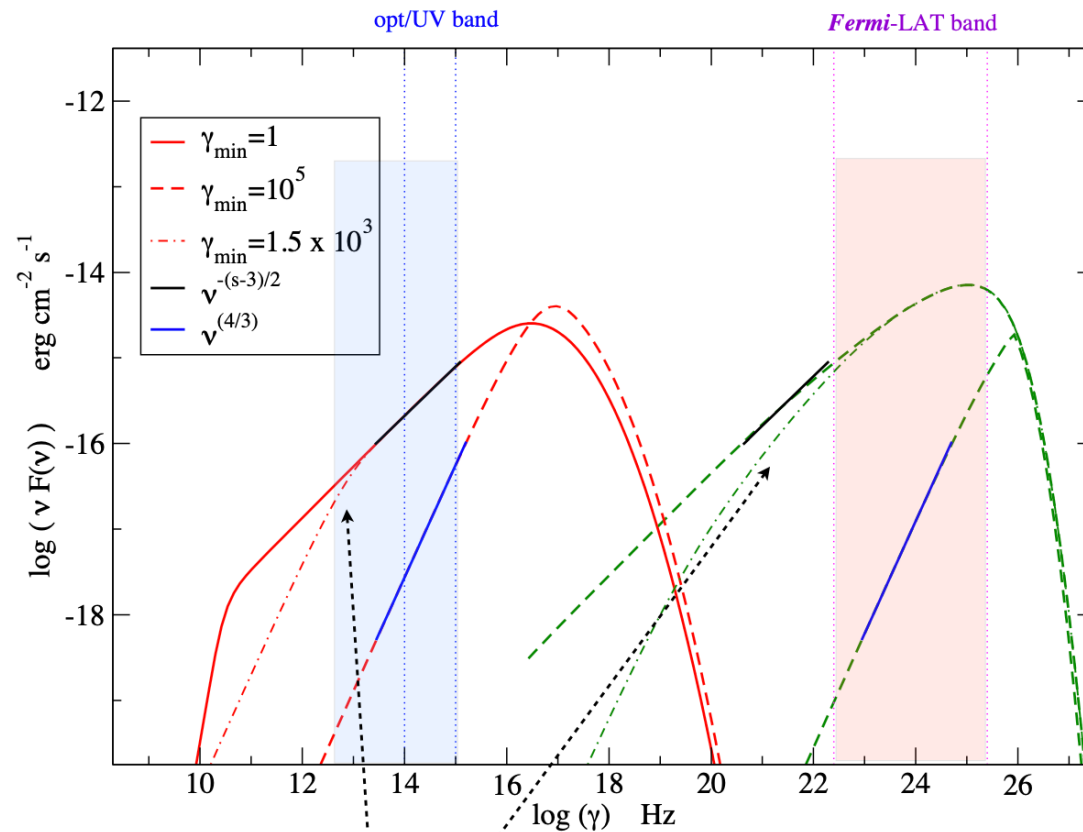
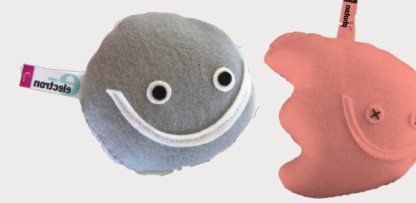
# + Inverse and Self Synchrotron Compton



- Compton scattering:
  - A photon of energy  $E$  transfer energy to low energy electron
  - The scattered photon has  $E' < E$
- In astrophysical environment, normally the opposite situation
  - A lot of high energy electrons
  - A lot of low energy photons
- Inverse compton:
  - A high energy electron transfer energy to a low energy photons
  - The scattered photon has  $E' > E$
- Can reach energy of TeV
- Low ambient photons can be synchrotron photons generated by the electrons (self-synchrotron compton, SSC)



# Family travelers (S+IC=SSC)



- You take a parent population of electron
- Take a model of ‘astrophysical region’
- Predict
  - *Synchrotron bump*
  - *IC bump*
- Peaks are correlated!  
“Orphan” flare not expected
- Spectral shape informative of particle distribution!

