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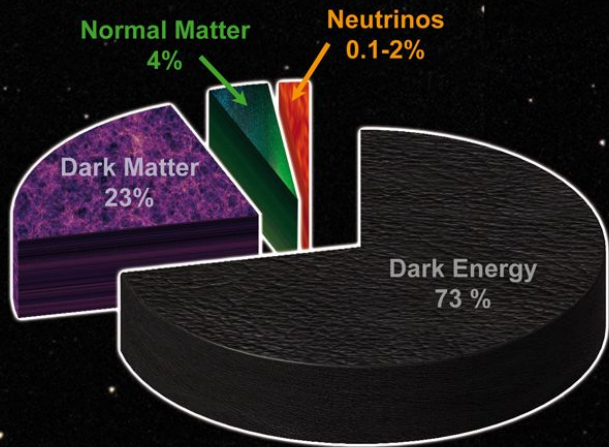
Indirect dark-matter searches with  $\gamma$ -rays

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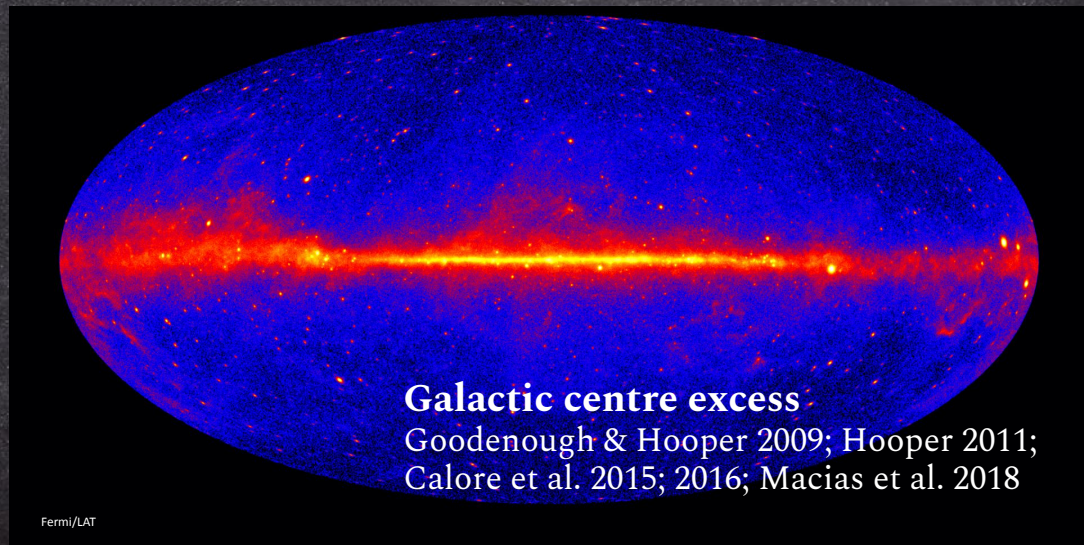
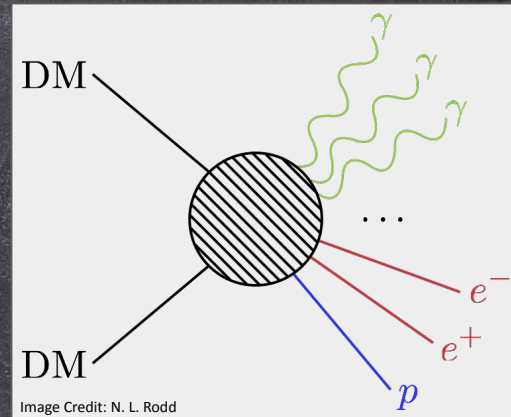
# Indirect dark matter searches



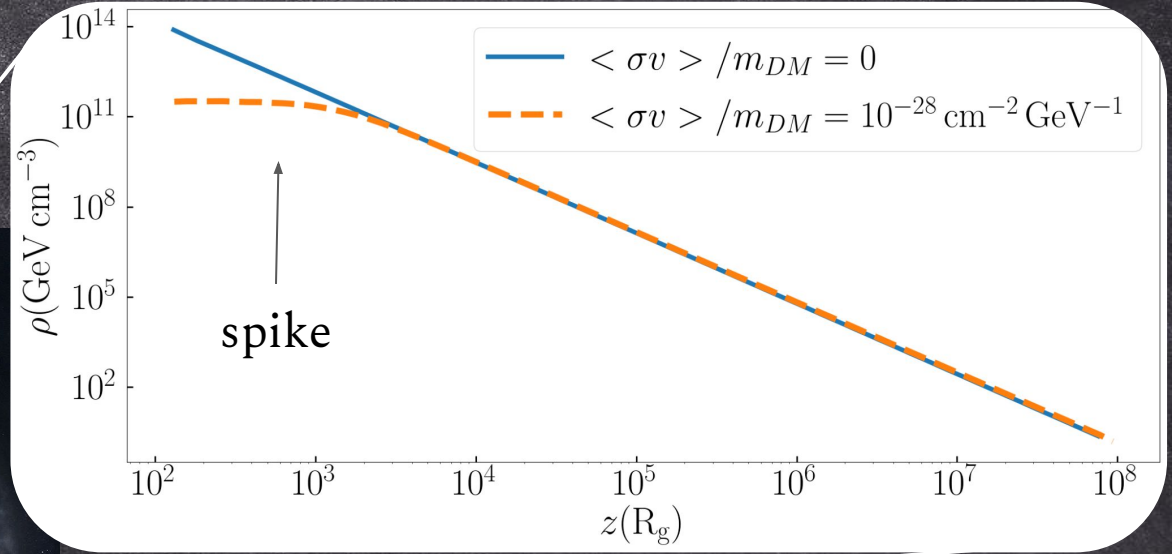
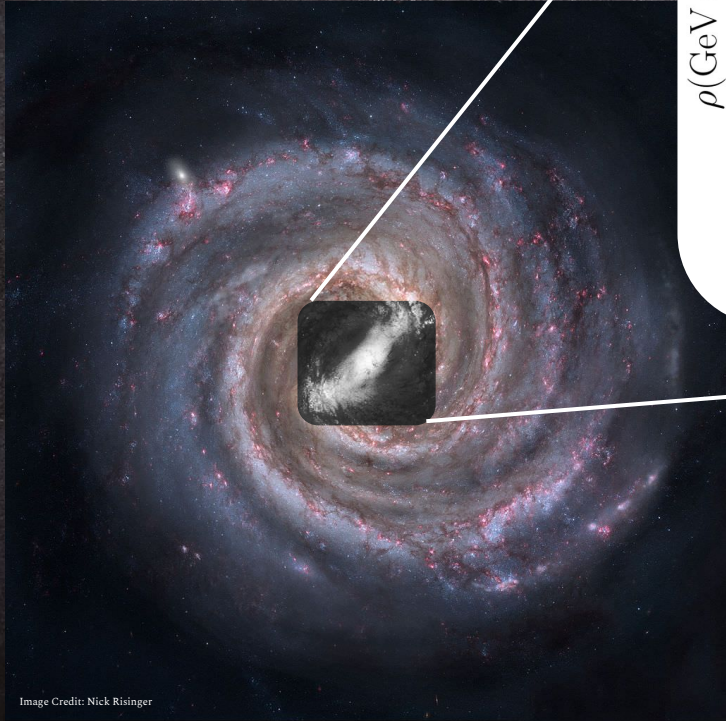
Content of the Universe

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$$m_{\text{DM}} \text{ \& } \langle \sigma v \rangle$$



