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Gamma rays

to shed light

on dark matter

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GAMMA-RAY ASTRONOMY A story of travelers

Part 1. Theory

'Gamma rays to shed light on dark matter' ISAPP School 2021, 21-30 June Michele Doro (University of Padova, <u>michele.doro@unipd.it</u>) Who am I?

What is gamma?

Cosmic rays and gamma-rays

Acceleration of cosmic rays

Generation of gamma rays

Nice gamma-ray targets

Gamma-ray postcards

Instruments (Monday's lecture)

Program

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Who am I



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MAGIC telescopes!

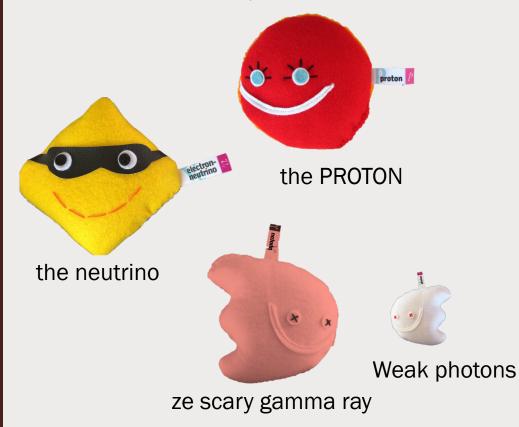




Travellers (and a disclaimer)



the electron and the positron

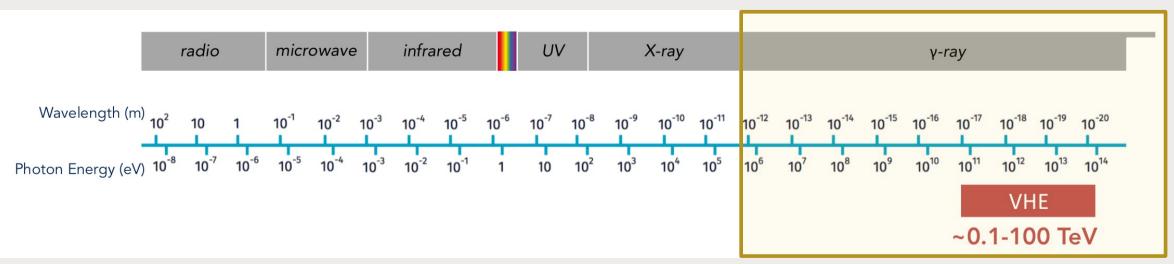


To try and fix concepts, we will try and get helped by analogies to travel...but our will be an truly cosmic travel



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

Gamma-rays



A photon of 1 TeV has

- A wavelenght of $1.25 \ 10^{-18} m$
- A frequency of 2.4 10^{-26} Hz
- An energy of $1.6 \ 10^{-7} \ J = 1.6 \ erg$
- Photon flux dN/dE in astrophysics best expressed as $E^2 \frac{dN}{dE} = \nu F_{\nu} [erg \ cm^{-2}s^{-1}]$ Spectral energy distribution (SED)

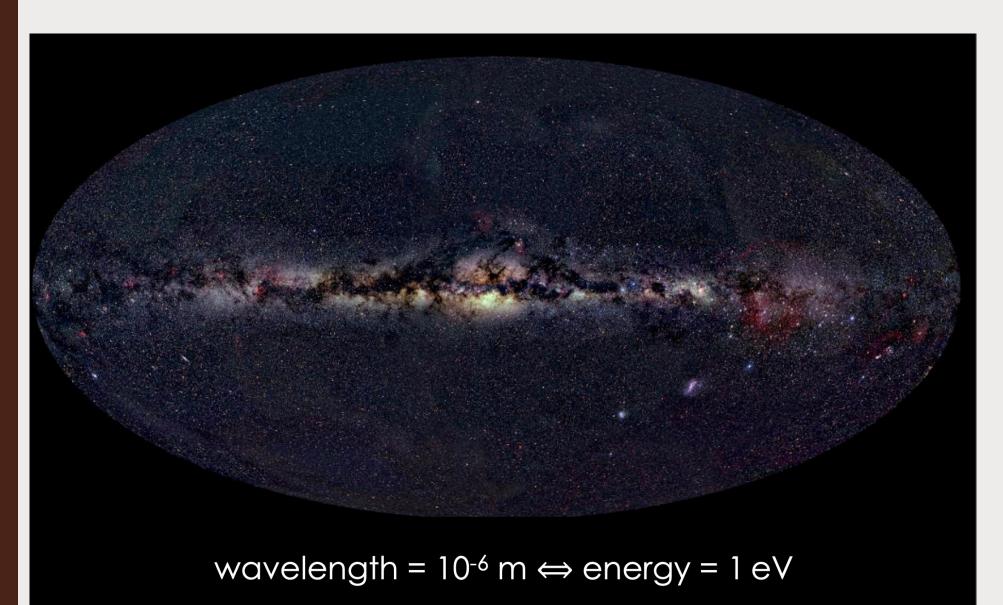
Gamma Ray (Cosmic-ray) Nomenclature

| | Range | Type | Detection mec. | Experiments |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| LE | $< 30 { m ~MeV}$ | Balloon | Compton Effect | |
| HE | $30~{\rm MeV}{-}30~{\rm GeV}$ | Satellite | Calorimeter | EGRET, Fermi |
| VHE | $100~{\rm GeV}{-}30~{\rm TeV}$ | Ground | AtmCherenkov | Whipple, HEGRA (past) |
| | | | | MAGIC, HESS, Veritas |
| UHE | $30~{\rm TeV}{-}30~{\rm PeV}$ | Ground | Water-Cherenkov | Milagro |
| EHE | $> 30 { m PeV}$ | Ground | Atm. Fluorescence | Hires, Auger |

Classification more related to experimental technique (see Monday's lecture!)

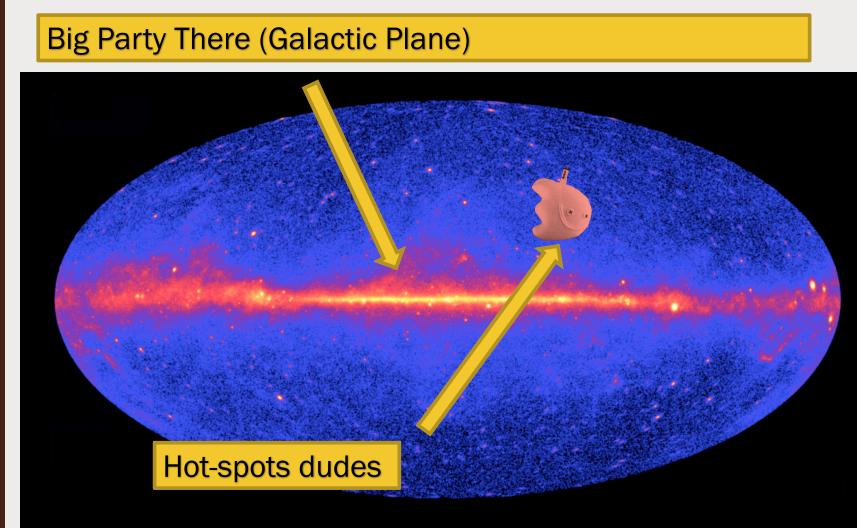


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"The Universe as we see it" [humans]





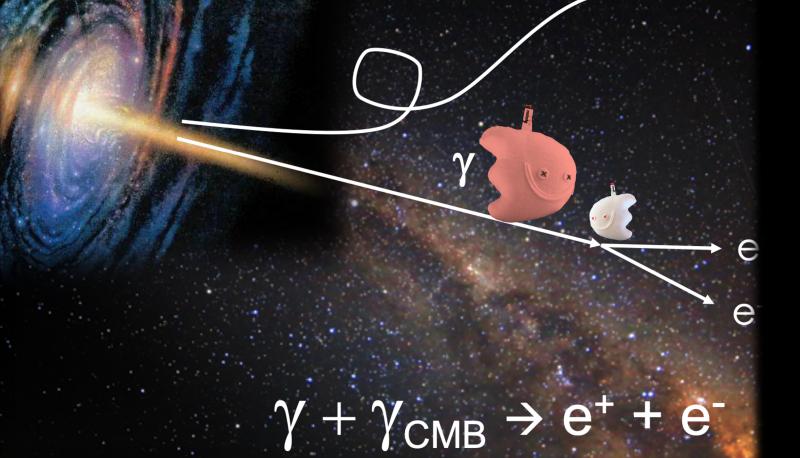
"The Universe as we see it"

wavelength = 10^{-15} m \Leftrightarrow energy = 10^9 eV

"Know a fun fact about highest energy gamma rays?"

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The opaque Universe

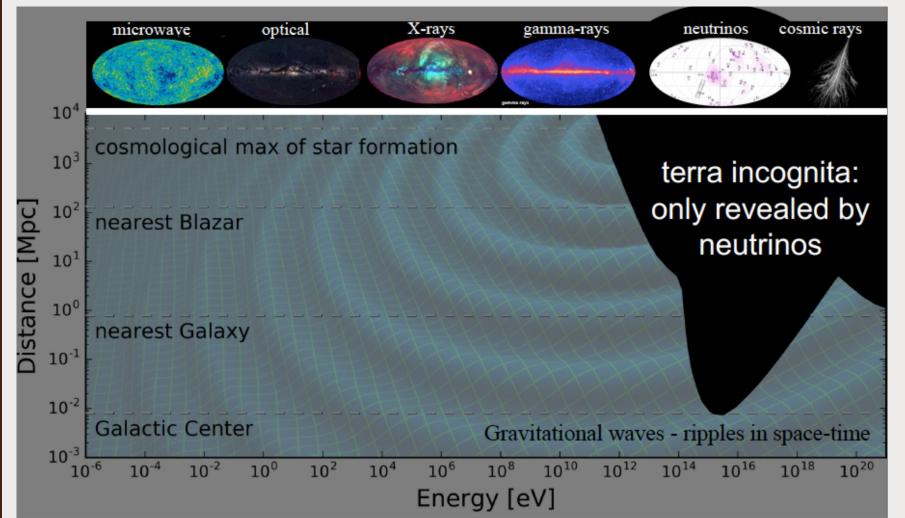




"I took too many energ(etic bars)"

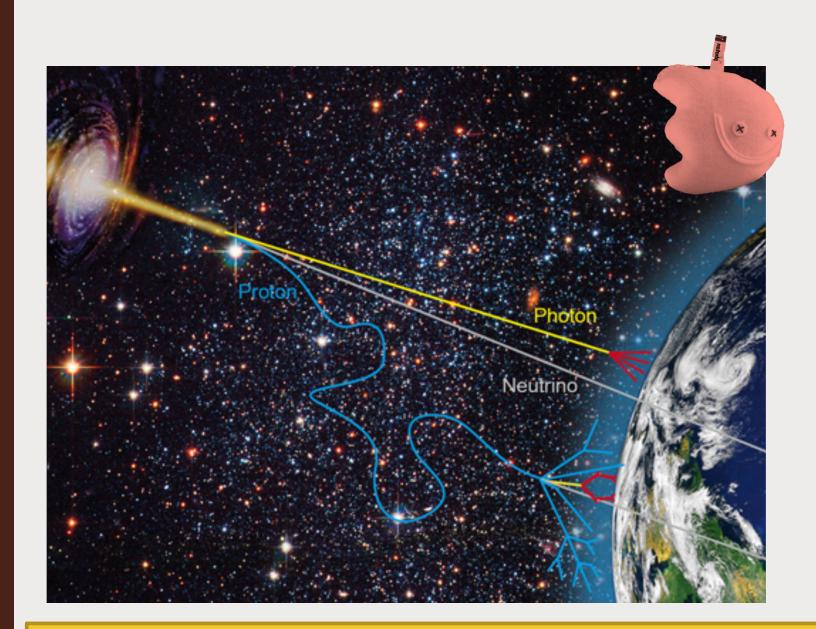
> [The high energy gamma]

"I travelled where you'll never do" [the neutrino]



(the neutrino)

 "Just leave me alone, you'll never catch me"



Importance of being gamma

- You are a straight traveller about the galaxies. Who cares about those B-dudes
- Don't get absorbed in the way by low-energy photons!

l like to listen to gamma-ray travel stories, they have a lot to say!



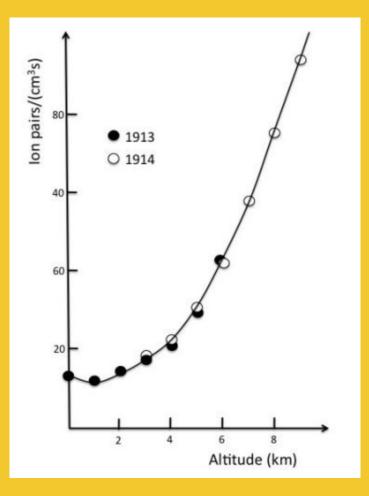
GAMMA RAYS and COSMIC RAYS

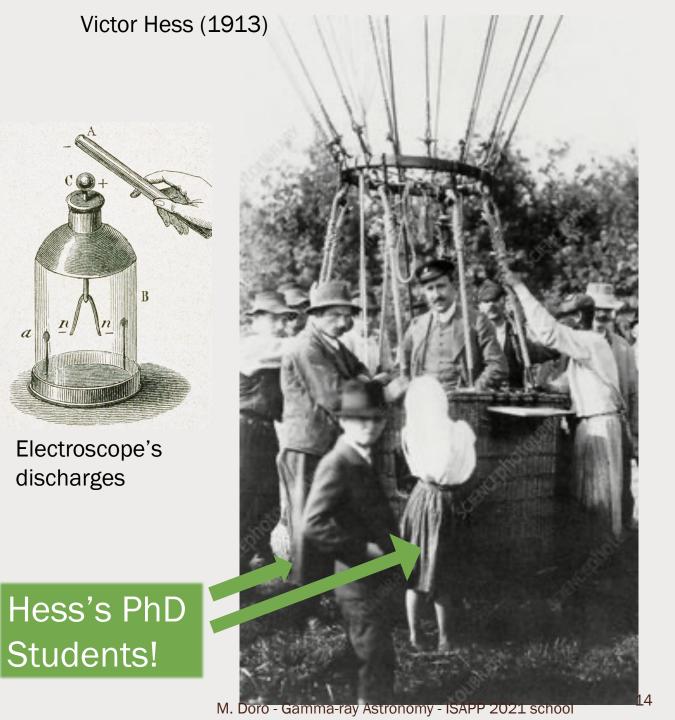
The journey of gamma-rays is very much connected to the journey of COSMIC RAYS





