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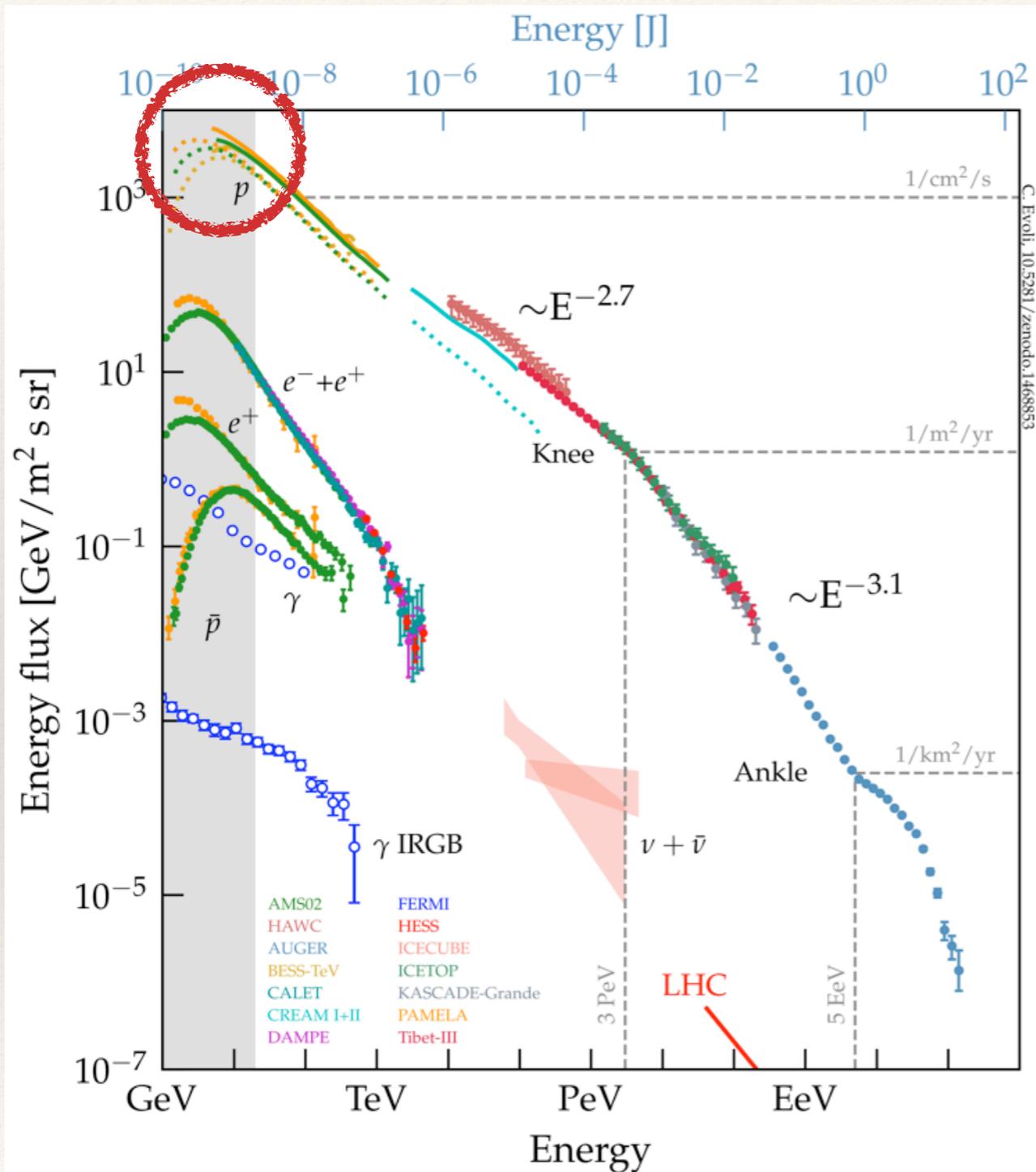
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# Young stellar clusters: new players in the field of Cosmic Ray origin

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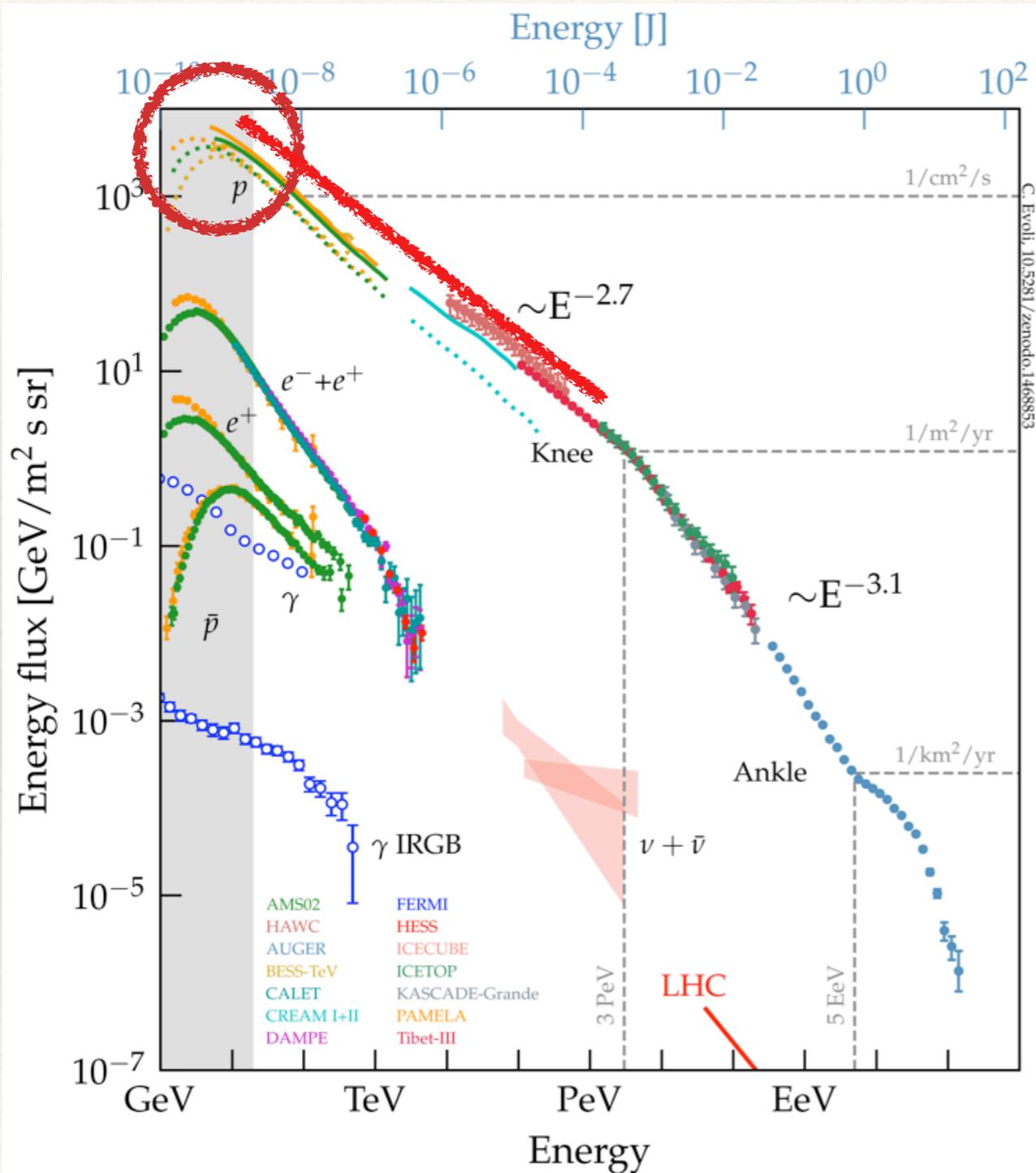
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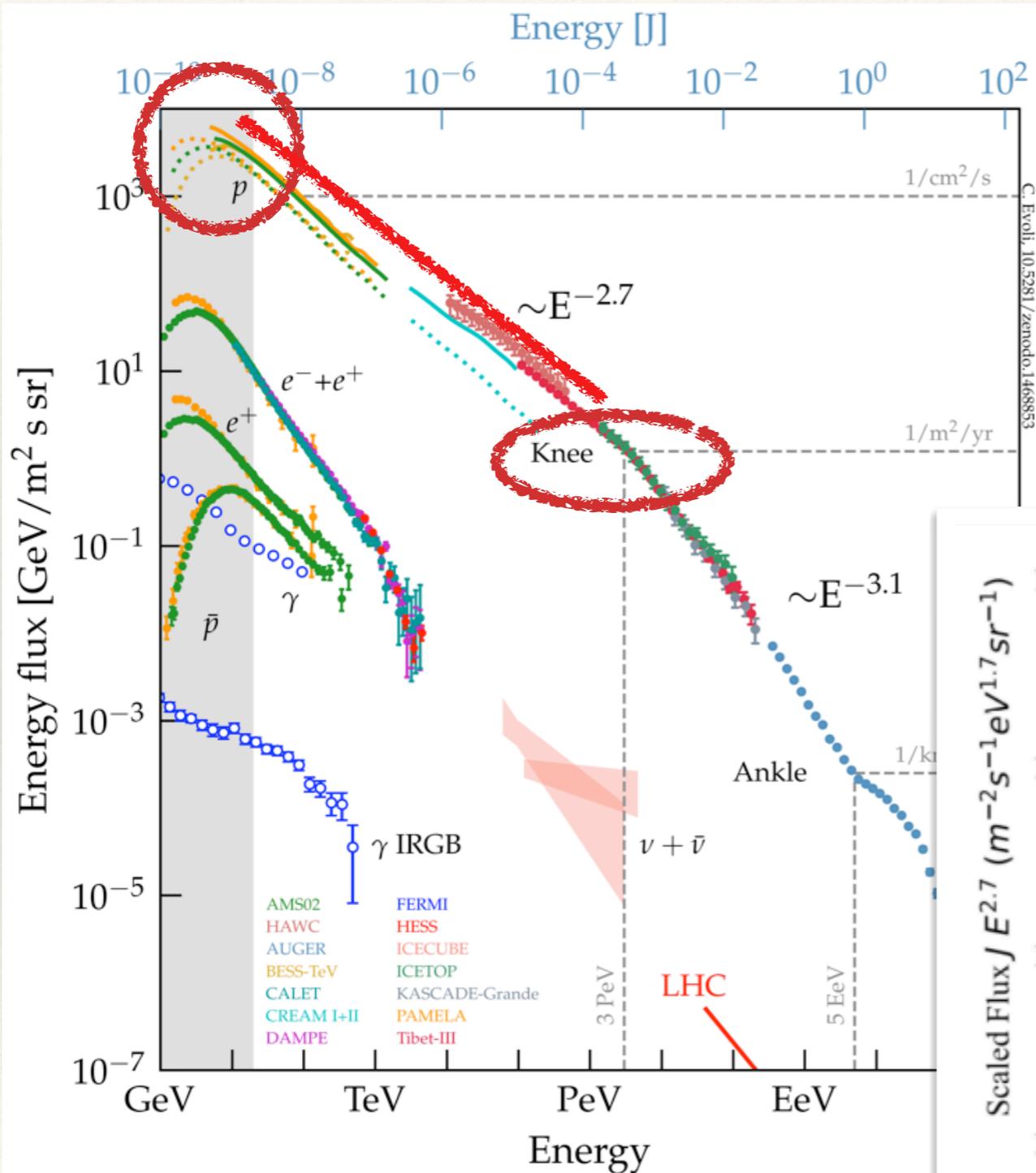
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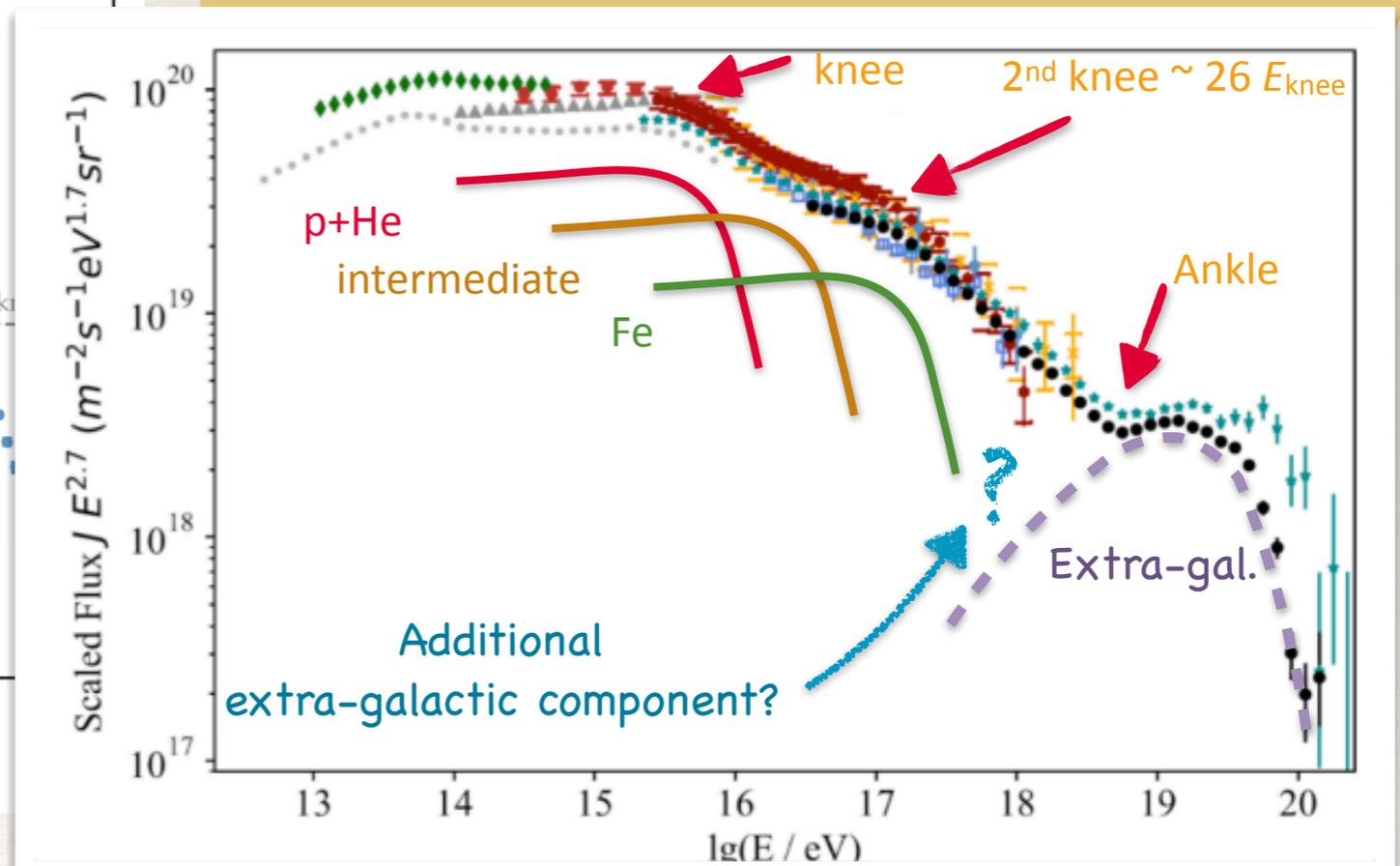
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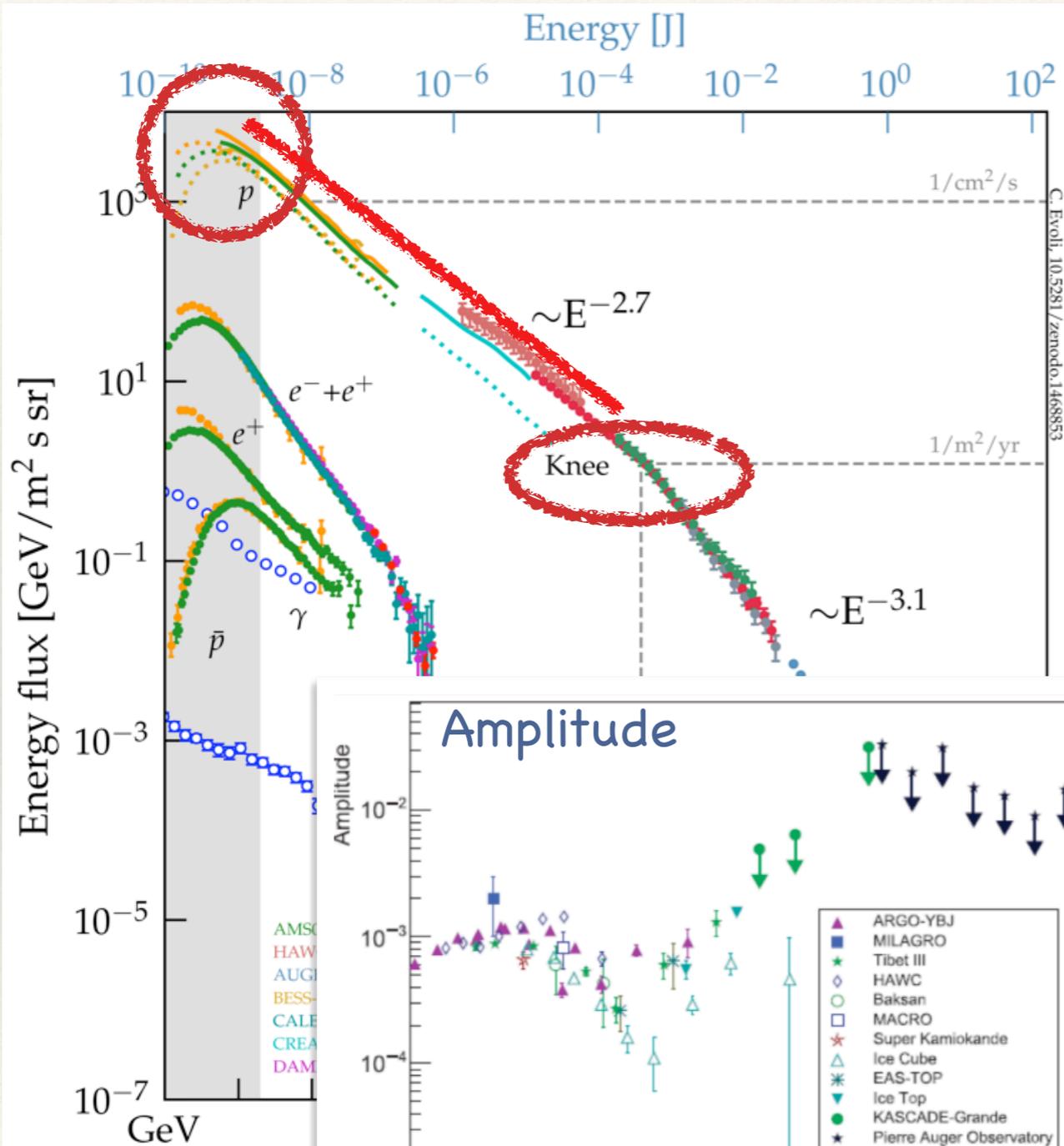


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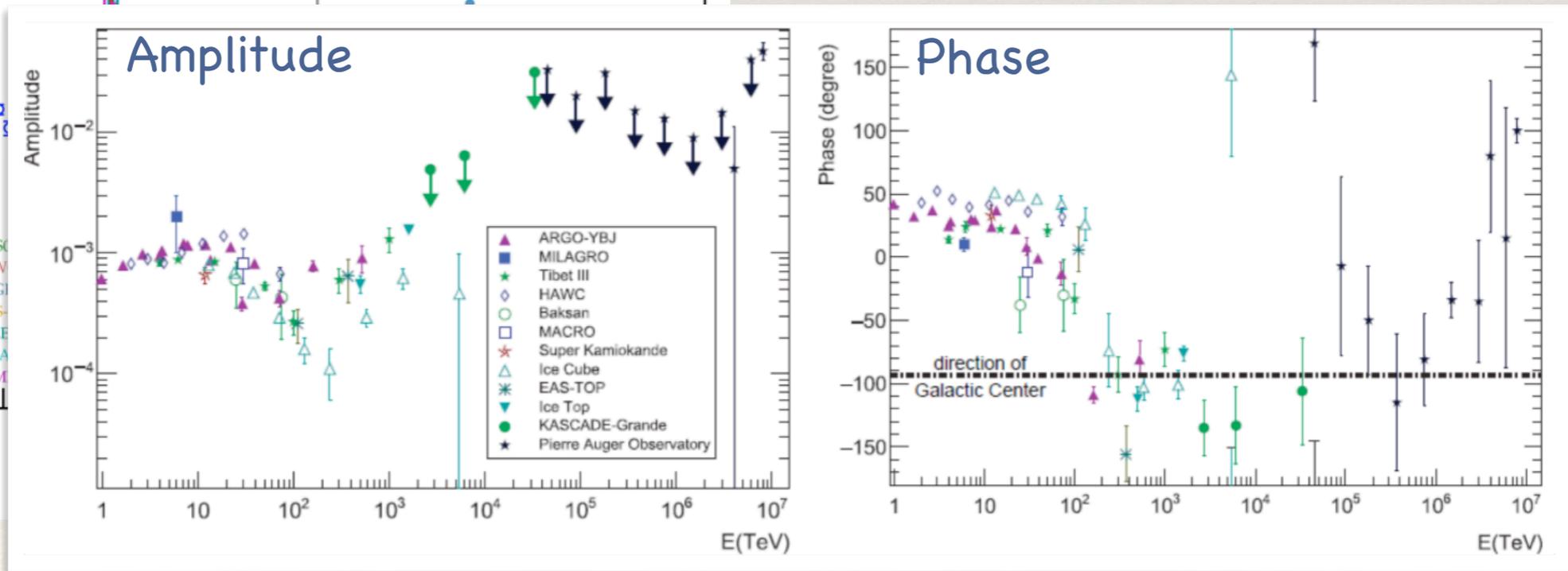


