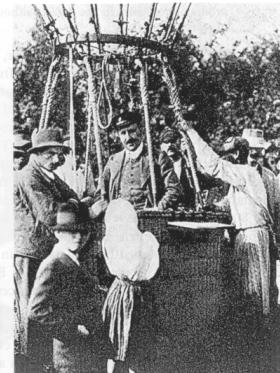
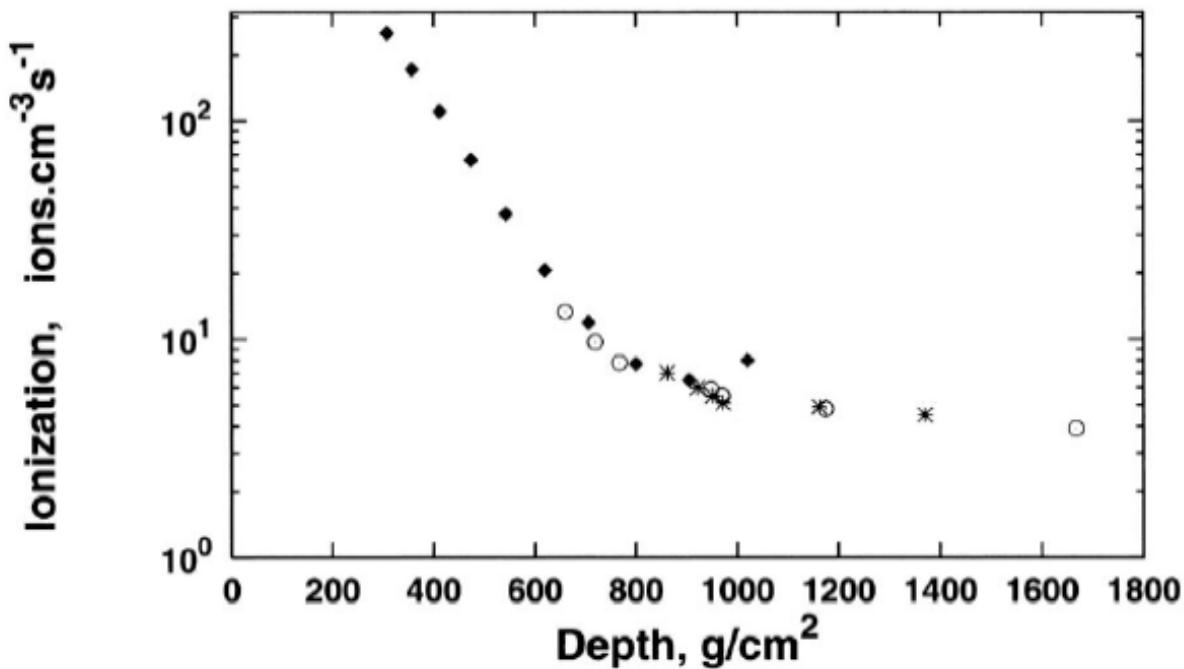


Giorgio Riccobene

Astrofisica Particellare

A bit of history

- 1900 Wilson discovers continuous “atmospheric” ionisation
- 1912 Hess (Nobel prize 1949), Millikan and Kohlhorster measure dependence of ionisation vs. altitude
Millikan uses the definition of “cosmic rays”



A bit of history

- 1932 Anderson discovers the positron in CR (Nobel prize 1936)
- 1937 Anderson and Neddermeyer discover the muon (birth of particle physics!)
- 1947 Powell discovers the pion in CR (Nobel prize, 1950)
- 1949 Fermi sets the first theory on CR acceleration
- 1970 Davis (Nobel prize, 1980) measures the solar neutrino flux
Solar model / neutrino oscillation debate
- 1987 First Supernova neutrino detection at Kamiokande and IMB
(Koshiba, Nobel prize 2002)
- 1999 Superkamionande (and later SNO) probes neutrino oscillations in vacuum (Nobel prize, 2015)

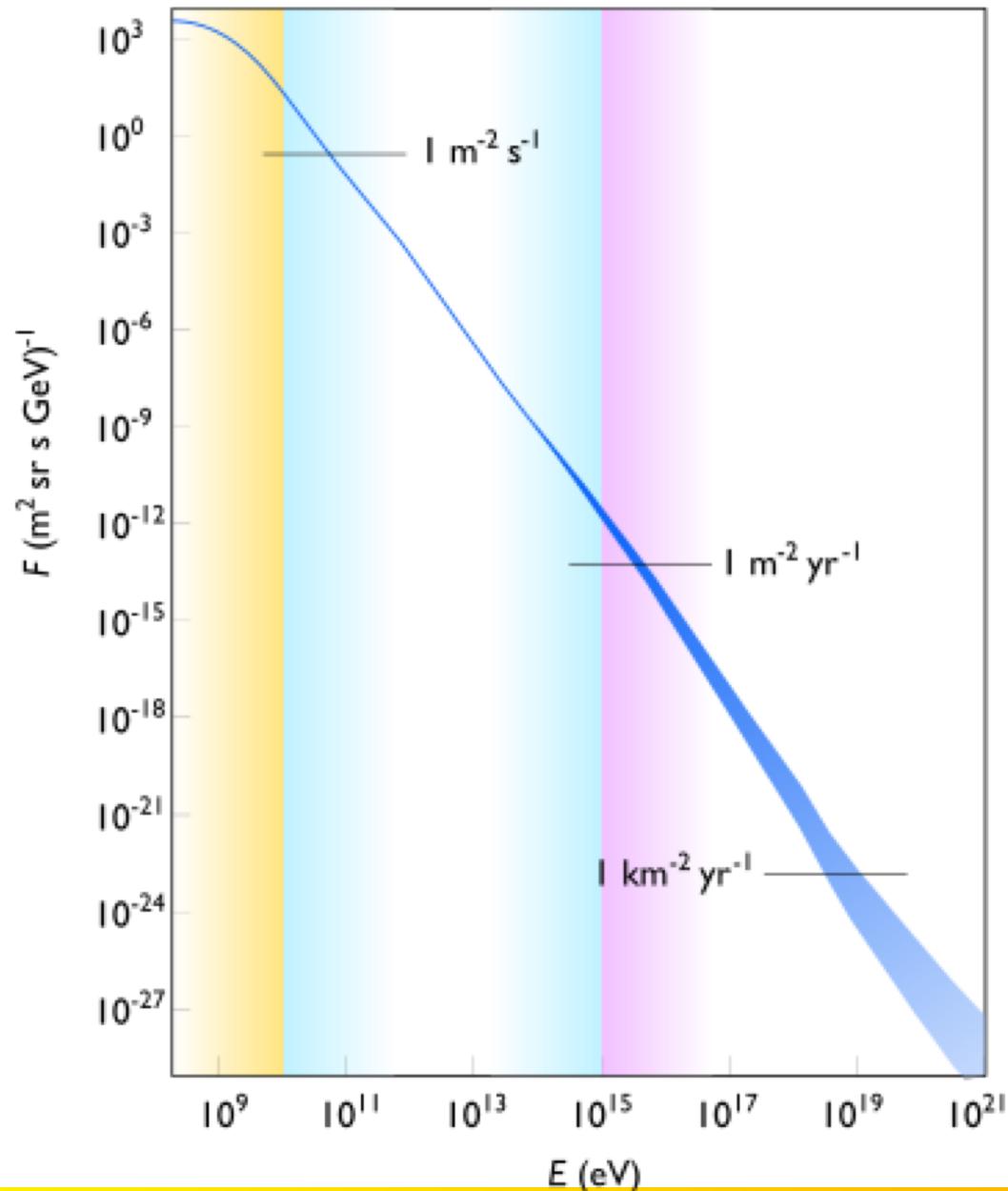
Pierre Auger

Even today accelerators have not caught up with cosmic rays. For in 1938, I showed the presence in primary cosmic rays of particles of a million Gigavolts -- a million times more energetic than accelerators of that day could produce. Even now, when accelerators have far surpassed the Gigavolt mark, they still have not attained the energy of 10^{20} eV, the highest observed energy for cosmic rays. Thus, cosmic rays have not been dethroned as far as energy goes, and the study of cosmic rays has a bright future, if only to learn where these particles come from and how they are accelerated.

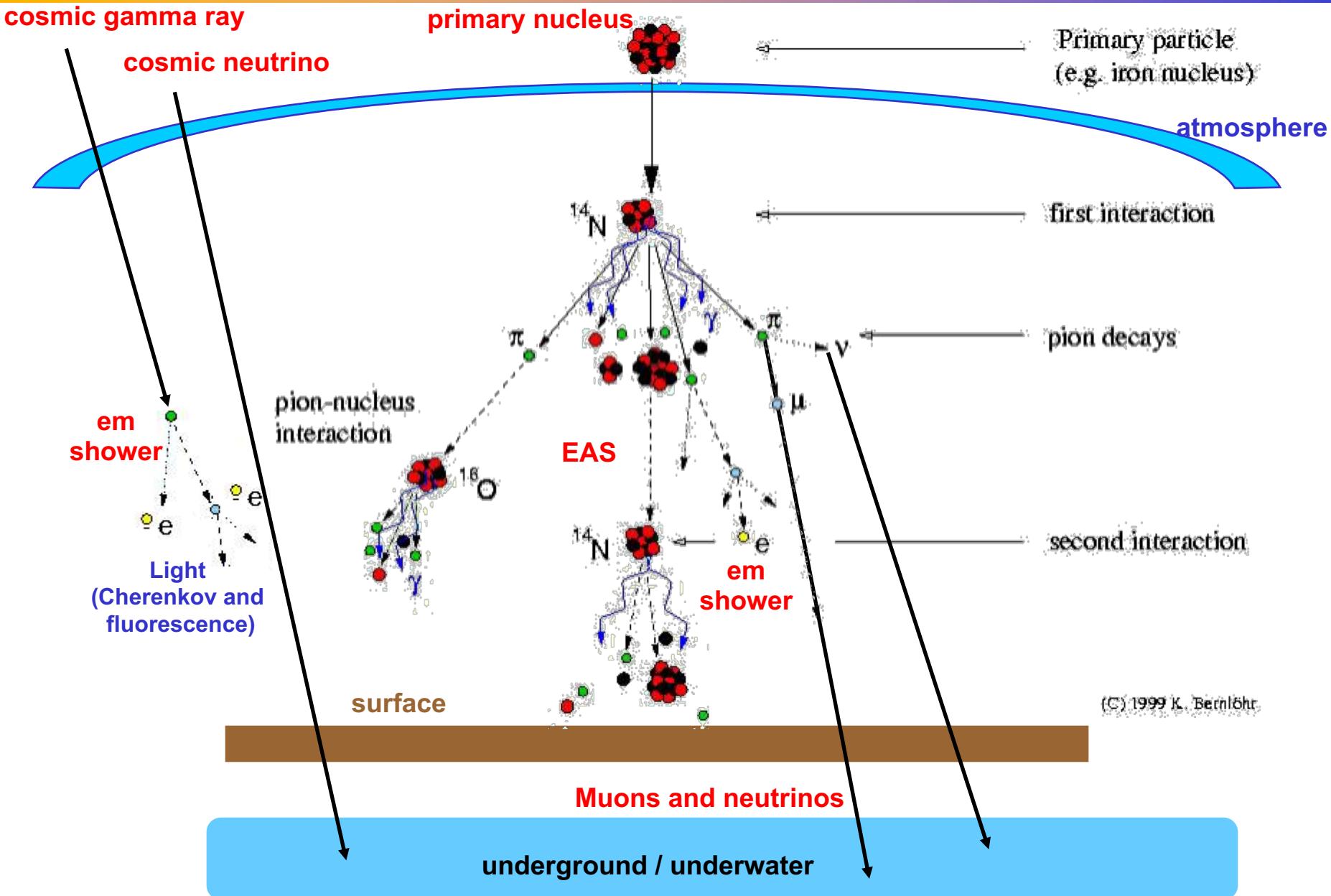
The cosmic ray spectrum

Cronin, Gaisser, Swordy 1997

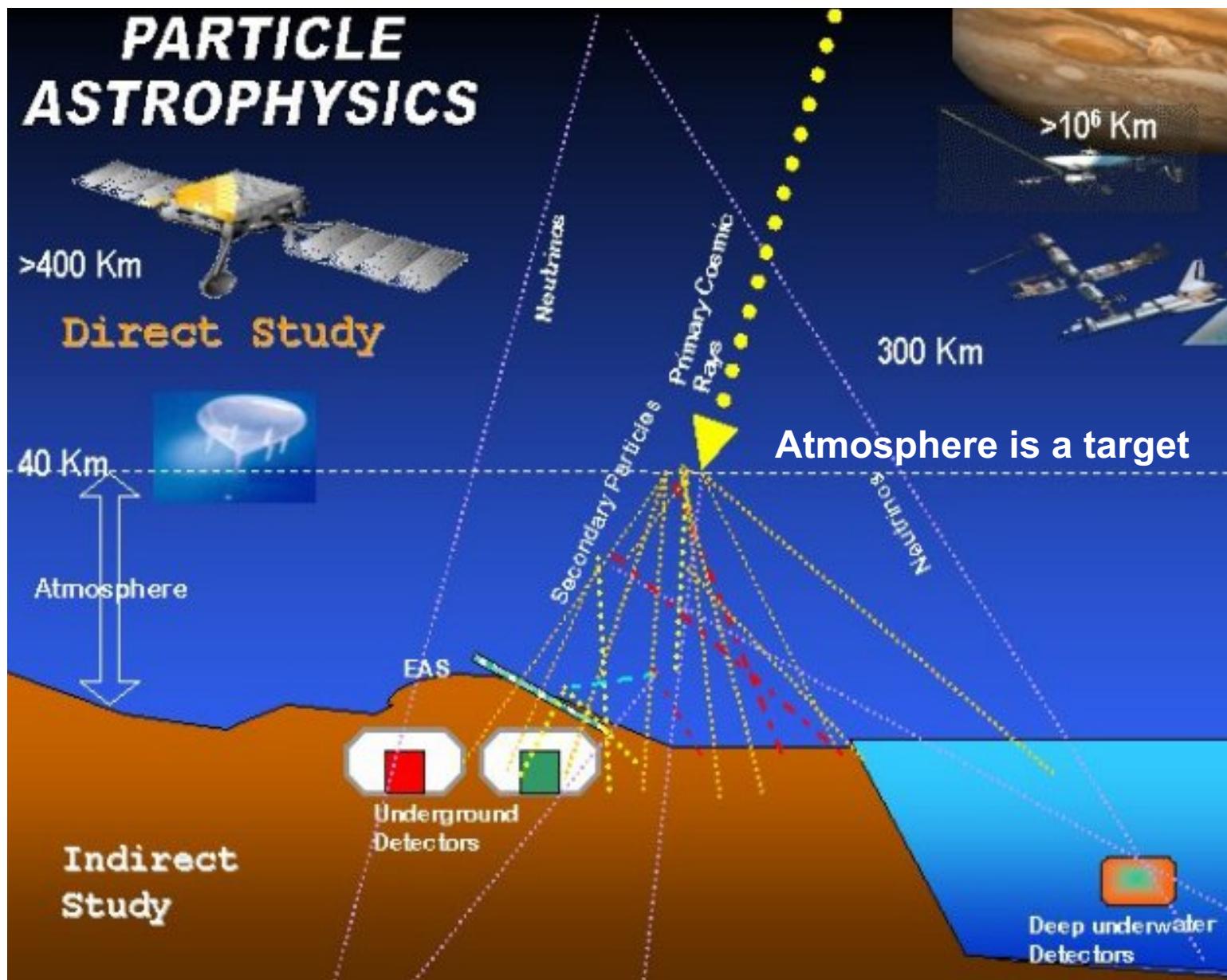
The CR flux follows a $\sim E^{-2.7}$ power law (no Maxwell-Boltzmann like CMBR) extended for 10 orders of magnitude in energy (27 orders of magnitude in flux).



CR Detection



Detectors for particle astrophysics



The cosmic ray spectrum

- $E < 10^4$ GeV

direct detection

Spectrometers

($\Delta A = 1$ resolution,
good E resolution)

Calorimeters

(E resolution)

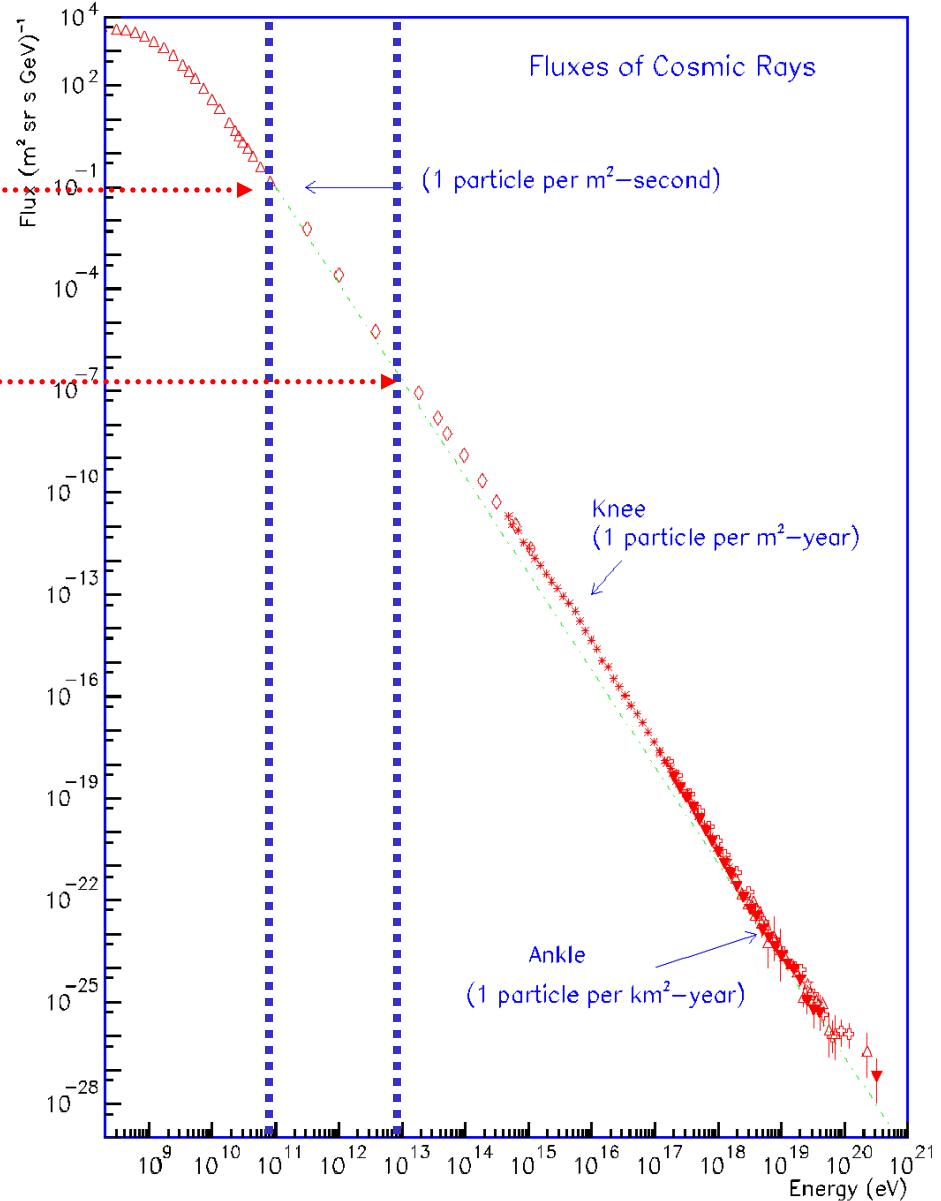
- $E > 10^4$ GeV

indirect detection

Ground based array

Underground Detectors

Fluorescence detectors



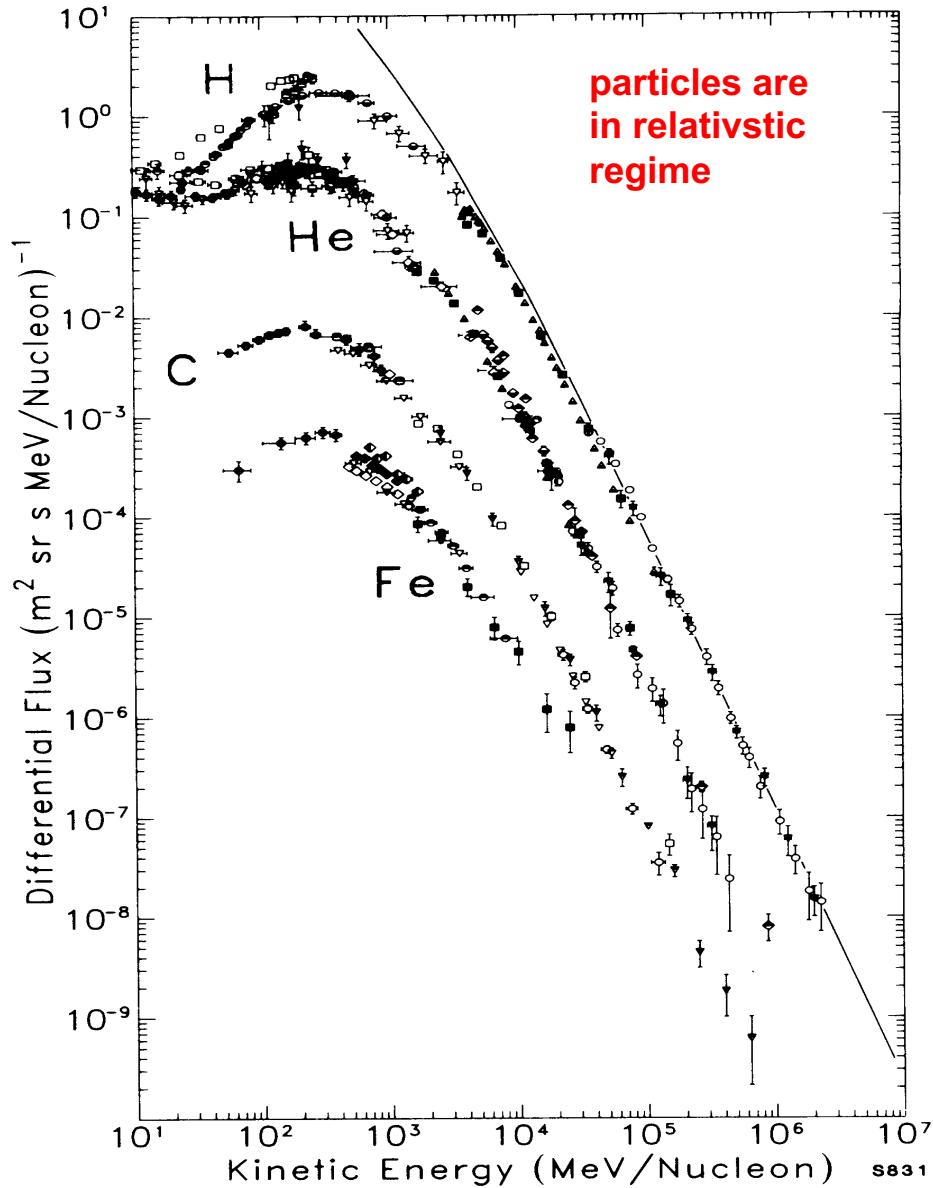
Cosmic ray composition

At the top of atmosphere

- 98 % nuclei
 - 87% protons
 - 12% alpha particles
 - 1% heavy nuclei
- 2% electrons, positrons, neutrinos, gamma rays

Low energy cutoff depends on rigidity of particles

$$\text{Rigidity} \equiv \frac{pc}{Ze} = Br_c$$



The cosmic ray spectrum

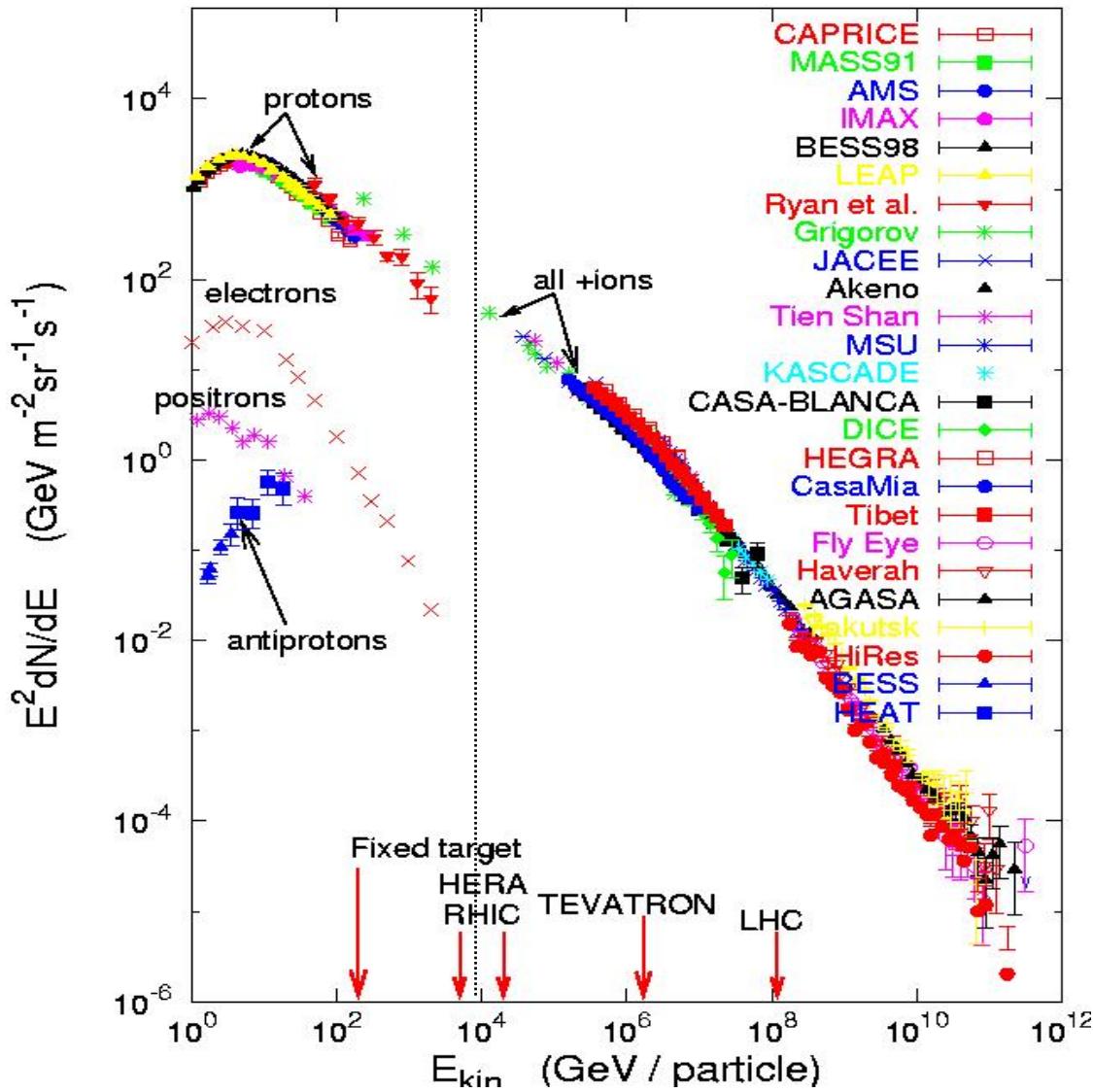
Main features:

- $N(E)dE = K E^{-\alpha} dE$
max at 1 GeV $\rightarrow 2p / m^2 s sr MeV$

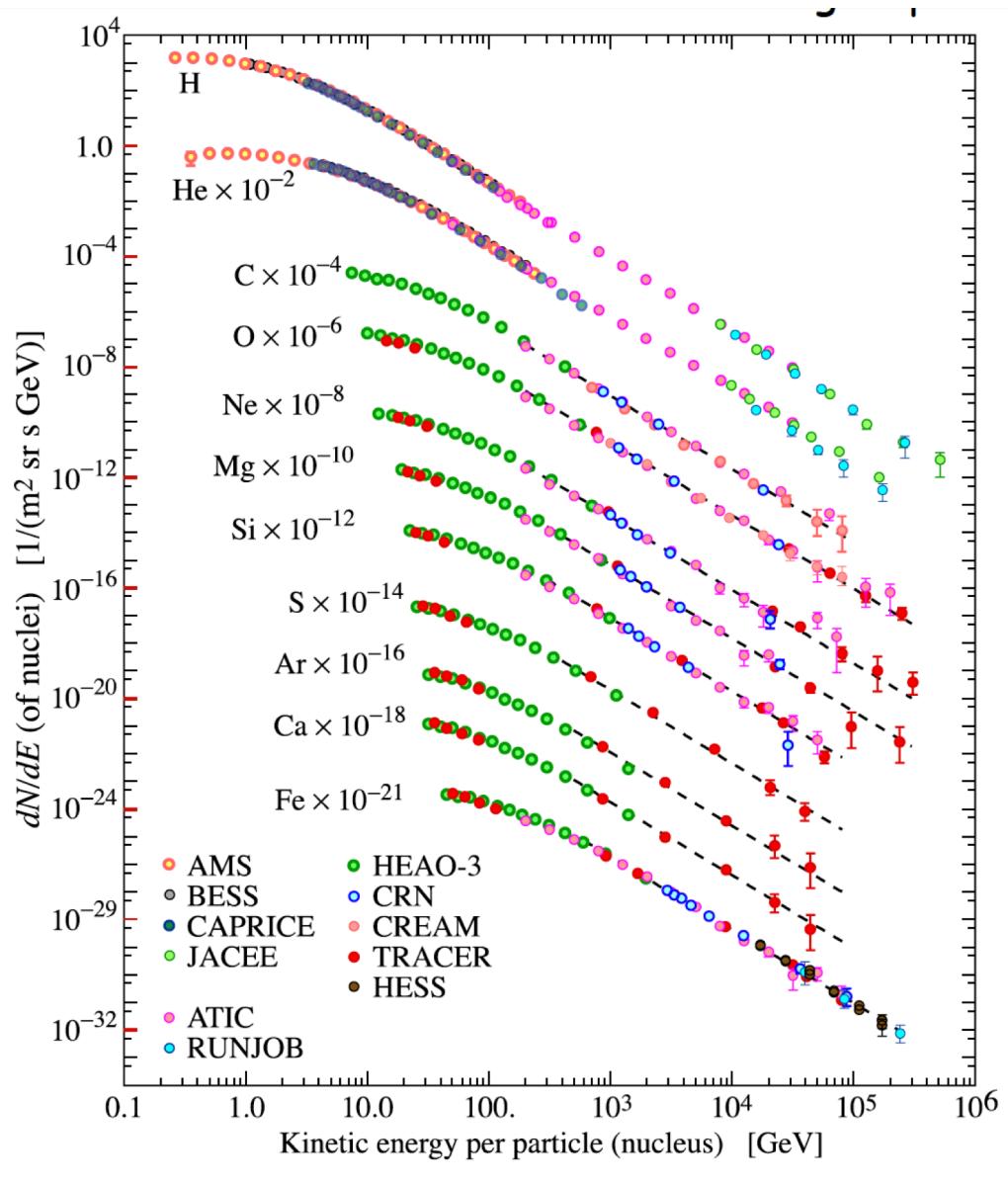
$$\rho_{CR}(E) = 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

Same order of Magnitude of energy density in Galactic Magnetic Field
 \rightarrow Energy exchange in diffusion

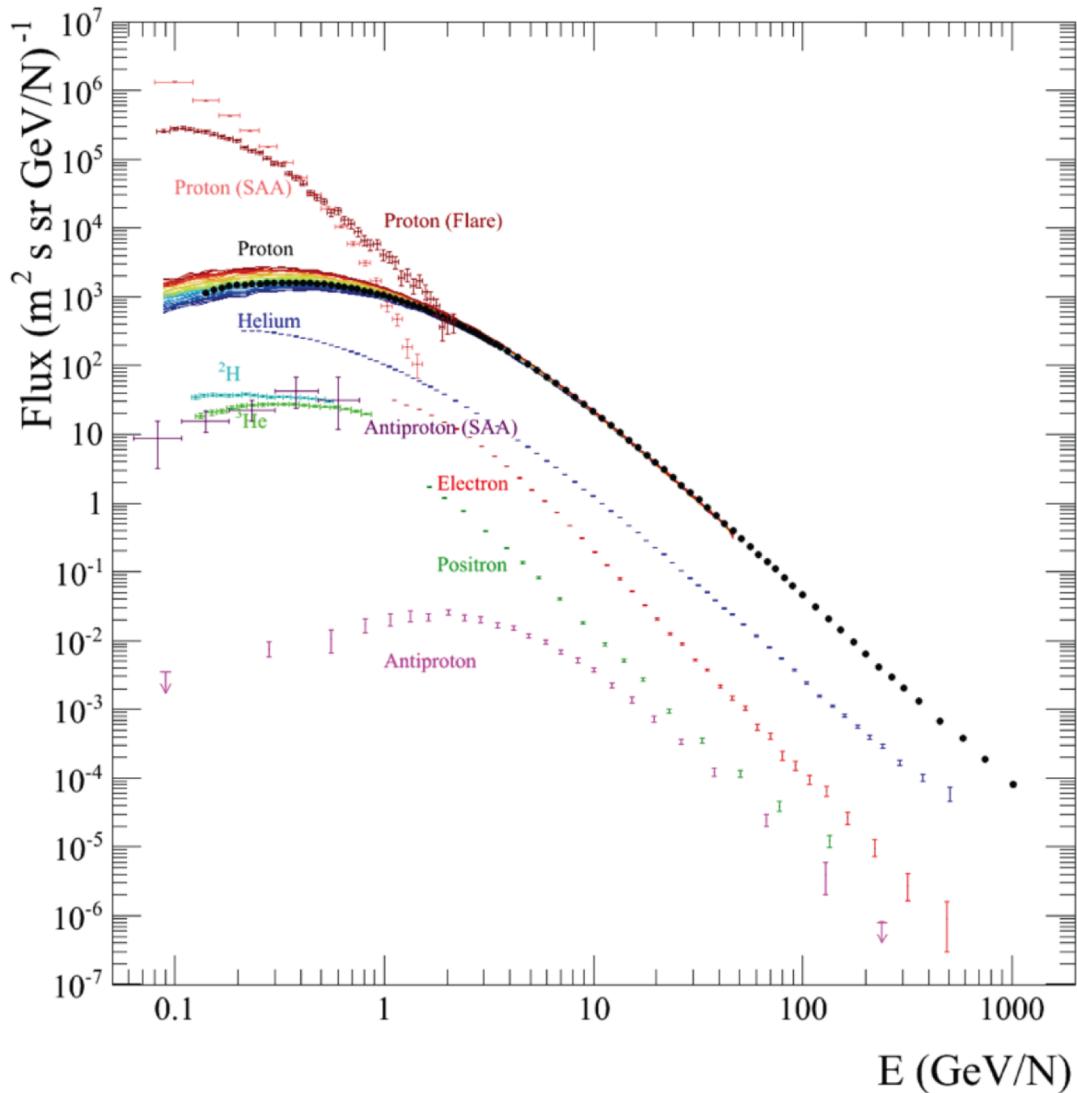
- cutoff at $E < 1 \text{ GeV/n}$ and modulation with solar cycle
- Different elements have different abundances as a function of E



