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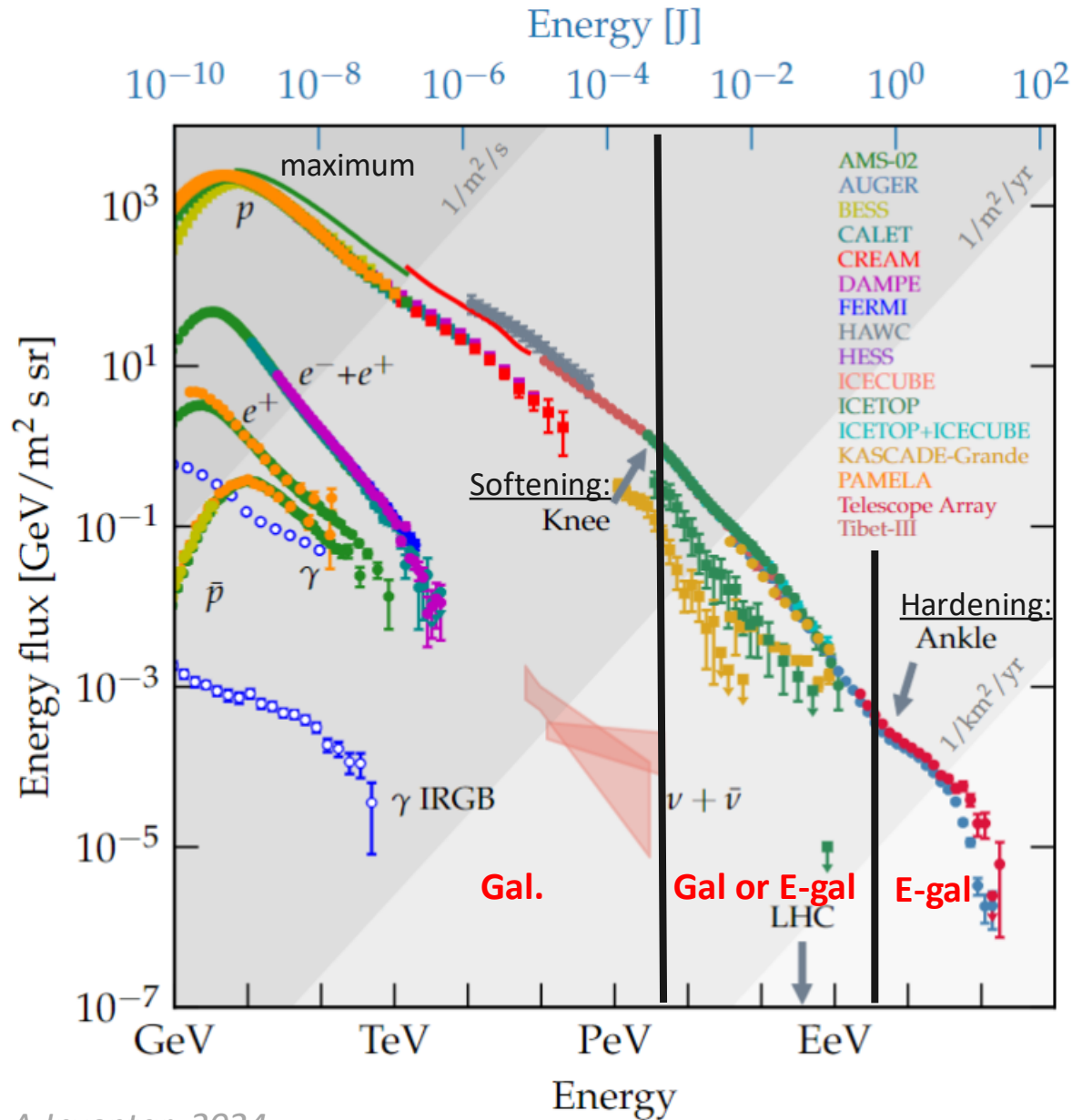
***$\gamma$ -ray signatures of particle acceleration  
from stellar clusters up to PeV energies***



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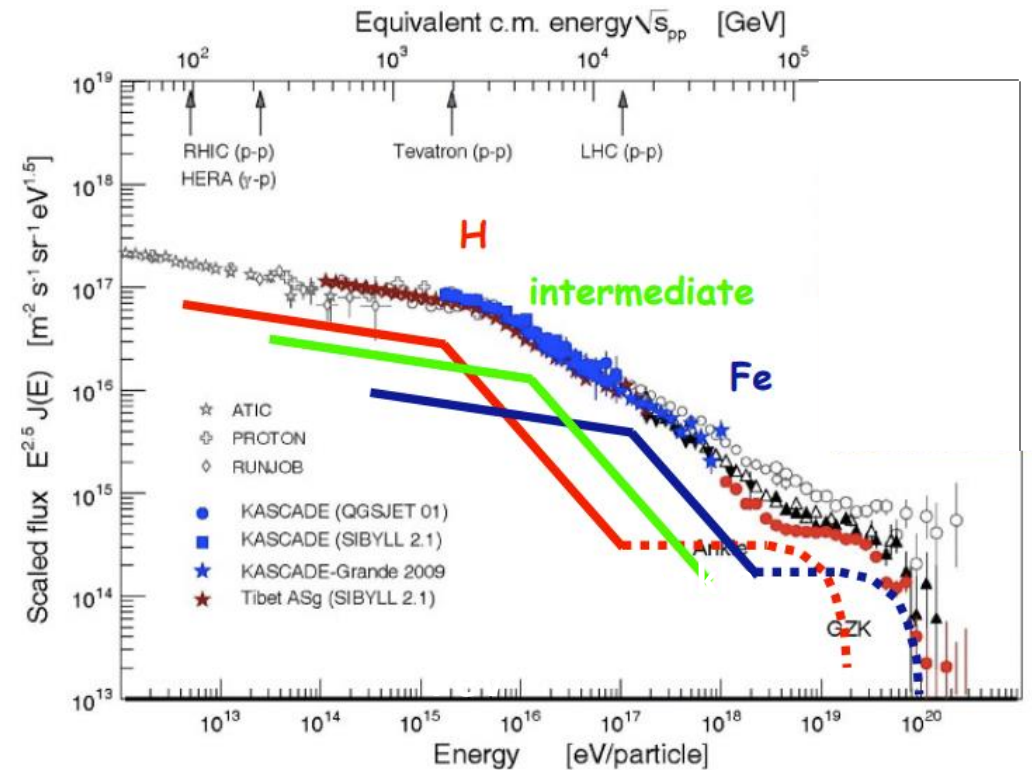


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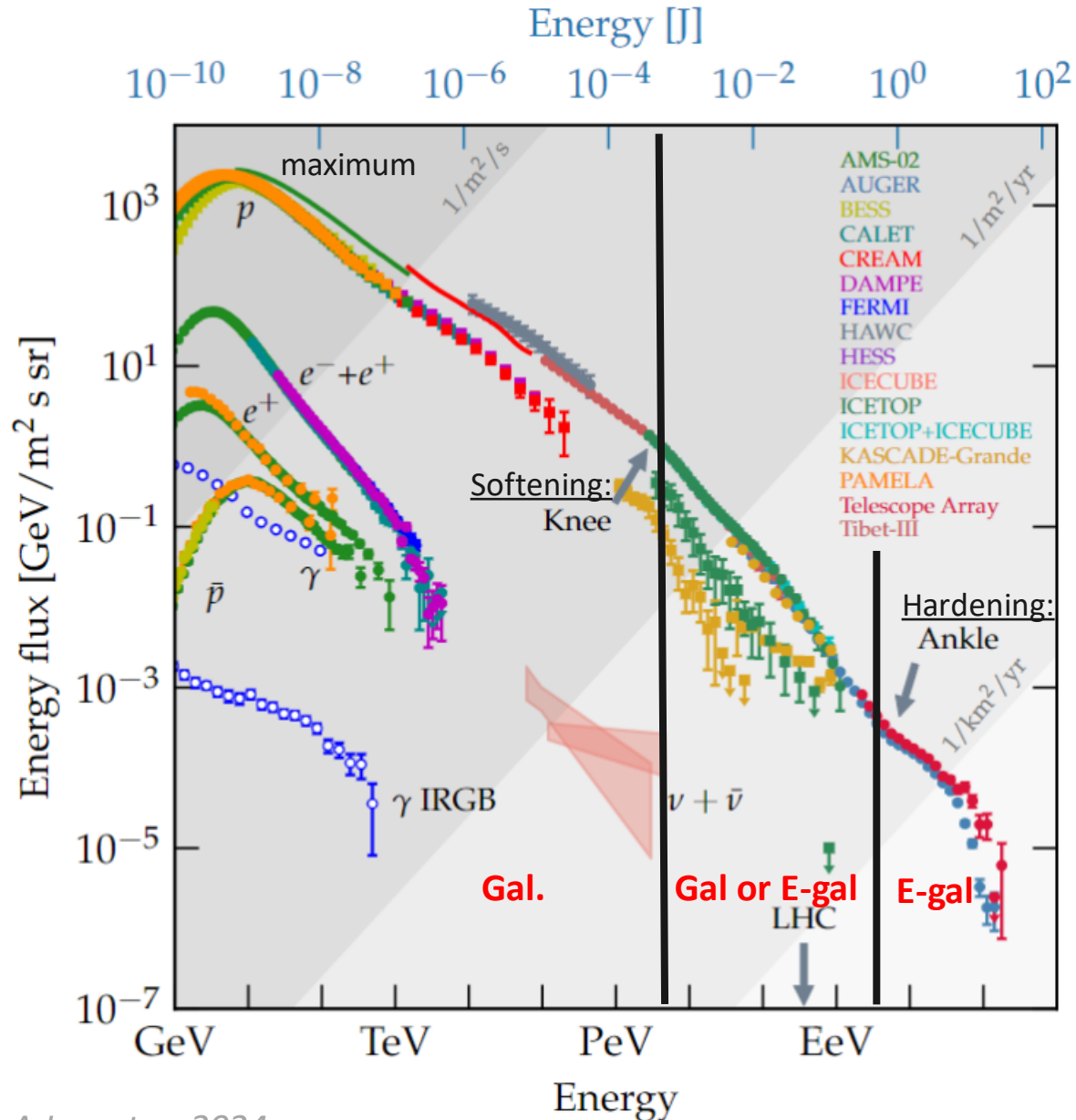