# DM spikes



see e.g., Quinlan et al. 1995;  
Gondolo & Silk 1999;  
Gorchtein et al. 2010

# Active galactic nuclei (AGN)

HST & VLA image of Hercules A

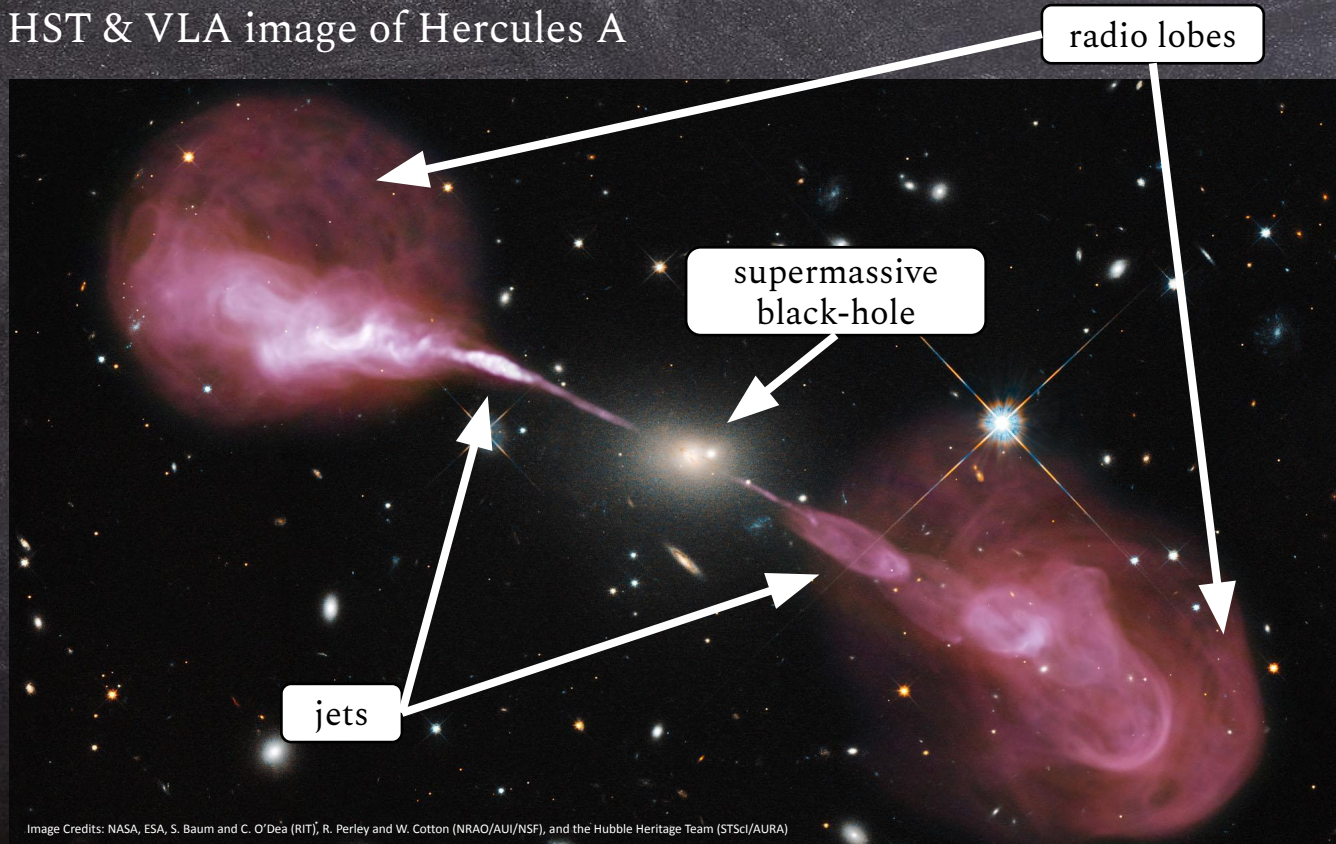


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Supermassive BH

- powers jets

Jets

- accelerate CRs

Radio lobes

- feedback

# Cosmic ray (CR) acceleration in AGN jets

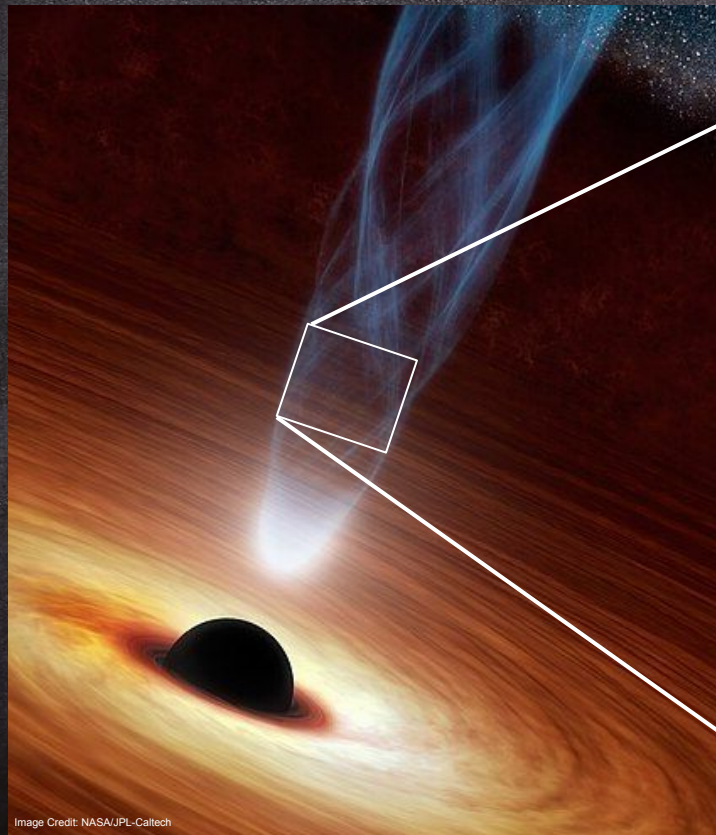
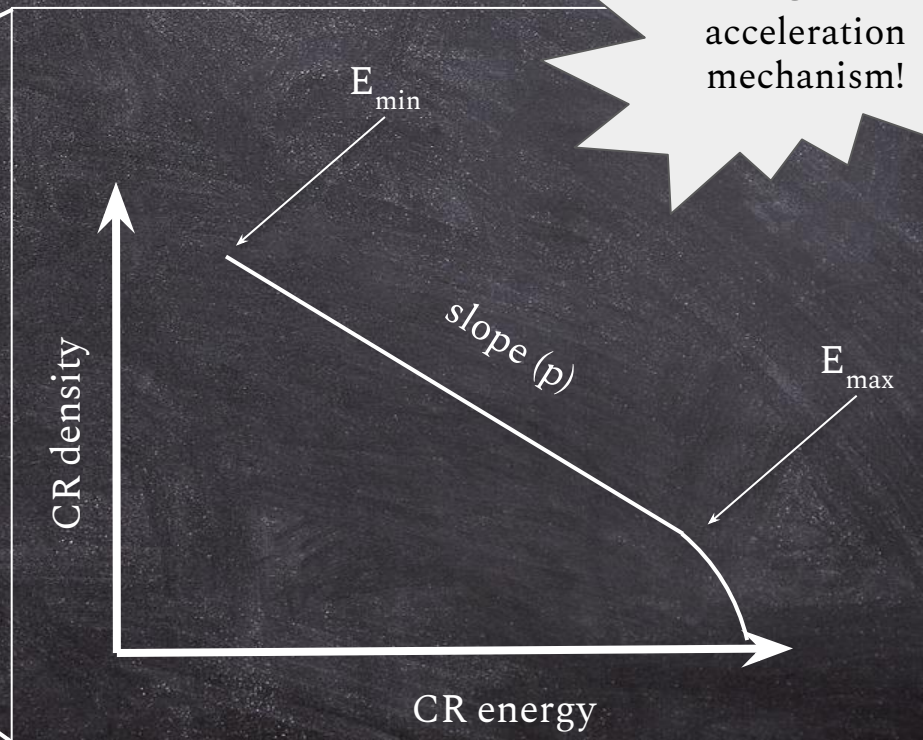
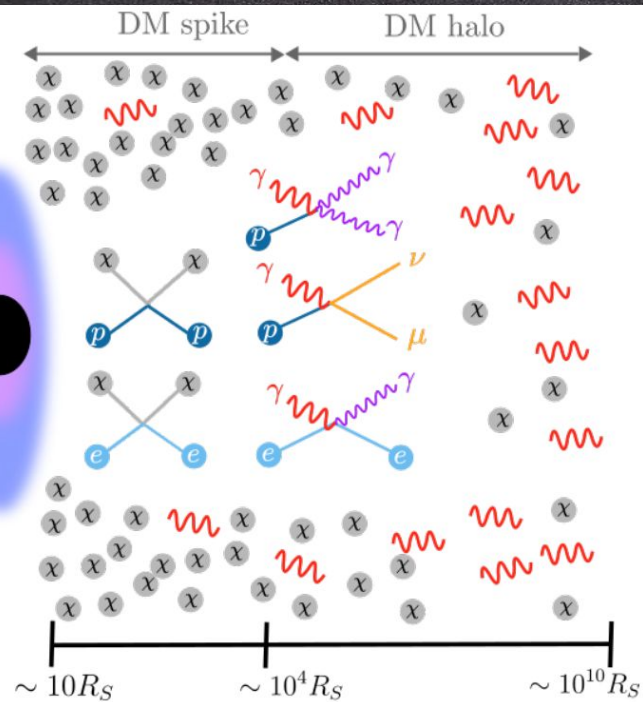