The Cosmic Ray Spectrum





The amazing Cosmic Ray Spectrum

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

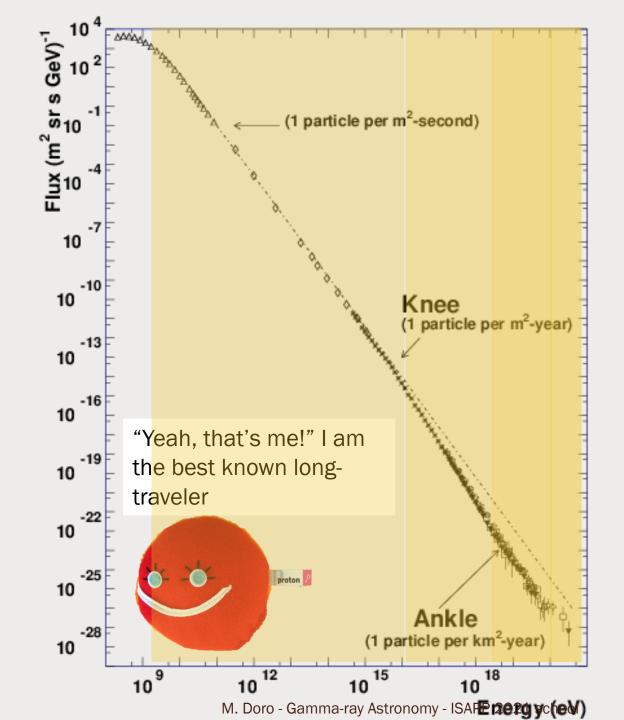
| Particle energy (eV) | Particle rate (m ⁻² s ⁻¹) | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1 × 10 ⁹ (GeV) | 1 × 10 ⁴ | |
| 1 × 10 ¹² (TeV) | 1 | |
| 1 × 10 ¹⁶ (10 PeV) | 1×10^{-7} (a few times a year) | |
| 1 × 10 ²⁰ (100 EeV) | 1×10^{-15} (once a century) | |

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

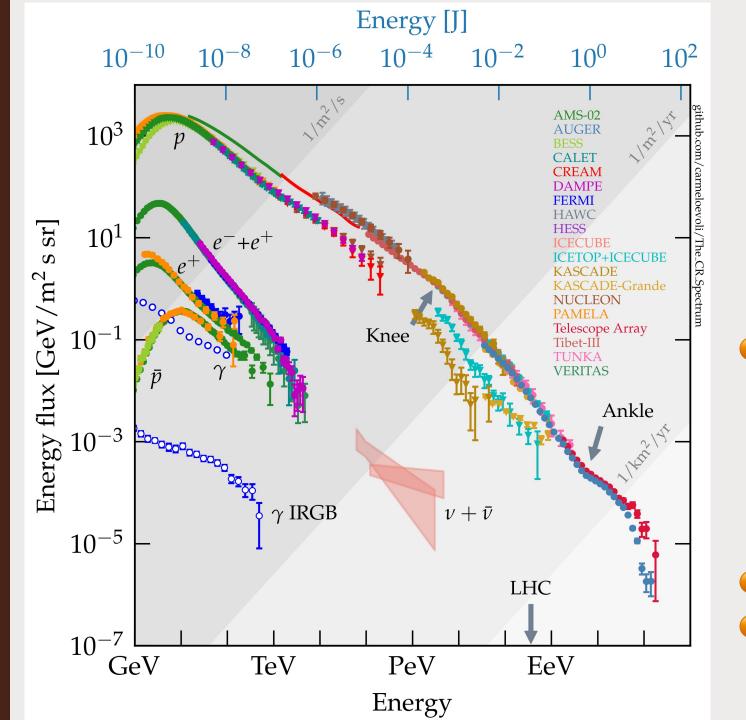
$$N(E) dE = \operatorname{const} \cdot E^{-3.0} dE \qquad E_{\text{ankle}} > E > E_{\text{knee}}$$

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

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



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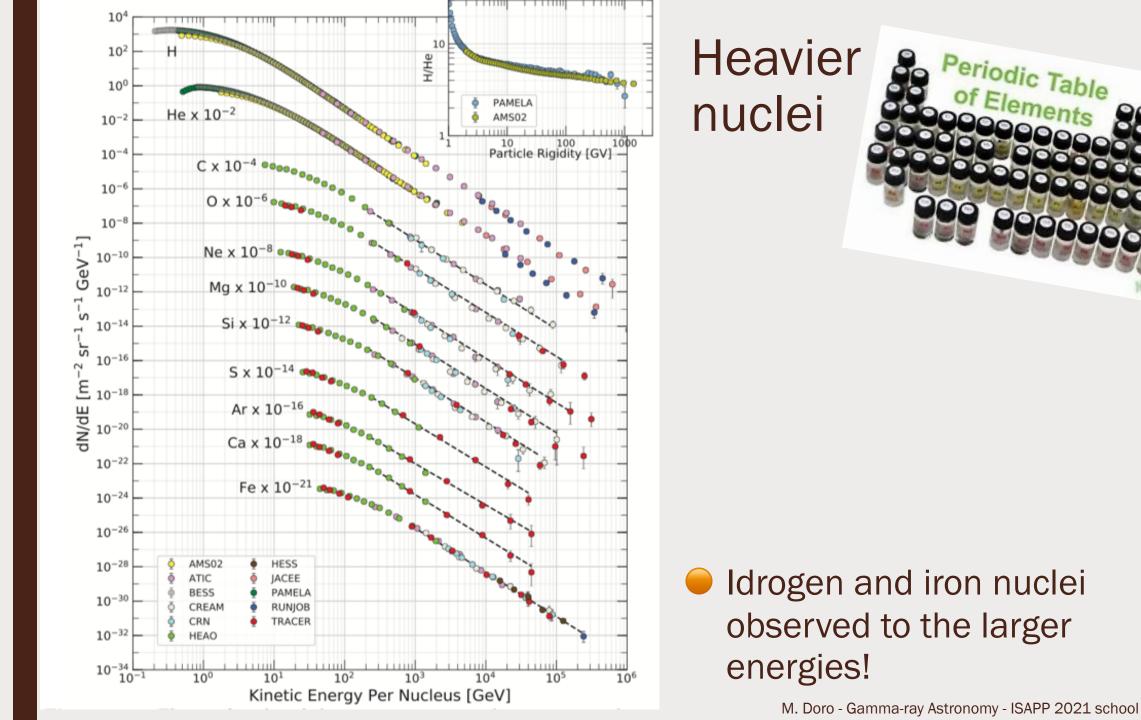


A crowded space!

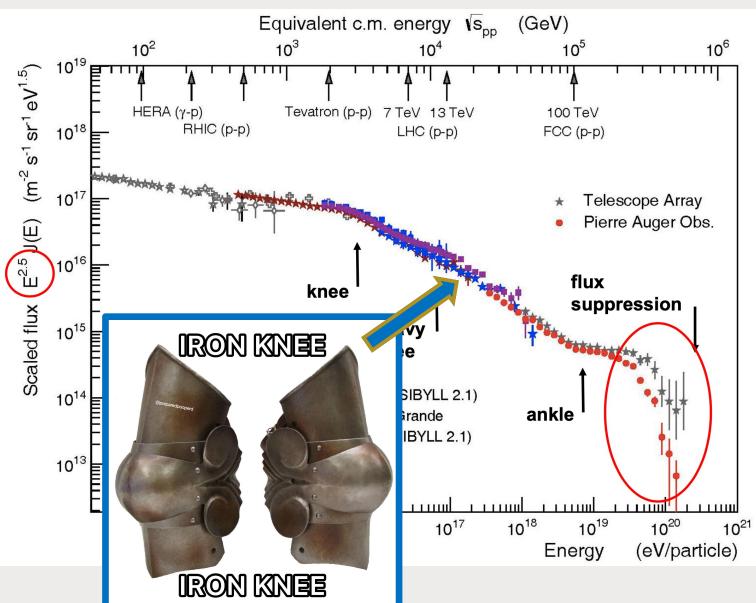


Travellers:

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



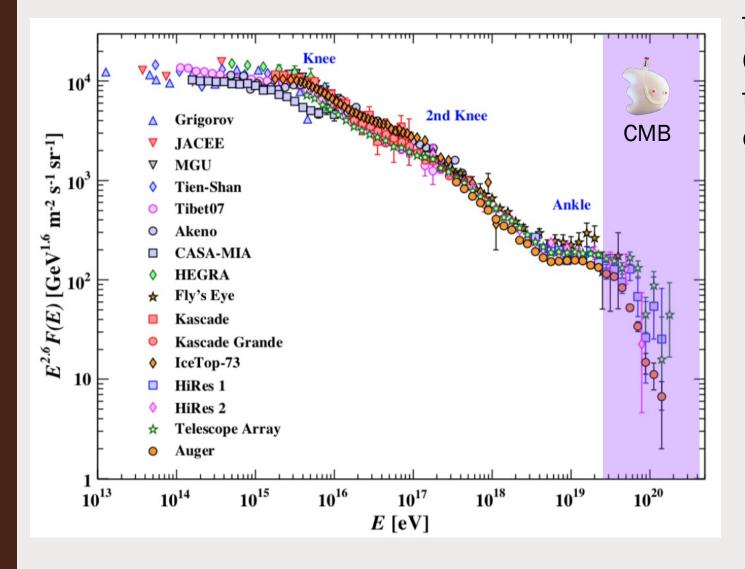
Knees, iron knee



Details show the imprint of different particle

Cosmic rays have a iron knee!

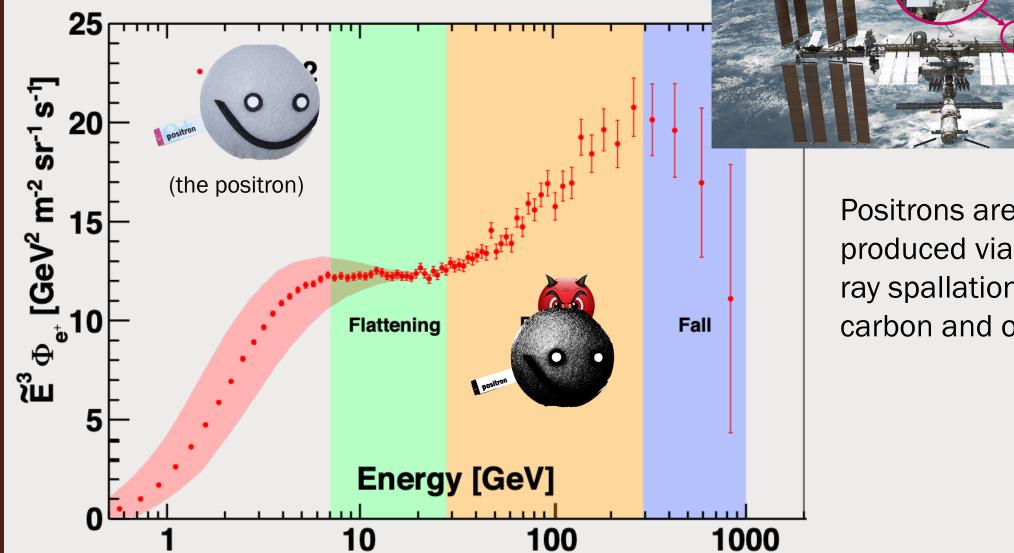
The high energy end



"When I travel too fast, I hit those damned CMB photons, they are everywhere" $p + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow p + \pi^0$ $\rightarrow n + \pi^+$ $\rightarrow p + e^+ + e^ A + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow (A-1) + n$ $\rightarrow (A-2)+2n$ $\rightarrow A + e^+ + e^-$

Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuz'min (GZK) cutoff

Anomalies

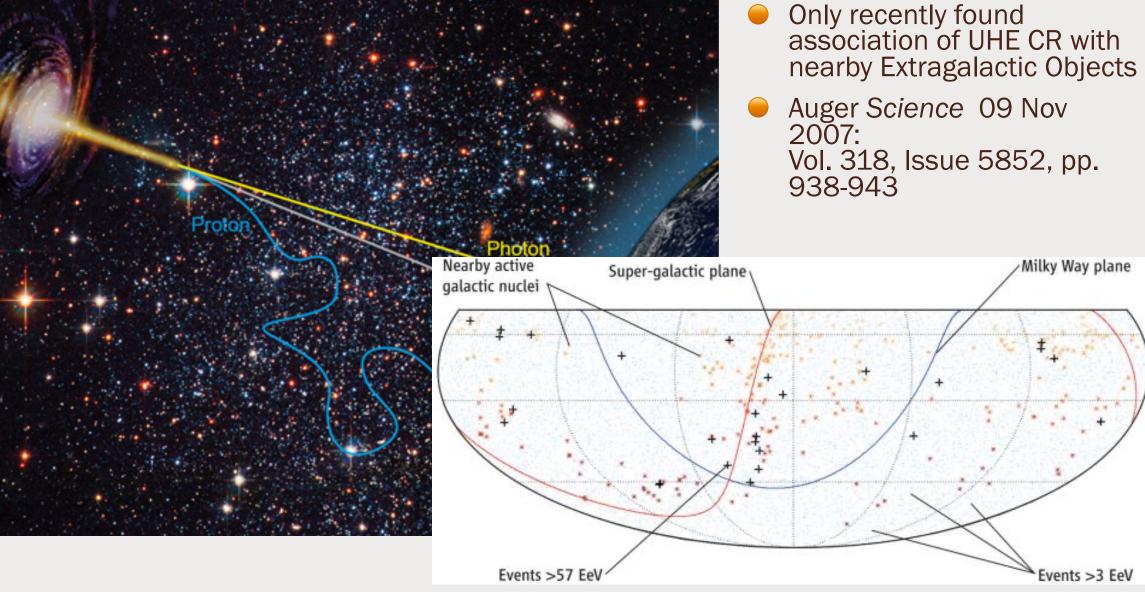


https://ams02.space/physics/towards-understanding-origin-cosmic-ray-positrons

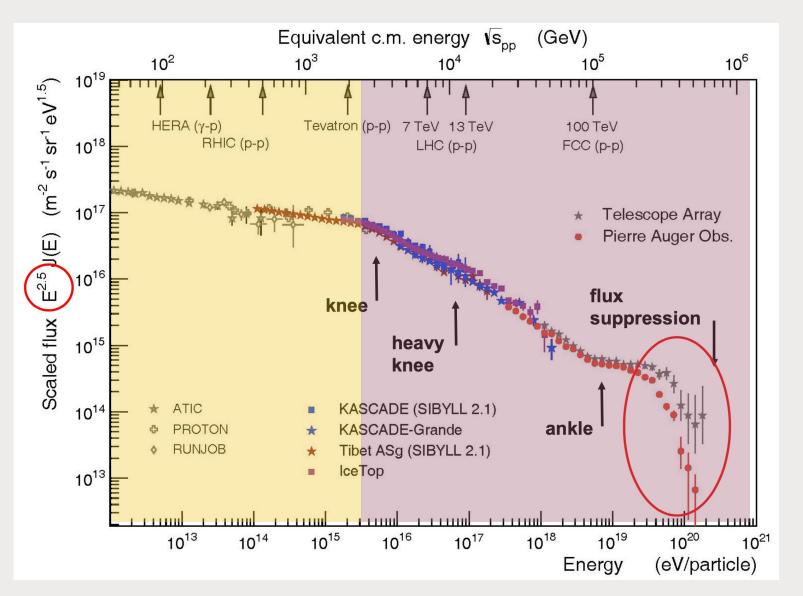
Positrons are produced via cosmic ray spallation of carbon and oxygen



