



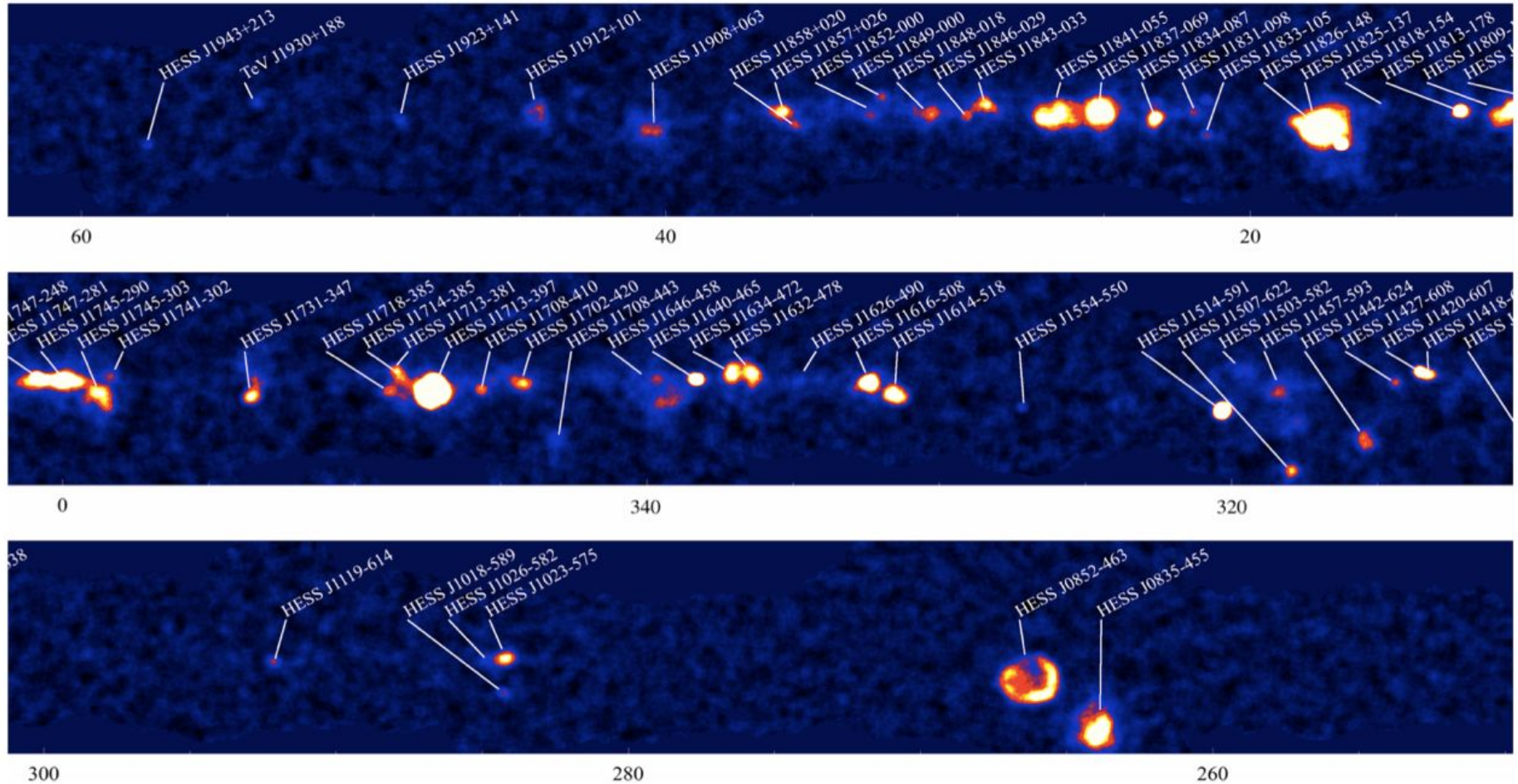
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Gamma-ray astronomy

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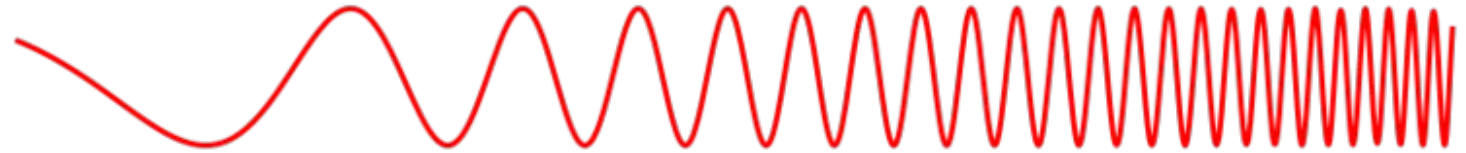
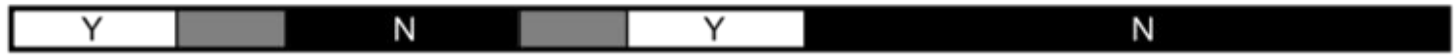
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Why do objects emit light?

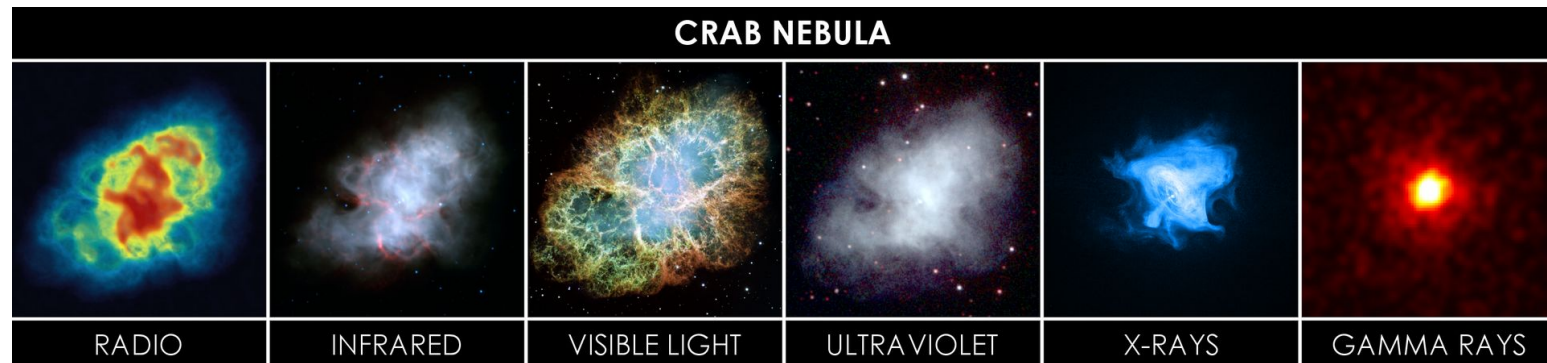
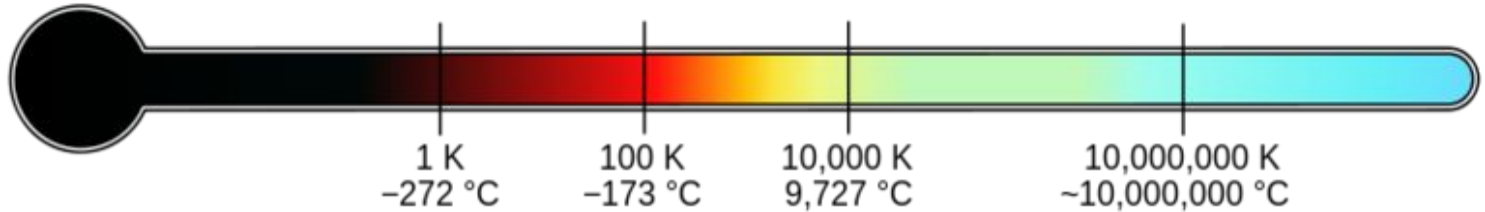
Penetrates Earth's Atmosphere?



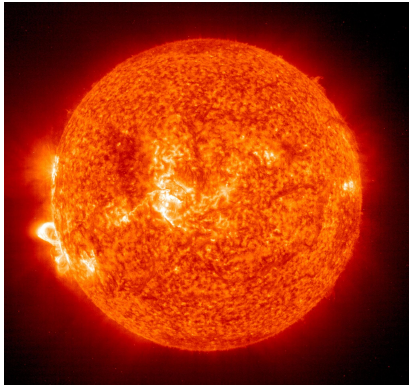
Radiation Type
Wavelength (m)



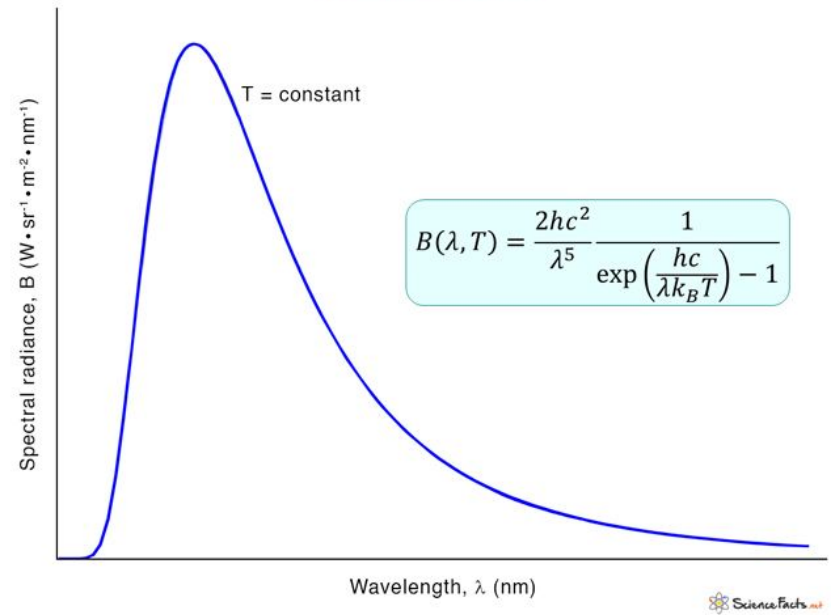
Temperature of objects at which this radiation is the most intense wavelength emitted



$$u_\nu(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}} - 1}$$



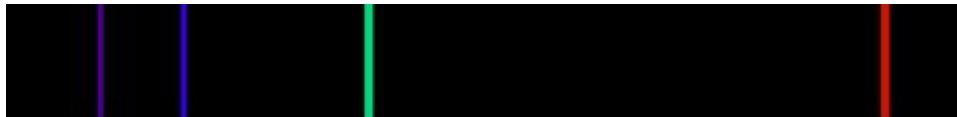
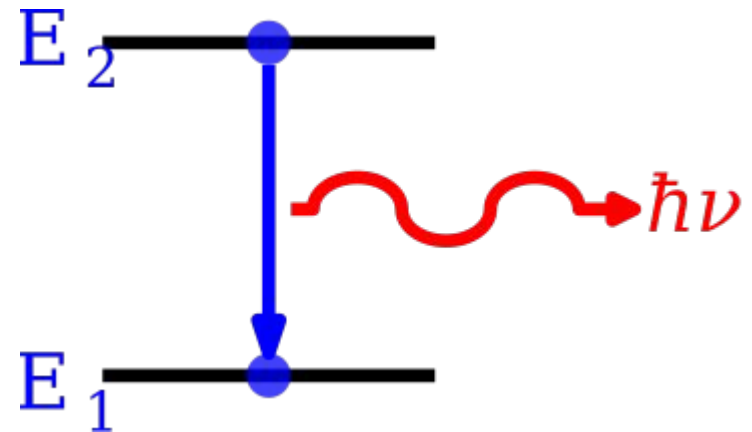
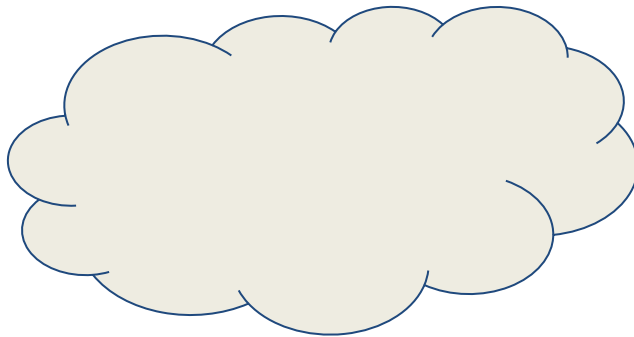
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Continuous spectra

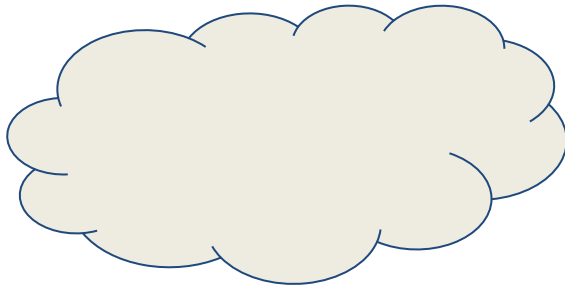
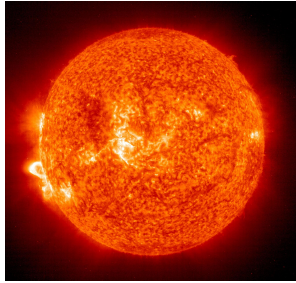


Spontaneous emission due to transition from high to low energy state

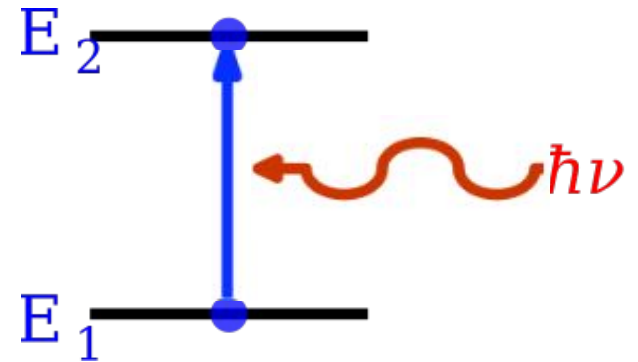
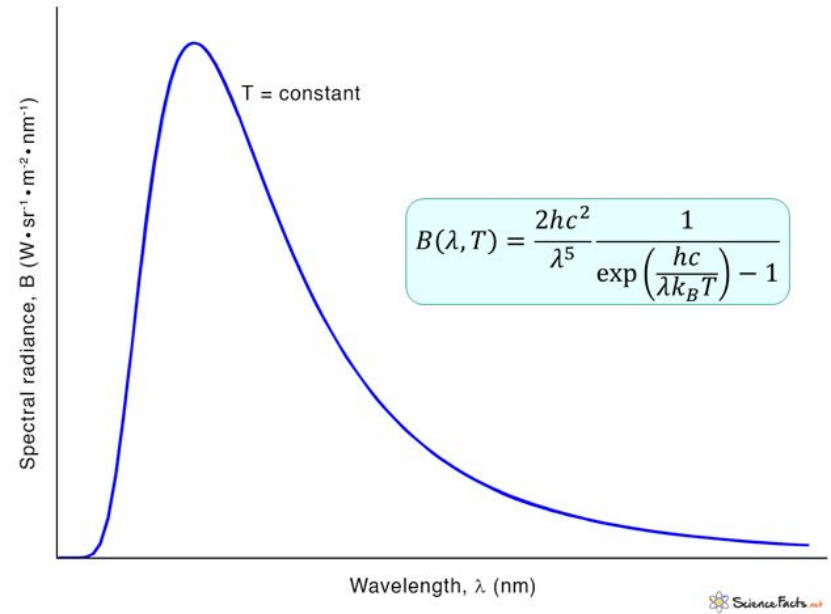


Line spectra

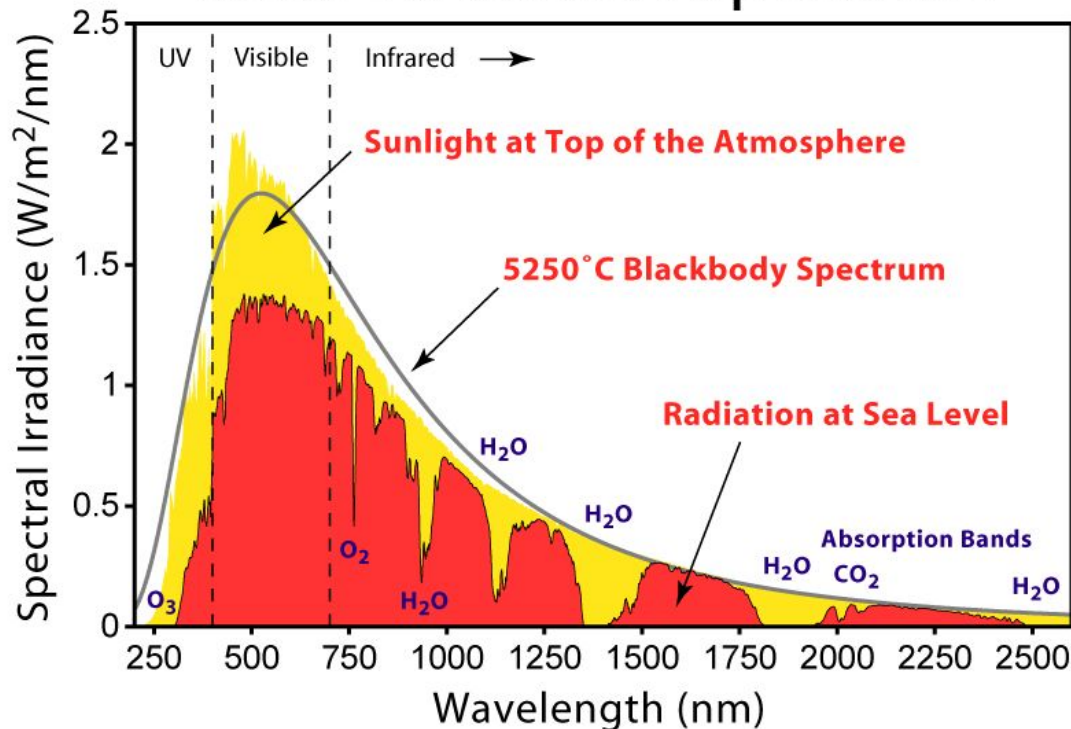
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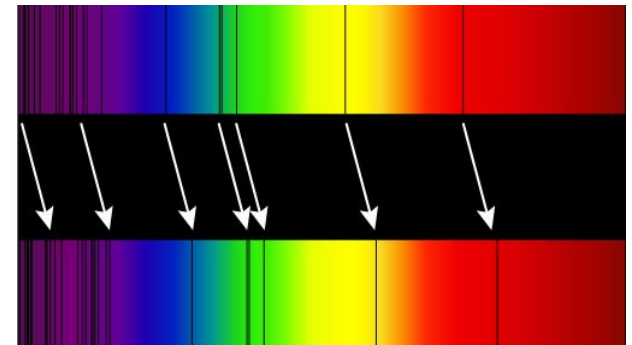
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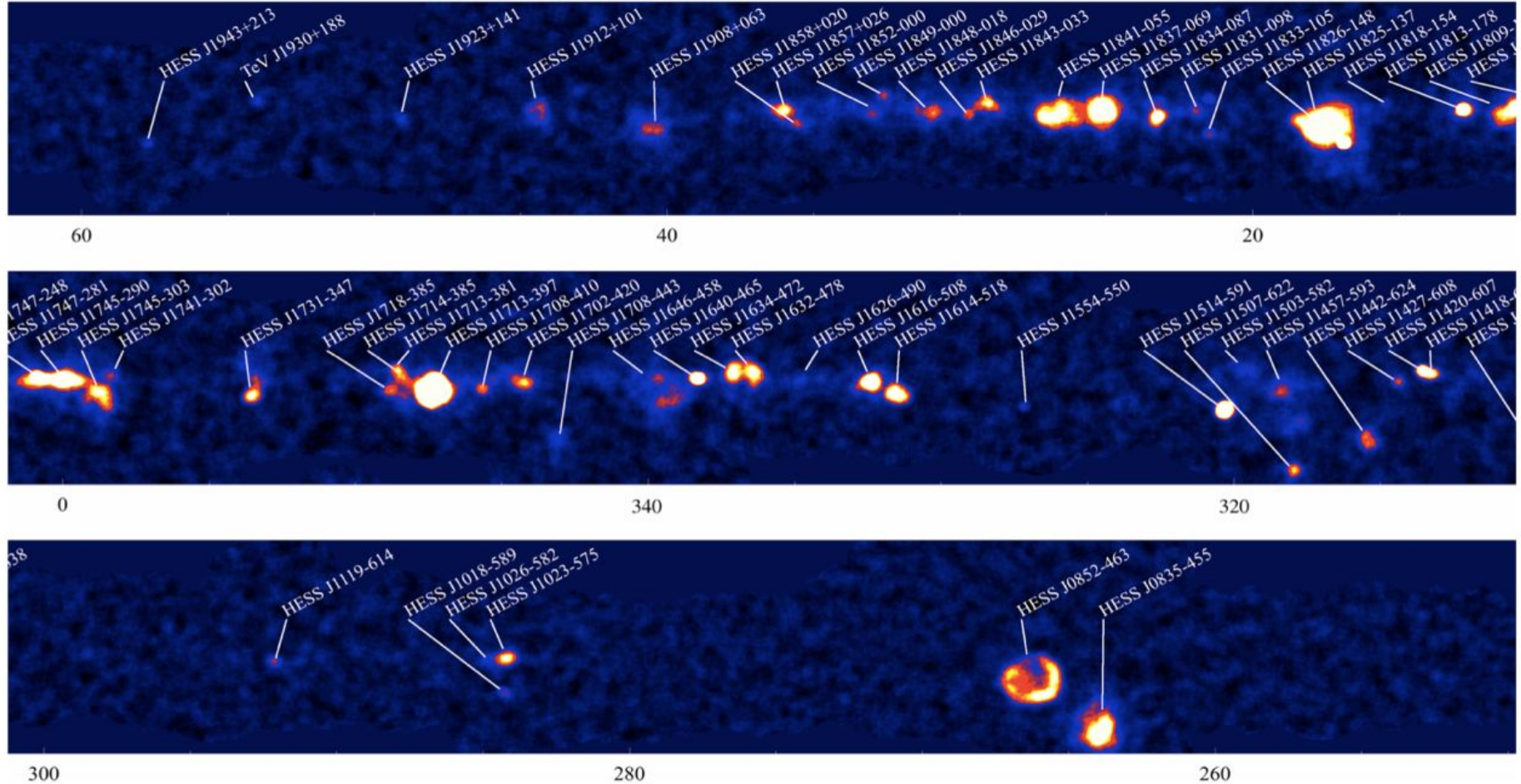
Solar Radiation Spectrum



- Temperature of the object photosphere
- Composition of the object vicinity
- Composition of the gas in the line of sight (here the atmosphere !)
- many more :
 - temperature of the gas (doppler broadening)
 - gas pressure
 - redshift



Very hot objects ?



$$L_{\Omega, \nu}^{\circ}(\nu, T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

- 1 GeV $\sim 10^{13}$ Kelvin !
- 1 TeV $\sim 10^{16}$ Kelvin !

$$\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \frac{M_{\odot}}{M_p} k_B T$$



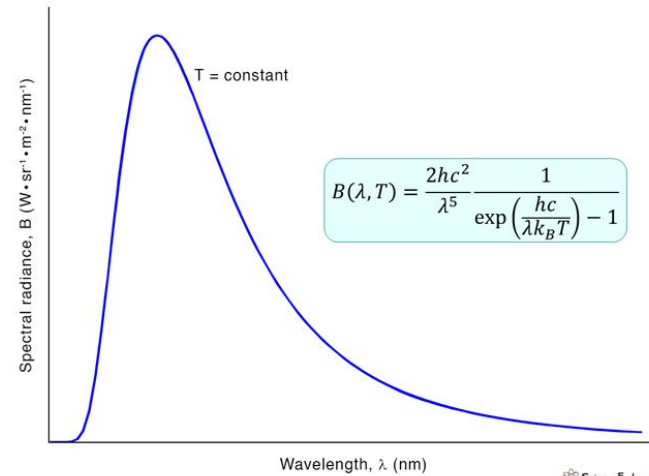
$\sim 10^{50}$ Joules per solar mass for TeV
 $\sim 10^{47}$ Joules per solar mass for GeV

10^{13} Kelvin is the temperature of the universe 1 ms (!!!) after big bang

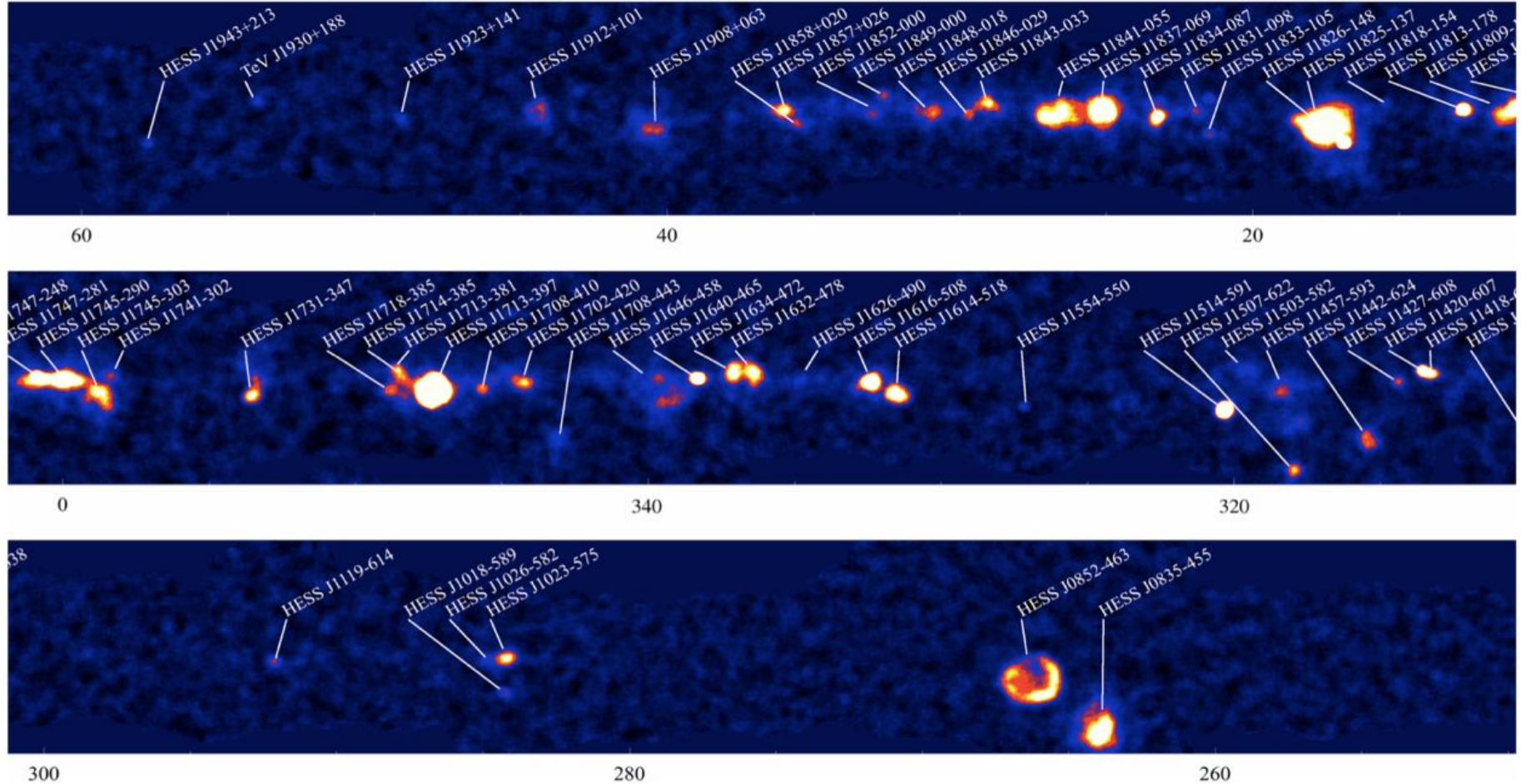
(strongest hypernova ever detected 10^{49} joules !)

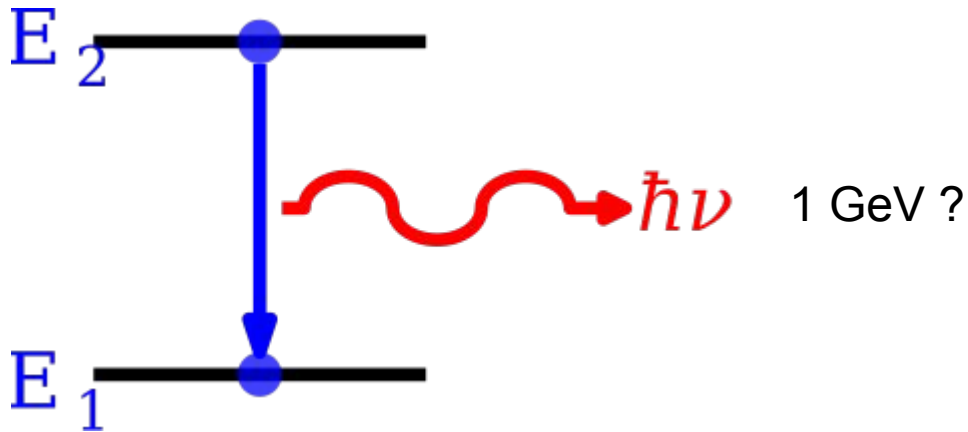
- It looks completely unrealistic to have thermal gamma rays

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Spontaneous emission of heavy nuclei ?



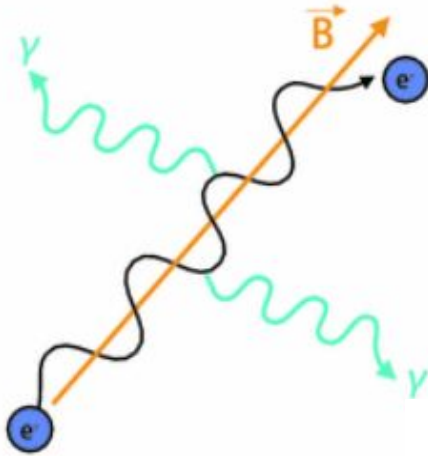


$$E_n = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV} \cdot Z^2}{n^2} \quad \text{uranium } Z = 92$$

Transition to $n = \infty \rightarrow n = 1$

$\sim 115 \text{ keV} \ll 1 \text{ GeV}$

Gamma-ray production



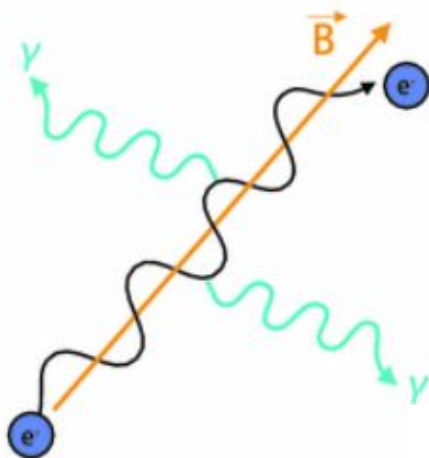
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Depend on magnetic field square !



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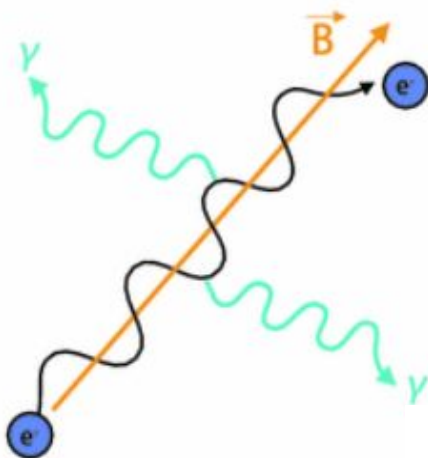
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1 nT ~ Galactic magnetic field

$$E_c = 1.9 \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{B}{1 \text{ nT}} \right) \text{ keV}$$

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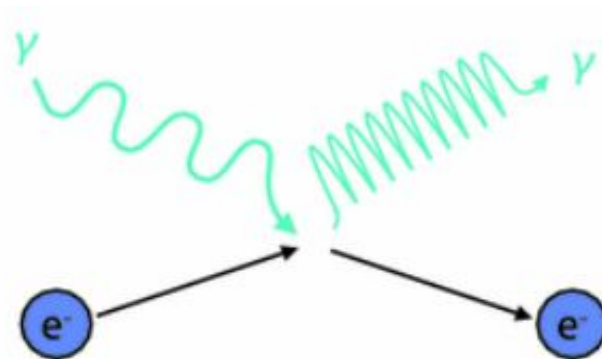
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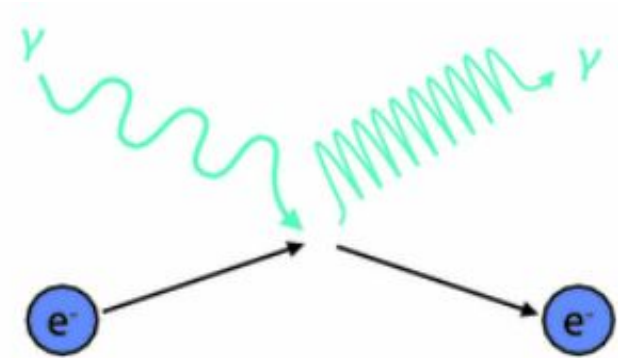
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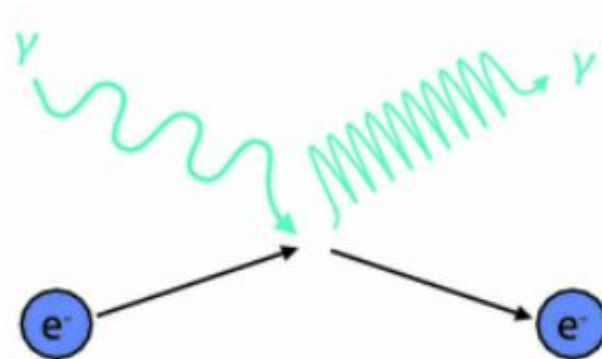
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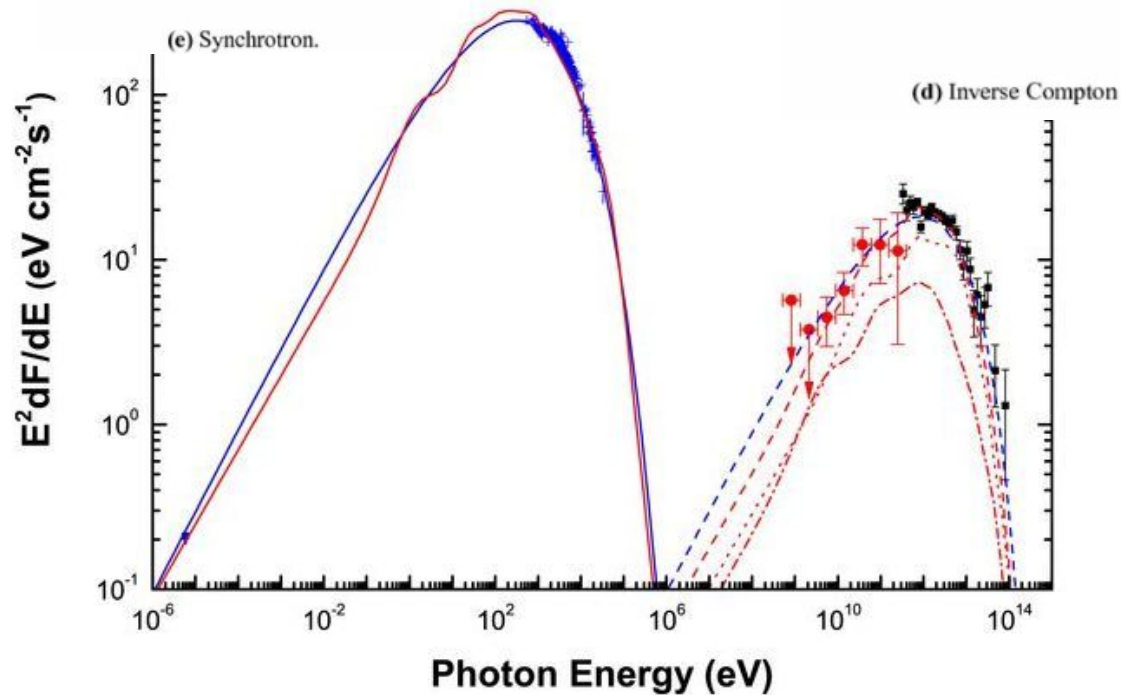
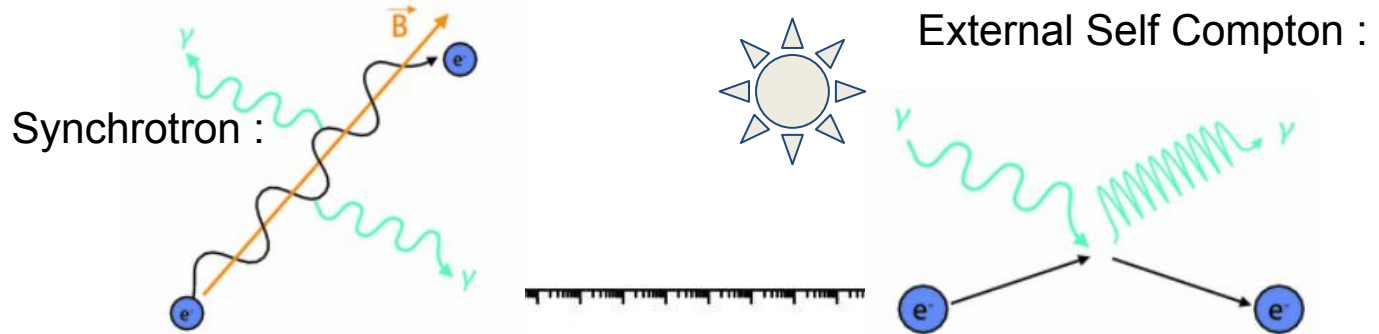
$$\langle E_\gamma^{\text{IC}} \rangle \approx 3.2 \text{ MeV} \cdot \left(\frac{E_e}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\langle \epsilon_{\text{rad}} \rangle}{6.34 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

$E_e = 100 \text{ TeV}$, CMB, $E_{\text{IC}} = 32 \text{ GeV}$ (10^7 times galactic synchrotron !!)