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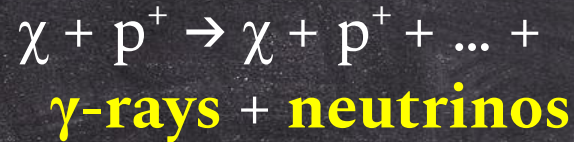


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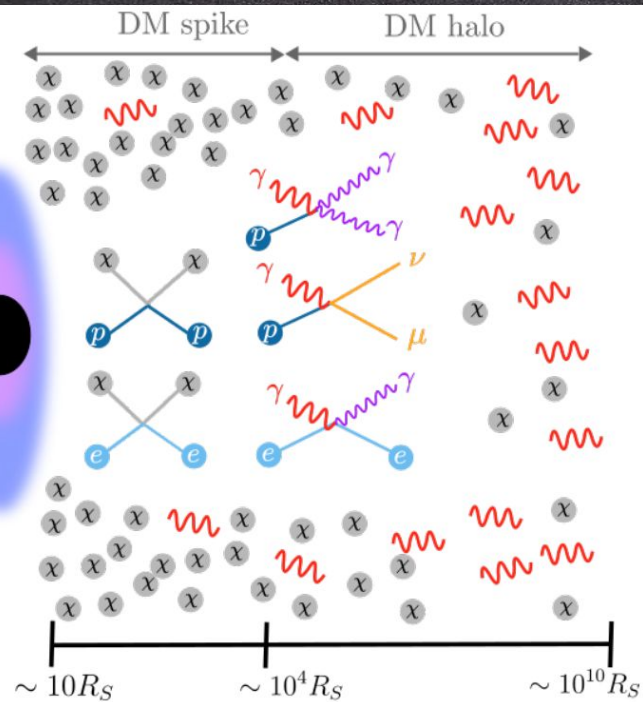
elastic CR-DM



inelastic CR-DM

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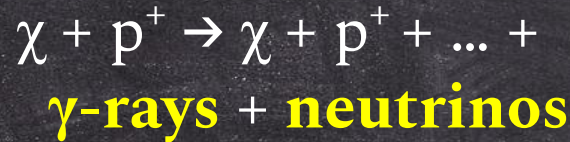


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elastic CR-DM

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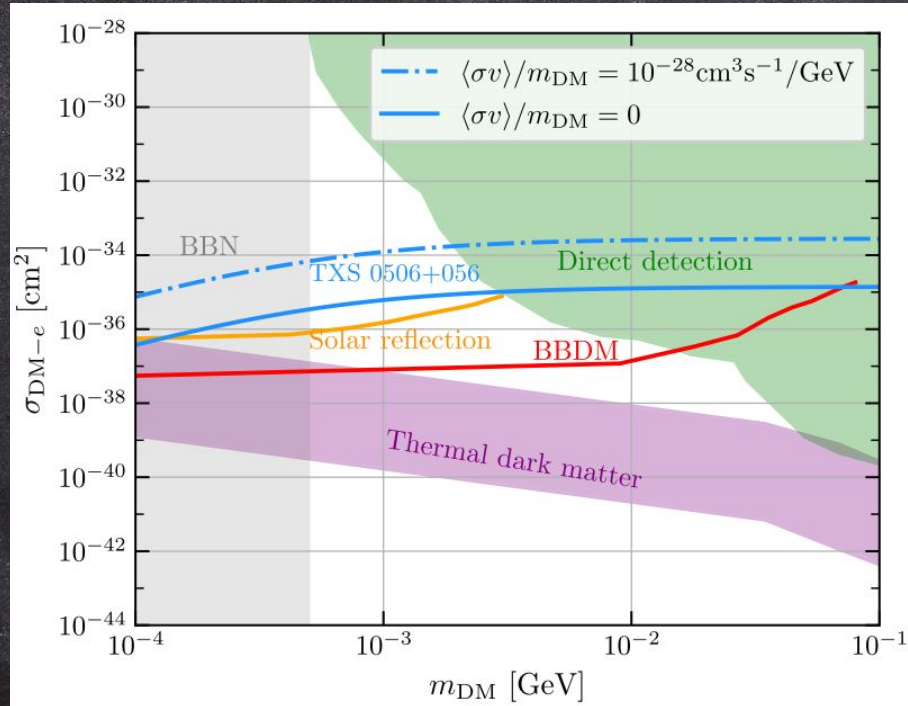


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# Elastic CR-DM collisions in AGN jets

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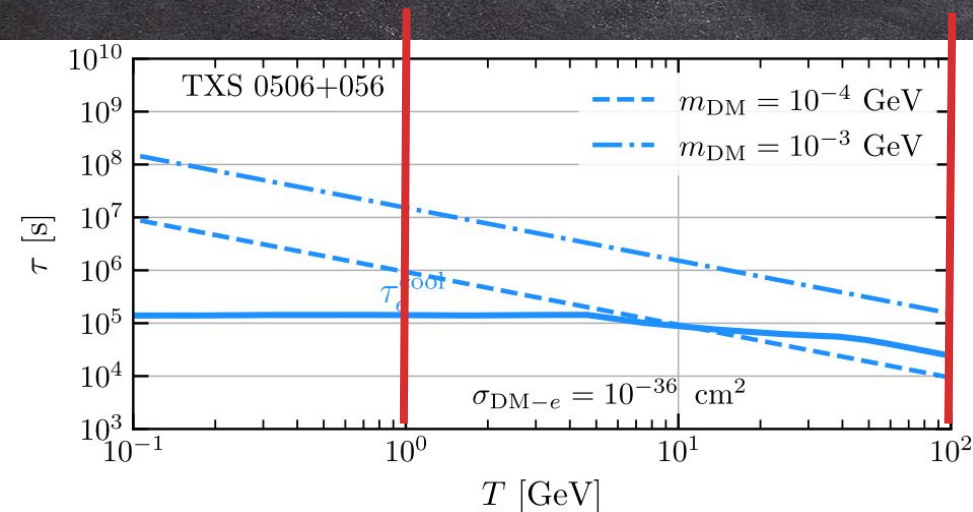
## CR electrons + DM