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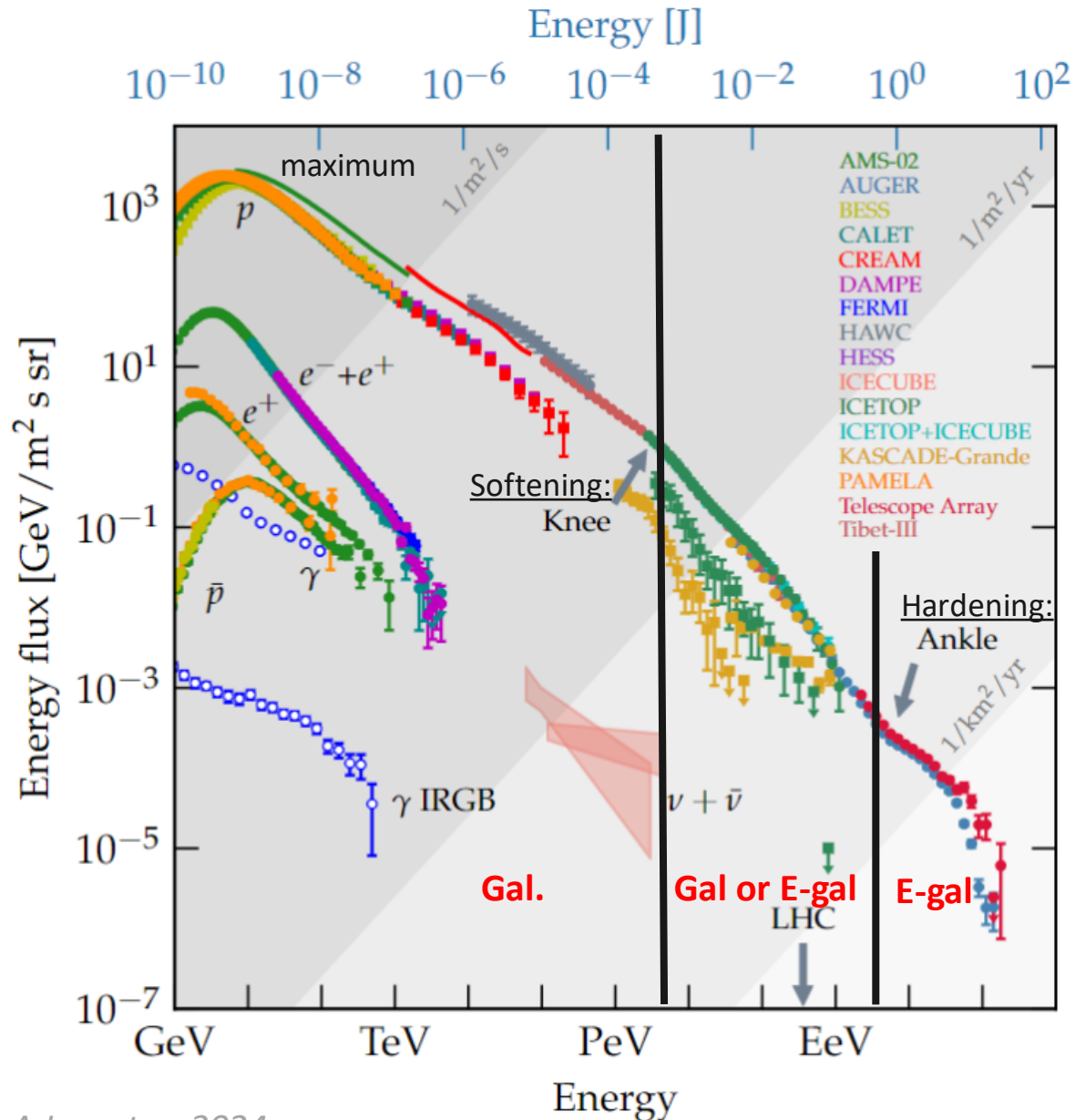
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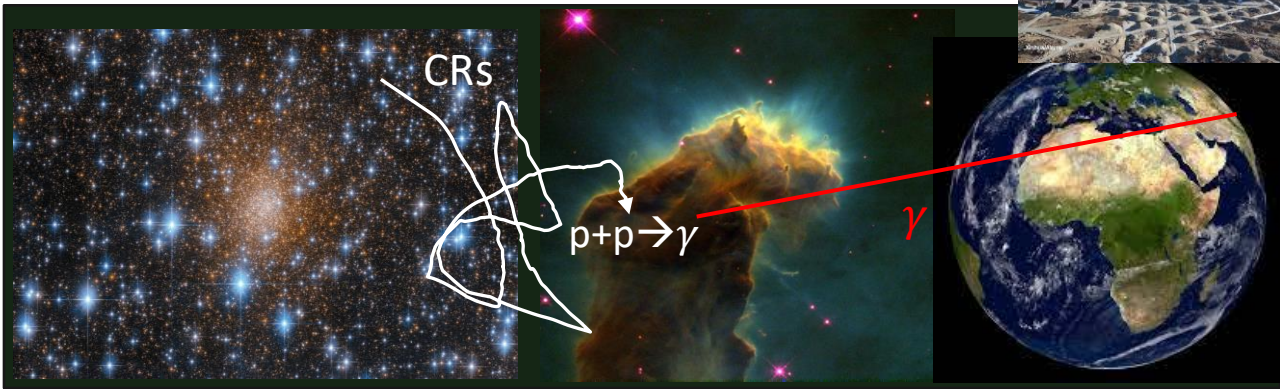
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- Problem to observe CRs: CRs diffused  
 → Can't link them to their original sources  
 → Use  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy instead + molecular clouds:  $p+p \rightarrow \gamma$

# OUTLINE

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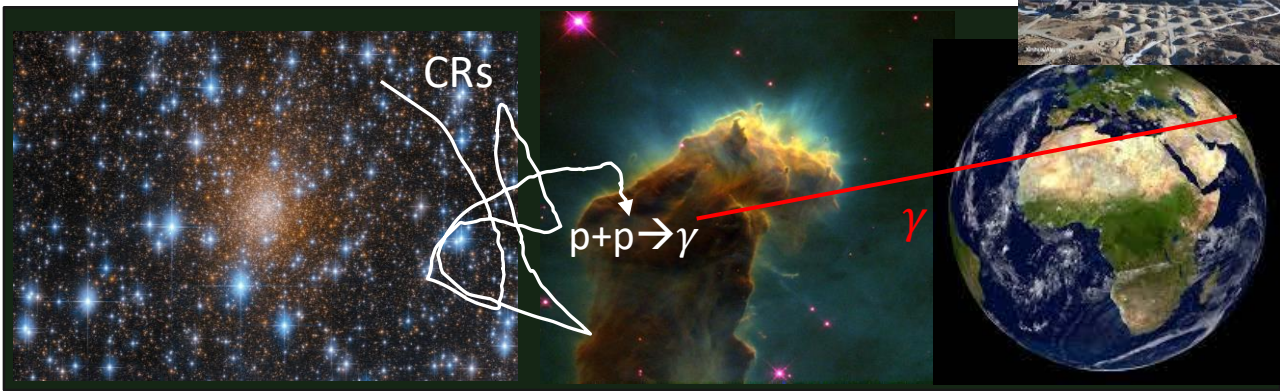


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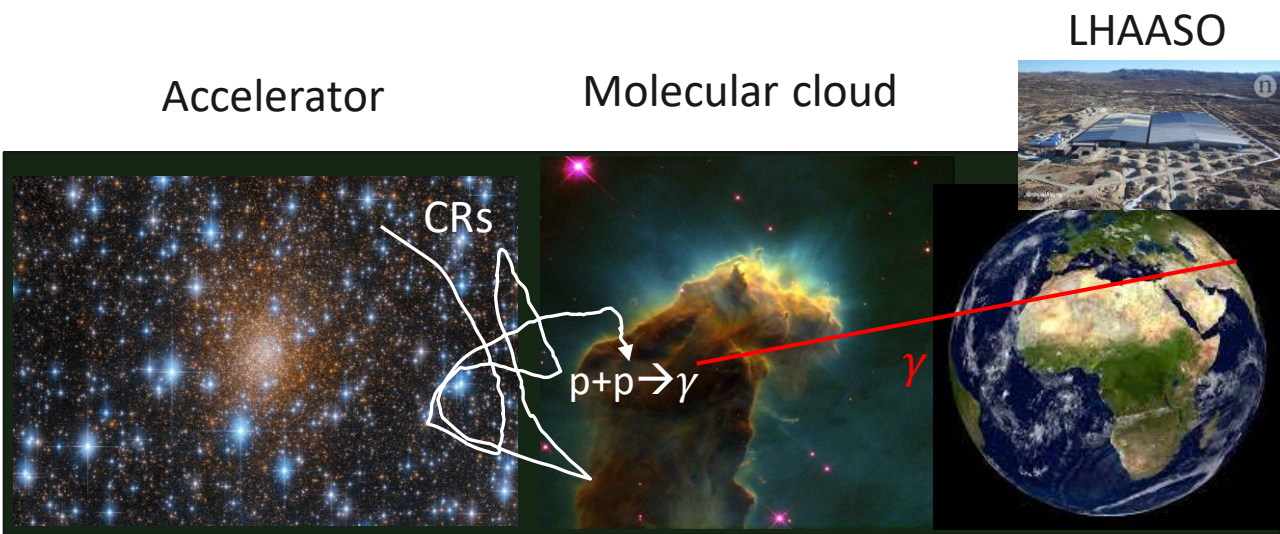
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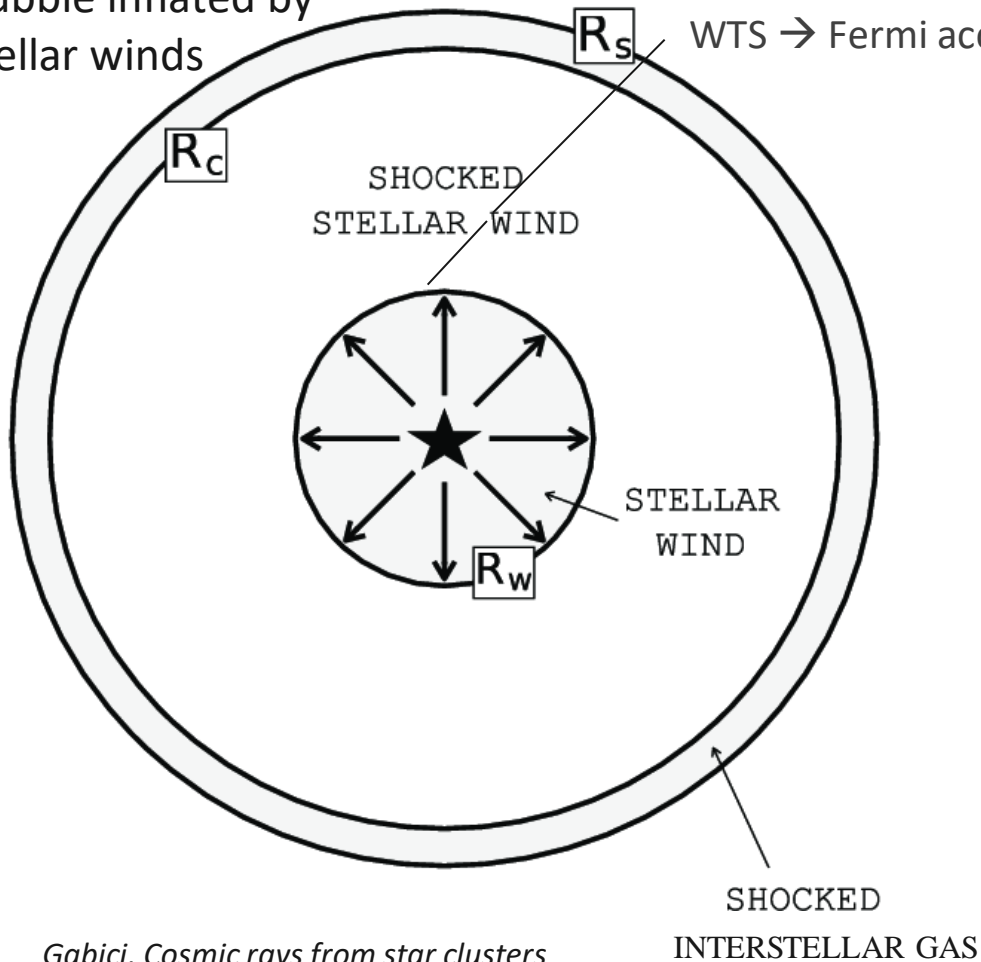
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Find corresponding existing systems, use LHAASO to compare the model to the observed  $\gamma$ -ray flux