$E_e = 10 \text{ TeV}$, IR (50 K), **$E_{\text{IC}} = 5.7 \text{ TeV}$**

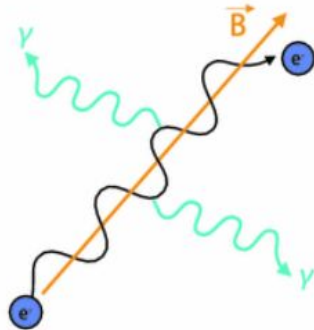


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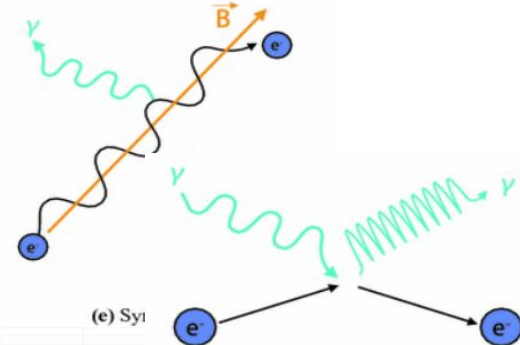


These two peaks are produced by the same population of electrons

Synchrotron :

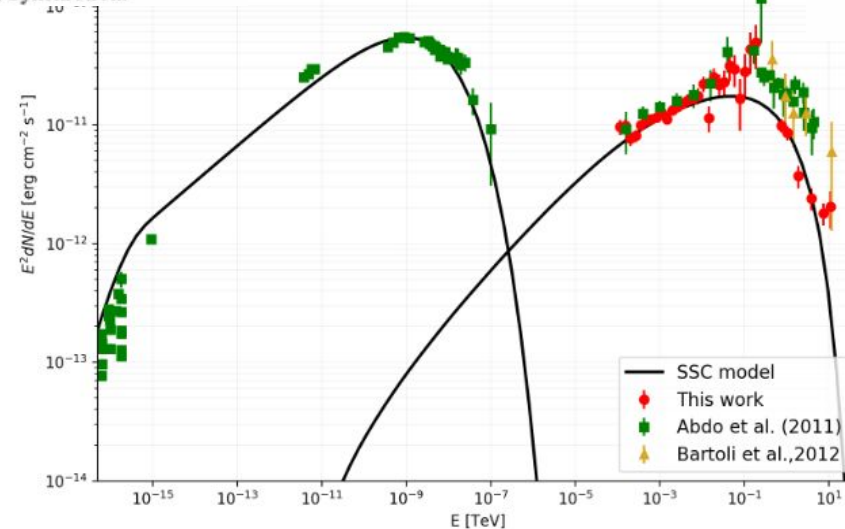


Synchrotron Self Compton :

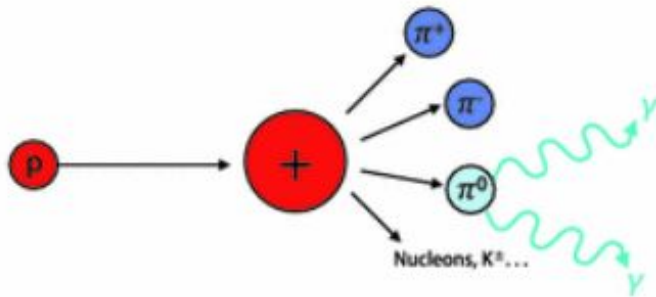


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(e) Synchrotron.



(d) Inverse Compton



(c) Pion decay

$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^0$$

$$p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$$

$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

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

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$$

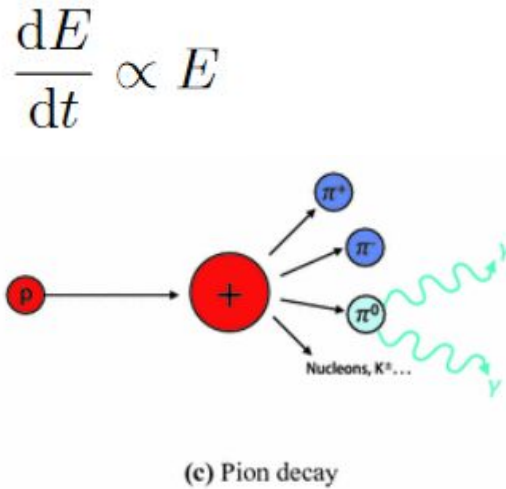
$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

$$E_\gamma \sim E_p / 10$$

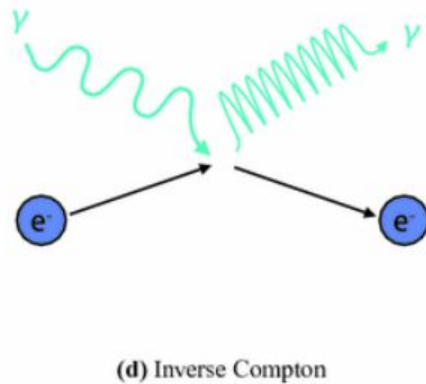
Same spectra than parent population

$$E_\gamma > \frac{1}{2} m_\pi c^2 = 67.5 \text{ MeV}$$

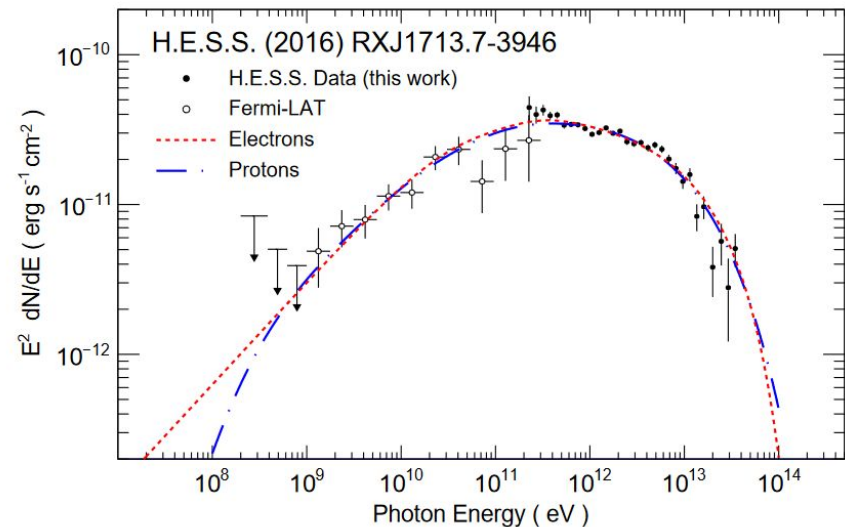
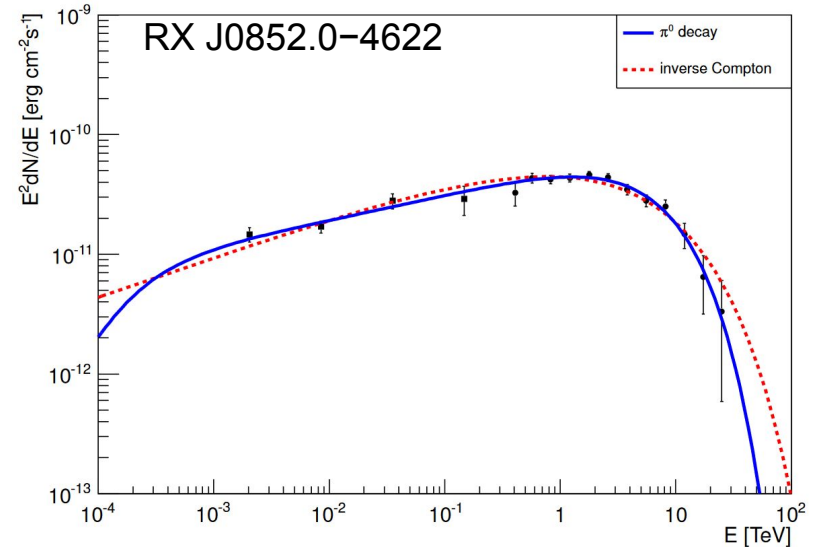
hadronic



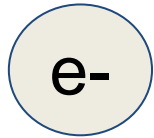
leptonic



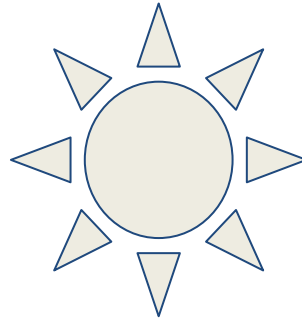
but neutrino production is a smoking gun for hadronic interaction



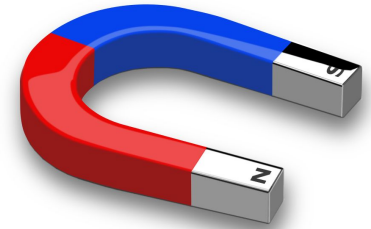
$$\gamma \gg 1$$



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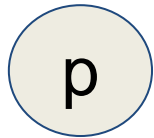


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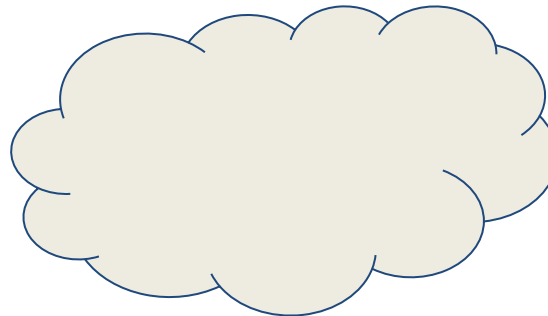


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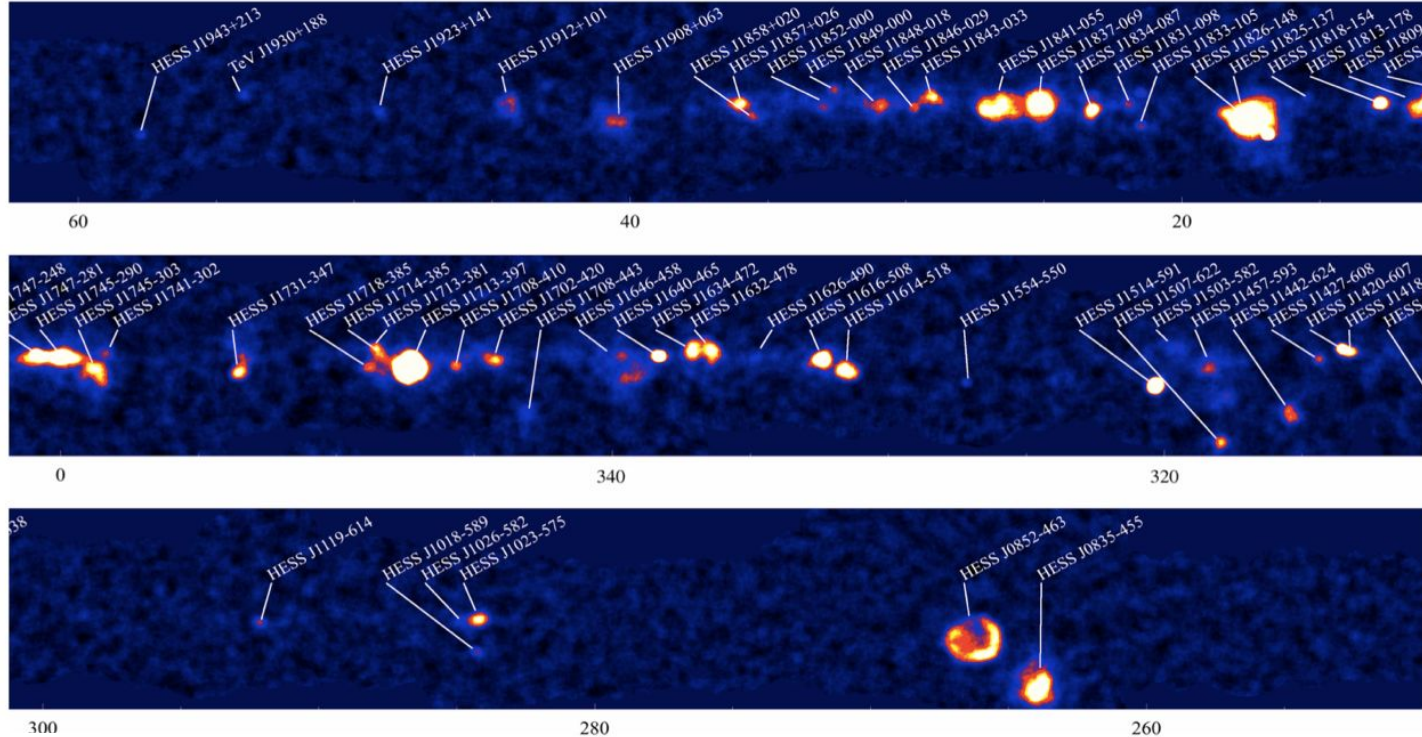
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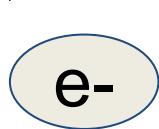
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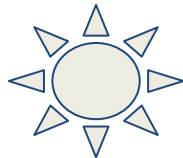
What do we need to produce gamma-rays ?



$\gamma \gg 1$



AND



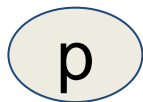
AND/OR



It exists places in our Galaxy (and beyond) that fullfill those criteria

AND/OR

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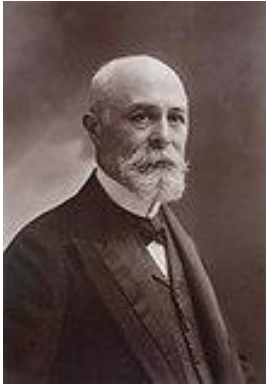


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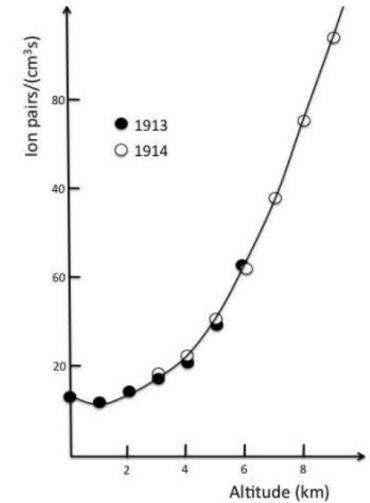
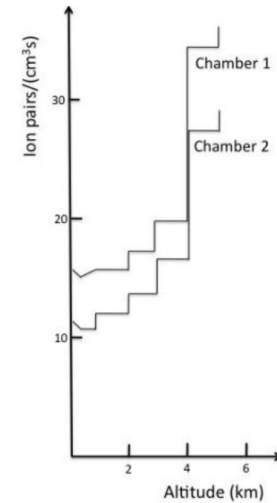
Cosmic rays

1896 : Radioactivity



1907-1914 :

cosmic rays are discovered



- **1939 : Pierre Auger** → detector on ground -> coincidence detector
- Coincidence detection up to ~100m !
- particle of 10^{15} eV -> ~100 x Large Hadron Collider

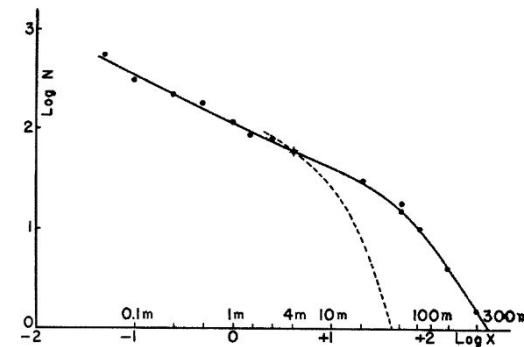
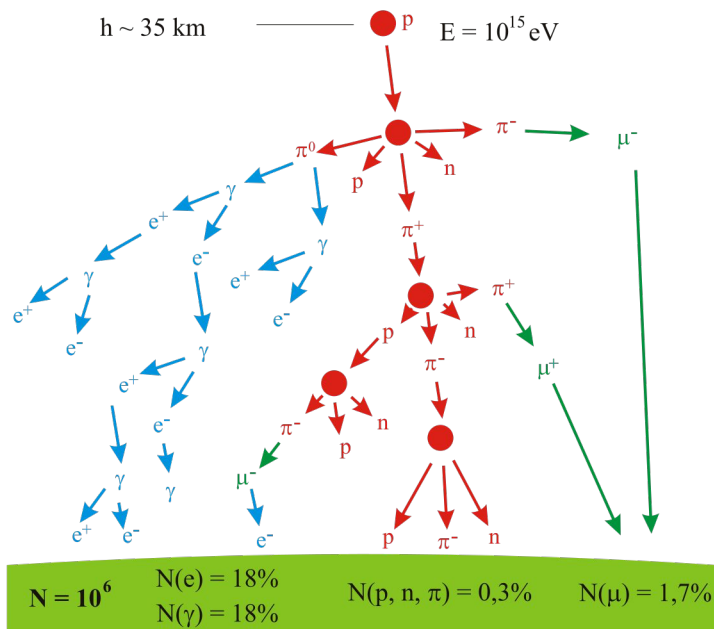
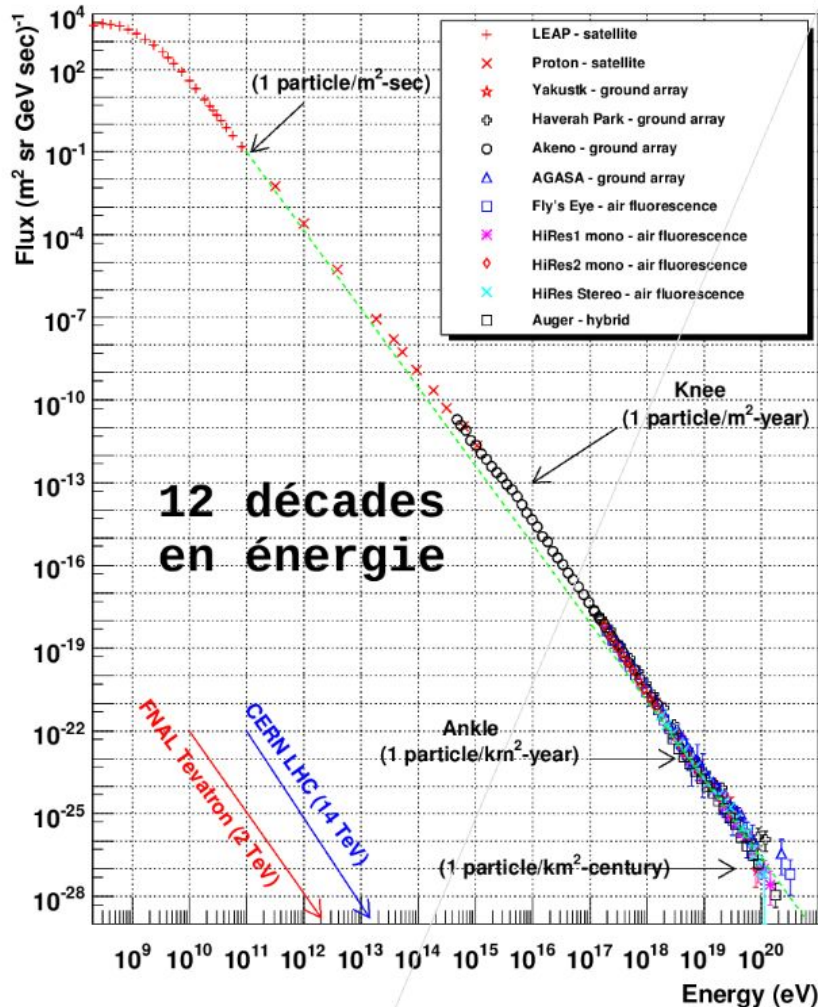


FIG. 1. Results with two parallel and horizontal counters.

CONCLUSION

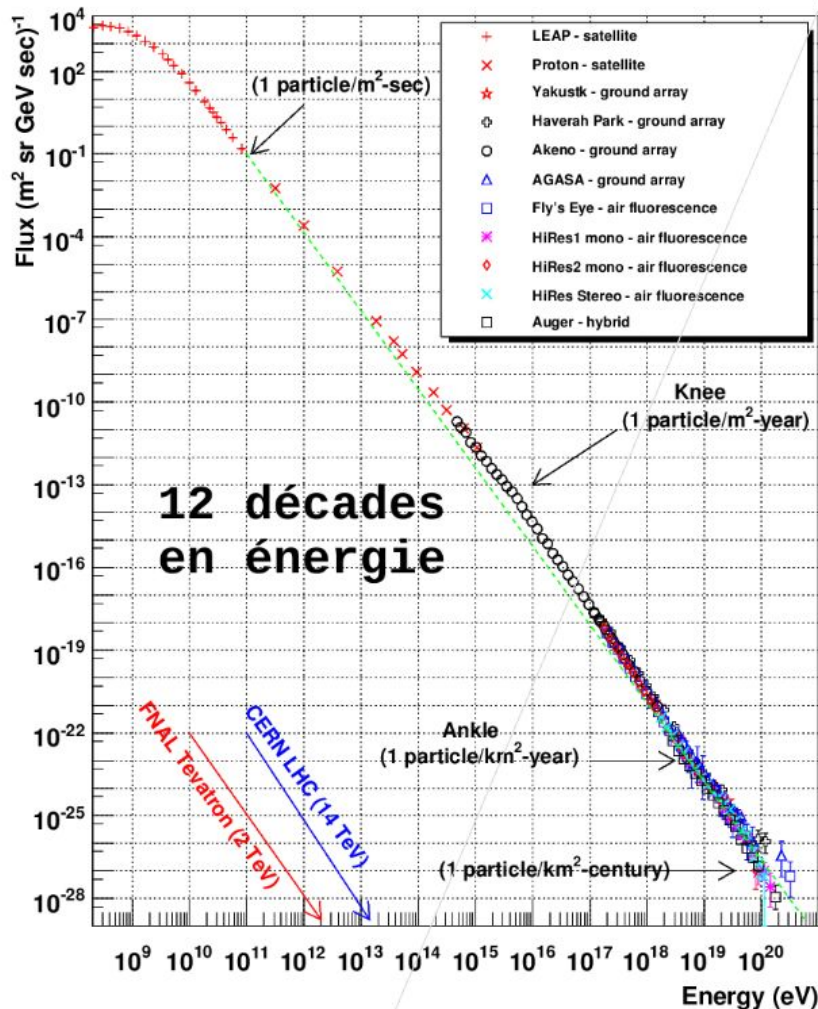
One of the consequences of the extension of the energy spectrum of cosmic rays up to 10^{15} eV is that it is actually impossible to imagine a single process able to give to a particle such an energy.

Cosmic Ray Spectra of Various Experiments



- 12 decades in energy
- Power law distribution
- **Galactic origin below the knee**
- Principally hadronic for the galactic part
- **Extra-galactic origin up to the ankle**
- **Charged particles**
- **Isotropic (almost)**
- Need natural particle accelerators

Cosmic Ray Spectra of Various Experiments



- Power law spectra :
we suppose a **multiplicative energy increases** after k process

$$E = \beta^k E_0$$

- we add a **probability P** to escape after each step

$$N(\geq E) = N_0 P^k$$

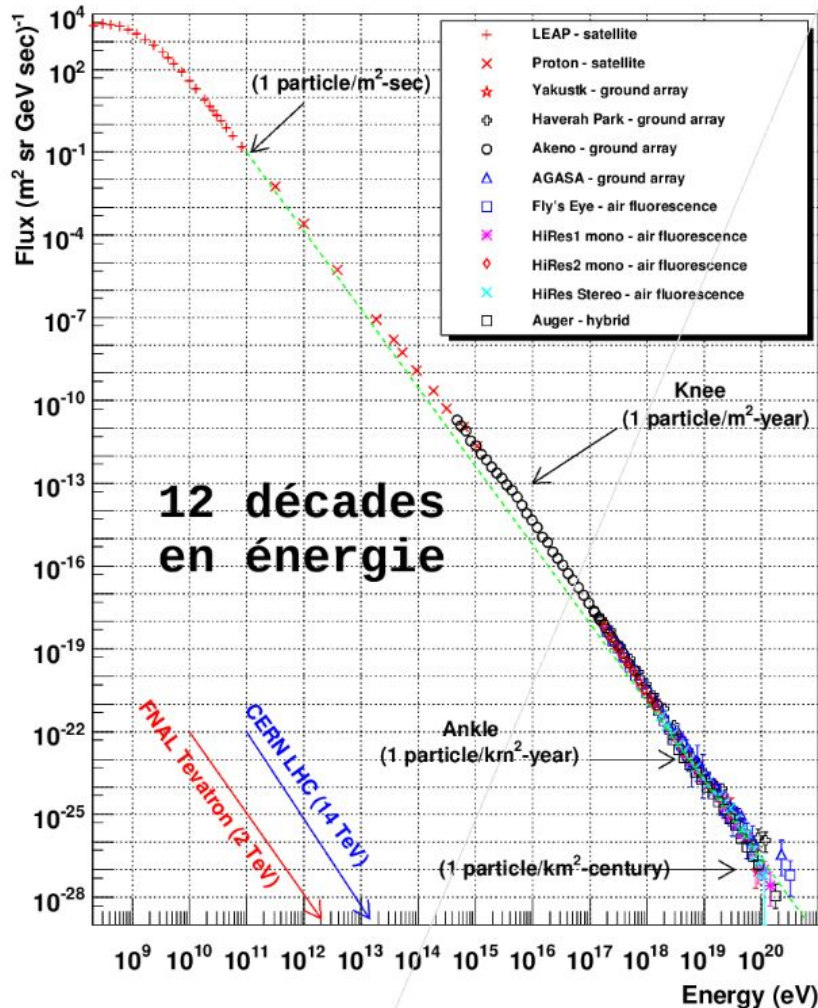
We combine them !

$$\frac{N(\geq E)}{N_0} = \left(\frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{\ln P / \ln \beta}$$

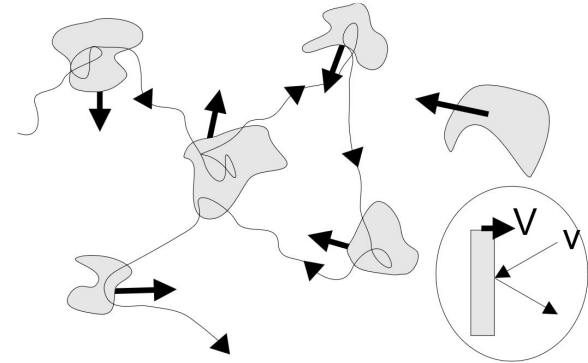
A **power law spectrum** emerges from these very simple assumptions :

- Fermi acceleration**, stochastic collision with magnetic inhomogeneities or shock waves

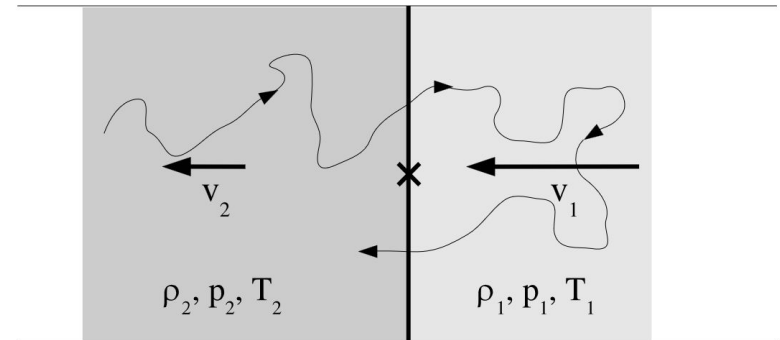
Cosmic Ray Spectra of Various Experiments



Second order Fermi acceleration



First order Fermi acceleration



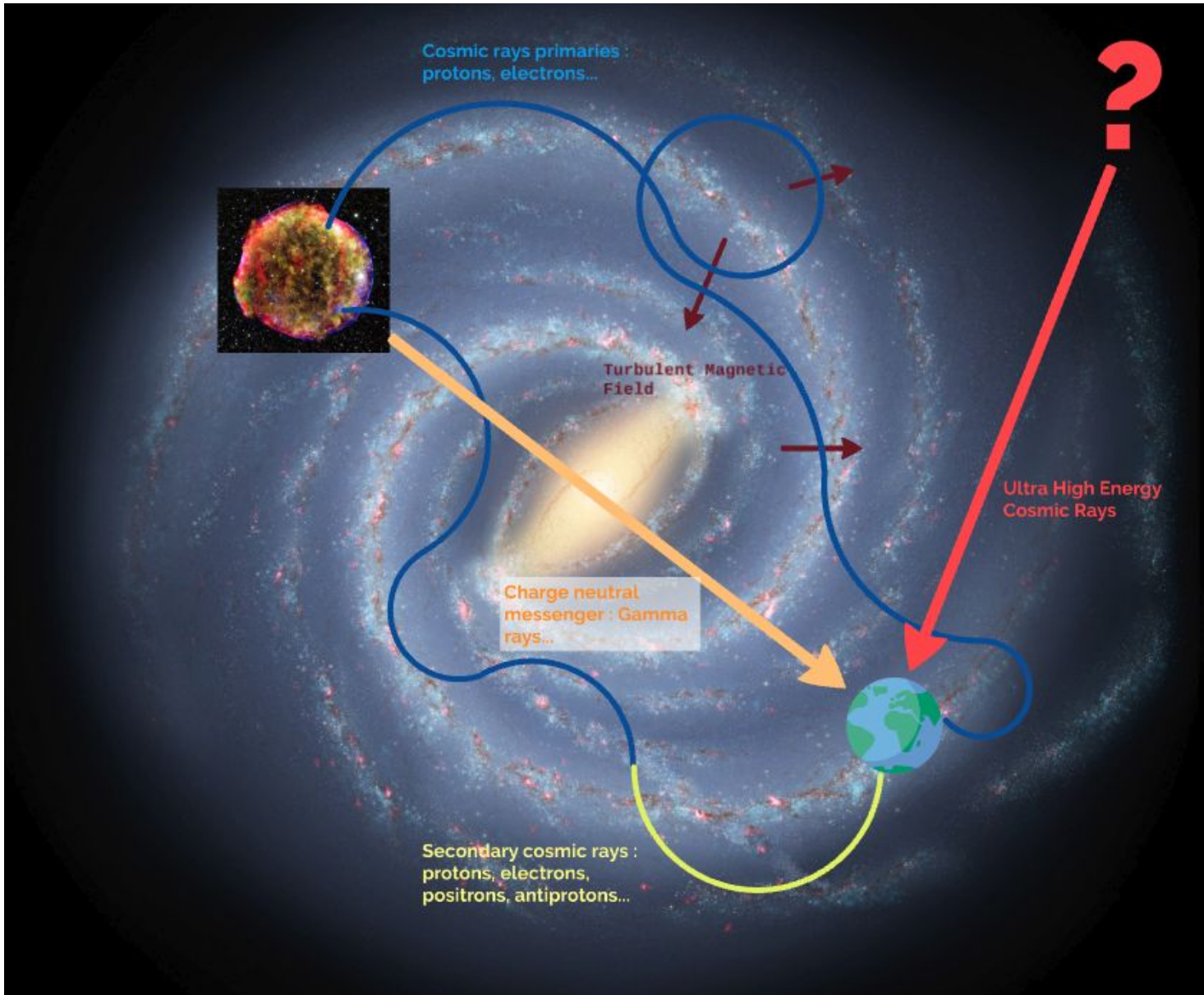
$$\left\langle \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right\rangle \propto \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^n$$

$$Z \left(\frac{r_L}{33km} \right) \left(\frac{B}{1G} \right) = \frac{E_{max}}{1GeV}$$

- To accelerate particles, accelerator need to confine magnetically the particle up to the escape energy
- Two types of efficient accelerators :
 - Big accelerator with low magnetic fields
 - Compact accelerators with strong magnetic fields
- Can be translated to a typical time

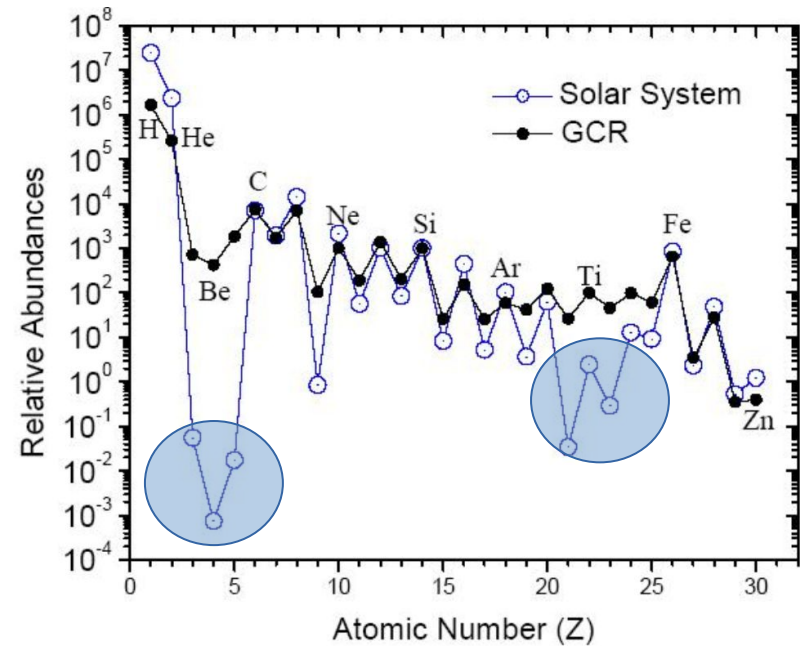
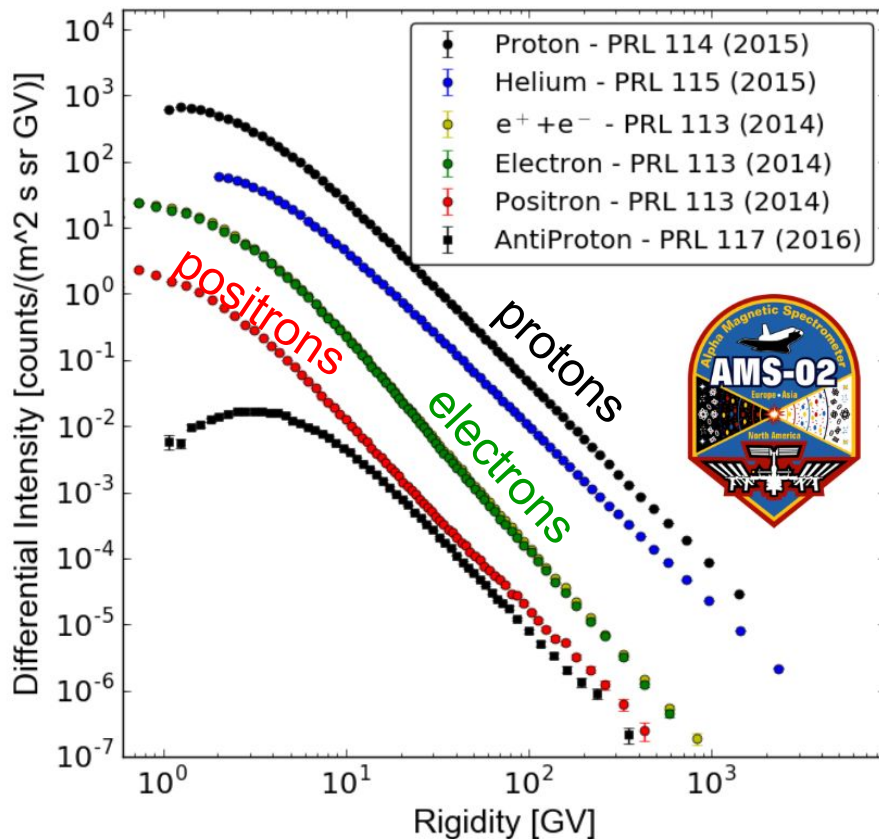
$$\frac{r_L}{c} = t_L$$

- Let's take value of the order of our galaxy (1 kpc, 1μG)
 - $E = 3 \cdot 10^{19}$ eV, $t = 3.2$ kyr
- What about a pulsar ? (30 km, 10^{12} G)
 - $E = 10^{21}$ eV, $t = 100$ μs
- But this formula ignore cooling of charged particle !
- Slow accelerator (galactic halo here) will be more affected by cooling ! Leptonic accelerators as well !
- In general, it makes compact objects with strong magnetic fields efficient acceleration sites



<https://ams02.space/collaboration>

AMS-02 Overview

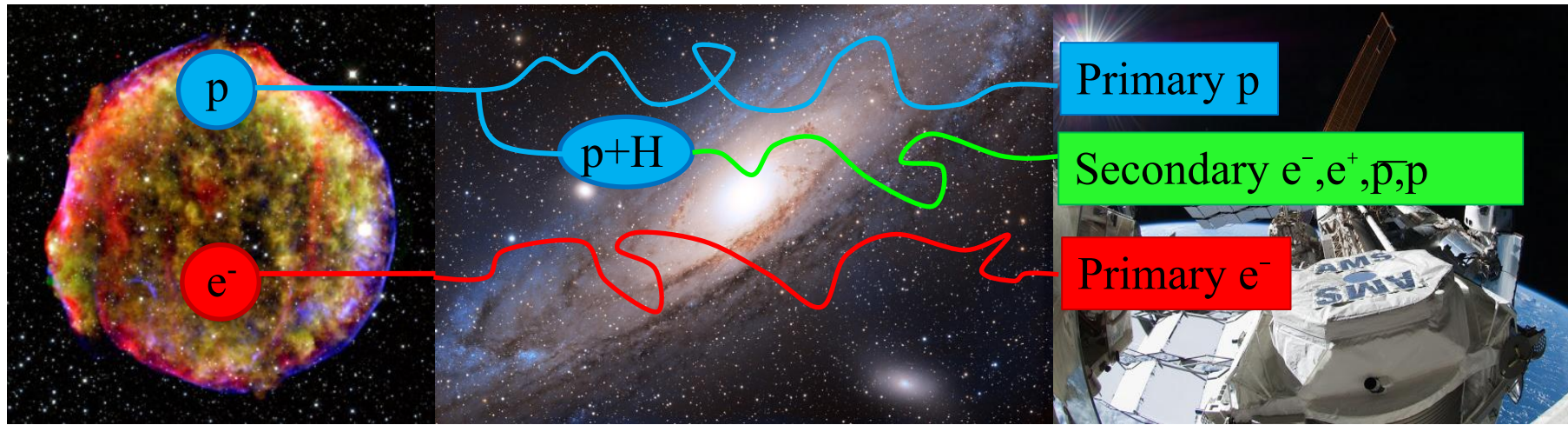


- **Composition** ~90 % protons
~10% helium ~1 % electrons
~0.1 % positrons →
dominated by matter
- Difference in abundance
compared to GCR due to
spallation