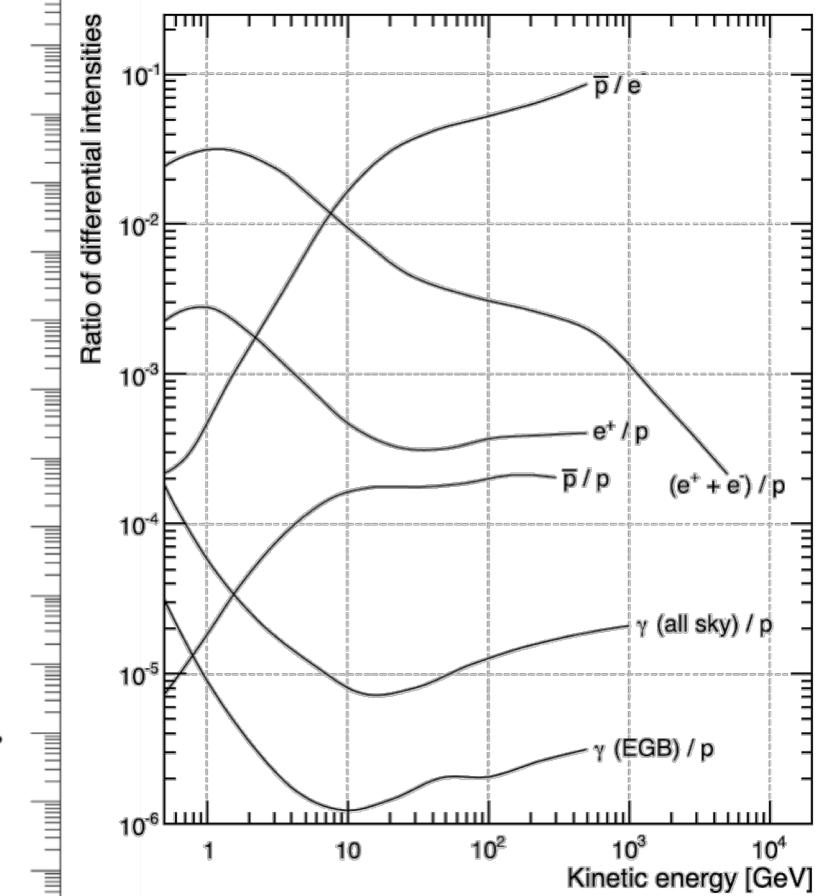
Cosmic ray composition



Cosmic ray composition



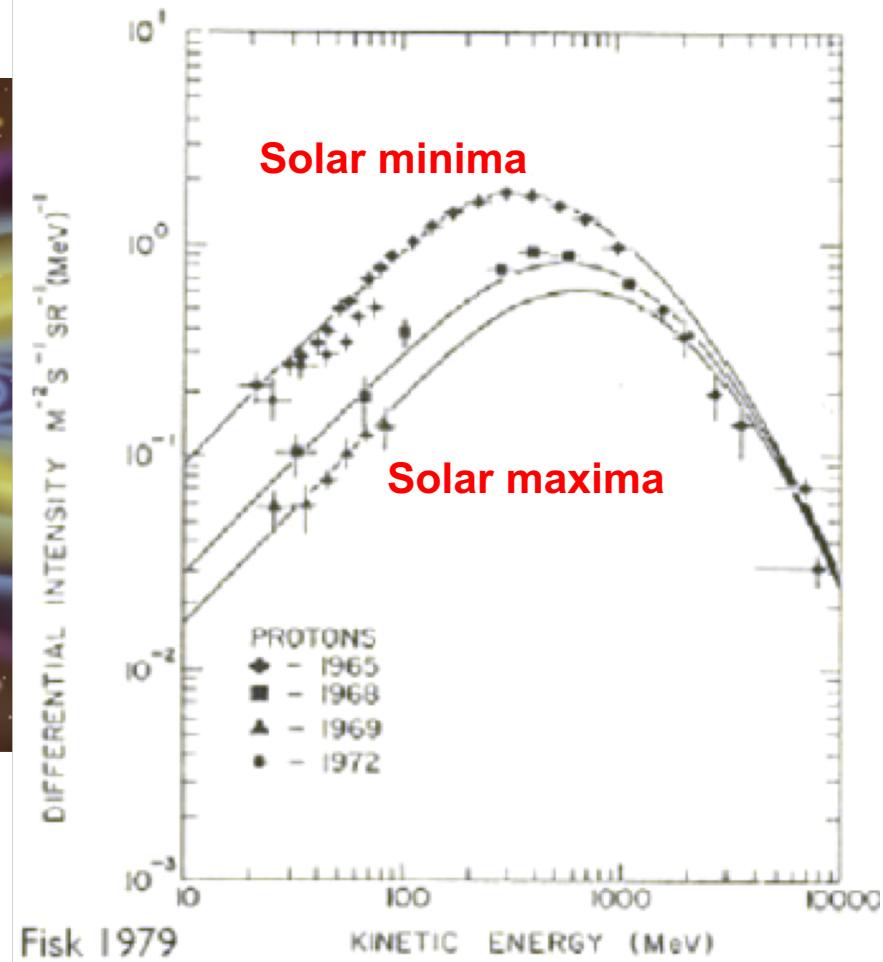
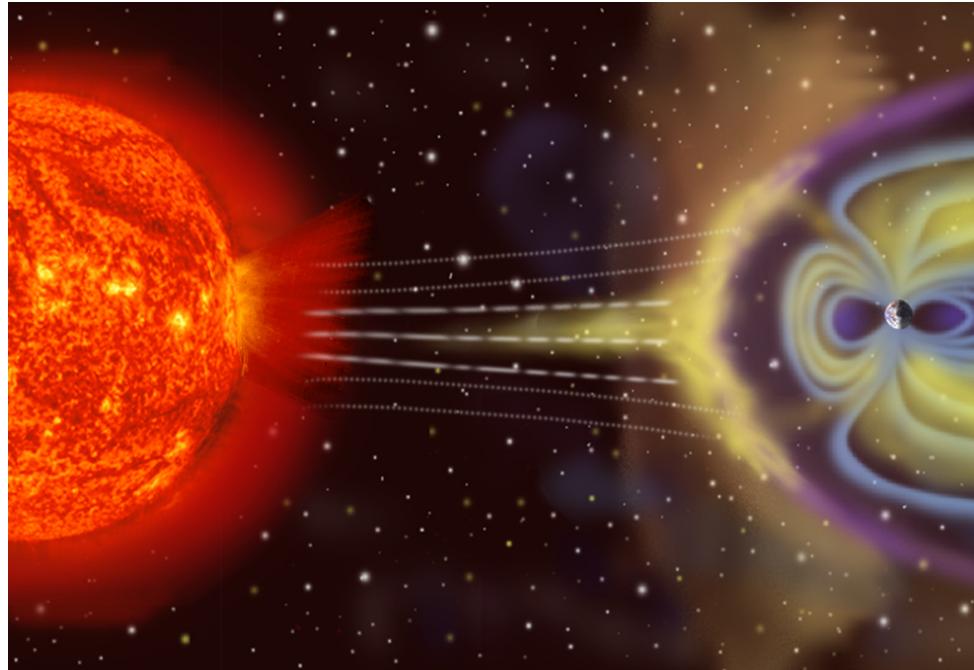
Antimatter, matter
and gammas



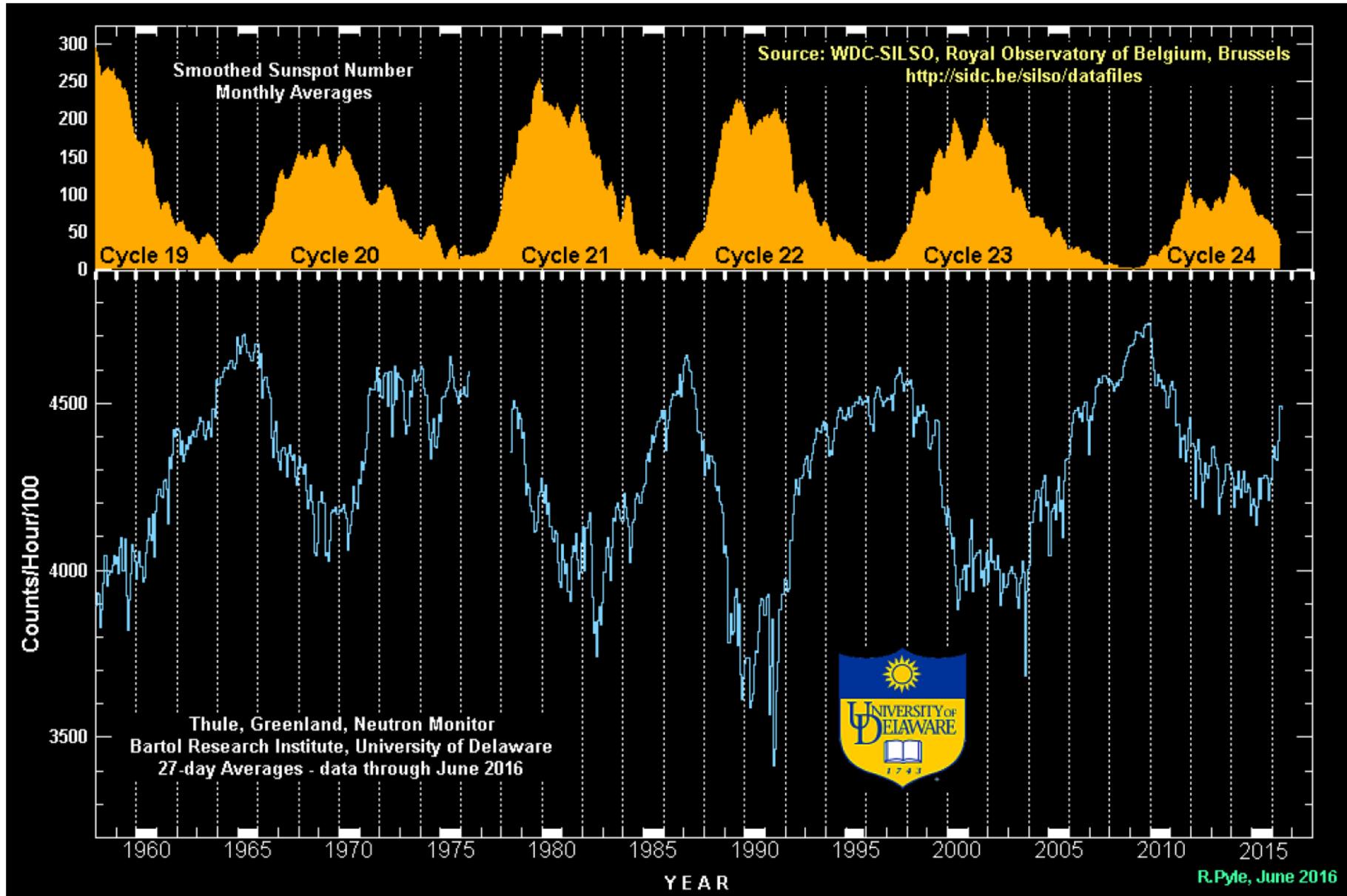
**e+, p+, d+ from Dark
Matter annihilation
e+ from local sources**

Solar modulation

When solar activity is large the magnetic field blows away low energy particles ($T_{\text{solar cycle}} = 11 \text{ years}$)

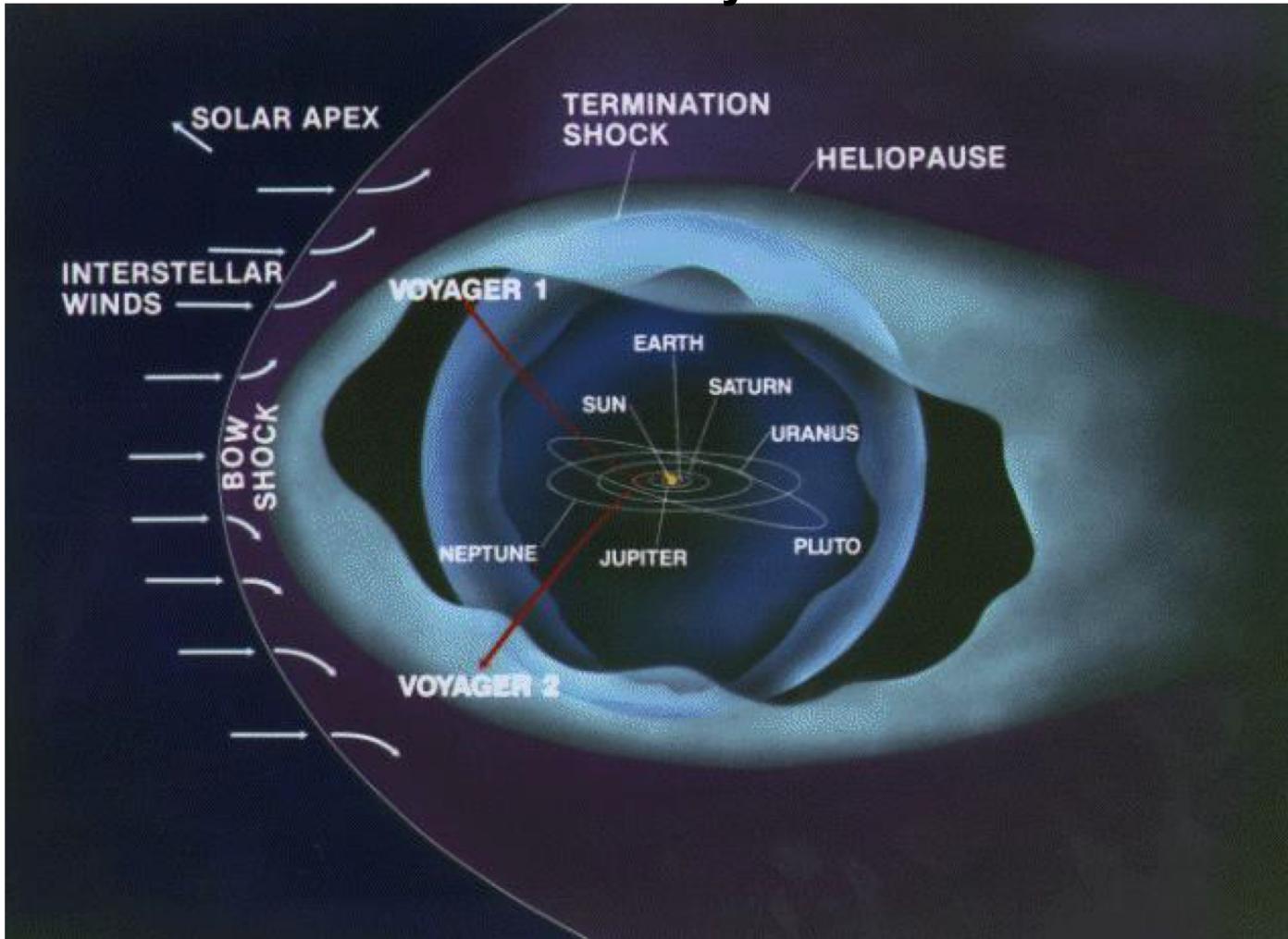


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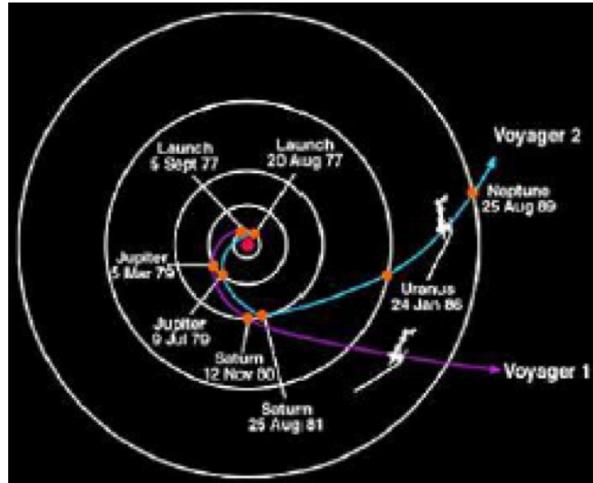


Effect of heliosphere

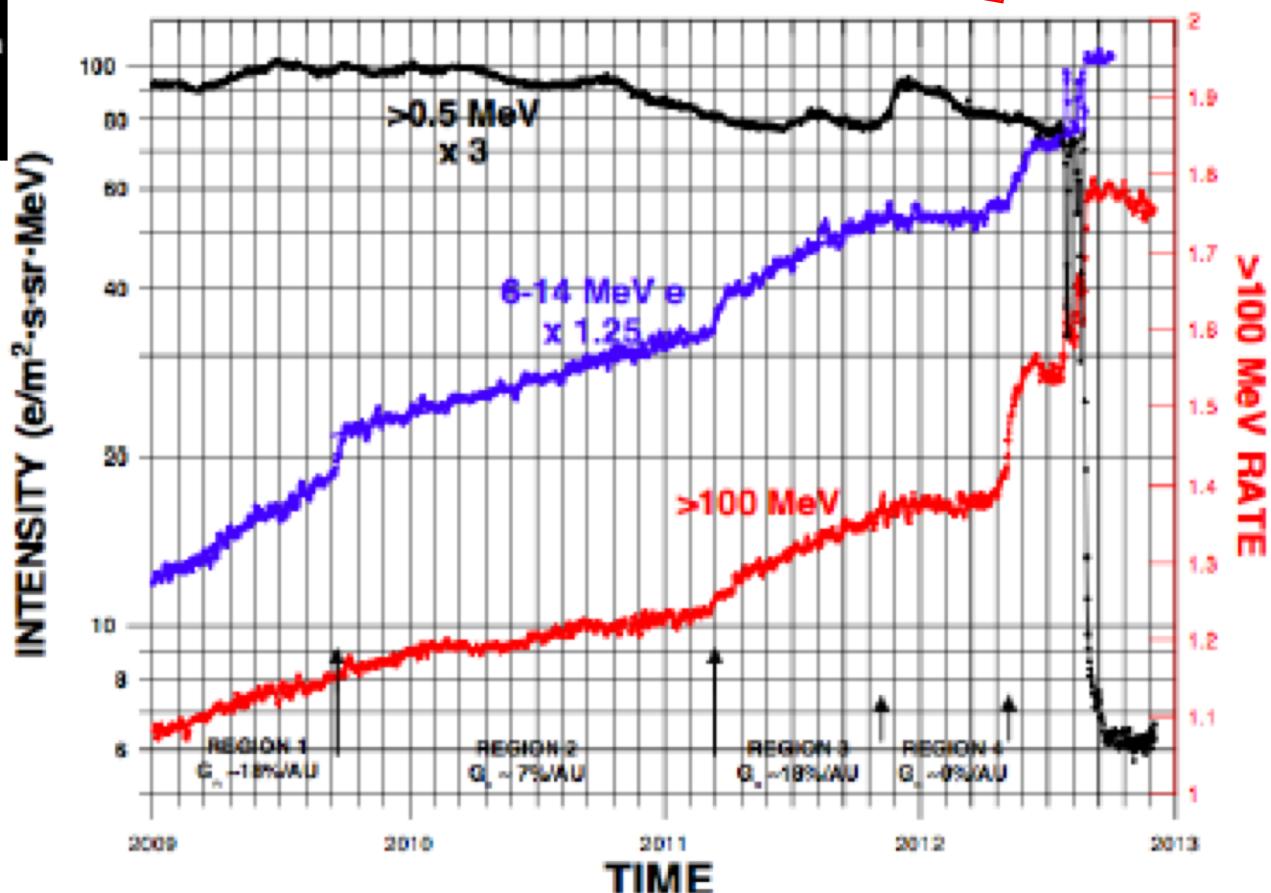
Distorts charged particle spectra
Below ~ 10 MeV, solar particles dominate
Above GeV \rightarrow outside Solar System



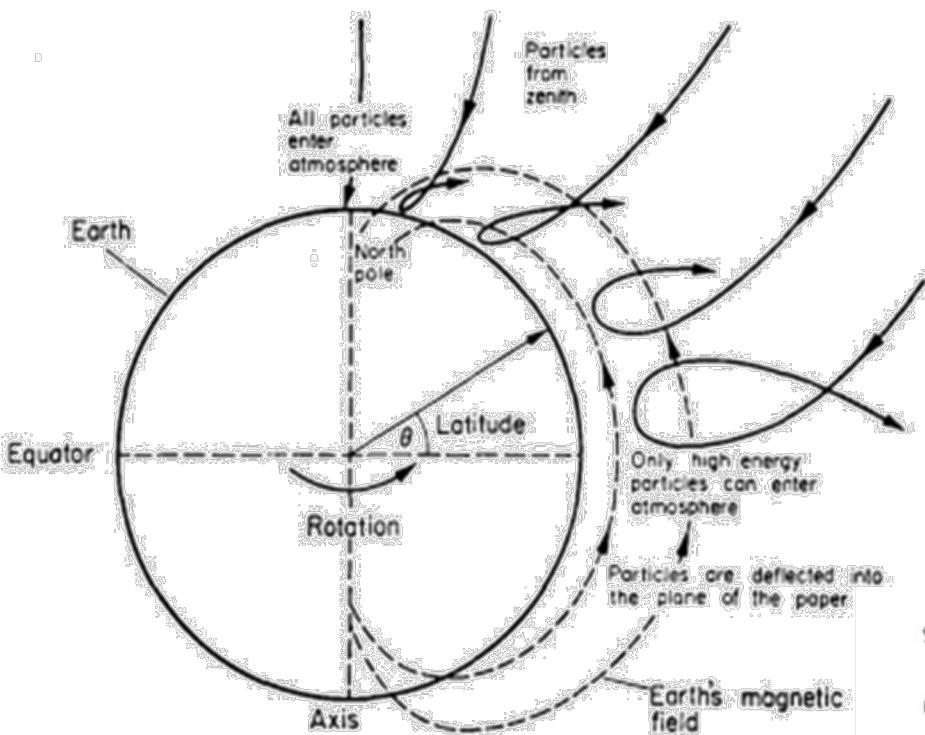
Effect of heliosphere



Voyager exits the solar system



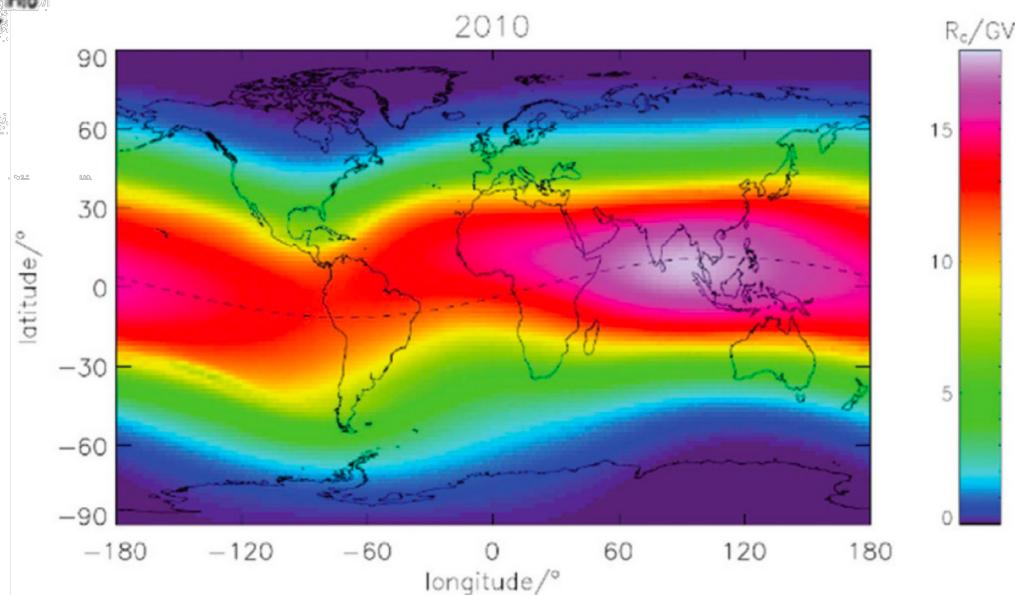
Geomagnetic Cutoff



Rigidity cutoff:
 $R_c \sim 15 \cos^4 \lambda \text{ GV}$
(λ = Earth latitude)

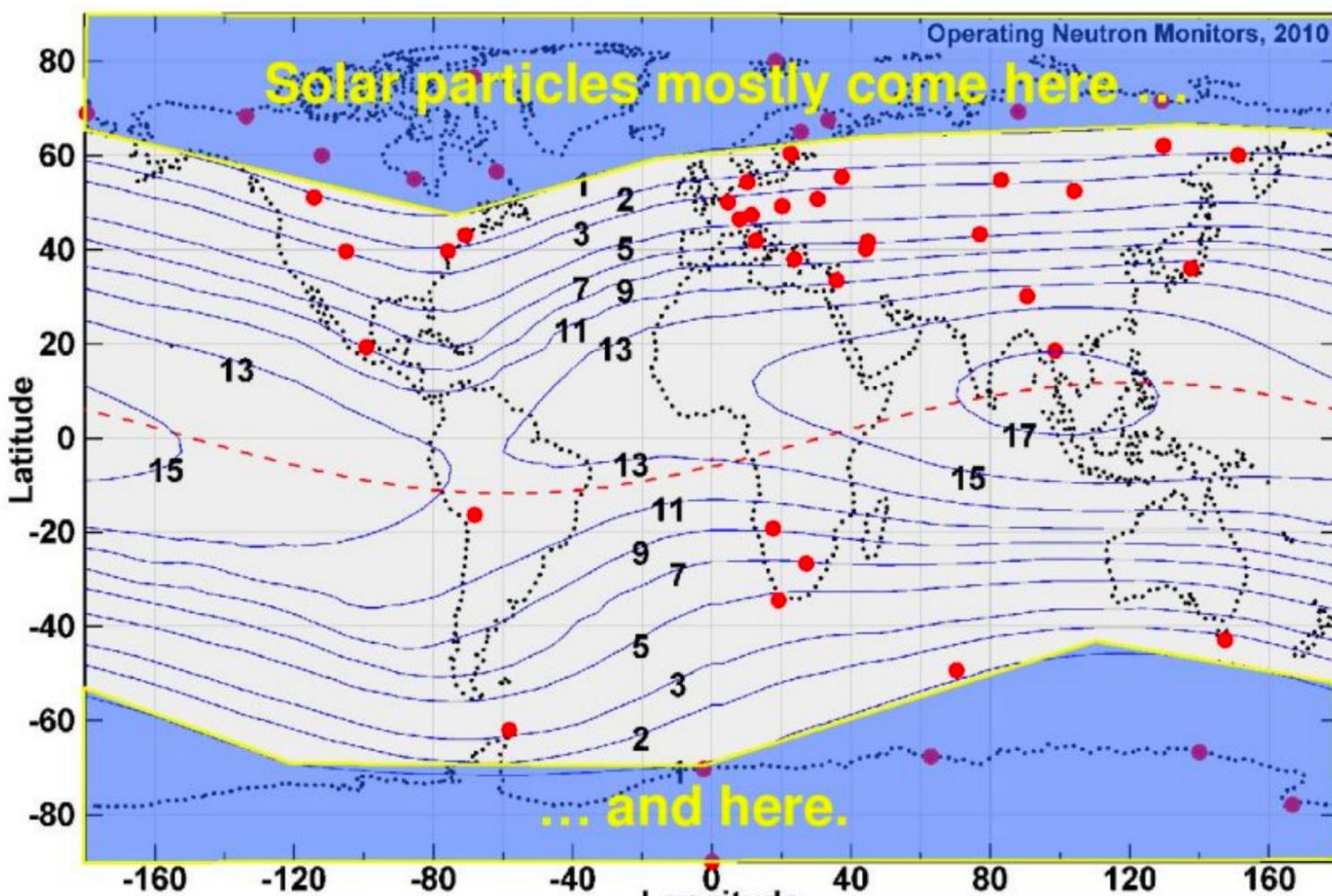
Stroemer

Cutoff rigidity [GV]

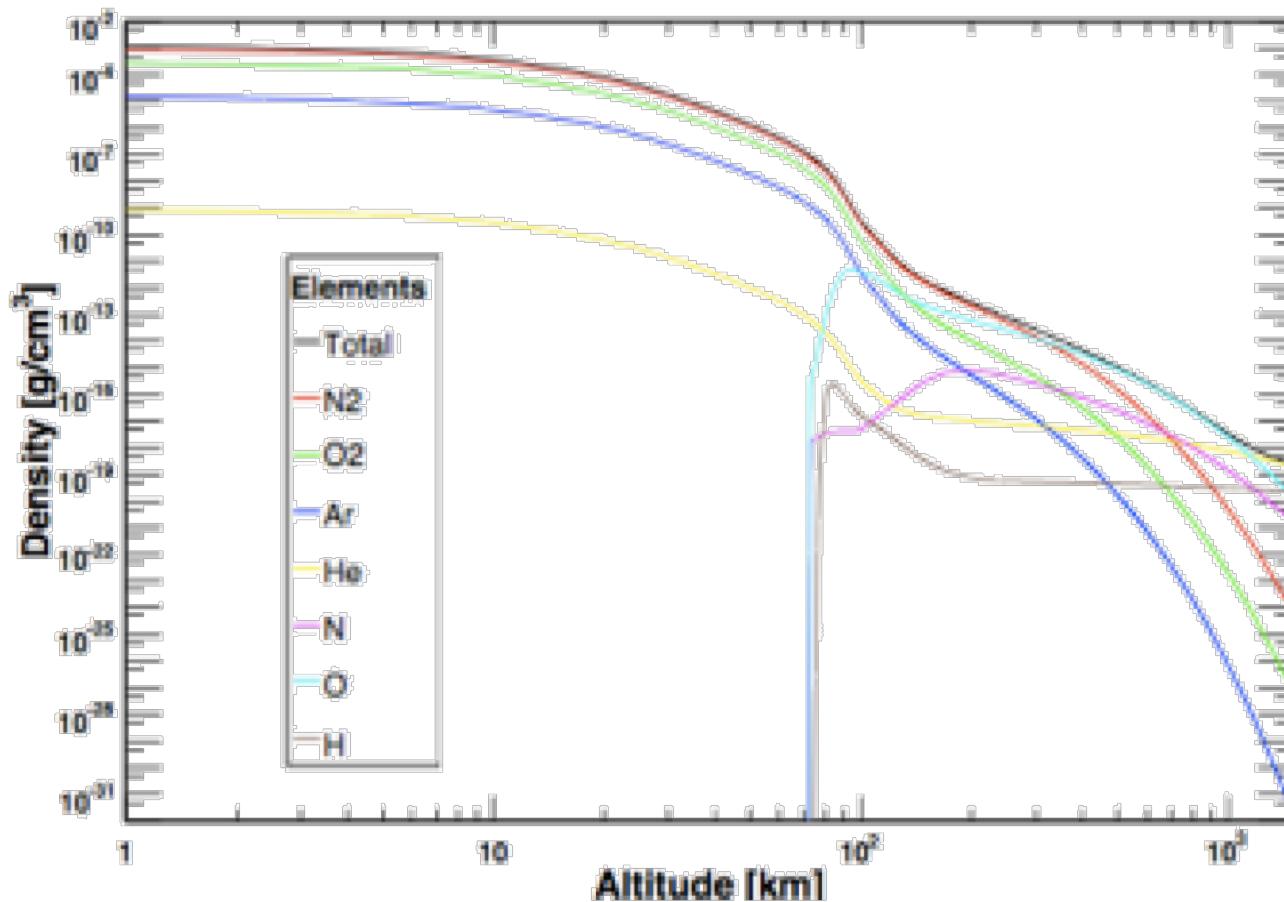


$R > R_c$
→ Particles can reach the Earth

Geomagnetic Cutoff



Atmosphere



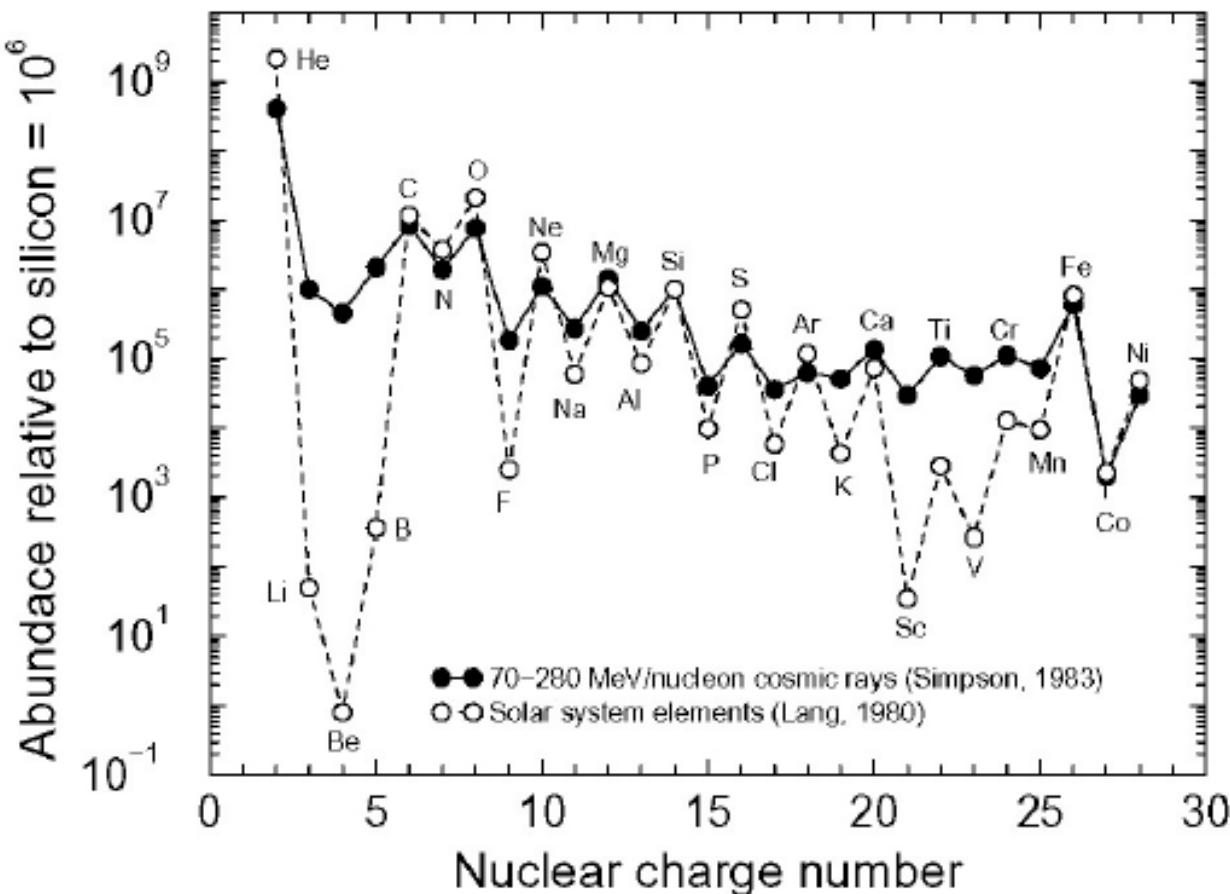
Top of atmosphere:

Depth: 4 g/cm²

(similar to matter column depth during CR journey in the Galaxy)

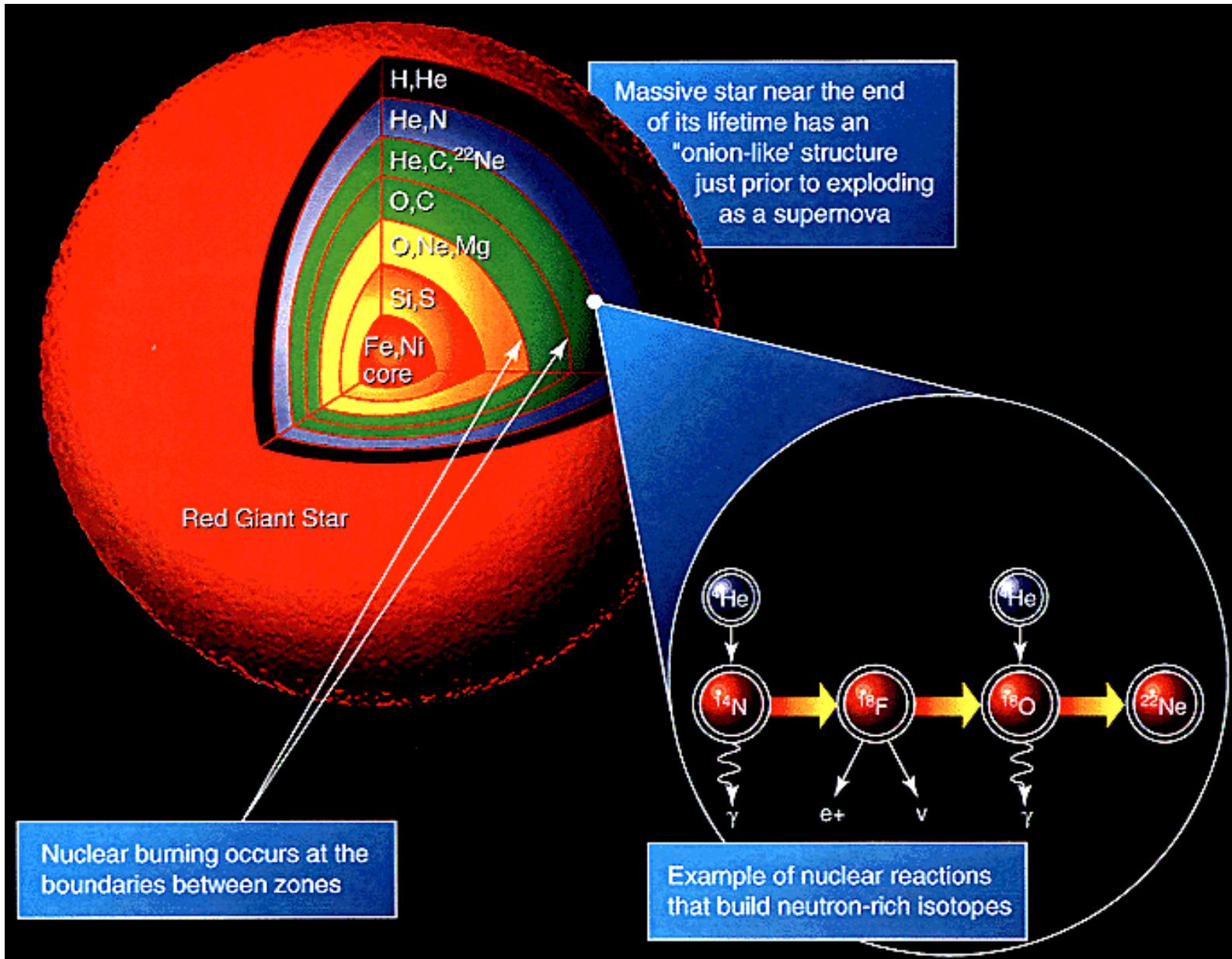
Optimal measurements: Polar orbits, solar minima, top of atmosphere