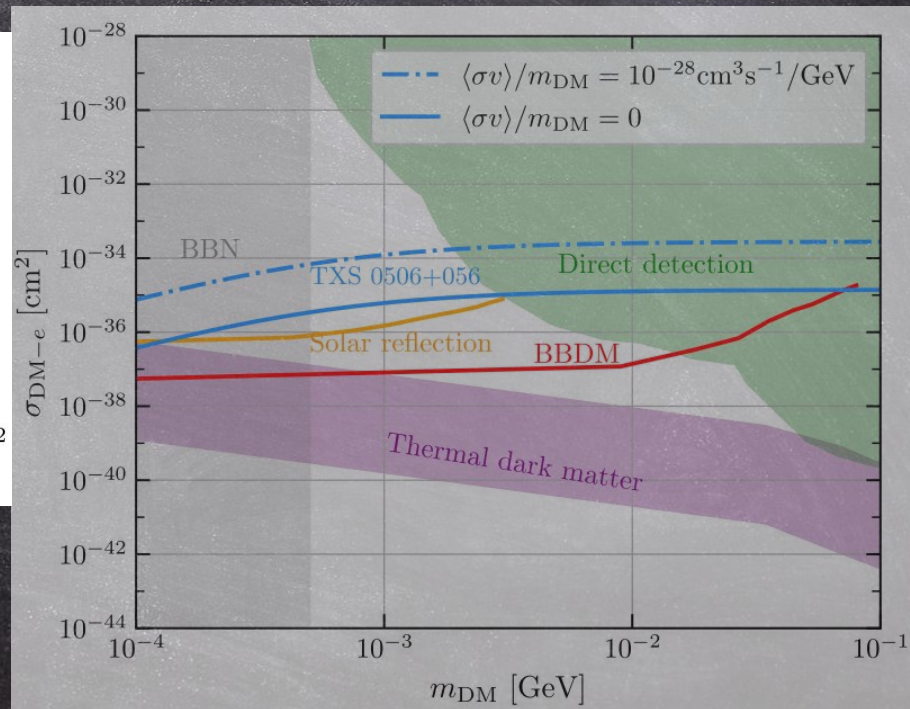
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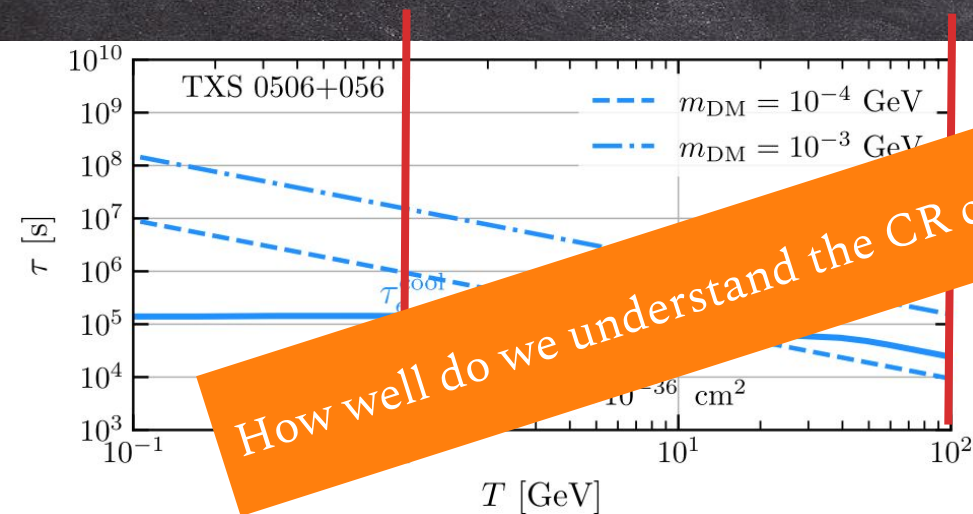
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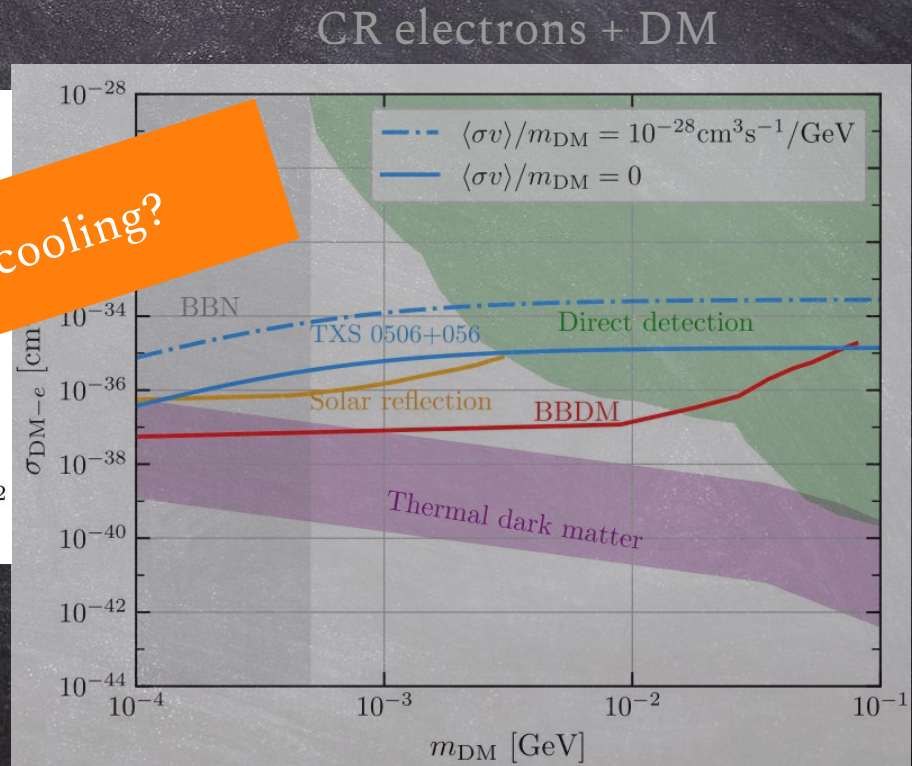
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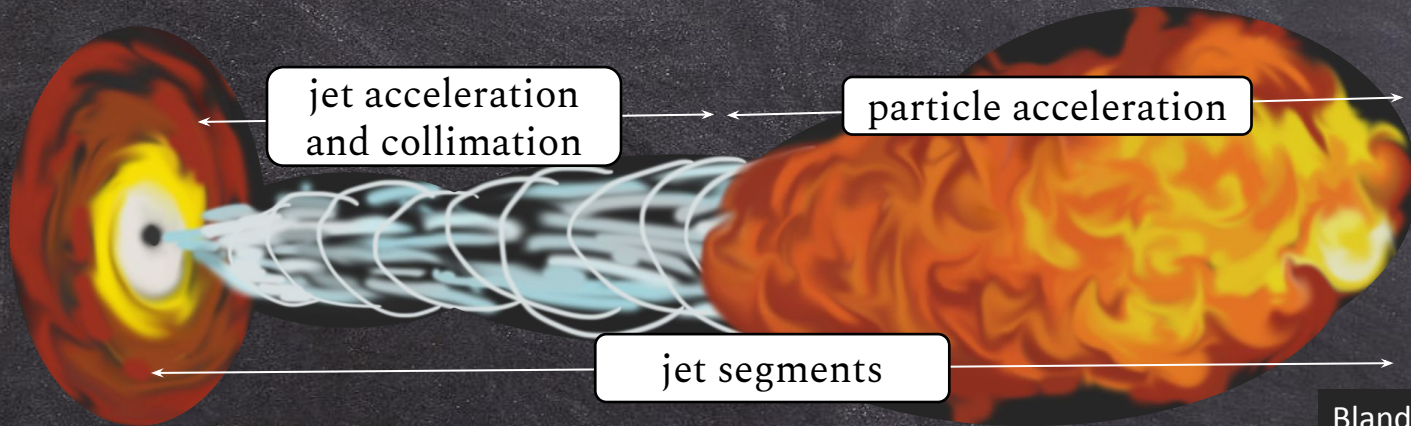
How well do we understand the CR cooling?