# Jet Model builders

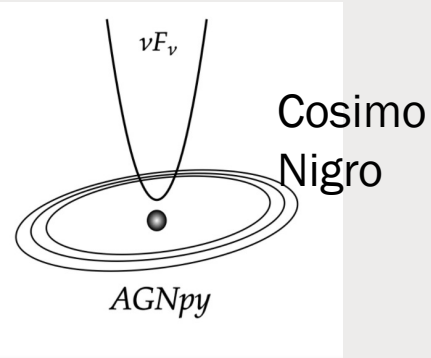


**JetSeT**

Jets SED modeler and fitting Tool

Andrea Tramacere

<https://jetset.readthedocs.io/>



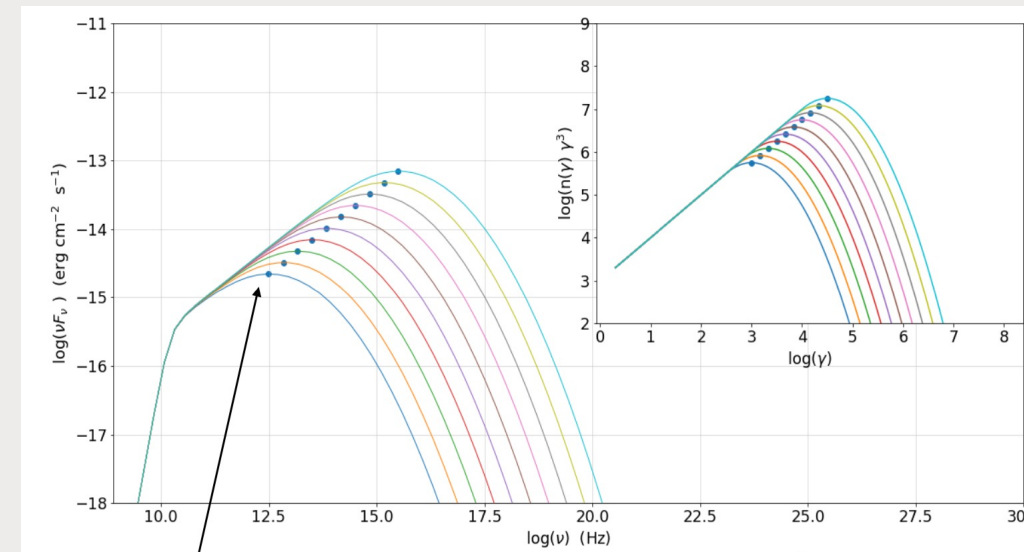
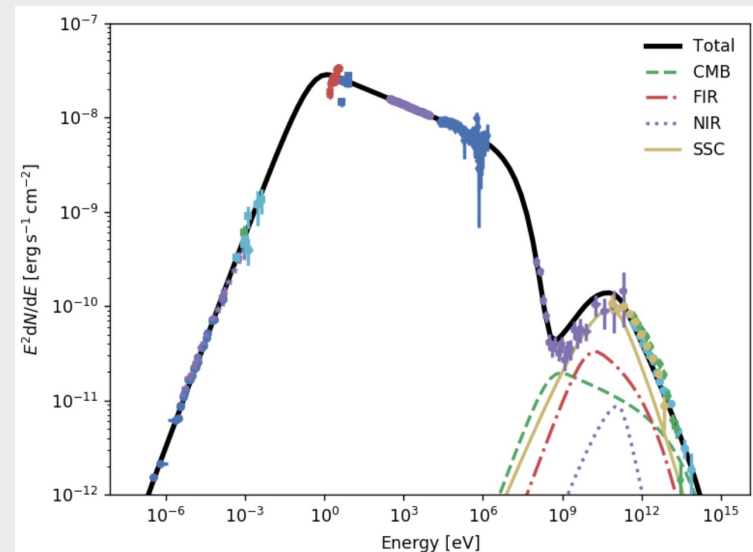
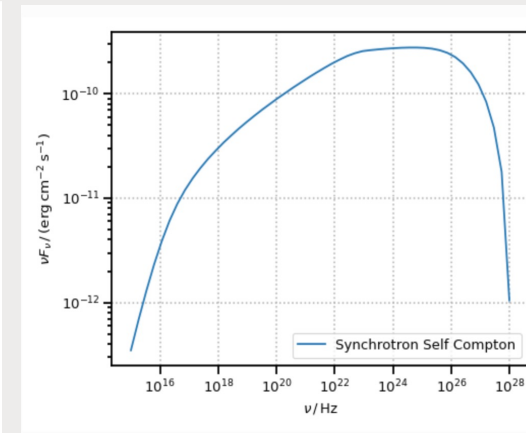
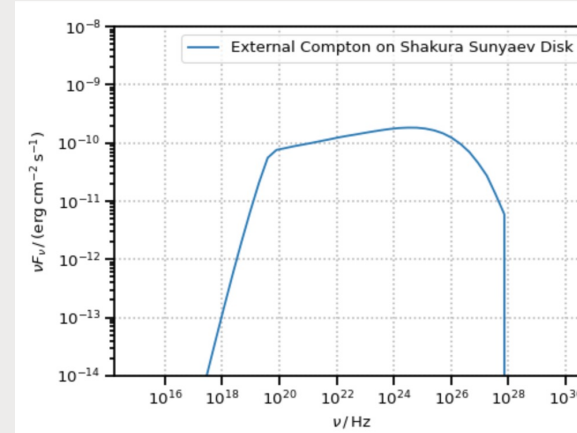
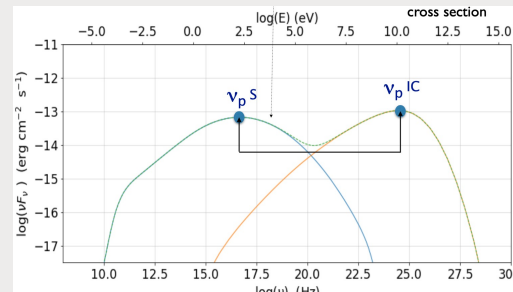
<https://agnpy.readthedocs.io/>