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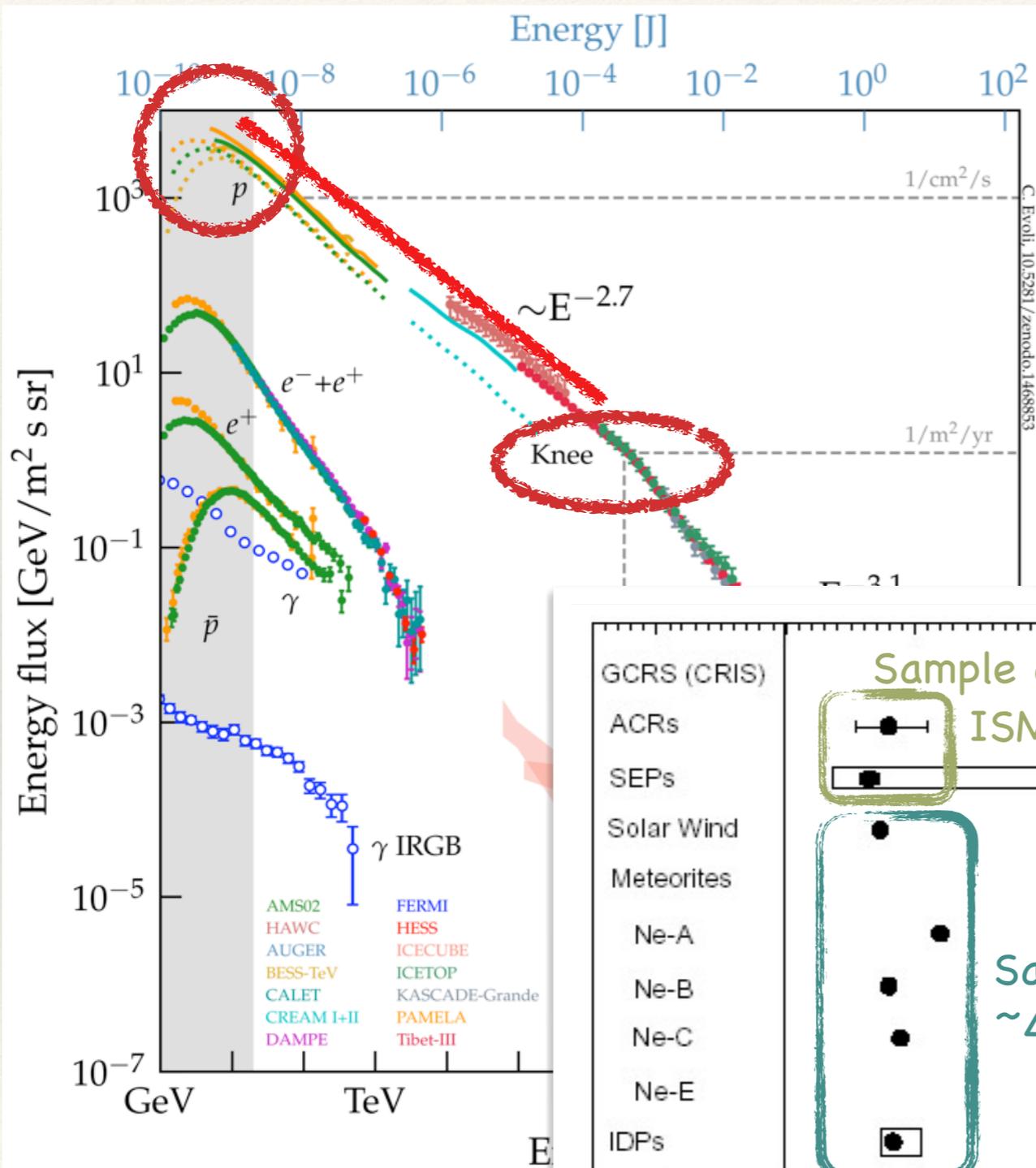


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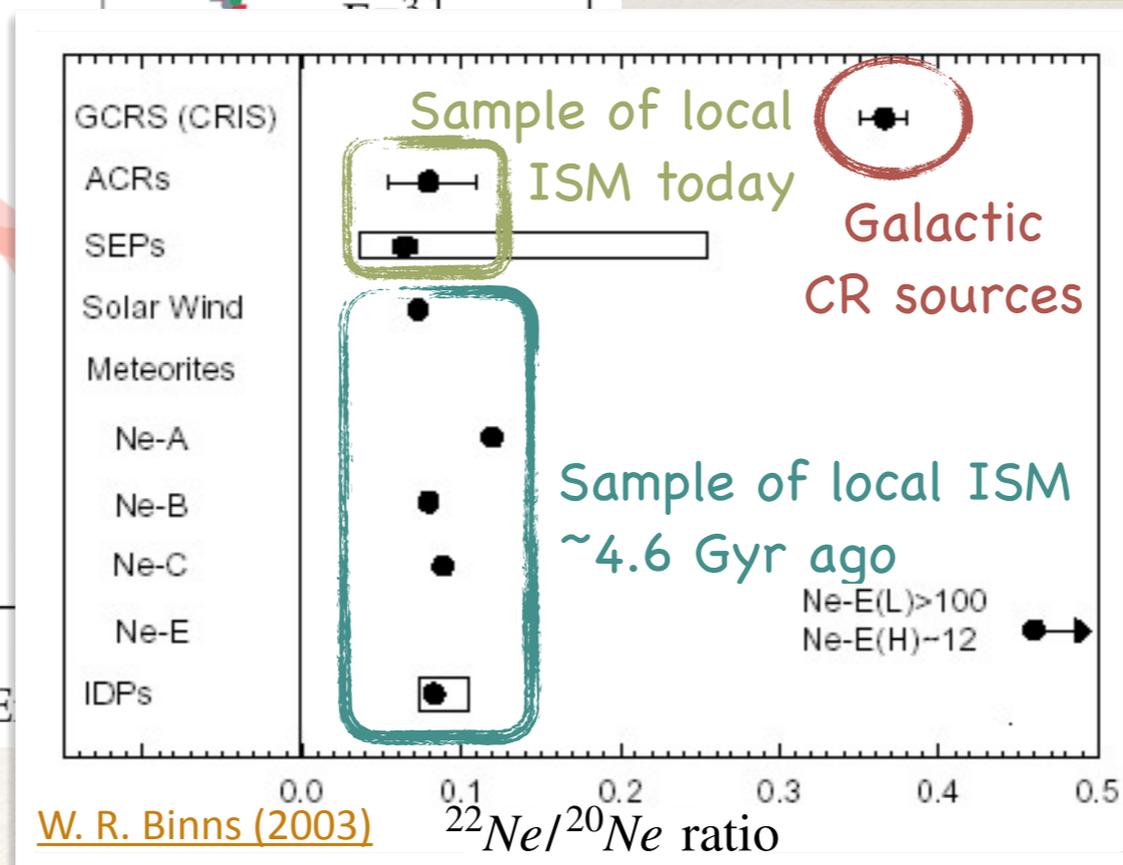


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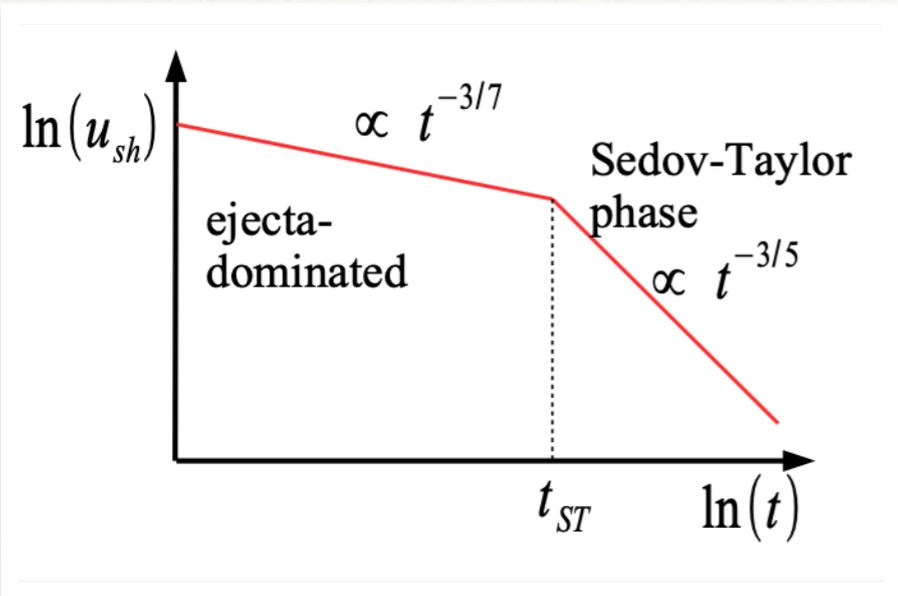
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## ❖ However

- No evidence of acceleration beyond  $\sim 100$  TeV even in very young SNRs
- From theory only very powerful and rare SNRs can reach PeV
- Anomalous CR composition cannot be easily explained
- Spectral anomalies (p, He, CNO have different slopes)

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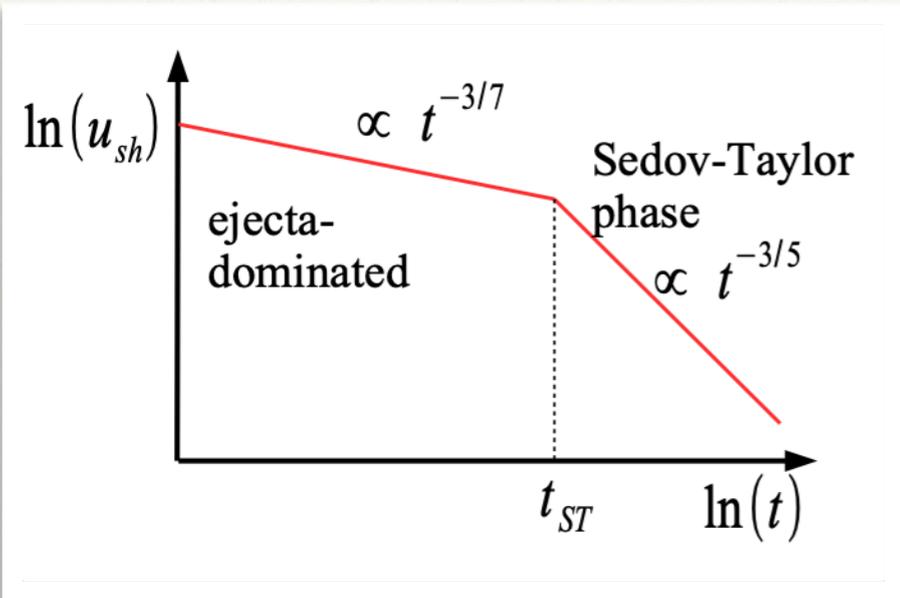
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Maximum energy obtained from the condition  $t_{\text{acc}} = t_{ST}$



$$E_{\max} \simeq 5 \times 10^{13} \mathcal{F}(k_{\max}) \left(\frac{B_0}{\mu G}\right) \left(\frac{M_{ej}}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/6} \left(\frac{E_{SN}}{10^{51} \text{ erg}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{n_{ism}}{\text{cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/3} \text{ eV}$$

$E_{\max}$  is weakly dependent on all parameters but the magnetic field

PeV energies requires  $\mathcal{F} = \left(\frac{\delta B_k}{B}\right)^2 \gg 1$



Need of magnetic field amplification

# How to amplify the magnetic field

For reviews see: Drury (1994); Blasi (2013, 2019); Gabici et al (2019)

- In the regular ISM turbulence is injected by SNR and stellar winds:

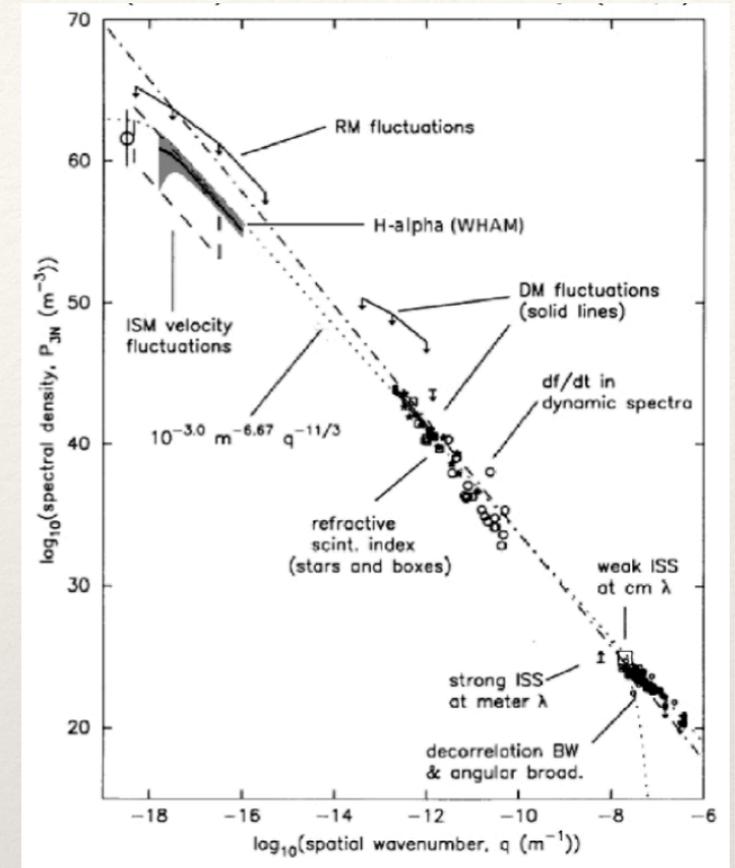
- Kolmogorov power spectrum  $\mathcal{F}(k) = k \frac{\langle \delta B(k) \rangle^2}{B_0^2} = \frac{2}{3} \eta_B (L_{\text{tur}} k)^{-2/3}$

- Injection scale  $L_{\text{tur}} \sim 10 - 100 \text{ pc}$

- Total power in turbulence  $\eta_B \sim 0.01 - 0.1$

→  $\mathcal{F}(1/r_L(1\text{PeV})) \sim 10^{-3}$

$E_{\text{max}} \sim \text{few GeV}$



Electron density fluctuation in the ISM [Armstrong et al.(1995) ApJ 443, 209]

- Proposed magnetic field amplification mechanisms:**

- Resonant streaming instability [Skilling (1975)] →  $\mathcal{F} \lesssim 1$

- MHD instability due to density perturbation [Giaccalone & Jokipii (2007)]

- Acoustic instability [Drury & Falle (1983)]

- Non-resonant streaming instability [Bell (2004)] →  $\mathcal{F} \gtrsim 1$

→  $\mathcal{F} \sim 1$   
in realistic conditions

# Only very young CC SNR can accelerate to PeV

Shure & Bell (2013)

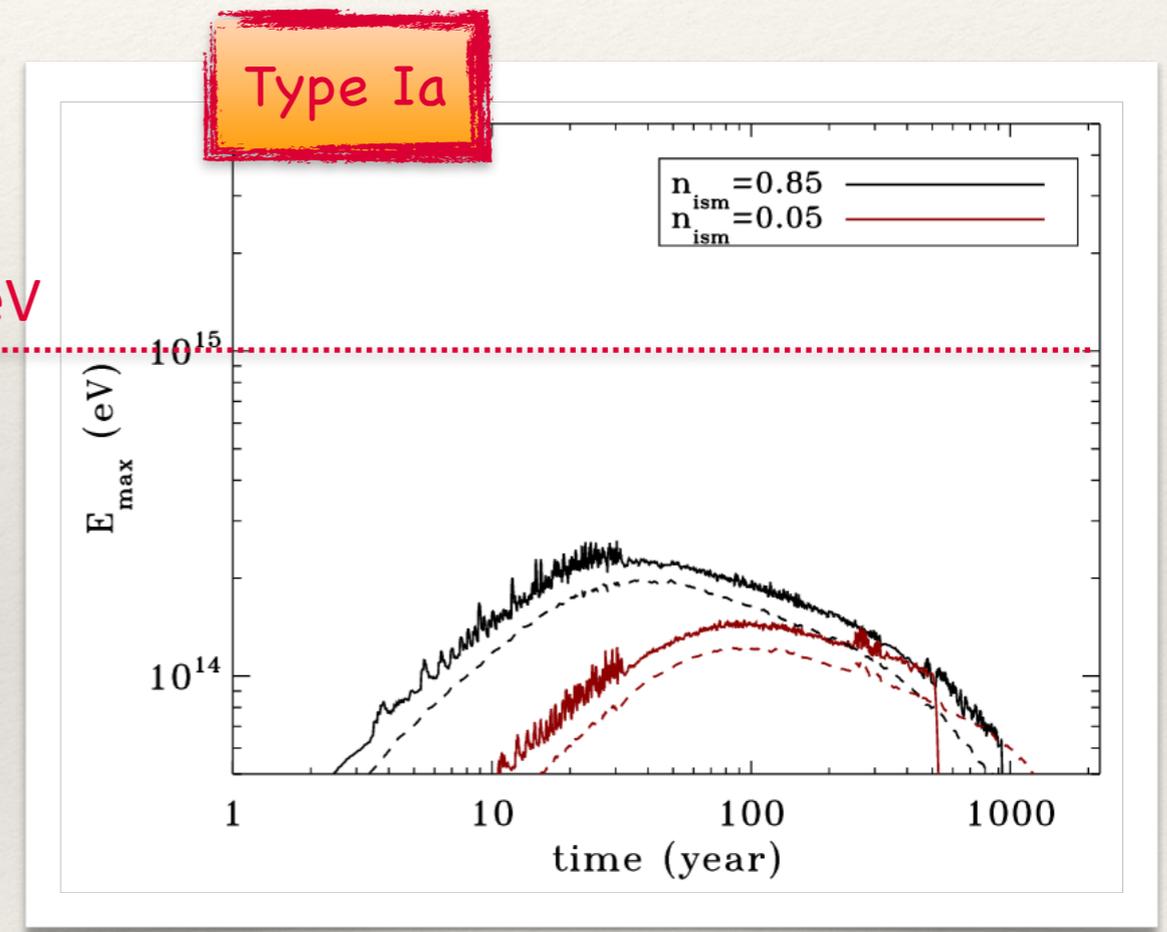
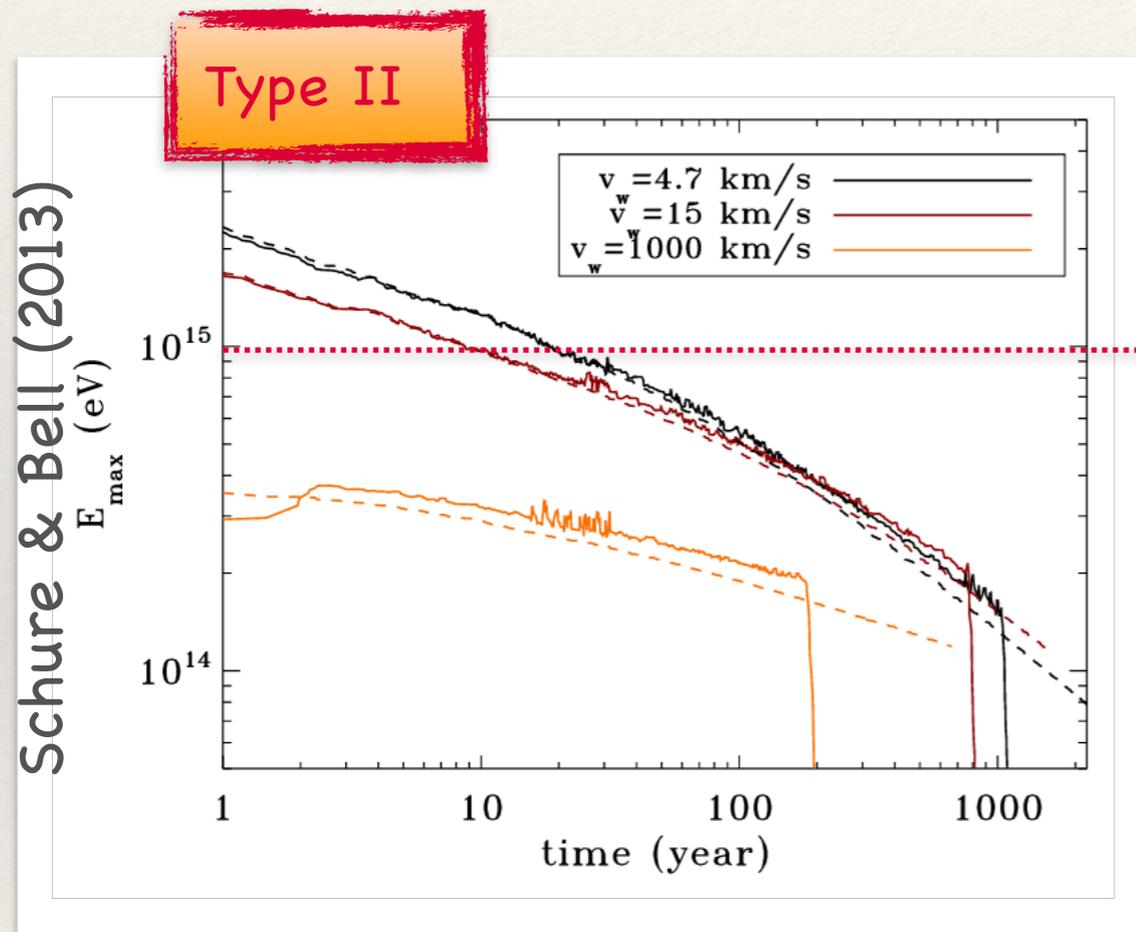
Magnetic field  
at saturation

$$\frac{B_{\text{sat}}^2}{B_0^2} \sim \frac{U_{\text{CR}}}{U_{B_0}} \frac{v_d}{c} \propto n_0 v_{sh}$$



Efficient amplification requires:

- large densities
- large shock speed



PeV energies can be reached:

- Only by core-collapse SN expanding into dense environment (slow and dense progenitor's wind)
- During the very early phase (age  $\lesssim 50$  years)

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Cristofari, Blasi & Amato (2020)

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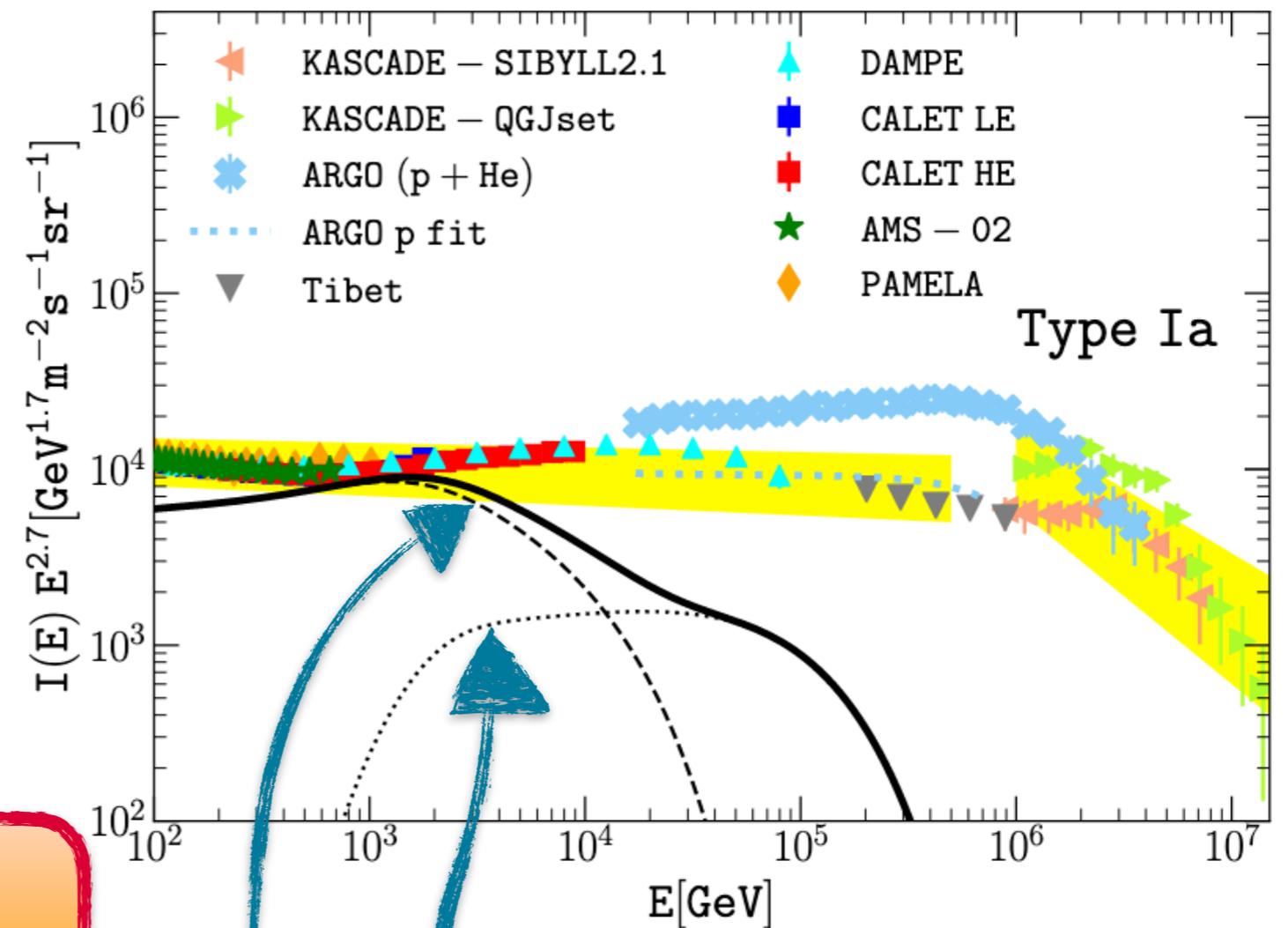
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Particles escaping during the acceleration