- Identify the contributions of star clusters to CR flux at different energies (especially at PeV)
- obtain better constraints on different acceleration parameters (WTS efficiency, injection spectrum in the ISM,...)
- See if it can explain some unassociated PeVatrons (eg molecular clouds far from a cluster)

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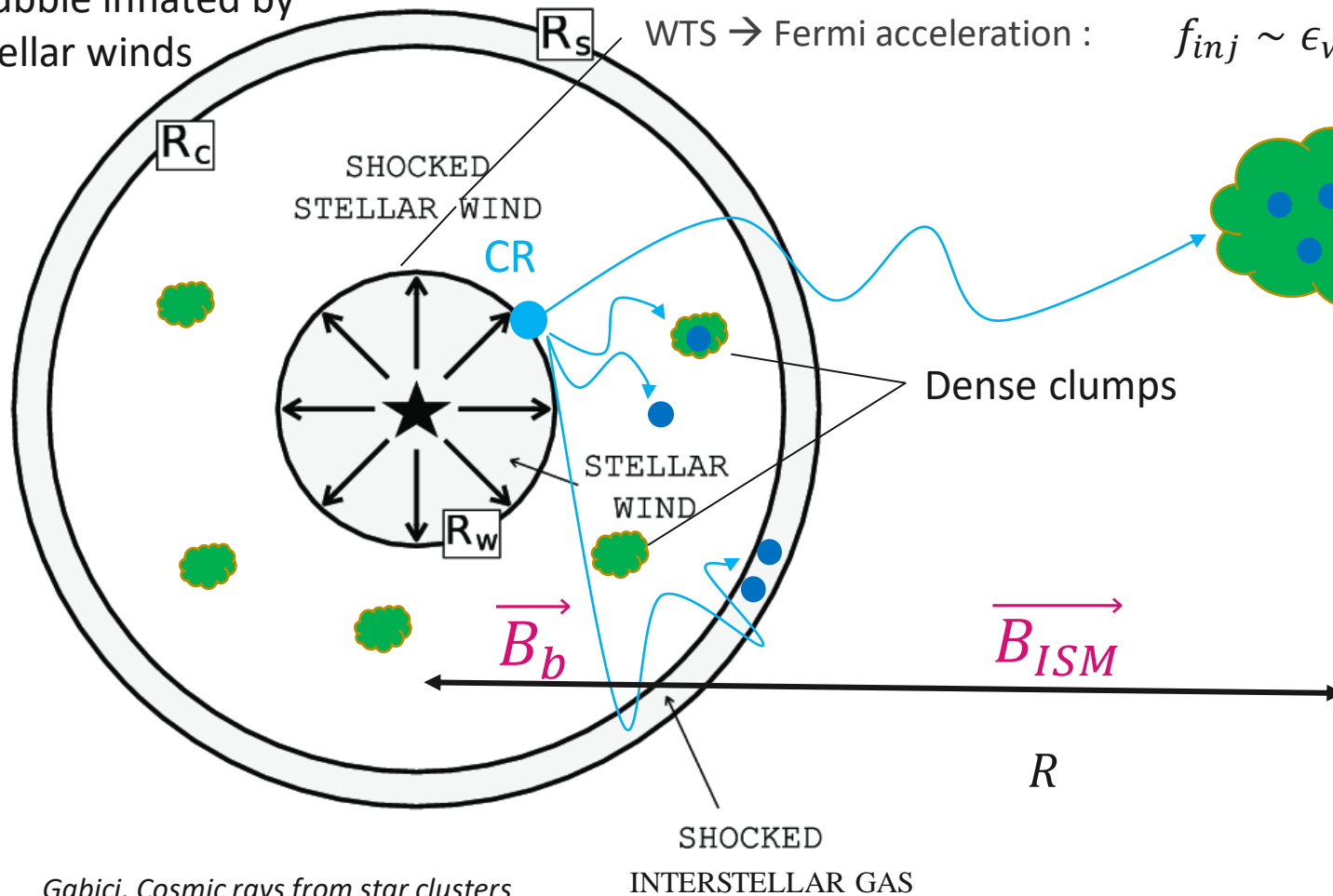
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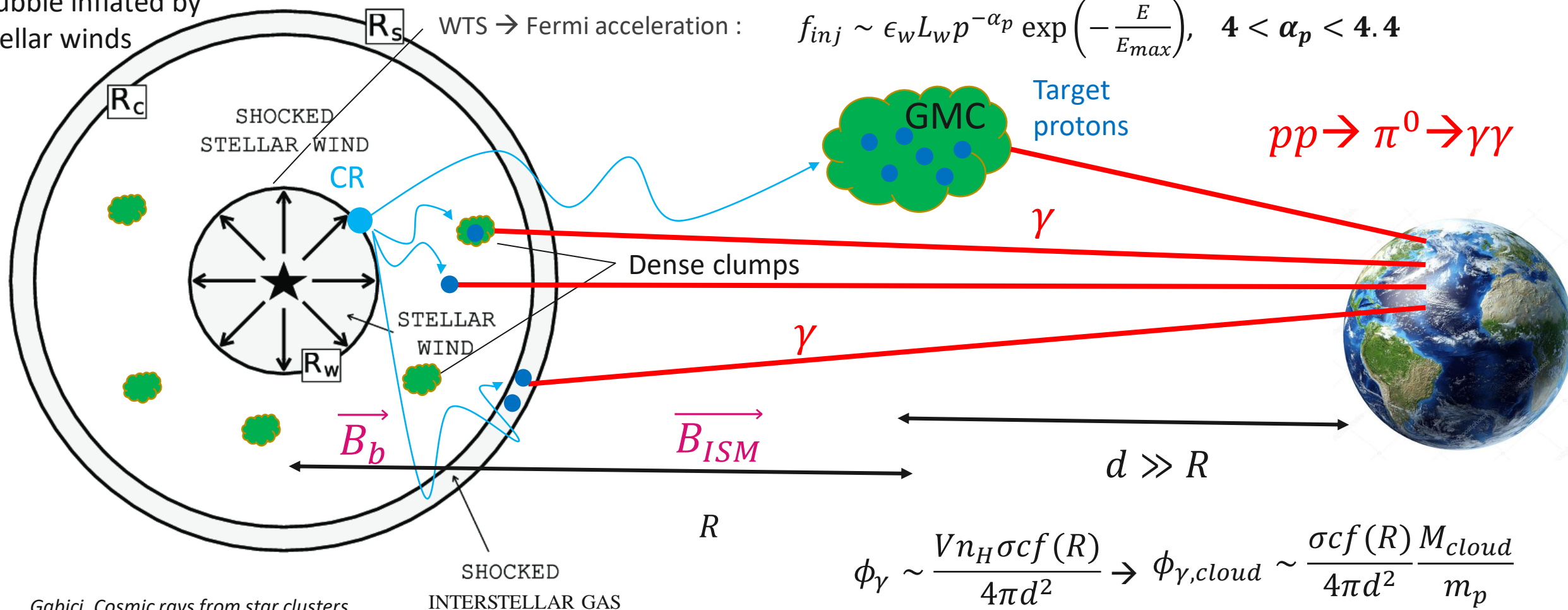
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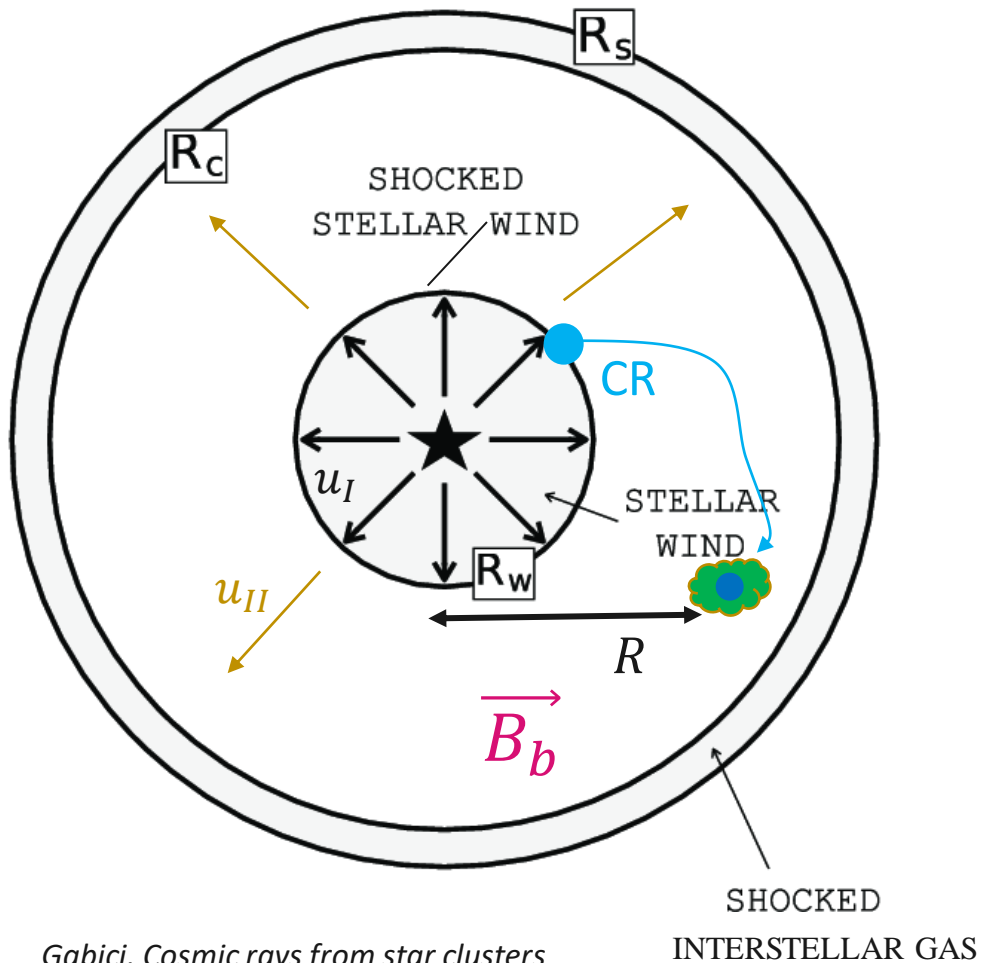
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$$\phi_\gamma \sim \frac{V n_H \sigma c f(R)}{4\pi d^2} \rightarrow \phi_{\gamma,cloud} \sim \frac{\sigma c f(R) M_{cloud}}{4\pi d^2 m_p}$$