Abundance of elements

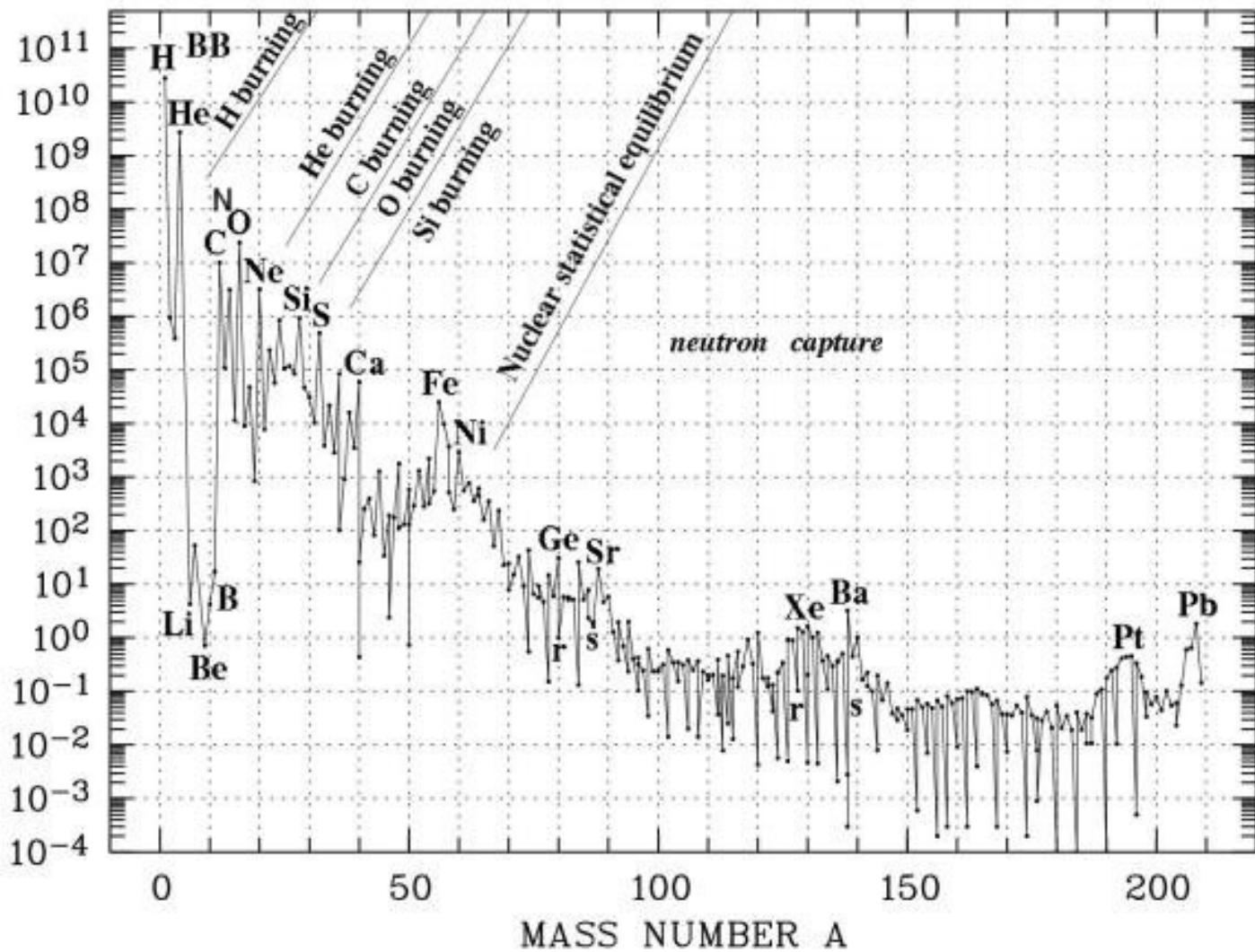


- Peaks at CNO and Fe are common in CR and solar elements
- Light elements are overabundant in CR
- H, He underabundant in CR
- Excess of sub-Fe elements in CR

SN elements propagating in the Galaxy

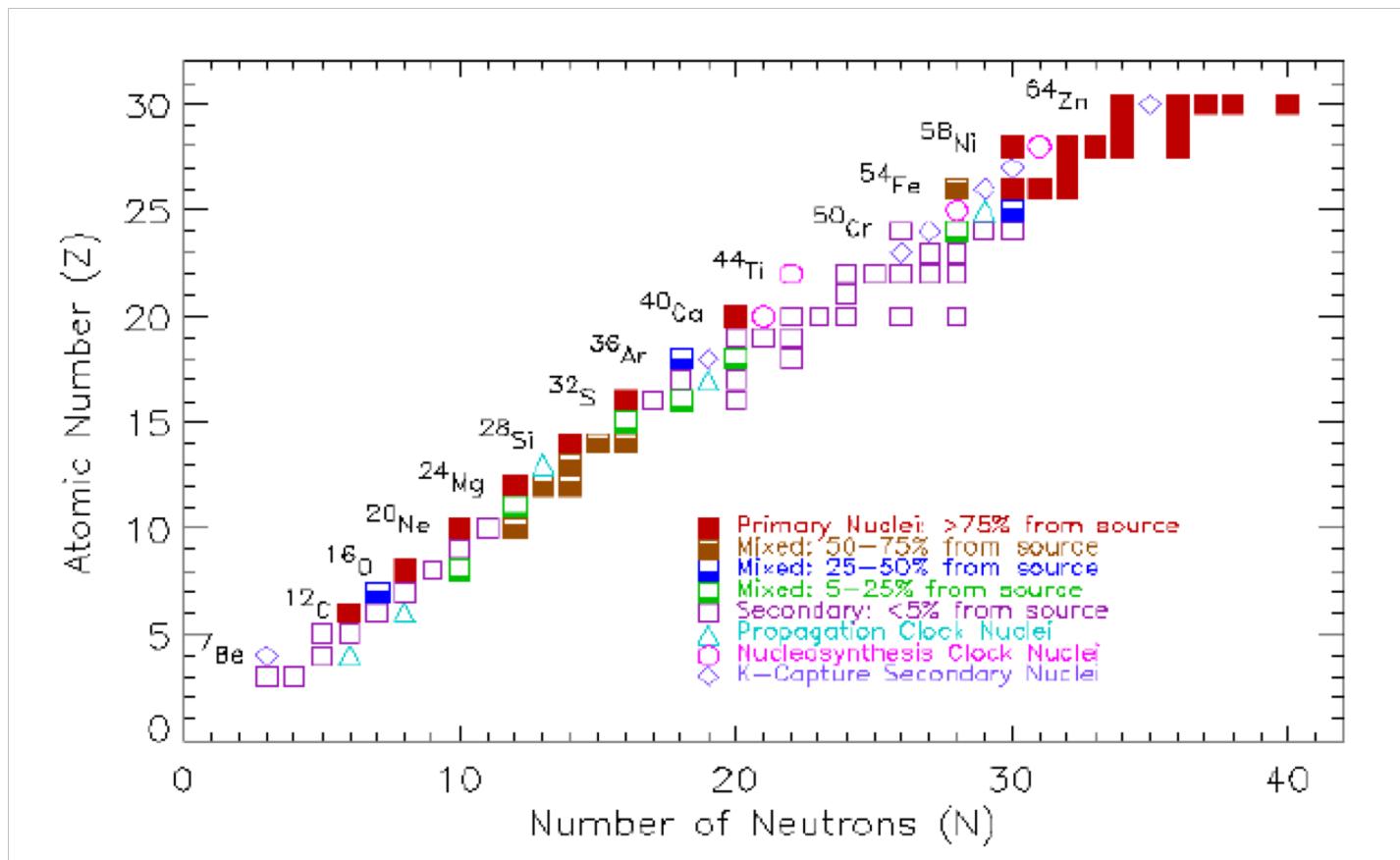


ABUNDANCE RELATIVE TO SILICON = 10^6

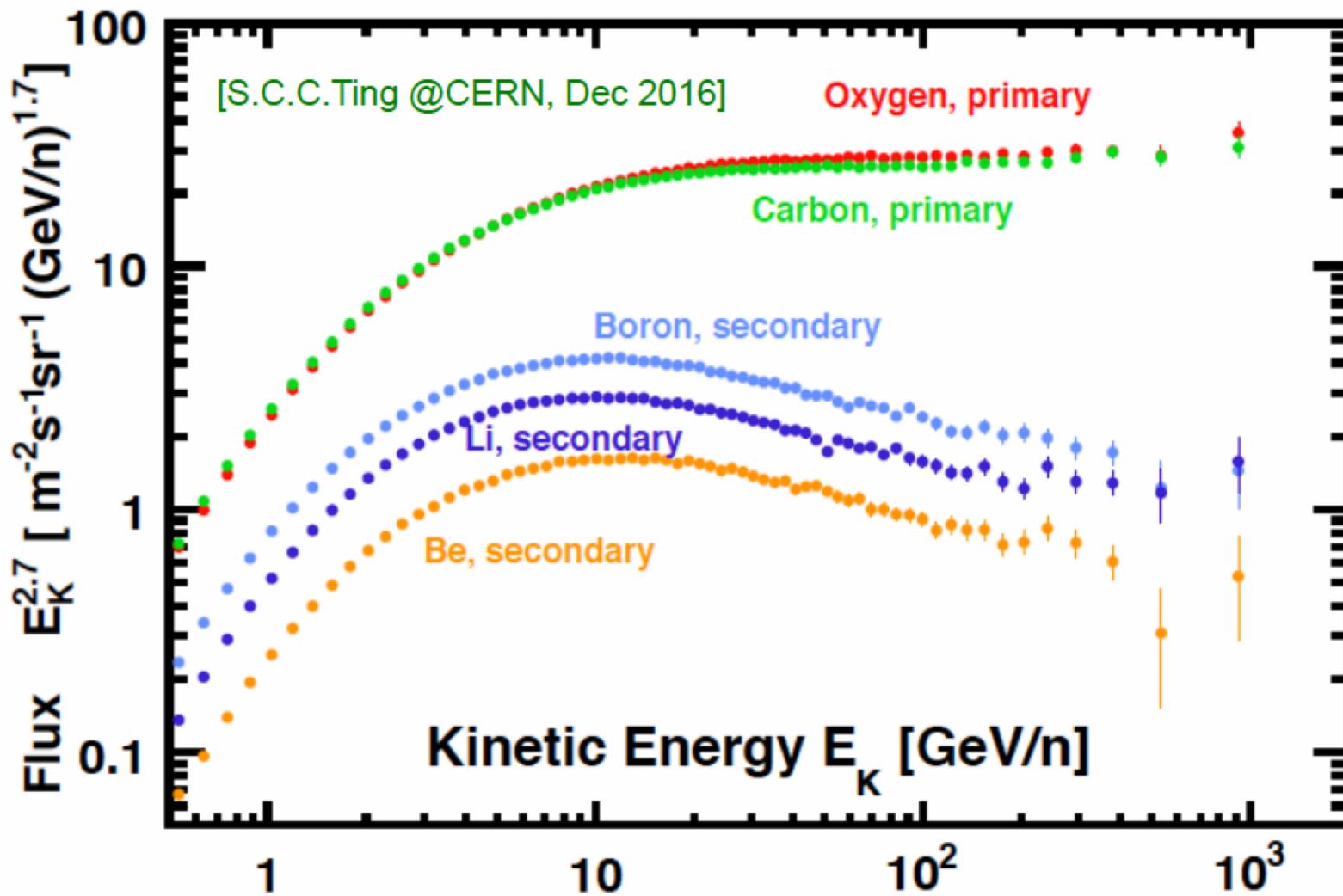


Primaries produced and accelerated in sources
H, He, CNO, Fe; e-, (e+) in SNR (& pulsars)

Secondaries produced by spallation of primary CRs on ISM
Li, Be, B, sub-Fe; e+, p+, d+; ...



Primary to Secondary ratio vs Energy



Primary to Secondary ratio vs Energy

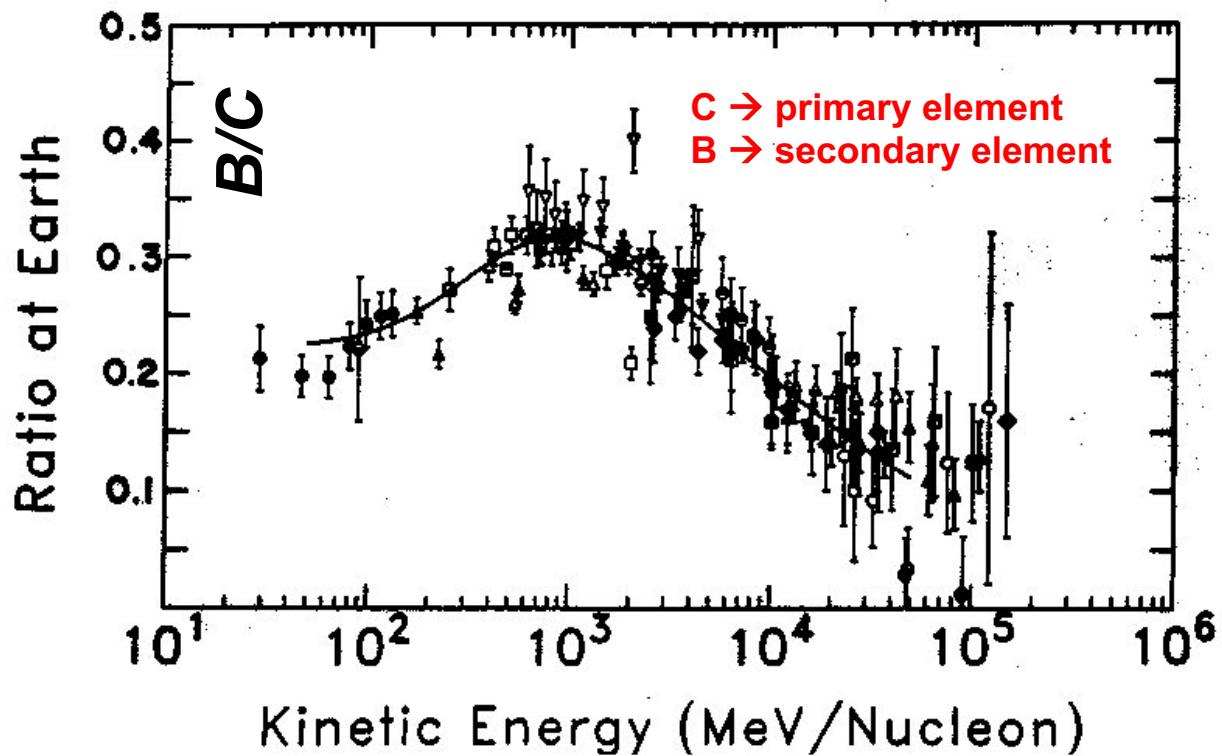
Residence time is a function of energy

CR diffusion time
Escape time

$$\tau_{esc} \propto D^{-1}(E) \propto E^{-\delta}$$

Escape length

$$\lambda_{esc} = \rho_{ISM} v \tau_{esc} \propto E^{-\delta}$$



for primary CR

$$N_p(E) \propto Q_p(E) \quad \tau(E) \propto E^{-(\alpha+\delta)}$$

for secondary CR

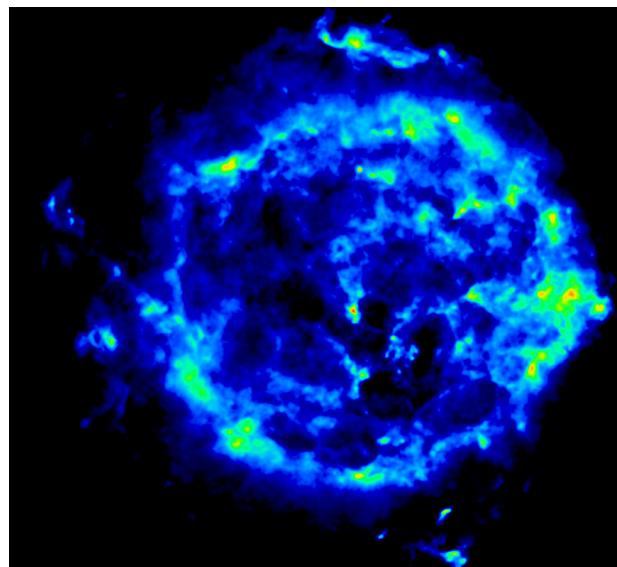
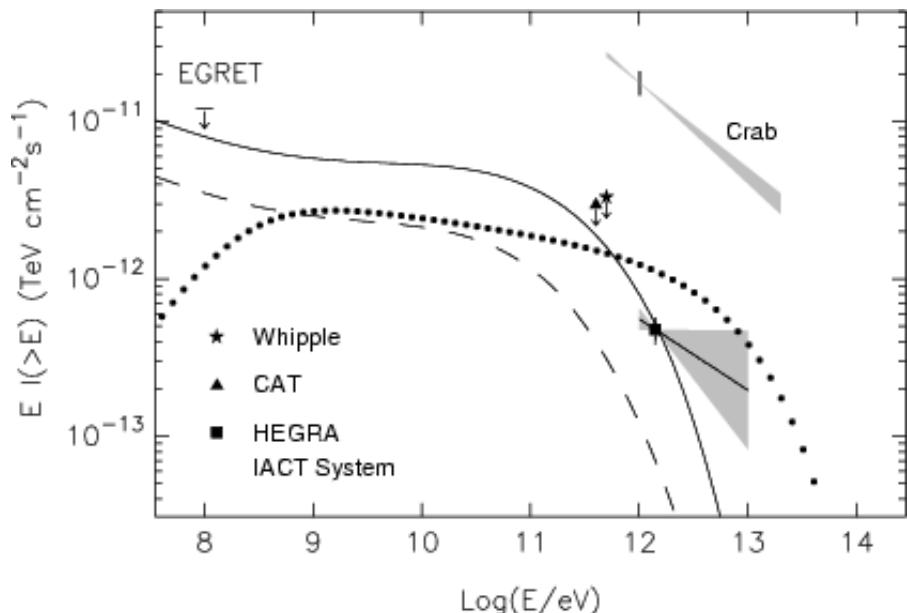
$$N_s(E) \propto Q_p(E) \quad \tau^2(E) \propto E^{-(\alpha+2\delta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N_s}{N_p} \propto E^{-\delta}$$

- At high energy (> 10 GeV/n) the S/P ratio measures the energy dependence of the escape path-length λ
- Energy spectrum of particles injected by the source is different from observed spectrum

What are the Sources of Cosmic Rays?

- 1934 Baade and Zwicky: SN explosions are sources of cosmic rays
- 1949 Enrico Fermi: Cosmic rays accelerated by collisions with moving magnetic fields
- 1977 Krimsky-Bell: Cosmic rays accelerated by supernova remnant shocks



Cassiopeia A;
VLA Radio Image

Cas A

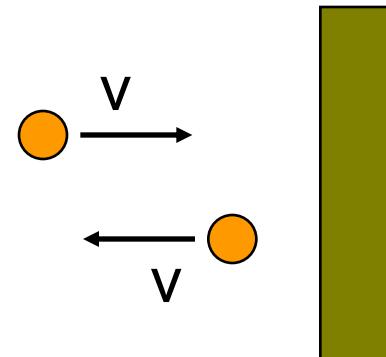
But unusually low γ -ray flux...

Aharonian et al. (2001)

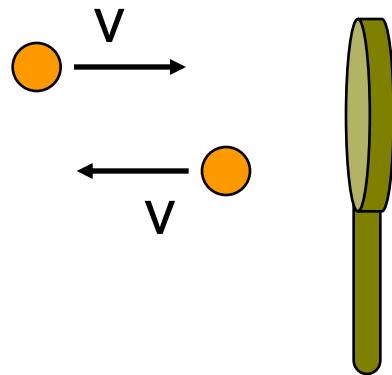
Acceleration of CR: trivial analogy...

- Tennis ball bouncing off a wall

–No energy gain or loss



rebound = unchanged
velocity



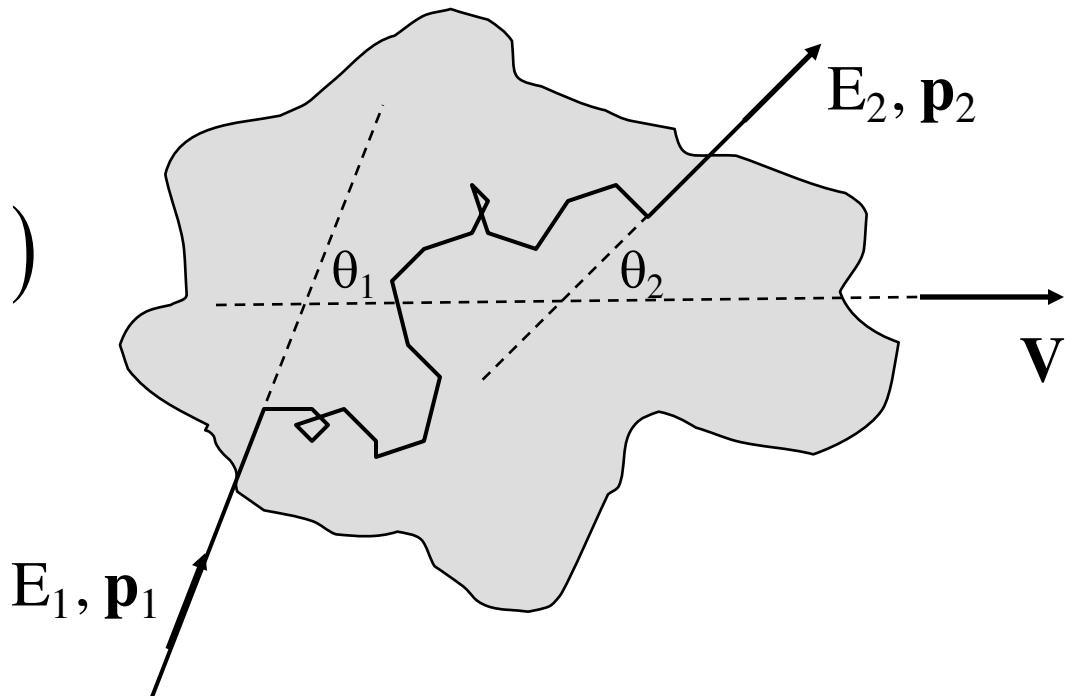
same for a steady racket...

How can one accelerate a ball and play tennis at all?!

Second Order Fermi Acceleration

- Direction randomized by scattering on the magnetic fields tied to the cloud

$$E_2 = \gamma E'_2 (1 - \beta \cos \theta'_2)$$



Entering angle:

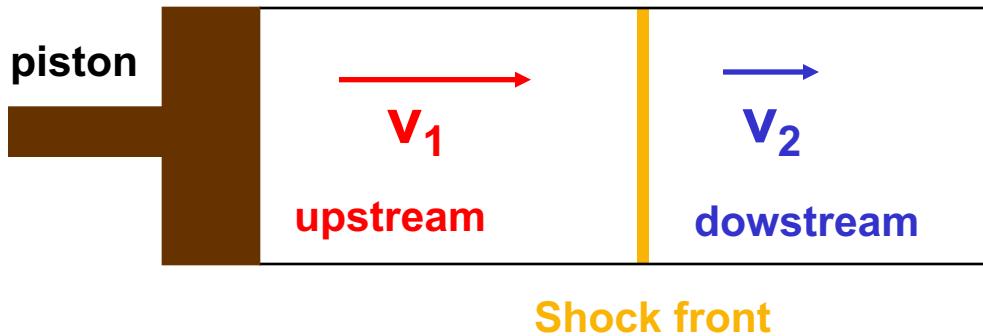
probability \propto relative velocity ($v - V \cos \theta$) **second order in V/c**
 $\rightarrow \langle \cos \theta_1 \rangle = -\beta / 3$

Exit angle: $\langle \cos \theta'_2 \rangle = 0$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{1 + \beta^2 / 3}{1 - \beta^2} - 1 \approx \frac{4}{3} \beta^2$$

Shocks

Supersonic piston



Discontinuities in flow equations across (stationary) shock front

Conservation laws still hold

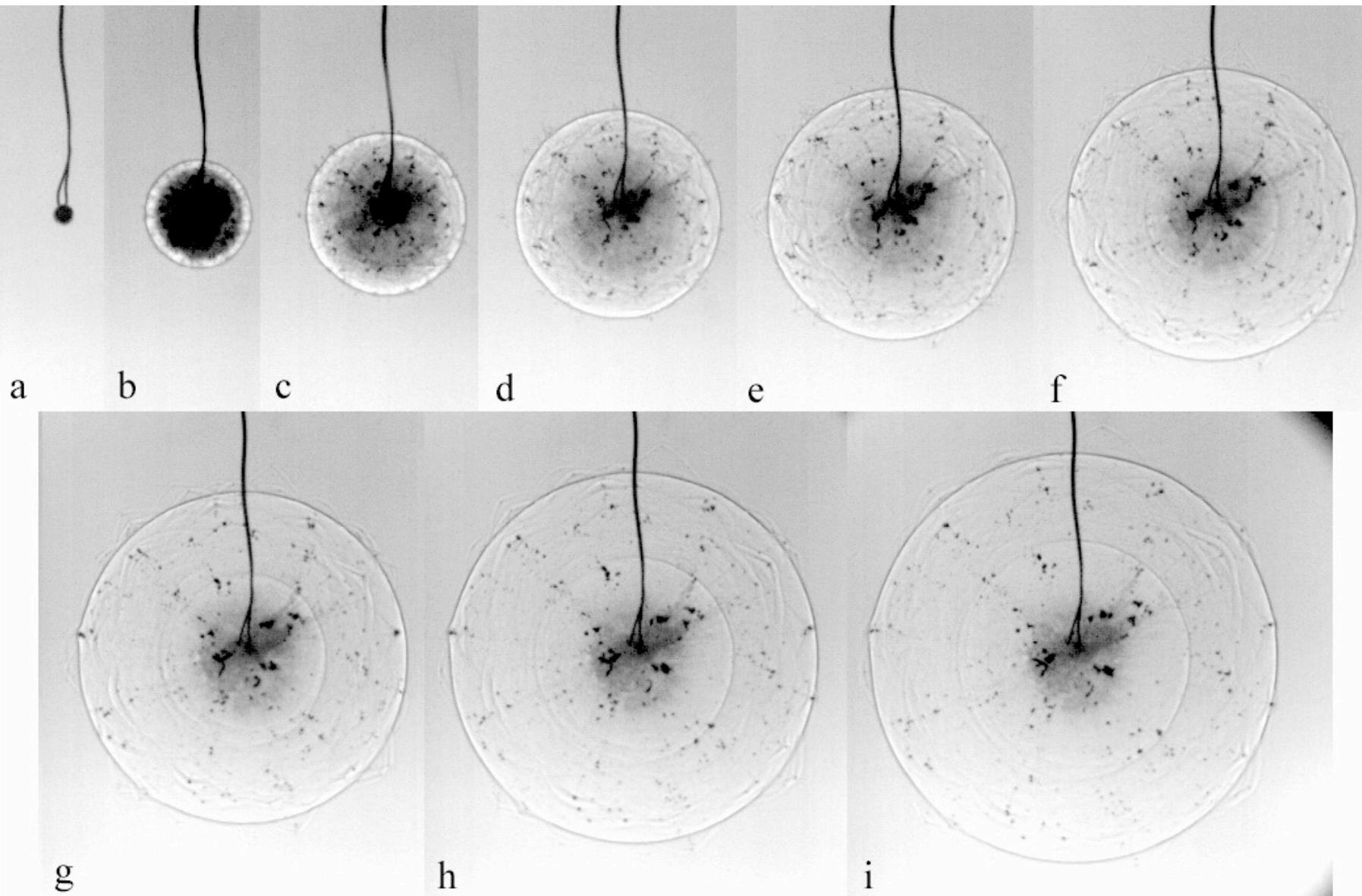
mass: $\rho_1 v_1 = \rho_2 v_2$

momentum: $p_1 + \rho_1 v_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 v_2^2$

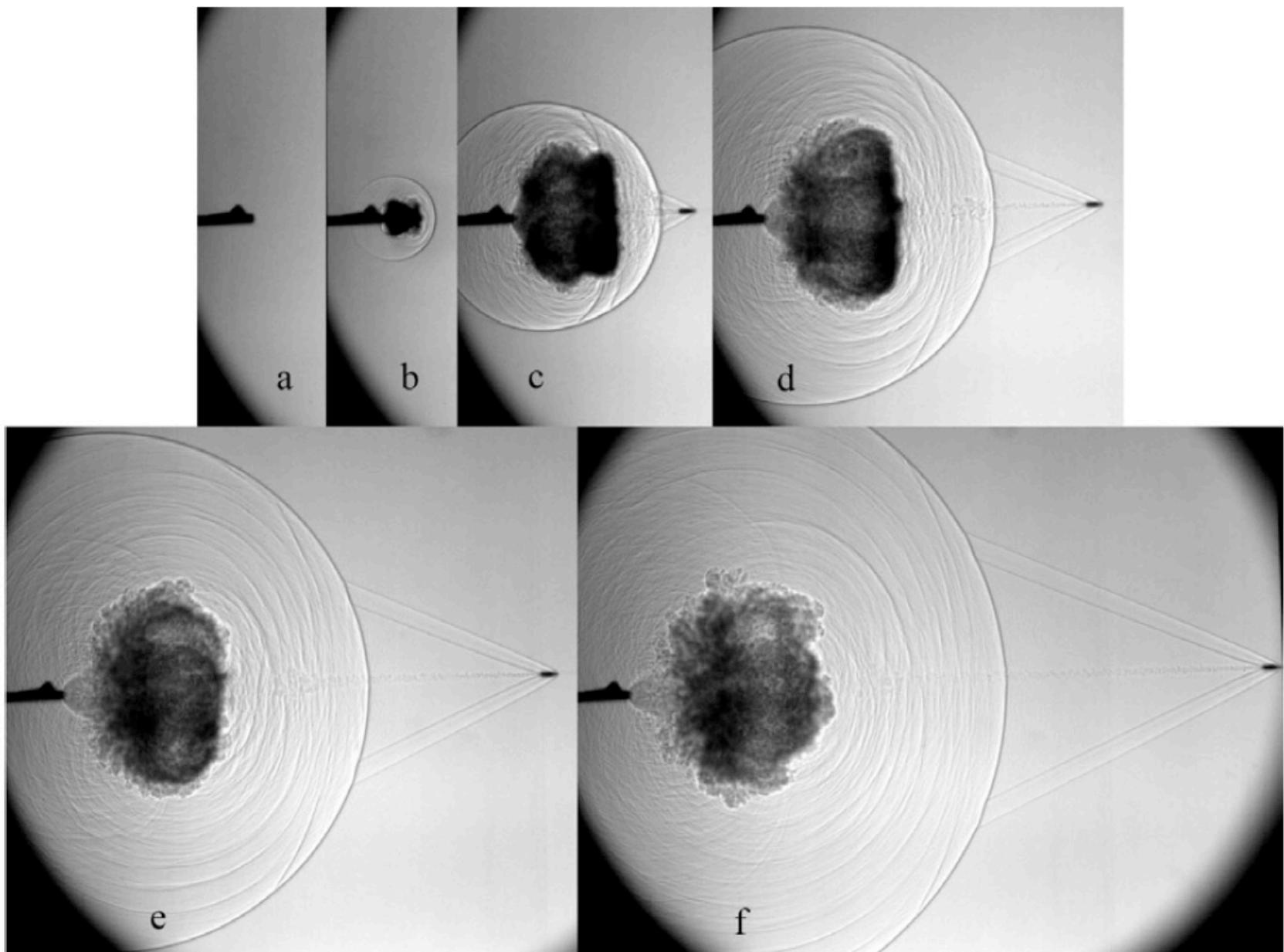
energy: $\frac{1}{2} v_1^2 + h_1 = \frac{1}{2} v_2^2 + h_2$

where the specific enthalpy $h = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{P}{\rho}$ in perfect gas

Shock waves: a TNT detonation



Shock wave:bullet at Mach 2.5



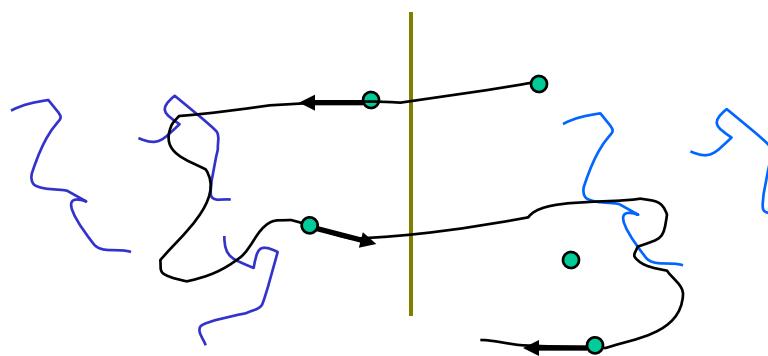
Difusive shock acceleration

Shocked
medium

$$V_{\text{shock}} / D$$

Interstellar
medium

$$V_{\text{shock}}$$



- At each crossing, the particle sees a ‘magnetic wall’ at $V = 3/4 V_{\text{shock}}$
- only overtaking collisions.

