

Cosmic Rays,  
Photons, Neutrinos

Gravitational Waves

4 Messengers  
for the study of the  
*“High Energy Universe”*

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Three messengers are “inextricably” tied together  
[Cosmic Rays, Gamma Rays, High Energy Neutrinos  
can really be considered as three probes that study the  
same underlying physical phenomena]



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Relativistic  
charged particles

$\gamma$

$\nu$

Fundamental Mechanism:

# Acceleration of Charged Particles

to Very High Energy (“non thermal processes”) in astrophysical objects (or better “events”).

Creation of Gamma Rays and Neutrinos via the interactions of these relativistic charged particles.

“Hadronic ”

$$p + X \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \dots$$

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

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \end{array}$$

“Leptonic ”

$$e^\pm \gamma_{\text{soft}} \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma$$

$$e^\pm Z \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma Z$$

$$e^\pm \vec{B} \rightarrow e^\pm \gamma_{\text{syn}}$$

# Non accelerator sources

## Dark Matter

(in form of WIMP's  
self annihilation or decay)

## Super Massive Particles [Very High mass scales]

Production of high energy particles  
of all types  $\gamma$  ,  $\nu$  ,  $e^+$  ,  $e^-$  ,  $p$  ,  $\dots$

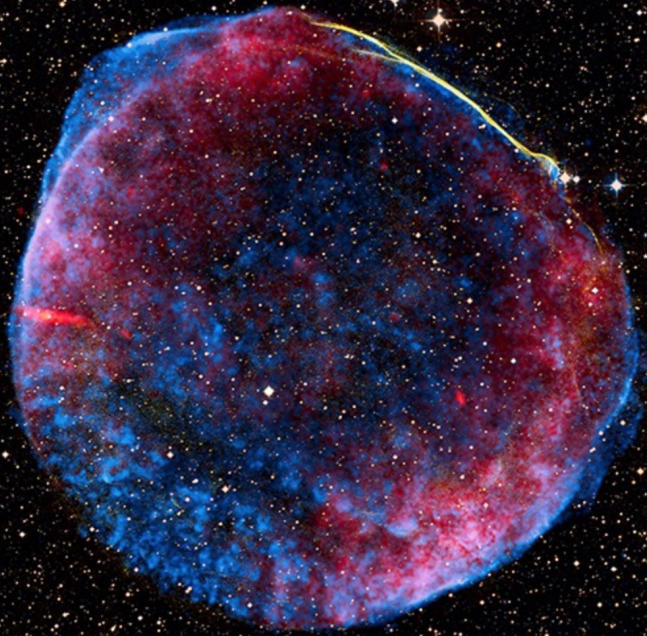


# Gamma Astronomy has revealed a *very rich, fascinating landscape*

- Many sources have been identified [GeV , TeV ranges]
- Several classes of objects [SNR, Pulsars, PWN, AGN, GRB, ...]
- Probably different acceleration mechanisms.

Still developing an understanding  
many questions remain open

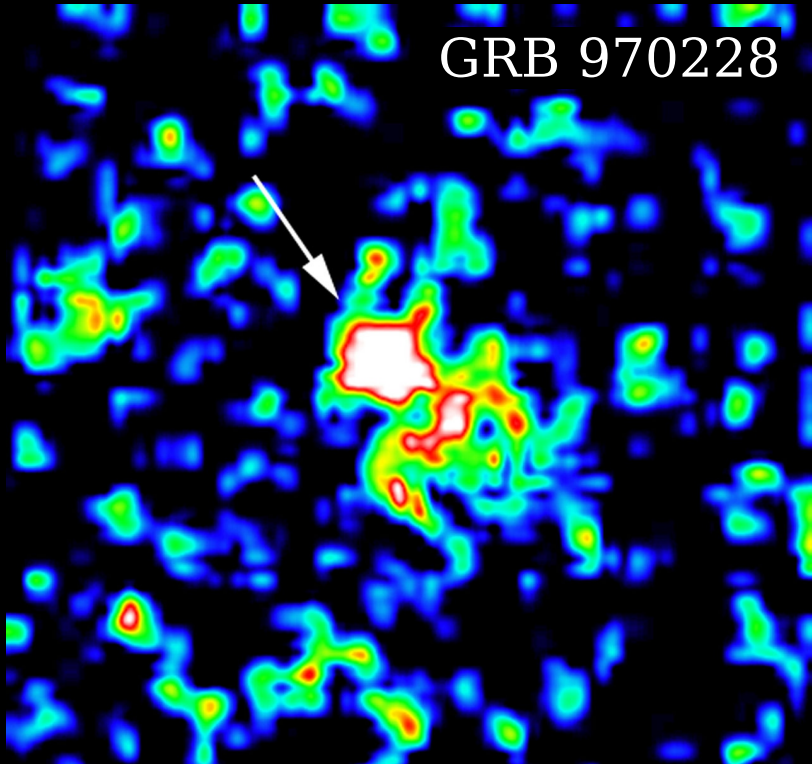
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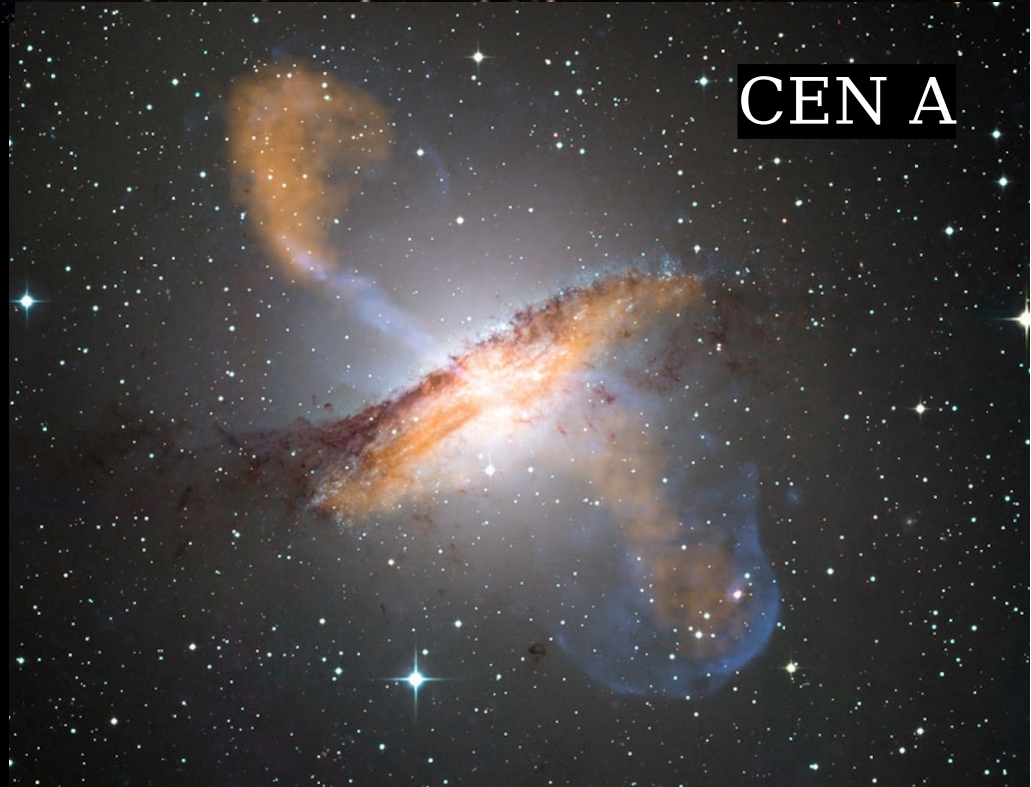
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# Sources are transients

[with a variety of time scales

from a small fraction of a second to thousands of years]

## Associated to Compact Objects

Neutron stars,

Black Holes (stellar and Supermassive)

*FORMATION* of Compact Objects

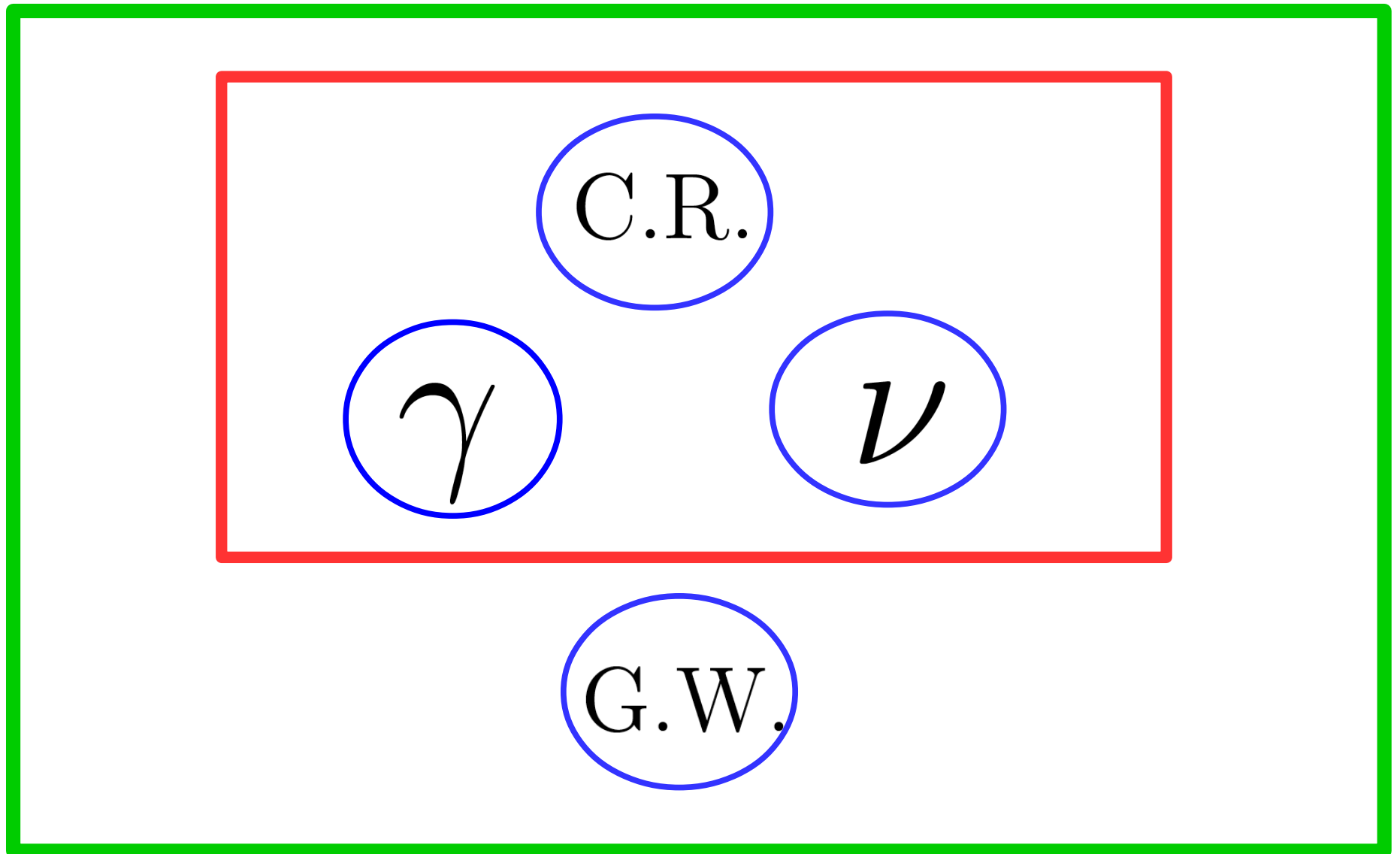
(very large acceleration of very large masses)

Natural connection to Gravitational Waves



# Gravitational Waves Studies

Entering a new exciting era with LIGO/VIRGO



Essentially all gamma astronomy and neutrino astronomy can be seen as observations of Cosmic Rays in different astrophysical sites

## Cosmic Ray Observations at the Earth:

*Space and time integrated average* of particles generated by many sources in the Galaxy and in the universe, *also shaped by propagation effects*.

Single point, and (effectively) single time.

[Slow time variations,  
geological record carries some information]

A “*Local Fog*” that is a terrible nuisance but also carries very important information

# Measurements of Cosmic Rays *as Messengers at the Earth:*

$$\phi_p(E, \Omega) , \quad \phi_{\text{He}}(E, \Omega) , \quad \dots , \quad \phi_{\{A,Z\}}(E, \Omega)$$

protons+ nuclei

$$\phi_{e^-}(E, \Omega)$$

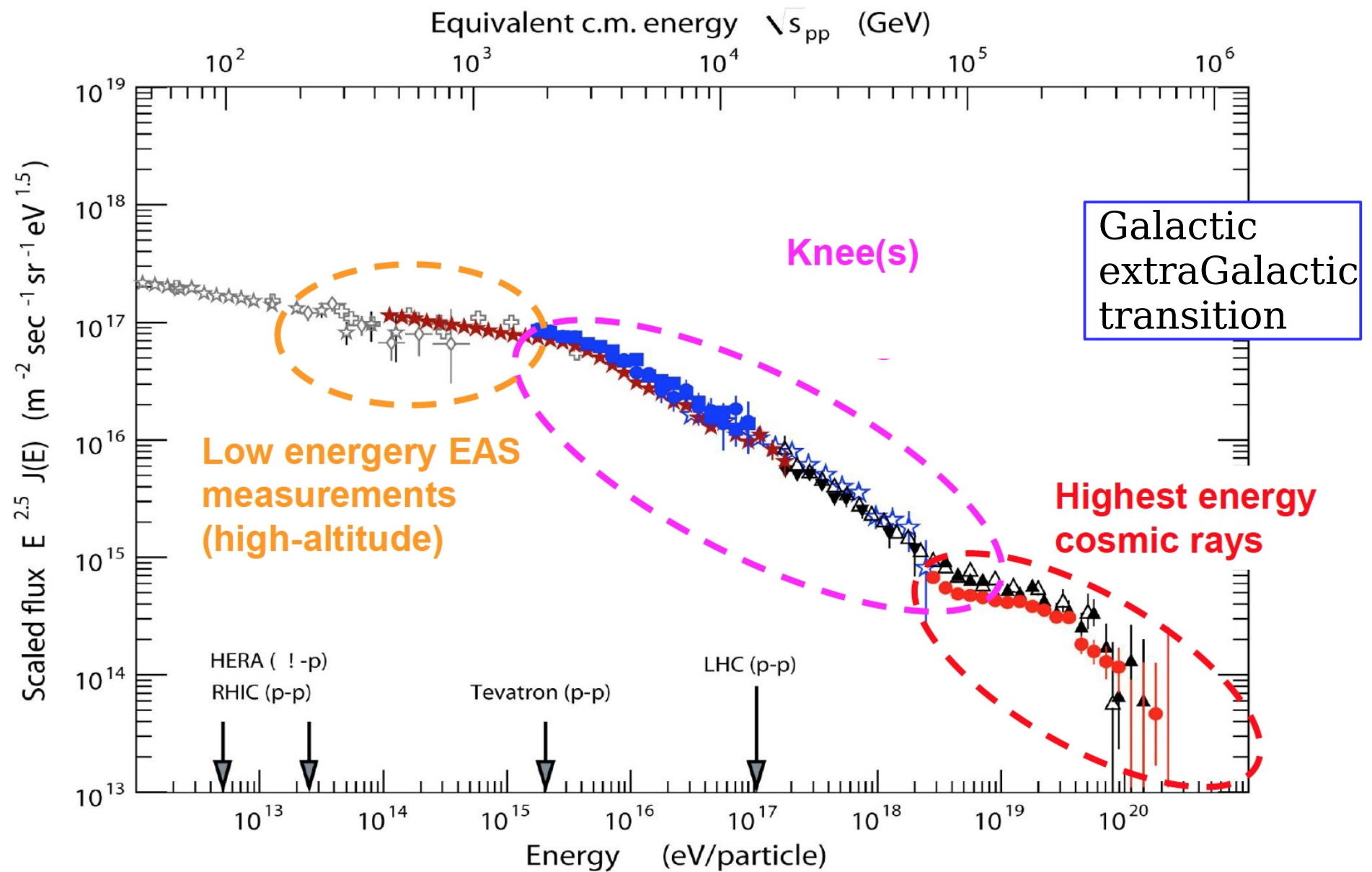
electrons

$$\phi_{e^+}(E, \Omega)$$

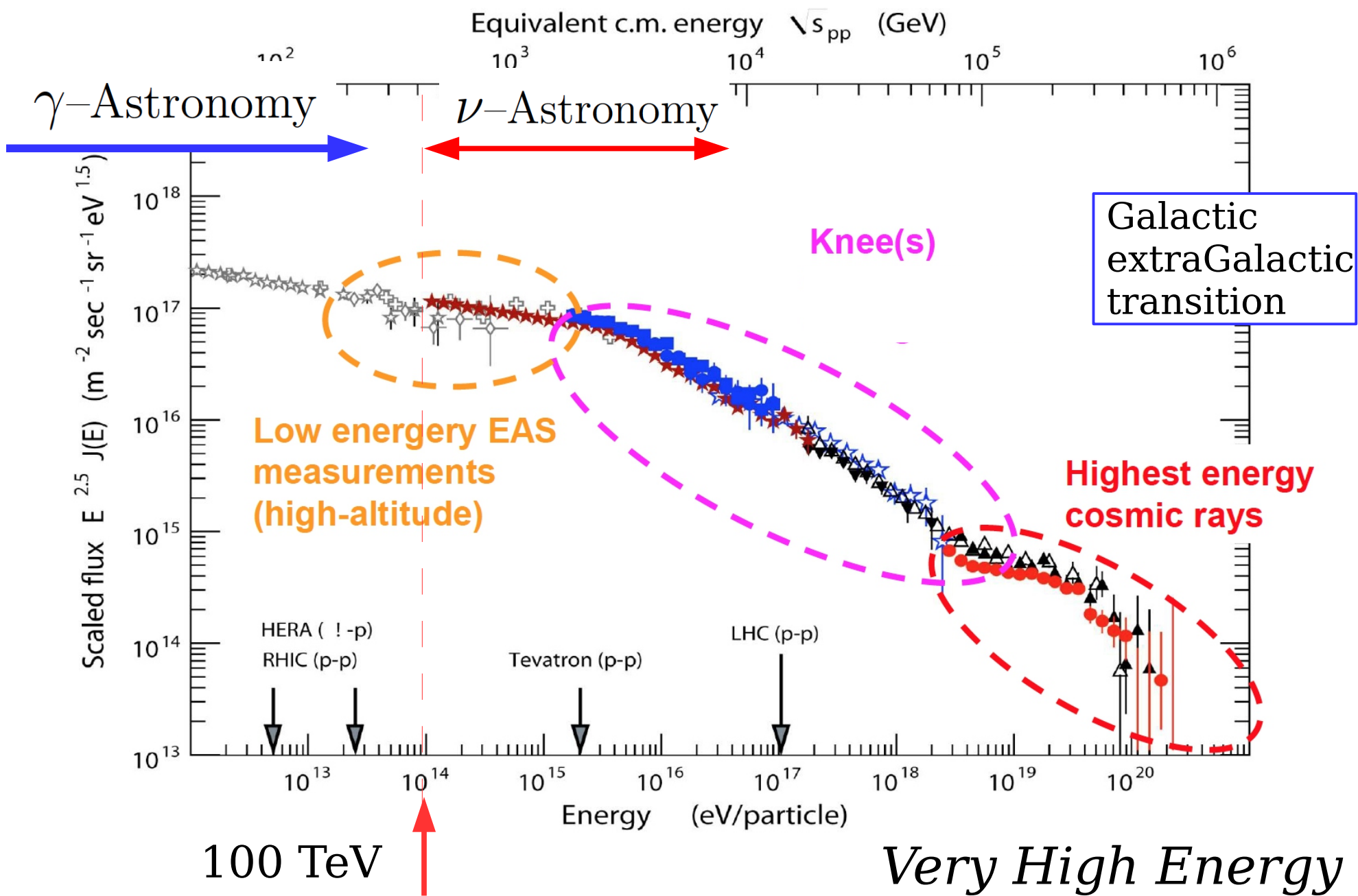
$$\phi_{\bar{p}}(E, \Omega)$$

anti-particles

# High Energy CR flux (Indirect Shower Observations)



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The CR spectra are *nearly perfectly* isotropic.

but the **angular distribution** carries information of great importance  $\phi(E, \Omega) \simeq \phi(E)$

[of course also when the angular distribution is consistent with exact isotropy [*“The dog that did not bark”*]]

**The energy spectra**

their absolute and relative size,

their *different shapes* for different particle types

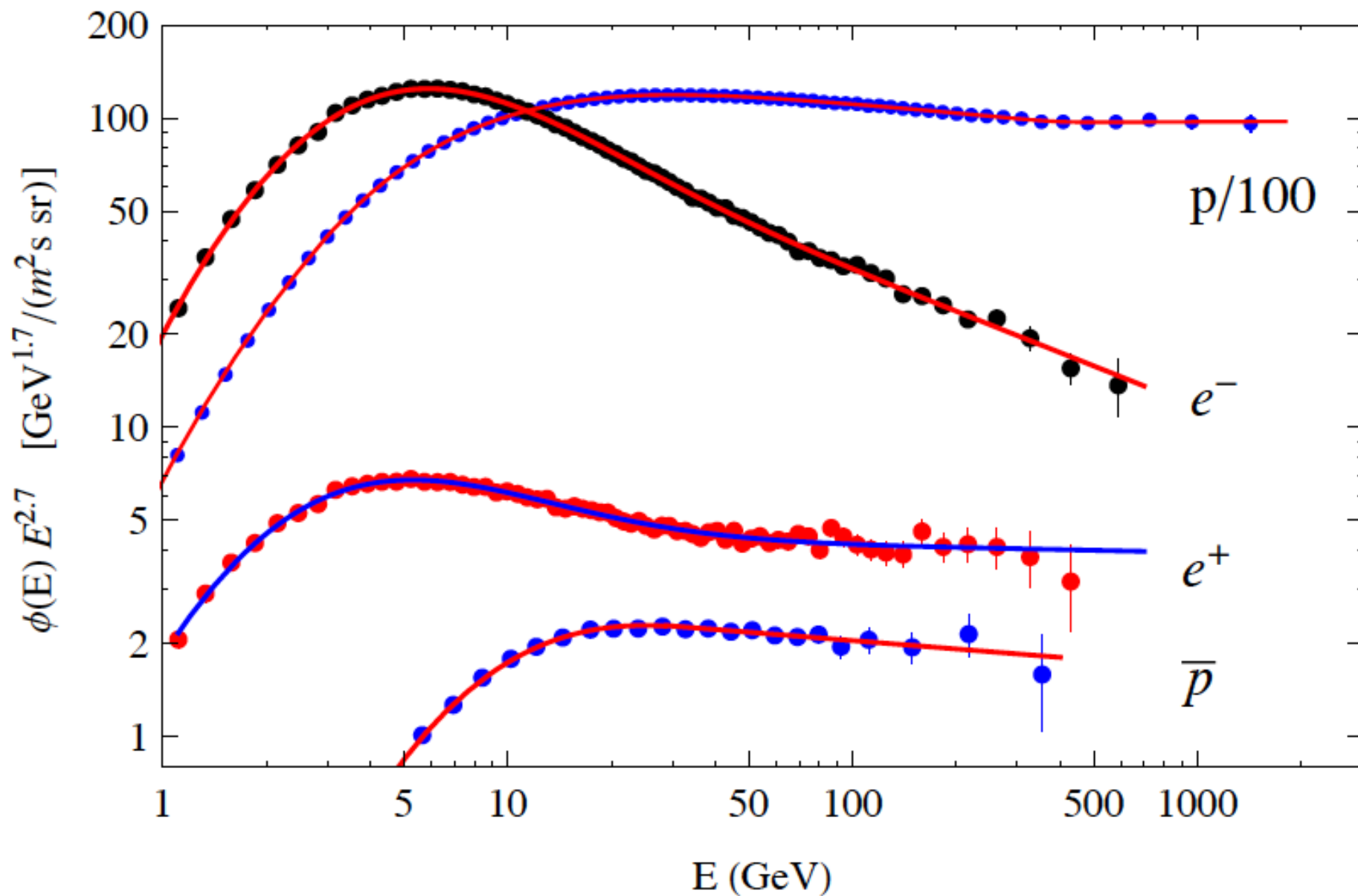
carry essential information that we want to understand.