“Factor of 10 or less impact on the cooling time scale”



# Semi-analytical, multi-zone jet model

BHJet: a multi-zone model (Lucchini..., DK et al. 2022)



Blandford & Königl 1979;  
Hjellming & Johnston 1988;  
Falcke & Biermann 1995;  
Markoff et al. 2001, 2005;  
Maitra et al. 2009;  
Crumley et al. 2017;  
Lucchini et al. 2019, 2022;  
**Kantzas et al. 2021, 2022, 2023a**

# The study case of Markarian 421

- BL Lac object
- @122Mpc ( $z=0.0308$ )
- The 1<sup>st</sup> extragalactic TeV source (Punch et al. 1992)
- One of the brightest quasars



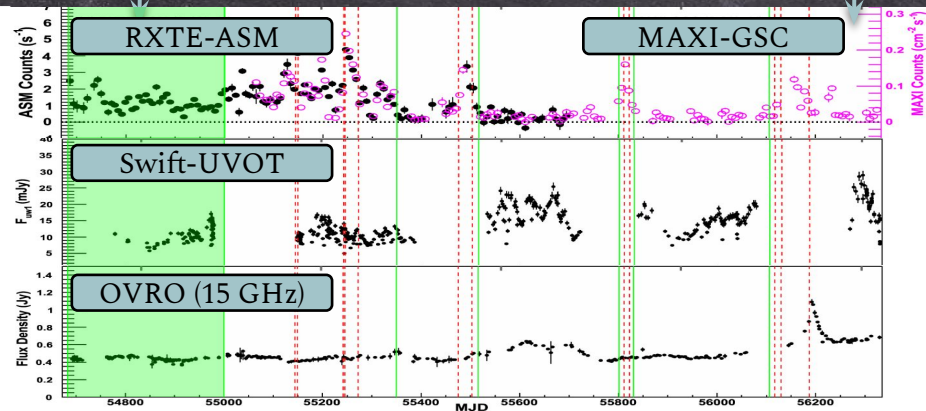
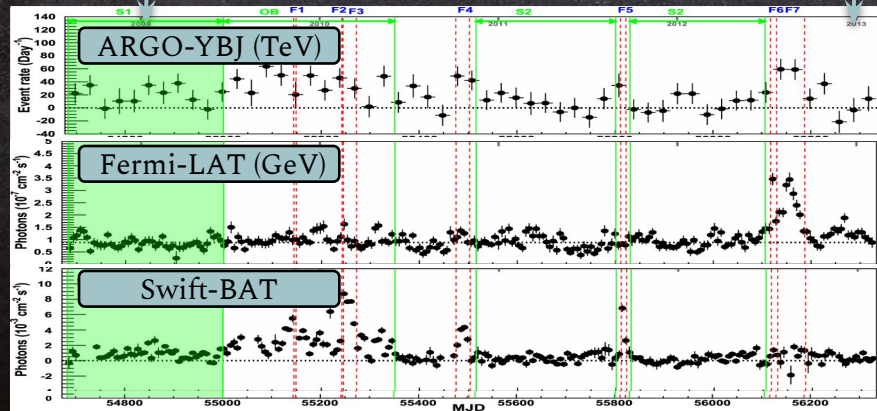
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Bartoli et al. 2016