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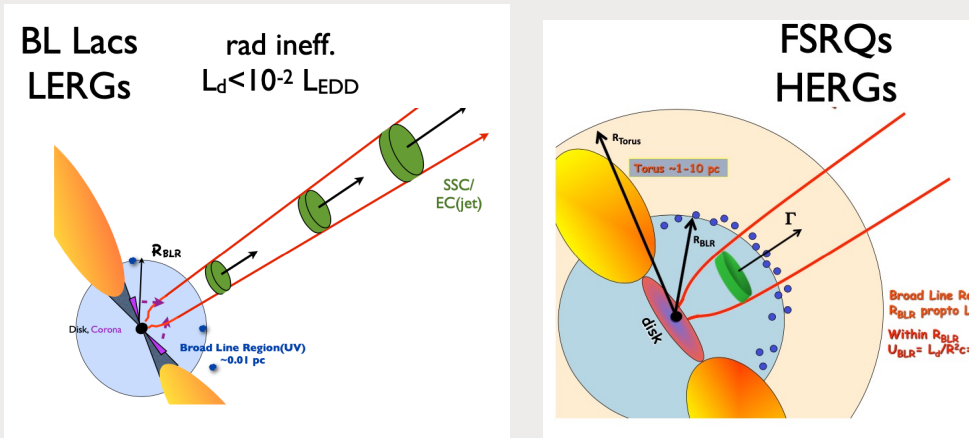
Python package for computation of non-thermal radiation from relativistic particle populations and MCMC fitting to observed spectra