Precision Measurements of AMS02

$E \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

AMS02 measurements:  
(antiprotons from AMS days)

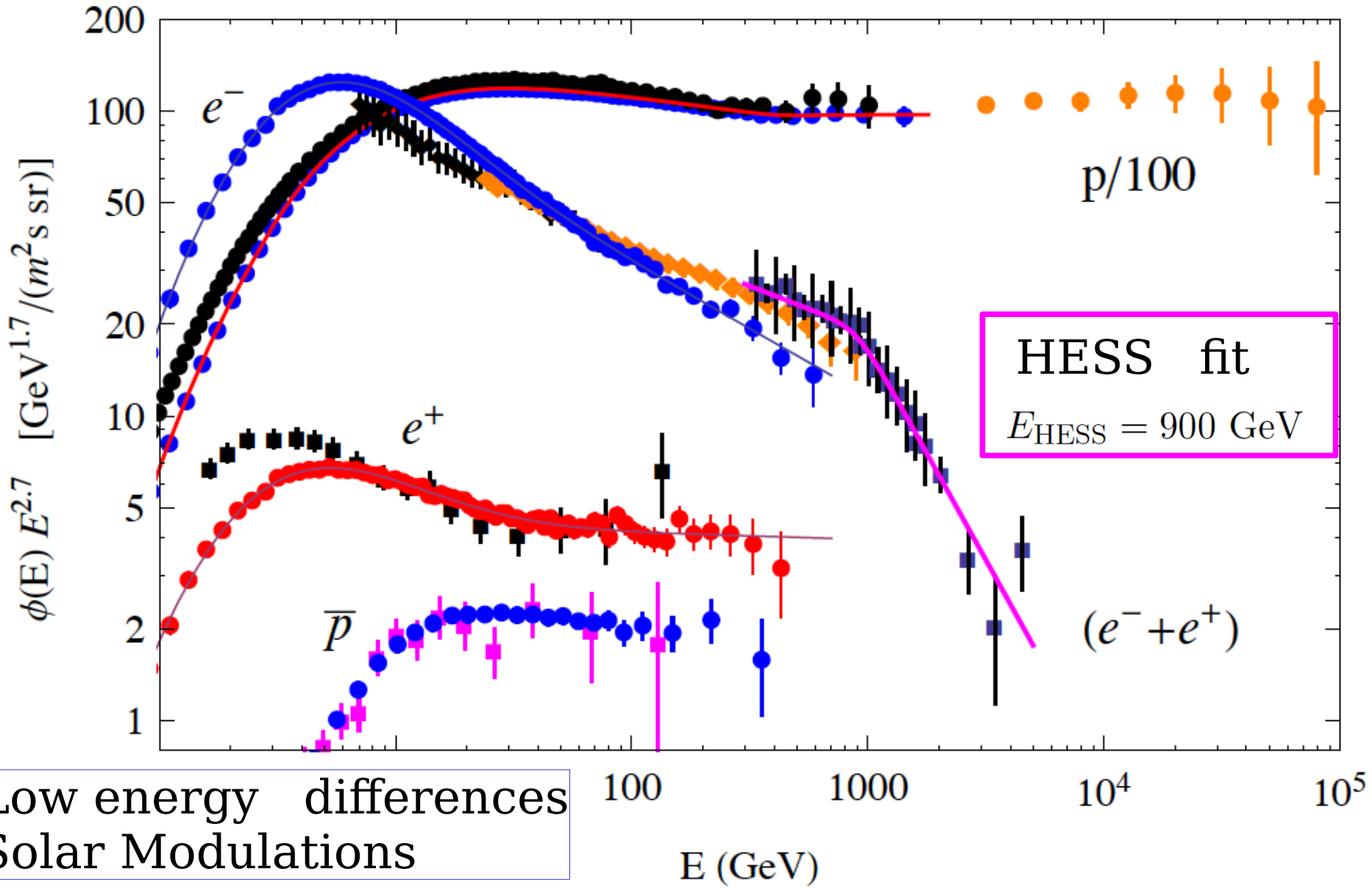
$p$   $e^-$   $e^+$   $\bar{p}$



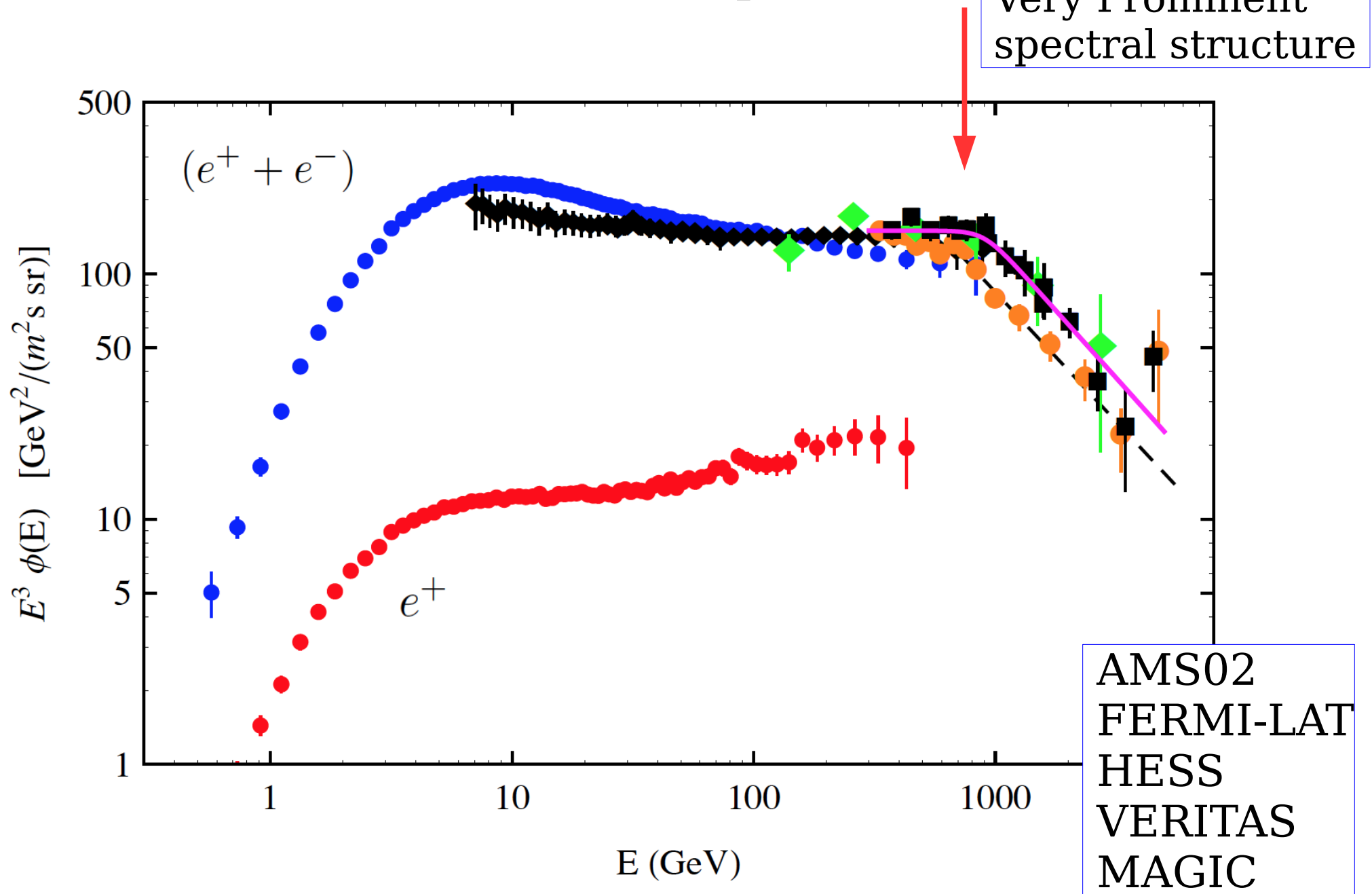
AMS02, PAMELA, CREAM,  
FERMI, HESS

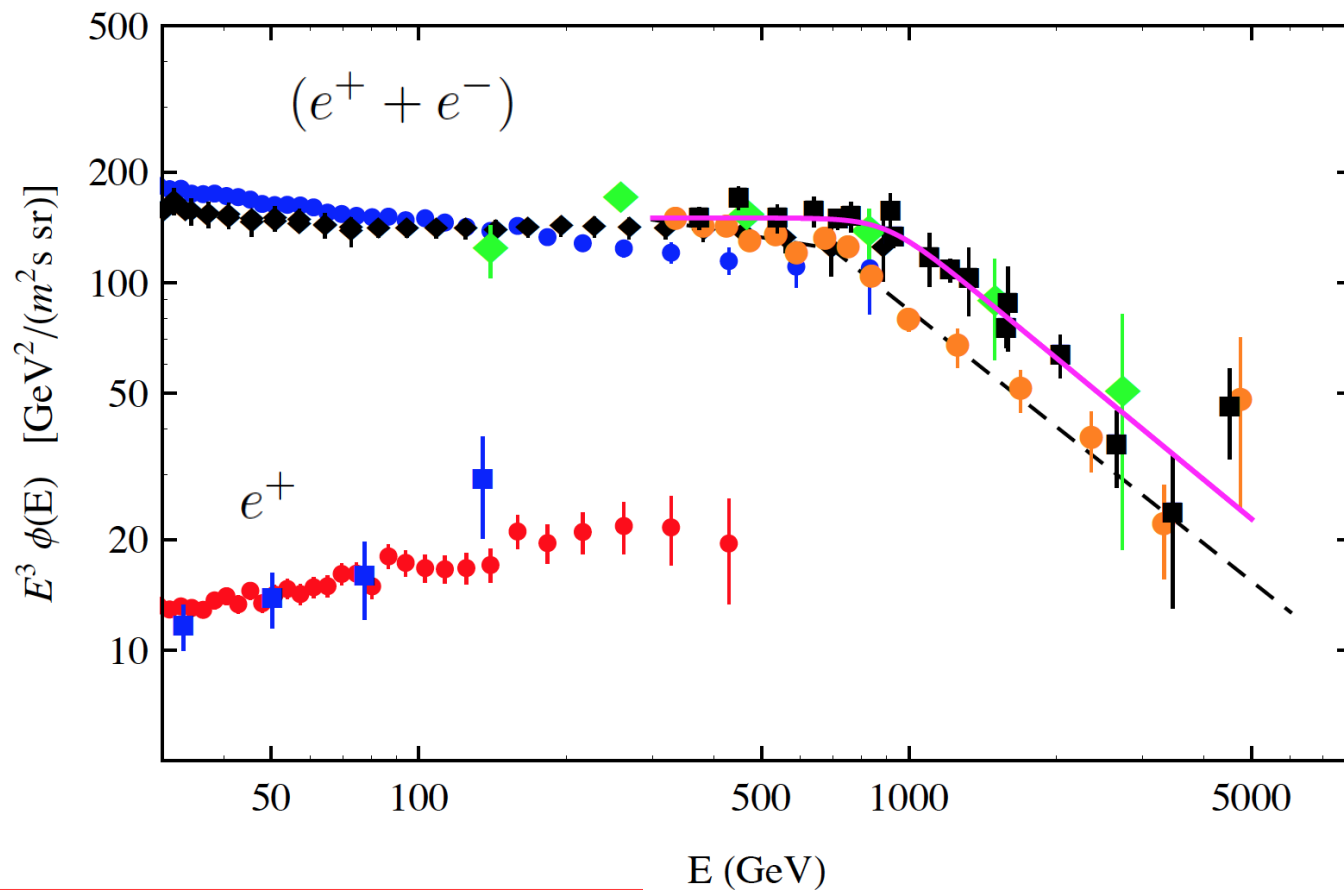
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Different shapes of the spectra



# All electrons , Positron Spectra





AMS02  
 FERMI-LAT  
 HESS  
 VERITAS  
 MAGIC

### HESS fit

$$\gamma_1 \simeq 3.0$$

$$\gamma_2 \simeq 4.1$$

$$E_{\text{break}} = 900 \text{ GeV}$$

### MAGIC fit

$$\gamma_1 \simeq 3.2 \pm 0.01$$

$$\gamma_2 \simeq 4.1 \pm 0.01$$

$$E_{\text{break}} = 710 \pm 40 \text{ GeV}$$

- Why the proton flux has its shape ?
- Why the electron flux has its shape ?
- Why the positron flux has its shape ?
- Why the  $\bar{p}$  flux has its shape ?

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- Why the positron flux has its shape ?  

Does the positron flux contains a DM component ?
- Why the  $\bar{p}$  flux has its shape ?

# Formation of the Cosmic Ray Spectra

$$\phi = \frac{4\pi}{\beta c} n$$

Cosmic Ray Density  
at the Sun position =

“Release”  
in Interstellar  
Medium

[Injection]



Propagation  
from source to Sun



# Formation of the (proton) Cosmic Ray Spectrum

$$n_p(E, \vec{x}_\odot, t_{\text{now}}) =$$

Instellar Injection  
(or “release”) function

$$\int_{-\infty}^{t_{\text{now}}} dt \int d^3x \int dE_i q_p(E_i, \vec{x}, t) \times$$

$$P_p(E, \vec{x}_\odot, t_{\text{now}}; E_i, \vec{x}, t)$$

Propagation effects

[*General*, explicit (but “formal”) expression]

# *Primary* particles:

(protons, electrons, Helium nuclei, ....)

## Accelerated in Astrophysical Sources

“Release” =

Injection in the  
acceleration process



Acceleration



Source Ejection  
(escape from accelerator)

# *Secondary* particles:

positrons, antiprotons

[in the “conventional picture” :  
no DM, no antimatter accelerators)]

Rare Nuclei (Li, Be, B, ....)

“born relativistic”

“Release” = Creation in the interaction  
of a higher energy particle

Cosmic Ray spectra:  $j = p, e^-, \dots$

$$\phi_j(E) = q_j(E_i, \vec{x}_i, t_i) \otimes P_j(\text{source} \rightarrow \text{Sun})$$

Problematic *Ambiguity*:

Parameters and structures  
(spectral indices, break points....)  
that determine the shapes of the spectra  
can have different interpretations  
with “*release*” and “*propagation*”  
playing different (complementary) roles

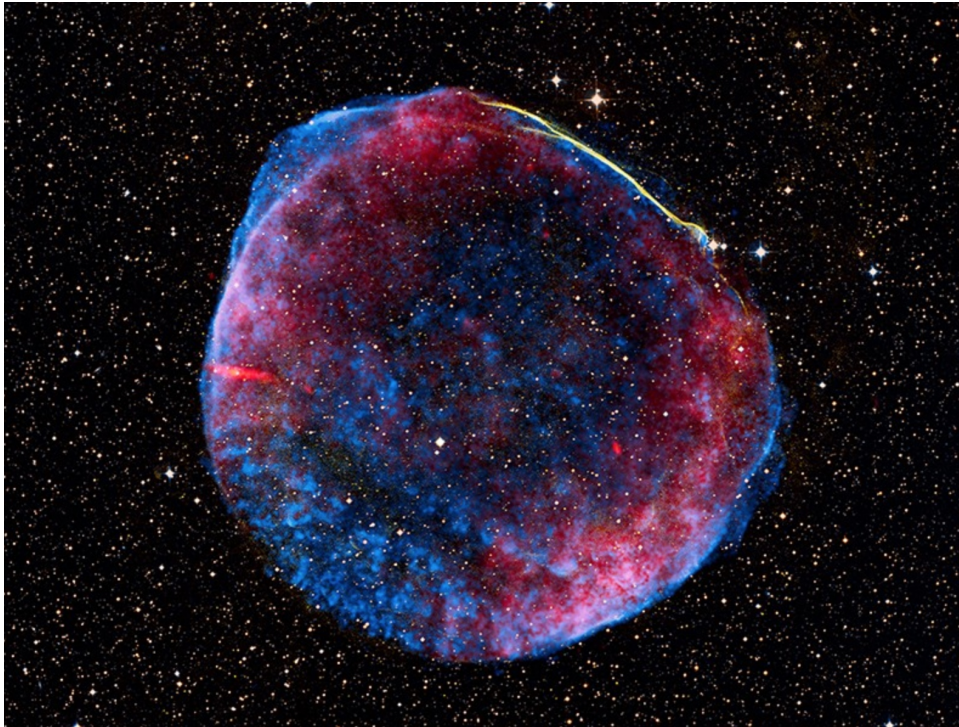
$$\phi_p(E) \propto E^{-\gamma_p}$$

$$\gamma_p = \gamma_0 + \delta$$

$E_{\text{knee}} =$  Maximum  
acceleration Rigidity

$E_{\text{knee}} =$  Critical Rigidity  
for diffusion

# SuperNova Remnants as possible main source of the Galactic Cosmic Rays



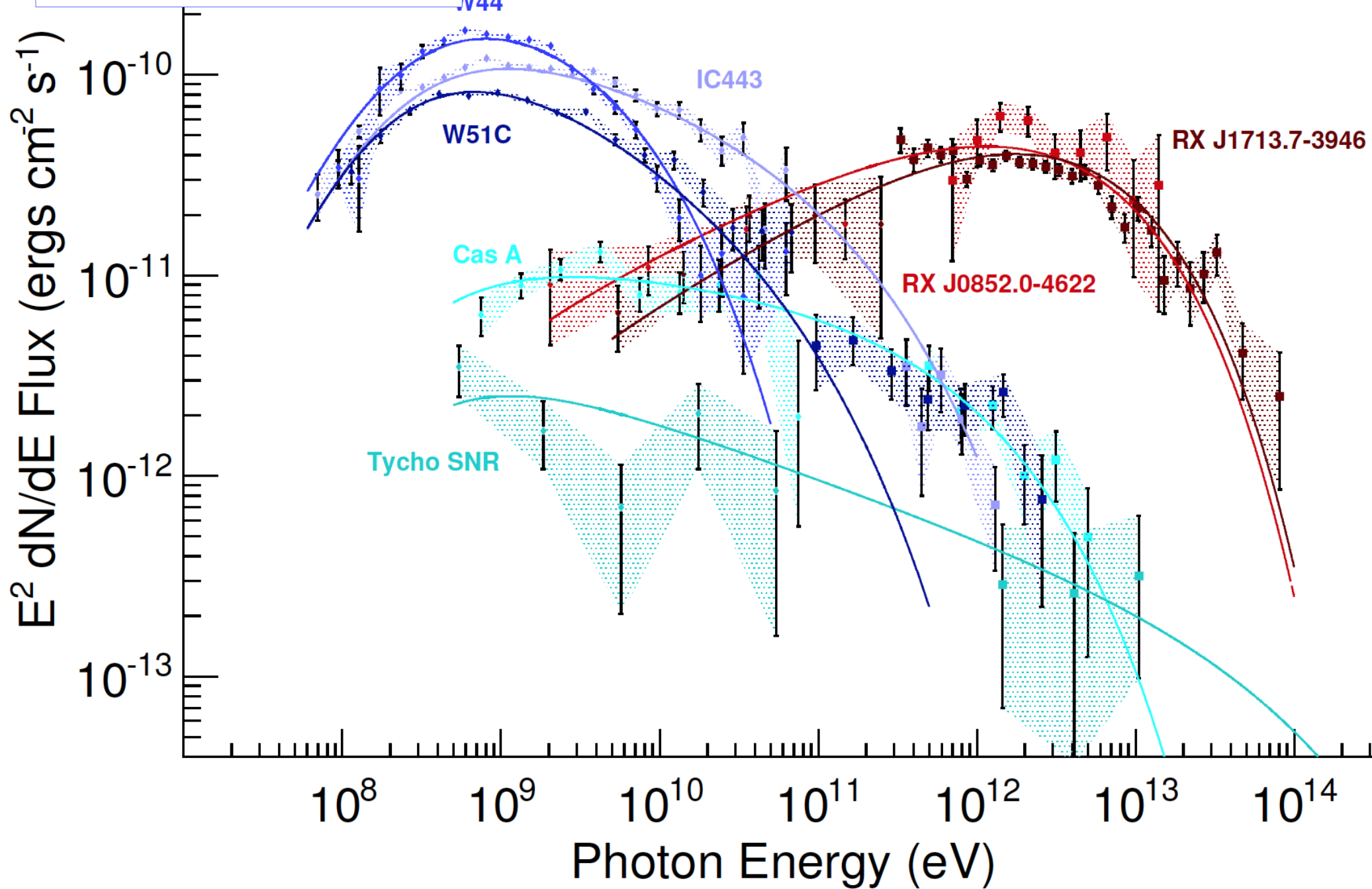
Do they provide sufficient  
Power ?

Do they generate  
the “right spectra”  
[of p, He, ....., e ?]  
of the observed CR ?

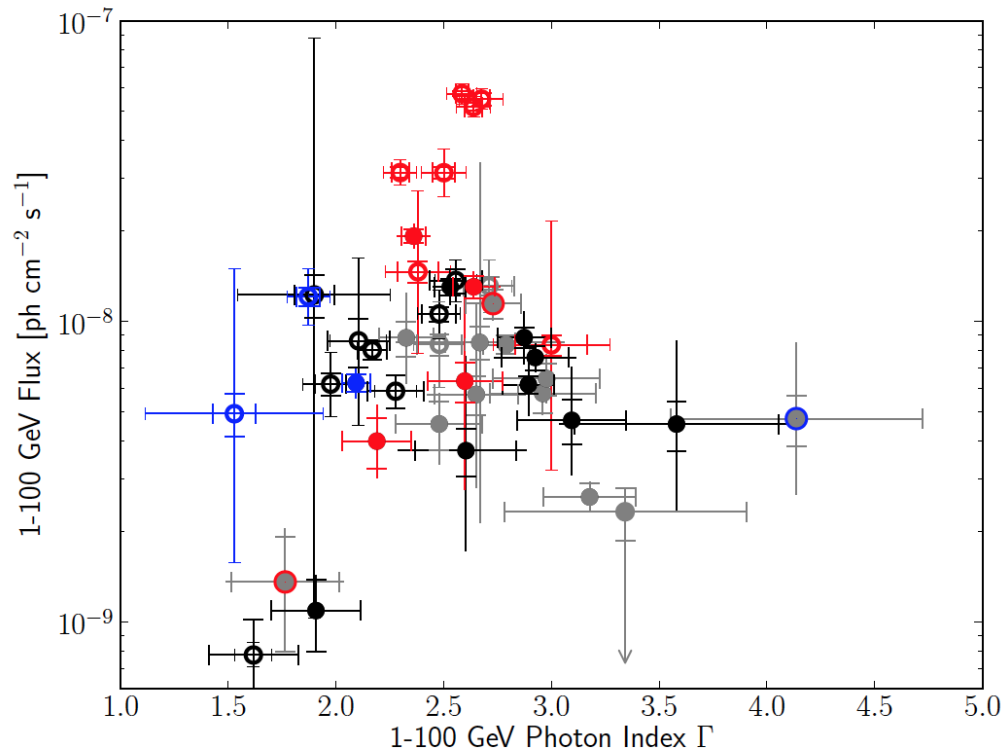
What are  
the right spectrum ?

Different spectral shapes  
of relativistic particles  
In different SNR

From S. Funk (2015)



# FERMI-LAT 1<sup>st</sup> SNR Catalog [ApJ Suppl 224 (2016)]



What does this mean ?

The SNR sources contain a very large amount of Energy in relativistic Particles.

[adequate to supply the CR Galactic population]  
Spectral shape ?

Photon index [1-100] GeV

Possible interpretation: Time dependent spectra:  
SuperNova release *time integrated* spectra of approximately equal shape.

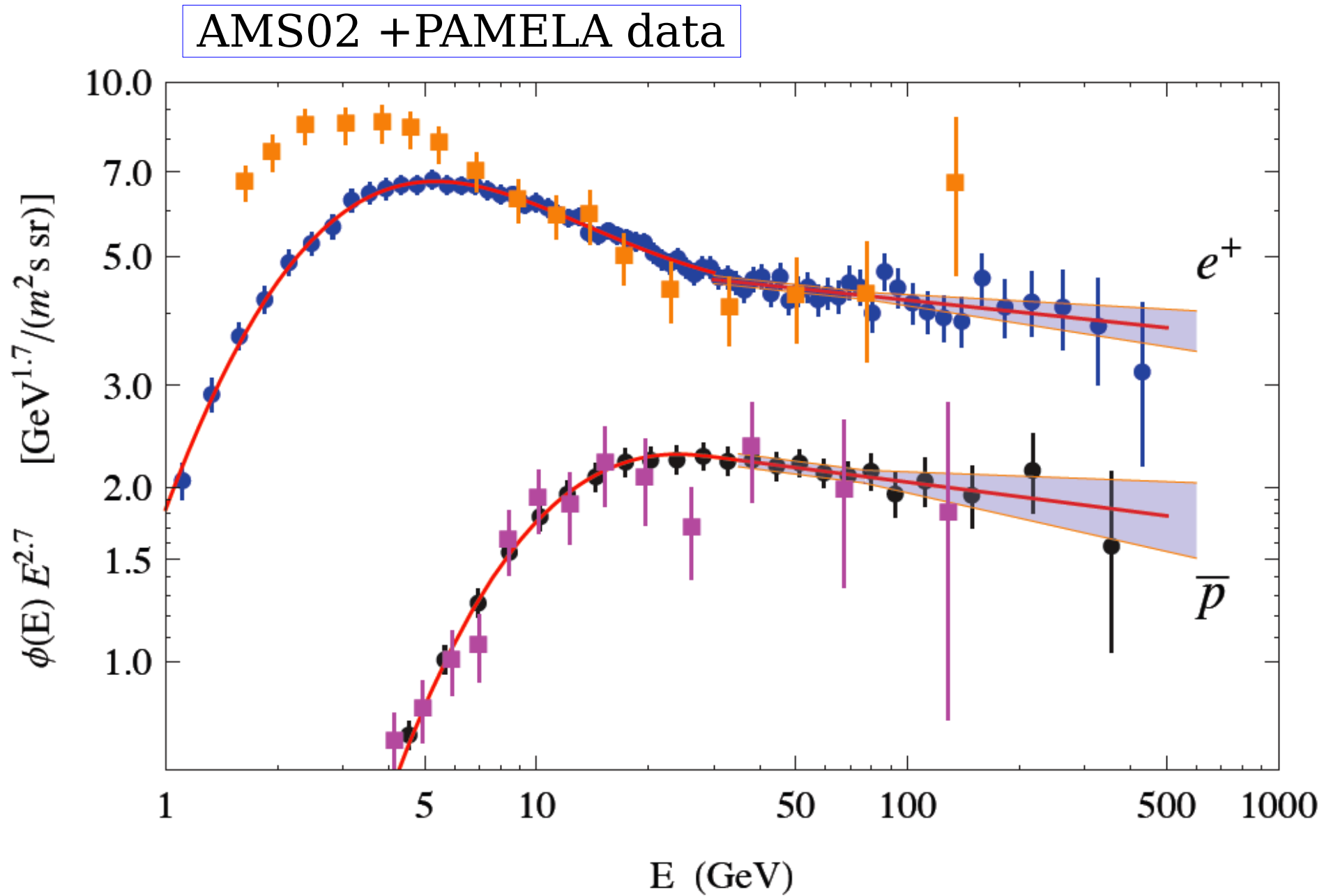
.... But what are the average spectra of  
the relativistic particles  
(*protons, Helium, electrons, positrons* [?])  
released by the accelerators ?

This is where the CR measurements  
become important  
[But requires to understand propagation]



New precision measurements (by AMS02)  
of anti-matter Cosmic Rays.