# The jets of Mkn 421

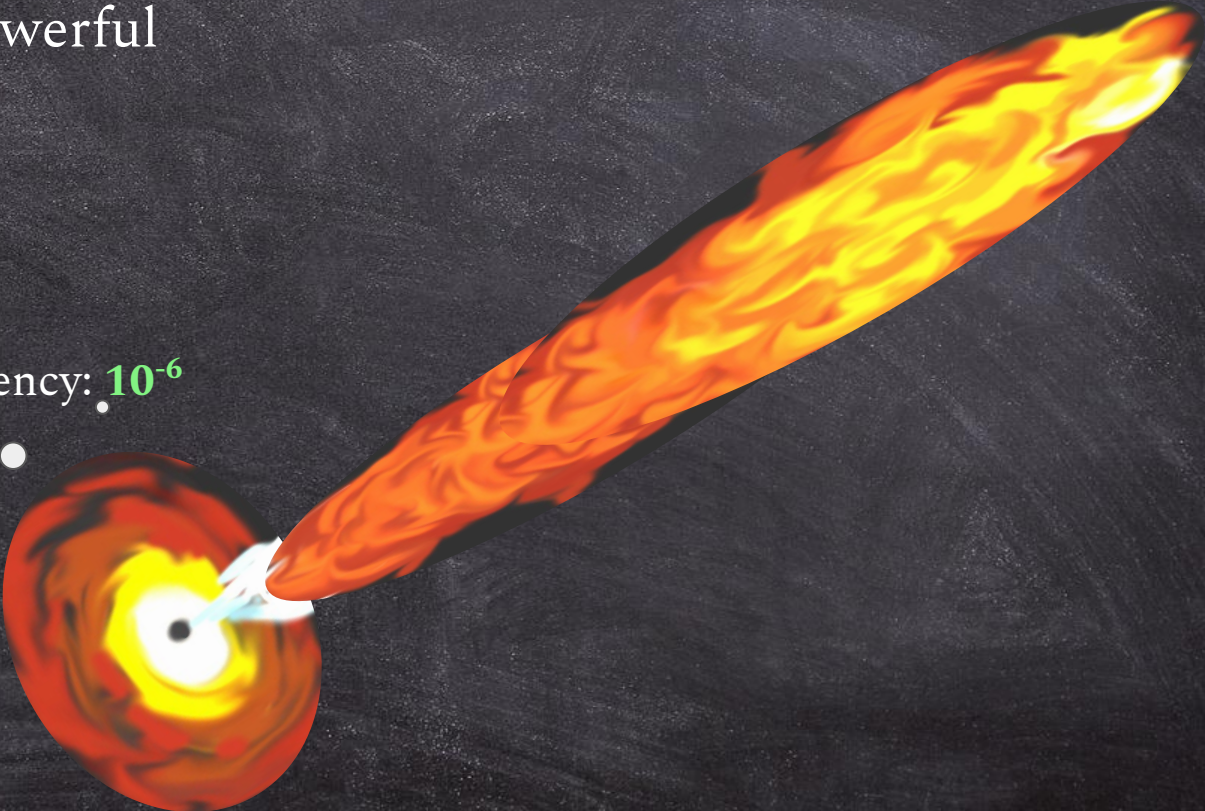
*Pencil* jet: slim and powerful

jet power: **0.08 Edd**

radius: **10 R<sub>g</sub>**

CR acceleration: **20 R<sub>g</sub>**

Particle acceleration efficiency: **10<sup>-6</sup>**



1 is the max  
possible attainable  
energy

# The multiwavelength spectrum of Mkn 421

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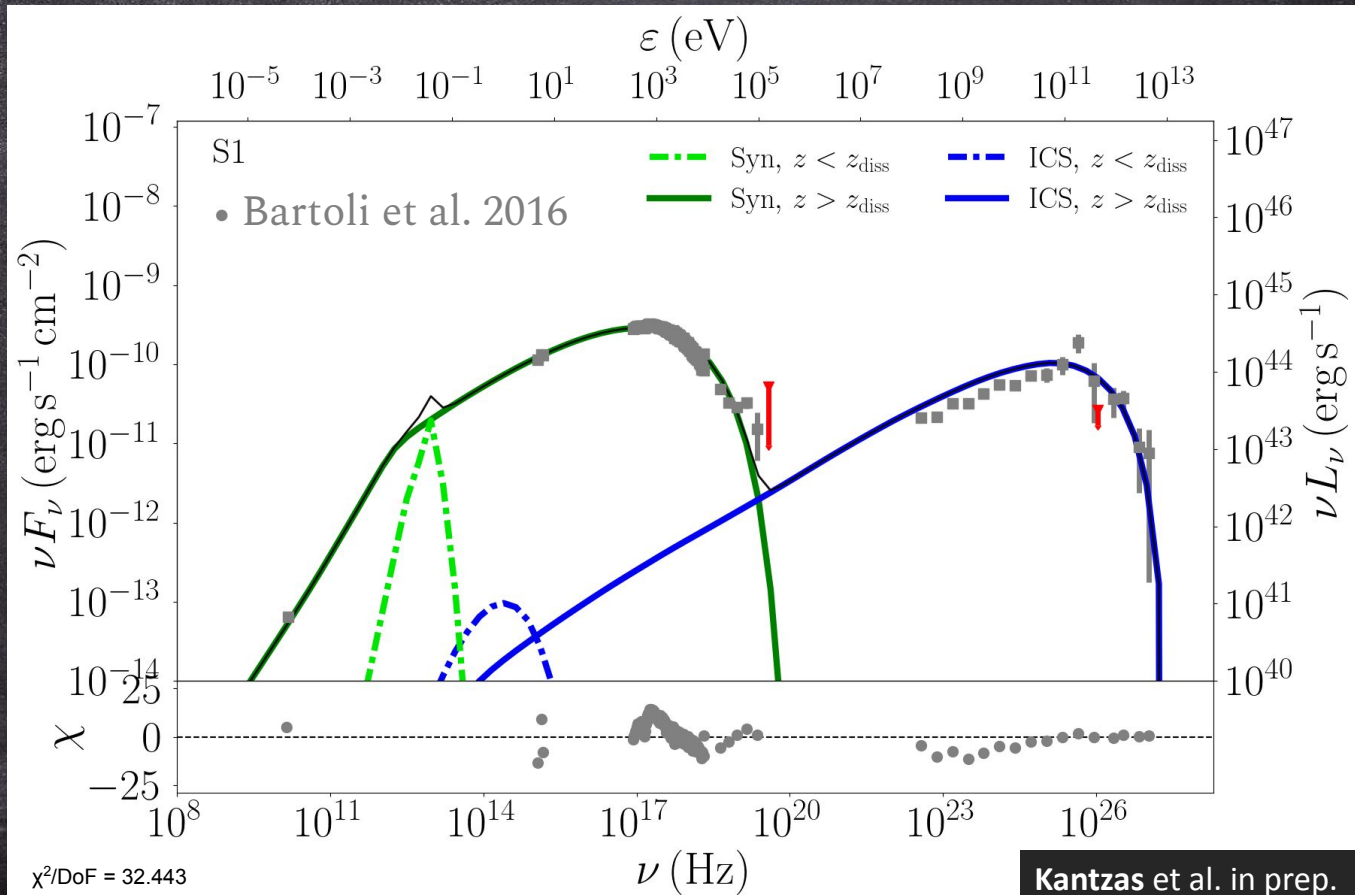
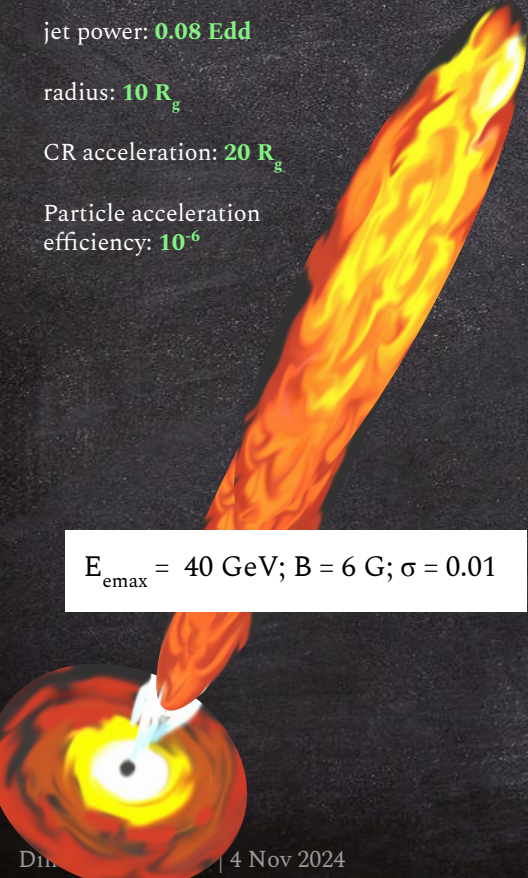
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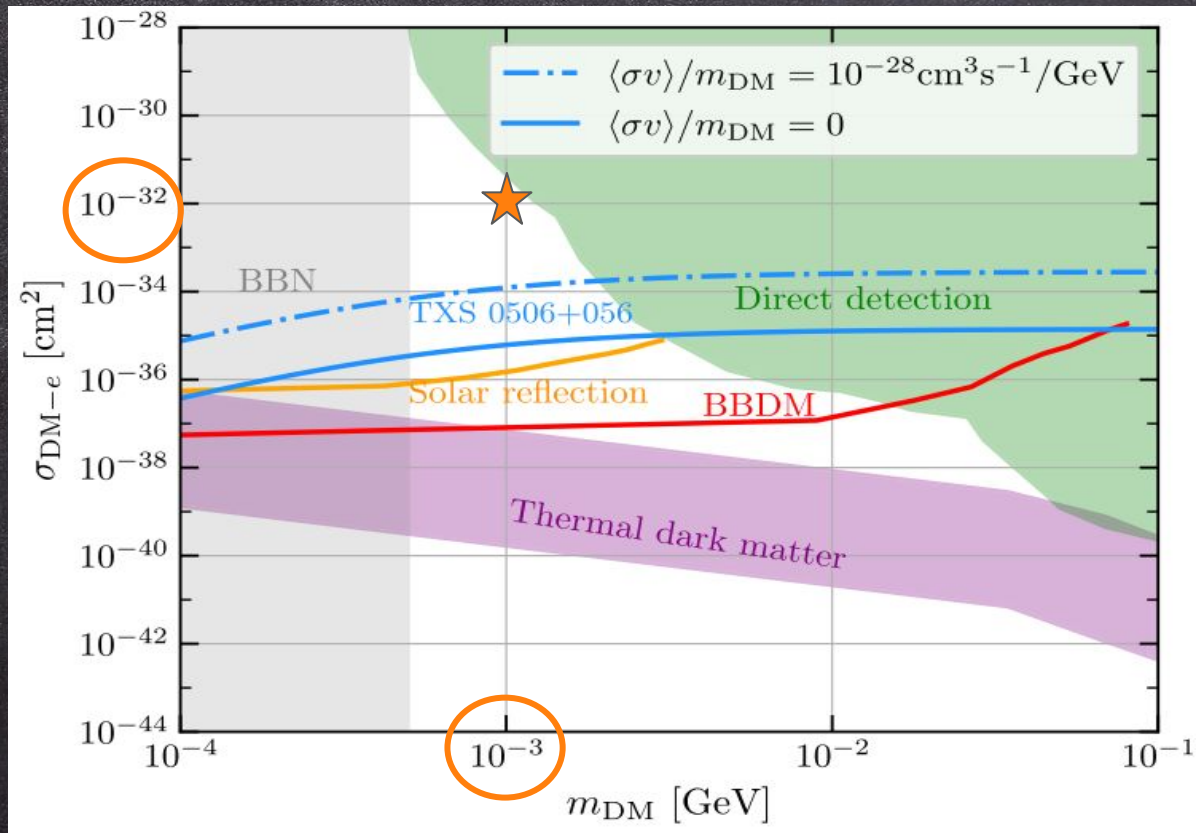
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$$E_{\text{emax}} = 40 \text{ GeV}; B = 6 \text{ G}; \sigma = 0.01$$