Gabici, Cosmic rays from star clusters

$\sigma$  from Kafexhiu et al, 2014

# TRANSPORT INSIDE THE BUBBLE: ADVECTION+DIFFUSION



- Advection-diffusion model (*Morlino et al 2021*)
- Case of adiabatic bubble, suppose  $u(R < R_w) = u_I$  and  $u(R > R_w) = u_{II} \left(\frac{R_w}{R}\right)^2$  with  $u_{II} = u(R_w) = \frac{u_I}{4}$

$$A(r, p) = \frac{u_{II} R_w}{D(p)} \left(1 - \frac{R_w}{R}\right) \rightarrow$$

$$f_1(p, R, t) \sim f_{inj} \frac{(1 - e^{A(R) - A(R_s)})}{1 - e^{-A(R_s)}}$$

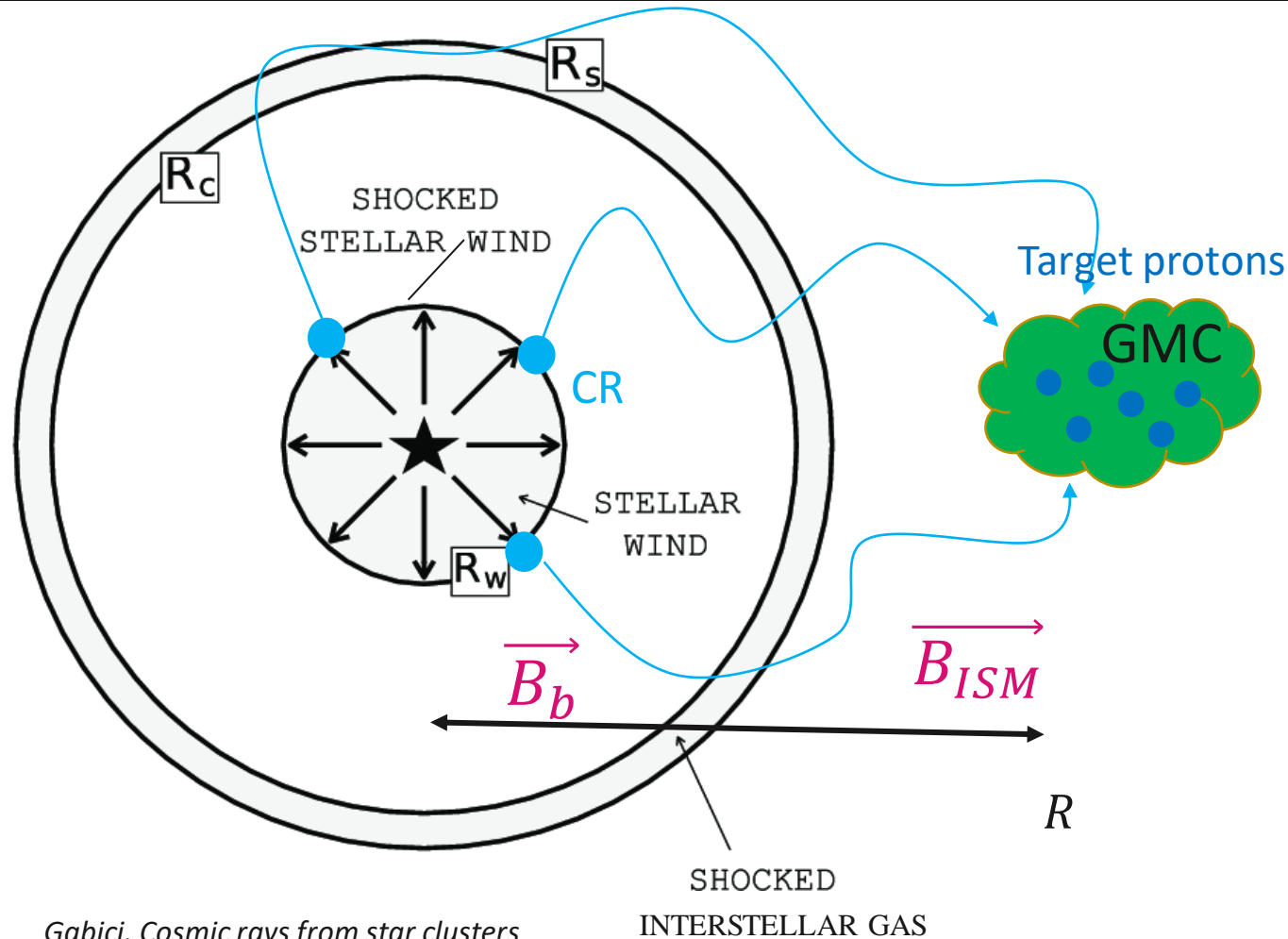
$$D(p) = \frac{D_{10}}{cm^2 s^{-1}} \left(\frac{pc}{10}\right)^\delta$$

Assume Bohm diffusion inside the bubble to be able to reach PeV

$$\delta \sim 1$$

$$D_{10} \sim 10^{22}$$

# TRANSPORT OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE: 3D ISOTROPIC DIFFUSION



$$\rightarrow f_2(p, R, t) \sim f_{inj} \frac{1}{D(p)R} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{R}{4D(E)t}\right)$$

(Aharonian, Atoyan 1996)

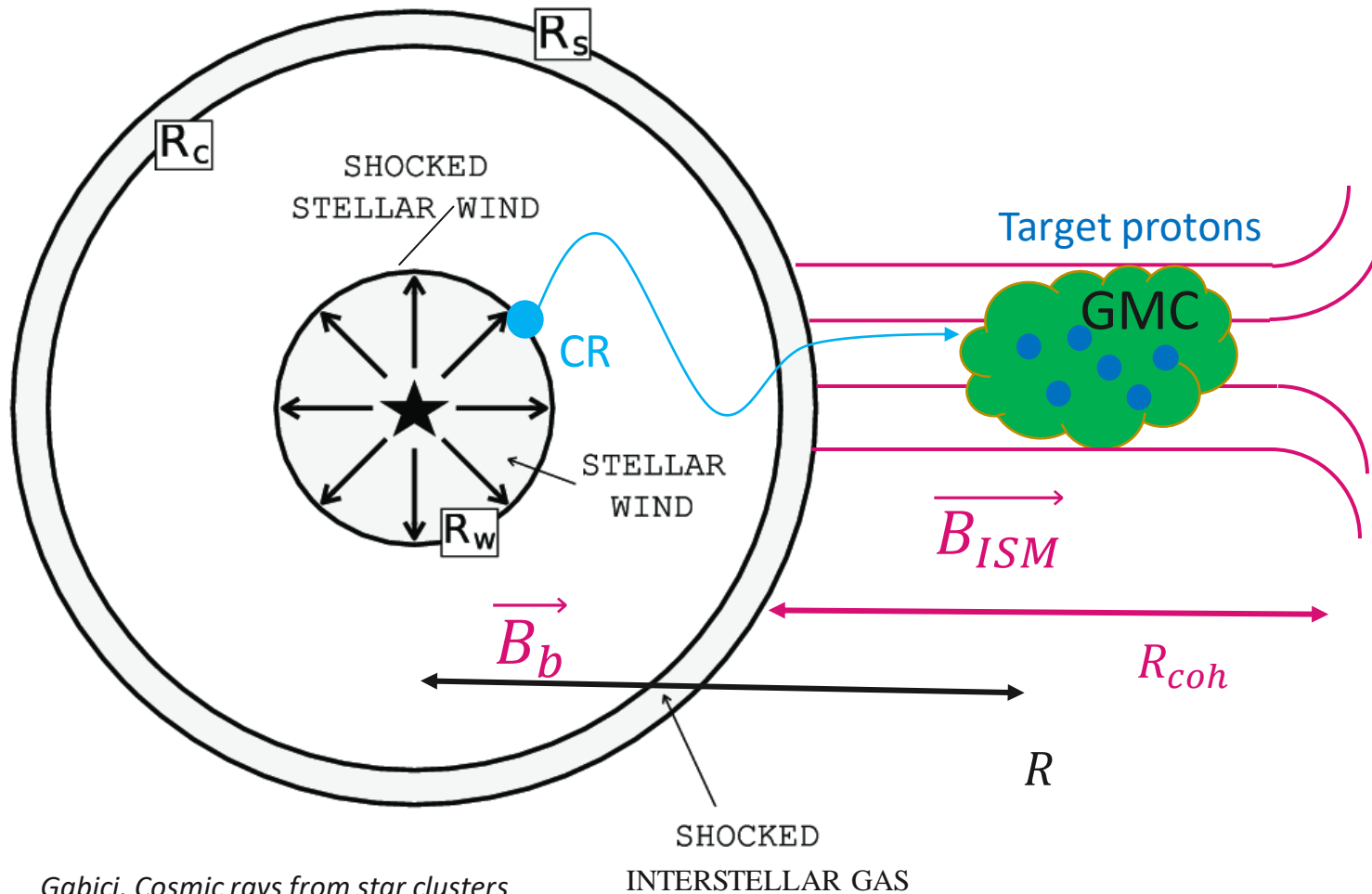
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# TRANSPORT OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE: 1D ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION



$$\rightarrow f_3(p, R, t) \sim \frac{f_{inj} R_{coherence}^{-R}}{4\pi D(p) R_{sh}^2}$$