$e^+$   $\bar{p}$



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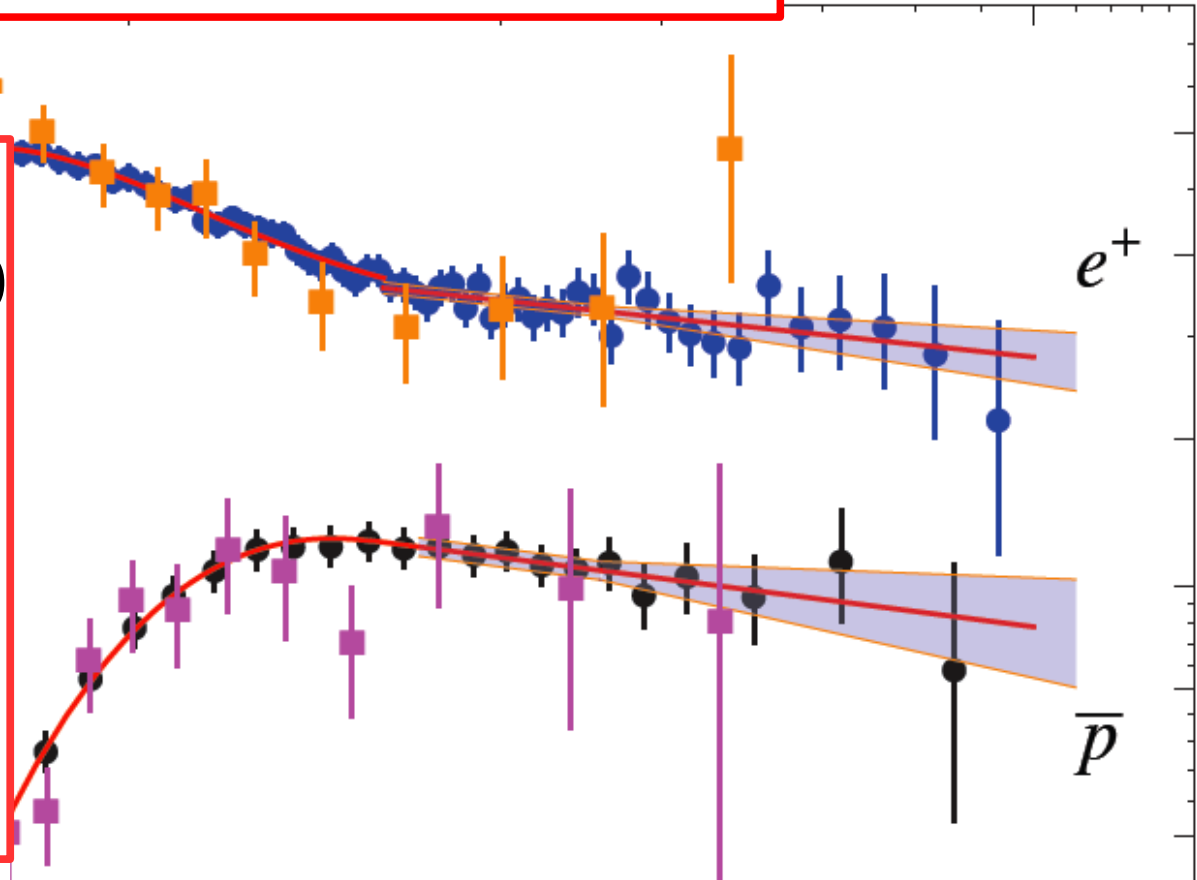
Approximately constant value for the ratio positron/anti-proton for  $E > 30$  GeV

Simple power law Fits (for  $E > 30$  GeV)

$$\gamma_{e^+} = 2.77 \pm 0.02$$

$$\gamma_{\bar{p}} = 2.78 \pm 0.04$$

$$\frac{e^+}{\bar{p}} \simeq 2.04 \pm 0.04$$



$$\left. \frac{\phi_{e^+}(E)}{\phi_{\bar{p}}(E)} \right|_{E \in [30, 400] \text{ GeV}} \simeq (2.04 \pm 0.04) \times \left( \frac{E}{50 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{0.015 \pm 0.045}$$

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Fitted slopes:

$$E > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

Protons

$$\gamma_p = 2.85 \pm 0.01$$

$$\gamma_p = 2.72 \pm 0.05$$

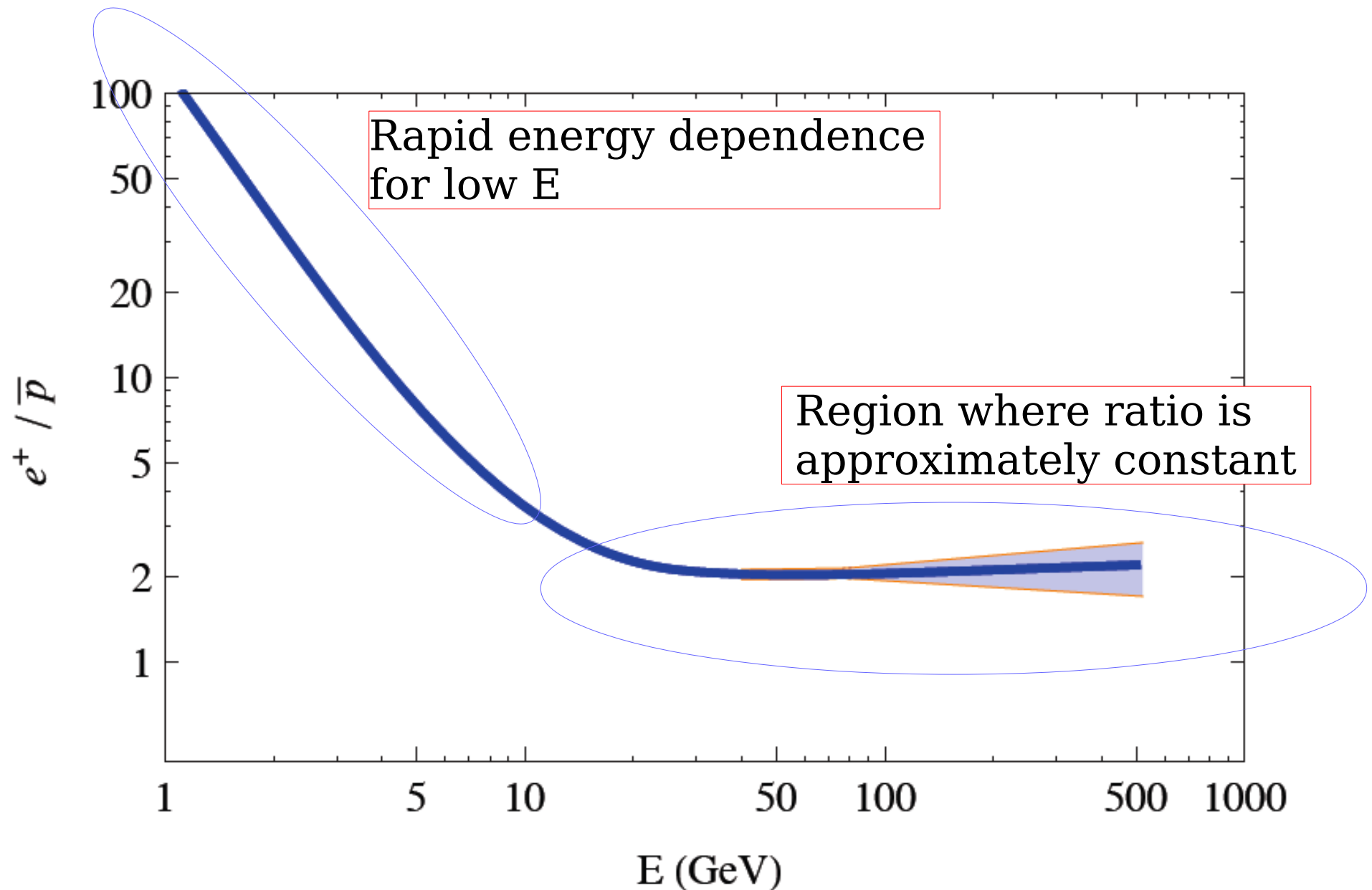
$$E_{\text{break}} \simeq 330 \text{ GeV}$$

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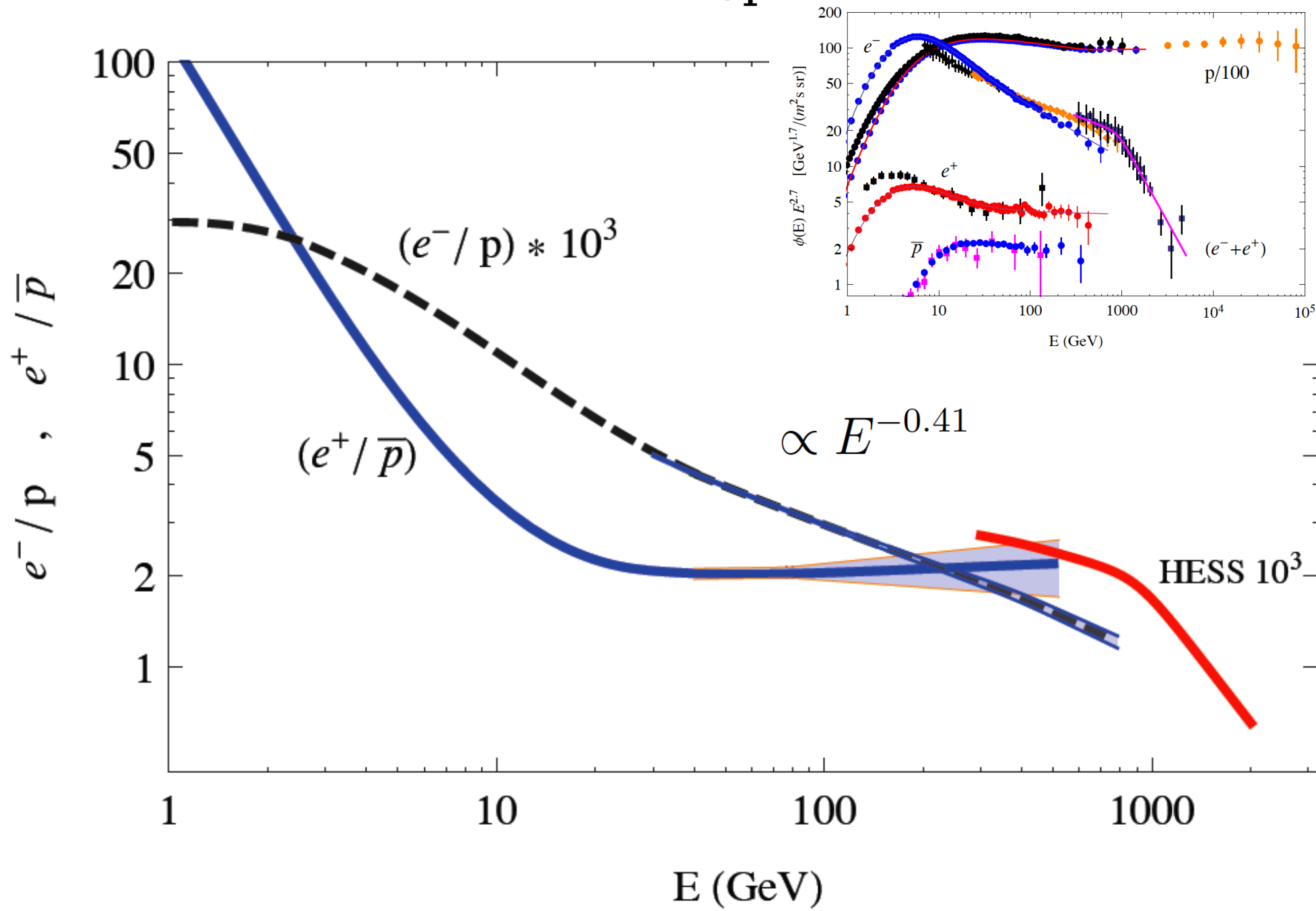
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Does this  
“mean” something ?

# Ratio positron/anti-proton [Energy dependence]



# Different behavior: positron/anti-proton electron/proton



# Why ?

(for  $E > 20\text{-}30 \text{ GeV}$ )

$$\gamma_{e^+} \simeq \gamma_{\bar{p}}$$

$$\gamma_{e^+} \simeq \gamma_{\bar{p}} \approx \gamma_p$$

Is there a  
“physical reason”,  
or it is  
“just a coincidence” ?

$$\gamma_{e^-} \simeq \gamma_p + (0.41 \pm 0.02)$$

Question :

Why the electron and proton CR spectra have different shapes ?

$$\gamma_{e^-} \simeq \gamma_p + (0.41 \pm 0.02)$$

[Commonly accepted] ANSWER:

- [1.] The electron and proton spectra have the same shape at injection.
- [2.] The propagation effects are different, because electrons have a much larger energy loss rate

# Energy losses

[synchrotron, Compton scattering]  
strongly depend on the particle mass

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} \propto \frac{q^4}{m^4} E^2$$

$$T_{\text{loss}}(E) \simeq \frac{E}{|dE/dt(E)|}$$

Characteristic time  
for energy loss

$$T_{\text{loss}}(E) = \frac{E}{|dE/dt|} \simeq \frac{3 m_e^2}{4 c \sigma_{\text{Th}} \langle \rho_B + \rho_\gamma^*(E) \rangle E}$$
$$\simeq 621.6 \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{E} \right) \left( \frac{0.5 \text{ eV/cm}^3}{\rho} \right) \text{ Myr}$$



Conventional picture for the electron/proton ratio:

$$T_p(E) = T_{\text{escape}}(E)$$

$$T_e(E) = T_{\text{escape}}(E) \oplus T_{\text{loss}}(E) \simeq T_{\text{loss}}(E)$$

$$E \gtrsim 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{T_{\text{loss}}(E)}{T_{\text{escape}}(E)} \propto \frac{\phi_{e^-}(E)}{\phi_p(E)} \propto E^{-0.41}$$

$$T_{\text{escape}}(30 \text{ GeV}) \gtrsim T_{\text{loss}}(30 \text{ GeV}) \simeq 30 \text{ Myr}$$

What I see as a “burning problem” (in a nutshell)

The fluxes of  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^+$   
seem to be intimately related.

Let us assume :

[1.] *antiprotons are secondary*  
and therefore that there is an associated  
production of positrons.

[2.] Positrons propagate exactly as antiprotons.

Then: the calculated spectra of secondary positrons  
is consistent (within systematic uncertainties with the data).

*“Conventional mechanism”*  
for the production of positrons and antiprotons:

Creation of secondaries in the inelastic hadronic interactions of cosmic rays in the interstellar medium

$$pp \rightarrow \bar{p} + \dots$$

Injections of positrons and anti-protons are intimately connected

$$pp \rightarrow \pi^+ + \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu \end{array}$$

# Calculation of the “Local injection” of secondaries by the “*conventional mechanism*”

$$q_{\bar{p}}^{\text{loc}}(E) = \phi_p(E) \otimes n_{\text{ism}}(\vec{x}_{\odot}) \otimes \sigma_{\text{hadronic}}[pp \rightarrow \bar{p} + \dots]$$

$$q_{e^+}^{\text{loc}}(E) = \phi_p(E) \otimes n_{\text{ism}}(\vec{x}_{\odot}) \otimes \sigma_{\text{hadronic}}[pp \rightarrow e^+ + \dots]$$

Step 1: Measure the spectra of CR near the Earth.

Step 2: Correct for Solar Modulation effects  
to obtain the spectra in interstellar space

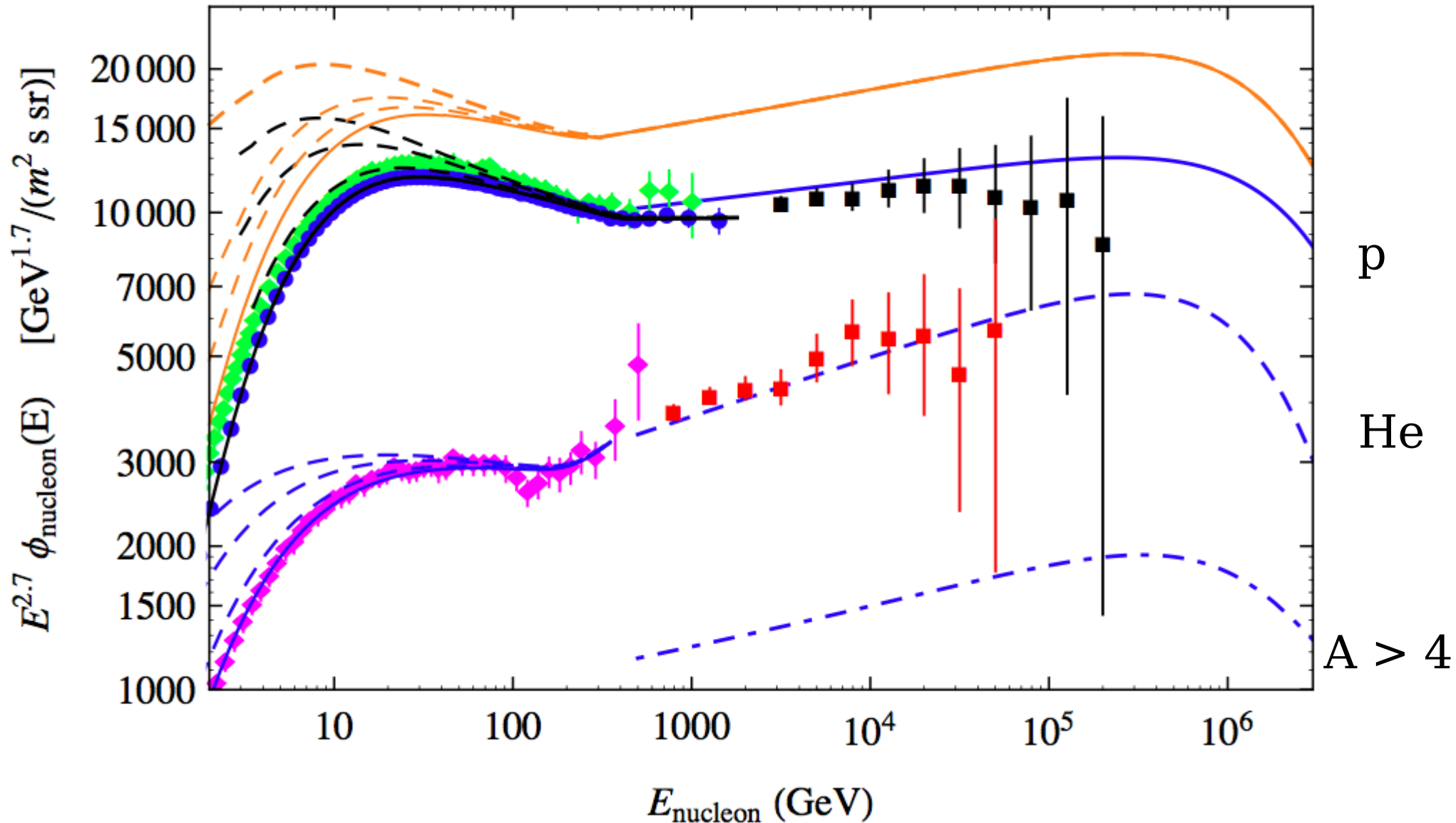
Step 4: Model the interaction to compute  
injection spectra of positrons + anti-protons.

$$q_j^{\text{loc}}(E) = n_{\text{ism}}(\vec{x}_{\odot}) f_p \int dE_0 n_p^{\text{loc}}(E_0) (\beta c) \sigma_{pp}(E_0) \frac{dN_{pp \rightarrow j}}{dE}(E, E_0)$$

+ (p + He) + (He + p) + (He + He) + ...

# Nucleon Fluxes

Pamela, AMS02, CREAM  
HEA0 (for nuclei)

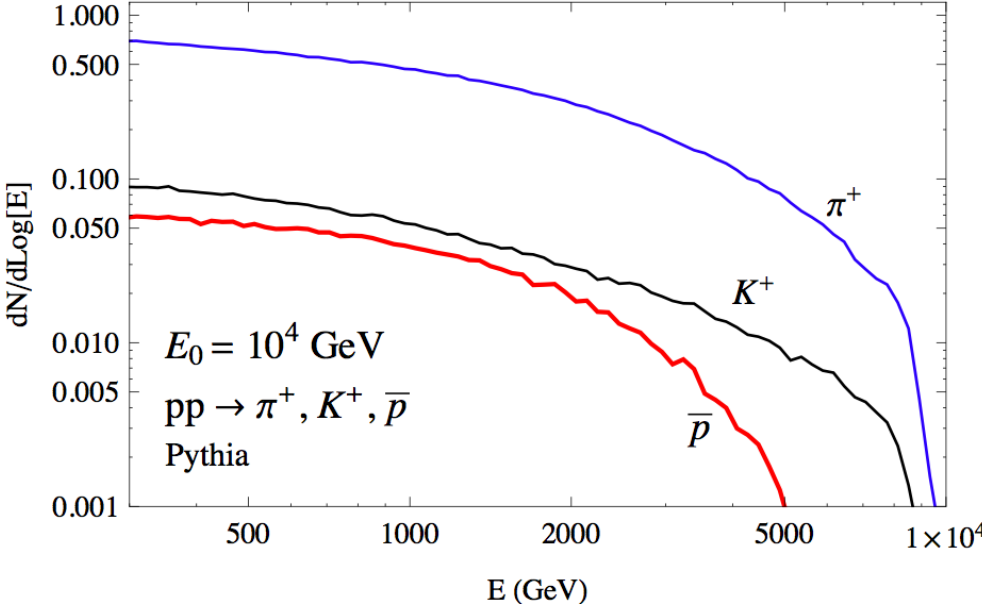
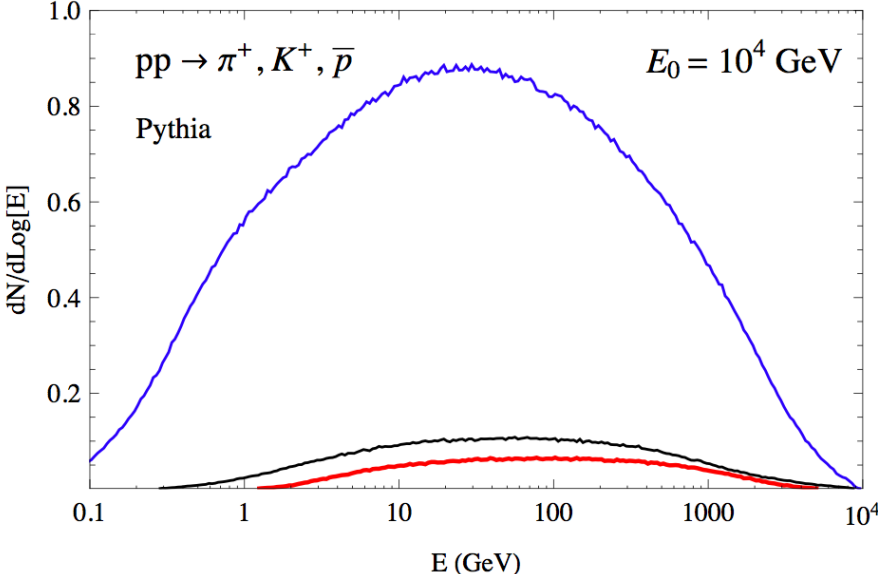


# Particle production in hadronic collisions

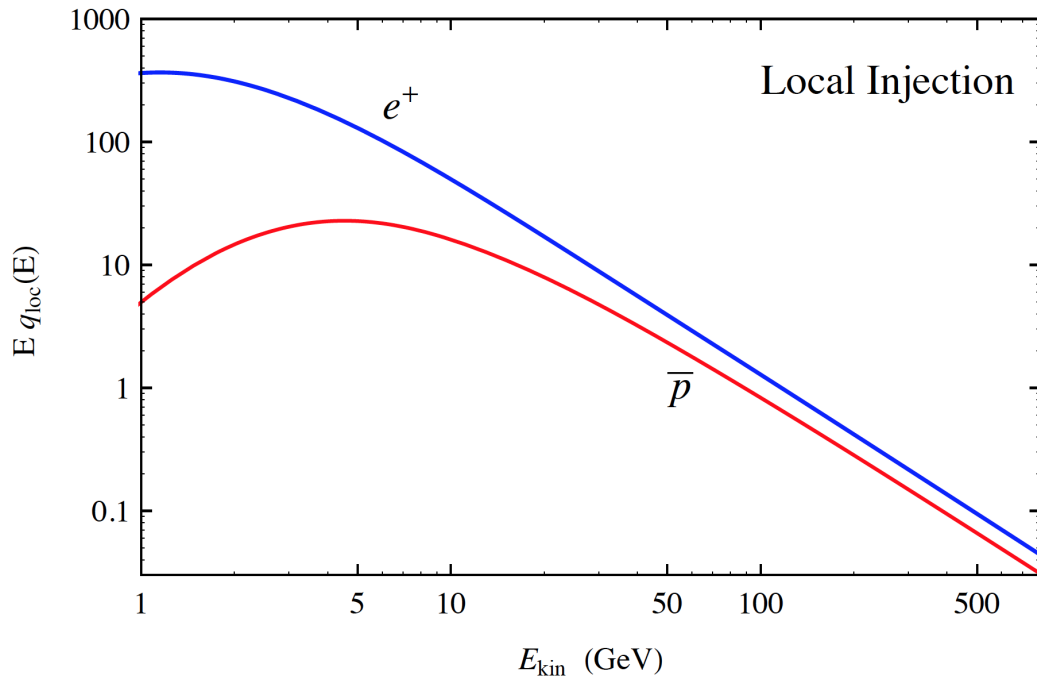
$$pp \rightarrow \pi^+, K^+, \bar{p}, \dots$$

$$E_0 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}$$

Example of a Montecarlo calculation with Pythia

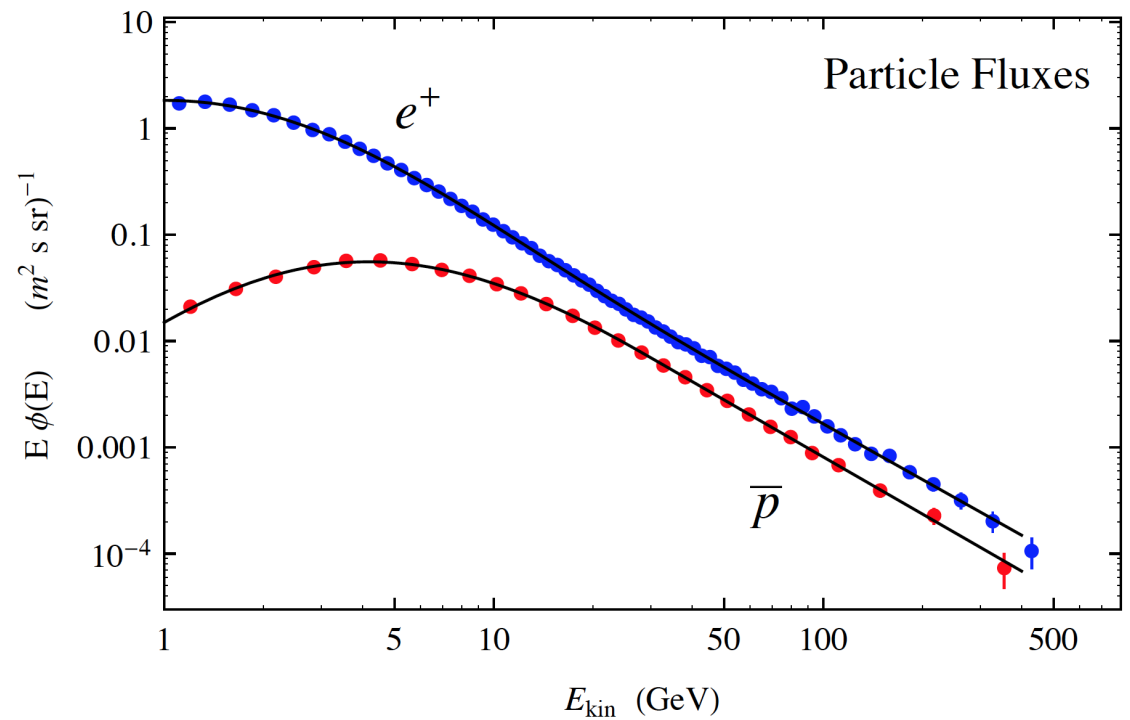


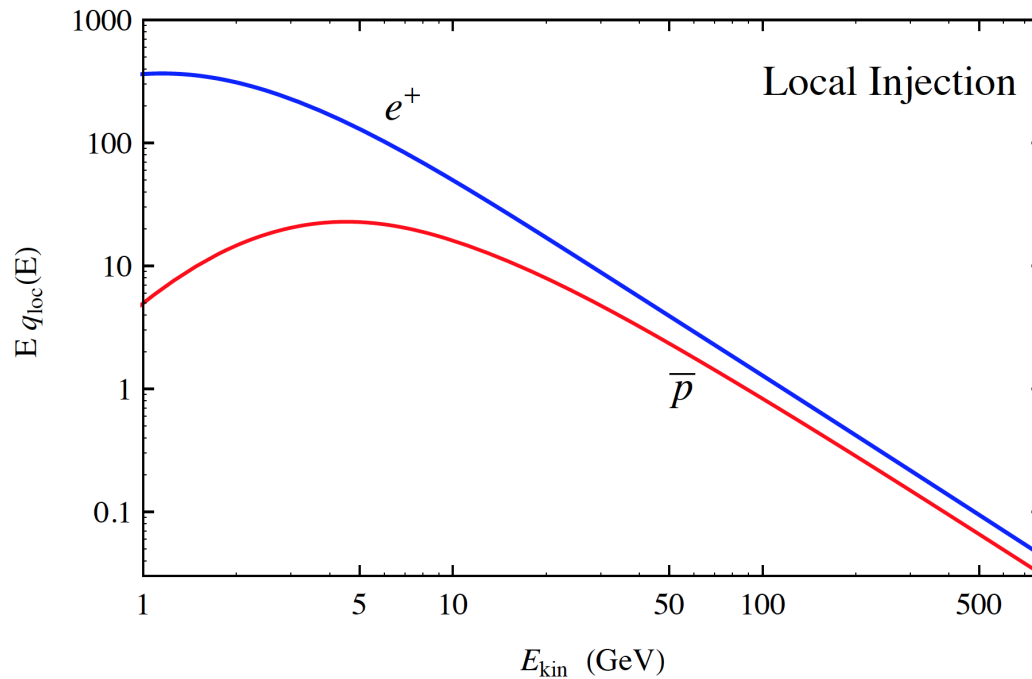
# Injection



# Observed Fluxes

“Striking”  
similarity



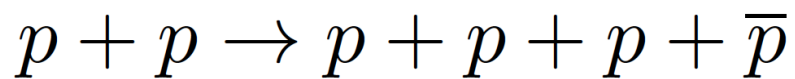


## Injection of positrons and antiprotons

At *high energy*  
approximately constant ratio  
(consequence of scaling)

$$\frac{q_{\bar{p}}}{q_{e^+}} \simeq 1.80 \pm 0.5$$

$$\left. \frac{\phi_{e^+}(E)}{\phi_{\bar{p}}(E)} \right|_{E \in [30, 350] \text{ GeV}} \simeq 2.04 \pm 0.04$$



$$E_{i,\text{threshold}} = 7 m_p$$

$$E_{f,\text{threshold}} = 2 m_p$$

*Low energy:*  
kinematical suppression of  
antiproton production



$$\frac{\phi_{e^+}(E)}{\phi_{\bar{p}}(E)} \approx \frac{q_{e^+}^{\text{loc}}(E)}{q_{\bar{p}}^{\text{loc}}(E)}$$