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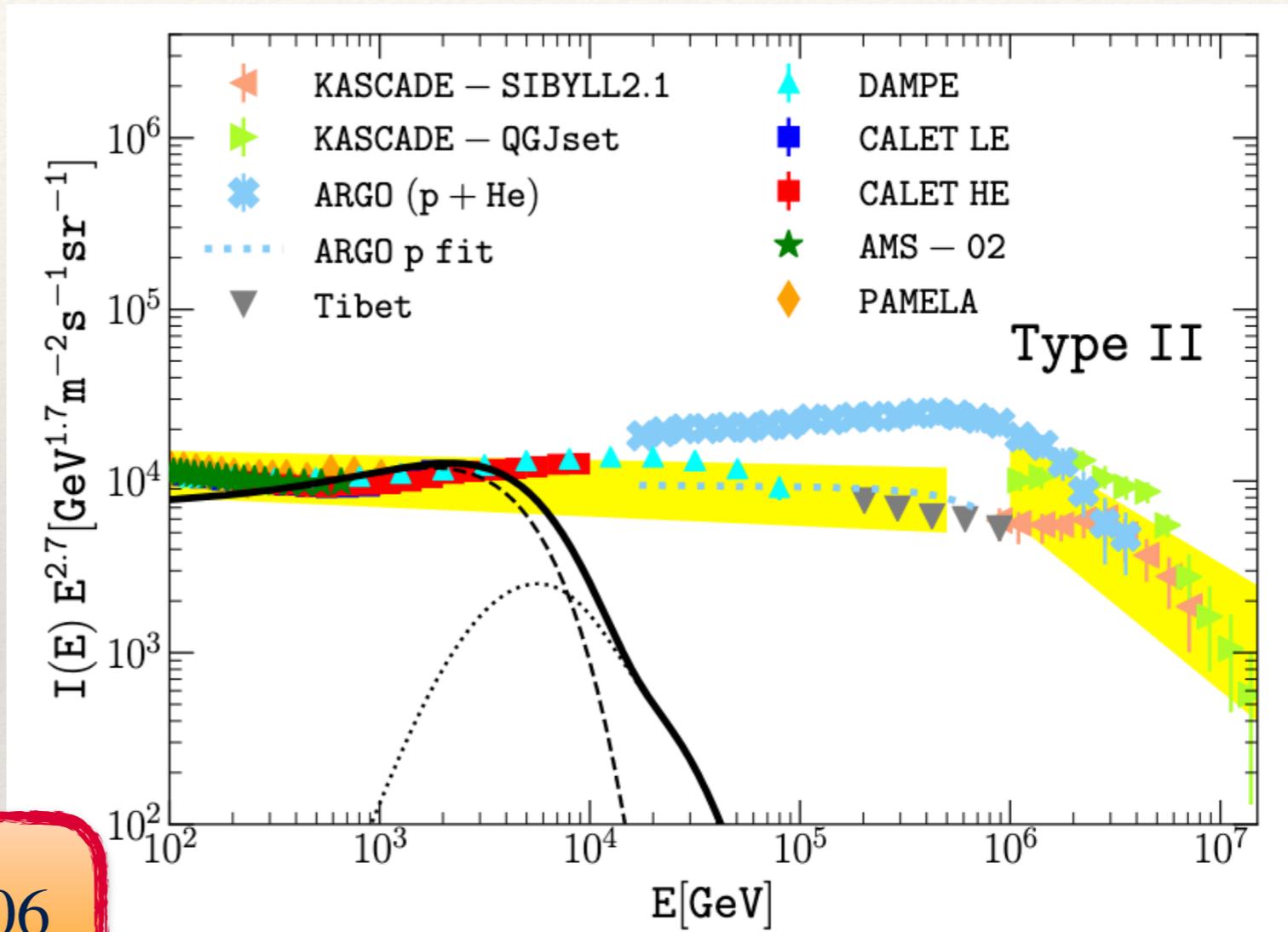
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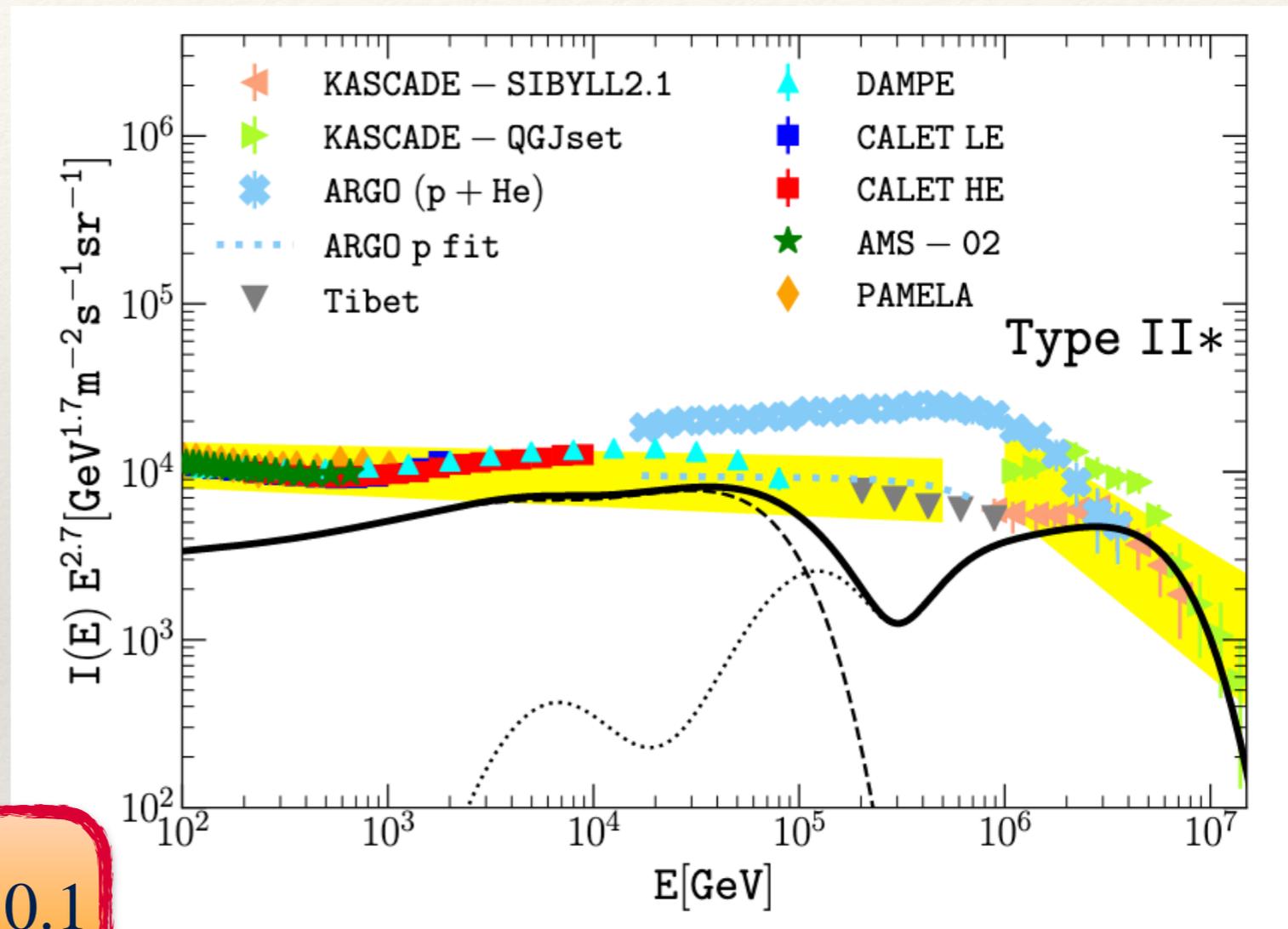
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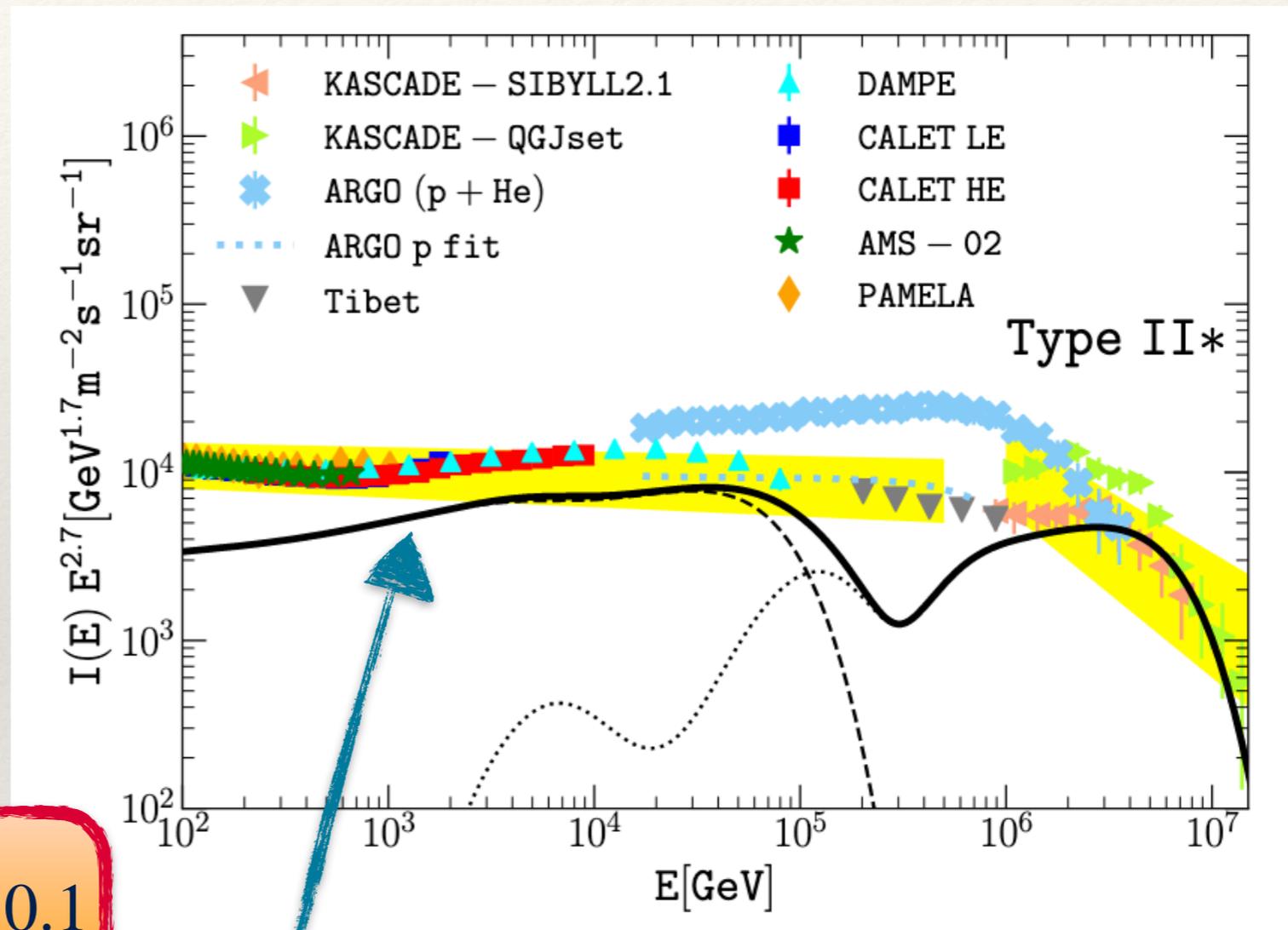
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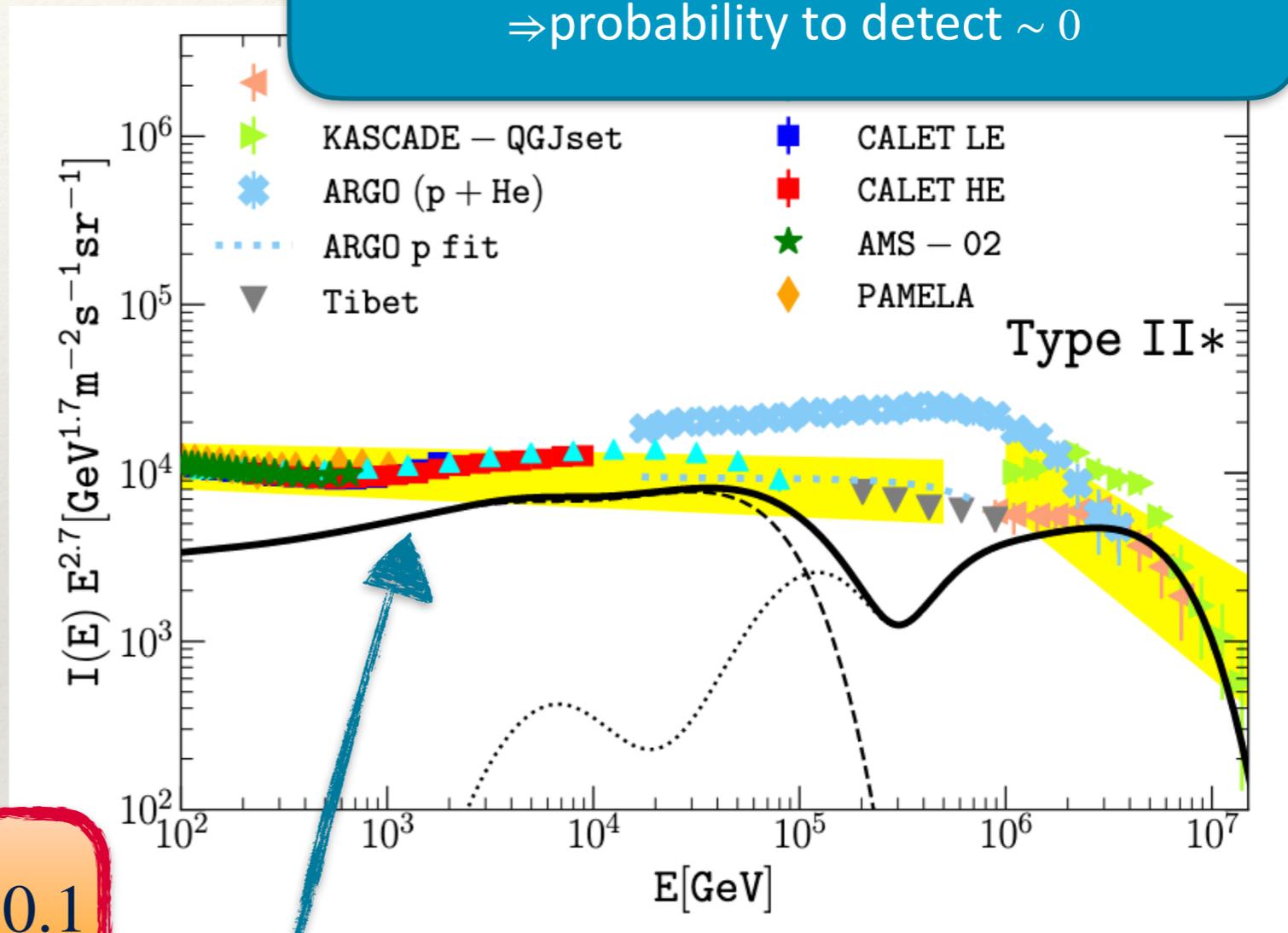
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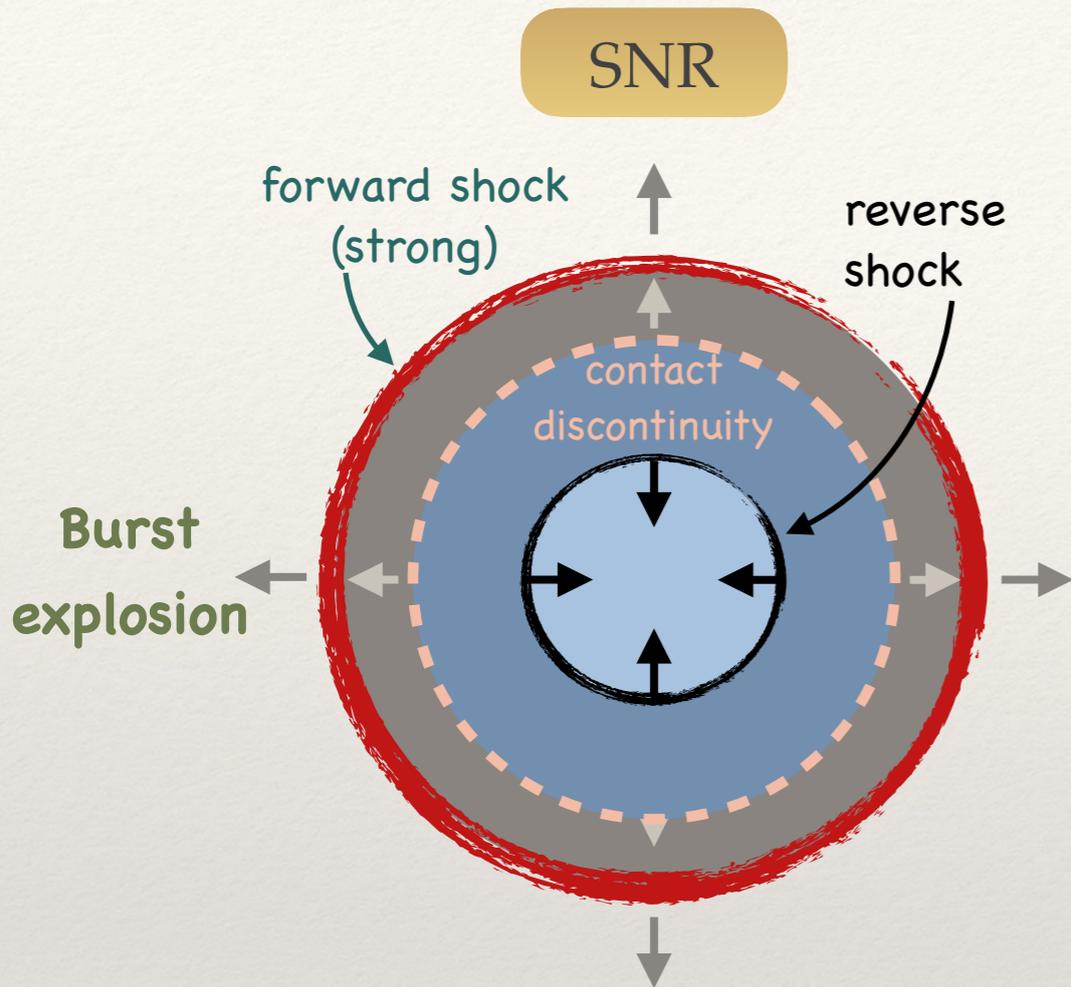
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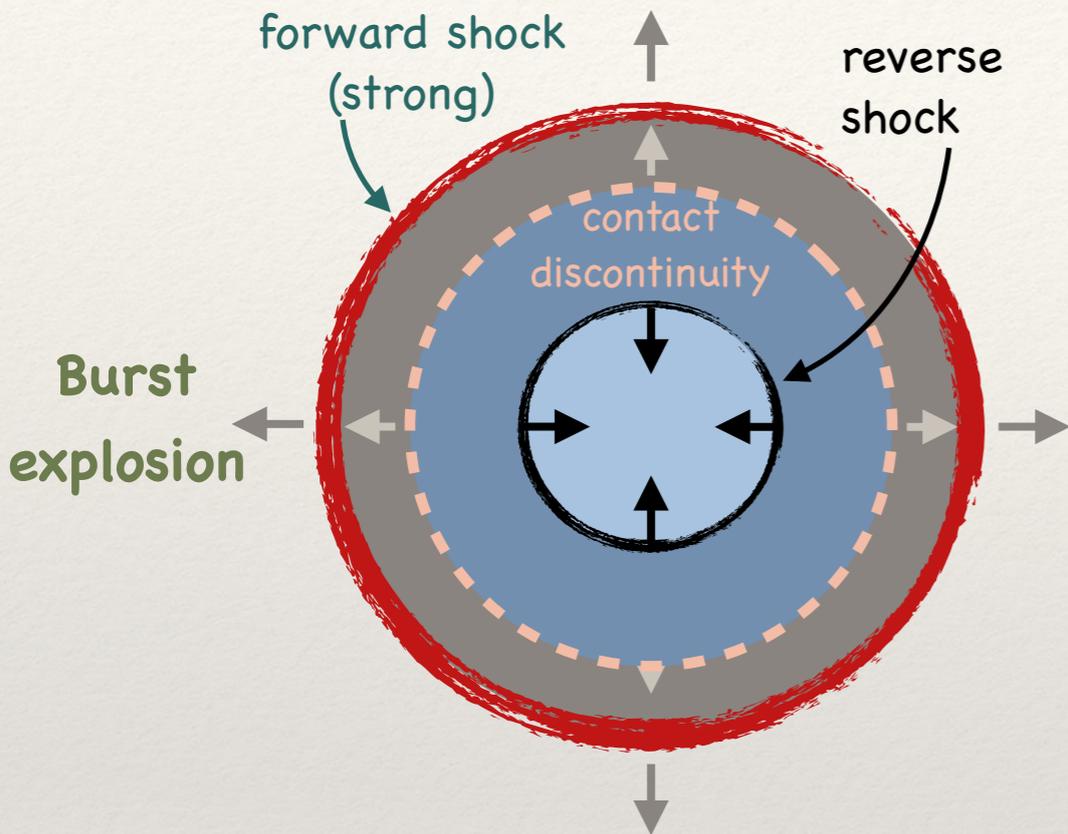
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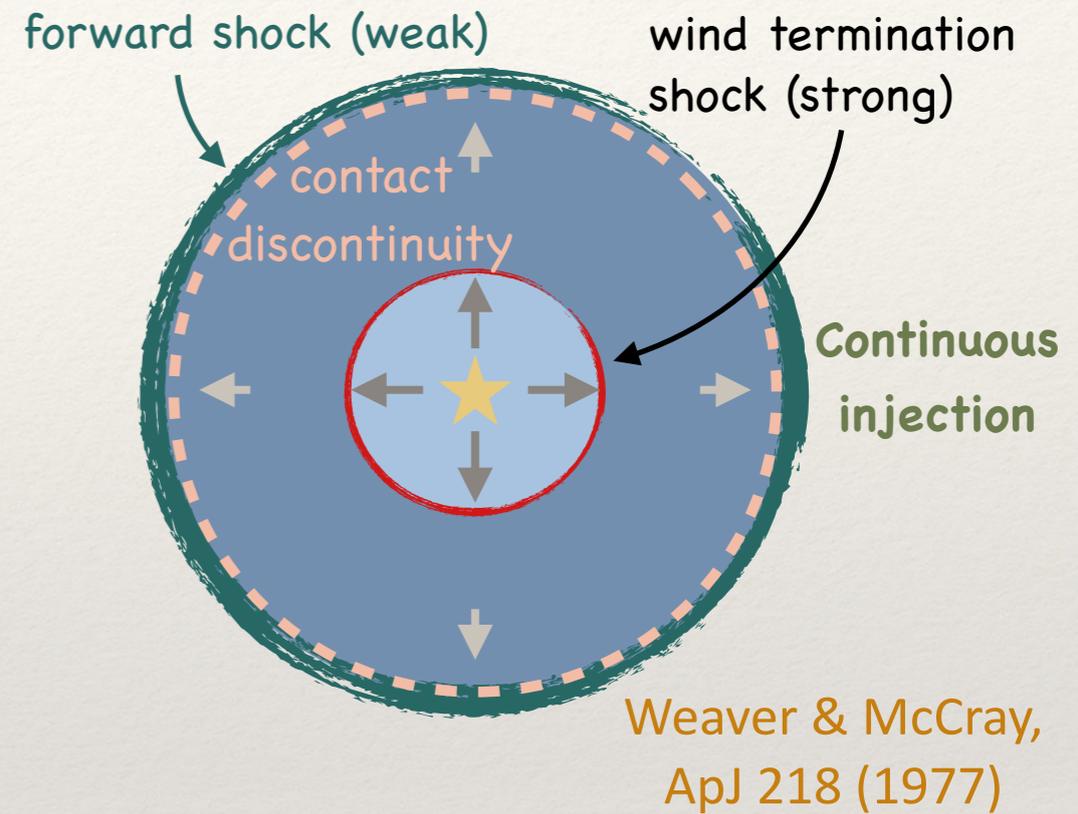
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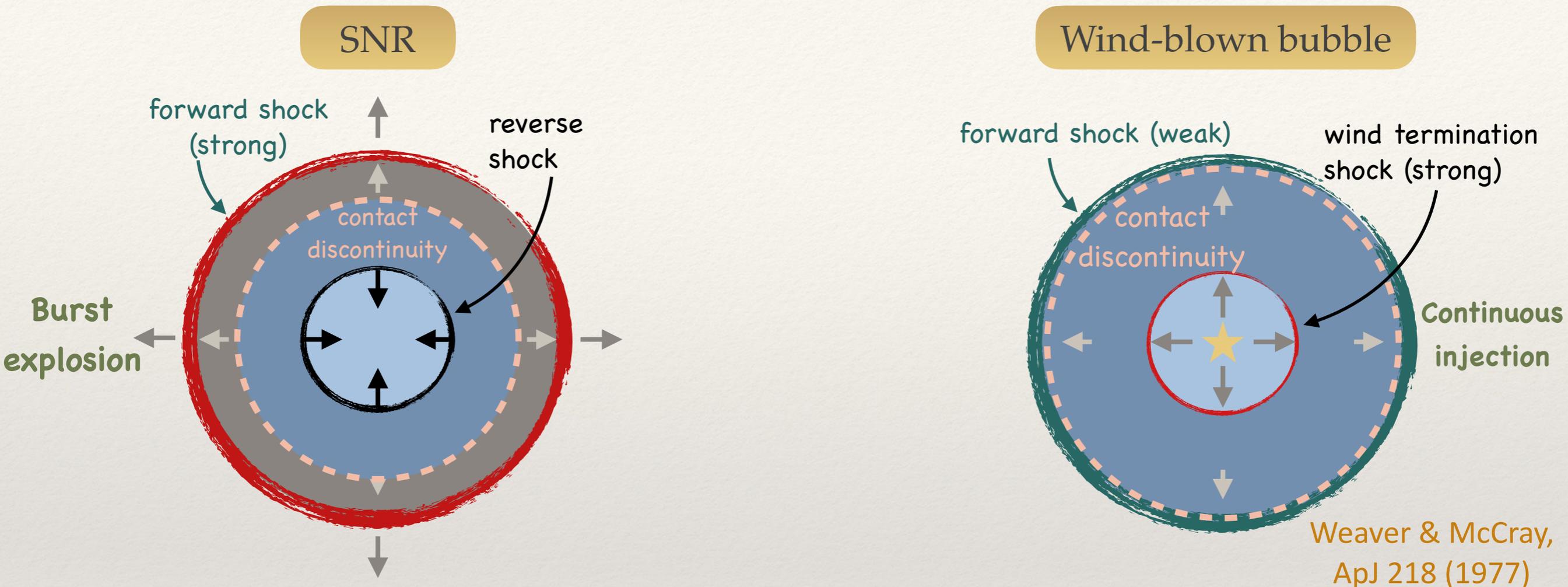