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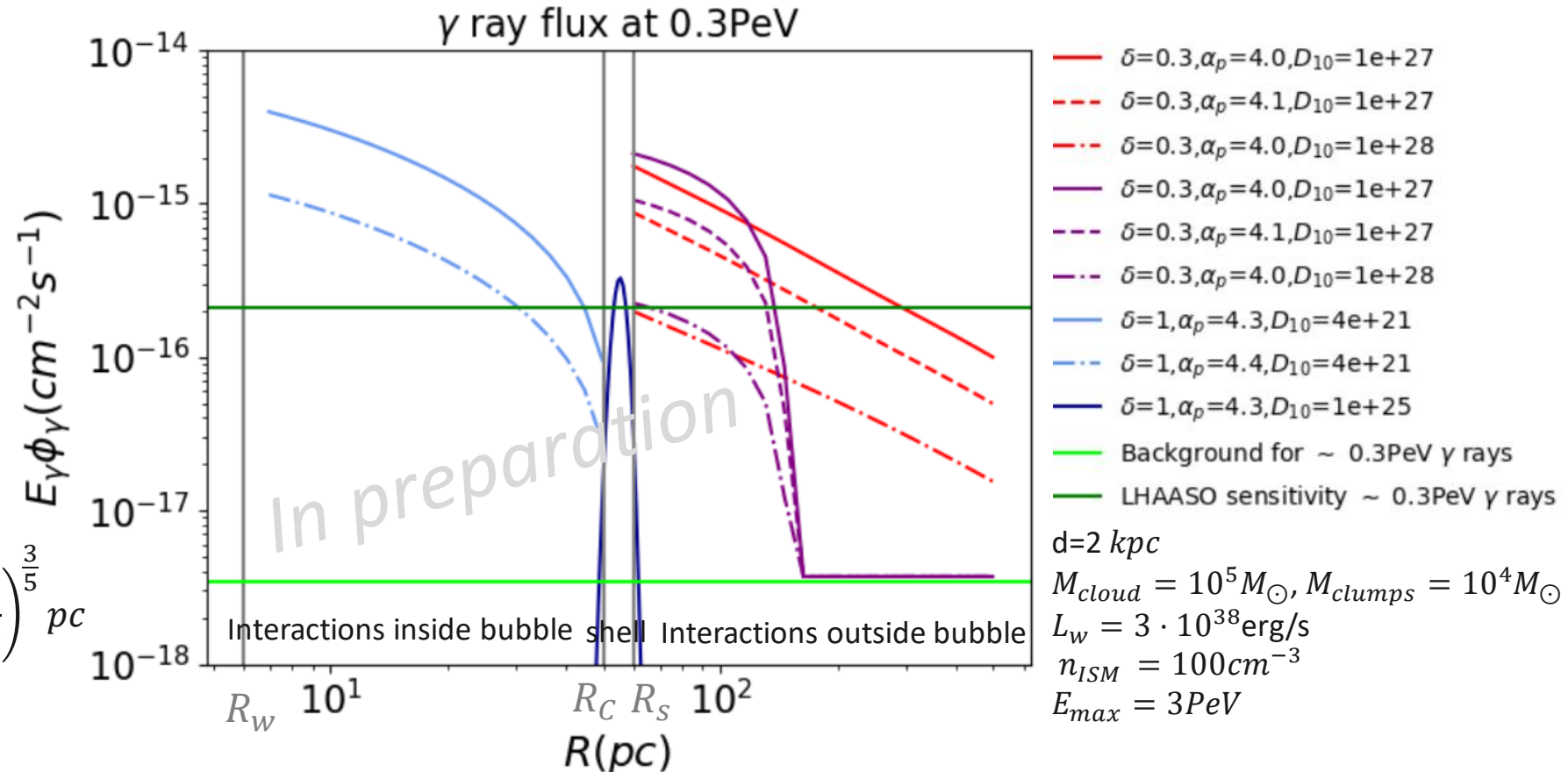
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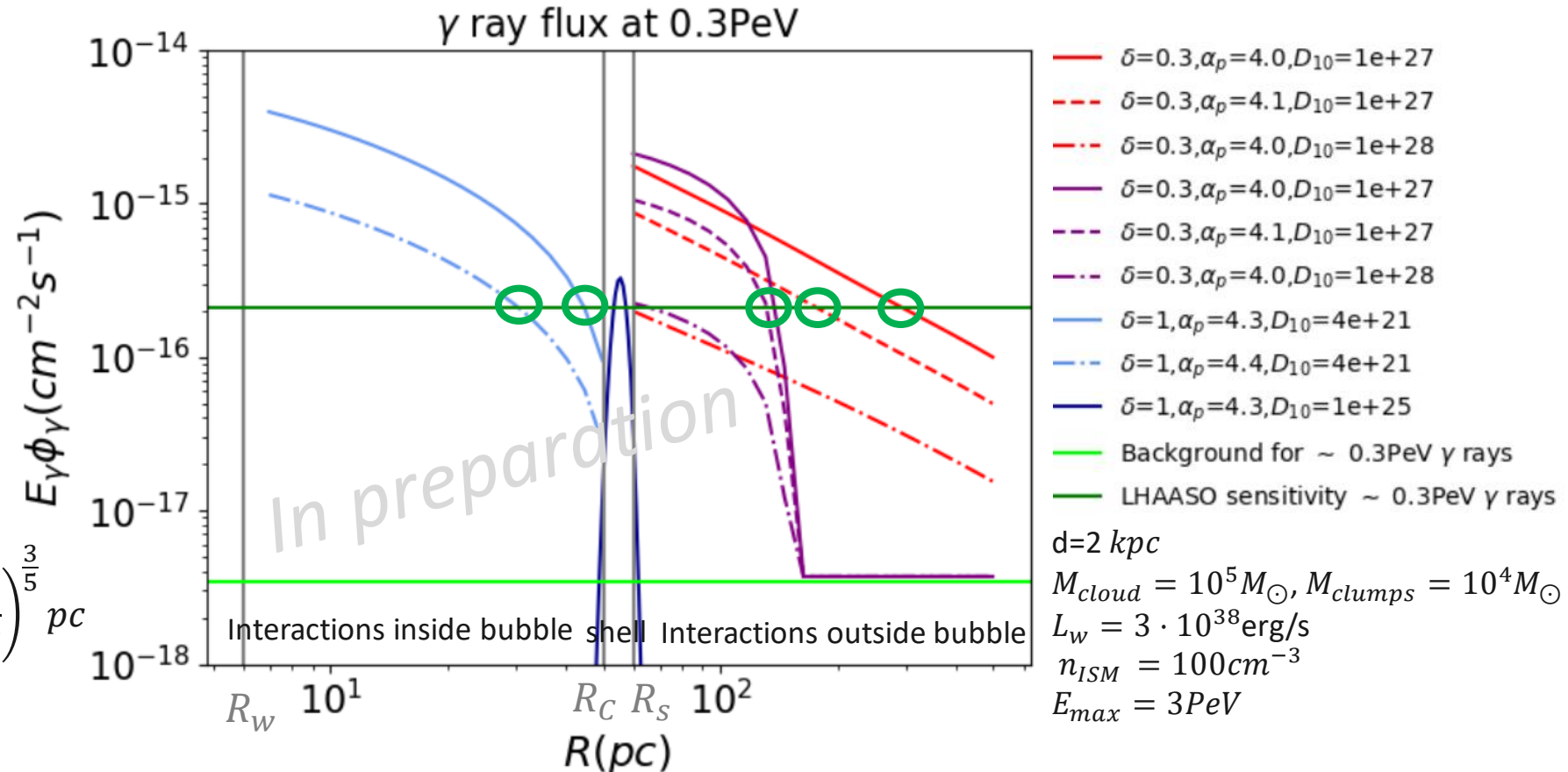
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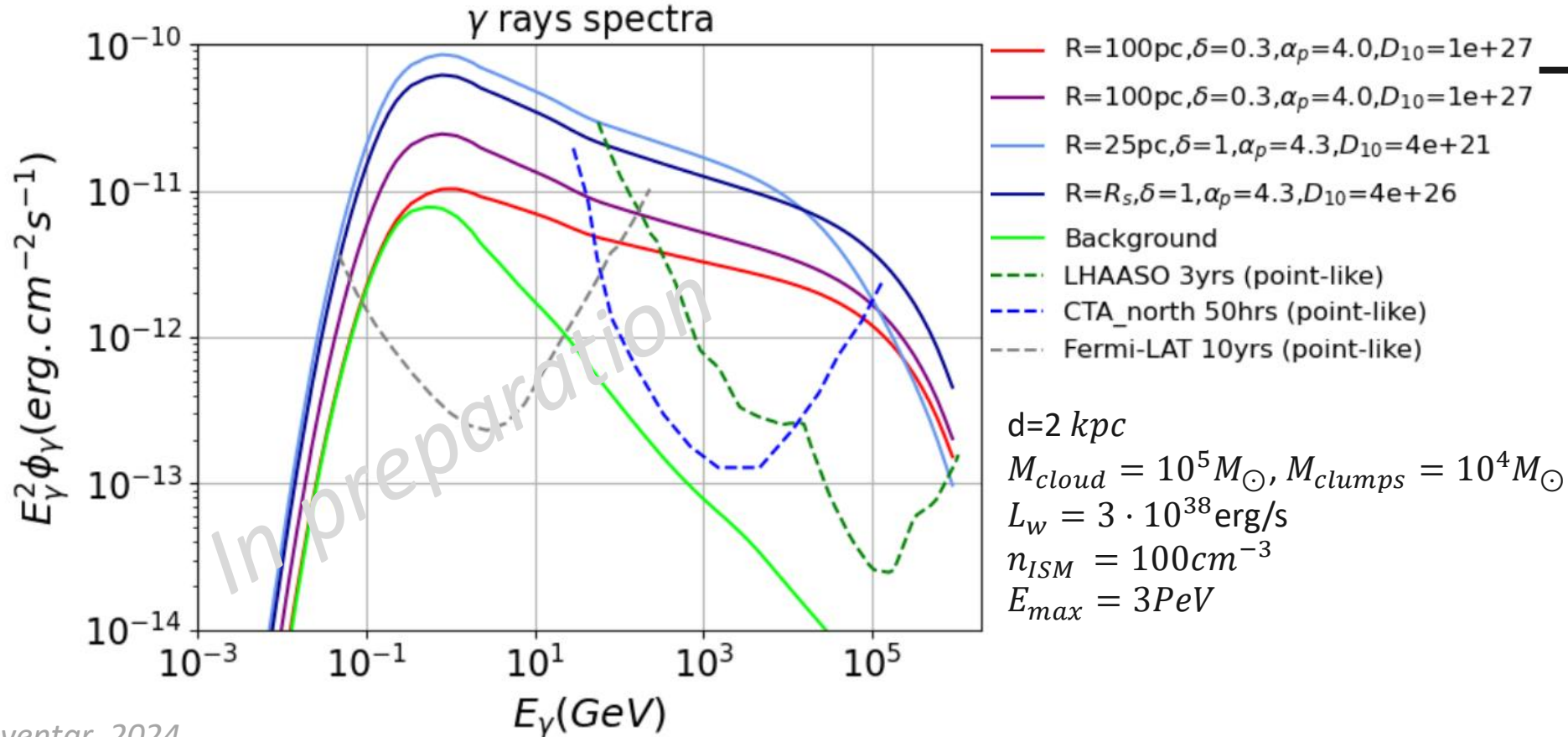
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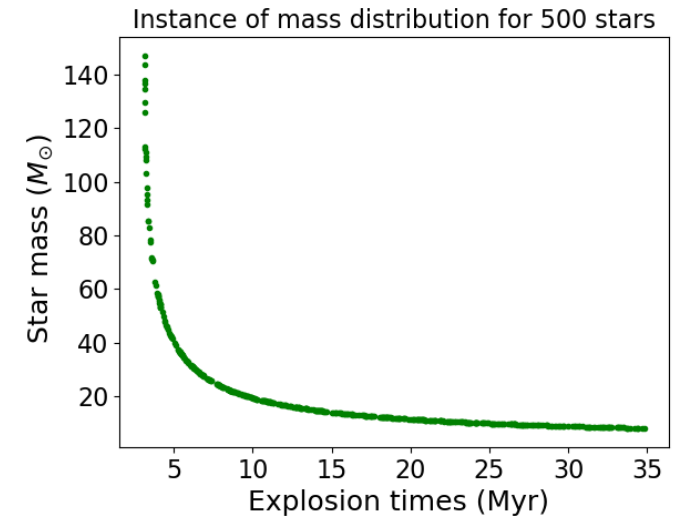
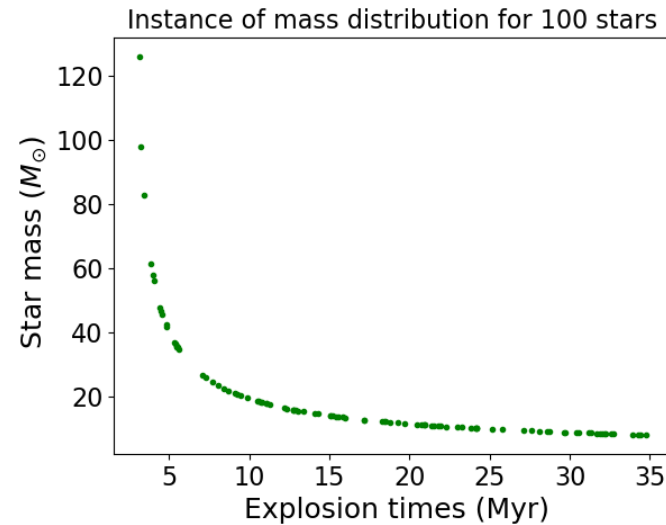