Production And acceleration

Galactic propagation

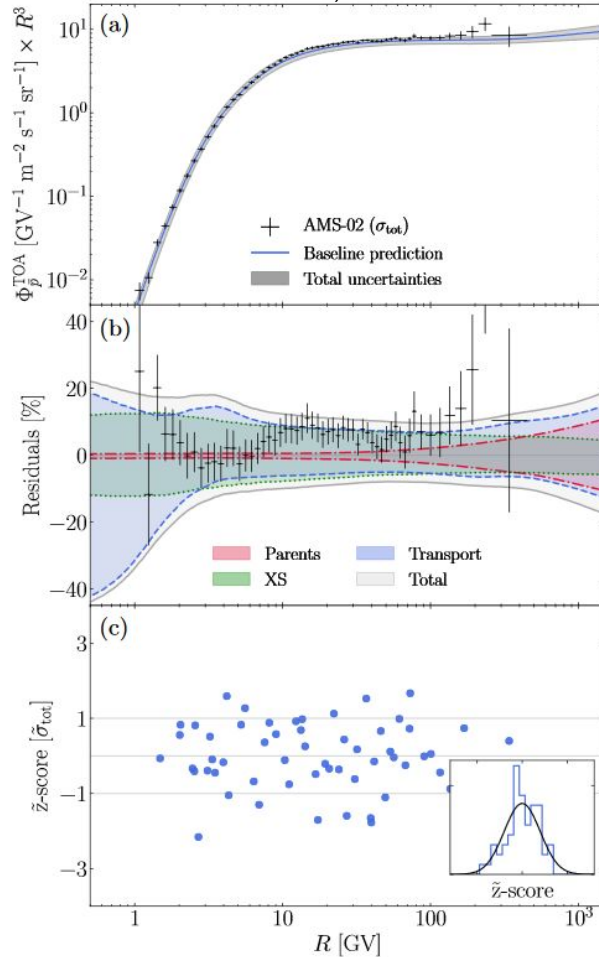
Observation



- Accelerator accelerates surrounding **Interstellar medium matter**
- Galactic diffusion due to **turbulent magnetic field**
- Detection at Earth → **primary CR**
- **Interaction with interstellar medium** → production of secondary cosmic ray
- Mainly **p+H collisions** permit to **enrich the cosmic rays with antimatter**

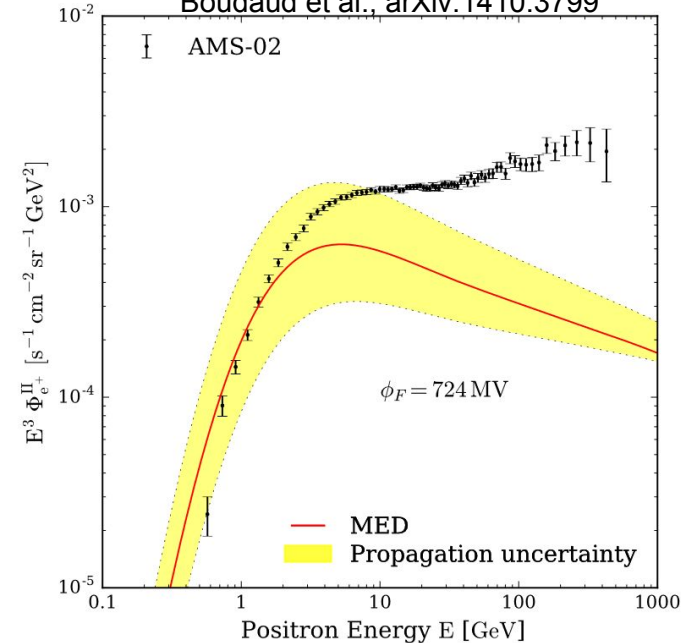
Antiprotons

Boudaud et al., arXiv:1906.07119



Positrons

Boudaud et al., arXiv:1410.3799

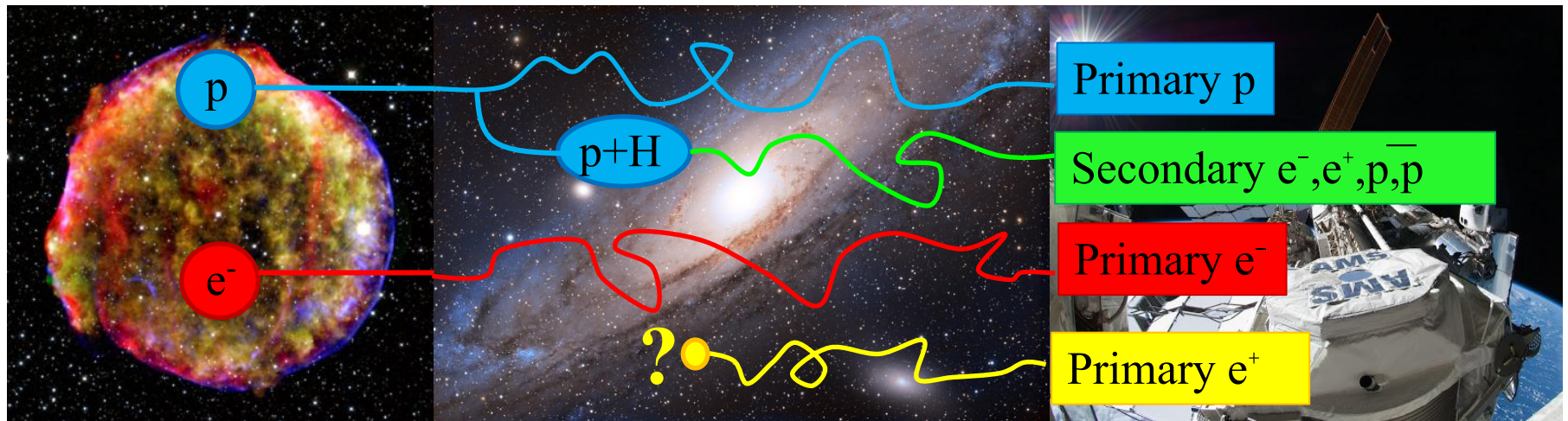


- Secondary production explain well the amount of antiprotons in the cosmic rays...
- ...But fail to explain the amount of positrons for $E > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- This is the so-called positron excess

Production And acceleration

Galactic propagation

Observation



- Local source of positrons ?
- Local because of electron cooling

- Leptonic accelerators are believed to be more bright in gamma-rays (Lorentz factor dependency)
- According to galactic cosmic rays, it exists hadronic accelerators in our galaxy, and those accelerators should accelerate up to at least $\sim 1\text{PeV}$ (translated to gamma-ray 100 TeV !)
- It should exists even more extreme accelerators than 1PeV ones (but probably different of the galactic ones)...
- Compact objects with strong magnetic fields can be efficient accelerators (and so should produce gamma-rays)...
- ... of course it is not enough to be compact, we need to have an engine to accelerates the charged particles
- The more compact the acceleration site, the faster acceleration should be (and possibly variability in the gamma ray flux) !
- Direct implication is : compact sources should be more variable, “big” sources should be more static

Gamma-ray observation

• Direct detection :

- Gamma ray interact with atmosphere → only visible in space
- Power law → Big surface is needed → but limited in space (weight)
- Fermi Energy range : 20 MeV – 300 GeV

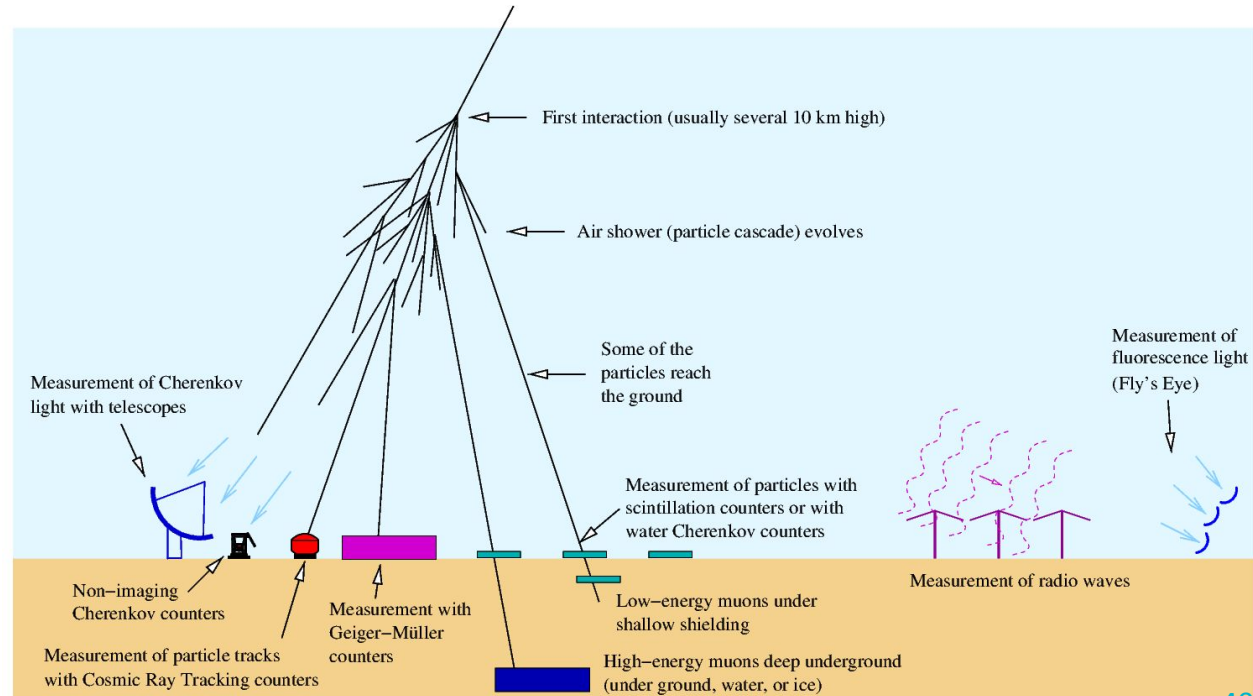


<https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

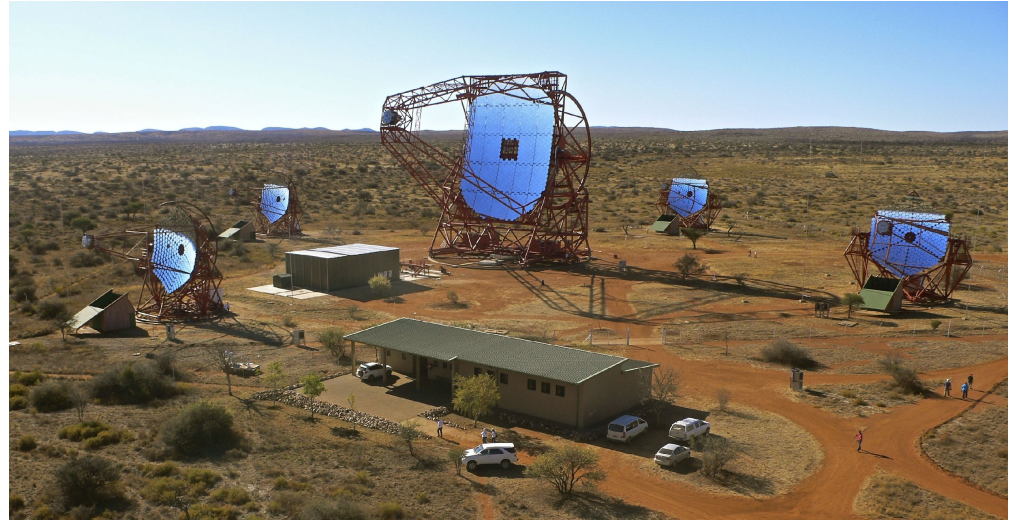
Measuring cosmic-ray and gamma-ray air showers

• Indirect detection :

- Atmospheric shower detection
 - Cherenkov light (blue, UV)
 - Radio
 - Charged Particle (scintillation, Water Cherenkov)
 - Fluorescence (UV)



- **IACs** → **Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescope**
- Cherenkov light produced in air
- **Pro :**
 - Good precision in terms of angular resolution ($\sim 0.1^\circ$) and energy resolution ($\sim 10\text{-}15\%$)
- **Cons :**
 - Narrow field of view ($\sim 5^\circ$)
 - Night observation, affected by weather and full moon (and light pollution in general)



<https://www.hawc-observatory.org/>

- **Water Cherenkov Array**
- Secondary particles cherenkov in water tank
- **Pro :**
 - Vast field of view (15% of the sky)
 - Can work 24/24 7/7
- **Cons :**
 - Less precise in terms of angular resolution (0.75° @ 1 TeV, 0.3° @ 10TeV) and of energy resolution (95% @ 1TeV, 50% @ 10TeV)

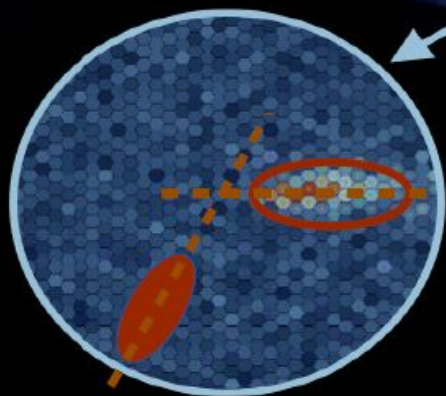


γ -ray enters the atmosphere

Electromagnetic cascade

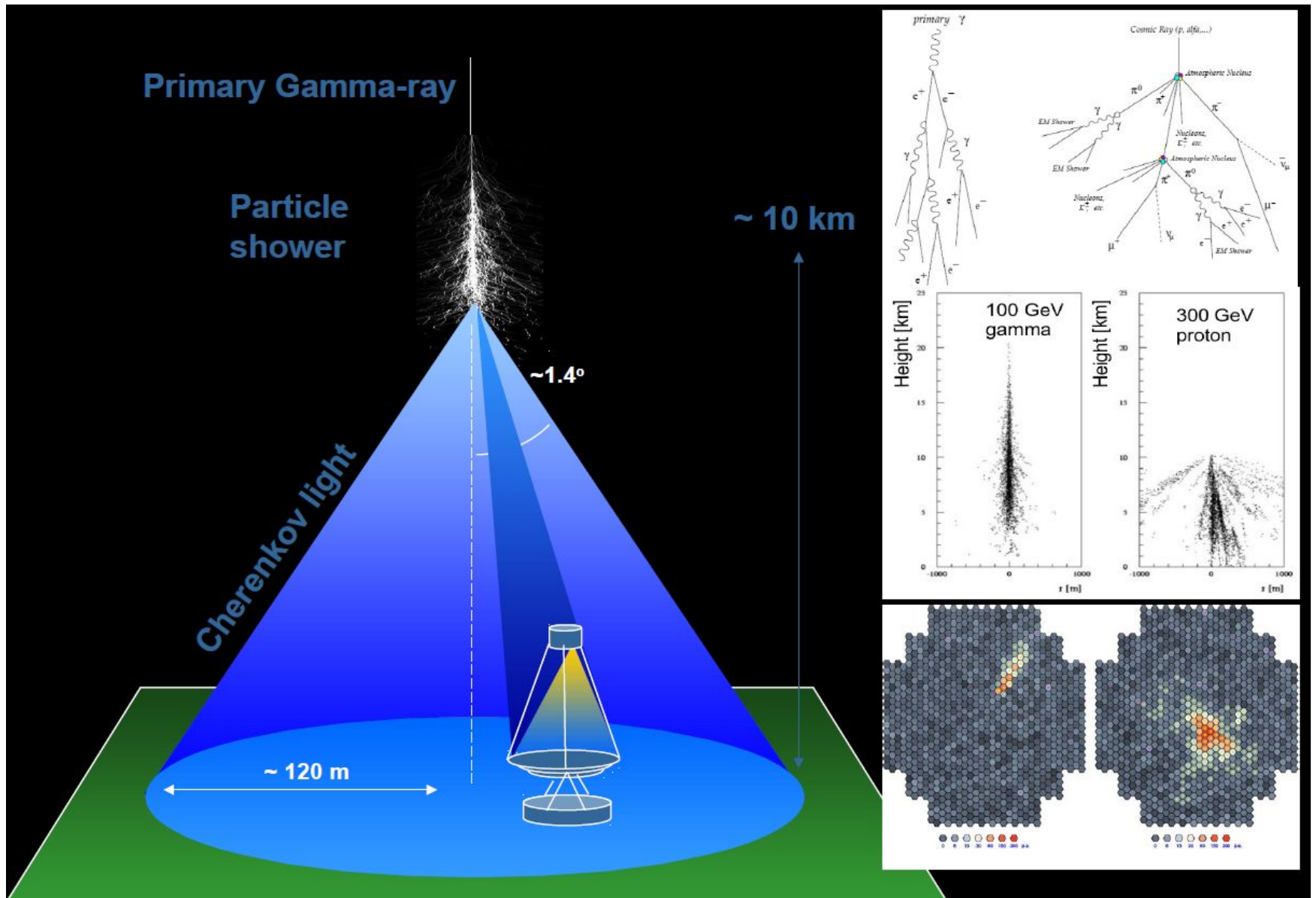
Stereoscopy:

- Better background rejection
- Better angular resolution
- Better energy resolution

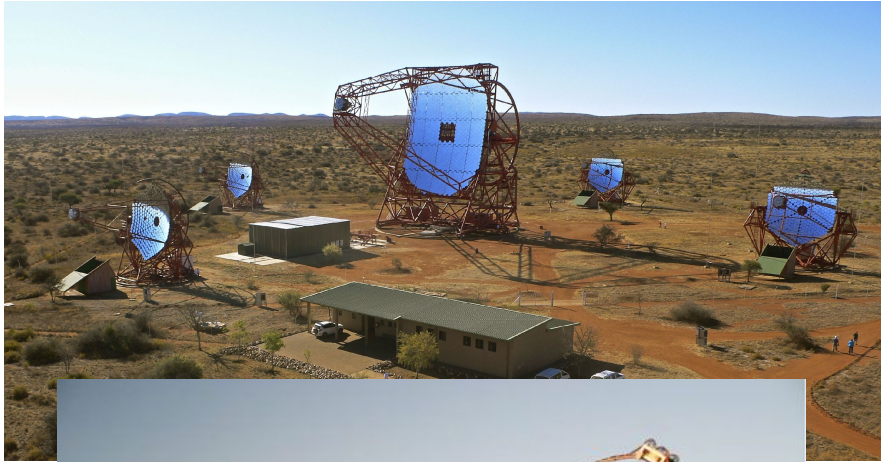


10 nanosecond snapshot

0.1 km² "light pool", a few photons per m².



<https://vuillaut.github.io/gamma-ray-game/game.html>



H.E.S.S.

- Namibia (South Hemisphere)
- 5 telescopes (28m + 12m)

<https://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/hfm/HESS/>



MAGIC

- Canarie Island, La Palma (North Hemisphere)
- 2 telescopes (17m)

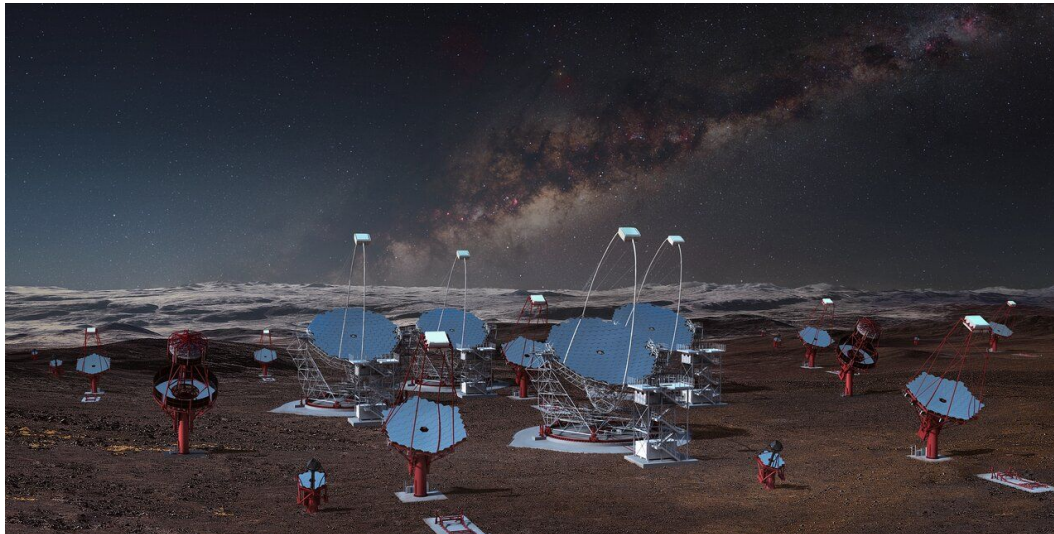
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VERITAS

- Arizona (North Hemisphere)
- 4 telescopes (12m)

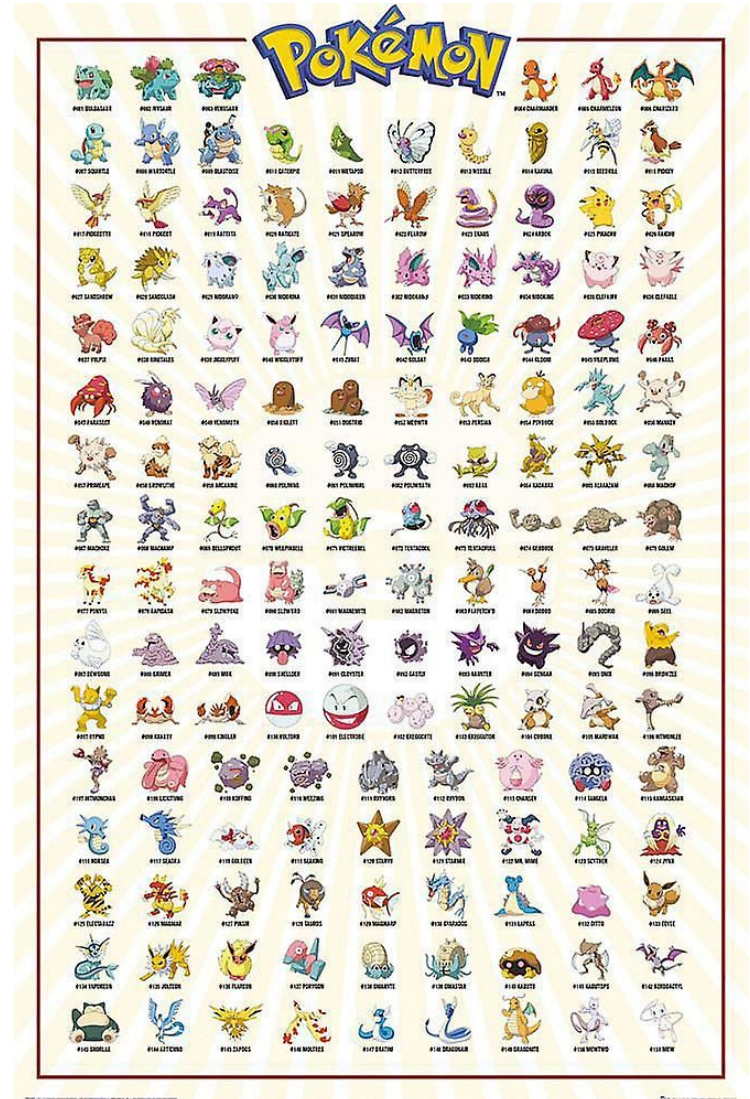
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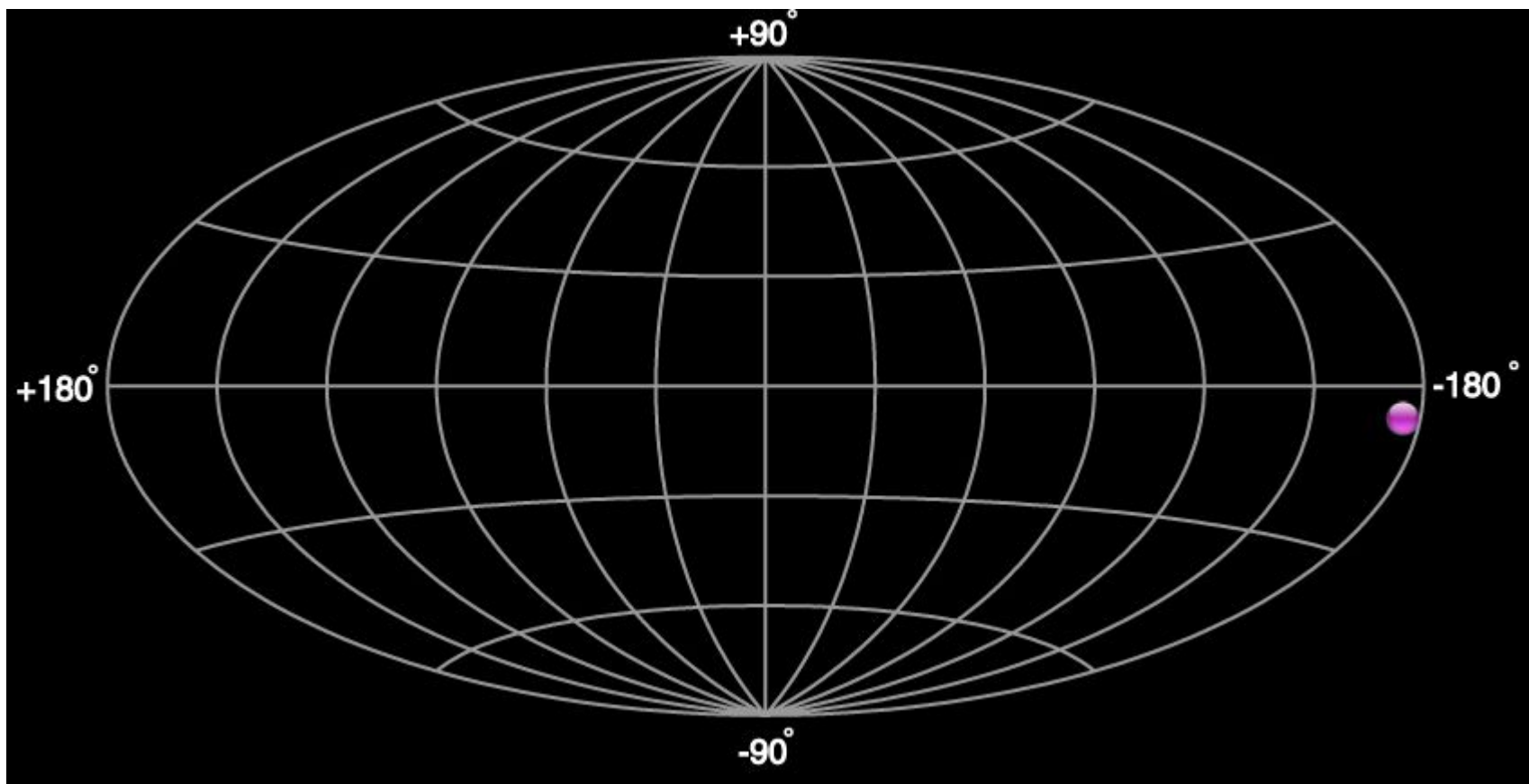
- 3 types of telescopes :
 - LST (23 m)
 - MST (12 m)
 - SST (4.3 m)
- Optimized for various energies :
 - 20 GeV – 3 TeV
 - 80 GeV - 50 TeV
 - 1 TeV - 300 TeV
- ~100 telescopes on two sites :
 - La Palma (hémisphère Nord)
 - Paranal (hémisphère Sud)