The ratio positron/antiproton of the injection is (*within errors*) equal to the ratio of the observed fluxes

Does this result has a “natural explanation” ?

$$n_{\bar{p}}(E, \vec{x}_{\odot}, t_{\text{now}}) = \int_{-\infty}^{t_{\text{now}}} dt \int d^3x \int dE_i q_{\bar{p}}(E_i, \vec{x}, t) \times P_{\bar{p}}(E, \vec{x}_{\odot}, t_{\text{now}}; E_i, \vec{x}, t)$$

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“natural explanation”  
for the ratio:

$$\frac{\phi_{e^+}(E)}{\phi_{\bar{p}}(E)} \approx \frac{q_{e^+}^{\text{loc}}(E)}{q_{\bar{p}}^{\text{loc}}(E)}$$

1. Energy dependence of the local injection is valid in most of the source volume.
2. Negligible energy distortions during propagation (Energy remains approximately constant)
3. Equal propagation for antiprotons and positrons (!!)

Two “scenarios” seem to emerge:

## Scenario 1 (“Conventional picture”)

- 1a. We assume (from the study of e-, p spectra) that propagation effects suppress electrons versus protons [with a marked energy dependence].
- 1b. If both positrons and antiprotons have a secondary origin, their ratio must strongly depend on energy
- 1c. The ratio e+/pbar is constant, therefore, A NEW POSITRON SOURCE is required to compensate for the suppression of positrons (due to energy losses)

[the equality  $\frac{\phi_{e^+}(E)}{\phi_{\bar{p}}(E)} \approx \frac{q_{e^+}(E)}{q_{\bar{p}}(E)}$  is “just a coincidence”. ]

## Alternative possibility

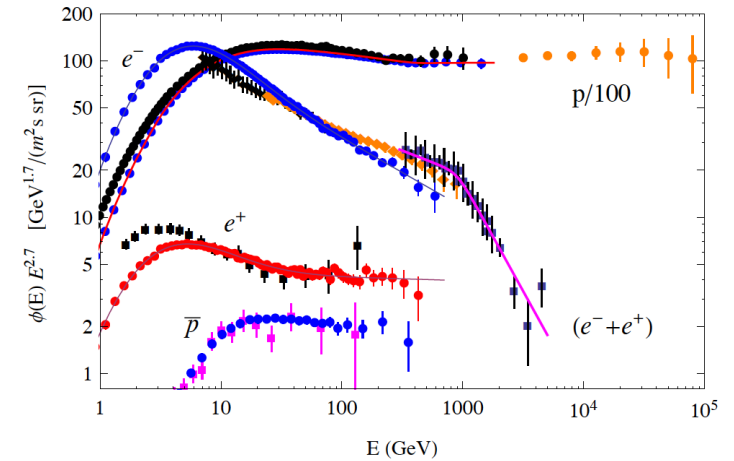
### Scenario 2.

- 2a. Positrons and antiprotons are both of secondary origin.
- 2b. The observed positron/anti-proton ratio is approximately equal to the ratio at source.  
Therefore positrons and anti-protons propagate in approximately the same way.  
Escape is rapid, and energy losses negligible.
- 2c. The energy dependence of the e-/p fluxes is NOT the effect of propagation, but is formed at injection, in the CR accelerators.  
[Perhaps because of energy losses inside the accelerators]

Critical Energy  $E^*$

$$T_{\text{loss}}(E^*) = T_{\text{confinement}}(E^*)$$

[For electrons with  $E > E^*$   
energy losses are important ]



Identify the softening in the all electron spectrum  
and the critical energy

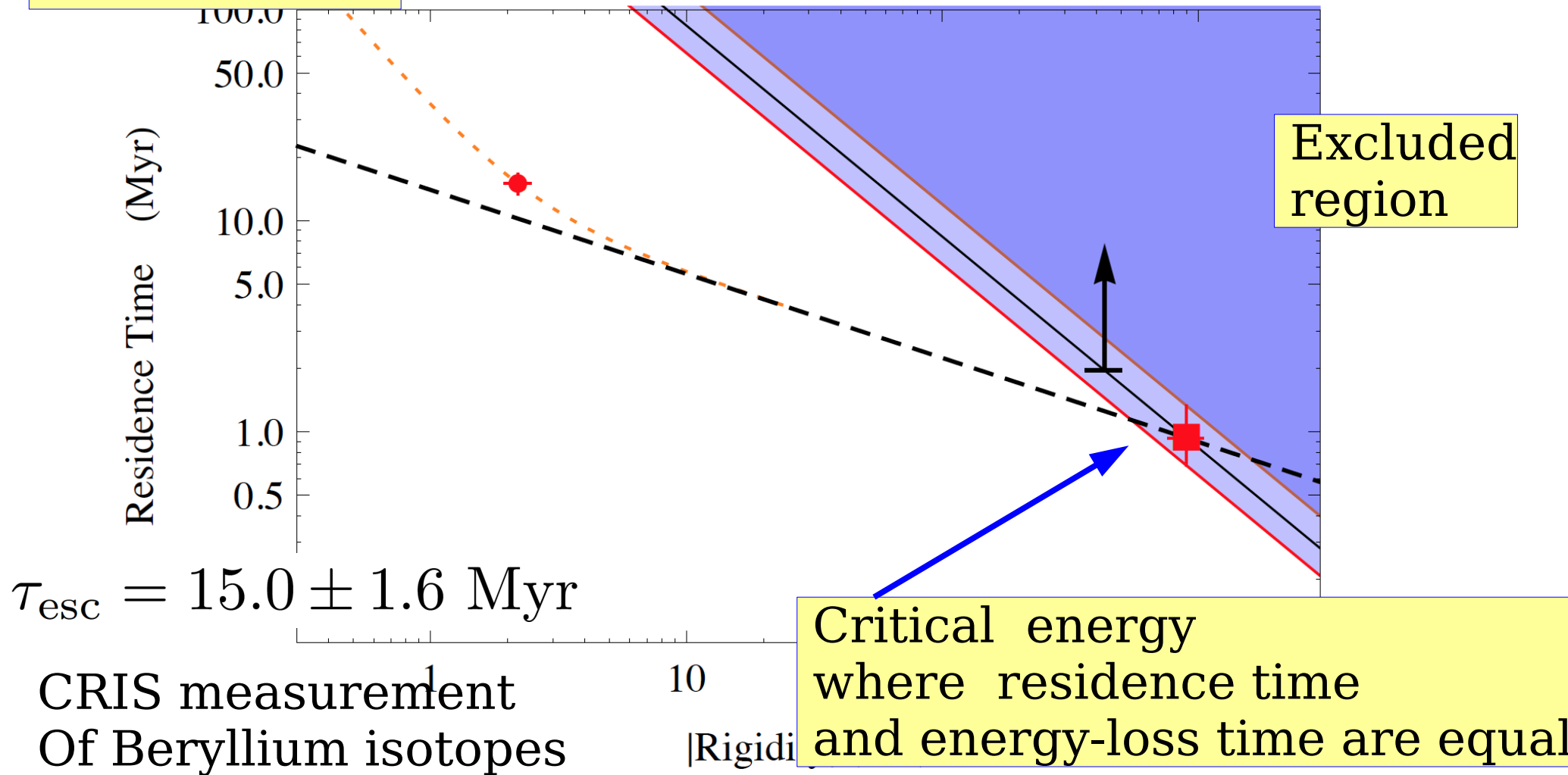
$$E^* = E_{\text{HESS}} \simeq 900 \text{ GeV}$$

$$T_{\text{confinement}}[E \simeq 900 \text{ GeV}] \simeq 0.7 \div 1.3 \text{ Myr}$$

Range depends on volume  
of confinement

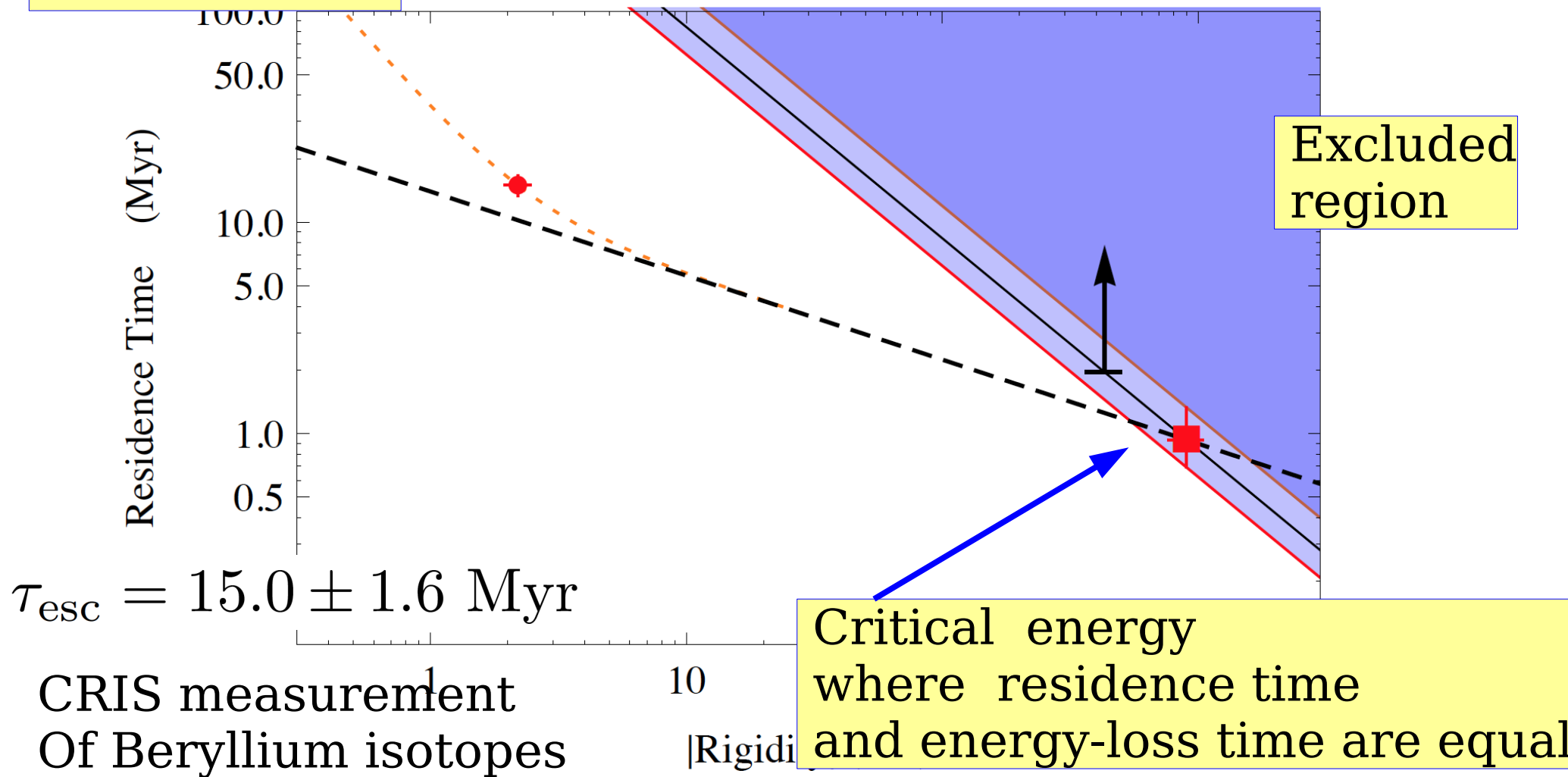
# Constraints on the residence time of $e^\pm$

Beryllium-10  
Measurement



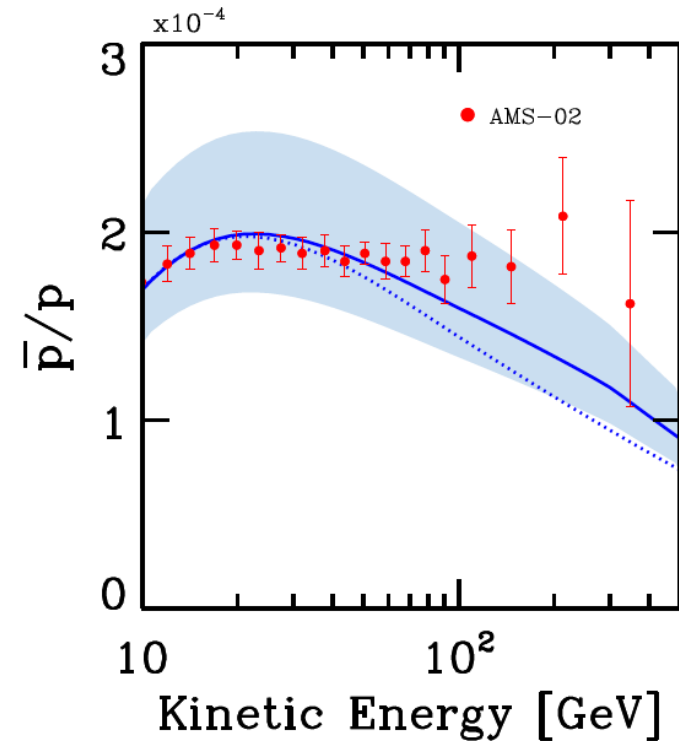
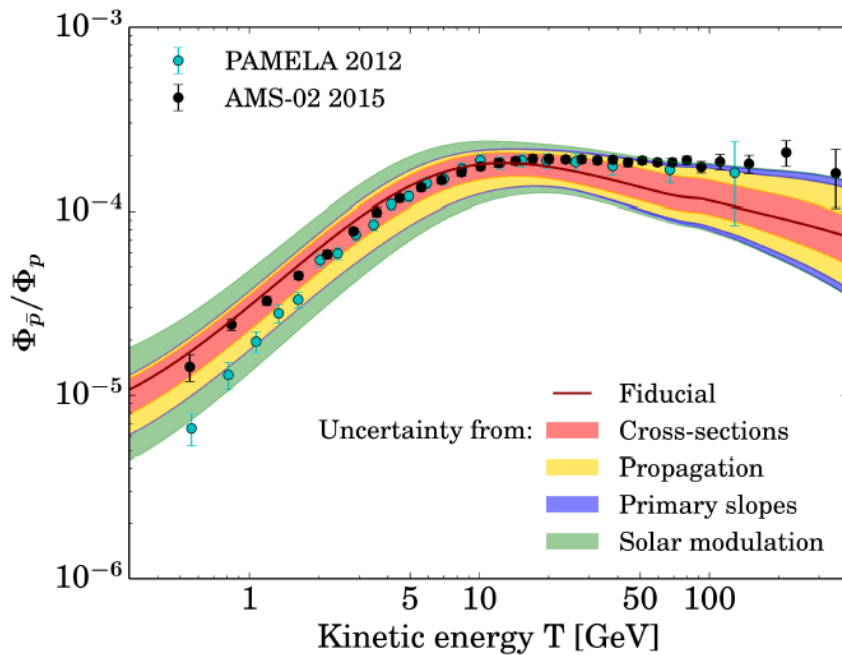
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# Antiproton/proton ratio

Claims in the recent literature that the recent data AMS02 data is consistent with the “standard scenario”



AMS-02 antiprotons, at last!

Secondary astrophysical component and immediate implications for Dark Matter

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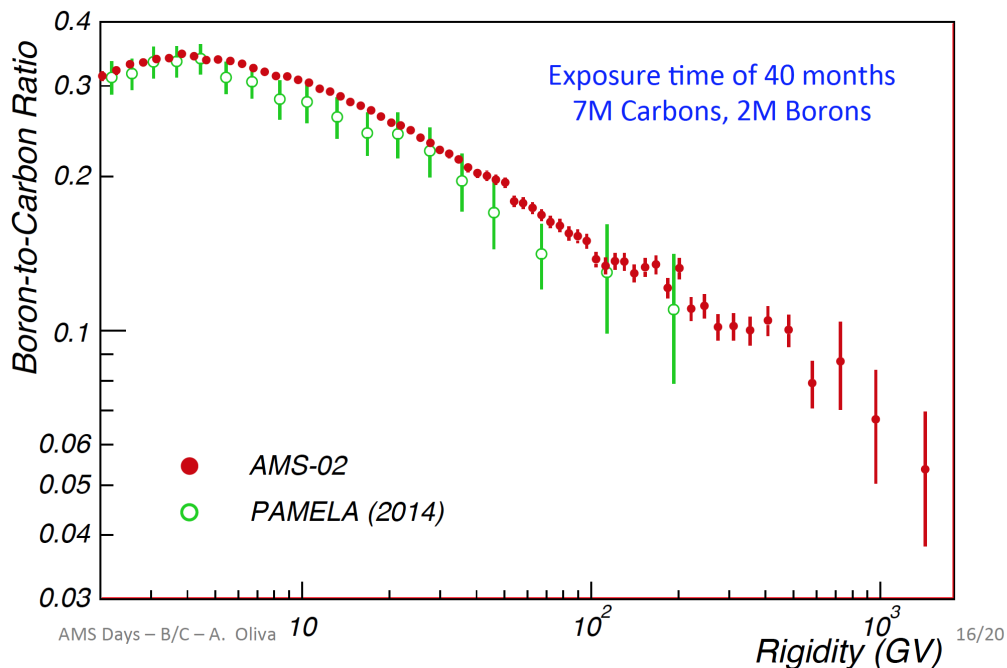
Significant tension between data and models

Secondary antiprotons as a Galactic Dark Matter probe

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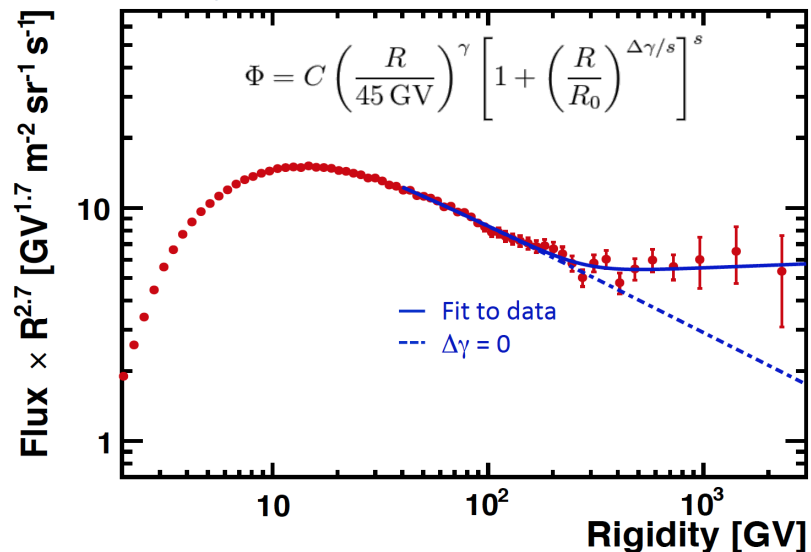
## B/C Ratio



# Secondary nuclei: Li, Be, B

## Fit of Lithium flux

Same model as the one used for proton and helium (double power law with smooth transition) between 45 GV and 3 TV:



→ Change of slope at the same range than for the one found for Proton and Helium.

A complex  
scenario  
is emerging

Probably production in  
sources is important

An understanding of the origin of the positron and antiproton fluxes is [seems to me] of central importance for High Energy Astrophysics.

*Crucial crossroad for the field.*

Most commonly accepted view:

The hard positron flux requires an “extra component”

Sources of relativistic positrons [Pulsars, DM annihilation] exist.

The similarity of the antiproton and positron fluxes:

[Constant ratio  $e^+/\bar{p} \approx 2$  at high energy ( $E > 30$  GeV)]

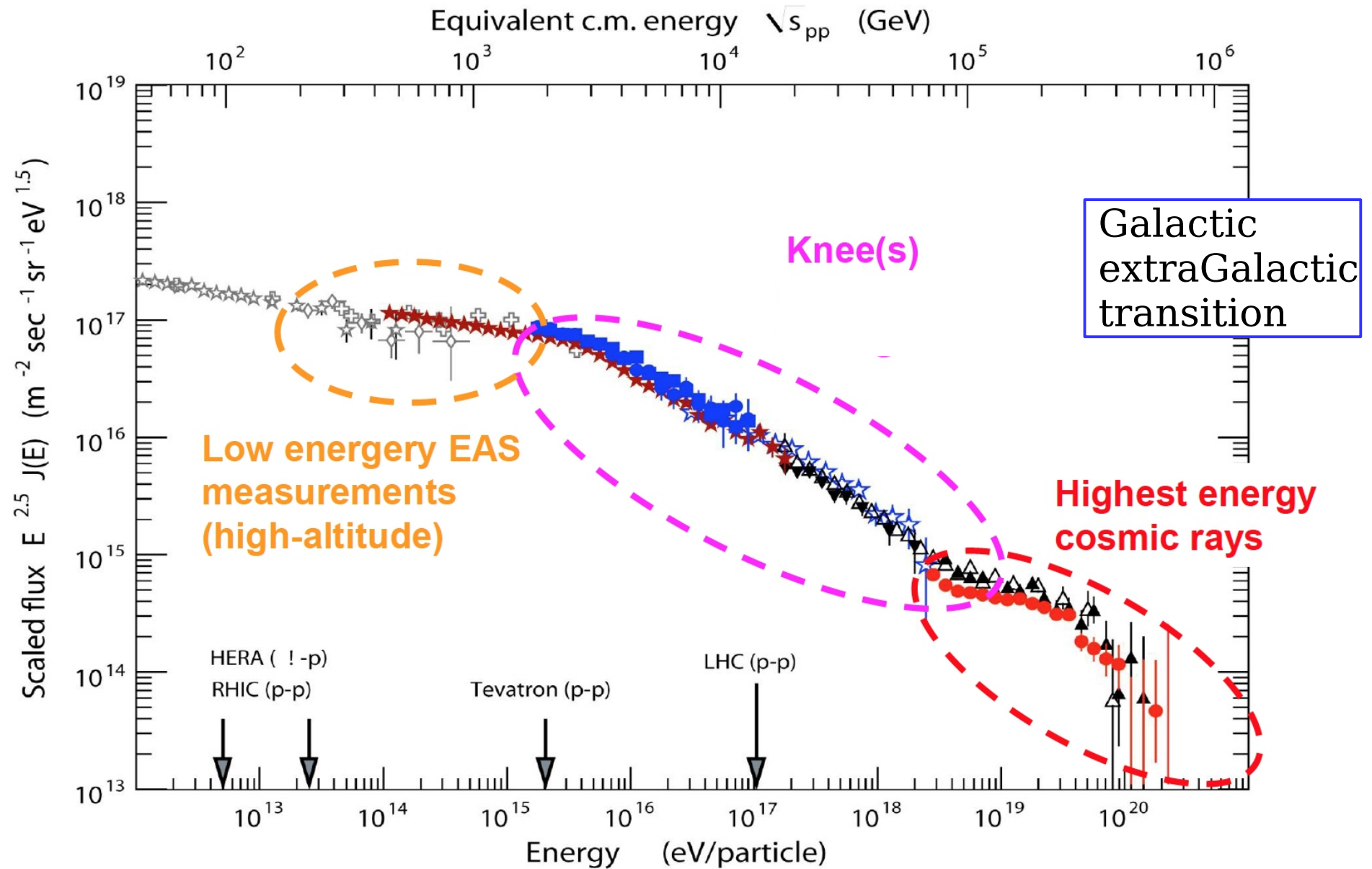
[Kinematical suppression of antiprotons at low energy]

suggests a secondary origin for both fluxes.

Viable solution, but the implications are profound.