Passport please



Tell us where you're from



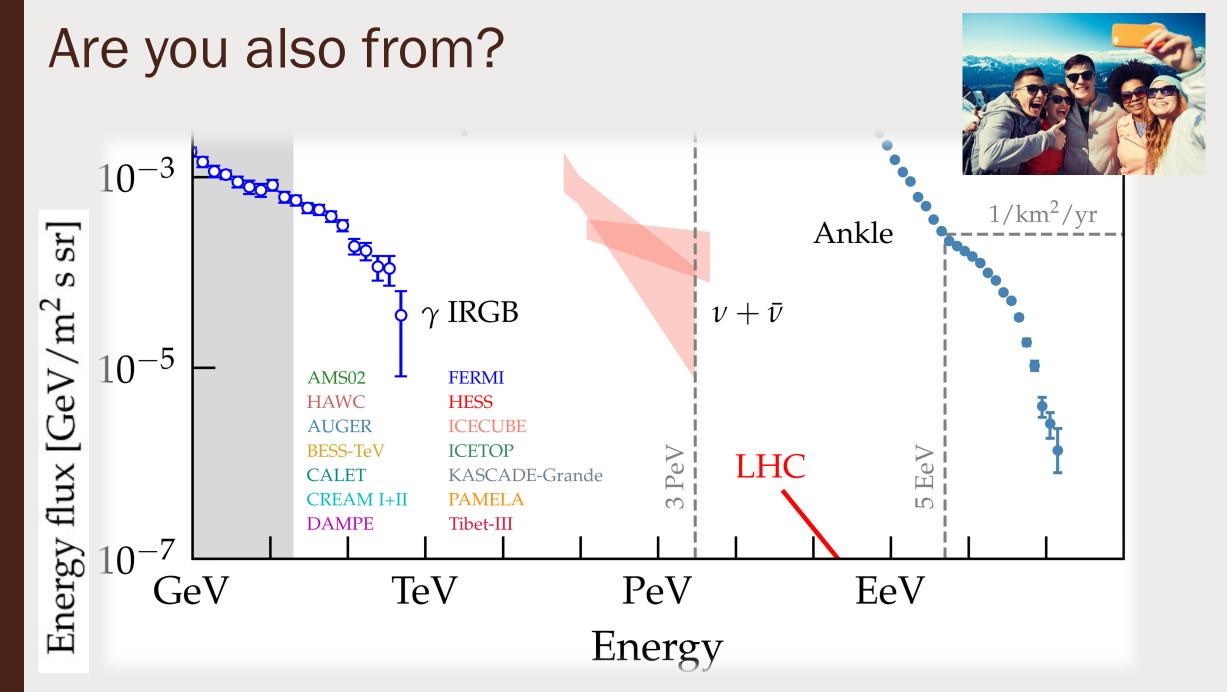


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References, e.g.





For family and friends

Particle Data Group (PDG) biannual reviews

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"Wanna see an out-of-this-world true detective story?..."



The scientists





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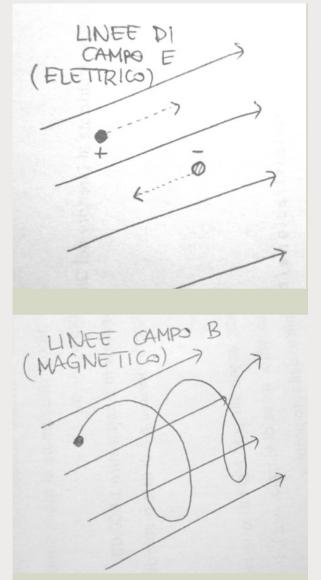
How to fuel up for a long interstellar travel?





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How to accerelate a particle



Electric field

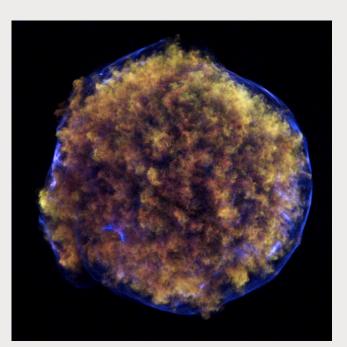
- It is easy to accelerate, but E field quickly neutralized
- May work if few charges around

Magnetic field

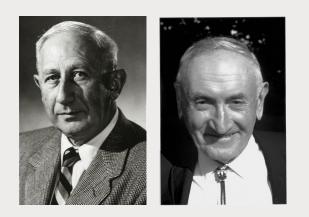
- Permanent magnetic field do not accelerate
- Variable magnetic fields → variable electric fields → acceleration

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Not only acceleration



This is not a jellyfish

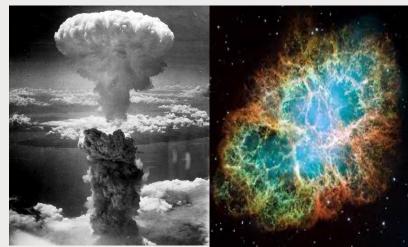


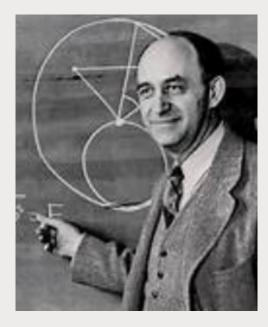
Geometry:

- the accelerated particle should be maintained within the object during the acceleration process;
- Power and emissivity:
 - the source should be able to provide the necessary energy for the accelerated particles;
 - the density and power of sources must be enough to account for the observed UHECR flux;
- Radiation and interaction losses:
 - within the accelerating field the energy gained by a particle should be no less than its radiation energy loss;
 - the energy lost by a particle due to its interaction with other particles should not be greater than its energy gain;
- 1933 Zwicky and Baade simplest conjecture: "The largest explosions we know are in stellar endlife bursts, that's where CR are from"

1948 Fermi

Dec 4 1948 Evergy arguired in collisions adjains cosme non relativistic case 11 14 MV² 00 0 M= mass of particle V= belouty of moving field 8 Proof & yeard on collision gives every gain $M(v+2V) = Mv^2$. M -Prof = -27 $= M(2UV + 2V^2)$ ther collision (prob = v-V) gives every sain order --1 81 - 10 Elativistic ; order -WB 8-3 8-13 8 0 6 3 6 10

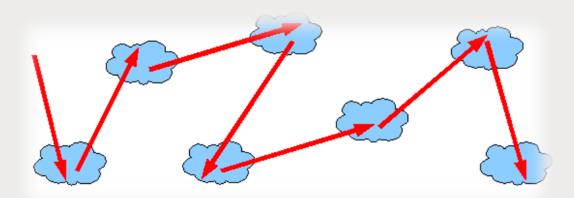




- There must be great atomic bombs in the sky
- Expanding shells of material with charged particle and magnetic fields
- Charged particle around get stochastic acceleration by bumping into those shells

2nd order Fermi acceleration



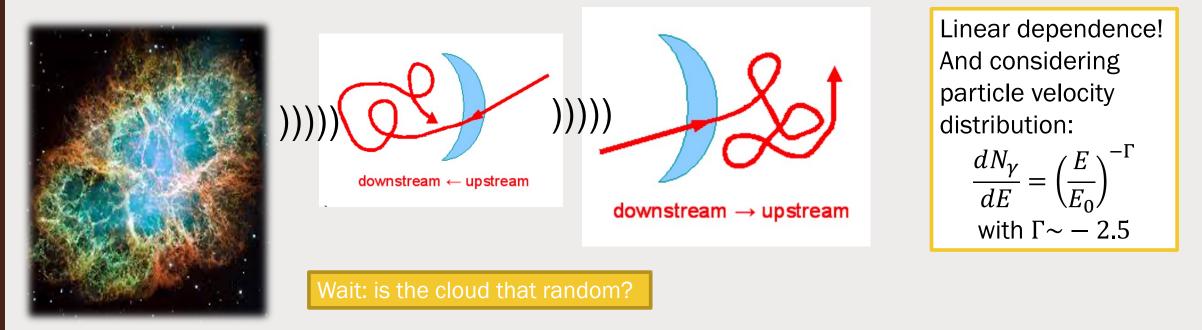


- Charged particle in a shock wave make stochastic collisions with a moving ionized blob of material (cloud) with magnetic fields embedded
- Cloud act as scatterer
- By computing probability, at each encounter:

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

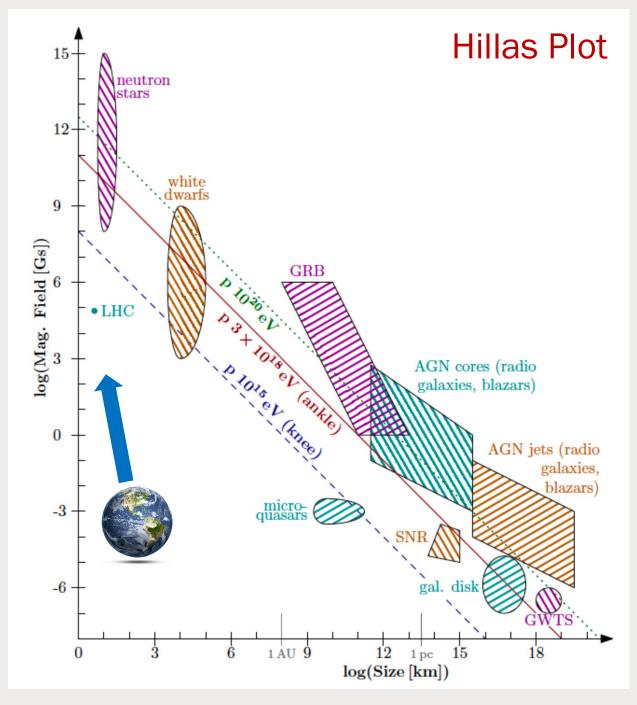
Not efficient: since
$$\beta = \frac{\nu}{c} \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$$

Fermi 1st order: diffusive shock acceleration



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

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



Fuel at Magnetic fields station



• The maximum energy of a particle q escaping a region with B at distance R is $\varepsilon_{max} = qBR$

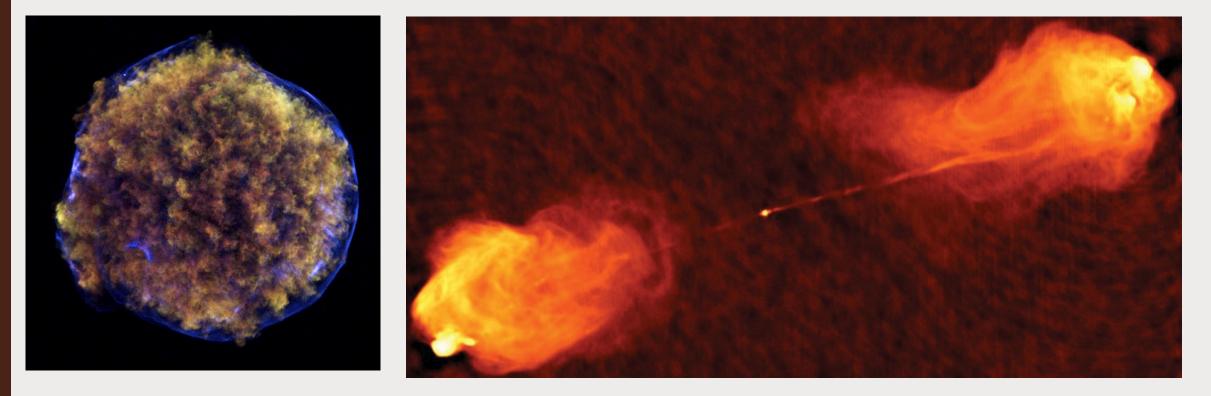
[Hillas Criterion]

Shaded regions includes losses



M. Hillas

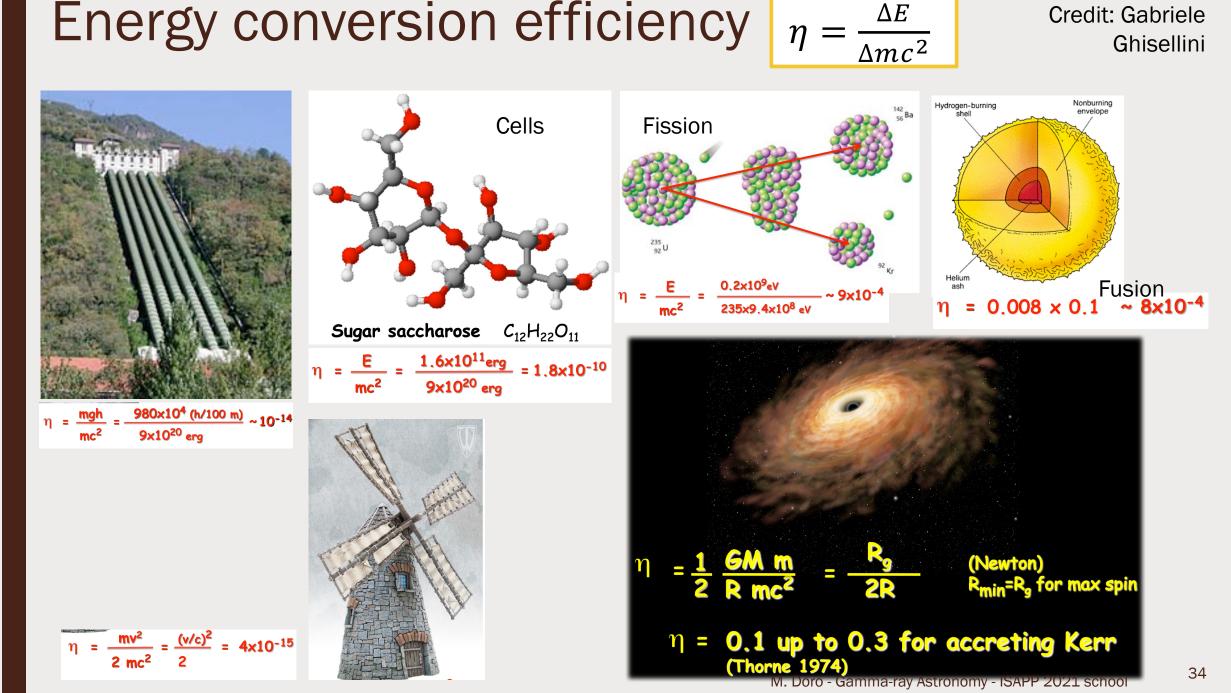
Diffusive Acceleration in jets too



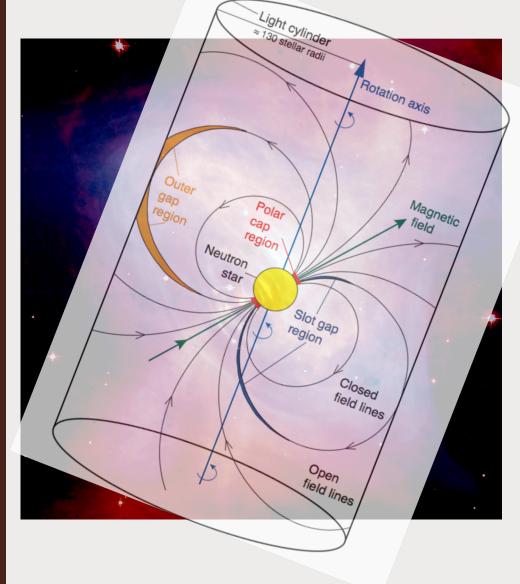
- Universe displays great booms (stellar explosition, BH matter conversion)
 - Shocks are formed that lasts k-M years
- Diffusion of particles around the shocks generate slow-but-steady acceleration