# The MW spectrum of Mkn 421 with DM



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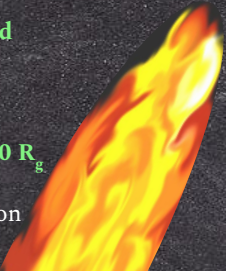
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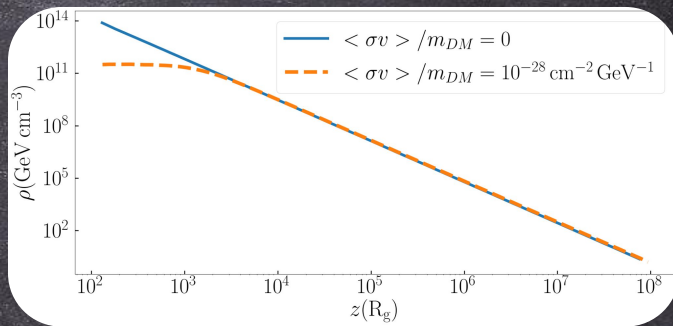
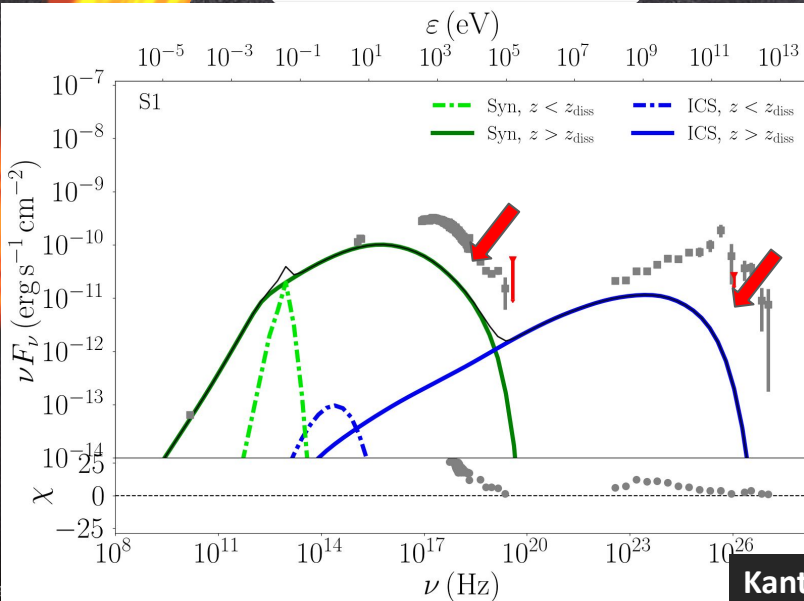
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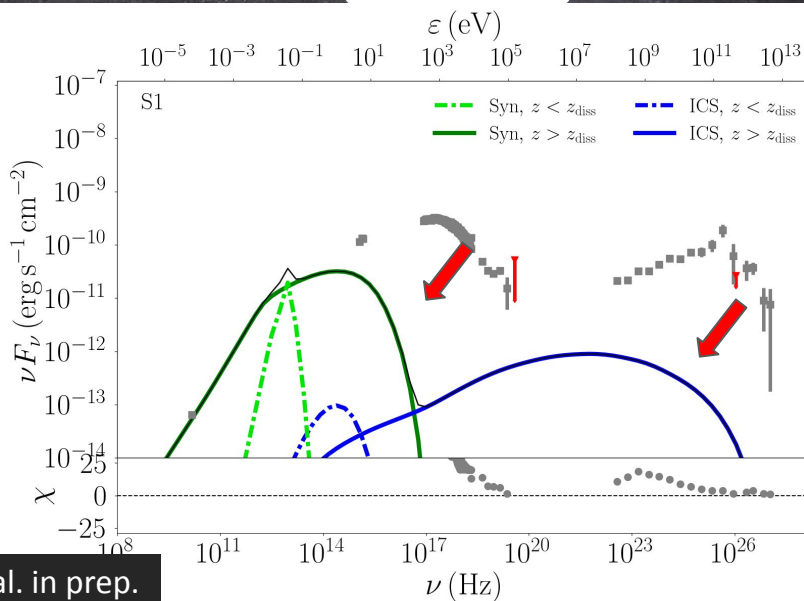
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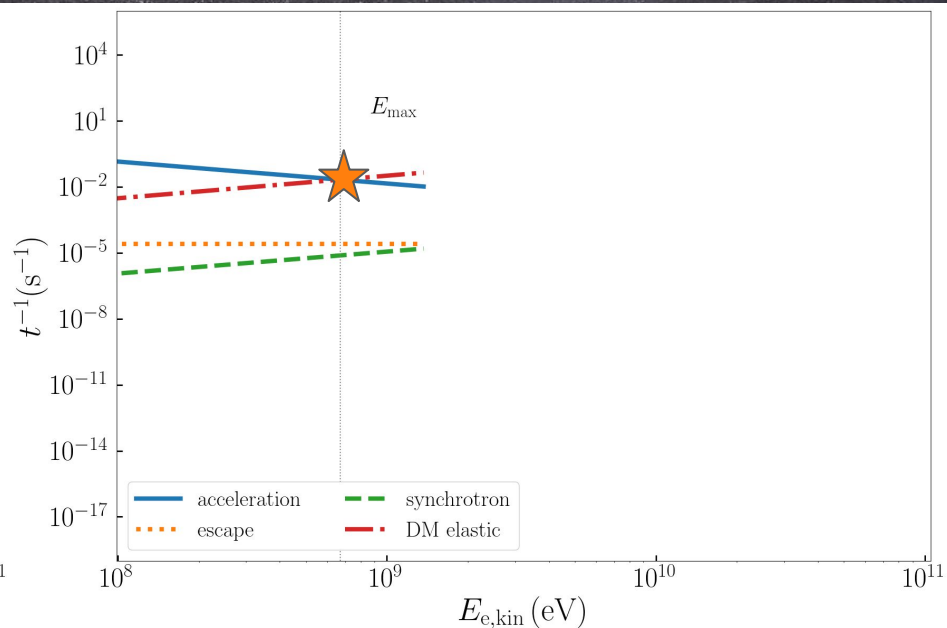
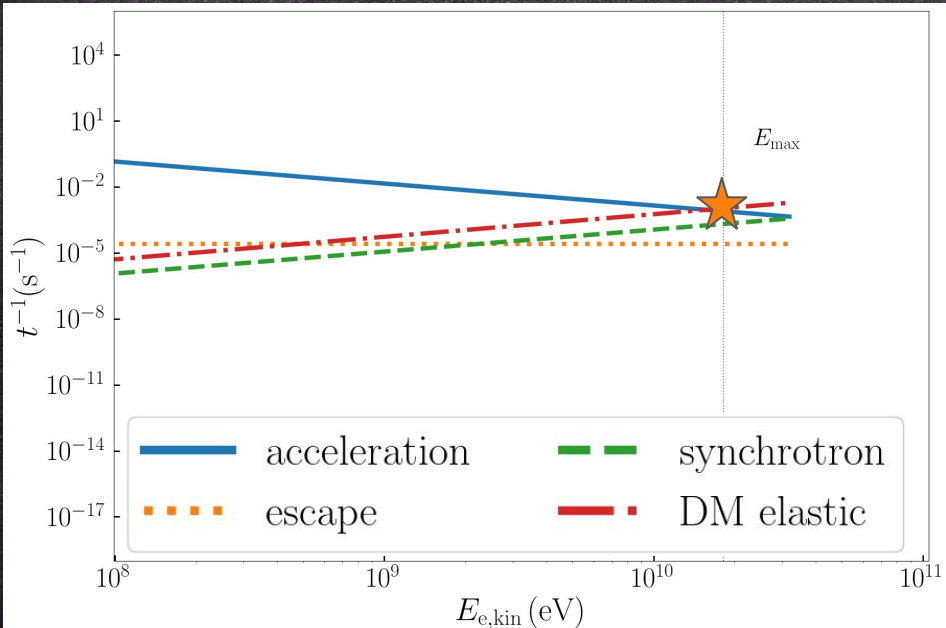
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# The cooling timescales