*It is very important to clarify what is the correct explanation*

# High Energy CR flux



# Structures in the Cosmic Ray Energy Spectrum

1. The “Pamela hardening”
2. The break in the  $(e^- + e^+)$  spectrum observed by the Cherenkov Telescope
3. The “KNEE”  $\log_{10}[E(\text{eV})] \simeq 15.5$
- 4a. The “Iron Knee” of Cascade Grande  $16.92 \pm 0.08$
- 4b. The “proton (+Helium) Ankle”  $17.08 \pm 0.05$
- 4c. The “Second Knee”  $17.6 \pm 0.2$
5. The “ANKLE”  $18.6$
6. The UHECR suppression  $19.4\text{--}19.8$

# The Nature of the “KNEE” in the Cosmic Ray Spectrum

## Accelerator feature

[Maximum energy of acceleration.

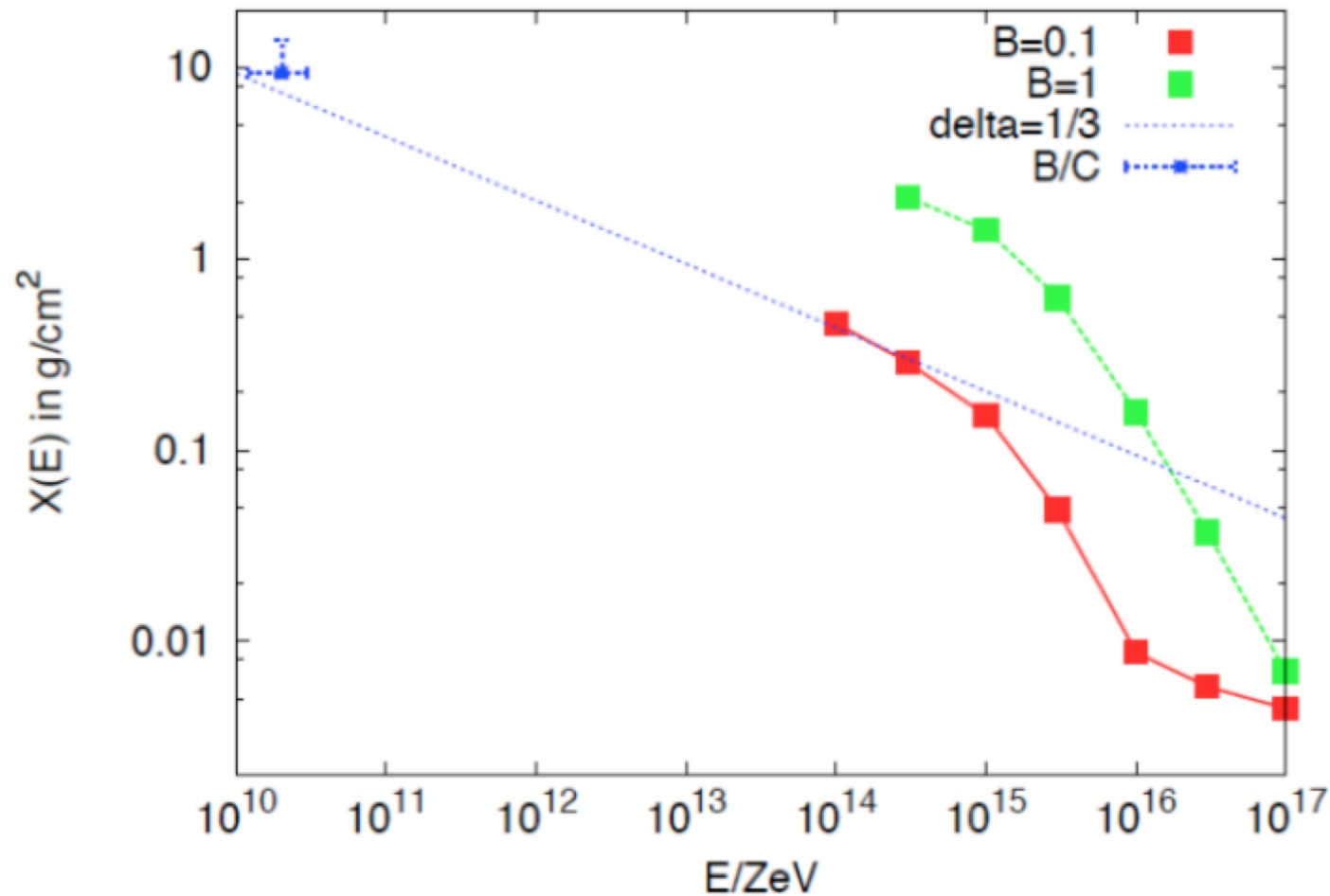
*implies that all accelerators are similar]*

## Structure generated by propagation

[implies that the (main) Galactic CR accelerators  
must be capable to accelerate to much higher energy]

# The CR “KNEE” as a propagation effect

[Associated to the maximum length scale of turbulence of the random Galactic Magnetic field]



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M. Kachelriess,  
D. Semikoz

# Galactic

versus

# Extra-Galactic CR

Possibility to explore  
new classes of sources

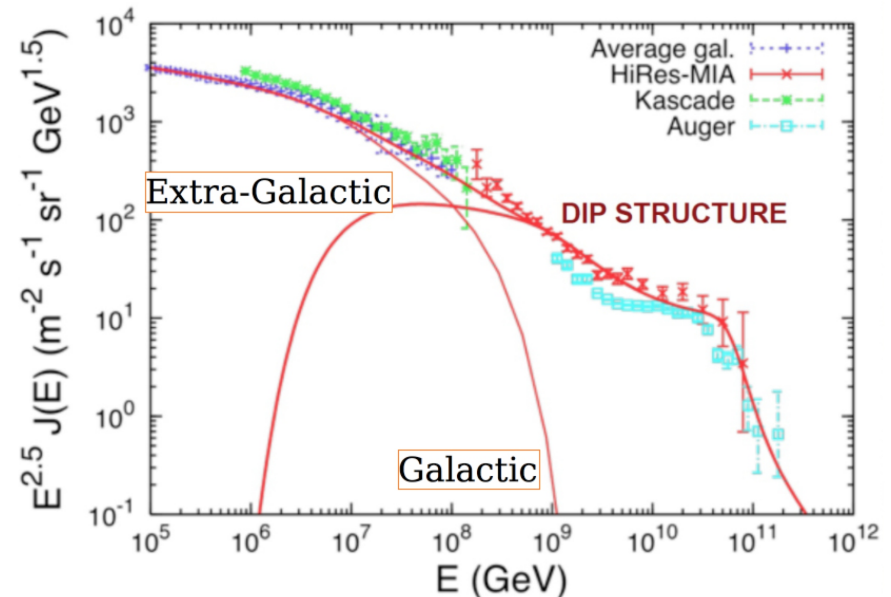
AGN

GRB

Transition

Energy  $E^*$

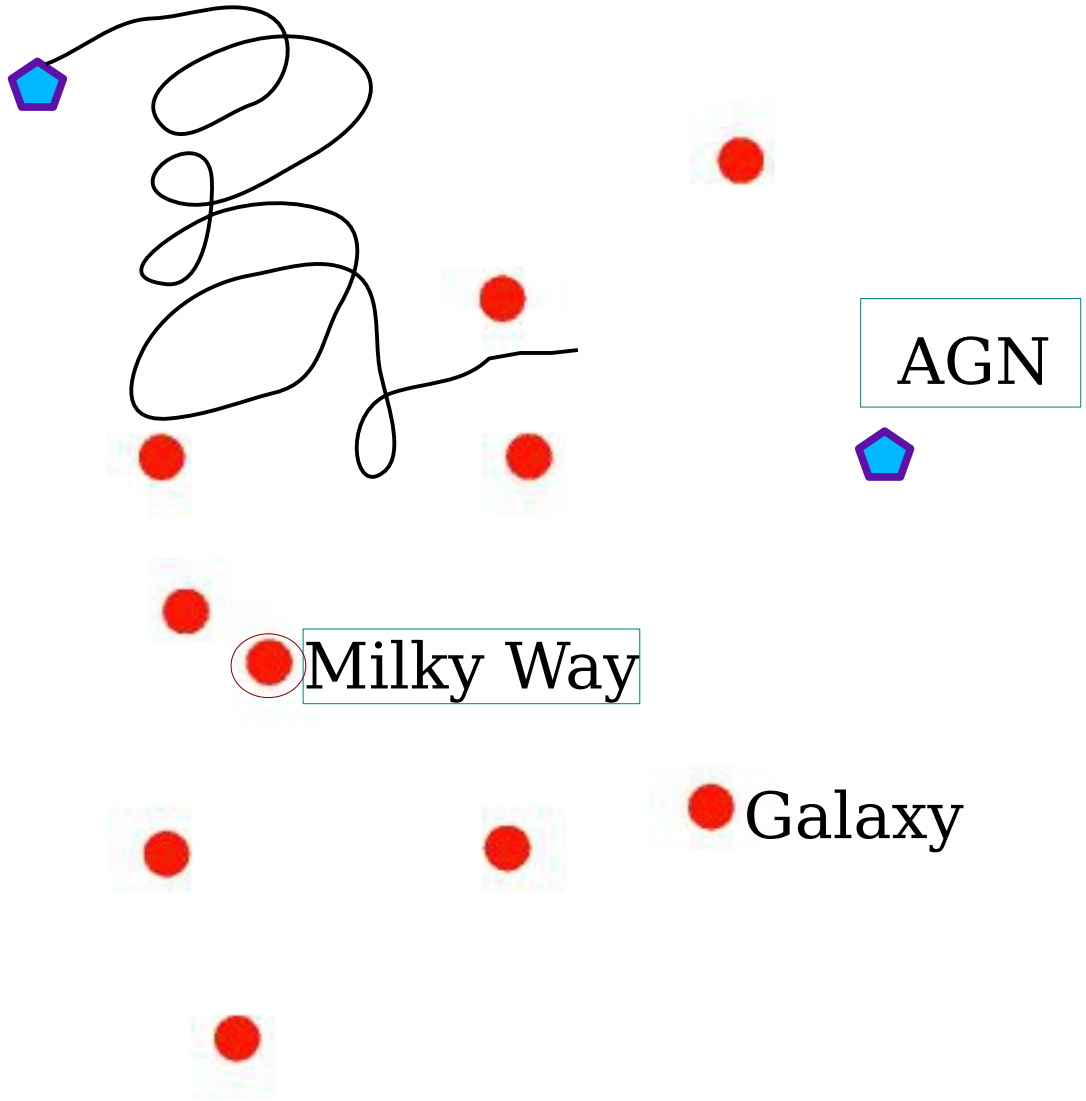
$$\phi_{\text{galactic}}(E^*) = \phi_{\text{extra galactic}}(E^*)$$



Piece of extragalactic space:  
non MilkyWay-like sources



Milky Way  
"bubble" of CR  
confined by  $B_{gal}$



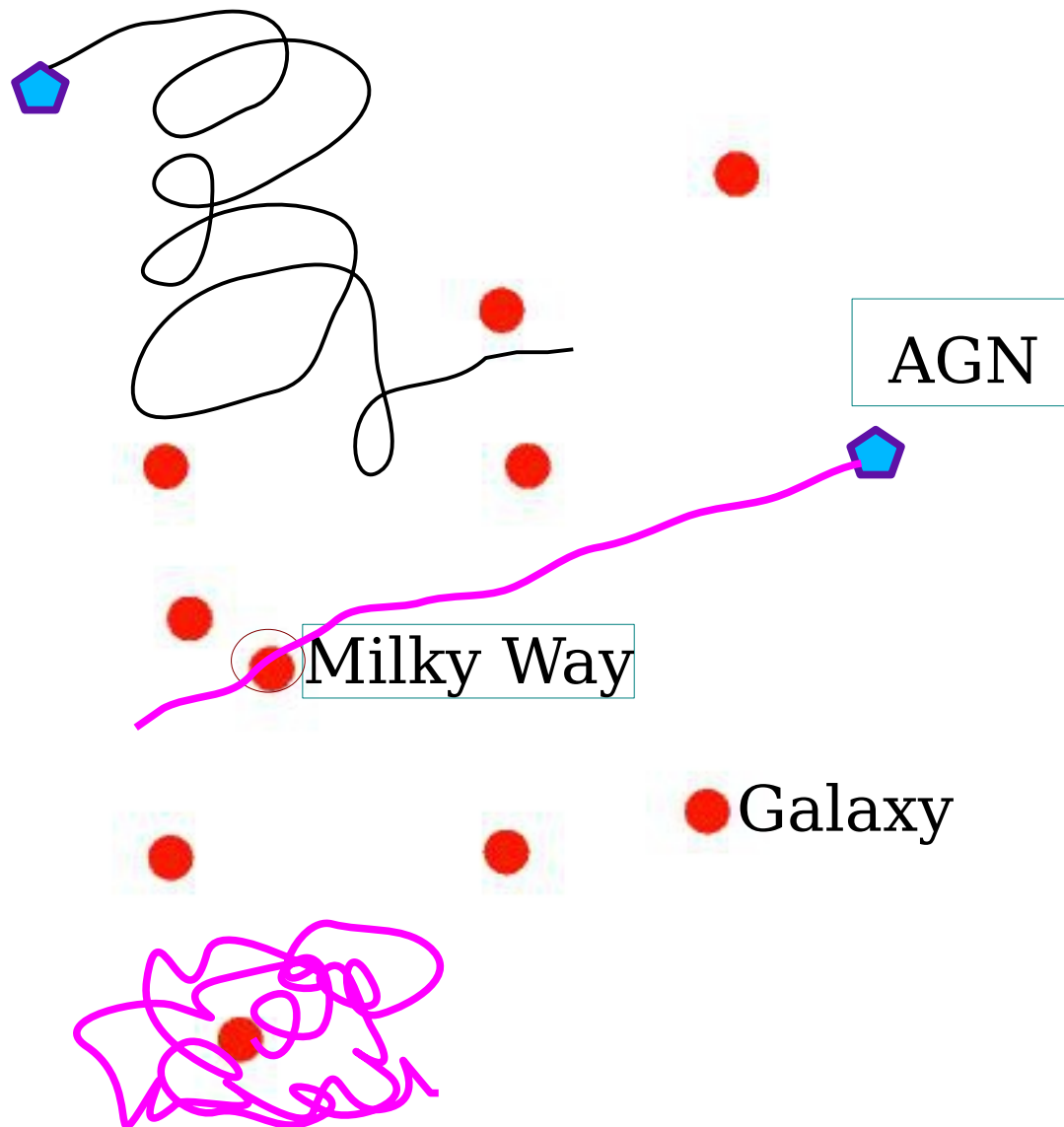


# Piece of extragalactic space:

Nature and distribution of extragalactic sources.

Milky-Way-like  
non Milky-Way like (AGN)  
sources

Structure and intensity of extragalactic magnetic field.



The distinction

Galactic / extra-Galactic is conceptually clear.

*... but how is it possible experimentally to disentangle the Galactic and extragalactic populations ?*

Non trivial

Crucial observation : *ANGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS*

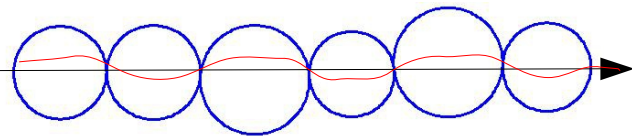
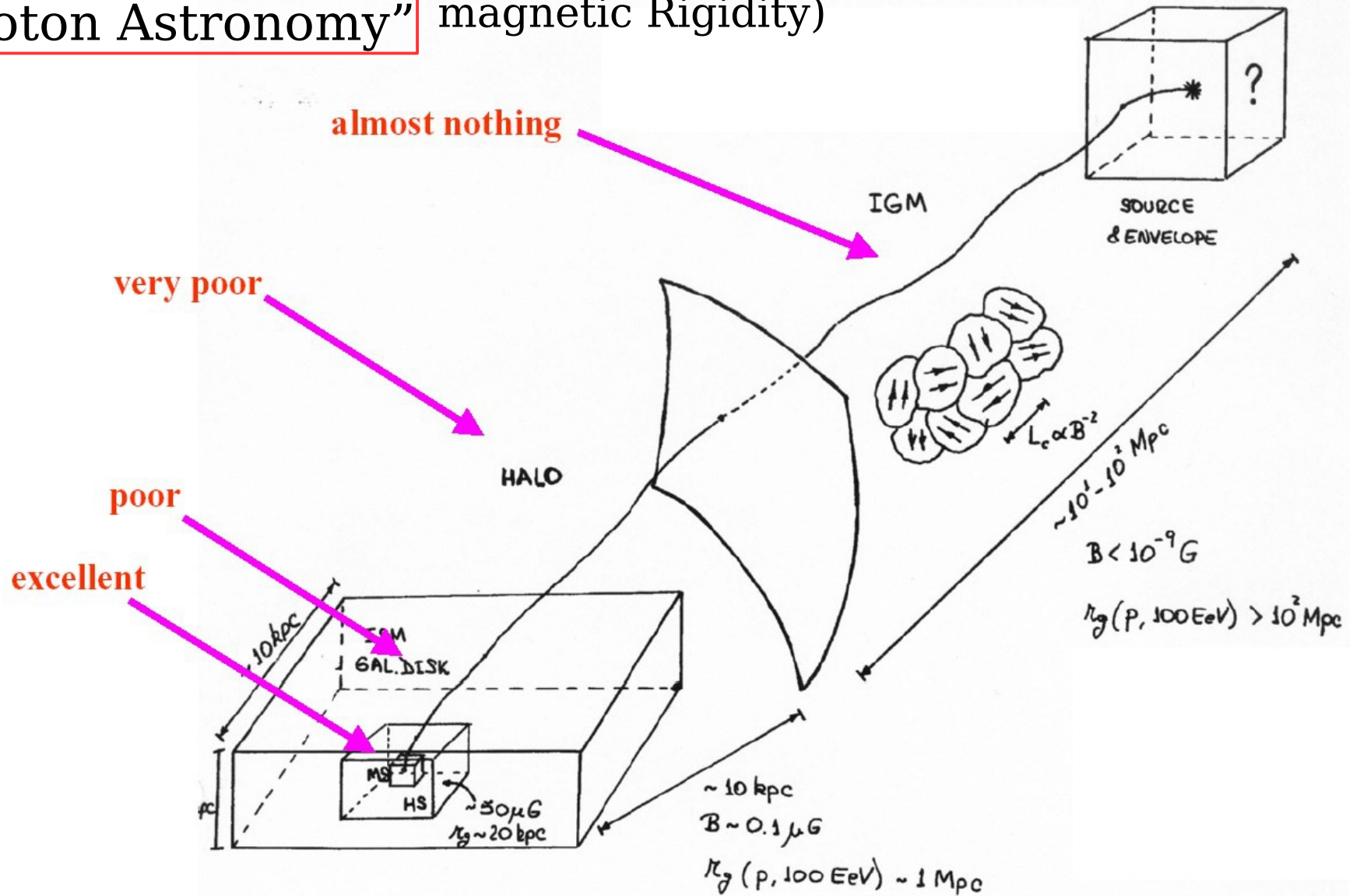
Galactic CR production most likely from a disk region  
(with the Sun close to one border)

ISOTROPY :

1. Sufficiently “scrambled” particles produced in the Milky Way
2. Extragalactic particles emitted from a (sufficiently large portion) of an isotropic universe

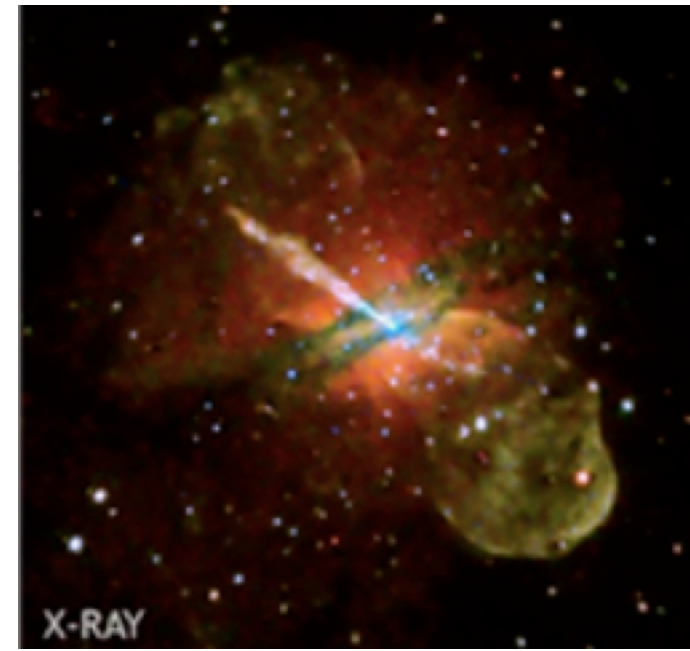
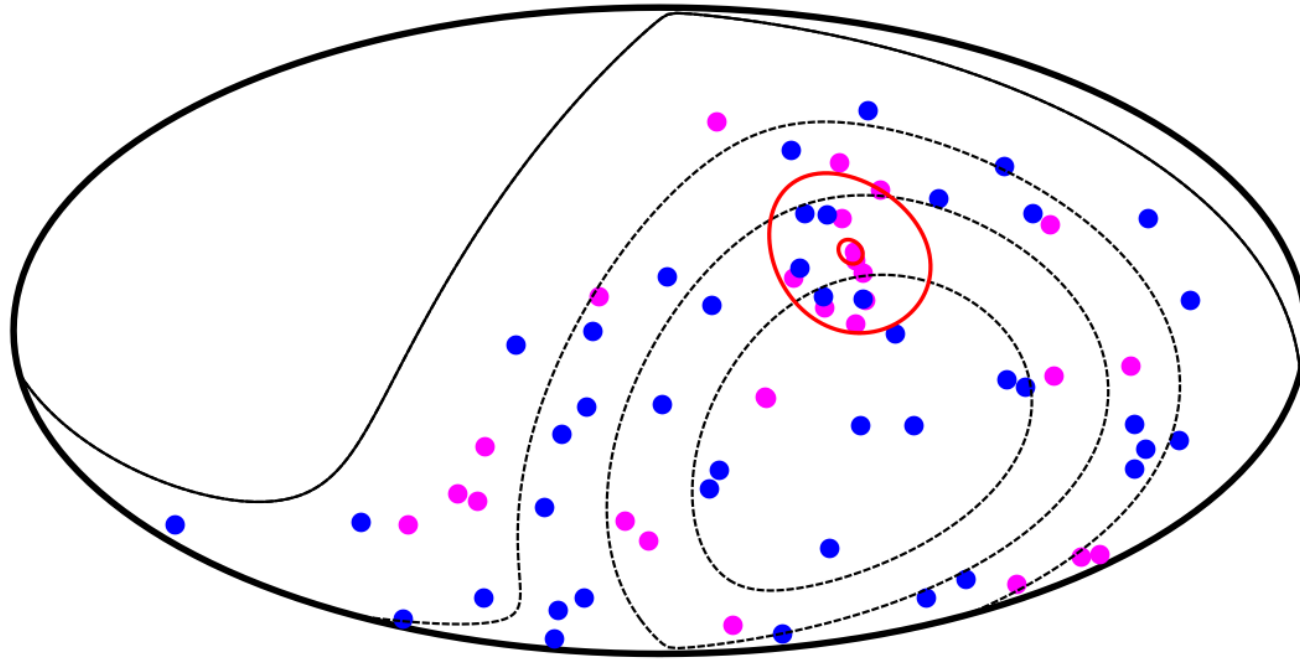
# The possibility "proton Astronomy"

(at sufficient high magnetic Rigidity)



$$\Delta\theta \simeq 0.53^\circ Z \left( \frac{10^{20} \text{ eV}}{E} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{Dd}}{\text{Mpc}} \right) \left( \frac{\langle B \rangle}{n\text{G}} \right)$$

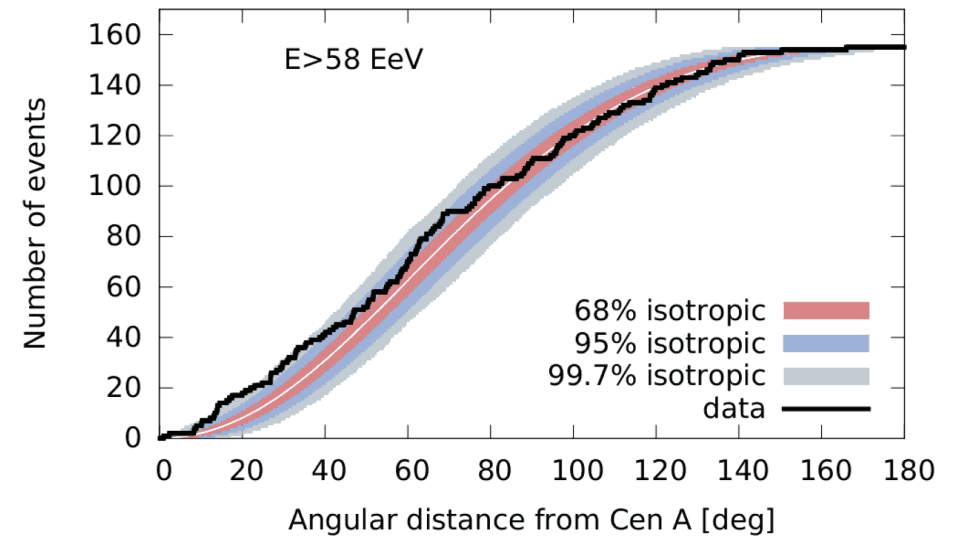
# Significant interest in Cen A [closest AGN]