Fermi particles spectrum

After k rounds the number of particles having energy $(E, E + \Delta E)$ is :

$$N = N_0 P^k \quad E = E_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta E}{E}\right)^k \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{N}{N_0} = \frac{E^{\frac{\ln P}{\ln(1 + \Delta E/E)}}}{E_0}$$

$$\frac{dN(E)}{dE} = C \cdot E^{-1 + \frac{\ln P}{\ln(1 + \Delta E/E)}}$$

$$P_{\text{surv}} = 1 - \frac{V}{c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{V}{c}$$

$$V \ll c$$

$$\frac{dN(E)}{dE} = C \cdot E^{-2}$$

- First order (diffusive) shock acceleration
 - “Fermi acceleration”, originally 2nd order
 - Power-law spectrum: $dN/dE \sim E^{-\alpha}$
 - $\alpha = 2$ for strong shock (large Mach number)

Maximum energy gain

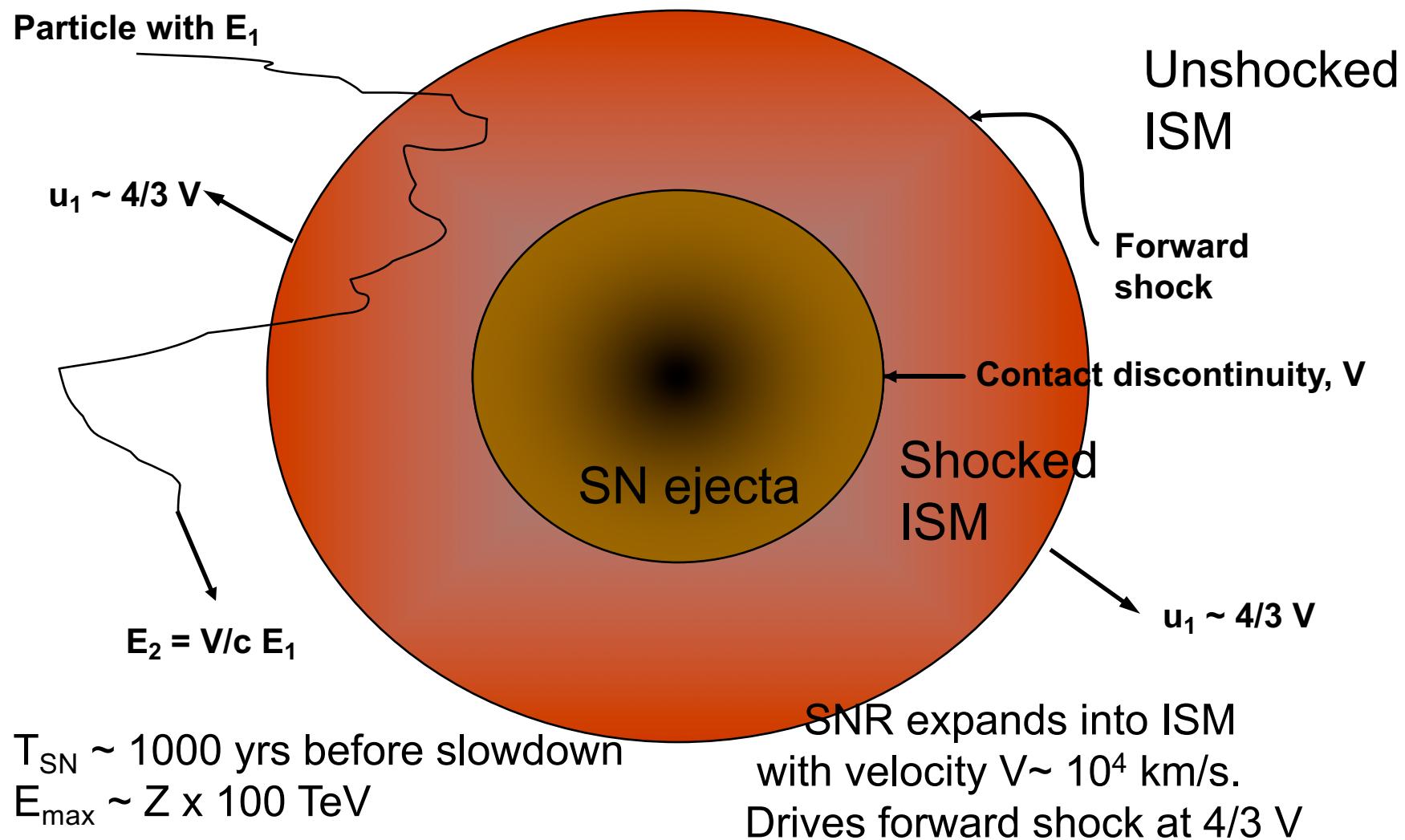
$\Delta E = \xi E$ at each shock crossing:

- $\xi \sim \beta_{\text{shock}}$
- $dE/dt = \xi E / T_{\text{cycle}}$
- with $T_{\text{cycle}} \sim r_L / c$ $\beta_{\text{shock}} \sim (E / ZeB) / c \beta_{\text{shock}}$
- $dE/dt = \xi (ZeB) c \beta_{\text{shock}}$
- $E_{\max} \sim \xi (ZeB) (c \beta_{\text{shock}} T)$, after a time T

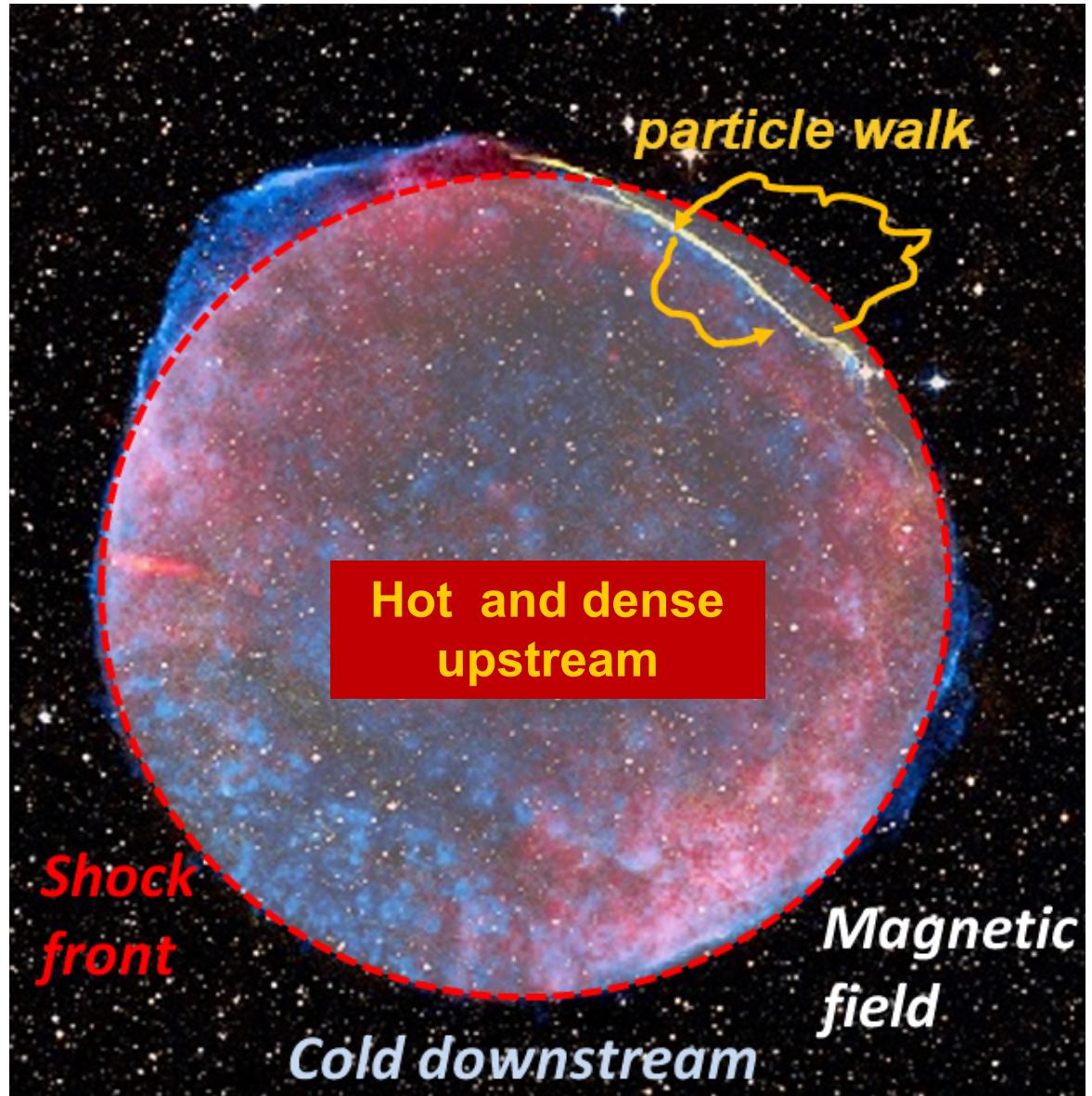
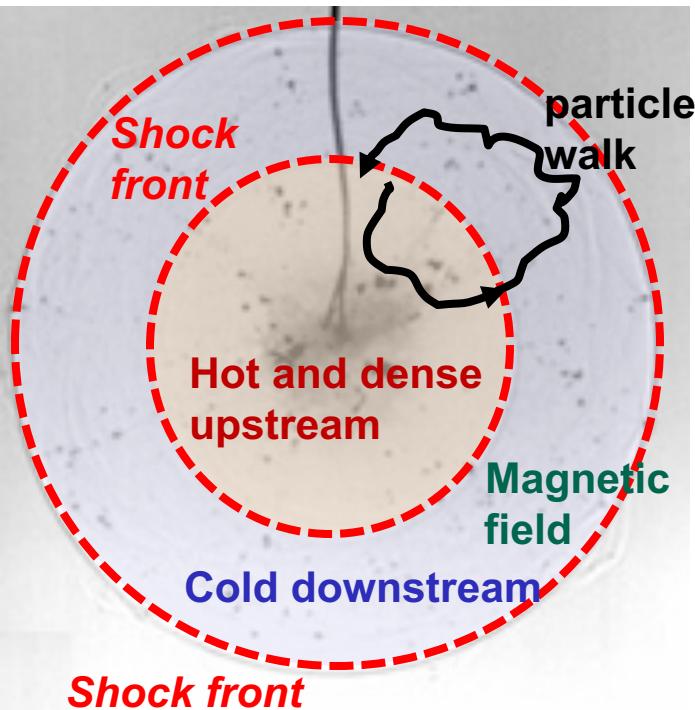
The maximum energy of the particles depends on the number of rounds, then on the source dimension R and on the particle Gyroradius

$$E_{p,\max} \propto \frac{R}{R_L} = \beta e B R$$

Supernova blast wave acceleration



SNR as sources of Cosmic Rays below the ankle



SNR sources of CRs: Energetics – Ginzburg Syrovatsky

Crab SNR
ESO



SNR (SuperNova Remnants) are the relics of SN explosions.

Shock waves generated in SN environment (blast, reverse) could be responsible for Fermi acceleration.

B ($\approx \mu\text{G}$) and R constraints limit the maximum energy of accelerated protons to $\approx 10^{14}$ eV.

For higher energy stronger B is required: X Ray Binaries (XRB), pulsar wind.

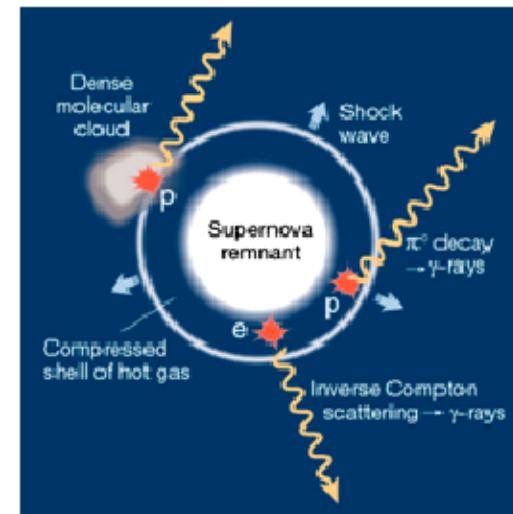
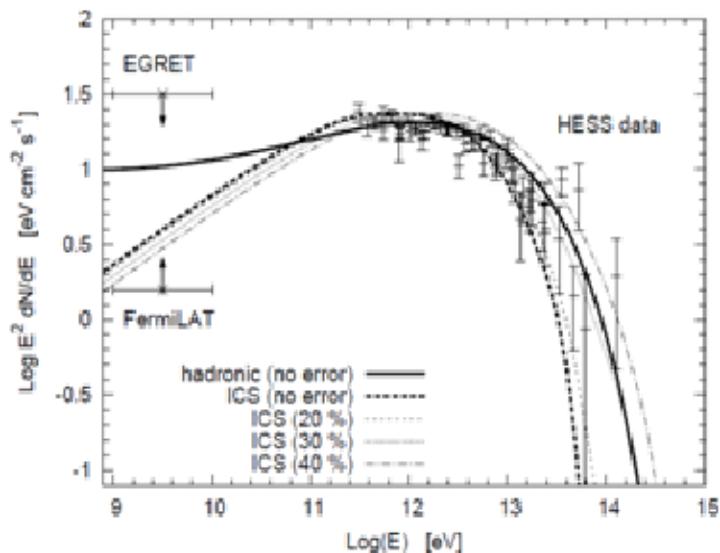
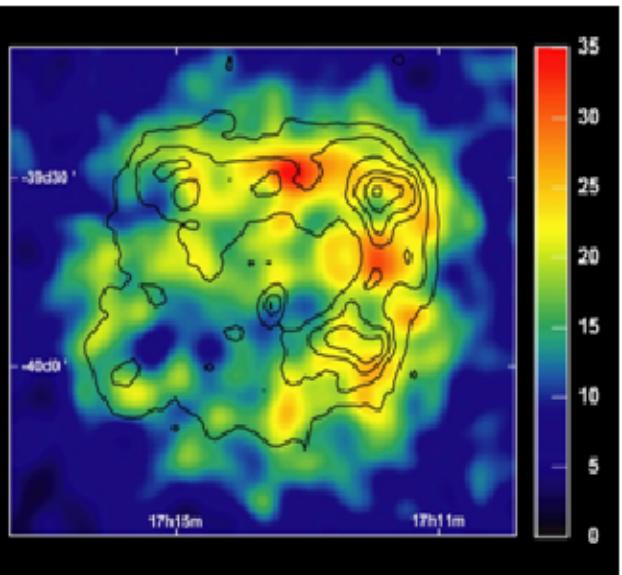
The total amount of energy generated by SN explosions largely accounts for the observed energy in cosmic rays:

$$L_{\text{CR}}^{\text{Galactic}} = \frac{V_{\text{Galaxy}} \rho_{\text{CR}}}{\tau_{\text{Galaxy}}^{\text{confinement}}} \sim \frac{10^{66} [\text{cm}^3] \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-12} \left[\frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3} \right]}{1.8 \cdot 10^{14} [\text{s}]} \sim 10^{40} \left[\frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}} \right]$$

$$L_{\text{SN}}^{\text{Galactic}} \sim \frac{10^{53} [\text{erg}]}{30 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^7 [\text{s}]} \sim 10^{42} \left[\frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}} \right] \quad \text{Under the hypothesis of 1 SN/30 years}$$

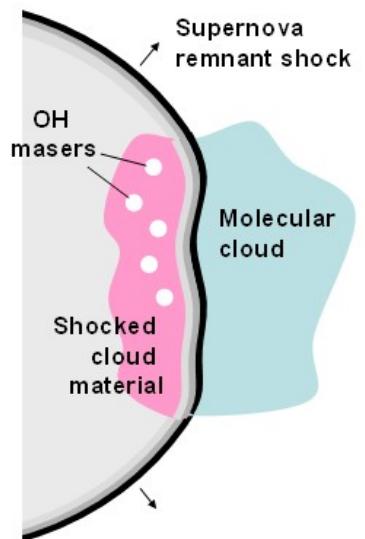
This requires an efficiency of \sim percent for the energy conversion to particle acceleration

SNR sources of Galactic CRs: HESS data TeV gamma rays

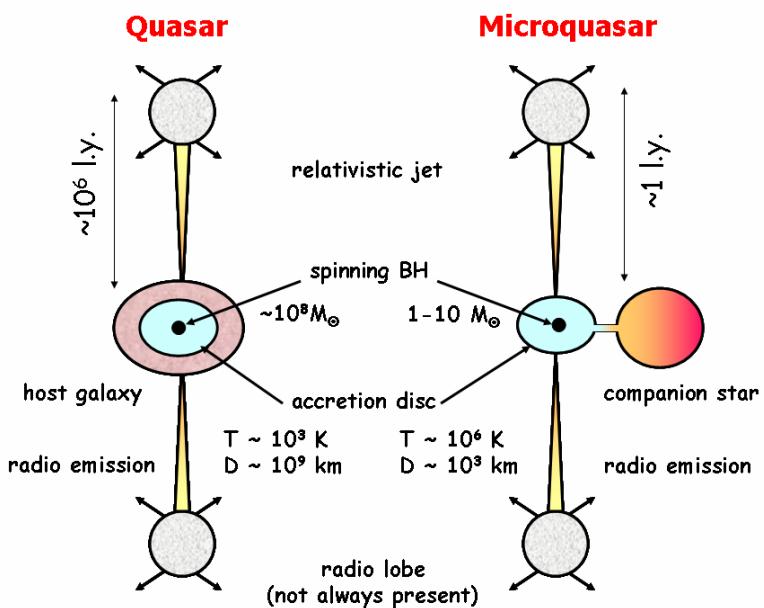
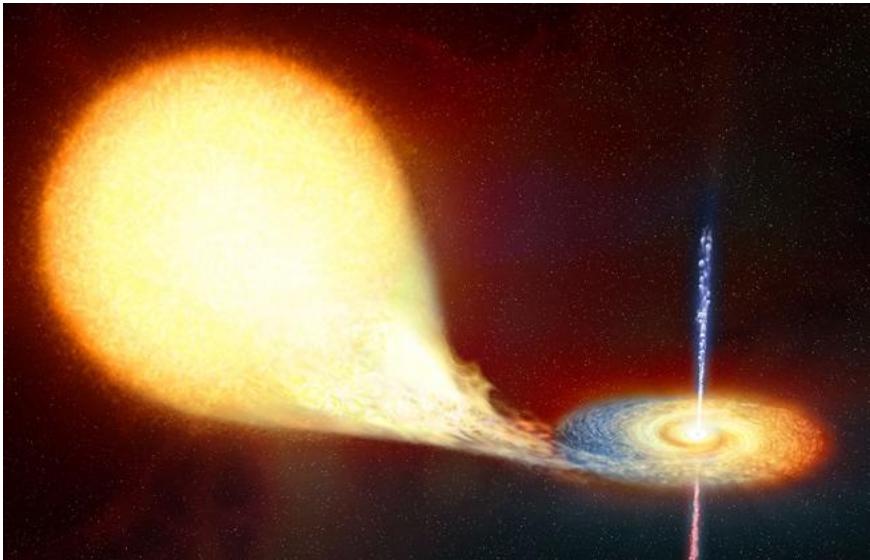


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Detected in TeV gamma rays



Microquasars

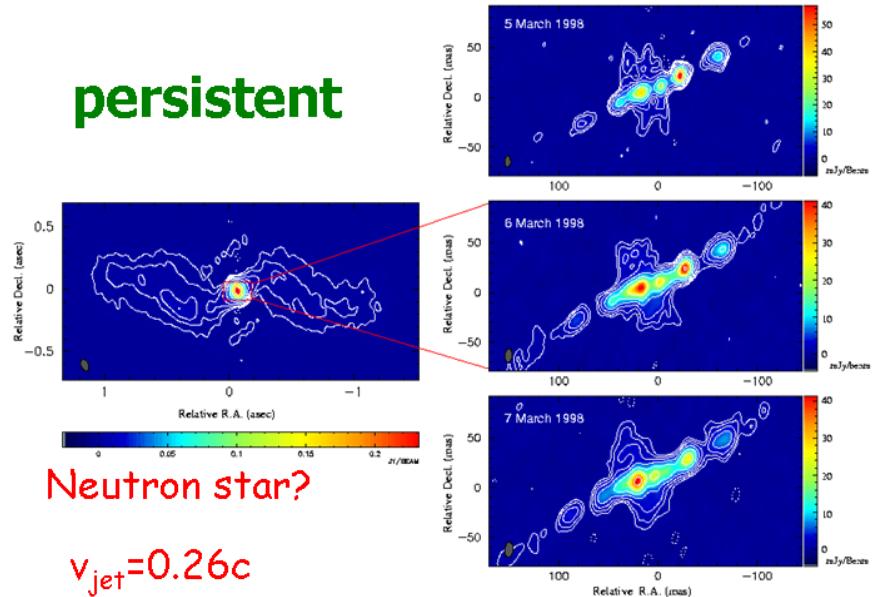


Radio observation (since 1980)

MERLIN+VLA Image of SS433

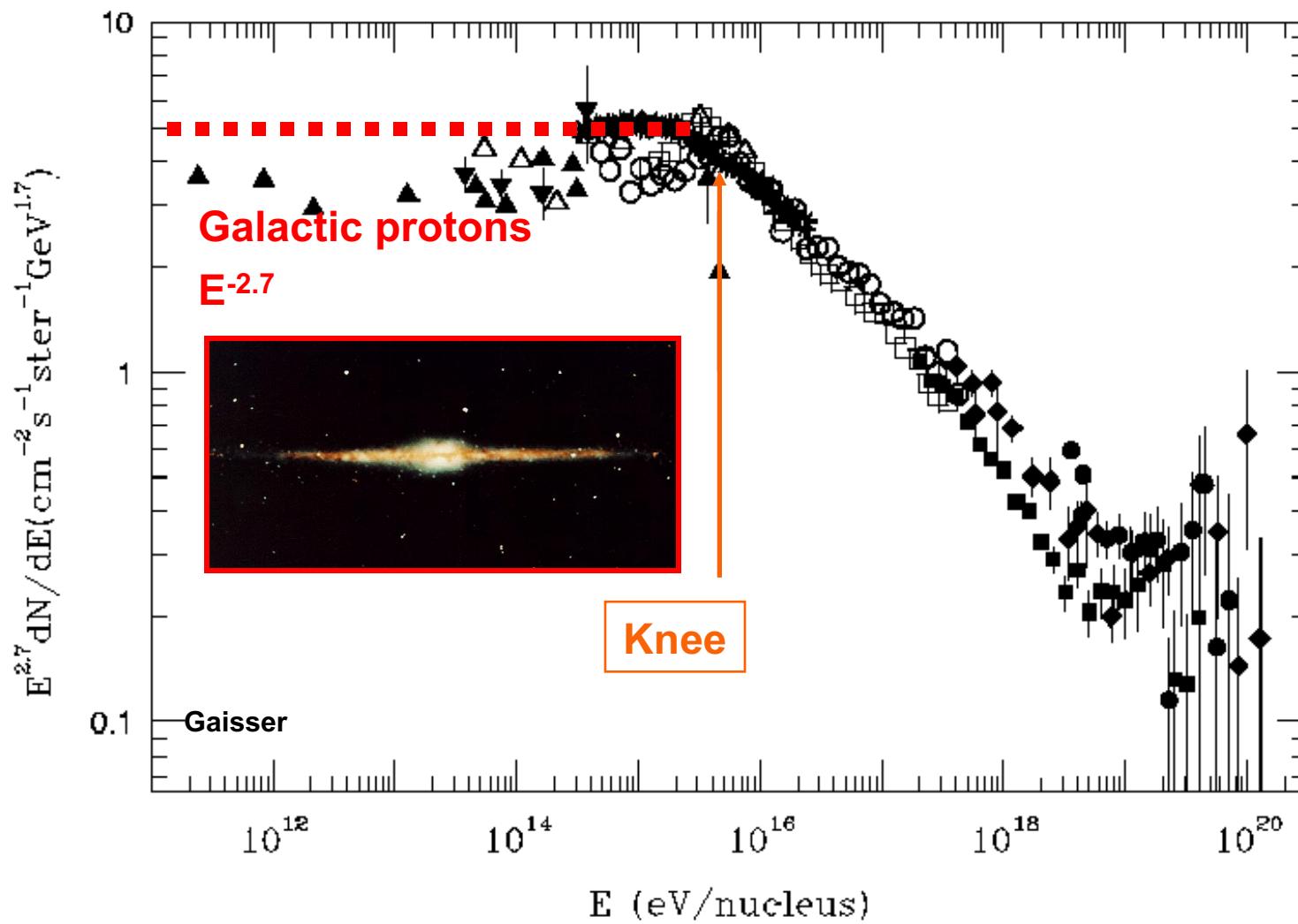
VLBA Images of SS433

persistent



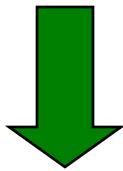
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The high energy cosmic ray standard paradigm



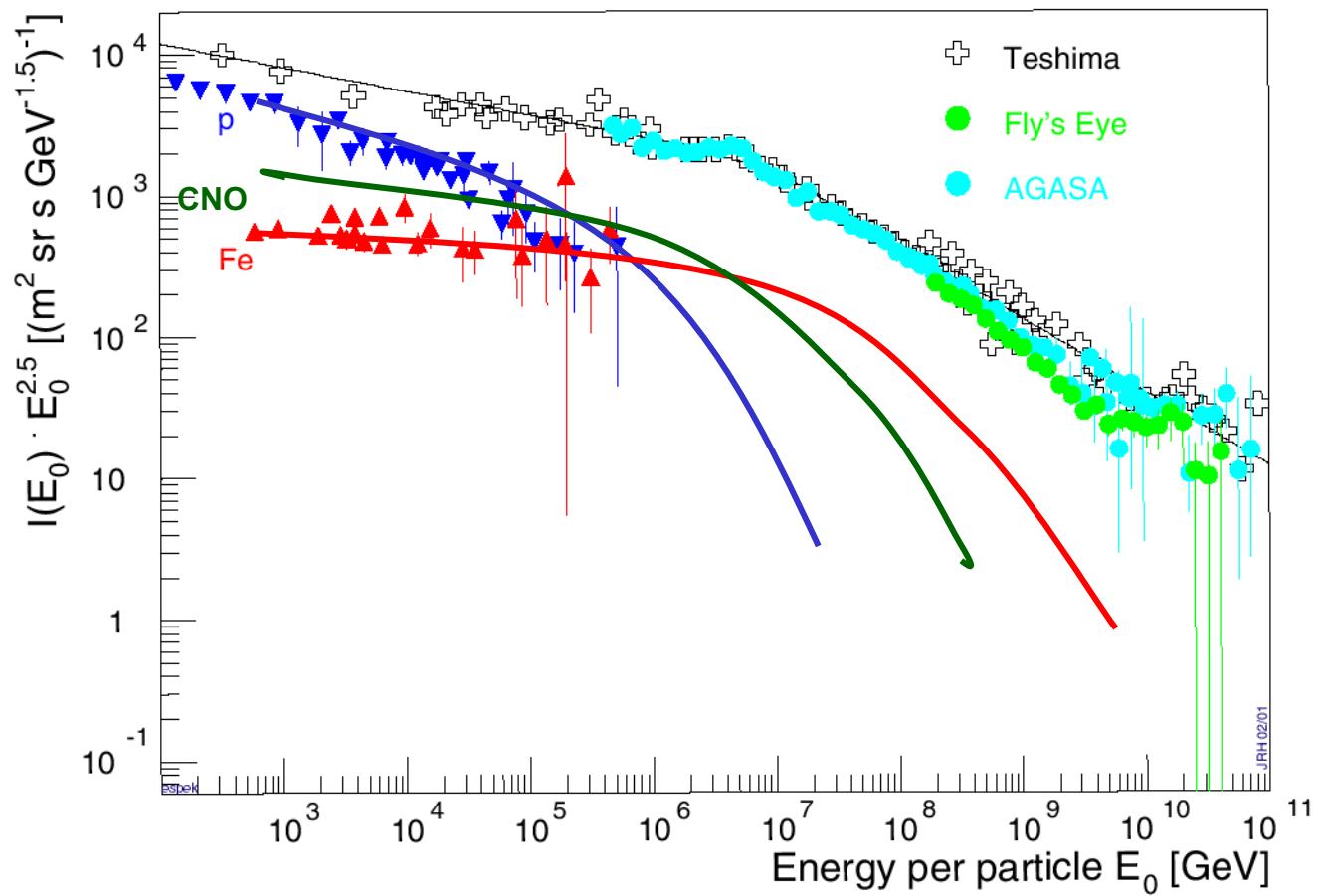
Origin of the knee

- Fermi acceleration: $E_{\max} \sim Z \cdot 10^{15}$ eV
- Leakage from Galaxy: escape probability $\sim 1/Z$

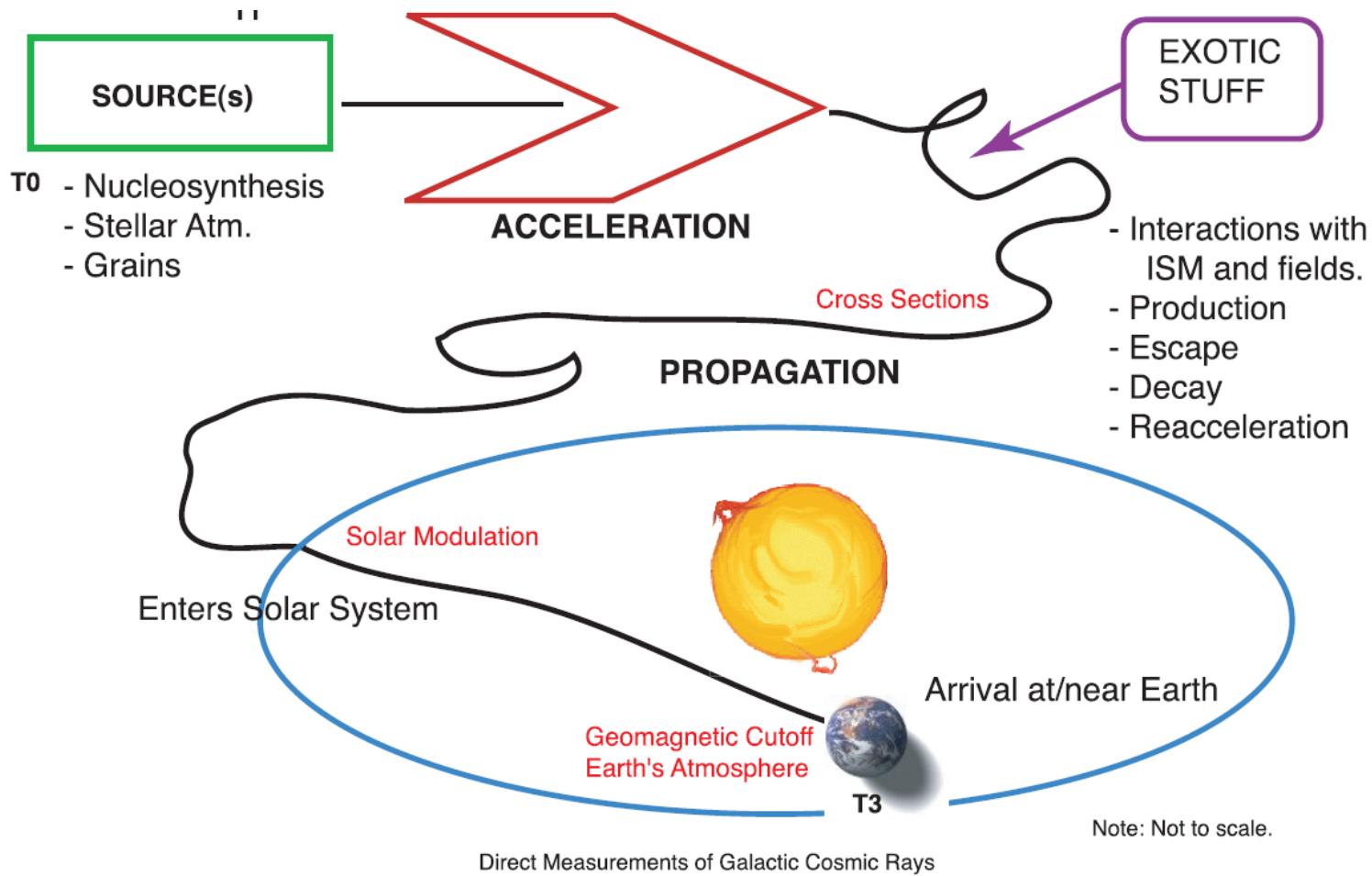


rigidity dependent
cut-off:

$$E_k \sim Z$$



Proton confinement

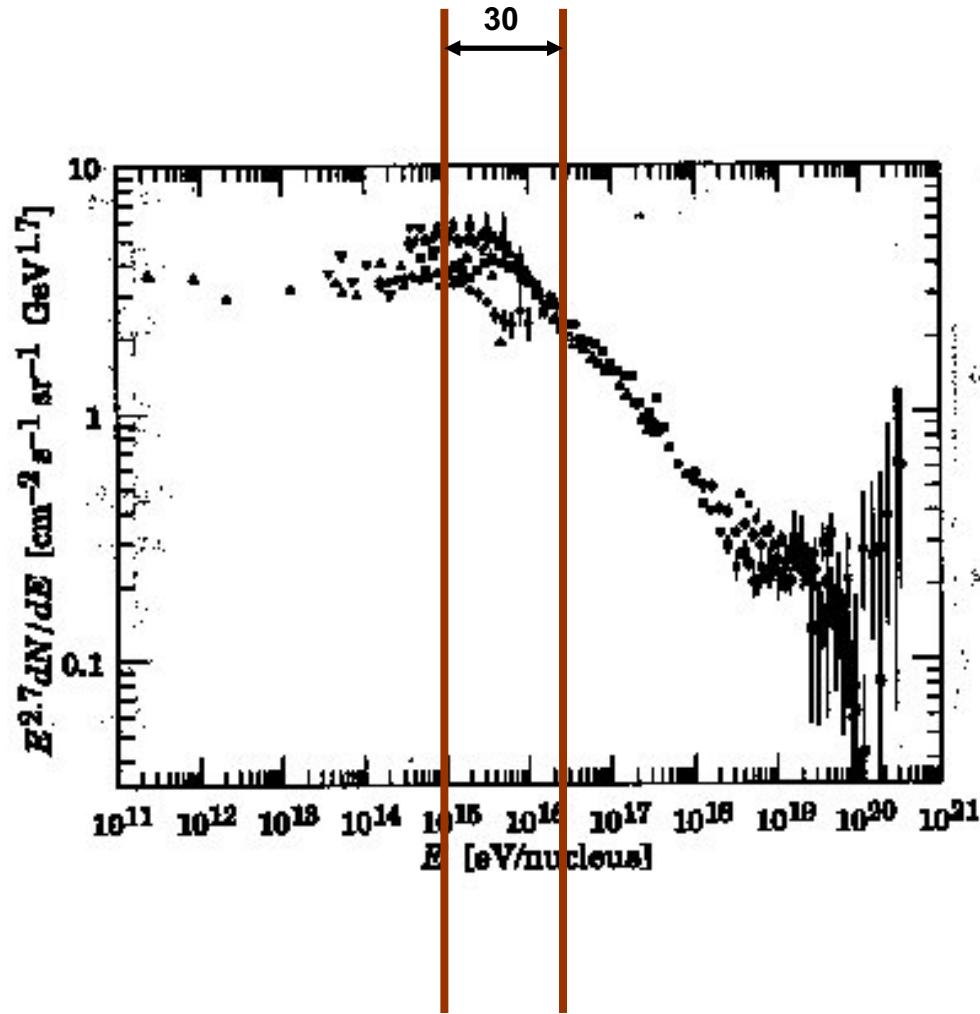


Proton Larmor radius:

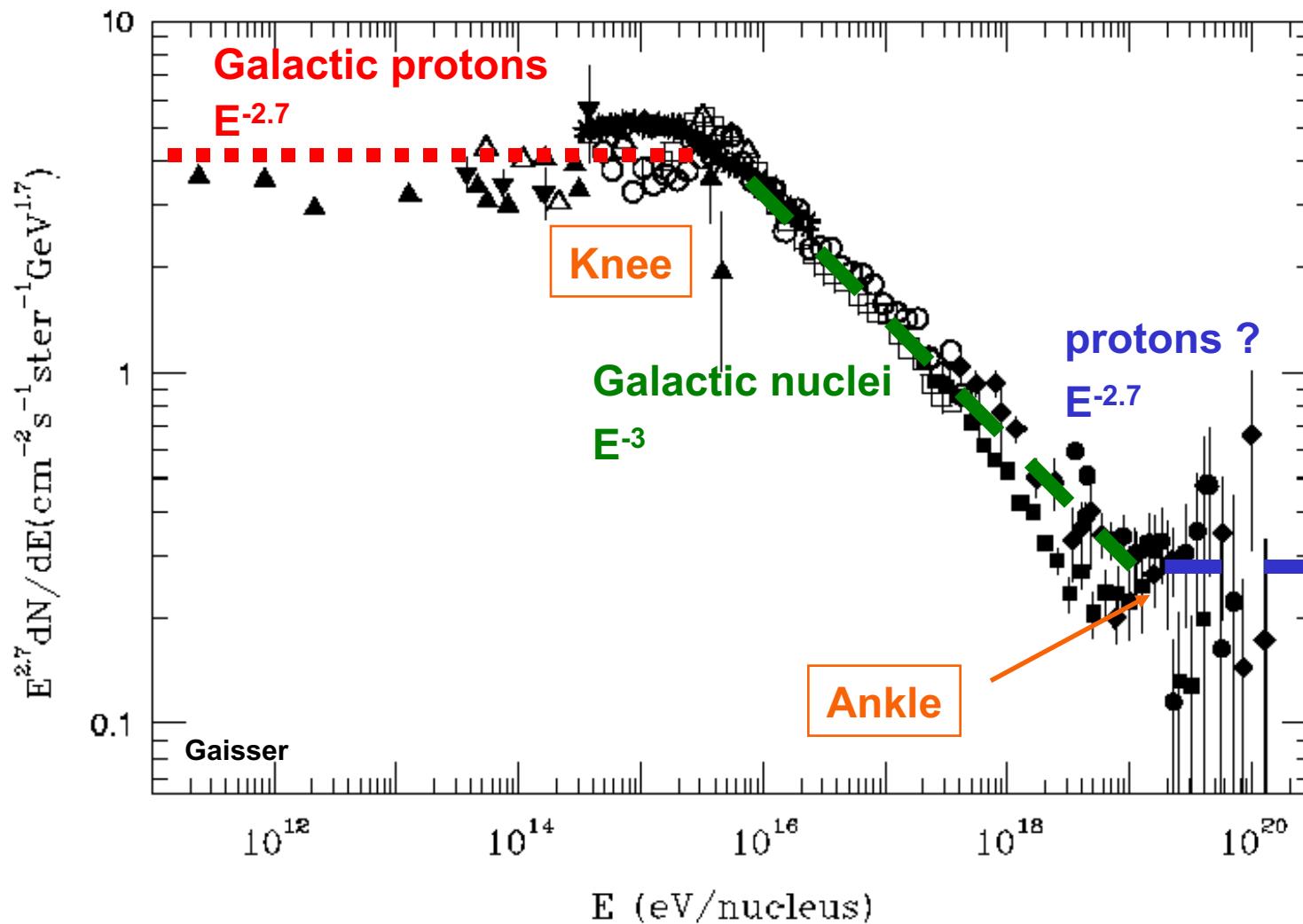
$$r_L \approx 3 \text{ pc} / B_{\text{mG}} \text{ at } E = 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV (knee)}$$