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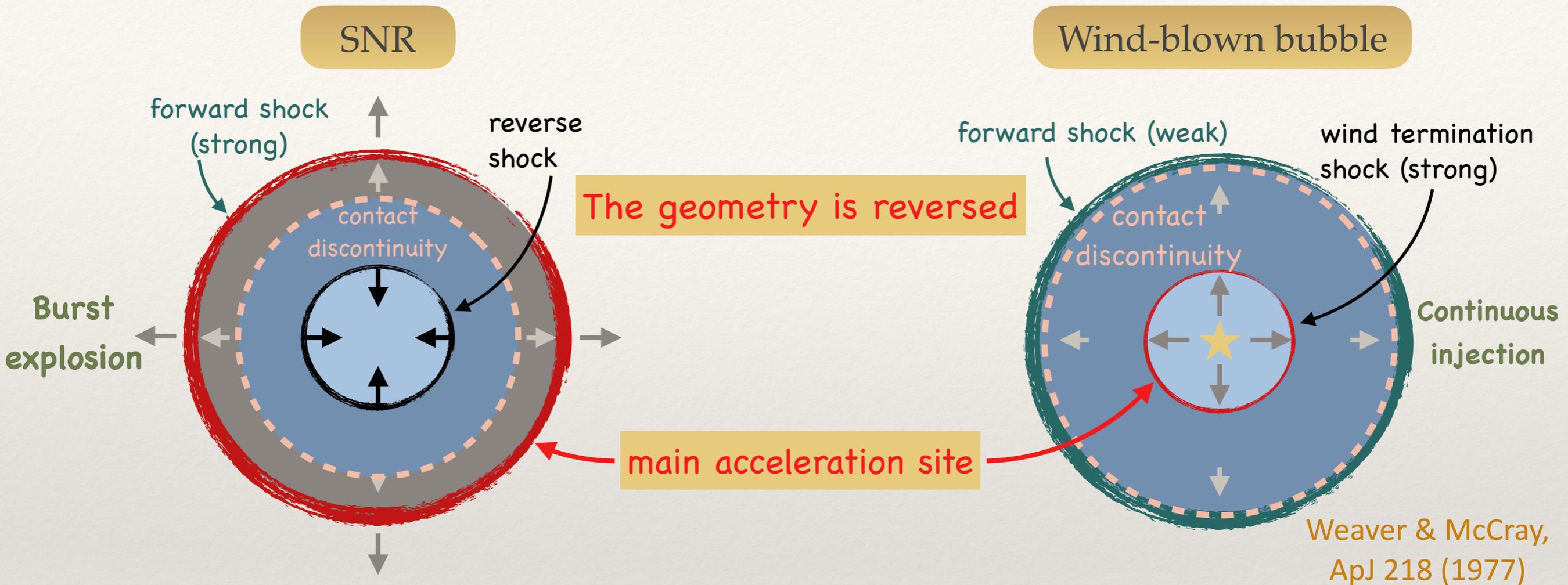
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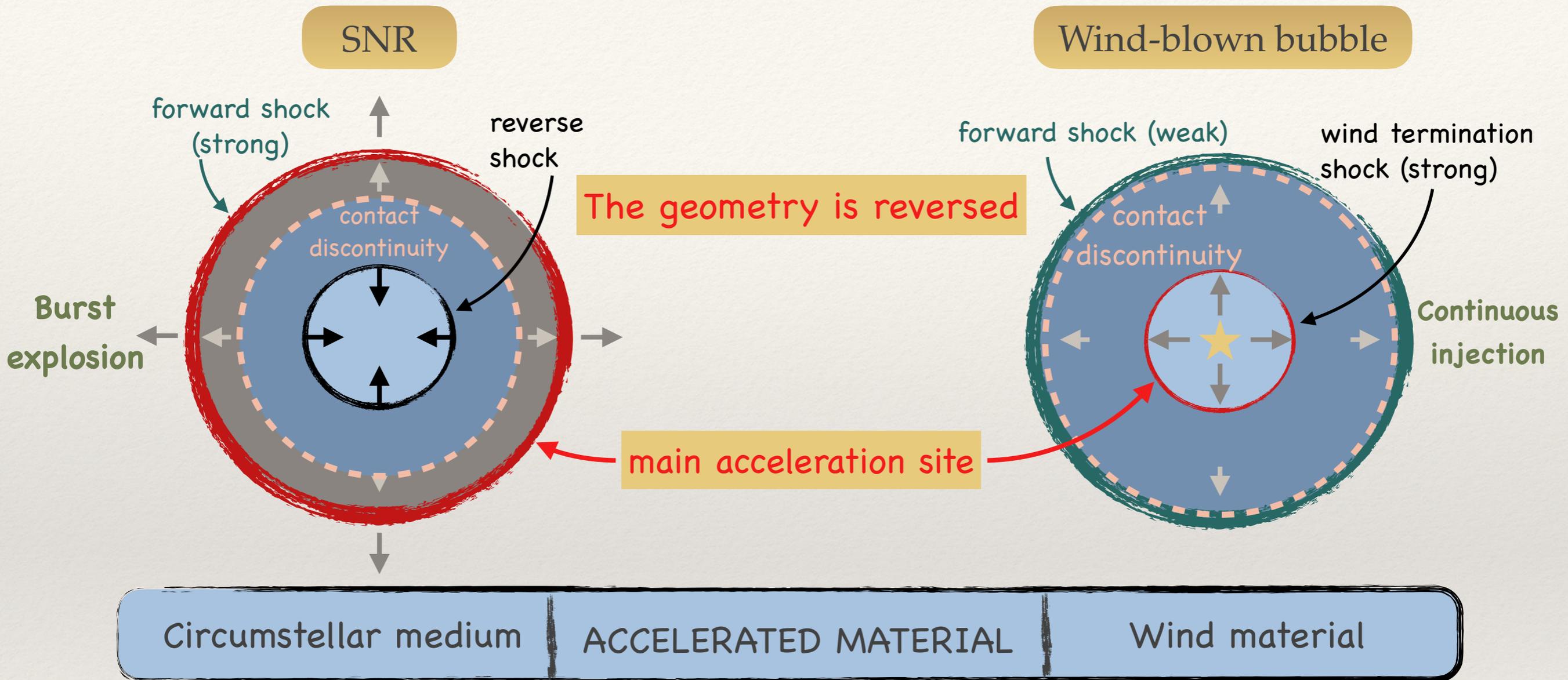
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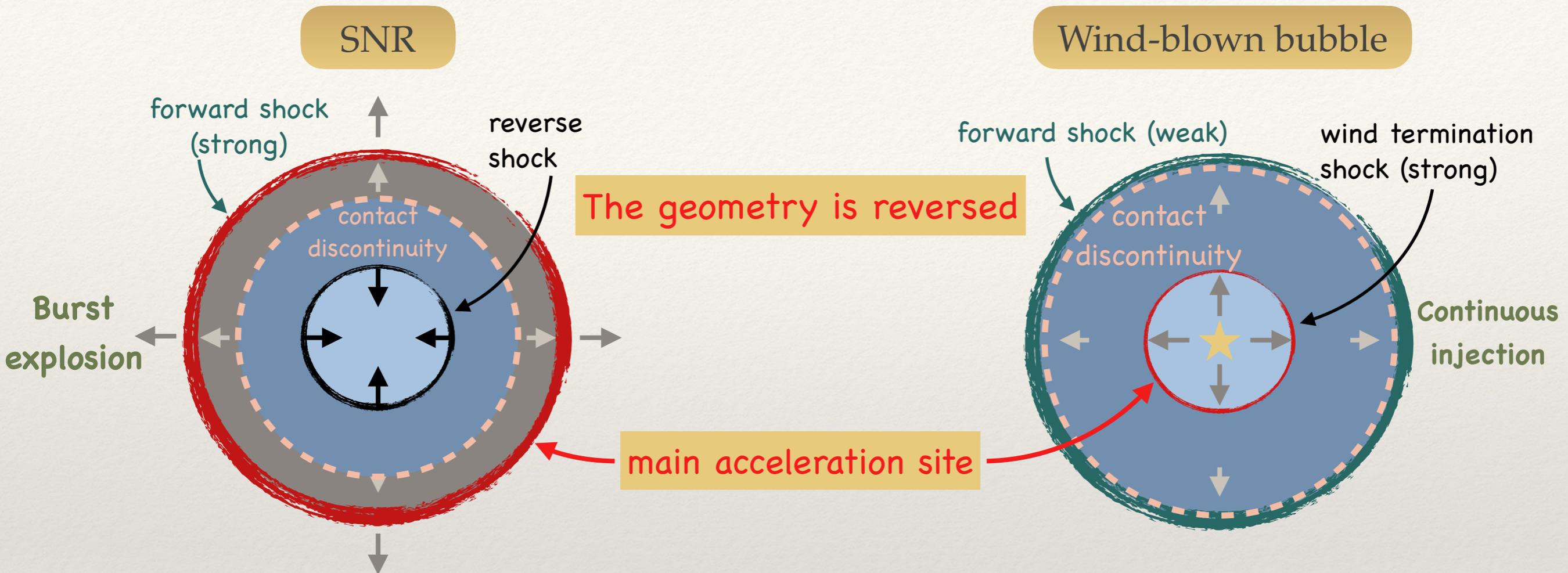
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WTS (single star)	10 <sup>-6</sup>	< 3000	~ 1	~ 1 MHD turbulence	~10 <sup>6</sup>	space limited	~ 10
WTS (massive cluster)	10 <sup>-4</sup>	< 3000	> 10	> 10 MHD turbulence	~10 <sup>6</sup>	space limited	~> 1000

For massive star cluster ( $\gtrsim 10^4 M_{\odot}$ ) PeV energies can be reached

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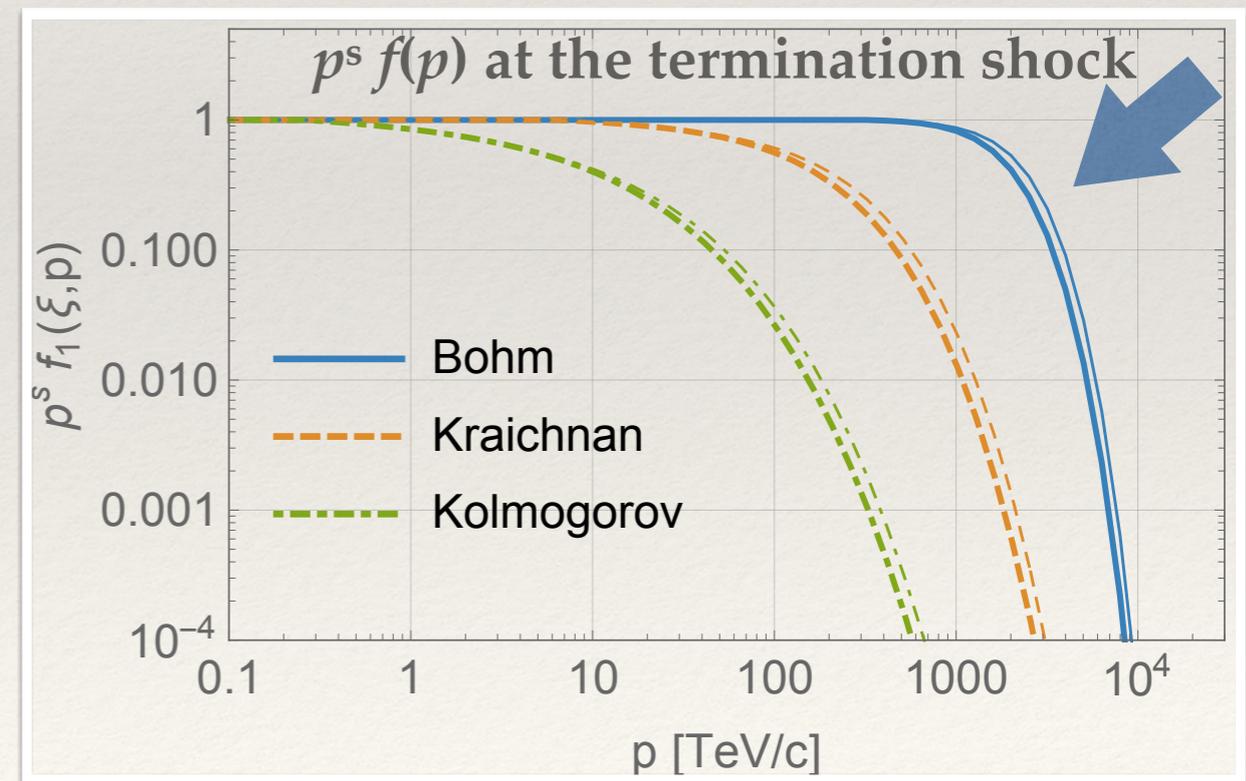
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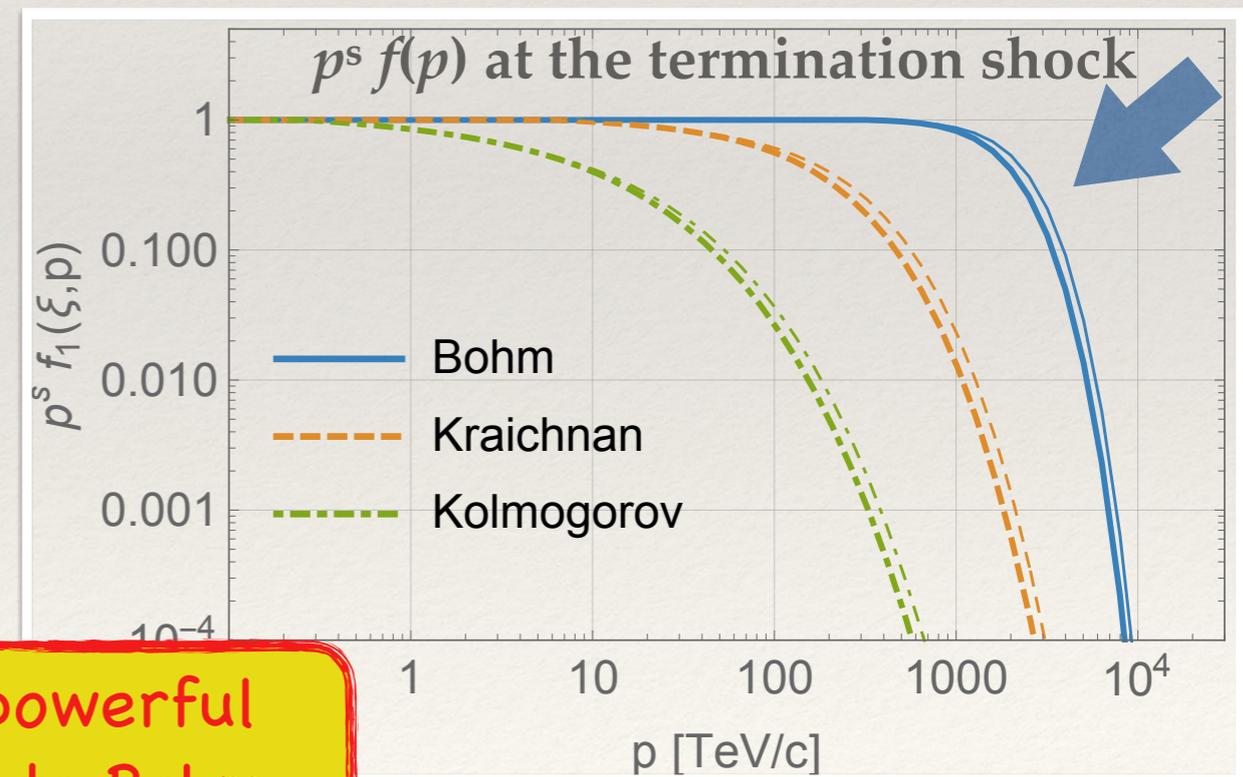
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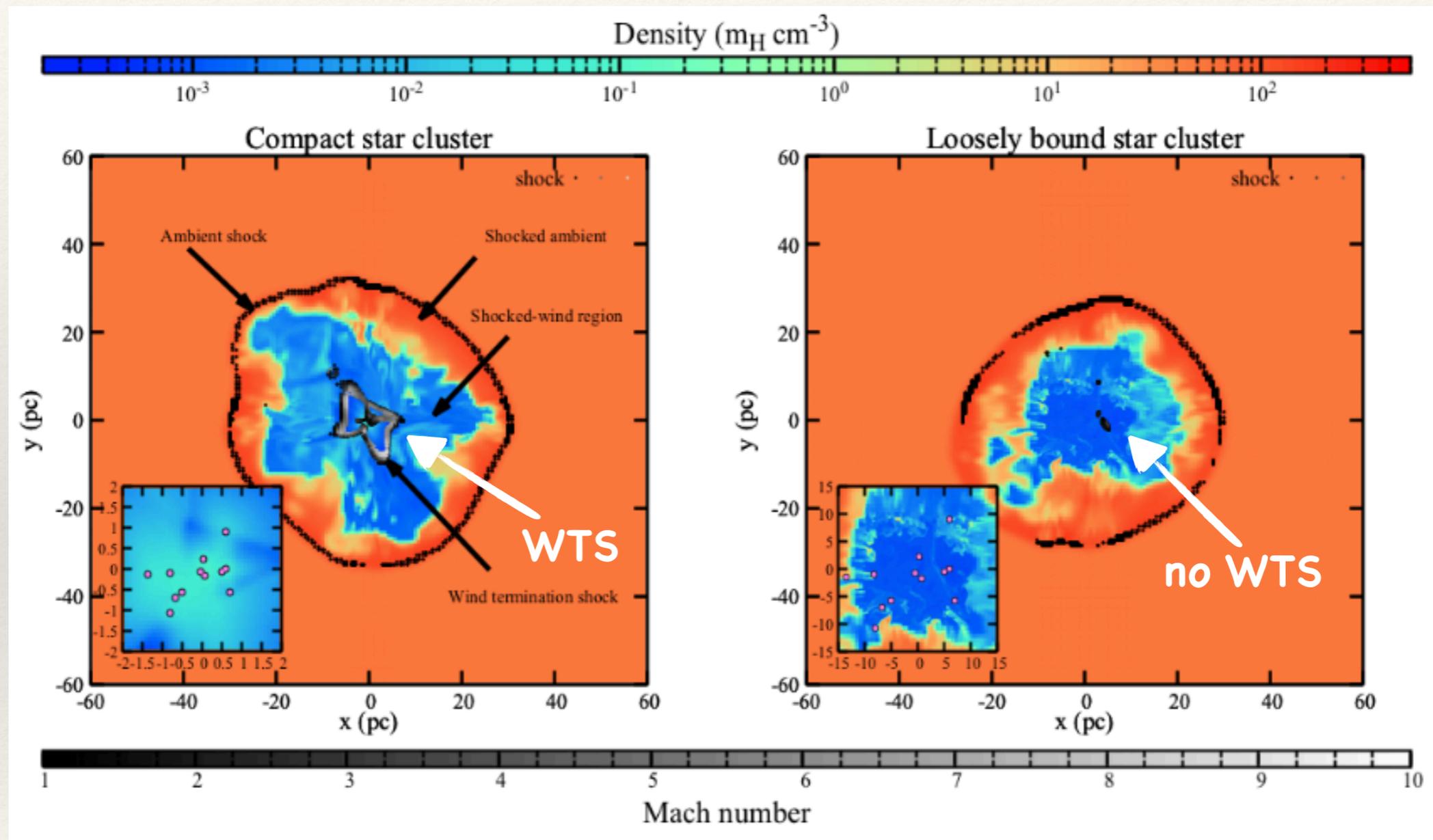


PeV energies can be reached in very powerful stellar clusters if the diffusion is close to Bohm