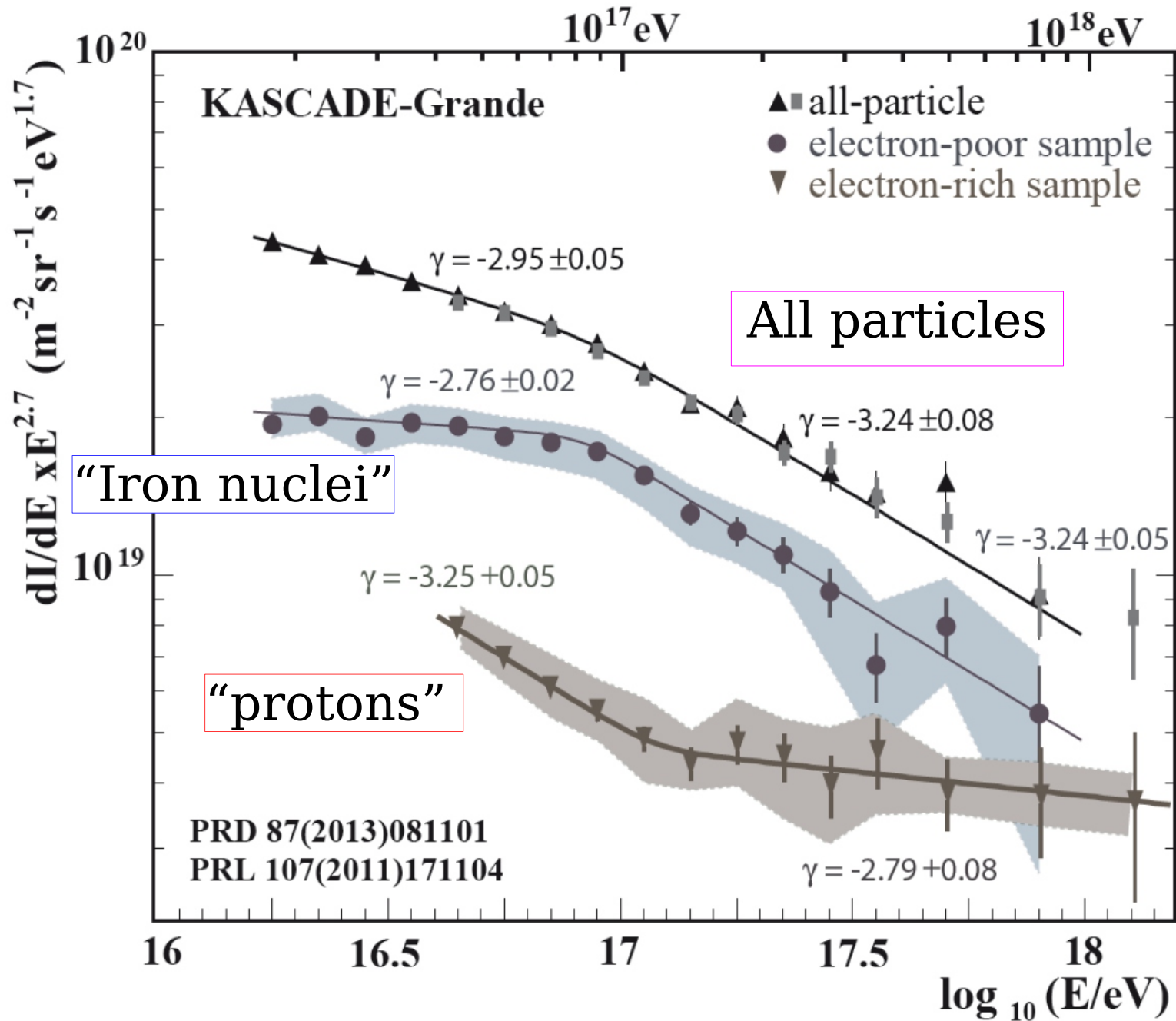
Points: Auger events  $E > 58$  EeV  
Red lines: [3, 20] degrees circles  
around Cen A

*Is this the first “image”  
of an astrophysical object  
taken with protons ?!*

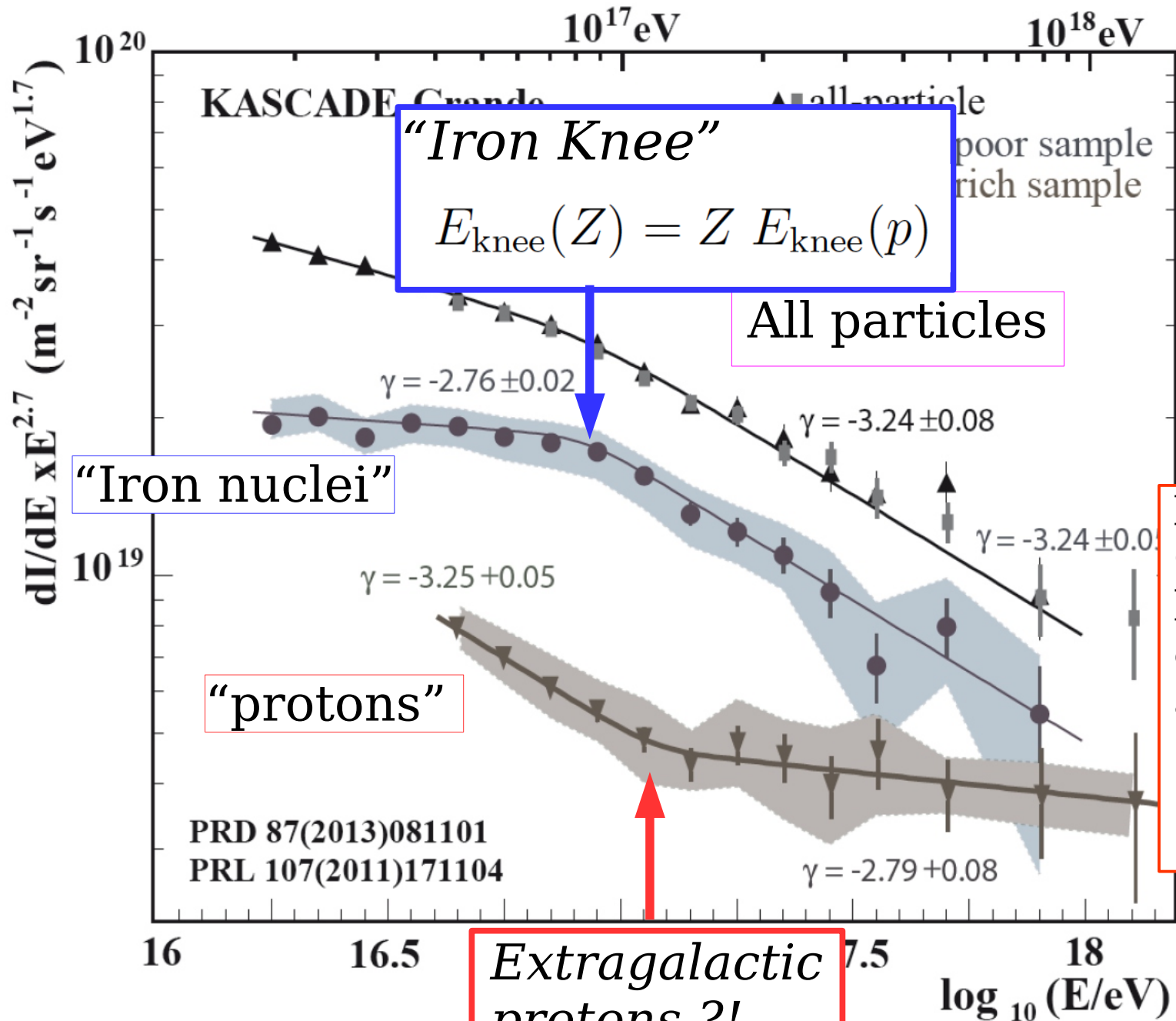
Approximately 3 sigma effect



# KASCADE-Grande results



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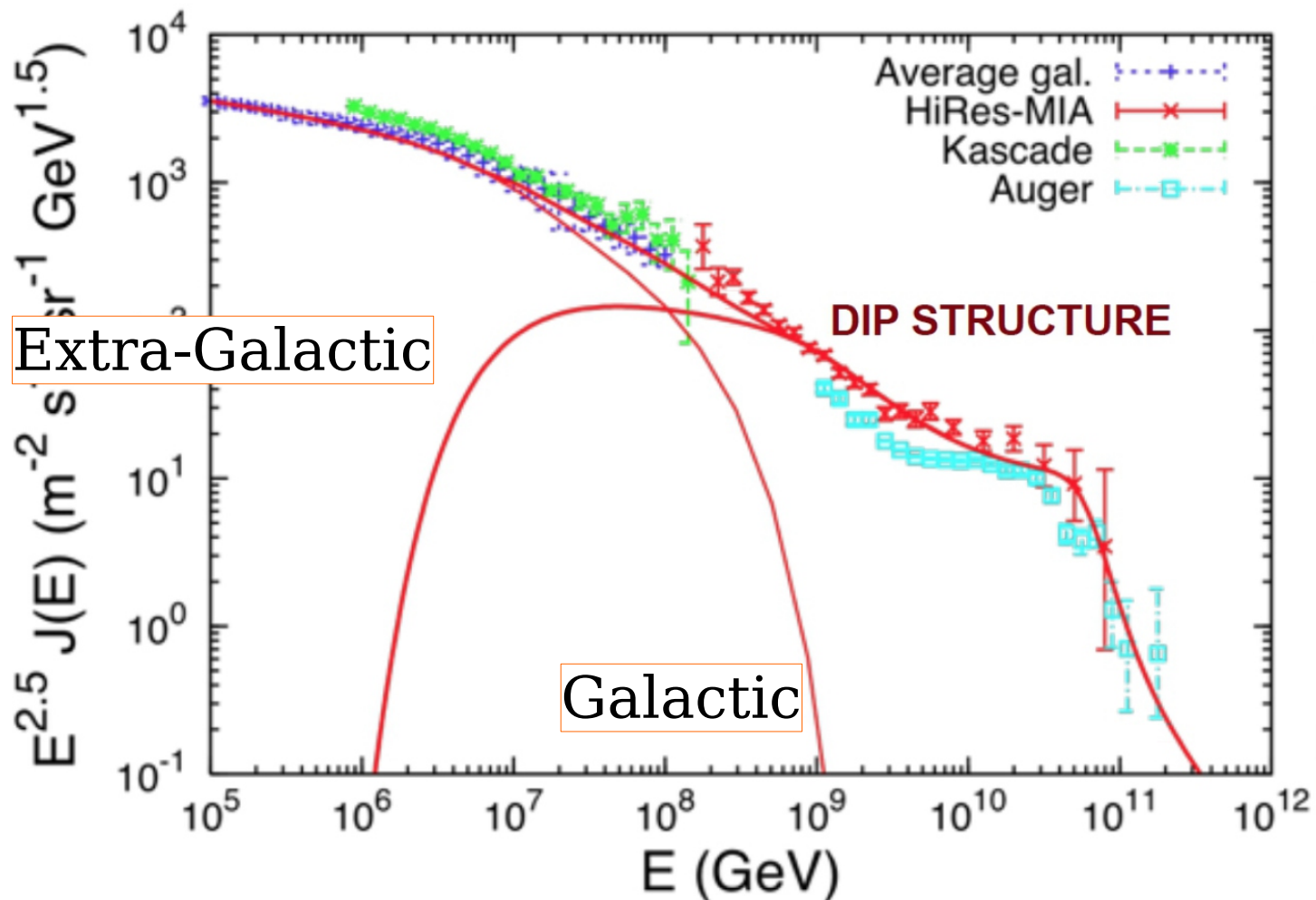




# Interpretation of the Ankle as the “DIP”

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V. Berezhinsky, P. Blasi



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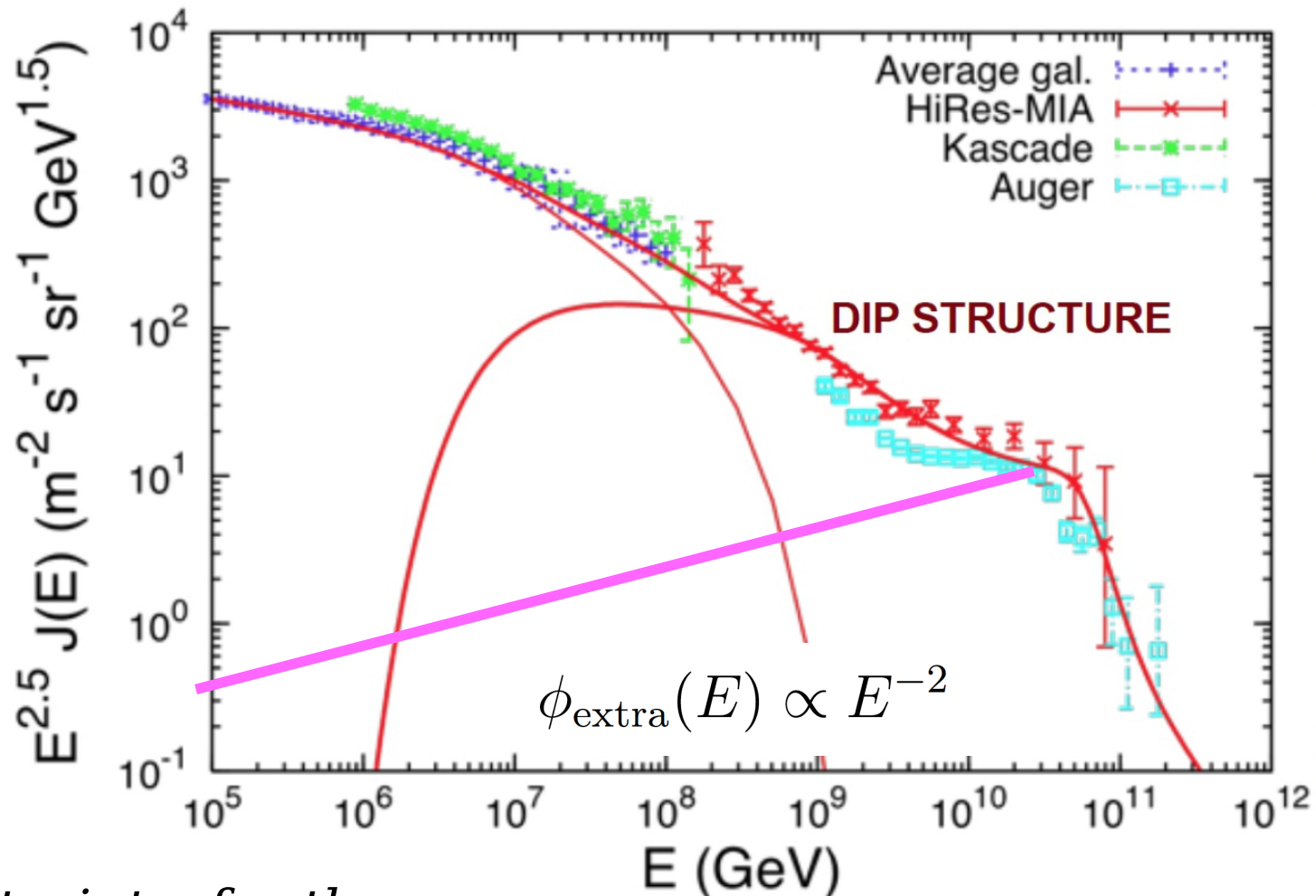
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“ANKLE models”  
versus  
“DIP Models”

Different  
Transition energy

Different  
spectral shape

Different Power  
requirement



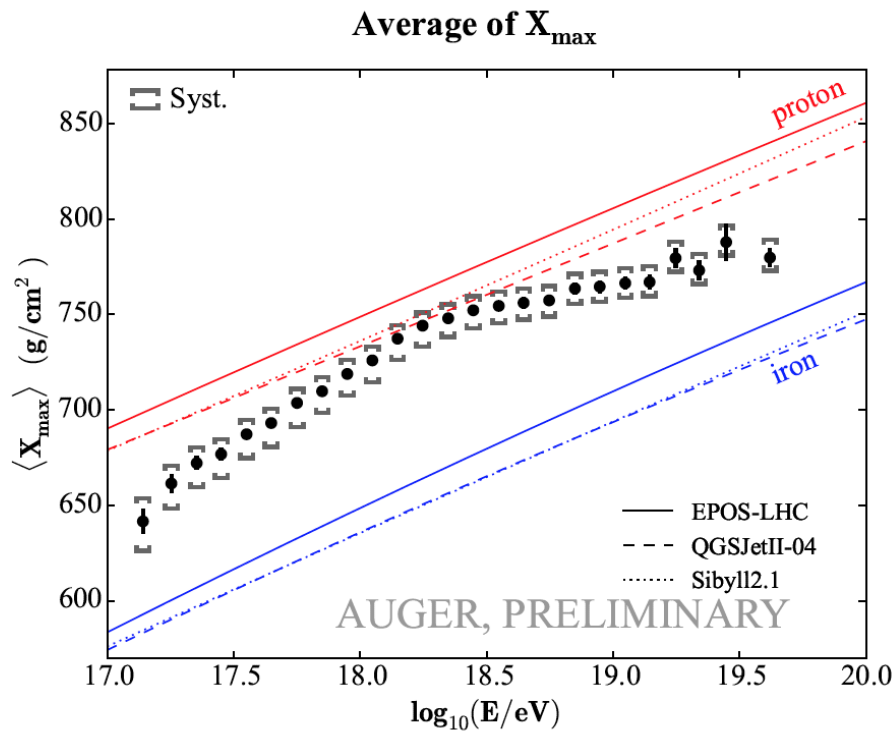
*Very important constraints for the sources*



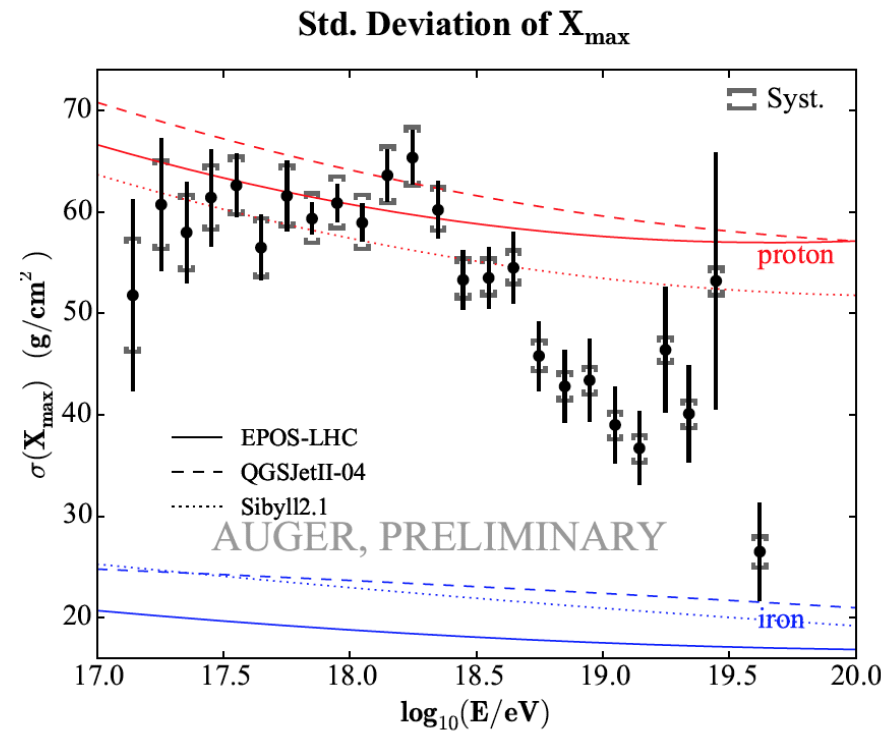
# Auger composition study :

Average position of shower Maximum

Dispersion of shower Maximum



*p*  
*Fe*



*p*  
*Fe*

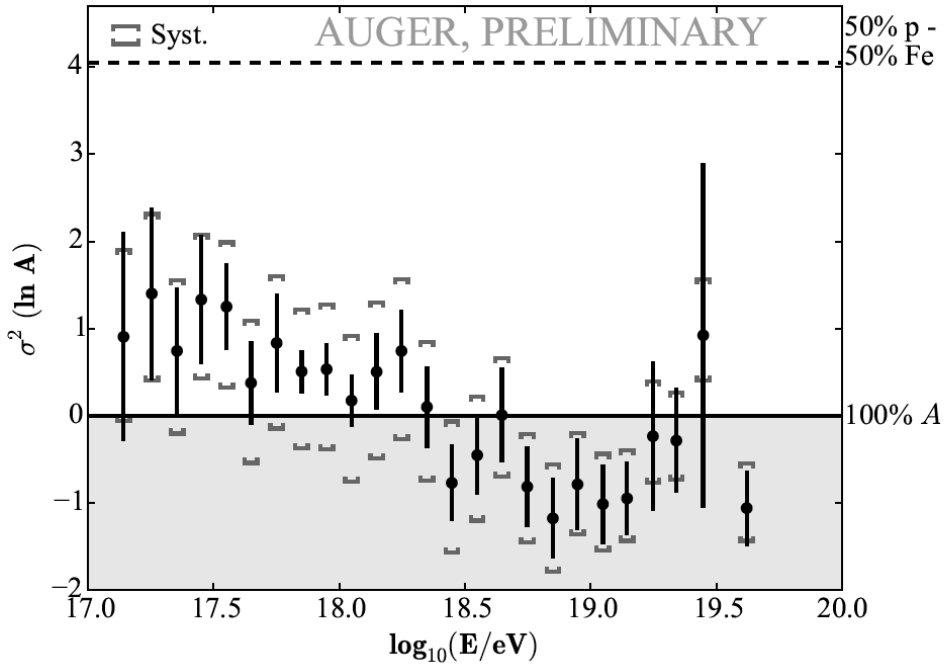
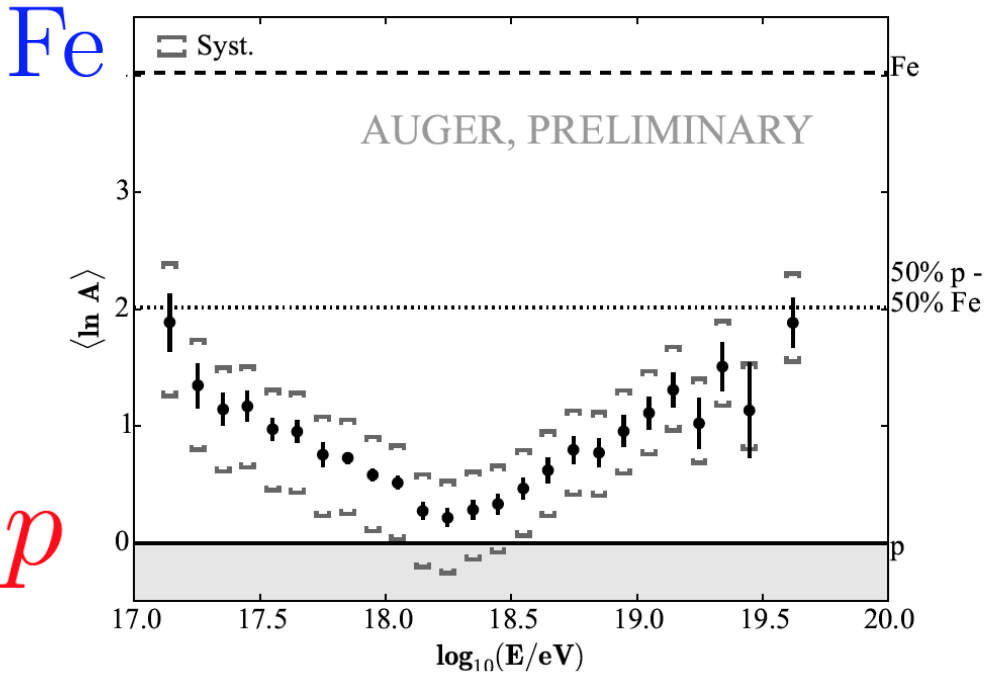
# Model dependence QGSJetII-04 [description of Shower development]

$$\langle \ln A \rangle$$

$$\sigma^2 [\ln A]$$

QGSJetII-04 (Mean of  $\ln A$ )

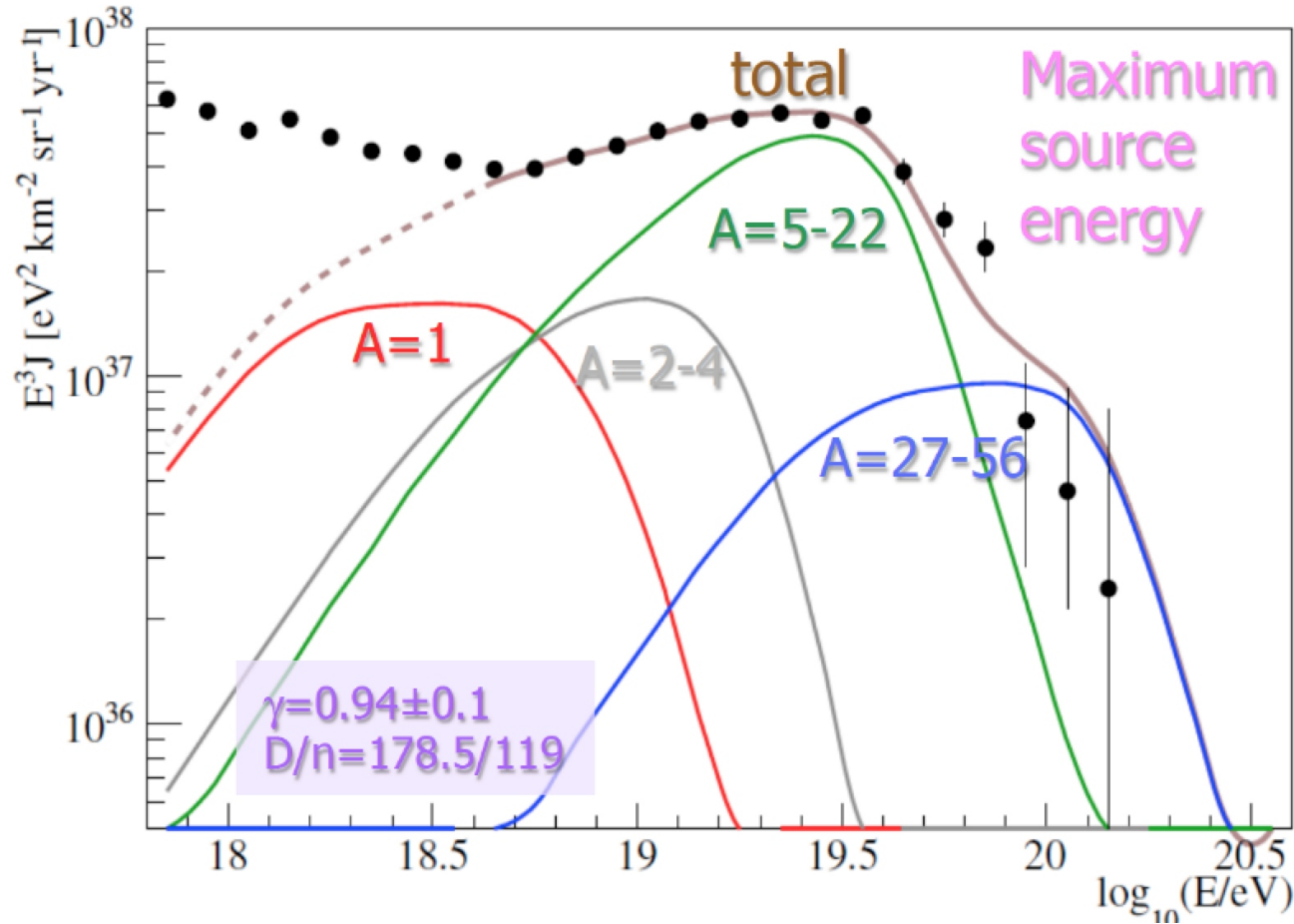
QGSJetII-04 (Variance of  $\ln A$ )



Very light CR population  
for  $E \simeq 10^{18}$  eV  
and becoming heavier !