Rigidity-dependence

- Acceleration, propagation
 - depend on B : $r_{\text{gyro}} = R/B$
 - Rigidity, $R = E/Ze$
 - $E_c(Z) \sim Z R_c$
- $r_{\text{SNR}} \sim \text{parsec}$
 - $\rightarrow E_{\text{max}} \sim Z \cdot 10^{15} \text{ eV}$
 - $1 \leq Z \leq 30$ (p to Fe)
- Slope change should occur within factor of 30 in energy
- Characteristic pattern of increasing A with energy



The high energy cosmic ray standard paradigm

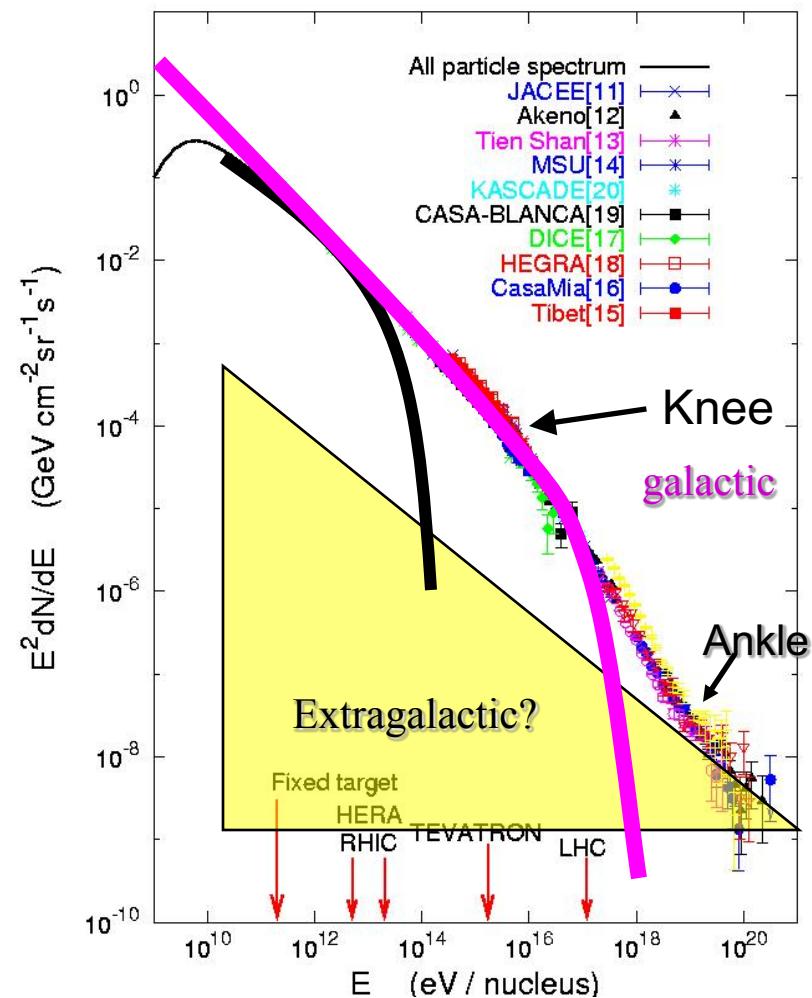


Sources of high energy protons exists and dominate the CR spectrum at $E > 10^{18.5}$ eV

Highest energy cosmic rays

- $E_{\max} \sim \beta_{\text{shock}} Z e B R_{\text{shock}}$
- for SNR $\rightarrow E_{\max} \sim Z \times 100 \text{ TeV}$

- Knee:
 - Differential spectral index changes at $\sim 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV}$
 - $\alpha = 2.7 \rightarrow \alpha = 3.0$
 - Some SNR can accelerate protons to $\sim 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ (Berezhko)
 - How to explain 10^{17} to $> 10^{18} \text{ eV}$?
- Ankle at $\sim 3 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$:
 - Flatter spectrum
 - Suggestion of change in composition
 - New population of particles, possibly extragalactic?
- Look for composition signatures of “knee” and “ankle”



CR above the knee: chemical composition

Ground Based experimental data: primary CR composition recovered from interaction point in atmosphere

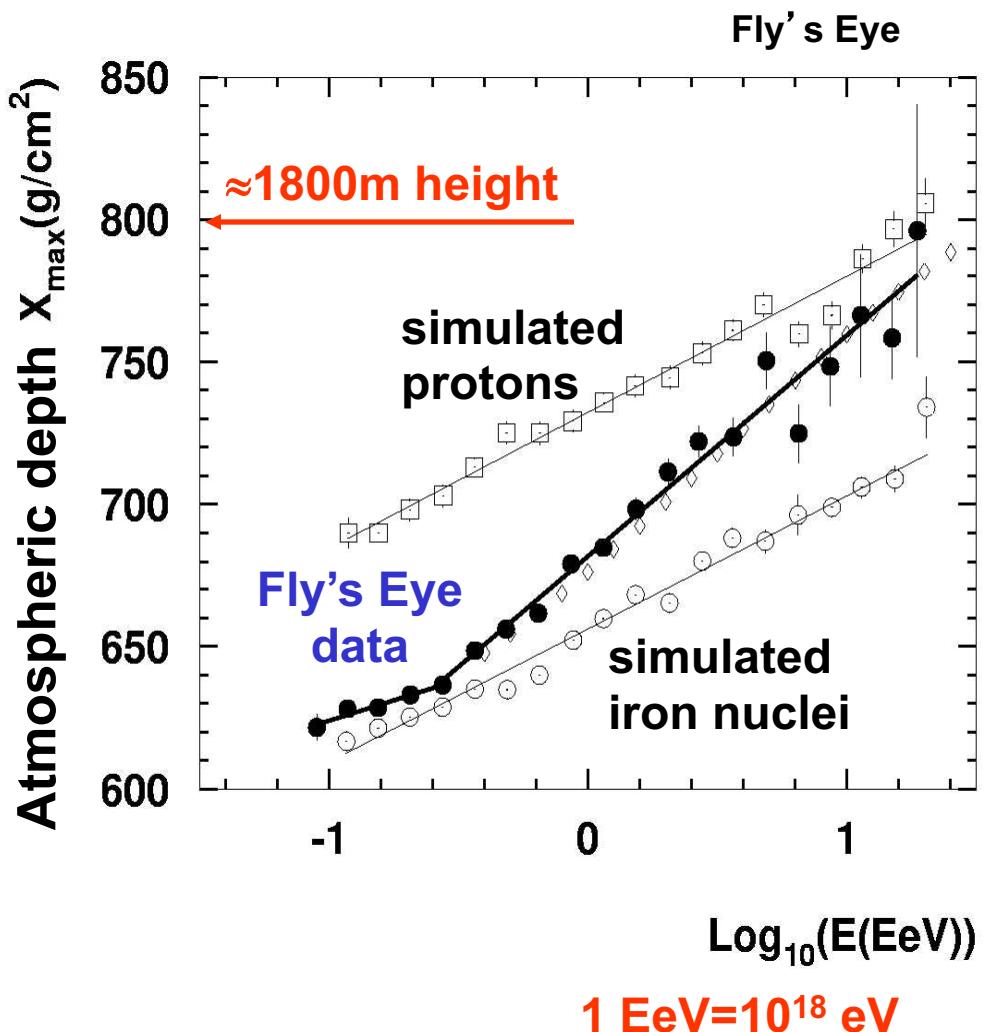
$E < 10^{15}$ eV

Heavy particles (only 10% p)

$E > 10^{15}$ eV

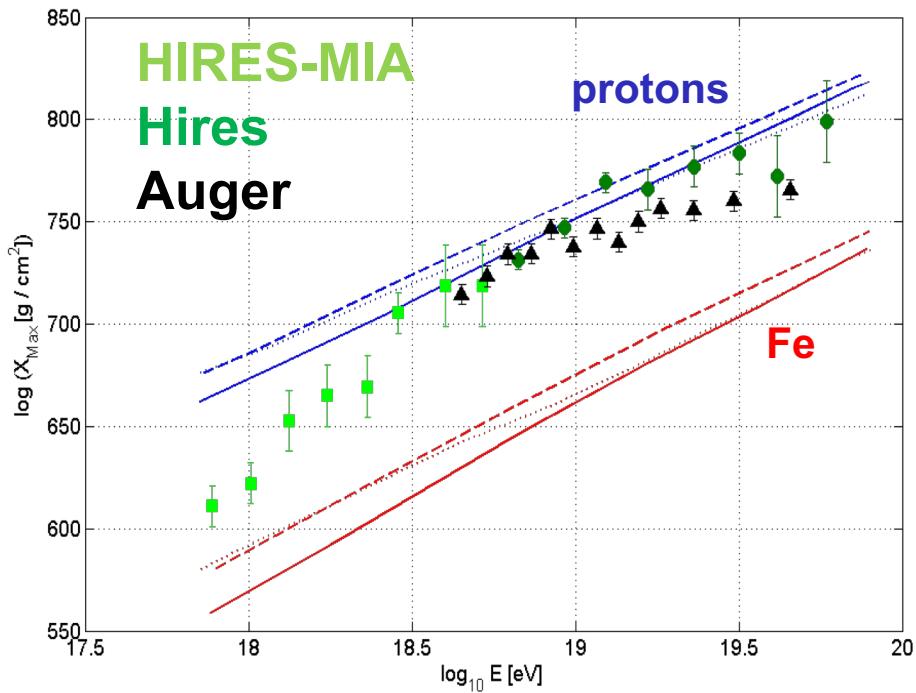
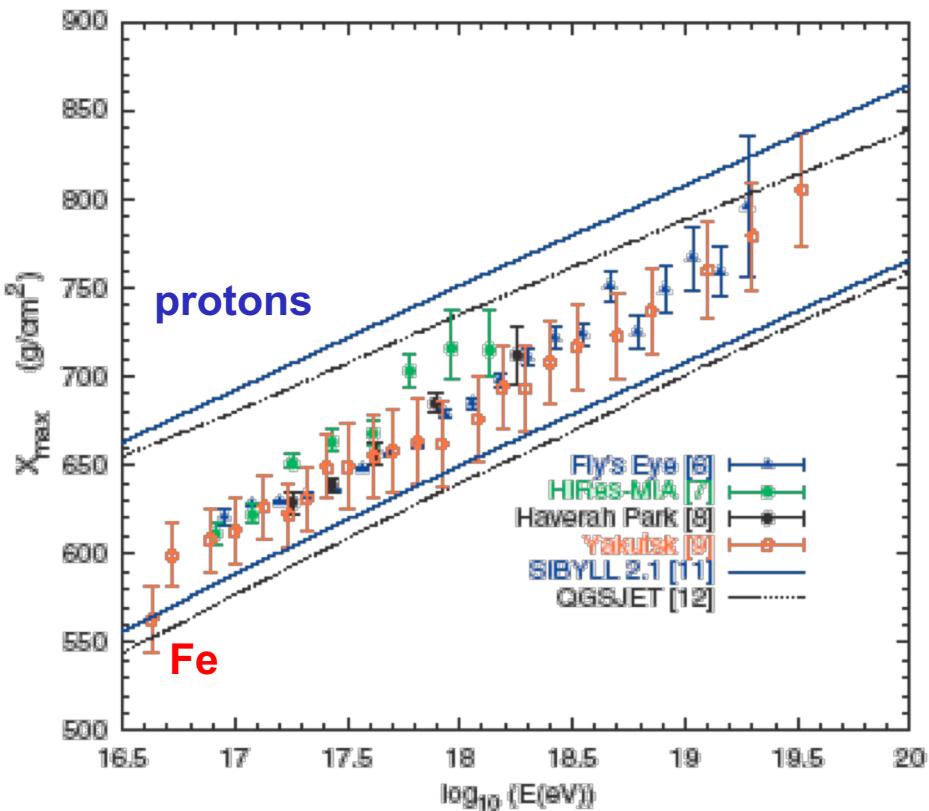
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Events with more than 10^{20} eV likely to be protons

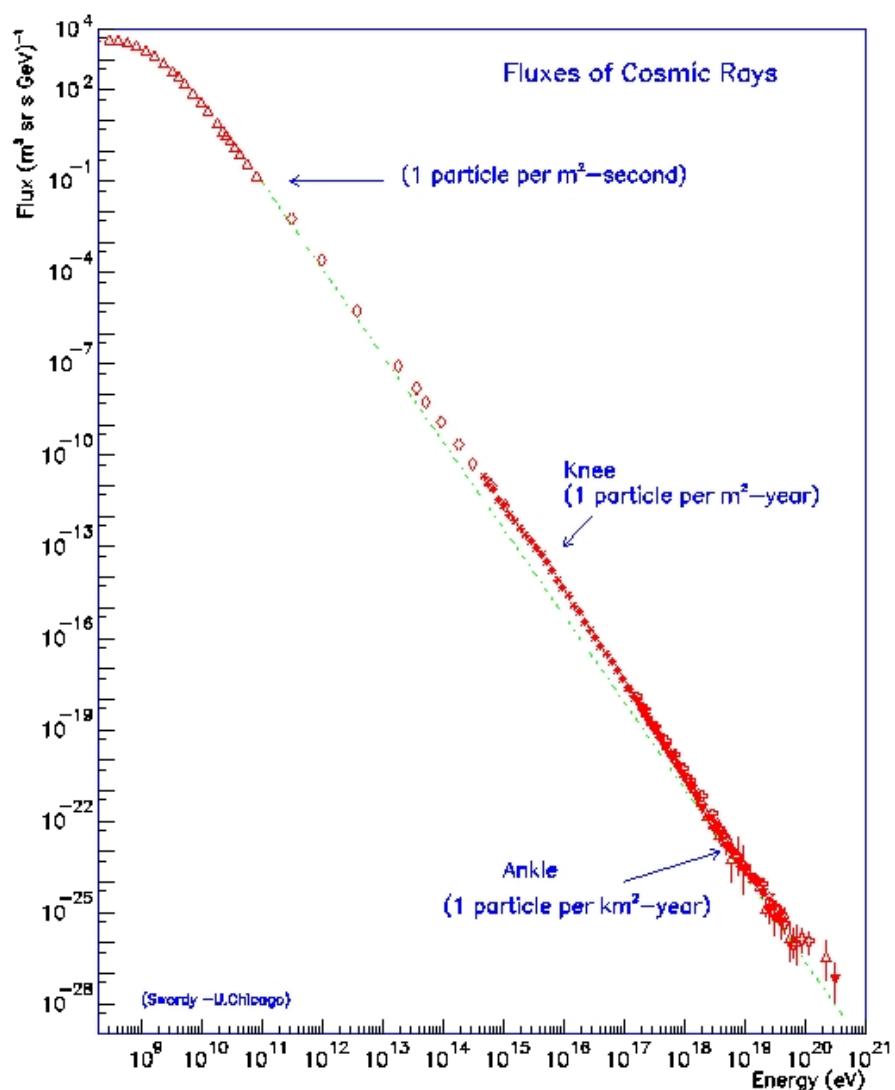


1 EeV = 10^{18} eV

CR above the knee: chemical composition



The standard paradigm of the CR spectrum



Galactic: Supernovae
(mainly protons)

Galactic?, Neutron stars,
superbubbles....
From protons to heavy nuclei

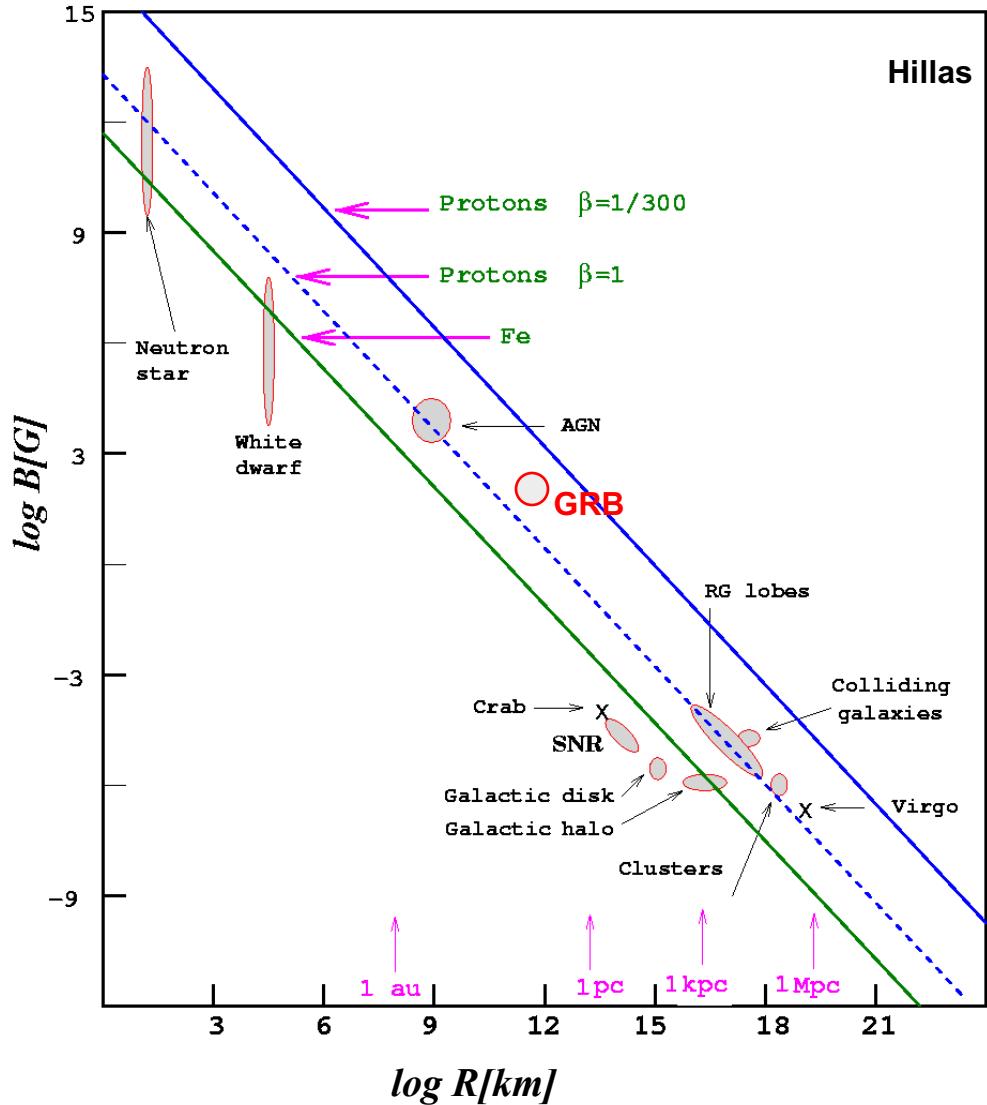
Extragalactic?
sources? composition?

Astrophysical sources of UHECR

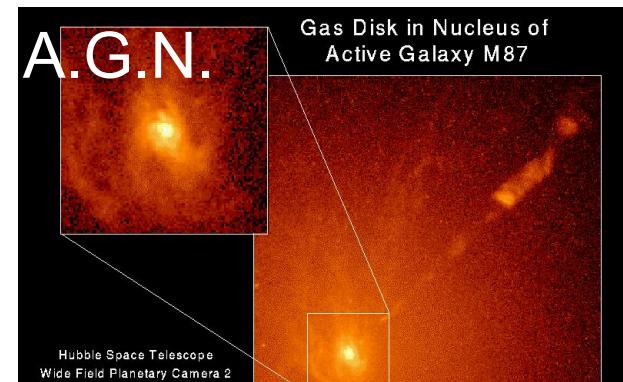
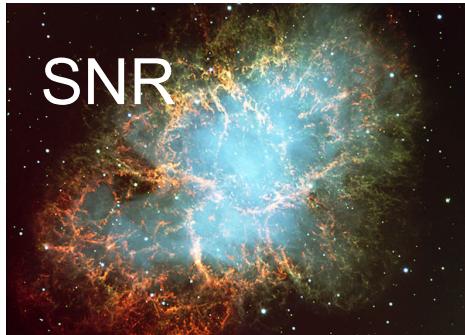
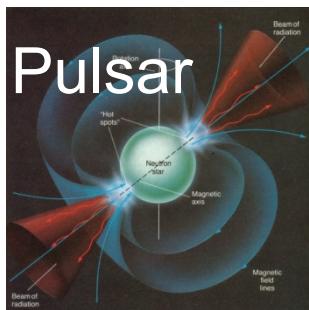
$$E_{\max} \approx \beta_{\text{shock}} Z \cdot B[\mu\text{G}] \cdot R[\text{kpc}] \cdot 10^{18} \text{ eV}$$

Fermi acceleration to high energies requires

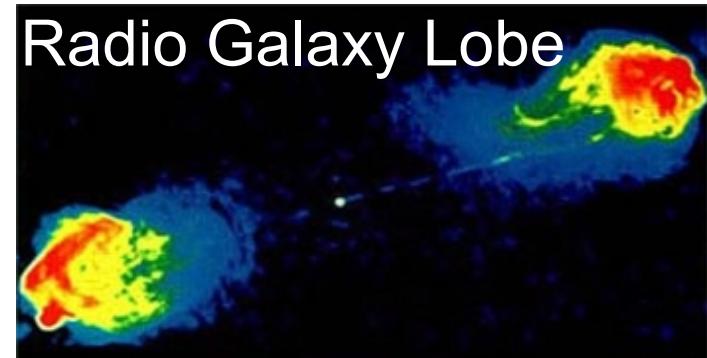
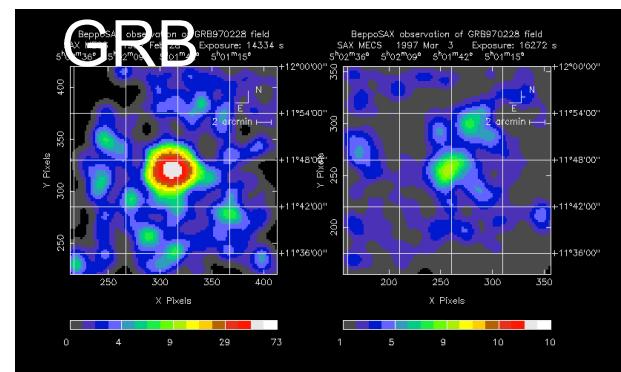
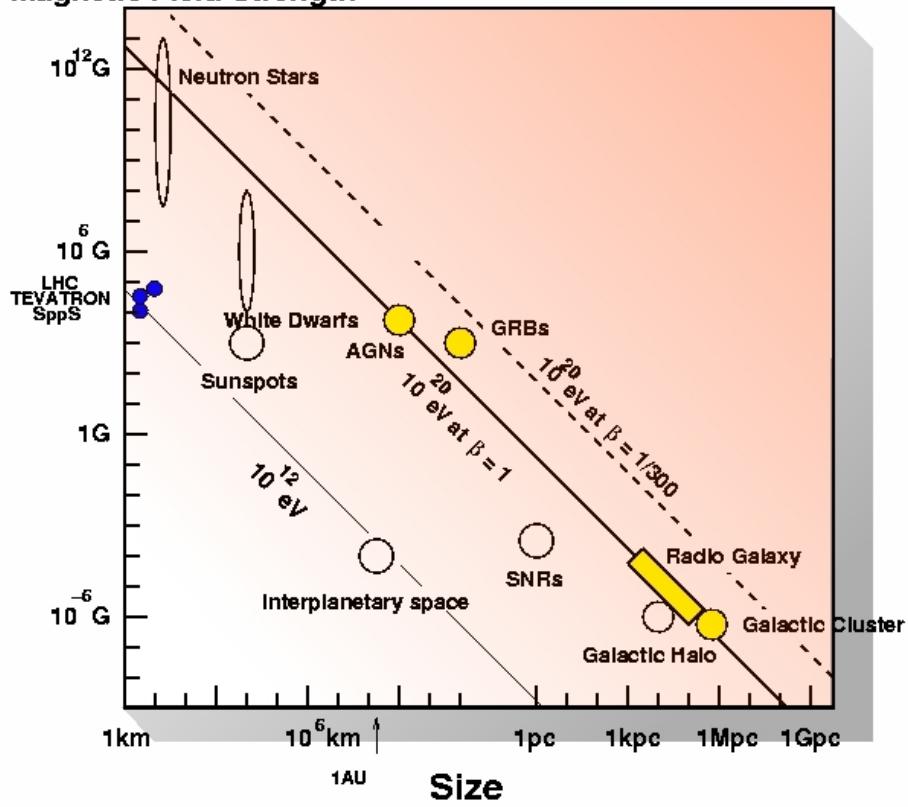
- Large cosmic objects
- Intense magnetic field
- High shockwave velocity



Hillas Plot



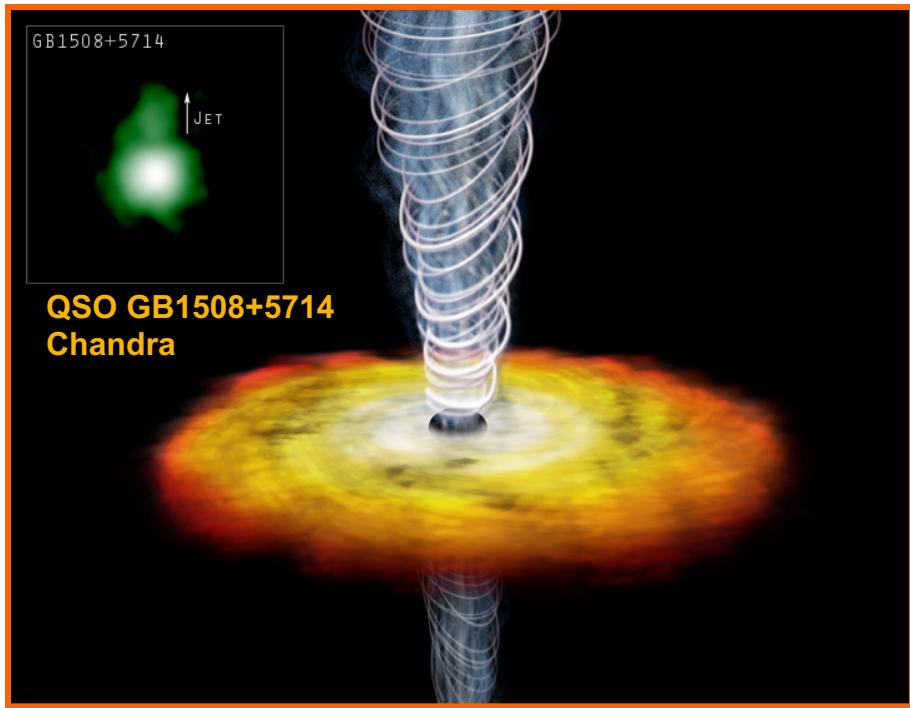
Magnetic Field Strength



Possible extra Galactic sources of CR: AGN

First-order statistics on AGNs:

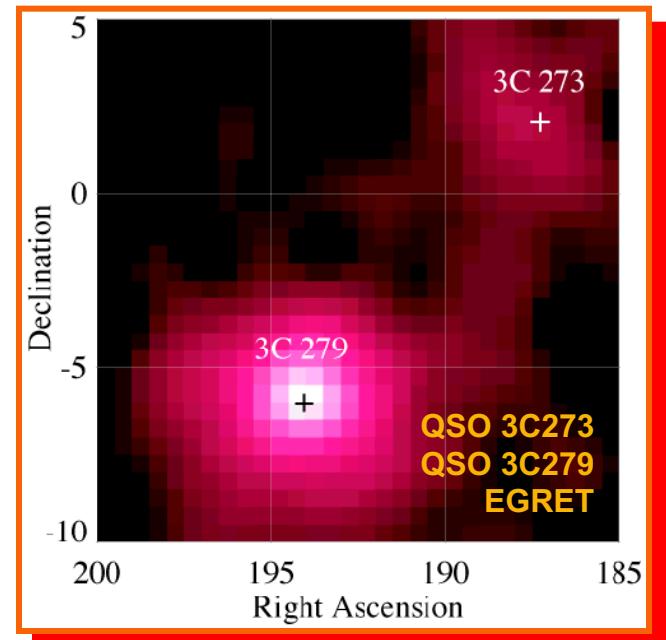
- Up to ~30% of galaxies host an AGN:
~4x more Type 2 AGNs (radio quiet) than Type 1 AGNs (radio loud)
- ~10% of luminous AGNs are “radio loud”



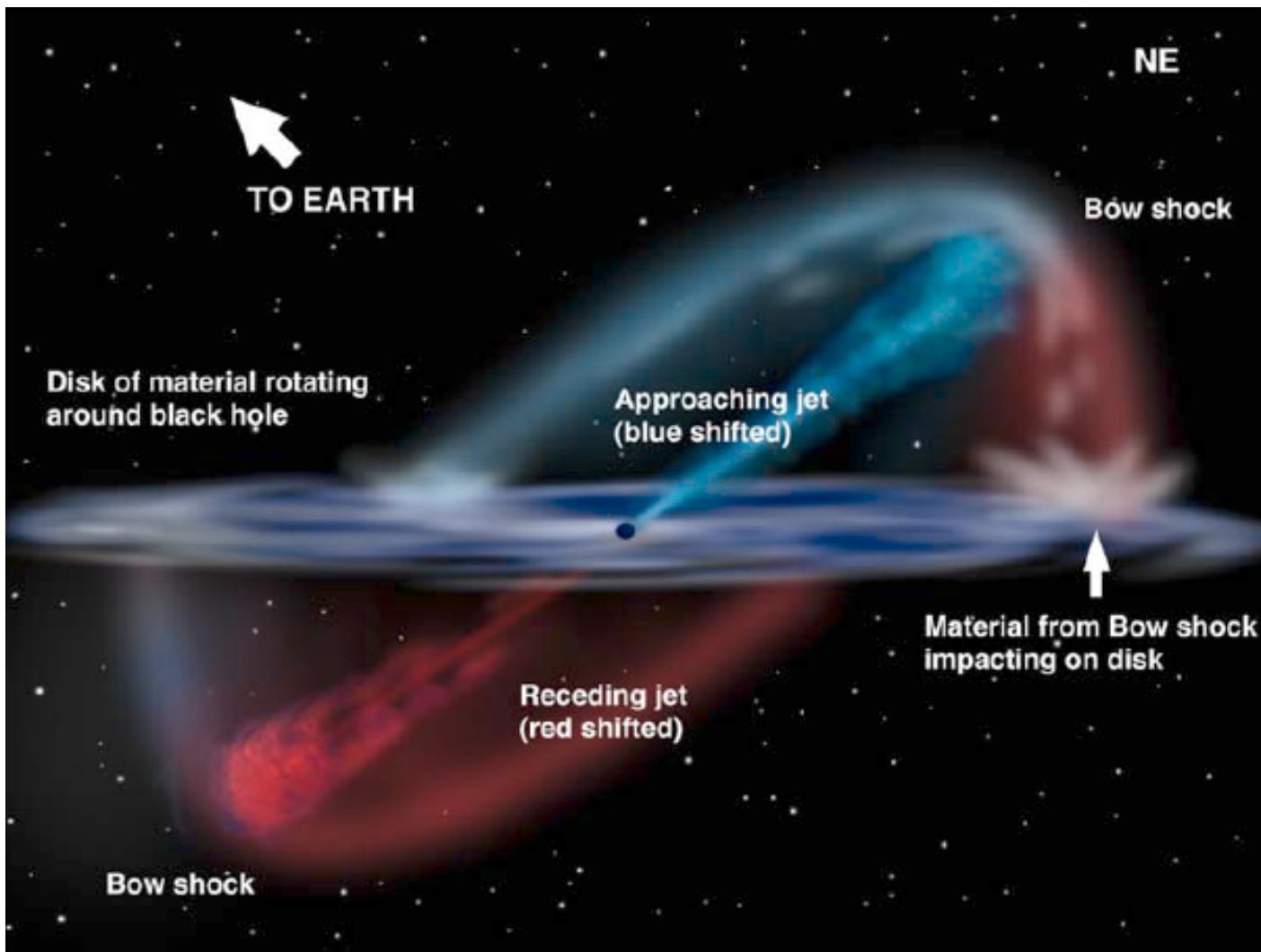
The brightest observed steady sources:

$$L_\gamma = 10^{42} \div 10^{47} \text{ erg/s}$$

- Massive Black Hole $M_{\text{BH}} = 10^{6\div 8} M_\odot$
- Accretion disk (UV + lines)
- Collimated jets $\Gamma \sim 10$



Possible extra Galactic sources of CR: AGNs

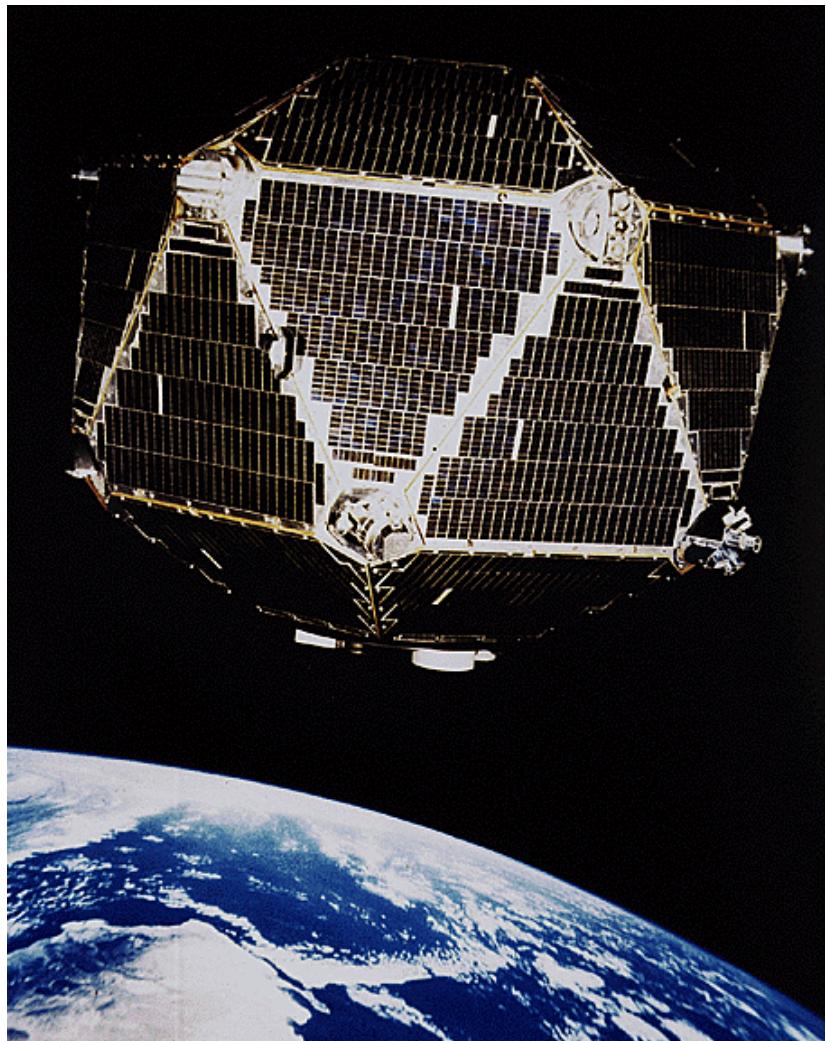
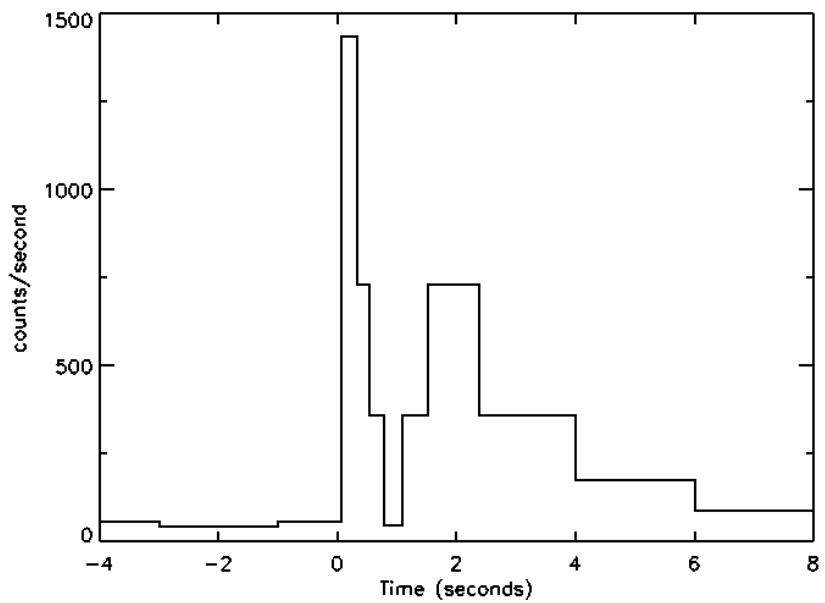


When the jet is directed towards the Earth → luminosity increases → "Blazars"

Possible extra Galactic sources of CR: GRB

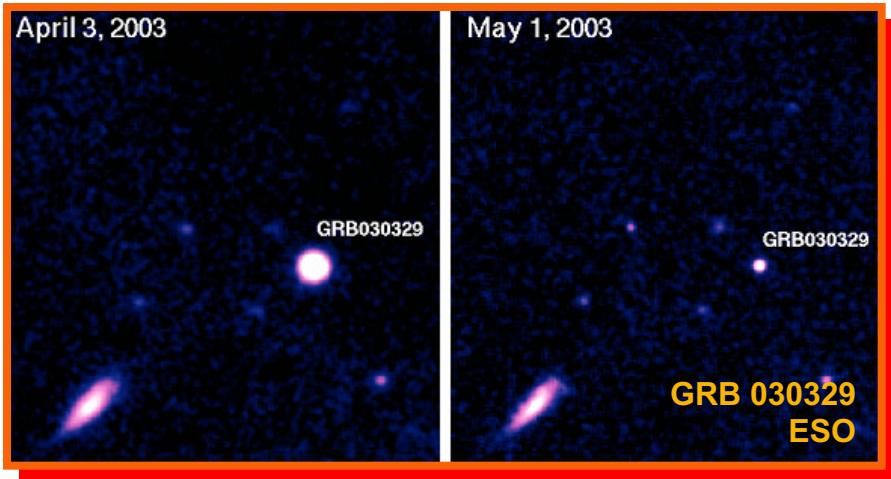
The Vela satellites that detected the first gamma-ray burst were developed in the sixties to monitor nuclear test ban treaties.