# Cluster compactness

[Gupta, Nath, Sharma & Eichler, MNRAS 2020]

A WTS is generated if the cluster is compact enough, such that  $R_{\text{cluster}} \ll R_{\text{ts}}$



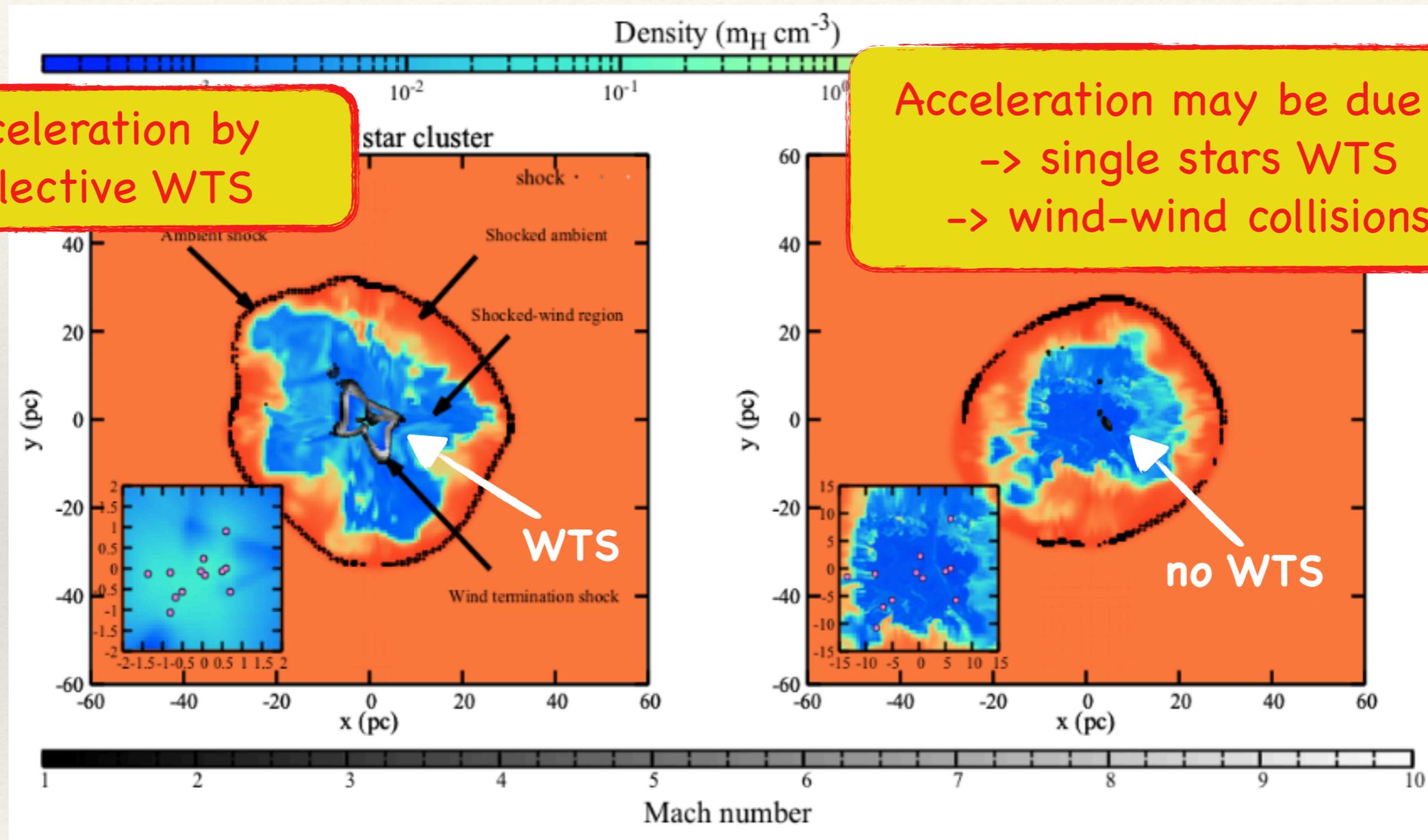
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Loose cluster

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[Gupta, Nath, Sharma & Eichler, MNRAS 2020]

A WTS is generated if the cluster is compact enough, such that  $R_{\text{cluster}} \ll R_{\text{ts}}$



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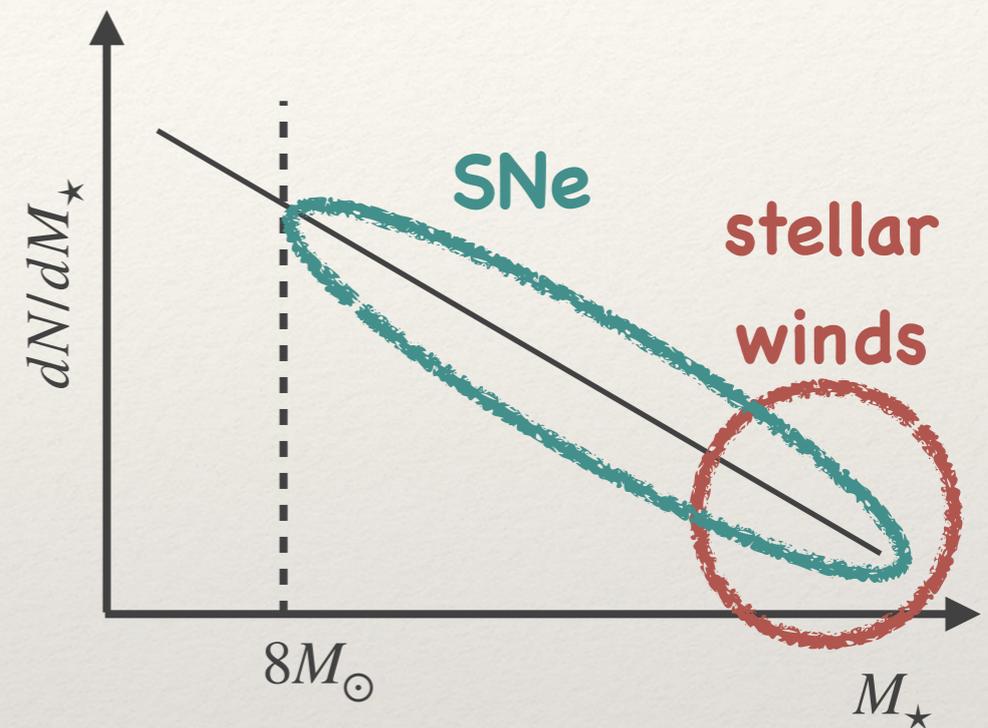
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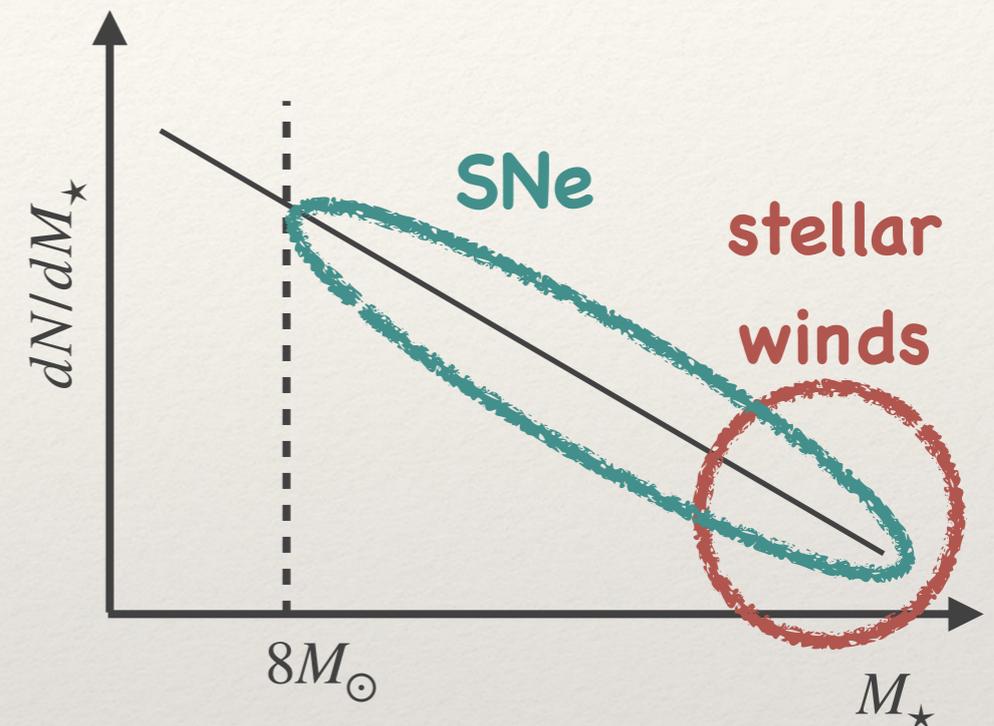
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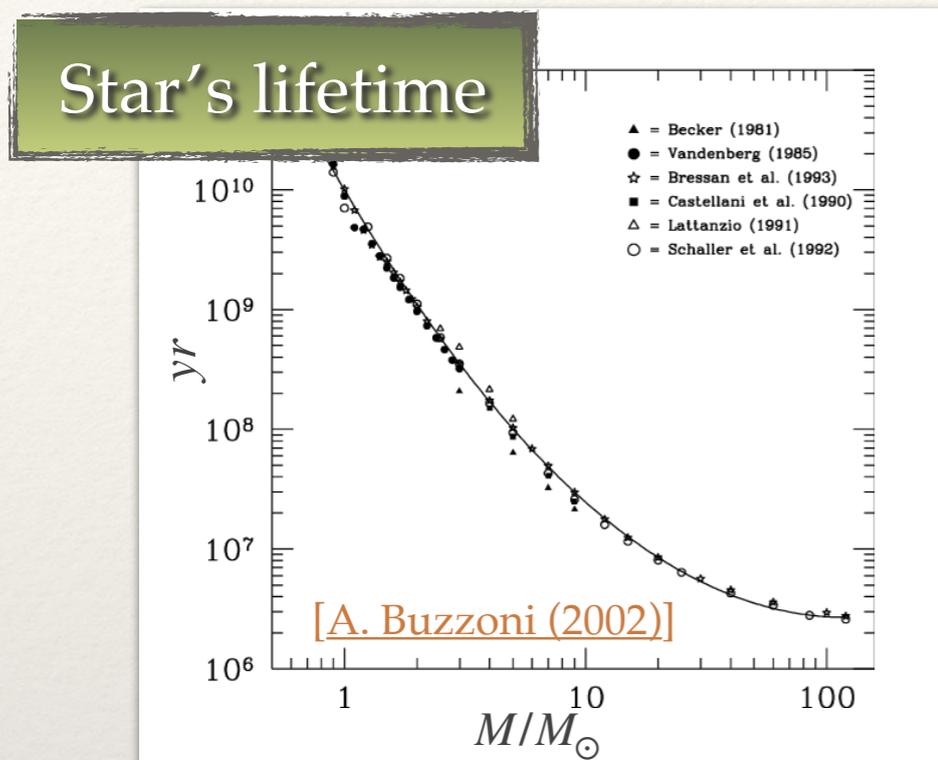
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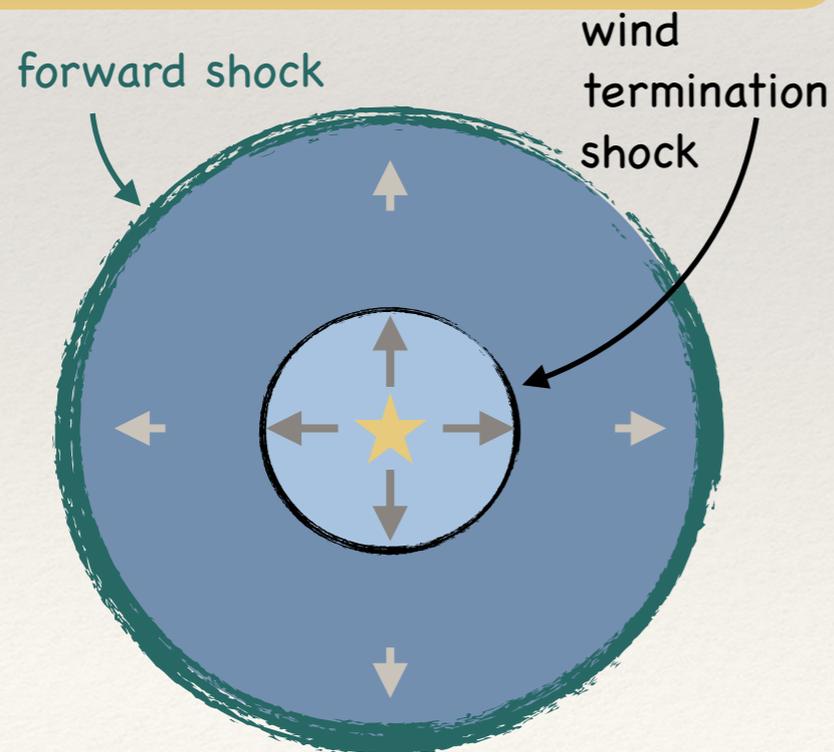


- ❖ Supernovae win by a factor  $\sim 10$  [Caveat: failed supernovae]
- ❖ Stellar winds may be subdominant but dominate the maximum energies

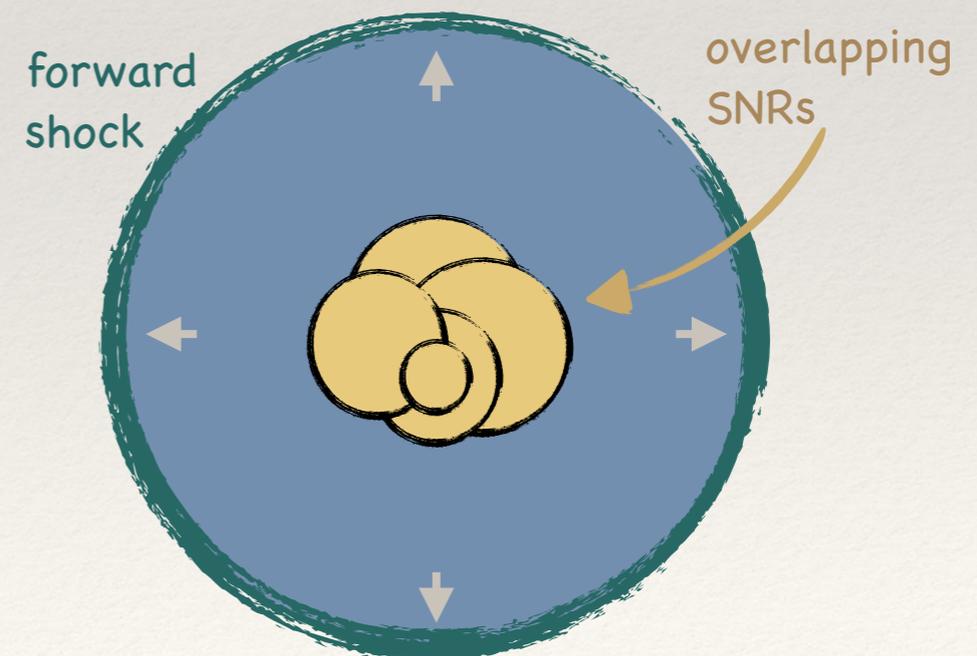
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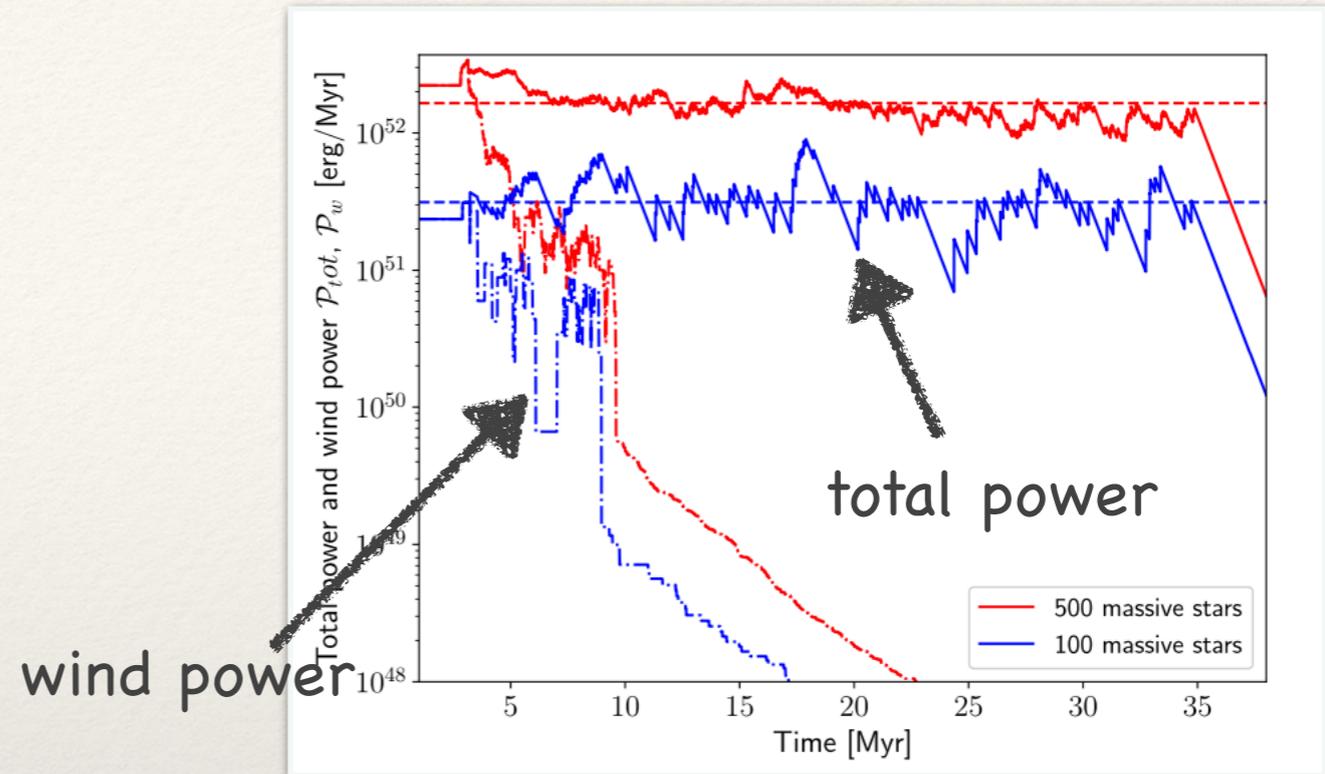
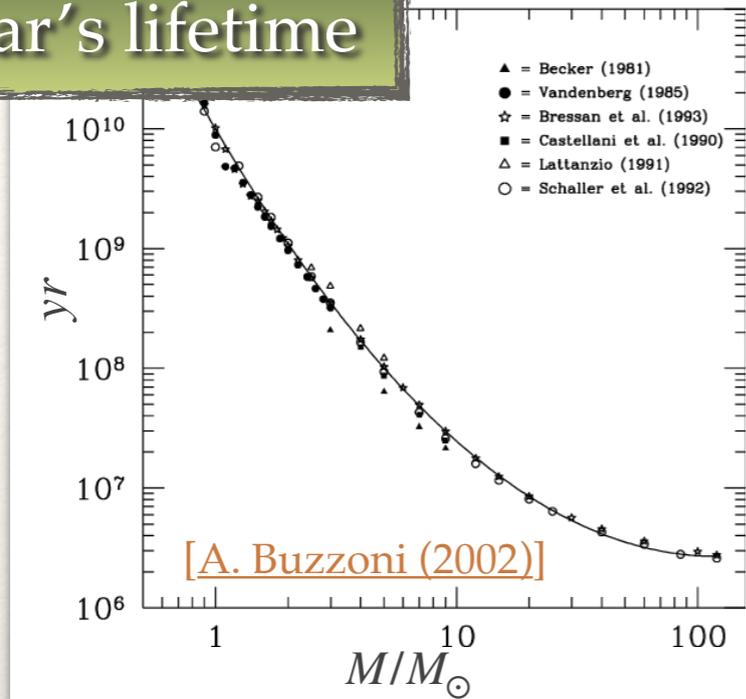


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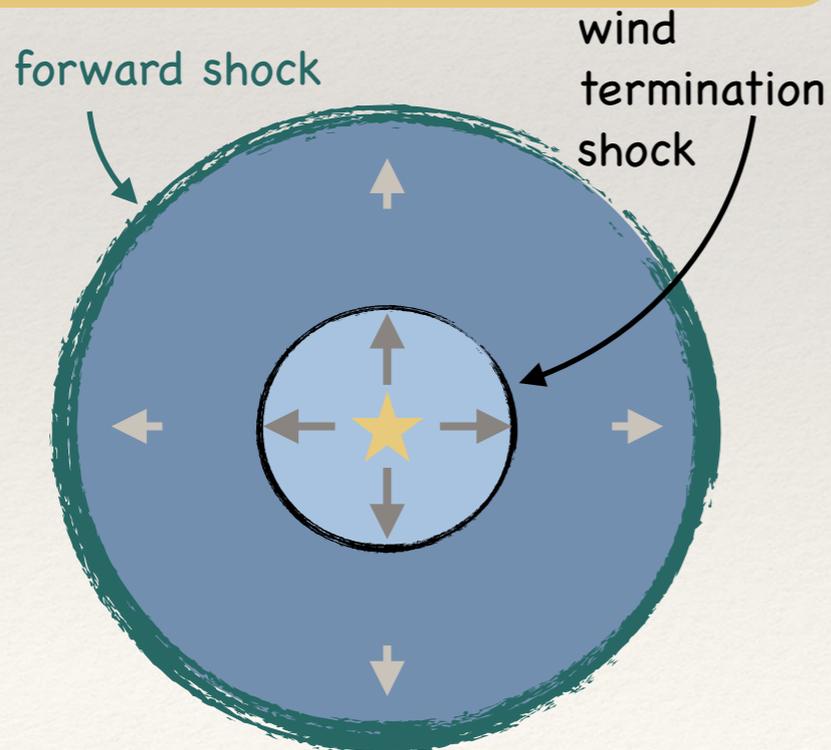
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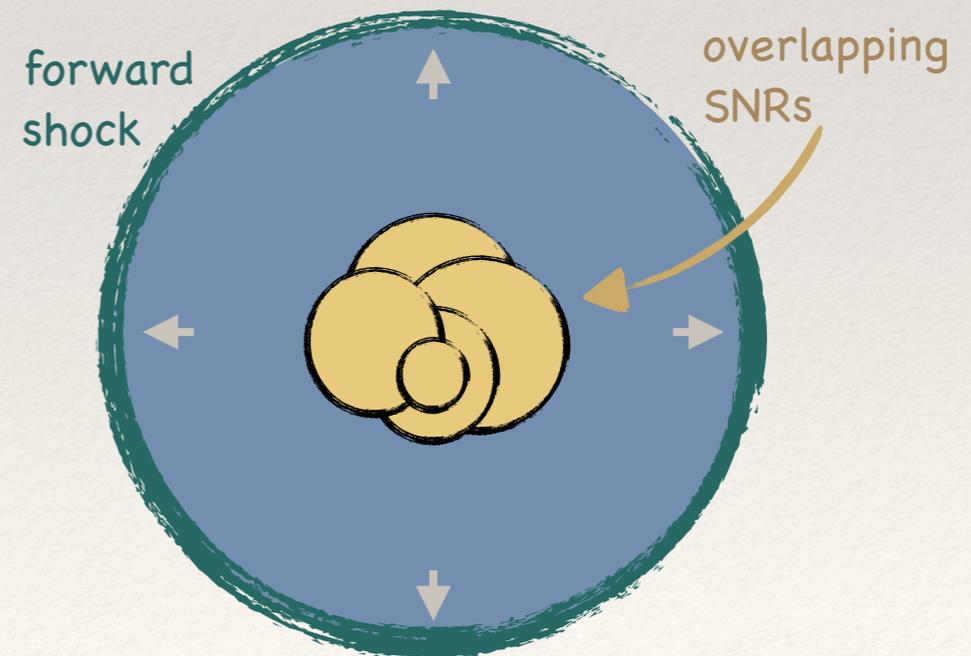