→ Suppression of diffusion coefficient via streaming instabilities

→ deduce the minimal parameters configuration enabling a detectable excess

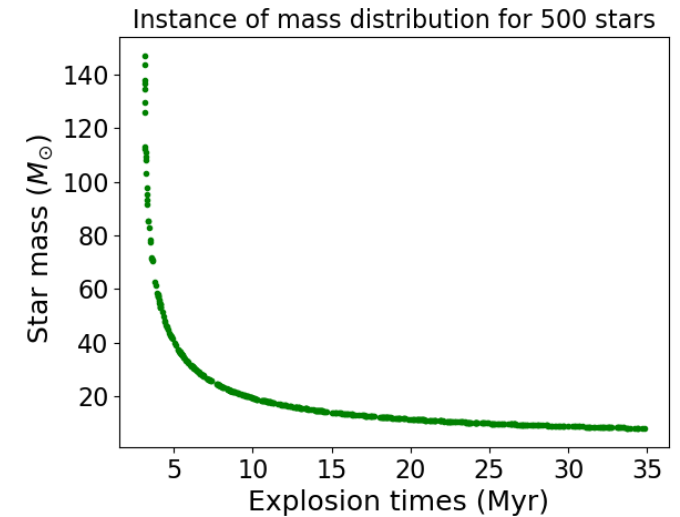
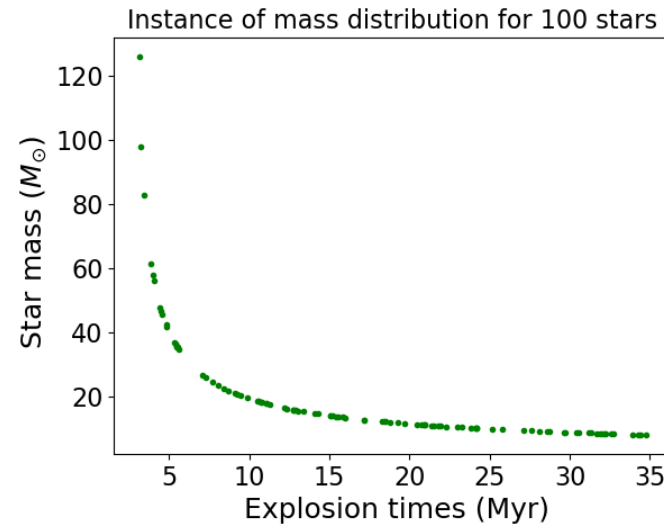
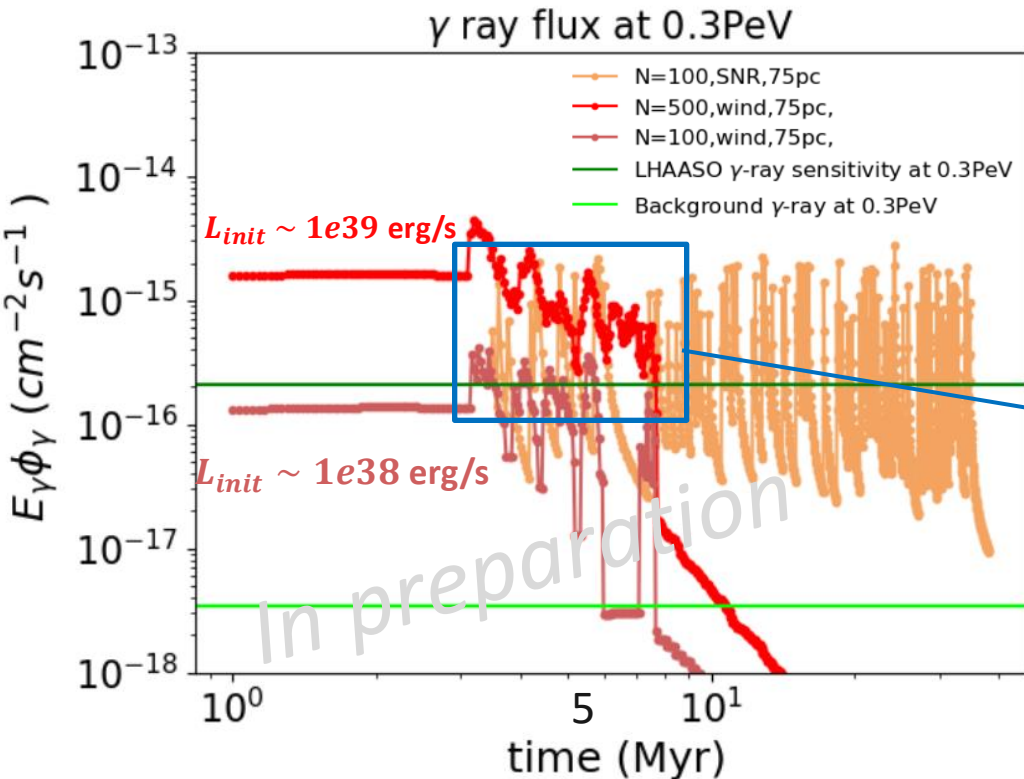
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- Most of the luminosity comes from massive stars, that die quickly (with a WR phase before giving a SNR)
- Either need a lot of MS stars and very young clusters ( $< \sim 3 \text{ Myr}$ )
- Or can be a bit older ( $\sim 5 \text{ Myr}$ ) and with less stars, using the WR phase