The 1st GRB July 2, 1967 Vela 4o Event



For > 20 years, GRB were just outbursts of gamma rays piercing an otherwise black gamma-ray sky.

Possible extra Galactic sources of CR: GRB



$$L_\gamma = 10^{51} \div 10^{53} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\dot{M} \approx \frac{10 M_\odot}{\text{s}}$$

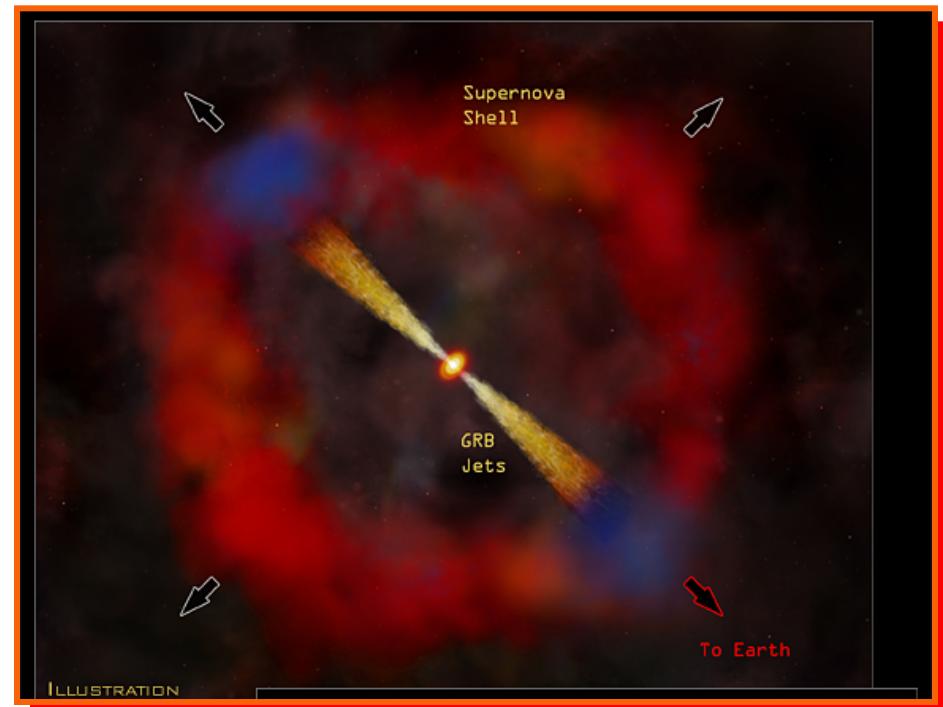
$$\Delta t \approx 1 \div 100 \text{ s (1/3 < 2 sec)} \quad \Gamma \approx 300$$

GRB have recently been shown to be associated with SN, as indicated by the **GRB030329 – SN 2003dh correlation**

(GRB 030329 z=0.17)

GRB (Gamma Ray Bursts) are the most powerful emissions of gamma rays ever observed.

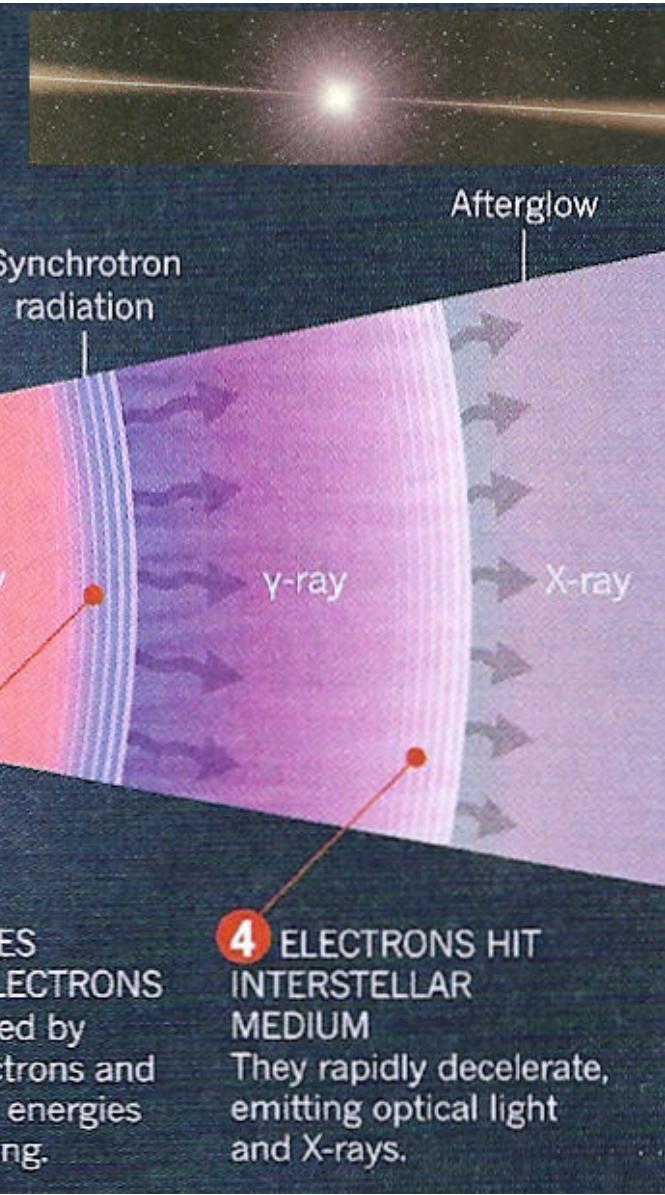
Happens at cosmological distances
The observation rate is about 1 per day



GRB Paradigm

ANATOMY OF A BURST

When a black hole forms from a collapsed stellar core, it generates an explosive flash called a γ -ray burst. Contrary to earlier thinking, evidence now suggests that the glowing fireball produces more γ -rays than do the shock waves from the blast.



1 FIREBALL IS OPAQUE
Electron-photon interactions prevent light from escaping.

2 FIREBALL IS TRANSPARENT
Thermal radiation includes γ -rays emitted by high-temperature plasma.

3 SHOCK WAVES ACCELERATE ELECTRONS
 γ -rays are emitted by accelerated electrons and boosted to high energies through scattering.

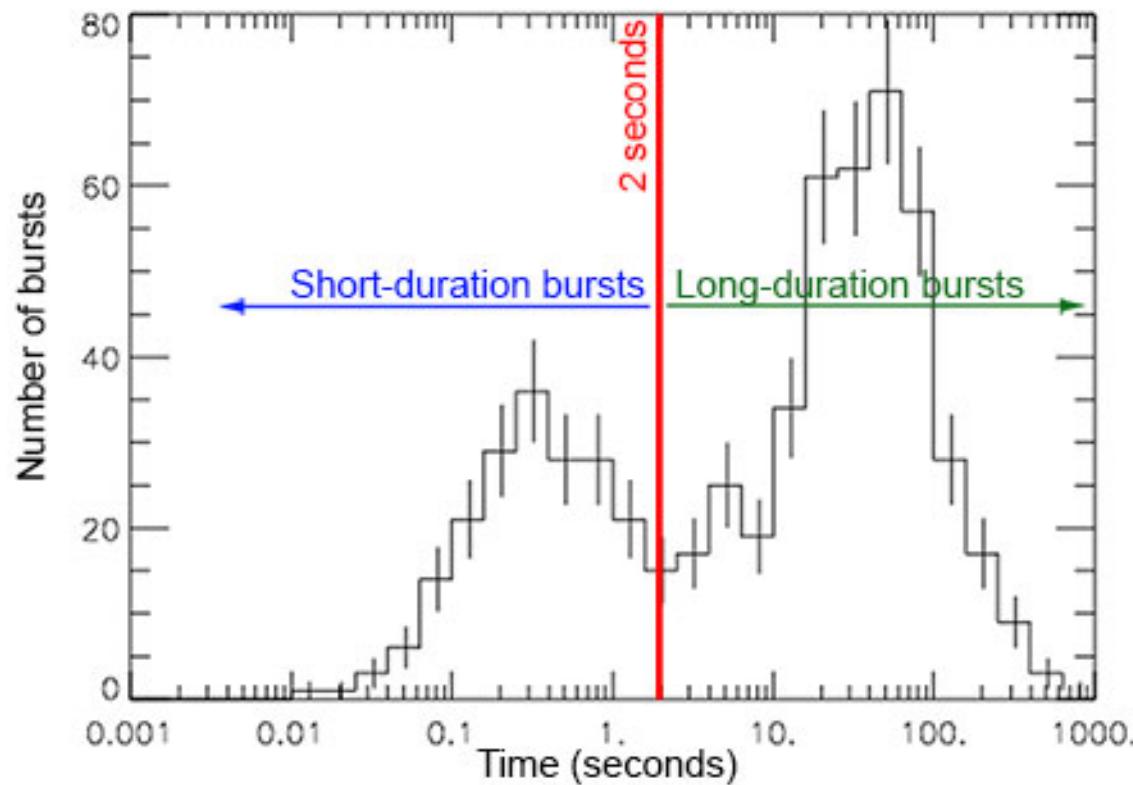
4 ELECTRONS HIT INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM
They rapidly decelerate, emitting optical light and X-rays.

Possible extra Galactic sources of CR: GRB

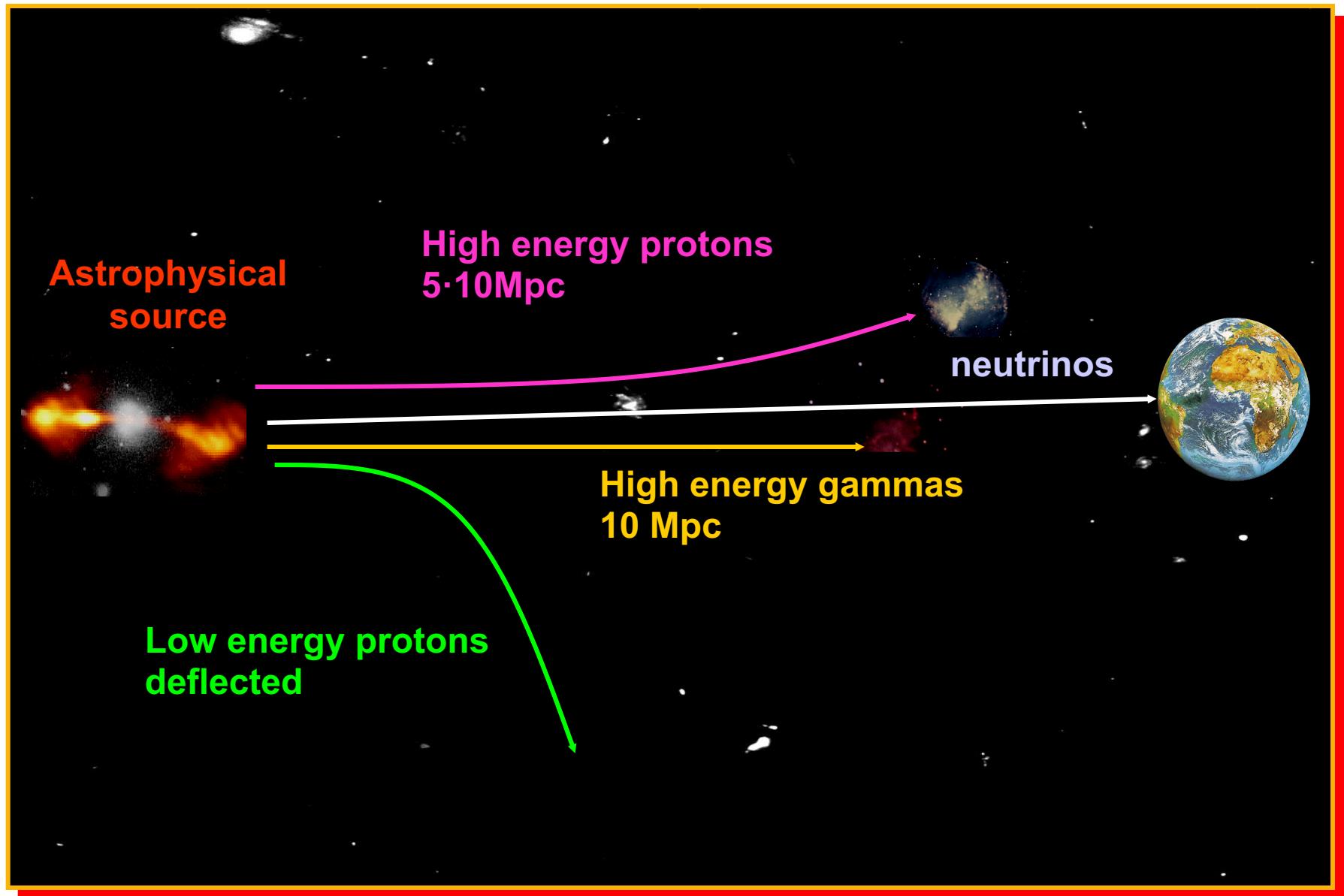
Two Populations of events:

short bursts (<2 s): kilonova (merger of binary NS system)
SN170817A (GW170817)

long bursts (>2s): core collapse supernova



Limits of HE gamma and proton astronomy



The GZK (Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin) cutoff

The most effective energy loss mechanism for p and n of UHEs

In the NRF, $\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}} = m_{\pi}c^2 \sim 140 \text{ MeV}$:

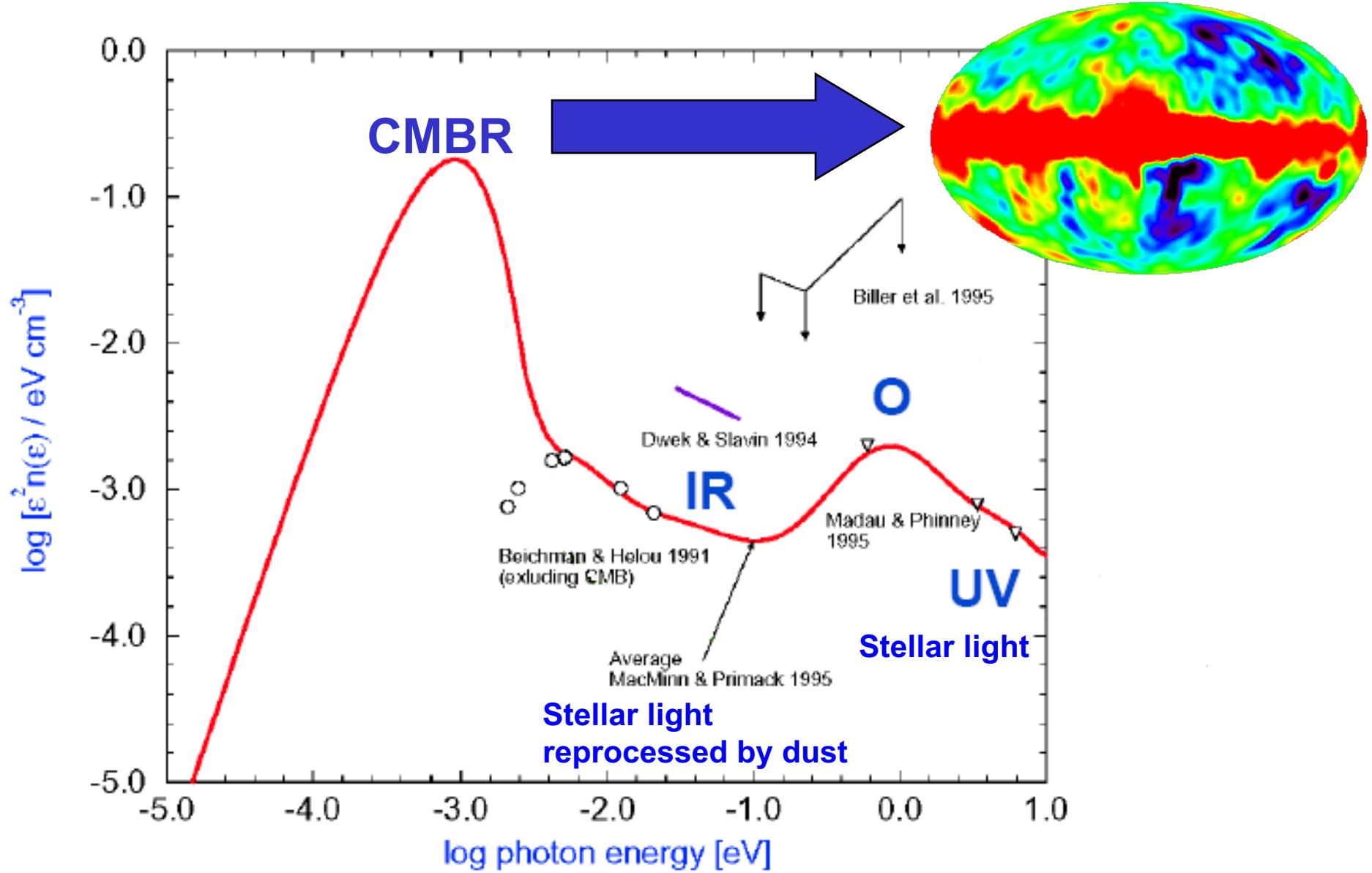
Cosmic microwave background (CMB)

$$\mathcal{E}_\gamma \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV} \rightarrow \Gamma_p \sim 10^{11} \rightarrow E_p \sim 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho_\gamma \sim 400 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ \sigma_{p\gamma} \sim 100 \text{ } \mu\text{barn} \end{array} \right\} \lambda_{\text{att}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{p\gamma} \rho_\gamma} \sim 10 \text{ Mpc}$$

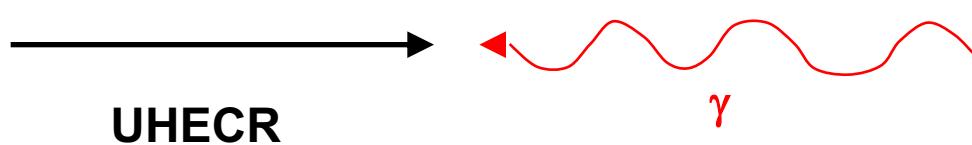
If cosmic rays originate mainly at cosmological distances $D \gg 10$ Mpc, the spectrum should cut off in the sub-ZeV regime.

GZK Cutoff

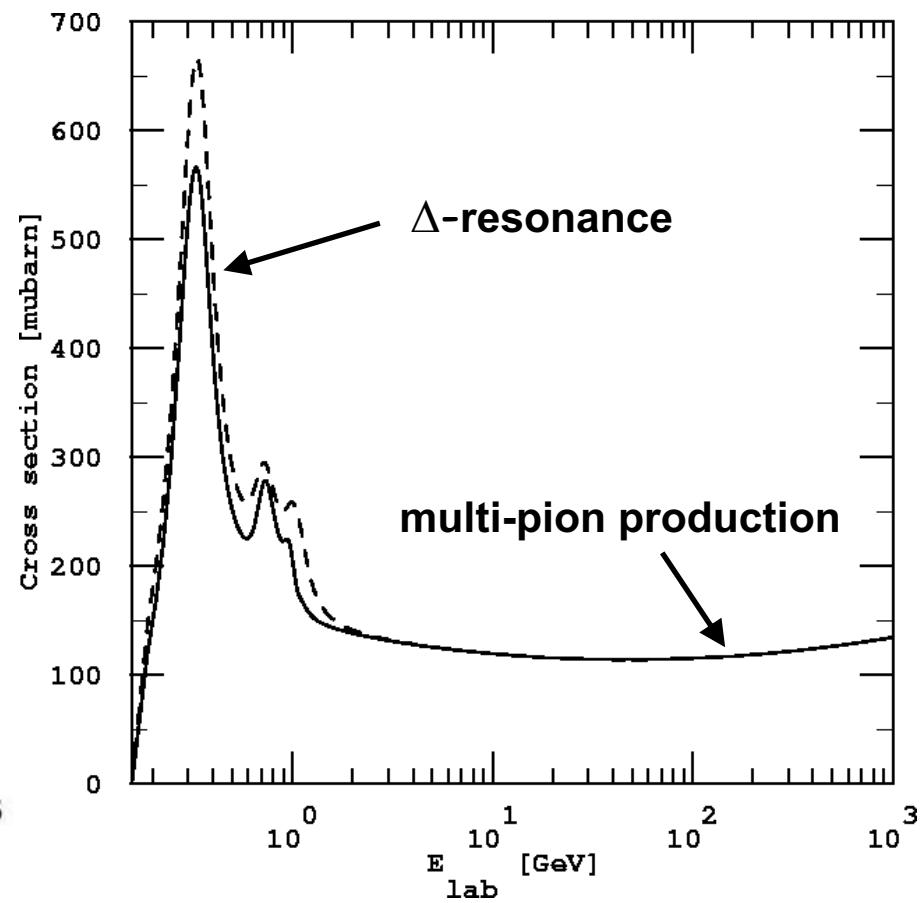
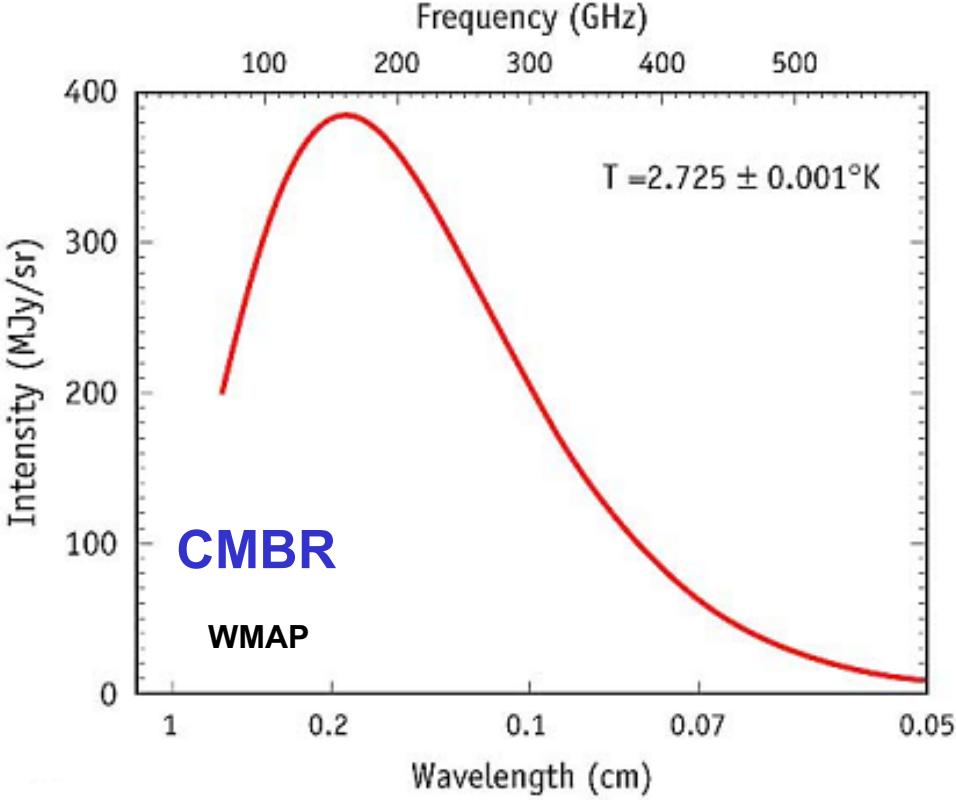


Proton interaction on CMBR

Nucleons can produce pions on the cosmic microwave background



$$\varepsilon_\gamma \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$
$$\rho_\gamma \sim 400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



Thresholds for UHECR in CMBR

nucleons: $N + \gamma_{\text{CMBR}} \rightarrow N + \pi$

$E_{\text{CMBR}} \approx 6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$

$$s \equiv (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (p'_1 + p'_2)^2$$

$$s \geq (m_N + m_\pi)^2$$

$$s = (p_N + p_{\text{CMBR}})^2$$

$$E_N \geq \frac{2m_N m_\pi + m_\pi^2}{4\varepsilon_{\text{CMBR}}} \approx 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

photons: pair production

$$E_\gamma \geq \frac{m_e^2}{\varepsilon_{\text{CMBR}}} \approx 10^{15} \text{ eV}$$

“regeneration” via Inverse Compton Scattering but at lower energy (EGRET observations)

Thresholds for UHECR in CMBR

heavy nuclei:

loose ~4 nucleons/Mpc

nucleons: $A + \gamma_{CMBR} \rightarrow (A-1) + N$

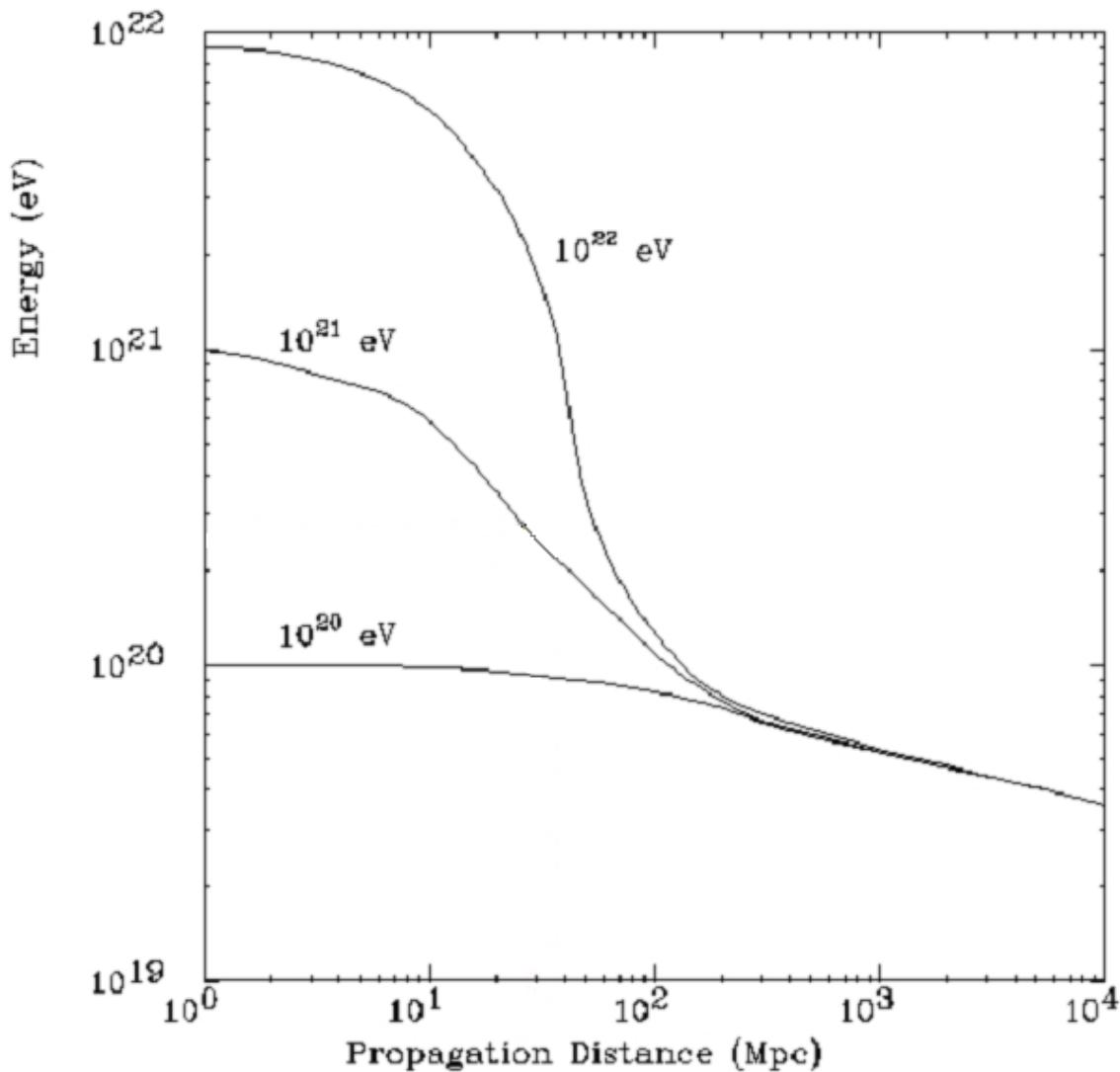
$$E \geq \frac{(m_{A-1} + m_N)^2 - m_A^2}{4\epsilon_{CMBR}} \approx \frac{Q_{\text{binding}} m_p}{\epsilon_{CMBR}}$$