<https://www.cta-observatory.org/>

Gamma ray Galactic sky

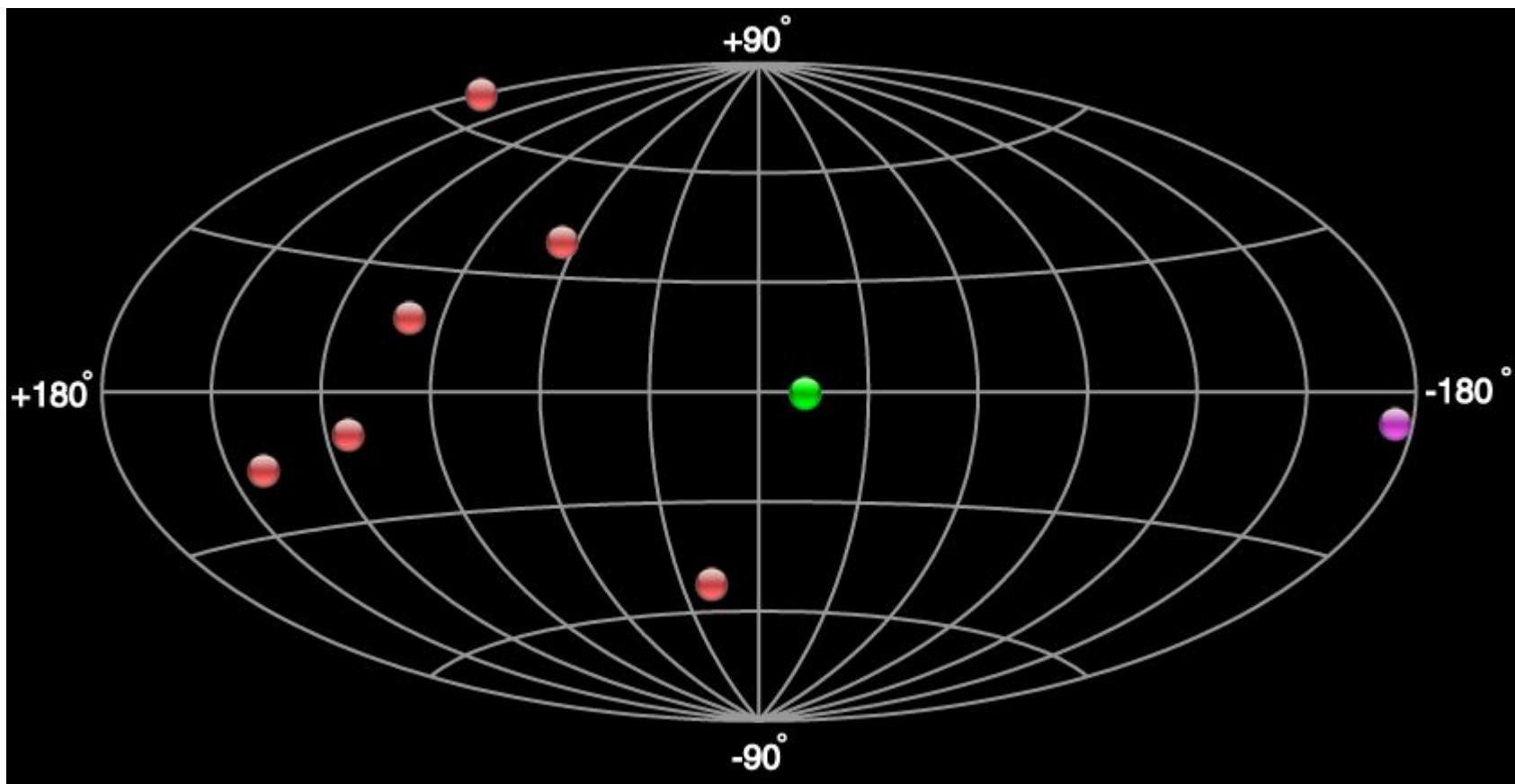


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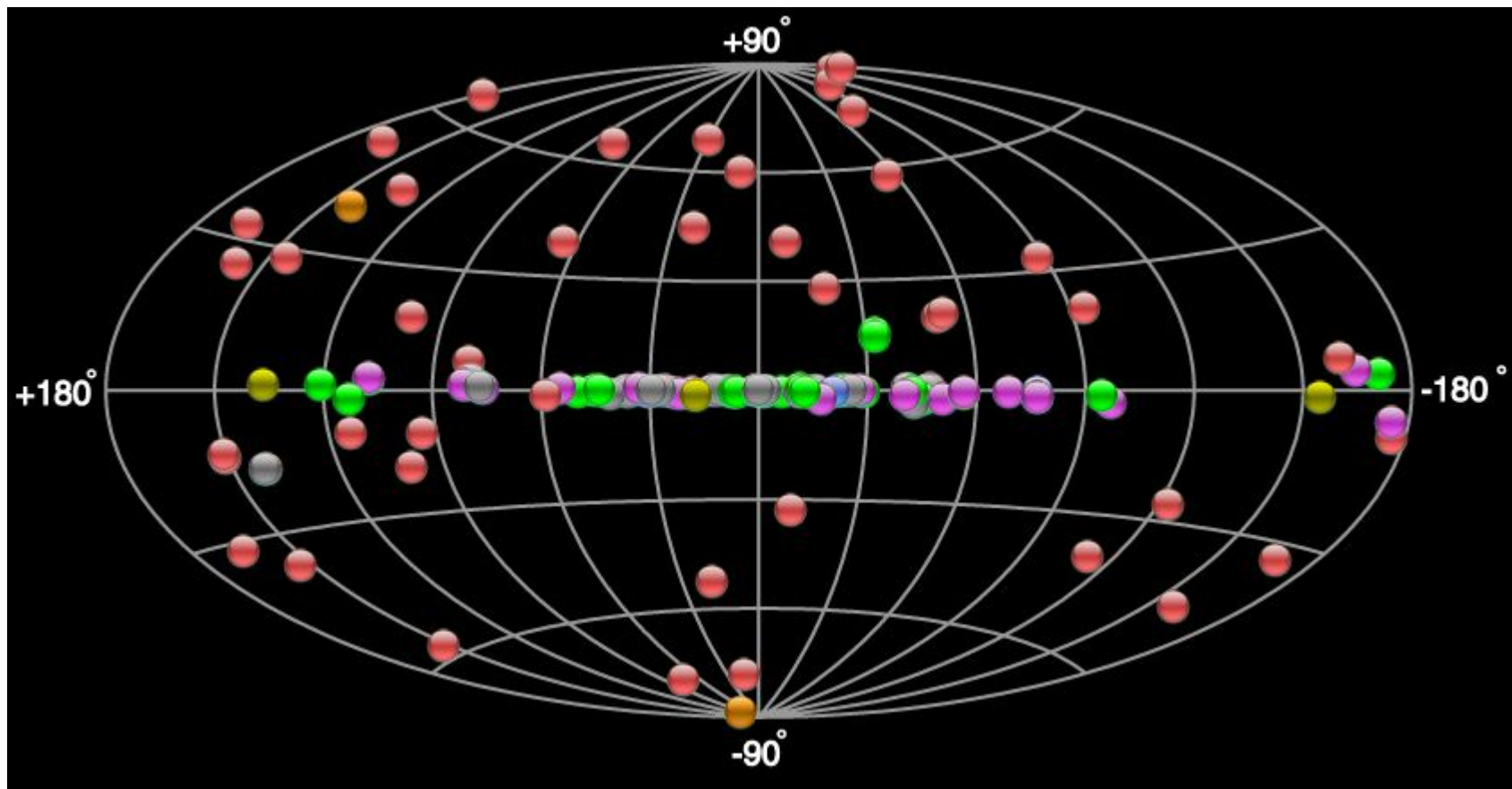
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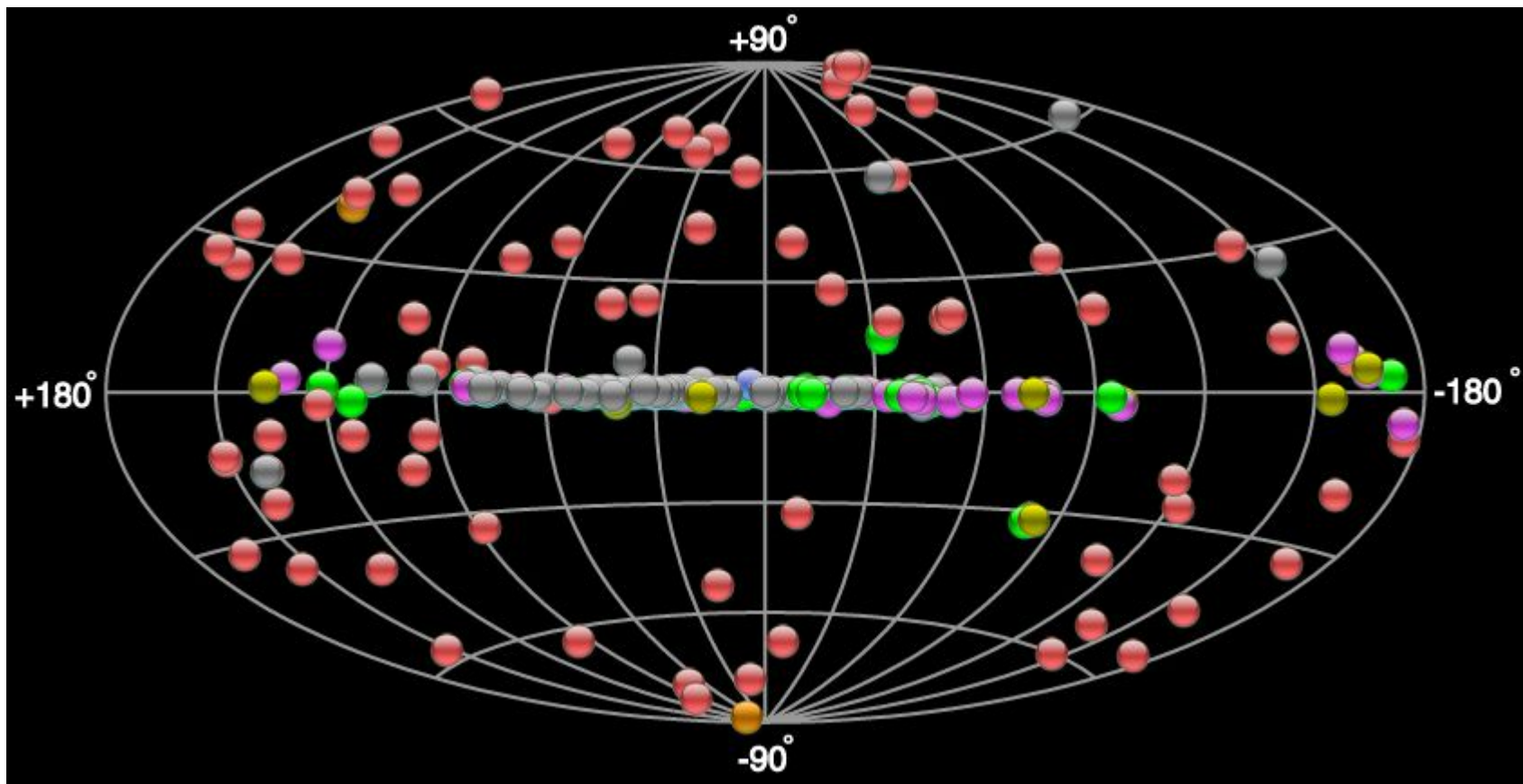
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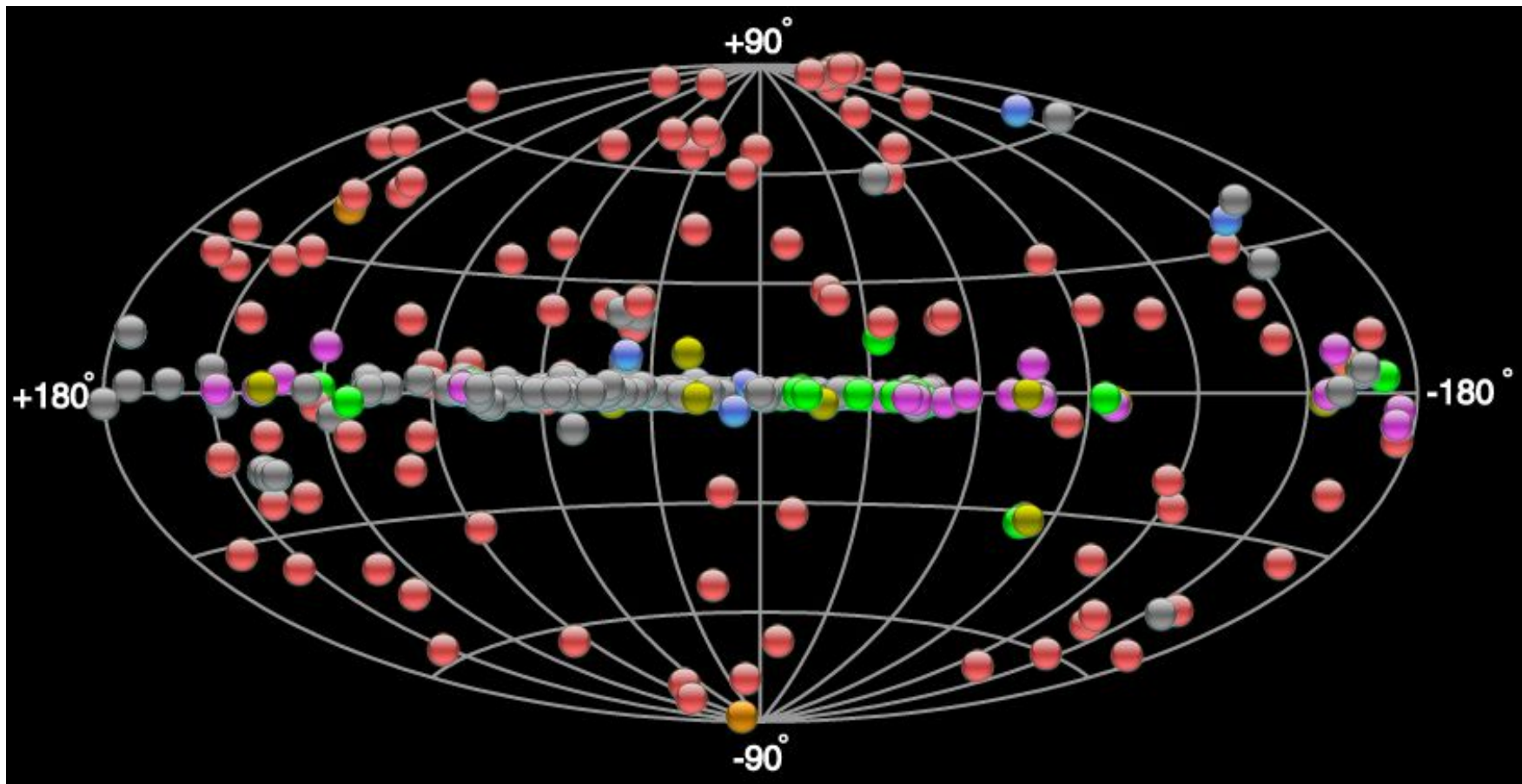
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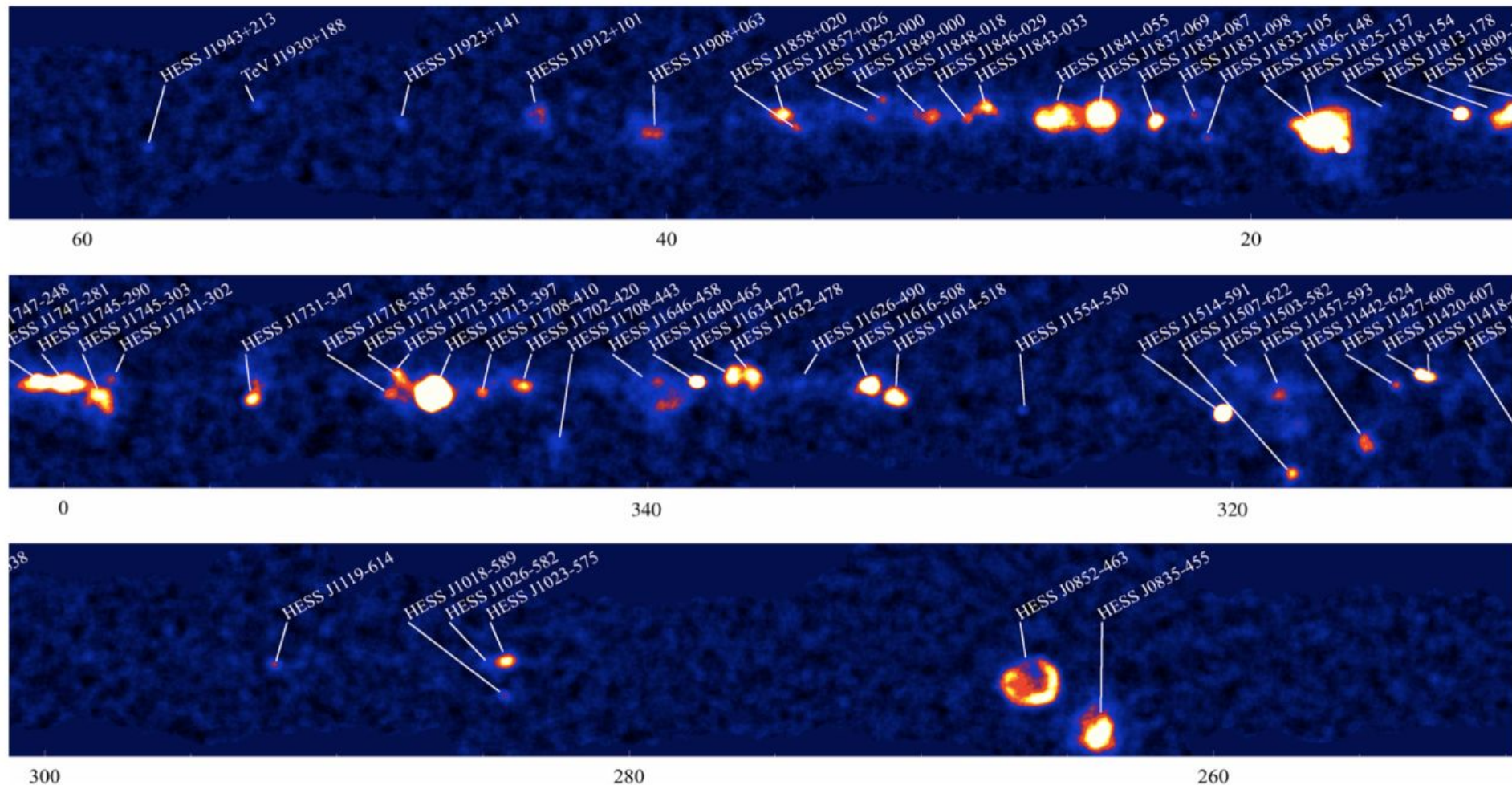
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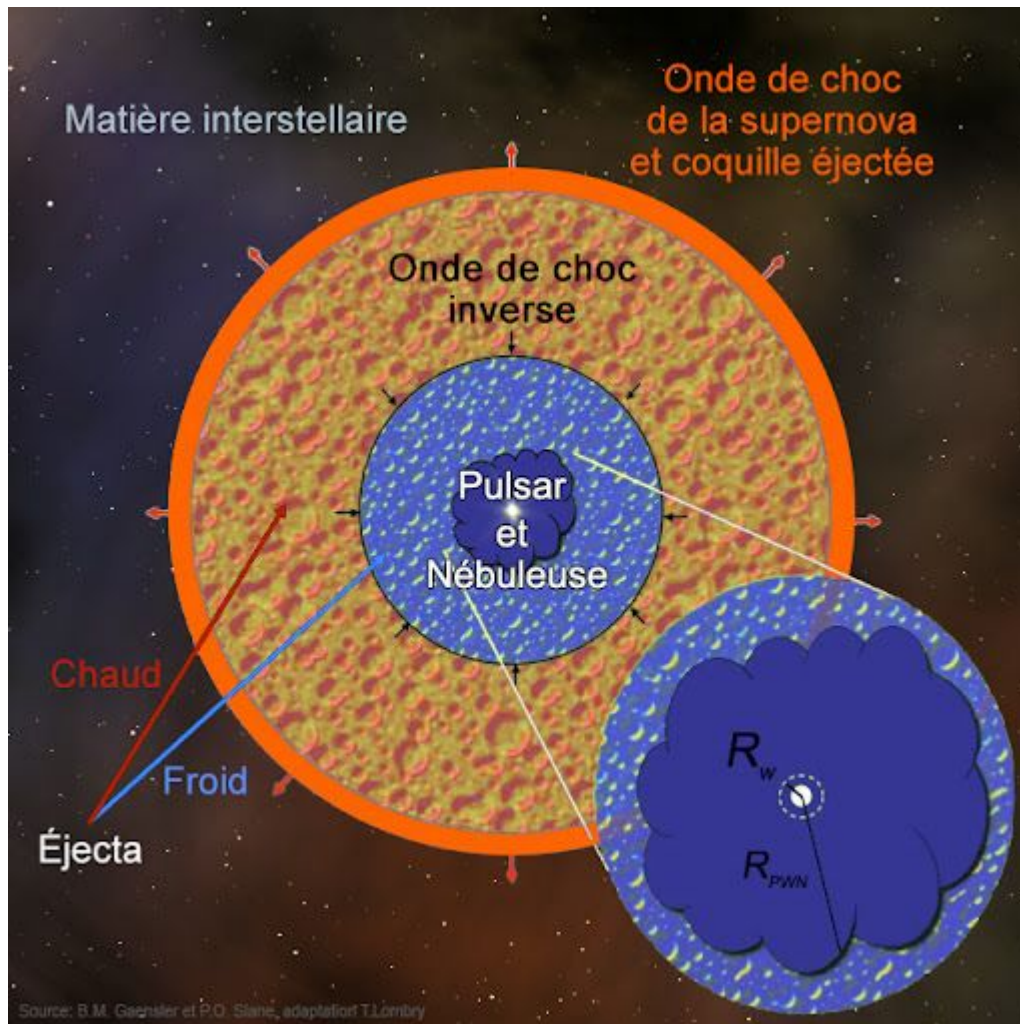


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315 sources



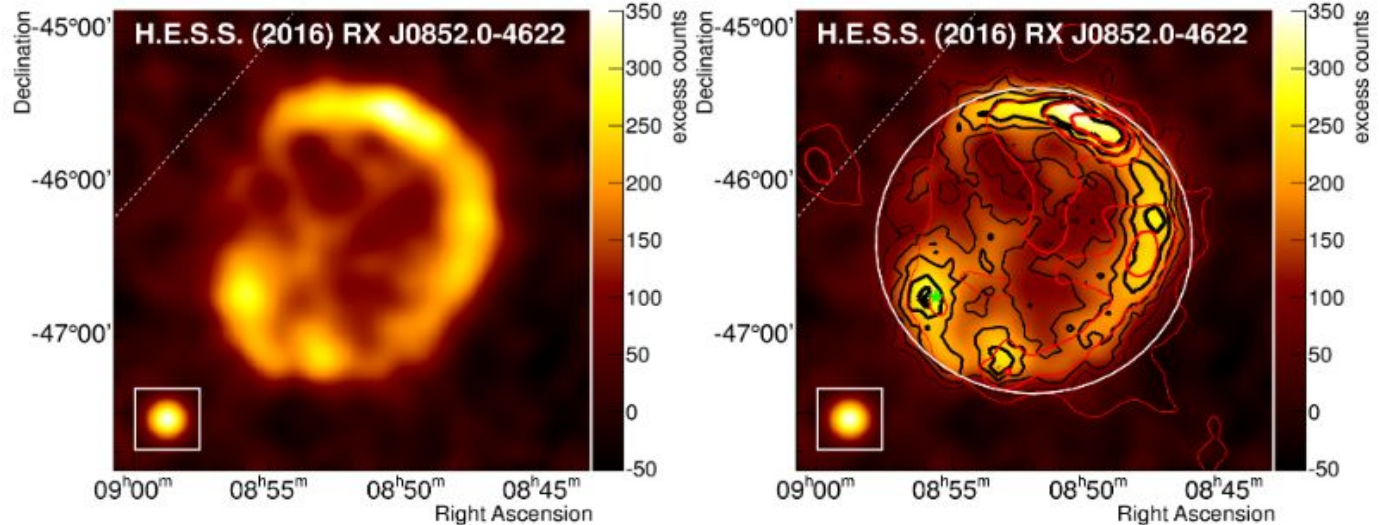
- Galactic plane as seen by H.E.S.S.
- Direct image of galactic cosmic ray accelerators



- Explosion of massive star due to exhausted source of energy
- Shock wave + compact core (neutron star)
- Interstellar matter accelerated by shockwave → supernova remnant
- Leptonic production by the pulsar (rotating neutron star + strong magnetic field) → pulsated emission + pulsar wind nebula

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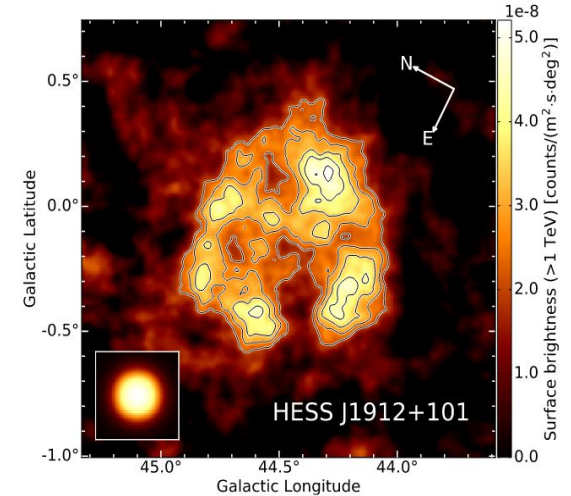
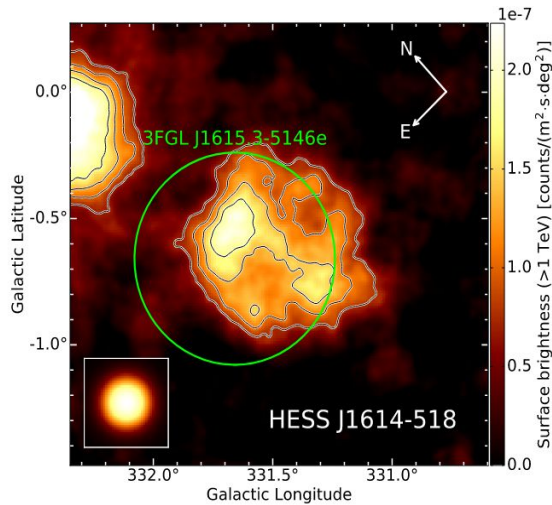
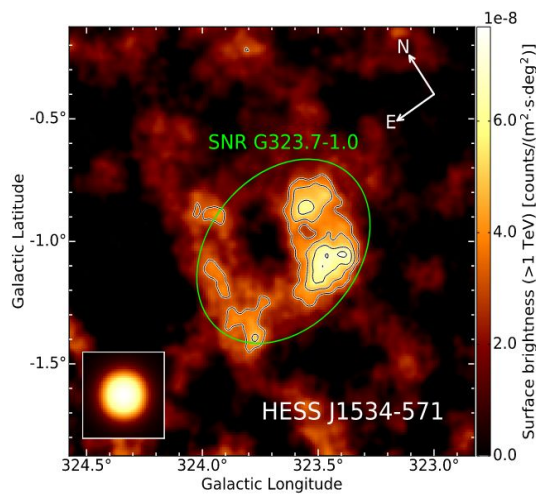
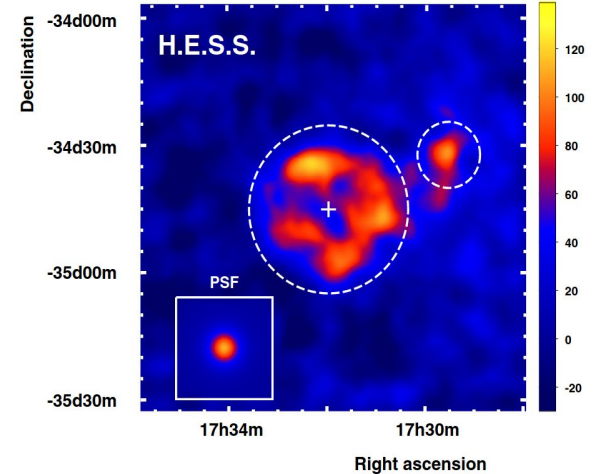
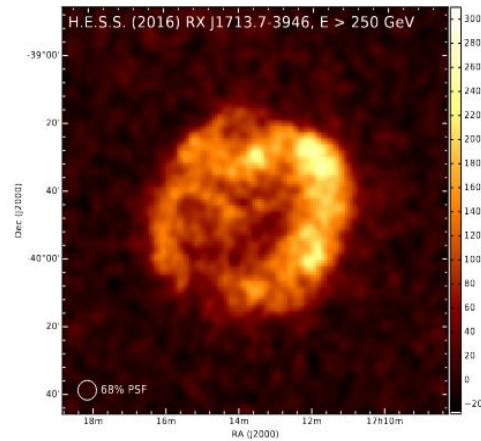
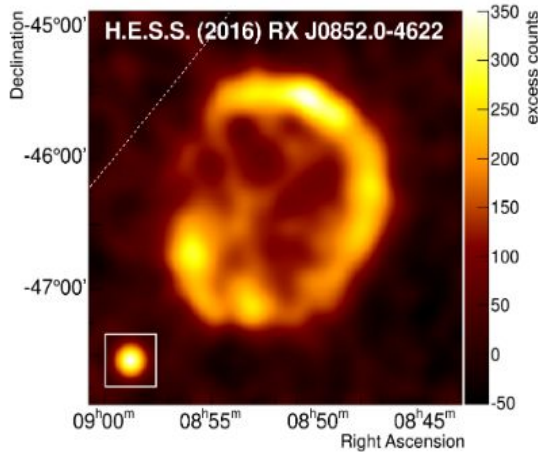
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- **Shell like shape smoking gun for supernova remnant (allowed by the good angular resolution of the instrument)**
- **Correlation of X-ray and gamma-ray (presence of shock wave and highly energetic particles)**
- Open questions :
 - Able to accelerate **up to PeV (100 TeV gamma-rays)** ?
 - Dominance of **leptonic** or **hadronic** ? (cosmic rays are mostly hadronic)
 - Difficult to answer only with gamma-rays, neutrinos can be of great help

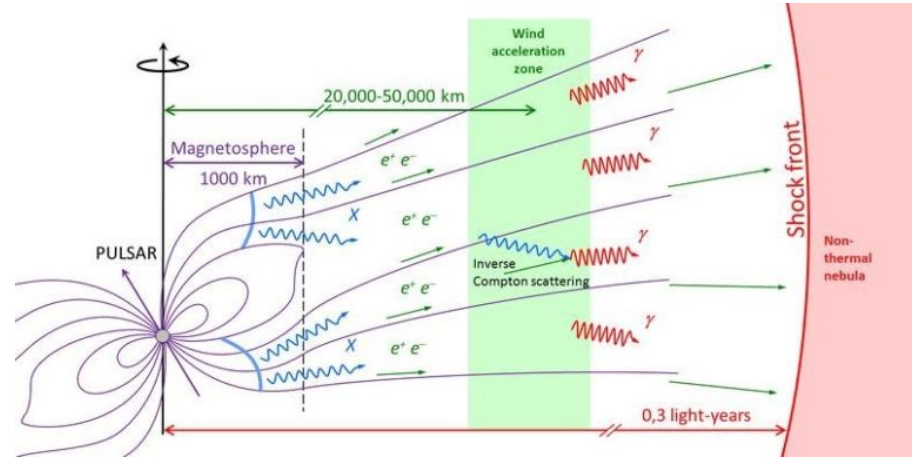
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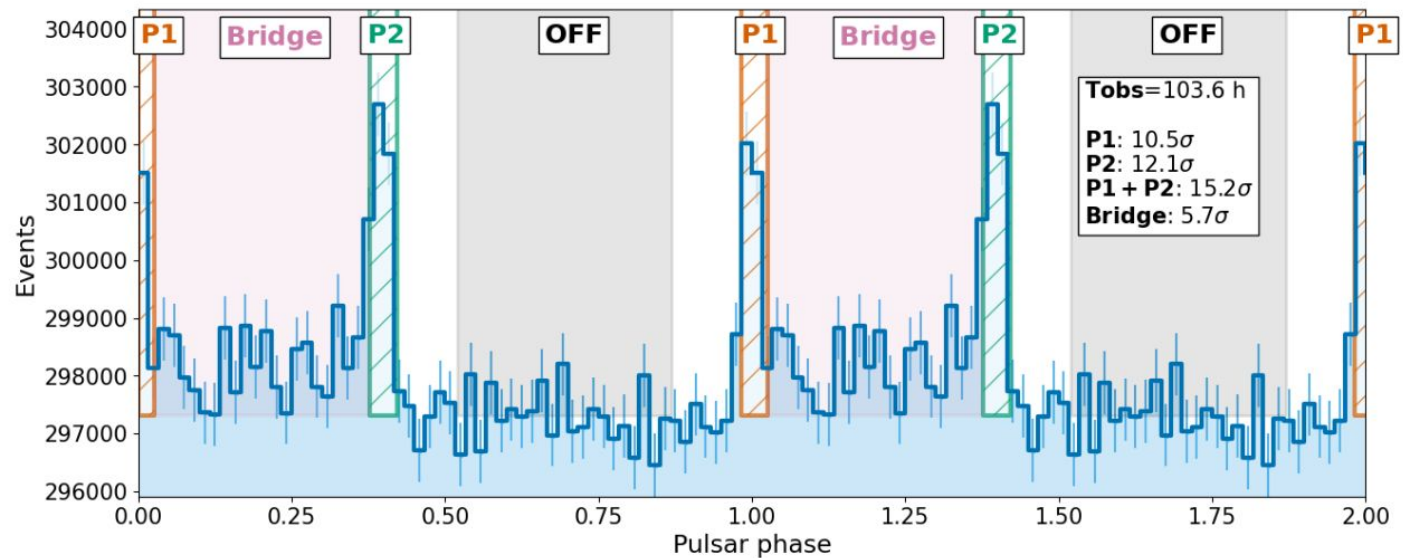
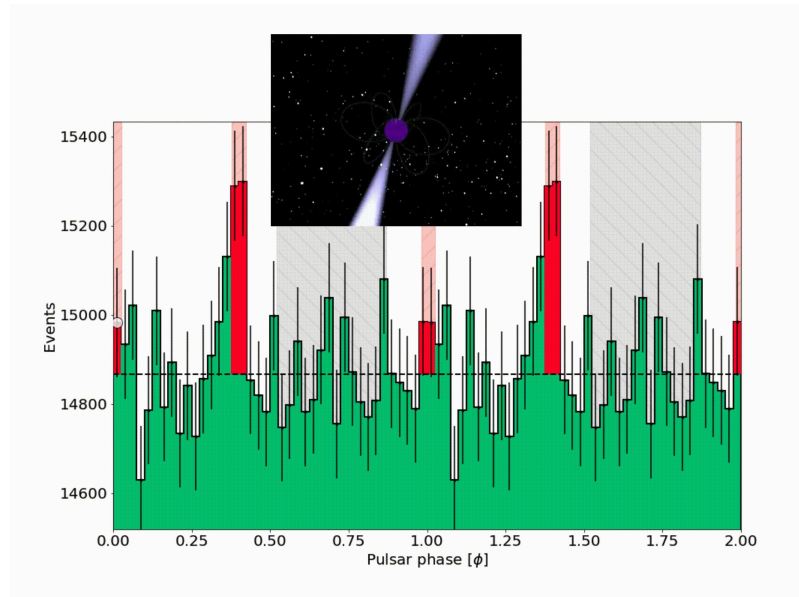


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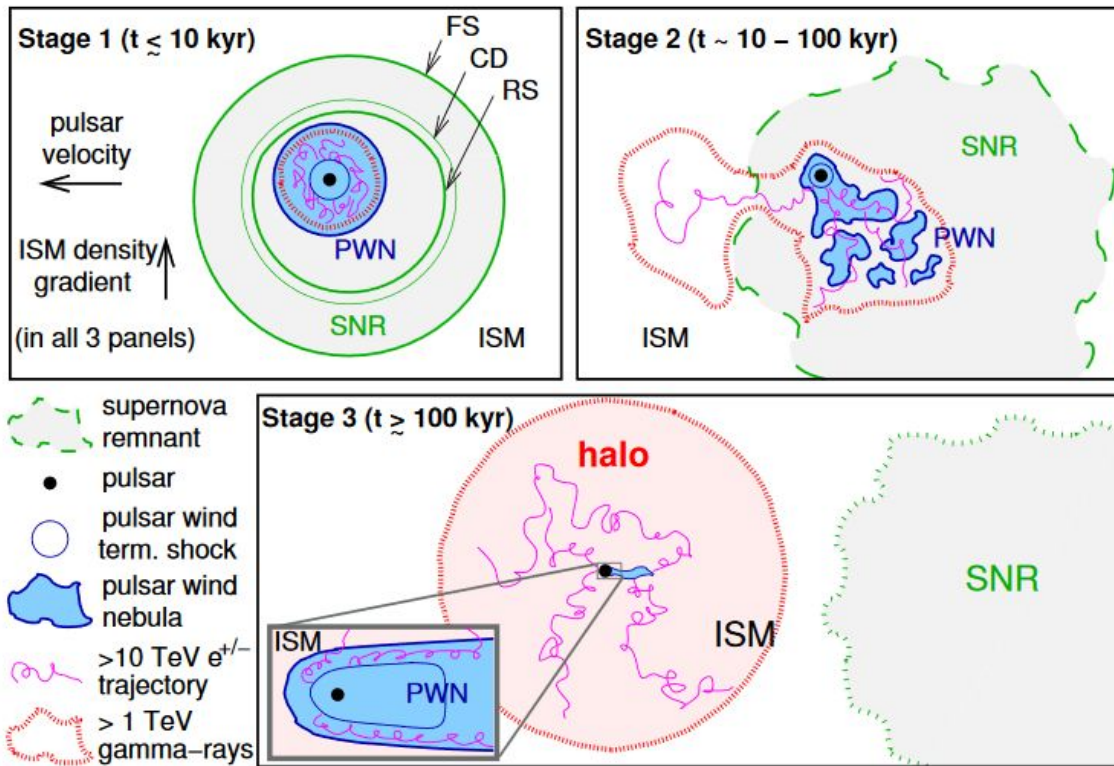
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- Strong electric field at the surface of the neutron star due to rotating magnetic field
- Charged particle accelerated, pair production (leptonic)
- Crab pulsar period ~33 ms, pulsated emission permits to compute the rotational speed (and so on the rotational energy of the pulsar for example)

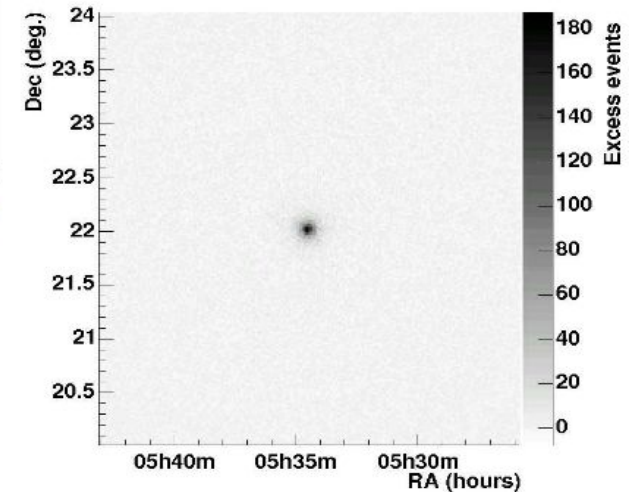


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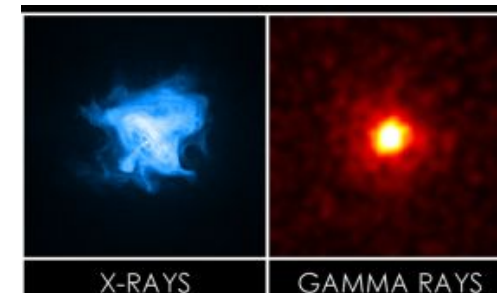


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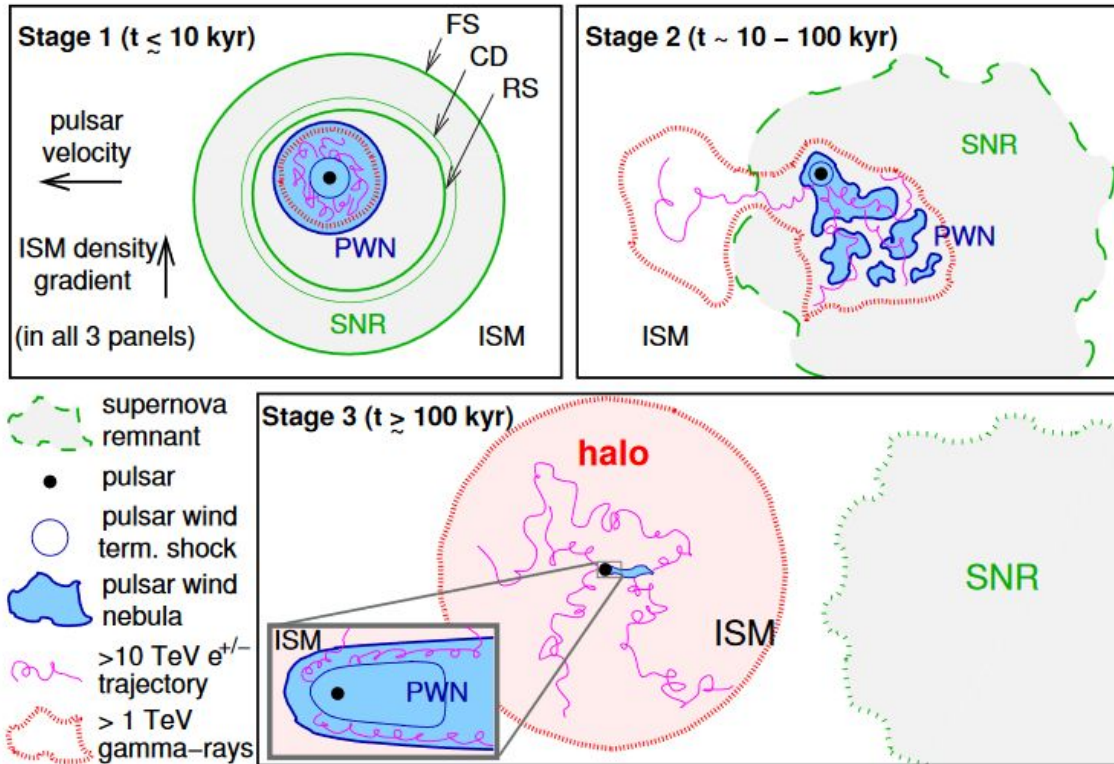
Crab Nebula
~1000 years



- Associated with the historic supernova SN1054
- Stable and bright
 - Nebula stable because of its size (11 ly)
 - Bright because leptonic

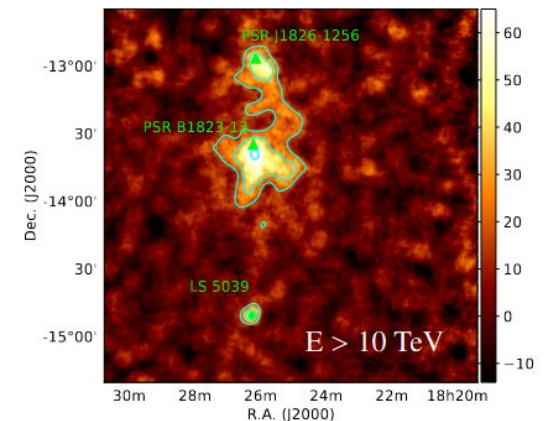
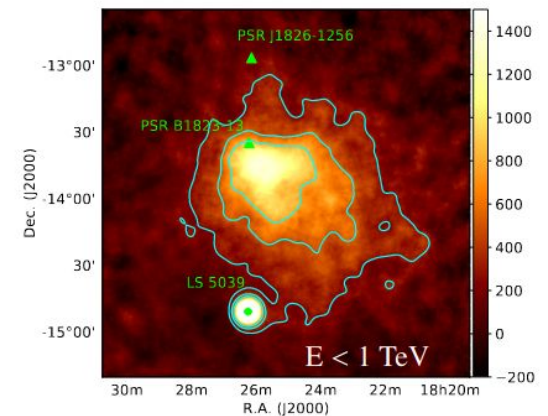


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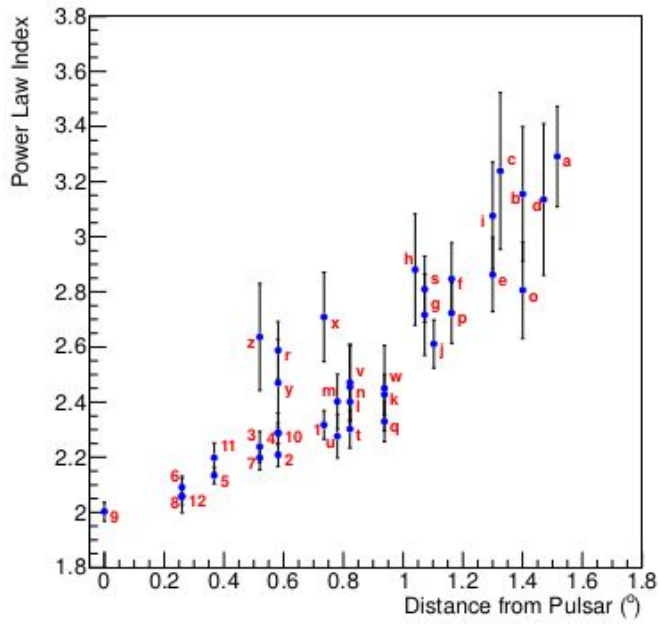


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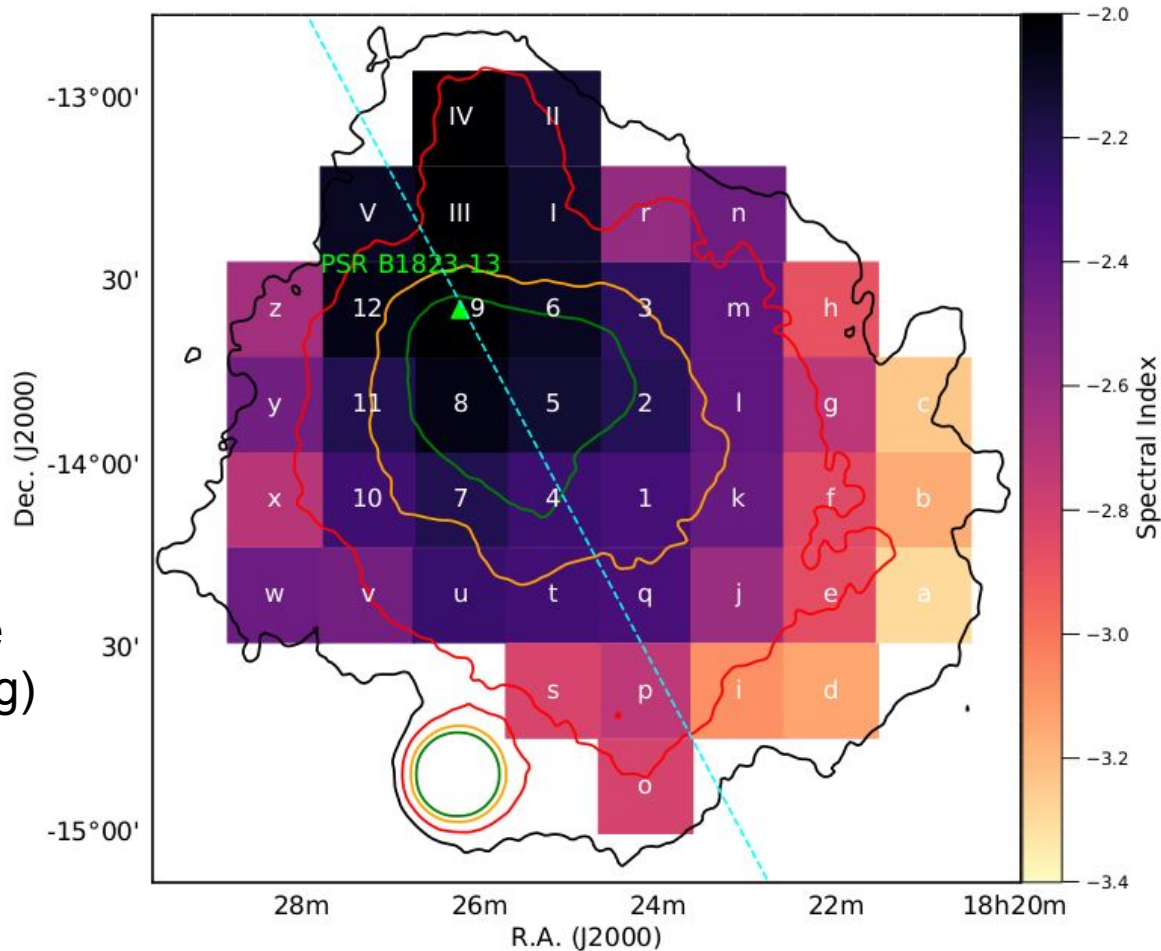
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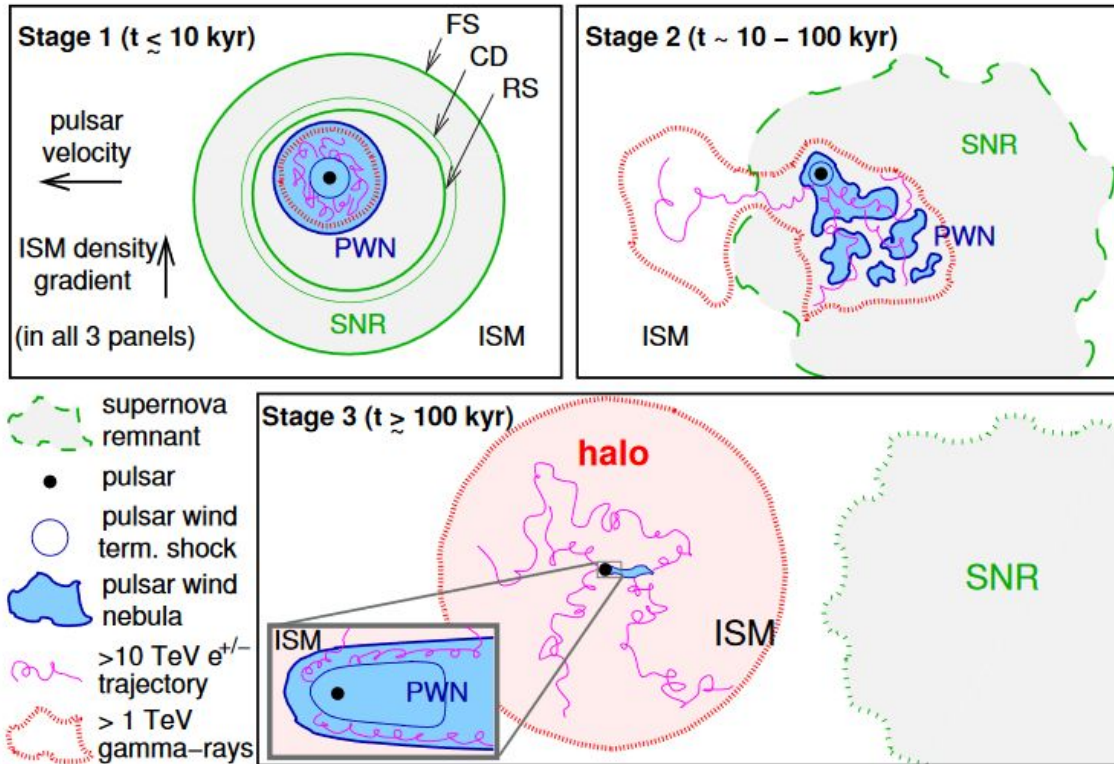
- Cooling of electrons can be observed !