Energy conversion efficiency

Credit: Gabriele Ghisellini



2/ Other means: One shot acceleration



- A particle is accelerated in a continuous way by an ordered E field
- 🗕 Maximum energy
 - curvature-dominated losses

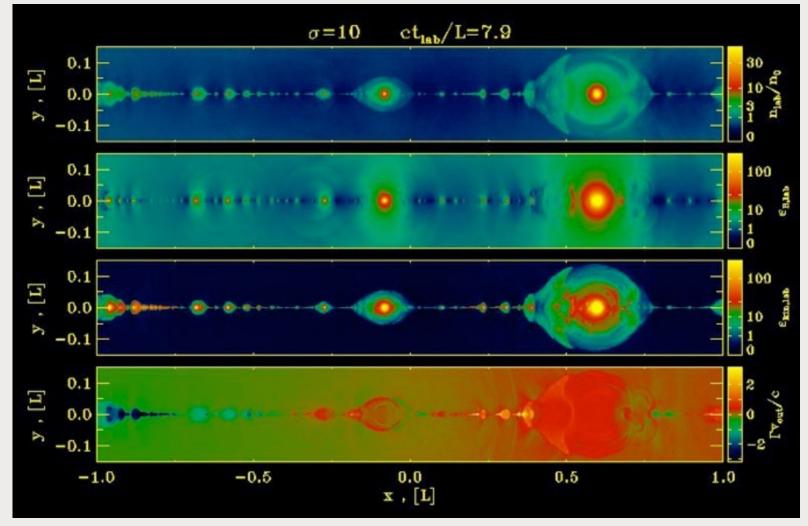
$$arepsilon_c = rac{3}{2}^{1/4} rac{m}{q^{1/4}} B^{1/4} R^{1/2} \; .$$

• Synchrotron dominated losses

$$\varepsilon_s = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{m^2}{q^{3/2}} B^{-1/2}$$

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3/ Other means: Magnetic reconnection



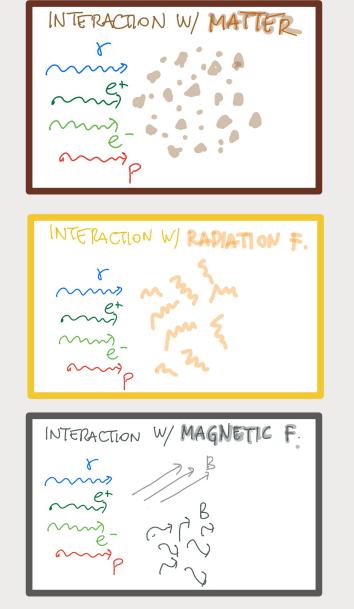
Zenitani & Hoshino 2001 Sironi & Spitkovsky 2014

- Occasional flips in the field polarity of the accretion flow
- Instabilities in ultrarelativistic jets,
- A few regions may exist where the field direction reverses over microscopic plasma scales, triggering magnetic reconnection.

GENERATION OF HE GAMMA-RAYS

Radiative and collisional processes

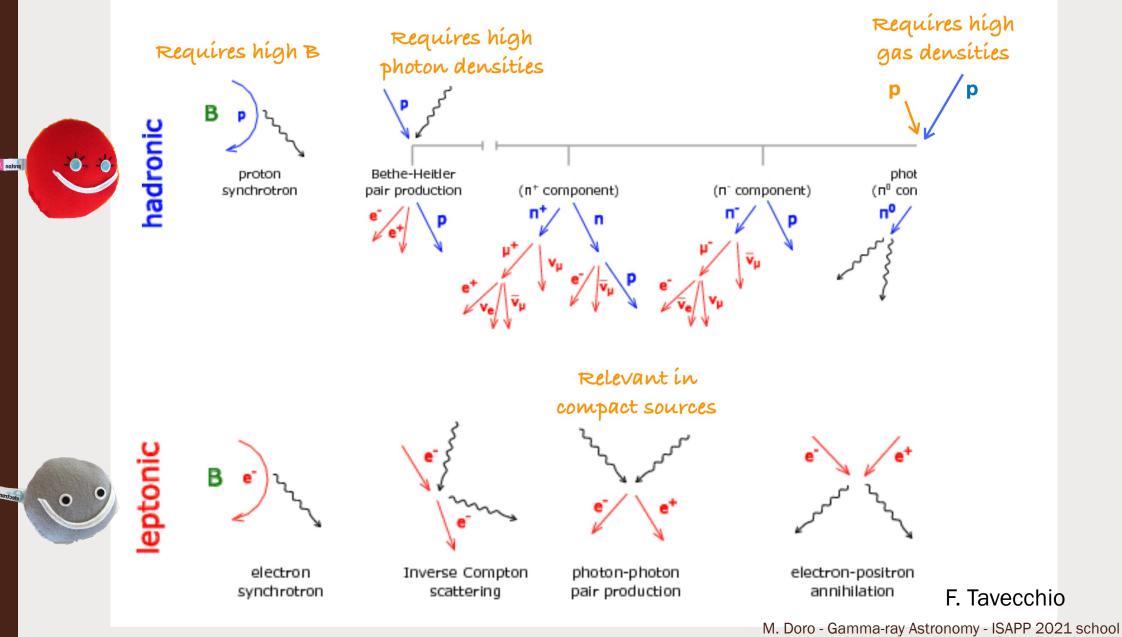




- Pion decays from
- Electron bremmshtralung
- Positron annihilation
- Pair production
- Inverse Compton
- Photoproduction

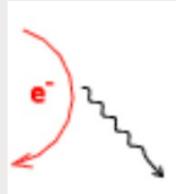


Leptonic or hadronic?



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)



electron synchrotron

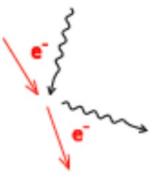
Synchrotron radiation

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

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

Proton synchrotron only in very strong B

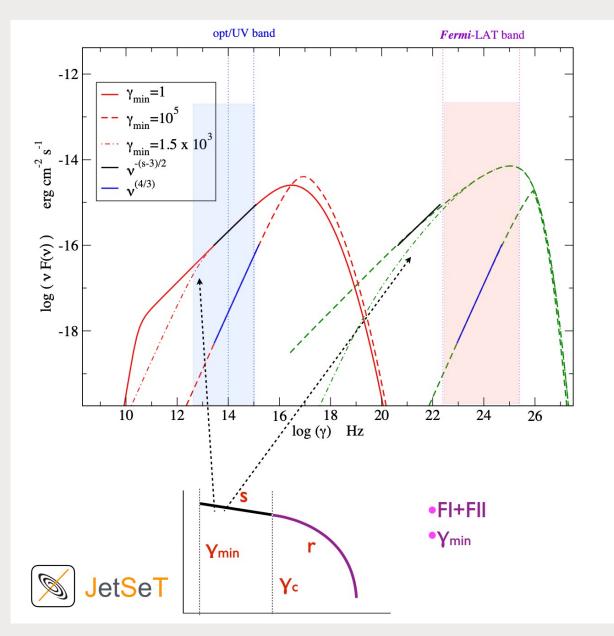
+ Inverse and Self Synchrotron Compton



Inverse Compton scattering

- 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 synchrotrhon photons generated by the eletrons (self-synchrotron compton, SSC)

Family travelers (S+IC=SSC)



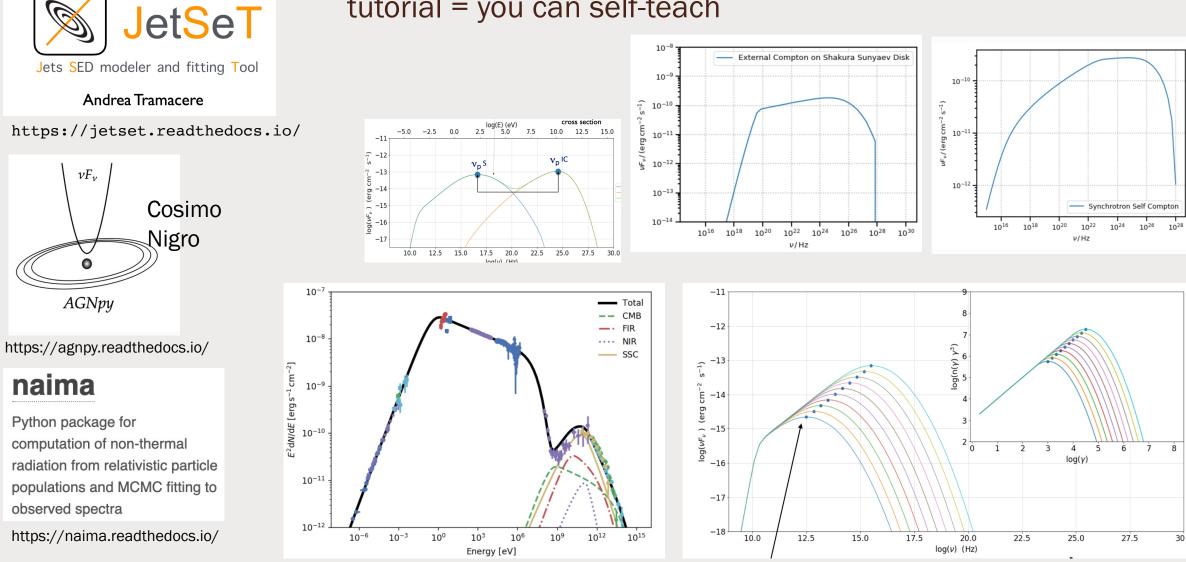
- You take a parent population of electron
- Take a model of 'astrophysical region'
- Predict
 - Synchrotron bump
 - IC bump

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- Peaks are correlated! "Orphan" flare not expected
- Spectral shape informative of particle distribution!

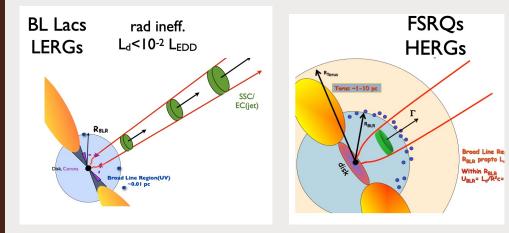
Jet Model builders

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

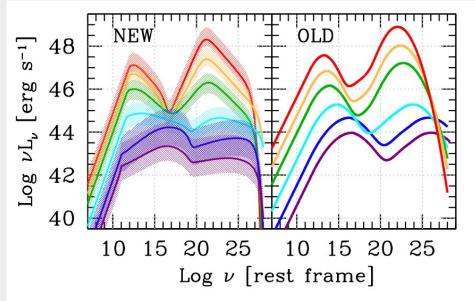


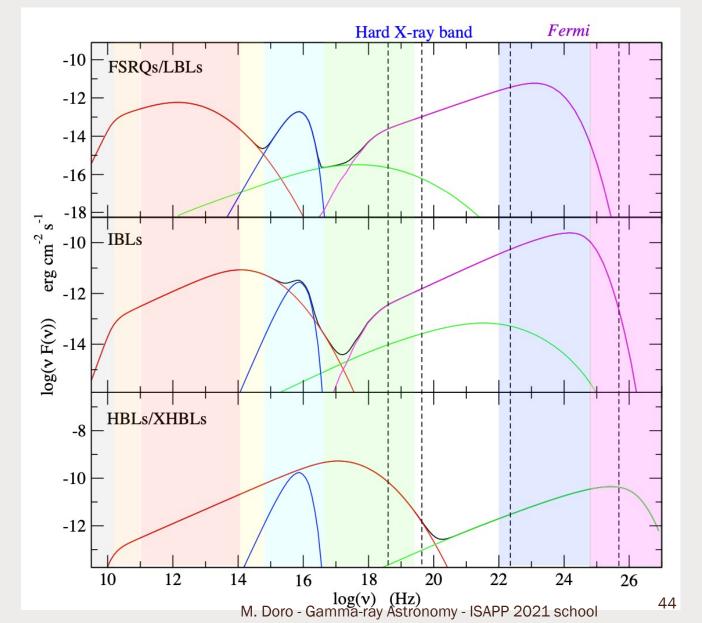
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Not that clear after all



Evolution one into another





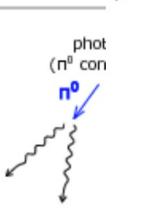


2/ Hadronic gamma ray model

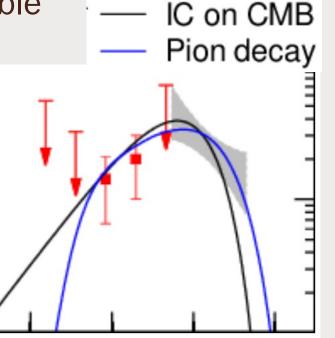
- A lot of cosmic rays around, but
 - it takes time to accelerate them,
 - They diffuse
 - So you may not find them where you want them
- Main process is pion decay, photoproduction also possible

Pion decay

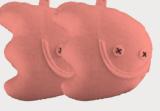
 $\sigma_{Ap} \sim A^{2/3} \sigma_{pp}; \sigma_{pp} \sim 30 \ mb$



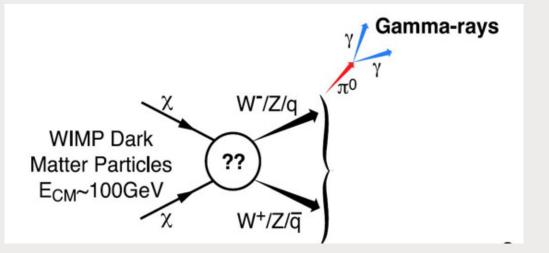
The photons from neutral pion decays have energies larger than for synchrothron



3/ Other mean to get



- Nuclear processes
- De-excitation of target nuclei leads to keV-MeV lines
 - 4.4 MeV from 12C
 - 6.1 MeV from 160
 - 0.85 MeV from 56Fe