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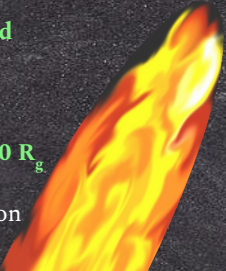
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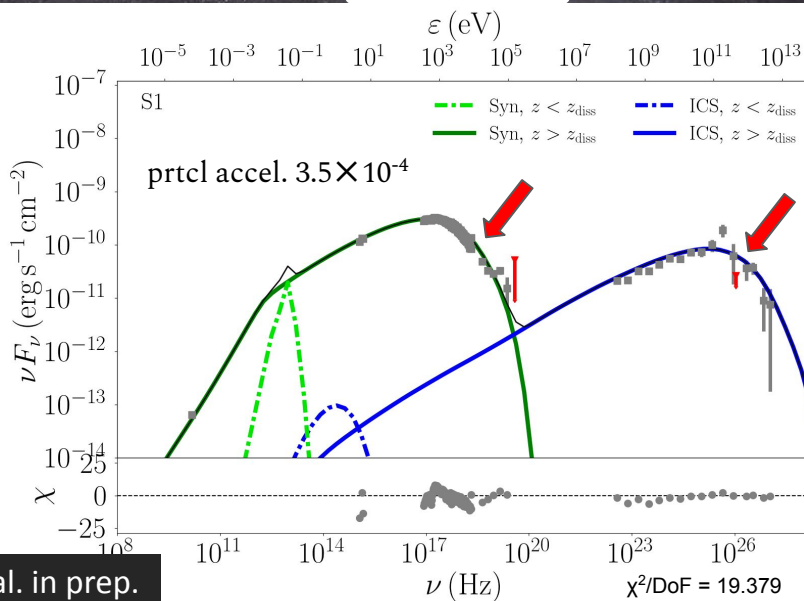
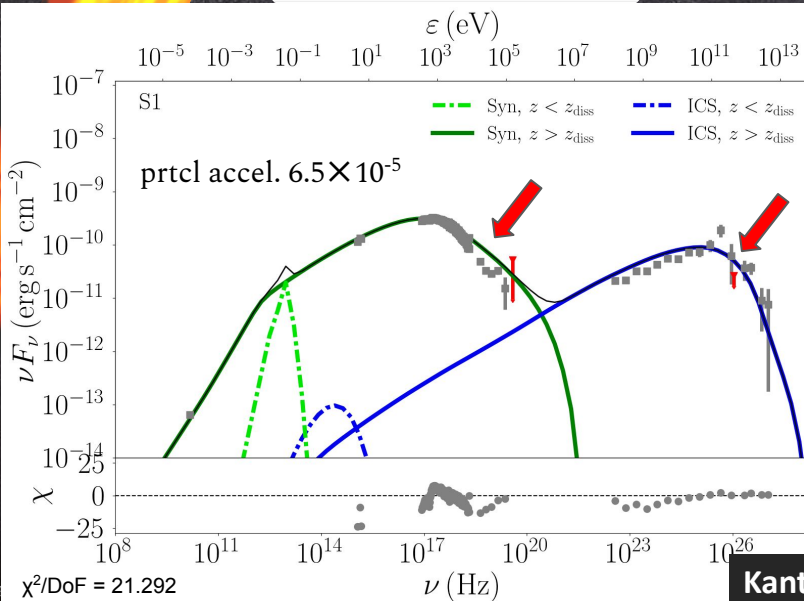
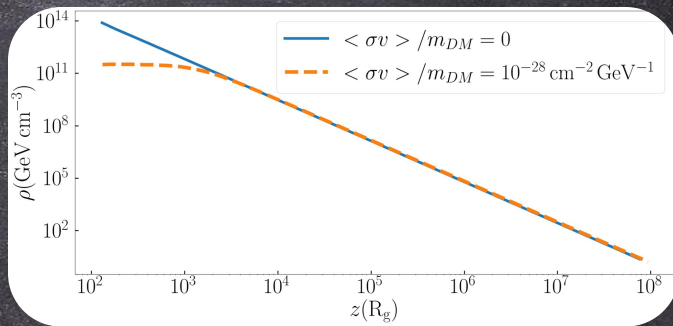
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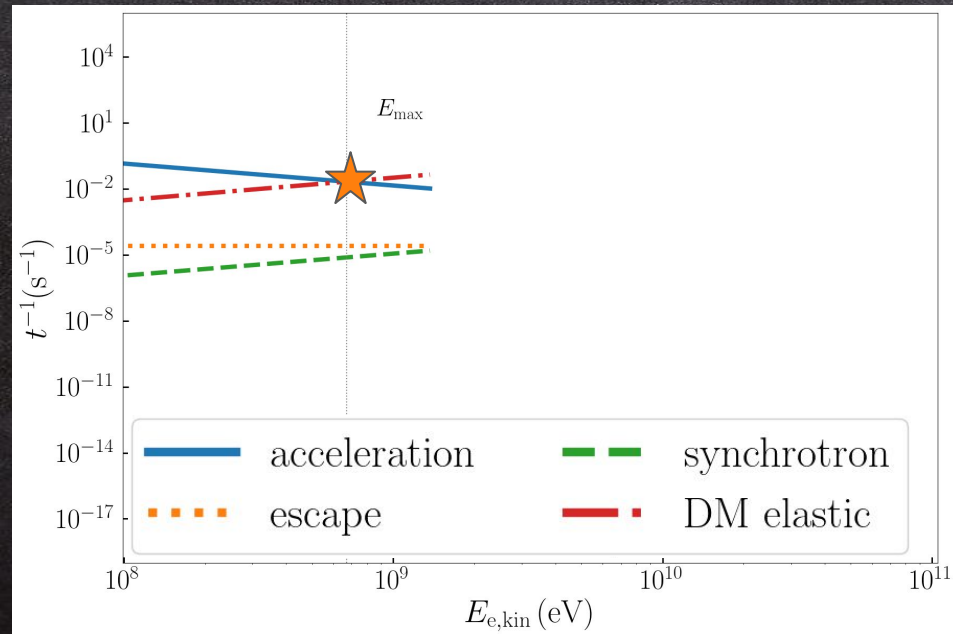
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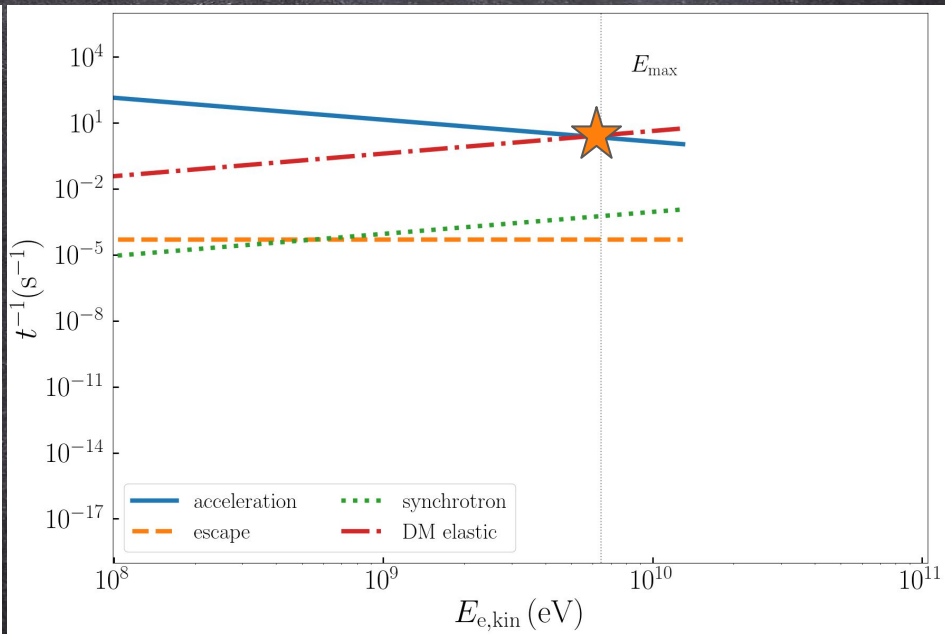
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particle acceleration efficiency.  $10^{-6}$

particle acceleration efficiency.  $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$



**Fails** to reproduce the spectrum



**Manages** to reproduce the spectrum

# Conclusions

- CRs may cool due to CR-DM collisions !
- We cannot draw conclusions on the DM nature unless we better constrain jet physics !!
- More physically driven jet models are required !!!

*Merci ...*