- More energetic electrons are near the pulsars (more young)
- Proof that the pulsar is the engine that produce those electrons !
- Cooling is compatible with electrons (leptonic emission by pulsar)

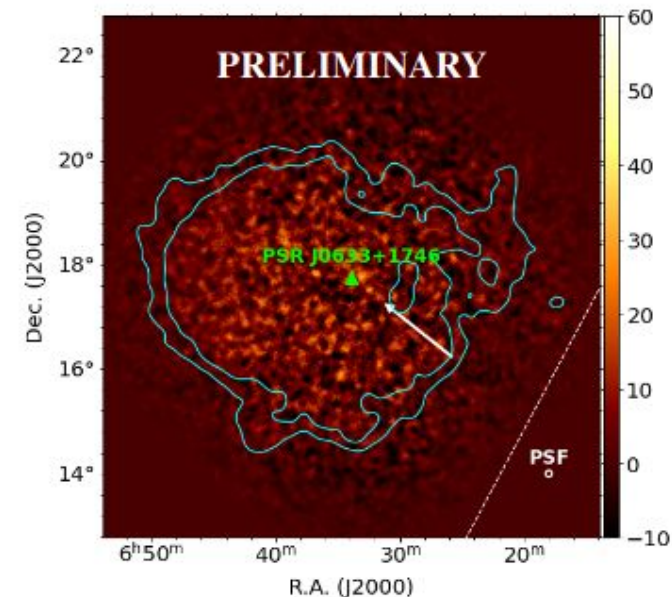


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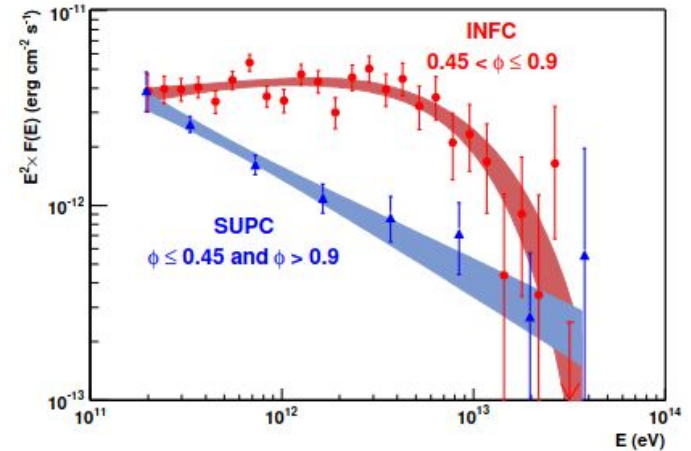
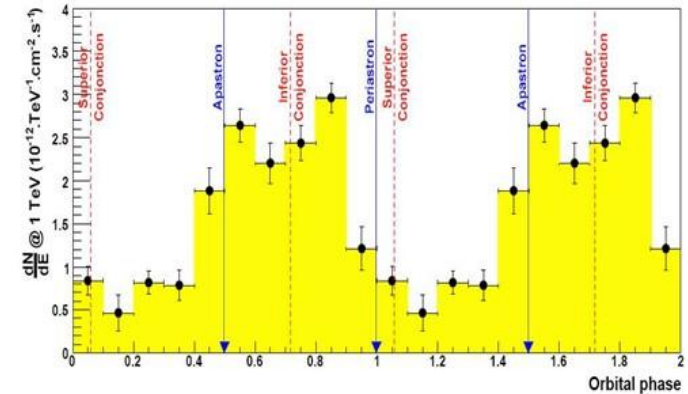
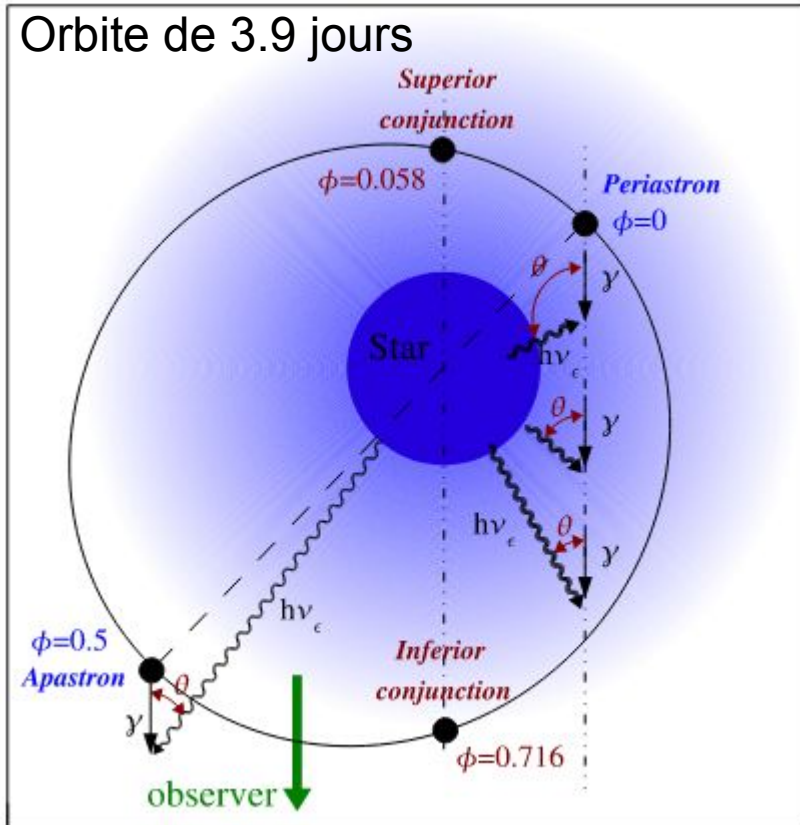
Geminga
340 000 ans



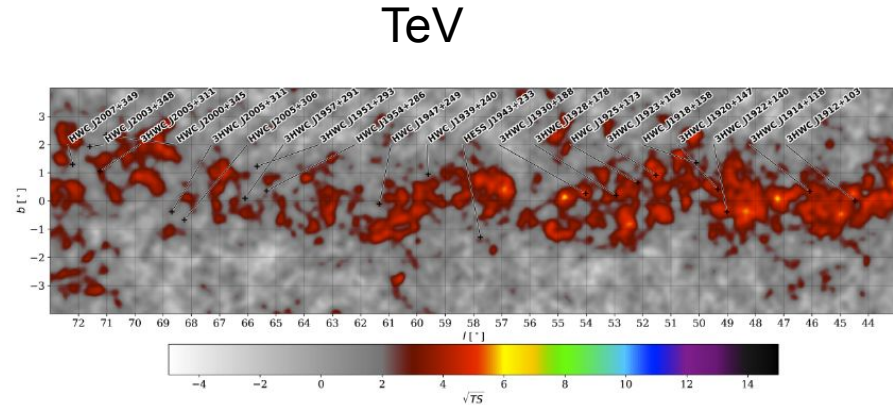
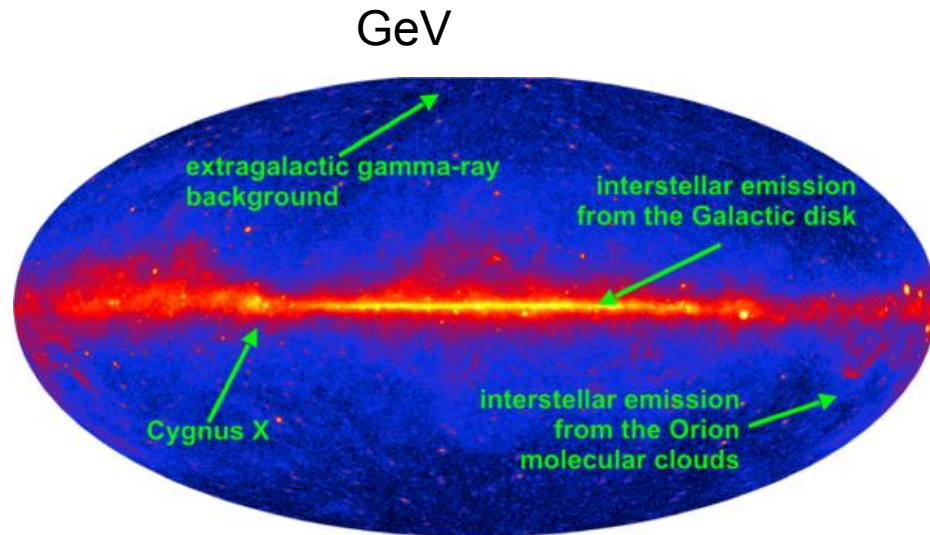
- Data compatible with diffusion (random motion)...
- ...But slower than expected, still debate in the community...
- Very plausible origin for the local positrons detected by AMS-02

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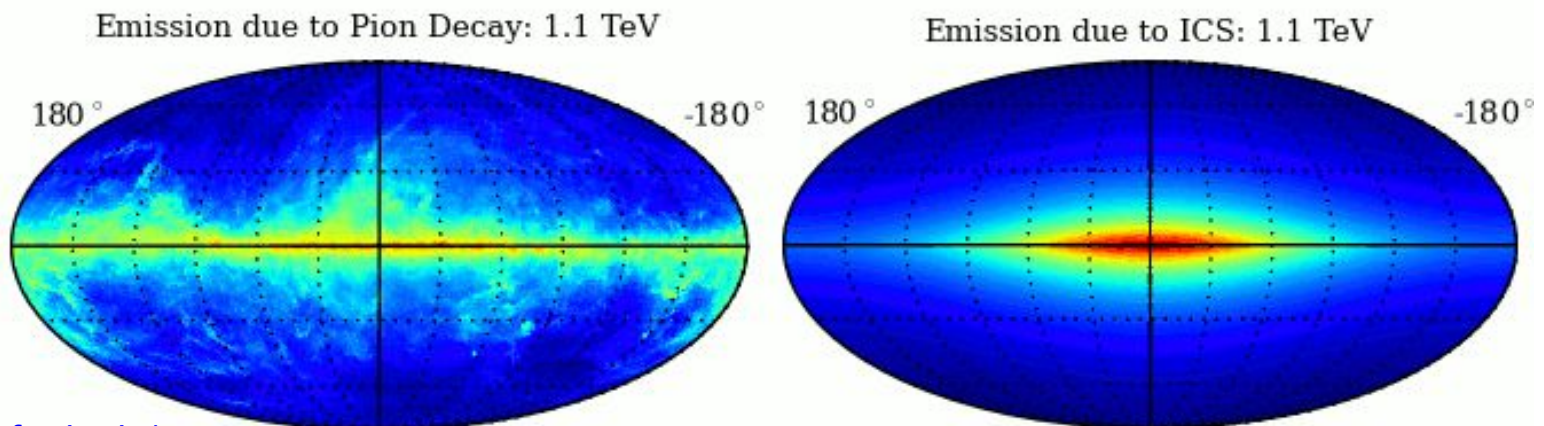


- Star with compact object (black hole or neutron star)
- Modulation of the gamma ray emission due to the photon field of the companion star (absorption et IC)



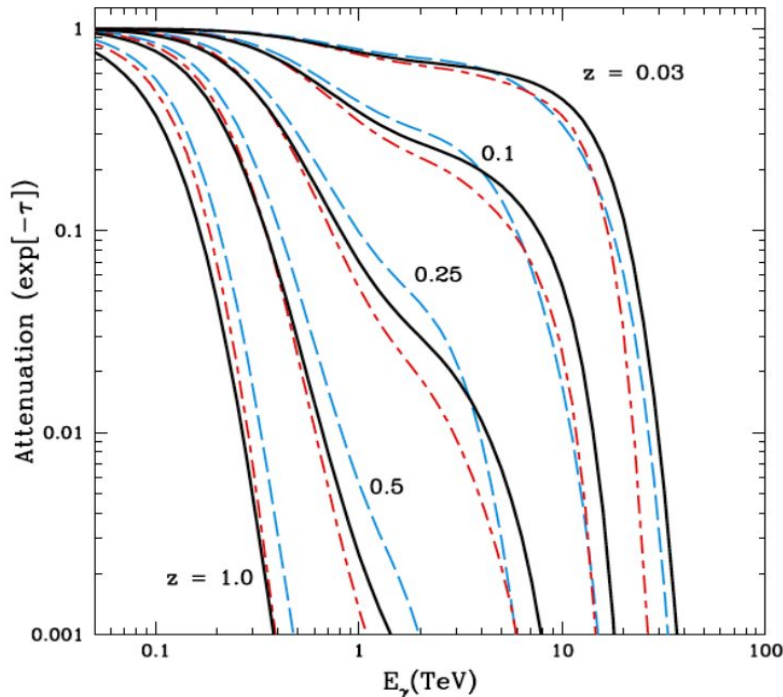
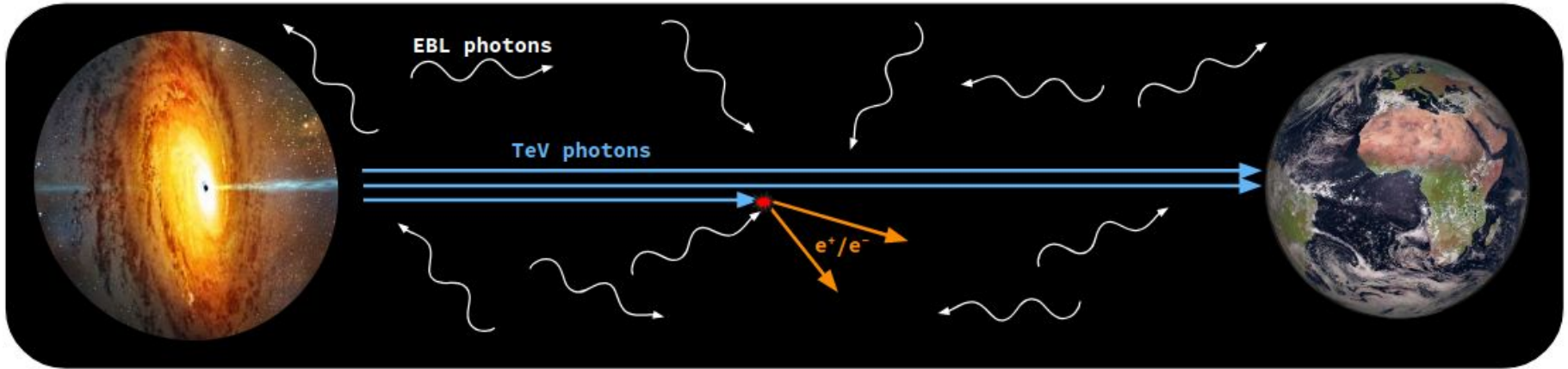
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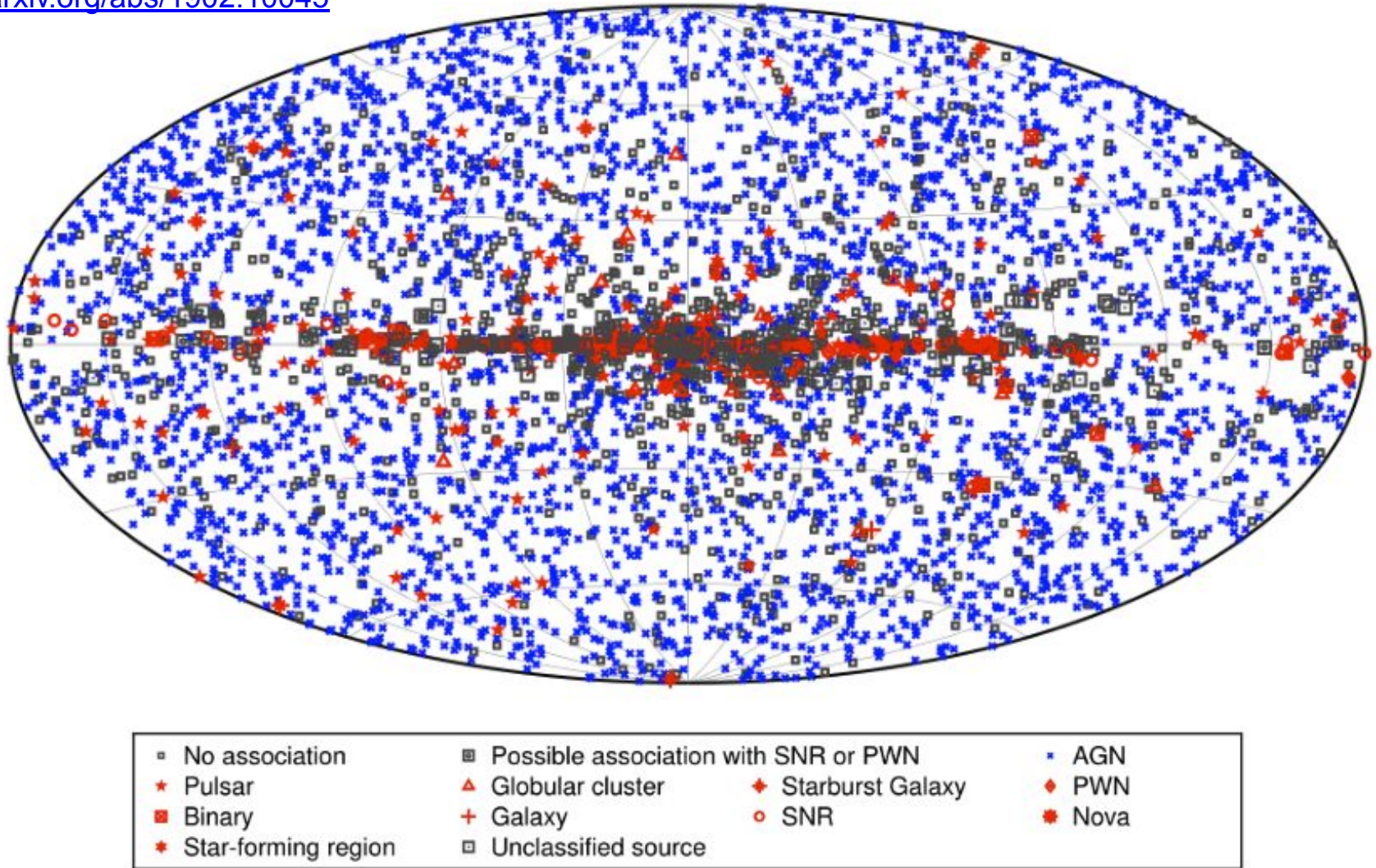
Gamma ray Extragalactic sky

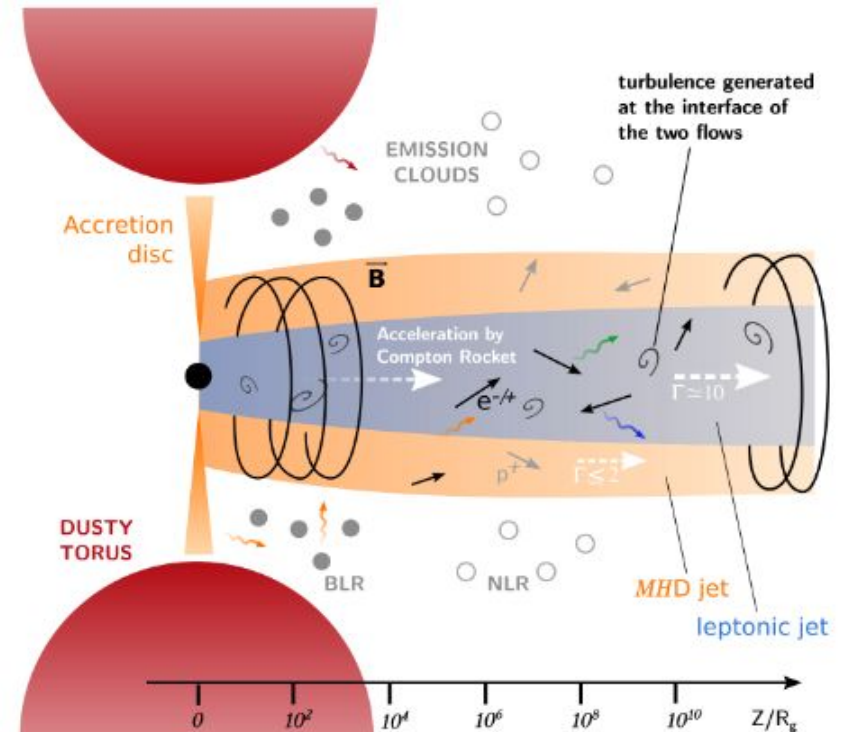
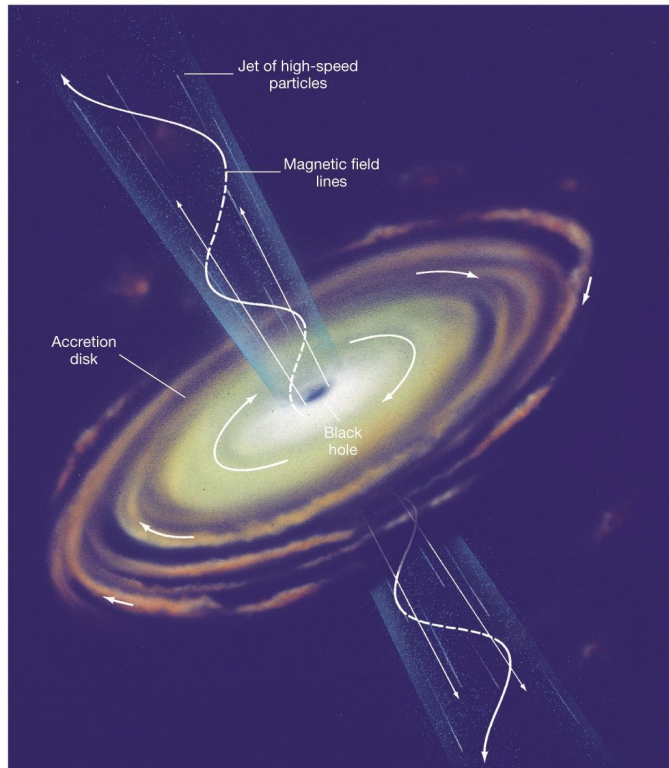


- Pair production with interaction with photons is one of the main limit for the depth of gamma-ray observation
- Recently OP313 (blazar) observed at $z=1$ (7.8 Billions light years)
<https://www.lapp.in2p3.fr/2024-01-science-4693>
- This is why low energy (~ 100 GeV) are interesting for extragalactic physics
- This is what would make neutrinos interesting for astronomy (no interactions)

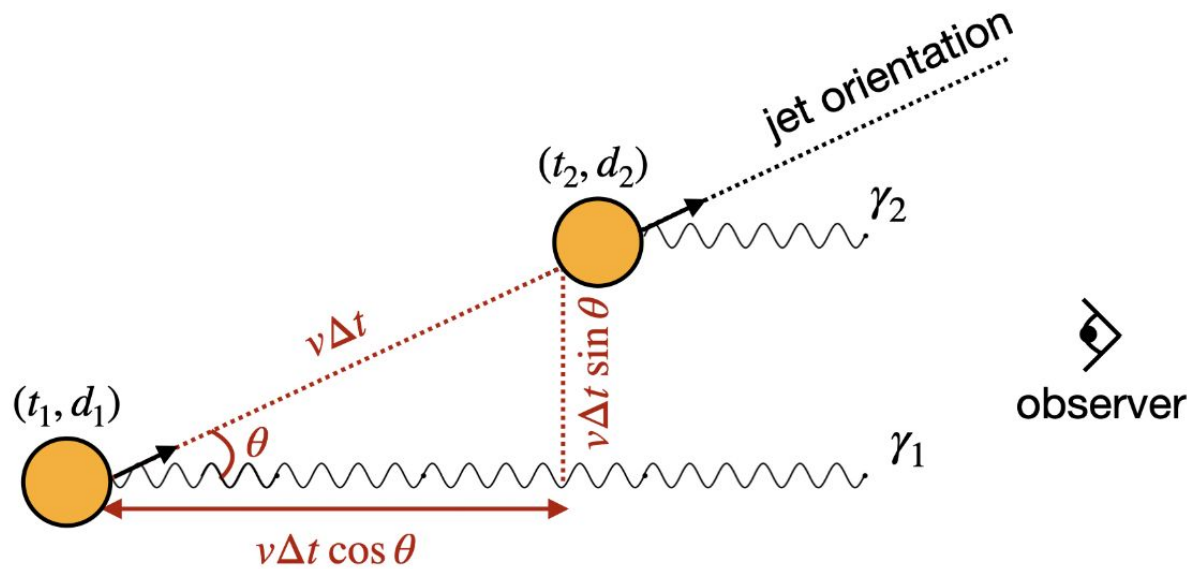
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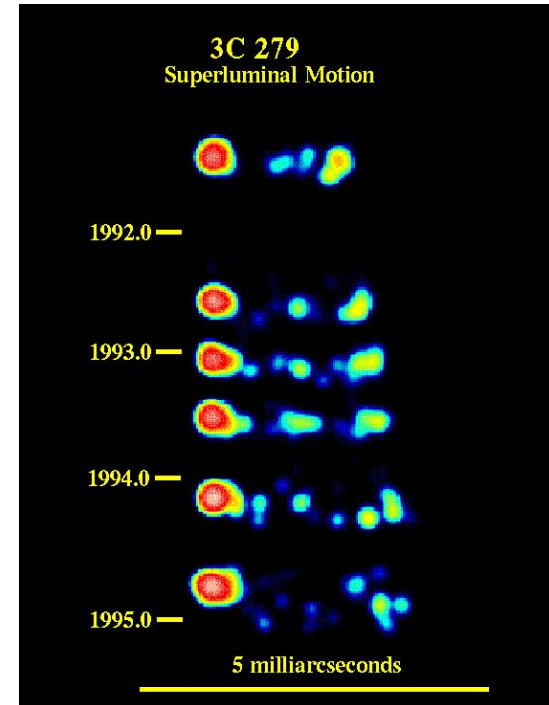
- Vast majority of extragalactic sources are caused by accretion of matter in a black hole vicinity
- Ionised matter rotating $\rightarrow$ rotating magnetic field $\rightarrow$ relativistic jets
- Complex acceleration : turbulence in the jet + shock wave between the jet and the external medium
- Significant Lorentz boost in the jet because of energy beaming and doppler effect (blueshift)
- It makes those sources very bright sources even at cosmological distances

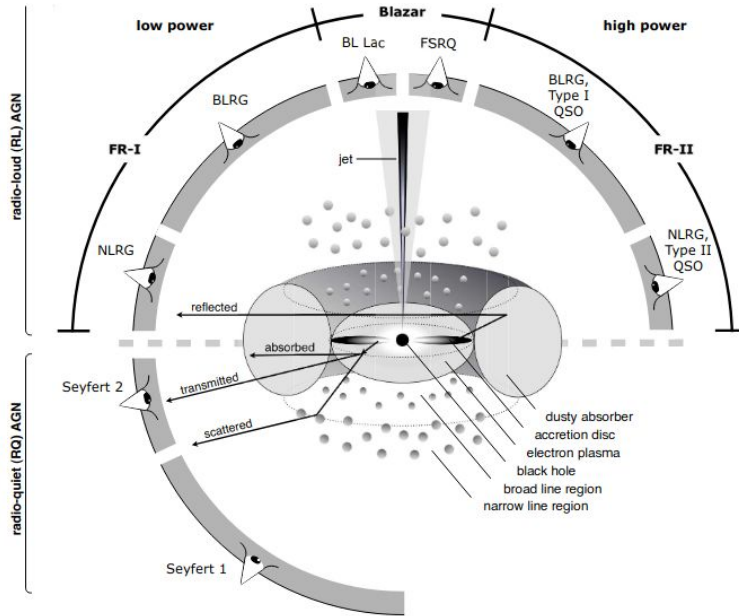


$$\Delta t_{obs} = \frac{c\Delta t - v\Delta t \cos \theta}{c} = \Delta t(1 - \beta \cos \theta) < \Delta t$$

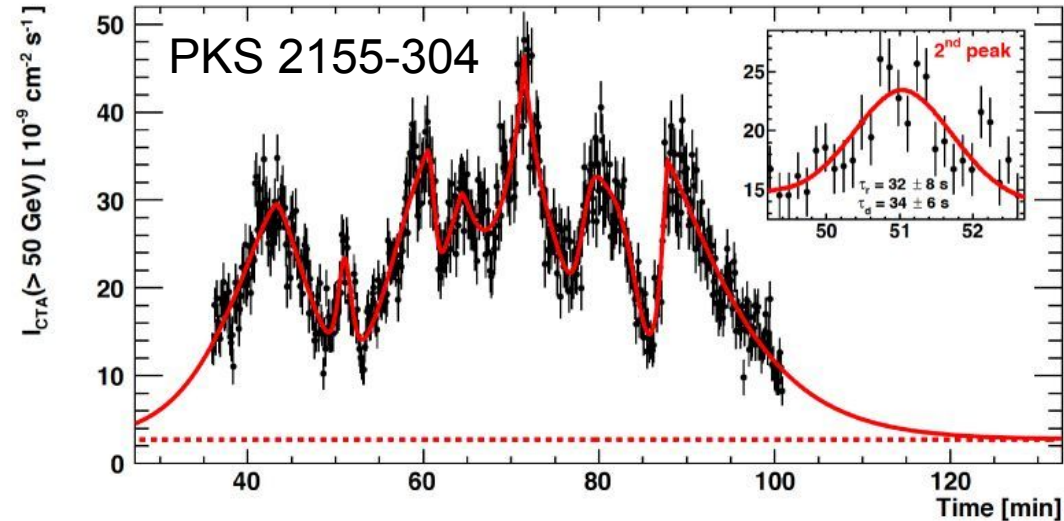
$$v_{obs} = \frac{\Delta d_{obs}}{\Delta t_{obs}} = \frac{v \sin \theta}{1 - \beta \cos \theta} > v$$

- Apparent superluminal velocity is observed in jets
- Variability is as well boosted by the same effect (not only a consequence of the compact acceleration region)





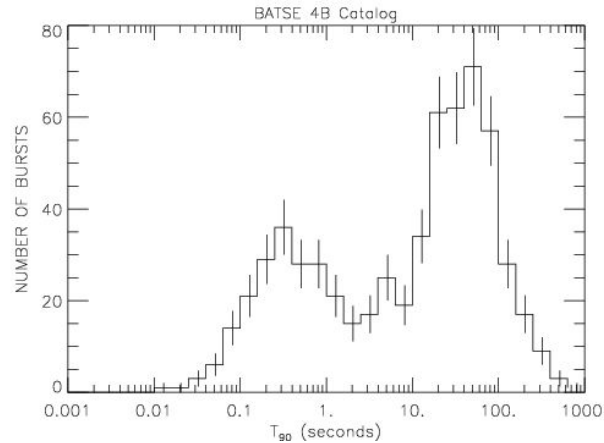
Variability ~ 1 minute



- Jet engine $\rightarrow$ supermassive black hole in galactic centers
- Very fast variability of the gamma ray flux, due to how compact is the acceleration region
- Naive Acceleration region size : $1.8 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ m}$
- $\sim 0.01 R_s$ (supposing a 10^9 Solar mass black hole, $R_s = 3 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ m}$)
- Taking into account jets ($v = 0.99c$), $1.8 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ m}$

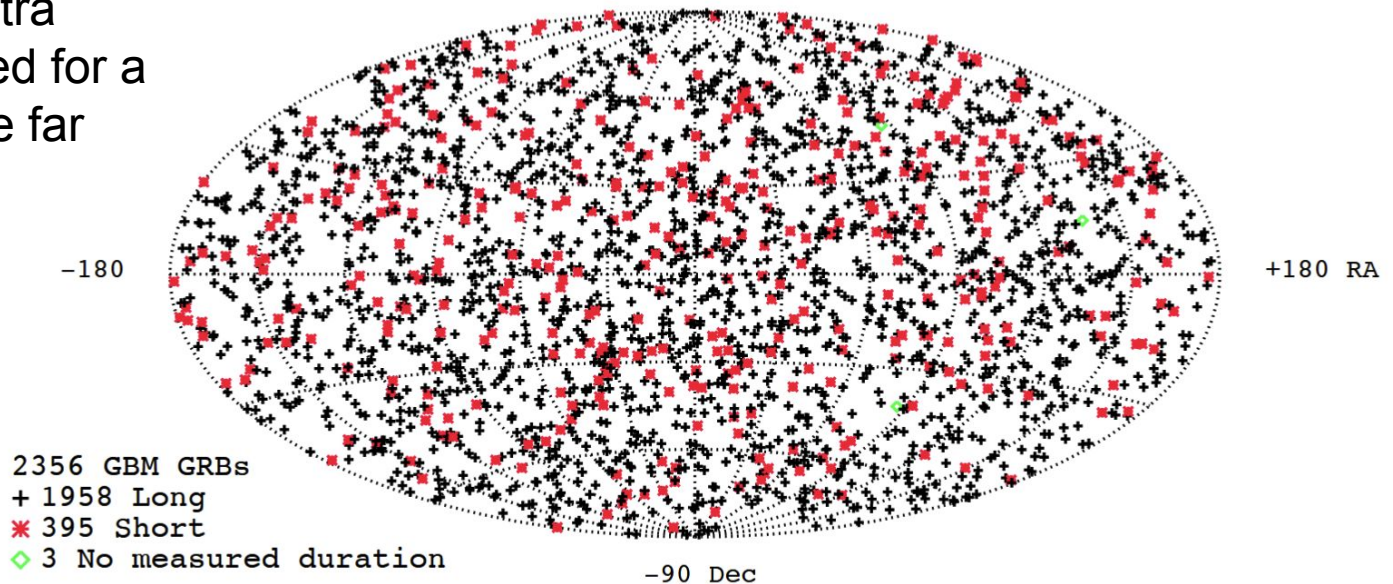
$$r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

Fast -> compact region
-> black hole ?