 Dark matter and other new physics fields

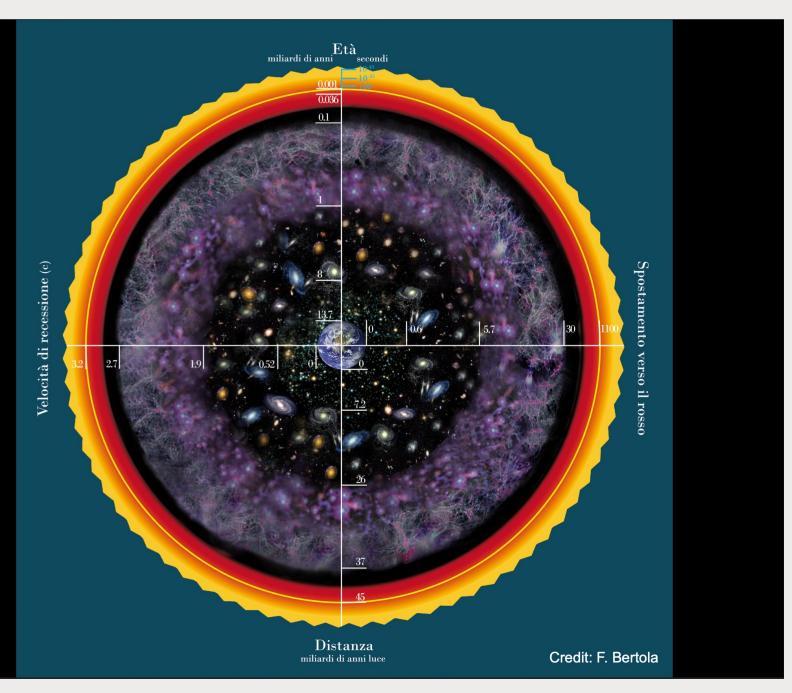
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«ASTRONOMY» WITH GAMMA RAYS

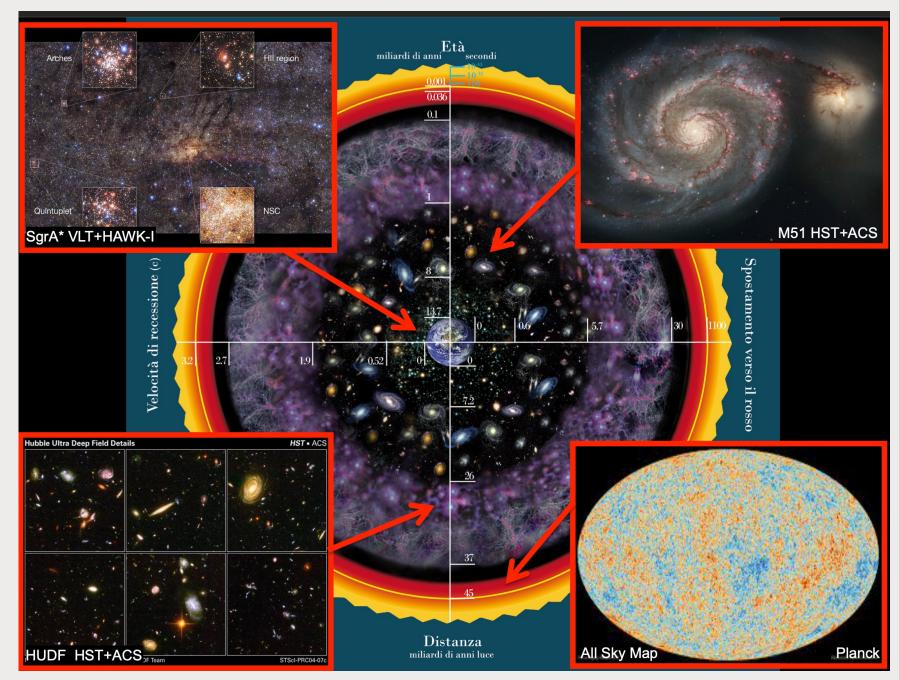
EBL

GMF

Plasma



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

| Sun | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | | |

10⁻⁴ pc



1 -10 kpc

MW Satelite Galaxies

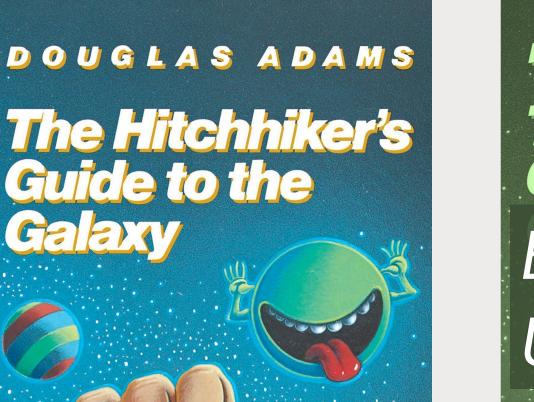
10 -100 kpc

Closest galaxies Andromeda

1 Mpc

Closest Farthest Cluster **TeV** emitter

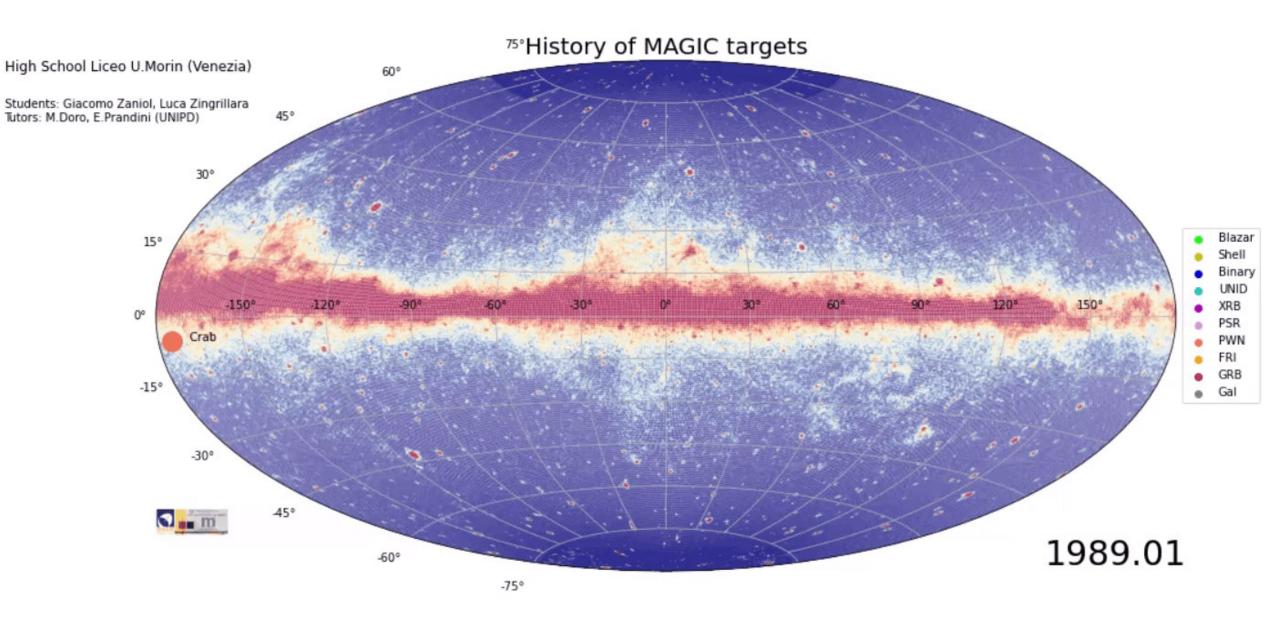
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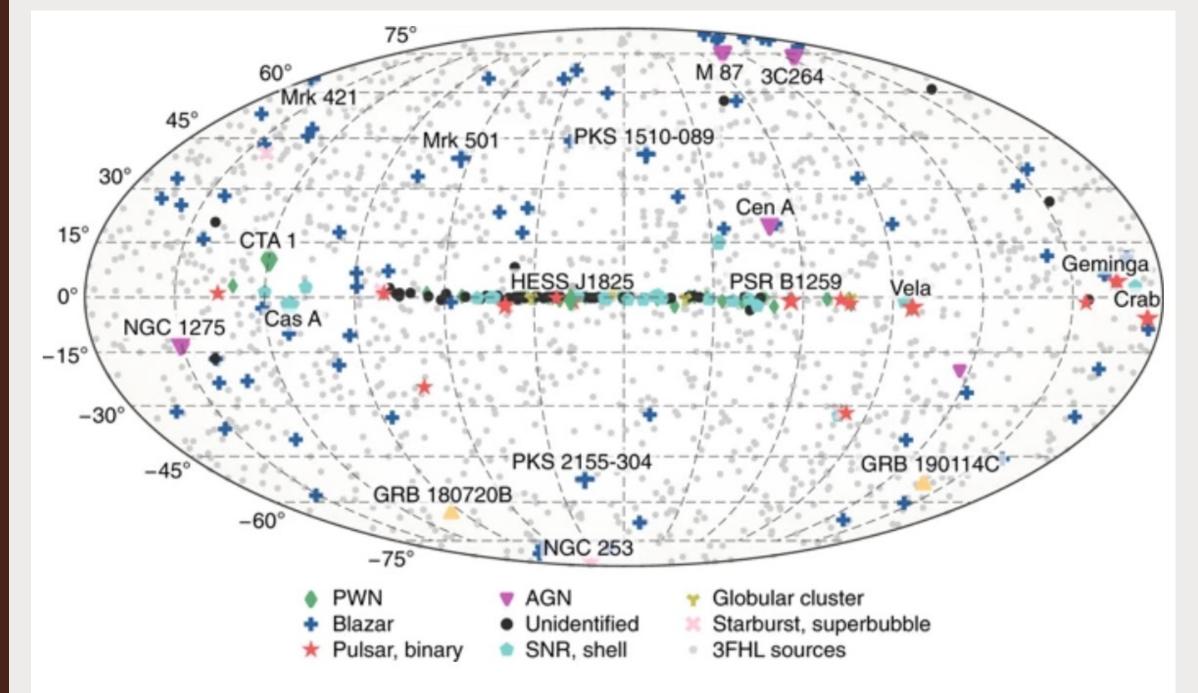


DOUGLAS ADAMS The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Extragalactic Universe

50 Mpc

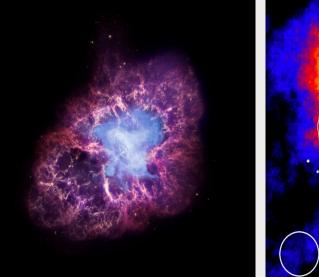
Virgo





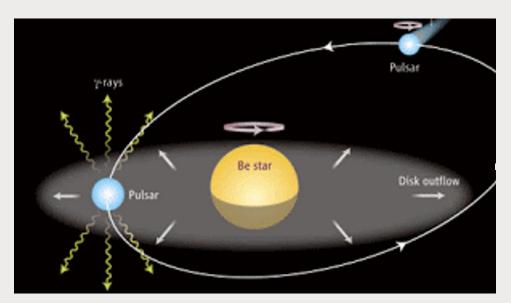
Galactic GeV-TeV emitters

Connected to the death of a star

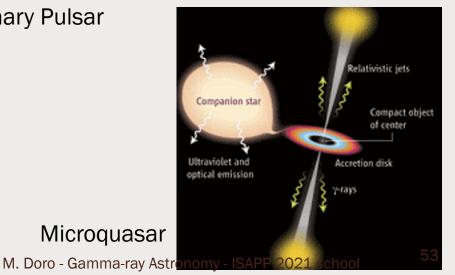


Supernova Remnant

Pulsar Nebula When stars are too alive



Binary Pulsar

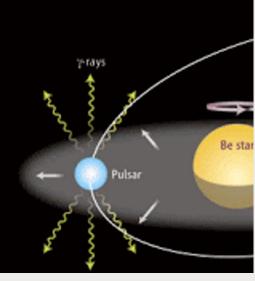


Pulsar

Wind

Stellar endproducts





End of some stars life: **supernova boom**

- **Core-Collapse** (Type Ib,Ic,II): lack of hydrogen, contraction, rebound and explosion
- **Type la:** accretion on white dwarf in companion system above a critical mass (standard candles, see Zavala's talk at this school)

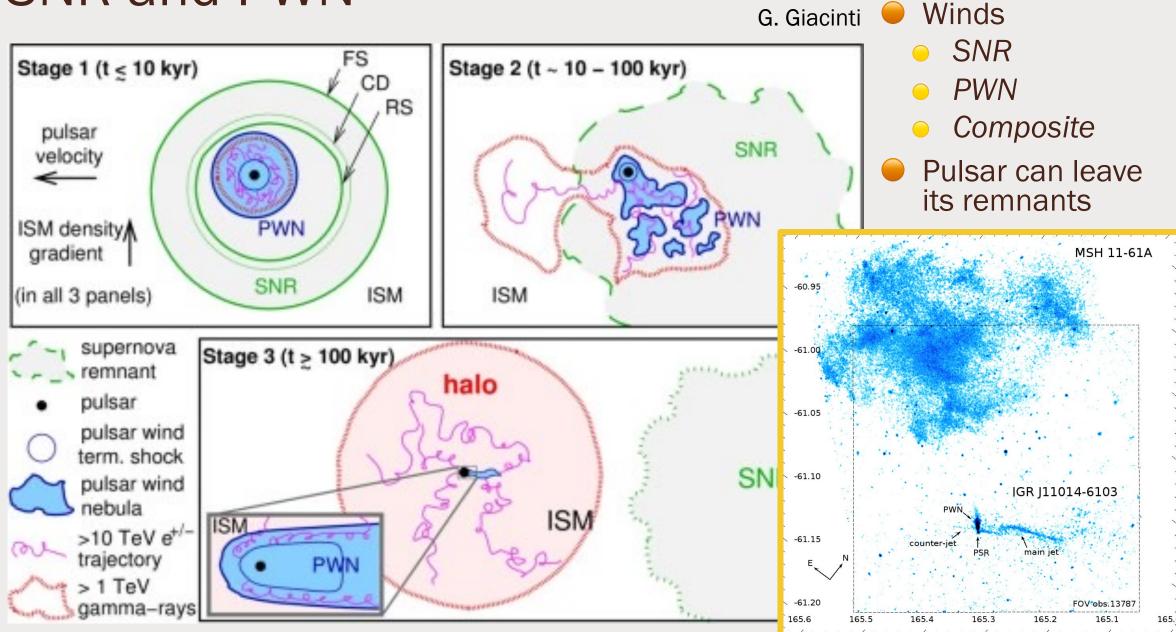
Neutron stars

- Rotation of the order of 1 ms
- Magnetic fields of the order of 10^{12} G

Ejecta

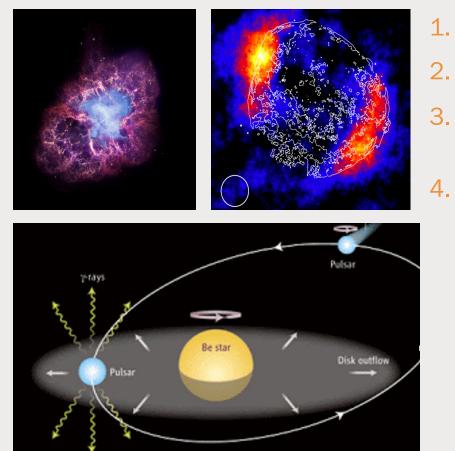
- Magnetic fields of the order of 0.01 1 mG
- 3-10k km/s ejecta
- In all cases, winds of accelerated particles
- Surely leptonic gammas, but also hadronic gammas