Proton energy loss by CMBR interaction

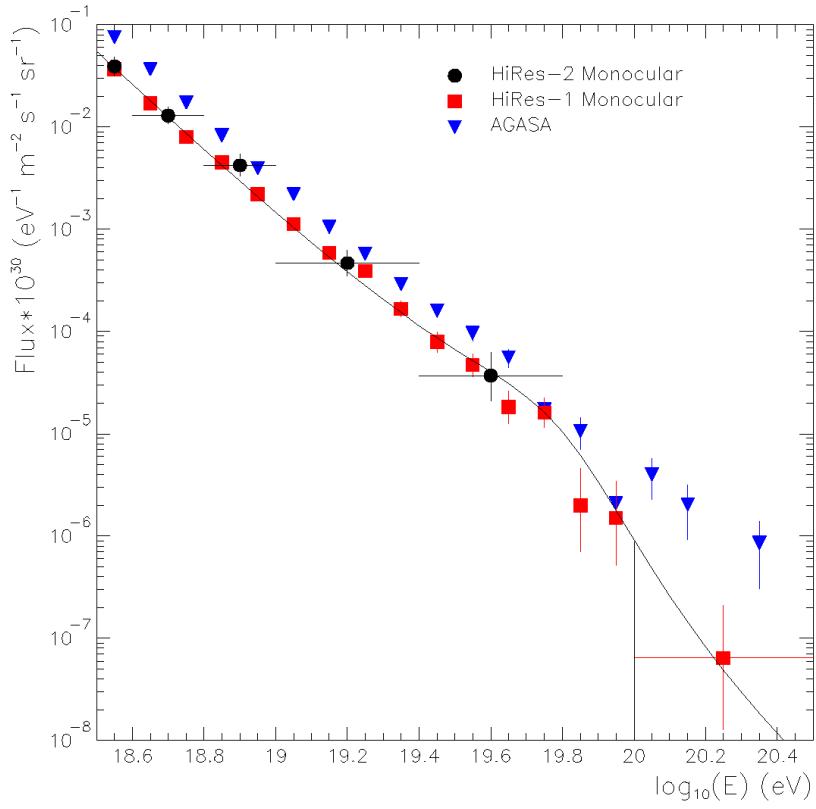
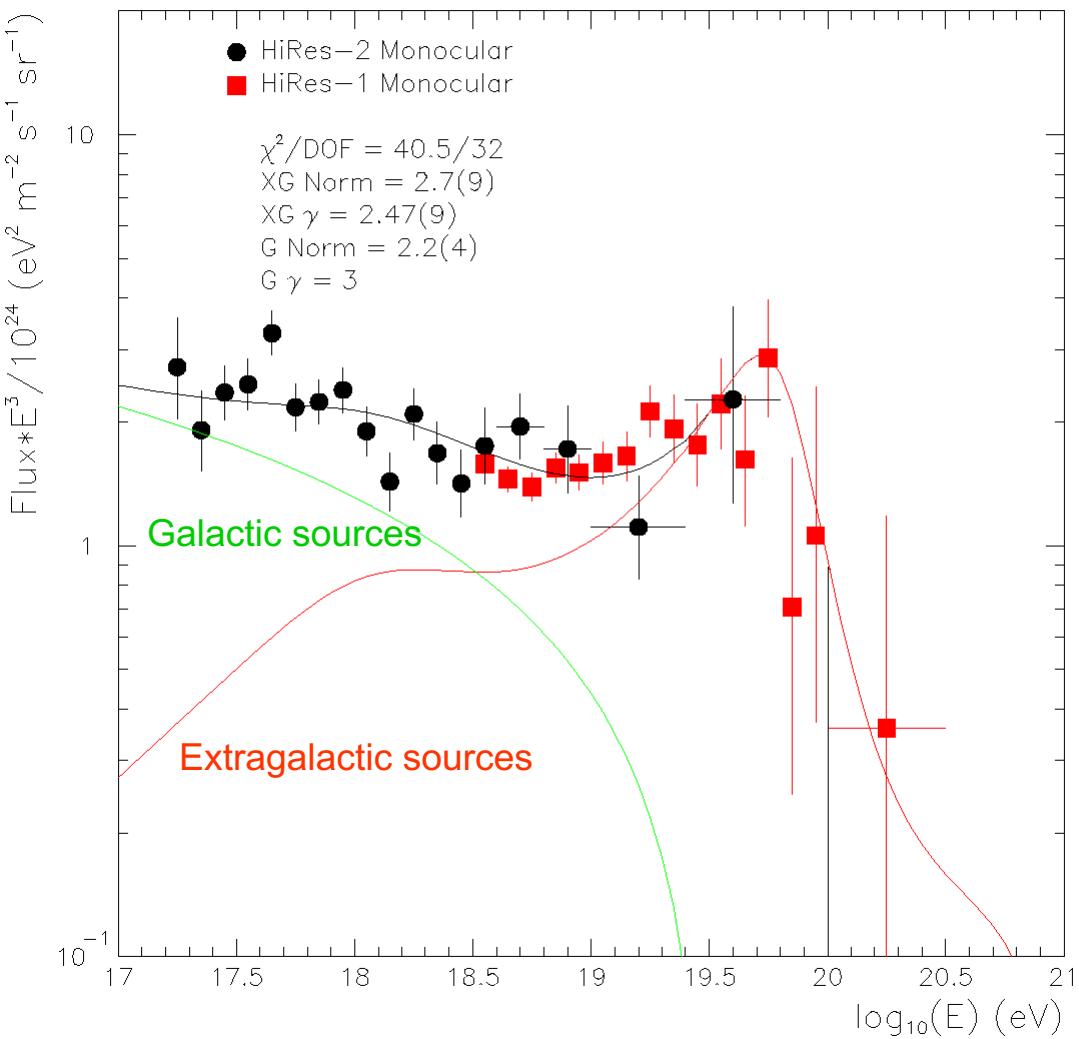
Proton and pion are produced in the same rest frame have the same Lorentz factor

$$E_p = m_p \Gamma \quad E_\pi = m_\pi \Gamma$$

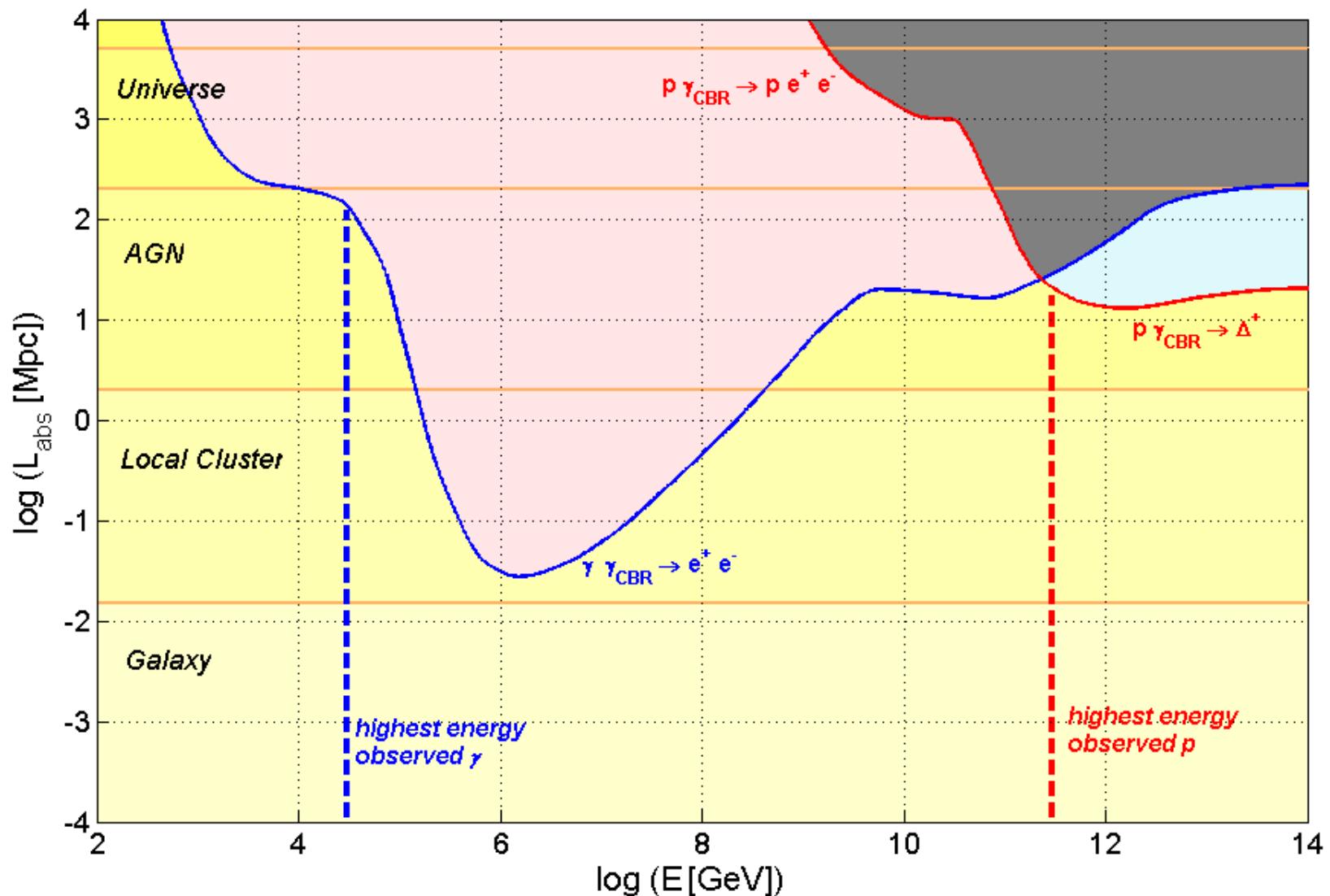
$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim \frac{m_\pi}{m_p + m_\pi} \sim 0.1$$



The GZK cutoff in the CR Spectrum



The GZK cutoff

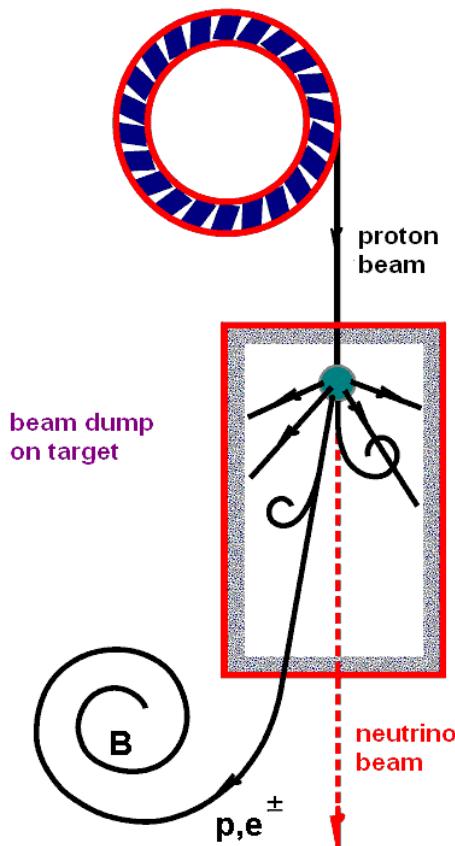


Only neutrinos can reach the Earth from cosmological sources

Neutrino production in cosmic accelerators

Halzen

Particle accelerator



Proton acceleration

- Fermi mechanism

$$\text{proton spectrum } dN_p/dE \sim E^{-2}$$

Neutrino production

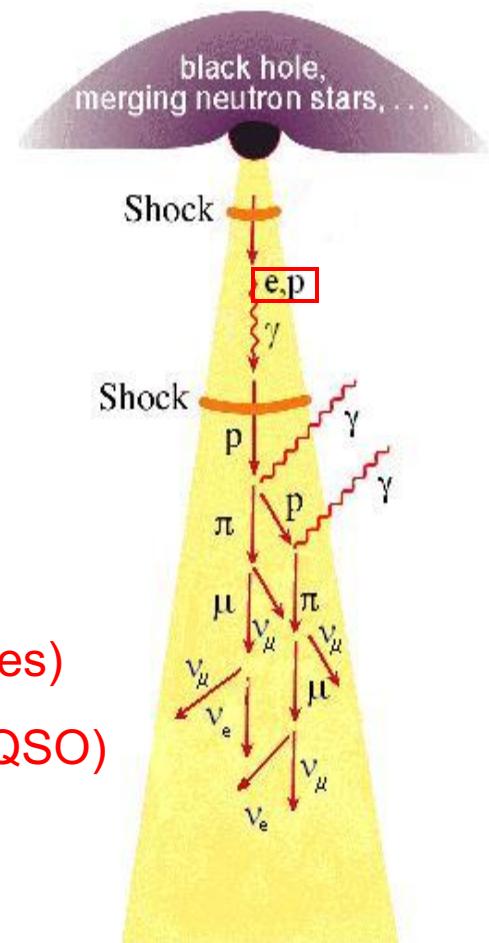
- Proton interactions

$$p \rightarrow p \text{ (SNR, X-Ray Binaries)}$$

$$p \rightarrow \gamma \text{ (AGN, GRB, microQSO)}$$

- decay of pions and muons

Astrophysical jet

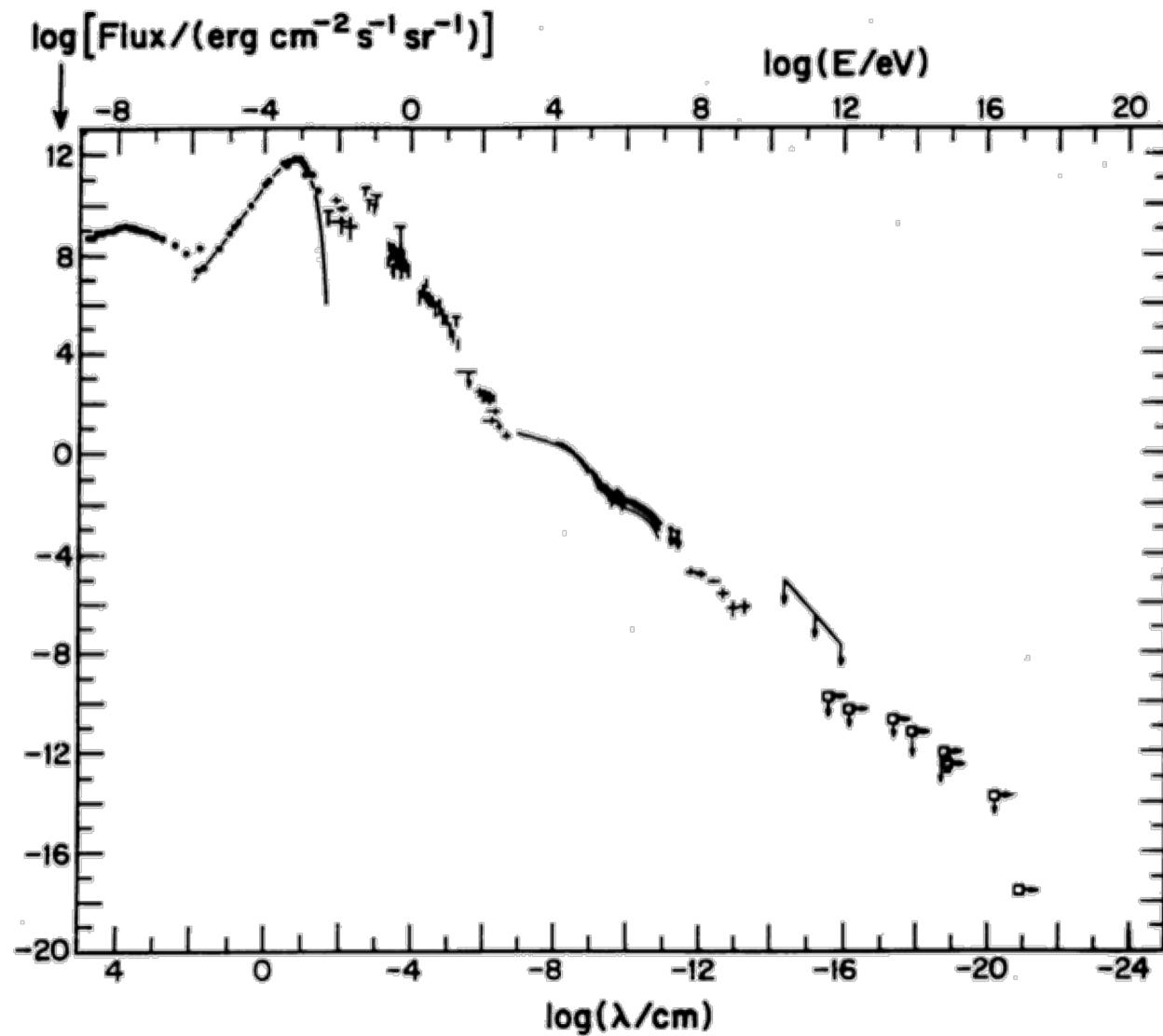


Electrons are responsible for lower energy gamma fluxes (synchrotron, IC)

Detection of high energy cosmic particles and radiation

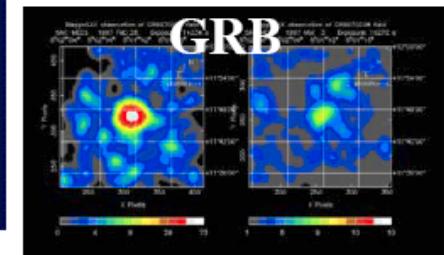
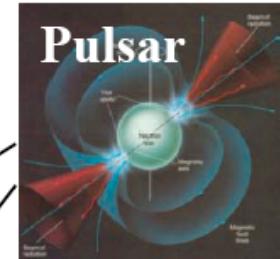
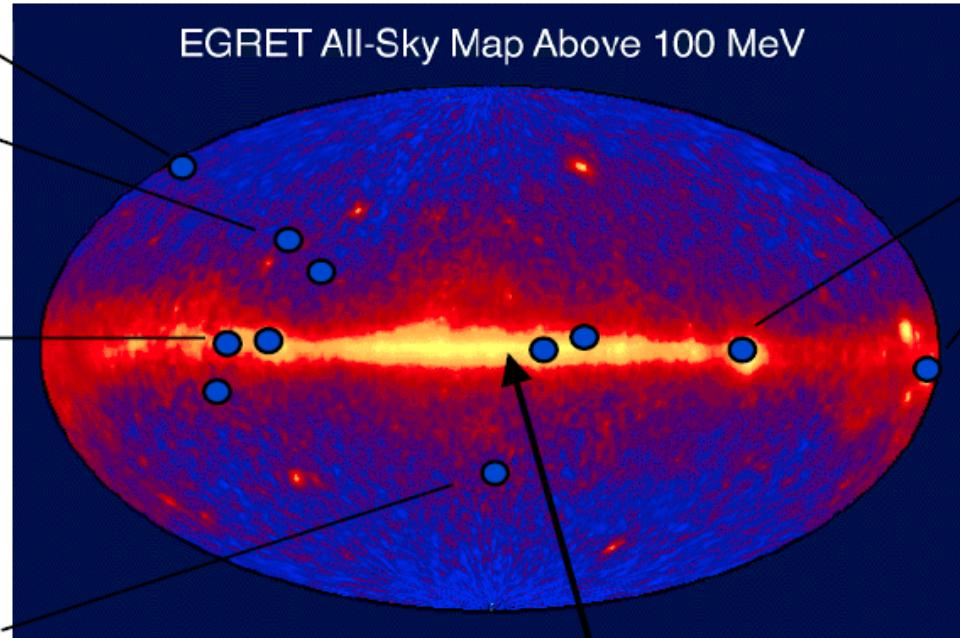
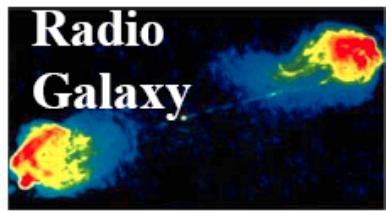
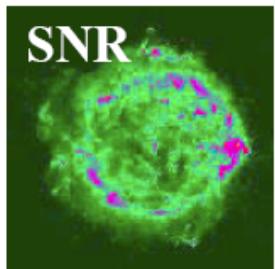
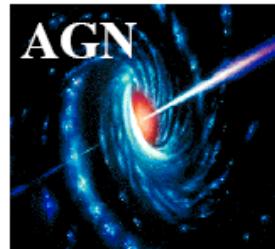
Gamma Rays

Photon fluxes in the Universe



Gamma ray astronomy

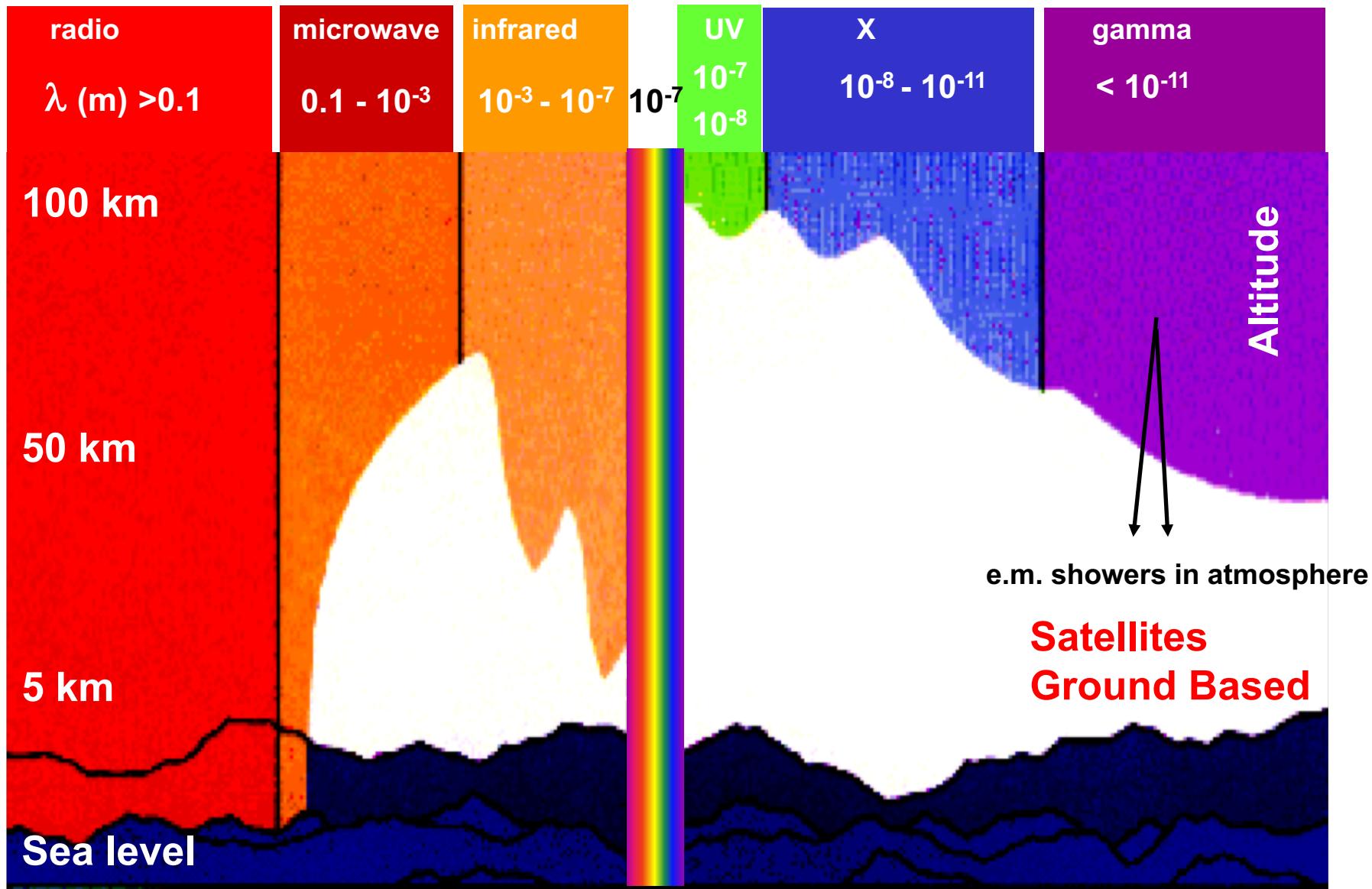
GeV range



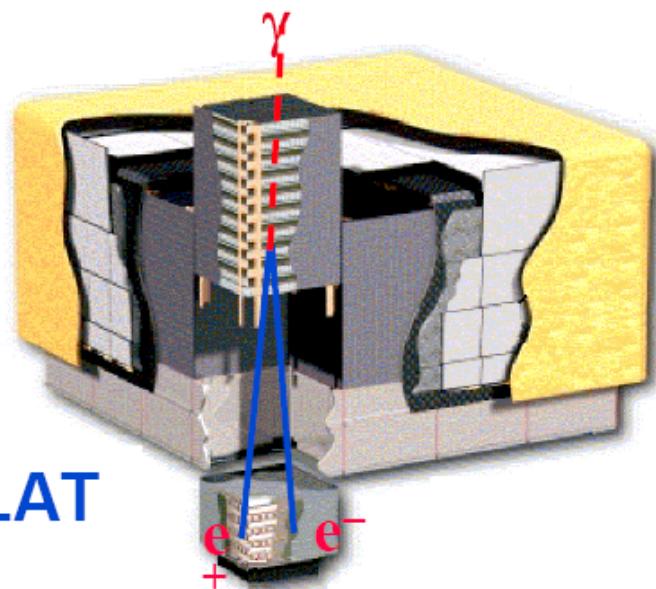
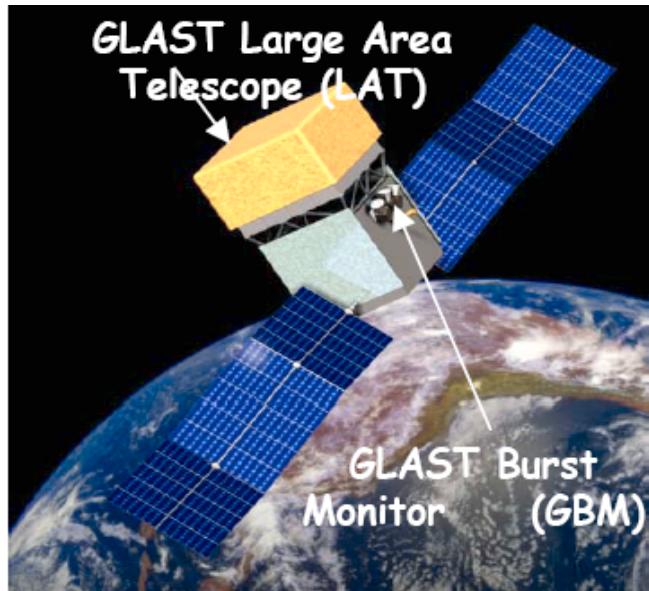
Cosmic Rays !

- ~ 250 HE point sources, most unidentified.

Gamma Astronomy

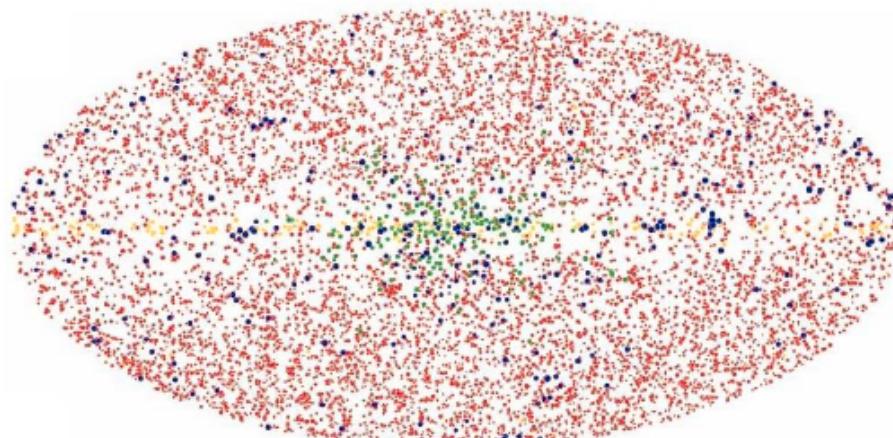


GLAST



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5 σ Sources from Simulated One Year All-sky Survey

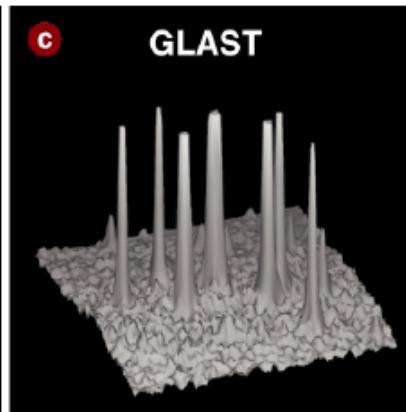
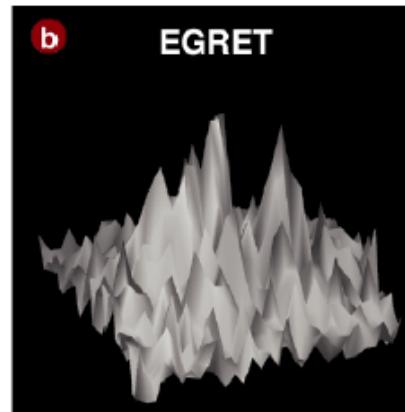


Results of one-year all-sky survey.
(Total: 9900 sources)

● AGN
● 3EG Catalog

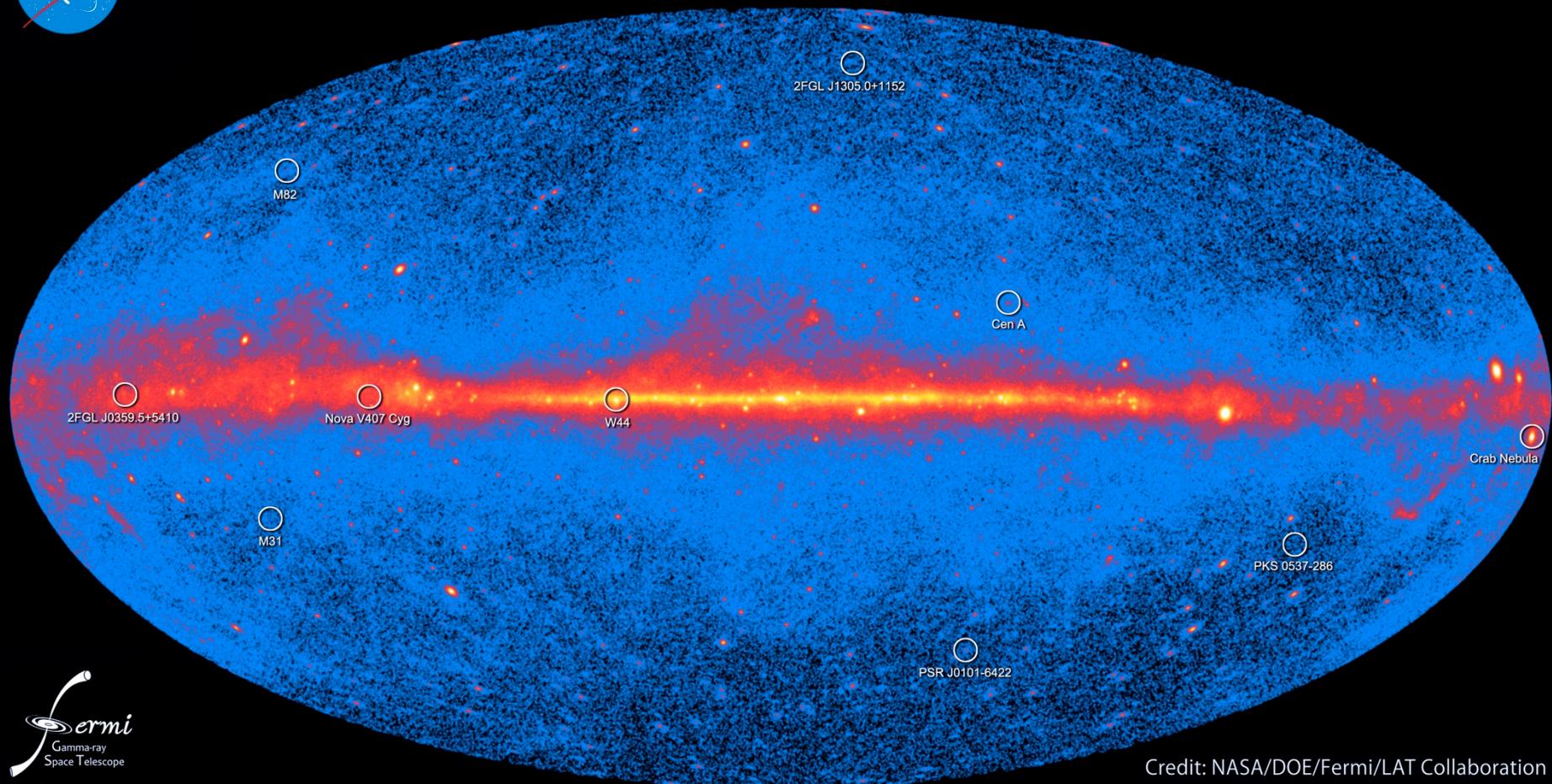
● Galactic Halo
● Galactic Plane

Many more sources, better localized.





Fermi two-year all-sky map

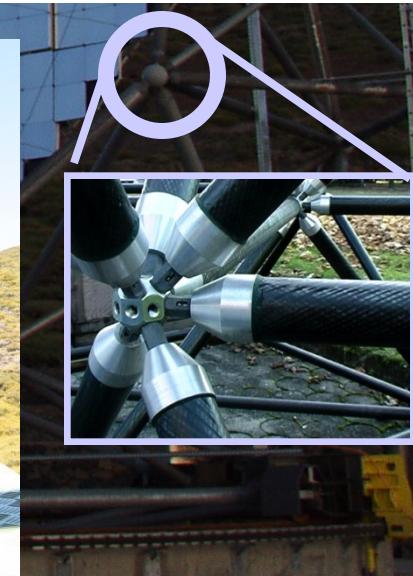
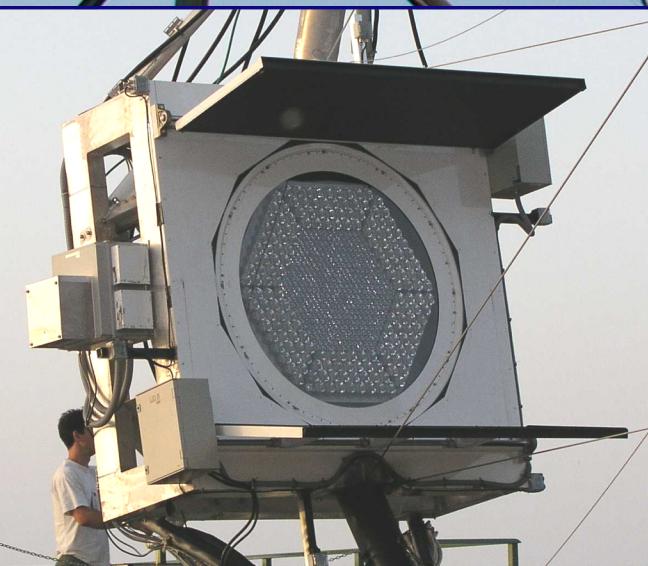


1873 sources found, nearly 600 are complete mysteries.

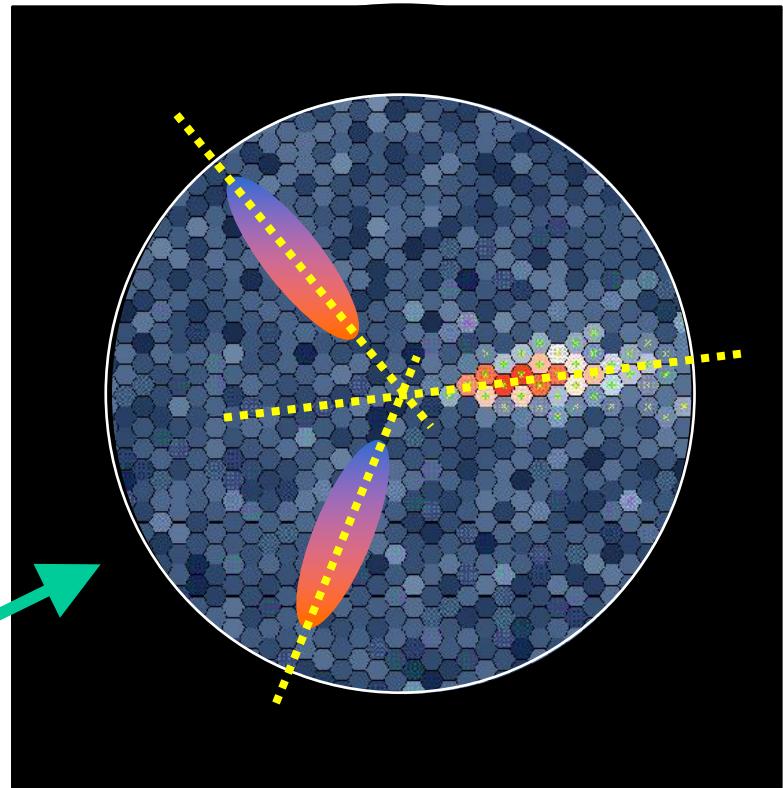
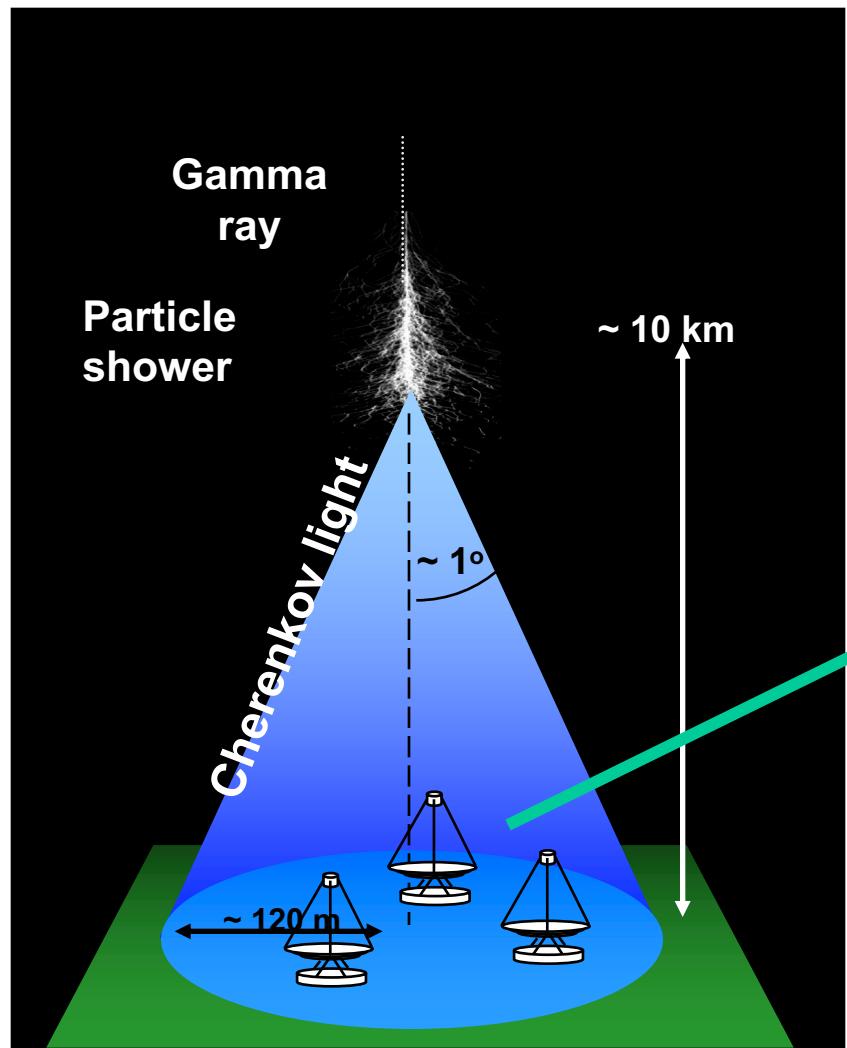
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Light weight
Carbon fiber
structure for
fast repositioning