Small dispersion:  
small range of A  
contributing to the  
CR population

# Possible Interpretation (Auger at ICRC-2015)



1. Very hard spectra

2. Cutoff is the maximum energy of acceleration in the sources

$$E_{\max}(Z) = Z E_p$$

The HiRes detector suggest for their Data (smaller statistics)  
A different interpretation  
consistent with pure proton for all energies  $E \gtrsim 10^{18}$  eV

The AUGER results (if correct)  
have very important implications for the  
sources of extragalactic CR

Several attempts of building a physical model  
that also describe the “sub-ankle” region.

Gravity [a few “impressionistic” comments]

Gravitational Waves

and

High Energy Particles

Multi-messenger High Energy Astrophysics as:

“Einstein Richest Laboratory”

L. Baiotti and L. Rezzolla,

“Binary neutron-star mergers: a review of Einstein’s richest laboratory,”

Reports on Progress of Physics

arXiv:1607.03540 [gr-qc].

The *merger of binary neutron-stars* systems combines in a single process:

extreme gravity,

**copious emission of gravitational waves,**

complex microphysics,

and electromagnetic processes that can lead to

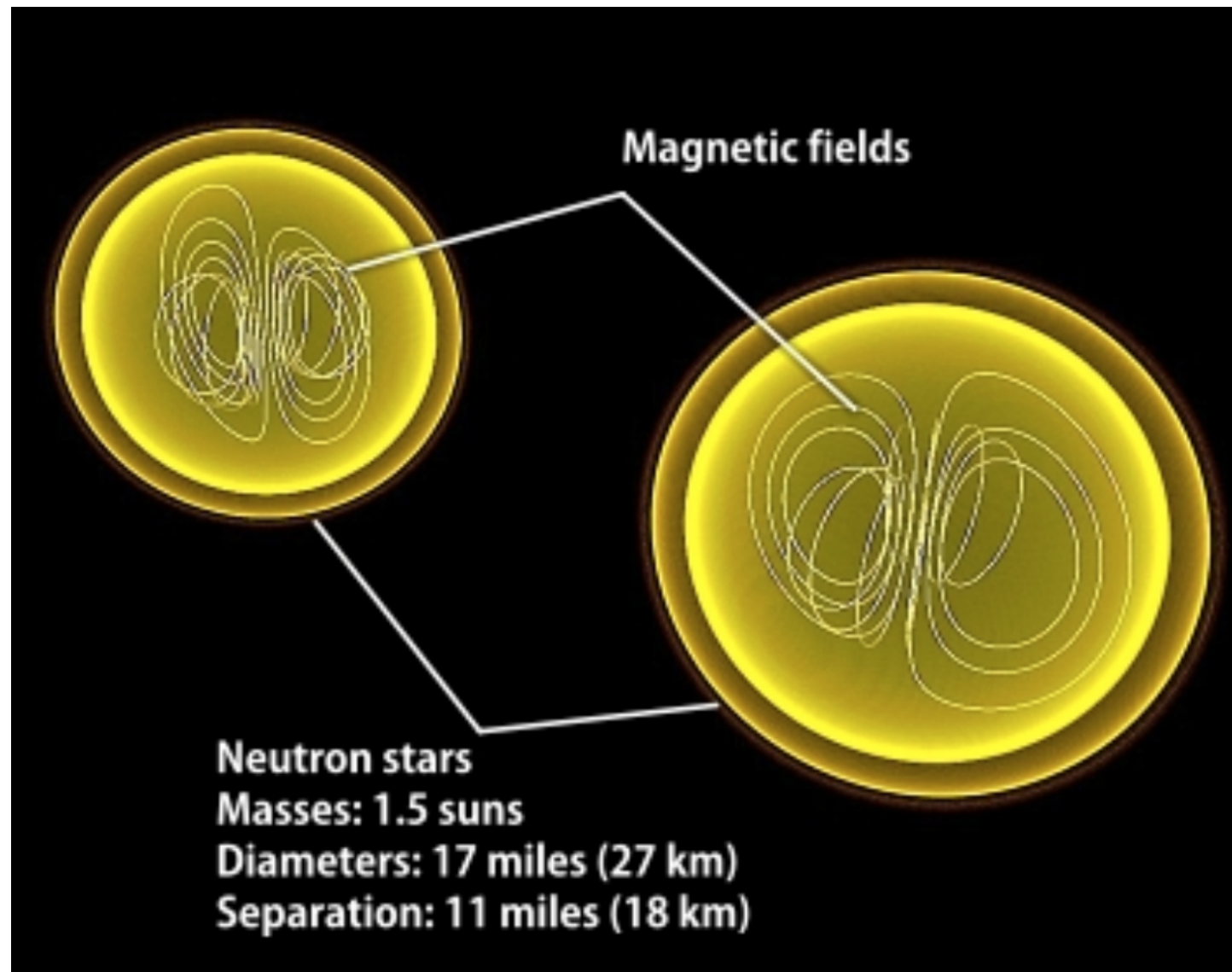
astrophysical signatures observable

at the largest redshifts.

- \* black-hole formation,
- \* torus accretion onto the merged compact object,
- \* **connection with gamma-ray burst engines,**
- \* ejected material, and its nucleosynthesis.

[... This phenomenon] could be considered Einstein's richest laboratory.

# Numerical Simulation [35 msec] of merging of 2 neutron stars

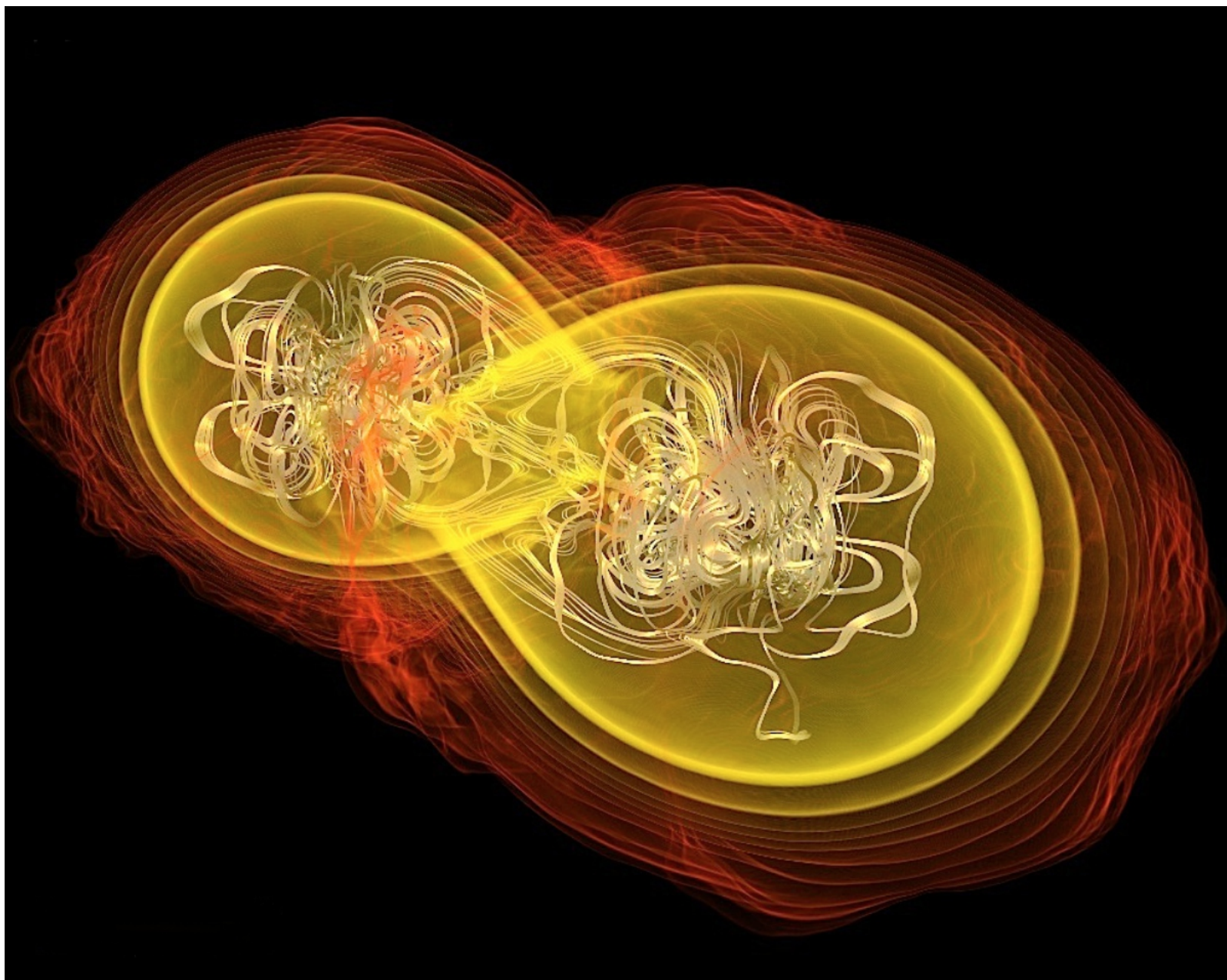


L. Rezzolla et al. ApJ (2011\_

THE MISSING LINK: MERGING NEUTRON STARS NATURALLY PRODUCE JET-LIKE STRUCTURES AND CAN POWER SHORT GAMMA-RAY BURSTS

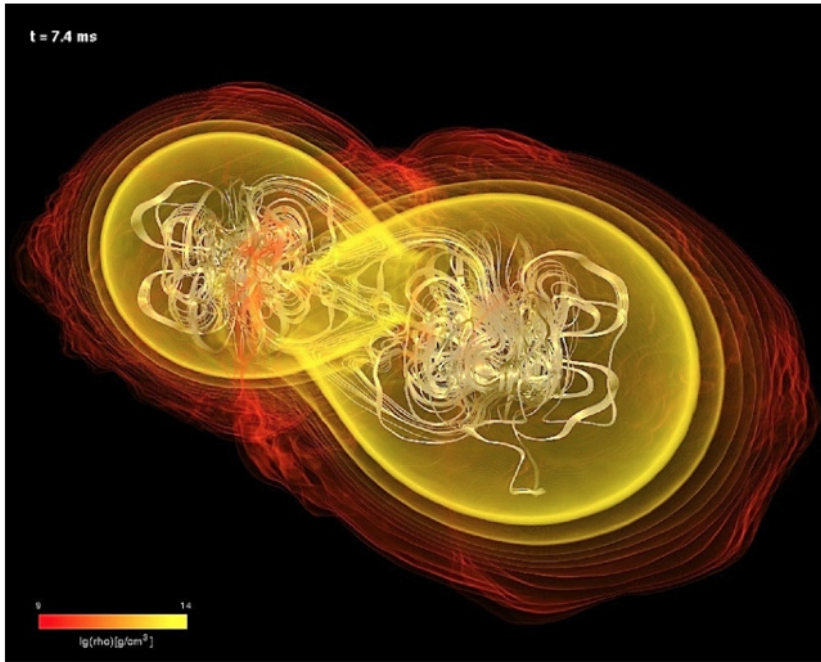


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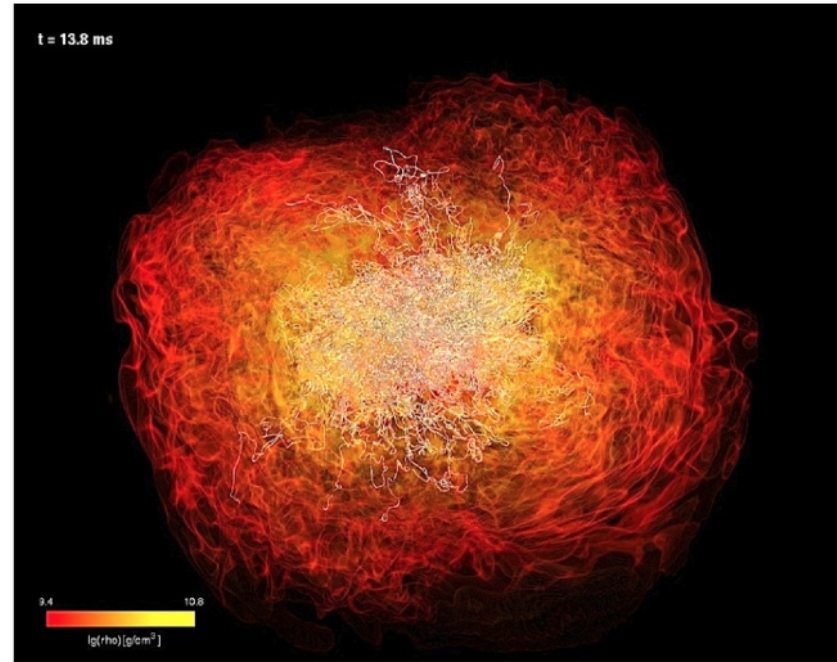




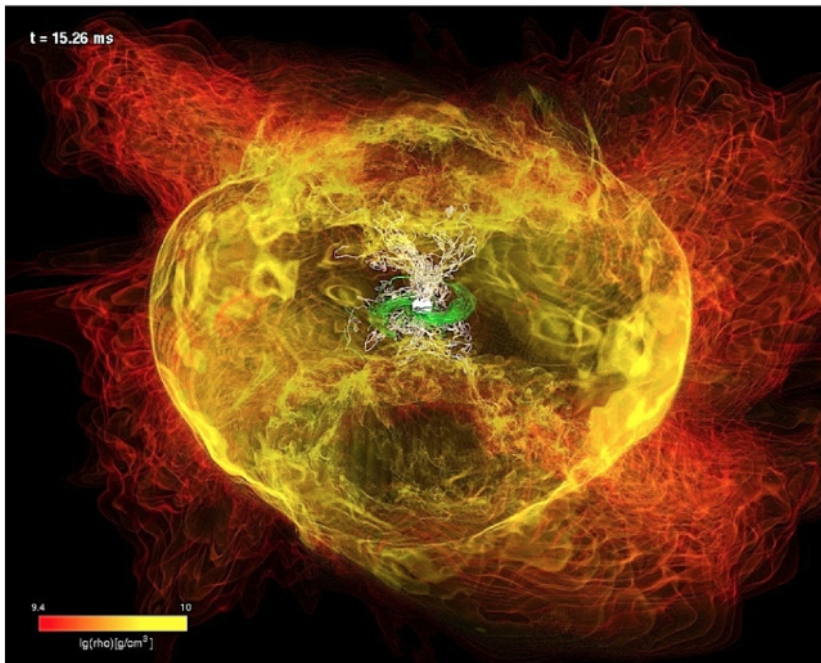
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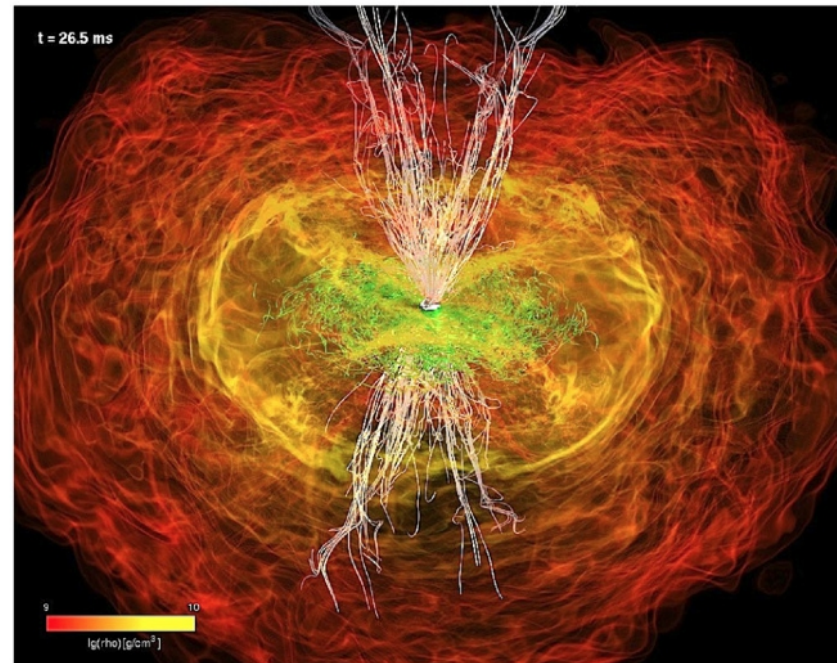
13.8  
msec



15.26  
msec



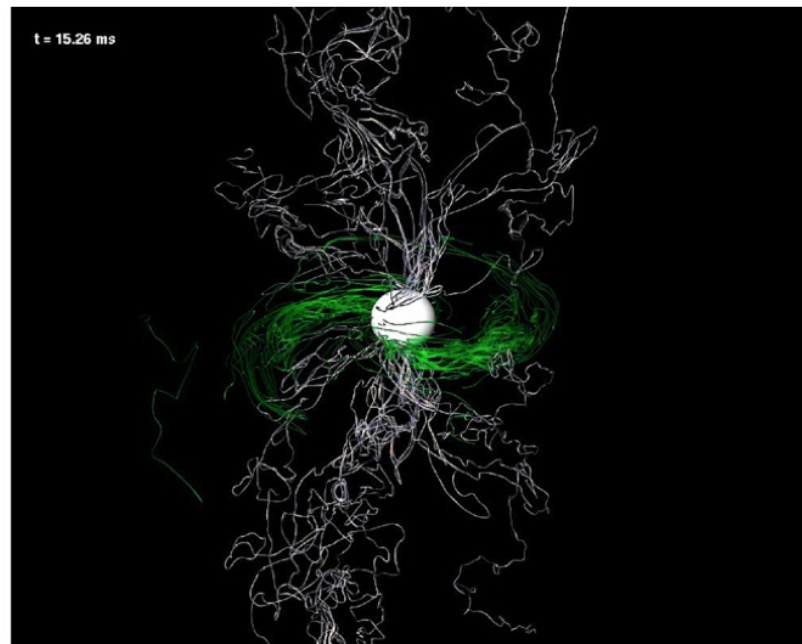
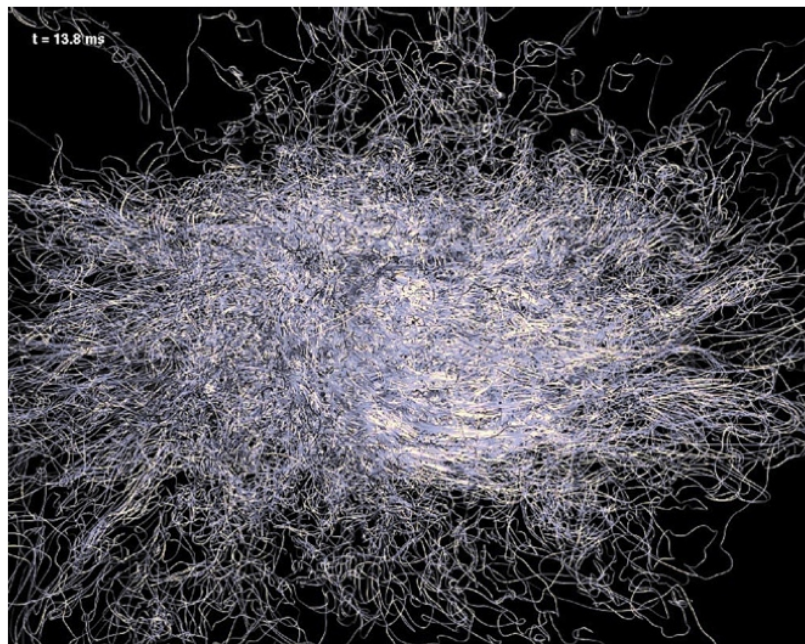
26.5  
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**Figure 1.** Snapshots at representative times of the evolution of the binary and of the formation of a large-scale ordered magnetic field. Shown with a color-code map is the density, over which the magnetic-field lines are superposed. The panels in the upper row refer to the binary during the merger ( $t = 7.4$  ms) and before the collapse to BH ( $t = 13.8$  ms), while those in the lower row to the evolution after the formation of the BH ( $t = 15.26$  ms,  $t = 26.5$  ms). Green lines sample the magnetic field in the torus and on the equatorial plane, while white lines show the magnetic field outside the torus and near the BH spin axis. The inner/outer part of the torus has a size of  $\sim 90/170$  km, while the horizon has a diameter of  $\simeq 9$  km.

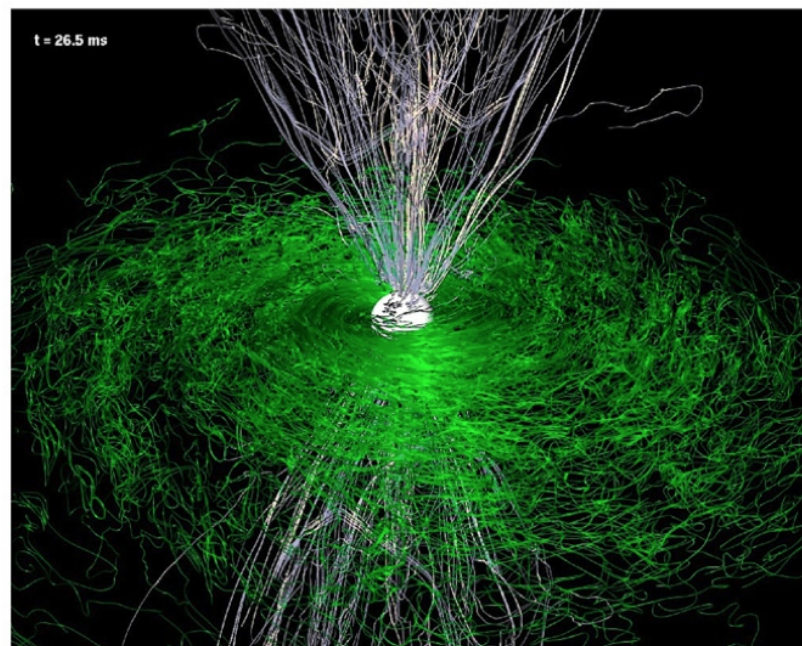
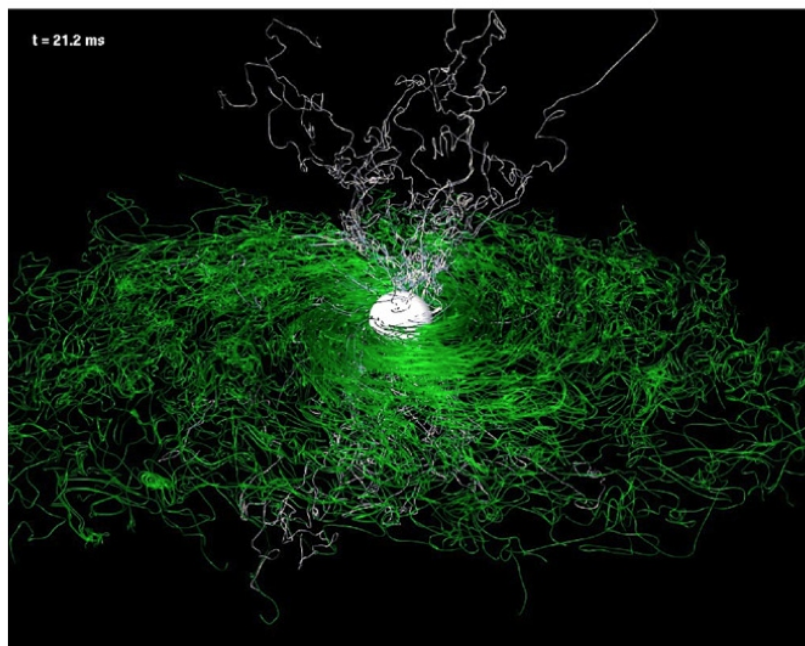


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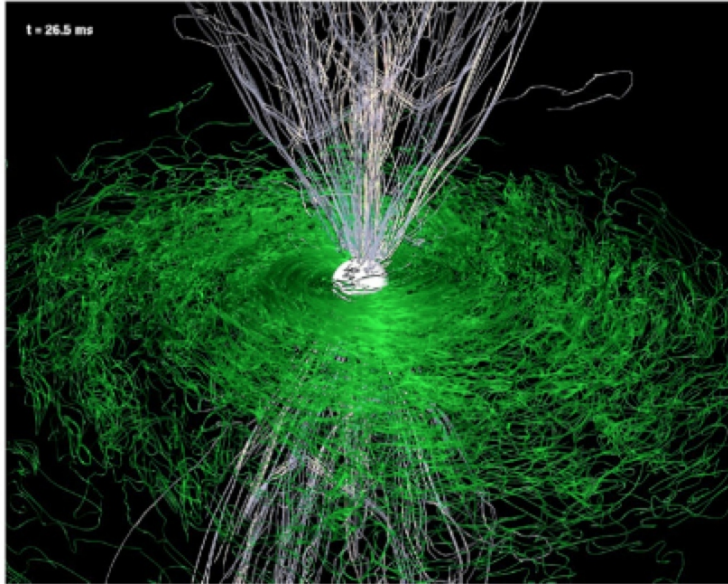
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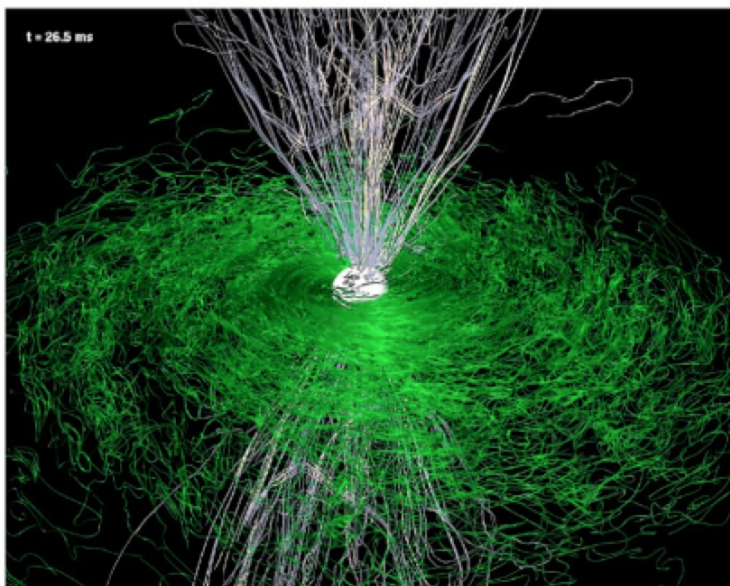
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**Figure 3.** Magnetic-field structure in the HMNS (first panel) and after the collapse to BH (last three panels). Green refers to magnetic-field lines inside the torus and on the equatorial plane, while white refers to magnetic-field lines outside the torus and near the axis. The highly turbulent, predominantly poloidal magnetic-field structure in the HMNS ( $t = 13.8$  ms) changes systematically as the BH is produced ( $t = 15.26$  ms), leading to the formation of a predominantly toroidal magnetic field in the torus ( $t = 21.2$  ms). All panels have the same linear scale, with the horizon diameter being of  $\simeq 9$  km.