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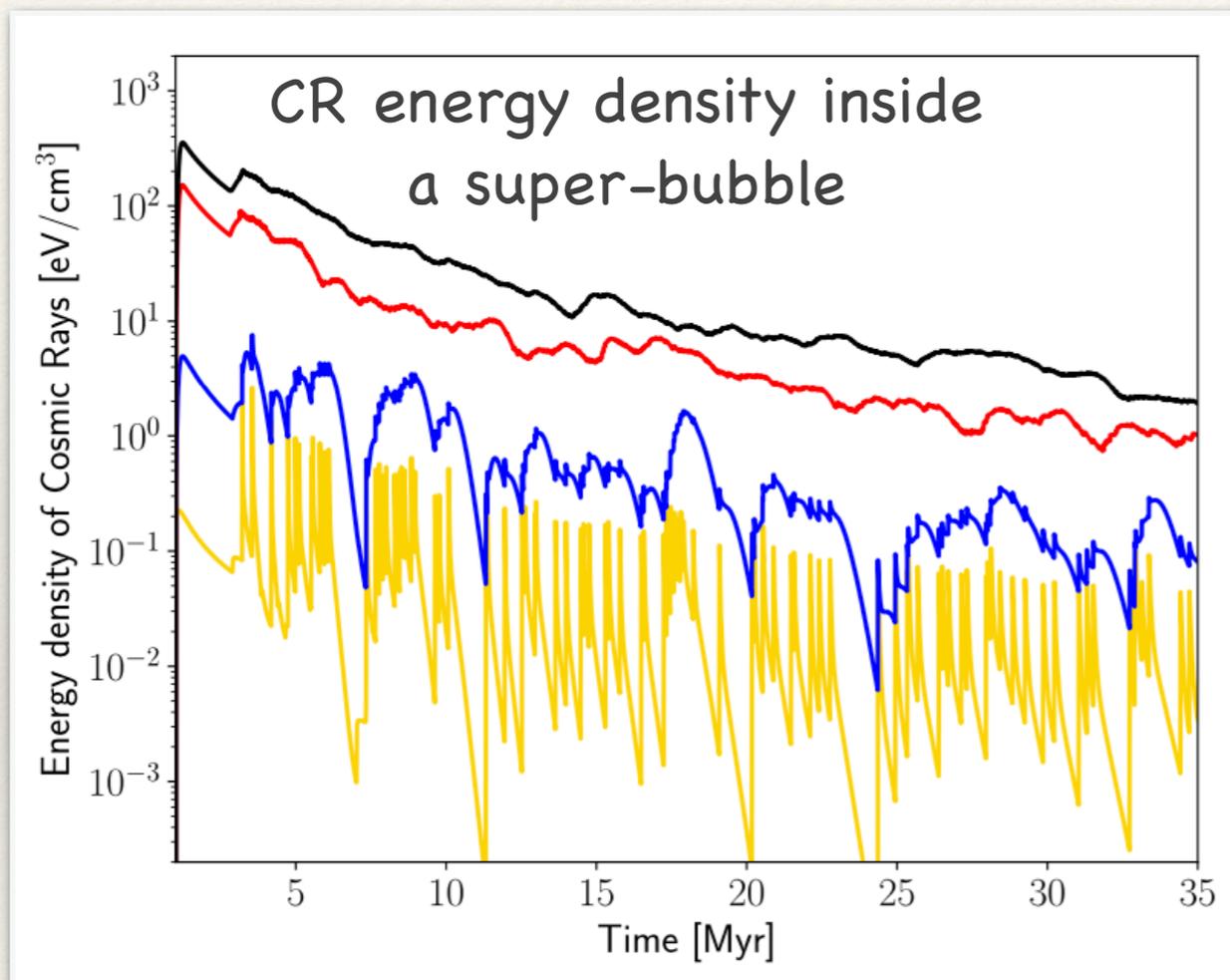


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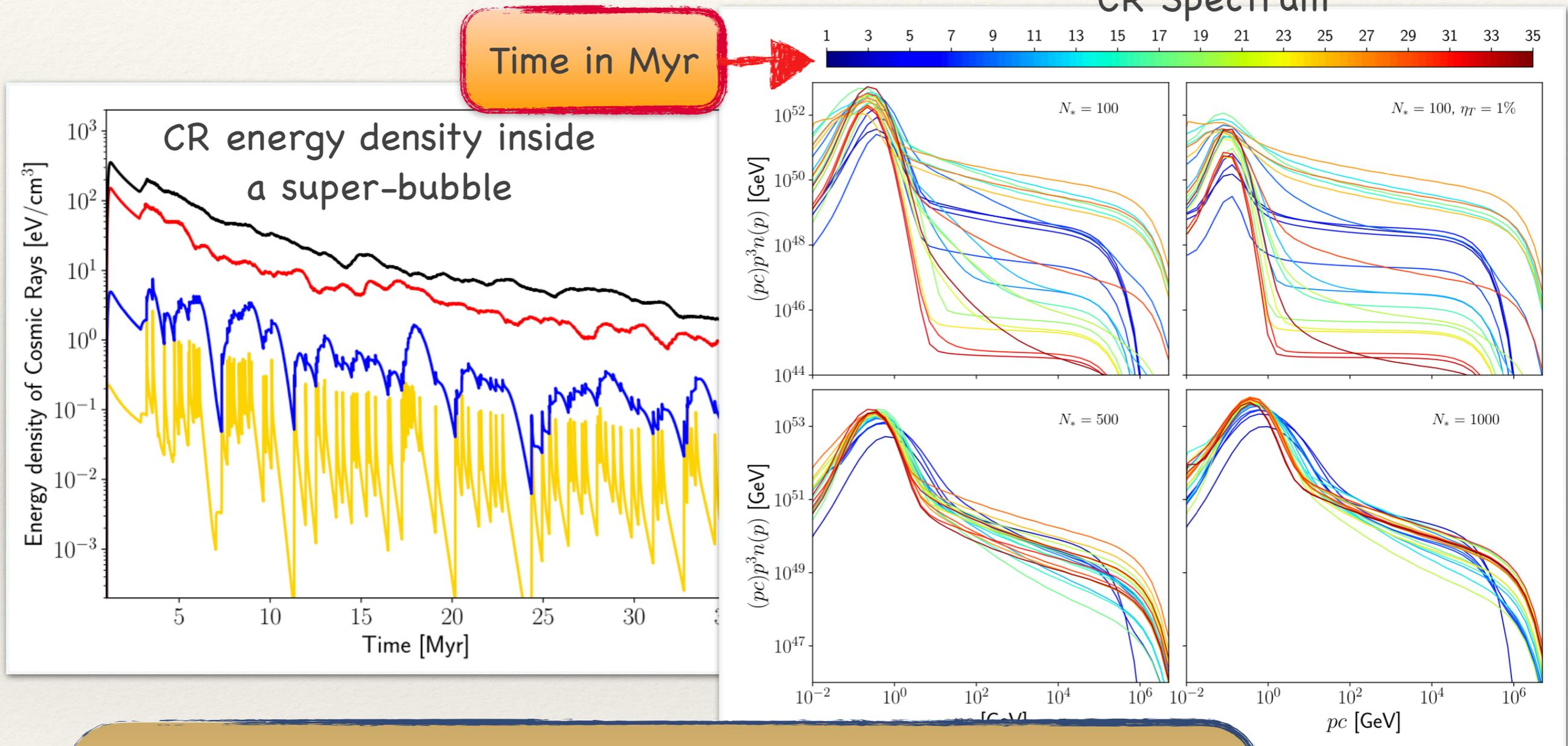
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- ❖ Energetically Superbubble may produce the bulk of CRs
- ❖ The spectrum is not universal -> strong intermittency

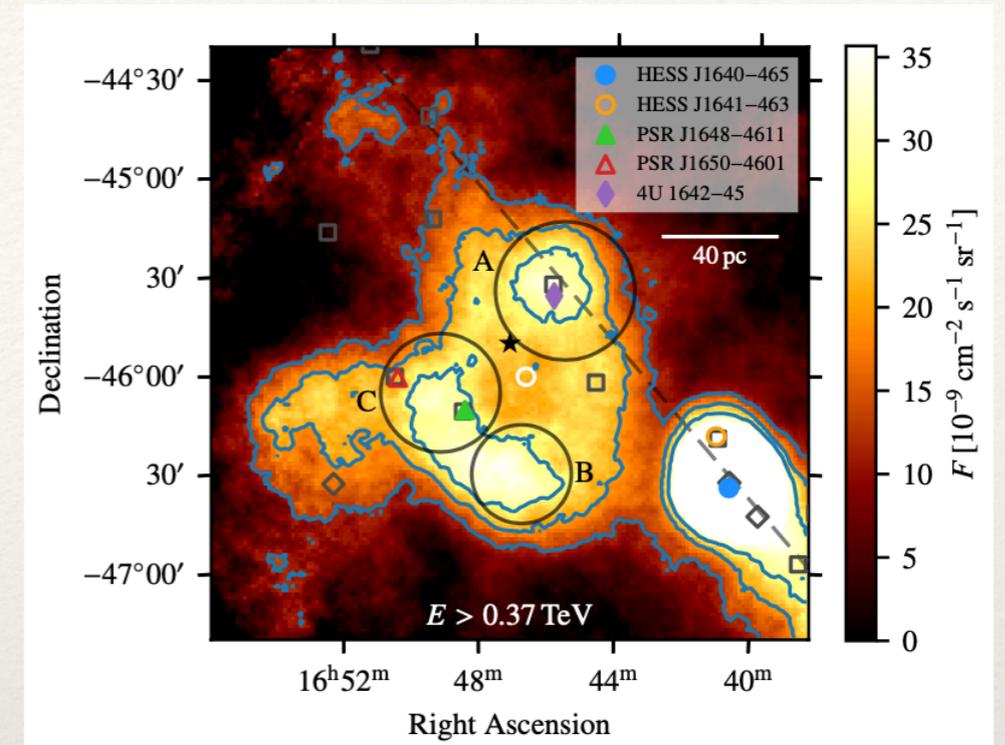
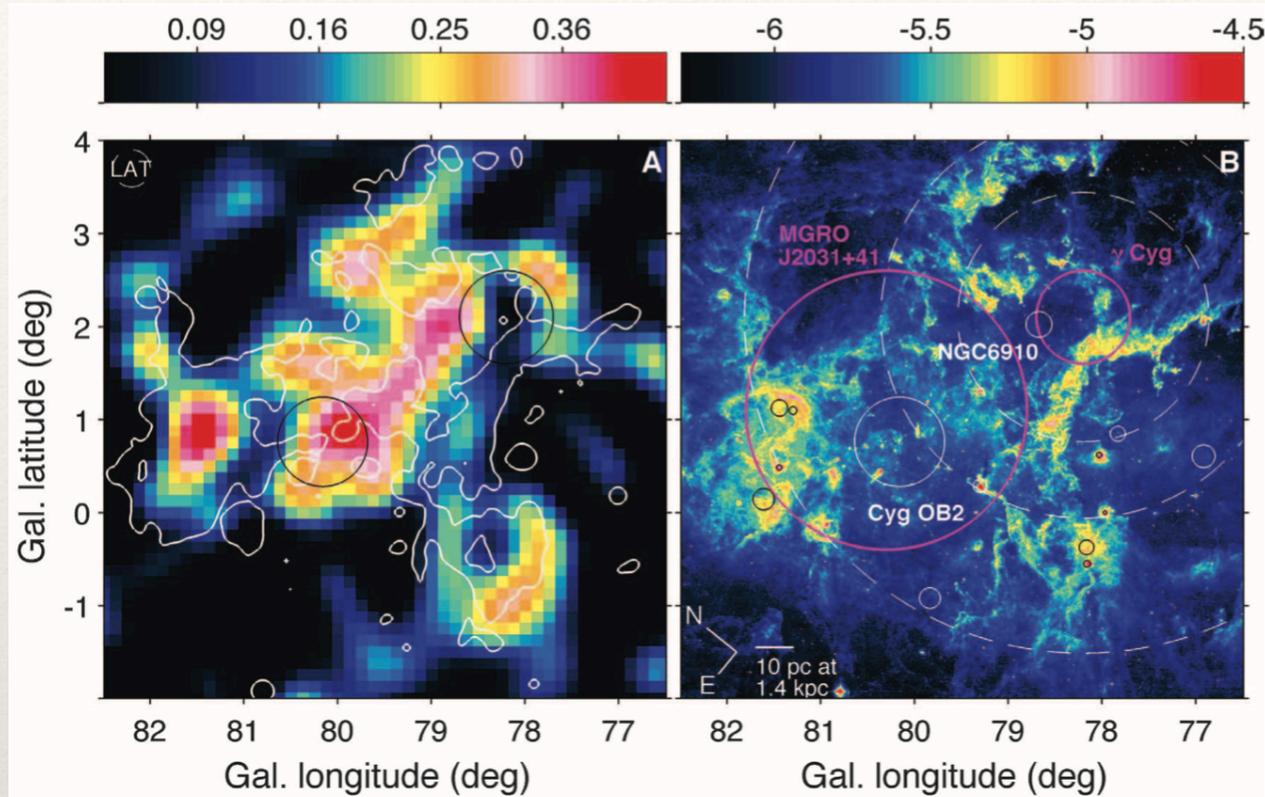
# YSCs detected in gamma-rays

Recently several massive star clusters have been associated with gamma-ray sources

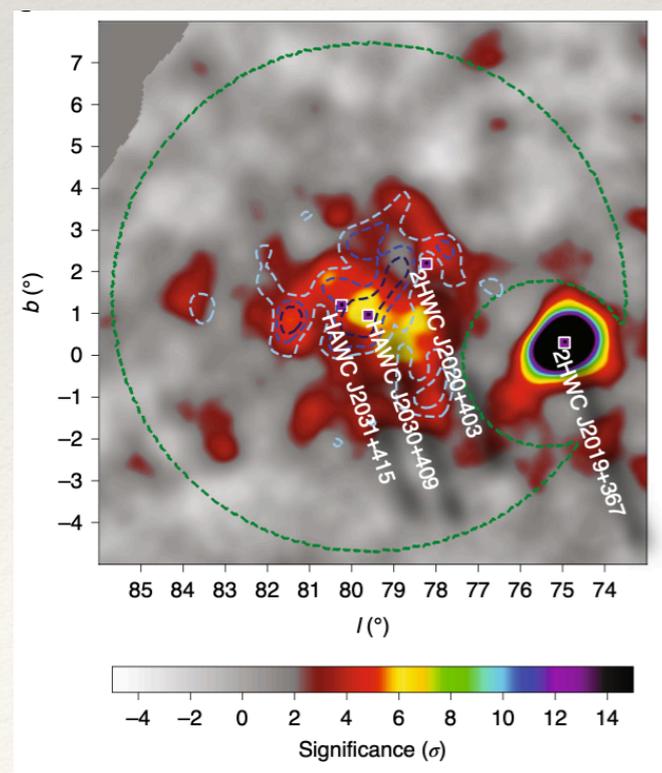
Name	$\log M/M_{\text{sun}}$	$r_c/\text{pc}$	D/kpc	age/Myr	$L_w/10^{38} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	Reference
Westerlund 1	$4.6 \pm 0.045$	1.5	4	4-6	10	Abramowski A., et al., 2012, <a href="#">A&amp;A</a> , 537, A114
Westerlund 2	$4.56 \pm 0.035$	1.1	$2.8 \pm 0.4$	1.5-2.5	2	Yang, de Oña Wilhelmi, Aharonian, 2018, <a href="#">A&amp;A</a> ,
Cyg. OB2	$4.7 \pm 0.3$	5.2	1.4	3-6	2	Ackermann M., et al. 2011, <a href="#">Science</a> , 334, 1103
NGC 3603	$4.1 \pm 0.10$	1.1	6.9	2-3	?	Saha, L. et al 2020, <a href="#">ApJ</a> , 897, 131
BDS 2003	4.39	0.2	4	1	?	Albert A., et al., 2020, <a href="#">arXiv:2012.15275</a>
W40	2.5	0.44	0.44	1.5	?	Sun, X.-N. et al. 2020, <a href="#">A&amp;A</a> , 639, A80
30 Dor (LMC) NGC 2070/RCM 136	4.8-5.7 4.34-5	multiple sub-clusters	50	1 5	?	H. E. S. S. Collaboration et al., 2015, <a href="#">Science</a> , 347, 406

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Cygnus Cocoon FermiLAT - Ackermann et al. (2011)

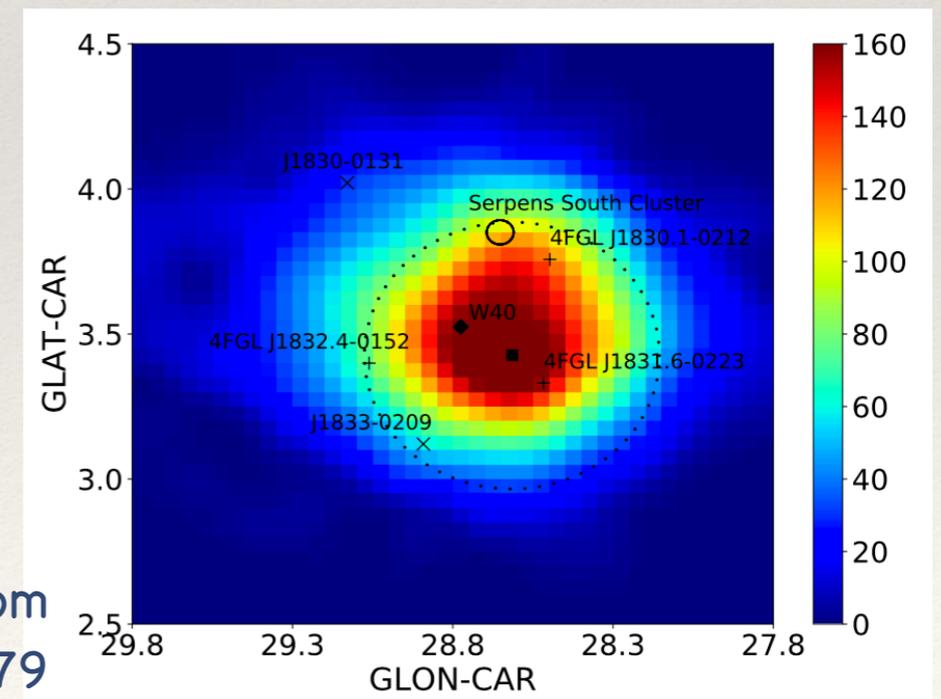


Westerlund 1  
HESS coll. A&A (2022)



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W40 - FermiLAT data from  
Sun et al. (2020) arxiv:2006.00879

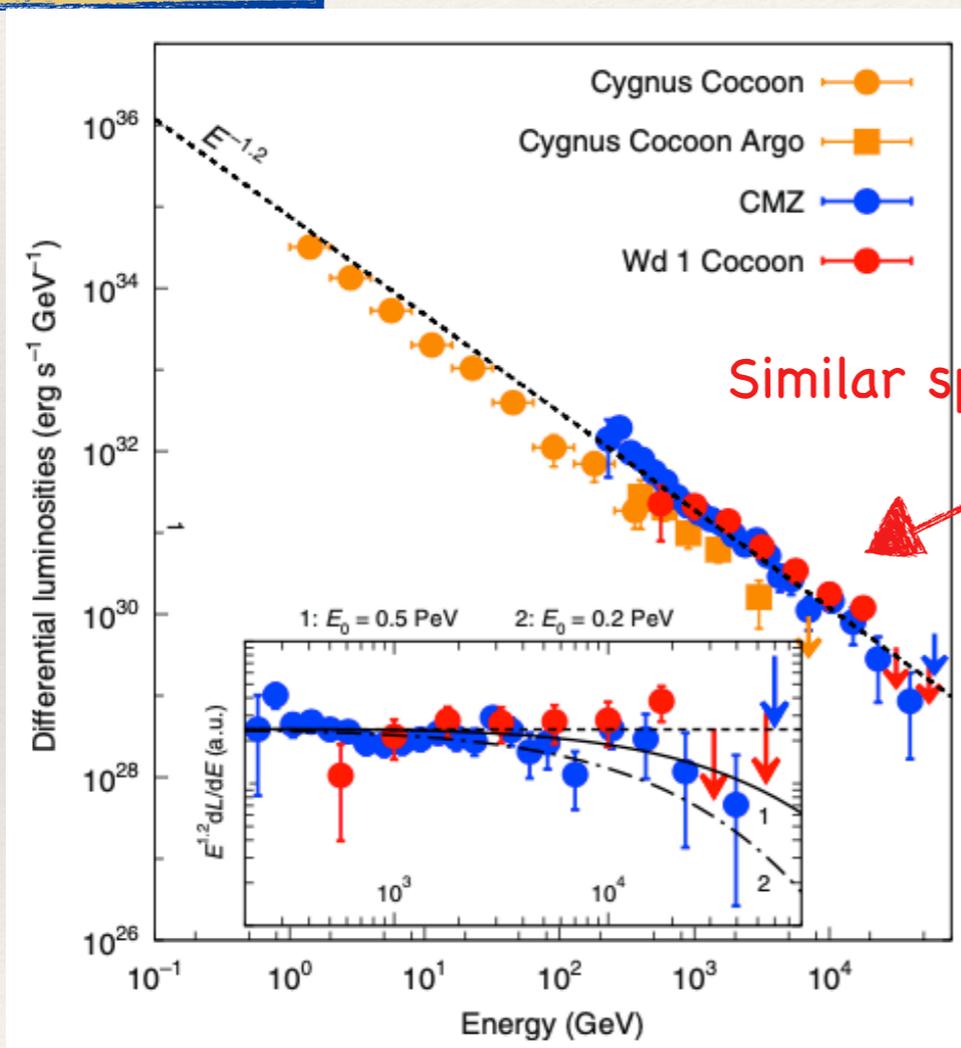


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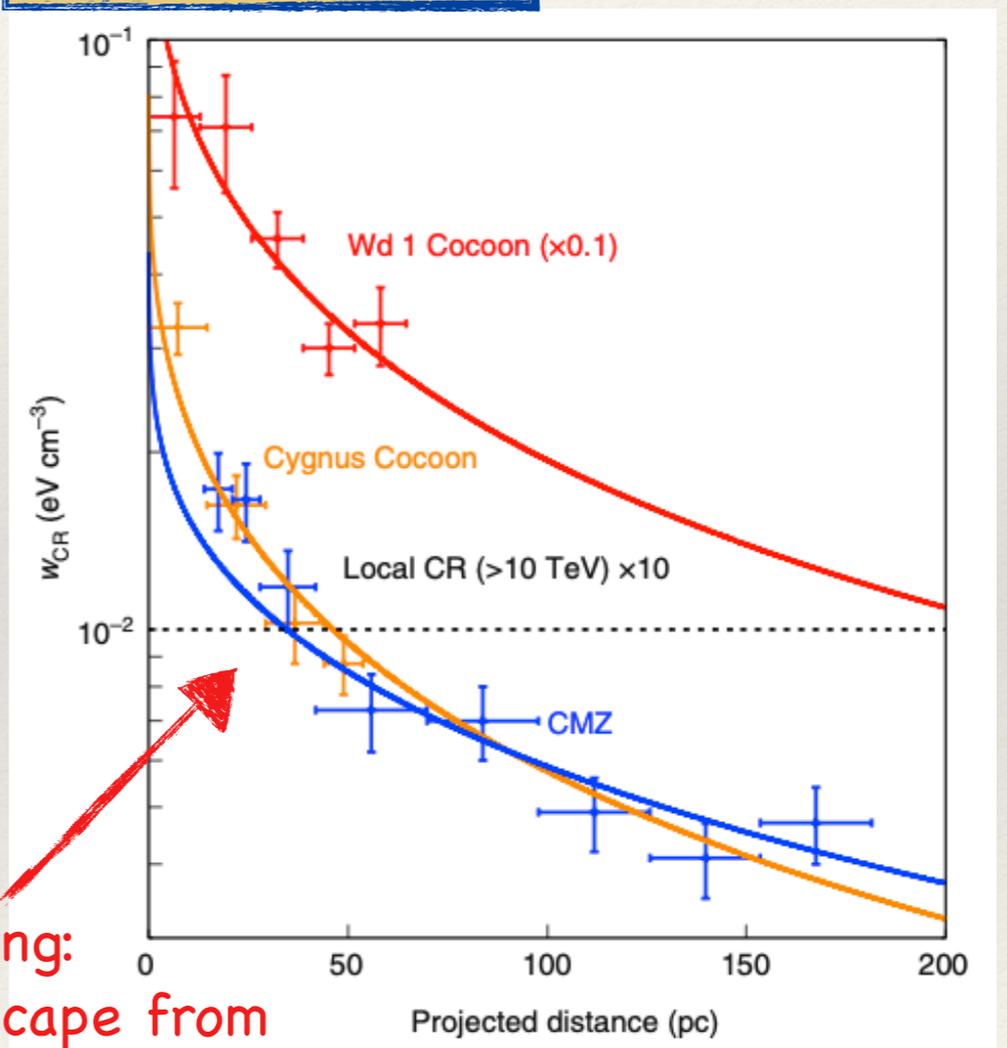
Some clusters show similar spectra and radial profile

## Spectrum



Similar spectra  $\sim E^{-2.2}$

## Radial CR profile



$1/r$  scaling:  
CR diffusive escape from  
continuous point source?