SNR and **PWN**



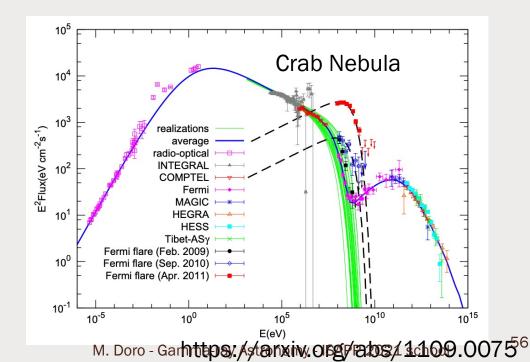
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Strong particle winds generate shocks

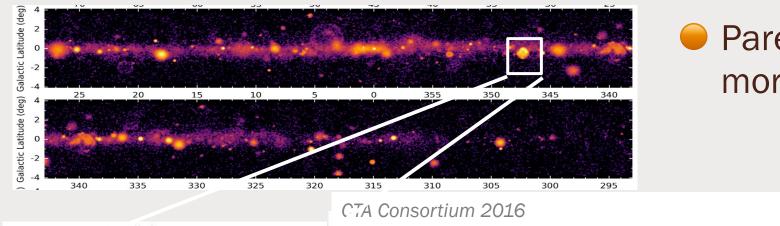


Maximum energy $E_{max} \sim 300 Z TeV$

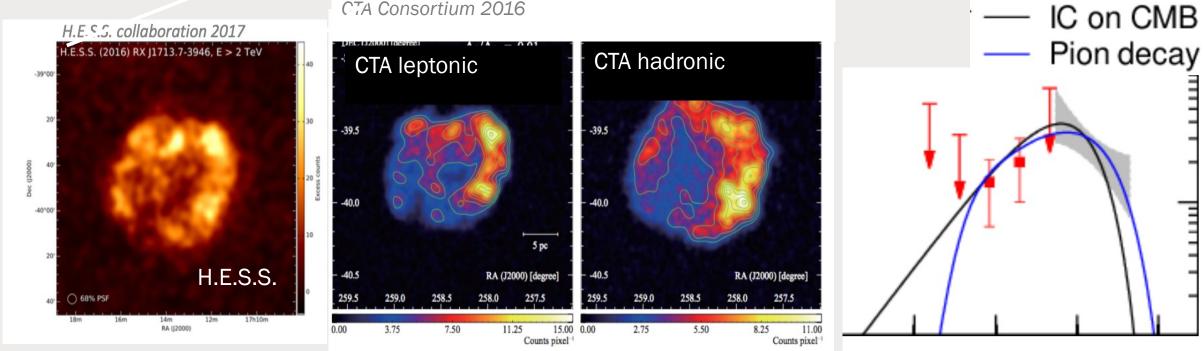
- Kinetic energy of ejecta (winds) create shocks
- 2. Shock front embed turbulent magnetic field
- 3. Shock accelerate upstream cosmic rays (Fermi mechanism)
 - Gamma-rays through inverse compton (leptons) with external photons (EIC) or synchrotongenerated photons (SSC) or pion decay (protons)



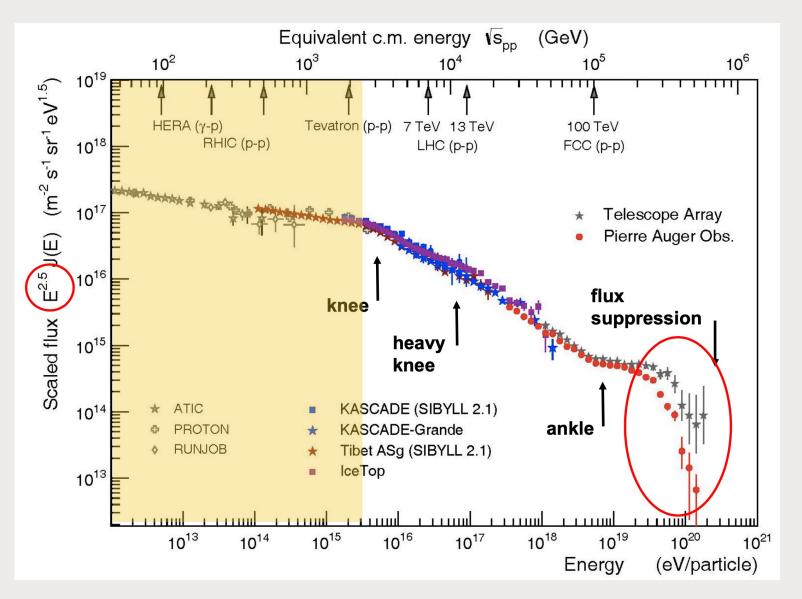
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Parent particles determines morphology and spectrum



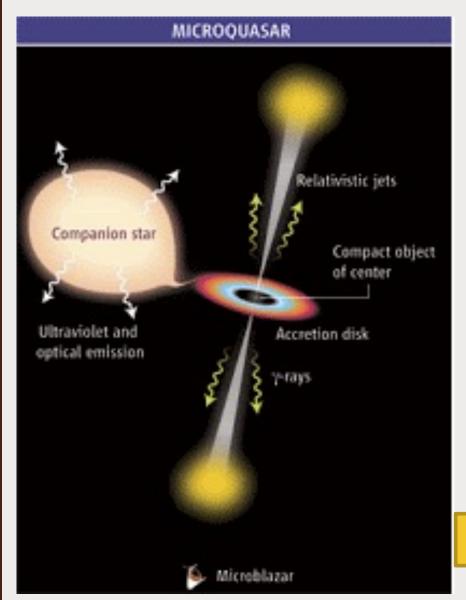
Here comes the galactic CR



GALACTIC

- In 1000 years of expansion, considering time to accelerate, SNR can give CR protons Maximum energy Emax~300 Z TeV
- Explain
 Knee (proton)
 Heavy knee (nuclei)

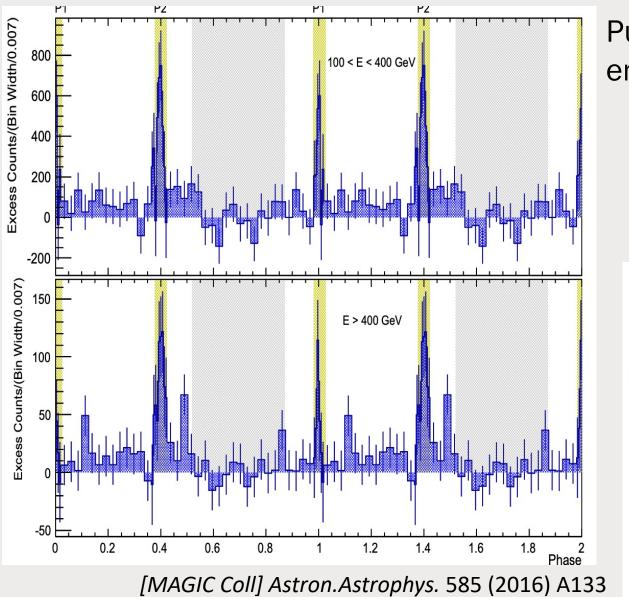
Ultrarelativistic galactic jets



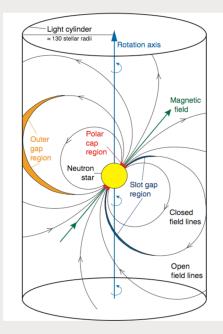
- Kinetic energy of infall material & rotating BH spin power generate ultrarelativistic jet
- 2. Particle acceleration within jets (shocks, encounter with clouds (knots))
- 3. Gamma—ray emission through Inverse Compton with external photons (EIC) or synchrotongenerated photons (SSC)

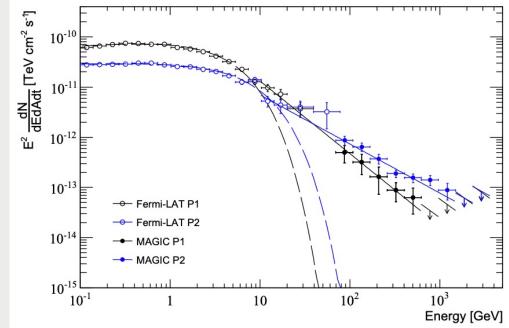
Beatiful jets that can be switched ON and OFF

Pulsars



Pulsed emission



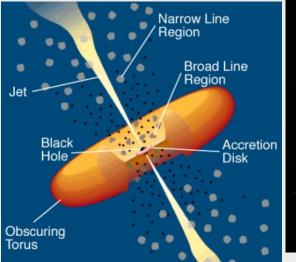


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Extragalactic GeV-TeV emitters

Connected to the ultrarelativist jets & BHS

RADIO

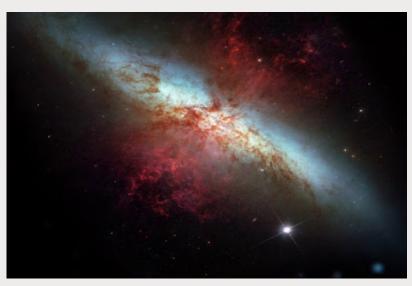




ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI

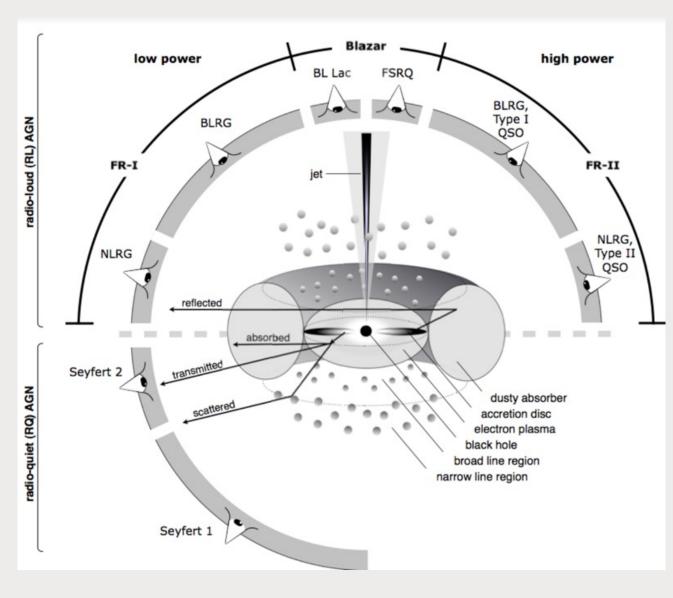


Intense activities (winds)

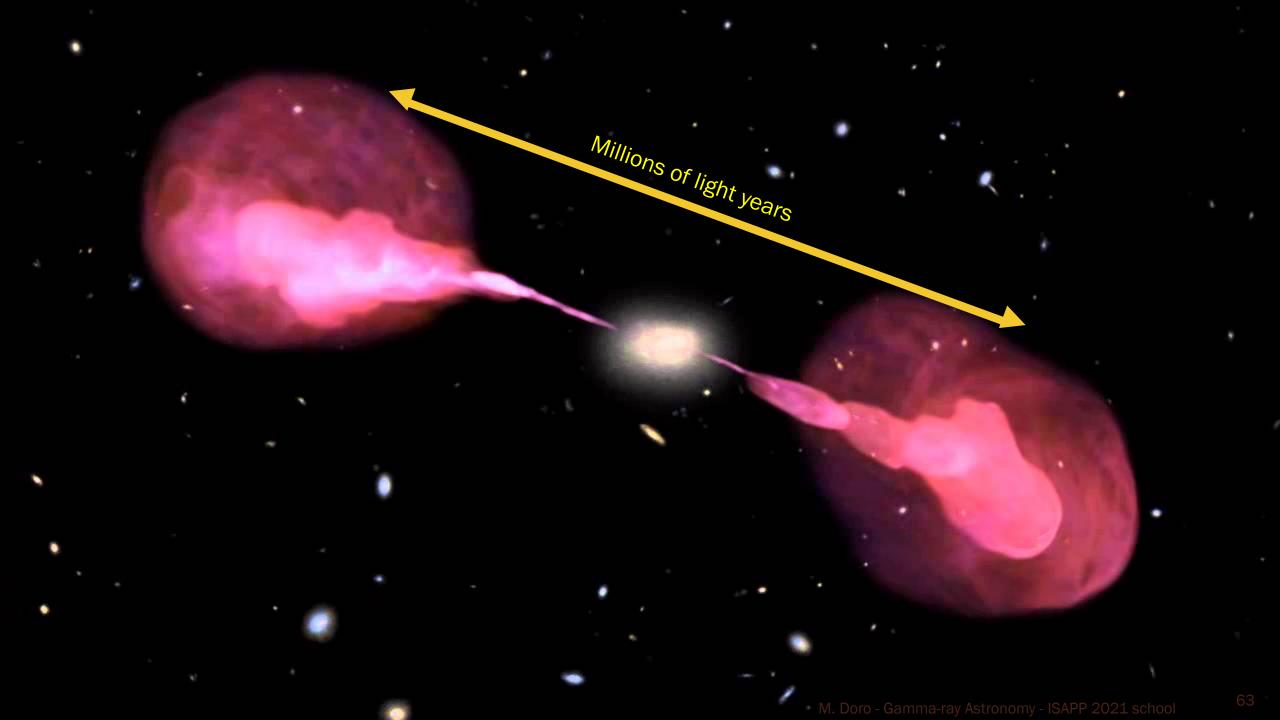


STAR-BURST GALAXIES

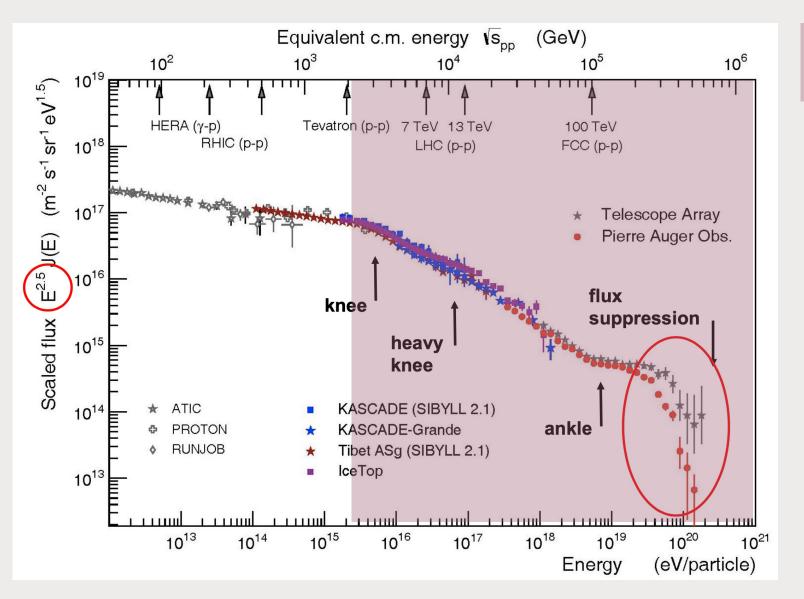
Model of Active Galactic Nuclei



- A supermassive BH $10^6 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- In 1% of cases AGN
 - Strong (rotationg) 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