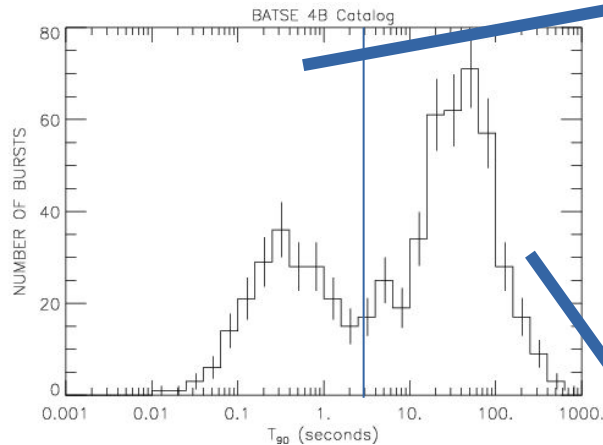


Fermi GBM GRBs in first ten years of operation
+90

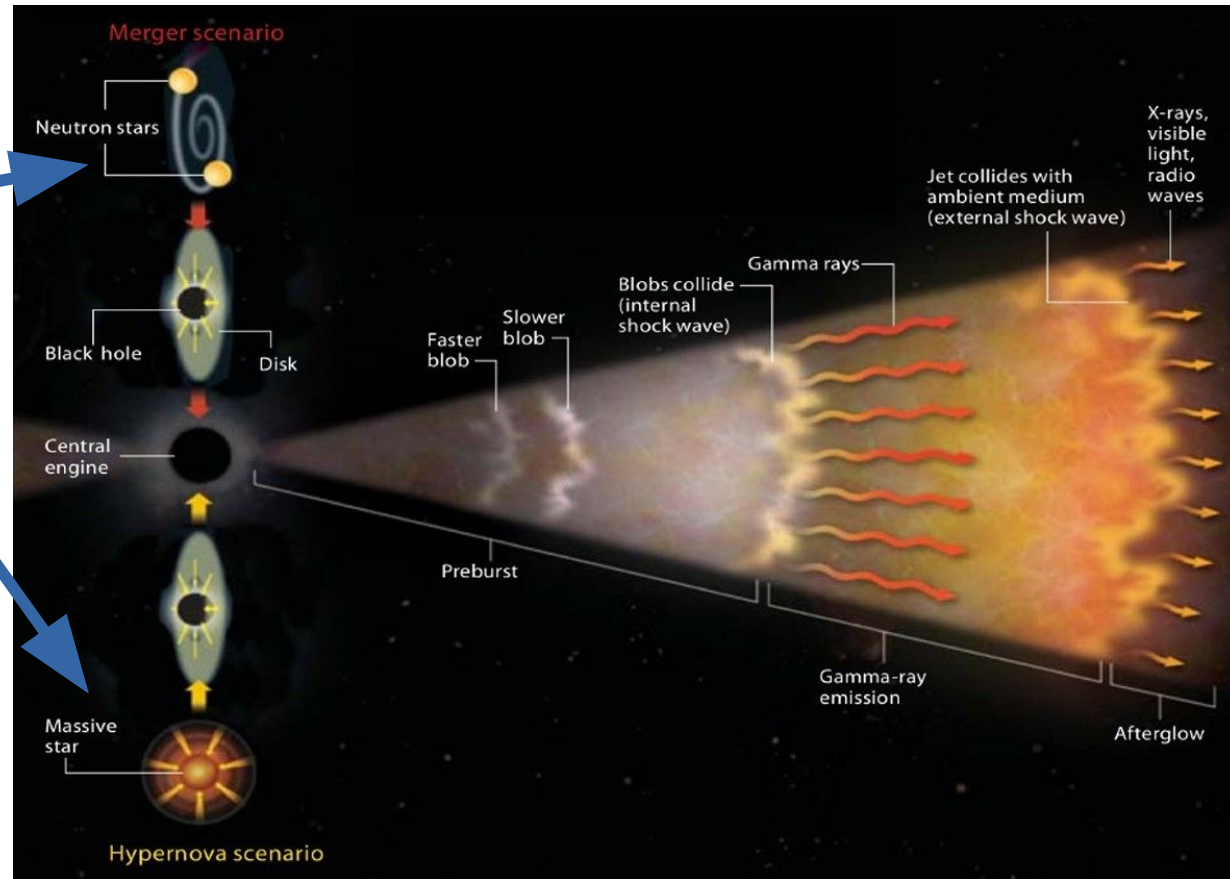
Isotropic -> extra
galactic -> need for a
jet to be visible far
away



short burst

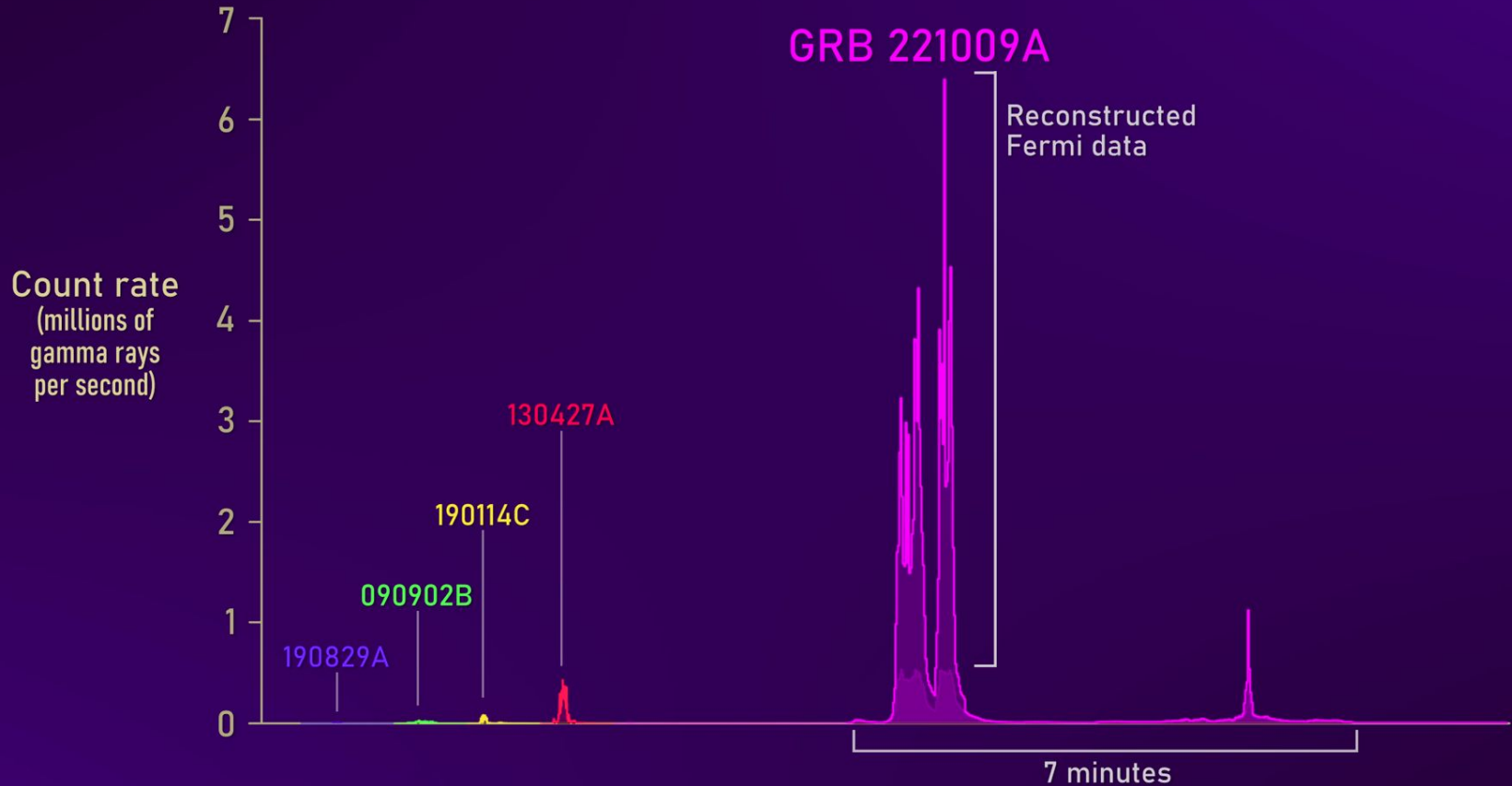


long burst



- Short and bright emission of gamma-rays
- Two populations : short (< 3 s !!!!) and long (> 10 s)
- Prompt emission (shock wave in the jet) than afterglow (choc with external medium)
- Less massive engine than supermassive black hole + faster jet $\rightarrow$ faster variability than AGNs
- 4 GRBs detected by cherenkov telescopes so far ($\sim 2k$ in total for Fermi)

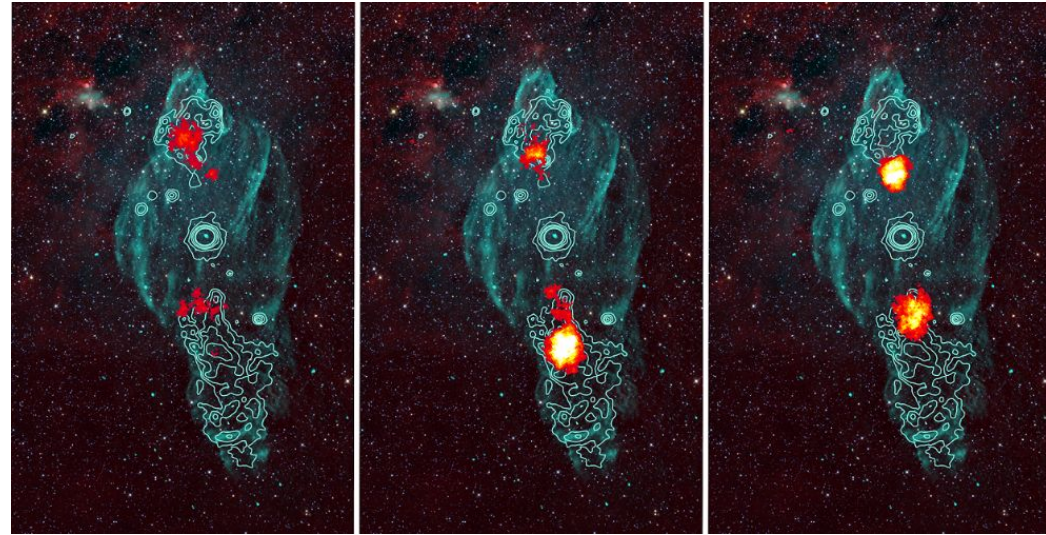
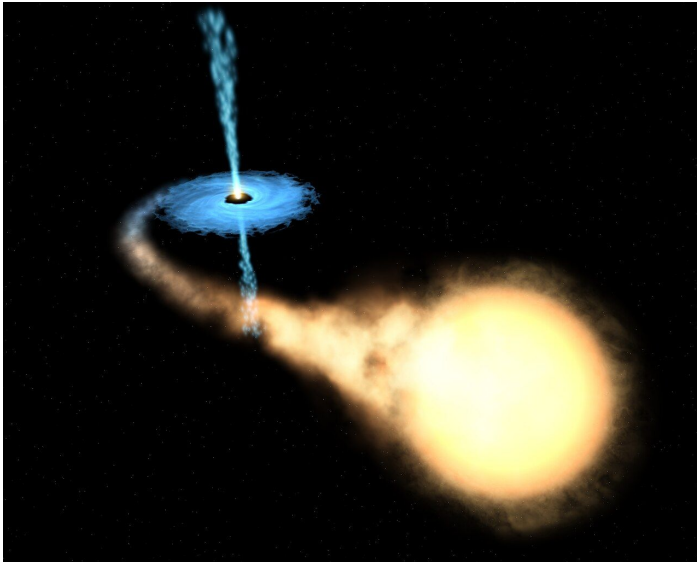
The BOAT GRB in Context



- Combination of “close” ($z = 0.15$), very energetic (well aligned jets)

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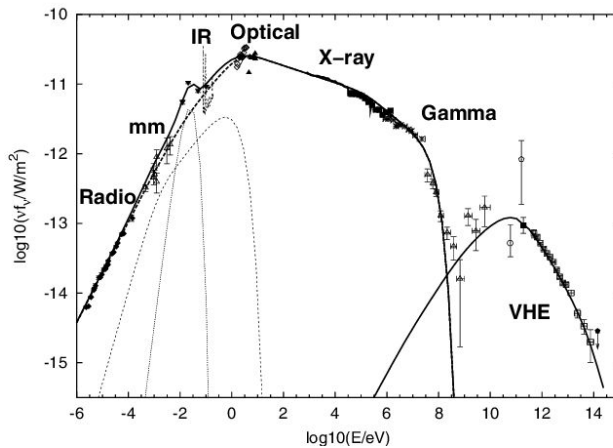
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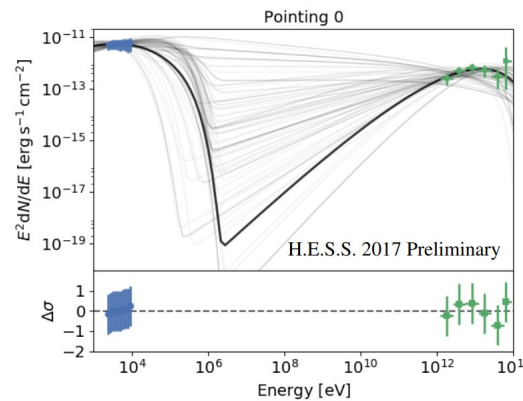
- Micro version of AGNs and GRBs, binary system but with a black hole instead of a pulsar
- Similar physics than AGNs, perpendicular jets are produced
- Since they are close (galactic) we can “easily” observe the jets

- Besides very various types of accelerators (pulsars, pulsar wind nebula, Supernova remnant, Active Galactic Nuclei, GRBs, micro quasars), the double peak SED is universal due to emission processes

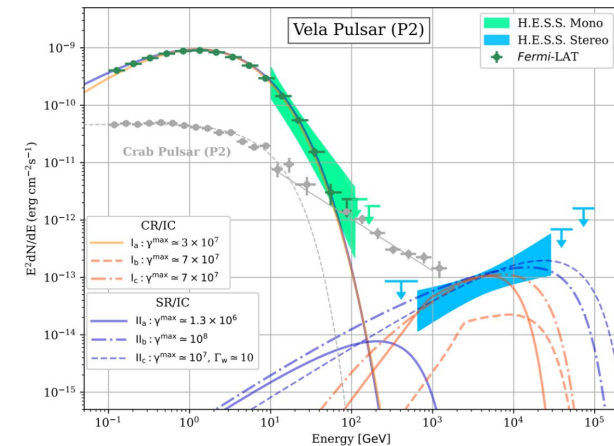
Crab Nebula



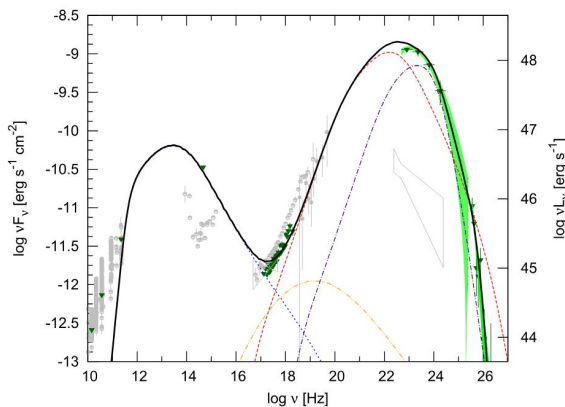
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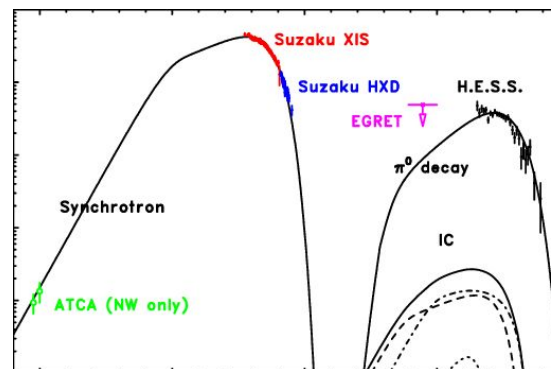
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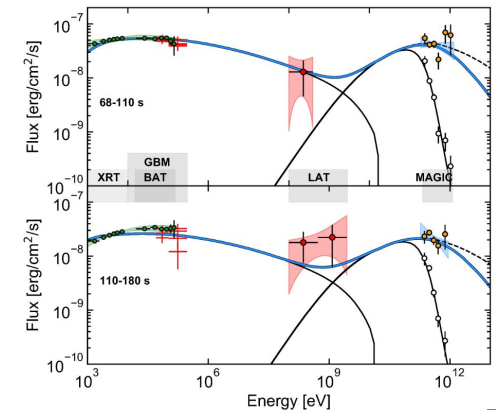
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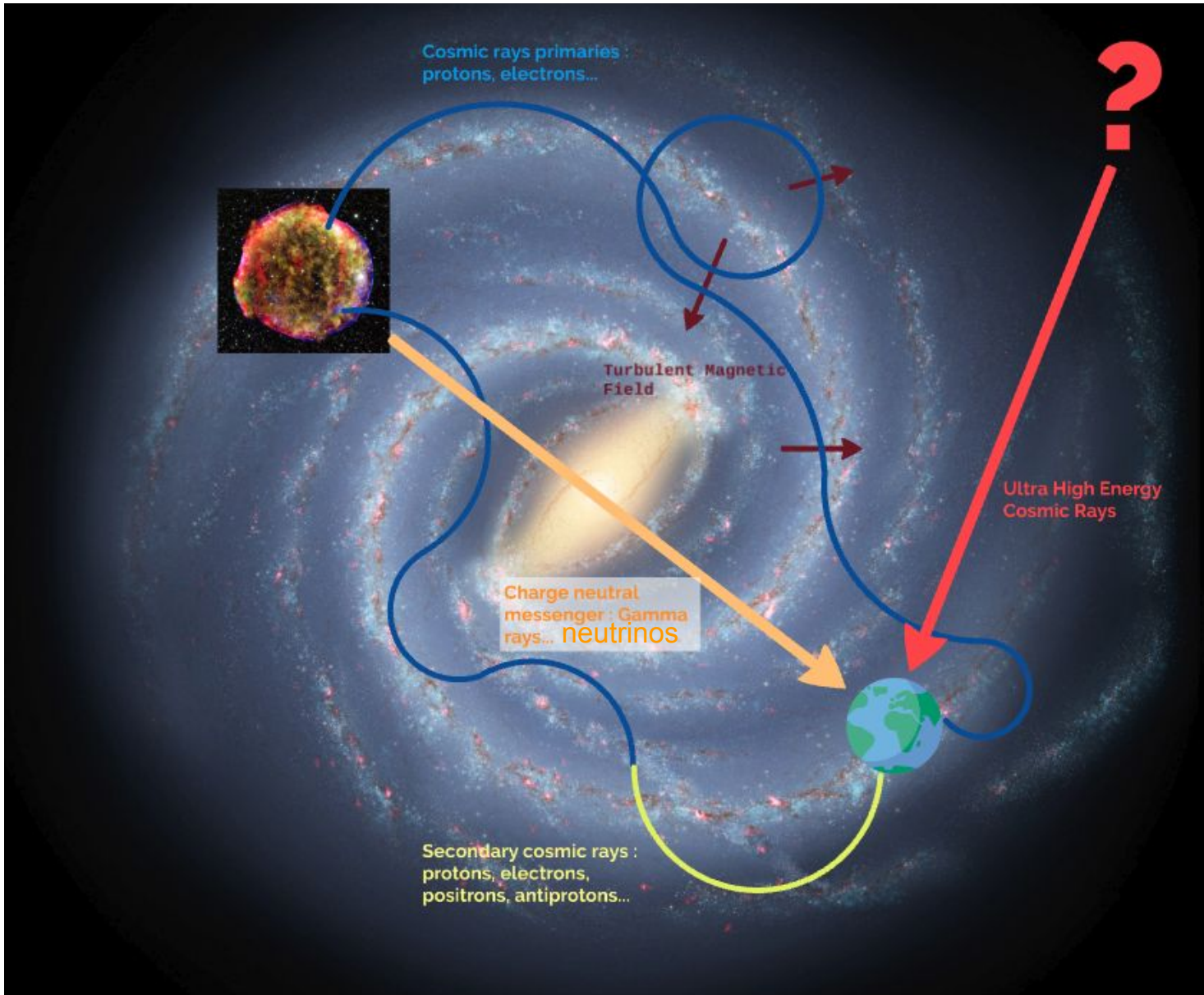


GRB 190114C



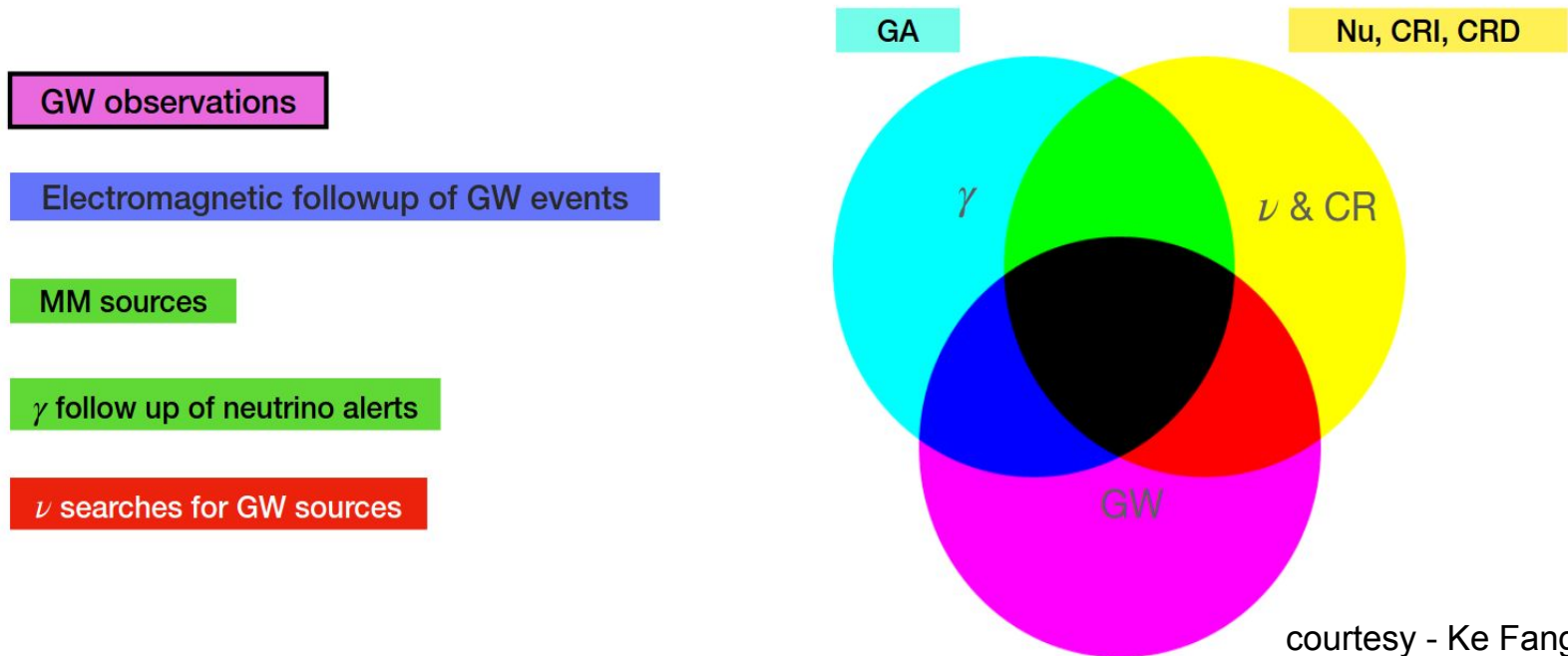
- Leptonic accelerators are believed to be more bright in gamma-rays (Lorentz factor dependency) → **Yes they are, pulsar and pulsar wind nebulae are main class of galactic particle accelerators**
- According to galactic cosmic rays, it exists hadronic accelerators in our galaxy, and those accelerators should accelerate up to at least $\sim 1\text{PeV}$ (translated to gamma-ray 100 TeV !) → **Yes, supernova remnant are those type of accelerator, but the hadroness of the accelerator is inconclusive**
- It should exists even more extreme accelerators than 1PeV ones (but probably different of the galactic ones)... → **Yes, AGN / GRB are extreme accelerators, could be observed outside our galaxy**
- Compact objects with strong magnetic fields can be efficient accelerators (and so should shine in gamma-rays)... → **Yes, these objects are pulsars (neutron star), and black holes (with accretion disk). In case of ultrarelativistic jets, the acceleration is even more boosted**
- ... of course it is not enough to be compact, we need to have an engine to accelerates the charged particles → **engines are supernova remnants shocks, rotating neutron star, accretion disk around black holes**
- Last but not least, the more compact the acceleration site, the faster acceleration should be (and possibly variability in the gamma ray flux) ! → **True but ultra relativistic jets as well enhance this**
- Direct implication is : compact sources should be more variable, “big” sources should be more static → **True ! Supernova remnant and Pulsar Wind Nebula stable, pulsar and black hole related emission very variable**

Multi-messenger



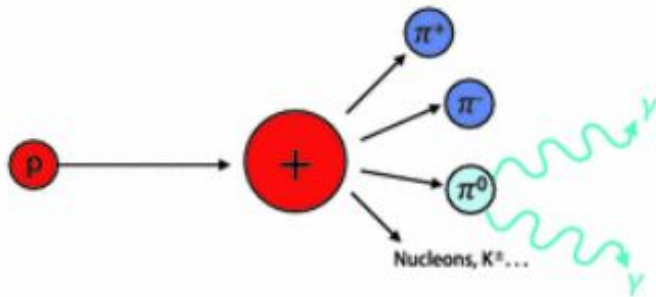
- accelerated leptonic and hadronic particles
- B, density, photon field

- accelerated hadronic particles
- Density



courtesy - Ke Fang
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- dense and asymmetric rotating object
- information on the progenitor



(c) Pion decay

$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^0$$

$$p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$$

$$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

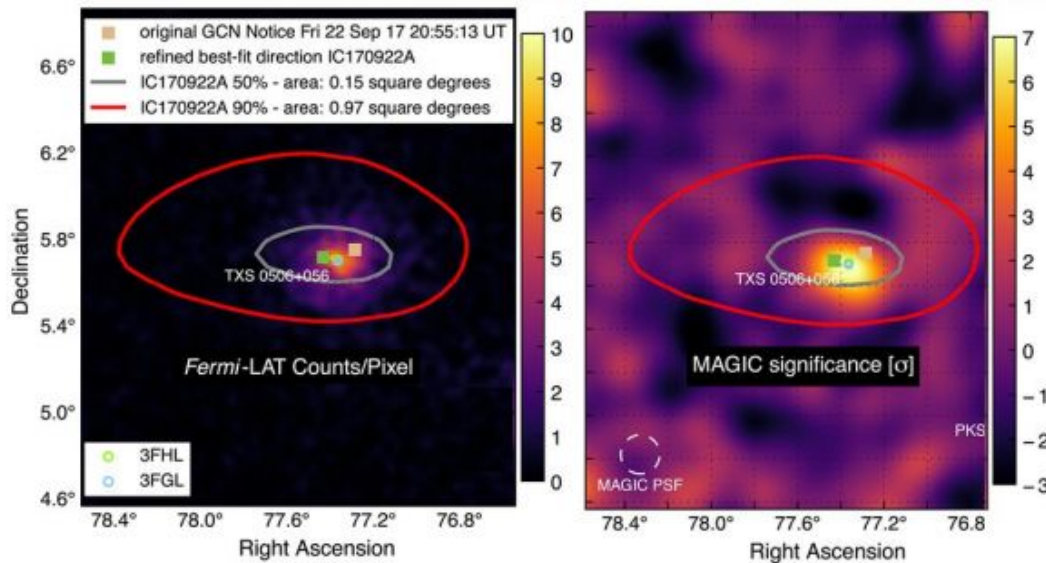
$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$$

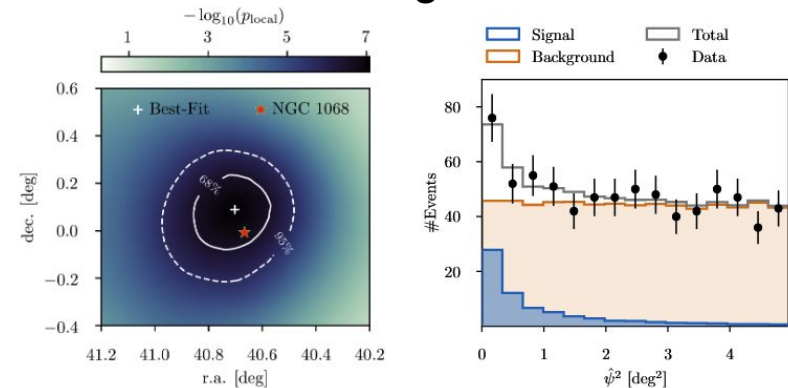
$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

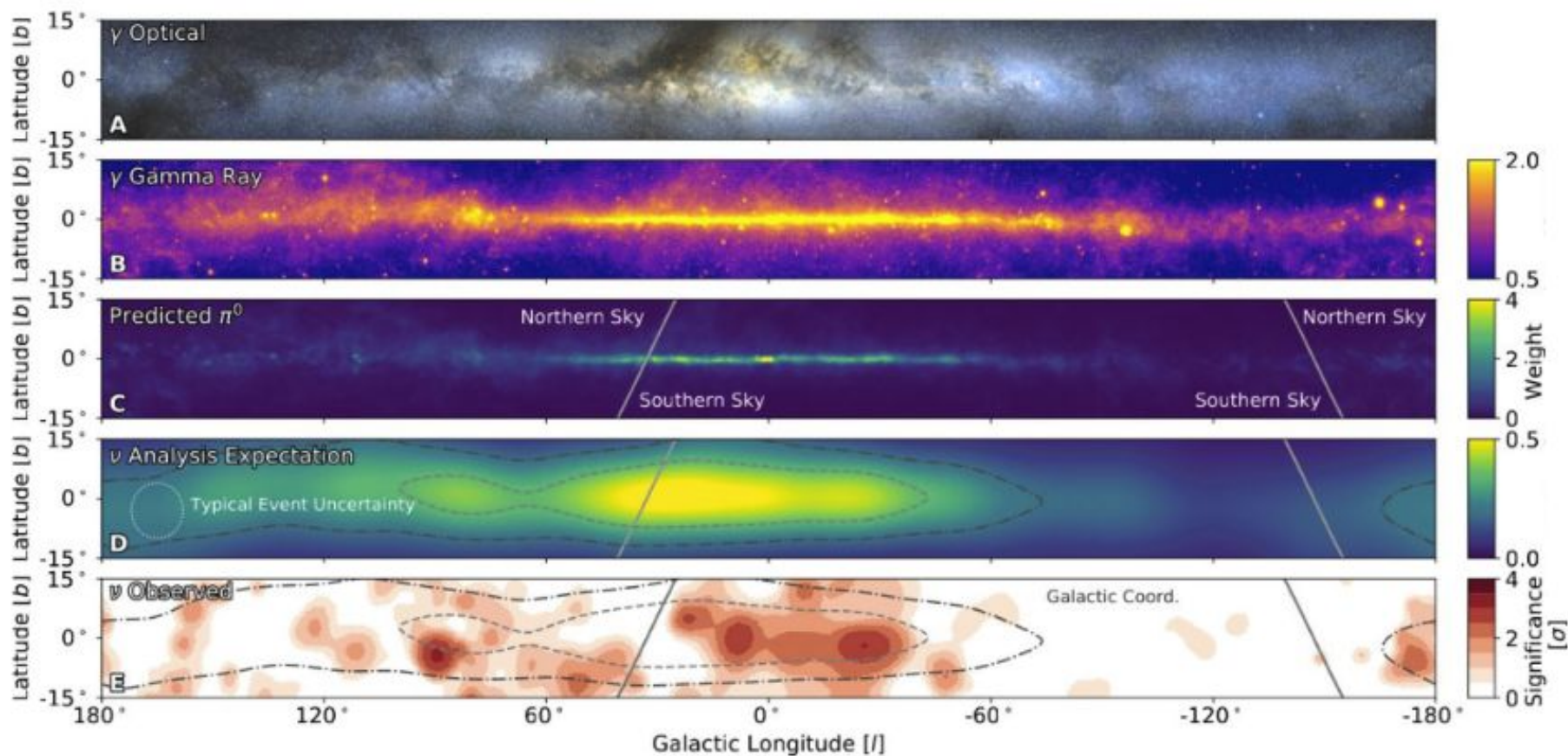
- Neutrinos expected to be a smoking gun for the hadronic processes in sources
- In contrary of gamma rays, neutrinos are unattenuated by pair production
- Interesting to proof acceleration of protons, but as well for far extragalactic sources
- The problem is mainly there (very) poor statistics

- 290 TeV muon neutrino, IceCube-170922A, a search of counterpart found TXS 0506+056 in the area in a flare
- 4.2 sigma of neutrino excess in vicinity of NGC 1068 with ~10 years of data

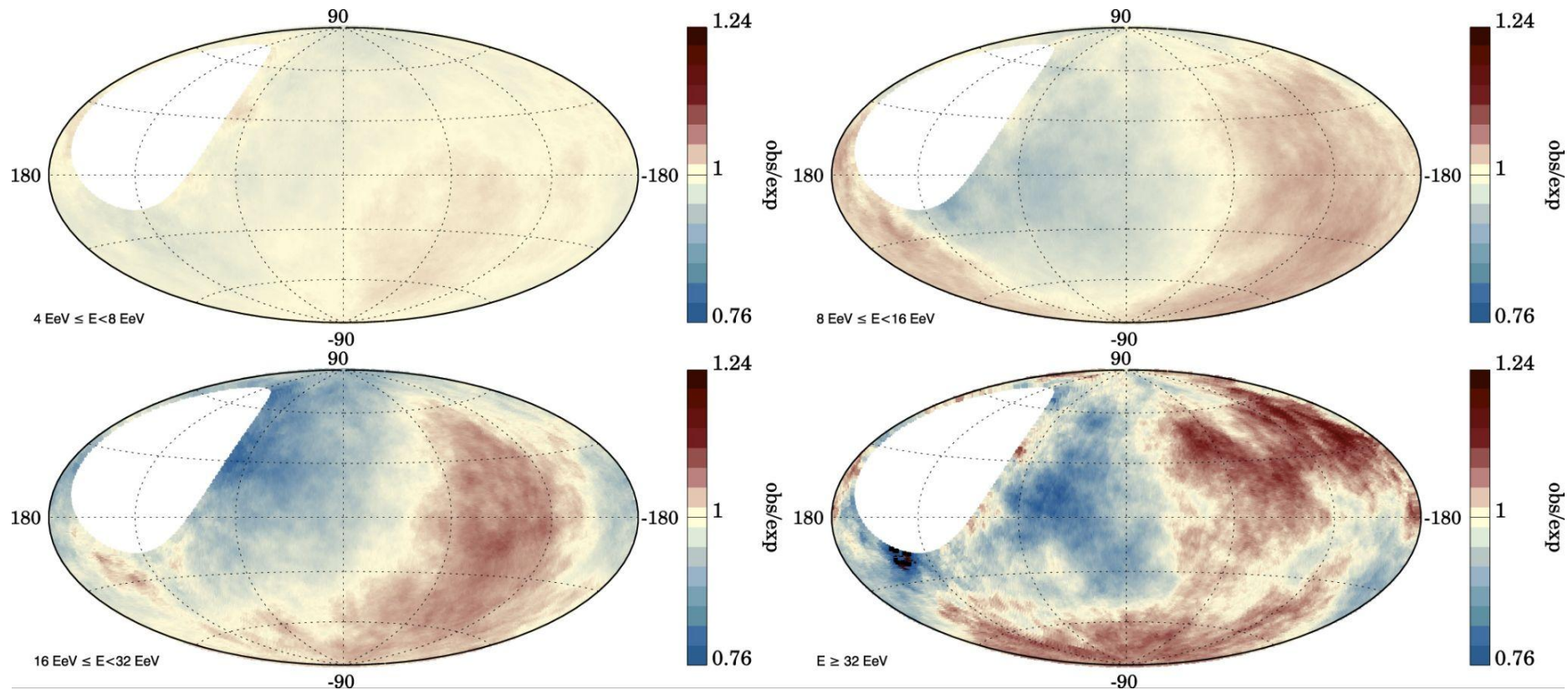


79^{+22}_{-20} neutrinos
4.2 sigma

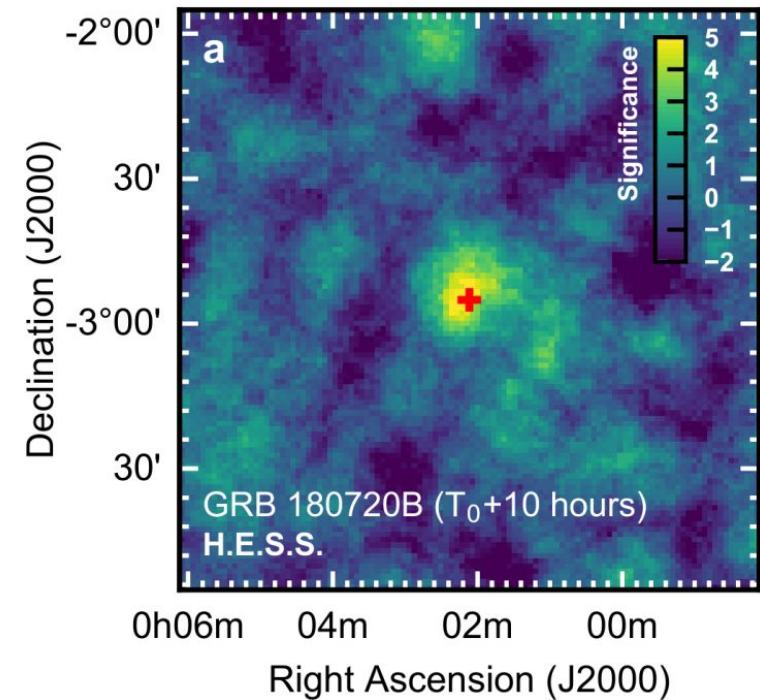
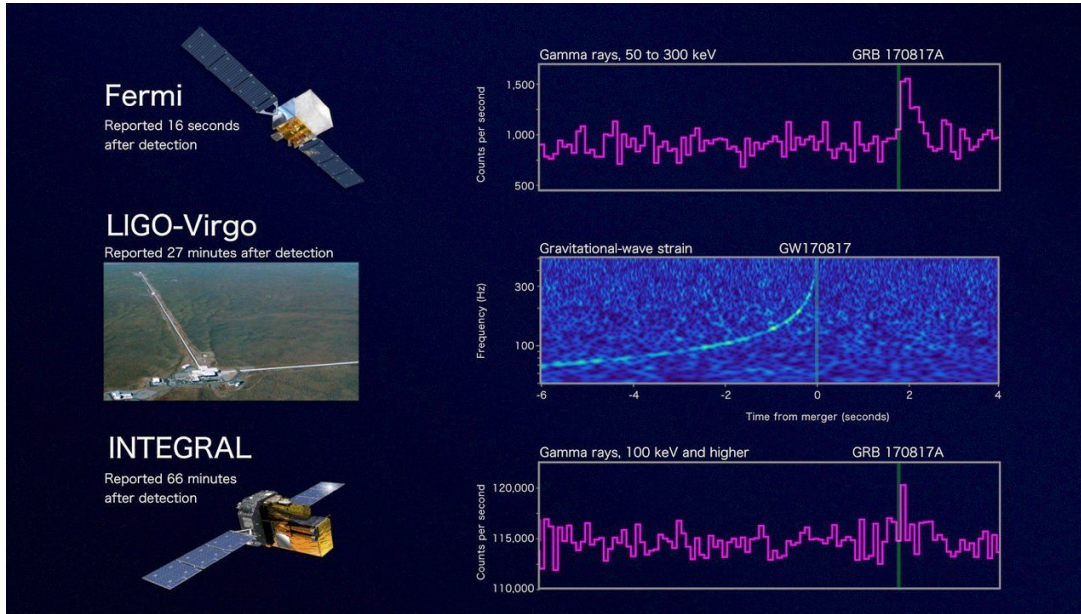




- Large scale dipole for UHECR start to be detected (~ 4 sigmas)
- Difficult to firmly conclude the dominant source, but galactic origin start to be excluded