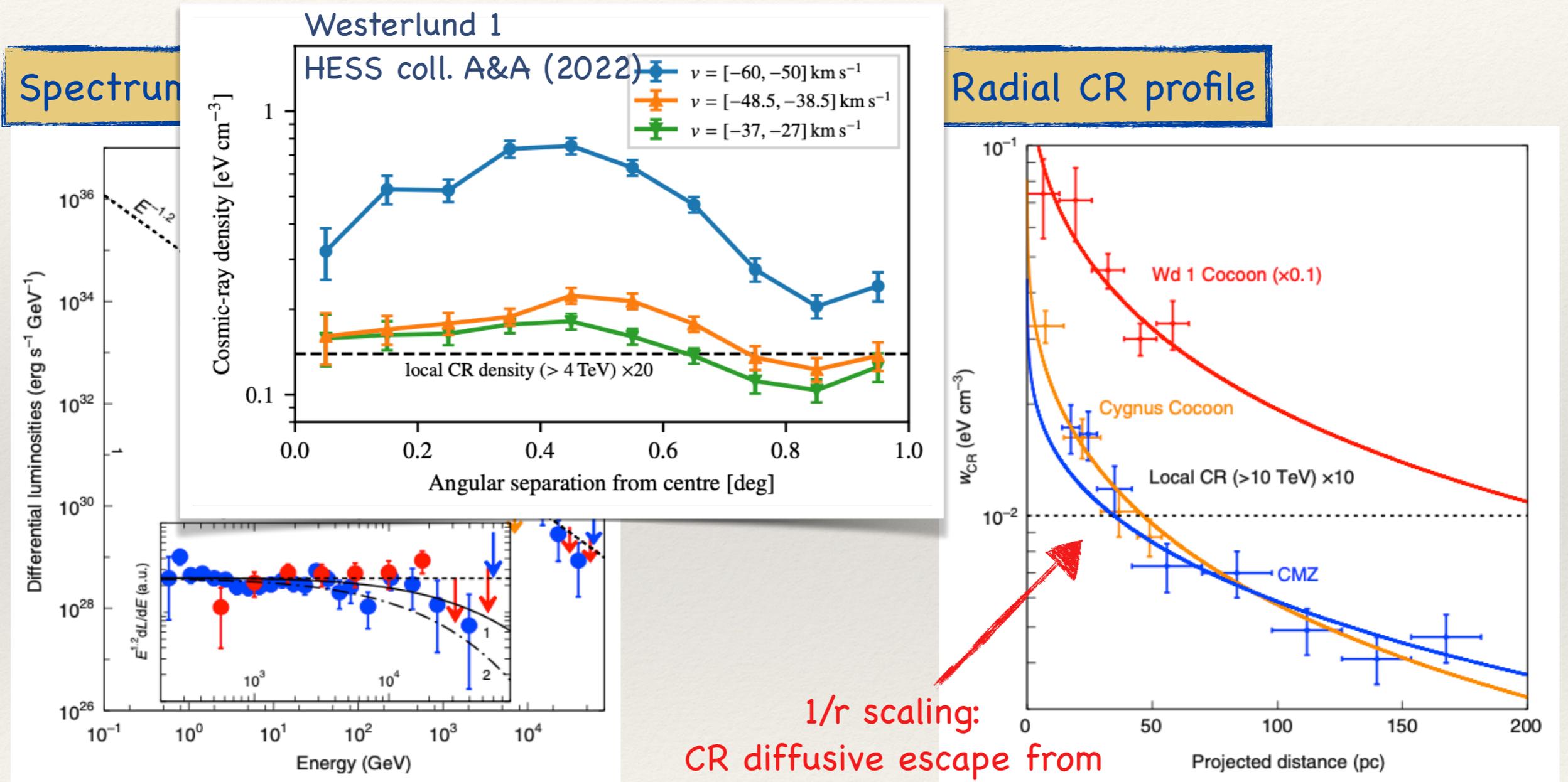
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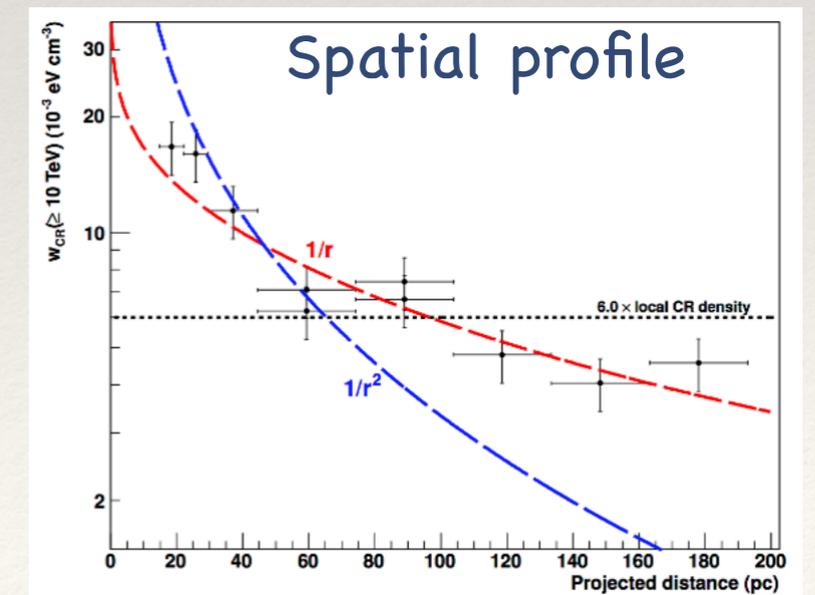
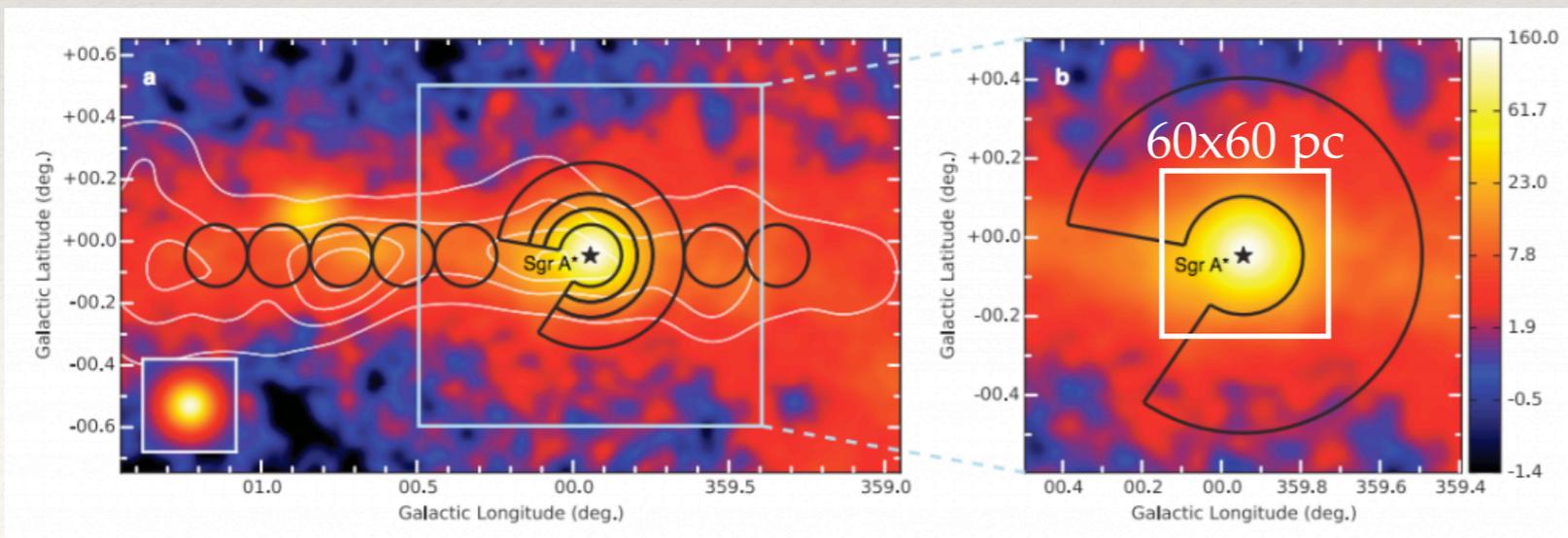
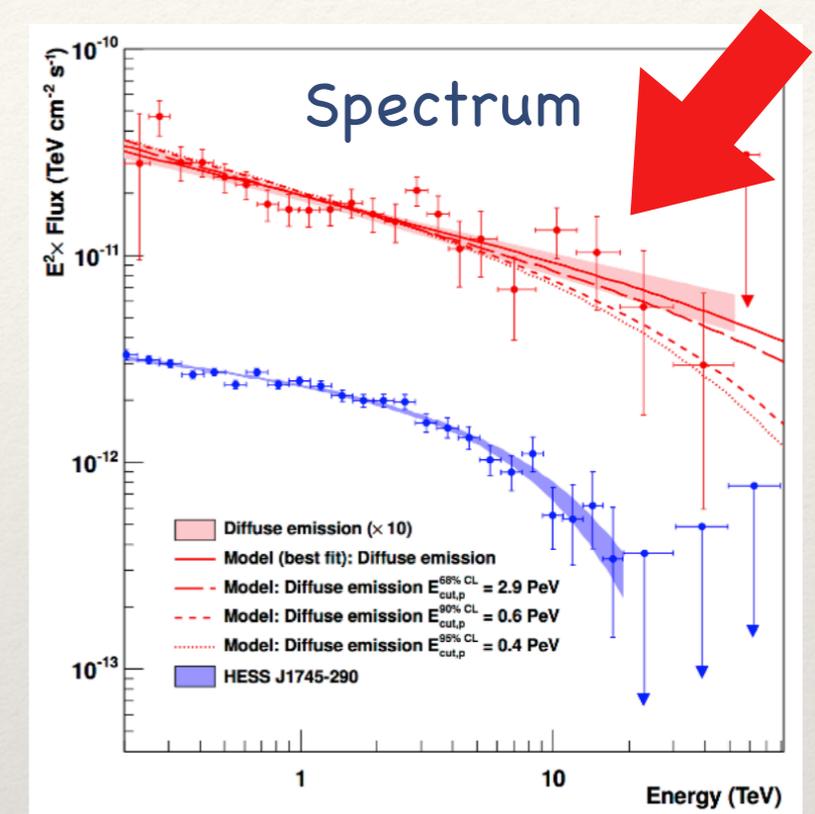


# Possible role of YSC in the Galactic Center

[H.E.S.S. coll., Abramowski et al. Nat. 531 (2016)]

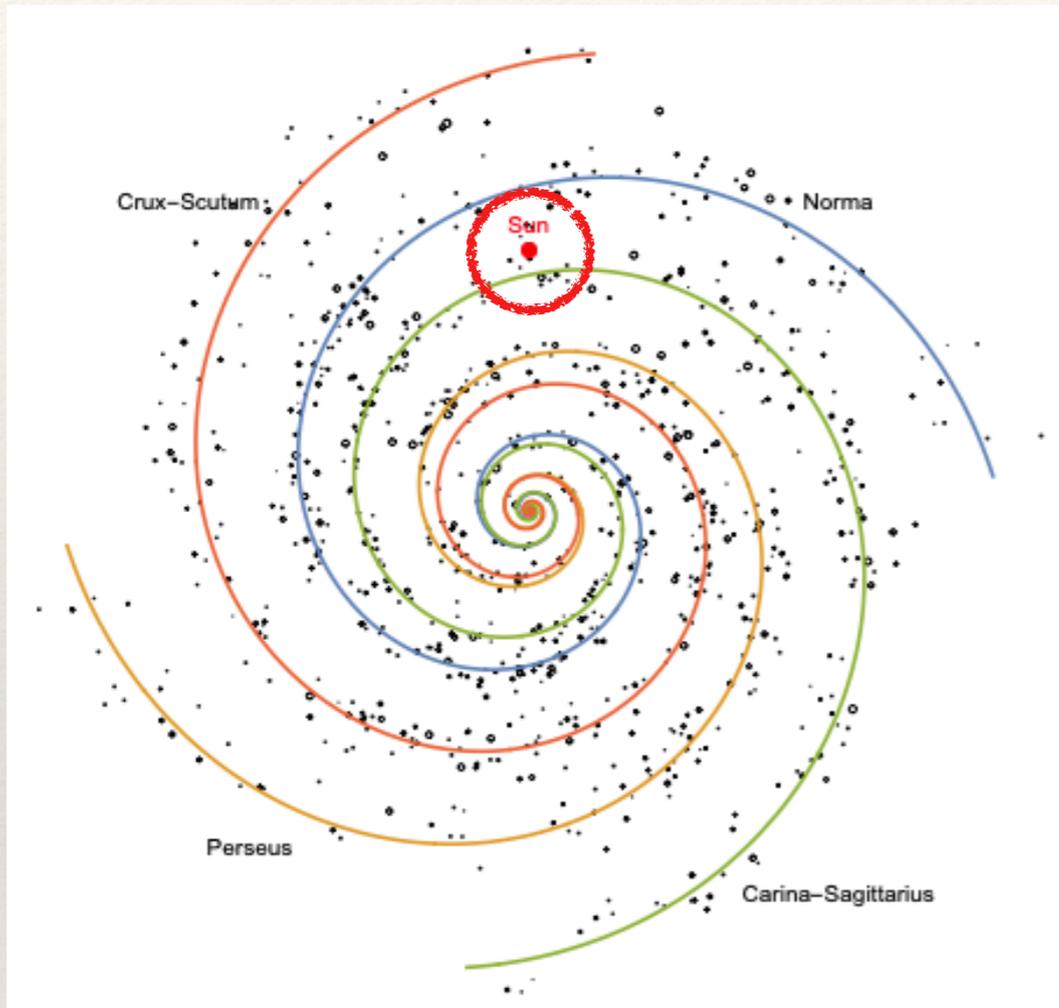
## The Galactic Centre has been recognised as a PeVatron

- ❖ Minimum proton energy  $> 0.4$  PeV
- ❖ Spatial profile compatible with continuous emission
  - ➔ SNR disfavoured
- ❖ CR luminosity:  $L_{\text{CR}}(> 10 \text{ TeV}) = 4 \times 10^{37} (D/10^{30} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}) \text{ erg/s}$   
(could be supplied by a powerful cluster wind if diffusion is suppressed)
- ❖ Stellar clusters in the GC region:
  - Arches ( $\sim 30$  pc from Sgr A\*, Mass  $\sim 10^4 M_{\odot}$ , age  $\sim 2.5$  Myr)
  - Quintuplet ( $\sim 30$  pc from Sgr A\*, Mass  $\sim 10^4 M_{\odot}$ , age  $\sim 4$  Myr)
  - Central cluster ( $\sim 200$  young stars at  $r \lesssim 1$  pc from Sgr A\* including  $\sim 30$  WR stars) [e.g. von Fellenberg et al. (2022) and Poumard T. (2008)]



# How many Star Clusters?

Synthetic realisation of Stellar cluster population



- ▶ Age < 10 Myr
- ▶  $100 M_{\odot} < \text{Mass} < 6 \times 10^4 M_{\odot}$



- ▶ total number of SC in the Galaxy  $\approx 1000$
- ▶ SCs within 2 kpc from the Sun  $\approx 70$

Present number of clusters detected in gamma-rays  $\sim 10$

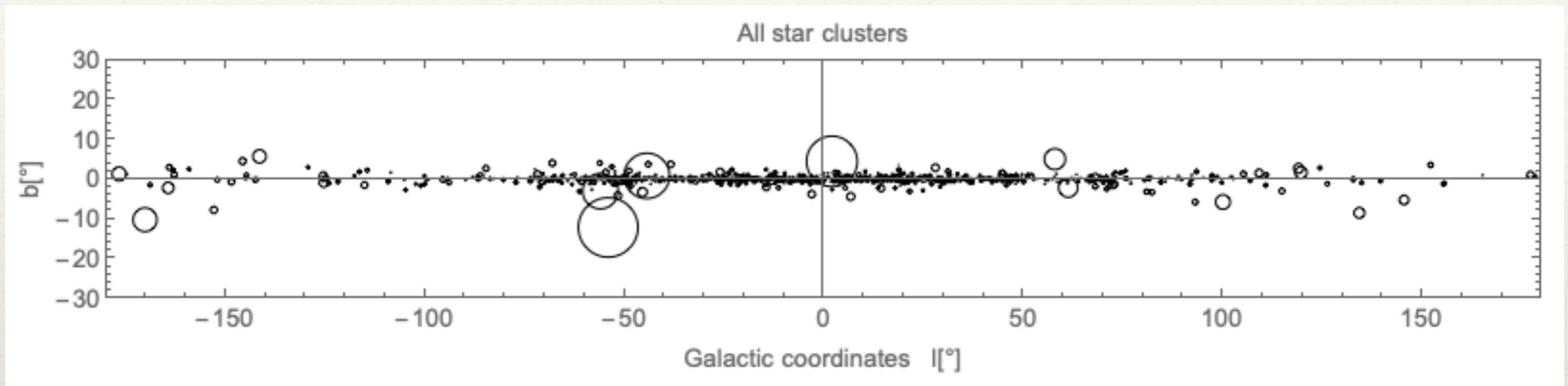
Bubble size  $\sim$  degree  $\Rightarrow$  diffuse sources with low surface brightness  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to detect

$$R_{\text{bubble}} \simeq 2.9^{\circ} \left( \frac{L_w}{2 \times 10^{38} \text{ erg/s}} \right)^{1/5} \left( \frac{n_0}{10 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/5} \left( \frac{t_{\text{age}}}{1 \text{ Myr}} \right)^{3/5} \left( \frac{d}{2 \text{ kpc}} \right)$$

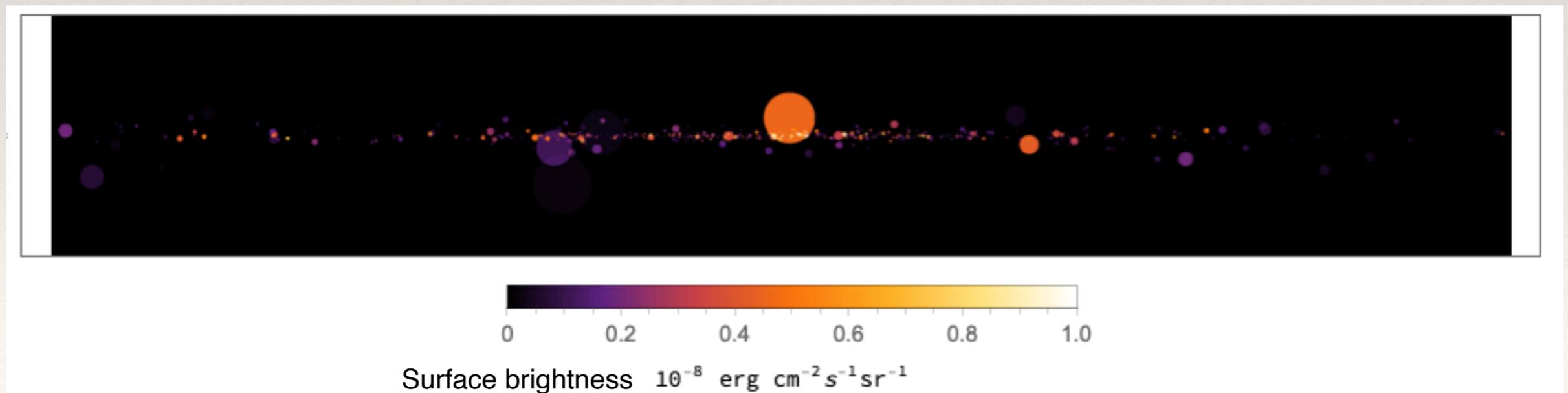
Weaver & McCray, ApJ 218 (1977)

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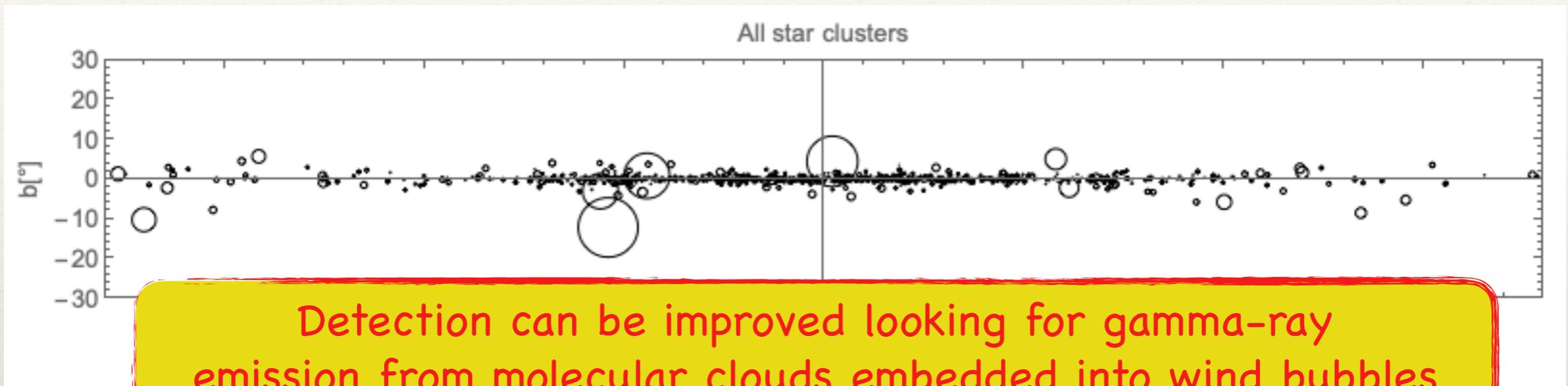