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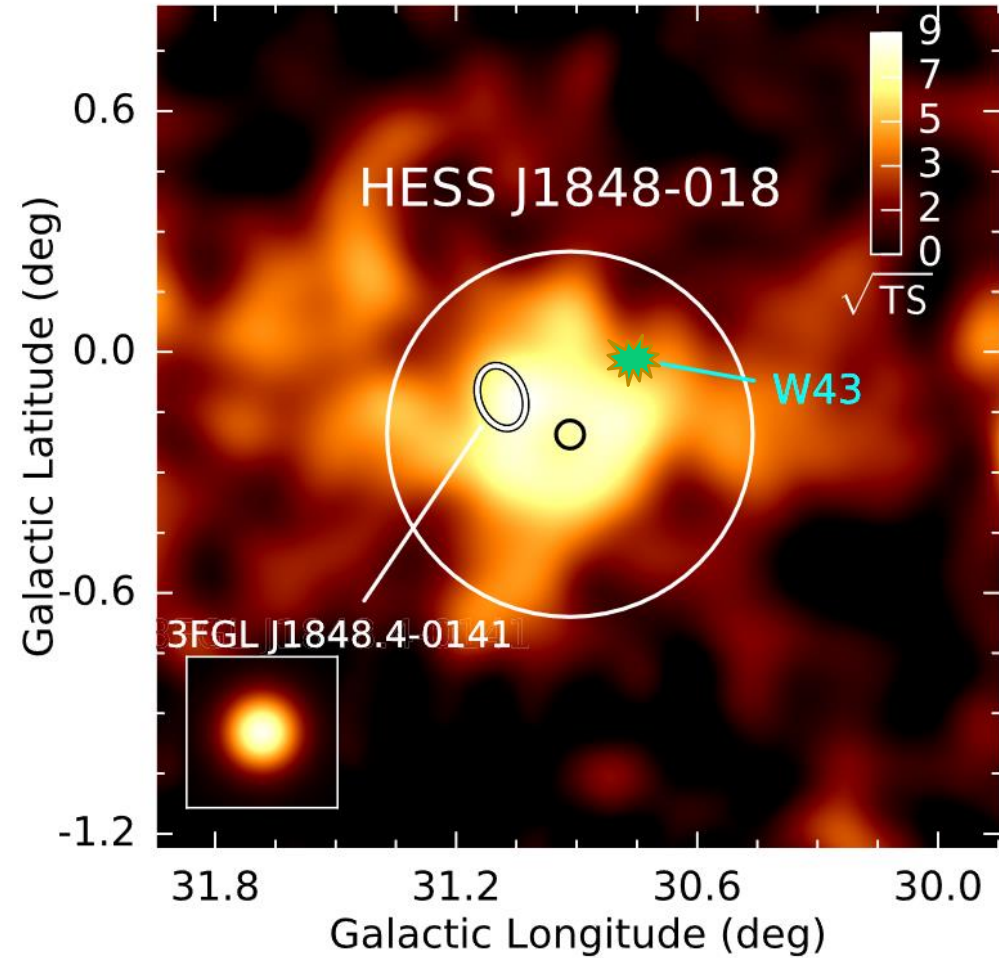
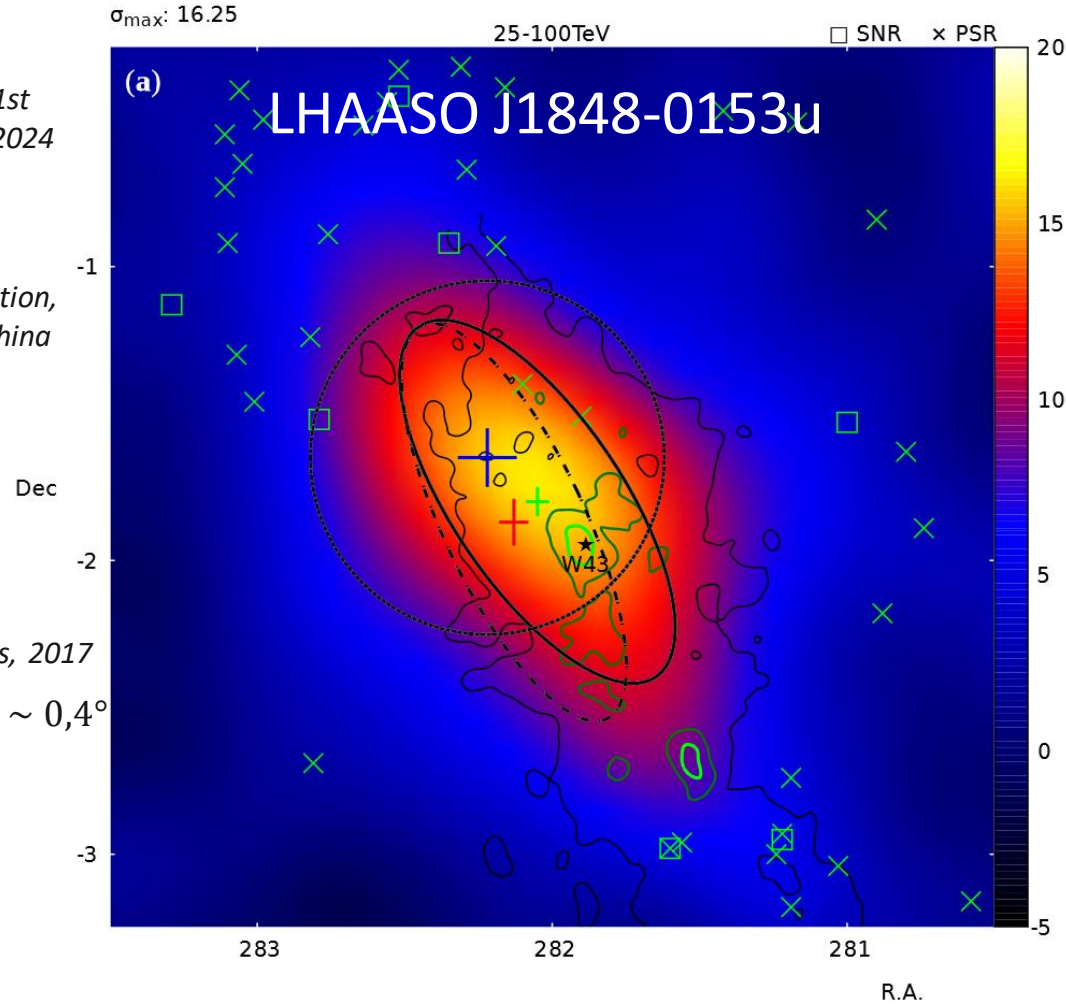
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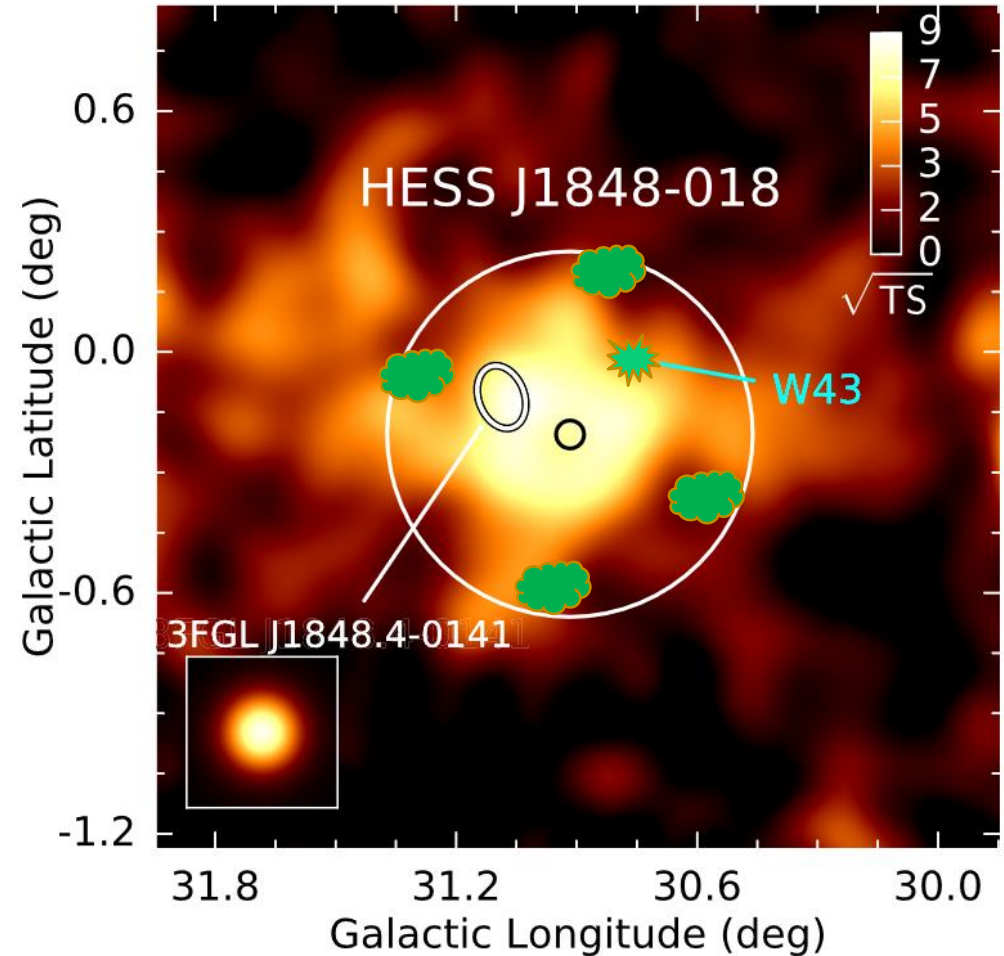
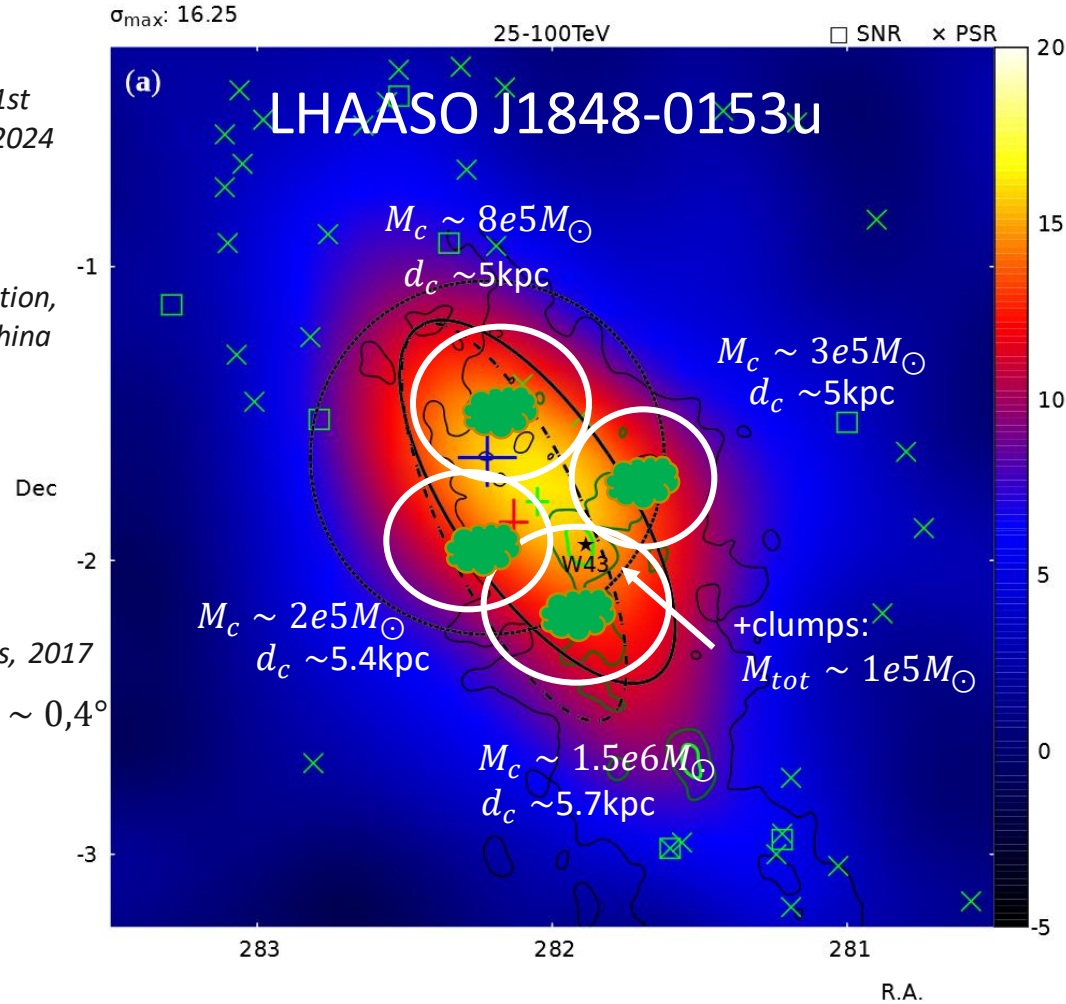
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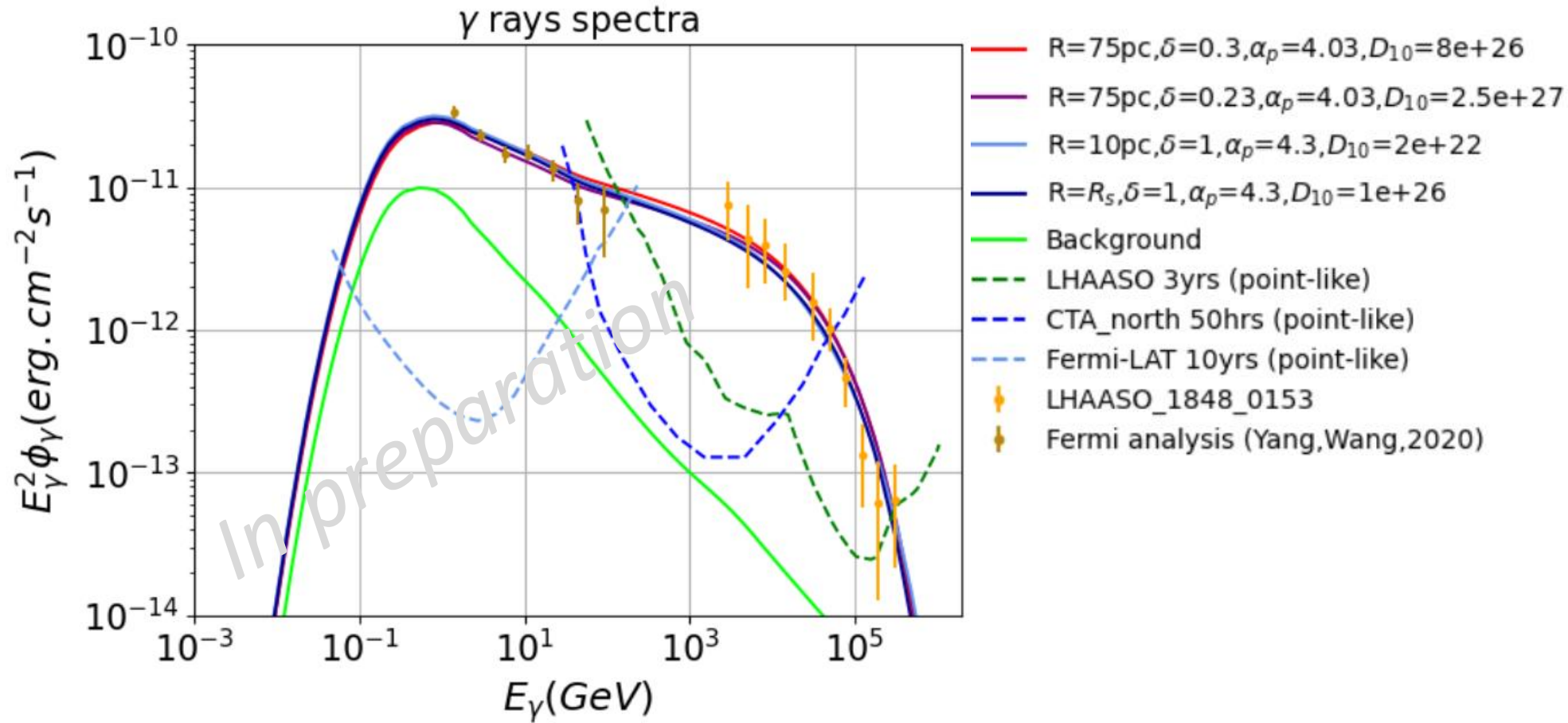