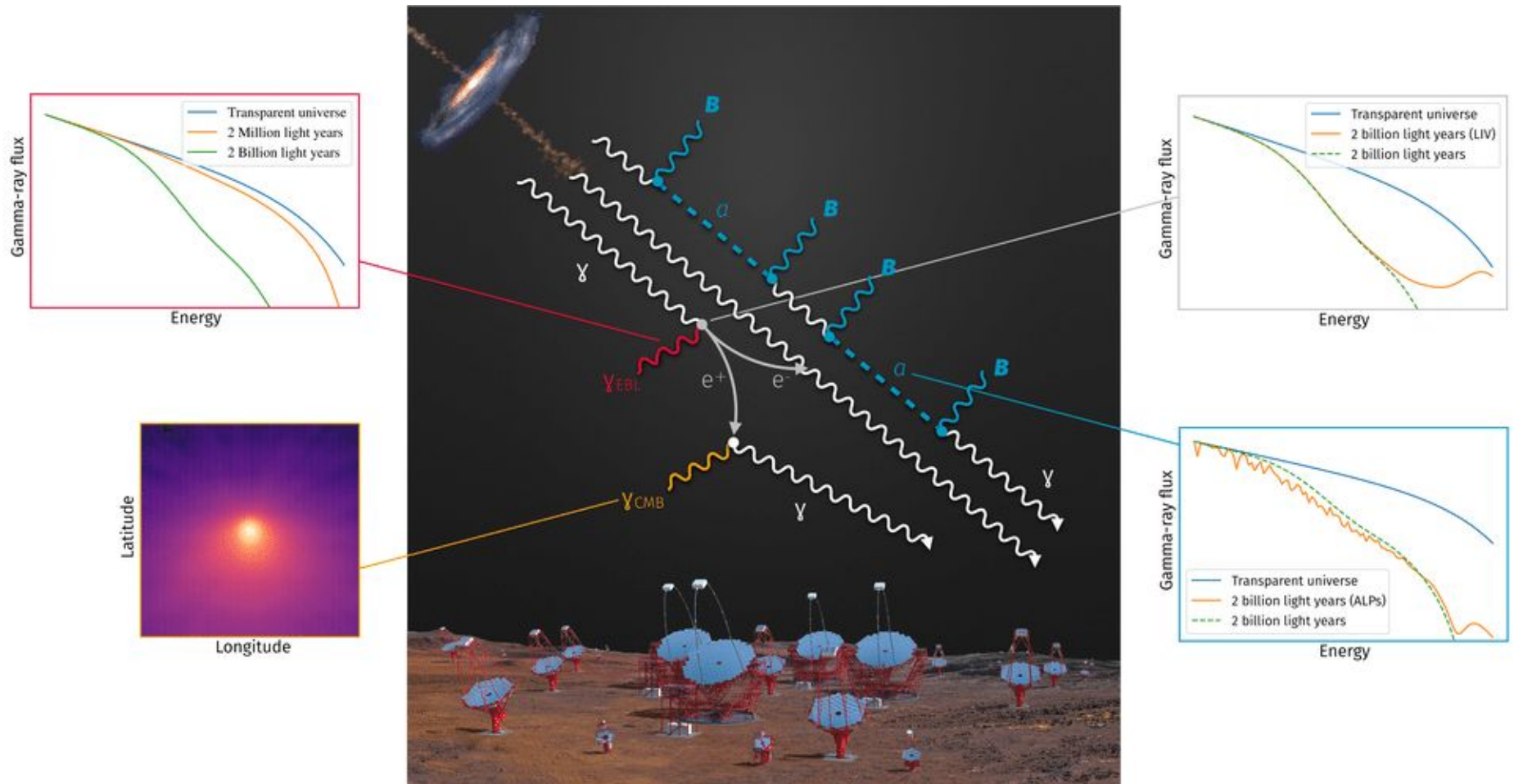
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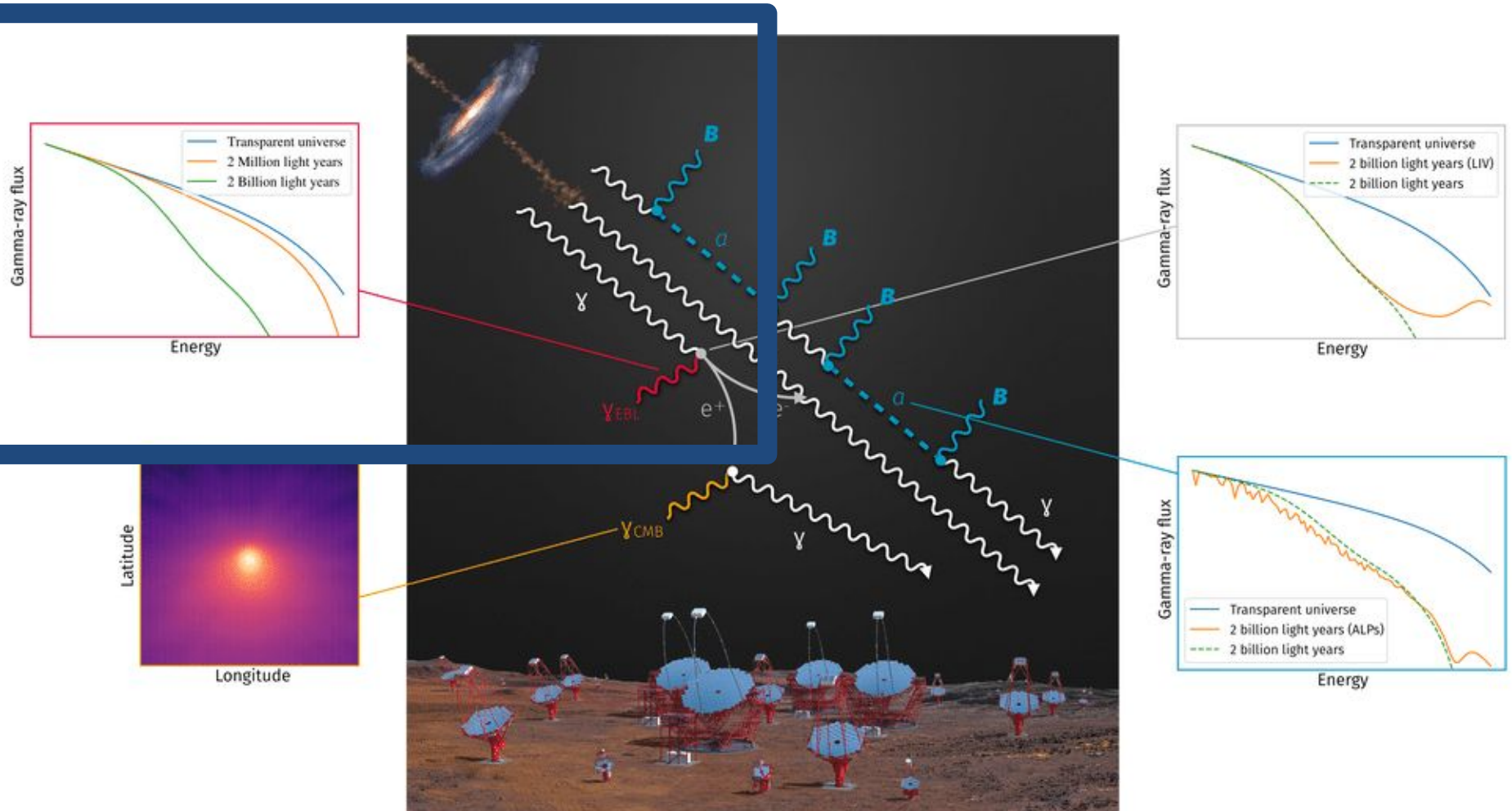
- Cherenkov telescope field of view $\sim 5^\circ$ (8° for CTA), needs for external alerts (satellites X-ray or GeV gamma rays, GW, neutrinos...)
- For the short burst, production of gravitational wave is expected (asymmetry of the merger precursor)
- Happened in 2017, but missed by Cherenkov telescopes (due to day light...)
- But detected by satellites !



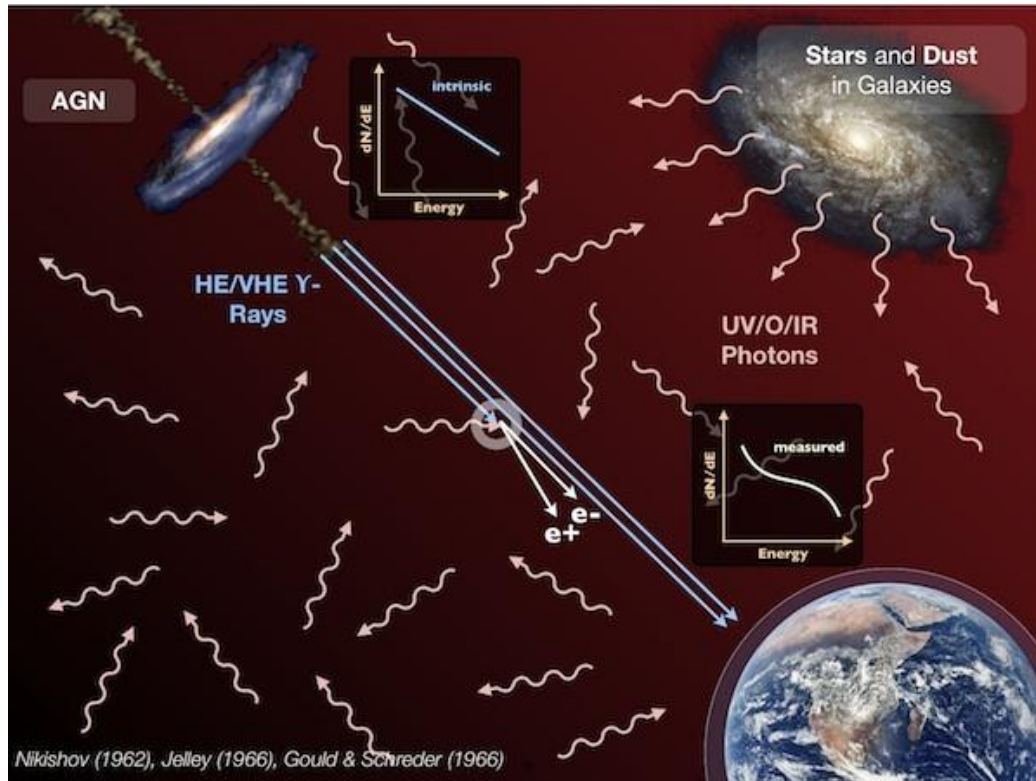
Fundamental physics with gamma rays



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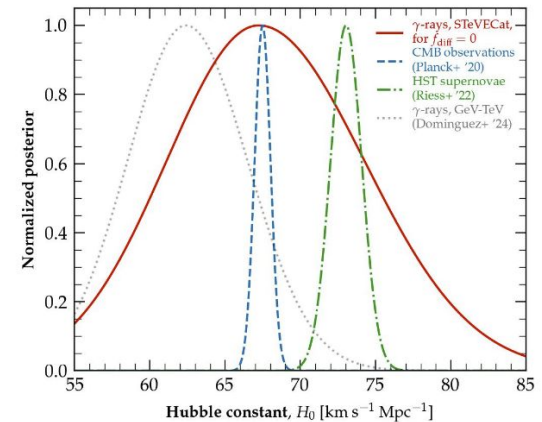
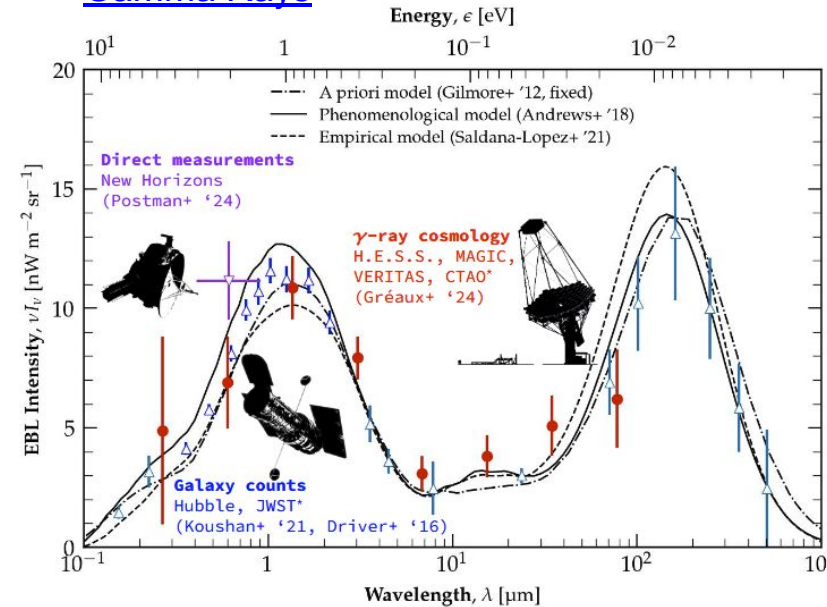


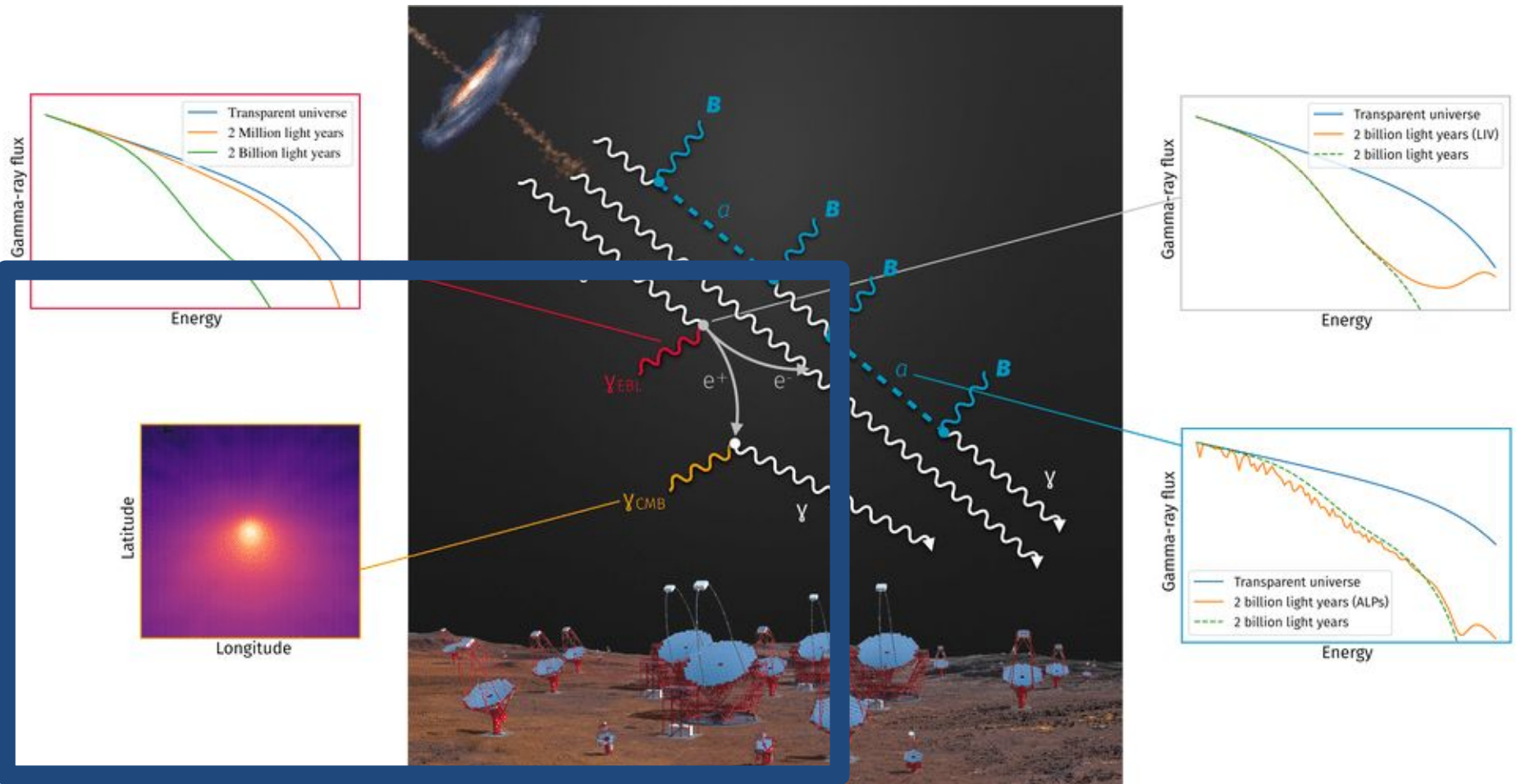
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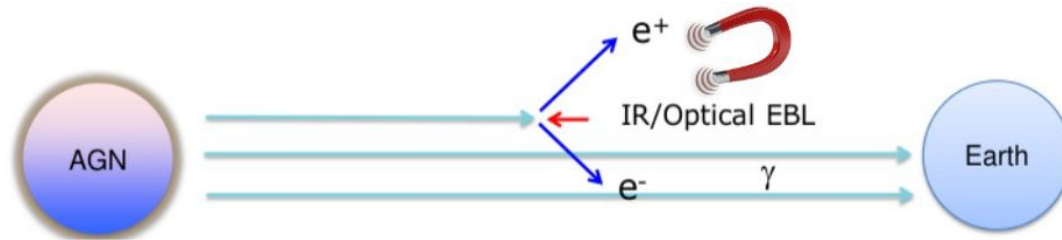
- Gamma ray absorption can be used to indirectly derive the “spectra of our universe”
- This measurement is dependent of the cosmological parameter, measurement of the Hubble constant can be made

The Cosmological Optical Convergence: Extragalactic Background Light from TeV Gamma Rays

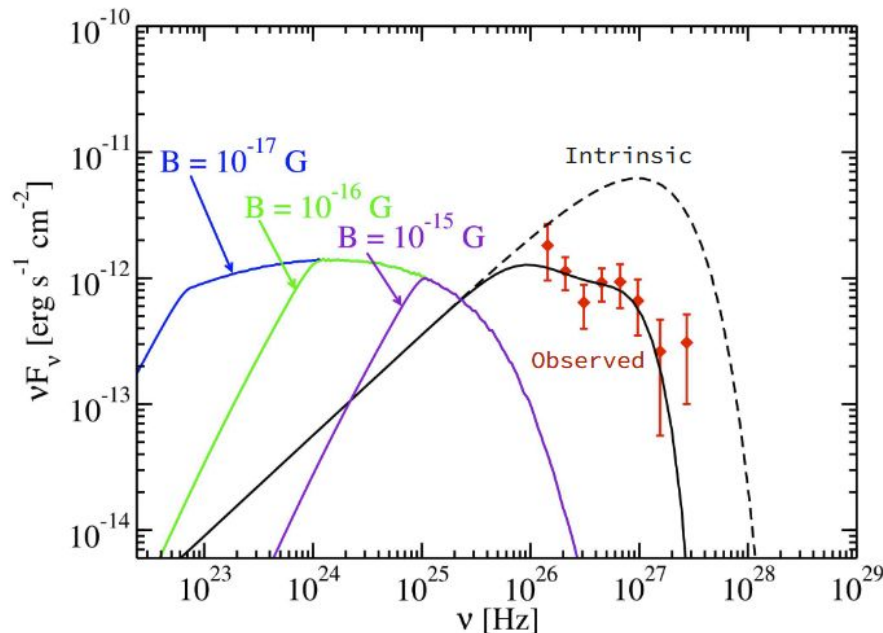




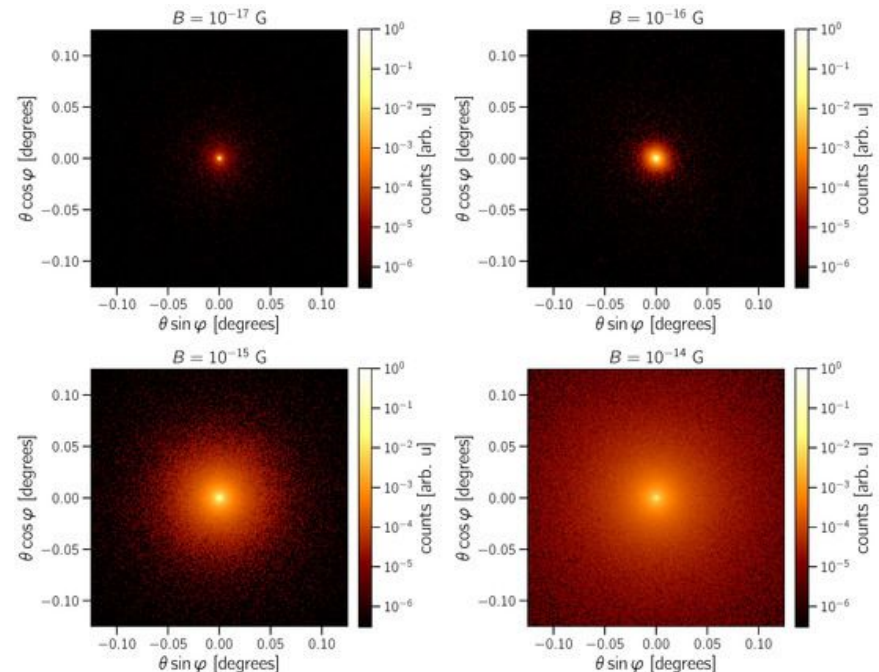
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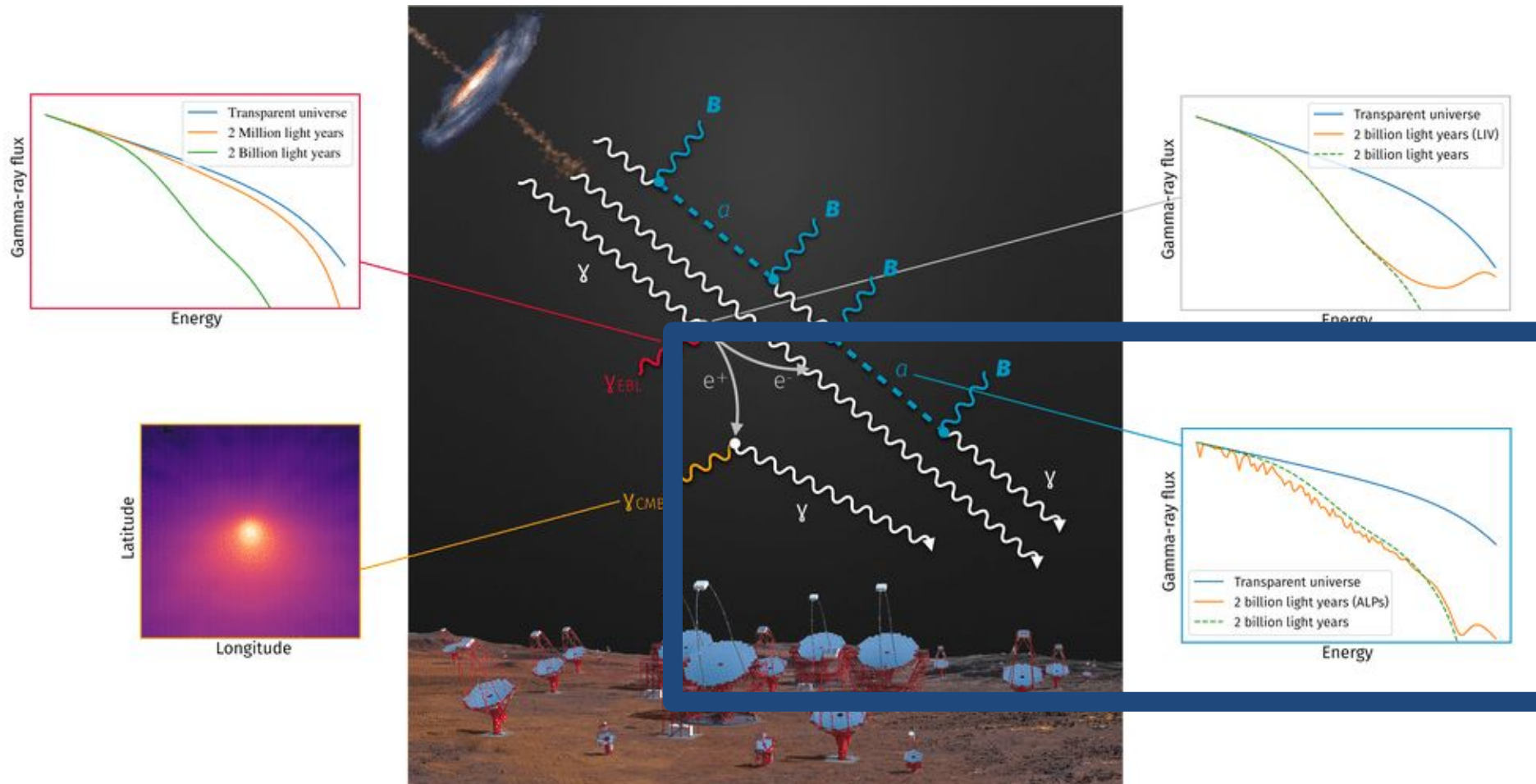
- Positrons and electrons can produce gamma-rays (echos)
- Galactic magnetic fields can create extended echos
- Limits $B > \sim 10^{-16}$ G (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.05132>)



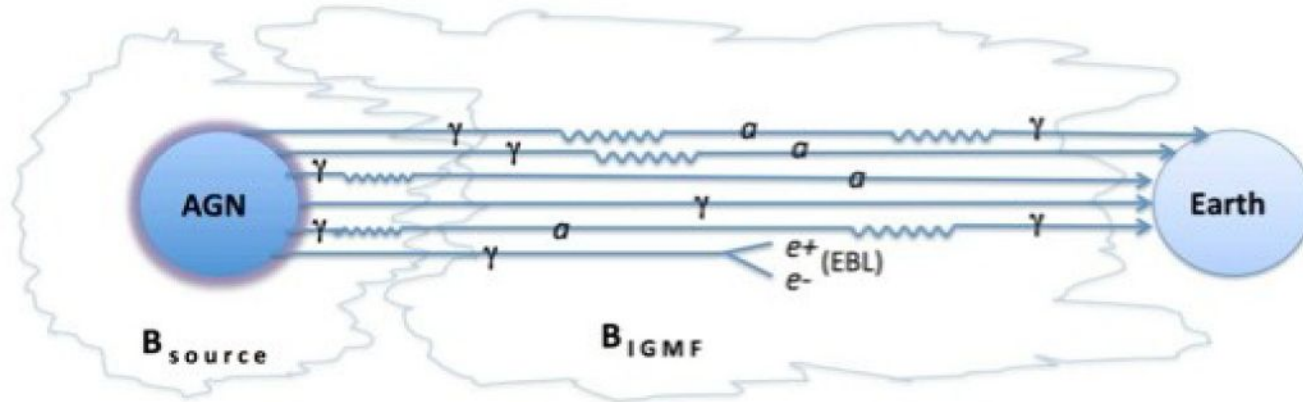
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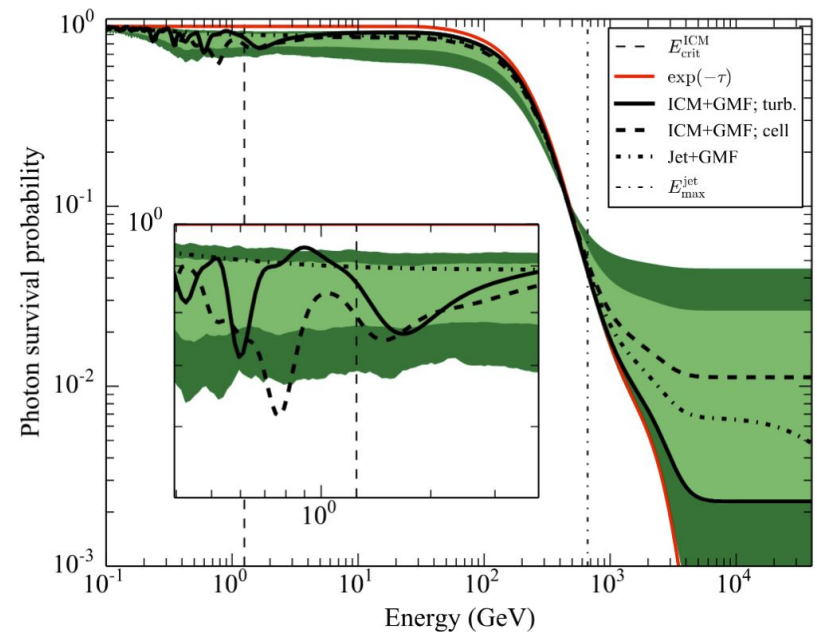
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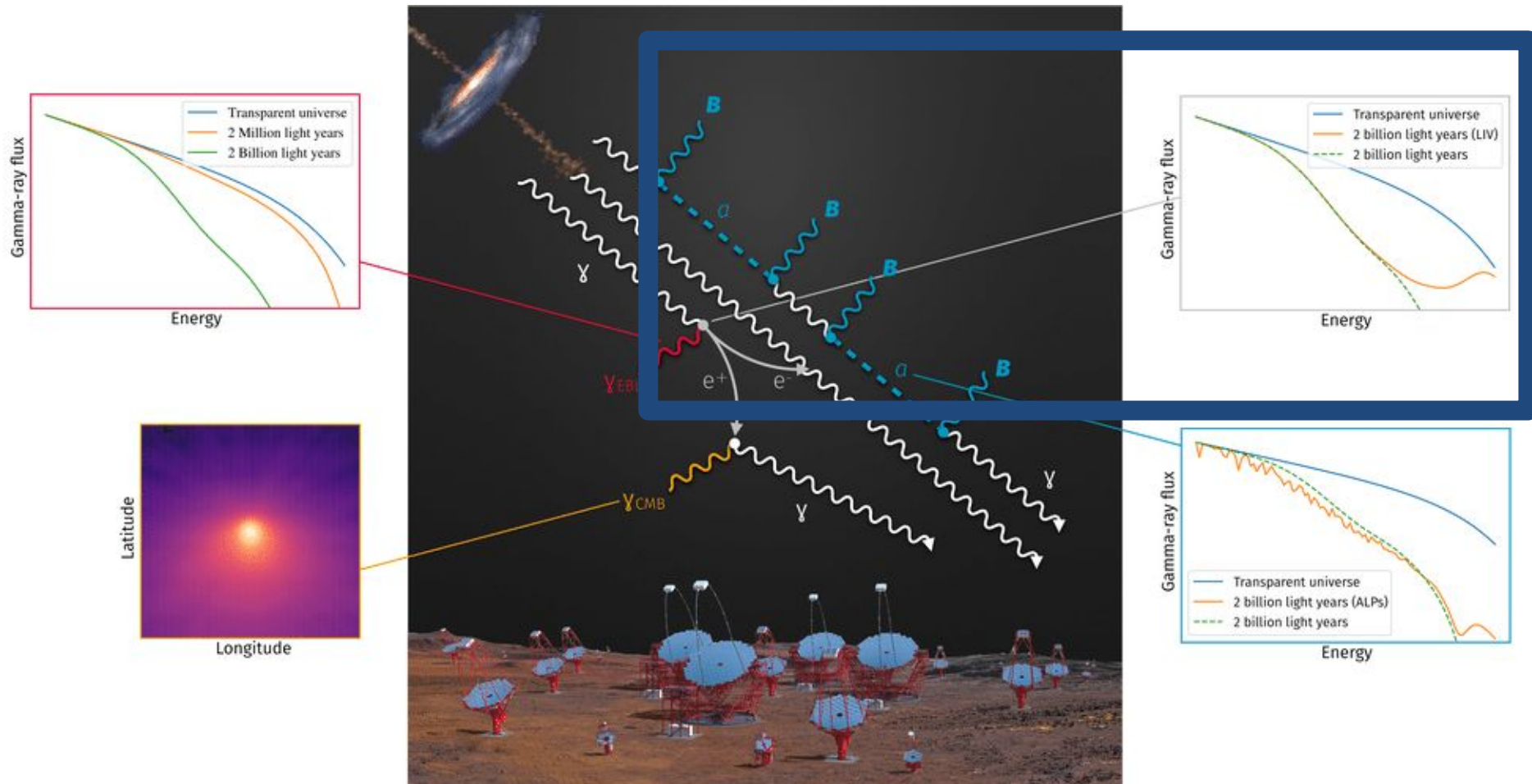
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- axion: hypothetical boson introduced to explain the preservation of CP Symmetry in QCD
- It provide a low mass and feably interacting candidate for the Dark Matter
- But strongly weakly couple with photons, allowing conversion from gamma rays to Axions along the travel
- photons can “escape” EBL absorption by conversion to Axions



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.5972>



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- Lorentz Invariance Violation (or Deformation) is expected by some candidates theory for Quantum Gravity
- Concept of an invariant, minimal length is a potential manifestation of quantum characteristics of space-time, anticipated to be of the order of Planck length ($1.6 \cdot 10^{-35}$ m)
- Integrated successfully in special relativistic framework (Doubly Special Relativity <https://arXiv.org/abs/hep-th/0112090v2>), but as well in classical quantum mechanics (Generalized Uncertainty Principle <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.13788>)
- In both cases, leads to a possibly modified dispersion relation, leading to detectable (or constrainable) effects
- Variability of speed of light versus energy is one of them (with an energy scale of the order of Planck Energy $\sim 10^{19}$ GeV)
- Some cautions :
 - Planck Energy is an extrapolation of the current laws of physics up to 10 order of magnitude, the fact that those effect should happen at this energy should be taken with caution
 - Quantum Gravity is a complete change of paradigm, while what we are looking for is an anomaly in the current paradigm based on theoretical assumptions

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Cosmological scale factor
QG perturbation term

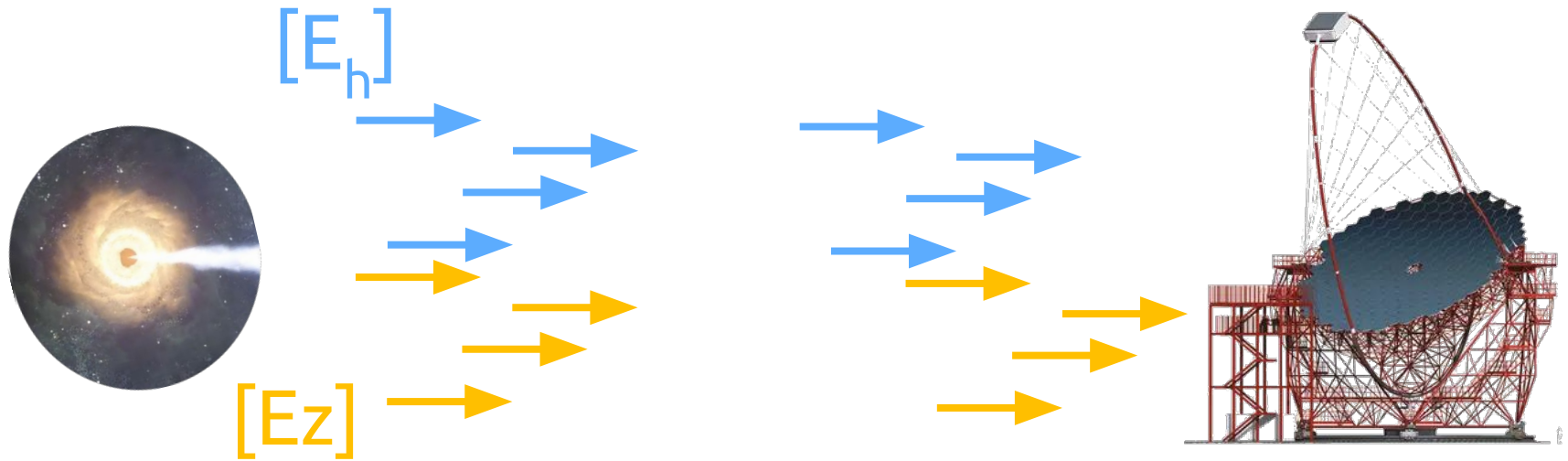
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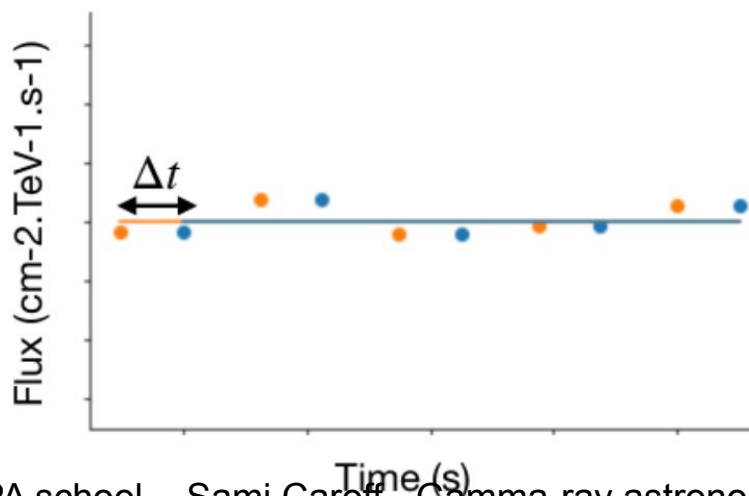
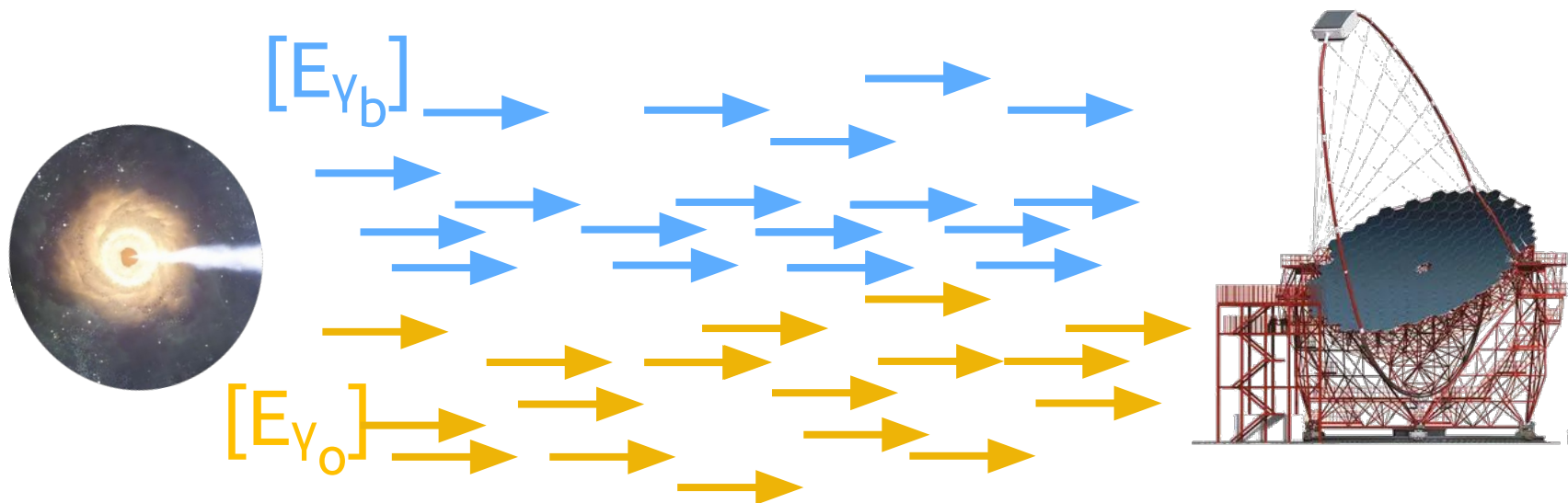
$$E^2 = \frac{p^2 c^2}{a^2(t)} \left(1 + \sum_1^n \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n \right)$$