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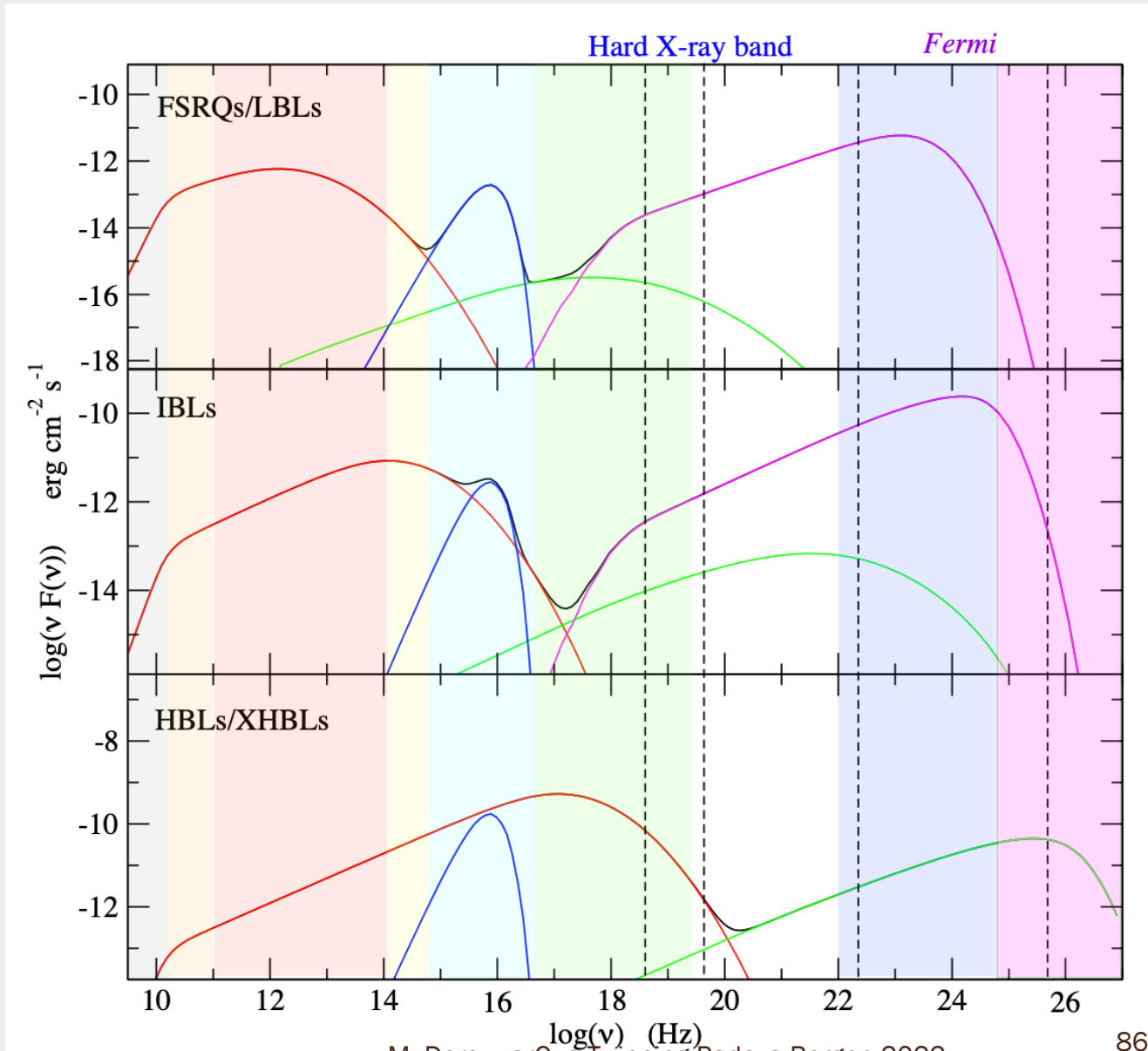
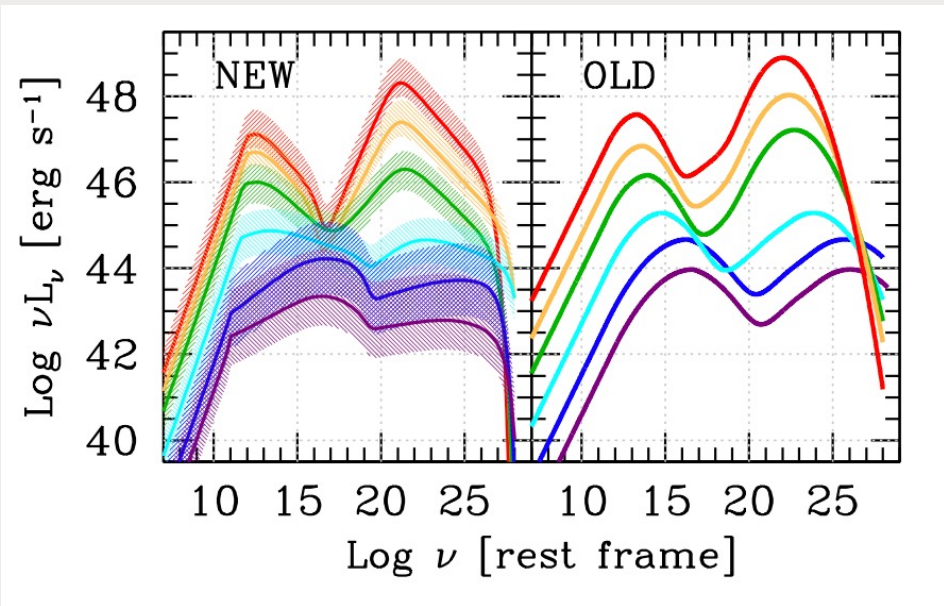
- Several very mature jets builder and fitter with awesome tutorial = you can self-teach



# Not that clear after all



Evolution one into another

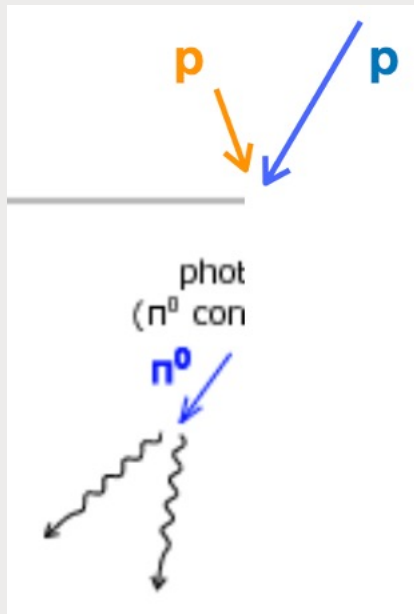






## 2/ Hadronic gamma ray model

- A lot of cosmic rays around, but
  - *it takes time to accelerate them,*
  - *They diffuse*
  - *So you may not find them where you want them*
- Main process is pion decay, photoproduction also possible



### Pion decay

$$\sigma_{Ap} \sim A^{2/3} \sigma_{pp}; \quad \sigma_{pp} \sim 30 \text{ mb}$$

- The photons from neutral pion decays have energies larger than for synchrotron