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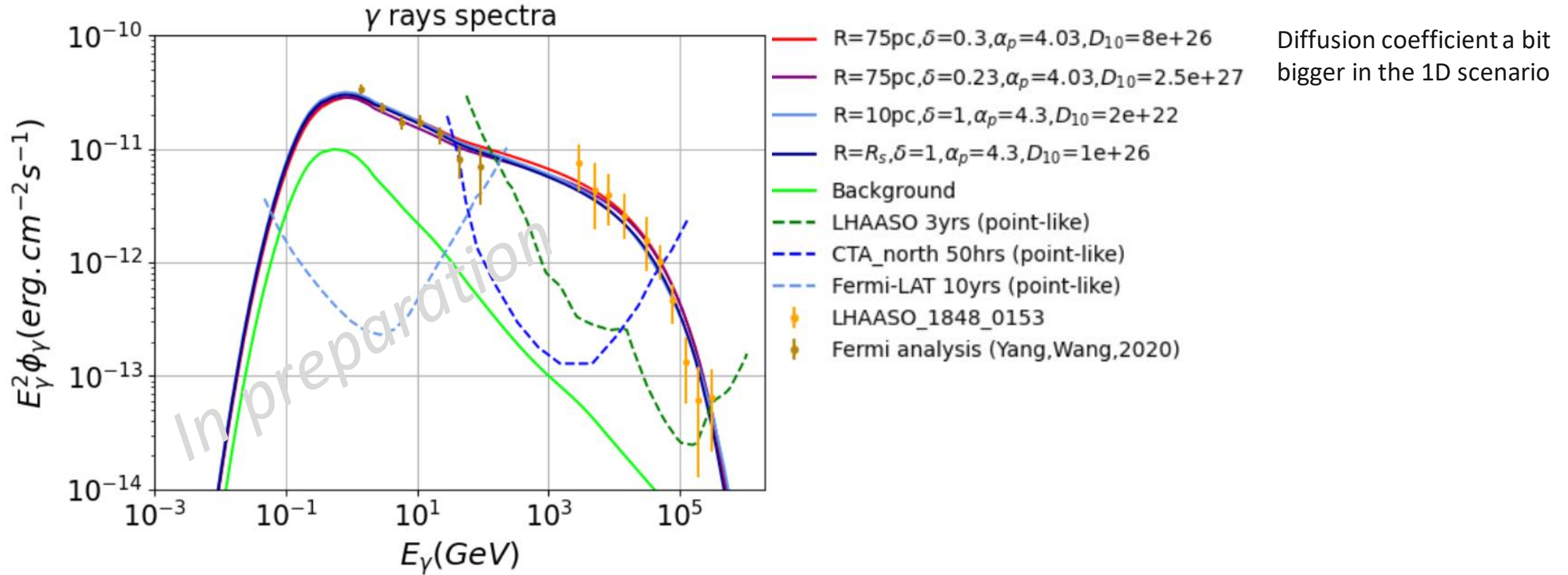
- Leptonic ? Big extension so difficult because of the cooling time, but should do leptonic model to be sure

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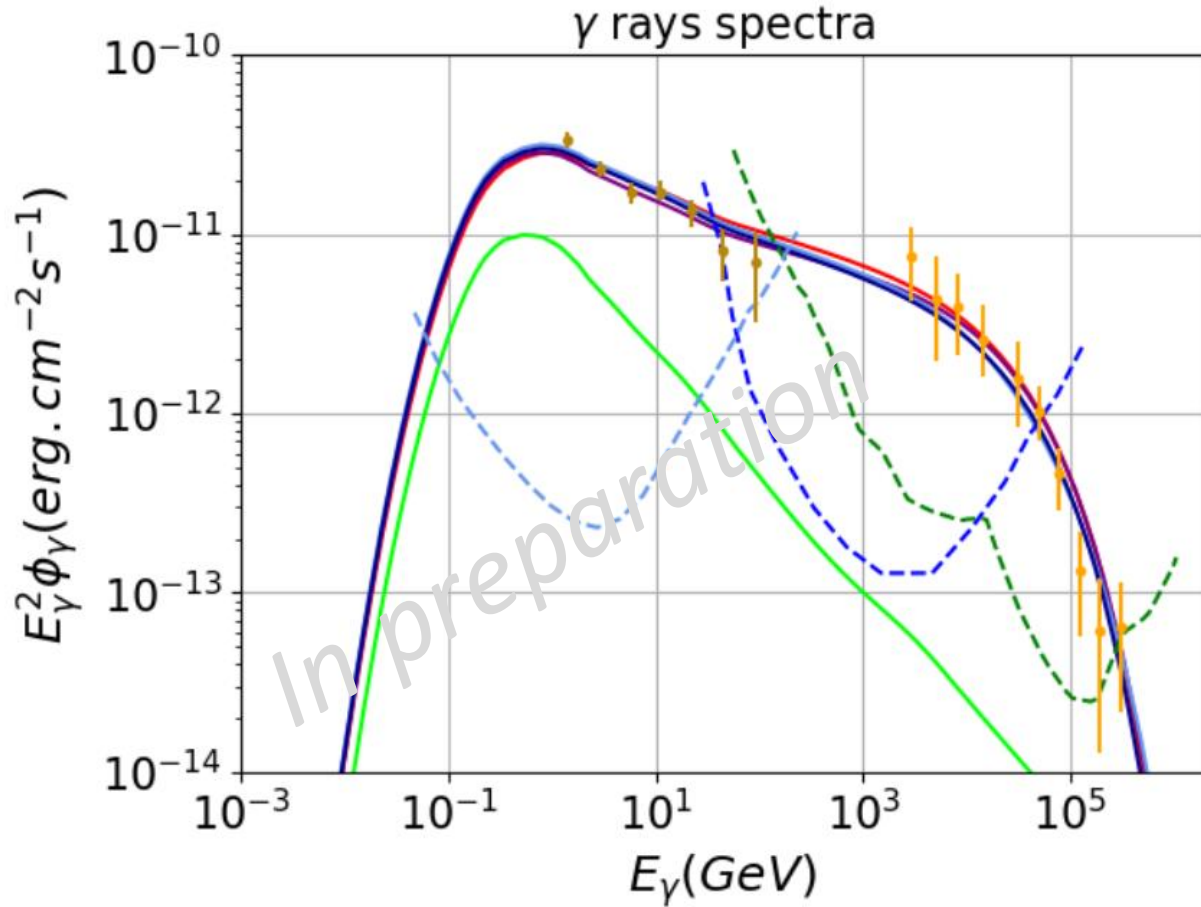
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- Background
- - LHAASO 3yrs (point-like)
- - CTA\_north 50hrs (point-like)
- - Fermi-LAT 10yrs (point-like)
- ♦ LHAASO\_1848\_0153
- ♦ Fermi analysis (Yang, Wang, 2020)

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## Constrained parameter :

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