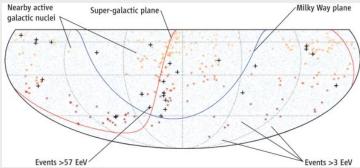


Here comes the galactic CR



EXTRAGALACTIC

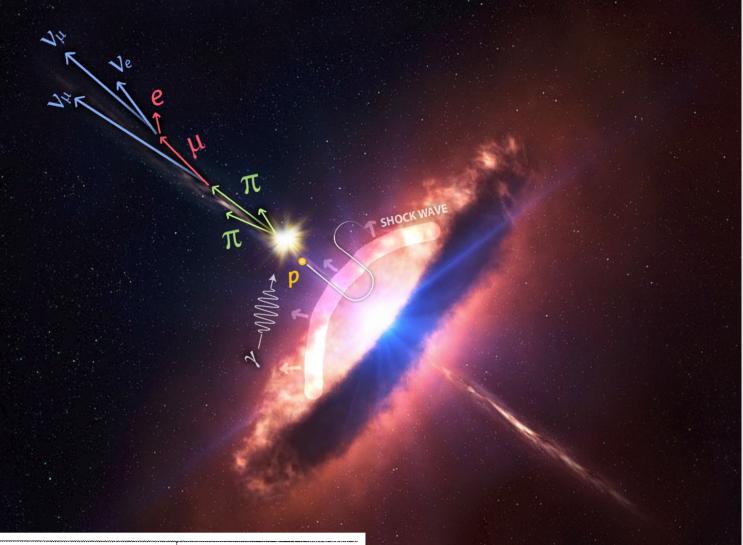
- AGN are valid booster
- Only recenty validated experimentally (Auger)



Ultrarelativistic

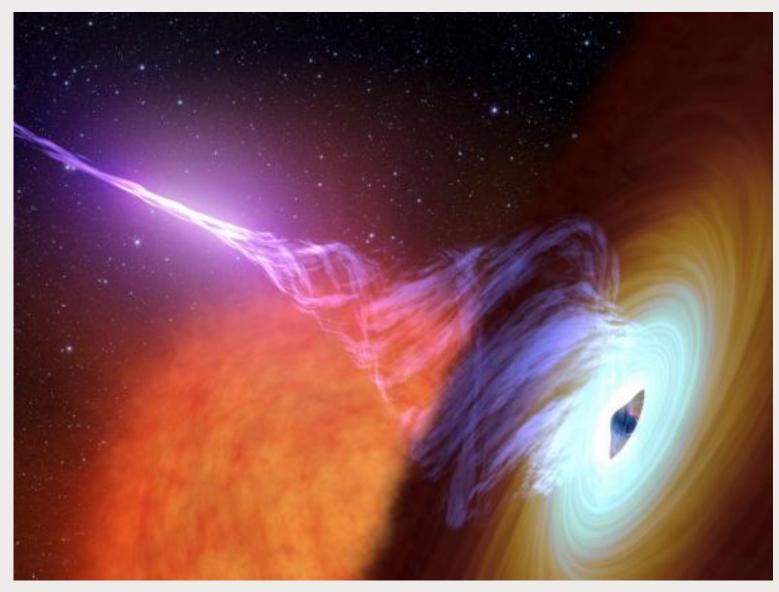
AGNs can

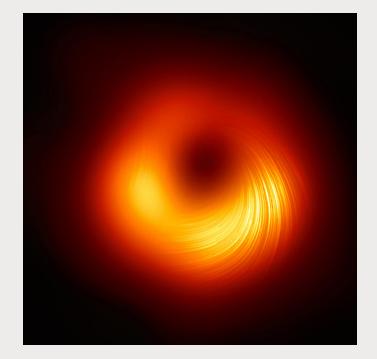
 accelerate
 particle via
 diffuse stochastic
 acceleration up
 to 10²¹ eV



| Source | Magnetic field | | Maximum energy (eV) |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| SNR | 30 µG | 1 pc | 3×10^{16} |
| AGN | 300 μG | 10 ⁴ pc | >10 ²¹ |
| GRB | 10 ⁹ G | 10 ⁻³ AU | 0.2×10^{21} |

Ultrarelativistic jets mechanism

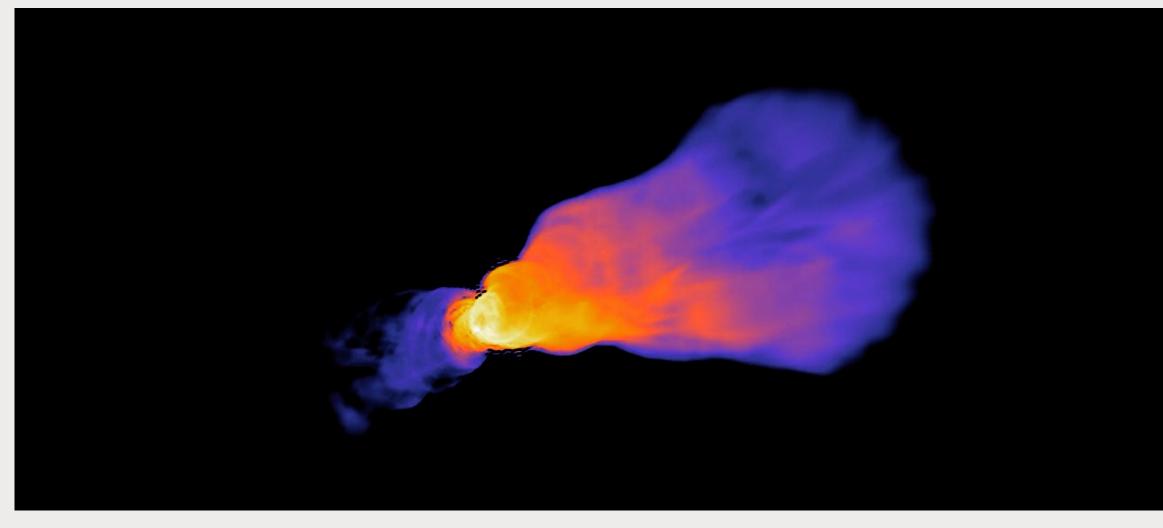




- Very recently released second (polarized!) image of M87 BH
- <u>https://eventhorizont</u> <u>elescope.org/blog/ast</u> <u>ronomers-image-</u> <u>magnetic-fields-edge-</u> <u>m87s-black-hole</u>

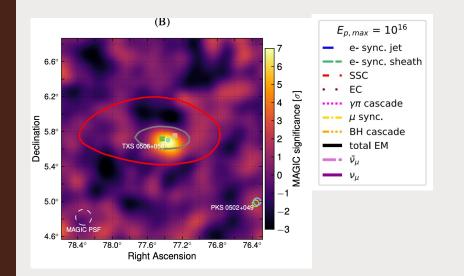


Engine Powering Black Hole Energy Beams



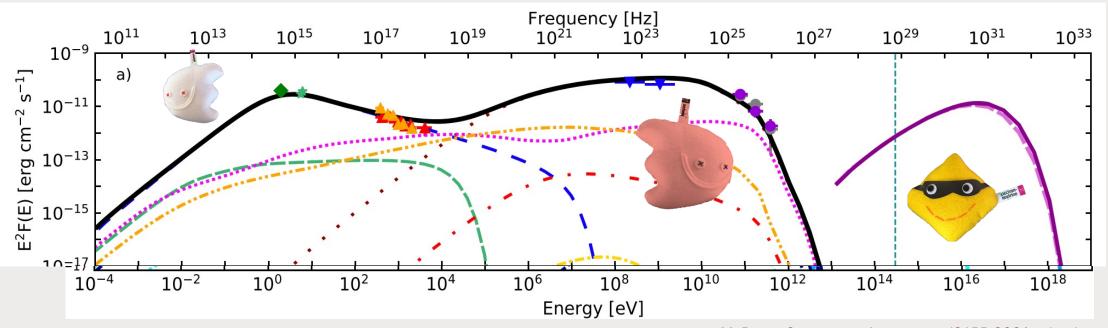
Simulations are catching up with physics, expect results soon!

TXS 0506: multimessenger astronomy!



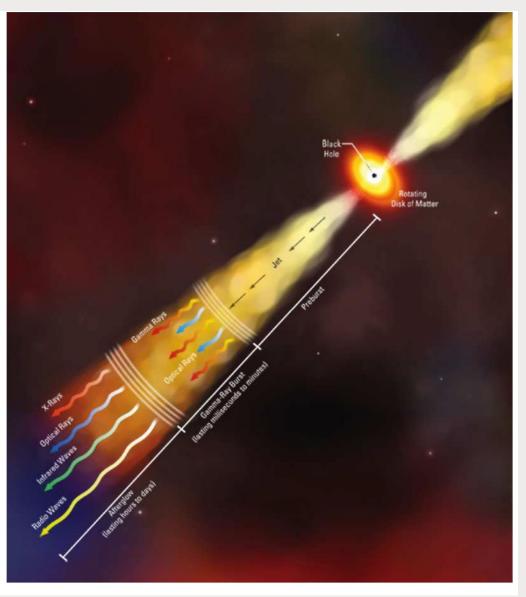
On 2018, a neutrino with energy ~290 TeV was detected in coincidence with the BL Lac object TXS 0506+056 during enhanced gamma-ray activity

A new messenger!

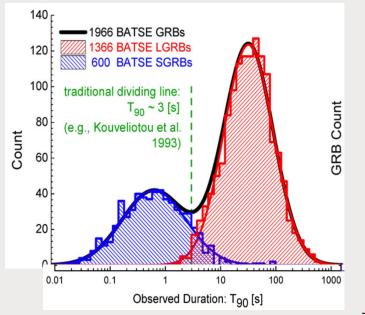


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Gamma Ray Bursts

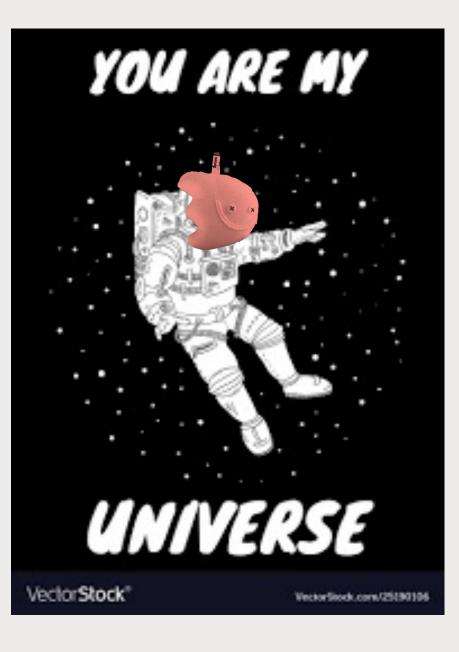


- Sudden outburst of radiation at all wavelengths
- Up to 10⁵³ erg s⁻¹
- Convert into energy a mass of 10^{-3} M $_{\odot}$ in matter of seconds
- Two populations
 - Long duration
 - Short duration

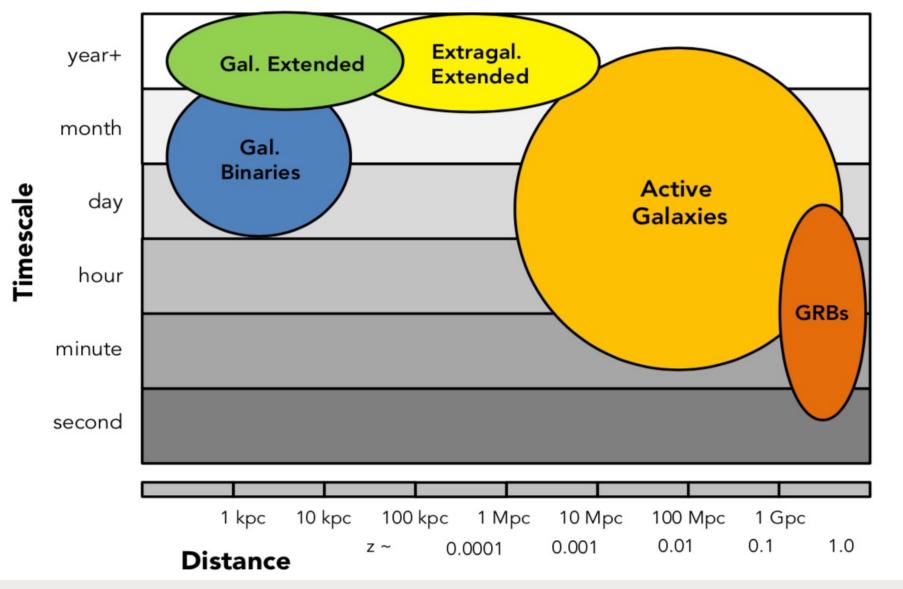


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Postcards facts from gamma-ray Universe (if time allows)



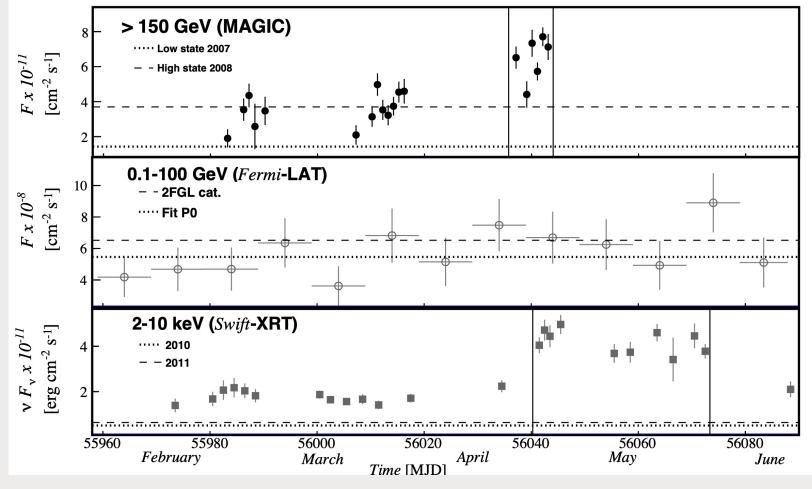
Temporal variability



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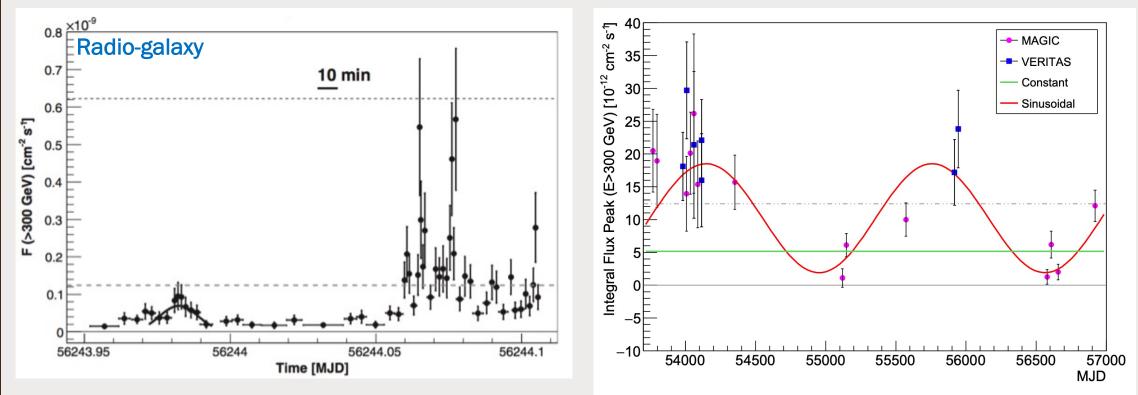
1/ Strong variability