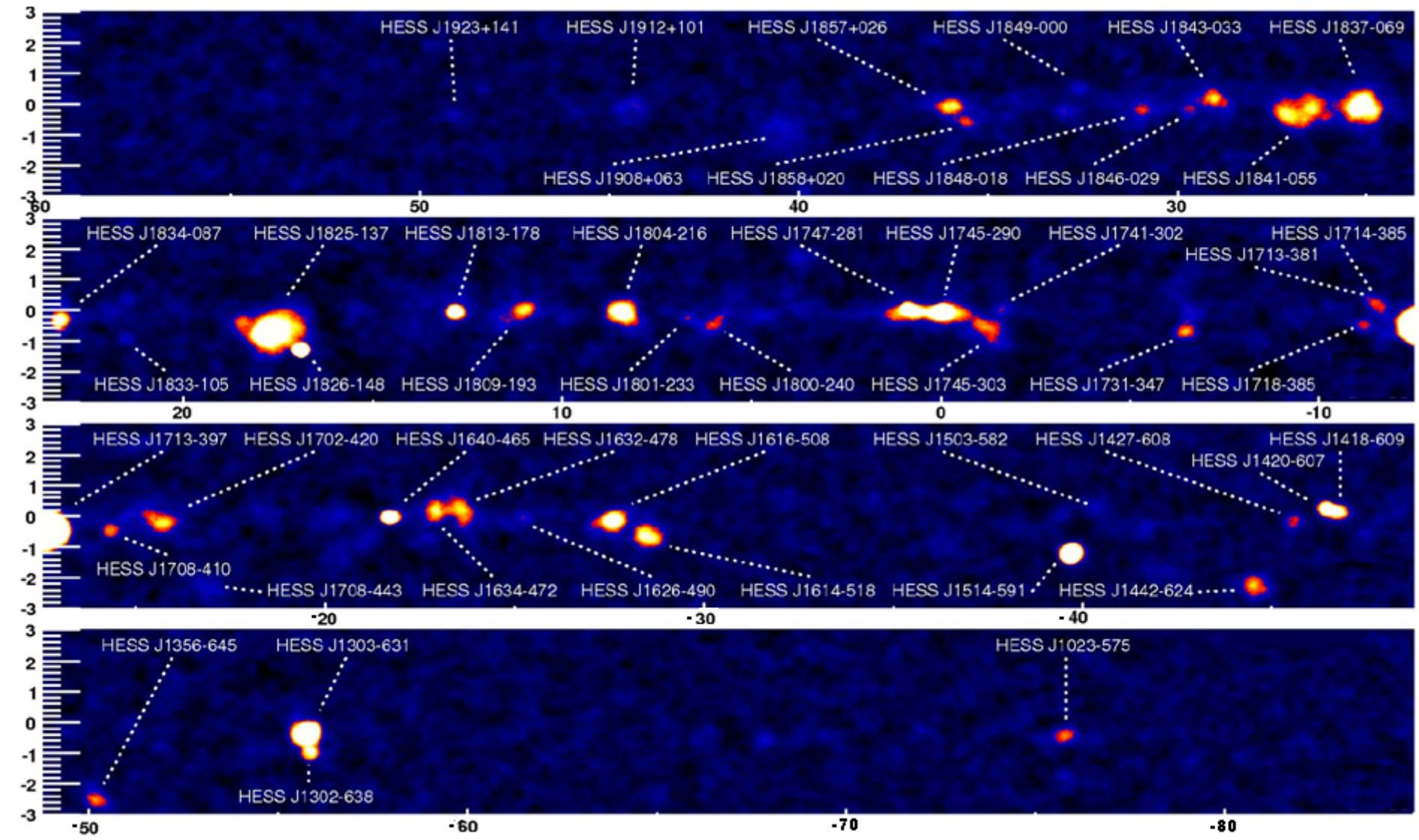


Air Cherenkov

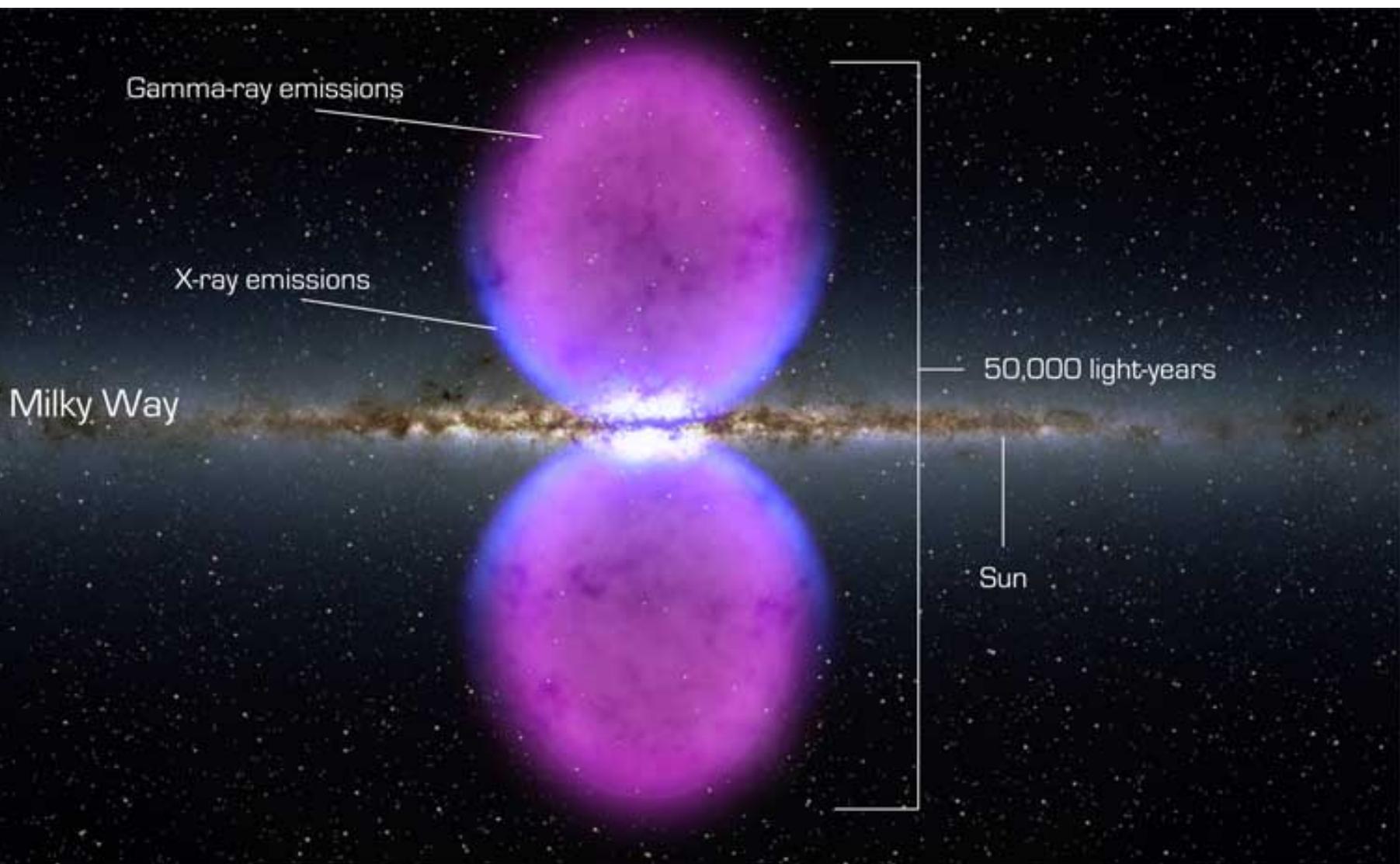


Utilizzando piu' immagini è possibile ricostruire la direzione di arrivo con maggiore precisione (visione stereo)

The Galactic Plane seen by HESS



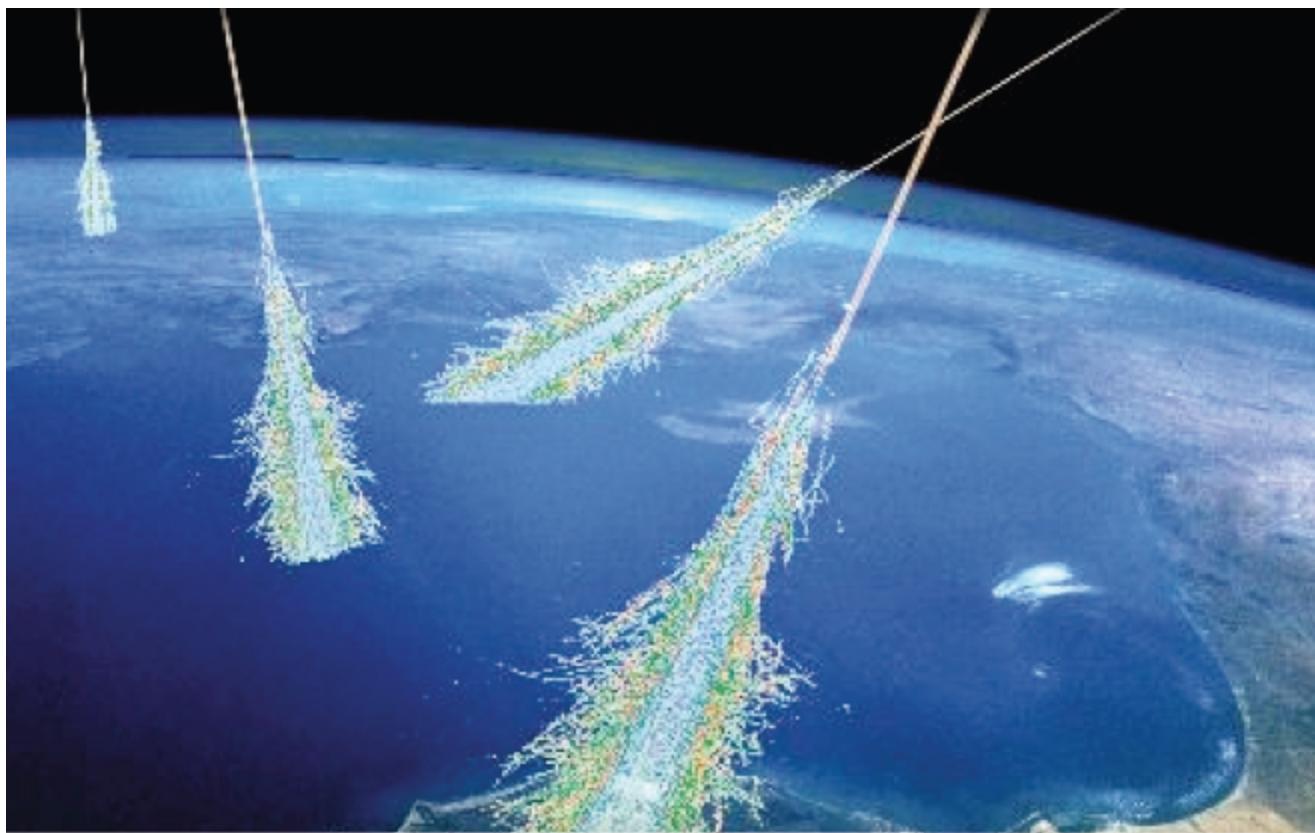
The Fermi Bubbles



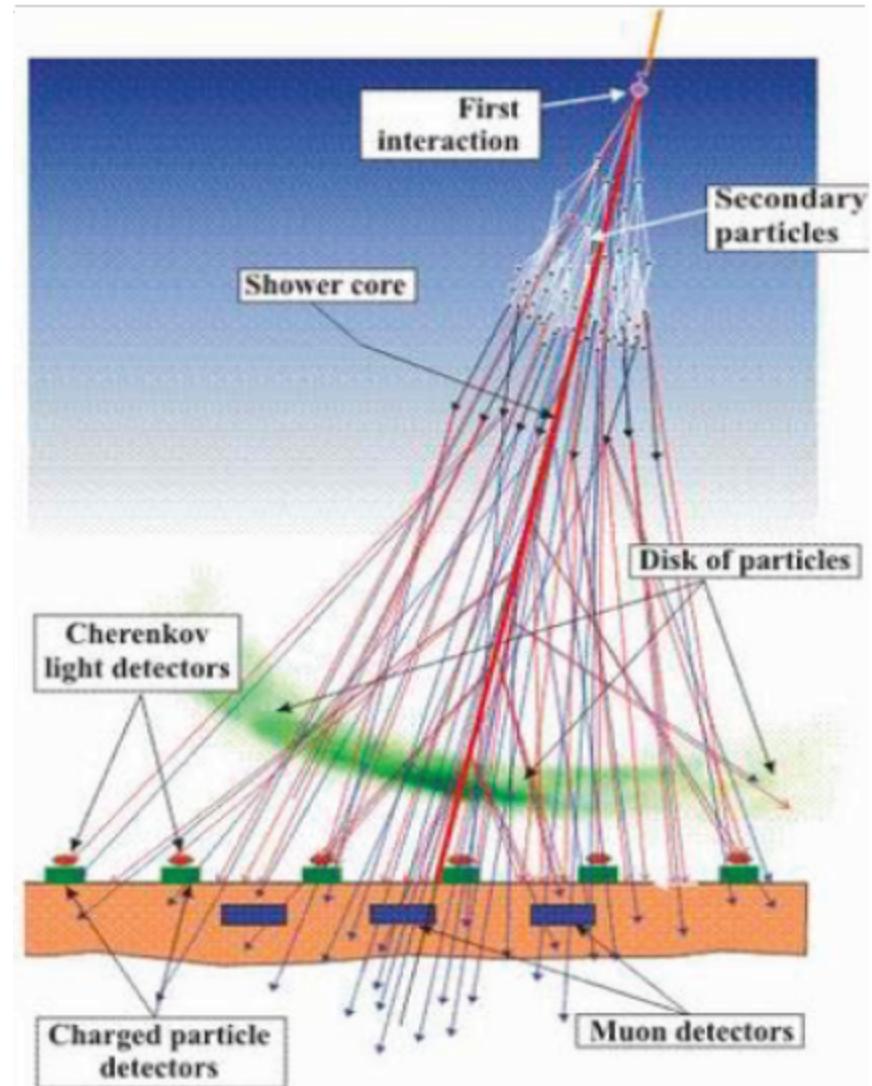
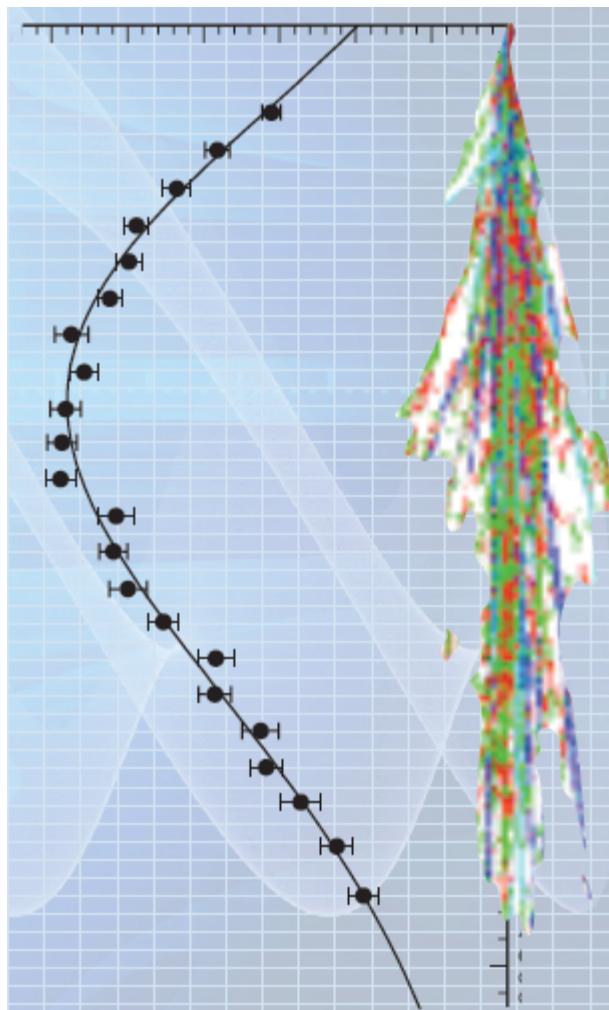
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Cosmic Rays

V/U HECR detection techniques: EAS and Fluorescence

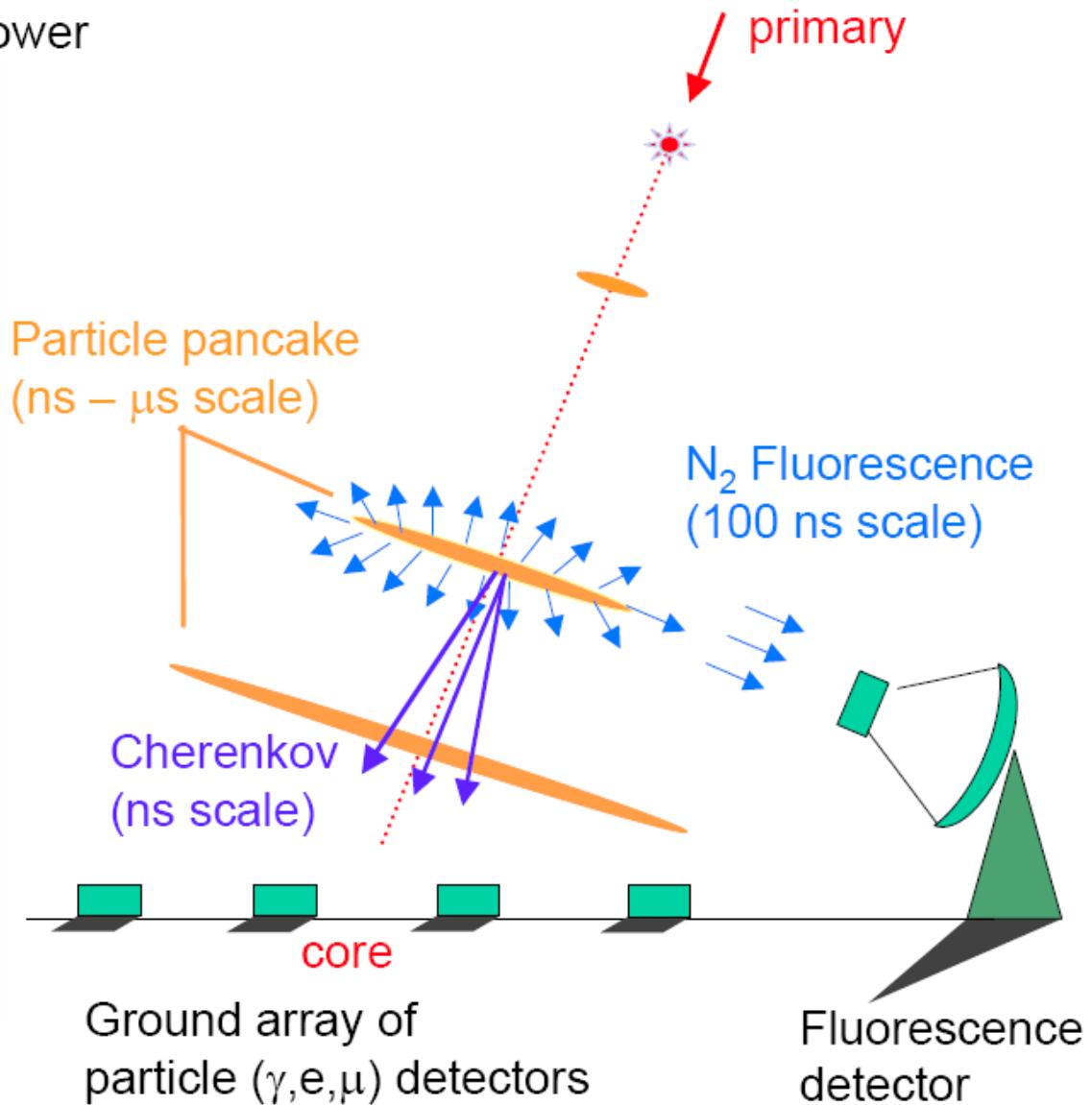
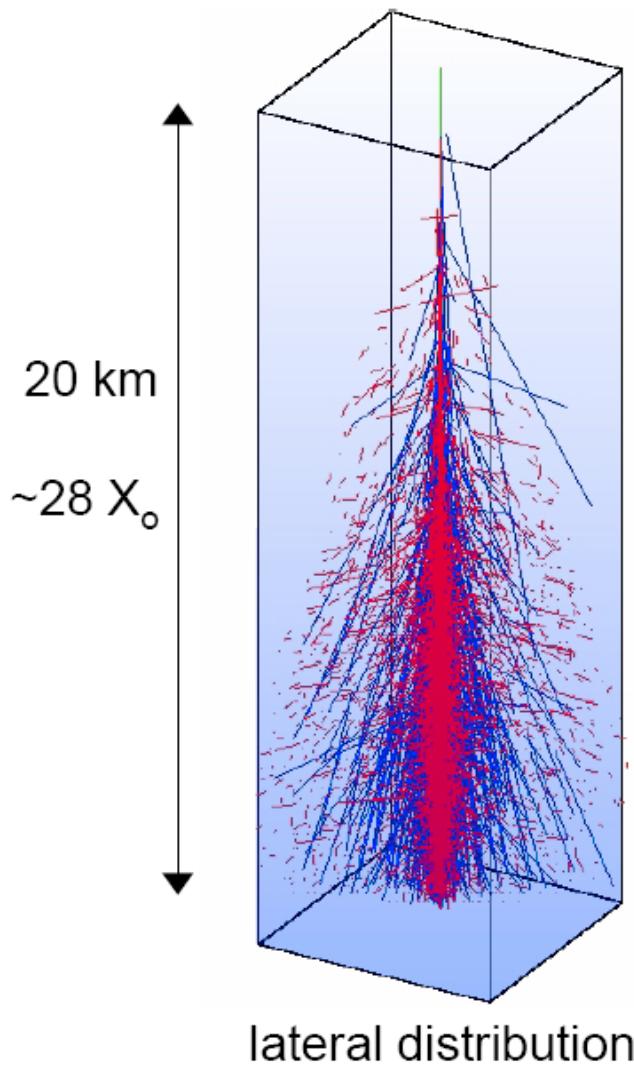


EAS Technique



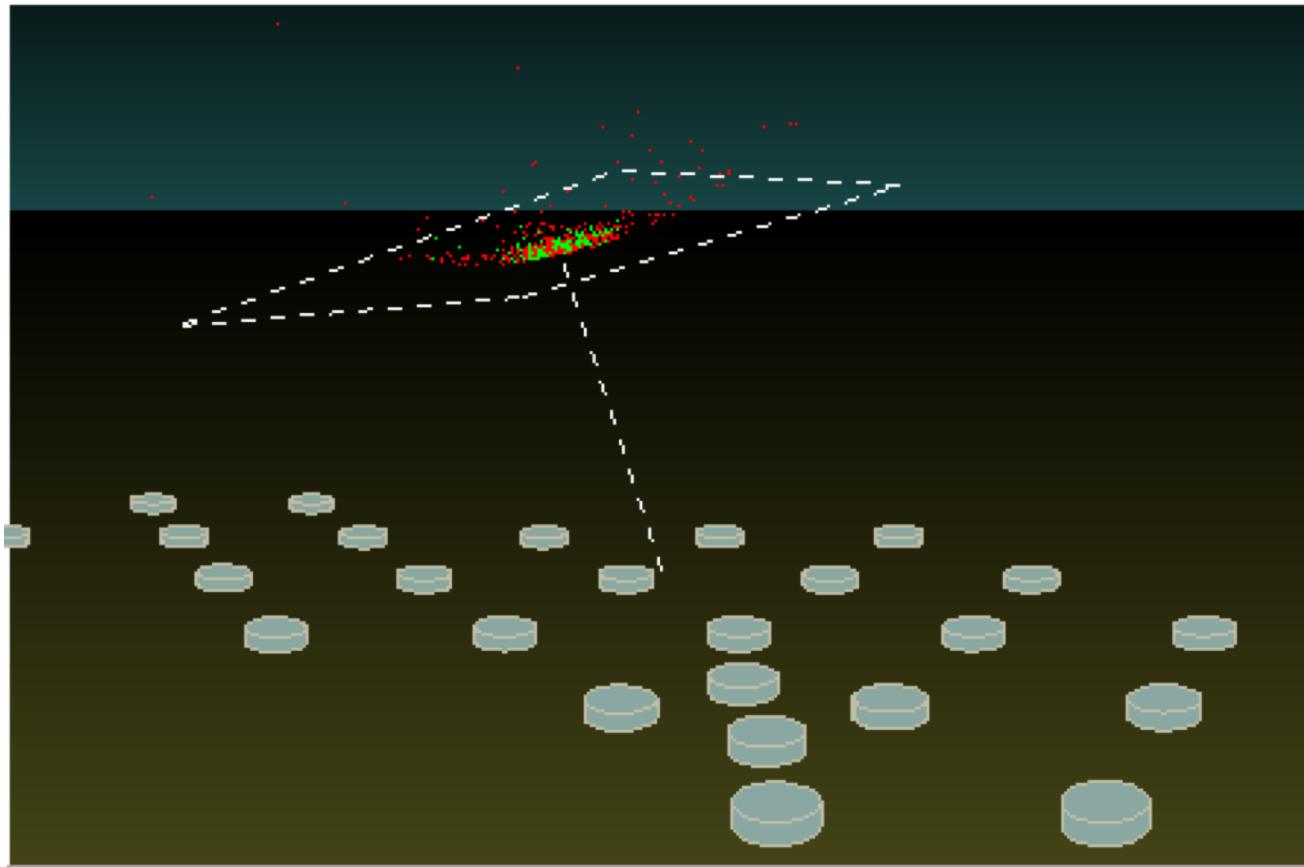
EAS and Fluorescence

10^{18}eV Proton $\rightarrow 10^9$ e in shower

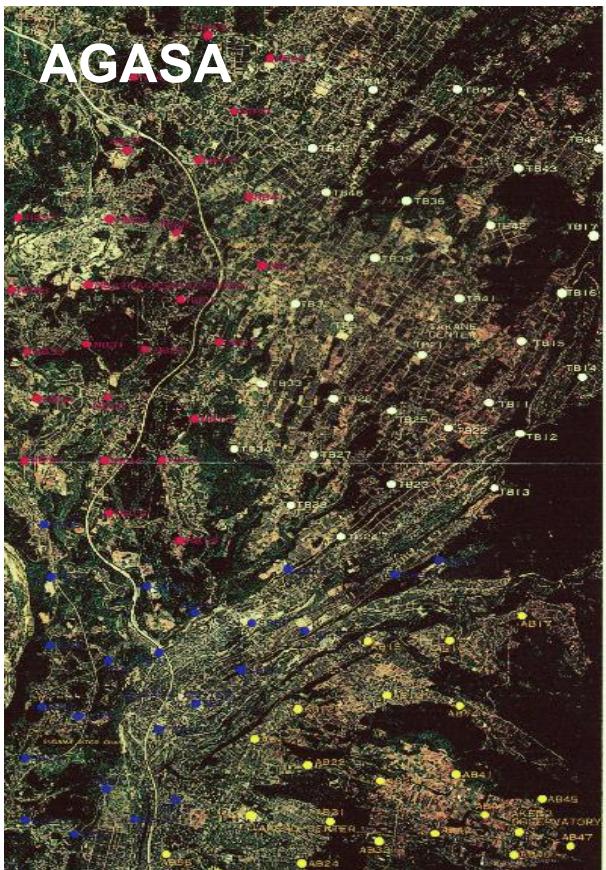


Auger: hybrid detector





EAS Detectors: AGASA and AUGER

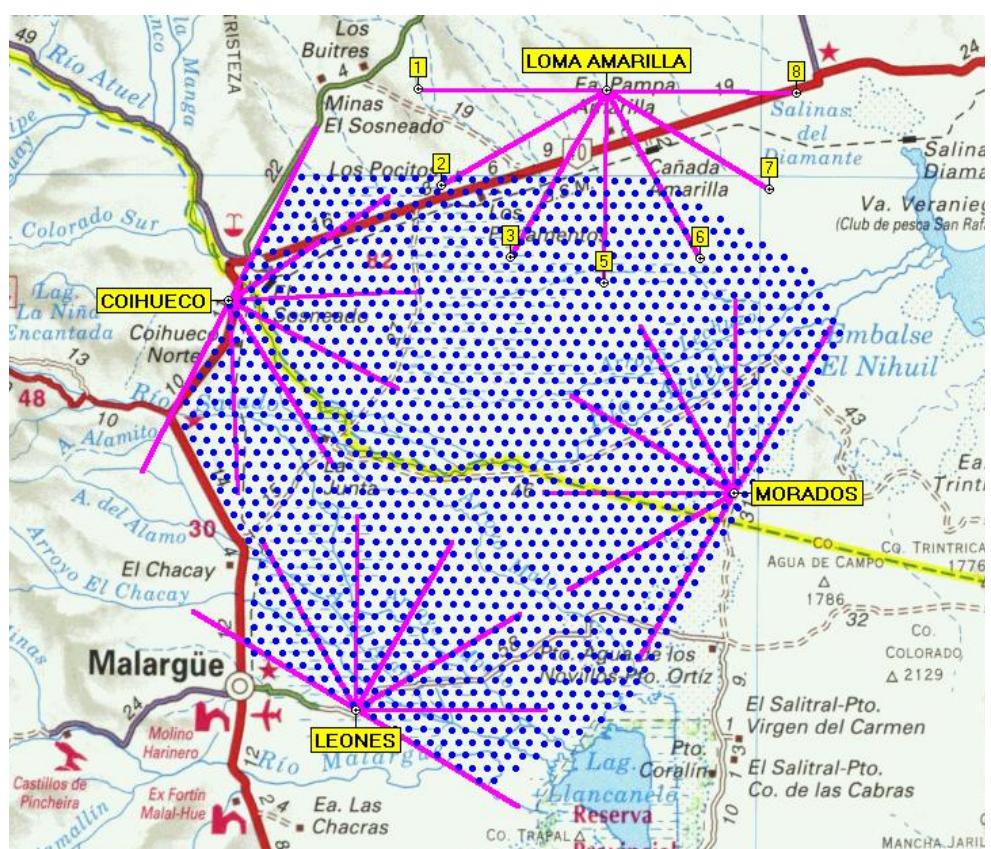


111 detectors surface detectors

27 muon detectors

(under absorbers)

AGASA area about 100 km^2
1 km spacing



Surface Array

1600 detector stations

1.5 km spacing

3000 km²

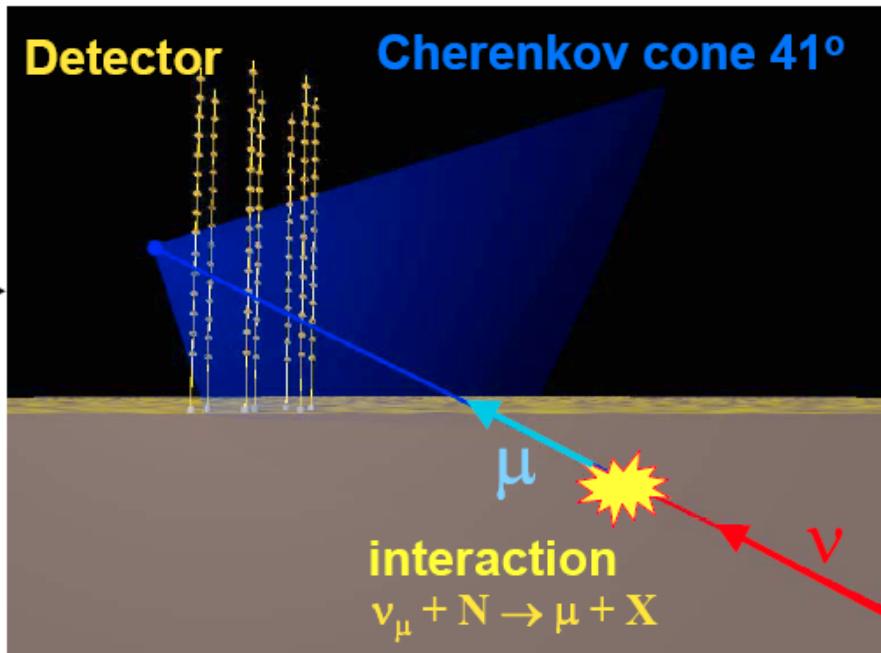
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Fluorescence Detectors

4 Telescope enclosures

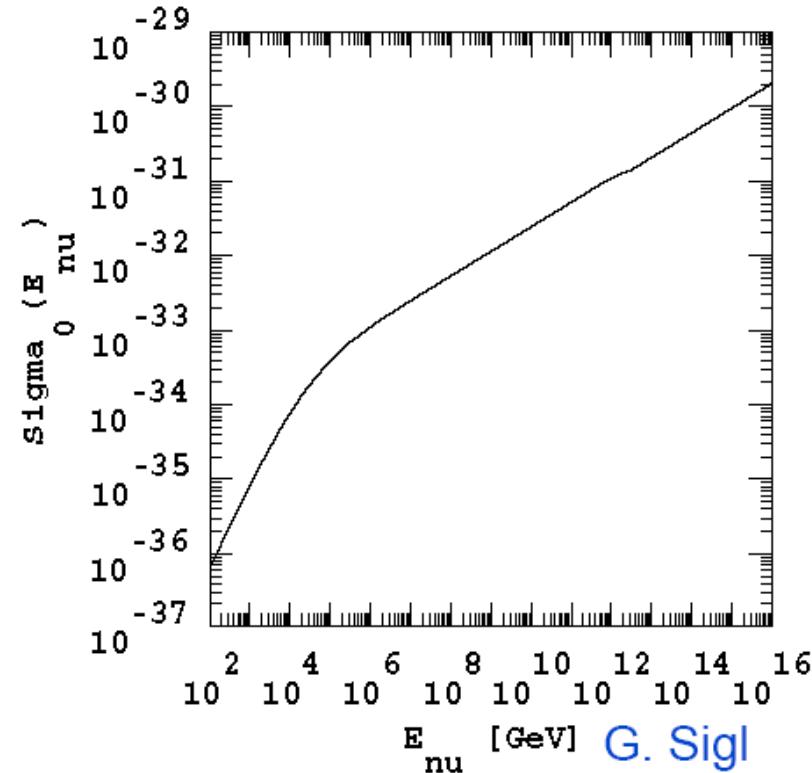
6 Telescopes per enclosure

Neutrino telescopes



Two signatures:

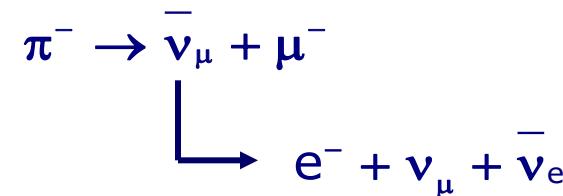
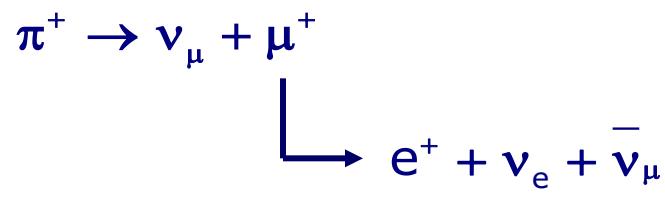
- Muon track: CC interaction
~7km, 20x min.i. (10 TeV)
- Cascade: CC or NC interaction
 $\nu_{(e,\tau)} + N \rightarrow (e, \tau) + X$
 $\nu_X + N \rightarrow \nu_X + X$



Neutrino cross sections have some uncertainty (~ 50% in PeV-EeV range).

Neutrino fluxes chemical composition

If the muon interaction time (IC) is larger than the muon decay time electron neutrinos and antineutrinos are also produced



Tau neutrinos are unlikely produced in the sources ($M_\tau = 1.7$ GeV)
They can be detected at the Earth as “oscillated” muon neutrinos:

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau} \propto \sin^2 \left(1.27 \frac{L[\text{km}]}{E[\text{GeV}]} \Delta m^2 [\text{eV}^2] \right)$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau} \propto \sin^2 \left(\frac{10^{16} L[\text{kpc}]}{10^3 E[\text{TeV}]} 10^{-3} \right) \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\nu_\mu : \nu_\tau : \nu_e = 1:1:1$$

Neutrino energy and spectrum

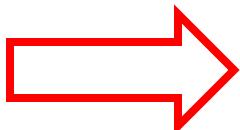
Assuming $p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow n + \pi^+$ interaction channel

$$\varepsilon_\pi \sim 0.2 \varepsilon_p$$

$$N_{\pi^0} \sim N_{\pi^+}$$

$$E_{\mu^+} + E_{\nu_\mu} = E_{\pi^+}$$

$$E_{\mu^+} \approx E_{\nu_\mu} \approx \frac{1}{2} E_{\pi^+}$$



$$\varepsilon_{\nu_\mu} \sim 0.05 \varepsilon_p$$

The same is valid for $n + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ which is the source of anti- ν_μ

If the energy fraction transferred from protons to pions (f_π) is constant as a function of energy the neutrino spectrum follows the proton E^{-2} spectrum

Quasi-two-particle channels: 2π and 3π