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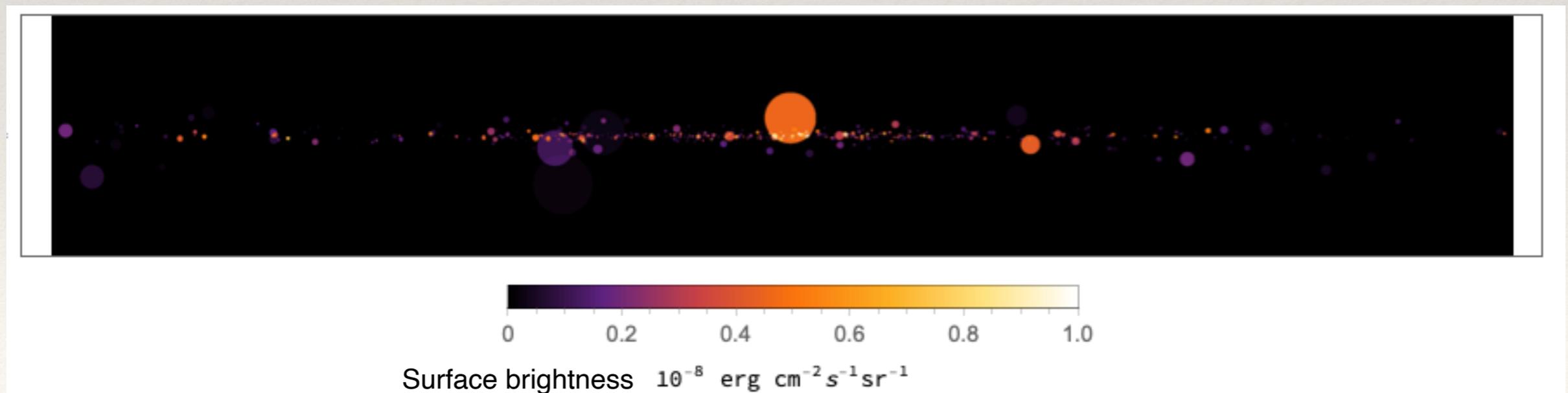


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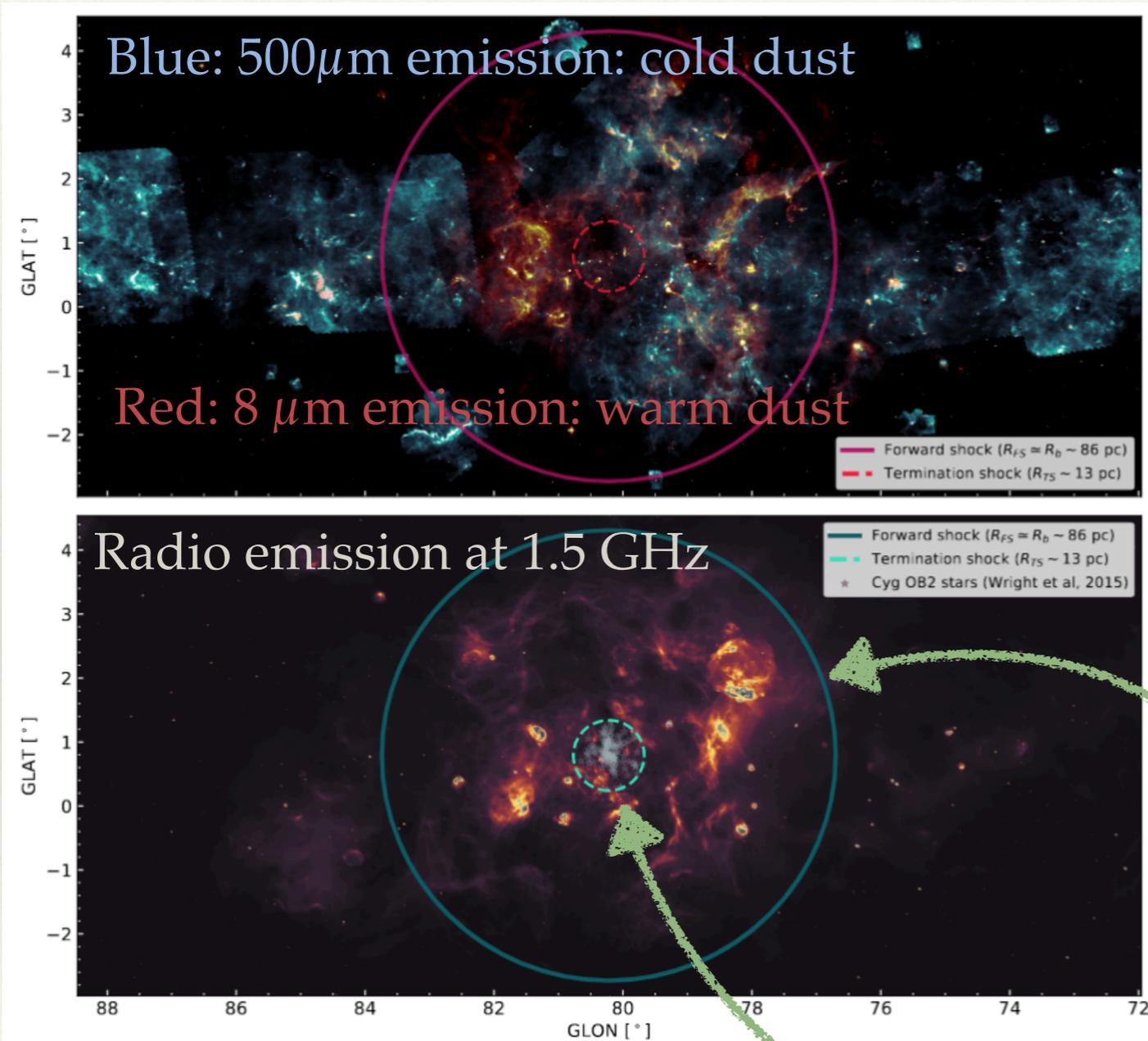
- ❖ Young stellar clusters are promising gamma ray sources
- ❖ YSC can significantly contribute to Galactic CRs
- ❖ Maximum energies can reach  $\sim$ PeV (but strong dependence on diffusion)
- ❖ Super-bubbles (= older SCs with stellar winds+ SNRs) may be the major contributors of Galactic CRs (but theoretical models still incomplete)
- ❖ Next generation IACT will probably detect many new stellar clusters ( $\sim$ several tens) (but extended sources with low surface brightness)
- ❖ Observational strategy: look for gamma-ray emission from molecular clouds close to stellar clusters

# Backup slides

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# The case of Cygnus Cocoon

[S. Menchiari et al. in preparation]



## Assumed properties

- ❖ Wind luminosity  $\simeq 2 \times 10^{38}\text{ erg s}^{-1}$
- ❖ Ejecta mass  $\dot{M} \simeq 10^{-4}M_{\odot}\text{ yr}^{-1}$ ;
- ❖ wind speed  $v_w \simeq 2300\text{ km s}^{-1}$
- ❖ Cluster age  $\simeq 3\text{ Myr}$
- ❖ Average ISM density  $\simeq 10\text{ cm}^{-3}$

Estimated size of the bubble  $\simeq 90\text{ pc}$

Termination shock radius  $\simeq 13\text{ pc}$

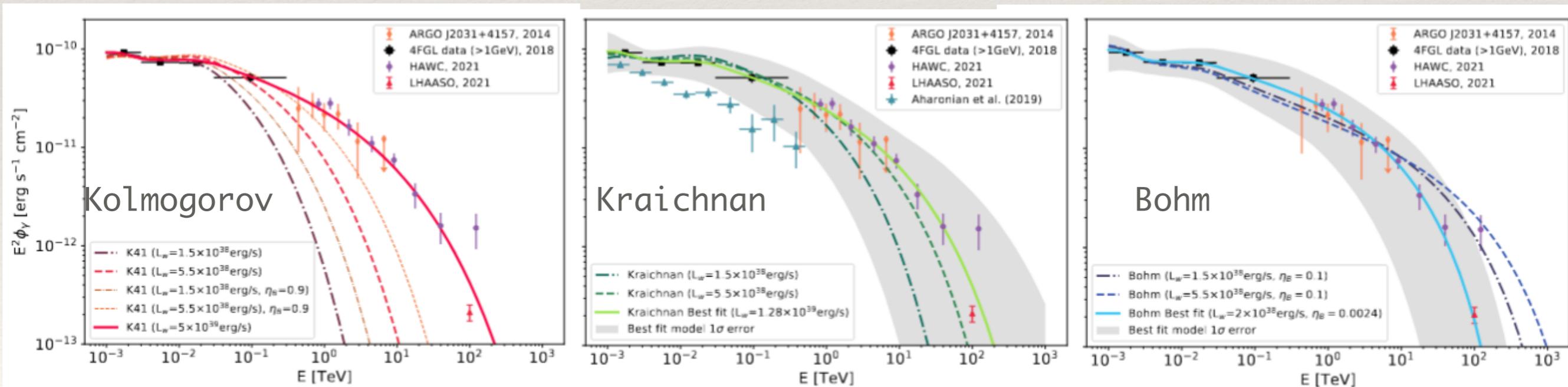
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Model	Kolmogorov	Kraichnan	Bohm
Wind luminosity	$5 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	$1.3 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	$2 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Acc. efficiency	0.4%	0.7%	13%
Slope	4.17	4.23	4.27
$E_{\text{max}}$	23 PeV	4 PeV	0.5 PeV

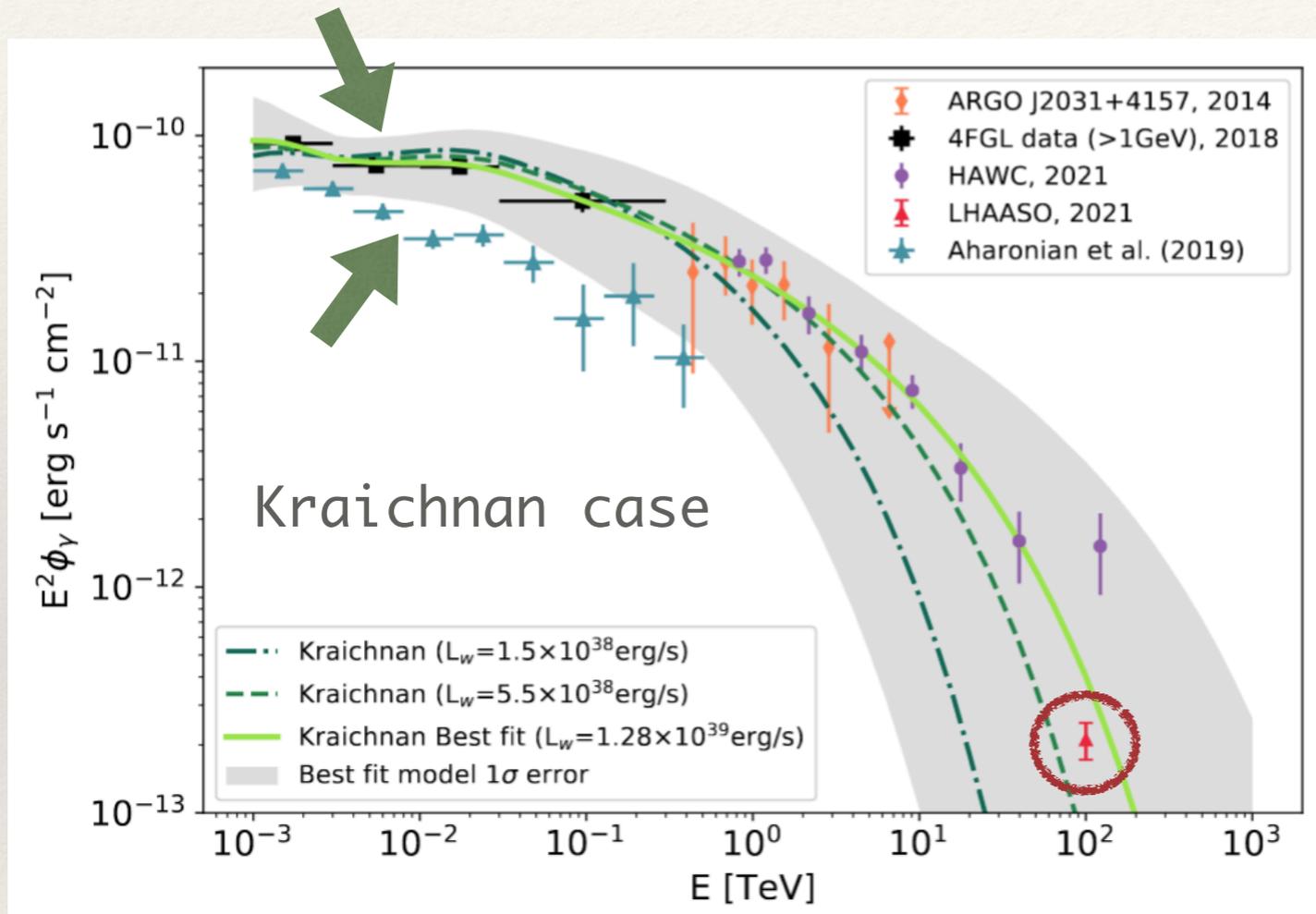
Unrealistically high

The most realistic scenario is something in between Bohm and Kraichnan



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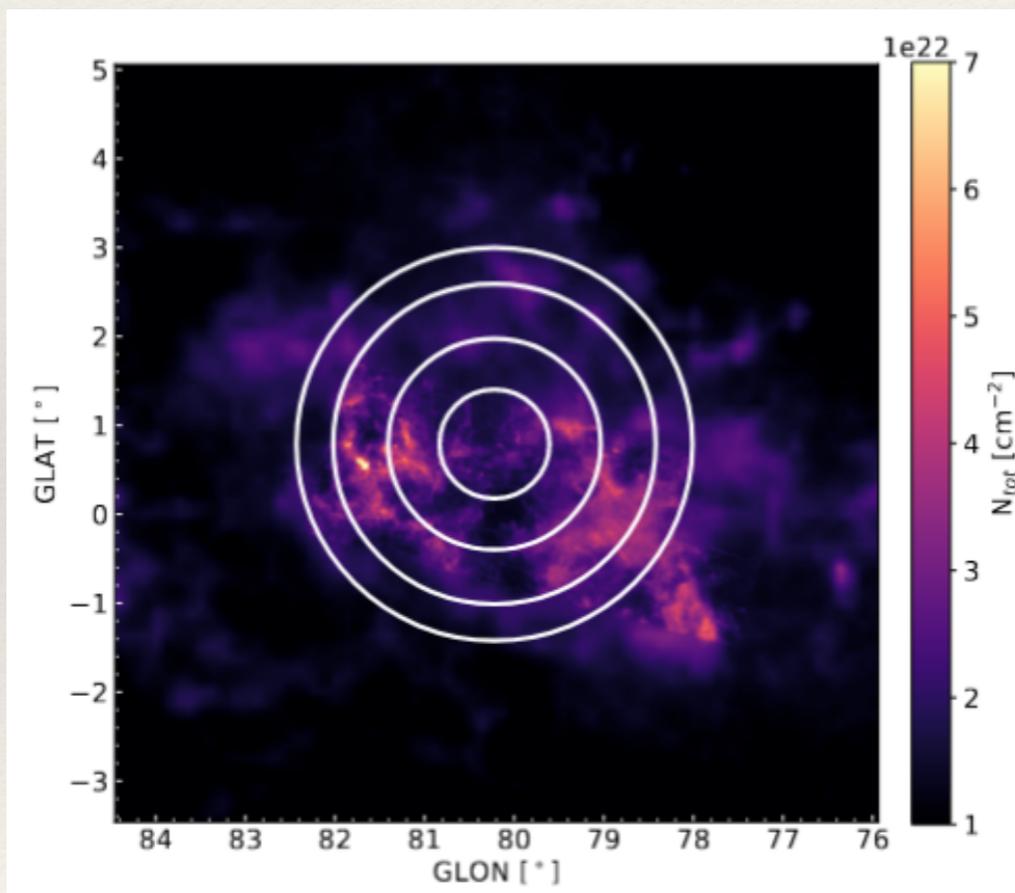
## Some caveats:

- ❖ Different analysis of Fermi-LAT data gives different results
- ❖ In comparing different experiments we need to correctly account for the different extraction area
- ❖ LHAASO data-point is not used for the fit because the extraction area is not specified

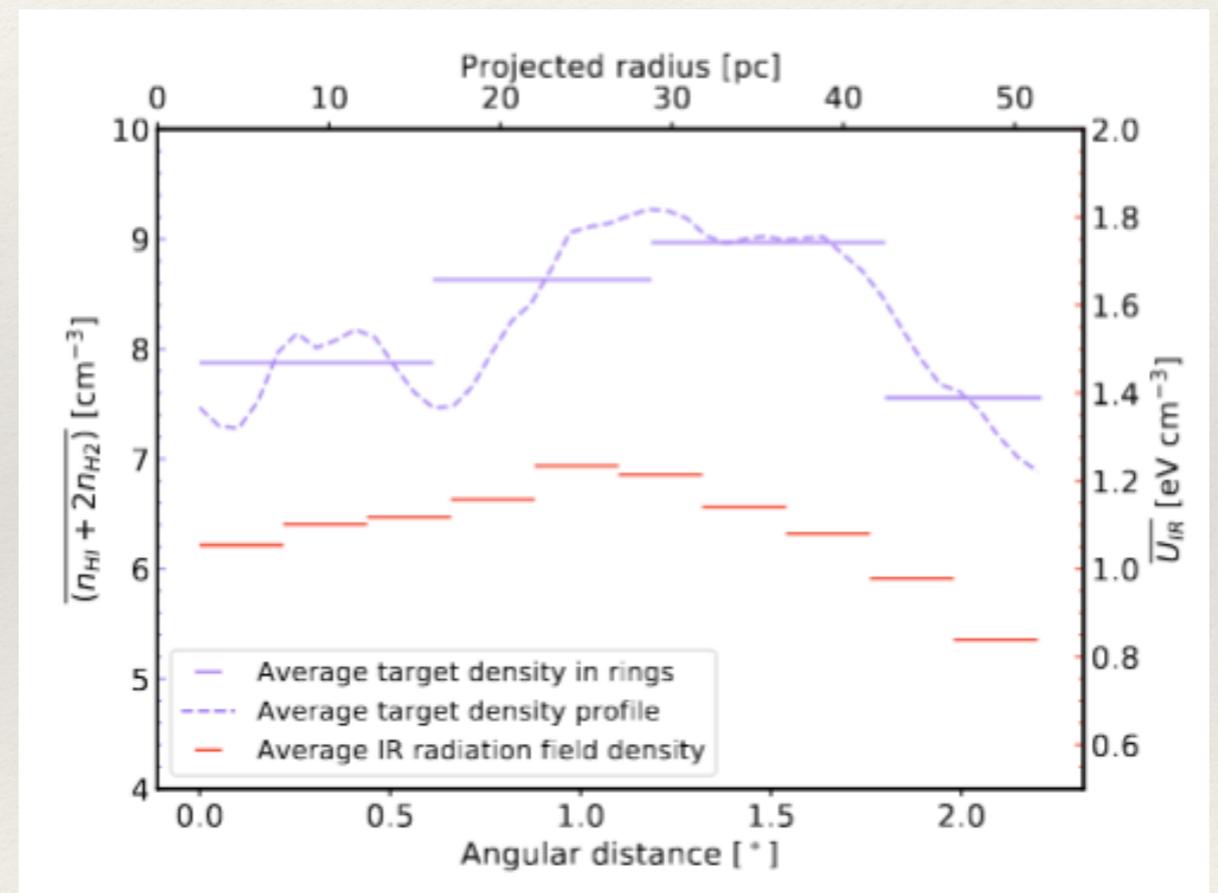
# Gas and photons distribution

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Gas distribution from CO map



Photon background is dominated by IR radiation Star-light from Cyg. OB2 is negligible

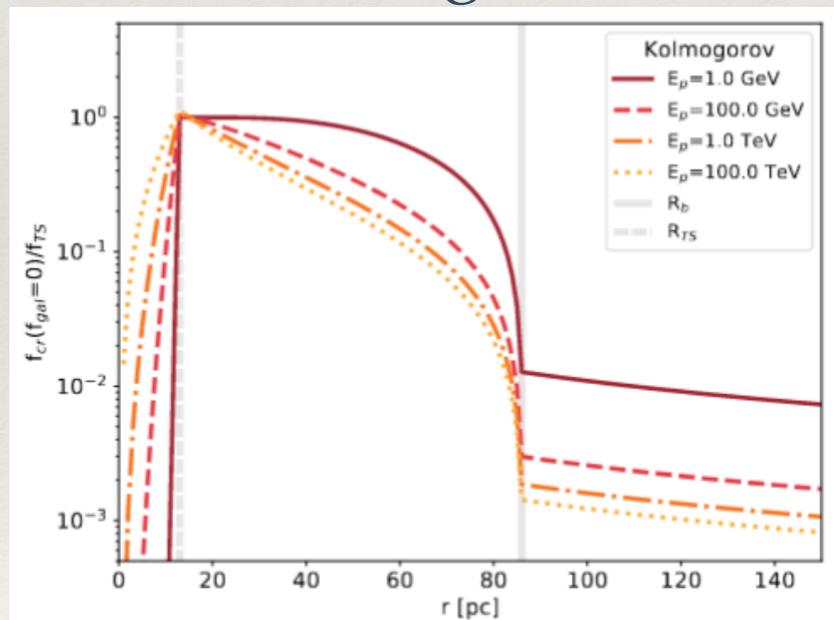


# CR radial profile

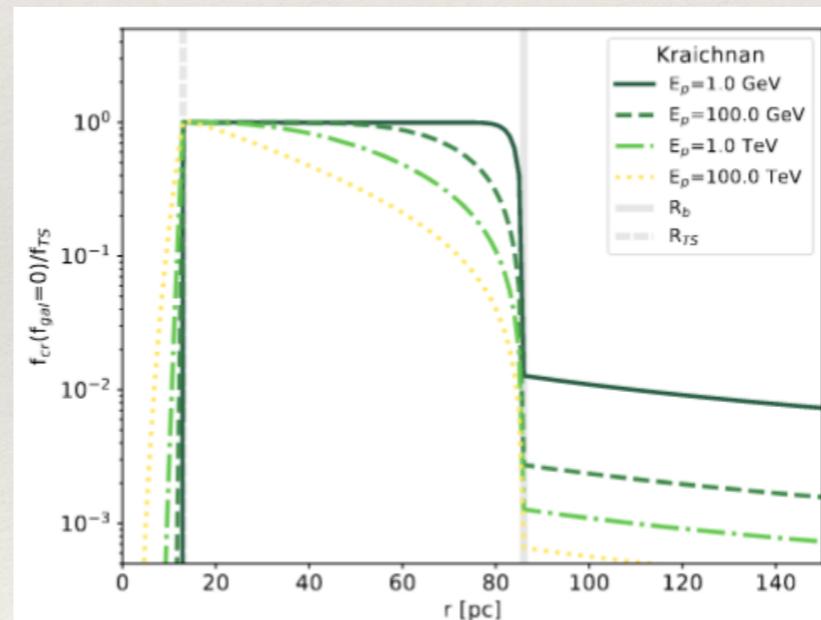
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The harder is the diffusion coefficient the flatter is the CR distribution

## Kolmogorov



## Kraichnan



## Bohm