[MAGIC Coll] Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc. 450 (2015) 4, 4399-4410

- 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



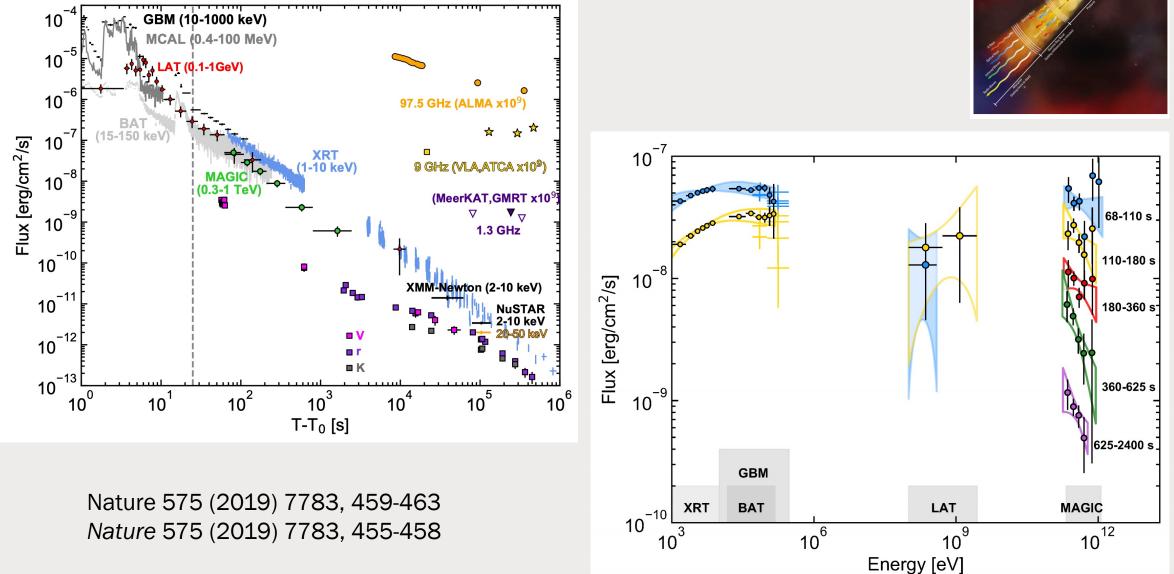
IC310. Doubling time 4.8 min

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

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Temporal Evolution at High Energies



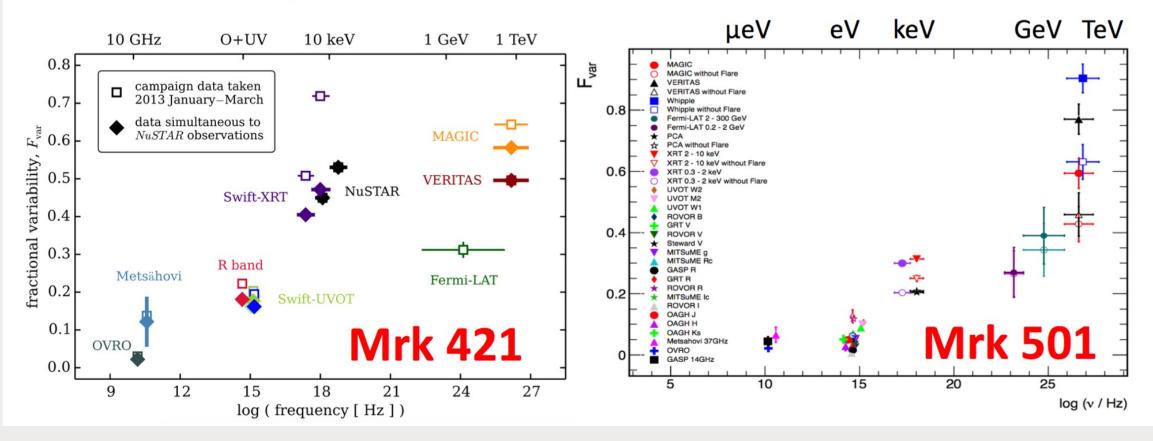
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Fractional variability

Balokovic et al., 2016 ApJ 819, 156

Ahnen et al. Submitted to A&A

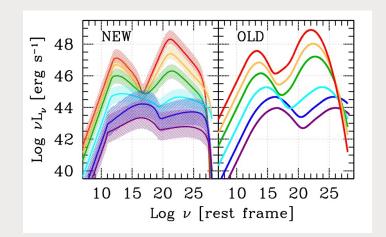


- Fractional variability requires large coverage, but guarantees connection between two bumps:
 - Information on particle populations, acceleration efficiency...

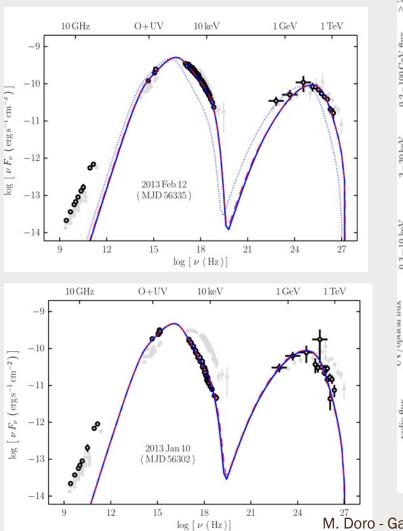
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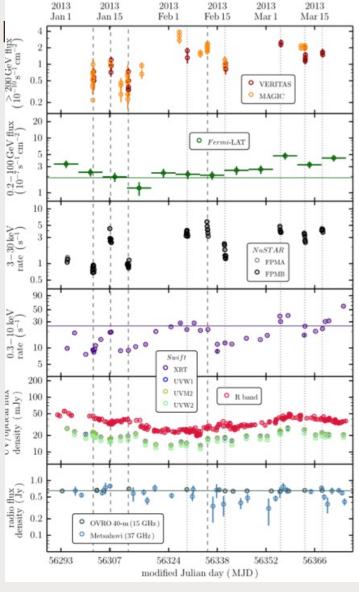
2/ Large projects: Multi-wavelength/multi-year





Astrophys.J. 819 (2016) 156

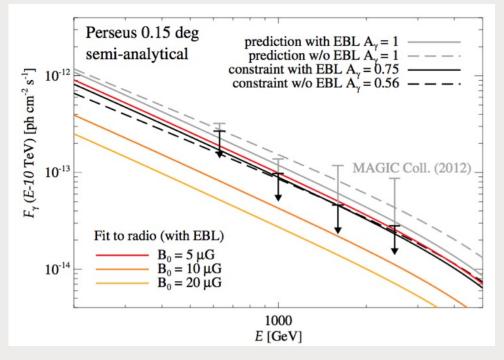




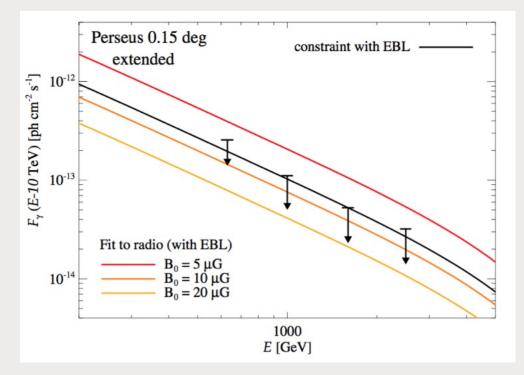
3/ Energy budgets in galaxy cluster

- Galaxy clusters are expected to show a diffuse gamma-ray emission due to the interaction of accelerated CR with the ambient intracluster medium
- \bullet Perseus is a cool-core clusters, brightest in X-ray \rightarrow optimal lab

Q1: What fraction of the energy dissipated in structure formation shocks goes into particle acceleration ?



Q2: how intense is the magnetic fields that produce the observed sync-emission from secondary electrons?



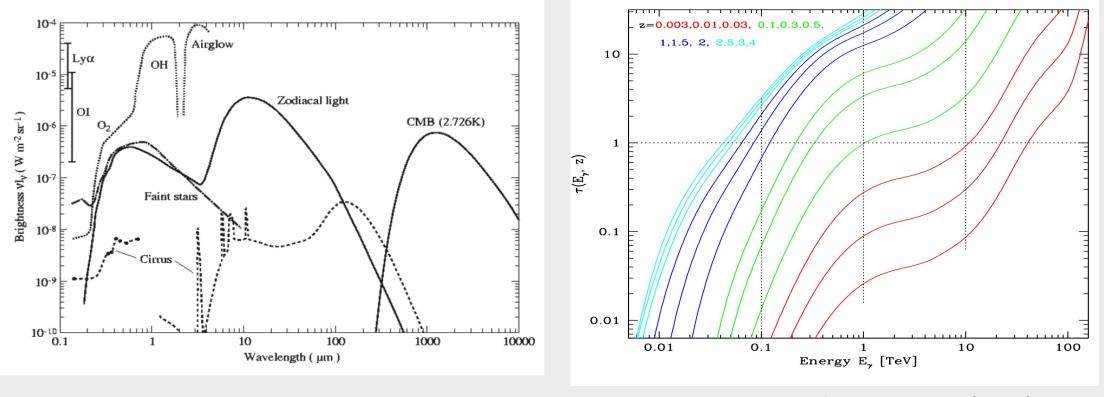
4/ Probes of magnetic fields Jedamzik & Saveliev '14 Baryogenesis, Fujita & Kamada, '16 10-7 21 cm, Natwariya & Bhatt, '20 Hubble tension, Jedamzik & Pogosyan '20 helical fields Turbulent decay Faraday rotation 10^{-9} 10⁻¹¹ ט UHECR B, CTA, y-ray 5 10^{-13} -CD phase transition transition Fermi/LAT 18 10^{-15} ĥ ≥ 10⁻¹⁷ - 10^{-10} 10-8 10^{-4} 10^{-2} 10^{0} 10² 104 10^{-6} λ_B , Mpc

Electrons **B**-field Gamma Gamma-rays from synchrothron haloes around blazars

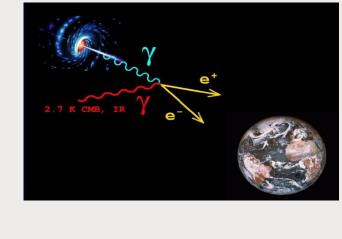
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5/ EBL

- Extragalctic Background Light: light emitted from star and galaxies since early times, also absorbed and reprocessed permating the Universe
- Leave an imprint on blazar spectra, that probes the 'thickness' of the Universe



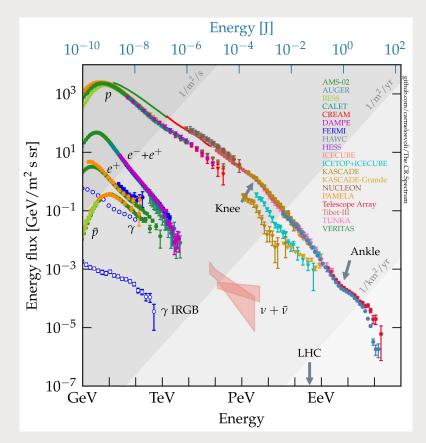
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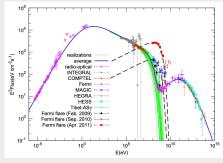


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CONCLUSIONS TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Take home messages

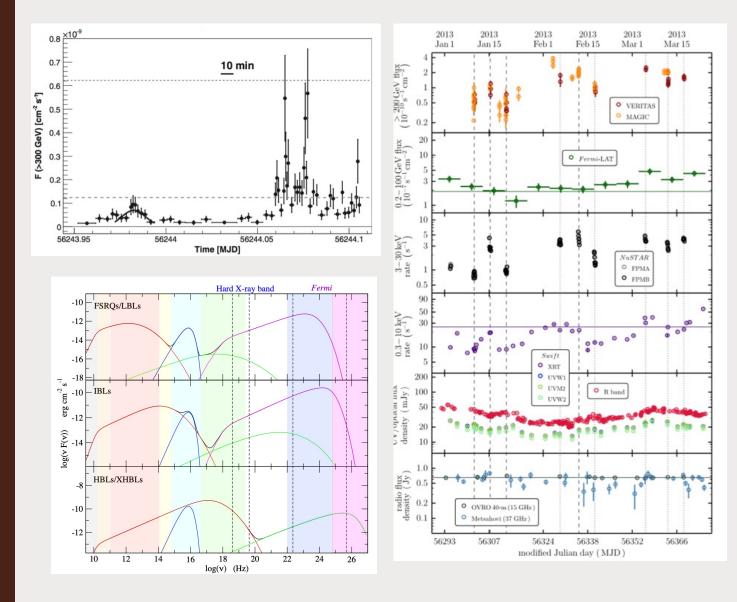




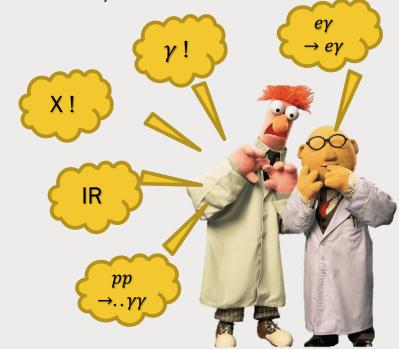
The amazing cosmic ray spectrum entails a world of physics phenomena

- 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 M. Doro - Gamma-ray Astronomy - ISAPP 2021 school

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)

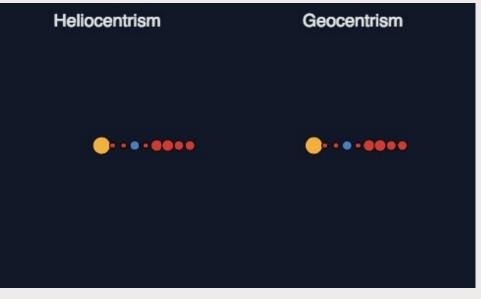


Gamma-ray revolutions

- 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?





Hope you enjoyed our trip so far! Thanks