The simulation shows that the magnetic field is organized in a structure that is consistent with the emission of a jet and then a Gamma Ray Burst





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$$\Gamma \gtrsim 1200 \quad !!$$

Lorentz factor of the jet

Many questions:

What is the jet made of ?

Which particles are accelerated ?

What is the maximum energy ?

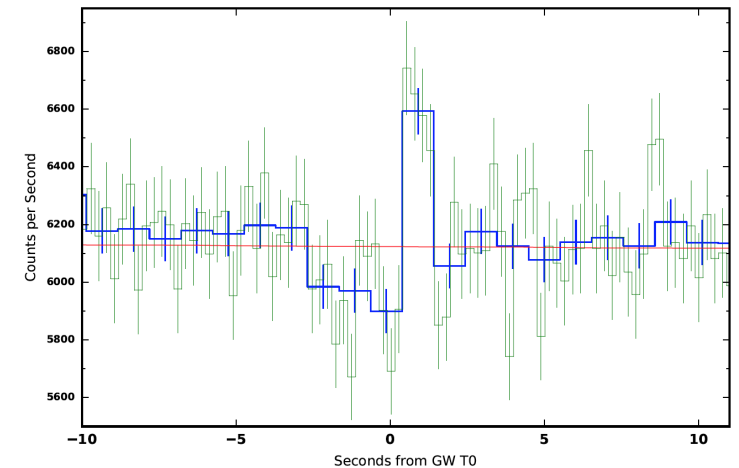
What particles emerge

.....

The development of the understanding of neutron star mergers will likely need to be guided by DATA

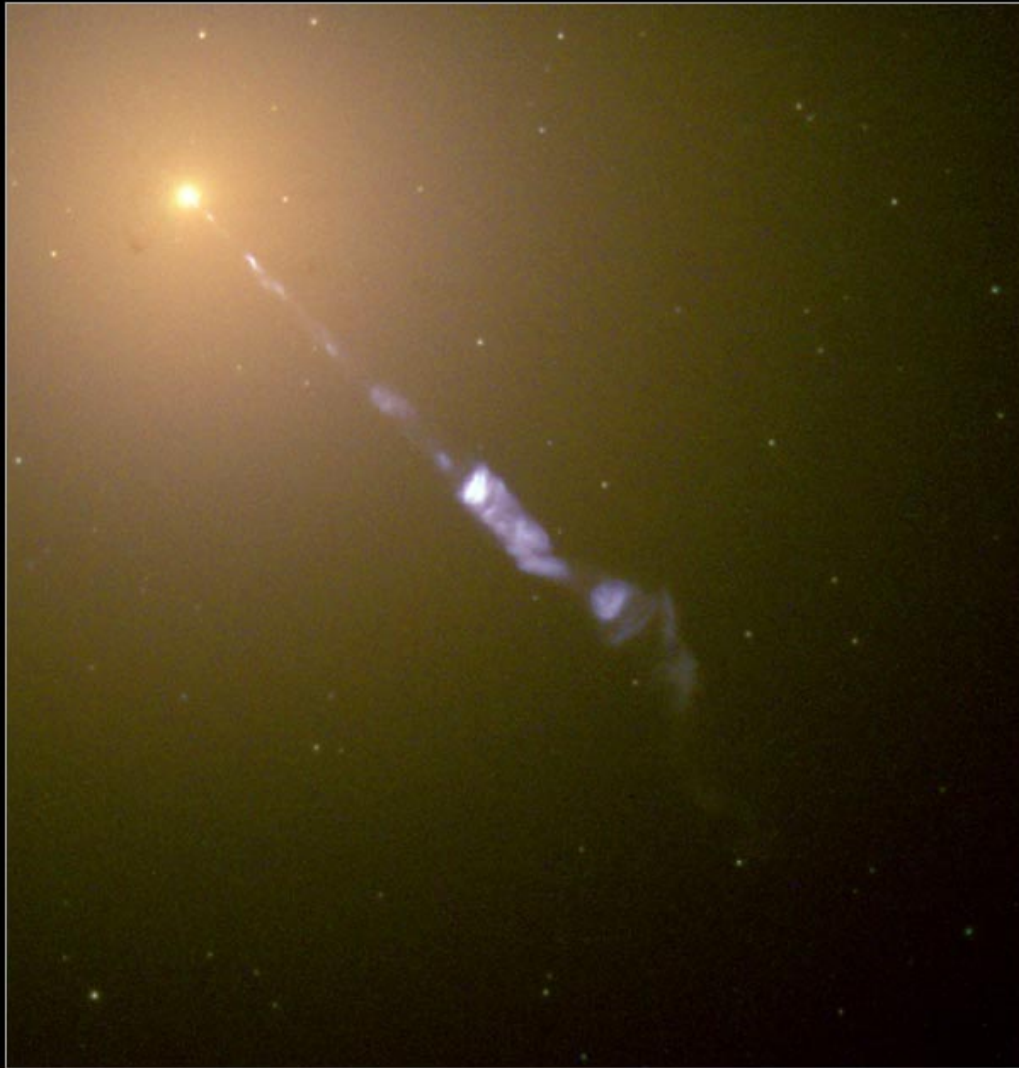
[and surprises (phenomena beyond what we now know) are certainly possible !]

I will tell you a secret.... I hope very much that the GBM event in coincidence with GW150914 is a genuine coincidence, and that it is teaching us something important .....



The understanding will come together with a better understanding (and observations) of other phenomena (AGN, binary systems, and also SNR)

The M87 Jet



Hubble  
Heritage

# M87 JET

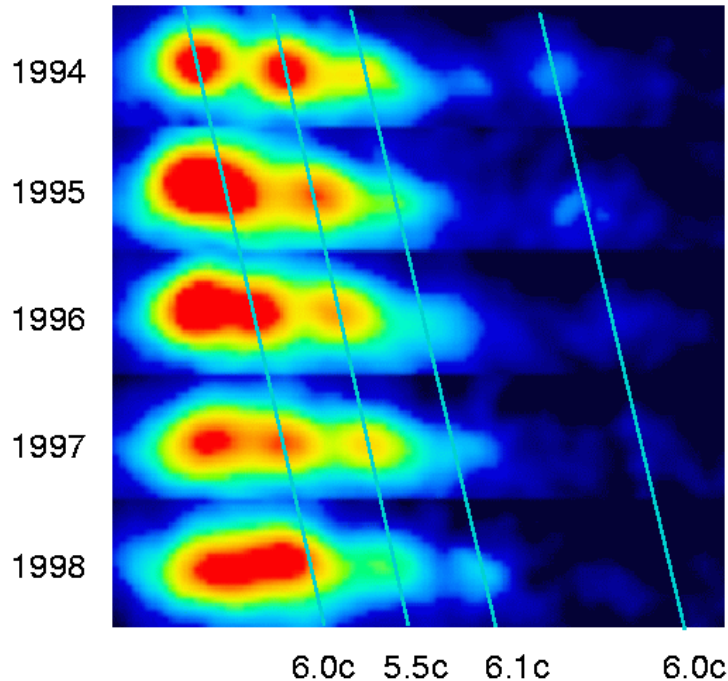
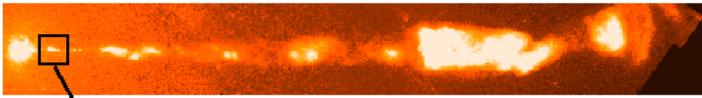
Heber Curtis (1918)  
[Lick Observatory]

“Descriptions of 762  
Nebulae and Clusters ....”

“...curious straight ray ...  
apparently connected  
with the nucleus by a  
thin line of matter.”

# Superluminal Motions

Superluminal Motion in the M87 Jet



$$\beta_{\text{app}} \simeq 6$$

Source moving  
on the celestial sphere

$$c \beta_{\text{app}} = L \dot{\omega}$$

$$\beta_{\perp, \text{app}} = \frac{\beta \sin \theta}{(1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$

$$\Gamma \geq \sqrt{\beta_{\text{app}}^2 + 1}$$

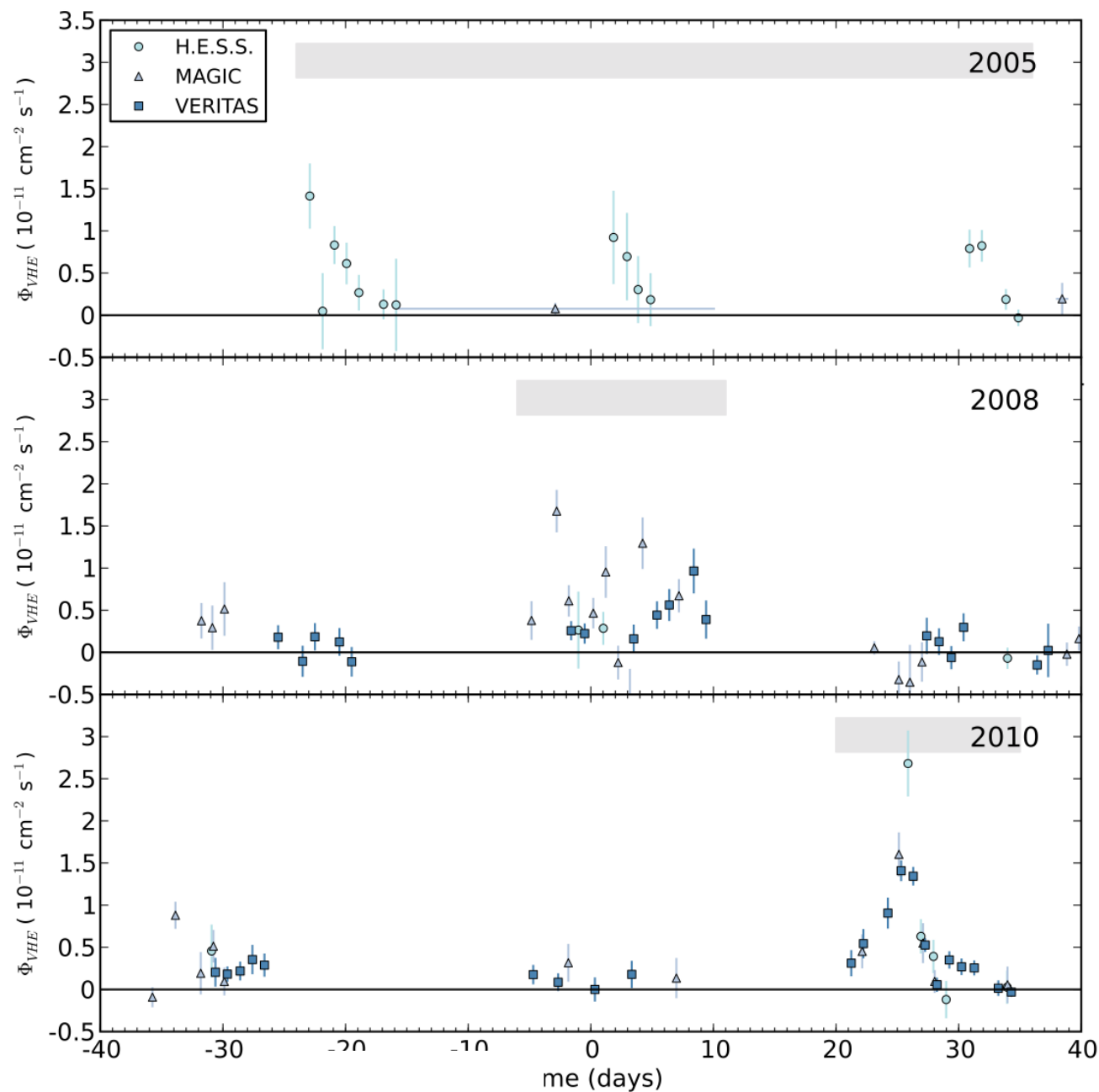
$$\theta \approx \Gamma^{-1}$$

# Observations of M87

2005  
2008  
2010

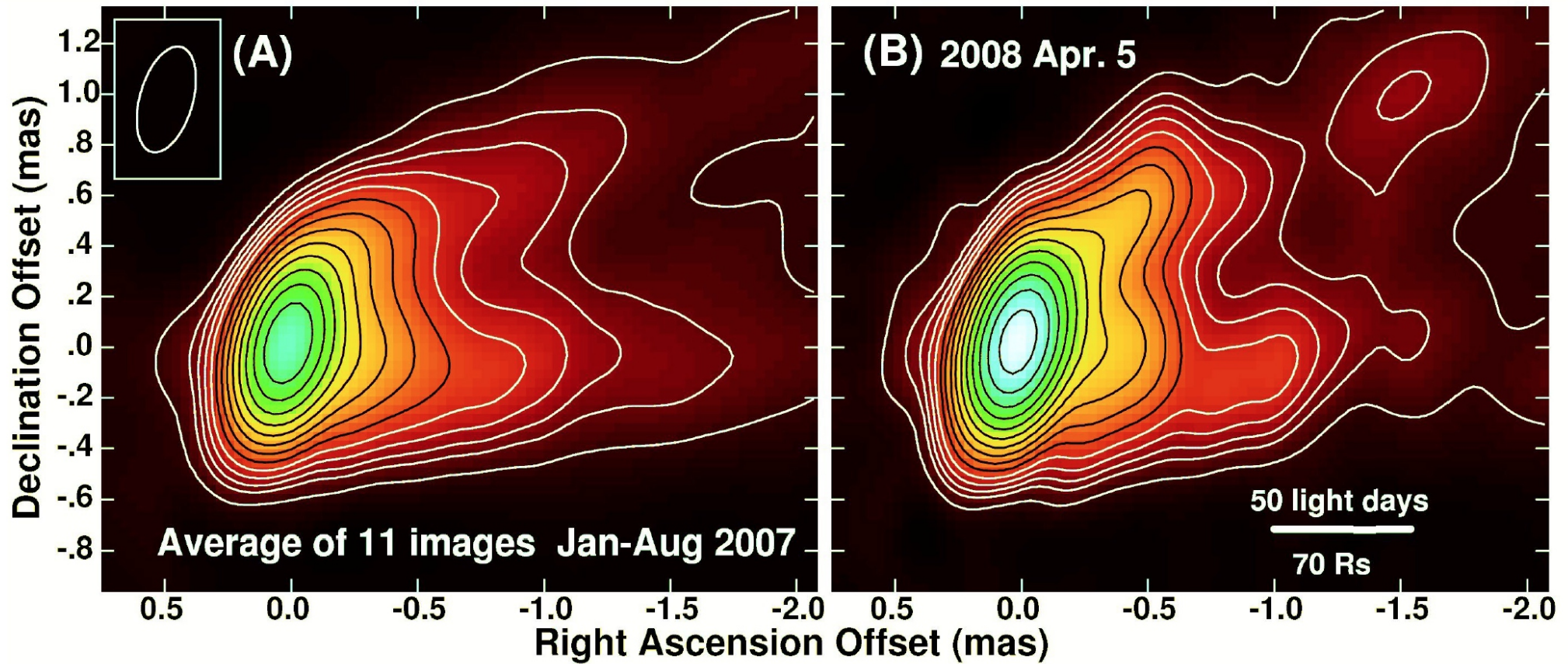
HESS  
MAGIC  
VERITAS

$E \geq 350$  GeV



**Figure 2.** VHE light curve of M 87 of the flaring episodes in 2005 (top), 2008 (middle), and 2010 (bottom). Integral fluxes are given above an energy of 350 GeV. The lengths of the gray bars correspond to the length of the gray shaded areas in Figure 1. A time of 0 days corresponds to MJD 53460, MJD 54500, and MJD 55270 for 2005, 2008, and 2010, respectively. Flux error bars denote the 1 s.d. statistical error. Horizontal error bars denote the time span the flux has been averaged over. Note that in the case of time spans longer than one night the coverage is not continuous.



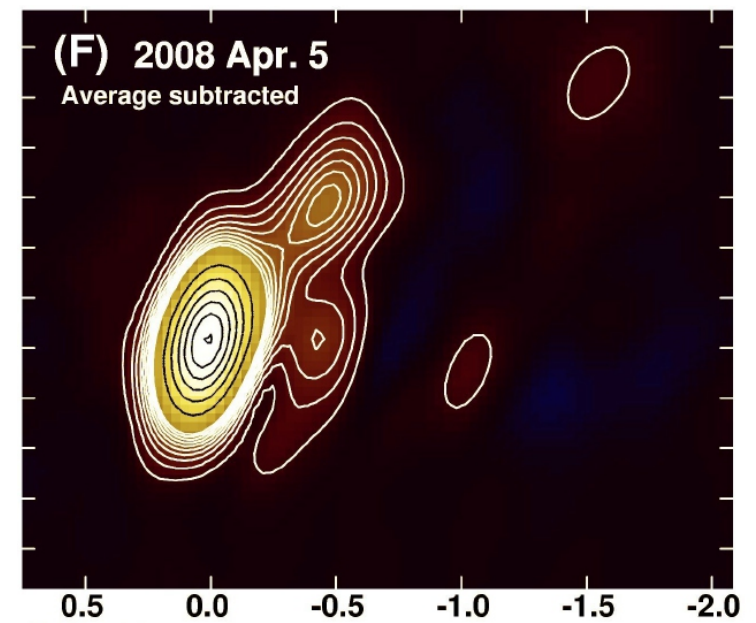


## VLBA radio images of M87 at 43 GHz

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 Vol. 325, Issue 5939, pp. 444-448  
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### Radio Imaging of the Very-High-Energy $\gamma$ -Ray Emission Region in the Central Engine of a Radio Galaxy

The VERITAS Collaboration, the VLBA 43 GHz M87 Monitoring Team, the H.E.S.S. Collaboration, the MAGIC Collaboration



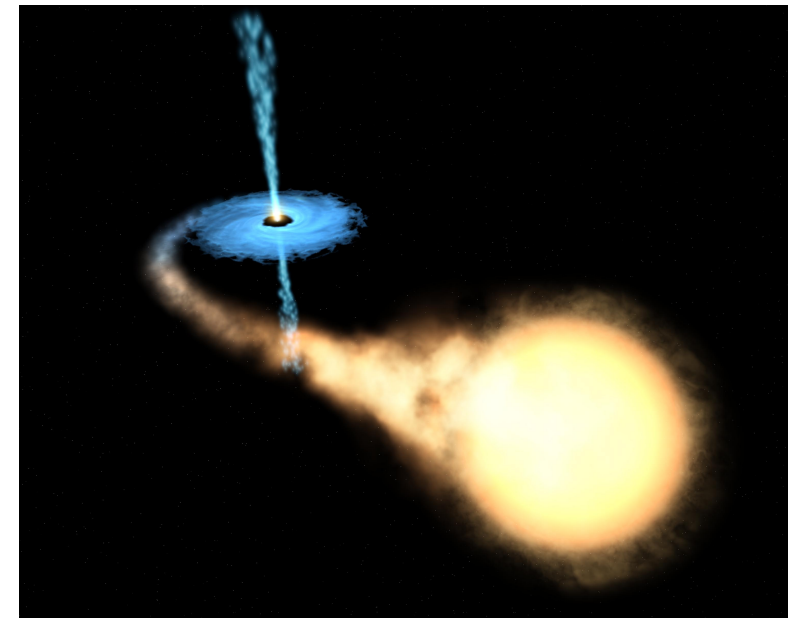
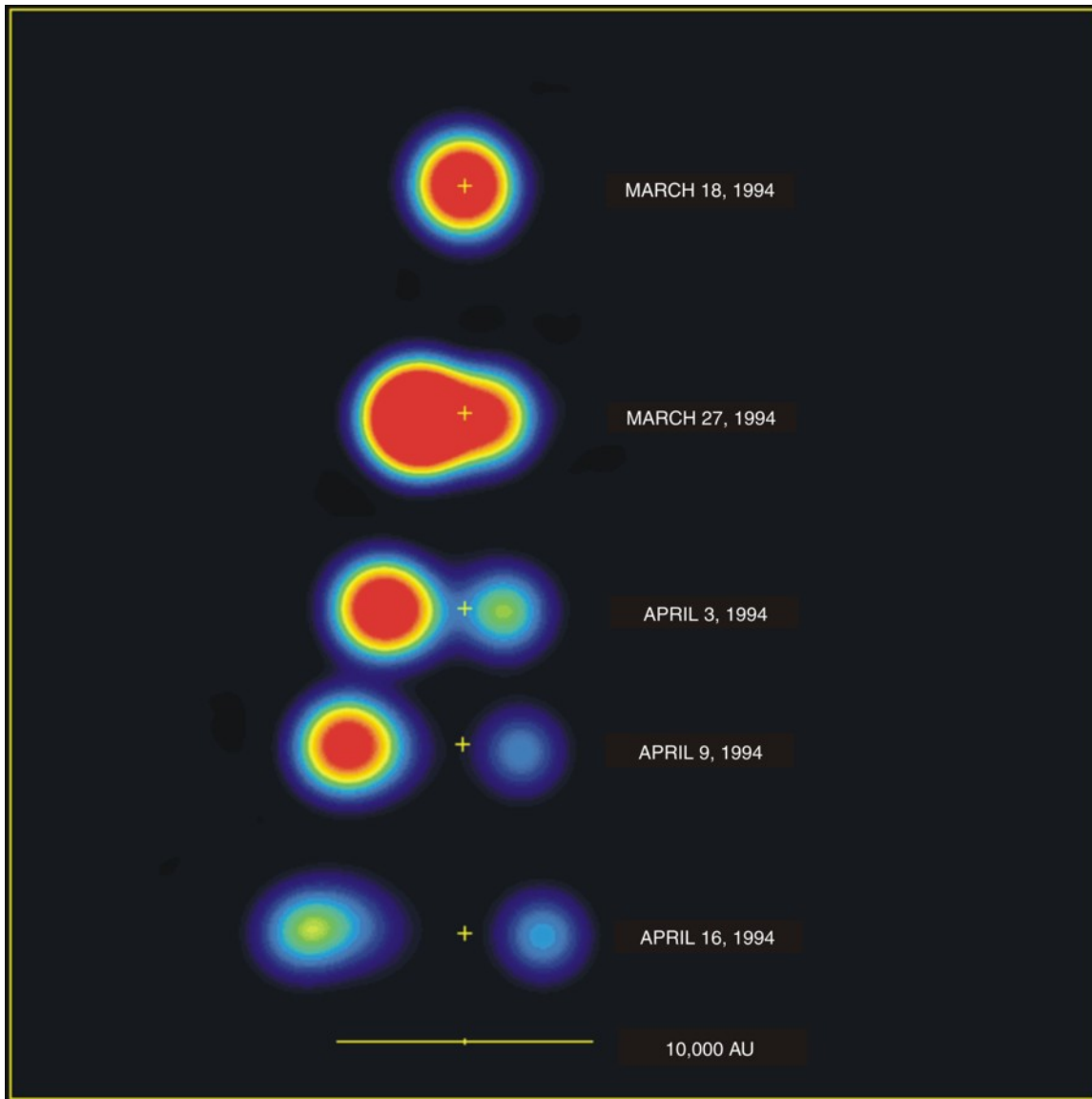
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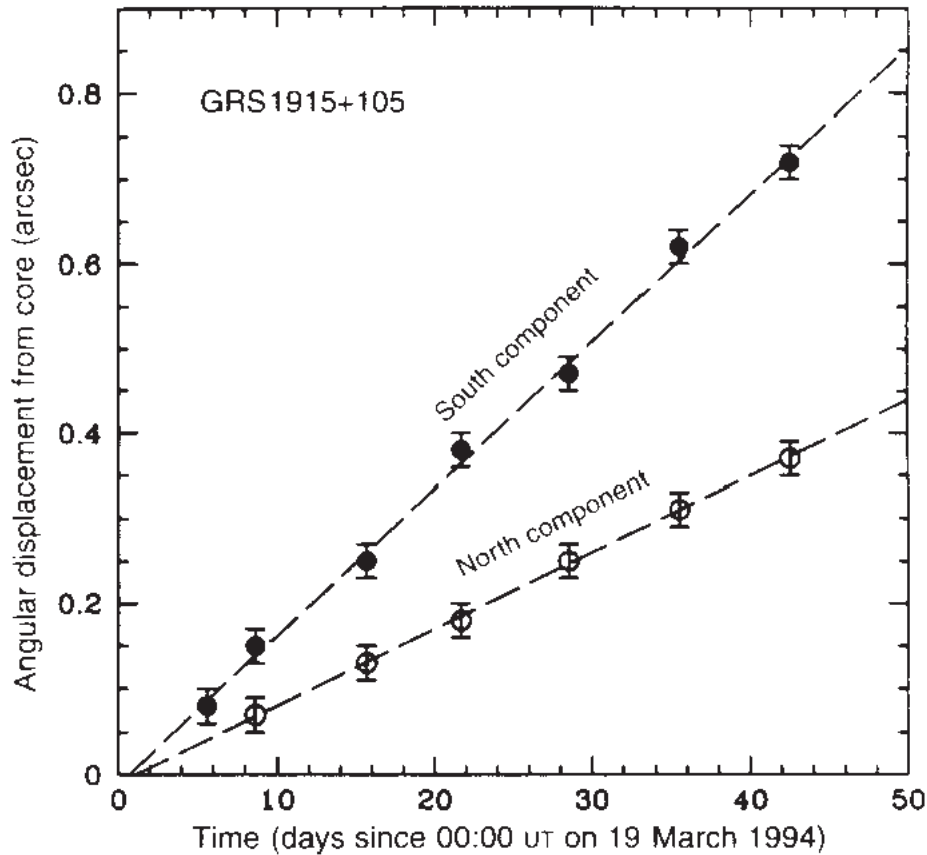
## Superluminal Motions in **microQuasars** in our Galaxy

Observations in radio

$$\lambda = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

“Two pairs of bright  
radio condensations”





## Angular velocities

$$\mu_a \simeq 17.6 \pm 0.4 \frac{\text{mas}}{\text{day}}$$

$$\mu_r \simeq 9.0 \pm 0.1 \frac{\text{mas}}{\text{day}}$$

$$\mu_{a,r} = \frac{\beta \sin \theta}{1 \pm \beta \cos \theta} \frac{c}{D}$$

$$D = 12.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\beta = 0.92 \pm 0.08$$

$$\theta = (70 \pm 2)^\circ$$

## Concluding remarks:

The Study of Cosmic Rays at the Earth remains an essential tool to develop our understanding of the “High Energy Universe”

Understanding of the mechanisms that shape the detailed form of the spectra of *anti-particles* is of crucial importance.

Understanding the “Knee”, the “Ankle” and the structures in between is a very important task.

Perhaps the Galactic accelerators can reach much beyond the PeV-range

Cosmic Rays give “time and space integrated” information on an energy region than spans 6 orders of magnitude in energy

beyond current gamma -astronomy  $10^{14} \div 10^{20}$  eV

The scientific potential multi messenger studies with GW is extraordinarily interesting