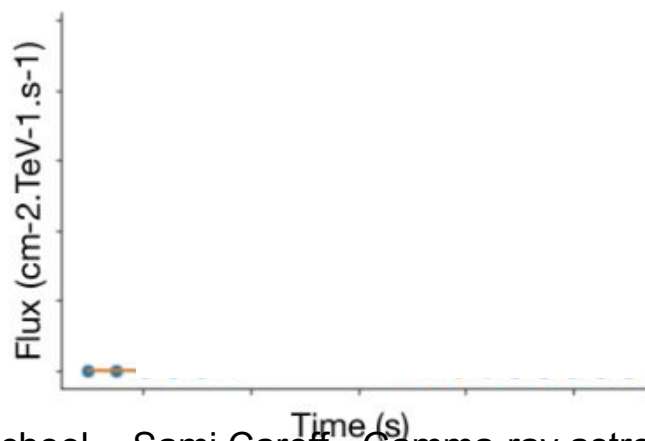
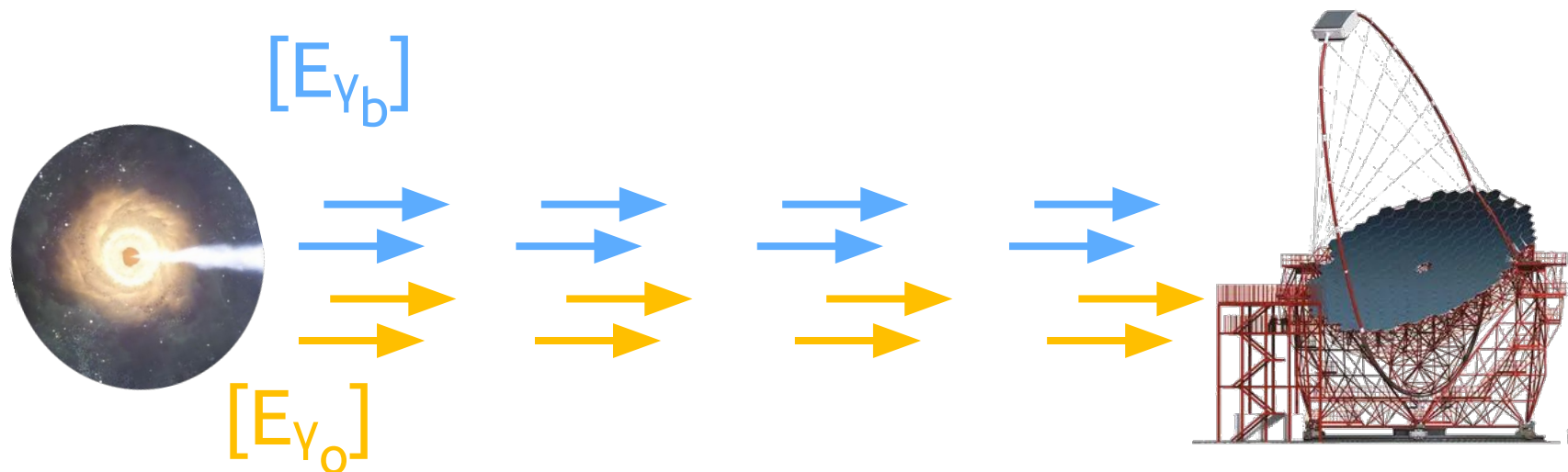
Speed for a given order

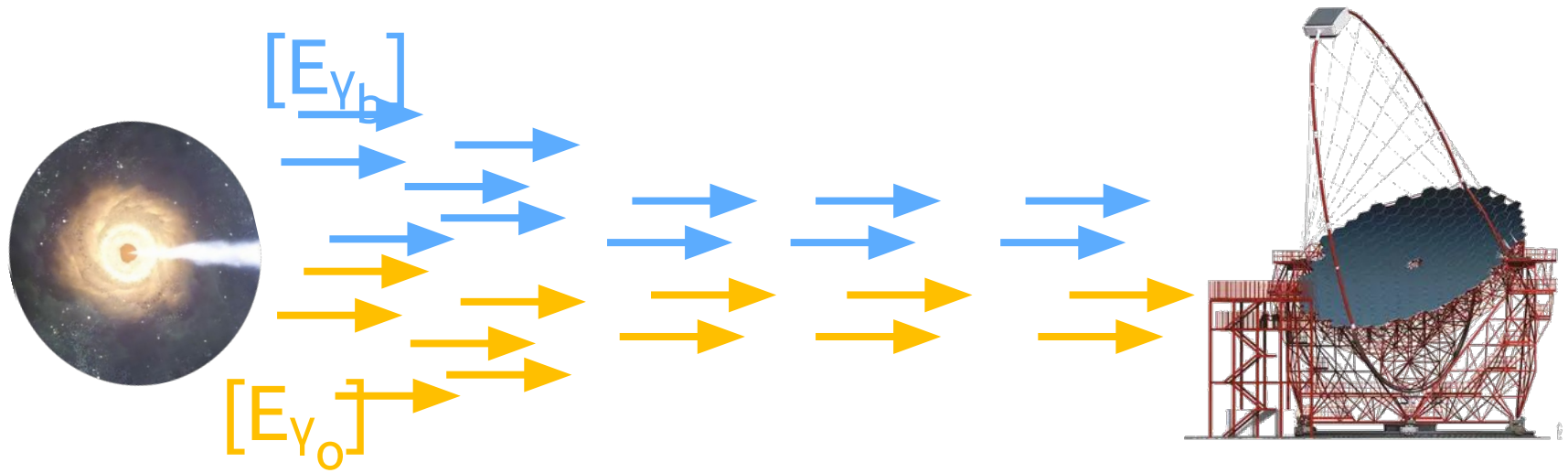
E(t) because of scale factor (redshift)

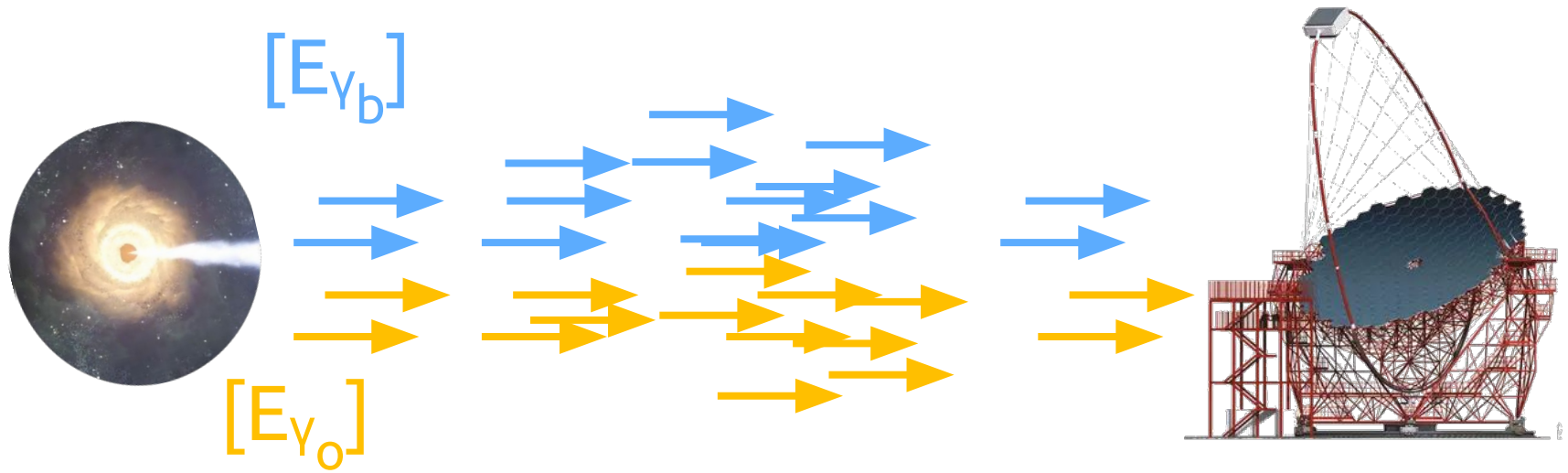
$$v(E, t) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} \simeq \frac{c}{a(t)} \left(1 + \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{E(t)}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n \right) \quad \left(\frac{E(t)}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n \simeq \left(\frac{pc}{a(t)E_{QG,n}} \right)^n$$

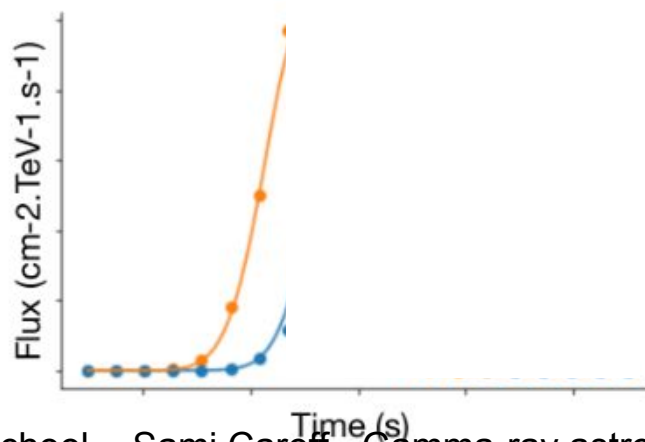
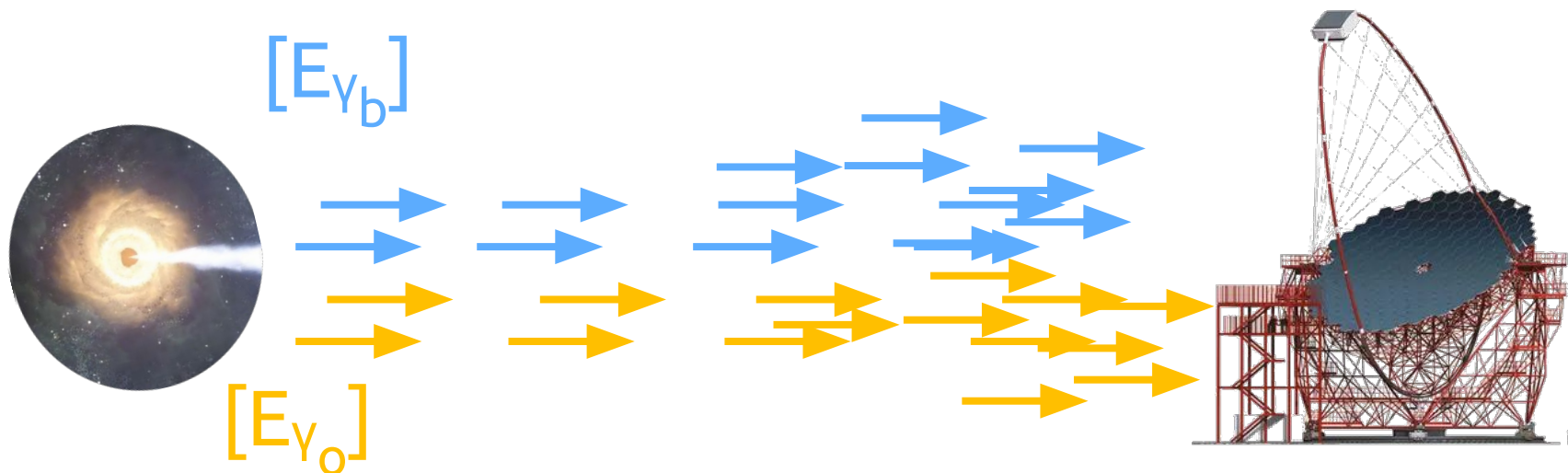


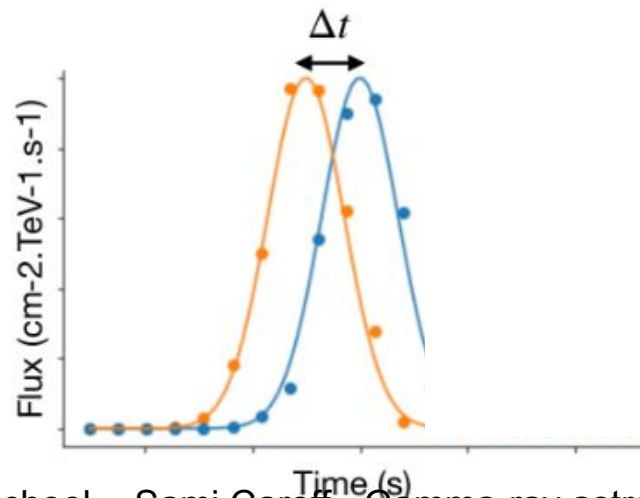
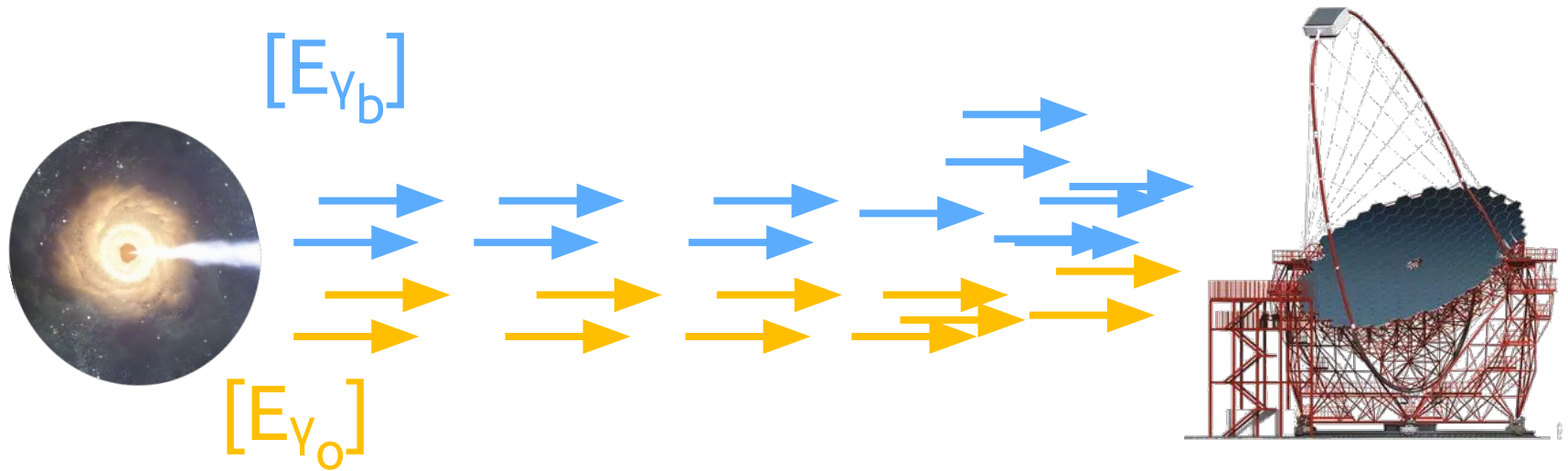


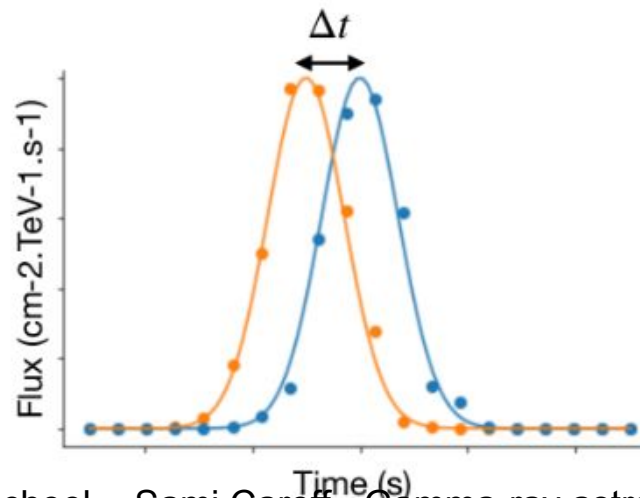
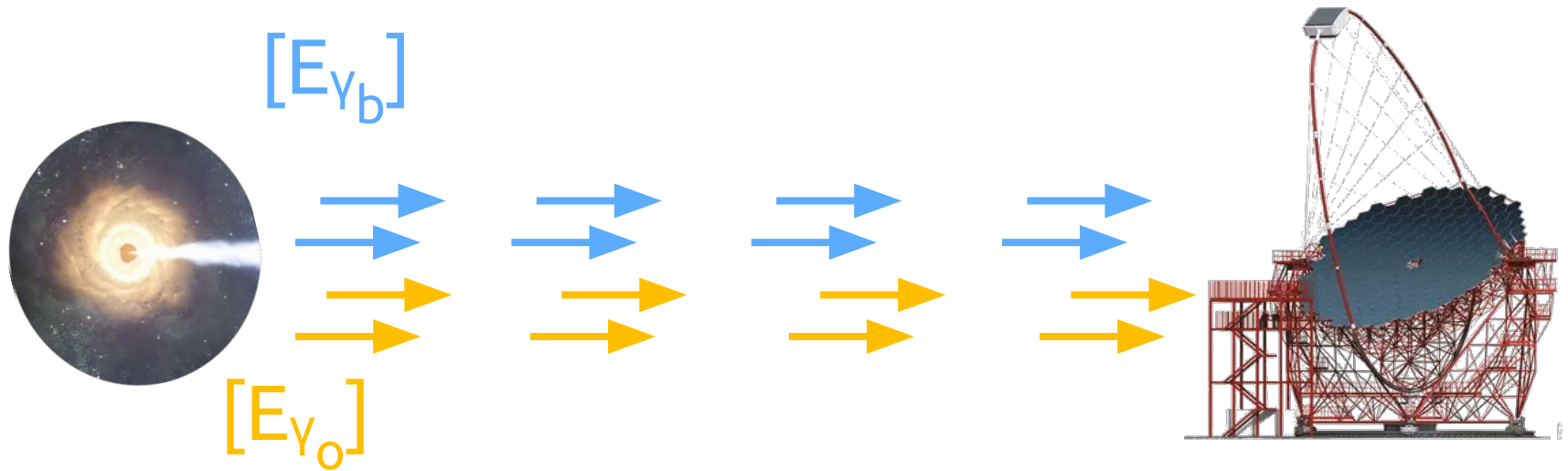


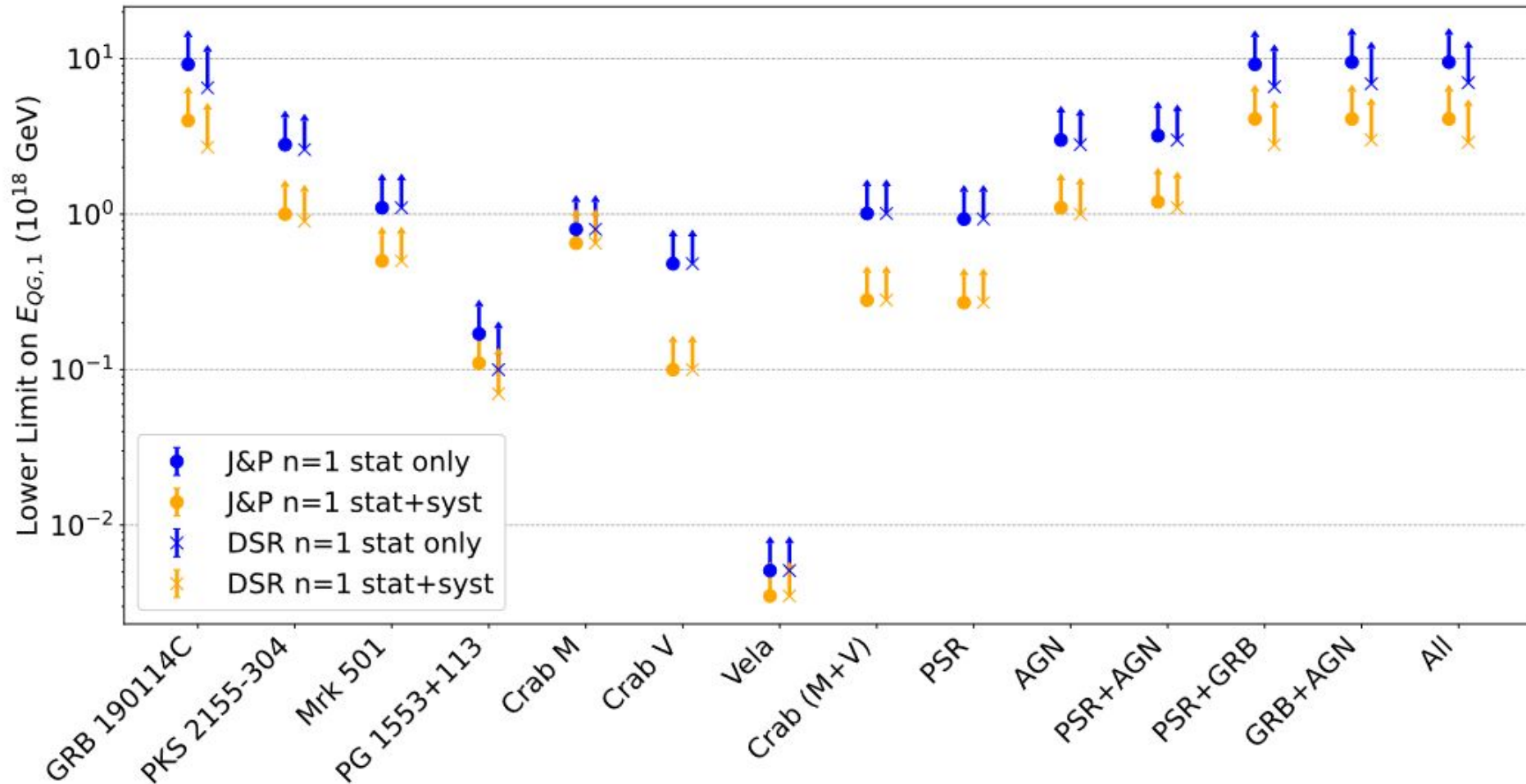




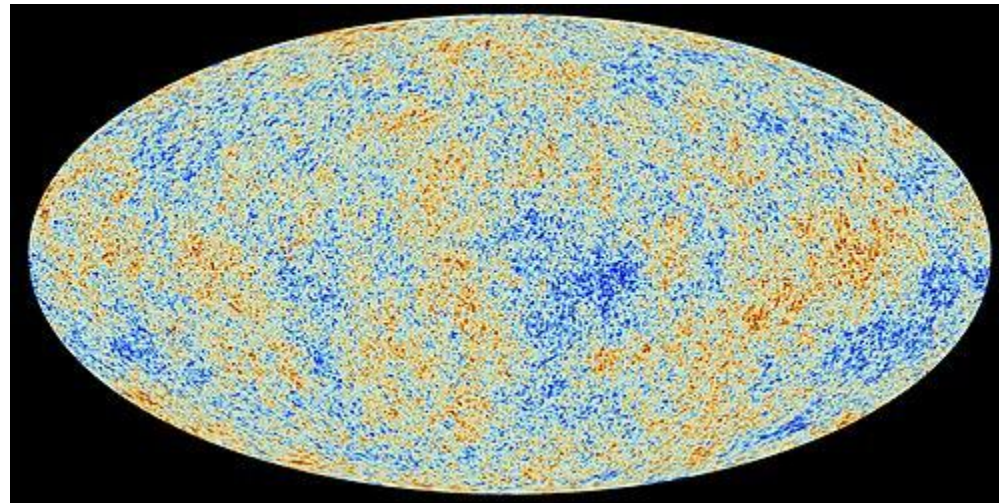
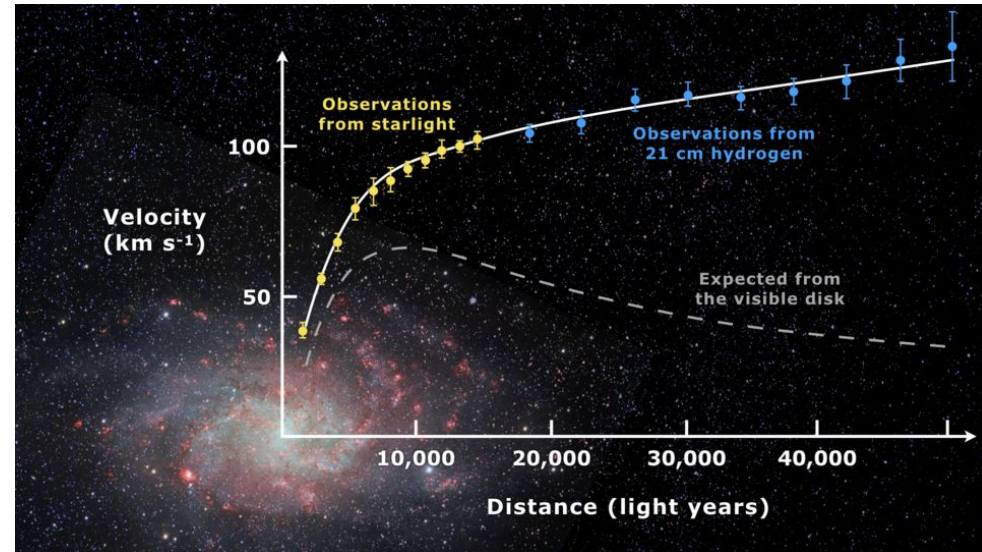




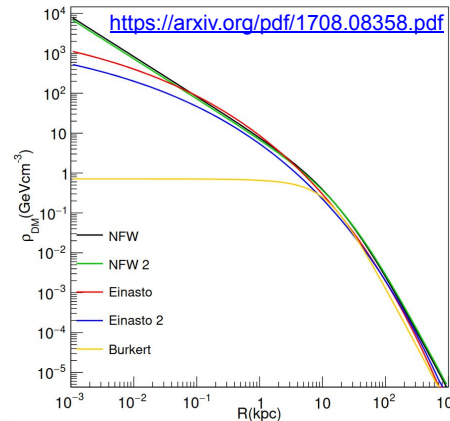
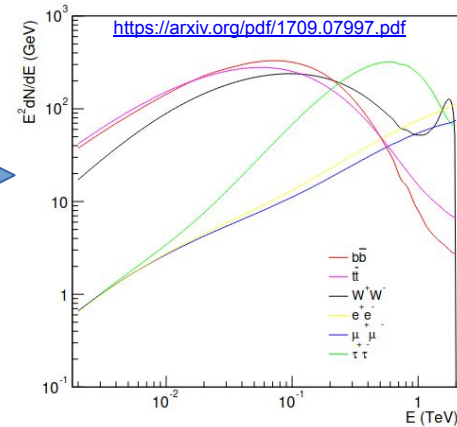
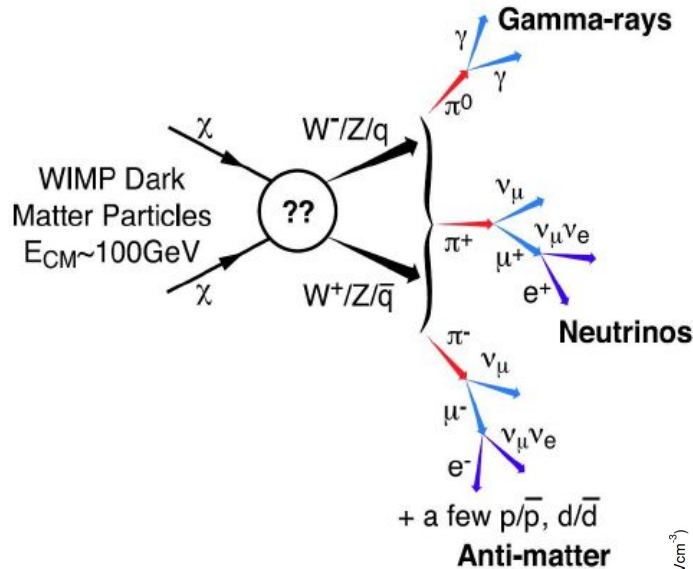




- Needed at various scale to explain various observations
 - Galaxy flat rotation curves
 - Imprint in the Cosmic Microwave background inhomogeneities
 - Needed to explain structure formation
 - Bullet cluster...
- Main candidates studied so far :
 - Axion Like Particle
 - Weakly interacting massive particle



Indirect detection



- Galactic center
- + Large DM density, nearby
- - Astrophysical background
- Only visible for ground based observatory in the South Hemisphere (CTA-South, SWGO)
- Satellite galaxie (LMC)
- + Medium stat (distance)
- - Astrophysical background
- Dwarf Galaxies
- - low stat (distance and DM density)
- + Low astrophysical background
- Spectral lines
- + no background → smoking gun
- - Low stat

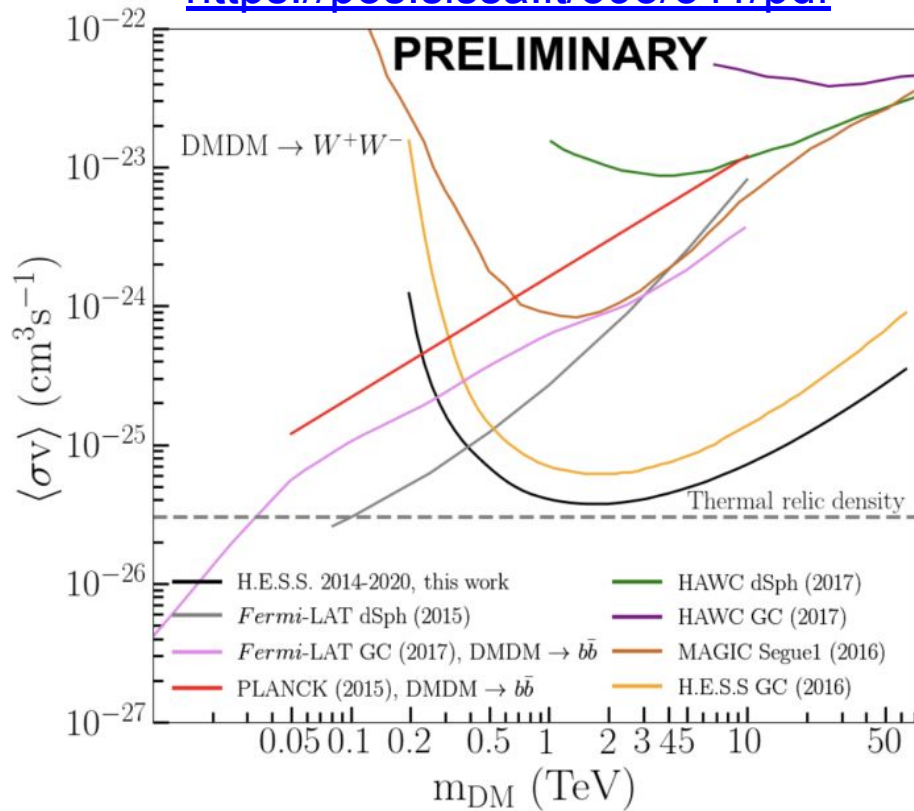
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Astrophysics

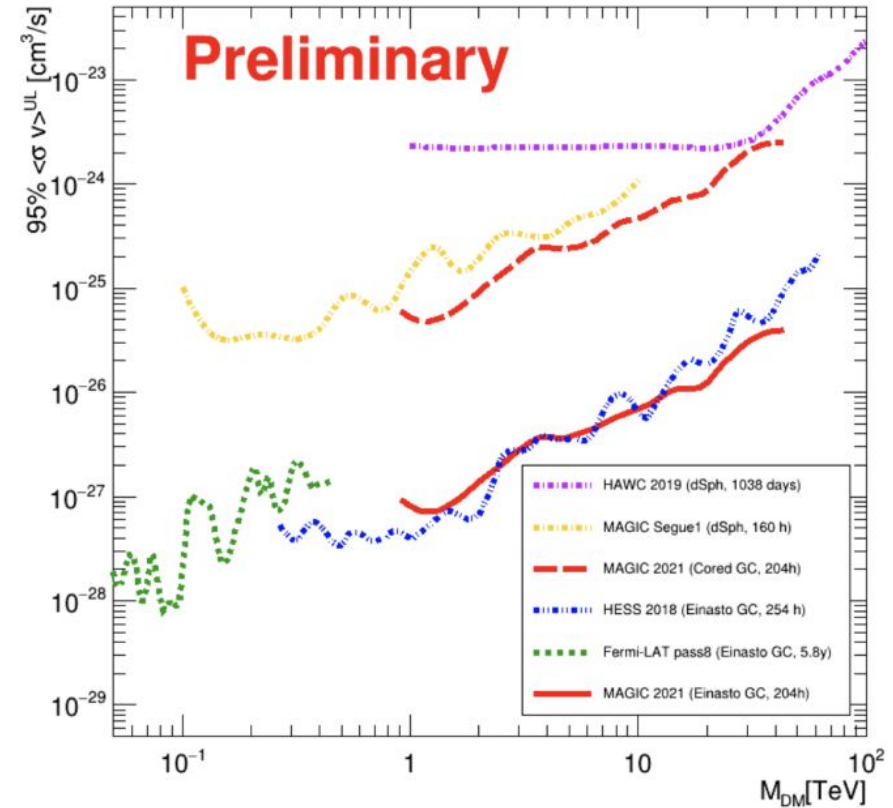
Particle Physics

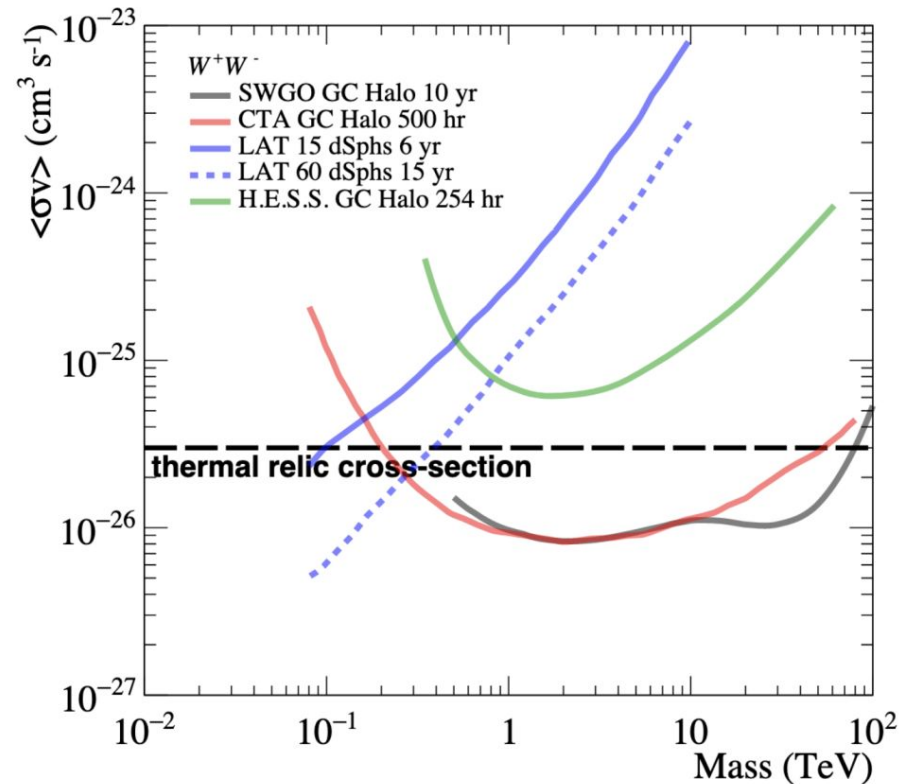
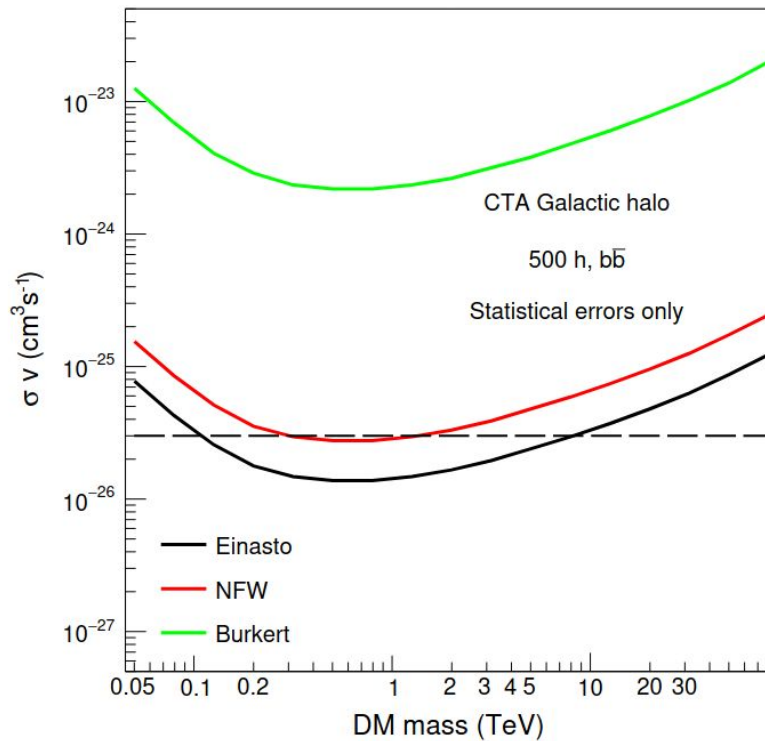
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<https://pos.sissa.it/395/511/pdf>



<https://pos.sissa.it/395/520/pdf>





- GC best source for CTA (and southern observatories in general) but large uncertainty on the density profile
- Best case scenario, full exclusion of $E < 100$ TeV mass range (or even better a detection...)